

# 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  $\epsilon$ -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 $\epsilon$ . 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 $\epsilon$  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 *c<sub>name</sub>*, and indicates that the argument will be turned into a `cname` 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 `cname` 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 `TEX` `\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.

**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;

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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.

- 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).
- t1** 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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The textual description of how the function works would appear here. The syntax of the function is shown in mono-spaced text to the right of the box. In this example, the function takes no arguments and so the name of the function is simply reprinted.

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

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

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

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

**Fully expandable functions** Some functions are fully expandable, which allows them to be used within an `x`-type argument (in plain `TEX` 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` ☆

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

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

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

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`\seq_map_function:NN` ☆

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

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

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`\sys_if_engine_xetex:TF` ☆

`\sys_if_engine_xetex:TF`  $\langle true\ code \rangle$   $\langle false\ code \rangle$

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

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

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`\l_tmpa_tl`

A short piece of text will describe the variable: there is no syntax illustration in this case.

In some cases, the function is similar to one in `LATEX 2ε` or plain `TEX`. In these cases, the text will include an extra “**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note**” section:

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`\token_to_str:N` ☆

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

The normal description text.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** Detail for the experienced `TEX` or `LATEX 2ε` programmer. In this case, it would point out that this function is the `TEX` primitive `\string`.

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

### 3 Formal language conventions which apply generally

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

For tests which have a `TF` argument specification, the test is evaluated to give a logically `TRUE` or `FALSE` result. Depending on this result, either the *⟨true code⟩* or the *⟨false code⟩* 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>X<sub>3</sub> modules

The modules documented in `source3` are designed to be used on top of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X<sub>2 $\epsilon$</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>X<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>2 $\epsilon$</sub>  it provides a few functions for setting it up.

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

`\ExplSyntaxOff`

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

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`\ProvidesExplPackage`

`\ProvidesExplClass`

`\ProvidesExplFile`

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`\RequirePackage{expl3}`

`\ProvidesExplPackage <package> <date> <version> <description>`

These functions act broadly in the same way as the corresponding L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X<sub>2 $\epsilon$</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<sub>2 $\epsilon$</sub>  provides in turning on `\makeatletter` within package and class code.) The `<date>` should be given in the format `<year>/<month>/<day>`. If the `<version>` is given then it will be prefixed with `v` in the package identifier line.

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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.

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 similar are loaded with usual L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X<sub>2 $\epsilon$</sub>  category codes and the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X<sub>3</sub> 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

\l\_kernel\_expl\_bool

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

## Part III

# The `l3names` package Namespace for primitives

## 1 Setting up the $\LaTeX$ 3 programming language

This module is at the core of the  $\LaTeX$ 3 programming language. It performs the following tasks:

- defines new names for all  $\TeX$  primitives;
- switches to the category code régime for programming;
- provides support settings for building the code as a  $\TeX$  format.

This module is entirely dedicated to primitives, which should not be used directly within  $\LaTeX$ 3 code (outside of “kernel-level” code). As such, the primitives are not documented here: *The  $\TeX$ book*,  *$\TeX$  by Topic* and the manuals for  $\text{pdf}\TeX$ ,  $\text{X}\TeX$  and  $\text{Lua}\TeX$  should be consulted for details of the primitives. These are named based on the engine which first introduced them:

`\tex_...` Introduced by  $\TeX$  itself;  
`\etex_...` Introduced by the  $\varepsilon$ - $\TeX$  extensions;  
`\pdftex_...` Introduced by  $\text{pdf}\TeX$ ;  
`\xetex_...` Introduced by  $\text{X}\TeX$ ;  
`\luatex_...` Introduced by  $\text{Lua}\TeX$ ;  
`\utex_...` Introduced by  $\text{X}\TeX$  and  $\text{Lua}\TeX$ ;  
`\ptex_...` Introduced by  $\text{p}\TeX$ ;  
`\uptex_...` Introduced by  $\text{up}\TeX$ .

## Part IV

# The **l3basics** package

## Basic definitions

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

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

### 1 No operation functions

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`\prg_do_nothing:` ★

`\prg_do_nothing:`

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

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`\scan_stop:`

`\scan_stop:`

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

### 2 Grouping material

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`\group_begin:`  
`\group_end:`

`\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.

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`\group_insert_after:N`

`\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 is 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), namely a `}` if standard category codes apply.

### 3 Control sequences and functions

As T<sub>E</sub>X is a macro language, creating new functions means creating macros. At point of use, a function is replaced by the replacement text (“code”) in which each parameter in the code (**#1**, **#2**, *etc.*) is replaced the appropriate arguments absorbed by the function. In the following, *code* is therefore used as a shorthand for “replacement text”.

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

#### 3.1 Defining functions

Functions can be created with no requirement that they are declared first (in contrast to variables, which must always be declared). Declaring a function before setting up the code means that the name chosen is 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 results 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 T<sub>E</sub>X group and does 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 does not result in an error if the function is already defined.

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

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

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

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

**N and n** No manipulation.

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

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

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

### 3.2 Defining new functions using parameter text

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

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

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

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

Creates *<function>* to expand to *<code>* as replacement text. Within the *<code>*, the *<parameters>* (#1, #2, etc.) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the *<function>* is used the *<parameters>* absorbed cannot contain `\par` tokens. The *<function>* will not expand within an x-type argument. The definition is global and an error results if the *<function>* is already defined.

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

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<code>\cs_set_nopar:Npn</code>	<code>\cs_set_nopar:Npn &lt;function&gt; &lt;parameters&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_set_nopar:cpn</code>	Sets <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> to expand to <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> as replacement text. Within the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> , the
<code>\cs_set_nopar:Npx</code>	<i>&lt;parameters&gt;</i> (#1, #2, etc.) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the
<code>\cs_set_nopar:cpx</code>	<i>&lt;function&gt;</i> is used the <i>&lt;parameters&gt;</i> absorbed cannot contain <code>\par</code> tokens. The assignment of a meaning to the <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> is restricted to the current $\TeX$ group level.

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<code>\cs_set_protected:Npn</code>	<code>\cs_set_protected:Npn &lt;function&gt; &lt;parameters&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_set_protected:cpn</code>	Sets <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> to expand to <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> as replacement text. Within the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> , the
<code>\cs_set_protected:Npx</code>	<i>&lt;parameters&gt;</i> (#1, #2, etc.) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The
<code>\cs_set_protected:cpx</code>	assignment of a meaning to the <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> is restricted to the current $\TeX$ group level. The <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> will not expand within an x-type argument.

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```

\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn <function> <parameters> {<code>}
\cs_set_protected_nopar:cpn
\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx
\cs_set_protected_nopar:cpx

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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  $\backslash par$  tokens. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle function \rangle$  is restricted to the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level. The  $\langle function \rangle$  will not expand within an x-type argument.

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\cs_gset:Npn \cs_gset:Npn <function> <parameters> {<code>}
\cs_gset:cpn
\cs_gset:Npx
\cs_gset:cpx

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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. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle function \rangle$  is *not* restricted to the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level: the assignment is global.

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```

\cs_gset_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_nopar:Npn <function> <parameters> {<code>}
\cs_gset_nopar:cpn
\cs_gset_nopar:Npx
\cs_gset_nopar:cpx

```

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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  $\backslash par$  tokens. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle function \rangle$  is *not* restricted to the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level: the assignment is global.

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```

\cs_gset_protected:Npn \cs_gset_protected:Npn <function> <parameters> {<code>}
\cs_gset_protected:cpn
\cs_gset_protected:Npx
\cs_gset_protected:cpx

```

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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. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle function \rangle$  is *not* restricted to the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level: the assignment is global. The  $\langle function \rangle$  will not expand within an x-type argument.

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```

\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn <function> <parameters> {<code>}
\cs_gset_protected_nopar:cpn
\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npx
\cs_gset_protected_nopar:cpx

```

---

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  $\backslash par$  tokens. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle function \rangle$  is *not* restricted to the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level: the assignment is global. The  $\langle function \rangle$  will not expand within an x-type argument.

### 3.3 Defining new functions using the signature

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```

\cs_new:Nn \cs_new:Nn <function> {<code>}
\cs_new:(cn|Nx|cx)

```

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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 results if the  $\langle function \rangle$  is already defined.

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$\backslash\text{cs\_new\_nopar:Nn}$ $\backslash\text{cs\_new\_nopar:(cn Nx cx)}$	$\backslash\text{cs\_new\_nopar:Nn } \langle\text{function}\rangle \{ \langle\text{code}\rangle \}$ Creates $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ to expand to $\langle\text{code}\rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle\text{code}\rangle$ , the number of $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ is detected automatically from the function signature. These $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ ( <b>#1</b> , <b>#2</b> , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ is used the $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ absorbed cannot contain $\backslash\text{par}$ tokens. The definition is global and an error results if the $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ is already defined.
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$\backslash\text{cs\_new\_protected:Nn}$ $\backslash\text{cs\_new\_protected:(cn Nx cx)}$	$\backslash\text{cs\_new\_protected:Nn } \langle\text{function}\rangle \{ \langle\text{code}\rangle \}$ Creates $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ to expand to $\langle\text{code}\rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle\text{code}\rangle$ , the number of $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ is detected automatically from the function signature. These $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ ( <b>#1</b> , <b>#2</b> , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ will not expand within an x-type argument. The definition is global and an error results if the $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ is already defined.
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$\backslash\text{cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Nn}$ $\backslash\text{cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:(cn Nx cx)}$	$\backslash\text{cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Nn } \langle\text{function}\rangle \{ \langle\text{code}\rangle \}$ Creates $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ to expand to $\langle\text{code}\rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle\text{code}\rangle$ , the number of $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ is detected automatically from the function signature. These $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ ( <b>#1</b> , <b>#2</b> , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ is used the $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ absorbed cannot contain $\backslash\text{par}$ tokens. The $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ will not expand within an x-type argument. The definition is global and an error results if the $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ is already defined.
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$\backslash\text{cs\_set:Nn}$ $\backslash\text{cs\_set:(cn Nx cx)}$	$\backslash\text{cs\_set:Nn } \langle\text{function}\rangle \{ \langle\text{code}\rangle \}$ Sets $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ to expand to $\langle\text{code}\rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle\text{code}\rangle$ , the number of $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ is detected automatically from the function signature. These $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ ( <b>#1</b> , <b>#2</b> , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The assignment of a meaning to the $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ is restricted to the current T <sub>E</sub> X group level.
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$\backslash\text{cs\_set\_nopar:Nn}$ $\backslash\text{cs\_set\_nopar:(cn Nx cx)}$	$\backslash\text{cs\_set\_nopar:Nn } \langle\text{function}\rangle \{ \langle\text{code}\rangle \}$ Sets $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ to expand to $\langle\text{code}\rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle\text{code}\rangle$ , the number of $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ is detected automatically from the function signature. These $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ ( <b>#1</b> , <b>#2</b> , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ is used the $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ absorbed cannot contain $\backslash\text{par}$ tokens. The assignment of a meaning to the $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ is restricted to the current T <sub>E</sub> X group level.
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$\backslash\text{cs\_set\_protected:Nn}$ $\backslash\text{cs\_set\_protected:(cn Nx cx)}$	$\backslash\text{cs\_set\_protected:Nn } \langle\text{function}\rangle \{ \langle\text{code}\rangle \}$ Sets $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ to expand to $\langle\text{code}\rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle\text{code}\rangle$ , the number of $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ is detected automatically from the function signature. These $\langle\text{parameters}\rangle$ ( <b>#1</b> , <b>#2</b> , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ will not expand within an x-type argument. The assignment of a meaning to the $\langle\text{function}\rangle$ is restricted to the current T <sub>E</sub> X group level.
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`\cs_set_protected_nopar:Nn`      `\cs_set_protected_nopar:Nn <function> {<code>}`  
`\cs_set_protected_nopar:(cn|Nx|cx)`

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

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`\cs_gset:Nn`      `\cs_gset:Nn <function> {<code>}`  
`\cs_gset:(cn|Nx|cx)`

Sets *<function>* to expand to *<code>* as replacement text. Within the *<code>*, the number of *<parameters>* is detected automatically from the function signature. These *<parameters>* (*#1, #2, etc.*) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The assignment of a meaning to the *<function>* is global.

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`\cs_gset_nopar:Nn`      `\cs_gset_nopar:Nn <function> {<code>}`  
`\cs_gset_nopar:(cn|Nx|cx)`

Sets *<function>* to expand to *<code>* as replacement text. Within the *<code>*, the number of *<parameters>* is detected automatically from the function signature. These *<parameters>* (*#1, #2, etc.*) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the *<function>* is used the *<parameters>* absorbed cannot contain `\par` tokens. The assignment of a meaning to the *<function>* is global.

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`\cs_gset_protected:Nn`      `\cs_gset_protected:Nn <function> {<code>}`  
`\cs_gset_protected:(cn|Nx|cx)`

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

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`\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Nn`      `\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Nn <function> {<code>}`  
`\cs_gset_protected_nopar:(cn|Nx|cx)`

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

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`\cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn`      `\cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn <function> <creator> {<number>}`  
`\cs_generate_from_arg_count:(cNnn|Ncnn)`      `{<code>}`

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Updated: 2012-01-14

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

### 3.4 Copying control sequences

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

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

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

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

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

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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  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  group level.

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

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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 *not* restricted to the current  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  group level: the assignment is global.

### 3.5 Deleting control sequences

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

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<code>\cs_undefine:N</code>	<code>\cs_undefine:N &lt;control\ sequence&gt;</code>
<code>\cs_undefine:c</code>	Sets $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$ to be globally undefined.

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Updated: 2011-09-15

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### 3.6 Showing control sequences

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<code>\cs_meaning:N *</code>	<code>\cs_meaning:N &lt;control\ sequence&gt;</code>
<code>\cs_meaning:c *</code>	This function expands to the <i>meaning</i> of the $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$ control sequence. For a macro, this includes the $\langle replacement\ text \rangle$ .

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Updated: 2011-12-22

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**$\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ hackers note:** This is  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ 's `\meaning` primitive. The `c` variant correctly reports undefined arguments.

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`\cs_show:N`  
`\cs_show:c`  
Updated: 2017-02-14

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`\cs_show:N`  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$   
Displays the definition of the  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$  on the terminal.

**TeXhackers note:** This is similar to the TeX primitive `\show`, wrapped to a fixed number of characters per line.

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`\cs_log:N`  
`\cs_log:c`  
New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2017-02-14

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`\cs_log:N`  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$   
Writes the definition of the  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$  in the log file. See also `\cs_show:N` which displays the result in the terminal.

### 3.7 Converting to and from control sequences

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`\use:c` ★

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

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 of category code 10 (space), 11 (letter) or 12 (other), or a mixture of these.

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

```
\use:c { a b c }
```

and

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

would be equivalent to

```
\abc
```

after two expansions of `\use:c`.

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`\cs_if_exist_use:N` ★  
`\cs_if_exist_use:c` ★  
`\cs_if_exist_use:NTF` ★  
`\cs_if_exist_use:cTF` ★  
New: 2012-11-10

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`\cs_if_exist_use:N`  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$   
`\cs_if_exist_use:NTF`  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$   $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$

Tests whether the  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$  is currently defined according to the conditional `\cs_if_exist:NTF` (whether as a function or another control sequence type), and if it is inserts the  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$  into the input stream followed by the  $\langle true\ code \rangle$ . Otherwise the  $\langle false\ code \rangle$  is used.

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`\cs:w` ★  
`\cs_end:` ★

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

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 of category code 10 (space), 11 (letter) or 12 (other), or a mixture of these.

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

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

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

and

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

would be equivalent to

```
\abc
```

after one expansion of `\cs:w`.

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

Converts the given *<control sequence>* into a series of characters with category code 12 (other), except spaces, of category code 10. The result does *not* include the current escape token, contrarily to `\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 are required to convert the *<control sequence>* to a sequence of characters in the input stream. In most cases, an *f*-expansion is correct as well, but this loses a space at the start of the result.

## 4 Using or removing tokens and arguments

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

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```
\use:n * \use:n {<group1>}  
\use:nn * \use:nn {<group1>} {<group2>}  
\use:nnn * \use:nnn {<group1>} {<group2>} {<group3>}  
\use:nnnn * \use:nnnn {<group1>} {<group2>} {<group3>} {<group4>}
```

As illustrated, these functions absorb between one and four arguments, as indicated by the argument specifier. The braces surrounding each argument are removed and the remaining tokens are left in the input stream. The category code of these tokens is also 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 } }
```

results in the input stream containing

```
abc { def }
```

*i.e.* only the outer braces are removed.

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`\use_i:nn` \* `\use_i:nn {<arg1>} {<arg2>}`

`\use_ii:nn` \*

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 is also fixed (if it has not already been by some other absorption). A single expansion is needed for the functions to take effect.

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`\use_i:nnn` \* `\use_i:nnn {<arg1>} {<arg2>} {<arg3>}`

`\use_ii:nnn` \*

`\use_iii:nnn` \*

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 is also fixed (if it has not already been by some other absorption). A single expansion is needed for the functions to take effect.

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`\use_i:nnnn` \* `\use_i:nnnn {<arg1>} {<arg2>} {<arg3>} {<arg4>}`

`\use_ii:nnnn` \*

`\use_iii:nnnn` \*

`\use_iv:nnnn` \*

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 is also fixed (if it has not already been by some other absorption). A single expansion is needed for the functions to take effect.

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`\use_i_ii:nnn` \* `\use_i_ii:nnn {<arg1>} {<arg2>} {<arg3>}`

This function absorbs three arguments and leaves the content of the first and second in the input stream. The category code of these tokens is also fixed (if it has not already been by some other absorption). A single expansion is needed for the function to take effect. An example:

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

results in the input stream containing

`abc { def }`

*i.e.* the outer braces are removed and the third group is removed.

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`\use_none:n` \* `\use_none:n {<group1>}`

`\use_none:nn` \*

`\use_none:nnn` \*

`\use_none:nnnn` \*

`\use_none:nnnnn` \*

`\use_none:nnnnnn` \*

`\use_none:nnnnnnn` \*

`\use_none:nnnnnnnn` \*

`\use_none:nnnnnnnnn` \*

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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).

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`\use:x`      `\use:x {⟨expandable tokens⟩}`

Updated: 2011-12-31      Fully expands the *⟨expandable tokens⟩* and inserts the result into the input stream at the current location. Any hash characters (#) in the argument must be doubled.

## 4.1 Selecting tokens from delimited arguments

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

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

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

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

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

## 5 Predicates and conditionals

LaTeX3 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 turns 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 carries 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 is usually 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 always provide all three versions.

Important to note is that these branching conditionals with *⟨true code⟩* and/or *⟨false code⟩* 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 are 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
} {\true code} {\false code}
```

For each predicate defined, a “branching conditional” also exists 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  $\LaTeX 2_{\epsilon}$ . Their use is discouraged in `expl3` (although still used in low-level definitions) because they are more fragile and in many cases require more expansion control (hence more code) than the two types of conditionals described above.

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```
\c_true_bool
\c_false_bool
```

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

## 5.1 Tests on control sequences

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```
\cs_if_eq_p:NN * \cs_if_eq_p:NN <cs1> <cs2>
\cs_if_eq:NNTF * \cs_if_eq:NNTF <cs1> <cs2> {\true code} {\false code}
```

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

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```
\cs_if_exist_p:N * \cs_if_exist_p:N <control sequence>
\cs_if_exist_p:c * \cs_if_exist:NNTF <control sequence> {\true code} {\false code}
\cs_if_exist:NNTF *
\cs_if_exist:cTF *
```

---

Tests whether the *control sequence* is currently defined (whether as a function or another control sequence type). Any definition of *control sequence* other than `\relax` evaluates as `true`.

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```
\cs_if_free_p:N * \cs_if_free_p:N <control sequence>
\cs_if_free_p:c * \cs_if_free:NNTF <control sequence> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

```
\cs_if_free:NNTF *
\cs_if_free:cTF *
```

Tests whether the *control sequence* is currently free to be defined. This test is `false` if the *control sequence* currently exists (as defined by `\cs_if_exist:N`).

## 5.2 Primitive conditionals

The  $\varepsilon$ -TeX engine itself provides many different conditionals. Some expand whatever comes after them and others don't. Hence the names for these underlying functions often contains 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 prefix primitive conditionals with `\if_`.

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<code>\if_true:</code>	★	<code>\if_true: &lt;true code&gt; \else: &lt;false code&gt; \fi:</code>
<code>\if_false:</code>	★	<code>\if_false: &lt;true code&gt; \else: &lt;false code&gt; \fi:</code>
<code>\else:</code>	★	<code>\reverse_if:N &lt;primitive conditional&gt;</code>
<code>\fi:</code>	★	
<code>\reverse_if:N</code>	★	

`\if_true:` always executes *<true code>*, while `\if_false:` always executes *<false code>*. `\reverse_if:N` reverses any two-way primitive conditional. `\else:` and `\fi:` delimit the branches of the conditional. The function `\or:` is documented in `\int` and used in case switches.

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

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<code>\if_meaning:w</code>	★	<code>\if_meaning:w &lt;arg<sub>12</sub></code>
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`\if_meaning:w` executes *<true code>* when *<arg<sub>1 and *<arg<sub>2 are the same, otherwise it executes *<false code>*. *<arg<sub>1 and *<arg<sub>2 could be functions, variables, tokens; in all cases the *unexpanded* definitions are compared.</sub>*</sub>*</sub>*</sub>*

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

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<code>\if:w</code>	★	<code>\if:w &lt;token<sub>12</sub></code>
<code>\if_charcode:w</code>	★	<code>\if_catcode:w &lt;token<sub>12</sub></code>
<code>\if_catcode:w</code>	★	

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

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

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<code>\if_mode_horizontal:</code>	★	<code>\if_mode_horizontal: &lt;true code&gt; \else: &lt;false code&gt; \fi:</code>
<code>\if_mode_vertical:</code>	★	
<code>\if_mode_math:</code>	★	
<code>\if_mode_inner:</code>	★	

Execute *<true code>* if currently in horizontal mode, otherwise execute *<false code>*. Similar for the other functions.

## 6 Internal kernel functions

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`\_chk_if_free_cs:N`  
`\_chk_if_free_cs:c`

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

This function checks that  $\langle cs \rangle$  is free according to the criteria for `\cs_if_free_p:N`, and if not raises a kernel-level error.

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`\_cs_count_signature:N *`  
`\_cs_count_signature:c *`

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`\_cs_count_signature:N`  $\langle function \rangle$

Splits the  $\langle function \rangle$  into the  $\langle name \rangle$  (*i.e.* the part before the colon) and the  $\langle signature \rangle$  (*i.e.* after the colon). The  $\langle number \rangle$  of tokens in the  $\langle signature \rangle$  is then left in the input stream. If there was no  $\langle signature \rangle$  then the result is the marker value  $-1$ .

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`\_cs_split_function:NN *`

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`\_cs_split_function:NN`  $\langle function \rangle$   $\langle processor \rangle$

Splits the  $\langle function \rangle$  into the  $\langle name \rangle$  (*i.e.* the part before the colon) and the  $\langle signature \rangle$  (*i.e.* after the colon). This information is then placed in the input stream after the  $\langle processor \rangle$  function in three parts: the  $\langle name \rangle$ , the  $\langle signature \rangle$  and a logic token indicating if a colon was found (to differentiate variables from function names). The  $\langle name \rangle$  does not include the escape character, and both the  $\langle name \rangle$  and  $\langle signature \rangle$  are made up of tokens with category code 12 (other). The  $\langle processor \rangle$  should be a function with argument specification `:nnN` (plus any trailing arguments needed).

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`\_cs_get_function_name:N *` `\_cs_get_function_name:N`  $\langle function \rangle$

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Splits the  $\langle function \rangle$  into the  $\langle name \rangle$  (*i.e.* the part before the colon) and the  $\langle signature \rangle$  (*i.e.* after the colon). The  $\langle name \rangle$  is then left in the input stream without the escape character present made up of tokens with category code 12 (other).

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`\_cs_get_function_signature:N *` `\_cs_get_function_signature:N`  $\langle function \rangle$

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Splits the  $\langle function \rangle$  into the  $\langle name \rangle$  (*i.e.* the part before the colon) and the  $\langle signature \rangle$  (*i.e.* after the colon). The  $\langle signature \rangle$  is then left in the input stream made up of tokens with category code 12 (other).

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`\_cs_tmp:w`

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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).

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`\_kernel_debug:TF`

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

Runs the  $\langle true code \rangle$  if debugging is enabled, namely only in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> package mode with one of the options `check-declarations`, `enable-debug`, or `log-functions`. Otherwise runs the  $\langle false code \rangle$ . The T and F variants are not provided for this low-level conditional.

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`\_kernel_chk_cs_exist:N`  
`\_kernel_chk_cs_exist:c`

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

This function is only created if debugging is enabled. It checks that  $\langle cs \rangle$  exists according to the criteria for `\cs_if_exist_p:N`, and if not raises a kernel-level error.

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`\_kernel_chk_expr:nNn`    `\_kernel_chk_expr:nNn {<expr>} <eval> {<convert>} <caller>`

This function is only created if debugging is enabled. By default it is equivalent to `\use_i:nmnn`. When expression checking is enabled, it leaves in the input stream the result of `\tex_the:D <eval> <expr> \tex_relax:D` after checking that no token was left over. If any token was not taken as part of the expression, there is an error message displaying the result of the evaluation as well as the `<caller>`. For instance `<eval>` can be `\_int_eval:w` and `<caller>` can be `\int_eval:n` or `\int_set:Nn`. The argument `<convert>` is empty except for mu expressions where it is `\etex_mutoglu:D`, used for internal purposes.

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`\_kernel_chk_var_exist:N`    `\_kernel_chk_var_exist:N <var>`

This function is only created if debugging is enabled. It checks that `<var>` is defined according to the criteria for `\cs_if_exist_p:N`, and if not raises a kernel-level error.

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`\_kernel_chk_var_scope:NN`    `\_kernel_chk_var_scope:NN <scope> <var>`

Checks the `<var>` has the correct `<scope>`, and if not raises a kernel-level error. This function is only created if debugging is enabled. The `<scope>` is a single letter `l`, `g`, `c` denoting local variables, global variables, or constants. More precisely, if the variable name starts with a letter and an underscore (normal `expl3` convention) the function checks that this single letter matches the `<scope>`. Otherwise the function cannot know the scope `<var>` the first time: instead, it defines `\_debug_chk_/<var name>` to store that information for the next call. Thus, if a given `<var>` is subject to assignments of different scopes a kernel error will result.

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`\_kernel_chk_var_local:N`    `\_kernel_chk_var_local:N <var>`  
`\_kernel_chk_var_global:N`    `\_kernel_chk_var_global:N <var>`

Applies `\_kernel_chk_var_exist:N <var>`, then `\_kernel_chk_var_scope:NN <scope>` `<var>`, where `<scope>` is `l` or `g`.

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`\_kernel_debug_log:x`    `\_kernel_debug_log:x {<message text>}`

If the `log-functions` option is active, this function writes the `<message text>` to the log file using `\iow_log:x`. Otherwise, the `<message text>` is ignored using `\use_none:n`. This function is only created if debugging is enabled.

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`\_kernel_patch:nnNpn`    `\_kernel_patch:nnNpn {<before>} {<after>}`  
                          `<definition> <function> <parameters> {<code>}`

If debugging is not enabled, this function ignores the `<before>` and `<after>` code and performs the `<definition>` with no patching. Otherwise it replaces `<code>` by `<before> <code> <after>` (which can involve `#1` and so on) in the `<definition>` that follows. The `<definition>` must start with `\cs_new:Npn` or `\cs_set:Npn` or `\cs_gset:Npn` or their `_protected` counterparts. Other cases can be added as needed.

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`\_kernel_patch_conditional:nnNpnn`    `\_kernel_patch_conditional:nnNpnn {<before>}`  
  `<definition> <conditional> <parameters> {<type>} {<code>}`

Similar to `\_kernel_patch:nnNpn` for conditionals, namely `<definition>` must be `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn` or its `_protected` counterpart. There is no `<after>` code because that would interfere with the action of the conditional.

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<code>\__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn</code>	<code>\__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn {⟨arguments⟩}</code>
<code>\__kernel_patch_conditional_args:nNNpnn</code>	<code>⟨definition⟩ ⟨function⟩ ⟨parameters⟩ {⟨code⟩}</code>

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Like `\__kernel_patch:nNNpn`, this tweaks the following definition, but from the “inside out” (and if debugging is not enabled, the `⟨arguments⟩` are ignored). It replaces `#1`, `#2` and so on in the `⟨code⟩` of the definition as indicated by the `⟨arguments⟩`. More precisely, a temporary function is defined using the `⟨definition⟩` with the `⟨parameters⟩` and `⟨code⟩`, then the result of expanding that function once in front of the `⟨arguments⟩` is used instead of the `⟨code⟩` when defining the actual function. For instance,

```
\__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn { { (#1) } }
\cs_new:Npn \int_eval:n #1
{ \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
```

would replace `#1` by `(#1)` in the definition of `\int_eval:n` when debugging is enabled. This fails if the `⟨code⟩` contains `##`. The `\__kernel_patch_conditional_args:nNNpnn` function is for use before `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn` or its `_protected` counterpart.

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<code>\__kernel_patch_args:nnnNNpn</code>	<code>\__kernel_patch_args:nnnNNpn {⟨before⟩} {⟨after⟩}</code>
<code>\__kernel_patch_conditional_args:nnnNNpnn</code>	<code>{⟨arguments⟩}</code> <code>⟨definition⟩ ⟨function⟩ ⟨parameters⟩ {⟨code⟩}</code>

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A combination of `\__kernel_patch:nNNpn` and `\__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn`.

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<code>\__kernel_check_defined:NT</code>	<code>\__kernel_check_defined:NT ⟨variable⟩ {⟨true code⟩}</code>
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If `⟨variable⟩` is not defined (according to `\cs_if_exist:NTF`), this triggers an error, otherwise the `⟨true code⟩` is run.

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<code>\__kernel_register_show:N</code>	<code>\__kernel_register_show:N ⟨register⟩</code>
<code>\__kernel_register_show:c</code>	

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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.

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<code>\__kernel_register_log:N</code>	<code>\__kernel_register_log:N ⟨register⟩</code>
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Used to write the contents of a T<sub>E</sub>X register to the log file in a form similar to `\__kernel_register_show:N`.

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<code>\__prg_case_end:nw</code> ★	<code>\__prg_case_end:nw {⟨code⟩} ⟨tokens⟩ \q_mark {⟨true code⟩} \q_mark {⟨false code⟩}</code> <code>\q_stop</code>
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Used to terminate case statements (`\int_case:nnTF`, *etc.*) by removing trailing `⟨tokens⟩` and the end marker `\q_stop`, inserting the `⟨code⟩` for the successful case (if one is found) and either the `true code` or `false code` for the over all outcome, as appropriate.

## Part V

# The `l3expan` package

## Argument expansion

This module provides generic methods for expanding  $\TeX$  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  $\LaTeX$ 3 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` expands 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_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpush:Nn { No }
```

results in the definition of `\seq_gpush:No`

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

Providing variants in this way in style files is safe as the `\cs_generate_variant:Nn` function will only create new definitions if there is not already one available. 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

We recall the set of available argument specifiers.

- `N` is used for single-token arguments while `c` constructs a control sequence from its name and passes it to a parent function as an `N`-type argument.
- Many argument types extract or expand some tokens and provide it as an `n`-type argument, namely a braced multiple-token argument: `V` extracts the value of a variable, `v` extracts the value from the name of a variable, `n` uses the argument as it is, `o` expands once, `f` expands fully the first token, `x` expands fully all tokens at the price of being non-expandable.
- A few odd argument types remain: `T` and `F` for conditional processing, otherwise identical to `n`-type arguments, `p` for the parameter text in definitions, `w` for arguments with a specific syntax, and `D` to denote primitives that should not be used directly.

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`\cs_generate_variant:Nn`

`\cs_generate_variant:cn`

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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  $\langle original\ argument\ specifier \rangle$  if these are not already defined. For each  $\langle variant \rangle$  given, a function is created that expands its arguments as detailed and passes 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 }
```

creates a new function `\foo:cn` which expands its first argument into a control sequence name and passes the result to `\foo:Nn`. Similarly

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

generates 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 or if the  $\langle variant \rangle$  involves  $x$  arguments, then the  $\langle variant\ control\ sequence \rangle$  is also protected. The  $\langle variant \rangle$  is created globally, as is any `\exp_args:N` $\langle variant \rangle$  function needed to carry out the expansion.

Only  $n$  and  $N$  arguments can be changed to other types. The only allowed changes are

- $c$  variant of an  $N$  parent;
- $o$ ,  $V$ ,  $v$ ,  $f$ , or  $x$  variant of an  $n$  parent;
- $N$ ,  $n$ ,  $T$ ,  $F$ , or  $p$  argument unchanged.

This means the  $\langle parent \rangle$  of a  $\langle variant \rangle$  form is always unambiguous, even in cases where both an  $n$ -type parent and an  $N$ -type parent exist, such as for `\tl_count:n` and `\tl_count:N`.

For backward compatibility it is currently possible to make  $n$ ,  $o$ ,  $V$ ,  $v$ ,  $f$ , or  $x$ -type variants of an  $N$ -type argument or  $N$  or  $c$ -type variants of an  $n$ -type argument. Both are deprecated. The first because passing more than one token to an  $N$ -type argument will typically break the parent function's code. The second because programmers who use that most often want to access the value of a variable given its name, hence should use a  $V$ -type or  $v$ -type variant instead of  $c$ -type. In those cases, using the lower-level `\exp_args:No` or `\exp_args:Nc` functions explicitly is preferred to defining confusing variants.

### 3 Introducing the variants

It is usually best to follow the following guidelines when defining new functions that are supposed to come with variant forms.

- 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 cannot work correctly in arguments that are themselves subject to  $x$  expansion.

When speed is essential (for functions that do very little work and are used numerous times in a document) the following applies because internal functions for argument expansion come in two flavours, some faster than others.

- Arguments that might need expansion should come first in the list of arguments.
- Arguments that should consist of single tokens `N`, `c`, `V`, or `v` should come first among these.
- Arguments that appear after the first multi-token argument `n`, `f` or `o` require slightly slower special processing to be expanded. 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` or `T` or `F`, which are not expanded.

The `V` type returns the value of a register, which can be one of `tl`, `clist`, `int`, `skip`, `dim`, `muskip`, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

```
\tl_set:No \l_tmpa_tl { { \g_tmpb_tl } }
```

and

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

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

## 4 Manipulating the first argument

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

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```
\exp_args:Nc * \exp_args:Nc <function> {<tokens>}
```

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```
\exp_args:cc *
```

This function absorbs two arguments (the `<function>` name and the `<tokens>`). The `<tokens>` are expanded until only characters remain, and are then turned into a control sequence. (An internal error occurs if non-characters remain, as the conversion is not possible.) The result is inserted into the input stream *after* reinsertion of the `<function>`. Thus the `<function>` may take more than one argument: all others are left unchanged.

The `:cc` variant constructs the `<function>` name in the same manner as described for the `<tokens>`.

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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 are left unchanged.

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```
\exp_args:Nv * \exp_args:Nv <function> <variable>
```

This function absorbs two arguments (the names of the `<function>` and the `<variable>`). The content of the `<variable>` are recovered and placed inside braces into the input stream *after* reinsertion of the `<function>`. Thus the `<function>` may take more than one argument: all others are left unchanged.

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```
\exp_args:Nv * \exp_args:Nv <function> {<tokens>}
```

This function absorbs two arguments (the `<function>` name and the `<tokens>`). The `<tokens>` are expanded until only characters remain, and are then turned into a control sequence. (An internal error occurs if non-characters remain, as the conversion is not possible.) This control sequence should be the name of a `<variable>`. The content of the `<variable>` are recovered and placed inside braces into the input stream *after* reinsertion of the `<function>`. Thus the `<function>` may take more than one argument: all others are left unchanged.

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```
\exp_args:Nf * \exp_args:Nf <function> {<tokens>}
```

This function absorbs two arguments (the `<function>` name and the `<tokens>`). The `<tokens>` are fully expanded until the first non-expandable token is found (if that is a space it is removed), 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 are left unchanged.

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`\exp_args:Nx` `\exp_args:Nx <function> {<tokens>}`

This function absorbs two arguments (the *<function>* name and the *<tokens>*) and exhaustively expands the *<tokens>*. 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 are left unchanged.

## 5 Manipulating two arguments

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`\exp_args:NNc` \* `\exp_args:NNc <token12  
\exp_args:NNo *  
\exp_args:NNV *  
\exp_args:NNv *  
\exp_args:NNf *  
\exp_args:Ncc *  
\exp_args:Nco *  
\exp_args:NcV *  
\exp_args:Ncv *  
\exp_args:Ncf *  
\exp_args:NVV *`

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

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`\exp_args:Nnc` \* `\exp_args:Noo <token> {<tokens1>} {<tokens2>}`  
`\exp_args:Nno` \*  
`\exp_args:NnV` \*  
`\exp_args:Nnv` \*  
`\exp_args:Nnf` \*  
`\exp_args:Noc` \*  
`\exp_args:Noo` \*  
`\exp_args:Nof` \*  
`\exp_args:NVo` \*  
`\exp_args:Nfo` \*  
`\exp_args:Nff` \*

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`\exp_args:NNx` `\exp_args:NNx <token12  
\exp_args:Ncx  
\exp_args:Nnx  
\exp_args:Nox  
\exp_args:Nxx`

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 due to their x-type argument.

## 6 Manipulating three arguments

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`\exp_args:NNNo` \* `\exp_args:NNNo <token123  
\exp_args:NNNV *  
\exp_args:Nccc *  
\exp_args:NcNc *  
\exp_args:NcNo *  
\exp_args:Ncco *`

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

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<code>\exp_args:NNcf</code>	★	<code>\exp_args:NNoo</code>	<code>&lt;token1&gt;</code>	<code>&lt;token2&gt;</code>	<code>{&lt;tokens3&gt;}</code>	<code>{&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
<code>\exp_args:NNno</code>	★	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, <i>etc.</i> These functions need slower processing.				
<code>\exp_args:NNnV</code>	★					
<code>\exp_args:NNoo</code>	★					
<code>\exp_args:NNVV</code>	★					
<code>\exp_args:Ncno</code>	★					
<code>\exp_args:NcnV</code>	★					
<code>\exp_args:Ncoo</code>	★					
<code>\exp_args:NcVV</code>	★					
<code>\exp_args:Nnnc</code>	★					
<code>\exp_args:Nnno</code>	★					
<code>\exp_args:Nnnf</code>	★					
<code>\exp_args:Nnff</code>	★					
<code>\exp_args:Nooo</code>	★					
<code>\exp_args:Noof</code>	★					
<code>\exp_args:Nffo</code>	★					

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<code>\exp_args:NNNx</code>		<code>\exp_args:NNnx</code>	<code>&lt;token1&gt;</code>	<code>&lt;token2&gt;</code>	<code>{&lt;tokens1&gt;}</code>	<code>{&lt;tokens2&gt;}</code>
<code>\exp_args:NNnx</code>		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, <i>etc.</i>				
<code>\exp_args:NNox</code>						
<code>\exp_args:Nccx</code>						
<code>\exp_args:Ncnx</code>						
<code>\exp_args:Nnnx</code>						
<code>\exp_args:Nnox</code>						
<code>\exp_args:Noox</code>						

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## 7 Unbraced expansion

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<code>\exp_last_unbraced:No</code>	★	<code>\exp_last_unbraced:Nno</code>	<code>&lt;token&gt;</code>	<code>{&lt;tokens1&gt;}</code>	<code>{&lt;tokens2&gt;}</code>
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:(NV Nv Nf)</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:NNo</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:(NNV Nco NcV)</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:Nno</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:(Noo Nfo)</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:NNNo</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:NNNV</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:NnNo</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:NNNNo</code>	★				

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

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

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`\exp_last_unbraced:Nx` `\exp_last_unbraced:Nx <function> {<tokens>}`

This function fully expands the `<tokens>` and leaves the result in the input stream after reinsertion of the `<function>`. This function is not expandable.

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`\exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo` `\exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo <token> {<tokens1>} {<tokens2>}`

This function absorbs three arguments and expands the second and third once. The first argument of the function is then the next item on the input stream, followed by the expansion of the second and third arguments, which are not wrapped in braces. This function needs special (slower) processing.

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`\exp_after:wN` `\exp_after:wN <token1> <token2>`

Carries out a single expansion of `<token2>` (which may consume arguments) prior to the expansion of `<token1>`. If `<token2>` has no expansion (for example, if it is a character) then it is left unchanged. It is important to notice that `<token1>` may be *any* single token, including group-opening and -closing tokens (`{` or `}` assuming normal `TEX` category codes). Unless specifically required this should be avoided: expansion should be carried out using an appropriate argument specifier variant or the appropriate `\exp_arg:N` function.

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

## 8 Preventing expansion

Despite the fact that the following functions are all about preventing expansion, they're designed to be used in an expandable context and hence are all marked as being 'expandable' since they themselves disappear after the expansion has completed.

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`\exp_not:N` `\exp_not:N <token>`

Prevents expansion of the `<token>` in a context where it would otherwise be expanded, for example an `x`-type argument or the first token in an `o` or `f` argument.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the `TEX` `\noexpand` primitive. It only prevents expansion. At the beginning of an `f`-type argument, a space `<token>` is removed despite `\exp_not:N`. In an `x`-expanding definition (`\cs_new:Npx`) a macro parameter `<token>` (normally `#`) denotes an argument despite `\exp_not:N` (see `\exp_not:n`).

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`\exp_not:c` `\exp_not:c {<tokens>}`

Expands the `<tokens>` until only characters remain, and then converts this into a control sequence. (An internal error occurs if non-characters remain, as the conversion is not possible.) Further expansion of this control sequence is then inhibited using `\exp_not:N`.

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`\exp_not:n` ★ `\exp_not:n {<tokens>}`

Prevents expansion of the *<tokens>* in an *x*-type argument. In other cases (input stream or *o* or *f* arguments) the *<tokens>* continue being expanded.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X `\unexpanded` primitive. Hence its argument *must* be surrounded by braces. In an *x*-expanding definition (`\cs_new:Npx`), `\exp_not:n {#}` inserts a macro parameter character in the replacement text.

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`\exp_not:o` ★ `\exp_not:o {<tokens>}`

Expands the *<tokens>* once, then prevents any further expansion in *x*-type arguments using `\exp_not:n`.

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`\exp_not:V` ★ `\exp_not:V <variable>`

Recovers the content of the *<variable>*, then prevents expansion of this material in *x*-type arguments using `\exp_not:n`.

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`\exp_not:v` ★ `\exp_not:v {<tokens>}`

Expands the *<tokens>* until only characters remains, and then converts this into a control sequence which should be a *<variable>* name. (An internal error occurs if non-characters remain, as the conversion is not possible.) The content of the *<variable>* is recovered, and further expansion in *x*-type arguments is prevented using `\exp_not:n`.

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`\exp_not:f` ★ `\exp_not:f {<tokens>}`

Expands *<tokens>* fully until the first unexpandable token is found (if it is a space it is removed). Expansion then stops, and the result of the expansion (including any tokens which were not expanded) is protected from further expansion in *x*-type arguments using `\exp_not:n`.

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`\exp_stop_f:` ★ `\foo_bar:f { <tokens> \exp_stop_f: <more tokens> }`

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This function terminates an *f*-type expansion. Thus if a function `\foo_bar:f` starts an *f*-type expansion and all of *<tokens>* are expandable `\exp_stop_f:` terminates the expansion of tokens even if *<more tokens>* are also expandable. The function itself is an implicit space token. Inside an *x*-type expansion, it retains its form, but when typeset it produces the underlying space (□).

## 9 Controlled expansion

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

Of course, deep down T<sub>E</sub>X is using expansion as always and there are cases where a programmer needs to control that expansion directly; typical situations are basic data manipulation tools. This section documents the functions for that level. These commands are used throughout the kernel code, but we hope that outside the kernel there will be

little need to resort to them. Instead the argument manipulation methods document above should usually be sufficient.

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

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<code>\exp:w</code>	★	<code>\exp:w</code>	<code>&lt;expandable-tokens&gt;</code>	<code>\exp_end:</code>
<code>\exp_end:</code>	★	Expands <code>&lt;expandable-tokens&gt;</code> until reaching <code>\exp_end:</code> at which point expansion stops.		
New: 2015-08-23		The full expansion of <code>&lt;expandable-tokens&gt;</code> has to be empty. If any token in <code>&lt;expandable-tokens&gt;</code> or any token generated by expanding the tokens therein is not expandable the expansion will end prematurely and as a result <code>\exp_end:</code> will be misinterpreted later on. <sup>2</sup>		

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

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

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

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

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`\exp:w` ★  
`\exp_end_continue_f:w` ★  
New: 2015-08-23

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`\exp:w`  $\langle$ *expandable-tokens* $\rangle$  `\exp_end_continue_f:w`  $\langle$ *further-tokens* $\rangle$

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

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

In typical use cases  $\langle$ *expandable-tokens* $\rangle$  contains no tokens at all, e.g., you will see code such as

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

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

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

```
\exp:w \langle expandable-tokens \rangle \exp_end:
```

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

```
\exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \langle expandable-tokens \rangle \exp_stop_f:
```

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

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`\exp:w` ★  
`\exp_end_continue_f:nw` ★  
New: 2015-08-23

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`\exp:w`  $\langle$ *expandable-tokens* $\rangle$  `\exp_end_continue_f:nw`  $\langle$ *further-tokens* $\rangle$

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

## 10 Internal functions and variables

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`\l__exp_internal_tl`

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

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

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

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## Part VI

# The `l3tl` package

## Token lists

$\TeX$  works with tokens, and  $\LaTeX$ 3 therefore provides a number of functions to deal with lists of tokens. Token lists may be present directly in the argument to a function:

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

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

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

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

A token list (explicit, or stored in a variable) can be seen either as a list of “items”, or a list of “tokens”. An item is whatever `\use:n` would grab as its argument: a single non-space token or a brace group, with optional leading explicit space characters (each item is thus itself a token list). A token is either a normal `N` argument, or `␣`, `{`, or `}` (assuming normal  $\TeX$  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

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```
\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>* is initially empty.

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

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```
\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>* is set globally to the *<token list>*.

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```
\tl_clear:N  
\tl_clear:c  
\tl_gclear:N  
\tl_gclear:c
```

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

Clears all entries from the *<tl var>*.

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<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 <code>&lt;tl var&gt;</code> 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 <code>&lt;tl var&gt;</code> empty.

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<code>\tl_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\tl_set_eq:NN &lt;tl var<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;tl var<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	Sets the content of <code>&lt;tl var<sub>1</sub>&gt;</code> equal to that of <code>&lt;tl var<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code> .
<code>\tl_gset_eq:NN</code>	
<code>\tl_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

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<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 <code>&lt;tl var<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code> and <code>&lt;tl var<sub>3</sub>&gt;</code> together and saves the result in
<code>\tl_gconcat:ccc</code>	<code>&lt;tl var<sub>1</sub>&gt;</code> . The <code>&lt;tl var<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code> is placed at the left side of the new token list.

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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 <code>&lt;tl var&gt;</code> is currently defined. This does not check that the <code>&lt;tl var&gt;</code> really is a token list variable.

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New: 2012-03-03

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## 2 Adding data to token list variables

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

---

Sets `<tl var>` to contain `<tokens>`, removing any previous content from the variable.

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<code>\tl_put_left:Nn</code>	<code>\tl_put_left:Nn &lt;tl var&gt; {(tokens)}</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>`.

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<code>\tl_put_right:Nn</code>	<code>\tl_put_right:Nn &lt;tl var&gt; {(tokens)}</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>`.

### 3 Modifying token list variables

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<code>\tl_replace_once:Nnn</code>	<code>\tl_replace_once:Nnn &lt;tl var&gt; {(old tokens)} {(new tokens)}</code>
<code>\tl_replace_once:cnn</code>	
<code>\tl_greplace_once:Nnn</code>	Replaces the first (leftmost) occurrence of <code>&lt;old tokens&gt;</code> in the <code>&lt;tl var&gt;</code> with <code>&lt;new tokens&gt;</code> .
<code>\tl_greplace_once:cnn</code>	<code>&lt;Old tokens&gt;</code> cannot contain <code>{</code> , <code>}</code> or <code>#</code> (more precisely, explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) or 2 (end-group), and tokens with category code 6).

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<code>\tl_replace_all:Nnn</code>	<code>\tl_replace_all:Nnn &lt;tl var&gt; {(old tokens)} {(new tokens)}</code>
<code>\tl_replace_all:cnn</code>	
<code>\tl_greplace_all:Nnn</code>	Replaces all occurrences of <code>&lt;old tokens&gt;</code> in the <code>&lt;tl var&gt;</code> with <code>&lt;new tokens&gt;</code> . <code>&lt;Old tokens&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_greplace_all:cnn</code>	cannot contain <code>{</code> , <code>}</code> or <code>#</code> (more precisely, explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) or 2 (end-group), and tokens with category code 6). As this function

operates from left to right, the pattern `<old tokens>` may remain after the replacement (see `\tl_remove_all:Nn` for an example).

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<code>\tl_remove_once:Nn</code>	<code>\tl_remove_once:Nn &lt;tl var&gt; {(tokens)}</code>
<code>\tl_remove_once:cn</code>	
<code>\tl_gremove_once:Nn</code>	Removes the first (leftmost) occurrence of <code>&lt;tokens&gt;</code> from the <code>&lt;tl var&gt;</code> . <code>&lt;Tokens&gt;</code> cannot
<code>\tl_gremove_once:cn</code>	contain <code>{</code> , <code>}</code> or <code>#</code> (more precisely, explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) or 2 (end-group), and tokens with category code 6).

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<code>\tl_remove_all:Nn</code>	<code>\tl_remove_all:Nn &lt;tl var&gt; {(tokens)}</code>
<code>\tl_remove_all:cn</code>	
<code>\tl_gremove_all:Nn</code>	Removes all occurrences of <code>&lt;tokens&gt;</code> from the <code>&lt;tl var&gt;</code> . <code>&lt;Tokens&gt;</code> cannot contain <code>{</code> , <code>}</code> or <code>#</code>
<code>\tl_gremove_all:cn</code>	(more precisely, explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) or 2 (end-group), and tokens with category code 6). As this function operates from left to right,

the pattern `<tokens>` may remain after the removal, for instance,

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

results in `\l_tmpa_tl` containing `abcd`.

### 4 Reassigning token list category codes

These functions allow the rescanning of tokens: re-apply T<sub>E</sub>X's tokenization process to apply category codes different from those in force when the tokens were absorbed. Whilst this functionality is supported, it is often preferable to find alternative approaches to achieving outcomes rather than rescanning tokens (for example construction of token lists token-by-token with intervening category code changes).

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```

\l_tl_set_rescan:Nnn \tl_set_rescan:Nnn <tl var> {<setup>} {<tokens>}
\l_tl_set_rescan:(Nno|Nnx|cnn|cno|cnx)
\l_tl_gset_rescan:Nnn
\l_tl_gset_rescan:(Nno|Nnx|cnn|cno|cnx)

```

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

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

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```

\l_tl_rescan:nn \tl_rescan:nn {<setup>} {<tokens>}

```

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

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

## 5 Token list conditionals

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```

\l_tl_if_blank_p:n * \tl_if_blank_p:n {<token list>}
\l_tl_if_blank_p:(V|o) * \tl_if_blank:nTF {<token list>} {<>true code>} {<>false code>}
\l_tl_if_blank:nTF *
\l_tl_if_blank:(V|o)TF *

```

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

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<code>\tl_if_empty_p:N</code> *	<code>\tl_if_empty_p:N</code> $\langle$ tl var $\rangle$
<code>\tl_if_empty_p:c</code> *	<code>\tl_if_empty:NTF</code> $\langle$ tl var $\rangle$ $\{$ $\langle$ true code $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ false code $\rangle$ $\}$
<code>\tl_if_empty:NTF</code> *	Tests if the $\langle$ token list variable $\rangle$ is entirely empty ( <i>i.e.</i> contains no tokens at all).
<code>\tl_if_empty:cTF</code> *	

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<code>\tl_if_empty_p:n</code> *	<code>\tl_if_empty_p:n</code> $\{$ $\langle$ token list $\rangle$ $\}$
<code>\tl_if_empty_p:(V o)</code> *	<code>\tl_if_empty:nTF</code> $\{$ $\langle$ token list $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ true code $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ false code $\rangle$ $\}$
<code>\tl_if_empty:nTF</code> *	Tests if the $\langle$ token list $\rangle$ is entirely empty ( <i>i.e.</i> contains no tokens at all).
<code>\tl_if_empty:(V o)TF</code> *	

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<code>\tl_if_eq_p:NN</code> *	<code>\tl_if_eq_p:NN</code> $\langle$ tl var $_1$ $\rangle$ $\langle$ tl var $_2$ $\rangle$
<code>\tl_if_eq_p:(Nc cN cc)</code> *	<code>\tl_if_eq:NNTF</code> $\langle$ tl var $_1$ $\rangle$ $\langle$ tl var $_2$ $\rangle$ $\{$ $\langle$ true code $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ false code $\rangle$ $\}$
<code>\tl_if_eq:NNTF</code> *	Compares the content of two $\langle$ token list variables $\rangle$ and is logically true if the two contain the same list of tokens ( <i>i.e.</i> identical in both the list of characters they contain and the category codes of those characters). Thus for example
<code>\tl_if_eq:(Nc cN cc)TF</code> *	

```

\tl_set:Nn \l_tmpa_tl { abc }
\tl_set:Nx \l_tmpb_tl { \tl_to_str:n { abc } }
\tl_if_eq:NNTF \l_tmpa_tl \l_tmpb_tl { true } { false }

```

yields false.

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<code>\tl_if_eq:nnTF</code>	<code>\tl_if_eq:nnTF</code> $\{$ $\langle$ token list $_1$ $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ token list $_2$ $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ true code $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ false code $\rangle$ $\}$
	Tests if $\langle$ token list $_1$ $\rangle$ and $\langle$ token list $_2$ $\rangle$ contain the same list of tokens, both in respect of character codes and category codes.

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<code>\tl_if_in:NnTF</code>	<code>\tl_if_in:NnTF</code> $\langle$ tl var $\rangle$ $\{$ $\langle$ token list $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ true code $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ false code $\rangle$ $\}$
<code>\tl_if_in:cnTF</code>	Tests if the $\langle$ token list $\rangle$ is found in the content of the $\langle$ tl var $\rangle$ . The $\langle$ token list $\rangle$ cannot contain the tokens <code>{</code> , <code>}</code> or <code>#</code> (more precisely, explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) or 2 (end-group), and tokens with category code 6).

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<code>\tl_if_in:nnTF</code>	<code>\tl_if_in:nnTF</code> $\{$ $\langle$ token list $_1$ $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ token list $_2$ $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ true code $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ false code $\rangle$ $\}$
<code>\tl_if_in:(Vn on no)TF</code>	Tests if $\langle$ token list $_2$ $\rangle$ is found inside $\langle$ token list $_1$ $\rangle$ . The $\langle$ token list $_2$ $\rangle$ cannot contain the tokens <code>{</code> , <code>}</code> or <code>#</code> (more precisely, explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) or 2 (end-group), and tokens with category code 6).

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<code>\tl_if_novalue_p:n</code> *	<code>\tl_if_novalue_p:n</code> $\{$ $\langle$ token list $\rangle$ $\}$
<code>\tl_if_novalue:nTF</code> *	<code>\tl_if_novalue:nTF</code> $\{$ $\langle$ token list $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ true code $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ false code $\rangle$ $\}$
	Tests if the $\langle$ token list $\rangle$ is exactly equal to the special <code>\c_novalue_tl</code> marker. This function is intended to allow construction of flexible document interface structures in which missing optional arguments are detected.

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New: 2017-11-14

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<code>\tl_if_single_p:N</code> *	<code>\tl_if_single_p:N</code> $\langle$ <i>tl var</i> $\rangle$
<code>\tl_if_single_p:c</code> *	<code>\tl_if_single:NTF</code> $\langle$ <i>tl var</i> $\rangle$ $\{$ <i>true code</i> $\}$ $\{$ <i>false code</i> $\}$
<code>\tl_if_single:NTF</code> *	Tests if the content of the $\langle$ <i>tl var</i> $\rangle$ consists of a single item, <i>i.e.</i> is a single normal token (neither an explicit space character nor a begin-group character) or a single brace group, surrounded by optional spaces on both sides. In other words, such a token list has token count 1 according to <code>\tl_count:N</code> .
<code>\tl_if_single:cTF</code> *	

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Updated: 2011-08-13

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<code>\tl_if_single_p:n</code> *	<code>\tl_if_single_p:n</code> $\{$ <i>token list</i> $\}$
<code>\tl_if_single:nTF</code> *	<code>\tl_if_single:nTF</code> $\{$ <i>token list</i> $\}$ $\{$ <i>true code</i> $\}$ $\{$ <i>false code</i> $\}$

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Updated: 2011-08-13

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Tests if the  $\langle$ *token list* $\rangle$  has exactly one item, *i.e.* is a single normal token (neither an explicit space character nor a begin-group character) or a single brace group, surrounded by optional spaces on both sides. In other words, such a token list has token count 1 according to `\tl_count:n`.

<code>\tl_case:Nn</code> *	<code>\tl_case:NnTF</code> $\langle$ <i>test token list variable</i> $\rangle$
<code>\tl_case:cn</code> *	{
<code>\tl_case:NnTF</code> *	$\langle$ <i>token list variable case</i> <sub>1</sub> $\rangle$ $\{$ <i>code case</i> <sub>1</sub> $\}$
<code>\tl_case:cnTF</code> *	$\langle$ <i>token list variable case</i> <sub>2</sub> $\rangle$ $\{$ <i>code case</i> <sub>2</sub> $\}$
	...
	$\langle$ <i>token list variable case</i> <sub>n</sub> $\rangle$ $\{$ <i>code case</i> <sub>n</sub> $\}$
	}
	$\{$ <i>true code</i> $\}$
	$\{$ <i>false code</i> $\}$

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New: 2013-07-24

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This function compares the  $\langle$ *test token list variable* $\rangle$  in turn with each of the  $\langle$ *token list variable cases* $\rangle$ . If the two are equal (as described for `\tl_if_eq:NNTF`) then the associated  $\langle$ *code* $\rangle$  is left in the input stream and other cases are discarded. If any of the cases are matched, the  $\langle$ *true code* $\rangle$  is also inserted into the input stream (after the code for the appropriate case), while if none match then the  $\langle$ *false code* $\rangle$  is inserted. The function `\tl_case:Nn`, which does nothing if there is no match, is also available.

## 6 Mapping to token lists

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<code>\tl_map_function:NN</code> ☆	<code>\tl_map_function:NN</code> $\langle$ <i>tl var</i> $\rangle$ $\langle$ <i>function</i> $\rangle$
<code>\tl_map_function:cN</code> ☆	Applies $\langle$ <i>function</i> $\rangle$ to every $\langle$ <i>item</i> $\rangle$ in the $\langle$ <i>tl var</i> $\rangle$ . The $\langle$ <i>function</i> $\rangle$ receives one argument for each iteration. This may be a number of tokens if the $\langle$ <i>item</i> $\rangle$ was stored within braces. Hence the $\langle$ <i>function</i> $\rangle$ should anticipate receiving n-type arguments. See also <code>\tl_map_function:nN</code> .

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Updated: 2012-06-29

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<code>\tl_map_function:nN</code> ☆	<code>\tl_map_function:nN</code> $\{$ <i>token list</i> $\}$ $\langle$ <i>function</i> $\rangle$
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Updated: 2012-06-29

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Applies  $\langle$ *function* $\rangle$  to every  $\langle$ *item* $\rangle$  in the  $\langle$ *token list* $\rangle$ , The  $\langle$ *function* $\rangle$  receives one argument for each iteration. This may be a number of tokens if the  $\langle$ *item* $\rangle$  was stored within braces. Hence the  $\langle$ *function* $\rangle$  should anticipate receiving n-type arguments. See also `\tl_map_function:NN`.

<code>\tl_map_inline:Nn</code>	<code>\tl_map_inline:Nn</code> $\langle$ <i>tl var</i> $\rangle$ $\{$ <i>inline function</i> $\}$
<code>\tl_map_inline:cn</code>	Applies the $\langle$ <i>inline function</i> $\rangle$ to every $\langle$ <i>item</i> $\rangle$ stored within the $\langle$ <i>tl var</i> $\rangle$ . The $\langle$ <i>inline function</i> $\rangle$ should consist of code which receives the $\langle$ <i>item</i> $\rangle$ as #1. See also <code>\tl_map_function:NN</code> .

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Updated: 2012-06-29

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`\tl_map_inline:nn` `\tl_map_inline:nn {<token list>} {<inline function>}`

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Updated: 2012-06-29

Applies the *<inline function>* to every *<item>* stored within the *<token list>*. The *<inline function>* should consist of code which receives the *<item>* as #1. See also `\tl_map_function:nN`.

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`\tl_map_variable:NNn` `\tl_map_variable:NNn <tl var> <variable> {<code>}`

`\tl_map_variable:cNn`

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Updated: 2012-06-29

Stores each *<item>* of the *<tl var>* in turn in the (token list) *<variable>* and applies the *<code>*. The *<code>* will usually make use of the *<variable>*, but this is not enforced. The assignments to the *<variable>* are local. See also `\tl_map_inline:Nn`.

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`\tl_map_variable:nNn` `\tl_map_variable:nNn {<token list>} <variable> {<code>}`

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Updated: 2012-06-29

Stores each *<item>* of the *<token list>* in turn in the (token list) *<variable>* and applies the *<code>*. The *<code>* will usually make use of the *<variable>*, but this is not enforced. The assignments to the *<variable>* are local. See also `\tl_map_inline:nn`.

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`\tl_map_break: ☆` `\tl_map_break:`

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Updated: 2012-06-29

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

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

See also `\tl_map_break:n`. Use outside of a `\tl_map...` scenario leads 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 before the *<tokens>* are inserted into the input stream. This depends on the design of the mapping function.

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`\tl_map_break:n` ☆

Updated: 2012-06-29

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`\tl_map_break:n` {<code>}

Used to terminate a `\tl_map_...` function before all entries in the *<token list variable>* have been processed, inserting the *<code>* after the mapping has ended. This normally takes place within a conditional statement, for example

```
\tl_map_inline:Nn \l_my_tl
{
  \str_if_eq:nnT { #1 } { bingo }
  { \tl_map_break:n { <code> } }
  % Do something useful
}
```

Use outside of a `\tl_map_...` scenario leads to low level TeX errors.

**TeXhackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted before the *<code>* is inserted into the input stream. This depends on the design of the mapping function.

## 7 Using token lists

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`\tl_to_str:n` ☆

`\tl_to_str:V` ☆

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`\tl_to_str:n` {<token list>}

Converts the *<token list>* to a *<string>*, leaving the resulting character tokens in the input stream. A *<string>* is a series of tokens with category code 12 (other) with the exception of spaces, which retain category code 10 (space).

**TeXhackers note:** Converting a *<token list>* to a *<string>* yields a concatenation of the string representations of every token in the *<token list>*. The string representation of a control sequence is

- an escape character, whose character code is given by the internal parameter `\escapechar`, absent if the `\escapechar` is negative or greater than the largest character code;
- the control sequence name, as defined by `\cs_to_str:N`;
- a space, unless the control sequence name is a single character whose category at the time of expansion of `\tl_to_str:n` is not “letter”.

The string representation of an explicit character token is that character, doubled in the case of (explicit) macro parameter characters (normally #). In particular, the string representation of a token list may depend on the category codes in effect when it is evaluated, and the value of the `\escapechar`: for instance `\tl_to_str:n {\a}` normally produces the three character “backslash”, “lower-case a”, “space”, but it may also produce a single “lower-case a” if the escape character is negative and `a` is currently not a letter.

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`\tl_to_str:N` ☆

`\tl_to_str:c` ☆

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`\tl_to_str:N` <tl var>

Converts the content of the *<tl var>* into a series of characters with category code 12 (other) with the exception of spaces, which retain category code 10 (space). This *<string>* is then left in the input stream. For low-level details, see the notes given for `\tl_to_str:n`.

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`\tl_use:N` ★ `\tl_use:N <tl var>`

`\tl_use:c` ★

Recovers the content of a *<tl var>* and places it directly in the input stream. An error is raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid. Note that it is possible to use a *<tl var>* directly without an accessor function.

## 8 Working with the content of token lists

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`\tl_count:n` ★ `\tl_count:n {(tokens)}`

`\tl_count:(V|o)` ★

New: 2012-05-13

Counts the number of *<items>* in *<tokens>* and leaves this information in the input stream. Unbraced tokens count as one element as do each token group *{...}*. This process ignores any unprotected spaces within *<tokens>*. See also `\tl_count:N`. This function requires three expansions, giving an *<integer denotation>*.

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`\tl_count:N` ★ `\tl_count:N <tl var>`

`\tl_count:c` ★

New: 2012-05-13

Counts the number of token groups in the *<tl var>* and leaves this information in the input stream. Unbraced tokens count as one element as do each token group *{...}*. This process ignores any unprotected spaces within the *<tl var>*. See also `\tl_count:n`. This function requires three expansions, giving an *<integer denotation>*.

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`\tl_reverse:n` ★ `\tl_reverse:n {(token list)}`

`\tl_reverse:(V|o)` ★

Updated: 2012-01-08

Reverses the order of the *<items>* in the *<token list>*, so that *<item<sub>1</sub>><item<sub>2</sub>><item<sub>3</sub>>...<item<sub>n</sub>>* becomes *<item<sub>n</sub>>...<item<sub>3</sub>><item<sub>2</sub>><item<sub>1</sub>>*. This process preserves unprotected space within the *<token list>*. 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`.

**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within `\unexpanded`, which means that the token list does not expand further when appearing in an *x*-type argument expansion.

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

`\tl_reverse:c`

`\tl_greverse:N`

`\tl_greverse:c`

Updated: 2012-01-08

Reverses the order of the *<items>* stored in *<tl var>*, so that *<item<sub>1</sub>><item<sub>2</sub>><item<sub>3</sub>>...<item<sub>n</sub>>* becomes *<item<sub>n</sub>>...<item<sub>3</sub>><item<sub>2</sub>><item<sub>1</sub>>*. This process preserves unprotected spaces within the *<token list variable>*. Braced token groups are copied without reversing the order of tokens, but keep the outer set of braces. See also `\tl_reverse:n`, and, for improved performance, `\tl_reverse_items:n`.

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`\tl_reverse_items:n` ★ `\tl_reverse_items:n {(token list)}`

New: 2012-01-08

Reverses the order of the *<items>* stored in *<tl var>*, so that *{<item<sub>1</sub>>}{<item<sub>2</sub>>}{<item<sub>3</sub>>}...{<item<sub>n</sub>>}* becomes *{<item<sub>n</sub>>}...{<item<sub>3</sub>>}{<item<sub>2</sub>>}{<item<sub>1</sub>>}*. This process removes any unprotected space within the *<token list>*. Braced token groups are copied without reversing the order of tokens, and keep the outer set of braces. Items which are initially not braced are copied with braces in the result. In cases where preserving spaces is important, consider the slower function `\tl_reverse:n`.

**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within `\unexpanded`, which means that the token list does not expand further when appearing in an *x*-type argument expansion.

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<code>\tl_trim_spaces:n</code> ★	<code>\tl_trim_spaces:n</code> $\langle token list \rangle$
<small>New: 2011-07-09 Updated: 2012-06-25</small>	Removes any leading and trailing explicit space characters (explicit tokens with character code 32 and category code 10) from the $\langle token list \rangle$ and leaves the result in the input stream.

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**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within `\unexpanded`, which means that the token list does not expand further when appearing in an `x`-type argument expansion.

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<code>\tl_trim_spaces:N</code>	<code>\tl_trim_spaces:N</code> $\langle tl var \rangle$
<code>\tl_trim_spaces:c</code>	Removes any leading and trailing explicit space characters (explicit tokens with character code 32 and category code 10) from the content of the $\langle tl var \rangle$ . Note that this therefore <i>resets</i> the content of the variable.
<code>\tl_gtrim_spaces:N</code>	
<code>\tl_gtrim_spaces:c</code>	
<small>New: 2011-07-09</small>	

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<code>\tl_sort:Nn</code>	<code>\tl_sort:Nn</code> $\langle tl var \rangle$ $\langle comparison code \rangle$
<code>\tl_sort:cn</code>	Sorts the items in the $\langle tl var \rangle$ according to the $\langle comparison code \rangle$ , and assigns the result to $\langle tl var \rangle$ . The details of sorting comparison are described in Section 1.
<code>\tl_gsort:Nn</code>	
<code>\tl_gsort:cn</code>	
<small>New: 2017-02-06</small>	

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<code>\tl_sort:nN</code> ★	<code>\tl_sort:nN</code> $\langle token list \rangle$ $\langle conditional \rangle$
<small>New: 2017-02-06</small>	Sorts the items in the $\langle token list \rangle$ , using the $\langle conditional \rangle$ to compare items, and leaves the result in the input stream. The $\langle conditional \rangle$ should have signature <code>:nnTF</code> , and return <b>true</b> if the two items being compared should be left in the same order, and <b>false</b> if the items should be swapped. The details of sorting comparison are described in Section 1.

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**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within `\exp_not:n`, which means that the token list does not expand further when appearing in an `x`-type argument expansion.

## 9 The first token from a token list

Functions which deal with either only the very first item (balanced text or single normal token) in a token list, or the remaining tokens.

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`\tl_head:N`     ★  
`\tl_head:n`     ★  
`\tl_head:(V|v|f)` ★  


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Updated: 2012-09-09

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

Leaves in the input stream the first  $\langle item \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list \rangle$ , discarding the rest of the  $\langle token list \rangle$ . All leading explicit space characters (explicit tokens with character code 32 and category code 10) are discarded; for example

`\tl_head:n { abc }`

and

`\tl_head:n { ~ abc }`

both leave `a` in the input stream. If the “head” is a brace group, rather than a single token, the braces are removed, and so

`\tl_head:n { ~ { ~ ab } c }`

yields `▯ab`. A blank  $\langle token list \rangle$  (see `\tl_if_blank:nTF`) results in `\tl_head:n` leaving nothing in the input stream.

**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within `\exp_not:n`, which means that the token list does not expand further when appearing in an `x`-type argument expansion.

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`\tl_head:w` ★

`\tl_head:w`  $\langle token list \rangle$  { } `\q_stop`

Leaves in the input stream the first  $\langle item \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list \rangle$ , discarding the rest of the  $\langle token list \rangle$ . All leading explicit space characters (explicit tokens with character code 32 and category code 10) are discarded. A blank  $\langle token list \rangle$  (which consists only of space characters) results in a low-level TeX error, which may be avoided by the inclusion of an empty group in the input (as shown), without the need for an explicit test. Alternatively, `\tl_if_blank:nF` may be used to avoid using the function with a “blank” argument. This function requires only a single expansion, and thus is suitable for use within an `o`-type expansion. In general, `\tl_head:n` should be preferred if the number of expansions is not critical.

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`\tl_tail:N`     ★  
`\tl_tail:n`     ★  
`\tl_tail:(V|v|f)` ★  


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Updated: 2012-09-01

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

Discards all leading explicit space characters (explicit tokens with character code 32 and category code 10) and the first  $\langle item \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list \rangle$ , and leaves the remaining tokens in the input stream. Thus for example

`\tl_tail:n { a ~ {bc} d }`

and

`\tl_tail:n { ~ a ~ {bc} d }`

both leave `▯{bc}d` in the input stream. A blank  $\langle token list \rangle$  (see `\tl_if_blank:nTF`) results in `\tl_tail:n` leaving nothing in the input stream.

**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within `\exp_not:n`, which means that the token list does not expand further when appearing in an `x`-type argument expansion.

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```

\TlIfHeadEqCatcode_p:nN * \TlIfHeadEqCatcode_p:nN {<token list>} <test token>
\TlIfHeadEqCatcode:nNTF * \TlIfHeadEqCatcode:nNTF {<token list>} <test token>
                           {<true code>} {<false code>}

```

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Updated: 2012-07-09

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 is always **false**.

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```

\TlIfHeadEqCharcode_p:nN * \TlIfHeadEqCharcode_p:nN {<token list>} <test token>
\TlIfHeadEqCharcode_p:fN * \TlIfHeadEqCharcode:nNTF {<token list>} <test token>
\TlIfHeadEqCharcode:nNTF * {<true code>} {<false code>}
\TlIfHeadEqCharcode:fNTF *

```

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Updated: 2012-07-09

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 is always **false**.

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```

\TlIfHeadEqMeaning_p:nN * \TlIfHeadEqMeaning_p:nN {<token list>} <test token>
\TlIfHeadEqMeaning:nNTF * \TlIfHeadEqMeaning:nNTF {<token list>} <test token>
                           {<true code>} {<false code>}

```

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Updated: 2012-07-09

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 is always **false**.

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```

\TlIfHeadIsGroup_p:n * \TlIfHeadIsGroup_p:n {<token list>}
\TlIfHeadIsGroup:nTF * \TlIfHeadIsGroup:nTF {<token list>} {<true code>} {<false code>}

```

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New: 2012-07-08

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 is empty. This function is useful to implement actions on token lists on a token by token basis.

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```

\TlIfHeadIsN_type_p:n * \TlIfHeadIsN_type_p:n {<token list>}
\TlIfHeadIsN_type:nTF * \TlIfHeadIsN_type:nTF {<token list>} {<true code>} {<false code>}

```

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New: 2012-07-08

Tests if the first *<token>* in the *<token list>* is a normal N-type argument. In other words, it is neither an explicit space character (explicit token with character code 32 and category code 10) nor an explicit begin-group character (with category code 1 and any character code). An empty argument yields **false**, as it does not have a “normal” first token. This function is useful to implement actions on token lists on a token by token basis.

---

```

\TlIfHeadIsSpace_p:n * \TlIfHeadIsSpace_p:n {<token list>}
\TlIfHeadIsSpace:nTF * \TlIfHeadIsSpace:nTF {<token list>} {<true code>} {<false code>}

```

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Updated: 2012-07-08

Tests if the first *<token>* in the *<token list>* is an explicit space character (explicit token with character code 12 and category code 10). In particular, the test is **false** if the *<token list>* starts with an implicit token such as `\c_space_token`, or if it is empty. This function is useful to implement actions on token lists on a token by token basis.

## 10 Using a single item

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`\tl_item:nn` \* `\tl_item:nn {⟨token list⟩} {⟨integer expression⟩}`

`\tl_item:Nn` \*

`\tl_item:cn` \*

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New: 2014-07-17

Indexing items in the *⟨token list⟩* from 1 on the left, this function evaluates the *⟨integer expression⟩* and leaves the appropriate item from the *⟨token list⟩* in the input stream. If the *⟨integer expression⟩* is negative, indexing occurs from the right of the token list, starting at  $-1$  for the right-most item. If the index is out of bounds, then the function expands to nothing.

**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the *⟨item⟩* does not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

## 11 Viewing token lists

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`\tl_show:N` `\tl_show:N ⟨tl var⟩`

`\tl_show:c`

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Updated: 2015-08-01

Displays the content of the *⟨tl var⟩* on the terminal.

**TeXhackers note:** This is similar to the TeX primitive `\show`, wrapped to a fixed number of characters per line.

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`\tl_show:n` `\tl_show:n {⟨token list⟩}`

---

Updated: 2015-08-07

Displays the *⟨token list⟩* on the terminal.

**TeXhackers note:** This is similar to the  $\epsilon$ -TeX primitive `\showtokens`, wrapped to a fixed number of characters per line.

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`\tl_log:N` `\tl_log:N ⟨tl var⟩`

`\tl_log:c`

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New: 2014-08-22

Updated: 2015-08-01

Writes the content of the *⟨tl var⟩* in the log file. See also `\tl_show:N` which displays the result in the terminal.

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`\tl_log:n` `\tl_log:n {⟨token list⟩}`

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New: 2014-08-22

Updated: 2015-08-07

Writes the *⟨token list⟩* in the log file. See also `\tl_show:n` which displays the result in the terminal.

## 12 Constant token lists

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`\c_empty_tl` Constant that is always empty.

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`\c_novalue_tl`

New: 2017-11-14

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A marker for the absence of an argument. This constant `tl` can safely be typeset (cf. `\q_nil`), with the result being `-NoValue-`. It is important to note that `\c_novalue_tl` is constructed such that it will *not* match the simple text input `-NoValue-`, *i.e.* that

```
\tl_if_eq:VnTF \c_novalue_tl { -NoValue- }
```

is logically **false**. The `\c_novalue_tl` marker is intended for use in creating document-level interfaces, where it serves as an indicator that an (optional) argument was omitted. In particular, it is distinct from a simple empty `tl`.

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`\c_space_tl`

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An explicit space character contained in a token list (compare this with `\c_space_token`). For use where an explicit space is required.

## 13 Scratch token lists

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`\l_tmpa_tl`

`\l_tmpb_tl`

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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.

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`\g_tmpa_tl`

`\g_tmpb_tl`

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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.

## 14 Internal functions

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`\_tl_trim_spaces:nn`

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```
\_tl_trim_spaces:nn { \q_mark <token list> } {<continuation>}
```

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` and `l3candidates`.

## Part VII

# The `l3str` package

## Strings

`TeX` associates each character with a category code: as such, there is no concept of a “string” as commonly understood in many other programming languages. However, there are places where we wish to manipulate token lists while in some sense “ignoring” category codes: this is done by treating token lists as strings in a `TeX` sense.

A `TeX` string (and thus an `expl3` string) is a series of characters which have category code 12 (“other”) with the exception of space characters which have category code 10 (“space”). Thus at a technical level, a `TeX` string is a token list with the appropriate category codes. In this documentation, these are simply referred to as strings.

String variables are simply specialised token lists, but by convention should be named with the suffix `...str`. Such variables should contain characters with category code 12 (other), except spaces, which have category code 10 (blank space). All the functions in this module which accept a token list argument first convert it to a string using `\tl_to_str:n` for internal processing, and do not treat a token list or the corresponding string representation differently.

As a string is a subset of the more general token list, it is sometimes unclear when one should be used over the other. Use a string variable for data that isn’t primarily intended for typesetting and for which a level of protection from unwanted expansion is suitable. This data type simplifies comparison of variables since there are no concerns about expansion of their contents.

The functions `\cs_to_str:N`, `\tl_to_str:n`, `\tl_to_str:N` and `\token_to_str:N` (and variants) generate strings from the appropriate input: these are documented in `l3basics`, `l3tl` and `l3token`, respectively.

Most expandable functions in this module come in three flavours:

- `\str_...:N`, which expect a token list or string variable as their argument;
- `\str_...:n`, taking any token list (or string) as an argument;
- `\str_..._ignore_spaces:n`, which ignores any space encountered during the operation: these functions are typically faster than those which take care of escaping spaces appropriately.

## 1 Building strings

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`\str_new:N`  
`\str_new:c`  
New: 2015-09-18

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`\str_new:N`  $\langle str\ var \rangle$   
Creates a new  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  is initially empty.

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`\str_const:Nn`  
`\str_const:(Nx|cn|cx)`  
New: 2015-09-18

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`\str_const:Nn`  $\langle str\ var \rangle$   $\{ \langle token\ list \rangle \}$   
Creates a new constant  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The value of the  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  is set globally to the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$ , converted to a string.

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<code>\str_clear:N</code>	<code>\str_clear:N</code> $\langle str\ var \rangle$
<code>\str_clear:c</code>	
<code>\str_gclear:N</code>	Clears the content of the $\langle str\ var \rangle$ .
<code>\str_gclear:c</code>	

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New: 2015-09-18

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<code>\str_clear_new:N</code>	<code>\str_clear_new:N</code> $\langle str\ var \rangle$
<code>\str_clear_new:c</code>	
	Ensures that the $\langle str\ var \rangle$ exists globally by applying <code>\str_new:N</code> if necessary, then applies <code>\str_(g)clear:N</code> to leave the $\langle str\ var \rangle$ empty.

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New: 2015-09-18

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<code>\str_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\str_set_eq:NN</code> $\langle str\ var_1 \rangle$ $\langle str\ var_2 \rangle$
<code>\str_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	
<code>\str_gset_eq:NN</code>	Sets the content of $\langle str\ var_1 \rangle$ equal to that of $\langle str\ var_2 \rangle$ .
<code>\str_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

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New: 2015-09-18

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<code>\str_concat:NNN</code>	<code>\str_concat:NNN</code> $\langle str\ var_1 \rangle$ $\langle str\ var_2 \rangle$ $\langle str\ var_3 \rangle$
<code>\str_concat:ccc</code>	
<code>\str_gconcat:NNN</code>	Concatenates the content of $\langle str\ var_2 \rangle$ and $\langle str\ var_3 \rangle$ together and saves the result in $\langle str\ var_1 \rangle$ . The $\langle str\ var_2 \rangle$ is placed at the left side of the new string variable. The $\langle str\ var_2 \rangle$ and $\langle str\ var_3 \rangle$ must indeed be strings, as this function does not convert their contents to a string.
<code>\str_gconcat:ccc</code>	

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New: 2017-10-08

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## 2 Adding data to string variables

<code>\str_set:Nn</code>	<code>\str_set:Nn</code> $\langle str\ var \rangle$ $\{ \langle token\ list \rangle \}$
<code>\str_set:(Nx cn cx)</code>	
<code>\str_gset:Nn</code>	Converts the $\langle token\ list \rangle$ to a $\langle string \rangle$ , and stores the result in $\langle str\ var \rangle$ .
<code>\str_gset:(Nx cn cx)</code>	

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New: 2015-09-18

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<code>\str_put_left:Nn</code>	<code>\str_put_left:Nn</code> $\langle str\ var \rangle$ $\{ \langle token\ list \rangle \}$
<code>\str_put_left:(Nx cn cx)</code>	
<code>\str_gput_left:Nn</code>	Converts the $\langle token\ list \rangle$ to a $\langle string \rangle$ , and prepends the result to $\langle str\ var \rangle$ . The current contents of the $\langle str\ var \rangle$ are not automatically converted to a string.
<code>\str_gput_left:(Nx cn cx)</code>	

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New: 2015-09-18

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<code>\str_put_right:Nn</code>	<code>\str_put_right:Nn</code> $\langle str\ var \rangle$ $\{ \langle token\ list \rangle \}$
<code>\str_put_right:(Nx cn cx)</code>	
<code>\str_gput_right:Nn</code>	Converts the $\langle token\ list \rangle$ to a $\langle string \rangle$ , and appends the result to $\langle str\ var \rangle$ . The current contents of the $\langle str\ var \rangle$ are not automatically converted to a string.
<code>\str_gput_right:(Nx cn cx)</code>	

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New: 2015-09-18

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## 2.1 Modifying string variables

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`\str_replace_once:Nnn`    `\str_replace_once:Nnn <str var> {<old>} {<new>}`  
`\str_replace_once:cn`    Converts the `<old>` and `<new>` token lists to strings, then replaces the first (leftmost)  
`\str_greplace_once:Nnn`    occurrence of `<old string>` in the `<str var>` with `<new string>`.  
`\str_greplace_once:cn`

New: 2017-10-08

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`\str_replace_all:Nnn`    `\str_replace_all:Nnn <str var> {<old>} {<new>}`  
`\str_replace_all:cn`    Converts the `<old>` and `<new>` token lists to strings, then replaces all occurrences of `<old`  
`\str_greplace_all:Nnn`    `<string>` in the `<str var>` with `<new string>`. As this function operates from left to right,  
`\str_greplace_all:cn`    the pattern `<old string>` may remain after the replacement (see `\str_remove_all:Nn` for  
an example).

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`\str_remove_once:Nn`    `\str_remove_once:Nn <str var> {<token list>}`  
`\str_remove_once:cn`    Converts the `<token list>` to a `<string>` then removes the first (leftmost) occurrence of  
`\str_gremove_once:Nn`    `<string>` from the `<str var>`.  
`\str_gremove_once:cn`

New: 2017-10-08

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`\str_remove_all:Nn`    `\str_remove_all:Nn <str var> {<token list>}`  
`\str_remove_all:cn`    Converts the `<token list>` to a `<string>` then removes all occurrences of `<string>` from the  
`\str_gremove_all:Nn`    `<str var>`. As this function operates from left to right, the pattern `<string>` may remain  
`\str_gremove_all:cn`    after the removal, for instance,

New: 2017-10-08

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```
\str_set:Nn \l_tmpa_str {abbccd} \str_remove_all:Nn \l_tmpa_str
{bc}
```

results in `\l_tmpa_str` containing `abcd`.

## 2.2 String conditionals

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`\str_if_exist_p:N *`    `\str_if_exist_p:N <str var>`  
`\str_if_exist_p:c *`    `\str_if_exist:NTF <str var> {<true code>} {<false code>}`  
`\str_if_exist:NTF *`    Tests whether the `<str var>` is currently defined. This does not check that the `<str var>`  
`\str_if_exist:cTF *`    really is a string.

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`\str_if_empty_p:N *`    `\str_if_empty_p:N <str var>`  
`\str_if_empty_p:c *`    `\str_if_empty:NTF <str var> {<true code>} {<false code>}`  
`\str_if_empty:NTF *`    Tests if the `<string variable>` is entirely empty (*i.e.* contains no characters at all).  
`\str_if_empty:cTF *`

New: 2015-09-18

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<code>\str_if_eq_p:NN</code>	*	<code>\str_if_eq_p:NN</code>	$\langle str\ var_1 \rangle$	$\langle str\ var_2 \rangle$	
<code>\str_if_eq_p:(Nc cN cc)</code>	*	<code>\str_if_eq:NNTF</code>	$\langle str\ var_1 \rangle$	$\langle str\ var_2 \rangle$	$\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
<code>\str_if_eq:NNTF</code>	*				
<code>\str_if_eq:(Nc cN cc)TF</code>	*	Compares the content of two $\langle str\ variables \rangle$ and is logically true if the two contain the same characters in the same order.			

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<code>\str_if_eq_p:nn</code>	*	<code>\str_if_eq_p:nn</code>	$\{\langle t_1 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle t_2 \rangle\}$	
<code>\str_if_eq_p:(Vn on no nV VV)</code>	*	<code>\str_if_eq:nnTF</code>	$\{\langle t_1 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle t_2 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
<code>\str_if_eq:nnTF</code>	*				
<code>\str_if_eq:(Vn on no nV VV)TF</code>	*				

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Compares the two  $\langle token\ lists \rangle$  on a character by character basis (namely after converting them to strings), and is true if the two  $\langle strings \rangle$  contain the same characters in the same order. Thus for example

`\str_if_eq_p:no { abc } { \tl_to_str:n { abc } }`

is logically true.

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<code>\str_if_eq_x_p:nn</code>	*	<code>\str_if_eq_x_p:nn</code>	$\{\langle t_1 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle t_2 \rangle\}$	
<code>\str_if_eq_x:nnTF</code>	*	<code>\str_if_eq_x:nnTF</code>	$\{\langle t_1 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle t_2 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$

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New: 2012-06-05

Fully expands the two  $\langle token\ lists \rangle$  and converts them to  $\langle strings \rangle$ , then compares these on a character by character basis: it is true if the two  $\langle strings \rangle$  contain the same characters in the same order. Thus for example

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

is logically true.

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<code>\str_if_in:NnTF</code>		<code>\str_if_in:NnTF</code>	$\langle str\ var \rangle$	$\{\langle token\ list \rangle\}$	$\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
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`\str_if_in:cnTF`

New: 2017-10-08

Converts the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$  to a  $\langle string \rangle$  and tests if that  $\langle string \rangle$  is found in the content of the  $\langle str\ var \rangle$ .

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<code>\str_if_in:nnTF</code>		<code>\str_if_in:nnTF</code>	$\langle t_1 \rangle$	$\{\langle t_2 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
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New: 2017-10-08

Converts both  $\langle token\ lists \rangle$  to  $\langle strings \rangle$  and tests whether  $\langle string_2 \rangle$  is found inside  $\langle string_1 \rangle$ .

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<code>\str_case:nn</code>	★	<code>\str_case:nnTF</code>	{⟨ <i>test string</i> ⟩}
<code>\str_case:(on nV nv)</code>	★		{
<code>\str_case:nnTF</code>	★		{⟨ <i>string case</i> <sub>1</sub> ⟩} {⟨ <i>code case</i> <sub>1</sub> ⟩}
<code>\str_case:(on nV nv)TF</code>	★		{⟨ <i>string case</i> <sub>2</sub> ⟩} {⟨ <i>code case</i> <sub>2</sub> ⟩}
			...
			{⟨ <i>string case</i> <sub>n</sub> ⟩} {⟨ <i>code case</i> <sub>n</sub> ⟩}
			}
			{⟨ <i>true code</i> ⟩}
			{⟨ <i>false code</i> ⟩}

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New: 2013-07-24  
Updated: 2015-02-28

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Compares the ⟨*test string*⟩ in turn with each of the ⟨*string cases*⟩ (all token lists are converted to strings). If the two are equal (as described for `\str_if_eq:nnTF`) then the associated ⟨*code*⟩ is left in the input stream and other cases are discarded. If any of the cases are matched, the ⟨*true code*⟩ is also inserted into the input stream (after the code for the appropriate case), while if none match then the ⟨*false code*⟩ is inserted. The function `\str_case:nn`, which does nothing if there is no match, is also available.

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<code>\str_case_x:nn</code>	★	<code>\str_case_x:nnTF</code>	{⟨ <i>test string</i> ⟩}
<code>\str_case_x:nnTF</code>	★		{
			{⟨ <i>string case</i> <sub>1</sub> ⟩} {⟨ <i>code case</i> <sub>1</sub> ⟩}
			{⟨ <i>string case</i> <sub>2</sub> ⟩} {⟨ <i>code case</i> <sub>2</sub> ⟩}
			...
			{⟨ <i>string case</i> <sub>n</sub> ⟩} {⟨ <i>code case</i> <sub>n</sub> ⟩}
			}
			{⟨ <i>true code</i> ⟩}
			{⟨ <i>false code</i> ⟩}

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New: 2013-07-24

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Compares the full expansion of the ⟨*test string*⟩ in turn with the full expansion of the ⟨*string cases*⟩ (all token lists are converted to strings). If the two full expansions are equal (as described for `\str_if_eq:nnTF`) then the associated ⟨*code*⟩ is left in the input stream and other cases are discarded. If any of the cases are matched, the ⟨*true code*⟩ is also inserted into the input stream (after the code for the appropriate case), while if none match then the ⟨*false code*⟩ is inserted. The function `\str_case_x:nn`, which does nothing if there is no match, is also available. The ⟨*test string*⟩ is expanded in each comparison, and must always yield the same result: for example, random numbers must not be used within this string.

### 3 Mapping to strings

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<code>\str_map_function:NN</code>	☆	<code>\str_map_function:NN</code>	⟨ <i>str var</i> ⟩ ⟨ <i>function</i> ⟩
<code>\str_map_function:cN</code>	☆		Applies ⟨ <i>function</i> ⟩ to every ⟨ <i>character</i> ⟩ in the ⟨ <i>str var</i> ⟩ including spaces. See also <code>\str_map_function:nN</code> .

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New: 2017-11-14

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<code>\str_map_function:nN</code>	☆	<code>\str_map_function:nN</code>	{⟨ <i>token list</i> ⟩} ⟨ <i>function</i> ⟩
			Converts the ⟨ <i>token list</i> ⟩ to a ⟨ <i>string</i> ⟩ then applies ⟨ <i>function</i> ⟩ to every ⟨ <i>character</i> ⟩ in the ⟨ <i>string</i> ⟩ including spaces. See also <code>\str_map_function:NN</code> .

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New: 2017-11-14

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<code>\str_map_inline:Nn</code>	<code>\str_map_inline:Nn &lt;str var&gt; {&lt;inline function&gt;}</code>
<code>\str_map_inline:cn</code>	Applies the <i>&lt;inline function&gt;</i> to every <i>&lt;character&gt;</i> in the <i>&lt;str var&gt;</i> including spaces. The <i>&lt;inline function&gt;</i> should consist of code which receives the <i>&lt;character&gt;</i> as #1. See also <code>\str_map_function:NN</code> .
New: 2017-11-14	
<code>\str_map_inline:nn</code>	<code>\str_map_inline:nn {&lt;token list&gt;} {&lt;inline function&gt;}</code>
New: 2017-11-14	Converts the <i>&lt;token list&gt;</i> to a <i>&lt;string&gt;</i> then applies the <i>&lt;inline function&gt;</i> to every <i>&lt;character&gt;</i> in the <i>&lt;string&gt;</i> including spaces. The <i>&lt;inline function&gt;</i> should consist of code which receives the <i>&lt;character&gt;</i> as #1. See also <code>\str_map_function:NN</code> .
<code>\str_map_variable:NNn</code>	<code>\str_map_variable:NNn &lt;str var&gt; &lt;variable&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\str_map_variable:cNn</code>	Stores each <i>&lt;character&gt;</i> of the <i>&lt;string&gt;</i> (including spaces) in turn in the (string or token list) <i>&lt;variable&gt;</i> and applies the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> . The <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> will usually make use of the <i>&lt;variable&gt;</i> , but this is not enforced. The assignments to the <i>&lt;variable&gt;</i> are local. See also <code>\str_map_inline:Nn</code> .
New: 2017-11-14	
<code>\str_map_variable:nNn</code>	<code>\str_map_variable:nNn {&lt;token list&gt;} &lt;variable&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
New: 2017-11-14	Converts the <i>&lt;token list&gt;</i> to a <i>&lt;string&gt;</i> then stores each <i>&lt;character&gt;</i> in the <i>&lt;string&gt;</i> (including spaces) in turn in the (string or token list) <i>&lt;variable&gt;</i> and applies the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> . The <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> will usually make use of the <i>&lt;variable&gt;</i> , but this is not enforced. The assignments to the <i>&lt;variable&gt;</i> are local. See also <code>\str_map_inline:Nn</code> .
<code>\str_map_break: ☆</code>	<code>\str_map_break:</code>
New: 2017-10-08	Used to terminate a <code>\str_map...</code> function before all characters in the <i>&lt;string&gt;</i> have been processed. This normally takes place within a conditional statement, for example
	<pre> \str_map_inline:Nn \l_my_str {   \str_if_eq:nnT { #1 } { bingo } { \str_map_break: }   % Do something useful } </pre>
	See also <code>\str_map_break:n</code> . Use outside of a <code>\str_map...</code> scenario leads to low level TeX errors.
	<b>TeXhackers note:</b> When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted before continuing with the code that follows the loop. This depends on the design of the mapping function.

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`\str_map_break:n` ☆

New: 2017-10-08

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`\str_map_break:n` {*code*}

Used to terminate a `\str_map...` function before all characters in the *string* have been processed, inserting the *code* after the mapping has ended. This normally takes place within a conditional statement, for example

```
\str_map_inline:Nn \l_my_str
{
  \str_if_eq:nnT { #1 } { bingo }
  { \str_map_break:n { <code> } }
  % Do something useful
}
```

Use outside of a `\str_map...` scenario leads to low level TeX errors.

**TeXhackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted before the *code* is inserted into the input stream. This depends on the design of the mapping function.

## 4 Working with the content of strings

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`\str_use:N` ☆

`\str_use:c` ☆

New: 2015-09-18

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`\str_use:N` (*str var*)

Recovers the content of a *str var* and places it directly in the input stream. An error is raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid. Note that it is possible to use a *str* directly without an accessor function.

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`\str_count:N`

`\str_count:c`

`\str_count:n`

`\str_count_ignore_spaces:n` ☆

New: 2015-09-18

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☆ `\str_count:n` {*token list*}

Leaves in the input stream the number of characters in the string representation of *token list*, as an integer denotation. The functions differ in their treatment of spaces. In the case of `\str_count:N` and `\str_count:n`, all characters including spaces are counted. The `\str_count_ignore_spaces:n` function leaves the number of non-space characters in the input stream.

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`\str_count_spaces:N` ☆

`\str_count_spaces:c` ☆

`\str_count_spaces:n` ☆

New: 2015-09-18

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`\str_count_spaces:n` {*token list*}

Leaves in the input stream the number of space characters in the string representation of *token list*, as an integer denotation. Of course, this function has no `_ignore_spaces` variant.

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<code>\str_head:N</code>	★	<code>\str_head:n</code> $\langle\{token\ list\}\rangle$
<code>\str_head:c</code>	★	
<code>\str_head:n</code>	★	
<code>\str_head_ignore_spaces:n</code>	★	

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New: 2015-09-18

Converts the  $\langle\{token\ list\}\rangle$  into a  $\langle\{string\}\rangle$ . The first character in the  $\langle\{string\}\rangle$  is then left in the input stream, with category code “other”. The functions differ if the first character is a space: `\str_head:N` and `\str_head:n` return a space token with category code 10 (blank space), while the `\str_head_ignore_spaces:n` function ignores this space character and leaves the first non-space character in the input stream. If the  $\langle\{string\}\rangle$  is empty (or only contains spaces in the case of the `_ignore_spaces` function), then nothing is left on the input stream.

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<code>\str_tail:N</code>	★	<code>\str_tail:n</code> $\langle\{token\ list\}\rangle$
<code>\str_tail:c</code>	★	
<code>\str_tail:n</code>	★	
<code>\str_tail_ignore_spaces:n</code>	★	

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New: 2015-09-18

Converts the  $\langle\{token\ list\}\rangle$  to a  $\langle\{string\}\rangle$ , removes the first character, and leaves the remaining characters (if any) in the input stream, with category codes 12 and 10 (for spaces). The functions differ in the case where the first character is a space: `\str_tail:N` and `\str_tail:n` only trim that space, while `\str_tail_ignore_spaces:n` removes the first non-space character and any space before it. If the  $\langle\{token\ list\}\rangle$  is empty (or blank in the case of the `_ignore_spaces` variant), then nothing is left on the input stream.

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<code>\str_item:Nn</code>	★	<code>\str_item:nn</code> $\langle\{token\ list\}\rangle$ $\langle\{integer\ expression\}\rangle$
<code>\str_item:nn</code>	★	
<code>\str_item_ignore_spaces:nn</code>	★	

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New: 2015-09-18

Converts the  $\langle\{token\ list\}\rangle$  to a  $\langle\{string\}\rangle$ , and leaves in the input stream the character in position  $\langle\{integer\ expression\}\rangle$  of the  $\langle\{string\}\rangle$ , starting at 1 for the first (left-most) character. In the case of `\str_item:Nn` and `\str_item:nn`, all characters including spaces are taken into account. The `\str_item_ignore_spaces:nn` function skips spaces when counting characters. If the  $\langle\{integer\ expression\}\rangle$  is negative, characters are counted from the end of the  $\langle\{string\}\rangle$ . Hence,  $-1$  is the right-most character, *etc.*

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```

\str_range:Nnn      * \str_range:nnn {⟨token list⟩} {⟨start index⟩} {⟨end index⟩}
\str_range:cnn      *
\str_range:nnn      *
\str_range_ignore_spaces:nnn *

```

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New: 2015-09-18

Converts the *⟨token list⟩* to a *⟨string⟩*, and leaves in the input stream the characters from the *⟨start index⟩* to the *⟨end index⟩* inclusive. Positive *⟨indices⟩* are counted from the start of the string, 1 being the first character, and negative *⟨indices⟩* are counted from the end of the string, -1 being the last character. If either of *⟨start index⟩* or *⟨end index⟩* is 0, the result is empty. For instance,

```

\iow_term:x { \str_range:nnn { abcdef } { 2 } { 5 } }
\iow_term:x { \str_range:nnn { abcdef } { -4 } { -1 } }
\iow_term:x { \str_range:nnn { abcdef } { -2 } { -1 } }
\iow_term:x { \str_range:nnn { abcdef } { 0 } { -1 } }

```

prints bcde, cdef, ef, and an empty line to the terminal. The *⟨start index⟩* must always be smaller than or equal to the *⟨end index⟩*: if this is not the case then no output is generated. Thus

```

\iow_term:x { \str_range:nnn { abcdef } { 5 } { 2 } }
\iow_term:x { \str_range:nnn { abcdef } { -1 } { -4 } }

```

both yield empty strings.

## 5 String manipulation

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```
\str_lower_case:n * \str_lower_case:n {<tokens>}
\str_lower_case:f * \str_upper_case:n {<tokens>}
\str_upper_case:n *
\str_upper_case:f *
```

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New: 2015-03-01

Converts the input  $\langle tokens \rangle$  to their string representation, as described for `\tl_to_str:n`, and then to the lower or upper case representation using a one-to-one mapping as described by the Unicode Consortium file `UnicodeData.txt`.

These functions are intended for case changing programmatic data in places where upper/lower case distinctions are meaningful. One example would be automatically generating a function name from user input where some case changing is needed. In this situation the input is programmatic, not textual, case does have meaning and a language-independent one-to-one mapping is appropriate. For example

```
\cs_new_protected:Npn \myfunc:nn #1#2
{
  \cs_set_protected:cpn
  {
    user
    \str_upper_case:f { \tl_head:n {#1} }
    \str_lower_case:f { \tl_tail:n {#1} }
  }
  { #2 }
}
```

would be used to generate a function with an auto-generated name consisting of the upper case equivalent of the supplied name followed by the lower case equivalent of the rest of the input.

These functions should *not* be used for

- Caseless comparisons: use `\str_fold_case:n` for this situation (case folding is distinct from lower casing).
- Case changing text for typesetting: see the `\tl_lower_case:n(n)`, `\tl_upper_case:n(n)` and `\tl_mixed_case:n(n)` functions which correctly deal with context-dependence and other factors appropriate to text case changing.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** As with all `expl3` functions, the input supported by `\str_fold_case:n` is *engine-native* characters which are or interoperate with UTF-8. As such, when used with pdfT<sub>E</sub>X *only* the Latin alphabet characters A–Z are case-folded (*i.e.* the ASCII range which coincides with UTF-8). Full UTF-8 support is available with both X<sub>Y</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X and LuaT<sub>E</sub>X, subject only to the fact that X<sub>Y</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X in particular has issues with characters of code above hexadecimal 0xFFFF when interacting with `\tl_to_str:n`.

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`\str_fold_case:n` ★

`\str_fold_case:V` ★

New: 2014-06-19

Updated: 2016-03-07

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`\str_fold_case:n`  $\{(tokens)\}$

Converts the input  $\langle tokens \rangle$  to their string representation, as described for `\tl_to_str:n`, and then folds the case of the resulting  $\langle string \rangle$  to remove case information. The result of this process is left in the input stream.

String folding is a process used for material such as identifiers rather than for “text”. The folding provided by `\str_fold_case:n` follows the mappings provided by the [Unicode Consortium](#), who [state](#):

Case folding is primarily used for caseless comparison of text, such as identifiers in a computer program, rather than actual text transformation. Case folding in Unicode is based on the lowercase mapping, but includes additional changes to the source text to help make it language-insensitive and consistent. As a result, case-folded text should be used solely for internal processing and generally should not be stored or displayed to the end user.

The folding approach implemented by `\str_fold_case:n` follows the “full” scheme defined by the Unicode Consortium (*e.g.* SSfolds to **SS**). As case-folding is a language-insensitive process, there is no special treatment of Turkic input (*i.e.* I always folds to **i** and not to **ı**).

**TeXhackers note:** As with all `expl3` functions, the input supported by `\str_fold_case:n` is *engine-native* characters which are or interoperate with UTF-8. As such, when used with pdfTeX *only* the Latin alphabet characters A–Z are case-folded (*i.e.* the ASCII range which coincides with UTF-8). Full UTF-8 support is available with both XeTeX and LuaTeX, subject only to the fact that XeTeX in particular has issues with characters of code above hexadecimal 0xFFFF when interacting with `\tl_to_str:n`.

## 6 Viewing strings

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`\str_show:N`

`\str_show:c`

`\str_show:n`

New: 2015-09-18

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`\str_show:N`  $\langle str var \rangle$

Displays the content of the  $\langle str var \rangle$  on the terminal.

## 7 Constant token lists

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`\c_ampersand_str`  
`\c_atsign_str`  
`\c_backslash_str`  
`\c_left_brace_str`  
`\c_right_brace_str`  
`\c_circumflex_str`  
`\c_colon_str`  
`\c_dollar_str`  
`\c_hash_str`  
`\c_percent_str`  
`\c_tilde_str`  
`\c_underscore_str`

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Constant strings, containing a single character token, with category code 12.

New: 2015-09-19

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## 8 Scratch strings

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`\l_tmpa_str`  
`\l_tmpb_str`

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

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`\g_tmpa_str`  
`\g_tmpb_str`

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

### 8.1 Internal string functions

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`\_str_if_eq_x:nn` ★ `\_str_if_eq_x:nn`  $\{\langle t_1 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle t_2 \rangle\}$

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Compares the full expansion of two  $\langle token\ lists \rangle$  on a character by character basis, and is `true` if the two lists contain the same characters in the same order. Leaves 0 in the input stream if the condition is true, and +1 or -1 otherwise.

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`\_str_if_eq_x_return:nn` `\_str_if_eq_x_return:nn`  $\{\langle t_1 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle t_2 \rangle\}$

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Compares the full expansion of two  $\langle token\ lists \rangle$  on a character by character basis, and is `true` if the two lists contain the same characters in the same order. Either `\prg_return_true:` or `\prg_return_false:` is then left in the input stream. This is a version of `\str_if_eq_x:nnTF` coded for speed.

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`\_str_to_other:n` ★ `\_str_to_other:n`  $\{\langle token\ list \rangle\}$

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Converts the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$  to a  $\langle other\ string \rangle$ , where spaces have category code “other”. This function can be f-expanded without fear of losing a leading space, since spaces do not have category code 10 in its result. It takes a time quadratic in the character count of the string.

<code>\_str\_to\_other\_fast:n</code> ☆	<code>\_str\_to\_other\_fast:n</code> { <i>token list</i> }	Same behaviour <code>\_str\_to\_other:n</code> but only restricted-expandable. It takes a time linear in the character count of the string. It is used for <code>\iow\_wrap:nnnN</code> .
<code>\_str\_count:n</code> ★	<code>\_str\_count:n</code> { <i>other string</i> }	This function expects an argument that is entirely made of characters with category “other”, as produced by <code>\_str\_to\_other:n</code> . It leaves in the input stream the number of character tokens in the <i>other string</i> , faster than the analogous <code>\str\_count:n</code> function.
<code>\_str\_range:nnn</code> ★	<code>\_str\_range:nnn</code> { <i>other string</i> } { <i>start index</i> } { <i>end index</i> }	Identical to <code>\str\_range:nnn</code> except that the first argument is expected to be entirely made of characters with category “other”, as produced by <code>\_str\_to\_other:n</code> , and the result is also an <i>other string</i> .

## Part VIII

# The l3seq package

## Sequences and stacks

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 implements a “sequence” data type, which contain an ordered list of entries which may contain any *balanced text*. It is possible to map functions to sequences such that the function is applied to every item in the sequence.

Sequences are also used to implement stack functions in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3. This is achieved using a number of dedicated stack functions.

### 1 Creating and initialising sequences

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<code>\seq_new:N</code>	<code>\seq_new:N &lt;sequence&gt;</code>
<code>\seq_new:c</code>	

Creates a new *<sequence>* or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The *<sequence>* initially contains no items.

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<code>\seq_clear:N</code>	<code>\seq_clear:N &lt;sequence&gt;</code>
<code>\seq_clear:c</code>	
<code>\seq_gclear:N</code>	Clears all items from the <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> .
<code>\seq_gclear:c</code>	

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<code>\seq_clear_new:N</code>	<code>\seq_clear_new:N &lt;sequence&gt;</code>
<code>\seq_clear_new:c</code>	
<code>\seq_gclear_new:N</code>	Ensures that the <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> exists globally by applying <code>\seq_new:N</code> if necessary, then applies <code>\seq_(g)clear:N</code> to leave the <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> empty.
<code>\seq_gclear_new:c</code>	

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<code>\seq_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\seq_set_eq:NN &lt;sequence<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;sequence<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code>
<code>\seq_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	Sets the content of <i>&lt;sequence<sub>1</sub>&gt;</i> equal to that of <i>&lt;sequence<sub>2</sub>&gt;</i> .
<code>\seq_gset_eq:NN</code>	
<code>\seq_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

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<code>\seq_set_from_clist:NN</code>	<code>\seq_set_from_clist:NN &lt;sequence&gt; &lt;comma-list&gt;</code>
<code>\seq_set_from_clist:(cN Nc cc)</code>	
<code>\seq_set_from_clist:Nn</code>	
<code>\seq_set_from_clist:cn</code>	
<code>\seq_gset_from_clist:NN</code>	
<code>\seq_gset_from_clist:(cN Nc cc)</code>	
<code>\seq_gset_from_clist:Nn</code>	
<code>\seq_gset_from_clist:cn</code>	

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New: 2014-07-17

Converts the data in the *<comma list>* into a *<sequence>*: the original *<comma list>* is unchanged.

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<code>\seq_set_split:Nnn</code> <code>\seq_set_split:NnV</code> <code>\seq_gset_split:Nnn</code> <code>\seq_gset_split:NnV</code>	<code>\seq_set_split:Nnn</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\{\langle delimiter \rangle\}$ $\{\langle token list \rangle\}$ Splits the $\langle token list \rangle$ into $\langle items \rangle$ separated by $\langle delimiter \rangle$ , and assigns the result to the $\langle sequence \rangle$ . Spaces on both sides of each $\langle item \rangle$ 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 $\langle items \rangle$ are preserved by <code>\seq_set_split:Nnn</code> , and can be removed afterwards using <code>\seq_remove_all:Nn</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\{\langle \rangle\}$ . The $\langle delimiter \rangle$ may not contain <code>{</code> , <code>}</code> or <code>#</code> (assuming $\TeX$ 's normal category code régime). If the $\langle delimiter \rangle$ is empty, the $\langle token list \rangle$ is split into $\langle items \rangle$ as a $\langle token list \rangle$ .
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New: 2011-08-15  
Updated: 2012-07-02

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<code>\seq_concat:NNN</code> <code>\seq_concat:ccc</code> <code>\seq_gconcat:NNN</code> <code>\seq_gconcat:ccc</code>	<code>\seq_concat:NNN</code> $\langle sequence_1 \rangle$ $\langle sequence_2 \rangle$ $\langle sequence_3 \rangle$ Concatenates the content of $\langle sequence_2 \rangle$ and $\langle sequence_3 \rangle$ together and saves the result in $\langle sequence_1 \rangle$ . The items in $\langle sequence_2 \rangle$ are placed at the left side of the new sequence.
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<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> *	<code>\seq_if_exist_p:N</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ <code>\seq_if_exist:NTF</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$ Tests whether the $\langle sequence \rangle$ is currently defined. This does not check that the $\langle sequence \rangle$ really is a sequence variable.
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New: 2012-03-03

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## 2 Appending data to sequences

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<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>	<code>\seq_put_left:Nn</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\{\langle item \rangle\}$
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Appends the  $\langle item \rangle$  to the left of the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ .

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<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>	<code>\seq_put_right:Nn</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\{\langle item \rangle\}$
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Appends the  $\langle item \rangle$  to the right of the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ .

## 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  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  used with `\tl_set:Nn` and *never* `\tl_gset:Nn`.

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<code>\seq_get_left:NN</code> <code>\seq_get_left:cN</code>	<code>\seq_get_left:NN</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle token list variable \rangle$ Stores the left-most item from a $\langle sequence \rangle$ in the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ without removing it from the $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The $\langle token list variable \rangle$ is assigned locally. If $\langle sequence \rangle$ is empty the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ is set to the special marker <code>\q_no_value</code> .
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Updated: 2012-05-14

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`\seq_get_right:NN` `\seq_get_right:NN`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   $\langle token list variable \rangle$   
`\seq_get_right:cN`  
Updated: 2012-05-19

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Stores the right-most item from a  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  without removing it from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is assigned locally. If  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is set to the special marker `\q_no_value`.

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`\seq_pop_left:NN` `\seq_pop_left:NN`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   $\langle token list variable \rangle$   
`\seq_pop_left:cN`  
Updated: 2012-05-14

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

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`\seq_gpop_left:NN` `\seq_gpop_left:NN`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   $\langle token list variable \rangle$   
`\seq_gpop_left:cN`  
Updated: 2012-05-14

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

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`\seq_pop_right:NN` `\seq_pop_right:NN`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   $\langle token list variable \rangle$   
`\seq_pop_right:cN`  
Updated: 2012-05-19

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

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`\seq_gpop_right:NN` `\seq_gpop_right:NN`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   $\langle token list variable \rangle$   
`\seq_gpop_right:cN`  
Updated: 2012-05-19

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

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`\seq_item:Nn`  $\star$  `\seq_item:Nn`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   $\{ \langle integer expression \rangle \}$   
`\seq_item:cn`  $\star$   
New: 2014-07-17

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Indexing items in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  from 1 at the top (left), this function evaluates the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  and leaves 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. If the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  is larger than the number of items in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  (as calculated by `\seq_count:N`) then the function expands to nothing.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the  $\langle item \rangle$  does not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

## 4 Recovering values from sequences with branching

The functions in this section combine tests for non-empty sequences with recovery of an item from the sequence. They offer increased readability and performance over separate testing and recovery phases.

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`\seq_get_left:NNTF`

`\seq_get_left:cNTF`

New: 2012-05-14

Updated: 2012-05-19

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`\seq_get_left:NNTF`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   $\langle token list variable \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false code \rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is non-empty, stores the left-most item from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  without removing it from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ , then leaves the  $\langle true code \rangle$  in the input stream. The  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is assigned locally.

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`\seq_get_right:NNTF`

`\seq_get_right:cNTF`

New: 2012-05-19

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`\seq_get_right:NNTF`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   $\langle token list variable \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false code \rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is non-empty, stores the right-most item from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  without removing it from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ , then leaves the  $\langle true code \rangle$  in the input stream. The  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is assigned locally.

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`\seq_pop_left:NNTF`

`\seq_pop_left:cNTF`

New: 2012-05-14

Updated: 2012-05-19

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`\seq_pop_left:NNTF`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   $\langle token list variable \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false code \rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is non-empty, pops the left-most item from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$ , *i.e.* removes the item from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ , then leaves the  $\langle true code \rangle$  in the input stream. Both the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  and the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  are assigned locally.

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`\seq_gpop_left:NNTF`

`\seq_gpop_left:cNTF`

New: 2012-05-14

Updated: 2012-05-19

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`\seq_gpop_left:NNTF`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   $\langle token list variable \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false code \rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is non-empty, pops the left-most item from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$ , *i.e.* removes the item from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ , then leaves the  $\langle true code \rangle$  in the input stream. The  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is modified globally, while the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is assigned locally.

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`\seq_pop_right:NNTF`

`\seq_pop_right:cNTF`

New: 2012-05-19

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`\seq_pop_right:NNTF`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   $\langle token list variable \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false code \rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is non-empty, pops the right-most item from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$ , *i.e.* removes the item from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ , then leaves the  $\langle true code \rangle$  in the input stream. 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`

New: 2012-05-19

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`\seq_gpop_right:NNTF`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   $\langle token list variable \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false code \rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is non-empty, pops the right-most item from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$ , *i.e.* removes the item from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ , then leaves the  $\langle true code \rangle$  in the input stream. The  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is modified globally, while the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is assigned locally.

## 5 Modifying sequences

While sequences are normally used as ordered lists, it may be necessary to modify the content. The functions here may be used to update sequences, while retaining the order of the unaffected entries.

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```
\seq_remove_duplicates:N
\seq_remove_duplicates:c
\seq_gremove_duplicates:N
\seq_gremove_duplicates:c
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```
\seq_remove_duplicates:N <sequence>
```

Removes duplicate items from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ , leaving the left most copy of each item in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The  $\langle item \rangle$  comparison takes place on a token basis, as for `\tl_if_eq:nnTF`.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This function iterates through every item in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  and does a comparison with the  $\langle items \rangle$  already checked. It is therefore relatively slow with large sequences.

---

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

---

```
\seq_remove_all:Nn <sequence> {<item>}
```

Removes every occurrence of  $\langle item \rangle$  from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The  $\langle item \rangle$  comparison takes place on a token basis, as for `\tl_if_eq:nnTF`.

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```
\seq_reverse:N
\seq_reverse:c
\seq_greverse:N
\seq_greverse:c
```

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```
\seq_reverse:N <sequence>
```

Reverses the order of the items stored in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ .

New: 2014-07-18

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```
\seq_sort:Nn
\seq_sort:cn
\seq_gsort:Nn
\seq_gsort:cn
```

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```
\seq_sort:Nn <sequence> {<comparison code>}
```

Sorts the items in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  according to the  $\langle comparison code \rangle$ , and assigns the result to  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The details of sorting comparison are described in Section 1.

New: 2017-02-06

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## 6 Sequence conditionals

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```
\seq_if_empty_p:N *
\seq_if_empty_p:c *
\seq_if_empty:N $\underline{TF}$  *
\seq_if_empty:c $\underline{TF}$  *
```

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```
\seq_if_empty_p:N <sequence>
```

```
\seq_if_empty:N $\underline{TF}$  <sequence> {<true code>} {<false code>}
```

Tests if the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty (containing no items).

---

```
\seq_if_in:Nn $\underline{TF}$ 
\seq_if_in:(N $\underline{V}$ |N $\underline{v}$ |N $\underline{o}$ |N $\underline{x}$ |c $\underline{n}$ |c $\underline{V}$ |c $\underline{v}$ |c $\underline{o}$ |c $\underline{x}$ ) $\underline{TF}$ 
```

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```
\seq_if_in:Nn $\underline{TF}$  <sequence> {<item>} {<true code>} {<false code>}
```

Tests if the  $\langle item \rangle$  is present in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ .

## 7 Mapping to sequences

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`\seq_map_function:NN` ☆

`\seq_map_function:cN` ☆

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Updated: 2012-06-29

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

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 `\seq_map_inline:Nn` is faster than `\seq_map_function:NN` for sequences with more than about 10 items.

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`\seq_map_inline:Nn`

`\seq_map_inline:cN`

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Updated: 2012-06-29

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`\seq_map_inline:Nn`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   $\{\langle inline function \rangle\}$

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. The  $\langle items \rangle$  are returned from left to right.

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`\seq_map_variable:NNn`

`\seq_map_variable:(Ncn|cNn|ccn)`

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Updated: 2012-06-29

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`\seq_map_variable:NNn`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   $\langle variable \rangle$   $\{\langle code \rangle\}$

Stores each  $\langle item \rangle$  of the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in turn in the (token list)  $\langle variable \rangle$  and applies the  $\langle code \rangle$ . The  $\langle code \rangle$  will usually make use of the  $\langle variable \rangle$ , but this is not enforced. The assignments to the  $\langle variable \rangle$  are local. The  $\langle items \rangle$  are returned from left to right.

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`\seq_map_break:` ☆

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Updated: 2012-06-29

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`\seq_map_break:`

Used to terminate a `\seq_map_...` function before all entries in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  have been processed. This normally takes 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 leads to low level TeX errors.

**TeXhackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted before further items are taken from the input stream. This depends on the design of the mapping function.

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`\seq_map_break:n` ☆

Updated: 2012-06-29

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`\seq_map_break:n` {*code*}

Used to terminate a `\seq_map...` function before all entries in the *sequence* have been processed, inserting the *code* after the mapping has ended. This normally takes place within a conditional statement, for example

```
\seq_map_inline:Nn \l_my_seq
{
  \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { bingo }
  { \seq_map_break:n { <code> } }
  {
    % Do something useful
  }
}
```

Use outside of a `\seq_map...` scenario leads to low level TeX errors.

**TeXhackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted before the *code* is inserted into the input stream. This depends on the design of the mapping function.

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`\seq_count:N` ☆

`\seq_count:c` ☆

New: 2012-07-13

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`\seq_count:N` *sequence*

Leaves the number of items in the *sequence* in the input stream as an *integer denotation*. The total number of items in a *sequence* includes those which are empty and duplicates, *i.e.* every item in a *sequence* is unique.

## 8 Using the content of sequences directly

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`\seq_use:Nnnn` ☆

`\seq_use:cnnn` ☆

New: 2013-05-26

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`\seq_use:Nnnn` *seq var* {*separator between two*}

{*separator between more than two*} {*separator between final two*}

Places the contents of the *seq var* in the input stream, with the appropriate *separator* between the items. Namely, if the sequence has more than two items, the *separator between more than two* is placed between each pair of items except the last, for which the *separator between final two* is used. If the sequence has exactly two items, then they are placed in the input stream separated by the *separator between two*. If the sequence has a single item, it is placed in the input stream, and an empty sequence produces no output. An error is 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~ }
```

inserts “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.

**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the *items* do not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

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`\seq_use:Nn` ★  
`\seq_use:cn` ★  
New: 2013-05-26

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`\seq_use:Nn`  $\langle seq\ var\rangle$   $\{\langle separator\rangle\}$

Places the contents of the  $\langle seq\ var\rangle$  in the input stream, with the  $\langle separator\rangle$  between the items. If the sequence has a single item, it is placed in the input stream with no  $\langle separator\rangle$ , and an empty sequence produces no output. An error is raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid.

For example,

```
\seq_set_split:Nnn \l_tmpa_seq { | } { a | b | c | {de} | f }  
\seq_use:Nn \l_tmpa_seq { ~and~ }
```

inserts “a and b and c and de and f” in the input stream.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the  $\langle items\rangle$  do not expand further when appearing in an `x`-type argument expansion.

## 9 Sequences as stacks

Sequences can be used as stacks, where data is pushed to and popped from the top of the sequence. (The left of a sequence is the top, for performance reasons.) The stack functions for sequences are not intended to be mixed with the general ordered data functions detailed in the previous section: a sequence should either be used as an ordered data type or as a stack, but not in both ways.

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`\seq_get:NN`  
`\seq_get:cN`  
Updated: 2012-05-14

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`\seq_get:NN`  $\langle sequence\rangle$   $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$

Reads the top item from a  $\langle sequence\rangle$  into the  $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$  without removing it from the  $\langle sequence\rangle$ . The  $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$  is assigned locally. If  $\langle sequence\rangle$  is empty the  $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$  is set to the special marker `\q_no_value`.

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`\seq_pop:NN`  
`\seq_pop:cN`  
Updated: 2012-05-14

---

`\seq_pop:NN`  $\langle sequence\rangle$   $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$

Pops the top item from a  $\langle sequence\rangle$  into the  $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$ . Both of the variables are assigned locally. If  $\langle sequence\rangle$  is empty the  $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$  is set to the special marker `\q_no_value`.

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`\seq_gpop:NN`  
`\seq_gpop:cN`  
Updated: 2012-05-14

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`\seq_gpop:NN`  $\langle sequence\rangle$   $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$

Pops the top item from a  $\langle sequence\rangle$  into the  $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$ . The  $\langle sequence\rangle$  is modified globally, while the  $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$  is assigned locally. If  $\langle sequence\rangle$  is empty the  $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$  is set to the special marker `\q_no_value`.

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`\seq_get:NNTF`  
`\seq_get:cNTF`  
New: 2012-05-14  
Updated: 2012-05-19

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`\seq_get:NNTF`  $\langle sequence\rangle$   $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$   $\{\langle true\ code\rangle\}$   $\{\langle false\ code\rangle\}$

If the  $\langle sequence\rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false\ code\rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence\rangle$  is non-empty, stores the top item from a  $\langle sequence\rangle$  in the  $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$  without removing it from the  $\langle sequence\rangle$ . The  $\langle token\ list\ variable\rangle$  is assigned locally.

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```
\seq_pop:NNTF <sequence> <token list variable> {(true code)} {(false code)}
\seq_pop:cNTF
```

New: 2012-05-14  
Updated: 2012-05-19

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If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false code \rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is non-empty, pops the top item from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$ , *i.e.* removes the item from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . Both the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  and the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  are assigned locally.

---

```
\seq_gpop:NNTF <sequence> <token list variable> {(true code)} {(false code)}
\seq_gpop:cNTF
```

New: 2012-05-14  
Updated: 2012-05-19

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If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false code \rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is non-empty, pops the top item from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$ , *i.e.* removes the item from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is modified globally, while the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is assigned locally.

---

```
\seq_push:Nn <sequence> {(item)}
\seq_push:(NV|Nv|No|Nx|cn|cV|cv|co|cx)
\seq_gpush:Nn <sequence> {(item)}
\seq_gpush:(NV|Nv|No|Nx|cn|cV|cv|co|cx)
```

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

## 10 Sequences as sets

Sequences can also be used as sets, such that all of their items are distinct. Usage of sequences as sets is not currently widespread, hence no specific set function is provided. Instead, it is explained here how common set operations can be performed by combining several functions described in earlier sections. When using sequences to implement sets, one should be careful not to rely on the order of items in the sequence representing the set.

Sets should not contain several occurrences of a given item. To make sure that a  $\langle sequence variable \rangle$  only has distinct items, use `\seq_remove_duplicates:N <sequence variable>`. This function is relatively slow, and to avoid performance issues one should only use it when necessary.

Some operations on a set  $\langle seq var \rangle$  are straightforward. For instance, `\seq_count:N <seq var>` expands to the number of items, while `\seq_if_in:NnTF <seq var> {(item)}` tests if the  $\langle item \rangle$  is in the set.

Adding an  $\langle item \rangle$  to a set  $\langle seq var \rangle$  can be done by appending it to the  $\langle seq var \rangle$  if it is not already in the  $\langle seq var \rangle$ :

```
\seq_if_in:NnF <seq var> {(item)}
{ \seq_put_right:Nn <seq var> {(item)} }
```

Removing an  $\langle item \rangle$  from a set  $\langle seq var \rangle$  can be done using `\seq_remove_all:Nn,`

```
\seq_remove_all:Nn <seq var> {(item)}
```

The intersection of two sets  $\langle seq var_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle seq var_2 \rangle$  can be stored into  $\langle seq var_3 \rangle$  by collecting items of  $\langle seq var_1 \rangle$  which are in  $\langle seq var_2 \rangle$ .

```

\seq_clear:N <seq var3>
\seq_map_inline:Nn <seq var1>
{
\seq_if_in:NnT <seq var2> {#1}
{ \seq_put_right:Nn <seq var3> {#1} }
}

```

The code as written here only works if  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$  is different from the other two sequence variables. To cover all cases, items should first be collected in a sequence  $\backslash l\_ \langle pkg \rangle\_ internal\_ seq$ , then  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$  should be set equal to this internal sequence. The same remark applies to other set functions.

The union of two sets  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  can be stored into  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$  through

```

\seq_concat:NNN <seq var3> <seq var1> <seq var2>
\seq_remove_duplicates:N <seq var3>

```

or by adding items to (a copy of)  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$  one by one

```

\seq_set_eq:NN <seq var3> <seq var1>
\seq_map_inline:Nn <seq var2>
{
\seq_if_in:NnF <seq var3> {#1}
{ \seq_put_right:Nn <seq var3> {#1} }
}

```

The second approach is faster than the first when the  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  is short compared to  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$ .

The difference of two sets  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  can be stored into  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$  by removing items of the  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  from (a copy of) the  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$  one by one.

```

\seq_set_eq:NN <seq var3> <seq var1>
\seq_map_inline:Nn <seq var2>
{ \seq_remove_all:Nn <seq var3> {#1} }

```

The symmetric difference of two sets  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  can be stored into  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$  by computing the difference between  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  and storing the result as  $\backslash l\_ \langle pkg \rangle\_ internal\_ seq$ , then the difference between  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  and  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$ , and finally concatenating the two differences to get the symmetric differences.

```

\seq_set_eq:NN \l\_ \langle pkg \rangle\_ internal\_ seq <seq var1>
\seq_map_inline:Nn <seq var2>
{ \seq_remove_all:Nn \l\_ \langle pkg \rangle\_ internal\_ seq {#1} }
\seq_set_eq:NN <seq var3> <seq var2>
\seq_map_inline:Nn <seq var1>
{ \seq_remove_all:Nn <seq var3> {#1} }
\seq_concat:NNN <seq var3> <seq var3> \l\_ \langle pkg \rangle\_ internal\_ seq

```

## 11 Constant and scratch sequences

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$\backslash c\_ empty\_ seq$  Constant that is always empty.

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New: 2012-07-02

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`\l_tmpa_seq`  
`\l_tmpb_seq`  
New: 2012-04-26

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

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`\g_tmpa_seq`  
`\g_tmpb_seq`  
New: 2012-04-26

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.

## 12 Viewing sequences

---

`\seq_show:N`  
`\seq_show:c`  
Updated: 2015-08-01

`\seq_show:N`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   
Displays the entries in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the terminal.

---

`\seq_log:N`  
`\seq_log:c`  
New: 2014-08-12  
Updated: 2015-08-01

`\seq_log:N`  $\langle sequence \rangle$   
Writes the entries in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the log file.

## 13 Internal sequence functions

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`\s__seq`  
This scan mark (equal to `\scan_stop:`) marks the beginning of a sequence variable.

---

`\__seq_item:n` \* `\__seq_item:n`  $\{\langle item \rangle\}$   
The internal token used to begin each sequence entry. If expanded outside of a mapping or manipulation function, an error is raised. The definition should always be set globally.

---

`\__seq_push_item_def:n`  
`\__seq_push_item_def:x`

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

---

`\__seq_pop_item_def:`  
`\__seq_pop_item_def:`  
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`.

## 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`  $\langle\{integer\ expression}\rangle$

Evaluates the  $\langle\{integer\ expression}\rangle$ , expanding any integer and token list variables within the  $\langle\{expression}\rangle$  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  $\langle\{integer\ expression}\rangle$  may contain the operators `+`, `-`, `*` and `/`, along with parenthesis `(` and `)`. Any functions within the expressions should expand to an *integer denotation*: a sequence of a sign and digits matching the regex `\-?[0-9]+`. After expansion `\int_eval:n` yields an *integer denotation* which is left in the input stream.

**TeXhackers note:** Exactly two expansions are needed to evaluate `\int_eval:n`. The result is *not* an *internal integer*, and therefore requires suitable termination if used in a TeX-style integer assignment.

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`\int_abs:n` ★ `\int_abs:n`  $\langle\{integer\ expression}\rangle$

Updated: 2012-09-26

Evaluates the  $\langle\{integer\ expression}\rangle$  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.

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`\int_div_round:nn` ★ `\int_div_round:nn`  $\langle\{intexpr_1}\rangle$   $\langle\{intexpr_2}\rangle$

Updated: 2012-09-26

Evaluates the two *integer expressions* as described earlier, then divides the first value by the second, and rounds the result to the closest integer. Ties are rounded away from zero. Note that this is identical to using `/` directly in an *integer expression*. The result is left in the input stream as an *integer denotation* after two expansions.

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<code>\int_div_truncate:nn</code> *	<code>\int_div_truncate:nn</code> $\{\langle integer_1 \rangle\}$ $\{\langle integer_2 \rangle\}$
Updated: 2012-02-09	Evaluates the two $\langle integer expressions \rangle$ as described earlier, then divides the first value by the second, and rounds the result towards zero. Note that division using <code>/</code> rounds to the closest integer instead. The result is left in the input stream as an $\langle integer denotation \rangle$ after two expansions.

---

<code>\int_max:nn</code> *	<code>\int_max:nn</code> $\{\langle integer_1 \rangle\}$ $\{\langle integer_2 \rangle\}$
<code>\int_min:nn</code> *	<code>\int_min:nn</code> $\{\langle integer_1 \rangle\}$ $\{\langle integer_2 \rangle\}$
Updated: 2012-09-26	Evaluates the $\langle integer expressions \rangle$ as described for <code>\int_eval:n</code> and leaves either the larger or smaller value in the input stream as an $\langle integer denotation \rangle$ after two expansions.

---

<code>\int_mod:nn</code> *	<code>\int_mod:nn</code> $\{\langle integer_1 \rangle\}$ $\{\langle integer_2 \rangle\}$
Updated: 2012-09-26	Evaluates the two $\langle integer expressions \rangle$ as described earlier, then calculates the integer remainder of dividing the first expression by the second. This is obtained by subtracting <code>\int_div_truncate:nn</code> $\{\langle integer_1 \rangle\}$ $\{\langle integer_2 \rangle\}$ times $\langle integer_2 \rangle$ from $\langle integer_1 \rangle$ . Thus, the result has the same sign as $\langle integer_1 \rangle$ and its absolute value is strictly less than that of $\langle integer_2 \rangle$ . The result is left in the input stream as an $\langle integer denotation \rangle$ after two expansions.

## 2 Creating and initialising integers

<code>\int_new:N</code>	<code>\int_new:N</code> $\langle integer \rangle$
<code>\int_new:c</code>	
	Creates a new $\langle integer \rangle$ or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The $\langle integer \rangle$ is initially equal to 0.

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<code>\int_const:Nn</code>	<code>\int_const:Nn</code> $\langle integer \rangle$ $\{\langle integer expression \rangle\}$
<code>\int_const:cn</code>	
Updated: 2011-10-22	Creates a new constant $\langle integer \rangle$ or raises an error if the name is already taken. The value of the $\langle integer \rangle$ is set globally to the $\langle integer expression \rangle$ .

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<code>\int_zero:N</code>	<code>\int_zero:N</code> $\langle integer \rangle$
<code>\int_zero:c</code>	
<code>\int_gzero:N</code>	Sets $\langle integer \rangle$ to 0.
<code>\int_gzero:c</code>	

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<code>\int_zero_new:N</code>	<code>\int_zero_new:N</code> $\langle integer \rangle$
<code>\int_zero_new:c</code>	
<code>\int_gzero_new:N</code>	Ensures that the $\langle integer \rangle$ exists globally by applying <code>\int_new:N</code> if necessary, then applies <code>\int_(g)zero:N</code> to leave the $\langle integer \rangle$ set to zero.
<code>\int_gzero_new:c</code>	

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New: 2011-12-13

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<code>\int_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\int_set_eq:NN</code> $\langle integer_1 \rangle$ $\langle integer_2 \rangle$
<code>\int_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	
<code>\int_gset_eq:NN</code>	Sets the content of $\langle integer_1 \rangle$ equal to that of $\langle integer_2 \rangle$ .
<code>\int_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

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<code>\int_if_exist_p:N</code> *	<code>\int_if_exist_p:N</code> $\langle int \rangle$
<code>\int_if_exist_p:c</code> *	<code>\int_if_exist:NTF</code> $\langle int \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
<code>\int_if_exist:NTF</code> *	Tests whether the $\langle int \rangle$ is currently defined. This does not check that the $\langle int \rangle$ really is an integer variable.
<code>\int_if_exist:cTF</code> *	

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New: 2012-03-03

### 3 Setting and incrementing integers

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<code>\int_add:Nn</code>	<code>\int_add:Nn</code> $\langle integer \rangle$ $\{\langle integer\ expression \rangle\}$
<code>\int_add:cn</code>	Adds the result of the $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$ to the current content of the $\langle integer \rangle$ .
<code>\int_gadd:Nn</code>	
<code>\int_gadd:cn</code>	

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<code>\int_decr:N</code>	<code>\int_decr:N</code> $\langle integer \rangle$
<code>\int_decr:c</code>	Decreases the value stored in $\langle integer \rangle$ by 1.
<code>\int_gdecr:N</code>	
<code>\int_gdecr:c</code>	

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<code>\int_incr:N</code>	<code>\int_incr:N</code> $\langle integer \rangle$
<code>\int_incr:c</code>	Increases the value stored in $\langle integer \rangle$ by 1.
<code>\int_gincr:N</code>	
<code>\int_gincr:c</code>	

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<code>\int_set:Nn</code>	<code>\int_set:Nn</code> $\langle integer \rangle$ $\{\langle integer\ expression \rangle\}$
<code>\int_set:cn</code>	Sets $\langle integer \rangle$ to the value of $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$ , which must evaluate to an integer (as described for <code>\int_eval:n</code> ).
<code>\int_gset:Nn</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</code> $\langle integer \rangle$ $\{\langle integer\ expression \rangle\}$
<code>\int_sub:cn</code>	Subtracts the result of the $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$ from the current content of the $\langle integer \rangle$ .
<code>\int_gsub:Nn</code>	
<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</code> $\langle integer \rangle$
<code>\int_use:c</code> *	Recovers the content of an $\langle integer \rangle$ and places it directly in the input stream. An error is raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid. Can be omitted in places where an $\langle integer \rangle$ is required (such as in the first and third arguments of <code>\int_compare:nNnTF</code> ).

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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

## 5 Integer expression conditionals

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```

\int_compare_p:nNn * \int_compare_p:nNn {<intexpr1> <relation> {<intexpr2>}
\int_compare:nNnTF * \int_compare:nNnTF
  {<intexpr1> <relation> {<intexpr2>}
  {<true code>} {<false 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	<

---

```

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

```

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Updated: 2013-01-13

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

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

---

```

\int_case:nn  ☆ \int_case:nnTF {⟨test integer expression⟩}
\int_case:nnTF ☆ {
  {⟨intexpr case1⟩} {⟨code case1⟩}
  {⟨intexpr case2⟩} {⟨code case2⟩}
  ...
  {⟨intexpr casen⟩} {⟨code casen⟩}
}
{⟨true code⟩}
{⟨false code⟩}

```

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New: 2013-07-24

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 and other cases are discarded. If any of the cases are matched, the *⟨true code⟩* is also inserted into the input stream (after the code for the appropriate case), while if none match then the *⟨false code⟩* is inserted. The function `\int_case:nn`, which does nothing if there is no match, is also available. For example

```

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

```

leaves “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 ☆

```

---

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

## 6 Integer expression loops

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```

\int_do_until:nNnn ☆ \int_do_until:nNnn {⟨intexpr1⟩} ⟨relation⟩ {⟨intexpr2⟩} {⟨code⟩}

```

---

Places the *⟨code⟩* in the input stream for  $\text{\TeX}$  to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two *⟨integer expressions⟩* as described for `\int_compare:nNnTF`. If the test is **false** then the *⟨code⟩* is inserted into the input stream again and a loop occurs until the *⟨relation⟩* is **true**.

---

```

\int_do_while:nNnn ☆ \int_do_while:nNnn {⟨intexpr1⟩} ⟨relation⟩ {⟨intexpr2⟩} {⟨code⟩}

```

---

Places the *⟨code⟩* in the input stream for  $\text{\TeX}$  to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two *⟨integer expressions⟩* as described for `\int_compare:nNnTF`. If the test is **true** then the *⟨code⟩* is inserted into the input stream again and a loop occurs until the *⟨relation⟩* is **false**.

---

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

Evaluates the relationship between the two *<integer expressions>* as described for `\int_compare:nNnTF`, 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 is repeated, and a loop occurs until the test is **true**.

---

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

Evaluates the relationship between the two *<integer expressions>* as described for `\int_compare:nNnTF`, 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 is repeated, and a loop occurs until the test is **false**.

---

`\int_do_until:nn` ☆ `\int_do_until:nn {<integer relation>} {<code>}`

Updated: 2013-01-13

Places the *<code>* in the input stream for T<sub>E</sub>X to process, and then evaluates the *<integer relation>* as described for `\int_compare:nTF`. If the test is **false** then the *<code>* is inserted into the input stream again and a loop occurs until the *<relation>* is **true**.

---

`\int_do_while:nn` ☆ `\int_do_while:nn {<integer relation>} {<code>}`

Updated: 2013-01-13

Places the *<code>* in the input stream for T<sub>E</sub>X to process, and then evaluates the *<integer relation>* as described for `\int_compare:nTF`. If the test is **true** then the *<code>* is inserted into the input stream again and a loop occurs until the *<relation>* is **false**.

---

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

Updated: 2013-01-13

Evaluates the *<integer relation>* 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 is repeated, and a loop occurs until the test is **true**.

---

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

Updated: 2013-01-13

Evaluates the *<integer relation>* 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 is repeated, and a loop occurs until the test is **false**.

## 7 Integer step functions

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`\int_step_function:nnnN` ☆

New: 2012-06-04

Updated: 2014-05-30

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

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

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

would print

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

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`\int_step_inline:nnnn`

New: 2012-06-04

Updated: 2014-05-30

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

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

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`\int_step_variable:nnnNn`

New: 2012-06-04

Updated: 2014-05-30

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`\int_step_variable:nnnNn`

{*initial value*} {*step*} {*final value*} {*tl var*} {*code*}

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

## 8 Formatting integers

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

---

`\int_to_arabic:n` ☆

Updated: 2011-10-22

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

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

---

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

`\int_to_Alpha:n` ★

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Updated: 2011-09-17

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

```
\int_to_alpha:n { 1 }
```

places a in the input stream,

```
\int_to_alpha:n { 26 }
```

is represented as z and

```
\int_to_alpha:n { 27 }
```

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

---

`\int_to_symbols:nnn` ★

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Updated: 2011-09-17

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

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

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

---

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

---

New: 2014-02-11

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

---

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

`\int_to_Hex:n` ★

---

New: 2014-02-11

Calculates the value of the *⟨integer expression⟩* and places the hexadecimal (base 16) representation of the result in the input stream. Letters are used for digits beyond 9: lower case letters for `\int_to_hex:n` and upper case ones for `\int_to_Hex:n`. The resulting tokens are digits with category code 12 (other) and letters with category code 11 (letter).

---

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

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New: 2014-02-11

Calculates the value of the *⟨integer expression⟩* and places the octal (base 8) representation of the result in the input stream. The resulting tokens are digits with category code 12 (other) and letters with category code 11 (letter).

---

`\int_to_base:nn` ★ `\int_to_base:nn {⟨integer expression⟩} {⟨base⟩}`

`\int_to_Base:nn` ★

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Updated: 2014-02-11

Calculates the value of the *⟨integer expression⟩* and converts it into the appropriate representation in the *⟨base⟩*; the later may be given as an integer expression. For bases greater than 10 the higher “digits” are represented by letters from the English alphabet: lower case letters for `\int_to_base:n` and upper case ones for `\int_to_Base:n`. The maximum *⟨base⟩* value is 36. The resulting tokens are digits with category code 12 (other) and letters with category code 11 (letter).

**TeXhackers note:** This is a generic version of `\int_to_bin:n`, *etc.*

---

`\int_to_roman:n` ☆ `\int_to_roman:n {⟨integer expression⟩}`

`\int_to_Roman:n` ☆

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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).

## 9 Converting from other formats to integers

---

`\int_from_alph:n` ★ `\int_from_alph:n {⟨letters⟩}`

---

Updated: 2014-08-25

Converts the *⟨letters⟩* into the integer (base 10) representation and leaves this in the input stream. The *⟨letters⟩* are first converted to a string, with no expansion. Lower and upper case letters from the English alphabet may be used, with “a” equal to 1 through to “z” equal to 26. The function also accepts a leading sign, made of + and -. This is the inverse function of `\int_to_alph:n` and `\int_to_Alph:n`.

---

`\int_from_bin:n` ★ `\int_from_bin:n {⟨binary number⟩}`

---

New: 2014-02-11

Updated: 2014-08-25

Converts the *⟨binary number⟩* into the integer (base 10) representation and leaves this in the input stream. The *⟨binary number⟩* is first converted to a string, with no expansion. The function accepts a leading sign, made of + and -, followed by binary digits. This is the inverse function of `\int_to_bin:n`.

---

`\int_from_hex:n` ★ `\int_from_hex:n {⟨hexadecimal number⟩}`

New: 2014-02-11  
Updated: 2014-08-25

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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. The *⟨hexadecimal number⟩* is first converted to a string, with no expansion. The function also accepts a leading sign, made of + and -. This is the inverse function of `\int_to_hex:n` and `\int_to_Hex:n`.

---

`\int_from_oct:n` ★ `\int_from_oct:n {⟨octal number⟩}`

New: 2014-02-11  
Updated: 2014-08-25

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Converts the *⟨octal number⟩* into the integer (base 10) representation and leaves this in the input stream. The *⟨octal number⟩* is first converted to a string, with no expansion. The function accepts a leading sign, made of + and -, followed by octal digits. This is the inverse function of `\int_to_oct:n`.

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`\int_from_roman:n` ★ `\int_from_roman:n {⟨roman numeral⟩}`

Updated: 2014-08-25

---

Converts the *⟨roman numeral⟩* into the integer (base 10) representation and leaves this in the input stream. The *⟨roman numeral⟩* is first converted to a string, with no expansion. The *⟨roman numeral⟩* may be in upper or lower case; if the numeral contains characters besides `mdclxvi` or `MDCLXVI` then the resulting value is -1. This is the inverse function of `\int_to_roman:n` and `\int_to_Roman:n`.

---

`\int_from_base:nn` ★ `\int_from_base:nn {⟨number⟩} {⟨base⟩}`

Updated: 2014-08-25

---

Converts the *⟨number⟩* expressed in *⟨base⟩* into the appropriate value in base 10. The *⟨number⟩* is first converted to a string, with no expansion. The *⟨number⟩* should consist of digits and letters (either lower or upper case), plus optionally a leading sign. The maximum *⟨base⟩* value is 36. This is the inverse function of `\int_to_base:nn` and `\int_to_Base:nn`.

## 10 Viewing integers

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`\int_show:N` `\int_show:N ⟨integer⟩`  
`\int_show:c`

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

---

`\int_show:n` `\int_show:n {⟨integer expression⟩}`

New: 2011-11-22  
Updated: 2015-08-07

---

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

---

`\int_log:N` `\int_log:N ⟨integer⟩`  
`\int_log:c`

New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-03

---

Writes the value of the *⟨integer⟩* in the log file.

---

`\int_log:n` `\int_log:n {⟨integer expression⟩}`

New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-07

---

Writes the result of evaluating the *⟨integer expression⟩* in the log file.

## 11 Constant integers

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

---

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

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`\c_max_int`

The maximum value that can be stored as an integer.

---

`\c_max_register_int`

Maximum number of registers.

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`\c_max_char_int`

Maximum character code completely supported by the engine.

## 12 Scratch integers

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`\l_tmpa_int`  
`\l_tmpb_int`

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

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`\g_tmpa_int`  
`\g_tmpb_int`

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

## 13 Primitive conditionals

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`\if_int_compare:w` ★ `\if_int_compare:w`  $\langle integer_1 \rangle$   $\langle relation \rangle$   $\langle integer_2 \rangle$   
     $\langle true\ code \rangle$   
`\else:`  
     $\langle false\ code \rangle$   
`\fi:`

Compare two integers using  $\langle relation \rangle$ , which must be one of =, < or > with category code 12. The `\else:` branch is optional.

**TeXhackers note:** These are both names for the TeX primitive `\ifnum`.

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`\if_case:w` ★ `\if_case:w`  $\langle integer \rangle$   $\langle case_0 \rangle$   
`\or:` ★ `\or:`  $\langle case_1 \rangle$   
    `\or:` ...  
    `\else:`  $\langle default \rangle$   
`\fi:`

Selects a case to execute based on the value of the  $\langle integer \rangle$ . The first case ( $\langle case_0 \rangle$ ) is executed if  $\langle integer \rangle$  is 0, the second ( $\langle case_1 \rangle$ ) if the  $\langle integer \rangle$  is 1, etc. The  $\langle integer \rangle$  may be a literal, a constant or an integer expression (e.g. using `\int_eval:n`).

**TeXhackers note:** These are the TeX primitives `\ifcase` and `\or`.

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`\if_int_odd:w` ★ `\if_int_odd:w`  $\langle tokens \rangle$   $\langle optional\ space \rangle$   
     $\langle true\ code \rangle$   
`\else:`  
     $\langle true\ code \rangle$   
`\fi:`

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.

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

## 14 Internal functions

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`\__int_value:w` \* `\__int_value:w`  $\langle integer \rangle$   
`\__int_value:w`  $\langle integer\ denotation \rangle$   $\langle optional\ space \rangle$

Expands the following tokens until an  $\langle integer \rangle$  is formed, and leaves a normalized form (no leading sign except for negative numbers, no leading digit 0 except for zero) in the input stream as category code 12 (other) characters. The  $\langle integer \rangle$  can consist of any number of signs (with intervening spaces) followed by

- an integer variable (in fact, any  $\text{\TeX}$  register except `\toks`) or
- `\__int_eval:w`  $\langle intexpr \rangle$  `\__int_eval_end:` (or another  $\varepsilon$ - $\text{\TeX}$  expression) or
- explicit digits (or by `'`  $\langle octal\ digits \rangle$  or `"`  $\langle hexadecimal\ digits \rangle$  or `'`  $\langle character \rangle$ )

In this last case expansion stops once a non-digit is found; if that is a space it is removed as in f-expansion. Note that protected functions *are* expanded by this process

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

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`\__int_to_roman:w` \* `\__int_to_roman:w`  $\langle integer \rangle$   
`\__int_to_roman:w`  $\langle integer\ denotation \rangle$   $\langle optional\ space \rangle$

Converts an  $\langle integer \rangle$  to lower case Roman representation. The  $\langle integer \rangle$  is found as in `\__int_value:w` by expanding what follows exhaustively. One (optional) space is lost if the  $\langle integer \rangle$  is given by explicit digits. Note that this function produces a string of letters with category code 12. 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.

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

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`\__int_eval:w` \* `\__int_eval:w`  $\langle intexpr \rangle$  `\__int_eval_end:`  
`\__int_eval_end:` \*

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.

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

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`\__int_eval:n` \* `\__int_eval:n`  $\{ \langle intexpr \rangle \}$

By default this expands to `\__int_eval:w`  $\langle intexpr \rangle$  `\__int_eval_end:` but when debugging is enabled this expands to a more complicated construction that evaluates  $\langle intexpr \rangle$  with parentheses and within a brace group to detect early termination.

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`\__prg_compare_error:` `\__prg_compare_error:`  
`\__prg_compare_error:Nw` `\__prg_compare_error:Nw`  $\langle token \rangle$

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

## Part X

# The `l3intarray` package: low-level arrays of small integers

## 1 `l3intarray` documentation

This module provides no user function: at present it is meant for kernel use only.

It is a wrapper around the `\fontdimen` primitive, used to store arrays of integers (with a restricted range: absolute value at most  $2^{30} - 1$ ). In contrast to `l3seq` sequences the access to individual entries is done in constant time rather than linear time, but only integers can be stored. More precisely, the primitive `\fontdimen` stores dimensions but the `l3intarray` package transparently converts these from/to integers. Assignments are always global.

While LuaTeX’s memory is extensible, other engines can “only” deal with a bit less than  $4 \times 10^6$  entries in all `\fontdimen` arrays combined (with default TeXLive settings).

### 1.1 Internal functions

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`\__intarray_new:Nn`

`\__intarray_new:Nn`  $\langle intarray var \rangle$   $\{\langle size \rangle\}$

Evaluates the integer expression  $\langle size \rangle$  and allocates an  $\langle integer array variable \rangle$  with that number of (zero) entries.

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`\__intarray_count:N` ★

`\__intarray_count:N`  $\langle intarray var \rangle$

Expands to the number of entries in the  $\langle integer array variable \rangle$ . Contrarily to `\seq_count:N` this is performed in constant time.

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`\__intarray_gset:Nnn`

`\__intarray_gset:Nnn`  $\langle intarray var \rangle$   $\{\langle position \rangle\}$   $\{\langle value \rangle\}$

`\__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn`

`\__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn`  $\langle intarray var \rangle$   $\{\langle position \rangle\}$   $\{\langle value \rangle\}$

Stores the result of evaluating the integer expression  $\langle value \rangle$  into the  $\langle integer array variable \rangle$  at the (integer expression)  $\langle position \rangle$ . While `\__intarray_gset:Nnn` checks that the  $\langle position \rangle$  is between 1 and the `\__intarray_count:N` and that the  $\langle value \rangle$ ’s absolute value is at most  $2^{30} - 1$ , the “fast” function performs no such bound check. Assignments are always global.

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`\__intarray_item:Nn` ★

`\__intarray_item:Nn`  $\langle intarray var \rangle$   $\{\langle position \rangle\}$

`\__intarray_item_fast:Nn` ★

`\__intarray_item_fast:Nn`  $\langle intarray var \rangle$   $\{\langle position \rangle\}$

Expands to the integer entry stored at the (integer expression)  $\langle position \rangle$  in the  $\langle integer array variable \rangle$ . While `\__intarray_item:Nn` checks that the  $\langle position \rangle$  is between 1 and the `\__intarray_count:N`, the “fast” function performs no such bound check.

## Part XI

# The **l3flag** package: expandable flags

Flags are the only data-type that can be modified in expansion-only contexts. This module is meant mostly for kernel use: in almost all cases, booleans or integers should be preferred to flags because they are very significantly faster.

A flag can hold any non-negative value, which we call its *height*. In expansion-only contexts, a flag can only be “raised”: this increases the *height* by 1. The *height* can also be queried expandably. However, decreasing it, or setting it to zero requires non-expandable assignments.

Flag variables are always local. They are referenced by a *flag name* such as `str_missing`. The *flag name* is used as part of `\use:c` constructions hence is expanded at point of use. It must expand to character tokens only, with no spaces.

A typical use case of flags would be to keep track of whether an exceptional condition has occurred during expandable processing, and produce a meaningful (non-expandable) message after the end of the expandable processing. This is exemplified by `l3str-convert`, which for performance reasons performs conversions of individual characters expandably and for readability reasons produces a single error message describing incorrect inputs that were encountered.

Flags should not be used without carefully considering the fact that raising a flag takes a time and memory proportional to its height. Flags should not be used unless unavoidable.

## 1 Setting up flags

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`\flag_new:n`    `\flag_new:n {<flag name>}`

Creates a new flag with a name given by *flag name*, or raises an error if the name is already taken. The *flag name* may not contain spaces. The declaration is global, but flags are always local variables. The *flag* initially has zero height.

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`\flag_clear:n`    `\flag_clear:n {<flag name>}`

The *flag*’s height is set to zero. The assignment is local.

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`\flag_clear_new:n`    `\flag_clear_new:n {<flag name>}`

Ensures that the *flag* exists globally by applying `\flag_new:n` if necessary, then applies `\flag_clear:n`, setting the height to zero locally.

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`\flag_show:n`    `\flag_show:n {<flag name>}`

Displays the *flag*’s height in the terminal.

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`\flag_log:n`    `\flag_log:n {<flag name>}`

Writes the *flag*’s height to the log file.

## 2 Expandable flag commands

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`\flag_if_exist_p:n *` `\flag_if_exist:n {⟨flag name⟩}`

`\flag_if_exist:n $\underline{TF}$  *` This function returns `true` if the `⟨flag name⟩` references a flag that has been defined previously, and `false` otherwise.

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`\flag_if_raised_p:n *` `\flag_if_raised:n {⟨flag name⟩}`

`\flag_if_raised:n $\underline{TF}$  *` This function returns `true` if the `⟨flag⟩` has non-zero height, and `false` if the `⟨flag⟩` has zero height.

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`\flag_height:n *` `\flag_height:n {⟨flag name⟩}`

Expands to the height of the `⟨flag⟩` as an integer denotation.

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`\flag_raise:n *` `\flag_raise:n {⟨flag name⟩}`

The `⟨flag⟩`'s height is increased by 1 locally.

## Part XII

# 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, the most common use case being 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

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`\quark_new:N` `\quark_new:N <quark>`

Creates a new `<quark>` which expands only to `<quark>`. The `<quark>` is defined globally, and an error message is raised if the name was already taken.

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`\q_stop` Used as a marker for delimited arguments, such as

```
\cs_set:Npn \tmp:w #1#2 \q_stop {#1}
```

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`\q_mark` Used as a marker for delimited arguments when `\q_stop` is already in use.

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`\q_nil` Quark to mark a null value in structured variables or functions. Used as an end delimiter when this may itself need to be tested (in contrast to `\q_stop`, which is only ever used as a delimiter).

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`\q_no_value` 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 `\prop_get:NnN` if there is no data to return.

### 3 Quark tests

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

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`\quark_if_nil_p:N` \* `\quark_if_nil_p:N`  $\langle token \rangle$   
`\quark_if_nil:NTF` \* `\quark_if_nil:NTF`  $\langle token \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is equal to `\q_nil`.

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`\quark_if_nil_p:n` \* `\quark_if_nil_p:n`  $\{\langle token list \rangle\}$   
`\quark_if_nil_p:(o|V)` \* `\quark_if_nil:nTF`  $\{\langle token list \rangle\}$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$   
`\quark_if_nil:nTF` \* Tests if the  $\langle token list \rangle$  contains only `\q_nil` (distinct from  $\langle token list \rangle$  being empty or  
`\quark_if_nil:(o|V)TF` \* containing `\q_nil` plus one or more other tokens).

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

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`\quark_if_no_value_p:n` \* `\quark_if_no_value_p:n`  $\{\langle token list \rangle\}$   
`\quark_if_no_value:nTF` \* `\quark_if_no_value:nTF`  $\{\langle token list \rangle\}$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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).

### 4 Recursion

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

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`\q_recursion_tail` This quark is appended to the data structure in question and appears as a real element there. This means it gets any list separators around it.

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`\q_recursion_stop` This quark is added *after* the data structure. Its purpose is to make it possible to terminate the recursion at any point easily.

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

Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  contains only the marker `\q_recursion_tail`, and if so uses `\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w` to terminate the recursion that this belongs to. The recursion input must include the marker tokens `\q_recursion_tail` and `\q_recursion_stop` as the last two items.

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`\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n` `\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n`  $\{\langle token list \rangle\}$   
`\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:o`

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Tests if the  $\langle token list \rangle$  contains only `\q_recursion_tail`, and if so uses `\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w` to terminate the recursion that this belongs to. The recursion input must include the marker tokens `\q_recursion_tail` and `\q_recursion_stop` as the last two items.

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`\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn` `\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn`  $\langle token \rangle$   $\{\langle insertion \rangle\}$

Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  contains only the marker `\q_recursion_tail`, and if so uses `\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w` to terminate the recursion that this belongs to. 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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`\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn` `\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn`  $\{\langle token list \rangle\}$   $\{\langle insertion \rangle\}$   
`\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:on`

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

## 5 An example of recursion with quarks

Quarks are mainly used internally in the `expl3` code to define recursion functions such as `\tl_map_inline:nn` and so on. Here is a small example to demonstrate how to use quarks in this fashion. We shall define a command called `\my_map_db1:nn` which takes a token list and applies an operation to every *pair* of tokens. For example, `\my_map_db1: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 does the processing based on the inline function argument `#2`. Then initiate the recursion using an internal function. The token list `#1` is terminated using `\q_recursion_tail`, with delimiters according to the type of recursion (here a pair of `\q_recursion_tail`), concluding with `\q_recursion_stop`. These quarks are used to mark the end of the token list being operated upon.

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

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

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

Finally, recurse:

```
\__my_map_dbl:nn
}
```

Note that contrarily to  $\LaTeX$ 3 built-in mapping functions, this mapping function cannot be nested, since the second map would overwrite the definition of `\__my_map_dbl_fn:nn`.

## 6 Internal quark functions

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

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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:.`

## 7 Scan marks

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

Like quarks, they can be used as delimiters in weird functions and are often safer to use for this purpose. Since they are harmless when executed by  $\TeX$  in non-expandable contexts, they can be used to mark the end of a set of instructions. This allows to skip to that point if the end of the instructions should not be performed (see `\3regex`).

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

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`\s__stop`    Used at the end of a set of instructions, as a marker that can be jumped to using `\_use\_none\_delimit\_by\_s__stop:w`.

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`\_use\_none\_delimit\_by\_s__stop:w`    `\_use\_none\_delimit\_by\_s__stop:w`  $\langle tokens \rangle$  `\s__stop`  
Removes the  $\langle tokens \rangle$  and `\s__stop` from the input stream. This leads to a low-level TeX error if `\s__stop` is absent.

## Part XIII

# The l3prg package

## Control structures

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

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

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

### 1 Defining a set of conditional functions

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```
\prg_new_conditional:Npnn
\prg_set_conditional:Npnn
\prg_new_conditional:Nnn
\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 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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```
\prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \⟨name⟩:⟨arg spec⟩ ⟨parameters⟩
\prg_set_protected_conditional:Npnn {⟨conditions⟩} {⟨code⟩}
\prg_new_protected_conditional:Nnn \prg_new_protected_conditional:Nnn \⟨name⟩:⟨arg spec⟩
\prg_set_protected_conditional:Nnn {⟨conditions⟩} {⟨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 check for existing definitions and perform assignments globally (*cf.* `\cs_new:Npn`) whereas the **set** version do not (*cf.* `\cs_set:Npn`). The conditionals created are depended on the comma-separated list of `⟨conditions⟩`, which should be one or more of `T`, `F` and `TF` (not `p`).

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

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

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

An example can easily clarify matters here:

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

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 erroneous output 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>}
```

---

These functions copy a family of conditionals. The `new` version checks for existing definitions (cf. `\cs_new_eq:NN`) whereas the `set` version does not (cf. `\cs_set_eq:NN`). The conditionals copied are depended on the comma-separated list of `<conditions>`, which should be one or more of `p`, `T`, `F` and `TF`.

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

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

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

## 2 The boolean data type

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

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

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

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<code>\bool_new:N</code>	<code>\bool_new:N</code>	<code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code>
<code>\bool_new:c</code>		

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

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<code>\bool_set_false:N</code>	<code>\bool_set_false:N</code>	<code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code>
<code>\bool_set_false:c</code>		
<code>\bool_gset_false:N</code>		
<code>\bool_gset_false:c</code>		

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Sets `<boolean>` logically `false`.

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<code>\bool_set_true:N</code>	<code>\bool_set_true:N</code>	<code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code>
<code>\bool_set_true:c</code>		
<code>\bool_gset_true:N</code>		
<code>\bool_gset_true:c</code>		

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Sets `<boolean>` logically `true`.

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

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`\bool_set_eq:NN`  $\langle boolean_1 \rangle$   $\langle boolean_2 \rangle$   
Sets  $\langle boolean_1 \rangle$  to the current value of  $\langle boolean_2 \rangle$ .

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`\bool_set:Nn`  
`\bool_set:cn`  
`\bool_gset:Nn`  
`\bool_gset:cn`

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`\bool_set:Nn`  $\langle boolean \rangle$   $\{\langle boolexpr \rangle\}$   
Evaluates the  $\langle boolean expression \rangle$  as described for `\bool_if:nTF`, and sets the  $\langle boolean \rangle$  variable to the logical truth of this evaluation.

Updated: 2017-07-15

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`\bool_if_p:N` \*  
`\bool_if_p:c` \*  
`\bool_if:NTF` \*  
`\bool_if:cTF` \*

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`\bool_if_p:N`  $\langle boolean \rangle$   
`\bool_if:NTF`  $\langle boolean \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$   
Tests the current truth of  $\langle boolean \rangle$ , and continues expansion based on this result.

Updated: 2017-07-15

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`\bool_show:N`  
`\bool_show:c`

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`\bool_show:N`  $\langle boolean \rangle$   
Displays the logical truth of the  $\langle boolean \rangle$  on the terminal.

New: 2012-02-09

Updated: 2015-08-01

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`\bool_show:n`

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

New: 2012-02-09

Updated: 2017-07-15

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`\bool_log:N`  
`\bool_log:c`

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`\bool_log:N`  $\langle boolean \rangle$   
Writes the logical truth of the  $\langle boolean \rangle$  in the log file.

New: 2014-08-22

Updated: 2015-08-03

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`\bool_log:n`

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`\bool_log:n`  $\{\langle boolean expression \rangle\}$

New: 2014-08-22

Updated: 2017-07-15

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`\bool_if_exist_p:N` \*  
`\bool_if_exist_p:c` \*  
`\bool_if_exist:NTF` \*  
`\bool_if_exist:cTF` \*

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

New: 2012-03-03

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`\l_tmpa_bool`  
`\l_tmpb_bool`

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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.

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`\g_tmpa_bool`  
`\g_tmpb_bool`

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.

### 3 Boolean expressions

As we have a boolean datatype and predicate functions returning boolean *<true>* or *<false>* values, it seems only fitting that we also provide a parser for *<boolean expressions>*.

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

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

is a valid boolean expression.

Contrarily to some other programming languages, the operators `&&` and `||` evaluate both operands in all cases, even when the first operand is enough to determine the result. This “eager” evaluation should be contrasted with the “lazy” evaluation of `\bool_lazy_...` functions.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The eager evaluation of boolean expressions is unfortunately necessary in T<sub>E</sub>X. Indeed, a lazy parser can get confused if `&&` or `||` or parentheses appear as (unbraced) arguments of some predicates. For instance, the innocuous-looking expression below would break (in a lazy parser) if `#1` were a closing parenthesis and `\l_tmpa_bool` were `true`.

```
( \l_tmpa_bool || \token_if_eq_meaning_p:NN X #1 )
```

Minimal (lazy) evaluation can be obtained using the conditionals `\bool_lazy_all:nTF`, `\bool_lazy_and:nnTF`, `\bool_lazy_any:nTF`, or `\bool_lazy_or:nnTF`, which only evaluate their boolean expression arguments when they are needed to determine the resulting truth value. For example, when evaluating the boolean expression

```
\bool_lazy_and_p:nn
{
  \bool_lazy_any_p:n
  {
    { \int_compare_p:n { 2 = 3 } }
    { \int_compare_p:n { 4 <= 4 } }
    { \int_compare_p:n { 1 = \error } } % skipped
  }
}
{ ! \int_compare_p:n { 2 = 4 } }
```

the line marked with `skipped` is not expanded because the result of `\bool_lazy_any_p:n` is known once the second boolean expression is found to be logically `true`. On the other hand, the last line is expanded because its logical value is needed to determine the result of `\bool_lazy_and_p:nn`.

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`\bool_if_p:n` \* `\bool_if_p:n {<boolean expression>}`  
`\bool_if:nTF` \* `\bool_if:nTF {<boolean expression>} {<true code>} {<false code>}`  
 Updated: 2017-07-15 Tests the current truth of *<boolean expression>*, and continues expansion based on this result. The *<boolean expression>* should consist of a series of predicates or boolean variables with the logical relationship between these defined using `&&` (“And”), `||` (“Or”), `!` (“Not”) and parentheses. The logical Not applies to the next predicate or group.

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`\bool_lazy_all_p:n` \* `\bool_lazy_all_p:n { {<boolexpr1>} {<boolexpr2>} … {<boolexprN>} }`  
`\bool_lazy_all:nTF` \* `\bool_lazy_all:nTF { {<boolexpr1>} {<boolexpr2>} … {<boolexprN>} } {<true code>} {<false code>}`  
 New: 2015-11-15  
 Updated: 2017-07-15 Implements the “And” operation on the *<boolean expressions>*, hence is `true` if all of them are `true` and `false` if any of them is `false`. Contrarily to the infix operator `&&`, only the *<boolean expressions>* which are needed to determine the result of `\bool_lazy_all:nTF` are evaluated. See also `\bool_lazy_and:nnTF` when there are only two *<boolean expressions>*.

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`\bool_lazy_and_p:nn` \* `\bool_lazy_and_p:nn {<boolexpr1>} {<boolexpr2>}`  
`\bool_lazy_and:nnTF` \* `\bool_lazy_and:nnTF {<boolexpr1>} {<boolexpr2>} {<true code>} {<false code>}`  
 New: 2015-11-15  
 Updated: 2017-07-15 Implements the “And” operation between two boolean expressions, hence is `true` if both are `true`. Contrarily to the infix operator `&&`, the *<boolexpr<sub>2</sub>>* is only evaluated if it is needed to determine the result of `\bool_lazy_and:nnTF`. See also `\bool_lazy_all:nTF` when there are more than two *<boolean expressions>*.

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`\bool_lazy_any_p:n` \* `\bool_lazy_any_p:n { {<boolexpr1>} {<boolexpr2>} … {<boolexprN>} }`  
`\bool_lazy_any:nTF` \* `\bool_lazy_any:nTF { {<boolexpr1>} {<boolexpr2>} … {<boolexprN>} } {<true code>} {<false code>}`  
 New: 2015-11-15  
 Updated: 2017-07-15 Implements the “Or” operation on the *<boolean expressions>*, hence is `true` if any of them is `true` and `false` if all of them are `false`. Contrarily to the infix operator `||`, only the *<boolean expressions>* which are needed to determine the result of `\bool_lazy_any:nTF` are evaluated. See also `\bool_lazy_or:nnTF` when there are only two *<boolean expressions>*.

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`\bool_lazy_or_p:nn` \* `\bool_lazy_or_p:nn {<boolexpr1>} {<boolexpr2>}`  
`\bool_lazy_or:nnTF` \* `\bool_lazy_or:nnTF {<boolexpr1>} {<boolexpr2>} {<true code>} {<false code>}`  
 New: 2015-11-15  
 Updated: 2017-07-15 Implements the “Or” operation between two boolean expressions, hence is `true` if either one is `true`. Contrarily to the infix operator `||`, the *<boolexpr<sub>2</sub>>* is only evaluated if it is needed to determine the result of `\bool_lazy_or:nnTF`. See also `\bool_lazy_any:nTF` when there are more than two *<boolean expressions>*.

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`\bool_not_p:n` \* `\bool_not_p:n {<boolean expression>}`  
 Updated: 2017-07-15 Function version of `!(<boolean expression>)` within a boolean expression.

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`\bool_xor_p:nm` ☆ `\bool_xor_p:nm {<boolexpr1>} {<boolexpr2>}`

Updated: 2017-07-15

Implements an “exclusive or” operation between two boolean expressions. There is no infix operation for this logical operator.

## 4 Logical loops

Loops using either boolean expressions or stored boolean values.

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`\bool_do_until:Nn` ☆ `\bool_do_until:Nn <boolean> {<code>}`

`\bool_do_until:cn` ☆

Updated: 2017-07-15

Places the `<code>` in the input stream for  $\TeX$  to process, and then checks the logical value of the `<boolean>`. If it is `false` then the `<code>` is inserted into the input stream again and the process loops until the `<boolean>` is `true`.

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`\bool_do_while:Nn` ☆ `\bool_do_while:Nn <boolean> {<code>}`

`\bool_do_while:cn` ☆

Updated: 2017-07-15

Places the `<code>` in the input stream for  $\TeX$  to process, and then checks the logical value of the `<boolean>`. If it is `true` then the `<code>` is inserted into the input stream again and the process loops until the `<boolean>` is `false`.

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`\bool_until_do:Nn` ☆ `\bool_until_do:Nn <boolean> {<code>}`

`\bool_until_do:cn` ☆

Updated: 2017-07-15

This function firsts checks the logical value of the `<boolean>`. If it is `false` the `<code>` is placed in the input stream and expanded. After the completion of the `<code>` the truth of the `<boolean>` is re-evaluated. The process then loops until the `<boolean>` is `true`.

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`\bool_while_do:Nn` ☆ `\bool_while_do:Nn <boolean> {<code>}`

`\bool_while_do:cn` ☆

Updated: 2017-07-15

This function firsts checks the logical value of the `<boolean>`. If it is `true` the `<code>` is placed in the input stream and expanded. After the completion of the `<code>` the truth of the `<boolean>` is re-evaluated. The process then loops until the `<boolean>` is `false`.

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`\bool_do_until:nm` ☆ `\bool_do_until:nm {<boolean expression>} {<code>}`

Updated: 2017-07-15

Places the `<code>` in the input stream for  $\TeX$  to process, and then checks the logical value of the `<boolean expression>` as described for `\bool_if:nTF`. If it is `false` then the `<code>` is inserted into the input stream again and the process loops until the `<boolean expression>` evaluates to `true`.

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`\bool_do_while:nm` ☆ `\bool_do_while:nm {<boolean expression>} {<code>}`

Updated: 2017-07-15

Places the `<code>` in the input stream for  $\TeX$  to process, and then checks the logical value of the `<boolean expression>` as described for `\bool_if:nTF`. If it is `true` then the `<code>` is inserted into the input stream again and the process loops until the `<boolean expression>` evaluates to `false`.

---

`\bool_until_do:nm` ☆ `\bool_until_do:nm {<boolean expression>} {<code>}`

Updated: 2017-07-15

This function firsts checks the logical value of the `<boolean expression>` (as described for `\bool_if:nTF`). If it is `false` the `<code>` is placed in the input stream and expanded. After the completion of the `<code>` the truth of the `<boolean expression>` is re-evaluated. The process then loops until the `<boolean expression>` is `true`.

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`\bool_while_do:nm` ☆

Updated: 2017-07-15

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`\bool_while_do:nm`  $\langle$ *boolean expression* $\rangle$   $\langle$ *code* $\rangle$

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

## 5 Producing multiple copies

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`\prg_replicate:nm` ☆

Updated: 2011-07-04

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`\prg_replicate:nm`  $\langle$ *integer expression* $\rangle$   $\langle$ *tokens* $\rangle$

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

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

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`\mode_if_horizontal_p:` ☆

`\mode_if_horizontal:TF` ☆

`\mode_if_horizontal_p:`

`\mode_if_horizontal:TF`  $\langle$ *true code* $\rangle$   $\langle$ *false code* $\rangle$

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

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`\mode_if_inner_p:` ☆

`\mode_if_inner:TF` ☆

`\mode_if_inner_p:`

`\mode_if_inner:TF`  $\langle$ *true code* $\rangle$   $\langle$ *false code* $\rangle$

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

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`\mode_if_math_p:` ☆

`\mode_if_math:TF` ☆

`\mode_if_math:TF`  $\langle$ *true code* $\rangle$   $\langle$ *false code* $\rangle$

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

Updated: 2011-09-05

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`\mode_if_vertical_p:` ☆

`\mode_if_vertical:TF` ☆

`\mode_if_vertical_p:`

`\mode_if_vertical:TF`  $\langle$ *true code* $\rangle$   $\langle$ *false code* $\rangle$

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

## 7 Primitive conditionals

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`\if_predicate:w` ☆

`\if_predicate:w`  $\langle$ *predicate* $\rangle$   $\langle$ *true code* $\rangle$  `\else:`  $\langle$ *false code* $\rangle$  `\fi:`

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

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`\if_bool:N` ☆

`\if_bool:N`  $\langle$ *boolean* $\rangle$   $\langle$ *true code* $\rangle$  `\else:`  $\langle$ *false code* $\rangle$  `\fi:`

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

## 8 Internal programming functions

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

Updated: 2011-08-11

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

These functions are used to enclose material in a T<sub>E</sub>X 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 T<sub>E</sub>X uses group level to determine the effect of alignment tokens. Without the special grouping, the use of a function such as `\peek_after:Nw` would result in a forbidden comparison of the internal `\endtemplate` token, yielding a fatal error. Each `\group_align_safe_begin:` must be matched by a `\group_align_safe_end:`, although this does not have to occur within the same function.

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`\__prg_break_point:Nn` ★

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

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

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`\__prg_map_break:Nn` ★

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

...

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

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

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`\g__prg_map_int`

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

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`\__prg_break_point:` ★

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

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`\__prg_break:` ★

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

`\__prg_break:n` ★

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

## Part XIV

# The `l3clist` package

## Comma separated lists

Comma lists contain ordered data where items can be added to the left or right end of the list. The resulting ordered list can then be mapped over using `\clist_map_function:NN`. Several items can be added at once, and spaces are removed from both sides of each item on input. Hence,

```
\clist_new:N \l_my_clist
\clist_put_left:Nn \l_my_clist { ~ a ~ , ~ {b} ~ }
\clist_put_right:Nn \l_my_clist { ~ { c ~ } , d }
```

results in `\l_my_clist` containing `a,{b},{c~},d`. Comma lists cannot contain empty items, thus

```
\clist_clear_new:N \l_my_clist
\clist_put_right:Nn \l_my_clist { , ~ , , }
\clist_if_empty:NTF \l_my_clist { true } { false }
```

leaves `true` in the input stream. To include an item which contains a comma, or starts or ends with a space, surround it with braces. The sequence data type should be preferred to comma lists if items are to contain `{`, `}`, or `#` (assuming the usual  $\TeX$  category codes apply).

### 1 Creating and initialising comma lists

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```
\clist_new:N
\clist_new:c
```

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

Creates a new *<comma list>* or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The *<comma list>* initially contains no items.

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

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```
\clist_const:Nn <clist var> {<comma list>}
```

Creates a new constant *<clist var>* or raises an error if the name is already taken. The value of the *<clist var>* is set globally to the *<comma list>*.

New: 2014-07-05

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```
\clist_clear:N
\clist_clear:c
\clist_gclear:N
\clist_gclear:c
```

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

Clears all items from the *<comma list>*.

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```
\clist_clear_new:N
\clist_clear_new:c
\clist_gclear_new:N
\clist_gclear_new:c
```

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

Ensures that the *<comma list>* exists globally by applying `\clist_new:N` if necessary, then applies `\clist_(g)clear:N` to leave the list empty.

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<code>\clist_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\clist_set_eq:NN</code> $\langle comma list_1 \rangle$ $\langle comma list_2 \rangle$
<code>\clist_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	Sets the content of $\langle comma list_1 \rangle$ equal to that of $\langle comma list_2 \rangle$ .
<code>\clist_gset_eq:NN</code>	
<code>\clist_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

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<code>\clist_set_from_seq:NN</code>	<code>\clist_set_from_seq:NN</code> $\langle comma list \rangle$ $\langle sequence \rangle$
<code>\clist_set_from_seq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	
<code>\clist_gset_from_seq:NN</code>	
<code>\clist_gset_from_seq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

New: 2014-07-17

Converts the data in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  into a  $\langle comma list \rangle$ : the original  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is unchanged. Items which contain either spaces or commas are surrounded by braces.

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<code>\clist_concat:NNN</code>	<code>\clist_concat:NNN</code> $\langle comma list_1 \rangle$ $\langle comma list_2 \rangle$ $\langle comma list_3 \rangle$
<code>\clist_concat:ccc</code>	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 $\langle comma list_2 \rangle$ are placed at the left side of the new comma list.
<code>\clist_gconcat:NNN</code>	
<code>\clist_gconcat:ccc</code>	

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

New: 2012-03-03

## 2 Adding data to comma lists

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<code>\clist_set:Nn</code>	<code>\clist_set:Nn</code> $\langle comma list \rangle$ $\{\langle item_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle item_n \rangle\}$
<code>\clist_set:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code>	
<code>\clist_gset:Nn</code>	
<code>\clist_gset:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code>	

New: 2011-09-06

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.

---

<code>\clist_put_left:Nn</code>	<code>\clist_put_left:Nn</code> $\langle comma list \rangle$ $\{\langle item_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle item_n \rangle\}$
<code>\clist_put_left:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code>	
<code>\clist_gput_left:Nn</code>	
<code>\clist_gput_left:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code>	

Updated: 2011-09-05

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

---

```

\clist_put_right:Nn \clist_put_right:Nn <comma list> {<item_1>,...,<item_n>}
\clist_put_right:(NV|No|Nx|cn|cV|co|cx)
\clist_gput_right:Nn
\clist_gput_right:(NV|No|Nx|cn|cV|co|cx)

```

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Updated: 2011-09-05

Appends the *<items>* to the right of the *<comma list>*. Spaces are removed from both sides of each item.

### 3 Modifying comma lists

While comma lists are normally used as ordered lists, it may be necessary to modify the content. The functions here may be used to update comma lists, while retaining the order of the unaffected entries.

---

```

\clist_remove_duplicates:N \clist_remove_duplicates:N <comma list>
\clist_remove_duplicates:c
\clist_gremove_duplicates:N
\clist_gremove_duplicates:c

```

Removes duplicate items from the *<comma list>*, leaving the left most copy of each item in the *<comma list>*. The *<item>* comparison takes place on a token basis, as for `\tl_if_eq:nn(TF)`.

**TeXhackers note:** This function iterates through every item in the *<comma list>* and does a comparison with the *<items>* already checked. It is therefore relatively slow with large comma lists. Furthermore, it does not work if any of the items in the *<comma list>* contains `{`, `}`, or `#` (assuming the usual TeX category codes apply).

---

```

\clist_remove_all:Nn \clist_remove_all:Nn <comma list> {<item>}
\clist_remove_all:cn
\clist_gremove_all:Nn
\clist_gremove_all:cn

```

Removes every occurrence of *<item>* from the *<comma list>*. The *<item>* comparison takes place on a token basis, as for `\tl_if_eq:nn(TF)`.

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Updated: 2011-09-06

**TeXhackers note:** The *<item>* may not contain `{`, `}`, or `#` (assuming the usual TeX category codes apply).

---

```

\clist_reverse:N \clist_reverse:N <comma list>
\clist_reverse:c
\clist_greverse:N
\clist_greverse:c

```

---

New: 2014-07-18

Reverses the order of items stored in the *<comma list>*.

---

```

\clist_reverse:n \clist_reverse:n {<comma list>}

```

---

New: 2014-07-18

Leaves the items in the *<comma list>* in the input stream in reverse order. Braces and spaces are preserved by this process.

**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within `\unexpanded`, which means that the comma list does not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

---

<code>\clist_sort:Nn</code>	<code>\clist_sort:Nn &lt;clist var&gt; {&lt;comparison code&gt;}</code>
<code>\clist_sort:cn</code>	Sorts the items in the <i>&lt;clist var&gt;</i> according to the <i>&lt;comparison code&gt;</i> , and assigns the result to <i>&lt;clist var&gt;</i> . The details of sorting comparison are described in Section 1.
<code>\clist_gsort:Nn</code>	
<code>\clist_gsort:cn</code>	

---

New: 2017-02-06

## 4 Comma list conditionals

---

<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:NTF &lt;comma list&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\clist_if_empty:NTF</code> *	Tests if the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> is empty (containing no items).
<code>\clist_if_empty:cTF</code> *	

---

<code>\clist_if_empty_p:n</code> *	<code>\clist_if_empty_p:n {&lt;comma list&gt;}</code>
<code>\clist_if_empty:nTF</code> *	<code>\clist_if_empty:nTF {&lt;comma list&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

---

New: 2014-07-05

Tests if the *<comma list>* is empty (containing no items). The rules for space trimming are as for other n-type comma-list functions, hence the comma list `{~,~,~}` (without outer braces) is empty, while `{~, { }, }` (without outer braces) contains one element, which happens to be empty: the comma-list is not empty.

---

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

---

Updated: 2011-09-06

Tests if the *<item>* is present in the *<comma list>*. In the case of an n-type *<comma list>*, spaces are stripped from each item, but braces are not removed. Hence,

```
\clist_if_in:nnTF { a , {b}~ , {b} , c } { b } {true} {false}
```

yields false.

**TeXhackers note:** The *<item>* may not contain `{`, `}`, or `#` (assuming the usual TeX category codes apply), and should not contain `,` nor start or end with a space.

## 5 Mapping to comma lists

The functions described in this section apply a specified function to each item of a comma list.

When the comma list is given explicitly, as an n-type argument, spaces are trimmed around each item. If the result of trimming spaces is empty, the item is ignored. Otherwise, if the item is surrounded by braces, one set is removed, and the result is passed to the mapped function. Thus, if your comma list that is being mapped is `{a_{,_{b}_{,_{,_{c}_{,_{` then the arguments passed to the mapped function are ‘a’, ‘b’, an empty argument, and ‘c’.

When the comma list is given as an N-type argument, spaces have already been trimmed on input, and items are simply stripped of one set of braces if any. This case is more efficient than using n-type comma lists.

---

`\clist_map_function:NN` ☆  
`\clist_map_function:cN` ☆  
`\clist_map_function:nN` ☆

Updated: 2012-06-29

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`\clist_map_function:NN`  $\langle$ comma list $\rangle$   $\langle$ function $\rangle$

Applies  $\langle$ function $\rangle$  to every  $\langle$ item $\rangle$  stored in the  $\langle$ comma list $\rangle$ . The  $\langle$ function $\rangle$  receives 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`.

---

`\clist_map_inline:Nn`  
`\clist_map_inline:cN`  
`\clist_map_inline:nN`

Updated: 2012-06-29

---

`\clist_map_inline:Nn`  $\langle$ comma list $\rangle$   $\{$  $\langle$ inline function $\rangle$  $\}$

Applies  $\langle$ inline function $\rangle$  to every  $\langle$ item $\rangle$  stored within the  $\langle$ comma list $\rangle$ . The  $\langle$ inline function $\rangle$  should consist of code which receives the  $\langle$ item $\rangle$  as #1. The  $\langle$ items $\rangle$  are returned from left to right.

---

`\clist_map_variable:NNn`  
`\clist_map_variable:cNn`  
`\clist_map_variable:nNn`

Updated: 2012-06-29

---

`\clist_map_variable:NNn`  $\langle$ comma list $\rangle$   $\langle$ variable $\rangle$   $\{$  $\langle$ code $\rangle$  $\}$

Stores each  $\langle$ item $\rangle$  of the  $\langle$ comma list $\rangle$  in turn in the (token list)  $\langle$ variable $\rangle$  and applies the  $\langle$ code $\rangle$ . The  $\langle$ code $\rangle$  will usually make use of the  $\langle$ variable $\rangle$ , but this is not enforced. The assignments to the  $\langle$ variable $\rangle$  are local. The  $\langle$ items $\rangle$  are returned from left to right.

---

`\clist_map_break:` ☆

Updated: 2012-06-29

---

`\clist_map_break:`

Used to terminate a `\clist_map_...` function before all entries in the  $\langle$ comma list $\rangle$  have been processed. This normally takes 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 leads 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 before further items are taken from the input stream. This depends on the design of the mapping function.

---

`\clist_map_break:n` ☆

Updated: 2012-06-29

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`\clist_map_break:n` {<code>}

Used to terminate a `\clist_map_...` function before all entries in the <comma list> have been processed, inserting the <code> after the mapping has ended. This normally takes place within a conditional statement, for example

```
\clist_map_inline:Nn \l_my_clist
{
  \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { bingo }
  { \clist_map_break:n { <code> } }
  {
    % Do something useful
  }
}
```

Use outside of a `\clist_map_...` scenario leads to low level TeX errors.

**TeXhackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted before the <code> is inserted into the input stream. This depends on the design of the mapping function.

---

`\clist_count:N` ☆

`\clist_count:c` ☆

`\clist_count:n` ☆

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> includes those which are duplicates, *i.e.* every item in a <comma list> is unique.

## 6 Using the content of comma lists directly

---

`\clist_use:Nnnn` ☆

`\clist_use:cnnn` ☆

New: 2013-05-26

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`\clist_use:Nnnn` <clist var> {<separator between two>}

{<separator between more than two>} {<separator between final two>}

Places the contents of the <clist var> in the input stream, with the appropriate <separator> between the items. Namely, if the comma list has more than two items, the <separator between more than two> is placed between each pair of items except the last, for which the <separator between final two> is used. If the comma list has exactly two items, then they are placed in the input stream separated by the <separator between two>. If the comma list has a single item, it is placed in the input stream, and a comma list with no items produces no output. An error is 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~ }
```

inserts “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 <items> do not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

---

`\clist_use:Nn` ★

`\clist_use:cn` ★

---

New: 2013-05-26

---

`\clist_use:Nn`  $\langle\textit{clist var}\rangle$   $\{\langle\textit{separator}\rangle\}$

Places the contents of the  $\langle\textit{clist var}\rangle$  in the input stream, with the  $\langle\textit{separator}\rangle$  between the items. If the comma list has a single item, it is placed in the input stream, and a comma list with no items produces no output. An error is raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid.

For example,

```
\clist_set:Nn \l_tmpa_clist { a , b , , c , {de} , f }
\clist_use:Nn \l_tmpa_clist { ~and~ }
```

inserts “a and b and c and de and f” in the input stream.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the  $\langle\textit{items}\rangle$  do not expand further when appearing in an `x`-type argument expansion.

## 7 Comma lists as stacks

Comma lists can be used as stacks, where data is pushed to and popped from the top of the comma list. (The left of a comma list is the top, for performance reasons.) The stack functions for comma lists are not intended to be mixed with the general ordered data functions detailed in the previous section: a comma list should either be used as an ordered data type or as a stack, but not in both ways.

---

`\clist_get:NN`

`\clist_get:cN`

---

Updated: 2012-05-14

---

`\clist_get:NN`  $\langle\textit{comma list}\rangle$   $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$

Stores the left-most item from a  $\langle\textit{comma list}\rangle$  in the  $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$  without removing it from the  $\langle\textit{comma list}\rangle$ . The  $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$  is assigned locally. If the  $\langle\textit{comma list}\rangle$  is empty the  $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$  is set to the marker value `\q_no_value`.

---

`\clist_get:NNTF`

`\clist_get:cNTF`

---

New: 2012-05-14

---

`\clist_get:NNTF`  $\langle\textit{comma list}\rangle$   $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$   $\{\langle\textit{true code}\rangle\}$   $\{\langle\textit{false code}\rangle\}$

If the  $\langle\textit{comma list}\rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle\textit{false code}\rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle\textit{comma list}\rangle$  is non-empty, stores the top item from the  $\langle\textit{comma list}\rangle$  in the  $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$  without removing it from the  $\langle\textit{comma list}\rangle$ . The  $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$  is assigned locally.

---

`\clist_pop:NN`

`\clist_pop:cN`

---

Updated: 2011-09-06

---

`\clist_pop:NN`  $\langle\textit{comma list}\rangle$   $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$

Pops the left-most item from a  $\langle\textit{comma list}\rangle$  into the  $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$ , *i.e.* removes the item from the comma list and stores it in the  $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$ . Both of the variables are assigned locally.

---

`\clist_gpop:NN`

`\clist_gpop:cN`

---

`\clist_gpop:NN`  $\langle\textit{comma list}\rangle$   $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$

Pops the left-most item from a  $\langle\textit{comma list}\rangle$  into the  $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$ , *i.e.* removes the item from the comma list and stores it in the  $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$ . The  $\langle\textit{comma list}\rangle$  is modified globally, while the assignment of the  $\langle\textit{token list variable}\rangle$  is local.

---

`\clist_pop:NNTF` `\clist_pop:NNTF <comma list> <token list variable> {(true code)} {(false code)}`

`\clist_pop:cNTF`

---

New: 2012-05-14

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.

---

`\clist_gpop:NNTF` `\clist_gpop:NNTF <comma list> <token list variable> {(true code)} {(false code)}`

`\clist_gpop:cNTF`

---

New: 2012-05-14

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.

---

`\clist_push:Nn` `\clist_push:Nn <comma list> {(items)}`

`\clist_push:(NV|No|Nx|cn|cV|co|cx)`

`\clist_gpush:Nn`

`\clist_gpush:(NV|No|Nx|cn|cV|co|cx)`

---

Adds the `{(items)}` to the top of the `<comma list>`. Spaces are removed from both sides of each item.

## 8 Using a single item

---

`\clist_item:Nn *` `\clist_item:Nn <comma list> {(integer expression)}`

`\clist_item:cn *`

`\clist_item:nn *`

---

New: 2014-07-17

Indexing items in the `<comma list>` from 1 at the top (left), this function evaluates the `<integer expression>` and leaves 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 expands to nothing.

**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the `<item>` does not expand further when appearing in an `x`-type argument expansion.

## 9 Viewing comma lists

---

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

`\clist_show:c`

---

Updated: 2015-08-03

Displays the entries in the `<comma list>` in the terminal.

---

`\clist_show:n` `\clist_show:n {(tokens)}`

---

Updated: 2013-08-03

Displays the entries in the comma list in the terminal.

---

`\clist_log:N`     `\clist_log:N` *<comma list>*  
`\clist_log:c`  
New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-03

Writes the entries in the *<comma list>* in the log file. See also `\clist_show:N` which displays the result in the terminal.

---

`\clist_log:n`     `\clist_log:n` *{<tokens>}*

New: 2014-08-22

Writes the entries in the comma list in the log file. See also `\clist_show:n` which displays the result in the terminal.

## 10 Constant and scratch comma lists

---

`\c_empty_clist`

New: 2012-07-02

Constant that is always empty.

---

`\l_tmpa_clist`  
`\l_tmpb_clist`

New: 2011-09-06

Scratch comma lists for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any  $\LaTeX$ 3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

---

`\g_tmpa_clist`  
`\g_tmpb_clist`

New: 2011-09-06

Scratch comma lists for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any  $\LaTeX$ 3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

## Part XV

# 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 has two primary function categories: `\token_` for anything that deals with tokens and `\peek_` for looking ahead in the token stream.

Most functions we describe here can be used on control sequences, as those are tokens as well.

It is important to distinguish two aspects of a token: its “shape” (for lack of a better word), which affects the matching of delimited arguments and the comparison of token lists containing this token, and its “meaning”, which affects whether the token expands or what operation it performs. One can have tokens of different shapes with the same meaning, but not the converse.

For instance, `\if:w`, `\if_charcode:w`, and `\tex_if:D` are three names for the same internal operation of T<sub>E</sub>X, namely the primitive testing the next two characters for equality of their character code. They have the same meaning hence 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 takes 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
```

A list of all possible shapes and a list of all possible meanings are given in section 8.

## 1 Creating character tokens

---

```
\char_set_active_eq:NN
\char_set_active_eq:Nc
\char_gset_active_eq:NN
\char_gset_active_eq:Nc
```

Updated: 2015-11-12

---

```
\char_set_active_eq:NN <char> <function>
```

Sets the behaviour of the `<char>` in situations where it is active (category code 13) to be equivalent to that of the `<function>`. The category code of the `<char>` is *unchanged* by this process. The `<function>` may itself be an active character.

---

```
\char_set_active_eq:nN
\char_set_active_eq:nc
\char_gset_active_eq:nN
\char_gset_active_eq:nc
```

New: 2015-11-12

---

```
\char_set_active_eq:nN {<integer expression>} <function>
```

Sets the behaviour of the `<char>` which has character code as given by the `<integer expression>` in situations where it is active (category code 13) to be equivalent to that of the `<function>`. The category code of the `<char>` is *unchanged* by this process. The `<function>` may itself be an active character.

---

`\char_generate:nm` ★

---

New: 2015-09-09

`\char_generate:nm` { $\langle charcode \rangle$ } { $\langle catcode \rangle$ }

Generates a character token of the given  $\langle charcode \rangle$  and  $\langle catcode \rangle$  (both of which may be integer expressions). The  $\langle catcode \rangle$  may be one of

- 1 (begin group)
- 2 (end group)
- 3 (math toggle)
- 4 (alignment)
- 6 (parameter)
- 7 (math superscript)
- 8 (math subscript)
- 11 (letter)
- 12 (other)

and other values raise an error.

The  $\langle charcode \rangle$  may be any one valid for the engine in use. Note however that for X<sub>Y</sub>TeX releases prior to 0.99992 only the 8-bit range (0 to 255) is accepted due to engine limitations.

---

`\c_catcode_other_space_tl`

---

New: 2011-09-05

Token list containing one character with category code 12, (“other”), and character code 32 (space).

## 2 Manipulating and interrogating character tokens

---

```
\char_set_catcode_escape:N          \char_set_catcode_letter:N <character>
\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
```

---

Updated: 2015-11-11

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.

---

```
\char_set_catcode_escape:n          \char_set_catcode_letter:n {<integer expression>}
\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
```

---

Updated: 2015-11-11

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.

---

`\char_set_catcode:nn` `\char_set_catcode:nn {⟨integer1⟩} {⟨integer2⟩}`

---

Updated: 2015-11-11

These functions set the category code of the *⟨character⟩* which has character code as given by the *⟨integer expression⟩*. The first *⟨integer expression⟩* is the character code and the second is the category code to apply. The setting applies within the current  $\TeX$  group. In general, the symbolic functions `\char_set_catcode_⟨type⟩` should be preferred, but there are cases where these lower-level functions may be useful.

---

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

Expands to the current category code of the *⟨character⟩* with character code given by the *⟨integer expression⟩*.

---

`\char_show_value_catcode:n` `\char_show_value_catcode:n {⟨integer expression⟩}`

Displays the current category code of the *⟨character⟩* with character code given by the *⟨integer expression⟩* on the terminal.

---

`\char_set_lccode:nn` `\char_set_lccode:nn {⟨integer1⟩} {⟨integer2⟩}`

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Updated: 2015-08-06

Sets up the behaviour of the *⟨character⟩* when found inside `\tl_lower_case:n`, such that *⟨character<sub>1</sub>⟩* will be converted into *⟨character<sub>2</sub>⟩*. The two *⟨characters⟩* may be specified using an *⟨integer expression⟩* for the character code concerned. This may include the  $\TeX$  ‘*⟨character⟩*’ method for converting a single character into its character code:

```
\char_set_lccode:nn { '\A } { '\a } % Standard behaviour
\char_set_lccode:nn { '\A } { '\A + 32 }
\char_set_lccode:nn { 50 } { 60 }
```

The setting applies within the current  $\TeX$  group.

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

Expands to the current lower case code of the *⟨character⟩* with character code given by the *⟨integer expression⟩*.

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`\char_show_value_lccode:n` `\char_show_value_lccode:n {⟨integer expression⟩}`

Displays the current lower case code of the *⟨character⟩* with character code given by the *⟨integer expression⟩* on the terminal.

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`\char_set_uccode:nn` `\char_set_uccode:nn {⟨integer1⟩} {⟨integer2⟩}`

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Updated: 2015-08-06

Sets up the behaviour of the *⟨character⟩* when found inside `\tl_upper_case:n`, such that *⟨character<sub>1</sub>⟩* will be converted into *⟨character<sub>2</sub>⟩*. The two *⟨characters⟩* may be specified using an *⟨integer expression⟩* for the character code concerned. This may include the  $\TeX$  ‘*⟨character⟩*’ 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  $\TeX$  group.

<code>\char_value_uccode:n</code> *	<code>\char_value_uccode:n</code> $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$
	Expands to the current upper case code of the $\langle character \rangle$ with character code given by the $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$ .
<code>\char_show_value_uccode:n</code>	<code>\char_show_value_uccode:n</code> $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$
	Displays the current upper case code of the $\langle character \rangle$ with character code given by the $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$ on the terminal.
<code>\char_set_mathcode:nn</code> <small>Updated: 2015-08-06</small>	<code>\char_set_mathcode:nn</code> $\langle intexpr_1 \rangle$ $\langle intexpr_2 \rangle$
	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.
<code>\char_value_mathcode:n</code> *	<code>\char_value_mathcode:n</code> $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$
	Expands to the current math code of the $\langle character \rangle$ with character code given by the $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$ .
<code>\char_show_value_mathcode:n</code>	<code>\char_show_value_mathcode:n</code> $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$
	Displays the current math code of the $\langle character \rangle$ with character code given by the $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$ on the terminal.
<code>\char_set_sfcode:nn</code> <small>Updated: 2015-08-06</small>	<code>\char_set_sfcode:nn</code> $\langle intexpr_1 \rangle$ $\langle intexpr_2 \rangle$
	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.
<code>\char_value_sfcode:n</code> *	<code>\char_value_sfcode:n</code> $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$
	Expands to the current space factor for the $\langle character \rangle$ with character code given by the $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$ .
<code>\char_show_value_sfcode:n</code>	<code>\char_show_value_sfcode:n</code> $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$
	Displays the current space factor for the $\langle character \rangle$ with character code given by the $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$ on the terminal.
<code>\l_char_active_seq</code> <small>New: 2012-01-23 Updated: 2015-11-11</small>	
	Used to track which tokens may require special handling at the document level as they are (or have been at some point) of category $\langle active \rangle$ (catcode 13). Each entry in the sequence consists of a single escaped token, for example $\backslash$ . Active tokens should be added to the sequence when they are defined for general document use.
<code>\l_char_special_seq</code> <small>New: 2012-01-23 Updated: 2015-11-11</small>	
	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 $\backslash$ for the backslash or $\{$ for an opening brace. Escaped tokens should be added to the sequence when they are defined for general document use.

### 3 Generic tokens

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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`

---

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

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`\c_catcode_letter_token`  
`\c_catcode_other_token`

---

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

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`\c_catcode_active_tl`

---

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

### 4 Converting tokens

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`\token_to_meaning:N *` `\token_to_meaning:N <token>`  
`\token_to_meaning:c *`

---

Inserts the current meaning of the *<token>* into the input stream as a series of characters of category code 12 (other). This is the primitive  $\TeX$  description of the *<token>*, thus for example both functions defined by `\cs_set_nopar:Npn` and token list variables defined using `\tl_new:N` are described as macros.

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

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`\token_to_str:N *` `\token_to_str:N <token>`  
`\token_to_str:c *`

---

Converts the given *<token>* into a series of characters with category code 12 (other). If the *<token>* is a control sequence, this will start with the current escape character with category code 12 (the escape character is part of the *<token>*). This function requires only a single expansion.

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

### 5 Token conditionals

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`\token_if_group_begin_p:N *` `\token_if_group_begin_p:N <token>`  
`\token_if_group_begin:NTF *` `\token_if_group_begin:NTF <token> {(true code)} {(false code)}`

---

Tests if *<token>* has the category code of a begin group token (`{` when normal  $\TeX$  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.

---

```
\token_if_group_end_p:N * \token_if_group_end_p:N <token>
\token_if_group_end:NTF * \token_if_group_end:NTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of an end group token ( $\}$  when normal  $\TeX$  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.

---

```
\token_if_math_toggle_p:N * \token_if_math_toggle_p:N <token>
\token_if_math_toggle:NTF * \token_if_math_toggle:NTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of a math shift token ( $\$$  when normal  $\TeX$  category codes are in force).

---

```
\token_if_alignment_p:N * \token_if_alignment_p:N <token>
\token_if_alignment:NTF * \token_if_alignment:NTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of an alignment token ( $\&$  when normal  $\TeX$  category codes are in force).

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```
\token_if_parameter_p:N * \token_if_parameter_p:N <token>
\token_if_parameter:NTF * \token_if_parameter:NTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of a macro parameter token ( $\#$  when normal  $\TeX$  category codes are in force).

---

```
\token_if_math_superscript_p:N * \token_if_math_superscript_p:N <token>
\token_if_math_superscript:NTF * \token_if_math_superscript:NTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of a superscript token ( $\^$  when normal  $\TeX$  category codes are in force).

---

```
\token_if_math_subscript_p:N * \token_if_math_subscript_p:N <token>
\token_if_math_subscript:NTF * \token_if_math_subscript:NTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of a subscript token ( $\_$  when normal  $\TeX$  category codes are in force).

---

```
\token_if_space_p:N * \token_if_space_p:N <token>
\token_if_space:NTF * \token_if_space:NTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

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.

---

```
\token_if_letter_p:N * \token_if_letter_p:N <token>
\token_if_letter:NTF * \token_if_letter:NTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

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

---

```
\token_if_other_p:N * \token_if_other_p:N <token>
\token_if_other:NTF * \token_if_other:NTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

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

---

```
\token_if_active_p:N * \token_if_active_p:N <token>
\token_if_active:NTF * \token_if_active:NTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

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

---

```
\token_if_eq_catcode_p:NN * \token_if_eq_catcode_p:NN <token_1> <token_2>
\token_if_eq_catcode:NNTF * \token_if_eq_catcode:NNTF <token_1> <token_2> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

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

---

```
\token_if_eq_charcode_p:NN * \token_if_eq_charcode_p:NN <token_1> <token_2>
\token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF * \token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF <token_1> <token_2> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

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

---

```
\token_if_eq_meaning_p:NN * \token_if_eq_meaning_p:NN <token_1> <token_2>
\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF * \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF <token_1> <token_2> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

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

---

```
\token_if_macro_p:N * \token_if_macro_p:N <token>
\token_if_macro:NTF * \token_if_macro:NTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

Updated: 2011-05-23 Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is a  $\TeX$  macro.

---

```
\token_if_cs_p:N * \token_if_cs_p:N <token>
\token_if_cs:NTF * \token_if_cs:NTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

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

---

```
\token_if_expandable_p:N * \token_if_expandable_p:N <token>
\token_if_expandable:NTF * \token_if_expandable:NTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

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

---

```
\token_if_long_macro_p:N * \token_if_long_macro_p:N <token>
\token_if_long_macro:NTF * \token_if_long_macro:NTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

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Updated: 2012-01-20 Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is a long macro.

---

```
\token_if_protected_macro_p:N * \token_if_protected_macro_p:N <token>
\token_if_protected_macro:NNTF * \token_if_protected_macro:NNTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

Updated: 2012-01-20

Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is a protected macro: for a macro which is both protected and long this returns **false**.

---

```
\token_if_protected_long_macro_p:N * \token_if_protected_long_macro_p:N <token>
\token_if_protected_long_macro:NNTF * \token_if_protected_long_macro:NNTF <token> {\true code} {\false code}
```

---

Updated: 2012-01-20

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

---

`\token_if_chardef_p:N` \* `\token_if_chardef_p:N`  $\langle token \rangle$   
`\token_if_chardef:NTF` \* `\token_if_chardef:NTF`  $\langle token \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-01-20 Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is defined to be a chardef.

**TeXhackers note:** Booleans, boxes and small integer constants are implemented as `\chardefs`.

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`\token_if_mathchardef_p:N` \* `\token_if_mathchardef_p:N`  $\langle token \rangle$   
`\token_if_mathchardef:NTF` \* `\token_if_mathchardef:NTF`  $\langle token \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

---

Updated: 2012-01-20

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

---

`\token_if_dim_register_p:N` \* `\token_if_dim_register_p:N`  $\langle token \rangle$   
`\token_if_dim_register:NTF` \* `\token_if_dim_register:NTF`  $\langle token \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-01-20

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

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`\token_if_int_register_p:N` \* `\token_if_int_register_p:N`  $\langle token \rangle$   
`\token_if_int_register:NTF` \* `\token_if_int_register:NTF`  $\langle token \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-01-20

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

**TeXhackers note:** Constant integers may be implemented as integer registers, `\chardefs`, or `\mathchardefs` depending on their value.

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`\token_if_muskip_register_p:N` \* `\token_if_muskip_register_p:N`  $\langle token \rangle$   
`\token_if_muskip_register:NTF` \* `\token_if_muskip_register:NTF`  $\langle token \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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New: 2012-02-15

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

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`\token_if_skip_register_p:N` \* `\token_if_skip_register_p:N`  $\langle token \rangle$   
`\token_if_skip_register:NTF` \* `\token_if_skip_register:NTF`  $\langle token \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-01-20

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

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`\token_if_toks_register_p:N` \* `\token_if_toks_register_p:N`  $\langle token \rangle$   
`\token_if_toks_register:NTF` \* `\token_if_toks_register:NTF`  $\langle token \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-01-20

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

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`\token_if_primitive_p:N` \* `\token_if_primitive_p:N`  $\langle token \rangle$   
`\token_if_primitive:NTF` \* `\token_if_primitive:NTF`  $\langle token \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2011-05-23

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

## 6 Peeking ahead at the next token

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

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`\peek_after:Nw`    `\peek_after:Nw <function> <token>`

Locally sets the test variable `\l_peek_token` equal to `<token>` (as an implicit token, *not* as a token list), and then expands the `<function>`. The `<token>` remains in the input stream as the next item after the `<function>`. The `<token>` 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.

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`\peek_gafter:Nw`    `\peek_gafter:Nw <function> <token>`

Globally sets the test variable `\g_peek_token` equal to `<token>` (as an implicit token, *not* as a token list), and then expands the `<function>`. The `<token>` remains in the input stream as the next item after the `<function>`. The `<token>` 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.

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

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

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`\peek_catcode:NTF`    `\peek_catcode:NTF <test token> {<true code>} {<false code>}`

Updated: 2012-12-20

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

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`\peek_catcode_ignore_spaces:NTF`    `\peek_catcode_ignore_spaces:NTF <test token> {<true code>} {<false code>}`

Updated: 2012-12-20

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

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`\peek_catcode_remove:NTF`    `\peek_catcode_remove:NTF <test token> {<true code>} {<false code>}`

Updated: 2012-12-20

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

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`\peek_catcode_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF` `\peek_catcode_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF <test token> {(true code)} {(false code)}`

Updated: 2012-12-20

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

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`\peek_charcode:NTF` `\peek_charcode:NTF <test token> {(true code)} {(false code)}`

Updated: 2012-12-20

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

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`\peek_charcode_ignore_spaces:NTF` `\peek_charcode_ignore_spaces:NTF <test token> {(true code)} {(false code)}`

Updated: 2012-12-20

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

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---

`\peek_charcode_remove:NTF` `\peek_charcode_remove:NTF <test token> {(true code)} {(false code)}`

Updated: 2012-12-20

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

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`\peek_charcode_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF` `\peek_charcode_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF <test token> {(true code)} {(false code)}`

Updated: 2012-12-20

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

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`\peek_meaning:NTF` `\peek_meaning:NTF <test token> {(true code)} {(false code)}`

Updated: 2011-07-02

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

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`\peek_meaning_ignore_spaces:NTF` `\peek_meaning_ignore_spaces:NTF <test token> {(true code)} {(false code)}`

Updated: 2012-12-05

Tests if the next non-space  $\langle token \rangle$  in the input stream has the same meaning as the  $\langle test token \rangle$  (as defined by the test `\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF`). Explicit and implicit space tokens (with character code 32 and category code 10) are ignored and removed by the test and the  $\langle token \rangle$  is 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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`\peek_meaning_remove:NTF` `\peek_meaning_remove:NTF <test token> {(true code)} {(false code)}`

Updated: 2011-07-02

Tests if the next  $\langle token \rangle$  in the input stream has the same meaning as the  $\langle test token \rangle$  (as defined by the test `\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF`). Spaces are respected by the test and the  $\langle token \rangle$  is removed from the input stream if the test is true. The function then places 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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`\peek_meaning_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF` `\peek_meaning_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF <test token> {(true code)} {(false code)}`

Updated: 2012-12-05

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

## 7 Decomposing a macro definition

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

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`\token_get_arg_spec:N`  $\star$  `\token_get_arg_spec:N <token>`

If the  $\langle token \rangle$  is a macro, this function leaves 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 }
```

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

**$\TeX$ hackers note:** If the arg spec. contains the string `->`, then the `spec` function produces incorrect results.

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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 leaves 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 }
```

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

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

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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 leaves 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 }
```

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

## 8 Description of all possible tokens

Let us end by reviewing every case that a given token can fall into. This section is quite technical and some details are only meant for completeness. We distinguish the meaning of the token, which controls the expansion of the token and its effect on TeX's state, and its shape, which is used when comparing token lists such as for delimited arguments. Two tokens of the same shape must have the same meaning, but the converse does not hold.

A token has one of the following shapes.

- A control sequence, characterized by the sequence of characters that constitute its name: for instance, `\use:n` is a five-letter control sequence.
- An active character token, characterized by its character code (between 0 and 1114111 for LuaTeX and XeTeX and less for other engines) and category code 13.
- A character token, characterized by its character code and category code (one of 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 or 12 whose meaning is described below).<sup>4</sup>

There are also a few internal tokens. The following list may be incomplete in some engines.

- Expanding `\the\font` results in a token that looks identical to the command that was used to select the current font (such as `\tenrm`) but it differs from it in shape.

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<sup>4</sup>In LuaTeX, there is also the case of “bytes”, which behave as character tokens of category code 12 (other) and character code between 1114112 and 1114366. They are used to output individual bytes to files, rather than UTF-8.

- A “frozen” `\relax`, which differs from the primitive in shape (but has the same meaning), is inserted when the closing `\fi` of a conditional is encountered before the conditional is evaluated.
- Expanding `\noexpand <token>` (when the `<token>` is expandable) results in an internal token, displayed (temporarily) as `\notexpanded: <token>`, whose shape coincides with the `<token>` and whose meaning differs from `\relax`.
- An `\outer endtemplate:` (expanding to another internal token, `end of alignment template`) can be encountered when peeking ahead at the next token.
- Tricky programming might access a frozen `\endwrite`.
- Some frozen tokens can only be accessed in interactive sessions: `\cr`, `\right`, `\endgroup`, `\fi`, `\inaccessible`.

The meaning of a (non-active) character token is fixed by its category code (and character code) and cannot be changed. We call these tokens *explicit* character tokens. Category codes that a character token can have are listed below by giving a sample output of the  $\TeX$  primitive `\meaning`, together with their  $\LaTeX$ 3 names and most common example:

- 1 begin-group character (`group_begin`, often `{`),
- 2 end-group character (`group_end`, often `}`),
- 3 math shift character (`math_toggle`, often `$`),
- 4 alignment tab character (`alignment`, often `&`),
- 6 macro parameter character (`parameter`, often `#`),
- 7 superscript character (`math_superscript`, often `^`),
- 8 subscript character (`math_subscript`, often `_`),
- 10 blank space (`space`, often character code 32),
- 11 the letter (`letter`, such as `A`),
- 12 the character (`other`, such as `0`).

Category code 13 (`active`) is discussed below. Input characters can also have several other category codes which do not lead to character tokens for later processing: 0 (`escape`), 5 (`end_line`), 9 (`ignore`), 14 (`comment`), and 15 (`invalid`).

The meaning of a control sequence or active character can be identical to that of any character token listed above (with any character code), and we call such tokens *implicit* character tokens. The meaning is otherwise in the following list:

- a macro, used in  $\LaTeX$ 3 for most functions and some variables (`tl`, `fp`, `seq`, ...),
- a primitive such as `\def` or `\topmark`, used in  $\LaTeX$ 3 for some functions,
- a register such as `\count123`, used in  $\LaTeX$ 3 for the implementation of some variables (`int`, `dim`, ...),
- a constant integer such as `\char"56` or `\mathchar"121`,

- a font selection command,
- undefined.

Macros be `\protected` or not, `\long` or not (the opposite of what L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 calls `nopar`), and `\outer` or not (unused in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3). Their `\meaning` takes the form

*⟨properties⟩ macro:⟨parameters⟩->⟨replacement⟩*

where *⟨properties⟩* is among `\protected\long\outer`, *⟨parameters⟩* describes parameters that the macro expects, such as `#1#2#3`, and *⟨replacement⟩* describes how the parameters are manipulated, such as `#2/#1/#3`.

Now is perhaps a good time to mention some subtleties relating to tokens with category code 10 (space). Any input character with this category code (normally, space and tab characters) becomes a normal space, with character code 32 and category code 10.

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

## 9 Internal functions

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`\_char_generate:nn` ★

New: 2016-03-25

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`\_char_generate:nn` *⟨charcode⟩* *⟨catcode⟩*

This function is identical in operation to the public `\char_generate:nn` but omits various sanity tests. In particular, this means it is used in certain places where engine variations need to be accounted for by the kernel. The *⟨catcode⟩* must give an explicit integer when expanded (and must not absorb a space for instance).

## Part XVI

# 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 overwrites 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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```
\prop_new:N
\prop_new:c
```

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```
\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  $\langle property\ list \rangle$  initially contains no entries.

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```
\prop_clear:N
\prop_clear:c
\prop_gclear:N
\prop_gclear:c
```

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

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

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```
\prop_clear_new:N
\prop_clear_new:c
\prop_gclear_new:N
\prop_gclear_new:c
```

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

Ensures that the  $\langle property\ list \rangle$  exists globally by applying `\prop_new:N` if necessary, then applies `\prop_(g)clear:N` to leave the list empty.

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```
\prop_set_eq:NN
\prop_set_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)
\prop_gset_eq:NN
\prop_gset_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)
```

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```
\prop_set_eq:NN  $\langle property\ list_1 \rangle$   $\langle property\ list_2 \rangle$ 
```

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

## 2 Adding entries to property lists

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<code>\prop_put:Nnn</code>	<code>\prop_put:Nnn &lt;property list&gt;</code>
<code>\prop_put:(NnV Nno Nnx NVn NVV Non Noo cnn cnV cno cnx cVn cVV con coo)</code>	<code>{&lt;key&gt;} {&lt;value&gt;}</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>	

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Updated: 2012-07-09

Adds an entry to the *<property list>* which may be accessed using the *<key>* and which has *<value>*. Both the *<key>* and *<value>* may contain any *<balanced text>*. The *<key>* is stored after processing with `\tl_to_str:n`, meaning that category codes are ignored. If the *<key>* is already present in the *<property list>*, the existing entry is overwritten by the new *<value>*.

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<code>\prop_put_if_new:Nnn</code>	<code>\prop_put_if_new:Nnn &lt;property list&gt; {&lt;key&gt;} {&lt;value&gt;}</code>
<code>\prop_put_if_new:cnn</code>	
<code>\prop_gput_if_new:Nnn</code>	
<code>\prop_gput_if_new:cnn</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.

## 3 Recovering values from property lists

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<code>\prop_get:NnN</code>	<code>\prop_get:NnN &lt;property list&gt; {&lt;key&gt;} &lt;tl var&gt;</code>
<code>\prop_get:(NVN NoN cnN cVN coN)</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>* is set to the special marker `\q_no_value`. The *<token list variable>* is set within the current  $\TeX$  group. See also `\prop_get:NnNTF`.

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<code>\prop_pop:NnN</code>	<code>\prop_pop:NnN &lt;property list&gt; {&lt;key&gt;} &lt;tl var&gt;</code>
<code>\prop_pop:(NoN cnN coN)</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>* is set to 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`.

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<code>\prop_gpop:NnN</code>	<code>\prop_gpop:NnN &lt;property list&gt; {&lt;key&gt;} &lt;tl var&gt;</code>
<code>\prop_gpop:(NoN cnN coN)</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>* is set to the special marker `\q_no_value`. The *<key>* and *<value>* are then deleted from the property list. The *<property list>* is modified globally, while the assignment of the *<token list variable>* is local. See also `\prop_gpop:NnNTF`.

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<code>\prop_item:Nn</code> *	<code>\prop_item:Nn</code> $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$ $\{$ $\langle$ <i>key</i> $\rangle$ $\}$
<code>\prop_item:cn</code> *	Expands to the $\langle$ <i>value</i> $\rangle$ corresponding to the $\langle$ <i>key</i> $\rangle$ in the $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$ . If the $\langle$ <i>key</i> $\rangle$ is missing, this has an empty expansion.

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New: 2014-07-17

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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* $\rangle$  does not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

## 4 Modifying property lists

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<code>\prop_remove:Nn</code>	<code>\prop_remove:Nn</code> $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$ $\{$ $\langle$ <i>key</i> $\rangle$ $\}$
<code>\prop_remove:(NV cn cV)</code>	Removes the entry listed under $\langle$ <i>key</i> $\rangle$ from the $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$ . If the $\langle$ <i>key</i> $\rangle$ is not found in the $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$ no change occurs, <i>i.e.</i> there is no need to test for the existence of a key before deleting it.
<code>\prop_gremove:Nn</code>	
<code>\prop_gremove:(NV cn cV)</code>	

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New: 2012-05-12

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## 5 Property list conditionals

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

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New: 2012-03-03

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<code>\prop_if_empty_p:N</code> *	<code>\prop_if_empty_p:N</code> $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$
<code>\prop_if_empty_p:c</code> *	<code>\prop_if_empty:NTF</code> $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$ $\{$ $\langle$ <i>true code</i> $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ <i>false code</i> $\rangle$ $\}$
<code>\prop_if_empty:NTF</code> *	Tests if the $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$ is empty (containing no entries).
<code>\prop_if_empty:cTF</code> *	

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<code>\prop_if_in_p:Nn</code>	*	<code>\prop_if_in:NnTF</code> $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$ $\{$ $\langle$ <i>key</i> $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ <i>true code</i> $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ <i>false code</i> $\rangle$ $\}$
<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`.

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

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Updated: 2012-05-19

If the *<key>* is not present in the *<property list>*, leaves the *<false code>* in the input stream. The value of the *<token list variable>* is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the *<key>* is present in the *<property list>*, stores the corresponding *<value>* in the *<token list variable>* without removing it from the *<property list>*, then leaves the *<true code>* in the input stream. The *<token list variable>* is assigned locally.

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```
\prop_pop:NnNTF <property list> {<key>} <token list variable> {<true code>}
\prop_pop:cnNTF {<false code>}
```

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New: 2011-08-18  
Updated: 2012-05-19

If the *<key>* is not present in the *<property list>*, leaves the *<false code>* in the input stream. The value of the *<token list variable>* is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the *<key>* is present in the *<property list>*, pops the corresponding *<value>* in the *<token list variable>*, *i.e.* removes the item from the *<property list>*. Both the *<property list>* and the *<token list variable>* are assigned locally.

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```
\prop_gpop:NnNTF <property list> {<key>} <token list variable> {<true code>}
\prop_gpop:cnNTF {<false code>}
```

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New: 2011-08-18  
Updated: 2012-05-19

If the *<key>* is not present in the *<property list>*, leaves the *<false code>* in the input stream. The value of the *<token list variable>* is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the *<key>* is present in the *<property list>*, pops the corresponding *<value>* in the *<token list variable>*, *i.e.* removes the item from the *<property list>*. The *<property list>* is modified globally, while the *<token list variable>* is assigned locally.

## 7 Mapping to property lists

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```
\prop_map_function:NN ☆ <property list> <function>
```

```
\prop_map_function:cN ☆
```

Updated: 2013-01-08

Applies *<function>* to every *<entry>* stored in the *<property list>*. The *<function>* receives two argument for each iteration: the *<key>* and associated *<value>*. The order in which *<entries>* are returned is not defined and should not be relied upon.

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```
\prop_map_inline:Nn <property list> {<inline function>}
```

```
\prop_map_inline:cn
```

Updated: 2013-01-08

Applies *<inline function>* to every *<entry>* stored within the *<property list>*. The *<inline function>* should consist of code which receives the *<key>* as #1 and the *<value>* as #2. The order in which *<entries>* are returned is not defined and should not be relied upon.

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`\prop_map_break:` ☆

Updated: 2012-06-29

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`\prop_map_break:`

Used to terminate a `\prop_map...` function before all entries in the *⟨property list⟩* have been processed. This normally takes 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 leads to low level TeX errors.

**TeXhackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted before further items are taken from the input stream. This depends on the design of the mapping function.

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`\prop_map_break:n` ☆

Updated: 2012-06-29

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`\prop_map_break:n {⟨code⟩}`

Used to terminate a `\prop_map...` function before all entries in the *⟨property list⟩* have been processed, inserting the *⟨code⟩* after the mapping has ended. This normally takes place within a conditional statement, for example

```
\prop_map_inline:Nn \l_my_prop
{
  \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { bingo }
  { \prop_map_break:n { <code> } }
  {
    % Do something useful
  }
}
```

Use outside of a `\prop_map...` scenario leads to low level TeX errors.

**TeXhackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted before the *⟨code⟩* is inserted into the input stream. This depends on the design of the mapping function.

## 8 Viewing property lists

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`\prop_show:N`

`\prop_show:c`

Updated: 2015-08-01

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`\prop_show:N ⟨property list⟩`

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

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<code>\prop_log:N</code>	<code>\prop_log:N</code> $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$
<code>\prop_log:c</code>	Writes the entries in the $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$ in the log file.
New: 2014-08-12	
Updated: 2015-08-01	

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## 9 Scratch property lists

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<code>\l_tmpa_prop</code>	Scratch property lists for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.
<code>\l_tmpb_prop</code>	
New: 2012-06-23	

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<code>\g_tmpa_prop</code>	Scratch property lists for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.
<code>\g_tmpb_prop</code>	
New: 2012-06-23	

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## 10 Constants

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

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<code>\s__prop</code>	The internal token used at the beginning of property lists. This is also used after each $\langle$ <i>key</i> $\rangle$ (see <code>\__prop_pair:wn</code> ).
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<code>\__prop_pair:wn</code>	<code>\__prop_pair:wn</code> $\langle$ <i>key</i> $\rangle$ <code>\s__prop</code> $\{$ <i>item</i> $\}$
	The internal token used to begin each key–value pair in the property list. If expanded outside of a mapping or manipulation function, an error is raised. The definition should always be set globally.

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<code>\l__prop_internal_tl</code>	Token list used to store new key–value pairs to be inserted by functions of the <code>\prop_put:Nnn</code> family.
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`\__prop_split:NnTF`

Updated: 2013-01-08

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`\__prop_split:NnTF`  $\langle$ *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 token lists: the  $\langle$ *extract* $\rangle$  of  $\langle$ *property list* $\rangle$  before the  $\langle$ *key* $\rangle$ , the  $\langle$ *value* $\rangle$  associated with the  $\langle$ *key* $\rangle$  and the  $\langle$ *extract* $\rangle$  of the  $\langle$ *property list* $\rangle$  after the  $\langle$ *value* $\rangle$ . Both  $\langle$ *extracts* $\rangle$  retain the internal structure of a property list, and the concatenation of the two  $\langle$ *extracts* $\rangle$  is a property list. If the  $\langle$ *key* $\rangle$  is present in the  $\langle$ *property list* $\rangle$  then the  $\langle$ *true code* $\rangle$  is left in the input stream, with **#1**, **#2**, and **#3** replaced by the first  $\langle$ *extract* $\rangle$ , the  $\langle$ *value* $\rangle$ , and the second  $\langle$ *extract* $\rangle$ . If the  $\langle$ *key* $\rangle$  is not present in the  $\langle$ *property list* $\rangle$  then the  $\langle$ *false code* $\rangle$  is left in the input stream, with no trailing material. Both  $\langle$ *true code* $\rangle$  and  $\langle$ *false code* $\rangle$  are used in the replacement text of a macro defined internally, hence macro parameter characters should be doubled, except **#1**, **#2**, and **#3** which stand in the  $\langle$ *true code* $\rangle$  for the three  $\langle$ *extracts* $\rangle$  from the property list. The  $\langle$ *key* $\rangle$  comparison takes place as described for `\str_if_eq:nn`.

## Part XVII

# 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 is automatically wrapped to the length available in the console. As a result, formatting is only needed where it helps 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 to filter out specifically messages from the `submodule`.

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```
\msg_new:nnnn  
\msg_new:nnn
```

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```
\msg_new:nnnn {<module>} {<message>} {<text>} {<more text>}
```

Creates a *<message>* for a given *<module>*. The message is 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 is raised if the *<message>* already exists.

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```
\msg_set:nnnn  
\msg_set:nnn  
\msg_gset:nnnn  
\msg_gset:nnn
```

```
\msg_set:nnnn {<module>} {<message>} {<text>} {<more text>}
```

Sets up the text for a *<message>* for a given *<module>*. The message is 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.

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<code>\msg_if_exist_p:nn</code> *	<code>\msg_if_exist_p:nn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;}</code>
<code>\msg_if_exist:nnTF</code> *	<code>\msg_if_exist:nnTF {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;&gt;true code&gt;} {&lt;&gt;false code&gt;}</code>

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New: 2012-03-03 Tests whether the *<message>* for the *<module>* is currently defined.

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## 2 Contextual information for messages

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<code>\msg_line_context:</code> ☆	<code>\msg_line_context:</code>
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Prints the current line number when a message is given, and thus suitable for giving context to messages. The number itself is preceded by the text `on line`.

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<code>\msg_line_number:</code> *	<code>\msg_line_number:</code>
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Prints the current line number when a message is given.

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<code>\msg_fatal_text:n</code> *	<code>\msg_fatal_text:n {&lt;module&gt;}</code>
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Produces the standard text

`Fatal <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.

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<code>\msg_critical_text:n</code> *	<code>\msg_critical_text:n {&lt;module&gt;}</code>
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Produces the standard text

`Critical <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.

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<code>\msg_error_text:n</code> *	<code>\msg_error_text:n {&lt;module&gt;}</code>
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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.

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<code>\msg_warning_text:n</code> *	<code>\msg_warning_text:n {&lt;module&gt;}</code>
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Produces the standard text

`<module> warning`

This function can be redefined to alter the language in which the message is given, using #1 as the name of the *<module>* to be included.

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`\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.

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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.

### 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 are ignored, or empty arguments added (of course the sense of the message may be impaired). The four arguments are converted to strings before being added to the message text: the x-type variants should be used to expand material.

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`\msg_fatal:nnnnnn` `\msg_fatal:nnnnnn {<module>} {<message>} {<arg one>} {<arg two>} {<arg three>} {<arg four>}`  
`\msg_fatal:nnxxxx`  
`\msg_fatal:nnnnn` Issues `<module>` error `<message>`, passing `<arg one>` to `<arg four>` to the text-creating functions. After issuing a fatal error the T<sub>E</sub>X run halts.  
`\msg_fatal:nnxxx`  
`\msg_fatal:nnnn`  
`\msg_fatal:nnxx`  
`\msg_fatal:nnn`  
`\msg_fatal:nnx`  
`\msg_fatal:nn`

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`\msg_critical:nnnnnn` `\msg_critical:nnnnnn {<module>} {<message>} {<arg one>} {<arg two>} {<arg three>} {<arg four>}`  
`\msg_critical:nnxxxx`  
`\msg_critical:nnnnn` Issues `<module>` error `<message>`, passing `<arg one>` to `<arg four>` to the text-creating functions. After issuing a critical error, T<sub>E</sub>X stops reading the current input file. This may halt the T<sub>E</sub>X run (if the current file is the main file) or may abort reading a sub-file.  
`\msg_critical:nnxxx`  
`\msg_critical:nnnn`  
`\msg_critical:nnxx`  
`\msg_critical:nnn`  
`\msg_critical:nnx`  
`\msg_critical:nn`

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```

\msg_error:nnnnnn \msg_error:nnnnnn {\module} {\message} {\arg one} {\arg two} {\arg three}
\msg_error:nnxxxx {\arg four}
\msg_error:nnnnn Issues {\module} error {\message}, passing {\arg one} to {\arg four} to the text-creating
\msg_error:nnxxx functions. The error interrupts processing and issues the text at the terminal. After user
\msg_error:nnnn input, the run continues.
\msg_error:nnxx
\msg_error:nnn
\msg_error:nnx
\msg_error:nn

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```

\msg_warning:nnnnnn \msg_warning:nnxxxx {\module} {\message} {\arg one} {\arg two} {\arg three}
\msg_warning:nnxxxx {\arg four}
\msg_warning:nnnnn Issues {\module} warning {\message}, passing {\arg one} to {\arg four} to the text-creating
\msg_warning:nnxxx functions. The warning text is added to the log file and the terminal, but the TEX run
\msg_warning:nnnn is not interrupted.
\msg_warning:nnxx
\msg_warning:nnn
\msg_warning:nnx
\msg_warning:nn

```

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```

\msg_info:nnnnnn \msg_info:nnnnnn {\module} {\message} {\arg one} {\arg two} {\arg three} {\arg
\msg_info:nnxxxx four}
\msg_info:nnnnn Issues {\module} information {\message}, passing {\arg one} to {\arg four} to the text-creating
\msg_info:nnxxx functions. The information text is added to the log file.
\msg_info:nnnn
\msg_info:nnxx
\msg_info:nnn
\msg_info:nnx
\msg_info:nn

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```

\msg_log:nnnnnn \msg_log:nnnnnn {\module} {\message} {\arg one} {\arg two} {\arg three} {\arg
\msg_log:nnxxxx four}
\msg_log:nnnnn Issues {\module} information {\message}, passing {\arg one} to {\arg four} to the text-creating
\msg_log:nnxxx functions. The information text is added to the log file: the output is briefer than \msg_
\msg_log:nnnn info:nnnnnn.
\msg_log:nnxx
\msg_log:nnn
\msg_log:nnx
\msg_log:nn

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<code>\msg_none:nnnnnn</code> <code>\msg_none:nnxxxx</code> <code>\msg_none:nnnnn</code> <code>\msg_none:nnxxx</code> <code>\msg_none:nnnn</code> <code>\msg_none:nnxx</code> <code>\msg_none:nnn</code> <code>\msg_none:nnx</code> <code>\msg_none:nn</code>	<code>\msg_none:nnnnnn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;arg one&gt;} {&lt;arg two&gt;} {&lt;arg three&gt;} {&lt;arg four&gt;}</code> 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 raises 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 raises an error 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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<code>\msg_redirect_class:nn</code>	<code>\msg_redirect_class:nn {&lt;class one&gt;} {&lt;class two&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2012-04-27

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Changes the behaviour of messages of *<class one>* so that they are processed using the code for those of *<class two>*.



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`\msg_log:n` `\msg_log:n {<text>}`

New: 2012-06-28 Writes to the log file with the `<text>` laid out in the format

```
.....  
. <text>  
.....
```

where the `<text>` is 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.

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`\msg_term:n` `\msg_term:n {<text>}`

New: 2012-06-28 Writes to the terminal and log file with the `<text>` laid out in the format

```
*****  
* <text>  
*****
```

where the `<text>` is wrapped to fit within the current line length. Wrapping takes place using `\iow_wrap:nnnN`; the documentation for the latter should be consulted for full details.

## 6 Kernel-specific functions

Messages from L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X<sub>3</sub> 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.

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`\_kernel_msg_new:nnnn` `\_kernel_msg_new:nnnn {<module>} {<message>} {<text>} {<more text>}`

`\_kernel_msg_new:nnn`

New: 2017-12-17

Creates a kernel `<message>` for a given `<module>`. The message is defined to first give `<text>` and then `<more text>` if the user requests it. If no `<more text>` is available then a standard text is given instead. Within `<text>` and `<more text>` four parameters (`#1` to `#4`) can be used: these will be supplied and expanded at the time the message is used. An error is raised if the `<message>` already exists.

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`\_kernel_msg_set:nnnn` `\_kernel_msg_set:nnnn {<module>} {<message>} {<text>} {<more text>}`

`\_kernel_msg_set:nnn`

New: 2017-12-17

Sets up the text for a kernel `<message>` for a given `<module>`. The message is defined to first give `<text>` and then `<more text>` if the user requests it. If no `<more text>` is available then a standard text is given instead. Within `<text>` and `<more text>` four parameters (`#1` to `#4`) can be used: these will be supplied and expanded at the time the message is used.

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```
\__kernel_msg_fatal:nnnnnn
\__kernel_msg_fatal:nnxxxx
\__kernel_msg_fatal:nnnnn
\__kernel_msg_fatal:nnxxx
\__kernel_msg_fatal:nnnn
\__kernel_msg_fatal:nnxx
\__kernel_msg_fatal:nnn
\__kernel_msg_fatal:nnx
\__kernel_msg_fatal:nn
```

New: 2017-12-17

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```
\__kernel_msg_fatal:nnnnnn {<module>} {<message>} {<arg one>} {<arg two>} {<arg
three>} {<arg four>}
```

Issues kernel *<module>* error *<message>*, passing *<arg one>* to *<arg four>* to the text-creating functions. After issuing a fatal error the T<sub>E</sub>X run halts. Cannot be redirected.

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```
\__kernel_msg_error:nnnnnn
\__kernel_msg_error:nnxxxx
\__kernel_msg_error:nnnnn
\__kernel_msg_error:nnxxx
\__kernel_msg_error:nnnn
\__kernel_msg_error:nnxx
\__kernel_msg_error:nnn
\__kernel_msg_error:nnx
\__kernel_msg_error:nn
```

New: 2017-12-17

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```
\__kernel_msg_error:nnnnnn {<module>} {<message>} {<arg one>} {<arg two>} {<arg
three>} {<arg four>}
```

Issues kernel *<module>* error *<message>*, passing *<arg one>* to *<arg four>* to the text-creating functions. The error stops processing and issues the text at the terminal. After user input, the run continues. Cannot be redirected.

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```
\__kernel_msg_warning:nnnnnn
\__kernel_msg_warning:nnxxxx
\__kernel_msg_warning:nnnnn
\__kernel_msg_warning:nnxxx
\__kernel_msg_warning:nnnn
\__kernel_msg_warning:nnxx
\__kernel_msg_warning:nnn
\__kernel_msg_warning:nnx
\__kernel_msg_warning:nn
```

New: 2017-12-17

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```
\__kernel_msg_warning:nnnnnn {<module>} {<message>} {<arg one>} {<arg
two>} {<arg three>} {<arg four>}
```

Issues kernel *<module>* warning *<message>*, passing *<arg one>* to *<arg four>* to the text-creating functions. The warning text is added to the log file, but the T<sub>E</sub>X run is not interrupted.

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```
\__kernel_msg_info:nnnnnn
\__kernel_msg_info:nnxxxx
\__kernel_msg_info:nnnnn
\__kernel_msg_info:nnxxx
\__kernel_msg_info:nnnn
\__kernel_msg_info:nnxx
\__kernel_msg_info:nnn
\__kernel_msg_info:nnx
\__kernel_msg_info:nn
```

New: 2017-12-17

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```
\__kernel_msg_info:nnnnnn {<module>} {<message>} {<arg one>} {<arg two>} {<arg
three>} {<arg four>}
```

Issues kernel *<module>* information *<message>*, passing *<arg one>* to *<arg four>* to the text-creating functions. The information text is added to the log file.

## 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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```
\_kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn * \_kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn {<module>} {<message>}
\_kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn * {<arg one>} {<arg two>} {<arg three>} {<arg four>}
\_kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnn *
\_kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnn *
\_kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnn *
\_kernel_msg_expandable_error:nn * *
```

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New: 2017-12-17

Issues an error, passing *<arg one>* to *<arg four>* to the text-creating functions. The resulting string must be much shorter than a line, otherwise it is cropped.

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```
\_msg_expandable_error:n * \_msg_expandable_error:n {<error message>}
```

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New: 2011-08-11

Updated: 2011-08-13

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.

## 8 Internal l3msg functions

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```
\c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
```

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The text

This is a coding error.

used by kernel functions when erroneous programming input is encountered.

## Part XVIII

# 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  $\TeX$  attempts to locate them using 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. Active characters (as declared in `\l_char_active_seq`) are *not* expanded, allowing the direct use of these in file names. File names are quoted using `"` tokens if they contain spaces: as a result, `"` tokens are *not* permitted in file names.

### 1 File operation functions

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`\g_file_curr_dir_str`  
`\g_file_curr_name_str`  
`\g_file_curr_ext_str`

New: 2017-06-21

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Contain the directory, name and extension of the current file. The directory is empty if the file was loaded without an explicit path (*i.e.* if it is in the  $\TeX$  search path), and does *not* end in `/` other than the case that it is exactly equal to the root directory. The  $\langle name \rangle$  and  $\langle ext \rangle$  parts together make up the file name, thus the  $\langle name \rangle$  part may be thought of as the “job name” for the current file. Note that  $\TeX$  does not provide information on the  $\langle ext \rangle$  part for the main (top level) file and that this file always has an empty  $\langle dir \rangle$  component. Also, the  $\langle name \rangle$  here will be equal to `\c_sys_jobname_str`, which may be different from the real file name (if set using `--jobname`, for example).

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`\l_file_search_path_seq`

New: 2017-06-18

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Each entry is the path to a directory which should be searched when seeking a file. Each path can be relative or absolute, and should not include the trailing slash. The entries are not expanded when used so may contain active characters but should not feature any variable content. Spaces need not be quoted.

**$\TeX$ hackers note:** When working as a package in  $\LaTeX 2_{\epsilon}$ , `expl3` will automatically append the current `\input@path` to the set of values from `\l_file_search_path_seq`.

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`\file_if_exist:nTF`

Updated: 2012-02-10

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`\file_if_exist:nTF`  $\langle file\ name \rangle$   $\langle true\ code \rangle$   $\langle false\ code \rangle$

Searches for  $\langle file\ name \rangle$  using the current  $\TeX$  search path and the additional paths controlled by `\l_file_search_path_seq`.

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`\file_get_full_name:nN`

`\file_get_full_name:VN`

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Updated: 2017-06-26

`\file_get_full_name:nN`  $\{\langle file\ name\rangle\}$   $\langle str\ var\rangle$

Searches for  $\langle file\ name\rangle$  in the path as detailed for `\file_if_exist:nTF`, and if found sets the  $\langle str\ var\rangle$  the fully-qualified name of the file, *i.e.* the path and file name. This includes an extension `.tex` when the given  $\langle file\ name\rangle$  has no extension but the file found has that extension. If the file is not found then the  $\langle str\ var\rangle$  is empty.

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`\file_parse_full_name:nNNN`

New: 2017-06-23

Updated: 2017-06-26

`\file_parse_full_name:nNNN`  $\{\langle full\ name\rangle\}$   $\langle dir\rangle$   $\langle name\rangle$   $\langle ext\rangle$

Parses the  $\langle full\ name\rangle$  and splits it into three parts, each of which is returned by setting the appropriate local string variable:

- The  $\langle dir\rangle$ : everything up to the last `/` (path separator) in the  $\langle file\ path\rangle$ . As with system `PATH` variables and related functions, the  $\langle dir\rangle$  does *not* include the trailing `/` unless it points to the root directory. If there is no path (only a file name),  $\langle dir\rangle$  is empty.
- The  $\langle name\rangle$ : everything after the last `/` up to the last `.`, where both of those characters are optional. The  $\langle name\rangle$  may contain multiple `.` characters. It is empty if  $\langle full\ name\rangle$  consists only of a directory name.
- The  $\langle ext\rangle$ : everything after the last `.` (including the dot). The  $\langle ext\rangle$  is empty if there is no `.` after the last `/`.

This function does not expand the  $\langle full\ name\rangle$  before turning it to a string. It assume that the  $\langle full\ name\rangle$  either contains no quote (`"`) characters or is surrounded by a pair of quotes.

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`\file_input:n`

Updated: 2017-06-26

`\file_input:n`  $\{\langle file\ name\rangle\}$

Searches for  $\langle file\ name\rangle$  in the path as detailed for `\file_if_exist:nTF`, 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 is raised if the file is not found.

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`\file_show_list:`

`\file_log_list:`

`\file_show_list:`

`\file_log_list:`

These functions list all files loaded by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> commands that populate `\@filelist` or by `\file_input:n`. While `\file_show_list:` displays the list in the terminal, `\file_log_list:` outputs it to the log file only.

## 1.1 Input–output stream management

As T<sub>E</sub>X engines have a limited number of input and output streams, direct use of the streams by the programmer is not supported in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 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.

<code>\ior_new:N</code> <code>\ior_new:c</code> <code>\iow_new:N</code> <code>\iow_new:c</code>	<code>\ior_new:N</code> $\langle stream \rangle$ <code>\iow_new:N</code> $\langle stream \rangle$ Globally reserves the name of the $\langle stream \rangle$ , either for reading or for writing as appropriate. The $\langle stream \rangle$ is not opened until the appropriate <code>\..._open:Nn</code> function is used. Attempting to use a $\langle stream \rangle$ which has not been opened is an error, and the $\langle stream \rangle$ will behave as the corresponding <code>\c_term_...</code>
New: 2011-09-26 Updated: 2011-12-27	
<code>\ior_open:Nn</code> <code>\ior_open:cn</code>	<code>\ior_open:Nn</code> $\langle stream \rangle$ $\{ \langle file name \rangle \}$ Opens $\langle file name \rangle$ for reading using $\langle stream \rangle$ as the control sequence for file access. If the $\langle stream \rangle$ was already open it is closed before the new operation begins. The $\langle stream \rangle$ is available for access immediately and will remain allocated to $\langle file name \rangle$ until a <code>\ior_close:N</code> instruction is given or the T <sub>E</sub> X run ends. If the file is not found, an error is raised.
Updated: 2012-02-10	
<code>\ior_open:NnTF</code> <code>\ior_open:cnTF</code>	<code>\ior_open:NnTF</code> $\langle stream \rangle$ $\{ \langle file name \rangle \}$ $\{ \langle true code \rangle \}$ $\{ \langle false code \rangle \}$ Opens $\langle file name \rangle$ for reading using $\langle stream \rangle$ as the control sequence for file access. If the $\langle stream \rangle$ was already open it is closed before the new operation begins. The $\langle stream \rangle$ is available for access immediately and will remain allocated to $\langle file name \rangle$ until a <code>\ior_close:N</code> instruction is given or the T <sub>E</sub> X run ends. The $\langle true code \rangle$ is then inserted into the input stream. If the file is not found, no error is raised and the $\langle false code \rangle$ is inserted into the input stream.
New: 2013-01-12	
<code>\iow_open:Nn</code> <code>\iow_open:cn</code>	<code>\iow_open:Nn</code> $\langle stream \rangle$ $\{ \langle file name \rangle \}$ 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 <code>\iow_close:N</code> instruction is given or the T <sub>E</sub> X run ends. Opening a file for writing clears any existing content in the file ( <i>i.e.</i> writing is <i>not</i> additive).
Updated: 2012-02-09	
<code>\ior_close:N</code> <code>\ior_close:c</code> <code>\iow_close:N</code> <code>\iow_close:c</code>	<code>\ior_close:N</code> $\langle stream \rangle$ <code>\iow_close:N</code> $\langle stream \rangle$ 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.
Updated: 2012-07-31	
<code>\ior_show_list:</code> <code>\ior_log_list:</code> <code>\iow_show_list:</code> <code>\iow_log_list:</code>	<code>\ior_show_list:</code> <code>\ior_log_list:</code> <code>\iow_show_list:</code> <code>\iow_log_list:</code> Display (to the terminal or log file) a list of the file names associated with each open (read or write) stream. This is intended for tracking down problems.
New: 2017-06-27	

## 1.2 Reading from files

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`\ior_get:NN` `\ior_get:NN`  $\langle stream \rangle$   $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$

New: 2012-06-24

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Function that reads one or more lines (until an equal number of left and right braces are found) from the input  $\langle stream \rangle$  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  $\langle stream \rangle$  is tokenized by  $\TeX$  according to the category codes and `\endlinechar` in force when the function is used. Assuming normal settings, any lines which do not end in a comment character % have the line ending converted to a space, so for example input

```
a b c
```

results in a token list `a_b_c_`. Any blank line is converted to the token `\par`. Therefore, blank lines can be skipped by using a test such as

```
\ior_get:NN \l_my_stream \l_tmpa_tl
\tl_set:Nn \l_tmpb_tl { \par }
\tl_if_eq:NNF \l_tmpa_tl \l_tmpb_tl
...
```

Also notice that if multiple lines are read to match braces then the resulting token list can contain `\par` tokens.

**$\TeX$ hackers note:** This protected macro is a wrapper around the  $\TeX$  primitive `\read`. Regardless of settings,  $\TeX$  replaces trailing space and tab characters (character codes 32 and 9) in each line by an end-of-line character (character code `\endlinechar`, omitted if `\endlinechar` is negative or too large) before turning characters into tokens according to current category codes. With default settings, spaces appearing at the beginning of lines are also ignored.

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`\ior_str_get:NN` `\ior_str_get:NN`  $\langle stream \rangle$   $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$

New: 2016-12-04

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Function that reads one line from the input  $\langle stream \rangle$  and stores the result locally in the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$  variable. If the  $\langle stream \rangle$  is not open, input is requested from the terminal. The material is read from the  $\langle stream \rangle$  as a series of tokens with category code 12 (other), with the exception of space characters which are given category code 10 (space). Multiple whitespace characters are retained by this process. It always only reads one line and any blank lines in the input result in the  $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$  being empty. Unlike `\ior_get:NN`, line ends do not receive any special treatment. Thus input

```
a b c
```

results in a token list `a b c` with the letters `a`, `b`, and `c` having category code 12.

**$\TeX$ hackers note:** This protected macro is a wrapper around the  $\varepsilon$ - $\TeX$  primitive `\readline`. Regardless of settings,  $\TeX$  removes trailing space and tab characters (character codes 32 and 9). However, the end-line character normally added by this primitive is not included in the result of `\ior_str_get:NN`.

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**\ior\_map\_inline:Nn**

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New: 2012-02-11

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**\ior\_map\_inline:Nn**  $\langle stream \rangle$   $\{\langle inline\ function \rangle\}$ 

Applies the  $\langle inline\ function \rangle$  to each set of  $\langle lines \rangle$  obtained by calling `\ior_get:NN` until reaching the end of the file. T<sub>E</sub>X ignores any trailing new-line marker from the file it reads. The  $\langle inline\ function \rangle$  should consist of code which receives the  $\langle line \rangle$  as #1.

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**\ior\_str\_map\_inline:Nn**

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New: 2012-02-11

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**\ior\_str\_map\_inline:Nn**  $\langle stream \rangle$   $\{\langle inline\ function \rangle\}$ 

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 receives 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.

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**\ior\_map\_break:**

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New: 2012-06-29

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**\ior\_map\_break:**

Used to terminate a `\ior_map_...` function before all lines from the  $\langle stream \rangle$  have been processed. This normally takes 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 leads 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 before further items are taken from the input stream. This depends on the design of the mapping function.

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`\ior_map_break:n`

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New: 2012-06-29

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`\ior_map_break:n {<code>}`

Used to terminate a `\ior_map_...` function before all lines in the *<stream>* have been processed, inserting the *<code>* after the mapping has ended. This normally takes place within a conditional statement, for example

```
\ior_map_inline:Nn \l_my_ior
{
  \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { bingo }
  { \ior_map_break:n { <code> } }
  {
    % Do something useful
  }
}
```

Use outside of a `\ior_map_...` scenario leads to low level TeX errors.

**TeXhackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted before the *<code>* is inserted into the input stream. This depends on the design of the mapping function.

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`\ior_if_eof_p:N` \*`\ior_if_eof:NTF` \*

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Updated: 2012-02-10

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`\ior_if_eof_p:N <stream>``\ior_if_eof:NTF <stream> {(true code)} {(false code)}`

Tests if the end of a *<stream>* has been reached during a reading operation. The test also returns a **true** value if the *<stream>* is not open.

## 2 Writing to files

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

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Updated: 2012-06-05

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`\iow_now:Nn <stream> {(tokens)}`

This functions writes *<tokens>* to the specified *<stream>* immediately (*i.e.* the write operation is called on expansion of `\iow_now:Nn`).

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`\iow_log:n``\iow_log:x``\iow_log:n {(tokens)}`

This function writes the given *<tokens>* to the log (transcript) file immediately: it is a dedicated version of `\iow_now:Nn`.

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`\iow_term:n``\iow_term:x``\iow_term:n {(tokens)}`

This function writes the given *<tokens>* to the terminal file immediately: it is a dedicated version of `\iow_now:Nn`.

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

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`\iow_shipout:Nn <stream> {<tokens>}`

This functions writes `<tokens>` to the specified `<stream>` when the current page is finalised (*i.e.* at shipout). The `x`-type variants expand the `<tokens>` at the point where the function is used but *not* when the resulting tokens are written to the `<stream>` (*cf.* `\iow_shipout_x:Nn`).

**TeXhackers note:** When using `expl3` with a format other than `LATEX`, new line characters inserted using `\iow_newline:` or using the line-wrapping code `\iow_wrap:nnnN` are not recognized in the argument of `\iow_shipout:Nn`. This may lead to the insertion of additional unwanted line-breaks.

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

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Updated: 2012-09-08

`\iow_shipout_x:Nn <stream> {<tokens>}`

This functions writes `<tokens>` to the specified `<stream>` when the current page is finalised (*i.e.* at shipout). The `<tokens>` 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).

**TeXhackers note:** This is a wrapper around the `TeX` primitive `\write`. When using `expl3` with a format other than `LATEX`, new line characters inserted using `\iow_newline:` or using the line-wrapping code `\iow_wrap:nnnN` are not recognized in the argument of `\iow_shipout:Nn`. This may lead to the insertion of additional unwanted line-breaks.

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`\iow_char:N` ★

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`\iow_char:N \<char>`

Inserts `<char>` 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`).

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`\iow_newline:` ★

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`\iow_newline:`

Function to add a new line within the `<tokens>` 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`).

**TeXhackers note:** When using `expl3` with a format other than `LATEX`, the character inserted by `\iow_newline:` is not recognized by `TeX`, which may lead to the insertion of additional unwanted line-breaks. This issue only affects `\iow_shipout:Nn`, `\iow_shipout_x:Nn` and direct uses of primitive operations.

## 2.1 Wrapping lines in output

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`\iow_wrap:nnnN`

New: 2012-06-28

Updated: 2017-12-04

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`\iow_wrap:nnnN`  $\langle text \rangle$   $\langle run-on text \rangle$   $\langle set up \rangle$   $\langle function \rangle$

This function wraps the  $\langle text \rangle$  to a fixed number of characters per line. At the start of each line which is wrapped, the  $\langle run-on text \rangle$  is inserted. The line character count targeted is the value of `\l_iow_line_count_int` minus the number of characters in the  $\langle run-on text \rangle$  for all lines except the first, for which the target number of characters is simply `\l_iow_line_count_int` since there is no run-on text. The  $\langle text \rangle$  and  $\langle run-on text \rangle$  are exhaustively expanded by the function, with the following substitutions:

- `\` or `\iow_newline`: may be used to force a new line,
- `\_` may be used to represent a forced space (for example after a control sequence),
- `\#`, `\%`, `\{`, `\}`, `\~` may be used to represent the corresponding character,
- `\iow_indent:n` may be used to indent a part of the  $\langle text \rangle$  (not the  $\langle run-on text \rangle$ ).

Additional functions may be added to the wrapping by using the  $\langle set up \rangle$ , which is executed before the wrapping takes place: this may include overriding the substitutions listed.

Any expandable material in the  $\langle text \rangle$  which is not to be expanded on wrapping should be converted to a string using `\token_to_str:N`, `\tl_to_str:n`, `\tl_to_str:N`, etc.

The result of the wrapping operation is passed as a braced argument to the  $\langle function \rangle$ , which is typically a wrapper around a write operation. The output of `\iow_wrap:nnnN` (i.e. the argument passed to the  $\langle function \rangle$ ) consists of characters of category “other” (category code 12), with the exception of spaces which have category “space” (category code 10). This means that the output does *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  $\langle text \rangle$ .

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`\iow_indent:n`

New: 2011-09-21

`\iow_indent:n`  $\langle text \rangle$

In the first argument of `\iow_wrap:nnnN` (for instance in messages), indents  $\langle text \rangle$  by four spaces. This function does not cause a line break, and only affects lines which start within the scope of the  $\langle text \rangle$ . In case the indented  $\langle text \rangle$  should appear on separate lines from the surrounding text, use `\` to force line breaks.

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`\l_iow_line_count_int`

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.

## 2.2 Constant input–output streams, and variables

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`\c_term_ior` Constant input stream for reading from the terminal. Reading from this stream using `\ior_get:NN` or similar results in a prompt from T<sub>E</sub>X of the form

`<tl>=`

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`\g_tmpa_ior`  
`\g_tmpb_ior` Scratch input stream for global use. 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.

New: 2017-12-11

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`\c_log_iow`  
`\c_term_iow` Constant output streams for writing to the log and to the terminal (plus the log), respectively.

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`\g_tmpa_iow`  
`\g_tmpb_iow` Scratch output stream for global use. 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.

New: 2017-12-11

## 2.3 Primitive conditionals

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`\if_eof:w` ★ `\if_eof:w <stream>`  
`<true code>`  
`\else:`  
`<false code>`  
`\fi:`

Tests if the `<stream>` 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`.

## 2.4 Internal file functions and variables

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`\g__file_internal_ior` Used to test for the existence of files when opening.

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`\l__file_base_name_str`  
`\l__file_full_name_str` Used to store and transfer the file name (including extension) and (partial) file path whilst reading files. (The file base is the base name plus any preceding directory name.)

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`\__file_missing:n` `\__file_missing:n {<name>}`

New: 2017-06-25

Expands the `<name>` as per `\__file_name_sanitize:nN` then produces an error message indicating that that file was not found.

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<code>\_file_name_sanitize:nN</code>	<code>\_file_name_sanitize:nN {&lt;name&gt;} &lt;str var&gt;</code>
<small>New: 2017-06-19</small>	Exhaustively-expands the <i>&lt;name&gt;</i> with the exception of any category <i>&lt;active&gt;</i> (catcode 13) tokens, which are not expanded. The list of <i>&lt;active&gt;</i> tokens is taken from <code>\l_char_active_seq</code> . The <i>&lt;str var&gt;</i> is then set to the <i>&lt;sanitized name&gt;</i> .

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<code>\_file_name_quote:nN</code>	<code>\_file_name_quote:nN {&lt;name&gt;} &lt;str var&gt;</code>
<small>New: 2017-06-19 Updated: 2017-06-25</small>	Expands the <i>&lt;name&gt;</i> (without special-casing active tokens), then sets the <i>&lt;str var&gt;</i> to the <i>&lt;name&gt;</i> quoted using " at each end if required by the presence of spaces in the <i>&lt;name&gt;</i> . Any existing " tokens is removed and if their number is odd an error is raised.

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## 2.5 Internal input–output functions

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<code>\_ior_open:Nn</code>	<code>\_ior_open:Nn &lt;stream&gt; {&lt;file name&gt;}</code>
<code>\_ior_open:No</code>	
<small>New: 2012-01-23</small>	This function has identical syntax to the public version. However, it does not take precautions against active characters in the <i>&lt;file name&gt;</i> , and it does not attempt to add a <i>&lt;path&gt;</i> to the <i>&lt;file name&gt;</i> : it is therefore intended to be used by higher-level functions which have already fully expanded the <i>&lt;file name&gt;</i> and which need to perform multiple open or close operations. See for example the implementation of <code>\file_get_full_name:nN</code> ,

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<code>\_iow_with:Nnn</code>	<code>\_iow_with:Nnn &lt;integer&gt; {&lt;value&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<small>New: 2014-08-23</small>	If the <i>&lt;integer&gt;</i> is equal to the <i>&lt;value&gt;</i> then this function simply runs the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> . Otherwise it saves the current value of the <i>&lt;integer&gt;</i> , sets it to the <i>&lt;value&gt;</i> , runs the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> , and restores the <i>&lt;integer&gt;</i> to its former value. This is used to ensure that the <code>\newlinechar</code> is 10 when writing to a stream, which lets <code>\iow_newline:</code> work, and that <code>\errorcontextlines</code> is <code>-1</code> when displaying a message.

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## Part XIX

# 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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`\dim_new:N`  
`\dim_new:c`

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

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

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`\dim_const:Nn`  
`\dim_const:cn`

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

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

New: 2012-03-05

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`\dim_zero:N`  
`\dim_zero:c`  
`\dim_gzero:N`  
`\dim_gzero:c`

---

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

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

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`\dim_zero_new:N`  
`\dim_zero_new:c`  
`\dim_gzero_new:N`  
`\dim_gzero_new:c`

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

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

New: 2012-01-07

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`\dim_if_exist_p:N` ★  
`\dim_if_exist_p:c` ★  
`\dim_if_exist:NTF` ★  
`\dim_if_exist:cTF` ★

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

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

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

New: 2012-03-03

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## 2 Setting dim variables

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

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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

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

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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## 3 Utilities for dimension calculations

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

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<code>\dim_max:nn</code> ★	<code>\dim_max:nn {&lt;dimexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;dimexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;}</code>
<code>\dim_min:nn</code> ★	<code>\dim_min:nn {&lt;dimexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;dimexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-09-09	
Updated: 2012-09-26	Evaluates the two <i>&lt;dimension expressions&gt;</i> and leaves either the maximum or minimum value in the input stream as appropriate, as a <i>&lt;dimension denotation&gt;</i> .

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`\dim_ratio:nn` ☆

`\dim_ratio:nn {⟨dimexpr₁⟩} {⟨dimexpr₂⟩}`

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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

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

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

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

displays 327680/655360 on the terminal.

## 4 Dimension expression conditionals

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`\dim_compare_p:nNn` ☆

`\dim_compare_p:nNn {⟨dimexpr₁⟩} ⟨relation⟩ {⟨dimexpr₂⟩}`

`\dim_compare:nNnTF` ☆

`\dim_compare:nNnTF`  
`{⟨dimexpr₁⟩} ⟨relation⟩ {⟨dimexpr₂⟩}`  
`{⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}`

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

Equal	=
Greater than	>
Less than	<

---

```

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

```

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Updated: 2013-01-13

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

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

---

```

\dim_case:nn ☆ \dim_case:nnTF {⟨test dimension expression⟩}
\dim_case:nnTF ☆ {
  {⟨dimexpr case1⟩} {⟨code case1⟩}
  {⟨dimexpr case2⟩} {⟨code case2⟩}
  ...
  {⟨dimexpr casen⟩} {⟨code casen⟩}
}
{⟨true code⟩}
{⟨false code⟩}

```

---

New: 2013-07-24

---

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 and other cases are discarded. If any of the cases are matched, the *⟨true code⟩* is also inserted into the input stream (after the code for the appropriate case), while if none match then the *⟨false code⟩* is inserted. The function `\dim_case:nn`, which does nothing if there is no match, is also available. For example

```

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

```

leaves “Medium” in the input stream.

## 5 Dimension expression loops

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```

\dim_do_until:nNnn ☆ \dim_do_until:nNnn {⟨dimexpr1⟩} ⟨relation⟩ {⟨dimexpr2⟩} {⟨code⟩}

```

---

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

---

```

\dim_do_while:nNnn ☆ \dim_do_while:nNnn {⟨dimexpr1⟩} ⟨relation⟩ {⟨dimexpr2⟩} {⟨code⟩}

```

---

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

---

```

\dim_until_do:nNnn ☆ \dim_until_do:nNnn {⟨dimexpr1⟩} ⟨relation⟩ {⟨dimexpr2⟩} {⟨code⟩}

```

---

Evaluates the relationship between the two *⟨dimension expressions⟩* as described for `\dim_compare:nNnTF`, 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 is repeated, and a loop occurs until the test is **true**.

---

`\dim_while_do:nNnn` ☆ `\dim_while_do:nNnn {⟨dimexpr1⟩} ⟨relation⟩ {⟨dimexpr2⟩} {⟨code⟩}`

Evaluates the relationship between the two *⟨dimension expressions⟩* as described for `\dim_compare:nNnTF`, 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 is repeated, and a loop occurs until the test is **false**.

---

`\dim_do_until:nn` ☆ `\dim_do_until:nn {⟨dimension relation⟩} {⟨code⟩}`

Updated: 2013-01-13

Places the *⟨code⟩* in the input stream for T<sub>E</sub>X to process, and then evaluates the *⟨dimension relation⟩* as described for `\dim_compare:nTF`. If the test is **false** then the *⟨code⟩* is inserted into the input stream again and a loop occurs until the *⟨relation⟩* is **true**.

---

`\dim_do_while:nn` ☆ `\dim_do_while:nn {⟨dimension relation⟩} {⟨code⟩}`

Updated: 2013-01-13

Places the *⟨code⟩* in the input stream for T<sub>E</sub>X to process, and then evaluates the *⟨dimension relation⟩* as described for `\dim_compare:nTF`. If the test is **true** then the *⟨code⟩* is inserted into the input stream again and a loop occurs until the *⟨relation⟩* is **false**.

---

`\dim_until_do:nn` ☆ `\dim_until_do:nn {⟨dimension relation⟩} {⟨code⟩}`

Updated: 2013-01-13

Evaluates the *⟨dimension relation⟩* 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 is repeated, and a loop occurs until the test is **true**.

---

`\dim_while_do:nn` ☆ `\dim_while_do:nn {⟨dimension relation⟩} {⟨code⟩}`

Updated: 2013-01-13

Evaluates the *⟨dimension relation⟩* 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 is repeated, and a loop occurs until the test is **false**.

## 6 Dimension step functions

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`\dim_step_function:nnnN` ☆ `\dim_step_function:nnnN {⟨initial value⟩} {⟨step⟩} {⟨final value⟩} ⟨function⟩`

New: 2018-02-18

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

---

`\dim_step_inline:nnnn` `\dim_step_inline:nnnn {⟨initial value⟩} {⟨step⟩} {⟨final value⟩} {⟨code⟩}`

New: 2018-02-18

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

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`\dim_step_variable:nnnNn`

New: 2018-02-18

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`\dim_step_variable:nnnNn`

`{\langle initial value \rangle} {\langle step \rangle} {\langle final value \rangle} \langle tl var \rangle {\langle code \rangle}`

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

## 7 Using dim expressions and variables

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`\dim_eval:n` ★

Updated: 2011-10-22

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`\dim_eval:n`  $\{\langle dimension expression \rangle\}$

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 result of the calculation is left in the input stream as a  $\langle dimension denotation \rangle$  after two expansions. This is expressed in points (`pt`), and requires suitable termination if used in a  $\TeX$ -style assignment as it is *not* an  $\langle internal dimension \rangle$ .

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`\dim_use:N` ★

`\dim_use:c` ★

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

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

**$\TeX$ hackers note:** `\dim_use:N` is the  $\TeX$  primitive `\the`: this is one of several  $\LaTeX$ 3 names for this primitive.

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`\dim_to_decimal:n` ★

New: 2014-07-15

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

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

For example

`\dim_to_decimal:n { 1bp }`

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

---

`\dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n` ★ `\dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {⟨dimexpr⟩}`

New: 2014-07-15

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

For example

```
\dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { 1pt }
```

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

---

`\dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n` ★ `\dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n {⟨dimexpr⟩}`

New: 2015-05-18

Evaluates the *⟨dimension expression⟩*, and leaves the result, expressed in scaled points (`sp`) in the input stream, with *no units*. The result is necessarily an integer.

---

`\dim_to_decimal_in_unit:nn` ★ `\dim_to_decimal_in_unit:nn {⟨dimexpr1⟩} {⟨dimexpr2⟩}`

New: 2014-07-15

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

For example

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

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

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

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`\dim_to_fp:n` ★ `\dim_to_fp:n {⟨dimexpr⟩}`

New: 2012-05-08

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

## 8 Viewing dim variables

---

`\dim_show:N` `\dim_show:N ⟨dimension⟩`

`\dim_show:c`

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

---

`\dim_show:n`     `\dim_show:n {⟨dimension expression⟩}`  
New: 2011-11-22     Displays the result of evaluating the  $\langle dimension\ expression \rangle$  on the terminal.  
Updated: 2015-08-07

---

`\dim_log:N`     `\dim_log:N ⟨dimension⟩`  
`\dim_log:c`     Writes the value of the  $\langle dimension \rangle$  in the log file.  
New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-03

---

`\dim_log:n`     `\dim_log:n {⟨dimension expression⟩}`  
New: 2014-08-22     Writes the result of evaluating the  $\langle dimension\ expression \rangle$  in the log file.  
Updated: 2015-08-07

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## 9 Constant dimensions

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

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

## 10 Scratch dimensions

---

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

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`\g_tmpa_dim`     Scratch dimension for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and  
`\g_tmpb_dim`     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.

## 11 Creating and initialising skip variables

---

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

---

`\skip_const:Nn`     `\skip_const:Nn ⟨skip⟩ {⟨skip expression⟩}`  
`\skip_const:cn`     Creates a new constant  $\langle skip \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The value  
of the  $\langle skip \rangle$  is set globally to the  $\langle skip\ expression \rangle$ .  
New: 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>	Sets $\langle skip \rangle$ to 0pt.
<code>\skip_gzero:N</code>	
<code>\skip_gzero:c</code>	

---

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

New: 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> *	Tests whether the $\langle skip \rangle$ is currently defined. This does not check that the $\langle skip \rangle$ really
<code>\skip_if_exist:cTF</code> *	is a skip variable.

New: 2012-03-03

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

Updated: 2011-10-22

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

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

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

Updated: 2011-10-22

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## 13 Skip expression conditionals

---

```
\skip_if_eq_p:nn * \skip_if_eq_p:nn {<skipexpr1>} {<skipexpr2>}
\skip_if_eq_nnTF * \skip_if_eq_nnTF
                    {<skipexpr1>} {<skipexpr2>}
                    {<true code>} {<false 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.

---

```
\skip_if_finite_p:n * \skip_if_finite_p:n {<skipexpr>}
\skip_if_finite_nTF * \skip_if_finite_nTF {<skipexpr>} {<true code>} {<false code>}
```

---

New: 2012-03-05

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

## 14 Using skip expressions and variables

---

```
\skip_eval:n * \skip_eval:n {<skip expression>}
```

---

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 is expressed in points (pt), and requires suitable termination if used in a TeX-style assignment as it is *not* an *<internal glue>*.

---

```
\skip_use:N * \skip_use:N <skip>
```

---

```
\skip_use:c *
```

Recovers the content of a *<skip>* and places it directly in the input stream. An error is 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`).

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

## 15 Viewing skip variables

---

```
\skip_show:N \skip_show:N <skip>
```

---

```
\skip_show:c
```

Updated: 2015-08-03

Displays the value of the *<skip>* on the terminal.

---

```
\skip_show:n \skip_show:n {<skip expression>}
```

---

New: 2011-11-22

Updated: 2015-08-07

Displays the result of evaluating the *<skip expression>* on the terminal.

---

`\skip_log:N`    `\skip_log:N <skip>`  
`\skip_log:c`  
Writes the value of the `<skip>` in the log file.  
New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-03

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`\skip_log:n`    `\skip_log:n {\<skip expression>}`  
Writes the result of evaluating the `<skip expression>` in the log file.  
New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-07

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## 16 Constant skips

---

`\c_max_skip`    The maximum value that can be stored as a skip (equal to `\c_max_dim` in length), with no stretch nor shrink component.  
Updated: 2012-11-02

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`\c_zero_skip`    A zero length as a skip, with no stretch nor shrink component.  
Updated: 2012-11-01

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## 17 Scratch skips

---

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

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

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## 18 Inserting skips into the output

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`\skip_horizontal:N`    `\skip_horizontal:N <skip>`  
`\skip_horizontal:c`    `\skip_horizontal:n {\<skipexpr>}`  
`\skip_horizontal:n`    Inserts a horizontal `<skip>` into the current list.  
Updated: 2011-10-22

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**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:N <skip>`  
`\skip_vertical:c`    `\skip_vertical:n {\<skipexpr>}`  
`\skip_vertical:n`    Inserts a vertical `<skip>` into the current list.  
Updated: 2011-10-22

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

## 19 Creating and initialising muskip variables

---

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

---

```
\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  $\langle muskip \rangle$  is initially equal to 0 mu.

---

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

---

```
\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  $\langle muskip \rangle$  is set globally to the  $\langle muskip expression \rangle$ .

New: 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.

---

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

---

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

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

New: 2012-01-07

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

---

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

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

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

New: 2012-03-03

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## 20 Setting muskip variables

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

---

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

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

Updated: 2011-10-22

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

---

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

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).

Updated: 2011-10-22

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

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

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

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<code>\muskip_sub:Nn</code>	<code>\muskip_sub:Nn &lt;muskip&gt; {&lt;muskip expression&gt;}</code>
<code>\muskip_sub:cn</code>	
<code>\muskip_gsub:Nn</code>	Subtracts the result of the <i>&lt;muskip expression&gt;</i> from the current content of the <i>&lt;skip&gt;</i> .
<code>\muskip_gsub:cn</code>	
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Updated: 2011-10-22	

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## 21 Using muskip expressions and variables

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<code>\muskip_eval:n</code> *	<code>\muskip_eval:n {&lt;muskip expression&gt;}</code>
<hr/>	
Updated: 2011-10-22	
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	Evaluates the <i>&lt;muskip expression&gt;</i> , expanding any skips and token list variables within the <i>&lt;expression&gt;</i> 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 <i>&lt;mu glue denotation&gt;</i> after two expansions. This is expressed in <code>mu</code> , and requires suitable termination if used in a T <sub>E</sub> X-style assignment as it is <i>not</i> an <i>&lt;internal mu glue&gt;</i> .

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

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

## 22 Viewing muskip variables

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<code>\muskip_show:N</code>	<code>\muskip_show:N &lt;muskip&gt;</code>
<code>\muskip_show:c</code>	
<hr/>	
Updated: 2015-08-03	

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<code>\muskip_show:n</code>	<code>\muskip_show:n {&lt;muskip expression&gt;}</code>
<hr/>	
New: 2011-11-22	
Updated: 2015-08-07	
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	Displays the result of evaluating the <i>&lt;muskip expression&gt;</i> on the terminal.

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<code>\muskip_log:N</code>	<code>\muskip_log:N &lt;muskip&gt;</code>
<code>\muskip_log:c</code>	
<hr/>	
New: 2014-08-22	
Updated: 2015-08-03	
<hr/>	
	Writes the value of the <i>&lt;muskip&gt;</i> in the log file.

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<code>\muskip_log:n</code>	<code>\muskip_log:n {&lt;muskip expression&gt;}</code>
<hr/>	
New: 2014-08-22	
Updated: 2015-08-07	
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	Writes the result of evaluating the <i>&lt;muskip expression&gt;</i> in the log file.

## 23 Constant muskips

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`\c_max_muskip` The maximum value that can be stored as a muskip, with no stretch nor shrink component.

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`\c_zero_muskip` A zero length as a muskip, with no stretch nor shrink component.

## 24 Scratch muskips

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

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

## 25 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`.

## 26 Internal functions

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`\_dim_eval:w` ★ `\_dim_eval:w <dimexpr> \_dim_eval_end:`  
`\_dim_eval_end:` ★ 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`.

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`\_dim_eval:n` ★ `\_dim_eval:n {<dimexpr>}`

By default this expands to `\_dim_eval:w <dimexpr> \_dim_eval_end:` but when debugging is enabled this expands to a more complicated construction that evaluates *<dimexpr>* with parentheses and within a brace group to detect early termination.

## Part XX

# The l3keys package

## Key–value interfaces

The key–value method is a popular system for creating large numbers of settings for controlling function or package behaviour. The system normally results in input of the form

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

or

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

for the user.

The high level functions here are intended as a method to create key–value controls. Keys are themselves created using a key–value interface, minimising the number of functions and arguments required. Each key is created by setting one or more *properties* of the key:

```
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  key-one .code:n = code including parameter #1,
  key-two .tl_set:N = \l_mymodule_store_tl
}
```

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

```
\keys_set:nn { mymodule }
{
  key-one = value one,
  key-two = value two
}
```

At a document level, `\keys_set:nn` is used within a document function, for example

```
\DeclareDocumentCommand \MyModuleSetup { m }
{ \keys_set:nn { mymodule } { #1 } }
\DeclareDocumentCommand \MyModuleMacro { o m }
{
  \group_begin:
  \keys_set:nn { mymodule } { #1 }
  % Main code for \MyModuleMacro
  \group_end:
}
```

Key names may contain any tokens, as they are handled internally using `\tl_to_str:n`. As discussed in section 2, it is suggested that the character `/` is reserved for sub-division of keys into logical groups. Functions and variables are *not* expanded when creating key names, and so

```
\tl_set:Nn \l_mymodule_tmp_tl { key }
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  \l_mymodule_tmp_tl .code:n = code
}
```

creates a key called `\l_mymodule_tmp_tl`, and not one called `key`.

## 1 Creating keys

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`\keys_define:nn`

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

Parses the *<keyval list>* and defines the keys listed there for *<module>*. The *<module>* name should be a text value, but there are no restrictions on the nature of the text. In practice the *<module>* should be chosen to be unique to the module in question (unless deliberately adding keys to an existing module).

The *<keyval list>* should consist of one or more key names along with an associated key *property*. The properties of a key determine how it acts. The individual properties are described in the following text; a typical use of `\keys_define:nn` might read

```
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  keyname .code:n = Some~code~using~#1,
  keyname .value_required:n = true
}
```

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

The various properties available take either no arguments at all, or require one or more arguments. This is indicated in the name of the property using an argument specification. In the following discussion, each property is illustrated attached to an arbitrary *<key>*, which when used may be supplied with a *<value>*. All key *definitions* are local.

Key properties are applied in the reading order and so the ordering is significant. Key properties which define “actions”, such as `.code:n`, `.tl_set:N`, *etc.*, override one another. Some other properties are mutually exclusive, notably `.value_required:n` and `.value_forbidden:n`, and so they replace one another. However, properties covering non-exclusive behaviours may be given in any order. Thus for example the following definitions are equivalent.

```
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  keyname .code:n           = Some~code~using~#1,
  keyname .value_required:n = true
}
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
```

```

{
  keyname .value_required:n = true,
  keyname .code:n           = Some~code~using~#1
}

```

Note that with the exception of the special `.undefine:` property, all key properties define the key within the current  $\TeX$  scope.

---

```
.bool_set:N
```

$\langle key \rangle$  .bool\_set:N =  $\langle boolean \rangle$

```
.bool_set:c
```

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

```
.bool_gset:N
```

```
.bool_gset:c
```

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```
.bool_set_inverse:N
```

$\langle key \rangle$  .bool\_set\_inverse:N =  $\langle boolean \rangle$

```
.bool_set_inverse:c
```

Defines  $\langle key \rangle$  to set  $\langle boolean \rangle$  to the logical inverse of  $\langle value \rangle$  (which must be either `true` or `false`). If the  $\langle boolean \rangle$  does not exist, it will be created globally at the point that the key is set up.

```
.bool_gset_inverse:N
```

```
.bool_gset_inverse:c
```

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New: 2011-08-28  
Updated: 2013-07-08

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```
.choice:
```

$\langle key \rangle$  .choice:

Sets  $\langle key \rangle$  to act as a choice key. Each valid choice for  $\langle key \rangle$  must then be created, as discussed in section 3.

---

```
.choices:nn
```

$\langle key \rangle$  .choices:nn =  $\{\langle choices \rangle\} \{\langle code \rangle\}$

```
.choices:(Vn|on|xn)
```

Sets  $\langle key \rangle$  to act as a choice key, and defines a series  $\langle choices \rangle$  which are implemented using the  $\langle code \rangle$ . Inside  $\langle code \rangle$ , `\l_keys_choice_tl` will be the name of the choice made, and `\l_keys_choice_int` will be the position of the choice in the list of  $\langle choices \rangle$  (indexed from 1). Choices are discussed in detail in section 3.

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New: 2011-08-21  
Updated: 2013-07-10

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```
.clist_set:N
```

$\langle key \rangle$  .clist\_set:N =  $\langle comma list variable \rangle$

```
.clist_set:c
```

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 is created globally at the point that the key is set up.

```
.clist_gset:N
```

```
.clist_gset:c
```

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New: 2011-09-11

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```
.code:n
```

$\langle key \rangle$  .code:n =  $\{\langle code \rangle\}$

---

Updated: 2013-07-10

Stores the  $\langle code \rangle$  for execution when  $\langle key \rangle$  is used. The  $\langle code \rangle$  can include one parameter (#1), which will be the  $\langle value \rangle$  given for the  $\langle key \rangle$ . The x-type variant expands  $\langle code \rangle$  at the point where the  $\langle key \rangle$  is created.

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`.default:n`  
`.default:(V|o|x)`  
Updated: 2013-07-09

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`<key> .default:n = {<default>}`

Creates a *<default>* value for *<key>*, which is used if no value is given. This will be used if only the key name is given, but not if a blank *<value>* is given:

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

The default does not affect keys where values are required or forbidden. Thus a required value cannot be supplied by a default value, and giving a default value for a key which cannot take a value does not trigger an error.

---

`.dim_set:N`  
`.dim_set:c`  
`.dim_gset:N`  
`.dim_gset:c`

---

`<key> .dim_set:N = <dimension>`

Defines *<key>* to set *<dimension>* to *<value>* (which must a dimension expression). If the variable does not exist, it is created globally at the point that the key is set up.

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`.fp_set:N`  
`.fp_set:c`  
`.fp_gset:N`  
`.fp_gset:c`

---

`<key> .fp_set:N = <floating point>`

Defines *<key>* to set *<floating point>* to *<value>* (which must a floating point expression). If the variable does not exist, it is created globally at the point that the key is set up.

---

`.groups:n`  
New: 2013-07-14

---

`<key> .groups:n = {<groups>}`

Defines *<key>* as belonging to the *<groups>* declared. Groups provide a “secondary axis” for selectively setting keys, and are described in Section 6.

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`.inherit:n`  
New: 2016-11-22

---

`<key> .inherit:n = {<parents>}`

Specifies that the *<key>* path should inherit the keys listed as *<parents>*. For example, after setting

```
\keys_define:n { foo } { test .code:n = \tl_show:n {#1} }
\keys_define:n { } { bar .inherit:n = foo }
```

setting

```
\keys_set:n { bar } { test = a }
```

will be equivalent to

```
\keys_set:n { foo } { test = a }
```

---

`.initial:n`  
`.initial:(V|o|x)`  
Updated: 2013-07-09

---

`<key> .initial:n = {<value>}`  
Initialises the `<key>` with the `<value>`, equivalent to  
`\keys_set:nn {<module>} { <key> = <value> }`

---

`.int_set:N`  
`.int_set:c`  
`.int_gset:N`  
`.int_gset:c`

---

`<key> .int_set:N = <integer>`  
Defines `<key>` to set `<integer>` to `<value>` (which must be an integer expression). If the variable does not exist, it is created globally at the point that the key is set up.

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`.meta:n`  
Updated: 2013-07-10

---

`<key> .meta:n = {<keyval list>}`  
Makes `<key>` a meta-key, which will set `<keyval list>` in one go. If `<key>` is given with a value at the time the key is used, then the value will be passed through to the subsidiary `<keys>` for processing (as #1).

---

`.meta:nn`  
New: 2013-07-10

---

`<key> .meta:nn = {<path>} {<keyval list>}`  
Makes `<key>` a meta-key, which will set `<keyval list>` in one go using the `<path>` in place of the current one. If `<key>` is given with a value at the time the key is used, then the value will be passed through to the subsidiary `<keys>` for processing (as #1).

---

`.multichoice:`  
New: 2011-08-21

---

`<key> .multichoice:`  
Sets `<key>` to act as a multiple choice key. Each valid choice for `<key>` must then be created, as discussed in section 3.

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`.multichoices:nn`  
`.multichoices:(Vn|on|xn)`  
New: 2011-08-21  
Updated: 2013-07-10

---

`<key> .multichoices:nn {<choices>} {<code>}`  
Sets `<key>` to act as a multiple choice key, and defines a series `<choices>` which are implemented using the `<code>`. Inside `<code>`, `\l_keys_choice_tl` will be the name of the choice made, and `\l_keys_choice_int` will be the position of the choice in the list of `<choices>` (indexed from 1). Choices are discussed in detail in section 3.

---

`.skip_set:N`  
`.skip_set:c`  
`.skip_gset:N`  
`.skip_gset:c`

---

`<key> .skip_set:N = <skip>`  
Defines `<key>` to set `<skip>` to `<value>` (which must be a skip expression). If the variable does not exist, it is created globally at the point that the key is set up.

---

`.tl_set:N`  
`.tl_set:c`  
`.tl_gset:N`  
`.tl_gset:c`

---

`<key> .tl_set:N = <token list variable>`  
Defines `<key>` to set `<token list variable>` to `<value>`. If the variable does not exist, it is created globally at the point that the key is set up.

---

`.tl_set_x:N`  
`.tl_set_x:c`  
`.tl_gset_x:N`  
`.tl_gset_x:c`

---

`<key> .tl_set_x:N = <token list variable>`  
Defines `<key>` to set `<token list variable>` to `<value>`, which will be subjected to an x-type expansion (*i.e.* using `\tl_set:Nx`). If the variable does not exist, it is created globally at the point that the key is set up.

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`.undefine:`    `<key> .undefine:`

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New: 2015-07-14    Removes the definition of the `<key>` within the current scope.

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`.value_forbidden:n`    `<key> .value_forbidden:n = true|false`

---

New: 2015-07-14    Specifies that `<key>` cannot receive a `<value>` when used. If a `<value>` is given then an error will be issued. Setting the property `false` cancels the restriction.

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`.value_required:n`    `<key> .value_required:n = true|false`

---

New: 2015-07-14    Specifies that `<key>` must receive a `<value>` when used. If a `<value>` is not given then an error will be issued. Setting the property `false` cancels the restriction.

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## 2 Sub-dividing keys

When creating large numbers of keys, it may be desirable to divide them into several sub-groups for a given module. This can be achieved either by adding a sub-division to the module name:

```
\keys_define:nn { module / subgroup }
  { key .code:n = code }
```

or to the key name:

```
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
  { subgroup / key .code:n = code }
```

As illustrated, the best choice of token for sub-dividing keys in this way is `/`. This is because of the method that is used to represent keys internally. Both of the above code fragments set the same key, which has full name `module/subgroup/key`.

As illustrated in the next section, this subdivision is particularly relevant to making multiple choices.

## 3 Choice and multiple choice keys

The `l3keys` system supports two types of choice key, in which a series of pre-defined input values are linked to varying implementations. Choice keys are usually created so that the various values are mutually-exclusive: only one can apply at any one time. “Multiple” choice keys are also supported: these allow a selection of values to be chosen at the same time.

Mutually-exclusive choices are created by setting the `.choice:` property:

```
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
  { key .choice: }
```

For keys which are set up as choices, the valid choices are generated by creating sub-keys of the choice key. This can be carried out in two ways.

In many cases, choices execute similar code which is dependant only on the name of the choice or the position of the choice in the list of all possibilities. Here, the keys can share the same code, and can be rapidly created using the `.choices:nn` property.

```

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

```

The index `\l_keys_choice_int` in the list of choices starts at 1.

---

`\l_keys_choice_int`  
`\l_keys_choice_tl`

Inside the code block for a choice generated using `.choices:nn`, the variables `\l_keys_choice_tl` and `\l_keys_choice_int` are available to indicate the name of the current choice, and its position in the comma list. The position is indexed from 1. Note that, as with standard key code generated using `.code:n`, the value passed to the key (i.e. the choice name) is also available as `#1`.

On the other hand, it is sometimes useful to create choices which use entirely different code from one another. This can be achieved by setting the `.choice:` property of a key, then manually defining sub-keys.

```

\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  key .choice:,
  key / choice-a .code:n = code-a,
  key / choice-b .code:n = code-b,
  key / choice-c .code:n = code-c,
}

```

It is possible to mix the two methods, but manually-created choices should *not* use `\l_keys_choice_tl` or `\l_keys_choice_int`. These variables do not have defined behaviour when used outside of code created using `.choices:nn` (i.e. anything might happen).

It is possible to allow choice keys to take values which have not previously been defined by adding code for the special `unknown` choice. The general behavior of the `unknown` key is described in Section 5. A typical example in the case of a choice would be to issue a custom error message:

```

\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  key .choice:,
  key / choice-a .code:n = code-a,
  key / choice-b .code:n = code-b,
  key / choice-c .code:n = code-c,
  key / unknown .code:n =
    \msg_error:nnxxx { mymodule } { unknown-choice }
    { key } % Name of choice key
    { choice-a , choice-b , choice-c } % Valid choices
    { \exp_not:n {#1} } % Invalid choice given
}

```

```

%
%
}

```

Multiple choices are created in a very similar manner to mutually-exclusive choices, using the properties `.multichoice:` and `.multichoices:nn`. As with mutually exclusive choices, multiple choices are define as sub-keys. Thus both

```

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

```

and

```

\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  key .multichoice:,
  key / choice-a .code:n = code-a,
  key / choice-b .code:n = code-b,
  key / choice-c .code:n = code-c,
}

```

are valid.

When a multiple choice key is set

```

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

```

each choice is applied in turn, equivalent to a `clist` mapping or to applying each value individually:

```

\keys_set:nn { mymodule }
{
  key = a ,
  key = b ,
  key = c ,
}

```

Thus each separate choice will have passed to it the `\l_keys_choice_tl` and `\l_keys_choice_int` in exactly the same way as described for `.choices:nn`.

## 4 Setting keys

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`\keys_set:nn`  
`\keys_set:(nV|nv|no)`  
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`\keys_set:nn {<module>} {<keyval list>}`

Parses the *<keyval list>*, and sets those keys which are defined for *<module>*. The behaviour on finding an unknown key can be set by defining a special **unknown** key: this is illustrated later.

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`\l_keys_key_tl`  
`\l_keys_path_tl`  
`\l_keys_value_tl`  
Updated: 2015-07-14

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For each key processed, information of the full *path* of the key, the *name* of the key and the *value* of the key is available within three token list variables. These may be used within the code of the key.

The *value* is everything after the =, which may be empty if no value was given. This is stored in `\l_keys_value_tl`, and is not processed in any way by `\keys_set:nn`.

The *path* of the key is a “full” description of the key, and is unique for each key. It consists of the module and full key name, thus for example

```
\keys_set:nn { mymodule } { key-a = some-value }
```

has path `mymodule/key-a` while

```
\keys_set:nn { mymodule } { subset / key-a = some-value }
```

has path `mymodule/subset/key-a`. This information is stored in `\l_keys_path_tl`, and will have been processed by `\tl_to_str:n`.

The *name* of the key is the part of the path after the last /, and thus is not unique. In the preceding examples, both keys have name `key-a` despite having different paths. This information is stored in `\l_keys_key_tl`, and will have been processed by `\tl_to_str:n`.

## 5 Handling of unknown keys

If a key has not previously been defined (is unknown), `\keys_set:nn` looks for a special **unknown** key for the same module, and if this is not defined raises an error indicating that the key name was unknown. This mechanism can be used for example to issue custom error texts.

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

---

```

\keys_set_known:nnN      \keys_set_known:nnN {<module>} {<keyval list>} <tl>
\keys_set_known:(nVN|nvN|noN)
\keys_set_known:nn
\keys_set_known:(nV|nv|no)

```

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New: 2011-08-23  
Updated: 2017-05-27

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In some cases, the desired behavior is to simply ignore unknown keys, collecting up information on these for later processing. The `\keys_set_known:nnN` function parses the `<keyval list>`, and sets those keys which are defined for `<module>`. Any keys which are unknown are not processed further by the parser. The key–value pairs for each *unknown* key name are stored in the `<tl>` in a comma-separated form (*i.e.* an edited version of the `<keyval list>`). The `\keys_set_known:nn` version skips this stage.

Use of `\keys_set_known:nnN` can be nested, with the correct residual `<keyval list>` returned at each stage.

## 6 Selective key setting

In some cases it may be useful to be able to select only some keys for setting, even though these keys have the same path. For example, with a set of keys defined using

```

\keys define:nn { mymodule }
{
  key-one   .code:n   = { \my_func:n {#1} } ,
  key-two   .tl_set:N = \l_my_a_tl       ,
  key-three .tl_set:N = \l_my_b_tl       ,
  key-four  .fp_set:N = \l_my_a_fp       ,
}

```

the use of `\keys_set:nn` attempts to set all four keys. However, in some contexts it may only be sensible to set some keys, or to control the order of setting. To do this, keys may be assigned to *groups*: arbitrary sets which are independent of the key tree. Thus modifying the example to read

```

\keys define:nn { mymodule }
{
  key-one   .code:n   = { \my_func:n {#1} } ,
  key-one   .groups:n = { first }           ,
  key-two   .tl_set:N = \l_my_a_tl       ,
  key-two   .groups:n = { first }           ,
  key-three .tl_set:N = \l_my_b_tl       ,
  key-three .groups:n = { second }         ,
  key-four  .fp_set:N = \l_my_a_fp       ,
}

```

assigns `key-one` and `key-two` to group `first`, `key-three` to group `second`, while `key-four` is not assigned to a group.

Selective key setting may be achieved either by selecting one or more groups to be made “active”, or by marking one or more groups to be ignored in key setting.

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```

\keys_set_filter:nnnN      \keys_set_filter:nnnN {<module>} {<groups>} {<keyval list>} <tl>
\keys_set_filter:(nnVN|nnvN|nnoN)
\keys_set_filter:nnn
\keys_set_filter:(nnV|nnv|nno)

```

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New: 2013-07-14  
Updated: 2017-05-27

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Activates key filtering in an “opt-out” sense: keys assigned to any of the *<groups>* specified are ignored. The *<groups>* are given as a comma-separated list. Unknown keys are not assigned to any group and are thus always set. The key–value pairs for each key which is filtered out are stored in the *<tl>* in a comma-separated form (*i.e.* an edited version of the *<keyval list>*). The `\keys_set_filter:nnn` version skips this stage.

Use of `\keys_set_filter:nnnN` can be nested, with the correct residual *<keyval list>* returned at each stage.

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```

\keys_set_groups:nnn      \keys_set_groups:nnn {<module>} {<groups>} {<keyval list>}
\keys_set_groups:(nnV|nnv|nno)

```

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New: 2013-07-14  
Updated: 2017-05-27

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Activates key filtering in an “opt-in” sense: only keys assigned to one or more of the *<groups>* specified are set. The *<groups>* are given as a comma-separated list. Unknown keys are not assigned to any group and are thus never set.

## 7 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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Updated: 2015-11-07 Tests if the *<key>* exists for *<module>*, *i.e.* if any code has been defined for *<key>*.

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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  
Updated: 2015-11-07

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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.

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```

\keys_show:nn      \keys_show:nn {<module>} {<key>}

```

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Updated: 2015-08-09

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Displays in the terminal the information associated to the *<key>* for a *<module>*, including the function which is used to actually implement it.

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```

\keys_log:nn      \keys_log:nn {<module>} {<key>}

```

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New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-09

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Writes in the log file the information associated to the *<key>* for a *<module>*. See also `\keys_show:nn` which displays the result in the terminal.

## 8 Low-level interface for parsing key–val lists

To re-cap from earlier, a key–value list is input of the form

```
KeyOne = ValueOne ,  
KeyTwo = ValueTwo ,  
KeyThree
```

where each key–value pair is separated by a comma from the rest of the list, and each key–value pair does not necessarily contain an equals sign or a value! Processing this type of input correctly requires a number of careful steps, to correctly account for braces, spaces and the category codes of separators.

While the functions described earlier are used as a high-level interface for processing such input, in special circumstances you may wish to use a lower-level approach. The low-level parsing system converts a *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 (it receives two arguments), and a second function is required for keys given without any value (it is called with a single argument).

The parser does not double # tokens or expand any input. Active tokens = and , appearing at the outer level of braces are converted to category “other” (12) so that the parser does not “miss” any due to category code changes. Spaces are removed from the ends of the keys and values. Keys and values which are given in braces have exactly one set removed (after space trimming), thus

```
key = {value here},
```

and

```
key = value here,
```

are treated identically.

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`\keyval_parse:NNn`

Updated: 2011-09-08

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`\keyval_parse:NNn <function1> <function2> {<key-value list>}`

Parses the *<key-value list>* into a series of *<keys>* and associated *<values>*, or keys alone (if no *<value>* was given). *<function<sub>1</sub>>* should take one argument, while *<function<sub>2</sub>>* should absorb two arguments. After `\keyval_parse:NNn` has parsed the *<key-value list>*, *<function<sub>1</sub>>* is used to process keys given with no value and *<function<sub>2</sub>>* is used to process keys given with a value. The order of the *<keys>* in the *<key-value list>* is preserved. Thus

```
\keyval_parse:NNn \function:n \function:nn
  { key1 = value1 , key2 = value2, key3 = , key4 }
```

is 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 *<key>* and *<value>*, then one *outer* set of braces is removed from the *<key>* and *<value>* as part of the processing.

## 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  $x/y$ , square root  $\sqrt{x}$ , and parentheses.
  - Comparison operators:  $x < y$ ,  $x \leq y$ ,  $x >? y$ ,  $x != y$  etc.
  - Boolean logic: sign  $\text{sign } x$ , negation  $!x$ , conjunction  $x \&\& y$ , disjunction  $x || y$ , ternary operator  $x ? y : z$ .
  - Exponentials:  $\exp x$ ,  $\ln x$ ,  $x^y$ .
  - Trigonometry:  $\sin x$ ,  $\cos x$ ,  $\tan x$ ,  $\cot x$ ,  $\sec x$ ,  $\csc x$  expecting their arguments in radians, and  $\text{sind } x$ ,  $\text{cosd } x$ ,  $\text{tand } x$ ,  $\text{cotd } x$ ,  $\text{secd } x$ ,  $\text{cscd } x$  expecting their arguments in degrees.
  - Inverse trigonometric functions:  $\text{asin } x$ ,  $\text{acos } x$ ,  $\text{atan } x$ ,  $\text{acot } x$ ,  $\text{asec } x$ ,  $\text{acsc } x$  giving a result in radians, and  $\text{asind } x$ ,  $\text{acosd } x$ ,  $\text{atand } x$ ,  $\text{acotd } x$ ,  $\text{asecd } x$ ,  $\text{acscd } x$  giving a result in degrees.
- (*not yet*) Hyperbolic functions and their inverse functions:  $\sinh x$ ,  $\cosh x$ ,  $\tanh x$ ,  $\coth x$ ,  $\text{sech } x$ ,  $\text{csch } x$ , and  $\text{asinh } x$ ,  $\text{acosh } x$ ,  $\text{atanh } x$ ,  $\text{acoth } x$ ,  $\text{asech } x$ ,  $\text{acsch } x$ .
- Extrema:  $\max(x, y, \dots)$ ,  $\min(x, y, \dots)$ ,  $\text{abs}(x)$ .
  - Rounding functions ( $n = 0$  by default,  $t = \text{NaN}$  by default):  $\text{trunc}(x, n)$  rounds towards zero,  $\text{floor}(x, n)$  rounds towards  $-\infty$ ,  $\text{ceil}(x, n)$  rounds towards  $+\infty$ ,  $\text{round}(x, n, t)$  rounds to the closest value, with ties rounded to an even value by default, towards zero if  $t = 0$ , towards  $+\infty$  if  $t > 0$  and towards  $-\infty$  if  $t < 0$ . And (*not yet*) modulo, and “quantize”.
  - Random numbers:  $\text{rand}()$ ,  $\text{randint}(m, n)$  in pdf $\TeX$  and Lua $\TeX$  engines.
  - Constants:  $\text{pi}$ ,  $\text{deg}$  (one degree in radians).
  - Dimensions, automatically expressed in points, e.g.,  $\text{pc}$  is 12.
  - Automatic conversion (no need for  $\langle \text{type} \rangle_{\text{use:N}}$ ) of integer, dimension, and skip variables to floating point numbers, expressing dimensions in points and ignoring the stretch and shrink components of skips.
  - Tuples:  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  that can be stored in variables, added together, multiplied or divided by a floating point number, and nested.

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. A “floating point” is a floating point number or a tuple thereof. 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.

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{xparse, siunitx}
\ExplSyntaxOn
\NewDocumentCommand { \calcnun } { m }
  { \num { \fp_to_scientific:n {#1} } }
\ExplSyntaxOff
\begin{document}
\calcnun { 2 pi * sin ( 2.3 ^ 5 ) }
\end{document}
```

## 1 Creating and initialising floating point variables

\fp_new:N	\fp_new:N <fp var>
\fp_new:c	Creates a new <fp var> or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The <fp var> is initially +0.
Updated: 2012-05-08	
\fp_const:Nn	\fp_const:Nn <fp var> {<floating point expression>}
\fp_const:cn	Creates a new constant <fp var> or raises an error if the name is already taken. The <fp var> is set globally equal to the result of evaluating the <floating point expression>.
Updated: 2012-05-08	
\fp_zero:N	\fp_zero:N <fp var>
\fp_zero:c	Sets the <fp var> to +0.
\fp_gzero:N	
\fp_gzero:c	
Updated: 2012-05-08	
\fp_zero_new:N	\fp_zero_new:N <fp var>
\fp_zero_new:c	Ensures that the <fp var> exists globally by applying \fp_new:N if necessary, then applies
\fp_gzero_new:N	\fp_(g)zero:N to leave the <fp var> set to +0.
\fp_gzero_new:c	
Updated: 2012-05-08	

## 2 Setting floating point variables

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<code>\fp_set:Nn</code>	<code>\fp_set:Nn &lt;fp var&gt; {(floating point expression)}</code>
<code>\fp_set:cn</code>	
<code>\fp_gset:Nn</code>	Sets <i>&lt;fp var&gt;</i> equal to the result of computing the <i>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</i> .
<code>\fp_gset:cn</code>	

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<code>\fp_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\fp_set_eq:NN &lt;fp var<sub>12</sub>&gt;</code>
<code>\fp_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	
<code>\fp_gset_eq:NN</code>	Sets the floating point variable <i>&lt;fp var<sub>1</sub>&gt;</i> equal to the current value of <i>&lt;fp var<sub>2</sub>&gt;</i> .
<code>\fp_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

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<code>\fp_add:Nn</code>	<code>\fp_add:Nn &lt;fp var&gt; {(floating point expression)}</code>
<code>\fp_add:cn</code>	
<code>\fp_gadd:Nn</code>	Adds the result of computing the <i>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</i> to the <i>&lt;fp var&gt;</i> . This also applies if <i>&lt;fp var&gt;</i> and <i>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</i> evaluate to tuples of the same size.
<code>\fp_gadd:cn</code>	

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<code>\fp_sub:Nn</code>	<code>\fp_sub:Nn &lt;fp var&gt; {(floating point expression)}</code>
<code>\fp_sub:cn</code>	
<code>\fp_gsub:Nn</code>	Subtracts the result of computing the <i>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</i> from the <i>&lt;fp var&gt;</i> . This also applies if <i>&lt;fp var&gt;</i> and <i>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</i> evaluate to tuples of the same size.
<code>\fp_gsub:cn</code>	

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Updated: 2012-05-08

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## 3 Using floating points

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<code>\fp_eval:n</code> *	<code>\fp_eval:n {(floating point expression)}</code>
New: 2012-05-08	
Updated: 2012-07-08	Evaluates the <i>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</i> and expresses the result as a decimal number with no exponent. Leading or trailing zeros may be inserted to compensate for the exponent. Non-significant trailing zeros are trimmed, and integers are expressed without a decimal separator. The values $\pm\infty$ and NaN trigger an “invalid operation” exception. For a tuple, each item is converted using <code>\fp_eval:n</code> and they are combined as $(\langle fp_1 \rangle, \sqcup \langle fp_2 \rangle, \sqcup \dots \langle fp_n \rangle)$ if $n > 1$ and $(\langle fp_1 \rangle, )$ or $()$ for fewer items. This function is identical to <code>\fp_to_decimal:n</code> .

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<code>\fp_to_decimal:N</code> *	<code>\fp_to_decimal:N &lt;fp var&gt;</code>
<code>\fp_to_decimal:c</code> *	<code>\fp_to_decimal:n {(floating point expression)}</code>
<code>\fp_to_decimal:n</code> *	Evaluates the <i>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</i> and expresses the result as a decimal number with no exponent. Leading or trailing zeros may be inserted to compensate for the exponent. Non-significant trailing zeros are trimmed, and integers are expressed without a decimal separator. The values $\pm\infty$ and NaN trigger an “invalid operation” exception. For a tuple, each item is converted using <code>\fp_to_decimal:n</code> and they are combined as $(\langle fp_1 \rangle, \sqcup \langle fp_2 \rangle, \sqcup \dots \langle fp_n \rangle)$ if $n > 1$ and $(\langle fp_1 \rangle, )$ or $()$ for fewer items.
New: 2012-05-08	
Updated: 2012-07-08	

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<code>\fp_to_dim:N</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_dim:N</code>	$\langle fp\ var \rangle$
<code>\fp_to_dim:c</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_dim:n</code>	$\{ \langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle \}$
<code>\fp_to_dim:n</code>	★		Evaluates the $\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle$ and expresses the result as a dimension (in pt) suitable for use in dimension expressions. The output is identical to <code>\fp_to_decimal:n</code> , with an additional trailing pt (both letter tokens). In particular, the result may be outside the range $[-2^{14} + 2^{-17}, 2^{14} - 2^{-17}]$ of valid TeX dimensions, leading to overflow errors if used as a dimension. Tuples, as well as the values $\pm\infty$ and NaN, trigger an “invalid operation” exception.

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<code>\fp_to_int:N</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_int:N</code>	$\langle fp\ var \rangle$
<code>\fp_to_int:c</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_int:n</code>	$\{ \langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle \}$
<code>\fp_to_int:n</code>	★		Evaluates the $\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle$ , and rounds the result to the closest integer, rounding exact ties to an even integer. The result may be outside the range $[-2^{31} + 1, 2^{31} - 1]$ of valid TeX integers, leading to overflow errors if used in an integer expression. Tuples, as well as the values $\pm\infty$ and NaN, trigger an “invalid operation” exception.

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Updated: 2012-07-08

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<code>\fp_to_scientific:N</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_scientific:N</code>	$\langle fp\ var \rangle$
<code>\fp_to_scientific:c</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_scientific:n</code>	$\{ \langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle \}$
<code>\fp_to_scientific:n</code>	★		Evaluates the $\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle$ and expresses the result in scientific notation:

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New: 2012-05-08  
Updated: 2016-03-22

$\langle optional\ - \rangle \langle digit \rangle . \langle 15\ digits \rangle e \langle optional\ sign \rangle \langle exponent \rangle$

The leading  $\langle digit \rangle$  is non-zero except in the case of  $\pm 0$ . The values  $\pm\infty$  and NaN trigger an “invalid operation” exception. Normal category codes apply: thus the e is category code 11 (a letter). For a tuple, each item is converted using `\fp_to_scientific:n` and they are combined as  $(\langle fp_1 \rangle, \langle fp_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle fp_n \rangle)$  if  $n > 1$  and  $(\langle fp_1 \rangle, )$  or  $()$  for fewer items.

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<code>\fp_to_tl:N</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_tl:N</code>	$\langle fp\ var \rangle$
<code>\fp_to_tl:c</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_tl:n</code>	$\{ \langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle \}$
<code>\fp_to_tl:n</code>	★		Evaluates the $\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle$ 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 and no decimal separator when there is a single significant digit (this differs from <code>\fp_to_scientific:n</code> ). Numbers in the range $[10^{-3}, 10^{16})$ are expressed in a decimal notation without exponent, with trailing zeros trimmed, and no decimal separator for integer values (see <code>\fp_to_decimal:n</code> . Negative numbers start with -. The special values $\pm 0$ , $\pm\infty$ and NaN are rendered as 0, -0, inf, -inf, and nan respectively. Normal category codes apply and thus inf or nan, if produced, are made up of letters. For a tuple, each item is converted using <code>\fp_to_tl:n</code> and they are combined as $(\langle fp_1 \rangle, \langle fp_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle fp_n \rangle)$ if $n > 1$ and $(\langle fp_1 \rangle, )$ or $()$ for fewer items.

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Updated: 2016-03-22

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<code>\fp_use:N</code>	★	<code>\fp_use:N</code>	$\langle fp\ var \rangle$
<code>\fp_use:c</code>	★		Inserts the value of the $\langle fp\ var \rangle$ into the input stream as a decimal number with no exponent. Leading or trailing zeros may be inserted to compensate for the exponent. Non-significant trailing zeros are trimmed. Integers are expressed without a decimal separator. The values $\pm\infty$ and NaN trigger an “invalid operation” exception. For a tuple, each item is converted using <code>\fp_to_decimal:n</code> and they are combined as $(\langle fp_1 \rangle, \langle fp_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle fp_n \rangle)$ if $n > 1$ and $(\langle fp_1 \rangle, )$ or $()$ for fewer items. This function is identical to <code>\fp_to_decimal:N</code> .

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Updated: 2012-07-08

## 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 <fp var> is currently defined. This does not check that the <fp var>
\fp_if_exist:cTF * really is a floating point variable.
```

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Updated: 2012-05-08

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```
\fp_compare_p:nNn * \fp_compare_p:nNn {<fpexpr1>} <relation> {<fpexpr2>}
\fp_compare:nNnTF * \fp_compare:nNnTF {<fpexpr1>} <relation> {<fpexpr2>} {<true code>} {<false code>}
```

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Updated: 2012-05-08

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Compares the  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$  and the  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ , and returns `true` if the  $\langle relation \rangle$  is obeyed. Two floating points  $x$  and  $y$  may obey four mutually exclusive relations:  $x < y$ ,  $x = y$ ,  $x > y$ , or  $x?y$  (“not ordered”). The last case occurs exactly if one or both operands is `NaN` or is a tuple, unless they are equal tuples. Note that a `NaN` is distinct from any value, even another `NaN`, hence  $x = x$  is not true for a `NaN`. To test if a value is `NaN`, compare it to an arbitrary number with the “not ordered” relation.

```
\fp_compare:nNnTF { <value> } ? { 0 }
{ } % <value> is nan
{ } % <value> is not nan
```

Tuples are equal if they have the same number of items and items compare equal (in particular there must be no `NaN`). At present any other comparison with tuples yields `?` (not ordered). This is experimental.

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```

\fp_compare_p:n ☆ \fp_compare_p:n
\fp_compare:nTF ☆ {
    <fpexpr1> <relation1>
    ...
    <fpexprN> <relationN>
    <fpexprN+1>
}
\fp_compare:nTF
{
    <fpexpr1> <relation1>
    ...
    <fpexprN> <relationN>
    <fpexprN+1>
}
{(true code)} {(false code)}

```

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Updated: 2012-12-14

Evaluates the *<floating point expressions>* as described for `\fp_eval:n` and compares consecutive result using the corresponding *<relation>*, namely it compares *<intexpr<sub>1</sub>>* and *<intexpr<sub>2</sub>>* using the *<relation<sub>1</sub>>*, then *<intexpr<sub>2</sub>>* and *<intexpr<sub>3</sub>>* using the *<relation<sub>2</sub>>*, until finally comparing *<intexpr<sub>N</sub>>* and *<intexpr<sub>N+1</sub>>* using the *<relation<sub>N</sub>>*. The test yields **true** if all comparisons are **true**. Each *<floating point expression>* is evaluated only once. Contrarily to `\int_compare:nTF`, all *<floating point expressions>* are computed, even if one comparison is **false**. Two floating points  $x$  and  $y$  may obey four mutually exclusive relations:  $x < y$ ,  $x = y$ ,  $x > y$ , or  $x?y$  (“not ordered”). The last case occurs exactly if one or both operands is NaN or is a tuple, unless they are equal tuples. Each *<relation>* can be any (non-empty) combination of  $<$ ,  $=$ ,  $>$ , and  $?$ , plus an optional leading  $!$  (which negates the *<relation>*), with the restriction that the *<relation>* may not start with  $?$ , as this symbol has a different meaning (in combination with  $:$ ) within floating point expressions. The comparison  $x$  *<relation>*  $y$  is then **true** if the *<relation>* does not start with  $!$  and the actual relation ( $<$ ,  $=$ ,  $>$ , or  $?$ ) between  $x$  and  $y$  appears within the *<relation>*, or on the contrary if the *<relation>* starts with  $!$  and the relation between  $x$  and  $y$  does not appear within the *<relation>*. Common choices of *<relation>* include  $\geq$  (greater or equal),  $\neq$  (not equal),  $!?$  or  $\leq$  (comparable).

## 5 Floating point expression loops

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```

\fp_do_until:nNnn ☆ \fp_do_until:nNnn {<fpexpr1>} <relation> {<fpexpr2>} {<code>}

```

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New: 2012-08-16

Places the *<code>* in the input stream for  $\TeX$  to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two *<floating point expressions>* as described for `\fp_compare:nNnTF`. If the test is **false** then the *<code>* is inserted into the input stream again and a loop occurs until the *<relation>* is **true**.

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```

\fp_do_while:nNnn ☆ \fp_do_while:nNnn {<fpexpr1>} <relation> {<fpexpr2>} {<code>}

```

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New: 2012-08-16

Places the *<code>* in the input stream for  $\TeX$  to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two *<floating point expressions>* as described for `\fp_compare:nNnTF`. If the test is **true** then the *<code>* is inserted into the input stream again and a loop occurs until the *<relation>* is **false**.

<code>\fp_until_do:nNnn</code> ☆	<code>\fp_until_do:nNnn {&lt;fpexpr1&gt;} &lt;relation&gt; {&lt;fpexpr2&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-16	Evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;floating point expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\fp_compare:nNnTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>false</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by $\TeX$ the test is repeated, and a loop occurs until the test is <b>true</b> .
<code>\fp_while_do:nNnn</code> ☆	<code>\fp_while_do:nNnn {&lt;fpexpr1&gt;} &lt;relation&gt; {&lt;fpexpr2&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-16	Evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;floating point expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\fp_compare:nNnTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>true</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by $\TeX$ the test is repeated, and a loop occurs until the test is <b>false</b> .
<code>\fp_do_until:nn</code> ☆	<code>\fp_do_until:nn { &lt;fpexpr1&gt; &lt;relation&gt; &lt;fpexpr2&gt; } {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-16	Places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream for $\TeX$ 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> is inserted into the input stream again and a loop occurs until the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>true</b> .
<code>\fp_do_while:nn</code> ☆	<code>\fp_do_while:nn { &lt;fpexpr1&gt; &lt;relation&gt; &lt;fpexpr2&gt; } {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-16	Places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream for $\TeX$ 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> is inserted into the input stream again and a loop occurs until the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>false</b> .
<code>\fp_until_do:nn</code> ☆	<code>\fp_until_do:nn { &lt;fpexpr1&gt; &lt;relation&gt; &lt;fpexpr2&gt; } {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-16	Evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;floating point expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\fp_compare:nTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>false</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by $\TeX$ the test is repeated, and a loop occurs until the test is <b>true</b> .
<code>\fp_while_do:nn</code> ☆	<code>\fp_while_do:nn { &lt;fpexpr1&gt; &lt;relation&gt; &lt;fpexpr2&gt; } {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-16	Evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;floating point expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\fp_compare:nTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>true</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by $\TeX$ the test is repeated, and a loop occurs until the test is <b>false</b> .

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`\fp_step_function:nnnN` ☆  
`\fp_step_function:nnnc` ☆

New: 2016-11-21  
Updated: 2016-12-06

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

This function first evaluates the *initial value*, *step* and *final value*, each of which should be a floating point expression evaluating to a floating point number, not a tuple. The *function* is then placed in front of each *value* from the *initial value* to the *final value* in turn (using *step* between each *value*). The *step* must be non-zero. If the *step* is positive, the loop stops when the *value* becomes larger than the *final value*. If the *step* is negative, the loop stops when the *value* becomes smaller than the *final value*. The *function* should absorb one numerical argument. For example

```
\cs_set:Npn \my_func:n #1 { [I~saw~#1] \quad }  
\fp_step_function:nnnN { 1.0 } { 0.1 } { 1.5 } \my_func:n
```

would print

```
[I saw 1.0] [I saw 1.1] [I saw 1.2] [I saw 1.3] [I saw 1.4] [I saw 1.5]
```

**TpXhackers note:** Due to rounding, it may happen that adding the *step* to the *value* does not change the *value*; such cases give an error, as they would otherwise lead to an infinite loop.

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`\fp_step_inline:nnnn`

New: 2016-11-21  
Updated: 2016-12-06

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

This function first evaluates the *initial value*, *step* and *final value*, all of which should be floating point expressions evaluating to a floating point number, not a tuple. Then for each *value* from the *initial value* to the *final value* in turn (using *step* between each *value*), the *code* is inserted into the input stream with `#1` replaced by the current *value*. Thus the *code* should define a function of one argument (`#1`).

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`\fp_step_variable:nnnNn`

New: 2017-04-12

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

This function first evaluates the *initial value*, *step* and *final value*, all of which should be floating point expressions evaluating to a floating point number, not a tuple. Then for each *value* from the *initial value* to the *final value* in turn (using *step* between each *value*), the *code* is inserted into the input stream, with the *tl var* defined as the current *value*. Thus the *code* should make use of the *tl var*.

## 6 Some useful constants, and scratch variables

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`\c_zero_fp`  
`\c_minus_zero_fp`

New: 2012-05-08

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Zero, with either sign.

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`\c_one_fp`

New: 2012-05-08

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One as an fp: useful for comparisons in some places.

<code>\c_inf_fp</code> <code>\c_minus_inf_fp</code>	Infinity, with either sign. These can be input directly in a floating point expression as <code>inf</code> and <code>-inf</code> .
New: 2012-05-08	
<code>\c_e_fp</code>	The value of the base of the natural logarithm, $e = \exp(1)$ .
Updated: 2012-05-08	
<code>\c_pi_fp</code>	The value of $\pi$ . This can be input directly in a floating point expression as <code>pi</code> .
Updated: 2013-11-17	
<code>\c_one_degree_fp</code>	The value of $1^\circ$ in radians. Multiply an angle given in degrees by this value to obtain a result in radians. Note that trigonometric functions expecting an argument in radians or in degrees are both available. Within floating point expressions, this can be accessed as <code>deg</code> .
New: 2012-05-08 Updated: 2013-11-17	
<code>\l_tmpa_fp</code> <code>\l_tmpb_fp</code>	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.
<code>\g_tmpa_fp</code> <code>\g_tmpb_fp</code>	Scratch floating points for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

## 7 Floating point exceptions

*The functions defined in this section are experimental, and their functionality may be altered or removed altogether.*

“Exceptions” may occur when performing some floating point operations, such as  $0 / 0$ , or  $10 ** 1e9999$ . The relevant IEEE standard defines 5 types of exceptions, of which we implement 4.

- *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 results in a NaN. It also occurs for conversion functions whose target type does not have the appropriate infinite or NaN value (*e.g.*, `\fp_to_dim:n`).
- *Division by zero* occurs when dividing a non-zero number by 0, or when evaluating functions at poles, *e.g.*,  $\ln(0)$  or  $\cot(0)$ . This results in  $\pm\infty$ .

(*not yet*) *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 we associate a “flag”: `fp_overflow`, `fp_underflow`, `fp_invalid_operation` and `fp_division_by_zero`. The state of these flags can be tested and modified with commands from `l3flag`

By default, the “invalid operation” exception triggers an (expandable) error, and raises the corresponding flag. Other exceptions raise the corresponding flag but do not trigger an error. The behaviour when an exception occurs can be modified (using `\fp_trap:nn`) to either produce an error and raise the flag, or only raise the flag, or do nothing at all.

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<code>\fp_trap:nn</code>	<code>\fp_trap:nn &lt;{exception}&gt; &lt;{trap type}&gt;</code>
<small>New: 2012-07-19 Updated: 2017-02-13</small>	All occurrences of the <code>&lt;exception&gt;</code> ( <code>overflow</code> , <code>underflow</code> , <code>invalid_operation</code> or <code>division_by_zero</code> ) within the current group are treated as <code>&lt;trap type&gt;</code> , which can be

- **none**: the `<exception>` will be entirely ignored, and leave no trace;
- **flag**: the `<exception>` will turn the corresponding flag on when it occurs;
- **error**: additionally, the `<exception>` will halt the T<sub>E</sub>X run and display some information about the current operation in the terminal.

*This function is experimental, and may be altered or removed.*

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<code>flag_fp_overflow</code> <code>flag_fp_underflow</code> <code>flag_fp_invalid_operation</code> <code>flag_fp_division_by_zero</code>	Flags denoting the occurrence of various floating-point exceptions.
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## 8 Viewing floating points

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<code>\fp_show:N</code> <code>\fp_show:c</code> <code>\fp_show:n</code>	<code>\fp_show:N &lt;fp var&gt;</code> <code>\fp_show:n &lt;{floating point expression}&gt;</code>
<small>New: 2012-05-08 Updated: 2015-08-07</small>	Evaluates the <code>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</code> and displays the result in the terminal.

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<code>\fp_log:N</code> <code>\fp_log:c</code> <code>\fp_log:n</code>	<code>\fp_log:N &lt;fp var&gt;</code> <code>\fp_log:n &lt;{floating point expression}&gt;</code>
<small>New: 2014-08-22 Updated: 2015-08-07</small>	Evaluates the <code>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</code> and writes the result in the log file.

## 9 Floating point expressions

### 9.1 Input of floating point numbers

We support four types of floating point numbers:

- $\pm m \cdot 10^n$ , a floating point number, with integer  $1 \leq m \leq 10^{16}$ , and  $-10000 \leq n \leq 10000$ ;

- $\pm 0$ , 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);

Normal floating point numbers are stored in base 10, with up to 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 characters 0, and an optional period), 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.

The  $\langle significand \rangle$  must be non-empty, so e1 and e-1 are not valid floating point numbers. Note that the latter could be mistaken with the difference of “e” and 1. To avoid confusions, the base of natural logarithms cannot be input as e and should be input as `exp(1)` or `\c_e_fp`.

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 sign is ignored.
- Any unrecognizable string triggers an error, and produces a NaN.

## 9.2 Precedence of operators

We list here all the operations supported in floating point expressions, in order of decreasing precedence: operations listed earlier bind more tightly than operations listed below them.

- Function calls (`sin`, `ln`, *etc*).
- Binary `**` and `^` (right associative).

- Unary +, -, !.
- Binary \*, /, and implicit multiplication by juxtaposition ( $2\pi$ ,  $3(4+5)$ , *etc.*).
- Binary + and -.
- Comparisons >=, !=, <?, *etc.*
- Logical **and**, denoted by &&.
- Logical **or**, denoted by ||.
- Ternary operator ?: (right associative).
- Comma (to build tuples).

The precedence of operations can be overridden using parentheses. In particular, those precedences imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 2\pi &= \sin(2)\pi = 0, \\ 2^{\max(3, 5)} &= 2^2 \max(3, 5) = 20. \end{aligned}$$

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 or a tuple such as (0, 0). Tuples are only supported to some extent by operations that work with truth values (?:, ||, &&, !), by comparisons (!<=>?), and by +, -, \*, /. Unless otherwise specified, providing a tuple as an argument of any other operation yields the “invalid operation” exception and a NaN result.

---

```
?: \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 (not  $\pm 0$ ), and  $\langle operand_3 \rangle$  if  $\langle operand_1 \rangle$  is false ( $\pm 0$ ). All three  $\langle operands \rangle$  are evaluated in all cases; they may be tuples. The operator is right associative, hence

```
\fp_eval:n
{
  1 + 3 > 4 ? 1 :
  2 + 4 > 5 ? 2 :
  3 + 5 > 6 ? 3 : 4
}
```

first tests whether  $1 + 3 > 4$ ; since this isn't true, the branch following : is taken, and  $2 + 4 > 5$  is compared; since this is true, the branch before : is taken, and everything else is (evaluated then) ignored. That allows testing for various cases in a concise manner, with the drawback that all computations are made in all cases.

---

```
\fp_eval:n { <operand1> || <operand2> }
```

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If  $\langle operand_1 \rangle$  is true (not  $\pm 0$ ), use that value, otherwise the value of  $\langle operand_2 \rangle$ . Both  $\langle operands \rangle$  are evaluated in all cases; they may be tuples. In  $\langle operand_1 \rangle || \langle operand_2 \rangle || \dots || \langle operand_n \rangle$ , the first true (nonzero)  $\langle operand \rangle$  is used and if all are zero the last one ( $\pm 0$ ) is used.

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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; they may be tuples. In  $\langle operand_1 \rangle \&\& \langle operand_2 \rangle \&\& \dots \&\& \langle operand_n \rangle$ , the first false ( $\pm 0$ )  $\langle operand \rangle$  is used and if none is zero the last one is used.

---

```
< \fp_eval:n
= {
>   <operand1> <relation1>
?   ...
   <operandN> <relationN>
Updated: 2013-12-14   <operandN+1>
}

```

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Each  $\langle relation \rangle$  consists of a non-empty string of  $<$ ,  $=$ ,  $>$ , and  $?$ , optionally preceded by  $!$ , and may not start with  $?$ . This evaluates to  $+1$  if all comparisons  $\langle operand_i \rangle \langle relation_i \rangle \langle operand_{i+1} \rangle$  are true, and  $+0$  otherwise. All  $\langle operands \rangle$  are evaluated (once) in all cases. See `\fp_compare:nTF` for details.

---

```
+ \fp_eval:n { <operand1> + <operand2> }
- \fp_eval:n { <operand1> - <operand2> }
```

---

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. These operations supports the itemwise addition or subtraction of two tuples, but if they have a different number of items the “invalid operation” exception occurs and the result is NaN.

---

```
* \fp_eval:n { <operand1> * <operand2> }
/ \fp_eval:n { <operand1> / <operand2> }
```

---

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. When  $\langle operand_1 \rangle$  is a tuple and  $\langle operand_2 \rangle$  is a floating point number, each item of  $\langle operand_1 \rangle$  is multiplied or divided by  $\langle operand_2 \rangle$ . Multiplication also supports the case where  $\langle operand_1 \rangle$  is a floating point number and  $\langle operand_2 \rangle$  a tuple. Other combinations yield an “invalid operation” exception and a NaN result.

---

```
+ \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  $\langle operand \rangle$  (for a tuple, of all its components), and  $! \langle operand \rangle$  evaluates to 1 if  $\langle operand \rangle$  is false (is  $\pm 0$ ) and 0 otherwise (this is the `not` boolean function). Those operations never raise exceptions.

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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  $2^{2^3} = 256$ . If  $\langle operand_1 \rangle$  is negative or  $-0$  then: the result's sign is  $+$  if the  $\langle operand_2 \rangle$  is infinite and  $(-1)^p$  if the  $\langle operand_2 \rangle$  is  $p/5^q$  with  $p, q$  integers; the result is  $+0$  if  $\text{abs}(\langle operand_1 \rangle)^{\langle operand_2 \rangle}$  evaluates to zero; in other cases the “invalid operation” exception occurs because the sign cannot be determined. “Division by zero” occurs when raising  $\pm 0$  to a finite strictly negative power. “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate. If either operand is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs.

---

```

abs \fp_eval:n { abs( <fpexpr> ) }

```

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Computes the absolute value of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$ . If the operand is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs. This operation does not raise exceptions in other cases. See also `\fp_abs:n`.

---

```

exp \fp_eval:n { exp( <fpexpr> ) }

```

---

Computes the exponential of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$ . “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate. If the operand is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs.

---

```

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. If the operand is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs.

---

```

max \fp_eval:n { max( <fpexpr1> , <fpexpr2> , ... ) }
min \fp_eval:n { min( <fpexpr1> , <fpexpr2> , ... ) }

```

---

Evaluates each  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  and computes the largest (smallest) of those. If any of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  is a NaN or tuple, the result is NaN. If any operand is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs; these operations do not raise exceptions in other cases.

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<code>round</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { round ( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>trunc</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { round ( &lt;fpexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt; , &lt;fpexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt; ) }</code>
<code>ceil</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { round ( &lt;fpexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt; , &lt;fpexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt; , &lt;fpexpr<sub>3</sub>&gt; ) }</code>
<code>floor</code>	

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New: 2013-12-14  
Updated: 2015-08-08

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Only `round` accepts a third argument. Evaluates  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle = x$  and  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle = n$  and  $\langle fpexpr_3 \rangle = t$  then rounds  $x$  to  $n$  places. If  $n$  is an integer, this rounds  $x$  to a multiple of  $10^{-n}$ ; if  $n = +\infty$ , this always yields  $x$ ; if  $n = -\infty$ , this yields one of  $\pm 0$ ,  $\pm\infty$ , or NaN; if  $n$  is neither  $\pm\infty$  nor an integer, then an “invalid operation” exception is raised. When  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$  is omitted,  $n = 0$ , *i.e.*,  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$  is rounded to an integer. The rounding direction depends on the function.

- `round` yields the multiple of  $10^{-n}$  closest to  $x$ , with ties ( $x$  half-way between two such multiples) rounded as follows. If  $t$  is `nan` or not given the even multiple is chosen (“ties to even”), if  $t = \pm 0$  the multiple closest to 0 is chosen (“ties to zero”), if  $t$  is positive/negative the multiple closest to  $\infty/-\infty$  is chosen (“ties towards positive/negative infinity”).
- `floor` yields the largest multiple of  $10^{-n}$  smaller or equal to  $x$  (“round towards negative infinity”);
- `ceil` yields the smallest multiple of  $10^{-n}$  greater or equal to  $x$  (“round towards positive infinity”);
- `trunc` yields a multiple of  $10^{-n}$  with the same sign as  $x$  and with the largest absolute value less than that of  $x$  (“round towards zero”).

“Overflow” occurs if  $x$  is finite and the result is infinite (this can only happen if  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle < -9984$ ). If any operand is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs.

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<code>sign</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { sign( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
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Evaluates the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  and determines its sign: +1 for positive numbers and for  $+\infty$ , -1 for negative numbers and for  $-\infty$ ,  $\pm 0$  for  $\pm 0$ , and NaN for NaN. If the operand is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs. This operation does not raise exceptions in other cases.

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<code>sin</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { sin( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>cos</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { cos( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>tan</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { tan( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>cot</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { cot( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>csc</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { csc( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>sec</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { sec( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>

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Updated: 2013-11-17

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Computes the sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent, cosecant, or secant of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  given in radians. For arguments given in degrees, see `sind`, `cosd`, *etc.* Note that since  $\pi$  is irrational, `sin(8pi)` is not quite zero, while its analogue `sind(8 × 180)` is exactly zero. The trigonometric functions are undefined for an argument of  $\pm\infty$ , leading to the “invalid operation” exception. Additionally, evaluating tangent, cotangent, cosecant, or secant at one of their poles leads to a “division by zero” exception. “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate. If the operand is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs.

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```

sind      \fp_eval:n { sind( <fpexpr> ) }
cosd     \fp_eval:n { cosd( <fpexpr> ) }
tand     \fp_eval:n { tand( <fpexpr> ) }
cotd     \fp_eval:n { cotd( <fpexpr> ) }
cscd     \fp_eval:n { cscd( <fpexpr> ) }
secd     \fp_eval:n { secd( <fpexpr> ) }

```

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New: 2013-11-02

Computes the sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent, cosecant, or secant of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  given in degrees. For arguments given in radians, see `sin`, `cos`, *etc.* Note that since  $\pi$  is irrational, `sin(8pi)` is not quite zero, while its analogue `sind(8 × 180)` is exactly zero. The trigonometric functions are undefined for an argument of  $\pm\infty$ , leading to the “invalid operation” exception. Additionally, evaluating tangent, cotangent, cosecant, or secant at one of their poles leads to a “division by zero” exception. “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate. If the operand is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs.

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```

asin     \fp_eval:n { asin( <fpexpr> ) }
acos     \fp_eval:n { acos( <fpexpr> ) }
acsc     \fp_eval:n { acsc( <fpexpr> ) }
asec     \fp_eval:n { asec( <fpexpr> ) }

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New: 2013-11-02

Computes the arcsine, arccosine, arccosecant, or arcsecant of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  and returns the result in radians, in the range  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$  for `asin` and `acsc` and  $[0, \pi]$  for `acos` and `asec`. For a result in degrees, use `asind`, *etc.* If the argument of `asin` or `acos` lies outside the range  $[-1, 1]$ , or the argument of `acsc` or `asec` inside the range  $(-1, 1)$ , an “invalid operation” exception is raised. “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate. If the operand is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs.

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```

asind    \fp_eval:n { asind( <fpexpr> ) }
acosd    \fp_eval:n { acosd( <fpexpr> ) }
acscd    \fp_eval:n { acscd( <fpexpr> ) }
asecd    \fp_eval:n { asecd( <fpexpr> ) }

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New: 2013-11-02

Computes the arcsine, arccosine, arccosecant, or arcsecant of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  and returns the result in degrees, in the range  $[-90, 90]$  for `asind` and `acscd` and  $[0, 180]$  for `acosd` and `asecd`. For a result in radians, use `asin`, *etc.* If the argument of `asind` or `acosd` lies outside the range  $[-1, 1]$ , or the argument of `acscd` or `asecd` inside the range  $(-1, 1)$ , an “invalid operation” exception is raised. “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate. If the operand is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs.

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<code>atan</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { atan( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>acot</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { atan( &lt;fpexpr1&gt; , &lt;fpexpr2&gt; ) }</code>
	<code>\fp_eval:n { acot( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<small>New: 2013-11-02</small>	<code>\fp_eval:n { acot( &lt;fpexpr1&gt; , &lt;fpexpr2&gt; ) }</code>

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Those functions yield an angle in radians: `atand` and `acotd` are their analogs in degrees. The one-argument versions compute the arctangent or arccotangent of the `<fpexpr>`: arctangent takes values in the range  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$ , and arccotangent in the range  $[0, \pi]$ . The two-argument arctangent computes the angle in polar coordinates of the point with Cartesian coordinates  $(\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle, \langle fpexpr_1 \rangle)$ : this is the arctangent of  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle / \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ , possibly shifted by  $\pi$  depending on the signs of  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ . The two-argument arccotangent computes the angle in polar coordinates of the point  $(\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle, \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle)$ , equal to the arccotangent of  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle / \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ , possibly shifted by  $\pi$ . Both two-argument functions take values in the wider range  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . The ratio  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle / \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$  need not be defined for the two-argument arctangent: when both expressions yield  $\pm 0$ , or when both yield  $\pm \infty$ , the resulting angle is one of  $\{\pm\pi/4, \pm 3\pi/4\}$  depending on signs. The “underflow” exception can occur. If any operand is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs.

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<code>atand</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { atand( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>acotd</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { atand( &lt;fpexpr1&gt; , &lt;fpexpr2&gt; ) }</code>
	<code>\fp_eval:n { acotd( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<small>New: 2013-11-02</small>	<code>\fp_eval:n { acotd( &lt;fpexpr1&gt; , &lt;fpexpr2&gt; ) }</code>

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Those functions yield an angle in degrees: `atand` and `acotd` are their analogs in radians. The one-argument versions compute the arctangent or arccotangent of the `<fpexpr>`: arctangent takes values in the range  $[-90, 90]$ , and arccotangent in the range  $[0, 180]$ . The two-argument arctangent computes the angle in polar coordinates of the point with Cartesian coordinates  $(\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle, \langle fpexpr_1 \rangle)$ : this is the arctangent of  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle / \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ , possibly shifted by 180 depending on the signs of  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ . The two-argument arccotangent computes the angle in polar coordinates of the point  $(\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle, \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle)$ , equal to the arccotangent of  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle / \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ , possibly shifted by 180. Both two-argument functions take values in the wider range  $[-180, 180]$ . The ratio  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle / \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$  need not be defined for the two-argument arctangent: when both expressions yield  $\pm 0$ , or when both yield  $\pm \infty$ , the resulting angle is one of  $\{\pm 45, \pm 135\}$  depending on signs. The “underflow” exception can occur. If any operand is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs.

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<code>sqrt</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { sqrt( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
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New: 2013-12-14 Computes the square root of the `<fpexpr>`. The “invalid operation” is raised when the `<fpexpr>` is negative or is a tuple; no other exception can occur. Special values yield  $\sqrt{-0} = -0$ ,  $\sqrt{+0} = +0$ ,  $\sqrt{+\infty} = +\infty$  and  $\sqrt{\text{NaN}} = \text{NaN}$ .

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**rand** `\fp_eval:n { rand() }`  


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New: 2016-12-05  


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 Produces a pseudo-random floating-point number (multiple of  $10^{-16}$ ) between 0 included and 1 excluded. Available in pdfTeX and LuaTeX engines only.

**TeXhackers note:** This is based on pseudo-random numbers provided by the engine’s primitive `\pdfuniformdeviate` in pdfTeX and `\uniformdeviate` in LuaTeX. The underlying code in pdfTeX and LuaTeX is based on Metapost, which follows an additive scheme recommended in Section 3.6 of “The Art of Computer Programming, Volume 2”.

While we are more careful than `\uniformdeviate` to preserve uniformity of the underlying stream of 28-bit pseudo-random integers, these pseudo-random numbers should of course not be relied upon for serious numerical computations nor cryptography.

The random seed can be queried using `\pdfrandomseed` and set using `\pdfsetrandomseed` (in LuaTeX `\randomseed` and `\setrandomseed`). While a 32-bit (signed) integer can be given as a seed, only the absolute value is used and any number beyond  $2^{28}$  is divided by an appropriate power of 2. We recommend using an integer in  $[0, 2^{28} - 1]$ .

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**randint** `\fp_eval:n { randint( <fpexpr> ) }`  


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New: 2016-12-05  


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`\fp_eval:n { randint( <fpexpr12  
 Produces a pseudo-random integer between 1 and <fpexpr> or between <fpexpr1 and <fpexpr2 inclusive. The bounds must be integers in the range  $(-10^{16}, 10^{16})$  and the first must be smaller or equal to the second. See rand for important comments on how these pseudo-random numbers are generated.`

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**inf** `\c_inf_fp`, `\c_minus_inf_fp` and `\c_nan_fp`.  
**nan**

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**pi** The value of  $\pi$  (see `\c_pi_fp`).

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**deg** The value of  $1^\circ$  in radians (see `\c_one_degree_fp`).

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`em` Those units of measurement are equal to their values in `pt`, namely

`ex`  
`in`  $1\text{in} = 72.27\text{pt}$   
`pt`  $1\text{pt} = 1\text{pt}$   
`pc`  $1\text{pc} = 12\text{pt}$   
`cm`  
`mm`  $1\text{cm} = \frac{1}{2.54}\text{in} = 28.45275590551181\text{pt}$   
`dd`  $1\text{mm} = \frac{1}{25.4}\text{in} = 2.845275590551181\text{pt}$   
`cc`  
`nd`  $1\text{dd} = 0.376065\text{mm} = 1.07000856496063\text{pt}$   
`nc`  $1\text{cc} = 12\text{dd} = 12.84010277952756\text{pt}$   
`bp`  $1\text{nd} = 0.375\text{mm} = 1.066978346456693\text{pt}$   
`sp`  $1\text{nc} = 12\text{nd} = 12.80374015748031\text{pt}$   
 $1\text{bp} = \frac{1}{72}\text{in} = 1.00375\text{pt}$   
 $1\text{sp} = 2^{-16}\text{pt} = 1.52587890625e - 5\text{pt}.$

The values of the (font-dependent) units `em` and `ex` are gathered from `TEX` when the surrounding floating point expression is evaluated.

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`true` Other names for 1 and +0.  
`false`

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`\fp_abs:n` ★ `\fp_abs:n` {*floating point expression*}

New: 2012-05-14  
Updated: 2012-07-08

Evaluates the *floating point expression* as described for `\fp_eval:n` and leaves the absolute value of the result in the input stream. If the argument is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs, but no other case raises exceptions. Within floating point expressions, `abs()` can be used.

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`\fp_max:nn` ★ `\fp_max:nn` {*fp expression 1*} {*fp expression 2*}

`\fp_min:nn` ★

New: 2012-09-26

Evaluates the *floating point expressions* as described for `\fp_eval:n` and leaves the resulting larger (`max`) or smaller (`min`) value in the input stream. If the argument is a tuple, “invalid operation” occurs, but no other case raises exceptions. Within floating point expressions, `max()` and `min()` can be used.

## 10 Disclaimer and roadmap

The package may break down if the escape character is among `0123456789_+`, or if it receives a `TEX` primitive conditional affected by `\exp_not:N`.

The following need to be done. I’ll try to time-order the items.

- Function to count items in a tuple (and to determine if something is a tuple).
- Decide what exponent range to consider.
- Support signalling `nan`.

- Modulo and remainder, and rounding functions `quantize`, `quantize0`, `quantize+`, `quantize-`, `quantize=`, `round=`. Should the modulo also be provided as (catcode 12) `%`?
- `\fp_format:nn`  $\{\langle fpexpr \rangle\}$   $\{\langle format \rangle\}$ , but what should  $\langle format \rangle$  be? More general pretty printing?
- Add `and`, `or`, `xor`? Perhaps under the names `all`, `any`, and `xor`?
- Add  $\log(x, b)$  for logarithm of  $x$  in base  $b$ .
- `hypot` (Euclidean length). Cartesian-to-polar transform.
- Hyperbolic functions `cosh`, `sinh`, `tanh`.
- Inverse hyperbolics.
- Base conversion, input such as `0xAB.CDEF`.
- Factorial (not with `!`), gamma function.
- Improve coefficients of the `sin` and `tan` series.
- Treat upper and lower case letters identically in identifiers, and ignore underscores.
- Add an `array(1,2,3)` and `i=complex(0,1)`.
- Provide an experimental `map` function? Perhaps easier to implement if it is a single character, `@sin(1,2)`?
- Provide `\fp_if_nan:nTF`, and an `isnan` function?
- Support keyword arguments?

`Pgfmath` also provides box-measurements (depth, height, width), but boxes are not possible expandably.

Bugs, and tests to add.

- Check that functions are monotonic when they should.
- Add exceptions to `?:`, `!<=>?`, `&&`, `||`, and `!`.
- Logarithms of numbers very close to 1 are inaccurate.
- When rounding towards  $-\infty$ , `\dim_to_fp:n`  $\{0pt\}$  should return  $-0$ , not  $+0$ .
- The result of  $(\pm 0) + (\pm 0)$ , of  $x + (-x)$ , and of  $(-x) + x$  should depend on the rounding mode.
- `0e9999999999` gives a  $\TeX$  “number too large” error.
- Subnormals are not implemented.

Possible optimizations/improvements.

- Document that `l3trial/l3fp-types` introduces tools for adding new types.
- In subsection 9.1, write a grammar.

- It would be nice if the `parse` auxiliaries for each operation were set up in the corresponding module, rather than centralizing in `l3fp-parse`.
- Some functions should get an `_o` ending to indicate that they expand after their result.
- More care should be given to distinguish expandable/restricted expandable (auxiliary and internal) functions.
- The code for the `ternary` set of functions is ugly.
- There are many `~` missing in the doc to avoid bad line-breaks.
- The algorithm for computing the logarithm of the significand could be made to use a 5 terms Taylor series instead of 10 terms by taking  $c = 2000/(\lfloor 200x \rfloor + 1) \in [10, 95]$  instead of  $c \in [1, 10]$ . Also, it would then be possible to simplify the computation of  $t$ . However, we would then have to hard-code the logarithms of 44 small integers instead of 9.
- Improve notations in the explanations of the division algorithm (`l3fp-basics`).
- Understand and document `\_fp\_basics\_pack\_weird\_low:NNNNw` and `\_fp\_basics\_pack\_weird\_high:NNNNNNNNw` better. Move the other `basics\_pack` auxiliaries to `l3fp-aux` under a better name.
- Find out if underflow can really occur for trigonometric functions, and redoc as appropriate.
- Add bibliography. Some of Kahan's articles, some previous TeX fp packages, the international standards,...
- Also take into account the “inexact” exception?
- Support multi-character prefix operators (*e.g.*, `@/` or whatever)?

## Part XXII

# The l3sort package

## Sorting functions

### 1 Controlling sorting

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 comes with a facility to sort list variables (sequences, token lists, or comma-lists) according to some user-defined comparison. For instance,

```
\clist_set:Nn \l_foo_clist { 3 , 01 , -2 , 5 , +1 }
\clist_sort:Nn \l_foo_clist
{
  \int_compare:nNnTF { #1 } > { #2 }
  { \sort_return_swapped: }
  { \sort_return_same: }
}
```

results in `\l_foo_clist` holding the values `{ -2 , 01 , +1 , 3 , 5 }` sorted in non-decreasing order.

The code defining the comparison should call `\sort_return_swapped:` if the two items given as `#1` and `#2` are not in the correct order, and otherwise it should call `\sort_return_same:` to indicate that the order of this pair of items should not be changed.

For instance, a *comparison code* consisting only of `\sort_return_same:` with no test yields a trivial sort: the final order is identical to the original order. Conversely, using a *comparison code* consisting only of `\sort_return_swapped:` reverses the list (in a fairly inefficient way).

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The current implementation is limited to sorting approximately 20000 items (40000 in LuaT<sub>E</sub>X), depending on what other packages are loaded.

Internally, the code from `l3sort` stores items in `\toks` registers allocated locally. Thus, the *comparison code* should not call `\newtoks` or other commands that allocate new `\toks` registers. On the other hand, altering the value of a previously allocated `\toks` register is not a problem.

## Part XXIII

# The `l3tl-build` package: building token lists

## 1 `l3tl-build` documentation

This module provides no user function: it is meant for kernel use only.

There are two main ways of building token lists from individual tokens. Either in one go within an `x`-expanding assignment, or by repeatedly using `\tl_put_right:Nn`. The first method takes a linear time, but only allows expandable operations. The second method takes a time quadratic in the length of the token list, but allows expandable and non-expandable operations.

The goal of this module is to provide functions to build a token list piece by piece in linear time, while allowing non-expandable operations. This is achieved by abusing `\toks`: adding some tokens to the token list is done by storing them in a free token register (time  $O(1)$  for each such operation). Those token registers are only put together at the end, within an `x`-expanding assignment, which takes a linear time.<sup>5</sup> Of course, all this must be done in a group: we can't go and clobber the values of legitimate `\toks` used by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>.

Since none of the current applications need the ability to insert material on the left of the token list, I have not implemented that. This could be done for instance by using odd-numbered `\toks` for the left part, and even-numbered `\toks` for the right part.

### 1.1 Internal functions

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<code>\__tl_build:Nw</code>	<code>\__tl_build:Nw &lt;tl var&gt; ...</code>
<code>\__tl_gbuild:Nw</code>	<code>\__tl_build_one:n {&lt;tokens1&gt;} ...</code>
<code>\__tl_build_x:Nw</code>	<code>\__tl_build_one:n {&lt;tokens2&gt;} ...</code>
<code>\__tl_gbuild_x:Nw</code>	<code>...</code>

---

`\__tl_build_end:`

Defines the `<tl var>` to contain the contents of `<tokens1>` followed by `<tokens2>`, etc. This is built in such a way to be more efficient than repeatedly using `\tl_put_right:Nn`. The code in “...” does not need to be expandable. The commands `\__tl_build:Nw` and `\__tl_build_end:` start and end a group. The assignment to the `<tl var>` occurs just after the end of that group, using `\tl_set:Nn`, `\tl_gset:Nn`, `\tl_set:Nx`, or `\tl_gset:Nx`.

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<code>\__tl_build_one:n</code>	<code>\__tl_build_one:n {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
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`\__tl_build_one:(o|x)`

This function may only be used within the scope of a `\__tl_build:Nw` function. It adds the `<tokens>` on the right of the current token list.

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`\__tl_build_end:`

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Ends the scope started by `\__tl_build:Nw`, and performs the relevant assignment.

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<sup>5</sup>If we run out of token registers, then the currently filled-up `\toks` are put together in a temporary token list, and cleared, and we ultimately use `\tl_put_right:Nx` to put those chunks together. Hence the true asymptotic is quadratic, with a very small constant.

## Part XXIV

# The l3tl-analysis package: analysing token lists

## 1 l3tl-analysis documentation

This module mostly provides internal functions for use in the l3regex module. However, it provides as a side-effect a user debugging function, very similar to the `\ShowTokens` macro from the `ted` package.

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`\tl_show_analysis:N`    `\tl_show_analysis:n`  $\langle token\ list \rangle$

`\tl_show_analysis:n`

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New: 2017-05-26

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Displays to the terminal the detailed decomposition of the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$  into tokens, showing the category code of each character token, the meaning of control sequences and active characters, and the value of registers.

## Part XXV

# The `l3regex` package: regular expressions in `TeX`

## 1 Regular expressions

The `l3regex` package provides regular expression testing, extraction of submatches, splitting, and replacement, all acting on token lists. The syntax of regular expressions is mostly a subset of the PCRE syntax (and very close to POSIX), with some additions due to the fact that `TeX` manipulates tokens rather than characters. For performance reasons, only a limited set of features are implemented. Notably, back-references are not supported.

Let us give a few examples. After

```
\tl_set:Nn \l_my_tl { That~cat. }
\regex_replace_once:nnN { at } { is } \l_my_tl
```

the token list variable `\l_my_tl` holds the text “`This cat.`”, where the first occurrence of “`at`” was replaced by “`is`”. A more complicated example is a pattern to emphasize each word and add a comma after it:

```
\regex_replace_all:nnN { \w+ } { \c{emph}\cB\{ \0 \cE\} , } \l_my_tl
```

The `\w` sequence represents any “word” character, and `+` indicates that the `\w` sequence should be repeated as many times as possible (at least once), hence matching a word in the input token list. In the replacement text, `\0` denotes the full match (here, a word). The command `\emph` is inserted using `\c{emph}`, and its argument `\0` is put between braces `\cB\{` and `\cE\}`.

If a regular expression is to be used several times, it can be compiled once, and stored in a regex variable using `\regex_const:Nn`. For example,

```
\regex_const:Nn \c_foo_regex { \c{begin} \cB. (\c[~BE].*) \cE. }
```

stores in `\c_foo_regex` a regular expression which matches the starting marker for an environment: `\begin`, followed by a begin-group token (`\cB.`), then any number of tokens which are neither begin-group nor end-group character tokens (`\c[~BE].*`), ending with an end-group token (`\cE.`). As explained in the next section, the parentheses “capture” the result of `\c[~BE].*`, giving us access to the name of the environment when doing replacements.

### 1.1 Syntax of regular expressions

We start with a few examples, and encourage the reader to apply `\regex_show:n` to these regular expressions.

- `Cat` matches the word “`Cat`” capitalized in this way, but also matches the beginning of the word “`Cattle`”: use `\bCat\b` to match a complete word only.
- `[abc]` matches one letter among “`a`”, “`b`”, “`c`”; the pattern `(a|b|c)` matches the same three possible letters (but see the discussion of submatches below).

- `[A-Za-z]*` matches any number (due to the quantifier `*`) of Latin letters (not accented).
- `\c{[A-Za-z]*}` matches a control sequence made of Latin letters.
- `\_[^\\_]*\_` matches an underscore, any number of characters other than underscore, and another underscore; it is equivalent to `\_.*?\_` where `.` matches arbitrary characters and the lazy quantifier `*?` means to match as few characters as possible, thus avoiding matching underscores.
- `[+-]?\d+` matches an explicit integer with at most one sign.
- `[+\\-\\_]*\d+\\_*` matches an explicit integer with any number of `+` and `-` signs, with spaces allowed except within the mantissa, and surrounded by spaces.
- `[+\\-\\_]*(\\d+|\\d*\\.\\d+)\\_*` matches an explicit integer or decimal number; using `[.,]` instead of `\\.`  would allow the comma as a decimal marker.
- `[+\\-\\_]*(\\d+|\\d*\\.\\d+)\\_*(\\(?i)pt|in|[cem]m|ex|[bs]p|[dn]d|[pcn]c)\\_*` matches an explicit dimension with any unit that `TEX` knows, where `(?i)` means to treat lowercase and uppercase letters identically.
- `[+\\-\\_]*(\\(?i)nan|inf|(\\d+|\\d*\\.\\d+)(\\_e[+-\\_]*\\d+)?)\\_*` matches an explicit floating point number or the special values `nan` and `inf` (with signs and spaces allowed).
- `[+\\-\\_]*(\\d+|\\cC.)\\_*` matches an explicit integer or control sequence (without checking whether it is an integer variable).
- `\\G.*?\\K` at the beginning of a regular expression matches and discards (due to `\\K`) everything between the end of the previous match (`\\G`) and what is matched by the rest of the regular expression; this is useful in `\\regex_replace_all:nnN` when the goal is to extract matches or submatches in a finer way than with `\\regex_extract_all:nnN`.

While it is impossible for a regular expression to match only integer expressions, `[+\\-\\(\\)*\\d+\\)([+\\-*/][+\\-\\(\\)*\\d+\\)]*` matches among other things all valid integer expressions (made only with explicit integers). One should follow it with further testing.

Most characters match exactly themselves, with an arbitrary category code. Some characters are special and must be escaped with a backslash (*e.g.*, `\\*` matches a star character). Some escape sequences of the form backslash–letter also have a special meaning (for instance `\\d` matches any digit). As a rule,

- every alphanumeric character (`A–Z`, `a–z`, `0–9`) matches exactly itself, and should not be escaped, because `\\A`, `\\B`, `...` have special meanings;
- non-alphanumeric printable ascii characters can (and should) always be escaped: many of them have special meanings (*e.g.*, use `\\(`, `\\)`, `\\?`, `\\.`);
- spaces should always be escaped (even in character classes);
- any other character may be escaped or not, without any effect: both versions match exactly that character.

Note that these rules play nicely with the fact that many non-alphanumeric characters are difficult to input into T<sub>E</sub>X under normal category codes. For instance, `\abc%` matches the characters `\abc%` (with arbitrary category codes), but does not match the control sequence `\abc` followed by a percent character. Matching control sequences can be done using the `\c{<regex>}` syntax (see below).

Any special character which appears at a place where its special behaviour cannot apply matches itself instead (for instance, a quantifier appearing at the beginning of a string), after raising a warning.

Characters.

`\x{hh...}` Character with hex code `hh...`

`\xhh` Character with hex code `hh`.

`\a` Alarm (hex 07).

`\e` Escape (hex 1B).

`\f` Form-feed (hex 0C).

`\n` New line (hex 0A).

`\r` Carriage return (hex 0D).

`\t` Horizontal tab (hex 09).

Character types.

`.` A single period matches any token.

`\d` Any decimal digit.

`\h` Any horizontal space character, equivalent to `[\ \^^I]`: space and tab.

`\s` Any space character, equivalent to `[\ \^^I\^^J\^^L\^^M]`.

`\v` Any vertical space character, equivalent to `[\^^J\^^K\^^L\^^M]`. Note that `\^^K` is a vertical space, but not a space, for compatibility with Perl.

`\w` Any word character, *i.e.*, alpha-numeric and underscore, equivalent to `[A-Za-z0-9\_]`.

`\D` Any token not matched by `\d`.

`\H` Any token not matched by `\h`.

`\N` Any token other than the `\n` character (hex 0A).

`\S` Any token not matched by `\s`.

`\V` Any token not matched by `\v`.

`\W` Any token not matched by `\w`.

Of those, `.`, `\D`, `\H`, `\N`, `\S`, `\V`, and `\W` match arbitrary control sequences.

Character classes match exactly one token in the subject.

`[...]` Positive character class. Matches any of the specified tokens.

[**^...**] Negative character class. Matches any token other than the specified characters.

**x-y** Within a character class, this denotes a range (can be used with escaped characters).

[:**<name>**:] Within a character class (one more set of brackets), this denotes the POSIX character class *<name>*, which can be **alnum**, **alpha**, **ascii**, **blank**, **cntrl**, **digit**, **graph**, **lower**, **print**, **punct**, **space**, **upper**, **word**, or **xdigit**.

[:**~<name>**:] Negative POSIX character class.

For instance, [**a-oq-z\cC.**] matches any lowercase latin letter except **p**, as well as control sequences (see below for a description of **\c**).

Quantifiers (repetition).

**?** 0 or 1, greedy.

**??** 0 or 1, lazy.

**\*** 0 or more, greedy.

**\*?** 0 or more, lazy.

**+** 1 or more, greedy.

**+**? 1 or more, lazy.

**{n}** Exactly *n*.

**{n,}** *n* or more, greedy.

**{n,}**? *n* or more, lazy.

**{n,m}** At least *n*, no more than *m*, greedy.

**{n,m}**? At least *n*, no more than *m*, lazy.

Anchors and simple assertions.

**\b** Word boundary: either the previous token is matched by **\w** and the next by **\W**, or the opposite. For this purpose, the ends of the token list are considered as **\W**.

**\B** Not a word boundary: between two **\w** tokens or two **\W** tokens (including the boundary).

**^** or **\A** Start of the subject token list.

**\$**, **\Z** or **\z** End of the subject token list.

**\G** Start of the current match. This is only different from **^** in the case of multiple matches: for instance `\regex_count:nnN { \G a } { aaba } \1_tmpa_int` yields 2, but replacing **\G** by **^** would result in `\1_tmpa_int` holding the value 1.

Alternation and capturing groups.

**A|B|C** Either one of A, B, or C.

**(...)** Capturing group.

**(?:...)** Non-capturing group.

(?<|...)) Non-capturing group which resets the group number for capturing groups in each alternative. The following group is numbered with the first unused group number.

The `\c` escape sequence allows to test the category code of tokens, and match control sequences. Each character category is represented by a single uppercase letter:

- C for control sequences;
- B for begin-group tokens;
- E for end-group tokens;
- M for math shift;
- T for alignment tab tokens;
- P for macro parameter tokens;
- U for superscript tokens (up);
- D for subscript tokens (down);
- S for spaces;
- L for letters;
- O for others; and
- A for active characters.

The `\c` escape sequence is used as follows.

`\c{<regex>}` A control sequence whose *cname* matches the *<regex>*, anchored at the beginning and end, so that `\c{begin}` matches exactly `\begin`, and nothing else.

`\cX` Applies to the next object, which can be a character, character property, class, or group, and forces this object to only match tokens with category X (any of CBEMTPUDSLOA). For instance, `\cL[A-Z\d]` matches uppercase letters and digits of category code letter, `\cC.` matches any control sequence, and `\cO(abc)` matches `abc` where each character has category other.

`\c[XYZ]` Applies to the next object, and forces it to only match tokens with category X, Y, or Z (each being any of CBEMTPUDSLOA). For instance, `\c[LSO](..)` matches two tokens of category letter, space, or other.

`\c[^XYZ]` Applies to the next object and prevents it from matching any token with category X, Y, or Z (each being any of CBEMTPUDSLOA). For instance, `\c[^O]\d` matches digits which have any category different from other.

The category code tests can be used inside classes; for instance, `[\cO\d \c[LO][A-F]]` matches what  $\TeX$  considers as hexadecimal digits, namely digits with category other, or uppercase letters from A to F with category either letter or other. Within a group affected by a category code test, the outer test can be overridden by a nested test: for instance, `\cL(ab\cO\*cd)` matches `ab*cd` where all characters are of category letter, except `*` which has category other.

The `\u` escape sequence allows to insert the contents of a token list directly into a regular expression or a replacement, avoiding the need to escape special characters.

Namely, `\u{<tl var name>}` matches the exact contents of the token list `<tl var>`. Within a `\c{...}` control sequence matching, the `\u` escape sequence only expands its argument once, in effect performing `\t1_to_str:v`. Quantifiers are not supported directly: use a group.

The option `(?i)` makes the match case insensitive (identifying A–Z with a–z; no Unicode support yet). This applies until the end of the group in which it appears, and can be reverted using `(?-i)`. For instance, in `(?i)(a(?-i)b|c)d`, the letters `a` and `d` are affected by the `i` option. Characters within ranges and classes are affected individually: `(?i)[Y-\]` is equivalent to `[YZ\[\]yz]`, and `(?i)[^aeiou]` matches any character which is not a vowel. Neither character properties, nor `\c{...}` nor `\u{...}` are affected by the `i` option.

In character classes, only `[`, `^`, `-`, `]`, `\` and spaces are special, and should be escaped. Other non-alphanumeric characters can still be escaped without harm. Any escape sequence which matches a single character (`\d`, `\D`, *etc.*) is supported in character classes. If the first character is `^`, then the meaning of the character class is inverted; `^` appearing anywhere else in the range is not special. If the first character (possibly following a leading `^`) is `]` then it does not need to be escaped since ending the range there would make it empty. Ranges of characters can be expressed using `-`, for instance, `[\D 0-5]` and `[\^6-9]` are equivalent.

Capturing groups are a means of extracting information about the match. Parenthesized groups are labelled in the order of their opening parenthesis, starting at 1. The contents of those groups corresponding to the “best” match (leftmost longest) can be extracted and stored in a sequence of token lists using for instance `\regex_extract_once:nnTF`.

The `\K` escape sequence resets the beginning of the match to the current position in the token list. This only affects what is reported as the full match. For instance,

```
\regex_extract_all:nnN { a \K . } { a123aaxyz } \l_foo_seq
```

results in `\l_foo_seq` containing the items `{1}` and `{a}`: the true matches are `{a1}` and `{aa}`, but they are trimmed by the use of `\K`. The `\K` command does not affect capturing groups: for instance,

```
\regex_extract_once:nnN { (. \K c)+ \d } { acbc3 } \l_foo_seq
```

results in `\l_foo_seq` containing the items `{c3}` and `{bc}`: the true match is `{acbc3}`, with first submatch `{bc}`, but `\K` resets the beginning of the match to the last position where it appears.

## 1.2 Syntax of the replacement text

Most of the features described in regular expressions do not make sense within the replacement text. Backslash introduces various special constructions, described further below:

- `\0` is the whole match;
- `\1` is the submatch that was matched by the first (capturing) group (`...`); similarly for `\2`, `...`, `\9` and `\g{<number>}`;
- `\_` inserts a space (spaces are ignored when not escaped);

- `\a, \e, \f, \n, \r, \t, \xhh, \x{hhh}` correspond to single characters as in regular expressions;
- `\c{<cs name>}` inserts a control sequence;
- `\c{<category>}<character>` (see below);
- `\u{<tl var name>}` inserts the contents of the `<tl var>` (see below).

Characters other than backslash and space are simply inserted in the result (but since the replacement text is first converted to a string, one should also escape characters that are special for T<sub>E</sub>X, for instance use `\#`). Non-alphanumeric characters can always be safely escaped with a backslash.

For instance,

```
\tl_set:Nn \l_my_tl { Hello,~world! }
\regex_replace_all:nnN { ([er]?l|o) . } { (\0--\1) } \l_my_tl
```

results in `\l_my_tl` holding `H(e1l--e1)(o,--o) w(or--o)(ld--l)!`

The submatches are numbered according to the order in which the opening parenthesis of capturing groups appear in the regular expression to match. The  $n$ -th submatch is empty if there are fewer than  $n$  capturing groups or for capturing groups that appear in alternatives that were not used for the match. In case a capturing group matches several times during a match (due to quantifiers) only the last match is used in the replacement text. Submatches always keep the same category codes as in the original token list.

The characters inserted by the replacement have category code 12 (other) by default, with the exception of space characters. Spaces inserted through `\_` have category code 10, while spaces inserted through `\x20` or `\x{20}` have category code 12. The escape sequence `\c` allows to insert characters with arbitrary category codes, as well as control sequences.

`\cX(...)` Produces the characters “...” with category `X`, which must be one of `CBEMTPUDSLOA` as in regular expressions. Parentheses are optional for a single character (which can be an escape sequence). When nested, the innermost category code applies, for instance `\cL(Hello\cS\ world)!` gives this text with standard category codes.

`\c{<text>}` Produces the control sequence with csname `<text>`. The `<text>` may contain references to the submatches `\0`, `\1`, and so on, as in the example for `\u` below.

The escape sequence `\u{<tl var name>}` allows to insert the contents of the token list with name `<tl var name>` directly into the replacement, giving an easier control of category codes. When nested in `\c{...}` and `\u{...}` constructions, the `\u` and `\c` escape sequences perform `\tl_to_str:v`, namely extract the value of the control sequence and turn it into a string. Matches can also be used within the arguments of `\c` and `\u`. For instance,

```
\tl_set:Nn \l_my_one_tl { first }
\tl_set:Nn \l_my_two_tl { \emph{second} }
\tl_set:Nn \l_my_tl { one , two , one , one }
\regex_replace_all:nnN { [^,]+ } { \u{1_my_\0_tl} } \l_my_tl
```

results in `\l_my_tl` holding `first,\emph{second},first,first.`

### 1.3 Pre-compiling regular expressions

If a regular expression is to be used several times, it is better to compile it once rather than doing it each time the regular expression is used. The compiled regular expression is stored in a variable. All of the `l3regex` module's functions can be given their regular expression argument either as an explicit string or as a compiled regular expression.

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`\regex_new:N`

`\regex_new:N`  $\langle regex\ var \rangle$

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New: 2017-05-26

Creates a new  $\langle regex\ var \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The  $\langle regex\ var \rangle$  is initially such that it never matches.

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`\regex_set:Nn`

`\regex_set:Nn`  $\langle regex\ var \rangle$   $\{ \langle regex \rangle \}$

`\regex_gset:Nn`

Stores a compiled version of the  $\langle regular\ expression \rangle$  in the  $\langle regex\ var \rangle$ . For instance, this function can be used as

`\regex_const:Nn`

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New: 2017-05-26

```
\regex_new:N \l_my_regex
\regex_set:Nn \l_my_regex { my\ (simple\ )? reg(ex|ular\ expression) }
```

The assignment is local for `\regex_set:Nn` and global for `\regex_gset:Nn`. Use `\regex_const:Nn` for compiled expressions which never change.

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`\regex_show:n`

`\regex_show:n`  $\{ \langle regex \rangle \}$

`\regex_show:N`

Shows how `l3regex` interprets the  $\langle regex \rangle$ . For instance, `\regex_show:n { \A X|Y }` shows

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New: 2017-05-26

```
+--branch
  anchor at start (\A)
  char code 88
+--branch
  char code 89
```

indicating that the anchor `\A` only applies to the first branch: the second branch is not anchored to the beginning of the match.

### 1.4 Matching

All regular expression functions are available in both `:n` and `:N` variants. The former require a “standard” regular expression, while the later require a compiled expression as generated by `\regex_(g)set:Nn`.

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`\regex_match:nnTF`

`\regex_match:nnTF`  $\{ \langle regex \rangle \}$   $\{ \langle token\ list \rangle \}$   $\{ \langle true\ code \rangle \}$   $\{ \langle false\ code \rangle \}$

`\regex_match:NnTF`

Tests whether the  $\langle regular\ expression \rangle$  matches any part of the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$ . For instance,

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New: 2017-05-26

```
\regex_match:nnTF { b [cde]* } { abecdcx } { TRUE } { FALSE }
\regex_match:nnTF { [b-dq-w] } { example } { TRUE } { FALSE }
```

leaves `TRUE` then `FALSE` in the input stream.

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`\regex_count:nnN`  
`\regex_count:NnN`

New: 2017-05-26

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`\regex_count:nnN`  $\langle regex \rangle$   $\langle token list \rangle$   $\langle int var \rangle$

Sets  $\langle int var \rangle$  within the current TeX group level equal to the number of times  $\langle regular expression \rangle$  appears in  $\langle token list \rangle$ . The search starts by finding the left-most longest match, respecting greedy and lazy (non-greedy) operators. Then the search starts again from the character following the last character of the previous match, until reaching the end of the token list. Infinite loops are prevented in the case where the regular expression can match an empty token list: then we count one match between each pair of characters. For instance,

```
\int_new:N \l_foo_int
\regex_count:nnN { (b+|c) } { abbababcb } \l_foo_int
```

results in `\l_foo_int` taking the value 5.

## 1.5 Submatch extraction

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`\regex_extract_once:nnNTF`  
`\regex_extract_once:NnNTF`

New: 2017-05-26

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`\regex_extract_once:nnN`  $\langle regex \rangle$   $\langle token list \rangle$   $\langle seq var \rangle$   
`\regex_extract_once:nnNTF`  $\langle regex \rangle$   $\langle token list \rangle$   $\langle seq var \rangle$   $\langle true code \rangle$   $\langle false code \rangle$

Finds the first match of the  $\langle regular expression \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list \rangle$ . If it exists, the match is stored as the first item of the  $\langle seq var \rangle$ , and further items are the contents of capturing groups, in the order of their opening parenthesis. The  $\langle seq var \rangle$  is assigned locally. If there is no match, the  $\langle seq var \rangle$  is cleared. The testing versions insert the  $\langle true code \rangle$  into the input stream if a match was found, and the  $\langle false code \rangle$  otherwise.

For instance, assume that you type

```
\regex_extract_once:nnNTF { \A(La)?TeX(!*)\Z } { LaTeX!!! } \l_foo_seq
{ true } { false }
```

Then the regular expression (anchored at the start with `\A` and at the end with `\Z`) must match the whole token list. The first capturing group, `(La)?`, matches `La`, and the second capturing group, `(!*)`, matches `!!!`. Thus, `\l_foo_seq` contains as a result the items `{LaTeX!!!}`, `{La}`, and `{!!!}`, and the `true` branch is left in the input stream. Note that the  $n$ -th item of `\l_foo_seq`, as obtained using `\seq_item:Nn`, correspond to the submatch numbered  $(n - 1)$  in functions such as `\regex_replace_once:nnN`.

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`\regex_extract_all:nnNTF`  
`\regex_extract_all:NnNTF`

New: 2017-05-26

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`\regex_extract_all:nnN`  $\langle regex \rangle$   $\langle token list \rangle$   $\langle seq var \rangle$   
`\regex_extract_all:nnNTF`  $\langle regex \rangle$   $\langle token list \rangle$   $\langle seq var \rangle$   $\langle true code \rangle$   $\langle false code \rangle$

Finds all matches of the  $\langle regular expression \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list \rangle$ , and stores all the submatch information in a single sequence (concatenating the results of multiple `\regex_extract_once:nnN` calls). The  $\langle seq var \rangle$  is assigned locally. If there is no match, the  $\langle seq var \rangle$  is cleared. The testing versions insert the  $\langle true code \rangle$  into the input stream if a match was found, and the  $\langle false code \rangle$  otherwise. For instance, assume that you type

```
\regex_extract_all:nnNTF { \w+ } { Hello,~world! } \l_foo_seq
{ true } { false }
```

Then the regular expression matches twice, the resulting sequence contains the two items `{Hello}` and `{world}`, and the `true` branch is left in the input stream.

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```

\regex_split:nnNTF \regex_split:nnN {<regular expression>} {<token list>} <seq var>
\regex_split:NnNTF \regex_split:nnNTF {<regular expression>} {<token list>} <seq var> {<true code>}
{<false code>}

```

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New: 2017-05-26

Splits the *<token list>* into a sequence of parts, delimited by matches of the *<regular expression>*. If the *<regular expression>* has capturing groups, then the token lists that they match are stored as items of the sequence as well. The assignment to *<seq var>* is local. If no match is found the resulting *<seq var>* has the *<token list>* as its sole item. If the *<regular expression>* matches the empty token list, then the *<token list>* is split into single tokens. The testing versions insert the *<true code>* into the input stream if a match was found, and the *<false code>* otherwise. For example, after

```

\seq_new:N \l_path_seq
\regex_split:nnNTF { / } { the/path/for/this/file.tex } \l_path_seq
{ true } { false }

```

the sequence `\l_path_seq` contains the items `{the}`, `{path}`, `{for}`, `{this}`, and `{file.tex}`, and the `true` branch is left in the input stream.

## 1.6 Replacement

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```

\regex_replace_once:nnNTF \regex_replace_once:nnN {<regular expression>} {<replacement>} <tl var>
\regex_replace_once:NnNTF \regex_replace_once:nnNTF {<regular expression>} {<replacement>} <tl var> {<true
code>} {<false code>}

```

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New: 2017-05-26

Searches for the *<regular expression>* in the *<token list>* and replaces the first match with the *<replacement>*. The result is assigned locally to *<tl var>*. In the *<replacement>*, `\0` represents the full match, `\1` represent the contents of the first capturing group, `\2` of the second, *etc.*

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```

\regex_replace_all:nnNTF \regex_replace_all:nnN {<regular expression>} {<replacement>} <tl var>
\regex_replace_all:NnNTF \regex_replace_all:nnNTF {<regular expression>} {<replacement>} <tl var> {<true
code>} {<false code>}

```

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New: 2017-05-26

Replaces all occurrences of the *\regular expression* in the *<token list>* by the *<replacement>*, where `\0` represents the full match, `\1` represent the contents of the first capturing group, `\2` of the second, *etc.* Every match is treated independently, and matches cannot overlap. The result is assigned locally to *<tl var>*.

## 1.7 Constants and variables

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```

\l_tmpa_regex
\l_tmpb_regex

```

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New: 2017-12-11

Scratch regex for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any  $\LaTeX$ 3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

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```

\g_tmpa_regex
\g_tmpb_regex

```

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New: 2017-12-11

Scratch regex for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any  $\LaTeX$ 3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

## 1.8 Bugs, misfeatures, future work, and other possibilities

The following need to be done now.

- Rewrite the documentation in a more ordered way, perhaps add a BNF?  
Additional error-checking to come.
- Clean up the use of messages.
- Cleaner error reporting in the replacement phase.
- Add tracing information.
- Detect attempts to use back-references and other non-implemented syntax.
- Test for the maximum register `\c_max_register_int`.
- Find out whether the fact that `\W` and friends match the end-marker leads to bugs. Possibly update `\_regex_item_reverse:n`.
- The empty `cs` should be matched by `\c{}`, not by `\c{csname.?endcsname\s?}`.

Code improvements to come.

- Shift arrays so that the useful information starts at position 1.
- Only build `.,` once.
- Use arrays for the left and right state stacks when compiling a regex.
- Should `\_regex_action_free_group:n` only be used for greedy `{n,}` quantifier? (I think not.)
- Quantifiers for `\u` and assertions.
- When matching, keep track of an explicit stack of `current_state` and `current_submatches`.
- If possible, when a state is reused by the same thread, kill other subthreads.
- Use an array rather than `\l\_regex_balance_t1` to build `\_regex_replacement_balance_one_match:n`.
- Reduce the number of epsilon-transitions in alternatives.
- Optimize simple strings: use less states (`abcade` should give two states, for `abc` and `ade`). [Does that really make sense?]
- Optimize groups with no alternative.
- Optimize states with a single `\_regex_action_free:n`.
- Optimize the use of `\_regex_action_success:` by inserting it in state 2 directly instead of having an extra transition.
- Optimize the use of `\int_step...` functions.
- Groups don't capture within regexes for `csnames`; optimize and document.

- Better “show” for anchors, properties, and catcode tests.
- Does `\K` really need a new state for itself?
- When compiling, use a boolean `in_cs` and less magic numbers.
- Instead of checking whether the character is special or alphanumeric using its character code, check if it is special in regexes with `\cs_if_exist` tests.

The following features are likely to be implemented at some point in the future.

- General look-ahead/behind assertions.
- Regex matching on external files.
- Conditional subpatterns with look ahead/behind: “if what follows is [...], then [...]”.
- `(*..)` and `(?..)` sequences to set some options.
- UTF-8 mode for pdf $\TeX$ .
- Newline conventions are not done. In particular, we should have an option for `.` not to match newlines. Also, `\A` should differ from `^`, and `\Z`, `\z` and `$` should differ.
- Unicode properties: `\p{..}` and `\P{..}`; `\X` which should match any “extended” Unicode sequence. This requires to manipulate a lot of data, probably using tree-boxes.
- Provide a syntax such as `\ur{1_my_regex}` to use an already-compiled regex in a more complicated regex. This makes regexes more easily composable.
- Allowing `\u{1_my_t1}` in more places, for instance as the number of repetitions in a quantifier.

The following features of PCRE or Perl may or may not be implemented.

- Callout with `(?C...)` or other syntax: some internal code changes make that possible, and it can be useful for instance in the replacement code to stop a regex replacement when some marker has been found; this raises the question of a potential `\regex_break`: and then of playing well with `\t1_map_break`: called from within the code in a regex. It also raises the question of nested calls to the regex machinery, which is a problem since `\fontdimen` are global.
- Conditional subpatterns (other than with a look-ahead or look-behind condition): this is non-regular, isn’t it?
- Named subpatterns:  $\TeX$  programmers have lived so far without any need for named macro parameters.

The following features of PCRE or Perl will definitely not be implemented.

- Back-references: non-regular feature, this requires backtracking, which is prohibitively slow.
- Recursion: this is a non-regular feature.

- Atomic grouping, possessive quantifiers: those tools, mostly meant to fix catastrophic backtracking, are unnecessary in a non-backtracking algorithm, and difficult to implement.
- Subroutine calls: this syntactic sugar is difficult to include in a non-backtracking algorithm, in particular because the corresponding group should be treated as atomic.
- Backtracking control verbs: intrinsically tied to backtracking.
- `\ddd`, matching the character with octal code `ddd`: we already have `\x{...}` and the syntax is confusingly close to what we could have used for backreferences (`\1`, `\2`, ...), making it harder to produce useful error message.
- `\cx`, similar to  $\TeX$ 's own `\^x`.
- Comments:  $\TeX$  already has its own system for comments.
- `\Q... \E` escaping: this would require to read the argument verbatim, which is not in the scope of this module.
- `\C` single byte in UTF-8 mode:  $\XeTeX$  and  $\LuaTeX$  serve us characters directly, and splitting those into bytes is tricky, encoding dependent, and most likely not useful anyways.

## Part XXVI

# 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 <code>&lt;box&gt;</code> or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The <code>&lt;box&gt;</code> is initially void.

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<code>\box_clear:N</code>	<code>\box_clear:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
<code>\box_clear:c</code>	Clears the content of the <code>&lt;box&gt;</code> by setting the box equal to <code>\c_empty_box</code> .
<code>\box_gclear:N</code>	
<code>\box_gclear:c</code>	

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<code>\box_clear_new:N</code>	<code>\box_clear_new:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
<code>\box_clear_new:c</code>	Ensures that the <code>&lt;box&gt;</code> exists globally by applying <code>\box_new:N</code> if necessary, then applies <code>\box_(g)clear:N</code> to leave the <code>&lt;box&gt;</code> empty.
<code>\box_gclear_new:N</code>	
<code>\box_gclear_new:c</code>	

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<code>\box_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\box_set_eq:NN &lt;box1&gt; &lt;box2&gt;</code>
<code>\box_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	Sets the content of <code>&lt;box1&gt;</code> equal to that of <code>&lt;box2&gt;</code> .
<code>\box_gset_eq:NN</code>	
<code>\box_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

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<code>\box_set_eq_clear:NN</code>	<code>\box_set_eq_clear:NN &lt;box1&gt; &lt;box2&gt;</code>
<code>\box_set_eq_clear:(cN Nc cc)</code>	Sets the content of <code>&lt;box1&gt;</code> within the current TeX group equal to that of <code>&lt;box2&gt;</code> , then clears <code>&lt;box2&gt;</code> globally.

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<code>\box_gset_eq_clear:NN</code>	<code>\box_gset_eq_clear:NN &lt;box1&gt; &lt;box2&gt;</code>
<code>\box_gset_eq_clear:(cN Nc cc)</code>	Sets the content of <code>&lt;box1&gt;</code> equal to that of <code>&lt;box2&gt;</code> , then clears <code>&lt;box2&gt;</code> . These assignments are global.

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<code>\box_if_exist_p:N *</code>	<code>\box_if_exist_p:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
<code>\box_if_exist_p:c *</code>	<code>\box_if_exist:NTF &lt;box&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\box_if_exist:NTF *</code>	Tests whether the <code>&lt;box&gt;</code> is currently defined. This does not check that the <code>&lt;box&gt;</code> really is a box.
<code>\box_if_exist:cTF *</code>	

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New: 2012-03-03

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## 2 Using boxes

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`\box_use:N`  
`\box_use:c`

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

Inserts the current content of the  $\langle box \rangle$  onto the current list for typesetting.

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

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`\box_use_drop:N`  
`\box_use_drop:c`

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

Inserts the current content of the  $\langle box \rangle$  onto the current list for typesetting. The  $\langle box \rangle$  is then cleared at the group level the box was set at, *i.e.* the current content is “dropped” entirely. For example, with

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\hbox_set:Nn \l_tmpa_box { A }
\group_begin:
  \hbox_set:Nn \l_tmpa_box { B }
  \group_begin:
    \box_use_drop:N \l_tmpa_box
  \group_end:
  \box_show:N \l_tmpa_box
\group_end:
\box_show:N \l_tmpa_box
```

the first use of `\box_show:N` will show an entirely cleared (void) box, and the second will show the letter A in the box.

This function is useful as boxes can contain an open-ended amount of material. As such, they can have a significant memory impact on TeX. At the same time, it is often the case that once a box has been inserted, it is no longer needed at all. Using `\box_use_drop:N` in these circumstances therefore offers improved memory use and performance. It should therefore be preferred over `\box_use:N` where it is clear that the content is no longer needed in the variable.

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

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`\box_move_right:nn`  
`\box_move_left:nn`

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`\box_move_right:nn`  $\langle dimexpr \rangle$   $\langle box\ function \rangle$

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 `\box_use:N`  $\langle box \rangle$  or a “raw” box specification such as `\vbox:n`  $\{ xyz \}$ .

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`\box_move_up:nn`  
`\box_move_down:nn`

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`\box_move_up:nn`  $\langle dimexpr \rangle$   $\langle box\ function \rangle$

This function operates in horizontal mode, and inserts the material specified by the  $\langle box\ function \rangle$  such that its reference point is displaced vertically 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 `\box_use:N`  $\langle box \rangle$  or a “raw” box specification such as `\vbox:n`  $\{ xyz \}$ .

### 3 Measuring and setting box dimensions

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`\box_dp:N`    `\box_dp:N`  $\langle box \rangle$   
`\box_dp:c`  
Calculates the depth (below the baseline) of the  $\langle box \rangle$  in a form suitable for use in a  $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .

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

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`\box_ht:N`    `\box_ht:N`  $\langle box \rangle$   
`\box_ht:c`  
Calculates the height (above the baseline) of the  $\langle box \rangle$  in a form suitable for use in a  $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .

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

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`\box_wd:N`    `\box_wd:N`  $\langle box \rangle$   
`\box_wd:c`  
Calculates the width of the  $\langle box \rangle$  in a form suitable for use in a  $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .

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

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`\box_set_dp:Nn`    `\box_set_dp:Nn`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$   
`\box_set_dp:cn`  
Updated: 2011-10-22  
Set the depth (below the baseline) of the  $\langle box \rangle$  to the value of the  $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$ . This is a global assignment.

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`\box_set_ht:Nn`    `\box_set_ht:Nn`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$   
`\box_set_ht:cn`  
Updated: 2011-10-22  
Set the height (above the baseline) of the  $\langle box \rangle$  to the value of the  $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$ . This is a global assignment.

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`\box_set_wd:Nn`    `\box_set_wd:Nn`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$   
`\box_set_wd:cn`  
Updated: 2011-10-22  
Set the width of the  $\langle box \rangle$  to the value of the  $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$ . This is a global assignment.

### 4 Box conditionals

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`\box_if_empty_p:N` \*    `\box_if_empty_p:N`  $\langle box \rangle$   
`\box_if_empty_p:c` \*    `\box_if_empty:NTF`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\{ \langle true code \rangle \} \{ \langle false code \rangle \}$   
`\box_if_empty:NTF` \*    Tests if  $\langle box \rangle$  is a empty (equal to `\c_empty_box`).  
`\box_if_empty:cTF` \*

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`\box_if_horizontal_p:N` \*    `\box_if_horizontal_p:N`  $\langle box \rangle$   
`\box_if_horizontal_p:c` \*    `\box_if_horizontal:NTF`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\{ \langle true code \rangle \} \{ \langle false code \rangle \}$   
`\box_if_horizontal:NTF` \*    Tests if  $\langle box \rangle$  is a horizontal box.  
`\box_if_horizontal:cTF` \*

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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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## 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 $\langle box \rangle$ is always 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>	

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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.
<code>Updated: 2012-11-04</code>	<b>TeXhackers note:</b> At the TeX level this is a void box.

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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>	
<code>Updated: 2012-11-04</code>	

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

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## 8 Viewing box contents

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<code>\box_show:N</code>	<code>\box_show:N</code> $\langle box \rangle$
<code>\box_show:c</code>	Shows full details of the content of the $\langle box \rangle$ in the terminal.
<code>Updated: 2012-05-11</code>	

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<code>\box_show:Nnn</code>	<code>\box_show:Nnn</code> $\langle box \rangle$ $\{\langle intexpr_1 \rangle\}$ $\{\langle intexpr_2 \rangle\}$
<code>\box_show:cnn</code>	Display the contents of $\langle box \rangle$ in the terminal, showing the first $\langle intexpr_1 \rangle$ items of the box, and descending into $\langle intexpr_2 \rangle$ group levels.
<code>New: 2012-05-11</code>	

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<code>\box_log:N</code>	<code>\box_log:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
<code>\box_log:c</code>	Writes full details of the content of the $\langle box \rangle$ to the log.
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New: 2012-05-11	

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<code>\box_log:Nnn</code>	<code>\box_log:Nnn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;intexpr1&gt;} {&lt;intexpr2&gt;}</code>
<code>\box_log:cnn</code>	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.
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New: 2012-05-11	

## 9 Boxes and color

All L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 boxes are “color safe”: a color set inside the box stops applying after the end of the box has occurred.

## 10 Horizontal mode boxes

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<code>\hbox:n</code>	<code>\hbox:n {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2017-04-05	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ into a horizontal box of natural width and then includes this box in the current list for typesetting.

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<code>\hbox_to_wd:nn</code>	<code>\hbox_to_wd:nn {&lt;dimexpr&gt;} {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2017-04-05	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.

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<code>\hbox_to_zero:n</code>	<code>\hbox_to_zero:n {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2017-04-05	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ into a horizontal box of zero width and then includes this box in the current list for typesetting.

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<code>\hbox_set:Nn</code>	<code>\hbox_set:Nn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>
<code>\hbox_set:cn</code>	
<code>\hbox_gset:Nn</code>	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ at natural width and then stores the result inside the $\langle box \rangle$ .
<code>\hbox_gset:cn</code>	
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Updated: 2017-04-05	

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<code>\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn</code>	<code>\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;dimexpr&gt;} {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>
<code>\hbox_set_to_wd:cnn</code>	
<code>\hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnn</code>	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ to the width given by the $\langle dimexpr \rangle$ and then stores the result inside the $\langle box \rangle$ .
<code>\hbox_gset_to_wd:cnn</code>	
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Updated: 2017-04-05	

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<code>\hbox_overlap_right:n</code>	<code>\hbox_overlap_right:n {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2017-04-05	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ into a horizontal box of zero width such that material protrudes to the right of the insertion point.

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<code>\hbox_overlap_left:n</code>	<code>\hbox_overlap_left:n {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2017-04-05	Typesets the <code>&lt;contents&gt;</code> into a horizontal box of zero width such that material protrudes to the left of the insertion point.

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<code>\hbox_set:Nw</code>	<code>\hbox_set:Nw &lt;box&gt; &lt;contents&gt; \hbox_set_end:</code>
<code>\hbox_set:cw</code>	Typesets the <code>&lt;contents&gt;</code> at natural width and then stores the result inside the <code>&lt;box&gt;</code> . In contrast to <code>\hbox_set:Nn</code> this function does not absorb the argument when finding the <code>&lt;content&gt;</code> , and so can be used in circumstances where the <code>&lt;content&gt;</code> may not be a simple argument.
<code>\hbox_set_end:</code>	
<code>\hbox_gset:Nw</code>	
<code>\hbox_gset:cw</code>	
<code>\hbox_gset_end:</code>	
Updated: 2017-04-05	

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<code>\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnw</code>	<code>\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnw &lt;box&gt; {&lt;dimexpr&gt;} &lt;contents&gt; \hbox_set_end:</code>
<code>\hbox_set_to_wd:cnw</code>	Typesets the <code>&lt;contents&gt;</code> to the width given by the <code>&lt;dimexpr&gt;</code> and then stores the result inside the <code>&lt;box&gt;</code> . In contrast to <code>\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn</code> this function does not absorb the argument when finding the <code>&lt;content&gt;</code> , and so can be used in circumstances where the <code>&lt;content&gt;</code> may not be a simple argument
<code>\hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnw</code>	
<code>\hbox_gset_to_wd:cnw</code>	
New: 2017-06-08	

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<code>\hbox_unpack:N</code>	<code>\hbox_unpack:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
<code>\hbox_unpack:c</code>	Unpacks the content of the horizontal <code>&lt;box&gt;</code> , retaining any stretching or shrinking applied when the <code>&lt;box&gt;</code> was set.

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

<code>\hbox_unpack_clear:N</code>	<code>\hbox_unpack_clear:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
<code>\hbox_unpack_clear:c</code>	Unpacks the content of the horizontal <code>&lt;box&gt;</code> , retaining any stretching or shrinking applied when the <code>&lt;box&gt;</code> was set. The <code>&lt;box&gt;</code> is then cleared globally.

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

## 11 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 has 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 is typically non-zero.

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<code>\vbox:n</code>	<code>\vbox:n {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2017-04-05	Typesets the <code>&lt;contents&gt;</code> into a vertical box of natural height and includes this box in the current list for typesetting.

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<code>\vbox_top:n</code>	<code>\vbox_top:n {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2017-04-05	Typesets the <code>&lt;contents&gt;</code> into a vertical box of natural height and includes this box in the current list for typesetting. The baseline of the box is equal to that of the <i>first</i> item added to the box.

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`\vbox_to_ht:n`     `\vbox_to_ht:nn <dimexpr> <contents>`  
Updated: 2017-04-05     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.

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`\vbox_to_zero:n`     `\vbox_to_zero:n <contents>`  
Updated: 2017-04-05     Typesets the  $\langle contents \rangle$  into a vertical box of zero height and then includes this box in the current list for typesetting.

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`\vbox_set:Nn`     `\vbox_set:Nn <box> <contents>`  
`\vbox_set:cn`     Typesets the  $\langle contents \rangle$  at natural height and then stores the result inside the  $\langle box \rangle$ .  
`\vbox_gset:Nn`  
`\vbox_gset:cn`  
Updated: 2017-04-05

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`\vbox_set_top:Nn`     `\vbox_set_top:Nn <box> <contents>`  
`\vbox_set_top:cn`     Typesets the  $\langle contents \rangle$  at natural height and then stores the result inside the  $\langle box \rangle$ . The  
`\vbox_gset_top:Nn`     baseline of the box is equal to that of the *first* item added to the box.  
`\vbox_gset_top:cn`  
Updated: 2017-04-05

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`\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn`     `\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn <box> <dimexpr> <contents>`  
`\vbox_set_to_ht:cn`     Typesets the  $\langle contents \rangle$  to the height given by the  $\langle dimexpr \rangle$  and then stores the result  
`\vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnn`     inside the  $\langle box \rangle$ .  
`\vbox_gset_to_ht:cn`  
Updated: 2017-04-05

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`\vbox_set:Nw`     `\vbox_set:Nw <box> <contents> \vbox_set_end:`  
`\vbox_set:cw`     Typesets the  $\langle contents \rangle$  at natural height and then stores the result inside the  $\langle box \rangle$ . In  
`\vbox_set_end:`     contrast to `\vbox_set:Nn` this function does not absorb the argument when finding the  
`\vbox_gset:Nw`      $\langle content \rangle$ , and so can be used in circumstances where the  $\langle content \rangle$  may not be a simple  
`\vbox_gset:cw`     argument.  
`\vbox_gset_end:`  
Updated: 2017-04-05

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`\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnw`     `\vbox_set_to_wd:Nnw <box> <dimexpr> <contents> \vbox_set_end:`  
`\vbox_set_to_ht:cnw`     Typesets the  $\langle contents \rangle$  to the height given by the  $\langle dimexpr \rangle$  and then stores the result  
`\vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnw`     inside the  $\langle box \rangle$ . In contrast to `\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn` this function does not absorb the  
`\vbox_gset_to_ht:cnw`     argument when finding the  $\langle content \rangle$ , and so can be used in circumstances where the  
New: 2017-06-08      $\langle content \rangle$  may not be a simple argument

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`\vbox_set_split_to_ht:NNn`     `\vbox_set_split_to_ht:NNn <box12  
Updated: 2011-10-22     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).`

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

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`\vbox_unpack:N`  
`\vbox_unpack: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.

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

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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`.

## 12 Affine transformations

Affine transformations are changes which (informally) preserve straight lines. Simple translations are affine transformations, but are better handled in T<sub>E</sub>X by doing the translation first, then inserting an unmodified box. On the other hand, rotation and resizing of boxed material can best be handled by modifying boxes. These transformations are described here.

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`\box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn`  
`\box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht:cnn`

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`\box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\langle x-size \rangle$   $\langle y-size \rangle$

New: 2017-04-04

Resizes the  $\langle box \rangle$  to fit within the given  $\langle x-size \rangle$  (horizontally) and  $\langle y-size \rangle$  (vertically); both of the sizes are dimension expressions. The  $\langle y-size \rangle$  is the height only: it does not include any depth. The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  is an `hbox`, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the resizing is applied. The final size of the  $\langle box \rangle$  is the smaller of  $\langle x-size \rangle$  and  $\langle y-size \rangle$ , *i.e.* the result fits within the dimensions specified. Negative sizes cause the material in the  $\langle box \rangle$  to be reversed in direction, but the reference point of the  $\langle box \rangle$  is unchanged. Thus a negative  $\langle y-size \rangle$  results in the  $\langle box \rangle$  having a depth dependent on the height of the original and *vice versa*. The resizing applies within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level.

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`\box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:Nnn`  
`\box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:cnn`

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`\box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:Nnn`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\langle x-size \rangle$   
 $\langle y-size \rangle$

New: 2017-04-04

Resizes the  $\langle box \rangle$  to fit within the given  $\langle x-size \rangle$  (horizontally) and  $\langle y-size \rangle$  (vertically); both of the sizes are dimension expressions. The  $\langle y-size \rangle$  is the total vertical size (height plus depth). The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  is an `hbox`, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the resizing is applied. The final size of the  $\langle box \rangle$  is the smaller of  $\langle x-size \rangle$  and  $\langle y-size \rangle$ , *i.e.* the result fits within the dimensions specified. Negative sizes cause the material in the  $\langle box \rangle$  to be reversed in direction, but the reference point of the  $\langle box \rangle$  is unchanged. Thus a negative  $\langle y-size \rangle$  results in the  $\langle box \rangle$  having a depth dependent on the height of the original and *vice versa*. The resizing applies within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level.

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`\box_resize_to_ht:Nn` `\box_resize_to_ht:Nn <box> {<y-size>}`

`\box_resize_to_ht:cn`

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Resizes the  $\langle box \rangle$  to  $\langle y-size \rangle$  (vertically), scaling the horizontal size by the same amount;  $\langle y-size \rangle$  is a dimension expression. The  $\langle y-size \rangle$  is the height only: it does not include any depth. The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  is an `hbox`, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the resizing is applied. A negative  $\langle y-size \rangle$  causes the material in the  $\langle box \rangle$  to be reversed in direction, but the reference point of the  $\langle box \rangle$  is unchanged. Thus a negative  $\langle y-size \rangle$  results in the  $\langle box \rangle$  having a depth dependent on the height of the original and *vice versa*. The resizing applies within the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level.

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`\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn` `\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn <box> {<y-size>}`

`\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:cn`

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Resizes 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 total vertical size (height plus depth). The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  is an `hbox`, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the resizing is applied. A negative  $\langle y-size \rangle$  causes the material in the  $\langle box \rangle$  to be reversed in direction, but the reference point of the  $\langle box \rangle$  is unchanged. Thus a negative  $\langle y-size \rangle$  results in the  $\langle box \rangle$  having a depth dependent on the height of the original and *vice versa*. The resizing applies within the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level.

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`\box_resize_to_wd:Nn` `\box_resize_to_wd:Nn <box> {<x-size>}`

`\box_resize_to_wd:cn`

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Resizes 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  $\langle box \rangle$  is an `hbox`, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the resizing is applied. A negative  $\langle x-size \rangle$  causes the material in the  $\langle box \rangle$  to be reversed in direction, but the reference point of the  $\langle box \rangle$  is unchanged. Thus a negative  $\langle x-size \rangle$  results in the  $\langle box \rangle$  having a depth dependent on the height of the original and *vice versa*. The resizing applies within the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level.

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`\box_resize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn` `\box_resize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn <box> {<x-size>} {<y-size>}`

`\box_resize_to_wd_and_ht:cnn`

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New: 2014-07-03

Resizes 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 height only and does not include any depth. The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  is an `hbox`, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the resizing is applied. Negative sizes cause the material in the  $\langle box \rangle$  to be reversed in direction, but the reference point of the  $\langle box \rangle$  is unchanged. Thus a negative  $\langle y-size \rangle$  results in the  $\langle box \rangle$  having a depth dependent on the height of the original and *vice versa*. The resizing applies within the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level.

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```
\box_resize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:Nnn \box_resize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:Nnn <box> {<x-size>} {<y-size>}
\box_resize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:cnn
```

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New: 2017-04-06

Resizes 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 total vertical size (height plus depth). The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  is an `hbox`, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the resizing is applied. Negative sizes cause the material in the  $\langle box \rangle$  to be reversed in direction, but the reference point of the  $\langle box \rangle$  is unchanged. Thus a negative  $\langle y-size \rangle$  results in the  $\langle box \rangle$  having a depth dependent on the height of the original and *vice versa*. The resizing applies within the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level.

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```
\box_rotate:Nn \box_rotate:Nn <box> {<angle>}
\box_rotate:cn
```

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Rotates the  $\langle box \rangle$  by  $\langle angle \rangle$  (in degrees) anti-clockwise about its reference point. The reference point of the updated box is moved horizontally such that it is at the left side of the smallest rectangle enclosing the rotated material. The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  is an `hbox`, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the rotation is applied. The rotation applies within the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level.

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```
\box_scale:Nnn \box_scale:Nnn <box> {<x-scale>} {<y-scale>}
\box_scale:cnn
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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  $\langle box \rangle$  is an `hbox`, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the scaling is applied. Negative scalings cause the material in the  $\langle box \rangle$  to be reversed in direction, but the reference point of the  $\langle box \rangle$  is unchanged. Thus a negative  $\langle y-scale \rangle$  results in the  $\langle box \rangle$  having a depth dependent on the height of the original and *vice versa*. The resizing applies within the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level.

## 13 Primitive box conditionals

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```
\if_hbox:N * \if_hbox:N <box>
<true code>
\else:
<false code>
\fi:
```

---

Tests is  $\langle box \rangle$  is a horizontal box.

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

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```
\if_vbox:N * \if_vbox:N <box>
<true code>
\else:
<false code>
\fi:
```

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Tests is  $\langle box \rangle$  is a vertical box.

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

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`\if_box_empty:N` ★ `\if_box_empty:N`  $\langle box \rangle$   
     $\langle true\ code \rangle$   
`\else:`  
     $\langle false\ code \rangle$   
`\fi:`

Tests if  $\langle box \rangle$  is an empty (void) box.

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

## Part XXVII

# The l3coffins package

## Coffin code layer

The material in this module provides the low-level support system for coffins. For details about the design concept of a coffin, see the xcoffins module (in the l3experimental bundle).

### 1 Creating and initialising coffins

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`\coffin_new:N`  
`\coffin_new:c`  
New: 2011-08-17

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`\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  $\langle coffin \rangle$  is initially empty.

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`\coffin_clear:N`  
`\coffin_clear:c`  
New: 2011-08-17

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`\coffin_clear:N`  $\langle coffin \rangle$

Clears the content of the  $\langle coffin \rangle$  within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level.

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`\coffin_set_eq:NN`  
`\coffin_set_eq:(Nc|cN|cc)`  
New: 2011-08-17

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`\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.

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`\coffin_if_exist_p:N` \*  
`\coffin_if_exist_p:c` \*  
`\coffin_if_exist:NTF` \*  
`\coffin_if_exist:cTF` \*  
New: 2012-06-20

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

`\coffin_if_exist:NTF`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\{ \langle true\ code \rangle \}$   $\{ \langle false\ code \rangle \}$

Tests whether the  $\langle coffin \rangle$  is currently defined.

### 2 Setting coffin content and poles

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

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`\hcoffin_set:Nn`  
`\hcoffin_set:cn`  
New: 2011-08-17  
Updated: 2011-09-03

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`\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.

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

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<code>\vcoffin_set:Nnn</code>	<code>\vcoffin_set:Nnn &lt;coffin&gt; {&lt;width&gt;} {&lt;material&gt;}</code>
<code>\vcoffin_set:cnn</code>	Typesets the $\langle material \rangle$ in vertical mode constrained to the given $\langle width \rangle$ and stores the result in the $\langle coffin \rangle$ . The standard poles for the $\langle coffin \rangle$ are then set up based on the size of the typeset material.
New: 2011-08-17	
Updated: 2012-05-22	

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<code>\vcoffin_set:Nnw</code>	<code>\vcoffin_set:Nnw &lt;coffin&gt; {&lt;width&gt;} &lt;material&gt; \vcoffin_set_end:</code>
<code>\vcoffin_set:cnw</code>	Typesets the $\langle material \rangle$ in vertical mode constrained to the given $\langle width \rangle$ and stores the result in the $\langle coffin \rangle$ . The standard poles for the $\langle coffin \rangle$ are then set up based on the size of the typeset material. These functions are useful for setting the entire contents of an environment in a coffin.
<code>\vcoffin_set_end:</code>	
New: 2011-09-10	
Updated: 2012-05-22	

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<code>\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn</code>	<code>\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn &lt;coffin&gt;</code>
<code>\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:cnn</code>	<code>{&lt;pole&gt;} {&lt;offset&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-07-20	

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Sets the  $\langle pole \rangle$  to run horizontally through the  $\langle coffin \rangle$ . The  $\langle pole \rangle$  is placed 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.

<code>\coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn</code>	<code>\coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn &lt;coffin&gt; {&lt;pole&gt;} {&lt;offset&gt;}</code>
<code>\coffin_set_vertical_pole:cnn</code>	
New: 2012-07-20	

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Sets the  $\langle pole \rangle$  to run vertically through the  $\langle coffin \rangle$ . The  $\langle pole \rangle$  is placed at the  $\langle offset \rangle$  from the left-hand edge of the bounding box of the  $\langle coffin \rangle$ . The  $\langle offset \rangle$  should be given as a dimension expression.

### 3 Joining and using coffins

<code>\coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn</code>	<code>\coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn</code>
<code>\coffin_attach:(cnnNnnnn Nnncnnnn cnnncnnnn)</code>	<code>&lt;coffin<sub>11</sub>-pole<sub>11</sub>-pole<sub>2  <code>&lt;coffin<sub>22</sub>-pole<sub>12</sub>-pole<sub>2  <code>{&lt;x-offset&gt;} {&lt;y-offset&gt;}</code></sub></code></sub></code>

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This function attaches  $\langle coffin_2 \rangle$  to  $\langle coffin_1 \rangle$  such that the bounding box of  $\langle coffin_1 \rangle$  is not altered, *i.e.*  $\langle coffin_2 \rangle$  can protrude outside of the bounding box of the coffin. The alignment is carried out by first calculating  $\langle handle_1 \rangle$ , the point of intersection of  $\langle coffin_1-pole_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle coffin_1-pole_2 \rangle$ , and  $\langle handle_2 \rangle$ , the point of intersection of  $\langle coffin_2-pole_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle coffin_2-pole_2 \rangle$ .  $\langle coffin_2 \rangle$  is then attached to  $\langle coffin_1 \rangle$  such that the relationship between  $\langle handle_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle handle_2 \rangle$  is described by the  $\langle x-offset \rangle$  and  $\langle y-offset \rangle$ . The two offsets should be given as dimension expressions.

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<code>\coffin_join:NnnNnnnn</code> <code>\coffin_join:(cnnNnnnn Nnncnnnn cnnccnnnn)</code>	<code>\coffin_join:NnnNnnnn</code> <code>\coffin_join:NnnNnnnn</code> <code>\coffin_join:NnnNnnnn</code> <code>\coffin_join:NnnNnnnn</code> <code>\coffin_join:NnnNnnnn</code>
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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 covers the area containing the bounding boxes of the two original coffins. The alignment is carried out by first calculating  $\langle handle_1 \rangle$ , the point of intersection of  $\langle coffin_1-pole_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle coffin_1-pole_2 \rangle$ , and  $\langle handle_2 \rangle$ , the point of intersection of  $\langle coffin_2-pole_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle coffin_2-pole_2 \rangle$ .  $\langle coffin_2 \rangle$  is then attached to  $\langle coffin_1 \rangle$  such that the relationship between  $\langle handle_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle handle_2 \rangle$  is described by the  $\langle x-offset \rangle$  and  $\langle y-offset \rangle$ . The two offsets should be given as dimension expressions.

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<code>\coffin_typeset:Nnnnn</code> <code>\coffin_typeset:cnnnn</code>	<code>\coffin_typeset:Nnnnn</code> <code>\coffin_typeset:Nnnnn</code> <code>\coffin_typeset:Nnnnn</code> <code>\coffin_typeset:Nnnnn</code> <code>\coffin_typeset:Nnnnn</code>
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Updated: 2012-07-20

Typesetting is carried out by first calculating  $\langle handle \rangle$ , the point of intersection of  $\langle pole_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle pole_2 \rangle$ . The coffin is then typeset in horizontal mode such that the relationship between the current reference point in the document and the  $\langle handle \rangle$  is described by the  $\langle x-offset \rangle$  and  $\langle y-offset \rangle$ . The two offsets should be given as dimension expressions. Typesetting a coffin is therefore analogous to carrying out an alignment where the “parent” coffin is the current insertion point.

## 4 Measuring coffins

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

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

## 5 Coffin diagnostics

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<code>\coffin_display_handles:Nn</code> <code>\coffin_display_handles:cn</code>	<code>\coffin_display_handles:Nn</code> <code>\coffin_display_handles:Nn</code> <code>\coffin_display_handles:Nn</code> <code>\coffin_display_handles:Nn</code>
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Updated: 2011-09-02

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  $\langle handles \rangle$  are labelled as part of this process: the locations of the  $\langle handles \rangle$  and the labels are both printed in the  $\langle color \rangle$  specified.

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<code>\coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn</code> <code>\coffin_mark_handle:cnnn</code> <hr/> Updated: 2011-09-02 <hr/>	<code>\coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn &lt;coffin&gt; {&lt;pole<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;pole<sub>2</sub>&gt;} {&lt;color&gt;}</code> This function first calculates the <i>&lt;handle&gt;</i> for the <i>&lt;coffin&gt;</i> as defined by the intersection of <i>&lt;pole<sub>1</sub>&gt;</i> and <i>&lt;pole<sub>2</sub>&gt;</i> . It then marks the position of the <i>&lt;handle&gt;</i> on the <i>&lt;coffin&gt;</i> . The <i>&lt;handle&gt;</i> are labelled as part of this process: the location of the <i>&lt;handle&gt;</i> and the label are both printed in the <i>&lt;color&gt;</i> specified.
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<code>\coffin_show_structure:N</code> <code>\coffin_show_structure:c</code> <hr/> Updated: 2015-08-01 <hr/>	<code>\coffin_show_structure:N &lt;coffin&gt;</code> This function shows the structural information about the <i>&lt;coffin&gt;</i> 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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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.

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<code>\coffin_log_structure:N</code> <code>\coffin_log_structure:c</code> <hr/> New: 2014-08-22 Updated: 2015-08-01 <hr/>	<code>\coffin_log_structure:N &lt;coffin&gt;</code> This function writes the structural information about the <i>&lt;coffin&gt;</i> in the log file. See also <code>\coffin_show_structure:N</code> which displays the result in the terminal.
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## 5.1 Constants and variables

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<code>\c_empty_coffin</code> <hr/>	A permanently empty coffin.
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<code>\l_tmpa_coffin</code> <code>\l_tmpb_coffin</code> <hr/> New: 2012-06-19 <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> X <sub>3</sub> -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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## Part XXVIII

# The l3color-base package

## Color support

This module provides support for color in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3. At present, the material here is mainly intended to support a small number of low-level requirements in other l3kernel modules.

### 1 Color in boxes

Controlling the color of text in boxes requires a small number of control functions, so that the boxed material uses the color at the point where it is set, rather than where it is used.

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`\color_group_begin:`  
`\color_group_end:`

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New: 2011-09-03

`\color_group_begin:`  
...  
`\color_group_end:`

Creates a color group: one used to “trap” color settings.

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`\color_ensure_current:`

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New: 2011-09-03

`\color_ensure_current:`

Ensures that material inside a box uses 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`.

## 1.1 Internal functions

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`\l_@@_current_t1`

New: 2017-06-15

Updated: 2017-10-02

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The color currently active for foreground (text, *etc.*) material. This is stored in the form of a color model followed by one or more values. There are four pre-defined models, three of which take numerical values in the range  $[0, 1]$ :

- `gray`  $\langle gray \rangle$  Grayscale color with the  $\langle gray \rangle$  value running from 0 (fully black) to 1 (fully white)
- `cmymk`  $\langle cyan \rangle$   $\langle magenta \rangle$   $\langle yellow \rangle$   $\langle black \rangle$
- `rgb`  $\langle red \rangle$   $\langle green \rangle$   $\langle blue \rangle$

Notice that the value are separated by spaces. There is a fourth pre-defined model using a string value and a numerical one:

- `spot`  $\langle name \rangle$   $\langle tint \rangle$  A pre-defined spot color, where the  $\langle name \rangle$  should be a pre-defined string color name and the  $\langle tint \rangle$  should be in the range  $[0, 1]$ .

Additional models may be created to allow mixing of spot colors. The number of data entries these require will depend on the number of colors to be mixed.

**TeXhackers note:** The content of `\l_@@_current_t1` is space-separated as this allows it to be used directly in specials in many common cases. This internal representation is close to that used by the `dvips` program.

## Part XXIX

# The l3sys package System/runtime functions

## 1 The name of the job

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`\c_sys_jobname_str`

New: 2015-09-19

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

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

## 2 Date and time

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`\c_sys_minute_int`  
`\c_sys_hour_int`  
`\c_sys_day_int`  
`\c_sys_month_int`  
`\c_sys_year_int`

New: 2015-09-22

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The date and time at which the current job was started: these are all reported as integers.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** Whilst the underlying primitives can be altered by the user, this interface to the time and date is intended to be the “real” values.

## 3 Engine

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`\sys_if_engine luatex_p:` \*  
`\sys_if_engine luatex:TF` \*  
`\sys_if_engine pdftex_p:` \*  
`\sys_if_engine pdftex:TF` \*  
`\sys_if_engine ptex_p:` \*  
`\sys_if_engine ptex:TF` \*  
`\sys_if_engine uptex_p:` \*  
`\sys_if_engine uptex:TF` \*  
`\sys_if_engine xetex_p:` \*  
`\sys_if_engine xetex:TF` \*

New: 2015-09-07

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`\sys_if_engine pdftex:TF` `{(true code)}` `{(false code)}`

Conditionals which allow engine-specific code to be used. The names follow naturally from those of the engine binaries: note that the (u)ptex tests are for  $\varepsilon$ -p<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> and  $\varepsilon$ -up<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> as expl3 requires the  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X extensions. Each conditional is true for *exactly one* supported engine. In particular, `\sys_if_engine_ptex_p:` is true for  $\varepsilon$ -p<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> but false for  $\varepsilon$ -up<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub>.

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`\c_sys_engine_str`

New: 2015-09-19

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The current engine given as a lower case string: one of `luatex`, `pdftex`, `ptex`, `uptex` or `xetex`.

## 4 Output format

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`\sys_if_output_dvi_p: *` `\sys_if_output_dvi:TF` `{\true_code}` `{\false_code}`

`\sys_if_output_dvi:TF *`

`\sys_if_output_pdf_p: *`

`\sys_if_output_pdf:TF *`

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New: 2015-09-19

Conditionals which give the current output mode the  $\TeX$  run is operating in. This is always one of two outcomes, DVI mode or PDF mode. The two sets of conditionals are thus complementary and are both provided to allow the programmer to emphasise the most appropriate case.

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`\c_sys_output_str`

New: 2015-09-19

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The current output mode given as a lower case string: one of `dvi` or `pdf`.

Part XXX

# The l3deprecation package

## Deprecation errors

### 1 l3deprecation documentation

A few commands have had to be deprecated over the years. This module defines deprecated and deleted commands to produce an error.

## Part XXXI

# The `l3candidates` package

## Experimental additions to `l3kernel`

### 1 Important notice

This module provides a space in which functions can be added to `l3kernel` (`expl3`) while still being experimental.

**As such, the functions here may not remain in their current form, or indeed at all, in `l3kernel` in the future.**

In contrast to the material in `l3experimental`, the functions here are all *small* additions to the kernel. We encourage programmers to test them out and report back on the `LaTeX-L` mailing list.

Thus, if you intend to use any of these functions from the candidate module in a public package offered to others for productive use (e.g., being placed on CTAN) please consider the following points carefully:

- Be prepared that your public packages might require updating when such functions are being finalized.
- Consider informing us that you use a particular function in your public package, e.g., by discussing this on the `LaTeX-L` mailing list. This way it becomes easier to coordinate any updates necessary without issues for the users of your package.
- Discussing and understanding use cases for a particular addition or concept also helps to ensure that we provide the right interfaces in the final version so please give us feedback if you consider a certain candidate function useful (or not).

We only add functions in this space if we consider them being serious candidates for a final inclusion into the kernel. However, real use sometimes leads to better ideas, so functions from this module are **not necessarily stable** and we may have to adjust them!

## 2 Additions to l3basics

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<code>\debug_on:n</code>	<code>\debug_on:n { &lt;comma-separated list&gt; }</code>
<code>\debug_off:n</code>	<code>\debug_off:n { &lt;comma-separated list&gt; }</code>

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New: 2017-07-16  
Updated: 2017-08-02

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Turn on and off within a group various debugging code, some of which is also available as expl3 load-time options. The items that can be used in the *<list>* are

- **check-declarations** that checks all expl3 variables used were previously declared and that local/global variables (based on their name or on their first assignment) are only locally/globally assigned;
- **check-expressions** that checks integer, dimension, skip, and muskip expressions are not terminated prematurely;
- **deprecation** that makes soon-to-be-deprecated commands produce errors;
- **log-functions** that logs function definitions;

Providing these as switches rather than options allows testing code even if it relies on other packages: load all other packages, call `\debug_on:n`, and load the code that one is interested in testing. These functions can only be used in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> package mode loaded with `enable-debug` or another option implying it.

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<code>\debug_suspend:</code>	<code>\debug_suspend: ... \debug_resume:</code>
<code>\debug_resume:</code>	

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New: 2017-11-28

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Suppress (locally) errors and logging from `debug` commands, except for the `deprecation` errors or warnings. These pairs of commands can be nested. This can be used around pieces of code that are known to fail checks, if such failures should be ignored. See for instance `l3coffins`.

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<code>\mode_leave_vertical:</code>	<code>\mode_leave_vertical:</code>
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New: 2017-07-04

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Ensures that T<sub>E</sub>X is not in vertical (inter-paragraph) mode. In horizontal or math mode this command has no effect, in vertical mode it switches to horizontal mode, and inserts a box of width `\parindent`, followed by the `\everypar` token list.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This results in the contents of the `\everypar` token register being inserted, after `\mode_leave_vertical:` is complete. Notice that in contrast to the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> `\leavevmode` approach, no box is used by the method implemented here.

## 3 Additions to l3box

### 3.1 Viewing part of a box

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`\box_clip:N`    `\box_clip:N`  $\langle box \rangle$   
`\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  $\langle box \rangle$  is an hbox, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the clipping is applied. The clipping applies within the current TeX group level.

**These functions require the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 native drivers: they do not work with the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> graphics drivers!**

**TeXhackers note:** Clipping is implemented by the driver, and as such the full content of the box is placed in the output file. Thus clipping does not remove any information from the raw output, and hidden material can therefore be viewed by direct examination of the file.

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`\box_trim:Nnnnn`    `\box_trim:Nnnnn`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\{\langle left \rangle\}$   $\{\langle bottom \rangle\}$   $\{\langle right \rangle\}$   $\{\langle top \rangle\}$   
`\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 outside of the bounding box is still displayed in the output unless `\box_clip:N` is subsequently applied. The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  is an hbox, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the trim operation is applied. The adjustment applies within the current TeX group level. The behavior of the operation where the trims requested is greater than the size of the box is undefined.

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`\box_viewport:Nnnnn`    `\box_viewport:Nnnnn`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\{\langle llx \rangle\}$   $\{\langle lly \rangle\}$   $\{\langle urx \rangle\}$   $\{\langle ury \rangle\}$   
`\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 outside of the bounding box is still displayed in the output unless `\box_clip:N` is subsequently applied. The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  is an hbox, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the viewport operation is applied. The adjustment applies within the current TeX group level.

## 4 Additions to l3clist

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`\clist_rand_item:N` ★    `\clist_rand_item:N`  $\langle clist var \rangle$   
`\clist_rand_item:c` ★    `\clist_rand_item:n`  $\{\langle comma list \rangle\}$   
`\clist_rand_item:n` ★

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New: 2016-12-06

Selects a pseudo-random item of the  $\langle comma list \rangle$ . If the  $\langle comma list \rangle$  has no item, the result is empty. This is only available in pdfTeX and LuaTeX.

**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the  $\langle item \rangle$  does not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

## 5 Additions to l3coffins

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`\coffin_resize:Nnn` `\coffin_resize:Nnn <coffin> {<width>} {<total-height>}`  
`\coffin_resize:cnn`

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Resized the `<coffin>` to `<width>` and `<total-height>`, both of which should be given as dimension expressions.

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`\coffin_rotate:Nn` `\coffin_rotate:Nn <coffin> {<angle>}`  
`\coffin_rotate:cn`

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Rotates the `<coffin>` by the given `<angle>` (given in degrees counter-clockwise). This process rotates both the coffin content and poles. Multiple rotations do not result in the bounding box of the coffin growing unnecessarily.

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`\coffin_scale:Nnn` `\coffin_scale:Nnn <coffin> {<x-scale>} {<y-scale>}`  
`\coffin_scale:cnn`

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Scales the `<coffin>` by a factors `<x-scale>` and `<y-scale>` in the horizontal and vertical directions, respectively. The two scale factors should be given as real numbers.

## 6 Additions to l3expan

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`\prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn` `\prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \<name>:<arg spec>`  
`\prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn` `{<variant argument specifiers>} {<condition specifiers>}`  
New: 2017-12-12

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Defines argument-specifier variants of conditionals. This is equivalent to running `\cs_generate_variant:Nn <conditional> {<variant argument specifiers>}` on each `<conditional>` described by the `<condition specifiers>`. These base-form `<conditionals>` are obtained from the `<name>` and `<arg spec>` as described for `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn`, and they should be defined.

## 7 Additions to l3file

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`\file_get_md5five_hash:nN` `\file_get_md5five_hash:nN {<file name>} <str var>`

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New: 2017-07-11

Searches for `<file name>` using the current T<sub>E</sub>X search path and the additional paths controlled by `\file_path_include:n`. If found, sets the `<str var>` to the MD5 sum generated from the content of the file. The file is read as bytes, which means that in contrast to most T<sub>E</sub>X behaviour there will be a difference in result depending on the line endings used in text files. The same file will produce the same result between different engines: the algorithm used is the same in all cases. Where the file is not found, the `<str var>` will be empty.

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`\file_get_size:nN` `\file_get_size:nN {<file name>} <str var>`

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New: 2017-07-09

Searches for `<file name>` using the current T<sub>E</sub>X search path and the additional paths controlled by `\file_path_include:n`. If found, sets the `<str var>` to the size of the file in bytes. Where the file is not found, the `<str var>` will be empty.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The X<sub>Ǝ</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X engine provides no way to implement this function.

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**\file\_get\_timestamp:nN**

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New: 2017-07-09

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**\file\_get\_timestamp:nN**  $\langle file\ name \rangle$   $\langle str\ var \rangle$ 

Searches for  $\langle file\ name \rangle$  using the current T<sub>E</sub>X search path and the additional paths controlled by **\file\_path\_include:n**. If found, sets the  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  to the modification timestamp of the file in the form D: $\langle year \rangle$  $\langle month \rangle$  $\langle day \rangle$  $\langle hour \rangle$  $\langle minute \rangle$  $\langle second \rangle$  $\langle offset \rangle$ , where the latter may be Z (UTC) or  $\langle plus-minus \rangle$  $\langle hours \rangle$ ' $\langle minutes \rangle$ '. Where the file is not found, the  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  will be empty.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The X<sub>ƒ</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X engine provides no way to implement this function.

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**\file\_if\_exist\_input:n****\file\_if\_exist\_input:nF**

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New: 2014-07-02

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**\file\_if\_exist\_input:n**  $\langle file\ name \rangle$ **\file\_if\_exist\_input:nF**  $\langle file\ name \rangle$   $\langle false\ code \rangle$ 

Searches for  $\langle file\ name \rangle$  using the current T<sub>E</sub>X search path and the additional paths controlled by **\file\_path\_include:n**. If found then reads in the file as additional L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X source as described for **\file\_input:n**, otherwise inserts the  $\langle false\ code \rangle$ . Note that these functions do not raise an error if the file is not found, in contrast to **\file\_input:n**.

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**\file\_input\_stop:**

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New: 2017-07-07

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**\file\_input\_stop:**

Ends the reading of a file started by **\file\_input:n** or similar before the end of the file is reached. Where the file reading is being terminated due to an error, **\msg\_critical:nn(nn)** should be preferred.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This function must be used on a line on its own: T<sub>E</sub>X reads files line-by-line and so any additional tokens in the “current” line will still be read.

This is also true if the function is hidden inside another function (which will be the normal case), i.e., all tokens on the same line in the source file are still processed. Putting it on a line by itself in the definition doesn't help as it is the line where it is used that counts!

## 8 Additions to l3int

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**\int\_rand:nn** ★

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New: 2016-12-06

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**\int\_rand:nn**  $\langle intexpr_1 \rangle$   $\langle intexpr_2 \rangle$ 

Evaluates the two  $\langle integer\ expressions \rangle$  and produces a pseudo-random number between the two (with bounds included). This is only available in pdfT<sub>E</sub>X and LuaT<sub>E</sub>X.

## 9 Additions to l3msg

In very rare cases it may be necessary to produce errors in an expansion-only context. The functions in this section should only be used if there is no alternative approach using **\msg\_error:nnnnnn** or other non-expandable commands from the previous section. Despite having a similar interface as non-expandable messages, expandable errors must be handled internally very differently from normal error messages, as none of the tools to print to the terminal or the log file are expandable. As a result, the message text and arguments are not expanded, and messages must be very short (with default settings, they are truncated after approximately 50 characters). It is advisable to ensure that the message is understandable even when truncated. Another particularity of expandable messages is that they cannot be redirected or turned off by the user.

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```

\msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn * \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn {<module>} {<message>} {<arg one>} {<arg
\msg_expandable_error:nnffff * two>} {<arg three>} {<arg four>}
\msg_expandable_error:nnnnn *
\msg_expandable_error:nnffff *
\msg_expandable_error:nnnn *
\msg_expandable_error:nnff *
\msg_expandable_error:nnn *
\msg_expandable_error:nnf *
\msg_expandable_error:nn *

```

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New: 2015-08-06

Issues an “Undefined error” message from T<sub>E</sub>X itself using the undefined control sequence `\::error` then prints “! *<module>*: ”*<error message>*”, which should be short. With default settings, anything beyond approximately 60 characters long (or bytes in some engines) is cropped. A leading space might be removed as well.

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```

\msg_show_eval:Nn \msg_show_eval:Nn <function> {<expression>}
\msg_log_eval:Nn

```

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New: 2017-12-04

Shows or logs the *<expression>* (turned into a string), an equal sign, and the result of applying the *<function>* to the *<expression>* (with `f`-expansion). For instance, if the *<function>* is `\int_eval:n` and the *<expression>* is `1+2` then this logs `> 1+2=3`.

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```

\msg_show:nnnnnn \msg_show:nnnnnn {<module>} {<message>} {<arg one>} {<arg two>} {<arg three>} {<arg
\msg_show:nnxxxx four>}
\msg_show:nnnnn
\msg_show:nnxxx
\msg_show:nnnn
\msg_show:nnxx
\msg_show:nnn
\msg_show:nnx
\msg_show:nn

```

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New: 2017-12-04

Issues *<module>* information *<message>*, passing *<arg one>* to *<arg four>* to the text-creating functions. The information text is shown on the terminal and the T<sub>E</sub>X run is interrupted in a manner similar to `\tl_show:n`. This is used in conjunction with `\msg_show_item:n` and similar functions to print complex variable contents completely. If the formatted text does not contain `>~` at the start of a line, an additional line `>~.` will be put at the end. In addition, a final period is added if not present.

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```

\msg_show_item:n * \seq_map_function:NN <seq> \msg_show_item:n
\msg_show_item_unbraced:n * \prop_map_function:NN <prop> \msg_show_item:nn
\msg_show_item:nn *
\msg_show_item_unbraced:nn *

```

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New: 2017-12-04

Used in the text of messages for `\msg_show:nnxxxx` to show or log a list of items or key–value pairs. The one-argument functions are used for sequences, clist or token lists and the others for property lists. These functions turn their arguments to strings.

## 10 Additions to l3prg

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```

\bool_const:Nn \bool_const:Nn <boolean> {<boolexpr>}
\bool_const:cn

```

---

New: 2017-11-28

Creates a new constant *<boolean>* or raises an error if the name is already taken. The value of the *<boolean>* is set globally to the result of evaluating the *<boolexpr>*.

## 11 Additions to l3prop

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<code>\prop_count:N</code> ☆	<code>\prop_count:N</code> $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$
<code>\prop_count:c</code> ☆	Leaves the number of key–value pairs in the $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$ in the input stream as an $\langle$ <i>integer denotation</i> $\rangle$ .

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<code>\prop_map_tokens:Nn</code> ☆	<code>\prop_map_tokens:Nn</code> $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$ $\{$ $\langle$ <i>code</i> $\rangle$ $\}$
<code>\prop_map_tokens:cn</code> ☆	Analogue of <code>\prop_map_function:NN</code> which maps several tokens instead of a single function. The $\langle$ <i>code</i> $\rangle$ receives each key–value pair in the $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$ as two trailing brace groups. For instance,

```
\prop_map_tokens:Nn \l_my_prop { \str_if_eq:nnT { mykey } }
```

expands to the value corresponding to `mykey`: for each pair in `\l_my_prop` the function `\str_if_eq:nnT` receives `mykey`, the  $\langle$ *key* $\rangle$  and the  $\langle$ *value* $\rangle$  as its three arguments. For that specific task, `\prop_item:Nn` is faster.

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<code>\prop_rand_key_value:N</code> ☆	<code>\prop_rand_key_value:N</code> $\langle$ <i>prop var</i> $\rangle$
<code>\prop_rand_key_value:c</code> ☆	Selects a pseudo-random key–value pair in the $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$ and returns $\{$ $\langle$ <i>key</i> $\rangle$ $\}$ $\{$ $\langle$ <i>value</i> $\rangle$ $\}$ . If the $\langle$ <i>property list</i> $\rangle$ is empty the result is empty. This is only available in pdfTeX and LuaTeX.

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New: 2016-12-06

**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the  $\langle$ *value* $\rangle$  does not expand further when appearing in an `x`-type argument expansion.

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<code>\prop_set_from_keyval:Nn</code>	<code>\prop_set_from_keyval:Nn</code> $\langle$ <i>prop var</i> $\rangle$
<code>\prop_set_from_keyval:cn</code>	{
<code>\prop_gset_from_keyval:Nn</code>	$\langle$ <i>key1</i> $\rangle$ = $\langle$ <i>value1</i> $\rangle$ ,
<code>\prop_gset_from_keyval:cn</code>	$\langle$ <i>key2</i> $\rangle$ = $\langle$ <i>value2</i> $\rangle$ , ...
	}

---

New: 2017-11-28

Sets  $\langle$ *prop var* $\rangle$  to contain key–value pairs given in the second argument.

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<code>\prop_const_from_keyval:Nn</code>	<code>\prop_const_from_keyval:Nn</code> $\langle$ <i>prop var</i> $\rangle$
<code>\prop_const_from_keyval:cn</code>	{
	$\langle$ <i>key1</i> $\rangle$ = $\langle$ <i>value1</i> $\rangle$ ,
	$\langle$ <i>key2</i> $\rangle$ = $\langle$ <i>value2</i> $\rangle$ , ...
	}

---

New: 2017-11-28

Creates a new constant  $\langle$ *prop var* $\rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The  $\langle$ *prop var* $\rangle$  is set globally to contain key–value pairs given in the second argument.

## 12 Additions to l3seq

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`\seq_mapthread_function:NNN` ☆ `\seq_mapthread_function:NNN`  $\langle seq_1 \rangle$   $\langle seq_2 \rangle$   $\langle function \rangle$   
`\seq_mapthread_function:(NcN|cNN|ccN)` ☆

---

Applies  $\langle function \rangle$  to every pair of items  $\langle seq_1-item \rangle$ – $\langle seq_2-item \rangle$  from the two sequences, returning items from both sequences from left to right. The  $\langle function \rangle$  receives two `n`-type arguments for each iteration. The mapping terminates when the end of either sequence is reached (*i.e.* whichever sequence has fewer items determines how many iterations occur).

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`\seq_set_filter:NNn` `\seq_set_filter:NNn`  $\langle sequence_1 \rangle$   $\langle sequence_2 \rangle$   $\{ \langle inline boolexpr \rangle \}$   
`\seq_gset_filter:NNn`

---

Evaluates the  $\langle inline boolexpr \rangle$  for every  $\langle item \rangle$  stored within the  $\langle sequence_2 \rangle$ . The  $\langle inline boolexpr \rangle$  receives 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  $\langle sequence_1 \rangle$ .

**TeXhackers note:** Contrarily to other mapping functions, `\seq_map_break:` cannot be used in this function, and would lead to low-level TeX errors.

---

`\seq_set_map:NNn` `\seq_set_map:NNn`  $\langle sequence_1 \rangle$   $\langle sequence_2 \rangle$   $\{ \langle inline function \rangle \}$   
`\seq_gset_map:NNn`

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New: 2011-12-22

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.

**TeXhackers note:** Contrarily to other mapping functions, `\seq_map_break:` cannot be used in this function, and would lead to low-level TeX errors.

---

`\seq_rand_item:N` ☆ `\seq_rand_item:N`  $\langle seq var \rangle$   
`\seq_rand_item:c` ☆

---

New: 2016-12-06

Selects a pseudo-random item of the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty the result is empty. This is only available in pdfTeX and LuaTeX.

**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the  $\langle item \rangle$  does not expand further when appearing in an `x`-type argument expansion.

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`\seq_const_from_clist:Nn` `\seq_const_from_clist:Nn`  $\langle seq var \rangle$   $\{ \langle comma-list \rangle \}$   
`\seq_const_from_clist:cn`

---

New: 2017-11-28

Creates a new constant  $\langle seq var \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The  $\langle seq var \rangle$  is set globally to contain the items in the  $\langle comma list \rangle$ .

## 13 Additions to l3skip

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```
\skip_split_finite_else_action:nnNN \skip_split_finite_else_action:nnNN {<skipexpr>} {<action>}
<dimen1> <dimen2>
```

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Checks if the *<skipexpr>* contains finite glue. If it does then it assigns *<dimen<sub>1</sub>>* the stretch component and *<dimen<sub>2</sub>>* the shrink component. If it contains infinite glue set *<dimen<sub>1</sub>>* and *<dimen<sub>2</sub>>* to 0pt and place #2 into the input stream: this is usually an error or warning message of some sort.

## 14 Additions to l3sys

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```
\sys_if_rand_exist_p: * \sys_if_rand_exist_p:
\sys_if_rand_exist:TF * \sys_if_rand_exist:TF {<true code>} {<false code>}
```

---

New: 2017-05-27

Tests if the engine has a pseudo-random number generator. Currently this is the case in pdfTeX and LuaTeX.

---

```
\sys_rand_seed: * \sys_rand_seed:
```

---

New: 2017-05-27

Expands to the current value of the engine's random seed, a non-negative integer. In engines without random number support this expands to 0.

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```
\sys_gset_rand_seed:n \sys_gset_rand_seed:n {<intexpr>}
```

---

New: 2017-05-27

Sets the seed for the engine's pseudo-random number generator to the *<integer expression>*. The assignment is global. This random seed affects all `\..._rand` functions (such as `\int_rand:nn` or `\clist_rand_item:n`) as well as other packages relying on the engine's random number generator. Currently only the absolute value of the seed is used. In engines without random number support this produces an error.

---

```
\c_sys_shell_escape_int
```

---

New: 2017-05-27

This variable exposes the internal triple of the shell escape status. The possible values are

- 0 Shell escape is disabled
- 1 Unrestricted shell escape is enabled
- 2 Restricted shell escape is enabled

---

```
\sys_if_shell_p: * \sys_if_shell_p:
\sys_if_shell:TF * \sys_if_shell:TF {<true code>} {<false code>}
```

---

New: 2017-05-27

Performs a check for whether shell escape is enabled. This returns true if either of restricted or unrestricted shell escape is enabled.

---

```
\sys_if_shell_unrestricted_p: * \sys_if_shell_unrestricted_p:
\sys_if_shell_unrestricted:TF * \sys_if_shell_unrestricted:TF {<true code>} {<false code>}
```

---

New: 2017-05-27

Performs a check for whether *unrestricted* shell escape is enabled.

---

`\sys_if_shell_restricted_p: *` `\sys_if_shell_restricted_p:`  
`\sys_if_shell_restricted:TF *` `\sys_if_shell_restricted:TF` `{\true code}` `{\false code}`

---

New: 2017-05-27

Performs a check for whether *restricted* shell escape is enabled. This returns false if unrestricted shell escape is enabled. Unrestricted shell escape is not considered a superset of restricted shell escape in this case. To find whether any shell escape is enabled use `\sys_if_shell:.`

---

`\sys_shell_now:n` `\sys_shell_now:n` `{\tokens}`  
`\sys_shell_now:x` Execute `\tokens` through shell escape immediately.

New: 2017-05-27

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`\sys_shell_shipout:n` `\sys_shell_shipout:n` `{\tokens}`  
`\sys_shell_shipout:x` Execute `\tokens` through shell escape at shipout.

New: 2017-05-27

## 15 Additions to l3tl

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`\tl_if_single_token_p:n *` `\tl_if_single_token_p:n` `{\token list}`  
`\tl_if_single_token:nTF *` `\tl_if_single_token:nTF` `{\token list}` `{\true code}` `{\false 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.

---

`\tl_reverse_tokens:n *` `\tl_reverse_tokens:n` `{\tokens}`

---

This function, which works directly on  $\TeX$  tokens, reverses the order of the `\tokens`: the first becomes the last and the last becomes 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.

**$\TeX$ hackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the token list does not expand further when appearing in an `x`-type argument expansion.

---

`\tl_count_tokens:n *` `\tl_count_tokens:n` `{\tokens}`

---

Counts the number of  $\TeX$  tokens in the `\tokens` and leaves this information in the input stream. Every token, including spaces and braces, contributes one to the total; thus for instance, the token count of `a~{bc}` is 6. This function requires three expansions, giving an *integer denotation*.

---

```

\tl_lower_case:n  * \tl_upper_case:n  {\tokens}
\tl_upper_case:n  * \tl_upper_case:nn {\language} {\tokens}
\tl_mixed_case:n  *
\tl_lower_case:nn *
\tl_upper_case:nn *
\tl_mixed_case:nn *

```

---

New: 2014-06-30  
Updated: 2016-01-12

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These functions are intended to be applied to input which may be regarded broadly as “text”. They traverse the *tokens* and change the case of characters as discussed below. The character code of the characters replaced may be arbitrary: the replacement characters have standard document-level category codes (11 for letters, 12 for letter-like characters which can also be case-changed). Begin-group and end-group characters in the *tokens* are normalized and become { and }, respectively.

Importantly, notice that these functions are intended for working with user text for typesetting. For case changing programmatic data see the `l3str` module and discussion there of `\str_lower_case:n`, `\str_upper_case:n` and `\str_fold_case:n`.

The functions perform expansion on the input in most cases. In particular, input in the form of token lists or expandable functions is expanded *unless* it falls within one of the special handling classes described below. This expansion approach means that in general the result of case changing matches the “natural” outcome expected from a “functional” approach to case modification. For example

```

\tl_set:Nn \l_tmpa_tl { hello }
\tl_upper_case:n { \l_tmpa_tl \c_space_tl world }

```

produces

```
HELLO WORLD
```

The expansion approach taken means that in package mode any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> “robust” commands which may appear in the input should be converted to engine-protected versions using for example the `\robustify` command from the `etoolbox` package.

---

```
\l_tl_case_change_math_tl
```

---

Case changing does not take place within math mode material so for example

```
\tl_upper_case:n { Some~text~$y = mx + c$~with~{Braces} }
```

becomes

```
SOME TEXT $y = mx + c$ WITH {BRACES}
```

Material inside math mode is left entirely unchanged: in particular, no expansion is undertaken.

Detection of math mode is controlled by the list of tokens in `\l_tl_case_change_math_tl`, which should be in open-close pairs. In package mode the standard settings is

```
$ $ \ ( \)
```

Note that while expansion occurs when searching the text it does not apply to math mode material (which should be unaffected by case changing). As such, whilst the opening token for math mode may be “hidden” inside a command/macro, the closing one cannot be as this is being searched for in math mode. Typically, in the types of “text” the case changing functions are intended to apply to this should not be an issue.

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### \l\_tl\_case\_change\_exclude\_tl

Case changing can be prevented by using any command on the list `\l_tl_case_change_exclude_tl`. Each entry should be a function to be followed by one argument: the latter will be preserved as-is with no expansion. Thus for example following

```
\tl_put_right:Nn \l_tl_case_change_exclude_tl { \NoChangeCase }
```

the input

```
\tl_upper_case:n  
  { Some~text~$y = mx + c$~with~\NoChangeCase {Protection} }
```

will result in

```
SOME TEXT $y = mx + c$ WITH \NoChangeCase {Protection}
```

Notice that the case changing mapping preserves the inclusion of the escape functions: it is left to other code to provide suitable definitions (typically equivalent to `\use:n`). In particular, the result of case changing is returned protected by `\exp_not:n`.

When used with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> the commands `\cite`, `\ensuremath`, `\label` and `\ref` are automatically included in the list for exclusion from case changing.

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### \l\_tl\_case\_change\_accents\_tl

This list specifies accent commands which should be left unexpanded in the output. This allows for example

```
\tl_upper_case:n { \" { a } }
```

to yield

```
\" { A }
```

irrespective of the expandability of `\`.

The standard contents of this variable is `\`, `\'`, `\.`, `\^`, `\'`, `\~`, `\c`, `\H`, `\k`, `\r`, `\t`, `\u` and `\v`.

“Mixed” case conversion may be regarded informally as converting the first character of the *<tokens>* to upper case and the rest to lower case. However, the process is more complex than this as there are some situations where a single lower case character maps to a special form, for example *ij* in Dutch which becomes *IJ*. As such, `\tl_mixed_case:n(n)` implement a more sophisticated mapping which accounts for this and for modifying accents on the first letter. Spaces at the start of the *<tokens>* are ignored when finding the first “letter” for conversion.

```
\tl_mixed_case:n { hello~WORLD } % => "Hello world"  
\tl_mixed_case:n { ~hello~WORLD } % => " Hello world"  
\tl_mixed_case:n { {hello}~WORLD } % => "{Hello} world"
```

When finding the first “letter” for this process, any content in math mode or covered by `\l_tl_case_change_exclude_tl` is ignored.

(Note that the Unicode Consortium describe this as “title case”, but that in English title case applies on a word-by-word basis. The “mixed” case implemented here is a lower level concept needed for both “title” and “sentence” casing of text.)

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`\tl_mixed_case_ignore_tl`

The list of characters to ignore when searching for the first “letter” in mixed-casing is determined by `\tl_mixed_change_ignore_tl`. This has the standard setting

```
( [ { ‘ -
```

where comparisons are made on a character basis.

As is generally true for `expl3`, these functions are designed to work with Unicode input only. As such, UTF-8 input is assumed for *all* engines. When used with Xe<sub>La</sub>TeX or LuaTeX a full range of Unicode transformations are enabled. Specifically, the standard mappings here follow those defined by the [Unicode Consortium](#) in `UnicodeData.txt` and `SpecialCasing.txt`. In the case of 8-bit engines, mappings are provided for characters which can be represented in output typeset using the T1 font encoding. Thus for example `Ãd` can be case-changed using pdfTeX. For pTeX only the ASCII range is covered as the engine treats input outside of this range as east Asian.

Context-sensitive mappings are enabled: language-dependent cases are discussed below. Context detection expands input but treats any unexpandable control sequences as “failures” to match a context.

Language-sensitive conversions are enabled using the `<language>` argument, and follow Unicode Consortium guidelines. Currently, the languages recognised for special handling are as follows.

- Azeri and Turkish (`az` and `tr`). The case pairs I/i-dotless and I-dot/i are activated for these languages. The combining dot mark is removed when lower casing I-dot and introduced when upper casing i-dotless.
- German (`de-alt`). An alternative mapping for German in which the lower case *Eszett* maps to a *großes Eszett*.
- Lithuanian (`lt`). The lower case letters i and j should retain a dot above when the accents grave, acute or tilde are present. This is implemented for lower casing of the relevant upper case letters both when input as single Unicode codepoints and when using combining accents. The combining dot is removed when upper casing in these cases. Note that *only* the accents used in Lithuanian are covered: the behaviour of other accents are not modified.
- Dutch (`nl`). Capitalisation of `ij` at the beginning of mixed cased input produces `IJ` rather than `Ij`. The output retains two separate letters, thus this transformation *is* available using pdfTeX.

Creating additional context-sensitive mappings requires knowledge of the underlying mapping implementation used here. The team are happy to add these to the kernel where they are well-documented (*e.g.* in Unicode Consortium or relevant government publications).

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```
\tl_set_from_file:Nnn
\tl_set_from_file:cnn
\tl_gset_from_file:Nnn
\tl_gset_from_file:cnn
```

```
\tl_set_from_file:Nnn <tl> <{setup}> <{filename}>
```

Defines `<tl>` to the contents of `<filename>`. Category codes may need to be set appropriately via the `<setup>` argument.

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New: 2014-06-25

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<code>\tl_set_from_file_x:Nnn</code>	<code>\tl_set_from_file_x:Nnn &lt;tl&gt; {&lt;setup&gt;} {&lt;filename&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_set_from_file_x:cnn</code>	Defines <i>&lt;tl&gt;</i> to the contents of <i>&lt;filename&gt;</i> , expanding the contents of the file as it is read.
<code>\tl_gset_from_file_x:Nnn</code>	Category codes and other definitions may need to be set appropriately via the <i>&lt;setup&gt;</i>
<code>\tl_gset_from_file_x:cnn</code>	argument.

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New: 2014-06-25

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<code>\tl_rand_item:N *</code>	<code>\tl_rand_item:N &lt;tl var&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_rand_item:c *</code>	<code>\tl_rand_item:n {&lt;token list&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_rand_item:n *</code>	Selects a pseudo-random item of the <i>&lt;token list&gt;</i> . If the <i>&lt;token list&gt;</i> is blank, the result is empty. This is only available in pdf $\TeX$ and Lua $\TeX$ .

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New: 2016-12-06

**$\TeX$ hackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the *<item>* does not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

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<code>\tl_range:nnn *</code>	<code>\tl_range:Nnn &lt;tl var&gt; {&lt;start index&gt;} {&lt;end index&gt;}</code>
	<code>\tl_range:nnn {&lt;token list&gt;} {&lt;start index&gt;} {&lt;end index&gt;}</code>

---

New: 2017-02-17

Updated: 2017-07-15

Leaves in the input stream the items from the *<start index>* to the *<end index>* inclusive. Spaces and braces are preserved between the items returned (but never at either end of the list). Positive *<indices>* are counted from the start of the *<token list>*, 1 being the first item, and negative *<indices>* are counted from the end of the token list,  $-1$  being the last item. If either of *<start index>* or *<end index>* is 0, the result is empty. For instance,

```

\iow_term:x { \tl_range:nnn { abcd~{e}}f } { 2 } { 5 } }
\iow_term:x { \tl_range:nnn { abcd~{e}}f } { -4 } { -1 } }
\iow_term:x { \tl_range:nnn { abcd~{e}}f } { -2 } { -1 } }
\iow_term:x { \tl_range:nnn { abcd~{e}}f } { 0 } { -1 } }

```

prints `bcd_{e}`, `cd_{e}f`, `{e}f` and an empty line to the terminal. The *<start index>* must always be smaller than or equal to the *<end index>*: if this is not the case then no output is generated. Thus

```

\iow_term:x { \tl_range:nnn { abcd~{e}}f } { 5 } { 2 } }
\iow_term:x { \tl_range:nnn { abcd~{e}}f } { -1 } { -4 } }

```

both yield empty token lists. For improved performance, see `\tl_range_braced:nnn` and `\tl_range_unbraced:nnn`.

**$\TeX$ hackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the *<item>* does not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

---

```

\tl_range_braced:Nnn * \tl_range_braced:Nnn <tl var> {(start index)} {(end index)}
\tl_range_braced:cnn * \tl_range_braced:nnn {(token list)} {(start index)} {(end index)}
\tl_range_braced:nnn * \tl_range_unbraced:Nnn <tl var> {(start index)} {(end index)}
\tl_range_unbraced:Nnn * \tl_range_unbraced:nnn {(token list)} {(start index)} {(end index)}
\tl_range_unbraced:cnn *
\tl_range_unbraced:nnn *

```

---

New: 2017-07-15

Leaves in the input stream the items from the *<start index>* to the *<end index>* inclusive, using the same indexing as `\tl_range:nnn`. Spaces are ignored. Regardless of whether items appear with or without braces in the *<token list>*, the `\tl_range_braced:nnn` function wraps each item in braces, while `\tl_range_unbraced:nnn` does not (overall it removes an outer set of braces). For instance,

```

\iow_term:x { \tl_range_braced:nnn { abcd~{e}}f } { 2 } { 5 } }
\iow_term:x { \tl_range_braced:nnn { abcd~{e}}f } { -4 } { -1 } }
\iow_term:x { \tl_range_braced:nnn { abcd~{e}}f } { -2 } { -1 } }
\iow_term:x { \tl_range_braced:nnn { abcd~{e}}f } { 0 } { -1 } }

```

prints `{b}{c}{d}{e}`, `{c}{d}{e}{f}`, `{e}{f}`, and an empty line to the terminal, while

```

\iow_term:x { \tl_range_unbraced:nnn { abcd~{e}}f } { 2 } { 5 } }
\iow_term:x { \tl_range_unbraced:nnn { abcd~{e}}f } { -4 } { -1 } }
\iow_term:x { \tl_range_unbraced:nnn { abcd~{e}}f } { -2 } { -1 } }
\iow_term:x { \tl_range_unbraced:nnn { abcd~{e}}f } { 0 } { -1 } }

```

prints `bcde{}`, `cde{f}`, `e{f}`, and an empty line to the terminal. Because braces are removed, the result of `\tl_range_unbraced:nnn` may have a different number of items as for `\tl_range:nnn` or `\tl_range_braced:nnn`. In cases where preserving spaces is important, consider the slower function `\tl_range:nnn`.

**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the *<item>* does not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

## 16 Additions to l3token

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```

\c_catcode_active_space_tl

```

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New: 2017-08-07

Token list containing one character with category code 13, (“active”), and character code 32 (space).

---

```

\peek_N_type:TF

```

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Updated: 2012-12-20

```

\peek_N_type:TF {(true code)} {(false code)}

```

Tests if the next *<token>* in the input stream can be safely grabbed as an N-type argument. The test is *<>false>* if the next *<token>* is either an explicit or implicit begin-group or end-group token (with any character code), or an explicit or implicit space character (with character code 32 and category code 10), or an outer token (never used in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3) and *<>true>* in all other cases. Note that a *<>true>* result ensures that the next *<token>* is a valid N-type argument. However, if the next *<token>* is for instance `\c_space_token`, the test takes the *<>false>* branch, even though the next *<token>* is in fact a valid N-type argument. The *<token>* is left in the input stream after the *<>true code>* or *<>false code>* (as appropriate to the result of the test).

## Part XXXII

# The l3luatex package

## LuaTeX-specific functions

### 1 Breaking out to Lua

The LuaTeX engine provides access to the Lua programming language, and with it access to the “internals” of TeX. In order to use this within the framework provided here, a family of functions is available. When used with pdfTeX or XeTeX these raise an error: use `\sys_if_engine_luatex:T` to avoid this. Details on using Lua with the LuaTeX engine are given in the LuaTeX manual.

#### 1.1 TeX code interfaces

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`\lua_now_x:n` ★ `\lua_now:n` `{⟨token list⟩}`

`\lua_now:n` ★

---

New: 2015-06-29

The `⟨token list⟩` is first tokenized by TeX, which includes converting line ends to spaces in the usual TeX manner and which respects currently-applicable TeX category codes. The resulting `⟨Lua input⟩` is passed to the Lua interpreter for processing. Each `\lua_now:n` block is treated by Lua as a separate chunk. The Lua interpreter executes the `⟨Lua input⟩` immediately, and in an expandable manner.

In the case of the `\lua_now_x:n` version the input is fully expanded by TeX in an x-type manner *but* the function remains fully expandable.

**TeXhackers note:** `\lua_now_x:n` is a macro wrapper around `\directlua:` when LuaTeX is in use two expansions are required to yield the result of the Lua code.

---

`\lua_shipout_x:n` `\lua_shipout:n` `{⟨token list⟩}`

`\lua_shipout:n`

---

New: 2015-06-30

The `⟨token list⟩` is first tokenized by TeX, which includes converting line ends to spaces in the usual TeX manner and which respects currently-applicable TeX category codes. The resulting `⟨Lua input⟩` is passed to the Lua interpreter when the current page is finalised (*i.e.* at shipout). Each `\lua_shipout:n` block is treated by Lua as a separate chunk. The Lua interpreter will execute the `⟨Lua input⟩` during the page-building routine: no TeX expansion of the `⟨Lua input⟩` will occur at this stage.

In the case of the `\lua_shipout_x:n` version the input is fully expanded by TeX in an x-type manner during the shipout operation.

**TeXhackers note:** At a TeX level, the `⟨Lua input⟩` is stored as a “whatsit”.

---

`\lua_escape_x:n` ★ `\lua_escape:n` {*token list*}

`\lua_escape:n` ★

---

New: 2015-06-29

---

Converts the *token list* such that it can safely be passed to Lua: embedded backslashes, double and single quotes, and newlines and carriage returns are escaped. This is done by prepending an extra token consisting of a backslash with category code 12, and for the line endings, converting them to `\n` and `\r`, respectively.

In the case of the `\lua_escape_x:n` version the input is fully expanded by  $\TeX$  in an x-type manner *but* the function remains fully expandable.

**$\TeX$ hackers note:** `\lua_escape_x:n` is a macro wrapper around `\luaescapestring`: when  $\text{Lua}\TeX$  is in use two expansions are required to yield the result of the Lua code.

## 1.2 Lua interfaces

As well as interfaces for  $\TeX$ , there are a small number of Lua functions provided here. Currently these are intended for internal use only.

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`l3kernel.charcat` `l3kernel.charcat(<charcode>, <catcode>)`

---

Constructs a character of *charcode* and *catcode* and returns the result to  $\TeX$ .

---

`l3kernel.filemdfivesum` `l3kernel.filemdfivesum(<file>)`

---

Returns the of the MD5 sum of the file contents read as bytes; note that the result will depend on the nature of the line endings used in the file, in contrast to normal  $\TeX$  behaviour. If the *file* is not found, nothing is returned with *no error raised*.

---

`l3kernel.filemoddate` `l3kernel.filemoddate(<file>)`

---

Returns the of the date/time of last modification of the *file* in the format `D:<year><month><day><hour><minutes>` where the latter may be `Z` (UTC) or `<plus-minus><hours>'<minutes>'`. If the *file* is not found, nothing is returned with *no error raised*.

---

`l3kernel.filesize` `l3kernel.filesize(<file>)`

---

Returns the size of the *file* in bytes. If the *file* is not found, nothing is returned with *no error raised*.

---

`l3kernel.strcmp` `l3kernel.strcmp(<str one>, <str two>)`

---

Compares the two strings and returns 0 to  $\TeX$  if the two are identical.

## Part XXXIII

# The l3drivers package

## Drivers

TeX relies on drivers in order to carry out a number of tasks, such as using color, including graphics and setting up hyper-links. The nature of the code required depends on the exact driver in use. Currently, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 is aware of the following drivers:

- `pdfmode`: The “driver” for direct PDF output by *both* pdfTeX and LuaTeX (no separate driver is used in this case: the engine deals with PDF creation itself).
- `dvips`: The `dvips` program, which works in conjugation with pdfTeX or LuaTeX in DVI mode.
- `dvipdfmx`: The `dvipdfmx` program, which works in conjugation with pdfTeX or LuaTeX in DVI mode.
- `dvisvgm`: The `dvisvgm` program, which works in conjugation with pdfTeX or LuaTeX when run in DVI mode as well as with (u)pTeX and X<sub>Y</sub>TeX.
- `xdvipdfmx`: The driver used by X<sub>Y</sub>TeX.

This module provides code closely tied to the exact driver in use: broadly, the functions here are implemented entirely independently for each case. As such, they often rely on higher-level code to provide necessary but shared operations. For example, in box rotation and scaling the functions here do not correct the final size of the box: this will always be required and thus is handled in the `box` module.

Several of the operations here are low-level, and so may be used only in restricted contexts. Some also require understanding of PostScript/PDF concepts to be used correctly as they take “raw” arguments, similar in format to those used by the underlying driver.

The functions in this module should be regarded as experimental with the following exceptions:

- ...

## 1 Box clipping

---

`\driver_box_use_clip:N`

New: 2017-12-13

---

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

Inserts the content of the  $\langle box \rangle$  at the current insertion point such that any material outside of the bounding box is not displayed by the driver. The material in the  $\langle box \rangle$  is still placed in the output stream: the clipping takes place at a driver level.

## 2 Box rotation and scaling

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`\driver_box_use_rotate:Nn`

New: 2017-12-13

`\driver_box_use_rotate:Nn`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\{\langle angle \rangle\}$

Inserts the content of the  $\langle box \rangle$  at the current insertion point rotated by the  $\langle angle \rangle$  (expressed in degrees). The material is rotated such the the  $\text{\TeX}$  reference point of the box is the center of rotation and remains the reference point after rotation. It is the responsibility of the code using this function to adjust the apparent size of the inserted material.

---

`\driver_box_use_scale:Nnn`

New: 2017-12-13

`\driver_box_use_scale:Nnn`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\{\langle x-scale \rangle\}$   $\{\langle y-scale \rangle\}$

Inserts the content of the  $\langle box \rangle$  at the current insertion point scale by the  $\langle x-scale \rangle$  and  $\langle y-scale \rangle$ . The reference point of the material will be unchanged. It is the responsibility of the code using this function to adjust the apparent size of the inserted material.

## 3 Color support

---

`\driver_color_cmyk:nmmn`

New: 2018-02-20

`\driver_color_cmyk:nmmn`  $\{\langle cyan \rangle\}$   $\{\langle magenta \rangle\}$   $\{\langle yellow \rangle\}$   
 $\{\langle black \rangle\}$

Sets the color to the CMYK values specified, all of which are fp denotations in the range 0 and 1. For drawing colors, see `\driver_draw_stroke_cmyk:nmmn`, *etc.*

---

`\driver_color_gray:n`

New: 2018-02-20

`\driver_color_gray:n`  $\{\langle gray \rangle\}$

Sets the color to the grayscale value specified, which is fp denotations in the range 0 and 1. For drawing colors, see `\driver_draw_stroke_gray:n`, *etc.*

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`\driver_color_rgb:nmm`

New: 2018-02-20

`\driver_color_rgb:nmm`  $\{\langle red \rangle\}$   $\{\langle green \rangle\}$   $\{\langle blue \rangle\}$

Sets the color to the RGB values specified, all of which are fp denotations in the range 0 and 1. For drawing colors, see `\driver_draw_stroke_rgb:nmm`, *etc.*

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`\driver_color_pickup:N`

New: 2018-02-20

`\driver_color_pickup:N`  $\langle tl \rangle$

In  $\text{\LaTeX}$  2 $\epsilon$  package mode, collects data on the current color from `\current@color` and stores it in the low-level format used by `expl3` in the  $\langle tl \rangle$ .

## 4 Drawing

The drawing functions provided here are *highly* experimental. They are inspired heavily by the system layer of `pgf` (most have the same interface as the same functions in the latter's `\pgfsys@...` namespace). They are intended to form the basis for higher level drawing interfaces, which themselves are likely to be further abstracted for user access. Again, this model is heavily inspired by `pgf` and `Tikz`.

These low level drawing interfaces abstract from the driver raw requirements but still require an appreciation of the concepts of PostScript/PDF/SVG graphic creation.

---

<code>\driver_draw_begin:</code>	<code>\driver_draw_begin:</code>
<code>\driver_draw_end:</code>	<code>\driver_draw_end:</code>

---

Defines a drawing environment. This is a scope for the purposes of the graphics state. Depending on the driver, other set up may or may not take place here. The natural size of the `\content` should be zero from the  $\TeX$  perspective: allowance for the size of the content must be made at a higher level (or indeed this can be skipped if the content is to overlap other material).

---

<code>\driver_draw_scope_begin:</code>	<code>\driver_draw_scope_begin:</code>
<code>\driver_draw_scope_end:</code>	<code>\driver_draw_scope_end:</code>

---

Defines a scope for drawing settings and so on. Changes to the graphic state and concepts such as color or linewidth are localised to a scope. This function pair must never be used if an partial path is under construction: such paths must be entirely contained at one unbroken scope level. Note that scopes do not form  $\TeX$  groups and may not be aligned with them.

## 4.1 Path construction

---

<code>\driver_draw_moveto:nn</code>	<code>\driver_draw_move:nn {&lt;x&gt;} {&lt;y&gt;}</code>
-------------------------------------	---

---

Moves the current drawing reference point to  $(\langle x \rangle, \langle y \rangle)$ ; any active transformation matrix applies.

---

<code>\driver_draw_lineto:nn</code>	<code>\driver_draw_lineto:nn {&lt;x&gt;} {&lt;y&gt;}</code>
-------------------------------------	---

---

Adds a path from the current drawing reference point to  $(\langle x \rangle, \langle y \rangle)$ ; any active transformation matrix applies. Note that nothing is drawn until a fill or stroke operation is applied, and that the path may be discarded or used as a clip without appearing itself.

---

<code>\driver_draw_curveto:nnnnnn</code>	<code>\driver_draw_curveto:nnnnnn {&lt;x<sub>112233</sub></code>
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---

Adds a Bezier curve path from the current drawing reference point to  $(\langle x_3 \rangle, \langle y_3 \rangle)$ , using  $(\langle x_1 \rangle, \langle y_1 \rangle)$  and  $(\langle x_2 \rangle, \langle y_2 \rangle)$  as control points; any active transformation matrix applies. Note that nothing is drawn until a fill or stroke operation is applied, and that the path may be discarded or used as a clip without appearing itself.

---

<code>\driver_draw_rectangle:nnnn</code>	<code>\driver_draw_rectangle:nnnn {&lt;x&gt;} {&lt;y&gt;} {&lt;width&gt;} {&lt;height&gt;}</code>
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---

Adds rectangular path from  $(\langle x_1 \rangle, \langle y_1 \rangle)$  of  $\langle height \rangle$  and  $\langle width \rangle$ ; any active transformation matrix applies. Note that nothing is drawn until a fill or stroke operation is applied, and that the path may be discarded or used as a clip without appearing itself.

---

<code>\driver_draw_closepath:</code>	<code>\driver_draw_closepath:</code>
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---

Closes an existing path, adding a line from the current point to the start of path. Note that nothing is drawn until a fill or stroke operation is applied, and that the path may be discarded or used as a clip without appearing itself.

## 4.2 Stroking and filling

---

<code>\driver_draw_stroke:</code>	<code>&lt;path construction&gt;</code>
<code>\driver_draw_closestroke:</code>	<code>\driver_draw_stroke:</code>

---

Draws a line along the current path, which is also closed by `\driver_draw_closestroke:`. The nature of the line drawn is influenced by settings for

- Line thickness
- Stroke color (or the current color if no specific stroke color is set)
- Line capping (how non-closed line ends should look)
- Join style (how a bend in the path should be rendered)
- Dash pattern

The path may also be used for clipping.

---

<code>\driver_draw_fill:</code>	<code>&lt;path construction&gt;</code>
<code>\driver_draw_fillstroke:</code>	<code>\driver_draw_fill:</code>

---

Fills the area surrounded by the current path: this will be closed prior to filling if it is not already. The `fillstroke` version also strokes the path as described for `\driver_draw_stroke:`. The fill is influenced by the setting for fill color (or the current color if no specific stroke color is set). The path may also be used for clipping. For paths which are self-intersecting or comprising multiple parts, the determination of which areas are inside the path is made using the non-zero winding number rule unless the even-odd rule is active.

---

<code>\driver_draw_nonzero_rule:</code>	<code>\driver_draw_nonzero_rule:</code>
<code>\driver_draw_evenodd_rule:</code>	

---

Active either the non-zero winding number or the even-odd rule, respectively, for determining what is inside a fill or clip area. For technical reasons, these command are not influenced by scoping and apply on an ongoing basis.

---

<code>\driver_draw_clip:</code>	<code>&lt;path construction&gt;</code>
	<code>\driver_draw_clip:</code>

---

Indicates that the current path should be used for clipping, such that any subsequent material outside of the path (but within the current scope) will not be shown. This command should be given once a path is complete but before it is stroked or filled (if appropriate). This command is *not* affected by scoping: it applies to exactly one path as shown.

---

<code>\driver_draw_discardpath:</code>	<code>&lt;path construction&gt;</code>
	<code>\driver_draw_discardpath:</code>

---

Discards the current path without stroking or filling. This is primarily useful for paths constructed purely for clipping, as this alone does not end the paths existence.

### 4.3 Stroke options

---

`\driver_draw_linewidth:n`    `\driver_draw_linewidth:n <{dimexpr}>`  
Sets the width to be used for stroking to *<dimexpr>*.

---

`\driver_draw_cap_dash:nn`    `\driver_draw_dash:nn <{dash pattern}> <{phase}>`  
Sets the pattern of dashing to be used when stroking a line. The *<dash pattern>* should be a comma-separated list of dimension expressions. This is then interpreted as a series of pairs of line-on and line-off lengths. For example `3pt, 4pt` means that 3 pt on, 4 pt off, 3 pt on, and so on. A more complex pattern will also repeat: `3pt, 4pt, 1pt, 2pt` results in 3 pt on, 4 pt off, 1 pt on, 2 pt off, 3 pt on, and so on. An odd number of entries means that the last is repeated, for example `3pt` is equal to `3pt, 3pt`. An empty pattern yields a solid line.

The *<phase>* specifies an offset at the start of the cycle. For example, with a pattern `3pt` a phase of `1pt` means that the output is 2 pt on, 3 pt off, 3 pt on, 3 pt on, *etc.*

---

`\driver_draw_cap_but:`            `\driver_draw_cap_but:`  
`\driver_draw_cap_rectangle:`  
`\driver_draw_cap_round:`  
Sets the style of terminal stroke position to one of butt, rectangle or round.

---

`\driver_draw_join_bevel:`    `\driver_draw_cap_but:`  
`\driver_draw_join_miter:`    Sets the style of stroke joins to one of bevel, miter or round.  
`\driver_draw_join_round:`

---

`\driver_draw_miterlimit:n`    `\driver_draw_miterlimit:n <{dimexpr}>`  
Sets the miter limit of lines joined as a miter, as described in the PDF and PostScript manuals.

### 4.4 Color

---

`\driver_draw_color_fill_cmyk:nnnn`    `\driver_draw_color_fill_cmyk:nnnn <{cyan}> <{magenta}> <{yellow}>`  
`\driver_draw_color_stroke_cmyk:nnnn`    `<{black}>`  
Sets the color for drawing to the CMYK values specified, all of which are fp denotations in the range 0 and 1.

---

`\driver_draw_color_fill_gray:n`    `\driver_draw_color_fill_gray:n <{gray}>`  
`\driver_draw_color_stroke_gray:n`  
Sets the color for drawing to the grayscale value specified, which is fp denotations in the range 0 and 1.

---

`\driver_draw_color_fill_rgb:nnn`    `\driver_draw_color_fill_rgb:nnn <{red}> <{green}> <{blue}>`  
`\driver_draw_color_stroke_rgb:nnn`  
Sets the color for drawing to the RGB values specified, all of which are fp denotations in the range 0 and 1.

## 4.5 Inserting T<sub>E</sub>X material

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```
\driver_draw_box_use:Nnnnn \driver_draw_box:Nnnnnn <box>
{\<a>} {\<b>} {\<c>} {\<d>} {\<x>} {\<y>}
```

---

Inserts the  $\langle box \rangle$  as an hbox with the box reference point placed at  $(x, y)$ . The transformation matrix  $[abcd]$  is applied to the box, allowing it to be in synchronisation with any scaling, rotation or skewing applying more generally. Note that T<sub>E</sub>X material should not be inserted directly into a drawing as it would not be in the correct location. Also note that as for other drawing elements the box here has no size from a T<sub>E</sub>X perspective.

## 4.6 Coordinate system transformations

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```
\driver_draw_cm:nnnn {\<a>} {\<b>} {\<c>} {\<d>}
```

---

Applies the transformation matrix  $[abcd]$  to the current graphic state. This affects any subsequent items in the same scope but not those already given.

# Part XXXIV

# Implementation

## 1 l3bootstrap implementation

```
1 <*initex | package>
2 <@@=kernel>
```

### 1.1 Format-specific code

The very first thing to do is to bootstrap the iniT<sub>E</sub>X system so that everything else will actually work. T<sub>E</sub>X does not start with some pretty basic character codes set up.

```
3 <*initex>
4 \catcode ‘\{ = 1 %
5 \catcode ‘\} = 2 %
6 \catcode ‘\# = 6 %
7 \catcode ‘\^ = 7 %
8 </initex>
```

Tab characters should not show up in the code, but to be on the safe side.

```
9 <*initex>
10 \catcode ‘\^^I = 10 %
11 </initex>
```

For LuaT<sub>E</sub>X, the extra primitives need to be enabled. This is not needed in package mode: common formats have the primitives enabled.

```
12 <*initex>
13 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
14 \expandafter\ifx\curname directlua\endcurname\relax
15 \else
16 \directlua{tex.enableprimitives("", tex.extraprimitives())}%
17 \fi
18 </initex>
```

Depending on the versions available, the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X format may not have the raw `\Umath` primitive names available. We fix that globally: it should cause no issues. Older LuaT<sub>E</sub>X versions do not have a pre-built table of the primitive names here so sort one out ourselves. These end up globally-defined but at that is true with a newer format anyway and as they all start `\U` this should be reasonably safe.

```

19 \begin{package}
20 \begin{group}
21   \expandafter\ifx\csname directlua\endcsname\relax
22   \else
23     \directlua{%
24       local i
25       local t = { }
26       for _,i in pairs(tex.extraprimitives("luatex")) do
27         if string.match(i,"^U") then
28           if not string.match(i,"^Uchar$") then %$
29             table.insert(t,i)
30           end
31         end
32       end
33       tex.enableprimitives("", t)
34     }%
35   \fi
36 \end{group}
37 \end{package}

```

## 1.2 The `\pdfstrcmp` primitive in X<sub>Y</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X

Only pdfT<sub>E</sub>X has a primitive called `\pdfstrcmp`. The X<sub>Y</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X version is just `\strcmp`, so there is some shuffling to do. As this is still a real primitive, using the pdfT<sub>E</sub>X name is “safe”.

```

38 \begin{group}\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\end{group}
39   \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfstrcmp\endcsname\relax
40   \let\pdfstrcmp\strcmp
41 \fi

```

## 1.3 Loading support Lua code

When LuaT<sub>E</sub>X is used there are various pieces of Lua code which need to be loaded. The code itself is defined in `l3luatex` and is extracted into a separate file. Thus here the task is to load the Lua code both now and (if required) at the start of each job.

```

42 \begin{group}\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\end{group}
43   \expandafter\ifx\csname directlua\endcsname\relax
44   \else
45     \ifnum\luatexversion<70 %
46     \else

```

In package mode a category code table is needed: either use a pre-loaded allocator or provide one using the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>-based generic code. In format mode the table used here can be hard-coded into the Lua.

```

47 \begin{package}
48   \begin{group}\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\end{group}
49   \expandafter\ifx\csname newcatcodetable\endcsname\relax

```

```

50     \input{ltluatex}%
51   \fi
52   \newcatcodetable\ucharcat@table
53   \directlua{
54     l3kernel = l3kernel or { }
55     local charcat_table = \number\ucharcat@table\space
56     l3kernel.charcat_table = charcat_table
57   }%
58 </package>
59   \directlua{require("expl3")}%

```

As the user might be making a custom format, no assumption is made about matching package mode with only loading the Lua code once. Instead, a query to Lua reveals what mode is in operation.

```

60   \ifnum 0%
61     \directlua{
62       if status.ini_version then
63         tex.write("1")
64       end
65     }>0 %
66     \everyjob\expandafter{%
67       \the\expandafter\everyjob
68       \csname\detokenize{lua_now_x:n}\endcsname{require("expl3")}%
69     }%
70   \fi
71 \fi
72 \fi

```

## 1.4 Engine requirements

The code currently requires  $\varepsilon$ -TeX and functionality equivalent to `\pdfstrcmp`, and also driver and Unicode character support. This is available in a reasonably-wide range of engines.

```

73 \begingroup
74   \def\next{\endgroup}%
75   \def\ShortText{Required primitives not found}%
76   \def\LongText%
77     {%
78       LaTeX3 requires the e-TeX primitives and additional functionality as
79       described in the README file.
80       \LineBreak
81       These are available in the engines\LineBreak
82       - pdfTeX v1.40\LineBreak
83       - XeTeX v0.9994\LineBreak
84       - LuaTeX v0.70\LineBreak
85       - e-(u)pTeX mid-2012\LineBreak
86       or later.\LineBreak
87     \LineBreak
88   }%
89   \ifnum0%
90     \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfstrcmp\endcsname\relax
91     \else
92       \expandafter\ifx\csname pdftexversion\endcsname\relax
93         1%

```

```

94     \else
95       \ifnum\pdfTeXversion<140 \else 1\fi
96     \fi
97   \fi
98   \expandafter\ifx\csname directlua\endcsname\relax
99   \else
100     \ifnum\luatexversion<70 \else 1\fi
101   \fi
102   =0 %
103   \newlinechar‘^^J %
104 (*initex)
105   \def\LineBreak{^^J}%
106   \edef\next
107     {%
108     \errhelp
109     {%
110     \LongText
111     For pdfTeX and XeTeX the ‘-etex’ command-line switch is also
112     needed.\LineBreak
113     \LineBreak
114     Format building will abort!\LineBreak
115     }%
116     \errmessage{\ShortText}%
117     \endgroup
118     \noexpand\end
119     }%
120 </initex>
121 (*package)
122   \def\LineBreak{\noexpand\MessageBreak}%
123   \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageError\endcsname\relax
124     \def\LineBreak{^^J}%
125     \def\PackageError#1#2#3%
126       {%
127       \errhelp{#3}%
128       \errmessage{#1 Error: #2}%
129       }%
130   \fi
131   \edef\next
132     {%
133     \noexpand\PackageError{expl3}{\ShortText}
134     {\LongText Loading of expl3 will abort!}%
135     \endgroup
136     \noexpand\endinput
137     }%
138 </package>
139   \fi
140 \next

```

## 1.5 Extending allocators

In format mode, allocating registers is handled by `l3alloc`. However, in package mode it’s much safer to rely on more general code. For example, the ability to extend  $\TeX$ ’s allocation routine to allow for  $\varepsilon\text{-TeX}$  has been around since 1997 in the `etex` package.

Loading this support is delayed until here as we are now sure that the  $\varepsilon$ -TeX extensions and `\pdfstrcmp` or equivalent are available. Thus there is no danger of an “uncontrolled” error if the engine requirements are not met.

For  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}_{2\varepsilon}$  we need to make sure that the extended pool is being used: `expl3` uses a lot of registers. For formats from 2015 onward there is nothing to do as this is automatic. For older formats, the `etex` package needs to be loaded to do the job. In that case, some inserts are reserved also as these have to be from the standard pool. Note that `\reserveinserts` is `\outer` and so is accessed here by `csname`. In earlier versions, loading `etex` was done directly and so `\reserveinserts` appeared in the code: this then required a `\relax` after `\RequirePackage` to prevent an error with “unsafe” definitions as seen for example with `capoptions`. The optional loading here is done using a group and `\ifx` test as we are not quite in the position to have a single name for `\pdfstrcmp` just yet.

```

141 <*package>
142 \begingroup
143   \def\@tempa{LaTeX2e}%
144   \def\next{}%
145   \ifx\fmtname\@tempa
146     \expandafter\ifx\csname extrafloats\endcsname\relax
147       \def\next
148         {%
149           \RequirePackage{etex}%
150           \csname reserveinserts\endcsname{32}%
151         }%
152     \fi
153   \fi
154 \expandafter\endgroup
155 \next
156 </package>

```

## 1.6 Character data

TeX needs various pieces of data to be set about characters, in particular which ones to treat as letters and which `\lccode` values apply as these affect hyphenation. It makes most sense to set this and related information up in one place. Whilst for  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  hyphenation patterns can be read anywhere, other engines have to build them into the format and so we *must* do this set up before reading the patterns. For the Unicode engines, there are shared loaders available to obtain the relevant information directly from the Unicode Consortium data files. These need standard (Ini)TeX category codes and primitive availability and must therefore be loaded *very* early. This has a knock-on effect on the 8-bit set up: it makes sense to do the definitions for those here as well so it is all in one place.

For  $\text{X}_{\text{T}}\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  and  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ , which are natively Unicode engines, simply load the Unicode data.

```

157 <*initex>
158 \ifdefined\Umathcode
159   \input load-unicode-data %
160   \input load-unicode-math-classes %
161 \else

```

For the 8-bit engines a font encoding scheme must be chosen. At present, this is the EC (T1) scheme, with the assumption that languages for which this is not appropriate will be used with one of the Unicode engines.

```
162 \begingroup
```

Lower case chars: map to themselves when lower casing and down by "20 when upper casing. (The characters a–z are set up correctly by IniT<sub>E</sub>X.)

```
163 \def\temp{%
164   \ifnum\count0>\count2 %
165   \else
166     \global\lccode\count0 = \count0 %
167     \global\uccode\count0 = \numexpr\count0 - "20\relax
168     \advance\count0 by 1 %
169     \expandafter\temp
170   \fi
171 }
172 \count0 = "A0 %
173 \count2 = "BC %
174 \temp
175 \count0 = "E0 %
176 \count2 = "FF %
177 \temp
```

Upper case chars: map up by "20 when lower casing, to themselves when upper casing and require an \sfcode of 999. (The characters A–Z are set up correctly by IniT<sub>E</sub>X.)

```
178 \def\temp{%
179   \ifnum\count0>\count2 %
180   \else
181     \global\lccode\count0 = \numexpr\count0 + "20\relax
182     \global\uccode\count0 = \count0 %
183     \global\sffcode\count0 = 999 %
184     \advance\count0 by 1 %
185     \expandafter\temp
186   \fi
187 }
188 \count0 = "80 %
189 \count2 = "9C %
190 \temp
191 \count0 = "C0 %
192 \count2 = "DF %
193 \temp
```

A few special cases where things are not as one might expect using the above pattern: dotless-I, dotless-J, dotted-I and d-bar.

```
194 \global\lccode'\^Y = '\^Y %
195 \global\uccode'\^Y = '\I %
196 \global\lccode'\^Z = '\^Z %
197 \global\uccode'\^Y = '\J %
198 \global\lccode"9D = '\i %
199 \global\uccode"9D = "9D %
200 \global\lccode"9E = "9E %
201 \global\uccode"9E = "D0 %
```

Allow hyphenation at a zero-width glyph (used to break up ligatures or to place accents between characters).

```

202     \global\lccode23 = 23 %
203     \endgroup
204 \fi
205 </initex>

```

## 1.7 The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 code environment

The code environment is now set up.

**\ExplSyntaxOff** Before changing any category codes, in package mode we need to save the situation before loading. Note the set up here means that once applied `\ExplSyntaxOff` becomes a “do nothing” command until `\ExplSyntaxOn` is used. For format mode, there is no need to save category codes so that step is skipped.

```

206 \protected\def\ExplSyntaxOff{ }%
207 <*package>
208 \protected\edef\ExplSyntaxOff
209   {%
210     \protected\def\ExplSyntaxOff{ }%
211     \catcode 9 = \the\catcode 9\relax
212     \catcode 32 = \the\catcode 32\relax
213     \catcode 34 = \the\catcode 34\relax
214     \catcode 38 = \the\catcode 38\relax
215     \catcode 58 = \the\catcode 58\relax
216     \catcode 94 = \the\catcode 94\relax
217     \catcode 95 = \the\catcode 95\relax
218     \catcode 124 = \the\catcode 124\relax
219     \catcode 126 = \the\catcode 126\relax
220     \endlinechar = \the\endlinechar\relax
221     \chardef\csname\detokenize{l__kernel_expl_bool}\endcsname = 0\relax
222   }%
223 </package>

```

(End definition for `\ExplSyntaxOff`. This function is documented on page 6.)

The code environment is now set up.

```

224 \catcode 9 = 9\relax
225 \catcode 32 = 9\relax
226 \catcode 34 = 12\relax
227 \catcode 38 = 4\relax
228 \catcode 58 = 11\relax
229 \catcode 94 = 7\relax
230 \catcode 95 = 11\relax
231 \catcode 124 = 12\relax
232 \catcode 126 = 10\relax
233 \endlinechar = 32\relax

```

`\l__kernel_expl_bool` The status for experimental code syntax: this is on at present.

```

234 \chardef\l__kernel_expl_bool = 1\relax

```

(End definition for `\l__kernel_expl_bool`.)

**\ExplSyntaxOn** The idea here is that multiple `\ExplSyntaxOn` calls are not going to mess up category codes, and that multiple calls to `\ExplSyntaxOff` are also not wasting time. Applying

`\ExplSyntaxOn` alters the definition of `\ExplSyntaxOff` and so in package mode this function should not be used until after the end of the loading process!

```

235 \protected \def \ExplSyntaxOn
236   {
237     \bool_if:NF \l__kernel_expl_bool
238     {
239       \cs_set_protected:Npx \ExplSyntaxOff
240       {
241         \char_set_catcode:nn { 9 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 9 } }
242         \char_set_catcode:nn { 32 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 32 } }
243         \char_set_catcode:nn { 34 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 34 } }
244         \char_set_catcode:nn { 38 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 38 } }
245         \char_set_catcode:nn { 58 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 58 } }
246         \char_set_catcode:nn { 94 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 94 } }
247         \char_set_catcode:nn { 95 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 95 } }
248         \char_set_catcode:nn { 124 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 124 } }
249         \char_set_catcode:nn { 126 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 126 } }
250         \tex_endlinechar:D =
251           \tex_the:D \tex_endlinechar:D \scan_stop:
252         \bool_set_false:N \l__kernel_expl_bool
253         \cs_set_protected:Npn \ExplSyntaxOff { }
254       }
255     }
256     \char_set_catcode_ignore:n { 9 } % tab
257     \char_set_catcode_ignore:n { 32 } % space
258     \char_set_catcode_other:n { 34 } % double quote
259     \char_set_catcode_alignment:n { 38 } % ampersand
260     \char_set_catcode_letter:n { 58 } % colon
261     \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:n { 94 } % circumflex
262     \char_set_catcode_letter:n { 95 } % underscore
263     \char_set_catcode_other:n { 124 } % pipe
264     \char_set_catcode_space:n { 126 } % tilde
265     \tex_endlinechar:D = 32 \scan_stop:
266     \bool_set_true:N \l__kernel_expl_bool
267   }

```

(End definition for `\ExplSyntaxOn`. This function is documented on page 6.)

```
268 </initex | package>
```

## 2 l3names implementation

```
269 (*initex | package)
```

The prefix here is `kernel`. A few places need `@@` to be left as is; this is obtained as `@@@`.

```
270 (@@=kernel)
```

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.

```
271 \let \tex_global:D \global
272 \let \tex_let:D \let
```

Everything is inside a (rather long) group, which keeps `\__kernel_primitive:NN` trapped.

```
273 \begingroup
```

`\__kernel_primitive:NN` A temporary function to actually do the renaming. This also allows the original names to be removed in format mode.

```
274 \long \def \__kernel_primitive:NN #1#2
275 {
276   \tex_global:D \tex_let:D #2 #1
277   \*initex
278   \tex_global:D \tex_let:D #1 \tex_undefined:D
279   \*initex
280 }
```

(End definition for `\__kernel_primitive:NN`.)

To allow extracting “just the names”, a bit of DocStrip fiddling.

```
281 \*initex | package)
282 \*initex | names | package)
```

In the current incarnation of this package, all  $\TeX$  primitives are given a new name of the form `\tex_oldname:D`. But first three special cases which have symbolic original names. These are given modified new names, so that they may be entered without catcode tricks.

```
283 \__kernel_primitive:NN \ \tex_space:D
284 \__kernel_primitive:NN \ / \tex_italiccorrection:D
285 \__kernel_primitive:NN \ - \tex_hyphen:D
```

Now all the other primitives.

```
286 \__kernel_primitive:NN \above \tex_above:D
287 \__kernel_primitive:NN \abovedisplayshortskip \tex_abovedisplayshortskip:D
288 \__kernel_primitive:NN \abovedisplayskip \tex_abovedisplayskip:D
289 \__kernel_primitive:NN \abovewithdelims \tex_abovewithdelims:D
290 \__kernel_primitive:NN \accent \tex_accent:D
291 \__kernel_primitive:NN \adjdemerits \tex_adjdemerits:D
292 \__kernel_primitive:NN \advance \tex_advance:D
293 \__kernel_primitive:NN \afterassignment \tex_afterassignment:D
294 \__kernel_primitive:NN \aftergroup \tex_aftergroup:D
295 \__kernel_primitive:NN \atop \tex_atop:D
296 \__kernel_primitive:NN \atopwithdelims \tex_atopwithdelims:D
297 \__kernel_primitive:NN \badness \tex_badness:D
298 \__kernel_primitive:NN \baselineskip \tex_baselineskip:D
299 \__kernel_primitive:NN \batchmode \tex_batchmode:D
300 \__kernel_primitive:NN \begingroup \tex_begingroup:D
301 \__kernel_primitive:NN \belowdisplayshortskip \tex_belowdisplayshortskip:D
302 \__kernel_primitive:NN \belowdisplayskip \tex_belowdisplayskip:D
303 \__kernel_primitive:NN \binoppenalty \tex_binoppenalty:D
304 \__kernel_primitive:NN \botmark \tex_botmark:D
```

305	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\box	\tex\_box:D
306	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\boxmaxdepth	\tex\_boxmaxdepth:D
307	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\brokenpenalty	\tex\_brokenpenalty:D
308	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\catcode	\tex\_catcode:D
309	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\char	\tex\_char:D
310	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\chardef	\tex\_chardef:D
311	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\cleaders	\tex\_cleaders:D
312	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\closein	\tex\_closein:D
313	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\closeout	\tex\_closeout:D
314	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\clubpenalty	\tex\_clubpenalty:D
315	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\copy	\tex\_copy:D
316	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\count	\tex\_count:D
317	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\countdef	\tex\_countdef:D
318	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\cr	\tex\_cr:D
319	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\crrcr	\tex\_crrcr:D
320	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\csname	\tex\_csname:D
321	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\day	\tex\_day:D
322	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\deadcycles	\tex\_deadcycles:D
323	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\def	\tex\_def:D
324	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\defaultthyphenchar	\tex\_defaultthyphenchar:D
325	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\defaultskewchar	\tex\_defaultskewchar:D
326	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\delcode	\tex\_delcode:D
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339	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\doublehyphendemerits	\tex\_doublehyphendemerits:D
340	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\dp	\tex\_dp:D
341	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\dump	\tex\_dump:D
342	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\edef	\tex\_edef:D
343	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\else	\tex\_else:D
344	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\emergencystretch	\tex\_emergencystretch:D
345	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\end	\tex\_end:D
346	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\endcsname	\tex\_endcsname:D
347	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\endgroup	\tex\_endgroup:D
348	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\endinput	\tex\_endinput:D
349	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\endlinechar	\tex\_endlinechar:D
350	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\eqno	\tex\_eqno:D
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489	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\outputpenalty	\tex\_outputpenalty:D
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492	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\overline	\tex\_overline:D
493	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\overwithdelims	\tex\_overwithdelims:D
494	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pagedepth	\tex\_pagedepth:D
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497	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pagefilstretch	\tex\_pagefilstretch:D
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521	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \right</code>	<code>\tex\_right:D</code>
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525	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \scriptfont</code>	<code>\tex\_scriptfont:D</code>
526	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \scriptscriptfont</code>	<code>\tex\_scriptscriptfont:D</code>
527	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \scriptscriptstyle</code>	<code>\tex\_scriptscriptstyle:D</code>
528	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \scriptspace</code>	<code>\tex\_scriptspace:D</code>
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547	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \special</code>	<code>\tex\_special:D</code>
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550	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \splitmaxdepth</code>	<code>\tex\_splitmaxdepth:D</code>
551	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \splittopskip</code>	<code>\tex\_splittopskip:D</code>
552	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \string</code>	<code>\tex\_string:D</code>
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556	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \the</code>	<code>\tex\_the:D</code>
557	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \thickmuskip</code>	<code>\tex\_thickmuskip:D</code>
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562	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \tolerance</code>	<code>\tex\_tolerance:D</code>
563	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \topmark</code>	<code>\tex\_topmark:D</code>
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566	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \tracinglostchars</code>	<code>\tex\_tracinglostchars:D</code>
567	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \tracingmacros</code>	<code>\tex\_tracingmacros:D</code>
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571	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \tracingparagraphs</code>	<code>\tex\_tracingparagraphs:D</code>
572	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \tracingrestores</code>	<code>\tex\_tracingrestores:D</code>
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574	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \uccode</code>	<code>\tex\_uccode:D</code>

575	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \uchyph</code>	<code>\tex_uchyph:D</code>
576	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \underline</code>	<code>\tex_underline:D</code>
577	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \unhbox</code>	<code>\tex_unhbox:D</code>
578	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \unhcopy</code>	<code>\tex_unhcopy:D</code>
579	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \unkern</code>	<code>\tex_unkern:D</code>
580	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \unpenalty</code>	<code>\tex_unpenalty:D</code>
581	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \unskip</code>	<code>\tex_unskip:D</code>
582	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \unvbox</code>	<code>\tex_unvbox:D</code>
583	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \unvcopy</code>	<code>\tex_unvcopy:D</code>
584	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \uppercase</code>	<code>\tex_uppercase:D</code>
585	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vadjust</code>	<code>\tex_vadjust:D</code>
586	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \valign</code>	<code>\tex_valign:D</code>
587	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vbadness</code>	<code>\tex_vbadness:D</code>
588	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vbox</code>	<code>\tex_vbox:D</code>
589	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vcenter</code>	<code>\tex_vcenter:D</code>
590	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vfil</code>	<code>\tex_vfil:D</code>
591	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vfill</code>	<code>\tex_vfill:D</code>
592	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vfilneg</code>	<code>\tex_vfilneg:D</code>
593	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vfuzz</code>	<code>\tex_vfuzz:D</code>
594	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \voffset</code>	<code>\tex_voffset:D</code>
595	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vrule</code>	<code>\tex_vrule:D</code>
596	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vsize</code>	<code>\tex_vsize:D</code>
597	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vskip</code>	<code>\tex_vskip:D</code>
598	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vsplit</code>	<code>\tex_vsplit:D</code>
599	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vss</code>	<code>\tex_vss:D</code>
600	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vtop</code>	<code>\tex_vtop:D</code>
601	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \wd</code>	<code>\tex_wd:D</code>
602	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \widowpenalty</code>	<code>\tex_widowpenalty:D</code>
603	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \write</code>	<code>\tex_write:D</code>
604	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \xdef</code>	<code>\tex_xdef:D</code>
605	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \xleaders</code>	<code>\tex_xleaders:D</code>
606	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \xspaceskip</code>	<code>\tex_xspaceskip:D</code>
607	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \year</code>	<code>\tex_year: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_`.

608	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \beginL</code>	<code>\etex_beginL:D</code>
609	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \beginR</code>	<code>\etex_beginR:D</code>
610	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \botmarks</code>	<code>\etex_botmarks:D</code>
611	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \clubpenalties</code>	<code>\etex_clubpenalties:D</code>
612	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \currentgrouplevel</code>	<code>\etex_currentgrouplevel:D</code>
613	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \currentgrouptype</code>	<code>\etex_currentgrouptype:D</code>
614	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \currentifbranch</code>	<code>\etex_currentifbranch:D</code>
615	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \currentiflevel</code>	<code>\etex_currentiflevel:D</code>
616	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \currentiftype</code>	<code>\etex_currentiftype:D</code>
617	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \detokenize</code>	<code>\etex_detokenize:D</code>
618	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \dimexpr</code>	<code>\etex_dimexpr:D</code>
619	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \displaywidowpenalties</code>	<code>\etex_displaywidowpenalties:D</code>
620	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \endL</code>	<code>\etex_endL:D</code>
621	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \endR</code>	<code>\etex_endR:D</code>
622	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \eTeXrevision</code>	<code>\etex_eTeXrevision:D</code>
623	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \eTeXversion</code>	<code>\etex_eTeXversion:D</code>
624	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \everyeof</code>	<code>\etex_everyeof:D</code>
625	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \firstmarks</code>	<code>\etex_firstmarks:D</code>

626	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \fontchardp</code>	<code>\etex\_fontchardp:D</code>
627	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \fontcharht</code>	<code>\etex\_fontcharht:D</code>
628	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \fontcharic</code>	<code>\etex\_fontcharic:D</code>
629	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \fontcharwd</code>	<code>\etex\_fontcharwd:D</code>
630	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \glueexpr</code>	<code>\etex\_glueexpr:D</code>
631	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \glueshrink</code>	<code>\etex\_glueshrink:D</code>
632	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \glueshrinkorder</code>	<code>\etex\_glueshrinkorder:D</code>
633	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \gluestretch</code>	<code>\etex\_gluestretch:D</code>
634	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \gluestretchorder</code>	<code>\etex\_gluestretchorder:D</code>
635	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \gluetomu</code>	<code>\etex\_gluetomu:D</code>
636	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \ifcsname</code>	<code>\etex\_ifcsname:D</code>
637	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \ifdefined</code>	<code>\etex\_ifdefined:D</code>
638	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \iffontchar</code>	<code>\etex\_iffontchar:D</code>
639	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \interactionmode</code>	<code>\etex\_interactionmode:D</code>
640	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \interlinepenalties</code>	<code>\etex\_interlinepenalties:D</code>
641	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \lastlinefit</code>	<code>\etex\_lastlinefit:D</code>
642	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \lastnodetype</code>	<code>\etex\_lastnodetype:D</code>
643	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \marks</code>	<code>\etex\_marks:D</code>
644	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \middle</code>	<code>\etex\_middle:D</code>
645	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \muexpr</code>	<code>\etex\_muexpr:D</code>
646	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \mutoglua</code>	<code>\etex\_mutoglua:D</code>
647	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \numexpr</code>	<code>\etex\_numexpr:D</code>
648	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \pagediscards</code>	<code>\etex\_pagediscards:D</code>
649	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \parshapedimen</code>	<code>\etex\_parshapedimen:D</code>
650	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \parshapeindent</code>	<code>\etex\_parshapeindent:D</code>
651	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \parshaplength</code>	<code>\etex\_parshaplength:D</code>
652	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \predisplaydirection</code>	<code>\etex\_predisplaydirection:D</code>
653	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \protected</code>	<code>\etex\_protected:D</code>
654	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \readline</code>	<code>\etex\_readline:D</code>
655	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \savingshyphcodes</code>	<code>\etex\_savingshyphcodes:D</code>
656	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \savingsvdiscards</code>	<code>\etex\_savingsvdiscards:D</code>
657	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \scantokens</code>	<code>\etex\_scantokens:D</code>
658	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \showgroups</code>	<code>\etex\_showgroups:D</code>
659	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \showifs</code>	<code>\etex\_showifs:D</code>
660	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \showtokens</code>	<code>\etex\_showtokens:D</code>
661	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \splitbotmarks</code>	<code>\etex\_splitbotmarks:D</code>
662	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \splitdiscards</code>	<code>\etex\_splitdiscards:D</code>
663	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \splitfirstmarks</code>	<code>\etex\_splitfirstmarks:D</code>
664	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \TeXeTstate</code>	<code>\etex\_TeXeTstate:D</code>
665	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \topmarks</code>	<code>\etex\_topmarks:D</code>
666	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \tracingassigns</code>	<code>\etex\_tracingassigns:D</code>
667	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \tracinggroups</code>	<code>\etex\_tracinggroups:D</code>
668	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \tracingifs</code>	<code>\etex\_tracingifs:D</code>
669	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \tracingnesting</code>	<code>\etex\_tracingnesting:D</code>
670	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \tracingscantokens</code>	<code>\etex\_tracingscantokens:D</code>
671	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \unexpanded</code>	<code>\etex\_unexpanded:D</code>
672	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \unless</code>	<code>\etex\_unless:D</code>
673	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \widowpenalties</code>	<code>\etex\_widowpenalties:D</code>

The newer primitives are more complex: there are an awful lot of them, and we don't use them all at the moment. So the following is selective, based on those also available in LuaTeX or used in expl3. In the case of the pdfTeX primitives, we retain pdf at the start of the names *only* for directly PDF-related primitives, as there are a lot of pdfTeX primitives that start `\pdf...` but are not related to PDF output. These ones related to

PDF output or only work in PDF mode.

674	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfannot	\pdftex\_pdfannot:D
675	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfcatalog	\pdftex\_pdfcatalog:D
676	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfcompresslevel	\pdftex\_pdfcompresslevel:D
677	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfcolorstack	\pdftex\_pdfcolorstack:D
678	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfcolorstackinit	\pdftex\_pdfcolorstackinit:D
679	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfcreationdate	\pdftex\_pdfcreationdate:D
680	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfdecimaldigits	\pdftex\_pdfdecimaldigits:D
681	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfdest	\pdftex\_pdfdest:D
682	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfdestmargin	\pdftex\_pdfdestmargin:D
683	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfendlink	\pdftex\_pdfendlink:D
684	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfendthread	\pdftex\_pdfendthread:D
685	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdffontattr	\pdftex\_pdffontattr:D
686	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdffontname	\pdftex\_pdffontname:D
687	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdffontobjnum	\pdftex\_pdffontobjnum:D
688	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfgamma	\pdftex\_pdfgamma:D
689	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfimageapplygamma	\pdftex\_pdfimageapplygamma:D
690	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfimagegamma	\pdftex\_pdfimagegamma:D
691	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfgentounicode	\pdftex\_pdfgentounicode:D
692	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfglyptounicode	\pdftex\_pdfglyptounicode:D
693	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfhorigin	\pdftex\_pdfhorigin:D
694	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfimagehicolor	\pdftex\_pdfimagehicolor:D
695	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfimageresolution	\pdftex\_pdfimageresolution:D
696	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfincludechars	\pdftex\_pdfincludechars:D
697	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfinclusioncopyfonts	\pdftex\_pdfinclusioncopyfonts:D
698	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfinclusionerrorlevel	\pdftex\_pdfinclusionerrorlevel:D
699	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfinfo	\pdftex\_pdfinfo:D
700	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdflastannot	\pdftex\_pdflastannot:D
701	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdflastlink	\pdftex\_pdflastlink:D
702	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdflastobj	\pdftex\_pdflastobj:D
703	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdflastxform	\pdftex\_pdflastxform:D
704	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdflastximage	\pdftex\_pdflastximage:D
705	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdflastximagecolordepth	\pdftex\_pdflastximagecolordepth:D
706	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdflastximagepages	\pdftex\_pdflastximagepages:D
707	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdflinkmargin	\pdftex\_pdflinkmargin:D
708	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfliteral	\pdftex\_pdfliteral:D
709	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfminorversion	\pdftex\_pdfminorversion:D
710	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfnames	\pdftex\_pdfnames:D
711	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfobj	\pdftex\_pdfobj:D
712	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfobjcompresslevel	\pdftex\_pdfobjcompresslevel:D
713	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfoutline	\pdftex\_pdfoutline:D
714	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfoutput	\pdftex\_pdfoutput:D
715	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfpageattr	\pdftex\_pdfpageattr:D
716	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfpagebox	\pdftex\_pdfpagebox:D
717	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfpageref	\pdftex\_pdfpageref:D
718	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfpageresources	\pdftex\_pdfpageresources:D
719	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfpagesattr	\pdftex\_pdfpagesattr:D
720	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfrefobj	\pdftex\_pdfrefobj:D
721	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfrefxform	\pdftex\_pdfrefxform:D
722	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfrefximage	\pdftex\_pdfrefximage:D
723	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfrestore	\pdftex\_pdfrestore:D
724	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfretval	\pdftex\_pdfretval:D
725	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfsave	\pdftex\_pdfsave:D
726	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfsetmatrix	\pdftex\_pdfsetmatrix:D

727	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfstartlink	\pdftex\_pdfstartlink:D
728	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfstartthread	\pdftex\_pdfstartthread:D
729	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfsuppressptexinfo	\pdftex\_pdfsuppressptexinfo:D
730	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfthread	\pdftex\_pdfthread:D
731	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfthreadmargin	\pdftex\_pdfthreadmargin:D
732	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdftrailer	\pdftex\_pdftrailer:D
733	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfuniqueresname	\pdftex\_pdfuniqueresname:D
734	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfvorigin	\pdftex\_pdfvorigin:D
735	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfxform	\pdftex\_pdfxform:D
736	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfxformattr	\pdftex\_pdfxformattr:D
737	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfxformname	\pdftex\_pdfxformname:D
738	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfxformresources	\pdftex\_pdfxformresources:D
739	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfximage	\pdftex\_pdfximage:D
740	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfximagebbox	\pdftex\_pdfximagebbox:D

While these are not.

741	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ifpdfabsdim	\pdftex\_ifabsdim:D
742	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ifpdfabsnum	\pdftex\_ifabsnum:D
743	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ifpdfprimitive	\pdftex\_ifprimitive:D
744	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfadjustspacing	\pdftex\_adjustspacing:D
745	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfcopyfont	\pdftex\_copyfont:D
746	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfdraftmode	\pdftex\_draftmode:D
747	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfeachlinedepth	\pdftex\_eachlinedepth:D
748	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfeachlineheight	\pdftex\_eachlineheight:D
749	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdffilemoddate	\pdftex\_filemoddate:D
750	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdffilesize	\pdftex\_filesize:D
751	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdffirstlineheight	\pdftex\_firstlineheight:D
752	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdffontexpand	\pdftex\_fontexpand:D
753	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdffontsize	\pdftex\_fontsize:D
754	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfignoreddimen	\pdftex\_ignoreddimen:D
755	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfinsertht	\pdftex\_insertht:D
756	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfastlinedepth	\pdftex\_lastlinedepth:D
757	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfastxpos	\pdftex\_lastxpos:D
758	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfastypos	\pdftex\_lastypos:D
759	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfmapfile	\pdftex\_mapfile:D
760	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfmapline	\pdftex\_mapline:D
761	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfmdfivesum	\pdftex\_mdfivesum:D
762	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfnoligatures	\pdftex\_noligatures:D
763	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfnormaldeviate	\pdftex\_normaldeviate:D
764	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfpageheight	\pdftex\_pageheight:D
765	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfpagewidth	\pdftex\_pagewidth:D
766	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfpkmode	\pdftex\_pkmode:D
767	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfpkresolution	\pdftex\_pkresolution:D
768	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfprimitive	\pdftex\_primitive:D
769	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfprotrudechars	\pdftex\_protrudechars:D
770	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfpxdimen	\pdftex\_pxdimen:D
771	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfrandomseed	\pdftex\_randomseed:D
772	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfsavepos	\pdftex\_savepos:D
773	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfstrcmp	\pdftex\_strcmp:D
774	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfsetrandomseed	\pdftex\_setrandomseed:D
775	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfshellescape	\pdftex\_shellescape:D
776	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdftracingfonts	\pdftex\_tracingfonts:D
777	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfuniformdeviate	\pdftex\_uniformdeviate:D

The version primitives are not related to PDF mode but are related to pdfTEX so retain

the full prefix.

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778 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfptextbanner \pdfptextbanner:D
779 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfptextrevision \pdfptextrevision:D
780 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfptextversion \pdfptextversion:D

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These ones appear in pdfTeX but don't have pdf in the name at all. (\synctex is odd as it's really not from pdfTeX but from SyncTeX!)

```

781 \__kernel_primitive:NN \efcode \pdfptext_efcode:D
782 \__kernel_primitive:NN \ifincsname \pdfptext_ifincsname:D
783 \__kernel_primitive:NN \leftmarginkern \pdfptext_leftmarginkern:D
784 \__kernel_primitive:NN \letterspacefont \pdfptext_letterspacefont:D
785 \__kernel_primitive:NN \lpcode \pdfptext_lpcode:D
786 \__kernel_primitive:NN \quitvmode \pdfptext_quitvmode:D
787 \__kernel_primitive:NN \rightmarginkern \pdfptext_rightmarginkern:D
788 \__kernel_primitive:NN \rpcode \pdfptext_rpcode:D
789 \__kernel_primitive:NN \synctex \pdfptext_synctex:D
790 \__kernel_primitive:NN \tagcode \pdfptext_tagcode:D

```

Post pdfTeX primitive availability gets more complex. Both XeTeX and LuaTeX have varying names for some primitives from pdfTeX. Particularly for LuaTeX tracking all of that would be hard. Instead, we now check that we only save primitives if they actually exist.

```

791 </initex | names | package>
792 < *initex | package>
793 \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \use_ii:nn #1#2 {#2}
794 \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \use_none:n #1 { }
795 \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \__kernel_primitive:NN #1#2
796 {
797   \etex_ifdefined:D #1
798   \tex_expandafter:D \use_ii:nn
799   \tex_fi:D
800   \use_none:n { \tex_global:D \tex_let:D #2 #1 }
801 < *initex>
802 \tex_global:D \tex_let:D #1 \tex_undefined:D
803 </initex>
804 }
805 </initex | package>
806 < *initex | names | package>

```

XeTeX-specific primitives. Note that XeTeX's \strcmp is handled earlier and is "rolled up" into \pdfstrcmp. With the exception of the version primitives these don't carry XeTeX through into the "base" name. A few cross-compatibility names which lack the pdf of the original are handled later.

```

807 \__kernel_primitive:NN \suppressfontnotfounderror \xetex_suppressfontnotfounderror:D
808 \__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXcharclass \xetex_charclass:D
809 \__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXcharglyph \xetex_charglyph:D
810 \__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXcountfeatures \xetex_countfeatures:D
811 \__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXcountglyphs \xetex_countglyphs:D
812 \__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXcountselectors \xetex_countselectors:D
813 \__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXcountvariations \xetex_countvariations:D
814 \__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXdefaultencoding \xetex_defaultencoding:D
815 \__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXdashbreakstate \xetex_dashbreakstate:D
816 \__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXfeaturecode \xetex_featurecode:D
817 \__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXfeaturename \xetex_featurename:D

```

818	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXfindfeaturebyname</code>	<code>\xetex_findfeaturebyname:D</code>
819	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXfindselectorbyname</code>	<code>\xetex_findselectorbyname:D</code>
820	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXfindvariationbyname</code>	<code>\xetex_findvariationbyname:D</code>
821	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXfirstfontchar</code>	<code>\xetex_firstfontchar:D</code>
822	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXfonttype</code>	<code>\xetex_fonttype:D</code>
823	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXgenerateactualtext</code>	<code>\xetex_generateactualtext:D</code>
824	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXglyph</code>	<code>\xetex_glyph:D</code>
825	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXglyphbounds</code>	<code>\xetex_glyphbounds:D</code>
826	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXglyphindex</code>	<code>\xetex_glyphindex:D</code>
827	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXglyphname</code>	<code>\xetex_glyphname:D</code>
828	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXinputencoding</code>	<code>\xetex_inputencoding:D</code>
829	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXinputnormalization</code>	<code>\xetex_inputnormalization:D</code>
830	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXinterchartokenstate</code>	<code>\xetex_interchartokenstate:D</code>
831	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXinterchartoks</code>	<code>\xetex_interchartoks:D</code>
832	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXisdefaultselector</code>	<code>\xetex_isdefaultselector:D</code>
833	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXisexclusivefeature</code>	<code>\xetexisexclusivefeature:D</code>
834	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXlastfontchar</code>	<code>\xetex_lastfontchar:D</code>
835	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXlinebreakskip</code>	<code>\xetex_linebreakskip:D</code>
836	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXlinebreaklocale</code>	<code>\xetex_linebreaklocale:D</code>
837	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXlinebreakpenalty</code>	<code>\xetex_linebreakpenalty:D</code>
838	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXOTcountfeatures</code>	<code>\xetex_OTcountfeatures:D</code>
839	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXOTcountlanguages</code>	<code>\xetex_OTcountlanguages:D</code>
840	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXOTcountscripts</code>	<code>\xetex_OTcountscripts:D</code>
841	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXOTfeaturetag</code>	<code>\xetex_OTfeaturetag:D</code>
842	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXOTlanguagetag</code>	<code>\xetex_OTlanguagetag:D</code>
843	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXOTscripttag</code>	<code>\xetex_OTscripttag:D</code>
844	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXpdffile</code>	<code>\xetex_pdffile:D</code>
845	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXpdfpagecount</code>	<code>\xetex_pdfpagecount:D</code>
846	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXpicfile</code>	<code>\xetex_picfile:D</code>
847	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXselectorname</code>	<code>\xetex_selectorname:D</code>
848	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXtracingfonts</code>	<code>\xetex_tracingfonts:D</code>
849	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXupwardsmode</code>	<code>\xetex_upwardsmode:D</code>
850	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXuseglyphmetrics</code>	<code>\xetex_useglyphmetrics:D</code>
851	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXvariation</code>	<code>\xetex_variation:D</code>
852	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXvariationdefault</code>	<code>\xetex_variationdefault:D</code>
853	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXvariationmax</code>	<code>\xetex_variationmax:D</code>
854	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXvariationmin</code>	<code>\xetex_variationmin:D</code>
855	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXvariationname</code>	<code>\xetex_variationname:D</code>

The version primitives retain XeTeX.

856	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXrevision</code>	<code>\xetex_XeTeXrevision:D</code>
857	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \XeTeXversion</code>	<code>\xetex_XeTeXversion:D</code>

Primitives from pdfTeX that XeTeX renames: also helps with LuaTeX.

858	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \mdfivesum</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_mdfivesum:D</code>
859	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \ifprimitive</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_ifprimitive:D</code>
860	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \primitive</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_primitive:D</code>
861	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \shellescape</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_shellescape:D</code>

Primitives from LuaTeX, some of which have been ported back to XeTeX. Notice that `\expanded` was intended for pdfTeX 1.50 but as that was not released we call this a LuaTeX primitive.

862	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \alignmark</code>	<code>\luaTEX_alignmark:D</code>
863	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \aligntab</code>	<code>\luaTEX_aligntab:D</code>
864	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \attribute</code>	<code>\luaTEX_attribute:D</code>

865	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \attributedef</code>	<code>\luatex_attributedef:D</code>
866	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \automaticdiscretionary</code>	<code>\luatex_automaticdiscretionary:D</code>
867	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \automatichyphenmode</code>	<code>\luatex_automatichyphenmode:D</code>
868	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \automatichyphenpenalty</code>	<code>\luatex_automatichyphenpenalty:D</code>
869	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \begincsname</code>	<code>\luatex_begincsname:D</code>
870	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \breakafterdirmode</code>	<code>\luatex_breakafterdirmode:D</code>
871	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \catcodetable</code>	<code>\luatex_catcodetable:D</code>
872	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \clearmarks</code>	<code>\luatex_clearmarks:D</code>
873	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \crampeddisplaystyle</code>	<code>\luatex_crampeddisplaystyle:D</code>
874	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \crampedscriptscriptstyle</code>	<code>\luatex_crampedscriptscriptstyle:D</code>
875	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \crampedscriptstyle</code>	<code>\luatex_crampedscriptstyle:D</code>
876	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \crampedtextstyle</code>	<code>\luatex_crampedtextstyle:D</code>
877	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \directlua</code>	<code>\luatex_directlua:D</code>
878	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \dviextension</code>	<code>\luatex_dviextension:D</code>
879	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \dvifedback</code>	<code>\luatex_dvifedback:D</code>
880	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \dvivariable</code>	<code>\luatex_dvivariable:D</code>
881	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \etoksapp</code>	<code>\luatex_etoksapp:D</code>
882	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \etokspre</code>	<code>\luatex_etokspre:D</code>
883	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \explicitthyphenpenalty</code>	<code>\luatex_explicitthyphenpenalty:D</code>
884	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \expanded</code>	<code>\luatex_expanded:D</code>
885	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \explicitdiscretionary</code>	<code>\luatex_explicitdiscretionary:D</code>
886	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \firstvalidlanguage</code>	<code>\luatex_firstvalidlanguage:D</code>
887	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \fontid</code>	<code>\luatex_fontid:D</code>
888	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \formatname</code>	<code>\luatex_formatname:D</code>
889	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \hjcode</code>	<code>\luatex_hjcode:D</code>
890	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \hpack</code>	<code>\luatex_hpack:D</code>
891	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \hyphenationbounds</code>	<code>\luatex_hyphenationbounds:D</code>
892	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \hyphenationmin</code>	<code>\luatex_hyphenationmin:D</code>
893	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \hyphenpenaltymode</code>	<code>\luatex_hyphenpenaltymode:D</code>
894	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \gleaders</code>	<code>\luatex_gleaders:D</code>
895	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \initcatcodetable</code>	<code>\luatex_initcatcodetable:D</code>
896	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \lastnamedcs</code>	<code>\luatex_lastnamedcs:D</code>
897	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \latelua</code>	<code>\luatex_latelua:D</code>
898	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \letcharcode</code>	<code>\luatex_letcharcode:D</code>
899	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \luaescapestring</code>	<code>\luatex_luaescapestring:D</code>
900	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \luafunction</code>	<code>\luatex_luafunction:D</code>
901	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \luatexbanner</code>	<code>\luatex_luatexbanner:D</code>
902	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \luatexrevision</code>	<code>\luatex_luatexrevision:D</code>
903	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \luatexversion</code>	<code>\luatex_luatexversion:D</code>
904	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \mathdelimitersmode</code>	<code>\luatex_mathdelimitersmode:D</code>
905	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \mathdisplayskipmode</code>	<code>\luatex_mathdisplayskipmode:D</code>
906	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \matheqnogapstep</code>	<code>\luatex_matheqnogapstep:D</code>
907	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \mathnolimitsmode</code>	<code>\luatex_mathnolimitsmode:D</code>
908	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \mathoption</code>	<code>\luatex_mathoption:D</code>
909	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \mathpenaltiesmode</code>	<code>\luatex_mathpenaltiesmode:D</code>
910	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \mathrulesfam</code>	<code>\luatex_mathrulesfam:D</code>
911	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \mathscriptsmode</code>	<code>\luatex_mathscriptsmode:D</code>
912	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \mathscriptboxmode</code>	<code>\luatex_mathscriptboxmode:D</code>
913	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \mathstyle</code>	<code>\luatex_mathstyle:D</code>
914	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \mathsurroundmode</code>	<code>\luatex_mathsurroundmode:D</code>
915	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \mathsurroundskip</code>	<code>\luatex_mathsurroundskip:D</code>
916	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \nohrule</code>	<code>\luatex_nohrule:D</code>
917	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \nokerns</code>	<code>\luatex_nokerns:D</code>
918	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \noligs</code>	<code>\luatex_noligs:D</code>

919	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \nospaces</code>	<code>\luatex_nospaces:D</code>
920	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \novrule</code>	<code>\luatex_novrule:D</code>
921	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \outputbox</code>	<code>\luatex_outputbox:D</code>
922	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \pagebottomoffset</code>	<code>\luatex_pagebottomoffset:D</code>
923	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \pageleftoffset</code>	<code>\luatex_pageleftoffset:D</code>
924	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \pagerightoffset</code>	<code>\luatex_pagerightoffset:D</code>
925	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \pagetopoffset</code>	<code>\luatex_pagetopoffset:D</code>
926	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfextension</code>	<code>\luatex_pdfextension:D</code>
927	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \pdffeedback</code>	<code>\luatex_pdffeedback:D</code>
928	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfvariable</code>	<code>\luatex_pdfvariable:D</code>
929	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \postexhyphenchar</code>	<code>\luatex_postexhyphenchar:D</code>
930	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \posthyphenchar</code>	<code>\luatex_posthyphenchar:D</code>
931	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \prebinoppenalty</code>	<code>\luatex_prebinoppenalty:D</code>
932	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \predisplaygapfactor</code>	<code>\luatex_predisplaygapfactor:D</code>
933	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \preexhyphenchar</code>	<code>\luatex_preexhyphenchar:D</code>
934	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \prehyphenchar</code>	<code>\luatex_prehyphenchar:D</code>
935	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \prerelpenalty</code>	<code>\luatex_prerelpenalty:D</code>
936	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \savecatcodetable</code>	<code>\luatex_savecatcodetable:D</code>
937	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \scantexttokens</code>	<code>\luatex_scantexttokens:D</code>
938	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \setfontid</code>	<code>\luatex_setfontid:D</code>
939	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \shapemode</code>	<code>\luatex_shapemode:D</code>
940	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \suppressifcsnameerror</code>	<code>\luatex_suppressifcsnameerror:D</code>
941	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \suppresslongerror</code>	<code>\luatex_suppresslongerror:D</code>
942	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \suppressmathparerror</code>	<code>\luatex_suppressmathparerror:D</code>
943	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \suppressoutererror</code>	<code>\luatex_suppressoutererror:D</code>
944	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \suppressprimitiveerror</code>	<code>\luatex_suppressprimitiveerror:D</code>
945	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \toksapp</code>	<code>\luatex_toksapp:D</code>
946	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \tokspre</code>	<code>\luatex_tokspre:D</code>
947	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \tpack</code>	<code>\luatex_tpack:D</code>
948	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \vpack</code>	<code>\luatex_vpack:D</code>

Slightly more awkward are the directional primitives in LuaTeX. These come from Omega/Aleph, but we do not support those engines and so it seems most sensible to treat them as LuaTeX primitives for prefix purposes. One here is “new” but fits into the general set.

949	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \bodydir</code>	<code>\luatex_bodydir:D</code>
950	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \boxdir</code>	<code>\luatex_boxdir:D</code>
951	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \leftghost</code>	<code>\luatex_leftghost:D</code>
952	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \linedir</code>	<code>\luatex_linedir:D</code>
953	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \localbrokenpenalty</code>	<code>\luatex_localbrokenpenalty:D</code>
954	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \localinterlinepenalty</code>	<code>\luatex_localinterlinepenalty:D</code>
955	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \localleftbox</code>	<code>\luatex_localleftbox:D</code>
956	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \localrightbox</code>	<code>\luatex_localrightbox:D</code>
957	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \mathdir</code>	<code>\luatex_mathdir:D</code>
958	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \pagedir</code>	<code>\luatex_pagedir:D</code>
959	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \pardir</code>	<code>\luatex_pardir:D</code>
960	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \rightghost</code>	<code>\luatex_rightghost:D</code>
961	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \textdir</code>	<code>\luatex_textdir:D</code>

Primitives from pdfTeX that LuaTeX renames.

962	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \adjustspacing</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_adjustspacing:D</code>
963	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \copyfont</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_copyfont:D</code>
964	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \draftmode</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_draftmode:D</code>
965	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \expandglyphsinfont</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_fontexpand:D</code>
966	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \ifabsdim</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_ifabsdim:D</code>

967	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \ifabsnum</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_ifabsnum:D</code>
968	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \ignoreligaturesinfont</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_ignoreligaturesinfont:D</code>
969	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \insertht</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_insertht:D</code>
970	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \lastsavedboxresourceindex</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_pdflastxform:D</code>
971	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \lastsavedimageresourceindex</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_pdflastximage:D</code>
972	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \lastsavedimageresourcepages</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_pdflastximagepages:D</code>
973	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \lastxpos</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_lastxpos:D</code>
974	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \lastypos</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_lastypos:D</code>
975	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \normaldeviate</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_normaldeviate:D</code>
976	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \outputmode</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_pdfoutput:D</code>
977	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \pageheight</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_pageheight:D</code>
978	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \pagewidth</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_pagewidth:D</code>
979	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \protrudechars</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_protrudechars:D</code>
980	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \pxdimen</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_pxdimen:D</code>
981	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \randomseed</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_randomseed:D</code>
982	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \useboxresource</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_pdfrefxform:D</code>
983	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \useimageresource</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_pdfrefximage:D</code>
984	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \savepos</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_savepos:D</code>
985	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \saveboxresource</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_pdfxform:D</code>
986	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \saveimageresource</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_pdfximage:D</code>
987	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \setrandomseed</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_setrandomseed:D</code>
988	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \tracingfonts</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_tracingfonts:D</code>
989	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \uniformdeviate</code>	<code>\pdfTEX_uniformdeviate:D</code>

The set of Unicode math primitives were introduced by XeTeX and LuaTeX in a somewhat complex fashion: a few first as `\XeTeX...` which were then renamed with LuaTeX having a lot more. These names now all start `\U...` and mainly `\Umath...`. To keep things somewhat clear we therefore prefix all of these as `\utex...` (introduced by a Unicode TeX engine) and drop `\U(math)` from the names. Where there is a related TeX90 primitive or where it really seems required we keep the math part of the name.

990	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Uchar</code>	<code>\utex_char:D</code>
991	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Ucharcat</code>	<code>\utex_charcat:D</code>
992	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Udelcode</code>	<code>\utex_delcode:D</code>
993	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Udelcodenum</code>	<code>\utex_delcodenum:D</code>
994	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Udelimiter</code>	<code>\utex_delimiter:D</code>
995	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Udelimiterover</code>	<code>\utex_delimiterover:D</code>
996	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Udelimiterunder</code>	<code>\utex_delimiterunder:D</code>
997	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \UhexTensible</code>	<code>\utex_hexTensible:D</code>
998	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathaccent</code>	<code>\utex_mathaccent:D</code>
999	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathaxis</code>	<code>\utex_mathaxis:D</code>
1000	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbinbinspacing</code>	<code>\utex_binbinspacing:D</code>
1001	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbinclonespacing</code>	<code>\utex_binclonespacing:D</code>
1002	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbininnerspacing</code>	<code>\utex_bininnerspacing:D</code>
1003	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbinopenspacing</code>	<code>\utex_binopenspacing:D</code>
1004	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbinopspacing</code>	<code>\utex_binopspacing:D</code>
1005	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbinordspacing</code>	<code>\utex_binordspacing:D</code>
1006	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbinpunctspacing</code>	<code>\utex_binpunctspacing:D</code>
1007	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbinrelspacing</code>	<code>\utex_binrelspacing:D</code>
1008	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathchar</code>	<code>\utex_mathchar:D</code>
1009	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathcharclass</code>	<code>\utex_mathcharclass:D</code>
1010	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathchardef</code>	<code>\utex_mathchardef:D</code>
1011	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathcharfam</code>	<code>\utex_mathcharfam:D</code>
1012	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathcharnum</code>	<code>\utex_mathcharnum:D</code>
1013	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathcharnumdef</code>	<code>\utex_mathcharnumdef:D</code>

1014	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathcharslot	\utex\_mathcharslot:D
1015	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathclosebinspacing	\utex\_closebinspacing:D
1016	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathcloseclosespacing	\utex\_closeclosespacing:D
1017	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathcloseinnerspacing	\utex\_closeinnerspacing:D
1018	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathcloseopenspacing	\utex\_closeopenspacing:D
1019	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathcloseopspacing	\utex\_closeopspacing:D
1020	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathcloseordspacing	\utex\_closeordspacing:D
1021	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathclosepunctspacing	\utex\_closepunctspacing:D
1022	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathcloserelspacing	\utex\_closerelspacing:D
1023	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathcode	\utex\_mathcode:D
1024	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathcodenum	\utex\_mathcodenum:D
1025	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathconnectoroverlapmin	\utex\_connectoroverlapmin:D
1026	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathfractiondelsize	\utex\_fractiondelsize:D
1027	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathfractiondenomdown	\utex\_fractiondenomdown:D
1028	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathfractiondenomvgap	\utex\_fractiondenomvgap:D
1029	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathfractionnumup	\utex\_fractionnumup:D
1030	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathfractionnumvgap	\utex\_fractionnumvgap:D
1031	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathfractionrule	\utex\_fractionrule:D
1032	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathinnerbinspacing	\utex\_innerbinspacing:D
1033	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathinnerclosespacing	\utex\_innerclosespacing:D
1034	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathinnerinnerspacing	\utex\_innerinnerspacing:D
1035	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathinneropenspacing	\utex\_inneropenspacing:D
1036	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathinneropspacing	\utex\_inneropspacing:D
1037	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathinnerordspacing	\utex\_innerordspacing:D
1038	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathinnerpunctspacing	\utex\_innerpunctspacing:D
1039	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathinnerrelspacing	\utex\_innerrelspacing:D
1040	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathlimitabovebgap	\utex\_limitabovebgap:D
1041	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathlimitabovekern	\utex\_limitabovekern:D
1042	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathlimitabovevgap	\utex\_limitabovevgap:D
1043	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathlimitbelowbgap	\utex\_limitbelowbgap:D
1044	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathlimitbelowkern	\utex\_limitbelowkern:D
1045	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathlimitbelowvgap	\utex\_limitbelowvgap:D
1046	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathnolimitsubfactor	\utex\_nolimitsubfactor:D
1047	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathnolimitsupfactor	\utex\_nolimitsupfactor:D
1048	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopbinspacing	\utex\_opbinspacing:D
1049	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopclosespacing	\utex\_opclosespacing:D
1050	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopenbinspacing	\utex\_openbinspacing:D
1051	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopenclosespacing	\utex\_openclosespacing:D
1052	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopeninnerspacing	\utex\_openinnerspacing:D
1053	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopenopenspacing	\utex\_openopenspacing:D
1054	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopenopspacing	\utex\_openopspacing:D
1055	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopenordspacing	\utex\_openordspacing:D
1056	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopenpunctspacing	\utex\_openpunctspacing:D
1057	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopenrelspacing	\utex\_openrelspacing:D
1058	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoperatorsize	\utex\_operatorsize:D
1059	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopinnerspacing	\utex\_opinnerspacing:D
1060	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopopenspacing	\utex\_opopenspacing:D
1061	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopopspacing	\utex\_opopspacing:D
1062	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopordspacing	\utex\_opordspacing:D
1063	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoppunctspacing	\utex\_oppunctspacing:D
1064	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoprelspacing	\utex\_oprelspacing:D
1065	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordbinspacing	\utex\_ordbinspacing:D
1066	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordclosespacing	\utex\_ordclosespacing:D
1067	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordinnerspacing	\utex\_ordinnerspacing:D

1068	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordopenspacing	\utex\_ordopenspacing:D
1069	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordopspacing	\utex\_ordopspacing:D
1070	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordordspacing	\utex\_ordordspacing:D
1071	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordordpunctspacing	\utex\_ordordpunctspacing:D
1072	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordrelspacing	\utex\_ordrelspacing:D
1073	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoverbarkern	\utex\_overbarkern:D
1074	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoverbarrule	\utex\_overbarrule:D
1075	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoverbarvgap	\utex\_overbarvgap:D
1076	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoverdelimiterbgap	\utex\_overdelimiterbgap:D
1077	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoverdelimitervgap	\utex\_overdelimitervgap:D
1078	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctbinspacing	\utex\_punctbinspacing:D
1079	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctclosespacing	\utex\_punctclosespacing:D
1080	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctinnerspacing	\utex\_punctinnerspacing:D
1081	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctopenspacing	\utex\_punctopenspacing:D
1082	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpuncttopspacing	\utex\_puncttopspacing:D
1083	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctordspacing	\utex\_punctordspacing:D
1084	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctpunctspacing	\utex\_punctpunctspacing:D
1085	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctrelspacing	\utex\_punctrelspacing:D
1086	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathquad	\utex\_quad:D
1087	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathradicaldegreeafter	\utex\_radicaldegreeafter:D
1088	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathradicaldegreebefore	\utex\_radicaldegreebefore:D
1089	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathradicaldegreeraise	\utex\_radicaldegreeraise:D
1090	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathradicalkern	\utex\_radicalkern:D
1091	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathradicalrule	\utex\_radicalrule:D
1092	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathradicalvgap	\utex\_radicalvgap:D
1093	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathrelbinspacing	\utex\_relbinspacing:D
1094	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathrelclosespacing	\utex\_relclosespacing:D
1095	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathrelinnerspacing	\utex\_relinnerspacing:D
1096	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathrelopenspacing	\utex\_relopenspacing:D
1097	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathrelopspacing	\utex\_relopspacing:D
1098	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathrelordspacing	\utex\_relordspacing:D
1099	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathrelpunctspacing	\utex\_relpunctspacing:D
1100	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathrelrelspacing	\utex\_relrelspacing:D
1101	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathskewedfractionhgap	\utex\_skewedfractionhgap:D
1102	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathskewedfractionvgap	\utex\_skewedfractionvgap:D
1103	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathspaceafterscript	\utex\_spaceafterscript:D
1104	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathstackdenomdown	\utex\_stackdenomdown:D
1105	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathstacknumup	\utex\_stacknumup:D
1106	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathstackvgap	\utex\_stackvgap:D
1107	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathsubshiftdown	\utex\_subshiftdown:D
1108	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathsubshiftdrop	\utex\_subshiftdrop:D
1109	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathsubsupshiftdown	\utex\_subsupshiftdown:D
1110	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathsubsupvgap	\utex\_subsupvgap:D
1111	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathsubtopmax	\utex\_subtopmax:D
1112	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathsupbottommin	\utex\_supbottommin:D
1113	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathsupshiftdrop	\utex\_supshiftdrop:D
1114	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathsupshiftup	\utex\_supshiftup:D
1115	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathsupsubbottommax	\utex\_supsubbottommax:D
1116	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathunderbarkern	\utex\_underbarkern:D
1117	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathunderbarrule	\utex\_underbarrule:D
1118	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathunderbarvgap	\utex\_underbarvgap:D
1119	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathunderdelimiterbgap	\utex\_underdelimiterbgap:D
1120	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathunderdelimitervgap	\utex\_underdelimitervgap:D
1121	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Unosubscript	\utex\_Unosubscript:D

1122	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Unosuperscript</code>	<code>\utex_Unosuperscript:D</code>
1123	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Overdelimit</code>	<code>\utex_overdelimit:D</code>
1124	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Uradical</code>	<code>\utex_radical:D</code>
1125	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Uroot</code>	<code>\utex_root:D</code>
1126	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Uskewed</code>	<code>\utex_skewed:D</code>
1127	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Uskewedwithdelims</code>	<code>\utex_skewedwithdelims:D</code>
1128	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Ustack</code>	<code>\utex_stack:D</code>
1129	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Ustartdisplaymath</code>	<code>\utex_startdisplaymath:D</code>
1130	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Ustartmath</code>	<code>\utex_startmath:D</code>
1131	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Ustopdisplaymath</code>	<code>\utex_stopdisplaymath:D</code>
1132	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Ustopmath</code>	<code>\utex_stopmath:D</code>
1133	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Usubscript</code>	<code>\utex_subscript:D</code>
1134	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Usuperscript</code>	<code>\utex_superscript:D</code>
1135	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Underdelimit</code>	<code>\utex_underdelimit:D</code>
1136	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \Uvextensible</code>	<code>\utex_vextensible:D</code>

Primitives from p $\TeX$ .

1137	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \autospace</code>	<code>\ptex_autospace:D</code>
1138	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \autoxspace</code>	<code>\ptex_autoxspace:D</code>
1139	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \dtou</code>	<code>\ptex_dtou:D</code>
1140	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \euc</code>	<code>\ptex_euc:D</code>
1141	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \ifdbox</code>	<code>\ptex_ifdbox:D</code>
1142	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \ifddir</code>	<code>\ptex_ifddir:D</code>
1143	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \ifmdir</code>	<code>\ptex_ifmdir:D</code>
1144	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \iftbox</code>	<code>\ptex_iftbox:D</code>
1145	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \iftdir</code>	<code>\ptex_iftdir:D</code>
1146	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \ifybox</code>	<code>\ptex_ifybox:D</code>
1147	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \ifydir</code>	<code>\ptex_ifydir:D</code>
1148	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \inhibitglue</code>	<code>\ptex_inhibitglue:D</code>
1149	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \inhibitxspcode</code>	<code>\ptex_inhibitxspcode:D</code>
1150	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \jcharwidowpenalty</code>	<code>\ptex_jcharwidowpenalty:D</code>
1151	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \jfam</code>	<code>\ptex_jfam:D</code>
1152	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \jfont</code>	<code>\ptex_jfont:D</code>
1153	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \jis</code>	<code>\ptex_jis:D</code>
1154	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \kanjiskip</code>	<code>\ptex_kanjiskip:D</code>
1155	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \kansuji</code>	<code>\ptex_kansuji:D</code>
1156	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \kansujichar</code>	<code>\ptex_kansujichar:D</code>
1157	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \kcatcode</code>	<code>\ptex_kcatcode:D</code>
1158	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \kuten</code>	<code>\ptex_kuten:D</code>
1159	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \noautospace</code>	<code>\ptex_noautospace:D</code>
1160	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \noautoxspace</code>	<code>\ptex_noautoxspace:D</code>
1161	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \postbreakpenalty</code>	<code>\ptex_postbreakpenalty:D</code>
1162	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \prebreakpenalty</code>	<code>\ptex_prebreakpenalty:D</code>
1163	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \showmode</code>	<code>\ptex_showmode:D</code>
1164	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \sjis</code>	<code>\ptex_sjis:D</code>
1165	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \tate</code>	<code>\ptex_tate:D</code>
1166	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \tbaselineshift</code>	<code>\ptex_tbaselineshift:D</code>
1167	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \tfont</code>	<code>\ptex_tfont:D</code>
1168	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \xkanjiskip</code>	<code>\ptex_xkanjiskip:D</code>
1169	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \xspcode</code>	<code>\ptex_xspcode:D</code>
1170	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \ybaselineshift</code>	<code>\ptex_ybaselineshift:D</code>
1171	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \yoko</code>	<code>\ptex_yoko:D</code>

Primitives from up $\TeX$ .

1172	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN \disablecjktoken</code>	<code>\uptex_disablecjktoken:D</code>
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1173 \__kernel_primitive:NN \enablecjktoken \uptex_enablecjktoken:D
1174 \__kernel_primitive:NN \forcecjktoken \uptex_forcecjktoken:D
1175 \__kernel_primitive:NN \kchar \uptex_kchar:D
1176 \__kernel_primitive:NN \kchardef \uptex_kchardef:D
1177 \__kernel_primitive:NN \kuten \uptex_kuten:D
1178 \__kernel_primitive:NN \ucs \uptex_ucs:D

```

End of the “just the names” part of the source.

```

1179 (/initex | names | package)
1180 (*initex | package)

```

The job is done: close the group (using the primitive renamed!).

```

1181 \tex_endgroup:D

```

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 2<sub>ε</sub> moves a few primitives, so these are sorted out. A convenient test for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 2<sub>ε</sub> is the \@@end saved primitive.

```

1182 (*package)
1183 \etex_ifdefined:D \@@end
1184 \tex_let:D \tex_end:D \@@end
1185 \tex_let:D \tex_everydisplay:D \frozen@everydisplay
1186 \tex_let:D \tex_everymath:D \frozen@everymath
1187 \tex_let:D \tex_hyphen:D \@@hyph
1188 \tex_let:D \tex_input:D \@@input
1189 \tex_let:D \tex_italiccorrection:D \@@italiccorr
1190 \tex_let:D \tex_underline:D \@@underline

```

The \shipout primitive is particularly tricky as a number of packages want to hook in here. First, we see if a sufficiently-new kernel has saved a copy: if it has, just use that. Otherwise, we need to check each of the possible packages/classes that might move it: here, we are looking for those which do *not* delay action to the \AtBeginDocument hook. (We cannot use \primitive a (u)pL<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>E<sub>X</sub> doesn’t offer it and as that doesn’t allow us to make a direct copy of the primitive *itself*.) As we know that L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 2<sub>ε</sub> is in use, we use its \@tfor loop here.

```

1191 \etex_ifdefined:D \@@shipout
1192 \tex_let:D \tex_shipout:D \@@shipout
1193 \tex_fi:D
1194 \tex_begingroup:D
1195 \tex_edef:D \l_tmpa_tl { \tex_string:D \shipout }
1196 \tex_edef:D \l_tmpb_tl { \tex_meaning:D \shipout }
1197 \tex_ifx:D \l_tmpa_tl \l_tmpb_tl
1198 \tex_else:D
1199 \tex_expandafter:D \@tfor \tex_expandafter:D \@tempa \tex_string:D :=
1200 \CROP@shipout
1201 \dup@shipout
1202 \GPTorg@shipout
1203 \LL@shipout
1204 \mem@oldshipout
1205 \opem@shipout
1206 \pgfpages@originalshipout
1207 \pr@shipout
1208 \Shipout
1209 \verso@orig@shipout
1210 \do
1211 {
1212 \tex_edef:D \l_tmpb_tl

```

```

1213         { \tex_expandafter:D \tex_meaning:D \@tempa }
1214     \tex_ifx:D \l_tmpa_tl \l_tmpb_tl
1215         \tex_global:D \tex_expandafter:D \tex_let:D
1216             \tex_expandafter:D \tex_shipout:D \@tempa
1217     \tex_fi:D
1218 }
1219 \tex_fi:D
1220 \tex_endgroup:D

```

Some tidying up is needed for `\(pdf)tracingfonts`. Newer LuaTeX has this simply as `\tracingfonts`, but that is overwritten by the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> kernel. So any spurious definition has to be removed, then the real version saved either from the pdfTeX name or from LuaTeX. In the latter case, we leave `\@@@tracingfonts` available: this might be useful and almost all L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> users will have expl3 loaded by fontspec. (We follow the usual kernel convention that @@ is used for saved primitives.)

```

1221 \tex_let:D \pdfTeX_tracingfonts:D \tex_undefined:D
1222 \etex_ifdefined:D \pdftracingfonts
1223     \tex_let:D \pdfTeX_tracingfonts:D \pdftracingfonts
1224 \tex_else:D
1225     \etex_ifdefined:D \luatex_directlua:D
1226         \luatex_directlua:D { tex.enableprimitives("@@", {"tracingfonts"}) }
1227     \tex_let:D \pdfTeX_tracingfonts:D \luatextracingfonts
1228 \tex_fi:D
1229 \tex_fi:D
1230 \tex_fi:D

```

That is also true for the LuaTeX primitives under L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> (depending on the format-building date). There are a few primitives that get the right names anyway so are missing here!

```

1231 \etex_ifdefined:D \luatexsuppressfontnotfounderror
1232 \tex_let:D \luatex_alignmark:D \luatexalignmark
1233 \tex_let:D \luatex_aligntab:D \luatexaligntab
1234 \tex_let:D \luatex_attribute:D \luatexattribute
1235 \tex_let:D \luatex_attributedef:D \luatexattributedef
1236 \tex_let:D \luatex_catcodetable:D \luatexcatcodetable
1237 \tex_let:D \luatex_clearmarks:D \luatexclearmarks
1238 \tex_let:D \luatex_crampeddisplaystyle:D \luatexcrampeddisplaystyle
1239 \tex_let:D \luatex_crampedscriptscriptstyle:D \luatexcrampedscriptscriptstyle
1240 \tex_let:D \luatex_crampedscriptstyle:D \luatexcrampedscriptstyle
1241 \tex_let:D \luatex_crampedtextstyle:D \luatexcrampedtextstyle
1242 \tex_let:D \luatex_fontid:D \luatexfontid
1243 \tex_let:D \luatex_formatname:D \luatexformatname
1244 \tex_let:D \luatex_gleaders:D \luatexgleaders
1245 \tex_let:D \luatex_initcatcodetable:D \luatexinitcatcodetable
1246 \tex_let:D \luatex_latelua:D \luatexlatelua
1247 \tex_let:D \luatex_luaescapestring:D \luatexluaescapestring
1248 \tex_let:D \luatex_luafunction:D \luatexluafunction
1249 \tex_let:D \luatex_mathstyle:D \luatexmathstyle
1250 \tex_let:D \luatex_nokerns:D \luatexnokerns
1251 \tex_let:D \luatex_noligs:D \luatexnoligs
1252 \tex_let:D \luatex_outputbox:D \luatexoutputbox
1253 \tex_let:D \luatex_pageleftoffset:D \luatexpageleftoffset
1254 \tex_let:D \luatex_pagetopoffset:D \luatexpagetopoffset
1255 \tex_let:D \luatex_postexhyphenchar:D \luatexpostexhyphenchar

```

```

1256 \tex_let:D \luatex_posthyphenchar:D \luatexposthyphenchar
1257 \tex_let:D \luatex_preexhyphenchar:D \luatexpreexhyphenchar
1258 \tex_let:D \luatex_prehyphenchar:D \luatexprehyphenchar
1259 \tex_let:D \luatex_savecatcodetable:D \luatexsavecatcodetable
1260 \tex_let:D \luatex_scantextokens:D \luatexscantextokens
1261 \tex_let:D \luatex_suppressifcsnameerror:D \luatexsuppressifcsnameerror
1262 \tex_let:D \luatex_suppresslongerror:D \luatexsuppresslongerror
1263 \tex_let:D \luatex_suppressmathparerror:D \luatexsuppressmathparerror
1264 \tex_let:D \luatex_suppressoutererror:D \luatexsuppressoutererror
1265 \tex_let:D \utex_char:D \luatexUchar
1266 \tex_let:D \xetex_suppressfontnotfounderror:D \luatexsuppressfontnotfounderror

```

Which also covers those slightly odd ones.

```

1267 \tex_let:D \luatex_bodydir:D \luatexbodydir
1268 \tex_let:D \luatex_boxdir:D \luatexboxdir
1269 \tex_let:D \luatex_leftghost:D \luatexleftghost
1270 \tex_let:D \luatex_localbrokenpenalty:D \luatexlocalbrokenpenalty
1271 \tex_let:D \luatex_localinterlinepenalty:D \luatexlocalinterlinepenalty
1272 \tex_let:D \luatex_localleftbox:D \luatexlocalleftbox
1273 \tex_let:D \luatex_localrightbox:D \luatexlocalrightbox
1274 \tex_let:D \luatex_mathdir:D \luatexmathdir
1275 \tex_let:D \luatex_pagebottomoffset:D \luatexpagebottomoffset
1276 \tex_let:D \luatex_pagedir:D \luatexpagedir
1277 \tex_let:D \pdfTEX_pageheight:D \luatexpageheight
1278 \tex_let:D \luatex_pagerightoffset:D \luatexpagerightoffset
1279 \tex_let:D \pdfTEX_pagewidth:D \luatexpagewidth
1280 \tex_let:D \luatex_pardir:D \luatexpardir
1281 \tex_let:D \luatex_rightghost:D \luatexrightghost
1282 \tex_let:D \luatex_textdir:D \luatextextdir
1283 \tex_fi:D

```

Only pdfTeX and LuaTeX define \pdfmapfile and \pdfmapline: Tidy up the fact that some format-building processes leave a couple of questionable decisions about that!

```

1284 \tex_ifnum:D 0
1285 \etex_ifdefined:D \pdfTEX_pdftexversion:D 1 \tex_fi:D
1286 \etex_ifdefined:D \luatex luatexversion:D 1 \tex_fi:D
1287 = 0 %
1288 \tex_let:D \pdfTEX_mapfile:D \tex_undefined:D
1289 \tex_let:D \pdfTEX_mapline:D \tex_undefined:D
1290 \tex_fi:D
1291 </package>

```

Older XeTeX versions use \XeTeX as the prefix for the Unicode math primitives it knows. That is tidied up here (we support XeTeX versions from 0.9994 but this change was in 0.9999).

```

1292 (*initex | package)
1293 \etex_ifdefined:D \XeTeXdelcode
1294 \tex_let:D \utex_delcode:D \XeTeXdelcode
1295 \tex_let:D \utex_delcodenum:D \XeTeXdelcodenum
1296 \tex_let:D \utex_delimiter:D \XeTeXdelimiter
1297 \tex_let:D \utex_mathaccent:D \XeTeXmathaccent
1298 \tex_let:D \utex_mathchar:D \XeTeXmathchar
1299 \tex_let:D \utex_mathchardef:D \XeTeXmathchardef
1300 \tex_let:D \utex_mathcharnum:D \XeTeXmathcharnum
1301 \tex_let:D \utex_mathcharnumdef:D \XeTeXmathcharnumdef

```

```

1302 \tex_let:D \utex_mathcode:D \XeTeXmathcode
1303 \tex_let:D \utex_mathcodenum:D \XeTeXmathcodenum
1304 \tex_fi:D

```

Up to v0.80, Lua<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>X defines the pdf<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>X version data: rather confusing. Removing them means that `\pdfTEXversion:D` is a marker for pdf<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>X alone: useful in engine-dependent code later.

```

1305 \etex_ifdefined:D \luatex luatexversion:D
1306 \tex_let:D \pdfTEXpdfTEXbanner:D \tex_undefined:D
1307 \tex_let:D \pdfTEXpdfTEXrevision:D \tex_undefined:D
1308 \tex_let:D \pdfTEXpdfTEXversion:D \tex_undefined:D
1309 \tex_fi:D
1310 </initex | package>

```

For Con<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>Xt, two tests are needed. Both Mark II and Mark IV move several primitives: these are all covered by the first test, again using `\end` as a marker. For Mark IV, a few more primitives are moved: they are implemented using some Lua code in the current Con<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>Xt.

```

1311 <*(package)
1312 \etex_ifdefined:D \normalend
1313 \tex_let:D \tex_end:D \normalend
1314 \tex_let:D \tex_everyjob:D \normaleveryjob
1315 \tex_let:D \tex_input:D \normalinput
1316 \tex_let:D \tex_language:D \normallanguage
1317 \tex_let:D \tex_mathop:D \normalmathop
1318 \tex_let:D \tex_month:D \normalmonth
1319 \tex_let:D \tex_outer:D \normalouter
1320 \tex_let:D \tex_over:D \normalover
1321 \tex_let:D \tex_vcenter:D \normalvcenter
1322 \tex_let:D \etex_unexpanded:D \normalunexpanded
1323 \tex_let:D \luatex_expanded:D \normalexpanded
1324 \tex_fi:D
1325 \etex_ifdefined:D \normalitaliccorrection
1326 \tex_let:D \tex_hoffset:D \normalhoffset
1327 \tex_let:D \tex_italiccorrection:D \normalitaliccorrection
1328 \tex_let:D \tex_voffset:D \normalvoffset
1329 \tex_let:D \etex_showtokens:D \normalshowtokens
1330 \tex_let:D \luatex_bodydir:D \spac_directions_normal_body_dir
1331 \tex_let:D \luatex_pagedir:D \spac_directions_normal_page_dir
1332 \tex_fi:D
1333 \etex_ifdefined:D \normalleft
1334 \tex_let:D \tex_left:D \normalleft
1335 \tex_let:D \tex_middle:D \normalmiddle
1336 \tex_let:D \tex_right:D \normalright
1337 \tex_fi:D
1338 </package>
1339 </initex | package>

```

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```

1340 <*(initex | package)

```

### 3.1 Renaming some T<sub>E</sub>X primitives (again)

Having given all the T<sub>E</sub>X primitives a consistent name, we need to give sensible names to the ones we actually want to use. These will be defined as needed in the appropriate modules, but we do a few now, just to get started.<sup>6</sup>

```

\if_true: Then some conditionals.
\if_false: 1341 \tex_let:D \if_true:      \tex_iftrue:D
\or:       1342 \tex_let:D \if_false:  \tex_iffalse:D
\else:     1343 \tex_let:D \or:        \tex_or:D
\fi:       1344 \tex_let:D \else:     \tex_else:D
\reverse_if:N 1345 \tex_let:D \fi:        \tex_fi:D
\if:w      1346 \tex_let:D \reverse_if:N \etex_unless:D
\if_charcode:w 1347 \tex_let:D \if:w          \tex_if:D
\if_catcode:w 1348 \tex_let:D \if_charcode:w \tex_if:D
\if_meaning:w 1349 \tex_let:D \if_catcode:w \tex_ifcat:D
            1350 \tex_let:D \if_meaning:w  \tex_ifx:D

```

(End definition for `\if_true:` and others. These functions are documented on page 21.)

```

\if_mode_math: TEX lets us detect some if its modes.
\if_mode_horizontal: 1351 \tex_let:D \if_mode_math:  \tex_ifmmode:D
\if_mode_vertical:   1352 \tex_let:D \if_mode_horizontal: \tex_ifhmode:D
\if_mode_inner:      1353 \tex_let:D \if_mode_vertical:  \tex_ifvmode:D
                    1354 \tex_let:D \if_mode_inner:    \tex_ifinner:D

```

(End definition for `\if_mode_math:` and others. These functions are documented on page 21.)

```

\if_cs_exist:N Building csnames and testing if control sequences exist.
\if_cs_exist:w 1355 \tex_let:D \if_cs_exist:N  \etex_ifdefined:D
\cs:w          1356 \tex_let:D \if_cs_exist:w  \etex_ifcsname:D
\cs_end:       1357 \tex_let:D \cs:w          \tex_csname:D
                    1358 \tex_let:D \cs_end:        \tex_endcsname:D

```

(End definition for `\if_cs_exist:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 21.)

```

\exp_after:wN The five \exp_ functions are used in the l3xpan module where they are described.
\exp_not:N     1359 \tex_let:D \exp_after:wN    \tex_expandafter:D
\exp_not:n     1360 \tex_let:D \exp_not:N      \tex_noexpand:D
                1361 \tex_let:D \exp_not:n      \etex_unexpanded:D
                1362 \tex_let:D \exp:w          \tex_romannumeral:D
                1363 \tex_chardef:D \exp_end:   = 0 ~

```

(End definition for `\exp_after:wN`, `\exp_not:N`, and `\exp_not:n`. These functions are documented on page 32.)

```

\token_to_meaning:N Examining a control sequence or token.
\cs_meaning:N      1364 \tex_let:D \token_to_meaning:N \tex_meaning:D
                    1365 \tex_let:D \cs_meaning:N   \tex_meaning:D

```

(End definition for `\token_to_meaning:N` and `\cs_meaning:N`. These functions are documented on page 119.)

<sup>6</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.

`\tl_to_str:n` Making strings.  
`\token_to_str:N`

```

1366 \tex_let:D \tl_to_str:n      \etex_detokenize:D
1367 \tex_let:D \token_to_str:N   \tex_string:D

```

*(End definition for `\tl_to_str:n` and `\token_to_str:N`. These functions are documented on page 44.)*

`\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:`

```

1368 \tex_let:D \scan_stop:      \tex_relax:D
1369 \tex_let:D \group_begin:    \tex_begingroup:D
1370 \tex_let:D \group_end:      \tex_endgroup:D

```

*(End definition for `\scan_stop:`, `\group_begin:`, and `\group_end:`. These functions are documented on page 9.)*  

```

1371 <@@=int>

```

`\if_int_compare:w` For integers.  
`\__int_to_roman:w`

```

1372 \tex_let:D \if_int_compare:w \tex_ifnum:D
1373 \tex_let:D \__int_to_roman:w \tex_romannumeral:D

```

*(End definition for `\if_int_compare:w` and `\__int_to_roman:w`. This function is documented on page 86.)*

`\group_insert_after:N` Adding material after the end of a group.  

```

1374 \tex_let:D \group_insert_after:N \tex_aftergroup:D

```

*(End definition for `\group_insert_after:N`. This function is documented on page 9.)*

`\exp_args:Nc` Discussed in `l3expan`, but needed much earlier.  
`\exp_args:cc`

```

1375 \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \exp_args:Nc #1#2
1376   { \exp_after:wN #1 \cs:w #2 \cs_end: }
1377 \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \exp_args:cc #1#2
1378   { \cs:w #1 \exp_after:wN \cs_end: \cs:w #2 \cs_end: }

```

*(End definition for `\exp_args:Nc` and `\exp_args:cc`. These functions are documented on page 29.)*

`\token_to_meaning:c` A small number of variants defined by hand. Some of the necessary functions (`\use_i:nn`, `\use_ii:nn`, and `\exp_args: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.  
`\token_to_str:c`  
`\cs_meaning:c`

```

1379 \tex_def:D \token_to_str:c { \exp_args:Nc \token_to_str:N }
1380 \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \cs_meaning:c #1
1381   {
1382     \if_cs_exist:w #1 \cs_end:
1383       \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
1384     \else:
1385       \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
1386     \fi:
1387     { \exp_args:Nc \cs_meaning:N {#1} }
1388     { \tl_to_str:n {undefined} }
1389   }
1390 \tex_let:D \token_to_meaning:c = \cs_meaning:c

```

*(End definition for `\token_to_meaning:N`. This function is documented on page 119.)*

## 3.2 Defining some constants

`\c_zero` We need the constant `\c_zero` which is used by some functions in the `l3alloc` module. The rest are defined in the `l3int` module – at least for the ones that can be defined with `\tex_chardef:D` or `\tex_mathchardef:D`. For other constants the `l3int` module is required but it can't be used until the allocation has been set up properly!

```
1391 \tex_chardef:D \c_zero = 0 ~
```

(End definition for `\c_zero`. This variable is documented on page 85.)

`\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`.

```
1392 \etex_ifdefined:D \luatex luatexversion:D
1393 \tex_chardef:D \c_max_register_int = 65 535 ~
1394 \tex_else:D
1395 \tex_mathchardef:D \c_max_register_int = 32 767 ~
1396 \tex_fi:D
```

(End definition for `\c_max_register_int`. This variable is documented on page 85.)

## 3.3 Defining functions

We start by providing functions for the typical definition functions. First the local ones.

`\cs_set_nopar:Npn` All assignment functions in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X<sub>3</sub> should be naturally protected; after all, the T<sub>E</sub>X primitives for assignments are and it can be a cause of problems if others aren't.

```
\cs_set_nopar:Npx
\cs_set:Npn
\cs_set:Npx
1397 \tex_let:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn \tex_def:D
1398 \tex_let:D \cs_set_nopar:Npx \tex_edef:D
\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn
\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx
1399 \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \cs_set:Npn
1400 { \tex_long:D \tex_def:D }
\cs_set_protected:Npn
\cs_set_protected:Npx
1401 \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \cs_set:Npx
1402 { \tex_long:D \tex_edef:D }
1403 \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn
1404 { \etex_protected:D \tex_def:D }
1405 \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx
1406 { \etex_protected:D \tex_edef:D }
1407 \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \cs_set_protected:Npn
1408 { \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \tex_def:D }
1409 \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \cs_set_protected:Npx
1410 { \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \tex_edef:D }
```

(End definition for `\cs_set_nopar:Npn` and others. These functions are documented on page 11.)

`\cs_gset_nopar:Npn` Global versions of the above functions.

```
\cs_gset_nopar:Npx
\cs_gset:Npn
\cs_gset:Npx
1411 \tex_let:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npn \tex_gdef:D
1412 \tex_let:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npx \tex_xdef:D
\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn
\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npx
1413 \cs_set_protected:Npn \cs_gset:Npn
1414 { \tex_long:D \tex_gdef:D }
1415 \cs_set_protected:Npn \cs_gset:Npx
1416 { \tex_long:D \tex_xdef:D }
\cs_gset_protected:Npn
\cs_gset_protected:Npx
1417 \cs_set_protected:Npn \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn
1418 { \etex_protected:D \tex_gdef:D }
1419 \cs_set_protected:Npn \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npx
1420 { \etex_protected:D \tex_xdef:D }
```

```

1421 \cs_set_protected:Npn \cs_gset_protected:Npn
1422   { \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \tex_gdef:D }
1423 \cs_set_protected:Npn \cs_gset_protected:Npx
1424   { \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \tex_xdef:D }

```

(End definition for `\cs_gset_nopar:Npn` and others. These functions are documented on page 12.)

### 3.4 Selecting tokens

```

1425 <@@=exp>

```

`\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.

```

1426 \cs_set_nopar:Npn \l__exp_internal_tl { }

```

(End definition for `\l__exp_internal_tl`.)

**`\use:c`** This macro grabs its argument and returns a csname from it.

```

1427 \cs_set:Npn \use:c #1 { \cs:w #1 \cs_end: }

```

(End definition for `\use:c`. This function is documented on page 16.)

**`\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`.

```

1428 \cs_set_protected:Npn \use:x #1
1429   {
1430     \cs_set_nopar:Npx \l__exp_internal_tl {#1}
1431     \l__exp_internal_tl
1432   }

```

(End definition for `\use:x`. This function is documented on page 19.)

**`\use:n`** These macros grab their arguments and returns them back to the input (with outer braces removed).

```

\use:nnn 1433 \cs_set:Npn \use:n #1 {#1}
\use:nnnn 1434 \cs_set:Npn \use:nn #1#2 {#1#2}
1435 \cs_set:Npn \use:nnn #1#2#3 {#1#2#3}
1436 \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 17.)

**`\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 1437 \cs_set:Npn \use_i:nn #1#2 {#1}
1438 \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 18.)

**`\use_i:nnn`** We also need something for picking up arguments from a longer list.

```

\use_ii:nnn 1439 \cs_set:Npn \use_i:nnn #1#2#3 {#1}
\use_iii:nnn 1440 \cs_set:Npn \use_ii:nnn #1#2#3 {#2}
\use_i_ii:nnn 1441 \cs_set:Npn \use_iii:nnn #1#2#3 {#3}
\use_i:nnnn 1442 \cs_set:Npn \use_i_ii:nnn #1#2#3 {#1#2}
\use_ii:nnnn 1443 \cs_set:Npn \use_i:nnnn #1#2#3#4 {#1}
\use_iii:nnnn 1444 \cs_set:Npn \use_ii:nnnn #1#2#3#4 {#2}
\use_iv:nnnn 1445 \cs_set:Npn \use_iii:nnnn #1#2#3#4 {#3}
1446 \cs_set:Npn \use_iv:nnnn #1#2#3#4 {#4}

```

(End definition for `\use_i:nnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 18.)

```
\use_none_delimit_by_q_nil:w Functions that gobble everything until they see either \q_nil, \q_stop, or \q_
\use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w recursion_stop, respectively.
\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
1447 \cs_set:Npn \use_none_delimit_by_q_nil:w #1 \q_nil { }
1448 \cs_set:Npn \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w #1 \q_stop { }
1449 \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 19.)

```
\use_i_delimit_by_q_nil:nw Same as above but execute first argument after gobbling. Very useful when you need to
\use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw skip the rest of a mapping sequence but want an easy way to control what should be
\use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw expanded next.
1450 \cs_set:Npn \use_i_delimit_by_q_nil:nw #1#2 \q_nil {#1}
1451 \cs_set:Npn \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw #1#2 \q_stop {#1}
1452 \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 19.)

### 3.5 Gobbling tokens from input

```
\use_none:n To gobble tokens from the input we use a standard naming convention: the number of
\use_none:nn tokens gobbled is given by the number of n's following the : in the name. Although we
\use_none:nnn could define functions to remove ten arguments or more using separate calls of \use_
\use_none:nnnn none:nnnnn, this is very non-intuitive to the programmer who will assume that expanding
\use_none:nnnnn such a function once takes care of gobbling all the tokens in one go.
\use_none:nnnnnn
\use_none:nnnnnnn
\use_none:nnnnnnnn
\use_none:nnnnnnnnn
\use_none:nnnnnnnnnn
1453 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:n #1 { }
1454 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nn #1#2 { }
1455 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnn #1#2#3 { }
1456 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnn #1#2#3#4 { }
1457 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5 { }
1458 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6 { }
1459 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7 { }
1460 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8 { }
1461 \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 18.)

### 3.6 Debugging and patching later definitions

```
1462 <@@=debug>
\__kernel_debug:TF A more meaningful test of whether debugging is enabled than messing up with guards.
We can also more easily change the logic in one place then. At present, debugging is
disabled in the format and in generic mode, while in LATEX 2ε mode it is enabled if one
of the options enable-debug, log-functions or check-declarations was given.
1463 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_debug:TF #1#2 {#2}
1464 <*package>
1465 \tex_ifodd:D \l@expl@enable@debug@bool
1466 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_debug:TF #1#2 {#1}
1467 \fi:
1468 </package>
```

(End definition for `\_kernel_debug:TF`.)

`\debug_on:n`  
`\debug_off:n`

```
1469 \_kernel_debug:TF
1470 {
1471   \cs_set_protected:Npn \debug_on:n #1
1472   {
1473     \exp_args:No \clist_map_inline:nn { \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
1474     {
1475       \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __debug_##1_on: }
1476       { \_kernel_msg_error:nnn { kernel } { debug } {##1} }
1477     }
1478   }
1479   \cs_set_protected:Npn \debug_off:n #1
1480   {
1481     \exp_args:No \clist_map_inline:nn { \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
1482     {
1483       \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __debug_##1_off: }
1484       { \_kernel_msg_error:nnn { kernel } { debug } {##1} }
1485     }
1486   }
1487 }
1488 {
1489   \cs_set_protected:Npn \debug_on:n #1
1490   {
1491     \_kernel_msg_error:nnx { kernel } { enable-debug }
1492     { \tl_to_str:n { \debug_on:n {#1} } }
1493   }
1494   \cs_set_protected:Npn \debug_off:n #1
1495   {
1496     \_kernel_msg_error:nnx { kernel } { enable-debug }
1497     { \tl_to_str:n { \debug_off:n {#1} } }
1498   }
1499 }
```

(End definition for `\debug_on:n` and `\debug_off:n`. These functions are documented on page 241.)

`\debug_suspend:` Suspend and resume locally all debug-related errors and logging except deprecation errors.

`\debug_resume:` The `\debug_suspend:` and `\debug_resume:` pairs can be nested. We keep track of nesting in a token list containing a number of periods. At first begin with the “non-suspended” version of `\_debug_suspended:T`.

`\_debug_suspended:T`  
`\l__debug_suspended_tl`

```
1500 \_kernel_debug:TF
1501 {
1502   \cs_set_nopar:Npn \l__debug_suspended_tl { }
1503   \cs_set_protected:Npn \debug_suspend:
1504   {
1505     \tl_put_right:Nn \l__debug_suspended_tl { . }
1506     \cs_set_eq:NN \_debug_suspended:T \use:n
1507   }
1508   \cs_set_protected:Npn \debug_resume:
1509   {
1510     \tl_set:Nx \l__debug_suspended_tl
1511     { \tl_tail:N \l__debug_suspended_tl }
1512     \tl_if_empty:NT \l__debug_suspended_tl
```

```

1513     {
1514         \cs_set_eq:NN \__debug_suspended:T \use_none:n
1515     }
1516 }
1517 \cs_set:Npn \__debug_suspended:T #1 { }
1518 }
1519 {
1520     \cs_set_protected:Npn \debug_suspend: { }
1521     \cs_set_protected:Npn \debug_resume: { }
1522 }

```

(End definition for `\debug_suspend:` and others. These functions are documented on page 241.)

When debugging is enabled these two functions set up functions that test their argument (when `check-declarations` is active)

```

\__debug_check-declarations_on:
\__debug_check-declarations_off:
\__kernel_chk_var_exist:N
\__kernel_chk_cs_exist:N
\__kernel_chk_cs_exist:c
\__kernel_chk_var_local:N
\__kernel_chk_var_global:N
\__kernel_chk_var_scope:NN

```

- `\__kernel_chk_var_exist:N` and `\__kernel_chk_cs_exist:N`, two functions that test that their argument is defined;
- `\__kernel_chk_var_scope:NN` that checks that its argument #2 has scope #1.
- `\__kernel_chk_var_local:N` and `\__kernel_chk_var_global:N` that perform both checks.

```

1523 \__kernel_debug:TF
1524 {
1525     \exp_args:Nc \cs_set_protected:Npn { __debug_check-declarations_on: }
1526     {
1527         \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_chk_var_exist:N ##1
1528         {
1529             \__debug_suspended:T \use_none:nnn
1530             \cs_if_exist:NF ##1
1531             {
1532                 \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { non-declared-variable }
1533                 { \token_to_str:N ##1 }
1534             }
1535         }
1536         \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_chk_cs_exist:N ##1
1537         {
1538             \__debug_suspended:T \use_none:nnn
1539             \cs_if_exist:NF ##1
1540             {
1541                 \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { command-not-defined }
1542                 { \token_to_str:N ##1 }
1543             }
1544         }
1545         \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_chk_var_scope:NN
1546         {
1547             \__debug_suspended:T \use_none:nnn
1548             \__debug_chk_var_scope_aux:NN
1549         }
1550         \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_chk_var_local:N ##1
1551         {
1552             \__debug_suspended:T \use_none:nnnnn
1553             \__kernel_chk_var_exist:N ##1

```

```

1554         \_debug_chk_var_scope_aux:NN l ##1
1555     }
1556     \cs_set_protected:Npn \_kernel_chk_var_global:N ##1
1557     {
1558         \_debug_suspended:T \use_none:nnnnn
1559         \_kernel_chk_var_exist:N ##1
1560         \_debug_chk_var_scope_aux:NN g ##1
1561     }
1562 }
1563 \exp_args:Nc \cs_set_protected:Npn { __debug_check-declarations_off: }
1564 {
1565     \cs_set_protected:Npn \_kernel_chk_var_exist:N ##1 { }
1566     \cs_set_protected:Npn \_kernel_chk_cs_exist:N ##1 { }
1567     \cs_set_protected:Npn \_kernel_chk_var_local:N ##1 { }
1568     \cs_set_protected:Npn \_kernel_chk_var_global:N ##1 { }
1569     \cs_set_protected:Npn \_kernel_chk_var_scope:NN ##1##2 { }
1570 }
1571 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_kernel_chk_cs_exist:c
1572 { \exp_args:Nc \_kernel_chk_cs_exist:N }
1573 \tex_ifodd:D \l@expl@check@declarations@bool
1574 \use:c { __debug_check-declarations_on: }
1575 \else:
1576 \use:c { __debug_check-declarations_off: }
1577 \fi:
1578 }
1579 { }

```

(End definition for `\_debug_check-declarations_on:` and others.)

```

\_debug_chk_var_scope_aux:NN
\_debug_chk_var_scope_aux:Nn
\_debug_chk_var_scope_aux:NNn

```

First check whether the name of the variable #2 starts with  $\langle letter \rangle$ \_. If it does then pass that letter, the  $\langle scope \rangle$ , and the variable name to `\_debug_chk_var_scope_aux:NNn`. That function compares the two letters and triggers an error if they differ (the `\scan_stop:` case is not reachable here). If the second character was not \_ then pass the same data to the same auxiliary, except for its first argument which is now a control sequence. That control sequence is actually a token list (but to avoid triggering the checking code we manipulate it using `\cs_set_nopar:Npn`) containing a single letter  $\langle scope \rangle$  according to what the first assignment to the given variable was.

```

1580 \_kernel_debug:TF
1581 {
1582     \cs_set_protected:Npn \_debug_chk_var_scope_aux:NN #1#2
1583     { \exp_args:NNf \_debug_chk_var_scope_aux:Nn #1 { \cs_to_str:N #2 } }
1584     \cs_set_protected:Npn \_debug_chk_var_scope_aux:Nn #1#2
1585     {
1586         \if:w _ \use_i:nn \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw #2 ? ? \q_stop
1587         \exp_after:wN \_debug_chk_var_scope_aux:NNn
1588         \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw #2 ? \q_stop
1589         #1 {#2}
1590     \else:
1591         \exp_args:Nc \_debug_chk_var_scope_aux:NNn
1592         { \_debug_chk_/ #2 }
1593         #1 {#2}
1594     \fi:
1595     }
1596     \cs_set_protected:Npn \_debug_chk_var_scope_aux:NNn #1#2#3

```



```

1633     {
1634         \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nmmm
1635         { kernel } { expr } {#4} {#1}
1636     }
1637     #1
1638 }
1639 }
1640 { }

```

(End definition for `\__debug_check-expressions_on:` and others.)

`\__debug_log-functions_on:` These two functions (corresponding to the expl3 option `log-functions`) control whether  
`\__debug_log-functions_off:` `\__kernel_debug_log:x` writes to the log file or not. Since `\iow_log:x` does not yet  
`\__kernel_debug_log:x` have its final definition we do not use `\cs_set_eq:NN` (not defined yet anyway). Once  
everything is defined, turn logging on or off depending on what option was given. When  
debugging is not enabled, simply produce an error.

```

1641 \__kernel_debug:TF
1642 {
1643     \exp_args:Nc \cs_set_protected:Npn { __debug_log-functions_on: }
1644     {
1645         \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_debug_log:x
1646         { \__debug_suspended:T \use_none:nm \iow_log:x }
1647     }
1648     \exp_args:Nc \cs_set_protected:Npn { __debug_log-functions_off: }
1649     { \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_debug_log:x { \use_none:n } }
1650     \tex_ifodd:D \l@expl@log@functions@bool
1651     \use:c { __debug_log-functions_on: }
1652     \else:
1653     \use:c { __debug_log-functions_off: }
1654     \fi:
1655 }
1656 { }

```

(End definition for `\__debug_log-functions_on:`, `\__debug_log-functions_off:`, and `\__kernel_debug_log:x`.)

`\__debug_deprecation_on:` Some commands were more recently deprecated and not yet removed; only make these  
`\__debug_deprecation_off:` into errors if the user requests it. This relies on two token lists, mostly filled up by calls  
`\__kernel_deprecation_code:nn` to `\__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn` in each module.

```

1657 \__kernel_debug:TF
1658 {
1659     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__debug_deprecation_on:
1660     { \g__debug_deprecation_on_tl }
1661     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__debug_deprecation_off:
1662     { \g__debug_deprecation_off_tl }
1663     \cs_set_nopar:Npn \g__debug_deprecation_on_tl { }
1664     \cs_set_nopar:Npn \g__debug_deprecation_off_tl { }
1665     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_deprecation_code:nn #1#2
1666     {
1667         \tl_gput_right:Nn \g__debug_deprecation_on_tl {#1}
1668         \tl_gput_right:Nn \g__debug_deprecation_off_tl {#2}
1669     }
1670 }
1671 {

```

```

1672   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_deprecation_code:nn #1#2 { }
1673 }

```

(End definition for `\__debug_deprecation_on:` and others.)

```

\__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn
\__debug_deprecation_aux:nnNnn

```

Grab a definition (at present, must be `\cs_new_protected:Npn`). Add to `\g__debug_deprecation_on_tl` some code that makes the defined macro `#3` outer (and defines it as an error). Add to `\g__debug_deprecation_off_tl` the definition itself. In both cases we undefine the token with `\tex_let:D` to avoid taking a potentially outer macro as the argument of some `expl3` function. Finally define the macro itself to produce a warning then redefine and call itself. The macro initially takes no parameters: together with the `x`-expanding assignment and `\exp_not:n` this gives a convenient way of storing the macro's definition in itself in order to only produce the warning once for each macro. If debugging is disabled, `\__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn` lets the definition happen.

```

1674 \__kernel_debug:TF
1675 {
1676   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn #1#2#3#4#5#
1677   {
1678     \if_meaning:w \cs_new_protected:Npn #3
1679     \else:
1680       \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { debug-unpatchable }
1681       { \token_to_str:N #3 ~(for~deprecation) }
1682     \fi:
1683     \__debug_deprecation_aux:nnNnn {#1} {#2} #4 {#5}
1684   }
1685   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__debug_deprecation_aux:nnNnn #1#2#3#4#5
1686   {
1687     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g__debug_deprecation_on_tl
1688     {
1689       \tex_let:D #3 \scan_stop:
1690       \__deprecation_error:Nnn #3 {#2} {#1}
1691     }
1692     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g__debug_deprecation_off_tl
1693     {
1694       \tex_let:D #3 \scan_stop:
1695       \cs_set_protected:Npn #3 #4 {#5}
1696     }
1697     \cs_new_protected:Npx #3
1698     {
1699       \exp_not:N \__kernel_msg_warning:nnxxx
1700       { kernel } { deprecated-command }
1701       {#1} { \token_to_str:N #3 } { \tl_to_str:n {#2} }
1702       \exp_not:n { \cs_gset_protected:Npn #3 #4 {#5} }
1703       \exp_not:N #3
1704     }
1705   }
1706 }
1707 { \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn #1#2 { } }

```

(End definition for `\__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn` and `\__debug_deprecation_aux:nnNnn`.)

```

\__kernel_patch:nnNNpn
\__kernel_patch_conditional:nnNpn
\__debug_patch_aux:nnnn
\__debug_patch_auxii:nnnn

```

When debugging is not enabled, `\__kernel_patch:nnNNpn` and `\__kernel_patch_conditional:nnNpn` throw the patch away. Otherwise they can be followed by `\cs_new:Npn` (or similar), and `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn` (or similar), respectively. In

each case, grab the name of the function to be defined and its parameters then insert tokens before and/or after the definition.

```

1708 \__kernel_debug:TF
1709 {
1710     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn #1#2#3#4#5#
1711         { \__debug_patch_aux:nnnn {#1} {#2} { #3 #4 #5 } }
1712     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_patch_conditional:nnNNpnn #1#2#3#4#
1713         { \__debug_patch_auxii:nnnn {#1} { #2 #3 #4 } }
1714     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__debug_patch_aux:nnnn #1#2#3#4
1715         { #3 { #1 #4 #2 } }
1716     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__debug_patch_auxii:nnnn #1#2#3#4
1717         { #2 {#3} { #1 #4 } }
1718 }
1719 {
1720     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn #1#2 { }
1721     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_patch_conditional:nnNNpnn #1 { }
1722 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_kernel\_patch:nnNNpn and others.)

See \\_\_kernel\_patch:nnNNpn. The first argument is something like {#1}{(#2)}. Define a temporary macro using the *parameters* and *code* of the definition that follows, then expand that temporary macro in front of the first argument to obtain new *code*. Then perform the definition as if that new *code* was directly typed in the file.

```

\__kernel_patch_args:nnNpn
\__kernel_patch_conditional_args:nnNNpnn
\__kernel_patch_args:nnnNNpn
\__kernel_patch_conditional_args:nnnNNpnn
\__debug_tmp:w
\__debug_patch_args_aux:nnnNNnn
\__debug_patch_args_aux:nnnNNnnn
\__debug_patch_args_aux:nnnn
1723 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_patch_args:nnNpn
1724     { \__kernel_patch_args:nnnNNpn { } { } }
1725 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_patch_conditional_args:nnNNpnn
1726     { \__kernel_patch_conditional_args:nnnNNpnn { } { } }
1727 \__kernel_debug:TF
1728 {
1729     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_patch_args:nnnNNpn #1#2#3#4#5#6#
1730         { \__debug_patch_args_aux:nnnNNnn {#1} {#2} {#3} #4 #5 {#6} }
1731     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_patch_conditional_args:nnnNNpnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#
1732         { \__debug_patch_args_aux:nnnNNnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} #4 #5 {#6} }
1733     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__debug_patch_args_aux:nnnNNnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
1734         {
1735             \cs_set:Npn \__debug_tmp:w #6 {#7}
1736             \exp_after:wN \__debug_patch_args_aux:nnnn \exp_after:wN
1737                 { \__debug_tmp:w #3 } { #4 #5 #6 } {#1} {#2}
1738         }
1739     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__debug_patch_args_aux:nnnNNnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
1740         {
1741             \cs_set:Npn \__debug_tmp:w #6 {#8}
1742             \exp_after:wN \__debug_patch_args_aux:nnnn \exp_after:wN
1743                 { \__debug_tmp:w #3 } { #4 #5 #6 {#7} } {#1} {#2}
1744         }
1745     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__debug_patch_args_aux:nnnn #1#2#3#4
1746         { #2 { #3 #1 #4 } }
1747 }
1748 {
1749     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_patch_args:nnnNNpn #1#2#3 { }
1750     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__kernel_patch_conditional_args:nnnNNpnn #1#2#3 { }
1751 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_kernel\_patch\_args:nnNpn and others.)

### 3.7 Conditional processing and definitions

1752 `<@@=prg>`

Underneath any predicate function (`_p`) or other conditional forms (`TF`, etc.) is a built-in logic saying that it after all of the testing and processing must return the *<state>* this leaves `TEX` 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 `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 `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 `\exp:w` expands fully any `\else:` and `\fi:` that are waiting to be discarded, before reaching the `\exp_end:` which leaves an empty expansion. 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.

```
1753 \cs_set:Npn \prg_return_true:
1754   { \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn \exp:w }
1755 \cs_set:Npn \prg_return_false:
1756   { \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn \exp:w }
```

An extended state space could be implemented by including a more elaborate function in place of `\use_i:nn/\use_ii:nn`. Provided two arguments are absorbed then the code would work.

*(End definition for `\prg_return_true:` and `\prg_return_false:`. These functions are documented on page 98.)*

`\prg_set_conditional:Npnn` The user functions for the types using parameter text from the programmer. The various functions only differ by which function is used for the assignment. For those `Npnn` type functions, we must grab the parameter text, reading everything up to a left brace before continuing. Then split the base function into name and signature, and feed `{<name>}` `{<signature>}` `<boolean>` `{<set or new>}` `{<maybe protected>}` `{<parameters>}` `{TF,...}` `{<code>}` to the auxiliary function responsible for defining all conditionals.

```
1757 \cs_set_protected:Npn \prg_set_conditional:Npnn
1758   { \__prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn { set } { } }
1759 \cs_set_protected:Npn \prg_new_conditional:Npnn
1760   { \__prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn { new } { } }
1761 \cs_set_protected:Npn \prg_set_protected_conditional:Npnn
1762   { \__prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn { set } { _protected } }
1763 \cs_set_protected:Npn \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn
1764   { \__prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn { new } { _protected } }
1765 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn #1#2#3#4#
```

```

1766 {
1767   \_cs_split_function:NN #3 \_prg_generate_conditional:nnNnnnnn
1768   {#1} {#2} {#4}
1769 }

```

(End definition for \prg\_set\_conditional:Npnn and others. These functions are documented on page 96.)

`\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  $\langle name \rangle$   $\langle signature \rangle$   $\langle boolean \rangle$   $\langle set\ or\ new \rangle$   $\langle maybe\ protected \rangle$   $\langle parameters \rangle$   $\{TF, \dots\}$   $\langle code \rangle$  to the auxiliary function responsible for defining all conditionals. If the  $\langle signature \rangle$  has more than 9 letters, the definition is aborted since T<sub>E</sub>X macros have at most 9 arguments. The erroneous case where the function name contains no colon is captured later.

```

1770 \cs_set_protected:Npn \prg_set_conditional:Nnn
1771 { \_prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn { set } { } }
1772 \cs_set_protected:Npn \prg_new_conditional:Nnn
1773 { \_prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn { new } { } }
1774 \cs_set_protected:Npn \prg_set_protected_conditional:Nnn
1775 { \_prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn { set } { _protected } }
1776 \cs_set_protected:Npn \prg_new_protected_conditional:Nnn
1777 { \_prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn { new } { _protected } }
1778 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn #1#2#3
1779 {
1780   \_cs_split_function:NN #3 \_prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnnnn
1781   {#1} {#2}
1782 }
1783 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
1784 {
1785   \_cs_parm_from_arg_count:nnF
1786   { \_prg_generate_conditional:nnNnnnn {#1} {#2} #3 {#4} {#5} }
1787   { \tl_count:n {#2} }
1788   {
1789     \_kernel_msg_error:nxxx { kernel } { bad-number-of-arguments }
1790     { \token_to_str:c { #1 : #2 } }
1791     { \tl_count:n {#2} }
1792     \use_none:nn
1793   }
1794 }

```

(End definition for \prg\_set\_conditional:Nnn and others. These functions are documented on page 96.)

`\_prg_generate_conditional:nnNnnnn`  
`\_prg_generate_conditional:nnnnnnw`

The workhorse here is going through a list of desired forms, *i.e.*, p, TF, T and F. The first three arguments come from splitting up the base form of the conditional, which gives the name, signature and a boolean to signal whether or not there was a colon in the name. In the absence of a colon, we throw an error and don't define any conditional. The fourth and fifth arguments build up the defining function. The sixth is the parameters to use (possibly empty), the seventh is the list of forms to define, the eighth is the replacement text which we will augment when defining the forms. The use of `\tl_to_str:n` makes the later loop more robust.

```

1795 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_conditional:nnNnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
1796 {
1797   \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #3
1798   \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { missing-colon }
1799   { \token_to_str:c {#1} }
1800   \exp_after:wN \use_none:nn
1801   \fi:
1802   \use:x
1803   {
1804     \exp_not:N \__prg_generate_conditional:nnnnnw
1805     \exp_not:n { {#4} {#5} {#1} {#2} {#6} {#8} }
1806     \tl_to_str:n {#7}
1807     \exp_not:n { , \q_recursion_tail , \q_recursion_stop }
1808   }
1809 }

```

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:nnnnnw` cleans up. Otherwise, the error message is removed by the variant form.

```

1810 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_conditional:nnnnnw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7 ,
1811 {
1812   \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #7
1813   \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
1814   \fi:
1815   \use:c { __prg_generate_ #7 _form:wnnnnnw }
1816   \tl_if_empty:nF {#7}
1817   {
1818     \__kernel_msg_error:nxxx
1819     { kernel } { conditional-form-unknown }
1820     {#7} { \token_to_str:c { #3 : #4 } }
1821   }
1822   \use_none:nnnnnw
1823   \q_stop
1824   {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
1825   \__prg_generate_conditional:nnnnnw {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
1826 }

```

(End definition for `\__prg_generate_conditional:nnNnnnnn` and `\__prg_generate_conditional:nnnnnw`.)

```

\__prg_generate_p_form:wnnnnnw
\__prg_generate_TF_form:wnnnnnw
\__prg_generate_T_form:wnnnnnw
\__prg_generate_F_form:wnnnnnw

```

How to generate the various forms. Those functions take the following arguments: 1: **set** or **new**, 2: empty or `_protected`, 3: function name 4: signature, 5: parameter text (or empty), 6: replacement. Remember that the logic-returning functions expect two arguments to be present after `\exp_end::`: notice the construction of the different variants relies on this, and that the TF and F variants 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.

```

1827 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_p_form:wnnnnnw
1828   #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6#7
1829 {
1830   \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #3 \scan_stop:
1831   \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
1832   \else:

```

```

1833     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
1834 \fi:
1835 {
1836   \exp_args:cc { cs_ #2 #3 :Npn } { #4 _p: #5 } #6
1837   { #7 \exp_end: \c_true_bool \c_false_bool }
1838 }
1839 {
1840   \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { protected-predicate }
1841   { \token_to_str:c { #4 _p: #5 } }
1842 }
1843 }
1844 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_T_form:wnnnnnn
1845 #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6#7
1846 {
1847   \exp_args:cc { cs_ #2 #3 :Npn } { #4 : #5 T } #6
1848   { #7 \exp_end: \use:n \use_none:n }
1849 }
1850 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_F_form:wnnnnnn
1851 #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6#7
1852 {
1853   \exp_args:cc { cs_ #2 #3 :Npn } { #4 : #5 F } #6
1854   { #7 \exp_end: { } }
1855 }
1856 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_TF_form:wnnnnnn
1857 #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6#7
1858 {
1859   \exp_args:cc { cs_ #2 #3 :Npn } { #4 : #5 TF } #6
1860   { #7 \exp_end: }
1861 }

```

(End definition for `\__prg_generate_p_form:wnnnnnn` and others.)

`\prg_set_eq_conditional:NNn` The setting-equal functions. Split both functions and feed  $\{\langle name_1 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle signature_1 \rangle\}$   
`\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn`  $\langle boolean_1 \rangle$   $\{\langle name_2 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle signature_2 \rangle\}$   $\langle boolean_2 \rangle$   $\langle copying\ function \rangle$   $\langle conditions \rangle$ , `\q_-`  
`\__prg_set_eq_conditional:NNNn` recursion\_tail , `\q_recursion_stop` to a first auxiliary.

```

1862 \cs_set_protected:Npn \prg_set_eq_conditional:NNn
1863 { \__prg_set_eq_conditional:NNNn \cs_set_eq:cc }
1864 \cs_set_protected:Npn \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn
1865 { \__prg_set_eq_conditional:NNNn \cs_new_eq:cc }
1866 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional:NNNn #1#2#3#4
1867 {
1868   \use:x
1869   {
1870     \exp_not:N \__prg_set_eq_conditional:nnNnnNw
1871     \__cs_split_function:NN #2 \prg_do_nothing:
1872     \__cs_split_function:NN #3 \prg_do_nothing:
1873     \exp_not:N #1
1874     \tl_to_str:n {#4}
1875     \exp_not:n { , \q_recursion_tail , \q_recursion_stop }
1876   }
1877 }

```

(End definition for `\prg_set_eq_conditional:NNn`, `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn`, and `\__prg_set_eq_conditional:NNNn`. These functions are documented on page 97.)

```

\__prg_set_eq_conditional:nnNnnNWw Split the function to be defined, and setup a manual clist loop over argument #6 of the
\__prg_set_eq_conditional_loop:nnnnNWw 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.

1878 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional:nnNnnNWw #1#2#3#4#5#6
1879 {
1880   \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #3
1881     \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { missing-colon }
1882     { \token_to_str:c {#1} }
1883     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
1884   \fi:
1885   \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #6
1886     \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { missing-colon }
1887     { \token_to_str:c {#4} }
1888     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
1889   \fi:
1890   \__prg_set_eq_conditional_loop:nnnnNWw {#1} {#2} {#4} {#5}
1891 }
1892 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional_loop:nnnnNWw #1#2#3#4#5#6 ,
1893 {
1894   \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #6
1895     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
1896   \fi:
1897   \use:c { __prg_set_eq_conditional_ #6 _form:wNnnnn }
1898   \tl_if_empty:nF {#6}
1899   {
1900     \__kernel_msg_error:nxxx
1901     { kernel } { conditional-form-unknown }
1902     {#6} { \token_to_str:c { #1 : #2 } }
1903   }
1904   \use_none:nnnnnn
1905   \q_stop
1906   #5 {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4}
1907   \__prg_set_eq_conditional_loop:nnnnNWw {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} #5
1908 }
1909 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn
1910 { \__kernel_chk_cs_exist:c { #5 _p : #6 } } { }
1911 \cs_set:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional_p_form:wNnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6
1912 { #2 { #3 _p : #4 } { #5 _p : #6 } }
1913 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn
1914 { \__kernel_chk_cs_exist:c { #5 : #6 TF } } { }
1915 \cs_set:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional_TF_form:wNnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6
1916 { #2 { #3 : #4 TF } { #5 : #6 TF } }
1917 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn
1918 { \__kernel_chk_cs_exist:c { #5 : #6 T } } { }
1919 \cs_set:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional_T_form:wNnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6
1920 { #2 { #3 : #4 T } { #5 : #6 T } }
1921 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn
1922 { \__kernel_chk_cs_exist:c { #5 : #6 F } } { }
1923 \cs_set:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional_F_form:wNnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6

```

```
1924 { #2 { #3 : #4 F } { #5 : #6 F } }
```

(End definition for `\_prg_set_eq_conditional:nnNnnNw` and others.)

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 1925 \tex_chardef:D \c_true_bool = 1 ~
1926 \tex_chardef:D \c_false_bool = 0 ~
```

(End definition for `\c_true_bool` and `\c_false_bool`. These variables are documented on page 20.)

### 3.8 Dissecting a control sequence

```
1927 <@@=cs>
```

```
\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 T<sub>E</sub>X reads `\__cs_to_str:N` after turning the following control sequence into a string; this auxiliary removes the escape character, and stops the expansion of the initial `\tex_romannumeral:D`. The second case is that the escape character is not printable. Then the `\if:w` test is unfinished after reading a the space from `\token_to_str:N\_\_`, and the auxiliary `\__cs_to_str:w` is expanded, feeding - as a second character for the test; the test is false, and T<sub>E</sub>X skips to `\fi:`, then performs `\token_to_str:N`, and stops the `\tex_romannumeral:D` with `\c_zero`. The last case is that the escape character is itself a space. In this case, the `\if:w` test is true, and the auxiliary `\__cs_to_str:w` comes into play, inserting `-\__int_value:w`, which expands `\c_zero` to the character 0. The initial `\tex_romannumeral:D` then sees 0, which is not a terminated number, followed by the escape character, a space, which is removed, terminating the expansion of `\tex_romannumeral:D`. In all three cases, `\cs_to_str:N` takes two expansion steps to be fully expanded.

```
1928 \cs_set:Npn \cs_to_str:N
1929 {
```

We implement the expansion scheme using `\tex_romannumeral:D` terminating it with `\c_zero` rather than using `\exp:w` and `\exp_end:` as we normally do. The reason is that the code heavily depends on terminating the expansion with `\c_zero` so we make this dependency explicit.

```

1930   \tex_romannumeral:D
1931     \if:w \token_to_str:N \__cs_to_str:w \fi:
1932     \exp_after:wN \__cs_to_str:N \token_to_str:N
1933   }
1934   \cs_set:Npn \__cs_to_str:N #1 { \c_zero }
1935   \cs_set:Npn \__cs_to_str:w #1 \__cs_to_str:N
1936     { - \__int_value:w \fi: \exp_after:wN \c_zero }

```

If speed is a concern we could use `\csstring` in Lua<sub>TEX</sub>. For the empty csname that primitive gives an empty result while the current `\cs_to_str:N` gives incorrect results in all engines (this is impossible to fix without huge performance hit).

*(End definition for `\cs_to_str:N`, `\__cs_to_str:N`, and `\__cs_to_str:w`. This function is documented on page 17.)*

```

__cs_split_function:NN
__cs_split_function_auxi:w
__cs_split_function_auxii:w

```

This function takes a function name and splits it into name with the escape char removed and argument specification. In addition to this, a third argument, a boolean *<true>* or *<false>* is returned with *<true>* for when there is a colon in the function and *<false>* if there is not. Lastly, the second argument of `\__cs_split_function:NN` is supposed to be a function taking three variables, one for name, one for signature, and one for the boolean. For example, `\@@_split_function:NN \foo_bar:cnx \use_i:nnn` as input becomes `\use_i:nnn {foo_bar} {cnx} \c_true_bool`.

We cannot use `:` directly as it has the wrong category code so an x-type expansion is used to force the conversion.

First ensure that we actually get a properly evaluated string by expanding `\cs_to_str:N` twice. If the function contained a colon, the auxiliary takes as `#1` the function name, delimited by the first colon, then the signature `#2`, delimited by `\q_mark`, then `\c_true_bool` as `#3`, and `#4` cleans up until `\q_stop`. Otherwise, the `#1` contains the function name and `\q_mark \c_true_bool`, `#2` is empty, `#3` is `\c_false_bool`, and `#4` cleans up. In both cases, `#5` is the *<processor>*. The second auxiliary trims the trailing `\q_mark` from the function name if present (that is, if the original function had no colon).

```

1937   \cs_set:Npx \__cs_split_function:NN #1
1938     {
1939       \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN
1940       \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \__cs_split_function_auxi:w
1941       \exp_not:N \cs_to_str:N #1 \exp_not:N \q_mark \c_true_bool
1942       \token_to_str:N : \exp_not:N \q_mark \c_false_bool
1943       \exp_not:N \q_stop
1944     }
1945   \use:x
1946     {
1947       \cs_set:Npn \exp_not:N \__cs_split_function_auxi:w
1948         ##1 \token_to_str:N : ##2 \exp_not:N \q_mark ##3##4 \exp_not:N \q_stop ##5
1949     }
1950   { \__cs_split_function_auxii:w #5 #1 \q_mark \q_stop {#2} #3 }
1951   \cs_set:Npn \__cs_split_function_auxii:w #1#2 \q_mark #3 \q_stop
1952     { #1 {#2} }

```

*(End definition for `\__cs_split_function:NN`, `\__cs_split_function_auxi:w`, and `\__cs_split_function_auxii:w`.)*

`\_cs_get_function_name:N` Simple wrappers.

```
\_cs_get_function_signature:N
1953 \cs_set:Npn \_cs_get_function_name:N #1
1954   { \_cs_split_function:NN #1 \use_i:nnn }
1955 \cs_set:Npn \_cs_get_function_signature:N #1
1956   { \_cs_split_function:NN #1 \use_ii:nnn }
```

(End definition for `\_cs_get_function_name:N` and `\_cs_get_function_signature:N`.)

### 3.9 Exist or free

A control sequence is said to *exist* (to be used) if has an entry in the hash table and its meaning is different from the primitive `\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:NTF` or `\fi:` as `TEX` will only ever skip input in case the token tested against is `\scan_stop:`.  
`\cs_if_exist:cTF`

```
1957 \prg_set_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_exist:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
1958   {
1959     \if_meaning:w #1 \scan_stop:
1960     \prg_return_false:
1961     \else:
1962     \if_cs_exist:N #1
1963     \prg_return_true:
1964     \else:
1965     \prg_return_false:
1966     \fi:
1967     \fi:
1968   }
```

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.

```
1969 \prg_set_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_exist:c #1 { p , T , F , TF }
1970   {
1971     \if_cs_exist:w #1 \cs_end:
1972     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
1973     \else:
1974     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
1975     \fi:
1976     {
1977     \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \cs:w #1 \cs_end: \scan_stop:
1978     \prg_return_false:
1979     \else:
1980     \prg_return_true:
1981     \fi:
1982     }
1983     \prg_return_false:
1984   }
```

(End definition for `\cs_if_exist:NTF`. This function is documented on page 20.)

```

\cs_if_free_p:N The logical reversal of the above.
\cs_if_free_p:c 1985 \prg_set_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_free:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
\cs_if_free:NTF 1986 {
\cs_if_free:cTF 1987   \if_meaning:w #1 \scan_stop:
1988     \prg_return_true:
1989   \else:
1990     \if_cs_exist:N #1
1991     \prg_return_false:
1992   \else:
1993     \prg_return_true:
1994   \fi:
1995 \fi:
1996 }
1997 \prg_set_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_free:c #1 { p , T , F , TF }
1998 {
1999   \if_cs_exist:w #1 \cs_end:
2000   \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
2001   \else:
2002     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
2003   \fi:
2004   {
2005     \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \cs:w #1 \cs_end: \scan_stop:
2006     \prg_return_true:
2007   \else:
2008     \prg_return_false:
2009   \fi:
2010   }
2011   { \prg_return_true: }
2012 }

```

(End definition for `\cs_if_free:NTF`. This function is documented on page 20.)

`\cs_if_exist_use:N` The `\cs_if_exist_use:...` functions cannot be implemented as conditionals because the true branch must leave both the control sequence itself and the true code in the input stream. For the `c` variants, we are careful not to put the control sequence in the hash table if it does not exist. In LuaTeX we could use the `\lastnamedcs` primitive.

```

2013 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:NTF #1#2
2014 { \cs_if_exist:NTF #1 { #1 #2 } }
2015 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:NF #1
2016 { \cs_if_exist:NTF #1 { #1 } }
2017 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:NT #1 #2
2018 { \cs_if_exist:NTF #1 { #1 #2 } { } }
2019 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:N #1
2020 { \cs_if_exist:NTF #1 { #1 } { } }
2021 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:cTF #1#2
2022 { \cs_if_exist:cTF {#1} { \use:c {#1} #2 } }
2023 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:cF #1
2024 { \cs_if_exist:cTF {#1} { \use:c {#1} } }
2025 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:cT #1#2
2026 { \cs_if_exist:cTF {#1} { \use:c {#1} #2 } { } }
2027 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:c #1
2028 { \cs_if_exist:cTF {#1} { \use:c {#1} } { } }

```

(End definition for `\cs_if_exist_use:NTF`. This function is documented on page 16.)

### 3.10 Preliminaries for 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 next few definitions here are only temporary, they will be redefined later on.

`\_kernel_msg_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 usable if terse error message and halt. This can only happen if a coding error is made by the team, so this is a reasonable response. Setting the `\newlinechar` is needed, to turn `^^J` into a proper line break in plain T<sub>E</sub>X.

```

2029 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_kernel_msg_error:nxxx #1#2#3#4
2030 {
2031   \tex_newlinechar:D = '\^^J \tex_relax:D
2032   \tex_errmessage:D
2033   {
2034     !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!~! ^^J
2035     Argh,~internal~LaTeX3~error! ^^J ^^J
2036     Module ~ #1 , ~ message-name-"#2": ^^J
2037     Arguments~'#3'~and~'#4' ^^J ^^J
2038     This-is-one-for-The-LaTeX3-Project:~bailing-out
2039   }
2040   \tex_end:D
2041 }
2042 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_kernel_msg_error:nxx #1#2#3
2043 { \_kernel_msg_error:nxxx {#1} {#2} {#3} { } }
2044 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_kernel_msg_error:nn #1#2
2045 { \_kernel_msg_error:nxxx {#1} {#2} { } { } }

```

(End definition for `\_kernel_msg_error:nxxx`, `\_kernel_msg_error:nxx`, and `\_kernel_msg_error:nn`.)

`\msg_line_context:` Another one from l3msg which will be altered later.

```

2046 \cs_set:Npn \msg_line_context:
2047 { on~line~ \tex_the:D \tex_inputlineno:D }

```

(End definition for `\msg_line_context:`. This function is documented on page 137.)

`\iow_log:x` We define a routine to write only to the log file. And a similar one for writing to both the log file and the terminal. These will be redefined later by l3io.

```

2048 \cs_set_protected:Npn \iow_log:x
2049 { \tex_immediate:D \tex_write:D -1 }
2050 \cs_set_protected:Npn \iow_term:x
2051 { \tex_immediate:D \tex_write:D 16 }

```

(End definition for `\iow_log:n`. This function is documented on page 150.)

`\_chk_if_free_cs:N` This command is called by `\cs_new_nopar:Npn` and `\cs_new_eq:NN` etc. to make sure that the argument sequence is not already in use. If it is, an error is signalled. It checks if  $\langle csname \rangle$  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!

```

2052 \__kernel_patch:nnNnpn { }
2053 { \__kernel_debug_log:x { Defining-\token_to_str:N #1~ \msg_line_context: } }
2054 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
2055 {
2056   \cs_if_free:NF #1
2057   {
2058     \__kernel_msg_error:nxxx { kernel } { command-already-defined }
2059     { \token_to_str:N #1 } { \token_to_meaning:N #1 }
2060   }
2061 }
2062 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__chk_if_free_cs:c
2063 { \exp_args:Nc \__chk_if_free_cs:N }

```

(End definition for \\_\_chk\_if\_free\_cs:N.)

### 3.11 Defining new functions

```

2064 <@@=cs>

```

\cs\_new\_nopar:Npn Function which check that the control sequence is free before defining it.

\cs\_new\_nopar:Npx

\cs\_new:Npn

\cs\_new:Npx

\cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Npn

\cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Npx

\cs\_new\_protected:Npn

\cs\_new\_protected:Npx

\\_\_cs\_tmp:w

```

2065 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_tmp:w #1#2
2066 {
2067   \cs_set_protected:Npn #1 ##1
2068   {
2069     \__chk_if_free_cs:N ##1
2070     #2 ##1
2071   }
2072 }
2073 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_nopar:Npn
2074 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_nopar:Npx \cs_gset_nopar:Npx
2075 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new:Npn \cs_gset:Npn
2076 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new:Npx \cs_gset:Npx
2077 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn
2078 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npx
2079 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_gset_protected:Npn
2080 \__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 11.)

\cs\_set\_nopar:cpn

\cs\_set\_nopar:cpx

\cs\_gset\_nopar:cpn

\cs\_gset\_nopar:cpx

\cs\_new\_nopar:cpn

\cs\_new\_nopar:cpx

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<string><rep-text> turns <string> into a csname and then assigns <rep-text> to it by using \cs\_set\_nopar:Npn. This means that there might be a parameter string between the two arguments.

```

2081 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_tmp:w #1#2
2082 { \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn #1 { \exp_args:Nc #2 } }
2083 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_nopar:cpn \cs_set_nopar:Npn
2084 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_nopar:cpx \cs_set_nopar:Npx
2085 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_nopar:cpn \cs_gset_nopar:Npn
2086 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_nopar:cpx \cs_gset_nopar:Npx
2087 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_nopar:cpn \cs_new_nopar:Npn
2088 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_nopar:cpx \cs_new_nopar:Npx

```

(End definition for `\cs_set_nopar:Npn`. This function is documented on page 11.)

<code>\cs_set:cpn</code>	Variants of the <code>\cs_set:Npn</code> versions which make a csname out of the first arguments.
<code>\cs_set:cpx</code>	We may also do this globally.
<code>\cs_gset:cpn</code>	2089 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_set:cpn \cs_set:Npn</code>
<code>\cs_gset:cpx</code>	2090 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_set:cpx \cs_set:Npx</code>
<code>\cs_new:cpn</code>	2091 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset:cpn \cs_gset:Npn</code>
<code>\cs_new:cpx</code>	2092 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset:cpx \cs_gset:Npx</code>
	2093 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_new:cpn \cs_new:Npn</code>
	2094 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_new:cpx \cs_new:Npx</code>

(End definition for `\cs_set:Npn`. This function is documented on page 11.)

<code>\cs_set_protected_nopar:cpn</code>	Variants of the <code>\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn</code> versions which make a csname out of the first arguments. We may also do this globally.
<code>\cs_set_protected_nopar:cpx</code>	
<code>\cs_gset_protected_nopar:cpn</code>	2095 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_protected_nopar:cpn \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn</code>
<code>\cs_gset_protected_nopar:cpx</code>	2096 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_protected_nopar:cpx \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx</code>
<code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn</code>	2097 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_protected_nopar:cpn \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn</code>
<code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:cpx</code>	2098 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_protected_nopar:cpx \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npx</code>
	2099 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn</code>
	2100 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpx \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx</code>

(End definition for `\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn`. This function is documented on page 12.)

<code>\cs_set_protected:cpn</code>	Variants of the <code>\cs_set_protected:Npn</code> versions which make a csname out of the first arguments. We may also do this globally.
<code>\cs_set_protected:cpx</code>	
<code>\cs_gset_protected:cpn</code>	2101 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_protected:cpn \cs_set_protected:Npn</code>
<code>\cs_gset_protected:cpx</code>	2102 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_protected:cpx \cs_set_protected:Npx</code>
<code>\cs_new_protected:cpn</code>	2103 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_protected:cpn \cs_gset_protected:Npn</code>
<code>\cs_new_protected:cpx</code>	2104 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_protected:cpx \cs_gset_protected:Npx</code>
	2105 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected:cpn \cs_new_protected:Npn</code>
	2106 <code>\__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected:cpx \cs_new_protected:Npx</code>

(End definition for `\cs_set_protected:Npn`. This function is documented on page 11.)

### 3.12 Copying definitions

<code>\cs_set_eq:NN</code>	These macros allow us to copy the definition of a control sequence to another control sequence.
<code>\cs_set_eq:cN</code>	
<code>\cs_set_eq:Nc</code>	The = sign allows us to define funny char tokens like = itself or <code>_</code> with this function.
<code>\cs_set_eq:cc</code>	For the definition of <code>\c_space_char{~}</code> to work we need the <code>~</code> after the =.
<code>\cs_gset_eq:NN</code>	<code>\cs_set_eq:NN</code> is long to avoid problems with a literal argument of <code>\par</code> . While
<code>\cs_gset_eq:cN</code>	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN</code> will probably never be correct with a first argument of <code>\par</code> , define it
<code>\cs_gset_eq:Nc</code>	long in order to throw an “already defined” error rather than “runaway argument”.
<code>\cs_gset_eq:cc</code>	2107 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_set_eq:NN #1 { \tex_let:D #1 =~ }</code>
<code>\cs_new_eq:NN</code>	2108 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_set_eq:cN { \exp_args:Nc \cs_set_eq:NN }</code>
<code>\cs_new_eq:cN</code>	2109 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_set_eq:Nc { \exp_args:NNc \cs_set_eq:NN }</code>
<code>\cs_new_eq:Nc</code>	2110 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_set_eq:cc { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_set_eq:NN }</code>
<code>\cs_new_eq:cc</code>	2111 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_gset_eq:NN { \tex_global:D \cs_set_eq:NN }</code>
	2112 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_gset_eq:Nc { \exp_args:NNc \cs_gset_eq:NN }</code>
	2113 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_gset_eq:cN { \exp_args:Nc \cs_gset_eq:NN }</code>
	2114 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_gset_eq:cc { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_gset_eq:NN }</code>
	2115 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_new_eq:NN #1</code>

```

2116 {
2117   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
2118   \tex_global:D \cs_set_eq:NN #1
2119 }
2120 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_new_eq:cN { \exp_args:Nc \cs_new_eq:NN }
2121 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_new_eq:Nc { \exp_args:NNc \cs_new_eq:NN }
2122 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_new_eq:cc { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_new_eq:NN }

```

(End definition for `\cs_set_eq:NN`, `\cs_gset_eq:NN`, and `\cs_new_eq:NN`. These functions are documented on page 15.)

### 3.13 undefining functions

`\cs_undefine:N` The following function is used to free the main memory from the definition of some 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.

`\cs_undefine:c`

```

2123 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_undefine:N #1
2124 { \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \tex_undefined:D }
2125 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_undefine:c #1
2126 {
2127   \if_cs_exist:w #1 \cs_end:
2128   \exp_after:wN \use:n
2129   \else:
2130   \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
2131   \fi:
2132   { \cs_gset_eq:cN {#1} \tex_undefined:D }
2133 }

```

(End definition for `\cs_undefine:N`. This function is documented on page 15.)

### 3.14 Generating parameter text from argument count

```

2134 (@@=cs)

```

`\__cs_parm_from_arg_count:nnF`  
`\__cs_parm_from_arg_count_test:nnF`

$\LaTeX$ 3 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.

```

2135 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__cs_parm_from_arg_count:nnF #1#2
2136 {
2137   \exp_args:Nx \__cs_parm_from_arg_count_test:nnF
2138   {
2139     \exp_after:wN \exp_not:n
2140     \if_case:w \__int_eval:n {#2}
2141     { }
2142     \or: { ##1 }
2143     \or: { ##1##2 }
2144     \or: { ##1##2##3 }
2145     \or: { ##1##2##3##4 }

```

```

2146     \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5 }
2147     \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5##6 }
2148     \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5##6##7 }
2149     \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5##6##7##8 }
2150     \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5##6##7##8##9 }
2151     \else: { \c_false_bool }
2152     \fi:
2153   }
2154   {#1}
2155 }
2156 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__cs_parm_from_arg_count_test:nnF #1#2
2157 {
2158   \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #1
2159     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
2160   \else:
2161     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
2162   \fi:
2163   { #2 {#1} }
2164 }

```

(End definition for `\__cs_parm_from_arg_count:nnF` and `\__cs_parm_from_arg_count_test:nnF`.)

### 3.15 Defining functions from a given number of arguments

```

2165 <@@=cs>

```

`\__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.

```

2166 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_count_signature:N #1
2167 { \int_eval:n { \__cs_split_function:NN #1 \__cs_count_signature:nnN } }
2168 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_count_signature:nnN #1#2#3
2169 {
2170   \if_meaning:w \c_true_bool #3
2171     \tl_count:n {#2}
2172   \else:
2173     -1
2174   \fi:
2175 }
2176 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_count_signature:c
2177 { \exp_args:Nc \__cs_count_signature:N }

```

(End definition for `\__cs_count_signature:N` and `\__cs_count_signature:nnN`.)

`\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  $\TeX$  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

```

2178 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn #1#2#3#4
2179 {

```

```

2180     \_cs_parm_from_arg_count:nnF { \use:nnn #2 #1 } {#3}
2181     {
2182         \_kernel_msg_error:nxxx { kernel } { bad-number-of-arguments }
2183         { \token_to_str:N #1 } { \int_eval:n {#3} }
2184         \use_none:n
2185     }
2186     {#4}
2187 }

```

A variant form we need right away, plus one which is used elsewhere but which is most logically created here.

```

2188 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_generate_from_arg_count:cNnn
2189 { \exp_args:Nc \cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn }
2190 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_generate_from_arg_count:Ncnn
2191 { \exp_args:NNc \cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn }

```

(End definition for `\cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn`. This function is documented on page 14.)

### 3.16 Using the signature to define functions

```

2192 <@@=cs>

```

We can now combine some of the tools we have to provide a simple interface for defining functions, where the number of arguments is read from the signature. For instance, `\cs_set:Nn \foo_bar:nn {#1,#2}`.

We want to define `\cs_set:Nn` as

```

\cs_set:Nn
\cs_set:Nx
\cs_set_nopar:Nn
\cs_set_nopar:Nx
\cs_set_protected:Nn
\cs_set_protected:Nx
\cs_set_protected_nopar:Nn
\cs_set_protected_nopar:Nx
\cs_set_protected:Nn #1#2
{
  \cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn #1 \cs_set:Npn
  { \_cs_count_signature:N #1 } {#2}
}

```

In short, to define `\cs_set:Nn` we need just use `\cs_set:Npn`, everything else is the same for each variant. Therefore, we can make it simpler by temporarily defining a function to do this for us.

```

\cs_set:Nn
\cs_set:Nx
\cs_set_nopar:Nn
\cs_set_nopar:Nx
\cs_set_protected:Nn
\cs_set_protected:Nx
\cs_set_protected_nopar:Nn
\cs_set_protected_nopar:Nx
\cs_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
2193 \cs_set:Npn \_cs_tmp:w #1#2#3
2194 {
2195     \cs_new_protected:cpx { cs_ #1 : #2 }
2196     {
2197         \exp_not:N \_cs_generate_from_signature:NNn
2198         \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \cs:w cs_ #1 : #3 \cs_end:
2199     }
2200 }
2201 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_cs_generate_from_signature:NNn #1#2
2202 {
2203     \_cs_split_function:NN #2 \_cs_generate_from_signature:nnNNNn
2204     #1 #2
2205 }
2206 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_cs_generate_from_signature:nnNNNn #1#2#3#4#5#6
2207 {
2208     \bool_if:NTF #3
2209     {
2210         \str_if_eq_x:nnF { }

```

```

2211         { \tl_map_function:nN {#2} \__cs_generate_from_signature:n }
2212         {
2213             \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { non-base-function }
2214             { \token_to_str:N #5 }
2215         }
2216         \cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn
2217         #5 #4 { \tl_count:n {#2} } {#6}
2218     }
2219     {
2220         \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { missing-colon }
2221         { \token_to_str:N #5 }
2222     }
2223 }
2224 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_from_signature:n #1
2225 {
2226     \if:w n #1 \else: \if:w N #1 \else:
2227     \if:w T #1 \else: \if:w F #1 \else: #1 \fi: \fi: \fi: \fi:
2228 }

```

Then we define the 24 variants beginning with N.

```

2229 \__cs_tmp:w { set } { Nn } { Npn }
2230 \__cs_tmp:w { set } { Nx } { Npx }
2231 \__cs_tmp:w { set_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
2232 \__cs_tmp:w { set_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
2233 \__cs_tmp:w { set_protected } { Nn } { Npn }
2234 \__cs_tmp:w { set_protected } { Nx } { Npx }
2235 \__cs_tmp:w { set_protected_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
2236 \__cs_tmp:w { set_protected_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
2237 \__cs_tmp:w { gset } { Nn } { Npn }
2238 \__cs_tmp:w { gset } { Nx } { Npx }
2239 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
2240 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
2241 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_protected } { Nn } { Npn }
2242 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_protected } { Nx } { Npx }
2243 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_protected_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
2244 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_protected_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
2245 \__cs_tmp:w { new } { Nn } { Npn }
2246 \__cs_tmp:w { new } { Nx } { Npx }
2247 \__cs_tmp:w { new_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
2248 \__cs_tmp:w { new_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
2249 \__cs_tmp:w { new_protected } { Nn } { Npn }
2250 \__cs_tmp:w { new_protected } { Nx } { Npx }
2251 \__cs_tmp:w { new_protected_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
2252 \__cs_tmp:w { new_protected_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }

```

(End definition for \cs\_set:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page 13.)

\cs\_set:cn The 24 c variants simply use \exp\_args:Nc.

```

\cs_set:cx 2253 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_tmp:w #1#2
\cs_set_nopar:cn 2254 {
\cs_set_nopar:cx 2255     \cs_new_protected:cpx { cs_ #1 : c #2 }
\cs_set_protected:cn 2256     {
\cs_set_protected:cx 2257         \exp_not:N \exp_args:Nc
\cs_set_protected_nopar:cn 2258         \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \cs:w cs_ #1 : N #2 \cs_end:
\cs_set_protected_nopar:cx 2259     }

```

```

\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

```

```

2260 }
2261 \__cs_tmp:w { set } { n }
2262 \__cs_tmp:w { set } { x }
2263 \__cs_tmp:w { set_nopar } { n }
2264 \__cs_tmp:w { set_nopar } { x }
2265 \__cs_tmp:w { set_protected } { n }
2266 \__cs_tmp:w { set_protected } { x }
2267 \__cs_tmp:w { set_protected_nopar } { n }
2268 \__cs_tmp:w { set_protected_nopar } { x }
2269 \__cs_tmp:w { gset } { n }
2270 \__cs_tmp:w { gset } { x }
2271 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_nopar } { n }
2272 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_nopar } { x }
2273 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_protected } { n }
2274 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_protected } { x }
2275 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_protected_nopar } { n }
2276 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_protected_nopar } { x }
2277 \__cs_tmp:w { new } { n }
2278 \__cs_tmp:w { new } { x }
2279 \__cs_tmp:w { new_nopar } { n }
2280 \__cs_tmp:w { new_nopar } { x }
2281 \__cs_tmp:w { new_protected } { n }
2282 \__cs_tmp:w { new_protected } { x }
2283 \__cs_tmp:w { new_protected_nopar } { n }
2284 \__cs_tmp:w { new_protected_nopar } { x }

```

(End definition for `\cs_set:Nn`. This function is documented on page 13.)

### 3.17 Checking control sequence equality

`\cs_if_eq_p:NN` Check if two control sequences are identical.

```

\cs_if_eq_p:cN 2285 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_eq:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
\cs_if_eq_p:Nc 2286 {
\cs_if_eq_p:cc 2287   \if_meaning:w #1#2
\cs_if_eq:NNTF 2288   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
\cs_if_eq:cNTF 2289 }
\cs_if_eq:NcTF 2290 \cs_new:Npn \cs_if_eq_p:cN { \exp_args:Nc \cs_if_eq_p:NN }
\cs_if_eq:NcTF 2291 \cs_new:Npn \cs_if_eq:cNTF { \exp_args:Nc \cs_if_eq:NNTF }
\cs_if_eq:ccTF 2292 \cs_new:Npn \cs_if_eq:cNT { \exp_args:Nc \cs_if_eq:NNT }
\cs_if_eq:ccTF 2293 \cs_new:Npn \cs_if_eq:cNF { \exp_args:Nc \cs_if_eq:NNTF }
\cs_if_eq:pNc 2294 \cs_new:Npn \cs_if_eq_p:Nc { \exp_args:NNc \cs_if_eq_p:NN }
\cs_if_eq:NcTF 2295 \cs_new:Npn \cs_if_eq:NcTF { \exp_args:NNc \cs_if_eq:NNTF }
\cs_if_eq:NcT 2296 \cs_new:Npn \cs_if_eq:NcT { \exp_args:NNc \cs_if_eq:NNT }
\cs_if_eq:NcF 2297 \cs_new:Npn \cs_if_eq:NcF { \exp_args:NNc \cs_if_eq:NNTF }
\cs_if_eq:pcc 2298 \cs_new:Npn \cs_if_eq_p:cc { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_if_eq_p:NN }
\cs_if_eq:ccTF 2299 \cs_new:Npn \cs_if_eq:ccTF { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_if_eq:NNTF }
\cs_if_eq:ccT 2300 \cs_new:Npn \cs_if_eq:ccT { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_if_eq:NNT }
\cs_if_eq:ccF 2301 \cs_new:Npn \cs_if_eq:ccF { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_if_eq:NNTF }

```

(End definition for `\cs_if_eq:NNTF`. This function is documented on page 20.)

### 3.18 Diagnostic functions

```

2302 <@@=kernel>

```

```

\__kernel_check_defined:NT Error if the variable #1 is not defined.
2303 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__kernel_check_defined:NT #1#2
2304 {
2305   \cs_if_exist:NTF #1
2306     {#2}
2307     {
2308       \__kernel_msg_error:nmx { kernel } { variable-not-defined }
2309       { \token_to_str:N #1 }
2310     }
2311 }

```

(End definition for `\__kernel_check_defined:NT`.)

`\__kernel_register_show:N` Simply using the `\showthe` primitive does not allow for line-wrapping, so instead use `\tl_show:n` and `\tl_log:n` (defined in `l3tl` and that performs line-wrapping). This displays `>~⟨variable⟩=⟨value⟩`. We expand the value before-hand as otherwise some integers (such as `\currentgrouplevel` or `\currentgrouptype`) altered by the line-wrapping code would show wrong values.

```

\__kernel_register_show:c \tl_show:n and \tl_log:n (defined in l3tl and that performs line-wrapping). This displays >~⟨variable⟩=⟨value⟩. We expand the value before-hand as otherwise some integers (such as \currentgrouplevel or \currentgrouptype) altered by the line-wrapping code would show wrong values.
\__kernel_register_log:N
\__kernel_register_log:c
  \__kernel_register_show_aux:NN
  \__kernel_register_show_aux:nNN
2312 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__kernel_register_show:N
2313   { \__kernel_register_show_aux:NN \tl_show:n }
2314 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__kernel_register_show:c
2315   { \exp_args:Nc \__kernel_register_show:N }
2316 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__kernel_register_log:N
2317   { \__kernel_register_show_aux:NN \tl_log:n }
2318 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__kernel_register_log:c
2319   { \exp_args:Nc \__kernel_register_log:N }
2320 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__kernel_register_show_aux:NN #1#2
2321   {
2322     \__kernel_check_defined:NT #2
2323     {
2324       \exp_args:No \__kernel_register_show_aux:nNN
2325       { \tex_the:D #2 } #2 #1
2326     }
2327   }
2328 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__kernel_register_show_aux:nNN #1#2#3
2329   { \exp_args:No #3 { \token_to_str:N #2 = #1 } }

```

(End definition for `\__kernel_register_show:N` and others.)

`\cs_show:N` Some control sequences have a very long name or meaning. Thus, simply using TeX's primitive `\show` could lead to overlong lines. The output of this primitive is mimicked to some extent, then the re-built string is given to `\tl_show:n` or `\tl_log:n` for line-wrapping. We must expand the meaning before passing it to the wrapping code as otherwise we would wrongly see the definitions that are in place there. To get correct escape characters, set the `\escapechar` in a group; this also localizes the assignment performed by x-expansion. The `\cs_show:c` and `\cs_log:c` commands convert their argument to a control sequence within a group to avoid showing `\relax` for undefined control sequences.

```

2330 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_show:N { \__kernel_show:NN \tl_show:n }
2331 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_show:c
2332   { \group_begin: \exp_args:NNc \group_end: \cs_show:N }
2333 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_log:N { \__kernel_show:NN \tl_log:n }
2334 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_log:c

```

```

2335 { \group_begin: \exp_args:NNc \group_end: \cs_log:N }
2336 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__kernel_show:NN #1#2
2337 {
2338   \group_begin:
2339     \int_set:Nn \tex_escapechar:D { '\ }
2340     \exp_args:NNx
2341     \group_end:
2342     #1 { \token_to_str:N #2 = \cs_meaning:N #2 }
2343 }

```

(End definition for `\cs_show:N`, `\cs_log:N`, and `\__kernel_show:NN`. These functions are documented on page 16.)

### 3.19 Doing nothing functions

`\prg_do_nothing:` This does not fit anywhere else!

```

2344 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \prg_do_nothing: { }

```

(End definition for `\prg_do_nothing:.` This function is documented on page 9.)

### 3.20 Breaking out of mapping functions

```

2345 <@@=prg>

```

`\__prg_break_point:Nn` In inline mappings, the nesting level must be reset at the end of the mapping, even when the user decides to break out. This is done by putting the code that must be performed as an argument of `\__prg_break_point:Nn`. The breaking functions are then defined to jump to that point and perform the argument of `\__prg_break_point:Nn`, before the user's code (if any). There is a check that we close the correct loop, otherwise we continue breaking.

```

2346 \cs_new_eq:NN \__prg_break_point:Nn \use_ii:nn
2347 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_map_break:Nn #1#2#3 \__prg_break_point:Nn #4#5
2348 {
2349   #5
2350   \if_meaning:w #1 #4
2351     \exp_after:wN \use_iii:nnn
2352   \fi:
2353   \__prg_map_break:Nn #1 {#2}
2354 }

```

(End definition for `\__prg_break_point:Nn` and `\__prg_map_break:Nn`.)

`\__prg_break_point:` Very simple analogues of `\__prg_break_point:Nn` and `\__prg_map_break:Nn`, for use in fast short-term recursions which are not mappings, do not need to support nesting, and in which nothing has to be done at the end of the loop.

```

2355 \cs_new_eq:NN \__prg_break_point: \prg_do_nothing:
2356 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_break: #1 \__prg_break_point: { }
2357 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_break:n #1#2 \__prg_break_point: {#1}

```

(End definition for `\__prg_break_point:`, `\__prg_break:`, and `\__prg_break:n`.)

```

2358 </initex | package>

```

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2359 `\*initex | package)`

2360 `\@@=exp)`

`\exp_after:wN` These are defined in `l3basics`, as they are needed “early”. This is just a reminder of that fact!

`\exp_not:N`

`\exp_not:n`

(End definition for `\exp_after:wN`, `\exp_not:N`, and `\exp_not:n`. These functions are documented on page 32.)

### 4.1 General expansion

In this section a general mechanism for defining functions that handle arguments 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: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`.

(End definition for `\l__exp_internal_tl`.)

This code uses internal functions with names that start with `\::` to perform the expansions. All macros are `long` 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 need 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.

2361 `\cs_new:Npn \__exp_arg_next:nnn #1#2#3 { #2 \::: { #3 {#1} } }`

2362 `\cs_new:Npn \__exp_arg_next:Nnn #1#2#3 { #2 \::: { #3 #1 } }`

(End definition for `\__exp_arg_next:nnn` and `\__exp_arg_next:Nnn`.)

`\:::` The end marker is just another name for the identity function.

2363 `\cs_new:Npn \::: #1 {#1}`

(End definition for `\:::`. This function is documented on page 36.)

`\::n` This function is used to skip an argument that doesn’t need to be expanded.

2364 `\cs_new:Npn \::n #1 \::: #2#3 { #1 \::: { #2 {#3} } }`

(End definition for `\::n`. This function is documented on page 36.)

**\::N** This function is used to skip an argument that consists of a single token and doesn't need to be expanded.

```
2365 \cs_new:Npn \::N #1 \::: #2#3 { #1 \::: {#2#3} }
```

(End definition for \::N. This function is documented on page 36.)

**\::p** This function is used to skip an argument that is delimited by a left brace and doesn't need to be expanded. It is not wrapped in braces in the result.

```
2366 \cs_new:Npn \::p #1 \::: #2#3# { #1 \::: {#2#3} }
```

(End definition for \::p. This function is documented on page 36.)

**\::c** This function is used to skip an argument that is turned into a control sequence without expansion.

```
2367 \cs_new:Npn \::c #1 \::: #2#3
2368 { \exp_after:wN \_exp_arg_next:Nnn \cs:w #3 \cs_end: {#1} {#2} }
```

(End definition for \::c. This function is documented on page 36.)

**\::o** This function is used to expand an argument once.

```
2369 \cs_new:Npn \::o #1 \::: #2#3
2370 { \exp_after:wN \_exp_arg_next:nnn \exp_after:wN {#3} {#1} {#2} }
```

(End definition for \::o. This function is documented on page 36.)

**\::f** This function is used to expand a token list until the first unexpandable token is found. This is achieved through `\exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w` that expands everything in its way following it. This scanning procedure is terminated once the expansion hits something non-expandable (if that is a space it is removed). We introduce `\exp_stop_f:` to mark such an end-of-expansion marker. For example, `f`-expanding `\cs_set_eq:Nc \aaa { b \l_tmpa_tl b }` where `\l_tmpa_tl` contains the characters `lur` gives `\tex_let:D \aaa = \blurb` which then turns out to start with the non-expandable token `\tex_let:D`. Since the expansion of `\exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w` is empty, 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.

```
2371 \cs_new:Npn \::f #1 \::: #2#3
2372 {
2373   \exp_after:wN \_exp_arg_next:nnn
2374   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #3 }
2375   {#1} {#2}
2376 }
2377 \use:nn { \cs_new_eq:NN \exp_stop_f: } { ~ }
```

(End definition for \::f and \exp\_stop\_f:. These functions are documented on page 36.)

**\::x** This function is used to expand an argument fully.

```
2378 \cs_new_protected:Npn \::x #1 \::: #2#3
2379 {
2380   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \l__exp_internal_tl { {#3} }
2381   \exp_after:wN \_exp_arg_next:nnn \l__exp_internal_tl {#1} {#2}
2382 }
```

(End definition for \::x. This function is documented on page 36.)

`\::v` These functions return the value of a register, i.e., one of `tl`, `clist`, `int`, `skip`, `dim`, `muskip`, or built-in `TEX` register. 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 `\exp:w` sets off an expansion similar to an `f`-type expansion, which we terminate using `\exp_end:`. The argument is returned in braces.

```

2383 \cs_new:Npn \::V #1 \::: #2#3
2384 {
2385   \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_next:nnn
2386   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:N #3 }
2387   {#1} {#2}
2388 }
2389 \cs_new:Npn \::v #1\::: #2#3
2390 {
2391   \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_next:nnn
2392   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:c {#3} }
2393   {#1} {#2}
2394 }

```

(End definition for `\::v` and `\::V`. These functions are documented on page 36.)

`\__exp_eval_register:N`  
`\__exp_eval_register:c`  
`\__exp_eval_error_msg:w`

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 want here is to find out whether the token expands to something else when hit with `\exp_after:wN`. The technique is to compare the meaning of the token in question when it has been prefixed with `\exp_not:N` and the token itself. If it is a macro, the prefixed `\exp_not:N` temporarily turns it into the primitive `\scan_stop:`.

```

2395 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_eval_register:N #1
2396 {
2397   \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.

```

2398   \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #1
2399   \__exp_eval_error_msg:w
2400   \fi:

```

The next bit requires some explanation. The function must be initiated by `\exp:w` and we want to terminate this expansion chain by inserting the `\exp_end:` token. However, we have to expand the register `#1` before we do that. If it is a `TEX` register, we need to execute the sequence `\exp_after:wN \exp_end: \tex_the:D #1` and if it is a macro we need to execute `\exp_after:wN \exp_end: #1`. We therefore issue the longer of the two sequences and if the register is a macro, we remove the `\tex_the:D`.

```

2401   \else:
2402     \exp_after:wN \use_i_ii:nnn
2403   \fi:

```

```

2404     \exp_after:wN \exp_end: \tex_the:D #1
2405   }
2406 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_eval_register:c #1
2407   { \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}

2408 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_eval_error_msg:w #1 \tex_the:D #2
2409   {
2410     \fi:
2411     \fi:
2412     \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { bad-variable } {#2}
2413     \exp_end:
2414   }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_exp\_eval\_register:N and \\_\_exp\_eval\_error\_msg:w.)*

## 4.2 Hand-tuned definitions

One of the most important features of these functions is that they are fully expandable.

`\exp_args:Nc` In l3basics.

`\exp_args:cc`

*(End definition for \exp\_args:Nc and \exp\_args:cc. These functions are documented on page 29.)*

`\exp_args:NNc`

`\exp_args:Ncc`

`\exp_args:Nccc`

Here are the functions that turn their argument into csnames but are expandable.

```

2415 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNc #1#2#3
2416   { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 \cs:w # 3 \cs_end: }
2417 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Ncc #1#2#3
2418   { \exp_after:wN #1 \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end: \cs:w #3 \cs_end: }
2419 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nccc #1#2#3#4
2420   {
2421     \exp_after:wN #1
2422     \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2423     \cs:w #3 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2424     \cs:w #4 \cs_end:
2425   }

```

*(End definition for \exp\_args:NNc, \exp\_args:Ncc, and \exp\_args:Nccc. These functions are documented on page 30.)*

`\exp_args:No`

`\exp_args:NNo`

`\exp_args:NNNo`

Those lovely runs of expansion!

```

2426 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:No #1#2 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN {#2} }
2427 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNo #1#2#3
2428   { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 \exp_after:wN {#3} }
2429 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNNo #1#2#3#4
2430   { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN#2 \exp_after:wN #3 \exp_after:wN {#4} }

```

*(End definition for \exp\_args:No, \exp\_args:NNo, and \exp\_args:NNNo. These functions are documented on page 29.)*

`\exp_args:Nf`  
`\exp_args:NV`  
`\exp_args:Nv`

```
2431 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nf #1#2
2432 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #2 } }
2433 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nv #1#2
2434 {
2435   \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN
2436   { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:c {#2} }
2437 }
2438 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NV #1#2
2439 {
2440   \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN
2441   { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:N #2 }
2442 }
```

(End definition for `\exp_args:Nf`, `\exp_args:NV`, and `\exp_args:Nv`. These functions are documented on page 29.)

`\exp_args:NNV`  
`\exp_args:NNv`  
`\exp_args:NNf`  
`\exp_args:Nco`  
`\exp_args:NcV`  
`\exp_args:Ncv`  
`\exp_args:Ncf`  
`\exp_args:NVV`

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.

```
2443 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNV #1#2#3
2444 {
2445   \exp_after:wN #1
2446   \exp_after:wN #2
2447   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:N #3 }
2448 }
2449 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNv #1#2#3
2450 {
2451   \exp_after:wN #1
2452   \exp_after:wN #2
2453   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:c {#3} }
2454 }
2455 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNf #1#2#3
2456 {
2457   \exp_after:wN #1
2458   \exp_after:wN #2
2459   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #3 }
2460 }
2461 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nco #1#2#3
2462 {
2463   \exp_after:wN #1
2464   \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2465   \exp_after:wN {#3}
2466 }
2467 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NcV #1#2#3
2468 {
2469   \exp_after:wN #1
2470   \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2471   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:N #3 }
2472 }
2473 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Ncv #1#2#3
2474 {
2475   \exp_after:wN #1
2476   \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
```

```

2477     \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \_exp_eval_register:c {#3} }
2478   }
2479 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Ncf #1#2#3
2480   {
2481     \exp_after:wN #1
2482     \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2483     \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #3 }
2484   }
2485 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NVV #1#2#3
2486   {
2487     \exp_after:wN #1
2488     \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_after:wN
2489       \_exp_eval_register:N \exp_after:wN #2 \exp_after:wN }
2490     \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \_exp_eval_register:N #3 }
2491   }

```

(End definition for `\exp_args:NNV` and others. These functions are documented on page 30.)

`\exp_args:NNNV` A few more that we can hand-tune.

```

\exp_args:NcNc 2492 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNNV #1#2#3#4
\exp_args:NcNo 2493   {
\exp_args:Ncco 2494     \exp_after:wN #1
2495     \exp_after:wN #2
2496     \exp_after:wN #3
2497     \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \_exp_eval_register:N #4 }
2498   }
2499 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NcNc #1#2#3#4
2500   {
2501     \exp_after:wN #1
2502     \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2503     \exp_after:wN #3
2504     \cs:w #4 \cs_end:
2505   }
2506 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NcNo #1#2#3#4
2507   {
2508     \exp_after:wN #1
2509     \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2510     \exp_after:wN #3
2511     \exp_after:wN {#4}
2512   }
2513 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Ncco #1#2#3#4
2514   {
2515     \exp_after:wN #1
2516     \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2517     \cs:w #3 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2518     \exp_after:wN {#4}
2519   }

```

(End definition for `\exp_args:NNNV` and others. These functions are documented on page 30.)

### 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 actually take no arguments themselves.

`\exp_args:Nx`

2520 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:Nx { \::x \:: } }`

*(End definition for `\exp_args:Nx`. This function is documented on page 30.)*

`\exp_args:Nnc` Here are the actual function definitions, using the helper functions above.

```
\exp_args:Nnc 2521 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nnc { \::n \::c \:: } }
\exp_args:Nno 2522 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nno { \::n \::o \:: } }
\exp_args:NnV 2523 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NnV { \::n \::V \:: } }
\exp_args:Nnv 2524 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nnv { \::n \::v \:: } }
\exp_args:Nnf 2525 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nnf { \::n \::f \:: } }
\exp_args:Noc 2526 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Noc { \::o \::c \:: } }
\exp_args:Noo 2527 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Noo { \::o \::o \:: } }
\exp_args:Nof 2528 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nof { \::o \::f \:: } }
\exp_args:NVo 2529 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NVo { \::V \::o \:: } }
\exp_args:Nfo 2530 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nfo { \::f \::o \:: } }
\exp_args:Nff 2531 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nff { \::f \::f \:: } }
\exp_args:NNx 2532 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:NNx { \::N \::x \:: } }
\exp_args:Ncx 2533 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:Ncx { \::c \::x \:: } }
\exp_args:Nnx 2534 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:Nnx { \::n \::x \:: } }
\exp_args:Nox 2535 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:Nox { \::o \::x \:: } }
\exp_args:Nxo 2536 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:Nxo { \::x \::o \:: } }
\exp_args:Nxx 2537 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:Nxx { \::x \::x \:: } }
```

*(End definition for `\exp_args:Nnc` and others. These functions are documented on page 30.)*

`\exp_args:NNcf`

```
\exp_args:NNcf 2538 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNcf { \::N \::c \::f \:: } }
\exp_args:NNno 2539 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNno { \::N \::n \::o \:: } }
\exp_args:NNnV 2540 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNnV { \::N \::n \::V \:: } }
\exp_args:NNoo 2541 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNoo { \::N \::o \::o \:: } }
\exp_args:NNVv 2542 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNVv { \::N \::V \::V \:: } }
\exp_args:Ncno 2543 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Ncno { \::c \::n \::o \:: } }
\exp_args:NcnV 2544 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NcnV { \::c \::n \::V \:: } }
\exp_args:Ncoo 2545 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Ncoo { \::c \::o \::o \:: } }
\exp_args:NcVv 2546 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NcVv { \::c \::V \::V \:: } }
\exp_args:Nnnc 2547 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nnnc { \::n \::n \::c \:: } }
\exp_args:Nnno 2548 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nnno { \::n \::n \::o \:: } }
\exp_args:Nnnf 2549 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nnnf { \::n \::n \::f \:: } }
\exp_args:Nnff 2550 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nnff { \::n \::f \::f \:: } }
\exp_args:Nooo 2551 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nooo { \::o \::o \::o \:: } }
\exp_args:Noof 2552 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Noof { \::o \::o \::f \:: } }
\exp_args:Nffo 2553 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nffo { \::f \::f \::o \:: } }
\exp_args:NNNx 2554 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:NNNx { \::N \::N \::x \:: } }
\exp_args:NNnx 2555 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:NNnx { \::N \::n \::x \:: } }
\exp_args:NNox 2556 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:NNox { \::N \::o \::x \:: } }
\exp_args:Nccx 2557 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:Nccx { \::c \::c \::x \:: } }
\exp_args:Ncnx 2558 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:Ncnx { \::c \::n \::x \:: } }
\exp_args:Nnnx 2559 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:Nnnx { \::n \::n \::x \:: } }
\exp_args:Nnox 2560 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:Nnox { \::n \::o \::x \:: } }
\exp_args:Noox 2561 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_args:Noox { \::o \::o \::x \:: } }
```

*(End definition for `\exp_args:NNcf` and others. These functions are documented on page 31.)*

## 4.4 Last-unbraced versions

`\_exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn` There are a few places where the last argument needs to be available unbraced. First some helper macros.

```

\::o_unbraced
\::V_unbraced
\::v_unbraced
\::f_unbraced
\::x_unbraced
2562 \cs_new:Npn \_exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn #1#2 { #2#1 }
2563 \cs_new:Npn \::o_unbraced \::: #1#2
2564 { \exp_after:wN \_exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn \exp_after:wN {#2} {#1} }
2565 \cs_new:Npn \::V_unbraced \::: #1#2
2566 {
2567   \exp_after:wN \_exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn
2568   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \_exp_eval_register:N #2 } {#1}
2569 }
2570 \cs_new:Npn \::v_unbraced \::: #1#2
2571 {
2572   \exp_after:wN \_exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn
2573   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \_exp_eval_register:c {#2} } {#1}
2574 }
2575 \cs_new:Npn \::f_unbraced \::: #1#2
2576 {
2577   \exp_after:wN \_exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn
2578   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #2 } {#1}
2579 }
2580 \cs_new_protected:Npn \::x_unbraced \::: #1#2
2581 {
2582   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \l__exp_internal_tl { \exp_not:n {#1} #2 }
2583   \l__exp_internal_tl
2584 }

```

*(End definition for `\_exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)*

`\exp_last_unbraced:No` Now the business end: most of these are hand-tuned for speed, but the general system is in place.

```

\exp_last_unbraced:NV
\exp_last_unbraced:Nv
\exp_last_unbraced:Nf
\exp_last_unbraced:NNv
\exp_last_unbraced:NNV
\exp_last_unbraced:Nco
\exp_last_unbraced:NcV
\exp_last_unbraced:NNNo
\exp_last_unbraced:NNNV
\exp_last_unbraced:Nno
\exp_last_unbraced:Noo
\exp_last_unbraced:Nfo
\exp_last_unbraced:NnNo
\exp_last_unbraced:NNNNo
\exp_last_unbraced:Nx
2585 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:No #1#2 { \exp_after:wN #1 #2 }
2586 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nv #1#2
2587 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp:w \_exp_eval_register:N #2 }
2588 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nv #1#2
2589 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp:w \_exp_eval_register:c {#2} }
2590 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nf #1#2
2591 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #2 }
2592 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NNv #1#2#3
2593 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 #3 }
2594 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NNV #1#2#3
2595 {
2596   \exp_after:wN #1
2597   \exp_after:wN #2
2598   \exp:w \_exp_eval_register:N #3
2599 }
2600 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nco #1#2#3
2601 { \exp_after:wN #1 \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end: #3 }
2602 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NcV #1#2#3
2603 {
2604   \exp_after:wN #1
2605   \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:

```

```

2606 \exp:w \_exp_eval_register:N #3
2607 }
2608 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NNNo #1#2#3#4
2609 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 \exp_after:wN #3 #4 }
2610 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NNNV #1#2#3#4
2611 {
2612   \exp_after:wN #1
2613   \exp_after:wN #2
2614   \exp_after:wN #3
2615   \exp:w \_exp_eval_register:N #4
2616 }
2617 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nno { \::n \::o_unbraced \::: }
2618 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Noo { \::o \::o_unbraced \::: }
2619 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nfo { \::f \::o_unbraced \::: }
2620 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NnNo { \::n \::N \::o_unbraced \::: }
2621 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NNNNo #1#2#3#4#5
2622 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 \exp_after:wN #3 \exp_after:wN #4 #5 }
2623 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nx { \::x_unbraced \::: }

```

(End definition for `\exp_last_unbraced:No` and others. These functions are documented on page 31.)

`\exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo`  
`\_exp_last_two_unbraced:noN`

If #2 is a single token then this can be implemented as

```

\cs_new:Npn \exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo #1 #2 #3
{ \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 #3 }

```

However, for robustness this is not suitable. Instead, a bit of a shuffle is used to ensure that #2 can be multiple tokens.

```

2624 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo #1#2#3
2625 { \exp_after:wN \_exp_last_two_unbraced:noN \exp_after:wN {#3} {#2} #1 }
2626 \cs_new:Npn \_exp_last_two_unbraced:noN #1#2#3
2627 { \exp_after:wN #3 #2 #1 }

```

(End definition for `\exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo` and `\_exp_last_two_unbraced:noN`. This function is documented on page 32.)

## 4.5 Preventing expansion

`\exp_not:c` All these except `\exp_not:c` call the primitive `\etex_unexpanded:D` namely `\exp_not:n`.

```

\exp_not:o 2628 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:c #1 { \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \cs:w #1 \cs_end: }
\exp_not:f 2629 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:o #1 { \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN {#1} }
\exp_not:V 2630 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:f #1
\exp_not:v 2631 { \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #1 } }
2632 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:V #1
2633 {
2634   \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
2635   { \exp:w \_exp_eval_register:N #1 }
2636 }
2637 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:v #1
2638 {
2639   \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
2640   { \exp:w \_exp_eval_register:c {#1} }
2641 }

```

(End definition for `\exp_not:c` and others. These functions are documented on page 32.)

## 4.6 Controlled expansion

`\exp:w` To trigger a sequence of “arbitrarily” many expansions we need a method to invoke T<sub>E</sub>X’s expansion mechanism in such a way that (a) we are able to stop it in a controlled manner and (b) the result of what triggered the expansion in the first place is null, i.e., that we do not get any unwanted side effects. There aren’t that many possibilities in T<sub>E</sub>X; in fact the one explained below might well be the only one (as normally the result of expansion is not null).

The trick here is to make use of the fact that `\tex_romannumeral:D` expands the tokens following it when looking for a number and that its expansion is null if that number turns out to be zero or negative. So we use that to start the expansion sequence: `\exp:w` is set equal to `\tex_romannumeral:D` in `l3basics`. To stop the expansion sequence in a controlled way all we need to provide is a constant integer zero as part of expanded tokens. As this is an integer constant it immediately stops `\tex_romannumeral:D`’s search for a number. Again, the definition of `\exp_end:` as the integer constant zero is in `l3basics`. (Note that according to our specification all tokens we expand initiated by `\exp:w` are supposed to be expandable (as well as their replacement text in the expansion) so we will not encounter a “number” that actually result in a roman numeral being generated. Or if we do then the programmer made a mistake.)

If on the other hand we want to stop the initial expansion sequence but continue with an f-type expansion we provide the alphabetic constant `^^@` that also represents 0 but this time T<sub>E</sub>X’s syntax for a *number* continues searching for an optional space (and it continues expansion doing that) — see T<sub>E</sub>Xbook page 269 for details.

```
2642 \group_begin:
2643   \tex_catcode:D ‘^^@ = 13
2644   \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_end_continue_f:w { ‘^^@ }
```

If the above definition ever appears outside its proper context the active character `^^@` will be executed so we turn this into an error.

```
2645   \cs_new:Npn ^^@
2646     { \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { bad-exp-end-f } }
```

The same but grabbing an argument to remove spaces and braces.

```
2647   \cs_new:Npn \exp_end_continue_f:nw #1 { ‘^^@ #1 }
2648 \group_end:
```

(End definition for `\exp:w` and others. These functions are documented on page 34.)

## 4.7 Defining function variants

```
2649 (@@=cs)
```

`\cs_generate_variant:Nn` #1 : Base form of a function; e.g., `\tl_set:Nn`  
`\cs_generate_variant:cn` #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:Npx` or `\cs_new_protected: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.

```
2650 \__kernel_patch:nnNn { \__kernel_chk_cs_exist:N #1 } { }
2651 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_generate_variant:Nn #1#2
2652   {
```

```

2653   \_cs_generate_variant:N #1
2654   \exp_after:wN \_cs_split_function:NN
2655   \exp_after:wN #1
2656   \exp_after:wN \_cs_generate_variant:nnNN
2657   \exp_after:wN #1
2658   \tl_to_str:n {#2} , \scan_stop: , \q_recursion_stop
2659   }
2660 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_generate_variant:cn
2661 { \exp_args:Nc \cs_generate_variant:Nn }

```

(End definition for `\cs_generate_variant:Nn`. This function is documented on page 27.)

```

\_cs_generate_variant:N
\_cs_generate_variant:ww
\_cs_generate_variant:wwNw

```

The goal here is to pick up protected parent functions. There are four cases: the parent function can be a primitive or a macro, and can be expandable or not. For non-expandable primitives, all variants should be protected; skipping the `\else:` branch is safe because non-expandable primitives cannot be TeX conditionals.

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:Npx`, otherwise it is `\cs_new:Npx`.

```

2662 \cs_new_protected:Npx \_cs_generate_variant:N #1
2663 {
2664   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \if_meaning:w
2665   \exp_not:N \exp_not:N #1 #1
2666   \cs_set_eq:NN \exp_not:N \_cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected:Npx
2667   \exp_not:N \else:
2668   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \_cs_generate_variant:ww
2669   \exp_not:N \token_to_meaning:N #1 \tl_to_str:n { ma }
2670   \exp_not:N \q_mark
2671   \exp_not:N \q_mark \cs_new_protected:Npx
2672   \tl_to_str:n { pr }
2673   \exp_not:N \q_mark \cs_new:Npx
2674   \exp_not:N \q_stop
2675   \exp_not:N \fi:
2676 }
2677 \exp_last_unbraced:NNNNo
2678 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_cs_generate_variant:ww
2679 #1 { \tl_to_str:n { ma } } #2 \q_mark
2680 { \_cs_generate_variant:wwNw #1 }
2681 \exp_last_unbraced:NNNNo
2682 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_cs_generate_variant:wwNw
2683 #1 { \tl_to_str:n { pr } } #2 \q_mark #3 #4 \q_stop
2684 { \cs_set_eq:NN \_cs_tmp:w #3 }

```

(End definition for `\_cs_generate_variant:N`, `\_cs_generate_variant:ww`, and `\_cs_generate_variant:wwNw`.)

`\_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.

```

2685 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant:nnNN #1#2#3#4
2686 {
2687   \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #3
2688     \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { missing-colon }
2689     { \token_to_str:c {#1} }
2690     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
2691   \fi:
2692   \__cs_generate_variant:Nnnw #4 {#1}{#2}
2693 }

```

(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}`, we must 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` must be defined using `\exp_args:Nnx`, not `\exp_args:Nox`, to avoid double `o` expansion.
- Lastly, `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \foo:on {xn}` must trigger an error, because we do not have a means to replace `o`-expansion by `x`-expansion. More generally, we can only convert `N` to `c`, or convert `n` to `V`, `v`, `o`, `f`, `x`.

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 `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` (defined later) in the form `\q_mark <errors> \q_stop <base function> <new function>`. If all went well, `<errors>` is empty; otherwise, it is a kernel error message and some clean-up code.

Note the space after #3 and after the following brace group. Those are ignored by  $\text{\TeX}$  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`.

```

2694 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant:Nnnw #1#2#3#4 ,
2695 {
2696   \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #4
2697   \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
2698   \fi:
2699   \use:x
2700   {
2701     \exp_not:N \__cs_generate_variant:wwNN
2702     \__cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN { }
2703     #4
2704     \__cs_generate_variant_loop_end:nwwwNNnn
2705     \q_mark
2706     #3 ~
2707     { ~ { } \fi: \__cs_generate_variant_loop_long:wNNnn } ~
2708     { }
2709     \q_stop
2710     \exp_not:N #1 {#2} {#4}
2711   }
2712   \__cs_generate_variant:Nnnw #1 {#2} {#3}
2713 }

```

(End definition for `\__cs_generate_variant:Nnnw`.)

<pre> \__cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN \__cs_generate_variant_loop_base:N \__cs_generate_variant_loop_same:w \__cs_generate_variant_loop_end:nwwwNNnn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_long:wNNnn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_invalid:NNwNNnn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_special:NNwNNnn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_warning:nxxxxx </pre>	<pre> #1 : Last few consecutive letters common between the base and variant (more precisely,       \__cs_generate_variant_same:N &lt;letter&gt; for each letter). #2 : Next variant letter. #3 : Remainder of variant form. #4 : Next base letter. </pre>
--	---

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 if the base is N and the variant is c, or when the base is n and the variant is o, V, v, f or x. 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 #1 was collected, and the next variant letter #2, then loop by calling `\__cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN`.

The loop can stop in three ways.

- If the end of the variant form is encountered first, #2 is `\__cs_generate_variant_loop_end:nwwwNNnn` (expanded by the conditional `\if:w`), which inserts some tokens to end the conditional; grabs the *<base name>* as #7, the *<variant signature>* #8, the *<next base letter>* #1 and the part #3 of the base signature that wasn't read yet; and combines those into the *<new function>* to be defined.
- If the end of the base form is encountered first, #4 is `~{} \fi:` which ends the conditional (with an empty expansion), followed by `\__cs_generate_variant_loop_long:wNNnn`, which places an error as the second argument of `\__cs_generate_variant:wwNN`.

- The loop can be interrupted early if the requested expansion is unavailable, namely when the variant and base letters differ and the base is not the right one (n or N to support the variant). In that case too an error is placed as the second argument of `\__cs_generate_variant:wwNN`.

Note that if the variant form has the same length as the base form, #2 is as described in the first point, and #4 as described in the second point above. The `\__cs_generate_variant_loop_end:nwwwNNnn` breaking function takes the empty brace group in #4 as its first argument: this empty brace group produces the correct signature for the full variant.

Since people seem to have tried generating N or c-type variants of n-type arguments, and n, o, V, v, f, x variants of N-type arguments, in those cases we only produce a warning.

```

2714 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN #1#2#3 \q_mark #4
2715 {
2716   \if:w #2 #4
2717     \exp_after:wN \__cs_generate_variant_loop_same:w
2718   \else:
2719     \if:w #4 \__cs_generate_variant_loop_base:N #2 \else:
2720       \if:w 0
2721         \if:w N #4 \else: \if:w n #4 \else: 1 \fi: \fi:
2722         \if:w \scan_stop: \__cs_generate_variant_loop_base:N #2 1 \fi:
2723         0
2724         \__cs_generate_variant_loop_special:NNwNNnn #4#2
2725       \else:
2726         \__cs_generate_variant_loop_invalid:NNwNNnn #4#2
2727       \fi:
2728     \fi:
2729   \fi:
2730   #1
2731   \prg_do_nothing:
2732   #2
2733   \__cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN { } #3 \q_mark
2734 }
2735 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_base:N #1
2736 {
2737   \if:w c #1 N \else:
2738     \if:w o #1 n \else:
2739       \if:w V #1 n \else:
2740         \if:w v #1 n \else:
2741           \if:w f #1 n \else:
2742             \if:w x #1 n \else:
2743               \if:w n #1 n \else:
2744                 \if:w N #1 N \else:
2745                   \scan_stop:
2746                 \fi:
2747               \fi:
2748             \fi:
2749           \fi:
2750         \fi:
2751       \fi:
2752     \fi:
2753   \fi:
2754 }

```

```

2755 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_same:w
2756   #1 \prg_do_nothing: #2#3#4
2757   { #3 { #1 \__cs_generate_variant_same:N #2 } }
2758 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_end:nwwwNNnn
2759   #1#2 \q_mark #3 ~ #4 \q_stop #5#6#7#8
2760   {
2761     \scan_stop: \scan_stop: \fi:
2762     \exp_not:N \q_mark
2763     \exp_not:N \q_stop
2764     \exp_not:N #6
2765     \exp_not:c { #7 : #8 #1 #3 }
2766   }
2767 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_long:wNNnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5
2768   {
2769     \exp_not:n
2770     {
2771       \q_mark
2772       \__kernel_msg_error:nxxx { kernel } { variant-too-long }
2773       {#5} { \token_to_str:N #3 }
2774       \use_none:nnn
2775       \q_stop
2776       #3
2777       #3
2778     }
2779   }
2780 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_invalid:NNwNNnn
2781   #1#2 \fi: \fi: \fi: #3 \q_stop #4#5#6#7
2782   {
2783     \fi: \fi: \fi:
2784     \exp_not:n
2785     {
2786       \q_mark
2787       \__kernel_msg_error:nxxxx { kernel } { invalid-variant }
2788       {#7} { \token_to_str:N #5 } {#1} {#2}
2789       \use_none:nnn
2790       \q_stop
2791       #5
2792       #5
2793     }
2794   }
2795 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_special:NNwNNnn #1#2#3 \q_stop #4#5#6#7
2796   {
2797     #3 \q_stop #4 #5 {#6} {#7}
2798     \exp_not:n
2799     {
2800       \__cs_generate_variant_loop_warning:nxxxxx
2801       { kernel } { deprecated-variant }
2802       {#7} { \token_to_str:N #5 } {#1} {#2}
2803     }
2804   }
2805 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_warning:nxxxxx
2806   { \__kernel_msg_warning:nxxxxx }

```

(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. For `V`-type this function could output `N` to avoid adding useless braces but that is not a problem.

```

2807 \cs_new:Npn \_cs_generate_variant_same:N #1
2808 {
2809   \if:w N #1 N \else:
2810     \if:w p #1 p \else:
2811       n
2812     \if:w n #1 \else:
2813       \_cs_generate_variant_loop_special:NNwNnn #1#1
2814     \fi:
2815   \fi:
2816 \fi:
2817 }

```

*(End definition for \\_cs\_generate\_variant\_same:N.)*

`\_cs_generate_variant:wwNN` If the variant form has already been defined, log its existence (provided `log-functions` is active). 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:Npx`. Then define the variant by combining the `\exp_args:N #3` variant and the base function.

```

2818 \_kernel_patch:nnNpn
2819 {
2820   \cs_if_free:NF #4
2821   {
2822     \_kernel_debug_log:x
2823     {
2824       Variant~\token_to_str:N #4~%
2825       already~defined;~ not~ changing~ it~ \msg_line_context:
2826     }
2827   }
2828 }
2829 { }
2830 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_cs_generate_variant:wwNN
2831 #1 \q_mark #2 \q_stop #3#4
2832 {
2833   #2
2834   \cs_if_free:NT #4
2835   {
2836     \group_begin:
2837     \_cs_generate_internal_variant:n {#1}
2838     \_cs_tmp:w #4 { \exp_not:c { exp_args:N #1 } \exp_not:N #3 }
2839     \group_end:
2840   }
2841 }

```

*(End definition for \\_cs\_generate\_variant:wwNN.)*

`\_cs_generate_internal_variant:n`  
`\_cs_generate_internal_variant:www`  
`\_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.

```

2842 \cs_new_protected:Npx \__cs_generate_internal_variant:n #1
2843 {
2844   \exp_not:N \__cs_generate_internal_variant:wwnNwnn
2845   #1 \exp_not:N \q_mark
2846   { \cs_set_eq:NN \exp_not:N \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected:Npx }
2847   \cs_new_protected:cpx
2848   \token_to_str:N x \exp_not:N \q_mark
2849   { }
2850   \cs_new:cpx
2851   \exp_not:N \q_stop
2852   { exp_args:N #1 }
2853   {
2854     \exp_not:N \__cs_generate_internal_variant_loop:n #1
2855     { : \exp_not:N \use_i:nn }
2856   }
2857 }
2858 \use:x
2859 {
2860   \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_not:N \__cs_generate_internal_variant:wwnNwnn
2861   ##1 \token_to_str:N x ##2 \exp_not:N \q_mark
2862   ##3 ##4 ##5 \exp_not:N \q_stop ##6 ##7
2863 }
2864 {
2865   #3
2866   \cs_if_free:cT {#6} { #4 {#6} {#7} }
2867 }

```

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.

```

2868 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_internal_variant_loop:n #1
2869 {
2870   \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \cs:w :: #1 \cs_end:
2871   \__cs_generate_internal_variant_loop:n
2872 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_cs\_generate\_internal\_variant:n, \\_\_cs\_generate\_internal\_variant:wwnw, and \\_\_cs\_generate\_internal\_variant\_loop:n.)

`\prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn`

```

\__cs_generate_variant:nnNnn 2873 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn #1
\__cs_generate_variant:w      2874 { \__cs_split_function:NN #1 \__cs_generate_variant:nnNnn }
\__cs_generate_variant:n      2875 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant:nnNnn #1#2#3#4#5
  \__cs_generate_variant_p_form:nnn 2876 {
  \__cs_generate_variant_T_form:nnn 2877   \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #3
  \__cs_generate_variant_F_form:nnn 2878   \__kernel_msg_error:nnx { kernel } { missing-colon }
  \__cs_generate_variant_TF_form:nnn 2879   { \token_to_str:c {#1} }
2880   \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw
2881   \fi:
2882   \exp_after:wN \__cs_generate_variant:w
2883   \tl_to_str:n {#5} , \scan_stop: , \q_recursion_stop
2884   \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w \q_mark {#1} {#2} {#4} \q_stop
2885 }
2886 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant:w

```

```

2887   #1 , #2 \q_mark #3#4#5
2888   {
2889     \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #1 \scan_stop:
2890     \if_meaning:w \q_nil #1 \q_nil
2891     \use_i:nnn
2892     \fi:
2893     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
2894     \else:
2895     \cs_if_exist_use:cTF { __cs_generate_variant_#1_form:nnn }
2896     { {#3} {#4} {#5} }
2897     {
2898       \__kernel_msg_error:nxxx
2899       { kernel } { conditional-form-unknown }
2900       {#1} { \token_to_str:c { #3 : #4 } }
2901     }
2902     \fi:
2903     \__cs_generate_variant:w #2 \q_mark {#3} {#4} {#5}
2904   }
2905 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_p_form:nnn #1#2
2906 { \cs_generate_variant:cn { #1_p : #2 } }
2907 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_T_form:nnn #1#2
2908 { \cs_generate_variant:cn { #1 : #2 T } }
2909 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_F_form:nnn #1#2
2910 { \cs_generate_variant:cn { #1 : #2 F } }
2911 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_TF_form:nnn #1#2
2912 { \cs_generate_variant:cn { #1 : #2 TF } }

```

(End definition for `\prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn` and others. This function is documented on page 243.)

```

2913 </initex | package>

```

## 5 l3tl implementation

```

2914 <*initex | package>

```

```

2915 <@@=tl>

```

A token list variable is a  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  macro that holds tokens. By using the  $\varepsilon\text{-T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  primitive `\unexpanded` inside a  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  `\edef` it is possible to store any tokens, including `#`, in this way.

### 5.1 Functions

**`\tl_new:N`** Creating new token list variables is a case of checking for an existing definition and doing the definition.

**`\tl_new:c`**

```

2916 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_new:N #1
2917 {
2918   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
2919   \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_tl
2920 }
2921 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_new:N`. This function is documented on page 37.)

**\tl\_const:Nn** Constants are also easy to generate.

```

\tl_const:Nx 2922 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_scope:NN c #1 } { }
\tl_const:cn 2923 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_const:Nn #1#2
\tl_const:cx 2924 {
                2925     \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
                2926     \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} }
                2927 }
                2928 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_scope:NN c #1 } { }
                2929 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_const:Nx #1#2
                2930 {
                2931     \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
                2932     \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 {#2}
                2933 }
                2934 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_const:Nn { c }
                2935 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_const:Nx { c }

```

(End definition for \tl\_const:Nn. This function is documented on page 37.)

**\tl\_clear:N** Clearing a token list variable means setting it to an empty value. Error checking is sorted out by the parent function.

```

\tl_clear:c
\tl_gclear:N 2936 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_clear:N #1
                2937 { \tl_set_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_tl }
\tl_gclear:c 2938 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gclear:N #1
                2939 { \tl_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_tl }
                2940 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_clear:N { c }
                2941 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gclear:N { c }

```

(End definition for \tl\_clear:N and \tl\_gclear:N. These functions are documented on page 37.)

**\tl\_clear\_new:N** Clearing a token list variable means setting it to an empty value. Error checking is sorted out by the parent function.

```

\tl_clear_new:c
\tl_gclear_new:N 2942 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_clear_new:N #1
                2943 { \tl_if_exist:NTF #1 { \tl_clear:N #1 } { \tl_new:N #1 } }
\tl_gclear_new:c 2944 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gclear_new:N #1
                2945 { \tl_if_exist:NTF #1 { \tl_gclear:N #1 } { \tl_new:N #1 } }
                2946 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_clear_new:N { c }
                2947 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gclear_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for \tl\_clear\_new:N and \tl\_gclear\_new:N. These functions are documented on page 38.)

**\tl\_set\_eq:NN** For setting token list variables equal to each other. When checking is turned on, make sure both variables exist.

```

\tl_set_eq:Nc 2948 \tex_ifodd:D \l@expl@enable@debug@bool
\tl_set_eq:cN 2949 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set_eq:NN #1#2
\tl_set_eq:cc 2950 {
\tl_gset_eq:NN 2951     \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1
\tl_gset_eq:Nc 2952     \__kernel_chk_var_exist:N #2
\tl_gset_eq:cN 2953     \cs_set_eq:NN #1 #2
\tl_gset_eq:cc 2954 }
                2955 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gset_eq:NN #1#2
                2956 {
                2957     \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1
                2958     \__kernel_chk_var_exist:N #2

```

```

2959     \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 #2
2960   }
2961 \else:
2962   \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:NN \cs_set_eq:NN
2963   \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:NN \cs_gset_eq:NN
2964 \fi:
2965 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set_eq:NN { cN, Nc, cc }
2966 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gset_eq:NN { cN, Nc, cc }

```

(End definition for `\tl_set_eq:NN` and `\tl_gset_eq:NN`. These functions are documented on page 38.)

`\tl_concat:NNN` Concatenating token lists is easy. When checking is turned on, all three arguments must be checked: a token list #2 or #3 equal to `\scan_stop:` would lead to problems later on.

```

\tl_concat:ccc
\tl_gconcat:NNN
\tl_gconcat:ccc
2967 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn
2968 {
2969   \__kernel_chk_var_exist:N #2
2970   \__kernel_chk_var_exist:N #3
2971 }
2972 { }
2973 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_concat:NNN #1#2#3
2974 { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} \exp_not:o {#3} } }
2975 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn
2976 {
2977   \__kernel_chk_var_exist:N #2
2978   \__kernel_chk_var_exist:N #3
2979 }
2980 { }
2981 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gconcat:NNN #1#2#3
2982 { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} \exp_not:o {#3} } }
2983 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_concat:NNN { ccc }
2984 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gconcat:NNN { ccc }

```

(End definition for `\tl_concat:NNN` and `\tl_gconcat:NNN`. These functions are documented on page 38.)

`\tl_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.

`\tl_if_exist_p:c` `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \tl_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N { TF , T , F , p }`

`\tl_if_exist:NTF` `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \tl_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c { TF , T , F , p }`

`\tl_if_exist:cTF`

(End definition for `\tl_if_exist:NTF`. This function is documented on page 38.)

## 5.2 Constant token lists

`\c_empty_tl` Never full. We need to define that constant before using `\tl_new:N`.

```

2987 \tl_const:Nn \c_empty_tl { }

```

(End definition for `\c_empty_tl`. This variable is documented on page 49.)

`\c_novalue_tl` A special marker: as we don't have `\char_generate:nn` yet, has to be created the old-fashioned way.

```

2988 \group_begin:
2989 \tex_lccode:D 'A = '-
2990 \tex_lccode:D 'N = 'N
2991 \tex_lccode:D 'V = 'V
2992 \tex_lowercase:D

```

```

2993 {
2994   \group_end:
2995   \tl_const:Nn \c_novalue_tl { ANoValue- }
2996 }

```

(End definition for `\c_novalue_tl`. This variable is documented on page 50.)

`\c_space_tl` A space as a token list (as opposed to as a character).

```

2997 \tl_const:Nn \c_space_tl { ~ }

```

(End definition for `\c_space_tl`. This variable is documented on page 50.)

### 5.3 Adding to token list variables

`\tl_set:Nn` By using `\exp_not:n` token list variables can contain # tokens, which makes the token list registers provided by T<sub>E</sub>X more or less redundant. The `\tl_set:No` version is done “by hand” as it is used quite a lot. Each definition is prefixed by a call to `\__kernel_patch:nnNNpn` which adds an existence check to the definition.

```

2998 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
2999 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set:Nn #1#2
3000 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
3001 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
3002 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set:No #1#2
3003 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} } }
3004 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
3005 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set:Nx #1#2
3006 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 {#2} }
3007 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
3008 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gset:Nn #1#2
3009 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
3010 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
3011 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gset:No #1#2
3012 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} } }
3013 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
3014 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gset:Nx #1#2
3015 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 {#2} }
3016 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set:Nn { NV , Nv , Nf }
3017 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set:Nx { c }
3018 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set:Nn { c , co , cV , cv , cf }
3019 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gset:Nn { NV , Nv , Nf }
3020 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gset:Nx { c }
3021 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gset:Nn { c , co , cV , cv , cf }

```

(End definition for `\tl_set:Nn` and `\tl_gset:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 38.)

`\tl_put_left:Nn` Adding to the left is done directly to gain a little performance.

```

3022 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
3023 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_left:Nn #1#2
3024 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} \exp_not:o #1 } }
3025 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
3026 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_left:NV #1#2
3027 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:V #2 \exp_not:o #1 } }
3028 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
3029 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_left:No #1#2

```

`\tl_gput_left:Nn`

```

\__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:Nn #1#2
\__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:NV #1#2
\__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:Nx #1#2
\__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:cn #1#2
\__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:cV #1#2
\__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:co #1#2
\__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:cx #1#2

```

```

3030 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} \exp_not:o #1 } }
3031 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
3032 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_left:Nx #1#2
3033 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { #2 \exp_not:o #1 } }
3034 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
3035 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:Nn #1#2
3036 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} \exp_not:o #1 } }
3037 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
3038 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:NV #1#2
3039 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:V #2 \exp_not:o #1 } }
3040 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
3041 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:No #1#2
3042 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} \exp_not:o #1 } }
3043 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
3044 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:Nx #1#2
3045 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { #2 \exp_not:o {#1} } }
3046 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_left:Nn { c }
3047 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_left:NV { c }
3048 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_left:No { c }
3049 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_left:Nx { c }
3050 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_left:Nn { c }
3051 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_left:NV { c }
3052 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_left:No { c }
3053 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_left:Nx { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_put_left:Nn` and `\tl_gput_left:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 38.)

**`\tl_put_right:Nn`**

The same on the right.

```

\tl_put_right:NV 3054 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\tl_put_right:No 3055 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_right:Nn #1#2
\tl_put_right:Nx 3056 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:n {#2} } }
\tl_put_right:cn 3057 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\tl_put_right:cV 3058 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_right:NV #1#2
\tl_put_right:co 3059 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:V #2 } }
\tl_put_right:cx 3060 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\tl_gput_right:Nn 3061 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_right:No #1#2
\tl_gput_right:NV 3062 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:o {#2} } }
\tl_gput_right:No 3063 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\tl_gput_right:Nx 3064 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_right:Nx #1#2
\tl_gput_right:cn 3065 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 #2 } }
\tl_gput_right:cV 3066 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
\tl_gput_right:co 3067 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_right:Nn #1#2
\tl_gput_right:cx 3068 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:n {#2} } }
3069 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
3070 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_right:NV #1#2
3071 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:V #2 } }
3072 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
3073 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_right:No #1#2
3074 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:o {#2} } }
3075 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
3076 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_right:Nx #1#2
3077 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#1} #2 } }
3078 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_right:Nn { c }

```

```

3079 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_right:NV { c }
3080 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_right:No { c }
3081 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_right:Nx { c }
3082 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_right:Nn { c }
3083 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_right:NV { c }
3084 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_right:No { c }
3085 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_right:Nx { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_put_right:Nn` and `\tl_gput_right:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 38.)

## 5.4 Reassigning token list category codes

`\c__tl_rescan_marker_tl` The rescanning code needs a special token list containing the same character (chosen here to be a colon) with two different category codes: it cannot appear in the tokens being rescanned since all colons have the same category code.

```

3086 \tl_const:Nx \c__tl_rescan_marker_tl { : \token_to_str:N : }

```

(End definition for `\c__tl_rescan_marker_tl`.)

`\tl_set_rescan:Nnn` These functions use a common auxiliary. After some initial setup explained below, and the user setup #3 (followed by `\scan_stop:` to be safe), the tokens are rescanned by `\_tl_set_rescan:n` and stored into `\l__tl_internal_a_tl`, then passed to #1#2 outside the group after expansion. The auxiliary `\_tl_set_rescan:n` is defined later: in the simplest case, this auxiliary calls `\_tl_set_rescan_multi:n`, whose code is included here to help understand the approach.

`\tl_gset_rescan:Nnn` One difficulty when rescanning is that `\scantokens` treats the argument as a file, and without the correct settings a T<sub>E</sub>X error occurs:

```

! File ended while scanning definition of ...

```

`\tl_gset_rescan:Nnn` The standard solution is to use an x-expanding assignment and set `\everyeof` to `\exp_not:N` to suppress the error at the end of the file. Since the rescanned tokens should not be expanded, they are taken as a delimited argument of an auxiliary which wraps them in `\exp_not:n` (in fact `\exp_not:o`, as there is a `\prg_do_nothing:` to avoid losing braces). The delimiter cannot appear within the rescanned token list because it contains twice the same character, with different catcodes.

```

\tl_rescan:nn
\_tl_set_rescan:NNnn
\_tl_set_rescan_multi:n
\_tl_rescan:w

```

The difference between single-line and multiple-line files complicates the story, as explained below.

```

3087 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set_rescan:Nnn
3088   { \_tl_set_rescan:NNnn \tl_set:Nn }
3089 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gset_rescan:Nnn
3090   { \_tl_set_rescan:NNnn \tl_gset:Nn }
3091 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_rescan:nn
3092   { \_tl_set_rescan:NNnn \prg_do_nothing: \use:n }
3093 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_tl_set_rescan:NNnn #1#2#3#4
3094   {
3095     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#4}
3096     {
3097       \group_begin:
3098         #3
3099       \group_end:
3100       #1 #2 { }

```

```

3101     }
3102     {
3103     \group_begin:
3104     \exp_args:No \etex_veryeof:D { \c__tl_rescan_marker_tl \exp_not:N }
3105     \int_compare:nNnT \tex_endlinechar:D = { 32 }
3106     { \int_set:Nn \tex_endlinechar:D { -1 } }
3107     \tex_newlinechar:D \tex_endlinechar:D
3108     #3 \scan_stop:
3109     \exp_args:No \__tl_set_rescan:n { \tl_to_str:n {#4} }
3110     \exp_args:NNNo
3111     \group_end:
3112     #1 #2 \l__tl_internal_a_tl
3113     }
3114   }
3115 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_set_rescan_multi:n #1
3116 {
3117   \tl_set:Nx \l__tl_internal_a_tl
3118   {
3119     \exp_after:wN \__tl_rescan:w
3120     \exp_after:wN \prg_do_nothing:
3121     \etex_scantokens:D {#1}
3122   }
3123 }
3124 \exp_args:Nno \use:nn
3125 { \cs_new:Npn \__tl_rescan:w #1 } \c__tl_rescan_marker_tl
3126 { \exp_not:o {#1} }
3127 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set_rescan:Nnn { Nno , Nnx }
3128 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set_rescan:Nnn { c , cno , cnx }
3129 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gset_rescan:Nnn { Nno , Nnx }
3130 \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 40.)

`\__tl_set_rescan:n` This function calls `\__tl_set_rescan_multiple:n` or `\__tl_set_rescan_single:nn`  
`\__tl_set_rescan:NnTF` { ' } depending on whether its argument is a single-line fragment of code/data or  
`\__tl_set_rescan_single:nn` is made of multiple lines by testing for the presence of a `\newlinechar` character. If  
`\__tl_set_rescan_single_aux:nn` `\newlinechar` is out of range, the argument is assumed to be a single line.

The case of multiple lines is a straightforward application of `\scantokens` as described above. The only subtlety is that `\newlinechar` should be equal to `\endlinechar` because `\newlinechar` characters become new lines and then become `\endlinechar` characters when writing to an abstract file and reading back. This equality is ensured by setting `\newlinechar` equal to `\endlinechar`. Prior to this, `\endlinechar` is set to `-1` if it was 32 (in particular true after `\ExplSyntaxOn`) to avoid unreasonable line-breaks at every space for instance in error messages triggered by the user setup. Another side effect of reading back from the file is that spaces (catcode 10) are ignored at the beginning of lines, and spaces and tabs (character code 32 and 9) are ignored at the end of lines.

For a single line, no `\endlinechar` should be added, so it is set to `-1`, and spaces should not be removed.

Trailing spaces and tabs are a difficult matter, as `TEX` removes these at a very low level. The only way to preserve them is to rescan not the argument but the argument followed by a character with a reasonable category code. Here, 11 (letter), 12 (other) and 13 (active) are accepted, as these are suitable for delimiting an argument, and it is very unlikely that none of the ASCII characters are in one of these categories. To

avoid selecting one particular character to put at the end, whose category code may have been modified, there is a loop through characters from ' (ASCII 39) to ~ (ASCII 127). The choice of starting point was made because this is the start of a very long range of characters whose standard category is letter or other, thus minimizing the number of steps needed by the loop (most often just a single one). Once a valid character is found, run some code very similar to `\__tl_set_rescan_multi:n`, except that `\__tl_rescan:w` must be redefined to also remove the additional character (with the appropriate catcode). Getting the delimiter with the right catcode requires using `\scantokens` inside an `x`-expansion, hence using the previous definition of `\__tl_rescan:w` as well. The odd `\exp_not:N \use:n` ensures that the trailing `\exp_not:N` in `\everyeof` does not prevent the expansion of `\c__tl_rescan_marker_tl`, but rather of a closing brace (this does nothing). If no valid character is found, similar code is ran, and the only difference is that trailing spaces are not preserved (bear in mind that this only happens if no character between 39 and 127 has catcode letter, other or active).

There is also some work to preserve leading spaces: test whether the first character (given by `\str_head:n`, with an extra space to circumvent a limitation of `f`-expansion) has catcode 10 and add what `TEX` would add in the middle of a line for any sequence of such characters: a single space with catcode 10 and character code 32.

```

3131 \group_begin:
3132   \tex_catcode:D '\^~@ = 12 \scan_stop:
3133   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_set_rescan:n #1
3134     {
3135       \int_compare:nNnTF \tex_newlinechar:D < 0
3136         { \use_ii:nn }
3137         {
3138           \char_set_lccode:nn { 0 } { \tex_newlinechar:D }
3139           \tex_lowercase:D { \__tl_set_rescan:NnTF ^^@ } {#1}
3140         }
3141         { \__tl_set_rescan_multi:n }
3142         { \__tl_set_rescan_single:nn { ' } }
3143       {#1}
3144     }
3145   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_set_rescan:NnTF #1#2
3146     { \tl_if_in:nnTF {#2} {#1} }
3147   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_set_rescan_single:nn #1
3148     {
3149       \int_compare:nNnTF
3150         { \char_value_catcode:n { '#1 } / 3 } = 4
3151         { \__tl_set_rescan_single_aux:nn {#1} }
3152         {
3153           \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } < { '\~ }
3154             {
3155               \char_set_lccode:nn { 0 } { '#1 + 1 }
3156               \tex_lowercase:D { \__tl_set_rescan_single:nn { ^^@ } }
3157             }
3158             { \__tl_set_rescan_single_aux:nn { } }
3159         }
3160     }
3161   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_set_rescan_single_aux:nn #1#2
3162     {
3163       \int_set:Nn \tex_endlinechar:D { -1 }
3164       \use:x

```

```

3165     {
3166       \exp_not:N \use:n
3167       {
3168         \exp_not:n { \cs_set:Npn \__tl_rescan:w ##1 }
3169         \exp_after:wN \__tl_rescan:w
3170         \exp_after:wN \prg_do_nothing:
3171         \etex_scantokens:D {#1}
3172       }
3173       \c__tl_rescan_marker_tl
3174     }
3175     { \exp_not:o {##1} }
3176   \tl_set:Nx \l__tl_internal_a_tl
3177     {
3178       \int_compare:nNnT
3179         {
3180           \char_value_catcode:n
3181             { \exp_last_unbraced:Nf ‘ \str_head:n {#2} ~ }
3182         }
3183         = { 10 } { ~ }
3184       \exp_after:wN \__tl_rescan:w
3185       \exp_after:wN \prg_do_nothing:
3186       \etex_scantokens:D { #2 #1 }
3187     }
3188   }
3189 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\__tl_set_rescan:n` and others.)

## 5.5 Modifying token list variables

`\tl_replace_all:Nnn` All of the replace functions call `\__tl_replace:NnNNNnn` with appropriate arguments.  
`\tl_replace_all:cnn` The first two arguments are explained later. The next controls whether the replacement  
`\tl_greplace_all:Nnn` function calls itself (`\__tl_replace_next:w`) or stops (`\__tl_replace_wrap:w`) after  
`\tl_greplace_all:cnn` the first replacement. Next comes an x-type assignment function `\tl_set:Nx` or `\tl_-`  
`\tl_replace_once:Nnn` `gset:Nx` for local or global replacements. Finally, the three arguments  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$   $\langle \{ pattern \}$   
`\tl_replace_once:cnn`  $\langle \{ replacement \}$  provided by the user. When describing the auxiliary functions below,  
`\tl_greplace_once:Nnn` we denote the contents of the  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$  by  $\langle token\ list \rangle$ .  
`\tl_greplace_once:cnn`

```

3190 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_replace_once:Nnn
3191   { \__tl_replace:NnNNNnn \q_mark ? \__tl_replace_wrap:w \tl_set:Nx }
3192 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_greplace_once:Nnn
3193   { \__tl_replace:NnNNNnn \q_mark ? \__tl_replace_wrap:w \tl_gset:Nx }
3194 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_replace_all:Nnn
3195   { \__tl_replace:NnNNNnn \q_mark ? \__tl_replace_next:w \tl_set:Nx }
3196 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_greplace_all:Nnn
3197   { \__tl_replace:NnNNNnn \q_mark ? \__tl_replace_next:w \tl_gset:Nx }
3198 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_replace_once:Nnn { c }
3199 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_greplace_once:Nnn { c }
3200 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_replace_all:Nnn { c }
3201 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_greplace_all:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_replace_all:Nnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 39.)

`\__tl_replace:NnNNNnn` To implement the actual replacement auxiliary `\__tl_replace_auxii:nNNNNnn` we need  
`\__tl_replace_auxi:NnNNNNnn` a  $\langle delimiter \rangle$  with the following properties:

```

\__tl_replace_auxii:nNNNNnn
  \__tl_replace_next:w
  \__tl_replace_wrap:w

```

- all occurrences of the  $\langle pattern \rangle$  #6 in “ $\langle token list \rangle \langle delimiter \rangle$ ” belong to the  $\langle token list \rangle$  and have no overlap with the  $\langle delimiter \rangle$ ,
- the first occurrence of the  $\langle delimiter \rangle$  in “ $\langle token list \rangle \langle delimiter \rangle$ ” is the trailing  $\langle delimiter \rangle$ .

We first find the building blocks for the  $\langle delimiter \rangle$ , namely two tokens  $\langle A \rangle$  and  $\langle B \rangle$  such that  $\langle A \rangle$  does not appear in #6 and #6 is not  $\langle B \rangle$  (this condition is trivial if #6 has more than one token). Then we consider the delimiters “ $\langle A \rangle$ ” and “ $\langle A \rangle \langle A \rangle^n \langle B \rangle \langle A \rangle^n \langle B \rangle$ ”, for  $n \geq 1$ , where  $\langle A \rangle^n$  denotes  $n$  copies of  $\langle A \rangle$ , and we choose as our  $\langle delimiter \rangle$  the first one which is not in the  $\langle token list \rangle$ .

Every delimiter in the set obeys the first condition: #6 does not contain  $\langle A \rangle$  hence cannot be overlapping with the  $\langle token list \rangle$  and the  $\langle delimiter \rangle$ , and it cannot be within the  $\langle delimiter \rangle$  since it would have to be in one of the two  $\langle B \rangle$  hence be equal to this single token (or empty, but this is an error case filtered separately). Given the particular form of these delimiters, for which no prefix is also a suffix, the second condition is actually a consequence of the weaker condition that the  $\langle delimiter \rangle$  we choose does not appear in the  $\langle token list \rangle$ . Additionally, the set of delimiters is such that a  $\langle token list \rangle$  of  $n$  tokens can contain at most  $O(n^{1/2})$  of them, hence we find a  $\langle delimiter \rangle$  with at most  $O(n^{1/2})$  tokens in a time at most  $O(n^{3/2})$ . Bear in mind that these upper bounds are reached only in very contrived scenarios: we include the case “ $\langle A \rangle$ ” in the list of delimiters to try, so that the  $\langle delimiter \rangle$  is simply  $\backslash q\_mark$  in the most common situation where neither the  $\langle token list \rangle$  nor the  $\langle pattern \rangle$  contains  $\backslash q\_mark$ .

Let us now ahead, optimizing for this most common case. First, two special cases: an empty  $\langle pattern \rangle$  #6 is an error, and if #1 is absent from both the  $\langle token list \rangle$  #5 and the  $\langle pattern \rangle$  #6 then we can use it as the  $\langle delimiter \rangle$  through  $\backslash\_tl\_replace\_auxii:nNNNnn \{ \#1 \}$ . Otherwise, we end up calling  $\backslash\_tl\_replace:NnNNNnn$  repeatedly with the first two arguments  $\backslash q\_mark \{ ? \}$ ,  $\backslash ? \{ ?? \}$ ,  $\backslash ?? \{ ??? \}$ , and so on, until #6 does not contain the control sequence #1, which we take as our  $\langle A \rangle$ . The argument #2 only serves to collect ? characters for #1. Note that the order of the tests means that the first two are done every time, which is wasteful (for instance, we repeatedly test for the emptiness of #6). However, this is rare enough not to matter. Finally, choose  $\langle B \rangle$  to be  $\backslash q\_nil$  or  $\backslash q\_stop$  such that it is not equal to #6.

The  $\backslash\_tl\_replace\_auxi:NnnNNNnn$  auxiliary receives  $\{ \langle A \rangle \}$  and  $\{ \langle A \rangle^n \langle B \rangle \}$  as its arguments, initially with  $n = 1$ . If “ $\langle A \rangle \langle A \rangle^n \langle B \rangle \langle A \rangle^n \langle B \rangle$ ” is in the  $\langle token list \rangle$  then increase  $n$  and try again. Once it is not anymore in the  $\langle token list \rangle$  we take it as our  $\langle delimiter \rangle$  and pass this to the  $auxii$  auxiliary.

```

3202 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_tl_replace:NnNNNnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
3203 {
3204   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#6}
3205   {
3206     \_kernel_msg_error:nnx { kernel } { empty-search-pattern }
3207     { \tl_to_str:n {#7} }
3208   }
3209   {
3210     \tl_if_in:onTF { #5 #6 } {#1}
3211     {
3212       \tl_if_in:nnTF {#6} {#1}
3213       { \exp_args:Nc \_tl_replace:NnNNNnn {#2} {#2?} }
3214       {
3215         \quark_if_nil:nTF {#6}

```

```

3216             { \_tl_replace_auxi:NnnNNNnn #5 {#1} { #1 \q_stop } }
3217             { \_tl_replace_auxi:NnnNNNnn #5 {#1} { #1 \q_nil } }
3218         }
3219     }
3220     { \_tl_replace_auxii:nNNNnn {#1} }
3221     #3#4#5 {#6} {#7}
3222 }
3223 }
3224 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_tl_replace_auxi:NnnNNNnn #1#2#3
3225 {
3226     \tl_if_in:NnTF #1 { #2 #3 #3 }
3227     { \_tl_replace_auxi:NnnNNNnn #1 { #2 #3 } {#2} }
3228     { \_tl_replace_auxii:nNNNnn { #2 #3 #3 } }
3229 }

```

The auxiliary `\_tl_replace_auxii:nNNNnn` receives the following arguments:  $\langle\langle\textit{delimiter}\rangle\rangle$   $\langle\langle\textit{function}\rangle\rangle$   $\langle\langle\textit{assignment}\rangle\rangle$   $\langle\langle\textit{tl var}\rangle\rangle$   $\langle\langle\textit{pattern}\rangle\rangle$   $\langle\langle\textit{replacement}\rangle\rangle$ . All of its work is done between `\group_align_safe_begin:` and `\group_align_safe_end:` to avoid issues in alignments. It does the actual replacement within `#3 #4 {...}`, an x-expanding  $\langle\langle\textit{assignment}\rangle\rangle$  `#3` to the  $\langle\langle\textit{tl var}\rangle\rangle$  `#4`. The auxiliary `\_tl_replace_next:w` is called, followed by the  $\langle\langle\textit{token list}\rangle\rangle$ , some tokens including the  $\langle\langle\textit{delimiter}\rangle\rangle$  `#1`, followed by the  $\langle\langle\textit{pattern}\rangle\rangle$  `#5`. This auxiliary finds an argument delimited by `#5` (the presence of a trailing `#5` avoids runaway arguments) and calls `\_tl_replace_wrap:w` to test whether this `#5` is found within the  $\langle\langle\textit{token list}\rangle\rangle$  or is the trailing one.

If on the one hand it is found within the  $\langle\langle\textit{token list}\rangle\rangle$ , then `##1` cannot contain the  $\langle\langle\textit{delimiter}\rangle\rangle$  `#1` that we worked so hard to obtain, thus `\_tl_replace_wrap:w` gets `##1` as its own argument `##1`, and protects it against the x-expanding assignment. It also finds `\exp_not:n` as `##2` and does nothing to it, thus letting through `\exp_not:n`  $\langle\langle\textit{replacement}\rangle\rangle$  into the assignment. Note that `\_tl_replace_next:w` and `\_tl_replace_wrap:w` are always called followed by two empty brace groups. These are safe because no delimiter can match them. They prevent losing braces when grabbing delimited arguments, but require the use of `\exp_not:o` and `\use_none:nn`, rather than simply `\exp_not:n`. Afterwards, `\_tl_replace_next:w` is called to repeat the replacement, or `\_tl_replace_wrap:w` if we only want a single replacement. In this second case, `##1` is the  $\langle\langle\textit{remaining tokens}\rangle\rangle$  in the  $\langle\langle\textit{token list}\rangle\rangle$  and `##2` is some  $\langle\langle\textit{ending code}\rangle\rangle$  which ends the assignment and removes the trailing tokens `#5` using some `\if_false: { \fi: }` trickery because `#5` may contain any delimiter.

If on the other hand the argument `##1` of `\_tl_replace_next:w` is delimited by the trailing  $\langle\langle\textit{pattern}\rangle\rangle$  `#5`, then `##1` is “ $\{ \} \{ \} \langle\langle\textit{token list}\rangle\rangle \langle\langle\textit{delimiter}\rangle\rangle \langle\langle\textit{ending code}\rangle\rangle$ ”, hence `\_tl_replace_wrap:w` finds “ $\{ \} \{ \} \langle\langle\textit{token list}\rangle\rangle$ ” as `##1` and the  $\langle\langle\textit{ending code}\rangle\rangle$  as `##2`. It leaves the  $\langle\langle\textit{token list}\rangle\rangle$  into the assignment and unbraces the  $\langle\langle\textit{ending code}\rangle\rangle$  which removes what remains (essentially the  $\langle\langle\textit{delimiter}\rangle\rangle$  and  $\langle\langle\textit{replacement}\rangle\rangle$ ).

```

3230 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_tl_replace_auxii:nNNNnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
3231 {
3232     \group_align_safe_begin:
3233     \cs_set:Npn \_tl_replace_wrap:w ##1 #1 ##2
3234     { \exp_not:o { \use_none:nn ##1 } ##2 }
3235     \cs_set:Npx \_tl_replace_next:w ##1 #5
3236     {
3237         \exp_not:N \_tl_replace_wrap:w ##1
3238         \exp_not:n { #1 }
3239         \exp_not:n { \exp_not:n {#6} }

```

```

3240     \exp_not:n { #2 { } { } }
3241   }
3242   #3 #4
3243   {
3244     \exp_after:wN \_tl_replace_next:w
3245     \exp_after:wN { \exp_after:wN }
3246     \exp_after:wN { \exp_after:wN }
3247     #4
3248     #1
3249     {
3250       \if_false: { \fi: }
3251       \exp_after:wN \use_none:n \exp_after:wN { \if_false: } \fi:
3252     }
3253     #5
3254   }
3255   \group_align_safe_end:
3256 }
3257 \cs_new_eq:NN \_tl_replace_wrap:w ?
3258 \cs_new_eq:NN \_tl_replace_next:w ?

```

(End definition for `\_tl_replace:NnNNNnn` and others.)

```

\l_remove_once:Nn Removal is just a special case of replacement.
\l_remove_once:cn 3259 \cs_new_protected:Npn \l_remove_once:Nn #1#2
\l_gremove_once:Nn 3260 { \tl_replace_once:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
\l_gremove_once:cn 3261 \cs_new_protected:Npn \l_gremove_once:Nn #1#2
3262 { \tl_greplace_once:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
3263 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \l_remove_once:Nn { c }
3264 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \l_gremove_once:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\l_remove_once:Nn` and `\l_gremove_once:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 39.)

```

\l_remove_all:Nn Removal is just a special case of replacement.
\l_remove_all:cn 3265 \cs_new_protected:Npn \l_remove_all:Nn #1#2
\l_gremove_all:Nn 3266 { \tl_replace_all:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
\l_gremove_all:cn 3267 \cs_new_protected:Npn \l_gremove_all:Nn #1#2
3268 { \tl_greplace_all:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
3269 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \l_remove_all:Nn { c }
3270 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \l_gremove_all:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\l_remove_all:Nn` and `\l_gremove_all:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 39.)

## 5.6 Token list conditionals

```

\l_if_blank_p:n TeX skips spaces when reading a non-delimited arguments. Thus, a <token list> is blank
\l_if_blank_p:V if and only if \use_none:n <token list> ? is empty after one expansion. The auxiliary
\l_if_blank_p:o \_tl_if_empty_return:o is a fast emptiness test, converting its argument to a string
\l_if_blank:nTF (after one expansion) and using the test \if_meaning:w \q_nil ... \q_nil.
\l_if_blank:VTF 3271 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \l_if_blank:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
\l_if_blank:oTF 3272 { \_tl_if_empty_return:o { \use_none:n #1 ? } }
\_tl_if_blank_p:NNw 3273 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \l_if_blank:n
3274 { V , o } { p , T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_blank:nTF` and `\__tl_if_blank_p:NNw`. This function is documented on page 40.)

`\tl_if_empty_p:N` These functions check whether the token list in the argument is empty and execute the proper code from their argument(s).

```

\__tl_if_empty_p:c
\__tl_if_empty:NTF
\__tl_if_empty:cTF
3275 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_empty:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3276   {
3277     \if_meaning:w #1 \c_empty_tl
3278     \prg_return_true:
3279   \else:
3280     \prg_return_false:
3281   \fi:
3282   }
3283 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \tl_if_empty:N
3284   { c } { p , T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_empty:NTF`. This function is documented on page 41.)

`\tl_if_empty_p:n` Convert the argument to a string: this is empty if and only if the argument is. Then  
`\tl_if_empty_p:V` `\if_meaning:w \q_nil ... \q_nil` is true if and only if the string ... is empty. It  
`\tl_if_empty:nTF` could be tempting to use `\if_meaning:w \q_nil #1 \q_nil` directly. This fails on a  
`\tl_if_empty:VTF` token list starting with `\q_nil` of course but more troubling is the case where argument  
is a complete conditional such as `\if_true: a \else: b \fi:` because then `\if_true:`  
is used by `\if_meaning:w`, the test turns out false, the `\else:` executes the false  
branch, the `\fi:` ends it and the `\q_nil` at the end starts executing...

```

3285 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_empty:n #1 { p , TF , T , F }
3286   {
3287     \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_after:wN \q_nil
3288     \tl_to_str:n {#1} \q_nil
3289     \prg_return_true:
3290   \else:
3291     \prg_return_false:
3292   \fi:
3293   }
3294 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \tl_if_empty:n
3295   { V } { p , TF , T , F }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_empty:nTF`. This function is documented on page 41.)

`\tl_if_empty_p:o` The auxiliary function `\__tl_if_empty_return:o` is for use in various token list con-  
`\tl_if_empty:oTF` ditionals which reduce to testing if a given token list is empty after applying a simple  
`\__tl_if_empty_return:o` function to it. The test for emptiness is based on `\tl_if_empty:nTF`, but the expansion  
is hard-coded for efficiency, as this auxiliary function is used in many places. Note  
that this works because `\etex_detokenize:D` expands tokens that follow until reading  
a catcode 1 (begin-group) token.

```

3296 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_empty_return:o #1
3297   {
3298     \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_after:wN \q_nil
3299     \etex_detokenize:D \exp_after:wN {#1} \q_nil
3300     \prg_return_true:
3301   \else:
3302     \prg_return_false:
3303   \fi:

```

```

3304 }
3305 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_empty:o #1 { p , TF , T , F }
3306 { \__tl_if_empty_return:o {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_empty:nTF` and `\__tl_if_empty_return:o`. This function is documented on page 41.)

**`\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 3307 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_eq:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
\tl_if_eq_p:cN 3308 {
\tl_if_eq_p:cc 3309   \if_meaning:w #1 #2
\tl_if_eq:NNTF 3310   \prg_return_true:
\tl_if_eq:NcTF 3311   \else:
\tl_if_eq:cNTF 3312   \prg_return_false:
\tl_if_eq:ccTF 3313   \fi:
3314 }
3315 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \tl_if_eq:NN
3316 { Nc , c , cc } { p , TF , T , F }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_eq:NNTF`. This function is documented on page 41.)

**`\tl_if_eq:nnTF`** A simple store and compare routine.

```

\l__tl_internal_a_tl 3317 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_eq:nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
\l__tl_internal_b_tl 3318 {
3319   \group_begin:
3320     \tl_set:Nn \l__tl_internal_a_tl {#1}
3321     \tl_set:Nn \l__tl_internal_b_tl {#2}
3322     \if_meaning:w \l__tl_internal_a_tl \l__tl_internal_b_tl
3323     \group_end:
3324     \prg_return_true:
3325   \else:
3326     \group_end:
3327     \prg_return_false:
3328   \fi:
3329 }
3330 \tl_new:N \l__tl_internal_a_tl
3331 \tl_new:N \l__tl_internal_b_tl

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_eq:nnTF`, `\l__tl_internal_a_tl`, and `\l__tl_internal_b_tl`. This function is documented on page 41.)

**`\tl_if_in:NnTF`** See `\tl_if_in:nnTF` for further comments. Here we simply expand the token list variable and pass it to `\tl_if_in:nnTF`.

```

\tl_if_in:cNNTF 3332 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_if_in:NnT { \exp_args:No \tl_if_in:nnT }
\tl_if_in:cNNTF 3333 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_if_in:NnF { \exp_args:No \tl_if_in:nnF }
\tl_if_in:cNNTF 3334 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_if_in:NnTF { \exp_args:No \tl_if_in:nnTF }
\tl_if_in:cNNTF 3335 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \tl_if_in:Nn
\tl_if_in:cNNTF 3336 { c } { T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_in:NnTF`. This function is documented on page 41.)

**`\tl_if_in:nnTF`** Once more, the test relies on the emptiness test for robustness. The function `\__tl_tmp:w` removes tokens until the first occurrence of #2. If this does not appear in #1, then the final #2 is removed, leaving an empty token list. Otherwise some tokens remain, and the test is false. See `\tl_if_empty:nTF` for details on the emptiness test.

Treating correctly cases like `\tl_if_in:nnTF {a state}{states}`, where #1#2 contains #2 before the end, requires special care. To cater for this case, we insert `{}` between the two token lists. This marker may not appear in #2 because of  $\TeX$  limitations on what can delimit a parameter, hence we are safe. Using two brace groups makes the test work also for empty arguments. The `\if_false:` constructions are a faster way to do `\group_align_safe_begin:` and `\group_align_safe_end:`.

```

3337 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_in:nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
3338 {
3339   \if_false: { \fi:
3340     \cs_set:Npn \__tl_tmp:w ##1 #2 { }
3341     \tl_if_empty:oTF { \__tl_tmp:w #1 {} {} #2 }
3342     { \prg_return_false: } { \prg_return_true: }
3343     \if_false: } \fi:
3344 }
3345 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \tl_if_in:nn
3346 { V , o , no } { T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_in:nnTF`. This function is documented on page 41.)

`\tl_if_novalue_p:n` Tests for `-NoValue-`: this is similar to `\tl_if_in:nn` but set up to be expandable and  
`\tl_if_novalue:nTF` to check the value exactly. The question mark prevents the auxiliary from losing braces.  
`\__tl_if_novalue:w`

```

3347 \use:x
3348 {
3349   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \exp_not:N \tl_if_novalue:n ##1
3350   { p , T , F , TF }
3351   {
3352     \exp_not:N \str_if_eq:onTF
3353     {
3354       \exp_not:N \__tl_if_novalue:w ? ##1 { }
3355       \c_novalue_tl
3356     }
3357     { ? { } \c_novalue_tl }
3358     { \exp_not:N \prg_return_true: }
3359     { \exp_not:N \prg_return_false: }
3360   }
3361   \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__tl_if_novalue:w ##1 \c_novalue_tl
3362   {##1}
3363 }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_novalue:nTF` and `\__tl_if_novalue:w`. This function is documented on page 41.)

`\tl_if_single_p:N` Expand the token list and feed it to `\tl_if_single:n`.

```

3364 \cs_new:Npn \tl_if_single_p:N { \exp_args:No \tl_if_single_p:n }
3365 \cs_new:Npn \tl_if_single:NT { \exp_args:No \tl_if_single:nT }
3366 \cs_new:Npn \tl_if_single:NF { \exp_args:No \tl_if_single:nF }
3367 \cs_new:Npn \tl_if_single:NTF { \exp_args:No \tl_if_single:nTF }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_single:NTF`. This function is documented on page 42.)

`\tl_if_single_p:n` This test is similar to `\tl_if_empty:nTF`. Expanding `\use_none:nn #1 ??` once yields  
`\tl_if_single:nTF` an empty result if #1 is blank, a single ? if #1 has a single item, and otherwise yields some  
`\__tl_if_single_p:n` tokens ending with `??`. Then, `\tl_to_str:n` makes sure there are no odd category codes.  
`\__tl_if_single:nTF` An earlier version would compare the result to a single ? using string comparison, but

the Lua call is slow in LuaTeX. Instead, `\__tl_if_single:nw` picks the second token in front of it. If `#1` is empty, this token is the trailing `?` and the catcode test yields `false`. If `#1` has a single item, the token is `^` and the catcode test yields `true`. Otherwise, it is one of the characters resulting from `\tl_to_str:n`, and the catcode test yields `false`. Note that `\if_catcode:w` takes care of the expansions, and that `\tl_to_str:n` (the `\detokenize` primitive) actually expands tokens until finding a begin-group token.

```

3368 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_single:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3369 {
3370   \if_catcode:w ^ \exp_after:wN \__tl_if_single:nw
3371     \tl_to_str:n \exp_after:wN { \use_none:nn #1 ?? } ^ ? \q_stop
3372     \prg_return_true:
3373   \else:
3374     \prg_return_false:
3375   \fi:
3376 }
3377 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_single:nw #1#2#3 \q_stop {#2}

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_single:nTF` and `\__tl_if_single:nTF`. This function is documented on page 42.)

<pre> \tl_case:Nn \tl_case:cn \tl_case:NnTF \tl_case:cnTF \__tl_case:nnTF \__tl_case:Nw \__prg_case_end:nw \__tl_case_end:nw </pre>	<p>The aim here is to allow the case statement to be evaluated using a known number of expansion steps (two), and without needing to use an explicit “end of recursion” marker. That is achieved by using the test input as the final case, as this is always true. The trick is then to tidy up the output such that the appropriate case code plus either the <code>true</code> or <code>false</code> branch code is inserted.</p> <pre> 3378 \cs_new:Npn \tl_case:Nn #1#2 3379 { 3380   \exp:w 3381   \__tl_case:NnTF #1 {#2} { } { } 3382 } 3383 \cs_new:Npn \tl_case:NnT #1#2#3 3384 { 3385   \exp:w 3386   \__tl_case:NnTF #1 {#2} {#3} { } 3387 } 3388 \cs_new:Npn \tl_case:NnF #1#2#3 3389 { 3390   \exp:w 3391   \__tl_case:NnTF #1 {#2} { } {#3} 3392 } 3393 \cs_new:Npn \tl_case:NnTF #1#2 3394 { 3395   \exp:w 3396   \__tl_case:NnTF #1 {#2} 3397 } 3398 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_case:NnTF #1#2#3#4 3399 { \__tl_case:Nw #1 #2 #1 { } \q_mark {#3} \q_mark {#4} \q_stop } 3400 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_case:Nw #1#2#3 3401 { 3402   \tl_if_eq:NNTF #1 #2 3403     { \__tl_case_end:nw {#3} } 3404     { \__tl_case:Nw #1 } 3405 } </pre>
---	---

```

3406 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_case:Nn { c }
3407 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \tl_case:Nn
3408 { c } { T , F , TF }

```

To tidy up the recursion, there are two outcomes. If there was a hit to one of the cases searched for, then #1 is the code to insert, #2 is the *next* case to check on and #3 is all of the rest of the cases code. That means that #4 is the **true** branch code, and #5 tidies up the spare `\q_mark` and the **false** branch. On the other hand, if none of the cases matched then we arrive here using the “termination” case of comparing the search with itself. That means that #1 is empty, #2 is the first `\q_mark` and so #4 is the **false** code (the **true** code is mopped up by #3).

```

3409 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_case_end:nw #1#2#3 \q_mark #4#5 \q_stop
3410 { \exp_end: #1 #4 }
3411 \cs_new_eq:NN \__tl_case_end:nw \__prg_case_end:nw

```

(End definition for `\tl_case:NnTF` and others. This function is documented on page 42.)

## 5.7 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 is read immediately and the loop terminated.

```

\__tl_map_function:Nn
3412 \cs_new:Npn \tl_map_function:nN #1#2
3413 {
3414   \__tl_map_function:Nn #2 #1
3415   \q_recursion_tail
3416   \__prg_break_point:Nn \tl_map_break: { }
3417 }
3418 \cs_new:Npn \tl_map_function:NN
3419 { \exp_args:No \tl_map_function:nN }
3420 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_map_function:Nn #1#2
3421 {
3422   \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN {#2} \tl_map_break:
3423   #1 {#2} \__tl_map_function:Nn #1
3424 }
3425 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_map_function:NN { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_map_function:nN`, `\tl_map_function:NN`, and `\__tl_map_function:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 42.)

`\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.

```

3426 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_map_inline:nn #1#2
3427 {
3428   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
3429   \cs_gset_protected:cpn
3430   { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w } ##1 {#2}
3431   \exp_args:Nc \__tl_map_function:Nn
3432   { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
3433   #1 \q_recursion_tail
3434   \__prg_break_point:Nn \tl_map_break: { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
3435 }
3436 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_map_inline:Nn

```

```

3437 { \exp_args:No \tl_map_inline:nn }
3438 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_map_inline:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_map_inline:nn` and `\tl_map_inline:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 43.)

```

\tl_map_variable:nNn \tl_map_variable:nNn <token list> <temp> <action> assigns <temp> to each element and
\tl_map_variable:NNn executes <action>.
\tl_map_variable:cNn
\__tl_map_variable:Nnn
3439 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_map_variable:nNn #1#2#3
3440 {
3441   \__tl_map_variable:Nnn #2 {#3} #1
3442   \q_recursion_tail
3443   \__prg_break_point:Nn \tl_map_break: { }
3444 }
3445 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_map_variable:NNn
3446 { \exp_args:No \tl_map_variable:nNn }
3447 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_map_variable:Nnn #1#2#3
3448 {
3449   \tl_set:Nn #1 {#3}
3450   \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN #1 \tl_map_break:
3451   \use:n {#2}
3452   \__tl_map_variable:Nnn #1 {#2}
3453 }
3454 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_map_variable:NNn { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_map_variable:nNn`, `\tl_map_variable:NNn`, and `\__tl_map_variable:Nnn`. These functions are documented on page 43.)

`\tl_map_break:` The break statements use the general `\__prg_map_break:Nn`.

```

\tl_map_break:n
3455 \cs_new:Npn \tl_map_break:
3456 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \tl_map_break: { } }
3457 \cs_new:Npn \tl_map_break:n
3458 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \tl_map_break: }

```

(End definition for `\tl_map_break:` and `\tl_map_break:n`. These functions are documented on page 43.)

## 5.8 Using token lists

`\tl_to_str:n` Another name for a primitive: defined in `l3basics`.

```

\tl_to_str:V
3459 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_to_str:n { V }

```

(End definition for `\tl_to_str:n`. This function is documented on page 44.)

`\tl_to_str:N` These functions return the replacement text of a token list as a string.

```

\tl_to_str:c
3460 \cs_new:Npn \tl_to_str:N #1 { \etex_detokenize:D \exp_after:wN {#1} }
3461 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_to_str:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_to_str:N`. This function is documented on page 44.)

`\tl_use:N` Token lists which are simply not defined give a clear  $\TeX$  error here. No such luck for ones equal to `\scan_stop:`: so instead a test is made and if there is an issue an error is forced.

`\tl_use:c`

```

3462 \cs_new:Npn \tl_use:N #1
3463 {

```



`\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 receives as a braced argument `\use_none:n \q_mark`  
`\tl_trim_spaces:o` argument is a *trimmed token list*. In the case at hand, we take `\exp_not:o` as our continuation, so  
`\tl_trim_spaces:N` that space trimming behaves correctly within an x-type expansion.  
`\tl_trim_spaces:c`  
`\tl_gtrim_spaces:N`  
`\tl_gtrim_spaces:c`

```

3500 \cs_new:Npn \tl_trim_spaces:n #1
3501   { \__tl_trim_spaces:nn { \q_mark #1 } \exp_not:o }
3502 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_trim_spaces:n { o }
3503 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_trim_spaces:N #1
3504   { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \tl_trim_spaces:n {#1} } }
3505 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gtrim_spaces:N #1
3506   { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \tl_trim_spaces:n {#1} } }
3507 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_trim_spaces:N { c }
3508 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gtrim_spaces:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_trim_spaces:n`, `\tl_trim_spaces:N`, and `\tl_gtrim_spaces:N`. These functions are documented on page 46.)

`\__tl_trim_spaces:nn` Trimming spaces from around the input is done using delimited arguments and quarks, and to get spaces at odd places in the definitions, we nest those in `\__tl_tmp:w`, which then receives a single space as its argument: `#1` is `␣`. Removing leading spaces is done with `\__tl_trim_spaces_auxi:w`, which loops until `\q_mark␣` matches the end of the token list: then `##1` is the token list and `##3` is `\__tl_trim_spaces_auxii:w`. This hands the relevant tokens to the loop `\__tl_trim_spaces_auxiii:w`, responsible for trimming trailing spaces. The end is reached when `␣\q_nil` matches the one present in the definition of `\tl_trim_spaces:n`. Then `\__tl_trim_spaces_auxiv:w` puts the token list into a group, with `\use_none:n` placed there to gobble a lingering `\q_mark`, and feeds this to the *continuation*.

```

3509 \cs_set:Npn \__tl_tmp:w #1
3510   {
3511     \cs_new:Npn \__tl_trim_spaces:nn ##1
3512       {
3513         \__tl_trim_spaces_auxi:w
3514         ##1
3515         \q_nil
3516         \q_mark #1 { }
3517         \q_mark \__tl_trim_spaces_auxii:w
3518         \__tl_trim_spaces_auxiii:w
3519         #1 \q_nil
3520         \__tl_trim_spaces_auxiv:w
3521         \q_stop
3522       }
3523     \cs_new:Npn \__tl_trim_spaces_auxi:w ##1 \q_mark #1 ##2 \q_mark ##3
3524       {
3525         ##3
3526         \__tl_trim_spaces_auxi:w
3527         \q_mark
3528         ##2
3529         \q_mark #1 {##1}
3530       }
3531     \cs_new:Npn \__tl_trim_spaces_auxii:w
3532       \__tl_trim_spaces_auxi:w \q_mark \q_mark ##1
3533     {

```

```

3534     \_tl_trim_spaces_auxiii:w
3535     ##1
3536   }
3537   \cs_new:Npn \_tl_trim_spaces_auxiii:w ##1 #1 \q_nil ##2
3538   {
3539     ##2
3540     ##1 \q_nil
3541     \_tl_trim_spaces_auxiii:w
3542   }
3543   \cs_new:Npn \_tl_trim_spaces_auxiv:w ##1 \q_nil ##2 \q_stop ##3
3544   { ##3 { \use_none:n ##1 } }
3545 }
3546 \_tl_tmp:w { ~ }

```

(End definition for `\_tl_trim_spaces:nn` and others.)

`\tl_sort:Nn` Implemented in `l3sort`.

`\tl_sort:cn`

`\tl_gsort:Nn` (End definition for `\tl_sort:Nn`, `\tl_gsort:Nn`, and `\tl_sort:nN`. These functions are documented on page 46.)

`\tl_gsort:cn`

`\tl_sort:nN`

## 5.10 Token by token changes

`\q__tl_act_mark`

`\q__tl_act_stop`

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`.)

`\_tl_act:NNNnn`

`\_tl_act_output:n`

`\_tl_act_reverse_output:n`

`\_tl_act_loop:w`

`\_tl_act_normal:NwnNNN`

`\_tl_act_group:nwnNNN`

`\_tl_act_space:wwnNNN`

`\_tl_act_end:w`

To help control the expansion, `\_tl_act:NNNnn` should always be preceded by `\exp:w` and ends by producing `\exp_end:` once the result has been obtained. Then loop over tokens, groups, and spaces in #5. The marker `\q__tl_act_mark` is used both 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`.

```

3547 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_act:NNNnn #1#2#3#4#5
3548 {
3549   \group_align_safe_begin:
3550   \_tl_act_loop:w #5 \q__tl_act_mark \q__tl_act_stop
3551   {#4} #1 #2 #3
3552   \_tl_act_result:n { }
3553 }

```

In the loop, we check how the token list begins and act accordingly. In the “normal” case, we may have reached `\q__tl_act_mark`, the end of the list. Then leave `\exp_end:` and the result in the input stream, to terminate the expansion of `\exp:w`. Otherwise, apply the relevant function to the “arguments”, #3 and to the head of the token list. Then repeat the loop. The scheme is the same if the token list starts with a group or with a space. Some extra work is needed to make `\_tl_act_space:wwnNNN` gobble the space.

```

3554 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_act_loop:w #1 \q__tl_act_stop
3555 {
3556   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {#1}
3557   { \_tl_act_normal:NwnNNN }
3558   {

```

```

3559     \tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {#1}
3560     { \__tl_act_group:nwnNNN }
3561     { \__tl_act_space:wwnNNN }
3562   }
3563   #1 \q__tl_act_stop
3564 }
3565 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_normal:NwnNNN #1 #2 \q__tl_act_stop #3#4
3566 {
3567   \if_meaning:w \q__tl_act_mark #1
3568   \exp_after:wN \__tl_act_end:wn
3569   \fi:
3570   #4 {#3} #1
3571   \__tl_act_loop:w #2 \q__tl_act_stop
3572   {#3} #4
3573 }
3574 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_end:wn #1 \__tl_act_result:n #2
3575 { \group_align_safe_end: \exp_end: #2 }
3576 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_group:nwnNNN #1 #2 \q__tl_act_stop #3#4#5
3577 {
3578   #5 {#3} {#1}
3579   \__tl_act_loop:w #2 \q__tl_act_stop
3580   {#3} #4 #5
3581 }
3582 \exp_last_unbraced:NNo
3583 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_space:wwnNNN \c_space_tl #1 \q__tl_act_stop #2#3#4#5
3584 {
3585   #5 {#2}
3586   \__tl_act_loop:w #1 \q__tl_act_stop
3587   {#2} #3 #4 #5
3588 }

```

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.

```

3589 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_output:n #1 #2 \__tl_act_result:n #3
3590 { #2 \__tl_act_result:n { #3 #1 } }
3591 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_reverse_output:n #1 #2 \__tl_act_result:n #3
3592 { #2 \__tl_act_result:n { #1 #3 } }

```

(End definition for `\__tl_act:NNNnn` and others.)

**`\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.

```

3593 \cs_new:Npn \tl_reverse:n #1
3594 {
3595   \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
3596   {
3597     \exp:w
3598     \__tl_act:NNNnn
3599     \__tl_reverse_normal:nN
3600     \__tl_reverse_group_preserve:nn

```

```

3601         \__tl_reverse_space:n
3602         { }
3603         {#1}
3604     }
3605 }
3606 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_reverse:n { o , V }
3607 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_reverse_normal:nN #1#2
3608   { \__tl_act_reverse_output:n {#2} }
3609 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_reverse_group_preserve:nn #1#2
3610   { \__tl_act_reverse_output:n { {#2} } }
3611 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_reverse_space:n #1
3612   { \__tl_act_reverse_output:n { ~ } }

```

(End definition for `\tl_reverse:n` and others. This function is documented on page 45.)

```

\tl_reverse:N This reverses the list, leaving \exp_stop_f: in front, which stops the f-expansion.
\tl_reverse:c 3613 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_reverse:N #1
\tl_greverse:N 3614   { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \tl_reverse:n { #1 } } }
\tl_greverse:c 3615 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_greverse:N #1
                 3616   { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \tl_reverse:n { #1 } } }
                 3617 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_reverse:N { c }
                 3618 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_greverse:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_reverse:N` and `\tl_greverse:N`. These functions are documented on page 45.)

## 5.11 The first token from a token list

```

\tl_head:N Finding the head of a token list expandably always strips braces, which is fine as this
\tl_head:n is consistent with for example mapping to a list. The empty brace groups in \tl_
\tl_head:V head:n ensure that a blank argument gives an empty result. The result is returned
\tl_head:v within the \unexpanded primitive. The approach here is to use \if_false: to allow
\tl_head:f us to use } as the closing delimiter: this is the only safe choice, as any other token
\__tl_head_auxi:nw would not be able to parse it's own code. Using a marker, we can see if what we are
\__tl_head_auxii:n grabbing is exactly the marker, or there is anything else to deal with. Is there is, there
\tl_head:w is a loop. If not, tidy up and leave the item in the output stream. More detail in
\tl_tail:N http://tex.stackexchange.com/a/70168.
\tl_tail:n 3619 \cs_new:Npn \tl_head:n #1
\tl_tail:V 3620   {
\tl_tail:v 3621     \etex_unexpanded:D
\tl_tail:f 3622     \if_false: { \fi: \__tl_head_auxi:nw #1 { } \q_stop }
3623   }
3624 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_head_auxi:nw #1#2 \q_stop
3625   {
3626     \exp_after:wN \__tl_head_auxii:n \exp_after:wN {
3627       \if_false: } \fi: {#1}
3628   }
3629 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_head_auxii:n #1
3630   {
3631     \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_after:wN \q_nil
3632     \tl_to_str:n \exp_after:wN { \use_none:n #1 } \q_nil
3633     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
3634   \else:
3635     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn

```

```

3636 \fi:
3637   {#1}
3638   { \if_false: { \fi: \_tl_head_auxi:nw #1 } }
3639 }
3640 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_head:n { V , v , f }
3641 \cs_new:Npn \tl_head:w #1#2 \q_stop {#1}
3642 \cs_new:Npn \tl_head:N { \exp_args:No \tl_head:n }

```

To correctly leave the tail of a token list, it's important *not* to absorb any of the tail part as an argument. For example, the simple definition

```

\cs_new:Npn \tl_tail:n #1 { \tl_tail:w #1 \q_stop }
\cs_new:Npn \tl_tail:w #1#2 \q_stop

```

would give the wrong result for `\tl_tail:n { a { bc } }` (the braces would be stripped). Thus the only safe way to proceed is to first check that there is an item to grab (*i.e.* that the argument is not blank) and assuming there is to dispose of the first item. As with `\tl_head:n`, the result is protected from further expansion by `\unexpanded`. While we could optimise the test here, this would leave some tokens “banned” in the input, which we do not have with this definition.

```

3643 \cs_new:Npn \tl_tail:n #1
3644 {
3645   \etex_unexpanded:D
3646   \tl_if_blank:nTF {#1}
3647   { { } }
3648   { \exp_after:wN { \use_none:n #1 } }
3649 }
3650 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_tail:n { V , v , f }
3651 \cs_new:Npn \tl_tail:N { \exp_args:No \tl_tail:n }

```

(End definition for `\tl_head:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 47.)

`\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_charcode_p:fN` `\tl_if_head_eq_charcode:fNTF`

```

\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 results 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.

```

3652 \prg_new_conditional:Npnm \tl_if_head_eq_charcode:nN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
3653 {
3654   \if_charcode:w
3655   \exp_not:N #2

```

```

3656     \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF { #1 ? }
3657     {
3658         \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N
3659         \tl_head:w #1 { ? \use_none:nn } \q_stop
3660     }
3661     { \str_head:n {#1} }
3662     \prg_return_true:
3663 \else:
3664     \prg_return_false:
3665 \fi:
3666 }
3667 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \tl_if_head_eq_charcode:nN
3668 { f } { p , TF , T , 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.

```

3669 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_head_eq_catcode:nN #1 #2 { p , T , F , TF }
3670 {
3671     \if_catcode:w
3672     \exp_not:N #2
3673     \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF { #1 ? }
3674     {
3675         \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N
3676         \tl_head:w #1 { ? \use_none:nn } \q_stop
3677     }
3678     {
3679         \tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {#1}
3680         { \c_group_begin_token }
3681         { \c_space_token }
3682     }
3683     \prg_return_true:
3684 \else:
3685     \prg_return_false:
3686 \fi:
3687 }

```

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.

```

3688 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
3689 {
3690     \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF { #1 ? }
3691     { \_tl_if_head_eq_meaning_normal:nN }
3692     { \_tl_if_head_eq_meaning_special:nN }
3693     {#1} #2
3694 }

```

```

3695 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_head_eq_meaning_normal:nN #1 #2
3696 {
3697   \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w
3698     \tl_head:w #1 { ?? \use_none:n } \q_stop #2
3699   \prg_return_true:
3700   \else:
3701     \prg_return_false:
3702   \fi:
3703 }
3704 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_head_eq_meaning_special:nN #1 #2
3705 {
3706   \if_charcode:w \str_head:n {#1} \exp_not:N #2
3707   \exp_after:wN \use:n
3708   \else:
3709     \prg_return_false:
3710     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
3711   \fi:
3712   {
3713     \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #2
3714       \tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {#1}
3715         { \c_group_begin_token }
3716         { \c_space_token }
3717     \prg_return_true:
3718     \else:
3719       \prg_return_false:
3720     \fi:
3721   }
3722 }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nNTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 48.)

`\tl_if_head_is_N_type_p:n`  
`\tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF`  
`\__tl_if_head_is_N_type:w`

A token list can be empty, can start with an explicit space character (catcode 10 and charcode 32), can start with a begin-group token (catcode 1), or start with an N-type argument. In the first two cases, the line involving `\__tl_if_head_is_N_type:w` produces `~` (and otherwise nothing). In the third case (begin-group token), the lines involving `\exp_after:wN` produce a single closing brace. The category code test is thus true exactly in the fourth case, which is what we want. One cannot optimize by moving one of the `*` to the beginning: if `#1` contains primitive conditionals, all of its occurrences must be dealt with before the `\if_catcode:w` tries to skip the true branch of the conditional.

```

3723 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_head_is_N_type:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3724 {
3725   \if_catcode:w
3726     \if_false: { \fi: \__tl_if_head_is_N_type:w ? #1 ~ }
3727     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
3728     \exp_after:wN { \exp_after:wN { \token_to_str:N #1 ? } }
3729     * *
3730   \prg_return_true:
3731   \else:
3732     \prg_return_false:
3733   \fi:
3734 }
3735 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_head_is_N_type:w #1 ~
3736 {

```

```

3737 \tl_if_empty:oTF { \use_none:n #1 } { ^ } { }
3738 \exp_after:wN \use_none:n \exp_after:wN { \if_false: } \fi:
3739 }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF` and `\__tl_if_head_is_N_type:w`. This function is documented on page 48.)

`\tl_if_head_is_group_p:n` Pass the first token of #1 through `\token_to_str:N`, then check for the brace balance.  
`\tl_if_head_is_group:nTF` The extra ? caters for an empty argument.<sup>7</sup>

```

3740 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_head_is_group:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3741 {
3742   \if_catcode:w
3743     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
3744     \exp_after:wN { \exp_after:wN { \token_to_str:N #1 ? } }
3745     * *
3746     \prg_return_false:
3747   \else:
3748     \prg_return_true:
3749   \fi:
3750 }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_is_group:nTF`. This function is documented on page 48.)

`\tl_if_head_is_space_p:n` The auxiliary's argument is all that is before the first explicit space in `?#1?~`. If that  
`\tl_if_head_is_space:nTF` is a single ? the test yields true. Otherwise, that is more than one token, and the  
`\__tl_if_head_is_space:w` test yields false. The work is done within braces (with an `\if_false: { \fi: ... }` construction) both to hide potential alignment tab characters from T<sub>E</sub>X in a table, and to allow for removing what remains of the token list after its first space. The `\exp:w` and `\exp_end:` ensure that the result of a single step of expansion directly yields a balanced token list (no trailing closing brace).

```

3751 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_head_is_space:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3752 {
3753   \exp:w \if_false: { \fi:
3754     \__tl_if_head_is_space:w ? #1 ? ~ }
3755 }
3756 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_head_is_space:w #1 ~
3757 {
3758   \tl_if_empty:oTF { \use_none:n #1 }
3759     { \exp_after:wN \exp_end: \exp_after:wN \prg_return_true: }
3760     { \exp_after:wN \exp_end: \exp_after:wN \prg_return_false: }
3761   \exp_after:wN \use_none:n \exp_after:wN { \if_false: } \fi:
3762 }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_is_space:nTF` and `\__tl_if_head_is_space:w`. This function is documented on page 48.)

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<sup>7</sup>Bruno: this could be made faster, but we don't: if we hope to ever have an e-type argument, we need all brace "tricks" to happen in one step of expansion, keeping the token list brace balanced at all times.

## 5.12 Using a single item

`\tl_item:nn` The idea here is to find the offset of the item from the left, then use a loop to grab  
`\tl_item:Nn` the correct item. If the resulting offset is too large, then `\quark_if_recursion_tail_`  
`\tl_item:cn` `stop:n` terminates the loop, and returns nothing at all.

```

3763 \cs_new:Npn \tl_item:nn #1#2
3764   {
3765     \exp_args:Nf \tl_item:nn
3766     { \exp_args:Nf \tl_item_aux:nn { \int_eval:n {#2} } {#1} }
3767     #1
3768     \quark_recursion_tail
3769     \prg_break_point:
3770   }
3771 \cs_new:Npn \tl_item:Nn #1#2
3772   {
3773     \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < 0
3774     { \int_eval:n { \tl_count:n {#2} + 1 + #1 } }
3775     {#1}
3776   }
3777 \cs_new:Npn \tl_item:cn #1#2
3778   {
3779     \quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN {#2} \prg_break:
3780     \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = 1
3781     { \prg_break:n { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
3782     { \exp_args:Nf \tl_item:nn { \int_eval:n { #1 - 1 } } }
3783   }
3784 \cs_new:Npn \tl_item:Nn { \exp_args:No \tl_item:nn }
3785 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_item:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_item:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 49.)

## 5.13 Viewing token lists

`\tl_show:N` Showing token list variables is done after checking that the variable is defined (see `\__-`  
`\tl_show:c` `kernel_register_show:N`).

```

3786 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_show:N { \tl_show:NN \tl_show:n }
3787 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_show:N { c }
3788 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_log:N { \tl_show:NN \tl_log:n }
3789 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_log:N { c }
3790 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_show:NN #1#2
3791   {
3792     \kernel_check_defined:NT #2
3793     { \exp_args:Nx #1 { \token_to_str:N #2 = \exp_not:o {#2} } }
3794   }

```

(End definition for `\tl_show:N`, `\tl_log:N`, and `\tl_show:NN`. These functions are documented on page 49.)

`\tl_show:n` Many show functions are based on `\tl_show:n`. The argument of `\tl_show:n` is line-  
`\__tl_show:n` wrapped using `\iow_wrap:nnnN` but with a leading `>~` and trailing period, both removed  
`\__tl_show:w` before passing the wrapped text to the `\showtokens` primitive. This primitive shows the  
 result with a leading `>~` and trailing period.

The token list `\l__tl_internal_a_tl` containing the result of all these manipulations is displayed to the terminal using `\etex_showtokens:D` and an odd `\exp_after:wN` which expand the closing brace to improve the output slightly. The calls to `\__iow_with:Nnn` ensure that the `\newlinechar` is set to 10 so that the `\iow_newline:` inserted by the line-wrapping code are correctly recognized by T<sub>E</sub>X, and that `\errorcontextlines` is `-1` to avoid printing irrelevant context.

```

3795 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_show:n #1
3796   { \iow_wrap:nnnN { >~ \tl_to_str:n {#1} . } { } { } \__tl_show:n }
3797 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_show:n #1
3798   {
3799     \tl_set:Nf \l__tl_internal_a_tl { \__tl_show:w #1 \q_stop }
3800     \__iow_with:Nnn \tex_newlinechar:D { 10 }
3801     {
3802       \__iow_with:Nnn \tex_errorcontextlines:D { -1 }
3803       {
3804         \etex_showtokens:D \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
3805         { \exp_after:wN \l__tl_internal_a_tl }
3806       }
3807     }
3808   }
3809 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_show:w #1 > #2 . \q_stop {#2}

```

*(End definition for `\tl_show:n`, `\__tl_show:n`, and `\__tl_show:w`. This function is documented on page 49.)*

**`\tl_log:n`** Logging is much easier, simply line-wrap. The `>~` and trailing period is there to match the output of `\tl_show:n`.

```

3810 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_log:n #1
3811   { \iow_wrap:nnnN { > ~ \tl_to_str:n {#1} . } { } { } \iow_log:n }

```

*(End definition for `\tl_log:n`. This function is documented on page 49.)*

## 5.14 Scratch token lists

**`\g_tmpa_tl`** Global temporary token list variables. They are supposed to be set and used immediately, with no delay between the definition and the use because you can't count on other macros not to redefine them from under you.

```

3812 \tl_new:N \g_tmpa_tl
3813 \tl_new:N \g_tmpb_tl

```

*(End definition for `\g_tmpa_tl` and `\g_tmpb_tl`. These variables are documented on page 50.)*

**`\l_tmpa_tl`** These are local temporary token list variables. Be sure not to assume that the value you put into them will survive for long—see discussion above.

```

3814 \tl_new:N \l_tmpa_tl
3815 \tl_new:N \l_tmpb_tl

```

*(End definition for `\l_tmpa_tl` and `\l_tmpb_tl`. These variables are documented on page 50.)*

```

3816 </initex | package>

```

## 6 l3str implementation

3817 `\*initex | package)`

3818 `\@@=str`

### 6.1 Creating and setting string variables

`\str_new:N` A string is simply a token list. The full mapping system isn't set up yet so do things by hand.

`\str_new:c`

`\str_use:N` 3819 `\group_begin:`

`\str_use:c` 3820 `\cs_set_protected:Npn \__str_tmp:n #1`

`\str_clear:N` 3821 `{`

`\str_clear:c` 3822 `\tl_if_blank:nF {#1}`

`\str_gclear:N` 3823 `{`

`\str_gclear:c` 3824 `\cs_new_eq:cc { str_ #1 :N } { tl_ #1 :N }`

`\str_clear_new:N` 3825 `\exp_args:Nc \cs_generate_variant:Nn { str_ #1 :N } { c }`

`\str_clear_new:c` 3826 `\__str_tmp:n`

`\str_gclear_new:N` 3827 `}`

`\str_gclear_new:c` 3828 `}`

`\str_gclear_new:c` 3829 `\__str_tmp:n`

`\str_set_eq:NN` 3830 `{ new }`

`\str_set_eq:cN` 3831 `{ use }`

`\str_set_eq:Nc` 3832 `{ clear }`

`\str_set_eq:cc` 3833 `{ gclear }`

`\str_gset_eq:NN` 3834 `{ clear_new }`

`\str_gset_eq:cN` 3835 `{ gclear_new }`

`\str_gset_eq:Nc` 3836 `{ }`

`\str_gset_eq:cc` 3837 `\group_end:`

`\str_concat:NNN` 3838 `\cs_new_eq:NN \str_set_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:NN`

`\str_concat:ccc` 3839 `\cs_new_eq:NN \str_gset_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:NN`

`\str_gconcat:NNN` 3840 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_set_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }`

`\str_gconcat:ccc` 3841 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_gset_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }`

`\str_gconcat:ccc` 3842 `\cs_new_eq:NN \str_concat:NNN \tl_concat:NNN`

3843 `\cs_new_eq:NN \str_gconcat:NNN \tl_gconcat:NNN`

3844 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_concat:NNN { ccc }`

3845 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_gconcat:NNN { ccc }`

(End definition for `\str_new:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 51.)

`\str_set:Nn` Simply convert the token list inputs to `\strings`.

`\str_set:Nx` 3846 `\group_begin:`

`\str_set:cn` 3847 `\cs_set_protected:Npn \__str_tmp:n #1`

`\str_set:cx` 3848 `{`

`\str_gset:Nn` 3849 `\tl_if_blank:nF {#1}`

`\str_gset:Nx` 3850 `{`

`\str_gset:cn` 3851 `\cs_new_protected:cpx { str_ #1 :Nn } ##1##2`

`\str_gset:cx` 3852 `{ \exp_not:c { tl_ #1 :Nx } ##1 { \exp_not:N \tl_to_str:n {##2} } }`

`\str_const:Nn` 3853 `\exp_args:Nc \cs_generate_variant:Nn { str_ #1 :Nn } { Nx , cn , cx }`

`\str_const:Nx` 3854 `\__str_tmp:n`

`\str_const:cn` 3855 `}`

`\str_const:cx` 3856 `}`

`\str_put_left:Nn` 3857 `\__str_tmp:n`

`\str_put_left:Nx` 3858 `{ set }`

`\str_put_left:cn` 3859 `{ gset }`

`\str_put_left:cx`

`\str_gput_left:Nn`

`\str_gput_left:Nx`

`\str_gput_left:cn`

`\str_gput_left:cx`

`\str_put_right:Nn`

`\str_put_right:Nx`

`\str_put_right:cn`

`\str_put_right:cx`

```

3860     { const }
3861     { put_left }
3862     { gput_left }
3863     { put_right }
3864     { gput_right }
3865     { }
3866 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\str_set:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 52.)

## 6.2 Modifying string variables

Start by applying `\tl_to_str:n` to convert the old and new token lists to strings, and also apply `\tl_to_str:N` to avoid any issues if we are fed a token list variable. Then the code is a much simplified version of the token list code because neither the delimiter nor the replacement can contain macro parameters or braces. The delimiter `\q_mark` cannot appear in the string to edit so it is used in all cases. Some x-expansion is unnecessary. There is no need to avoid losing braces nor to protect against expansion. The ending code is much simplified and does not need to hide in braces.

```

\str_replace_all:Nnn
\str_replace_all:cnn
\str_greplace_all:Nnn
\str_greplace_all:cnn
\str_replace_once:Nnn
\str_replace_once:cnn
\str_greplace_once:Nnn
\str_greplace_once:cnn
\cs_new_protected:Npn \str_replace_once:Nnn
  \__str_replace:NNNnn
\__str_replace_aux:NNNnnn
  \__str_replace_next:w
3867 \cs_new_protected:Npn \str_replace_once:Nnn
3868   { \__str_replace:NNNnn \prg_do_nothing: \tl_set:Nx }
3869 \cs_new_protected:Npn \str_greplace_once:Nnn
3870   { \__str_replace:NNNnn \prg_do_nothing: \tl_gset:Nx }
3871 \cs_new_protected:Npn \str_replace_all:Nnn
3872   { \__str_replace:NNNnn \__str_replace_next:w \tl_set:Nx }
3873 \cs_new_protected:Npn \str_greplace_all:Nnn
3874   { \__str_replace:NNNnn \__str_replace_next:w \tl_gset:Nx }
3875 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_replace_once:Nnn { c }
3876 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_greplace_once:Nnn { c }
3877 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_replace_all:Nnn { c }
3878 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_greplace_all:Nnn { c }
3879 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__str_replace:NNNnn #1#2#3#4#5
3880   {
3881     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#4}
3882     {
3883       \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { empty-search-pattern } {#5}
3884     }
3885     {
3886       \use:x
3887       {
3888         \exp_not:n { \__str_replace_aux:NNNnnn #1 #2 #3 }
3889         { \tl_to_str:N #3 }
3890         { \tl_to_str:n {#4} } { \tl_to_str:n {#5} }
3891       }
3892     }
3893   }
3894 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__str_replace_aux:NNNnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
3895   {
3896     \cs_set:Npn \__str_replace_next:w ##1 #5 { ##1 #6 #1 }
3897     #2 #3
3898     {
3899       \__str_replace_next:w
3900       #4

```

```

3901     \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
3902     #5
3903     \q_stop
3904   }
3905 }
3906 \cs_new_eq:NN \__str_replace_next:w ?

```

(End definition for `\str_replace_all:Nnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 53.)

```

\str_remove_once:Nn Removal is just a special case of replacement.
\str_remove_once:cn 3907 \cs_new_protected:Npn \str_remove_once:Nn #1#2
\str_gremove_once:Nn 3908 { \str_replace_once:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
\str_gremove_once:cn 3909 \cs_new_protected:Npn \str_gremove_once:Nn #1#2
3910 { \str_greplace_once:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
3911 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_remove_once:Nn { c }
3912 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_gremove_once:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\str_remove_once:Nn` and `\str_gremove_once:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 53.)

```

\str_remove_all:Nn Removal is just a special case of replacement.
\str_remove_all:cn 3913 \cs_new_protected:Npn \str_remove_all:Nn #1#2
\str_gremove_all:Nn 3914 { \str_replace_all:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
\str_gremove_all:cn 3915 \cs_new_protected:Npn \str_gremove_all:Nn #1#2
3916 { \str_greplace_all:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
3917 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_remove_all:Nn { c }
3918 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_gremove_all:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\str_remove_all:Nn` and `\str_gremove_all:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 53.)

### 6.3 String comparisons

```

\str_if_empty_p:N More copy-paste!
\str_if_empty_p:c 3919 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \str_if_exist:N \tl_if_exist:N { p , T , F , TF }
\str_if_empty:NTF 3920 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \str_if_exist:c \tl_if_exist:c { p , T , F , TF }
\str_if_empty:cTF 3921 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \str_if_empty:N \tl_if_empty:N { p , T , F , TF }
\str_if_exist_p:N 3922 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \str_if_empty:c \tl_if_empty:c { p , T , F , TF }
\str_if_exist_p:c
\str_if_exist:NTF
\str_if_exist:cTF

```

(End definition for `\str_if_empty:NTF` and `\str_if_exist:NTF`. These functions are documented on page 53.)

```

\__str_if_eq_x:nn String comparisons rely on the primitive \(pdf)stricmp if available: LuaTeX does not
\__str_escape_x:n have it, so emulation is required. As the net result is that we do not always use the
primitive, the correct approach is to wrap up in a function with defined behaviour.
That's done by providing a wrapper and then redefining in the LuaTeX case. Note that
the necessary Lua code is covered in l3bootstrap: long-term this may need to go into a
separate Lua file, but at present it's somewhere that spaces are not skipped for ease-of-
input. The need to detokenize and force expansion of input arises from the case where a #
token is used in the input, e.g. \__str_if_eq_x:nn {#} { \tl_to_str:n {#} }, which
otherwise would fail as \luatex_luaescapestring:D does not double such tokens.

```

```

3923 \cs_new:Npn \__str_if_eq_x:nn #1#2 { \pdfetex_stricmp:D {#1} {#2} }
3924 \cs_if_exist:NT \luatex luatexversion:D
3925 {

```

```

3926 \cs_set:Npn \__str_if_eq_x:nn #1#2
3927 {
3928   \luatex_directlua:D
3929   {
3930     l3kernel.strcmp
3931     (
3932       " \__str_escape_x:n {#1} " ,
3933       " \__str_escape_x:n {#2} "
3934     )
3935   }
3936 }
3937 \cs_new:Npn \__str_escape_x:n #1
3938 {
3939   \luatex_luaescapestring:D
3940   {
3941     \etex_detokenize:D \exp_after:wN { \luatex_expanded:D {#1} }
3942   }
3943 }
3944 }

```

(End definition for `\__str_if_eq_x:nn` and `\__str_escape_x:n`.)

`\__str_if_eq_x_return:nn` It turns out that we often need to compare a token list with the result of applying some function to it, and return with `\prg_return_true/false:`. This test is similar to `\str_if_eq:nnTF` (see `l3str`), but is hard-coded for speed.

```

3945 \cs_new:Npn \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn #1 #2
3946 {
3947   \if_int_compare:w \__str_if_eq_x:nn {#1} {#2} = 0 \exp_stop_f:
3948   \prg_return_true:
3949   \else:
3950   \prg_return_false:
3951   \fi:
3952 }

```

(End definition for `\__str_if_eq_x_return:nn`.)

`\str_if_eq_p:nn` Modern engines provide a direct way of comparing two token lists, but returning a number. This set of conditionals therefore make life a bit clearer. The `nn` and `xx` versions are created directly as this is most efficient.

```

3953 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \str_if_eq:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
3954 {
3955   \if_int_compare:w
3956   \__str_if_eq_x:nn { \exp_not:n {#1} } { \exp_not:n {#2} }
3957   = 0 \exp_stop_f:
3958   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3959 }
3960 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nmn \str_if_eq:nn
3961 { V , o , nV , no , VV } { p , T , F , TF }
3962 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \str_if_eq_x:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
3963 {
3964   \if_int_compare:w \__str_if_eq_x:nn {#1} {#2} = 0 \exp_stop_f:
3965   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3966 }

```

(End definition for `\str_if_eq:nnTF` and `\str_if_eq_x:nnTF`. These functions are documented on page 54.)

`\str_if_eq_p:NN` Note that `\str_if_eq:NN` is different from `\tl_if_eq:NN` because it needs to ignore category codes.  
`\str_if_eq_p:Nc`  
`\str_if_eq_p:cN` 3967 `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn \str_if_eq:NN #1#2 { p , TF , T , F }`  
`\str_if_eq_p:cc` 3968 `{`  
`\str_if_eq:NNTF` 3969 `\if_int_compare:w \__str_if_eq_x:nn { \tl_to_str:N #1 } { \tl_to_str:N #2 }`  
`\str_if_eq:NcTF` 3970 `= 0 \exp_stop_f: \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:`  
`\str_if_eq:cNTF` 3971 `}`  
`\str_if_eq:ccTF` 3972 `\prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \str_if_eq:NN`  
3973 `{ c , Nc , cc } { T , F , TF , p }`

(End definition for `\str_if_eq:NNTF`. This function is documented on page 54.)

`\str_if_in:NnTF` Everything here needs to be detokenized but beyond that it is a simple token list test.  
`\str_if_in:cnTF` It would be faster to fine-tune the T, F, TF variants by calling the appropriate variant of  
`\str_if_in:nnTF` `\tl_if_in:nnTF` directly but that takes more code.

```
3974 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \str_if_in:Nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
3975 {
3976   \use:x
3977   { \tl_if_in:nnTF { \tl_to_str:N #1 } { \tl_to_str:n {#2} } }
3978   { \prg_return_true: } { \prg_return_false: }
3979 }
3980 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \str_if_in:Nn
3981 { c } { T , F , TF }
3982 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \str_if_in:nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
3983 {
3984   \use:x
3985   { \tl_if_in:nnTF { \tl_to_str:n {#1} } { \tl_to_str:n {#2} } }
3986   { \prg_return_true: } { \prg_return_false: }
3987 }
```

(End definition for `\str_if_in:NnTF` and `\str_if_in:nnTF`. These functions are documented on page 54.)

`\str_case:nn` Much the same as `\tl_case:nn(TF)` here: just a change in the internal comparison.  
`\str_case:on` 3988 `\cs_new:Npn \str_case:nn #1#2`  
`\str_case:nV` 3989 `{`  
`\str_case:nv` 3990 `\exp:w`  
`\str_case:nnTF` 3991 `\__str_case:nnTF {#1} {#2} { } { }`  
`\str_case:onTF` 3992 `}`  
`\str_case:nVTF` 3993 `\cs_new:Npn \str_case:nnT #1#2#3`  
`\str_case:nvTF` 3994 `{`  
`\str_case_x:nn` 3995 `\exp:w`  
`\str_case_x:nnTF` 3996 `\__str_case:nnTF {#1} {#2} {#3} { }`  
3997 `}`  
`\__str_case:nnTF` 3998 `\cs_new:Npn \str_case:nnF #1#2`  
`\__str_case_x:nnTF` 3999 `{`  
`\__str_case:nw` 4000 `\exp:w`  
`\__str_case_x:nw` 4001 `\__str_case:nnTF {#1} {#2} { }`  
`\__str_case_end:nw` 4002 `}`  
4003 `\cs_new:Npn \str_case:nnTF #1#2`  
4004 `{`

```

4005     \exp:w
4006     \__str_case:nnTF {#1} {#2}
4007   }
4008 \cs_new:Npn \__str_case:nnTF #1#2#3#4
4009   { \__str_case:nw {#1} #2 {#1} { } \q_mark {#3} \q_mark {#4} \q_stop }
4010 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_case:nn { o , nV , nv }
4011 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \str_case:nn
4012   { o , nV , nv } { T , F , TF }
4013 \cs_new:Npn \__str_case:nw #1#2#3
4014   {
4015     \str_if_eq:nnTF {#1} {#2}
4016     { \__str_case_end:nw {#3} }
4017     { \__str_case:nw {#1} }
4018   }
4019 \cs_new:Npn \str_case_x:nn #1#2
4020   {
4021     \exp:w
4022     \__str_case_x:nnTF {#1} {#2} { } { }
4023   }
4024 \cs_new:Npn \str_case_x:nnT #1#2#3
4025   {
4026     \exp:w
4027     \__str_case_x:nnTF {#1} {#2} {#3} { }
4028   }
4029 \cs_new:Npn \str_case_x:nnF #1#2
4030   {
4031     \exp:w
4032     \__str_case_x:nnTF {#1} {#2} { }
4033   }
4034 \cs_new:Npn \str_case_x:nnTF #1#2
4035   {
4036     \exp:w
4037     \__str_case_x:nnTF {#1} {#2}
4038   }
4039 \cs_new:Npn \__str_case_x:nnTF #1#2#3#4
4040   { \__str_case_x:nw {#1} #2 {#1} { } \q_mark {#3} \q_mark {#4} \q_stop }
4041 \cs_new:Npn \__str_case_x:nw #1#2#3
4042   {
4043     \str_if_eq_x:nnTF {#1} {#2}
4044     { \__str_case_end:nw {#3} }
4045     { \__str_case_x:nw {#1} }
4046   }
4047 \cs_new_eq:NN \__str_case_end:nw \__prg_case_end:nw

```

(End definition for `\str_case:nnTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 55.)

## 6.4 Mapping to strings

<pre> \str_map_function:NN \str_map_function:cN \str_map_function:nN   \str_map_inline:NN   \str_map_inline:cN   \str_map_inline:nN \str_map_variable:NNn \str_map_variable:cNn \str_map_variable:nNn   \str_map_break:   \str_map_break:n   \__str_map_function:w   \__str_map_function:Nn   \__str_map_inline:NN   \__str_map_variable:NNn </pre>	<p>The inline and variable mappings are similar to the usual token list mappings but start out by turning the argument to an “other string”. Doing the same for the expandable function mapping would require <code>\__str_to_other:n</code>, quadratic in the string length. To deal with spaces in that case, <code>\__str_map_function:w</code> replaces the following space by a braced space and a further call to itself. These are received by <code>\__str_map_function:Nn</code>, which passes the space to #1 and calls <code>\__str_map_function:w</code> to deal with the next</p>
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space. The space before the braced space allows to optimize the `\q_recursion_tail` test. Of course we need to include a trailing space (the question mark is needed to avoid losing the space when `TEX` tokenizes the line). At the cost of about three more auxiliaries this code could get a 9 times speed up by testing only every 9-th character for whether it is `\q_recursion_tail` (also by converting 9 spaces at a time in the `\str_map_function:nN` case).

```

4048 \cs_new:Npn \str_map_function:nN #1#2
4049   {
4050     \exp_after:wN \__str_map_function:w
4051     \exp_after:wN \__str_map_function:Nn \exp_after:wN #2
4052     \etex_detokenize:D {#1}
4053     \q_recursion_tail ? ~
4054     \__prg_break_point:Nn \str_map_break: { }
4055   }
4056 \cs_new:Npn \str_map_function:NN
4057   { \exp_args:No \str_map_function:nN }
4058 \cs_new:Npn \__str_map_function:w #1 ~
4059   { #1 { ~ { ~ } \__str_map_function:w } }
4060 \cs_new:Npn \__str_map_function:Nn #1#2
4061   {
4062     \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #2
4063     \exp_after:wN \str_map_break:
4064     \fi:
4065     #1 #2 \__str_map_function:Nn #1
4066   }
4067 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_map_function:NN { c }
4068 \cs_new_protected:Npn \str_map_inline:nn #1#2
4069   {
4070     \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
4071     \cs_gset_protected:cpn
4072     { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w } ##1 {#2}
4073     \use:x
4074     {
4075       \exp_not:N \__str_map_inline:NN
4076       \exp_not:c { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
4077       \__str_to_other_fast:n {#1}
4078     }
4079     \q_recursion_tail
4080     \__prg_break_point:Nn \str_map_break: { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
4081   }
4082 \cs_new_protected:Npn \str_map_inline:Nn
4083   { \exp_args:No \str_map_inline:nn }
4084 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_map_inline:Nn { c }
4085 \cs_new:Npn \__str_map_inline:NN #1#2
4086   {
4087     \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN #2 \str_map_break:
4088     \exp_args:No #1 { \token_to_str:N #2 }
4089     \__str_map_inline:NN #1
4090   }
4091 \cs_new_protected:Npn \str_map_variable:nNn #1#2#3
4092   {
4093     \use:x
4094     {

```

```

4095     \exp_not:n { \__str_map_variable:NnN #2 {#3} }
4096     \__str_to_other_fast:n {#1}
4097   }
4098   \q_recursion_tail
4099   \__prg_break_point:Nn \str_map_break: { }
4100 }
4101 \cs_new_protected:Npn \str_map_variable:NNn
4102 { \exp_args:No \str_map_variable:nNn }
4103 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__str_map_variable:NnN #1#2#3
4104 {
4105   \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN #3 \str_map_break:
4106   \str_set:Nn #1 {#3}
4107   \use:n {#2}
4108   \__str_map_variable:NnN #1 {#2}
4109 }
4110 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_map_variable:NNn { c }
4111 \cs_new:Npn \str_map_break:
4112 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \str_map_break: { } }
4113 \cs_new:Npn \str_map_break:n
4114 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \str_map_break: }

```

(End definition for `\str_map_function:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 55.)

## 6.5 Accessing specific characters in a string

```

\__str_to_other:n
\__str_to_other_loop:w
\__str_to_other_end:w

```

First apply `\tl_to_str:n`, then replace all spaces by “other” spaces, 8 at a time, storing the converted part of the string between the `\q_mark` and `\q_stop` markers. The end is detected when `\__str_to_other_loop:w` finds one of the trailing A, distinguished from any contents of the initial token list by their category. Then `\__str_to_other_end:w` is called, and finds the result between `\q_mark` and the first A (well, there is also the need to remove a space).

```

4115 \cs_new:Npn \__str_to_other:n #1
4116 {
4117   \exp_after:wN \__str_to_other_loop:w
4118   \tl_to_str:n {#1} ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ \q_mark \q_stop
4119 }
4120 \group_begin:
4121 \tex_lccode:D ‘\* = ‘\ %
4122 \tex_lccode:D ‘\A = ‘\A %
4123 \tex_lowercase:D
4124 {
4125   \group_end:
4126   \cs_new:Npn \__str_to_other_loop:w
4127     #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 ~ #5 ~ #6 ~ #7 ~ #8 ~ #9 \q_stop
4128   {
4129     \if_meaning:w A #8
4130     \__str_to_other_end:w
4131     \fi:
4132     \__str_to_other_loop:w
4133     #9 #1 * #2 * #3 * #4 * #5 * #6 * #7 * #8 * \q_stop
4134   }
4135   \cs_new:Npn \__str_to_other_end:w \fi: #1 \q_mark #2 * A #3 \q_stop
4136   { \fi: #2 }
4137 }

```

(End definition for `\_str\_to\_other:n`, `\_str\_to\_other\_loop:w`, and `\_str\_to\_other\_end:w`.)

`\_str\_to\_other\_fast:n` The difference with `\_str\_to\_other:n` is that the converted part is left in the input stream, making these commands only restricted-expandable.

```

\_str\_to\_other\_fast\_loop:w
\_str\_to\_other\_fast\_end:w
4138 \cs_new:Npn \_str\_to\_other\_fast:n #1
4139 {
4140   \exp_after:wN \_str\_to\_other\_fast\_loop:w \tl\_to\_str:n {#1} ~
4141   A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ \q\_stop
4142 }
4143 \group\_begin:
4144 \tex\_lccode:D ‘\* = ‘\ %
4145 \tex\_lccode:D ‘\A = ‘\A %
4146 \tex\_lowercase:D
4147 {
4148   \group\_end:
4149   \cs\_new:Npn \_str\_to\_other\_fast\_loop:w
4150   #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 ~ #5 ~ #6 ~ #7 ~ #8 ~ #9 ~
4151   {
4152     \if\_meaning:w A #9
4153     \_str\_to\_other\_fast\_end:w
4154     \fi:
4155     #1 * #2 * #3 * #4 * #5 * #6 * #7 * #8 * #9
4156     \_str\_to\_other\_fast\_loop:w *
4157   }
4158   \cs\_new:Npn \_str\_to\_other\_fast\_end:w #1 * A #2 \q\_stop {#1}
4159 }

```

(End definition for `\_str\_to\_other\_fast:n`, `\_str\_to\_other\_fast\_loop:w`, and `\_str\_to\_other\_fast\_end:w`.)

`\str\_item:Nn` The `\str\_item:nn` hands its argument with spaces escaped to `\_str\_item:nn`, and `\str\_item:cn` makes sure to turn the result back into a proper string (with category code 10 spaces) eventually. `\str\_item:nn` The `\str\_item\_ignore\_spaces:nn` function does not escape spaces, which are thus ignored by `\_str\_item:nn` since everything else is done with undelimited arguments. Evaluate the `<index>` argument #2 and count characters in the string, passing those two numbers to `\_str\_item:w` for further analysis. If the `<index>` is negative, shift it by the `<count>` to know the how many character to discard, and if that is still negative give an empty result. If the `<index>` is larger than the `<count>`, give an empty result, and otherwise discard `<index> - 1` characters before returning the following one. The shift by `-1` is obtained by inserting an empty brace group before the string in that case: that brace group also covers the case where the `<index>` is zero.

```

\_str\_item:nn
\_str\_item:w
4160 \cs\_new:Npn \str\_item:Nn { \exp\_args:No \str\_item:nn }
4161 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \str\_item:Nn { c }
4162 \cs\_new:Npn \str\_item:nn #1#2
4163 {
4164   \exp\_args:Nf \tl\_to\_str:n
4165   {
4166     \exp\_args:Nf \_str\_item:nn
4167     { \_str\_to\_other:n {#1} } {#2}
4168   }
4169 }
4170 \cs\_new:Npn \str\_item\_ignore\_spaces:nn #1
4171 { \exp\_args:No \_str\_item:nn { \tl\_to\_str:n {#1} } }

```

```

4172 \__kernel_patch_args:nNn { #1 } { \__int_eval:n {#2} } }
4173 \cs_new:Npn \__str_item:nn #1#2
4174 {
4175   \exp_after:wN \__str_item:w
4176   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #2 \exp_after:wN ;
4177   \__int_value:w \__str_count:n {#1} ;
4178   #1 \q_stop
4179 }
4180 \cs_new:Npn \__str_item:w #1; #2;
4181 {
4182   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < 0
4183   {
4184     \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < {-#2}
4185     { \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w }
4186     {
4187       \exp_after:wN \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw
4188       \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__str_skip_exp_end:w
4189       \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 + #2 ;
4190     }
4191   }
4192   {
4193     \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} > {#2}
4194     { \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w }
4195     {
4196       \exp_after:wN \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw
4197       \exp:w \__str_skip_exp_end:w #1 ; { }
4198     }
4199   }
4200 }

```

(End definition for `\str_item:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 58.)

```

\__str_skip_exp_end:w
\__str_skip_loop:wNNNNNNNN
\__str_skip_end:w
\__str_skip_end:NNNNNNNN

```

Removes  $\max(\#1, 0)$  characters from the input stream, and then leaves `\exp_end:.` This should be expanded using `\exp:w`. We remove characters 8 at a time until there are at most 8 to remove. Then we do a dirty trick: the `\if_case:w` construction leaves between 0 and 8 times the `\or:` control sequence, and those `\or:` become arguments of `\__str_skip_end:NNNNNNNN`. If the number of characters to remove is 6, say, then there are two `\or:` left, and the 8 arguments of `\__str_skip_end:NNNNNNNN` are the two `\or:.` and 6 characters from the input stream, exactly what we wanted to remove. Then close the `\if_case:w` conditional with `\fi:.` and stop the initial expansion with `\exp_end:` (see places where `\__str_skip_exp_end:w` is called).

```

4201 \cs_new:Npn \__str_skip_exp_end:w #1;
4202 {
4203   \if_int_compare:w #1 > 8 \exp_stop_f:
4204   \exp_after:wN \__str_skip_loop:wNNNNNNNN
4205   \else:
4206   \exp_after:wN \__str_skip_end:w
4207   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
4208   \fi:
4209   #1 ;
4210 }
4211 \cs_new:Npn \__str_skip_loop:wNNNNNNNN #1; #2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
4212 { \exp_after:wN \__str_skip_exp_end:w \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 - 8 ; }
4213 \cs_new:Npn \__str_skip_end:w #1 ;

```

```

4214 {
4215   \exp_after:wN \__str_skip_end:NNNNNNNN
4216   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f: \or: \or: \or: \or: \or: \or: \or: \or:
4217 }
4218 \cs_new:Npn \__str_skip_end:NNNNNNNN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8 { \fi: \exp_end: }

```

(End definition for `\__str_skip_exp_end:w` and others.)

`\str_range:Nnn` Sanitize the string. Then evaluate the arguments. At this stage we also decrement the `\str_range:nmn`  $\langle start\ index \rangle$ , since our goal is to know how many characters should be removed. Then `\str_range_ignore_spaces:nmn` limit the range to be non-negative and at most the length of the string (this avoids needing to check for the end of the string when grabbing characters), shifting negative `\__str_range:nmn` numbers by the appropriate amount. Afterwards, skip characters, then keep some more, `\__str_range:w` and finally drop the end of the string. `\__str_range:nmw`

```

4219 \cs_new:Npn \str_range:Nnn { \exp_args:No \str_range:nmn }
4220 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_range:Nnn { c }
4221 \cs_new:Npn \str_range:nmn #1#2#3
4222 {
4223   \exp_args:Nf \tl_to_str:n
4224   {
4225     \exp_args:Nf \__str_range:nmn
4226     { \__str_to_other:n {#1} } {#2} {#3}
4227   }
4228 }
4229 \cs_new:Npn \str_range_ignore_spaces:nmn #1
4230 { \exp_args:No \__str_range:nmn { \tl_to_str:n {#1} } }
4231 \__kernel_patch_args:nNnNpn
4232 { {#1} { \__int_eval:n {#2} } { \__int_eval:n {#3} } }
4233 \cs_new:Npn \__str_range:nmn #1#2#3
4234 {
4235   \exp_after:wN \__str_range:w
4236   \__int_value:w \__str_count:n {#1} \exp_after:wN ;
4237   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #2 - 1 \exp_after:wN ;
4238   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #3 ;
4239   #1 \q_stop
4240 }
4241 \cs_new:Npn \__str_range:w #1; #2; #3;
4242 {
4243   \exp_args:Nf \__str_range:nmw
4244   { \__str_range_normalize:nn {#2} {#1} }
4245   { \__str_range_normalize:nn {#3} {#1} }
4246 }
4247 \cs_new:Npn \__str_range:nmw #1#2
4248 {
4249   \exp_after:wN \__str_collect_delimit_by_q_stop:w
4250   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #2 - #1 \exp_after:wN ;
4251   \exp:w \__str_skip_exp_end:w #1 ;
4252 }

```

(End definition for `\str_range:Nnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 59.)

`\__str_range_normalize:nn` This function converts an  $\langle index \rangle$  argument into an explicit position in the string (a result of 0 denoting “out of bounds”). Expects two explicit integer arguments: the  $\langle index \rangle$  #1

and the string count #2. If #1 is negative, replace it by #1 + #2 + 1, then limit to the range [0, #2].

```

4253 \cs_new:Npn \__str_range_normalize:nn #1#2
4254 {
4255   \int_eval:n
4256   {
4257     \if_int_compare:w #1 < 0 \exp_stop_f:
4258     \if_int_compare:w #1 < -#2 \exp_stop_f:
4259     0
4260     \else:
4261     #1 + #2 + 1
4262     \fi:
4263   \else:
4264     \if_int_compare:w #1 < #2 \exp_stop_f:
4265     #1
4266     \else:
4267     #2
4268     \fi:
4269   \fi:
4270 }
4271 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_str\_range\_normalize:nn.)

```

\__str_collect_delimit_by_q_stop:w
\__str_collect_loop:wn
  \__str_collect_loop:wnNNNNNNN
\__str_collect_end:wn
\__str_collect_end:nnnnnnnw

```

Collects  $\max(\#1, 0)$  characters, and removes everything else until `\q_stop`. This is somewhat similar to `\__str_skip_exp_end:w`, but accepts integer expression arguments. This time we can only grab 7 characters at a time. At the end, we use an `\if_case:w` trick again, so that the 8 first arguments of `\__str_collect_end:nnnnnnnw` are some `\or:`, followed by an `\fi:`, followed by #1 characters from the input stream. Simply leaving this in the input stream closes the conditional properly and the `\or:` disappear.

```

4272 \cs_new:Npn \__str_collect_delimit_by_q_stop:w #1;
4273 { \__str_collect_loop:wn #1 ; { } }
4274 \cs_new:Npn \__str_collect_loop:wn #1 ;
4275 {
4276   \if_int_compare:w #1 > 7 \exp_stop_f:
4277   \exp_after:wN \__str_collect_loop:wnNNNNNNN
4278   \else:
4279   \exp_after:wN \__str_collect_end:wn
4280   \fi:
4281   #1 ;
4282 }
4283 \cs_new:Npn \__str_collect_loop:wnNNNNNNN #1; #2 #3#4#5#6#7#8#9
4284 {
4285   \exp_after:wN \__str_collect_loop:wn
4286   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 - 7 ;
4287   { #2 #3#4#5#6#7#8#9 }
4288 }
4289 \cs_new:Npn \__str_collect_end:wn #1 ;
4290 {
4291   \exp_after:wN \__str_collect_end:nnnnnnnw
4292   \if_case:w \if_int_compare:w #1 > 0 \exp_stop_f: #1 \else: 0 \fi: \exp_stop_f:
4293   \or: \or: \or: \or: \or: \or: \or: \fi:
4294 }
4295 \cs_new:Npn \__str_collect_end:nnnnnnnw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8 #9 \q_stop

```

```
4296 { #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8 }
```

(End definition for `\_str_collect_delimit_by_q_stop:w` and others.)

## 6.6 Counting characters

`\str_count_spaces:N` To speed up this function, we grab and discard 9 space-delimited arguments in each iteration of the loop. The loop stops when the last argument is one of the trailing `X⟨number⟩`, and that `⟨number⟩` is added to the sum of 9 that precedes, to adjust the result.

```
4297 \cs_new:Npn \str_count_spaces:N
4298   { \exp_args:No \str_count_spaces:n }
4299 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_count_spaces:N { c }
4300 \cs_new:Npn \str_count_spaces:n #1
4301   {
4302     \int_eval:n
4303     {
4304       \exp_after:wN \_str_count_spaces_loop:w
4305       \tl_to_str:n {#1} ~
4306       X 7 ~ X 6 ~ X 5 ~ X 4 ~ X 3 ~ X 2 ~ X 1 ~ X 0 ~ X -1 ~
4307       \q_stop
4308     }
4309   }
4310 \cs_new:Npn \_str_count_spaces_loop:w #1~#2~#3~#4~#5~#6~#7~#8~#9~
4311   {
4312     \if_meaning:w X #9
4313     \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw
4314     \fi:
4315     9 + \_str_count_spaces_loop:w
4316   }
```

(End definition for `\str_count_spaces:N`, `\str_count_spaces:n`, and `\_str_count_spaces_loop:w`. These functions are documented on page 57.)

`\str_count:N` To count characters in a string we could first escape all spaces using `\_str_to_other:n`, then pass the result to `\tl_count:n`. However, the escaping step would be quadratic in the number of characters in the string, and we can do better. Namely, sum the number of spaces (`\str_count_spaces:n`) and the result of `\tl_count:n`, which ignores spaces. `\str_count_ignore_spaces:n` Since strings tend to be longer than token lists, we use specialized functions to count characters ignoring spaces. Namely, `loop`, grabbing 9 non-space characters at each step, and end as soon as we reach one of the 9 trailing items. The internal function `\_str_count:n`, used in `\str_item:nn` and `\str_range:nnn`, is similar to `\str_count_ignore_spaces:n` but expects its argument to already be a string or a string with spaces escaped.

```
4317 \cs_new:Npn \str_count:N { \exp_args:No \str_count:n }
4318 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_count:N { c }
4319 \cs_new:Npn \str_count:n #1
4320   {
4321     \_str_count_aux:n
4322     {
4323       \str_count_spaces:n {#1}
4324       + \exp_after:wN \_str_count_loop:NNNNNNNNN \tl_to_str:n {#1}
4325     }

```

```

4326 }
4327 \cs_new:Npn \__str_count:n #1
4328 {
4329   \__str_count_aux:n
4330   { \__str_count_loop:NNNNNNNNN #1 }
4331 }
4332 \cs_new:Npn \str_count_ignore_spaces:n #1
4333 {
4334   \__str_count_aux:n
4335   { \exp_after:wN \__str_count_loop:NNNNNNNNN \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
4336 }
4337 \cs_new:Npn \__str_count_aux:n #1
4338 {
4339   \int_eval:n
4340   {
4341     #1
4342     { X 8 } { X 7 } { X 6 }
4343     { X 5 } { X 4 } { X 3 }
4344     { X 2 } { X 1 } { X 0 }
4345     \q_stop
4346   }
4347 }
4348 \cs_new:Npn \__str_count_loop:NNNNNNNNN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
4349 {
4350   \if_meaning:w X #9
4351     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
4352     \fi:
4353     9 + \__str_count_loop:NNNNNNNNN
4354 }

```

(End definition for `\str_count:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 57.)

## 6.7 The first character in a string

`\str_head:N` The `_ignore_spaces` variant applies `\tl_to_str:n` then grabs the first item, thus skipping spaces. As usual, `\str_head:N` expands its argument and hands it to `\str_head:n`.  
`\str_head:c` To circumvent the fact that TeX skips spaces when grabbing undelimited macro parameters, `\__str_head:w` takes an argument delimited by a space. If #1 starts with a non-space character, `\use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw` leaves that in the input stream. On the other hand, if #1 starts with a space, the `\__str_head:w` takes an empty argument, and the single (initially braced) space in the definition of `\__str_head:w` makes its way to the output. Finally, for an empty argument, the (braced) empty brace group in the definition of `\str_head:n` gives an empty result after passing through `\use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw`.

```

4355 \cs_new:Npn \str_head:N { \exp_args:No \str_head:n }
4356 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_head:N { c }
4357 \cs_new:Npn \str_head:n #1
4358 {
4359   \exp_after:wN \__str_head:w
4360   \tl_to_str:n {#1}
4361   { { } } ~ \q_stop
4362 }
4363 \cs_new:Npn \__str_head:w #1 ~ %

```

```

4364 { \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw #1 { ~ } }
4365 \cs_new:Npn \str_head_ignore_spaces:n #1
4366 {
4367   \exp_after:wN \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw
4368   \tl_to_str:n {#1} { } \q_stop
4369 }

```

(End definition for `\str_head:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 58.)

`\str_tail:N` Getting the tail is a little bit more convoluted than the head of a string. We hit the front of the string with `\reverse_if:N \if_charcode:w \scan_stop:.` This removes the first character, and necessarily makes the test true, since the character cannot match `\scan_stop:.` The auxiliary function then inserts the required `\fi:` to close the conditional, and leaves the tail of the string in the input stream. The details are such that an empty string has an empty tail (this requires in particular that the end-marker `X` be unexpandable and not a control sequence). The `_ignore_spaces` is rather simpler: after converting the input to a string, `\__str_tail_auxii:w` removes one undelimited argument and leaves everything else until an end-marker `\q_mark`. One can check that an empty (or blank) string yields an empty tail.

```

4370 \cs_new:Npn \str_tail:N { \exp_args:No \str_tail:n }
4371 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_tail:N { c }
4372 \cs_new:Npn \str_tail:n #1
4373 {
4374   \exp_after:wN \__str_tail_auxi:w
4375   \reverse_if:N \if_charcode:w
4376   \scan_stop: \tl_to_str:n {#1} X X \q_stop
4377 }
4378 \cs_new:Npn \__str_tail_auxi:w #1 X #2 \q_stop { \fi: #1 }
4379 \cs_new:Npn \str_tail_ignore_spaces:n #1
4380 {
4381   \exp_after:wN \__str_tail_auxii:w
4382   \tl_to_str:n {#1} \q_mark \q_mark \q_stop
4383 }
4384 \cs_new:Npn \__str_tail_auxii:w #1 #2 \q_mark #3 \q_stop { #2 }

```

(End definition for `\str_tail:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 58.)

## 6.8 String manipulation

`\str_fold_case:n` Case changing for programmatic reasons is done by first detokenizing input then doing a simple loop that only has to worry about spaces and everything else. The output is detokenized to allow data sharing with text-based case changing.

```

\str_lower_case:n
\str_upper_case:n
\__str_change_case:nn
\__str_change_case_aux:nn
\__str_change_case_result:n
\__str_change_case_output:nw
\__str_change_case_output:fw
\__str_change_case_end:nw
\__str_change_case_loop:nw
\__str_change_case_space:n
\__str_change_case_char:nN
\__str_lookup_lower:N
\__str_lookup_upper:N
\__str_lookup_fold:N

```

```

4385 \cs_new:Npn \str_fold_case:n #1 { \__str_change_case:nn {#1} { fold } }
4386 \cs_new:Npn \str_lower_case:n #1 { \__str_change_case:nn {#1} { lower } }
4387 \cs_new:Npn \str_upper_case:n #1 { \__str_change_case:nn {#1} { upper } }
4388 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_fold_case:n { V }
4389 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_lower_case:n { f }
4390 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_upper_case:n { f }
4391 \cs_new:Npn \__str_change_case:nn #1
4392 {
4393   \exp_after:wN \__str_change_case_aux:nn \exp_after:wN
4394   { \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
4395 }

```

```

4396 \cs_new:Npn \__str_change_case_aux:n #1#2
4397 {
4398   \__str_change_case_loop:nw {#2} #1 \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
4399   \__str_change_case_result:n { }
4400 }
4401 \cs_new:Npn \__str_change_case_output:nw #1#2 \__str_change_case_result:n #3
4402 { #2 \__str_change_case_result:n { #3 #1 } }
4403 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__str_change_case_output:nw { f }
4404 \cs_new:Npn \__str_change_case_end:wn #1 \__str_change_case_result:n #2 { #2 }
4405 \cs_new:Npn \__str_change_case_loop:nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
4406 {
4407   \tl_if_head_is_space:nTF {#2}
4408   { \__str_change_case_space:n }
4409   { \__str_change_case_char:nN }
4410   {#1} #2 \q_recursion_stop
4411 }
4412 \use:x
4413 { \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__str_change_case_space:n ##1 \c_space_tl }
4414 {
4415   \__str_change_case_output:nw { ~ }
4416   \__str_change_case_loop:nw {#1}
4417 }
4418 \cs_new:Npn \__str_change_case_char:nN #1#2
4419 {
4420   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #2
4421   { \__str_change_case_end:wn }
4422   \cs_if_exist:cTF { c__unicode_ #1 _ #2 _tl }
4423   {
4424     \__str_change_case_output:fw
4425     { \tl_to_str:c { c__unicode_ #1 _ #2 _tl } }
4426   }
4427   { \__str_change_case_char_aux:nN {#1} #2 }
4428   \__str_change_case_loop:nw {#1}
4429 }

```

For Unicode engines there's a look up to see if the current character has a valid one-to-one case change mapping. That's not needed for 8-bit engines: as they don't have `\utex_char:D` all of the changes they can make are hard-coded and so already picked up above.

```

4430 \cs_if_exist:NTF \utex_char:D
4431 {
4432   \cs_new:Npn \__str_change_case_char_aux:nN #1#2
4433   {
4434     \int_compare:nNnTF { \use:c { __str_lookup_ #1 :N } #2 } = { 0 }
4435     { \__str_change_case_output:nw {#2} }
4436     {
4437       \__str_change_case_output:fw
4438       { \utex_char:D \use:c { __str_lookup_ #1 :N } #2 ~ }
4439     }
4440   }
4441   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__str_lookup_lower:N #1 { \tex_lccode:D '#1 }
4442   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__str_lookup_upper:N #1 { \tex_uccode:D '#1 }
4443   \cs_new_eq:NN \__str_lookup_fold:N \__str_lookup_lower:N
4444 }

```

```

4445 {
4446   \cs_new:Npn \__str_change_case_char_aux:nN #1#2
4447     { \__str_change_case_output:nw {#2} }
4448 }

```

(End definition for `\str_fold_case:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 61.)

```

\c_ampersand_str For all of those strings, use \cs_to_str:N to get characters with the correct category
\c_atsign_str   code without worries
\c_backslash_str 4449 \str_const:Nx \c_ampersand_str { \cs_to_str:N \& }
\c_left_brace_str 4450 \str_const:Nx \c_atsign_str   { \cs_to_str:N \@ }
\c_right_brace_str 4451 \str_const:Nx \c_backslash_str { \cs_to_str:N \\ }
\c_circumflex_str 4452 \str_const:Nx \c_left_brace_str { \cs_to_str:N \{ }
\c_colon_str      4453 \str_const:Nx \c_right_brace_str { \cs_to_str:N \} }
\c_dollar_str     4454 \str_const:Nx \c_circumflex_str { \cs_to_str:N \^ }
\c_hash_str       4455 \str_const:Nx \c_colon_str     { \cs_to_str:N \: }
\c_percent_str    4456 \str_const:Nx \c_dollar_str    { \cs_to_str:N \$ }
\c_tilde_str      4457 \str_const:Nx \c_hash_str      { \cs_to_str:N \# }
\c_underscore_str 4458 \str_const:Nx \c_percent_str   { \cs_to_str:N \% }
                  4459 \str_const:Nx \c_tilde_str    { \cs_to_str:N \~ }
                  4460 \str_const:Nx \c_underscore_str { \cs_to_str:N \_ }

```

(End definition for `\c_ampersand_str` and others. These variables are documented on page 62.)

```

\l_tmpa_str Scratch strings.
\l_tmpb_str 4461 \str_new:N \l_tmpa_str
\g_tmpa_str 4462 \str_new:N \l_tmpb_str
\g_tmpb_str 4463 \str_new:N \g_tmpa_str
           4464 \str_new:N \g_tmpb_str

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_str` and others. These variables are documented on page 62.)

## 6.9 Viewing strings

```

\str_show:n Displays a string on the terminal.
\str_show:N 4465 \cs_new_eq:NN \str_show:n \tl_show:n
\str_show:c 4466 \cs_new_eq:NN \str_show:N \tl_show:N
           4467 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_show:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\str_show:n` and `\str_show:N`. These functions are documented on page 61.)

## 6.10 Unicode data for case changing

```

4468 <@@=unicode>

```

Case changing both for strings and “text” requires data from the Unicode Consortium. Some of this is build in to the format (as `\lccode` and `\uccode` values) but this covers only the simple one-to-one situations and does not fully handle for example case folding.

The data required for cross-module manipulations is loaded here: currently this means for `str` and `tl` functions. As such, the prefix used is not `str` but rather `unicode`. For performance (as the entire data set must be read during each run) and as this code comes somewhat early in the load process, there is quite a bit of low-level code here.

As only the data needs to remain at the end of this process, everything is set up inside a group.

```
4469 \group_begin:
```

A read stream is needed. The I/O module is not yet in place *and* we do not want to use up a stream. We therefore use a known free one in format mode or look for the next free one in package mode (covers plain, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> and ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt MkII and MkIV).

```
4470 ⟨*initex⟩
4471   \tex_chardef:D \g__unicode_data_ior = 0 \scan_stop:
4472 ⟨/initex⟩
4473 ⟨*package⟩
4474   \tex_chardef:D \g__unicode_data_ior
4475   \etex_numexpr:D
4476     \cs_if_exist:NTF \lastallocatedread
4477     { \lastallocatedread }
4478     {
4479       \cs_if_exist:NTF \c_syst_last_allocated_read
4480       { \c_syst_last_allocated_read }
4481       { \tex_count:D 16 ~ }
4482     }
4483     + 1
4484   \scan_stop:
4485 ⟨/package⟩
```

Set up to read each file. As they use C-style comments, there is a need to deal with #. At the same time, spaces are important so they need to be picked up as they are important. Beyond that, the current category code scheme works fine. With no I/O loop available, hard-code one that works quickly.

```
4486   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__unicode_map_inline:n #1
4487   {
4488     \group_begin:
4489     \tex_catcode:D ‘\# = 12 \scan_stop:
4490     \tex_catcode:D ‘\ = 10 \scan_stop:
4491     \tex_openin:D \g__unicode_data_ior = #1 \scan_stop:
4492     \cs_if_exist:NT \utex_char:D
4493     { \__unicode_map_loop: }
4494     \tex_closein:D \g__unicode_data_ior
4495     \group_end:
4496   }
4497   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__unicode_map_loop:
4498   {
4499     \tex_ifeof:D \g__unicode_data_ior
4500     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
4501     \else:
4502     \exp_after:wN \use:n
4503     \fi:
4504     {
4505       \tex_read:D \g__unicode_data_ior to \l__unicode_tmp_tl
4506       \if_meaning:w \c_empty_tl \l__unicode_tmp_tl
4507       \else:
4508       \exp_after:wN \__unicode_parse:w \l__unicode_tmp_tl \q_stop
4509       \fi:
4510       \__unicode_map_loop:
4511     }
4512   }
```

The lead-off parser for each line is common for all of the files. If the line starts with a # it's a comment. There's one special comment line to look out for in `SpecialCasing.txt` as we want to ignore everything after it. As this line does not appear in any other sources and the test is quite quick (there are relatively few comment lines), it can be present in all of the passes.

```

4513 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__unicode_parse:w #1#2 \q_stop
4514 {
4515   \reverse_if:N \if:w \c_hash_str #1
4516   \__unicode_parse_auxi:w #1#2 \q_stop
4517   \else:
4518     \if_int_compare:w \__str_if_eq_x:nn
4519     { \exp_not:n {#2} } { ~Conditional~Mappings~ } = 0 \exp_stop_f:
4520     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__unicode_parse:w ##1 \q_stop { }
4521   \fi:
4522   \fi:
4523 }

```

Storing each exception is always done in the same way: create a constant token list which expands to exactly the mapping. These have the category codes “now” (so should be letters) but are later detokenized for string use.

```

4524 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__unicode_store:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
4525 {
4526   \tl_const:cx { c__unicode_ #2 _ \utex_char:D "#1 _tl }
4527   {
4528     \utex_char:D "#3 ~
4529     \utex_char:D "#4 ~
4530     \tl_if_blank:nF {#5}
4531     { \utex_char:D "#5 }
4532   }
4533 }

```

Parse the main Unicode data file for title case exceptions (the one-to-one lower and upper case mappings it contains are all be covered by the  $\TeX$  data).

```

4534 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__unicode_parse_auxi:w
4535 #1 ; #2 ; #3 ; #4 ; #5 ; #6 ; #7 ; #8 ; #9 ;
4536 { \__unicode_parse_auxii:w #1 ; }
4537 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__unicode_parse_auxii:w
4538 #1 ; #2 ; #3 ; #4 ; #5 ; #6 ; #7 \q_stop
4539 {
4540   \tl_if_blank:nF {#7}
4541   {
4542     \if_int_compare:w \__str_if_eq_x:nn { #5 ~ } {#7} = 0 \exp_stop_f:
4543     \else:
4544       \tl_const:cx
4545       { c__unicode_mixed_ \utex_char:D "#1 _tl }
4546       { \utex_char:D "#7 }
4547     \fi:
4548   }
4549 }
4550 \__unicode_map_inline:n { UnicodeData.txt }

```

The set up for case folding is in two parts. For the basic (core) mappings, folding is the same as lower casing in most positions so only store the differences. For the more complex foldings, always store the result, splitting up the two or three code points in the input as required.

```

4551 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__unicode_parse_auxi:w #1 ;~ #2 ;~ #3 ; #4 \q_stop
4552 {
4553   \if_int_compare:w \__str_if_eq_x:nn {#2} { C } = 0 \exp_stop_f:
4554   \if_int_compare:w \tex_lccode:D "#1 = "#3 \scan_stop:
4555   \else:
4556     \tl_const:cx
4557     { c__unicode_fold_ \utex_char:D "#1 _tl }
4558     { \utex_char:D "#3 ~ }
4559   \fi:
4560   \else:
4561     \if_int_compare:w \__str_if_eq_x:nn {#2} { F } = 0 \exp_stop_f:
4562     \__unicode_parse_auxii:w #1 ~ #3 ~ \q_stop
4563   \fi:
4564   \fi:
4565 }
4566 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__unicode_parse_auxii:w #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 \q_stop
4567 { \__unicode_store:nnnnn {#1} { fold } {#2} {#3} {#4} }
4568 \__unicode_map_inline:n { CaseFolding.txt }

```

For upper and lower casing special situations, there is a bit more to do as we also have title casing to consider.

```

4569 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__unicode_parse_auxi:w #1 ;~ #2 ;~ #3 ;~ #4 ; #5 \q_stop
4570 {
4571   \use:n { \__unicode_parse_auxii:w #1 ~ lower ~ #2 ~ } ~ \q_stop
4572   \use:n { \__unicode_parse_auxii:w #1 ~ upper ~ #4 ~ } ~ \q_stop
4573   \if_int_compare:w \__str_if_eq_x:nn {#3} {#4} = 0 \exp_stop_f:
4574   \else:
4575     \use:n { \__unicode_parse_auxii:w #1 ~ mixed ~ #3 ~ } ~ \q_stop
4576   \fi:
4577 }
4578 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__unicode_parse_auxii:w #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 ~ #5 \q_stop
4579 {
4580   \tl_if_empty:nF {#4}
4581   { \__unicode_store:nnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} }
4582 }
4583 \__unicode_map_inline:n { SpecialCasing.txt }

```

For the 8-bit engines, the above does nothing but there is some set up needed. There is no expandable character generator primitive so some alternative is needed. As we've not used up hash space for the above, we can go for the fast approach here of one name per letter. Keeping folding and lower casing separate makes the use later a bit easier.

```

4584 \cs_if_exist:NF \utex_char:D
4585 {
4586   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__unicode_tmp:NN #1#2
4587   {
4588     \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #2
4589     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
4590     \fi:
4591     \tl_const:cn { c__unicode_fold_ #1 _tl } {#2}
4592     \tl_const:cn { c__unicode_lower_ #1 _tl } {#2}
4593     \tl_const:cn { c__unicode_upper_ #2 _tl } {#1}
4594     \__unicode_tmp:NN
4595   }
4596   \__unicode_tmp:NN
4597   AaBbCcDdEeFfGgHhIiJjKkLlMmNnOoPpQqRrSsTtUuVvWwXxYyZz

```

```

4598         ? \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
4599     }

```

All done: tidy up.

```
4600 \group_end:
```

```
4601 </initex | package>

```

## 7 l3seq implementation

The following test files are used for this code: *m3seq002,m3seq003*.

```
4602 (*initex | package)
```

```
4603 <@@=seq>

```

A sequence is a control sequence whose top-level expansion is of the form “\s\_\_seq \\_\_seq\_item:n {*item*<sub>1</sub>} ... \\_\_seq\_item:n {*item*<sub>*n*</sub>}", with a leading scan mark followed by *n* items of the same form. 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 allowed rapid searching using a delimited function, but was not suitable for items containing {, } and # tokens, and also lead to the loss of surrounding braces around items.

\s\_\_seq The variable is defined in the l3quark module, loaded later.

(End definition for \s\_\_seq.)

\\_\_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.

```

4604 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_item:n
4605   {
4606     \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { misused-sequence }
4607     \use_none:n
4608   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_seq\_item:n.)

\l\_\_seq\_internal\_a\_tl Scratch space for various internal uses.

```

\l__seq_internal_b_tl
4609 \tl_new:N \l__seq_internal_a_tl
4610 \tl_new:N \l__seq_internal_b_tl

```

(End definition for \l\_\_seq\_internal\_a\_tl and \l\_\_seq\_internal\_b\_tl.)

\\_\_seq\_tmp:w Scratch function for internal use.

```
4611 \cs_new_eq:NN \__seq_tmp:w ?
```

(End definition for \\_\_seq\_tmp:w.)

\c\_empty\_seq A sequence with no item, following the structure mentioned above.

```
4612 \tl_const:Nn \c_empty_seq { \s__seq }
```

(End definition for \c\_empty\_seq. This variable is documented on page 73.)

## 7.1 Allocation and initialisation

`\seq_new:N` Sequences are initialized to `\c_empty_seq`.

```
\seq_new:c 4613 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_new:N #1
4614 {
4615   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
4616   \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_seq
4617 }
4618 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\seq_new:N`. This function is documented on page 64.)

`\seq_clear:N` Clearing a sequence is similar to setting it equal to the empty one.

```
\seq_clear:c 4619 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_clear:N #1
\seq_gclear:N 4620 { \seq_set_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_seq }
\seq_gclear:c 4621 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_clear:N { c }
4622 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gclear:N #1
4623 { \seq_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_seq }
4624 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gclear:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\seq_clear:N` and `\seq_gclear:N`. These functions are documented on page 64.)

`\seq_clear_new:N` Once again we copy code from the token list functions.

```
\seq_clear_new:c 4625 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_clear_new:N #1
\seq_gclear_new:N 4626 { \seq_if_exist:NTF #1 { \seq_clear:N #1 } { \seq_new:N #1 } }
\seq_gclear_new:c 4627 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_clear_new:N { c }
4628 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gclear_new:N #1
4629 { \seq_if_exist:NTF #1 { \seq_gclear:N #1 } { \seq_new:N #1 } }
4630 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gclear_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\seq_clear_new:N` and `\seq_gclear_new:N`. These functions are documented on page 64.)

`\seq_set_eq:NN` Copying a sequence is the same as copying the underlying token list.

```
\seq_set_eq:cN 4631 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_set_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:NN
\seq_set_eq:Nc 4632 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_set_eq:Nc \tl_set_eq:Nc
\seq_set_eq:cc 4633 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_set_eq:cN \tl_set_eq:cN
\seq_gset_eq:NN 4634 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_set_eq:cc \tl_set_eq:cc
\seq_gset_eq:cN 4635 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gset_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:NN
\seq_gset_eq:Nc 4636 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gset_eq:Nc \tl_gset_eq:Nc
\seq_gset_eq:cN 4637 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gset_eq:cN \tl_gset_eq:cN
\seq_gset_eq:cc 4638 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gset_eq:cc \tl_gset_eq:cc
```

(End definition for `\seq_set_eq:NN` and `\seq_gset_eq:NN`. These functions are documented on page 64.)

`\seq_set_from_clist:NN` Setting a sequence from a comma-separated list is done using a simple mapping.

```
\seq_set_from_clist:cN 4639 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_set_from_clist:NN #1#2
\seq_set_from_clist:Nc 4640 {
\seq_set_from_clist:cc 4641   \tl_set:Nx #1
\seq_set_from_clist:Nn 4642   { \s__seq \clist_map_function:NN #2 \__seq_wrap_item:n }
\seq_set_from_clist:cn 4643 }
\seq_gset_from_clist:NN 4644 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_set_from_clist:Nn #1#2
\seq_gset_from_clist:cN 4645 {
\seq_gset_from_clist:Nc 4646   \tl_set:Nx #1
\seq_gset_from_clist:cc
\seq_gset_from_clist:Nn
\seq_gset_from_clist:cn
```

```

4647     { \s__seq \clist_map_function:nN {#2} \__seq_wrap_item:n }
4648   }
4649 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gset_from_clist:NN #1#2
4650   {
4651     \tl_gset:Nx #1
4652     { \s__seq \clist_map_function:NN #2 \__seq_wrap_item:n }
4653   }
4654 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gset_from_clist:Nn #1#2
4655   {
4656     \tl_gset:Nx #1
4657     { \s__seq \clist_map_function:nN {#2} \__seq_wrap_item:n }
4658   }
4659 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_set_from_clist:NN { c , cc }
4660 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_set_from_clist:NN { c , cc }
4661 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_set_from_clist:Nn { c , cc }
4662 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gset_from_clist:NN { c , cc }
4663 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gset_from_clist:NN { c , cc }
4664 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gset_from_clist:Nn { c , cc }

```

(End definition for `\seq_set_from_clist:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 64.)

`\seq_set_split:Nnn` When the separator is empty, everything is very simple, just map `\__seq_wrap_item:n` through the items of the last argument. For non-trivial separators, the goal is to split a given token list at the marker, strip spaces from each item, and remove one set of outer braces if after removing leading and trailing spaces the item is enclosed within braces. After `\tl_replace_all:Nnn`, the token list `\l__seq_internal_a_tl` is a repetition of the pattern `\__seq_set_split_auxi:w \prg_do_nothing: <item with spaces> \__seq_set_split_end:.` Then, x-expansion causes `\__seq_set_split_auxi:w` to trim spaces, and leaves its result as `\__seq_set_split_auxii:w <trimmed item> \__seq_set_split_end:.` This is then converted to the `!seq` internal structure by another x-expansion. In the first step, we insert `\prg_do_nothing:` to avoid losing braces too early: that would cause space trimming to act within those lost braces. The second step is solely there to strip braces which are outermost after space trimming.

```

4665 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_set_split:Nnn
4666   { \__seq_set_split:NNnn \tl_set:Nx }
4667 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gset_split:Nnn
4668   { \__seq_set_split:NNnn \tl_gset:Nx }
4669 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_set_split:NNnn #1#2#3#4
4670   {
4671     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#3}
4672     {
4673       \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_a_tl
4674       { \tl_map_function:nN {#4} \__seq_wrap_item:n }
4675     }
4676     {
4677       \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_a_tl
4678       {
4679         \__seq_set_split_auxi:w \prg_do_nothing:
4680         #4
4681         \__seq_set_split_end:
4682       }
4683       \tl_replace_all:Nnn \l__seq_internal_a_tl { #3 }
4684     }

```

```

4685         \__seq_set_split_end:
4686         \__seq_set_split_auxi:w \prg_do_nothing:
4687     }
4688     \tl_set:Nx \l__seq_internal_a_tl { \l__seq_internal_a_tl }
4689 }
4690 #1 #2 { \s__seq \l__seq_internal_a_tl }
4691 }
4692 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_set_split_auxi:w #1 \__seq_set_split_end:
4693 {
4694     \exp_not:N \__seq_set_split_auxii:w
4695     \exp_args:No \tl_trim_spaces:n {#1}
4696     \exp_not:N \__seq_set_split_end:
4697 }
4698 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_set_split_auxii:w #1 \__seq_set_split_end:
4699 { \__seq_wrap_item:n {#1} }
4700 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_set_split:Nnn { NnV }
4701 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gset_split:Nnn { NnV }

```

(End definition for `\seq_set_split:Nnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 65.)

**`\seq_concat:NNN`** When concatenating sequences, one must remove the leading `\s__seq` of the second sequence. The result starts with `\s__seq` (of the first sequence), which stops f-expansion.

```

\seq_concat:ccc
\seq_gconcat:NNN
\seq_gconcat:ccc
4702 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_concat:NNN #1#2#3
4703 { \tl_set:Nf #1 { \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn \exp_after:wN #2 #3 } }
4704 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gconcat:NNN #1#2#3
4705 { \tl_gset:Nf #1 { \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn \exp_after:wN #2 #3 } }
4706 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_concat:NNN { ccc }
4707 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gconcat:NNN { ccc }

```

(End definition for `\seq_concat:NNN` and `\seq_gconcat:NNN`. These functions are documented on page 65.)

**`\seq_if_exist_p:N`** Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.

```

\seq_if_exist_p:c
\seq_if_exist:NTF
\seq_if_exist:cTF
4708 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N
4709 { TF , T , F , p }
4710 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c
4711 { TF , T , F , p }

```

(End definition for `\seq_if_exist:NTF`. This function is documented on page 65.)

## 7.2 Appending data to either end

**`\seq_put_left:Nn`** When adding to the left of a sequence, remove `\s__seq`. This is done by `\__seq_put_left_aux:w`, which also stops f-expansion.

```

\seq_put_left:NV
\seq_put_left:Nv
\seq_put_left:No
4712 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_put_left:Nn #1#2
4713 {
\seq_put_left:Nx
4714     \tl_set:Nx #1
4715     {
\seq_put_left:cn
4716         \exp_not:n { \s__seq \__seq_item:n {#2} }
\seq_put_left:cV
4717         \exp_not:f { \exp_after:wN \__seq_put_left_aux:w #1 }
\seq_put_left:cv
4718     }
\seq_put_left:co
4719 }
\seq_put_left:cx
4720 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gput_left:Nn #1#2
\seq_gput_left:NV
4721 {
\seq_gput_left:Nv
\seq_gput_left:No
\seq_gput_left:Nx
\seq_gput_left:cn
\seq_gput_left:cV
\seq_gput_left:cv
\seq_gput_left:co
\seq_gput_left:cx
\__seq_put_left_aux:w

```

```

4722 \tl_gset:Nx #1
4723 {
4724   \exp_not:n { \s__seq \__seq_item:n {#2} }
4725   \exp_not:f { \exp_after:wN \__seq_put_left_aux:w #1 }
4726 }
4727 }
4728 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_put_left_aux:w \s__seq { \exp_stop_f: }
4729 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_put_left:Nn { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
4730 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_put_left:Nn { c , cV , cv , co , cx }
4731 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gput_left:Nn { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
4732 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gput_left:Nn { c , cV , cv , co , cx }

```

(End definition for `\seq_put_left:Nn`, `\seq_gput_left:Nn`, and `\__seq_put_left_aux:w`. These functions are documented on page 65.)

**`\seq_put_right:Nn`** Since there is no trailing marker, adding an item to the right of a sequence simply means wrapping it in `\__seq_item:n`.

```

\seq_put_right:NV
\seq_put_right:Nv
\seq_put_right:No
\seq_put_right:Nx
\seq_put_right:cn
\seq_put_right:cV
\seq_put_right:cv
\seq_put_right:co
\seq_put_right:cx

```

```

4733 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_put_right:Nn #1#2
4734 { \tl_put_right:Nn #1 { \__seq_item:n {#2} } }
4735 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gput_right:Nn #1#2
4736 { \tl_gput_right:Nn #1 { \__seq_item:n {#2} } }
4737 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gput_right:Nn { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
4738 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gput_right:Nn { c , cV , cv , co , cx }
4739 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_put_right:Nn { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
4740 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_put_right:Nn { c , cV , cv , co , cx }

```

**`\seq_gput_right:Nn`** (End definition for `\seq_put_right:Nn` and `\seq_gput_right:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 65.)

```

\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

```

### 7.3 Modifying sequences

This function converts its argument to a proper sequence item in an x-expansion context.

```

\seq_wrap_item:n
\seq_gput_right:cn
\seq_gput_right:cV
\seq_gput_right:cv
\seq_gput_right:co
\seq_gput_right:cx

```

```

4741 \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.

```

4742 \seq_new:N \l__seq_remove_seq

```

(End definition for `\l__seq_remove_seq`.)

**`\seq_remove_duplicates:N`** Removing duplicates means making a new list then copying it.

```

\seq_remove_duplicates:c
\seq_gremove_duplicates:N
\seq_gremove_duplicates:c
\__seq_remove_duplicates:NN

```

```

4743 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_remove_duplicates:N
4744 { \__seq_remove_duplicates:NN \seq_set_eq:NN }
4745 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gremove_duplicates:N
4746 { \__seq_remove_duplicates:NN \seq_gset_eq:NN }
4747 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_remove_duplicates:NN #1#2
4748 {
4749   \seq_clear:N \l__seq_remove_seq
4750   \seq_map_inline:Nn #2
4751   {
4752     \seq_if_in:NnF \l__seq_remove_seq {##1}
4753     { \seq_put_right:Nn \l__seq_remove_seq {##1} }
4754   }
4755   #1 #2 \l__seq_remove_seq

```

```

4756 }
4757 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_remove_duplicates:N { c }
4758 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gremove_duplicates:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_remove_duplicates:N`, `\seq_gremove_duplicates:N`, and `\__seq_remove_duplicates:NN`. These functions are documented on page 68.)

```

\seq_remove_all:Nn
\seq_remove_all:cn
\seq_gremove_all:Nn
\seq_gremove_all:cn
\__seq_remove_all_aux:NNn

```

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: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 happens 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}`) ensures that nothing is lost.

```

4759 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_remove_all:Nn
4760 { \__seq_remove_all_aux:NNn \tl_set:Nx }
4761 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gremove_all:Nn
4762 { \__seq_remove_all_aux:NNn \tl_gset:Nx }
4763 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_remove_all_aux:NNn #1#2#3
4764 {
4765   \__seq_push_item_def:n
4766   {
4767     \str_if_eq:nnT {##1} {#3}
4768     {
4769       \if_false: { \fi: }
4770       \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_b_tl {##1}
4771       #1 #2
4772       { \if_false: } \fi:
4773       \exp_not:o {#2}
4774       \tl_if_eq:NNT \l__seq_internal_a_tl \l__seq_internal_b_tl
4775       { \use_none:nn }
4776     }
4777     \__seq_wrap_item:n {##1}
4778   }
4779   \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_a_tl {#3}
4780   #1 #2 {#2}
4781   \__seq_pop_item_def:
4782 }
4783 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_remove_all:Nn { c }
4784 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gremove_all:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_remove_all:Nn`, `\seq_gremove_all:Nn`, and `\__seq_remove_all_aux:NNn`. These functions are documented on page 68.)

```

\seq_reverse:N
\seq_reverse:c
\seq_greverse:N
\seq_greverse:c
\__seq_reverse:NN
\__seq_reverse_item:nwn

```

Previously, `\seq_reverse:N` was coded by collecting the items in reverse order after an `\exp_stop_f:` marker.

```

\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,  $\TeX$ '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,  $\TeX$  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.  $\TeX$  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.

```

4785 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_reverse:N
4786   { \_seq_reverse:NN \tl_set:Nx }
4787 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_greverse:N
4788   { \_seq_reverse:NN \tl_gset:Nx }
4789 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_seq_reverse:NN #1 #2
4790   {
4791     \cs_set_eq:NN \_seq_tmp:w \_seq_item:n
4792     \cs_set_eq:NN \_seq_item:n \_seq_reverse_item:nwn
4793     #1 #2 { #2 \exp_not:n { } }
4794     \cs_set_eq:NN \_seq_item:n \_seq_tmp:w
4795   }
4796 \cs_new:Npn \_seq_reverse_item:nwn #1 #2 \exp_not:n #3
4797   {
4798     #2
4799     \exp_not:n { \_seq_item:n {#1} #3 }
4800   }
4801 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_reverse:N { c }
4802 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_greverse:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_reverse:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 68.)

`\seq_sort:Nn` Implemented in `l3sort`.

`\seq_sort:cn`

`\seq_gsort:Nn` (End definition for `\seq_sort:Nn` and `\seq_gsort:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 68.)

`\seq_gsort:cn`

## 7.4 Sequence conditionals

`\seq_if_empty_p:N` Similar to token lists, we compare with the empty sequence.

`\seq_if_empty_p:c`

`\seq_if_empty:N $\underline{TF}$`

`\seq_if_empty:c $\underline{TF}$`

```

4803 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \seq_if_empty:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
4804   {
4805     \if_meaning:w #1 \c_empty_seq
4806       \prg_return_true:
4807     \else:
4808       \prg_return_false:
4809     \fi:
4810   }

```

```

4811 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \seq_if_empty:N
4812 { c } { p , T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\seq_if_empty:NTF`. This function is documented on page 68.)

**`\seq_if_in:NnTF`** The approach here is to define `\__seq_item:n` to compare its argument with the test sequence. If the two items are equal, the mapping is terminated and `\group_end:\prg_return_true:` is inserted after skipping over the rest of the recursion. On the other hand, if there is no match then the loop breaks, returning `\prg_return_false:`. Everything is inside a group so that `\__seq_item:n` is preserved in nested situations.

```

\seq_if_in:NvTF
\seq_if_in:NoTF
\seq_if_in:NxTF
\seq_if_in:cnTF
\seq_if_in:cVTF
\seq_if_in:cvTF
\seq_if_in:coTF
\seq_if_in:cxTF
  \__seq_if_in:
4813 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_if_in:Nn #1#2
4814 { T , F , TF }
4815 {
4816   \group_begin:
4817   \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_a_tl {#2}
4818   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__seq_item:n ##1
4819   {
4820     \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_b_tl {##1}
4821     \if_meaning:w \l__seq_internal_a_tl \l__seq_internal_b_tl
4822     \exp_after:wN \__seq_if_in:
4823     \fi:
4824   }
4825   #1
4826   \group_end:
4827   \prg_return_false:
4828   \__prg_break_point:
4829 }
4830 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_if_in:
4831 { \__prg_break:n { \group_end: \prg_return_true: } }
4832 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \seq_if_in:Nn
4833 { NV , Nv , No , Nx , c , cV , cv , co , cx } { T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\seq_if_in:NnTF` and `\__seq_if_in:`. This function is documented on page 68.)

## 7.5 Recovering data from sequences

`\__seq_pop:NNNN`  
`\__seq_pop_TF:NNNN` The two `pop` functions share their emptiness tests. We also use a common emptiness test for all branching `get` and `pop` functions.

```

4834 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_pop:NNNN #1#2#3#4
4835 {
4836   \if_meaning:w #3 \c_empty_seq
4837   \tl_set:Nn #4 { \q_no_value }
4838   \else:
4839     #1#2#3#4
4840   \fi:
4841 }
4842 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN #1#2#3#4
4843 {
4844   \if_meaning:w #3 \c_empty_seq
4845   % \tl_set:Nn #4 { \q_no_value }
4846   \prg_return_false:
4847   \else:
4848     #1#2#3#4
4849   \prg_return_true:

```

```

4850     \fi:
4851   }

```

(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 after `\_seq_item:n` at the start. We append a `\q_no_value` item to cover the case of an empty sequence

```

4852 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_get_left:NN #1#2
4853 {
4854   \tl_set:Nx #2
4855   {
4856     \exp_after:wN \_seq_get_left:wnw
4857     #1 \_seq_item:n { \q_no_value } \q_stop
4858   }
4859 }
4860 \cs_new:Npn \_seq_get_left:wnw #1 \_seq_item:n #2#3 \q_stop
4861 { \exp_not:n {#2} }
4862 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_left:NN { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_get_left:NN` and `\_seq_get_left:wnw`. This function is documented on page 65.)

`\seq_pop_left:NN` The approach to popping an item is pretty similar to that to get an item, with the only difference being that the sequence itself has to be redefined. This makes it more sensible to use an auxiliary function for the local and global cases.

```

4863 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_pop_left:NN
4864 { \_seq_pop:NNNN \_seq_pop_left:NNN \tl_set:Nn }
4865 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gpop_left:NN
4866 { \_seq_pop:NNNN \_seq_pop_left:NNN \tl_gset:Nn }
4867 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_seq_pop_left:NNN #1#2#3
4868 { \exp_after:wN \_seq_pop_left:wnwNNN #2 \q_stop #1#2#3 }
4869 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_seq_pop_left:wnwNNN
4870 #1 \_seq_item:n #2#3 \q_stop #4#5#6
4871 {
4872   #4 #5 { #1 #3 }
4873   \tl_set:Nn #6 {#2}
4874 }
4875 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_left:NN { c }
4876 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_left:NN { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_pop_left:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 66.)

`\seq_get_right:NN` First remove `\s_seq` and prepend `\q_no_value`, then take two arguments at a time. Before the right-hand end of the sequence, this is a brace group followed by `\_seq_item:n`, both removed by `\use_none:nn`. At the end of the sequence, the two question marks are taken by `\use_none:nn`, and the assignment is placed before the right-most item. In the next iteration, `\_seq_get_right_loop:nn` receives two empty arguments, and `\use_none:nn` stops the loop.

```

4877 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_get_right:NN #1#2
4878 {
4879   \exp_after:wN \use_i_ii:nnn
4880   \exp_after:wN \_seq_get_right_loop:nn
4881   \exp_after:wN \q_no_value

```

```

4882     #1
4883     { ?? \tl_set:Nn #2 }
4884     { } { }
4885   }
4886 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_get_right_loop:nn #1#2
4887 {
4888   \use_none:nn #2 {#1}
4889   \__seq_get_right_loop:nn
4890 }
4891 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_right:NN { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_get_right:NN` and `\__seq_get_right_loop:nn`. This function is documented on page 66.)

`\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:` `\seq_gpop_right:NN` `... \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 are stored back in the sequence. That needs a loop of unknown length, hence using the strange `\if_false:` way of including braces. When the last item of the sequence is reached, the closing brace for the assignment is inserted, and `\tl_set:Nn #3` is inserted in front of the final entry. This therefore does the pop assignment. One more iteration is performed, with an empty argument and `\use_none:nn`, which finally stops the loop.

```

4892 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_pop_right:NN
4893 { \__seq_pop:NNNN \__seq_pop_right:NNN \tl_set:Nx }
4894 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gpop_right:NN
4895 { \__seq_pop:NNNN \__seq_pop_right:NNN \tl_gset:Nx }
4896 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_pop_right:NNN #1#2#3
4897 {
4898   \cs_set_eq:NN \__seq_tmp:w \__seq_item:n
4899   \cs_set_eq:NN \__seq_item:n \scan_stop:
4900   #1 #2
4901   { \if_false: } \fi: \s__seq
4902     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nnn
4903     \exp_after:wN \__seq_pop_right_loop:nn
4904     #2
4905     {
4906       \if_false: { \fi: }
4907       \tl_set:Nx #3
4908     }
4909     { } \use_none:nn
4910   \cs_set_eq:NN \__seq_item:n \__seq_tmp:w
4911 }
4912 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_pop_right_loop:nn #1#2
4913 {
4914   #2 { \exp_not:n {#1} }
4915   \__seq_pop_right_loop:nn
4916 }
4917 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_right:NN { c }
4918 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_right:NN { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_pop_right:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 66.)

`\seq_get_left:NNTF` Getting from the left or right with a check on the results. The first argument to `\__seq_pop_TF:NNTN` is left unused.

`\seq_get_left:cNTF`

`\seq_get_right:NNTF`

`\seq_get_right:cNTF`

```

4919 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_get_left:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
4920   { \__seq_pop_TF:NNTN \prg_do_nothing: \seq_get_left:NN #1#2 }
4921 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_get_right:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
4922   { \__seq_pop_TF:NNTN \prg_do_nothing: \seq_get_right:NN #1#2 }
4923 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \seq_get_left:NN
4924   { c } { T , F , TF }
4925 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \seq_get_right:NN
4926   { c } { T , F , TF }

```

*(End definition for `\seq_get_left:NNTF` and `\seq_get_right:NNTF`. These functions are documented on page 67.)*

`\seq_pop_left:NNTF` More or less the same for popping.

`\seq_pop_left:cNTF`

`\seq_gpop_left:NNTF`

`\seq_gpop_left:cNTF`

`\seq_pop_right:NNTF`

`\seq_pop_right:cNTF`

`\seq_gpop_right:NNTF`

`\seq_gpop_right:cNTF`

```

4927 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_pop_left:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
4928   { \__seq_pop_TF:NNTN \__seq_pop_left:NNN \tl_set:Nn #1 #2 }
4929 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_gpop_left:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
4930   { \__seq_pop_TF:NNTN \__seq_pop_left:NNN \tl_gset:Nn #1 #2 }
4931 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_pop_right:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
4932   { \__seq_pop_TF:NNTN \__seq_pop_right:NNN \tl_set:Nx #1 #2 }
4933 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_gpop_right:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
4934   { \__seq_pop_TF:NNTN \__seq_pop_right:NNN \tl_gset:Nx #1 #2 }
4935 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \seq_pop_left:NN { c } { T , F , TF }
4936 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \seq_gpop_left:NN { c } { T , F , TF }
4937 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \seq_pop_right:NN { c } { T , F , TF }
4938 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \seq_gpop_right:NN { c } { T , F , TF }

```

*(End definition for `\seq_pop_left:NNTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 67.)*

`\seq_item:Nn` The idea here is to find the offset of the item from the left, then use a loop to grab the correct item. If the resulting offset is too large, then the stop code `{ ? \__prg_break: } { }` is used by the auxiliary, terminating the loop and returning nothing at all.

`\seq_item:cn`

`\__seq_item:wNn`

`\__seq_item:nN`

`\__seq_item:nnn`

```

4939 \cs_new:Npn \seq_item:Nn #1
4940   { \exp_after:wN \__seq_item:wNn #1 \q_stop #1 }
4941 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_item:wNn \s__seq #1 \q_stop #2#3
4942   {
4943     \exp_args:Nf \__seq_item:nnn
4944     { \exp_args:Nf \__seq_item:nN { \int_eval:n {#3} } #2 }
4945     #1
4946     { ? \__prg_break: } { }
4947     \__prg_break_point:
4948   }
4949 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_item:nN #1#2
4950   {
4951     \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < 0
4952     { \int_eval:n { \seq_count:N #2 + 1 + #1 } }
4953     {#1}
4954   }
4955 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_item:nnn #1#2#3
4956   {
4957     \use_none:n #2
4958     \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = 1

```

```

4959     { \_prg_break:n { \exp_not:n {#3} } }
4960     { \exp_args:Nf \_seq_item:nnn { \int_eval:n { #1 - 1 } } }
4961   }
4962 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_item:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_item:Nn` and others. This function is documented on page 66.)

## 7.6 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.

```

4963 \cs_new:Npn \seq_map_break:
4964   { \_prg_map_break:Nn \seq_map_break: { } }
4965 \cs_new:Npn \seq_map_break:n
4966   { \_prg_map_break:Nn \seq_map_break: }

```

(End definition for `\seq_map_break:` and `\seq_map_break:n`. These functions are documented on page 69.)

`\seq_map_function:NN` The idea here is to apply the code of #2 to each item in the sequence without altering the definition of `\_seq_item:n`. This is done as by noting that every odd token in the sequence must be `\_seq_item:n`, which can be gobbled by `\use_none:n`. At the end of the loop, #2 is instead `? \seq_map_break:`, which therefore breaks the loop without needing to do a (relatively-expensive) quark test.

```

4967 \cs_new:Npn \seq_map_function:NN #1#2
4968   {
4969     \exp_after:wN \use_i_ii:nnn
4970     \exp_after:wN \_seq_map_function:NNn
4971     \exp_after:wN #2
4972     #1
4973     { ? \seq_map_break: } { }
4974     \_prg_break_point:Nn \seq_map_break: { }
4975   }
4976 \cs_new:Npn \_seq_map_function:NNn #1#2#3
4977   {
4978     \use_none:n #2
4979     #1 {#3}
4980     \_seq_map_function:NNn #1
4981   }
4982 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_map_function:NN { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_map_function:NN` and `\_seq_map_function:NNn`. This function is documented on page 69.)

`\_seq_push_item_def:n` The definition of `\_seq_item:n` needs to be saved and restored at various points within the mapping and manipulation code. That is handled here: as always, this approach uses global assignments.

```

\_seq_push_item_def:n
\_seq_push_item_def:x
\_seq_push_item_def:
\_seq_pop_item_def:
4983 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_seq_push_item_def:n
4984   {
4985     \_seq_push_item_def:
4986     \cs_gset:Npn \_seq_item:n ##1
4987   }
4988 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_seq_push_item_def:x

```

```

4989 {
4990   \__seq_push_item_def:
4991   \cs_gset:Npx \__seq_item:n ##1
4992 }
4993 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_push_item_def:
4994 {
4995   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
4996   \cs_gset_eq:cN { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
4997   \__seq_item:n
4998 }
4999 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_pop_item_def:
5000 {
5001   \cs_gset_eq:Nc \__seq_item:n
5002   { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
5003   \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int
5004 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_seq\_push\_item\_def:n, \\_\_seq\_push\_item\_def:, and \\_\_seq\_pop\_item\_def:.)

**\seq\_map\_inline:Nn** 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.

**\seq\_map\_inline:cn**

```

5005 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_map_inline:Nn #1#2
5006 {
5007   \__seq_push_item_def:n {#2}
5008   #1
5009   \__prg_break_point:Nn \seq_map_break: { \__seq_pop_item_def: }
5010 }
5011 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_map_inline:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for \seq\_map\_inline:Nn. This function is documented on page 69.)

**\seq\_map\_variable:NNn** This is just a specialised version of the in-line mapping function, using an x-type expansion for the code set up so that the number of # tokens required is as expected.

**\seq\_map\_variable:Ncn**

**\seq\_map\_variable:cNn**

**\seq\_map\_variable:ccn**

```

5012 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_map_variable:NNn #1#2#3
5013 {
5014   \__seq_push_item_def:x
5015   {
5016     \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N #2 {##1}
5017     \exp_not:n {#3}
5018   }
5019   #1
5020   \__prg_break_point:Nn \seq_map_break: { \__seq_pop_item_def: }
5021 }
5022 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_map_variable:NNn { Nc }
5023 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_map_variable:NNn { c , cc }

```

(End definition for \seq\_map\_variable:NNn. This function is documented on page 69.)

**\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**

```

5024 \cs_new:Npn \seq_count:N #1
5025 {
5026   \int_eval:n

```

```

5027     {
5028         0
5029         \seq_map_function:NN #1 \_seq_count:n
5030     }
5031 }
5032 \cs_new:Npn \_seq_count:n #1 { + 1 }
5033 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_count:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_count:N` and `\_seq_count:n`. This function is documented on page 70.)

## 7.7 Using sequences

`\seq_use:Nnnn` See `\clist_use:Nnnn` for a general explanation. The main difference is that we use `\_seq_item:n` as a delimiter rather than commas. We also need to add `\_seq_item:n` at various places, and `\s__seq`.

```

\seq_use:cnnn
\_seq_use:NNnNnn
\_seq_use_setup:w
\_seq_use:nwwwnwn
\_seq_use:nwnn
\seq_use:Nn
\seq_use:cn
5034 \cs_new:Npn \seq_use:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
5035 {
5036     \seq_if_exist:NTF #1
5037     {
5038         \int_case:nnF { \seq_count:N #1 }
5039         {
5040             { 0 } { }
5041             { 1 } { \exp_after:wN \_seq_use:NNnNnn #1 ? { } { } }
5042             { 2 } { \exp_after:wN \_seq_use:NNnNnn #1 {#2} }
5043         }
5044         {
5045             \exp_after:wN \_seq_use_setup:w #1 \_seq_item:n
5046             \q_mark { \_seq_use:nwwwnwn {#3} }
5047             \q_mark { \_seq_use:nwnn {#4} }
5048             \q_stop { }
5049         }
5050     }
5051     {
5052         \_kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
5053         { kernel } { bad-variable } {#1}
5054     }
5055 }
5056 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_use:Nnnn { c }
5057 \cs_new:Npn \_seq_use:NNnNnn #1#2#3#4#5#6 { \exp_not:n { #3 #6 #5 } }
5058 \cs_new:Npn \_seq_use_setup:w \s__seq { \_seq_use:nwwwnwn { } }
5059 \cs_new:Npn \_seq_use:nwwwnwn
5060     #1 \_seq_item:n #2 \_seq_item:n #3 \_seq_item:n #4#5
5061     \q_mark #6#7 \q_stop #8
5062     {
5063         #6 \_seq_item:n {#3} \_seq_item:n {#4} #5
5064         \q_mark {#6} #7 \q_stop { #8 #1 #2 }
5065     }
5066 \cs_new:Npn \_seq_use:nwnn #1 \_seq_item:n #2 #3 \q_stop #4
5067     { \exp_not:n { #4 #1 #2 } }
5068 \cs_new:Npn \seq_use:Nn #1#2
5069     { \seq_use:Nnnn #1 {#2} {#2} {#2} }
5070 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_use:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_use:Nnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 70.)

## 7.8 Sequence stacks

The same functions as for sequences, but with the correct naming.

**`\seq_push:Nn`** Pushing to a sequence is the same as adding on the left.

<code>\seq_push:NV</code>	5071	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:Nn \seq_put_left:Nn</code>
<code>\seq_push:Nv</code>	5072	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:Nv \seq_put_left:Nv</code>
<code>\seq_push:No</code>	5073	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:No \seq_put_left:No</code>
<code>\seq_push:Nx</code>	5074	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:Nx \seq_put_left:Nx</code>
<code>\seq_push:cn</code>	5075	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:cn \seq_put_left:cn</code>
<code>\seq_push:cV</code>	5076	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:cV \seq_put_left:cV</code>
<code>\seq_push:cV</code>	5077	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:cV \seq_put_left:cV</code>
<code>\seq_push:cv</code>	5078	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:cv \seq_put_left:cv</code>
<code>\seq_push:co</code>	5079	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:co \seq_put_left:co</code>
<code>\seq_push:cx</code>	5080	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:cx \seq_put_left:cx</code>
<b><code>\seq_gpush:Nn</code></b>	5081	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:Nn \seq_gput_left:Nn</code>
<code>\seq_gpush:NV</code>	5082	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:Nv \seq_gput_left:Nv</code>
<code>\seq_gpush:Nv</code>	5083	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:No \seq_gput_left:No</code>
<code>\seq_gpush:No</code>	5084	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:Nx \seq_gput_left:Nx</code>
<code>\seq_gpush:Nx</code>	5085	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:cn \seq_gput_left:cn</code>
<code>\seq_gpush:cn</code>	5086	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:cV \seq_gput_left:cV</code>
<code>\seq_gpush:cV</code>	5087	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:cv \seq_gput_left:cv</code>
<code>\seq_gpush:cv</code>	5088	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:co \seq_gput_left:co</code>
<code>\seq_gpush:co</code>	5089	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:cx \seq_gput_left:cx</code>
<code>\seq_gpush:cx</code>	5090	

(End definition for `\seq_push:Nn` and `\seq_gpush:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 72.)

**`\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.

<code>\seq_get:cN</code>		
<b><code>\seq_pop:NN</code></b>	5091	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_get:NN \seq_get_left:NN</code>
<code>\seq_pop:cN</code>	5092	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_get:cN \seq_get_left:cN</code>
<b><code>\seq_gpop:NN</code></b>	5093	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_pop:NN \seq_pop_left:NN</code>
<code>\seq_gpop:cN</code>	5094	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_pop:cN \seq_pop_left:cN</code>
	5095	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpop:NN \seq_gpop_left:NN</code>
	5096	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpop:cN \seq_gpop_left:cN</code>

(End definition for `\seq_get:NN`, `\seq_pop:NN`, and `\seq_gpop:NN`. These functions are documented on page 71.)

**`\seq_get:NNTF`** More copies.

<code>\seq_get:cNTF</code>	5097	<code>\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_get:NN \seq_get_left:NN { T , F , TF }</code>
<b><code>\seq_pop:NNTF</code></b>	5098	<code>\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_get:cN \seq_get_left:cN { T , F , TF }</code>
<code>\seq_pop:cNTF</code>	5099	<code>\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_pop:NN \seq_pop_left:NN { T , F , TF }</code>
<b><code>\seq_gpop:NNTF</code></b>	5100	<code>\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_pop:cN \seq_pop_left:cN { T , F , TF }</code>
<code>\seq_gpop:cNTF</code>	5101	<code>\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_gpop:NN \seq_gpop_left:NN { T , F , TF }</code>
	5102	<code>\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_gpop:cN \seq_gpop_left:cN { T , F , TF }</code>

(End definition for `\seq_get:NNTF`, `\seq_pop:NNTF`, and `\seq_gpop:NNTF`. These functions are documented on page 71.)

## 7.9 Viewing sequences

```
\seq_show:N Apply the general \msg_show:nnnnnn.
\seq_show:c 5103 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_show:N { \__seq_show:NN \msg_show:nnxxxx }
\seq_log:N   5104 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_show:N { c }
\seq_log:c   5105 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_log:N { \__seq_show:NN \msg_log:nnxxxx }
\__seq_show:NN 5106 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_log:N { c }
              5107 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_show:NN #1#2
              5108 {
              5109     \__kernel_check_defined:NT #2
              5110     {
              5111         #1 { LaTeX/kernel } { show-seq }
              5112         { \token_to_str:N #2 }
              5113         { \seq_map_function:NN #2 \msg_show_item:n }
              5114         { } { }
              5115     }
              5116 }
```

(End definition for `\seq_show:N`, `\seq_log:N`, and `\__seq_show:NN`. These functions are documented on page 74.)

## 7.10 Scratch sequences

```
\l_tmpa_seq Temporary comma list variables.
\l_tmpb_seq 5117 \seq_new:N \l_tmpa_seq
\g_tmpa_seq 5118 \seq_new:N \l_tmpb_seq
\g_tmpb_seq 5119 \seq_new:N \g_tmpa_seq
           5120 \seq_new:N \g_tmpb_seq
```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_seq` and others. These variables are documented on page 74.)

```
5121 </initex | package>
```

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```
5122 <*initex | package>
5123 <@@=int>
```

The following test files are used for this code: `m3int001`, `m3int002`, `m3int03`.

```
\c_max_register_int Done in l3basics.
```

(End definition for `\c_max_register_int`. This variable is documented on page 85.)

```
\__int_to_roman:w Done in l3basics.
```

```
\if_int_compare:w (End definition for \__int_to_roman:w and \if_int_compare:w. This function is documented on page 86.)
```

```
\or: Done in l3basics.
```

(End definition for `\or:`. This function is documented on page 86.)

`\__int_value:w` Here are the remaining primitives for number comparisons and expressions.

```

\__int_eval:w      5124 \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_value:w      \tex_number:D
\__int_eval_end:  5125 \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_eval:w      \etex_numexpr:D
\if_int_odd:w     5126 \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_eval_end:   \tex_relax:D
\if_case:w       5127 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_int_odd:w     \tex_ifodd:D
                 5128 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_case:w       \tex_ifcase:D

```

(End definition for `\__int_value:w` and others. These functions are documented on page 86.)

## 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. When debugging, use parentheses to catch early termination.

```

5129 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
5130 { { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__int_eval:w { } \int_eval:n } }
5131 \cs_new:Npn \int_eval:n #1
5132 { \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }

```

(End definition for `\int_eval:n`. This function is documented on page 75.)

`\__int_eval:n` Only differ from `\int_eval:n` by the absence of `\__int_value:w`, so as to produce an internal integer rather than expanding into characters. This is for use in other modules.

```

5133 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
5134 { { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__int_eval:w { } \__int_eval:n } }
5135 \cs_new:Npn \__int_eval:n #1 { \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }

```

(End definition for `\__int_eval:n`.)

`\int_abs:n` Functions for min, max, and absolute value with only one evaluation. The absolute value is obtained by removing a leading sign if any. All three functions expand in two steps.

```

\__int_abs:N
\int_max:nn
\int_min:nn
\__int_maxmin:wwN
5136 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
5137 { { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__int_eval:w { } \int_abs:n } }
5138 \cs_new:Npn \int_abs:n #1
5139 {
5140   \__int_value:w \exp_after:wN \__int_abs:N
5141   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end:
5142   \exp_stop_f:
5143 }
5144 \cs_new:Npn \__int_abs:N #1
5145 { \if_meaning:w - #1 \else: \exp_after:wN #1 \fi: }
5146 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
5147 {
5148   { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__int_eval:w { } \int_max:nn }
5149   { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#2} \__int_eval:w { } \int_max:nn }
5150 }
5151 \cs_set:Npn \int_max:nn #1#2
5152 {
5153   \__int_value:w \exp_after:wN \__int_maxmin:wwN
5154   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
5155   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #2 ;
5156   >
5157   \exp_stop_f:
5158 }
5159 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn

```

```

5160 {
5161   { \_kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \_int_eval:w { } \int_min:nn }
5162   { \_kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#2} \_int_eval:w { } \int_min:nn }
5163 }
5164 \cs_set:Npn \int_min:nn #1#2
5165 {
5166   \_int_value:w \exp_after:wN \_int_maxmin:wwN
5167   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
5168   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #2 ;
5169   <
5170   \exp_stop_f:
5171 }
5172 \cs_new:Npn \_int_maxmin:wwN #1 ; #2 ; #3
5173 {
5174   \if_int_compare:w #1 #3 #2 ~
5175   #1
5176   \else:
5177   #2
5178   \fi:
5179 }

```

(End definition for `\int_abs:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 75.)

`\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.

```

5180 \_kernel_patch_args:nNnNpn
5181 {
5182   { \_kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \_int_eval:w { } \int_div_truncate:nn }
5183   { \_kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#2} \_int_eval:w { } \int_div_truncate:nn }
5184 }
5185 \cs_new:Npn \int_div_truncate:nn #1#2
5186 {
5187   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w
5188   \exp_after:wN \_int_div_truncate:NwNw
5189   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
5190   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #2 ;
5191   \_int_eval_end:
5192 }
5193 \cs_new:Npn \_int_div_truncate:NwNw #1#2; #3#4;
5194 {
5195   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
5196   0
5197   \else:
5198   (
5199     #1#2
5200     \if_meaning:w - #1 + \else: - \fi:
5201     ( \if_meaning:w - #3 - \fi: #3#4 - 1 ) / 2

```

```

5202     )
5203     \fi:
5204     / #3#4
5205 }

```

For the sake of completeness:

```

5206 \cs_new:Npn \int_div_round:nn #1#2
5207 { \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w ( #1 ) / ( #2 ) \__int_eval_end: }

```

Finally there's the modulus operation.

```

5208 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
5209 {
5210   { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__int_eval:w { } \int_mod:nn }
5211   { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#2} \__int_eval:w { } \int_mod:nn }
5212 }
5213 \cs_new:Npn \int_mod:nn #1#2
5214 {
5215   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \exp_after:wN \__int_mod:ww
5216   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
5217   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #2 ;
5218   \__int_eval_end:
5219 }
5220 \cs_new:Npn \__int_mod:ww #1; #2;
5221 { #1 - ( \__int_div_truncate:NwNw #1 ; #2 ; ) * #2 }

```

(End definition for `\int_div_truncate:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 76.)

## 8.2 Creating and initialising integers

`\int_new:N` Two ways to do this: one for the format and one for the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> package. In plain T<sub>E</sub>X, `\int_new:c` `\newcount` (and other allocators) are `\outer:` to allow the code here to work in “generic” mode this is therefore accessed by name. (The same applies to `\newbox`, `\newdimen` and so on.)

```

5222 <*package>
5223 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_new:N #1
5224 {
5225   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
5226   \cs:w newcount \cs_end: #1
5227 }
5228 </package>
5229 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_new:N`. This function is documented on page 76.)

`\int_const:Nn` As stated, most constants can be defined as `\chardef` or `\mathchardef` but that's engine dependent. As a result, there is some set up code to determine what can be done. No full engine testing just yet so everything is a little awkward. We cannot use `\int_gset:Nn` `\int_const:cn` because (when `check-declarations` is enabled) this runs some checks that constants would fail.

```

5230 \__kernel_patch_args:nnnNNpn
5231 { \__kernel_chk_var_scope:NN c #1 }
5232 { }
5233 { {#1} { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#2} \__int_eval:w { } \int_const:Nn } }
5234 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_const:Nn #1#2

```

```

5235 {
5236   \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} < \c_zero
5237     {
5238       \int_new:N #1
5239       \tex_global:D
5240     }
5241     {
5242       \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} > \c__max_constdef_int
5243         {
5244           \int_new:N #1
5245           \tex_global:D
5246         }
5247         {
5248           \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
5249           \tex_global:D \__int_constdef:Nw
5250         }
5251       }
5252     #1 = \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end:
5253   }
5254 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_const:Nn { c }
5255 \if_int_odd:w 0
5256   \cs_if_exist:NT \luatex luatexversion:D { 1 }
5257   \cs_if_exist:NT \uptex_disablecjktoken:D
5258   { \if_int_compare:w \ptex_jis:D "2121 = "3000 ~ 1 \fi: }
5259   \cs_if_exist:NT \xetex_XeTeXversion:D { 1 } ~
5260   \cs_if_exist:NTF \uptex_disablecjktoken:D
5261     { \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_constdef:Nw \uptex_kchardef:D }
5262     { \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_constdef:Nw \tex_chardef:D }
5263   \__int_constdef:Nw \c__max_constdef_int 1114111 ~
5264 \else:
5265   \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_constdef:Nw \tex_mathchardef:D
5266   \tex_mathchardef:D \c__max_constdef_int 32767 ~
5267 \fi:

```

(End definition for `\int_const:Nn`, `\__int_constdef:Nw`, and `\c__max_constdef_int`. This function is documented on page 76.)

`\int_zero:N` Functions that reset an *integer* register to zero.

```

\int_zero:c 5268 \__kernel_patch:nnNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\int_gzero:N 5269 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_zero:N #1 { #1 = \c_zero }
\int_gzero:c 5270 \__kernel_patch:nnNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
5271 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_gzero:N #1 { \tex_global:D #1 = \c_zero }
5272 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_zero:N { c }
5273 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gzero:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_zero:N` and `\int_gzero:N`. These functions are documented on page 76.)

`\int_zero_new:N` Create a register if needed, otherwise clear it.

```

\int_zero_new:c 5274 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_zero_new:N #1
\int_gzero_new:N 5275 { \int_if_exist:NTF #1 { \int_zero:N #1 } { \int_new:N #1 } }
\int_gzero_new:c 5276 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_gzero_new:N #1
5277 { \int_if_exist:NTF #1 { \int_gzero:N #1 } { \int_new:N #1 } }
5278 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_zero_new:N { c }
5279 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gzero_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_zero_new:N` and `\int_gzero_new:N`. These functions are documented on page 76.)

```

\int_set_eq:NN Setting equal means using one integer inside the set function of another. Check that
\int_set_eq:cN assigned integer is local/global. No need to check that the other one is defined as TEX
\int_set_eq:Nc does it for us.
\int_set_eq:cc 5280 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\int_gset_eq:NN 5281 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_set_eq:NN #1#2 { #1 = #2 }
\int_gset_eq:cN 5282 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_set_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }
\int_gset_eq:Nc 5283 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
\int_gset_eq:cc 5284 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_gset_eq:NN #1#2 { \tex_global:D #1 = #2 }
5285 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gset_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }

```

(End definition for `\int_set_eq:NN` and `\int_gset_eq:NN`. These functions are documented on page 76.)

```

\int_if_exist_p:N Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.
\int_if_exist_p:c 5286 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \int_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N
\int_if_exist:NTF 5287 { TF , T , F , p }
\int_if_exist:cTF 5288 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \int_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c
5289 { TF , T , F , p }

```

(End definition for `\int_if_exist:NTF`. This function is documented on page 77.)

### 8.3 Setting and incrementing integers

Several functions here have a signature `:Nn` and are such that when debugging, the first argument should be checked to be a local/global variable and the second should be wrapped in code for an expression. The temporary function `\__int_tmp:w` finds the name `#3` of the function being redefined and writes the appropriate patch.

```

5290 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__int_tmp:w #1#2#3
5291 {
5292   \__kernel_patch_args:nnnNNpn
5293     { #1 ##1 }
5294     { }
5295     { {##1} { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {##2} \__int_eval:w { } #3 } }
5296     #2 #3
5297 }

```

```

\int_add:Nn Adding and subtracting to and from a counter. For each function, the debugging code
\int_add:cn produced by \__int_tmp:w checks that the assigned variable is correctly local/global and
\int_gadd:Nn wraps the expression in some checking code.
\int_gadd:cn 5298 \__int_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_local:N
\int_sub:Nn 5299 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_add:Nn #1#2
\int_sub:cn 5300 { \tex_advance:D #1 by \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
\int_gsub:Nn 5301 \__int_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_local:N
\int_gsub:cn 5302 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_sub:Nn #1#2
5303 { \tex_advance:D #1 by - \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
5304 \__int_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_global:N
5305 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_gadd:Nn #1#2
5306 { \tex_global:D \tex_advance:D #1 by \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
5307 \__int_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_global:N
5308 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_gsub:Nn #1#2

```

```

5309 { \tex_global:D \tex_advance:D #1 by - \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
5310 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_add:Nn { c }
5311 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gadd:Nn { c }
5312 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_sub:Nn { c }
5313 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gsub:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_add:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 77.)

`\int_incr:N` Incrementing and decrementing of integer registers is done with the following functions.

```

\int_incr:c 5314 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\int_gincr:N 5315 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_incr:N #1
\int_gincr:c 5316 { \tex_advance:D #1 \c_one }
\int_decr:N 5317 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\int_decr:c 5318 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_decr:N #1
\int_gdecr:N 5319 { \tex_advance:D #1 - \c_one }
\int_gdecr:c 5320 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
5321 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_gincr:N #1
5322 { \tex_global:D \tex_advance:D #1 \c_one }
5323 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
5324 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_gdecr:N #1
5325 { \tex_global:D \tex_advance:D #1 - \c_one }
5326 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_incr:N { c }
5327 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_decr:N { c }
5328 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gincr:N { c }
5329 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gdecr:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_incr:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 77.)

`\int_set:Nn` As integers are register-based TeX issues an error if they are not defined. Thus there is no need to check their existence as for token list variables. However, the code that checks whether the assignment is local or global is still needed.

```

\int_set:cn 5330 \__int_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_local:N
\int_gset:Nn 5331 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_set:Nn #1#2
\int_gset:cn 5332 { #1 ~ \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
5333 \__int_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_global:N
5334 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_gset:Nn #1#2
5335 { \tex_global:D #1 ~ \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
5336 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_set:Nn { c }
5337 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gset:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_set:Nn` and `\int_gset:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 77.)

## 8.4 Using integers

`\int_use:N` Here is how counters are accessed:

```

\int_use:c 5338 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_use:N \tex_the:D

```

We hand-code this for some speed gain:

```

5339 %\cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_use:N { c }
5340 \cs_new:Npn \int_use:c #1 { \tex_the:D \cs:w #1 \cs_end: }

```

(End definition for `\int_use:N`. This function is documented on page 77.)

## 8.5 Integer expression conditionals

`\_prg_compare_error:` Those functions are used for comparison tests which use a simple syntax where only one set of braces is required and additional operators such as `!=` and `>=` are supported. `\_prg_compare_error:Nw` The tests first evaluate their left-hand side, with a trailing `\_prg_compare_error:.` This marker is normally not expanded, but if the relation symbol is missing from the test's argument, then the marker inserts `=` (and itself) after triggering the relevant `TEX` error. If the first token which appears after evaluating and removing the left-hand side is not a known relation symbol, then a judiciously placed `\_prg_compare_error:Nw` gets expanded, cleaning up the end of the test and telling the user what the problem was.

```

5341 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_prg_compare_error:
5342   {
5343     \if_int_compare:w \c_zero \c_zero \fi:
5344     =
5345     \_prg_compare_error:
5346   }
5347 \cs_new:Npn \_prg_compare_error:Nw
5348   #1#2 \q_stop
5349   {
5350     { }
5351     \c_zero \fi:
5352     \_kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
5353     { kernel } { unknown-comparison } {#1}
5354     \prg_return_false:
5355   }

```

(End definition for `\_prg_compare_error:` and `\_prg_compare_error:Nw`.)

`\int_compare_p:n` Comparison tests using a simple syntax where only one set of braces is required, additional operators such as `!=` and `>=` are supported, and multiple comparisons can be performed at once, for instance `0 < 5 <= 1`. The idea is to loop through the argument, finding one operand at a time, and comparing it to the previous one. The looping auxiliary `\_int_compare:Nw` reads one *operand* and one *comparison* symbol, and leaves roughly

```

\_int_compare:w      \prg_return_false: \fi:
\_int_compare:Nw    \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w <operand> <comparison>
\_int_compare:NNw   \_int_compare:Nw
\_int_compare:nnN
\_int_compare_end=:NNw
\_int_compare=:NNw
\_int_compare:<:NNw
\_int_compare:>:NNw
\_int_compare==:NNw
\_int_compare!=:NNw
\_int_compare<=:NNw
\_int_compare>=:NNw

```

in the input stream. Each call to this auxiliary provides the second operand of the last call's `\if_int_compare:w`. If one of the *comparisons* is `false`, the `true` branch of the `TEX` conditional is taken (because of `\reverse_if:N`), immediately returning `false` as the result of the test. There is no `TEX` conditional waiting the first operand, so we add an `\if_false:` and expand by hand with `\_int_value:w`, thus skipping `\prg_return_false:` on the first iteration.

Before starting the loop, the first step is to make sure that there is at least one relation symbol. We first let `TEX` evaluate this left hand side of the (in)equality using `\_int_eval:w`. Since the relation symbols `<`, `>`, `=` and `!` are not allowed in integer expressions, they would terminate the expression. If the argument contains no relation symbol, `\_prg_compare_error:` is expanded, inserting `=` and itself after an error. In all cases, `\_int_compare:w` receives as its argument an integer, a relation symbol, and some more tokens. We then setup the loop, which is ended by the two odd-looking items `e` and `{=nd_}`, with a trailing `\q_stop` used to grab the entire argument when necessary.

```

5356 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \int_compare:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
5357   {
5358     \exp_after:wN \__int_compare:w
5359     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \__prg_compare_error:
5360   }
5361 \cs_new:Npn \__int_compare:w #1 \__prg_compare_error:
5362   {
5363     \exp_after:wN \if_false: \__int_value:w
5364     \__int_compare:Nw #1 e { = nd_ } \q_stop
5365   }

```

The goal here is to find an *operand* and a *comparison*. The *operand* is already evaluated, but we cannot yet grab it as an argument. To access the following relation symbol, we remove the number by applying `\__int_to_roman:w`, after making sure that the argument becomes non-positive: its roman numeral representation is then empty. Then probe the first two tokens with `\__int_compare:NNw` to determine the relation symbol, building a control sequence from it (`\token_to_str:N` gives better errors if #1 is not a character). All the extended forms have an extra = hence the test for that as a second token. If the relation symbol is unknown, then the control sequence is turned by TeX into `\scan_stop:`, ignored thanks to `\unexpanded`, and `\__prg_compare_error:Nw` raises an error.

```

5366 \cs_new:Npn \__int_compare:Nw #1#2 \q_stop
5367   {
5368     \exp_after:wN \__int_compare:NNw
5369     \__int_to_roman:w - 0 #2 \q_mark
5370     #1#2 \q_stop
5371   }
5372 \cs_new:Npn \__int_compare:NNw #1#2#3 \q_mark
5373   {
5374     \etex_unexpanded:D
5375     \use:c
5376     {
5377       __int_compare_ \token_to_str:N #1
5378       \if_meaning:w = #2 = \fi:
5379       :NNw
5380     }
5381     \__prg_compare_error:Nw #1
5382   }

```

When the last *operand* is seen, `\__int_compare:NNw` receives `e` and `=nd_` as arguments, hence calling `\__int_compare_end=:NNw` to end the loop: return the result of the last comparison (involving the operand that we just found). When a normal relation is found, the appropriate auxiliary calls `\__int_compare:nnN` where #1 is `\if_int_compare:w` or `\reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w`, #2 is the *operand*, and #3 is one of `<`, `=`, or `>`. As announced earlier, we leave the *operand* for the previous conditional. If this conditional is true the result of the test is known, so we remove all tokens and return `false`. Otherwise, we apply the conditional #1 to the *operand* #2 and the comparison #3, and call `\__int_compare:Nw` to look for additional operands, after evaluating the following expression.

```

5383 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare_end=:NNw } #1#2#3 e #4 \q_stop
5384   {
5385     {#3} \exp_stop_f:
5386     \prg_return_false: \else: \prg_return_true: \fi:

```

```

5387 }
5388 \cs_new:Npn \__int_compare:nnN #1#2#3
5389 {
5390     {#2} \exp_stop_f:
5391     \prg_return_false: \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
5392     \fi:
5393     #1 #2 #3 \exp_after:wN \__int_compare:Nw \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
5394 }

```

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.

```

5395 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare_=:NNw } #1#2#3 =
5396 { \__int_compare:nnN { \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w } {#3} = }
5397 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare_<:NNw } #1#2#3 <
5398 { \__int_compare:nnN { \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w } {#3} < }
5399 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare_>:NNw } #1#2#3 >
5400 { \__int_compare:nnN { \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w } {#3} > }
5401 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare_=:NNw } #1#2#3 ==
5402 { \__int_compare:nnN { \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w } {#3} = }
5403 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare_!:=:NNw } #1#2#3 !=
5404 { \__int_compare:nnN { \if_int_compare:w } {#3} = }
5405 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare_<=:NNw } #1#2#3 <=
5406 { \__int_compare:nnN { \if_int_compare:w } {#3} > }
5407 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare_>=:NNw } #1#2#3 >=
5408 { \__int_compare:nnN { \if_int_compare:w } {#3} < }

```

*(End definition for `\int_compare:nTF` and others. This function is documented on page 78.)*

`\int_compare_p:nNn` More efficient but less natural in typing.

```

\int_compare:nNnTF
5409 \__kernel_patch_conditional_args:nNnpnn
5410 {
5411     { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__int_eval:w { } \int_compare:nNn }
5412     { \__int_eval_end: #2 }
5413     { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#3} \__int_eval:w { } \int_compare:nNn }
5414 }
5415 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \int_compare:nNn #1#2#3 { p , T , F , TF }
5416 {
5417     \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #1 #2 \__int_eval:w #3 \__int_eval_end:
5418     \prg_return_true:
5419     \else:
5420     \prg_return_false:
5421     \fi:
5422 }

```

*(End definition for `\int_compare:nNnTF`. This function is documented on page 78.)*

`\int_case:nn` For integer cases, the first task to fully expand the check condition. The over all idea is then much the same as for `\str_case:nn(TF)` as described in `l3basics`.

```

\int_case:nnTF
\__int_case:nnTF
\__int_case:nw
\__int_case_end:nw
5423 \cs_new:Npn \int_case:nnTF #1
5424 {
5425     \exp:w
5426     \exp_args:Nf \__int_case:nnTF { \int_eval:n {#1} }
5427 }
5428 \cs_new:Npn \int_case:nnT #1#2#3

```

```

5429 {
5430   \exp:w
5431   \exp_args:Nf \_int_case:nnTF { \int_eval:n {#1} } {#2} {#3} { }
5432 }
5433 \cs_new:Npn \int_case:nnF #1#2
5434 {
5435   \exp:w
5436   \exp_args:Nf \_int_case:nnTF { \int_eval:n {#1} } {#2} { }
5437 }
5438 \cs_new:Npn \int_case:nn #1#2
5439 {
5440   \exp:w
5441   \exp_args:Nf \_int_case:nnTF { \int_eval:n {#1} } {#2} { } { }
5442 }
5443 \cs_new:Npn \_int_case:nnTF #1#2#3#4
5444 { \_int_case:nw {#1} #2 {#1} { } \q_mark {#3} \q_mark {#4} \q_stop }
5445 \cs_new:Npn \_int_case:nw #1#2#3
5446 {
5447   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = {#2}
5448   { \_int_case_end:nw {#3} }
5449   { \_int_case:nw {#1} }
5450 }
5451 \cs_new_eq:NN \_int_case_end:nw \_prg_case_end:nw

```

(End definition for `\int_case:nnTF` and others. This function is documented on page 79.)

`\int_if_odd_p:n` A predicate function.

```

\int_if_odd:nTF 5452 \_kernel_patch_conditional_args:nNNpnn
\int_if_even_p:n 5453 { { \_kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \_int_eval:w { } \int_if_odd:n } }
\int_if_even:nTF 5454 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \int_if_odd:n #1 { p , T , F , TF}
5455 {
5456   \if_int_odd:w \_int_eval:w #1 \_int_eval_end:
5457   \prg_return_true:
5458   \else:
5459   \prg_return_false:
5460   \fi:
5461 }
5462 \_kernel_patch_conditional_args:nNNpnn
5463 { { \_kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \_int_eval:w { } \int_if_even:n } }
5464 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \int_if_even:n #1 { p , T , F , TF}
5465 {
5466   \if_int_odd:w \_int_eval:w #1 \_int_eval_end:
5467   \prg_return_false:
5468   \else:
5469   \prg_return_true:
5470   \fi:
5471 }

```

(End definition for `\int_if_odd:nTF` and `\int_if_even:nTF`. These functions are documented on page 79.)

## 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`

```

5472 \cs_new:Npn \int_while_do:nn #1#2
5473 {
5474   \int_compare:nT {#1}
5475   {
5476     #2
5477     \int_while_do:nn {#1} {#2}
5478   }
5479 }
5480 \cs_new:Npn \int_until_do:nn #1#2
5481 {
5482   \int_compare:nF {#1}
5483   {
5484     #2
5485     \int_until_do:nn {#1} {#2}
5486   }
5487 }
5488 \cs_new:Npn \int_do_while:nn #1#2
5489 {
5490   #2
5491   \int_compare:nT {#1}
5492   { \int_do_while:nn {#1} {#2} }
5493 }
5494 \cs_new:Npn \int_do_until:nn #1#2
5495 {
5496   #2
5497   \int_compare:nF {#1}
5498   { \int_do_until:nn {#1} {#2} }
5499 }

```

(End definition for `\int_while_do:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 80.)

```

\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
5500 \cs_new:Npn \int_while_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
5501 {
5502   \int_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
5503   {
5504     #4
5505     \int_while_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
5506   }
5507 }
5508 \cs_new:Npn \int_until_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
5509 {
5510   \int_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
5511   {
5512     #4
5513     \int_until_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
5514   }
5515 }
5516 \cs_new:Npn \int_do_while:nNnn #1#2#3#4
5517 {
5518   #4
5519   \int_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
5520   { \int_do_while:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
5521 }

```

```

5522 \cs_new:Npn \int_do_until:nNnn #1#2#3#4
5523 {
5524   #4
5525   \int_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
5526   { \int_do_until:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
5527 }

```

(End definition for `\int_while_do:nNnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 80.)

## 8.7 Integer step functions

```

\int_step_function:nnnN
  \__int_step:wwwN
  \__int_step:NnnnN

```

Before all else, evaluate the initial value, step, and final value. Repeating a function by steps first needs a check on the direction of the steps. After that, do the function for the start value then step and loop around. It would be more symmetrical to test for a step size of zero before checking the sign, but we optimize for the most frequent case (positive step).

```

5528 \__kernel_patch_args:nNnNpn
5529 {
5530   { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__int_eval:w { } \int_step_function:nnnN }
5531   { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#2} \__int_eval:w { } \int_step_function:nnnN }
5532   { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#3} \__int_eval:w { } \int_step_function:nnnN }
5533 }
5534 \cs_new:Npn \int_step_function:nnnN #1#2#3
5535 {
5536   \exp_after:wN \__int_step:wwwN
5537   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
5538   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #2 \exp_after:wN ;
5539   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #3 ;
5540 }
5541 \cs_new:Npn \__int_step:wwwN #1; #2; #3; #4
5542 {
5543   \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} > \c_zero
5544   { \__int_step:NnnnN > }
5545   {
5546     \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} = \c_zero
5547     {
5548       \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { zero-step } {#4}
5549       \use_none:nnnn
5550     }
5551     { \__int_step:NnnnN < }
5552   }
5553   {#1} {#2} {#3} #4
5554 }
5555 \cs_new:Npn \__int_step:NnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
5556 {
5557   \int_compare:nNnF {#2} #1 {#4}
5558   {
5559     #5 {#2}
5560     \exp_args:NNf \__int_step:NnnnN
5561     #1 { \int_eval:n { #2 + #3 } } {#3} {#4} #5
5562   }
5563 }

```

(End definition for `\int_step_function:nnnN`, `\__int_step:wwwN`, and `\__int_step:NnnnN`. This function is documented on page 81.)

`\int_step_inline:nnnn` 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 that no breaking function recognizes this break point as its own.

```

5564 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_step_inline:nnnn
5565 {
5566   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
5567   \exp_args:NNc \__int_step:NNnnnn
5568   \cs_gset_protected:Npn
5569     { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
5570 }
5571 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_step_variable:nnnNn #1#2#3#4#5
5572 {
5573   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
5574   \exp_args:NNc \__int_step:NNnnnn
5575   \cs_gset_protected:Npx
5576     { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
5577     {#1}{#2}{#3}
5578     {
5579       \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N #4 {##1}
5580       \exp_not:n {#5}
5581     }
5582 }
5583 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__int_step:NNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
5584 {
5585   #1 #2 ##1 {#6}
5586   \int_step_function:nnnN {#3} {#4} {#5} #2
5587   \__prg_break_point:Nn \scan_stop: { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
5588 }

```

*(End definition for `\int_step_inline:nnnn`, `\int_step_variable:nnnNn`, and `\__int_step:NNnnnn`. These functions are documented on page 81.)*

## 8.8 Formatting integers

`\int_to_arabic:n` Nothing exciting here.

```

5589 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_to_arabic:n \int_eval:n

```

*(End definition for `\int_to_arabic:n`. This function is documented on page 81.)*

`\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.

```

5590 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_symbols:nnn #1#2#3
5591 {
5592   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} > {#2}
5593   {

```

```

5594     \exp_args:NNo \exp_args:No \__int_to_symbols:nmmm
5595     {
5596         \int_case:nn
5597             { 1 + \int_mod:nn { #1 - 1 } {#2} }
5598             {#3}
5599     }
5600     {#1} {#2} {#3}
5601 }
5602 { \int_case:nn {#1} {#3} }
5603 }
5604 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_symbols:nmmm #1#2#3#4
5605 {
5606     \exp_args:Nf \int_to_symbols:nnn
5607     { \int_div_truncate:nn { #2 - 1 } {#3} } {#3} {#4}
5608     #1
5609 }

```

(End definition for `\int_to_symbols:nnn` and `\__int_to_symbols:nmmm`. This function is documented on page 82.)

`\int_to_alpha:n` These both use the above function with input functions that make sense for the alphabet in English.

`\int_to_Alpha:n`

```

5610 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_alpha:n #1
5611 {
5612     \int_to_symbols:nnn {#1} { 26 }
5613     {
5614         { 1 } { a }
5615         { 2 } { b }
5616         { 3 } { c }
5617         { 4 } { d }
5618         { 5 } { e }
5619         { 6 } { f }
5620         { 7 } { g }
5621         { 8 } { h }
5622         { 9 } { i }
5623         { 10 } { j }
5624         { 11 } { k }
5625         { 12 } { l }
5626         { 13 } { m }
5627         { 14 } { n }
5628         { 15 } { o }
5629         { 16 } { p }
5630         { 17 } { q }
5631         { 18 } { r }
5632         { 19 } { s }
5633         { 20 } { t }
5634         { 21 } { u }
5635         { 22 } { v }
5636         { 23 } { w }
5637         { 24 } { x }
5638         { 25 } { y }
5639         { 26 } { z }
5640     }
5641 }

```

```

5642 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_Alph:n #1
5643 {
5644   \int_to_symbols:nnn {#1} { 26 }
5645   {
5646     { 1 } { A }
5647     { 2 } { B }
5648     { 3 } { C }
5649     { 4 } { D }
5650     { 5 } { E }
5651     { 6 } { F }
5652     { 7 } { G }
5653     { 8 } { H }
5654     { 9 } { I }
5655     { 10 } { J }
5656     { 11 } { K }
5657     { 12 } { L }
5658     { 13 } { M }
5659     { 14 } { N }
5660     { 15 } { O }
5661     { 16 } { P }
5662     { 17 } { Q }
5663     { 18 } { R }
5664     { 19 } { S }
5665     { 20 } { T }
5666     { 21 } { U }
5667     { 22 } { V }
5668     { 23 } { W }
5669     { 24 } { X }
5670     { 25 } { Y }
5671     { 26 } { Z }
5672   }
5673 }

```

(End definition for `\int_to_alpha:n` and `\int_to_Alpha:n`. These functions are documented on page 82.)

```

\int_to_base:nn Converting from base ten (#1) to a second base (#2) starts with computing #1: if it is
\int_to_Base:nn a complicated calculation, we shouldn't perform it twice. Then check the sign, store it,
  \__int_to_base:nn either - or \c_empty_tl, and feed the absolute value to the next auxiliary function.
  \__int_to_Base:nn
  \__int_to_base:nnN 5674 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_base:nn #1
  \__int_to_Base:nnN 5675 { \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_base:nn { \int_eval:n {#1} } }
  \__int_to_base:nnnN 5676 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_Base:nn #1
  \__int_to_Base:nnnN 5677 { \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_Base:nn { \int_eval:n {#1} } }
  \__int_to_base:nnnN 5678 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_base:nn #1#2
  \__int_to_letter:n 5679 {
  \__int_to_Letter:n 5680   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < 0
5681     { \exp_args:No \__int_to_base:nnN { \use_none:n #1 } {#2} - }
5682     { \__int_to_base:nnN {#1} {#2} \c_empty_tl }
5683   }
5684 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Base:nn #1#2
5685 {
5686   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < 0
5687     { \exp_args:No \__int_to_Base:nnN { \use_none:n #1 } {#2} - }
5688     { \__int_to_Base:nnN {#1} {#2} \c_empty_tl }
5689 }

```

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.

```

5690 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_base:nnN #1#2#3
5691 {
5692   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < {#2}
5693     { \exp_last_unbraced:Nf #3 { \__int_to_letter:n {#1} } }
5694     {
5695       \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_base:nnnN
5696         { \__int_to_letter:n { \int_mod:nn {#1} {#2} } }
5697         {#1}
5698         {#2}
5699         #3
5700     }
5701 }
5702 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_base:nnnN #1#2#3#4
5703 {
5704   \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_base:nnN
5705     { \int_div_truncate:nn {#2} {#3} }
5706     {#3}
5707     #4
5708     #1
5709 }
5710 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Base:nnN #1#2#3
5711 {
5712   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < {#2}
5713     { \exp_last_unbraced:Nf #3 { \__int_to_Letter:n {#1} } }
5714     {
5715       \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_Base:nnnN
5716         { \__int_to_Letter:n { \int_mod:nn {#1} {#2} } }
5717         {#1}
5718         {#2}
5719         #3
5720     }
5721 }
5722 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Base:nnnN #1#2#3#4
5723 {
5724   \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_Base:nnN
5725     { \int_div_truncate:nn {#2} {#3} }
5726     {#3}
5727     #4
5728     #1
5729 }

```

Convert to a letter only if necessary, otherwise simply return the value unchanged. It would be cleaner to use `\int_case:nn`, but in our case, the cases are contiguous, so it is forty times faster to use the `\if_case:w` primitive. The first `\exp_after:wN` expands the conditional, jumping to the correct case, the second one expands after the resulting character to close the conditional. Since #1 might be an expression, and not directly a single digit, we need to evaluate it properly, and expand the trailing `\fi:`.

```

5730 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_letter:n #1
5731 {
5732   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
5733   \if_case:w \__int_eval:w #1 - 10 \__int_eval_end:
5734     a
5735     \or: b
5736     \or: c
5737     \or: d
5738     \or: e
5739     \or: f
5740     \or: g
5741     \or: h
5742     \or: i
5743     \or: j
5744     \or: k
5745     \or: l
5746     \or: m
5747     \or: n
5748     \or: o
5749     \or: p
5750     \or: q
5751     \or: r
5752     \or: s
5753     \or: t
5754     \or: u
5755     \or: v
5756     \or: w
5757     \or: x
5758     \or: y
5759     \or: z
5760     \else: \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN \__int_eval_end:
5761     \fi:
5762 }
5763 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Letter:n #1
5764 {
5765   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
5766   \if_case:w \__int_eval:w #1 - 10 \__int_eval_end:
5767     A
5768     \or: B
5769     \or: C
5770     \or: D
5771     \or: E
5772     \or: F
5773     \or: G
5774     \or: H
5775     \or: I
5776     \or: J
5777     \or: K
5778     \or: L
5779     \or: M
5780     \or: N
5781     \or: O
5782     \or: P
5783     \or: Q

```

```

5784 \or: R
5785 \or: S
5786 \or: T
5787 \or: U
5788 \or: V
5789 \or: W
5790 \or: X
5791 \or: Y
5792 \or: Z
5793 \else: \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN \__int_eval_end:
5794 \fi:
5795 }

```

(End definition for `\int_to_base:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 83.)

`\int_to_bin:n` Wrappers around the generic function.

```

\int_to_hex:n 5796 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_bin:n #1
\int_to_Hex:n 5797 { \int_to_base:nn {#1} { 2 } }
\int_to_oct:n 5798 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_hex:n #1
5799 { \int_to_base:nn {#1} { 16 } }
5800 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_Hex:n #1
5801 { \int_to_Base:nn {#1} { 16 } }
5802 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_oct:n #1
5803 { \int_to_base:nn {#1} { 8 } }

```

(End definition for `\int_to_bin:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 82.)

`\int_to_roman:n` The `\__int_to_roman:w` primitive creates tokens of category code 12 (other). Usually, what is actually wanted is letters. The approach here is to convert the output of the primitive into letters using appropriate control sequence names. That keeps everything expandable. The loop is terminated by the conversion of the Q.

```

\int_to_Roman:n \__int_to_roman:N
\__int_to_roman:N 5804 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_roman:n #1
\__int_to_roman_i:w 5805 {
\__int_to_roman_v:w 5806 \exp_after:wN \__int_to_roman:N
\__int_to_roman_x:w 5807 \__int_to_roman:w \int_eval:n {#1} Q
\__int_to_roman_l:w 5808 }
\__int_to_roman_c:w 5809 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_roman:N #1
\__int_to_roman_d:w 5810 {
\__int_to_roman_m:w 5811 \use:c { __int_to_roman_ #1 :w }
\__int_to_roman_Q:w 5812 \__int_to_roman:N
\__int_to_Roman_i:w 5813 }
\__int_to_Roman_v:w 5814 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_Roman:n #1
\__int_to_Roman_x:w 5815 {
\__int_to_Roman_l:w 5816 \exp_after:wN \__int_to_Roman_aux:N
\__int_to_Roman_c:w 5817 \__int_to_roman:w \int_eval:n {#1} Q
\__int_to_Roman_d:w 5818 }
\__int_to_Roman_m:w 5819 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Roman_aux:N #1
\__int_to_Roman_Q:w 5820 {
5821 \use:c { __int_to_Roman_ #1 :w }
5822 \__int_to_Roman_aux:N
5823 }
5824 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_roman_i:w { i }
5825 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_roman_v:w { v }
5826 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_roman_x:w { x }

```

```

5827 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_roman_l:w { l }
5828 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_roman_c:w { c }
5829 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_roman_d:w { d }
5830 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_roman_m:w { m }
5831 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_roman_Q:w #1 { }
5832 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Roman_i:w { I }
5833 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Roman_v:w { V }
5834 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Roman_x:w { X }
5835 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Roman_l:w { L }
5836 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Roman_c:w { C }
5837 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Roman_d:w { D }
5838 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Roman_m:w { M }
5839 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Roman_Q:w #1 { }

```

(End definition for `\int_to_roman:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 83.)

## 8.9 Converting from other formats to integers

`\__int_pass_signs:wn` Called as `\__int_pass_signs:wn <signs and digits> \q_stop {<code>}`, this function leaves in the input stream any sign it finds, then inserts the `<code>` before the first non-sign token (and removes `\q_stop`). More precisely, it deletes any + and passes any - to the input stream, hence should be called in an integer expression.

```

5840 \cs_new:Npn \__int_pass_signs:wn #1
5841 {
5842   \if:w + \if:w - \exp_not:N #1 + \fi: \exp_not:N #1
5843   \exp_after:wN \__int_pass_signs:wn
5844   \else:
5845     \exp_after:wN \__int_pass_signs_end:wn
5846     \exp_after:wN #1
5847   \fi:
5848 }
5849 \cs_new:Npn \__int_pass_signs_end:wn #1 \q_stop #2 { #2 #1 }

```

(End definition for `\__int_pass_signs:wn` and `\__int_pass_signs_end:wn`.)

`\int_from_alpha:n` First take care of signs then loop through the input using the recursion quarks. The `\__int_from_alpha:nN` auxiliary collects in its first argument the value obtained so far, and the auxiliary `\__int_from_alpha:N` converts one letter to an expression which evaluates to the correct number.

```

5850 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_alpha:n #1
5851 {
5852   \int_eval:n
5853   {
5854     \exp_after:wN \__int_pass_signs:wn \tl_to_str:n {#1}
5855     \q_stop { \__int_from_alpha:nN { 0 } }
5856     \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
5857   }
5858 }
5859 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_alpha:nN #1#2
5860 {
5861   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #2 {#1}
5862   \exp_args:Nf \__int_from_alpha:nN
5863   { \int_eval:n { #1 * 26 + \__int_from_alpha:N #2 } }
5864 }

```

```

5865 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_alph:N #1
5866   { '#1 - \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } < { 91 } { 64 } { 96 } }

```

(End definition for `\int_from_alph:n`, `\__int_from_alph:nN`, and `\__int_from_alph:N`. This function is documented on page 83.)

**`\int_from_base:nn`** Leave the signs into the integer expression, then loop through characters, collecting the value found so far in the first argument of `\__int_from_base:nnN`. To convert a single character, `\__int_from_base:N` checks first for digits, then distinguishes lower from upper case letters, turning them into the appropriate number. Note that this auxiliary does not use `\int_eval:n`, hence is not safe for general use.

```

5867 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_base:nn #1#2
5868   {
5869     \int_eval:n
5870     {
5871       \exp_after:wN \__int_pass_signs:wn \tl_to_str:n {#1}
5872       \q_stop { \__int_from_base:nnN { 0 } {#2} }
5873       \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
5874     }
5875   }
5876 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_base:nnN #1#2#3
5877   {
5878     \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #3 {#1}
5879     \exp_args:Nf \__int_from_base:nnN
5880     { \int_eval:n { #1 * #2 + \__int_from_base:N #3 } }
5881     {#2}
5882   }
5883 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_base:N #1
5884   {
5885     \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } < { 58 }
5886     {#1}
5887     { '#1 - \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } < { 91 } { 55 } { 87 } }
5888   }

```

(End definition for `\int_from_base:nn`, `\__int_from_base:nnN`, and `\__int_from_base:N`. This function is documented on page 84.)

**`\int_from_bin:n`** Wrappers around the generic function.

```

\int_from_hex:n 5889 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_bin:n #1
\int_from_oct:n 5890   { \int_from_base:nn {#1} { 2 } }
5891 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_hex:n #1
5892   { \int_from_base:nn {#1} { 16 } }
5893 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_oct:n #1
5894   { \int_from_base:nn {#1} { 8 } }

```

(End definition for `\int_from_bin:n`, `\int_from_hex:n`, and `\int_from_oct:n`. These functions are documented on page 83.)

`\c__int_from_roman_i_int` Constants used to convert from Roman numerals to integers.

```

\c__int_from_roman_v_int 5895 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_i_int } { 1 }
\c__int_from_roman_x_int 5896 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_v_int } { 5 }
\c__int_from_roman_l_int 5897 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_x_int } { 10 }
\c__int_from_roman_c_int 5898 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_l_int } { 50 }
\c__int_from_roman_d_int 5899 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_c_int } { 100 }
\c__int_from_roman_m_int 5900 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_d_int } { 500 }
\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

```

```

5901 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_m_int } { 1000 }
5902 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_I_int } { 1 }
5903 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_V_int } { 5 }
5904 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_X_int } { 10 }
5905 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_L_int } { 50 }
5906 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_C_int } { 100 }
5907 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_D_int } { 500 }
5908 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_M_int } { 1000 }

```

(End definition for `\c__int_from_roman_i_int` and others.)

`\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  $\TeX$ . If any unknown letter is found, skip to the closing parenthesis and insert `*0-1` afterwards, to replace the value by `-1`.

```

5909 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_roman:n #1
5910 {
5911   \int_eval:n
5912     {
5913       (
5914         0
5915         \exp_after:wN \__int_from_roman:NN \tl_to_str:n {#1}
5916         \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
5917       )
5918     }
5919 }
5920 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_roman:NN #1#2
5921 {
5922   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N #1
5923   \int_if_exist:cF { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int }
5924   { \__int_from_roman_error:w }
5925   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #2
5926   { + \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int } }
5927   \int_if_exist:cF { c__int_from_roman_ #2 _int }
5928   { \__int_from_roman_error:w }
5929   \int_compare:nNnTF
5930   { \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int } }
5931   <
5932   { \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #2 _int } }
5933   {
5934     + \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #2 _int }
5935     - \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int }
5936     \__int_from_roman:NN
5937   }
5938   {
5939     + \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int }
5940     \__int_from_roman:NN #2
5941   }
5942 }
5943 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_roman_error:w #1 \q_recursion_stop #2
5944 { #2 * 0 - 1 }

```

(End definition for `\int_from_roman:n`, `\__int_from_roman:NN`, and `\__int_from_roman_error:w`. This function is documented on page 84.)

## 8.10 Viewing integer

`\int_show:N` Diagnostics.  
`\int_show:c` 5945 `\cs_new_eq:NN \int_show:N \__kernel_register_show:N`  
`\__int_show:nN` 5946 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_show:N { c }`  
(End definition for `\int_show:N` and `\__int_show:nN`. This function is documented on page 84.)

`\int_show:n` We don't use the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\showthe` to show integer expressions: this gives a more unified output.

```
5947 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_show:n
5948   { \msg_show_eval:Nn \int_eval:n }
```

(End definition for `\int_show:n`. This function is documented on page 84.)

`\int_log:N` Diagnostics.

```
\int_log:c 5949 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_log:N \__kernel_register_log:N
5950 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_log:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\int_log:N`. This function is documented on page 84.)

`\int_log:n` Similar to `\int_show:n`.

```
5951 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_log:n
5952   { \msg_log_eval:Nn \int_eval:n }
```

(End definition for `\int_log:n`. This function is documented on page 84.)

## 8.11 Constant integers

`\c_zero` Again, in l3basics

(End definition for `\c_zero`. This variable is documented on page 85.)

```
\c_one Low-number values not previously defined.
\c_two 5953 \int_const:Nn \c_one { 1 }
\c_three 5954 \int_const:Nn \c_two { 2 }
\c_four 5955 \int_const:Nn \c_three { 3 }
\c_five 5956 \int_const:Nn \c_four { 4 }
\c_six 5957 \int_const:Nn \c_five { 5 }
\c_seven 5958 \int_const:Nn \c_six { 6 }
\c_eight 5959 \int_const:Nn \c_seven { 7 }
\c_nine 5960 \int_const:Nn \c_eight { 8 }
\c_ten 5961 \int_const:Nn \c_nine { 9 }
\c_eleven 5962 \int_const:Nn \c_ten { 10 }
\c_twelve 5963 \int_const:Nn \c_eleven { 11 }
\c_thirteen 5964 \int_const:Nn \c_twelve { 12 }
\c_fourteen 5965 \int_const:Nn \c_thirteen { 13 }
\c_fifteen 5966 \int_const:Nn \c_fourteen { 14 }
\c_sixteen 5967 \int_const:Nn \c_fifteen { 15 }
\c_sixteen 5968 \int_const:Nn \c_sixteen { 16 }
```

(End definition for `\c_one` and others. These variables are documented on page 85.)

`\c_thirty_two` One middling value.

```
5969 \int_const:Nn \c_thirty_two { 32 }
```

(End definition for `\c_thirty_two`. This variable is documented on page 85.)

`\c_two_hundred_fifty_five` Two classic mid-range integer constants.  
`\c_two_hundred_fifty_six`

```
5970 \int_const:Nn \c_two_hundred_fifty_five { 255 }
5971 \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 85.)

`\c_one_hundred` Simple runs of powers of ten.  
`\c_one_thousand`

```
5972 \int_const:Nn \c_one_hundred { 100 }
\c_ten_thousand 5973 \int_const:Nn \c_one_thousand { 1000 }
5974 \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 85.)

`\c_max_int` The largest number allowed is  $2^{31} - 1$   

```
5975 \int_const:Nn \c_max_int { 2 147 483 647 }
```

(End definition for `\c_max_int`. This variable is documented on page 85.)

`\c_max_char_int` The largest character code is 1114111 (hexadecimal 10FFFF) in X<sub>Ǝ</sub>T<sub>Ǝ</sub>X and LuaT<sub>Ǝ</sub>X and 255 in other engines. In many places pT<sub>Ǝ</sub>X and upT<sub>Ǝ</sub>X support larger character codes but for instance the values of `\lccode` are restricted to  $[0, 255]$ .

```
5976 \int_const:Nn \c_max_char_int
5977 {
5978   \if_int_odd:w 0
5979     \cs_if_exist:NT \luatex luatexversion:D { 1 }
5980     \cs_if_exist:NT \xetex XeTeXversion:D { 1 } ~
5981     "10FFFF
5982   \else:
5983     "FF
5984   \fi:
5985 }
```

(End definition for `\c_max_char_int`. This variable is documented on page 85.)

## 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`

```
5986 \int_new:N \l_tmpa_int
\g_tmpa_int 5987 \int_new:N \l_tmpb_int
\g_tmpb_int 5988 \int_new:N \g_tmpa_int
5989 \int_new:N \g_tmpb_int
```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_int` and others. These variables are documented on page 85.)

## 8.13 Deprecated

`\c_minus_one` The actual allocation mechanism is in `l3alloc`; it requires `\c_one` to be defined. In package mode, reuse `\m@ne`. We also store in two global token lists some code for `\debug_deprecation_on:` and `\debug_deprecation_off:`. For the latter, we need to locally set `\c_minus_one` back to the constant hence use a private name. We use `\tex_let:D` directly because `\c_minus_one` (as all deprecated commands) is made outer by `\debug_deprecation_on:`.

```
5990 <package>\cs_gset_eq:NN \c__deprecation_minus_one \m@ne
5991 <initex>\int_const:Nn \c__deprecation_minus_one { -1 }
5992 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_minus_one \c__deprecation_minus_one
5993 \__kernel_deprecation_code:nn
5994   { \__deprecation_error:Nnn \c_minus_one { -1 } { 2018-12-31 } }
5995   { \tex_let:D \c_minus_one \c__deprecation_minus_one }
```

(End definition for `\c_minus_one`.)

```
5996 </initex | package>
```

## 9 l3intarray implementation

```
5997 <*initex | package>
```

```
5998 <@@=intarray>
```

### 9.1 Allocating arrays

`\g__intarray_font_int` Used to assign one font per array.

```
5999 \int_new:N \g__intarray_font_int
```

(End definition for `\g__intarray_font_int`.)

`\__intarray_new:Nn` Declare `#1` to be a font (arbitrarily `cmr10` at a never-used size). Store the array's size as the `\hyphenchar` of that font and make sure enough `\fontdimen` are allocated, by setting the last one. Then clear any `\fontdimen` that `cmr10` starts with. It seems LuaTeX's `cmr10` has an extra `\fontdimen` parameter number 8 compared to other engines (for a math font we would replace 8 by 22 or some such).

```
6000 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__intarray_new:Nn #1#2
6001   {
6002     \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
6003     \int_gincr:N \g__intarray_font_int
6004     \tex_global:D \tex_font:D #1 = cmr10-at~ \g__intarray_font_int sp \scan_stop:
6005     \tex_hyphenchar:D #1 = \int_eval:n {#2} \scan_stop:
6006     \int_compare:nNnT { \tex_hyphenchar:D #1 } > 0
6007       { \tex_fontdimen:D \tex_hyphenchar:D #1 #1 = 0 sp \scan_stop: }
6008     \int_step_inline:nnnn { 1 } { 1 } { 8 }
6009       { \tex_fontdimen:D ##1 #1 = 0 sp \scan_stop: }
6010   }
```

(End definition for `\__intarray_new:Nn`.)

`\__intarray_count:N` Size of an array.

```
6011 \cs_new:Npn \__intarray_count:N #1 { \tex_the:D \tex_hyphenchar:D #1 }
```

(End definition for `\__intarray_count:N`.)

## 9.2 Array items

`\__intarray_gset:Nnn` Set the appropriate `\fontdimen`. The slow version checks the position and value are within bounds.  
`\__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn`  
`\__intarray_gset_aux:Nnn`

```

6012 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn #1#2#3
6013   { \tex_fontdimen:D \int_eval:n {#2} #1 = \int_eval:n {#3} sp \scan_stop: }
6014 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__intarray_gset:Nnn #1#2#3
6015   {
6016     \exp_args:Nff \__intarray_gset_aux:Nnn #1
6017     { \int_eval:n {#2} } { \int_eval:n {#3} }
6018   }
6019 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__intarray_gset_aux:Nnn #1#2#3
6020   {
6021     \int_compare:nTF { 1 <= #2 <= \__intarray_count:N #1 }
6022     {
6023       \int_compare:nTF { - \c_max_dim <= \int_abs:n {#3} <= \c_max_dim }
6024       { \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn #1 {#2} {#3} }
6025       {
6026         \__kernel_msg_error:nxxxx { kernel } { overflow }
6027         { \token_to_str:N #1 } {#2} {#3}
6028         { \int_compare:nNnT {#3} < 0 { - } \__int_value:w \c_max_dim }
6029         \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn #1 {#2}
6030         { \int_compare:nNnT {#3} < 0 { - } \c_max_dim }
6031       }
6032     }
6033     {
6034       \__kernel_msg_error:nxxxx { kernel } { out-of-bounds }
6035       { \token_to_str:N #1 } {#2} { \__intarray_count:N #1 }
6036     }
6037   }

```

(End definition for `\__intarray_gset:Nnn`, `\__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn`, and `\__intarray_gset_aux:Nnn`.)

`\__intarray_item:Nn` Get the appropriate `\fontdimen` and perform bound checks if requested.  
`\__intarray_item_fast:Nn`  
`\__intarray_item_aux:Nn`

```

6038 \cs_new:Npn \__intarray_item_fast:Nn #1#2
6039   { \__int_value:w \tex_fontdimen:D \int_eval:n {#2} #1 }
6040 \cs_new:Npn \__intarray_item:Nn #1#2
6041   { \exp_args:Nf \__intarray_item_aux:Nn #1 { \int_eval:n {#2} } }
6042 \cs_new:Npn \__intarray_item_aux:Nn #1#2
6043   {
6044     \int_compare:nTF { 1 <= #2 <= \__intarray_count:N #1 }
6045     { \__intarray_item_fast:Nn #1 {#2} }
6046     {
6047       \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnnn { kernel } { out-of-bounds }
6048       { \token_to_str:N #1 } {#2} { \__intarray_count:N #1 }
6049       0
6050     }
6051   }

```

(End definition for `\__intarray_item:Nn`, `\__intarray_item_fast:Nn`, and `\__intarray_item_aux:Nn`.)

```

6052 </initex | package)

```

## 10 l3flag implementation

6053 `\*initex | package)`

6054 `\@@=flag)`

*The following test files are used for this code: m3flag001.*

### 10.1 Non-expandable flag commands

The height  $h$  of a flag (initially zero) is stored by setting control sequences of the form `\flag <name> <integer>` to `\relax` for  $0 \leq \langle integer \rangle < h$ . When a flag is raised, a “trap” function `\flag <name>` is called. The existence of this function is also used to test for the existence of a flag.

`\flag_new:n` For each flag, we define a “trap” function, which by default simply increases the flag by 1 by letting the appropriate control sequence to `\relax`. This can be done expandably!

```
6055 \cs_new_protected:Npn \flag_new:n #1
6056   {
6057     \cs_new:cpn { flag~#1 } ##1 ;
6058     { \exp_after:wN \use_none:n \cs:w flag~#1~##1 \cs_end: }
6059   }
```

*(End definition for \flag\_new:n. This function is documented on page 89.)*

`\flag_clear:n` Undefine control sequences, starting from the 0 flag, upwards, until reaching an undefined control sequence. We don’t use `\cs_undefine:c` because that would act globally. When the option `check-declarations` is used, check for the function defined by `\flag_new:n`.

`\__flag_clear:wn`

```
6060 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn
6061   { \exp_args:Nc \__kernel_chk_var_exist:N { flag~#1 } } { }
6062 \cs_new_protected:Npn \flag_clear:n #1 { \__flag_clear:wn 0 ; {#1} }
6063 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__flag_clear:wn #1 ; #2
6064   {
6065     \if_cs_exist:w flag~#2~#1 \cs_end:
6066     \cs_set_eq:cN { flag~#2~#1 } \tex_undefined:D
6067     \exp_after:wN \__flag_clear:wn
6068     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 + #1
6069     \else:
6070       \use_i:nnn
6071     \fi:
6072     ; {#2}
6073   }
```

*(End definition for \flag\_clear:n and \\_\_flag\_clear:wn. This function is documented on page 89.)*

`\flag_clear_new:n` As for other datatypes, clear the  $\langle flag \rangle$  or create a new one, as appropriate.

```
6074 \cs_new_protected:Npn \flag_clear_new:n #1
6075   { \flag_if_exist:nTF {#1} { \flag_clear:n } { \flag_new:n } {#1} }
```

*(End definition for \flag\_clear\_new:n. This function is documented on page 89.)*

`\flag_show:n` Show the height (terminal or log file) using appropriate `l3msg` auxiliaries.

`\flag_log:n`

`\__flag_show:Nn`

```
6076 \cs_new_protected:Npn \flag_show:n { \__flag_show:Nn \tl_show:n }
6077 \cs_new_protected:Npn \flag_log:n { \__flag_show:Nn \tl_log:n }
6078 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__flag_show:Nn #1#2
6079   {
```

```

6080 \exp_args:Nc \__kernel_check_defined:NT { flag~#2 }
6081 {
6082   \exp_args:Nx #1
6083   { \tl_to_str:n { flag~#2~height } = \flag_height:n {#2} }
6084 }
6085 }

```

(End definition for `\flag_show:n`, `\flag_log:n`, and `\__flag_show:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 89.)

## 10.2 Expandable flag commands

`\__flag_chk_exist:n` Analogue of `\__kernel_chk_var_exist:N` for flags, and with an expandable error. We need to add checks by hand because flags are not implemented in terms of other variables. Not all functions need to be patched since some are defined in terms of others.

```

6086 (*package)
6087 \tex_ifodd:D \l@expl@enable@debug@bool
6088 \cs_new:Npn \__flag_chk_exist:n #1
6089 {
6090   \flag_if_exist:nF {#1}
6091   {
6092     \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
6093     { kernel } { bad-variable } { flag~#1~ }
6094   }
6095 }
6096 \fi:
6097 </package>

```

(End definition for `\__flag_chk_exist:n`.)

`\flag_if_exist_p:n` A flag exist if the corresponding trap `\flag <flag name>:n` is defined.

```

\flag_if_exist:nTF
6098 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \flag_if_exist:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
6099 {
6100   \cs_if_exist:cTF { flag~#1 }
6101   { \prg_return_true: } { \prg_return_false: }
6102 }

```

(End definition for `\flag_if_exist:nTF`. This function is documented on page 90.)

`\flag_if_raised_p:n` Test if the flag has a non-zero height, by checking the 0 control sequence.

```

\flag_if_raised:nTF
6103 \__kernel_patch_conditional:nNnpnn { \__flag_chk_exist:n {#1} }
6104 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \flag_if_raised:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
6105 {
6106   \if_cs_exist:w flag~#1-0 \cs_end:
6107   \prg_return_true:
6108   \else:
6109   \prg_return_false:
6110   \fi:
6111 }

```

(End definition for `\flag_if_raised:nTF`. This function is documented on page 90.)

**\flag\_height:n** Extract the value of the flag by going through all of the control sequences starting from 0.

```

6112 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__flag_chk_exist:n {#1} } { }
6113 \cs_new:Npn \flag_height:n #1 { \__flag_height_loop:wn 0; {#1} }
6114 \cs_new:Npn \__flag_height_loop:wn #1 ; #2
6115   {
6116     \if_cs_exist:w flag~#2~#1 \cs_end:
6117       \exp_after:wN \__flag_height_loop:wn \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 +
6118     \else:
6119       \exp_after:wN \__flag_height_end:wn
6120     \fi:
6121     #1 ; {#2}
6122   }
6123 \cs_new:Npn \__flag_height_end:wn #1 ; #2 {#1}

```

(End definition for `\flag_height:n`, `\__flag_height_loop:wn`, and `\__flag_height_end:wn`. This function is documented on page 90.)

**\flag\_raise:n** Simply apply the trap to the height, after expanding the latter.

```

6124 \cs_new:Npn \flag_raise:n #1
6125   {
6126     \cs:w flag~#1 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
6127     \__int_value:w \flag_height:n {#1} ;
6128   }

```

(End definition for `\flag_raise:n`. This function is documented on page 90.)

```
6129 </initex | package>
```

## 11 I3quark implementation

The following test files are used for this code: `m3quark001.lvt`.

```
6130 (*initex | package)
```

### 11.1 Quarks

```
6131 <@@=quark>
```

**\quark\_new:N** Allocate a new quark.

```

6132 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_scope:NN q #1 } { }
6133 \cs_new_protected:Npn \quark_new:N #1
6134   {
6135     \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
6136     \cs_gset_nopar:Npn #1 {#1}
6137   }

```

(End definition for `\quark_new:N`. This function is documented on page 91.)

**\q\_nil** Some “public” quarks. `\q_stop` is an “end of argument” marker, `\q_nil` is a empty value and `\q_no_value` marks an empty argument.

```

\q_mark
\q_no_value
\q_stop
6138 \quark_new:N \q_nil
6139 \quark_new:N \q_mark
6140 \quark_new:N \q_no_value
6141 \quark_new:N \q_stop

```

(End definition for `\q_nil` and others. These variables are documented on page 92.)

`\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.

```
6142 \quark_new:N \q_recursion_tail
6143 \quark_new:N \q_recursion_stop
```

(End definition for `\q_recursion_tail` and `\q_recursion_stop`. These variables are documented on page 93.)

`\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.

```
6144 \cs_new:Npn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N #1
6145   {
6146     \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #1
6147     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
6148   \fi:
6149   }
6150 \cs_new:Npn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #1
6151   {
6152     \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #1
6153     \exp_after:wN \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw
6154   \else:
6155     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
6156   \fi:
6157   }
```

(End definition for `\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N` and `\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 93.)

`\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n` See `\quark_if_nil:nTF` for the details. Expanding `\__quark_if_recursion_tail:w` once in front of the tokens chosen here gives an empty result if and only if #1 is exactly `\q_recursion_tail`.

```
\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:o
\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:nn
\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:on
\__quark_if_recursion_tail:w
6158 \cs_new:Npn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n #1
6159   {
6160     \tl_if_empty:oTF
6161     { \__quark_if_recursion_tail:w {} #1 {} ?! \q_recursion_tail ??? }
6162     { \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w }
6163     { }
6164   }
6165 \cs_new:Npn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn #1
6166   {
6167     \tl_if_empty:oTF
6168     { \__quark_if_recursion_tail:w {} #1 {} ?! \q_recursion_tail ??? }
6169     { \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw }
6170     { \use_none:n }
6171   }
6172 \cs_new:Npn \__quark_if_recursion_tail:w
```

```

6173     #1 \q_recursion_tail #2 ? #3 ?! { #1 #2 }
6174 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n { o }
6175 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn { o }

```

(End definition for `\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n`, `\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn`, and `\__quark_if_recursion_tail:w`. These functions are documented on page 93.)

`\__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN`  
`\__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN` Analogs of the `\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop...` functions. Break the mapping using #2.

```

6176 \cs_new:Npn \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN #1#2
6177 {
6178     \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #1
6179     \exp_after:wN #2
6180     \fi:
6181 }
6182 \cs_new:Npn \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN #1#2
6183 {
6184     \tl_if_empty:oTF
6185     { \__quark_if_recursion_tail:w {} #1 {} ?! \q_recursion_tail ??? }
6186     {#2}
6187     { }
6188 }

```

(End definition for `\__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN` and `\__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN`.)

`\quark_if_nil_p:N` Here we test if we found a special quark as the first argument. We better start with  
`\quark_if_nil:NTF` `\q_no_value` as the first argument since the whole thing may otherwise loop if #1 is  
`\quark_if_no_value_p:N` wrongly given a string like aabc instead of a single token.<sup>8</sup>

```

\quark_if_no_value_p:c 6189 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \quark_if_nil:N #1 { p, T, F, TF }
\quark_if_no_value:NTF 6190 {
\quark_if_no_value:cTF 6191     \if_meaning:w \q_nil #1
6192     \prg_return_true:
6193     \else:
6194     \prg_return_false:
6195     \fi:
6196 }
6197 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \quark_if_no_value:N #1 { p, T, F, TF }
6198 {
6199     \if_meaning:w \q_no_value #1
6200     \prg_return_true:
6201     \else:
6202     \prg_return_false:
6203     \fi:
6204 }
6205 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \quark_if_no_value:N
6206 { c } { p, T, F, TF }

```

(End definition for `\quark_if_nil:NTF` and `\quark_if_no_value:NTF`. These functions are documented on page 92.)

`\quark_if_nil_p:n` Let us explain `\quark_if_nil:n(TF)`. Expanding `\__quark_if_nil:w` once is safe  
`\quark_if_nil_p:V` thanks to the trailing `\q_nil ???!`. The result of expanding once is empty if and only

<sup>8</sup>It may still loop in special circumstances however!

`\quark_if_nil:nTF`  
`\quark_if_nil:VTF`  
`\quark_if_nil:oTF`  
`\quark_if_no_value_p:n`  
`\quark_if_no_value:nTF`  
`\__quark_if_nil:w`  
`\__quark_if_no_value:w`

if both delimited arguments #1 and #2 are empty and #3 is delimited by the last tokens ?!. Thanks to the leading {}, the argument #1 is empty if and only if the argument of \quark\_if\_nil:n starts with \q\_nil. The argument #2 is empty if and only if this \q\_nil is followed immediately by ? or by {}?, coming either from the trailing tokens in the definition of \quark\_if\_nil:n, or from its argument. In the first case, \\_\_quark\_if\_nil:w is followed by {} \q\_nil {}? ! \q\_nil ??!, hence #3 is delimited by the final ?!, and the test returns true as wanted. In the second case, the result is not empty since the first ?! in the definition of \quark\_if\_nil:n stop #3.

```

6207 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \quark_if_nil:n #1 { p, T , F , TF }
6208   {
6209     \__tl_if_empty_return:o
6210     { \__quark_if_nil:w {} #1 {} ? ! \q_nil ? ? ! }
6211   }
6212 \cs_new:Npn \__quark_if_nil:w #1 \q_nil #2 ? #3 ? ! { #1 #2 }
6213 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \quark_if_no_value:n #1 { p, T , F , TF }
6214   {
6215     \__tl_if_empty_return:o
6216     { \__quark_if_no_value:w {} #1 {} ? ! \q_no_value ? ? ! }
6217   }
6218 \cs_new:Npn \__quark_if_no_value:w #1 \q_no_value #2 ? #3 ? ! { #1 #2 }
6219 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nmn \quark_if_nil:n
6220   { V , o } { p , TF , T , F }

```

(End definition for \quark\_if\_nil:nTF and others. These functions are documented on page 92.)

\q\_\_tl\_act\_mark These private quarks are needed by l3tl, but that is loaded before the quark module,  
\q\_\_tl\_act\_stop hence their definition is deferred.

```

6221 \quark_new:N \q__tl_act_mark
6222 \quark_new:N \q__tl_act_stop

```

(End definition for \q\_\_tl\_act\_mark and \q\_\_tl\_act\_stop.)

## 11.2 Scan marks

```

6223 <@@=scan>

```

\g\_\_scan\_marks\_tl The list of all scan marks currently declared.

```

6224 \tl_new:N \g__scan_marks_tl

```

(End definition for \g\_\_scan\_marks\_tl.)

\\_\_scan\_new:N Check whether the variable is already a scan mark, then declare it to be equal to \scan\_stop: globally.

```

6225 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__scan_new:N #1
6226   {
6227     \tl_if_in:NnTF \g__scan_marks_tl { #1 }
6228     {
6229       \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { scanmark-already-defined }
6230       { \token_to_str:N #1 }
6231     }
6232     {
6233       \tl_gput_right:Nn \g__scan_marks_tl {#1}
6234       \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \scan_stop:
6235     }
6236   }

```

(End definition for `\_scan_new:N`.)

`\s__stop` We only declare one scan mark here, more can be defined by specific modules.

```
6237 \_scan_new:N \s__stop
```

(End definition for `\s__stop`.)

`\_use_none_delimit_by_s__stop:w` Similar to `\use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w`.

```
6238 \cs_new:Npn \_use_none_delimit_by_s__stop:w #1 \s__stop { }
```

(End definition for `\_use_none_delimit_by_s__stop:w`.)

`\s__seq` This private scan mark is needed by `l3seq`, but that is loaded before the quark module, hence its definition is deferred.

```
6239 \_scan_new:N \s__seq
```

(End definition for `\s__seq`.)

```
6240 </initex | package>
```

## 12 l3prg implementation

The following test files are used for this code: `m3prg001.lvt,m3prg002.lvt,m3prg003.lvt`.

```
6241 <*initex | package>
```

### 12.1 Primitive conditionals

`\if_bool:N` Those two primitive TeX conditionals are synonyms.

`\if_predicate:w`

```
6242 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_bool:N \tex_ifodd:D
```

```
6243 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_predicate:w \tex_ifodd:D
```

(End definition for `\if_bool:N` and `\if_predicate:w`. These functions are documented on page 103.)

### 12.2 Defining a set of conditional functions

`\prg_set_conditional:Npnn` These are all defined in `l3basics`, as they are needed “early”. This is just a reminder!

`\prg_new_conditional:Npnn`

(End definition for `\prg_set_conditional:Npnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 96.)

`\prg_set_protected_conditional:Npnn`

`\prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn`

`\prg_set_conditional:Nnn`

`\prg_new_conditional:Nnn`

`\prg_set_protected_conditional:Nnn`

`\prg_new_protected_conditional:Nnn`

`\prg_set_eq_conditional:Nnn`

`\prg_new_eq_conditional:Nnn`

`\prg_return_true:`

`\prg_return_false:`

```
6244 <@@=bool>
```

Boolean variables have to be initiated when they are created. Other than that there is not much to say here.

```
6245 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_new:N #1 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \c_false_bool }
```

```
6246 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\bool_new:N`. This function is documented on page 98.)

`\bool_set_true:N` Setting is already pretty easy. When `check-declarations` is active, the definitions are patched to make sure the boolean exists. This is needed because booleans are not based on token lists nor on  $\TeX$  registers.

`\bool_set_true:c`

`\bool_gset_true:N`

`\bool_gset_true:c`

`\bool_set_false:N`

`\bool_set_false:c`

`\bool_gset_false:N`

`\bool_gset_false:c`

```

6247 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
6248 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_set_true:N #1
6249   { \cs_set_eq:NN #1 \c_true_bool }
6250 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
6251 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_set_false:N #1
6252   { \cs_set_eq:NN #1 \c_false_bool }
6253 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
6254 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_gset_true:N #1
6255   { \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_true_bool }
6256 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
6257 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_gset_false:N #1
6258   { \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_false_bool }
6259 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_set_true:N { c }
6260 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_set_false:N { c }
6261 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_gset_true:N { c }
6262 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_gset_false:N { c }

```

*(End definition for `\bool_set_true:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 98.)*

`\bool_set_eq:NN` The usual copy code. While it would be cleaner semantically to copy the `\cs_set_eq:NN` family of functions, we copy `\tl_set_eq:NN` because that has the correct checking code.

`\bool_set_eq:cN`

`\bool_set_eq:Nc`

`\bool_set_eq:cc`

`\bool_gset_eq:NN`

`\bool_gset_eq:cN`

`\bool_gset_eq:Nc`

`\bool_gset_eq:cc`

```

6263 \cs_new_eq:NN \bool_set_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:NN
6264 \cs_new_eq:NN \bool_gset_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:NN
6265 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_set_eq:NN { Nc, cN, cc }
6266 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_gset_eq:NN { Nc, cN, cc }

```

*(End definition for `\bool_set_eq:NN` and `\bool_gset_eq:NN`. These functions are documented on page 99.)*

`\bool_set:Nn` This function evaluates a boolean expression and assigns the first argument the meaning `\c_true_bool` or `\c_false_bool`. Again, we include some checking code.

`\bool_set:cn`

`\bool_gset:Nn`

`\bool_gset:cn`

```

6267 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
6268 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_set:Nn #1#2
6269   { \tex_chardef:D #1 = \bool_if_p:n {#2} }
6270 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
6271 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_gset:Nn #1#2
6272   { \tex_global:D \tex_chardef:D #1 = \bool_if_p:n {#2} }
6273 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_set:Nn { c }
6274 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_gset:Nn { c }

```

*(End definition for `\bool_set:Nn` and `\bool_gset:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 99.)*

`\bool_if_p:N` Straight forward here. We could optimize here if we wanted to as the boolean can just be input directly.

`\bool_if_p:c`

`\bool_if:N $\underline{TF}$`

`\bool_if:c $\underline{TF}$`

```

6275 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \bool_if:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
6276   {
6277     \if_bool:N #1
6278       \prg_return_true:
6279     \else:
6280       \prg_return_false:
6281     \fi:

```

```

6282 }
6283 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \bool_if:N { c } { p , T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\bool_if:N`. This function is documented on page 99.)

`\bool_show:n` Show the truth value of the boolean, as true or false.

```

\bool_log:n      6284 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_show:n
\__bool_to_str:n 6285 { \msg_show_eval:Nn \__bool_to_str:n }
6286 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_log:n
6287 { \msg_log_eval:Nn \__bool_to_str:n }
6288 \cs_new:Npn \__bool_to_str:n #1
6289 { \bool_if:nTF {#1} { true } { false } }

```

(End definition for `\bool_show:n`, `\bool_log:n`, and `\__bool_to_str:n`. These functions are documented on page 99.)

`\bool_show:N` Show the truth value of the boolean, as true or false.

```

\bool_show:c      6290 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_show:N { \__bool_show:NN \tl_show:n }
\bool_log:N      6291 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_show:N { c }
\bool_log:c      6292 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_log:N { \__bool_show:NN \tl_log:n }
\__bool_show:NN 6293 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_log:N { c }
6294 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__bool_show:NN #1#2
6295 {
6296   \__kernel_check_defined:NT #2
6297   { \exp_args:Nx #1 { \token_to_str:N #2 = \__bool_to_str:n {#2} } }
6298 }

```

(End definition for `\bool_show:N`, `\bool_log:N`, and `\__bool_show:NN`. These functions are documented on page 99.)

`\l_tmpa_bool` A few booleans just if you need them.

```

\l_tmpa_bool      6299 \bool_new:N \l_tmpa_bool
\l_tmpb_bool      6300 \bool_new:N \l_tmpb_bool
\g_tmpa_bool      6301 \bool_new:N \g_tmpa_bool
\g_tmpb_bool      6302 \bool_new:N \g_tmpb_bool

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_bool` and others. These variables are documented on page 99.)

`\bool_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.

```

\bool_if_exist_p:c 6303 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \bool_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N
\bool_if_exist:NTF 6304 { TF , T , F , p }
\bool_if_exist:cTF 6305 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \bool_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c
6306 { TF , T , F , p }

```

(End definition for `\bool_if_exist:N`. This function is documented on page 99.)

## 12.4 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”. However, they perform eager evaluation. We shall use the terms Not, And, Or, Open and Close for these operations.

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 GetNext function with the logic reversed.
- 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 using the values of predicates within this sub-expression until the next Close. Then return *⟨false⟩*.

*⟨true⟩***Or** Current truth value is true, logical Or seen, stop using the values of predicates within this sub-expression until the nearest Close. Then return *⟨true⟩*.

*⟨false⟩***Or** Current truth value is false, logical Or seen, continue with GetNext to examine truth value of next boolean (sub-)expression.

*⟨true⟩***Close** Current truth value is true, Close seen, return *⟨true⟩*.

*⟨false⟩***Close** Current truth value is false, Close seen, return *⟨false⟩*.

```

6307 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \bool_if:n #1 { T , F , TF }
6308   {
6309     \if_predicate:w \bool_if_p:n {#1}
6310     \prg_return_true:
6311   \else:
6312     \prg_return_false:
6313   \fi:
6314   }

```

*(End definition for \bool\_if:nTF. This function is documented on page 101.)*

**\bool\_if\_p:n** 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  $\TeX$ . This group is closed after `\__bool_get_next:NN` returns `\c_true_bool` or `\c_false_bool`. That function requires the trailing parenthesis to know where the expression ends.

```

6315 \cs_new:Npn \bool_if_p:n #1
6316   {
6317     \group_align_safe_begin:
6318     \exp_after:wN
6319     \group_align_safe_end:
6320     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w % (
6321     \__bool_get_next:NN \use_i:nmmn #1 )
6322   }

```

*(End definition for \bool\_if\_p:n. This function is documented on page 101.)*

`\_bool_get_next:NN` The GetNext operation. Its first argument is `\use_i:n`, `\use_ii:n`, `\use_iii:n`, or `\use_iv:n` (we call these “states”). In the first state, 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. For instance “`\_bool_get_next:NN \use_i:n \c_true_bool && \c_true_bool )`” (including the closing parenthesis) expands to `\c_true_bool`. In the second state (after a `!`) the logic is reversed. We call these two states “normal” and the next two “skipping”. In the third state (after `\c_true_bool||`) it always returns `\c_true_bool`. In the fourth state (after `\c_false_bool&&`) it always returns `\c_false_bool` and also stops when encountering `||`, not only parentheses. This code itself is a switch: if what follows is neither `!` nor `(`, we assume it is a predicate.

```

6323 \cs_new:Npn \_bool_get_next:NN #1#2
6324 {
6325   \use:c
6326   {
6327     \_bool_
6328     \if_meaning:w !#2 ! \else: \if_meaning:w (#2 ( \else: p \fi: \fi:
6329     :Nw
6330   }
6331   #1 #2
6332 }

```

*(End definition for `\_bool_get_next:NN`.)*

`\_bool_!:Nw` The Not operation reverses the logic: it discards the `!` token and calls the GetNext operation with the appropriate first argument. Namely the first and second states are interchanged, but after `\c_true_bool||` or `\c_false_bool&&` the `!` is ignored.

```

6333 \cs_new:cpn { \_bool_!:Nw } #1#2
6334 {
6335   \exp_after:wN \_bool_get_next:NN
6336   #1 \use_ii:n \use_i:n \use_iii:n \use_iv:n
6337 }

```

*(End definition for `\_bool_!:Nw`.)*

`\_bool_(:Nw` The Open operation starts a sub-expression after discarding the open parenthesis. This is done by calling GetNext (which eventually discards the corresponding closing parenthesis), with a post-processing step which looks for And, Or or Close after the group.

```

6338 \cs_new:cpn { \_bool_(:Nw } #1#2
6339 {
6340   \exp_after:wN \_bool_choose:NNN \exp_after:wN #1
6341   \_int_value:w \_bool_get_next:NN \use_i:n
6342 }

```

*(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.

```

6343 \cs_new:cpn { \_bool_p:Nw } #1
6344 { \exp_after:wN \_bool_choose:NNN \exp_after:wN #1 \_int_value:w }

```

*(End definition for `\_bool_p:Nw`.)*

`\__bool_choose:NNN` The arguments are `#1`: a function such as `\use_i:nnnn`, `#2`: 0 or 1 encoding the current truth value, `#3`: the next operation, And, Or or Close. We distinguish three cases according to a combination of `#1` and `#2`. Case 2 is when `#1` is `\use_iii:nnnn` (state 3), namely after `\c_true_bool ||`. Case 1 is when `#1` is `\use_i:nnnn` and `#2` is true or when `#1` is `\use_ii:nnnn` and `#2` is false, for instance for `!\c_false_bool`. Case 0 includes the same with true/false interchanged and the case where `#1` is `\use_iv:nnnn` namely after `\c_false_bool &&`.

`\__bool_|_0:` When seeing `)` the current subexpression is done, leave the appropriate boolean.  
`\__bool_|_1:` When seeing `&` in case 0 go into state 4, equivalent to having seen `\c_false_bool &&`.  
`\__bool_|_2:` In case 1, namely when the argument is true and we are in a normal state continue in the normal state 1. In case 2, namely when skipping alternatives in an Or, continue in the same state. When seeing `|` in case 0, continue in a normal state; in particular stop skipping for `\c_false_bool &&` because that binds more tightly than `||`. In the other two cases start skipping for `\c_true_bool ||`.

```

6345 \cs_new:Npn \__bool_choose:NNN #1#2#3
6346 {
6347   \use:c
6348   {
6349     __bool_ \token_to_str:N #3 _
6350     #1 #2 { \if_meaning:w 0 #2 1 \else: 0 \fi: } 2 0 :
6351   }
6352 }
6353 \cs_new:cpn { __bool_)_0: } { \c_false_bool }
6354 \cs_new:cpn { __bool_)_1: } { \c_true_bool }
6355 \cs_new:cpn { __bool_)_2: } { \c_true_bool }
6356 \cs_new:cpn { __bool_&_0: } & { \__bool_get_next:NN \use_iv:nnnn }
6357 \cs_new:cpn { __bool_&_1: } & { \__bool_get_next:NN \use_i:nnnn }
6358 \cs_new:cpn { __bool_&_2: } & { \__bool_get_next:NN \use_iii:nnnn }
6359 \cs_new:cpn { __bool_|_0: } | { \__bool_get_next:NN \use_i:nnnn }
6360 \cs_new:cpn { __bool_|_1: } | { \__bool_get_next:NN \use_iii:nnnn }
6361 \cs_new:cpn { __bool_|_2: } | { \__bool_get_next:NN \use_iii:nnnn }

```

*(End definition for `\__bool_choose:NNN` and others.)*

`\bool_lazy_all_p:n` Go through the list of expressions, stopping whenever an expression is false. If the end is reached without finding any false expression, then the result is true.  
`\bool_lazy_all:nTF`

```

\__bool_lazy_all:n
6362 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \bool_lazy_all:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
6363 { \__bool_lazy_all:n #1 \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop }
6364 \cs_new:Npn \__bool_lazy_all:n #1
6365 {
6366   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn {#1} { \prg_return_true: }
6367   \bool_if:nF {#1}
6368   { \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw { \prg_return_false: } }
6369   \__bool_lazy_all:n
6370 }

```

*(End definition for `\bool_lazy_all:nTF` and `\__bool_lazy_all:n`. This function is documented on page 101.)*

`\bool_lazy_and_p:n` Only evaluate the second expression if the first is true.

```

\bool_lazy_and:nnTF
6371 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \bool_lazy_and:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
6372 {
6373   \bool_if:nTF {#1}

```

```

6374     { \bool_if:nTF {#2} { \prg_return_true: } { \prg_return_false: } }
6375     { \prg_return_false: }
6376   }

```

(End definition for `\bool_lazy_and:nnTF`. This function is documented on page 101.)

**`\bool_lazy_any_p:n`** Go through the list of expressions, stopping whenever an expression is true. If the end is reached without finding any true expression, then the result is false.

**`\bool_lazy_any:nTF`**  
**`\_bool_lazy_any:n`**

```

6377 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \bool_lazy_any:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
6378 { \_bool_lazy_any:n #1 \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop }
6379 \cs_new:Npn \_bool_lazy_any:n #1
6380 {
6381   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn {#1} { \prg_return_false: }
6382   \bool_if:nT {#1}
6383   { \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw { \prg_return_true: } }
6384   \_bool_lazy_any:n
6385 }

```

(End definition for `\bool_lazy_any:nTF` and `\_bool_lazy_any:n`. This function is documented on page 101.)

**`\bool_lazy_or_p:n`** Only evaluate the second expression if the first is false.

**`\bool_lazy_or:nnTF`**

```

6386 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \bool_lazy_or:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
6387 {
6388   \bool_if:nTF {#1}
6389   { \prg_return_true: }
6390   { \bool_if:nTF {#2} { \prg_return_true: } { \prg_return_false: } }
6391 }

```

(End definition for `\bool_lazy_or:nnTF`. This function is documented on page 101.)

**`\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.

```

6392 \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 101.)

**`\bool_xor_p:nn`** Exclusive or. If the boolean expressions have same truth value, return false, otherwise return true.

```

6393 \cs_new:Npn \bool_xor_p:nn #1#2
6394 {
6395   \int_compare:nNnTF { \bool_if_p:n {#1} } = { \bool_if_p:n {#2} }
6396   \c_false_bool
6397   \c_true_bool
6398 }

```

(End definition for `\bool_xor_p:nn`. This function is documented on page 102.)

## 12.5 Logical loops

`\bool_while_do:Nn` A while loop where the boolean is tested before executing the statement. The “while” version executes the code as long as the boolean is true; the “until” version executes the code as long as the boolean is false.

```
\bool_while_do:cn
\bool_while_do:cn
\bool_until_do:Nn
\bool_until_do:cn
6399 \cs_new:Npn \bool_while_do:Nn #1#2
6400   { \bool_if:NT #1 { #2 \bool_while_do:Nn #1 {#2} } }
6401 \cs_new:Npn \bool_until_do:Nn #1#2
6402   { \bool_if:NF #1 { #2 \bool_until_do:Nn #1 {#2} } }
6403 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_while_do:Nn { c }
6404 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_until_do:Nn { c }
```

*(End definition for \bool\_while\_do:Nn and \bool\_until\_do:Nn. These functions are documented on page 102.)*

`\bool_do_while:Nn` A do-while loop where the body is performed at least once and the boolean is tested after executing the body. Otherwise identical to the above functions.

```
\bool_do_while:cn
\bool_do_while:cn
\bool_do_until:Nn
\bool_do_until:cn
6405 \cs_new:Npn \bool_do_while:Nn #1#2
6406   { #2 \bool_if:NT #1 { \bool_do_while:Nn #1 {#2} } }
6407 \cs_new:Npn \bool_do_until:Nn #1#2
6408   { #2 \bool_if:NF #1 { \bool_do_until:Nn #1 {#2} } }
6409 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_do_while:Nn { c }
6410 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_do_until:Nn { c }
```

*(End definition for \bool\_do\_while:Nn and \bool\_do\_until:Nn. These functions are documented on page 102.)*

`\bool_while_do:nn` Loop functions with the test either before or after the first body expansion.

```
\bool_while_do:nn
\bool_do_while:nn
\bool_until_do:nn
\bool_do_until:nn
6411 \cs_new:Npn \bool_while_do:nn #1#2
6412   {
6413     \bool_if:nT {#1}
6414     {
6415       #2
6416       \bool_while_do:nn {#1} {#2}
6417     }
6418   }
6419 \cs_new:Npn \bool_do_while:nn #1#2
6420   {
6421     #2
6422     \bool_if:nT {#1} { \bool_do_while:nn {#1} {#2} }
6423   }
6424 \cs_new:Npn \bool_until_do:nn #1#2
6425   {
6426     \bool_if:nF {#1}
6427     {
6428       #2
6429       \bool_until_do:nn {#1} {#2}
6430     }
6431   }
6432 \cs_new:Npn \bool_do_until:nn #1#2
6433   {
6434     #2
6435     \bool_if:nF {#1} { \bool_do_until:nn {#1} {#2} }
6436   }
```

*(End definition for \bool\_while\_do:nn and others. These functions are documented on page 103.)*





## 12.8 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 get some sort of weird error message because the underlying `\futurelet` stores 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.

```
6493 \cs_new:Npn \group_align_safe_begin:
6494   { \if_int_compare:w \if_false: { \fi: ‘} = \c_zero \fi: }
6495 \cs_new:Npn \group_align_safe_end:
6496   { \if_int_compare:w ‘{ = \c_zero } \fi: }
```

(End definition for `\group_align_safe_begin:` and `\group_align_safe_end:`. These functions are documented on page 104.)

```
6497 <@@=prg>
```

`\g__prg_map_int` A nesting counter for mapping.

```
6498 \int_new:N \g__prg_map_int
```

(End definition for `\g__prg_map_int`.)

`\__prg_break_point:Nn` `\__prg_map_break:Nn` These are defined in `l3basics`, as they are needed “early”. This is just a reminder that is the case!

(End definition for `\__prg_break_point:Nn` and `\__prg_map_break:Nn`.)

`\__prg_break_point:` Also done in `l3basics` as in format mode these are needed within `l3alloc`.

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

(End definition for `\__prg_break_point:`, `\__prg_break:`, and `\__prg_break:n`.)

```
6499 </initex | package>
```

## 13 l3clist implementation

The following test files are used for this code: `m3clist002`.

```
6500 (*initex | package)
```

```
6501 <@@=clist>
```

`\c_empty_clist` An empty comma list is simply an empty token list.

```
6502 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_empty_clist \c_empty_tl
```

(End definition for `\c_empty_clist`. This variable is documented on page 113.)

`\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`

```
6503 \tl_new:N \l__clist_internal_clist
```

(End definition for `\l__clist_internal_clist`.)

`\__clist_tmp:w` A temporary function for various purposes.

```
6504 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_tmp:w { }
```

(End definition for `\__clist_tmp:w`.)

### 13.1 Allocation and initialisation

`\clist_new:N` Internally, comma lists are just token lists.

```
\clist_new:c
6505 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_new:N \tl_new:N
6506 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_new:c \tl_new:c
```

(End definition for `\clist_new:N`. This function is documented on page 105.)

`\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
6507 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_const:Nn #1#2
6508 { \tl_const:Nx #1 { \__clist_trim_spaces:n {#2} } }
6509 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_const:Nn { c , Nx , cx }
```

(End definition for `\clist_const:Nn`. This function is documented on page 105.)

`\clist_clear:N` Clearing comma lists is just the same as clearing token lists.

```
\clist_clear:c
6510 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_clear:N \tl_clear:N
\clist_gclear:N
6511 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_clear:c \tl_clear:c
\clist_gclear:c
6512 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gclear:N \tl_gclear:N
6513 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gclear:c \tl_gclear:c
```

(End definition for `\clist_clear:N` and `\clist_gclear:N`. These functions are documented on page 105.)

`\clist_clear_new:N` Once again a copy from the token list functions.

```
\clist_clear_new:c
6514 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_clear_new:N \tl_clear_new:N
\clist_gclear_new:N
6515 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_clear_new:c \tl_clear_new:c
\clist_gclear_new:c
6516 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gclear_new:N \tl_gclear_new:N
6517 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gclear_new:c \tl_gclear_new:c
```

(End definition for `\clist_clear_new:N` and `\clist_gclear_new:N`. These functions are documented on page 105.)

`\clist_set_eq:NN` Once again, these are simple copies from the token list functions.

```
\clist_set_eq:cN
6518 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_set_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:NN
\clist_set_eq:Nc
6519 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_set_eq:Nc \tl_set_eq:Nc
\clist_set_eq:cN
6520 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_set_eq:cN \tl_set_eq:cN
\clist_gset_eq:NN
6521 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_set_eq:cc \tl_set_eq:cc
\clist_gset_eq:cN
6522 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gset_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:NN
\clist_gset_eq:Nc
6523 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gset_eq:Nc \tl_gset_eq:Nc
\clist_gset_eq:cN
6524 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gset_eq:cN \tl_gset_eq:cN
\clist_gset_eq:cc
6525 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gset_eq:cc \tl_gset_eq:cc
```

(End definition for `\clist_set_eq:NN` and `\clist_gset_eq:NN`. These functions are documented on page 106.)

```

\clist_set_from_seq:NN Setting a comma list from a comma-separated list is done using a simple mapping. We
\clist_set_from_seq:cN wrap most items with \exp_not:n, and a comma. Items which contain a comma or a
\clist_set_from_seq:Nc space are surrounded by an extra set of braces. The first comma must be removed, except
\clist_set_from_seq:cc in the case of an empty comma-list.
\clist_gset_from_seq:NN
\clist_gset_from_seq:cN
\clist_gset_from_seq:Nc
\clist_gset_from_seq:cc
__clist_set_from_seq:NNNN
  __clist_wrap_item:n
  __clist_set_from_seq:w
6526 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_set_from_seq:NN
6527   { \__clist_set_from_seq:NNNN \clist_clear:N \tl_set:Nx }
6528 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gset_from_seq:NN
6529   { \__clist_set_from_seq:NNNN \clist_gclear:N \tl_gset:Nx }
6530 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_set_from_seq:NNNN #1#2#3#4
6531   {
6532     \seq_if_empty:NTF #4
6533       { #1 #3 }
6534       {
6535         #2 #3
6536         {
6537           \exp_last_unbraced:Nf \use_none:n
6538           { \seq_map_function:NN #4 \__clist_wrap_item:n }
6539         }
6540       }
6541     }
6542 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_wrap_item:n #1
6543   {
6544     ,
6545     \tl_if_empty:oTF { \__clist_set_from_seq:w #1 ~ , #1 ~ }
6546     { \exp_not:n {#1} }
6547     { \exp_not:n { {#1} } }
6548   }
6549 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_set_from_seq:w #1 , #2 ~ { }
6550 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_set_from_seq:NN { Nc }
6551 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_set_from_seq:NN { c , cc }
6552 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gset_from_seq:NN { Nc }
6553 \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 106.)

```

\clist_concat:NNN Concatenating comma lists is not quite as easy as it seems, as there needs to be the
\clist_concat:ccc correct addition of a comma to the output. So a little work to do.
\clist_gconcat:NNN
\clist_gconcat:ccc
__clist_concat:NNNN
6554 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_concat:NNN
6555   { \__clist_concat:NNNN \tl_set:Nx }
6556 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gconcat:NNN
6557   { \__clist_concat:NNNN \tl_gset:Nx }
6558 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_concat:NNNN #1#2#3#4
6559   {
6560     #1 #2
6561     {
6562       \exp_not:o #3
6563       \clist_if_empty:NF #3 { \clist_if_empty:NF #4 { , } }
6564       \exp_not:o #4
6565     }
6566   }
6567 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_concat:NNN { ccc }

```

```
6568 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gconcat:NNN { ccc }
```

(End definition for `\clist_concat:NNN`, `\clist_gconcat:NNN`, and `\__clist_concat:NNNN`. These functions are documented on page 106.)

`\clist_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.

```
\clist_if_exist_p:c      6569 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \clist_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N
\clist_if_exist:NTF    6570 { TF , T , F , p }
\clist_if_exist:cTF    6571 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \clist_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c
                        6572 { TF , T , F , p }
```

(End definition for `\clist_if_exist:NTF`. This function is documented on page 106.)

## 13.2 Removing spaces around items

```
\__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw {<code>} \q_mark <item> ,
```

`\__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>`.

```
6573 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw #1#2 ,
6574 {
6575   \__tl_trim_spaces:nn {#2}
6576   { \exp_args:No \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nn } {#1}
6577 }
6578 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nn #1#2 { #2 {#1} }
```

(End definition for `\__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw` and `\__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nn`.)

`\__clist_trim_spaces:n` The first argument of `\__clist_trim_spaces:nn` is initially empty, and later a comma, `\__clist_trim_spaces:nn` 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.

```
6579 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_trim_spaces:n #1
6580 {
6581   \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw
6582   { \__clist_trim_spaces:nn { } }
6583   \q_mark #1 ,
6584   \q_recursion_tail, \q_recursion_stop
6585 }
6586 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_trim_spaces:nn #1 #2
6587 {
6588   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n {#2}
6589   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2}
6590   {
6591     \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw
6592     { \__clist_trim_spaces:nn {#1} } \q_mark
6593   }
6594   {
6595     #1 \exp_not:n {#2}
6596     \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw
6597     { \__clist_trim_spaces:nn { , } } \q_mark
```

```

6598     }
6599 }

```

(End definition for `\_clist_trim_spaces:n` and `\_clist_trim_spaces:nn`.)

### 13.3 Adding data to comma lists

```

\clist_set:Nn
\clist_set:NV 6600 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_set:Nn #1#2
\clist_set:No 6601 { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \_clist_trim_spaces:n {#2} } }
\clist_set:Nx 6602 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gset:Nn #1#2
\clist_set:cn 6603 { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \_clist_trim_spaces:n {#2} } }
\clist_set:cV 6604 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_set:Nn { NV , No , Nx , c , cV , co , cx }
\clist_set:co 6605 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gset:Nn { NV , No , Nx , c , cV , co , cx }
\clist_set:cx

```

(End definition for `\clist_set:Nn` and `\clist_gset:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 106.)

`\clist_gset:Nn`

`\clist_gset:NV`

`\clist_put_gset:NV`

`\clist_put_gset:Nx`

`\clist_put_gset:cn`

`\clist_put_gset:cV`

`\clist_put_gset:co`

`\clist_put_gset: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_put_left:NNNn`

`\clist_put_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`

`\_clist_put_right:NNNn`

Comma lists cannot hold empty values: there are therefore a couple of sanity checks to avoid accumulating commas.

```

6606 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_put_left:Nn
6607 { \_clist_put_left:NNNn \clist_concat:NNN \clist_set:Nn }
6608 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gput_left:Nn
6609 { \_clist_put_left:NNNn \clist_gconcat:NNN \clist_set:Nn }
6610 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_clist_put_left:NNNn #1#2#3#4
6611 {
6612   #2 \l__clist_internal_clist {#4}
6613   #1 #3 \l__clist_internal_clist #3
6614 }
6615 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_put_left:Nn { NV , No , Nx }
6616 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_put_left:Nn { c , cV , co , cx }
6617 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gput_left:Nn { NV , No , Nx }
6618 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gput_left:Nn { c , cV , co , cx }

```

(End definition for `\clist_put_left:Nn`, `\clist_gput_left:Nn`, and `\_clist_put_left:NNNn`. These functions are documented on page 106.)

(End definition for `\clist_put_right:Nn`, `\clist_gput_right:Nn`, and `\_clist_put_right:NNNn`. These functions are documented on page 107.)

## 13.4 Comma lists as stacks

`\clist_get:NN` Getting an item from the left of a comma list is pretty easy: just trim off the first item using the comma.

```
\clist_get:cN
__clist_get:wN
6632 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_get:NN #1#2
6633 {
6634   \if_meaning:w #1 \c_empty_clist
6635     \tl_set:Nn #2 { \q_no_value }
6636   \else:
6637     \exp_after:wN __clist_get:wN #1 , \q_stop #2
6638   \fi:
6639 }
6640 \cs_new_protected:Npn __clist_get:wN #1 , #2 \q_stop #3
6641 { \tl_set:Nn #3 {#1} }
6642 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_get:NN { c }
```

*(End definition for `\clist_get:NN` and `__clist_get:wN`. This function is documented on page 111.)*

`\clist_pop:NN` An empty clist leads to `\q_no_value`, otherwise grab until the first comma and assign to the variable. The second argument of `__clist_pop:wwNNN` is a comma list ending in a comma and `\q_mark`, unless the original clist contained exactly one item: then the argument is just `\q_mark`. The next auxiliary picks either `\exp_not:n` or `\use_none:n` as #2, ensuring that the result can safely be an empty comma list.

```
\clist_pop:cN
\clist_gpop:NN
\clist_gpop:cN
__clist_pop:NNN
__clist_pop:wwNNN
__clist_pop:wN
6643 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_pop:NN
6644 { __clist_pop:NNN \tl_set:Nx }
6645 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gpop:NN
6646 { __clist_pop:NNN \tl_gset:Nx }
6647 \cs_new_protected:Npn __clist_pop:NNN #1#2#3
6648 {
6649   \if_meaning:w #2 \c_empty_clist
6650     \tl_set:Nn #3 { \q_no_value }
6651   \else:
6652     \exp_after:wN __clist_pop:wwNNN #2 , \q_mark \q_stop #1#2#3
6653   \fi:
6654 }
6655 \cs_new_protected:Npn __clist_pop:wwNNN #1 , #2 \q_stop #3#4#5
6656 {
6657   \tl_set:Nn #5 {#1}
6658   #3 #4
6659   {
6660     __clist_pop:wN \prg_do_nothing:
6661     #2 \exp_not:o
6662     , \q_mark \use_none:n
6663     \q_stop
6664   }
6665 }
6666 \cs_new:Npn __clist_pop:wN #1 , \q_mark #2 #3 \q_stop { #2 {#1} }
6667 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_pop:NN { c }
6668 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gpop:NN { c }
```

*(End definition for `\clist_pop:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 111.)*

`\clist_get:NNTF` The same, as branching code: very similar to the above.

```
\clist_get:cNTF
\clist_pop:NNTF
\clist_pop:cNTF
\clist_gpop:NNTF
\clist_gpop:cNTF
__clist_pop_TF:NNN
6669 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_get:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
```

```

6670 {
6671   \if_meaning:w #1 \c_empty_clist
6672   \prg_return_false:
6673   \else:
6674     \exp_after:wN \__clist_get:wN #1 , \q_stop #2
6675     \prg_return_true:
6676   \fi:
6677 }
6678 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \clist_get:NN { c } { T , F , TF }
6679 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_pop:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
6680 { \__clist_pop_TF:NNN \tl_set:Nx #1 #2 }
6681 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_gpop:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
6682 { \__clist_pop_TF:NNN \tl_gset:Nx #1 #2 }
6683 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_pop_TF:NNN #1#2#3
6684 {
6685   \if_meaning:w #2 \c_empty_clist
6686   \prg_return_false:
6687   \else:
6688     \exp_after:wN \__clist_pop:wwNNN #2 , \q_mark \q_stop #1#2#3
6689     \prg_return_true:
6690   \fi:
6691 }
6692 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \clist_pop:NN { c } { T , F , TF }
6693 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \clist_gpop:NN { c } { T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\clist_get:NNTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 111.)

```

\clist_push:Nn Pushing to a comma list is the same as adding on the left.
\clist_push:NV 6694 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:Nn \clist_put_left:Nn
\clist_push:No 6695 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:NV \clist_put_left:NV
\clist_push:Nx 6696 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:No \clist_put_left:No
\clist_push:cn 6697 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:Nx \clist_put_left:Nx
\clist_push:cV 6698 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:cn \clist_put_left:cn
\clist_push:cO 6699 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:cV \clist_put_left:cV
\clist_push:cX 6700 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:co \clist_put_left:co
\clist_push:cX 6701 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:cx \clist_put_left:cx
\clist_gpush:Nn 6702 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:Nn \clist_gput_left:Nn
\clist_gpush:NV 6703 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:NV \clist_gput_left:NV
\clist_gpush:No 6704 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:No \clist_gput_left:No
\clist_gpush:Nx 6705 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:Nx \clist_gput_left:Nx
\clist_gpush:cn 6706 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:cn \clist_gput_left:cn
\clist_gpush:cV 6707 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:cV \clist_gput_left:cV
\clist_gpush:cO 6708 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:co \clist_gput_left:co
\clist_gpush:cX 6709 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:cx \clist_gput_left:cx

```

(End definition for `\clist_push:Nn` and `\clist_gpush:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 112.)

### 13.5 Modifying comma lists

`\l__clist_internal_remove_clist` An internal comma list for the removal routines.

```
6710 \clist_new:N \l__clist_internal_remove_clist
```

(End definition for `\l__clist_internal_remove_clist`.)

```

\clist_remove_duplicates:N Removing duplicates means making a new list then copying it.
\clist_remove_duplicates:c 6711 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_remove_duplicates:N
\clist_gremove_duplicates:N 6712 { \__clist_remove_duplicates:NN \clist_set_eq:NN }
\clist_gremove_duplicates:c 6713 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gremove_duplicates:N
  \__clist_remove_duplicates:NN 6714 { \__clist_remove_duplicates:NN \clist_gset_eq:NN }
  \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_remove_duplicates:NN #1#2
 6715 {
 6716   \clist_clear:N \l__clist_internal_remove_clist
 6717   \clist_map_inline:Nn #2
 6718   {
 6719     \clist_if_in:NnF \l__clist_internal_remove_clist {##1}
 6720     { \clist_put_right:Nn \l__clist_internal_remove_clist {##1} }
 6721   }
 6722   #1 #2 \l__clist_internal_remove_clist
 6723 }
 6724 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_remove_duplicates:N { c }
 6725 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gremove_duplicates:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_remove_duplicates:N`, `\clist_gremove_duplicates:N`, and `\__clist_remove_duplicates:NN`. These functions are documented on page 107.)

```

\clist_remove_all:Nn The method used here is very similar to \tl_replace_all:Nnn. Build a function de-
\clist_remove_all:cn limited by the <item> that should be removed, surrounded with commas, and call that
\clist_gremove_all:Nn function followed by the expanded comma list, and another copy of the <item>. The loop
\clist_gremove_all:cn is controlled by the argument grabbed by \__clist_remove_all:w: when the item was
\__clist_remove_all:NNn found, the \q_mark delimiter used is the one inserted by \__clist_tmp:w, and \use_
\__clist_remove_all:w none_delimit_by_q_stop:w is deleted. At the end, the final <item> is grabbed, and
\__clist_remove_all: the argument of \__clist_tmp:w contains \q_mark: in that case, \__clist_remove_
delimit_by_q_stop:w all:w removes the second \q_mark (inserted by \__clist_tmp:w), and lets \use_none_
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.

```

6727 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_remove_all:Nn
6728 { \__clist_remove_all:NNn \tl_set:Nx }
6729 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gremove_all:Nn
6730 { \__clist_remove_all:NNn \tl_gset:Nx }
6731 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_remove_all:NNn #1#2#3
6732 {
6733   \cs_set:Npn \__clist_tmp:w ##1 , #3 ,
6734   {
6735     ##1
6736     , \q_mark , \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w ,
6737     \__clist_remove_all:
6738   }
6739   #1 #2
6740   {
6741     \exp_after:wN \__clist_remove_all:
6742     #2 , \q_mark , #3 , \q_stop
6743   }
6744   \clist_if_empty:NF #2

```

```

6745     {
6746       #1 #2
6747       {
6748         \exp_args:No \exp_not:o
6749         { \exp_after:wN \use_none:n #2 }
6750       }
6751     }
6752   }
6753 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_remove_all:
6754   { \exp_after:wN \__clist_remove_all:w \__clist_tmp:w , }
6755 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_remove_all:w #1 , \q_mark , #2 , { \exp_not:n {#1} }
6756 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_remove_all:Nn { c }
6757 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gremove_all:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_remove_all:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 107.)

**`\clist_reverse:N`** Use `\clist_reverse:n` in an x-expanding assignment. The extra work that `\clist_reverse:n` does to preserve braces and spaces would not be needed for the well-controlled case of N-type comma lists, but the slow-down is not too bad.

**`\clist_reverse:c`**  
**`\clist_greverse:N`**  
**`\clist_greverse:c`**

```

6758 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_reverse:N #1
6759   { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \clist_reverse:n {#1} } }
6760 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_greverse:N #1
6761   { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \clist_reverse:n {#1} } }
6762 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_reverse:N { c }
6763 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_greverse:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_reverse:N` and `\clist_greverse:N`. These functions are documented on page 107.)

**`\clist_reverse:n`** The reversed token list is built one item at a time, and stored between `\q_stop` and `\q_mark`, in the form of ? followed by zero or more instances of “ $\langle item \rangle$ ,”. We start from a comma list “ $\langle item_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle item_n \rangle$ ”. During the loop, the auxiliary `\__clist_reverse:wwNww` receives “ $\langle item_i \rangle$ ” as #1, “ $\langle item_{i+1} \rangle, \dots, \langle item_n \rangle$ ” as #2, `\__clist_reverse:wwNww` as #3, what remains until `\q_stop` as #4, and “ $\langle item_{i-1} \rangle, \dots, \langle item_1 \rangle$ ,” as #5. The auxiliary moves #1 just before #5, with a comma, and calls itself (#3). After the last item is moved, `\__clist_reverse:wwNww` receives “`\q_mark \__clist_reverse:wwNww !`” as its argument #1, thus `\__clist_reverse_end:ww` as its argument #3. This second auxiliary cleans up until the marker !, removes the trailing comma (introduced when the first item was moved after `\q_stop`), and leaves its argument #1 within `\exp_not:n`. There is also a need to remove a leading comma, hence `\exp_not:o` and `\use_none:n`.

```

6764 \cs_new:Npn \clist_reverse:n #1
6765   {
6766     \__clist_reverse:wwNww ? #1 ,
6767     \q_mark \__clist_reverse:wwNww ! ,
6768     \q_mark \__clist_reverse_end:ww
6769     \q_stop ? \q_mark
6770   }
6771 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_reverse:wwNww
6772   #1 , #2 \q_mark #3 #4 \q_stop ? #5 \q_mark
6773   { #3 ? #2 \q_mark #3 #4 \q_stop #1 , #5 \q_mark }
6774 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_reverse_end:ww #1 ! #2 , \q_mark
6775   { \exp_not:o { \use_none:n #2 } }

```

(End definition for `\clist_reverse:n`, `__clist_reverse:wwNww`, and `__clist_reverse_end:ww`. This function is documented on page 107.)

`\clist_sort:Nn` Implemented in `l3sort`.

`\clist_sort:cn`

`\clist_gsort:Nn` (End definition for `\clist_sort:Nn` and `\clist_gsort:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 108.)

`\clist_gsort:cn`

## 13.6 Comma list conditionals

`\clist_if_empty_p:N` Simple copies from the token list variable material.

`\clist_if_empty_p:c` 6776 `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \clist_if_empty:N \tl_if_empty:N`

`\clist_if_empty:NTF` 6777 `{ p , T , F , TF }`

`\clist_if_empty:cTF` 6778 `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \clist_if_empty:c \tl_if_empty:c`

6779 `{ p , T , F , TF }`

(End definition for `\clist_if_empty:NTF`. This function is documented on page 108.)

`\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 grabs `\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`

6780 `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn \clist_if_empty:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }`

6781 `{`

6782 `__clist_if_empty_n:w ? #1`

6783 `, \q_mark \prg_return_false:`

6784 `, \q_mark \prg_return_true:`

6785 `\q_stop`

6786 `}`

6787 `\cs_new:Npn __clist_if_empty_n:w #1 ,`

6788 `{`

6789 `\tl_if_empty:oTF { \use_none:nn #1 ? }`

6790 `{ __clist_if_empty_n:w ? }`

6791 `{ __clist_if_empty_n:wNw }`

6792 `}`

6793 `\cs_new:Npn __clist_if_empty_n:wNw #1 \q_mark #2#3 \q_stop {#2}`

(End definition for `\clist_if_empty:nTF`, `__clist_if_empty_n:w`, and `__clist_if_empty_n:wNw`. This function is documented on page 108.)

`\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`

6794 `\prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_if_in:Nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }`

6795 `{`

6796 `\exp_args:No __clist_if_in_return:nn #1 {#2}`

6797 `}`

6798 `\prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_if_in:nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }`

6799 `{`

6800 `\clist_set:Nn \l__clist_internal_clist {#1}`

6801 `\exp_args:No __clist_if_in_return:nn \l__clist_internal_clist {#2}`

6802 `}`

6803 `\cs_new_protected:Npn __clist_if_in_return:nn #1#2`

```

6804 {
6805   \cs_set:Npn \__clist_tmp:w ##1 ,#2, { }
6806   \tl_if_empty:oTF
6807     { \__clist_tmp:w ,#1, {} {} ,#2, }
6808     { \prg_return_false: } { \prg_return_true: }
6809 }
6810 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \clist_if_in:Nn
6811 { NV , No , c , cV , co } { T , F , TF }
6812 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \clist_if_in:nn
6813 { nV , no } { T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\clist_if_in:NnTF`, `\clist_if_in:nnTF`, and `\__clist_if_in_return:nn`. These functions are documented on page 108.)

### 13.7 Mapping to comma lists

`\clist_map_function:NN`  
`\clist_map_function:cN`  
`\__clist_map_function:Nw`

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.

```

6814 \cs_new:Npn \clist_map_function:NN #1#2
6815 {
6816   \clist_if_empty:NF #1
6817   {
6818     \exp_last_unbraced:NNo \__clist_map_function:Nw #2 #1
6819     , \q_recursion_tail ,
6820     \__prg_break_point:Nn \clist_map_break: { }
6821   }
6822 }
6823 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_map_function:Nw #1#2 ,
6824 {
6825   \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN {#2} \clist_map_break:
6826   #1 {#2}
6827   \__clist_map_function:Nw #1
6828 }
6829 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_map_function:NN { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_map_function:NN` and `\__clist_map_function:Nw`. This function is documented on page 109.)

`\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`.

```

6830 \cs_new:Npn \clist_map_function:nN #1#2
6831 {
6832   \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw { \__clist_map_function_n:Nn #2 }
6833   \q_mark #1, \q_recursion_tail,
6834   \__prg_break_point:Nn \clist_map_break: { }
6835 }
6836 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_map_function_n:Nn #1 #2

```

```

6837 {
6838   \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN {#2} \clist_map_break:
6839   \tl_if_empty:nF {#2} { \__clist_map_unbrace:Nw #1 #2, }
6840   \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw { \__clist_map_function_n:Nn #1 }
6841   \q_mark
6842 }
6843 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_map_unbrace:Nw #1 #2, { #1 {#2} }

```

(End definition for `\clist_map_function:nN`, `\__clist_map_function_n:Nn`, and `\__clist_map_unbrace:Nw`. This function is documented on page 109.)

`\clist_map_inline:Nn` Inline mapping is done by creating a suitable function “on the fly”: this is done globally  
`\clist_map_inline:cn` to avoid any issues with  $\TeX$ 's groups. We use a different function for each level of  
`\clist_map_inline:nn` 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.

```

6844 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_map_inline:Nn #1#2
6845 {
6846   \clist_if_empty:NF #1
6847   {
6848     \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
6849     \cs_gset_protected:cpn
6850     { \__prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w } ##1 {#2}
6851     \exp_last_unbraced:Nco \__clist_map_function:Nw
6852     { \__prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
6853     #1 , \q_recursion_tail ,
6854     \__prg_break_point:Nn \clist_map_break:
6855     { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
6856   }
6857 }
6858 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_map_inline:nn #1
6859 {
6860   \clist_set:Nn \l__clist_internal_clist {#1}
6861   \clist_map_inline:Nn \l__clist_internal_clist
6862 }
6863 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_map_inline:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_map_inline:Nn` and `\clist_map_inline:nn`. These functions are documented on page 109.)

`\clist_map_variable:NNn` As for other comma-list mappings, filter out the case of an empty list. Same approach  
`\clist_map_variable:cNn` as `\clist_map_function:Nn`, additionally we store each item in the given variable. As  
`\clist_map_variable:nNn` for inline mappings, space trimming for the `n` variant is done by storing the comma list  
`\__clist_map_variable:Nnw` in a variable.

```

6864 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_map_variable:NNn #1#2#3
6865 {
6866   \clist_if_empty:NF #1
6867   {
6868     \exp_args:Nno \use:nn
6869     { \__clist_map_variable:Nnw #2 {#3} }
6870     #1
6871     , \q_recursion_tail , \q_recursion_stop
6872     \__prg_break_point:Nn \clist_map_break: { }

```

```

6873     }
6874   }
6875   \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_map_variable:nNn #1
6876   {
6877     \clist_set:Nn \l__clist_internal_clist {#1}
6878     \clist_map_variable:NNn \l__clist_internal_clist
6879     }
6880   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_map_variable:Nnw #1#2#3,
6881   {
6882     \tl_set:Nn #1 {#3}
6883     \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N #1
6884     \use:n {#2}
6885     \__clist_map_variable:Nnw #1 {#2}
6886   }
6887   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_map_variable:NNn { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_map_variable:NNn`, `\clist_map_variable:nNn`, and `\__clist_map_variable:Nnw`. These functions are documented on page 109.)

`\clist_map_break:` The break statements use the general `\__prg_map_break:Nn` mechanism.  
`\clist_map_break:n`

```

6888   \cs_new:Npn \clist_map_break:
6889   { \__prg_map_break:Nn \clist_map_break: { } }
6890   \cs_new:Npn \clist_map_break:n
6891   { \__prg_map_break:Nn \clist_map_break: }

```

(End definition for `\clist_map_break:` and `\clist_map_break:n`. These functions are documented on page 109.)

`\clist_count:N` Counting the items in a comma list is done using the same approach as for other token  
`\clist_count:c` count functions: turn each entry into a +1 then use integer evaluation to actually do the  
`\clist_count:n` mathematics. In the case of an n-type comma-list, we could of course use `\clist_map_-`  
`\__clist_count:n` `function:nN`, but that is very slow, because it carefully removes spaces. Instead, we loop  
`\__clist_count:w` manually, and skip blank items (but not `{}`), hence the extra spaces).

```

6892   \cs_new:Npn \clist_count:N #1
6893   {
6894     \int_eval:n
6895     {
6896       0
6897       \clist_map_function:NN #1 \__clist_count:n
6898     }
6899   }
6900   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_count:N { c }
6901   \cs_new:Npx \clist_count:n #1
6902   {
6903     \exp_not:N \int_eval:n
6904     {
6905       0
6906       \exp_not:N \__clist_count:w \c_space_tl
6907       #1 \exp_not:n { , \q_recursion_tail , \q_recursion_stop }
6908     }
6909   }
6910   \cs_new:Npn \__clist_count:n #1 { + 1 }
6911   \cs_new:Npx \__clist_count:w #1 ,
6912   {

```

```

6913 \exp_not:n { \exp_args:Nf \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n } {#1}
6914 \exp_not:N \tl_if_blank:nF {#1} { + 1 }
6915 \exp_not:N \__clist_count:w \c_space_tl
6916 }

```

(End definition for `\clist_count:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 110.)

## 13.8 Using comma lists

`\clist_use:Nnnn` First check that the variable exists. Then count the items in the comma list. If it has none, output nothing. If it has one item, output that item, brace stripped (note that space-trimming has already been done when the comma list was assigned). If it has two, `\__clist_use:nwwwnwn` place the *<separator between two>* in the middle.

Otherwise, `\__clist_use:nwwwnwn` takes the following arguments; 1: a *<separator>*, 2, 3, 4: three items from the comma list (or quarks), 5: the rest of the comma list, 6: a *<continuation>* function (`use_ii` or `use_iii` with its *<separator>* argument), 7: junk, and 8: the temporary result, which is built in a brace group following `\q_stop`. The *<separator>* and the first of the three items are placed in the result, then we use the *<continuation>*, placing the remaining two items after it. When we begin this loop, the three items really belong to the comma list, the first `\q_mark` is taken as a delimiter to the `use_ii` function, and the continuation is `use_ii` itself. When we reach the last two items of the original token list, `\q_mark` is taken as a third item, and now the second `\q_mark` serves as a delimiter to `use_ii`, switching to the other *<continuation>*, `use_iii`, which uses the *<separator between final two>*.

```

6917 \cs_new:Npn \clist_use:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
6918 {
6919   \clist_if_exist:NTF #1
6920   {
6921     \int_case:nnF { \clist_count:N #1 }
6922     {
6923       { 0 } { }
6924       { 1 } { \exp_after:wN \__clist_use:wnn #1 , , { } }
6925       { 2 } { \exp_after:wN \__clist_use:wnn #1 , {#2} }
6926     }
6927     {
6928       \exp_after:wN \__clist_use:nwwwnwn
6929       \exp_after:wN { \exp_after:wN } #1 ,
6930       \q_mark , { \__clist_use:nwwwnwn {#3} }
6931       \q_mark , { \__clist_use:nwnn {#4} }
6932       \q_stop { }
6933     }
6934   }
6935   {
6936     \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
6937     { kernel } { bad-variable } {#1}
6938   }
6939 }
6940 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_use:Nnnn { c }
6941 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_use:wnn #1 , #2 , #3 { \exp_not:n { #1 #3 #2 } }
6942 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_use:nwwwnwn
6943   #1#2 , #3 , #4 , #5 \q_mark , #6#7 \q_stop #8
6944   { #6 {#3} , {#4} , #5 \q_mark , {#6} #7 \q_stop { #8 #1 #2 } }
6945 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_use:nwnn #1#2 , #3 \q_stop #4

```

```

6946 { \exp_not:n { #4 #1 #2 } }
6947 \cs_new:Npn \clist_use:Nn #1#2
6948 { \clist_use:Nnn #1 {#2} {#2} {#2} }
6949 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_use:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_use:Nnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 110.)

### 13.9 Using a single item

```

\clist_item:Nn To avoid needing to test the end of the list at each step, we first compute the  $\langle length \rangle$  of
\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:ffoN before performing the loop. The loop itself is very simple, return the item if the counter
\__clist_item:ffnN reached 1, otherwise, decrease the counter and repeat.
\__clist_item_N_loop:nw
6950 \cs_new:Npn \clist_item:Nn #1#2
6951 {
6952   \__clist_item:ffoN
6953   { \clist_count:N #1 }
6954   { \int_eval:n {#2} }
6955   #1
6956   \__clist_item_N_loop:nw
6957 }
6958 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item:nnnN #1#2#3#4
6959 {
6960   \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} < 0
6961   {
6962     \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} < { - #1 }
6963     { \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w }
6964     { \exp_args:Nf #4 { \int_eval:n { #2 + 1 + #1 } } }
6965   }
6966   {
6967     \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} > {#1}
6968     { \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w }
6969     { #4 {#2} }
6970   }
6971   { } , #3 , \q_stop
6972 }
6973 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__clist_item:nnnN { ffo, ff }
6974 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item_N_loop:nw #1 #2,
6975 {
6976   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = 0
6977   { \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
6978   { \exp_args:Nf \__clist_item_N_loop:nw { \int_eval:n { #1 - 1 } } }
6979 }
6980 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_item:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_item:Nn`, `\__clist_item:nnnN`, and `\__clist_item_N_loop:nw`. This function is documented on page 112.)

```

\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
6981 \cs_new:Npn \clist_item:nn #1#2
6982 {

```

```

6983   \__clist_item:ffnN
6984     { \clist_count:n {#1} }
6985     { \int_eval:n {#2} }
6986     {#1}
6987   \__clist_item_n:nw
6988 }
6989 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item_n:nw #1
6990 { \__clist_item_n_loop:nw {#1} \prg_do_nothing: }
6991 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item_n_loop:nw #1 #2,
6992 {
6993   \exp_args:No \tl_if_blank:nTF {#2}
6994     { \__clist_item_n_loop:nw {#1} \prg_do_nothing: }
6995     {
6996       \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = 0
6997         { \exp_args:No \__clist_item_n_end:n {#2} }
6998         {
6999           \exp_args:Nf \__clist_item_n_loop:nw
7000             { \int_eval:n { #1 - 1 } }
7001             \prg_do_nothing:
7002         }
7003     }
7004 }
7005 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item_n_end:n #1 #2 \q_stop
7006 {
7007   \__tl_trim_spaces:nn { \q_mark #1 }
7008   { \exp_last_unbraced:No \__clist_item_n_stripe:w } ,
7009 }
7010 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item_n_stripe:w #1 , { \exp_not:n {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\clist_item:nn` and others. This function is documented on page 112.)

### 13.10 Viewing comma lists

```

\clist_show:N Apply the general \__kernel_check_defined:NT and \msg_show:nnnnnn.
\clist_show:c 7011 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_show:N { \__clist_show:NN \msg_show:nnxxxx }
\clist_log:N   7012 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_show:N { c }
\clist_log:c   7013 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_log:N { \__clist_show:NN \msg_log:nnxxxx }
\__clist_show:NN 7014 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_log:N { c }
7015 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_show:NN #1#2
7016 {
7017   \__kernel_check_defined:NT #2
7018   {
7019     #1 { LaTeX/kernel } { show-clist }
7020     { \token_to_str:N #2 }
7021     { \clist_map_function:NN #2 \msg_show_item:n }
7022     { } { }
7023   }
7024 }

```

(End definition for `\clist_show:N`, `\clist_log:N`, and `\__clist_show:NN`. These functions are documented on page 112.)

```

\clist_show:n A variant of the above: no existence check, empty first argument for the message.
\clist_log:n   7025 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_show:n { \__clist_show:Nn \msg_show:nnxxxx }
\__clist_show:Nn

```

```

7026 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_log:n { \__clist_show:Nn \msg_log:nnxxxx }
7027 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_show:Nn #1#2
7028 {
7029   #1 { LaTeX/kernel } { show-clist }
7030   { } { \clist_map_function:nN {#2} \msg_show_item:n } { } { }
7031 }

```

(End definition for `\clist_show:n`, `\clist_log:n`, and `\__clist_show:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 112.)

### 13.11 Scratch comma lists

```

\l_tmpa_clist Temporary comma list variables.
\l_tmpb_clist
\g_tmpa_clist
\g_tmpb_clist

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_clist` and others. These variables are documented on page 113.)

```

7036 </initex | package>

```

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```

7037 <*initex | package>

```

```

7038 <@@=char>

```

### 14.1 Manipulating and interrogating character tokens

Simple wrappers around the primitives.

```

\char_set_catcode:nn
\char_value_catcode:n
\char_show_value_catcode:n

```

```

7039 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode:nn #1#2
7040 { \tex_catcode:D \__int_eval:n {#1} = \__int_eval:n {#2} }
7041 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_catcode:n #1
7042 { \tex_the:D \tex_catcode:D \__int_eval:n {#1} }
7043 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_catcode:n #1
7044 { \exp_args:Nf \tl_show:n { \char_value_catcode:n {#1} } }

```

(End definition for `\char_set_catcode:nn`, `\char_value_catcode:n`, and `\char_show_value_catcode:n`. These functions are documented on page 117.)

```

\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

```

```

7045 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_escape:N #1
7046 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } { 0 } }
7047 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_group_begin:N #1
7048 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } { 1 } }
7049 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_group_end:N #1
7050 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } { 2 } }
7051 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:N #1
7052 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } { 3 } }
7053 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_alignment:N #1
7054 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } { 4 } }
7055 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_end_line:N #1
7056 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } { 5 } }
7057 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_parameter:N #1

```

```

7058 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1' } { 6 } }
7059 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:N #1
7060 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1' } { 7 } }
7061 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:N #1
7062 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1' } { 8 } }
7063 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_ignore:N #1
7064 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1' } { 9 } }
7065 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_space:N #1
7066 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1' } { 10 } }
7067 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_letter:N #1
7068 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1' } { 11 } }
7069 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_other:N #1
7070 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1' } { 12 } }
7071 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_active:N #1
7072 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1' } { 13 } }
7073 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_comment:N #1
7074 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1' } { 14 } }
7075 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_invalid:N #1
7076 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1' } { 15 } }

```

(End definition for `\char_set_catcode_escape:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 116.)

```

\char_set_catcode_escape:n
  \char_set_catcode_group_begin:n 7077 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_escape:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_group_end:n    7078 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 0 } }
  \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:n  7079 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_group_begin:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_alignment:n    7080 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 1 } }
\char_set_catcode_end_line:n       7081 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_group_end:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_parameter:n    7082 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 2 } }
  \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:n 7083 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:n 7084 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 3 } }
  \char_set_catcode_ignore:n       7085 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_alignment:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_space:n        7086 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 4 } }
  \char_set_catcode_letter:n       7087 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_end_line:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_other:n        7088 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 5 } }
  \char_set_catcode_active:n       7089 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_parameter:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_comment:n      7090 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 6 } }
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7091 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7092 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 7 } }
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7093 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7094 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 8 } }
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7095 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_ignore:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7096 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 9 } }
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7097 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_space:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7098 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 10 } }
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7099 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_letter:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7100 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 11 } }
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7101 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_other:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7102 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 12 } }
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7103 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_active:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7104 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 13 } }
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7105 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_comment:n #1
  \char_set_catcode_invalid:n      7106 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 14 } }

```

```

7107 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_invalid:n #1
7108   { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} { 15 } }

```

(End definition for `\char_set_catcode_escape:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 116.)

```

\char_set_mathcode:nn Pretty repetitive, but necessary!
\char_value_mathcode:n
\char_show_value_mathcode:n
\char_set_lccode:nn
\char_value_lccode:n
\char_show_value_lccode:n
\char_set_uccode:nn
\char_value_uccode:n
\char_show_value_uccode:n
\char_set_sfcode:nn
\char_value_sfcode:n
\char_show_value_sfcode:n
7109 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_mathcode:nn #1#2
7110   { \tex_mathcode:D \__int_eval:n {#1} = \__int_eval:n {#2} }
7111 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_mathcode:n #1
7112   { \tex_the:D \tex_mathcode:D \__int_eval:n {#1} }
7113 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_mathcode:n #1
7114   { \exp_args:Nf \tl_show:n { \char_value_mathcode:n {#1} } }
7115 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_lccode:nn #1#2
7116   { \tex_lccode:D \__int_eval:n {#1} = \__int_eval:n {#2} }
7117 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_lccode:n #1
7118   { \tex_the:D \tex_lccode:D \__int_eval:n {#1} }
7119 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_lccode:n #1
7120   { \exp_args:Nf \tl_show:n { \char_value_lccode:n {#1} } }
7121 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_uccode:nn #1#2
7122   { \tex_uccode:D \__int_eval:n {#1} = \__int_eval:n {#2} }
7123 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_uccode:n #1
7124   { \tex_the:D \tex_uccode:D \__int_eval:n {#1} }
7125 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_uccode:n #1
7126   { \exp_args:Nf \tl_show:n { \char_value_uccode:n {#1} } }
7127 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_sfcode:nn #1#2
7128   { \tex_sfcode:D \__int_eval:n {#1} = \__int_eval:n {#2} }
7129 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_sfcode:n #1
7130   { \tex_the:D \tex_sfcode:D \__int_eval:n {#1} }
7131 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_sfcode:n #1
7132   { \exp_args:Nf \tl_show:n { \char_value_sfcode:n {#1} } }

```

(End definition for `\char_set_mathcode:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 118.)

```

\l_char_active_seq Two sequences for dealing with special characters. The first is characters which may be
\l_char_special_seq active, the second longer list is for “special” characters more generally. Both lists 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).
```

```

7133 \seq_new:N \l_char_special_seq
7134 \seq_set_split:Nnn \l_char_special_seq { }
7135   { \ \ " \# \$ \% \& \ \ ^ \_ \{ \} \~ }
7136 \seq_new:N \l_char_active_seq
7137 \seq_set_split:Nnn \l_char_active_seq { }
7138   { \ " \$ \& \^ \_ \~ }

```

(End definition for `\l_char_active_seq` and `\l_char_special_seq`. These variables are documented on page 118.)

## 14.2 Creating character tokens

```

\char_set_active_eq:NN Four simple functions with very similar definitions, so set up using an auxiliary. These
\char_set_active_eq:Nc are similar to LuaTEX's \letcharcode primitive.
```

```

\char_gset_active_eq:NN
\char_gset_active_eq:Nc
\char_set_active_eq:nN
\char_set_active_eq:nc
\char_gset_active_eq:nN
\char_gset_active_eq:nc
7139 \group_begin:
7140   \char_set_catcode_active:N \^^@

```

```

7141 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__char_tmp:nN #1#2
7142 {
7143   \cs_new_protected:cpn { #1 :nN } ##1
7144   {
7145     \group_begin:
7146       \char_set_lccode:nn { '\^^@ } { ##1 }
7147       \tex_lowercase:D { \group_end: #2 ^^@ }
7148     }
7149     \cs_new_protected:cpx { #1 :NN } ##1
7150     { \exp_not:c { #1 : nN } { '##1 } }
7151   }
7152   \__char_tmp:nN { char_set_active_eq } \cs_set_eq:NN
7153   \__char_tmp:nN { char_gset_active_eq } \cs_gset_eq:NN
7154   \group_end:
7155   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \char_set_active_eq:NN { Nc }
7156   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \char_gset_active_eq:NN { Nc }
7157   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \char_set_active_eq:nN { nc }
7158   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \char_gset_active_eq:nN { nc }

```

(End definition for `\char_set_active_eq:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 114.)

**`\char_generate:nn`** The aim here is to generate characters of (broadly) arbitrary category code. Where possible, that is done using engine support (Xe<sub>La</sub>TeX, Lua<sub>TeX</sub>). There are though various issues which are covered below. At the interface layer, turn the two arguments into integers up-front so this is only done once.

```

\__char_generate:nn
\__char_generate_aux:nn
\__char_generate_aux:nnw
  \l__char_tmp_tl
  \c__char_max_int
\__char_generate_invalid_catcode:
7159 \__kernel_patch_args:nNn { { \__int_eval:n {#1} } { \__int_eval:n {#2} } }
7160 \cs_new:Npn \char_generate:nn #1#2
7161 {
7162   \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__char_generate_aux:w
7163     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
7164     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #2 ;
7165   }
7166 \cs_new:Npn \__char_generate:nn #1#2
7167 {
7168   \exp:w \exp_after:wN
7169     \__char_generate_aux:nnw \exp_after:wN
7170     { \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 } {#2} \exp_end:
7171 }

```

Before doing any actual conversion, first some special case filtering. The `\Ucharcat` primitive cannot make active chars, so that is turned off here: if the primitive gets altered then the code is already in place for 8-bit engines and will kick in for Lua<sub>TeX</sub> too. Spaces are also banned here as Lua<sub>TeX</sub> emulation only makes normal (charcode 32 spaces). However, `^^@` is filtered out separately as that can't be done with macro emulation either, so is flagged up separately. That done, hand off to the engine-dependent part.

```

7172 \cs_new:Npn \__char_generate_aux:w #1 ; #2 ;
7173 {
7174   \if_int_compare:w #2 = 13 \exp_stop_f:
7175     \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { char-active }
7176   \else:
7177     \if_int_compare:w #2 = 10 \exp_stop_f:
7178     \if_int_compare:w #1 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
7179     \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { char-null-space }
7180   \else:

```

```

7181     \kernel_msg_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { char-space }
7182   \fi:
7183   \else:
7184     \if_int_odd:w 0
7185       \if_int_compare:w #2 < 1 \exp_stop_f: 1 \fi:
7186       \if_int_compare:w #2 = 5 \exp_stop_f: 1 \fi:
7187       \if_int_compare:w #2 = 9 \exp_stop_f: 1 \fi:
7188       \if_int_compare:w #2 > 13 \exp_stop_f: 1 \fi: \exp_stop_f:
7189       \kernel_msg_expandable_error:nn { kernel }
7190       { char-invalid-catcode }
7191     \else:
7192       \if_int_odd:w 0
7193         \if_int_compare:w #1 < 0 \exp_stop_f: 1 \fi:
7194         \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c__char_max_int 1 \fi: \exp_stop_f:
7195         \kernel_msg_expandable_error:nn { kernel }
7196         { char-out-of-range }
7197       \else:
7198         \char_generate_aux:nnw {#1} {#2}
7199       \fi:
7200     \fi:
7201   \fi:
7202 \fi:
7203 \exp_end:
7204 }
7205 \tl_new:N \l__char_tmp_tl

```

Engine-dependent definitions are now needed for the implementation. For LuaTeX and recent XeTeX releases there is engine-level support. They can do cases that macro emulation can't. All of those are filtered out here using a primitive-based boolean expression for speed. The final level is the basic definition at the engine level: the arguments here are integers so there is no need to worry about them too much.

```

7206 \group_begin:
7207 (*package)
7208   \char_set_catcode_active:N \^^L
7209   \cs_set:Npn ^^L { }
7210 </package)
7211 \char_set_catcode_other:n { 0 }
7212 \if_int_odd:w 0
7213   \cs_if_exist:NT \luatex_directlua:D { 1 }
7214   \cs_if_exist:NT \utex_charcat:D { 1 } \exp_stop_f:
7215   \int_const:Nn \c__char_max_int { 1114111 }
7216   \cs_if_exist:NTF \luatex_directlua:D
7217   {
7218     \cs_new:Npn \__char_generate_aux:nnw #1#2#3 \exp_end:
7219     {
7220       #3
7221       \exp_after:wN \exp_end:
7222       \luatex_directlua:D { l3kernel.charcat(#1, #2) }
7223     }
7224   }
7225   {
7226     \cs_new:Npn \__char_generate_aux:nnw #1#2#3 \exp_end:
7227     {
7228       #3

```

```

7229         \exp_after:wN \exp_end:
7230         \utex_charcat:D #1 ~ #2 ~
7231     }
7232 }
7233 \else:

```

For engines where `\Ucharcat` isn't available (or emulated) then we have to work in macros, and cover only the 8-bit range. The first stage is to build up a `tl` containing `^^@` with each category code that can be accessed in this way, with an error set up for the other cases. This is all done such that it can be quickly accessed using a `\if_case:w` low-level conditional. There are a few things to notice here. As `^^L` is `\outer` we need to locally set it to avoid a problem. To get open/close braces into the list, they are set up using `\if_false:` pairing and are then x-type expanded together into the desired form.

```

7234     \int_const:Nn \c__char_max_int { 255 }
7235     \tl_set:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \exp_not:N \or: }
7236     \char_set_catcode_group_begin:n { 0 } % {
7237     \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { ^^@ \if_false: } }
7238     \char_set_catcode_group_end:n { 0 }
7239     \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { { \fi: \exp_not:N \or: ^^@ } % }
7240     \tl_set:Nx \l__char_tmp_tl { \l__char_tmp_tl }
7241     \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:n { 0 }
7242     \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }

```

As `TEX` is very unhappy if it finds an alignment character inside a primitive `\halign` even when skipping false branches, some precautions are required. `TEX` is happy if the token is hidden inside `\unexpanded` (which needs to be the primitive). The expansion chain here is required so that the conditional gets cleaned up correctly (other code assumes there is exactly one token to skip during the clean-up).

```

7243     \char_set_catcode_alignment:n { 0 }
7244     \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl
7245     {
7246     \or:
7247     \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
7248     { \exp_after:wN ^^@ \exp_after:wN }
7249     }
7250     \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: }
7251     \char_set_catcode_parameter:n { 0 }
7252     \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }
7253     \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:n { 0 }
7254     \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }
7255     \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:n { 0 }
7256     \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }
7257     \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: }

```

For making spaces, there needs to be an o-type expansion of a `\use:n` (or some other tokenization) to avoid dropping the space. We also set up active tokens although they are (currently) filtered out by the interface layer (`\Ucharcat` cannot make active tokens).

```

7258     \char_set_catcode_space:n { 0 }
7259     \tl_put_right:No \l__char_tmp_tl { \use:n { \or: } ^^@ }
7260     \char_set_catcode_letter:n { 0 }
7261     \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }
7262     \char_set_catcode_other:n { 0 }
7263     \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }
7264     \char_set_catcode_active:n { 0 }

```

```
7265 \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }
```

Convert the above temporary list into a series of constant token lists, one for each character code, using `\tex_lowercase:D` to convert `^^@` in each case. The x-type expansion ensures that `\tex_lowercase:D` receives the contents of the token list. In package mode, `^^L` is awkward hence this is done in three parts. Notice that at this stage `^^@` is active.

```
7266 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__char_tmp:n #1
7267 {
7268   \char_set_lccode:nn { 0 } {#1}
7269   \char_set_lccode:nn { 32 } {#1}
7270   \exp_args:Nx \tex_lowercase:D
7271   {
7272     \tl_const:Nn
7273     \exp_not:c { c__char_ \__int_to_roman:w #1 _tl }
7274     { \exp_not:o \l__char_tmp_tl }
7275   }
7276 }
7277 (*package)
7278 \int_step_function:nnnN { 0 } { 1 } { 11 } \__char_tmp:n
7279 \group_begin:
7280   \tl_replace_once:Nnn \l__char_tmp_tl { ^^@ } { \ERROR }
7281   \__char_tmp:n { 12 }
7282 \group_end:
7283 \int_step_function:nnnN { 13 } { 1 } { 255 } \__char_tmp:n
7284 </package>
7285 (*initex)
7286 \int_step_function:nnnN { 0 } { 1 } { 255 } \__char_tmp:n
7287 </initex>
7288 \cs_new:Npn \__char_generate_aux:nnw #1#2#3 \exp_end:
7289 {
7290   #3
7291   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
7292   \exp_after:wN \exp_end:
7293   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
7294   \if_case:w #2
7295     \exp_last_unbraced:Nv \exp_stop_f:
7296     { c__char_ \__int_to_roman:w #1 _tl }
7297   \fi:
7298 }
7299 \fi:
7300 \group_end:
```

(End definition for `\char_generate:nn` and others. This function is documented on page 115.)

`\c_catcode_other_space_tl` Create a space with category code 12: an “other” space.

```
7301 \tl_const:Nx \c_catcode_other_space_tl { \char_generate:nn { '\ } { 12 } }
```

(End definition for `\c_catcode_other_space_tl`. This function is documented on page 115.)

### 14.3 Generic tokens

```
7302 (@@=token)
```

`\token_to_meaning:N` These are all defined in `l3basics`, as they are needed “early”. This is just a reminder!  
`\token_to_meaning:c`  
`\token_to_str:N`  
`\token_to_str:c`

(End definition for `\token_to_meaning:N` and `\token_to_str:N`. These functions are documented on page 119.)

```

\c_group_begin_token We define these useful tokens. For the brace and space tokens things have to be done
\c_group_end_token by hand: the formal argument spec. for \cs_new_eq:NN does not cover them so we do
\c_math_toggle_token things by hand. (As currently coded it would work with \cs_new_eq:NN but that's not
\c_alignment_token really a great idea to show off: we want people to stick to the defined interfaces and that
\c_parameter_token includes us.) So that these few odd names go into the log when appropriate there is a
\c_math_superscript_token need to hand-apply the \__chk_if_free_cs:N check.
\c_math_subscript_token
\c_space_token
\c_catcode_letter_token
\c_catcode_other_token
7303 \group_begin:
7304 \__chk_if_free_cs:N \c_group_begin_token
7305 \tex_global:D \tex_let:D \c_group_begin_token {
7306 \__chk_if_free_cs:N \c_group_end_token
7307 \tex_global:D \tex_let:D \c_group_end_token }
7308 \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:N \*
7309 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_math_toggle_token *
7310 \char_set_catcode_alignment:N \*
7311 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_alignment_token *
7312 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_parameter_token #
7313 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_math_superscript_token ^
7314 \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:N \*
7315 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_math_subscript_token *
7316 \__chk_if_free_cs:N \c_space_token
7317 \use:n { \tex_global:D \tex_let:D \c_space_token = ~ } ~
7318 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_catcode_letter_token a
7319 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_catcode_other_token 1
7320 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\c_group_begin_token` and others. These functions are documented on page 119.)

```

\c_catcode_active_tl Not an implicit token!
7321 \group_begin:
7322 \char_set_catcode_active:N \*
7323 \tl_const:Nn \c_catcode_active_tl { \exp_not:N * }
7324 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\c_catcode_active_tl`. This variable is documented on page 119.)

## 14.4 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:NTF`

```

7325 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_group_begin:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7326 {
7327 \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_group_begin_token
7328 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
7329 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_group_begin:NTF`. This function is documented on page 119.)

`\token_if_group_end_p:N` Check if token is a end group token. We use the constant `\c_group_end_token` for this.  
`\token_if_group_end:NTF`

```

7330 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_group_end:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7331 {
7332 \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_group_end_token

```

```

7333     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
7334 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_group_end:NTF`. This function is documented on page 120.)

`\token_if_math_toggle_p:N` Check if token is a math shift token. We use the constant `\c_math_toggle_token` for this.

`\token_if_math_toggle:NTF`

```

7335 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_math_toggle:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7336 {
7337     \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_math_toggle_token
7338     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
7339 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_math_toggle:NTF`. This function is documented on page 120.)

`\token_if_alignment_p:N` Check if token is an alignment tab token. We use the constant `\c_alignment_token` for this.

`\token_if_alignment:NTF`

```

7340 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_alignment:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7341 {
7342     \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_alignment_token
7343     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
7344 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_alignment:NTF`. This function is documented on page 120.)

`\token_if_parameter_p:N` Check if token is a parameter token. We use the constant `\c_parameter_token` for this.

`\token_if_parameter:NTF` We have to trick TeX a bit to avoid an error message: within a group we prevent `\c_parameter_token` from behaving like a macro parameter character. The definitions of `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn` are global, so they remain after the group.

```

7345 \group_begin:
7346 \cs_set_eq:NN \c_parameter_token \scan_stop:
7347 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_parameter:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7348 {
7349     \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_parameter_token
7350     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
7351 }
7352 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\token_if_parameter:NTF`. This function is documented on page 120.)

`\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:NTF`

```

7353 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_math_superscript:N #1
7354 { p , T , F , TF }
7355 {
7356     \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_math_superscript_token
7357     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
7358 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_math_superscript:NTF`. This function is documented on page 120.)

`\token_if_math_subscript_p:N` Check if token is a math subscript token. We use the constant `\c_math_subscript_`  
`\token_if_math_subscript:N $\underline{TF}$`  token for this.

```
7359 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_math_subscript:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7360 {
7361   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_math_subscript_token
7362   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
7363 }
```

*(End definition for `\token_if_math_subscript:N $\underline{TF}$` . This function is documented on page 120.)*

`\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 $\underline{TF}$`

```
7364 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_space:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7365 {
7366   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_space_token
7367   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
7368 }
```

*(End definition for `\token_if_space:N $\underline{TF}$` . This function is documented on page 120.)*

`\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 $\underline{TF}$`

```
7369 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_letter:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7370 {
7371   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_catcode_letter_token
7372   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
7373 }
```

*(End definition for `\token_if_letter:N $\underline{TF}$` . This function is documented on page 120.)*

`\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.

```
7374 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_other:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7375 {
7376   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_catcode_other_token
7377   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
7378 }
```

*(End definition for `\token_if_other:N $\underline{TF}$` . This function is documented on page 120.)*

`\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.

```
7379 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_active:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7380 {
7381   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_catcode_active_tl
7382   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
7383 }
```

*(End definition for `\token_if_active:N $\underline{TF}$` . This function is documented on page 121.)*

`\token_if_eq_meaning_p:NN` Check if the tokens #1 and #2 have same meaning.

```
\token_if_eq_meaning:NN $\underline{TF}$ 
7384 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_eq_meaning:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
7385 {
7386   \if_meaning:w #1 #2
7387   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
7388 }
```

(End definition for `\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF`. This function is documented on page 121.)

`\token_if_eq_catcode_p:NN` Check if the tokens #1 and #2 have same category code.

```
\token_if_eq_catcode:NNTF 7389 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_eq_catcode:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
                          7390 {
                          7391   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \exp_not:N #2
                          7392     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
                          7393 }
```

(End definition for `\token_if_eq_catcode:NNTF`. This function is documented on page 121.)

`\token_if_eq_charcode_p:NN` Check if the tokens #1 and #2 have same character code.

```
\token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF 7394 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_eq_charcode:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
                          7395 {
                          7396   \if_charcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \exp_not:N #2
                          7397     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
                          7398 }
```

(End definition for `\token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF`. This function is documented on page 121.)

`\token_if_macro_p:N` When a token is a macro, `\token_to_meaning:N` always outputs 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), so are detokenized.

```
7399 \use:x
7400 {
7401   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \exp_not:N \token_if_macro:N ##1
7402     { p , T , F , TF }
7403     {
7404       \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \__token_if_macro_p:w
7405       \exp_not:N \token_to_meaning:N ##1 \tl_to_str:n { ma : }
7406       \exp_not:N \q_stop
7407     }
7408   \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__token_if_macro_p:w
7409     ##1 \tl_to_str:n { ma } ##2 \c_colon_str ##3 \exp_not:N \q_stop
7410 }
7411 {
7412   \if_int_compare:w \__str_if_eq_x:nn { #2 } { cro } = 0 \exp_stop_f:
7413     \prg_return_true:
7414   \else:
7415     \prg_return_false:
7416   \fi:
7417 }
```

(End definition for `\token_if_macro:NTF` and `\__token_if_macro_p:w`. This function is documented on page 121.)

`\token_if_cs_p:N` Check if token has same catcode as a control sequence. This follows the same pattern as  
`\token_if_cs:NTF` for `\token_if_letter:N` etc. We use `\scan_stop:` for this.

```

7418 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_cs:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7419   {
7420     \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \scan_stop:
7421     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
7422   }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_cs:NTF`. This function is documented on page 121.)

`\token_if_expandable_p:N` Check if token is expandable. We use the fact that T<sub>E</sub>X temporarily converts `\exp_not:N`  
`\token_if_expandable:NTF` `\token` into `\scan_stop:` if `\token` 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).

```

7423 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_expandable:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7424   {
7425     \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_not:N #1 #1
7426     \prg_return_false:
7427   \else:
7428     \if_cs_exist:N #1
7429     \prg_return_true:
7430   \else:
7431     \prg_return_false:
7432   \fi:
7433   \fi:
7434 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_expandable:NTF`. This function is documented on page 121.)

`\__token_delimit_by_char:w` These auxiliary functions are used below to define some conditionals which detect whether  
`\__token_delimit_by_count:w` the `\meaning` of their argument begins with a particular string. Each auxiliary takes an  
`\__token_delimit_by_dimen:w` argument delimited by a string, a second one delimited by `\q_stop`, and returns the first  
`\__token_delimit_by_macro:w` one and its delimiter. This result is eventually compared to another string.

```

7435 \group_begin:
7436 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__token_tmp:w #1
7437   {
7438     \use:x
7439     {
7440       \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:c { __token_delimit_by_ #1 :w }
7441       #####1 \tl_to_str:n {#1} #####2 \exp_not:N \q_stop
7442       { #####1 \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
7443     }
7444   }
7445 \__token_tmp:w { char" }
7446 \__token_tmp:w { count }
7447 \__token_tmp:w { dimen }
7448 \__token_tmp:w { macro }
7449 \__token_tmp:w { muskip }
7450 \__token_tmp:w { skip }
7451 \__token_tmp:w { toks }
7452 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\_token_delimit_by_char:w` and others.)

`\token_if_chardef_p:N` Each of these conditionals tests whether its argument's `\meaning` starts with a given string. This is essentially done by having an auxiliary grab an argument delimited by the string and testing whether the argument was empty. Of course, a copy of this string must first be added to the end of the `\meaning` to avoid a runaway argument in case it does not contain the string. Two complications arise. First, the escape character is not fixed, and cannot be included in the delimiter of the auxiliary function (this function cannot be defined on the fly because tests must remain expandable): instead the first argument of the auxiliary (plus the delimiter to avoid complications with trailing spaces) is compared using `\_str_if_eq_x_return:nn` to the result of applying `\token_to_str:N` to a control sequence. Second, the `\meaning` of primitives such as `\dimen` or `\dimendef` starts in the same way as registers such as `\dimen123`, so they must be tested for.

Characters used as delimiters must have catcode 12 and are obtained through `\tl_to_str:n`. This requires doing all definitions within `x`-expansion. The temporary function `\_token_tmp:w` used to define each conditional receives three arguments: the name of the conditional, the auxiliary's delimiter (also used to name the auxiliary), and the string to which one compares the auxiliary's result. Note that the `\meaning` of a protected long macro starts with `\protected\long macro`, with no space after `\protected` but a space after `\long`, hence the mixture of `\token_to_str:N` and `\tl_to_str:n`.

For the first five conditionals, `\cs_if_exist:cT` turns out to be `false`, and the code boils down to a string comparison between the result of the auxiliary on the `\meaning` of the conditional's argument `####1`, and `#3`. Both are evaluated at run-time, as this is important to get the correct escape character.

The other five conditionals have additional code that compares the argument `####1` to two `TEX` primitives which would wrongly be recognized as registers otherwise. Despite using `TEX`'s primitive conditional construction, this does not break when `####1` is itself a conditional, because branches of the conditionals are only skipped if `####1` is one of the two primitives that are tested for (which are not `TEX` conditionals).

```

7453 \group_begin:
7454 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_token_tmp:w #1#2#3
7455 {
7456   \use:x
7457   {
7458     \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \exp_not:c { token_if_ #1 :N } ####1
7459     { p , T , F , TF }
7460     {
7461       \cs_if_exist:cT { tex_ #2 :D }
7462       {
7463         \exp_not:N \if_meaning:w ####1 \exp_not:c { tex_ #2 :D }
7464         \exp_not:N \prg_return_false:
7465         \exp_not:N \else:
7466         \exp_not:N \if_meaning:w ####1 \exp_not:c { tex_ #2 def:D }
7467         \exp_not:N \prg_return_false:
7468         \exp_not:N \else:
7469       }
7470     \exp_not:N \_str_if_eq_x_return:nn
7471     {
7472       \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN
7473       \exp_not:c { \_token_delimit_by_ #2 :w }

```

```

7474         \exp_not:N \token_to_meaning:N ####1
7475         ? \tl_to_str:n {#2} \exp_not:N \q_stop
7476     }
7477     { \exp_not:n {#3} }
7478     \cs_if_exist:cT { tex_ #2 :D }
7479     {
7480         \exp_not:N \fi:
7481         \exp_not:N \fi:
7482     }
7483 }
7484 }
7485 }
7486 \__token_tmp:w { chardef } { char" } { \token_to_str:N \char" }
7487 \__token_tmp:w { mathchardef } { char" } { \token_to_str:N \mathchar" }
7488 \__token_tmp:w { long_macro } { macro } { \tl_to_str:n { \long } macro }
7489 \__token_tmp:w { protected_macro } { macro }
7490     { \tl_to_str:n { \protected } macro }
7491 \__token_tmp:w { protected_long_macro } { macro }
7492     { \token_to_str:N \protected \tl_to_str:n { \long } macro }
7493 \__token_tmp:w { dim_register } { dimen } { \token_to_str:N \dimen }
7494 \__token_tmp:w { int_register } { count } { \token_to_str:N \count }
7495 \__token_tmp:w { muskip_register } { muskip } { \token_to_str:N \muskip }
7496 \__token_tmp:w { skip_register } { skip } { \token_to_str:N \skip }
7497 \__token_tmp:w { toks_register } { toks } { \token_to_str:N \toks }
7498 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\token_if_chardef:NTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 122.)

```

\token_if_primitive_p:N
\token_if_primitive:NTF
\__token_if_primitive:NNw
  \__token_if_primitive_space:w
  \__token_if_primitive_nullfont:N
\__token_if_primitive_loop:N
  \__token_if_primitive:Nw
  \__token_if_primitive_undefined:N

```

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, `\tex_undefined:D` is not a primitive, but its meaning is undefined, only letters; on the other hand, `\space`, `\italiccorr`, `\hyphen`, `\firstmark`, `\topmark`, `\botmark`, `\splitfirstmark`, `\splitbotmark`, and `\nullfont` are primitives, but have non-letters in their meaning.

We start by removing the two first (non-space) characters from the meaning. This removes the escape character (which may be nonexistent depending on `\endlinechar`), and takes care of three of the exceptions: `\space`, `\italiccorr` and `\hyphen`, whose meaning is at most two characters. This leaves a string terminated by some `:`, and `\q_stop`.

The meaning of each one of the five `\...mark` primitives has the form `<letters>:<user material>`. In other words, the first non-letter is a colon. We remove everything after the first colon.

We are now left with a string, which we must analyze. For primitives, it contains only letters. For non-primitives, it contains either `"`, or a space, or a digit. Two exceptions remain: `\tex_undefined:D`, which is not a primitive, and `\nullfont`, which is a primitive.

Spaces cannot be grabbed in an undelimited way, so we check them separately. If there is a space, we test for `\nullfont`. Otherwise, we go through characters one by one, and stop at the first character less than ‘A (this is not quite a test for “only letters”,

but is close enough to work in this context). If this first character is : then we have a primitive, or \tex\_undefined:D, and if it is " or a digit, then the token is not a primitive.

```

7499 \tex_chardef:D \c__token_A_int = 'A ~ %
7500 \use:x
7501 {
7502   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \exp_not:N \token_if_primitive:N ##1
7503   { p , T , F , TF }
7504   {
7505     \exp_not:N \token_if_macro:NTF ##1
7506     \exp_not:N \prg_return_false:
7507     {
7508       \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \__token_if_primitive:NNw
7509       \exp_not:N \token_to_meaning:N ##1
7510       \tl_to_str:n { : : : } \exp_not:N \q_stop ##1
7511     }
7512   }
7513   \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__token_if_primitive:NNw
7514   ##1##2 ##3 \c_colon_str ##4 \exp_not:N \q_stop
7515   {
7516     \exp_not:N \tl_if_empty:oTF
7517     { \exp_not:N \__token_if_primitive_space:w ##3 ~ }
7518     {
7519       \exp_not:N \__token_if_primitive_loop:N ##3
7520       \c_colon_str \exp_not:N \q_stop
7521     }
7522     { \exp_not:N \__token_if_primitive_nullfont:N }
7523   }
7524 }
7525 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive_space:w #1 ~ { }
7526 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive_nullfont:N #1
7527 {
7528   \if_meaning:w \tex_nullfont:D #1
7529   \prg_return_true:
7530   \else:
7531   \prg_return_false:
7532   \fi:
7533 }
7534 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive_loop:N #1
7535 {
7536   \if_int_compare:w '#1 < \c__token_A_int %
7537   \exp_after:wN \__token_if_primitive:Nw
7538   \exp_after:wN #1
7539   \else:
7540   \exp_after:wN \__token_if_primitive_loop:N
7541   \fi:
7542 }
7543 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive:Nw #1 #2 \q_stop
7544 {
7545   \if:w : #1
7546   \exp_after:wN \__token_if_primitive_undefined:N
7547   \else:
7548   \prg_return_false:
7549   \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
7550   \fi:

```

```

7551 }
7552 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive_undefined:N #1
7553 {
7554   \if_cs_exist:N #1
7555     \prg_return_true:
7556   \else:
7557     \prg_return_false:
7558   \fi:
7559 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_primitive:NTF` and others. This function is documented on page 122.)

## 14.5 Peeking ahead at the next token

```

7560 <@@=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 7561 \cs_new_eq:NN \l_peek_token ?
7562 \cs_new_eq:NN \g_peek_token ?

```

(End definition for `\l_peek_token` and `\g_peek_token`. These variables are documented on page 123.)

`\l__peek_search_token` The token to search for as an implicit token: cf. `\l__peek_search_tl`.

```

7563 \cs_new_eq:NN \l__peek_search_token ?

```

(End definition for `\l__peek_search_token`.)

`\l__peek_search_tl` The token to search for as an explicit token: cf. `\l__peek_search_token`.

```

7564 \tl_new:N \l__peek_search_tl

```

(End definition for `\l__peek_search_tl`.)

`\__peek_true:w` Functions used by the branching and space-stripping code.

```

\__peek_true_aux:w 7565 \cs_new:Npn \__peek_true:w { }
\__peek_false:w 7566 \cs_new:Npn \__peek_true_aux:w { }
\__peek_tmp:w 7567 \cs_new:Npn \__peek_false:w { }
7568 \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 7569 \cs_new_protected:Npn \peek_after:Nw
7570 { \tex_futurelet:D \l_peek_token }
7571 \cs_new_protected:Npn \peek_gafter:Nw
7572 { \tex_global:D \tex_futurelet:D \g_peek_token }

```

(End definition for `\peek_after:Nw` and `\peek_gafter:Nw`. These functions are documented on page 123.)

`\__peek_true_remove:w` A function to remove the next token and then regain control.

```

7573 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_true_remove:w
7574   {
7575     \tex_afterassignment:D \__peek_true_aux:w
7576     \cs_set_eq:NN \__peek_tmp:w
7577   }

```

(End definition for `\__peek_true_remove:w`.)

`\__peek_token_generic_aux:NNNTF` The generic functions store 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. Here, `#1` is `\__peek_true_remove:w` when removing the token and `\__peek_true_aux:w` otherwise.

```

7578 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_generic_aux:NNNTF #1#2#3#4#5
7579   {
7580     \group_align_safe_begin:
7581     \cs_set_eq:NN \l__peek_search_token #3
7582     \tl_set:Nn \l__peek_search_tl {#3}
7583     \cs_set:Npx \__peek_true_aux:w
7584     {
7585       \exp_not:N \group_align_safe_end:
7586       \exp_not:n {#4}
7587     }
7588     \cs_set_eq:NN \__peek_true:w #1
7589     \cs_set:Npx \__peek_false:w
7590     {
7591       \exp_not:N \group_align_safe_end:
7592       \exp_not:n {#5}
7593     }
7594     \peek_after:Nw #2
7595   }

```

(End definition for `\__peek_token_generic_aux:NNNTF`.)

`\__peek_token_generic:NNTF` For token removal there needs to be a call to the auxiliary function which does the work.

```

\__peek_token_remove_generic:NNTF
7596 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_generic:NNTF
7597   { \__peek_token_generic_aux:NNNTF \__peek_true_aux:w }
7598 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_generic:NNT #1#2#3
7599   { \__peek_token_generic:NNTF #1 #2 {#3} { } }
7600 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_generic:NNF #1#2#3
7601   { \__peek_token_generic:NNTF #1 #2 { } {#3} }
7602 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_remove_generic:NNTF
7603   { \__peek_token_generic_aux:NNNTF \__peek_true_remove:w }
7604 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_remove_generic:NNT #1#2#3
7605   { \__peek_token_remove_generic:NNTF #1 #2 {#3} { } }
7606 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_remove_generic:NNF #1#2#3
7607   { \__peek_token_remove_generic:NNTF #1 #2 { } {#3} }

```

(End definition for `\__peek_token_generic:NNTF` and `\__peek_token_remove_generic:NNTF`.)

`\_peek_execute_branches_meaning:` The meaning test is straight forward.

```
7608 \cs_new:Npn \_peek_execute_branches_meaning:
7609 {
7610   \if_meaning:w \l_peek_token \l__peek_search_token
7611     \exp_after:wN \_peek_true:w
7612   \else:
7613     \exp_after:wN \_peek_false:w
7614   \fi:
7615 }
```

(End definition for `\_peek_execute_branches_meaning:.`)

`\_peek_execute_branches_catcode:`  
`\_peek_execute_branches_charcode:`  
`\_peek_execute_branches_catcode_aux:`  
`\_peek_execute_branches_catcode_auxii:N`  
`\_peek_execute_branches_catcode_auxiii:`

The catcode and charcode tests are very similar, and in order to use the same auxiliaries we do something a little bit odd, firing `\if_catcode:w` and `\if_charcode:w` before finding the operands for those tests, which are only given in the `auxii:N` and `auxiii:` auxiliaries. For our purposes, three kinds of tokens may follow the peeking function:

- control sequences which are not equal to a non-active character token (*e.g.*, macro, primitive);
- active characters which are not equal to a non-active character token (*e.g.*, macro, primitive);
- explicit non-active character tokens, or control sequences or active characters set equal to a non-active character token.

The first two cases are not distinguishable simply using  $\TeX$ 's `\futurelet`, because we can only access the `\meaning` of tokens in that way. In those cases, detected thanks to a comparison with `\scan_stop:`, we grab the following token, and compare it explicitly with the explicit search token stored in `\l__peek_search_tl`. The `\exp_not:N` prevents outer macros (coming from non- $\LaTeX$ 3 code) from blowing up. In the third case, `\l_peek_token` is good enough for the test, and we compare it again with the explicit search token. Just like the peek token, the search token may be of any of the three types above, hence the need to use the explicit token that was given to the peek function.

```
7616 \cs_new:Npn \_peek_execute_branches_catcode:
7617 { \if_catcode:w \_peek_execute_branches_catcode_aux: }
7618 \cs_new:Npn \_peek_execute_branches_charcode:
7619 { \if_charcode:w \_peek_execute_branches_catcode_aux: }
7620 \cs_new:Npn \_peek_execute_branches_catcode_aux:
7621 {
7622   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N \l_peek_token \scan_stop:
7623     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
7624     \exp_after:wN \_peek_execute_branches_catcode_auxii:N
7625     \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N
7626   \else:
7627     \exp_after:wN \_peek_execute_branches_catcode_auxiii:
7628   \fi:
7629 }
7630 \cs_new:Npn \_peek_execute_branches_catcode_auxii:N #1
7631 {
7632   \exp_not:N #1
7633   \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \l__peek_search_tl
7634   \exp_after:wN \_peek_true:w
7635   \else:
```

```

7636     \exp_after:wN \__peek_false:w
7637   \fi:
7638   #1
7639 }
7640 \cs_new:Npn \__peek_execute_branches_catcode_auxiii:
7641 {
7642     \exp_not:N \l_peek_token
7643     \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \l_peek_search_tl
7644     \exp_after:wN \__peek_true:w
7645   \else:
7646     \exp_after:wN \__peek_false:w
7647   \fi:
7648 }

```

(End definition for `\__peek_execute_branches_catcode:` and others.)

`\__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches:` This function removes one space token at a time, and calls `\__peek_execute_branches:` when encountering the first non-space token. We directly use the primitive meaning test rather than `\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF` because `\l_peek_token` may be an outer macro (coming from non-L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 packages). Spaces are removed using a side-effect of f-expansion: `\exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w` removes one space.

```

7649 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches:
7650 {
7651     \if_meaning:w \l_peek_token \c_space_token
7652     \exp_after:wN \peek_after:Nw
7653     \exp_after:wN \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches:
7654     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
7655   \else:
7656     \exp_after:wN \__peek_execute_branches:
7657   \fi:
7658 }

```

(End definition for `\__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches:.`)

`\__peek_def:nnnn` and `\__peek_def:nnnnn` 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.

```

7659 \group_begin:
7660   \cs_set:Npn \__peek_def:nnnn #1#2#3#4
7661     {
7662       \__peek_def:nnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} { TF }
7663       \__peek_def:nnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} { T }
7664       \__peek_def:nnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} { F }
7665     }
7666   \cs_set:Npn \__peek_def:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
7667     {
7668       \cs_new_protected:cpx { #1 #5 }
7669       {
7670         \tl_if_empty:nF {#2}
7671         { \exp_not:n { \cs_set_eq:NN \__peek_execute_branches: #2 } }
7672         \exp_not:c { #3 #5 }
7673         \exp_not:n {#4}
7674       }
7675     }

```

(End definition for `\_peek_def:nnnn` and `\_peek_def:nnnnn`.)

`\peek_catcode:NTF` With everything in place the definitions can take place. First for category codes.  
`\peek_catcode_ignore_spaces:NTF` 7676 `\_peek_def:nnnn { peek_catcode:N }`  
7677 `{ }`  
`\peek_catcode_remove:NTF` 7678 `{ \_peek_token_generic:NN }`  
`\peek_catcode_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF` 7679 `{ \_peek_execute_branches_catcode: }`  
7680 `\_peek_def:nnnn { peek_catcode_ignore_spaces:N }`  
7681 `{ \_peek_execute_branches_catcode: }`  
7682 `{ \_peek_token_generic:NN }`  
7683 `{ \_peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }`  
7684 `\_peek_def:nnnn { peek_catcode_remove:N }`  
7685 `{ }`  
7686 `{ \_peek_token_remove_generic:NN }`  
7687 `{ \_peek_execute_branches_catcode: }`  
7688 `\_peek_def:nnnn { peek_catcode_remove_ignore_spaces:N }`  
7689 `{ \_peek_execute_branches_catcode: }`  
7690 `{ \_peek_token_remove_generic:NN }`  
7691 `{ \_peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }`

(End definition for `\peek_catcode:NTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 123.)

`\peek_charcode:NTF` Then for character codes.  
`\peek_charcode_ignore_spaces:NTF` 7692 `\_peek_def:nnnn { peek_charcode:N }`  
`\peek_charcode_remove:NTF` 7693 `{ }`  
`\peek_charcode_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF` 7694 `{ \_peek_token_generic:NN }`  
7695 `{ \_peek_execute_branches_charcode: }`  
7696 `\_peek_def:nnnn { peek_charcode_ignore_spaces:N }`  
7697 `{ \_peek_execute_branches_charcode: }`  
7698 `{ \_peek_token_generic:NN }`  
7699 `{ \_peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }`  
7700 `\_peek_def:nnnn { peek_charcode_remove:N }`  
7701 `{ }`  
7702 `{ \_peek_token_remove_generic:NN }`  
7703 `{ \_peek_execute_branches_charcode: }`  
7704 `\_peek_def:nnnn { peek_charcode_remove_ignore_spaces:N }`  
7705 `{ \_peek_execute_branches_charcode: }`  
7706 `{ \_peek_token_remove_generic:NN }`  
7707 `{ \_peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }`

(End definition for `\peek_charcode:NTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 124.)

`\peek_meaning:NTF` Finally for meaning, with the group closed to remove the temporary definition functions.  
`\peek_meaning_ignore_spaces:NTF` 7708 `\_peek_def:nnnn { peek_meaning:N }`  
`\peek_meaning_remove:NTF` 7709 `{ }`  
`\peek_meaning_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF` 7710 `{ \_peek_token_generic:NN }`  
7711 `{ \_peek_execute_branches_meaning: }`  
7712 `\_peek_def:nnnn { peek_meaning_ignore_spaces:N }`  
7713 `{ \_peek_execute_branches_meaning: }`  
7714 `{ \_peek_token_generic:NN }`  
7715 `{ \_peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }`  
7716 `\_peek_def:nnnn { peek_meaning_remove:N }`  
7717 `{ }`  
7718 `{ \_peek_token_remove_generic:NN }`

```

7719     { \__peek_execute_branches_meaning: }
7720 \__peek_def:nmmm { peek_meaning_remove_ignore_spaces:N }
7721     { \__peek_execute_branches_meaning: }
7722     { \__peek_token_remove_generic:NN }
7723     { \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }
7724 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\peek_meaning:NTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 124.)

## 14.6 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.

```

7725 \exp_args:Nno \use:nn
7726 { \cs_new:Npn \__peek_get_prefix_arg_replacement:wN #1 }
7727 { \tl_to_str:n { macro : } #2 -> #3 \q_stop #4 }
7728 { #4 {#1} {#2} {#3} }
7729 \cs_new:Npn \token_get_prefix_spec:N #1
7730 {
7731   \token_if_macro:NTF #1
7732   {
7733     \exp_after:wN \__peek_get_prefix_arg_replacement:wN
7734     \token_to_meaning:N #1 \q_stop \use_i:nnn
7735   }
7736   { \scan_stop: }
7737 }
7738 \cs_new:Npn \token_get_arg_spec:N #1
7739 {
7740   \token_if_macro:NTF #1
7741   {
7742     \exp_after:wN \__peek_get_prefix_arg_replacement:wN
7743     \token_to_meaning:N #1 \q_stop \use_ii:nnn
7744   }
7745   { \scan_stop: }
7746 }
7747 \cs_new:Npn \token_get_replacement_spec:N #1
7748 {
7749   \token_if_macro:NTF #1
7750   {
7751     \exp_after:wN \__peek_get_prefix_arg_replacement:wN
7752     \token_to_meaning:N #1 \q_stop \use_iii:nnn
7753   }
7754   { \scan_stop: }
7755 }

```

(End definition for `\token_get_prefix_spec:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 126.)

## 14.7 Deprecated functions

`\token_new:Nn` For removal after 2018-12-31.

```
7756 \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nmNpn { 2018-12-31 } { \cs_new_eq:NN }
7757 \cs_new_protected:Npn \token_new:Nn #1#2 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 #2 }
```

(End definition for `\token_new:Nn`.)

```
7758 </initex | package>
```

## 15 l3prop implementation

The following test files are used for this code: `m3prop001`, `m3prop002`, `m3prop003`, `m3prop004`, `m3show001`.

```
7759 <*initex | package>
7760 <@@=prop>
```

A property list is a macro whose top-level expansion is of the form

```
\s__prop \__prop_pair:wn <key1> \s__prop {<value1>}
...
\__prop_pair:wn <keyn> \s__prop {<valuen>}
```

where `\s__prop` is a scan mark (equal to `\scan_stop:`), and `\__prop_pair:wn` can be used to map through the property list.

`\s__prop` A private scan mark is used as a marker after each key, and at the very beginning of the property list.

```
7761 \__scan_new:N \s__prop
```

(End definition for `\s__prop`.)

`\__prop_pair:wn` The delimiter is always defined, but when misused simply triggers an error and removes its argument.

```
7762 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_pair:wn #1 \s__prop #2
7763 { \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { misused-prop } }
```

(End definition for `\__prop_pair:wn`.)

`\l__prop_internal_tl` Token list used to store the new key–value pair inserted by `\prop_put:Nnn` and friends.

```
7764 \tl_new:N \l__prop_internal_tl
```

(End definition for `\l__prop_internal_tl`.)

`\c_empty_prop` An empty prop.

```
7765 \tl_const:Nn \c_empty_prop { \s__prop }
```

(End definition for `\c_empty_prop`. This variable is documented on page 134.)

## 15.1 Allocation and initialisation

`\prop_new:N` Property lists are initialized with the value `\c_empty_prop`.

```
\prop_new:c 7766 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_new:N #1
              7767   {
              7768     \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
              7769     \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_prop
              7770   }
              7771 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\prop_new:N`. This function is documented on page 129.)

`\prop_clear:N` The same idea for clearing.

```
\prop_clear:c 7772 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_clear:N #1
\prop_gclear:N 7773   { \prop_set_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_prop }
\prop_gclear:c 7774 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_clear:N { c }
              7775 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gclear:N #1
              7776   { \prop_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_prop }
              7777 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gclear:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\prop_clear:N` and `\prop_gclear:N`. These functions are documented on page 129.)

`\prop_clear_new:N` Once again a simple variation of the token list functions.

```
\prop_clear_new:c 7778 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_clear_new:N #1
\prop_gclear_new:N 7779   { \prop_if_exist:NTF #1 { \prop_clear:N #1 } { \prop_new:N #1 } }
\prop_gclear_new:c 7780 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_clear_new:N { c }
              7781 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gclear_new:N #1
              7782   { \prop_if_exist:NTF #1 { \prop_gclear:N #1 } { \prop_new:N #1 } }
              7783 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gclear_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\prop_clear_new:N` and `\prop_gclear_new:N`. These functions are documented on page 129.)

`\prop_set_eq:NN` These are simply copies from the token list functions.

```
\prop_set_eq:cN 7784 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_set_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:NN
\prop_set_eq:Nc 7785 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_set_eq:Nc \tl_set_eq:Nc
\prop_set_eq:cc 7786 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_set_eq:cN \tl_set_eq:cN
\prop_gset_eq:NN 7787 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_set_eq:cc \tl_set_eq:cc
\prop_gset_eq:cN 7788 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gset_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:NN
\prop_gset_eq:Nc 7789 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gset_eq:Nc \tl_gset_eq:Nc
\prop_gset_eq:cN 7790 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gset_eq:cN \tl_gset_eq:cN
\prop_gset_eq:cc 7791 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gset_eq:cc \tl_gset_eq:cc
```

(End definition for `\prop_set_eq:NN` and `\prop_gset_eq:NN`. These functions are documented on page 129.)

`\l_tmpa_prop` We can now initialize the scratch variables.

```
\l_tmpb_prop 7792 \prop_new:N \l_tmpa_prop
\g_tmpa_prop 7793 \prop_new:N \l_tmpb_prop
\g_tmpb_prop 7794 \prop_new:N \g_tmpa_prop
              7795 \prop_new:N \g_tmpb_prop
```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_prop` and others. These variables are documented on page 134.)

`\prop_set_from_keyval:Nn` Loop through items separated by commas, with `\q_mark` to avoid losing braces. After checking for termination, split the item at the first then at the second = (which ought to be the first of the trailing =). At both splits, trim spaces (the internal `\__tl_trim_spaces:nn` expects the `\q_mark` we give it) and call `\__prop_from_keyval_key:w`, then `\__prop_from_keyval_value:w`, followed by the trimmed material, `\q_nil`, the subsequent part of the item, and the trailing =’s and `\q_stop`. After finding the *⟨key⟩* just store it after `\q_stop`. After finding the *⟨value⟩* ignore completely empty items (both trailing = were used as delimiters and all parts are empty); if the remaining part #2 consists exactly of the second trailing = (namely there was exactly one = in the item) then output one key–value pair for the property list; otherwise complain about a missing or extra =.

```

7796 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_set_from_keyval:Nn #1#2
7797   { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \__prop_from_keyval:n {#2} } }
7798 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_set_from_keyval:Nn { c }
7799 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gset_from_keyval:Nn #1#2
7800   { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \__prop_from_keyval:n {#2} } }
7801 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gset_from_keyval:Nn { c }
7802 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_const_from_keyval:Nn #1#2
7803   { \tl_const:Nx #1 { \__prop_from_keyval:n {#2} } }
7804 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_const_from_keyval:Nn { c }
7805 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_from_keyval:n #1
7806   {
7807     \s__prop
7808     \__prop_from_keyval_loop:w \q_mark #1 ,
7809     \q_recursion_tail , \q_recursion_stop
7810   }
7811 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_from_keyval_loop:w #1 ,
7812   {
7813     \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:o { \use_none:n #1 }
7814     \__prop_from_keyval_split:Nw \__prop_from_keyval_key:w
7815     #1 = = \q_stop { \use_none:n #1 }
7816     \__prop_from_keyval_loop:w \q_mark
7817   }
7818 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_from_keyval_split:Nw #1#2 =
7819   {
7820     \__tl_trim_spaces:nn {#2}
7821     { \exp_last_unbraced:No #1 } \q_nil
7822   }
7823 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_from_keyval_key:w #1 \q_nil #2 \q_stop
7824   {
7825     \__prop_from_keyval_split:Nw \__prop_from_keyval_value:w
7826     \q_mark #2 \q_stop {#1}
7827   }
7828 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_from_keyval_value:w #1 \q_nil #2 \q_stop #3#4
7829   {
7830     \tl_if_empty:nF { #3 #1 #2 }
7831     {
7832       \str_if_eq:nnTF {#2} { = }
7833       {
7834         \exp_not:N \__prop_pair:wn \tl_to_str:n {#3}
7835         \s__prop { \exp_not:n {#1} }
7836       }
7837     }

```



```

7861 {
7862   \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
7863   { \tl_gset:Nn #1 { ##1 ##3 } }
7864   { }
7865 }
7866 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_remove:Nn { NV }
7867 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_remove:Nn { c , cV }
7868 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gremove:Nn { NV }
7869 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gremove:Nn { c , cV }

```

(End definition for `\prop_remove:Nn` and `\prop_gremove:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 131.)

**`\prop_get:NnN`** Getting an item from a list is very easy: after splitting, if the key is in the property list, just set the token list variable to the return value, otherwise to `\q_no_value`.

```

\prop_get:NVN
\prop_get:NoN
\prop_get:cnN
\prop_get:cVN
\prop_get:coN
7870 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_get:NnN #1#2#3
7871 {
7872   \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
7873   { \tl_set:Nn #3 {##2} }
7874   { \tl_set:Nn #3 { \q_no_value } }
7875 }
7876 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnN { NV , No }
7877 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnN { c , cV , co }

```

(End definition for `\prop_get:NnN`. This function is documented on page 130.)

**`\prop_pop:NnN`** Popping a value also starts by doing the split. If the key is present, save the value in the token list and update the property list as when deleting. If the key is missing, save `\q_no_value` in the token list.

```

\prop_pop:NoN
\prop_pop:cnN
\prop_pop:coN
7878 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_pop:NnN #1#2#3
\prop_gpop:NnN
7879 {
\prop_gpop:NoN
7880   \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
\prop_gpop:cnN
7881   {
7882     \tl_set:Nn #3 {##2}
7883     \tl_set:Nn #1 { ##1 ##3 }
7884   }
7885   { \tl_set:Nn #3 { \q_no_value } }
7886 }
7887 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gpop:NnN #1#2#3
7888 {
7889   \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
7890   {
7891     \tl_set:Nn #3 {##2}
7892     \tl_gset:Nn #1 { ##1 ##3 }
7893   }
7894   { \tl_set:Nn #3 { \q_no_value } }
7895 }
7896 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_pop:NnN { No }
7897 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_pop:NnN { c , co }
7898 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gpop:NnN { No }
7899 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gpop:NnN { c , co }

```

(End definition for `\prop_pop:NnN` and `\prop_gpop:NnN`. These functions are documented on page 130.)

**\prop\_item:Nn** Getting the value corresponding to a key in a property list in an expandable fashion is similar to mapping some tokens. Go through the property list one  $\langle key \rangle$ - $\langle value \rangle$  pair at a time: the arguments of `\__prop_item:Nn:nwn` are the  $\langle key \rangle$  we are looking for, a  $\langle key \rangle$  of the property list, and its associated value. The  $\langle keys \rangle$  are compared (as strings). If they match, the  $\langle value \rangle$  is returned, within `\exp_not:n`. The loop terminates even if the  $\langle key \rangle$  is missing, and yields an empty value, because we have appended the appropriate  $\langle key \rangle$ - $\langle empty value \rangle$  pair to the property list.

```

7900 \cs_new:Npn \prop_item:Nn #1#2
7901   {
7902     \exp_last_unbraced:Noo \__prop_item:Nn:nwn { \tl_to_str:n {#2} } #1
7903     \__prop_pair:wn \tl_to_str:n {#2} \s__prop { }
7904     \__prg_break_point:
7905   }
7906 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_item:Nn:nwn #1#2 \__prop_pair:wn #3 \s__prop #4
7907   {
7908     \str_if_eq_x:nnTF {#1} {#3}
7909     { \__prg_break:n { \exp_not:n {#4} } }
7910     { \__prop_item:Nn:nwn {#1} }
7911   }
7912 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_item:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\prop_item:Nn` and `\__prop_item:Nn:nwn`. This function is documented on page 131.)

**\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\_gpop:NnNTF**

**\prop\_gpop:cnNTF**

```

7913 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \prop_pop:NnN #1#2#3 { T , F , TF }
7914   {
7915     \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
7916     {
7917       \tl_set:Nn #3 {##2}
7918       \tl_set:Nn #1 { ##1 ##3 }
7919       \prg_return_true:
7920     }
7921     { \prg_return_false: }
7922   }
7923 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \prop_gpop:NnN #1#2#3 { T , F , TF }
7924   {
7925     \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
7926     {
7927       \tl_set:Nn #3 {##2}
7928       \tl_gset:Nn #1 { ##1 ##3 }
7929       \prg_return_true:
7930     }
7931     { \prg_return_false: }
7932   }
7933 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \prop_pop:NnN { c } { T , F , TF }
7934 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \prop_gpop:NnN { c } { T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\prop_pop:NnNTF` and `\prop_gpop:NnNTF`. These functions are documented on page 132.)

`\prop_put:Nnn` Since the branches of `\__prop_split:NnTF` are used as the replacement text of an internal macro, and since the  $\langle key \rangle$  and new  $\langle value \rangle$  may contain arbitrary tokens, it is not safe to include them in the argument of `\__prop_split:NnTF`. We thus start by storing in `\l__prop_internal_tl` tokens which (after x-expansion) encode the key–value pair. This variable can safely be used in `\__prop_split:NnTF`. If the  $\langle key \rangle$  was absent, append the new key–value to the list. Otherwise concatenate the extracts `##1` and `##3` with the new key–value pair `\l__prop_internal_tl`. The updated entry is placed at the same spot as the original  $\langle key \rangle$  in the property list, preserving the order of entries.

```

7935 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_put:Nnn { \__prop_put:NNnn \tl_set:Nx }
7936 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gput:Nnn { \__prop_put:NNnn \tl_gset:Nx }
7937 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__prop_put:NNnn #1#2#3#4
7938 {
7939   \tl_set:Nn \l__prop_internal_tl
7940     {
7941       \exp_not:N \__prop_pair:wn \tl_to_str:n {#3}
7942       \s__prop { \exp_not:n {#4} }
7943     }
7944     \__prop_split:NnTF #2 {#3}
7945     { #1 #2 { \exp_not:n {##1} \l__prop_internal_tl \exp_not:n {##3} } }
7946     { #1 #2 { \exp_not:o {#2} \l__prop_internal_tl } }
7947   }
7948 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_put:Nnn
7949 { NnV , Nno , Nnx , NV , NVV , No , Noo }
7950 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gput:Nnn
7951 { c , cnV , cno , cnx , cV , cVV , co , coo }
7952 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gput:Nnn
7953 { NnV , Nno , Nnx , NV , NVV , No , Noo }
7954 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gput:Nnn
7955 { c , cnV , cno , cnx , cV , cVV , co , coo }

```

(End definition for `\prop_put:Nnn`, `\prop_gput:Nnn`, and `\__prop_put:NNnn`. These functions are documented on page 130.)

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`.

```

7956 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_put_if_new:Nnn
7957 { \__prop_put_if_new:NNnn \tl_set:Nx }
7958 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gput_if_new:Nnn
7959 { \__prop_put_if_new:NNnn \tl_gset:Nx }
7960 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__prop_put_if_new:NNnn #1#2#3#4
7961 {
7962   \tl_set:Nn \l__prop_internal_tl
7963     {
7964       \exp_not:N \__prop_pair:wn \tl_to_str:n {#3}
7965       \s__prop \exp_not:n {#4} }
7966   }
7967   \__prop_split:NnTF #2 {#3}
7968   { }
7969   { #1 #2 { \exp_not:o {#2} \l__prop_internal_tl } }
7970 }
7971 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_put_if_new:Nnn { c }
7972 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gput_if_new:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\prop_put_if_new:Nnn`, `\prop_gput_if_new:Nnn`, and `\__prop_put_if_new:NNnn`. These functions are documented on page 130.)

### 15.3 Property list conditionals

`\prop_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.  
`\prop_if_exist_p:c` 7973 `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \prop_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N`  
`\prop_if_exist:NTF` 7974 `{ TF , T , F , p }`  
`\prop_if_exist:cTF` 7975 `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \prop_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c`  
7976 `{ TF , T , F , p }`

(End definition for `\prop_if_exist:NTF`. This function is documented on page 131.)

`\prop_if_empty_p:N` Same test as for token lists.  
`\prop_if_empty_p:c` 7977 `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn \prop_if_empty:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }`  
`\prop_if_empty:NTF` 7978 `{`  
7979 `\tl_if_eq:NNTF #1 \c_empty_prop`  
7980 `\prg_return_true: \prg_return_false:`  
7981 `}`  
`\prop_if_empty:cTF` 7982 `\prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \prop_if_empty:N`  
7983 `{ c } { p , T , F , TF }`

(End definition for `\prop_if_empty:NTF`. This function is documented on page 131.)

`\prop_if_in_p:Nn` 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  
`\prop_if_in_p:Nv`  
`\prop_if_in_p:No`  
`\prop_if_in_p:cn` `\prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \prop_if_in:Nn #1 #2`  
`\prop_if_in_p:cV` `{`  
`\prop_if_in_p:co` `\@@_split:NnTF #1 {#2}`  
`\prop_if_in:NnTF` `{ \prg_return_true: }`  
`\prop_if_in:NvTF` `{ \prg_return_false: }`  
`\prop_if_in:NoTF` `}`  
`\prop_if_in:cnTF` but `\__prop_split:NnTF` is non-expandable.  
`\prop_if_in:cVTF` Instead, the key is compared to each key in turn using `\str_if_eq_x:nn`, which is  
`\prop_if_in:coTF` expandable. To terminate the mapping, we append to the property list the key that is  
`\__prop_if_in:nwwn` searched for. This second `\tl_to_str:n` is not expanded at the start, but only when included  
`\__prop_if_in:N` in the `\str_if_eq_x:nn`. It cannot make the breaking mechanism choke, because the arbitrary token list material is enclosed in braces. The second argument of `\__prop_if_in:nwwn` is most often empty. When the *key* is found in the list, `\__prop_if_in:N` receives `\__prop_pair:wn`, and if it is found as the extra item, the function receives `\q_recursion_tail`, easily recognizable.

Here, `\prop_map_function:NN` is not sufficient for the mapping, since it can only map a single token, and cannot carry the key that is searched for.

```
7984 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \prop_if_in:Nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
7985 {
7986   \exp_last_unbraced:Noo \__prop_if_in:nwwn { \tl_to_str:n {#2} } #1
7987   \__prop_pair:wn \tl_to_str:n {#2} \s_prop { }
7988   \q_recursion_tail
7989   \__prg_break_point:
7990 }
7991 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_if_in:nwwn #1#2 \__prop_pair:wn #3 \s_prop #4
```

```

7992 {
7993   \str_if_eq_x:nnTF {#1} {#3}
7994     { \__prop_if_in:N }
7995     { \__prop_if_in:nwn {#1} }
7996 }
7997 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_if_in:N #1
7998 {
7999   \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #1
8000   \prg_return_false:
8001   \else:
8002     \prg_return_true:
8003   \fi:
8004   \__prg_break:
8005 }
8006 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \prop_if_in:Nn
8007 { NV , No , c , cV , co } { p , T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\prop_if_in:NnTF`, `\__prop_if_in:nwn`, and `\__prop_if_in:N`. This function is documented on page [131](#).)

## 15.4 Recovering values from property lists with branching

`\prop_get:NnNTF` 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:NnNTF
\prop_get:NVNTF
\prop_get:NoNTF
\prop_get:cnNTF
\prop_get:cVNTF
\prop_get:coNTF
8008 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \prop_get:NnN #1#2#3 { T , F , TF }
8009 {
8010   \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
8011   {
8012     \tl_set:Nn #3 {##2}
8013     \prg_return_true:
8014   }
8015   { \prg_return_false: }
8016 }
8017 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \prop_get:NnN
8018 { NV , No , c , cV , co } { T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\prop_get:NnNTF`. This function is documented on page [132](#).)

## 15.5 Mapping to property lists

`\prop_map_function:NN` The fastest way to do a recursion here is to use an `\if_meaning:w` test: the keys are strings, and thus cannot match the marker `\q_recursion_tail`. A special case to note is when the key `#3` is empty: then `\q_recursion_tail` is compared to `\exp_after:wN`, also different. Note that `#2` is empty, except at the first iteration, where it is `\s__prop`.

```

\__prop_map_function:Nwn
8019 \cs_new:Npn \prop_map_function:NN #1#2
8020 {
8021   \exp_last_unbraced:NNo \__prop_map_function:Nwn #2 #1
8022   \__prop_pair:wn \q_recursion_tail \s__prop { }
8023   \__prg_break_point:Nn \prop_map_break: { }
8024 }
8025 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_map_function:Nwn #1#2 \__prop_pair:wn #3 \s__prop #4
8026 {
8027   \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #3

```

```

8028     \exp_after:wN \prop_map_break:
8029     \fi:
8030     #1 {#3} {#4}
8031     \__prop_map_function:Nwwn #1
8032   }
8033 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_map_function:NN { Nc , c , cc }

```

(End definition for `\prop_map_function:NN` and `\__prop_map_function:Nwwn`. This function is documented on page 132.)

`\prop_map_inline:Nn`  
`\prop_map_inline:cn`

Mapping in line requires a nesting level counter. Store the current definition of `\__prop_pair:wn`, and define it anew. At the end of the loop, revert to the earlier definition. Note that besides pairs of the form `\__prop_pair:wn <key> \s__prop {(value)}`, there are a leading and a trailing tokens, but both are equal to `\scan_stop:`, hence have no effect in such inline mapping. Such `\scan_stop:` could have affected ligatures if they appeared during the mapping.

```

8034 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_map_inline:Nn #1#2
8035   {
8036     \cs_gset_eq:cN
8037     { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :wn } \__prop_pair:wn
8038     \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
8039     \cs_gset_protected:Npn \__prop_pair:wn ##1 \s__prop ##2 {#2}
8040     #1
8041     \__prg_break_point:Nn \prop_map_break:
8042     {
8043       \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int
8044       \cs_gset_eq:Nc \__prop_pair:wn
8045       { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :wn }
8046     }
8047   }
8048 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_map_inline:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\prop_map_inline:Nn`. This function is documented on page 132.)

`\prop_map_break:`  
`\prop_map_break:n`

The break statements are based on the general `\__prg_map_break:Nn`.

```

8049 \cs_new:Npn \prop_map_break:
8050   { \__prg_map_break:Nn \prop_map_break: { } }
8051 \cs_new:Npn \prop_map_break:n
8052   { \__prg_map_break:Nn \prop_map_break: }

```

(End definition for `\prop_map_break:` and `\prop_map_break:n`. These functions are documented on page 133.)

## 15.6 Viewing property lists

`\prop_show:N`  
`\prop_show:c`  
`\prop_log:N`  
`\prop_log:c`

Apply the general `\__kernel_check_defined:NT` and `\msg_show:nnnnnn`. Contrarily to sequences and comma lists, we use `\msg_show_item:nn` to format both the key and the value for each pair.

```

8053 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_show:N { \__prop_show:NN \msg_show:nnxxxx }
8054 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_show:N { c }
8055 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_log:N { \__prop_show:NN \msg_log:nnxxxx }
8056 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_log:N { c }
8057 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__prop_show:NN #1#2
8058   {

```

```

8059 \__kernel_check_defined:NT #2
8060 {
8061   #1 { LaTeX/kernel } { show-prop }
8062   { \token_to_str:N #2 }
8063   { \prop_map_function:NN #2 \msg_show_item:nn }
8064   { } { }
8065 }
8066 }

```

(End definition for `\prop_show:N` and `\prop_log:N`. These functions are documented on page 133.)

```
8067 </initex | package>
```

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```
8068 (*initex | package)
```

```
8069 <@@=msg>
```

`\l_msg_internal_tl` A general scratch for the module.

```
8070 \tl_new:N \l_msg_internal_tl
```

(End definition for `\l_msg_internal_tl`.)

`\l_msg_line_context_bool` Controls whether the line context is shown as part of the decoration of all (non-expandable) messages.

```
8071 \bool_new:N \l_msg_line_context_bool
```

(End definition for `\l_msg_line_context_bool`.)

### 16.1 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`

```
8072 \tl_const:Nn \c_msg_text_prefix_tl { msg~text~>~ }
```

```
8073 \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`.)

`\msg_if_exist_p:nn` Test whether the control sequence containing the message text exists or not.

`\msg_if_exist:nnTF`

```
8074 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \msg_if_exist:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
```

```
8075 {
```

```
8076   \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c_msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
```

```
8077   { \prg_return_true: } { \prg_return_false: }
```

```
8078 }
```

(End definition for `\msg_if_exist:nnTF`. This function is documented on page 137.)

`\_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`.

```

8079 \_kernel_patch:nnNnpn { }
8080 { \_kernel_debug_log:x { Defining~message~ #1 / #2 ~\msg_line_context: } }
8081 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_chk_if_free_msg:nn #1#2
8082 {
8083   \msg_if_exist:nnT {#1} {#2}
8084   {
8085     \_kernel_msg_error:nxxx { kernel } { message-already-defined }
8086     {#1} {#2}
8087   }
8088 }

```

(End definition for `\_chk_if_free_msg:nn`.)

`\msg_new:nnnn` Setting a message simply means saving the appropriate text into two functions. A sanity check first.

```

\msg_new:nnn
\msg_gset:nnnn
\msg_gset:nnn
\msg_set:nnnn
\msg_set:nnn
8089 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_new:nnnn #1#2
8090 {
8091   \_chk_if_free_msg:nn {#1} {#2}
8092   \msg_gset:nnnn {#1} {#2}
8093 }
8094 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_new:nnn #1#2#3
8095 { \msg_new:nnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} { } }
8096 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_set:nnnn #1#2#3#4
8097 {
8098   \cs_set:cpn { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
8099   ##1##2##3##4 {#3}
8100   \cs_set:cpn { \c__msg_more_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
8101   ##1##2##3##4 {#4}
8102 }
8103 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_set:nnn #1#2#3
8104 { \msg_set:nnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} { } }
8105 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_gset:nnnn #1#2#3#4
8106 {
8107   \cs_gset:cpn { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
8108   ##1##2##3##4 {#3}
8109   \cs_gset:cpn { \c__msg_more_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
8110   ##1##2##3##4 {#4}
8111 }
8112 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_gset:nnn #1#2#3
8113 { \msg_gset:nnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} { } }

```

(End definition for `\msg_new:nnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 136.)

## 16.2 Messages: support functions and text

`\c__msg_coding_error_text_tl` Simple pieces of text for messages.

```

\c__msg_continue_text_tl 8114 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
\c__msg_critical_text_tl 8115 {
\c__msg_fatal_text_tl    8116   This~is~a~coding~error.
\c__msg_help_text_tl    8117   \\ \\
\c__msg_no_info_text_tl 8118 }
\c__msg_on_line_text_tl 8119 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_continue_text_tl
\c__msg_return_text_tl
\c__msg_trouble_text_tl

```

```

8120 { Type~<return>~to~continue }
8121 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_critical_text_tl
8122 { Reading~the~current~file~'\g_file_curr_name_str'~will~stop. }
8123 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_fatal_text_tl
8124 { This~is~a~fatal~error:~LaTeX~will~abort. }
8125 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_help_text_tl
8126 { For~immediate~help~type~H~<return> }
8127 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_no_info_text_tl
8128 {
8129 LaTeX~does~not~know~anything~more~about~this~error,~sorry.
8130 \c__msg_return_text_tl
8131 }
8132 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_on_line_text_tl { on-line }
8133 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_return_text_tl
8134 {
8135 \\ \\
8136 Try~typing~<return>~to~proceed.
8137 \\
8138 If~that~doesn't~work,~type~X~<return>~to~quit.
8139 }
8140 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_trouble_text_tl
8141 {
8142 \\ \\
8143 More~errors~will~almost~certainly~follow: \\
8144 the~LaTeX~run~should~be~aborted.
8145 }

```

*(End definition for \c\_\_msg\_coding\_error\_text\_tl and others.)*

**\msg\_line\_number:** For writing the line number nicely. **\msg\_line\_context:** was set up earlier, so this is not new.

**\msg\_line\_context:**

```

8146 \cs_new:Npn \msg_line_number: { \int_use:N \tex_inputlineno:D }
8147 \cs_gset:Npn \msg_line_context:
8148 {
8149 \c__msg_on_line_text_tl
8150 \c_space_tl
8151 \msg_line_number:
8152 }

```

*(End definition for \msg\_line\_number: and \msg\_line\_context:. These functions are documented on page 137.)*

### 16.3 Showing messages: low level mechanism

**\msg\_interrupt:nnn** The low-level interruption macro is rather opaque, unfortunately. Depending on the availability of more information there is a choice of how to set up the further help. We feed the extra help text and the message itself to a wrapping auxiliary, in this order because we must first setup TeX's \errhelp register before issuing an \errmessage.

```

8153 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_interrupt:nnn #1#2#3
8154 {
8155 \tl_if_empty:nTF {#3}
8156 {
8157 \__msg_interrupt_wrap:nn { \\ \c__msg_no_info_text_tl }
8158 {#1 \\ \\ #2 \\ \\ \c__msg_continue_text_tl }

```

```

8159     }
8160     {
8161     \_msg_interrupt_wrap:nn { \ #3 }
8162     {#1 \\\ #2 \\\ \c__msg_help_text_t1 }
8163     }
8164 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_interrupt:nnn`. This function is documented on page 141.)

```

\_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.

```

8165 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_interrupt_wrap:nn #1#2
8166 {
8167   \iow_wrap:nnnN {#1} { | ~ } { } \_msg_interrupt_more_text:n
8168   \iow_wrap:nnnN {#2} { ! ~ } { } \_msg_interrupt_text:n
8169 }
8170 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_interrupt_more_text:n #1
8171 {
8172   \exp_args:Nx \tex_errhelp:D
8173   {
8174     |,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
8175     #1 \iow_newline:
8176     |.....
8177   }
8178 }

```

(End definition for `\_msg_interrupt_wrap:nn` and `\_msg_interrupt_more_text:n`.)

```

\_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 are inserted after the message is entirely cleaned up.

The `\_iow_with:Nnn` auxiliary, defined in `l3file`, expects an *integer variable*, an integer *value*, and some *code*. It runs the *code* after ensuring that the *integer variable* takes the given *value*, then restores the former value of the *integer variable* if needed. We use it to ensure that the `\newlinechar` is 10, as needed for `\iow_newline:` to work, and that `\errorcontextlines` is `-1`, to avoid showing irrelevant context. Note that restoring the former value of these integers requires inserting tokens after the `\errmessage`, which go in the way of tokens which could be inserted by the user. This is unavoidable.

```

8179 \group_begin:
8180   \char_set_lccode:nn {'\} {'\ }
8181   \char_set_lccode:nn {'\} {'\ }
8182   \char_set_lccode:nn {'\&} {'\!}
8183   \char_set_catcode_active:N \&

```

```

8184 \tex_lowercase:D
8185 {
8186   \group_end:
8187   \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_interrupt_text:n #1
8188   {
8189     \iow_term:x
8190     {
8191       \iow_newline:
8192       !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
8193       \iow_newline:
8194       !
8195     }
8196     \_iow_with:Nnn \tex_newlinechar:D { '\^^J }
8197     {
8198       \_iow_with:Nnn \tex_errorcontextlines:D { -1 }
8199       {
8200         \group_begin:
8201         \cs_set_protected:Npn &
8202         {
8203           \tex_errmessage:D
8204           {
8205             #1
8206             \use_none:n
8207             { ..... }
8208           }
8209         }
8210         \exp_after:wN
8211         \group_end:
8212         &
8213       }
8214     }
8215   }
8216 }

```

(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.

```

8217 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_log:n #1
8218 {
8219   \iow_log:n { ..... }
8220   \iow_wrap:nnnN { . ~ #1 } { . ~ } { } \iow_log:n
8221   \iow_log:n { ..... }
8222 }
8223 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_term:n #1
8224 {
8225   \iow_term:n { ***** }
8226   \iow_wrap:nnnN { * ~ #1 } { * ~ } { } \iow_term:n
8227   \iow_term:n { ***** }
8228 }

```

(End definition for \msg\_log:n and \msg\_term:n. These functions are documented on page 142.)

## 16.4 Displaying messages

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X is handling error messages and so the T<sub>ε</sub>X ones are disabled. This is already done by the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</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.

```
8229 <*initex>
8230 \int_gset:Nn \tex_errorcontextlines:D { -1 }
8231 </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
```

```
8232 \cs_new:Npn \msg_fatal_text:n #1
8233 {
8234   Fatal~#1~error
8235   \bool_if:NT \l__msg_line_context_bool { ~ \msg_line_context: }
8236 }
8237 \cs_new:Npn \msg_critical_text:n #1
8238 {
8239   Critical~#1~error
8240   \bool_if:NT \l__msg_line_context_bool { ~ \msg_line_context: }
8241 }
8242 \cs_new:Npn \msg_error_text:n #1
8243 {
8244   #1~error
8245   \bool_if:NT \l__msg_line_context_bool { ~ \msg_line_context: }
8246 }
8247 \cs_new:Npn \msg_warning_text:n #1
8248 {
8249   #1~warning
8250   \bool_if:NT \l__msg_line_context_bool { ~ \msg_line_context: }
8251 }
8252 \cs_new:Npn \msg_info_text:n #1
8253 {
8254   #1~info
8255   \bool_if:NT \l__msg_line_context_bool { ~ \msg_line_context: }
8256 }
```

(End definition for `\msg_fatal_text:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 137.)

```
\msg_see_documentation_text:n
```

Contextual footer information. The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X module only comprises L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X3 code, so we refer to the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X3 documentation rather than simply “L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X”.

```
8257 \cs_new:Npn \msg_see_documentation_text:n #1
8258 {
8259   \ \ See~the~
8260   \str_if_eq:nnTF {#1} { LaTeX } { LaTeX3 } {#1} ~
8261   documentation~for~further~information.
8262 }
```

(End definition for `\msg_see_documentation_text:n`. This function is documented on page 138.)

```
\__msg_class_new:nn
```

```
8263 \group_begin:
8264   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__msg_class_new:nn #1#2
8265   {
8266     \prop_new:c { l__msg_redirect_ #1 _prop }
```

```

8267 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __msg_ #1 _code:nnnnnn }
8268     ##1##2##3##4##5##6 {#2}
8269 \cs_new_protected:cpn { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } ##1##2##3##4##5##6
8270 {
8271     \use:x
8272     {
8273         \exp_not:n { \_msg_use:nnnnnn {#1} {##1} {##2} }
8274         { \tl_to_str:n {##3} } { \tl_to_str:n {##4} }
8275         { \tl_to_str:n {##5} } { \tl_to_str:n {##6} }
8276     }
8277 }
8278 \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnnnn } ##1##2##3##4##5
8279 { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} {##5} { } }
8280 \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnnn } ##1##2##3##4
8281 { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} { } { } }
8282 \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnn } ##1##2##3
8283 { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} { } { } { } }
8284 \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nn } ##1##2
8285 { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} { } { } { } { } }
8286 \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnxxxx } ##1##2##3##4##5##6
8287 {
8288     \use:x
8289     {
8290         \exp_not:N \exp_not:n
8291         { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} }
8292         {##3} {##4} {##5} {##6}
8293     }
8294 }
8295 \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnxxx } ##1##2##3##4##5
8296 { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnxxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} {##5} { } }
8297 \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnxx } ##1##2##3##4
8298 { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnxxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} { } { } }
8299 \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnx } ##1##2##3
8300 { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnxxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} { } { } { } }
8301 }

```

(End definition for `\_msg_class_new:nn`.)

`\msg_fatal:nnnnnn` For fatal errors, after the error message `TeX` bails out.

```

\msg_fatal:nnxxxx 8302 \_msg_class_new:nn { fatal }
\msg_fatal:nnnnn 8303 {
\msg_fatal:nnxxx 8304     \msg_interrupt:nnn
\msg_fatal:nnnn 8305     { \msg_fatal_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" }
\msg_fatal:nnxx 8306     {
\msg_fatal:nnn 8307         \use:c { \c_msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
\msg_fatal:nnx 8308         \msg_see_documentation_text:n {#1}
\msg_fatal:nn 8309     }
8310     { \c_msg_fatal_text_tl }
8311 \tex_end:D
8312 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_fatal:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 138.)

`\msg_critical:nnnnnn` Not quite so bad: just end the current file.

```

\msg_critical:nnxxxx
\msg_critical:nnnnn
\msg_critical:nnxxx
\msg_critical:nnnn
\msg_critical:nnxx
\msg_critical:nnn
\msg_critical:nnx
\msg_critical:nn

```

```

8313 \_msg_class_new:nn { critical }
8314 {
8315   \msg_interrupt:nnn
8316   { \msg_critical_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" }
8317   {
8318     \use:c { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
8319     \msg_see_documentation_text:n {#1}
8320   }
8321   { \c__msg_critical_text_tl }
8322   \tex_endinput:D
8323 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_critical:nnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 138.)

`\msg_error:nnnnnn` For an error, the interrupt routine is called. We check if there is a “more text” by  
`\msg_error:nnxxxx` comparing that control sequence with a permanently empty text.  
`\msg_error:nnnnn` 8324 \\_msg\_class\_new:nn { error }  
`\msg_error:nnxxx` 8325 {  
`\msg_error:nnnn` 8326 \\_msg\_error:cnnnnn  
`\msg_error:nnxx` 8327 { \c\_\_msg\_more\_text\_prefix\_tl #1 / #2 }  
`\msg_error:nnn` 8328 {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}  
`\msg_error:nnx` 8329 {  
`\msg_error:nn` 8330 \msg\_interrupt:nnn  
`\_msg_error:cnnnnn` 8331 { \msg\_error\_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" }  
`\_msg_no_more_text:nnnn` 8332 {  
8333 \use:c { \c\_\_msg\_text\_prefix\_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}  
8334 \msg\_see\_documentation\_text:n {#1}  
8335 }  
8336 }  
8337 }  
8338 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \\_msg\_error:cnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6  
8339 {  
8340 \cs\_if\_eq:cNTF {#1} \\_msg\_no\_more\_text:nnnn  
8341 { #6 { } }  
8342 { #6 { \use:c {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} } }  
8343 }  
8344 \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 139.)

`\msg_warning:nnnnnn` Warnings are printed to the terminal.  
`\msg_warning:nnxxxx` 8345 \\_msg\_class\_new:nn { warning }  
`\msg_warning:nnnnn` 8346 {  
`\msg_warning:nnxxx` 8347 \msg\_term:n  
`\msg_warning:nnnn` 8348 {  
`\msg_warning:nnxx` 8349 \msg\_warning\_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" \\ \\  
`\msg_warning:nnn` 8350 \use:c { \c\_\_msg\_text\_prefix\_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}  
`\msg_warning:nnx` 8351 }  
`\msg_warning:nn` 8352 }  
`\msg_warning:nn`

(End definition for `\msg_warning:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 139.)

`\msg_info:nnnnnn` Information only goes into the log.  
`\msg_info:nnxxxx` 8353 \\_msg\_class\_new:nn { info }  
`\msg_info:nnnnn` 8354 {  
`\msg_info:nnxxx`  
`\msg_info:nnxx`  
`\msg_info:nnx`  
`\msg_info:nn`  
`\msg_info:nn`

```

8355     \msg_log:n
8356     {
8357         \msg_info_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" \\ \\
8358         \use:c { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
8359     }
8360 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_info:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 139.)

`\msg_log:nnnnnn` “Log” data is very similar to information, but with no extras added.

```

\msg_log:nnxxxx 8361  \__msg_class_new:nn { log }
\msg_log:nnnnn 8362  {
\msg_log:nnxxx 8363  \iow_wrap:nnnN
\msg_log:nnnn 8364  { \use:c { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6} }
\msg_log:nnxx 8365  { } { } \iow_log:n
\msg_log:nnn 8366  }

```

`\msg_log:nnx` (End definition for `\msg_log:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 139.)

`\msg_log:nn`

`\msg_none:nnnnnn` The none message type is needed so that input can be gobbled.

```

\msg_none:nnxxxx 8367  \__msg_class_new:nn { none } { }

```

`\msg_none:nnnnn`

`\msg_none:nnxxx` (End definition for `\msg_none:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 140.)

`\msg_none:nnnn`

`\msg_show:nnnnnn`

The show message type is used for `\seq_show:N` and similar complicated data structures.

`\msg_show:nnxxxx`

Wrap the given text with a trailing dot (important later) then pass it to `\__msg_show:n`.

`\msg_show:nnxxx`

If there is `\\>~` (or if the whole thing starts with `>~`) we split there, print the first part and show the second part using `\showtokens` (the `\exp_after:wN` ensure a nice display).

`\msg_show:nnnnn`

`\msg_show:nnnn`

Note that that primitive adds a leading `>~` and trailing dot. That is why we included a

`\msg_show:nnxxx`

trailing dot before wrapping and removed it afterwards. If there is no `\\>~` do the same but with an empty second part which adds a spurious but inevitable `>~`.

`\msg_show:nnxx`

`\msg_show:nnx`

`\msg_show:nn`

```

\msg_show:nnx 8368  \__msg_class_new:nn { show }
\msg_show:nn 8369  {
\__msg_show:n 8370  \iow_wrap:nnnN
\__msg_show:w 8371  { \use:c { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6} }
\__msg_show_dot:w 8372  { } { } \__msg_show:n
\__msg_show:nn 8373  }
\cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_show:n #1
8374  {
8375  \tl_if_in:nnTF { ^^J #1 } { ^^J > ~ }
8376  {
8377  {
8378  \tl_if_in:nnTF { #1 \q_mark } { . \q_mark }
8379  { \__msg_show_dot:w } { \__msg_show:w }
8380  ^^J #1 \q_stop
8381  }
8382  { \__msg_show:nn { ? #1 } { } }
8383  }
8384  \cs_new:Npn \__msg_show_dot:w #1 ^^J > ~ #2 . \q_stop
8385  { \__msg_show:nn {#1} {#2} }
8386  \cs_new:Npn \__msg_show:w #1 ^^J > ~ #2 \q_stop
8387  { \__msg_show:nn {#1} {#2} }
8388  \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_show:nn #1#2
8389  {
8390  \tl_if_empty:nF {#1}

```

```

8391     { \exp_args:No \iow_term:n { \use_none:n #1 } }
8392     \tl_set:Nn \l__msg_internal_tl {#2}
8393     \__iow_with:Nnn \tex_newlinechar:D { 10 }
8394     {
8395         \__iow_with:Nnn \tex_errorcontextlines:D { -1 }
8396         {
8397             \etex_showtokens:D \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
8398             { \exp_after:wN \l__msg_internal_tl }
8399         }
8400     }
8401 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_show:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 245.)

End the group to eliminate `\__msg_class_new:nn`.

```
8402 \group_end:
```

`\__msg_class_chk_exist:nT` 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.

```

8403 \cs_new:Npn \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT #1
8404 {
8405     \cs_if_free:cTF { __msg_ #1 _code:nnnnnn }
8406     { \__kernel_msg_error:nx { kernel } { message-class-unknown } {#1} }
8407 }

```

(End definition for `\__msg_class_chk_exist:nT`.)

`\l__msg_class_tl` Support variables needed for the redirection system.

```

\l__msg_current_class_tl 8408 \tl_new:N \l__msg_class_tl
8409 \tl_new:N \l__msg_current_class_tl

```

(End definition for `\l__msg_class_tl` and `\l__msg_current_class_tl`.)

`\l__msg_redirect_prop` For redirection of individually-named messages

```
8410 \prop_new:N \l__msg_redirect_prop
```

(End definition for `\l__msg_redirect_prop`.)

`\l__msg_hierarchy_seq` During redirection, split the message name into a sequence with items `{/module/submodule}`, `{/module}`, and `{}`.

```
8411 \seq_new:N \l__msg_hierarchy_seq
```

(End definition for `\l__msg_hierarchy_seq`.)

`\l__msg_class_loop_seq` Classes encountered when following redirections to check for loops.

```
8412 \seq_new:N \l__msg_class_loop_seq
```

(End definition for `\l__msg_class_loop_seq`.)

`\__msg_use:nnnnnn` 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.

```

8413 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_use:nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
8414 {
8415   \msg_if_exist:nnTF {#2} {#3}
8416   {
8417     \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT {#1}
8418     {
8419       \tl_set:Nn \l__msg_current_class_tl {#1}
8420       \cs_set_protected:Npx \__msg_use_code:
8421       {
8422         \exp_not:n
8423         {
8424           \use:c { __msg_ \l__msg_class_tl _code:nnnnnn }
8425           {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6} {#7}
8426         }
8427       }
8428       \__msg_use_redirect_name:n { #2 / #3 }
8429     }
8430   }
8431   { \__kernel_msg_error:nxxx { kernel } { message-unknown } {#2} {#3} }
8432 }
8433 \cs_new_protected: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 then map through this sequence, applying the most specific redirection.

```

8434 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_use_redirect_name:n #1
8435 {
8436   \prop_get:NnNTF \l__msg_redirect_prop { / #1 } \l__msg_class_tl
8437   { \__msg_use_code: }
8438   {
8439     \seq_clear:N \l__msg_hierarchy_seq
8440     \__msg_use_hierarchy:nwN { }
8441     #1 \q_mark \__msg_use_hierarchy:nwN
8442     / \q_mark \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
8443     \q_stop
8444     \__msg_use_redirect_module:n { }
8445   }
8446 }
8447 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_use_hierarchy:nwN #1#2 / #3 \q_mark #4
8448 {
8449   \seq_put_left:Nn \l__msg_hierarchy_seq {#1}
8450   #4 { #1 / #2 } #3 \q_mark #4
8451 }

```

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**.

```

8452 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_use_redirect_module:n #1
8453 {
8454   \seq_map_inline:Nn \l__msg_hierarchy_seq
8455   {
8456     \prop_get:cnNTF { l__msg_redirect_ \l__msg_current_class_tl _prop }
8457     {##1} \l__msg_class_tl
8458     {
8459       \seq_map_break:n
8460       {
8461         \tl_if_eq:NNTF \l__msg_current_class_tl \l__msg_class_tl
8462         { \__msg_use_code: }
8463         {
8464           \tl_set_eq:NN \l__msg_current_class_tl \l__msg_class_tl
8465           \__msg_use_redirect_module:n {##1}
8466         }
8467       }
8468     }
8469     {
8470       \str_if_eq:nnT {##1} {#1}
8471       {
8472         \tl_set_eq:NN \l__msg_class_tl \l__msg_current_class_tl
8473         \seq_map_break:n { \__msg_use_code: }
8474       }
8475     }
8476   }
8477 }

```

(End definition for `\__msg_use:nnnnnn` and others.)

**\msg\_redirect\_name:nnn** Named message always use the given class even if that class is redirected further. An empty target class cancels any existing redirection for that message.

```

8478 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_redirect_name:nnn #1#2#3
8479 {
8480   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#3}
8481   { \prop_remove:Nn \l__msg_redirect_prop { / #1 / #2 } }
8482   {
8483     \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT {#3}
8484     { \prop_put:Nnn \l__msg_redirect_prop { / #1 / #2 } {#3} }
8485   }
8486 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_redirect_name:nnn`. This function is documented on page 141.)

**\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

**\msg\_redirect\_module:nnn**

`\__msg_redirect:nnn`

initial class in `\l__msg_current_class_tl`.

`\__msg_redirect_loop_chk:nnn`

`\__msg_redirect_loop_list:n`

```

8487 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_redirect_class:nn
8488 { \__msg_redirect:nnn { } }
8489 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_redirect_module:nnn #1
8490 { \__msg_redirect:nnn { / #1 } }
8491 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_redirect:nnn #1#2#3
8492 {
8493   \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT {#2}
8494   {
8495     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#3}
8496     { \prop_remove:cn { l__msg_redirect_ #2 _prop } {#1} }
8497     {
8498       \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT {#3}
8499       {
8500         \prop_put:cnn { l__msg_redirect_ #2 _prop } {#1} {#3}
8501         \tl_set:Nn \l__msg_current_class_tl {#2}
8502         \seq_clear:N \l__msg_class_loop_seq
8503         \__msg_redirect_loop_chk:nnn {#2} {#3} {#1}
8504       }
8505     }
8506   }
8507 }

```

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.

```

8508 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_redirect_loop_chk:nnn #1#2#3
8509 {
8510   \seq_put_right:Nn \l__msg_class_loop_seq {#1}
8511   \prop_get:cnNT { l__msg_redirect_ #1 _prop } {#3} \l__msg_class_tl
8512   {
8513     \str_if_eq_x:nnF { \l__msg_class_tl } {#1}
8514     {
8515       \tl_if_eq:NNTF \l__msg_class_tl \l__msg_current_class_tl
8516       {
8517         \prop_put:cnn { l__msg_redirect_ #2 _prop } {#3} {#2}
8518         \__kernel_msg_warning:nnxxxx
8519         { kernel } { message-redirect-loop }
8520         { \seq_item:Nn \l__msg_class_loop_seq { 1 } }
8521         { \seq_item:Nn \l__msg_class_loop_seq { 2 } }
8522         {#3}
8523         {
8524           \seq_map_function:NN \l__msg_class_loop_seq
8525           \__msg_redirect_loop_list:n
8526           { \seq_item:Nn \l__msg_class_loop_seq { 1 } }
8527         }
8528       }
8529     }
8530   }

```

```

8529         { \_msg_redirect_loop_chk:onn \l\_msg_class_tl {#2} {#3} }
8530     }
8531 }
8532 }
8533 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \_msg_redirect_loop_chk:nnn { o }
8534 \cs_new:Npn \_msg_redirect_loop_list:n #1 { {#1} ~ => ~ }

```

(End definition for `\msg_redirect_class:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 140.)

## 16.5 Kernel-specific functions

`\_kernel_msg_new:nnnn` 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.

```

\__kernel_msg_new:nnn
\__kernel_msg_set:nnnn
\__kernel_msg_set:nnn
8535 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_kernel_msg_new:nnnn #1#2
8536 { \msg_new:nnnn { LaTeX } { #1 / #2 } }
8537 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_kernel_msg_new:nnn #1#2
8538 { \msg_new:nnn { LaTeX } { #1 / #2 } }
8539 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_kernel_msg_set:nnnn #1#2
8540 { \msg_set:nnnn { LaTeX } { #1 / #2 } }
8541 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_kernel_msg_set:nnn #1#2
8542 { \msg_set:nnn { LaTeX } { #1 / #2 } }

```

(End definition for `\_kernel_msg_new:nnnn` and others.)

`\_msg_kernel_class_new: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.

`\_msg_kernel_class_new_aux:nN`

```

8543 \group_begin:
8544 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_msg_kernel_class_new:nN #1
8545 { \_msg_kernel_class_new_aux:nN { \_kernel_msg_ #1 } }
8546 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_msg_kernel_class_new_aux:nN #1#2
8547 {
8548   \cs_new_protected:cpn { #1 :nnnnnn } ##1##2##3##4##5##6
8549   {
8550     \use:x
8551     {
8552       \exp_not:n { #2 { LaTeX } { ##1 / ##2 } }
8553       { \tl_to_str:n {##3} } { \tl_to_str:n {##4} }
8554       { \tl_to_str:n {##5} } { \tl_to_str:n {##6} }
8555     }
8556   }
8557   \cs_new_protected:cpx { #1 :nnnnn } ##1##2##3##4##5
8558   { \exp_not:c { #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} {##5} { } }
8559   \cs_new_protected:cpx { #1 :nnnn } ##1##2##3##4
8560   { \exp_not:c { #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} { } { } }
8561   \cs_new_protected:cpx { #1 :nnn } ##1##2##3
8562   { \exp_not:c { #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} { } { } { } }
8563   \cs_new_protected:cpx { #1 :nn } ##1##2
8564   { \exp_not:c { #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} { } { } { } { } }
8565   \cs_new_protected:cpx { #1 :nnxxx } ##1##2##3##4##5##6
8566   {
8567     \use:x

```



```

8607 {
8608   LaTeX-has-been-asked-to-redirect-messages-to-a-class-#1:\
8609   this-was-never-defined.
8610   \c__msg_return_text_tl
8611 }
8612 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { message-redirect-loop }
8613 {
8614   Message-redirect-loop-caused-by- {#1} ~=>~ {#2}
8615   \tl_if_empty:nF {#3} { ~for-module~' \use_none:n #3 ' } .
8616 }
8617 {
8618   Adding-the-message-redirection- {#1} ~=>~ {#2}
8619   \tl_if_empty:nF {#3} { ~for-the-module~' \use_none:n #3 ' } ~
8620   created-an-infinite-loop\\
8621   \iow_indent:n { #4 \\ }
8622 }
      Messages for earlier kernel modules.
8623 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { bad-number-of-arguments }
8624 { Function-#1'-cannot-be-defined-with-#2-arguments. }
8625 {
8626   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8627   LaTeX-has-been-asked-to-define-a-function-#1'-with-
8628   #2-arguments.~
8629   TeX-allows-between-0-and-9-arguments-for-a-single-function.
8630 }
8631 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { char-active }
8632 { Cannot-generate-active-chars. }
8633 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { char-invalid-catcode }
8634 { Invalid-catcode-for-char-generation. }
8635 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { char-null-space }
8636 { Cannot-generate-null-char-as-a-space. }
8637 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { char-out-of-range }
8638 { Charcode-requested-out-of-engine-range. }
8639 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { char-space }
8640 { Cannot-generate-space-chars. }
8641 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { command-already-defined }
8642 { Control-sequence-#1-already-defined. }
8643 {
8644   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8645   LaTeX-has-been-asked-to-create-a-new-control-sequence-#1'~
8646   but-this-name-has-already-been-used-elsewhere. \\ \\
8647   The-current-meaning-is:\\
8648   \\ #2
8649 }
8650 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { command-not-defined }
8651 { Control-sequence-#1-undefined. }
8652 {
8653   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8654   LaTeX-has-been-asked-to-use-a-control-sequence-#1':\
8655   this-has-not-been-defined-yet.
8656 }
8657 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { deprecated-command }
8658 {
8659   The-deprecated-command-#2'-has-been-or-will-be-removed-on-#1.

```

```

8660 \tl_if_empty:nF {#3} { ~Use~instead~'#3'. }
8661 }
8662 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { empty-search-pattern }
8663 { Empty~search~pattern. }
8664 {
8665   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8666   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~replace~an~empty~pattern~by~'#1':~that~
8667   would~lead~to~an~infinite~loop!
8668 }
8669 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { out-of-registers }
8670 { No~room~for~a~new~#1. }
8671 {
8672   TeX~only~supports~\int_use:N \c_max_register_int \ %
8673   of~each~type.~All~the~#1~registers~have~been~used.~
8674   This~run~will~be~aborted~now.
8675 }
8676 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { non-base-function }
8677 { Function~'#1'~is~not~a~base~function }
8678 {
8679   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8680   Functions~defined~through~\iow_char:N\cs_new:Nn~must~have~
8681   a~signature~consisting~of~only~normal~arguments~'N'~and~'n'.~
8682   To~define~variants~use~\iow_char:N\cs_generate_variant:Nn~
8683   and~to~define~other~functions~use~\iow_char:N\cs_new:Npn.
8684 }
8685 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { missing-colon }
8686 { Function~'#1'~contains~no~':'. }
8687 {
8688   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8689   Code~level~functions~must~contain~':'~to~separate~the~
8690   argument~specification~from~the~function~name.~This~is~
8691   needed~when~defining~conditionals~or~variants,~or~when~building~a~
8692   parameter~text~from~the~number~of~arguments~of~the~function.
8693 }
8694 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { overflow }
8695 { Integers~larger~than~2^{30}-1~cannot~be~stored~in~arrays. }
8696 {
8697   An~attempt~was~made~to~store~#3~at~position~#2~in~the~array~'#1'.~
8698   The~largest~allowed~value~#4~will~be~used~instead.
8699 }
8700 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { out-of-bounds }
8701 { Access~to~an~entry~beyond~an~array's~bounds. }
8702 {
8703   An~attempt~was~made~to~access~or~store~data~at~position~#2~of~the~
8704   array~'#1',~but~this~array~has~entries~at~positions~from~1~to~#3.
8705 }
8706 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { protected-predicate }
8707 { Predicate~'#1'~must~be~expandable. }
8708 {
8709   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8710   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~define~'#1'~as~a~protected~predicate.~
8711   Only~expandable~tests~can~have~a~predicate~version.
8712 }
8713 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { conditional-form-unknown }

```

```

8714 { Conditional-form-#1'-for-function-#2'-unknown. }
8715 {
8716   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8717   LaTeX-has-been-asked-to-define-the-conditional-form-#1'-of-
8718   the-function-#2',-but-only-'TF',~'T',~'F',~and-'p'-forms-exist.
8719 }
8720 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { scanmark-already-defined }
8721 { Scan-mark-#1-already-defined. }
8722 {
8723   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8724   LaTeX-has-been-asked-to-create-a-new-scan-mark-#1'-
8725   but-this-name-has-already-been-used-for-a-scan-mark.
8726 }
8727 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { variable-not-defined }
8728 { Variable-#1-undefined. }
8729 {
8730   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8731   LaTeX-has-been-asked-to-show-a-variable-#1,-but-this-has-not-
8732   been-defined-yet.
8733 }
8734 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { variant-too-long }
8735 { Variant-form-#1'-longer-than-base-signature-of-#2'. }
8736 {
8737   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8738   LaTeX-has-been-asked-to-create-a-variant-of-the-function-#2'-
8739   with-a-signature-starting-with-#1',-but-that-is-longer-than-
8740   the-signature-(part-after-the-colon)-of-#2'.
8741 }
8742 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { invalid-variant }
8743 { Variant-form-#1'-invalid-for-base-form-#2'. }
8744 {
8745   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8746   LaTeX-has-been-asked-to-create-a-variant-of-the-function-#2'-
8747   with-a-signature-starting-with-#1',-but-cannot-change-an-argument-
8748   from-type-#3'-to-type-#4'.
8749 }
8750 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { deprecated-variant }
8751 {
8752   Variant-form-#1'-deprecated-for-base-form-#2',~
8753   One-should-not-change-an-argument-from-type-#3'-to-type-#4'
8754   \str_case:nnF {#3}
8755     {
8756       { n } { :~use-a'\token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF #4 c v V'-variant? }
8757       { N } { :~base-form-only-accepts-a-single-token-argument. }
8758       {#4} { :~base-form-is-already-a-variant. }
8759     } { . }
8760 }

```

Some errors are only needed in package mode if debugging is enabled by one of the options `enable-debug`, `check-declarations`, `log-functions`, or on the contrary if debugging is turned off. In format mode the error is somewhat different.

```

8761 (*package)
8762 \bool_if:NTF \l@expl@enable@debug@bool
8763 {

```

```

8764 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { debug }
8765 { The~debugging~option~'#1'~does~not~exist~\msg_line_context:. }
8766 {
8767   The~functions~'\iow_char:N\debug_on:n'~and~
8768   '\iow_char:N\debug_off:n'~only~accept~the~arguments~
8769   'check-declarations',~'deprecation',~'log-functions',~not~'#1'.
8770 }
8771 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { expr } { '#2'~in~#1 }
8772 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { local-global }
8773 { Inconsistent~local/global~assignment }
8774 {
8775   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8776   \if:w l #2 Local \else: Global \fi: \
8777   assignment~to~a~
8778   \if:w l #1 local \else: \if:w g #1 global \else: constant \fi: \fi: \
8779   variable~'#3'.
8780 }
8781 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { non-declared-variable }
8782 { The~variable~#1~has~not~been~declared~\msg_line_context:. }
8783 {
8784   Checking~is~active,~and~you~have~tried~do~so~something~like: \\
8785   \\ \tl_set:Nn ~ #1 ~ \{ ~ ... ~ \} \\
8786   without~first~having: \\
8787   \\ \tl_new:N ~ #1 \\
8788   \\
8789   LaTeX~will~create~the~variable~and~continue.
8790 }
8791 }
8792 {
8793   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { enable-debug }
8794   { To~use~'#1'~load~expl3~with~the~'enable-debug'~option. }
8795   {
8796     The~function~'#1'~will~be~ignored~because~it~can~only~work~if~
8797     some~internal~functions~in~expl3~have~been~appropriately~
8798     defined.~This~only~happens~if~one~of~the~options~
8799     'enable-debug',~'check-declarations'~or~'log-functions'~was~
8800     given~when~loading~expl3.
8801   }
8802 }
8803 \end{package}
8804 \begin{initex}
8805 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { enable-debug }
8806 { '#1'~cannot~be~used~in~format~mode. }
8807 {
8808   The~function~'#1'~will~be~ignored~because~it~can~only~work~if~
8809   some~internal~functions~in~expl3~have~been~appropriately~
8810   defined.~This~only~happens~in~package~mode~(and~only~if~one~of~
8811   the~options~'enable-debug',~'check-declarations'~or~'log-functions'~
8812   was~given~when~loading~expl3.
8813 }
8814 \end{initex}

```

Some errors only appear in expandable settings, hence don't need a "more-text" argument.

```

8815 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { bad-exp-end-f }
8816 { Misused-\exp_end_continue_f:w or~:nw }
8817 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { bad-variable }
8818 { Erroneous~variable~#1 used! }
8819 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { misused-sequence }
8820 { A~sequence~was~misused. }
8821 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { misused-prop }
8822 { A~property~list~was~misused. }
8823 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { negative-replication }
8824 { Negative~argument~for~\prg_replicate:nn. }
8825 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { prop-keyval }
8826 { Missing/extra~'=~in~'#1'~(in~'..._keyval:Nn') }
8827 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { unknown-comparison }
8828 { Relation~'#1'~unknown:~use~=',~<,~>,~==,~!=,~<=,~>=. }
8829 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { zero-step }
8830 { Zero~step~size~for~step~function~#1. }

```

Messages used by the “show” functions.

```

8831 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { show-clist }
8832 {
8833   The~comma~list~ \tl_if_empty:nF {#1} { #1 ~ }
8834   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2}
8835   { is~empty \>~ . }
8836   { contains~the~items~(without~outer~braces): #2 . }
8837 }
8838 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { show-prop }
8839 {
8840   The~property~list~#1~
8841   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2}
8842   { is~empty \>~ . }
8843   { contains~the~pairs~(without~outer~braces): #2 . }
8844 }
8845 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { show-seq }
8846 {
8847   The~sequence~#1~
8848   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2}
8849   { is~empty \>~ . }
8850   { contains~the~items~(without~outer~braces): #2 . }
8851 }
8852 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { show-streams }
8853 {
8854   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2} { No~ } { The~following~ }
8855   \str_case:nn {#1}
8856   {
8857     { ior } { input ~ }
8858     { iow } { output ~ }
8859   }
8860   streams~are~
8861   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2} { open } { in~use: #2 . }
8862 }

```

## 16.6 Expandable errors

`\_msg_expandable_error:n` In expansion only context, we cannot use the normal means of reporting errors. Instead, we feed 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, TeX is processing the argument of `\use:n`, which is `\LaTeX3 error: <error message>`. Then `\_msg_expandable_error:w` cleans up. In fact, there is an extra subtlety: if the user inserts tokens for error recovery, they should be kept. Thus we also use an odd space character (with category code 7) and keep tokens until that space character, dropping everything else until `\q_stop`. The `\exp_end:` prevents losing braces around the user-inserted text if any, and stops the expansion of `\exp:w`. The group is used to prevent `\LaTeX3~error:` from being globally equal to `\scan_stop:`.

```
8863 \group_begin:
8864 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_msg_tmp:w #1#2
8865   {
8866     \cs_new:Npn \_msg_expandable_error:n ##1
8867       {
8868         \exp:w
8869         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
8870         \exp_after:wN \_msg_expandable_error:w
8871         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
8872         \exp_after:wN \exp_end:
8873         \use:n { #1 #2 ##1 } #2
8874       }
8875     \cs_new:Npn \_msg_expandable_error:w ##1 #2 ##2 #2 {##1}
8876   }
8877 \exp_args:Ncx \_msg_tmp:w { LaTeX3~error: }
8878   { \char_generate:nn { \ } { 7 } }
8879 \group_end:
```

(End definition for `\_msg_expandable_error:n` and `\_msg_expandable_error:w`.)

`\_kernel_msg_expandable_error:n` The command built from the csname `\c_@@_text_prefix_tl LaTeX / #1 / #2` takes four arguments and builds the error text, which is fed to `\_msg_expandable_error:n`.

```
\_kernel_msg_expandable_error:n
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\_kernel_msg_expandable_error:n
\_kernel_msg_expandable_error:n
8880 \cs_new:Npn \_kernel_msg_expandable_error:n #1#2#3#4#5#6
8881   {
8882     \exp_args:Nf \_msg_expandable_error:n
8883     {
8884       \exp_args:NNc \exp_after:wN \exp_stop_f:
8885       { \c_@@_text_prefix_tl LaTeX / #1 / #2 }
8886       {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
8887     }
8888   }
8889 \cs_new:Npn \_kernel_msg_expandable_error:n #1#2#3#4#5
8890   {
8891     \_kernel_msg_expandable_error:n #1#2#3#4#5
8892     {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} { }
8893   }
8894 \cs_new:Npn \_kernel_msg_expandable_error:n #1#2#3#4
8895   {
```

```

8896     \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn
8897         {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} { } { }
8898     }
8899 \cs_new:Npn \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn #1#2#3
8900     {
8901         \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn
8902             {#1} {#2} {#3} { } { } { }
8903     }
8904 \cs_new:Npn \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nn #1#2
8905     {
8906         \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn
8907             {#1} {#2} { } { } { } { }
8908     }

```

(End definition for `\__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn` and others.)

```

8909 </initex | package>

```

## 17 I3file implementation

The following test files are used for this code: `m3file001`.

```

8910 <*initex | package>
8911 <@@=file>

```

### 17.1 File operations

`\g_file_curr_dir_str`  
`\g_file_curr_ext_str`  
`\g_file_curr_name_str`

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 run. In  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$  package mode the current file name is collected from `\@currname`.

```

8912 \str_new:N \g_file_curr_dir_str
8913 \str_new:N \g_file_curr_ext_str
8914 \str_new:N \g_file_curr_name_str
8915 <*initex>
8916 \tex_everyjob:D \exp_after:wN
8917     {
8918         \tex_the:D \tex_everyjob:D
8919         \str_gset:Nx \g_file_curr_name_str { \tex_jobname:D }
8920     }
8921 </initex>
8922 <*package>
8923 \cs_if_exist:NT \@currname
8924     { \str_gset_eq:NN \g_file_curr_name_str \@currname }
8925 </package>

```

(End definition for `\g_file_curr_dir_str`, `\g_file_curr_ext_str`, and `\g_file_curr_name_str`. These variables are documented on page 145.)

`\g__file_stack_seq`

The input list of files is stored as a sequence stack. In package mode we can recover the information from the details held by  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$  (we must be in the preamble and loaded using `\usepackage` or `\RequirePackage`). As  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$  doesn't store directory and name separately, we stick to the same convention here.

```

8926 \seq_new:N \g__file_stack_seq
8927 <*package>

```

```

8928 \group_begin:
8929   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__file_tmp:w #1#2#3
8930     {
8931       \tl_if_blank:nTF {#1}
8932         {
8933           \cs_set:Npn \__file_tmp:w ##1 " ##2 " ##3 \q_stop { { } {##2} { } }
8934           \seq_gput_right:Nx \g__file_stack_seq
8935             {
8936               \exp_after:wN \__file_tmp:w \tex_jobname:D
8937                 " \tex_jobname:D " \q_stop
8938             }
8939         }
8940         {
8941           \seq_gput_right:Nn \g__file_stack_seq { { } {#1} {#2} }
8942           \__file_tmp:w
8943         }
8944     }
8945   \cs_if_exist:NT \@currnamestack
8946     { \exp_after:wN \__file_tmp:w \@currnamestack }
8947 \group_end:
8948 </package>

```

(End definition for `\g__file_stack_seq`.)

`\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`.

```

8949 \seq_new:N \g__file_record_seq
8950 <*initex>
8951 \tex_everyjob:D \exp_after:wN
8952   {
8953     \tex_the:D \tex_everyjob:D
8954     \seq_gput_right:NV \g__file_record_seq \g_file_curr_name_str
8955   }
8956 </initex>

```

(End definition for `\g__file_record_seq`.)

`\l__file_tmp_tl` Used as a short-term scratch variable.

```
8957 \tl_new:N \l__file_tmp_tl
```

(End definition for `\l__file_tmp_tl`.)

`\l__file_base_name_str` For storing the basename and full path whilst passing data internally.

```

\l__file_full_name_str 8958 \str_new:N \l__file_base_name_str
8959 \str_new:N \l__file_full_name_str

```

(End definition for `\l__file_base_name_str` and `\l__file_full_name_str`.)

`\l__file_dir_str` Used in parsing a path into parts: in contrast to the above, these are never used outside of the current module.

```

\l__file_ext_str
\l__file_name_str 8960 \str_new:N \l__file_dir_str
8961 \str_new:N \l__file_ext_str
8962 \str_new:N \l__file_name_str

```

(End definition for `\l__file_dir_str`, `\l__file_ext_str`, and `\l__file_name_str`.)

`\l_file_search_path_seq` The current search path.

```
8963 \seq_new:N \l_file_search_path_seq
```

(End definition for `\l_file_search_path_seq`. This variable is documented on page 145.)

`\l__file_tmp_seq` Scratch space for comma list conversion in package mode.

```
8964 \*package
8965 \seq_new:N \l__file_tmp_seq
8966 \*package
```

(End definition for `\l__file_tmp_seq`.)

`\__file_name_sanitize:nN` For converting a token list to a string where active characters are treated as strings from the start. The logic to the quoting normalisation is the same as used by `lualatexquotejobname`: check for balanced `"`, and assuming they balance strip all of them out before quoting the entire name if it contains spaces.

`\__file_name_quote:nN`  
`\__file_name_sanitize_aux:n`

```
8967 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_name_sanitize:nN #1#2
8968 {
8969   \group_begin:
8970   \seq_map_inline:Nn \l_char_active_seq
8971   {
8972     \tl_set:Nx \l__file_tmp_tl { \iow_char:N ##1 }
8973     \char_set_active_eq:NN ##1 \l__file_tmp_tl
8974   }
8975   \tl_set:Nx \l__file_tmp_tl {#1}
8976   \tl_set:Nx \l__file_tmp_tl
8977   { \tl_to_str:N \l__file_tmp_tl }
8978   \exp_args:NNNV \group_end:
8979   \str_set:Nn #2 \l__file_tmp_tl
8980 }
8981 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_name_quote:nN #1#2
8982 {
8983   \str_set:Nx #2 {#1}
8984   \int_if_even:nF
8985   { 0 \tl_map_function:NN #2 \__file_name_quote_aux:n }
8986   {
8987     \__kernel_msg_error:nxx
8988     { kernel } { unbalanced-quote-in-filename } {#2}
8989   }
8990   \tl_remove_all:Nn #2 { " }
8991   \tl_if_in:NnT #2 { ~ }
8992   { \str_set:Nx #2 { " \exp_not:V #2 " } }
8993 }
8994 \cs_new:Npn \__file_name_quote_aux:n #1
8995 { \token_if_eq_charcode:NNT #1 " { + 1 } }
```

(End definition for `\__file_name_sanitize:nN`, `\__file_name_quote:nN`, and `\__file_name_sanitize_aux:n`.)

`\file_get_full_name:nN` The way to test if a file exists is to try to open it: if it does not exist then T<sub>E</sub>X reports end-of-file. A search is made looking at each potential path in turn (starting from the current directory). The first location is of course treated as the correct one: this is done

`\file_get_full_name:VN`  
`\__file_get_full_name_search:nN`

by jumping to `\__prg_break_point:`. If nothing is found, #2 is returned empty. A special case when there is no extension is that once the first location is found we test the existence of the file with `.tex` extension in that directory, and if it exists we include the `.tex` extension in the result.

```

8996 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_get_full_name:nN #1#2
8997 {
8998   \__file_name_sanitize:nN {#1} \l__file_base_name_str
8999   \__file_get_full_name_search:nN { } \use:n
9000   \seq_map_inline:Nn \l_file_search_path_seq
9001   { \__file_get_full_name_search:nN { ##1 / } \seq_map_break:n }
9002 (*package)
9003   \cs_if_exist:NT \input@path
9004   {
9005     \tl_map_inline:Nn \input@path
9006     { \__file_get_full_name_search:nN { ##1 } \tl_map_break:n }
9007   }
9008 </package>
9009   \str_clear:N \l__file_full_name_str
9010   \__prg_break_point:
9011   \str_if_empty:NF \l__file_full_name_str
9012   {
9013     \exp_args:NV \file_parse_full_name:nNNN \l__file_full_name_str
9014     \l__file_dir_str \l__file_name_str \l__file_ext_str
9015     \str_if_empty:NT \l__file_ext_str
9016     {
9017       \__ior_open:No \g__file_internal_ior
9018       { \l__file_full_name_str .tex }
9019       \ior_if_eof:NF \g__file_internal_ior
9020       { \str_put_right:Nn \l__file_full_name_str { .tex } }
9021     }
9022   }
9023   \str_set_eq:NN #2 \l__file_full_name_str
9024   \ior_close:N \g__file_internal_ior
9025 }
9026 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \file_get_full_name:nN { V }
9027 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_get_full_name_search:nN #1#2
9028 {
9029   \__file_name_quote:nN
9030   { \tl_to_str:n {#1} \l__file_base_name_str }
9031   \l__file_full_name_str
9032   \__ior_open:No \g__file_internal_ior \l__file_full_name_str
9033   \ior_if_eof:NF \g__file_internal_ior { #2 { \__prg_break: } }
9034 }

```

*(End definition for `\file_get_full_name:nN` and `\__file_get_full_name_search:nN`. This function is documented on page 146.)*

**`\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 contains something, whereas if the file was not located then the return value is empty.

```

9035 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \file_if_exist:n #1 { T , F , TF }
9036 {
9037   \file_get_full_name:nN {#1} \l__file_full_name_str
9038   \str_if_empty:NTF \l__file_full_name_str

```

```

9039     { \prg_return_false: }
9040     { \prg_return_true: }
9041   }

```

(End definition for `\file_if_exist:nTF`. This function is documented on page 145.)

`\__file_missing:n` An error message for a missing file, also used in `\ior_open:Nn`.

```

9042 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_missing:n #1
9043   {
9044     \__file_name_sanitize:nN {#1} \l__file_base_name_str
9045     \__kernel_msg_error:nnx { kernel } { file-not-found }
9046     { \l__file_base_name_str }
9047   }

```

(End definition for `\__file_missing:n`.)

**`\file_input:n`** Loading a file is done in a safe way, checking first that the file exists and loading only

`\__file_input:n` if it does. Push the file name on the `\g__file_stack_seq`, and add it to the file list, either `\g__file_record_seq`, or `\@filelist` in package mode.

```

\__file_input:V
\__file_input_push:n
\__file_input_pop:
\__file_input_pop:nnn
9048 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_input:n #1
9049   {
9050     \file_get_full_name:nN {#1} \l__file_full_name_str
9051     \str_if_empty:NTF \l__file_full_name_str
9052     { \__file_missing:n {#1} }
9053     { \__file_input:V \l__file_full_name_str }
9054   }
9055 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_input:n #1
9056   {
9057     <*\initex>
9058     \seq_gput_right:Nn \g__file_record_seq {#1}
9059     </\initex>
9060     <*\package>
9061     \clist_if_exist:NTF \@filelist
9062     { \@addtofilelist {#1} }
9063     { \seq_gput_right:Nn \g__file_record_seq {#1} }
9064     </\package>
9065     \__file_input_push:n {#1}
9066     \tex_input:D #1 \c_space_tl
9067     \__file_input_pop:
9068   }
9069 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__file_input:n { V }

```

Keeping a track of the file data is easy enough: we store the separated parts so we do not need to parse them twice.

```

9070 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_input_push:n #1
9071   {
9072     \seq_gpush:Nx \g__file_stack_seq
9073     {
9074       { \g_file_curr_dir_str }
9075       { \g_file_curr_name_str }
9076       { \g_file_curr_ext_str }
9077     }
9078     \file_parse_full_name:nNNN {#1}
9079     \l__file_dir_str \l__file_name_str \l__file_ext_str
9080     \str_gset_eq:NN \g_file_curr_dir_str \l__file_dir_str

```

```

9081     \str_gset_eq:NN \g_file_curr_name_str \l__file_name_str
9082     \str_gset_eq:NN \g_file_curr_ext_str \l__file_ext_str
9083   }
9084 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_input_pop:
9085   {
9086     \seq_gpop:NN \g__file_stack_seq \l__file_tmp_tl
9087     \exp_after:wN \__file_input_pop:nnn \l__file_tmp_tl
9088   }
9089 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_input_pop:nnn #1#2#3
9090   {
9091     \str_gset:Nn \g_file_curr_dir_str {#1}
9092     \str_gset:Nn \g_file_curr_name_str {#2}
9093     \str_gset:Nn \g_file_curr_ext_str {#3}
9094   }

```

(End definition for `\file_input:n` and others. This function is documented on page 146.)

```

\file_parse_full_name:nNNN
  \__file_parse_full_name_auxi:w
  \__file_parse_full_name_split:nNNNTF

```

Parsing starts by stripping off any surrounding quotes. Then find the directory #4 by splitting at the last /. (The auxiliary returns true/false depending on whether it found the delimiter.) We correct for the case of a file in the root /, as in that case we wish to keep the trailing (and only) slash. Then split the base name #5 at the last dot. If there was indeed a dot, #5 contains the name and #6 the extension without the dot, which we add back for convenience. In the special case of no extension given, the auxiliary stored the name into #6, we just have to move it to #5.

```

9095 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_parse_full_name:nNNN #1#2#3#4
9096   {
9097     \exp_after:wN \__file_parse_full_name_auxi:w
9098     \tl_to_str:n { #1 " #1 " } \q_stop #2#3#4
9099   }
9100 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_parse_full_name_auxi:w #1 " #2 " #3 \q_stop #4#5#6
9101   {
9102     \__file_parse_full_name_split:nNNNTF {#2} / #4 #5
9103     { \str_if_empty:NT #4 { \str_set:Nn #4 { / } } }
9104     { }
9105     \exp_args:No \__file_parse_full_name_split:nNNNTF {#5} . #5 #6
9106     { \str_put_left:Nn #6 { . } }
9107     {
9108       \str_set_eq:NN #5 #6
9109       \str_clear:N #6
9110     }
9111   }
9112 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_parse_full_name_split:nNNNTF #1#2#3#4
9113   {
9114     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__file_tmp:w ##1 ##2 #2 ##3 \q_stop
9115     {
9116       \tl_if_empty:nTF {##3}
9117       {
9118         \str_set:Nn #4 {##2}
9119         \tl_if_empty:nTF {##1}
9120         {
9121           \str_clear:N #3
9122           \use_ii:nn
9123         }
9124       }

```

```

9125         \str_set:Nx #3 { \str_tail:n {##1} }
9126         \use_i:nn
9127     }
9128 }
9129 { \__file_tmp:w { ##1 #2 ##2 } ##3 \q_stop }
9130 }
9131 \__file_tmp:w { } #1 #2 \q_stop
9132 }

```

(End definition for `\file_parse_full_name:nNNN`, `\__file_parse_full_name_auxi:w`, and `\__file_parse_full_name_split:nNNTF`. This function is documented on page 146.)

`\file_show_list:` A function to list all files used to the log, without duplicates. In package mode, if `\file_log_list:` `\@filelist` is still defined, we need to take this list of file names into account (we capture it `\AtBeginDocument` into `\g__file_record_seq`), turning it to a string (this does not affect the commas of this comma list).

`\__file_list:N`  
`\__file_list_aux:n`

```

9133 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_show_list: { \__file_list:N \msg_show:nnxxxx }
9134 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_log_list: { \__file_list:N \msg_log:nnxxxx }
9135 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_list:N #1
9136 {
9137     \seq_clear:N \l__file_tmp_seq
9138     (*package)
9139     \clist_if_exist:NT \@filelist
9140     {
9141         \exp_args:NNx \seq_set_from_clist:Nn \l__file_tmp_seq
9142         { \tl_to_str:N \@filelist }
9143     }
9144     (/package)
9145     \seq_concat:NNN \l__file_tmp_seq \l__file_tmp_seq \g__file_record_seq
9146     \seq_remove_duplicates:N \l__file_tmp_seq
9147     #1 { LaTeX/kernel } { file-list }
9148     { \seq_map_function:NN \l__file_tmp_seq \__file_list_aux:n } { } { } { }
9149 }
9150 \cs_new:Npn \__file_list_aux:n #1 { \iow_newline: #1 }

```

(End definition for `\file_show_list:` and others. These functions are documented on page 146.)

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`.

```

9151 (*package)
9152 \AtBeginDocument
9153 {
9154     \exp_args:NNx \seq_set_from_clist:Nn \l__file_tmp_seq
9155     { \tl_to_str:N \@filelist }
9156     \seq_gconcat:NNN \g__file_record_seq \g__file_record_seq \l__file_tmp_seq
9157 }
9158 (/package)

```

## 17.2 Input operations

```

9159 (@@=ior)

```

### 17.2.1 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.

```
9160 \int_const:Nn \c_term_ior { 16 }
```

(End definition for `\c_term_ior`. This variable is documented on page 153.)

`\g__ior_streams_seq` A list of the currently-available input streams to be used as a stack. In format mode, all streams (from 0 to 15) are available, while the package requests streams to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>Ε</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> as they are needed (initially none are needed), so the starting point varies!

```
9161 \seq_new:N \g__ior_streams_seq
9162 <*initex>
9163 \seq_gset_split:Nnn \g__ior_streams_seq { , }
9164 { 0 , 1 , 2 , 3 , 4 , 5 , 6 , 7 , 8 , 9 , 10 , 11 , 12 , 13 , 14 , 15 }
9165 </initex>
```

(End definition for `\g__ior_streams_seq`.)

`\l__ior_stream_tl` Used to recover the raw stream number from the stack.

```
9166 \tl_new:N \l__ior_stream_tl
```

(End definition for `\l__ior_stream_tl`.)

`\g__ior_streams_prop` The name of the file attached to each stream is tracked in a property list. To get the correct number of reserved streams in package mode the underlying mechanism needs to be queried. For L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>Ε</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> and plain T<sub>Ε</sub>X this data is stored in `\count16`: with the `etex` package loaded we need to subtract 1 as the register holds the number of the next stream to use. In ConT<sub>Ε</sub>Xt, we need to look at `\count38` but there is no subtraction: like the original plain T<sub>Ε</sub>X/L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>Ε</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> mechanism it holds the value of the *last* stream allocated.

```
9167 \prop_new:N \g__ior_streams_prop
9168 <*package>
9169 \int_step_inline:nnnn
9170 { 0 }
9171 { 1 }
9172 {
9173   \cs_if_exist:NTF \normalend
9174   { \tex_count:D 38 ~ }
9175   {
9176     \tex_count:D 16 ~ %
9177     \cs_if_exist:NT \loccount { - 1 }
9178   }
9179 }
9180 {
9181   \prop_gput:Nnn \g__ior_streams_prop {#1} { Reserved-by~format }
9182 }
9183 </package>
```

(End definition for `\g__ior_streams_prop`.)

## 17.2.2 Stream management

`\ior_new:N` Reserving a new stream is done by defining the name as equal to using the terminal.

```
\ior_new:c      9184 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_new:N #1 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \c_term_ior }
                9185 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \ior_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\ior_new:N`. This function is documented on page 147.)

`\g_tmpa_ior` The usual scratch space.

```
\g_tmpa_ior    9186 \ior_new:N \g_tmpa_ior
\g_tmpb_ior    9187 \ior_new:N \g_tmpb_ior
```

(End definition for `\g_tmpa_ior` and `\g_tmpb_ior`. These variables are documented on page 153.)

`\ior_open:Nn` Use the conditional version, with an error if the file is not found.

```
\ior_open:cn   9188 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_open:Nn #1#2
                9189   { \ior_open:NnF #1 {#2} { \__file_missing:n {#2} } }
                9190 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \ior_open:Nn { c }
```

(End definition for `\ior_open:Nn`. This function is documented on page 147.)

`\ior_open:NnTF` An auxiliary searches for the file in the  $\text{\TeX}$ ,  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$  and  $\text{\LaTeX} 3$  paths. Then pass the  
`\ior_open:cnTF` file found to the lower-level function which deals with streams. The `full_name` is empty when the file is not found.

```
9191 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \ior_open:Nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
9192   {
9193     \file_get_full_name:nN {#2} \l__file_full_name_str
9194     \str_if_empty:NTF \l__file_full_name_str
9195       { \prg_return_false: }
9196       {
9197         \__ior_open:No #1 \l__file_full_name_str
9198         \prg_return_true:
9199       }
9200   }
9201 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \ior_open:Nn { c } { T , F , TF }
```

(End definition for `\ior_open:NnTF`. This function is documented on page 147.)

`\__ior_new:N` In package mode, streams are reserved using `\newread` before they can be managed by `ior`. To prevent `ior` from being affected by redefinitions of `\newread` (such as done by the third-party package `morewrites`), this macro is saved here under a private name. The complicated code ensures that `\__ior_new:N` is not `\outer` despite plain  $\text{\TeX}$ 's `\newread` being `\outer`.

```
9202 \package
9203 \exp_args:Nmf \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_new:N
9204   { \exp_args:Nnc \exp_after:wN \exp_stop_f: { newread } }
9205 \package
```

(End definition for `\__ior_new:N`.)

`\__ior_open:Nn` The stream allocation itself uses the fact that there is a list of all of those available, so  
`\__ior_open:No` allocation is simply a question of using the number at the top of the list. In package  
`\__ior_open_stream:Nn` mode, life gets more complex as it's important to keep things in sync. That is done using  
a two-part approach: any streams that have already been taken up by `ior` but are now  
free are tracked, so we first try those. If that fails, ask plain `TeX` or `LATeX 2ε` for a new  
stream and use that number (after a bit of conversion).

```

9206 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_open:Nn #1#2
9207 {
9208   \ior_close:N #1
9209   \seq_gpop:NNTF \g__ior_streams_seq \l__ior_stream_tl
9210   { \__ior_open_stream:Nn #1 {#2} }
9211 (*initex)
9212   { \__kernel_msg_fatal:nn { kernel } { input-streams-exhausted } }
9213 
```

(End definition for `\__ior_open:Nn` and `\__ior_open_stream:Nn`.)

`\ior_close:N` Closing a stream means getting rid of it at the `TeX` level and removing from the various  
`\ior_close:c` data structures. Unless the name passed is an invalid stream number (outside the range  
`[0, 15]`), it can be closed. On the other hand, it only gets added to the stack if it was not  
already there, to avoid duplicates building up.

```

9229 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_close:N #1
9230 {
9231   \int_compare:nT { -1 < #1 < \c_term_ior }
9232   {
9233     \tex_closein:D #1
9234     \prop_gremove:NV \g__ior_streams_prop #1
9235     \seq_if_in:NVF \g__ior_streams_seq #1
9236     { \seq_gpush:NV \g__ior_streams_seq #1 }
9237     \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_term_ior
9238   }
9239 }
9240 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \ior_close:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\ior_close:N`. This function is documented on page 147.)

`\ior_show_list:` Show the property lists, but with some “pretty printing”. See the `l3msg` module. The  
`\ior_log_list:` first argument of the message is `ior` (as opposed to `iow`) and the second is empty if no  
`\__ior_list:N`

read stream is open and non-empty (the list of streams formatted using `\msg_show_item_unbraced:nn`) otherwise. The code of the message `show-streams` takes care of translating `ior/iow` to English.

```

9241 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_show_list: { \__ior_list:N \msg_show:nnxxxx }
9242 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_log_list: { \__ior_list:N \msg_log:nnxxxx }
9243 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_list:N #1
9244   {
9245     #1 { LaTeX / kernel } { show-streams }
9246     { ior }
9247     {
9248       \prop_map_function:NN \g__ior_streams_prop
9249       \msg_show_item_unbraced:nn
9250     }
9251     { } { }
9252   }

```

(End definition for `\ior_show_list:`, `\ior_log_list:`, and `\__ior_list:N`. These functions are documented on page 147.)

### 17.2.3 Reading input

`\if_eof:w` The primitive conditional

```

9253 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_eof:w \tex_ifeof:D

```

(End definition for `\if_eof:w`. This function is documented on page 153.)

`\ior_if_eof_p:N` To test if some particular input stream is exhausted the following conditional is provided.  
`\ior_if_eof:NTF` The primitive test can only deal with numbers in the range  $[0, 15]$  so we catch outliers (they are exhausted).

```

9254 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \ior_if_eof:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
9255   {
9256     \cs_if_exist:NTF #1
9257     {
9258       \int_compare:nTF { -1 < #1 < \c_term_ior }
9259       {
9260         \if_eof:w #1
9261         \prg_return_true:
9262         \else:
9263         \prg_return_false:
9264         \fi:
9265       }
9266       { \prg_return_true: }
9267     }
9268     { \prg_return_true: }
9269   }

```

(End definition for `\ior_if_eof:NTF`. This function is documented on page 150.)

`\ior_get:NN` And here we read from files.

```

9270 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_get:NN #1#2
9271   { \tex_read:D #1 to #2 }

```

(End definition for `\ior_get:NN`. This function is documented on page 148.)

`\ior_str_get:NN` Reading as strings is a more complicated wrapper, as we wish to remove the endline character.

```

9272 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_str_get:NN #1#2
9273 {
9274   \use:x
9275   {
9276     \int_set:Nn \tex_endlinechar:D { -1 }
9277     \exp_not:n { \etex_readline:D #1 to #2 }
9278     \int_set:Nn \tex_endlinechar:D { \int_use:N \tex_endlinechar:D }
9279   }
9280 }

```

(End definition for `\ior_str_get:NN`. This function is documented on page 148.)

`\ior_map_break:` Usual map breaking functions.

```

\ior_map_break:n
9281 \cs_new:Npn \ior_map_break:
9282 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \ior_map_break: { } }
9283 \cs_new:Npn \ior_map_break:n
9284 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \ior_map_break: }

```

(End definition for `\ior_map_break:` and `\ior_map_break:n`. These functions are documented on page 149.)

`\ior_map_inline:Nn` Mapping to an input stream can be done on either a token or a string basis, hence the  
`\ior_str_map_inline:Nn` set up. Within that, there is a check to avoid reading past the end of a file, hence the  
`\__ior_map_inline:NNn` two applications of `\ior_if_eof:N`. This mapping cannot be nested with twice the same  
`\__ior_map_inline:NNNn` stream, as the stream has only one “current line”.  
`\__ior_map_inline_loop:NNN`

```

\l_ior_internal_tl
9285 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_map_inline:Nn
9286 { \__ior_map_inline:NNn \ior_get:NN }
9287 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_str_map_inline:Nn
9288 { \__ior_map_inline:NNn \ior_str_get:NN }
9289 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_map_inline:NNn
9290 {
9291   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
9292   \exp_args:Nc \__ior_map_inline:NNNn
9293   { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :n }
9294 }
9295 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_map_inline:NNNn #1#2#3#4
9296 {
9297   \cs_gset_protected:Npn #1 ##1 {#4}
9298   \ior_if_eof:NF #3 { \__ior_map_inline_loop:NNN #1#2#3 }
9299   \__prg_break_point:Nn \ior_map_break:
9300   { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
9301 }
9302 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_map_inline_loop:NNN #1#2#3
9303 {
9304   #2 #3 \l_ior_internal_tl
9305   \ior_if_eof:NF #3
9306   {
9307     \exp_args:No #1 \l_ior_internal_tl
9308     \__ior_map_inline_loop:NNN #1#2#3
9309   }
9310 }
9311 \tl_new:N \l_ior_internal_tl

```

(End definition for `\ior_map_inline:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 149.)

`\g__file_internal_ior` Needed by the higher-level code, but cannot be created until here.

```
9312 \ior_new:N \g__file_internal_ior
```

(End definition for `\g__file_internal_ior`.)

## 17.3 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 with minor alterations.

### 17.3.1 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`). Recent LuaTeX provide 128 write streams; we also use `\c_term_iow` as the first non-allowed write stream so its value depends on the engine.

```
9314 \int_const:Nn \c_log_iow { -1 }
9315 \int_const:Nn \c_term_iow
9316 {
9317   \cs_if_exist:NTF \luatex_directlua:D
9318     {
9319       \int_compare:nNnTF \luatex_luaTeXversion:D > { 80 }
9320         { 128 }
9321         { 16 }
9322     }
9323     { 16 }
9324 }
```

(End definition for `\c_log_iow` and `\c_term_iow`. These variables are documented on page 153.)

`\g__iow_streams_seq` A list of the currently-available output streams to be used as a stack.

```
9325 \seq_new:N \g__iow_streams_seq
9326 <*initex>
9327 \use:x
9328 {
9329   \exp_not:n { \seq_gset_split:Nnn \g__iow_streams_seq { } }
9330   {
9331     \int_step_function:nnnN { 0 } { 1 } { \c_term_iow }
9332     \prg_do_nothing:
9333   }
9334 }
9335 </initex>
```

(End definition for `\g__iow_streams_seq`.)

`\l__iow_stream_tl` Used to recover the raw stream number from the stack.

```
9336 \tl_new:N \l__iow_stream_tl
```

(End definition for `\l__iow_stream_tl`.)

`\g__iow_streams_prop` As for reads with the appropriate adjustment of the register numbers to check on.

```

9337 \prop_new:N \g__iow_streams_prop
9338 <*package>
9339 \int_step_inline:nnnn
9340   { 0 }
9341   { 1 }
9342   {
9343     \cs_if_exist:NTF \normalend
9344       { \tex_count:D 39 ~ }
9345       {
9346         \tex_count:D 17 ~
9347         \cs_if_exist:NT \loccount { - 1 }
9348       }
9349     }
9350   {
9351     \prop_gput:Nnn \g__iow_streams_prop {#1} { Reserved-by-format }
9352   }
9353 </package>

```

(End definition for `\g__iow_streams_prop`.)

## 17.4 Stream management

`\iow_new:N` Reserving a new stream is done by defining the name as equal to writing to the terminal:  
`\iow_new:c` odd but at least consistent.

```

9354 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_new:N #1 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \c_term_iow }
9355 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\iow_new:N`. This function is documented on page 147.)

`\g_tmpa_iow` The usual scratch space.

`\g_tmpb_iow`

```

9356 \iow_new:N \g_tmpa_iow
9357 \iow_new:N \g_tmpb_iow

```

(End definition for `\g_tmpa_iow` and `\g_tmpb_iow`. These variables are documented on page 153.)

`\__iow_new:N` As for read streams, copy `\newwrite` in package mode, making sure that it is not `\outer`.

```

9358 <*package>
9359 \exp_args:NNf \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_new:N
9360   { \exp_args:Nnc \exp_after:wN \exp_stop_f: { newwrite } }
9361 </package>

```

(End definition for `\__iow_new:N`.)

`\iow_open:Nn` The same idea as for reading, but without the path and without the need to allow for a  
`\iow_open:cn` conditional version.

```

\__iow_open_stream:Nn 9362 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_open:Nn #1#2
\__iow_open_stream:NV 9363   {
9364     \__file_name_sanitize:nN {#2} \l__file_base_name_str
9365     \iow_close:N #1
9366     \seq_gpop:NNTF \g__iow_streams_seq \l__iow_stream_tl
9367     { \__iow_open_stream:NV #1 \l__file_base_name_str }
9368 <*initex>
9369     { \__kernel_msg_fatal:nn { kernel } { output-streams-exhausted } } }

```

```

9370 </initex>
9371 <{*package>
9372   {
9373     \__iow_new:N #1
9374     \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_stream_tl { \int_eval:n {#1} }
9375     \__iow_open_stream:NV #1 \l__file_base_name_str
9376   }
9377 </package>
9378 }
9379 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_open:Nn { c }
9380 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_open_stream:Nn #1#2
9381   {
9382     \tex_global:D \tex_chardef:D #1 = \l__iow_stream_tl \scan_stop:
9383     \prop_gput:NVn \g__iow_streams_prop #1 {#2}
9384     \tex_immediate:D \tex_openout:D #1 #2 \scan_stop:
9385   }
9386 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__iow_open_stream:Nn { NV }

```

(End definition for `\iow_open:Nn` and `\__iow_open_stream:Nn`. This function is documented on page 147.)

`\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`

```

9387 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_close:N #1
9388   {
9389     \int_compare:nT { - \c_log_iow < #1 < \c_term_iow }
9390     {
9391       \tex_immediate:D \tex_closeout:D #1
9392       \prop_gremove:NV \g__iow_streams_prop #1
9393       \seq_if_in:NVF \g__iow_streams_seq #1
9394         { \seq_gpush:NV \g__iow_streams_seq #1 }
9395       \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_term_iow
9396     }
9397   }
9398 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_close:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\iow_close:N`. This function is documented on page 147.)

`\iow_show_list:` Done as for input, but with a copy of the auxiliary so the name is correct.

`\iow_log_list:`

`\__iow_list:N`

```

9399 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_show_list: { \__iow_list:N \msg_show:nnxxxx }
9400 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_log_list: { \__iow_list:N \msg_log:nnxxxx }
9401 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_list:N #1
9402   {
9403     #1 { LaTeX / kernel } { show-streams }
9404     { iow }
9405     {
9406       \prop_map_function:NN \g__iow_streams_prop
9407         \msg_show_item_unbraced:nn
9408     }
9409     { } { }
9410   }

```

(End definition for `\iow_show_list:`, `\iow_log_list:`, and `\__iow_list:N`. These functions are documented on page 147.)

### 17.4.1 Deferred writing

`\iow_shipout_x:Nn` First the easy part, this is the primitive, which expects its argument to be braced.

```

\iow_shipout_x:Nx 9411 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_shipout_x:Nn #1#2
\iow_shipout_x:cn 9412 { \tex_write:D #1 {#2} }
\iow_shipout_x:cx 9413 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_shipout_x:Nn { c, Nx, cx }

```

(End definition for `\iow_shipout_x:Nn`. This function is documented on page 151.)

`\iow_shipout:Nn` With  $\varepsilon$ -TeX available deferred writing without expansion is easy.

```

\iow_shipout:Nx 9414 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_shipout:Nn #1#2
\iow_shipout:cn 9415 { \tex_write:D #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
\iow_shipout:cx 9416 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_shipout:Nn { c, Nx, cx }

```

(End definition for `\iow_shipout:Nn`. This function is documented on page 151.)

### 17.4.2 Immediate writing

`\__iow_with:Nnn` If the integer #1 is equal to #2, just leave #3 in the input stream. Otherwise, pass the old value to an auxiliary, which sets the integer to the new value, runs the code, and restores the integer.

```

9417 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_with:Nnn #1#2
9418 {
9419   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = {#2}
9420     { \use:n }
9421     { \exp_args:No \__iow_with_aux:nNnn { \int_use:N #1 } #1 {#2} }
9422 }
9423 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_with_aux:nNnn #1#2#3#4
9424 {
9425   \int_set:Nn #2 {#3}
9426   #4
9427   \int_set:Nn #2 {#1}
9428 }

```

(End definition for `\__iow_with:Nnn` and `\__iow_with_aux:nNnn`.)

`\iow_now:Nn` This routine writes the second argument onto the output stream without expansion. If 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. We set the `\newlinechar` to 10 using `\__iow_with:Nnn` to support formats such as plain TeX: otherwise, `\iow_newline:` would not work. We do not do this for `\iow_shipout:Nn` or `\iow_shipout_x:Nn`, as TeX looks at the value of the `\newlinechar` at shipout time in those cases.

```

9429 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_now:Nn #1#2
9430 {
9431   \__iow_with:Nnn \tex_newlinechar:D { '\^^J }
9432   { \tex_immediate:D \tex_write:D #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
9433 }
9434 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_now:Nn { c, Nx, cx }

```

(End definition for `\iow_now:Nn`. This function is documented on page 150.)

`\iow_log:n` Writing to the log and the terminal directly are relatively easy.

```

\iow_log:x 9435 \cs_set_protected:Npn \iow_log:x { \iow_now:Nx \c_log_iow }
\iow_term:n 9436 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_log:n { \iow_now:Nn \c_log_iow }
\iow_term:x 9437 \cs_set_protected:Npn \iow_term:x { \iow_now:Nx \c_term_iow }
           9438 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_term:n { \iow_now:Nn \c_term_iow }

```

(End definition for `\iow_log:n` and `\iow_term:n`. These functions are documented on page 150.)

### 17.4.3 Special characters for writing

`\iow_newline:` Global variable holding the character that forces a new line when something is written to an output stream.

```
9439 \cs_new:Npn \iow_newline: { ^^J }
```

(End definition for `\iow_newline:`. This function is documented on page 151.)

`\iow_char:N` Function to write any escaped char to an output stream.

```
9440 \cs_new_eq:NN \iow_char:N \cs_to_str:N
```

(End definition for `\iow_char:N`. This function is documented on page 151.)

### 17.4.4 Hard-wrapping lines to a character count

The code here implements a generic hard-wrapping function. This is used by the messaging system, but is designed such that it is available for other uses.

`\l_iow_line_count_int` This is the “raw” number of characters in a line which can be written to the terminal. The standard value is the line length typically used by T<sub>E</sub>XLive and MikT<sub>E</sub>X.

```
9441 \int_new:N \l_iow_line_count_int
9442 \int_set:Nn \l_iow_line_count_int { 78 }
```

(End definition for `\l_iow_line_count_int`. This variable is documented on page 152.)

`\l__iow_newline_tl` The token list inserted to produce a new line, with the *⟨run-on text⟩*.

```
9443 \tl_new:N \l__iow_newline_tl
```

(End definition for `\l__iow_newline_tl`.)

`\l__iow_line_target_int` This stores the target line count: the full number of characters in a line, minus any part for a leader at the start of each line.

```
9444 \int_new:N \l__iow_line_target_int
```

(End definition for `\l__iow_line_target_int`.)

`\__iow_set_indent:n` The `one_indent` variables hold one indentation marker and its length. The `\__iow_unindent:w` auxiliary removes one indentation. The function `\__iow_set_indent:n` (that could possibly be public) sets the indentation in a consistent way. We set it to four spaces by default.

```

9445 \tl_new:N \l__iow_one_indent_tl
9446 \int_new:N \l__iow_one_indent_int
9447 \cs_new:Npn \__iow_unindent:w { }
9448 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_set_indent:n #1
9449 {
9450   \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_one_indent_tl

```

```

9451     { \exp_args:No \__str_to_other_fast:n { \tl_to_str:n {#1} } }
9452 \int_set:Nn \l__iow_one_indent_int { \str_count:N \l__iow_one_indent_tl }
9453 \exp_last_unbraced:NNo
9454     \cs_set:Npn \__iow_unindent:w \l__iow_one_indent_tl { }
9455 }
9456 \exp_args:Nx \__iow_set_indent:n { \prg_replicate:nn { 4 } { ~ } }

```

(End definition for `\__iow_set_indent:n` and others.)

`\l__iow_indent_tl` `\l__iow_indent_int` The current indentation (some copies of `\l__iow_one_indent_tl`) and its number of characters.

```

9457 \tl_new:N \l__iow_indent_tl
9458 \int_new:N \l__iow_indent_int

```

(End definition for `\l__iow_indent_tl` and `\l__iow_indent_int`.)

`\l__iow_line_tl` `\l__iow_line_part_tl` These hold the current line of text and a partial line to be added to it, respectively.

```

9459 \tl_new:N \l__iow_line_tl
9460 \tl_new:N \l__iow_line_part_tl

```

(End definition for `\l__iow_line_tl` and `\l__iow_line_part_tl`.)

`\l__iow_line_break_bool` Indicates whether the line was broken precisely at a chunk boundary.

```

9461 \bool_new:N \l__iow_line_break_bool

```

(End definition for `\l__iow_line_break_bool`.)

`\l__iow_wrap_tl` Used for the expansion step before detokenizing, and for the output from wrapping text: fully expanded and with lines which are not overly long.

```

9462 \tl_new:N \l__iow_wrap_tl

```

(End definition for `\l__iow_wrap_tl`.)

`\c__iow_wrap_marker_tl` `\c__iow_wrap_end_marker_tl` `\c__iow_wrap_newline_marker_tl` `\c__iow_wrap_indent_marker_tl` `\c__iow_wrap_unindent_marker_tl` Every special action of the wrapping code starts with 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 marginally nicer.

```

9463 \group_begin:
9464   \int_set:Nn \tex_escapechar:D { -1 }
9465   \tl_const:Nx \c__iow_wrap_marker_tl
9466     { \tl_to_str:n { \^^I \^^O \^^W \^^_ \^^W \^^R \^^A \^^P } }
9467 \group_end:
9468 \tl_map_inline:nn
9469   { { end } { newline } { indent } { unindent } }
9470   {
9471     \tl_const:cx { c__iow_wrap_ #1 _marker_tl }
9472     {
9473       \c__iow_wrap_marker_tl
9474       #1
9475       \c_catcode_other_space_tl
9476     }
9477   }

```

(End definition for `\c__iow_wrap_marker_tl` and others.)

`\iow_indent:n` We set `\iow_indent:n` to produce an error when outside messages. Within wrapped message, it is set to `\__iow_indent:n` when valid and otherwise to `\__iow_indent_error:n`.  
`\__iow_indent:n` The first places the instruction for increasing the indentation before its argument, and  
`\__iow_indent_error:n` the instruction for unindenting afterwards. The second produces an error expandably. Note that there are no forced line-break, so the indentation only changes when the next line is started.

```

9478 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_indent:n #1
9479 {
9480   \__kernel_msg_error:nnnnn { kernel } { iow-indent }
9481   { \iow_wrap:nnnN } { \iow_indent:n } {#1}
9482   #1
9483 }
9484 \cs_new:Npx \__iow_indent:n #1
9485 {
9486   \c__iow_wrap_indent_marker_tl
9487   #1
9488   \c__iow_wrap_unindent_marker_tl
9489 }
9490 \cs_new:Npn \__iow_indent_error:n #1
9491 {
9492   \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnnn { kernel } { iow-indent }
9493   { \iow_wrap:nnnN } { \iow_indent:n } {#1}
9494   #1
9495 }

```

(End definition for `\iow_indent:n`, `\__iow_indent:n`, and `\__iow_indent_error:n`. This function is documented on page 152.)

`\iow_wrap:nnnN` The main wrapping function works as follows. First give `\`, `\_` and other formatting commands the correct definition for messages and perform the given setup #3. The definition of `\_` uses an “other” space rather than a normal space, because the latter might be absorbed by `TEX` to end a number or other f-type expansions.

```

9496 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_wrap:nnnN #1#2#3#4
9497 {
9498   \group_begin:
9499   \int_set:Nn \tex_escapechar:D { -1 }
9500   \cs_set:Npx \{ { \token_to_str:N \{ }
9501   \cs_set:Npx \# { \token_to_str:N \# }
9502   \cs_set:Npx \} { \token_to_str:N \} }
9503   \cs_set:Npx \% { \token_to_str:N \% }
9504   \cs_set:Npx \~ { \token_to_str:N \~ }
9505   \int_set:Nn \tex_escapechar:D { 92 }
9506   \cs_set_eq:NN \ \ \iow_newline:
9507   \cs_set_eq:NN \ \_ \c_catcode_other_space_tl
9508   \cs_set_eq:NN \iow_indent:n \__iow_indent:n
9509   #3

```

Then fully-expand the input: in package mode, the expansion uses `LATEX 2ε`'s `\protect` mechanism in the same way as `\typeout`. In generic mode this setting is useless but harmless. As soon as the expansion is done, reset `\iow_indent:n` to its error definition: it only works in the first argument of `\iow_wrap:nnnN`.

```

9510 (package) \cs_set_eq:NN \protect \token_to_str:N
9511 \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_wrap_tl {#1}
9512 \cs_set_eq:NN \iow_indent:n \__iow_indent_error:n

```

Afterwards, set the newline marker (two assignments to fully expand, then convert to a string) and initialize the target count for lines (the first line has target count `\l_iow_line_count_int` instead).

```

9513     \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_newline_tl { \iow_newline: #2 }
9514     \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_newline_tl { \tl_to_str:N \l__iow_newline_tl }
9515     \int_set:Nn \l__iow_line_target_int
9516         { \l_iow_line_count_int - \str_count:N \l__iow_newline_tl + 1 }

```

There is then a loop over the input, which stores the wrapped result in `\l__iow_wrap_tl`. After the loop, the resulting text is passed on to the function which has been given as a post-processor. The `\tl_to_str:N` step converts the “other” spaces back to normal spaces. The `f`-expansion removes a leading space from `\l__iow_wrap_tl`.

```

9517     \__iow_wrap_do:
9518     \exp_args:Nnf \group_end:
9519     #4 { \tl_to_str:N \l__iow_wrap_tl }
9520     }

```

(End definition for `\iow_wrap:nnnN`. This function is documented on page 152.)

<pre> \__iow_wrap_do: \__iow_wrap_fix_newline:w \__iow_wrap_start:w </pre>	<p>Escape spaces and change newlines to <code>\c__iow_wrap_newline_marker_tl</code>. Set up a few variables, in particular the initial value of <code>\l__iow_wrap_tl</code>: the space stops the <code>f</code>-expansion of the main wrapping function and <code>\use_none:n</code> removes a newline marker inserted by later code. The main loop consists of repeatedly calling the <code>chunk</code> auxiliary to wrap chunks delimited by (newline or indentation) markers.</p>
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```

9521 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_wrap_do:
9522   {
9523     \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_wrap_tl
9524     {
9525       \exp_args:No \__str_to_other_fast:n \l__iow_wrap_tl
9526       \c__iow_wrap_end_marker_tl
9527     }
9528     \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_wrap_tl
9529     {
9530       \exp_after:wN \__iow_wrap_fix_newline:w \l__iow_wrap_tl
9531       ^^J \q_nil ^^J \q_stop
9532     }
9533     \exp_after:wN \__iow_wrap_start:w \l__iow_wrap_tl
9534   }
9535 \cs_new:Npn \__iow_wrap_fix_newline:w #1 ^^J #2 ^^J
9536   {
9537     #1
9538     \if_meaning:w \q_nil #2
9539     \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw
9540     \fi:
9541     \c__iow_wrap_newline_marker_tl
9542     \__iow_wrap_fix_newline:w #2 ^^J
9543   }
9544 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_wrap_start:w
9545   {
9546     \bool_set_false:N \l__iow_line_break_bool
9547     \tl_clear:N \l__iow_line_tl
9548     \tl_clear:N \l__iow_line_part_tl
9549     \tl_set:Nn \l__iow_wrap_tl { ~ \use_none:n }
9550     \int_zero:N \l__iow_indent_int

```

```

9551 \tl_clear:N \l__iow_indent_tl
9552 \__iow_wrap_chunk:nw { \l__iow_line_count_int }
9553 }

```

(End definition for `\__iow_wrap_do:`, `\__iow_wrap_fix_newline:w`, and `\__iow_wrap_start:w`.)

```

\__iow_wrap_chunk:nw
\__iow_wrap_next:nw

```

The `chunk` and `next` auxiliaries are defined indirectly to obtain the expansions of `\c_catcode_other_space_tl` and `\c__iow_wrap_marker_tl` in their definition. The `next` auxiliary calls a function corresponding to the type of marker (its `##2`), which can be `newline` or `indent` or `unindent` or `end`. The first argument of the `chunk` auxiliary is a target number of characters and the second is some string to wrap. If the chunk is empty simply call `next`. Otherwise, set up a call to `\__iow_wrap_line:nw`, including the indentation if the current line is empty, and including a trailing space (`#1`) before the `\__iow_wrap_end_chunk:w` auxiliary.

```

9554 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__iow_tmp:w #1#2
9555 {
9556   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_wrap_chunk:nw ##1##2 #2
9557   {
9558     \tl_if_empty:nTF {##2}
9559     {
9560       \tl_clear:N \l__iow_line_part_tl
9561       \__iow_wrap_next:nw {##1}
9562     }
9563     {
9564       \tl_if_empty:NTF \l__iow_line_tl
9565       {
9566         \__iow_wrap_line:nw
9567         { \l__iow_indent_tl }
9568         ##1 - \l__iow_indent_int ;
9569       }
9570       { \__iow_wrap_line:nw { } ##1 ; }
9571       ##2 #1
9572       \__iow_wrap_end_chunk:w 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 \q_stop
9573     }
9574   }
9575   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_wrap_next:nw ##1##2 #1
9576   { \use:c { __iow_wrap_##2:n } {##1} }
9577 }
9578 \exp_args:NVV \__iow_tmp:w \c_catcode_other_space_tl \c__iow_wrap_marker_tl

```

(End definition for `\__iow_wrap_chunk:nw` and `\__iow_wrap_next:nw`.)

```

\__iow_wrap_line:nw
\__iow_wrap_line_loop:w
\__iow_wrap_line_aux:Nw
\__iow_wrap_line_end:NnnnnnnN
\__iow_wrap_line_end:nw
\__iow_wrap_end_chunk:w

```

This is followed by `{⟨string⟩}⟨intexpr⟩`; . It stores the `⟨string⟩` and up to `⟨intexpr⟩` characters from the current chunk into `\l__iow_line_part_tl`. Characters are grabbed 8 at a time and left in `\l__iow_line_part_tl` by the `line_loop` auxiliary. When  $k < 8$  remain to be found, the `line_aux` auxiliary calls the `line_end` auxiliary followed by (the single digit)  $k$ , then  $7 - k$  empty brace groups, then the chunk's remaining characters. The `line_end` auxiliary leaves  $k$  characters from the chunk in the line part, then ends the assignment. Ignore the `\use_none:nnnnn` line for now. If the next character is a space the line can be broken there: store what we found into the result and get the next line. Otherwise some work is needed to find a break-point. So far we have ignored what happens if the chunk is shorter than the requested number of characters: this is dealt with by the `end_chunk` auxiliary, which gets treated like a character by the rest of the

code. It ends up being called either as one of the arguments #2-#9 of the `line_loop` auxiliary or as one of the arguments #2-#8 of the `line_end` auxiliary. In both cases stop the assignment and work out how many characters are still needed. The weird `\use_none:nnnnn` ensures that the required data is in the right place.

```

9579 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_wrap_line:nw #1
9580 {
9581   \tex_edef:D \l__iow_line_part_tl { \if_false: } \fi:
9582   #1
9583   \exp_after:wN \__iow_wrap_line_loop:w
9584   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
9585 }
9586 \cs_new:Npn \__iow_wrap_line_loop:w #1 ; #2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
9587 {
9588   \if_int_compare:w #1 < 8 \exp_stop_f:
9589   \__iow_wrap_line_aux:Nw #1
9590   \fi:
9591   #2 #3 #4 #5 #6 #7 #8 #9
9592   \exp_after:wN \__iow_wrap_line_loop:w
9593   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 - 8 ;
9594 }
9595 \cs_new:Npn \__iow_wrap_line_aux:Nw #1#2#3 \exp_after:wN #4 ;
9596 {
9597   #2
9598   \exp_after:wN \__iow_wrap_line_end:NnnnnnnnN
9599   \exp_after:wN #1
9600   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
9601   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
9602   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
9603   \prg_do_nothing:
9604   \or: \use_none:n
9605   \or: \use_none:nn
9606   \or: \use_none:nnn
9607   \or: \use_none:nnnn
9608   \or: \use_none:nnnnn
9609   \or: \use_none:nnnnnn
9610   \or: \use_none:nnnnnnn
9611   \fi:
9612   { } { } { } { } { } { } { } { } { } #3
9613 }
9614 \cs_new:Npn \__iow_wrap_line_end:NnnnnnnnN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
9615 {
9616   #2 #3 #4 #5 #6 #7 #8
9617   \use_none:nnnnn \__int_eval:w 8 - ; #9
9618   \token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF \c_space_token #9
9619   { \__iow_wrap_line_end:nw { } }
9620   { \if_false: { \fi: } \__iow_wrap_break:w #9 }
9621 }
9622 \cs_new:Npn \__iow_wrap_line_end:nw #1
9623 {
9624   \if_false: { \fi: }
9625   \__iow_wrap_store_do:n {#1}
9626   \__iow_wrap_next_line:w
9627 }
9628 \cs_new:Npn \__iow_wrap_end_chunk:w

```

```

9629     #1 \__int_eval:w #2 - #3 ; #4#5 \q_stop
9630     {
9631     \if_false: { \fi: }
9632     \exp_args:Nf \__iow_wrap_next:nw { \int_eval:n { #2 - #4 } }
9633     }

```

(End definition for `\__iow_wrap_line:nw` and others.)

`\__iow_wrap_break:w` Functions here are defined indirectly: `\__iow_tmp:w` is eventually called with an “other” space as its argument. The goal is to remove from `\l__iow_line_part_tl` the part after the last space. In most cases this is done by repeatedly calling the `break_loop` auxiliary, which leaves “words” (delimited by spaces) until it hits the trailing space: then its argument `##3` is `\__iow_wrap_break_end:w` instead of a single token, and that `break_end` auxiliary leaves in the assignment the line until the last space, then calls `\__iow_wrap_line_end:nw` to finish up the line and move on to the next. If there is no space in `\l__iow_line_part_tl` then the `break_first` auxiliary calls the `break_none` auxiliary. In that case, if the current line is empty, the complete word (including `##4`, characters beyond what we had grabbed) is added to the line, making it over-long. Otherwise, the word is used for the following line (and the last space of the line so far is removed because it was inserted due to the presence of a marker).

```

9634 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__iow_tmp:w #1
9635     {
9636     \cs_new:Npn \__iow_wrap_break:w
9637     {
9638     \tex_edef:D \l__iow_line_part_tl
9639     { \if_false: } \fi:
9640     \exp_after:wN \__iow_wrap_break_first:w
9641     \l__iow_line_part_tl
9642     #1
9643     { ? \__iow_wrap_break_end:w }
9644     \q_mark
9645     }
9646     \cs_new:Npn \__iow_wrap_break_first:w ##1 #1 ##2
9647     {
9648     \use_none:nn ##2 \__iow_wrap_break_none:w
9649     \__iow_wrap_break_loop:w ##1 #1 ##2
9650     }
9651     \cs_new:Npn \__iow_wrap_break_none:w ##1##2 #1 ##3 \q_mark ##4 #1
9652     {
9653     \tl_if_empty:NTF \l__iow_line_tl
9654     { ##2 ##4 \__iow_wrap_line_end:nw { } }
9655     { \__iow_wrap_line_end:nw { \__iow_wrap_trim:N } ##2 ##4 #1 }
9656     }
9657     \cs_new:Npn \__iow_wrap_break_loop:w ##1 #1 ##2 #1 ##3
9658     {
9659     \use_none:n ##3
9660     ##1 #1
9661     \__iow_wrap_break_loop:w ##2 #1 ##3
9662     }
9663     \cs_new:Npn \__iow_wrap_break_end:w ##1 #1 ##2 ##3 #1 ##4 \q_mark
9664     { ##1 \__iow_wrap_line_end:nw { } ##3 }
9665     }
9666 \exp_args:NV \__iow_tmp:w \c_catcode_other_space_tl

```

(End definition for `\_iow_wrap_break:w` and others.)

`\_iow_wrap_next_line:w` The special case where the end of a line coincides with the end of a chunk is detected here, to avoid a spurious empty line. Otherwise, call `\_iow_wrap_line:nw` to find characters for the next line (remembering to account for the indentation).

```
9667 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_iow_wrap_next_line:w #1#2 \q_stop
9668   {
9669     \tl_clear:N \l__iow_line_tl
9670     \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 \_iow_wrap_end_chunk:w
9671     {
9672       \tl_clear:N \l__iow_line_part_tl
9673       \bool_set_true:N \l__iow_line_break_bool
9674       \_iow_wrap_next:nw { \l__iow_line_target_int }
9675     }
9676     {
9677       \_iow_wrap_line:nw
9678       { \l__iow_indent_tl }
9679       \l__iow_line_target_int - \l__iow_indent_int ;
9680       #1 #2 \q_stop
9681     }
9682   }
```

(End definition for `\_iow_wrap_next_line:w`.)

`\_iow_wrap_indent:` These functions are called after a chunk has been wrapped, when encountering `indent/unindent` markers. Add the line part (last line part of the previous chunk) to the line so far and reset a boolean denoting the presence of a line-break. Most importantly, add or remove one indent from the current indent (both the integer and the token list). Finally, continue wrapping.

```
9683 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_iow_wrap_indent:n #1
9684   {
9685     \tl_put_right:Nx \l__iow_line_tl { \l__iow_line_part_tl }
9686     \bool_set_false:N \l__iow_line_break_bool
9687     \int_add:Nn \l__iow_indent_int { \l__iow_one_indent_int }
9688     \tl_put_right:No \l__iow_indent_tl { \l__iow_one_indent_tl }
9689     \_iow_wrap_chunk:nw {#1}
9690   }
9691 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_iow_wrap_unindent:n #1
9692   {
9693     \tl_put_right:Nx \l__iow_line_tl { \l__iow_line_part_tl }
9694     \bool_set_false:N \l__iow_line_break_bool
9695     \int_sub:Nn \l__iow_indent_int { \l__iow_one_indent_int }
9696     \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_indent_tl
9697     { \exp_after:wN \_iow_unindent:w \l__iow_indent_tl }
9698     \_iow_wrap_chunk:nw {#1}
9699   }
```

(End definition for `\_iow_wrap_indent:` and `\_iow_wrap_unindent:.`)

`\_iow_wrap_newline:` These functions are called after a chunk has been line-wrapped, when encountering a `newline/end` marker. Unless we just took a line-break, store the line part and the line so far into the whole `\l__iow_wrap_tl`, trimming a trailing space. In the `newline` case look for a new line (of length `\l__iow_line_target_int`) in a new chunk.

```
9700 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_iow_wrap_newline:n #1
```

```

9701 {
9702   \bool_if:NF \l__iow_line_break_bool
9703     { \__iow_wrap_store_do:n { \__iow_wrap_trim:N } }
9704   \bool_set_false:N \l__iow_line_break_bool
9705   \__iow_wrap_chunk:nw { \l__iow_line_target_int }
9706 }
9707 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_wrap_end:n #1
9708 {
9709   \bool_if:NF \l__iow_line_break_bool
9710     { \__iow_wrap_store_do:n { \__iow_wrap_trim:N } }
9711   \bool_set_false:N \l__iow_line_break_bool
9712 }

```

(End definition for `\__iow_wrap_newline:` and `\__iow_wrap_end:`.)

`\__iow_wrap_store_do:n` First add the last line part to the line, then append it to `\l__iow_wrap_tl` with the appropriate new line (with “run-on” text), possibly with its last space removed (`#1` is empty or `\__iow_wrap_trim:N`).

```

9713 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_wrap_store_do:n #1
9714 {
9715   \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_line_tl
9716     { \l__iow_line_tl \l__iow_line_part_tl }
9717   \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_wrap_tl
9718     {
9719     \l__iow_wrap_tl
9720     \l__iow_newline_tl
9721     #1 \l__iow_line_tl
9722   }
9723   \tl_clear:N \l__iow_line_tl
9724 }

```

(End definition for `\__iow_wrap_store_do:n`.)

`\__iow_wrap_trim:N` Remove one trailing “other” space from the argument.

```

\__iow_wrap_trim:w
9725 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__iow_tmp:w #1
9726 {
9727   \cs_new:Npn \__iow_wrap_trim:N ##1
9728     { \tl_if_empty:NF ##1 { \exp_after:wN \__iow_wrap_trim:w ##1 \q_stop } }
9729   \cs_new:Npn \__iow_wrap_trim:w ##1 #1 \q_stop {##1}
9730 }
9731 \exp_args:NV \__iow_tmp:w \c_catcode_other_space_tl

```

(End definition for `\__iow_wrap_trim:N` and `\__iow_wrap_trim:w`.)

## 17.5 Messages

```

9732 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmn { kernel } { file-not-found }
9733 { File-’#1’-not-found. }
9734 {
9735   The-requested-file-could-not-be-found-in-the-current-directory,~
9736   in-the-TeX-search-path-or-in-the-LaTeX-search-path.
9737 }
9738 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { file-list }
9739 {
9740   >~File~List~<

```

```

9741     #1 \\
9742     .....
9743   }
9744   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { input-streams-exhausted }
9745   { Input~streams~exhausted }
9746   {
9747     TeX~can~only~open~up~to~16~input~streams~at~one~time.\\
9748     All~16~are~currently~in~use,~and~something~wanted~to~open~
9749     another~one.
9750   }
9751   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { output-streams-exhausted }
9752   { Output~streams~exhausted }
9753   {
9754     TeX~can~only~open~up~to~16~output~streams~at~one~time.\\
9755     All~16~are~currently~in~use,~and~something~wanted~to~open~
9756     another~one.
9757   }
9758   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { unbalanced-quote-in-filename }
9759   { Unbalanced~quotes~in~file~name~'#1'. }
9760   {
9761     File~names~must~contain~balanced~numbers~of~quotes~(").
9762   }
9763   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { iow-indent }
9764   { Only~#1 (arg~1)~allows~#2 }
9765   {
9766     The~command~#2 can~only~be~used~in~messages~
9767     which~will~be~wrapped~using~#1.~
9768     It~was~called~with~argument~'#3'.
9769   }

```

## 17.6 Deprecated functions

`\g_file_current_name_tl` For removal after 2018-12-31. Contrarily to most other deprecated commands this is expandable so we need to put code by hand in two token lists. We use `\tex_def:D` directly because `\g_file_current_name_tl` is made out by `\debug_deprecation_on:.`

```

9770 \tl_new:N \g_file_current_name_tl
9771 \tl_gset:Nn \g_file_current_name_tl { \g_file_curr_name_str }
9772 \__kernel_deprecation_code:nn
9773   {
9774     \__deprecation_error:Nnn \g_file_current_name_tl
9775     { \g_file_curr_name_str } { 2018-12-31 }
9776   }
9777   { \tex_def:D \g_file_current_name_tl { \g_file_curr_name_str } }

```

*(End definition for `\g_file_current_name_tl`.)*

`\file_path_include:n` `\file_path_remove:n` Wrapper functions to manage the search path.

```

9778 \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNpn { 2018-12-31 }
9779   { \seq_put_right:Nn \l_file_search_path_seq }
9780 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_path_include:n #1
9781   {
9782     \__file_name_sanitize:nN {#1} \l_file_full_name_str
9783     \seq_if_in:NVF \l_file_search_path_seq \l_file_full_name_str

```

```

9784     { \seq_put_right:NV \l_file_search_path_seq \l__file_full_name_str }
9785   }
9786   \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn { 2018-12-31 }
9787   { \seq_remove_all:Nn \l_file_search_path_seq }
9788   \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_path_remove:n #1
9789   {
9790     \__file_name_sanitizе:nN {#1} \l__file_full_name_str
9791     \seq_remove_all:NV \l_file_search_path_seq \l__file_full_name_str
9792   }

```

(End definition for `\file_path_include:n` and `\file_path_remove:n`.)

`\file_add_path:nN` For removal after 2018-12-31.

```

9793   \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn { 2018-12-31 } { \file_get_full_name:nN }
9794   \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_add_path:nN #1#2
9795   {
9796     \file_get_full_name:nN {#1} #2
9797     \str_if_empty:NT #2
9798     { \tl_set:Nn #2 { \q_no_value } }
9799   }

```

(End definition for `\file_add_path:nN`.)

`\file_list:` Renamed to `\file_log_list:.` For removal after 2018-12-31.

```

9800   \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn { 2018-12-31 } { \file_log_list: }
9801   \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_list:      { \file_log_list: }

```

(End definition for `\file_list:.`)

`\ior_list_streams:` These got a more consistent naming.

```

\ior_log_streams: 9802   \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn { 2018-12-31 } { \ior_show_list: }
\ior_list_streams: 9803   \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_list_streams: { \ior_show_list: }
\iow_log_streams: 9804   \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn { 2018-12-31 } { \ior_log_list: }
\iow_list_streams: 9805   \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_log_streams: { \ior_log_list: }
9806   \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn { 2018-12-31 } { \iow_show_list: }
9807   \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_list_streams: { \iow_show_list: }
9808   \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn { 2018-12-31 } { \iow_log_list: }
9809   \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_log_streams: { \iow_log_list: }

```

(End definition for `\ior_list_streams:` and others.)

```
9810 </initex | package>
```

## 18 l3skip implementation

```
9811 <*initex | package>
```

```
9812 <@@=dim>
```

### 18.1 Length primitives renamed

`\if_dim:w` Primitives renamed.

```

\__dim_eval:w 9813   \cs_new_eq:NN \if_dim:w      \tex_ifdim:D
\__dim_eval_end: 9814   \cs_new_eq:NN \__dim_eval:w    \etex_dimexpr:D
9815   \cs_new_eq:NN \__dim_eval_end:  \tex_relax:D

```

(End definition for `\if_dim:w`, `\__dim_eval:w`, and `\__dim_eval_end:.` This function is documented on page 169.)

## 18.2 Creating and initialising dim variables

`\dim_new:N` Allocating  $\langle dim \rangle$  registers ...

```
\dim_new:c 9816 (*package)
          9817 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_new:N #1
          9818 {
          9819     \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
          9820     \cs:w newdimen \cs_end: #1
          9821 }
          9822 \end{package}
          9823 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\dim_new:N`. This function is documented on page 155.)

`\dim_const:Nn` Contrarily to integer constants, we cannot avoid using a register, even for constants. We cannot use `\dim_gset:Nn` because debugging code would complain that the constant is not a global variable. Since `\dim_const:Nn` does not need to be fast, use `\dim_eval:n` to avoid needing a debugging patch that wraps the expression in checking code.

```
\dim_const:cn 9824 \__kernel_patch:nnNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_scope:NN c #1 } { }
          9825 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_const:Nn #1#2
          9826 {
          9827     \dim_new:N #1
          9828     \tex_global:D #1 ~ \dim_eval:n {#2} \scan_stop:
          9829 }
          9830 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_const:Nn { c }
```

(End definition for `\dim_const:Nn`. This function is documented on page 155.)

`\dim_zero:N` Reset the register to zero. Using `\c_zero_skip` deals with the case where the variable passed is incorrectly a skip (for example a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> length).

```
\dim_zero:c 9831 \__kernel_patch:nnNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\dim_gzero:N 9832 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_zero:N #1 { #1 \c_zero_skip }
\dim_gzero:c 9833 \__kernel_patch:nnNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
          9834 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gzero:N #1
          9835 { \tex_global:D #1 \c_zero_skip }
          9836 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_zero:N { c }
          9837 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gzero:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\dim_zero:N` and `\dim_gzero:N`. These functions are documented on page 155.)

`\dim_zero_new:N` Create a register if needed, otherwise clear it.

```
\dim_zero_new:c 9838 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_zero_new:N #1
\dim_gzero_new:N 9839 { \dim_if_exist:NTF #1 { \dim_zero:N #1 } { \dim_new:N #1 } }
\dim_gzero_new:c 9840 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gzero_new:N #1
          9841 { \dim_if_exist:NTF #1 { \dim_gzero:N #1 } { \dim_new:N #1 } }
          9842 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_zero_new:N { c }
          9843 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gzero_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\dim_zero_new:N` and `\dim_gzero_new:N`. These functions are documented on page 155.)

`\dim_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.

```
\dim_if_exist_p:c 9844 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \dim_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N
\dim_if_exist:N 9845 { TF , T , F , p }
\dim_if_exist:cTF 9846 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \dim_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c
          9847 { TF , T , F , p }
```

(End definition for `\dim_if_exist:N`. This function is documented on page 155.)

### 18.3 Setting dim variables

Several functions here have a signature `:Nn` and are such that when debugging, the first argument should be checked to be a local/global variable and the second should be wrapped in code for an expression. The temporary function `\__dim_tmp:w` finds the name `#3` of the function being redefined and writes the appropriate patch.

```

9848 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__dim_tmp:w #1#2#3
9849   {
9850     \__kernel_patch_args:nnnNnNpn
9851       { #1 ##1 }
9852     { }
9853     { {##1} { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {##2} \__dim_eval:w { } #3 } }
9854     #2 #3
9855   }

```

`\dim_set:Nn` Setting dimensions is easy enough but when debugging we want both to check that the variable is correctly local/global and to wrap the expression in some code. The `\scan_stop:` deals with the case where the variable passed is a skip (for example a  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$  length).

```

9856 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_local:N
9857 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_set:Nn #1#2
9858   { #1 ~ \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: \scan_stop: }
9859 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_global:N
9860 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gset:Nn #1#2
9861   { \tex_global:D #1 ~ \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: \scan_stop: }
9862 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_set:Nn { c }
9863 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gset:Nn { c }

```

*(End definition for `\dim_set:Nn` and `\dim_gset:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 156.)*

`\dim_set_eq:NN` All straightforward, with a `\scan_stop:` to deal with the case where `#1` is (incorrectly) a skip.

```

9864 \__kernel_patch:nnNnNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
9865 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_set_eq:NN #1#2
9866   { #1 = #2 \scan_stop: }
9867 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_set_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }
9868 \__kernel_patch:nnNnNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
9869 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gset_eq:NN #1#2
9870   { \tex_global:D #1 = #2 \scan_stop: }
9871 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gset_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }

```

*(End definition for `\dim_set_eq:NN` and `\dim_gset_eq:NN`. These functions are documented on page 156.)*

`\dim_add:Nn` Using `by` here deals with the (incorrect) case `\dimen123`. Using `\scan_stop:` deals with skip variables. Since debugging checks that the variable is correctly local/global, the global versions cannot be defined as `\tex_global:D` followed by the local versions. The debugging code is inserted by `\__dim_tmp:w`.

```

9872 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_local:N
9873 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_add:Nn #1#2
9874   { \tex_advance:D #1 by \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: \scan_stop: }
9875 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_global:N
9876 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gadd:Nn #1#2
9877   { \tex_global:D \tex_advance:D #1 by \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: \scan_stop: }

```

```

9878 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_add:Nn { c }
9879 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gadd:Nn { c }
9880 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_local:N
9881 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_sub:Nn #1#2
9882   { \tex_advance:D #1 by - \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: \scan_stop: }
9883 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_global:N
9884 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gsub:Nn #1#2
9885   { \tex_global:D \tex_advance:D #1 by - \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: \scan_stop: }
9886 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_sub:Nn { c }
9887 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gsub:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\dim_add:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 156.)

## 18.4 Utilities for dimension calculations

`\dim_abs:n` Functions for min, max, and absolute value with only one evaluation. The absolute value is evaluated by removing a leading - if present.

```

\__dim_abs:N
\dim_max:nn
\dim_min:nn
\__dim_maxmin:wwN
9888 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
9889   { { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__dim_eval:w { } \dim_abs:n } }
9890 \cs_new:Npn \dim_abs:n #1
9891   {
9892     \exp_after:wN \__dim_abs:N
9893     \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end:
9894   }
9895 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_abs:N #1
9896   { \if_meaning:w - #1 \else: \exp_after:wN #1 \fi: }
9897 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
9898   {
9899     { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__dim_eval:w { } \dim_max:nn }
9900     { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#2} \__dim_eval:w { } \dim_max:nn }
9901   }
9902 \cs_new:Npn \dim_max:nn #1#2
9903   {
9904     \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w \exp_after:wN \__dim_maxmin:wwN
9905     \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
9906     \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #2 ;
9907     >
9908     \__dim_eval_end:
9909   }
9910 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
9911   {
9912     { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__dim_eval:w { } \dim_min:nn }
9913     { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#2} \__dim_eval:w { } \dim_min:nn }
9914   }
9915 \cs_new:Npn \dim_min:nn #1#2
9916   {
9917     \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w \exp_after:wN \__dim_maxmin:wwN
9918     \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
9919     \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #2 ;
9920     <
9921     \__dim_eval_end:
9922   }
9923 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_maxmin:wwN #1 ; #2 ; #3
9924   {

```

```

9925 \if_dim:w #1 #3 #2 ~
9926 #1
9927 \else:
9928 #2
9929 \fi:
9930 }

```

(End definition for `\dim_abs:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 156.)

`\dim_ratio:nn` With dimension expressions, something like `10 pt * ( 5 pt / 10 pt )` does 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.

```

9931 \cs_new:Npn \dim_ratio:nn #1#2
9932 { \__dim_ratio:n {#1} / \__dim_ratio:n {#2} }
9933 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_ratio:n #1
9934 { \__int_value:w \__dim_eval:w (#1) \__dim_eval_end: }

```

(End definition for `\dim_ratio:nn` and `\__dim_ratio:n`. This function is documented on page 157.)

## 18.5 Dimension expression conditionals

`\dim_compare_p:nNn` Simple comparison.

```

\dim_compare:nNnTF
9935 \__kernel_patch_conditional_args:nNnNpnn
9936 {
9937 { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__dim_eval:w { } \dim_compare:nNn }
9938 { \__dim_eval_end: #2 }
9939 { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#3} \__dim_eval:w { } \dim_compare:nNn }
9940 }
9941 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \dim_compare:nNn #1#2#3 { p , T , F , TF }
9942 {
9943 \if_dim:w \__dim_eval:w #1 #2 \__dim_eval:w #3 \__dim_eval_end:
9944 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
9945 }

```

(End definition for `\dim_compare:nNnTF`. This function is documented on page 157.)

`\dim_compare_p:n` This code is adapted from the `\int_compare:nTF` function. First make sure that there is at least one relation operator, by evaluating a dimension expression with a trailing `\__prg_compare_error:`. Just like for integers, the looping auxiliary `\__dim_compare:wNN` closes a primitive conditional and opens a new one. It is actually easier to grab a dimension operand than an integer one, because once evaluated, dimensions all end with `pt` (with category other). Thus we do not need specific auxiliaries for the three “simple” relations `<`, `=`, and `>`.

```

\dim_compare:nTF
\__dim_compare:w
\__dim_compare:wNN
\__dim_compare_=:w
\__dim_compare_!:w
\__dim_compare_<:w
\__dim_compare_>:w
9946 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \dim_compare:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
9947 {
9948 \exp_after:wN \__dim_compare:w
9949 \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1 \__prg_compare_error:
9950 }
9951 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_compare:w #1 \__prg_compare_error:
9952 {
9953 \exp_after:wN \if_false: \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
9954 \__dim_compare:wNN #1 ? { = \__dim_compare_end:w \else: } \q_stop
9955 }
9956 \exp_args:Nno \use:nn

```

```

9957 { \cs_new:Npn \__dim_compare:wNN #1 } { \tl_to_str:n {pt} #2#3 }
9958 {
9959     \if_meaning:w = #3
9960     \use:c { __dim_compare_#2:w }
9961     \fi:
9962     #1 pt \exp_stop_f:
9963     \prg_return_false:
9964     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
9965     \fi:
9966     \reverse_if:N \if_dim:w #1 pt #2
9967     \exp_after:wN \__dim_compare:wNN
9968     \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #3
9969 }
9970 \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_ ! :w }
9971 #1 \reverse_if:N #2 ! #3 = { #1 #2 = #3 }
9972 \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_ = :w }
9973 #1 \__dim_eval:w = { #1 \__dim_eval:w }
9974 \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_ < :w }
9975 #1 \reverse_if:N #2 < #3 = { #1 #2 > #3 }
9976 \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_ > :w }
9977 #1 \reverse_if:N #2 > #3 = { #1 #2 < #3 }
9978 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_compare_end:w #1 \prg_return_false: #2 \q_stop
9979 { #1 \prg_return_false: \else: \prg_return_true: \fi: }

```

(End definition for `\dim_compare:nTF` and others. This function is documented on page 158.)

`\dim_case:nn` For dimension cases, the first task to fully expand the check condition. The over all idea is then much the same as for `\str_case:nn(TF)` as described in l3basics.

`\dim_case:nnTF`

`\__dim_case:nnTF`  
`\__dim_case:nw`  
`\__dim_case_end:nw`

```

9980 \cs_new:Npn \dim_case:nnTF #1
9981 {
9982     \exp:w
9983     \exp_args:Nf \__dim_case:nnTF { \dim_eval:n {#1} }
9984 }
9985 \cs_new:Npn \dim_case:nnT #1#2#3
9986 {
9987     \exp:w
9988     \exp_args:Nf \__dim_case:nnTF { \dim_eval:n {#1} } {#2} {#3} { }
9989 }
9990 \cs_new:Npn \dim_case:nnF #1#2
9991 {
9992     \exp:w
9993     \exp_args:Nf \__dim_case:nnTF { \dim_eval:n {#1} } {#2} { }
9994 }
9995 \cs_new:Npn \dim_case:nn #1#2
9996 {
9997     \exp:w
9998     \exp_args:Nf \__dim_case:nnTF { \dim_eval:n {#1} } {#2} { } { }
9999 }
10000 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_case:nnTF #1#2#3#4
10001 { \__dim_case:nw {#1} #2 {#1} { } \q_mark {#3} \q_mark {#4} \q_stop }
10002 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_case:nw #1#2#3
10003 {
10004     \dim_compare:nNnTF {#1} = {#2}
10005     { \__dim_case_end:nw {#3} }

```

```

10006     { \_dim_case:nw {#1} }
10007   }
10008 \cs_new_eq:NN \_dim_case_end:nw \_prg_case_end:nw

```

(End definition for `\dim_case:nTF` and others. This function is documented on page 159.)

## 18.6 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
10009 \cs_new:Npn \dim_while_do:nn #1#2
10010 {
10011   \dim_compare:nT {#1}
10012   {
10013     #2
10014     \dim_while_do:nn {#1} {#2}
10015   }
10016 }
10017 \cs_new:Npn \dim_until_do:nn #1#2
10018 {
10019   \dim_compare:nF {#1}
10020   {
10021     #2
10022     \dim_until_do:nn {#1} {#2}
10023   }
10024 }
10025 \cs_new:Npn \dim_do_while:nn #1#2
10026 {
10027   #2
10028   \dim_compare:nT {#1}
10029   { \dim_do_while:nn {#1} {#2} }
10030 }
10031 \cs_new:Npn \dim_do_until:nn #1#2
10032 {
10033   #2
10034   \dim_compare:nF {#1}
10035   { \dim_do_until:nn {#1} {#2} }
10036 }

```

(End definition for `\dim_while_do:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 160.)

`\dim_while_do:nNnn` `while_do` and `do_while` functions for dimensions. Same as for the `int` type only the names have changed.

```

\dim_until_do:nNnn
\dim_do_while:nNnn
\dim_do_until:nNnn
10037 \cs_new:Npn \dim_while_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
10038 {
10039   \dim_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
10040   {
10041     #4
10042     \dim_while_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
10043   }
10044 }
10045 \cs_new:Npn \dim_until_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
10046 {
10047   \dim_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}

```

```

10048 {
10049   #4
10050   \dim_until_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
10051 }
10052 }
10053 \cs_new:Npn \dim_do_while:nNnn #1#2#3#4
10054 {
10055   #4
10056   \dim_compare:nNt {#1} #2 {#3}
10057   { \dim_do_while:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
10058 }
10059 \cs_new:Npn \dim_do_until:nNnn #1#2#3#4
10060 {
10061   #4
10062   \dim_compare:nNf {#1} #2 {#3}
10063   { \dim_do_until:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
10064 }

```

(End definition for `\dim_while_do:nNnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 160.)

## 18.7 Dimension step functions

```

\dim_step_function:nnnN
  \__dim_step:wwwN
  \__dim_step:NnnnN

```

Before all else, evaluate the initial value, step, and final value. Repeating a function by steps first needs a check on the direction of the steps. After that, do the function for the start value then step and loop around. It would be more symmetrical to test for a step size of zero before checking the sign, but we optimize for the most frequent case (positive step).

```

10065 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
10066 {
10067   { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__dim_eval:w { } \dim_step_function:nnnN }
10068   { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#2} \__dim_eval:w { } \dim_step_function:nnnN }
10069   { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#3} \__dim_eval:w { } \dim_step_function:nnnN }
10070 }
10071 \cs_new:Npn \dim_step_function:nnnN #1#2#3
10072 {
10073   \exp_after:wN \__dim_step:wwwN
10074   \tex_the:D \__dim_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
10075   \tex_the:D \__dim_eval:w #2 \exp_after:wN ;
10076   \tex_the:D \__dim_eval:w #3 ;
10077 }
10078 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_step:wwwN #1; #2; #3; #4
10079 {
10080   \dim_compare:nNtF {#2} > \c_zero_dim
10081   { \__dim_step:NnnnN > }
10082   {
10083     \dim_compare:nNtF {#2} = \c_zero_dim
10084     {
10085       \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { zero-step } {#4}
10086       \use_none:nnnn
10087     }
10088     { \__dim_step:NnnnN < }
10089   }
10090   {#1} {#2} {#3} #4
10091 }

```

```

10092 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_step:NnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
10093 {
10094   \dim_compare:nNf {#2} #1 {#4}
10095   {
10096     #5 {#2}
10097     \exp_args:NNf \__dim_step:NnnnN
10098     #1 { \dim_eval:n { #2 + #3 } } {#3} {#4} #5
10099   }
10100 }

```

(End definition for `\dim_step_function:nnnN`, `\__dim_step:wwwN`, and `\__dim_step:NnnnN`. This function is documented on page 160.)

`\dim_step_inline:nnnn`  
`\dim_step_variable:nnnNn`  
`\__dim_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 `\dim_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 that no breaking function recognizes this break point as its own.

```

10101 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_step_inline:nnnn
10102 {
10103   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
10104   \exp_args:NNc \__dim_step:NNnnnn
10105   \cs_gset_protected:Npn
10106   { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
10107 }
10108 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_step_variable:nnnNn #1#2#3#4#5
10109 {
10110   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
10111   \exp_args:NNc \__dim_step:NNnnnn
10112   \cs_gset_protected:Npx
10113   { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
10114   {#1}{#2}{#3}
10115   {
10116     \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N #4 {##1}
10117     \exp_not:n {#5}
10118   }
10119 }
10120 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__dim_step:NNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
10121 {
10122   #1 #2 ##1 {#6}
10123   \dim_step_function:nnnN {#3} {#4} {#5} #2
10124   \__prg_break_point:Nn \scan_stop: { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
10125 }

```

(End definition for `\dim_step_inline:nnnn`, `\dim_step_variable:nnnNn`, and `\__dim_step:NNnnnn`. These functions are documented on page 160.)

## 18.8 Using dim expressions and variables

`\dim_eval:n` Evaluating a dimension expression expandably.

```

10126 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
10127 { { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__dim_eval:w { } \dim_eval:n } }
10128 \cs_new:Npn \dim_eval:n #1
10129 { \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: }

```

(End definition for `\dim_eval:n`. This function is documented on page 161.)

`\__dim_eval:n` Evaluating a dimension expression expandably. This is for use in other modules, to avoid having to patch many commands. The only difference with `\dim_eval:n` is the lack of `\dim_use:N`, to produce an internal dimension rather than expand it into characters.

```
10130 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
10131 { { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__dim_eval:w { } \__dim_eval:n } }
10132 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_eval:n #1 { \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: }
```

(End definition for `\__dim_eval:n`.)

`\dim_use:N` Accessing a  $\langle dim \rangle$ .

```
\dim_use:c 10133 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_use:N \tex_the:D
```

We hand-code this for some speed gain:

```
10134 %\cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_use:N { c }
10135 \cs_new:Npn \dim_use:c #1 { \tex_the:D \cs:w #1 \cs_end: }
```

(End definition for `\dim_use:N`. This function is documented on page 161.)

`\dim_to_decimal:n` A function which comes up often enough to deserve a place in the kernel. Evaluate the dimension expression `#1` then remove the trailing pt. When debugging is enabled, the argument is put in parentheses as this prevents the dimension expression from terminating early and leaving extra tokens lying around. This is used a lot by low-level manipulations.

`\__dim_to_decimal:w`

```
10136 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
10137 { { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__dim_eval:w { } \dim_to_decimal:n } }
10138 \cs_new:Npn \dim_to_decimal:n #1
10139 {
10140   \exp_after:wN
10141     \__dim_to_decimal:w \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end:
10142 }
10143 \use:x
10144 {
10145   \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__dim_to_decimal:w
10146     ##1 . ##2 \tl_to_str:n { pt }
10147 }
10148 {
10149   \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} > { 0 }
10150     { #1 . #2 }
10151     { #1 }
10152 }
```

(End definition for `\dim_to_decimal:n` and `\__dim_to_decimal:w`. This function is documented on page 161.)

`\dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n` Conversion to big points is done using a scaling inside `\__dim_eval:w` as  $\epsilon$ -TeX does that using 64-bit precision. Here, 800/803 is the integer fraction for 72/72.27. This is a common case so is hand-coded for accuracy (and speed).

```
10153 \cs_new:Npn \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n #1
10154 { \dim_to_decimal:n { ( #1 ) * 800 / 803 } }
```

(End definition for `\dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n`. This function is documented on page 162.)

`\dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n` Another hard-coded conversion: this one is necessary to avoid things going off-scale.

```
10155 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
10156   { { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__dim_eval:w { } \dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n } }
10157 \cs_new:Npn \dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n #1
10158   { \int_eval:n { \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: } }
```

*(End definition for `\dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n`. This function is documented on page 162.)*

`\dim_to_decimal_in_unit:nn` An analogue of `\dim_ratio:nn` that produces a decimal number as its result, rather than a rational fraction for use within dimension expressions.

```
10159 \cs_new:Npn \dim_to_decimal_in_unit:nn #1#2
10160   {
10161     \dim_to_decimal:n
10162     {
10163       1pt *
10164       \dim_ratio:nn {#1} {#2}
10165     }
10166   }
```

*(End definition for `\dim_to_decimal_in_unit:nn`. This function is documented on page 162.)*

`\dim_to_fp:n` Defined in `l3fp-convert`, documented here.

*(End definition for `\dim_to_fp:n`. This function is documented on page 162.)*

## 18.9 Viewing dim variables

`\dim_show:N` Diagnostics.

```
\dim_show:c 10167 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_show:N \__kernel_register_show:N
10168 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_show:N { c }
```

*(End definition for `\dim_show:N`. This function is documented on page 162.)*

`\dim_show:n` Diagnostics. We don't use the TeX primitive `\showthe` to show dimension expressions: this gives a more unified output.

```
10169 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_show:n
10170   { \msg_show_eval:Nn \dim_eval:n }
```

*(End definition for `\dim_show:n`. This function is documented on page 163.)*

`\dim_log:N` Diagnostics. Redirect output of `\dim_show:n` to the log.

```
\dim_log:c 10171 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_log:N \__kernel_register_log:N
\dim_log:n 10172 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_log:c \__kernel_register_log:c
10173 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_log:n
10174   { \msg_log_eval:Nn \dim_eval:n }
```

*(End definition for `\dim_log:N` and `\dim_log:n`. These functions are documented on page 163.)*

## 18.10 Constant dimensions

`\c_zero_dim` Constant dimensions.

```
\c_max_dim 10175 \dim_const:Nn \c_zero_dim { 0 pt }
10176 \dim_const:Nn \c_max_dim { 16383.99999 pt }
```

*(End definition for `\c_zero_dim` and `\c_max_dim`. These variables are documented on page 163.)*

## 18.11 Scratch dimensions

`\l_tmpa_dim` We provide two local and two global scratch registers, maybe we need more or less.

```

\l_tmpb_dim 10177 \dim_new:N \l_tmpa_dim
\g_tmpa_dim 10178 \dim_new:N \l_tmpb_dim
\g_tmpb_dim 10179 \dim_new:N \g_tmpa_dim
            10180 \dim_new:N \g_tmpb_dim

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_dim` and others. These variables are documented on page 163.)

## 18.12 Creating and initialising skip variables

`\skip_new:N` Allocation of a new internal registers.

```

\skip_new:c 10181 {*\package}
            10182 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_new:N #1
            10183   {
            10184     \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
            10185     \cs:w newskip \cs_end: #1
            10186   }
            10187 {/\package}
            10188 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\skip_new:N`. This function is documented on page 163.)

`\skip_const:Nn` Contrarily to integer constants, we cannot avoid using a register, even for constants. See `\skip_const:cn` `\dim_const:Nn` for why we cannot use `\skip_gset:Nn`.

```

10189 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_scope:NN c #1 } { }
10190 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_const:Nn #1#2
10191   {
10192     \skip_new:N #1
10193     \tex_global:D #1 ~ \skip_eval:n {#2} \scan_stop:
10194   }
10195 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_const:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\skip_const:Nn`. This function is documented on page 163.)

`\skip_zero:N` Reset the register to zero.

```

\skip_zero:c 10196 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\skip_gzero:N 10197 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_zero:N #1 { #1 \c_zero_skip }
\skip_gzero:c 10198 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
            10199 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gzero:N #1 { \tex_global:D #1 \c_zero_skip }
            10200 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_zero:N { c }
            10201 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gzero:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\skip_zero:N` and `\skip_gzero:N`. These functions are documented on page 164.)

`\skip_zero_new:N` Create a register if needed, otherwise clear it.

```

\skip_zero_new:c 10202 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_zero_new:N #1
\skip_gzero_new:N 10203   { \skip_if_exist:NTF #1 { \skip_zero:N #1 } { \skip_new:N #1 } }
\skip_gzero_new:c 10204 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gzero_new:N #1
            10205   { \skip_if_exist:NTF #1 { \skip_gzero:N #1 } { \skip_new:N #1 } }
            10206 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_zero_new:N { c }
            10207 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gzero_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\skip_zero_new:N` and `\skip_gzero_new:N`. These functions are documented on page 164.)

`\skip_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.  
`\skip_if_exist_p:c` 10208 `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \skip_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N`  
`\skip_if_exist:N $\underline{TF}$`  10209 `{ TF , T , F , p }`  
`\skip_if_exist:c $\underline{TF}$`  10210 `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \skip_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c`  
10211 `{ TF , T , F , p }`

(End definition for `\skip_if_exist:N $\underline{TF}$` . This function is documented on page 164.)

### 18.13 Setting skip variables

Much as for `dim` variables, `\__dim_tmp:w` prepares a patch for `:Nn` function definitions in which the first argument should be checked to be a local/global variable and the second should be wrapped in code for an expression.

```
10212 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__dim_tmp:w #1#2#3
10213 {
10214   \__kernel_patch_args:nnnNNpn
10215   { #1 ##1 }
10216   { }
10217   { {##1} { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {##2} \etex_glueexpr:D { } #3 } }
10218   #2 #3
10219 }
```

`\skip_set:Nn` Much the same as for dimensions.

```
\skip_set:cn 10220 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_local:N
\skip_gset:Nn 10221 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_set:Nn #1#2
\skip_gset:cn 10222 { #1 ~ \etex_glueexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
10223 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_global:N
10224 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gset:Nn #1#2
10225 { \tex_global:D #1 ~ \etex_glueexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
10226 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_set:Nn { c }
10227 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gset:Nn { c }
```

(End definition for `\skip_set:Nn` and `\skip_gset:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 164.)

`\skip_set_eq:NN` All straightforward.

```
\skip_set_eq:cN 10228 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_set_eq:NN #1#2 { #1 = #2 }
\skip_set_eq:Nc 10229 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_set_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }
\skip_set_eq:cc 10230 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gset_eq:NN #1#2 { \tex_global:D #1 = #2 }
\skip_gset_eq:NN 10231 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gset_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }
```

`\skip_gset_eq:cN`  
`\skip_gset_eq:Nc`  
`\skip_gset_eq:cc`  
(End definition for `\skip_set_eq:NN` and `\skip_gset_eq:NN`. These functions are documented on page 164.)

`\skip_add:Nn` Using `by` here deals with the (incorrect) case `\skip123`.

```
\skip_add:cn 10232 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_local:N
\skip_gadd:Nn 10233 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_add:Nn #1#2
\skip_gadd:cn 10234 { \tex_advance:D #1 by \etex_glueexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
\skip_sub:Nn 10235 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_global:N
\skip_sub:cn 10236 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gadd:Nn #1#2
\skip_gsub:Nn 10237 { \tex_global:D \tex_advance:D #1 by \etex_glueexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
\skip_gsub:cn 10238 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_add:Nn { c }
```

```

10239 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gadd:Nn { c }
10240 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_local:N
10241 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_sub:Nn #1#2
10242   { \tex_advance:D #1 by - \etex_glueexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
10243 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_global:N
10244 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gsub:Nn #1#2
10245   { \tex_global:D \tex_advance:D #1 by - \etex_glueexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
10246 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_sub:Nn { c }
10247 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gsub:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\skip_add:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 164.)

## 18.14 Skip expression conditionals

`\skip_if_eq_p:n` Comparing skips means doing two expansions to make strings, and then testing them.  
`\skip_if_eq:n``nTF` As a result, only equality is tested.

```

10248 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \skip_if_eq:n #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
10249   {
10250     \if_int_compare:w
10251       \__str_if_eq_x:n { \skip_eval:n { #1 } } { \skip_eval:n { #2 } }
10252       = 0 \exp_stop_f:
10253       \prg_return_true:
10254     \else:
10255       \prg_return_false:
10256     \fi:
10257   }

```

(End definition for `\skip_if_eq:nTF`. This function is documented on page 165.)

`\skip_if_finite_p:n` With  $\varepsilon$ -TeX, we have an easy access to the order of infinities of the stretch and shrink  
`\skip_if_finite:n``nTF` components of a skip. However, to access both, we either need to evaluate the expression  
`\__skip_if_finite:wwNw` 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.

```

10258 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__dim_tmp:w #1
10259   {
10260     \__kernel_patch_conditional_args:nNNpnn
10261     {
10262       {
10263         \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN
10264         {##1} \etex_glueexpr:D { } \skip_if_finite:n
10265       }
10266     }
10267     \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \skip_if_finite:n ##1 { p , T , F , TF }
10268     {
10269       \exp_after:wN \__skip_if_finite:wwNw
10270       \skip_use:N \etex_glueexpr:D ##1 ; \prg_return_false:
10271       #1 ; \prg_return_true: \q_stop
10272     }
10273     \cs_new:Npn \__skip_if_finite:wwNw ##1 #1 ##2 ; ##3 ##4 \q_stop {##3}
10274   }
10275 \exp_args:No \__dim_tmp:w { \tl_to_str:n { fil } }

```

(End definition for `\skip_if_finite:nTF` and `\__skip_if_finite:wwNw`. This function is documented on page 165.)

## 18.15 Using skip expressions and variables

`\skip_eval:n` Evaluating a skip expression expandably.

```
10276 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
10277   { { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \etex_glueexpr:D { } \skip_eval:n } }
10278 \cs_new:Npn \skip_eval:n #1
10279   { \skip_use:N \etex_glueexpr:D #1 \scan_stop: }
```

(End definition for `\skip_eval:n`. This function is documented on page 165.)

`\skip_use:N` Accessing a `\skip`.

```
\skip_use:c 10280 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_use:N \tex_the:D
10281 %\cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_use:N { c }
10282 \cs_new:Npn \skip_use:c #1 { \tex_the:D \cs:w #1 \cs_end: }
```

(End definition for `\skip_use:N`. This function is documented on page 165.)

## 18.16 Inserting skips into the output

`\skip_horizontal:N` Inserting skips.

```
\skip_horizontal:c 10283 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_horizontal:N \tex_hskip:D
\skip_horizontal:n 10284 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
\skip_vertical:N 10285   { { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \etex_glueexpr:D { } \skip_horizontal:n } }
\skip_vertical:c 10286 \cs_new:Npn \skip_horizontal:n #1
\skip_vertical:n 10287   { \skip_horizontal:N \etex_glueexpr:D #1 \scan_stop: }
10288 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_vertical:N \tex_vskip:D
10289 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
10290   { { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \etex_glueexpr:D { } \skip_vertical:n } }
10291 \cs_new:Npn \skip_vertical:n #1
10292   { \skip_vertical:N \etex_glueexpr:D #1 \scan_stop: }
10293 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_horizontal:N { c }
10294 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_vertical:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\skip_horizontal:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 166.)

## 18.17 Viewing skip variables

`\skip_show:N` Diagnostics.

```
\skip_show:c 10295 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_show:N \__kernel_register_show:N
10296 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_show:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\skip_show:N`. This function is documented on page 165.)

`\skip_show:n` Diagnostics. We don't use the  $\TeX$  primitive `\showthe` to show skip expressions: this gives a more unified output.

```
10297 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_show:n
10298   { \msg_show_eval:Nn \skip_eval:n }
```

(End definition for `\skip_show:n`. This function is documented on page 165.)

`\skip_log:N` Diagnostics. Redirect output of `\skip_show:n` to the log.

```
\skip_log:c 10299 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_log:N \__kernel_register_log:N
\skip_log:n 10300 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_log:c \__kernel_register_log:c
10301 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_log:n
10302   { \msg_log_eval:Nn \skip_eval:n }
```

(End definition for `\skip_log:N` and `\skip_log:n`. These functions are documented on page 166.)

## 18.18 Constant skips

`\c_zero_skip` Skips with no rubber component are just dimensions but need to terminate correctly.

```
\c_max_skip 10303 \skip_const:Nn \c_zero_skip { \c_zero_dim }
10304 \skip_const:Nn \c_max_skip { \c_max_dim }
```

(End definition for `\c_zero_skip` and `\c_max_skip`. These functions are documented on page 166.)

## 18.19 Scratch skips

`\l_tmpa_skip` We provide two local and two global scratch registers, maybe we need more or less.

```
\l_tmpb_skip 10305 \skip_new:N \l_tmpa_skip
\g_tmpa_skip 10306 \skip_new:N \l_tmpb_skip
\g_tmpb_skip 10307 \skip_new:N \g_tmpa_skip
10308 \skip_new:N \g_tmpb_skip
```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_skip` and others. These variables are documented on page 166.)

## 18.20 Creating and initialising muskip variables

`\muskip_new:N` And then we add muskips.

```
\muskip_new:c 10309 (*package)
10310 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_new:N #1
10311 {
10312   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
10313   \cs:w newmuskip \cs_end: #1
10314 }
10315 \</package>
10316 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\muskip_new:N`. This function is documented on page 167.)

`\muskip_const:Nn` See `\skip_const:Nn`.

```
\muskip_const:cn 10317 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_scope:NN c #1 } { }
10318 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_const:Nn #1#2
10319 {
10320   \muskip_new:N #1
10321   \tex_global:D #1 ~ \muskip_eval:n {#2} \scan_stop:
10322 }
10323 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_const:Nn { c }
```

(End definition for `\muskip_const:Nn`. This function is documented on page 167.)

`\muskip_zero:N` Reset the register to zero.

```
\muskip_zero:c 10324 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\muskip_gzero:N 10325 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_zero:N #1
\muskip_gzero:c 10326 { #1 \c_zero_muskip }
10327 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
10328 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gzero:N #1
10329 { \tex_global:D #1 \c_zero_muskip }
10330 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_zero:N { c }
10331 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gzero:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\muskip_zero:N` and `\muskip_gzero:N`. These functions are documented on page 167.)

`\muskip_zero_new:N` Create a register if needed, otherwise clear it.

```

\muskip_zero_new:c 10332 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_zero_new:N #1
\muskip_gzero_new:N 10333 { \muskip_if_exist:NTF #1 { \muskip_zero:N #1 } { \muskip_new:N #1 } }
\muskip_gzero_new:c 10334 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gzero_new:N #1
10335 { \muskip_if_exist:NTF #1 { \muskip_gzero:N #1 } { \muskip_new:N #1 } }
10336 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_zero_new:N { c }
10337 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gzero_new:N { c }

```

*(End definition for `\muskip_zero_new:N` and `\muskip_gzero_new:N`. These functions are documented on page 167.)*

`\muskip_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.

```

\muskip_if_exist_p:c 10338 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \muskip_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N
\muskip_if_exist:NTF 10339 { TF , T , F , p }
\muskip_if_exist:cTF 10340 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \muskip_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c
10341 { TF , T , F , p }

```

*(End definition for `\muskip_if_exist:NTF`. This function is documented on page 167.)*

## 18.21 Setting muskip variables

See skip case.

```

10342 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__dim_tmp:w #1#2#3
10343 {
10344   \__kernel_patch_args:nnnNn
10345   { #1 ##1 }
10346   { }
10347   {
10348     {##1}
10349     {
10350       \__kernel_chk_expr:nNn {##2}
10351       \etex_muexpr:D { \etex_mutoglue:D } #3
10352     }
10353   }
10354   #2 #3
10355 }

```

`\muskip_set:Nn` This should be pretty familiar.

```

\muskip_set:cn 10356 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_local:N
\muskip_gset:Nn 10357 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_set:Nn #1#2
\muskip_gset:cn 10358 { #1 ~ \etex_muexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
10359 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_global:N
10360 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gset:Nn #1#2
10361 { \tex_global:D #1 ~ \etex_muexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
10362 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_set:Nn { c }
10363 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gset:Nn { c }

```

*(End definition for `\muskip_set:Nn` and `\muskip_gset:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 167.)*

`\muskip_set_eq:NN` All straightforward.

```

\muskip_set_eq:cN 10364 \__kernel_patch:nnNn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\muskip_set_eq:Nc 10365 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_set_eq:NN #1#2 { #1 = #2 }
\muskip_set_eq:cc 10366 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_set_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }
\muskip_gset_eq:NN
\muskip_gset_eq:cN
\muskip_gset_eq:Nc
\muskip_gset_eq:cc

```

```

10367 \__kernel_patch:nNp { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
10368 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gset_eq:NN #1#2 { \tex_global:D #1 = #2 }
10369 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gset_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }

```

(End definition for `\muskip_set_eq:NN` and `\muskip_gset_eq:NN`. These functions are documented on page 167.)

```

\muskip_add:Nn Using by here deals with the (incorrect) case \muskip123.
\muskip_add:cn
\muskip_gadd:Nn
\muskip_gadd:cn
\muskip_sub:Nn
\muskip_sub:cn
\muskip_gsub:Nn
\muskip_gsub:cn
10370 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_local:N
10371 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_add:Nn #1#2
10372 { \tex_advance:D #1 by \etex_muexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
10373 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_global:N
10374 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gadd:Nn #1#2
10375 { \tex_global:D \tex_advance:D #1 by \etex_muexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
10376 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_add:Nn { c }
10377 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gadd:Nn { c }
10378 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_local:N
10379 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_sub:Nn #1#2
10380 { \tex_advance:D #1 by - \etex_muexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
10381 \__dim_tmp:w \__kernel_chk_var_global:N
10382 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gsub:Nn #1#2
10383 { \tex_global:D \tex_advance:D #1 by - \etex_muexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
10384 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_sub:Nn { c }
10385 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gsub:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\muskip_add:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 167.)

## 18.22 Using muskip expressions and variables

`\muskip_eval:n` Evaluating a muskip expression expandably.

```

10386 \__kernel_patch_args:nNp
10387 {
10388   {
10389     \__kernel_chk_expr:nNn {#1} \etex_muexpr:D
10390     { \etex_mutoglu:D } \muskip_eval:n
10391   }
10392 }
10393 \cs_new:Npn \muskip_eval:n #1
10394 { \muskip_use:N \etex_muexpr:D #1 \scan_stop: }

```

(End definition for `\muskip_eval:n`. This function is documented on page 168.)

`\muskip_use:N` Accessing a  $\langle muskip \rangle$ .

```

\muskip_use:c
10395 \cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_use:N \tex_the:D
10396 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_use:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\muskip_use:N`. This function is documented on page 168.)

## 18.23 Viewing muskip variables

`\muskip_show:N` Diagnostics.  
`\muskip_show:c` 10397 `\cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_show:N \__kernel_register_show:N`  
10398 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_show:N { c }`  
(End definition for `\muskip_show:N`. This function is documented on page 168.)

`\muskip_show:n` Diagnostics. We don't use the TeX primitive `\showthe` to show muskip expressions: this gives a more unified output.  
10399 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_show:n`  
10400 `{ \msg_show_eval:Nn \muskip_eval:n }`  
(End definition for `\muskip_show:n`. This function is documented on page 168.)

`\muskip_log:N` Diagnostics. Redirect output of `\muskip_show:n` to the log.  
`\muskip_log:c` 10401 `\cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_log:N \__kernel_register_log:N`  
`\muskip_log:n` 10402 `\cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_log:c \__kernel_register_log:c`  
10403 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_log:n`  
10404 `{ \msg_log_eval:Nn \muskip_eval:n }`  
(End definition for `\muskip_log:N` and `\muskip_log:n`. These functions are documented on page 168.)

## 18.24 Constant muskips

`\c_zero_muskip` Constant muskips given by their value.  
`\c_max_muskip` 10405 `\muskip_const:Nn \c_zero_muskip { 0 mu }`  
10406 `\muskip_const:Nn \c_max_muskip { 16383.99999 mu }`  
(End definition for `\c_zero_muskip` and `\c_max_muskip`. These functions are documented on page 169.)

## 18.25 Scratch muskips

`\l_tmpa_muskip` We provide two local and two global scratch registers, maybe we need more or less.  
`\l_tmpb_muskip` 10407 `\muskip_new:N \l_tmpa_muskip`  
`\g_tmpa_muskip` 10408 `\muskip_new:N \l_tmpb_muskip`  
`\g_tmpb_muskip` 10409 `\muskip_new:N \g_tmpa_muskip`  
10410 `\muskip_new:N \g_tmpb_muskip`  
(End definition for `\l_tmpa_muskip` and others. These variables are documented on page 169.)  
10411 `</initex | package>`

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10412 `<*initex | package>`

## 19.1 Low-level interface

The low-level key parser is based heavily on `keyval`, but with a number of additional “safety” requirements and with the idea that the parsed list of key–value pairs can be processed in a variety of ways. The net result is that this code needs around twice the amount of time as `keyval` to parse the same list of keys. To optimise speed as far as reasonably practical, a number of lower-level approaches are taken rather than using the higher-level `expl3` interfaces.

10413 `<@@=keyval>`

`\l__keyval_key_tl` The current key name and value.  
`\l__keyval_value_tl` 10414 `\tl_new:N \l__keyval_key_tl`  
10415 `\tl_new:N \l__keyval_value_tl`  
(End definition for `\l__keyval_key_tl` and `\l__keyval_value_tl`.)

`\l__keyval_sanitise_tl` A token list variable for dealing with awkward category codes in the input.  
10416 `\tl_new:N \l__keyval_sanitise_tl`  
(End definition for `\l__keyval_sanitise_tl`.)

`\keyval_parse:NNn` The main function starts off by normalising category codes in package mode. That’s relatively “expensive” so is skipped (hopefully) in format mode. We then hand off to the parser. The use of `\q_mark` here prevents loss of braces from the key argument. This particular quark is chosen as it fits in with `\__tl_trim_spaces:nn` and allows a performance enhancement as the token can be carried through. Notice that by passing the two processor commands along the input stack we avoid the need to track these at all.

```
10417 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keyval_parse:NNn #1#2#3
10418   {
10419   (*initex)
10420   \__keyval_loop:NNw #1#2 \q_mark #3 , \q_recursion_tail ,
10421   </initex>
10422   (*package)
10423   \tl_set:Nn \l__keyval_sanitise_tl {#3}
10424   \__keyval_sanitise_equals:
10425   \__keyval_sanitise_comma:
10426   \exp_after:wN \__keyval_loop:NNw \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2
10427   \exp_after:wN \q_mark \l__keyval_sanitise_tl , \q_recursion_tail ,
10428   </package>
10429   }
```

(End definition for `\keyval_parse:NNn`. This function is documented on page 182.)

`\__keyval_sanitise_equals:` A reasonably fast search and replace set up specifically for the active tokens. The nature of the input is known so everything is hard-coded. With only two tokens to cover, the speed gain from using dedicated functions is worth it.

```
\__keyval_sanitise_comma:
  \__keyval_sanitise_equals_auxi:w
  \__keyval_sanitise_equals_auxii:w
  \__keyval_sanitise_comma_auxi:w
  \__keyval_sanitise_comma_auxii:w
  \__keyval_sanitise_aux:w
10430 (*package)
10431 \group_begin:
10432 \char_set_catcode_active:n { \ = }
10433 \char_set_catcode_active:n { \ , }
10434 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keyval_sanitise_equals:
10435   {
10436   \exp_after:wN \__keyval_sanitise_equals_auxi:w \l__keyval_sanitise_tl
10437   \q_mark = \q_nil =
10438   \exp_after:wN \__keyval_sanitise_aux:w \l__keyval_sanitise_tl
10439   }
10440 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keyval_sanitise_equals_auxi:w #1 =
10441   {
10442   \tl_set:Nn \l__keyval_sanitise_tl {#1}
10443   \__keyval_sanitise_equals_auxii:w
10444   }
10445 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keyval_sanitise_equals_auxii:w #1 =
10446   {
```

```

10447     \if_meaning:w \q_nil #1 \scan_stop:
10448     \else:
10449         \tl_set:Nx \l__keyval_sanitise_tl
10450         {
10451             \exp_not:o \l__keyval_sanitise_tl
10452             \token_to_str:N =
10453             \exp_not:n {#1}
10454         }
10455         \exp_after:wN \__keyval_sanitise_equals_auxii:w
10456     \fi:
10457 }
10458 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keyval_sanitise_comma:
10459 {
10460     \exp_after:wN \__keyval_sanitise_comma_auxi:w \l__keyval_sanitise_tl
10461     \q_mark , \q_nil ,
10462     \exp_after:wN \__keyval_sanitise_aux:w \l__keyval_sanitise_tl
10463 }
10464 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keyval_sanitise_comma_auxi:w #1 ,
10465 {
10466     \tl_set:Nn \l__keyval_sanitise_tl {#1}
10467     \__keyval_sanitise_comma_auxii:w
10468 }
10469 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keyval_sanitise_comma_auxii:w #1 ,
10470 {
10471     \if_meaning:w \q_nil #1 \scan_stop:
10472     \else:
10473         \tl_set:Nx \l__keyval_sanitise_tl
10474         {
10475             \exp_not:o \l__keyval_sanitise_tl
10476             \token_to_str:N ,
10477             \exp_not:n {#1}
10478         }
10479         \exp_after:wN \__keyval_sanitise_comma_auxii:w
10480     \fi:
10481 }
10482 \group_end:
10483 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keyval_sanitise_aux:w #1 \q_mark
10484 { \tl_set:Nn \l__keyval_sanitise_tl {#1} }
10485 \end{package}

```

(End definition for \\_\_keyval\_sanitise\_equals: and others.)

\\_\_keyval\_loop:NNw A fast test for the end of the loop, remembering to remove the leading quark first. Assuming that is not the case, look for a key and value then loop around, re-inserting a leading quark in front of the next position.

```

10486 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keyval_loop:NNw #1#2#3 ,
10487 {
10488     \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_after:wN \q_recursion_tail
10489     \use_none:n #3 \prg_do_nothing:
10490     \else:
10491         \__keyval_split:NNw #1#2#3 == \q_stop
10492         \exp_after:wN \__keyval_loop:NNw \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2
10493         \exp_after:wN \q_mark
10494     \fi:

```

```
10495 }
```

(End definition for `\_keyval_loop:NNw`.)

`\_keyval_split:NNw` The value is picked up separately from the key so there can be another quark inserted at the front, keeping braces and allowing both parts to share the same code paths. The  
`\_keyval_split_value:NNw` at the front, keeping braces and allowing both parts to share the same code paths. The  
`\_keyval_split_tidy:w` key is found first then there's a check that there is something there: this is biased to the  
`\_keyval_action:` common case of there actually being a key. For the value, we first need to see if there is anything to do: if there is, extract it. The appropriate action is then inserted in front of the key and value. Doing this using an assignment is marginally faster than an expansion chain.

```
10496 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keyval_split:NNw #1#2#3 =
10497 {
10498   \_keyval_def:Nn \l_keyval_key_tl {#3}
10499   \if_meaning:w \l_keyval_key_tl \c_empty_tl
10500     \exp_after:wN \_keyval_split_tidy:w
10501   \else:
10502     \exp_after:wN \_keyval_split_value:NNw \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2
10503     \exp_after:wN \q_mark
10504   \fi:
10505 }
10506 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keyval_split_value:NNw #1#2#3 = #4 \q_stop
10507 {
10508   \if:w \scan_stop: \tl_to_str:n {#4} \scan_stop:
10509     \cs_set:Npx \_keyval_action:
10510       { \exp_not:N #1 { \exp_not:o \l_keyval_key_tl } }
10511   \else:
10512     \if:w \scan_stop: \etex_detokenize:D \exp_after:wN { \use_none:n #4 }
10513     \scan_stop:
10514     \_keyval_def:Nn \l_keyval_value_tl {#3}
10515     \cs_set:Npx \_keyval_action:
10516       {
10517         \exp_not:N #2
10518         { \exp_not:o \l_keyval_key_tl }
10519         { \exp_not:o \l_keyval_value_tl }
10520       }
10521     \else:
10522       \cs_set:Npn \_keyval_action:
10523         { \_kernel_msg_error:nn { kernel } { misplaced-equals-sign } }
10524     \fi:
10525   \fi:
10526   \_keyval_action:
10527 }
10528 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keyval_split_tidy:w #1 \q_stop
10529 {
10530   \if:w \scan_stop: \etex_detokenize:D \exp_after:wN { \use_none:n #1 }
10531   \scan_stop:
10532   \else:
10533     \exp_after:wN \_keyval_empty_key:
10534   \fi:
10535 }
10536 \cs_new:Npn \_keyval_action: { }
10537 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keyval_empty_key:
10538 { \_kernel_msg_error:nn { kernel } { misplaced-equals-sign } }
```

(End definition for `\_keyval_split:Nnw` and others.)

`\_keyval_def:Nn` First trim spaces off, then potentially remove a set of braces. By using the internal interface `\_tl_trim_spaces:nn` we can take advantage of the fact it needs a leading `\q_mark` in this process. The `\exp_after:wN` removes the quark, the delimited argument deals with any braces.

```
10539 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keyval_def:Nn #1#2
10540   { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \_tl_trim_spaces:nn {#2} \_keyval_def_aux:n } }
10541 \cs_new:Npn \_keyval_def_aux:n #1
10542   { \exp_after:wN \_keyval_def_aux:w #1 \q_stop }
10543 \cs_new:Npn \_keyval_def_aux:w #1 \q_stop { \exp_not:n {#1} }
```

(End definition for `\_keyval_def:Nn`, `\_keyval_def_aux:n`, and `\_keyval_def_aux:w`.)

One message for the low level parsing system.

```
10544 \_kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { misplaced-equals-sign }
10545   { Misplaced-equals-sign-in-key-value-input~\msg_line_number: }
10546   {
10547     LaTeX-is-attempting-to-parse-some-key-value-input-but-found-
10548     two-equals-signs-not-separated-by-a-comma.
10549   }
```

## 19.2 Constants and variables

```
10550 <@@=keys>
```

Various storage areas for the different data which make up keys.

```
\c__keys_code_root_tl
\c__keys_default_root_tl 10551 \tl_const:Nn \c__keys_code_root_tl { key-code~>~ }
\c__keys_groups_root_tl 10552 \tl_const:Nn \c__keys_default_root_tl { key-default~>~ }
\c__keys_inherit_root_tl 10553 \tl_const:Nn \c__keys_groups_root_tl { key-groups~>~ }
\c__keys_type_root_tl 10554 \tl_const:Nn \c__keys_inherit_root_tl { key-inherit~>~ }
\c__keys_validate_root_tl 10555 \tl_const:Nn \c__keys_type_root_tl { key-type~>~ }
10556 \tl_const:Nn \c__keys_validate_root_tl { key-validate~>~ }
```

(End definition for `\c__keys_code_root_tl` and others.)

`\c__keys_props_root_tl` The prefix for storing properties.

```
10557 \tl_const:Nn \c__keys_props_root_tl { key-prop~>~ }
```

(End definition for `\c__keys_props_root_tl`.)

`\l_keys_choice_int` Publicly accessible data on which choice is being used when several are generated as a set.

`\l_keys_choice_tl`

```
10558 \int_new:N \l_keys_choice_int
10559 \tl_new:N \l_keys_choice_tl
```

(End definition for `\l_keys_choice_int` and `\l_keys_choice_tl`. These variables are documented on page 176.)

`\l__keys_groups_clist` Used for storing and recovering the list of groups which apply to a key: set as a comma list but at one point we have to use this for a token list recovery.

```
10560 \clist_new:N \l__keys_groups_clist
```

(End definition for `\l__keys_groups_clist`.)

`\l_keys_key_tl` The name of a key itself: needed when setting keys.  
10561 `\tl_new:N \l_keys_key_tl`  
*(End definition for \l\_keys\_key\_tl. This variable is documented on page 178.)*

`\l__keys_module_tl` The module for an entire set of keys.  
10562 `\tl_new:N \l__keys_module_tl`  
*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_module\_tl.)*

`\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.  
10563 `\bool_new:N \l__keys_no_value_bool`  
*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_no\_value\_bool.)*

`\l__keys_only_known_bool` Used to track if only “known” keys are being set.  
10564 `\bool_new:N \l__keys_only_known_bool`  
*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_only\_known\_bool.)*

`\l_keys_path_tl` The “path” of the current key is stored here: this is available to the programmer and so is public.  
10565 `\tl_new:N \l_keys_path_tl`  
*(End definition for \l\_keys\_path\_tl. This variable is documented on page 178.)*

`\l__keys_property_tl` The “property” begin set for a key at definition time is stored here.  
10566 `\tl_new:N \l__keys_property_tl`  
*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_property\_tl.)*

`\l__keys_selective_bool` Two flags for using key groups: one to indicate that “selective” setting is active, a second  
`\l__keys_filtered_bool` to specify which type (“opt-in” or “opt-out”).  
10567 `\bool_new:N \l__keys_selective_bool`  
10568 `\bool_new:N \l__keys_filtered_bool`  
*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_selective\_bool and \l\_\_keys\_filtered\_bool.)*

`\l__keys_selective_seq` The list of key groups being filtered in or out during selective setting.  
10569 `\seq_new:N \l__keys_selective_seq`  
*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_selective\_seq.)*

`\l__keys_unused_clist` Used when setting only some keys to store those left over.  
10570 `\tl_new:N \l__keys_unused_clist`  
*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_unused\_clist.)*

`\l_keys_value_tl` The value given for a key: may be empty if no value was given.  
10571 `\tl_new:N \l_keys_value_tl`  
*(End definition for \l\_keys\_value\_tl. This variable is documented on page 178.)*

`\l__keys_tmp_bool` Scratch space.  
10572 `\bool_new:N \l__keys_tmp_bool`  
*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_tmp\_bool.)*

### 19.3 The key defining mechanism

`\keys_define:nn` The public function for definitions is just a wrapper for the lower level mechanism, more or less. The outer function is designed to keep a track of the current module, to allow safe nesting. The module is set removing any leading / (which is not needed here).

```

10573 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_define:nn
10574   { \__keys_define:onn \l__keys_module_tl }
10575 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_define:nnn #1#2#3
10576   {
10577     \tl_set:Nx \l__keys_module_tl { \__keys_remove_spaces:n {#2} }
10578     \keyval_parse:NNn \__keys_define:n \__keys_define:nn {#3}
10579     \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_module_tl {#1}
10580   }
10581 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_define:nnn { o }

```

*(End definition for `\keys_define:nn` and `\__keys_define:nnn`. This function is documented on page 171.)*

`\__keys_define:n` The outer functions here record whether a value was given and then converge on a common internal mechanism. There is first a search for a property in the current key name, then a check to make sure it is known before the code hands off to the next step.

```

10582 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_define:n #1
10583   {
10584     \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_no_value_bool
10585     \__keys_define_aux:nn {#1} { }
10586   }
10587 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_define:nn #1#2
10588   {
10589     \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_no_value_bool
10590     \__keys_define_aux:nn {#1} {#2}
10591   }
10592 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_define_aux:nn #1#2
10593   {
10594     \__keys_property_find:n {#1}
10595     \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_props_root_tl \l__keys_property_tl }
10596       { \__keys_define_code:n {#2} }
10597       {
10598         \tl_if_empty:NF \l__keys_property_tl
10599           {
10600             \__kernel_msg_error:nnxx { kernel } { property-unknown }
10601             { \l__keys_property_tl } { \l_keys_path_tl }
10602           }
10603       }
10604   }

```

*(End definition for `\__keys_define:n`, `\__keys_define:nn`, and `\__keys_define_aux:nn`.)*

`\__keys_property_find:n` Searching for a property means finding the last . in the input, and storing the text before and after it. Everything is turned into strings, so there is no problem using an x-type expansion.

```

10605 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_property_find:n #1
10606   {
10607     \tl_set:Nx \l__keys_property_tl { \__keys_remove_spaces:n {#1} }
10608     \exp_after:wN \__keys_property_find:w \l__keys_property_tl . . \q_stop {#1}

```

```

10609 }
10610 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_property_find:w #1 . #2 . #3 \q_stop #4
10611 {
10612   \tl_if_blank:nTF {#3}
10613   {
10614     \tl_clear:N \l__keys_property_tl
10615     \__kernel_msg_error:nnn { kernel } { key-no-property } {#4}
10616   }
10617   {
10618     \str_if_eq:nnTF {#3} { . }
10619     {
10620       \tl_set:Nx \l_keys_path_tl
10621       {
10622         \tl_if_empty:NF \l__keys_module_tl
10623         { \l__keys_module_tl / }
10624         #1
10625       }
10626       \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_property_tl { . #2 }
10627     }
10628     {
10629       \tl_set:Nx \l_keys_path_tl { \l__keys_module_tl / #1 . #2 }
10630       \__keys_property_search:w #3 \q_stop
10631     }
10632   }
10633 }
10634 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_property_search:w #1 . #2 \q_stop
10635 {
10636   \str_if_eq:nnTF {#2} { . }
10637   {
10638     \tl_set:Nx \l_keys_path_tl { \l_keys_path_tl }
10639     \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_property_tl { . #1 }
10640   }
10641   {
10642     \tl_set:Nx \l_keys_path_tl { \l_keys_path_tl . #1 }
10643     \__keys_property_search:w #2 \q_stop
10644   }
10645 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_property\_find:n and \\_\_keys\_property\_find:w.)

\\_\_keys\_define\_code:n Two possible cases. If there is a value for the key, then just use the function. If not, then  
 \\_\_keys\_define\_code:w 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 was  
 missing the earlier tests would have failed.

```

10646 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_define_code:n #1
10647 {
10648   \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_no_value_bool
10649   {
10650     \exp_after:wN \__keys_define_code:w
10651     \l__keys_property_tl \q_stop
10652     { \use:c { \c__keys_props_root_tl \l__keys_property_tl } }
10653     {
10654       \__kernel_msg_error:nxxx { kernel }
10655       { property-requires-value } { \l__keys_property_tl }

```

```

10656         { \l_keys_path_tl }
10657     }
10658 }
10659 { \use:c { \c__keys_props_root_tl \l__keys_property_tl } {#1} }
10660 }
10661 \use:x
10662 {
10663     \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__keys_define_code:w
10664         ##1 \c_colon_str ##2 \exp_not:N \q_stop
10665 }
10666 { \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2} }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_define_code:n` and `\__keys_define_code:w`.)

## 19.4 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.

`\__keys_bool_set:cn`

```

10667 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_bool_set:Nn #1#2
10668 {
10669     \bool_if_exist:NF #1 { \bool_new:N #1 }
10670     \__keys_choice_make:
10671     \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / true }
10672     { \exp_not:c { bool_ #2 set_true:N } \exp_not:N #1 }
10673     \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / false }
10674     { \exp_not:c { bool_ #2 set_false:N } \exp_not:N #1 }
10675     \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / unknown }
10676     {
10677         \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { boolean-values-only }
10678         { \l_keys_key_tl }
10679     }
10680     \__keys_default_set:n { true }
10681 }
10682 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_bool_set:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_bool_set:Nn`.)

`\__keys_bool_set_inverse:Nn` Inverse boolean setting is much the same.

`\__keys_bool_set_inverse:cn`

```

10683 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_bool_set_inverse:Nn #1#2
10684 {
10685     \bool_if_exist:NF #1 { \bool_new:N #1 }
10686     \__keys_choice_make:
10687     \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / true }
10688     { \exp_not:c { bool_ #2 set_false:N } \exp_not:N #1 }
10689     \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / false }
10690     { \exp_not:c { bool_ #2 set_true:N } \exp_not:N #1 }
10691     \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / unknown }
10692     {
10693         \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { boolean-values-only }
10694         { \l_keys_key_tl }
10695     }
10696     \__keys_default_set:n { true }
10697 }
10698 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_bool_set_inverse:Nn { c }

```

(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. As  
`\_keys_multichoice_make:` multichoices and choices are essentially the same bar one function, the code is given  
`\_keys_choice_make:N` together.  
`\_keys_choice_make_aux:N`

```
10699 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keys_choice_make:
10700   { \_keys_choice_make:N \_keys_choice_find:n }
10701 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keys_multichoice_make:
10702   { \_keys_choice_make:N \_keys_multichoice_find:n }
10703 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keys_choice_make:N #1
10704   {
10705     \cs_if_exist:cTF
10706       { \c__keys_type_root_tl \_keys_parent:o \l_keys_path_tl }
10707       {
10708         \str_if_eq_x:nnTF
10709           { \exp_not:v { \c__keys_type_root_tl \_keys_parent:o \l_keys_path_tl } }
10710           { choice }
10711           {
10712             \_kernel_msg_error:nxxx { kernel } { nested-choice-key }
10713             { \l_keys_path_tl } { \_keys_parent:o \l_keys_path_tl }
10714           }
10715           { \_keys_choice_make_aux:N #1 }
10716         }
10717         { \_keys_choice_make_aux:N #1 }
10718       }
10719 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keys_choice_make_aux:N #1
10720   {
10721     \cs_set_nopar:cpn { \c__keys_type_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl } { choice }
10722     \_keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl } { #1 {##1} }
10723     \_keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / unknown }
10724     {
10725       \_kernel_msg_error:nxxx { kernel } { key-choice-unknown }
10726       { \l_keys_path_tl } {##1}
10727     }
10728   }
```

(End definition for `\_keys_choice_make:` and others.)

`\_keys_choices_make:nn` Auto-generating choices means setting up the root key as a choice, then defining each  
`\_keys_multichoices_make:nn` choice in turn.  
`\_keys_choices_make:Nnn`

```
10729 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keys_choices_make:nn
10730   { \_keys_choices_make:Nnn \_keys_choice_make: }
10731 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keys_multichoices_make:nn
10732   { \_keys_choices_make:Nnn \_keys_multichoice_make: }
10733 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keys_choices_make:Nnn #1#2#3
10734   {
10735     #1
10736     \int_zero:N \l_keys_choice_int
10737     \clist_map_inline:nn {#2}
10738     {
10739       \int_incr:N \l_keys_choice_int
10740       \_keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / \_keys_remove_spaces:n {##1} }
10741       {
10742         \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l_keys_choice_tl {##1}
```

```

10743         \int_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l_keys_choice_int
10744         { \int_use:N \l_keys_choice_int }
10745         \exp_not:n {#3}
10746     }
10747 }
10748 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_keys\_choices\_make:nn, \\_\_keys\_multichoices\_make:nn, and \\_\_keys\_choices\_make:Nnn.)*

\\_\_keys\_cmd\_set:nn Setting the code for a key first logs if appropriate that we are defining a new key, then saves the code.

```

\__keys_cmd_set:nx
\__keys_cmd_set:Vn
\__keys_cmd_set:Vo
10749 \__kernel_patch:nnNpn
10750 {
10751     \cs_if_exist:cF { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 }
10752     { \__kernel_debug_log:x { Defining-key~#1~\msg_line_context: } }
10753 }
10754 { }
10755 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_cmd_set:nn #1#2
10756 { \cs_set_protected:cpx { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 } ##1 {#2} }
10757 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_cmd_set:nn { nx , Vn , Vo }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_keys\_cmd\_set:nn.)*

\\_\_keys\_default\_set:n Setting a default value is easy. These are stored using \cs\_set:cpx as this avoids any worries about whether a token list exists.

```

10758 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_default_set:n #1
10759 {
10760     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
10761     {
10762         \cs_set_eq:cN
10763         { \c__keys_default_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
10764         \tex_undefined:D
10765     }
10766     {
10767         \cs_set:cpx
10768         { \c__keys_default_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
10769         { \exp_not:n {#1} }
10770     }
10771 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_keys\_default\_set:n.)*

\\_\_keys\_groups\_set:n Assigning a key to one or more groups uses comma lists. As the list of groups only exists if there is anything to do, the setting is done using a scratch list. For the usual grouping reasons we use the low-level approach to undefining a list. We also use the low-level approach for the other case to avoid tripping up the check-declarations code.

```

10772 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_groups_set:n #1
10773 {
10774     \clist_set:Nn \l__keys_groups_clist {#1}
10775     \clist_if_empty:NTF \l__keys_groups_clist
10776     {
10777         \cs_set_eq:cN { \c__keys_groups_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
10778         \tex_undefined:D

```

```

10779     }
10780     {
10781     \cs_set_eq:cN { \c__keys_groups_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
10782     \l__keys_groups_clist
10783     }
10784 }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_groups_set:n`.)

`\__keys_inherit:n` Inheritance means ignoring anything already said about the key: zap the lot and set up.

```

10785 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_inherit:n #1
10786 {
10787     \__keys_undefine:
10788     \cs_set_nopar:cN { \c__keys_inherit_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl } {#1}
10789 }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_inherit:n`.)

`\__keys_initialise:n` A set up for initialisation: just run the code if it exists.

```

10790 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_initialise:n #1
10791 {
10792     \cs_if_exist_use:cT { \c__keys_code_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl } { {#1} }
10793 }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_initialise:n`.)

`\__keys_meta_make:n` To create a meta-key, simply set up to pass data through.

```

\__keys_meta_make:nn
10794 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_meta_make:n #1
10795 {
10796     \__keys_cmd_set:Vo \l_keys_path_tl
10797     {
10798         \exp_after:wN \keys_set:nn
10799         \exp_after:wN { \l__keys_module_tl } {#1}
10800     }
10801 }
10802 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_meta_make:nn #1#2
10803 { \__keys_cmd_set:Vn \l_keys_path_tl { \keys_set:nn {#1} {#2} } }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_meta_make:n` and `\__keys_meta_make:nn`.)

`\__keys_undefine:` Undefining a key has to be done without `\cs_undefine:c` as that function acts globally.

```

10804 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_undefine:
10805 {
10806     \clist_map_inline:nn
10807     { code , default , groups , inherit , type , validate }
10808     {
10809         \cs_set_eq:cN
10810         { \tl_use:c { c__keys_ ##1 _root_tl } \l_keys_path_tl }
10811         \tex_undefined:D
10812     }
10813 }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_undefine:.`)

`\__keys_value_requirement:nn` Validating key input is done using a second function which runs before the main key code. Setting that up means setting it equal to a generic stub which does the check. This approach makes the lookup very fast at the cost of one additional csname per key that needs it. The cleanup here has to know the structure of the following code.

```

10814 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_value_requirement:nn #1#2
10815 {
10816   \str_case:nnF {#2}
10817   {
10818     { true }
10819     {
10820       \cs_set_eq:cc
10821       { \c__keys_validate_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
10822       { __keys_validate_ #1 : }
10823     }
10824   { false }
10825   {
10826     \cs_if_eq:ccT
10827     { \c__keys_validate_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
10828     { __keys_validate_ #1 : }
10829     {
10830       \cs_set_eq:cN
10831       { \c__keys_validate_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
10832       \tex_undefined:D
10833     }
10834   }
10835 }
10836 {
10837   \__kernel_msg_error:nnx { kernel } { property-boolean-values-only }
10838   { .value_ #1 :n }
10839 }
10840 }
10841 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_validate_forbidden:
10842 {
10843   \bool_if:NF \l__keys_no_value_bool
10844   {
10845     \__kernel_msg_error:nnxx { kernel } { value-forbidden }
10846     { \l_keys_path_tl } { \l_keys_value_tl }
10847     \__keys_validate_cleanup:w
10848   }
10849 }
10850 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_validate_required:
10851 {
10852   \bool_if:NT \l__keys_no_value_bool
10853   {
10854     \__kernel_msg_error:nnx { kernel } { value-required }
10855     { \l_keys_path_tl }
10856     \__keys_validate_cleanup:w
10857   }
10858 }
10859 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_validate_cleanup:w #1 \cs_end: #2#3 { }

```

*(End definition for `\__keys_value_requirement:nn` and others.)*

`\__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.

```
10860 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1#2#3#4
10861 {
10862   \use:c { #2_if_exist:Nf } #1 { \use:c { #2_new:N } #1 }
10863   \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl }
10864   {
10865     \exp_not:c { #2 _ #3 set:N #4 }
10866     \exp_not:N #1
10867     \exp_not:n { {##1} }
10868   }
10869 }
10870 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_variable_set:NnnN { c }
```

(End definition for `\__keys_variable_set:NnnN`.)

## 19.5 Creating key properties

The key property functions are all wrappers for internal functions, meaning that things stay readable and can also be altered later on.

Importantly, while key properties have “normal” argument specs, the underlying code always supplies one braced argument to these. As such, argument expansion is handled by hand rather than using the standard tools. This shows up particularly for the two-argument properties, where things would otherwise go badly wrong.

```
.bool_set:N One function for this.
.bool_set:c 10871 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_set:N } #1
.bool_gset:N 10872 { \__keys_bool_set:Nn #1 { } }
.bool_gset:c 10873 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_set:c } #1
10874 { \__keys_bool_set:cn {#1} { } }
10875 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset:N } #1
10876 { \__keys_bool_set:Nn #1 { g } }
10877 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset:c } #1
10878 { \__keys_bool_set:cn {#1} { g } }
```

(End definition for `.bool_set:N` and `.bool_gset:N`. These functions are documented on page 172.)

```
.bool_set_inverse:N One function for this.
.bool_set_inverse:c 10879 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_set_inverse:N } #1
.bool_gset_inverse:N 10880 { \__keys_bool_set_inverse:Nn #1 { } }
.bool_gset_inverse:c 10881 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_set_inverse:c } #1
10882 { \__keys_bool_set_inverse:cn {#1} { } }
10883 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset_inverse:N } #1
10884 { \__keys_bool_set_inverse:Nn #1 { g } }
10885 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset_inverse:c } #1
10886 { \__keys_bool_set_inverse:cn {#1} { g } }
```

(End definition for `.bool_set_inverse:N` and `.bool_gset_inverse:N`. These functions are documented on page 172.)

```
.choice: Making a choice is handled internally, as it is also needed by .generate_choices:n.
10887 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .choice: }
10888 { \__keys_choice_make: }
```

(End definition for `.choice:`. This function is documented on page 172.)

**.choices:n** For auto-generation of a series of mutually-exclusive choices. Here, #1 consists of two separate arguments, hence the slightly odd-looking implementation.

```
.choices:Vn
.choices:on
.choices:xn
10889 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .choices:n } #1
10890   { \__keys_choices_make:nn #1 }
10891 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .choices:Vn } #1
10892   { \exp_args:NV \__keys_choices_make:nn #1 }
10893 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .choices:on } #1
10894   { \exp_args:No \__keys_choices_make:nn #1 }
10895 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .choices:xn } #1
10896   { \exp_args:Nx \__keys_choices_make:nn #1 }
```

*(End definition for .choices:nn. This function is documented on page 172.)*

**.code:n** Creating code is simply a case of passing through to the underlying set function.

```
10897 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .code:n } #1
10898   { \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl } {#1} }
```

*(End definition for .code:n. This function is documented on page 172.)*

**.clist\_set:N**

```
.clist_set:c
.clist_gset:N
.clist_gset:c
10899 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .clist_set:N } #1
10900   { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { clist } { } n }
10901 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .clist_set:c } #1
10902   { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { clist } { } n }
10903 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .clist_gset:N } #1
10904   { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { clist } { g } n }
10905 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .clist_gset:c } #1
10906   { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { clist } { g } n }
```

*(End definition for .clist\_set:N and .clist\_gset:N. These functions are documented on page 172.)*

**.default:n** Expansion is left to the internal functions.

```
.default:V
.default:o
.default:x
10907 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .default:n } #1
10908   { \__keys_default_set:n {#1} }
10909 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .default:V } #1
10910   { \exp_args:NV \__keys_default_set:n #1 }
10911 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .default:o } #1
10912   { \exp_args:No \__keys_default_set:n {#1} }
10913 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .default:x } #1
10914   { \exp_args:Nx \__keys_default_set:n {#1} }
```

*(End definition for .default:n. This function is documented on page 173.)*

**.dim\_set:N** Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.

```
.dim_set:c
.dim_gset:N
.dim_gset:c
10915 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .dim_set:N } #1
10916   { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { dim } { } n }
10917 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .dim_set:c } #1
10918   { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { dim } { } n }
10919 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .dim_gset:N } #1
10920   { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { dim } { g } n }
10921 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .dim_gset:c } #1
10922   { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { dim } { g } n }
```

*(End definition for .dim\_set:N and .dim\_gset:N. These functions are documented on page 173.)*

**.fp\_set:N** Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.

```

10923 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .fp_set:N } #1
10924   { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { fp } { } n }
.fp_gset:N
10925 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .fp_set:c } #1
10926   { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { fp } { } n }
.fp_gset:c
10927 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .fp_gset:N } #1
10928   { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { fp } { g } n }
10929 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .fp_gset:c } #1
10930   { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { fp } { g } n }

```

*(End definition for .fp\_set:N and .fp\_gset:N. These functions are documented on page 173.)*

**.groups:n** A single property to create groups of keys.

```

10931 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .groups:n } #1
10932   { \__keys_groups_set:n {#1} }

```

*(End definition for .groups:n. This function is documented on page 173.)*

**.inherit:n** Nothing complex: only one variant at the moment!

```

10933 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .inherit:n } #1
10934   { \__keys_inherit:n {#1} }

```

*(End definition for .inherit:n. This function is documented on page 173.)*

**.initial:n** The standard hand-off approach.

```

10935 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .initial:n } #1
10936   { \__keys_initialise:n {#1} }
.initial:V
10937 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .initial:V } #1
10938   { \exp_args:NV \__keys_initialise:n #1 }
.initial:o
10939 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .initial:o } #1
10940   { \exp_args:No \__keys_initialise:n {#1} }
.initial:x
10941 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .initial:x } #1
10942   { \exp_args:Nx \__keys_initialise:n {#1} }

```

*(End definition for .initial:n. This function is documented on page 174.)*

**.int\_set:N** Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.

```

10943 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .int_set:N } #1
10944   { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { int } { } n }
.int_gset:N
10945 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .int_set:c } #1
10946   { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { int } { } n }
.int_gset:c
10947 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .int_gset:N } #1
10948   { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { int } { g } n }
10949 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .int_gset:c } #1
10950   { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { int } { g } n }

```

*(End definition for .int\_set:N and .int\_gset:N. These functions are documented on page 174.)*

**.meta:n** Making a meta is handled internally.

```

10951 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .meta:n } #1
10952   { \__keys_meta_make:n {#1} }

```

*(End definition for .meta:n. This function is documented on page 174.)*

**.meta:nn** Meta with path: potentially lots of variants, but for the moment no so many defined.

```
10953 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .meta:nn } #1
10954   { \__keys_meta_make:nn #1 }
```

(End definition for `.meta:nn`. This function is documented on page 174.)

**.multichoice:** The same idea as `.choice:` and `.choices:nn`, but where more than one choice is allowed.

```
.multichoices:nn 10955 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .multichoice: }
.multichoices:Vn 10956   { \__keys_multichoice_make: }
.multichoices:on 10957 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .multichoices:nn } #1
.multichoices:xn 10958   { \__keys_multichoices_make:nn #1 }
10959 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .multichoices:Vn } #1
10960   { \exp_args:NV \__keys_multichoices_make:nn #1 }
10961 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .multichoices:on } #1
10962   { \exp_args:No \__keys_multichoices_make:nn #1 }
10963 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .multichoices:xn } #1
10964   { \exp_args:Nx \__keys_multichoices_make:nn #1 }
```

(End definition for `.multichoice:` and `.multichoices:nn`. These functions are documented on page 174.)

**.skip\_set:N** Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.

```
.skip_set:c 10965 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .skip_set:N } #1
.skip_gset:N 10966   { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { skip } { } n }
10967 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .skip_set:c } #1
10968   { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { skip } { } n }
10969 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .skip_gset:N } #1
10970   { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { skip } { g } n }
10971 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .skip_gset:c } #1
10972   { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { skip } { g } n }
```

(End definition for `.skip_set:N` and `.skip_gset:N`. These functions are documented on page 174.)

**.tl\_set:N** Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.

```
.tl_set:c 10973 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_set:N } #1
.tl_gset:N 10974   { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { tl } { } n }
.tl_gset:c 10975 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_set:c } #1
.tl_set_x:N 10976   { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { tl } { } n }
.tl_set_x:c 10977 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_set_x:N } #1
.tl_gset_x:N 10978   { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { tl } { } x }
.tl_gset_x:c 10979 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_set_x:c } #1
10980   { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { tl } { } x }
10981 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_gset:N } #1
10982   { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { tl } { g } n }
10983 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_gset:c } #1
10984   { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { tl } { g } n }
10985 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_gset_x:N } #1
10986   { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { tl } { g } x }
10987 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_gset_x:c } #1
10988   { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { tl } { g } x }
```

(End definition for `.tl_set:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 174.)

**.undefine:** Another simple wrapper.

```
10989 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .undefine: }
10990   { \__keys_undefine: }
```

(End definition for `.undefine:`. This function is documented on page 175.)

`.value_forbidden:n` These are very similar, so both call the same function.

```

.value_forbidden:n
.value_required:n 10991 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .value_forbidden:n } #1
                  10992   { \__keys_value_requirement:nn { forbidden } {#1} }
                  10993 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .value_required:n } #1
                  10994   { \__keys_value_requirement:nn { required } {#1} }

```

(End definition for `.value_forbidden:n` and `.value_required:n`. These functions are documented on page 175.)

## 19.6 Setting keys

`\keys_set:nn` A simple wrapper again.

```

\keys_set:nV 10995 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set:nn
\keys_set:nv 10996   { \__keys_set:onnn { \l__keys_module_tl } }
\keys_set:no 10997 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set:nnn #1#2#3
\__keys_set:nnn 10998   {
\__keys_set:onnn 10999   \tl_set:Nx \l__keys_module_tl { \__keys_remove_spaces:n {#2} }
                  11000   \keyval_parse:NNn \__keys_set:n \__keys_set:nn {#3}
                  11001   \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_module_tl {#1}
                  11002   }
                  11003 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \keys_set:nn { nV , nv , no }
                  11004 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_set:nnn { o }

```

(End definition for `\keys_set:nn` and `\__keys_set:nnn`. This function is documented on page 178.)

`\keys_set_known:nnN` Setting known keys simply means setting the appropriate flag, then running the standard code. To allow for nested setting, any existing value of `\l__keys_unused_clist` is saved on the stack and reset afterwards. Note that for speed/simplicity reasons we use a `tl` operation to set the `clist` here!

```

\keys_set_known:nnN 11005 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set_known:nnN
\keys_set_known:nVN 11006   { \__keys_set_known:onnn \l__keys_unused_clist }
\keys_set_known:nvN 11007 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \keys_set_known:nnN { nV , nv , no }
\keys_set_known:noN 11008 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set_known:nnnN #1#2#3#4
\__keys_set_known:nnnN 11009   {
\__keys_set_known:onnnN 11010   \clist_clear:N \l__keys_unused_clist
\__keys_set_known:nnnN 11011   \keys_set_known:nn {#2} {#3}
\keys_set_known:nn 11012   \tl_set:Nx #4 { \exp_not:o { \l__keys_unused_clist } }
\keys_set_known:nV 11013   \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_unused_clist {#1}
\keys_set_known:nv 11014   }
\keys_set_known:no 11015 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_set_known:nnnN { o }
\__keys_keys_set_known:nn 11016 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set_known:nn #1#2
                          11017   {
                          11018     \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_only_known_bool
                          11019       { \keys_set:nn }
                          11020       { \__keys_set_known:nn }
                          11021       {#1} {#2}
                          11022   }
                          11023 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \keys_set_known:nn { nV , nv , no }
                          11024 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_known:nn #1#2
                          11025   {
                          11026     \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_only_known_bool
                          11027     \keys_set:nn {#1} {#2}

```

```

11028     \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_only_known_bool
11029   }

```

(End definition for \keys\_set\_known:nnN and others. These functions are documented on page 179.)

```

\keys_set_filter:nnnN The idea of setting keys in a selective manner again uses flags wrapped around the basic
\keys_set_filter:nnVN code. The comments on \keys_set_known:nnN also apply here. We have a bit more
\keys_set_filter:nnvN shuffling to do to keep everything nestable.
\keys_set_filter:nnoN
__keys_set_filter:nnnnN
__keys_set_filter:onnnN
\keys_set_filter:nnn 11030 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set_filter:nnnN
\keys_set_filter:nnV 11031 { \__keys_set_filter:onnnN \l__keys_unused_clist }
\keys_set_filter:nnv 11032 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \keys_set_filter:nnnN { nnV , nnv , nno }
\keys_set_filter:nno 11033 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_filter:nnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
__keys_set_filter:nnn 11034 {
\keys_set_filter:nnV 11035     \clist_clear:N \l__keys_unused_clist
\keys_set_filter:nnv 11036     \keys_set_filter:nnn {#2} {#3} {#4}
\keys_set_filter:nno 11037     \tl_set:Nx #5 { \exp_not:o { \l__keys_unused_clist } }
__keys_set_filter:nnn 11038     \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_unused_clist {#1}
\keys_set_groups:nnn 11039 }
\keys_set_groups:nnV 11040 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_set_filter:nnnnN { o }
\keys_set_groups:nnv 11041 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set_filter:nnn #1#2#3
\keys_set_groups:nno 11042 {
__keys_set_groups:nnn 11043     \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_filtered_bool
__keys_set_selective:nnn 11044     { \__keys_set_selective:nnn }
__keys_set_selective:nnnn 11045     { \__keys_set_filter:nnn }
__keys_set_selective:onnn 11046     {#1} {#2} {#3}
__keys_set_selective:nn 11047 }
11048 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \keys_set_filter:nnn { nnV , nnv , nno }
11049 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_filter:nnn #1#2#3
11050 {
11051     \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_filtered_bool
11052     \__keys_set_selective:nnn {#1} {#2} {#3}
11053     \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_filtered_bool
11054 }
11055 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set_groups:nnn #1#2#3
11056 {
11057     \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_filtered_bool
11058     { \__keys_set_groups:nnn }
11059     { \__keys_set_selective:nnn }
11060     {#1} {#2} {#3}
11061 }
11062 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \keys_set_groups:nnn { nnV , nnv , nno }
11063 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_groups:nnn #1#2#3
11064 {
11065     \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_filtered_bool
11066     \__keys_set_selective:nnn {#1} {#2} {#3}
11067     \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_filtered_bool
11068 }
11069 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_selective:nnn
11070 { \__keys_set_selective:onnn \l__keys_selective_seq }
11071 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_selective:nnnn #1#2#3#4
11072 {
11073     \seq_set_from_clist:Nn \l__keys_selective_seq {#3}
11074     \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_selective_bool
11075     { \keys_set:nn }

```

```

11076     { \_keys_set_selective:nn }
11077     {#2} {#4}
11078     \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_selective_seq {#1}
11079   }
11080 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \_keys_set_selective:nnnn { o }
11081 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keys_set_selective:nn #1#2
11082   {
11083     \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_selective_bool
11084     \keys_set:nn {#1} {#2}
11085     \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_selective_bool
11086   }

```

(End definition for `\keys_set_filter:nnnN` and others. These functions are documented on page 180.)

```

\_keys_set:n      A shared system once again. First, set the current path and add a default if needed.
\_keys_set:nn     There are then checks to see if the a value is required or forbidden. If everything passes,
\_keys_set_aux:nnn move on to execute the code.
\_keys_set_aux:onn
\_keys_find_key_module:w
\_keys_set_aux:
\_keys_set_selective:

```

```

11087 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keys_set:n #1
11088   {
11089     \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_no_value_bool
11090     \_keys_set_aux:onn \l__keys_module_tl {#1} { }
11091   }
11092 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keys_set:nn #1#2
11093   {
11094     \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_no_value_bool
11095     \_keys_set_aux:onn \l__keys_module_tl {#1} {#2}
11096   }

```

The key path here can be fully defined, after which there is a search for the key and module names: the user may have passed them with part of what is actually the module (for our purposes) in the key name. As that happens on a per-key basis, we use the stack approach to restore the module name without a group.

```

11097 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keys_set_aux:nnn #1#2#3
11098   {
11099     \tl_set:Nx \l_keys_path_tl
11100     {
11101       \tl_if_blank:nF {#1}
11102       { #1 / }
11103       \_keys_remove_spaces:n {#2}
11104     }
11105     \tl_clear:N \l__keys_module_tl
11106     \exp_after:wN \_keys_find_key_module:w \l_keys_path_tl / \q_stop
11107     \_keys_value_or_default:n {#3}
11108     \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_selective_bool
11109     { \_keys_set_selective: }
11110     { \_keys_execute: }
11111     \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_module_tl {#1}
11112   }
11113 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \_keys_set_aux:nnn { o }
11114 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_keys_find_key_module:w #1 / #2 \q_stop
11115   {
11116     \tl_if_blank:nTF {#2}
11117     { \tl_set:Nn \l_keys_key_tl {#1} }
11118     {

```

```

11119     \tl_put_right:Nx \l__keys_module_tl
11120     {
11121       \tl_if_empty:NF \l__keys_module_tl { / }
11122       #1
11123     }
11124     \__keys_find_key_module:w #2 \q_stop
11125   }
11126 }

```

If selective setting is active, there are a number of possible sub-cases to consider. The key name may not be known at all or if it is, it may not have any groups assigned. There is then the question of whether the selection is opt-in or opt-out.

```

11127 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_selective:
11128 {
11129   \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_groups_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
11130   {
11131     \clist_set_eq:Nc \l__keys_groups_clist
11132     { \c__keys_groups_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
11133     \__keys_check_groups:
11134   }
11135   {
11136     \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_filtered_bool
11137     { \__keys_execute: }
11138     { \__keys_store_unused: }
11139   }
11140 }

```

In the case where selective setting requires a comparison of the list of groups which apply to a key with the list of those which have been set active. That requires two mappings, and again a different outcome depending on whether opt-in or opt-out is set.

```

11141 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_check_groups:
11142 {
11143   \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_tmp_bool
11144   \seq_map_inline:Nn \l__keys_selective_seq
11145   {
11146     \clist_map_inline:Nn \l__keys_groups_clist
11147     {
11148       \str_if_eq:nnT {##1} {####1}
11149       {
11150         \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_tmp_bool
11151         \clist_map_break:n { \seq_map_break: }
11152       }
11153     }
11154   }
11155   \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_tmp_bool
11156   {
11157     \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_filtered_bool
11158     { \__keys_store_unused: }
11159     { \__keys_execute: }
11160   }
11161   {
11162     \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_filtered_bool
11163     { \__keys_execute: }
11164     { \__keys_store_unused: }
11165   }

```

```
11166 }
```

(End definition for `\__keys_set:n` and others.)

`\__keys_value_or_default:n` If a value is given, return it as #1, otherwise send a default if available.

```
11167 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_value_or_default:n #1
11168 {
11169   \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_no_value_bool
11170   {
11171     \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_default_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
11172     {
11173       \tl_set_eq:Nc
11174         \l_keys_value_tl
11175         { \c__keys_default_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
11176     }
11177     { \tl_clear:N \l_keys_value_tl }
11178   }
11179   { \tl_set:Nn \l_keys_value_tl {#1} }
11180 }
```

(End definition for `\__keys_value_or_default:n`.)

`\__keys_execute:` Actually executing a key is done in two parts. First, look for the key itself, then look  
`\__keys_execute_unknown:` for the **unknown** key with the same path. If both of these fail, complain. What exactly  
`\__keys_execute:nn` happens if a key is unknown depends on whether unknown keys are being skipped or if  
`\__keys_store_unused:` an error should be raised.

```
11181 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_execute:
11182 {
11183   \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_code_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
11184   {
11185     \cs_if_exist_use:c { \c__keys_validate_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
11186     \cs:w \c__keys_code_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
11187     \exp_after:wN { \l_keys_value_tl }
11188   }
11189   { \__keys_execute_unknown: }
11190 }
11191 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_execute_unknown:
11192 {
11193   \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_only_known_bool
11194   { \__keys_store_unused: }
11195   {
11196     \cs_if_exist:cTF
11197     { \c__keys_inherit_root_tl \__keys_parent:o \l_keys_path_tl }
11198     {
11199       \clist_map_inline:cn
11200       { \c__keys_inherit_root_tl \__keys_parent:o \l_keys_path_tl }
11201       {
11202         \cs_if_exist:cT
11203         { \c__keys_code_root_tl ##1 / \l_keys_key_tl }
11204         {
11205           \cs:w \c__keys_code_root_tl ##1 / \l_keys_key_tl
11206           \exp_after:wN \cs_end: \exp_after:wN
11207           { \l_keys_value_tl }
11208         }
11209       }
11210     }
11211   }
11212 }
```

```

11209         }
11210     }
11211 }
11212 {
11213     \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_code_root_tl \l__keys_module_tl / unknown }
11214     {
11215         \cs:w \c__keys_code_root_tl \l__keys_module_tl / unknown
11216         \exp_after:wN \cs_end: \exp_after:wN { \l_keys_value_tl }
11217     }
11218     {
11219         \__kernel_msg_error:nxxx { kernel } { key-unknown }
11220         { \l_keys_path_tl } { \l__keys_module_tl }
11221     }
11222 }
11223 }
11224 }
11225 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_execute:nn #1#2
11226 {
11227     \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 }
11228     {
11229         \cs:w \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
11230         \exp_after:wN { \l_keys_value_tl }
11231     }
11232     {#2}
11233 }
11234 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_store_unused:
11235 {
11236     \clist_put_right:Nx \l__keys_unused_clist
11237     {
11238         \exp_not:o \l_keys_key_tl
11239         \bool_if:NF \l__keys_no_value_bool
11240         { = { \exp_not:o \l_keys_value_tl } }
11241     }
11242 }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_execute:` and others.)

`\__keys_choice_find:n` Executing a choice has two parts. First, try the choice given, then if that fails call the  
`\__keys_multichoice_find:n` unknown key. That always exists, as it is created when a choice is first made. So there  
is no need for any escape code. For multiple choices, the same code ends up used in a  
mapping.

```

11243 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_choice_find:n #1
11244 {
11245     \__keys_execute:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / \__keys_remove_spaces:n {#1} }
11246     { \__keys_execute:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / unknown } { } }
11247 }
11248 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_multichoice_find:n #1
11249 { \clist_map_function:nN {#1} \__keys_choice_find:n }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_choice_find:n` and `\__keys_multichoice_find:n`.)

## 19.7 Utilities

`\__keys_parent:n` Used to strip off the ending part of the key path after the last /.  
`\__keys_parent:o`  
`\__keys_parent:w`

```

11250 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_parent:n #1
11251   { \__keys_parent:w #1 / / \q_stop { } }
11252 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_parent:n { o }
11253 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_parent:w #1 / #2 / #3 \q_stop #4
11254   {
11255     \tl_if_blank:nTF {#2}
11256     { \use_none:n #4 }
11257     {
11258       \__keys_parent:w #2 / #3 \q_stop { #4 / #1 }
11259     }
11260   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_parent:n and \\_\_keys\_parent:w.)

\\_\_keys\_remove\_spaces:n Used in a few places so worth handling as a dedicated function.

```

11261 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_remove_spaces:n #1
11262   { \tl_trim_spaces:o { \tl_to_str:n {#1} } }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_remove\_spaces:n.)

**\keys\_if\_exist\_p:nn** A utility for others to see if a key exists.

```

\keys_if_exist:nnTF 11263 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \keys_if_exist:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
11264   {
11265     \cs_if_exist:cTF
11266     { \c__keys_code_root_tl \__keys_remove_spaces:n { #1 / #2 } }
11267     { \prg_return_true: }
11268     { \prg_return_false: }
11269   }

```

(End definition for \keys\_if\_exist:nnTF. This function is documented on page 180.)

**\keys\_if\_choice\_exist\_p:nnn** Just an alternative view on \keys\_if\_exist:nnTF.

```

\keys_if_choice_exist:nnnTF 11270 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \keys_if_choice_exist:nnn #1#2#3
11271   { p , T , F , TF }
11272   {
11273     \cs_if_exist:cTF
11274     { \c__keys_code_root_tl \__keys_remove_spaces:n { #1 / #2 / #3 } }
11275     { \prg_return_true: }
11276     { \prg_return_false: }
11277   }

```

(End definition for \keys\_if\_choice\_exist:nnnTF. This function is documented on page 180.)

**\keys\_show:nn** To show a key, show its code using a message.

```

\keys_log:nn 11278 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_show:nn
\__keys_show:Nnn 11279   { \__keys_show:Nnn \msg_show:nnxxxx }
11280 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_log:nn
11281   { \__keys_show:Nnn \msg_log:nnxxxx }
11282 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_show:Nnn #1#2#3
11283   {
11284     #1 { LaTeX / kernel } { show-key }
11285     { \__keys_remove_spaces:n { #2 / #3 } }
11286     {
11287       \keys_if_exist:nnT {#2} {#3}
11288     }

```

```

11289         \exp_args:Nnf \msg_show_item_unbraced:nn { code }
11290         {
11291             \exp_args:Nc \token_get_replacement_spec:N
11292             { \c__keys_code_root_tl \__keys_remove_spaces:n { #2 / #3 } }
11293         }
11294     }
11295 }
11296 { } { }
11297 }

```

(End definition for `\keys_show:nn`, `\keys_log:nn`, and `\__keys_show:Nnn`. These functions are documented on page 180.)

## 19.8 Messages

For when there is a need to complain.

```

11298 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { boolean-values-only }
11299 { Key~'#1'~accepts~boolean~values~only. }
11300 { The~key~'#1'~only~accepts~the~values~'true'~and~'false'. }
11301 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { key-choice-unknown }
11302 { Key~'#1'~accepts~only~a~fixed~set~of~choices. }
11303 {
11304     The~key~'#1'~only~accepts~predefined~values,~
11305     and~'#2'~is~not~one~of~these.
11306 }
11307 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { key-no-property }
11308 { No~property~given~in~definition~of~key~'#1'. }
11309 {
11310     \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
11311     Inside~\keys_define:nn~each~key~name~
11312     needs~a~property: \ \ \
11313     \iow_indent:n { #1 .<property> } \ \ \
11314     LaTeX~did~not~find~a~'.'~to~indicate~the~start~of~a~property.
11315 }
11316 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { key-unknown }
11317 { The~key~'#1'~is~unknown~and~is~being~ignored. }
11318 {
11319     The~module~'#2'~does~not~have~a~key~called~'#1'. \ \
11320     Check~that~you~have~spelled~the~key~name~correctly.
11321 }
11322 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { nested-choice-key }
11323 { Attempt~to~define~'#1'~as~a~nested~choice~key. }
11324 {
11325     The~key~'#1'~cannot~be~defined~as~a~choice~as~the~parent~key~'#2'~is~
11326     itself~a~choice.
11327 }
11328 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { property-boolean-values-only }
11329 { The~property~'#1'~accepts~boolean~values~only. }
11330 {
11331     \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
11332     The~property~'#1'~only~accepts~the~values~'true'~and~'false'.
11333 }
11334 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { property-requires-value }
11335 { The~property~'#1'~requires~a~value. }

```

```

11336 {
11337   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
11338   LaTeX~was~asked~to~set~property~'#1'~for~key~'#2'.\\
11339   No~value~was~given~for~the~property,~and~one~is~required.
11340 }
11341 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { property-unknown }
11342 { The~key~property~'#1'~is~unknown. }
11343 {
11344   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
11345   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~set~the~property~'#1'~for~key~'#2':~
11346   this~property~is~not~defined.
11347 }
11348 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { value-forbidden }
11349 { The~key~'#1'~does~not~take~a~value. }
11350 {
11351   The~key~'#1'~should~be~given~without~a~value.\\
11352   The~value~'#2'~was~present:~the~key~will~be~ignored.
11353 }
11354 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { value-required }
11355 { The~key~'#1'~requires~a~value. }
11356 {
11357   The~key~'#1'~must~have~a~value.\\
11358   No~value~was~present:~the~key~will~be~ignored.
11359 }
11360 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { show-key }
11361 {
11362   The~key~#1~
11363   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2}
11364     { is~undefined. }
11365     { has~the~properties: #2 . }
11366 }
11367 </initex | package>

```

## 20 l3fp implementation

Nothing to see here: everything is in the subfiles!

## 21 l3fp-aux implementation

```

11368 <*initex | package>
11369 <@@=fp>

```

### 21.1 Internal representation

Internally, a floating point number  $\langle X \rangle$  is a token list containing

$$\backslash s\_fp \backslash\_fp\_chk:w \langle case \rangle \langle sign \rangle \langle body \rangle ;$$

Let us explain each piece separately.

Internal floating point numbers are used in expressions, and in this context are subject to **f**-expansion. They must leave a recognizable mark after **f**-expansion, to prevent

Table 1: Internal representation of floating point numbers.

Representation	Meaning
0 0 \s__fp... ;	Positive zero.
0 2 \s__fp... ;	Negative zero.
1 0 {<exponent>} {<X <sub>1</sub> >} {<X <sub>2</sub> >} {<X <sub>3</sub> >} {<X <sub>4</sub> >} ;	Positive floating point.
1 2 {<exponent>} {<X <sub>1</sub> >} {<X <sub>2</sub> >} {<X <sub>3</sub> >} {<X <sub>4</sub> >} ;	Negative floating point.
2 0 \s__fp... ;	Positive infinity.
2 2 \s__fp... ;	Negative infinity.
3 1 \s__fp... ;	Quiet nan.
3 1 \s__fp... ;	Signalling nan.

the floating point number from being re-parsed. Thus, \s\_\_fp is simply another name for \relax.

When used directly without an accessor function, floating points should produce an error: this is the role of \\_\_fp\_chk:w. We could make floating point variables be protected to prevent them from expanding under x-expansion, but it seems more convenient to treat them as a subcase of token list variables.

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. We distinguish the various possibilities by their <case>, which is a single digit:

- 0 zeros: +0 and -0,
- 1 “normal” numbers (positive and negative),
- 2 infinities: +inf and -inf,
- 3 quiet and signalling nan.

The <sign> is 0 (positive) or 2 (negative), except in the case of nan, which have <sign> = 1. This ensures that changing the <sign> digit to 2 - <sign> is exactly equivalent to changing the sign of the number.

Special floating point numbers have the form

\s\_\_fp \\_\_fp\_chk:w <case> <sign> \s\_\_fp... ;

where \s\_\_fp... is a scan mark carrying information about how the number was formed (useful for debugging).

Normal floating point numbers (<case> = 1) have the form

\s\_\_fp \\_\_fp\_chk:w 1 <sign> {<exponent>} {<X<sub>1</sub>>} {<X<sub>2</sub>>} {<X<sub>3</sub>>} {<X<sub>4</sub>>} ;

Here, the <exponent> is an integer, between -10000 and 10000. The body consists in four blocks of exactly 4 digits, 0000 ≤ <X<sub>i</sub>> ≤ 9999, and the floating point is

$$(-1)^{\langle sign \rangle / 2} \langle X_1 \rangle \langle X_2 \rangle \langle X_3 \rangle \langle X_4 \rangle \cdot 10^{\langle exponent \rangle - 16}$$

where we have concatenated the 16 digits. Currently, floating point numbers are normalized such that the <exponent> is minimal, in other words, 1000 ≤ <X<sub>1</sub>> ≤ 9999.

Calculations are done in base 10000, *i.e.* one myriad.

## 21.2 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.

```
11370 \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
11371 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_use_s:n #1 { #1; }
11372 \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`

```
11373 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_use_none_until_s:w #1; { }
11374 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_use_i_until_s:nw #1#2; {#1}
11375 \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.

```
11376 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_reverse_args:Nww #1 #2; #3; { #1 #3; #2; }
```

*(End definition for \\_fp\_reverse\_args:Nww.)*

`\_fp_rrot:www` Rotate three arguments delimited by semicolons. This is the inverse (or the square) of the Forth primitive ROT, hence the name.

```
11377 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_rrot:www #1; #2; #3; { #2; #3; #1; }
```

*(End definition for \\_fp\_rrot:www.)*

`\_fp_use_i:ww` Many internal functions take arguments delimited by semicolons, and it is occasionally useful to remove one or two such arguments.  
`\_fp_use_i:www`

```
11378 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_use_i:ww #1; #2; { #1; }
11379 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_use_i:www #1; #2; #3; { #1; }
```

*(End definition for \\_fp\_use\_i:ww and \\_fp\_use\_i:www.)*

## 21.3 Constants, and structure of floating points

`\_fp_misused:n` This receives a floating point object (floating point number or tuple) and generates an error stating that it was misused. This is called when for instance an fp variable is left in the input stream and its contents reach T<sub>E</sub>X's stomach.

```
11380 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_misused:n #1
11381 { \_kernel_msg_error:nnx { kernel } { misused-fp } { \fp_to_tl:n {#1} } }
```

*(End definition for \\_fp\_misused:n.)*

`\s__fp` Floating points numbers all start with `\s__fp \__fp_chk:w`, where `\s__fp` is equal to the  $\TeX$  primitive `\relax`, and `\__fp_chk:w` is protected. The rest of the floating point number is made of characters (or `\relax`). This ensures that nothing expands under f-expansion, nor under x-expansion. However, when typeset, `\s__fp` does nothing, and `\__fp_chk:w` is expanded. We define `\__fp_chk:w` to produce an error.

```
11382 \__scan_new:N \s__fp
11383 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_chk:w #1 ;
11384 { \__fp_misused:n { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 ; } }
```

*(End definition for `\s__fp` and `\__fp_chk:w`.)*

`\s__fp_mark` Aliases of `\tex_relax:D`, used to terminate expressions.

```
\s__fp_stop 11385 \__scan_new:N \s__fp_mark
11386 \__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 11387 \__scan_new:N \s__fp_invalid
\s__fp_overflow 11388 \__scan_new:N \s__fp_underflow
\s__fp_division 11389 \__scan_new:N \s__fp_overflow
\s__fp_exact 11390 \__scan_new:N \s__fp_division
11391 \__scan_new:N \s__fp_exact
```

*(End definition for `\s__fp_invalid` and others.)*

`\c_zero_fp` The special floating points. We define the floating points here as “exact”.

```
\c_minus_zero_fp 11392 \tl_const:Nn \c_zero_fp { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 0 0 \s__fp_exact ; }
\c_inf_fp 11393 \tl_const:Nn \c_minus_zero_fp { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 0 2 \s__fp_exact ; }
\c_minus_inf_fp 11394 \tl_const:Nn \c_inf_fp { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 2 0 \s__fp_exact ; }
\c_nan_fp 11395 \tl_const:Nn \c_minus_inf_fp { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 2 2 \s__fp_exact ; }
11396 \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 190.)*

`\c__fp_prec_int` The number of digits of floating points.

```
\c__fp_half_prec_int 11397 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_int { 16 }
\c__fp_block_int 11398 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_half_prec_int { 8 }
11399 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_block_int { 4 }
```

*(End definition for `\c__fp_prec_int`, `\c__fp_half_prec_int`, and `\c__fp_block_int`.)*

`\c__fp_myriad_int` Blocks have 4 digits so this integer is useful.

```
11400 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_myriad_int { 10000 }
```

*(End definition for `\c__fp_myriad_int`.)*

`\c__fp_minus_min_exponent_int` Normal floating point numbers have an exponent between `-minus_min_exponent` and `\c__fp_max_exponent_int` inclusive. Larger numbers are rounded to  $\pm\infty$ . Smaller numbers are rounded to  $\pm 0$ . It would be more natural to define a `min_exponent` with the opposite sign but that would waste one  $\TeX$  count.

```
11401 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_minus_min_exponent_int { 10000 }
11402 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_max_exponent_int { 10000 }
```

*(End definition for `\c__fp_minus_min_exponent_int` and `\c__fp_max_exponent_int`.)*

`\c__fp_max_exp_exponent_int` If a number's exponent is larger than that, its exponential overflows/underflows.

```

11403 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_max_exp_exponent_int { 5 }

```

*(End definition for \c\_\_fp\_max\_exp\_exponent\_int.)*

`\c__fp_overflowing_fp` A floating point number that is bigger than all normal floating point numbers. This replaces infinities when converting to formats that do not support infinities.

```

11404 \tl_const:Nx \c__fp_overflowing_fp
11405 {
11406   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 0
11407   { \int_eval:n { \c__fp_max_exponent_int + 1 } }
11408   {1000} {0000} {0000} {0000} ;
11409 }

```

*(End definition for \c\_\_fp\_overflowing\_fp.)*

`\__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`

```

11410 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_zero_fp:N #1
11411 { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 0 #1 \s__fp_underflow ; }
11412 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_inf_fp:N #1
11413 { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 2 #1 \s__fp_overflow ; }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_zero\_fp:N and \\_\_fp\_inf\_fp:N.)*

`\__fp_exponent:w` For normal numbers, the function expands to the exponent, otherwise to 0. This is used in `l3str-format`.

```

11414 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exponent:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1
11415 {
11416   \if_meaning:w 1 #1
11417     \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_ii_until_s:nnw
11418   \else:
11419     \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_i_until_s:nw
11420   \exp_after:wN 0
11421   \fi:
11422 }

```

*(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.

```

11423 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_neg_sign:N #1
11424 { \__int_eval:w 2 - #1 \__int_eval_end: }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_neg\_sign:N.)*

## 21.4 Overflow, underflow, and exact zero

`\__fp_sanitize:Nw` 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`.

```

11425 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sanitize:Nw #1 #2;
11426   {
11427     \if_case:w
11428       \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c__fp_max_exponent_int 1 ~ \else:
11429       \if_int_compare:w #2 < - \c__fp_minus_min_exponent_int 2 ~ \else:
11430       \if_meaning:w 1 #1 3 ~ \fi: \fi: \fi: 0 ~
11431       \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_overflow:w
11432       \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_underflow:w
11433       \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize_zero:w
11434       \fi:
11435     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1 {#2}
11436   }
11437 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sanitize:wN #1; #2 { \__fp_sanitize:Nw #2 #1; }
11438 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sanitize_zero:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2 #3;
11439   { \c_zero_fp }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sanitize:Nw`, `\__fp_sanitize:wN`, and `\__fp_sanitize_zero:w`.)

## 21.5 Expanding after a floating point number

`\__fp_exp_after_o:w`  
`\__fp_exp_after_f:nw`

`\__fp_exp_after_o:w` *<floating point>*  
`\__fp_exp_after_f:nw` *{<tokens>}* *<floating point>*

Places *<tokens>* (empty in the case of `\__fp_exp_after_o:w`) between the *<floating point>* and the following tokens, then hits those tokens with `o` 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.

```

11440 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1
11441   {
11442     \if_meaning:w 1 #1
11443     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_normal:nNNw
11444     \else:
11445     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_special:nNNw
11446     \fi:
11447     { }
11448     #1
11449   }
11450 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_f:nw #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2
11451   {
11452     \if_meaning:w 1 #2
11453     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_normal:nNNw
11454     \else:
11455     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_special:nNNw
11456     \fi:
11457     { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #1 }
11458     #2
11459   }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_exp_after_o:w` and `\_fp_exp_after_f:nw`.)

```

\_fp_exp_after_special:nNNw      \_fp_exp_after_special:nNNw {<after>} <case> <sign> <scan mark> ;
Special floating point numbers are easy to jump over since they contain few tokens.
11460 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_after_special:nNNw #1#2#3#4;
11461   {
11462     \exp_after:wN \s__fp
11463     \exp_after:wN \_fp_chk:w
11464     \exp_after:wN #2
11465     \exp_after:wN #3
11466     \exp_after:wN #4
11467     \exp_after:wN ;
11468     #1
11469   }

```

(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.

```

11470 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_after_normal:nNNw #1 1 #2 #3 #4#5#6#7;
11471   {
11472     \exp_after:wN \_fp_exp_after_normal:Nwwwww
11473     \exp_after:wN #2
11474     \__int_value:w #3 \exp_after:wN ;
11475     \__int_value:w 1 #4 \exp_after:wN ;
11476     \__int_value:w 1 #5 \exp_after:wN ;
11477     \__int_value:w 1 #6 \exp_after:wN ;
11478     \__int_value:w 1 #7 \exp_after:wN ; #1
11479   }
11480 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_after_normal:Nwwwww
11481   #1 #2; 1 #3 ; 1 #4 ; 1 #5 ; 1 #6 ;
11482   { \s__fp \_fp_chk:w 1 #1 {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6} ; }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_exp_after_normal:nNNw`.)

## 21.6 Other floating point types

`\s__fp_tuple` Floating point tuples take the form `\s__fp_tuple \_fp_tuple_chk:w { <fp 1> <fp 2> ... }`; where each `<fp>` is a floating point number or tuple, hence ends with `;` itself. When a tuple is typeset, `\_fp_tuple_chk:w` produces an error, just like usual floating point numbers. Tuples may have zero or one element.

```

11483 \__scan_new:N \s__fp_tuple
11484 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_tuple_chk:w #1 ;
11485   { \_fp_misused:n { \s__fp_tuple \_fp_tuple_chk:w #1 ; } }
11486 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_empty_tuple_fp
11487   { \s__fp_tuple \_fp_tuple_chk:w { } ; }

```

(End definition for `\s__fp_tuple`, `\_fp_tuple_chk:w`, and `\c__fp_empty_tuple_fp`.)

`\_fp_tuple_count:w` Count the number of items in a tuple of floating points by counting semicolons. 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.

`\_fp_array_count:n`

`\_fp_tuple_count_loop:Nw`

```

11488 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_array_count:n #1
11489   { \__fp_tuple_count:w \s__fp_tuple \__fp_tuple_chk:w {#1} ; }
11490 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tuple_count:w \s__fp_tuple \__fp_tuple_chk:w #1 ;
11491   {
11492     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 0
11493     \__fp_tuple_count_loop:Nw #1 { ? \__prg_break: } ;
11494     \__prg_break_point:
11495     \__int_eval_end:
11496   }
11497 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tuple_count_loop:Nw #1#2;
11498   { \use_none:n #1 + 1 \__fp_tuple_count_loop:Nw }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_tuple\_count:w, \\_\_fp\_array\_count:n, and \\_\_fp\_tuple\_count\_loop:Nw.)

\\_\_fp\_if\_type\_fp:NTwFw Used as \\_\_fp\_if\_type\_fp:NTwFw *<marker>* {*<true code>*} \s\_\_fp {*<false code>*} \q\_stop, this test whether the *<marker>* is \s\_\_fp or not and runs the appropriate *<code>*. The very unusual syntax is for optimization purposes as that function is used for all floating point operations.

```

11499 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw #1 \s__fp #2 #3 \q_stop {#2}

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_if\_type\_fp:NTwFw.)

\\_\_fp\_array\_if\_all\_fp:nTF True if all items are floating point numbers. Used for min.

\\_\_fp\_array\_if\_all\_fp\_loop:w

```

11500 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_array_if_all_fp:nTF #1
11501   {
11502     \__fp_array_if_all_fp_loop:w #1 { \s__fp \__prg_break: } ;
11503     \__prg_break_point: \use_i:nn
11504   }
11505 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_array_if_all_fp_loop:w #1#2 ;
11506   {
11507     \__fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw
11508     #1 \__fp_array_if_all_fp_loop:w
11509     \s__fp { \__prg_break:n \use_iii:nnn }
11510     \q_stop
11511   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_array\_if\_all\_fp:nTF and \\_\_fp\_array\_if\_all\_fp\_loop:w.)

\\_\_fp\_type\_from\_scan:N

Used as \\_\_fp\_type\_from\_scan:N *<token>*. 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\_other:N

\\_\_fp\_type\_from\_scan:w

```

11512 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_type_from_scan:N #1
11513   {
11514     \__fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw
11515     #1 { }
11516     \s__fp { \__fp_type_from_scan_other:N #1 }
11517     \q_stop
11518   }
11519 \cs_new:Npx \__fp_type_from_scan_other:N #1
11520   {
11521     \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \__fp_type_from_scan:w
11522     \exp_not:N \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_not:N \q_mark
11523     \tl_to_str:n { s__fp _? } \exp_not:N \q_mark \exp_not:N \q_stop
11524   }

```

```

11525 \use:x
11526 {
11527   \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \_fp_type_from_scan:w
11528     ##1 \tl_to_str:n { s\_fp } ##2 \exp_not:N \q_mark ##3 \exp_not:N \q_stop
11529     {##2}
11530 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_type_from_scan:N`, `\_fp_type_from_scan_other:N`, and `\_fp_type_from_scan:w`.)

`\_fp_change_func_type:NNN` Arguments are  $\langle type\ marker \rangle$   $\langle function \rangle$   $\langle recovery \rangle$ . This gives the function obtained by placing the type after `@@`. If the function is not defined then  $\langle recovery \rangle$   $\langle function \rangle$  is used instead; however that test is not run when the  $\langle type\ marker \rangle$  is `\s\_fp`.

`\_fp_change_func_type_aux:w`  
`\_fp_change_func_type_chk:NNN`

```

11531 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_change_func_type:NNN #1#2#3
11532 {
11533   \_fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw
11534     #1 #2
11535     \s\_fp
11536     {
11537       \exp_after:wN \_fp_change_func_type_chk:NNN
11538       \cs:w
11539         \_fp \_fp_type_from_scan_other:N #1
11540         \exp_after:wN \_fp_change_func_type_aux:w \token_to_str:N #2
11541       \cs_end:
11542       #2 #3
11543     }
11544   \q_stop
11545 }
11546 \exp_last_unbraced:NNNno
11547 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_change_func_type_aux:w #1 { \tl_to_str:n { \_fp } } { }
11548 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_change_func_type_chk:NNN #1#2#3
11549 {
11550   \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #1
11551     \exp_after:wN #3 \exp_after:wN #2
11552   \else:
11553     \exp_after:wN #1
11554   \fi:
11555 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_change_func_type:NNN`, `\_fp_change_func_type_aux:w`, and `\_fp_change_func_type_chk:NNN`.)

`\_fp_exp_after_any_f:Nnw` The `Nnw` function simply dispatches to the appropriate `\_fp_exp_after..._f:nw` with “...” (either empty or  $\langle type \rangle$ ) extracted from #1, which should start with `\s\_fp`. If `\_fp_exp_after_any_f:nw` it doesn’t start with `\s\_fp` the function `\_fp_exp_after_?_f:nw` defined in `l3fp-parse` gives an error; another special  $\langle type \rangle$  is `stop`, useful for loops, see below. The `nw` function has an important optimization for floating points numbers; it also fetches its type marker #2 from the floating point.

```

11556 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_after_any_f:Nnw #1
11557 { \cs:w \_fp_exp_after \_fp_type_from_scan_other:N #1 _f:nw \cs_end: }
11558 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_after_any_f:nw #1#2
11559 {
11560   \_fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw
11561     #2 \_fp_exp_after_f:nw

```

```

11562     \s__fp { \__fp_exp_after_any_f:Nnw #2 }
11563     \q_stop
11564     {#1} #2
11565   }
11566 \cs_new_eq:NN \__fp_exp_after_stop_f:nw \use_none:nn

```

(End definition for `\__fp_exp_after_any_f:Nnw`, `\__fp_exp_after_any_f:nw`, and `\__fp_exp_after_stop_f:nw`.)

`\__fp_exp_after_tuple_o:w` The loop works by using the `n` argument of `\__fp_exp_after_any_f:nw` to place the  
`\__fp_exp_after_tuple_f:nw` loop macro after the next item in the tuple and expand it.  
`\__fp_exp_after_array_f:w`

```

\__fp_exp_after_array_f:w
⟨fp1⟩ ;
...
⟨fpn⟩ ;
\s__fp_stop

```

```

11567 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_tuple_o:w
11568   { \__fp_exp_after_tuple_f:nw { \exp_after:wN \exp_stop_f: } }
11569 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_tuple_f:nw #1 \s__fp_tuple \__fp_tuple_chk:w #2 ;
11570   {
11571     \exp_after:wN \s__fp_tuple
11572     \exp_after:wN \__fp_tuple_chk:w
11573     \exp_after:wN {
11574       \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
11575       \__fp_exp_after_array_f:w #2 \s__fp_stop
11576     \exp_after:wN }
11577     \exp_after:wN ;
11578     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #1
11579   }
11580 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_array_f:w
11581   { \__fp_exp_after_any_f:nw { \__fp_exp_after_array_f:w } }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_exp_after_tuple_o:w`, `\__fp_exp_after_tuple_f:nw`, and `\__fp_exp_after_array_f:w`.)

## 21.7 Packing digits

When a positive integer `#1` is known to be less than  $10^8$ , the following trick splits 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_value:w \__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_value:w \__int_eval:w - 5 0000
  \exp_after:wN \pack:NNNNNw
  \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 4 9995 0000
    + 12345 * 6677
  \exp_after:wN \pack:NNNNNw
  \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 5 0000 0000
    + 12345 * 8899 ;

```

The `\exp_after:wN` triggers `\__int_value:w \__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_value:w \__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 also works 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 has 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 This set of shifts allows for computations involving results in the range  $[-4 \cdot 10^8, 5 \cdot 10^8 - 1]$ .
\c_fp_trailing_shift_int Shifted values all have exactly 9 digits.
\c_fp_middle_shift_int
\c_fp_leading_shift_int
11582 \int_const:Nn \c_fp_leading_shift_int { - 5 0000 }
11583 \int_const:Nn \c_fp_middle_shift_int { 5 0000 * 9999 }
11584 \int_const:Nn \c_fp_trailing_shift_int { 5 0000 * 10000 }
11585 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack:NNNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; { + #1#2#3#4#5 ; {#6} }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_pack:NNNNNw` and others.)

```

\__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw This set of shifts allows for computations involving results in the range  $[-5 \cdot 10^8, 6 \cdot 10^8 - 1]$ 
\c_fp_big_trailing_shift_int (actually a bit more). Shifted values all have exactly 10 digits. Note that the upper
\c_fp_big_middle_shift_int bound is due to TeX’s limit of  $2^{31} - 1$  on integers. The shifts are chosen to be roughly
\c_fp_big_leading_shift_int the mid-point of  $10^9$  and  $2^{31}$ , the two bounds on 10-digit integers in TeX.
11586 \int_const:Nn \c_fp_big_leading_shift_int { - 15 2374 }
11587 \int_const:Nn \c_fp_big_middle_shift_int { 15 2374 * 9999 }
11588 \int_const:Nn \c_fp_big_trailing_shift_int { 15 2374 * 10000 }
11589 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw #1#2 #3#4#5#6 #7;
11590 { + #1#2#3#4#5#6 ; {#7} }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw` and others.)

```

\__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
  \__fp_Bigg_trailing_shift_int
\c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int
  \c__fp_Bigg_leading_shift_int
11591 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_Bigg_leading_shift_int { - 20 0000 }
11592 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int { 20 0000 * 9999 }
11593 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_Bigg_trailing_shift_int { 20 0000 * 10000 }
11594 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw #1#2 #3#4#5#6 #7;
11595   { + #1#2#3#4#5#6 ; {#7} }

```

This set of shifts allows for computations with results in the range  $[-1 \cdot 10^9, 147483647]$ ; the end-point is  $2^{31} - 1 - 2 \cdot 10^9 \simeq 1.47 \cdot 10^8$ . Shifted values all have exactly 10 digits.

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pack\_Bigg:NNNNNNw and others.)*

```

\__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
  \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN <tokens> ; <≥ 8 digits>
  Grabs two sets of 4 digits and places them before the semi-colon delimiter. Putting
  several copies of this function before a semicolon packs more digits since each takes the
  digits packed by the others in its first argument.
11596 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN #1; #2#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9
11597   { #1 {#2#3#4#5} {#6#7#8#9} ; }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pack\_twice\_four:wNNNNNNNN.)*

```

\__fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN
  \__fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN <tokens> ; <≥ 8 digits>
  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 packs more digits since
  each takes the digits packed by the others in its first argument.
11598 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN #1; #2#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9
11599   { #1 {#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9} ; }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pack\_eight:wNNNNNNNN.)*

```

\__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNNw
  \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNNw
  \__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}`.

This is used in `l3fp-basics` and `l3fp-extended`.

```

11600 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6;
11601   { + #1 - 1 ; {#2#3#4#5} {#6} ; }
11602 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6;
11603   {
11604     \if_meaning:w 2 #1
11605     \__fp_basics_pack_high_carry:w
11606     \fi:
11607     ; {#2#3#4#5} {#6}
11608   }
11609 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_basics_pack_high_carry:w \fi: ; #1
11610   { \fi: + 1 ; {1000} }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_basics\_pack\_low:NNNNNNw, \\_\_fp\_basics\_pack\_high:NNNNNNw, and \\_\_fp\_basics\_pack\_high\_carry:w.)*

`\_fp\_basics\_pack\_weird\_low:NNNNw`  
`\_fp\_basics\_pack\_weird\_high:NNNNNNNw`

This is used in `l3fp-basics` for additions and divisions. Their syntax is confusing, hence the name.

```

11611 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_basics_pack_weird_low:NNNNw #1 #2#3#4 #5;
11612 {
11613   \if_meaning:w 2 #1
11614     + 1
11615   \fi:
11616   \_int_eval_end:
11617   #2#3#4; {#5} ;
11618 }
11619 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_basics_pack_weird_high:NNNNNNNw
11620   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`.)

## 21.8 Decimate (dividing by a power of 10)

`\_fp\_decimate:nNnnnn`

`\_fp\_decimate:nNnnnn`  $\langle shift \rangle$   $\langle f_1 \rangle$   
 $\langle X_1 \rangle$   $\langle X_2 \rangle$   $\langle X_3 \rangle$   $\langle X_4 \rangle$

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:

$\langle f_1 \rangle$   $\langle rounding \rangle$   $\langle X'_1 \rangle$   $\langle X'_2 \rangle$   $\langle extra-digits \rangle$  ;

where  $0 \leq \langle X'_i \rangle < 10^8 - 1$  are 8 digit integers, forming the truncation of our number. In other words,

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^4 \langle X_i \rangle \cdot 10^{-4i} \cdot 10^{-\langle shift \rangle} \right) - (\langle X'_1 \rangle \cdot 10^{-8} + \langle X'_2 \rangle \cdot 10^{-16}) = 0. \langle extra-digits \rangle \cdot 10^{-16} \in [0, 10^{-16}).$$

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  $\langle X'_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle X'_2 \rangle$  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 treats negative  $\langle shift \rangle$  as 0.

```

11621 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_decimate:nNnnnn #1
11622 {
11623   \cs:w
11624     \_fp_decimate_
11625     \if_int_compare:w \_int_eval:w #1 > \c_fp_prec_int
11626       tiny
11627     \else:
11628       \_int_to_roman:w \_int_eval:w #1
11629     \fi:
11630     :Nnnnn
11631   \cs_end:
11632 }

```

Each of the auxiliaries see the function  $\langle f_1 \rangle$ , followed by 4 blocks of 4 digits.

(End definition for `\_fp\_decimate:nNnnnn`.)

If the  $\langle shift \rangle$  is zero, or too big, life is very easy.

```
\_fp\_decimate_:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_tiny:Nnnnn
11633 \cs\_new:Npn \_fp\_decimate_:Nnnnn #1 #2#3#4#5
11634 { #1 0 {#2#3} {#4#5} ; }
11635 \cs\_new:Npn \_fp\_decimate\_tiny:Nnnnn #1 #2#3#4#5
11636 { #1 1 { 0000 0000 } { 0000 0000 } 0 #2#3#4#5 ; }
```

(End definition for `\_fp\_decimate_:Nnnnn` and `\_fp\_decimate\_tiny:Nnnnn`.)

```
\_fp\_decimate\_auxi:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxii:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxiii:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxiv:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxv:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxvi:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxvii:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxviii:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxix:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxx:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxxi:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxxii:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxxiii:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxxiv:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxxv:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxxvi:Nnnnn
\_fp\_decimate\_auxi:Nnnnn \_fp\_decimate\_auxi:Nnnnn  $\langle f_1 \rangle$  { $\langle X_1 \rangle$ } { $\langle X_2 \rangle$ } { $\langle X_3 \rangle$ } { $\langle X_4 \rangle$ }
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 (note the + separating blocks of digits to avoid overflowing TeX’s integers).
This triggers the f-expansion of \_fp\_decimate\_pack:nnnnnnnnnw,9 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.
11637 \cs\_new:Npn \_fp\_tmp:w #1 #2 #3
11638 {
11639 \cs\_new:cpn { \_fp\_decimate\_ #1 :Nnnnn } ##1 ##2##3##4##5
11640 {
11641 \exp\_after:wN ##1
11642 \\_int\_value:w
11643 \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_round\_digit:Nw #2 ;
11644 \_fp\_decimate\_pack:nnnnnnnnnw #3 ;
11645 }
11646 }
11647 \_fp\_tmp:w {i} {\use\_none:nnn #50}{ 0{#2}#3{#4}#5 }
11648 \_fp\_tmp:w {ii} {\use\_none:nn #5 }{ 00{#2}#3{#4}#5 }
11649 \_fp\_tmp:w {iii} {\use\_none:n #5 }{ 000{#2}#3{#4}#5 }
11650 \_fp\_tmp:w {iv} { #5 }{ {0000}#2{#3}#4 #5 }
11651 \_fp\_tmp:w {v} {\use\_none:nnn #4#5 }{ 0{0000}#2{#3}#4 #5 }
11652 \_fp\_tmp:w {vi} {\use\_none:nn #4#5 }{ 00{0000}#2{#3}#4 #5 }
11653 \_fp\_tmp:w {vii} {\use\_none:n #4#5 }{ 000{0000}#2{#3}#4 #5 }
11654 \_fp\_tmp:w {viii}{ #4#5 }{ {0000}0000{#2}#3 #4 #5 }
11655 \_fp\_tmp:w {ix} {\use\_none:nnn #3#4+#5}{ 0{0000}0000{#2}#3 #4 #5 }
11656 \_fp\_tmp:w {x} {\use\_none:nn #3#4+#5}{ 00{0000}0000{#2}#3 #4 #5 }
11657 \_fp\_tmp:w {xi} {\use\_none:n #3#4+#5}{ 000{0000}0000{#2}#3 #4 #5 }
11658 \_fp\_tmp:w {xii} { #3#4+#5}{ {0000}0000{0000}#2 #3 #4 #5 }
11659 \_fp\_tmp:w {xiii}{\use\_none:nnn#2#3+#4#5}{ 0{0000}0000{0000}#2 #3 #4 #5 }
11660 \_fp\_tmp:w {xiv} {\use\_none:nn #2#3+#4#5}{ 00{0000}0000{0000}#2 #3 #4 #5 }
11661 \_fp\_tmp:w {xv} {\use\_none:n #2#3+#4#5}{ 000{0000}0000{0000}#2 #3 #4 #5 }
11662 \_fp\_tmp:w {xvi} { #2#3+#4#5}{ {0000}0000{0000}0000 #2 #3 #4 #5 }
```

(End definition for `\_fp\_decimate\_auxi:Nnnnn` and others.)

<sup>9</sup>No, the argument spec is not a mistake: the function calls an auxiliary to do half of the job.

`\_fp_decimate_pack:nnnnnnnnnw` 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.

```

11663 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_decimate_pack:nnnnnnnnnw #1#2#3#4#5
11664   { \_fp_decimate_pack:nnnnnw { #1#2#3#4#5 } }
11665 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_decimate_pack:nnnnnw #1 #2#3#4#5#6
11666   { {#1} {#2#3#4#5#6} }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_decimate_pack:nnnnnnnnnw`.)

## 21.9 Functions for use within primitive conditional branches

The functions described in this section are not pretty and can easily be misused. When correctly used, each of them removes one `\fi:` as part of its parameter text, and puts one back as part of its replacement text.

Many computation functions in `l3fp` must perform tests on the type of floating points that they receive. This is often done in an `\if_case:w` statement or another conditional statement, and only a few cases lead to actual computations: most of the special cases are treated using a few standard functions which we define now. A typical use context for those functions would be

```

\if_case:w <integer> \exp_stop_f:
  \@@_case_return_o:Nw <fp var>
\or: \@@_case_use:nw {<some computation>}
\or: \@@_case_return_same_o:w
\or: \@@_case_return:nw {<something>}
\fi:
<junk>
<floating point>

```

In this example, the case 0 returns the floating point `<fp var>`, expanding once after that floating point. Case 1 does `<some computation>` using the `<floating point>` (presumably compute the operation requested by the user in that non-trivial case). Case 2 returns the `<floating point>` without modifying it, removing the `<junk>` and expanding once after. Case 3 closes the conditional, removes the `<junk>` and the `<floating point>`, and expands `<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.

```

11667 \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.

```

11668 \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 T<sub>E</sub>X conditional, removes junk and a floating point, and returns its first argument (an *<fp var>*) then expands once after it.

```
11669 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_case_return_o:Nw #1#2 \fi: #3 \s__fp #4 ;
11670   { \fi: \exp_after:wN #1 }
```

(End definition for `\_fp_case_return_o:Nw`.)

`\_fp_case_return_same_o:w` This function ends a T<sub>E</sub>X conditional, removes junk, and returns the following floating point, expanding once after it.

```
11671 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_case_return_same_o:w #1 \fi: #2 \s__fp
11672   { \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.

```
11673 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_case_return_o:Nww #1#2 \fi: #3 \s__fp #4 ; #5 ;
11674   { \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.

```
\_fp_case_return_ii_o:ww
11675 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_case_return_i_o:ww #1 \fi: #2 \s__fp #3 ; \s__fp #4 ;
11676   { \fi: \_fp_exp_after_o:w \s__fp #3 ; }
11677 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_case_return_ii_o:ww #1 \fi: #2 \s__fp #3 ;
11678   { \fi: \_fp_exp_after_o:w }
```

(End definition for `\_fp_case_return_i_o:ww` and `\_fp_case_return_ii_o:ww`.)

## 21.10 Integer floating points

`\_fp_int_p:w` Tests if the floating point argument is an integer. For normal floating point numbers, `\_fp_int:wTF` this holds if the rounding digit resulting from `\_fp_decimate:nNnnnn` is 0.

```
11679 \prg_new_conditional:Npnm \_fp_int:w \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #1 #2 #3 #4;
11680   { TF , T , F , p }
11681   {
11682     \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
11683       \prg_return_true:
11684     \or:
11685       \if_charcode:w 0
11686         \_fp_decimate:nNnnnn { \c__fp_prec_int - #3 }
11687         \_fp_use_i_until_s:nw #4
11688         \prg_return_true:
11689       \else:
11690         \prg_return_false:
11691       \fi:
11692     \else: \prg_return_false:
11693     \fi:
11694   }
```

(End definition for `\_fp_int:wTF`.)

## 21.11 Small integer floating points

`\_fp_small_int:wTF` Tests if the floating point argument is an integer or  $\pm\infty$ . If so, it is converted to an integer in the range  $[-10^8, 10^8]$  and fed as a braced argument to the *⟨true code⟩*. Otherwise, the *⟨false code⟩* is performed.

First filter special cases: zeros and infinities are integers, `nan` is not. For normal numbers, decimate. If the rounding digit is not 0 run the *⟨false code⟩*. If it is, then the integer is #2 #3; use #3 if #2 vanishes and otherwise  $10^8$ .

```

11695 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_small_int:wTF \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #1#2
11696 {
11697   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
11698     \_fp_case_return:nw { \_fp_small_int_true:wTF 0 ; }
11699   \or:   \exp_after:wN \_fp_small_int_normal:NnwTF
11700   \or:
11701     \_fp_case_return:nw
11702     {
11703       \exp_after:wN \_fp_small_int_true:wTF \_int_value:w
11704       \if_meaning:w 2 #2 - \fi: 1 0000 0000 ;
11705     }
11706   \else: \_fp_case_return:nw \use_ii:nn
11707   \fi:
11708   #2
11709 }
11710 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_small_int_true:wTF #1; #2#3 { #2 {#1} }
11711 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_small_int_normal:NnwTF #1#2#3;
11712 {
11713   \_fp_decimate:nNnnnn { \c__fp_prec_int - #2 }
11714   \_fp_small_int_test:NnnwNw
11715   #3 #1
11716 }
11717 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_small_int_test:NnnwNw #1#2#3#4; #5
11718 {
11719   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
11720     \exp_after:wN \_fp_small_int_true:wTF
11721     \_int_value:w \if_meaning:w 2 #5 - \fi:
11722     \if_int_compare:w #2 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
11723     1 0000 0000
11724   \else:
11725     #3
11726   \fi:
11727   \exp_after:wN ;
11728   \else:
11729     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
11730   \fi:
11731 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_small_int:wTF` and others.)

## 21.12 x-like expansion expandably

`\_fp_expand:n` This expandable function behaves in a way somewhat similar to `\use:x`, but much less robust. The argument is f-expanded, then the leading item (often a single character token) is moved to a storage area after `\s__fp_mark`, and f-expansion is applied again, repeating until the argument is empty. The result built one piece at a time is then

inserted in the input stream. Note that spaces are ignored by this procedure, unless surrounded with braces. Multiple tokens which do not need expansion can be inserted within braces.

```

11732 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_expand:n #1
11733   {
11734     \__fp_expand_loop:nwnN { }
11735     #1 \prg_do_nothing:
11736     \s__fp_mark { } \__fp_expand_loop:nwnN
11737     \s__fp_mark { } \__fp_use_i_until_s:nw ;
11738   }
11739 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_expand_loop:nwnN #1#2 \s__fp_mark #3 #4
11740   {
11741     \exp_after:wN #4 \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
11742     #2
11743     \s__fp_mark { #3 #1 } #4
11744   }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_expand:n and \\_\_fp\_expand\_loop:nwnN.)*

### 21.13 Name of a function from its l3fp-parse name

```

\__fp_func_to_name:N
\__fp_func_to_name_aux:w

```

The goal is to convert for instance \\_\_fp\_sin\_o:w to sin. This is used in error messages hence does not need to be fast.

```

11745 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_func_to_name:N #1
11746   { \exp_last_unbraced:Nf \__fp_func_to_name_aux:w { \cs_to_str:N #1 } X }
11747 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1 #2
11748   { \cs_new:Npn \__fp_func_to_name_aux:w ##1 #1 ##2 #2 ##3 X {##2} }
11749 \exp_args:Nff \__fp_tmp:w { \tl_to_str:n { __fp_ } } { \tl_to_str:n { _o: } }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_func\_to\_name:N and \\_\_fp\_func\_to\_name\_aux:w.)*

### 21.14 Messages

Using a floating point directly is an error.

```

11750 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmn { kernel } { misused-fp }
11751   { A~floating~point~with~value~'#1'~was~misused. }
11752   {
11753     To~obtain~the~value~of~a~floating~point~variable,~use~
11754     '\token_to_str:N \fp_to_decimal:N',~
11755     '\token_to_str:N \fp_to_tl:N',~or~other~
11756     conversion~functions.
11757   }
11758 </initex | package>

```

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```

11759 <*initex | package>
11760 <@@=fp>

```

Exceptions should be accessed by an n-type argument, among

- `invalid_operation`

- `division_by_zero`
- `overflow`
- `underflow`
- `inexact` (actually never used).

## 22.1 Flags

`flag_fp_invalid_operation` Flags to denote exceptions.

```

flag_fp_division_by_zero 11761 \flag_new:n { fp_invalid_operation }
flag_fp_overflow       11762 \flag_new:n { fp_division_by_zero }
flag_fp_underflow     11763 \flag_new:n { fp_overflow }
                          11764 \flag_new:n { fp_underflow }
```

(End definition for flag `fp_invalid_operation` and others. These variables are documented on page 192.)

## 22.2 Traps

Exceptions can be trapped to obtain custom behaviour. When an invalid operation or a division by zero is trapped, the trap receives as arguments the result as an N-type floating point number, the function name (multiple letters for prefix operations, or a single symbol for infix operations), and the operand(s). When an overflow or underflow is trapped, the trap receives the resulting overly large or small floating point number if it is not too big, otherwise it receives  $+\infty$ . Currently, the `inexact` exception is entirely ignored.

The behaviour when an exception occurs is controlled by the definitions of the functions

- `\__fp_invalid_operation:nnw`,
- `\__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww`,
- `\__fp_invalid_operation_tl_o:ff`,
- `\__fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw`,
- `\__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww`,
- `\__fp_overflow:w`,
- `\__fp_underflow:w`.

Rather than changing them directly, we provide a user interface as `\fp_trap:nn`  $\{\langle exception \rangle\}$   $\{\langle way of trapping \rangle\}$ , where the  $\langle way of trapping \rangle$  is one of `error`, `flag`, or `none`.

We also provide `\__fp_invalid_operation_o:nw`, defined in terms of `\__fp_invalid_operation:nnw`.

`\fp_trap:nn`

```

11765 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_trap:nn #1#2
11766   {
11767   \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __fp_trap_#1_set_#2: }
11768   {
```

```

11769     \clist_if_in:nnTF
11770     { invalid_operation , division_by_zero , overflow , underflow }
11771     {#1}
11772     {
11773         \__kernel_msg_error:nxxx { kernel }
11774         { unknown-fpu-trap-type } {#1} {#2}
11775     }
11776     {
11777         \__kernel_msg_error:nxx
11778         { kernel } { unknown-fpu-exception } {#1}
11779     }
11780 }
11781 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_trap:nm`. This function is documented on page 192.)

`\_fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_error:` We provide three types of trapping for invalid operations: either produce an error and raise the relevant flag; or only raise the flag; or don't even raise the flag. In most cases, the function produces as a result its first argument, possibly with post-expansion.

```

\_fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_error:
\_fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_flag:
\_fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_none:
\_fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N
11782 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_error:
11783 { \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N \prg_do_nothing: }
11784 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_flag:
11785 { \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N \use_none:n }
11786 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_none:
11787 { \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N \use_none:n }
11788 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N #1
11789 {
11790     \exp_args:Nno \use:n
11791     { \cs_set:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation:nw ##1##2##3; }
11792     {
11793         #1
11794         \__fp_error:nfn { fp-invalid } {##2} { \fp_to_tl:n { ##3; } } { }
11795         \flag_raise:n { fp_invalid_operation }
11796         ##1
11797     }
11798     \exp_args:Nno \use:n
11799     { \cs_set:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww ##1##2; ##3; }
11800     {
11801         #1
11802         \__fp_error:nfn { fp-invalid-ii }
11803         { \fp_to_tl:n { ##2; } } { \fp_to_tl:n { ##3; } } {##1}
11804         \flag_raise:n { fp_invalid_operation }
11805         \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
11806     }
11807     \exp_args:Nno \use:n
11808     { \cs_set:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation_tl_o:ff ##1##2 }
11809     {
11810         #1
11811         \__fp_error:nfn { fp-invalid } {##1} {##2} { }
11812         \flag_raise:n { fp_invalid_operation }
11813         \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
11814     }
11815 }

```

(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.

```

11816 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_trap_division_by_zero_set_error:
11817   { \_fp_trap_division_by_zero_set:N \prg_do_nothing: }
11818 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_trap_division_by_zero_set_flag:
11819   { \_fp_trap_division_by_zero_set:N \use_none:nnnnn }
11820 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_trap_division_by_zero_set_none:
11821   { \_fp_trap_division_by_zero_set:N \use_none:nnnnnnn }
11822 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_trap_division_by_zero_set:N #1
11823   {
11824     \exp_args:Nno \use:n
11825     { \cs_set:Npn \_fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw ##1##2##3; }
11826     {
11827       #1
11828       \_fp_error:nmfn { fp-zero-div } {##2} { \fp_to_tl:n { ##3; } } { }
11829       \flag_raise:n { fp_division_by_zero }
11830       \exp_after:wN ##1
11831     }
11832     \exp_args:Nno \use:n
11833     { \cs_set:Npn \_fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww ##1##2##3; ##4; }
11834     {
11835       #1
11836       \_fp_error:nffn { fp-zero-div-ii }
11837       { \fp_to_tl:n { ##3; } } { \fp_to_tl:n { ##4; } } {##2}
11838       \flag_raise:n { fp_division_by_zero }
11839       \exp_after:wN ##1
11840     }
11841   }

```

*(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  $10^{99999}$ , 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.

```

11842 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_trap_overflow_set_error:
11843   { \_fp_trap_overflow_set:N \prg_do_nothing: }
11844 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_trap_overflow_set_flag:
11845   { \_fp_trap_overflow_set:N \use_none:nnnnn }
11846 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_trap_overflow_set_none:
11847   { \_fp_trap_overflow_set:N \use_none:nnnnnnn }
11848 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_trap_overflow_set:N #1
11849   { \_fp_trap_overflow_set:NnNn #1 { overflow } \_fp_inf_fp:N { inf } }
11850 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_trap_underflow_set_error:
11851   { \_fp_trap_underflow_set:N \prg_do_nothing: }
11852 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_trap_underflow_set_flag:

```

```

11853 { \_fp_trap_underflow_set:N \use_none:nnnnn }
11854 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_trap_underflow_set_none:
11855 { \_fp_trap_underflow_set:N \use_none:nnnnnn }
11856 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_trap_underflow_set:N #1
11857 { \_fp_trap_overflow_set:NnNn #1 { underflow } \_fp_zero_fp:N { 0 } }
11858 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_fp_trap_overflow_set:NnNn #1#2#3#4
11859 {
11860   \exp_args:Nno \use:n
11861   { \cs_set:cpn { \_fp_ #2 :w } \s__fp \_fp_chk:w ##1##2##3; }
11862   {
11863     #1
11864     \_fp_error:nffn
11865     { fp-flow \if_meaning:w 1 ##1 -to \fi: }
11866     { \fp_to_tl:n { \s__fp \_fp_chk:w ##1##2##3; } }
11867     { \token_if_eq_meaning:NNF 0 ##2 { - } #4 }
11868     {#2}
11869     \flag_raise:n { fp_#2 }
11870     #3 ##2
11871   }
11872 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_trap_overflow_set_error:` and others.)

```

\_fp_invalid_operation:nnw Initialize the control sequences (to log properly their existence). Then set invalid operations
  \_fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww to trigger an error, and division by zero, overflow, and underflow to act silently on
  \_fp_invalid_operation_tl_o:ff their flag.
\_fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw 11873 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_invalid_operation:nnw #1#2#3; { }
  \_fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww 11874 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww #1#2; #3; { }
  \_fp_overflow:w 11875 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_invalid_operation_tl_o:ff #1 #2 { }
  \_fp_underflow:w 11876 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw #1#2#3; { }
11877 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww #1#2#3; #4; { }
11878 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_overflow:w { }
11879 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_underflow:w { }
11880 \fp_trap:nn { invalid_operation } { error }
11881 \fp_trap:nn { division_by_zero } { flag }
11882 \fp_trap:nn { overflow } { flag }
11883 \fp_trap:nn { underflow } { flag }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_invalid_operation:nnw` and others.)

```

\_fp_invalid_operation_o:nw Convenient short-hands for returning \c_nan_fp for a unary or binary operation, and
\_fp_invalid_operation_o:fw expanding after.
11884 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_invalid_operation_o:nw
11885 { \_fp_invalid_operation:nnw { \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp } }
11886 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \_fp_invalid_operation_o:nw { f }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_invalid_operation_o:nw`.)

## 22.3 Errors

```

\_fp_error:nnnn
\_fp_error:nfn 11887 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_error:nnnn
\_fp_error:nffn 11888 { \_kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnn { kernel } }
\_fp_error:nfff 11889 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \_fp_error:nnnn { nnf, nff , nfff }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_error:nnnn`.)

## 22.4 Messages

Some messages.

```
11890 \_kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { unknown-fpu-exception }
11891 {
11892   The-FPU-exception-#1-is-not-known:~
11893   that-trap-will-never-be-triggered.
11894 }
11895 {
11896   The-only-exceptions-to-which-traps-can-be-attached-are \\
11897   \iow_indent:n
11898   {
11899     * ~ invalid_operation \\
11900     * ~ division_by_zero \\
11901     * ~ overflow \\
11902     * ~ underflow
11903   }
11904 }
11905 \_kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { unknown-fpu-trap-type }
11906 { The-FPU-trap-type-#2-is-not-known. }
11907 {
11908   The-trap-type-must-be-one-of \\
11909   \iow_indent:n
11910   {
11911     * ~ error \\
11912     * ~ flag \\
11913     * ~ none
11914   }
11915 }
11916 \_kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-flow }
11917 { An ~ #3 ~ occurred. }
11918 \_kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-flow-to }
11919 { #1 ~ #3 ed ~ to ~ #2 . }
11920 \_kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-zero-div }
11921 { Division-by-zero-in~ #1 (#2) }
11922 \_kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-zero-div-ii }
11923 { Division-by-zero-in~ (#1) #3 (#2) }
11924 \_kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-invalid }
11925 { Invalid-operation~ #1 (#2) }
11926 \_kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-invalid-ii }
11927 { Invalid-operation~ (#1) #3 (#2) }
11928 \_kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-unknown-type }
11929 { Unknown-type-for~#1' }
11930 </initex | package>
```

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```
11931 <*initex | package>
11932 <@@=fp>
\_fp_parse_word_trunc:N
\_fp_parse_word_floor:N 11933 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_word_trunc:N
\_fp_parse_word_ceil:N 11934 { \_fp_parse_function:NNN \_fp_round_o:Nw \_fp_round_to_zero:NNN }
```

```

11935 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_floor:N
11936   { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_round_o:Nw \__fp_round_to_ninf:NNN }
11937 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_ceil:N
11938   { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_round_o:Nw \__fp_round_to_pinf:NNN }

(End definition for \__fp_parse_word_trunc:N, \__fp_parse_word_floor:N, and \__fp_parse_word_
ceil:N.)

```

```

\__fp_parse_word_round:N
  \__fp_parse_round:Nw
11939 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_round:N #1#2
11940   {
11941     \__fp_parse_function:NNN
11942     \__fp_round_o:Nw \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN #1
11943     #2
11944   }
11945 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_round:Nw #1 #2 \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN #3#4
11946   { #2 #1 #3 }
11947

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_word\_round:N and \\_\_fp\_parse\_round:Nw.)

## 23.1 Rounding tools

\c\_\_fp\_five\_int This is used as the half-point for which numbers are rounded up/down.

```

11948 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_five_int { 5 }

```

(End definition for \c\_\_fp\_five\_int.)

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 0\exp\_stop\_f: or 1\exp\_stop\_f: depending on whether the final result should be rounded up or down.

- \\_\_fp\_round:NNN <sign> <digit<sub>1</sub>> <digit<sub>2</sub>> can expand to 0\exp\_stop\_f: or 1\exp\_stop\_f:.

- `\__fp_round_s:NNNw`  $\langle sign \rangle \langle digit_1 \rangle \langle digit_2 \rangle \langle more\ digits \rangle$ ; can expand to `0\exp_stop_f:` or `1\exp_stop_f:`;
- `\__fp_round_neg:NNN`  $\langle sign \rangle \langle digit_1 \rangle \langle digit_2 \rangle$  can expand to `0\exp_stop_f:` or `1\exp_stop_f:`.

See implementation comments for details on the syntax.

```
\__fp_round:NNN
\__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN
  \__fp_round_to_nearest_ninf:NNN
  \__fp_round_to_nearest_zero:NNN
  \__fp_round_to_nearest_pinf:NNN
\__fp_round_to_ninf:NNN
\__fp_round_to_zero:NNN
\__fp_round_to_pinf:NNN
```

`\__fp_round:NNN`  $\langle final\ sign \rangle \langle digit_1 \rangle \langle digit_2 \rangle$   
 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 `0\exp_stop_f:`, and otherwise to `1\exp_stop_f:`. 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 would 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 `0\exp_stop_f:`, but this is superseded by `\__fp_round_return_one:`, which instead returns `1\exp_stop_f:`, expanding everything and removing `0\exp_stop_f:` in the process. In the case of rounding towards  $\pm\infty$  or towards 0, this is not really useful, but it prepares us for the “round to nearest, ties to even” mode.

The “round to nearest” mode is the default. If the  $\langle digit_2 \rangle$  is larger than 5, then round up. If it is less than 5, round down. If it is exactly 5, then round such that  $\langle digit_1 \rangle$  plus the result is even. In other words, round up if  $\langle digit_1 \rangle$  is odd.

The “round to nearest” mode has three variants, which differ in how ties are rounded: down towards  $-\infty$ , truncated towards 0, or up towards  $+\infty$ .

```
11949 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_return_one:
11950 { \exp_after:wN 1 \exp_after:wN \exp_stop_f: \exp:w }
11951 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_ninf:NNN #1 #2 #3
11952 {
11953   \if_meaning:w 2 #1
11954     \if_int_compare:w #3 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
11955       \__fp_round_return_one:
11956     \fi:
11957   \fi:
11958   0 \exp_stop_f:
11959 }
11960 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_zero:NNN #1 #2 #3 { 0 \exp_stop_f: }
11961 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_pinf:NNN #1 #2 #3
11962 {
11963   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
11964     \if_int_compare:w #3 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
11965       \__fp_round_return_one:
11966     \fi:
11967   \fi:
11968   0 \exp_stop_f:
11969 }
11970 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN #1 #2 #3
11971 {
11972   \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c__fp_five_int
11973     \__fp_round_return_one:
11974   \else:
```

```

11975     \if_meaning:w 5 #3
11976     \if_int_odd:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
11977         \__fp_round_return_one:
11978     \fi:
11979     \fi:
11980     \fi:
11981     0 \exp_stop_f:
11982 }
11983 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_nearest_ninf:NNN #1 #2 #3
11984 {
11985     \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c__fp_five_int
11986         \__fp_round_return_one:
11987     \else:
11988         \if_meaning:w 5 #3
11989             \if_meaning:w 2 #1
11990                 \__fp_round_return_one:
11991             \fi:
11992         \fi:
11993     \fi:
11994     0 \exp_stop_f:
11995 }
11996 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_nearest_zero:NNN #1 #2 #3
11997 {
11998     \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c__fp_five_int
11999         \__fp_round_return_one:
12000     \fi:
12001     0 \exp_stop_f:
12002 }
12003 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_nearest_pinf:NNN #1 #2 #3
12004 {
12005     \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c__fp_five_int
12006         \__fp_round_return_one:
12007     \else:
12008         \if_meaning:w 5 #3
12009             \if_meaning:w 0 #1
12010                 \__fp_round_return_one:
12011             \fi:
12012         \fi:
12013     \fi:
12014     0 \exp_stop_f:
12015 }
12016 \cs_new_eq:NN \__fp_round:NNN \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_round:NNN and others.)

\\_\_fp\_round\_s:NNNw

\\_\_fp\_round\_s:NNNw *<final sign>* *<digit>* *<more digits>* ;

Similar to \\_\_fp\_round:NNN, but with an extra semicolon, this function expands to 0\exp\_stop\_f:; if rounding *<final sign>**<digit>**<more digits>* to an integer truncates, and to 1\exp\_stop\_f:; otherwise. The *<more digits>* 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.

```

12017 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_s:NNNw #1 #2 #3 #4;
12018 {
12019     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round:NNN

```

```

12020 \exp_after:wN #1
12021 \exp_after:wN #2
12022 \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
12023 \if_int_odd:w 0 \if_meaning:w 0 #3 1 \fi:
12024 \if_meaning:w 5 #3 1 \fi:
12025 \exp_stop_f:
12026 \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #4 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
12027 1 +
12028 \fi:
12029 \fi:
12030 #3
12031 ;
12032 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_round\_s:NNNw.)

\\_fp\_round\_digit:Nw \\_\_int\_value:w \\_fp\_round\_digit:Nw <digit> <intexpr> ;  
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.

```

12033 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_round_digit:Nw #1 #2;
12034 {
12035 \if_int_odd:w \if_meaning:w 0 #1 1 \else:
12036 \if_meaning:w 5 #1 1 \else:
12037 0 \fi: \fi: \exp_stop_f:
12038 \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #2 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
12039 \__int_eval:w 1 +
12040 \fi:
12041 \fi:
12042 #1
12043 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_round\_digit:Nw.)

\\_fp\_round\_neg:NNN \\_\_fp\_round\_neg:NNN <final sign> <digit<sub>1</sub>> <digit<sub>2</sub>>  
\\_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_neg:NNN This expands to 0\exp\_stop\_f: or 1\exp\_stop\_f: after doing the following test.  
\\_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_ninf\_neg:NNN Starting from a number of the form <final sign>0.<15 digits><digit<sub>1</sub>> with exactly 15 (non-  
\\_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_zero\_neg:NNN all-zero) digits before <digit<sub>1</sub>>, subtract from it <final sign>0.0...0<digit<sub>2</sub>>, where there  
\\_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_pinf\_neg:NNN are 16 zeros. If in the current rounding mode the result should be rounded down, then  
\\_fp\_round\_to\_ninf\_neg:NNN this function returns 1\exp\_stop\_f:. Otherwise, *i.e.*, if the result is rounded back to  
\\_fp\_round\_to\_zero\_neg:NNN the first operand, then this function returns 0\exp\_stop\_f:.  
\\_fp\_round\_to\_pinf\_neg:NNN

It turns out that this negative “round to nearest” is identical to the positive one. And this is the default mode.

```

12044 \cs_new_eq:NN \_fp_round_to_ninf_neg:NNN \_fp_round_to_pinf:NNN
12045 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_round_to_zero_neg:NNN #1 #2 #3
12046 {
12047 \if_int_compare:w #3 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
12048 \__fp_round_return_one:
12049 \fi:
12050 0 \exp_stop_f:
12051 }
12052 \cs_new_eq:NN \_fp_round_to_pinf_neg:NNN \_fp_round_to_ninf:NNN

```

```

12053 \cs_new_eq:NN \__fp_round_to_nearest_neg:NNN \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN
12054 \cs_new_eq:NN \__fp_round_to_nearest_ninf_neg:NNN \__fp_round_to_nearest_pinf:NNN
12055 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_nearest_zero_neg:NNN #1 #2 #3
12056 {
12057   \if_int_compare:w #3 < \c__fp_five_int \else:
12058     \__fp_round_return_one:
12059   \fi:
12060   0 \exp_stop_f:
12061 }
12062 \cs_new_eq:NN \__fp_round_to_nearest_pinf_neg:NNN \__fp_round_to_nearest_ninf:NNN
12063 \cs_new_eq:NN \__fp_round_neg:NNN \__fp_round_to_nearest_neg:NNN

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_round\_neg:NNN and others.)

## 23.2 The round function

\\_\_fp\_round\_o:Nw First check that all arguments are floating point numbers. The `trunc`, `ceil` and `floor` functions expect one or two arguments (the second is 0 by default), and the `round` function also accepts a third argument (`nan` by default), which changes `#1` from `\__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN` to one of its analogues.

```

12064 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_o:Nw #1
12065 {
12066   \__fp_parse_function_all_fp_o:fnw
12067   { \__fp_round_name_from_cs:N #1 }
12068   { \__fp_round_aux_o:Nw #1 }
12069 }
12070 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_aux_o:Nw #1#2 @
12071 {
12072   \if_case:w
12073     \__int_eval:w \__fp_array_count:n {#2} \__int_eval_end:
12074     \__fp_round_no_arg_o:Nw #1 \exp:w
12075   \or: \__fp_round:Nwn #1 #2 {0} \exp:w
12076   \or: \__fp_round:Nww #1 #2 \exp:w
12077   \else: \__fp_round:Nwww #1 #2 @ \exp:w
12078   \fi:
12079   \exp_after:wN \exp_end:
12080 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_round\_o:Nw and \\_\_fp\_round\_aux\_o:Nw.)

\\_\_fp\_round\_no\_arg\_o:Nw

```

12081 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_no_arg_o:Nw #1
12082 {
12083   \cs_if_eq:NNTF #1 \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN
12084   { \__fp_error:nmmm { fp-num-args } { round ( ) } { 1 } { 3 } }
12085   {
12086     \__fp_error:nffn { fp-num-args }
12087     { \__fp_round_name_from_cs:N #1 ( ) } { 1 } { 2 }
12088   }
12089   \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
12090 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_round\_no\_arg\_o:Nw.)

`\__fp_round:Nwww` Having three arguments is only allowed for `round`, not `trunc`, `ceil`, `floor`, so check for that case. If all is well, construct one of `\__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN`, `\__fp_round_to_nearest_zero:NNN`, `\__fp_round_to_nearest_ninf:NNN`, `\__fp_round_to_nearest_pinf:NNN` and act accordingly.

```

12091 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round:Nwww #1#2 ; #3 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5#6 ; #7 @
12092 {
12093   \cs_if_eq:NNTF #1 \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN
12094   {
12095     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#7}
12096     {
12097       \exp_args:Nc \__fp_round:Nww
12098       {
12099         __fp_round_to_nearest
12100         \if_meaning:w 0 #4 _zero \else:
12101         \if_case:w #5 \exp_stop_f: _pinf \or: \else: _ninf \fi: \fi:
12102         :NNN
12103       }
12104       #2 ; #3 ;
12105     }
12106     {
12107       \__fp_error:nnnn { fp-num-args } { round () } { 1 } { 3 }
12108       \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
12109     }
12110   }
12111   {
12112     \__fp_error:nffn { fp-num-args }
12113     { \__fp_round_name_from_cs:N #1 () } { 1 } { 2 }
12114     \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
12115   }
12116 }
  
```

(End definition for `\__fp_round:Nwww`.)

`\__fp_round_name_from_cs:N`

```

12117 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_name_from_cs:N #1
12118 {
12119   \cs_if_eq:NNTF #1 \__fp_round_to_zero:NNN { trunc }
12120   {
12121     \cs_if_eq:NNTF #1 \__fp_round_to_ninf:NNN { floor }
12122     {
12123       \cs_if_eq:NNTF #1 \__fp_round_to_pinf:NNN { ceil }
12124       { round }
12125     }
12126   }
12127 }
  
```

(End definition for `\__fp_round_name_from_cs:N`.)

`\__fp_round:Nww`

`\__fp_round:Nwn`

`\__fp_round_normal:NwNNw`

`\__fp_round_normal:NnnwNNnn`

`\__fp_round_pack:Nw`

`\__fp_round_normal:NNwNnn`

`\__fp_round_normal_end:wwNnn`

`\__fp_round_special:NwwNnn`

`\__fp_round_special_aux:Nw`

```

12128 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round:Nww #1#2 ; #3 ;
12129 {
12130   \__fp_small_int:wTF #3; { \__fp_round:Nwn #1#2; }
12131   {
12132     \__fp_invalid_operation_tl_o:ff
  
```

```

12133         { \__fp_round_name_from_cs:N #1 }
12134         { \__fp_array_to_clist:n { #2; #3; } }
12135     }
12136 }
12137 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round:Nwn #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; #5
12138 {
12139     \if_meaning:w 1 #2
12140     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_normal:NwNNnw
12141     \exp_after:wN #1
12142     \__int_value:w #5
12143     \else:
12144     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_o:w
12145     \fi:
12146     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4;
12147 }
12148 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_normal:NwNNnw #1#2 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#3#4#5;
12149 {
12150     \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn { \c__fp_prec_int - #4 - #2 }
12151     \__fp_round_normal:NnnwNNnn #5 #1 #3 {#4} {#2}
12152 }
12153 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_normal:NnnwNNnn #1#2#3#4; #5#6
12154 {
12155     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_normal:NNwNnn
12156     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
12157     \if_int_compare:w #2 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
12158     1 \__int_value:w #2
12159     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_pack:Nw
12160     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1#3 +
12161     \else:
12162     \if_int_compare:w #3 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
12163     1 \__int_value:w #3 +
12164     \fi:
12165     \fi:
12166     \exp_after:wN #5
12167     \exp_after:wN #6
12168     \use_none:nnnnnn #3
12169     #1
12170     \__int_eval_end:
12171     0000 0000 0000 0000 ; #6
12172 }
12173 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_pack:Nw #1
12174 { \if_meaning:w 2 #1 + 1 \fi: \__int_eval_end: }
12175 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_normal:NNwNnn #1 #2
12176 {
12177     \if_meaning:w 0 #2
12178     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_special:NwNnn
12179     \exp_after:wN #1
12180     \fi:
12181     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
12182     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
12183     \__fp_round_normal_end:wwNnn
12184     ; #2
12185 }
12186 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_normal_end:wwNnn #1;#2;#3#4#5

```

```

12187 {
12188   \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_o:w \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12189   \__fp_sanitizew #3 #4 ; #1 ;
12190 }
12191 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_special:NwwNnn #1#2;#3;#4#5#6
12192 {
12193   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
12194     \__fp_case_return:nw
12195     { \exp_after:wN \__fp_zero_fp:N \exp_after:wN #4 }
12196   \else:
12197     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_special_aux:Nw
12198     \exp_after:wN #4
12199     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1
12200     \if_meaning:w 1 #1 -#6 \else: +#5 \fi:
12201   \fi:
12202   ;
12203 }
12204 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_special_aux:Nw #1#2;
12205 {
12206   \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_o:w \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12207   \__fp_sanitizew #1#2; {1000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
12208 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_round:Nww` and others.)

```
12209 </initex | package>
```

## 24 l3fp-parse implementation

```
12210 <*initex | package>
```

```
12211 <@@=fp>
```

### 24.1 Work plan

The task at hand is non-trivial, and some previous failed attempts show that the code leads to unreadable logs, so we had better get it (almost) right the first time. Let us first describe our goal, then discuss the design precisely before writing any code.

In this file at least, a *floating point object* is a floating point number or tuple. This can be extended to anything that starts with `\s__fp` or `\s__fp_<type>` and ends with `;` with some internal structure that depends on the *<type>*.

```
\__fp_parse:n   \__fp_parse:n {<fpexpr>}
```

Evaluates the *floating point expression* and leaves the result in the input stream as a floating point object. This function forms the basis of almost all public `l3fp` functions. During evaluation, each token is fully `f`-expanded.

`\__fp_parse_o:n` does the same but expands once after its result.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** Registers (integers, toks, etc.) are automatically unpacked, without requiring a function such as `\int_use:N`. Invalid tokens remaining after `f`-expansion lead to unrecoverable low-level T<sub>E</sub>X errors.

(End definition for `\__fp_parse:n`.)

`\c__fp_prec_func_int` Floating point expressions are composed of numbers, given in various forms, infix operators, such as `+`, `**`, or `,` (which joins two numbers into a list), and prefix operators, such as the unary `-`, functions, or opening parentheses. Here is a list of precedences which control the order of evaluation (some distinctions are irrelevant for the order of evaluation, but serve as signals), from the tightest binding to the loosest binding.

- 16 Function calls.
- 13/14 Binary `**` and `^` (right to left).
- 12 Unary `+`, `-`, `!` (right to left).
- 10 Binary `*`, `/`, and juxtaposition (implicit `*`).
- 9 Binary `+` and `-`.
- 7 Comparisons.
- 6 Logical `and`, denoted by `&&`.
- 5 Logical `or`, denoted by `||`.
- 4 Ternary operator `?:`, piece `?`.
- 3 Ternary operator `?:`, piece `:`.
- 2 Commas.
- 1 Place where a comma is allowed and generates a tuple.
- 0 Start and end of the expression.

```

12212 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_func_int { 16 }
12213 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_hatii_int { 14 }
12214 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_hat_int { 13 }
12215 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_not_int { 12 }
12216 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_times_int { 10 }
12217 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_plus_int { 9 }
12218 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_comp_int { 7 }
12219 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_and_int { 6 }
12220 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_or_int { 5 }
12221 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_quest_int { 4 }
12222 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_colon_int { 3 }
12223 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_comma_int { 2 }
12224 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_tuple_int { 1 }
12225 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_prec_end_int { 0 }

```

*(End definition for `\c__fp_prec_func_int` and others.)*

### 24.1.1 Storing results

The main question in parsing expressions expandably is to decide where to put the intermediate results computed for various subexpressions.

One option is to store the values at the start of the expression, and carry them together as the first argument of each macro. However, we want to `f`-expand tokens one by one in the expression (as `\int_eval:n` does), and with this approach, expanding the next unread token forces us to jump with `\exp_after:wN` over every value computed

earlier in the expression. With this approach, the run-time grows at least quadratically in the length of the expression, if not as its cube (inserting the `\exp_after:wN` is tricky and slow).

A second option is to place those values at the end of the expression. Then expanding the next unread token is straightforward, but this still hits a performance issue: for long expressions we would be reaching all the way to the end of the expression at every step of the calculation. The run-time is again quadratic.

A variation of the above attempts to place the intermediate results which appear when computing a parenthesized expression near the closing parenthesis. This still lets us expand tokens as we go, and avoids performance problems as long as there are enough parentheses. However, it would be better to avoid requiring the closing parenthesis to be present as soon as the corresponding opening parenthesis is read: the closing parenthesis may still be hidden in a macro yet to be expanded.

Hence, we need to go for some fine expansion control: the result is stored *before* the start!

Let us illustrate this idea in a simple model: adding positive integers which may be resulting from the expansion of macros, or may be values of registers. Assume that one number, say, 12345, has already been found, and that we want to parse the next number. The current status of the code may look as follows.

```
\exp_after:wN \add:ww \__int_value:w 12345 \exp_after:wN ;
\exp:w \operand:w <stuff>
```

One step of expansion expands `\exp_after:wN`, which triggers the primitive `\__int_value:w`, which reads the five digits we have already found, 12345. This integer is unfinished, causing the second `\exp_after:wN` to expand, and to trigger the construction `\exp:w`, which expands `\operand:w`, defined to read what follows and make a number out of it, then leave `\exp_end:`, the number, and a semicolon in the input stream. Once `\operand:w` is done expanding, we obtain essentially

```
\exp_after:wN \add:ww \__int_value:w 12345 ;
\exp:w \exp_end: 333444 ;
```

where in fact `\exp_after:wN` has already been expanded, `\__int_value:w` has already seen 12345, and `\exp:w` is still looking for a number. It finds `\exp_end:`, hence expands to nothing. Now, `\__int_value:w` sees the `;`, which cannot be part of a number. The expansion stops, and we are left with

```
\add:ww 12345 ; 333444 ;
```

which can safely perform the addition by grabbing two arguments delimited by `;`.

If we were to continue parsing the expression, then the following number should also be cleaned up before the next use of a binary operation such as `\add:ww`. Just like `\__int_value:w 12345 \exp_after:wN ;` expanded what follows once, we need `\add:ww` to do the calculation, and in the process to expand the following once. This is also true in our real application: all the functions of the form `\__fp_..._o:ww` expand what follows once. This comes at the cost of leaving tokens in the input stack, and we need to be careful not to waste this memory. All of our discussion above is nice but simplistic, as operations should not simply be performed in the order they appear.

### 24.1.2 Precedence and infix operators

The various operators we will encounter have different precedences, which influence the order of calculations:  $1 + 2 \times 3 = 1 + (2 \times 3)$  because  $\times$  has a higher precedence than  $+$ . The true analog of our macro `\operand:w` must thus take care of that. When looking for an operand, it needs to perform calculations until reaching an operator which has lower precedence than the one which called `\operand:w`. This means that `\operand:w` must know what the previous binary operator is, or rather, its precedence: we thus rename it `\operand:Nw`. Let us describe as an example how we plan to do the calculation  $41 - 2^3 * 4 + 5$ . More precisely we describe how to perform the first operation in this expression. Here, we abuse notations: the first argument of `\operand:Nw` should be an integer constant (`\c__fp_prec_plus_int, ...`) equal to the precedence of the given operator, not directly the operator itself.

- Clean up 41 and find  $-$ . We call `\operand:Nw -` to find the second operand.
- Clean up 2 and find  $\wedge$ .
- Compare the precedences of  $-$  and  $\wedge$ . Since the latter is higher, we need to compute the exponentiation. For this, find the second operand with a nested call to `\operand:Nw \wedge`.
- Clean up 3 and find  $*$ .
- Compare the precedences of  $\wedge$  and  $*$ . Since the former is higher, `\operand:Nw \wedge` has found the second operand of the exponentiation, which is computed:  $2^3 = 8$ .
- We now have  $41 - 8 * 4 + 5$ , and `\operand:Nw -` is still looking for a second operand for the subtraction. Is it 8?
- Compare the precedences of  $-$  and  $*$ . Since the latter is higher, we are not done with 8. Call `\operand:Nw *` to find the second operand of the multiplication.
- Clean up 4, and find  $+$ .
- Compare the precedences of  $*$  and  $+$ . Since the former is higher, `\operand:Nw *` has found the second operand of the multiplication, which is computed:  $8 * 4 = 32$ .
- We now have  $41 - 32 + 5$ , and `\operand:Nw -` is still looking for a second operand for the subtraction. Is it 32?
- Compare the precedences of  $-$  and  $+$ . Since they are equal, `\operand:Nw -` has found the second operand for the subtraction, which is computed:  $41 - 32 = 9$ .
- We now have  $9 + 5$ .

The procedure above stops short of performing all computations, but adding a surrounding call to `\operand:Nw` with a very low precedence ensures that all computations are performed before `\operand:Nw` is done. Adding a trailing marker with the same very low precedence prevents the surrounding `\operand:Nw` from going beyond the marker.

The pattern above to find an operand for a given operator, is to find one number and the next operator, then compare precedences to know if the next computation should be done. If it should, then perform it after finding its second operand, and look at the next operator, then compare precedences to know if the next computation should be done.

This continues until we find that the next computation should not be done. Then, we stop.

We are now ready to get a bit more technical and describe which of the `l3fp-parse` functions correspond to each step above.

First, `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` is the `\operand:Nw` function above, with small modifications due to expansion issues discussed later. We denote by  $\langle precedence \rangle$  the argument of `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw`, that is, the precedence of the binary operator whose operand we are trying to find. The basic action is to read numbers from the input stream. This is done by `\__fp_parse_one:Nw`. A first approximation of this function is that it reads one  $\langle number \rangle$ , performing no computation, and finds the following binary  $\langle operator \rangle$ . Then it expands to

$$\langle number \rangle \\ \__fp\_parse\_infix\_ \langle operator \rangle :N \langle precedence \rangle$$

expanding the `infix` auxiliary before leaving the above in the input stream.

We now explain the `infix` auxiliaries. We need some flexibility in how we treat the case of equal precedences: most often, the first operation encountered should be performed, such as `1-2-3` being computed as  $(1-2)-3$ , but `2^3^4` should be evaluated as  $2^{(3^4)}$  instead. For this reason, and to support the equivalence between `**` and `^` more easily, each binary operator is converted to a control sequence `\__fp_parse_infix_ \langle operator \rangle :N` when it is encountered for the first time. Instead of passing both precedences to a test function to do the comparison steps above, we pass the  $\langle precedence \rangle$  (of the earlier operator) to the `infix` auxiliary for the following  $\langle operator \rangle$ , to know whether to perform the computation of the  $\langle operator \rangle$ . If it should not be performed, the `infix` auxiliary expands to

$$@ \backslash use\_none :n \__fp\_parse\_infix\_ \langle operator \rangle :N$$

and otherwise it calls `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` with the precedence of the  $\langle operator \rangle$  to find its second operand  $\langle number_2 \rangle$  and the next  $\langle operator_2 \rangle$ , and expands to

$$@ \__fp\_parse\_apply\_binary :NwNwN \\ \langle operator \rangle \langle number_2 \rangle \\ @ \__fp\_parse\_infix\_ \langle operator_2 \rangle :N$$

The `infix` function is responsible for comparing precedences, but cannot directly call the computation functions, because the first operand  $\langle number \rangle$  is before the `infix` function in the input stream. This is why we stop the expansion here and give control to another function to close the loop.

A definition of `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw \langle precedence \rangle` with some of the expansion control removed is

$$\backslash exp\_after :wN \__fp\_parse\_continue :NwN \\ \backslash exp\_after :wN \langle precedence \rangle \\ \backslash exp :w \backslash exp\_end\_continue\_f :w \\ \__fp\_parse\_one :Nw \langle precedence \rangle$$

This expands `\__fp_parse_one:Nw \langle precedence \rangle` completely, which finds a number, wraps the next  $\langle operator \rangle$  into an `infix` function, feeds this function the  $\langle precedence \rangle$ , and expands it, yielding either

```

\__fp_parse_continue:NwN <precedence>
<number> @
\use_none:n \__fp_parse_infix_<operator>:N

```

or

```

\__fp_parse_continue:NwN <precedence>
<number> @
\__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN
  <operator> <number_2>
@ \__fp_parse_infix_<operator_2>:N

```

The definition of `\__fp_parse_continue:NwN` is then very simple:

```

\cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_continue:NwN #1#2@#3 { #3 #1 #2 @ }

```

In the first case, `#3` is `\use_none:n`, yielding

```

\use_none:n <precedence> <number> @
\__fp_parse_infix_<operator>:N

```

then `<number> @ \__fp_parse_infix_<operator>:N`. In the second case, `#3` is `\__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN`, whose role is to compute `<number> <operator> <number_2>` and to prepare for the next comparison of precedences: first we get

```

\__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN
  <precedence> <number> @
  <operator> <number_2>
@ \__fp_parse_infix_<operator_2>:N

```

then

```

\exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_continue:NwN
\exp_after:wN <precedence>
\exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
\__fp_<operator>_o:ww <number> <number_2>
\exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
\__fp_parse_infix_<operator_2>:N <precedence>

```

where `\__fp_<operator>_o:ww` computes `<number> <operator> <number_2>` and expands after the result, thus triggers the comparison of the precedence of the `<operator_2>` and the `<precedence>`, continuing the loop.

We have introduced the most important functions here, and the next few paragraphs we describe various subtleties.

### 24.1.3 Prefix operators, parentheses, and functions

Prefix operators (unary `-`, `+`, `!`) and parentheses are taken care of by the same mechanism, and functions (`sin`, `exp`, etc.) as well. Finding the argument of the unary `-`, for instance, is very similar to grabbing the second operand of a binary infix operator, with a subtle precedence explained below. Once that operand is found, the operator can be applied to it (for the unary `-`, this simply flips the sign). A left parenthesis is just a prefix operator with a very low precedence equal to that of the closing parenthesis (which is treated as an infix operator, since it normally appears just after numbers), so that all computations are performed until the closing parenthesis. The prefix operator associated to the left

parenthesis does not alter its argument, but it removes the closing parenthesis (with some checks).

Prefix operators are the reason why we only summarily described the function `\_fp_parse_one:Nw` earlier. This function is responsible for reading in the input stream the first possible *number* and the next infix *operator*. If what follows `\_fp_parse_one:Nw` *precedence* is a prefix operator, then we must find the operand of this prefix operator through a nested call to `\_fp_parse_operand:Nw` with the appropriate precedence, then apply the operator to the operand found to yield the result of `\_fp_parse_one:Nw`. So far, all is simple.

The unary operators `+`, `-`, `!` complicate things a little bit: `-3**2` should be  $-(3^2) = -9$ , and not  $(-3)^2 = 9$ . This would easily be done by giving `-` a lower precedence, equal to that of the infix `+` and `-`. Unfortunately, this fails in cases such as `3**-2*4`, yielding  $3^{-2 \times 4}$  instead of the correct  $3^{-2} \times 4$ . A second attempt would be to call `\_fp_parse_operand:Nw` with the *precedence* of the previous operator, but `0>-2+3` is then parsed as `0>-(2+3)`: the addition is performed because it binds more tightly than the comparison which precedes `-`. The correct approach is for a unary `-` to perform operations whose precedence is greater than both that of the previous operation, and that of the unary `-` itself. The unary `-` is given a precedence higher than multiplication and division. This does not lead to any surprising result, since  $-(x/y) = (-x)/y$  and similarly for multiplication, and it reduces the number of nested calls to `\_fp_parse_operand:Nw`.

Functions are implemented as prefix operators with very high precedence, so that their argument is the first number that can possibly be built.

Note that contrarily to the `infix` functions discussed earlier, the `prefix` functions do perform tests on the previous *precedence* to decide whether to find an argument or not, since we know that we need a number, and must never stop there.

#### 24.1.4 Numbers and reading tokens one by one

So far, we have glossed over one important point: what is a “number”? A number is typically given in the form *significand*`e`*exponent*, where the *significand* is any non-empty string composed of decimal digits and at most one decimal separator (a period), the exponent “`e`*exponent*” is optional and is composed of an exponent mark `e` followed by a possibly empty string of signs `+` or `-` and a non-empty string of decimal digits. The *significand* can also be an integer, dimension, skip, or muskip variable, in which case dimensions are converted from points (or mu units) to floating points, and the *exponent* can also be an integer variable. Numbers can also be given as floating point variables, or as named constants such as `nan`, `inf` or `pi`. We may add more types in the future.

When `\_fp_parse_one:Nw` is looking for a “number”, here is what happens.

- If the next token is a control sequence with the meaning of `\scan_stop:`, it can be: `\s_fp`, in which case our job is done, as what follows is an internal floating point number, or `\s_fp_mark`, in which case the expression has come to an early end, as we are still looking for a number here, or something else, in which case we consider the control sequence to be a bad variable resulting from `c`-expansion.
- If the next token is a control sequence with a different meaning, we assume that it is a register, unpack it with `\tex_the:D`, and use its value (in `pt` for dimensions and `skips`, `mu` for muskips) as the *significand* of a number: we look for an exponent.

- If the next token is a digit, we remove any leading zeros, then read a significand larger than 1 if the next character is a digit, read a significand smaller than 1 if the next character is a period, or we have found a significand equal to 0 otherwise, and look for an exponent.
- If the next token is a letter, we collect more letters until the first non-letter: the resulting word may denote a function such as `asin`, a constant such as `pi` or be unknown. In the first case, we call `\_fp_parse_operand:Nw` to find the argument of the function, then apply the function, before declaring that we are done. Otherwise, we are done, either with the value of the constant, or with the value `nan` for unknown words.
- If the next token is anything else, we check whether it is a known prefix operator, in which case `\_fp_parse_operand:Nw` finds its operand. If it is not known, then either a number is missing (if the token is a known infix operator) or the token is simply invalid in floating point expressions.

Once a number is found, `\_fp_parse_one:Nw` also finds an infix operator. This goes as follows.

- If the next token is a control sequence, it could be the special marker `\s_fp_mark`, and otherwise it is a case of juxtaposing numbers, such as `2\c_zero`, with an implied multiplication.
- If the next token is a letter, it is also a case of juxtaposition, as letters cannot be proper infix operators.
- Otherwise (including in the case of digits), if the token is a known infix operator, the appropriate `\_fp_infix_⟨operator⟩:N` function is built, and if it does not exist, we complain. In particular, the juxtaposition `\c_zero 2` is disallowed.

In the above, we need to test whether a character token `#1` is a digit:

```
\if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
  is a digit
\else:
  not a digit
\fi:
```

To exclude 0, replace 9 by 10. The use of `\token_to_str:N` ensures that a digit with any catcode is detected. To test if a character token is a letter, we need to work with its character code, testing if `'#1` lies in [65,90] (uppercase letters) or [97,112] (lowercase letters)

```
\if_int_compare:w \_int_eval:w
  ( '#1 \if_int_compare:w '#1 > 'Z - 32 \fi: ) / 26 = 3 \exp_stop_f:
  is a letter
\else:
  not a letter
\fi:
```

At all steps, we try to accept all category codes: when `#1` is kept to be used later, it is almost always converted to category code other through `\token_to_str:N`. More

precisely, catcodes {3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12} should work without trouble, but not {1, 2, 4, 10, 13}, and of course {0, 5, 9} cannot become tokens.

Floating point expressions should behave as much as possible like  $\varepsilon$ -TeX-based integer expressions and dimension expressions. In particular, f-expansion should be performed as the expression is read, token by token, forcing the expansion of protected macros, and ignoring spaces. One advantage of expanding at every step is that restricted expandable functions can then be used in floating point expressions just as they can be in other kinds of expressions. Problematically, spaces stop f-expansion: for instance, the macro `\X` below would not be expanded if we simply performed f-expansion.

```
\DeclareDocumentCommand {\test} {m} { \fp_eval:n {#1} }
\ExplSyntaxOff
\test { 1 + \X }
```

Of course, spaces typically do not appear in a code setting, but may very easily come in document-level input, from which some expressions may come. To avoid this problem, at every step, we do essentially what `\use:f` would do: take an argument, put it back in the input stream, then f-expand it. This is not a complete solution, since a macro's expansion could contain leading spaces which would stop the f-expansion before further macro calls are performed. However, in practice it should be enough: in particular, floating point numbers are correctly expanded to the underlying `\s__fp ...` structure. The f-expansion is performed by `\__fp_parse_expand:w`.

## 24.2 Main auxiliary functions

`\__fp_parse_operand:Nw`

```
\exp:w \__fp_parse_operand:Nw <precedence> \__fp_parse_expand:w
```

Reads the "...", performing every computation with a precedence higher than *<precedence>*, then expands to

```
<result> @ \__fp_parse_infix_<operation>:N ...
```

where the *<operation>* is the first operation with a lower precedence, possibly `end`, and the "... " start just after the *<operation>*.

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw`.)

`\__fp_parse_infix_+:N`

```
\__fp_parse_infix_+:N <precedence> ...
```

If `+` has a precedence higher than the *<precedence>*, cleans up a second *<operand>* and finds the *<operation<sub>2</sub>>* which follows, and expands to

```
@ \__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN + <operand> @ \__fp_parse_infix_<operation2>:N
...
```

Otherwise expands to

```
@ \use_none:n \__fp_parse_infix_+:N ...
```

A similar function exists for each infix operator.

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_infix_+:N`.)

`\__fp_parse_one:Nw`

```
\__fp_parse_one:Nw <precedence> ...
```

Cleans up one or two operands depending on how the precedence of the next operation compares to the *<precedence>*. If the following *<operation>* has a precedence higher than *<precedence>*, expands to

```

    <operand1> @ \__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN <operation> <operand2> @
    \__fp_parse_infix_<operation2>:N ...

```

and otherwise expands to

```

    <operand> @ \use_none:n \__fp_parse_infix_<operation>:N ...

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_one:Nw.)

### 24.3 Helpers

```

\__fp_parse_expand:w      \exp:w \__fp_parse_expand:w <tokens>

```

This function must always come within a \exp:w 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.

```

12226 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_expand:w #1 { \exp_end_continue_f:w #1 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_expand:w.)

```

\__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w

```

This very odd function swaps its position with the following \fi: and removes \\_\_fp\_parse\_expand:w normally responsible for expansion. That turns out to be useful.

```

12227 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w
12228     #1 \fi: \__fp_parse_expand:w { \fi: ; #1 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_return\_semicolon:w.)

```

\__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
\__fp_parse_digits_: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

```

    <digits> ; <filling 0> ; <length>

```

where <filling 0> is a string of zeros such that <digits> <filling 0> has the length given by the index of the function, and <length> is the number of zeros in the <filling 0> 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.

```

12229 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1 #2 #3
12230     {
12231     \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_digits_ #1 :N } ##1
12232     {
12233     \if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N ##1 \exp_stop_f:
12234     \token_to_str:N ##1 \exp_after:wN #2 \exp:w
12235     \else:
12236     \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w #3 ##1
12237     \fi:
12238     \__fp_parse_expand:w
12239     }
12240     }
12241 \__fp_tmp:w {vii} \__fp_parse_digits_vi:N { 000000 ; 7 }
12242 \__fp_tmp:w {vi} \__fp_parse_digits_v:N { 000000 ; 6 }
12243 \__fp_tmp:w {v} \__fp_parse_digits_iv:N { 00000 ; 5 }

```

```

12244 \__fp_tmp:w {iv} \__fp_parse_digits_iii:N { 0000 ; 4 }
12245 \__fp_tmp:w {iii} \__fp_parse_digits_ii:N { 000 ; 3 }
12246 \__fp_tmp:w {ii} \__fp_parse_digits_i:N { 00 ; 2 }
12247 \__fp_tmp:w {i} \__fp_parse_digits_:N { 0 ; 1 }
12248 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_digits_:N { ; ; 0 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_digits_vii:N` and others.)

## 24.4 Parsing one number

`\__fp_parse_one:Nw` This function finds one number, and packs the symbol which follows in an `\__fp_parse_infix...` csname. #1 is the previous *precedence*, and #2 the first token of the operand. We distinguish four cases: #2 is equal to `\scan_stop:` in meaning, #2 is a different control sequence, #2 is a digit, and #2 is something else (this last case is split further later). Despite the earlier f-expansion, #2 may still be expandable if it was protected by `\exp_not:N`, as may happen with the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> command `\protect`. Using a well placed `\reverse_if:N`, this case is sent to `\__fp_parse_one_fp:NN` which deals with it robustly.

```

12249 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one:Nw #1 #2
12250 {
12251   \if_catcode:w \scan_stop: \exp_not:N #2
12252     \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_not:N #2 #2 \else:
12253       \exp_after:wN \reverse_if:N
12254     \fi:
12255   \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #2
12256     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
12257     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_one_fp:NN
12258   \else:
12259     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
12260     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_one_register:NN
12261   \fi:
12262 \else:
12263   \if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N #2 \exp_stop_f:
12264     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
12265     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_one_digit:NN
12266   \else:
12267     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
12268     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_one_other:NN
12269   \fi:
12270 \fi:
12271 #1 #2
12272 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_one:Nw`.)

`\__fp_parse_one_fp:NN` This function receives a *precedence* and a control sequence equal to `\scan_stop:` in meaning. There are three cases.

`\__fp_exp_after_mark_f:nw`  
`\__fp_exp_after_?_f:nw`

- `\s__fp` starts a floating point number, and we call `\__fp_exp_after_f:nw`, which f-expands after the floating point.
- `\s__fp_mark` is a premature end, we call `\__fp_exp_after_mark_f:nw`, which triggers an fp-early-end error.

- For a control sequence not containing `\s__fp`, we call `\__fp_exp_after_?_f:nw`, causing a `bad-variable` error.

This scheme is extensible: additional types can be added by starting the variables with a scan mark of the form `\s__fp_⟨type⟩` and defining `\__fp_exp_after_⟨type⟩_f:nw`. In all cases, we make sure that the second argument of `\__fp_parse_infix:NN` is correctly expanded. A special case only enabled in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> is that if `\protect` is encountered then the error message mentions the control sequence which follows it rather than `\protect` itself. The test for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> uses `\@unexpandable@protect` rather than `\protect` because `\protect` is often `\scan_stop`: hence “does not exist”.

```

12273 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_fp:NN #1
12274   {
12275     \__fp_exp_after_any_f:nw
12276     {
12277       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix:NN
12278       \exp_after:wN #1 \exp:w \__fp_parse_expand:w
12279     }
12280   }
12281 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_mark_f:nw #1
12282   {
12283     \int_case:nnF { \exp_after:wN \use_i:nnn \use_none:nnn #1 }
12284     {
12285       \c__fp_prec_comma_int { }
12286       \c__fp_prec_tuple_int { }
12287       \c__fp_prec_end_int
12288       {
12289         \exp_after:wN \c__fp_empty_tuple_fp
12290         \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12291       }
12292     }
12293     {
12294       \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { fp-early-end }
12295       \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12296     }
12297     #1
12298   }
12299 \cs_new:cpn { __fp_exp_after_?_f:nw } #1#2
12300   {
12301     \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { bad-variable } {#2}
12302     \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #1
12303   }
12304 (*package)
12305 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1
12306   {
12307     \cs_if_exist:NT #1
12308     {
12309       \cs_gset:cpn { __fp_exp_after_?_f:nw } ##1##2
12310       {
12311         \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w ##1
12312         \str_if_eq:nnTF {##2} { \protect }
12313         {
12314           \cs_if_eq:NNTF ##2 #1 { \use_i:nn } { \use:n }
12315           { \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { fp-robust-cmd } }
12316         }
12317       }
12318     }
12319   }

```

```

12317         { \kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { bad-variable } {##2} }
12318     }
12319 }
12320 }
12321 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { @unexpandable@protect }
12322 </package>

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_one_fp:NN`, `\__fp_exp_after_mark_f:nw`, and `\__fp_exp_after_?-f:nw`.)

`\__fp_parse_one_register:NN` This is called whenever #2 is a control sequence other than `\scan_stop:` in meaning. We special-case `\wd`, `\ht`, `\dp` (see later) and otherwise assume that it is a register, but carefully unpack it with `\tex_the:D` within braces. First, we find the exponent following #2. Then we unpack #2 with `\tex_the:D`, and the `auxii` auxiliary distinguishes integer registers from dimensions/skips from muskips, according to the presence of a period and/or of `pt`. For integers, simply convert  $\langle value \rangle e(\langle exponent \rangle)$  to a floating point number with `\__fp_parse:n` (this is somewhat wasteful). For other registers, the decimal rounding provided by TeX does not accurately represent the binary value that it manipulates, so we extract this binary value as a number of scaled points with `\__int_value:w \__dim_eval:w`  $\langle decimal value \rangle$  pt, and use an auxiliary of `\dim_to_fp:n`, which performs the multiplication by  $2^{-16}$ , correctly rounded.

```

12323 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_register:NN #1#2
12324 {
12325     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN
12326     \exp_after:wN #1
12327     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12328     \if_meaning:w \box_wd:N #2 \__fp_parse_one_register_wd:w \fi:
12329     \if_meaning:w \box_ht:N #2 \__fp_parse_one_register_wd:w \fi:
12330     \if_meaning:w \box_dp:N #2 \__fp_parse_one_register_wd:w \fi:
12331     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_one_register_aux:Nw
12332     \exp_after:wN #2
12333     \__int_value:w
12334     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent:N
12335     \exp:w \__fp_parse_expand:w
12336 }
12337 \cs_new:Npx \__fp_parse_one_register_aux:Nw #1
12338 {
12339     \exp_not:n
12340     {
12341         \exp_after:wN \use:nn
12342         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_one_register_auxii:wwwNw
12343     }
12344     \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN { \exp_not:N \tex_the:D #1 }
12345     ; \exp_not:N \__fp_parse_one_register_dim:ww
12346     \tl_to_str:n { pt } ; \exp_not:N \__fp_parse_one_register_mu:www
12347     . \tl_to_str:n { pt } ; \exp_not:N \__fp_parse_one_register_int:www
12348     \exp_not:N \q_stop
12349 }
12350 \exp_args:Nno \use:nn
12351 { \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_register_auxii:wwwNw #1 . #2 }
12352 { \tl_to_str:n { pt } #3 ; #4#5 \q_stop }
12353 { #4 #1.#2; }
12354 \exp_args:Nno \use:nn
12355 { \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_register_mu:www #1 }

```

```

12356     { \tl_to_str:n { mu } ; #2 ; }
12357     { \__fp_parse_one_register_dim:ww #1 ; }
12358 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_register_int:www #1; #2.; #3;
12359   { \__fp_parse:n { #1 e #3 } }
12360 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_register_dim:ww #1; #2;
12361   {
12362     \exp_after:wN \__fp_from_dim_test:ww
12363     \__int_value:w #2 \exp_after:wN ,
12364     \__int_value:w \__dim_eval:w #1 pt ;
12365   }

```

The `\wd`, `\dp`, `\ht` primitives expect an integer argument. We abuse the exponent parser to find the integer argument: simply include the exponent marker `e`. Once that “exponent” is found, use `\tex_the:D` to find the box dimension and then copy what we did for dimensions.

```

12366 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_register_wd:w
12367   #1#2 \exp_after:wN #3#4 \__fp_parse_expand:w
12368   {
12369     #1
12370     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_one_register_wd:Nw
12371     #4 \__fp_parse_expand:w e
12372   }
12373 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_register_wd:Nw #1#2 ;
12374   {
12375     \exp_after:wN \__fp_from_dim_test:ww
12376     \exp_after:wN 0 \exp_after:wN ,
12377     \__int_value:w \__dim_eval:w
12378     \exp_after:wN \use:n \exp_after:wN { \tex_the:D #1 #2 } ;
12379   }

```

*(End definition for `\__fp_parse_one_register:NN` and others.)*

`\__fp_parse_one_digit:NN` A digit marks the beginning of an explicit floating point number. Once the number is found, we catch the case of overflow and underflow with `\__fp_sanitize:wN`, then `\__fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN` expands `\__fp_parse_infix:NN` after the number we find, to wrap the following infix operator as required. Finding the number itself begins by removing leading zeros: further steps are described later.

```

12380 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_digit:NN #1
12381   {
12382     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN
12383     \exp_after:wN #1
12384     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12385     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:wN
12386     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 0 \__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N
12387   }

```

*(End definition for `\__fp_parse_one_digit:NN`.)*

`\__fp_parse_one_other:NN` For this function, `#2` is a character token which is not a digit. If it is an ASCII letter, `\__fp_parse_letters:N` beyond this one and give the result to `\__fp_parse_word:Nw`. Otherwise, the character is assumed to be a prefix operator, and we build `\__fp_parse_prefix_⟨operator⟩:Nw`.

```

12388 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_other:NN #1 #2
12389   {

```

```

12390 \if_int_compare:w
12391   \__int_eval:w
12392   ( '#2 \if_int_compare:w '#2 > 'Z - 32 \fi: ) / 26
12393   = 3 \exp_stop_f:
12394   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_word:Nw
12395   \exp_after:wN #1
12396   \exp_after:wN #2
12397   \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_letters:N
12398   \exp:w
12399 \else:
12400   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_prefix:NNN
12401   \exp_after:wN #1
12402   \exp_after:wN #2
12403   \cs:w
12404   __fp_parse_prefix_ \token_to_str:N #2 :Nw
12405   \exp_after:wN
12406   \cs_end:
12407   \exp:w
12408   \fi:
12409   \__fp_parse_expand:w
12410 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_one\_other:NN.)

\\_\_fp\_parse\_word:Nw  
\\_\_fp\_parse\_letters:N

Finding letters is a simple recursion. Once \\_\_fp\_parse\_letters:N has done its job, we try to build a control sequence from the word #2. If it is a known word, then the corresponding action is taken, and otherwise, we complain about an unknown word, yield \c\_nan\_fp, and look for the following infix operator. Note that the unknown word could be a mistyped function as well as a mistyped constant, so there is no way to tell whether to look for arguments; we do not. The standard requires “inf” and “infinity” and “nan” to be recognized regardless of case, but we probably don’t want to allow every l3fp word to have an arbitrary mixture of lower and upper case, so we test and use a differently-named control sequence.

```

12411 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word:Nw #1#2;
12412 {
12413   \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __fp_parse_word_#2:N }
12414   {
12415     \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __fp_parse_caseless_ \str_fold_case:n {#2} :N }
12416     {
12417       \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
12418       { kernel } { unknown-fp-word } {#2}
12419       \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12420       \__fp_parse_infix:NN
12421     }
12422   }
12423   #1
12424 }
12425 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_letters:N #1
12426 {
12427   \exp_end_continue_f:w
12428   \if_int_compare:w
12429     \if_catcode:w \scan_stop: \exp_not:N #1
12430     0
12431   \else:

```

```

12432     \__int_eval:w
12433     ( '#1 \if_int_compare:w '#1 > 'Z - 32 \fi: ) / 26
12434     \fi:
12435     = 3 \exp_stop_f:
12436     \exp_after:wN #1
12437     \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_letters:N
12438     \exp:w
12439     \else:
12440     \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w #1
12441     \fi:
12442     \__fp_parse_expand:w
12443     }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_word:Nw` and `\__fp_parse_letters:N`.)

`\__fp_parse_prefix:NNN`  
`\__fp_parse_prefix_unknown:NNN`

For this function, #1 is the previous *<precedence>*, #2 is the operator just seen, and #3 is a control sequence which implements the operator if it is a known operator. If this control sequence is `\scan_stop:`, then the operator is in fact unknown. Either the expression is missing a number there (if the operator is valid as an infix operator), and we put `nan`, wrapping the infix operator in a `cname` as appropriate, or the character is simply invalid in floating point expressions, and we continue looking for a number, starting again from `\__fp_parse_one:Nw`.

```

12444 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_prefix:NNN #1#2#3
12445 {
12446     \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #3
12447     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_prefix_unknown:NNN
12448     \exp_after:wN #2
12449     \fi:
12450     #3 #1
12451 }
12452 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_prefix_unknown:NNN #1#2#3
12453 {
12454     \cs_if_exist:cTF { __fp_parse_infix_ \token_to_str:N #1 :N }
12455     {
12456         \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
12457         { kernel } { fp-missing-number } {#1}
12458         \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12459         \__fp_parse_infix:NN #3 #1
12460     }
12461     {
12462         \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
12463         { kernel } { fp-unknown-symbol } {#1}
12464         \__fp_parse_one:Nw #3
12465     }
12466 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_prefix:NNN` and `\__fp_parse_prefix_unknown:NNN`.)

#### 24.4.1 Numbers: trimming leading zeros

Numbers are parsed as follows: first we trim leading zeros, then if the next character is a digit, start reading a significand  $\geq 1$  with the set of functions `\__fp_parse_large...`; if it is a period, the significand is  $< 1$ ; and otherwise it is zero. In the second case, trim additional zeros after the period, counting them for an exponent shift  $\langle exp_1 \rangle < 0$ ,

then read the significand with the set of functions `\__fp_parse_small...`. Once the significand is read, read the exponent if `e` is present.

`\__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N` This function expects an already expanded token. It removes any leading zero, then distinguishes three cases: if the first non-zero token is a digit, then call `\__fp_parse_large:N` (the significand is  $\geq 1$ ); if it is `.`, then continue trimming zeros with `\__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N`; otherwise, our number is exactly zero, and we call `\__fp_parse_zero:` to take care of that case.

```

12467 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N #1
12468   {
12469     \if:w 0 \exp_not:N #1
12470       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N
12471       \exp:w
12472     \else:
12473       \if:w . \exp_not:N #1
12474         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N
12475         \exp:w
12476       \else:
12477         \__fp_parse_trim_end:w #1
12478       \fi:
12479     \fi:
12480     \__fp_parse_expand:w
12481   }
12482 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_trim_end:w #1 \fi: \fi: \__fp_parse_expand:w
12483   {
12484     \fi:
12485     \fi:
12486     \if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
12487       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large:N
12488     \else:
12489       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_zero:
12490     \fi:
12491     #1
12492   }

```

*(End definition for `\__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N` and `\__fp_parse_trim_end:w`.)*

`\__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N` If we have removed all digits until a period (or if the body started with a period), then enter the “`small_trim`” loop which outputs `-1` for each removed 0. Those `-1` are added to an integer expression waiting for the exponent. If the first non-zero token is a digit, call `\__fp_parse_small:N` (our significand is smaller than 1), and otherwise, the number is an exact zero. The name `strim` stands for “small trim”.

```

12493 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N #1
12494   {
12495     \if:w 0 \exp_not:N #1
12496       - 1
12497       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N \exp:w
12498     \else:
12499       \__fp_parse_strim_end:w #1
12500     \fi:
12501     \__fp_parse_expand:w
12502   }
12503 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_strim_end:w #1 \fi: \__fp_parse_expand:w

```

```

12504 {
12505   \fi:
12506   \if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
12507     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_small:N
12508   \else:
12509     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_zero:
12510   \fi:
12511   #1
12512 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N` and `\__fp_parse_strim_end:w`.)

`\__fp_parse_zero:` After reading a significand of 0, find any exponent, then put a sign of 1 for `\__fp_sanitize:wN`, which removes everything and leaves an exact zero.

```

12513 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_zero:
12514 {
12515   \exp_after:wN ; \exp_after:wN 1
12516   \__int_value:w \__fp_parse_exponent:N
12517 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_zero:.`)

#### 24.4.2 Number: small significand

`\__fp_parse_small:N` This function is called after we have passed the decimal separator and removed all leading zeros from the significand. It is followed by a non-zero digit (with any catcode). The goal is to read up to 16 digits. But we can't do that all at once, because `\__int_value:w` (which allows us to collect digits and continue expanding) can only go up to 9 digits. Hence we grab digits in two steps of 8 digits. Since `#1` is a digit, read seven more digits using `\__fp_parse_digits_vii:N`. The `small_leading` auxiliary leaves those digits in the `\__int_value:w`, and grabs some more, or stops if there are no more digits. Then the `pack_leading` auxiliary puts the various parts in the appropriate order for the processing further up.

```

12518 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_small:N #1
12519 {
12520   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_pack_leading:NNNNnw
12521   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 \token_to_str:N #1
12522   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_small_leading:wwNN
12523   \__int_value:w 1
12524   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_digits_vii:N
12525   \exp:w \__fp_parse_expand:w
12526 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_small:N`.)

`\__fp_parse_small_leading:wwNN` `\__fp_parse_small_leading:wwNN 1 <digits> ; <zeros> ; <number of zeros>`

We leave `<digits>` `<zeros>` 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 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.

```

12527 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_small_leading:wwNN 1 #1 ; #2; #3 #4

```

```

12528 {
12529   #1 #2
12530   \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNww
12531   \exp_after:wN 0
12532   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 1
12533   \if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N #4 \exp_stop_f:
12534     \token_to_str:N #4
12535     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_small_trailing:wwNN
12536     \_int_value:w 1
12537     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_digits_vi:N
12538     \exp:w
12539   \else:
12540     0000 0000 \_fp_parse_exponent:Nw #4
12541   \fi:
12542   \_fp_parse_expand:w
12543 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_small_leading:wwNN`.)

```

\_fp_parse_small_trailing:wwNN   \_fp_parse_small_trailing:wwNN 1 <digits> ; <zeros> ; <number of zeros>
                                <next token>

```

Leave digits 10 to 15 (arguments #1 and #2) in the input stream. If the *<next token>* is a digit, it is the 16th digit, we keep it, then the `small_round` auxiliary considers this digit and all further digits to perform the rounding: the function expands to nothing, to +0 or to +1. Otherwise, there is no 16-th digit, so we put a 0, and look for an exponent.

```

12544 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_small_trailing:wwNN 1 #1 ; #2; #3 #4
12545 {
12546   #1 #2
12547   \if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N #4 \exp_stop_f:
12548     \token_to_str:N #4
12549     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_small_round:NN
12550     \exp_after:wN #4
12551     \exp:w
12552   \else:
12553     0 \_fp_parse_exponent:Nw #4
12554   \fi:
12555   \_fp_parse_expand:w
12556 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_small_trailing:wwNN`.)

```

\_fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNww
\_fp_parse_pack_leading:NNNNNww
\_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 (+1 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.

```

12557 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNww #1 #2 #3#4#5#6 #7; #8 ;
12558 {

```

```

12559     \if_meaning:w 2 #2 + 1 \fi:
12560     ; #8 + #1 ; {#3#4#5#6} {#7};
12561   }
12562 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_pack_leading:NNNNnw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; #7;
12563   {
12564     + #7
12565     \if_meaning:w 2 #1 \__fp_parse_pack_carry:w \fi:
12566     ; 0 {#2#3#4#5} {#6}
12567   }
12568 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_pack_carry:w \fi: ; 0 #1
12569   { \fi: + 1 ; 0 {1000} }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNnw`, `\__fp_parse_pack_leading:NNNNnw`, and `\__fp_parse_pack_carry:w`.)

### 24.4.3 Number: large significand

Parsing a significand larger than 1 is a little bit more difficult than parsing small significands. We need to count the number of digits before the decimal separator, and add that to the final exponent. We also need to test for the presence of a dot each time we run out of digits, and branch to the appropriate `parse_small` function in those cases.

`\__fp_parse_large:N` This function is followed by the first non-zero digit of a “large” significand ( $\geq 1$ ). It is called within an integer expression for the exponent. Grab up to 7 more digits, for a total of 8 digits.

```

12570 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large:N #1
12571   {
12572     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large_leading:wwNN
12573     \__int_value:w 1 \token_to_str:N #1
12574     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_digits_vii:N
12575     \exp:w \__fp_parse_expand:w
12576   }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_large:N`.)

`\__fp_parse_large_leading:wwNN` `\__fp_parse_large_leading:wwNN 1 <digits> ; <zeros> ; <number of zeros>`  
`<next token>`

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.

```

12577 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large_leading:wwNN 1 #1 ; #2; #3 #4
12578   {
12579     + \c__fp_half_prec_int - #3
12580     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_pack_leading:NNNNnw
12581     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 #1
12582     \if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N #4 \exp_stop_f:
12583     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large_trailing:wwNN
12584     \__int_value:w 1 \token_to_str:N #4
12585     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_digits_vi:N

```

```

12586         \exp:w
12587     \else:
12588         \if:w . \exp_not:N #4
12589             \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_small_leading:wwNN
12590             \_int_value:w 1
12591             \cs:w
12592                 \_fp_parse_digits_
12593                 \_int_to_roman:w #3
12594                 :N \exp_after:wN
12595             \cs_end:
12596         \exp:w
12597     \else:
12598         #2
12599         \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNNww
12600         \exp_after:wN 0
12601         \_int_value:w 1 0000 0000
12602         \_fp_parse_exponent:Nw #4
12603     \fi:
12604 \fi:
12605 \_fp_parse_expand:w
12606 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_parse\_large\_leading:wwNN.)

```

\_fp_parse_large_trailing:wwNN    \_fp_parse_large_trailing:wwNN 1 <digits> ; <zeros> ; <number of zeros>
                                   <next token>

```

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.

```

12607 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_large_trailing:wwNN 1 #1 ; #2; #3 #4
12608 {
12609     \if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N #4 \exp_stop_f:
12610         \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNNww
12611         \exp_after:wN \c_fp_half_prec_int
12612         \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 1 #1 \token_to_str:N #4
12613         \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_large_round:NN
12614         \exp_after:wN #4
12615         \exp:w
12616     \else:
12617         \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNNww
12618         \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 7 - #3 \exp_stop_f:
12619         \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 1 #1
12620         \if:w . \exp_not:N #4
12621             \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_small_trailing:wwNN
12622             \_int_value:w 1
12623         \cs:w
12624             \_fp_parse_digits_

```

```

12625         \__int_to_roman:w #3
12626         :N \exp_after:wN
12627         \cs_end:
12628         \exp:w
12629     \else:
12630         #2 0 \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #4
12631     \fi:
12632 \fi:
12633 \__fp_parse_expand:w
12634 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_large\_trailing:wwNN.)

#### 24.4.4 Number: beyond 16 digits, rounding

\\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_loop:N  
 \\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_up:N

This loop is called when rounding a number (whether the mantissa is small or large). It should appear in an integer expression. This function reads digits one by one, until reaching a non-digit, and adds 1 to the integer expression for each digit. If all digits found are 0, the function ends the expression by ;0, otherwise by ;1. This is done by switching the loop to round\_up at the first non-zero digit, thus we avoid to test whether digits are 0 or not once we see a first non-zero digit.

```

12635 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_round_loop:N #1
12636 {
12637     \if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
12638     + 1
12639     \if:w 0 \token_to_str:N #1
12640         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_loop:N
12641         \exp:w
12642     \else:
12643         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_up:N
12644         \exp:w
12645     \fi:
12646 \else:
12647     \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w 0 #1
12648 \fi:
12649 \__fp_parse_expand:w
12650 }
12651 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_round_up:N #1
12652 {
12653     \if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
12654     + 1
12655     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_up:N
12656     \exp:w
12657 \else:
12658     \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w 1 #1
12659 \fi:
12660 \__fp_parse_expand:w
12661 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_loop:N and \\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_up:N.)

\\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_after:wN

After the loop \\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_loop:N, this function fetches an exponent with \\_\_fp\_parse\_exponent:N, and combines it with the number of digits counted by \\_\_fp\_

`parse_round_loop:N`. At the same time, the result 0 or 1 is added to the surrounding integer expression.

```

12662 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_round_after:wN #1; #2
12663 {
12664   + #2 \exp_after:wN ;
12665   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 + \__fp_parse_exponent:N
12666 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_round_after:wN`.)

`\__fp_parse_small_round:NN` Here, `#1` is the digit that we are currently rounding (we only care whether it is even or odd). If `#2` is not a digit, then fetch an exponent and expand to `;\langle exponent \rangle` only. `\__fp_parse_round_after:wN` Otherwise, we expand to `+0` or `+1`, then `;\langle exponent \rangle`. To decide which, call `\__fp_round_s:NNNw` to know whether to round up, giving it as arguments a sign 0 (all explicit numbers are positive), the digit `#1` to round, the first following digit `#2`, and either `+0` or `+1` depending on whether the following digits are all zero or not. This last argument is obtained by `\__fp_parse_round_loop:N`, whose number of digits we discard by multiplying it by 0. The exponent which follows the number is also fetched by `\__fp_parse_round_after:wN`.

```

12667 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_small_round:NN #1#2
12668 {
12669   \if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N #2 \exp_stop_f:
12670   +
12671   \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_s:NNNw
12672   \exp_after:wN 0
12673   \exp_after:wN #1
12674   \exp_after:wN #2
12675   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
12676   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_after:wN
12677   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 0 * \__int_eval:w 0
12678   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_loop:N
12679   \exp:w
12680   \else:
12681     \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #2
12682   \fi:
12683   \__fp_parse_expand:w
12684 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_small_round:NN` and `\__fp_parse_round_after:wN`.)

`\__fp_parse_large_round:NN` Large numbers are harder to round, as there may be a period in the way. Again, `#1` is the digit that we are currently rounding (we only care whether it is even or odd). If there are no more digits (`#2` is not a digit), then we must test for a period: if there is one, then switch to the rounding function for small significands, otherwise fetch an exponent. `\__fp_parse_large_round_test:NN` If there are more digits (`#2` is a digit), then round, checking with `\__fp_parse_round_loop:N` if all further digits vanish, or some are non-zero. This loop is not enough, as it is stopped by a period. After the loop, the `aux` function tests for a period: if it is present, then we must continue looking for digits, this time discarding the number of digits we find. `\__fp_parse_large_round_aux:wNN`

```

12685 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large_round:NN #1#2
12686 {
12687   \if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N #2 \exp_stop_f:
12688   +

```

```

12689     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_s:NNNw
12690     \exp_after:wN 0
12691     \exp_after:wN #1
12692     \exp_after:wN #2
12693     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
12694     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large_round_aux:wNN
12695     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1
12696     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_loop:N
12697 \else: %^^A could be dot, or e, or other
12698     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large_round_test:NN
12699     \exp_after:wN #1
12700     \exp_after:wN #2
12701 \fi:
12702 }
12703 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large_round_test:NN #1#2
12704 {
12705     \if:w . \exp_not:N #2
12706         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_small_round:NN
12707         \exp_after:wN #1
12708         \exp:w
12709     \else:
12710         \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #2
12711     \fi:
12712     \__fp_parse_expand:w
12713 }
12714 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large_round_aux:wNN #1 ; #2 #3
12715 {
12716     + #2
12717     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_after:wN
12718     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1
12719     \if:w . \exp_not:N #3
12720         + 0 * \__int_eval:w 0
12721         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_loop:N
12722         \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
12723     \else:
12724         \exp_after:wN ;
12725         \exp_after:wN 0
12726         \exp_after:wN #3
12727     \fi:
12728 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_large_round:NN`, `\__fp_parse_large_round_test:NN`, and `\__fp_parse_large_round_aux:wNN`.)

#### 24.4.5 Number: finding the exponent

Expansion is a little bit tricky here, in part because we accept input where multiplication is implicit.

```

\__fp_parse:n { 3.2 erf(0.1) }
\__fp_parse:n { 3.2 e\l_my_int }
\__fp_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} \dots`; and `\s__fp` stops the expansion. Expanding two tokens ahead would then force the expansion of `\__fp_chk:w` (despite it being protected), and that function tries to produce an error.

What can we do? Really, the reason why this last case breaks is that just as `TEX` does, we should read ahead as little as possible. Here, the only case where there may be an exponent is if the first token ahead is `e`. Then we expand (and possibly unpack) the second token.

`\__fp_parse_exponent:Nw` This auxiliary is convenient to smuggle some material through `\fi`: ending conditional processing. We place those `\fi`: (argument #2) at a very odd place because this allows us to insert `\__int_eval:w \dots` there if needed.

```

12729 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #1 #2 \__fp_parse_expand:w
12730 {
12731   \exp_after:wN ;
12732   \__int_value:w #2 \__fp_parse_exponent:N #1
12733 }

```

*(End definition for `\__fp_parse_exponent:Nw`.)*

`\__fp_parse_exponent:N`  
`\__fp_parse_exponent_aux:N` This function should be called within an `\__int_value:w` expansion (or within an integer expression). It leaves digits of the exponent behind it in the input stream, and terminates the expansion with a semicolon. If there is no `e`, leave an exponent of 0. If there is an `e`, expand the next token to run some tests on it. The first rough test is that if the character code of #1 is greater than that of 9 (largest code valid for an exponent, less than any code valid for an identifier), there was in fact no exponent; otherwise, we search for the sign of the exponent.

```

12734 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent:N #1
12735 {
12736   \if:w e \exp_not:N #1
12737     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_aux:N
12738     \exp:w
12739   \else:
12740     0 \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w #1
12741   \fi:
12742   \__fp_parse_expand:w
12743 }
12744 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent_aux:N #1
12745 {
12746   \if_int_compare:w \if_catcode:w \scan_stop: \exp_not:N #1
12747     0 \else: '#1 \fi: > '9 \exp_stop_f:
12748     0 \exp_after:wN ; \exp_after:wN e
12749   \else:
12750     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_sign:N
12751   \fi:
12752   #1
12753 }

```

*(End definition for `\__fp_parse_exponent:N` and `\__fp_parse_exponent_aux:N`.)*

`\__fp_parse_exponent_sign:N` Read signs one by one (if there is any).

```
12754 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent_sign:N #1
12755 {
12756   \if:w + \if:w - \exp_not:N #1 + \fi: \token_to_str:N #1
12757   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_sign:N
12758   \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
12759   \else:
12760     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_body:N
12761     \exp_after:wN #1
12762   \fi:
12763 }
```

(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).

```
12764 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent_body:N #1
12765 {
12766   \if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
12767   \token_to_str:N #1
12768   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_digits:N
12769   \exp:w
12770   \else:
12771     \__fp_parse_exponent_keep:NTF #1
12772     { \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w #1 }
12773     {
12774       \exp_after:wN ;
12775       \exp:w
12776     }
12777   \fi:
12778   \__fp_parse_expand:w
12779 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_exponent_body:N`.)

`\__fp_parse_exponent_digits:N` Read digits one by one, and leave them behind in the input stream. When finding a non-digit, stop, and insert a semicolon. Note that we do not check for overflow of the exponent, hence there can be a  $\TeX$  error. It is mostly harmless, except when parsing `0e9876543210`, which should be a valid representation of 0, but is not.

```
12780 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent_digits:N #1
12781 {
12782   \if_int_compare:w 9 < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
12783   \token_to_str:N #1
12784   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_digits:N
12785   \exp:w
12786   \else:
12787     \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w #1
12788   \fi:
12789   \__fp_parse_expand:w
12790 }
```

(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.

```

12791 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \__fp_parse_exponent_keep:N #1 { TF }
12792 {
12793   \if_catcode:w \scan_stop: \exp_not:N #1
12794   \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #1
12795   \if_int_compare:w
12796     \__str_if_eq_x:nn { \s__fp } { \exp_not:N #1 }
12797     = 0 \exp_stop_f:
12798     0
12799     \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
12800     { kernel } { fp-after-e } { floating~point~ }
12801     \prg_return_true:
12802   \else:
12803     0
12804     \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
12805     { kernel } { bad-variable } { #1 }
12806     \prg_return_false:
12807   \fi:
12808   \else:
12809     \if_int_compare:w
12810       \__str_if_eq_x:nn { \__int_value:w #1 } { \tex_the:D #1 }
12811       = 0 \exp_stop_f:
12812       \__int_value:w #1
12813     \else:
12814       0
12815       \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
12816       { kernel } { fp-after-e } { dimension~#1 }
12817     \fi:
12818     \prg_return_false:
12819   \fi:
12820   \else:
12821     0
12822     \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
12823     { kernel } { fp-missing } { exponent }
12824     \prg_return_true:
12825   \fi:
12826 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_exponent_keep:NTF`.)

## 24.5 Constants, functions and prefix operators

### 24.5.1 Prefix operators

`\__fp_parse_prefix_+:Nw` A unary + does nothing: we should continue looking for a number.

```

12827 \cs_new_eq:cN { \__fp_parse_prefix_+:Nw } \__fp_parse_one:Nw

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_prefix_+:Nw`.)

`\_fp_parse_apply_function:NNWwN` Here, #1 is a precedence, #2 is some extra data used by some functions, #3 is *e.g.*, `\_fp_sin_o:w`, and expands once after the calculation, #4 is the operand, and #5 is a `\_fp_parse_infix...:N` function. We feed the data #2, and the argument #4, to the function #3, which expands `\exp:w` thus the infix function #5.

```

12828 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_function:NNWwN #1#2#3#4#5
12829 {
12830     #3 #2 #4 @
12831     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #5 #1
12832 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_apply_function:NNWwN`.)

`\_fp_parse_apply_unary:NNWwN`  
`\_fp_parse_apply_unary_chk:NwNw`  
`\_fp_parse_apply_unary_chk:nNNWw`  
`\_fp_parse_apply_unary_type:NNN`  
`\_fp_parse_apply_unary_error:NNw`

In contrast to `\_fp_parse_apply_function:NNWwN`, this checks that the operand #4 is a single argument (namely there is a single `;`). We use the fact that any floating point starts with a “safe” token like `\s__fp`. If there is no argument produce the `fp-no-arg` error; if there are at least two produce `fp-multi-arg`. For the error message extract the mathematical function name (such as `sin`) from the `expl3` function that computes it, such as `\_fp_sin_o:w`.

In addition, since there is a single argument we can dispatch on type and check that the resulting function exists. This catches things like `sin((1,2))` where it does not make sense to take the sine of a tuple.

```

12833 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_unary:NNWwN #1#2#3#4#5
12834 {
12835     \_fp_parse_apply_unary_chk:NwNw #4 @ ; . \q_stop
12836     \_fp_parse_apply_unary_type:NNN
12837     #3 #2 #4 @
12838     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #5 #1
12839 }
12840 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_unary_chk:NwNw #1#2 ; #3#4 \q_stop
12841 {
12842     \if_meaning:w @ #3 \else:
12843         \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF . #3
12844         { \_fp_parse_apply_unary_chk:nNNWw { no } }
12845         { \_fp_parse_apply_unary_chk:nNNWw { multi } }
12846     \fi:
12847 }
12848 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_unary_chk:nNNWw #1#2#3#4#5#6 @
12849 {
12850     #2
12851     \_fp_error:nffn { fp-#1-arg } { \_fp_func_to_name:N #4 } { } { }
12852     \exp_after:wN #4 \exp_after:wN #5 \c_nan_fp @
12853 }
12854 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_unary_type:NNN #1#2#3
12855 {
12856     \_fp_change_func_type:NNN #3 #1 \_fp_parse_apply_unary_error:NNw
12857     #2 #3
12858 }
12859 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_unary_error:NNw #1#2#3 @
12860 { \_fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { \_fp_func_to_name:N #1 } #3 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_apply_unary:NNWwN` and others.)

`\_fp_parse_prefix_-:Nw` The unary `-` and boolean not are harder: we parse the operand using a precedence equal  
`\_fp_parse_prefix_!:Nw` to the maximum of the previous precedence `##1` and the precedence `\c\_fp_prec_not_-int` of the unary operator, then call the appropriate `\_fp_⟨operation⟩_o:w` function, where the `⟨operation⟩` is `set_sign` or `not`.

```

12861 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_fp_tmp:w #1#2#3#4
12862   {
12863     \cs_new:cpn { \_fp_parse_prefix_ #1 :Nw } ##1
12864     {
12865       \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_apply_unary:NNNwN
12866       \exp_after:wN ##1
12867       \exp_after:wN #4
12868       \exp_after:wN #3
12869       \exp:w
12870       \if_int_compare:w #2 < ##1
12871         \_fp_parse_operand:Nw ##1
12872       \else:
12873         \_fp_parse_operand:Nw #2
12874       \fi:
12875       \_fp_parse_expand:w
12876     }
12877   }
12878 \_fp_tmp:w - \c\_fp_prec_not_int \_fp_set_sign_o:w 2
12879 \_fp_tmp:w ! \c\_fp_prec_not_int \_fp_not_o:w ?

```

*(End definition for `\_fp_parse_prefix_-:Nw` and `\_fp_parse_prefix_!:Nw`.)*

`\_fp_parse_prefix_:Nw` Numbers which start with a decimal separator (a period) end up here. Of course, we do not look for an operand, but for the rest of the number. This function is very similar to `\_fp_parse_one_digit:NN` but calls `\_fp_parse_strim_zeros:N` to trim zeros after the decimal point, rather than the `trim_zeros` function for zeros before the decimal point.

```

12880 \cs_new:cpn { \_fp_parse_prefix_:Nw } #1
12881   {
12882     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN
12883     \exp_after:wN #1
12884     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12885     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sanitize:wN
12886     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 0 \_fp_parse_strim_zeros:N
12887   }

```

*(End definition for `\_fp_parse_prefix_:Nw`.)*

`\_fp_parse_prefix_(:Nw` The left parenthesis is treated as a unary prefix operator because it appears in exactly  
`\_fp_parse_lparen_after:NwN` the same settings. If the previous precedence is `\c\_fp_prec_func_int` we are parsing arguments of a function and commas should not build tuples; otherwise commas should build tuples. We distinguish these cases by precedence: `\c\_fp_prec_comma_int` for the case of arguments, `\c\_fp_prec_tuple_int` for the case of tuples. Once the operand is found, the `lparen_after` auxiliary makes sure that there was a closing parenthesis (otherwise it complains), and leaves in the input stream an operand, fetching the following infix operator.

```

12888 \cs_new:cpn { \_fp_parse_prefix_(:Nw } #1
12889   {
12890     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_lparen_after:NwN

```

```

12891 \exp_after:wN #1
12892 \exp:w
12893 \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c__fp_prec_func_int
12894 \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c__fp_prec_comma_int
12895 \else:
12896 \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c__fp_prec_tuple_int
12897 \fi:
12898 \__fp_parse_expand:w
12899 }
12900 \cs_new:Npx \__fp_parse_lparen_after:NwN #1#2 @ #3
12901 {
12902 \exp_not:N \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #3
12903 \exp_not:c { __fp_parse_infix_}:N }
12904 {
12905 \exp_not:N \__fp_exp_after_array_f:w #2 \s__fp_stop
12906 \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN
12907 \exp_not:N \__fp_parse_infix:NN
12908 \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN #1
12909 \exp_not:N \exp:w
12910 \exp_not:N \__fp_parse_expand:w
12911 }
12912 {
12913 \exp_not:N \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
12914 { kernel } { fp-missing } { ) }
12915 \exp_not:N \tl_if_empty:nT {#2} \exp_not:N \c__fp_empty_tuple_fp
12916 #2 @
12917 \exp_not:N \use_none:n #3
12918 }
12919 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_prefix_(:Nw and \__fp_parse_lparen_after:NwN).`)

`\__fp_parse_prefix_):Nw` The right parenthesis can appear as a prefix in two similar cases: in an empty tuple or tuple ending with a comma, or in an empty argument list or argument list ending with a comma, such as in `max(1,2,)` or in `rand()`.

```

12920 \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_prefix_):Nw } #1
12921 {
12922 \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c__fp_prec_comma_int
12923 \else:
12924 \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c__fp_prec_tuple_int
12925 \exp_after:wN \c__fp_empty_tuple_fp \exp:w
12926 \else:
12927 \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
12928 { kernel } { fp-missing-number } { ) }
12929 \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp \exp:w
12930 \fi:
12931 \exp_end_continue_f:w
12932 \fi:
12933 \__fp_parse_infix:NN #1 )
12934 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_prefix_):Nw.`)

## 24.5.2 Constants

Some words correspond to constant floating points. The floating point constant is left as a result of `\__fp_parse_one:Nw` after expanding `\__fp_parse_infix:NN`.

```

\__fp_parse_word_inf:N
\__fp_parse_word_nan:N
\__fp_parse_word_pi:N
\__fp_parse_word_deg:N
\__fp_parse_word_true:N
\__fp_parse_word_false:N
12935 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1 #2
12936   {
12937     \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_word_#1:N }
12938       { \exp_after:wN #2 \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse_infix:NN }
12939   }
12940 \__fp_tmp:w { inf } \c_inf_fp
12941 \__fp_tmp:w { nan } \c_nan_fp
12942 \__fp_tmp:w { pi } \c_pi_fp
12943 \__fp_tmp:w { deg } \c_one_degree_fp
12944 \__fp_tmp:w { true } \c_one_fp
12945 \__fp_tmp:w { false } \c_zero_fp

```

*(End definition for `\__fp_parse_word_inf:N` and others.)*

Copies of `\__fp_parse_word_...:N` commands, to allow arbitrary case as mandated by the standard.

```

\__fp_parse_caseless_inf:N
\__fp_parse_caseless_infinity:N
\__fp_parse_caseless_nan:N
12946 \cs_new_eq:NN \__fp_parse_caseless_inf:N \__fp_parse_word_inf:N
12947 \cs_new_eq:NN \__fp_parse_caseless_infinity:N \__fp_parse_word_inf:N
12948 \cs_new_eq:NN \__fp_parse_caseless_nan:N \__fp_parse_word_nan:N

```

*(End definition for `\__fp_parse_caseless_inf:N`, `\__fp_parse_caseless_infinity:N`, and `\__fp_parse_caseless_nan:N`.)*

Dimension units are also floating point constants but their value is not stored as a floating point constant. We give the values explicitly here.

```

\__fp_parse_word_pt:N
\__fp_parse_word_in:N
\__fp_parse_word_pc:N
\__fp_parse_word_cm:N
\__fp_parse_word_mm:N
\__fp_parse_word_dd:N
\__fp_parse_word_cc:N
\__fp_parse_word_nd:N
\__fp_parse_word_nc:N
\__fp_parse_word_bp:N
\__fp_parse_word_sp:N
12949 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1 #2
12950   {
12951     \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_word_#1:N }
12952       {
12953         \__fp_exp_after_f:nw { \__fp_parse_infix:NN }
12954         \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 10 #2 ;
12955       }
12956   }
12957 \__fp_tmp:w {pt} { {1} {1000} {0000} {0000} {0000} }
12958 \__fp_tmp:w {in} { {2} {7227} {0000} {0000} {0000} }
12959 \__fp_tmp:w {pc} { {2} {1200} {0000} {0000} {0000} }
12960 \__fp_tmp:w {cm} { {2} {2845} {2755} {9055} {1181} }
12961 \__fp_tmp:w {mm} { {1} {2845} {2755} {9055} {1181} }
12962 \__fp_tmp:w {dd} { {1} {1070} {0085} {6496} {0630} }
12963 \__fp_tmp:w {cc} { {2} {1284} {0102} {7795} {2756} }
12964 \__fp_tmp:w {nd} { {1} {1066} {9783} {4645} {6693} }
12965 \__fp_tmp:w {nc} { {2} {1280} {3740} {1574} {8031} }
12966 \__fp_tmp:w {bp} { {1} {1003} {7500} {0000} {0000} }
12967 \__fp_tmp:w {sp} { {-4} {1525} {8789} {0625} {0000} }

```

*(End definition for `\__fp_parse_word_pt:N` and others.)*

The font-dependent units `em` and `ex` must be evaluated on the fly. We reuse an auxiliary of `\dim_to_fp:n`.

```

\__fp_parse_word_em:N
\__fp_parse_word_ex:N
12968 \tl_map_inline:nn { {em} {ex} }
12969   {

```

```

12970 \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_word_#1:N }
12971 {
12972   \exp_after:wN \__fp_from_dim_test:ww
12973   \exp_after:wN 0 \exp_after:wN ,
12974   \__int_value:w \__dim_eval:w 1 #1 \exp_after:wN ;
12975   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse_infix:NN
12976 }
12977 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_word_em:N` and `\__fp_parse_word_ex:N`.)

### 24.5.3 Functions

```

\__fp_parse_unary_function:NNN
\__fp_parse_function:NNN
12978 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_unary_function:NNN #1#2#3
12979 {
12980   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_unary:NNNwN
12981   \exp_after:wN #3
12982   \exp_after:wN #2
12983   \exp_after:wN #1
12984   \exp:w
12985   \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c__fp_prec_func_int \__fp_parse_expand:w
12986 }
12987 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_function:NNN #1#2#3
12988 {
12989   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_function:NNNwN
12990   \exp_after:wN #3
12991   \exp_after:wN #2
12992   \exp_after:wN #1
12993   \exp:w
12994   \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c__fp_prec_func_int \__fp_parse_expand:w
12995 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_unary_function:NNN` and `\__fp_parse_function:NNN`.)

## 24.6 Main functions

`\__fp_parse:n` Start an `\exp:w` expansion so that `\__fp_parse:n` expands in two steps. The `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` function performs computations until reaching an operation with precedence `\c__fp_prec_end_int` or less, namely, the end of the expression. The marker `\s__fp_mark` indicates that the next token is an already parsed version of an infix operator, and `\__fp_parse_infix_end:N` has infinitely negative precedence. Finally, clean up a (well-defined) set of extra tokens and stop the initial expansion with `\exp_end:.`

```

12996 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse:n #1
12997 {
12998   \exp:w
12999   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_after:ww
13000   \exp:w
13001   \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c__fp_prec_end_int
13002   \__fp_parse_expand:w #1
13003   \s__fp_mark \__fp_parse_infix_end:N
13004   \s__fp_stop
13005   \exp_end:
13006 }

```

```

13007 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_after:ww
13008     #1@ \__fp_parse_infix_end:N \s__fp_stop #2 { #2 #1 }
13009 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_o:n #1
13010 {
13011     \exp:w
13012     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_after:ww
13013     \exp:w
13014     \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c__fp_prec_end_int
13015     \__fp_parse_expand:w #1
13016     \s__fp_mark \__fp_parse_infix_end:N
13017     \s__fp_stop
13018     {
13019         \exp_end_continue_f:w
13020         \__fp_exp_after_any_f:nw { \exp_after:wN \exp_stop_f: }
13021     }
13022 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse:n`, `\__fp_parse_o:n`, and `\__fp_parse_after:ww`.)

`\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` This is just a shorthand which sets up both `\__fp_parse_continue:NwN` and `\__fp_parse_one:Nw` with the same precedence. Note the trailing `\exp:w`.

```

13023 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_operand:Nw #1
13024 {
13025     \exp_end_continue_f:w
13026     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_continue:NwN
13027     \exp_after:wN #1
13028     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
13029     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_one:Nw
13030     \exp_after:wN #1
13031     \exp:w
13032 }
13033 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_continue:NwN #1 #2 @ #3 { #3 #1 #2 @ }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` and `\__fp_parse_continue:NwN`.)

`\__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN` Receives  $\langle precedence \rangle \langle operand_1 \rangle @ \langle operation \rangle \langle operand_2 \rangle @ \langle infix command \rangle$ . Builds the appropriate call to the  $\langle operation \rangle$  #3, dispatching on both types. If the resulting control sequence does not exist, the operation is not allowed.

This is redefined in `l3fp-extras`.

```

13034 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN #1 #2#3@ #4 #5#6@ #7
13035 {
13036     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_continue:NwN
13037     \exp_after:wN #1
13038     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
13039     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_binary_chk:NN
13040     \cs:w
13041         __fp
13042         \__fp_type_from_scan:N #2
13043         #4
13044         \__fp_type_from_scan:N #5
13045         _o:ww
13046     \cs_end:
13047     #4
13048     #2#3 #5#6

```

```

13049     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #7 #1
13050   }
13051 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_apply_binary_chk:NN #1#2
13052   {
13053     \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #1
13054     \__fp_parse_apply_binary_error:NNN #2
13055     \fi:
13056     #1
13057   }
13058 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_apply_binary_error:NNN #1#2#3
13059   {
13060     #2
13061     \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww #1
13062   }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN`, `\__fp_parse_apply_binary_chk:NN`, and `\__fp_parse_apply_binary_error:NNN`.)

`\__fp_binary_type_o:Nww` Applies the operator `#1` to its two arguments, dispatching according to their types, and expands once after the result. The rev version swaps its arguments before doing this.

`\__fp_binary_rev_type_o:Nww`

```

13063 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_binary_type_o:Nww #1 #2#3 ; #4
13064   {
13065     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_binary_chk:NN
13066     \cs:w
13067       __fp
13068       \__fp_type_from_scan:N #2
13069       _ #1
13070       \__fp_type_from_scan:N #4
13071       _o:ww
13072     \cs_end:
13073     #1
13074     #2 #3 ; #4
13075   }
13076 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_binary_rev_type_o:Nww #1 #2#3 ; #4#5 ;
13077   {
13078     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_binary_chk:NN
13079     \cs:w
13080       __fp
13081       \__fp_type_from_scan:N #4
13082       _ #1
13083       \__fp_type_from_scan:N #2
13084       _o:ww
13085     \cs_end:
13086     #1
13087     #4 #5 ; #2 #3 ;
13088   }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_binary_type_o:Nww` and `\__fp_binary_rev_type_o:Nww`.)

## 24.7 Infix operators

`\__fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN`

```

13089 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN #1 #2;
13090   {

```

```

13091   \_fp_exp_after_f:nw { \_fp_parse_infix:NN #1 }
13092   #2;
13093 }
13094 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_infix:NN #1 #2
13095 {
13096   \if_catcode:w \scan_stop: \exp_not:N #2
13097   \if_int_compare:w
13098     \_str_if_eq_x:nn { \s__fp_mark } { \exp_not:N #2 }
13099     = 0 \exp_stop_f:
13100     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
13101     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_mark:NNN
13102   \else:
13103     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
13104     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_mul:N
13105   \fi:
13106 \else:
13107   \if_int_compare:w
13108     \_int_eval:w
13109     ( '#2 \if_int_compare:w '#2 > 'Z - 32 \fi: ) / 26
13110     = 3 \exp_stop_f:
13111     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
13112     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_mul:N
13113   \else:
13114     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_check:NNN
13115     \cs:w
13116     \_fp_parse_infix_ \token_to_str:N #2 :N
13117     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
13118     \cs_end:
13119   \fi:
13120 \fi:
13121 #1
13122 #2
13123 }
13124 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_infix_check:NNN #1#2#3
13125 {
13126   \exp_not:N \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #1
13127   \exp_not:N \_kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
13128   { kernel } { fp-missing } { * }
13129   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN
13130   \exp_not:c { \_fp_parse_infix_*:N }
13131   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN #2
13132   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN #3
13133 \exp_not:N \else:
13134   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN #1
13135   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN #2
13136   \exp_not:N \exp:w
13137   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN
13138   \exp_not:N \_fp_parse_expand:w
13139 \exp_not:N \fi:
13140 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_parse\_infix\_after\_operand:NwN.)

### 24.7.1 Closing parentheses and commas

`\__fp_parse_infix_mark:NNN` As an infix operator, `\s__fp_mark` means that the next token (#3) has already gone through `\__fp_parse_infix:NN` and should be provided the precedence #1. The scan mark #2 is discarded.

```
13141 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_mark:NNN #1#2#3 { #3 #1 }
```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_mark:NNN.)*

`\__fp_parse_infix_end:N` This one is a little bit odd: force every previous operator to end, regardless of the precedence.

```
13142 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_end:N #1
13143 { @ \use_none:n \__fp_parse_infix_end:N }
```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_end:N.)*

`\__fp_parse_infix_):N` This is very similar to `\__fp_parse_infix_end:N`, complaining about an extra closing parenthesis if the previous operator was the beginning of the expression, with precedence `\c__fp_prec_end_int`.

```
13144 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1
13145 {
13146   \cs_new:Npn #1 ##1
13147   {
13148     \if_int_compare:w ##1 > \c__fp_prec_end_int
13149     \exp_after:wN @
13150     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
13151     \exp_after:wN #1
13152   \else:
13153     \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { fp-extra } { ) }
13154     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix:NN
13155     \exp_after:wN ##1
13156     \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
13157   \fi:
13158   }
13159 }
13160 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { __fp_parse_infix_):N }
```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_):N.)*

`\__fp_parse_infix_,:N` As for other infix operations, if the previous operations has higher precedence the comma waits. Otherwise we call `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` to read more comma-delimited arguments that `\__fp_parse_infix_comma:w` simply concatenates into a @-delimited array. The first comma in a tuple that is not a function argument is distinguished: in that case call `\__fp_parse_apply_comma:NwNwN` whose job is to convert the first item of the tuple and an array of the remaining items into a tuple. In contrast to `\__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN` this function's operands are not single-object arrays.

```
13161 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1
13162 {
13163   \cs_new:Npn #1 ##1
13164   {
13165     \if_int_compare:w ##1 > \c__fp_prec_comma_int
13166     \exp_after:wN @
13167     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
13168     \exp_after:wN #1
```

```

13169         \else:
13170         \if_int_compare:w ##1 < \c__fp_prec_comma_int
13171             \exp_after:wN @
13172             \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_comma:NwNwN
13173             \exp_after:wN ,
13174             \exp:w
13175         \else:
13176             \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_comma:w
13177             \exp:w
13178         \fi:
13179         \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c__fp_prec_comma_int
13180         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
13181     \fi:
13182 }
13183 }
13184 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { \__fp_parse_infix_,:N }
13185 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_comma:w #1 @
13186 { #1 @ \use_none:n }
13187 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_apply_comma:NwNwN #1 #2@ #3 #4@ #5
13188 {
13189     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_continue:NwN
13190     \exp_after:wN #1
13191     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
13192     \__fp_exp_after_tuple_f:nw { }
13193     \s__fp_tuple \__fp_tuple_chk:w { #2 #4 } ;
13194     #5 #1
13195 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_infix_,:N`, `\__fp_parse_infix_comma:w`, and `\__fp_parse_apply_comma:NwNwN`.)

## 24.7.2 Usual infix operators

`\__fp_parse_infix_+:N` 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`.  
`\__fp_parse_infix -:N` Using the general mechanism for arithmetic operations. The power operation must be  
`\__fp_parse_infix /:N` associative in the opposite order from all others. For this, we use two distinct precedences.  
`\__fp_parse_infix_mul:N`

```

13196 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1#2#3#4
13197 {
13198     \cs_new:Npn #1 ##1
13199     {
13200         \if_int_compare:w ##1 < #3
13201             \exp_after:wN @
13202             \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN
13203             \exp_after:wN #2
13204             \exp:w
13205             \__fp_parse_operand:Nw #4
13206             \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
13207         \else:
13208             \exp_after:wN @
13209             \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
13210             \exp_after:wN #1
13211         \fi:
13212     }

```

```

13213 }
13214 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { __fp_parse_infix^:N } ^
13215 \c__fp_prec_hatii_int \c__fp_prec_hat_int
13216 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { __fp_parse_infix/:N } /
13217 \c__fp_prec_times_int \c__fp_prec_times_int
13218 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { __fp_parse_infix_mul:N } *
13219 \c__fp_prec_times_int \c__fp_prec_times_int
13220 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { __fp_parse_infix -:N } -
13221 \c__fp_prec_plus_int \c__fp_prec_plus_int
13222 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { __fp_parse_infix +:N } +
13223 \c__fp_prec_plus_int \c__fp_prec_plus_int
13224 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { __fp_parse_infix_and:N } &
13225 \c__fp_prec_and_int \c__fp_prec_and_int
13226 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { __fp_parse_infix_or:N } |
13227 \c__fp_prec_or_int \c__fp_prec_or_int

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_infix +:N` and others.)

### 24.7.3 Juxtaposition

`\__fp_parse_infix (:N` When an opening parenthesis appears where we expect an infix operator, we compute the product of the previous operand and the contents of the parentheses using `\__fp_parse_infix_mul:N`.

```

13228 \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_infix (:N } #1
13229 { \__fp_parse_infix_mul:N #1 ( }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_infix (:N`.)

### 24.7.4 Multi-character cases

`\__fp_parse_infix *:N`

```

13230 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1
13231 {
13232   \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_infix *:N } ##1##2
13233   {
13234     \if:w * \exp_not:N ##2
13235     \exp_after:wN #1
13236     \exp_after:wN ##1
13237   \else:
13238     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_mul:N
13239     \exp_after:wN ##1
13240     \exp_after:wN ##2
13241   \fi:
13242   }
13243 }
13244 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { __fp_parse_infix^:N }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_infix *:N`.)

`\__fp_parse_infix |:Nw`

`\__fp_parse_infix &:Nw`

```

13245 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1#2#3
13246 {
13247   \cs_new:Npn #1 ##1##2
13248   {

```

```

13249     \if:w #2 \exp_not:N ##2
13250     \exp_after:wN #1
13251     \exp_after:wN ##1
13252     \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
13253     \else:
13254     \exp_after:wN #3
13255     \exp_after:wN ##1
13256     \exp_after:wN ##2
13257     \fi:
13258   }
13259 }
13260 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { \__fp_parse_infix_|:N } | \__fp_parse_infix_or:N
13261 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { \__fp_parse_infix_&:N } & \__fp_parse_infix_and:N

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_|:Nw and \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_&:Nw.)

### 24.7.5 Ternary operator

```

\__fp_parse_infix_?:N
\__fp_parse_infix_::N
13262 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1#2#3#4
13263 {
13264   \cs_new:Npn #1 ##1
13265   {
13266     \if_int_compare:w ##1 < \c__fp_prec_quest_int
13267     #4
13268     \exp_after:wN @
13269     \exp_after:wN #2
13270     \exp:w
13271     \__fp_parse_operand:Nw #3
13272     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
13273     \else:
13274     \exp_after:wN @
13275     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
13276     \exp_after:wN #1
13277     \fi:
13278   }
13279 }
13280 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { \__fp_parse_infix_?:N }
13281 \__fp_ternary:NwwN \c__fp_prec_quest_int { }
13282 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { \__fp_parse_infix_::N }
13283 \__fp_ternary_auxii:NwwN \c__fp_prec_colon_int
13284 {
13285   \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nmnn
13286   { kernel } { fp-missing } { ? } { ~for~?: }
13287 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_?:N and \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_::N.)

### 24.7.6 Comparisons

```

\__fp_parse_infix_<:N
\__fp_parse_infix_=:N
\__fp_parse_infix_>:N
\__fp_parse_infix_!:N
\__fp_parse_excl_error:
\__fp_parse_compare:NNNNNNN
\__fp_parse_compare_auxi:NNNNNN
\__fp_parse_compare_auxii:NNNNN
\__fp_parse_compare_end:NNNNw
\__fp_compare:wNNNNw
13288 \cs_new:cpn { \__fp_parse_infix_<:N } #1
13289 { \__fp_parse_compare:NNNNNNN #1 1 0 0 0 0 < }
13290 \cs_new:cpn { \__fp_parse_infix_=:N } #1

```

```

13291 { \_fp_parse_compare:NNNNNN #1 1 0 0 0 0 = }
13292 \cs_new:cpn { \_fp_parse_infix_>:N } #1
13293 { \_fp_parse_compare:NNNNNN #1 1 0 0 0 0 > }
13294 \cs_new:cpn { \_fp_parse_infix_!:N } #1
13295 {
13296   \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_compare:NNNNNN
13297   \exp_after:wN #1
13298   \exp_after:wN 0
13299   \exp_after:wN 1
13300   \exp_after:wN 1
13301   \exp_after:wN 1
13302   \exp_after:wN 1
13303 }
13304 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_excl_error:
13305 {
13306   \_kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnn
13307   { kernel } { fp-missing } { = } { ~after~!. }
13308 }
13309 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_compare:NNNNNN #1
13310 {
13311   \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c__fp_prec_comp_int
13312     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_compare_auxi:NNNNNN
13313     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_excl_error:
13314   \else:
13315     \exp_after:wN @
13316     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
13317     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_compare:NNNNNN
13318   \fi:
13319 }
13320 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_compare_auxi:NNNNNN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
13321 {
13322   \if_case:w
13323     \_int_eval:w \exp_after:wN ‘ \token_to_str:N #7 - ‘ < \_int_eval_end:
13324     \_fp_parse_compare_auxii:NNNNN #2#2#4#5#6
13325   \or: \_fp_parse_compare_auxii:NNNNN #2#3#2#5#6
13326   \or: \_fp_parse_compare_auxii:NNNNN #2#3#4#2#6
13327   \or: \_fp_parse_compare_auxii:NNNNN #2#3#4#5#2
13328   \else: #1 \_fp_parse_compare_end:NNNNw #3#4#5#6#7
13329   \fi:
13330 }
13331 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_compare_auxii:NNNNN #1#2#3#4#5
13332 {
13333   \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_compare_auxi:NNNNNN
13334   \exp_after:wN \prg_do_nothing:
13335   \exp_after:wN #1
13336   \exp_after:wN #2
13337   \exp_after:wN #3
13338   \exp_after:wN #4
13339   \exp_after:wN #5
13340   \exp:w \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_expand:w
13341 }
13342 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_compare_end:NNNNw #1#2#3#4#5 \fi:
13343 {
13344   \fi:

```

```

13345 \exp_after:wN @
13346 \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_apply_compare:NwNNNNNwN
13347 \exp_after:wN \c_one_fp
13348 \exp_after:wN #1
13349 \exp_after:wN #2
13350 \exp_after:wN #3
13351 \exp_after:wN #4
13352 \exp:w
13353 \_fp_parse_operand:Nw \c\_fp_prec_comp_int \_fp_parse_expand:w #5
13354 }
13355 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_compare:NwNNNNNwN
13356 #1 #2@ #3 #4#5#6#7 #8@ #9
13357 {
13358 \if_int_odd:w
13359 \if_meaning:w \c_zero_fp #3
13360 0
13361 \else:
13362 \if_case:w \_fp_compare_back_any:ww #8 #2 \exp_stop_f:
13363 #5 \or: #6 \or: #7 \else: #4
13364 \fi:
13365 \fi:
13366 \exp_stop_f:
13367 \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_apply_compare_aux:NNwN
13368 \exp_after:wN \c_one_fp
13369 \else:
13370 \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_apply_compare_aux:NNwN
13371 \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp
13372 \fi:
13373 #1 #8 #9
13374 }
13375 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_compare_aux:NNwN #1 #2 #3; #4
13376 {
13377 \if_meaning:w \_fp_parse_compare:NNNNNN #4
13378 \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_continue_compare:NNwNN
13379 \exp_after:wN #1
13380 \exp_after:wN #2
13381 \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
13382 \_fp_exp_after_o:w #3;
13383 \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
13384 \else:
13385 \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_continue:NwN
13386 \exp_after:wN #2
13387 \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
13388 \exp_after:wN #1
13389 \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
13390 \fi:
13391 #4 #2
13392 }
13393 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_continue_compare:NNwNN #1#2 #3@ #4#5
13394 { #4 #2 #3@ #1 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_parse\_infix\_<:N and others.)

## 24.8 Tools for functions

`\_fp_parse_function_all_fp_o:fnw` Followed by  $\langle\{function\ name\}\rangle$   $\langle\{code\}\rangle$   $\langle\{float\ array\}\rangle$  @ this checks all floats are floating point numbers (no tuples).

```

13395 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_function_all_fp_o:fnw #1#2#3 @
13396   {
13397     \_fp_array_if_all_fp:nTF {#3}
13398     { #2 #3 @ }
13399     {
13400       \_fp_error:nffn { fp-bad-args }
13401       {#1}
13402       { \fp_to_tl:n { \s__fp_tuple \_fp_tuple_chk:w {#3} ; } }
13403       { }
13404       \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
13405     }
13406   }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_function_all_fp_o:fnw`.)

This is followed by  $\langle\{function\ name\}\rangle$   $\langle\{code\}\rangle$   $\langle\{float\ array\}\rangle$  @. It checks that the  $\langle\{float\ array\}\rangle$  consists of one or two floating point numbers (not tuples), then leaves the  $\langle\{code\}\rangle$  (if there is one float) or its tail (if there are two floats) followed by the  $\langle\{float\ array\}\rangle$ . The  $\langle\{code\}\rangle$  should start with a single token such as `\_fp_atan_default:w` that deals with the single-float case.

The first `\_fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw` test catches the case of no argument and the case of a tuple argument. The next one distinguishes the case of a single argument (no error, just add `\c_one_fp`) from a tuple second argument. Finally check there is no further argument.

```

13407 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_function_one_two:nnw #1#2#3
13408   {
13409     \_fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw
13410     #3 { } \s__fp \_fp_parse_function_one_two_error_o:w \q_stop
13411     \_fp_parse_function_one_two_aux:nnw {#1} {#2} #3
13412   }
13413 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_function_one_two_error_o:w #1#2#3#4 @
13414   {
13415     \_fp_error:nffn { fp-bad-args }
13416     {#2}
13417     { \fp_to_tl:n { \s__fp_tuple \_fp_tuple_chk:w {#4} ; } }
13418     { }
13419     \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
13420   }
13421 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_function_one_two_aux:nnw #1#2 #3; #4
13422   {
13423     \_fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw
13424     #4 { }
13425     \s__fp
13426     {
13427       \if_meaning:w @ #4
13428       \exp_after:wN \use_iv:nnnn
13429       \fi:
13430       \_fp_parse_function_one_two_error_o:w
13431     }
13432     \q_stop

```

```

13433   \_fp_parse_function_one_two_auxii:nw {#1} {#2} #3; #4
13434   }
13435 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_function_one_two_auxii:nw #1#2#3; #4; #5
13436   {
13437     \if_meaning:w @ #5 \else:
13438       \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_function_one_two_error_o:w
13439     \fi:
13440     \use_ii:nn {#1} { \use_none:n #2 } #3; #4; #5
13441   }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_function_one_two:nw` and others.)

`\_fp_tuple_map_o:nw` Apply #1 to all items in the following tuple and expand once afterwards. The code #1 should itself expand once after its result.

```

13442 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_tuple_map_o:nw #1 \s__fp_tuple \_fp_tuple_chk:w #2 ;
13443   {
13444     \exp_after:wN \s__fp_tuple
13445     \exp_after:wN \_fp_tuple_chk:w
13446     \exp_after:wN {
13447       \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
13448       \_fp_tuple_map_loop_o:nw {#1} #2
13449       { \s__fp \_prg_break: } ;
13450       \_prg_break_point:
13451     \exp_after:wN } \exp_after:wN ;
13452   }
13453 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_tuple_map_loop_o:nw #1#2#3 ;
13454   {
13455     \use_none:n #2
13456     #1 #2 #3 ;
13457     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
13458     \_fp_tuple_map_loop_o:nw {#1}
13459   }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_tuple_map_o:nw` and `\_fp_tuple_map_loop_o:nw`.)

`\_fp_tuple_mapthread_o:nw` Apply #1 to pairs of items in the two following tuples and expand once afterwards.

```

13460 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_tuple_mapthread_o:nw #1
13461   \s__fp_tuple \_fp_tuple_chk:w #2 ;
13462   \s__fp_tuple \_fp_tuple_chk:w #3 ;
13463   {
13464     \exp_after:wN \s__fp_tuple
13465     \exp_after:wN \_fp_tuple_chk:w
13466     \exp_after:wN {
13467       \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
13468       \_fp_tuple_mapthread_loop_o:nw {#1}
13469       #2 { \s__fp \_prg_break: } ; @
13470       #3 { \s__fp \_prg_break: } ;
13471       \_prg_break_point:
13472     \exp_after:wN } \exp_after:wN ;
13473   }
13474 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_tuple_mapthread_loop_o:nw #1#2#3 ; #4 @ #5#6 ;
13475   {
13476     \use_none:n #2
13477     \use_none:n #5

```

```

13478     #1 #2 #3 ; #5 #6 ;
13479     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
13480     \__fp_tuple_mapthread_loop_o:nw {#1} #4 @
13481   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_tuple\_mapthread\_o:nww and \\_\_fp\_tuple\_mapthread\_loop\_o:nw.)

## 24.9 Candidate: defining new l3fp functions

`\fp_function:Nw` Parse the argument of the function #1 using `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` with a precedence of 16, and pass the function and argument to `\__fp_function_apply:nw`.

```

13482 \cs_new:Npn \fp_function:Nw #1
13483 {
13484   \exp_after:wN \__fp_function_apply:nw
13485   \exp_after:wN #1
13486   \exp:w
13487   \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c__fp_prec_func_int \__fp_parse_expand:w
13488 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_function:Nw`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\fp_new_function:Npn` Save the code provided by the user in the control sequence `\__fp_user_#1`. Define `\__fp_new_function:NNnnn` #1 to call `\__fp_function_apply:nw` after parsing one operand using `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` with precedence 16. The auxiliary `\__fp_function_args:Nwn` receives the user function and the number of arguments (half of the number of tokens in the parameter text #2), followed by the operand (as a token list of floating points). It checks the number of arguments, and applies the user function to the arguments (without the outer brace group).

```

13489 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_new_function:Npn #1#2#
13490 {
13491   \__fp_new_function:Ncfnn #1
13492   { \__fp_user_ \cs_to_str:N #1 }
13493   { \int_eval:n { \tl_count:n {#2} / 2 } }
13494   {#2}
13495 }
13496 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_new_function:NNnnn #1#2#3#4#5
13497 {
13498   \cs_new:Npn #1
13499   {
13500     \exp_after:wN \__fp_function_apply:nw \exp_after:wN
13501     {
13502       \exp_after:wN \__fp_function_args:Nwn
13503       \exp_after:wN #2
13504       \__int_value:w #3 \exp_after:wN ; \exp_after:wN
13505     }
13506     \exp:w
13507     \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c__fp_prec_func_int \__fp_parse_expand:w
13508   }
13509   \cs_new:Npn #2 #4 {#5}
13510 }
13511 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__fp_new_function:NNnnn { Ncf }
13512 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_function_args:Nwn #1#2; #3
13513 {
13514   \int_compare:nNnTF { \tl_count:n {#3} } = {#2}

```

```

13515     { #1 #3 }
13516     {
13517         \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnnn
13518         { kernel } { fp-num-args } { #1() } {#2} {#2}
13519         \c_nan_fp
13520     }
13521 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_new_function:Npn`, `\__fp_new_function:NNnnn`, and `\__fp_function_args:Nwn`. This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\__fp_function_apply:nw
\__fp_function_store:wwNwnn
  \__fp_function_store_end:wnnn

```

The auxiliary `\__fp_function_apply:nw` is called after parsing an operand, so it receives some code `#1`, then the operand ending with `@`, then a function such as `\__fp_parse_infix_+:N` (but not always of this form, see comparisons for instance). Package the operand (an array) into a token list with floating point items: this is the role of `\__fp_function_store:wwNwnn` and `\__fp_function_store_end:wnnn`. Then apply `\__fp_parse:n` to the code `#1` followed by a brace group with this token list. This results in a floating point result, which is then correctly parsed as the next operand of whatever was looking for one. The trailing `\s__fp_mark` is used as a special infix operator to indicate that the next token has already gone through `\__fp_parse_infix:NN`.

```

13522 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_function_apply:nw #1#2 @
13523 {
13524     \__fp_parse:n
13525     {
13526         \__fp_function_store:wwNwnn #2
13527         \s__fp_mark \__fp_function_store:wwNwnn ;
13528         \s__fp_mark \__fp_function_store_end:wnnn
13529         \s__fp_stop { } { } {#1}
13530     }
13531     \s__fp_mark
13532 }
13533 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_function_store:wwNwnn
13534     #1; #2 \s__fp_mark #3#4 \s__fp_stop #5#6
13535     { #3 #2 \s__fp_mark #3#4 \s__fp_stop { #5 #6 } { { #1; } } }
13536 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_function_store_end:wnnn
13537     #1 \s__fp_stop #2#3#4
13538     { #4 {#2} }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_function_apply:nw`, `\__fp_function_store:wwNwnn`, and `\__fp_function_store_end:wnnn`.)

## 24.10 Messages

```

13539 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-deprecated }
13540 { '#1'~deprecated;~use~'#2' }
13541 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { unknown-fp-word }
13542 { Unknown~fp~word~#1. }
13543 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-missing }
13544 { Missing~#1~inserted #2. }
13545 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-extra }
13546 { Extra~#1~ignored. }
13547 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-early-end }
13548 { Premature~end~in~fp~expression. }
13549 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-after-e }

```

```

13550 { Cannot~use~#1 after~'e'. }
13551 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-missing-number }
13552 { Missing~number~before~'#1'. }
13553 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-unknown-symbol }
13554 { Unknown~symbol~#1~ignored. }
13555 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-extra-comma }
13556 { Unexpected~comma~turned~to~nan~result. }
13557 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-no-arg }
13558 { #1~got~no~argument;~used~nan. }
13559 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-multi-arg }
13560 { #1~got~more~than~one~argument;~used~nan. }
13561 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-num-args }
13562 { #1~expects~between~#2~and~#3~arguments. }
13563 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-bad-args }
13564 { Arguments~in~#1#2~are~invalid. }
13565 (*package)
13566 \cs_if_exist:cT { @unexpandable@protect }
13567 {
13568   \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-robust-cmd }
13569   { Robust~command~#1 invalid~in~fp-expression! }
13570 }
13571 </package>
13572 </initex | package>

```

## 25 l3fp-assign implementation

```

13573 (*initex | package)
13574 (@@=fp)

```

### 25.1 Assigning values

**\fp\_new:N** Floating point variables are initialized to be +0.

```

13575 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_new:N #1
13576 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \c_zero_fp }
13577 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_new:N {c}

```

(End definition for `\fp_new:N`. This function is documented on page 184.)

**\fp\_set:Nn** Simply use `\__fp_parse:n` within various f-expanding assignments.

```

\fp_set:cn 13578 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_set:Nn #1#2
\fp_gset:Nn 13579 { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \exp_not:f { \__fp_parse:n {#2} } } }
\fp_gset:cn 13580 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_gset:Nn #1#2
\fp_const:Nn 13581 { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \exp_not:f { \__fp_parse:n {#2} } } }
\fp_const:cn 13582 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_const:Nn #1#2
13583 { \tl_const:Nx #1 { \exp_not:f { \__fp_parse:n {#2} } } }
13584 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_set:Nn {c}
13585 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gset:Nn {c}
13586 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_const:Nn {c}

```

(End definition for `\fp_set:Nn`, `\fp_gset:Nn`, and `\fp_const:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 185.)

`\fp_set_eq:NN` Copying a floating point is the same as copying the underlying token list.

```

\fp_set_eq:cn 13587 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_set_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:NN
\fp_set_eq:Nc 13588 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_gset_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:NN
\fp_set_eq:cc 13589 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_set_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }
\fp_gset_eq:NN 13590 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gset_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }
\fp_gset_eq:cn
\fp_gset_eq:Nc
\fp_gset_eq:cc

```

*(End definition for `\fp_set_eq:NN` and `\fp_gset_eq:NN`. These functions are documented on page 185.)*

Setting a floating point to zero: copy `\c_zero_fp`.

```

\fp_zero:cn 13591 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_zero:N #1 { \fp_set_eq:NN #1 \c_zero_fp }
\fp_gzero:cn 13592 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_gzero:N #1 { \fp_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_zero_fp }
\fp_zero:cc 13593 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_zero:N { c }
\fp_gzero:cc 13594 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gzero:N { c }

```

*(End definition for `\fp_zero:N` and `\fp_gzero:N`. These functions are documented on page 184.)*

`\fp_zero_new:N` Set the floating point to zero, or define it if needed.

```

\fp_zero_new:cn 13595 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_zero_new:N #1
\fp_gzero_new:cn 13596 { \fp_if_exist:NTF #1 { \fp_zero:N #1 } { \fp_new:N #1 } }
\fp_gzero_new:cc 13597 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_gzero_new:N #1
13598 { \fp_if_exist:NTF #1 { \fp_gzero:N #1 } { \fp_new:N #1 } }
13599 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_zero_new:N { c }
13600 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gzero_new:N { c }

```

*(End definition for `\fp_zero_new:N` and `\fp_gzero_new:N`. These functions are documented on page 184.)*

## 25.2 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` is `0)+2`, the parsing error would be raised at the last closing parenthesis rather than at the closing parenthesis in the user argument. Thus we evaluate `#2` instead of just putting parentheses. As an optimization we use `__fp_parse:n` rather than `\fp_eval:n`, which would convert the result away from the internal representation and back.

```

\fp_add:cn 13601 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_add:Nn { __fp_add:NNNn \fp_set:Nn + }
\fp_gadd:cn 13602 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_gadd:Nn { __fp_add:NNNn \fp_gset:Nn + }
\fp_sub:cn 13603 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_sub:Nn { __fp_add:NNNn \fp_set:Nn - }
\fp_gsub:cn 13604 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_gsub:Nn { __fp_add:NNNn \fp_gset:Nn - }
__fp_add:NNNn 13605 \cs_new_protected:Npn __fp_add:NNNn #1#2#3#4
13606 { #1 #3 { #3 #2 __fp_parse:n {#4} } }
13607 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_add:Nn { c }
13608 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gadd:Nn { c }
13609 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_sub:Nn { c }
13610 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gsub:Nn { c }

```

*(End definition for `\fp_add:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 185.)*

## 25.3 Showing values

```

\fp_show:N This shows the result of computing its argument by passing the right data to \tl_show:n
\fp_show:c or \tl_log:n.
\fp_log:N 13611 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_show:N { \__fp_show:NN \tl_show:n }
\fp_log:c 13612 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_show:N { c }
\__fp_show:NN 13613 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_log:N { \__fp_show:NN \tl_log:n }
13614 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_log:N { c }
13615 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_show:NN #1#2
13616 {
13617     \__kernel_check_defined:NT #2
13618     { \exp_args:Nx #1 { \token_to_str:N #2 = \fp_to_tl:N #2 } }
13619 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_show:N`, `\fp_log:N`, and `\__fp_show:NN`. These functions are documented on page 192.)

```

\fp_show:n Use general tools.
\fp_log:n 13620 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_show:n
13621 { \msg_show_eval:Nn \fp_to_tl:n }
13622 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_log:n
13623 { \msg_log_eval:Nn \fp_to_tl:n }

```

(End definition for `\fp_show:n` and `\fp_log:n`. These functions are documented on page 192.)

## 25.4 Some useful constants and scratch variables

```

\c_one_fp Some constants.
\c_e_fp 13624 \fp_const:Nn \c_e_fp { 2.718 2818 2845 9045 }
13625 \fp_const:Nn \c_one_fp { 1 }

```

(End definition for `\c_one_fp` and `\c_e_fp`. These variables are documented on page 190.)

```

\c_pi_fp We simply round  $\pi$  to and  $\pi/180$  to 16 significant digits.
\c_one_degree_fp 13626 \fp_const:Nn \c_pi_fp { 3.141 5926 5358 9793 }
13627 \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 191.)

```

\l_tmpa_fp Scratch variables are simply initialized there.
\l_tmpb_fp 13628 \fp_new:N \l_tmpa_fp
\g_tmpa_fp 13629 \fp_new:N \l_tmpb_fp
\g_tmpb_fp 13630 \fp_new:N \g_tmpa_fp
13631 \fp_new:N \g_tmpb_fp

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_fp` and others. These variables are documented on page 191.)

```

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```

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`\__fp_parse_word_max:N` Those functions may receive a variable number of arguments.

```

\__fp_parse_word_min:N 13635 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_max:N
                        13636   { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_minmax_o:Nw 2 }
                        13637 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_min:N
                        13638   { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_minmax_o:Nw 0 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_word_max:N` and `\__fp_parse_word_min:N`.)

### 26.1 Syntax of internal functions

- `\__fp_compare_npos:nwnw`  $\{\langle expo_1 \rangle\}$   $\langle body_1 \rangle$  ;  $\{\langle expo_2 \rangle\}$   $\langle body_2 \rangle$  ;
- `\__fp_minmax_o:Nw`  $\langle sign \rangle$   $\langle floating\ point\ array \rangle$
- `\__fp_not_o:w ?`  $\langle floating\ point\ array \rangle$  (with one floating point number only)
- `\__fp_&_o:ww`  $\langle floating\ point \rangle$   $\langle floating\ point \rangle$
- `\__fp_|_o:ww`  $\langle floating\ point \rangle$   $\langle floating\ point \rangle$
- `\__fp_ternary:NwwN`, `\__fp_ternary_auxi:NwwN`, `\__fp_ternary_auxii:NwwN` have to be understood.

### 26.2 Existence test

`\fp_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.

```

\fp_if_exist_p:c 13639 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \fp_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N { TF , T , F , p }

```

```

\fp_if_exist:NTF 13640 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \fp_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c { TF , T , F , p }

```

`\fp_if_exist:cTF` (End definition for `\fp_if_exist:NTF`. This function is documented on page 187.)

### 26.3 Comparison

`\fp_compare_p:n` Within floating point expressions, comparison operators are treated as operations, so we evaluate #1, then compare with  $\pm 0$ . Tuples are true.

`\fp_compare:nTF`

```

\__fp_compare_return:w 13641 \prg_new_conditional:Npnm \fp_compare:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
                        13642   {
                        13643     \exp_after:wN \__fp_compare_return:w
                        13644     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse:n {#1}
                        13645   }
                        13646 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_return:w #1#2#3;
                        13647   {
                        13648     \if_charcode:w 0
                        13649       \__fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw
                        13650       #1 { \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw #3 \q_stop }
                        13651       \s__fp 1 \q_stop
                        13652     \prg_return_false:
                        13653     \else:
                        13654       \prg_return_true:
                        13655     \fi:
                        13656   }

```

(End definition for `\fp_compare:nTF` and `\__fp_compare_return:w`. This function is documented on page 188.)

`\fp_compare_p:nNn` Evaluate #1 and #3, using an auxiliary to expand both, and feed the two floating point numbers swapped to `\__fp_compare_back_any:ww`, defined below. Compare the result with '`#2-'`', which is  $-1$  for  $<$ ,  $0$  for  $=$ ,  $1$  for  $>$  and  $2$  for  $?$ .

```

13657 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \fp_compare:nNn #1#2#3 { p , T , F , TF }
13658   {
13659     \if_int_compare:w
13660       \exp_after:wN \__fp_compare_aux:wn
13661       \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse:n {#1} {#3}
13662       = \__int_eval:w '#2 - '=' \__int_eval_end:
13663     \prg_return_true:
13664   \else:
13665     \prg_return_false:
13666   \fi:
13667 }
13668 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_aux:wn #1; #2
13669   {
13670     \exp_after:wN \__fp_compare_back_any:ww
13671     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse:n {#2} #1;
13672   }

```

(End definition for `\fp_compare:nNnTF` and `\__fp_compare_aux:wn`. This function is documented on page 187.)

`\__fp_compare_back_any:ww`      `\__fp_compare_back_any:ww`  $\langle y \rangle$  ;  $\langle x \rangle$  ;  
`\__fp_compare_back:ww`      Expands (in the same way as `\int_eval:n`) to  $-1$  if  $x < y$ ,  $0$  if  $x = y$ ,  $1$  if  $x > y$ ,  
`\__fp_compare_nan:w`      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:wnw`, 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.

```

13673 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_back_any:ww #1#2; #3
13674   {
13675     \__fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw
13676     #1 { \__fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw #3 \use_i:nn \s__fp \use_ii:nn \q_stop }
13677     \s__fp \use_ii:nn \q_stop
13678     \__fp_compare_back:ww
13679     {
13680       \cs:w
13681         __fp
13682         \__fp_type_from_scan:N #1
13683         _compare_back
13684         \__fp_type_from_scan:N #3
13685         :ww
13686       \cs_end:
13687     }
13688     #1#2 ; #3
13689   }
13690 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_back:ww
13691   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2 #3;
13692   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4 #5 #6;

```

```

13693 {
13694   \__int_value:w
13695   \if_meaning:w 3 #1 \exp_after:wN \__fp_compare_nan:w \fi:
13696   \if_meaning:w 3 #4 \exp_after:wN \__fp_compare_nan:w \fi:
13697   \if_meaning:w 2 #5 - \fi:
13698   \if_meaning:w #2 #5
13699     \if_meaning:w #1 #4
13700     \if_meaning:w 1 #1
13701     \__fp_compare_npos:nwnw #6; #3;
13702     \else:
13703       0
13704     \fi:
13705     \else:
13706       \if_int_compare:w #4 < #1 - \fi: 1
13707     \fi:
13708   \else:
13709     \if_int_compare:w #1#4 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
13710     0
13711   \else:
13712     1
13713   \fi:
13714   \fi:
13715   \exp_stop_f:
13716 }
13717 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_nan:w #1 \fi: \exp_stop_f: { 2 \exp_stop_f: }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_compare\_back\_any:ww, \\_\_fp\_compare\_back:ww, and \\_\_fp\_compare\_nan:w.)

\\_\_fp\_compare\_back\_tuple:ww Tuple and floating point numbers are not comparable so return 2 in mixed cases or  
 \\_\_fp\_tuple\_compare\_back:ww when tuples have a different number of items. Otherwise compare pairs of items with  
 \\_\_fp\_tuple\_compare\_back\_tuple:ww \\_\_fp\_compare\_back\_any:ww and if any don't match return 2 (as \\_\_int\_value:w 02  
 \\_\_fp\_tuple\_compare\_back\_loop:w \exp\_stop\_f:).

```

13718 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_back_tuple:ww #1; #2; { 2 }
13719 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tuple_compare_back:ww #1; #2; { 2 }
13720 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tuple_compare_back_tuple:ww
13721   \s__fp_tuple \__fp_tuple_chk:w #1;
13722   \s__fp_tuple \__fp_tuple_chk:w #2;
13723   {
13724     \int_compare:nNnTF { \__fp_array_count:n {#1} } = { \__fp_array_count:n {#2} }
13725     {
13726       \__int_value:w 0
13727       \__fp_tuple_compare_back_loop:w
13728         #1 { \s__fp \__prg_break: } ; @
13729         #2 { \s__fp \__prg_break: } ;
13730       \__prg_break_point:
13731     \exp_stop_f:
13732     }
13733     { 2 }
13734   }
13735 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tuple_compare_back_loop:w #1#2 ; #3 @ #4#5 ;
13736 {
13737   \use_none:n #1
13738   \use_none:n #4
13739   \if_int_compare:w

```

```

13740     \_fp_compare_back_any:ww #1 #2 ; #4 #5 ; = 0 \exp_stop_f:
13741     \else:
13742         2 \exp_after:wN \_prg_break:
13743     \fi:
13744     \_fp_tuple_compare_back_loop:w #3 @
13745 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_compare_back_tuple:ww` and others.)

```

\_fp_compare_npos:nwnw
\_fp_compare_significand:nnnnnnnn

```

`\_fp_compare_npos:nwnw { $\langle expo_1 \rangle$ } { $\langle body_1 \rangle$ } ; { $\langle expo_2 \rangle$ } { $\langle body_2 \rangle$ } ;`  
 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.

```

13746 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_compare_npos:nwnw #1#2; #3#4;
13747 {
13748     \if_int_compare:w #1 = #3 \exp_stop_f:
13749     \_fp_compare_significand:nnnnnnnn #2 #4
13750     \else:
13751     \if_int_compare:w #1 < #3 - \fi: 1
13752     \fi:
13753 }
13754 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_compare_significand:nnnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
13755 {
13756     \if_int_compare:w #1#2 = #5#6 \exp_stop_f:
13757     \if_int_compare:w #3#4 = #7#8 \exp_stop_f:
13758     0
13759     \else:
13760     \if_int_compare:w #3#4 < #7#8 - \fi: 1
13761     \fi:
13762     \else:
13763     \if_int_compare:w #1#2 < #5#6 - \fi: 1
13764     \fi:
13765 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_compare_npos:nwnw` and `\_fp_compare_significand:nnnnnnnn`.)

## 26.4 Floating point expression loops

`\fp_do_until:nn` These are quite easy given the above functions. The `do_until` and `do_while` versions execute the body, then test. The `until_do` and `while_do` do it the other way round.

```

13766 \cs_new:Npn \fp_do_until:nn #1#2
13767 {
13768     #2
13769     \fp_compare:nF {#1}
13770     { \fp_do_until:nn {#1} {#2} }
13771 }
13772 \cs_new:Npn \fp_do_while:nn #1#2
13773 {
13774     #2
13775     \fp_compare:nT {#1}
13776     { \fp_do_while:nn {#1} {#2} }

```

```

13777 }
13778 \cs_new:Npn \fp_until_do:nn #1#2
13779 {
13780   \fp_compare:nF {#1}
13781   {
13782     #2
13783     \fp_until_do:nn {#1} {#2}
13784   }
13785 }
13786 \cs_new:Npn \fp_while_do:nn #1#2
13787 {
13788   \fp_compare:nT {#1}
13789   {
13790     #2
13791     \fp_while_do:nn {#1} {#2}
13792   }
13793 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_do_until:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 189.)

`\fp_do_until:nNnn` As above but not using the `nNn` syntax.

```

\fp_do_while:nNnn 13794 \cs_new:Npn \fp_do_until:nNnn #1#2#3#4
\fp_until_do:nNnn 13795 {
\fp_while_do:nNnn 13796   #4
13797   \fp_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
13798   { \fp_do_until:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
13799 }
13800 \cs_new:Npn \fp_do_while:nNnn #1#2#3#4
13801 {
13802   #4
13803   \fp_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
13804   { \fp_do_while:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
13805 }
13806 \cs_new:Npn \fp_until_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
13807 {
13808   \fp_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
13809   {
13810     #4
13811     \fp_until_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
13812   }
13813 }
13814 \cs_new:Npn \fp_while_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
13815 {
13816   \fp_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
13817   {
13818     #4
13819     \fp_while_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
13820   }
13821 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_do_until:nNnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 188.)

`\fp_step_function:nnnN` The approach here is somewhat similar to `\int_step_function:nnnN`. There are two  
`\fp_step_function:nnnc` subtleties: we use the internal parser `\__fp_parse:n` to avoid converting back and forth

```

  \__fp_step:wwwN
  \__fp_step_fp:wwwN
  \__fp_step:NnnnnN
  \__fp_step:NfnnnN

```

from the internal representation; and (due to rounding) even a non-zero step does not guarantee that the loop counter increases.

```

13822 \cs_new:Npn \fp_step_function:nnnN #1#2#3
13823 {
13824   \exp_after:wN \__fp_step:wwwN
13825   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse_o:n {#1}
13826   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse_o:n {#2}
13827   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse:n {#3}
13828 }
13829 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_step_function:nnnN { nnnC }
13830 %   \end{macrocode}
13831 % Only floating point numbers (not tuples) are allowed arguments.
13832 % Only \enquote{normal} floating points (not $\pm 0$,
13833 % $\pm\texttt{inf}$, \texttt{nan}) can be used as step; if positive,
13834 % call \cs{__fp_step:NnnnnN} with argument |>| otherwise~|<|. This
13835 % function has one more argument than its integer counterpart, namely
13836 % the previous value, to catch the case where the loop has made no
13837 % progress. Conversion to decimal is done just before calling the
13838 % user's function.
13839 %   \begin{macrocode}
13840 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_step:wwwN #1#2; #3#4; #5#6; #7
13841 {
13842   \__fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw #1 { } \s__fp \__prg_break: \q_stop
13843   \__fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw #3 { } \s__fp \__prg_break: \q_stop
13844   \__fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw #5 { } \s__fp \__prg_break: \q_stop
13845   \use_i:nnnn { \__fp_step_fp:wwwN #1#2; #3#4; #5#6; #7 }
13846   \__prg_break_point:
13847   \use:n
13848   {
13849     \__fp_error:nfff { fp-step-tuple } { \fp_to_tl:n { #1#2 ; } }
13850     { \fp_to_tl:n { #3#4 ; } } { \fp_to_tl:n { #5#6 ; } }
13851   }
13852 }
13853 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_step_fp:wwwN #1 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4 ; #5; #6
13854 {
13855   \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #2 1
13856   {
13857     \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #3 0
13858     { \__fp_step:NnnnnN > }
13859     { \__fp_step:NnnnnN < }
13860   }
13861   {
13862     \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #2 0
13863     { \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { zero-step } {#6} }
13864     {
13865       \__fp_error:nfn { fp-bad-step } { }
13866       { \fp_to_tl:n { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4 ; } } {#6}
13867     }
13868     \use_none:nnnnn
13869   }
13870   { #1 ; } { \c_nan_fp } { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4 ; } { #5 ; } #6
13871 }
13872 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_step:NnnnnN #1#2#3#4#5#6
13873 {

```

```

13874 \fp_compare:nNnTF {#2} = {#3}
13875 {
13876   \__fp_error:nffn { fp-tiny-step }
13877   { \fp_to_tl:n {#3} } { \fp_to_tl:n {#4} } {#6}
13878 }
13879 {
13880   \fp_compare:nNnF {#2} #1 {#5}
13881   {
13882     \exp_args:Nf #6 { \__fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w #2 }
13883     \__fp_step:NfnNnN
13884     #1 { \__fp_parse:n { #2 + #4 } } {#2} {#4} {#5} #6
13885   }
13886 }
13887 }
13888 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__fp_step:NnnnnN { Nf }

```

(End definition for `\fp_step_function:nnnN` and others. This function is documented on page 190.)

`\fp_step_inline:nnnn` As for `\int_step_inline:nnnn`, create a global function and apply it, following up with  
`\fp_step_variable:nnnNn` a break point.

```

\__fp_step:NNnnnn
13889 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_step_inline:nnnn
13890 {
13891   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
13892   \exp_args:NNc \__fp_step:NNnnnn
13893   \cs_gset_protected:Npn
13894   { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
13895 }
13896 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_step_variable:nnnNn #1#2#3#4#5
13897 {
13898   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
13899   \exp_args:NNc \__fp_step:NNnnnn
13900   \cs_gset_protected:Npx
13901   { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
13902   {#1} {#2} {#3}
13903   {
13904     \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N #4 {##1}
13905     \exp_not:n {#5}
13906   }
13907 }
13908 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_step:NNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
13909 {
13910   #1 #2 ##1 {#6}
13911   \fp_step_function:nnnN {#3} {#4} {#5} #2
13912   \__prg_break_point:Nn \scan_stop: { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
13913 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_step_inline:nnnn`, `\fp_step_variable:nnnNn`, and `\__fp_step:NNnnnn`. These functions are documented on page 190.)

```

13914 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-step-tuple }
13915 { Tuple~argument~in~fp_step...~{#1}{#2}{#3}. }
13916 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-bad-step }
13917 { Invalid~step~size~#2~in~step~function~#3. }
13918 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-tiny-step }
13919 { Tiny~step~size~(#1+#2=#1)~in~step~function~#3. }

```

## 26.5 Extrema

`__fp_minmax_o:Nw`  
`__fp_minmax_aux_o:Nw`

First check all operands are floating point numbers. The argument #1 is 2 to find the maximum of an array #2 of floating point numbers, and 0 to find the minimum. We read numbers sequentially, keeping track of the largest (smallest) number found so far. If numbers are equal (for instance  $\pm 0$ ), the first is kept. We append  $-\infty$  ( $\infty$ ), for the case of an empty array. Since no number is smaller (larger) than that, this additional item only affects the maximum (minimum) in the case of `max()` and `min()` with no argument. The weird fp-like trailing marker breaks the loop correctly: see the precise definition of `__fp_minmax_loop:Nww`.

```

13920 \cs_new:Npn __fp_minmax_o:Nw #1
13921   {
13922     __fp_parse_function_all_fp_o:fnw
13923     { \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF 0 #1 { min } { max } }
13924     { __fp_minmax_aux_o:Nw #1 }
13925   }
13926 \cs_new:Npn __fp_minmax_aux_o:Nw #1#2 @
13927   {
13928     \if_meaning:w 0 #1
13929     \exp_after:wN __fp_minmax_loop:Nww \exp_after:wN +
13930     \else:
13931     \exp_after:wN __fp_minmax_loop:Nww \exp_after:wN -
13932     \fi:
13933     #2
13934     \s__fp __fp_chk:w 2 #1 \s__fp_exact ;
13935     \s__fp __fp_chk:w { 3 __fp_minmax_break_o:w } ;
13936   }

```

(End definition for `__fp_minmax_o:Nw` and `__fp_minmax_aux_o:Nw`.)

`__fp_minmax_loop:Nww`

The first argument is `-` or `+` 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.

```

13937 \cs_new:Npn __fp_minmax_loop:Nww
13938   #1 \s__fp __fp_chk:w #2#3; \s__fp __fp_chk:w #4#5;
13939   {
13940     \if_meaning:w 3 #4
13941     \if_meaning:w 3 #2
13942     __fp_minmax_auxi:ww
13943     \else:
13944     __fp_minmax_auxii:ww
13945     \fi:
13946     \else:
13947     \if_int_compare:w
13948     __fp_compare_back:ww
13949     \s__fp __fp_chk:w #4#5;
13950     \s__fp __fp_chk:w #2#3;
13951     = #1 1 \exp_stop_f:
13952     __fp_minmax_auxii:ww

```

```

13953     \else:
13954         \__fp_minmax_auxi:ww
13955     \fi:
13956 \fi:
13957 \__fp_minmax_loop:Nww #1
13958     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3;
13959     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5;
13960 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_minmax\_loop:Nww.)

```

\__fp_minmax_auxi:ww Keep the first/second number, and remove the other.
\__fp_minmax_auxii:ww
13961 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_minmax_auxi:ww #1 \fi: \fi: #2 \s__fp #3 ; \s__fp #4;
13962 { \fi: \fi: #2 \s__fp #3 ; }
13963 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_minmax_auxii:ww #1 \fi: \fi: #2 \s__fp #3 ;
13964 { \fi: \fi: #2 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_minmax\_auxi:ww and \\_\_fp\_minmax\_auxii:ww.)

\\_\_fp\_minmax\_break\_o:w This function is called from within an \if\_meaning:w test. Skip to the end of the tests, close the current test with \fi:, clean up, and return the appropriate number with one post-expansion.

```

13965 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_minmax_break_o:w #1 \fi: \fi: #2 \s__fp #3; #4;
13966 { \fi: \__fp_exp_after_o:w \s__fp #3; }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_minmax\_break\_o:w.)

## 26.6 Boolean operations

\\_\_fp\_not\_o:w Return true or false, with two expansions, one to exit the conditional, and one to please l3fp-parse. The first argument is provided by l3fp-parse and is ignored.

```

\__fp_tuple_not_o:w
13967 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_not_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3; @
13968 {
13969     \if_meaning:w 0 #2
13970     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \c_one_fp
13971 \else:
13972     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp
13973 \fi:
13974 }
13975 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tuple_not_o:w #1 @ { \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_not\_o:w and \\_\_fp\_tuple\_not\_o:w.)

\\_\_fp\_&\_o:w For and, if the first number is zero, return it (with the same sign). Otherwise, return the second one. For or, the logic is reversed: if the first number is non-zero, return it, otherwise return the second number: we achieve that by hi-jacking \\_\_fp\_&\_o:w, inserting an extra argument, \else:, before \s\_\_fp. In all cases, expand after the floating point number.

```

\__fp_tuple_&_o:w
\__fp_&_tuple_o:w
\__fp_tuple_&_tuple_o:w
\__fp_|_o:w
\__fp_tuple_|_o:w
\__fp_|_tuple_o:w
\__fp_tuple_|_tuple_o:w
\__fp_and_return:wNw
13976 \group_begin:
13977 \char_set_catcode_letter:N &
13978 \char_set_catcode_letter:N |
13979 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_&_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3;
13980 {
13981     \if_meaning:w 0 #2 #1

```

```

13982     \_fp_and_return:wNw \s\_fp \_fp_chk:w #2#3;
13983     \fi:
13984     \_fp_exp_after_o:w
13985   }
13986 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_&_tuple_o:ww #1 \s\_fp \_fp_chk:w #2#3;
13987 {
13988   \if_meaning:w 0 #2 #1
13989     \_fp_and_return:wNw \s\_fp \_fp_chk:w #2#3;
13990     \fi:
13991     \_fp_exp_after_tuple_o:w
13992   }
13993 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_tuple_&o:ww #1; { \_fp_exp_after_o:w }
13994 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_tuple_&_tuple_o:ww #1; { \_fp_exp_after_tuple_o:w }
13995 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_l_o:ww { \_fp_&o:ww \else: }
13996 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_l_tuple_o:ww { \_fp_&_tuple_o:ww \else: }
13997 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_tuple_l_o:ww #1; #2; { \_fp_exp_after_tuple_o:w #1; }
13998 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_tuple_l_tuple_o:ww #1; #2; { \_fp_exp_after_tuple_o:w #1; }
13999 \group_end:
14000 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_and_return:wNw #1; \fi: #2;
14001 { \fi: \_fp_exp_after_o:w #1; }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_&o:ww and others.)

## 26.7 Ternary operator

\\_fp\_ternary:NwwN The first function receives the test and the true branch of the ?: ternary operator. It calls \\_fp\_ternary\_auxii:NwwN if the test branch is a floating point number  $\pm 0$ , and otherwise calls \\_fp\_ternary\_auxi:NwwN. These functions select one of their two arguments.

```

14002 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ternary:NwwN #1 #2#3@ #4@ #5
14003 {
14004   \if_meaning:w \_fp_parse_infix_:N #5
14005     \if_charcode:w 0
14006       \_fp_if_type_fp:NTwFw
14007         #2 { \use_i:nn \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw #3 \q_stop }
14008         \s\_fp 1 \q_stop
14009       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \_fp_ternary_auxii:NwwN
14010     \else:
14011       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \_fp_ternary_auxi:NwwN
14012     \fi:
14013     \exp_after:wN #1
14014     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
14015     \_fp_exp_after_array_f:w #4 \s\_fp_stop
14016     \exp_after:wN @
14017     \exp:w
14018     \_fp_parse_operand:Nw \c\_fp_prec_colon_int
14019     \_fp_parse_expand:w
14020   \else:
14021     \_kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnn
14022     { kernel } { fp-missing } { : } { ~for~?: }
14023     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_continue:NwN
14024     \exp_after:wN #1
14025     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
14026     \_fp_exp_after_array_f:w #4 \s\_fp_stop

```

```

14027     \exp_after:wN #5
14028     \exp_after:wN #1
14029     \fi:
14030   }
14031 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ternary_auxi:NwwN #1#2@#3@#4
14032 {
14033     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_continue:NwN
14034     \exp_after:wN #1
14035     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
14036     \__fp_exp_after_array_f:w #2 \s__fp_stop
14037     #4 #1
14038 }
14039 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ternary_auxii:NwwN #1#2@#3@#4
14040 {
14041     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_continue:NwN
14042     \exp_after:wN #1
14043     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
14044     \__fp_exp_after_array_f:w #3 \s__fp_stop
14045     #4 #1
14046 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ternary:NwwN`, `\__fp_ternary_auxi:NwwN`, and `\__fp_ternary_auxii:NwwN`.)

```
14047 </initex | package>
```

## 27 13fp-basics Implementation

```
14048 (*initex | package)
```

```
14049 <@@=fp>
```

The `13fp-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.jp.to/2005-590/goldberg.pdf>.

Unary functions.

```

\__fp_parse_word_abs:N
\__fp_parse_word_sign:N
\__fp_parse_word_sqrt:N
14050 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_abs:N
14051 { \__fp_parse_unary_function:NNN \__fp_set_sign_o:w 0 }
14052 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_sign:N
14053 { \__fp_parse_unary_function:NNN \__fp_sign_o:w ? }
14054 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_sqrt:N
14055 { \__fp_parse_unary_function:NNN \__fp_sqrt_o:w ? }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_word_abs:N`, `\__fp_parse_word_sign:N`, and `\__fp_parse_word_sqrt:N`.)

### 27.1 Addition and subtraction

We define here two functions, `\__fp_-_o:ww` and `\__fp+_o:ww`, which perform the subtraction and addition of their two floating point operands, and expand the tokens following the result once.

A more obscure function, `\__fp_add_big_i_o:wNww`, is used in `l3fp-expo`.  
The logic goes as follows:

- `\__fp_-_o:ww` calls `\__fp+_o:ww` to do the work, with the sign of the second operand flipped;
- `\__fp+_o:ww` dispatches depending on the type of floating point, calling specialized auxiliaries;
- in all cases except summing two normal floating point numbers, we return one or the other operands depending on the signs, or detect an invalid operation in the case of  $\infty - \infty$ ;
- for normal floating point numbers, compare the signs;
- to add two floating point numbers of the same sign or of opposite signs, shift the significand of the smaller one to match the bigger one, perform the addition or subtraction of significands, check for a carry, round, and pack using the `\__fp-basics_pack...` functions.

The trickiest part is to round correctly when adding or subtracting normal floating point numbers.

### 27.1.1 Sign, exponent, and special numbers

`\__fp_-_o:ww` 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 perform the sanity check that it was followed by `\s__fp`.

```

14056 \cs_new:cpx { __fp_-_o:ww } \s__fp
14057   {
14058     \exp_not:c { __fp+_o:ww }
14059     \exp_not:n { \s__fp \__fp_neg_sign:N }
14060   }

```

(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, in which case the second operand's sign should be changed. If the *<types>* `#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 *<sign<sub>2</sub>>* (expansion of `#1#5`) as an argument. If the *<types>* are distinct, the result is simply the floating point number with the highest *<type>*. Since case 3 (used for two `nan`) also picks the first operand, we can also use it when *<type<sub>1</sub>>* is greater than *<type<sub>2</sub>>*. Also note that we don't need to worry about *<sign<sub>2</sub>>* in that case since the second operand is discarded.

```

14061 \cs_new:cpx { __fp+_o:ww }
14062   \s__fp #1 \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4 #5
14063   {
14064     \if_case:w
14065       \if_meaning:w #2 #4
14066         #2
14067     \else:

```

```

14068     \if_int_compare:w #2 > #4 \exp_stop_f:
14069     3
14070     \else:
14071     4
14072     \fi:
14073     \fi:
14074     \exp_stop_f:
14075     \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_zeros_o:Nww \__int_value:w
14076 \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_normal_o:Nww \__int_value:w
14077 \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_inf_o:Nww \__int_value:w
14078 \or: \__fp_case_return_i_o:ww
14079 \else: \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_return_ii_o:Nww \__int_value:w
14080 \fi:
14081 #1 #5
14082 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 ;
14083 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4 #5
14084 }

```

(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.

```

14085 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_return_ii_o:Nww #1 #2 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #3 #4
14086 { \__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  $-0$ .

```

14087 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_zeros_o:Nww #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 0 #2
14088 {
14089     \if_int_compare:w #2 #1 = 20 \exp_stop_f:
14090     \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_return_ii_o:Nww
14091     \else:
14092     \__fp_case_return_i_o:ww
14093     \fi:
14094     #1
14095     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 0 #2
14096 }

```

(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.

```

14097 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_inf_o:Nww
14098 #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 2 #2 #3; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 2 #4
14099 {
14100     \if_meaning:w #1 #2
14101     \__fp_case_return_i_o:ww
14102     \else:
14103     \__fp_case_use:nw
14104     {
14105     \exp_last_unbraced:Nf \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww
14106     { \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 #4 + - }

```

```

14107     }
14108     \fi:
14109     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 2 #2 #3;
14110     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 2 #4
14111 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_add\_inf\_o:Nww.)

```

\__fp_add_normal_o:Nww     \__fp_add_normal_o:Nww <sign2> \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 <sign1> <exp1>
                           <body1> ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 <initial sign2> <exp2> <body2> ;

```

We now have two normal numbers to add, and we have to check signs and exponents more carefully before performing the addition.

```

14112 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_normal_o:Nww #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #2
14113 {
14114     \if_meaning:w #1#2
14115         \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_npos_o:NnwNnw
14116     \else:
14117         \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_npos_o:NnwNnw
14118     \fi:
14119     #2
14120 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_add\_normal\_o:Nww.)

### 27.1.2 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 `\__int_eval:w`, responsible for computing the exponent: the result, and the  $\langle final\ sign \rangle$  are then given to `\__fp_sanitize:Nw` which checks for overflow. The exponent is computed as the largest exponent #2 or #5, incremented if there is a carry. To add the significands, we decimate the smaller number by the difference between the exponents. This is done by `\__fp_add_big_i:wNnw` or `\__fp_add_big_ii:wNnw`. We need to bring the final sign with us in the midst of the calculation to round properly at the end.

```

14121 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_npos_o:NnwNnw #1#2#3 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #4 #5
14122 {
14123     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
14124     \exp_after:wN #1
14125     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
14126     \if_int_compare:w #2 > #5 \exp_stop_f:
14127         #2
14128     \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_big_i_o:wNnw \__int_value:w -
14129     \else:
14130         #5
14131     \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_big_ii_o:wNnw \__int_value:w
14132     \fi:
14133     \__int_eval:w #5 - #2 ; #1 #3;
14134 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_add\_npos\_o:NnwNnw.)

`\_fp_add_big_i_o:wNww`      `\_fp_add_big_i_o:wNww` *<shift>* ; *<final sign>* *<body<sub>1</sub>>* ; *<body<sub>2</sub>>* ;  
`\_fp_add_big_ii_o:wNww`      Used in l3fp-expo. Shift the significand of the small number, then add with `\_fp_`-  
`add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN`.

```

14135 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_add_big_i_o:wNww #1; #2 #3; #4;
14136 {
14137   \_fp_decimate:nNnnnn {#1}
14138   \_fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN
14139   #4
14140   #3
14141   #2
14142 }
14143 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_add_big_ii_o:wNww #1; #2 #3; #4;
14144 {
14145   \_fp_decimate:nNnnnn {#1}
14146   \_fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN
14147   #3
14148   #4
14149   #2
14150 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_add_big_i_o:wNww` and `\_fp_add_big_ii_o:wNww`.)

`\_fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN`      `\_fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN` *<rounding digit>*  $\{ \langle Y'_1 \rangle \}$   $\{ \langle Y'_2 \rangle \}$   
`\_fp_add_significand_pack:NNNNNNN`      *<extra-digits>* ;  $\{ \langle X_1 \rangle \}$   $\{ \langle X_2 \rangle \}$   $\{ \langle X_3 \rangle \}$   $\{ \langle X_4 \rangle \}$  *<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  $0.99\dots95 \rightarrow 1.00\dots0$ , but this situation always give an exact power of 10, for which it is easy to correct the result at the end.

```

14151 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN #1 #2#3 #4; #5#6#7#8
14152 {
14153   \exp_after:wN \_fp_add_significand_test_o:N
14154   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1#5#6 + #2
14155   \exp_after:wN \_fp_add_significand_pack:NNNNNNN
14156   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1#7#8 + #3 ; #1
14157 }
14158 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_add_significand_pack:NNNNNNN #1 #2#3#4#5#6#7
14159 {
14160   \if_meaning:w 2 #1
14161   + 1
14162   \fi:
14163   ; #2 #3 #4 #5 #6 #7 ;
14164 }
14165 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_add_significand_test_o:N #1
14166 {
14167   \if_meaning:w 2 #1
14168   \exp_after:wN \_fp_add_significand_carry_o:wwwNN
14169   \else:
14170   \exp_after:wN \_fp_add_significand_no_carry_o:wwwNN
14171   \fi:
14172 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN`, `\_fp_add_significand_pack:NNNNNNN`, and `\_fp_add_significand_test_o:N`.)

```

\__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.

```

14173 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_significand_no_carry_o:wwwNN
14174   #1; #2; #3#4 ; #5#6
14175   {
14176     \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw
14177     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 #1
14178     \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
14179     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 #2 #3#4
14180     + \__fp_round:NNN #6 #4 #5
14181     \exp_after:wN ;
14182   }

```

(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.

```

14183 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_significand_carry_o:wwwNN
14184   #1; #2; #3#4; #5#6
14185   {
14186     + 1
14187     \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_weird_high:NNNNNNNNw
14188     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 1 #1
14189     \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_weird_low:NNNNNw
14190     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 #2#3 +
14191     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round:NNN
14192     \exp_after:wN #6
14193     \exp_after:wN #3
14194     \__int_value:w \__fp_round_digit:Nw #4 #5 ;
14195     \exp_after:wN ;
14196   }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_add_significand_carry_o:wwwNN`.)

### 27.1.3 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:Nnwnw <initial sign2> <exp2> <body2> ;
\__fp_sub_npos_ii_o:Nnwnw

```

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_ii_o:Nnwnw` with the opposite of  $\langle sign_1 \rangle$ .

```

14197 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_npos_o:NnwNnw #1#2#3; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #4#5#6;
14198   {
14199     \if_case:w \__fp_compare_npos:nwnw {#2} #3; {#5} #6; \exp_stop_f:
14200     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_eq_o:Nnwnw
14201     \or:
14202     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_npos_ii_o:Nnwnw
14203     \else:

```

```

14204     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_npos_ii_o:Nnwnw
14205     \fi:
14206     #1 {#2} #3; {#5} #6;
14207   }
14208 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_eq_o:Nnwnw #1#2; #3; { \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp }
14209 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_npos_ii_o:Nnwnw #1 #2; #3;
14210   {
14211     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_npos_i_o:Nnwnw
14212     \_int_value:w \_fp_neg_sign:N #1
14213     #3; #2;
14214   }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_sub\_npos\_o:NnwNw, \\_fp\_sub\_eq\_o:Nnwnw, and \\_fp\_sub\_npos\_ii\_o:Nnwnw.)

\\_fp\_sub\_npos\_i\_o:Nnwnw After the computation is done, \\_fp\_sanitize:Nw checks for overflow/underflow. It expects the *final sign* and the *exponent* (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.

```

14215 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_npos_i_o:Nnwnw #1 #2#3; #4#5;
14216   {
14217     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sanitize:Nw
14218     \exp_after:wN #1
14219     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w
14220     #2
14221     \if_int_compare:w #2 = #4 \exp_stop_f:
14222     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_near_o:nnnnnnnN
14223     \else:
14224     \exp_after:wN \_fp_decimate:nNnnnn \exp_after:wN
14225     { \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #2 - #4 - 1 \exp_after:wN }
14226     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_far_o:NnnwnnnN
14227     \fi:
14228     #5
14229     #3
14230     #1
14231   }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_sub\_npos\_i\_o:Nnwnw.)

```

\_fp_sub_back_near_o:nnnnnnnN \_fp_sub_back_near_o:nnnnnnnnN {<Y1>} {<Y2>} {<Y3>} {<Y4>} {<X1>}
\_fp_sub_back_near_pack:NNNNNNw {<X2>} {<X3>} {<X4>} {final sign}
\_fp_sub_back_near_after:wNNNNw

```

In this case, the subtraction is exact, so we discard the *final sign* #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.

```

14232 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_near_o:nnnnnnnnN #1#2#3#4 #5#6#7#8 #9
14233   {
14234     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_near_after:wNNNNw
14235     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 10#5#6 - #1#2 - 11
14236     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_near_pack:NNNNNNw
14237     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 11#7#8 - #3#4 \exp_after:wN ;
14238   }

```

```

14239 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_near_pack:NNNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7 ;
14240 { + #1#2 ; {#3#4#5#6} {#7} ; }
14241 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_near_after:wNNNNw 10 #1#2#3#4 #5 ;
14242 {
14243   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
14244     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_shift:wnnnn
14245     \fi:
14246   ; {#1#2#3#4} {#5}
14247 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sub_back_near_o:nnnnnnnN`, `\__fp_sub_back_near_pack:NNNNNNw`, and `\__fp_sub_back_near_after:wNNNNw`.)

```

\__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 TeX'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.

```

14248 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_shift:wnnnn ; #1#2
14249 {
14250   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_shift_ii:ww
14251   \__int_value:w #1 #2 0 ;
14252 }
14253 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_shift_ii:ww #1 0 ; #2#3 ;
14254 {
14255   \if_meaning:w @ #1 @
14256     - 7
14257     - \exp_after:wN \use_i:nnn
14258       \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_shift_iii:NNNNNNNNw
14259       \__int_value:w #2#3 0 ~ 123456789;
14260   \else:
14261     - \__fp_sub_back_shift_iii:NNNNNNNNw #1 123456789;
14262   \fi:
14263   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
14264   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
14265   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_shift_iv:nnnnw
14266   \exp_after:wN ;
14267   \__int_value:w
14268   #1 ~ #2#3 0 ~ 0000 0000 0000 000 ;
14269 }
14270 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_shift_iii:NNNNNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9; {#8}
14271 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_shift_iv:nnnnw #1 ; #2 ; { ; #1 ; }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sub_back_shift:wnnnn` and others.)

```
\__fp_sub_back_far_o:NnnwnnnnN
```

`\__fp_sub_back_far_o:NnnwnnnnN`  $\langle \textit{rounding} \rangle$   $\langle Y'_1 \rangle$   $\langle Y'_2 \rangle$   
 $\langle \textit{extra-digits} \rangle$  ;  $\langle X_1 \rangle$   $\langle X_2 \rangle$   $\langle X_3 \rangle$   $\langle X_4 \rangle$   $\langle \textit{final sign} \rangle$

If the difference is greater than  $10^{\langle \textit{expo}_x \rangle}$ , call the `very_far` auxiliary. If the result is less than  $10^{\langle \textit{expo}_x \rangle}$ , 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).

```

14272 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_far_o:NnnwnnnN #1 #2#3 #4; #5#6#7#8
14273 {
14274   \if_case:w
14275     \if_int_compare:w 1 #2 = #5#6 \use_i:nnnn #7 \exp_stop_f:
14276       \if_int_compare:w #3 = \use_none:n #7#8 0 \exp_stop_f:
14277         0
14278     \else:
14279       \if_int_compare:w #3 > \use_none:n #7#8 0 - \fi: 1
14280     \fi:
14281   \else:
14282     \if_int_compare:w 1 #2 > #5#6 \use_i:nnnn #7 - \fi: 1
14283     \fi:
14284   \exp_stop_f:
14285     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_quite_far_o:wwNN
14286   \or:   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_very_far_o:wwwNN
14287   \else: \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_not_far_o:wwwNN
14288   \fi:
14289   #2 ~ #3 ; #5 #6 ~ #7 #8 ; #1
14290 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sub_back_far_o:NnnwnnnN`.)

`\__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 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).

```

14291 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_quite_far_o:wwNN #1; #2; #3#4
14292 {
14293   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_quite_far_ii:NN
14294   \exp_after:wN #3
14295   \exp_after:wN #4
14296 }
14297 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_quite_far_ii:NN #1#2
14298 {
14299   \if_case:w \__fp_round_neg:NNN #2 0 #1
14300     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
14301   \else:
14302     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
14303   \fi:
14304   { ; {1000} {0000} {0000} {0000} ; }
14305   { - 1 ; {9999} {9999} {9999} {9999} ; }
14306 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sub_back_quite_far_o:wwNN` and `\__fp_sub_back_quite_far_ii:NN`.)

`\__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 `-1`). 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.

```

14307 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_not_far_o:wwwNN #1 ~ #2; #3 ~ #4; #5#6
14308 {
14309   - 1
14310   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_near_after:wNNNNw
14311   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 1#30 - #1 - 11
14312   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_near_pack:NNNNNNw
14313   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 11 0000 0000 + #40 - #2
14314   - \exp_after:wN \_fp_round_neg:NNN
14315   \exp_after:wN #6
14316   \use_none:nnnnnnn #2 #5
14317   \exp_after:wN ;
14318 }

```

(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.

```

14319 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_very_far_o:wwwNN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
14320 {
14321   \_fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN
14322   \_fp_sub_back_very_far_ii_o:nnNwwNN
14323   { 0 #1#2#3 #4#5#6#7 }
14324   ;
14325 }
14326 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_very_far_ii_o:nnNwwNN #1#2 ; #3 ; #4 ~ #5; #6#7
14327 {
14328   \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNw
14329   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 1#4 - #1 - 1
14330   \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNw
14331   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 2#5 - #2
14332   - \exp_after:wN \_fp_round_neg:NNN
14333   \exp_after:wN #7
14334   \_int_value:w
14335   \if_int_odd:w \_int_eval:w #5 - #2 \_int_eval_end:
14336   1 \else: 2 \fi:
14337   \_int_value:w \_fp_round_digit:Nw #3 #6 ;
14338   \exp_after:wN ;
14339 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_sub_back_very_far_o:wwwNN` and `\_fp_sub_back_very_far_ii_o:nnNwwNN`.)

## 27.2 Multiplication

### 27.2.1 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`.

```
14340 \cs_new:cpn { __fp*_o:ww }
14341 {
14342   \__fp_mul_cases_o:NnNnw
14343   *
14344   { - 2 + }
14345   \__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww
14346   { }
14347 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp*_o:ww`.)

`\__fp_mul_cases_o:nNnw` 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.

```
14348 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_cases_o:NnNnw
14349   #1#2#3#4 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #5#6#7; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #8#9
14350 {
14351   \if_case:w \__int_eval:w
14352     \if_int_compare:w #5 #8 = 11 ~
14353     1
14354   \else:
14355     \if_meaning:w 3 #8
14356     3
14357   \else:
14358     \if_meaning:w 3 #5
14359     2
14360   \else:
14361     \if_int_compare:w #5 #8 = 10 ~
14362     9 #2 - 2
14363   \else:
14364     (#5 #2 #8) / 2 * 2 + 7
14365   \fi:
14366   \fi:
14367   \fi:
14368   \if_meaning:w #6 #9 - 1 \fi:
14369 }
```

```

14370         \__int_eval_end:
14371         \__fp_case_use:nw { #3 0 }
14372     \or: \__fp_case_use:nw { #3 2 }
14373     \or: \__fp_case_return_i_o:ww
14374     \or: \__fp_case_return_ii_o:ww
14375     \or: \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_zero_fp
14376     \or: \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_minus_zero_fp
14377     \or: \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww #1 }
14378     \or: \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww #1 }
14379     \or: \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_inf_fp
14380     \or: \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_minus_inf_fp
14381     #4
14382     \fi:
14383     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #5 #6 #7;
14384     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #8 #9
14385 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_mul\_cases\_o:nNnnww.)

## 27.2.2 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.

This is also used in l3fp-convert.

```

14386 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww
14387     #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4 #5 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #6 #7 #8 #9 ;
14388     {
14389     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
14390     \exp_after:wN #1
14391     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
14392     #4 + #8
14393     \__fp_mul_significand_o:nnnnNnnnn #5 #1 #9
14394     }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_mul\_npos\_o:Nww.)

```

\__fp_mul_significand_o:nnnnNnnnn \__fp_mul_significand_o:nnnnNnnnn {<X1>} {<X2>} {<X3>} {<X4>} <sign>
\__fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNNw {<Y1>} {<Y2>} {<Y3>} {<Y4>}
\__fp_mul_significand_keep:NNNNNw

```

Note the three semicolons at the end of the definition. One is for the last \\_\_fp\_mul\_significand\_drop:NNNNNw; one is for \\_\_fp\_round\_digit:Nw later on; and one, preceded by \exp\_after:wN, which is correctly expanded (within an \\_\_int\_eval:w), is used by \\_\_fp\_basics\_pack\_low:NNNNNw.

The product of two 16 digit integers has 31 or 32 digits, but it is impossible to know which one before computing. The place where we round depends on that number of digits, and may depend on all digits until the last in some rare cases. The approach is thus to compute the 5 first blocks of 4 digits (the first one is between 100 and 9999

inclusive), and a compact version of the remaining 3 blocks. Afterwards, the number of digits is known, and we can do the rounding within yet another set of `\__int_eval:w`.

```

14395 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_significand_o:nnnnNnnnn #1#2#3#4 #5 #6#7#8#9
14396 {
14397   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_test_f:NNN
14398   \exp_after:wN #5
14399   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 99990000 + #1*#6 +
14400   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_keep:NNNNNw
14401   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 99990000 + #1*#7 + #2*#6 +
14402   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_keep:NNNNNw
14403   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 99990000 + #1*#8 + #2*#7 + #3*#6 +
14404   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNNw
14405   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 99990000 + #1*#9 + #2*#8 + #3*#7 + #4*#6 +
14406   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNNw
14407   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 99990000 + #2*#9 + #3*#8 + #4*#7 +
14408   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNNw
14409   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 99990000 + #3*#9 + #4*#8 +
14410   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNNw
14411   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 100000000 + #4*#9 ;
14412   ; \exp_after:wN ;
14413 }
14414 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5 #6;
14415 { #1#2#3#4#5 ; + #6 }
14416 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_significand_keep:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5 #6;
14417 { #1#2#3#4#5 ; #6 ; }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_mul_significand_o:nnnnNnnnn`, `\__fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNNw`, and `\__fp_mul_significand_keep:NNNNNw`.)

```

\__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.

```

14418 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_significand_test_f:NNN #1 #2 #3
14419 {
14420   \if_meaning:w 0 #3
14421   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_small_f:NNwwwN
14422   \else:
14423   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_large_f:NwwNNNN
14424   \fi:
14425   #1 #3
14426 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_mul_significand_test_f:NNN`.)

`\__fp_mul_significand_large_f:NwwNNNN` In this branch, *<digit 1>* is non-zero. The result is thus *<digits 1-16>*, 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 *<rounding digit>*, suitable for `\__fp_round:NNN`.

```

14427 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_significand_large_f:NwwNNNN #1 #2; #3; #4#5#6#7; +
14428 {
14429   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw

```

```

14430  \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1#2
14431  \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNw
14432  \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1#3#4#5#6#7
14433  + \exp_after:wN \__fp_round:NNN
14434  \exp_after:wN #1
14435  \exp_after:wN #7
14436  \__int_value:w \__fp_round_digit:Nw
14437  }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_mul_significand_large_f:NwwNNN`.)

`\__fp_mul_significand_small_f:NNwwN`

In this branch,  $\langle digit\ 1 \rangle$  is zero. Our result is thus  $\langle digits\ 2-17 \rangle$ , 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.

```

14438  \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_significand_small_f:NNwwN #1 #2#3; #4#5; #6; + #7
14439  {
14440  - 1
14441  \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNw
14442  \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1#3#4
14443  \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNw
14444  \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1#5#6#7
14445  + \exp_after:wN \__fp_round:NNN
14446  \exp_after:wN #1
14447  \exp_after:wN #7
14448  \__int_value:w \__fp_round_digit:Nw
14449  }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_mul_significand_small_f:NNwwN`.)

## 27.3 Division

### 27.3.1 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 `- 2 +` by `-`. The case of normal numbers is treated using `\__fp_div_npos_o:Nww` rather than `\__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww`. There are two additional cases: if the first operand is normal and the second is a zero, then the division by zero exception is raised: cases 10 and 11 of the `\if_case:w` construction in `\__fp_mul_cases_o:NnNww` are provided as the fourth argument here.

```

14450  \cs_new:cpn { __fp_/_o:ww }
14451  {
14452  \__fp_mul_cases_o:NnNww
14453  /
14454  { - }
14455  \__fp_div_npos_o:Nww
14456  {
14457  \or:
14458  \__fp_case_use:nw
14459  { \__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww \c_inf_fp / }
14460  \or:

```

```

14461         \__fp_case_use:nw
14462             { \__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww \c_minus_inf_fp / }
14463     }
14464 }

```

(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>}
{<A_1>} {<A_2>} {<A_3>} {<A_4>} ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 <sign_Z> {<exp Z>}
{<Z_1>} {<Z_2>} {<Z_3>} {<Z_4>} ;

```

We want to compute  $A/Z$ . As for multiplication, `\__fp_sanitize:Nw` 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  $\langle y \rangle$  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.

```

14465 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_npos_o:Nww
14466     #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #2 #3 #4 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #5 #6 #7#8#9;
14467     {
14468         \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
14469         \exp_after:wN #1
14470         \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
14471         #3 - #6
14472         \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_i_o:wnnw
14473         \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #7 \use_i:nnnn #8 + 1 ;
14474         #4
14475         {#7}{#8}#9 ;
14476         #1
14477     }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_div\_npos\_o:Nww.)

### 27.3.2 Work plan

In this subsection, we explain how to avoid overflowing  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ 's integers when performing the division of two positive normal numbers.

We are given two numbers,  $A = 0.A_1A_2A_3A_4$  and  $Z = 0.Z_1Z_2Z_3Z_4$ , in blocks of 4 digits, and we know that the first digits of  $A_1$  and of  $Z_1$  are non-zero. To compute  $A/Z$ , we proceed as follows.

- Find an integer  $Q_A \simeq 10^4 A/Z$ .
- Replace  $A$  by  $B = 10^4 A - Q_A Z$ .
- Find an integer  $Q_B \simeq 10^4 B/Z$ .
- Replace  $B$  by  $C = 10^4 B - Q_B Z$ .
- Find an integer  $Q_C \simeq 10^4 C/Z$ .
- Replace  $C$  by  $D = 10^4 C - Q_C Z$ .
- Find an integer  $Q_D \simeq 10^4 D/Z$ .
- Consider  $E = 10^4 D - Q_D Z$ , and ensure correct rounding.

The result is then  $Q = 10^{-4}Q_A + 10^{-8}Q_B + 10^{-12}Q_C + 10^{-16}Q_D + \text{rounding}$ . Since the  $Q_i$  are integers,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ , and  $E$  are all exact multiples of  $10^{-16}$ , in other words, computing with 16 digits after the decimal separator yields exact results. The problem is the risk of overflow: in general  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ , and  $E$  may be greater than 1.

Unfortunately, things are not as easy as they seem. In particular, we want all intermediate steps to be positive, since negative results would require extra calculations at the end. This requires that  $Q_A \leq 10^4 A/Z$  etc. A reasonable attempt would be to define  $Q_A$  as

$$\backslash\text{int\_eval:n} \left\{ \frac{A_1 A_2}{Z_1 + 1} - 1 \right\} \leq 10^4 \frac{A}{Z}$$

Subtracting 1 at the end takes care of the fact that  $\varepsilon\text{-TeX}$ 's  $\backslash\_int\_eval:w$  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

$$Q_A = \backslash\text{int\_eval:n} \left\{ \frac{10 \cdot A_1 A_2}{\lfloor 10^{-3} \cdot Z_1 Z_2 \rfloor + 1} - 1 \right\}.$$

This is always less than  $10^9 A / (10^5 Z)$ , as we wanted. In words, we take the 5 first digits of  $Z$  into account, and the 8 first digits of  $A$ , using 0 as a 9-th digit rather than the true digit for efficiency reasons. We shall prove that using this formula to define all the  $Q_i$  avoids any overflow. For convenience, let us denote

$$y = \lfloor 10^{-3} \cdot Z_1 Z_2 \rfloor + 1,$$

so that, taking into account the fact that  $\varepsilon\text{-TeX}$  rounds ties away from zero,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_A &= \left\lfloor \frac{A_1 A_2 0}{y} - \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor \\ &> \frac{A_1 A_2 0}{y} - \frac{3}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $10^4 < y \leq 10^5$ , and  $999 \leq Q_A \leq 99989$ . Also note that this formula does not cause an overflow as long as  $A < (2^{31} - 1) / 10^9 \simeq 2.147 \dots$ , since the numerator involves an integer slightly smaller than  $10^9 A$ .

Let us bound  $B$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 10^5 B &= A_1 A_2 0 + 10 \cdot 0.A_3 A_4 - 10 \cdot Z_1.Z_2 Z_3 Z_4 \cdot Q_A \\ &< A_1 A_2 0 \cdot \left( 1 - 10 \cdot \frac{Z_1.Z_2 Z_3 Z_4}{y} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \cdot 10 \cdot Z_1.Z_2 Z_3 Z_4 + 10 \\ &\leq \frac{A_1 A_2 0 \cdot (y - 10 \cdot Z_1.Z_2 Z_3 Z_4)}{y} + \frac{3}{2} y + 10 \\ &\leq \frac{A_1 A_2 0 \cdot 1}{y} + \frac{3}{2} y + 10 \leq \frac{10^9 A}{y} + 1.6 \cdot y. \end{aligned}$$

At the last step, we hide 10 into the second term for later convenience. The same reasoning yields

$$\begin{aligned} 10^5 B &< 10^9 A/y + 1.6y, \\ 10^5 C &< 10^9 B/y + 1.6y, \\ 10^5 D &< 10^9 C/y + 1.6y, \\ 10^5 E &< 10^9 D/y + 1.6y. \end{aligned}$$

The goal is now to prove that none of  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ , and  $E$  can go beyond  $(2^{31} - 1)/10^9 = 2.147\dots$ .

Combining the various inequalities together with  $A < 1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 10^5 B &< 10^9/y + 1.6y, \\ 10^5 C &< 10^{13}/y^2 + 1.6(y + 10^4), \\ 10^5 D &< 10^{17}/y^3 + 1.6(y + 10^4 + 10^8/y), \\ 10^5 E &< 10^{21}/y^4 + 1.6(y + 10^4 + 10^8/y + 10^{12}/y^2). \end{aligned}$$

All of those bounds are convex functions of  $y$  (since every power of  $y$  involved is convex, and the coefficients are positive), and thus maximal at one of the end-points of the allowed range  $10^4 < y \leq 10^5$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} 10^5 B &< \max(1.16 \cdot 10^5, 1.7 \cdot 10^5), \\ 10^5 C &< \max(1.32 \cdot 10^5, 1.77 \cdot 10^5), \\ 10^5 D &< \max(1.48 \cdot 10^5, 1.777 \cdot 10^5), \\ 10^5 E &< \max(1.64 \cdot 10^5, 1.7777 \cdot 10^5). \end{aligned}$$

All of those bounds are less than  $2.147 \cdot 10^5$ , and we are thus within  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ 's bounds in all cases!

We 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 is 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  $\varepsilon$ -TeX round

$$P = \text{\int\_eval:n} \left\{ \frac{2 \cdot E_1 E_2}{Z_1 Z_2} \right\},$$

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  $\varepsilon$ -TeX's rounding) because each absolute value is less than  $10^{-7}$ . Thus  $P$  is either the correct integer part, or is off by 1; furthermore, if  $2E/Z$  is an integer,  $P = 2E/Z$ . We will check the sign of  $2E - PZ$ . If it is negative, then  $E/Z \in ((P-1)/2, P/2)$ . If it is zero, then  $E/Z = P/2$ . If it is positive, then  $E/Z \in (P/2, (P+1)/2)$ . In each case, we know how to round to an integer, depending on the parity of  $P$ , and the rounding mode.

### 27.3.3 Implementing the significand division

`\_fp\_div\_significand\_i\_o:wnnw`

```
\_fp\_div\_significand\_i\_o:wnnw <y> ; {<A1>} {<A2>} {<A3>} {<A4>}
{<Z1>} {<Z2>} {<Z3>} {<Z4>} ; <sign>
```

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:wnnnnnnn`. Each of these calls needs  $\langle y \rangle$  (#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.

```
14478 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_div\_significand\_i\_o:wnnw #1 ; #2#3 #4 ;
14479 {
14480   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_div\_significand\_test\_o:w
14481   \_int\_value:w \_int\_eval:w
14482   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_div\_significand\_calc:wnnnnnnn
14483   \_int\_value:w \_int\_eval:w 999999 + #2 #3 0 / #1 ;
14484   #2 #3 ;
14485   #4
14486   { \exp_after:wN \_fp\_div\_significand\_ii:wnn \_int\_value:w #1 }
14487   { \exp_after:wN \_fp\_div\_significand\_ii:wnn \_int\_value:w #1 }
14488   { \exp_after:wN \_fp\_div\_significand\_ii:wnn \_int\_value:w #1 }
14489   { \exp_after:wN \_fp\_div\_significand\_iii:wnnnnnn \_int\_value:w #1 }
14490 }
```

(End definition for `\_fp\_div\_significand\_i\_o:wnnw`.)

`\_fp\_div\_significand\_calc:wnnnnnnn`  
`\_fp\_div\_significand\_calc\_i:wnnnnnnn`  
`\_fp\_div\_significand\_calc\_ii:wnnnnnnn`

```
\_fp\_div\_significand\_calc:wnnnnnnn <10^6 + Q_A> ; <A1> <A2> ; {<A3>}
{<A4>} {<Z1>} {<Z2>} {<Z3>} {<Z4>} {<continuation>}
expands to
```

```
<10^6 + Q_A> <continuation> ; <B1> <B2> ; {<B3>} {<B4>} {<Z1>} {<Z2>} {<Z3>}
{<Z4>}
```

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 TeX'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 *continuation*, 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  $\text{\TeX}$ 's limits once more.

```

14491 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_calc:w w n n n n n n n 1 #1
14492 {
14493   \if_meaning:w 1 #1
14494     \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_calc_i:w w n n n n n n n
14495   \else:
14496     \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_calc_ii:w w n n n n n n n
14497   \fi:
14498 }
14499 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_calc_i:w w n n n n n n n #1; #2; #3 #4 #5 #6 #7 #8 #9
14500 {
14501   1 1 #1
14502   #9 \exp_after:wN ;
14503   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_leading_shift_int
14504   + #2 - #1 * #5 - #5#60
14505   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
14506   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int
14507   + #3 - #1 * #6 - #70
14508   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
14509   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int
14510   + #4 - #1 * #7 - #80
14511   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
14512   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_trailing_shift_int
14513   - #1 * #8 ;
14514   {#5}{#6}{#7}{#8}
14515 }
14516 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_calc_ii:w w n n n n n n n #1; #2; #3 #4 #5 #6 #7 #8 #9
14517 {
14518   1 0 #1
14519   #9 \exp_after:wN ;
14520   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_leading_shift_int

```

```

14521     + #2 - #1 * #5
14522     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
14523     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int
14524     + #3 - #1 * #6
14525     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
14526     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int
14527     + #4 - #1 * #7
14528     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
14529     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_trailing_shift_int
14530     - #1 * #8 ;
14531     {#5}{#6}{#7}{#8}
14532 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_div\_significand\_calc:wwnnnnnn, \\_\_fp\_div\_significand\_calc\_i:wwnnnnnn, and \\_\_fp\_div\_significand\_calc\_ii:wwnnnnnn.)

```

\__fp_div_significand_ii:wnn      \__fp_div_significand_ii:wnn <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 is 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  $B$ .

```

14533 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_ii:wnn #1; #2;#3
14534 {
14535     \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_pack:NNN
14536     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
14537     \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_calc:wwnnnnnn
14538     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 999999 + #2 #3 0 / #1 ; #2 #3 ;
14539 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_div\_significand\_ii:wnn.)

```

\__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 later add (roughly)  $5 \cdot P$ , which amounts to adding  $P/2 \simeq E/Z$  to  $Q_D$ , the appropriate correction from a hypothetical  $Q_E$ .

```

14540 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_iii:wwnnnnn #1; #2;#3#4#5 #6#7
14541 {
14542     0
14543     \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_iv:wwnnnnnnn
14544     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w ( 2 * #2 #3) / #6 #7 ; % <- P
14545     #2 ; {#3} {#4} {#5}
14546     {#6} {#7}
14547 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_div\_significand\_iii:wwnnnnn.)

```

\__fp_div_significand_iv:wwnnnnnn \__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  $\#1 \cdot \#6\#7$  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:  $T = 0$ .

```

14548 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_iv:wnnnnnnn #1; #2;#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9
14549 {
14550   + 5 * #1
14551   \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_vi:Nw
14552   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w -20 + 2*#2#3 - #1*#6#7 +
14553   \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_v:NN
14554   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 199980 + 2*#4 - #1*#8 +
14555   \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_v:NN
14556   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 200000 + 2*#5 - #1*#9 ;
14557 }
14558 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_v:NN #1#2 { #1#2 \__int_eval_end: + }
14559 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_vi:Nw #1#2;
14560 {
14561   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
14562     \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #2 > 0 + 1 \fi:
14563   \else:
14564     \if_meaning:w - #1 - \else: + \fi: 1
14565   \fi:
14566   ;
14567 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_div_significand_iv:wnnnnnnn`, `\__fp_div_significand_v:NNw`, and `\__fp_div_significand_vi:Nw`.)

`\__fp_div_significand_pack:NNN` At this stage, we are in the following situation:  $\text{\TeX}$  is in the process of expanding several integer expressions, thus functions at the bottom expand before those above.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{\__fp\_div\_significand\_test\_o:w } 10^6 + Q_A \text{\__fp\_div\_significand\_} \\ & \text{pack:NNN } 10^6 + Q_B \text{\__fp\_div\_significand\_pack:NNN } 10^6 + Q_C \text{\__fp\_} \\ & \text{div\_significand\_pack:NNN } 10^7 + 10 \cdot Q_D + 5 \cdot P + \varepsilon ; \langle \text{sign} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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).

```
14568 \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.

```
14569 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_test_o:w 10 #1
14570 {
14571   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
14572     \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_small_o:wwwNNNNwN
14573   \else:
14574     \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_large_o:wwwNNNNwN
14575   \fi:
14576   #1
14577 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_div_significand_test_o:w`.)

```
\__fp_div_significand_small_o:wwwNNNNwN \__fp_div_significand_small_o:wwwNNNNwN 0 <4d> ; <4d> ; <4d> ; <5d>
; <final sign>
```

Standard use of the functions `\__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNw` and `\__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNw`. We finally get to use the `<final sign>` which has been sitting there for a while.

```
14578 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_small_o:wwwNNNNwN
14579   0 #1; #2; #3; #4#5#6#7#8; #9
14580 {
14581   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNw
14582   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 #1#2
14583   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNw
14584   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 #3#4#5#6#7
14585   + \__fp_round:NNN #9 #7 #8
14586   \exp_after:wN ;
14587 }
```

(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.

```
14588 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_large_o:wwwNNNNwN
14589   #1; #2; #3; #4#5#6#7#8; #9
14590 {
14591   + 1
14592   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_weird_high:NNNNNNwN
```

```

14593     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 #1 #2
14594     \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_weird_low:NNNNw
14595     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 #3 #4 #5 #6 +
14596     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round:NNN
14597     \exp_after:wN #9
14598     \exp_after:wN #6
14599     \__int_value:w \__fp_round_digit:Nw #7 #8 ;
14600     \exp_after:wN ;
14601 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_div_significand_large_o:wwwNNNNwN`.)

## 27.4 Square root

`\__fp_sqrt_o:w` Zeros are unchanged:  $\sqrt{-0} = -0$  and  $\sqrt{+0} = +0$ . Negative numbers (other than  $-0$ ) have no real square root. Positive infinity, and `nan`, are unchanged. Finally, for normal positive numbers, there is some work to do.

```

14602 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_o:w #1 \s_fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
14603 {
14604     \if_meaning:w 0 #2 \__fp_case_return_same_o:w \fi:
14605     \if_meaning:w 2 #3
14606         \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:nw { sqrt } }
14607     \fi:
14608     \if_meaning:w 1 #2 \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w \fi:
14609     \__fp_sqrt_npos_o:w
14610     \s_fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4;
14611 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sqrt_o:w`.)

`\__fp_sqrt_npos_o:w` Prepare `\__fp_sanitize:Nw` to receive the final sign 0 (the result is always positive) and the exponent, equal to half of the exponent #1 of the argument. If the exponent #1 is even, find a first approximation of the square root of the significand  $10^8 a_1 + a_2 = 10^8 \#2\#3 + \#4\#5$  through Newton's method, starting at  $x = 57234133 \simeq 10^{7.75}$ . Otherwise, first shift the significand of the argument by one digit, getting  $a'_1 \in [10^6, 10^7)$  instead of  $[10^7, 10^8)$ , then use Newton's method starting at  $17782794 \simeq 10^{7.25}$ .

```

14612 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_npos_o:w \s_fp \__fp_chk:w 1 0 #1#2#3#4#5;
14613 {
14614     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
14615     \exp_after:wN 0
14616     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
14617         \if_int_odd:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
14618         \exp_after:wN \__fp_sqrt_npos_auxii_o:wNNNNNNN
14619     \fi:
14620     #1 / 2
14621     \__fp_sqrt_Newton_o:wN 56234133; 0; {#2#3} {#4#5} 0
14622 }
14623 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_npos_auxii_o:wNNNN #1 / 2 #2; 0; #3#4#5
14624 {
14625     ( #1 + 1 ) / 2
14626     \__fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNNN
14627     \__fp_sqrt_npos_auxii_o:wNNNNNNNNN
14628     ;
14629     0 #3 #4

```

```

14630 }
14631 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_npos_auxii_o:wNNNNNNNN #1; #2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
14632 { \__fp_sqrt_Newton_o:wN 17782794; 0; {#1} {#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9} }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sqrt_npos_o:w`, `\__fp_sqrt_npos_auxi_o:wN`, and `\__fp_sqrt_npos_auxii_o:wNNNNNNNN`.)

`\__fp_sqrt_Newton_o:wN` Newton's method maps  $x \mapsto [(x + [10^8 a_1/x])/2]$  in each iteration, where  $[b/c]$  denotes  $\varepsilon$ - $\mathbb{T}\mathbb{P}\mathbb{X}$ 's division. This division rounds the real number  $b/c$  to the closest integer, rounding ties away from zero, hence when  $c$  is even,  $b/c - 1/2 + 1/c \leq [b/c] \leq b/c + 1/2$  and when  $c$  is odd,  $b/c - 1/2 + 1/(2c) \leq [b/c] \leq b/c + 1/2 - 1/(2c)$ . For all  $c$ ,  $b/c - 1/2 + 1/(2c) \leq [b/c] \leq b/c + 1/2$ .

Let us prove that the method converges when implemented with  $\varepsilon$ - $\mathbb{T}\mathbb{P}\mathbb{X}$  integer division, for any  $10^6 \leq a_1 < 10^8$  and starting value  $10^6 \leq x < 10^8$ . Using the inequalities above and the arithmetic-geometric inequality  $(x + t)/2 \geq \sqrt{xt}$  for  $t = 10^8 a_1/x$ , we find

$$x' = \left\lceil \frac{x + [10^8 a_1/x]}{2} \right\rceil \geq \frac{x + 10^8 a_1/x - 1/2 + 1/(2x)}{2} \geq \sqrt{10^8 a_1} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4x}.$$

After any step of iteration, we thus have  $\delta = x - \sqrt{10^8 a_1} \geq -0.25 + 0.25 \cdot 10^{-8}$ . The new difference  $\delta' = x' - \sqrt{10^8 a_1}$  after one step is bounded above as

$$x' - \sqrt{10^8 a_1} \leq \frac{x + 10^8 a_1/x + 1/2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{10^8 a_1} \leq \frac{\delta}{2} \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{10^8 a_1} + \delta} + \frac{3}{4}.$$

For  $\delta > 3/2$ , this last expression is  $\leq \delta/2 + 3/4 < \delta$ , hence  $\delta$  decreases at each step: since all  $x$  are integers,  $\delta$  must reach a value  $-1/4 < \delta \leq 3/2$ . In this range of values, we get  $\delta' \leq \frac{3}{4} \frac{3}{2\sqrt{10^8 a_1}} + \frac{3}{4} \leq 0.75 + 1.125 \cdot 10^{-7}$ . We deduce that the difference  $\delta = x - \sqrt{10^8 a_1}$  eventually reaches a value in the interval  $[-0.25 + 0.25 \cdot 10^{-8}, 0.75 + 11.25 \cdot 10^{-8}]$ , whose width is  $1 + 11 \cdot 10^{-8}$ . The corresponding interval for  $x$  may contain two integers, hence  $x$  might oscillate between those two values.

However, the fact that  $x \mapsto x - 1$  and  $x - 1 \mapsto x$  puts stronger constraints, which are not compatible: the first implies

$$x + [10^8 a_1/x] \leq 2x - 2$$

hence  $10^8 a_1/x \leq x - 3/2$ , while the second implies

$$x - 1 + [10^8 a_1/(x - 1)] \geq 2x - 1$$

hence  $10^8 a_1/(x - 1) \geq x - 1/2$ . Combining the two inequalities yields  $x^2 - 3x/2 \geq 10^8 a_1 \geq x - 3x/2 + 1/2$ , which cannot hold. Therefore, the iteration always converges to a single integer  $x$ . To stop the iteration when two consecutive results are equal, the function `\__fp_sqrt_Newton_o:wN` receives the newly computed result as `#1`, the previous result as `#2`, and  $a_1$  as `#3`. Note that  $\varepsilon$ - $\mathbb{T}\mathbb{P}\mathbb{X}$  combines the computation of a multiplication and a following division, thus avoiding overflow in `#3 * 100000000 / #1`. In any case, the result is within  $[10^7, 10^8]$ .

```

14633 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_Newton_o:wN #1; #2; #3
14634 {
14635   \if_int_compare:w #1 = #2 \exp_stop_f:
14636     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sqrt_auxi_o:NNNNwNnN
14637     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 9999 +

```

```

14638         \exp_after:wN \_fp_use_none_until_s:w
14639     \fi:
14640     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sqrt_Newton_o:wnn
14641     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w (#1 + #3 * 1 0000 0000 / #1) / 2 ;
14642     #1; {#3}
14643 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_sqrt_Newton_o:wnn`.)

`\_fp_sqrt_auxi_o:NNNNwnnN` This function is followed by  $10^8 + x - 1$ , which has 9 digits starting with 1, then  $\{a_1\}$   $\{a_2\}$   $\{a'\}$ . Here,  $x \simeq \sqrt{10^8 a_1}$  and we want to estimate the square root of  $a = 10^{-8} a_1 + 10^{-16} a_2 + 10^{-17} a'$ . We set up an initial underestimate

$$y = (x - 1)10^{-8} + 0.2499998875 \cdot 10^{-8} \lesssim \sqrt{a}.$$

From the inequalities shown earlier, we know that  $y \leq \sqrt{10^{-8} a_1} \leq \sqrt{a}$  and that  $\sqrt{10^{-8} a_1} \leq y + 10^{-8} + 11 \cdot 10^{-16}$  hence (using  $0.1 \leq y \leq \sqrt{a} \leq 1$ )

$$a - y^2 \leq 10^{-8} a_1 + 10^{-8} - y^2 \leq (y + 10^{-8} + 11 \cdot 10^{-16})^2 - y^2 + 10^{-8} < 3.2 \cdot 10^{-8},$$

and  $\sqrt{a} - y = (a - y^2)/(\sqrt{a} + y) \leq 16 \cdot 10^{-8}$ . Next, `\_fp_sqrt_auxii_o:NnnnnnnnN` is called several times to get closer and closer underestimates of  $\sqrt{a}$ . By construction, the underestimates  $y$  are always increasing,  $a - y^2 < 3.2 \cdot 10^{-8}$  for all. Also,  $y < 1$ .

```

14644 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sqrt_auxi_o:NNNNwnnN 1 #1#2#3#4#5;
14645 {
14646     \_fp_sqrt_auxii_o:NnnnnnnnN
14647     \_fp_sqrt_auxiii_o:wnnnnnnnn
14648     {#1#2#3#4} {#5} {2499} {9988} {7500}
14649 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_sqrt_auxi_o:NNNNwnnN`.)

`\_fp_sqrt_auxii_o:NnnnnnnnN` This receives a continuation function `#1`, then five blocks of 4 digits for  $y$ , then two 8-digit blocks and a single digit for  $a$ . A common estimate of  $\sqrt{a} - y = (a - y^2)/(\sqrt{a} + y)$  is  $(a - y^2)/(2y)$ , which leads to alternating overestimates and underestimates. We tweak this, to only work with underestimates (no need then to worry about signs in the computation). Each step finds the largest integer  $j \leq 6$  such that  $10^{4j}(a - y^2) < 2 \cdot 10^8$ , then computes the integer (with  $\varepsilon$ -TeX's rounding division)

$$10^{4j} z = \left[ \left( \lfloor 10^{4j}(a - y^2) \rfloor - 257 \right) \cdot (0.5 \cdot 10^8) \right] / \lfloor 10^8 y + 1 \rfloor.$$

The choice of  $j$  ensures that  $10^{4j} z < 2 \cdot 10^8 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 10^8 / 10^7 = 10^9$ , thus  $10^9 + 10^{4j} z$  has exactly 10 digits, does not overflow TeX's integer range, and starts with 1. Incidentally, since all  $a - y^2 \leq 3.2 \cdot 10^{-8}$ , we know that  $j \geq 3$ .

Let us show that  $z$  is an underestimate of  $\sqrt{a} - y$ . On the one hand,  $\sqrt{a} - y \leq 16 \cdot 10^{-8}$  because this holds for the initial  $y$  and values of  $y$  can only increase. On the other hand, the choice of  $j$  implies that  $\sqrt{a} - y \leq 5(\sqrt{a} + y)(\sqrt{a} - y) = 5(a - y^2) < 10^{9-4j}$ . For  $j = 3$ , the first bound is better, while for larger  $j$ , the second bound is better. For all  $j \in [3, 6]$ , we find  $\sqrt{a} - y < 16 \cdot 10^{-2j}$ . From this, we deduce that

$$10^{4j}(\sqrt{a} - y) = \frac{10^{4j}(a - y^2 - (\sqrt{a} - y)^2)}{2y} \geq \frac{\lfloor 10^{4j}(a - y^2) \rfloor - 257}{2 \cdot 10^{-8} \lfloor 10^8 y + 1 \rfloor} + \frac{1}{2}$$



so on. In all those cases, the `auxviii` auxiliary is set up to add  $z$  to  $y$ , then go back to the `auxii` step with continuation `auxiii` (the function we are currently describing). The maximum value of  $j$  is 6, regardless of whether  $10^{12}d_2 + 10^8d_3 + 10^4d_4 + d_5 \geq 1$ . In this last case, we detect when  $10^{24}z < 10^7$ , which essentially means  $\sqrt{a} - y \lesssim 10^{-17}$ : once this threshold is reached, there is enough information to find the correctly rounded  $\sqrt{a}$  with only one more call to `\_fp_sqrt_auxii_o:NnnnnnnnN`. Note that the iteration cannot be stuck before reaching  $j = 6$ , because for  $j < 6$ , one has  $2 \cdot 10^8 \leq 10^{4(j+1)}(a - y^2)$ , hence

$$10^{4j}z \geq \frac{(20000 - 257)(0.5 \cdot 10^8)}{[10^8y + 1]} \geq (20000 - 257) \cdot 0.5 > 0.$$

```

14685 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sqrt_auxiii_o:wnnnnnnnn
14686   #1; #2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
14687   {
14688     \if_int_compare:w #1 > 1 \exp_stop_f:
14689     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sqrt_auxiv_o:NNNNNw
14690     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w (#1#2 %)
14691   \else:
14692     \if_int_compare:w #1#2 > 1 \exp_stop_f:
14693     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sqrt_auxv_o:NNNNNw
14694     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w (#1#2#3 %)
14695   \else:
14696     \if_int_compare:w #1#2#3 > 1 \exp_stop_f:
14697     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sqrt_auxvi_o:NNNNNw
14698     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w (#1#2#3#4 %)
14699   \else:
14700     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sqrt_auxvii_o:NNNNNw
14701     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w (#1#2#3#4#5 %)
14702   \fi:
14703   \fi:
14704   \fi:
14705 }
14706 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sqrt_auxiv_o:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6;
14707   { \_fp_sqrt_auxviii_o:nnnnnnn {#1#2#3#4#5#6} {00000000} }
14708 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sqrt_auxv_o:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6;
14709   { \_fp_sqrt_auxviii_o:nnnnnnn {000#1#2#3#4#5} {#60000} }
14710 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sqrt_auxvi_o:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6;
14711   { \_fp_sqrt_auxviii_o:nnnnnnn {0000000#1} {#2#3#4#5#6} }
14712 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sqrt_auxvii_o:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6;
14713   {
14714     \if_int_compare:w #1#2 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
14715     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sqrt_auxx_o:Nnnnnnnn
14716     \fi:
14717     \_fp_sqrt_auxviii_o:nnnnnnn {00000000} {000#1#2#3#4#5}
14718   }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_sqrt_auxiii_o:wnnnnnnnn` and others.)

Simply add the two 8-digit blocks of  $z$ , aligned to the last four of the five 4-digit blocks of  $y$ , then call the `auxii` auxiliary to evaluate  $y'^2 = (y + z)^2$ .

```

14719 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sqrt_auxviii_o:nnnnnnn #1#2 #3#4#5#6#7
14720   {
14721     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sqrt_auxix_o:wnnnw
14722     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #3

```

```

14723     \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
14724     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 + 1#4#5
14725     \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
14726     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #2 + 1#6#7 ;
14727   }
14728 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxix_o:wNwNw #1; #2#3; #4#5;
14729   {
14730     \__fp_sqrt_auxii_o:NnnnnnnnN
14731     \__fp_sqrt_auxiii_o:wnnnnnnnn {#1}{#2}{#3}{#4}{#5}
14732   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_sqrt\_auxviii\_o:nnnnnnn and \\_\_fp\_sqrt\_auxix\_o:wNwNw.)

```

\__fp_sqrt_auxx_o:Nnnnnnnn
\__fp_sqrt_auxxi_o:wNwNwN

```

At this stage,  $j = 6$  and  $10^{24}z < 10^7$ , hence

$$10^7 + 1/2 > 10^{24}z + 1/2 \geq (10^{24}(a - y^2) - 258) \cdot (0.5 \cdot 10^8) / (10^8y + 1),$$

then  $10^{24}(a - y^2) - 258 < 2(10^7 + 1/2)(y + 10^{-8})$ , and

$$10^{24}(a - y^2) < (10^7 + 1290.5)(1 + 10^{-8}/y)(2y) < (10^7 + 1290.5)(1 + 10^{-7})(y + \sqrt{a}),$$

which finally implies  $0 \leq \sqrt{a} - y < 0.2 \cdot 10^{-16}$ . In particular,  $y$  is an underestimate of  $\sqrt{a}$  and  $y + 0.5 \cdot 10^{-16}$  is a (strict) overestimate. There is at exactly one multiple  $m$  of  $0.5 \cdot 10^{-16}$  in the interval  $[y, y + 0.5 \cdot 10^{-16})$ . If  $m^2 > a$ , then the square root is inexact and is obtained by rounding  $m - \epsilon$  to a multiple of  $10^{-16}$  (the precise shift  $0 < \epsilon < 0.5 \cdot 10^{-16}$  is irrelevant for rounding). If  $m^2 = a$  then the square root is exactly  $m$ , and there is no rounding. If  $m^2 < a$  then we round  $m + \epsilon$ . For now, discard a few irrelevant arguments #1, #2, #3, and find the multiple of  $0.5 \cdot 10^{-16}$  within  $[y, y + 0.5 \cdot 10^{-16})$ ; rather, only the last 4 digits #8 of  $y$  are considered, and we do not perform any carry yet. The auxxi auxiliary sets up auxii with a continuation function auxxii instead of auxiii as before. To prevent auxii from giving a negative results  $a - m^2$ , we compute  $a + 10^{-16} - m^2$  instead, always positive since  $m < \sqrt{a} + 0.5 \cdot 10^{-16}$  and  $a \leq 1 - 10^{-16}$ .

```

14733 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxx_o:Nnnnnnnn #1#2#3 #4#5#6#7#8
14734   {
14735     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sqrt_auxxi_o:wNwNwN
14736     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
14737     (#8 + 2499) / 5000 * 5000 ;
14738     {#4} {#5} {#6} {#7} ;
14739   }
14740 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxxi_o:wNwNwN #1; #2; #3#4#5
14741   {
14742     \__fp_sqrt_auxii_o:NnnnnnnnN
14743     \__fp_sqrt_auxxii_o:nnnnnnnnw
14744     #2 {#1}
14745     {#3} { #4 + 1 } #5
14746   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_sqrt\_auxx\_o:Nnnnnnnn and \\_\_fp\_sqrt\_auxxi\_o:wNwNwN.)

```

\__fp_sqrt_auxxii_o:nnnnnnnnw
\__fp_sqrt_auxxiii_o:w

```

The difference  $0 \leq a + 10^{-16} - m^2 \leq 10^{-16} + (\sqrt{a} - m)(\sqrt{a} + m) \leq 2 \cdot 10^{-16}$  was just computed: its first 8 digits vanish, as do the next four, #1, and most of the following four, #2. The guess  $m$  is an overestimate if  $a + 10^{-16} - m^2 < 10^{-16}$ , that is, #1#2 vanishes. Otherwise it is an underestimate, unless  $a + 10^{-16} - m^2 = 10^{-16}$  exactly. For

an underestimate, call the `auxxiv` function with argument 9998. For an exact result call it with 9999, and for an overestimate call it with 10000.

```

14747 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxxii_o:nnnnnnnw 0; #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8 #9;
14748 {
14749   \if_int_compare:w #1#2 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
14750   \if_int_compare:w #1#2 = 1 \exp_stop_f:
14751     \if_int_compare:w #3#4 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
14752     \if_int_compare:w #5#6 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
14753     \if_int_compare:w #7#8 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
14754     \__fp_sqrt_auxxiii_o:w
14755     \fi:
14756     \fi:
14757     \fi:
14758     \fi:
14759     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sqrt_auxxiv_o:wnnnnnnnN
14760     \__int_value:w 9998
14761   \else:
14762     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sqrt_auxxiv_o:wnnnnnnnN
14763     \__int_value:w 10000
14764   \fi:
14765 ;
14766 }
14767 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxxiii_o:w \fi: \fi: \fi: \fi: #1 \fi: ;
14768 {
14769   \fi: \fi: \fi: \fi: \fi:
14770   \__fp_sqrt_auxxiv_o:wnnnnnnnN 9999 ;
14771 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sqrt_auxxii_o:nnnnnnnw` and `\__fp_sqrt_auxxiii_o:w`.)

`\__fp_sqrt_auxxiv_o:wnnnnnnnN`

This receives 9998, 9999 or 10000 as #1 when  $m$  is an underestimate, exact, or an overestimate, respectively. Then comes  $m$  as five blocks of 4 digits, but where the last block #6 may be 0, 5000, or 10000. In the latter case, we need to add a carry, unless  $m$  is an overestimate (#1 is then 10000). Then comes  $a$  as three arguments. Rounding is done by `\__fp_round:NNN`, whose first argument is the final sign 0 (square roots are positive). We fake its second argument. It should be the last digit kept, but this is only used when ties are “rounded to even”, and only when the result is exactly half-way between two representable numbers rational square roots of numbers with 16 significant digits have: this situation never arises for the square root, as any exact square root of a 16 digit number has at most 8 significant digits. Finally, the last argument is the next digit, possibly shifted by 1 when there are further nonzero digits. This is achieved by `\__fp_round_digit:Nw`, which receives (after removal of the 10000’s digit) one of 0000, 0001, 4999, 5000, 5001, or 9999, which it converts to 0, 1, 4, 5, 6, and 9, respectively.

```

14772 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxxiv_o:wnnnnnnnN #1; #2#3#4#5#6 #7#8#9
14773 {
14774   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNw
14775   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 0000 0000 + #2#3
14776   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNw
14777   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 0000 0000
14778   + #4#5
14779   \if_int_compare:w #6 > #1 \exp_stop_f: + 1 \fi:
14780   + \exp_after:wN \__fp_round:NNN
14781   \exp_after:wN 0

```

```

14782         \exp_after:wN 0
14783         \__int_value:w
14784         \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
14785         \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_digit:Nw
14786         \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #6 + 19999 - #1 ;
14787     \exp_after:wN ;
14788 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sqrt_auxxiv_o:wnnnnnnN`.)

## 27.5 About the sign

`\__fp_sign_o:w` Find the sign of the floating point: nan, +0, -0, +1 or -1.

```

\__fp_sign_aux_o:w
14789 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sign_o:w ? \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2; @
14790 {
14791     \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
14792         \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
14793     \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_sign_aux_o:w
14794     \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_sign_aux_o:w
14795     \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
14796     \fi:
14797     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2;
14798 }
14799 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sign_aux_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2 #3 ;
14800 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_set_sign_o:w \exp_after:wN #2 \c_one_fp @ }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sign_o:w` and `\__fp_sign_aux_o:w`.)

`\__fp_set_sign_o:w` This function is used for the unary minus and for `abs`. It leaves the sign of `nan` invariant, turns negative numbers (sign 2) to positive numbers (sign 0) and positive numbers (sign 0) to positive or negative numbers depending on #1. It also expands after itself in the input stream, just like `\__fp_+_o:ww`.

```

14801 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_set_sign_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
14802 {
14803     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_o:w
14804     \exp_after:wN \s__fp
14805     \exp_after:wN \__fp_chk:w
14806     \exp_after:wN #2
14807     \__int_value:w
14808     \if_case:w #3 \exp_stop_f: #1 \or: 1 \or: 0 \fi: \exp_stop_f:
14809     #4;
14810 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_set_sign_o:w`.)

## 27.6 Operations on tuples

`\__fp_tuple_set_sign_o:w` Two cases: `abs(<tuple>)` for which #1 is 0 (invalid for tuples) and `-<tuple>` for which #1 is 2. In that case, map over all items in the tuple an auxiliary that dispatches to the type-appropriate sign-flipping function.

```

\__fp_tuple_set_sign_aux_o:Nnw
\__fp_tuple_set_sign_aux_o:w
14811 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tuple_set_sign_o:w #1
14812 {
14813     \if_meaning:w 2 #1
14814     \exp_after:wN \__fp_tuple_set_sign_aux_o:Nnw

```

```

14815 \fi:
14816 \__fp_invalid_operation_o:nw { abs }
14817 }
14818 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tuple_set_sign_aux_o:Nnw #1#2#3 @
14819 { \__fp_tuple_map_o:nw \__fp_tuple_set_sign_aux_o:w #3 }
14820 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tuple_set_sign_aux_o:w #1#2 ;
14821 {
14822 \__fp_change_func_type:NNN #1 \__fp_set_sign_o:w
14823 \__fp_parse_apply_unary_error:NNw
14824 2 #1 #2 ; @
14825 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_tuple_set_sign_o:w`, `\__fp_tuple_set_sign_aux_o:Nnw`, and `\__fp_tuple_set_sign_aux_o:w`.)

`\__fp*_tuple_o:ww` For  $\langle number \rangle * \langle tuple \rangle$  and  $\langle tuple \rangle * \langle number \rangle$  and  $\langle tuple \rangle / \langle number \rangle$ , loop through the  
`\__fp_tuple*_o:ww`  $\langle tuple \rangle$  some code that multiplies or divides by the appropriate  $\langle number \rangle$ . Importantly  
`\__fp_tuple/_o:ww` we need to dispatch according to the type, and we make sure to apply the operator in the correct order.

```

14826 \cs_new:cpn { \__fp*_tuple_o:ww } #1 ;
14827 { \__fp_tuple_map_o:nw { \__fp_binary_type_o:Nww * #1 ; } }
14828 \cs_new:cpn { \__fp_tuple*_o:ww } #1 ; #2 ;
14829 { \__fp_tuple_map_o:nw { \__fp_binary_rev_type_o:Nww * #2 ; } #1 ; }
14830 \cs_new:cpn { \__fp_tuple/_o:ww } #1 ; #2 ;
14831 { \__fp_tuple_map_o:nw { \__fp_binary_rev_type_o:Nww / #2 ; } #1 ; }

```

(End definition for `\__fp*_tuple_o:ww`, `\__fp_tuple*_o:ww`, and `\__fp_tuple/_o:ww`.)

`\__fp_tuple+_tuple_o:ww` Check the two tuples have the same number of items and map through these a helper  
`\__fp_tuple-_tuple_o:ww` that dispatches appropriately depending on the types. This means  $(1,2) + ((1,1),2)$  gives  $(nan,4)$ .

```

14832 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1
14833 {
14834 \cs_new:cpn { \__fp_tuple_#1_tuple_o:ww }
14835 \s__fp_tuple \__fp_tuple_chk:w ##1 ;
14836 \s__fp_tuple \__fp_tuple_chk:w ##2 ;
14837 {
14838 \int_compare:nNnTF
14839 { \__fp_array_count:n {##1} } = { \__fp_array_count:n {##2} }
14840 { \__fp_tuple_mapthread_o:nww { \__fp_binary_type_o:Nww #1 } }
14841 { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:nww #1 }
14842 \s__fp_tuple \__fp_tuple_chk:w {##1} ;
14843 \s__fp_tuple \__fp_tuple_chk:w {##2} ;
14844 }
14845 }
14846 \__fp_tmp:w +
14847 \__fp_tmp:w -

```

(End definition for `\__fp_tuple+_tuple_o:ww` and `\__fp_tuple-_tuple_o:ww`.)

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## 28 13fp-extended implementation

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### 28.1 Description of fixed point numbers

This module provides a few functions to manipulate positive floating point numbers with extended precision (24 digits), but mostly provides functions for fixed-point numbers with this precision (24 digits). Those are used in the computation of Taylor series for the logarithm, exponential, and trigonometric functions. Since we eventually only care about the 16 first digits of the final result, some of the calculations are not performed with the full 24-digit precision. In other words, the last two blocks of each fixed point number may be wrong as long as the error is small enough to be rounded away when converting back to a floating point number. The fixed point numbers are expressed as

$$\{\langle a_1 \rangle\} \{\langle a_2 \rangle\} \{\langle a_3 \rangle\} \{\langle a_4 \rangle\} \{\langle a_5 \rangle\} \{\langle a_6 \rangle\} ;$$

where each  $\langle a_i \rangle$  is exactly 4 digits (ranging from 0000 to 9999), except  $\langle a_1 \rangle$ , which may be any “not-too-large” non-negative integer, with or without leading zeros. Here, “not-too-large” depends on the specific function (see the corresponding comments for details). Checking for overflow is the responsibility of the code calling those functions. The fixed point number  $a$  corresponding to the representation above is  $a = \sum_{i=1}^6 \langle a_i \rangle \cdot 10^{-4i}$ .

Most functions we define here have the form

`\_fp_fixed_<calculation>:wnn <operand1> ; <operand2> ; {<continuation>}`

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 <X1> ; <X2> ;`  
`\_fp_fixed_mul:wnn <X3> ;`  
`\_fp_fixed_add:wnn <X4> ;`

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_o:wN`. This function has to change the exponent of the floating point number: it must be used after starting an integer expression for the overall exponent of the result.

### 28.2 Helpers for numbers with extended precision

`\c_fp_one_fixed_tl` The fixed-point number 1, used in 13fp-expo.

14851 `\tl_const:Nn \c_fp_one_fixed_tl`  
 14852 `{ {10000} {0000} {0000} {0000} {0000} {0000} ; }`

(End definition for `\c_fp_one_fixed_tl`.)

`\_fp_fixed_continue:wn` This function simply calls the next function.

14853 `\cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_continue:wn #1; #2 { #2 #1; }`

(End definition for `\_fp_fixed_continue:wn`.)

```

\_fp_fixed_add_one:wn      \_fp_fixed_add_one:wn <a> ; <continuation>
    This function adds 1 to the fixed point <a>, by changing  $a_1$  to  $10000 + a_1$ , then calls
    the <continuation>. This requires  $a_1 + 10000 < 2^{31}$ .
14854 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_add_one:wn #1#2; #3
14855   {
14856     \exp_after:wn #3 \exp_after:wn
14857     { \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_myriad_int + #1 } #2 ;
14858   }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_fixed_add_one:wn`.)

`\_fp_fixed_div_myriad:wn` Divide a fixed point number by 10000. This is a little bit more subtle than just removing the last group and adding a leading group of zeros: the first group #1 may have any number of digits, and we must split #1 into the new first group and a second group of exactly 4 digits. The choice of shifts allows #1 to be in the range  $[0, 5 \cdot 10^8 - 1]$ .

```

14859 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_div_myriad:wn #1#2#3#4#5#6;
14860   {
14861     \exp_after:wn \_fp_fixed_mul_after:wnn
14862     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_leading_shift_int
14863     \exp_after:wn \_fp_pack:NNNNNw
14864     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_trailing_shift_int
14865     + #1 ; {#2}{#3}{#4}{#5};
14866   }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_fixed_div_myriad:wn`.)

`\_fp_fixed_mul_after:wnn` The fixed point operations which involve multiplication end by calling this auxiliary. It braces the last block of digits, and places the <continuation> #3 in front.

```

14867 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_mul_after:wnn #1; #2; #3 { #3 {#1} #2; }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_fixed_mul_after:wnn`.)

### 28.3 Multiplying a fixed point number by a short one

```

\_fp_fixed_mul_short:wnn
\_fp_fixed_mul_short:wnn   {<a1>} {<a2>} {<a3>} {<a4>} {<a5>} {<a6>} ;
                           {<b0>} {<b1>} {<b2>} ; {<continuation>}

```

Computes the product  $c = ab$  of  $a = \sum_i \langle a_i \rangle 10^{-4i}$  and  $b = \sum_i \langle b_i \rangle 10^{-4i}$ , rounds it to the closest multiple of  $10^{-24}$ , and leaves <continuation> {<c<sub>1</sub>>} ... {<c<sub>6</sub>>} ; in the input stream, where each of the <c<sub>i</sub>> are blocks of 4 digits, except <c<sub>1</sub>>, which is any TeX integer. Note that indices for <b> start at 0: for instance a second operand of {0001}{0000}{0000} leaves the first operand unchanged (rather than dividing it by  $10^4$ , as `\_fp_fixed_mul:wnn` would).

```

14868 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_mul_short:wnn #1#2#3#4#5#6; #7#8#9;
14869   {
14870     \exp_after:wn \_fp_fixed_mul_after:wnn
14871     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_leading_shift_int
14872     + #1*#7
14873     \exp_after:wn \_fp_pack:NNNNNw
14874     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_middle_shift_int
14875     + #1*#8 + #2*#7

```

```

14876 \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack:NNNNNw
14877 \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp\_middle\_shift\_int
14878 + #1*#9 + #2*#8 + #3*#7
14879 \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack:NNNNNw
14880 \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp\_middle\_shift\_int
14881 + #2*#9 + #3*#8 + #4*#7
14882 \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack:NNNNNw
14883 \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp\_middle\_shift\_int
14884 + #3*#9 + #4*#8 + #5*#7
14885 \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack:NNNNNw
14886 \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp\_trailing\_shift\_int
14887 + #4*#9 + #5*#8 + #6*#7
14888 + ( #5*#9 + #6*#8 + #6*#9 / \c\_fp\_myriad\_int )
14889 / \c\_fp\_myriad\_int ; ;
14890 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp\_fixed\_mul\_short:wN`.)

## 28.4 Dividing a fixed point number by a small integer

```

\_fp\_fixed\_div\_int:wN
\_fp\_fixed\_div\_int:wN
\_fp\_fixed\_div\_int\_auxi:wN
  \_fp\_fixed\_div\_int\_auxii:wN
\_fp\_fixed\_div\_int\_pack:Nw
\_fp\_fixed\_div\_int\_after:Nw

```

`\_fp\_fixed\_div\_int:wN`  $\langle a \rangle$  ;  $\langle n \rangle$  ;  $\langle continuation \rangle$   
 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 has 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\_auxii:wN 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.

```

14891 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_fixed\_div\_int:wN #1#2#3#4#5#6 ; #7 ; #8
14892 {
14893   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_fixed\_div\_int\_after:Nw
14894   \exp_after:wN #8
14895   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w - 1

```

```

14896     \_fp_fixed_div_int:wnN
14897     #1; {#7} \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxi:wnn
14898     #2; {#7} \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxi:wnn
14899     #3; {#7} \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxi:wnn
14900     #4; {#7} \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxi:wnn
14901     #5; {#7} \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxi:wnn
14902     #6; {#7} \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxii:wnn ;
14903 }
14904 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_div_int:wnN #1; #2 #3
14905 {
14906     \exp_after:wN #3
14907     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #1 / #2 - 1 ;
14908     {#2}
14909     {#1}
14910 }
14911 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxi:wnn #1; #2 #3
14912 {
14913     + #1
14914     \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw
14915     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 9999
14916     \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_div_int:wnN
14917     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #3 - #1*#2 \_int_eval_end:
14918 }
14919 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxii:wnn #1; #2 #3 { + #1 + 2 ; }
14920 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw #1 #2; { + #1; {#2} }
14921 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_div_int_after:Nw #1 #2; { #1 {#2} }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_fixed_div_int:wwN` and others.)

## 28.5 Adding and subtracting fixed points

```

\_fp_fixed_add:wwn
\_fp_fixed_sub:wwn
\_fp_fixed_add:Nnnnnwnn
\_fp_fixed_add:nnNnnwnn
\_fp_fixed_add_pack:NNNNNwn
\_fp_fixed_add_after:NNNNNwn

```

`\_fp_fixed_add:wwn`  $\langle a \rangle ; \langle b \rangle ; \langle continuation \rangle$   
Computes  $a + b$  (resp.  $a - b$ ) and feeds the result to the  $\langle continuation \rangle$ . This function requires  $0 \leq a_1, b_1 \leq 114748$ , its result must be positive (this happens automatically for addition) and its first group must have at most 5 digits:  $(a \pm b)_1 < 100000$ . The two functions only differ by a sign, hence use a common auxiliary. It would be nice to grab the 12 brace groups in one go; only 9 parameters are allowed. Start by grabbing the sign,  $a_1, \dots, a_4$ , the rest of  $a$ , and  $b_1$  and  $b_2$ . The second auxiliary receives the rest of  $a$ , the sign multiplying  $b$ , the rest of  $b$ , and the  $\langle continuation \rangle$  as arguments. After going down through the various level, we go back up, packing digits and bringing the  $\langle continuation \rangle$  (#8, then #7) from the end of the argument list to its start.

```

14922 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_add:wwn { \_fp_fixed_add:Nnnnnwnn + }
14923 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_sub:wwn { \_fp_fixed_add:Nnnnnwnn - }
14924 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_add:Nnnnnwnn #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; #7#8
14925 {
14926     \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_add_after:NNNNNwn
14927     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 9 9999 9998 + #2#3 #1 #7#8
14928     \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_add_pack:NNNNNwn
14929     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 1 9999 9998 + #4#5
14930     \_fp_fixed_add:nnNnnwn #6 #1
14931 }
14932 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_add:nnNnnwn #1#2 #3 #4#5 #6#7 ; #8
14933 {

```

```

14934     #3 #4#5
14935     \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_add_pack:NNNNNwn
14936     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 2 0000 0000 #3 #6#7 + #1#2 ; {#8} ;
14937   }
14938 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_add_pack:NNNNNwn #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; #7
14939   { + #1 ; {#7} {#2#3#4#5} {#6} }
14940 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_add_after:NNNNNwn 1 #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; #7
14941   { #7 {#1#2#3#4#5} {#6} }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_fixed_add:wnn` and others.)

## 28.6 Multiplying fixed points

```

\_fp_fixed_mul:wnn
\_fp_fixed_mul:nmnnnnnw

```

`\_fp_fixed_mul:wnn`  $\langle a \rangle$  ;  $\langle b \rangle$  ;  $\langle continuation \rangle$

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 `\TeX` macros. Note that we don't need to obtain an exact rounding, contrarily to the `*` operator, so things could be harder. We wish to perform carries in

$$\begin{aligned}
a \times b = & a_1 \cdot b_1 \cdot 10^{-8} \\
& + (a_1 \cdot b_2 + a_2 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-12} \\
& + (a_1 \cdot b_3 + a_2 \cdot b_2 + a_3 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-16} \\
& + (a_1 \cdot b_4 + a_2 \cdot b_3 + a_3 \cdot b_2 + a_4 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-20} \\
& + \left( a_2 \cdot b_4 + a_3 \cdot b_3 + a_4 \cdot b_2 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{a_3 \cdot b_4 + a_4 \cdot b_3 + a_1 \cdot b_6 + a_2 \cdot b_5 + a_5 \cdot b_2 + a_6 \cdot b_1}{10^4} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + a_1 \cdot b_5 + a_5 \cdot b_1 \right) \cdot 10^{-24} + O(10^{-24}),
\end{aligned}$$

where the  $O(10^{-24})$  stands for terms which are at most  $5 \cdot 10^{-24}$ ; ignoring those leads to an error of at most 5 ulp. Note how the first 15 terms only depend on  $a_1, \dots, a_4$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_4$ , while the last 6 terms only depend on  $a_1, a_2, a_5, a_6$ , and the corresponding parts of  $b$ . Hence, the first function grabs  $a_1, \dots, a_4$ , the rest of  $a$ , and  $b_1, \dots, b_4$ , and writes the 15 first terms of the expression, including a left parenthesis for the fraction. The `i` auxiliary receives  $a_5, a_6, b_1, b_2, a_1, a_2, b_5, b_6$  and finally the  $\langle continuation \rangle$  as arguments. It writes the end of the expression, including the right parenthesis and the denominator of the fraction. The  $\langle continuation \rangle$  is finally placed in front of the 6 brace groups by `\_fp_fixed_mul_after:wnn`.

```

14942 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_mul:wnn #1#2#3#4 #5; #6#7#8#9
14943   {
14944     \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_mul_after:wnn
14945     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c__fp_leading_shift_int
14946     \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack:NNNNNw
14947     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
14948     + #1*#6
14949     \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack:NNNNNw
14950     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
14951     + #1*#7 + #2*#6
14952     \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack:NNNNNw
14953     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int

```

```

14954         + #1*#8 + #2*#7 + #3*#6
14955         \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
14956         \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
14957         + #1*#9 + #2*#8 + #3*#7 + #4*#6
14958         \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
14959         \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_trailing_shift_int
14960         + #2*#9 + #3*#8 + #4*#7
14961         + ( #3*#9 + #4*#8
14962         + \__fp_fixed_mul:nnnnnnnw #5 {#6}{#7} {#1}{#2}
14963     }
14964 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_mul:nnnnnnnw #1#2 #3#4 #5#6 #7#8 ;
14965 {
14966     #1*#4 + #2*#3 + #5*#8 + #6*#7 ) / \c__fp_myriad_int
14967     + #1*#3 + #5*#7 ; ;
14968 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_fixed_mul:wnn` and `\__fp_fixed_mul:nnnnnnnw`.)

## 28.7 Combining product and sum of fixed points

```

\__fp_fixed_mul_add:wwwn
  \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn
\__fp_fixed_mul_one_minus_mul:wwn

```

`\__fp_fixed_mul_add:wwwn`  $\langle a \rangle ; \langle b \rangle ; \langle c \rangle ; \{ \langle continuation \rangle \}$   
`\__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn`  $\langle a \rangle ; \langle b \rangle ; \langle c \rangle ; \{ \langle continuation \rangle \}$   
`\__fp_fixed_one_minus_mul:wwn`  $\langle a \rangle ; \langle b \rangle ; \{ \langle continuation \rangle \}$   
 Compute  $a \times b + c$ ,  $c - a \times b$ , and  $1 - a \times b$  and feed the result to the  $\langle continuation \rangle$ .

Those functions require  $0 \leq a_1, b_1, c_1 \leq 10000$ . Since those functions are at the heart of 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 perform carries in

$$\begin{aligned}
 a \times b + c = & (a_1 \cdot b_1 + c_1 c_2) \cdot 10^{-8} \\
 & + (a_1 \cdot b_2 + a_2 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-12} \\
 & + (a_1 \cdot b_3 + a_2 \cdot b_2 + a_3 \cdot b_1 + c_3 c_4) \cdot 10^{-16} \\
 & + (a_1 \cdot b_4 + a_2 \cdot b_3 + a_3 \cdot b_2 + a_4 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-20} \\
 & + \left( a_2 \cdot b_4 + a_3 \cdot b_3 + a_4 \cdot b_2 \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{a_3 \cdot b_4 + a_4 \cdot b_3 + a_1 \cdot b_6 + a_2 \cdot b_5 + a_5 \cdot b_2 + a_6 \cdot b_1}{10^4} \right. \\
 & \left. + a_1 \cdot b_5 + a_5 \cdot b_1 + c_5 c_6 \right) \cdot 10^{-24} + O(10^{-24}),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_1 c_2$ ,  $c_3 c_4$ ,  $c_5 c_6$  denote the 8-digit number obtained by juxtaposing the two blocks of digits of  $c$ , and  $\cdot$  denotes multiplication. The task is obviously tough because we have 18 brace groups in front of us.

Each of the three function starts the first two levels (the first, corresponding to  $10^{-4}$ , is empty), with  $c_1 c_2$  in the first level, calls the  $i$  auxiliary with arguments described later, and adds a trailing  $+ c_5 c_6 ; \{ \langle continuation \rangle \} ;$ . The  $+ c_5 c_6$  piece, which is omitted for `\__fp_fixed_one_minus_mul:wwn`, is taken in the integer expression for the  $10^{-24}$  level.

```

14969 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_mul_add:wwwn #1; #2; #3#4#5#6#7#8;
14970 {
14971     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_mul_after:wwn
14972     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_leading_shift_int

```

```

14973     \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
14974     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_big_middle_shift_int + #3 #4
14975     \_fp_fixed_mul_add:Nwnnnwnnn +
14976         + #5 #6 ; #2 ; #1 ; #2 ; +
14977         + #7 #8 ; ;
14978     }
14979 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #1; #2; #3#4#5#6#7#8;
14980 {
14981     \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_mul_after:wwn
14982     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_big_leading_shift_int
14983     \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
14984     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_big_middle_shift_int + #3 #4
14985     \_fp_fixed_mul_add:Nwnnnwnnn -
14986         + #5 #6 ; #2 ; #1 ; #2 ; -
14987         + #7 #8 ; ;
14988     }
14989 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_one_minus_mul:wwn #1; #2;
14990 {
14991     \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_mul_after:wwn
14992     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_big_leading_shift_int
14993     \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
14994     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_big_middle_shift_int + 1 0000 0000
14995     \_fp_fixed_mul_add:Nwnnnwnnn -
14996         ; #2 ; #1 ; #2 ; -
14997         ; ;
14998     }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_fixed_mul_add:wwwn`, `\_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn`, and `\_fp_fixed_mul_one_minus_mul:wwn`.)

```

\_fp_fixed_mul_add:Nwnnnwnnn
    \_fp_fixed_mul_add:Nwnnnwnnn <op> + <c3> <c4> ;
    <b> ; <a> ; <b> ; <op>
    + <c5> <c6> ;

```

Here,  $\langle op \rangle$  is either + or -. Arguments #3, #4, #5 are  $\langle b_1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle b_2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle b_3 \rangle$ ; arguments #7, #8, #9 are  $\langle a_1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle a_2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle a_3 \rangle$ . We can build three levels:  $a_1 \cdot b_1$  for  $10^{-8}$ ,  $(a_1 \cdot b_2 + a_2 \cdot b_1)$  for  $10^{-12}$ , and  $(a_1 \cdot b_3 + a_2 \cdot b_2 + a_3 \cdot b_1 + c_3 c_4)$  for  $10^{-16}$ . The  $a$ - $b$  products use the sign #1. Note that #2 is empty for `\_fp_fixed_one_minus_mul: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.

```

14999 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_mul_add:Nwnnnwnnn #1 #2; #3#4#5#6; #7#8#9
15000 {
15001     #1 #7*#3
15002     \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
15003     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_big_middle_shift_int
15004     #1 #7*#4 #1 #8*#3
15005     \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
15006     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_big_middle_shift_int
15007     #1 #7*#5 #1 #8*#4 #1 #9*#3 #2
15008     \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
15009     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_big_middle_shift_int
15010     #1 \_fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnn {#7}{#8}{#9}
15011     }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_fixed_mul_add:Nwnnnwnnn`.)

`\_fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnn`

```
\_fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnn <a> ; <b> ; <op>
+ <c5> <c6> ;
```

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

$$b_1 + a_4 \cdot b_2 + a_3 \cdot b_3 + a_2 \cdot b_4 + a_1$$

$$b_2 + a_4 \cdot b_3 + a_3 \cdot b_4 + a_2.$$

Obviously, those expressions make no mathematical sense: we 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  $\langle b \rangle$ .

```
15012 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnn #1#2#3#4#5; #6#7#8#9
15013 {
15014   ( #1*#9 + #2*#8 + #3*#7 + #4*#6 )
15015   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
15016   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_big_trailing_shift_int
15017   \_fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnN
15018   { #6 + #4*#7 + #3*#8 + #2*#9 + #1 }
15019   { #7 + #4*#8 + #3*#9 + #2 }
15020   {#1} #5;
15021   {#6}
15022 }
```

(End definition for `\_fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnn`.)

`\_fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnwN`

```
\_fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnwN {<partial1>} {<partial2>}
{<a1>} {<a5>} {<a6>} ; {<b1>} {<b5>} {<b6>} ;
<op> + <c5> <c6> ;
```

Complete the  $\langle partial_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle partial_2 \rangle$  expressions as explained for the `ii` auxiliary. The second one is divided by 10000: this is the carry from level  $10^{-28}$ . The trailing  $+ c_5 c_6$  is taken into the expression for level  $10^{-24}$ . Note that the total of level  $10^{-24}$  is in the interval  $[-5 \cdot 10^8, 6 \cdot 10^8]$  (give or take a couple of 10000), hence adding it to the shift gives a 10-digit number, as expected by the packing auxiliaries. See `l3fp-aux` for the definition of the shifts and packing auxiliaries.

```
15023 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnwN #1#2 #3#4#5; #6#7#8; #9
15024 {
15025   #9 (#4* #1 *#7)
15026   #9 (#5*#6+#4* #2 *#7+#3*#8) / \c\_fp_myriad_int
15027 }
```

(End definition for `\_fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnwN`.)

## 28.8 Extended-precision floating point numbers

In this section we manipulate floating point numbers with roughly 24 significant figures (“extended-precision” numbers, in short, “ep”), which take the form of an integer exponent, followed by a comma, then six groups of digits, ending with a semicolon. The first group of digit may be any non-negative integer, while other groups of digits have 4 digits. In other words, an extended-precision number is an exponent ending in a comma, then a fixed point number. The corresponding value is  $0.\langle digits \rangle \cdot 10^{\langle exponent \rangle}$ . This convention differs from floating points.

`\__fp_ep_to_fixed:wwn` Converts an extended-precision number with an exponent at most 4 and a first block less than  $10^8$  to a fixed point number whose first block has 12 digits, hopefully starting with many zeros.

```

15028 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_fixed:wwn #1,#2
15029 {
15030   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_to_fixed_auxi:www
15031   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 0000 0000 + #2 \exp_after:wN ;
15032   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
15033   \prg_replicate:nn { 4 - \int_max:nn {#1} { -32 } } { 0 } ;
15034 }
15035 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_fixed_auxi:www #1#; #2; #3#4#5#6#7;
15036 {
15037   \__fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN
15038   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
15039   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
15040   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
15041   \__fp_ep_to_fixed_auxii:nnnnnnwn ;
15042   #2 #1#3#4#5#6#7 0000 !
15043 }
15044 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_fixed_auxii:nnnnnnwn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7; #8! #9
15045 { #9 {#1#2}{#3}{#4}{#5}{#6}{#7}; }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ep_to_fixed:wwn`, `\__fp_ep_to_fixed_auxi:www`, and `\__fp_ep_to_fixed_auxii:nnnnnnwn`.)

`\__fp_ep_to_ep:wwN` Normalize an extended-precision number. More precisely, leading zeros are removed from the mantissa of the argument, decreasing its exponent as appropriate. Then the digits are packed into 6 groups of 4 (discarding any remaining digit, not rounding). Finally, the continuation #8 is placed before the resulting exponent–mantissa pair. The input exponent may in fact be given as an integer expression. The `loop` auxiliary grabs a digit: if it is 0, decrement the exponent and continue looping, and otherwise call the `end` auxiliary, which places all digits in the right order (the digit that was not 0, and any remaining digits), followed by some 0, then packs them up neatly in  $3 \times 2 = 6$  blocks of four. At the end of the day, remove with `\__fp_use_i:ww` any digit that did not make it in the final mantissa (typically only zeros, unless the original first block has more than 4 digits).

```

15046 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_ep:wwN #1,#2#3#4#5#6#7; #8
15047 {
15048   \exp_after:wN #8
15049   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 + 4
15050   \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
15051   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_to_ep_loop:N
15052   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 0000 0000 + #2 \__int_eval_end:
15053   #3#4#5#6#7 ; ; !
15054 }
15055 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_ep_loop:N #1
15056 {
15057   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
15058   - 1
15059   \else:
15060     \__fp_ep_to_ep_end:www #1
15061   \fi:
15062   \__fp_ep_to_ep_loop:N

```

```

15063 }
15064 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_ep_end:www
15065 #1 \fi: \__fp_ep_to_ep_loop:N #2; #3!
15066 {
15067   \fi:
15068   \if_meaning:w ; #1
15069     - 2 * \c_fp_max_exponent_int
15070     \__fp_ep_to_ep_zero:ww
15071   \fi:
15072   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
15073   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
15074   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
15075   \__fp_use_i:ww , ;
15076   #1 #2 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 ;
15077 }
15078 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_ep_zero:ww \fi: #1; #2; #3;
15079 { \fi: , {1000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000} ; }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ep_to_ep:wwN` and others.)

```

\__fp_ep_compare:www
\__fp_ep_compare_aux:www

```

In `l3fp-trig` we need to compare two extended-precision numbers. This is based on the same function for positive floating point numbers, with an extra test if comparing only 16 decimals is not enough to distinguish the numbers. Note that this function only works if the numbers are normalized so that their first block is in `[1000,9999]`.

```

15080 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_compare:www #1,#2#3#4#5#6#7;
15081 { \__fp_ep_compare_aux:www {#1}{#2}{#3}{#4}{#5}; #6#7; }
15082 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_compare_aux:www #1;#2;#3,#4#5#6#7#8#9;
15083 {
15084   \if_case:w
15085     \__fp_compare_npos:nwnw #1; {#3}{#4}{#5}{#6}{#7}; \exp_stop_f:
15086     \if_int_compare:w #2 = #8#9 \exp_stop_f:
15087       0
15088     \else:
15089       \if_int_compare:w #2 < #8#9 - \fi: 1
15090     \fi:
15091   \or: 1
15092   \else: -1
15093   \fi:
15094 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ep_compare:www` and `\__fp_ep_compare_aux:www`.)

```

\__fp_ep_mul:wwwN
\__fp_ep_mul_raw:wwwN

```

Multiply two extended-precision numbers: first normalize them to avoid losing too much precision, then multiply the mantissas `#2` and `#4` as fixed point numbers, and sum the exponents `#1` and `#3`. The result's first block is in `[100,9999]`.

```

15095 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_mul:wwwN #1,#2; #3,#4;
15096 {
15097   \__fp_ep_to_ep:wwN #3,#4;
15098   \__fp_fixed_continue:wn
15099   {
15100     \__fp_ep_to_ep:wwN #1,#2;
15101     \__fp_ep_mul_raw:wwwN
15102   }
15103   \__fp_fixed_continue:wn

```

```

15104 }
15105 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_mul_raw:wwwN #1,#2; #3,#4; #5
15106 {
15107   \__fp_fixed_mul:wN #2; #4;
15108   { \exp_after:wN #5 \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 + #3 , }
15109 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ep_mul:wwwN` and `\__fp_ep_mul_raw:wwwN`.)

## 28.9 Dividing extended-precision numbers

Divisions of extended-precision numbers are difficult to perform with exact rounding: the technique used in `l3fp-basics` for 16-digit floating point numbers does not generalize easily to 24-digit numbers. Thankfully, there is no need for exact rounding.

Let us call  $\langle n \rangle$  the numerator and  $\langle d \rangle$  the denominator. After a simple normalization step, we can assume that  $\langle n \rangle \in [0.1, 1)$  and  $\langle d \rangle \in [0.1, 1)$ , and compute  $\langle n \rangle / (10 \langle d \rangle) \in (0.01, 1)$ . In terms of the 6 blocks of digits  $\langle n_1 \rangle \cdots \langle n_6 \rangle$  and the 6 blocks  $\langle d_1 \rangle \cdots \langle d_6 \rangle$ , the condition translates to  $\langle n_1 \rangle, \langle d_1 \rangle \in [1000, 9999]$ .

We first find an integer estimate  $a \simeq 10^8 / \langle d \rangle$  by computing

$$\alpha = \left[ \frac{10^9}{\langle d_1 \rangle + 1} \right]$$

$$\beta = \left[ \frac{10^9}{\langle d_1 \rangle} \right]$$

$$a = 10^3 \alpha + (\beta - \alpha) \cdot \left( 10^3 - \left[ \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right] \right) - 1250,$$

where  $\left[ \frac{\bullet}{\bullet} \right]$  denotes  $\varepsilon$ -TEX's rounding division, which rounds ties away from zero. The idea is to interpolate between  $10^3 \alpha$  and  $10^3 \beta$  with a parameter  $\langle d_2 \rangle / 10^4$ , so that when  $\langle d_2 \rangle = 0$  one gets  $a = 10^3 \beta - 1250 \simeq 10^{12} / \langle d_1 \rangle \simeq 10^8 / \langle d \rangle$ , while when  $\langle d_2 \rangle = 9999$  one gets  $a = 10^3 \alpha - 1250 \simeq 10^{12} / (\langle d_1 \rangle + 1) \simeq 10^8 / \langle d \rangle$ . The shift by 1250 helps to ensure that  $a$  is an underestimate of the correct value. We shall prove that

$$1 - 1.755 \cdot 10^{-5} < \frac{\langle d \rangle a}{10^8} < 1.$$

We can then compute the inverse of  $\langle d \rangle a / 10^8 = 1 - \epsilon$  using the relation  $1 / (1 - \epsilon) \simeq (1 + \epsilon)(1 + \epsilon^2) + \epsilon^4$ , which is correct up to a relative error of  $\epsilon^5 < 1.6 \cdot 10^{-24}$ . This allows us to find the desired ratio as

$$\frac{\langle n \rangle}{\langle d \rangle} = \frac{\langle n \rangle a}{10^8} ((1 + \epsilon)(1 + \epsilon^2) + \epsilon^4).$$

Let us prove the upper bound first (multiplied by  $10^{15}$ ). Note that  $10^7 \langle d \rangle < 10^3 \langle d_1 \rangle + 10^{-1} (\langle d_2 \rangle + 1)$ , and that  $\varepsilon$ -TEX's division  $\left[ \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right]$  underestimates  $10^{-1} (\langle d_2 \rangle + 1)$  by 0.5 at

most, as can be checked for each possible last digit of  $\langle d_2 \rangle$ . Then,

$$10^7 \langle d \rangle a < \left( 10^3 \langle d_1 \rangle + \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \left( 10^3 - \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor \right) \beta + \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor \alpha - 1250 \right) \quad (1)$$

$$< \left( 10^3 \langle d_1 \rangle + \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\left( \left( 10^3 - \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor \right) \left( \frac{10^9}{\langle d_1 \rangle} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor \left( \frac{10^9}{\langle d_1 \rangle + 1} + \frac{1}{2} \right) - 1250 \right) \quad (3)$$

$$< \left( 10^3 \langle d_1 \rangle + \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{10^{12}}{\langle d_1 \rangle} - \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor \frac{10^9}{\langle d_1 \rangle (\langle d_1 \rangle + 1)} - 750 \right) \quad (4)$$

We recognize a quadratic polynomial in  $[\langle d_2 \rangle / 10]$  with a negative leading coefficient: this polynomial is bounded above, according to  $([\langle d_2 \rangle / 10] + a)(b - c[\langle d_2 \rangle / 10]) \leq (b + ca)^2 / (4c)$ . Hence,

$$10^7 \langle d \rangle a < \frac{10^{15}}{\langle d_1 \rangle (\langle d_1 \rangle + 1)} \left( \langle d_1 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} 10^{-3} - \frac{3}{8} \cdot 10^{-9} \langle d_1 \rangle (\langle d_1 \rangle + 1) \right)^2$$

Since  $\langle d_1 \rangle$  takes integer values within  $[1000, 9999]$ , it is a simple programming exercise to check that the squared expression is always less than  $\langle d_1 \rangle (\langle d_1 \rangle + 1)$ , hence  $10^7 \langle d \rangle a < 10^{15}$ . The upper bound is proven. We also find that  $\frac{3}{8}$  can be replaced by slightly smaller numbers, but nothing less than  $0.374563\dots$ , and going back through the derivation of the upper bound, we find that 1250 is as small a shift as we can obtain without breaking the bound.

Now, the lower bound. The same computation as for the upper bound implies

$$10^7 \langle d \rangle a > \left( 10^3 \langle d_1 \rangle + \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{10^{12}}{\langle d_1 \rangle} - \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor \frac{10^9}{\langle d_1 \rangle (\langle d_1 \rangle + 1)} - 1750 \right)$$

This time, we want to find the minimum of this quadratic polynomial. Since the leading coefficient is still negative, the minimum is reached for one of the extreme values  $[y/10] = 0$  or  $[y/10] = 100$ , and we easily check the bound for those values.

We have proven that the algorithm gives us a precise enough answer. Incidentally, the upper bound that we derived tells us that  $a < 10^8 / \langle d \rangle \leq 10^9$ , hence we can compute  $a$  safely as a  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  integer, and even add  $10^9$  to it to ease grabbing of all the digits. The lower bound implies  $10^8 - 1755 < a$ , which we do not care about.

`\_fp\_ep\_div:wwwn` Compute the ratio of two extended-precision numbers. The result is an extended-precision number whose first block lies in the range  $[100, 9999]$ , and is placed after the *<continuation>* once we are done. First normalize the inputs so that both first block lie in  $[1000, 9999]$ , then call `\_fp\_ep\_div\_esti:wwwn <denominator> <numerator>`, responsible for estimating the inverse of the denominator.

```

15110 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_ep\_div:wwwn #1,#2; #3,#4;
15111   {
15112     \_fp\_ep\_to\_ep:wwN #1,#2;
15113     \_fp\_fixed\_continue:wn
15114     {
15115       \_fp\_ep\_to\_ep:wwN #3,#4;
15116       \_fp\_ep\_div\_esti:wwwn
15117     }
15118   }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_ep_div:wwwn`.)

`\_fp_ep_div_esti:wwwn` The `esti` function evaluates  $\alpha = 10^9 / (\langle d_1 \rangle + 1)$ , which is used twice in the expression for `\_fp_ep_div_estii:wwnwn`  $a$ , and combines the exponents `#1` and `#4` (with a shift by 1 because we later compute `\_fp_ep_div_estiii:NNNNwwwn`  $\langle n \rangle / (10 \langle d \rangle)$ ). Then the `estii` function evaluates  $10^9 + a$ , and puts the exponent `#2` after the continuation `#7`: from there on we can forget exponents and focus on the mantissa. The `estiii` function multiplies the denominator `#7` by  $10^{-8}a$  (obtained as  $a$  split into the single digit `#1` and two blocks of 4 digits, `#2#3#4#5` and `#6`). The result  $10^{-8}a \langle d \rangle = (1 - \epsilon)$ , and a partially packed  $10^{-9}a$  (as a block of four digits, and five individual digits, not packed by lack of available macro parameters here) are passed to `\_fp_ep_div_epsilon:wnNNNNn`, which computes  $10^{-9}a / (1 - \epsilon)$ , that is,  $1 / (10 \langle d \rangle)$  and we finally multiply this by the numerator `#8`.

```

15119 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ep_div_esti:wwwn #1,#2#3; #4,
15120   {
15121     \exp_after:wN \_fp_ep_div_estii:wwnwn
15122     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 10 0000 0000 / ( #2 + 1 )
15123     \exp_after:wN ;
15124     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #4 - #1 + 1 ,
15125     {#2} #3;
15126   }
15127 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ep_div_estii:wwnwn #1; #2,#3#4#5; #6; #7
15128   {
15129     \exp_after:wN \_fp_ep_div_estiii:NNNNwwwn
15130     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 10 0000 0000 - 1750
15131     + #1 000 + (10 0000 0000 / #3 - #1) * (1000 - #4 / 10) ;
15132     {#3}{#4}#5; #6; { #7 #2, }
15133   }
15134 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ep_div_estiii:NNNNwwwn 1#1#2#3#4#5#6; #7;
15135   {
15136     \_fp_fixed_mul_short:wwn #7; {#1}{#2#3#4#5}{#6};
15137     \_fp_ep_div_epsilon:wnNNNNn {#1#2#3#4}#5#6
15138     \_fp_fixed_mul:wwn
15139   }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_ep_div_esti:wwwn`, `\_fp_ep_div_estii:wwnwn`, and `\_fp_ep_div_estiii:NNNNwwwn`.)

`\_fp_ep_div_epsilon:wnNNNNn` The bounds shown above imply that the `epsilon` function's first operand is  $(1 - \epsilon)$  with  $\epsilon \in [0, 1.755 \cdot 10^{-5}]$ . The `epsilon` function computes  $\epsilon$  as  $1 - (1 - \epsilon)$ . Since  $\epsilon < 10^{-4}$ , its first block vanishes and there is no need to explicitly use `#1` (which is 9999). Then `epsii` evaluates  $10^{-9}a / (1 - \epsilon)$  as  $(1 + \epsilon^2)(1 + \epsilon)(10^{-9}a\epsilon) + 10^{-9}a$ . Importantly, we compute  $10^{-9}a\epsilon$  before multiplying it with the rest, rather than multiplying by  $\epsilon$  and then  $10^{-9}a$ , as this second option loses more precision. Also, the combination of `short_mul` and `div_myriad` is both faster and more precise than a simple `mul`.

```

15140 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ep_div_epsilon:wnNNNNn #1#2#3#4#5#6;
15141   {
15142     \exp_after:wN \_fp_ep_div_epsii:wnNNNNn
15143     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 9998 - #2
15144     \exp_after:wN \_fp_ep_div_eps_pack:NNNNw
15145     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 9999 9998 - #3#4
15146     \exp_after:wN \_fp_ep_div_eps_pack:NNNNw
15147     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 2 0000 0000 - #5#6 ; ;
15148   }

```

```

15149 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_div_eps_pack:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6;
15150 { + #1 ; {#2#3#4#5} {#6} }
15151 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_div_epsii:wvnnNNNNn 1#1; #2; #3#4#5#6#7#8
15152 {
15153   \__fp_fixed_mul:wvnn {0000}{#1}#2; {0000}{#1}#2;
15154   \__fp_fixed_add_one:wvN
15155   \__fp_fixed_mul:wvnn {10000} {#1} #2 ;
15156   {
15157     \__fp_fixed_mul_short:wvnn {0000}{#1}#2; {#3}{#4#5#6#7}{#8000};
15158     \__fp_fixed_div_myriad:wvN
15159     \__fp_fixed_mul:wvnn
15160   }
15161   \__fp_fixed_add:wvnn {#3}{#4#5#6#7}{#8000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
15162 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ep_div_epsii:wvnnNNNNn`, `\__fp_ep_div_eps_pack:NNNNNw`, and `\__fp_ep_div_epsii:wvnnNNNNn`.)

## 28.10 Inverse square root of extended precision numbers

The idea here is similar to division. Normalize the input, multiplying by powers of 100 until we have  $x \in [0.01, 1)$ . Then find an integer approximation  $r \in [101, 1003]$  of  $10^2/\sqrt{x}$ , as the fixed point of iterations of the Newton method: essentially  $r \mapsto (r + 10^8/(x_1r))/2$ , starting from a guess that optimizes the number of steps before convergence. In fact, just as there is a slight shift when computing divisions to ensure that some inequalities hold, we replace  $10^8$  by a slightly larger number which ensures that  $r^2x \geq 10^4$ . This also causes  $r \in [101, 1003]$ . Another correction to the above is that the input is actually normalized to  $[0.1, 1)$ , and we use either  $10^8$  or  $10^9$  in the Newton method, depending on the parity of the exponent. Skipping those technical hurdles, once we have the approximation  $r$ , we set  $y = 10^{-4}r^2x$  (or rather, the correct power of 10 to get  $y \simeq 1$ ) and compute  $y^{-1/2}$  through another application of Newton's method. This time, the starting value is  $z = 1$ , each step maps  $z \mapsto z(1.5 - 0.5yz^2)$ , and we perform a fixed number of steps. Our final result combines  $r$  with  $y^{-1/2}$  as  $x^{-1/2} = 10^{-2}ry^{-1/2}$ .

First normalize the input, then check the parity of the exponent #1. If it is even, the result's exponent will be  $-#1/2$ , otherwise it will be  $(#1 - 1)/2$  (except in the case where the input was an exact power of 100). The `auxii` function receives as #1 the result's exponent just computed, as #2 the starting value for the iteration giving  $r$  (the values 168 and 535 lead to the least number of iterations before convergence, on average), as #3 and #4 one empty argument and one 0, depending on the parity of the original exponent, as #5 and #6 the normalized mantissa (#5  $\in [1000, 9999]$ ), and as #7 the continuation. It sets up the iteration giving  $r$ : the `esti` function thus receives the initial two guesses #2 and 0, an approximation #5 of  $10^4x$  (its first block of digits), and the empty/zero arguments #3 and #4, followed by the mantissa and an altered continuation where we have stored the result's exponent.

```

15163 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_isqrt:wvnn #1,#2;
15164 {
15165   \__fp_ep_to_ep:wvN #1,#2;
15166   \__fp_ep_isqrt_auxi:wvnn
15167 }
15168 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_isqrt_auxi:wvnn #1,
15169 {

```

```

15170 \exp_after:wN \_fp_ep_isqrt_auxii:wwnnwn
15171 \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w
15172 \int_if_odd:nTF {#1}
15173 { (1 - #1) / 2 , 535 , { 0 } { } }
15174 { 1 - #1 / 2 , 168 , { } { 0 } }
15175 }
15176 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ep_isqrt_auxii:wwnnwn #1, #2, #3#4 #5#6; #7
15177 {
15178 \_fp_ep_isqrt_esti:wwnnwn #2, 0, #5, {#3} {#4}
15179 {#5} #6 ; { #7 #1 , }
15180 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_ep_isqrt:wwn`, `\_fp_ep_isqrt_aux:wwn`, and `\_fp_ep_isqrt_auxii:wwnnwn`.)

```

\_fp_ep_isqrt_esti:wwnnwn
\_fp_ep_isqrt_estii:wwnnwn
\_fp_ep_isqrt_estiii:NNNNwwwn

```

If the last two approximations gave the same result, we are done: call the `esti` function to clean up. Otherwise, evaluate  $(\langle prev \rangle + 1.005 \cdot 10^8 \text{ or } 9 / (\langle prev \rangle \cdot x)) / 2$ , as the next approximation: omitting the 1.005 factor, this would be Newton's method. We can check by brute force that if `#4` is empty (the original exponent was even), the process computes an integer slightly larger than  $100/\sqrt{x}$ , while if `#4` is 0 (the original exponent was odd), the result is an integer slightly larger than  $100/\sqrt{x/10}$ . Once we are done, we evaluate  $100r^2/2$  or  $10r^2/2$  (when the exponent is even or odd, respectively) and feed that to `estiii`. This third auxiliary finds  $y_{\text{even}}/2 = 10^{-4}r^2x/2$  or  $y_{\text{odd}}/2 = 10^{-5}r^2x/2$  (again, depending on earlier parity). A simple program shows that  $y \in [1, 1.0201]$ . The number  $y/2$  is fed to `\_fp_ep_isqrt_epsilon:wN`, which computes  $1/\sqrt{y}$ , and we finally multiply the result by  $r$ .

```

15181 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ep_isqrt_esti:wwnnwn #1, #2, #3, #4
15182 {
15183 \if_int_compare:w #1 = #2 \exp_stop_f:
15184 \exp_after:wN \_fp_ep_isqrt_estii:wwnnwn
15185 \fi:
15186 \exp_after:wN \_fp_ep_isqrt_esti:wwnnwn
15187 \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w
15188 (#1 + 1 0050 0000 #4 / (#1 * #3)) / 2 ,
15189 #1, #3, {#4}
15190 }
15191 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ep_isqrt_estii:wwnnwn #1, #2, #3, #4#5
15192 {
15193 \exp_after:wN \_fp_ep_isqrt_estiii:NNNNwwwn
15194 \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 1000 0000 + #2 * #2 #5 * 5
15195 \exp_after:wN , \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w 10000 + #2 ;
15196 }
15197 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ep_isqrt_estiii:NNNNwwwn 1#1#2#3#4#5#6, 1#7#8; #9;
15198 {
15199 \_fp_fixed_mul_short:wwn #9; {#1} {#2#3#4#5} {#600} ;
15200 \_fp_ep_isqrt_epsilon:wN
15201 \_fp_fixed_mul_short:wwn {#7} {#80} {0000} ;
15202 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_ep_isqrt_esti:wwnnwn`, `\_fp_ep_isqrt_estii:wwnnwn`, and `\_fp_ep_isqrt_estiii:NNNNwwwn`.)

```

\_fp_ep_isqrt_epsilon:wN
\_fp_ep_isqrt_epsilonii:wwN

```

Here, we receive a fixed point number  $y/2$  with  $y \in [1, 1.0201]$ . Starting from  $z = 1$  we iterate  $z \mapsto z(3/2 - z^2y/2)$ . In fact, we start from the first iteration  $z = 3/2 - y/2$  to avoid useless multiplications. The `epsii` auxiliary receives  $z$  as `#1` and  $y$  as `#2`.

```

15203 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_isqrt_epsi:wN #1;
15204 {
15205   \__fp_fixed_sub:wNn {15000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}; #1;
15206   \__fp_ep_isqrt_epsi:wN #1;
15207   \__fp_ep_isqrt_epsi:wN #1;
15208   \__fp_ep_isqrt_epsi:wN #1;
15209 }
15210 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_isqrt_epsi:wN #1; #2;
15211 {
15212   \__fp_fixed_mul:wNn #1; #1;
15213   \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwNn #2;
15214   {15000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
15215   \__fp_fixed_mul:wNn #1;
15216 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ep_isqrt_epsi:wN` and `\__fp_ep_isqrt_epsi:wN`.)

## 28.11 Converting from fixed point to floating point

After computing Taylor series, we wish to convert the result from extended precision (with or without an exponent) to the public floating point format. The functions here should be called within an integer expression for the overall exponent of the floating point.

`\__fp_ep_to_float_o:wwN`  
`\__fp_ep_inv_to_float_o:wwN`

An extended-precision number is simply a comma-delimited exponent followed by a fixed point number. Leave the exponent in the current integer expression then convert the fixed point number.

```

15217 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_float_o:wwN #1,
15218 { + \__int_eval:w #1 \__fp_fixed_to_float_o:wN }
15219 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_inv_to_float_o:wwN #1,#2;
15220 {
15221   \__fp_ep_div:wwNn 1,{1000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}; #1,#2;
15222   \__fp_ep_to_float_o:wwN
15223 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ep_to_float_o:wwN` and `\__fp_ep_inv_to_float_o:wwN`.)

`\__fp_fixed_inv_to_float_o:wwN`

Another function which reduces to converting an extended precision number to a float.

```

15224 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_inv_to_float_o:wN
15225 { \__fp_ep_inv_to_float_o:wwN 0, }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_fixed_inv_to_float_o:wN`.)

`\__fp_fixed_to_float_rad_o:wwN`

Converts the fixed point number #1 from degrees to radians then to a floating point number. This could perhaps remain in `l3fp-trig`.

```

15226 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float_rad_o:wN #1;
15227 {
15228   \__fp_fixed_mul:wNn #1; {5729}{5779}{5130}{8232}{0876}{7981};
15229   { \__fp_ep_to_float_o:wwN 2, }
15230 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_fixed_to_float_rad_o:wN`.)

```

\__fp_fixed_to_float_o:wN      ... \__int_eval:w <exponent> \__fp_fixed_to_float_o:wN {\langle a_1 \rangle} {\langle a_2 \rangle} {\langle a_3 \rangle} {\langle a_4 \rangle}
\__fp_fixed_to_float_o:Nw      {\langle a_5 \rangle} {\langle a_6 \rangle} ; <sign>
yields

\langle exponent' \rangle ; {\langle a'_1 \rangle} {\langle a'_2 \rangle} {\langle a'_3 \rangle} {\langle a'_4 \rangle} ;

```

And the `to_fixed` version gives six brace groups instead of 4, ensuring that  $1000 \leq \langle a'_1 \rangle \leq 9999$ . At this stage, we know that  $\langle a_1 \rangle$  is positive (otherwise, it is sign of an error before), and we assume that it is less than  $10^8$ .<sup>10</sup>

```

15231 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float_o:Nw #1#2; { \__fp_fixed_to_float_o:wN #2; #1 }
15232 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float_o:wN #1#2#3#4#5#6; #7
15233 {
15234   + \__int_eval:w \c__fp_block_int % for the 8-digit-at-the-start thing.
15235   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
15236   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_loop:N
15237   \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
15238   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
15239   1 0000 0000 + #1 \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_none_stop_f:n
15240   \__int_value:w #1#2 \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_none_stop_f:n
15241   \__int_value:w #1#3#4 \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_none_stop_f:n
15242   \__int_value:w #1#5#6
15243   \exp_after:wN ;
15244   \exp_after:wN ;
15245 }
15246 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_loop:N #1
15247 {
15248   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
15249   - 1
15250   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_loop:N
15251   \else:
15252   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_loop_end:w
15253   \exp_after:wN #1
15254   \fi:
15255 }
15256 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_loop_end:w #1 #2 ;
15257 {
15258   \if_meaning:w ; #1
15259   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_float_zero:w
15260   \else:
15261   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
15262   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
15263   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_float_pack:ww
15264   \exp_after:wN ;
15265   \fi:
15266   #1 #2 0000 0000 0000 0000 ;
15267 }
15268 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float_zero:w ; 0000 0000 0000 0000 ;
15269 {
15270   - 2 * \c__fp_max_exponent_int ;
15271   {0000} {0000} {0000} {0000} ;
15272 }
15273 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float_pack:ww #1 ; #2#3 ; ;

```

<sup>10</sup>Bruno: I must double check this assumption.

```

15274 {
15275   \if_int_compare:w #2 > 4 \exp_stop_f:
15276     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_float_round_up:wnnnnw
15277   \fi:
15278   ; #1 ;
15279 }
15280 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float_round_up:wnnnnw ; #1#2#3#4 ;
15281 {
15282   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNw
15283   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 #1#2
15284   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNw
15285   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 #3#4 + 1 ;
15286 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_fixed\_to\_float\_o:wN and \\_\_fp\_fixed\_to\_float\_o:Nw.)

```

15287 </initex | package>

```

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```

15288 (*initex | package)
15289 <@@=fp>

```

```

\__fp_parse_word_exp:N Unary functions.
\__fp_parse_word_ln:N
15290 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_exp:N
15291 { \__fp_parse_unary_function:NNN \__fp_exp_o:w ? }
15292 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_ln:N
15293 { \__fp_parse_unary_function:NNN \__fp_ln_o:w ? }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_word\_exp:N and \\_\_fp\_parse\_word\_ln:N.)

### 29.1 Logarithm

#### 29.1.1 Work plan

As for many other functions, we filter out special cases in \\_\_fp\_ln\_o:w. Then \\_\_fp\_ln\_npos\_o:w receives a positive normal number, which we write in the form  $a \cdot 10^b$  with  $a \in [0.1, 1)$ .

*The rest of this section is actually not in sync with the code. Or is the code not in sync with the section? In the current code,  $c \in [1, 10]$  is such that  $0.7 \leq ac < 1.4$ .*

We are given a positive normal number, of the form  $a \cdot 10^b$  with  $a \in [0.1, 1)$ . To compute its logarithm, we find a small integer  $5 \leq c < 50$  such that  $0.91 \leq ac/5 < 1.1$ , and use the relation

$$\ln(a \cdot 10^b) = b \cdot \ln(10) - \ln(c/5) + \ln(ac/5).$$

The logarithms  $\ln(10)$  and  $\ln(c/5)$  are looked up in a table. The last term is computed using the following Taylor series of  $\ln$  near 1:

$$\ln\left(\frac{ac}{5}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{1+t}{1-t}\right) = 2t \left(1 + t^2 \left(\frac{1}{3} + t^2 \left(\frac{1}{5} + t^2 \left(\frac{1}{7} + t^2 \left(\frac{1}{9} + \dots\right)\right)\right)\right)\right)$$

where  $t = 1 - 10/(ac + 5)$ . We can now see one reason for the choice of  $ac \sim 5$ : then  $ac + 5 = 10(1 - \epsilon)$  with  $-0.05 < \epsilon \leq 0.045$ , hence

$$t = \frac{\epsilon}{1 - \epsilon} = \epsilon(1 + \epsilon)(1 + \epsilon^2)(1 + \epsilon^4) \dots,$$

is not too difficult to compute.

### 29.1.2 Some constants

A few values of the logarithm as extended fixed point numbers. Those are needed in the implementation. It turns out that we don't need the value of  $\ln(5)$ .

```

\c__fp_ln_i_fixed_tl 15294 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_i_fixed_tl { {0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};}
\c__fp_ln_ii_fixed_tl 15295 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_ii_fixed_tl { {6931}{4718}{0559}{9453}{0941}{7232};}
\c__fp_ln_iii_fixed_tl 15296 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_iii_fixed_tl {{{10986}{1228}{8668}{1096}{9139}{5245};}
\c__fp_ln_iv_fixed_tl 15297 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_iv_fixed_tl {{{13862}{9436}{1119}{8906}{1883}{4464};}
\c__fp_ln_vii_fixed_tl 15298 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_vii_fixed_tl {{{17917}{5946}{9228}{0550}{0081}{2477};}
\c__fp_ln_viii_fixed_tl 15299 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_viii_fixed_tl {{{19459}{1014}{9055}{3133}{0510}{5353};}
\c__fp_ln_ix_fixed_tl 15300 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_ix_fixed_tl {{{20794}{4154}{1679}{8359}{2825}{1696};}
\c__fp_ln_x_fixed_tl 15301 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_x_fixed_tl {{{21972}{2457}{7336}{2193}{8279}{0490};}
15302 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_x_fixed_tl {{{23025}{8509}{2994}{0456}{8401}{7991};}

```

(End definition for `\c__fp_ln_i_fixed_tl` and others.)

### 29.1.3 Sign, exponent, and special numbers

`\__fp_ln_o:w` The logarithm of negative numbers (including  $-\infty$  and  $-0$ ) raises the “invalid” exception. The logarithm of  $+0$  is  $-\infty$ , raising a division by zero exception. The logarithm of  $+\infty$  or a `nan` is itself. Positive normal numbers call `\__fp_ln_npos_o:w`.

```

15303 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
15304 {
15305   \if_meaning:w 2 #3
15306     \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:nw { ln } }
15307   \fi:
15308   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
15309     \__fp_case_use:nw
15310     { \__fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw \c_minus_inf_fp { ln } }
15311   \or:
15312   \else:
15313     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
15314   \fi:
15315   \__fp_ln_npos_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4;
15316 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ln_o:w`.)

### 29.1.4 Absolute ln

`\__fp_ln_npos_o:w` We catch the case of a significand very close to 0.1 or to 1. In all other cases, the final result is at least  $10^{-4}$ , and then an error of  $0.5 \cdot 10^{-20}$  is acceptable.

```

15317 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_npos_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 10#1#2#3;
15318 { %^A todo: ln(1) should be "exact zero", not "underflow"
15319   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
15320   \__int_value:w % for the overall sign

```

```

15321     \if_int_compare:w #1 < 1 \exp_stop_f:
15322         2
15323     \else:
15324         0
15325     \fi:
15326     \exp_after:wN \exp_stop_f:
15327     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w % for the exponent
15328     \__fp_ln_significand:NNNNnnnn #2#3
15329     \__fp_ln_exponent:wn {#1}
15330 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_ln\_npos\_o:w.)

```

\__fp_ln_significand:NNNNnnnnN \__fp_ln_significand:NNNNnnnnN <X1> {<X2>} {<X3>} {<X4>} <continuation>
This function expands to

<continuation> {<Y1>} {<Y2>} {<Y3>} {<Y4>} {<Y5>} {<Y6>} ;

```

where  $Y = -\ln(X)$  as an extended fixed point.

```

15331 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_significand:NNNNnnnnN #1#2#3#4
15332 {
15333     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_x_ii:wnnnn
15334     \__int_value:w
15335     \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
15336     \or:
15337     \if_int_compare:w #2 < 4 \exp_stop_f:
15338     \__int_eval:w 10 - #2
15339     \else:
15340     6
15341     \fi:
15342     \or: 4
15343     \or: 3
15344     \or: 2
15345     \or: 2
15346     \or: 2
15347     \else: 1
15348     \fi:
15349     ; { #1 #2 #3 #4 }
15350 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_ln\_significand:NNNNnnnnN.)

\\_\_fp\_ln\_x\_ii:wnnnn We have thus found  $c \in [1, 10]$  such that  $0.7 \leq ac < 1.4$  in all cases. Compute  $1 + x = 1 + ac \in [1.7, 2.4)$ .

```

15351 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_x_ii:wnnnn #1; #2#3#4#5
15352 {
15353     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_div_after:Nw
15354     \cs:w c__fp_ln_ \__int_to_roman:w #1 _fixed_tl \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
15355     \__int_value:w
15356     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_x_iv:wnnnnnnnn
15357     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
15358     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_x_iii_var:NNNNNw
15359     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 9990 + #1**#2#3 +
15360     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_x_iii:NNNNNNw
15361     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 10 0000 0000 + #1**#4#5 ;

```

```

15362     {20000} {0000} {0000} {0000}
15363   } %^A todo: reoptimize (a generalization attempt failed).
15364 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_x_iii:NNNNNw #1#2 #3#4#5#6 #7;
15365   { #1#2; {#3#4#5#6} {#7} }
15366 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_x_iii_var:NNNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6;
15367   {
15368     #1#2#3#4#5 + 1 ;
15369     {#1#2#3#4#5} {#6}
15370   }

```

The Taylor series to be used is expressed in terms of  $t = (x - 1)/(x + 1) = 1 - 2/(x + 1)$ . We now compute the quotient with extended precision, reusing some code from `\__fp_/_o:ww`. Note that  $1 + x$  is known exactly.

To reuse notations from `l3fp-basics`, we want to compute  $A/Z$  with  $A = 2$  and  $Z = x + 1$ . In `l3fp-basics`, we considered the case where both  $A$  and  $Z$  are arbitrary, in the range  $[0.1, 1)$ , and we had to monitor the growth of the sequence of remainders  $A, B, C$ , etc. to ensure that no overflow occurred during the computation of the next quotient. The main source of risk was our choice to define the quotient as roughly  $10^9 \cdot A/10^5 \cdot Z$ : then  $A$  was bound to be below  $2.147 \dots$ , and this limit was never far.

In our case, we can simply work with  $10^8 \cdot A$  and  $10^4 \cdot Z$ , because our reason to work with higher powers has gone: we needed the integer  $y \simeq 10^5 \cdot Z$  to be at least  $10^4$ , and now, the definition  $y \simeq 10^4 \cdot Z$  suffices.

Let us thus define  $y = \lfloor 10^4 \cdot Z \rfloor + 1 \in (1.7 \cdot 10^4, 2.4 \cdot 10^4]$ , and

$$Q_1 = \left\lfloor \frac{\lfloor 10^8 \cdot A \rfloor}{y} - \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

(The  $1/2$  comes from how `eTeX` rounds.) As for division, it is easy to see that  $Q_1 \leq 10^4 A/Z$ , *i.e.*,  $Q_1$  is an underestimate.

Exactly as we did for division, we set  $B = 10^4 A - Q_1 Z$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
10^4 B &\leq A_1 A_2 \cdot A_3 A_4 - \left( \frac{A_1 A_2}{y} - \frac{3}{2} \right) 10^4 Z \\
&\leq A_1 A_2 \left( 1 - \frac{10^4 Z}{y} \right) + 1 + \frac{3}{2} y \\
&\leq 10^8 \frac{A}{y} + 1 + \frac{3}{2} y
\end{aligned}$$

In the same way, and using  $1.7 \cdot 10^4 \leq y \leq 2.4 \cdot 10^4$ , and convexity, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 10^4 A &= 2 \cdot 10^4 \\
 10^4 B &\leq 10^8 \frac{A}{y} + 1.6y \leq 4.7 \cdot 10^4 \\
 10^4 C &\leq 10^8 \frac{B}{y} + 1.6y \leq 5.8 \cdot 10^4 \\
 10^4 D &\leq 10^8 \frac{C}{y} + 1.6y \leq 6.3 \cdot 10^4 \\
 10^4 E &\leq 10^8 \frac{D}{y} + 1.6y \leq 6.5 \cdot 10^4 \\
 10^4 F &\leq 10^8 \frac{E}{y} + 1.6y \leq 6.6 \cdot 10^4
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that we compute more steps than for division: since  $t$  is not the end result, we need to know it with more accuracy (on the other hand, the ending is much simpler, as we don't need an exact rounding for transcendental functions, but just a faithful rounding).

```

__fp_ln_x_iv:wnnnnnnnn <1 or 2> <8d> ; <{4d}> <{4d}> <fixed-t1>

```

The number is  $x$ . Compute  $y$  by adding 1 to the five first digits.

```

15371 \cs_new:Npn __fp_ln_x_iv:wnnnnnnnn #1; #2#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9
15372 {
15373   \exp_after:wN __fp_div_significand_pack:NNN
15374   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
15375   \__fp_ln_div_i:w #1 ;
15376   #6 #7 ; {#8} {#9}
15377   {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5}
15378   { \exp_after:wN __fp_ln_div_ii:w #1 \__int_value:w #1 }
15379   { \exp_after:wN __fp_ln_div_ii:w #2 \__int_value:w #1 }
15380   { \exp_after:wN __fp_ln_div_ii:w #3 \__int_value:w #1 }
15381   { \exp_after:wN __fp_ln_div_ii:w #4 \__int_value:w #1 }
15382   { \exp_after:wN __fp_ln_div_vi:w #5 \__int_value:w #1 }
15383 }
15384 \cs_new:Npn __fp_ln_div_i:w #1;
15385 {
15386   \exp_after:wN __fp_div_significand_calc:w #1
15387   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 999999 + 2 0000 0000 / #1 ; % Q1
15388 }
15389 \cs_new:Npn __fp_ln_div_ii:w #1; #2;#3 % y; B1;B2 <- for k=1
15390 {
15391   \exp_after:wN __fp_div_significand_pack:NNN
15392   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
15393   \exp_after:wN __fp_div_significand_calc:w #1
15394   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 999999 + #2 #3 / #1 ; % Q2
15395   #2 #3 ;
15396 }
15397 \cs_new:Npn __fp_ln_div_vi:w #1; #2;#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9 %y;F1;F2F3F4x1x2x3x4
15398 {
15399   \exp_after:wN __fp_div_significand_pack:NNN

```

```

15400   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1000000 + #2 #3 / #1 ; % Q6
15401   }

```

We now have essentially

```

\__fp_ln_div_after:Nw <fixed t1>
\__fp_div_significand_pack:NNN 106 + Q1
\__fp_div_significand_pack:NNN 106 + Q2
\__fp_div_significand_pack:NNN 106 + Q3
\__fp_div_significand_pack:NNN 106 + Q4
\__fp_div_significand_pack:NNN 106 + Q5
\__fp_div_significand_pack:NNN 106 + Q6 ;
<exponent> ; <continuation>

```

where *<fixed t1>* holds the logarithm of a number in  $[1, 10]$ , and *<exponent>* 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 <fixed-t1> <1d> ; <4d> ; <4d> ;
<4d> ; <4d> ; <4d> ; <4d> ; <exponent> ;

```

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.

```

15402 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_div_after:Nw #1#2;
15403   {
15404     \if_meaning:w 0 #2
15405     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_t_small:Nw
15406     \else:
15407     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_t_large:NNw
15408     \exp_after:wN -
15409     \fi:
15410     #1
15411   }
15412 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_t_small:Nw #1 #2; #3; #4; #5; #6; #7;
15413   {
15414     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_t_large:NNw
15415     \exp_after:wN + % <sign>
15416     \exp_after:wN #1
15417     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 - #2 \exp_after:wN ;
15418     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 - #3 \exp_after:wN ;
15419     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 - #4 \exp_after:wN ;
15420     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 - #5 \exp_after:wN ;
15421     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 - #6 \exp_after:wN ;
15422     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 0000 - #7 ;
15423   }

```

```

\__fp_ln_t_large:NNw <sign> <fixed t1>
<t123456

```

Compute the square  $t^2$ , and keep  $t$  at the end with its sign. We know that  $t < 0.1765$ , so every piece has at most 4 digits. However, since we were not careful in `\__fp_ln_t_small:w`, they can have less than 4 digits.

```

15424 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_t_large:NNw #1 #2 #3; #4; #5; #6; #7; #8;
15425 {
15426   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_square_t_after:w
15427   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 0000 + #3*#3
15428   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_square_t_pack:NNNNNw
15429   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 0000 + 2*#3*#4
15430   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_square_t_pack:NNNNNw
15431   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 0000 + 2*#3*#5 + #4*#4
15432   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_square_t_pack:NNNNNw
15433   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 0000 + 2*#3*#6 + 2*#4*#5
15434   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_square_t_pack:NNNNNw
15435   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 1 0000 0000 + 2*#3*#7 + 2*#4*#6 + #5*#5
15436   + (2*#3*#8 + 2*#4*#7 + 2*#5*#6) / 1 0000
15437   % ; ; ;
15438   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_after:w
15439   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w -1 + 2*#3
15440   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
15441   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 + 2*#4
15442   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
15443   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 + 2*#5
15444   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
15445   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 + 2*#6
15446   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
15447   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 9999 + 2*#7
15448   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
15449   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 10000 + 2*#8 ; ;
15450   { \__fp_ln_c:NwNw #1 }
15451   #2
15452 }
15453 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw #1 #2; { + #1 ; {#2} }
15454 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_twice_t_after:w #1; { ; ; ; {#1} }
15455 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_square_t_pack:NNNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6;
15456 { + #1#2#3#4#5 ; {#6} }
15457 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_square_t_after:w 1 0 #1#2#3 #4;
15458 { \__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:NwNw <sign> }
<fixed t1> <exponent> ; <continuation>

```

And we want to compute

$$\ln\left(\frac{1+t}{1-t}\right) = 2t \left(1 + T \left(\frac{1}{3} + T \left(\frac{1}{5} + T \left(\frac{1}{7} + T \left(\frac{1}{9} + \dots\right)\right)\right)\right)\right)$$

The process looks as follows

```

\loop 5; A;
\div_int 5; 1.0; \add A; \mul T; {\loop \eval 5-2;}

```

```

\add 0.2; A; \mul T; {\loop \eval 5-2;}
\mul B; T; {\loop 3;}
\loop 3; C;

```

This uses the routine for dividing a number by a small integer ( $< 10^4$ ).

```

15459 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_Taylor:wwNw
15460   { \__fp_ln_Taylor_loop:www 21 ; {0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000} ; }
15461 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_Taylor_loop:www #1; #2; #3;
15462   {
15463     \if_int_compare:w #1 = 1 \exp_stop_f:
15464     \__fp_ln_Taylor_break:w
15465     \fi:
15466     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_div_int:wwN \c__fp_one_fixed_tl #1;
15467     \__fp_fixed_add:wwn #2;
15468     \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #3;
15469     {
15470       \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_Taylor_loop:www
15471       \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 - 2 ;
15472     }
15473     #3;
15474   }
15475 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_Taylor_break:w \fi: #1 \__fp_fixed_add:wwn #2#3; #4 ;;
15476   {
15477     \fi:
15478     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn
15479     \exp_after:wN { \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 10000 + #2 } #3;
15480   }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ln_Taylor:wwNw`.)

```

\__fp_ln_c:NwNw <sign>
{\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 is at least  $\ln(10/7) \simeq 0.35$ .

```

15481 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_c:NwNw #1 #2; #3
15482   {
15483     \if_meaning:w + #1
15484     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn
15485     \else:
15486     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_add:wwn
15487     \fi:
15488     #3 #2 ;
15489   }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ln_c:NwNw`.)

```

\__fp_ln_exponent:wn
{\langle s_1 \rangle \langle s_2 \rangle \langle s_3 \rangle \langle s_4 \rangle \langle s_5 \rangle \langle s_6 \rangle ;
\langle exponent \rangle}

```

Compute  $\langle exponent \rangle$  times  $\ln(10)$ . Apart from the cases where  $\langle exponent \rangle$  is 0 or 1, the result is necessarily 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.

```

15490 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_exponent:wn #1; #2
15491 {
15492   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
15493     0 \__fp_case_return:nw { \__fp_fixed_to_float_o:Nw 2 }
15494   \or:
15495     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_exponent_one:ww \__int_value:w
15496   \else:
15497     \if_int_compare:w #2 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
15498       \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_exponent_small:NNww
15499       \exp_after:wN 0
15500       \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn \__int_value:w
15501     \else:
15502       \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_exponent_small:NNww
15503       \exp_after:wN 2
15504       \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_add:wwn \__int_value:w -
15505     \fi:
15506   \fi:
15507   #2; #1;
15508 }

```

Now we painfully write all the cases.<sup>11</sup> No overflow nor underflow can happen, except when computing  $\ln(1)$ .

```

15509 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_exponent_one:ww 1; #1;
15510 {
15511   0
15512   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn \c__fp_ln_x_fixed_t1 #1;
15513   \__fp_fixed_to_float_o:wN 0
15514 }

```

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.

```

15515 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_exponent_small:NNww #1#2#3; #4#5#6#7#8#9;
15516 {
15517   4
15518   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn
15519     \c__fp_ln_x_fixed_t1
15520     {#3}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000} ;
15521   #2
15522   {0000}{#4}{#5}{#6}{#7}{#8};
15523   \__fp_fixed_to_float_o:wN #1
15524 }

```

(End definition for  $\backslash\_fp\_ln\_exponent:wn$ .)

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<sup>11</sup>Bruno: do rounding.

## 29.2 Exponential

### 29.2.1 Sign, exponent, and special numbers

`\_fp_exp_o:w`

```
15525 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_o:w #1 \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
15526 {
15527   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
15528     \_fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_one_fp
15529   \or:
15530     \exp_after:wN \_fp_exp_normal_o:w
15531   \or:
15532     \if_meaning:w 0 #3
15533       \exp_after:wN \_fp_case_return_o:Nw
15534       \exp_after:wN \c_inf_fp
15535     \else:
15536       \exp_after:wN \_fp_case_return_o:Nw
15537       \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp
15538     \fi:
15539   \or:
15540     \_fp_case_return_same_o:w
15541   \fi:
15542   \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #2#3#4;
15543 }
```

*(End definition for `\_fp_exp_o:w`.)*

`\_fp_exp_normal_o:w`

`\_fp_exp_pos_o:NNwnw`  
`\_fp_exp_overflow:NN`

```
15544 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_normal_o:w \s_fp \_fp_chk:w 1#1
15545 {
15546   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
15547     \_fp_exp_pos_o:NNwnw + \_fp_fixed_to_float_o:wN
15548   \else:
15549     \_fp_exp_pos_o:NNwnw - \_fp_fixed_inv_to_float_o:wN
15550   \fi:
15551 }
15552 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_pos_o:NNwnw #1#2#3 \fi: #4#5;
15553 {
15554   \fi:
15555   \if_int_compare:w #4 > \c__fp_max_exp_exponent_int
15556     \token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF + #1
15557     { \_fp_exp_overflow:NN \_fp_overflow:w \c_inf_fp }
15558     { \_fp_exp_overflow:NN \_fp_underflow:w \c_zero_fp }
15559   \exp:w
15560   \else:
15561     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sanitize:Nw
15562     \exp_after:wN 0
15563     \_int_value:w #1 \_int_eval:w
15564     \if_int_compare:w #4 < 0 \exp_stop_f:
15565       \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
15566     \else:
15567       \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
15568     \fi:
15569     {
15570       0
```

```

15571     \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn { - #4 }
15572     \__fp_exp_Taylor:Nnnwn
15573   }
15574   {
15575     \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn { \c__fp_prec_int - #4 }
15576     \__fp_exp_pos_large:NnnNwn
15577   }
15578   #5
15579   {#4}
15580   #1 #2 0
15581   \exp:w
15582   \fi:
15583   \exp_after:wN \exp_end:
15584 }
15585 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_overflow:NN #1#2
15586 {
15587   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
15588   \exp_after:wN #1
15589   \exp_after:wN #2
15590 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_exp_normal_o:w`, `\__fp_exp_pos_o:Nnnwn`, and `\__fp_exp_overflow:NN`.)

```

\__fp_exp_Taylor:Nnnwn
\__fp_exp_Taylor_loop:www
\__fp_exp_Taylor_break:Nww

```

This function is called for numbers in the range  $[10^{-9}, 10^{-1}]$ . We compute 10 terms of 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.

```

15591 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_Taylor:Nnnwn #1#2#3 #4; #5 #6
15592 {
15593   #6
15594   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
15595   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
15596   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
15597   \__fp_exp_Taylor_ii:ww
15598   ; #2#3#4 0000 0000 ;
15599 }
15600 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_Taylor_ii:ww #1; #2;
15601 { \__fp_exp_Taylor_loop:www 10 ; #1 ; #1 ; \s__stop }
15602 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_Taylor_loop:www #1; #2; #3;
15603 {
15604   \if_int_compare:w #1 = 1 \exp_stop_f:
15605   \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_Taylor_break:Nww
15606   \fi:
15607   \__fp_fixed_div_int:wwN #3 ; #1 ;
15608   \__fp_fixed_add_one:wN
15609   \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #2 ;
15610   {
15611     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_Taylor_loop:www
15612     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 - 1 ;
15613     #2 ;
15614   }
15615 }
15616 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_Taylor_break:Nww #1 #2; #3 \s__stop
15617 { \__fp_fixed_add_one:wN #2 ; }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_exp_Taylor:Nnnwn`, `\__fp_exp_Taylor_loop:www`, and `\__fp_exp_Taylor_break:Nww`.)

`\__fp_exp_pos_large:NnnNwn` The first two arguments are irrelevant (a rounding digit, and a brace group with 8 zeros).  
`\__fp_exp_large_after:wwn` The third argument is the integer part of our number, then we have the decimal part  
`\__fp_exp_large:w` delimited by a semicolon, and finally the exponent, in the range  $[0, 5]$ . Remove leading  
`\__fp_exp_large_v:wN` zeros from the integer part: putting #4 in there too ensures that an integer part of 0 is  
`\__fp_exp_large_iv:wN` also removed. Then read digits one by one, looking up  $\exp(\langle digit \rangle \cdot 10^{\langle exponent \rangle})$  in a table,  
`\__fp_exp_large_iii:wN` and multiplying that to the current total. The loop is done by having the auxiliary for  
`\__fp_exp_large_ii:wN` one exponent call the auxiliary for the next exponent. The current total is expressed by  
`\__fp_exp_large_i:wN` leaving the exponent behind in the input stream (we are currently within an `\__int_`  
`\__fp_exp_large:wN` `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.

```

15618 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_pos_large:NnnNwn #1#2#3 #4#5; #6
15619 {
15620   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
15621   \cs:w \__fp_exp_large_ \__int_to_roman:w #6 :wN \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
15622   \exp_after:wN \c__fp_one_fixed_tl
15623   \__int_value:w #3 #4 \exp_stop_f:
15624   #5 00000 ;
15625 }
15626 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large:w #1 \or: #2 \fi:
15627 { \fi: \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #1; }
15628 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_v:wN #1; #2
15629 {
15630   \if_case:w #2 ~ \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wn \or:
15631   + 4343 \__fp_exp_large:w {8806}{8182}{2566}{2921}{5872}{6150} \or:
15632   + 8686 \__fp_exp_large:w {7756}{0047}{2598}{6861}{0458}{3204} \or:
15633   + 13029 \__fp_exp_large:w {6830}{5723}{7791}{4884}{1932}{7351} \or:
15634   + 17372 \__fp_exp_large:w {6015}{5609}{3095}{3052}{3494}{7574} \or:
15635   + 21715 \__fp_exp_large:w {5297}{7951}{6443}{0315}{3251}{3576} \or:
15636   + 26058 \__fp_exp_large:w {4665}{6719}{0099}{3379}{5527}{2929} \or:
15637   + 30401 \__fp_exp_large:w {4108}{9724}{3326}{3186}{5271}{5665} \or:
15638   + 34744 \__fp_exp_large:w {3618}{6973}{3140}{0875}{3856}{4102} \or:
15639   + 39087 \__fp_exp_large:w {3186}{9209}{6113}{3900}{6705}{9685} \or:
15640   \fi:
15641   #1;
15642   \__fp_exp_large_iv:wN
15643 }
15644 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_iv:wN #1; #2
15645 {
15646   \if_case:w #2 ~ \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wn \or:
15647   + 435 \__fp_exp_large:w {1970}{0711}{1401}{7046}{9938}{8888} \or:
15648   + 869 \__fp_exp_large:w {3881}{1801}{9428}{4368}{5764}{8232} \or:
15649   + 1303 \__fp_exp_large:w {7646}{2009}{8905}{4704}{8893}{1073} \or:
15650   + 1738 \__fp_exp_large:w {1506}{3559}{7005}{0524}{9009}{7592} \or:
15651   + 2172 \__fp_exp_large:w {2967}{6283}{8402}{3667}{0689}{6630} \or:
15652   + 2606 \__fp_exp_large:w {5846}{4389}{5650}{2114}{7278}{5046} \or:
15653   + 3041 \__fp_exp_large:w {1151}{7900}{5080}{6878}{2914}{4154} \or:
15654   + 3475 \__fp_exp_large:w {2269}{1083}{0850}{6857}{8724}{4002} \or:
15655   + 3909 \__fp_exp_large:w {4470}{3047}{3316}{5442}{6408}{6591} \or:
15656   \fi:

```

```

15657     #1;
15658     \__fp_exp_large_iii:wN
15659 }
15660 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_iii:wN #1; #2
15661 {
15662     \if_case:w #2 ~          \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wN \or:
15663     + 44 \__fp_exp_large:w {2688}{1171}{4181}{6135}{4484}{1263} \or:
15664     + 87 \__fp_exp_large:w {7225}{9737}{6812}{5749}{2581}{7748} \or:
15665     + 131 \__fp_exp_large:w {1942}{4263}{9524}{1255}{9365}{8421} \or:
15666     + 174 \__fp_exp_large:w {5221}{4696}{8976}{4143}{9505}{8876} \or:
15667     + 218 \__fp_exp_large:w {1403}{5922}{1785}{2837}{4107}{3977} \or:
15668     + 261 \__fp_exp_large:w {3773}{0203}{0092}{9939}{8234}{0143} \or:
15669     + 305 \__fp_exp_large:w {1014}{2320}{5473}{5004}{5094}{5533} \or:
15670     + 348 \__fp_exp_large:w {2726}{3745}{7211}{2566}{5673}{6478} \or:
15671     + 391 \__fp_exp_large:w {7328}{8142}{2230}{7421}{7051}{8866} \or:
15672     \fi:
15673     #1;
15674     \__fp_exp_large_ii:wN
15675 }
15676 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_ii:wN #1; #2
15677 {
15678     \if_case:w #2 ~          \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wN \or:
15679     + 5 \__fp_exp_large:w {2202}{6465}{7948}{0671}{6516}{9579} \or:
15680     + 9 \__fp_exp_large:w {4851}{6519}{5409}{7902}{7796}{9107} \or:
15681     + 14 \__fp_exp_large:w {1068}{6474}{5815}{2446}{2146}{9905} \or:
15682     + 18 \__fp_exp_large:w {2353}{8526}{6837}{0199}{8540}{7900} \or:
15683     + 22 \__fp_exp_large:w {5184}{7055}{2858}{7072}{4640}{8745} \or:
15684     + 27 \__fp_exp_large:w {1142}{0073}{8981}{5684}{2836}{6296} \or:
15685     + 31 \__fp_exp_large:w {2515}{4386}{7091}{9167}{0062}{6578} \or:
15686     + 35 \__fp_exp_large:w {5540}{6223}{8439}{3510}{0525}{7117} \or:
15687     + 40 \__fp_exp_large:w {1220}{4032}{9431}{7840}{8020}{0271} \or:
15688     \fi:
15689     #1;
15690     \__fp_exp_large_i:wN
15691 }
15692 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_i:wN #1; #2
15693 {
15694     \if_case:w #2 ~          \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wN \or:
15695     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {2718}{2818}{2845}{9045}{2353}{6029} \or:
15696     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {7389}{0560}{9893}{0650}{2272}{3043} \or:
15697     + 2 \__fp_exp_large:w {2008}{5536}{9231}{8766}{7740}{9285} \or:
15698     + 2 \__fp_exp_large:w {5459}{8150}{0331}{4423}{9078}{1103} \or:
15699     + 3 \__fp_exp_large:w {1484}{1315}{9102}{5766}{0342}{1116} \or:
15700     + 3 \__fp_exp_large:w {4034}{2879}{3492}{7351}{2260}{8387} \or:
15701     + 4 \__fp_exp_large:w {1096}{6331}{5842}{8458}{5992}{6372} \or:
15702     + 4 \__fp_exp_large:w {2980}{9579}{8704}{1728}{2747}{4359} \or:
15703     + 4 \__fp_exp_large:w {8103}{0839}{2757}{5384}{0077}{1000} \or:
15704     \fi:
15705     #1;
15706     \__fp_exp_large_:wN
15707 }
15708 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_:wN #1; #2
15709 {
15710     \if_case:w #2 ~          \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wN \or:

```

```

15711     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1105}{1709}{1807}{5647}{6248}{1171} \or:
15712     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1221}{4027}{5816}{0169}{8339}{2107} \or:
15713     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1349}{8588}{0757}{6003}{1039}{8374} \or:
15714     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1491}{8246}{9764}{1270}{3178}{2485} \or:
15715     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1648}{7212}{7070}{0128}{1468}{4865} \or:
15716     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1822}{1188}{0039}{0508}{9748}{7537} \or:
15717     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {2013}{7527}{0747}{0476}{5216}{2455} \or:
15718     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {2225}{5409}{2849}{2467}{6045}{7954} \or:
15719     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {2459}{6031}{1115}{6949}{6638}{0013} \or:
15720     \fi:
15721     #1;
15722     \__fp_exp_large_after:wnn
15723   }
15724   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_after:wnn #1; #2; #3
15725     {
15726       \__fp_exp_Taylor:Nnnwn ? { } { } 0 #2; {} #3
15727       \__fp_fixed_mul:wnn #1;
15728     }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_exp_pos_large:NnnNwn` and others.)

## 29.3 Power

Raising a number  $a$  to a power  $b$  leads to many distinct situations.

$a^b$	$-\infty$	$(-\infty, -0)$	$-\text{integer}$	$\pm 0$	$+\text{integer}$	$(0, \infty)$	$+\infty$	NaN
$+\infty$	+0		+0	+1	$+\infty$	$+\infty$	$+\infty$	NaN
$(1, \infty)$	+0		$+ a ^b$	+1	$+ a ^b$	$+\infty$	$+\infty$	NaN
+1	+1		+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1
$(0, 1)$	$+\infty$		$+ a ^b$	+1	$+ a ^b$	$+\infty$	$+\infty$	NaN
+0	$+\infty$		$+\infty$	+1	+0	$+\infty$	$+\infty$	NaN
-0	$+\infty$	NaN	$(-1)^b \infty$	+1	$(-1)^b 0$	+0	+0	NaN
$(-1, 0)$	$+\infty$	NaN	$(-1)^b  a ^b$	+1	$(-1)^b  a ^b$	NaN	+0	NaN
-1	+1	NaN	$(-1)^b$	+1	$(-1)^b$	NaN	+1	NaN
$(-\infty, -1)$	+0	NaN	$(-1)^b  a ^b$	+1	$(-1)^b  a ^b$	NaN	$+\infty$	NaN
$-\infty$	+0	+0	$(-1)^b 0$	+1	$(-1)^b \infty$	NaN	$+\infty$	NaN
NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	+1	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN

We distinguished in this table the cases of finite (positive or negative) integer exponents, as  $(-1)^b$  is defined in that case. 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 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_o:ww` followed by the two `fp`  $a$  and  $b$ . For  $a = +0$  or  $+\text{inf}$ , 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_o: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.

```

15729 \cs_new:cpn { \_fp_ \iow_char:N \^_o:ww }
15730   \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #1#2#3; \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #4#5#6;
15731   {
15732     \if_meaning:w 0 #4
15733     \_fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_one_fp
15734     \fi:
15735     \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
15736     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
15737     \or:
15738     \_fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_nan_fp
15739     \else:
15740     \exp_after:wN \_fp_pow_neg:www
15741     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \exp_after:wN \use:nn
15742     \fi:
15743     {
15744       \if_meaning:w 1 #1
15745       \exp_after:wN \_fp_pow_normal_o:ww
15746       \else:
15747       \exp_after:wN \_fp_pow_zero_or_inf:ww
15748       \fi:
15749       \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #1#2#3;
15750     }
15751     { \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #4#5#6; \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #1#2#3; }
15752     \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #4#5#6;
15753   }

```

(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  $a = \pm\infty$  and  $b > 0$  and the result is  $+\infty$ , or  $a = \pm 0$  with  $b < 0$  and we have a division by zero unless  $b = -\infty$ .

```

15754 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_pow_zero_or_inf:ww
15755   \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #1#2; \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #3#4
15756   {
15757     \if_meaning:w 1 #4
15758     \_fp_case_return_same_o:w
15759     \fi:
15760     \if_meaning:w #1 #4
15761     \_fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_zero_fp
15762     \fi:
15763     \if_meaning:w 2 #1
15764     \_fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_inf_fp
15765     \fi:
15766     \if_meaning:w 2 #3
15767     \_fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_inf_fp
15768     \else:
15769     \_fp_case_use:nw

```

```

15770     {
15771         \__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww \c_inf_fp ^
15772         \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2 ;
15773     }
15774     \fi:
15775     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #3#4
15776 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pow\_zero\_or\_inf:ww.)

\\_\_fp\_pow\_normal\_o: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\_o:Nww.
- 2 Return  $+\infty$  or  $+0$  depending on the sign of  $b$  and whether the exponent of  $a$  is positive or not.
- 3 Return  $b$ .

```

15777 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_normal_o:ww
15778     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1#2#3; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5
15779     {
15780     \if_int_compare:w \__str_if_eq_x:nn { #2 #3 }
15781         { 1 {1000} {0000} {0000} {0000} } = 0 \exp_stop_f:
15782     \if_int_compare:w #4 #1 = 32 \exp_stop_f:
15783     \exp_after:wN \__fp_case_return_ii_o:ww
15784     \fi:
15785     \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_one_fp
15786     \fi:
15787     \if_case:w #4 \exp_stop_f:
15788     \or:
15789     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_npos_o:Nww
15790     \exp_after:wN #5
15791     \or:
15792     \if_meaning:w 2 #5 \exp_after:wN \reverse_if:N \fi:
15793     \if_int_compare:w #2 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
15794     \exp_after:wN \__fp_case_return_o:Nww
15795     \exp_after:wN \c_inf_fp
15796     \else:
15797     \exp_after:wN \__fp_case_return_o:Nww
15798     \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp
15799     \fi:
15800     \or:
15801     \__fp_case_return_ii_o:ww
15802     \fi:
15803     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1 {#2} #3 ;
15804     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4 #5
15805 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pow\_normal\_o:ww.)

\\_fp\_pow\_npos\_o: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.

```

15806 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_pow_npos_o:Nww #1 \s__fp \_fp_chk:w 1#2#3
15807 {
15808   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sanitize:Nw
15809   \exp_after:wN 0
15810   \__int_value:w
15811   \if:w #1 \if_int_compare:w #3 > 0 \exp_stop_f: 0 \else: 2 \fi:
15812   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pow_npos_aux:NNnw
15813   \exp_after:wN +
15814   \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_to_float_o:wN
15815   \else:
15816   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pow_npos_aux:NNnw
15817   \exp_after:wN -
15818   \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_inv_to_float_o:wN
15819   \fi:
15820   {#3}
15821 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_pow\_npos\_o: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  $-\ln(x)$ .

```

15822 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_pow_npos_aux:NNnw #1#2#3#4#5; \s__fp \_fp_chk:w 1#6#7#8;
15823 {
15824   #1
15825   \__int_eval:w
15826   \_fp_ln_significand:NNNNnnnN #4#5
15827   \_fp_pow_exponent:wnN {#3}
15828   \_fp_fixed_mul:wwn #8 {0000}{0000} ;
15829   \_fp_pow_B:wwN #7;
15830   #1 #2 0 % fixed_to_float_o:wN
15831 }
15832 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_pow_exponent:wnN #1; #2
15833 {
15834   \if_int_compare:w #2 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
15835   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pow_exponent:Nwnnnnw % n\ln(10) - (-\ln(x))
15836   \exp_after:wN +
15837   \else:
15838   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pow_exponent:Nwnnnnw % -(|n|\ln(10) + (-\ln(x)))
15839   \exp_after:wN -
15840   \fi:
15841   #2; #1;
15842 }
15843 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_pow_exponent:Nwnnnnw #1#2; #3#4#5#6#7#8;
15844 { %^A todo: use that in ln.
15845   \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_mul_after:wwn
15846   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \_fp_leading_shift_int

```

```

15847     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
15848     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
15849     #1#2*23025 - #1 #3
15850     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
15851     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
15852     #1 #2*8509 - #1 #4
15853     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
15854     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
15855     #1 #2*2994 - #1 #5
15856     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
15857     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
15858     #1 #2*0456 - #1 #6
15859     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
15860     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_trailing_shift_int
15861     #1 #2*8401 - #1 #7
15862     #1 ( #2*7991 - #8 ) / 1 0000 ; ;
15863 }
15864 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_B:wwN #1#2#3#4#5#6; #7;
15865 {
15866     \if_int_compare:w #7 < 0 \exp_stop_f:
15867     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_neg:w \__int_value:w -
15868     \else:
15869     \if_int_compare:w #7 < 22 \exp_stop_f:
15870     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_pos:w \__int_value:w
15871     \else:
15872     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_overflow:w \__int_value:w
15873     \fi:
15874     \fi:
15875     #7 \exp_after:wN ;
15876     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 10 0000 + #1 \__int_eval_end:
15877     #2#3#4#5#6 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 ; %^A todo: how many 0?
15878 }
15879 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_overflow:w #1; #2; #3
15880 {
15881     + 2 * \c__fp_max_exponent_int
15882     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wn \c__fp_one_fixed_tl
15883 }
15884 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_neg:w #1 ; 1
15885 {
15886     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_pack:w
15887     \prg_replicate:mn {#1} {0}
15888 }
15889 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_pos:w #1; 1
15890 { \__fp_pow_C_pos_loop:wN #1; }
15891 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_pos_loop:wN #1; #2
15892 {
15893     \if_meaning:w 0 #1
15894     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_pack:w
15895     \exp_after:wN #2
15896     \else:
15897     \if_meaning:w 0 #2
15898     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_pos_loop:wN \__int_value:w
15899     \else:
15900     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_overflow:w \__int_value:w

```

```

15901     \fi:
15902     \__int_eval:w #1 - 1 \exp_after:wN ;
15903     \fi:
15904   }
15905 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_pack:w
15906   { \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_large_v:wN \c__fp_one_fixed_tl }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_pow_npos_aux:NNnw`.)

`\__fp_pow_neg:www`  
`\__fp_pow_neg_aux:wNN`

This function is followed by three floating point numbers:  $a^b$ ,  $a \in [-\infty, -0]$ , and  $b$ . If  $b$  is an even integer (case `-1`),  $a^b = a^b$ . If  $b$  is an odd integer (case `0`),  $a^b = -a^b$ , obtained by a call to `\__fp_pow_neg_aux:wNN`. Otherwise, the sign is undefined. This is invalid, unless  $a^b$  turns out to be `+0` or `nan`, in which case we return that as  $a^b$ . In particular, since the underflow detection occurs before `\__fp_pow_neg:www` is called, `(-0.1)**(12345.67)` gives `+0` rather than complaining that the sign is not defined.

```

15907 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_neg:www \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2; #3; #4;
15908   {
15909     \if_case:w \__fp_pow_neg_case:w #4 ;
15910     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_neg_aux:wNN
15911   \or:
15912     \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #1 / 2 = 1 \exp_stop_f:
15913     \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nnw ^ #3; #4;
15914     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
15915     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
15916     \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_none_until_s:w
15917   \fi:
15918   \fi:
15919   \__fp_exp_after_o:w
15920   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2;
15921   }
15922 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_neg_aux:wNN #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3
15923   {
15924     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_o:w
15925     \exp_after:wN \s__fp
15926     \exp_after:wN \__fp_chk:w
15927     \exp_after:wN #2
15928     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 2 - #3 \__int_eval_end:
15929   }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_pow_neg:www` and `\__fp_pow_neg_aux:wNN`.)

`\__fp_pow_neg_case:w`  
`\__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:nnnnn`  
`\__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:Nnnw`

This function expects a floating point number, and determines its “parity”. It should be used after `\if_case:w` or in an integer expression. It gives `-1` if the number is an even integer, `0` if the number is an odd integer, and `1` otherwise. Zeros and  $\pm\infty$  are even (because very large finite floating points are even), while `nan` is a non-integer. The sign of normal numbers is irrelevant to parity. After `\__fp_decimate:nNnnnn` the argument `#1` of `\__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:Nnnw` is a rounding digit, `0` if and only if the number was an integer, and `#3` is the 8 least significant digits of that integer.

```

15930 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_neg_case:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2#3;
15931   {
15932     \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
15933     -1
15934   \or: \__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:nnnnn #3

```

```

15935 \or: -1
15936 \else: 1
15937 \fi:
15938 \exp_stop_f:
15939 }
15940 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
15941 {
15942 \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c__fp_prec_int
15943 -1
15944 \else:
15945 \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn { \c__fp_prec_int - #1 }
15946 \__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:Nnnw
15947 {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5}
15948 \fi:
15949 }
15950 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:Nnnw #1#2#3#4 ;
15951 {
15952 \if_meaning:w 0 #1
15953 \if_int_odd:w #3 \exp_stop_f:
15954 0
15955 \else:
15956 -1
15957 \fi:
15958 \else:
15959 1
15960 \fi:
15961 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_pow_neg_case:w`, `\__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:nnnnn`, and `\__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:Nnnw`.)

```
15962 </initex | package>
```

## 30 13fp-trig Implementation

```
15963 <*initex | package>
```

```
15964 <@@=fp>
```

```

\__fp_parse_word_acos:N
\__fp_parse_word_acosd:N
\__fp_parse_word_acsc:N
\__fp_parse_word_acscd:N
\__fp_parse_word_asec:N
\__fp_parse_word_asecd:N
\__fp_parse_word_asin:N
\__fp_parse_word_asind:N
\__fp_parse_word_cos:N
\__fp_parse_word_cosd:N
\__fp_parse_word_cot:N
\__fp_parse_word_cotd:N
\__fp_parse_word_csc:N
\__fp_parse_word_cscd:N
\__fp_parse_word_sec:N
\__fp_parse_word_secd:N
\__fp_parse_word_sin:N
\__fp_parse_word_sind:N
\__fp_parse_word_tan:N
\__fp_parse_word_tand:N

```

Unary functions.

```

15965 \tl_map_inline:nn
15966 {
15967 {acos} {acsc} {asec} {asin}
15968 {cos} {cot} {csc} {sec} {sin} {tan}
15969 }
15970 {
15971 \cs_new:cpx { __fp_parse_word_#1:N }
15972 {
15973 \exp_not:N \__fp_parse_unary_function:NNN
15974 \exp_not:c { __fp_#1_o:w }
15975 \exp_not:N \use_i:nn
15976 }
15977 \cs_new:cpx { __fp_parse_word_#1d:N }
15978 {
15979 \exp_not:N \__fp_parse_unary_function:NNN

```

```

15980     \exp_not:c { __fp_#1_o:w }
15981     \exp_not:N \use_ii:nn
15982   }
15983 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_word_acos:N` and others.)

```

\__fp_parse_word_acot:N
\__fp_parse_word_acotd:N
\__fp_parse_word_atan:N
\__fp_parse_word_atand:N

```

Those functions may receive a variable number of arguments.

```

15984 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_acot:N
15985   { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_acot_o:Nw \use_i:nn }
15986 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_acotd:N
15987   { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_acot_o:Nw \use_ii:nn }
15988 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_atan:N
15989   { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_atan_o:Nw \use_i:nn }
15990 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_atand:N
15991   { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_atan_o:Nw \use_ii:nn }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_word_acot:N` and others.)

### 30.1 Direct trigonometric functions

The approach for all trigonometric functions (sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent, cosecant, and secant), with arguments given in radians or in degrees, is the same.

- Filter out special cases ( $\pm 0$ ,  $\pm \text{inf}$  and `NaN`).
- Keep the sign for later, and work with the absolute value  $|x|$  of the argument.
- Small numbers ( $|x| < 1$  in radians,  $|x| < 10$  in degrees) are converted to fixed point numbers (and to radians if  $|x|$  is in degrees).
- For larger numbers, we need argument reduction. Subtract a multiple of  $\pi/2$  (in degrees, 90) to bring the number to the range to  $[0, \pi/2)$  (in degrees,  $[0, 90)$ ).
- Reduce further to  $[0, \pi/4]$  (in degrees,  $[0, 45]$ ) using  $\sin x = \cos(\pi/2 - x)$ , and when working in degrees, convert to radians.
- Use the appropriate power series depending on the octant  $\lfloor \frac{x}{\pi/4} \rfloor \bmod 8$  (in degrees, the same formula with  $\pi/4 \rightarrow 45$ ), the sign, and the function to compute.

#### 30.1.1 Filtering special cases

```
\__fp_sin_o:w
```

This function, and its analogs for `cos`, `csc`, `sec`, `tan`, and `cot` instead of `sin`, are followed either by `\use_i:nn` and a float in radians or by `\use_ii:nn` and a float in degrees. The sine of  $\pm 0$  or `NaN` is the same float. The sine of  $\pm \infty$  raises an invalid operation exception with the appropriate function name. Otherwise, call the `trig` function to perform argument reduction and if necessary convert the reduced argument to radians. Then, `\__fp_sin_series_o:NNwww` is called to compute the Taylor series: this function receives a sign `#3`, an initial octant of 0, and the function `\__fp_ep_to_float_o:wwN` which converts the result of the series to a floating point directly rather than taking its inverse, since  $\sin(x) = \#3 \sin|x|$ .

```

15992 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sin_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
15993   {
15994     \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:

```

```

15995     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
15996 \or:   \__fp_case_use:nw
15997     {
15998         \__fp_trig:NNNNNwn #1 \__fp_sin_series_o:NNwww
15999         \__fp_ep_to_float_o:wwN #3 0
16000     }
16001 \or:   \__fp_case_use:nw
16002     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { sin } { sind } } }
16003 \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
16004 \fi:
16005 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4;
16006 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_sin\_o:w.)

\\_\_fp\_cos\_o:w The cosine of  $\pm 0$  is 1. The cosine of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. The cosine of NaN is itself. Otherwise, the `trig` function reduces the argument to at most half a right-angle and converts if necessary to radians. We then call the same series as for sine, but using a positive sign 0 regardless of the sign of  $x$ , and with an initial octant of 2, because  $\cos(x) = +\sin(\pi/2 + |x|)$ .

```

16007 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_cos_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3; @
16008 {
16009     \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
16010         \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_one_fp
16011 \or:   \__fp_case_use:nw
16012     {
16013         \__fp_trig:NNNNNwn #1 \__fp_sin_series_o:NNwww
16014         \__fp_ep_to_float_o:wwN 0 2
16015     }
16016 \or:   \__fp_case_use:nw
16017     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { cos } { cosd } } }
16018 \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
16019 \fi:
16020 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3;
16021 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_cos\_o:w.)

\\_\_fp\_csc\_o:w The cosecant of  $\pm 0$  is  $\pm\infty$  with the same sign, with a division by zero exception (see \\_\_fp\_cot\_zero\_o:Nfw defined below), which requires the function name. The cosecant of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. The cosecant of NaN is itself. Otherwise, the `trig` function performs the argument reduction, and converts if necessary to radians before calling the same series as for sine, using the sign #3, a starting octant of 0, and inverting during the conversion from the fixed point sine to the floating point result, because  $\csc(x) = \#3(\sin|x|)^{-1}$ .

```

16022 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_csc_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
16023 {
16024     \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
16025         \__fp_cot_zero_o:Nfw #3 { #1 { csc } { cscd } }
16026 \or:   \__fp_case_use:nw
16027     {
16028         \__fp_trig:NNNNNwn #1 \__fp_sin_series_o:NNwww
16029         \__fp_ep_inv_to_float_o:wwN #3 0
16030     }

```

```

16031 \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
16032       { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { csc } { cscd } } }
16033 \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
16034 \fi:
16035 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4;
16036 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_csc_o:w`.)

`\__fp_sec_o:w` The secant of  $\pm 0$  is 1. The secant of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. The secant of NaN is itself. Otherwise, the `trig` function reduces the argument and turns it to radians before calling the same series as for sine, using a positive sign 0, a starting octant of 2, and inverting upon conversion, because  $\sec(x) = +1/\sin(\pi/2 + |x|)$ .

```

16037 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sec_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3; @
16038 {
16039   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
16040     \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_one_fp
16041   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
16042     {
16043       \__fp_trig:NNNNNwn #1 \__fp_sin_series_o:NNwww
16044       \__fp_ep_inv_to_float_o:wwN 0 2
16045     }
16046   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
16047     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { sec } { secd } } }
16048   \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
16049   \fi:
16050   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3;
16051 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sec_o:w`.)

`\__fp_tan_o:w` The tangent of  $\pm 0$  or NaN is the same floating point number. The tangent of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. Once more, the `trig` function does the argument reduction step and conversion to radians before calling `\__fp_tan_series_o:NNwww`, with a sign #3 and an initial octant of 1 (this shift is somewhat arbitrary). See `\__fp_cot_o:w` for an explanation of the 0 argument.

```

16052 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tan_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
16053 {
16054   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
16055     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
16056   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
16057     {
16058       \__fp_trig:NNNNNwn #1
16059       \__fp_tan_series_o:NNwww 0 #3 1
16060     }
16061   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
16062     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { tan } { tand } } }
16063   \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
16064   \fi:
16065   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4;
16066 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_tan_o:w`.)

`\_fp_cot_o:w` The cotangent of  $\pm 0$  is  $\pm\infty$  with the same sign, with a division by zero exception (see `\_fp_cot_zero_o:Nfw`). The cotangent of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. The cotangent of NaN is itself. We use  $\cot x = -\tan(\pi/2 + x)$ , and the initial octant for the tangent was chosen to be 1, so the octant here starts at 3. The change in sign is obtained by feeding `\_fp_tan_series_o:NNwww` two signs rather than just the sign of the argument: the first of those indicates whether we compute tangent or cotangent. Those signs are eventually combined.

```

16067 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_cot_o:w #1 \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
16068 {
16069   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
16070     \_fp_cot_zero_o:Nfw #3 { #1 { cot } { cotd } }
16071   \or: \_fp_case_use:nw
16072     {
16073       \_fp_trig:NNNNwn #1
16074       \_fp_tan_series_o:NNwww 2 #3 3
16075     }
16076   \or: \_fp_case_use:nw
16077     { \_fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { cot } { cotd } } }
16078   \else: \_fp_case_return_same_o:w
16079   \fi:
16080   \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4;
16081 }
16082 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_cot_zero_o:Nfw #1#2#3 \fi:
16083 {
16084   \fi:
16085   \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF 0 #1
16086   { \exp_args:NNf \_fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw \c_inf_fp }
16087   { \exp_args:NNf \_fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw \c_minus_inf_fp }
16088   {#2}
16089 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_cot_o:w` and `\_fp_cot_zero_o:Nfw`.)

### 30.1.2 Distinguishing small and large arguments

`\_fp_trig:NNNNwn` The first argument is `\use_i:nn` if the operand is in radians and `\use_ii:nn` if it is in degrees. Arguments #2 to #5 control what trigonometric function we compute, and #6 to #8 are pieces of a normal floating point number. Call the `_series` function #2, with arguments #3, either a conversion function (`\_fp_ep_to_float_o:wN` or `\_fp_ep_inv_to_float_o:wN`) or a sign 0 or 2 when computing tangent or cotangent; #4, a sign 0 or 2; the octant, computed in an integer expression starting with #5 and stopped by a period; and a fixed point number obtained from the floating point number by argument reduction (if necessary) and conversion to radians (if necessary). Any argument reduction adjusts the octant accordingly by leaving a (positive) shift into its integer expression. Let us explain the integer comparison. Two of the four `\exp_after:wN` are expanded, the expansion hits the test, which is true if the float is at least 1 when working in radians, and at least 10 when working in degrees. Then one of the remaining `\exp_after:wN` hits #1, which picks the `trig` or `trigd` function in whichever branch of the conditional was taken. The final `\exp_after:wN` closes the conditional. At the end of the day, a number is `large` if it is  $\geq 1$  in radians or  $\geq 10$  in degrees, and `small` otherwise. All four `trig/trigd` auxiliaries receive the operand as an extended-precision number.

```

16090 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_trig:NNNNwn #1#2#3#4#5 \s__fp \_fp_chk:w 1#6#7#8;

```

```

16091 {
16092   \exp_after:wN #2
16093   \exp_after:wN #3
16094   \exp_after:wN #4
16095   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #5
16096   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
16097   \if_int_compare:w #7 > #1 0 1 \exp_stop_f:
16098   #1 \__fp_trig_large:ww \__fp_trigd_large:ww
16099   \else:
16100   #1 \__fp_trig_small:ww \__fp_trigd_small:ww
16101   \fi:
16102   #7,#8{0000}{0000};
16103 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_trig:NNNNwn`.)

### 30.1.3 Small arguments

`\__fp_trig_small:ww` This receives a small extended-precision number in radians and converts it to a fixed point number. Some trailing digits may be lost in the conversion, so we keep the original floating point number around: when computing sine or tangent (or their inverses), the last step is to multiply by the floating point number (as an extended-precision number) rather than the fixed point number. The period serves to end the integer expression for the octant.

```

16104 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_small:ww #1,#2;
16105 { \__fp_ep_to_fixed:wwn #1,#2; . #1,#2; }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_trig_small:ww`.)

`\__fp_trigd_small:ww` Convert the extended-precision number to radians, then call `\__fp_trig_small:ww` to massage it in the form appropriate for the `_series` auxiliary.

```

16106 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trigd_small:ww #1,#2;
16107 {
16108   \__fp_ep_mul_raw:wwwwN
16109   -1,{1745}{3292}{5199}{4329}{5769}{2369}; #1,#2;
16110   \__fp_trig_small:ww
16111 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_trigd_small:ww`.)

### 30.1.4 Argument reduction in degrees

`\__fp_trigd_large:ww` Note that  $25 \times 360 = 9000$ , so  $10^{k+1} \equiv 10^k \pmod{360}$  for  $k \geq 3$ . When the exponent `#1` is very large, we can thus safely replace it by 22 (or even 19). We turn the floating point number into a fixed point number with two blocks of 8 digits followed by five blocks of 4 digits. The original float is  $100 \times \langle block_1 \rangle \cdots \langle block_3 \rangle . \langle block_4 \rangle \cdots \langle block_7 \rangle$ , or is equal to it modulo 360 if the exponent `#1` is very large. The first auxiliary finds  $\langle block_1 \rangle + \langle block_2 \rangle \pmod{9}$ , a single digit, and prepends it to the 4 digits of  $\langle block_3 \rangle$ . It also unpacks  $\langle block_4 \rangle$  and grabs the 4 digits of  $\langle block_7 \rangle$ . The second auxiliary grabs the  $\langle block_3 \rangle$  plus any contribution from the first two blocks as `#1`, the first digit of  $\langle block_4 \rangle$  (just after the decimal point in hundreds of degrees) as `#2`, and the three other digits as `#3`. It finds the quotient and remainder of `#1#2` modulo 9, adds twice the quotient to the integer expression for the octant, and places the remainder (between 0 and 8) before `#3` to form

a new  $\langle block_4 \rangle$ . The resulting fixed point number is  $x \in [0, 0.9]$ . If  $x \geq 0.45$ , we add 1 to the octant and feed  $0.9 - x$  with an exponent of 2 (to compensate the fact that we are working in units of hundreds of degrees rather than degrees) to `\_fp_trigd_small:ww`. Otherwise, we feed it  $x$  with an exponent of 2. The third auxiliary also discards digits which were not packed into the various  $\langle blocks \rangle$ . Since the original exponent #1 is at least 2, those are all 0 and no precision is lost (#6 and #7 are four 0 each).

```

16112 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_trigd_large:ww #1, #2#3#4#5#6#7;
16113 {
16114   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN
16115   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN
16116   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
16117   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
16118   \exp_after:wN \_fp_trigd_large_auxi:nnnwNNNN
16119   \exp_after:wN ;
16120   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
16121   \prg_replicate:nn { \int_max:nn { 22 - #1 } { 0 } } { 0 }
16122   #2#3#4#5#6#7 0000 0000 0000 !
16123 }
16124 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_trigd_large_auxi:nnnwNNNN #1#2#3#4#5; #6#7#8#9
16125 {
16126   \exp_after:wN \_fp_trigd_large_auxii:wNw
16127   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #1 + #2
16128   - (#1 + #2 - 4) / 9 * 9 \_int_eval_end:
16129   #3;
16130   #4; #5{#6#7#8#9};
16131 }
16132 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_trigd_large_auxii:wNw #1; #2#3;
16133 {
16134   + (#1#2 - 4) / 9 * 2
16135   \exp_after:wN \_fp_trigd_large_auxiii:www
16136   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #1#2
16137   - (#1#2 - 4) / 9 * 9 \_int_eval_end: #3 ;
16138 }
16139 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_trigd_large_auxiii:www #1; #2; #3!
16140 {
16141   \if_int_compare:w #1 < 4500 \exp_stop_f:
16142   \exp_after:wN \_fp_use_i_until_s:nw
16143   \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_continue:wn
16144   \else:
16145     + 1
16146   \fi:
16147   \_fp_fixed_sub:wnw {9000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
16148   {#1}#2{0000}{0000};
16149   { \_fp_trigd_small:ww 2, }
16150 }

```

*(End definition for \\_fp\_trigd\_large:ww and others.)*

### 30.1.5 Argument reduction in radians

Arguments greater or equal to 1 need to be reduced to a range where we only need a few terms of the Taylor series. We reduce to the range  $[0, 2\pi]$  by subtracting multiples of  $2\pi$ , then to the smaller range  $[0, \pi/2]$  by subtracting multiples of  $\pi/2$  (keeping track of how

many times  $\pi/2$  is subtracted), then to  $[0, \pi/4]$  by mapping  $x \rightarrow \pi/2 - x$  if appropriate. When the argument is very large, say,  $10^{100}$ , an equally large multiple of  $2\pi$  must be subtracted, hence we must work with a very good approximation of  $2\pi$  in order to get a sensible remainder modulo  $2\pi$ .

Specifically, we multiply the argument by an approximation of  $1/(2\pi)$  with 10048 digits, then discard the integer part of the result, keeping 52 digits of the fractional part. From the fractional part of  $x/(2\pi)$  we deduce the octant (quotient of the first three digits by 125). We then multiply by 8 or  $-8$  (the latter when the octant is odd), ignore any integer part (related to the octant), and convert the fractional part to an extended precision number, before multiplying by  $\pi/4$  to convert back to a value in radians in  $[0, \pi/4]$ .

It is possible to prove that given the precision of floating points and their range of exponents, the 52 digits may start at most with 24 zeros. The 5 last digits are affected by carries from computations which are not done, hence we are left with at least  $52 - 24 - 5 = 23$  significant digits, enough to round correctly up to  $0.6 \cdot \text{ulp}$  in all cases.

`\_fp_trig_inverse_two_pi:` This macro expands to `,,!` or `,!` followed by 10112 decimals of  $10^{-16}/(2\pi)$ . The number of decimals we really need is the maximum exponent plus the number of digits we later need, 52, plus 12 (4 - 1 groups of 4 digits). We store the decimals as a control sequence name, and convert it to a token list when required: strings take up less memory than their token list representation.

```

16151 \cs_new:Npx \_fp_trig_inverse_two_pi:
16152   {
16153     \exp_not:n { \exp_after:wN \use_none:n \token_to_str:N }
16154     \cs:w , , !
16155     0000000000000000159154943091895335768883763372514362034459645740 ~
16156     4564487476673440588967976342265350901138027662530859560728427267 ~
16157     5795803689291184611457865287796741073169983922923996693740907757 ~
16158     3077746396925307688717392896217397661693362390241723629011832380 ~
16159     1142226997557159404618900869026739561204894109369378440855287230 ~
16160     9994644340024867234773945961089832309678307490616698646280469944 ~
16161     8652187881574786566964241038995874139348609983868099199962442875 ~
16162     5851711788584311175187671605465475369880097394603647593337680593 ~
16163     0249449663530532715677550322032477781639716602294674811959816584 ~
16164     0606016803035998133911987498832786654435279755070016240677564388 ~
16165     8495713108801221993761476813777647378906330680464579784817613124 ~
16166     2731406996077502450029775985708905690279678513152521001631774602 ~
16167     0924811606240561456203146484089248459191435211575407556200871526 ~
16168     6068022171591407574745827225977462853998751553293908139817724093 ~
16169     5825479707332871904069997590765770784934703935898280871734256403 ~
16170     6689511662545705943327631268650026122717971153211259950438667945 ~
16171     0376255608363171169525975812822494162333431451061235368785631136 ~
16172     3669216714206974696012925057833605311960859450983955671870995474 ~
16173     6510431623815517580839442979970999505254387566129445883306846050 ~
16174     7852915151410404892988506388160776196993073410389995786918905980 ~
16175     9373777206187543222718930136625526123878038753888110681406765434 ~
16176     0828278526933426799556070790386060352738996245125995749276297023 ~
16177     5940955843011648296411855777124057544494570217897697924094903272 ~
16178     9477021664960356531815354400384068987471769158876319096650696440 ~
16179     4776970687683656778104779795450353395758301881838687937766124814 ~
16180     9530599655802190835987510351271290432315804987196868777594656634 ~
16181     6221034204440855497850379273869429353661937782928735937843470323 ~

```

16182 0237145837923557118636341929460183182291964165008783079331353497 ~  
16183 7909974586492902674506098936890945883050337030538054731232158094 ~  
16184 3197676032283131418980974982243833517435698984750103950068388003 ~  
16185 9786723599608024002739010874954854787923568261139948903268997427 ~  
16186 0834961149208289037767847430355045684560836714793084567233270354 ~  
16187 8539255620208683932409956221175331839402097079357077496549880868 ~  
16188 6066360968661967037474542102831219251846224834991161149566556037 ~  
16189 9696761399312829960776082779901007830360023382729879085402387615 ~  
16190 5744543092601191005433799838904654921248295160707285300522721023 ~  
16191 6017523313173179759311050328155109373913639645305792607180083617 ~  
16192 9548767246459804739772924481092009371257869183328958862839904358 ~  
16193 6866663975673445140950363732719174311388066383072592302759734506 ~  
16194 0548212778037065337783032170987734966568490800326988506741791464 ~  
16195 6835082816168533143361607309951498531198197337584442098416559541 ~  
16196 5225064339431286444038388356150879771645017064706751877456059160 ~  
16197 8716857857939226234756331711132998655941596890719850688744230057 ~  
16198 5191977056900382183925622033874235362568083541565172971088117217 ~  
16199 9593683256488518749974870855311659830610139214454460161488452770 ~  
16200 2511411070248521739745103866736403872860099674893173561812071174 ~  
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16204 5066981321641521008957117286238426070678451760111345080069947684 ~  
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16214 9863346284709941839942742955915628333990480382117501161211667205 ~  
16215 1912579303552929241134403116134112495318385926958490443846807849 ~  
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16221 3649128949714953432552723591659298072479985806126900733218844526 ~  
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16230 9159769435788920793425617783022237011486424925239248728713132021 ~  
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16259 9807423539074061786905784443105274262641767830058221486462289361 ~  
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16267 3826521145210162366431119798731902751191441213616962045693602633 ~  
16268 6102355962140467029012156796418735746835873172331004745963339773 ~  
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16289 7001071952092970177990583216417579868116586547147748964716547948 ~

```

16290 8312140431836079844314055731179349677763739898930227765607058530 ~
16291 4083747752640947435070395214524701683884070908706147194437225650 ~
16292 2823145872995869738316897126851939042297110721350756978037262545 ~
16293 8141095038270388987364516284820180468288205829135339013835649144 ~
16294 3004015706509887926715417450706686888783438055583501196745862340 ~
16295 8059532724727843829259395771584036885940989939255241688378793572 ~
16296 7967951654076673927031256418760962190243046993485989199060012977 ~
16297 7469214532970421677817261517850653008552559997940209969455431545 ~
16298 2745856704403686680428648404512881182309793496962721836492935516 ~
16299 2029872469583299481932978335803459023227052612542114437084359584 ~
16300 9443383638388317751841160881711251279233374577219339820819005406 ~
16301 3292937775306906607415304997682647124407768817248673421685881509 ~
16302 9133422075930947173855159340808957124410634720893194912880783576 ~
16303 3115829400549708918023366596077070927599010527028150868897828549 ~
16304 4340372642729262103487013992868853550062061514343078665396085995 ~
16305 0058714939141652065302070085265624074703660736605333805263766757 ~
16306 2018839497277047222153633851135483463624619855425993871933367482 ~
16307 0422097449956672702505446423243957506869591330193746919142980999 ~
16308 3424230550172665212092414559625960554427590951996824313084279693 ~
16309 7113207021049823238195747175985519501864630940297594363194450091 ~
16310 9150616049228764323192129703446093584259267276386814363309856853 ~
16311 2786024332141052330760658841495858718197071242995959226781172796 ~
16312 4438853796763139274314227953114500064922126500133268623021550837
16313 \cs_end:
16314 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_trig_inverse_two_pi:`.)

`\_fp_trig_large:ww` The exponent #1 is between 1 and 10000. We discard the integer part of  $10^{\#1-16}/(2\pi)$ , that is, the first #1 digits of  $10^{-16}/(2\pi)$ , because it yields an integer contribution to  $x/(2\pi)$ . The auxiliary `auxii` discards 64 digits at a time thanks to spaces inserted in the result of `\_fp_trig_inverse_two_pi:`, while `auxiii` discards 8 digits at a time, and `auxiv` discards digits one at a time. Then 64 digits are packed into groups of 4 and the auxiliary `auxv` is called.

```

16315 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_trig_large:ww #1, #2#3#4#5#6;
16316 {
16317   \exp_after:wN \_fp_trig_large_auxi:wwwww
16318   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w (#1 - 32) / 64 \exp_after:wN ,
16319   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w (#1 - 4) / 8 \exp_after:wN ,
16320   \__int_value:w #1 \_fp_trig_inverse_two_pi: ;
16321   {#2}{#3}{#4}{#5} ;
16322 }
16323 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_trig_large_auxi:wwwww #1, #2, #3, #4!
16324 {
16325   \prg_replicate:nn {#1} { \_fp_trig_large_auxii:ww }
16326   \prg_replicate:nn { #2 - #1 * 8 }
16327   { \_fp_trig_large_auxiii:wNNNNNNNN }
16328   \prg_replicate:nn { #3 - #2 * 8 }
16329   { \_fp_trig_large_auxiv:wN }
16330   \prg_replicate:nn { 8 } { \_fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN }
16331   \_fp_trig_large_auxv:www
16332   ;
16333 }
16334 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_trig_large_auxii:ww #1; #2 ~ { #1; }

```

```

16335 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxiii:wNNNNNNNN
16336   #1; #2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9 { #1; }
16337 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxiv:wN #1; #2 { #1; }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_trig_large:ww` and others.)

```

\__fp_trig_large_auxv:www
\__fp_trig_large_auxvi:wNNNNNNNN
\__fp_trig_large_pack:NNNNNw

```

First come the first 64 digits of the fractional part of  $10^{#1-16}/(2\pi)$ , arranged in 16 blocks of 4, and ending with a semicolon. Then some more digits of the same fractional part, ending with a semicolon, then 4 blocks of 4 digits holding the significand of the original argument. Multiply the 16-digit significand with the 64-digit fractional part: the `auxvi` auxiliary receives the significand as `#2#3#4#5` and 16 digits of the fractional part as `#6#7#8#9`, and computes one step of the usual ladder of `pack` functions we use for multiplication (see *e.g.*, `\__fp_fixed_mul:wwn`), then discards one block of the fractional part to set things up for the next step of the ladder. We perform 13 such steps, replacing the last `middle` shift by the appropriate `trailing` shift, then discard the significand and remaining 3 blocks from the fractional part, as there are not enough digits to compute any more step in the ladder. The last semicolon closes the ladder, and we return control to the `auxvii` auxiliary.

```

16338 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxv:www #1; #2; #3;
16339   {
16340     \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_i_until_s:nw
16341     \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_auxvii:w
16342     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_leading_shift_int
16343     \prg_replicate:nn { 13 }
16344     { \__fp_trig_large_auxvi:wNNNNNNNN }
16345     + \c__fp_trailing_shift_int - \c__fp_middle_shift_int
16346     \__fp_use_i_until_s:nw
16347     ; #3 #1 ; ;
16348   }
16349 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxvi:wNNNNNNNN #1; #2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
16350   {
16351     \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_pack:NNNNNw
16352     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
16353     + #2*#9 + #3*#8 + #4*#7 + #5*#6
16354     #1; {#2}{#3}{#4}{#5} {#7}{#8}{#9}
16355   }
16356 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_pack:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6;
16357   { + #1#2#3#4#5 ; #6 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_trig_large_auxv:www`, `\__fp_trig_large_auxvi:wNNNNNNNN`, and `\__fp_trig_large_pack:NNNNNw`.)

```

\__fp_trig_large_auxvii:w
\__fp_trig_large_auxviii:w
\__fp_trig_large_auxix:Nw
\__fp_trig_large_auxx:wNNNNNN
\__fp_trig_large_auxxi:w

```

The `auxvii` auxiliary is followed by 52 digits and a semicolon. We find the octant as the integer part of 8 times what follows, or equivalently as the integer part of `#1#2#3/125`, and add it to the surrounding integer expression for the octant. We then compute 8 times the 52-digit number, with a minus sign if the octant is odd. Again, the last `middle` shift is converted to a `trailing` shift. Any integer part (including negative values which come up when the octant is odd) is discarded by `\__fp_use_i_until_s:nw`. The resulting fractional part should then be converted to radians by multiplying by  $2\pi/8$ , but first, build an extended precision number by abusing `\__fp_ep_to_ep_loop:N` with the appropriate `trailing` markers. Finally, `\__fp_trig_small:ww` sets up the argument for the functions which compute the Taylor series.

```

16358 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxvii:w #1#2#3

```

```

16359 {
16360   \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_auxviii:ww
16361   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w (#1#2#3 - 62) / 125 ;
16362   #1#2#3
16363 }
16364 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxviii:ww #1;
16365 {
16366   + #1
16367   \if_int_odd:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
16368     \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_auxix:Nw
16369     \exp_after:wN -
16370   \else:
16371     \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_auxix:Nw
16372     \exp_after:wN +
16373   \fi:
16374 }
16375 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxix:Nw
16376 {
16377   \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_i_until_s:nw
16378   \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_auxxi:w
16379   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_leading_shift_int
16380   \prg_replicate:nn { 13 }
16381   { \__fp_trig_large_auxx:wNNNNN }
16382   + \c__fp_trailing_shift_int - \c__fp_middle_shift_int
16383   ;
16384 }
16385 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxx:wNNNNN #1; #2 #3#4#5#6
16386 {
16387   \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_pack:NNNNNw
16388   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
16389   #2 8 * #3#4#5#6
16390   #1; #2
16391 }
16392 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxxi:w #1;
16393 {
16394   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_mul_raw:wwwN
16395   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 0 \__fp_ep_to_ep_loop:N #1 ; ; !
16396   0,{7853}{9816}{3397}{4483}{0961}{5661};
16397   \__fp_trig_small:ww
16398 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_trig_large_auxvii:w` and others.)

### 30.1.6 Computing the power series

`\__fp_sin_series_o:NNwww` Here we receive a conversion function `\__fp_ep_to_float_o:wwN` or `\__fp_ep_inv_to_float_o:wwN`, a *sign* (0 or 2), a (non-negative) *octant* delimited by a dot, a *fixed point* number delimited by a semicolon, and an extended-precision number. The auxiliary receives:

- the conversion function #1;
- the final sign, which depends on the octant #3 and the sign #2;
- the octant #3, which controls the series we use;

- the square `#4 * #4` of the argument as a fixed point number, computed with `\__fp_fixed_mul:wvn`;
- the number itself as an extended-precision number.

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 extended-precision number is converted to a floating point number with the given sign, and `\__fp_sanitize:Nw` checks for overflow and underflow.

```

16399 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sin_series_o:NNwww #1#2#3. #4;
16400 {
16401   \__fp_fixed_mul:wvn #4; #4;
16402   {
16403     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sin_series_aux_o:NNwww
16404     \exp_after:wN #1
16405     \__int_value:w
16406     \if_int_odd:w \__int_eval:w (#3 + 2) / 4 \__int_eval_end:
16407       #2
16408     \else:
16409       \if_meaning:w #2 0 2 \else: 0 \fi:
16410     \fi:
16411     {#3}
16412   }
16413 }
16414 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sin_series_aux_o:NNwww #1#2#3 #4; #5,#6;
16415 {
16416   \if_int_odd:w \__int_eval:w #3 / 2 \__int_eval_end:
16417   \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
16418   \else:
16419   \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
16420   \fi:
16421   { % 1/18!
16422     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn {0000}{0000}{0000}{0001}{5619}{2070};
16423     #4;{0000}{0000}{0000}{0477}{9477}{3324};
16424     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0000}{0000}{0011}{4707}{4559}{7730};
16425     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0000}{0000}{2087}{6756}{9878}{6810};
16426     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0000}{0027}{5573}{1922}{3985}{8907};
16427     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0000}{2480}{1587}{3015}{8730}{1587};
16428     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0013}{8888}{8888}{8888}{8888}{8889};
16429     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0416}{6666}{6666}{6666}{6666}{6667};
16430     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{5000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
16431     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn#4;{10000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
16432     { \__fp_fixed_continue:wn 0, }
16433   }
16434   { % 1/17!
16435     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn {0000}{0000}{0000}{0028}{1145}{7254};
16436     #4;{0000}{0000}{0000}{7647}{1637}{3182};

```

```

16437     \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0000}{0000}{0160}{5904}{3836}{8216};
16438     \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0000}{0002}{5052}{1083}{8544}{1719};
16439     \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0000}{0275}{5731}{9223}{9858}{9065};
16440     \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0001}{9841}{2698}{4126}{9841}{2698};
16441     \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0083}{3333}{3333}{3333}{3333}{3333};
16442     \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{1666}{6666}{6666}{6666}{6666}{6667};
16443     \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn#4;{10000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
16444     { \_fp_ep_mul:wwwn 0, } #5,#6;
16445     }
16446     {
16447     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sanitize:Nw
16448     \exp_after:wN #2
16449     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #1
16450     }
16451     #2
16452     }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_sin_series_o:NNwww` and `\_fp_sin_series_aux_o:NNwww`.)

Contrarily to `\_fp_sin_series_o:NNwww` which received a conversion auxiliary as #1, here, #1 is 0 for tangent and 2 for cotangent. Consider first the case of the tangent. The octant #3 starts at 1, which means that it is 1 or 2 for  $|x| \in [0, \pi/2]$ , it is 3 or 4 for  $|x| \in [\pi/2, \pi]$ , and so on: the intervals on which  $\tan|x| \geq 0$  coincide with those for which  $\lfloor (\#3 + 1)/2 \rfloor$  is odd. We also have to take into account the original sign of  $x$  to get the sign of the final result; it is straightforward to check that the first `\_int_value:w` expansion produces 0 for a positive final result, and 2 otherwise. A similar story holds for  $\cot(x)$ .

The auxiliary receives the sign, the octant, the square of the (reduced) input, and the (reduced) input (an extended-precision number) as arguments. It then computes the numerator and denominator of

$$\tan(x) \simeq \frac{x(1 - x^2(a_1 - x^2(a_2 - x^2(a_3 - x^2(a_4 - x^2 a_5))))))}{1 - x^2(b_1 - x^2(b_2 - x^2(b_3 - x^2(b_4 - x^2 b_5)))}$$

The ratio is computed by `\_fp_ep_div:wwwn`, then converted to a floating point number. For octants #3 (really, quadrants) next to a pole of the functions, the fixed point numerator and denominator are exchanged before computing the ratio. Note that this `\if_int_odd:w` test relies on the fact that the octant is at least 1.

```

16453 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_tan_series_o:NNwww #1#2#3. #4;
16454 {
16455     \_fp_fixed_mul:w #4; #4;
16456     {
16457     \exp_after:wN \_fp_tan_series_aux_o:Nnwww
16458     \_int_value:w
16459     \if_int_odd:w \_int_eval:w #3 / 2 \_int_eval_end:
16460     \exp_after:wN \reverse_if:N
16461     \fi:
16462     \if_meaning:w #1#2 2 \else: 0 \fi:
16463     {#3}
16464     }
16465     }
16466 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_tan_series_aux_o:Nnwww #1 #2 #3; #4,#5;
16467 {

```

```

16468 \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn {0000}{0000}{1527}{3493}{0856}{7059};
16469 #3; {0000}{0159}{6080}{0274}{5257}{6472};
16470 \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {0002}{4571}{2320}{0157}{2558}{8481};
16471 \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {0115}{5830}{7533}{5397}{3168}{2147};
16472 \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {1929}{8245}{6140}{3508}{7719}{2982};
16473 \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {10000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
16474 { \_fp_ep_mul:wwwn 0, } #4,#5;
16475 {
16476 \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn {0000}{0007}{0258}{0681}{9408}{4706};
16477 #3; {0000}{2343}{7175}{1399}{6151}{7670};
16478 \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {0019}{2638}{4588}{9232}{8861}{3691};
16479 \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {0536}{6357}{0691}{4344}{6852}{4252};
16480 \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {5263}{1578}{9473}{6842}{1052}{6315};
16481 \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {10000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
16482 {
16483 \reverse_if:N \if_int_odd:w
16484 \_int_eval:w (#2 - 1) / 2 \_int_eval_end:
16485 \exp_after:wN \_fp_reverse_args:Nww
16486 \fi:
16487 \_fp_ep_div:wwwn 0,
16488 }
16489 }
16490 {
16491 \exp_after:wN \_fp_sanitize:Nw
16492 \exp_after:wN #1
16493 \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w \_fp_ep_to_float_o:wwN
16494 }
16495 #1
16496 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_tan_series_o:NNwww` and `\_fp_tan_series_aux_o:Nnwww`.)

## 30.2 Inverse trigonometric functions

All inverse trigonometric functions (arcsine, arccosine, arctangent, arccotangent, arcsecant, and arcsecant) are based on a function often denoted `atan2`. This function is accessed directly by feeding two arguments to arctangent, and is defined by  $\text{atan}(y, x) = \text{atan}(y/x)$  for generic  $y$  and  $x$ . Its advantages over the conventional arctangent is that it takes values in  $[-\pi, \pi]$  rather than  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$ , and that it is better behaved in boundary cases. Other inverse trigonometric functions are expressed in terms of `atan` as

$$\text{acos } x = \text{atan}(\sqrt{1 - x^2}, x) \quad (5)$$

$$\text{asin } x = \text{atan}(x, \sqrt{1 - x^2}) \quad (6)$$

$$\text{asec } x = \text{atan}(\sqrt{x^2 - 1}, 1) \quad (7)$$

$$\text{acsc } x = \text{atan}(1, \sqrt{x^2 - 1}) \quad (8)$$

$$\text{atan } x = \text{atan}(x, 1) \quad (9)$$

$$\text{acot } x = \text{atan}(1, x). \quad (10)$$

Rather than introducing a new function, `atan2`, the arctangent function `atan` is overloaded: it can take one or two arguments. In the comments below, following many texts,

we call the first argument  $y$  and the second  $x$ , because  $\operatorname{atan}(y, x) = \operatorname{atan}(y/x)$  is the angular coordinate of the point  $(x, y)$ .

As for direct trigonometric functions, the first step in computing  $\operatorname{atan}(y, x)$  is argument reduction. The sign of  $y$  gives that of the result. We distinguish eight regions where the point  $(x, |y|)$  can lie, of angular size roughly  $\pi/8$ , characterized by their “octant”, between 0 and 7 included. In each region, we compute an arctangent as a Taylor series, then shift this arctangent by the appropriate multiple of  $\pi/4$  and sign to get the result. Here is a list of octants, and how we compute the arctangent (we assume  $y > 0$ ; otherwise replace  $y$  by  $-y$  below):

0  $0 < |y| < 0.41421x$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x}$  is given by a nicely convergent Taylor series;

1  $0 < 0.41421x < |y| < x$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x} = \frac{\pi}{4} - \operatorname{atan} \frac{x-|y|}{x+|y|}$ ;

2  $0 < 0.41421|y| < x < |y|$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x} = \frac{\pi}{4} + \operatorname{atan} \frac{-x+|y|}{x+|y|}$ ;

3  $0 < x < 0.41421|y|$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \operatorname{atan} \frac{x}{|y|}$ ;

4  $0 < -x < 0.41421|y|$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x} = \frac{\pi}{2} + \operatorname{atan} \frac{-x}{|y|}$ ;

5  $0 < 0.41421|y| < -x < |y|$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x} = \frac{3\pi}{4} - \operatorname{atan} \frac{x+|y|}{-x+|y|}$ ;

6  $0 < -0.41421x < |y| < -x$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x} = \frac{3\pi}{4} + \operatorname{atan} \frac{-x-|y|}{-x+|y|}$ ;

7  $0 < |y| < -0.41421x$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x} = \pi - \operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{-x}$ .

In the following, we denote by  $z$  the ratio among  $|\frac{y}{x}|$ ,  $|\frac{x}{y}|$ ,  $|\frac{x+y}{x-y}|$ ,  $|\frac{x-y}{x+y}|$  which appears in the right-hand side above.

### 30.2.1 Arctangent and arccotangent

`\_fp_atan_o:Nw` The parsing step manipulates `atan` and `acot` like `min` and `max`, reading in an array of  
`\_fp_acot_o:Nw` operands, but also leaves `\use_i:nn` or `\use_ii:nn` depending on whether the result  
`\_fp_atan_default:w` should be given in radians or in degrees. The helper `\_fp_parse_function_one_`  
`two:nnw` checks that the operand is one or two floating point numbers (not tuples) and  
leaves its second argument or its tail accordingly (its first argument is used for error  
messages). More precisely if we are given a single floating point number `\_fp_atan_`  
`default:w` places `\c_one_fp` (expanded) after it; otherwise `\_fp_atan_default:w` is  
omitted by `\_fp_parse_function_one_two:nnw`.

```

16497 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_atan_o:Nw #1
16498   {
16499     \_fp_parse_function_one_two:nnw
16500     { #1 { atan } { atand } }
16501     { \_fp_atan_default:w \_fp_atanii_o:Nww #1 }
16502   }
16503 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_acot_o:Nw #1
16504   {
16505     \_fp_parse_function_one_two:nnw
16506     { #1 { acot } { acotd } }
16507     { \_fp_atan_default:w \_fp_acotii_o:Nww #1 }
16508   }
16509 \cs_new:Npx \_fp_atan_default:w #1#2#3 @ { #1 #2 #3 \c_one_fp @ }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_atan_o:Nw`, `\_fp_acot_o:Nw`, and `\_fp_atan_default:w`.)

`\_fp_atanii_o:Nww` `\_fp_acotii_o:Nww` If either operand is `nan`, we return it. If both are normal, we call `\_fp_atan_normal_o:NNnwNnw`. If both are zero or both infinity, we call `\_fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw` with argument 2, leading to a result among  $\{\pm\pi/4, \pm3\pi/4\}$  (in degrees,  $\{\pm45, \pm135\}$ ). Otherwise, one is much bigger than the other, and we call `\_fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw` with either an argument of 4, leading to the values  $\pm\pi/2$  (in degrees,  $\pm90$ ), or 0, leading to  $\{\pm0, \pm\pi\}$  (in degrees,  $\{\pm0, \pm180\}$ ). Since  $\text{acot}(x, y) = \text{atan}(y, x)$ , `\_fp_acotii_o:ww` simply reverses its two arguments.

```

16510 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_atanii_o:Nww
16511   #1 \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #2#3#4; \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #5 #6 @
16512   {
16513     \if_meaning:w 3 #2 \_fp_case_return_i_o:ww \fi:
16514     \if_meaning:w 3 #5 \_fp_case_return_ii_o:ww \fi:
16515     \if_case:w
16516       \if_meaning:w #2 #5
16517         \if_meaning:w 1 #2 10 \else: 0 \fi:
16518       \else:
16519         \if_int_compare:w #2 > #5 \exp_stop_f: 1 \else: 2 \fi:
16520       \fi:
16521       \exp_stop_f:
16522         \_fp_case_return:nw { \_fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw #1 #3 2 }
16523     \or: \_fp_case_return:nw { \_fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw #1 #3 4 }
16524     \or: \_fp_case_return:nw { \_fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw #1 #3 0 }
16525     \fi:
16526     \_fp_atan_normal_o:NNnwNnw #1
16527     \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #2#3#4;
16528     \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #5 #6
16529   }
16530 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_acotii_o:Nww #1#2; #3;
16531   { \_fp_atanii_o:Nww #1#3; #2; }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_atanii_o:Nww` and `\_fp_acotii_o:Nww`.)

`\_fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw` This auxiliary is called whenever one number is  $\pm 0$  or  $\pm\infty$  (and neither is `NaN`). Then the result only depends on the signs, and its value is a multiple of  $\pi/4$ . We use the same auxiliary as for normal numbers, `\_fp_atan_combine_o:NwwwwwN`, with arguments the final sign #2; the octant #3;  $\text{atan } z/z = 1$  as a fixed point number;  $z = 0$  as a fixed point number; and  $z = 0$  as an extended-precision number. Given the values we provide,  $\text{atan } z$  is computed to be 0, and the result is  $[\#3/2] \cdot \pi/4$  if the sign #5 of  $x$  is positive, and  $[(7 - \#3)/2] \cdot \pi/4$  for negative  $x$ , where the divisions are rounded up.

```

16532 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw #1#2#3 \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #4#5#6;
16533   {
16534     \exp_after:wN \_fp_atan_combine_o:NwwwwwN
16535     \exp_after:wN #2
16536     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
16537     \if_meaning:w 2 #5 7 - \fi: #3 \exp_after:wN ;
16538     \c__fp_one_fixed_tl
16539     {0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
16540     0,{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}; #1
16541   }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw`.)

`\__fp_atan_normal_o:NNwNnw` Here we simply reorder the floating point data into a pair of signed extended-precision numbers, that is, a sign, an exponent ending with a comma, and a six-block mantissa ending with a semi-colon. This extended precision is required by other inverse trigonometric functions, to compute things like  $\text{atan}(x, \sqrt{1-x^2})$  without intermediate rounding errors.

```

16542 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_atan_normal_o:NNwNnw
16543   #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#2#3#4; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#5#6#7;
16544   {
16545     \__fp_atan_test_o:NwwNwwN
16546     #2 #3, #4{0000}{0000};
16547     #5 #6, #7{0000}{0000}; #1
16548   }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_atan_normal_o:NNwNnw`.)

`\__fp_atan_test_o:NwwNwwN` This receives: the sign `#1` of  $y$ , its exponent `#2`, its 24 digits `#3` in groups of 4, and similarly for  $x$ . We prepare to call `\__fp_atan_combine_o:NwwwwwN` which expects the sign `#1`, the octant, the ratio  $(\text{atan } z)/z = 1 - \dots$ , and the value of  $z$ , both as a fixed point number and as an extended-precision floating point number with a mantissa in  $[0.01, 1)$ . For now, we place `#1` as a first argument, and start an integer expression for the octant. The sign of  $x$  does not affect  $z$ , so we simply leave a contribution to the octant:  $\langle \text{octant} \rangle \rightarrow 7 - \langle \text{octant} \rangle$  for negative  $x$ . Then we order  $|y|$  and  $|x|$  in a non-decreasing order: if  $|y| > |x|$ , insert 3- in the expression for the octant, and swap the two numbers. The finer test with 0.41421 is done by `\__fp_atan_div:wnwwwN` after the operands have been ordered.

```

16549 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_test_o:NwwNwwN #1#2,#3; #4#5,#6;
16550   {
16551     \exp_after:wN \__fp_atan_combine_o:NwwwwwN
16552     \exp_after:wN #1
16553     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
16554     \if_meaning:w 2 #4
16555       7 - \__int_eval:w
16556     \fi:
16557     \if_int_compare:w
16558       \__fp_ep_compare:www #2,#3; #5,#6; > 0 \exp_stop_f:
16559       3 -
16560     \exp_after:wN \__fp_reverse_args:Nww
16561     \fi:
16562     \__fp_atan_div:wnwwwN #2,#3; #5,#6;
16563   }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_atan_test_o:NwwNwwN`.)

`\__fp_atan_div:wnwwwN` This receives two positive numbers  $a$  and  $b$  (equal to  $|x|$  and  $|y|$  in some order), each as an exponent and 6 blocks of 4 digits, such that  $0 < a < b$ . If  $0.41421b < a$ , the two numbers are “near”, hence the point  $(y, x)$  that we started with is closer to the diagonals  $\{|y| = |x|\}$  than to the axes  $\{xy = 0\}$ . In that case, the octant is 1 (possibly combined with the 7- and 3- inserted earlier) and we wish to compute  $\text{atan } \frac{b-a}{a+b}$ . Otherwise, the octant is 0 (again, combined with earlier terms) and we wish to compute  $\text{atan } \frac{a}{b}$ . In any case, call `\__fp_atan_auxi:ww` followed by  $z$ , as a comma-delimited exponent and a fixed point number.

```

16564 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_div:wnwwwN #1,#2#3; #4,#5#6;

```

```

16565 {
16566   \if_int_compare:w
16567     \__int_eval:w 41421 * #5 < #2 000
16568     \if_case:w \__int_eval:w #4 - #1 \__int_eval_end: 00 \or: 0 \fi:
16569     \exp_stop_f:
16570     \exp_after:wN \__fp_atan_near:wwwn
16571     \fi:
16572     0
16573     \__fp_ep_div:wwwn #1,{#2}#3; #4,{#5}#6;
16574     \__fp_atan_auxi:ww
16575   }
16576 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_near:wwwn
16577   0 \__fp_ep_div:wwwn #1,#2; #3,
16578   {
16579     1
16580     \__fp_ep_to_fixed:wwn #1 - #3, #2;
16581     \__fp_atan_near_aux:wwn
16582   }
16583 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_near_aux:wwn #1; #2;
16584   {
16585     \__fp_fixed_add:wwn #1; #2;
16586     { \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn #2; #1; { \__fp_ep_div:wwwn 0, } 0, }
16587   }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_atan_div:wwwnw`, `\__fp_atan_near:wwwn`, and `\__fp_atan_near_aux:wwn`.)

`\__fp_atan_auxi:ww` Convert  $z$  from a representation as an exponent and a fixed point number in  $[0.01, 1)$  to a  
`\__fp_atan_auxii:w` fixed point number only, then set up the call to `\__fp_atan_Taylor_loop:www`, followed by the fixed point representation of  $z$  and the old representation.

```

16588 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_auxi:ww #1,#2;
16589   { \__fp_ep_to_fixed:wwn #1,#2; \__fp_atan_auxii:w #1,#2; }
16590 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_auxii:w #1;
16591   {
16592     \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #1; #1;
16593     {
16594       \__fp_atan_Taylor_loop:www 39 ;
16595       {0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000} ;
16596     }
16597     ! #1;
16598   }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_atan_auxi:ww` and `\__fp_atan_auxii:w`.)

`\__fp_atan_Taylor_loop:www` We compute the series of  $(\operatorname{atan} z)/z$ . A typical intermediate stage has  $\#1 = 2k - 1$ ,  
`\__fp_atan_Taylor_break:w`  $\#2 = \frac{1}{2k+1} - z^2(\frac{1}{2k+3} - z^2(\dots - z^2\frac{1}{39}))$ , and  $\#3 = z^2$ . To go to the next step  $k \rightarrow k - 1$ , we compute  $\frac{1}{2k-1}$ , then subtract from it  $z^2$  times  $\#2$ . The loop stops when  $k = 0$ : then  $\#2$  is  $(\operatorname{atan} z)/z$ , and there is a need to clean up all the unnecessary data, end the integer expression computing the octant with a semicolon, and leave the result  $\#2$  afterwards.

```

16599 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_Taylor_loop:www #1; #2; #3;
16600   {
16601     \if_int_compare:w #1 = -1 \exp_stop_f:
16602     \__fp_atan_Taylor_break:w
16603     \fi:
16604     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_div_int:wwN \c__fp_one_fixed_t1 #1;

```

```

16605 \__fp_rrot:www \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #2; #3;
16606 {
16607 \exp_after:wN \__fp_atan_Taylor_loop:www
16608 \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 - 2 ;
16609 }
16610 #3;
16611 }
16612 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_Taylor_break:w
16613 \fi: #1 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #2; #3 !
16614 { \fi: ; #2 ; }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_atan_Taylor_loop:www` and `\__fp_atan_Taylor_break:w`.)

This receives a  $\langle sign \rangle$ , an  $\langle octant \rangle$ , a fixed point value of  $(\operatorname{atan} z)/z$ , a fixed point number  $z$ , and another representation of  $z$ , as an  $\langle exponent \rangle$  and the fixed point number  $10^{-\langle exponent \rangle} z$ , followed by either `\use_i:nn` (when working in radians) or `\use_ii:nn` (when working in degrees). The function computes the floating point result

$$\langle sign \rangle \left( \left\lceil \frac{\langle octant \rangle}{2} \right\rceil \frac{\pi}{4} + (-1)^{\langle octant \rangle} \frac{\operatorname{atan} z}{z} \cdot z \right), \quad (11)$$

multiplied by  $180/\pi$  if working in degrees, and using in any case the most appropriate representation of  $z$ . The floating point result is passed to `\__fp_sanitize:Nw`, which checks for overflow or underflow. If the octant is 0, leave the exponent #5 for `\__fp_sanitize:Nw`, and multiply #3 =  $\frac{\operatorname{atan} z}{z}$  with #6, the adjusted  $z$ . Otherwise, multiply #3 =  $\frac{\operatorname{atan} z}{z}$  with #4 =  $z$ , then compute the appropriate multiple of  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  and add or subtract the product #3 · #4. In both cases, convert to a floating point with `\__fp_fixed_to_float_o:wN`.

```

16615 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_combine_o:NwwwwwN #1 #2; #3; #4; #5,#6; #7
16616 {
16617 \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
16618 \exp_after:wN #1
16619 \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
16620 \if_meaning:w 0 #2
16621 \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
16622 \else:
16623 \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
16624 \fi:
16625 { #5 \__fp_fixed_mul:wN #3; #6; }
16626 {
16627 \__fp_fixed_mul:wN #3; #4;
16628 {
16629 \exp_after:wN \__fp_atan_combine_aux:ww
16630 \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #2 / 2 ; #2;
16631 }
16632 }
16633 { #7 \__fp_fixed_to_float_o:wN \__fp_fixed_to_float_rad_o:wN }
16634 #1
16635 }
16636 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_combine_aux:ww #1; #2;
16637 {
16638 \__fp_fixed_mul_short:wN
16639 {7853}{9816}{3397}{4483}{0961}{5661};
16640 {#1}{0000}{0000};

```

```

16641 {
16642   \if_int_odd:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
16643     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn
16644   \else:
16645     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_add:wwn
16646   \fi:
16647 }
16648 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_atan_combine_o:NwwwwwN` and `\__fp_atan_combine_aux:ww`.)

### 30.2.2 Arcsine and arccosine

`\__fp_asin_o:w` Again, the first argument provided by `l3fp-parse` is `\use_i:nn` if we are to work in radians and `\use_ii:nn` for degrees. Then comes a floating point number. The arcsine of  $\pm 0$  or NaN is the same floating point number. The arcsine of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. Otherwise, call an auxiliary common with `\__fp_acos_o:w`, feeding it information about what function is being performed (for “invalid operation” exceptions).

```

16649 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_asin_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3; @
16650 {
16651   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
16652     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
16653   \or:
16654     \__fp_case_use:nw
16655     { \__fp_asin_normal_o:NfwNnnnw #1 { #1 { asin } { asind } } }
16656   \or:
16657     \__fp_case_use:nw
16658     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { asin } { asind } } }
16659   \else:
16660     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
16661   \fi:
16662   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3;
16663 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_asin_o:w`.)

`\__fp_acos_o:w` The arccosine of  $\pm 0$  is  $\pi/2$  (in degrees, 90). The arccosine of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. The arccosine of NaN is itself. Otherwise, call an auxiliary common with `\__fp_sin_o:w`, informing it that it was called by `acos` or `acosd`, and preparing to swap some arguments down the line.

```

16664 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_acos_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3; @
16665 {
16666   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
16667     \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw #1 0 4 }
16668   \or:
16669     \__fp_case_use:nw
16670     {
16671       \__fp_asin_normal_o:NfwNnnnw #1 { #1 { acos } { acosd } }
16672       \__fp_reverse_args:Nww
16673     }
16674   \or:
16675     \__fp_case_use:nw
16676     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { acos } { acosd } } }
16677   \else:

```

```

16678     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
16679     \fi:
16680     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3;
16681 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_acos\_o:w.)

\\_\_fp\_asin\_normal\_o:NfwNnnnw If the exponent #5 is at most 0, the operand lies within  $(-1, 1)$  and the operation is permitted: call \\_\_fp\_asin\_auxi\_o:NnNww with the appropriate arguments. If the number is exactly  $\pm 1$  (the test works because we know that  $\#5 \geq 1$ ,  $\#6\#7 \geq 10000000$ ,  $\#8\#9 \geq 0$ , with equality only for  $\pm 1$ ), we also call \\_\_fp\_asin\_auxi\_o:NnNww. Otherwise, \\_\_fp\_use\_i:ww gets rid of the asin auxiliary, and raises instead an invalid operation, because the operand is outside the domain of arcsine or arccosine.

```

16682 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_asin_normal_o:NfwNnnnw
16683   #1#2#3 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#4#5#6#7#8#9;
16684   {
16685     \if_int_compare:w #5 < 1 \exp_stop_f:
16686     \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_none_until_s:w
16687     \fi:
16688     \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #5 + #6#7 + #8#9 = 1000 0001 ~
16689     \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_none_until_s:w
16690     \fi:
16691     \__fp_use_i:ww
16692     \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw {#2}
16693     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#4{#5}{#6}{#7}{#8}{#9};
16694     \__fp_asin_auxi_o:NnNww
16695     #1 {#3} #4 #5,{#6}{#7}{#8}{#9}{0000}{0000};
16696   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_asin\_normal\_o:NfwNnnnw.)

\\_\_fp\_asin\_auxi\_o:NnNww We compute  $x/\sqrt{1-x^2}$ . This function is used by asin and acos, but also by acsc and asecc after inverting the operand, thus it must manipulate extended-precision numbers. First evaluate  $1-x^2$  as  $(1+x)(1-x)$ : this behaves better near  $x=1$ . We do the addition/subtraction with fixed point numbers (they are not implemented for extended-precision floats), but go back to extended-precision floats to multiply and compute the inverse square root  $1/\sqrt{1-x^2}$ . Finally, multiply by the (positive) extended-precision float  $|x|$ , and feed the (signed) result, and the number +1, as arguments to the arctangent function. When computing the arccosine, the arguments  $x/\sqrt{1-x^2}$  and +1 are swapped by #2 (\\_\_fp\_reverse\_args:Nww in that case) before \\_\_fp\_atan\_test\_o:NwwNwwN is evaluated. Note that the arctangent function requires normalized arguments, hence the need for ep\_to\_ep and continue after ep\_mul.

```

16697 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_asin_auxi_o:NnNww #1#2#3#4,#5;
16698   {
16699     \__fp_ep_to_fixed:wwn #4,#5;
16700     \__fp_asin_isqrt:wn
16701     \__fp_ep_mul:wwwn #4,#5;
16702     \__fp_ep_to_ep:wwN
16703     \__fp_fixed_continue:wn
16704     { #2 \__fp_atan_test_o:NwwNwwN #3 }
16705     0 1,{1000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}; #1
16706   }
16707 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_asin_isqrt:wn #1;

```

```

16708 {
16709   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn \c__fp_one_fixed_t1 #1;
16710   {
16711     \__fp_fixed_add_one:wN #1;
16712     \__fp_fixed_continue:wn { \__fp_ep_mul:wwwn 0, } 0,
16713   }
16714   \__fp_ep_isqrt:wwn
16715 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_asin_auxi_o:NnNww` and `\__fp_asin_isqrt:wn`.)

### 30.2.3 Arccosecant and arcsecant

`\__fp_acsc_o:w` Cases are mostly labelled by #2, except when #2 is 2: then we use #3#2, which is 02 = 2 when the number is  $+\infty$  and 22 when the number is  $-\infty$ . The arccosecant of  $\pm 0$  raises an invalid operation exception. The arccosecant of  $\pm\infty$  is  $\pm 0$  with the same sign. The arcosecant of NaN is itself. Otherwise, `\__fp_acsc_normal_o:NfwNnw` does some more tests, keeping the function name (acsc or acscd) as an argument for invalid operation exceptions.

```

16716 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_acsc_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
16717 {
16718   \if_case:w \if_meaning:w 2 #2 #3 \fi: #2 \exp_stop_f:
16719     \__fp_case_use:nw
16720     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { acsc } { acscd } } }
16721   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
16722     { \__fp_acsc_normal_o:NfwNnw #1 { #1 { acsc } { acscd } } }
16723   \or: \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_zero_fp
16724   \or: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
16725   \else: \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_minus_zero_fp
16726   \fi:
16727   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4;
16728 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_acsc_o:w`.)

`\__fp_asec_o:w` The arcsecant of  $\pm 0$  raises an invalid operation exception. The arcsecant of  $\pm\infty$  is  $\pi/2$  (in degrees, 90). The arcosecant of NaN is itself. Otherwise, do some more tests, keeping the function name asec (or asecd) as an argument for invalid operation exceptions, and a `\__fp_reverse_args:Nww` following precisely that appearing in `\__fp_acos_o:w`.

```

16729 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_asec_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3; @
16730 {
16731   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
16732     \__fp_case_use:nw
16733     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { asec } { asecd } } }
16734   \or:
16735     \__fp_case_use:nw
16736     {
16737       \__fp_acsc_normal_o:NfwNnw #1 { #1 { asec } { asecd } }
16738       \__fp_reverse_args:Nww
16739     }
16740   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw #1 0 4 }
16741   \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
16742   \fi:
16743   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3;

```

```
16744 }
```

(End definition for `\_fp_asec_o:w`.)

`\_fp_acsc_normal_o:NfwNnw` If the exponent is non-positive, the operand is less than 1 in absolute value, which is always an invalid operation: complain. Otherwise, compute the inverse of the operand, and feed it to `\_fp_asin_auxi_o:NnNww` (with all the appropriate arguments). This computes what we want thanks to  $\text{acsc}(x) = \text{asin}(1/x)$  and  $\text{asec}(x) = \text{acos}(1/x)$ .

```
16745 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_acsc_normal_o:NfwNnw #1#2#3 \s_fp \_fp_chk:w 1#4#5#6;
16746 {
16747   \int_compare:nNnTF {#5} < 1
16748   {
16749     \_fp_invalid_operation_o:fw {#2}
16750     \s_fp \_fp_chk:w 1#4{#5}#6;
16751   }
16752   {
16753     \_fp_ep_div:wwwn
16754     1,{1000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
16755     #5,#6{0000}{0000};
16756     { \_fp_asin_auxi_o:NnNww #1 {#3} #4 }
16757   }
16758 }
```

(End definition for `\_fp_acsc_normal_o:NfwNnw`.)

```
16759 </initex | package>
```

## 31 13fp-convert implementation

```
16760 <*initex | package>
```

```
16761 <@@=fp>
```

### 31.1 Dealing with tuples

`\_fp_tuple_convert:Nw` The first argument is for instance `\_fp_to_t1_dispatch:w`, which converts any floating point object to the appropriate representation. We loop through all items, putting `,~` between all of them and making sure to remove the leading `,~`.

```
\_fp_tuple_convert_loop:nNw
\_fp_tuple_convert_end:w
16762 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_tuple_convert:Nw #1 \s_fp_tuple \_fp_tuple_chk:w #2 ;
16763 {
16764   \int_case:mnF { \_fp_array_count:n {#2} }
16765   {
16766     { 0 } { ( ) }
16767     { 1 } { \_fp_tuple_convert_end:w @ { #1 #2 , } }
16768   }
16769   {
16770     \_fp_tuple_convert_loop:nNw { } #1
16771     #2 { ? \_fp_tuple_convert_end:w } ;
16772     @ { \use_none:nn }
16773   }
16774 }
16775 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_tuple_convert_loop:nNw #1#2#3#4; #5 @ #6
16776 {
16777   \use_none:n #3
16778   \exp_args:Nf \_fp_tuple_convert_loop:nNw { #2 #3#4 ; } #2 #5
```

```

16779     @ { #6 , ~ #1 }
16780   }
16781 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tuple_convert_end:w #1 @ #2
16782   { \exp_after:wN ( \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #2 ) }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_tuple_convert:Nw`, `\__fp_tuple_convert_loop:nNw`, and `\__fp_tuple_convert_end:w`.)

## 31.2 Trimming trailing zeros

`\__fp_trim_zeros:w` If #1 ends with a 0, the loop auxiliary takes that zero as an end-delimiter for its first argument, and the second argument is the same loop auxiliary. Once the last trailing zero is reached, the second argument is the dot auxiliary, which removes a trailing dot if any. We then clean-up with the end auxiliary, keeping only the number.

```

16783 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trim_zeros:w #1 ;
16784   {
16785     \__fp_trim_zeros_loop:w #1
16786     ; \__fp_trim_zeros_loop:w 0; \__fp_trim_zeros_dot:w .; \s__stop
16787   }
16788 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trim_zeros_loop:w #1 0; #2 { #2 #1 ; #2 }
16789 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trim_zeros_dot:w #1 .; { \__fp_trim_zeros_end:w #1 ; }
16790 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trim_zeros_end:w #1 ; #2 \s__stop { #1 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_trim_zeros:w` and others.)

## 31.3 Scientific notation

`\fp_to_scientific:N` The three public functions evaluate their argument, then pass it to `\__fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w`.

```

\fp_to_scientific:c
\fp_to_scientific:n
16791 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_scientific:N #1
16792   { \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w #1 }
16793 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_scientific:N { c }
16794 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_scientific:n
16795   {
16796     \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w
16797     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse:n
16798   }

```

(End definition for `\fp_to_scientific:N` and `\fp_to_scientific:n`. These functions are documented on page 186.)

`\__fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w` We allow tuples.

```

\__fp_to_scientific_recover:w
\__fp_tuple_to_scientific:w
16799 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w #1
16800   {
16801     \__fp_change_func_type:NNN
16802     #1 \__fp_to_scientific:w \__fp_to_scientific_recover:w
16803     #1
16804   }
16805 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_scientific_recover:w #1 #2 ;
16806   {
16807     \__fp_error:nffn { fp-unknown-type } { \tl_to_str:n { #2 ; } } { } { }
16808     nan
16809   }
16810 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tuple_to_scientific:w
16811   { \__fp_tuple_convert:Nw \__fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w`, `\_fp_to_scientific_recover:w`, and `\_fp_tuple_to_scientific:w`.)

`\_fp_to_scientific:w`  
`\_fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn`  
`\_fp_to_scientific_normal:wNw`

Expressing an internal floating point number in scientific notation is quite easy: no rounding, and the format is very well defined. First cater for the sign: negative numbers (#2 = 2) start with -; we then only need to care about positive numbers and `nan`. Then filter the special cases:  $\pm 0$  are represented as 0; infinities are converted to a number slightly larger than the largest after an “invalid\_operation” exception; `nan` is represented as 0 after an “invalid\_operation” exception. In the normal case, decrement the exponent and unbrace the 4 brace groups, then in a second step grab the first digit (previously hidden in braces) to order the various parts correctly.

```

16812 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_to_scientific:w \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #1#2
16813 {
16814   \if_meaning:w 2 #2 \exp_after:wN - \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \fi:
16815   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
16816     \_fp_case_return:nw { 0.000000000000000e0 }
16817   \or: \exp_after:wN \_fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn
16818   \or:
16819     \_fp_case_use:nw
16820     {
16821       \_fp_invalid_operation:nnw
16822       { \fp_to_scientific:N \c__fp_overflowing_fp }
16823       { fp_to_scientific }
16824     }
16825   \or:
16826     \_fp_case_use:nw
16827     {
16828       \_fp_invalid_operation:nnw
16829       { \fp_to_scientific:N \c_zero_fp }
16830       { fp_to_scientific }
16831     }
16832   \fi:
16833   \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #1 #2
16834 }
16835 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn
16836 \s_fp \_fp_chk:w 1 #1 #2 #3#4#5#6 ;
16837 {
16838   \exp_after:wN \_fp_to_scientific_normal:wNw
16839   \exp_after:wN e
16840   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #2 - 1
16841   ; #3 #4 #5 #6 ;
16842 }
16843 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_to_scientific_normal:wNw #1 ; #2#3;
16844 { #2.#3 #1 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_to_scientific:w`, `\_fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn`, and `\_fp_to_scientific_normal:wNw`.)

### 31.4 Decimal representation

`\fp_to_decimal:N`  
`\fp_to_decimal:c`  
`\fp_to_decimal:n`

All three public variants are based on the same `\_fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w` after evaluating their argument to an internal floating point.

```

16845 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_decimal:N #1

```

```

16846 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w #1 }
16847 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_decimal:N { c }
16848 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_decimal:n
16849 {
16850   \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w
16851   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse:n
16852 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_to_decimal:N` and `\fp_to_decimal:n`. These functions are documented on page 185.)

```

\__fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w
\__fp_to_decimal_recover:w
\__fp_tuple_to_decimal:w

```

We allow tuples.

```

16853 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w #1
16854 {
16855   \__fp_change_func_type:NNN
16856   #1 \__fp_to_decimal:w \__fp_to_decimal_recover:w
16857   #1
16858 }
16859 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_decimal_recover:w #1 #2 ;
16860 {
16861   \__fp_error:nffn { fp-unknown-type } { \tl_to_str:n { #2 ; } } { } { }
16862   nan
16863 }
16864 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tuple_to_decimal:w
16865 { \__fp_tuple_convert:Nw \__fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w`, `\__fp_to_decimal_recover:w`, and `\__fp_tuple_to_decimal:w`.)

```

\__fp_to_decimal:w
\__fp_to_decimal_normal:wnnnnn
\__fp_to_decimal_large:Nnnw
\__fp_to_decimal_huge:wnnnn

```

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.

```

16866 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_decimal:w \s_fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2
16867 {
16868   \if_meaning:w 2 #2 \exp_after:wN - \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \fi:
16869   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
16870     \__fp_case_return:nw { 0 }
16871   \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal_normal:wnnnnn
16872   \or:
16873     \__fp_case_use:nw
16874     {
16875       \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw
16876       { \fp_to_decimal:N \c__fp_overflowing_fp }
16877       { fp_to_decimal }
16878     }
16879   \or:
16880     \__fp_case_use:nw
16881     {
16882       \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw

```

```

16883         { 0 }
16884         { fp_to_decimal }
16885     }
16886     \fi:
16887     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2
16888 }
16889 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_decimal_normal:wnnnnn
16890 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1 #2 #3#4#5#6 ;
16891 {
16892     \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} > 0
16893     {
16894         \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} < \c__fp_prec_int
16895         {
16896             \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn { \c__fp_prec_int - #2 }
16897             \__fp_to_decimal_large:Nnnw
16898         }
16899         {
16900             \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
16901             \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal_huge:wnnnn
16902             \prg_replicate:nn { #2 - \c__fp_prec_int } { 0 } ;
16903         }
16904         {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
16905     }
16906     {
16907         \exp_after:wN \__fp_trim_zeros:w
16908         \exp_after:wN 0
16909         \exp_after:wN .
16910         \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \prg_replicate:nn { - #2 } { 0 }
16911         #3#4#5#6 ;
16912     }
16913 }
16914 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_decimal_large:Nnnw #1#2#3#4;
16915 {
16916     \exp_after:wN \__fp_trim_zeros:w \__int_value:w
16917     \if_int_compare:w #2 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
16918     #2
16919     \fi:
16920     \exp_stop_f:
16921     #3.#4 ;
16922 }
16923 \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.)

### 31.5 Token list representation

`\fp_to_tl:N` These three public functions evaluate their argument, then pass it to `\__fp_to_tl_-`  
`\fp_to_tl:c` `dispatch:w`.

```

\fp_to_tl:n
16924 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_tl:N #1 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_tl_dispatch:w #1 }
16925 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_tl:N { c }
16926 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_tl:n
16927 {
16928     \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_tl_dispatch:w
16929     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse:n

```

```
16930 }
```

(End definition for `\fp_to_tl:N` and `\fp_to_tl:n`. These functions are documented on page 186.)

`\__fp_to_tl_dispatch:w` We allow tuples.

```
\__fp_to_tl_recover:w 16931 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_tl_dispatch:w #1
\__fp_tuple_to_tl:w 16932 { \__fp_change_func_type:NNN #1 \__fp_to_tl:w \__fp_to_tl_recover:w #1 }
16933 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_tl_recover:w #1 #2 ;
16934 {
16935   \__fp_error:nffn { fp-unknown-type } { \tl_to_str:n { #2 ; } } { } { }
16936   nan
16937 }
16938 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tuple_to_tl:w
16939 { \__fp_tuple_convert:Nw \__fp_to_tl_dispatch:w }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_to_tl_dispatch:w`, `\__fp_to_tl_recover:w`, and `\__fp_tuple_to_tl:w`.)

`\__fp_to_tl:w` A structure similar to `\__fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w` and `\__fp_to_decimal_`  
`\__fp_to_tl_normal:nnnnn` `dispatch:w`, but without the “invalid operation” exception. First filter special cases.

`\__fp_to_tl_scientific:wnnnnn` We express normal numbers in decimal notation if the exponent is in the range  $[-2, 16]$ ,  
`\__fp_to_tl_scientific:wNw` and otherwise use scientific notation.

```
16940 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_tl:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2
16941 {
16942   \if_meaning:w 2 #2 \exp_after:wN - \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \fi:
16943   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
16944     \__fp_case_return:nw { 0 }
16945   \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_tl_normal:nnnnn
16946   \or: \__fp_case_return:nw { inf }
16947   \else: \__fp_case_return:nw { nan }
16948   \fi:
16949 }
16950 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_tl_normal:nnnnn #1
16951 {
16952   \int_compare:nTF
16953     { -2 <= #1 <= \c__fp_prec_int }
16954     { \__fp_to_decimal_normal:wnnnnn }
16955     { \__fp_to_tl_scientific:wnnnnn }
16956   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 0 {#1}
16957 }
16958 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_tl_scientific:wnnnnn
16959   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1 #2 #3#4#5#6 ;
16960 {
16961   \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_tl_scientific:wNw
16962   \exp_after:wN e
16963   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #2 - 1
16964   ; #3 #4 #5 #6 ;
16965 }
16966 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_tl_scientific:wNw #1 ; #2#3;
16967 { \__fp_trim_zeros:w #2.#3 ; #1 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_to_tl:w` and others.)

## 31.6 Formatting

This is not implemented yet, as it is not yet clear what a correct interface would be, for this kind of structured conversion from a floating point (or other types of variables) to a string. Ideas welcome.

## 31.7 Convert to dimension or integer

`\fp_to_dim:N` All three public variants are based on the same `\__fp_to_dim_dispatch:w` after evaluating their argument to an internal floating point. We only allow floating point numbers, not tuples.

```

\__fp_to_dim_dispatch:w 16968 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_dim:N #1
\__fp_to_dim_recover:w 16969 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_dim_dispatch:w #1 }
\__fp_to_dim:w 16970 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_dim:N { c }
16971 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_dim:n
16972 {
16973   \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_dim_dispatch:w
16974   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse:n
16975 }
16976 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_dim_dispatch:w #1#2 ;
16977 {
16978   \__fp_change_func_type:NNN #1 \__fp_to_dim:w \__fp_to_dim_recover:w
16979   #1 #2 ;
16980 }
16981 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_dim_recover:w #1
16982 { \__fp_invalid_operation:nmw { 0pt } { fp_to_dim } }
16983 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_dim:w #1 ; { \__fp_to_decimal:w #1 ; pt }

```

(End definition for `\fp_to_dim:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 186.)

`\fp_to_int:N` For the most part identical to `\fp_to_dim:N` but without `pt`, and where `\__fp_to_int:w` does more work. To convert to an integer, first round to 0 places (to the nearest integer), then express the result as a decimal number: the definition of `\__fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w` is such that there are no trailing dot nor zero.

```

\__fp_to_int_dispatch:w 16984 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_int:N #1 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_int_dispatch:w #1 }
\__fp_to_int_recover:w 16985 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_int:N { c }
16986 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_int:n
16987 {
16988   \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_int_dispatch:w
16989   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse:n
16990 }
16991 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_int_dispatch:w #1#2 ;
16992 {
16993   \__fp_change_func_type:NNN #1 \__fp_to_int:w \__fp_to_int_recover:w
16994   #1 #2 ;
16995 }
16996 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_int_recover:w #1
16997 { \__fp_invalid_operation:nmw { 0 } { fp_to_int } }
16998 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_int:w #1;
16999 {
17000   \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal:w \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
17001   \__fp_round:Nwn \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN #1; { 0 }
17002 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_to_int:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 186.)

### 31.8 Convert from a dimension

```

\dim_to_fp:n
  \__fp_from_dim_test:ww
    \__fp_from_dim:wNw
  \__fp_from_dim:wNNnnnnnn
  \__fp_from_dim:wnnnwNw

```

The dimension expression (which can in fact be a glue expression) is evaluated, converted to a number (*i.e.*, expressed in scaled points), then multiplied by  $2^{-16} = 0.0000152587890625$  to give a value expressed in points. The auxiliary `\__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww` expects the desired *final sign* and two floating point operands (of the form `\s__fp ... ;`) as arguments. This set of functions is also used to convert dimension registers to floating points while parsing expressions: in this context there is an additional exponent, which is the first argument of `\__fp_from_dim_test:ww`, and is combined with the exponent  $-4$  of  $2^{-16}$ . There is also a need to expand afterwards: this is performed by `\__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww`, and cancelled by `\prg_do_nothing:` here.

```

17003 \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn { { (#1) } }
17004 \cs_new:Npn \dim_to_fp:n #1
17005   {
17006     \exp_after:wN \__fp_from_dim_test:ww
17007     \exp_after:wN 0
17008     \exp_after:wN ,
17009     \__int_value:w \etex_glueexpr:D #1 ;
17010   }
17011 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_from_dim_test:ww #1, #2
17012   {
17013     \if_meaning:w 0 #2
17014     \__fp_case_return:nw { \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp }
17015     \else:
17016     \exp_after:wN \__fp_from_dim:wNw
17017     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 - 4
17018     \if_meaning:w - #2
17019     \exp_after:wN , \exp_after:wN 2 \__int_value:w
17020     \else:
17021     \exp_after:wN , \exp_after:wN 0 \__int_value:w #2
17022     \fi:
17023   \fi:
17024   }
17025 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_from_dim:wNw #1,#2#3;
17026   {
17027     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN \__fp_from_dim:wNNnnnnnn ;
17028     #3 000 0000 00 {10}987654321; #2 {#1}
17029   }
17030 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_from_dim:wNNnnnnnn #1; #2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
17031   { \__fp_from_dim:wnnnwNn #1 {#2#300} {0000} ; }
17032 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_from_dim:wnnnwNn #1; #2#3#4#5#6; #7#8
17033   {
17034     \__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww #7
17035     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #7 {#5} #1 ;
17036     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 0 {#8} {1525} {8789} {0625} {0000} ;
17037     \prg_do_nothing:
17038   }

```

(End definition for `\dim_to_fp:n` and others. This function is documented on page 162.)

### 31.9 Use and eval

```

\fp_use:N
\fp_use:c
\fp_eval:n

```

Those public functions are simple copies of the decimal conversions.

```

17039 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_use:N \fp_to_decimal:N
17040 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_use:N { c }
17041 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_eval:n \fp_to_decimal:n

```

(End definition for `\fp_use:N` and `\fp_eval:n`. These functions are documented on page 186.)

**`\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.

```

17042 \cs_new:Npn \fp_abs:n #1
17043 { \fp_to_decimal:n { abs \__fp_parse:n {#1} } }

```

(End definition for `\fp_abs:n`. This function is documented on page 201.)

**`\fp_max:nn`** Similar to `\fp_abs:n`, for consistency with `\int_max:nn`, etc.

```

17044 \cs_new:Npn \fp_max:nn #1#2
17045 { \fp_to_decimal:n { max ( \__fp_parse:n {#1} , \__fp_parse:n {#2} ) } }
17046 \cs_new:Npn \fp_min:nn #1#2
17047 { \fp_to_decimal:n { min ( \__fp_parse:n {#1} , \__fp_parse:n {#2} ) } }

```

(End definition for `\fp_max:nn` and `\fp_min:nn`. These functions are documented on page 201.)

### 31.10 Convert an array of floating points to a comma list

`\__fp_array_to_clist:n` Converts an array of floating point numbers to a comma-list. If speed here ends up irrelevant, we can simplify the code for the auxiliary to become

```

\cs_new:Npn \__fp_array_to_clist_loop:Nw #1#2;
{
  \use_none:n #1
  { , ~ } \fp_to_tl:n { #1 #2 ; }
  \__fp_array_to_clist_loop:Nw
}

```

The `\use_ii:nn` function is expanded after `\__fp_expand:n` is done, and it removes `,~` from the start of the representation.

```

17048 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_array_to_clist:n #1
17049 {
17050   \tl_if_empty:nF {#1}
17051   {
17052     \__fp_expand:n
17053     {
17054       { \use_ii:nn }
17055       \__fp_array_to_clist_loop:Nw #1 { ? \__prg_break: } ;
17056       \__prg_break_point:
17057     }
17058   }
17059 }
17060 \cs_new:Npx \__fp_array_to_clist_loop:Nw #1#2;
17061 {
17062   \exp_not:N \use_none:n #1
17063   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN
17064   {
17065     \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN ,
17066     \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \c_space_tl

```

```

17067 \exp_not:N \exp:w
17068 \exp_not:N \exp_end_continue_f:w
17069 \exp_not:N \__fp_to_tl_dispatch:w #1 #2 ;
17070 }
17071 \exp_not:N \__fp_array_to_clist_loop:Nw
17072 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_array_to_clist:n` and `\__fp_array_to_clist_loop:Nw`.)

```
17073 </initex | package>
```

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```
17074 <*initex | package>
```

```
17075 <@@=fp>
```

`\__fp_parse_word_rand:N` Those functions may receive a variable number of arguments. We won't use the argument?  
`\__fp_parse_word_randint:N`

```

17076 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_rand:N
17077 { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_rand_o:Nw ? }
17078 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_randint:N
17079 { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_randint_o:Nw ? }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_word_rand:N` and `\__fp_parse_word_randint:N`.)

### 32.1 Engine support

At present, X<sub>Y</sub>TeX, pTeX and upTeX do not provide random numbers, while LuaTeX and pdfTeX provide the primitive `\pdfutex_uniformdeviate:D` (`\pdfuniformdeviate` in pdfTeX and `\uniformdeviate` in LuaTeX). We write the test twice simply in order to write the false branch first.

```

17080 \cs_if_exist:NF \pdfutex_uniformdeviate:D
17081 {
17082   \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-no-random }
17083   { Random-numbers-unavailable }
17084   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_rand_o:Nw ? #1 @
17085   {
17086     \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { fp-no-random }
17087     \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
17088   }
17089   \cs_new_eq:NN \__fp_randint_o:Nw \__fp_rand_o:Nw
17090 }
17091 \cs_if_exist:NT \pdfutex_uniformdeviate:D
17092 {

```

`\__fp_rand_uniform:` The `\pdfutex_uniformdeviate:D` primitive gives a pseudo-random integer in a range  $[0, n - 1]$  of the user's choice. This number is meant to be uniformly distributed, but is produced by rescaling a uniform pseudo-random integer in  $[0, 2^{28} - 1]$ . For instance, setting  $n$  to (any multiple of)  $2^{29}$  gives only even values. Thus it is only safe to call `\pdfutex_uniformdeviate:D` with argument  $2^{28}$ . This integer is also used in the implementation of `\int_rand:nn`. We also use variants of this number rounded down to multiples of  $10^4$  and  $10^8$ .

```
17093 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_rand_uniform:
```

```

17094 { \pdfTeX_uniformdeviate:D \c__fp_rand_size_int }
17095 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_rand_size_int { 268 435 456 }
17096 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_rand_four_int { 268 430 000 }
17097 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_rand_eight_int { 200 000 000 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_rand_uniform:` and others.)

`\__fp_rand_myriads:n` Used as `\__fp_rand_myriads:n {XXX}` with one input character per block of four digit  
`\__fp_rand_myriads_loop:nn` we want. Given a pseudo-random integer from the primitive, we extract 2 blocks of digits  
`\__fp_rand_myriads_get:w` if possible, namely if the integer is less than  $2 \times 10^8$ . If that's not possible, we try to  
`\__fp_rand_myriads_last:` extract 1 block, which succeeds in the range  $[2 \times 10^8, 26843 \times 10^4)$ . For the 5456 remaining  
`\__fp_rand_myriads_last:w` possible values we just throw away the random integer and get a new one. Depending on  
whether we got 2, 1, or 0 blocks, remove the same number of characters from the input  
stream with `\use_i:nnn`, `\use_i:nn` or nothing.

```

17098 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_rand_myriads:n #1
17099 {
17100   \__fp_rand_myriads_loop:nn #1
17101   { ? \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw \__fp_rand_myriads_last: }
17102   { ? \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w } \q_stop
17103 }
17104 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_rand_myriads_loop:nn #1#2
17105 {
17106   \use_none:n #2
17107   \exp_after:wN \__fp_rand_myriads_get:w
17108   \__int_value:w \__fp_rand_uniform: ; {#1}{#2}
17109 }
17110 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_rand_myriads_get:w #1 ;
17111 {
17112   \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c__fp_rand_eight_int
17113   \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
17114   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
17115   \c__fp_rand_eight_int + #1 \__int_eval_end:
17116   \exp_after:wN \use_i:nnn
17117   \else:
17118   \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c__fp_rand_four_int
17119   \exp_after:wN \use_none:nnnnn
17120   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
17121   \c__fp_rand_four_int + #1 \__int_eval_end:
17122   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
17123   \fi:
17124   \fi:
17125   \__fp_rand_myriads_loop:nn
17126 }
17127 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_rand_myriads_last:
17128 {
17129   \exp_after:wN \__fp_rand_myriads_last:w
17130   \__int_value:w \__fp_rand_uniform: ;
17131 }
17132 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_rand_myriads_last:w #1 ;
17133 {
17134   \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c__fp_rand_four_int
17135   \exp_after:wN \use_none:nnnnn
17136   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
17137   \c__fp_rand_four_int + #1 \__int_eval_end:

```

```

17138     \else:
17139         \exp_after:wN \__fp_rand_myriads_last:
17140     \fi:
17141 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_rand_myriads:n` and others.)

## 32.2 Random floating point

`\__fp_rand_o:Nw` First we check that `random` was called without argument. Then get four blocks of four digits.

```

\__fp_rand_o:
\__fp_rand_o:w
17142 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_rand_o:Nw ? #1 @
17143 {
17144     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
17145     { \__fp_rand_o: }
17146     {
17147         \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnnn
17148         { kernel } { fp-num-args } { rand() } { 0 } { 0 }
17149         \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
17150     }
17151 }
17152 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_rand_o:
17153 { \__fp_parse_o:n { . \__fp_rand_myriads:n { xxxx } } }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_rand_o:Nw`, `\__fp_rand_o:`, and `\__fp_rand_o:w`.)

## 32.3 Random integer

`\__fp_randint_o:Nw` Enforce that there is one argument (then add first argument 1) or two arguments. Enforce that they are integers in  $(-10^{16}, 10^{16})$  and ordered. We distinguish narrow ranges (less than  $2^{28}$ ) from wider ones.

`\__fp_randint_default:w` For narrow ranges, compute the number  $n$  of possible outputs as an integer using `\fp_to_int:n`, and reduce a pseudo-random 28-bit integer  $r$  modulo  $n$ . On its own, this is not uniform when  $[0, 2^{28} - 1]$  does not divide evenly into intervals of size  $n$ . The auxiliary `\__fp_randint_e:wwwNnn` discards the pseudo-random integer if it lies in an incomplete interval, and repeats.

`\__fp_randint_e:wnn` For wide ranges we use the same code except for the last eight digits which use `\__fp_rand_myriads:n`. It is not safe to combine the first digits with the last eight as a single string of digits, as this may exceed 16 digits and be rounded. Instead, we first add the first few digits (times  $10^8$ ) to the lower bound. The result is compared to the upper bound and the process repeats if needed.

```

\__fp_randint_e:wwwNnn
\__fp_randint_narrow_e:nnnn
\__fp_randint_wide_e:nnnn
\__fp_randint_wide_e:wnnn
17154 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_randint_o:Nw ?
17155 {
17156     \__fp_parse_function_one_two:nnw
17157     { randint }
17158     { \__fp_randint_default:w \__fp_randint_o:w }
17159 }
17160 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_randint_default:w #1 { \exp_after:wN #1 \c_one_fp }
17161 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_randint_badarg:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2#3;
17162 {
17163     \__fp_int:wTF \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2#3;
17164     {
17165         \if_meaning:w 1 #1

```

```

17166         \if_int_compare:w
17167             \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw #3 \q_stop > \c__fp_prec_int
17168             1 \exp_stop_f:
17169         \fi:
17170     \fi:
17171 }
17172 { 1 \exp_stop_f: }
17173 }
17174 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_randint_o:w #1; #2; @
17175 {
17176     \if_case:w
17177         \__fp_randint_badarg:w #1;
17178         \__fp_randint_badarg:w #2;
17179         \fp_compare:nNnTF { #1; } > { #2; } { 1 } { 0 } \exp_stop_f:
17180         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \__fp_randint_e:wnn
17181         \__fp_parse:n { #2; - #1; } { #1; } { #2; }
17182     \or:
17183         \__fp_invalid_operation_tl_o:ff
17184         { randint } { \__fp_array_to_clist:n { #1; #2; } }
17185     \exp:w
17186     \fi:
17187     \exp_after:wN \exp_end:
17188 }
17189 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_randint_e:wnn #1;
17190 {
17191     \exp_after:wN \__fp_randint_e:wwNnn
17192     \__int_value:w \__fp_rand_uniform: \exp_after:wN ;
17193     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
17194     \fp_compare:nNnTF { #1 ; } < \c__fp_rand_size_int
17195     { \fp_to_int:n { #1 ; + 1 } ; \__fp_randint_narrow_e:nnnn }
17196     { \fp_to_int:n { floor(#1 ; * 1e-8 + 1) } ; \__fp_randint_wide_e:nnnn }
17197 }
17198 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_randint_e:wwNnn #1 ; #2 ;
17199 {
17200     \exp_after:wN \__fp_randint_e:wwwNnn
17201     \__int_value:w \int_mod:nn {#1} {#2} ; #1 ; #2 ;
17202 }
17203 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_randint_e:wwwNnn #1 ; #2 ; #3 ; #4
17204 {
17205     \int_compare:nNnTF { #2 - #1 + #3 } > \c__fp_rand_size_int
17206     {
17207         \exp_after:wN \__fp_randint_e:wwNnn
17208         \__int_value:w \__fp_rand_uniform: ; #3 ; #4
17209     }
17210     { #4 {#1} {#3} }
17211 }
17212 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_randint_narrow_e:nnnn #1#2#3#4
17213 { \__fp_parse_o:n { #3 + #1 } \exp:w }
17214 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_randint_wide_e:nnnn #1#2#3#4
17215 {
17216     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
17217     \exp_after:wN \__fp_randint_wide_e:wnnn
17218     \__fp_parse:n { #3 + #1e8 + \__fp_rand_myriads:n { xx } }
17219     {#2} {#3} {#4}

```

```

17220 }
17221 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_randint_wide_e:wnnn #1 ; #2#3#4
17222 {
17223   \fp_compare:nNnTF { #1 ; } > {#4}
17224   {
17225     \exp_after:wN \__fp_randint_e:wwNnn
17226     \__int_value:w \__fp_rand_uniform: ; #2 ;
17227     \__fp_randint_wide_e:nnnn {#3} {#4}
17228   }
17229   { \__fp_exp_after_o:w #1 ; \exp:w }
17230 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_randint_o:Nw` and others.)

End the initial conditional that ensures these commands are only defined in pdfTeX and LuaTeX.

```

17231 }
17232 </initex | package>

```

## 33 l3sort implementation

```

17233 (*initex | package)

```

```

17234 (@@=sort)

```

### 33.1 Variables

`\l__sort_length_int` The sequence has `\l__sort_length_int` items and is stored from `\l__sort_min_int` to `\l__sort_top_int - 1`. While reading the sequence in memory, we check that `\l__sort_top_int` remains at most `\l__sort_max_int`, precomputed by `\__sort_compute_range:`. That bound is such that the merge sort only uses `\toks` registers less than `\l__sort_true_max_int`, namely those that have not been allocated for use in other code: the user's comparison code could alter these.

```

17235 \int_new:N \l__sort_length_int
17236 \int_new:N \l__sort_min_int
17237 \int_new:N \l__sort_top_int
17238 \int_new:N \l__sort_max_int
17239 \int_new:N \l__sort_true_max_int

```

(End definition for `\l__sort_length_int` and others.)

`\l__sort_block_int` Merge sort is done in several passes. In each pass, blocks of size `\l__sort_block_int` are merged in pairs. The block size starts at 1, and, for a length in the range  $[2^k + 1, 2^{k+1}]$ , reaches  $2^k$  in the last pass.

```

17240 \int_new:N \l__sort_block_int

```

(End definition for `\l__sort_block_int`.)

`\l__sort_begin_int` When merging two blocks, `\l__sort_begin_int` marks the lowest index in the two blocks, and `\l__sort_end_int` marks the highest index, plus 1.

```

17241 \int_new:N \l__sort_begin_int
17242 \int_new:N \l__sort_end_int

```

(End definition for `\l__sort_begin_int` and `\l__sort_end_int`.)

`\l__sort_A_int` When merging two blocks (whose end-points are `beg` and `end`),  $A$  starts from the high end of the low block, and decreases until reaching `beg`. The index  $B$  starts from the top of the range and marks the register in which a sorted item should be put. Finally,  $C$  points to the copy of the high block in the interval of registers starting at `\l__sort_length_int`, upwards.  $C$  starts from the upper limit of that range.

```
17243 \int_new:N \l__sort_A_int
17244 \int_new:N \l__sort_B_int
17245 \int_new:N \l__sort_C_int
```

(End definition for `\l__sort_A_int`, `\l__sort_B_int`, and `\l__sort_C_int`.)

### 33.2 Finding available `\toks` registers

`\__sort_shrink_range:` After `\__sort_compute_range:` (defined below) determines that `\toks` registers between `\l__sort_min_int` (included) and `\l__sort_true_max_int` (excluded) have not yet been assigned, `\__sort_shrink_range:` computes `\l__sort_max_int` to reflect the need for a buffer when merging blocks in the merge sort. Given  $2^n \leq A \leq 2^n + 2^{n-1}$  registers we can sort  $\lfloor A/2 \rfloor + 2^{n-2}$  items while if we have  $2^n + 2^{n-1} \leq A \leq 2^{n+1}$  registers we can sort  $A - 2^{n-1}$  items. We first find out a power  $2^n$  such that  $2^n \leq A \leq 2^{n+1}$  by repeatedly halving `\l__sort_block_int`, starting at  $2^{15}$  or  $2^{14}$  namely half the total number of registers, then we use the formulas and set `\l__sort_max_int`.

```
17246 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_shrink_range:
17247 {
17248   \int_set:Nn \l__sort_A_int
17249     { \l__sort_true_max_int - \l__sort_min_int + 1 }
17250   \int_set:Nn \l__sort_block_int { \c_max_register_int / 2 }
17251   \__sort_shrink_range_loop:
17252   \int_set:Nn \l__sort_max_int
17253     {
17254       \int_compare:nNnTF
17255         { \l__sort_block_int * 3 / 2 } > \l__sort_A_int
17256         {
17257           \l__sort_min_int
17258           + ( \l__sort_A_int - 1 ) / 2
17259           + \l__sort_block_int / 4
17260           - 1
17261         }
17262         { \l__sort_true_max_int - \l__sort_block_int / 2 }
17263     }
17264 }
17265 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_shrink_range_loop:
17266 {
17267   \if_int_compare:w \l__sort_A_int < \l__sort_block_int
17268     \tex_divide:D \l__sort_block_int 2 \exp_stop_f:
17269     \exp_after:wN \__sort_shrink_range_loop:
17270   \fi:
17271 }
```

(End definition for `\__sort_shrink_range:` and `\__sort_shrink_range_loop:`.)

`\__sort_compute_range:` First find out what `\toks` have not yet been assigned. There are many cases. In L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> with no package, available `\toks` range from `\count15 + 1` to `\c_max_register_int` included (this was not altered despite the 2015 changes). When `\loctoks` is defined,

namely in plain (e)TeX, or when the package `etex` is loaded in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>, redefine `\_sort_compute_range:` to use the range `\count265` to `\count275 - 1`. The `elocalloc` package also defines `\loctoks` but uses yet another number for the upper bound, namely `\e@alloc@top` (minus one). We must check for `\loctoks` every time a sorting function is called, as `etex` or `elocalloc` could be loaded.

In ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt MkIV the range is from `\c_syst_last_allocated_toks + 1` to `\c_max_register_int`, and in MkII it is from `\lastallocatedtoks + 1` to `\c_max_register_int`. In all these cases, call `\_sort_shrink_range:`. The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 format mode is easiest: no `\toks` are ever allocated so available `\toks` range from 0 to `\c_max_register_int` and we precompute the result of `\_sort_shrink_range:`.

```

17272 (*package)
17273 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_sort_compute_range:
17274 {
17275   \int_set:Nn \l__sort_min_int { \tex_count:D 15 + 1 }
17276   \int_set:Nn \l__sort_true_max_int { \c_max_register_int + 1 }
17277   \_sort_shrink_range:
17278   \if_meaning:w \loctoks \tex_undefined:D \else:
17279     \if_meaning:w \loctoks \scan_stop: \else:
17280       \_sort_redefine_compute_range:
17281       \_sort_compute_range:
17282     \fi:
17283   \fi:
17284 }
17285 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_sort_redefine_compute_range:
17286 {
17287   \cs_if_exist:cTF { ver@elocalloc.sty }
17288   {
17289     \cs_gset_protected:Npn \_sort_compute_range:
17290     {
17291       \int_set:Nn \l__sort_min_int { \tex_count:D 265 }
17292       \int_set_eq:NN \l__sort_true_max_int \e@alloc@top
17293       \_sort_shrink_range:
17294     }
17295   }
17296   {
17297     \cs_gset_protected:Npn \_sort_compute_range:
17298     {
17299       \int_set:Nn \l__sort_min_int { \tex_count:D 265 }
17300       \int_set:Nn \l__sort_true_max_int { \tex_count:D 275 }
17301       \_sort_shrink_range:
17302     }
17303   }
17304 }
17305 \cs_if_exist:NT \loctoks { \_sort_redefine_compute_range: }
17306 \tl_map_inline:nn { \lastallocatedtoks \c_syst_last_allocated_toks }
17307 {
17308   \cs_if_exist:NT #1
17309   {
17310     \cs_gset_protected:Npn \_sort_compute_range:
17311     {
17312       \int_set:Nn \l__sort_min_int { #1 + 1 }
17313       \int_set:Nn \l__sort_true_max_int { \c_max_register_int + 1 }
17314       \_sort_shrink_range:

```

```

17315     }
17316   }
17317 }
17318 </package>
17319 <*initex>
17320 \int_const:Nn \c__sort_max_length_int
17321 { ( \c_max_register_int + 1 ) * 3 / 4 }
17322 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_compute_range:
17323 {
17324   \int_set:Nn \l__sort_min_int { 0 }
17325   \int_set:Nn \l__sort_true_max_int { \c_max_register_int + 1 }
17326   \int_set:Nn \l__sort_max_int { \c__sort_max_length_int }
17327 }
17328 </initex>

```

(End definition for `\__sort_compute_range:`, `\__sort_redefine_compute_range:`, and `\c__sort_max_length_int`.)

### 33.3 Protected user commands

`\__sort_main:NNNnNn` Sorting happens in three steps. First store items in `\toks` registers ranging from `\l__sort_min_int` to `\l__sort_top_int - 1`, while checking that the list is not too long. If we reach the maximum length, all further items are entirely ignored after raising an error. Secondly, sort the array of `\toks` registers, using the user-defined sorting function, **#6**. Finally, unpack the `\toks` registers (now sorted) into a variable of the right type, by x-expanding the code in **#4**, specific to each type of list.

```

17329 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_main:NNNnNn #1#2#3#4#5#6
17330 {
17331   \group_begin:
17332   (package)   \__sort_disable_toksdef:
17333   \__sort_compute_range:
17334   \int_set_eq:NN \l__sort_top_int \l__sort_min_int
17335   #2 #5
17336   {
17337     \if_int_compare:w \l__sort_top_int = \l__sort_max_int
17338     \__sort_too_long_error:NNw #3 #5
17339     \fi:
17340     \tex_toks:D \l__sort_top_int {##1}
17341     \int_incr:N \l__sort_top_int
17342   }
17343   \int_set:Nn \l__sort_length_int
17344   { \l__sort_top_int - \l__sort_min_int }
17345   \cs_set:Npn \__sort_compare:nn ##1 ##2 { #6 }
17346   \int_set:Nn \l__sort_block_int { 1 }
17347   \__sort_level:
17348   \use:x
17349   {
17350     \group_end:
17351     #1 \exp_not:N #5 {#4}
17352   }
17353 }

```

(End definition for `\__sort_main:NNNnNn`.)

`\seq_sort:Nn` `\seq_gsort:Nn` The first argument to `\__sort_main:NNNnNn` is the final assignment function used, either `\tl_set:Nn` or `\tl_gset:Nn` to control local versus global results. The second argument is what mapping function is used when storing items to `\toks` registers, and the third breaks away from the loop. The fourth is used to build back the correct kind of list from the contents of the `\toks` registers, including the leading `\s__seq`. Fifth and sixth arguments are the variable to sort, and the sorting method as inline code.

```

17354 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_sort:Nn
17355   {
17356     \__sort_main:NNNnNn \tl_set:Nn
17357     \seq_map_inline:Nn \seq_map_break:n
17358     { \s__seq \__sort_toks:NN \exp_not:N \__seq_item:n }
17359   }
17360 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_sort:Nn { c }
17361 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gsort:Nn
17362   {
17363     \__sort_main:NNNnNn \tl_gset:Nn
17364     \seq_map_inline:Nn \seq_map_break:n
17365     { \s__seq \__sort_toks:NN \exp_not:N \__seq_item:n }
17366   }
17367 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gsort:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_sort:Nn` and `\seq_gsort:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 68.)

`\tl_sort:Nn` `\tl_gsort:Nn` Again, use `\tl_set:Nn` or `\tl_gset:Nn` to control the scope of the assignment. Mapping through the token list is done with `\tl_map_inline:Nn`, and producing the token list is very similar to sequences, removing `\__seq_item:n`.

```

17368 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_sort:Nn
17369   {
17370     \__sort_main:NNNnNn \tl_set:Nn
17371     \tl_map_inline:Nn \tl_map_break:n
17372     { \__sort_toks:NN \prg_do_nothing: \prg_do_nothing: }
17373   }
17374 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_sort:Nn { c }
17375 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gsort:Nn
17376   {
17377     \__sort_main:NNNnNn \tl_gset:Nn
17378     \tl_map_inline:Nn \tl_map_break:n
17379     { \__sort_toks:NN \prg_do_nothing: \prg_do_nothing: }
17380   }
17381 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gsort:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_sort:Nn` and `\tl_gsort:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 46.)

`\clist_sort:Nn` `\clist_gsort:Nn` The case of empty comma-lists is a little bit special as usual, and filtered out: there is nothing to sort in that case. Otherwise, the input is done with `\clist_map_inline:Nn`, and the output requires some more elaborate processing than for sequences and token lists. The first comma must be removed. An item must be wrapped in an extra set of braces if it contains either the space or the comma characters. This is taken care of by `\clist_wrap_item:n`, but `\__sort_toks:NN` would simply feed `\tex_the:D \tex_toks:D <number>` as an argument to that function; hence we need to expand this argument once to unpack the register.

```

17382 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_sort:Nn
17383   { \__sort_clist:NNn \tl_set:Nn }

```

```

17384 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gsort:Nn
17385   { \__sort_clist:NNn \tl_gset:Nn }
17386 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_sort:Nn { c }
17387 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gsort:Nn { c }
17388 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_clist:NNn #1#2#3
17389   {
17390     \clist_if_empty:NF #2
17391     {
17392       \__sort_main:NNNnNn #1
17393       \clist_map_inline:Nn \clist_map_break:n
17394       {
17395         \exp_last_unbraced:Nf \use_none:n
17396         { \__sort_toks:NN \exp_args:No \__clist_wrap_item:n }
17397       }
17398       #2 {#3}
17399     }
17400   }

```

(End definition for `\clist_sort:Nn`, `\clist_gsort:Nn`, and `\__sort_clist:NNn`. These functions are documented on page 108.)

`\__sort_toks:NN` Unpack the various `\toks` registers, from `\l__sort_min_int` to `\l__sort_top_int - 1`.  
`\__sort_toks:NNw` The functions #1 and #2 allow us to treat the three data structures in a unified way:

- for sequences, they are `\exp_not:N \__seq_item:n`, expanding to the `\__seq_item:n` separator, as expected;
- for token lists, they expand to nothing;
- for comma lists, they expand to `\exp_args:No \clist_wrap_item:n`, taking care of unpacking the register before letting the undocumented internal `clist` function `\clist_wrap_item:n` do the work of putting a comma and possibly braces.

```

17401 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_toks:NN #1#2
17402   { \__sort_toks:NNw #1 #2 \l__sort_min_int ; }
17403 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_toks:NNw #1#2#3 ;
17404   {
17405     \if_int_compare:w #3 < \l__sort_top_int
17406     #1 #2 { \tex_the:D \tex_toks:D #3 }
17407     \exp_after:wN \__sort_toks:NNw \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2
17408     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #3 + 1 \exp_after:wN ;
17409     \fi:
17410   }

```

(End definition for `\__sort_toks:NN` and `\__sort_toks:NNw`.)

### 33.4 Merge sort

`\__sort_level:` This function is called once blocks of size `\l__sort_block_int` (initially 1) are each sorted. If the whole list fits in one block, then we are done (this also takes care of the case of an empty list or a list with one item). Otherwise, go through pairs of blocks starting from 0, then double the block size, and repeat.

```

17411 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_level:
17412   {
17413     \if_int_compare:w \l__sort_block_int < \l__sort_length_int

```

```

17414     \l__sort_end_int \l__sort_min_int
17415     \__sort_merge_blocks:
17416     \tex_advance:D \l__sort_block_int \l__sort_block_int
17417     \exp_after:wN \__sort_level:
17418     \fi:
17419 }

```

(End definition for `\__sort_level:.`)

`\__sort_merge_blocks:` This function is called to merge a pair of blocks, starting at the last value of `\l__sort_end_int` (end-point of the previous pair of blocks). If shifting by one block to the right we reach the end of the list, then this pass has ended: the end of the list is sorted already. Otherwise, store the result of that shift in *A*, which indexes the first block starting from the top end. Then locate the end-point (maximum) of the second block: shift *end* upwards by one more block, but keeping it  $\leq$  *top*. Copy this upper block of `\toks` registers in registers above *length*, indexed by *C*: this is covered by `\__sort_copy_block:.` Once this is done we are ready to do the actual merger using `\__sort_merge_blocks_aux:.`, after shifting *A*, *B* and *C* so that they point to the largest index in their respective ranges rather than pointing just beyond those ranges. Of course, once that pair of blocks is merged, move on to the next pair.

```

17420 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_merge_blocks:
17421 {
17422   \l__sort_begin_int \l__sort_end_int
17423   \tex_advance:D \l__sort_end_int \l__sort_block_int
17424   \if_int_compare:w \l__sort_end_int < \l__sort_top_int
17425     \l__sort_A_int \l__sort_end_int
17426     \tex_advance:D \l__sort_end_int \l__sort_block_int
17427     \if_int_compare:w \l__sort_end_int > \l__sort_top_int
17428       \l__sort_end_int \l__sort_top_int
17429     \fi:
17430     \l__sort_B_int \l__sort_A_int
17431     \l__sort_C_int \l__sort_top_int
17432     \__sort_copy_block:
17433     \int_decr:N \l__sort_A_int
17434     \int_decr:N \l__sort_B_int
17435     \int_decr:N \l__sort_C_int
17436     \exp_after:wN \__sort_merge_blocks_aux:
17437     \exp_after:wN \__sort_merge_blocks:
17438     \fi:
17439 }

```

(End definition for `\__sort_merge_blocks:.`)

`\__sort_copy_block:` We wish to store a copy of the “upper” block of `\toks` registers, ranging between the initial value of `\l__sort_B_int` (included) and `\l__sort_end_int` (excluded) into a new range starting at the initial value of `\l__sort_C_int`, namely `\l__sort_top_int`.

```

17440 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_copy_block:
17441 {
17442   \tex_toks:D \l__sort_C_int \tex_toks:D \l__sort_B_int
17443   \int_incr:N \l__sort_C_int
17444   \int_incr:N \l__sort_B_int
17445   \if_int_compare:w \l__sort_B_int = \l__sort_end_int
17446     \use_i:nn

```

```

17447     \fi:
17448     \__sort_copy_block:
17449   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_sort\_copy\_block:.)

\\_\_sort\_merge\_blocks\_aux: At this stage, the first block starts at \l\_\_sort\_begin\_int, and ends at \l\_\_sort\_A\_int, and the second block starts at \l\_\_sort\_top\_int and ends at \l\_\_sort\_C\_int. The result of the merger is stored at positions indexed by \l\_\_sort\_B\_int, which starts at \l\_\_sort\_end\_int - 1 and decreases down to \l\_\_sort\_begin\_int, covering the full range of the two blocks. In other words, we are building the merger starting with the largest values. The comparison function is defined to return either `swapped` or `same`. Of course, this means the arguments need to be given in the order they appear originally in the list.

```

17450 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_merge_blocks_aux:
17451   {
17452     \exp_after:wN \__sort_compare:nn \exp_after:wN
17453     { \tex_the:D \tex_toks:D \exp_after:wN \l__sort_A_int \exp_after:wN }
17454     \exp_after:wN { \tex_the:D \tex_toks:D \l__sort_C_int }
17455     \prg_do_nothing:
17456     \__sort_return_mark:N
17457     \__sort_return_mark:N
17458     \__sort_return_none_error:
17459   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_sort\_merge\_blocks\_aux:.)

\sort\_return\_same: The marker removes one token. Each comparison should call \sort\_return\_same: or \sort\_return\_swapped: exactly once. If neither is called, \\_\_sort\_return\_none\_error: is called.

```

\__sort_return_mark:N
\__sort_return_none_error:
\__sort_return_two_error:w
17460 \cs_new_protected:Npn \sort_return_same: #1 \__sort_return_mark:N
17461   { #1 \__sort_return_mark:N \__sort_return_two_error:w \__sort_return_same: }
17462 \cs_new_protected:Npn \sort_return_swapped: #1 \__sort_return_mark:N
17463   { #1 \__sort_return_mark:N \__sort_return_two_error:w \__sort_return_swapped: }
17464 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_return_mark:N #1 { }
17465 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_return_none_error:
17466   {
17467     \__kernel_msg_error:nnxx { kernel } { return-none }
17468     { \tex_the:D \tex_toks:D \l__sort_A_int }
17469     { \tex_the:D \tex_toks:D \l__sort_C_int }
17470     \__sort_return_same:
17471   }
17472 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_return_two_error:w
17473   #1 \__sort_return_none_error:
17474   { \__kernel_msg_error:nn { kernel } { return-two } }

```

(End definition for \sort\_return\_same: and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

\\_\_sort\_return\_same: If the comparison function returns `same`, then the second argument fed to \\_\_sort\_compare:nn should remain to the right of the other one. Since we build the merger starting from the right, we copy that \toks register into the allotted range, then shift the pointers *B* and *C*, and go on to do one more step in the merger, unless the second block has been exhausted: then the remainder of the first block is already in the correct registers and we are done with merging those two blocks.

```

17475 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_return_same:
17476 {
17477   \tex_toks:D \l__sort_B_int \tex_toks:D \l__sort_C_int
17478   \int_decr:N \l__sort_B_int
17479   \int_decr:N \l__sort_C_int
17480   \if_int_compare:w \l__sort_C_int < \l__sort_top_int
17481     \use_i:nn
17482   \fi:
17483   \__sort_merge_blocks_aux:
17484 }

```

(End definition for `\__sort_return_same:.`)

`\__sort_return_swapped:` If the comparison function returns `swapped`, then the next item to add to the merger is the first argument, contents of the `\toks` register *A*. Then shift the pointers *A* and *B* to the left, and go for one more step for the merger, unless the left block was exhausted (*A* goes below the threshold). In that case, all remaining `\toks` registers in the second block, indexed by *C*, are copied to the merger by `\__sort_merge_blocks_end:.`

```

17485 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_return_swapped:
17486 {
17487   \tex_toks:D \l__sort_B_int \tex_toks:D \l__sort_A_int
17488   \int_decr:N \l__sort_B_int
17489   \int_decr:N \l__sort_A_int
17490   \if_int_compare:w \l__sort_A_int < \l__sort_begin_int
17491     \__sort_merge_blocks_end: \use_i:nn
17492   \fi:
17493   \__sort_merge_blocks_aux:
17494 }

```

(End definition for `\__sort_return_swapped:.`)

`\__sort_merge_blocks_end:` This function's task is to copy the `\toks` registers in the block indexed by *C* to the merger indexed by *B*. The end can equally be detected by checking when *B* reaches the threshold `begin`, or when *C* reaches `top`.

```

17495 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_merge_blocks_end:
17496 {
17497   \tex_toks:D \l__sort_B_int \tex_toks:D \l__sort_C_int
17498   \int_decr:N \l__sort_B_int
17499   \int_decr:N \l__sort_C_int
17500   \if_int_compare:w \l__sort_B_int < \l__sort_begin_int
17501     \use_i:nn
17502   \fi:
17503   \__sort_merge_blocks_end:
17504 }

```

(End definition for `\__sort_merge_blocks_end:.`)

### 33.5 Expandable sorting

Sorting expandably is very different from sorting and assigning to a variable. Since tokens cannot be stored, they must remain in the input stream, and be read through at every step. It is thus necessarily much slower (at best  $O(n^2 \ln n)$ ) than non-expandable sorting functions ( $O(n \ln n)$ ).

A prototypical version of expandable quicksort is as follows. If the argument has no item, return nothing, otherwise partition, using the first item as a pivot (argument #4 of `\__sort:nnNnn`). The arguments of `\__sort:nnNnn` are 1. items less than #4, 2. items greater or equal to #4, 3. comparison, 4. pivot, 5. next item to test. If #5 is the tail of the list, call `\tl_sort:nN` on #1 and on #2, placing #4 in between; `\use:ff` expands the parts to make `\tl_sort:nN` f-expandable. Otherwise, compare #4 and #5 using #3. If they are ordered, place #5 amongst the “greater” items, otherwise amongst the “lesser” items, and continue partitioning.

```
\cs_new:Npn \tl_sort:nN #1#2
{
  \tl_if_blank:nF {#1}
  {
    \__sort:nnNnn { } { } #2
    #1 \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
  }
}
\cs_new:Npn \__sort:nnNnn #1#2#3#4#5
{
  \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn {#5}
  { \use:ff { \tl_sort:nN {#1} #3 {#4} } { \tl_sort:nN {#2} #3 } }
  #3 {#4} {#5}
  { \__sort:nnNnn {#1} { #2 {#5} } #3 {#4} }
  { \__sort:nnNnn { #1 {#5} } {#2} #3 {#4} }
}
\cs_generate_variant:Nn \use:nn { ff }
```

There are quite a few optimizations available here: the code below is less legible, but more than twice as fast.

In the simple version of the code, `\__sort:nnNnn` is called  $O(n \ln n)$  times on average (the number of comparisons required by the quicksort algorithm). Hence most of our focus is on optimizing that function.

The first speed up is to avoid testing for the end of the list at every call to `\__sort:nnNnn`. For this, the list is prepared by changing each  $\langle item \rangle$  of the original token list into  $\langle command \rangle \{ \langle item \rangle \}$ , just like sequences are stored. We arrange things such that the  $\langle command \rangle$  is the  $\langle conditional \rangle$  provided by the user: the loop over the  $\langle prepared tokens \rangle$  then looks like

```
\cs_new:Npn \__sort_loop:wNn ... #6#7
{
  #6 { \langle pivot \rangle } { #7 } \langle loop big \rangle \langle loop small \rangle
  \langle extra arguments \rangle
}
\__sort_loop:wNn ... \langle prepared tokens \rangle
\langle end-loop \rangle { } \q_stop
```

In this example, which matches the structure of `\__sort_quick_split_i:NnnnnNn` and a few other functions below, the `\__sort_loop:wNn` auxiliary normally receives the user’s  $\langle conditional \rangle$  as #6 and an  $\langle item \rangle$  as #7. This is compared to the  $\langle pivot \rangle$  (the argument #5, not shown here), and the  $\langle conditional \rangle$  leaves the  $\langle loop big \rangle$  or  $\langle loop small \rangle$  auxiliary, which both have the same form as `\__sort_loop:wNn`, receiving the next pair

$\langle conditional \rangle \{ \langle item \rangle \}$  as #6 and #7. At the end, #6 is the  $\langle end-loop \rangle$  function, which terminates the loop.

The second speed up is to minimize the duplicated tokens between the `true` and `false` branches of the conditional. For this, we introduce two versions of `\__sort:nnNnn`, which receive the new item as #1 and place it either into the list #2 of items less than the pivot #4 or into the list #3 of items greater or equal to the pivot.

```
\cs_new:Npn \__sort_i:nnnnNn #1#2#3#4#5#6
{
  #5 {#4} {#6} \__sort_ii:nnnnNn \__sort_i:nnnnNn
  {#6} { #2 {#1} } {#3} {#4}
}
\cs_new:Npn \__sort_ii:nnnnNn #1#2#3#4#5#6
{
  #5 {#4} {#6} \__sort_ii:nnnnNn \__sort_i:nnnnNn
  {#6} {#2} { #3 {#1} } {#4}
}
```

Note that the two functions have the form of `\__sort_loop:wNn` above, receiving as #5 the conditional or a function to end the loop. In fact, the lists #2 and #3 must be made of pairs  $\langle conditional \rangle \{ \langle item \rangle \}$ , so we have to replace #6 above by `{ #5 {#6} }`, and #1 by #1. The actual functions have one more argument, so all argument numbers are shifted compared to this code.

The third speed up is to avoid `\use:ff` using a continuation-passing style: `\__sort_quick_split:NnNn` expects a list followed by `\q_mark { \code }`, and expands to  $\langle code \rangle \langle sorted list \rangle$ . Sorting the two parts of the list around the pivot is done with

```
\__sort_quick_split:NnNn #2 ... \q_mark
{
  \__sort_quick_split:NnNn #1 ... \q_mark { \code }
  { \pivot }
}
```

Items which are larger than the  $\langle pivot \rangle$  are sorted, then placed after code that sorts the smaller items, and after the (braced)  $\langle pivot \rangle$ .

The fourth speed up is avoid the recursive call to `\tl_sort:nN` with an empty first argument. For this, we introduce functions similar to the `\__sort_i:nnnnNn` of the last example, but aware of whether the list of  $\langle conditional \rangle \{ \langle item \rangle \}$  read so far that are less than the pivot, and the list of those greater or equal, are empty or not: see `\__sort_quick_split:NnNn` and functions defined below. Knowing whether the lists are empty or not is useless if we do not use distinct ending codes as appropriate. The splitting auxiliaries communicate to the  $\langle end-loop \rangle$  function (that is initially placed after the “prepared” list) by placing a specific ending function, ignored when looping, but useful at the end. In fact, the  $\langle end-loop \rangle$  function does nothing but place the appropriate ending function in front of all its arguments. The ending functions take care of sorting non-empty sublists, placing the pivot in between, and the continuation before.

The final change in fact slows down the code a little, but is required to avoid memory issues: schematically, when `TEX` encounters

```
\use:n { \use:n { \use:n { ... } ... } ... }
```

the argument of the first `\use:n` is not completely read by the second `\use:n`, hence must remain in memory; then the argument of the second `\use:n` is not completely read when grabbing the argument of the third `\use:n`, hence must remain in memory, and so on. The memory consumption grows quadratically with the number of nested `\use:n`. In practice, this means that we must read everything until a trailing `\q_stop` once in a while, otherwise sorting lists of more than a few thousand items would exhaust a typical  $\text{\TeX}$ 's memory.

`\tl_sort:nN`

`\__sort_quick_prepare:Nnnn`  
`\__sort_quick_prepare_end:NNNnw`  
`\__sort_quick_cleanup:w`

The code within the `\exp_not:f` sorts the list, leaving in most cases a leading `\exp_not:f`, which stops the expansion, letting the result be return within `\exp_not:n`. We filter out the case of a list with no item, which would otherwise cause problems. Then prepare the token list `#1` by inserting the conditional `#2` before each item. The `prepare` auxiliary receives the conditional as `#1`, the prepared token list so far as `#2`, the next prepared item as `#3`, and the item after that as `#4`. The loop ends when `#4` contains `\__prg_break_point:`, then the `prepare_end` auxiliary finds the prepared token list as `#4`. The scene is then set up for `\__sort_quick_split:NnNn`, which sorts the prepared list and perform the post action placed after `\q_mark`, namely removing the trailing `\s__stop` and `\q_stop` and leaving `\exp_stop_f:` to stop f-expansion.

```

17505 \cs_new:Npn \tl_sort:nN #1#2
17506   {
17507     \exp_not:f
17508     {
17509       \tl_if_blank:nF {#1}
17510       {
17511         \__sort_quick_prepare:Nnnn #2 { } { }
17512         #1
17513         { \__prg_break_point: \__sort_quick_prepare_end:NNNnw }
17514         \q_stop
17515       }
17516     }
17517   }
17518 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_quick_prepare:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
17519   {
17520     \__prg_break: #4 \__prg_break_point:
17521     \__sort_quick_prepare:Nnnn #1 { #2 #3 } { #1 {#4} }
17522   }
17523 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_quick_prepare_end:NNNnw #1#2#3#4#5 \q_stop
17524   {
17525     \__sort_quick_split:NnNn #4 \__sort_quick_end:nnTFNn { }
17526     \q_mark { \__sort_quick_cleanup:w \exp_stop_f: }
17527     \s__stop \q_stop
17528   }
17529 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_quick_cleanup:w #1 \s__stop \q_stop {#1}

```

(End definition for `\tl_sort:nN` and others. This function is documented on page 46.)

`\__sort_quick_split:NnNn`  
`\__sort_quick_only_i:NnnnnNn`  
`\__sort_quick_only_ii:NnnnnNn`  
`\__sort_quick_split_i:NnnnnNn`  
`\__sort_quick_split_ii:NnnnnNn`

The `only_i`, `only_ii`, `split_i` and `split_ii` auxiliaries receive a useless first argument, the new item `#2` (that they append to either one of the next two arguments), the list `#3` of items less than the pivot, bigger items `#4`, the pivot `#5`, a *function* `#6`, and an item `#7`. The *function* is the user's *conditional* except at the end of the list where it is `\__sort_quick_end:nnTFNn`. The comparison is applied to the *pivot* and the *item*, and calls the `only_i` or `split_i` auxiliaries if the *item* is smaller, and the `only_ii` or `split_ii` auxiliaries otherwise. In both cases, the next auxiliary goes to work right

away, with no intermediate expansion that would slow down operations. Note that the argument #2 left for the next call has the form  $\langle conditional \rangle \{ \langle item \rangle \}$ , so that the lists #3 and #4 keep the right form to be fed to the next sorting function. The `split` auxiliary differs from these in that it is missing three of the arguments, which would be empty, and its first argument is always the user's  $\langle conditional \rangle$  rather than an ending function.

```

17530 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_quick_split:NnNn #1#2#3#4
17531 {
17532   #3 {#2} {#4} \__sort_quick_only_ii:NnnnnNn \__sort_quick_only_i:NnnnnNn
17533   \__sort_quick_single_end:nnnwnw
17534   { #3 {#4} } { } { } {#2}
17535 }
17536 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_quick_only_i:NnnnnNn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
17537 {
17538   #6 {#5} {#7} \__sort_quick_split_ii:NnnnnNn \__sort_quick_only_i:NnnnnNn
17539   \__sort_quick_only_i_end:nnnwnw
17540   { #6 {#7} } { #3 #2 } { } {#5}
17541 }
17542 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_quick_only_ii:NnnnnNn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
17543 {
17544   #6 {#5} {#7} \__sort_quick_only_ii:NnnnnNn \__sort_quick_split_i:NnnnnNn
17545   \__sort_quick_only_ii_end:nnnwnw
17546   { #6 {#7} } { } { #4 #2 } {#5}
17547 }
17548 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_quick_split_i:NnnnnNn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
17549 {
17550   #6 {#5} {#7} \__sort_quick_split_ii:NnnnnNn \__sort_quick_split_i:NnnnnNn
17551   \__sort_quick_split_end:nnnwnw
17552   { #6 {#7} } { #3 #2 } {#4} {#5}
17553 }
17554 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_quick_split_ii:NnnnnNn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
17555 {
17556   #6 {#5} {#7} \__sort_quick_split_ii:NnnnnNn \__sort_quick_split_i:NnnnnNn
17557   \__sort_quick_split_end:nnnwnw
17558   { #6 {#7} } {#3} { #4 #2 } {#5}
17559 }

```

(End definition for `\__sort_quick_split:NnNn` and others.)

`\__sort_quick_end:nnTFNn` The `\__sort_quick_end:nnTFNn` appears instead of the user's conditional, and receives as its arguments the pivot #1, a fake item #2, a `true` and a `false` branches #3 and #4, followed by an ending function #5 (one of the four auxiliaries here) and another copy #6 of the fake item. All those are discarded except the function #5. This function receives lists #1 and #2 of items less than or greater than the pivot #3, then a continuation code #5 just after `\q_mark`. To avoid a memory problem described earlier, all of the ending functions read #6 until `\q_stop` and place #6 back into the input stream. When the lists #1 and #2 are empty, the `single` auxiliary simply places the continuation #5 before the pivot {#3}. When #2 is empty, #1 is sorted and placed before the pivot {#3}, taking care to feed the continuation #5 as a continuation for the function sorting #1. When #1 is empty, #2 is sorted, and the continuation argument is used to place the continuation #5 and the pivot {#3} before the sorted result. Finally, when both lists are non-empty, items larger than the pivot are sorted, then items less than the pivot, and the continuations are done in such a way to place the pivot in between.

```

17560 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_quick_end:nnTFNn #1#2#3#4#5#6 {#5}
17561 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_quick_single_end:nnnwnw #1#2#3#4 \q_mark #5#6 \q_stop
17562 { #5 {#3} #6 \q_stop }
17563 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_quick_only_i_end:nnnwnw #1#2#3#4 \q_mark #5#6 \q_stop
17564 {
17565   \__sort_quick_split:NnNn #1
17566   \__sort_quick_end:nnTFNn { } \q_mark {#5}
17567   {#3}
17568   #6 \q_stop
17569 }
17570 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_quick_only_ii_end:nnnwnw #1#2#3#4 \q_mark #5#6 \q_stop
17571 {
17572   \__sort_quick_split:NnNn #2
17573   \__sort_quick_end:nnTFNn { } \q_mark { #5 {#3} }
17574   #6 \q_stop
17575 }
17576 \cs_new:Npn \__sort_quick_split_end:nnnwnw #1#2#3#4 \q_mark #5#6 \q_stop
17577 {
17578   \__sort_quick_split:NnNn #2 \__sort_quick_end:nnTFNn { } \q_mark
17579   {
17580     \__sort_quick_split:NnNn #1
17581     \__sort_quick_end:nnTFNn { } \q_mark {#5}
17582     {#3}
17583   }
17584   #6 \q_stop
17585 }

```

(End definition for `\__sort_quick_end:nnTFNn` and others.)

### 33.6 Messages

`\__sort_error:` Bailing out of the sorting code is a bit tricky. It may not be safe to use a delimited argument, so instead we redefine many `l3sort` commands to be trivial, with `\__sort_level:` getting rid of the final assignment. This error recovery won't work in a group.

```

17586 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_error:
17587 {
17588   \cs_set_eq:NN \__sort_merge_blocks_aux: \prg_do_nothing:
17589   \cs_set_eq:NN \__sort_merge_blocks: \prg_do_nothing:
17590   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__sort_level: \use:x ##1 { \group_end: }
17591 }

```

(End definition for `\__sort_error:.`)

`\__sort_disable_toksdef:` While sorting, `\toksdef` is locally disabled to prevent users from using `\newtoks` or similar commands in their comparison code: the `\toks` registers that would be assigned are in use by `l3sort`. In format mode, none of this is needed since there is no `\toks` allocator.

```

17592 (*package)
17593 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_disable_toksdef:
17594 { \cs_set_eq:NN \toksdef \__sort_disabled_toksdef:n }
17595 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__sort_disabled_toksdef:n #1
17596 {
17597   \__kernel_msg_error:nnx { kernel } { toksdef }
17598   { \token_to_str:N #1 }

```

```

17599   \_sort_error:
17600   \tex_toksdef:D #1
17601   }
17602 \_kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { toksdef }
17603 { Allocation~of~\iow_char:N\toks~registers~impossible~while~sorting. }
17604 {
17605   The~comparison~code~used~for~sorting~a~list~has~attempted~to~
17606   define~#1~as~a~new~\iow_char:N\toks~register~using~\iow_char:N\newtoks~
17607   or~a~similar~command.~The~list~will~not~be~sorted.
17608 }
17609 \</package>

```

(End definition for \\_sort\_disable\_toksdef: and \\_sort\_disabled\_toksdef:n.)

\\_sort\_too\_long\_error:NNw When there are too many items in a sequence, this is an error, and we clean up properly the mapping over items in the list: break using the type-specific breaking function #1.

```

17610 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_sort_too_long_error:NNw #1#2 \fi:
17611 {
17612   \fi:
17613   \_kernel_msg_error:nnxxx { kernel } { too-large }
17614   { \token_to_str:N #2 }
17615   { \int_eval:n { \l__sort_true_max_int - \l__sort_min_int } }
17616   { \int_eval:n { \l__sort_top_int - \l__sort_min_int } }
17617   #1 \_sort_error:
17618 }
17619 \_kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { too-large }
17620 { The~list~#1~is~too~long~to~be~sorted~by~TeX. }
17621 {
17622   TeX~has~#2~toks~registers~still~available:~
17623   this~only~allows~to~sort~with~up~to~#3~
17624   items.~All~extra~items~will~be~deleted.
17625 }

```

(End definition for \\_sort\_too\_long\_error:NNw.)

```

17626 \_kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { return-none }
17627 { The~comparison~code~did~not~return. }
17628 {
17629   When~sorting~a~list,~the~code~to~compare~items~#1~and~#2~
17630   did~not~call~
17631   \iow_char:N\sort_return_same: ~nor~
17632   \iow_char:N\sort_return_swapped: .~
17633   Exactly~one~of~these~should~be~called.
17634 }
17635 \_kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { return-two }
17636 { The~comparison~code~returned~multiple~times. }
17637 {
17638   When~sorting~a~list,~the~code~to~compare~items~called~
17639   \iow_char:N\sort_return_same: ~or~
17640   \iow_char:N\sort_return_swapped: ~multiple~times.~
17641   Exactly~one~of~these~should~be~called.
17642 }

```

### 33.7 Deprecated functions

`\sort_ordered:` These functions were renamed for consistency.  
`\sort_reversed:`

```
17643 \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nmNnpn { 2018-12-31 } { \sort_return_same: }
17644 \cs_new_protected:Npn \sort_ordered: { \sort_return_same: }
17645 \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nmNnpn { 2018-12-31 } { \sort_return_swapped: }
17646 \cs_new_protected:Npn \sort_reversed: { \sort_return_swapped: }
```

(End definition for `\sort_ordered:` and `\sort_reversed:`.)

```
17647 </initex | package>
```

## 34 l3tl-build implementation

```
17648 (*initex | package)
17649 <@@=tl_buid>
```

### 34.1 Variables and helper functions

`\l__tl_build_start_index_int` Integers pointing to the starting index (currently always starts at zero), and the current  
`\l__tl_build_index_int` index. The corresponding `\toks` are accessed directly by number.

```
17650 \int_new:N \l__tl_build_start_index_int
17651 \int_new:N \l__tl_build_index_int
```

(End definition for `\l__tl_build_start_index_int` and `\l__tl_build_index_int`.)

`\l__tl_build_result_tl` The resulting token list is normally built in one go by unpacking all `\toks` in some range. In the rare cases where there are too many `\__tl_build_one:n` commands, leading to the depletion of registers, the contents of the current set of `\toks` is unpacked into `\l__tl_build_result_tl`. This prevents overflow from affecting the end-user (beyond an obvious performance hit).

```
17652 \tl_new:N \l__tl_build_result_tl
```

(End definition for `\l__tl_build_result_tl`.)

`\__tl_build_unpack:` The various pieces of the token list are built in `\toks` from the `start_index` (inclusive)  
`\__tl_build_unpack_loop:w` to the (current) `index` (excluded). Those `\toks` are unpacked and stored in order in the `result` token list. Optimizations would be possible here, for instance, unpacking 10 `\toks` at a time with a macro expanding to `\the\toks#10...\the\toks#19`, but this should be kept for much later.

```
17653 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_build_unpack:
17654   {
17655     \tl_put_right:Nx \l__tl_build_result_tl
17656     {
17657       \exp_after:wN \__tl_build_unpack_loop:w
17658       \int_use:N \l__tl_build_start_index_int ;
17659       \__prg_break_point:
17660     }
17661   }
17662 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_build_unpack_loop:w #1 ;
17663   {
17664     \if_int_compare:w #1 = \l__tl_build_index_int
17665       \exp_after:wN \__prg_break:
17666     \fi:
```

```

17667 \tex_the:D \tex_toks:D #1 \exp_stop_f:
17668 \exp_after:wN \__tl_build_unpack_loop:w
17669 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 + 1 ;
17670 }

```

(End definition for `\__tl_build_unpack:` and `\__tl_build_unpack_loop:w`.)

## 34.2 Building the token list

```

\__tl_build:Nw Similar to what is done for coffins: redefine some command, here \__tl_build_end_
\__tl_build_x:Nw aux:n to hold the relevant assignment (see \__tl_build_end: for details). Then initialize
\__tl_gbuild:Nw the start index and the current index at zero, and empty the result token list.
\__tl_gbuild_x:Nw
\__tl_build_aux:NNw
17671 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_build:Nw
17672 { \__tl_build_aux:NNw \tl_set:Nn }
17673 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_build_x:Nw
17674 { \__tl_build_aux:NNw \tl_set:Nx }
17675 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_gbuild:Nw
17676 { \__tl_build_aux:NNw \tl_gset:Nn }
17677 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_gbuild_x:Nw
17678 { \__tl_build_aux:NNw \tl_gset:Nx }
17679 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_build_aux:NNw #1#2
17680 {
17681 \group_begin:
17682 \cs_set:Npn \__tl_build_end_assignment:n
17683 { \group_end: #1 #2 }
17684 \int_zero:N \l__tl_build_start_index_int
17685 \int_zero:N \l__tl_build_index_int
17686 \tl_clear:N \l__tl_build_result_tl
17687 }

```

(End definition for `\__tl_build:Nw` and others.)

```

\__tl_build_end: When we are done building a token list, unpack all \toks into the result token list, and
\__tl_build_end_assignment:n expand this list before closing the group. The \__tl_build_end_assignment:n function
is defined by \__tl_build_aux:NNw to end the group and hold the relevant assignment. Its value outside is irrelevant, but just in case, we set it to a function which would clean up the contents of \l__tl_build_result_tl.

```

```

17688 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_build_end:
17689 {
17690 \__tl_build_unpack:
17691 \exp_args:No
17692 \__tl_build_end_assignment:n \l__tl_build_result_tl
17693 }
17694 \cs_new_eq:NN \__tl_build_end_assignment:n \use_none:n

```

(End definition for `\__tl_build_end:` and `\__tl_build_end_assignment:n`.)

```

\__tl_build_one:n Store the tokens in a free \toks, then move the pointer to the next one. If we overflow,
\__tl_build_one:o unpack the current \toks, and reset the current index, preparing to fill more \toks. This
\__tl_build_one:x could be optimized by avoiding to read #1, using \afterassignment.

```

```

17695 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_build_one:n #1
17696 {
17697 \tex_toks:D \l__tl_build_index_int {#1}
17698 \int_incr:N \l__tl_build_index_int

```

```

17699     \if_int_compare:w \l__tl_build_index_int > \c_max_register_int
17700         \__tl_build_unpack:
17701         \l__tl_build_index_int \l__tl_build_start_index_int
17702     \fi:
17703 }
17704 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_build_one:o #1
17705 {
17706     \tex_toks:D \l__tl_build_index_int \exp_after:wN {#1}
17707     \int_incr:N \l__tl_build_index_int
17708     \if_int_compare:w \l__tl_build_index_int > \c_max_register_int
17709         \__tl_build_unpack:
17710         \l__tl_build_index_int \l__tl_build_start_index_int
17711     \fi:
17712 }
17713 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_build_one:x #1
17714 { \use:x { \__tl_build_one:n {#1} } }

(End definition for \__tl_build_one:n.)
17715 </initex | package>

```

## 35 l3tl-analysis implementation

### 35.1 Internal functions

`\s__tl` The format used to store token lists internally uses the scan mark `\s__tl` as a delimiter.

(End definition for `\s__tl`.)

---

```

\__tl_analysis_map_inline:nn \__tl_analysis_map_inline:nn {<token list>} {<inline function>}

```

Applies the *<inline function>* to each individual *<token>* in the *<token list>*. The *<inline function>* receives three arguments:

- *<tokens>*, which both o-expand and x-expand to the *<token>*. The detailed form of *<token>* may change in later releases.
- *<catcode>*, a capital hexadecimal digit which denotes the category code of the *<token>* (0: control sequence, 1: begin-group, 2: end-group, 3: math shift, 4: alignment tab, 6: parameter, 7: superscript, 8: subscript, A: space, B: letter, C:other, D:active).
- *<char code>*, a decimal representation of the character code of the token,  $-1$  if it is a control sequence (with *<catcode>* 0).

For optimizations in `l3regex` (when matching control sequences), it may be useful to provide a `\__tl_analysis_from_str_map_inline:nn` function, perhaps named `\__-str_analysis_map_inline:nn`.

### 35.2 Internal format

The task of the `l3tl-analysis` module is to convert token lists to an internal format which allows us to extract all the relevant information about individual tokens (category code, character code), as well as reconstruct the token list quickly. This internal format is used in `l3regex` where we need to support arbitrary tokens, and it is used in conversion

functions in `l3str-convert`, where we wish to support clusters of characters instead of single tokens.

We thus need a way to encode any  $\langle token \rangle$  (even begin-group and end-group character tokens) in a way amenable to manipulating tokens individually. The best we can do is to find  $\langle tokens \rangle$  which both `o`-expand and `x`-expand to the given  $\langle token \rangle$ . Collecting more information about the category code and character code is also useful for regular expressions, since most regexes are catcode-agnostic. The internal format thus takes the form of a succession of items of the form

$$\langle tokens \rangle \backslash s\_t1 \langle catcode \rangle \langle char\ code \rangle \backslash s\_t1$$

The  $\langle tokens \rangle$  `o`- and `x`-expand to the original token in the token list or to the cluster of tokens corresponding to one Unicode character in the given encoding (for `l3str-convert`). The  $\langle catcode \rangle$  is given as a single hexadecimal digit, 0 for control sequences. The  $\langle char\ code \rangle$  is given as a decimal number, -1 for control sequences.

Using delimited arguments lets us build the  $\langle tokens \rangle$  progressively when doing an encoding conversion in `l3str-convert`. On the other hand, the delimiter `\s_t1` may not appear unbraced in  $\langle tokens \rangle$ . This is not a problem because we are careful to wrap control sequences in braces (as an argument to `\exp_not:n`) when converting from a general token list to the internal format.

The current rule for converting a  $\langle token \rangle$  to a balanced set of  $\langle tokens \rangle$  which both `o`-expands and `x`-expands to it is the following.

- A control sequence `\cs` becomes `\exp_not:n { \cs } \s_t1 0 -1 \s_t1`.
- A begin-group character `{` becomes `\exp_after:wN { \if_false: } \fi: \s_t1 1 \langle char\ code \rangle \s_t1`.
- An end-group character `}` becomes `\if_false: { \fi: } \s_t1 2 \langle char\ code \rangle \s_t1`.
- A character with any other category code becomes `\exp_not:n {\langle character \rangle} \s_t1 \langle hex\ catcode \rangle \langle char\ code \rangle \s_t1`.

17716 `(*initex | package)`

17717 `\@@=tl_analysis`

### 35.3 Variables and helper functions

`\s_t1` The scan mark `\s_t1` is used as a delimiter in the internal format. This is more practical than using a quark, because we would then need to control expansion much more carefully: compare `\__int_value:w '#1 \s_t1` with `\__int_value:w '#1 \exp_stop_f: \exp_not:N \q_mark` to extract a character code followed by the delimiter in an `x`-expansion.

17718 `\__scan_new:N \s_t1`

(End definition for `\s_t1`.)

`\l__tl_analysis_internal_tl` This token list variable is used to hand the argument of `\tl_show_analysis:n` to `\tl_show_analysis:N`.

17719 `\tl_new:N \l__tl_analysis_internal_tl`

(End definition for `\l__tl_analysis_internal_tl`.)

`\l__tl_analysis_token` The tokens in the token list are probed with the  $\TeX$  primitive `\futurelet`. We use `\l__tl_analysis_char_token` in that construction. In some cases, we convert the following token to a string before probing it: then the token variable used is `\l__tl_analysis_char_token`.

```

17720 \cs_new_eq:NN \l__tl_analysis_token ?
17721 \cs_new_eq:NN \l__tl_analysis_char_token ?

```

(End definition for `\l__tl_analysis_token` and `\l__tl_analysis_char_token`.)

`\l__tl_analysis_normal_int` The number of normal (N-type argument) tokens since the last special token.

```

17722 \int_new:N \l__tl_analysis_normal_int

```

(End definition for `\l__tl_analysis_normal_int`.)

`\l__tl_analysis_index_int` During the first pass, this is the index in the array being built. During the second pass, it is equal to the maximum index in the array from the first pass.

```

17723 \int_new:N \l__tl_analysis_index_int

```

(End definition for `\l__tl_analysis_index_int`.)

`\l__tl_analysis_nesting_int` Nesting depth of explicit begin-group and end-group characters during the first pass. This lets us detect the end of the token list without a reserved end-marker.

```

17724 \int_new:N \l__tl_analysis_nesting_int

```

(End definition for `\l__tl_analysis_nesting_int`.)

`\l__tl_analysis_type_int` When encountering special characters, we record their “type” in this integer.

```

17725 \int_new:N \l__tl_analysis_type_int

```

(End definition for `\l__tl_analysis_type_int`.)

`\g__tl_analysis_result_tl` The result of the conversion is stored in this token list, with a succession of items of the form

```

      <tokens> \s__tl <catcode> <char code> \s__tl

```

```

17726 \tl_new:N \g__tl_analysis_result_tl

```

(End definition for `\g__tl_analysis_result_tl`.)

`\_tl_analysis_extract_charcode:` `\_tl_analysis_extract_charcode_aux:w` Extracting the character code from the meaning of `\l__tl_analysis_token`. This has no error checking, and should only be assumed to work for begin-group and end-group character tokens. It produces a number in the form ‘`<char>`’.

```

17727 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_analysis_extract_charcode:
17728   {
17729     \exp_after:wN \_tl_analysis_extract_charcode_aux:w
17730     \token_to_meaning:N \l__tl_analysis_token
17731   }
17732 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_analysis_extract_charcode_aux:w #1 ~ #2 ~ { ‘ ’ }

```

(End definition for `\_tl_analysis_extract_charcode:` and `\_tl_analysis_extract_charcode_aux:w`.)

`\_tl_analysis_cs_space_count:NN` Counts the number of spaces in the string representation of its second argument, as well as the number of characters following the last space in that representation, and feeds the two numbers as semicolon-delimited arguments to the first argument. When this function is used, the escape character is printable and non-space.

```

17733 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_analysis_cs_space_count:NN #1 #2
17734 {
17735   \exp_after:wN #1
17736   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w 0
17737   \exp_after:wN \_tl_analysis_cs_space_count:w
17738   \token_to_str:N #2
17739   \fi: \_tl_analysis_cs_space_count_end:w ; ~ !
17740 }
17741 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_analysis_cs_space_count:w #1 ~
17742 {
17743   \if_false: #1 #1 \fi:
17744   + 1
17745   \_tl_analysis_cs_space_count:w
17746 }
17747 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_analysis_cs_space_count_end:w ; #1 \fi: #2 !
17748 { \exp_after:wN ; \__int_value:w \str_count_ignore_spaces:n {#1} ; }

```

(End definition for `\_tl_analysis_cs_space_count:NN`, `\_tl_analysis_cs_space_count:w`, and `\_tl_analysis_cs_space_count_end:w`.)

## 35.4 Plan of attack

Our goal is to produce a token list of the form roughly

```

⟨token 1⟩ \s__tl ⟨catcode 1⟩ ⟨char code 1⟩ \s__tl
⟨token 2⟩ \s__tl ⟨catcode 2⟩ ⟨char code 2⟩ \s__tl
... ⟨token N⟩ \s__tl ⟨catcode N⟩ ⟨char code N⟩ \s__tl

```

Most but not all tokens can be grabbed as an undelimited (N-type) argument by `TeX`. The plan is to have a two pass system. In the first pass, locate special tokens, and store them in various `\toks` registers. In the second pass, which is done within an x-expanding assignment, normal tokens are taken in as N-type arguments, and special tokens are retrieved from the `\toks` registers, and removed from the input stream by some means. The whole process takes linear time, because we avoid building the result one item at a time.

We make the escape character printable (backslash, but this later oscillates between slash and backslash): this allows us to distinguish characters from control sequences.

A token has two characteristics: its `\meaning`, and what it looks like for `TeX` when it is in scanning mode (*e.g.*, when capturing parameters for a macro). For our purposes, we distinguish the following meanings:

- begin-group token (category code 1), either space (character code 32), or non-space;
- end-group token (category code 2), either space (character code 32), or non-space;
- space token (category code 10, character code 32);
- anything else (then the token is always an N-type argument).

The token itself can “look like” one of the following

- a non-active character, in which case its meaning is automatically that associated to its character code and category code, we call it “true” character;
- an active character;
- a control sequence.

The only tokens which are not valid N-type arguments are true begin-group characters, true end-group characters, and true spaces. We detect those characters by scanning ahead with `\futurelet`, then distinguishing true characters from control sequences set equal to them using the `\string` representation.

The second pass is a simple exercise in expandable loops.

`\__tl_analysis:n` Everything is done within a group, and all definitions are local. We use `\group_align_safe_begin/end:` to avoid problems in case `\__tl_analysis:n` is used within an alignment and its argument contains alignment tab tokens.

```

17749 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis:n #1
17750   {
17751     \group_begin:
17752     \group_align_safe_begin:
17753     \__tl_analysis_a:n {#1}
17754     \__tl_analysis_b:n {#1}
17755     \group_align_safe_end:
17756     \group_end:
17757   }

```

*(End definition for `\__tl_analysis:n`.)*

### 35.5 Disabling active characters

`\__tl_analysis_disable:n` Active characters can cause problems later on in the processing, so we provide a way to disable them, by setting them to `undefined`. Since Unicode contains too many characters to loop over all of them, we instead do this whenever we encounter a character. For `pTeX` and `upTeX` we skip characters beyond [0, 255] because `\lccode` only allows those values.

```

17758 \group_begin:
17759   \char_set_catcode_active:N ^^@
17760   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_disable:n #1
17761     {
17762       \tex_lccode:D 0 = #1 \exp_stop_f:
17763       \tex_lowercase:D { \tex_let:D ^^@ } \tex_undefined:D
17764     }
17765   \cs_if_exist:NT \ptex_kanjiskip:D
17766     {
17767       \cs_gset_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_disable:n #1
17768         {
17769           \if_int_compare:w 256 > #1 \exp_stop_f:
17770           \tex_lccode:D 0 = #1 \exp_stop_f:
17771           \tex_lowercase:D { \tex_let:D ^^@ } \tex_undefined:D
17772           \fi:
17773         }
17774     }
17775 \group_end:

```

*(End definition for `\__tl_analysis_disable:n`.)*

## 35.6 First pass

The goal of this pass is to detect special (non-N-type) tokens, and count how many N-type tokens lie between special tokens. Also, we wish to store some representation of each special token in a `\toks` register.

We have 11 types of tokens:

1. a true non-space begin-group character;
2. a true space begin-group character;
3. a true non-space end-group character;
4. a true space end-group character;
5. a true space blank space character;
6. an active character;
7. any other true character;
8. a control sequence equal to a begin-group token (category code 1);
9. a control sequence equal to an end-group token (category code 2);
10. a control sequence equal to a space token (character code 32, category code 10);
11. any other control sequence.

Our first tool is `\futurelet`. This cannot distinguish case 8 from 1 or 2, nor case 9 from 3 or 4, nor case 10 from case 5. Those cases are later distinguished by applying the `\string` primitive to the following token, after possibly changing the escape character to ensure that a control sequence's string representation cannot be mistaken for the true character.

In cases 6, 7, and 11, the following token is a valid N-type argument, so we grab it and distinguish the case of a character from a control sequence: in the latter case, `\str_tail:n {<token>}` is non-empty, because the escape character is printable.

`\_tl_analysis_a:n` We read tokens one by one using `\futurelet`. While performing the loop, we keep track of the number of true begin-group characters minus the number of true end-group characters in `\l__tl_analysis_nesting_int`. This reaches `-1` when we read the closing brace.

```
17776 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_tl_analysis_a:n #1
17777   {
17778     \_tl_analysis_disable:n { 32 }
17779     \int_set:Nn \tex_escapechar:D { 92 }
17780     \int_zero:N \l__tl_analysis_normal_int
17781     \int_zero:N \l__tl_analysis_index_int
17782     \int_zero:N \l__tl_analysis_nesting_int
17783     \if_false: { \fi: \_tl_analysis_a_loop:w #1 }
17784     \int_decr:N \l__tl_analysis_index_int
17785   }
```

*(End definition for `\_tl_analysis_a:n`.)*

```

\__tl_analysis_a_loop:w Read one character and check its type.
17786 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_a_loop:w
17787 { \tex_futurelet:D \l__tl_analysis_token \__tl_analysis_a_type:w }

(End definition for \__tl_analysis_a_loop:w.)

```

\\_\_tl\_analysis\_a\_type:w At this point, \l\_\_tl\_analysis\_token holds the meaning of the following token. We store in \l\_\_tl\_analysis\_type\_int information about the meaning of the token ahead:

- 0 space token;
- 1 begin-group token;
- -1 end-group token;
- 2 other.

The values 0, 1, -1 correspond to how much a true such character changes the nesting level (2 is used only here, and is irrelevant later). Then call the auxiliary for each case. Note that nesting conditionals here is safe because we only skip over \l\_\_tl\_analysis\_token if it matches with one of the character tokens (hence is not a primitive conditional).

```

17788 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_a_type:w
17789 {
17790   \l__tl_analysis_type_int =
17791   \if_meaning:w \l__tl_analysis_token \c_space_token
17792     0
17793   \else:
17794     \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N \l__tl_analysis_token \c_group_begin_token
17795       1
17796     \else:
17797       \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N \l__tl_analysis_token \c_group_end_token
17798         - 1
17799       \else:
17800         2
17801     \fi:
17802   \fi:
17803   \fi:
17804   \exp_stop_f:
17805   \if_case:w \l__tl_analysis_type_int
17806     \exp_after:wN \__tl_analysis_a_space:w
17807   \or: \exp_after:wN \__tl_analysis_a_bgroup:w
17808   \or: \exp_after:wN \__tl_analysis_a_safe:N
17809   \else: \exp_after:wN \__tl_analysis_a_egroup:w
17810   \fi:
17811 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_tl\_analysis\_a\_type:w.)

\\_\_tl\_analysis\_a\_space:w In this branch, the following token's meaning is a blank space. Apply \string to that token: a true blank space gives a space, a control sequence gives a result starting with the escape character, an active character gives something else than a space since we disabled the space. We grab as \l\_\_tl\_analysis\_char\_token the first character of the string representation then test it in \\_\_tl\_analysis\_a\_space\_test:w. Also, since \\_\_tl\_analysis\_a\_store: expects the special token to be stored in the relevant \toks register, we do that. The extra \exp\_not:n is unnecessary of course, but it makes

the treatment of all tokens more homogeneous. If we discover that the next token was actually a control sequence or an active character instead of a true space, then we step the counter of normal tokens. We now have in front of us the whole string representation of the control sequence, including potential spaces; those will appear to be true spaces later in this pass. Hence, all other branches of the code in this first pass need to consider the string representation, so that the second pass does not need to test the meaning of tokens, only strings.

```

17812 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_a_space:w
17813 {
17814   \tex_afterassignment:D \__tl_analysis_a_space_test:w
17815   \exp_after:wN \cs_set_eq:NN
17816   \exp_after:wN \l__tl_analysis_char_token
17817   \token_to_str:N
17818 }
17819 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_a_space_test:w
17820 {
17821   \if_meaning:w \l__tl_analysis_char_token \c_space_token
17822     \tex_toks:D \l__tl_analysis_index_int { \exp_not:n { ~ } }
17823     \__tl_analysis_a_store:
17824   \else:
17825     \int_incr:N \l__tl_analysis_normal_int
17826   \fi:
17827   \__tl_analysis_a_loop:w
17828 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_tl\_analysis\_a\_space:w and \\_\_tl\_analysis\_a\_space\_test:w.)*

```

\__tl_analysis_a_bgroup:w
\__tl_analysis_a_egroup:w
\__tl_analysis_a_group:nw
\__tl_analysis_a_group_aux:w
  \__tl_analysis_a_group_auxii:w
  \__tl_analysis_a_group_test:w

```

The token is most likely a true character token with catcode 1 or 2, but it might be a control sequence, or an active character. Optimizing for the first case, we store in a toks register some code that expands to that token. Since we will turn what follows into a string, we make sure the escape character is different from the current character code (by switching between solidus and backslash). To detect the special case of an active character let to the catcode 1 or 2 character with the same character code, we disable the active character with that character code and re-test: if the following token has become undefined we can in fact safely grab it. We are finally ready to turn what follows to a string and test it. This is one place where we need \l\_\_tl\_analysis\_char\_token to be a separate control sequence from \l\_\_tl\_analysis\_token, to compare them.

```

17829 \group_begin:
17830   \char_set_catcode_group_begin:N ^^@ % {
17831   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_a_bgroup:w
17832     { \__tl_analysis_a_group:nw { \exp_after:wN ^^@ \if_false: } \fi: } }
17833   \char_set_catcode_group_end:N ^^@
17834   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_a_egroup:w
17835     { \__tl_analysis_a_group:nw { \if_false: { \fi: ^^@ } } % }
17836 \group_end:
17837 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_a_group:nw #1
17838 {
17839   \tex_lccode:D 0 = \__tl_analysis_extract_charcode: \scan_stop:
17840   \tex_lowercase:D { \tex_toks:D \l__tl_analysis_index_int {#1} }
17841   \if_int_compare:w \tex_lccode:D 0 = \tex_escapechar:D
17842     \int_set:Nn \tex_escapechar:D { 139 - \tex_escapechar:D }
17843   \fi:
17844   \__tl_analysis_disable:n { \tex_lccode:D 0 }

```

```

17845     \tex_futurelet:D \l__tl_analysis_token \__tl_analysis_a_group_aux:w
17846   }
17847 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_a_group_aux:w
17848   {
17849     \if_meaning:w \l__tl_analysis_token \tex_undefined:D
17850       \exp_after:wN \__tl_analysis_a_safe:N
17851     \else:
17852       \exp_after:wN \__tl_analysis_a_group_auxii:w
17853     \fi:
17854   }
17855 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_a_group_auxii:w
17856   {
17857     \tex_afterassignment:D \__tl_analysis_a_group_test:w
17858     \exp_after:wN \cs_set_eq:NN
17859     \exp_after:wN \l__tl_analysis_char_token
17860     \token_to_str:N
17861   }
17862 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_a_group_test:w
17863   {
17864     \if_charcode:w \l__tl_analysis_token \l__tl_analysis_char_token
17865       \__tl_analysis_a_store:
17866     \else:
17867       \int_incr:N \l__tl_analysis_normal_int
17868     \fi:
17869     \__tl_analysis_a_loop:w
17870   }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_tl\_analysis\_a\_bgroup:w and others.)*

`\__tl_analysis_a_store:` This function is called each time we meet a special token; at this point, the `\toks` register `\l__tl_analysis_index_int` holds a token list which expands to the given special token. Also, the value of `\l__tl_analysis_type_int` indicates which case we are in:

- -1 end-group character;
- 0 space character;
- 1 begin-group character.

We need to distinguish further the case of a space character (code 32) from other character codes, because those behave differently in the second pass. Namely, after testing the `\lccode` of 0 (which holds the present character code) we change the cases above to

- -2 space end-group character;
- -1 non-space end-group character;
- 0 space blank space character;
- 1 non-space begin-group character;
- 2 space begin-group character.

This has the property that non-space characters correspond to odd values of `\l__tl_analysis_type_int`. The number of normal tokens until here and the type of special

token are packed into a `\skip` register. Finally, we check whether we reached the last closing brace, in which case we stop by disabling the looping function (locally).

```

17871 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_a_store:
17872 {
17873   \tex_advance:D \l__tl_analysis_nesting_int \l__tl_analysis_type_int
17874   \if_int_compare:w \tex_lccode:D 0 = '\ \exp_stop_f:
17875     \tex_advance:D \l__tl_analysis_type_int \l__tl_analysis_type_int
17876   \fi:
17877   \tex_skip:D \l__tl_analysis_index_int
17878     = \l__tl_analysis_normal_int sp plus \l__tl_analysis_type_int sp \scan_stop:
17879   \int_incr:N \l__tl_analysis_index_int
17880   \int_zero:N \l__tl_analysis_normal_int
17881   \if_int_compare:w \l__tl_analysis_nesting_int = -1 \exp_stop_f:
17882     \cs_set_eq:NN \__tl_analysis_a_loop:w \scan_stop:
17883   \fi:
17884 }

```

(End definition for `\__tl_analysis_a_store:`.)

```

\__tl_analysis_a_safe:N
\__tl_analysis_a_cs:ww

```

This should be the simplest case: since the upcoming token is safe, we can simply grab it in a second pass. If the token is a single character (including space), the `\if_charcode:w` test yields true; we disable a potentially active character (that could otherwise masquerade as the true character in the next pass) and we count one “normal” token. On the other hand, if the token is a control sequence, we should replace it by its string representation for compatibility with other code branches. Instead of slowly looping through the characters with the main code, we use the knowledge of how the second pass works: if the control sequence name contains no space, count that token as a number of normal tokens equal to its string length. If the control sequence contains spaces, they should be registered as special characters by increasing `\l__tl_analysis_index_int` (no need to carefully count character between each space), and all characters after the last space should be counted in the following sequence of “normal” tokens.

```

17885 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_a_safe:N #1
17886 {
17887   \if_charcode:w
17888     \scan_stop:
17889     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n \token_to_str:N #1 \prg_do_nothing:
17890     \scan_stop:
17891     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
17892   \else:
17893     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
17894   \fi:
17895   {
17896     \__tl_analysis_disable:n { '#1 }
17897     \int_incr:N \l__tl_analysis_normal_int
17898   }
17899   { \__tl_analysis_cs_space_count:NN \__tl_analysis_a_cs:ww #1 }
17900   \__tl_analysis_a_loop:w
17901 }
17902 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_a_cs:ww #1; #2;
17903 {
17904   \if_int_compare:w #1 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
17905     \tex_skip:D \l__tl_analysis_index_int
17906     = \__int_eval:w \l__tl_analysis_normal_int + 1 sp \scan_stop:

```

```

17907     \tex_advance:D \l__tl_analysis_index_int #1 \exp_stop_f:
17908   \else:
17909     \tex_advance:D
17910   \fi:
17911   \l__tl_analysis_normal_int #2 \exp_stop_f:
17912 }

```

(End definition for `\__tl_analysis_a_safe:N` and `\__tl_analysis_a_cs:ww`.)

### 35.7 Second pass

The second pass is an exercise in expandable loops. All the necessary information is stored in `\skip` and `\toks` registers.

`\__tl_analysis_b:n` Start the loop with the index 0. No need for an end-marker: the loop stops by itself when  
`\__tl_analysis_b_loop:w` the last index is read. We repeatedly oscillate between reading long stretches of normal tokens, and reading special tokens.

```

17913 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_b:n #1
17914 {
17915   \tl_gset:Nx \g__tl_analysis_result_tl
17916   {
17917     \__tl_analysis_b_loop:w 0; #1
17918     \__prg_break_point:
17919   }
17920 }
17921 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_analysis_b_loop:w #1;
17922 {
17923   \exp_after:wN \__tl_analysis_b_normals:ww
17924   \__int_value:w \tex_skip:D #1 ; #1 ;
17925 }

```

(End definition for `\__tl_analysis_b:n` and `\__tl_analysis_b_loop:w`.)

`\__tl_analysis_b_normals:ww` The first argument is the number of normal tokens which remain to be read, and the  
`\__tl_analysis_b_normal:wwN` second argument is the index in the array produced in the first step. A character's string representation is always one character long, while a control sequence is always longer (we have set the escape character to a printable value). In both cases, we leave `\exp_not:n` `{<token>}` `\s__tl` in the input stream (after x-expansion). Here, `\exp_not:n` is used rather than `\exp_not:N` because `#3` could be a macro parameter character or could be `\s__tl` (which must be hidden behind braces in the result).

```

17926 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_analysis_b_normals:ww #1;
17927 {
17928   \if_int_compare:w #1 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
17929   \__tl_analysis_b_special:w
17930   \fi:
17931   \__tl_analysis_b_normal:wwN #1;
17932 }
17933 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_analysis_b_normal:wwN #1; #2; #3
17934 {
17935   \exp_not:n { \exp_not:n { #3 } } \s__tl
17936   \if_charcode:w
17937     \scan_stop:
17938     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n \token_to_str:N #3 \prg_do_nothing:

```

```

17939     \scan_stop:
17940     \exp_after:wN \_tl_analysis_b_char:Nww
17941 \else:
17942     \exp_after:wN \_tl_analysis_b_cs:Nww
17943 \fi:
17944 #3 #1; #2;
17945 }

```

(End definition for `\_tl_analysis_b_normals:ww` and `\_tl_analysis_b_normal:wwN`.)

`\_tl_analysis_b_char:Nww` If the normal token we grab is a character, leave  $\langle catcode \rangle \langle charcode \rangle$  followed by `\s_tl` in the input stream, and call `\_tl_analysis_b_normals:ww` with its first argument decremented.

```

17946 \cs_new:Npx \_tl_analysis_b_char:Nww #1
17947 {
17948   \exp_not:N \if_meaning:w #1 \exp_not:N \tex_undefined:D
17949   \token_to_str:N D \exp_not:N \else:
17950   \exp_not:N \if_catcode:w #1 \c_catcode_other_token
17951   \token_to_str:N C \exp_not:N \else:
17952   \exp_not:N \if_catcode:w #1 \c_catcode_letter_token
17953   \token_to_str:N B \exp_not:N \else:
17954   \exp_not:N \if_catcode:w #1 \c_math_toggle_token      3 \exp_not:N \else:
17955   \exp_not:N \if_catcode:w #1 \c_alignment_token        4 \exp_not:N \else:
17956   \exp_not:N \if_catcode:w #1 \c_math_superscript_token 7 \exp_not:N \else:
17957   \exp_not:N \if_catcode:w #1 \c_math_subscript_token   8 \exp_not:N \else:
17958   \exp_not:N \if_catcode:w #1 \c_space_token
17959   \token_to_str:N A \exp_not:N \else:
17960   6
17961   \exp_not:n { \fi: \fi: \fi: \fi: \fi: \fi: \fi: \fi: }
17962   \exp_not:N \_int_value:w '#1 \s_tl
17963   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \_tl_analysis_b_normals:ww
17964   \exp_not:N \_int_value:w \exp_not:N \_int_eval:w - 1 +
17965 }

```

(End definition for `\_tl_analysis_b_char:Nww`.)

`\_tl_analysis_b_cs:Nww` `\_tl_analysis_b_cs_test:ww` If the token we grab is a control sequence, leave 0 -1 (as category code and character code) in the input stream, followed by `\s_tl`, and call `\_tl_analysis_b_normals:ww` with updated arguments.

```

17966 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_analysis_b_cs:Nww #1
17967 {
17968   0 -1 \s_tl
17969   \_tl_analysis_cs_space_count:NN \_tl_analysis_b_cs_test:ww #1
17970 }
17971 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_analysis_b_cs_test:ww #1 ; #2 ; #3 ; #4 ;
17972 {
17973   \exp_after:wN \_tl_analysis_b_normals:ww
17974   \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w
17975   \if_int_compare:w #1 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
17976   #3
17977 \else:
17978   \tex_skip:D \_int_eval:w #4 + #1 \_int_eval_end:
17979 \fi:
17980 - #2

```

```

17981     \exp_after:wN ;
17982     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #4 + #1 ;
17983   }

```

(End definition for `\__tl_analysis_b_cs:Nww` and `\__tl_analysis_b_cs_test:ww`.)

```

\__tl_analysis_b_special:w
  \__tl_analysis_b_special_char:wN
  \__tl_analysis_b_special_space:w

```

Here, `#1` is the current index in the array built in the first pass. Check now whether we reached the end (we shouldn't keep the trailing end-group character that marked the end of the token list in the first pass). Unpack the `\toks` register: when x-expanding again, we will get the special token. Then leave the category code in the input stream, followed by the character code, and call `\__tl_analysis_b_loop:w` with the next index.

```

17984 \group_begin:
17985   \char_set_catcode_other:N A
17986   \cs_new:Npn \__tl_analysis_b_special:w
17987     \fi: \__tl_analysis_b_normal:wwN 0 ; #1 ;
17988   {
17989     \fi:
17990     \if_int_compare:w #1 = \l__tl_analysis_index_int
17991       \exp_after:wN \__prg_break:
17992     \fi:
17993     \tex_the:D \tex_toks:D #1 \s__tl
17994     \if_case:w \etex_gluestretch:D \tex_skip:D #1 \exp_stop_f:
17995       \token_to_str:N A
17996     \or: 1
17997     \or: 1
17998     \else: 2
17999     \fi:
18000     \if_int_odd:w \etex_gluestretch:D \tex_skip:D #1 \exp_stop_f:
18001       \exp_after:wN \__tl_analysis_b_special_char:wN \__int_value:w
18002     \else:
18003       \exp_after:wN \__tl_analysis_b_special_space:w \__int_value:w
18004     \fi:
18005     \__int_eval:w 1 + #1 \exp_after:wN ;
18006     \token_to_str:N
18007   }
18008 \group_end:
18009 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_analysis_b_special_char:wN #1 ; #2
18010   {
18011     \__int_value:w '#2 \s__tl
18012     \__tl_analysis_b_loop:w #1 ;
18013   }
18014 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_analysis_b_special_space:w #1 ; ~
18015   {
18016     32 \s__tl
18017     \__tl_analysis_b_loop:w #1 ;
18018   }

```

(End definition for `\__tl_analysis_b_special:w`, `\__tl_analysis_b_special_char:wN`, and `\__tl_analysis_b_special_space:w`.)

## 35.8 Mapping through the analysis

```

\__tl_analysis_map_inline:nn
  \__tl_analysis_map_inline_aux:Nn

```

First obtain the analysis of the token list into `\g__tl_analysis_result_tl`. To allow nested mappings, increase the nesting depth `\g__prg_map_int` (shared between all modules), then define the looping macro, which has a name specific to that nesting depth.

That looping grabs the  $\langle tokens \rangle$ ,  $\langle catcode \rangle$  and  $\langle char code \rangle$ ; it checks for the end of the loop with  $\backslash use\_none:n ##2$ , normally empty, but which becomes  $\backslash tl\_map\_break:$  at the end; it then performs the user's code #2, and loops by calling itself. When the loop ends, remember to decrease the nesting depth.

```

18019 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_map_inline:nn #1
18020 {
18021   \__tl_analysis:n {#1}
18022   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
18023   \exp_args:Nc \__tl_analysis_map_inline_aux:Nn
18024     { \__tl_analysis_map_inline_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :wNw }
18025 }
18026 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_analysis_map_inline_aux:Nn #1#2
18027 {
18028   \cs_gset_protected:Npn #1 ##1 \s__tl ##2 ##3 \s__tl
18029     {
18030       \use_none:n ##2
18031       #2
18032       #1
18033     }
18034   \exp_after:wN #1
18035     \g__tl_analysis_result_tl
18036     \s__tl { ? \tl_map_break: } \s__tl
18037   \__prg_break_point:Nn \tl_map_break: { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
18038 }

```

(End definition for  $\backslash \_tl\_analysis\_map\_inline:nn$  and  $\backslash \_tl\_analysis\_map\_inline\_aux:Nn$ .)

### 35.9 Showing the results

$\backslash tl\_show\_analysis:N$  Add to  $\backslash \_tl\_analysis:n$  a third pass to display tokens to the terminal. If the token list variable is not defined, throw the same error as  $\backslash tl\_show:N$  by simply calling that function.

```

18039 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_show_analysis:N #1
18040 {
18041   \tl_if_exist:NTF #1
18042     {
18043       \exp_args:No \__tl_analysis:n {#1}
18044       \msg_show:nnxxxx { LaTeX / kernel } { show-tl-analysis }
18045         { \token_to_str:N #1 } { \__tl_analysis_show: } { } { }
18046     }
18047     { \tl_show:N #1 }
18048 }
18049 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_show_analysis:n #1
18050 {
18051   \__tl_analysis:n {#1}
18052   \msg_show:nnxxxx { LaTeX / kernel } { show-tl-analysis }
18053     { } { \__tl_analysis_show: } { } { }
18054 }

```

(End definition for  $\backslash tl\_show\_analysis:N$  and  $\backslash tl\_show\_analysis:n$ . These functions are documented on page 206.)

$\backslash \_tl\_analysis\_show:$  Here, #1 o- and x-expands to the token; #2 is the category code (one uppercase hexadecimal digit), 0 for control sequences; #3 is the character code, which we ignore. In the

cases of control sequences and active characters, the meaning may overflow one line, and we want to truncate it. Those cases are thus separated out.

```

18055 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_analysis_show:
18056 {
18057   \exp_after:wN \__tl_analysis_show_loop:wNw \g__tl_analysis_result_tl
18058   \s__tl { ? \__prg_break: } \s__tl
18059   \__prg_break_point:
18060 }
18061 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_analysis_show_loop:wNw #1 \s__tl #2 #3 \s__tl
18062 {
18063   \use_none:n #2
18064   \iow_newline: > \use:nn { ~ } { ~ }
18065   \if_int_compare:w "#2 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
18066     \exp_after:wN \__tl_analysis_show_cs:n
18067   \else:
18068     \if_int_compare:w "#2 = 13 \exp_stop_f:
18069     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
18070     \exp_after:wN \__tl_analysis_show_active:n
18071   \else:
18072     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
18073     \exp_after:wN \__tl_analysis_show_normal:n
18074   \fi:
18075   \fi:
18076   {#1}
18077   \__tl_analysis_show_loop:wNw
18078 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_tl\_analysis\_show: and \\_\_tl\_analysis\_show\_loop:wNw.)*

`\__tl_analysis_show_normal:n` Non-active characters are a simple matter of printing the character, and its meaning. Our test suite checks that begin-group and end-group characters do not mess up TeX's alignment status.

```

18079 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_analysis_show_normal:n #1
18080 {
18081   \exp_after:wN \token_to_str:N #1 ~
18082   ( \exp_after:wN \token_to_meaning:N #1 )
18083 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_tl\_analysis\_show\_normal:n.)*

`\__tl_analysis_show_value:N` This expands to the value of #1 if it has any.

```

18084 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_analysis_show_value:N #1
18085 {
18086   \token_if_expandable:NF #1
18087   {
18088     \token_if_chardef:NTF #1 \__prg_break: { }
18089     \token_if_mathchardef:NTF #1 \__prg_break: { }
18090     \token_if_dim_register:NTF #1 \__prg_break: { }
18091     \token_if_int_register:NTF #1 \__prg_break: { }
18092     \token_if_skip_register:NTF #1 \__prg_break: { }
18093     \token_if_toks_register:NTF #1 \__prg_break: { }
18094     \use_none:nnn
18095     \__prg_break_point:
18096     \use:n { \exp_after:wN = \tex_the:D #1 }

```

```

18097     }
18098   }

```

(End definition for `\_tl_analysis_show_value:N`.)

`\_tl_analysis_show_cs:n` Control sequences and active characters are printed in the same way, making sure not to go beyond the `\l_iow_line_count_int`. In case of an overflow, we replace the last characters by `\c__tl_analysis_show_etc_str`.

```

\_tl_analysis_show_active:n
\_tl_analysis_show_long:nn
  \_tl_analysis_show_long_aux:nmmm
18099 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_analysis_show_cs:n #1
18100   { \exp_args:No \_tl_analysis_show_long:nn {#1} { control~sequence= } }
18101 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_analysis_show_active:n #1
18102   { \exp_args:No \_tl_analysis_show_long:nn {#1} { active~character= } }
18103 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_analysis_show_long:nn #1
18104   {
18105     \_tl_analysis_show_long_aux:oofn
18106     { \token_to_str:N #1 }
18107     { \token_to_meaning:N #1 }
18108     { \_tl_analysis_show_value:N #1 }
18109   }
18110 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_analysis_show_long_aux:nmmm #1#2#3#4
18111   {
18112     \int_compare:nNnTF
18113     { \str_count:n { #1 ~ ( #4 #2 #3 ) } }
18114     > { \l_iow_line_count_int - 3 }
18115     {
18116       \str_range:nnn { #1 ~ ( #4 #2 #3 ) } { 1 }
18117       {
18118         \l_iow_line_count_int - 3
18119         - \str_count:N \c__tl_analysis_show_etc_str
18120       }
18121       \c__tl_analysis_show_etc_str
18122     }
18123     { #1 ~ ( #4 #2 #3 ) }
18124   }
18125 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \_tl_analysis_show_long_aux:nmmm { oof }

```

(End definition for `\_tl_analysis_show_cs:n` and others.)

## 35.10 Messages

`\c__tl_analysis_show_etc_str` When a control sequence (or active character) and its meaning are too long to fit in one line of the terminal, the end is replaced by this token list.

```

18126 \tl_const:Nx \c__tl_analysis_show_etc_str % (
18127   { \token_to_str:N \ETC.) }

```

(End definition for `\c__tl_analysis_show_etc_str`.)

```

18128 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { show-tl-analysis }
18129   {
18130     The~token~list~ \tl_if_empty:nF {#1} { #1 ~ }
18131     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2}
18132     { is~empty }
18133     { contains~the~tokens: #2 }
18134   }
18135 </initex | package>

```

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18136  $\langle *initex | package \rangle$

18137  $\langle @@=regex \rangle$

### 36.1 Plan of attack

Most regex engines use backtracking. This allows to provide very powerful features (back-references come to mind first), but it is costly, and raises the problem of catastrophic backtracking. Since T<sub>E</sub>X is not first and foremost a programming language, complicated code tends to run slowly, and we must use faster, albeit slightly more restrictive, techniques, coming from automata theory.

Given a regular expression of  $n$  characters, we do the following:

- (Compiling.) Analyse the regex, finding invalid input, and convert it to an internal representation.
- (Building.) Convert the compiled regex to a non-deterministic finite automaton (NFA) with  $O(n)$  states which accepts precisely token lists matching that regex.
- (Matching.) Loop through the query token list one token (one “position”) at a time, exploring in parallel every possible path (“active thread”) through the NFA, considering active threads in an order determined by the quantifiers’ greediness.

We use the following vocabulary in the code comments (and in variable names).

- *Group*: index of the capturing group,  $-1$  for non-capturing groups.
- *Position*: each token in the query is labelled by an integer  $\langle position \rangle$ , with  $\text{min\_pos} - 1 \leq \langle position \rangle \leq \text{max\_pos}$ . The lowest and highest positions correspond to imaginary begin and end markers (with inaccessible category code and character code).
- *Query*: the token list to which we apply the regular expression.
- *State*: each state of the NFA is labelled by an integer  $\langle state \rangle$  with  $\text{min\_state} \leq \langle state \rangle < \text{max\_state}$ .
- *Active thread*: state of the NFA that is reached when reading the query token list for the matching. Those threads are ordered according to the greediness of quantifiers.
- *Step*: used when matching, starts at 0, incremented every time a character is read, and is not reset when searching for repeated matches. The integer  $\backslash l\_regex\_step\_int$  is a unique id for all the steps of the matching algorithm.

We use `l3intarray` to manipulate arrays of integers (stored into some dimension registers in scaled points). We also abuse T<sub>E</sub>X’s `\toks` registers, by accessing them directly by number rather than tying them to control sequence using the `\newtoks` allocation functions. Specifically, these arrays and `\toks` are used as follows. When compiling, `\toks` registers are used under the hood by functions from the `l3tl-build` module. When building, `\toks\langle state \rangle` holds the tests and actions to perform in the  $\langle state \rangle$  of the NFA. When matching,

- `\g_regex_state_active_intarray` holds the last  $\langle step \rangle$  in which each  $\langle state \rangle$  was active.

- `\g__regex_thread_state_intarray` maps each  $\langle thread \rangle$  (with `min_active`  $\leq \langle thread \rangle < \text{max\_active}$ ) to the  $\langle state \rangle$  in which the  $\langle thread \rangle$  currently is. The  $\langle threads \rangle$  or ordered starting from the best to the least preferred.
- `\toks\langle thread \rangle` holds the submatch information for the  $\langle thread \rangle$ , as the contents of a property list.
- `\g__regex_charcode_intarray` and `\g__regex_catcode_intarray` hold the character codes and category codes of tokens at each  $\langle position \rangle$  in the query.
- `\g__regex_balance_intarray` holds the balance of begin-group and end-group character tokens which appear before that point in the token list.
- `\toks\langle position \rangle` holds  $\langle tokens \rangle$  which o- and x-expand to the  $\langle position \rangle$ -th token in the query.
- `\g__regex_submatch_prev_intarray`, `\g__regex_submatch_begin_intarray` and `\g__regex_submatch_end_intarray` hold, for each submatch (as would be extracted by `\regex_extract_all:nnN`), the place where the submatch started to be looked for and its two end-points. For historical reasons, the minimum index is twice `max_state`, and the used registers go up to `\l__regex_submatch_int`. They are organized in blocks of `\l__regex_capturing_group_int` entries, each block corresponding to one match with all its submatches stored in consecutive entries.

`\count` registers are not abused, which means that we can safely use named integers in this module. Note that `\box` registers are not abused either; maybe we could leverage those for some purpose.

The code is structured as follows. Variables are introduced in the relevant section. First we present some generic helper functions. Then comes the code for compiling a regular expression, and for showing the result of the compilation. The building phase converts a compiled regex to NFA states, and the automaton is run by the code in the following section. The only remaining brick is parsing the replacement text and performing the replacement. We are then ready for all the user functions. Finally, messages, and a little bit of tracing code.

## 36.2 Helpers

`\__regex_standard_escapechar:` Make the `\escapechar` into the standard backslash.

```
18138 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_standard_escapechar:
18139   { \int_set:Nn \tex_escapechar:D { '\ } }
```

(End definition for `\__regex_standard_escapechar:.`)

`\__regex_toks_use:w` Unpack a `\toks` given its number.

```
18140 \cs_new:Npn \__regex_toks_use:w { \tex_the:D \tex_toks:D }
```

(End definition for `\__regex_toks_use:w.`)

`\__regex_toks_clear:N` Empty a `\toks` or set it to a value, given its number.

```
\__regex_toks_set:Nn 18141 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_toks_clear:N #1
\__regex_toks_set:No 18142   { \tex_toks:D #1 { } }
18143 \cs_new_eq:NN \__regex_toks_set:Nn \tex_toks:D
18144 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_toks_set:No #1
18145   { \__regex_toks_set:Nn #1 \exp_after:wN }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_toks_clear:N` and `\_regex_toks_set:Nn`.)

`\_regex_toks_memcpy:NNn` Copy #3 `\toks` registers from #2 onwards to #1 onwards, like C's `memcpy`.

```
18146 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_toks_memcpy:NNn #1#2#3
18147   {
18148     \prg_replicate:nn {#3}
18149     {
18150       \tex_toks:D #1 = \tex_toks:D #2
18151       \int_incr:N #1
18152       \int_incr:N #2
18153     }
18154   }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_toks_memcpy:NNn`.)

`\_regex_toks_put_left:Nx` During the building phase we wish to add x-expanded material to `\toks`, either to the left  
`\_regex_toks_put_right:Nx` or to the right. The expansion is done “by hand” for optimization (these operations are  
`\_regex_toks_put_right:Nn` used quite a lot). The `Nn` version of `\_regex_toks_put_right:Nx` is provided because  
it is more efficient than x-expanding with `\exp_not:n`.

```
18155 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_toks_put_left:Nx #1#2
18156   {
18157     \cs_set:Npx \_regex_tmp:w { #2 }
18158     \tex_toks:D #1 \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
18159     { \exp_after:wN \_regex_tmp:w \tex_the:D \tex_toks:D #1 }
18160   }
18161 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_toks_put_right:Nx #1#2
18162   {
18163     \cs_set:Npx \_regex_tmp:w {#2}
18164     \tex_toks:D #1 \exp_after:wN
18165     { \tex_the:D \tex_toks:D \exp_after:wN #1 \_regex_tmp:w }
18166   }
18167 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_toks_put_right:Nn #1#2
18168   { \tex_toks:D #1 \exp_after:wN { \tex_the:D \tex_toks:D #1 #2 } }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_toks_put_left:Nx` and `\_regex_toks_put_right:Nx`.)

`\_regex_curr_cs_to_str:` Expands to the string representation of the token (known to be a control sequence) at the current position `\l__regex_curr_pos_int`. It should only be used in x-expansion to avoid losing a leading space.

```
18169 \cs_new:Npn \_regex_curr_cs_to_str:
18170   {
18171     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \cs_to_str:N
18172     \tex_the:D \tex_toks:D \l__regex_curr_pos_int
18173   }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_curr_cs_to_str:.`)

### 36.2.1 Constants and variables

`\_regex_tmp:w` Temporary function used for various short-term purposes.

```
18174 \cs_new:Npn \_regex_tmp:w { }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_tmp:w`.)

`\l__regex_internal_a_tl` Temporary variables used for various purposes.

```

\l__regex_internal_b_tl 18175 \tl_new:N \l__regex_internal_a_tl
\l__regex_internal_a_int 18176 \tl_new:N \l__regex_internal_b_tl
\l__regex_internal_b_int 18177 \int_new:N \l__regex_internal_a_int
\l__regex_internal_c_int 18178 \int_new:N \l__regex_internal_b_int
\l__regex_internal_c_int 18179 \int_new:N \l__regex_internal_c_int
\l__regex_internal_bool 18180 \bool_new:N \l__regex_internal_bool
\l__regex_internal_seq 18181 \seq_new:N \l__regex_internal_seq
\g__regex_internal_tl 18182 \tl_new:N \g__regex_internal_tl

```

*(End definition for \l\_\_regex\_internal\_a\_tl and others.)*

`\c__regex_no_match_regex` This regular expression matches nothing, but is still a valid regular expression. We could use a failing assertion, but I went for an empty class. It is used as the initial value for regular expressions declared using `\regex_new:N`.

```

18183 \tl_const:Nn \c__regex_no_match_regex
18184 {
18185   \__regex_branch:n
18186   { \__regex_class:NnnnN \c_true_bool { } { 1 } { 0 } \c_true_bool }
18187 }

```

*(End definition for \c\_\_regex\_no\_match\_regex.)*

`\g__regex_charcode_intarray`  
`\g__regex_catcode_intarray`  
`\g__regex_balance_intarray` The first thing we do when matching is to go once through the query token list and store the information for each token into `\g__regex_charcode_intarray`, `\g__regex_catcode_intarray` and `\toks` registers. We also store the balance of begin-group/end-group characters into `\g__regex_balance_intarray`.

```

18188 \__intarray_new:Nn \g__regex_charcode_intarray { 65536 }
18189 \__intarray_new:Nn \g__regex_catcode_intarray { 65536 }
18190 \__intarray_new:Nn \g__regex_balance_intarray { 65536 }

```

*(End definition for \g\_\_regex\_charcode\_intarray, \g\_\_regex\_catcode\_intarray, and \g\_\_regex\_balance\_intarray.)*

`\l__regex_balance_int` During this phase, `\l__regex_balance_int` counts the balance of begin-group and end-group character tokens which appear before a given point in the token list. This variable is also used to keep track of the balance in the replacement text.

```

18191 \int_new:N \l__regex_balance_int

```

*(End definition for \l\_\_regex\_balance\_int.)*

`\l__regex_cs_name_tl` This variable is used in `\__regex_item_cs:n` to store the csname of the currently-tested token when the regex contains a sub-regex for testing csnames.

```

18192 \tl_new:N \l__regex_cs_name_tl

```

*(End definition for \l\_\_regex\_cs\_name\_tl.)*

### 36.2.2 Testing characters

```
\c__regex_ascii_min_int
  \c__regex_ascii_max_control_int 18193 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_ascii_min_int { 0 }
\c__regex_ascii_max_int          18194 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_ascii_max_control_int { 31 }
                                18195 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_ascii_max_int { 127 }

(End definition for \c__regex_ascii_min_int, \c__regex_ascii_max_control_int, and \c__regex_
ascii_max_int.)
```

```
\c__regex_ascii_lower_int
                                18196 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_ascii_lower_int { 'a - 'A }

(End definition for \c__regex_ascii_lower_int.)
```

`\__regex_break_point:TF` When testing whether a character of the query token list matches a given character class in the regular expression, we often have to test it against several ranges of characters, checking if any one of those matches. This is done with a structure like

```
  <test1> ... <test_n>
  \__regex_break_point:TF {<true code>} {<false code>}
```

If any of the tests succeeds, it calls `\__regex_break_true:w`, which cleans up and leaves `<true code>` in the input stream. Otherwise, `\__regex_break_point:TF` leaves the `<false code>` in the input stream.

```
18197 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_break_true:w
18198   #1 \__regex_break_point:TF #2 #3 {#2}
18199 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_break_point:TF #1 #2 { #2 }

(End definition for \__regex_break_point:TF and \__regex_break_true:w.)
```

`\__regex_item_reverse:n` This function makes showing regular expressions easier, and lets us define `\D` in terms of `\d` for instance. There is a subtlety: the end of the query is marked by `-2`, and thus matches `\D` and other negated properties; this case is caught by another part of the code.

```
18200 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_item_reverse:n #1
18201   {
18202     #1
18203     \__regex_break_point:TF { } \__regex_break_true:w
18204   }

(End definition for \__regex_item_reverse:n.)
```

`\__regex_item_caseful_equal:n` Simple comparisons triggering `\__regex_break_true:w` when true.

```
\__regex_item_caseful_range:nn 18205 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_item_caseful_equal:n #1
                                18206   {
                                18207     \if_int_compare:w #1 = \l__regex_curr_char_int
                                18208       \exp_after:wN \__regex_break_true:w
                                18209     \fi:
                                18210   }
                                18211 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_item_caseful_range:nn #1 #2
                                18212   {
                                18213     \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w #1 > \l__regex_curr_char_int
                                18214     \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w #2 < \l__regex_curr_char_int
                                18215     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \__regex_break_true:w
                                18216     \fi:
                                18217     \fi:
                                18218   }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_item_caseful_equal:n` and `\_regex_item_caseful_range:nn`.)

`\_regex_item_caseless_equal:n` For caseless matching, we perform the test both on the `current_char` and on the `case_changed_char`. Before doing the second set of tests, we make sure that `case_changed_char` has been computed.

```
18219 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_item_caseless_equal:n #1
18220   {
18221     \if_int_compare:w #1 = \l__regex_curr_char_int
18222       \exp_after:wN \_regex_break_true:w
18223     \fi:
18224     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_case_changed_char_int = \c_max_int
18225       \_regex_compute_case_changed_char:
18226     \fi:
18227     \if_int_compare:w #1 = \l__regex_case_changed_char_int
18228       \exp_after:wN \_regex_break_true:w
18229     \fi:
18230   }
18231 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_item_caseless_range:nn #1 #2
18232   {
18233     \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w #1 > \l__regex_curr_char_int
18234     \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w #2 < \l__regex_curr_char_int
18235     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \_regex_break_true:w
18236     \fi:
18237     \fi:
18238     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_case_changed_char_int = \c_max_int
18239       \_regex_compute_case_changed_char:
18240     \fi:
18241     \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w #1 > \l__regex_case_changed_char_int
18242     \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w #2 < \l__regex_case_changed_char_int
18243     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \_regex_break_true:w
18244     \fi:
18245     \fi:
18246   }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_item_caseless_equal:n` and `\_regex_item_caseless_range:nn`.)

`\_regex_compute_case_changed_char:` This function is called when `\l__regex_case_changed_char_int` has not yet been computed (or rather, when it is set to the marker value `\c_max_int`). If the current character code is in the range [65,90] (upper-case), then add 32, making it lowercase. If it is in the lower-case letter range [97,122], subtract 32.

```
18247 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_compute_case_changed_char:
18248   {
18249     \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_case_changed_char_int \l__regex_curr_char_int
18250     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_curr_char_int > 'Z \exp_stop_f:
18251       \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_curr_char_int > 'z \exp_stop_f: \else:
18252         \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_curr_char_int < 'a \exp_stop_f: \else:
18253           \int_sub:Nn \l__regex_case_changed_char_int { \c__regex_ascii_lower_int }
18254         \fi:
18255       \fi:
18256     \else:
18257       \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_curr_char_int < 'A \exp_stop_f: \else:
18258         \int_add:Nn \l__regex_case_changed_char_int { \c__regex_ascii_lower_int }
18259       \fi:
18260     \fi:

```

```
18261 }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_compute_case_changed_char:.`)

`\_regex_item_equal:n` Those must always be defined to expand to a `caseful` (default) or `caseless` version, and not be protected: they must expand when compiling, to hard-code which tests are caseless or caseful.

```
18262 \cs_new_eq:NN \_regex_item_equal:n ?
```

```
18263 \cs_new_eq:NN \_regex_item_range:nn ?
```

(End definition for `\_regex_item_equal:n` and `\_regex_item_range:nn`.)

`\_regex_item_catcode:nT` The argument is a sum of powers of 4 with exponents given by the allowed category codes (between 0 and 13). Dividing by a given power of 4 gives an odd result if and only if that category code is allowed. If the catcode does not match, then skip the character code tests which follow.

`\_regex_item_catcode_reverse:nT`  
`\_regex_item_catcode:`

```
18264 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_item_catcode:
```

```
18265 {
```

```
18266 "
```

```
18267 \if_case:w \l__regex_curr_catcode_int
```

```
18268 1 \or: 4 \or: 10 \or: 40
```

```
18269 \or: 100 \or: \or: 1000 \or: 4000
```

```
18270 \or: 10000 \or: \or: 100000 \or: 400000
```

```
18271 \or: 1000000 \or: 4000000 \else: 1*0
```

```
18272 \fi:
```

```
18273 }
```

```
18274 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_item_catcode:nT #1
```

```
18275 {
```

```
18276 \if_int_odd:w \__int_eval:n { #1 / \_regex_item_catcode: }
```

```
18277 \exp_after:wN \use:n
```

```
18278 \else:
```

```
18279 \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
```

```
18280 \fi:
```

```
18281 }
```

```
18282 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_item_catcode_reverse:nT #1#2
```

```
18283 { \_regex_item_catcode:nT {#1} { \_regex_item_reverse:n {#2} } }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_item_catcode:nT`, `\_regex_item_catcode_reverse:nT`, and `\_regex_item_catcode:.`)

`\_regex_item_exact:nn` This matches an exact `<category>-<character code>` pair, or an exact control sequence, more precisely one of several possible control sequences.

`\_regex_item_exact_cs:n`

```
18284 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_item_exact:nn #1#2
```

```
18285 {
```

```
18286 \if_int_compare:w #1 = \l__regex_curr_catcode_int
```

```
18287 \if_int_compare:w #2 = \l__regex_curr_char_int
```

```
18288 \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \_regex_break_true:w
```

```
18289 \fi:
```

```
18290 \fi:
```

```
18291 }
```

```
18292 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_item_exact_cs:n #1
```

```
18293 {
```

```
18294 \int_compare:nNnTF \l__regex_curr_catcode_int = 0
```

```
18295 {
```

```

18296     \tl_set:Nx \l__regex_internal_a_tl
18297     { \scan_stop: \__regex_curr_cs_to_str: \scan_stop: }
18298     \tl_if_in:noTF { \scan_stop: #1 \scan_stop: } \l__regex_internal_a_tl
18299     { \__regex_break_true:w } { }
18300   }
18301   { }
18302 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_item_exact:nn` and `\__regex_item_exact_cs:n`.)

`\__regex_item_cs:n` Match a control sequence (the argument is a compiled regex). First test the catcode of the current token to be zero. Then perform the matching test, and break if the csname indeed matches. The three `\exp_after:wN` expand the contents of the `\toks<current position>` (of the form `\exp_not:n {<control sequence>}`) to `<control sequence>`. We store the cs name before building states for the cs, as those states may overlap with `toks` registers storing the user's input.

```

18303 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_item_cs:n #1
18304 {
18305   \int_compare:nNnT \l__regex_curr_catcode_int = 0
18306   {
18307     \group_begin:
18308     \tl_set:Nx \l__regex_cs_name_tl { \__regex_curr_cs_to_str: }
18309     \__regex_single_match:
18310     \__regex_disable_submatches:
18311     \__regex_build_for_cs:n {#1}
18312     \bool_set_eq:NN \l__regex_saved_success_bool \g__regex_success_bool
18313     \exp_args:NV \__regex_match:n \l__regex_cs_name_tl
18314     \if_meaning:w \c_true_bool \g__regex_success_bool
18315     \group_insert_after:N \__regex_break_true:w
18316     \fi:
18317     \bool_gset_eq:NN \g__regex_success_bool \l__regex_saved_success_bool
18318     \group_end:
18319   }
18320 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_item_cs:n`.)

### 36.2.3 Character property tests

`\__regex_prop_d:` Character property tests for `\d`, `\W`, *etc.* These character properties are not affected by the `(?i)` option. The characters recognized by each one are as follows: `\d=[0-9]`, `\w=[0-9A-Z_a-z]`, `\s=[\_\^I\^^J\^^L\^^M]`, `\h=[\_\^I]`, `\v=[\^^J-\^^M]`, and the upper case counterparts match anything that the lower case does not match. The order in which the various tests appear is optimized for usual mostly lower case letter text.

```

18321 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_prop_d:
18322   { \__regex_item_caseful_range:nn { '0 } { '9 } }
18323 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_prop_h:
18324   {
18325     \__regex_item_caseful_equal:n { '\ }
18326     \__regex_item_caseful_equal:n { '\^^I }
18327   }
18328 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_prop_s:
18329   {
18330     \__regex_item_caseful_equal:n { '\ }

```

```

18331     \_regex_item_caseful_equal:n { '\^^I }
18332     \_regex_item_caseful_equal:n { '\^^J }
18333     \_regex_item_caseful_equal:n { '\^^L }
18334     \_regex_item_caseful_equal:n { '\^^M }
18335 }
18336 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_prop_v:
18337 { \_regex_item_caseful_range:nn { '\^^J } { '\^^M } } % lf, vtab, ff, cr
18338 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_prop_w:
18339 {
18340     \_regex_item_caseful_range:nn { 'a } { 'z }
18341     \_regex_item_caseful_range:nn { 'A } { 'Z }
18342     \_regex_item_caseful_range:nn { '0 } { '9 }
18343     \_regex_item_caseful_equal:n { '_' }
18344 }
18345 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_prop_N:
18346 {
18347     \_regex_item_reverse:n
18348     { \_regex_item_caseful_equal:n { '\^^J } }
18349 }

```

(End definition for \\_regex\_prop\_d: and others.)

```

\_regex_posix_alnum: POSIX properties. No surprise.
\_regex_posix_alpha: 18350 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_posix_alnum:
\_regex_posix_ascii: 18351 { \_regex_posix_alpha: \_regex_posix_digit: }
\_regex_posix_blank: 18352 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_posix_alpha:
\_regex_posix_cntrl: 18353 { \_regex_posix_lower: \_regex_posix_upper: }
\_regex_posix_digit: 18354 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_posix_ascii:
\_regex_posix_graph: 18355 {
\_regex_posix_lower: 18356     \_regex_item_caseful_range:nn
\_regex_posix_print: 18357     \c__regex_ascii_min_int
\_regex_posix_punct: 18358     \c__regex_ascii_max_int
18359 }
\_regex_posix_space: 18360 \cs_new_eq:NN \_regex_posix_blank: \_regex_prop_h:
\_regex_posix_upper: 18361 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_posix_cntrl:
  \_regex_posix_word: 18362 {
\_regex_posix_xdigit: 18363     \_regex_item_caseful_range:nn
18364     \c__regex_ascii_min_int
18365     \c__regex_ascii_max_control_int
18366     \_regex_item_caseful_equal:n \c__regex_ascii_max_int
18367 }
18368 \cs_new_eq:NN \_regex_posix_digit: \_regex_prop_d:
18369 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_posix_graph:
18370 { \_regex_item_caseful_range:nn { '!' } { '\~ } }
18371 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_posix_lower:
18372 { \_regex_item_caseful_range:nn { 'a } { 'z } }
18373 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_posix_print:
18374 { \_regex_item_caseful_range:nn { '\' } { '\~ } }
18375 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_posix_punct:
18376 {
18377     \_regex_item_caseful_range:nn { '!' } { '/' }
18378     \_regex_item_caseful_range:nn { ':' } { '@ }
18379     \_regex_item_caseful_range:nn { '[' } { '{ }
18380     \_regex_item_caseful_range:nn { '\{ } { '\~ }

```

```

18381 }
18382 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_posix_space:
18383 {
18384   \__regex_item_caseful_equal:n { '\ }
18385   \__regex_item_caseful_range:nn { '\^^I } { '\^^M }
18386 }
18387 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_posix_upper:
18388 { \__regex_item_caseful_range:nn { 'A } { 'Z } }
18389 \cs_new_eq:NN \__regex_posix_word: \__regex_prop_w:
18390 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_posix_xdigit:
18391 {
18392   \__regex_posix_digit:
18393   \__regex_item_caseful_range:nn { 'A } { 'F }
18394   \__regex_item_caseful_range:nn { 'a } { 'f }
18395 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_posix_alnum:` and others.)

### 36.2.4 Simple character escape

Before actually parsing the regular expression or the replacement text, we go through them once, converting `\n` to the character 10, *etc.* In this pass, we also convert any special character (`*`, `?`, `{`, *etc.*) or escaped alphanumeric character into a marker indicating that this was a special sequence, and replace escaped special characters and non-escaped alphanumeric characters by markers indicating that those were “raw” characters. The rest of the code can then avoid caring about escaping issues (those can become quite complex to handle in combination with ranges in character classes).

Usage: `\__regex_escape_use:nnnn` *<inline 1>* *<inline 2>* *<inline 3>* *{(token list)}*  
The *<token list>* is converted to a string, then read from left to right, interpreting backslashes as escaping the next character. Unescaped characters are fed to the function *<inline 1>*, and escaped characters are fed to the function *<inline 2>* within an `x`-expansion context (typically those functions perform some tests on their argument to decide how to output them). The escape sequences `\a`, `\e`, `\f`, `\n`, `\r`, `\t` and `\x` are recognized, and those are replaced by the corresponding character, then fed to *<inline 3>*. The result is then left in the input stream. Spaces are ignored unless escaped.

The conversion is mostly done within an `x`-expanding assignment, except for the `\x` escape sequence, which is not amenable to that in general. For this, we use the general framework of `\__tl_build:Nw`.

`\__regex_escape_use:nnnn` The result is built in `\l__regex_internal_a_tl`, which is then left in the input stream. Go through #4 once, applying #1, #2, or #3 as relevant to each character (after de-escaping it). Note that we cannot replace `\tl_set:Nx` and `\__tl_build_one:o` by a single call to `\__tl_build_one:x`, because the `x`-expanding assignment may be interrupted by `\x`.

```

18396 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn
18397 {
18398   \__regex_trace_push:nnN { regex } { 1 } \__regex_escape_use:nnnn
18399   \__tl_build:Nw \l__regex_internal_a_tl
18400   \__tl_build_one:n { \__regex_trace_pop:nnN { regex } { 1 } \__regex_escape_use:nnnn }
18401   \use_none:nn
18402 }
18403 { }
18404 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_escape_use:nnnn #1#2#3#4

```

```

18405 {
18406   \__tl_build:Nw \l__regex_internal_a_tl
18407   \cs_set:Npn \__regex_escape_unescaped:N ##1 { #1 }
18408   \cs_set:Npn \__regex_escape_escaped:N ##1 { #2 }
18409   \cs_set:Npn \__regex_escape_raw:N ##1 { #3 }
18410   \__regex_standard_escapechar:
18411   \tl_gset:Nx \g__regex_internal_tl { \__str_to_other_fast:n {#4} }
18412   \tl_set:Nx \l__regex_internal_b_tl
18413     {
18414       \exp_after:wN \__regex_escape_loop:N \g__regex_internal_tl
18415       { break } \__prg_break_point:
18416     }
18417   \__tl_build_one:o \l__regex_internal_b_tl
18418   \__tl_build_end:
18419   \l__regex_internal_a_tl
18420 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_escape\_use:nmmn.)

\\_\_regex\_escape\_loop:N \\_\_regex\_escape\_loop:N reads one character: if it is special (space, backslash, or end-marker), perform the associated action, otherwise it is simply an unescaped character. After a backslash, the same is done, but unknown characters are “escaped”.

```

18421 \cs_new:Npn \__regex_escape_loop:N #1
18422 {
18423   \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __regex_escape_\token_to_str:N #1:w }
18424   { \__regex_escape_unescaped:N #1 }
18425   \__regex_escape_loop:N
18426 }
18427 \cs_new:cpn { __regex_escape_ \c_backslash_str :w }
18428   \__regex_escape_loop:N #1
18429 {
18430   \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __regex_escape_/\token_to_str:N #1:w }
18431   { \__regex_escape_escaped:N #1 }
18432   \__regex_escape_loop:N
18433 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_escape\_loop:N and \\_\_regex\_escape\_\:w.)

\\_\_regex\_escape\_unescaped:N \\_\_regex\_escape\_escaped:N \\_\_regex\_escape\_raw:N Those functions are never called before being given a new meaning, so their definitions here don’t matter.

```

18434 \cs_new_eq:NN \__regex_escape_unescaped:N ?
18435 \cs_new_eq:NN \__regex_escape_escaped:N ?
18436 \cs_new_eq:NN \__regex_escape_raw:N ?

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_escape\_unescaped:N, \\_\_regex\_escape\_escaped:N, and \\_\_regex\_escape\_raw:N.)

\\_\_regex\_escape\_break:w \\_\_regex\_escape\_/break:w \\_\_regex\_escape\_/a:w \\_\_regex\_escape\_/e:w \\_\_regex\_escape\_/f:w \\_\_regex\_escape\_/n:w \\_\_regex\_escape\_/r:w \\_\_regex\_escape\_/t:w \\_\_regex\_escape\_\\_w The loop is ended upon seeing the end-marker “break”, with an error if the string ended in a backslash. Spaces are ignored, and \a, \e, \f, \n, \r, \t take their meaning here.

```

18437 \cs_new_eq:NN \__regex_escape_break:w \__prg_break:
18438 \cs_new:cpn { __regex_escape_/break:w }
18439 {
18440   \if_false: { \fi: }
18441   \__kernel_msg_error:nn { kernel } { trailing-backslash }

```

```

18442     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n \exp_after:wN { \if_false: } \fi:
18443   }
18444   \cs_new:cpn { __regex_escape_~:w } { }
18445   \cs_new:cpx { __regex_escape_/a:w }
18446     { \exp_not:N __regex_escape_raw:N \iow_char:N ^^G }
18447   \cs_new:cpx { __regex_escape_/t:w }
18448     { \exp_not:N __regex_escape_raw:N \iow_char:N ^^I }
18449   \cs_new:cpx { __regex_escape_/n:w }
18450     { \exp_not:N __regex_escape_raw:N \iow_char:N ^^J }
18451   \cs_new:cpx { __regex_escape_/f:w }
18452     { \exp_not:N __regex_escape_raw:N \iow_char:N ^^L }
18453   \cs_new:cpx { __regex_escape_/r:w }
18454     { \exp_not:N __regex_escape_raw:N \iow_char:N ^^M }
18455   \cs_new:cpx { __regex_escape_/e:w }
18456     { \exp_not:N __regex_escape_raw:N \iow_char:N ^^[ }

```

(End definition for `__regex_escape_break:w` and others.)

```

__regex_escape_/x:w
__regex_escape_x_end:w
__regex_escape_x_large:n

```

When `\x` is encountered, `__regex_escape_x_test:N` is responsible for grabbing some hexadecimal digits, and feeding the result to `__regex_escape_x_end:w`. If the number is too big interrupt the assignment and produce an error, otherwise call `__regex_escape_raw:N` on the corresponding character token.

```

18457   \cs_new:cpn { __regex_escape_/x:w } \__regex_escape_loop:N
18458   {
18459     \exp_after:wN __regex_escape_x_end:w
18460     \__int_value:w "0 __regex_escape_x_test:N
18461   }
18462   \cs_new:Npn __regex_escape_x_end:w #1 ;
18463   {
18464     \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} > \c_max_char_int
18465     {
18466       \if_false: { \fi: }
18467       \__tl_build_one:o \l__regex_internal_b_tl
18468       \__kernel_msg_error:nnx { kernel } { x-overflow } {#1}
18469       \tl_set:Nx \l__regex_internal_b_tl
18470         { \if_false: } \fi:
18471     }
18472     {
18473       \exp_last_unbraced:Nf __regex_escape_raw:N
18474       { \char_generate:nn {#1} { 12 } }
18475     }
18476   }

```

(End definition for `__regex_escape_/x:w`, `__regex_escape_x_end:w`, and `__regex_escape_x_large:n`.)

```

__regex_escape_x_test:N
__regex_escape_x_testii:N

```

Find out whether the first character is a left brace (allowing any number of hexadecimal digits), or not (allowing up to two hexadecimal digits). We need to check for the end-of-string marker. Eventually, call either `__regex_escape_x_loop:N` or `__regex_escape_x:N`.

```

18477   \cs_new:Npn __regex_escape_x_test:N #1
18478   {
18479     \str_if_eq_x:nnTF {#1} { break } { ; }
18480     {
18481       \if_charcode:w \c_space_token #1

```

```

18482         \exp_after:wN \_\_regex_escape_x_test:N
18483     \else:
18484         \exp_after:wN \_\_regex_escape_x_testii:N
18485         \exp_after:wN #1
18486     \fi:
18487 }
18488 }
18489 \cs_new:Npn \_\_regex_escape_x_testii:N #1
18490 {
18491     \if_charcode:w \c_left_brace_str #1
18492         \exp_after:wN \_\_regex_escape_x_loop:N
18493     \else:
18494         \_\_regex_hexadecimal_use:NTF #1
18495         { \exp_after:wN \_\_regex_escape_x:N }
18496         { ; \exp_after:wN \_\_regex_escape_loop:N \exp_after:wN #1 }
18497     \fi:
18498 }

```

(End definition for \\_\\_regex\_escape\_x\_test:N and \\_\\_regex\_escape\_x\_testii:N.)

\\_\\_regex\_escape\_x:N This looks for the second digit in the unbraced case.

```

18499 \cs_new:Npn \_\_regex_escape_x:N #1
18500 {
18501     \str_if_eq_x:nnTF {#1} { break } { ; }
18502     {
18503         \_\_regex_hexadecimal_use:NTF #1
18504         { ; \_\_regex_escape_loop:N }
18505         { ; \_\_regex_escape_loop:N #1 }
18506     }
18507 }

```

(End definition for \\_\\_regex\_escape\_x:N.)

\\_\\_regex\_escape\_x\_loop:N Grab hexadecimal digits, skip spaces, and at the end, check that there is a right brace, otherwise raise an error outside the assignment.

\\_\\_regex\_escape\_x\_loop\_error:

```

18508 \cs_new:Npn \_\_regex_escape_x_loop:N #1
18509 {
18510     \str_if_eq_x:nnTF {#1} { break }
18511     { ; \_\_regex_escape_x_loop_error:n { } {#1} }
18512     {
18513         \_\_regex_hexadecimal_use:NTF #1
18514         { \_\_regex_escape_x_loop:N }
18515         {
18516             \token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF \c_space_token #1
18517             { \_\_regex_escape_x_loop:N }
18518             {
18519                 ;
18520                 \exp_after:wN
18521                 \token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF \c_right_brace_str #1
18522                 { \_\_regex_escape_loop:N }
18523                 { \_\_regex_escape_x_loop_error:n {#1} }
18524             }
18525         }
18526     }

```

```

18527 }
18528 \cs_new:Npn \__regex_escape_x_loop_error:n #1
18529 {
18530   \if_false: { \fi: }
18531   \__tl_build_one:o \l__regex_internal_b_tl
18532   \__kernel_msg_error:nnx { kernel } { x-missing-rbrace } {#1}
18533   \tl_set:Nx \l__regex_internal_b_tl
18534     { \if_false: } \fi: \__regex_escape_loop:N #1
18535 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_escape_x_loop:N` and `\__regex_escape_x_loop_error:.`)

`\__regex_hexadecimal_use:NTF`  $\TeX$  detects uppercase hexadecimal digits for us but not the lowercase letters, which we need to detect and replace by their uppercase counterpart.

```

18536 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \__regex_hexadecimal_use:N #1 { TF }
18537 {
18538   \if_int_compare:w 1 < "1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
18539     #1 \prg_return_true:
18540   \else:
18541     \if_case:w
18542       \__int_eval:n { \exp_after:wN ‘ \token_to_str:N #1 - ‘a }
18543       A
18544       \or: B
18545       \or: C
18546       \or: D
18547       \or: E
18548       \or: F
18549     \else:
18550       \prg_return_false:
18551       \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
18552     \fi:
18553   \prg_return_true:
18554 \fi:
18555 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_hexadecimal_use:NTF`.)

`\__regex_char_if_alphanumeric:NTF` `\__regex_char_if_special:NTF` These two tests are used in the first pass when parsing a regular expression. That pass is responsible for finding escaped and non-escaped characters, and recognizing which ones have special meanings and which should be interpreted as “raw” characters. Namely,

- alphanumerics are “raw” if they are not escaped, and may have a special meaning when escaped;
- non-alphanumeric printable ascii characters are “raw” if they are escaped, and may have a special meaning when not escaped;
- characters other than printable ascii are always “raw”.

The code is ugly, and highly based on magic numbers and the ascii codes of characters. This is mostly unavoidable for performance reasons. Maybe the tests can be optimized a little bit more. Here, “alphanumeric” means 0–9, A–Z, a–z; “special” character means non-alphanumeric but printable ascii, from space (hex 20) to `del` (hex 7E).

```

18556 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \__regex_char_if_special:N #1 { TF }
18557 {

```

```

18558 \if_int_compare:w '#1 > 'Z \exp_stop_f:
18559 \if_int_compare:w '#1 > 'z \exp_stop_f:
18560 \if_int_compare:w '#1 < \c__regex_ascii_max_int
18561 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
18562 \else:
18563 \if_int_compare:w '#1 < 'a \exp_stop_f:
18564 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
18565 \fi:
18566 \else:
18567 \if_int_compare:w '#1 > '9 \exp_stop_f:
18568 \if_int_compare:w '#1 < 'A \exp_stop_f:
18569 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
18570 \else:
18571 \if_int_compare:w '#1 < '0 \exp_stop_f:
18572 \if_int_compare:w '#1 < '\ \exp_stop_f:
18573 \prg_return_false: \else: \prg_return_true: \fi:
18574 \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
18575 \fi:
18576 \fi:
18577 }
18578 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \__regex_char_if_alphanumeric:N #1 { TF }
18579 {
18580 \if_int_compare:w '#1 > 'Z \exp_stop_f:
18581 \if_int_compare:w '#1 > 'z \exp_stop_f:
18582 \prg_return_false:
18583 \else:
18584 \if_int_compare:w '#1 < 'a \exp_stop_f:
18585 \prg_return_false: \else: \prg_return_true: \fi:
18586 \fi:
18587 \else:
18588 \if_int_compare:w '#1 > '9 \exp_stop_f:
18589 \if_int_compare:w '#1 < 'A \exp_stop_f:
18590 \prg_return_false: \else: \prg_return_true: \fi:
18591 \else:
18592 \if_int_compare:w '#1 < '0 \exp_stop_f:
18593 \prg_return_false: \else: \prg_return_true: \fi:
18594 \fi:
18595 \fi:
18596 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_char_if_alphanumeric:N` and `\__regex_char_if_special:N`.)

### 36.3 Compiling

A regular expression starts its life as a string of characters. In this section, we convert it to internal instructions, resulting in a “compiled” regular expression. This compiled expression is then turned into states of an automaton in the building phase. Compiled regular expressions consist of the following:

- `\__regex_class:NnnnN`  $\langle$ boolean $\rangle$   $\{ \langle$ tests $\rangle \} \{ \langle$ min $\rangle \} \{ \langle$ more $\rangle \} \langle$ lazyness $\rangle$
- `\__regex_group:nnnN`  $\{ \langle$ branches $\rangle \} \{ \langle$ min $\rangle \} \{ \langle$ more $\rangle \} \langle$ lazyness $\rangle$ , also `\__regex_group_no_capture:nnnN` and `\__regex_group_resetting:nnnN` with the same syntax.

- `\__regex_branch:n`  $\{\langle contents \rangle\}$
- `\__regex_command_K:`
- `\__regex_assertion:Nn`  $\langle boolean \rangle \{\langle assertion test \rangle\}$ , where the  $\langle assertion test \rangle$  is `\__regex_b_test:` or  $\{\_\_regex\_anchor:N \langle integer \rangle\}$

Tests can be the following:

- `\__regex_item_caseful_equal:n`  $\{\langle char code \rangle\}$
- `\__regex_item_caseless_equal:n`  $\{\langle char code \rangle\}$
- `\__regex_item_caseful_range:nn`  $\{\langle min \rangle\} \{\langle max \rangle\}$
- `\__regex_item_caseless_range:nn`  $\{\langle min \rangle\} \{\langle max \rangle\}$
- `\__regex_item_catcode:nT`  $\{\langle catcode bitmap \rangle\} \{\langle tests \rangle\}$
- `\__regex_item_catcode_reverse:nT`  $\{\langle catcode bitmap \rangle\} \{\langle tests \rangle\}$
- `\__regex_item_reverse:n`  $\{\langle tests \rangle\}$
- `\__regex_item_exact:nn`  $\{\langle catcode \rangle\} \{\langle char code \rangle\}$
- `\__regex_item_exact_cs:n`  $\{\langle csnames \rangle\}$ , more precisely given as  $\langle csname \rangle \backslash scan\_stop: \langle csname \rangle \backslash scan\_stop: \langle csname \rangle$  and so on in a brace group.
- `\__regex_item_cs:n`  $\{\langle compiled regex \rangle\}$

### 36.3.1 Variables used when compiling

`\l__regex_group_level_int` We make sure to open the same number of groups as we close.

```
18597 \int_new:N \l__regex_group_level_int
```

(End definition for `\l__regex_group_level_int`.)

`\l__regex_mode_int` While compiling, ten modes are recognized, labelled  $-63, -23, -6, -2, 0, 2, 3, 6, 23, 63$ .  
`\c__regex_cs_in_class_mode_int` See section 36.3.3. We only define some of these as constants.

```
18598 \int_new:N \l__regex_mode_int
18599 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_cs_in_class_mode_int { -6 }
18600 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_cs_mode_int { -2 }
18601 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_outer_mode_int { 0 }
18602 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_catcode_mode_int { 2 }
18603 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_class_mode_int { 3 }
18604 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_catcode_in_class_mode_int { 6 }
```

(End definition for `\l__regex_mode_int` and others.)

`\l__regex_catcodes_int` We wish to allow constructions such as `\c[^BE](. . \cL[a-z] . .)`, where the outer catcode test applies to the whole group, but is superseded by the inner catcode test. For this to work, we need to keep track of lists of allowed category codes: `\l__regex_catcodes_int` and `\l__regex_default_catcodes_int` are bitmaps, sums of  $4^c$ , for all allowed catcodes  $c$ . The latter is local to each capturing group, and we reset `\l__regex_catcodes_int` to that value after each character or class, changing it only when encountering a `\c` escape.

The boolean records whether the list of categories of a catcode test has to be inverted: compare `\c[^BE]` and `\c[BE]`.

```
18605 \int_new:N \l__regex_catcodes_int
18606 \int_new:N \l__regex_default_catcodes_int
18607 \bool_new:N \l__regex_catcodes_bool
```

*(End definition for `\l__regex_catcodes_int`, `\l__regex_default_catcodes_int`, and `\l__regex_catcodes_bool`.)*

`\c__regex_catcode_C_int` Constants:  $4^c$  for each category, and the sum of all powers of 4.

```
\c__regex_catcode_B_int 18608 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_catcode_C_int { "1 }
\c__regex_catcode_E_int 18609 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_catcode_B_int { "4 }
\c__regex_catcode_M_int 18610 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_catcode_E_int { "10 }
\c__regex_catcode_T_int 18611 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_catcode_M_int { "40 }
\c__regex_catcode_P_int 18612 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_catcode_T_int { "100 }
\c__regex_catcode_U_int 18613 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_catcode_P_int { "1000 }
\c__regex_catcode_D_int 18614 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_catcode_U_int { "4000 }
\c__regex_catcode_S_int 18615 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_catcode_D_int { "10000 }
\c__regex_catcode_L_int 18616 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_catcode_S_int { "100000 }
\c__regex_catcode_O_int 18617 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_catcode_L_int { "400000 }
\c__regex_catcode_A_int 18618 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_catcode_O_int { "1000000 }
\c__regex_all_catcodes_int 18619 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_catcode_A_int { "4000000 }
18620 \int_const:Nn \c__regex_all_catcodes_int { "5515155 }
```

*(End definition for `\c__regex_catcode_C_int` and others.)*

`\l__regex_internal_regex` The compilation step stores its result in this variable.

```
18621 \cs_new_eq:NN \l__regex_internal_regex \c__regex_no_match_regex
```

*(End definition for `\l__regex_internal_regex`.)*

`\l__regex_show_prefix_seq` This sequence holds the prefix that makes up the line displayed to the user. The various items must be removed from the right, which is tricky with a token list, hence we use a sequence.

```
18622 \seq_new:N \l__regex_show_prefix_seq
```

*(End definition for `\l__regex_show_prefix_seq`.)*

`\l__regex_show_lines_int` A hack. To know whether a given class has a single item in it or not, we count the number of lines when showing the class.

```
18623 \int_new:N \l__regex_show_lines_int
```

*(End definition for `\l__regex_show_lines_int`.)*

### 36.3.2 Generic helpers used when compiling

`\__regex_get_digits:NTFw` If followed by some raw digits, collect them one by one in the integer variable #1, and take the true branch. Otherwise, take the false branch.

```
\__regex_get_digits_loop:w 18624 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_get_digits:NTFw #1#2#3#4#5
18625 {
18626   \__regex_if_raw_digit:NNTF #4 #5
18627   { #1 = #5 \__regex_get_digits_loop:nw {#2} }
18628   { #3 #4 #5 }
18629 }
```

```

18630 \cs_new:Npn \__regex_get_digits_loop:nw #1#2#3
18631 {
18632   \__regex_if_raw_digit:NNTF #2 #3
18633   { #3 \__regex_get_digits_loop:nw {#1} }
18634   { \scan_stop: #1 #2 #3 }
18635 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_get_digits:NNTFw` and `\__regex_get_digits_loop:w`.)

`\__regex_if_raw_digit:NNTF` Test used when grabbing digits for the `{m,n}` quantifier. It only accepts non-escaped digits.

```

18636 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \__regex_if_raw_digit:NN #1#2 { TF }
18637 {
18638   \if_meaning:w \__regex_compile_raw:N #1
18639   \if_int_compare:w 1 < 1 #2 \exp_stop_f:
18640   \prg_return_true:
18641   \else:
18642   \prg_return_false:
18643   \fi:
18644   \else:
18645   \prg_return_false:
18646   \fi:
18647 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_if_raw_digit:NNTF`.)

### 36.3.3 Mode

When compiling the NFA corresponding to a given regex string, we can be in ten distinct modes, which we label by some magic numbers:

- 6 `[\c{...}]` control sequence in a class,
- 2 `\c{...}` control sequence,
- 0 ... outer,
- 2 `\c...` catcode test,
- 6 `[\c...]` catcode test in a class,
- 63 `[\c{[...]}]` class inside mode -6,
- 23 `\c{[...]}` class inside mode -2,
- 3 `[...]` class inside mode 0,
- 23 `\c[...]` class inside mode 2,
- 63 `[\c[...]]` class inside mode 6.

This list is exhaustive, because `\c` escape sequences cannot be nested, and character classes cannot be nested directly. The choice of numbers is such as to optimize the most useful tests, and make transitions from one mode to another as simple as possible.

- Even modes mean that we are not directly in a character class. In this case, a left bracket appends 3 to the mode. In a character class, a right bracket changes the mode as  $m \rightarrow (m - 15)/13$ , truncated.
- Grouping, assertion, and anchors are allowed in non-positive even modes (0, -2, -6), and do not change the mode. Otherwise, they trigger an error.
- A left bracket is special in even modes, appending 3 to the mode; in those modes, quantifiers and the dot are recognized, and the right bracket is normal. In odd modes (within classes), the left bracket is normal, but the right bracket ends the class, changing the mode from  $m$  to  $(m - 15)/13$ , truncated; also, ranges are recognized.
- In non-negative modes, left and right braces are normal. In negative modes, however, left braces trigger a warning; right braces end the control sequence, going from -2 to 0 or -6 to 3, with error recovery for odd modes.
- Properties (such as the `\d` character class) can appear in any mode.

`\_regex_if_in_class:TF` Test whether we are directly in a character class (at the innermost level of nesting). There, many escape sequences are not recognized, and special characters are normal. Also, for every raw character, we must look ahead for a possible raw dash.

```

18648 \cs_new:Npn \_regex_if_in_class:TF
18649   {
18650     \if_int_odd:w \l__regex_mode_int
18651       \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
18652     \else:
18653       \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
18654     \fi:
18655   }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_if_in_class:TF`.)

`\_regex_if_in_cs:TF` Right braces are special only directly inside control sequences (at the inner-most level of nesting, not counting groups).

```

18656 \cs_new:Npn \_regex_if_in_cs:TF
18657   {
18658     \if_int_odd:w \l__regex_mode_int
18659       \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
18660     \else:
18661       \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_mode_int < \c__regex_outer_mode_int
18662         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
18663       \else:
18664         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
18665       \fi:
18666     \fi:
18667   }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_if_in_cs:TF`.)

`\_regex_if_in_class_or_catcode:TF` Assertions are only allowed in modes 0, -2, and -6, *i.e.*, even, non-positive modes.

```

18668 \cs_new:Npn \_regex_if_in_class_or_catcode:TF
18669   {
18670     \if_int_odd:w \l__regex_mode_int

```

```

18671     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
18672 \else:
18673     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_mode_int > \c__regex_outer_mode_int
18674     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
18675 \else:
18676     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
18677 \fi:
18678 \fi:
18679 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_if_in_class_or_catcode:TF`.)

`\__regex_if_within_catcode:TF` This test takes the true branch if we are in a catcode test, either immediately following it (modes 2 and 6) or in a class on which it applies (modes 23 and 63). This is used to tweak how left brackets behave in modes 2 and 6.

```

18680 \cs_new:Npn \__regex_if_within_catcode:TF
18681 {
18682     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_mode_int > \c__regex_outer_mode_int
18683     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
18684 \else:
18685     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
18686 \fi:
18687 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_if_within_catcode:TF`.)

`\__regex_chk_c_allowed:T` The `\c` escape sequence is only allowed in modes 0 and 3, *i.e.*, not within any other `\c` escape sequence.

```

18688 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_chk_c_allowed:T
18689 {
18690     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_mode_int = \c__regex_outer_mode_int
18691     \exp_after:wN \use:n
18692 \else:
18693     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_mode_int = \c__regex_class_mode_int
18694     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \use:n
18695 \else:
18696     \__kernel_msg_error:nn { kernel } { c-bad-mode }
18697     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
18698 \fi:
18699 \fi:
18700 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_chk_c_allowed:T`.)

`\__regex_mode_quit_c:` This function changes the mode as it is needed just after a catcode test.

```

18701 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_mode_quit_c:
18702 {
18703     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_mode_int = \c__regex_catcode_mode_int
18704     \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_mode_int \c__regex_outer_mode_int
18705 \else:
18706     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_mode_int = \c__regex_catcode_in_class_mode_int
18707     \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_mode_int \c__regex_class_mode_int
18708 \fi:
18709 \fi:
18710 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_mode_quit_c:.`)

### 36.3.4 Framework

`\\_regex_compile:w` Used when compiling a user regex or a regex for the `\\c{...}` escape sequence within another regex. Start building a token list within a group (with x-expansion at the outset), and set a few variables (group level, catcodes), then start the first branch. At the end, make sure there are no dangling classes nor groups, close the last branch: we are done building `\\l\\_regex_internal_regex`.

```

18711 \\cs_new_protected:Npn \\_regex_compile:w
18712   {
18713     \\_tl_build_x:Nw \\l\\_regex_internal_regex
18714     \\int_zero:N \\l\\_regex_group_level_int
18715     \\int_set_eq:NN \\l\\_regex_default_catcodes_int \\c\\_regex_all_catcodes_int
18716     \\int_set_eq:NN \\l\\_regex_catcodes_int \\l\\_regex_default_catcodes_int
18717     \\cs_set:Npn \\_regex_item_equal:n { \\_regex_item_caseful_equal:n }
18718     \\cs_set:Npn \\_regex_item_range:nn { \\_regex_item_caseful_range:nn }
18719     \\_tl_build_one:n { \\_regex_branch:n { \\if_false: } \\fi: }
18720   }
18721 \\cs_new_protected:Npn \\_regex_compile_end:
18722   {
18723     \\_regex_if_in_class:TF
18724     {
18725       \\_kernel_msg_error:nn { kernel } { missing-rbrack }
18726       \\use:c { \\_regex_compile_]: }
18727       \\prg_do_nothing: \\prg_do_nothing:
18728     }
18729     { }
18730     \\if_int_compare:w \\l\\_regex_group_level_int > 0 \\exp_stop_f:
18731     \\_kernel_msg_error:nnx { kernel } { missing-rparen }
18732     { \\int_use:N \\l\\_regex_group_level_int }
18733     \\prg_replicate:nn
18734     { \\l\\_regex_group_level_int }
18735     {
18736       \\_tl_build_one:n
18737       {
18738         \\if_false: { \\fi: }
18739         \\if_false: { \\fi: } { 1 } { 0 } \\c_true_bool
18740       }
18741       \\_tl_build_end:
18742       \\_tl_build_one:o \\l\\_regex_internal_regex
18743     }
18744     \\fi:
18745     \\_tl_build_one:n { \\if_false: { \\fi: } }
18746     \\_tl_build_end:
18747   }

```

*(End definition for \\\_regex\_compile:w and \\\_regex\_compile\_end:.)*

`\\_regex_compile:n` The compilation is done between `\\_regex_compile:w` and `\\_regex_compile_end:`, starting in mode 0. Then `\\_regex_escape_use:nnnn` distinguishes special characters, escaped alphanumerics, and raw characters, interpreting `\\a`, `\\x` and other sequences. The 4 trailing `\\prg_do_nothing:` are needed because some functions defined later look up to 4 tokens ahead. Before ending, make sure that any `\\c{...}` is properly closed. No need to check that brackets are closed properly since `\\_regex_compile_end:` does that. However, catch the case of a trailing `\\cL` construction.

```

18748 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile:n #1
18749 {
18750   \__regex_compile:w
18751   \__regex_standard_escapechar:
18752   \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_mode_int \c__regex_outer_mode_int
18753   \__regex_escape_use:nmmn
18754   {
18755     \__regex_char_if_special:NTF ##1
18756     \__regex_compile_special:N \__regex_compile_raw:N ##1
18757   }
18758   {
18759     \__regex_char_if_alphanumeric:NTF ##1
18760     \__regex_compile_escaped:N \__regex_compile_raw:N ##1
18761   }
18762   { \__regex_compile_raw:N ##1 }
18763   { #1 }
18764   \prg_do_nothing: \prg_do_nothing:
18765   \prg_do_nothing: \prg_do_nothing:
18766   \int_compare:nNnT \l__regex_mode_int = \c__regex_catcode_mode_int
18767   { \__kernel_msg_error:nn { kernel } { c-trailing } }
18768   \int_compare:nNnT \l__regex_mode_int < \c__regex_outer_mode_int
18769   {
18770     \__kernel_msg_error:nn { kernel } { c-missing-rbrace }
18771     \__regex_compile_end_cs:
18772     \prg_do_nothing: \prg_do_nothing:
18773     \prg_do_nothing: \prg_do_nothing:
18774   }
18775   \__regex_compile_end:
18776 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_compile:n.)

\\_\_regex\_compile\_escaped:N  
 \\_\_regex\_compile\_special:N

If the special character or escaped alphanumeric has a particular meaning in regexes, the corresponding function is used. Otherwise, it is interpreted as a raw character. We distinguish special characters from escaped alphanumeric characters because they behave differently when appearing as an end-point of a range.

```

18777 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_special:N #1
18778 {
18779   \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __regex_compile_#1: }
18780   { \__regex_compile_raw:N #1 }
18781 }
18782 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_escaped:N #1
18783 {
18784   \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __regex_compile_/#1: }
18785   { \__regex_compile_raw:N #1 }
18786 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_compile\_escaped:N and \\_\_regex\_compile\_special:N.)

\\_\_regex\_compile\_one:x

This is used after finding one “test”, such as \d, or a raw character. If that followed a catcode test (e.g., \cL), then restore the mode. If we are not in a class, then the test is “standalone”, and we need to add \\_\_regex\_class:NmmnN and search for quantifiers. In any case, insert the test, possibly together with a catcode test if appropriate.

```

18787 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_one:x #1

```

```

18788 {
18789   \__regex_mode_quit_c:
18790   \__regex_if_in_class:TF { }
18791   {
18792     \__tl_build_one:n
18793     { \__regex_class:NnnnN \c_true_bool { \if_false: } \fi: }
18794   }
18795   \__tl_build_one:x
18796   {
18797     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_catcodes_int < \c__regex_all_catcodes_int
18798     \__regex_item_catcode:nT { \int_use:N \l__regex_catcodes_int }
18799     { \exp_not:N \exp_not:n {#1} }
18800     \else:
18801     \exp_not:N \exp_not:n {#1}
18802     \fi:
18803   }
18804   \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_catcodes_int \l__regex_default_catcodes_int
18805   \__regex_if_in_class:TF { } { \__regex_compile_quantifier:w }
18806 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_compile\_one:x.)

\\_\_regex\_compile\_abort\_tokens:n This function places the collected tokens back in the input stream, each as a raw character.  
 \\_\_regex\_compile\_abort\_tokens:x Spaces are not preserved.

```

18807 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_abort_tokens:n #1
18808 {
18809   \use:x
18810   {
18811     \exp_args:No \tl_map_function:nN { \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
18812     \__regex_compile_raw:N
18813   }
18814 }
18815 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__regex_compile_abort_tokens:n { x }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_compile\_abort\_tokens:n.)

### 36.3.5 Quantifiers

\\_\_regex\_compile\_quantifier:w This looks ahead and finds any quantifier (special character equal to either of ?+\*{).

```

18816 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_quantifier:w #1#2
18817 {
18818   \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 \__regex_compile_special:N
18819   {
18820     \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __regex_compile_quantifier_#2:w }
18821     { \__regex_compile_quantifier_none: #1 #2 }
18822   }
18823   { \__regex_compile_quantifier_none: #1 #2 }
18824 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_compile\_quantifier:w.)

\\_\_regex\_compile\_quantifier\_none: Those functions are called whenever there is no quantifier, or a braced construction is invalid (equivalent to no quantifier, and whatever characters were grabbed are left raw).  
 \\_\_regex\_compile\_quantifier\_abort:xNN

```

18825 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_quantifier_none:

```

```

18826 { \_tl_build_one:n { \if_false: { \fi: } { 1 } { 0 } \c_false_bool } }
18827 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_compile_quantifier_abort:xNN #1#2#3
18828 {
18829   \_regex_compile_quantifier_none:
18830   \_kernel_msg_warning:nxxx { kernel } { invalid-quantifier } {#1} {#3}
18831   \_regex_compile_abort_tokens:x {#1}
18832   #2 #3
18833 }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_compile_quantifier_none:` and `\_regex_compile_quantifier_abort:xNN`.)

`\_regex_compile_quantifier_lazy:n`

Once the “main” quantifier (`?`, `*`, `+` or a braced construction) is found, we check whether it is lazy (followed by a question mark). We then add to the compiled regex a closing brace (ending `\_regex_class:NnnnN` and friends), the start-point of the range, its end-point, and a boolean, `true` for lazy and `false` for greedy operators.

```

18834 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_compile_quantifier_lazy:n #1#2#3#4
18835 {
18836   \str_if_eq:nnTF { #3 #4 } { \_regex_compile_special:N ? }
18837   { \_tl_build_one:n { \if_false: { \fi: } { #1 } { #2 } \c_true_bool } }
18838   {
18839     \_tl_build_one:n { \if_false: { \fi: } { #1 } { #2 } \c_false_bool }
18840     #3 #4
18841   }
18842 }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_compile_quantifier_lazy:n`.)

`\_regex_compile_quantifier_?w`  
`\_regex_compile_quantifier_*w`  
`\_regex_compile_quantifier_+w`

For each “basic” quantifier, `?`, `*`, `+`, feed the correct arguments to `\_regex_compile_quantifier_lazy:n`, `-1` means that there is no upper bound on the number of repetitions.

```

18843 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \_regex_compile_quantifier_?w }
18844 { \_regex_compile_quantifier_lazy:n { 0 } { 1 } }
18845 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \_regex_compile_quantifier_*w }
18846 { \_regex_compile_quantifier_lazy:n { 0 } { -1 } }
18847 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \_regex_compile_quantifier_+w }
18848 { \_regex_compile_quantifier_lazy:n { 1 } { -1 } }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_compile_quantifier_?w`, `\_regex_compile_quantifier_*w`, and `\_regex_compile_quantifier_+w`.)

`\_regex_compile_quantifier_{:w`  
`\_regex_compile_quantifier_braced_auxi:w`  
`\_regex_compile_quantifier_braced_auxii:w`  
`\_regex_compile_quantifier_braced_auxiii:w`

Three possible syntaxes: `{⟨int⟩}`, `{⟨int⟩,}`, or `{⟨int⟩,⟨int⟩}`. Any other syntax causes us to abort and put whatever we collected back in the input stream, as raw characters, including the opening brace. Grab a number into `\l__regex_internal_a_int`. If the number is followed by a right brace, the range is `[a, a]`. If followed by a comma, grab one more number, and call the `_ii` or `_iii` auxiliary. Those auxiliaries check for a closing brace, leading to the range `[a, ∞]` or `[a, b]`, encoded as `{a}{-1}` and `{a}{b-a}`.

```

18849 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \_regex_compile_quantifier_ \c_left_brace_str :w }
18850 {
18851   \_regex_get_digits:NTFw \l__regex_internal_a_int
18852   { \_regex_compile_quantifier_braced_auxi:w }
18853   { \_regex_compile_quantifier_abort:xNN { \c_left_brace_str } }
18854 }
18855 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_compile_quantifier_braced_auxi:w #1#2
18856 {

```

```

18857 \str_case_x:nnF { #1 #2 }
18858 {
18859   { \__regex_compile_special:N \c_right_brace_str }
18860   {
18861     \exp_args:No \__regex_compile_quantifier_lazyness:nnNN
18862     { \int_use:N \l__regex_internal_a_int } { 0 }
18863   }
18864   { \__regex_compile_special:N , }
18865   {
18866     \__regex_get_digits:NTFw \l__regex_internal_b_int
18867     { \__regex_compile_quantifier_braced_auxiii:w }
18868     { \__regex_compile_quantifier_braced_auxii:w }
18869   }
18870 }
18871 {
18872   \__regex_compile_quantifier_abort:xNN
18873   { \c_left_brace_str \int_use:N \l__regex_internal_a_int }
18874   #1 #2
18875 }
18876 }
18877 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_quantifier_braced_auxii:w #1#2
18878 {
18879   \str_if_eq_x:nnTF
18880   { #1 #2 } { \__regex_compile_special:N \c_right_brace_str }
18881   {
18882     \exp_args:No \__regex_compile_quantifier_lazyness:nnNN
18883     { \int_use:N \l__regex_internal_a_int } { -1 }
18884   }
18885   {
18886     \__regex_compile_quantifier_abort:xNN
18887     { \c_left_brace_str \int_use:N \l__regex_internal_a_int , }
18888     #1 #2
18889   }
18890 }
18891 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_quantifier_braced_auxiii:w #1#2
18892 {
18893   \str_if_eq_x:nnTF
18894   { #1 #2 } { \__regex_compile_special:N \c_right_brace_str }
18895   {
18896     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_internal_a_int > \l__regex_internal_b_int
18897     \__kernel_msg_error:nxxx { kernel } { backwards-quantifier }
18898     { \int_use:N \l__regex_internal_a_int }
18899     { \int_use:N \l__regex_internal_b_int }
18900     \int_zero:N \l__regex_internal_b_int
18901   \else:
18902     \int_sub:Nn \l__regex_internal_b_int \l__regex_internal_a_int
18903   \fi:
18904   \exp_args:Noo \__regex_compile_quantifier_lazyness:nnNN
18905   { \int_use:N \l__regex_internal_a_int }
18906   { \int_use:N \l__regex_internal_b_int }
18907 }
18908 {
18909   \__regex_compile_quantifier_abort:xNN
18910   {

```

```

18911         \c_left_brace_str
18912         \int_use:N \l__regex_internal_a_int ,
18913         \int_use:N \l__regex_internal_b_int
18914     }
18915     #1 #2
18916 }
18917 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_compile_quantifier_{:w and others.}`)

### 36.3.6 Raw characters

`\__regex_compile_raw_error:N` Within character classes, and following catcode tests, some escaped alphanumeric sequences such as `\b` do not have any meaning. They are replaced by a raw character, after spitting out an error.

```

18918 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_raw_error:N #1
18919 {
18920     \__kernel_msg_error:nnx { kernel } { bad-escape } {#1}
18921     \__regex_compile_raw:N #1
18922 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_compile_raw_error:N.`)

`\__regex_compile_raw:N` If we are in a character class and the next character is an unescaped dash, this denotes a range. Otherwise, the current character `#1` matches itself.

```

18923 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_raw:N #1#2#3
18924 {
18925     \__regex_if_in_class:TF
18926     {
18927         \str_if_eq:nnTF {#2#3} { \__regex_compile_special:N - }
18928         { \__regex_compile_range:Nw #1 }
18929         {
18930             \__regex_compile_one:x
18931             { \__regex_item_equal:n { \__int_value:w ‘#1 ~ } }
18932             #2 #3
18933         }
18934     }
18935     {
18936         \__regex_compile_one:x
18937         { \__regex_item_equal:n { \__int_value:w ‘#1 ~ } }
18938         #2 #3
18939     }
18940 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_compile_raw:N.`)

`\__regex_compile_range:Nw`  
`\__regex_if_end_range:NNTF` We have just read a raw character followed by a dash; this should be followed by an end-point for the range. Valid end-points are: any raw character; any special character, except a right bracket. In particular, escaped characters are forbidden.

```

18941 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \__regex_if_end_range:NN #1#2 { TF }
18942 {
18943     \if_meaning:w \__regex_compile_raw:N #1
18944     \prg_return_true:
18945     \else:

```

```

18946     \if_meaning:w \__regex_compile_special:N #1
18947     \if_charcode:w ] #2
18948     \prg_return_false:
18949     \else:
18950     \prg_return_true:
18951     \fi:
18952     \else:
18953     \prg_return_false:
18954     \fi:
18955     \fi:
18956   }
18957 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_range:Nw #1#2#3
18958 {
18959   \__regex_if_end_range:NNTF #2 #3
18960   {
18961     \if_int_compare:w '#1 > '#3 \exp_stop_f:
18962     \__kernel_msg_error:nxxx { kernel } { range-backwards } {#1} {#3}
18963     \else:
18964     \__tl_build_one:x
18965     {
18966       \if_int_compare:w '#1 = '#3 \exp_stop_f:
18967       \__regex_item_equal:n
18968       \else:
18969       \__regex_item_range:nn { \__int_value:w '#1 ~ }
18970       \fi:
18971       { \__int_value:w '#3 ~ }
18972     }
18973     \fi:
18974   }
18975   {
18976     \__kernel_msg_warning:nxxx { kernel } { range-missing-end }
18977     {#1} { \c_backslash_str #3 }
18978     \__tl_build_one:x
18979     {
18980       \__regex_item_equal:n { \__int_value:w '#1 ~ }
18981       \__regex_item_equal:n { \__int_value:w '- ~ }
18982     }
18983     #2#3
18984   }
18985 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_compile\_range:Nw and \\_\_regex\_if\_end\_range:NNTF.)

### 36.3.7 Character properties

\\_\_regex\_compile\_.: In a class, the dot has no special meaning. Outside, insert \\_\_regex\_prop\_., which matches any character or control sequence, and refuses -2 (end-marker).

```

18986 \cs_new_protected:cpx { __regex_compile_.: }
18987 {
18988   \exp_not:N \__regex_if_in_class:TF
18989   { \__regex_compile_raw:N . }
18990   { \__regex_compile_one:x \exp_not:c { __regex_prop_.: } }
18991 }
18992 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_prop_.: }

```

```

18993 {
18994   \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_curr_char_int > - 2 \exp_stop_f:
18995     \exp_after:wN \__regex_break_true:w
18996   \fi:
18997 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_compile_.`: and `\__regex_prop_.`.)

`\__regex_compile_/d:` The constants `\__regex_prop_d:`, etc. hold a list of tests which match the corresponding character class, and jump to the `\__regex_break_point:TF` marker. As for a normal character, we check for quantifiers.

```

\__regex_compile_/H: 18998 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__regex_tmp:w #1#2
\__regex_compile_/s: 18999 {
\__regex_compile_/S: 19000   \cs_new_protected:cpx { __regex_compile_/#1: }
\__regex_compile_/v: 19001   { \__regex_compile_one:x \exp_not:c { __regex_prop_#1: } }
\__regex_compile_/V: 19002   \cs_new_protected:cpx { __regex_compile_/#2: }
\__regex_compile_/w: 19003   {
\__regex_compile_/W: 19004     \__regex_compile_one:x
\__regex_compile_/N: 19005     { \__regex_item_reverse:n \exp_not:c { __regex_prop_#1: } }
19006   }
19007 }
19008 \__regex_tmp:w d D
19009 \__regex_tmp:w h H
19010 \__regex_tmp:w s S
19011 \__regex_tmp:w v V
19012 \__regex_tmp:w w W
19013 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_/N: }
19014 { \__regex_compile_one:x \__regex_prop_N: }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_compile_/d:` and others.)

### 36.3.8 Anchoring and simple assertions

`\__regex_compile_anchor:Nf` In modes where assertions are allowed, anchor to the start of the query, the start of the match, or the end of the query, depending on the integer #1. In other modes, #2 treats the character as raw, with an error for escaped letters (`$` is valid in a class, but `\A` is definitely a mistake on the user's part).

```

\__regex_compile_/$: 19015 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_anchor:Nf #1#2
\__regex_compile_/Z: 19016 {
\__regex_compile_/z: 19017   \__regex_if_in_class_or_catcode:TF {#2}
19018   {
19019     \__tl_build_one:n
19020     { \__regex_assertion:Nn \c_true_bool { \__regex_anchor:N #1 } }
19021   }
19022 }
19023 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__regex_tmp:w #1#2
19024 {
19025   \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_/#1: }
19026   { \__regex_compile_anchor:Nf #2 { \__regex_compile_raw_error:N #1 } }
19027 }
19028 \__regex_tmp:w A \l__regex_min_pos_int
19029 \__regex_tmp:w G \l__regex_start_pos_int
19030 \__regex_tmp:w Z \l__regex_max_pos_int
19031 \__regex_tmp:w z \l__regex_max_pos_int

```

```

19032 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__regex_tmp:w #1#2
19033   {
19034     \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_#1: }
19035       { \__regex_compile_anchor:Nf #2 { \__regex_compile_raw:N #1 } }
19036   }
19037 \exp_args:Nx \__regex_tmp:w { \iow_char:N ^ } \l__regex_min_pos_int
19038 \exp_args:Nx \__regex_tmp:w { \iow_char:N $ } \l__regex_max_pos_int

```

(End definition for `\__regex_compile_anchor:Nf` and others.)

`\__regex_compile_/b:` Contrarily to `^` and `$`, which could be implemented without really knowing what precedes in the token list, this requires more information, namely, the knowledge of the last character code.

`\__regex_compile_/B:`

```

19039 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_/b: }
19040   {
19041     \__regex_if_in_class_or_catcode:TF
19042       { \__regex_compile_raw_error:N b }
19043     {
19044       \__tl_build_one:n
19045         { \__regex_assertion:Nn \c_true_bool { \__regex_b_test: } }
19046     }
19047   }
19048 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_/B: }
19049   {
19050     \__regex_if_in_class_or_catcode:TF
19051       { \__regex_compile_raw_error:N B }
19052     {
19053       \__tl_build_one:n
19054         { \__regex_assertion:Nn \c_false_bool { \__regex_b_test: } }
19055     }
19056   }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_compile_/b:` and `\__regex_compile_/B:`.)

### 36.3.9 Character classes

`\__regex_compile_]:` Outside a class, right brackets have no meaning. In a class, change the mode ( $m \rightarrow (m - 15)/13$ , truncated) to reflect the fact that we are leaving the class. Look for quantifiers, unless we are still in a class after leaving one (the case of `[... \cL[... ] ...]`). quantifiers.

```

19057 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_]: }
19058   {
19059     \__regex_if_in_class:TF
19060     {
19061       \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_mode_int > \c__regex_catcode_in_class_mode_int
19062         \__tl_build_one:n { \if_false: { \fi: } }
19063       \fi:
19064       \tex_advance:D \l__regex_mode_int - 15 \exp_stop_f:
19065       \tex_divide:D \l__regex_mode_int 13 \exp_stop_f:
19066       \if_int_odd:w \l__regex_mode_int \else:
19067         \exp_after:wN \__regex_compile_quantifier:w
19068       \fi:
19069     }
19070     { \__regex_compile_raw:N ] }
19071   }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_compile_[:]`.)

`\_regex_compile_[:]`: In a class, left brackets might introduce a POSIX character class, or mean nothing. Immediately following `\c<category>`, we must insert the appropriate catcode test, then parse the class; we pre-expand the catcode as an optimization. Otherwise (modes 0, -2 and -6) just parse the class. The mode is updated later.

```
19072 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \_regex_compile_[: ]
19073   {
19074     \_regex_if_in_class:TF
19075     { \_regex_compile_class_posix_test:w }
19076     {
19077       \_regex_if_within_catcode:TF
19078       {
19079         \exp_after:wN \_regex_compile_class_catcode:w
19080         \int_use:N \l_regex_catcodes_int ;
19081       }
19082       { \_regex_compile_class_normal:w }
19083     }
19084   }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_compile_[:]`.)

`\_regex_compile_class_normal:w`: In the “normal” case, we insert `\_regex_class:NnnnN` (*boolean*) in the compiled code. The *boolean* is true for positive classes, and false for negative classes, characterized by a leading `^`. The auxiliary `\_regex_compile_class:TFNN` also checks for a leading `]` which has a special meaning.

```
19085 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_compile_class_normal:w
19086   {
19087     \_regex_compile_class:TFNN
19088     { \_regex_class:NnnnN \c_true_bool }
19089     { \_regex_class:NnnnN \c_false_bool }
19090   }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_compile_class_normal:w`.)

`\_regex_compile_class_catcode:w`: This function is called for a left bracket in modes 2 or 6 (catcode test, and catcode test within a class). In mode 2 the whole construction needs to be put in a class (like single character). Then determine if the class is positive or negative, inserting `\_regex_item_catcode:nT` or the reverse variant as appropriate, each with the current catcodes bitmap #1 as an argument, and reset the catcodes.

```
19091 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_compile_class_catcode:w #1;
19092   {
19093     \if_int_compare:w \l_regex_mode_int = \c_regex_catcode_mode_int
19094       \__tl_build_one:n
19095       { \_regex_class:NnnnN \c_true_bool { \if_false: } \fi: }
19096     \fi:
19097     \int_set_eq:NN \l_regex_catcodes_int \l_regex_default_catcodes_int
19098     \_regex_compile_class:TFNN
19099     { \_regex_item_catcode:nT {#1} }
19100     { \_regex_item_catcode_reverse:nT {#1} }
19101   }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_compile_class_catcode:w`.)

`\\_regex_compile_class:TFNN` If the first character is `^`, then the class is negative (use #2), otherwise it is positive (use #1). If the next character is a right bracket, then it should be changed to a raw one.

```

19102 \\cs_new_protected:Npn \\_regex_compile_class:TFNN #1#2#3#4
19103 {
19104   \\l__regex_mode_int = \\__int_value:w \\l__regex_mode_int 3 \\exp_stop_f:
19105   \\str_if_eq:nnTF { #3 #4 } { \\_regex_compile_special:N ^ }
19106   {
19107     \\_tl_build_one:n { #2 { \\if_false: } \\fi: }
19108     \\_regex_compile_class:NN
19109   }
19110   {
19111     \\_tl_build_one:n { #1 { \\if_false: } \\fi: }
19112     \\_regex_compile_class:NN #3 #4
19113   }
19114 }
19115 \\cs_new_protected:Npn \\_regex_compile_class:NN #1#2
19116 {
19117   \\token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF #2 ]
19118   { \\_regex_compile_raw:N #2 }
19119   { #1 #2 }
19120 }

```

(End definition for `\\_regex_compile_class:TFNN` and `\\_regex_compile_class:NN`.)

`\\_regex_compile_class_posix_test:w` Here we check for a syntax such as `[ :alpha: ]`. We also detect `[ =` and `[ .` which have a meaning in POSIX regular expressions, but are not implemented in `l3regex`. In case we see `[ :`, grab raw characters until hopefully reaching `:]`. If that's missing, or the POSIX class is unknown, abort. If all is right, add the test to the current class, with an extra `\\_regex_item_reverse:n` for negative classes.

```

19121 \\cs_new_protected:Npn \\_regex_compile_class_posix_test:w #1#2
19122 {
19123   \\token_if_eq_meaning:NNT \\_regex_compile_special:N #1
19124   {
19125     \\str_case:nn { #2 }
19126     {
19127       : { \\_regex_compile_class_posix:NNNNw }
19128       = { \\_kernel_msg_warning:nmx { kernel } { posix-unsupported } { = } }
19129       . { \\_kernel_msg_warning:nmx { kernel } { posix-unsupported } { . } }
19130     }
19131   }
19132   \\_regex_compile_raw:N [ #1 #2
19133 }
19134 \\cs_new_protected:Npn \\_regex_compile_class_posix:NNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6
19135 {
19136   \\str_if_eq:nnTF { #5 #6 } { \\_regex_compile_special:N ^ }
19137   {
19138     \\bool_set_false:N \\l__regex_internal_bool
19139     \\tl_set:Nx \\l__regex_internal_a_tl { \\if_false: } \\fi:
19140     \\_regex_compile_class_posix_loop:w
19141   }
19142   {
19143     \\bool_set_true:N \\l__regex_internal_bool
19144     \\tl_set:Nx \\l__regex_internal_a_tl { \\if_false: } \\fi:
19145     \\_regex_compile_class_posix_loop:w #5 #6

```

```

19146     }
19147   }
19148   \cs_new:Npn \__regex_compile_class_posix_loop:w #1#2
19149   {
19150     \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF \__regex_compile_raw:N #1
19151     { #2 \__regex_compile_class_posix_loop:w }
19152     { \if_false: { \fi: } \__regex_compile_class_posix_end:w #1 #2 }
19153   }
19154   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_class_posix_end:w #1#2#3#4
19155   {
19156     \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 #2 #3 #4 }
19157     { \__regex_compile_special:N : \__regex_compile_special:N ] }
19158     {
19159       \cs_if_exist:cTF { __regex_posix_ \l__regex_internal_a_tl : }
19160       {
19161         \__regex_compile_one:x
19162         {
19163           \bool_if:NF \l__regex_internal_bool \__regex_item_reverse:n
19164           \exp_not:c { __regex_posix_ \l__regex_internal_a_tl : }
19165         }
19166       }
19167       {
19168         \__kernel_msg_warning:nxx { kernel } { posix-unknown }
19169         { \l__regex_internal_a_tl }
19170         \__regex_compile_abort_tokens:x
19171         {
19172           [: \bool_if:NF \l__regex_internal_bool { ^ }
19173           \l__regex_internal_a_tl :]
19174         }
19175       }
19176     }
19177     {
19178       \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { posix-missing-close }
19179       { [: \l__regex_internal_a_tl ] { #2 #4 }
19180       \__regex_compile_abort_tokens:x { [: \l__regex_internal_a_tl ]
19181       #1 #2 #3 #4
19182     }
19183   }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_compile_class_posix_test:w` and others.)

### 36.3.10 Groups and alternations

`\__regex_compile_group_begin:N` The contents of a regex group are turned into compiled code in `\l__regex_internal_`  
`\__regex_compile_group_end:` **regex**, which ends up with items of the form `\__regex_branch:n {⟨concatenation⟩}`. This construction is done using `!3tl-build` within a `TeX` group, which automatically makes sure that options (case-sensitivity and default catcode) are reset at the end of the group. The argument `#1` is `\__regex_group:nnnN` or a variant thereof. A small subtlety to support `\cL(abc)` as a shorthand for `(\cLa\cLb\cLc)`: exit any pending catcode test, save the category code at the start of the group as the default catcode for that group, and make sure that the catcode is restored to the default outside the group.

```

19184   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_group_begin:N #1
19185   {
19186     \__tl_build_one:n { #1 { \if_false: } \fi: }

```

```

19187   \__regex_mode_quit_c:
19188   \__tl_build:Nw \l__regex_internal_regex
19189     \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_default_catcodes_int \l__regex_catcodes_int
19190     \int_incr:N \l__regex_group_level_int
19191     \__tl_build_one:n { \__regex_branch:n { \if_false: } \fi: }
19192   }
19193 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_group_end:
19194   {
19195     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_group_level_int > 0 \exp_stop_f:
19196       \__tl_build_one:n { \if_false: { \fi: } }
19197       \__tl_build_end:
19198       \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_catcodes_int \l__regex_default_catcodes_int
19199       \__tl_build_one:o \l__regex_internal_regex
19200       \exp_after:wN \__regex_compile_quantifier:w
19201     \else:
19202       \__kernel_msg_warning:nn { kernel } { extra-rparen }
19203       \exp_after:wN \__regex_compile_raw:N \exp_after:wN )
19204     \fi:
19205   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_compile\_group\_begin:N and \\_\_regex\_compile\_group\_end:.)

\\_\_regex\_compile(: In a class, parentheses are not special. Outside, check for a ?, denoting special groups, and run the code for the corresponding special group.

```

19206 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile(: }
19207   {
19208     \__regex_if_in_class:TF { \__regex_compile_raw:N ( }
19209     { \__regex_compile_lparen:w }
19210   }
19211 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_lparen:w #1#2#3#4
19212   {
19213     \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 #2 } { \__regex_compile_special:N ? }
19214     {
19215       \cs_if_exist_use:cF
19216       { __regex_compile_special_group_\token_to_str:N #4 :w }
19217       {
19218         \__kernel_msg_warning:nnx { kernel } { special-group-unknown }
19219         { (? #4 }
19220         \__regex_compile_group_begin:N \__regex_group:nnnN
19221         \__regex_compile_raw:N ? #3 #4
19222       }
19223     }
19224     {
19225       \__regex_compile_group_begin:N \__regex_group:nnnN
19226       #1 #2 #3 #4
19227     }
19228   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_compile(:.)

\\_\_regex\_compile\_|: In a class, the pipe is not special. Otherwise, end the current branch and open another one.

```

19229 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_|: }
19230   {

```

```

19231     \__regex_if_in_class:TF { \__regex_compile_raw:N | }
19232     {
19233         \__tl_build_one:n
19234         { \if_false: { \fi: } \__regex_branch:n { \if_false: } \fi: }
19235     }
19236 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_compile\_/:.)

\\_\_regex\_compile\_): Within a class, parentheses are not special. Outside, close a group.

```

19237 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_): }
19238 {
19239     \__regex_if_in_class:TF { \__regex_compile_raw:N ) }
19240     { \__regex_compile_group_end: }
19241 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_compile\_):.)

\\_\_regex\_compile\_special\_group\_::w Non-capturing, and resetting groups are easy to take care of during compilation; for those  
\\_\_regex\_compile\_special\_group\_|:w groups, the harder parts come when building.

```

19242 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_special_group_::w }
19243 { \__regex_compile_group_begin:N \__regex_group_no_capture:nnnN }
19244 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_special_group_|:w }
19245 { \__regex_compile_group_begin:N \__regex_group_resetting:nnnN }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_compile\_special\_group\_::w and \\_\_regex\_compile\_special\_group\_|:w.)

\\_\_regex\_compile\_special\_group\_i:w The match can be made case-insensitive by setting the option with (?i); the original  
\\_\_regex\_compile\_special\_group\_-:w behaviour is restored by (?-i). This is the only supported option.

```

19246 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_special_group_i:w #1#2
19247 {
19248     \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 #2 } { \__regex_compile_special:N ) }
19249     {
19250         \cs_set:Npn \__regex_item_equal:n { \__regex_item_caseless_equal:n }
19251         \cs_set:Npn \__regex_item_range:nn { \__regex_item_caseless_range:nn }
19252     }
19253     {
19254         \__kernel_msg_warning:nnx { kernel } { unknown-option } { (?i #2 }
19255         \__regex_compile_raw:N (
19256         \__regex_compile_raw:N ?
19257         \__regex_compile_raw:N i
19258         #1 #2
19259     }
19260 }
19261 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_special_group_-:w } #1#2#3#4
19262 {
19263     \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 #2 #3 #4 }
19264     { \__regex_compile_raw:N i \__regex_compile_special:N ) }
19265     {
19266         \cs_set:Npn \__regex_item_equal:n { \__regex_item_caseful_equal:n }
19267         \cs_set:Npn \__regex_item_range:nn { \__regex_item_caseful_range:nn }
19268     }
19269     {
19270         \__kernel_msg_warning:nnx { kernel } { unknown-option } { (?-#2#4 }
19271         \__regex_compile_raw:N (

```

```

19272     \_regex_compile_raw:N ?
19273     \_regex_compile_raw:N -
19274     #1 #2 #3 #4
19275   }
19276 }

```

(End definition for \\_regex\_compile\_special\_group\_i:w and \\_regex\_compile\_special\_group\_-:w.)

### 36.3.11 Catcodes and csnames

\\_regex\_compile\_/c: The \c escape sequence can be followed by a capital letter representing a character category, by a left bracket which starts a list of categories, or by a brace group holding a regular expression for a control sequence name. Otherwise, raise an error.

\\_regex\_compile\_c\_test:NN

```

19277 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \_regex_compile_/c: }
19278 { \_regex_chk_c_allowed:T { \_regex_compile_c_test:NN } }
19279 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_compile_c_test:NN #1#2
19280 {
19281   \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 \_regex_compile_raw:N
19282   {
19283     \int_if_exist:cTF { c__regex_catcode_#2_int }
19284     {
19285       \int_set_eq:Nc \l__regex_catcodes_int { c__regex_catcode_#2_int }
19286       \l__regex_mode_int
19287       = \if_case:w \l__regex_mode_int
19288         \c__regex_catcode_mode_int
19289         \else:
19290           \c__regex_catcode_in_class_mode_int
19291         \fi:
19292       \token_if_eq_charcode:NNT C #2 { \_regex_compile_c_C:NN }
19293     }
19294   }
19295   { \cs_if_exist_use:cF { \_regex_compile_c_#2:w } }
19296   {
19297     \_kernel_msg_error:nmx { kernel } { c-missing-category } {#2}
19298     #1 #2
19299   }
19300 }

```

(End definition for \\_regex\_compile\_/c: and \\_regex\_compile\_c\_test:NN.)

\\_regex\_compile\_c\_C:NN

If \cC is not followed by . or (...) then complain because that construction cannot match anything, except in cases like \cC[\c{...}], where it has no effect.

```

19301 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_compile_c_C:NN #1#2
19302 {
19303   \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 \_regex_compile_special:N
19304   {
19305     \token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF #2 .
19306     { \use_none:n }
19307     { \token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF #2 ( ) % )
19308   }
19309   { \use:n }
19310   { \_kernel_msg_error:nnn { kernel } { c-C-invalid } {#2} }
19311   #1 #2
19312 }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_compile_c:C:NN`.)

`\_regex_compile_c[:w` When encountering `\c[`, the task is to collect uppercase letters representing character categories. First check for `^` which negates the list of category codes.

```

\__regex_compile_c_lbrack_loop:NN
\__regex_compile_c_lbrack_add:N
\__regex_compile_c_lbrack_end:
19313 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \__regex_compile_c[:w } #1#2
19314 {
19315   \l__regex_mode_int
19316   = \if_case:w \l__regex_mode_int
19317     \c__regex_catcode_mode_int
19318     \else:
19319       \c__regex_catcode_in_class_mode_int
19320     \fi:
19321   \int_zero:N \l__regex_catcodes_int
19322   \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 #2 } { \__regex_compile_special:N ^ }
19323   {
19324     \bool_set_false:N \l__regex_catcodes_bool
19325     \__regex_compile_c_lbrack_loop:NN
19326   }
19327   {
19328     \bool_set_true:N \l__regex_catcodes_bool
19329     \__regex_compile_c_lbrack_loop:NN
19330     #1 #2
19331   }
19332 }
19333 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_c_lbrack_loop:NN #1#2
19334 {
19335   \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 \__regex_compile_raw:N
19336   {
19337     \int_if_exist:cTF { c__regex_catcode_#2_int }
19338     {
19339       \exp_args:Nc \__regex_compile_c_lbrack_add:N
19340         { c__regex_catcode_#2_int }
19341       \__regex_compile_c_lbrack_loop:NN
19342     }
19343   }
19344   {
19345     \token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF #2 ]
19346     { \__regex_compile_c_lbrack_end: }
19347   }
19348   {
19349     \__kernel_msg_error:nmx { kernel } { c-missing-rbrack } {#2}
19350     \__regex_compile_c_lbrack_end:
19351     #1 #2
19352   }
19353 }
19354 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_c_lbrack_add:N #1
19355 {
19356   \if_int_odd:w \__int_eval:n { \l__regex_catcodes_int / #1 }
19357   \else:
19358     \int_add:Nn \l__regex_catcodes_int {#1}
19359   \fi:
19360 }
19361 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_c_lbrack_end:
19362 {

```

```

19363 \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool \l__regex_catcodes_bool
19364 \int_set:Nn \l__regex_catcodes_int
19365 { \c__regex_all_catcodes_int - \l__regex_catcodes_int }
19366 \fi:
19367 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_compile_c[:w]` and others.)

`\__regex_compile_c_{:` The case of a left brace is easy, based on what we have done so far: in a group, compile the regular expression, after changing the mode to forbid nesting `\c`. Additionally, disable submatch tracking since groups don't escape the scope of `\c{...}`.

```

19368 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_c_ \c_left_brace_str :w }
19369 {
19370   \__regex_compile:w
19371   \__regex_disable_submatches:
19372   \l__regex_mode_int
19373   = \if_case:w \l__regex_mode_int
19374     \c__regex_cs_mode_int
19375   \else:
19376     \c__regex_cs_in_class_mode_int
19377   \fi:
19378 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_compile_c{:}`.)

`\__regex_compile_}`: Non-escaped right braces are only special if they appear when compiling the regular expression for a csname, but not within a class: `\c{[{}]}` matches the control sequences `\{` and `\}`. So, end compiling the inner regex (this closes any dangling class or group). `\__regex_compile_cs_aux:Nn` Then insert the corresponding test in the outer regex. As an optimization, if the control sequence test simply consists of several explicit possibilities (branches) then use `\__regex_item_exact_cs:n` with an argument consisting of all possibilities separated by `\scan_stop:`.

```

19379 \flag_new:n { __regex_cs }
19380 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_ \c_right_brace_str : }
19381 {
19382   \__regex_if_in_cs:TF
19383   { \__regex_compile_end_cs: }
19384   { \exp_after:wN \__regex_compile_raw:N \c_right_brace_str }
19385 }
19386 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_end_cs:
19387 {
19388   \__regex_compile_end:
19389   \flag_clear:n { __regex_cs }
19390   \tl_set:Nx \l__regex_internal_a_tl
19391   {
19392     \exp_after:wN \__regex_compile_cs_aux:Nn \l__regex_internal_regex
19393     \q_nil \q_nil \q_recursion_stop
19394   }
19395   \exp_args:Nx \__regex_compile_one:x
19396   {
19397     \flag_if_raised:nTF { __regex_cs }
19398     { \__regex_item_cs:n { \exp_not:o \l__regex_internal_regex } }
19399     { \__regex_item_exact_cs:n { \tl_tail:N \l__regex_internal_a_tl } }
19400   }

```

```

19401 }
19402 \cs_new:Npn \__regex_compile_cs_aux:Nn #1#2
19403 {
19404   \cs_if_eq:NNTF #1 \__regex_branch:n
19405   {
19406     \scan_stop:
19407     \__regex_compile_cs_aux:NNnnnN #2
19408     \q_nil \q_nil \q_nil \q_nil \q_nil \q_nil \q_recursion_stop
19409     \__regex_compile_cs_aux:Nn
19410   }
19411   {
19412     \quark_if_nil:NF #1 { \flag_raise:n { __regex_cs } }
19413     \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
19414   }
19415 }
19416 \cs_new:Npn \__regex_compile_cs_aux:NNnnnN #1#2#3#4#5#6
19417 {
19418   \bool_lazy_all:nTF
19419   {
19420     { \cs_if_eq_p:NN #1 \__regex_class:NnnnN }
19421     {#2}
19422     { \tl_if_head_eq_meaning_p:nN {#3} \__regex_item_caseful_equal:n }
19423     { \int_compare_p:nNn { \tl_count:n {#3} } = { 2 } }
19424     { \int_compare_p:nNn {#5} = { 0 } }
19425   }
19426   {
19427     \prg_replicate:nn {#4}
19428     { \char_generate:nn { \use_ii:nn #3 } {12} }
19429     \__regex_compile_cs_aux:NNnnnN
19430   }
19431   {
19432     \quark_if_nil:NF #1
19433     {
19434       \flag_raise:n { __regex_cs }
19435       \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw
19436     }
19437     \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
19438   }
19439 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_compile_`: and others.)

### 36.3.12 Raw token lists with `\u`

```

\__regex_compile_/u:
\__regex_compile_u_loop:NN

```

The `\u` escape is invalid in classes and directly following a catcode test. Otherwise, it must be followed by a left brace. We then collect the characters for the argument of `\u` within an `x`-expanding assignment. In principle we could just wait to encounter a right brace, but this is unsafe: if the right brace was missing, then we would reach the end-markers of the regex, and continue, leading to obscure fatal errors. Instead, we only allow raw and special characters, and stop when encountering a special right brace, any escaped character, or the end-marker.

```

19440 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_/u: } #1#2
19441 {
19442   \__regex_if_in_class_or_catcode:TF

```

```

19443 { \_regex_compile_raw_error:N u #1 #2 }
19444 {
19445   \str_if_eq_x:nnTF {#1#2} { \_regex_compile_special:N \c_left_brace_str }
19446   {
19447     \tl_set:Nx \l__regex_internal_a_tl { \if_false: } \fi:
19448     \_regex_compile_u_loop:NN
19449   }
19450   {
19451     \_kernel_msg_error:nn { kernel } { u-missing-lbrace }
19452     \_regex_compile_raw:N u #1 #2
19453   }
19454 }
19455 }
19456 \cs_new:Npn \_regex_compile_u_loop:NN #1#2
19457 {
19458   \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 \_regex_compile_raw:N
19459   { #2 \_regex_compile_u_loop:NN }
19460   {
19461     \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 \_regex_compile_special:N
19462     {
19463       \exp_after:wN \token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF \c_right_brace_str #2
19464       { \if_false: { \fi: } \_regex_compile_u_end: }
19465       { #2 \_regex_compile_u_loop:NN }
19466     }
19467     {
19468       \if_false: { \fi: }
19469       \_kernel_msg_error:nmx { kernel } { u-missing-rbrace } {#2}
19470       \_regex_compile_u_end:
19471       #1 #2
19472     }
19473   }
19474 }

```

(End definition for \\_regex\_compile\_/u: and \\_regex\_compile\_u\_loop:NN.)

\\_regex\_compile\_u\_end: Once we have extracted the variable's name, we store the contents of that variable in \l\_\_regex\_internal\_a\_tl. The behaviour of \u then depends on whether we are within a \c{...} escape (in this case, the variable is turned to a string), or not.

```

19475 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_compile_u_end:
19476 {
19477   \tl_set:Nv \l__regex_internal_a_tl { \l__regex_internal_a_tl }
19478   \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_mode_int = \c__regex_outer_mode_int
19479   \_regex_compile_u_not_cs:
19480   \else:
19481     \_regex_compile_u_in_cs:
19482   \fi:
19483 }

```

(End definition for \\_regex\_compile\_u\_end:.)

\\_regex\_compile\_u\_in\_cs: When \u appears within a control sequence, we convert the variable to a string with escaped spaces. Then for each character insert a class matching exactly that character, once.

```

19484 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_compile_u_in_cs:

```

```

19485 {
19486   \tl_gset:Nx \g__regex_internal_tl
19487   { \exp_args:No \__str_to_other_fast:n { \l__regex_internal_a_tl } }
19488   \__tl_build_one:x
19489   {
19490     \tl_map_function:NN \g__regex_internal_tl
19491     \__regex_compile_u_in_cs_aux:n
19492   }
19493 }
19494 \cs_new:Npn \__regex_compile_u_in_cs_aux:n #1
19495 {
19496   \__regex_class:NnnnN \c_true_bool
19497   { \__regex_item_caseful_equal:n { \__int_value:w '#1 } }
19498   { 1 } { 0 } \c_false_bool
19499 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_compile_u_in_cs:.`)

`\__regex_compile_u_not_cs:` In mode 0, the `\u` escape adds one state to the NFA for each token in `\l__regex_internal_a_tl`. If a given *<token>* is a control sequence, then insert a string comparison test, otherwise, `\__regex_item_exact:nn` which compares catcode and character code.

```

19500 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_compile_u_not_cs:
19501 {
19502   \exp_args:No \__tl_analysis_map_inline:nn { \l__regex_internal_a_tl }
19503   {
19504     \__tl_build_one:n
19505     {
19506       \__regex_class:NnnnN \c_true_bool
19507       {
19508         \if_int_compare:w "##2 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
19509         \__regex_item_exact_cs:n { \exp_after:wN \cs_to_str:N ##1 }
19510         \else:
19511         \__regex_item_exact:nn { \__int_value:w "##2 } { ##3 }
19512         \fi:
19513       }
19514       { 1 } { 0 } \c_false_bool
19515     }
19516   }
19517 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_compile_u_not_cs:.`)

### 36.3.13 Other

`\__regex_compile_/K:` The `\K` control sequence is currently the only “command”, which performs some action, rather than matching something. It is allowed in the same contexts as `\b`. At the compilation stage, we leave it as a single control sequence, defined later.

```

19518 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __regex_compile_/K: }
19519 {
19520   \int_compare:nNnTF \l__regex_mode_int = \c__regex_outer_mode_int
19521   { \__tl_build_one:n { \__regex_command_K: } }
19522   { \__regex_compile_raw_error:N K }
19523 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_compile_/K:.`)

### 36.3.14 Showing regexes

`\\_regex_show:N` Within a `\\_tl_build:Nw ... \\_tl_build_end:` group, we redefine all the function that can appear in a compiled regex, then run the regex. The result stored in `\\l__regex_internal_a_tl` is then meant to be shown.

```
19524 \\cs_new_protected:Npn \\_regex_show:N #1
19525   {
19526     \\_tl_build:Nw \\l__regex_internal_a_tl
19527     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_branch:n
19528       {
19529         \\seq_pop_right:NN \\l__regex_show_prefix_seq \\l__regex_internal_a_tl
19530         \\_regex_show_one:n { +-branch }
19531         \\seq_put_right:No \\l__regex_show_prefix_seq \\l__regex_internal_a_tl
19532         \\use:n
19533       }
19534     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_group:nnnN
19535       { \\_regex_show_group_aux:nnnnN { } }
19536     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_group_no_capture:nnnN
19537       { \\_regex_show_group_aux:nnnnN { ~(no-capture) } }
19538     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_group_resetting:nnnN
19539       { \\_regex_show_group_aux:nnnnN { ~(resetting) } }
19540     \\cs_set_eq:NN \\_regex_class:NnnnN \\_regex_show_class:NnnnN
19541     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_command_K:
19542       { \\_regex_show_one:n { reset~match~start~(\\iow_char:N\\K) } }
19543     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_assertion:Nn ##1##2
19544       { \\_regex_show_one:n { \\bool_if:NF ##1 { negative~ } assertion:~##2 } }
19545     \\cs_set:Npn \\_regex_b_test: { word-boundary }
19546     \\cs_set_eq:NN \\_regex_anchor:N \\_regex_show_anchor_to_str:N
19547     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_item_caseful_equal:n ##1
19548       { \\_regex_show_one:n { char-code~\\int_eval:n{##1} } }
19549     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_item_caseful_range:nn ##1##2
19550       { \\_regex_show_one:n { range~[\\int_eval:n{##1}, \\int_eval:n{##2}] } }
19551     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_item_caseless_equal:n ##1
19552       { \\_regex_show_one:n { char-code~\\int_eval:n{##1}~(caseless) } }
19553     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_item_caseless_range:nn ##1##2
19554       {
19555         \\_regex_show_one:n
19556         { Range~[\\int_eval:n{##1}, \\int_eval:n{##2}]~(caseless) }
19557       }
19558     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_item_catcode:nT
19559       { \\_regex_show_item_catcode:NnT \\c_true_bool }
19560     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_item_catcode_reverse:nT
19561       { \\_regex_show_item_catcode:NnT \\c_false_bool }
19562     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_item_reverse:n
19563       { \\_regex_show_scope:nn { Reversed~match } }
19564     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_item_exact:nn ##1##2
19565       { \\_regex_show_one:n { char~##2,~catcode~##1 } }
19566     \\cs_set_eq:NN \\_regex_item_exact_cs:n \\_regex_show_item_exact_cs:n
19567     \\cs_set_protected:Npn \\_regex_item_cs:n
19568       { \\_regex_show_scope:nn { control~sequence } }
19569     \\cs_set:cpn { \\_regex_prop_.: } { \\_regex_show_one:n { any-token } }
19570     \\seq_clear:N \\l__regex_show_prefix_seq
19571     \\_regex_show_push:n { ~ }
19572     \\cs_if_exist_use:N #1
```

```

19573     \__tl_build_end:
19574   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_show:N.)

\\_\_regex\_show\_one:n Every part of the final message go through this function, which adds one line to the output, with the appropriate prefix.

```

19575 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_show_one:n #1
19576   {
19577     \int_incr:N \l__regex_show_lines_int
19578     \__tl_build_one:x
19579     {
19580       \exp_not:N \iow_newline:
19581       \seq_map_function:NN \l__regex_show_prefix_seq \use:n
19582       #1
19583     }
19584   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_show\_one:n.)

\\_\_regex\_show\_push:n Enter and exit levels of nesting. The scope function prints its first argument as an “introduction”, then performs its second argument in a deeper level of nesting.  
 \\_\_regex\_show\_pop:  
 \\_\_regex\_show\_scope:nn

```

19585 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_show_push:n #1
19586   { \seq_put_right:Nx \l__regex_show_prefix_seq { #1 ~ } }
19587 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_show_pop:
19588   { \seq_pop_right:NN \l__regex_show_prefix_seq \l__regex_internal_a_tl }
19589 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_show_scope:nn #1#2
19590   {
19591     \__regex_show_one:n {#1}
19592     \__regex_show_push:n { ~ }
19593     #2
19594     \__regex_show_pop:
19595   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_show\_push:n, \\_\_regex\_show\_pop:, and \\_\_regex\_show\_scope:nn.)

\\_\_regex\_show\_group\_aux:nnnnN We display all groups in the same way, simply adding a message, (no capture) or (resetting), to special groups. The odd \use\_ii:nn avoids printing a spurious +-branch for the first branch.

```

19596 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_show_group_aux:nnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
19597   {
19598     \__regex_show_one:n { , -group~begin #1 }
19599     \__regex_show_push:n { | }
19600     \use_ii:nn #2
19601     \__regex_show_pop:
19602     \__regex_show_one:n
19603     { ‘-group~end \__regex_msg_repeated:nnN {#3} {#4} #5 }
19604   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_show\_group\_aux:nnnnN.)

\\_\_regex\_show\_class:NnnnN I’m entirely unhappy about this function: I couldn’t find a way to test if a class is a single test. Instead, collect the representation of the tests in the class. If that had more than one line, write Match or Don’t match on its own line, with the repeating information if any. Then the various tests on lines of their own, and finally a line. Otherwise, we need

to evaluate the representation of the tests again (since the prefix is incorrect). That's clunky, but not too expensive, since it's only one test.

```

19605 \cs_set:Npn \__regex_show_class:NnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
19606 {
19607   \__tl_build:Nw \l__regex_internal_a_tl
19608   \int_zero:N \l__regex_show_lines_int
19609   \__regex_show_push:n {~}
19610   #2
19611   \exp_last_unbraced:Nf
19612   \int_case:nnF { \l__regex_show_lines_int }
19613   {
19614     {0}
19615     {
19616       \__tl_build_end:
19617       \__regex_show_one:n { \bool_if:NTF #1 { Fail } { Pass } }
19618     }
19619     {1}
19620     {
19621       \__tl_build_end:
19622       \bool_if:NTF #1
19623       {
19624         #2
19625         \__tl_build_one:n { \__regex_msg_repeated:nnN {#3} {#4} #5 }
19626       }
19627       {
19628         \__regex_show_one:n
19629         { Don't-match-\__regex_msg_repeated:nnN {#3} {#4} #5 }
19630         \__tl_build_one:o \l__regex_internal_a_tl
19631       }
19632     }
19633   }
19634   {
19635     \__tl_build_end:
19636     \__regex_show_one:n
19637     {
19638       \bool_if:NTF #1 { M } { Don't-m } atch
19639       \__regex_msg_repeated:nnN {#3} {#4} #5
19640     }
19641     \__tl_build_one:o \l__regex_internal_a_tl
19642   }
19643 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_show\_class:NnnnN.)

\\_\_regex\_show\_anchor\_to\_str:N The argument is an integer telling us where the anchor is. We convert that to the relevant info.

```

19644 \cs_new:Npn \__regex_show_anchor_to_str:N #1
19645 {
19646   anchor~at~
19647   \str_case:nnF { #1 }
19648   {
19649     { \l__regex_min_pos_int } { start~(\iow_char:N\A) }
19650     { \l__regex_start_pos_int } { start~of~match~(\iow_char:N\G) }
19651     { \l__regex_max_pos_int } { end~(\iow_char:N\Z) }

```

```

19652     }
19653     { <error:~'#1'~not~recognized> }
19654 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_show_anchor_to_str:N`.)

`\__regex_show_item_catcode:NnT` Produce a sequence of categories which the catcode bitmap #2 contains, and show it, indenting the tests on which this catcode constraint applies.

```

19655 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_show_item_catcode:NnT #1#2
19656 {
19657   \seq_set_split:Nnn \l__regex_internal_seq { } { CBEMTPUDSLOA }
19658   \seq_set_filter:NNn \l__regex_internal_seq \l__regex_internal_seq
19659     { \int_if_odd_p:n { #2 / \int_use:c { c__regex_catcode_##1_int } } }
19660   \__regex_show_scope:nn
19661     {
19662       categories~
19663       \seq_map_function:NN \l__regex_internal_seq \use:n
19664         , ~
19665       \bool_if:NF #1 { negative~ } class
19666     }
19667 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_show_item_catcode:NnT`.)

`\__regex_show_item_exact_cs:n`

```

19668 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_show_item_exact_cs:n #1
19669 {
19670   \seq_set_split:Nnn \l__regex_internal_seq { \scan_stop: } {#1}
19671   \seq_set_map:NNn \l__regex_internal_seq
19672     \l__regex_internal_seq { \iow_char:N\##1 }
19673   \__regex_show_one:n
19674     { control~sequence~ \seq_use:Nn \l__regex_internal_seq { ~or~ } }
19675 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_show_item_exact_cs:n`.)

## 36.4 Building

### 36.4.1 Variables used while building

`\l__regex_min_state_int` `\l__regex_max_state_int` The last state that was allocated is `\l__regex_max_state_int - 1`, so that `\l__regex_max_state_int` always points to a free state. The `min_state` variable is 1, but is included to avoid hard-coding this value everywhere.

```

19676 \int_new:N \l__regex_min_state_int
19677 \int_set:Nn \l__regex_min_state_int { 1 }
19678 \int_new:N \l__regex_max_state_int

```

(End definition for `\l__regex_min_state_int` and `\l__regex_max_state_int`.)

`\l__regex_left_state_int` `\l__regex_right_state_int` `\l__regex_left_state_seq` `\l__regex_right_state_seq` Alternatives are implemented by branching from a `left` state into the various choices, then merging those into a `right` state. We store information about those states in two sequences. Those states are also used to implement group quantifiers. Most often, the left and right pointers only differ by 1.

```

19679 \int_new:N \l__regex_left_state_int

```

```

19680 \int_new:N \l__regex_right_state_int
19681 \seq_new:N \l__regex_left_state_seq
19682 \seq_new:N \l__regex_right_state_seq

```

(End definition for `\l__regex_left_state_int` and others.)

`\l__regex_capturing_group_int` `\l__regex_capturing_group_int` is the next ID number to be assigned to a capturing group. This starts at 0 for the group enclosing the full regular expression, and groups are counted in the order of their left parenthesis, except when encountering `resetting` groups.

```

19683 \int_new:N \l__regex_capturing_group_int

```

(End definition for `\l__regex_capturing_group_int`.)

### 36.4.2 Framework

This phase is about going from a compiled regex to an NFA. Each state of the NFA is stored in a `\toks`. The operations which can appear in the `\toks` are

- `\__regex_action_start_wildcard`: inserted at the start of the regular expression to make it unanchored.
- `\__regex_action_success`: marks the exit state of the NFA.
- `\__regex_action_cost:n {⟨shift⟩}` is a transition from the current `⟨state⟩` to `⟨state⟩ + ⟨shift⟩`, which consumes the current character: the target state is saved and will be considered again when matching at the next position.
- `\__regex_action_free:n {⟨shift⟩}`, and `\__regex_action_free_group:n {⟨shift⟩}` are free transitions, which immediately perform the actions for the state `⟨state⟩ + ⟨shift⟩` of the NFA. They differ in how they detect and avoid infinite loops. For now, we just need to know that the `group` variant must be used for transitions back to the start of a group.
- `\__regex_action_submatch:n {⟨key⟩}` where the `⟨key⟩` is a group number followed by `<` or `>` for the beginning or end of group. This causes the current position in the query to be stored as the `⟨key⟩` submatch boundary.

We strive to preserve the following properties while building.

- The current capturing group is `capturing_group - 1`, and if a group opened now it would be labelled `capturing_group`.
- The last allocated state is `max_state - 1`, so `max_state` is a free state.
- The `left_state` points to a state to the left of the current group or of the last class.
- The `right_state` points to a newly created, empty state, with some transitions leading to it.
- The `left/right` sequences hold a list of the corresponding end-points of nested groups.

`\__regex_build:n` The `n`-type function first compiles its argument. Reset some variables. Allocate two states, and put a wildcard in state 0 (transitions to state 1 and 0 state). Then build the regex within a (capturing) group numbered 0 (current value of `capturing_group`). Finally, if the match reaches the last state, it is successful.

```

19684 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_build:n #1
19685 {
19686   \__regex_compile:n {#1}
19687   \__regex_build:N \l__regex_internal_regex
19688 }
19689 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn
19690 { \__regex_trace_push:nnN { regex } { 1 } \__regex_build:N }
19691 {
19692   \__regex_trace_states:n { 2 }
19693   \__regex_trace_pop:nnN { regex } { 1 } \__regex_build:N
19694 }
19695 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_build:N #1
19696 {
19697   \__regex_standard_escapechar:
19698   \int_zero:N \l__regex_capturing_group_int
19699   \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_max_state_int \l__regex_min_state_int
19700   \__regex_build_new_state:
19701   \__regex_build_new_state:
19702   \__regex_toks_put_right:Nn \l__regex_left_state_int
19703   { \__regex_action_start_wildcard: }
19704   \__regex_group:nnnN {#1} { 1 } { 0 } \c_false_bool
19705   \__regex_toks_put_right:Nn \l__regex_right_state_int
19706   { \__regex_action_success: }
19707 }

```

*(End definition for `\__regex_build:n` and `\__regex_build:N`.)*

`\__regex_build_for_cs:n` When using a regex to match a `cs`, we don't insert a wildcard, we anchor at the end, and since we ignore submatches, there is no need to surround the expression with a group. However, for branches to work properly at the outer level, we need to put the appropriate `left` and `right` states in their sequence.

```

19708 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn
19709 { \__regex_trace_push:nnN { regex } { 1 } \__regex_build_for_cs:n }
19710 {
19711   \__regex_trace_states:n { 2 }
19712   \__regex_trace_pop:nnN { regex } { 1 } \__regex_build_for_cs:n
19713 }
19714 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_build_for_cs:n #1
19715 {
19716   \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_max_state_int \l__regex_min_state_int
19717   \__regex_build_new_state:
19718   \__regex_build_new_state:
19719   \__regex_push_lr_states:
19720   #1
19721   \__regex_pop_lr_states:
19722   \__regex_toks_put_right:Nn \l__regex_right_state_int
19723   {
19724     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_curr_pos_int = \l__regex_max_pos_int
19725     \exp_after:wN \__regex_action_success:
19726     \fi:

```

```

19727     }
19728   }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_build_for_cs:n`.)

### 36.4.3 Helpers for building an nfa

`\_regex_push_lr_states:` When building the regular expression, we keep track of pointers to the left-end and right-end of each group without help from T<sub>E</sub>X's grouping.

```

19729 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_push_lr_states:
19730   {
19731     \seq_push:No \l__regex_left_state_seq
19732     { \int_use:N \l__regex_left_state_int }
19733     \seq_push:No \l__regex_right_state_seq
19734     { \int_use:N \l__regex_right_state_int }
19735   }
19736 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_pop_lr_states:
19737   {
19738     \seq_pop:NN \l__regex_left_state_seq \l__regex_internal_a_tl
19739     \int_set:Nn \l__regex_left_state_int \l__regex_internal_a_tl
19740     \seq_pop:NN \l__regex_right_state_seq \l__regex_internal_a_tl
19741     \int_set:Nn \l__regex_right_state_int \l__regex_internal_a_tl
19742   }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_push_lr_states:` and `\_regex_pop_lr_states:.`)

`\_regex_build_transition_left:NNN` Add a transition from #2 to #3 using the function #1. The left function is used for higher priority transitions, and the right function for lower priority transitions (which should be performed later). The signatures differ to reflect the differing usage later on. Both functions could be optimized.

```

19743 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_build_transition_left:NNN #1#2#3
19744   { \_regex_toks_put_left:Nx #2 { #1 { \int_eval:n { #3 - #2 } } } }
19745 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_build_transition_right:nNn #1#2#3
19746   { \_regex_toks_put_right:Nx #2 { #1 { \int_eval:n { #3 - #2 } } } }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_build_transition_left:NNN` and `\_regex_build_transition_right:nNn`.)

`\_regex_build_new_state:` Add a new empty state to the NFA. Then update the left, right, and max states, so that the right state is the new empty state, and the left state points to the previously “current” state.

```

19747 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn
19748   {
19749     \_regex_trace:nmx { regex } { 2 }
19750     {
19751       regex~new~state~
19752       L=\int_use:N \l__regex_left_state_int ~ -> ~
19753       R=\int_use:N \l__regex_right_state_int ~ -> ~
19754       M=\int_use:N \l__regex_max_state_int ~ -> ~
19755       \int_eval:n { \l__regex_max_state_int + 1 }
19756     }
19757   }
19758   { }
19759 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_build_new_state:
19760   {

```

```

19761     \__regex_toks_clear:N \l__regex_max_state_int
19762     \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_left_state_int \l__regex_right_state_int
19763     \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_right_state_int \l__regex_max_state_int
19764     \int_incr:N \l__regex_max_state_int
19765 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_build_new_state:.`)

`\__regex_build_transitions_lazyness:NNNNN`

This function creates a new state, and puts two transitions starting from the old current state. The order of the transitions is controlled by #1, true for lazy quantifiers, and false for greedy quantifiers.

```

19766 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_build_transitions_lazyness:NNNNN #1#2#3#4#5
19767 {
19768     \__regex_build_new_state:
19769     \__regex_toks_put_right:Nx \l__regex_left_state_int
19770     {
19771         \if_meaning:w \c_true_bool #1
19772             #2 { \int_eval:n { #3 - \l__regex_left_state_int } }
19773             #4 { \int_eval:n { #5 - \l__regex_left_state_int } }
19774         \else:
19775             #4 { \int_eval:n { #5 - \l__regex_left_state_int } }
19776             #2 { \int_eval:n { #3 - \l__regex_left_state_int } }
19777         \fi:
19778     }
19779 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_build_transitions_lazyness:NNNNN`.)

### 36.4.4 Building classes

`\__regex_class:NnnnN`  
`\__regex_tests_action_cost:n`

The arguments are:  $\langle boolean \rangle$   $\{ \langle tests \rangle \}$   $\{ \langle min \rangle \}$   $\{ \langle more \rangle \}$   $\langle lazyness \rangle$ . First store the tests with a trailing `\__regex_action_cost:n`, in the true branch of `\__regex_break_point:TF` for positive classes, or the false branch for negative classes. The integer  $\langle more \rangle$  is 0 for fixed repetitions,  $-1$  for unbounded repetitions, and  $\langle max \rangle - \langle min \rangle$  for a range of repetitions.

```

19780 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_class:NnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
19781 {
19782     \cs_set:Npx \__regex_tests_action_cost:n ##1
19783     {
19784         \exp_not:n { \exp_not:n {#2} }
19785         \bool_if:NTF #1
19786             { \__regex_break_point:TF { \__regex_action_cost:n {##1} } { } }
19787             { \__regex_break_point:TF { } { \__regex_action_cost:n {##1} } }
19788     }
19789     \if_case:w - #4 \exp_stop_f:
19790         \__regex_class_repeat:n {#3}
19791     \or: \__regex_class_repeat:nN {#3} #5
19792     \else: \__regex_class_repeat:nnN {#3} {#4} #5
19793     \fi:
19794 }
19795 \cs_new:Npn \__regex_tests_action_cost:n { \__regex_action_cost:n }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_class:NnnnN` and `\__regex_tests_action_cost:n`.)

`\_regex_class_repeat:n` This is used for a fixed number of repetitions. Build one state for each repetition, with a transition controlled by the tests that we have collected. That works just fine for `#1 = 0` repetitions: nothing is built.

```

19796 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_class_repeat:n #1
19797 {
19798   \prg_replicate:nn {#1}
19799   {
19800     \_regex_build_new_state:
19801     \_regex_build_transition_right:nNn \_regex_tests_action_cost:n
19802     \l__regex_left_state_int \l__regex_right_state_int
19803   }
19804 }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_class_repeat:n`.)

`\_regex_class_repeat:nN` This implements unbounded repetitions of a single class (e.g. the `*` and `+` quantifiers). If the minimum number `#1` of repetitions is 0, then build a transition from the current state to itself governed by the tests, and a free transition to a new state (hence skipping the tests). Otherwise, call `\_regex_class_repeat:n` for the code to match `#1` repetitions, and add free transitions from the last state to the previous one, and to a new one. In both cases, the order of transitions is controlled by the laziness boolean `#2`.

```

19805 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_class_repeat:nN #1#2
19806 {
19807   \if_int_compare:w #1 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
19808     \_regex_build_transitions_laziness:NNNNN #2
19809     \_regex_action_free:n \l__regex_right_state_int
19810     \_regex_tests_action_cost:n \l__regex_left_state_int
19811   \else:
19812     \_regex_class_repeat:n {#1}
19813     \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_internal_a_int \l__regex_left_state_int
19814     \_regex_build_transitions_laziness:NNNNN #2
19815     \_regex_action_free:n \l__regex_right_state_int
19816     \_regex_action_free:n \l__regex_internal_a_int
19817   \fi:
19818 }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_class_repeat:nN`.)

`\_regex_class_repeat:nnN` We want to build the code to match from `#1` to `#1 + #2` repetitions. Match `#1` repetitions (can be 0). Compute the final state of the next construction as `a`. Build `#2 > 0` states, each with a transition to the next state governed by the tests, and a transition to the final state `a`. The computation of `a` is safe because states are allocated in order, starting from `max_state`.

```

19819 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_class_repeat:nnN #1#2#3
19820 {
19821   \_regex_class_repeat:n {#1}
19822   \int_set:Nn \l__regex_internal_a_int
19823   { \l__regex_max_state_int + #2 - 1 }
19824   \prg_replicate:nn { #2 }
19825   {
19826     \_regex_build_transitions_laziness:NNNNN #3
19827     \_regex_action_free:n \l__regex_internal_a_int
19828     \_regex_tests_action_cost:n \l__regex_right_state_int

```

```

19829     }
19830   }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_class_repeat:nnN`.)

### 36.4.5 Building groups

`\_regex_group_aux:nnnnN` Arguments:  $\langle label \rangle$   $\langle contents \rangle$   $\langle min \rangle$   $\langle more \rangle$   $\langle lazyness \rangle$ . If  $\langle min \rangle$  is 0, we need to add a state before building the group, so that the thread which skips the group does not also set the start-point of the submatch. After adding one more state, the `left_state` is the left end of the group, from which all branches stem, and the `right_state` is the right end of the group, and all branches end their course in that state. We store those two integers to be queried for each branch, we build the NFA states for the contents #2 of the group, and we forget about the two integers. Once this is done, perform the repetition: either exactly #3 times, or #3 or more times, or between #3 and #3 + #4 times, with lazyness #5. The  $\langle label \rangle$  #1 is used for submatch tracking. Each of the three auxiliaries expects `left_state` and `right_state` to be set properly.

```

19831 \_kernel_patch:nnNnpn
19832   { \_regex_trace_push:nnN { regex } { 1 } \_regex_group_aux:nnnnN }
19833   { \_regex_trace_pop:nnN { regex } { 1 } \_regex_group_aux:nnnnN }
19834 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_group_aux:nnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
19835   {
19836     \if_int_compare:w #3 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
19837     \_regex_build_new_state:
19838     (assert)\assert_int:n { \l__regex_max_state_int = \l__regex_right_state_int + 1 }
19839     \_regex_build_transition_right:nNn \_regex_action_free_group:n
19840     \l__regex_left_state_int \l__regex_right_state_int
19841     \fi:
19842     \_regex_build_new_state:
19843     \_regex_push_lr_states:
19844     #2
19845     \_regex_pop_lr_states:
19846     \if_case:w - #4 \exp_stop_f:
19847       \_regex_group_repeat:nn {#1} {#3}
19848     \or: \_regex_group_repeat:nnN {#1} {#3} #5
19849     \else: \_regex_group_repeat:nnnN {#1} {#3} {#4} #5
19850     \fi:
19851   }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_group_aux:nnnnN`.)

`\_regex_group:nnnN` Hand to `\_regex_group_aux:nnnnN` the label of that group (expanded), and the group itself, with some extra commands to perform.

```

19852 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_group:nnnN #1
19853   {
19854     \exp_args:No \_regex_group_aux:nnnnN
19855     { \int_use:N \l__regex_capturing_group_int }
19856     {
19857       \int_incr:N \l__regex_capturing_group_int
19858       #1
19859     }
19860   }
19861 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_group_no_capture:nnnN
19862   { \_regex_group_aux:nnnnN { -1 } }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_group:nnnN` and `\_regex_group_no_capture:nnnN`.)

`\_regex_group_resetting:nnnN`  
`\_regex_group_resetting_loop:nnNn` Again, hand the label `-1` to `\_regex_group_aux:nnnnN`, but this time we work a little bit harder to keep track of the maximum group label at the end of any branch, and to reset the group number at each branch. This relies on the fact that a compiled regex always is a sequence of items of the form `\_regex_branch:n` `{<branch>}`.

```
19863 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_group_resetting:nnnN #1
19864   {
19865     \_regex_group_aux:nnnnN { -1 }
19866     {
19867       \exp_args:Noo \_regex_group_resetting_loop:nnNn
19868         { \int_use:N \l__regex_capturing_group_int }
19869         { \int_use:N \l__regex_capturing_group_int }
19870         #1
19871         { ?? \_prg_break:n } { }
19872         \_prg_break_point:
19873       }
19874     }
19875 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_group_resetting_loop:nnNn #1#2#3#4
19876   {
19877     \use_none:nn #3 { \int_set:Nn \l__regex_capturing_group_int {#1} }
19878     \int_set:Nn \l__regex_capturing_group_int {#2}
19879     #3 {#4}
19880     \exp_args:Nf \_regex_group_resetting_loop:nnNn
19881       { \int_max:nn {#1} { \l__regex_capturing_group_int } }
19882     {#2}
19883   }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_group_resetting:nnnN` and `\_regex_group_resetting_loop:nnNn`.)

`\_regex_branch:n` Add a free transition from the left state of the current group to a brand new state, starting point of this branch. Once the branch is built, add a transition from its last state to the right state of the group. The left and right states of the group are extracted from the relevant sequences.

```
19884 \__kernel_patch:nnNnNpn
19885   { \_regex_trace_push:nnN { regex } { 1 } \_regex_branch:n }
19886   { \_regex_trace_pop:nnN { regex } { 1 } \_regex_branch:n }
19887 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_branch:n #1
19888   {
19889     \_regex_build_new_state:
19890     \seq_get:NN \l__regex_left_state_seq \l__regex_internal_a_tl
19891     \int_set:Nn \l__regex_left_state_int \l__regex_internal_a_tl
19892     \_regex_build_transition_right:nNn \_regex_action_free:n
19893     \l__regex_left_state_int \l__regex_right_state_int
19894     #1
19895     \seq_get:NN \l__regex_right_state_seq \l__regex_internal_a_tl
19896     \_regex_build_transition_right:nNn \_regex_action_free:n
19897     \l__regex_right_state_int \l__regex_internal_a_tl
19898   }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_branch:n`.)

`\_regex_group_repeat:nn` This function is called to repeat a group a fixed number of times `#2`; if this is 0 we remove the group altogether (but don't reset the `capturing_group` label). Otherwise,

the auxiliary `\__regex_group_repeat_aux:n` copies `#2` times the `\toks` for the group, and leaves `internal_a` pointing to the left end of the last repetition. We only record the submatch information at the last repetition. Finally, add a state at the end (the transition to it has been taken care of by the replicating auxiliary).

```

19899 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_group_repeat:nn #1#2
19900 {
19901   \if_int_compare:w #2 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
19902     \int_set:Nn \l__regex_max_state_int
19903       { \l__regex_left_state_int - 1 }
19904     \__regex_build_new_state:
19905   \else:
19906     \__regex_group_repeat_aux:n {#2}
19907     \__regex_group_submatches:nNN {#1}
19908     \l__regex_internal_a_int \l__regex_right_state_int
19909     \__regex_build_new_state:
19910   \fi:
19911 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_group_repeat:nn`.)

`\__regex_group_submatches:nNN` This inserts in states `#2` and `#3` the code for tracking submatches of the group `#1`, unless inhibited by a label of `-1`.

```

19912 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_group_submatches:nNN #1#2#3
19913 {
19914   \if_int_compare:w #1 > - 1 \exp_stop_f:
19915     \__regex_toks_put_left:Nx #2 { \__regex_action_submatch:n { #1 < } }
19916     \__regex_toks_put_left:Nx #3 { \__regex_action_submatch:n { #1 > } }
19917   \fi:
19918 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_group_submatches:nNN`.)

`\__regex_group_repeat_aux:n` Here we repeat `\toks` ranging from `left_state` to `max_state`, `#1 > 0` times. First add a transition so that the copies “chain” properly. Compute the shift `c` between the original copy and the last copy we want. Shift the `right_state` and `max_state` to their final values. We then want to perform `c` copy operations. At the end, `b` is equal to the `max_state`, and `a` points to the left of the last copy of the group.

```

19919 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_group_repeat_aux:n #1
19920 {
19921   \__regex_build_transition_right:nNn \__regex_action_free:n
19922     \l__regex_right_state_int \l__regex_max_state_int
19923   \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_internal_a_int \l__regex_left_state_int
19924   \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_internal_b_int \l__regex_max_state_int
19925   \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:n {#1} > 1 \exp_stop_f:
19926     \int_set:Nn \l__regex_internal_c_int
19927       {
19928         ( #1 - 1 )
19929         * ( \l__regex_internal_b_int - \l__regex_internal_a_int )
19930       }
19931     \int_add:Nn \l__regex_right_state_int { \l__regex_internal_c_int }
19932     \int_add:Nn \l__regex_max_state_int { \l__regex_internal_c_int }
19933     \__regex_toks_memcpy:NNn
19934       \l__regex_internal_b_int
19935       \l__regex_internal_a_int

```

```

19936         \l__regex_internal_c_int
19937     \fi:
19938 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_group_repeat_aux:n`.)

`\__regex_group_repeat:nnN` This function is called to repeat a group at least  $n$  times; the case  $n = 0$  is very different from  $n > 0$ . Assume first that  $n = 0$ . Insert submatch tracking information at the start and end of the group, add a free transition from the right end to the “true” left state `a` (remember: in this case we had added an extra state before the left state). This forms the loop, which we break away from by adding a free transition from `a` to a new state.

Now consider the case  $n > 0$ . Repeat the group  $n$  times, chaining various copies with a free transition. Add submatch tracking only to the last copy, then add a free transition from the right end back to the left end of the last copy, either before or after the transition to move on towards the rest of the NFA. This transition can end up before submatch tracking, but that is irrelevant since it only does so when going again through the group, recording new matches. Finally, add a state; we already have a transition pointing to it from `\__regex_group_repeat_aux:n`.

```

19939 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_group_repeat:nnN #1#2#3
19940 {
19941     \if_int_compare:w #2 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
19942         \__regex_group_submatches:nnN {#1}
19943         \l__regex_left_state_int \l__regex_right_state_int
19944         \int_set:Nn \l__regex_internal_a_int
19945             { \l__regex_left_state_int - 1 }
19946         \__regex_build_transition_right:nNn \__regex_action_free:n
19947             \l__regex_right_state_int \l__regex_internal_a_int
19948         \__regex_build_new_state:
19949         \if_meaning:w \c_true_bool #3
19950             \__regex_build_transition_left:NNN \__regex_action_free:n
19951                 \l__regex_internal_a_int \l__regex_right_state_int
19952         \else:
19953             \__regex_build_transition_right:nNn \__regex_action_free:n
19954                 \l__regex_internal_a_int \l__regex_right_state_int
19955         \fi:
19956     \else:
19957         \__regex_group_repeat_aux:n {#2}
19958         \__regex_group_submatches:nnN {#1}
19959         \l__regex_internal_a_int \l__regex_right_state_int
19960         \if_meaning:w \c_true_bool #3
19961             \__regex_build_transition_right:nNn \__regex_action_free_group:n
19962                 \l__regex_right_state_int \l__regex_internal_a_int
19963         \else:
19964             \__regex_build_transition_left:NNN \__regex_action_free_group:n
19965                 \l__regex_right_state_int \l__regex_internal_a_int
19966         \fi:
19967         \__regex_build_new_state:
19968     \fi:
19969 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_group_repeat:nnN`.)

`\__regex_group_repeat:nnnN` We wish to repeat the group between `#2` and `#2 + #3` times, with a lazyness controlled by `#4`. We insert submatch tracking up front: in principle, we could avoid recording

submatches for the first #2 copies of the group, but that forces us to treat specially the case #2 = 0. Repeat that group with submatch tracking #2 + #3 times (the maximum number of repetitions). Then our goal is to add #3 transitions from the end of the #2-th group, and each subsequent groups, to the end. For a lazy quantifier, we add those transitions to the left states, before submatch tracking. For the greedy case, we add the transitions to the right states, after submatch tracking and the transitions which go on with more repetitions. In the greedy case with #2 = 0, the transition which skips over all copies of the group must be added separately, because its starting state does not follow the normal pattern: we had to add it “by hand” earlier.

```

19970 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_group_repeat:nnnN #1#2#3#4
19971 {
19972   \__regex_group_submatches:nnN {#1}
19973   \l__regex_left_state_int \l__regex_right_state_int
19974   \__regex_group_repeat_aux:n { #2 + #3 }
19975   \if_meaning:w \c_true_bool #4
19976     \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_left_state_int \l__regex_max_state_int
19977     \prg_replicate:nn { #3 }
19978     {
19979       \int_sub:Nn \l__regex_left_state_int
19980       { \l__regex_internal_b_int - \l__regex_internal_a_int }
19981       \__regex_build_transition_left:NNN \__regex_action_free:n
19982       \l__regex_left_state_int \l__regex_max_state_int
19983     }
19984   \else:
19985     \prg_replicate:nn { #3 - 1 }
19986     {
19987       \int_sub:Nn \l__regex_right_state_int
19988       { \l__regex_internal_b_int - \l__regex_internal_a_int }
19989       \__regex_build_transition_right:nNn \__regex_action_free:n
19990       \l__regex_right_state_int \l__regex_max_state_int
19991     }
19992     \if_int_compare:w #2 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
19993     \int_set:Nn \l__regex_right_state_int
19994     { \l__regex_left_state_int - 1 }
19995     \else:
19996     \int_sub:Nn \l__regex_right_state_int
19997     { \l__regex_internal_b_int - \l__regex_internal_a_int }
19998   \fi:
19999   \__regex_build_transition_right:nNn \__regex_action_free:n
20000   \l__regex_right_state_int \l__regex_max_state_int
20001 \fi:
20002 \__regex_build_new_state:
20003 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_group\_repeat:nnnN.)

### 36.4.6 Others

<pre> \__regex_assertion:Nn   \__regex_b_test:   \__regex_anchor:N </pre>	<p>Usage: \__regex_assertion:Nn <i>(boolean)</i> {<i>(test)</i>}, where the <i>(test)</i> is either of the two other functions. Add a free transition to a new state, conditionally to the assertion test. The \__regex_b_test: test is used by the \b and \B escape: check if the last character was a word character or not, and do the same to the current character. The boundary-</p>
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markers of the string are non-word characters for this purpose. Anchors at the start or end of match use `\__regex_anchor:N`, with a position controlled by the integer #1.

```

20004 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_assertion:Nn #1#2
20005 {
20006   \__regex_build_new_state:
20007   \__regex_toks_put_right:Nx \l__regex_left_state_int
20008     {
20009       \exp_not:n {#2}
20010       \__regex_break_point:TF
20011       \bool_if:NF #1 { { } }
20012       {
20013         \__regex_action_free:n
20014         {
20015           \int_eval:n
20016             { \l__regex_right_state_int - \l__regex_left_state_int }
20017         }
20018       }
20019       \bool_if:NT #1 { { } }
20020     }
20021 }
20022 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_anchor:N #1
20023 {
20024   \if_int_compare:w #1 = \l__regex_curr_pos_int
20025     \exp_after:wN \__regex_break_true:w
20026   \fi:
20027 }
20028 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_b_test:
20029 {
20030   \group_begin:
20031     \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_curr_char_int \l__regex_last_char_int
20032     \__regex_prop_w:
20033     \__regex_break_point:TF
20034     { \group_end: \__regex_item_reverse:n \__regex_prop_w: }
20035     { \group_end: \__regex_prop_w: }
20036 }

```

*(End definition for `\__regex_assertion:Nn`, `\__regex_b_test:`, and `\__regex_anchor:N`.)*

`\__regex_command_K:` Change the starting point of the 0-th submatch (full match), and transition to a new state, pretending that this is a fresh thread.

```

20037 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_command_K:
20038 {
20039   \__regex_build_new_state:
20040   \__regex_toks_put_right:Nx \l__regex_left_state_int
20041     {
20042       \__regex_action_submatch:n { 0 < }
20043       \bool_set_true:N \l__regex_fresh_thread_bool
20044       \__regex_action_free:n
20045       { \int_eval:n { \l__regex_right_state_int - \l__regex_left_state_int } }
20046       \bool_set_false:N \l__regex_fresh_thread_bool
20047     }
20048 }

```

*(End definition for `\__regex_command_K:`.)*

## 36.5 Matching

We search for matches by running all the execution threads through the NFA in parallel, reading one token of the query at each step. The NFA contains “free” transitions to other states, and transitions which “consume” the current token. For free transitions, the instruction at the new state of the NFA is performed immediately. When a transition consumes a character, the new state is appended to a list of “active states”, stored in `\g__regex_thread_state_intarray`: this thread is made active again when the next token is read from the query. At every step (for each token in the query), we unpack that list of active states and the corresponding submatch props, and empty those.

If two paths through the NFA “collide” in the sense that they reach the same state after reading a given token, then they only differ in how they previously matched, and any future execution would be identical for both. (Note that this would be wrong in the presence of back-references.) Hence, we only need to keep one of the two threads: the thread with the highest priority. Our NFA is built in such a way that higher priority actions always come before lower priority actions, which makes things work.

The explanation in the previous paragraph may make us think that we simply need to keep track of which states were visited at a given step: after all, the loop generated when matching `(a?)*` against `a` is broken, isn’t it? No. The group first matches `a`, as it should, then repeats; it attempts to match `a` again but fails; it skips `a`, and finds out that this state has already been seen at this position in the query: the match stops. The capturing group is (wrongly) `a`. What went wrong is that a thread collided with itself, and the later version, which has gone through the group one more times with an empty match, should have a higher priority than not going through the group.

We solve this by distinguishing “normal” free transitions `\__regex_action_free:n` from transitions `\__regex_action_free_group:n` which go back to the start of the group. The former keeps threads unless they have been visited by a “completed” thread, while the latter kind of transition also prevents going back to a state visited by the current thread.

### 36.5.1 Variables used when matching

```
\l__regex_min_pos_int
\l__regex_max_pos_int
\l__regex_curr_pos_int
\l__regex_start_pos_int
\l__regex_success_pos_int
```

The tokens in the query are indexed from `min_pos` for the first to `max_pos - 1` for the last, and their information is stored in several arrays and `\toks` registers with those numbers. We don’t start from 0 because the `\toks` registers with low numbers are used to hold the states of the NFA. We match without backtracking, keeping all threads in lockstep at the `current_pos` in the query. The starting point of the current match attempt is `start_pos`, and `success_pos`, updated whenever a thread succeeds, is used as the next starting position.

```
20049 \int_new:N \l__regex_min_pos_int
20050 \int_new:N \l__regex_max_pos_int
20051 \int_new:N \l__regex_curr_pos_int
20052 \int_new:N \l__regex_start_pos_int
20053 \int_new:N \l__regex_success_pos_int
```

*(End definition for `\l__regex_min_pos_int` and others.)*

```
\l__regex_curr_char_int
\l__regex_curr_catcode_int
\l__regex_last_char_int
\l__regex_case_changed_char_int
```

The character and category codes of the token at the current position; the character code of the token at the previous position; and the character code of the result of changing the case of the current token (`A-Z↔a-z`). This last integer is only computed when necessary,

and is otherwise `\c_max_int`. The `current_char` variable is also used in various other phases to hold a character code.

```
20054 \int_new:N \l__regex_curr_char_int
20055 \int_new:N \l__regex_curr_catcode_int
20056 \int_new:N \l__regex_last_char_int
20057 \int_new:N \l__regex_case_changed_char_int
```

*(End definition for `\l__regex_curr_char_int` and others.)*

`\l__regex_curr_state_int` For every character in the token list, each of the active states is considered in turn. The variable `\l__regex_curr_state_int` holds the state of the NFA which is currently considered: transitions are then given as shifts relative to the current state.

```
20058 \int_new:N \l__regex_curr_state_int
```

*(End definition for `\l__regex_curr_state_int`.)*

`\l__regex_curr_submatches_prop`  
`\l__regex_success_submatches_prop` The submatches for the thread which is currently active are stored in the `current_submatches` property list variable. This property list is stored by `\__regex_action_cost:n` into the `\toks` register for the target state of the transition, to be retrieved when matching at the next position. When a thread succeeds, this property list is copied to `\l__regex_success_submatches_prop`: only the last successful thread remains there.

```
20059 \prop_new:N \l__regex_curr_submatches_prop
20060 \prop_new:N \l__regex_success_submatches_prop
```

*(End definition for `\l__regex_curr_submatches_prop` and `\l__regex_success_submatches_prop`.)*

`\l__regex_step_int` This integer, always even, is increased every time a character in the query is read, and not reset when doing multiple matches. We store in `\g__regex_state_active_intarray` the last step in which each `\state` in the NFA was encountered. This lets us break infinite loops by not visiting the same state twice in the same step. In fact, the step we store is equal to `step` when we have started performing the operations of `\toks\state`, but not finished yet. However, once we finish, we store `step + 1` in `\g__regex_state_active_intarray`. This is needed to track submatches properly (see building phase). The `step` is also used to attach each set of submatch information to a given iteration (and automatically discard it when it corresponds to a past step).

```
20061 \int_new:N \l__regex_step_int
```

*(End definition for `\l__regex_step_int`.)*

`\l__regex_min_active_int`  
`\l__regex_max_active_int` All the currently active threads are kept in order of precedence in `\g__regex_thread_state_intarray`, and the corresponding submatches in the `\toks`. For our purposes, those serve as an array, indexed from `min_active` (inclusive) to `max_active` (excluded). At the start of every step, the whole array is unpacked, so that the space can immediately be reused, and `max_active` is reset to `min_active`, effectively clearing the array.

```
20062 \int_new:N \l__regex_min_active_int
20063 \int_new:N \l__regex_max_active_int
```

*(End definition for `\l__regex_min_active_int` and `\l__regex_max_active_int`.)*

`\g__regex_state_active_intarray`  
`\g__regex_thread_state_intarray` `\g__regex_state_active_intarray` stores the last `\step` in which each `\state` was active. `\g__regex_thread_state_intarray` stores threads to be considered in the next step, more precisely the states in which these threads are.

```
20064 \__intarray_new:Nn \g__regex_state_active_intarray { 65536 }
20065 \__intarray_new:Nn \g__regex_thread_state_intarray { 65536 }
```

(End definition for `\g__regex_state_active_intarray` and `\g__regex_thread_state_intarray`.)

`\l__regex_every_match_tl` Every time a match is found, this token list is used. For single matching, the token list is empty. For multiple matching, the token list is set to repeat the matching, after performing some operation which depends on the user function. See `\__regex_single_match:` and `\__regex_multi_match:n`.

```
20066 \tl_new:N \l__regex_every_match_tl
```

(End definition for `\l__regex_every_match_tl`.)

`\l__regex_fresh_thread_bool` When doing multiple matches, we need to avoid infinite loops where each iteration matches the same empty token list. When an empty token list is matched, the next successful match of the same empty token list is suppressed. We detect empty matches by setting `\l__regex_fresh_thread_bool` to `true` for threads which directly come from the start of the regex or from the `\K` command, and testing that boolean whenever a thread succeeds. The function `\__regex_if_two_empty_matches:F` is redefined at every match attempt, depending on whether the previous match was empty or not: if it was, then the function must cancel a purported success if it is empty and at the same spot as the previous match; otherwise, we definitely don't have two identical empty matches, so the function is `\use:n`.

```
20067 \bool_new:N \l__regex_fresh_thread_bool
```

```
20068 \bool_new:N \l__regex_empty_success_bool
```

```
20069 \cs_new_eq:NN \__regex_if_two_empty_matches:F \use:n
```

(End definition for `\l__regex_fresh_thread_bool`, `\l__regex_empty_success_bool`, and `\__regex_if_two_empty_matches:F`.)

`\g__regex_success_bool` The boolean `\l__regex_match_success_bool` is true if the current match attempt was successful, and `\g__regex_success_bool` is true if there was at least one successful match. This is the only global variable in this whole module, but we would need it to be local when matching a control sequence with `\c{...}`. This is done by saving the global variable into `\l__regex_saved_success_bool`, which is local, hence not affected by the changes due to inner regex functions.

```
20070 \bool_new:N \g__regex_success_bool
```

```
20071 \bool_new:N \l__regex_saved_success_bool
```

```
20072 \bool_new:N \l__regex_match_success_bool
```

(End definition for `\g__regex_success_bool`, `\l__regex_saved_success_bool`, and `\l__regex_match_success_bool`.)

### 36.5.2 Matching: framework

`\__regex_match:n` First store the query into `\toks` registers and arrays (see `\__regex_query_set:nnn`).  
`\__regex_match_init:` Then initialize the variables that should be set once for each user function (even for multiple matches). Namely, the overall matching is not yet successful; none of the states should be marked as visited (`\g__regex_state_active_intarray`), and we start at step 0; we pretend that there was a previous match ending at the start of the query, which was not empty (to avoid smothering an empty match at the start). Once all this is set up, we are ready for the ride. Find the first match.

```
20073 \__kernel_patch:nnNpn
```

```
20074 {
```

```
20075   \__regex_trace_push:nnN { regex } { 1 } \__regex_match:n
```

```
20076   \__regex_trace:nx { regex } { 1 } { analyzing-query~token~list }
```

```

20077 }
20078 { \_regex_trace_pop:nnN { regex } { 1 } \_regex_match:n }
20079 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_match:n #1
20080 {
20081   \int_zero:N \l__regex_balance_int
20082   \int_set:Nn \l__regex_curr_pos_int { 2 * \l__regex_max_state_int }
20083   \_regex_query_set:nnn { } { -1 } { -2 }
20084   \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_min_pos_int \l__regex_curr_pos_int
20085   \_tl_analysis_map_inline:nn {#1}
20086     { \_regex_query_set:nnn {##1} {"##2} {##3} }
20087   \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_max_pos_int \l__regex_curr_pos_int
20088   \_regex_query_set:nnn { } { -1 } { -2 }
20089   \_regex_match_init:
20090   \_regex_match_once:
20091 }
20092 \_kernel_patch:nnNnNpn
20093 { \_regex_trace:nmx { regex } { 1 } { initializing } }
20094 { }
20095 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_match_init:
20096 {
20097   \bool_gset_false:N \g__regex_success_bool
20098   \int_step_inline:nnnn
20099     \l__regex_min_state_int { 1 } { \l__regex_max_state_int - 1 }
20100     { \_intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_state_active_intarray {##1} { 1 } }
20101   \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_min_active_int \l__regex_max_state_int
20102   \int_zero:N \l__regex_step_int
20103   \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_success_pos_int \l__regex_min_pos_int
20104   \int_set:Nn \l__regex_min_submatch_int
20105     { 2 * \l__regex_max_state_int }
20106   \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_submatch_int \l__regex_min_submatch_int
20107   \bool_set_false:N \l__regex_empty_success_bool
20108 }

```

(End definition for \\_regex\_match:n and \\_regex\_match\_init:.)

\\_regex\_match\_once: This function finds one match, then does some action defined by the `every_match` token list, which may recursively call `\_regex_match_once:`. First initialize some variables: set the conditional which detects identical empty matches; this match attempt starts at the previous `success_pos`, is not yet successful, and has no submatches yet; clear the array of active threads, and put the starting state 0 in it. We are then almost ready to read our first token in the query, but we actually start one position earlier than the start, and `get` that token, to set `last_char` properly for word boundaries. Then call `\_regex_match_loop:`, which runs through the query until the end or until a successful match breaks early.

```

20109 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_match_once:
20110 {
20111   \if_meaning:w \c_true_bool \l__regex_empty_success_bool
20112     \cs_set:Npn \_regex_if_two_empty_matches:F
20113       { \int_compare:nNnF \l__regex_start_pos_int = \l__regex_curr_pos_int }
20114   \else:
20115     \cs_set_eq:NN \_regex_if_two_empty_matches:F \use:n
20116   \fi:
20117   \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_start_pos_int \l__regex_success_pos_int
20118   \bool_set_false:N \l__regex_match_success_bool

```

```

20119     \prop_clear:N \l__regex_curr_submatches_prop
20120     \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_max_active_int \l__regex_min_active_int
20121     \__regex_store_state:n { \l__regex_min_state_int }
20122     \int_set:Nn \l__regex_curr_pos_int
20123         { \l__regex_start_pos_int - 1 }
20124     \__regex_query_get:
20125     \__regex_match_loop:
20126     \l__regex_every_match_tl
20127 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_match_once:`.)

`\__regex_single_match:` For a single match, the overall success is determined by whether the only match attempt is a success. When doing multiple matches, the overall matching is successful as soon as any match succeeds. Perform the action #1, then find the next match.

`\__regex_multi_match:n`

```

20128 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_single_match:
20129 {
20130     \tl_set:Nn \l__regex_every_match_tl
20131         { \bool_gset_eq:NN \g__regex_success_bool \l__regex_match_success_bool }
20132 }
20133 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_multi_match:n #1
20134 {
20135     \tl_set:Nn \l__regex_every_match_tl
20136     {
20137         \if_meaning:w \c_true_bool \l__regex_match_success_bool
20138         \bool_gset_true:N \g__regex_success_bool
20139         #1
20140         \exp_after:wN \__regex_match_once:
20141         \fi:
20142     }
20143 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_single_match:` and `\__regex_multi_match:n`.)

`\__regex_match_loop:`  
`\__regex_match_one_active:n`

At each new position, set some variables and get the new character and category from the query. Then unpack the array of active threads, and clear it by resetting its length (`max_active`). This results in a sequence of `\__regex_use_state_and_submatches:n` `{\<state>}` `{\<prop>}`, and we consider those states one by one in order. As soon as a thread succeeds, exit the step, and, if there are threads to consider at the next position, and we have not reached the end of the string, repeat the loop. Otherwise, the last thread that succeeded is what `\__regex_match_once:` matches. We explain the `fresh_thread` business when describing `\__regex_action_wildcard:`.

```

20144 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_match_loop:
20145 {
20146     \int_add:Nn \l__regex_step_int { 2 }
20147     \int_incr:N \l__regex_curr_pos_int
20148     \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_last_char_int \l__regex_curr_char_int
20149     \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_case_changed_char_int \c_max_int
20150     \__regex_query_get:
20151     \use:x
20152     {
20153         \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_max_active_int \l__regex_min_active_int
20154         \int_step_function:nnnN
20155         { \l__regex_min_active_int }

```

```

20156         { 1 }
20157         { \l__regex_max_active_int - 1 }
20158         \__regex_match_one_active:n
20159     }
20160     \__prg_break_point:
20161     \bool_set_false:N \l__regex_fresh_thread_bool %^A was arg of break_point:n
20162     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_max_active_int > \l__regex_min_active_int
20163     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_curr_pos_int < \l__regex_max_pos_int
20164     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \__regex_match_loop:
20165     \fi:
20166     \fi:
20167 }
20168 \cs_new:Npn \__regex_match_one_active:n #1
20169 {
20170     \__regex_use_state_and_submatches:nn
20171     { \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_thread_state_intarray {#1} }
20172     { \__regex_toks_use:w #1 }
20173 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_regex\_match\_loop: and \\_\_regex\_match\_one\_active:n.)*

`\__regex_query_set:nnn` The arguments are: tokens that o and x expand to one token of the query, the catcode, and the character code. Store those, and the current brace balance (used later to check for overall brace balance) in a `\toks` register and some arrays, then update the balance.

```

20174 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_query_set:nnn #1#2#3
20175 {
20176     \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_charcode_intarray
20177     { \l__regex_curr_pos_int } {#3}
20178     \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_catcode_intarray
20179     { \l__regex_curr_pos_int } {#2}
20180     \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_balance_intarray
20181     { \l__regex_curr_pos_int } { \l__regex_balance_int }
20182     \__regex_toks_set:Nn \l__regex_curr_pos_int {#1}
20183     \int_incr:N \l__regex_curr_pos_int
20184     \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
20185     \or: \int_incr:N \l__regex_balance_int
20186     \or: \int_decr:N \l__regex_balance_int
20187     \fi:
20188 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_regex\_query\_set:nnn.)*

`\__regex_query_get:` Extract the current character and category codes at the current position from the appropriate arrays.

```

20189 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_query_get:
20190 {
20191     \l__regex_curr_char_int
20192     = \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_charcode_intarray
20193     { \l__regex_curr_pos_int } \scan_stop:
20194     \l__regex_curr_catcode_int
20195     = \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_catcode_intarray
20196     { \l__regex_curr_pos_int } \scan_stop:
20197 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_regex\_query\_get:.)*

### 36.5.3 Using states of the nfa

`\__regex_use_state:` Use the current NFA instruction. The state is initially marked as belonging to the current **step**; this allows normal free transition to repeat, but group-repeating transitions won't. Once we are done exploring all the branches it spawned, the state is marked as **step + 1**: any thread hitting it at that point will be terminated.

```
20198 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn
20199   { \__regex_trace:nmx { regex } { 2 } { state~\int_use:N \l__regex_curr_state_int } }
20200   { }
20201 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_use_state:
20202   {
20203     \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_state_active_intarray
20204       { \l__regex_curr_state_int } { \l__regex_step_int }
20205     \__regex_toks_use:w \l__regex_curr_state_int
20206     \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_state_active_intarray
20207       { \l__regex_curr_state_int } { \l__regex_step_int + 1 }
20208   }
```

*(End definition for \\_\_regex\_use\_state:.)*

`\__regex_use_state_and_submatches:nn` This function is called as one item in the array of active threads after that array has been unpacked for a new step. Update the `current_state` and `current_submatches` and use the state if it has not yet been encountered at this step.

```
20209 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_use_state_and_submatches:nn #1 #2
20210   {
20211     \int_set:Nn \l__regex_curr_state_int {#1}
20212     \if_int_compare:w
20213       \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_state_active_intarray
20214         { \l__regex_curr_state_int }
20215         < \l__regex_step_int
20216       \tl_set:Nn \l__regex_curr_submatches_prop {#2}
20217       \exp_after:wN \__regex_use_state:
20218     \fi:
20219     \scan_stop:
20220   }
```

*(End definition for \\_\_regex\_use\_state\_and\_submatches:nn.)*

### 36.5.4 Actions when matching

`\__regex_action_start_wildcard:` For an unanchored match, state 0 has a free transition to the next and a costly one to itself, to repeat at the next position. To catch repeated identical empty matches, we need to know if a successful thread corresponds to an empty match. The instruction resetting `\l__regex_fresh_thread_bool` may be skipped by a successful thread, hence we had to add it to `\__regex_match_loop:` too.

```
20221 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_action_start_wildcard:
20222   {
20223     \bool_set_true:N \l__regex_fresh_thread_bool
20224     \__regex_action_free:n {1}
20225     \bool_set_false:N \l__regex_fresh_thread_bool
20226     \__regex_action_cost:n {0}
20227   }
```

*(End definition for \\_\_regex\_action\_start\_wildcard:.)*

`\__regex_action_free:n` These functions copy a thread after checking that the NFA state has not already been used  
`\__regex_action_free_group:n` at this position. If not, store submatches in the new state, and insert the instructions for  
`\__regex_action_free_aux:nn` that state in the input stream. Then restore the old value of `\l__regex_curr_state_int`  
and of the current submatches. The two types of free transitions differ by how they  
test that the state has not been encountered yet: the `group` version is stricter, and will  
not use a state if it was used earlier in the current thread, hence forcefully breaking the  
loop, while the “normal” version will revisit a state even within the thread itself.

```

20228 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_action_free:n
20229   { \__regex_action_free_aux:nn { > \l__regex_step_int \else: } }
20230 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_action_free_group:n
20231   { \__regex_action_free_aux:nn { < \l__regex_step_int } }
20232 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_action_free_aux:nn #1#2
20233   {
20234     \use:x
20235     {
20236       \int_add:Nn \l__regex_curr_state_int {#2}
20237       \exp_not:n
20238         {
20239           \if_int_compare:w
20240             \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_state_active_intarray
20241               { \l__regex_curr_state_int }
20242             #1
20243             \exp_after:wN \__regex_use_state:
20244           \fi:
20245         }
20246       \int_set:Nn \l__regex_curr_state_int
20247         { \int_use:N \l__regex_curr_state_int }
20248       \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l__regex_curr_submatches_prop
20249         { \exp_not:o \l__regex_curr_submatches_prop }
20250     }
20251   }

```

*(End definition for `\__regex_action_free:n`, `\__regex_action_free_group:n`, and `\__regex_action_free_aux:nn`.)*

`\__regex_action_cost:n` A transition which consumes the current character and shifts the state by `#1`. The  
resulting state is stored in the appropriate array for use at the next position, and we also  
store the current submatches.

```

20252 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_action_cost:n #1
20253   {
20254     \exp_args:No \__regex_store_state:n
20255       { \__int_value:w \__int_eval:n { \l__regex_curr_state_int + #1 } }
20256   }

```

*(End definition for `\__regex_action_cost:n`.)*

`\__regex_store_state:n` Put the given state in `\g__regex_thread_state_intarray`, and increment the length of  
`\__regex_store_submatches:` the array. Also store the current submatch in the appropriate `\toks`.

```

20257 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_store_state:n #1
20258   {
20259     \__regex_store_submatches:
20260     \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_thread_state_intarray
20261       { \l__regex_max_active_int } {#1}
20262     \int_incr:N \l__regex_max_active_int

```

```

20263 }
20264 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_store_submatches:
20265 {
20266   \__regex_toks_set:No \l__regex_max_active_int
20267   { \l__regex_curr_submatches_prop }
20268 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_store_state:n` and `\__regex_store_submatches:.`)

`\__regex_disable_submatches:` Some user functions don't require tracking submatches. We get a performance improvement by simply defining the relevant functions to remove their argument and do nothing with it.

```

20269 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_disable_submatches:
20270 {
20271   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__regex_store_submatches: { }
20272   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__regex_action_submatch:n ##1 { }
20273 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_disable_submatches:.`)

`\__regex_action_submatch:n` Update the current submatches with the information from the current position. Maybe a bottleneck.

```

20274 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_action_submatch:n #1
20275 {
20276   \prop_put:Nno \l__regex_curr_submatches_prop {#1}
20277   { \int_use:N \l__regex_curr_pos_int }
20278 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_action_submatch:n.`)

`\__regex_action_success:` There is a successful match when an execution path reaches the last state in the NFA, unless this marks a second identical empty match. Then mark that there was a successful match; it is empty if it is "fresh"; and we store the current position and submatches. The current step is then interrupted with `\__prg_break:`, and only paths with higher precedence are pursued further. The values stored here may be overwritten by a later success of a path with higher precedence.

```

20279 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_action_success:
20280 {
20281   \__regex_if_two_empty_matches:F
20282   {
20283     \bool_set_true:N \l__regex_match_success_bool
20284     \bool_set_eq:NN \l__regex_empty_success_bool
20285     \l__regex_fresh_thread_bool
20286     \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_success_pos_int \l__regex_curr_pos_int
20287     \prop_set_eq:NN \l__regex_success_submatches_prop
20288     \l__regex_curr_submatches_prop
20289     \__prg_break:
20290   }
20291 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_action_success:.`)

## 36.6 Replacement

### 36.6.1 Variables and helpers used in replacement

`\l_regex_replacement_csnames_int` The behaviour of closing braces inside a replacement text depends on whether a sequences `\c{` or `\u{` has been encountered. The number of “open” such sequences that should be closed by `}` is stored in `\l__regex_replacement_csnames_int`, and decreased by 1 by each `}`.

```
20292 \int_new:N \l__regex_replacement_csnames_int
```

*(End definition for `\l__regex_replacement_csnames_int`.)*

`\l_regex_replacement_category_tl`  
`\l__regex_replacement_category_seq` This sequence of letters is used to correctly restore categories in nested constructions such as `\cL(abc\cD(_ )d)`.

```
20293 \tl_new:N \l__regex_replacement_category_tl
```

```
20294 \seq_new:N \l__regex_replacement_category_seq
```

*(End definition for `\l__regex_replacement_category_tl` and `\l__regex_replacement_category_seq`.)*

`\l__regex_balance_tl` This token list holds the replacement text for `\__regex_replacement_balance_one_match:n` while it is being built incrementally.

```
20295 \tl_new:N \l__regex_balance_tl
```

*(End definition for `\l__regex_balance_tl`.)*

`\__regex_replacement_balance_one_match:n` This expects as an argument the first index of a set of entries in `\g__regex_submatch_begin_intarray` (and related arrays) which hold the submatch information for a given match. It can be used within an integer expression to obtain the brace balance incurred by performing the replacement on that match. This combines the braces lost by removing the match, braces added by all the submatches appearing in the replacement, and braces appearing explicitly in the replacement. Even though it is always redefined before use, we initialize it as for an empty replacement. An important property is that concatenating several calls to that function must result in a valid integer expression (hence a leading + in the actual definition).

```
20296 \cs_new:Npn \__regex_replacement_balance_one_match:n #1
```

```
20297 { - \__regex_submatch_balance:n {#1} }
```

*(End definition for `\__regex_replacement_balance_one_match:n`.)*

`\__regex_replacement_do_one_match:n` The input is the same as `\__regex_replacement_balance_one_match:n`. This function is redefined to expand to the part of the token list from the end of the previous match to a given match, followed by the replacement text. Hence concatenating the result of this function with all possible arguments (one call for each match), as well as the range from the end of the last match to the end of the string, produces the fully replaced token list. The initialization does not matter, but (as an example) we set it as for an empty replacement.

```
20298 \cs_new:Npn \__regex_replacement_do_one_match:n #1
```

```
20299 {
```

```
20300   \__regex_query_range:nn
```

```
20301     { \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_submatch_prev_intarray {#1} }
```

```
20302     { \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_submatch_begin_intarray {#1} }
```

```
20303   }
```

*(End definition for `\__regex_replacement_do_one_match:n`.)*

`\_regex_replacement_exp_not:N` This function lets us navigate around the fact that the primitive `\exp_not:n` requires a braced argument. As far as I can tell, it is only needed if the user tries to include in the replacement text a control sequence set equal to a macro parameter character, such as `\c_parameter_token`. Indeed, within an x-expanding assignment, `\exp_not:N #` behaves as a single `#`, whereas `\exp_not:n {#}` behaves as a doubled `##`.

```
20304 \cs_new:Npn \_regex_replacement_exp_not:N #1 { \exp_not:n {#1} }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_replacement_exp_not:N`.)

### 36.6.2 Query and brace balance

`\_regex_query_range:nn` When it is time to extract submatches from the token list, the various tokens are stored in `\toks` registers numbered from `\l__regex_min_pos_int` inclusive to `\l__regex_max_pos_int` exclusive. The function `\_regex_query_range:nn {<min>} {<max>}` unpacks registers from the position `<min>` to the position `<max> - 1` included. Once this is expanded, a second x-expansion results in the actual tokens from the query. That second expansion is only done by user functions at the very end of their operation, after checking (and correcting) the brace balance first.

```
20305 \cs_new:Npn \_regex_query_range:nn #1#2
20306   {
20307     \exp_after:wN \_regex_query_range_loop:ww
20308     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
20309     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #2 ;
20310     \_prg_break_point:
20311   }
20312 \cs_new:Npn \_regex_query_range_loop:ww #1 ; #2 ;
20313   {
20314     \if_int_compare:w #1 < #2 \exp_stop_f:
20315     \else:
20316       \exp_after:wN \_prg_break:
20317     \fi:
20318     \_regex_toks_use:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
20319     \exp_after:wN \_regex_query_range_loop:ww
20320     \_int_value:w \_int_eval:w #1 + 1 ; #2 ;
20321   }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_query_range:nn` and `\_regex_query_range_loop:ww`.)

`\_regex_query_submatch:n` Find the start and end positions for a given submatch (of a given match).

```
20322 \cs_new:Npn \_regex_query_submatch:n #1
20323   {
20324     \_regex_query_range:nn
20325     { \_intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_submatch_begin_intarray {#1} }
20326     { \_intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_submatch_end_intarray {#1} }
20327   }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_query_submatch:n`.)

`\_regex_submatch_balance:n` Every user function must result in a balanced token list (unbalanced token lists cannot be stored by TeX). When we unpacked the query, we kept track of the brace balance, hence the contribution from a given range is the difference between the brace balances at the `<max pos>` and `<min pos>`. These two positions are found in the corresponding “submatch” arrays.

```

20328 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_submatch_balance:n #1
20329 {
20330   \__int_eval:n
20331   {
20332     \int_compare:nNnTF
20333     { \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_submatch_end_intarray {#1} } = 0
20334     { 0 }
20335     {
20336       \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_balance_intarray
20337       { \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_submatch_end_intarray {#1} }
20338     }
20339     -
20340     \int_compare:nNnTF
20341     { \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_submatch_begin_intarray {#1} } = 0
20342     { 0 }
20343     {
20344       \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_balance_intarray
20345       { \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_submatch_begin_intarray {#1} }
20346     }
20347   }
20348 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_submatch_balance:n`.)

### 36.6.3 Framework

```

\__regex_replacement:n
\__regex_replacement_aux:n

```

The replacement text is built incrementally by abusing `\toks` within a group (see `l3tl-build`). We keep track in `\l__regex_balance_int` of the balance of explicit begin- and end-group tokens and we store in `\l__regex_balance_tl` some code to compute the brace balance from submatches (see its description). Detect unescaped right braces, and escaped characters, with trailing `\prg_do_nothing:` because some of the later function look-ahead. Once the whole replacement text has been parsed, make sure that there is no open csname. Finally, define the `balance_one_match` and `do_one_match` functions.

```

20349 \__kernel_patch:nnNnpn
20350 { \__regex_trace_push:nnN { regex } { 1 } \__regex_replacement:n }
20351 { \__regex_trace_pop:nnN { regex } { 1 } \__regex_replacement:n }
20352 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_replacement:n #1
20353 {
20354   \__tl_build:Nw \l__regex_internal_a_tl
20355   \int_zero:N \l__regex_balance_int
20356   \tl_clear:N \l__regex_balance_tl
20357   \__regex_escape_use:nmmn
20358   {
20359     \if_charcode:w \c_right_brace_str ##1
20360     \__regex_replacement_rbrace:N
20361     \else:
20362     \__regex_replacement_normal:n
20363     \fi:
20364     ##1
20365   }
20366   { \__regex_replacement_escaped:N ##1 }
20367   { \__regex_replacement_normal:n ##1 }
20368   {#1}
20369   \prg_do_nothing: \prg_do_nothing:

```

```

20370 \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_replacement_csnames_int > 0 \exp_stop_f:
20371 \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { replacement-missing-rbrace }
20372 { \int_use:N \l__regex_replacement_csnames_int }
20373 \__tl_build_one:x
20374 { \prg_replicate:nn \l__regex_replacement_csnames_int \cs_end: }
20375 \fi:
20376 \seq_if_empty:NF \l__regex_replacement_category_seq
20377 {
20378 \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { replacement-missing-rparen }
20379 { \seq_count:N \l__regex_replacement_category_seq }
20380 \seq_clear:N \l__regex_replacement_category_seq
20381 }
20382 \cs_gset:Npx \__regex_replacement_balance_one_match:n ##1
20383 {
20384 + \int_use:N \l__regex_balance_int
20385 \l__regex_balance_tl
20386 - \__regex_submatch_balance:n {##1}
20387 }
20388 \__tl_build_end:
20389 \exp_args:No \__regex_replacement_aux:n \l__regex_internal_a_tl
20390 }
20391 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_replacement_aux:n #1
20392 {
20393 \cs_set:Npn \__regex_replacement_do_one_match:n ##1
20394 {
20395 \__regex_query_range:nn
20396 { \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_submatch_prev_intarray {##1} }
20397 { \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_submatch_begin_intarray {##1} }
20398 #1
20399 }
20400 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_replacement:n` and `\__regex_replacement_aux:n`.)

`\__regex_replacement_normal:n` Most characters are simply sent to the output by `\__tl_build_one:n`, unless a particular category code has been requested: then `\__regex_replacement_c_A:w` or a similar auxiliary is called. One exception is right parentheses, which restore the category code in place before the group started. Note that the sequence is non-empty there: it contains an empty entry corresponding to the initial value of `\l__regex_replacement_category_tl`.

```

20401 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_replacement_normal:n #1
20402 {
20403 \tl_if_empty:NTF \l__regex_replacement_category_tl
20404 { \__tl_build_one:n {##1} }
20405 { % (
20406 \token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF #1 )
20407 {
20408 \seq_pop:NN \l__regex_replacement_category_seq
20409 \l__regex_replacement_category_tl
20410 }
20411 {
20412 \use:c { __regex_replacement_c_ \l__regex_replacement_category_tl :w }
20413 \__regex_replacement_normal:n {##1}
20414 }
20415 }

```

```
20416 }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_replacement_normal:n`.)

`\_regex_replacement_escaped:N` As in parsing a regular expression, we use an auxiliary built from #1 if defined. Otherwise, check for escaped digits (standing from submatches from 0 to 9): anything else is a raw character. We use `\token_to_str:N` to give spaces the right category code.

```
20417 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_escaped:N #1
20418 {
20419   \cs_if_exist_use:cF { \_regex_replacement_#1:w }
20420   {
20421     \if_int_compare:w 1 < 1#1 \exp_stop_f:
20422     \_regex_replacement_put_submatch:n {#1}
20423   \else:
20424     \exp_args:No \_regex_replacement_normal:n
20425     { \token_to_str:N #1 }
20426   \fi:
20427 }
20428 }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_replacement_escaped:N`.)

### 36.6.4 Submatches

`\_regex_replacement_put_submatch:n` Insert a submatch in the replacement text. This is dropped if the submatch number is larger than the number of capturing groups. Unless the submatch appears inside a `\c{...}` or `\u{...}` construction, it must be taken into account in the brace balance. Later on, `##1` will be replaced by a pointer to the 0-th submatch for a given match. We cannot use `\int_eval:n` because it is expandable, and would be expanded too early (short of adding `\exp_not:N`, making the code messy again).

```
20429 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_put_submatch:n #1
20430 {
20431   \if_int_compare:w #1 < \l__regex_capturing_group_int
20432   \__tl_build_one:n { \_regex_query_submatch:n { #1 + ##1 } }
20433   \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_replacement_csnames_int = 0 \exp_stop_f:
20434   \tl_put_right:Nn \l__regex_balance_tl
20435   { + \_regex_submatch_balance:n { \int_eval:n { #1+##1 } } }
20436   \fi:
20437 \fi:
20438 }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_replacement_put_submatch:n`.)

`\_regex_replacement_g:w` Grab digits for the `\g` escape sequence in a primitive assignment to the integer `\l__regex_internal_a_int`. At the end of the run of digits, check that it ends with a right brace.

`\_regex_replacement_g_digits:NN`

```
20439 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_g:w #1#2
20440 {
20441   \str_if_eq_x:nnTF { #1#2 } { \_regex_replacement_normal:n \c_left_brace_str }
20442   { \l__regex_internal_a_int = \_regex_replacement_g_digits:NN }
20443   { \_regex_replacement_error:NNN g #1 #2 }
20444 }
20445 \cs_new:Npn \_regex_replacement_g_digits:NN #1#2
20446 {
```

```

20447 \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 \_regex_replacement_normal:n
20448 {
20449   \if_int_compare:w 1 < 1#2 \exp_stop_f:
20450     #2
20451     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nnn
20452     \exp_after:wN \_regex_replacement_g_digits:NN
20453   \else:
20454     \exp_stop_f:
20455     \exp_after:wN \_regex_replacement_error:NNN
20456     \exp_after:wN g
20457   \fi:
20458 }
20459 {
20460   \exp_stop_f:
20461   \if_meaning:w \_regex_replacement_rbrace:N #1
20462   \exp_args:No \_regex_replacement_put_submatch:n
20463     { \int_use:N \l\_regex_internal_a_int }
20464   \exp_after:wN \use_none:nn
20465   \else:
20466     \exp_after:wN \_regex_replacement_error:NNN
20467     \exp_after:wN g
20468   \fi:
20469 }
20470 #1 #2
20471 }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_replacement_g:w` and `\_regex_replacement_g_digits:NN`.)

### 36.6.5 Csames in replacement

`\_regex_replacement_c:w` `\c` may only be followed by an unescaped character. If followed by a left brace, start a control sequence by calling an auxiliary common with `\u`. Otherwise test whether the category is known; if it is not, complain.

```

20472 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_c:w #1#2
20473 {
20474   \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 \_regex_replacement_normal:n
20475   {
20476     \exp_after:wN \token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF \c_left_brace_str #2
20477     { \_regex_replacement_cu_aux:Nw \_regex_replacement_exp_not:N }
20478     {
20479       \cs_if_exist:cTF { \_regex_replacement_c_#2:w }
20480       { \_regex_replacement_cat:NNN #2 }
20481       { \_regex_replacement_error:NNN c #1#2 }
20482     }
20483   }
20484   { \_regex_replacement_error:NNN c #1#2 }
20485 }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_replacement_c:w`.)

`\_regex_replacement_cu_aux:Nw` Start a control sequence with `\cs:w`, protected from expansion by #1 (either `\_regex_replacement_exp_not:N` or `\exp_not:V`), or turned to a string by `\tl_to_str:V` if inside another csname construction `\c` or `\u`. We use `\tl_to_str:V` rather than `\tl_to_str:N` to deal with integers and other registers.

```

20486 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_replacement_cu_aux:Nw #1
20487 {
20488   \if_case:w \l__regex_replacement_csnames_int
20489     \__tl_build_one:n { \exp_not:n { \exp_after:wN #1 \cs:w } }
20490   \else:
20491     \__tl_build_one:n { \exp_not:n { \exp_after:wN \tl_to_str:V \cs:w } }
20492   \fi:
20493   \int_incr:N \l__regex_replacement_csnames_int
20494 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_replacement_cu_aux:Nw`.)

`\__regex_replacement_u:w` Check that `\u` is followed by a left brace. If so, start a control sequence with `\cs:w`, which is then unpacked either with `\exp_not:V` or `\tl_to_str:V` depending on the current context.

```

20495 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_replacement_u:w #1#2
20496 {
20497   \str_if_eq_x:nnTF { #1#2 } { \__regex_replacement_normal:n \c_left_brace_str }
20498   { \__regex_replacement_cu_aux:Nw \exp_not:V }
20499   { \__regex_replacement_error:NNN u #1#2 }
20500 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_replacement_u:w`.)

`\__regex_replacement_rbrace:N` Within a `\c{...}` or `\u{...}` construction, end the control sequence, and decrease the brace count. Otherwise, this is a raw right brace.

```

20501 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_replacement_rbrace:N #1
20502 {
20503   \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_replacement_csnames_int > 0 \exp_stop_f:
20504     \__tl_build_one:n \cs_end:
20505     \int_decr:N \l__regex_replacement_csnames_int
20506   \else:
20507     \__regex_replacement_normal:n {#1}
20508   \fi:
20509 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_replacement_rbrace:N`.)

### 36.6.6 Characters in replacement

`\__regex_replacement_cat:NNN` Here, `#1` is a letter among BEMTPUDSLOA and `#2#3` denote the next character. Complain if we reach the end of the replacement or if the construction appears inside `\c{...}` or `\u{...}`, and detect the case of a parenthesis. In that case, store the current category in a sequence and switch to a new one.

```

20510 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_replacement_cat:NNN #1#2#3
20511 {
20512   \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF \prg_do_nothing: #3
20513   { \__kernel_msg_error:nn { kernel } { replacement-catcode-end } }
20514   {
20515     \int_compare:nNnTF { \l__regex_replacement_csnames_int } > 0
20516     {
20517       \__kernel_msg_error:nnnn
20518       { kernel } { replacement-catcode-in-cs } {#1} {#3}
20519       #2 #3

```

```

20520     }
20521     {
20522     \str_if_eq:nnTF { #2 #3 } { \__regex_replacement_normal:n ( ) % )
20523     {
20524     \seq_push:NV \l__regex_replacement_category_seq
20525     \l__regex_replacement_category_tl
20526     \tl_set:Nn \l__regex_replacement_category_tl {#1}
20527     }
20528     {
20529     \token_if_eq_meaning:NNT #2 \__regex_replacement_escaped:N
20530     {
20531     \__regex_char_if_alphanumeric:NTF #3
20532     {
20533     \__kernel_msg_error:nnnn
20534     { kernel } { replacement-catcode-escaped }
20535     {#1} {#3}
20536     }
20537     { }
20538     }
20539     \use:c { __regex_replacement_c_#1:w } #2 #3
20540     }
20541     }
20542   }
20543 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_replacement_cat:NNN`.)

We now need to change the category code of the null character many times, hence work in a group. The catcode-specific macros below are defined in alphabetical order; if you are trying to understand the code, start from the end of the alphabet as those categories are simpler than active or begin-group.

```
20544 \group_begin:
```

`\__regex_replacement_char:nNN` The only way to produce an arbitrary character–catcode pair is to use the `\lowercase` or `\uppercase` primitives. This is a wrapper for our purposes. The first argument is the null character with various catcodes. The second and third arguments are grabbed from the input stream: `#3` is the character whose character code to reproduce. We could use `\char_generate:nn` but only for some catcodes (active characters and spaces are not supported).

```

20545   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_replacement_char:nNN #1#2#3
20546   {
20547     \tex_lccode:D 0 = '#3 \scan_stop:
20548     \tex_lowercase:D { \__tl_build_one:n {#1} }
20549   }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_replacement_char:nNN`.)

`\__regex_replacement_c_A:w` For an active character, expansion must be avoided, twice because we later do two x-expansions, to unpack `\toks` for the query, and to expand their contents to tokens of the query.

```

20550   \char_set_catcode_active:N \^^@
20551   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_replacement_c_A:w
20552   { \__regex_replacement_char:nNN { \exp_not:n { \exp_not:N \^^@ } } }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_replacement_c_A:w`.)

`\_regex_replacement_c_B:w` An explicit begin-group token increases the balance, unless within a `\c{...}` or `\u{...}` construction. Add the desired begin-group character, using the standard `\if_false:` trick. We eventually x-expand twice. The first time must yield a balanced token list, and the second one gives the bare begin-group token. The `\exp_after:wN` is not strictly needed, but is more consistent with l3tl-analysis.

```

20553 \char_set_catcode_group_begin:N \^^@
20554 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_c_B:w
20555   {
20556     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_replacement_csnames_int = 0 \exp_stop_f:
20557     \int_incr:N \l__regex_balance_int
20558     \fi:
20559     \_regex_replacement_char:nNN
20560     { \exp_not:n { \exp_after:wN \^^@ \if_false: } \fi: } }
20561   }

```

*(End definition for \\_regex\_replacement\_c\_B:w.)*

`\_regex_replacement_c_C:w` This is not quite catcode-related: when the user requests a character with category “control sequence”, the one-character control symbol is returned. As for the active character, we prepare for two x-expansions.

```

20562 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_c_C:w #1#2
20563   { \_tl_build_one:n { \exp_not:N \exp_not:N \exp_not:c {#2} } }

```

*(End definition for \\_regex\_replacement\_c\_C:w.)*

`\_regex_replacement_c_D:w` Subscripts fit the mould: `\lowercase` the null byte with the correct category.

```

20564 \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:N \^^@
20565 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_c_D:w
20566   { \_regex_replacement_char:nNN { \^^@ } }

```

*(End definition for \\_regex\_replacement\_c\_D:w.)*

`\_regex_replacement_c_E:w` Similar to the begin-group case, the second x-expansion produces the bare end-group token.

```

20567 \char_set_catcode_group_end:N \^^@
20568 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_c_E:w
20569   {
20570     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_replacement_csnames_int = 0 \exp_stop_f:
20571     \int_decr:N \l__regex_balance_int
20572     \fi:
20573     \_regex_replacement_char:nNN
20574     { \exp_not:n { \if_false: { \fi: \^^@ } } }
20575   }

```

*(End definition for \\_regex\_replacement\_c\_E:w.)*

`\_regex_replacement_c_L:w` Simply `\lowercase` a letter null byte to produce an arbitrary letter.

```

20576 \char_set_catcode_letter:N \^^@
20577 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_c_L:w
20578   { \_regex_replacement_char:nNN { \^^@ } }

```

*(End definition for \\_regex\_replacement\_c\_L:w.)*

`\_regex_replacement_c_M:w` No surprise here, we lowercase the null math toggle.

```
20579 \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:N \^^@
20580 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_c_M:w
20581 { \_regex_replacement_char:nNN { ^^@ } }
```

*(End definition for \\_regex\_replacement\_c\_M:w.)*

`\_regex_replacement_c_0:w` Lowercase an other null byte.

```
20582 \char_set_catcode_other:N \^^@
20583 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_c_0:w
20584 { \_regex_replacement_char:nNN { ^^@ } }
```

*(End definition for \\_regex\_replacement\_c\_0:w.)*

`\_regex_replacement_c_P:w` For macro parameters, expansion is a tricky issue. We need to prepare for two x-expansions and passing through various macro definitions. Note that we cannot replace one `\exp_not:n` by doubling the macro parameter characters because this would misbehave if a mischievous user asks for `\c{\cP\#}`, since that macro parameter character would be doubled.

```
20585 \char_set_catcode_parameter:N \^^@
20586 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_c_P:w
20587 {
20588   \_regex_replacement_char:nNN
20589   { \exp_not:n { \exp_not:n { ^^@^^@^^@^^@ } } }
20590 }
```

*(End definition for \\_regex\_replacement\_c\_P:w.)*

`\_regex_replacement_c_S:w` Spaces are normalized on input by T<sub>E</sub>X to have character code 32. It is in fact impossible to get a token with character code 0 and category code 10. Hence we use 32 instead of 0 as our base character.

```
20591 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_c_S:w #1#2
20592 {
20593   \if_int_compare:w '#2 = 0 \exp_stop_f:
20594   \_kernel_msg_error:nn { kernel } { replacement-null-space }
20595   \fi:
20596   \tex_lccode:D '\ = '#2 \scan_stop:
20597   \tex_lowercase:D { \_tl_build_one:n {~} }
20598 }
```

*(End definition for \\_regex\_replacement\_c\_S:w.)*

`\_regex_replacement_c_T:w` No surprise for alignment tabs here. Those are surrounded by the appropriate braces whenever necessary, hence they don't cause trouble in alignment settings.

```
20599 \char_set_catcode_alignment:N \^^@
20600 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_c_T:w
20601 { \_regex_replacement_char:nNN { ^^@ } }
```

*(End definition for \\_regex\_replacement\_c\_T:w.)*

`\_regex_replacement_c_U:w` Simple call to `\_regex_replacement_char:nNN` which lowercases the math superscript `^^@`.

```
20602 \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:N \^^@
20603 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_c_U:w
20604 { \_regex_replacement_char:nNN { ^^@ } }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_replacement_c_U:w`.)

Restore the catcode of the null byte.

```
20605 \group_end:
```

### 36.6.7 An error

`\_regex_replacement_error:NNN` Simple error reporting by calling one of the messages `replacement-c`, `replacement-g`, or `replacement-u`.

```
20606 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replacement_error:NNN #1#2#3
20607 {
20608   \__kernel_msg_error:nxx { kernel } { replacement-#1 } {#3}
20609   #2 #3
20610 }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_replacement_error:NNN`.)

## 36.7 User functions

`\regex_new:N` Before being assigned a sensible value, a regex variable matches nothing.

```
20611 \cs_new_protected:Npn \regex_new:N #1
20612 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \c__regex_no_match_regex }
```

(End definition for `\regex_new:N`. This function is documented on page 214.)

`\l_tmpa_regex` The usual scratch space.

```
\l_tmpb_regex 20613 \regex_new:N \l_tmpa_regex
\g_tmpa_regex 20614 \regex_new:N \l_tmpb_regex
\g_tmpb_regex 20615 \regex_new:N \g_tmpa_regex
20616 \regex_new:N \g_tmpb_regex
```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_regex` and others. These variables are documented on page 216.)

`\regex_set:Nn` Compile, then store the result in the user variable with the appropriate assignment function.  
`\regex_gset:Nn`  
`\regex_const:Nn`

```
20617 \cs_new_protected:Npn \regex_set:Nn #1#2
20618 {
20619   \__regex_compile:n {#2}
20620   \tl_set_eq:NN #1 \l__regex_internal_regex
20621 }
20622 \cs_new_protected:Npn \regex_gset:Nn #1#2
20623 {
20624   \__regex_compile:n {#2}
20625   \tl_gset_eq:NN #1 \l__regex_internal_regex
20626 }
20627 \cs_new_protected:Npn \regex_const:Nn #1#2
20628 {
20629   \__regex_compile:n {#2}
20630   \tl_const:Nx #1 { \exp_not:o \l__regex_internal_regex }
20631 }
```

(End definition for `\regex_set:Nn`, `\regex_gset:Nn`, and `\regex_const:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 214.)

`\regex_show:N` User functions: the `n` variant requires compilation first. Then show the variable with some appropriate text. The auxiliary is defined in a different section.

```

20632 \cs_new_protected:Npn \regex_show:n #1
20633 {
20634   \__regex_compile:n {#1}
20635   \__regex_show:N \l__regex_internal_regex
20636   \msg_show:nnxxxx { LaTeX / kernel } { show-regex }
20637   { \tl_to_str:n {#1} } { }
20638   { \l__regex_internal_a_tl } { }
20639 }
20640 \cs_new_protected:Npn \regex_show:N #1
20641 {
20642   \__kernel_check_defined:NT #1
20643   {
20644     \__regex_show:N #1
20645     \msg_show:nnxxxx { LaTeX / kernel } { show-regex }
20646     { } { \token_to_str:N #1 }
20647     { \l__regex_internal_a_tl } { }
20648   }
20649 }

```

(End definition for `\regex_show:N` and `\regex_show:n`. These functions are documented on page 214.)

`\regex_match:nnTF` Those conditionals are based on a common auxiliary defined later. Its first argument builds the NFA corresponding to the regex, and the second argument is the query token list. Once we have performed the match, convert the resulting boolean to `\prg_return_true:` or `false`.

```

20650 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \regex_match:nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
20651 {
20652   \__regex_if_match:nn { \__regex_build:n {#1} } {#2}
20653   \__regex_return:
20654 }
20655 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \regex_match:Nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
20656 {
20657   \__regex_if_match:nn { \__regex_build:N #1 } {#2}
20658   \__regex_return:
20659 }

```

(End definition for `\regex_match:nnTF` and `\regex_match:NnTF`. These functions are documented on page 214.)

`\regex_count:nnN` Again, use an auxiliary whose first argument builds the NFA.

```

20660 \cs_new_protected:Npn \regex_count:nnN #1
20661 { \__regex_count:nnN { \__regex_build:n {#1} } }
20662 \cs_new_protected:Npn \regex_count:NnN #1
20663 { \__regex_count:nnN { \__regex_build:N #1 } }

```

(End definition for `\regex_count:nnN` and `\regex_count:NnN`. These functions are documented on page 215.)

`\regex_extract_once:nnN` We define here 40 user functions, following a common pattern in terms of `:nnN` auxiliaries, defined in the coming subsections. The auxiliary is handed `\__regex_build:n` or `\__regex_build:N` with the appropriate regex argument, then all other necessary arguments

`\regex_extract_once:NnN`

`\regex_extract_all:nnN`

`\regex_extract_all:NnN`

`\regex_replace_once:nnN`

`\regex_replace_once:NnN`

`\regex_replace_all:nnN`

`\regex_replace_all:NnN`

`\regex_split:nnN`

`\regex_split:NnN`

`\regex_extract_once:nnTF`

`\regex_extract_once:NnTF`

`\regex_extract_all:nnTF`

`\regex_extract_all:NnTF`

(replacement text, token list, *etc.* The conditionals call `\__regex_return:` to return either true or false once matching has been performed.

```

20664 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__regex_tmp:w #1#2#3
20665 {
20666   \cs_new_protected:Npn #2 ##1 { #1 { \__regex_build:n {##1} } }
20667   \cs_new_protected:Npn #3 ##1 { #1 { \__regex_build:N ##1 } }
20668   \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn #2 ##1##2##3 { T , F , TF }
20669   { #1 { \__regex_build:n {##1} } {##2} ##3 \__regex_return: }
20670   \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn #3 ##1##2##3 { T , F , TF }
20671   { #1 { \__regex_build:N ##1 } {##2} ##3 \__regex_return: }
20672 }
20673 \__regex_tmp:w \__regex_extract_once:nnN
20674 \regex_extract_once:nnN \regex_extract_once:NnN
20675 \__regex_tmp:w \__regex_extract_all:nnN
20676 \regex_extract_all:nnN \regex_extract_all:NnN
20677 \__regex_tmp:w \__regex_replace_once:nnN
20678 \regex_replace_once:nnN \regex_replace_once:NnN
20679 \__regex_tmp:w \__regex_replace_all:nnN
20680 \regex_replace_all:nnN \regex_replace_all:NnN
20681 \__regex_tmp:w \__regex_split:nnN \regex_split:nnN \regex_split:NnN

```

(End definition for `\regex_extract_once:nnN` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

### 36.7.1 Variables and helpers for user functions

`\l__regex_match_count_int` The number of matches found so far is stored in `\l__regex_match_count_int`. This is only used in the `\regex_count:nnN` functions.

```
20682 \int_new:N \l__regex_match_count_int
```

(End definition for `\l__regex_match_count_int`.)

`__regex_begin` `__regex_end` Those flags are raised to indicate extra begin-group or end-group tokens when extracting submatches.

```

20683 \flag_new:n { __regex_begin }
20684 \flag_new:n { __regex_end }

```

(End definition for `__regex_begin` and `__regex_end`.)

`\l__regex_min_submatch_int` `\l__regex_submatch_int` `\l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int` The end-points of each submatch are stored in two arrays whose index *<submatch>* ranges from `\l__regex_min_submatch_int` (inclusive) to `\l__regex_submatch_int` (exclusive). Each successful match comes with a 0-th submatch (the full match), and one match for each capturing group: submatches corresponding to the last successful match are labelled starting at `zeroth_submatch`. The entry `\l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int` in `\g__regex_submatch_prev_intarray` holds the position at which that match attempt started: this is used for splitting and replacements.

```

20685 \int_new:N \l__regex_min_submatch_int
20686 \int_new:N \l__regex_submatch_int
20687 \int_new:N \l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int

```

(End definition for `\l__regex_min_submatch_int`, `\l__regex_submatch_int`, and `\l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int`.)

`\g_regex_submatch_prev_intarray` Hold the place where the match attempt begun and the end-points of each submatch.

```

\g_regex_submatch_begin_intarray 20688 \__intarray_new:Nn \g_regex_submatch_prev_intarray { 65536 }
\g_regex_submatch_end_intarray    20689 \__intarray_new:Nn \g_regex_submatch_begin_intarray { 65536 }
                                   20690 \__intarray_new:Nn \g_regex_submatch_end_intarray { 65536 }

```

*(End definition for \g\_regex\_submatch\_prev\_intarray, \g\_regex\_submatch\_begin\_intarray, and \g\_regex\_submatch\_end\_intarray.)*

`\__regex_return:` This function triggers either `\prg_return_false:` or `\prg_return_true:` as appropriate to whether a match was found or not. It is used by all user conditionals.

```

20691 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_return:
20692 {
20693   \if_meaning:w \c_true_bool \g_regex_success_bool
20694     \prg_return_true:
20695   \else:
20696     \prg_return_false:
20697   \fi:
20698 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_regex\_return:.)*

### 36.7.2 Matching

`\__regex_if_match:nn` We don't track submatches, and stop after a single match. Build the NFA with #1, and perform the match on the query #2.

```

20699 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_if_match:nn #1#2
20700 {
20701   \group_begin:
20702     \__regex_disable_submatches:
20703     \__regex_single_match:
20704     #1
20705     \__regex_match:n {#2}
20706   \group_end:
20707 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_regex\_if\_match:nn.)*

`\__regex_count:nnN` Again, we don't care about submatches. Instead of aborting after the first "longest match" is found, we search for multiple matches, incrementing `\l__regex_match_count_int` every time to record the number of matches. Build the NFA and match. At the end, store the result in the user's variable.

```

20708 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_count:nnN #1#2#3
20709 {
20710   \group_begin:
20711     \__regex_disable_submatches:
20712     \int_zero:N \l__regex_match_count_int
20713     \__regex_multi_match:n { \int_incr:N \l__regex_match_count_int }
20714     #1
20715     \__regex_match:n {#2}
20716     \exp_args:NNNo
20717   \group_end:
20718   \int_set:Nn #3 { \int_use:N \l__regex_match_count_int }
20719 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_regex\_count:nnN.)*

### 36.7.3 Extracting submatches

`__regex_extract_once:nnN` Match once or multiple times. After each match (or after the only match), extract the submatches using `__regex_extract:.` At the end, store the sequence containing all the submatches into the user variable #3 after closing the group.

```
20720 \cs_new_protected:Npn __regex_extract_once:nnN #1#2#3
20721 {
20722   \group_begin:
20723     __regex_single_match:
20724     #1
20725     __regex_match:n {#2}
20726     __regex_extract:
20727     __regex_group_end_extract_seq:N #3
20728   }
20729 \cs_new_protected:Npn __regex_extract_all:nnN #1#2#3
20730 {
20731   \group_begin:
20732     __regex_multi_match:n { __regex_extract: }
20733     #1
20734     __regex_match:n {#2}
20735     __regex_group_end_extract_seq:N #3
20736   }
```

(End definition for `__regex_extract_once:nnN` and `__regex_extract_all:nnN`.)

`__regex_split:nnN` Splitting at submatches is a bit more tricky. For each match, extract all submatches, and replace the zeroth submatch by the part of the query between the start of the match attempt and the start of the zeroth submatch. This is inhibited if the delimiter matched an empty token list at the start of this match attempt. After the last match, store the last part of the token list, which ranges from the start of the match attempt to the end of the query. This step is inhibited if the last match was empty and at the very end: decrement `\l__regex_submatch_int`, which controls which matches will be used.

```
20737 \cs_new_protected:Npn __regex_split:nnN #1#2#3
20738 {
20739   \group_begin:
20740     __regex_multi_match:n
20741     {
20742       \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_start_pos_int < \l__regex_success_pos_int
20743         __regex_extract:
20744         __intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_submatch_prev_intarray
20745         { \l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int } { 0 }
20746         __intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_submatch_end_intarray
20747         { \l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int }
20748         {
20749           __intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_submatch_begin_intarray
20750           { \l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int }
20751         }
20752         __intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_submatch_begin_intarray
20753         { \l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int }
20754         { \l__regex_start_pos_int }
20755       \fi:
20756     }
20757     #1
20758     __regex_match:n {#2}
```

```

20759 (assert)\assert_int:n { \l__regex_curr_pos_int = \l__regex_max_pos_int }
20760   \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_submatch_prev_intarray
20761     { \l__regex_submatch_int } { 0 }
20762   \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_submatch_end_intarray
20763     { \l__regex_submatch_int }
20764     { \l__regex_max_pos_int }
20765   \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_submatch_begin_intarray
20766     { \l__regex_submatch_int }
20767     { \l__regex_start_pos_int }
20768   \int_incr:N \l__regex_submatch_int
20769   \if_meaning:w \c_true_bool \l__regex_empty_success_bool
20770     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_start_pos_int = \l__regex_max_pos_int
20771       \int_decr:N \l__regex_submatch_int
20772     \fi:
20773   \fi:
20774   \__regex_group_end_extract_seq:N #3
20775 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_split:nnN`.)

`\__regex_group_end_extract_seq:N` The end-points of submatches are stored as entries of two arrays from `\l__regex_min_submatch_int` to `\l__regex_submatch_int` (exclusive). Extract the relevant ranges into `\l__regex_internal_a_tl`. We detect unbalanced results using the two flags `@@_begin` and `@@_end`, raised whenever we see too many begin-group or end-group tokens in a submatch. We disable `\__seq_item:n` to prevent two x-expansions.

```

20776 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_group_end_extract_seq:N #1
20777 {
20778   \cs_set_eq:NN \__seq_item:n \scan_stop:
20779   \flag_clear:n { __regex_begin }
20780   \flag_clear:n { __regex_end }
20781   \tl_set:Nx \l__regex_internal_a_tl
20782     {
20783     \s__seq
20784     \int_step_function:nnnN
20785       { \l__regex_min_submatch_int }
20786       { 1 }
20787       { \l__regex_submatch_int - 1 }
20788     \__regex_extract_seq_aux:n
20789   }
20790   \int_compare:nNnF
20791     { \flag_height:n { __regex_begin } + \flag_height:n { __regex_end } }
20792     = 0
20793   {
20794     \__kernel_msg_error:nnxxx { kernel } { result-unbalanced }
20795     { splitting~or~extracting~submatches }
20796     { \flag_height:n { __regex_end } }
20797     { \flag_height:n { __regex_begin } }
20798   }
20799   \use:x
20800   {
20801     \group_end:
20802     \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N #1 { \l__regex_internal_a_tl }
20803   }
20804 }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_group_end_extract_seq:N`.)

`\_regex_extract_seq_aux:n` The `:n` auxiliary builds one item of the sequence of submatches. First compute the  
`\_regex_extract_seq_aux:ww` brace balance of the submatch, then extract the submatch from the query, adding the appropriate braces and raising a flag if the submatch is not balanced.

```
20805 \cs_new:Npn \_regex_extract_seq_aux:n #1
20806   {
20807     \_seq_item:n
20808     {
20809       \exp_after:wN \_regex_extract_seq_aux:ww
20810       \_int_value:w \_regex_submatch_balance:n {#1} ; #1;
20811     }
20812   }
20813 \cs_new:Npn \_regex_extract_seq_aux:ww #1; #2;
20814   {
20815     \if_int_compare:w #1 < 0 \exp_stop_f:
20816     \flag_raise:n { \_regex_end }
20817     \prg_replicate:nn {-#1} { \exp_not:n { \if_false: } \fi: }
20818     \fi:
20819     \_regex_query_submatch:n {#2}
20820     \if_int_compare:w #1 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
20821     \flag_raise:n { \_regex_begin }
20822     \prg_replicate:nn {#1} { \exp_not:n { \if_false: { \fi: } } }
20823     \fi:
20824   }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_extract_seq_aux:n` and `\_regex_extract_seq_aux:ww`.)

`\_regex_extract:` Our task here is to extract from the property list `\l__regex_success_submatches_prop`  
`\_regex_extract_b:wn` the list of end-points of submatches, and store them in appropriate array entries, from  
`\_regex_extract_e:wn` `\l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int` upwards. We begin by emptying those entries. This is somewhat a hack: the *(key)* is a non-negative integer followed by `<` or `>`, which we use in a comparison to `-1`. At the end, store the information about the position at which the match attempt started, in `\g__regex_submatch_prev_intarray`.

```
20825 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_extract:
20826   {
20827     \if_meaning:w \c_true_bool \g__regex_success_bool
20828     \int_set_eq:NN \l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int \l__regex_submatch_int
20829     \prg_replicate:nn \l__regex_capturing_group_int
20830     {
20831       \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_submatch_begin_intarray
20832       { \l__regex_submatch_int } { 0 }
20833       \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_submatch_end_intarray
20834       { \l__regex_submatch_int } { 0 }
20835       \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_submatch_prev_intarray
20836       { \l__regex_submatch_int } { 0 }
20837       \int_incr:N \l__regex_submatch_int
20838     }
20839     \prop_map_inline:Nn \l__regex_success_submatches_prop
20840     {
20841       \if_int_compare:w ##1 - 1 \exp_stop_f:
20842       \exp_after:wN \_regex_extract_e:wn \_int_value:w
```

```

20843         \else:
20844             \exp_after:wN \__regex_extract_b:wn \__int_value:w
20845         \fi:
20846         \__int_eval:w \l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int + ##1 {##2}
20847     }
20848     \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_submatch_prev_intarray
20849     { \l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int } { \l__regex_start_pos_int }
20850 \fi:
20851 }
20852 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_extract_b:wn #1 < #2
20853 { \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_submatch_begin_intarray {#1} {#2} }
20854 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_extract_e:wn #1 > #2
20855 { \__intarray_gset_fast:Nnn \g__regex_submatch_end_intarray {#1} {#2} }

```

(End definition for \\_\_regex\_extract:, \\_\_regex\_extract\_b:wn, and \\_\_regex\_extract\_e:wn.)

### 36.7.4 Replacement

\\_\_regex\_replace\_once:nnN Build the NFA and the replacement functions, then find a single match. If the match failed, simply exit the group. Otherwise, we do the replacement. Extract submatches. Compute the brace balance corresponding to replacing this match by the replacement (this depends on submatches). Prepare the replaced token list: the replacement function produces the tokens from the start of the query to the start of the match and the replacement text for this match; we need to add the tokens from the end of the match to the end of the query. Finally, store the result in the user's variable after closing the group: this step involves an additional x-expansion, and checks that braces are balanced in the final result.

```

20856 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_replace_once:nnN #1#2#3
20857 {
20858     \group_begin:
20859     \__regex_single_match:
20860     #1
20861     \__regex_replacement:n {#2}
20862     \exp_args:No \__regex_match:n { #3 }
20863     \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool \g__regex_success_bool
20864     \group_end:
20865     \else:
20866         \__regex_extract:
20867         \int_set:Nn \l__regex_balance_int
20868         {
20869             \__regex_replacement_balance_one_match:n
20870             { \l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int }
20871         }
20872         \tl_set:Nx \l__regex_internal_a_tl
20873         {
20874             \__regex_replacement_do_one_match:n { \l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int }
20875             \__regex_query_range:nn
20876             {
20877                 \__intarray_item_fast:Nn \g__regex_submatch_end_intarray
20878                 { \l__regex_zeroth_submatch_int }
20879             }
20880             { \l__regex_max_pos_int }
20881         }
20882         \__regex_group_end_replace:N #3
20883     \fi:

```

```
20884 }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_replace_once:nnN`.)

`\_regex_replace_all:nnN` Match multiple times, and for every match, extract submatches and additionally store the position at which the match attempt started. The entries from `\l__regex_min_submatch_int` to `\l__regex_submatch_int` hold information about submatches of every match in order; each match corresponds to `\l__regex_capturing_group_int` consecutive entries. Compute the brace balance corresponding to doing all the replacements: this is the sum of brace balances for replacing each match. Join together the replacement texts for each match (including the part of the query before the match), and the end of the query.

```
20885 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_replace_all:nnN #1#2#3
20886 {
20887   \group_begin:
20888     \_regex_multi_match:n { \_regex_extract: }
20889     #1
20890     \_regex_replacement:n {#2}
20891     \exp_args:No \_regex_match:n {#3}
20892     \int_set:Nn \l__regex_balance_int
20893     {
20894       0
20895       \int_step_function:nnnN
20896         { \l__regex_min_submatch_int }
20897         \l__regex_capturing_group_int
20898         { \l__regex_submatch_int - 1 }
20899         \_regex_replacement_balance_one_match:n
20900     }
20901     \tl_set:Nx \l__regex_internal_a_tl
20902     {
20903       \int_step_function:nnnN
20904         { \l__regex_min_submatch_int }
20905         \l__regex_capturing_group_int
20906         { \l__regex_submatch_int - 1 }
20907         \_regex_replacement_do_one_match:n
20908         \_regex_query_range:nn
20909         \l__regex_start_pos_int \l__regex_max_pos_int
20910     }
20911     \_regex_group_end_replace:N #3
20912 }
```

(End definition for `\_regex_replace_all:nnN`.)

`\_regex_group_end_replace:N` If the brace balance is not 0, raise an error. Then set the user's variable #1 to the x-expansion of `\l__regex_internal_a_tl`, adding the appropriate braces to produce a balanced result. And end the group.

```
20913 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_regex_group_end_replace:N #1
20914 {
20915   \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_balance_int = 0 \exp_stop_f:
20916   \else:
20917     \__kernel_msg_error:nnxxx { kernel } { result-unbalanced }
20918     { replacing }
20919     { \int_max:nn { - \l__regex_balance_int } { 0 } }
20920     { \int_max:nn { \l__regex_balance_int } { 0 } }
```

```

20921 \fi:
20922 \use:x
20923 {
20924   \group_end:
20925   \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N #1
20926   {
20927     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_balance_int < 0 \exp_stop_f:
20928     \prg_replicate:nn { - \l__regex_balance_int }
20929     { { \if_false: } \fi: }
20930     \fi:
20931     \l__regex_internal_a_tl
20932     \if_int_compare:w \l__regex_balance_int > 0 \exp_stop_f:
20933     \prg_replicate:nn { \l__regex_balance_int }
20934     { \if_false: { \fi: } }
20935     \fi:
20936   }
20937 }
20938 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_group_end_replace:N`.)

### 36.7.5 Storing and showing compiled patterns

## 36.8 Messages

Messages for the preparsing phase.

```

20939 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { trailing-backslash }
20940 { Trailing-escape-character~'\iow_char:N\\'. }
20941 {
20942   A~regular-expression-or-its-replacement-text-ends-with~
20943   the-escape-character~'\iow_char:N\\'.~It-will-be-ignored.
20944 }
20945 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { x-missing-rbrace }
20946 { Missing-closing-brace-in~'\iow_char:N\\x'~hexadecimal-sequence. }
20947 {
20948   You-wrote-something-like~
20949   '\iow_char:N\\x\{...#1'~
20950   The-closing-brace-is-missing.
20951 }
20952 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { x-overflow }
20953 { Character-code~'#1'~too-large-in~'\iow_char:N\\x'~hexadecimal-sequence. }
20954 {
20955   You-wrote-something-like~
20956   '\iow_char:N\\x\{\int_to_Hex:n{#1}\}'~
20957   The-character-code~#1~is-larger-than~
20958   the-maximum-value~\int_use:N \c_max_char_int.
20959 }

```

Invalid quantifier.

```

20960 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { invalid-quantifier }
20961 { Braced-quantifier~'#1'~may-not-be-followed-by~'#2'. }
20962 {
20963   The-character~'#2'~is-invalid-in-the-braced-quantifier~'#1'~
20964   The-only-valid-quantifiers-are~'*',~'?+',~'+',~'\{<int>',~
20965   '\{<min>,}'~and~'\{<min>,<max>}',~optionally-followed-by~'?'~.

```

20966 }

Messages for missing or extra closing brackets and parentheses, with some fancy singular/plural handling for the case of parentheses.

```
20967 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmn { kernel } { missing-rbrack }
20968 { Missing-right-bracket-inserted-in-regular-expression. }
20969 {
20970   LaTeX-was-given-a-regular-expression-where-a-character-class-
20971   was-started-with~'[,~but~the~matching~'~is-missing.
20972 }
20973 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmn { kernel } { missing-rparen }
20974 {
20975   Missing-right~
20976   \int_compare:nTF { #1 = 1 } { parenthesis } { parentheses } ~
20977   inserted-in-regular-expression.
20978 }
20979 {
20980   LaTeX-was-given-a-regular-expression-with~\int_eval:n {#1} ~
20981   more~left~parentheses~than~right~parentheses.
20982 }
20983 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmn { kernel } { extra-rparen }
20984 { Extra-right-parenthesis-ignored-in-regular-expression. }
20985 {
20986   LaTeX-came-across-a-closing-parenthesis-when-no-submatch-group~
20987   was-open.~The-parenthesis-will-be-ignored.
20988 }
```

Some escaped alphanumerics are not allowed everywhere.

```
20989 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmn { kernel } { bad-escape }
20990 {
20991   Invalid-escape~'\iow_char:N\|#1'~
20992   \__regex_if_in_cs:TF { within-a-control-sequence. }
20993   {
20994     \__regex_if_in_class:TF
20995     { in-a-character-class. }
20996     { following-a-category-test. }
20997   }
20998 }
20999 {
21000   The-escape-sequence~'\iow_char:N\|#1'~may-not-appear~
21001   \__regex_if_in_cs:TF
21002   {
21003     within-a-control-sequence-test-introduced-by~
21004     '\iow_char:N\|c\iow_char:N\{' .
21005   }
21006   {
21007     \__regex_if_in_class:TF
21008     { within-a-character-class~ }
21009     { following-a-category-test-such-as~'\iow_char:N\|cL'~ }
21010     because-it-does-not-match-exactly-one-character.
21011   }
21012 }
```

Range errors.

```
21013 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmn { kernel } { range-missing-end }
```

```

21014 { Invalid-end-point-for-range-`#1-#2'-in-character-class. }
21015 {
21016   The-end-point-`#2'-of-the-range-`#1-#2'-may-not-serve-as-an-
21017   end-point-for-a-range:~alphanumeric~characters~should~not~be-
21018   escaped,~and-non-alphanumeric~characters~should~be-escaped.
21019 }
21020 \_kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { range-backwards }
21021 { Range-`#1-#2'-out-of-order-in-character-class. }
21022 {
21023   In-ranges-of-characters-`[x-y]'-appearing-in-character-classes,~
21024   the-first-character-code-must-not-be-larger-than-the-second.~
21025   Here,~`#1'-has-character-code-\int_eval:n {`#1},~while~
21026   `#2'-has-character-code-\int_eval:n {`#2}.
21027 }

```

Errors related to \c and \u.

```

21028 \_kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { c-bad-mode }
21029 { Invalid-nested-'\iow_char:N\\c'-escape-in-regular-expression. }
21030 {
21031   The-'\iow_char:N\\c'-escape-cannot-be-used-within~
21032   a-control-sequence-test-'\iow_char:N\\c{...}'.~
21033   To-combine-several-category-tests,~use-'\iow_char:N\\c[...]'.
21034 }
21035 \_kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { c-C-invalid }
21036 { '\iow_char:N\\cC'-should-be-followed-by-'.-or-'(',~not-`#1'. }
21037 {
21038   The-'\iow_char:N\\cC'-construction-restricts-the-next-item-to-be-a-
21039   control-sequence-or-the-next-group-to-be-made-of-control-sequences.~
21040   It-only-makes-sense-to-follow-it-by-'.-or-by-a-group.
21041 }
21042 \_kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { c-missing-rbrace }
21043 { Missing-right-brace-inserted-for-'\iow_char:N\\c'-escape. }
21044 {
21045   LaTeX-was-given-a-regular-expression-where-a-
21046   '\iow_char:N\\c\iow_char:N{...}'-construction-was-not-ended-
21047   with-a-closing-brace-'\iow_char:N}'.
21048 }
21049 \_kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { c-missing-rbrack }
21050 { Missing-right-bracket-inserted-for-'\iow_char:N\\c'-escape. }
21051 {
21052   A-construction-'\iow_char:N\\c[...]'-appears-in-a-
21053   regular-expression,~but-the-closing-']'-is-not-present.
21054 }
21055 \_kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { c-missing-category }
21056 { Invalid-character-`#1'-following-'\iow_char:N\\c'-escape. }
21057 {
21058   In-regular-expressions,~the-'\iow_char:N\\c'-escape-sequence~
21059   may-only-be-followed-by-a-left-brace,~a-left-bracket,~or-a-
21060   capital-letter-representing-a-character-category,~namely~
21061   one-of-`ABCDELMPSTU'.
21062 }
21063 \_kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { c-trailing }
21064 { Trailing-category-code-escape-'\iow_char:N\\c'... }
21065 {
21066   A-regular-expression-ends-with-'\iow_char:N\\c'-followed-

```

```

21067     by~a~letter.~It~will~be~ignored.
21068   }
21069   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { u-missing-lbrace }
21070   { Missing~left~brace~following~'\iow_char:N\\u'~escape. }
21071   {
21072     The~'\iow_char:N\\u'~escape~sequence~must~be~followed~by~
21073     a~brace~group~with~the~name~of~the~variable~to~use.
21074   }
21075   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { u-missing-rbrace }
21076   { Missing~right~brace~inserted~for~'\iow_char:N\\u'~escape. }
21077   {
21078     LaTeX~
21079     \str_if_eq_x:nnTF { } {#2}
21080     { reached~the~end~of~the~string~ }
21081     { encountered~an~escaped~alphanumeric~character~'\iow_char:N\\#2'~ }
21082     when~parsing~the~argument~of~an~'\iow_char:N\\u\iow_char:N\\{...}'~escape.
21083   }

```

Errors when encountering the POSIX syntax [:...:].

```

21084   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { posix-unsupported }
21085   { POSIX~collating~element~'\#1 ~ #1'~not~supported. }
21086   {
21087     The~'\[.foo.]'~and~'\[=bar=]'~syntaxes~have~a~special~meaning~
21088     in~POSIX~regular~expressions.~This~is~not~supported~by~LaTeX.~
21089     Maybe~you~forgot~to~escape~a~left~bracket~in~a~character~class?
21090   }
21091   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { posix-unknown }
21092   { POSIX~class~'\[:#1:]'~unknown. }
21093   {
21094     '\[:#1:]'~is~not~among~the~known~POSIX~classes~
21095     '\[:alnum:]',~'\[:alpha:]',~'\[:ascii:]',~'\[:blank:]',~
21096     '\[:cntrl:]',~'\[:digit:]',~'\[:graph:]',~'\[:lower:]',~
21097     '\[:print:]',~'\[:punct:]',~'\[:space:]',~'\[:upper:]',~
21098     '\[:word:]',~and~'\[:xdigit:]'.
21099   }
21100   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { posix-missing-close }
21101   { Missing~closing~':'~for~POSIX~class. }
21102   { The~POSIX~syntax~'\#1'~must~be~followed~by~':'',~not~'\#2'. }

```

In various cases, the result of a l3regex operation can leave us with an unbalanced token list, which we must re-balance by adding begin-group or end-group character tokens.

```

21103   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { result-unbalanced }
21104   { Missing~brace~inserted~when~#1. }
21105   {
21106     LaTeX~was~asked~to~do~some~regular~expression~operation,~
21107     and~the~resulting~token~list~would~not~have~the~same~number~
21108     of~begin~group~and~end~group~tokens.~Braces~were~inserted:~
21109     #2~left,~#3~right.
21110   }

```

Error message for unknown options.

```

21111   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { unknown-option }
21112   { Unknown~option~'\#1'~for~regular~expressions. }
21113   {

```

```

21114     The~only~available~option~is~'case-insensitive',~toggled-by-
21115     '(?i)'~and~'(?-i)'.
21116   }
21117   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { special-group-unknown }
21118   { Unknown~special~group~'#1~...'~in~a~regular~expression. }
21119   {
21120     The~only~valid~constructions~starting~with~'?'~are~
21121     '(:~...~)',~'(?|~...~)',~'(?i)',~and~'(?-i)'.
21122   }

Errors in the replacement text.

21123   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { replacement-c }
21124   { Misused~'\iow_char:N\\c'~command~in~a~replacement~text. }
21125   {
21126     In~a~replacement~text,~the~'\iow_char:N\\c'~escape~sequence~
21127     can~be~followed~by~one~of~the~letters~'ABCDELMPSTU'~
21128     or~a~brace~group,~not~by~'#1'.
21129   }
21130   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { replacement-u }
21131   { Misused~'\iow_char:N\\u'~command~in~a~replacement~text. }
21132   {
21133     In~a~replacement~text,~the~'\iow_char:N\\u'~escape~sequence~
21134     must~be~followed~by~a~brace~group~holding~the~name~of~the~
21135     variable~to~use.
21136   }
21137   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { replacement-g }
21138   {
21139     Missing~brace~for~the~'\iow_char:N\\g'~construction~
21140     in~a~replacement~text.
21141   }
21142   {
21143     In~the~replacement~text~for~a~regular~expression~search,~
21144     submatches~are~represented~either~as~'\iow_char:N \\g{dd..d}',~
21145     or~'\d',~where~'d'~are~single~digits.~Here,~a~brace~is~missing.
21146   }
21147   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { replacement-catcode-end }
21148   {
21149     Missing~character~for~the~'\iow_char:N\\c<category><character>'~
21150     construction~in~a~replacement~text.
21151   }
21152   {
21153     In~a~replacement~text,~the~'\iow_char:N\\c'~escape~sequence~
21154     can~be~followed~by~one~of~the~letters~'ABCDELMPSTU'~representing~
21155     the~character~category.~Then,~a~character~must~follow.~LaTeX~
21156     reached~the~end~of~the~replacement~when~looking~for~that.
21157   }
21158   \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { replacement-catcode-escaped }
21159   {
21160     Escaped~letter~or~digit~after~category~code~in~replacement~text.
21161   }
21162   {
21163     In~a~replacement~text,~the~'\iow_char:N\\c'~escape~sequence~
21164     can~be~followed~by~one~of~the~letters~'ABCDELMPSTU'~representing~
21165     the~character~category.~Then,~a~character,~not~
21166     '\iow_char:N\\#2'.

```

```

21167 }
21168 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { replacement-catcode-in-cs }
21169 {
21170   Category-code-'\iow_char:N\c#1#3'~ignored-inside-
21171   '\iow_char:N\c\{...\}'~in-a-replacement-text.
21172 }
21173 {
21174   In-a-replacement-text,~the-category-codes-of-the-argument-of-
21175   '\iow_char:N\c\{...\}'~are-ignored-when-building-the-control-
21176   sequence-name.
21177 }
21178 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { replacement-null-space }
21179 { TeX-cannot-build-a-space-token-with-character-code-0. }
21180 {
21181   You-asked-for-a-character-token-with-category-space,~
21182   and-character-code-0,~for-instance-through-
21183   '\iow_char:N\cS\iow_char:N\x00'.~
21184   This-specific-case-is-impossible-and-will-be-replaced-
21185   by-a-normal-space.
21186 }
21187 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { replacement-missing-rbrace }
21188 { Missing-right-brace-inserted-in-replacement-text. }
21189 {
21190   There~ \int_compare:nTF { #1 = 1 } { was } { were } ~ #1-
21191   missing-right-\int_compare:nTF { #1 = 1 } { brace } { braces } .
21192 }
21193 \__kernel_msg_new:nmmm { kernel } { replacement-missing-rparen }
21194 { Missing-right-parenthesis-inserted-in-replacement-text. }
21195 {
21196   There~ \int_compare:nTF { #1 = 1 } { was } { were } ~ #1-
21197   missing-right-\int_compare:nTF { #1 = 1 } { parenthesis } { parentheses } .
21198 }

```

Used when showing a regex.

```

21199 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { show-regex }
21200 {
21201   >~Compiled~regex~
21202   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1} { variable~ #2 } { {#1} } :
21203   #3
21204 }

```

`\__regex_msg_repeated:nnN` This is not technically a message, but seems related enough to go there. The arguments are: #1 is the minimum number of repetitions; #2 is the number of allowed extra repetitions (−1 for infinite number), and #3 tells us about lazyness.

```

21205 \cs_new:Npn \__regex_msg_repeated:nnN #1#2#3
21206 {
21207   \str_if_eq_x:nnF { #1 #2 } { 1 0 }
21208   {
21209     , ~ repeated ~
21210     \int_case:nnF {#2}
21211     {
21212       { -1 } { #1~or-more-times,~\bool_if:NTF #3 { lazy } { greedy } }
21213       { 0 } { #1~times }
21214     }

```

```

21215         {
21216             between~#1~and~\int_eval:n {#1+#2}~times,~
21217             \bool_if:NTF #3 { lazy } { greedy }
21218         }
21219     }
21220 }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_msg_repeated:nnN`.)

## 36.9 Code for tracing

There is a more extensive implementation of tracing in the `l3trial` package `l3trace`. Function names are a bit different but could be merged.

`\__regex_trace_push:nnN` Here `#1` is the module name (`regex`) and `#2` is typically 1. If the module's current tracing level is less than `#2` show nothing, otherwise write `#3` to the terminal.

```

\__regex_trace_pop:nnN
\__regex_trace:nnx
21221 \__kernel_debug:TF
21222 {
21223     \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_trace_push:nnN #1#2#3
21224     { \__regex_trace:nnx {#1} {#2} { entering~ \token_to_str:N #3 } }
21225     \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_trace_pop:nnN #1#2#3
21226     { \__regex_trace:nnx {#1} {#2} { leaving~ \token_to_str:N #3 } }
21227     \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_trace:nnx #1#2#3
21228     {
21229         \int_compare:nNnF
21230         { \int_use:c { g__regex_trace_#1_int } } < {#2}
21231         { \iow_term:x { Trace:~#3 } }
21232     }
21233 }
21234 { }

```

(End definition for `\__regex_trace_push:nnN`, `\__regex_trace_pop:nnN`, and `\__regex_trace:nnx`.)

`\g__regex_trace_regex_int` No tracing when that is zero.

```
21235 \int_new:N \g__regex_trace_regex_int
```

(End definition for `\g__regex_trace_regex_int`.)

`\__regex_trace_states:n` This function lists the contents of all states of the NFA, stored in `\toks` from 0 to `\l__-regex_max_state_int` (excluded).

```

21236 \__kernel_debug:TF
21237 {
21238     \cs_new_protected:Npn \__regex_trace_states:n #1
21239     {
21240         \int_step_inline:nnnn
21241         \l__regex_min_state_int
21242         { 1 }
21243         { \l__regex_max_state_int - 1 }
21244         {
21245             \__regex_trace:nnx { regex } {#1}
21246             { \iow_char:N \toks ##1 = { \__regex_toks_use:w ##1 } }
21247         }
21248     }
21249 }
21250 { }

```

(End definition for `\_regex_trace_states:n`.)

```
21251 </initex | package>
```

## 37 l3box implementation

```
21252 (*initex | package)
```

```
21253 <@@=box>
```

The code in this module is very straight forward so I'm not going to comment it very extensively.

### 37.1 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 21254 (*package)
21255 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_new:N #1
21256 {
21257   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
21258   \cs:w newbox \cs_end: #1
21259 }
21260 </package>
21261 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_new:N { c }
```

Clear a `<box>` register.

```
21262 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_clear:N #1
\box_clear:N 21263 { \box_set_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_box }
\box_clear:c 21264 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gclear:N #1
\box_gclear:N 21265 { \box_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_box }
\box_gclear:c 21266 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_clear:N { c }
21267 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gclear:N { c }
```

Clear or new.

```
21268 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_clear_new:N #1
\box_clear_new:N 21269 { \box_if_exist:NTF #1 { \box_clear:N #1 } { \box_new:N #1 } }
\box_clear_new:c 21270 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gclear_new:N #1
\box_gclear_new:N 21271 { \box_if_exist:NTF #1 { \box_gclear:N #1 } { \box_new:N #1 } }
\box_gclear_new:c 21272 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_clear_new:N { c }
21273 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gclear_new:N { c }
```

Assigning the contents of a box to be another box.

```
21274 \__kernel_patch:nnNnpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\box_set_eq:NN 21275 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_eq:NN #1#2
\box_set_eq:cN 21276 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_copy:D #2 }
\box_set_eq:Nc 21277 \__kernel_patch:nnNnpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
\box_set_eq:cc 21278 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gset_eq:NN #1#2
\box_gset_eq:NN 21279 { \tex_global:D \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_copy:D #2 }
\box_gset_eq:cN 21280 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }
\box_gset_eq:Nc 21281 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gset_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }
\box_gset_eq:cc
```

Assigning the contents of a box to be another box. This clears the second box globally (that's how T<sub>E</sub>X does it).

```

\box_set_eq_clear:NN 21282 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\box_set_eq_clear:cN 21283 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_eq_clear:NN #1#2
\box_set_eq_clear:Nc 21284 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_box:D #2 }
\box_set_eq_clear:cc 21285 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
\box_gset_eq_clear:NN 21286 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gset_eq_clear:NN #1#2
\box_gset_eq_clear:cN 21287 { \tex_global:D \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_box:D #2 }
\box_gset_eq_clear:Nc 21288 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_eq_clear:NN { c , Nc , cc }
\box_gset_eq_clear:cc 21289 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gset_eq_clear:NN { c , Nc , cc }

```

Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.

```

\box_if_exist_p:N 21290 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \box_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N
\box_if_exist_p:c 21291 { TF , T , F , p }
\box_if_exist:NTF 21292 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \box_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c
\box_if_exist:cTF 21293 { TF , T , F , p }

```

## 37.2 Measuring and setting box dimensions

Accessing the height, depth, and width of a *⟨box⟩* register.

```

\box_ht:N 21294 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_ht:N \tex_ht:D
\box_dp:N 21295 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_dp:N \tex_dp:D
\box_wd:N 21296 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_wd:N \tex_wd:D
\box_ht:c 21297 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_ht:N { c }
\box_dp:c 21298 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_dp:N { c }
\box_wd:c 21299 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_wd:N { c }

```

Setting the size is easy: all primitive work. These primitives are not expandable, so the derived functions are not either. When debugging, the dimension expression #2 is surrounded by parentheses to catch early termination.

```

\box_set_ht:Nn 21300 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_dp:Nn #1#2
\box_set_ht:cn 21301 { \box_dp:N #1 \__dim_eval:n {#2} }
\box_set_dp:Nn 21302 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_ht:Nn #1#2
\box_set_dp:cn 21303 { \box_ht:N #1 \__dim_eval:n {#2} }
\box_set_wd:Nn 21304 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_wd:Nn #1#2
\box_set_wd:cn 21305 { \box_wd:N #1 \__dim_eval:n {#2} }
21306 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_ht:Nn { c }
21307 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_dp:Nn { c }
21308 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_wd:Nn { c }

```

## 37.3 Using boxes

Using a *⟨box⟩*. These are just T<sub>E</sub>X primitives with meaningful names.

```

\box_use_drop:N 21309 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_use_drop:N \tex_box:D
\box_use_drop:c 21310 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_use:N \tex_copy:D
\box_use:N 21311 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_use_drop:N { c }
\box_use:c 21312 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_use:N { c }

```

Move box material in different directions. When debugging, the dimension expression #1 is surrounded by parentheses to catch early termination.

```

\box_move_left:nn 21313 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_move_left:nn #1#2
\box_move_right:nn 21314 { \tex_moveleft:D \__dim_eval:n {#1} #2 }
\box_move_up:nn
\box_move_down:nn

```

```

21315 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_move_right:nn #1#2
21316 { \tex_moveright:D \_dim_eval:n {#1} #2 }
21317 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_move_up:nn #1#2
21318 { \tex_raise:D \_dim_eval:n {#1} #2 }
21319 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_move_down:nn #1#2
21320 { \tex_lower:D \_dim_eval:n {#1} #2 }

```

## 37.4 Box conditionals

The primitives for testing if a  $\langle box \rangle$  is empty/void or which type of box it is.

```

\if_hbox:N 21321 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_hbox:N \tex_ifhbox:D
\if_vbox:N 21322 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_vbox:N \tex_ifvbox:D
\if_box_empty:N 21323 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_box_empty:N \tex_ifvoid:D

```

```

\box_if_horizontal_p:N 21324 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \box_if_horizontal:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
\box_if_horizontal_p:c 21325 { \if_hbox:N #1 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }
\box_if_horizontal:N $\underline{TF}$  21326 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \box_if_vertical:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
\box_if_horizontal:c $\underline{TF}$  21327 { \if_vbox:N #1 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }
\box_if_vertical_p:N 21328 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \box_if_horizontal:N
\box_if_vertical_p:c 21329 { c } { p , T , F , TF }
\box_if_vertical:N $\underline{TF}$  21330 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \box_if_vertical:N
\box_if_vertical:c $\underline{TF}$  21331 { c } { p , T , F , TF }

```

Testing if a  $\langle box \rangle$  is empty/void.

```

\box_if_empty_p:N 21332 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \box_if_empty:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
\box_if_empty_p:c 21333 { \if_box_empty:N #1 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }
\box_if_empty:N $\underline{TF}$  21334 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \box_if_empty:N
\box_if_empty:c $\underline{TF}$  21335 { c } { p , T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for  $\backslash box\_new:N$  and others. These functions are documented on page 220.)

## 37.5 The last box inserted

```

\box_set_to_last:N Set a box to the previous box.
\box_set_to_last:c 21336 \_kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \_kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\box_gset_to_last:N 21337 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_to_last:N #1
\box_gset_to_last:c 21338 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_lastbox:D }
21339 \_kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \_kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
21340 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gset_to_last:N #1
21341 { \tex_global:D \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_lastbox:D }
21342 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_to_last:N { c }
21343 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gset_to_last:N { c }

```

(End definition for  $\backslash box\_set\_to\_last:N$  and  $\backslash box\_gset\_to\_last:N$ . These functions are documented on page 223.)

## 37.6 Constant boxes

$\backslash c\_empty\_box$  A box we never use.

```

21344 \box_new:N \c_empty_box

```

(End definition for  $\backslash c\_empty\_box$ . This variable is documented on page 223.)

## 37.7 Scratch boxes

```

\l_tmpa_box Scratch boxes.
\l_tmpb_box 21345 \box_new:N \l_tmpa_box
\g_tmpa_box 21346 \box_new:N \l_tmpb_box
\g_tmpb_box 21347 \box_new:N \g_tmpa_box
           21348 \box_new:N \g_tmpb_box

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_box` and others. These variables are documented on page 223.)

## 37.8 Viewing box contents

TeX's `\showbox` is not really that helpful in many cases, and it is also inconsistent with other L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 show functions as it does not actually shows material in the terminal. So we provide a richer set of functionality.

```

\box_show:N Essentially a wrapper around the internal function, but evaluating the breadth and depth
\box_show:c arguments now outside the group.
\box_show:Nnn 21349 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_show:N #1
\box_show:cnn 21350 { \box_show:Nnn #1 \c_max_int \c_max_int }
                21351 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_show:N { c }
                21352 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_show:Nnn #1#2#3
                21353 { \__box_show:NNff 1 #1 { \int_eval:n {#2} } { \int_eval:n {#3} } }
                21354 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_show:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\box_show:N` and `\box_show:Nnn`. These functions are documented on page 223.)

```

\box_log:N Getting TeX to write to the log without interruption the run is done by altering the
\box_log:c interaction mode. For that, the  $\epsilon$ -TeX extensions are needed.
\box_log:Nnn 21355 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_log:N #1
\box_log:cnn 21356 { \box_log:Nnn #1 \c_max_int \c_max_int }
\__box_log:nNnn 21357 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_log:N { c }
                21358 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_log:Nnn
                21359 { \exp_args:No \__box_log:nNnn { \tex_the:D \etex_interactionmode:D } }
                21360 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_log:nNnn #1#2#3#4
                21361 {
                21362   \int_set:Nn \etex_interactionmode:D { 0 }
                21363   \__box_show:NNff 0 #2 { \int_eval:n {#3} } { \int_eval:n {#4} }
                21364   \int_set:Nn \etex_interactionmode:D {#1}
                21365 }
                21366 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_log:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\box_log:N`, `\box_log:Nnn`, and `\__box_log:nNnn`. These functions are documented on page 224.)

```

\__box_show:NNnn The internal auxiliary to actually do the output uses a group to deal with breadth and
\__box_show:NNff depth values. The \use:n here gives better output appearance. Setting \tracingonline
and \errorcontextlines is used to control what appears in the terminal.
                21367 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_show:NNnn #1#2#3#4
                21368 {
                21369   \box_if_exist:NTF #2
                21370   {
                21371     \group_begin:
                21372     \int_set:Nn \tex_showboxbreadth:D {#3}

```

```

21373         \int_set:Nn \tex_showboxdepth:D {#4}
21374         \int_set:Nn \tex_tracingonline:D {#1}
21375         \int_set:Nn \tex_errorcontextlines:D { -1 }
21376         \tex_showbox:D \use:n {#2}
21377     \group_end:
21378 }
21379 {
21380     \__kernel_msg_error:nxn { kernel } { variable-not-defined }
21381     { \token_to_str:N #2 }
21382 }
21383 }
21384 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__box_show:NNnn { NNff }

```

(End definition for \\_\_box\_show:NNnn.)

## 37.9 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.

```

21385 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox:n #1
21386 { \tex_hbox:D \scan_stop: { \color_group_begin: #1 \color_group_end: } }

```

(End definition for \hbox:n. This function is documented on page 224.)

```

\hbox_set:Nn
\hbox_set:cn 21387 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\hbox_gset:Nn 21388 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_set:Nn #1#2
\hbox_gset:cn 21389 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_hbox:D { \color_group_begin: #2 \color_group_end: } }
21390 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
21391 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_gset:Nn #1#2
21392 {
21393     \tex_global:D \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_hbox:D
21394     { \color_group_begin: #2 \color_group_end: }
21395 }
21396 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_set:Nn { c }
21397 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_gset:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for \hbox\_set:Nn and \hbox\_gset:Nn. These functions are documented on page 224.)

**\hbox\_set\_to\_wd:Nnn** Storing material in a horizontal box with a specified width. Again, put the dimension expression in parentheses when debugging.

```

\hbox_set_to_wd:cn
\hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnn 21398 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\hbox_gset_to_wd:cn 21399 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn #1#2#3
21400 {
21401     \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_hbox:D to \__dim_eval:n {#2}
21402     { \color_group_begin: #3 \color_group_end: }
21403 }
21404 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
21405 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnn #1#2#3
21406 {
21407     \tex_global:D \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_hbox:D to \__dim_eval:n {#2}
21408     { \color_group_begin: #3 \color_group_end: }
21409 }
21410 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn { c }
21411 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn` and `\hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnn`. These functions are documented on page 224.)

`\hbox_set:Nw` Storing material in a horizontal box. This type is useful in environment definitions.

`\hbox_set:cw` 21412 `\__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }`

`\hbox_gset:Nw` 21413 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_set:Nw #1`

`\hbox_gset:cw` 21414 `{`

`\hbox_set_end:` 21415 `\tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_hbox:D`

`\hbox_gset_end:` 21416 `\c_group_begin_token`

21417 `\color_group_begin:`

21418 `}`

21419 `\__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }`

21420 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_gset:Nw #1`

21421 `{`

21422 `\tex_global:D \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_hbox:D`

21423 `\c_group_begin_token`

21424 `\color_group_begin:`

21425 `}`

21426 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_set:Nw { c }`

21427 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_gset:Nw { c }`

21428 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_set_end:`

21429 `{`

21430 `\color_group_end:`

21431 `\c_group_end_token`

21432 `}`

21433 `\cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_gset_end: \hbox_set_end:`

(End definition for `\hbox_set:Nw` and others. These functions are documented on page 225.)

`\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnw` Combining the above ideas.

`\hbox_set_to_wd:cnw` 21434 `\__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }`

`\hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnw` 21435 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_set_to_wd:Nnw #1#2`

`\hbox_gset_to_wd:cnw` 21436 `{`

21437 `\tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_hbox:D to \__dim_eval:n {#2}`

21438 `\c_group_begin_token`

21439 `\color_group_begin:`

21440 `}`

21441 `\__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }`

21442 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnw #1#2`

21443 `{`

21444 `\tex_global:D \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_hbox:D to \__dim_eval:n {#2}`

21445 `\c_group_begin_token`

21446 `\color_group_begin:`

21447 `}`

21448 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_set_to_wd:Nnw { c }`

21449 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnw { c }`

(End definition for `\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnw` and `\hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnw`. These functions are documented on page 225.)

`\hbox_to_wd:nn` Put a horizontal box directly into the input stream.

`\hbox_to_zero:n` 21450 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_to_wd:nn #1#2`

21451 `{`

21452 `\tex_hbox:D to \__dim_eval:n {#1}`

21453 `{ \color_group_begin: #2 \color_group_end: }`

```

21454 }
21455 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_to_zero:n #1
21456 { \tex_hbox:D to \c_zero_dim { \color_group_begin: #1 \color_group_end: } }

```

(End definition for `\hbox_to_wd:nn` and `\hbox_to_zero:n`. These functions are documented on page 224.)

`\hbox_overlap_left:n` Put a zero-sized box with the contents pushed against one side (which makes it stick out on the other) directly into the input stream.

```

21457 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_overlap_left:n #1
21458 { \hbox_to_zero:n { \tex_hss:D #1 } }
21459 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_overlap_right:n #1
21460 { \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 225.)

`\hbox_unpack:N` Unpacking a box and if requested also clear it.

```

\hbox_unpack:c
\hbox_unpack_clear:N
21461 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_unpack:N \tex_unhcopy:D
21462 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_unpack_clear:N \tex_unhbox:D
21463 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_unpack:N { c }
21464 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_unpack_clear:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\hbox_unpack:N` and `\hbox_unpack_clear:N`. These functions are documented on page 225.)

## 37.10 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`.

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`\vbox_top:n` Put a vertical box directly into the input stream.

```

21465 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox:n #1
21466 { \tex_vbox:D { \color_group_begin: #1 \color_group_end: } }
21467 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_top:n #1
21468 { \tex_vtop:D { \color_group_begin: #1 \color_group_end: } }

```

(End definition for `\vbox:n` and `\vbox_top:n`. These functions are documented on page 225.)

`\vbox_to_ht:nn` Put a vertical box directly into the input stream.

```

\vbox_to_zero:n
\vbox_to_ht:nn
\vbox_to_zero:n
21469 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_to_ht:nn #1#2
21470 {
21471   \tex_vbox:D to \__dim_eval:n {#1}
21472   { \color_group_begin: #2 \color_group_end: }
21473 }
21474 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_to_zero:n #1
21475 {
21476   \tex_vbox:D to \c_zero_dim
21477   { \color_group_begin: #1 \color_group_end: }
21478 }

```

(End definition for `\vbox_to_ht:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 226.)

**`\vbox_set:Nn`** Storing material in a vertical box with a natural height.  
**`\vbox_set:cn`** 21479 `__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { __kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }`  
**`\vbox_gset:Nn`** 21480 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set:Nn #1#2`  
**`\vbox_gset:cn`** 21481 `{`  
21482 `\tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vbox:D`  
21483 `{ \color_group_begin: #2 \color_group_end: }`  
21484 `}`  
21485 `__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { __kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }`  
21486 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_gset:Nn #1#2`  
21487 `{`  
21488 `\tex_global:D \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vbox:D`  
21489 `{ \color_group_begin: #2 \color_group_end: }`  
21490 `}`  
21491 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_set:Nn { c }`  
21492 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_gset:Nn { c }`

*(End definition for `\vbox_set:Nn` and `\vbox_gset:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 226.)*

**`\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`** 21493 `__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { __kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }`  
**`\vbox_gset_top:cn`** 21494 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set_top:Nn #1#2`  
21495 `{`  
21496 `\tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vtop:D`  
21497 `{ \color_group_begin: #2 \color_group_end: }`  
21498 `}`  
21499 `__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { __kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }`  
21500 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_gset_top:Nn #1#2`  
21501 `{`  
21502 `\tex_global:D \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vtop:D`  
21503 `{ \color_group_begin: #2 \color_group_end: }`  
21504 `}`  
21505 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_set_top:Nn { c }`  
21506 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_gset_top:Nn { c }`

*(End definition for `\vbox_set_top:Nn` and `\vbox_gset_top:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 226.)*

**`\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn`** Storing material in a vertical box with a specified height.  
**`\vbox_set_to_ht:cnn`** 21507 `__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { __kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }`  
**`\vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnn`** 21508 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn #1#2#3`  
**`\vbox_gset_to_ht:cnn`** 21509 `{`  
21510 `\tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vbox:D to \__dim_eval:n {#2}`  
21511 `{ \color_group_begin: #3 \color_group_end: }`  
21512 `}`  
21513 `__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { __kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }`  
21514 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnn #1#2#3`  
21515 `{`  
21516 `\tex_global:D \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vbox:D to \__dim_eval:n {#2}`  
21517 `{ \color_group_begin: #3 \color_group_end: }`  
21518 `}`  
21519 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn { c }`  
21520 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnn { c }`

(End definition for `\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn` and `\vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnn`. These functions are documented on page 226.)

```

\vbox_set:Nw Storing material in a vertical box. This type is useful in environment definitions.
\vbox_set:cw 21521 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\vbox_gset:Nw 21522 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set:Nw #1
\vbox_gset:cw 21523 {
\vbox_set_end: 21524 \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vbox:D
\vbox_gset_end: 21525 \c_group_begin_token
21526 \color_group_begin:
21527 }
21528 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
21529 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_gset:Nw #1
21530 {
21531 \tex_global:D \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vbox:D
21532 \c_group_begin_token
21533 \color_group_begin:
21534 }
21535 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_set:Nw { c }
21536 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_gset:Nw { c }
21537 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set_end:
21538 {
21539 \color_group_end:
21540 \c_group_end_token
21541 }
21542 \cs_new_eq:NN \vbox_gset_end: \vbox_set_end:

```

(End definition for `\vbox_set:Nw` and others. These functions are documented on page 226.)

```

\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnw A combination of the above ideas.
\vbox_set_to_ht:cnw 21543 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
\vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnw 21544 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set_to_ht:Nnw #1#2
\vbox_gset_to_ht:cnw 21545 {
21546 \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vbox:D to \__dim_eval:n {#2}
21547 \c_group_begin_token
21548 \color_group_begin:
21549 }
21550 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_global:N #1 } { }
21551 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnw #1#2
21552 {
21553 \tex_global:D \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vbox:D to \__dim_eval:n {#2}
21554 \c_group_begin_token
21555 \color_group_begin:
21556 }
21557 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_set_to_ht:Nnw { c }
21558 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnw { c }

```

(End definition for `\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnw` and `\vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnw`. These functions are documented on page 226.)

```

\vbox_unpack:N Unpacking a box and if requested also clear it.
\vbox_unpack:c 21559 \cs_new_eq:NN \vbox_unpack:N \tex_unvcopy:D
\vbox_unpack_clear:N 21560 \cs_new_eq:NN \vbox_unpack_clear:N \tex_unvbox:D
\vbox_unpack_clear:c 21561 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_unpack:N { c }
21562 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_unpack_clear:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\vbox_unpack:N` and `\vbox_unpack_clear:N`. These functions are documented on page 227.)

`\vbox_set_split_to_ht:NNn` Splitting a vertical box in two.

```
21563 \__kernel_patch:nnNNpn { \__kernel_chk_var_local:N #1 } { }
21564 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set_split_to_ht:NNn #1#2#3
21565   { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vsplit:D #2 to \__dim_eval:n {#3} }
```

(End definition for `\vbox_set_split_to_ht:NNn`. This function is documented on page 226.)

### 37.11 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.

```
21566 \fp_new:N \l__box_angle_fp
```

(End definition for `\l__box_angle_fp`.)

`\l__box_cos_fp` `\l__box_sin_fp` These are used to hold the calculated sine and cosine values while carrying out a rotation.

```
21567 \fp_new:N \l__box_cos_fp
```

```
21568 \fp_new:N \l__box_sin_fp
```

(End definition for `\l__box_cos_fp` and `\l__box_sin_fp`.)

`\l__box_top_dim` `\l__box_bottom_dim` `\l__box_left_dim` `\l__box_right_dim` These are the positions of the four edges of a box before manipulation.

```
21569 \dim_new:N \l__box_top_dim
21570 \dim_new:N \l__box_bottom_dim
21571 \dim_new:N \l__box_left_dim
21572 \dim_new:N \l__box_right_dim
```

(End definition for `\l__box_top_dim` and others.)

`\l__box_top_new_dim` `\l__box_bottom_new_dim` `\l__box_left_new_dim` `\l__box_right_new_dim` These are the positions of the four edges of a box after manipulation.

```
21573 \dim_new:N \l__box_top_new_dim
21574 \dim_new:N \l__box_bottom_new_dim
21575 \dim_new:N \l__box_left_new_dim
21576 \dim_new:N \l__box_right_new_dim
```

(End definition for `\l__box_top_new_dim` and others.)

`\l__box_internal_box` Scratch space, but also needed by some parts of the driver.

```
21577 \box_new:N \l__box_internal_box
```

(End definition for `\l__box_internal_box`.)

`\box_rotate:Nn` `\__box_rotate:N` 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

```
21578 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_rotate:Nn #1#2
```

```
21579   {
```

```
21580     \hbox_set:Nn #1
```

```
21581     {
```

```
21582       \fp_set:Nn \l__box_angle_fp {#2}
```

```
21583       \fp_set:Nn \l__box_sin_fp { sind ( \l__box_angle_fp ) }
```

```
21584       \fp_set:Nn \l__box_cos_fp { cosd ( \l__box_angle_fp ) }
```

```
21585       \__box_rotate:N #1
```

```
21586     }
```

```
21587   }
```

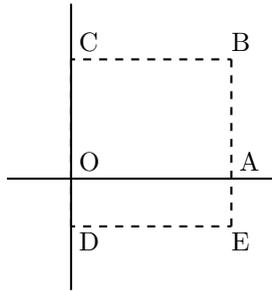


Figure 1: Co-ordinates of a box prior to rotation.

The edges of the box are then recorded: the left edge is always at zero. Rotation of the four edges then takes place: this is most efficiently done on a quadrant by quadrant basis.

```

21588 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_box_rotate:N #1
21589   {
21590     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_dim    { \box_ht:N #1 }
21591     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_dim { -\box_dp:N #1 }
21592     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_dim  { \box_wd:N #1 }
21593     \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.)

```

21594   \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_sin_fp > \c_zero_fp
21595     {
21596       \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_cos_fp > \c_zero_fp
21597         { \_box_rotate_quadrant_one: }
21598         { \_box_rotate_quadrant_two: }
21599     }
21600   {
21601     \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_cos_fp < \c_zero_fp
21602       { \_box_rotate_quadrant_three: }
21603       { \_box_rotate_quadrant_four: }
21604   }

```

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 is in the same place as the original.

```

21605 \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \box_use:N #1 }
21606 \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
21607 {
21608   \tex_kern:D -\l__box_left_new_dim
21609   \hbox:n
21610   {
21611     \driver_box_use_rotate:Nn
21612     \l__box_internal_box
21613     \l__box_angle_fp
21614   }
21615 }

```

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.

```

21616 \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \l__box_top_new_dim }
21617 \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box { -\l__box_bottom_new_dim }
21618 \box_set_wd:Nn \l__box_internal_box
21619 { \l__box_right_new_dim - \l__box_left_new_dim }
21620 \box_use_drop:N \l__box_internal_box
21621 }

```

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.

```

21622 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_x:nnN #1#2#3
21623 {
21624   \dim_set:Nn #3
21625   {
21626     \fp_to_dim:n
21627     {
21628       \l__box_cos_fp * \dim_to_fp:n {#1}
21629       - \l__box_sin_fp * \dim_to_fp:n {#2}
21630     }
21631   }
21632 }
21633 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_y:nnN #1#2#3
21634 {
21635   \dim_set:Nn #3
21636   {
21637     \fp_to_dim:n
21638     {
21639       \l__box_sin_fp * \dim_to_fp:n {#1}
21640       + \l__box_cos_fp * \dim_to_fp:n {#2}
21641     }
21642   }
21643 }

```

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.

```

21644 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_quadrant_one:
21645 {
21646   \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_top_dim
21647   \l__box_top_new_dim
21648   \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
21649   \l__box_bottom_new_dim
21650   \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_top_dim
21651   \l__box_left_new_dim
21652   \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
21653   \l__box_right_new_dim
21654 }
21655 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_quadrant_two:
21656 {
21657   \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
21658   \l__box_top_new_dim
21659   \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_top_dim
21660   \l__box_bottom_new_dim
21661   \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_top_dim
21662   \l__box_left_new_dim
21663   \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
21664   \l__box_right_new_dim
21665 }
21666 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_quadrant_three:
21667 {
21668   \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
21669   \l__box_top_new_dim
21670   \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_top_dim
21671   \l__box_bottom_new_dim
21672   \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
21673   \l__box_left_new_dim
21674   \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_top_dim
21675   \l__box_right_new_dim
21676 }
21677 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_quadrant_four:
21678 {
21679   \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_top_dim
21680   \l__box_top_new_dim
21681   \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
21682   \l__box_bottom_new_dim
21683   \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
21684   \l__box_left_new_dim
21685   \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_top_dim
21686   \l__box_right_new_dim
21687 }

```

(End definition for `\box_rotate:Nn` and others. This function is documented on page 229.)

`\l__box_scale_x_fp` Scaling is potentially-different in the two axes.

`\l__box_scale_y_fp` 21688 `\fp_new:N \l__box_scale_x_fp`

21689 `\fp_new:N \l__box_scale_y_fp`

(End definition for `\l__box_scale_x_fp` and `\l__box_scale_y_fp`.)

`\box_resize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:Nnn` Resizing a box starts by working out the various dimensions of the existing box.

`\box_resize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:cn`

`\__box_resize_set_corners:N`

`\__box_resize:N`

`\__box_resize:NNN`

```

21690 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:Nnn #1#2#3
21691 {
21692   \hbox_set:Nn #1
21693   {
21694     \__box_resize_set_corners:N #1

```

The  $x$ -scaling and resulting box size is easy enough to work out: the dimension is that given as #2, and the scale is simply the new width divided by the old one.

```

21695     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_x_fp
21696     { \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.

```

21697     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp
21698     {
21699       \dim_to_fp:n {#3}
21700       / \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_top_dim - \l__box_bottom_dim }
21701     }

```

Hand off to the auxiliary which does the rest of the work.

```

21702     \__box_resize:N #1
21703   }
21704 }
21705 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_resize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:Nnn { c }
21706 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_resize_set_corners:N #1
21707 {
21708   \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_dim { \box_ht:N #1 }
21709   \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_dim { -\box_dp:N #1 }
21710   \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_dim { \box_wd:N #1 }
21711   \dim_zero:N \l__box_left_dim
21712 }

```

With at least one real scaling to do, the next phase is to find the new edge co-ordinates. In the  $x$  direction this is relatively easy: just scale the right edge. In the  $y$  direction, both dimensions have to be scaled, and this again needs the absolute scale value. Once that is all done, the common resize/rescale code can be employed.

```

21713 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_resize:N #1
21714 {
21715   \__box_resize:NNN \l__box_right_new_dim
21716   \l__box_scale_x_fp \l__box_right_dim
21717   \__box_resize:NNN \l__box_bottom_new_dim
21718   \l__box_scale_y_fp \l__box_bottom_dim
21719   \__box_resize:NNN \l__box_top_new_dim
21720   \l__box_scale_y_fp \l__box_top_dim
21721   \__box_resize_common:N #1
21722 }
21723 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_resize:NNN #1#2#3
21724 {
21725   \dim_set:Nn #1
21726   { \fp_to_dim:n { \fp_abs:n { #2 } * \dim_to_fp:n { #3 } } }
21727 }

```

*(End definition for \box\_resize\_to\_wd\_and\_ht\_plus\_dp:Nnn and others. This function is documented on page 229.)*

`\box_resize_to_ht:Nn` Scaling to a (total) height or to a width is a simplified version of the main resizing operation, with the scale simply copied between the two parts. The internal auxiliary is

`\box_resize_to_ht:cn`

`\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn`

`\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:cn`

`\box_resize_to_wd:Nn`

`\box_resize_to_wd:cn`

`\box_resize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn`

`\box_resize_to_wd_and_ht:cnn`

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).

```

21728 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize_to_ht:Nn #1#2
21729 {
21730   \hbox_set:Nn #1
21731   {
21732     \__box_resize_set_corners:N #1
21733     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp
21734     {
21735       \dim_to_fp:n {#2}
21736       / \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_top_dim }
21737     }
21738     \fp_set_eq:NN \l__box_scale_x_fp \l__box_scale_y_fp
21739     \__box_resize:N #1
21740   }
21741 }
21742 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_resize_to_ht:Nn { c }
21743 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn #1#2
21744 {
21745   \hbox_set:Nn #1
21746   {
21747     \__box_resize_set_corners:N #1
21748     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp
21749     {
21750       \dim_to_fp:n {#2}
21751       / \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_top_dim - \l__box_bottom_dim }
21752     }
21753     \fp_set_eq:NN \l__box_scale_x_fp \l__box_scale_y_fp
21754     \__box_resize:N #1
21755   }
21756 }
21757 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn { c }
21758 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize_to_wd:Nn #1#2
21759 {
21760   \hbox_set:Nn #1
21761   {
21762     \__box_resize_set_corners:N #1
21763     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_x_fp
21764     { \dim_to_fp:n {#2} / \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_right_dim } }
21765     \fp_set_eq:NN \l__box_scale_y_fp \l__box_scale_x_fp
21766     \__box_resize:N #1
21767   }
21768 }
21769 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_resize_to_wd:Nn { c }
21770 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn #1#2#3
21771 {
21772   \hbox_set:Nn #1
21773   {
21774     \__box_resize_set_corners:N #1
21775     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_x_fp
21776     { \dim_to_fp:n {#2} / \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_right_dim } }
21777     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp
21778     {
21779       \dim_to_fp:n {#3}

```

```

21780         / \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_top_dim }
21781     }
21782     \__box_resize:N #1
21783 }
21784 }
21785 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_resize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\box_resize_to_ht:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 228.)

`\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. `\box_scale:cnn` Once that is done then after a check for the trivial scaling a hand-off can be made to the common code. The code here is split into two as this allows sharing with the auto-resizing functions. `\__box_scale_aux:N`

```

21786 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_scale:Nnn #1#2#3
21787 {
21788     \hbox_set:Nn #1
21789     {
21790         \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_x_fp {#2}
21791         \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp {#3}
21792         \__box_scale_aux:N #1
21793     }
21794 }
21795 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_scale:Nnn { c }
21796 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_scale_aux:N #1
21797 {
21798     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_dim { \box_ht:N #1 }
21799     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_dim { -\box_dp:N #1 }
21800     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_dim { \box_wd:N #1 }
21801     \dim_zero:N \l__box_left_dim
21802     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_new_dim
21803     { \fp_abs:n { \l__box_scale_y_fp } \l__box_top_dim }
21804     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_new_dim
21805     { \fp_abs:n { \l__box_scale_y_fp } \l__box_bottom_dim }
21806     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_new_dim
21807     { \fp_abs:n { \l__box_scale_x_fp } \l__box_right_dim }
21808     \__box_resize_common:N #1
21809 }

```

(End definition for `\box_scale:Nnn` and `\__box_scale_aux:N`. This function is documented on page 229.)

`\box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn` Although autosizing a box uses dimensions, it has more in common in implementation with scaling. As such, most of the real work here is done elsewhere. `\box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht:cnn` `\box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:Nnn` `\box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:cnn` `\__box_autosize:Nnnn`

```

21810 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn #1#2#3
21811 { \__box_autosize:Nnnn #1 {#2} {#3} { \box_ht:N #1 } }
21812 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn { c }
21813 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:Nnn #1#2#3
21814 { \__box_autosize:Nnnn #1 {#2} {#3} { \box_ht:N #1 + \box_dp:N #1 } }
21815 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:Nnn { c }
21816 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_autosize:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
21817 {
21818     \hbox_set:Nn #1
21819     {

```

```

21820     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_x_fp { ( #2 ) / \box_wd:N #1 }
21821     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp { ( #3 ) / ( #4 ) }
21822     \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_scale_x_fp > \l__box_scale_y_fp
21823       { \fp_set_eq:NN \l__box_scale_x_fp \l__box_scale_y_fp }
21824       { \fp_set_eq:NN \l__box_scale_y_fp \l__box_scale_x_fp }
21825     \__box_scale_aux:N #1
21826   }
21827 }

```

(End definition for `\box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn`, `\box_autosize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:Nnn`, and `\__box_autosize:Nnnn`. These functions are documented on page 227.)

`\__box_resize_common:N` The main resize function places its input into a box which start off with zero width, and includes the handles for engine rescaling.

```

21828 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_resize_common:N #1
21829 {
21830   \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
21831     {
21832     \driver_box_use_scale:Nnn
21833     #1
21834     \l__box_scale_x_fp
21835     \l__box_scale_y_fp
21836   }

```

The new height and depth can be applied directly.

```

21837   \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_scale_y_fp > \c_zero_fp
21838     {
21839     \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \l__box_top_new_dim }
21840     \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box { -\l__box_bottom_new_dim }
21841     }
21842     {
21843     \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \l__box_top_new_dim }
21844     \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box { -\l__box_bottom_new_dim }
21845     }

```

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.

```

21846   \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_scale_x_fp < \c_zero_fp
21847     {
21848     \hbox_to_wd:nn { \l__box_right_new_dim }
21849     {
21850     \tex_kern:D \l__box_right_new_dim
21851     \box_use_drop:N \l__box_internal_box
21852     \tex_hss:D
21853     }
21854     }
21855     {
21856     \box_set_wd:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \l__box_right_new_dim }
21857     \hbox:n
21858     {
21859     \tex_kern:D \c_zero_dim
21860     \box_use_drop:N \l__box_internal_box
21861     \tex_hss:D

```

```

21862     }
21863   }
21864 }

```

(End definition for `\_box_resize_common:N`.)

## 37.12 Deprecated functions

```

\box_resize:Nnn
\box_resize:cnn 21865 \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn
\box_use_clear:N 21866 { 2018-12-31 } { \box_resize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:Nnn }
\box_use_clear:c 21867 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize:Nnn
                21868 { \box_resize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:Nnn }
                21869 \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn
                21870 { 2018-12-31 } { \box_resize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:cnn }
                21871 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize:cnn
                21872 { \box_resize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:cnn }
                21873 \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn
                21874 { 2018-12-31 } { \box_use_drop:N }
                21875 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_use_clear:N { \box_use_drop:N }
                21876 \__kernel_patch_deprecation:nnNNpn
                21877 { 2018-12-31 } { \box_use_drop:c }
                21878 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_use_clear:c { \box_use_drop:c }

```

(End definition for `\box_resize:Nnn` and `\box_use_clear:N`.)

```

21879 </initex | package>

```

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```

21880 (*initex | package)

```

```

21881 (@@=coffin)

```

### 38.1 Coffins: data structures and general variables

`\l__coffin_internal_box` Scratch variables.

```

\l__coffin_internal_dim 21882 \box_new:N \l__coffin_internal_box
\l__coffin_internal_tl 21883 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_internal_dim
21884 \tl_new:N \l__coffin_internal_tl

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_internal_box`, `\l__coffin_internal_dim`, and `\l__coffin_internal_tl`.)

`\c__coffin_corners_prop` The “corners”; of a coffin define the real content, as opposed to the  $\TeX$  bounding box. They all start off in the same place, of course.

```

21885 \prop_const_from_keyval:Nn \c__coffin_corners_prop
21886 {
21887   tl = { Opt } { Opt } ,
21888   tr = { Opt } { Opt } ,
21889   bl = { Opt } { Opt } ,
21890   br = { Opt } { Opt } ,
21891 }

```

(End definition for `\c__coffin_corners_prop`.)

`\c__coffin_poles_prop` Pole positions are given for horizontal, vertical and reference-point based values.

```
21892 \prop_const_from_keyval:Nn \c__coffin_poles_prop
21893 {
21894   l = { Opt } { Opt } { Opt } { 1000pt } ,
21895   hc = { Opt } { Opt } { Opt } { 1000pt } ,
21896   r = { Opt } { Opt } { Opt } { 1000pt } ,
21897   b = { Opt } { Opt } { 1000pt } { Opt } ,
21898   vc = { Opt } { Opt } { 1000pt } { Opt } ,
21899   t = { Opt } { Opt } { 1000pt } { Opt } ,
21900   B = { Opt } { Opt } { 1000pt } { Opt } ,
21901   H = { Opt } { Opt } { 1000pt } { Opt } ,
21902   T = { Opt } { Opt } { 1000pt } { Opt } ,
21903 }
```

*(End definition for `\c__coffin_poles_prop`.)*

`\l__coffin_slope_x_fp` Used for calculations of intersections.

```
\l__coffin_slope_y_fp 21904 \fp_new:N \l__coffin_slope_x_fp
21905 \fp_new:N \l__coffin_slope_y_fp
```

*(End definition for `\l__coffin_slope_x_fp` and `\l__coffin_slope_y_fp`.)*

`\l__coffin_error_bool` For propagating errors so that parts of the code can work around them.

```
21906 \bool_new:N \l__coffin_error_bool
```

*(End definition for `\l__coffin_error_bool`.)*

`\l__coffin_offset_x_dim` The offset between two sets of coffin handles when typesetting. These values are corrected from those requested in an alignment for the positions of the handles.

```
\l__coffin_offset_y_dim 21907 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_offset_x_dim
21908 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_offset_y_dim
```

*(End definition for `\l__coffin_offset_x_dim` and `\l__coffin_offset_y_dim`.)*

`\l__coffin_pole_a_tl` Needed for finding the intersection of two poles.

```
\l__coffin_pole_b_tl 21909 \tl_new:N \l__coffin_pole_a_tl
21910 \tl_new:N \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
```

*(End definition for `\l__coffin_pole_a_tl` and `\l__coffin_pole_b_tl`.)*

`\l__coffin_x_dim` For calculating intersections and so forth.

```
\l__coffin_y_dim 21911 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_x_dim
\l__coffin_x_prime_dim 21912 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_y_dim
\l__coffin_y_prime_dim 21913 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_x_prime_dim
21914 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_y_prime_dim
```

*(End definition for `\l__coffin_x_dim` and others.)*

## 38.2 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 would give multiple errors if the coffin does not exist. A cleaner way to handle this is provided here: both the box and the coffin structure are checked.

```

\coffin_if_exist_p:c
\coffin_if_exist:NTF
\coffin_if_exist:cTF
21915 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \coffin_if_exist:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
21916 {
21917   \cs_if_exist:NTF #1
21918   {
21919     \cs_if_exist:cTF { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
21920     { \prg_return_true: }
21921     { \prg_return_false: }
21922   }
21923   { \prg_return_false: }
21924 }
21925 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nmn \coffin_if_exist:N
21926 { c } { p , T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_if_exist:NTF`. This function is documented on page 231.)

`\__coffin_if_exist:NT` Several of the higher-level coffin functions would 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.

```

21927 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1#2
21928 {
21929   \coffin_if_exist:NTF #1
21930   { #2 }
21931   {
21932     \__kernel_msg_error:nmx { kernel } { unknown-coffin }
21933     { \token_to_str:N #1 }
21934   }
21935 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_if_exist:NT`.)

`\coffin_clear:N` Clearing coffins means emptying the box and resetting all of the structures.

```

\coffin_clear:c
21936 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_clear:N #1
21937 {
21938   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
21939   {
21940     \box_clear:N #1
21941     \__coffin_reset_structure:N #1
21942   }
21943 }
21944 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_clear:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_clear:N`. This function is documented on page 231.)

`\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. The `\debug_suspend:` and `\debug_resume:` functions prevent these checks. They also prevent `\prop_clear_new:c` from writing useless information to the log file.

```

21945 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_new:N #1
21946 {
21947   \box_new:N #1
21948   \debug_suspend:
21949   \prop_clear_new:c { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
21950   \prop_clear_new:c { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
21951   \prop_gset_eq:cN { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
21952   \c__coffin_corners_prop
21953   \prop_gset_eq:cN { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
21954   \c__coffin_poles_prop
21955   \debug_resume:
21956 }
21957 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_new:N`. This function is documented on page 231.)

**`\hcoffin_set:Nn`** Horizontal coffins are relatively easy: set the appropriate box, reset the structures then  
`\hcoffin_set:cn` update the handle positions.

```

21958 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hcoffin_set:Nn #1#2
21959 {
21960   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
21961   {
21962     \hbox_set:Nn #1
21963     {
21964       \color_ensure_current:
21965       #2
21966     }
21967     \__coffin_reset_structure:N #1
21968     \__coffin_update_poles:N #1
21969     \__coffin_update_corners:N #1
21970   }
21971 }
21972 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hcoffin_set:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\hcoffin_set:Nn`. This function is documented on page 231.)

**`\vcoffin_set:Nnn`** Setting vertical coffins is more complex. First, the material is typeset with a given width.  
`\vcoffin_set:cnm` 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).

```

21973 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vcoffin_set:Nnn #1#2#3
21974 {
21975   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
21976   {
21977     \vbox_set:Nn #1
21978     {
21979       \dim_set:Nn \tex_hsize:D {#2}
21980       \package
21981       \dim_set_eq:NN \linewidth \tex_hsize:D
21982       \dim_set_eq:NN \columnwidth \tex_hsize:D
21983     }

```

```

21984         #3
21985     }
21986     \__coffin_reset_structure:N #1
21987     \__coffin_update_poles:N #1
21988     \__coffin_update_corners:N #1
21989     \vbox_set_top:Nn \l__coffin_internal_box { \vbox_unpack:N #1 }
21990     \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 { T }
21991     {
21992         { Opt }
21993         {
21994             \dim_eval:n
21995             { \box_ht:N #1 - \box_ht:N \l__coffin_internal_box }
21996         }
21997         { 1000pt }
21998         { Opt }
21999     }
22000     \box_clear:N \l__coffin_internal_box
22001 }
22002 }
22003 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vcoffin_set:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\vcoffin_set:Nnn`. This function is documented on page 232.)

`\hcoffin_set:Nw` These are the “begin”/“end” versions of the above: watch the grouping!  
`\hcoffin_set:cw`  
`\hcoffin_set_end:`

```

22004 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hcoffin_set:Nw #1
22005 {
22006     \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
22007     {
22008         \hbox_set:Nw #1 \color_ensure_current:
22009         \cs_set_protected:Npn \hcoffin_set_end:
22010         {
22011             \hbox_set_end:
22012             \__coffin_reset_structure:N #1
22013             \__coffin_update_poles:N #1
22014             \__coffin_update_corners:N #1
22015         }
22016     }
22017 }
22018 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hcoffin_set_end: { }
22019 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hcoffin_set:Nw { c }

```

(End definition for `\hcoffin_set:Nw` and `\hcoffin_set_end:`. These functions are documented on page 231.)

`\vcoffin_set:Nnw` The same for vertical coffins.

```

\cs_new_protected:Npn \vcoffin_set:Nnw #1#2
22020 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vcoffin_set:Nnw #1#2
22021 {
22022     \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
22023     {
22024         \vbox_set:Nw #1
22025         \dim_set:Nn \tex_hsize:D {#2}
22026     }
22027     \dim_set_eq:NN \linewidth \tex_hsize:D
22028     \dim_set_eq:NN \columnwidth \tex_hsize:D
22029 }

```

```

22030     \cs_set_protected:Npn \vcoffin_set_end:
22031     {
22032         \vbox_set_end:
22033         \__coffin_reset_structure:N #1
22034         \__coffin_update_poles:N #1
22035         \__coffin_update_corners:N #1
22036         \vbox_set_top:Nn \l__coffin_internal_box { \vbox_unpack:N #1 }
22037         \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 { T }
22038         {
22039             { Opt }
22040             {
22041                 \dim_eval:n
22042                 { \box_ht:N #1 - \box_ht:N \l__coffin_internal_box }
22043             }
22044             { 1000pt }
22045             { Opt }
22046         }
22047         \box_clear:N \l__coffin_internal_box
22048     }
22049 }
22050 }
22051 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vcoffin_set_end: { }
22052 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vcoffin_set:Nnw { c }

```

(End definition for `\vcoffin_set:Nnw` and `\vcoffin_set_end:`. These functions are documented on page 232.)

**`\coffin_set_eq:NN`** Setting two coffins equal is just a wrapper around other functions.

```

\coffin_set_eq:Nc 22053 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_set_eq:NN #1#2
\coffin_set_eq:cN 22054 {
\coffin_set_eq:cc 22055     \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
                22056     {
                22057         \box_set_eq:NN #1 #2
                22058         \__coffin_set_eq_structure:NN #1 #2
                22059     }
                22060 }
22061 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_set_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_set_eq:NN`. This function is documented on page 231.)

**`\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. The empty coffin is created entirely by hand: not everything is in place yet.

```

22062 \coffin_new:N \c_empty_coffin
22063 \tex_setbox:D \c_empty_coffin = \tex_hbox:D { }
22064 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22065 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_aligned_internal_coffin

```

(End definition for `\c_empty_coffin`, `\l__coffin_aligned_coffin`, and `\l__coffin_aligned_internal_coffin`. This variable is documented on page 234.)

**`\l_tmpa_coffin`** The usual scratch space.

```

\l_tmpa_coffin 22066 \coffin_new:N \l_tmpa_coffin
\l_tmpb_coffin 22067 \coffin_new:N \l_tmpb_coffin

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_coffin` and `\l_tmpb_coffin`. These variables are documented on page 234.)

### 38.3 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
\coffin_ht:N 22068 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_dp:N \box_dp:N
\coffin_ht:c 22069 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_dp:c \box_dp:c
\coffin_wd:N 22070 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_ht:N \box_ht:N
\coffin_wd:c 22071 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_ht:c \box_ht:c
22072 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_wd:N \box_wd:N
22073 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_wd:c \box_wd:c

```

(End definition for `\coffin_dp:N`, `\coffin_ht:N`, and `\coffin_wd:N`. These functions are documented on page 233.)

### 38.4 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.

```

22074 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1#2#3
22075 {
22076   \prop_get:cnNF
22077     { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2} #3
22078   {
22079     \__kernel_msg_error:nxxx { kernel } { unknown-coffin-pole }
22080     {#2} { \token_to_str:N #1 }
22081     \tl_set:Nn #3 { { Opt } { Opt } { Opt } { Opt } }
22082   }
22083 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_get_pole:NnN`.)

`\__coffin_reset_structure:N` Resetting the structure is a simple copy job.

```

22084 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_reset_structure:N #1
22085 {
22086   \prop_set_eq:cN { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
22087   \c__coffin_corners_prop
22088   \prop_set_eq:cN { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
22089   \c__coffin_poles_prop
22090 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_reset_structure:N`.)

`\__coffin_set_eq_structure:NN` Setting coffin structures equal simply means copying the property list.

```

\__coffin_gset_eq_structure:NN
22091 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_set_eq_structure:NN #1#2
22092 {
22093   \prop_set_eq:cc { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
22094   { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #2 _prop }
22095   \prop_set_eq:cc { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
22096   { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #2 _prop }
22097 }
22098 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_gset_eq_structure:NN #1#2
22099 {
22100   \prop_gset_eq:cc { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
22101   { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #2 _prop }

```

```

22102     \prop_gset_eq:cc { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
22103     { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #2 _prop }
22104   }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_set_eq_structure:NN` and `\__coffin_gset_eq_structure:NN`.)

`\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn` Setting the pole of a coffin at the user/designer level requires a bit more care. The idea here is to provide a reasonable interface to the system, then to do the setting with full expansion. The three-argument version is used internally to do a direct setting.

```

\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:cmn
\coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn
\coffin_set_vertical_pole:cmn
__coffin_set_pole:Nnn
__coffin_set_pole:Nnx
22105 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn #1#2#3
22106 {
22107   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
22108   {
22109     \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 {#2}
22110     {
22111       { Opt } { \dim_eval:n {#3} }
22112       { 1000pt } { Opt }
22113     }
22114   }
22115 }
22116 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn #1#2#3
22117 {
22118   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
22119   {
22120     \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 {#2}
22121     {
22122       { \dim_eval:n {#3} } { Opt }
22123       { Opt } { 1000pt }
22124     }
22125   }
22126 }
22127 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_set_pole:Nnn #1#2#3
22128 { \prop_put:cmn { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2} {#3} }
22129 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn { c }
22130 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn { c }
22131 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__coffin_set_pole:Nnn { Nnx }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn`, `\coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn`, and `\__coffin_set_pole:Nnn`. These functions are documented on page 232.)

`\__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  $\text{\TeX}$  box.

```

22132 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_update_corners:N #1
22133 {
22134   \prop_put:cmn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { t1 }
22135   { { Opt } { \dim_eval:n { \box_ht:N #1 } } }
22136   \prop_put:cmn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { tr }
22137   { { \dim_eval:n { \box_wd:N #1 } } { \dim_eval:n { \box_ht:N #1 } } }
22138   \prop_put:cmn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { bl }
22139   { { Opt } { \dim_eval:n { -\box_dp:N #1 } } }
22140   \prop_put:cmn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { br }
22141   { { \dim_eval:n { \box_wd:N #1 } } { \dim_eval:n { -\box_dp:N #1 } } }
22142 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_update_corners:N`.)

`\__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.

```

22143 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_update_poles:N #1
22144 {
22145   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { hc }
22146   {
22147     { \dim_eval:n { 0.5 \box_wd:N #1 } }
22148     { Opt } { Opt } { 1000pt }
22149   }
22150   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { r }
22151   {
22152     { \dim_eval:n { \box_wd:N #1 } }
22153     { Opt } { Opt } { 1000pt }
22154   }
22155   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { vc }
22156   {
22157     { Opt }
22158     { \dim_eval:n { ( \box_ht:N #1 - \box_dp:N #1 ) / 2 } }
22159     { 1000pt }
22160     { Opt }
22161   }
22162   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { t }
22163   {
22164     { Opt }
22165     { \dim_eval:n { \box_ht:N #1 } }
22166     { 1000pt }
22167     { Opt }
22168   }
22169   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { b }
22170   {
22171     { Opt }
22172     { \dim_eval:n { -\box_dp:N #1 } }
22173     { 1000pt }
22174     { Opt }
22175   }
22176 }

```

*(End definition for `\__coffin_update_poles:N`.)*

### 38.5 Coffins: calculation of pole intersections

`\__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn`  
`\__coffin_calculate_intersection:nnnnnnnn`  
`\__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN`

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.

```

22177 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn #1#2#3
22178 {
22179   \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 {#2} \l__coffin_pole_a_tl
22180   \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 {#3} \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
22181   \bool_set_false:N \l__coffin_error_bool
22182   \exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo
22183   \__coffin_calculate_intersection:nnnnnnnn

```

```

22184         \l__coffin_pole_a_tl \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
22185     \bool_if:NT \l__coffin_error_bool
22186     {
22187         \__kernel_msg_error:nn { kernel } { no-pole-intersection }
22188         \dim_zero:N \l__coffin_x_dim
22189         \dim_zero:N \l__coffin_y_dim
22190     }
22191 }

```

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  $d'$  are zero and a special case is needed.

```

22192 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_calculate_intersection:nnnnnnn
22193     #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
22194     {
22195         \dim_compare:nNnTF {#3} = { \c_zero_dim }

```

The case where the first pole is vertical. So the  $x$ -component of the interaction is at  $a$ . There is then a test on the second pole: if it is also vertical then there is an error.

```

22196     {
22197         \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_dim {#1}
22198         \dim_compare:nNnTF {#7} = \c_zero_dim
22199         { \bool_set_true:N \l__coffin_error_bool }

```

The second pole may still be horizontal, in which case the  $y$ -component of the intersection is  $b'$ . 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.

```

22200     {
22201         \dim_compare:nNnTF {#8} = \c_zero_dim
22202         { \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_dim {#6} }
22203         {
22204             \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
22205             {#1} {#5} {#6} {#7} {#8} \l__coffin_y_dim
22206         }
22207     }
22208 }

```

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.

```

22209     {
22210         \dim_compare:nNnTF {#4} = \c_zero_dim
22211         {
22212             \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_dim {#2}
22213             \dim_compare:nNnTF {#8} = { \c_zero_dim }
22214             { \bool_set_true:N \l__coffin_error_bool }
22215             {
22216                 \dim_compare:nNnTF {#7} = \c_zero_dim
22217                 { \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.

```

22218         {
22219             \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
22220             {#2} {#6} {#5} {#8} {#7} \l__coffin_x_dim
22221         }
22222     }
22223 }

```

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.

```

22224     {
22225         \dim_compare:nNnTF {#7} = \c_zero_dim
22226         {
22227             \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_dim {#5}
22228             \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
22229             {#5} {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_y_dim
22230         }
22231         {
22232             \dim_compare:nNnTF {#8} = \c_zero_dim
22233             {
22234                 \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_dim {#6}
22235                 \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
22236                 {#6} {#2} {#1} {#4} {#3} \l__coffin_x_dim
22237             }

```

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.

```

22238     {
22239         \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_slope_x_fp
22240         { \dim_to_fp:n {#4} / \dim_to_fp:n {#3} }
22241         \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_slope_y_fp
22242         { \dim_to_fp:n {#8} / \dim_to_fp:n {#7} }
22243         \fp_compare:nNnTF
22244         \l__coffin_slope_x_fp = \l__coffin_slope_y_fp
22245         { \bool_set_true:N \l__coffin_error_bool }

```

All of the tests pass, so there is the full complexity of the calculation:

$$x = \frac{a(d/c) - a'(d'/c') - b + b'}{(d/c) - (d'/c')}$$

and noting that the two ratios are already worked out from the test just performed. There is quite a bit of shuffling from dimensions to floating points in order to do the work. The  $y$ -values is then worked out using the standard auxiliary starting from the  $x$ -position.

```

22246     {
22247         \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_dim
22248         {
22249             \fp_to_dim:n

```

```

22250         {
22251             (
22252                 \dim_to_fp:n {#1} * \l__coffin_slope_x_fp
22253                 - ( \dim_to_fp:n {#5} * \l__coffin_slope_y_fp )
22254                 - \dim_to_fp:n {#2}
22255                 + \dim_to_fp:n {#6}
22256             )
22257             /
22258             ( \l__coffin_slope_x_fp - \l__coffin_slope_y_fp )
22259         }
22260     }
22261     \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
22262     { \l__coffin_x_dim }
22263     {#5} {#6} {#8} {#7} \l__coffin_y_dim
22264 }
22265 }
22266 }
22267 }
22268 }
22269 }

```

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.

```

22270 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
22271 #1#2#3#4#5#6
22272 {
22273   \dim_set:Nn #6
22274   {
22275     \fp_to_dim:n
22276     {
22277       \dim_to_fp:n {#4} *
22278       ( \dim_to_fp:n {#1} - \dim_to_fp:n {#2} ) /
22279       \dim_to_fp:n {#5}
22280       + \dim_to_fp:n {#3}
22281     }
22282   }
22283 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn`, `\__coffin_calculate_intersection:nnnnnnn`, and `\__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN`.)

## 38.6 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 has all of its handles reset to standard values. First, the more basic alignment function is used to get things started.

```

22284 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_join:NnnNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
22285 {
22286   \__coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN
22287   #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 would 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.

```

22288 \hbox_set:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22289 {
22290   \dim_compare:nNnT { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim } < \c_zero_dim
22291     { \tex_kern:D -\l__coffin_offset_x_dim }
22292   \hbox_unpack:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22293   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_dim
22294     { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim - \box_wd:N #1 + \box_wd:N #4 }
22295   \dim_compare:nNnT \l__coffin_internal_dim < \c_zero_dim
22296     { \tex_kern:D -\l__coffin_internal_dim }
22297 }

```

The coffin structure is reset, and the corners are cleared: only those from the two parent coffins are needed.

```

22298 \__coffin_reset_structure:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22299 \prop_clear:c
22300 { \l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w \l__coffin_aligned_coffin _ prop }
22301 \__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 then depends on whether any shift was needed.

```

22302 \dim_compare:nNnTF \l__coffin_offset_x_dim < \c_zero_dim
22303 {
22304   \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #1 { -\l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { Opt }
22305   \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #4 { Opt } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
22306   \__coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #1 { -\l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { Opt }
22307   \__coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #4 { Opt } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
22308 }
22309 {
22310   \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #1 { Opt } { Opt }
22311   \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #4
22312     { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
22313   \__coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #1 { Opt } { Opt }
22314   \__coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #4
22315     { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
22316 }
22317 \__coffin_update_vertical_poles:NNN #1 #4 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22318 \coffin_set_eq:NN #1 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22319 }
22320 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_join:NnnNnnnn { c , Nnnc , cncn }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_join:NnnNnnnn`. This function is documented on page 233.)

```

\coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn
\coffin_attach:cnnNnnnn
\coffin_attach:Nnncnncn
\coffin_attach:cncncnncn

```

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_mark:NnnNnnnn

```

```

22321 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
22322 {
22323   \__coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN

```

```

22324     #1 {#2} {#3} #4 {#5} {#6} {#7} {#8} \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22325 \box_set_ht:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_ht:N #1 }
22326 \box_set_dp:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_dp:N #1 }
22327 \box_set_wd:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_wd:N #1 }
22328 \__coffin_reset_structure:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22329 \prop_set_eq:cc
22330   { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w \l__coffin_aligned_coffin _prop }
22331   { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
22332 \__coffin_update_poles:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22333 \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #1 { Opt } { Opt }
22334 \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #4
22335   { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
22336 \__coffin_update_vertical_poles:NNN #1 #4 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22337 \coffin_set_eq:NN #1 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22338 }
22339 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_attach_mark:NnnNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
22340 {
22341   \__coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN
22342   #1 {#2} {#3} #4 {#5} {#6} {#7} {#8} \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22343   \box_set_ht:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_ht:N #1 }
22344   \box_set_dp:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_dp:N #1 }
22345   \box_set_wd:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_wd:N #1 }
22346   \box_set_eq:NN #1 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22347 }
22348 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn { c , Nnnc , cnc }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn` and `\coffin_attach_mark:NnnNnnnn`. These functions are documented on page 232.)

`\__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 depends on how the bounding box is being handled.

```

22349 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
22350 {
22351   \__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn #4 {#5} {#6}
22352   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_prime_dim { \l__coffin_x_dim }
22353   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_prime_dim { \l__coffin_y_dim }
22354   \__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn #1 {#2} {#3}
22355   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_offset_x_dim
22356     { \l__coffin_x_dim - \l__coffin_x_prime_dim + #7 }
22357   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_offset_y_dim
22358     { \l__coffin_y_dim - \l__coffin_y_prime_dim + #8 }
22359   \hbox_set:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_internal_coffin
22360     {
22361     \box_use:N #1
22362     \tex_kern:D -\box_wd:N #1
22363     \tex_kern:D \l__coffin_offset_x_dim
22364     \box_move_up:nn { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim } { \box_use:N #4 }
22365     }
22366   \coffin_set_eq:NN #9 \l__coffin_aligned_internal_coffin

```

```
22367 }
```

(End definition for `\_coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN`.)

```
\_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.

```
22368 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #1#2#3  
22369 {  
22370   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_poles_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop }  
22371   { \_coffin_offset_pole:Nnnnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 {#2} {#3} }  
22372 }  
22373 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_offset_pole:Nnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8  
22374 {  
22375   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_dim { #3 + #7 }  
22376   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_dim { #4 + #8 }  
22377   \tl_if_in:nnTF {#2} { - }  
22378   { \tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_tl { {#2} } }  
22379   { \tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_tl { { #1 - #2 } } }  
22380   \exp_last_unbraced:NNo \_coffin_set_pole:Nnx \l__coffin_aligned_coffin  
22381   { \l__coffin_internal_tl }  
22382   {  
22383     { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim }  
22384     {#5} {#6}  
22385   }  
22386 }
```

(End definition for `\_coffin_offset_poles:Nnn` and `\_coffin_offset_pole:Nnnnnnn`.)

```
\_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.

```
22387 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #1#2#3  
22388 {  
22389   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop }  
22390   { \_coffin_offset_corner:Nnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 {#2} {#3} }  
22391 }  
22392 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_offset_corner:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6  
22393 {  
22394   \prop_put:cnx  
22395   { l__coffin_corners_ \_int_value:w \l__coffin_aligned_coffin _prop }  
22396   { #1 - #2 }  
22397   {  
22398     { \dim_eval:n { #3 + #5 } }  
22399     { \dim_eval:n { #4 + #6 } }  
22400   }  
22401 }
```

(End definition for `\_coffin_offset_corners:Nnn` and `\_coffin_offset_corner:Nnnnn`.)

`\_coffin_update_vertical_poles:NNN` The T and B poles need to be recalculated after alignment. These functions find the  
`\_coffin_update_T:nnnnnnnnN` larger absolute value for the poles, but this is of course only logical when the poles are  
`\_coffin_update_B:nnnnnnnnN` horizontal.

```

22402 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_update_vertical_poles:NNN #1#2#3
22403 {
22404   \_coffin_get_pole:NnN #3 { #1 -T } \l__coffin_pole_a_tl
22405   \_coffin_get_pole:NnN #3 { #2 -T } \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
22406   \exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo \_coffin_update_T:nnnnnnnnN
22407     \l__coffin_pole_a_tl \l__coffin_pole_b_tl #3
22408   \_coffin_get_pole:NnN #3 { #1 -B } \l__coffin_pole_a_tl
22409   \_coffin_get_pole:NnN #3 { #2 -B } \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
22410   \exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo \_coffin_update_B:nnnnnnnnN
22411     \l__coffin_pole_a_tl \l__coffin_pole_b_tl #3
22412 }
22413 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_update_T:nnnnnnnnN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
22414 {
22415   \dim_compare:nNnTF {#2} < {#6}
22416   {
22417     \_coffin_set_pole:Nnx #9 { T }
22418     { { Opt } {#6} { 1000pt } { Opt } }
22419   }
22420   {
22421     \_coffin_set_pole:Nnx #9 { T }
22422     { { Opt } {#2} { 1000pt } { Opt } }
22423   }
22424 }
22425 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_update_B:nnnnnnnnN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
22426 {
22427   \dim_compare:nNnTF {#2} < {#6}
22428   {
22429     \_coffin_set_pole:Nnx #9 { B }
22430     { { Opt } {#2} { 1000pt } { Opt } }
22431   }
22432   {
22433     \_coffin_set_pole:Nnx #9 { B }
22434     { { Opt } {#6} { 1000pt } { Opt } }
22435   }
22436 }

```

*(End definition for `\_coffin_update_vertical_poles:NNN`, `\_coffin_update_T:nnnnnnnnN`, and `\_coffin_update_B:nnnnnnnnN`.)*

`\coffin_typeset:Nnnnn` Typesetting a coffin means aligning it with the current position, which is done using a  
`\coffin_typeset:cnnnn` 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.

```

22437 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_typeset:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
22438 {
22439   \mode_leave_vertical:
22440   \_coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN \c_empty_coffin { H } { 1 }
22441     #1 {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22442   \box_use_drop:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22443 }
22444 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_typeset:Nnnnn { c }

```

*(End definition for `\coffin_typeset:Nnnnn`. This function is documented on page 233.)*

### 38.7 Coffin diagnostics

`\l__coffin_display_coffin` Used for printing coffins with data structures attached.

```

\l_coffin_display_coord_coffin 22445 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_display_coffin
\l_coffin_display_pole_coffin 22446 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin
22447 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin

```

*(End definition for `\l__coffin_display_coffin`, `\l__coffin_display_coord_coffin`, and `\l__coffin_display_pole_coffin`.)*

`\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.

```

22448 \prop_new:N \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
22449 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { tl }
22450 { { b } { r } { -1 } { 1 } }
22451 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { thc }
22452 { { b } { hc } { 0 } { 1 } }
22453 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { tr }
22454 { { b } { l } { 1 } { 1 } }
22455 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { vcl }
22456 { { vc } { r } { -1 } { 0 } }
22457 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { vhc }
22458 { { vc } { hc } { 0 } { 0 } }
22459 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { vcr }
22460 { { vc } { l } { 1 } { 0 } }
22461 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { bl }
22462 { { t } { r } { -1 } { -1 } }
22463 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { bhc }
22464 { { t } { hc } { 0 } { -1 } }
22465 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { br }
22466 { { t } { l } { 1 } { -1 } }
22467 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Tl }
22468 { { t } { r } { -1 } { -1 } }
22469 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Thc }
22470 { { t } { hc } { 0 } { -1 } }
22471 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Tr }
22472 { { t } { l } { 1 } { -1 } }
22473 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Hl }
22474 { { vc } { r } { -1 } { 1 } }
22475 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Hhc }
22476 { { vc } { hc } { 0 } { 1 } }
22477 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Hr }
22478 { { vc } { l } { 1 } { 1 } }
22479 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Bl }
22480 { { b } { r } { -1 } { -1 } }
22481 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Bhc }
22482 { { b } { hc } { 0 } { -1 } }
22483 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Br }
22484 { { b } { l } { 1 } { -1 } }

```

*(End definition for `\l__coffin_display_handles_prop`.)*

`\l_coffin_display_offset_dim` The standard offset for the label from the handle position when displaying handles.

```

22485 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_display_offset_dim
22486 \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_offset_dim { 2pt }

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_display_offset_dim`.)

`\l__coffin_display_x_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.

```
22487 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_display_x_dim
22488 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_display_y_dim
```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_display_x_dim` and `\l__coffin_display_y_dim`.)

`\l__coffin_display_poles_prop` A property list for printing poles: various things need to be deleted from this to get a “nice” output.

```
22489 \prop_new:N \l__coffin_display_poles_prop
```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_display_poles_prop`.)

`\l__coffin_display_font_tl` Stores the settings used to print coffin data: this keeps things flexible.

```
22490 \tl_new:N \l__coffin_display_font_tl
22491 (*initex)
22492 \tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_font_tl { } % TODO
22493 (/initex)
22494 (*package)
22495 \tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_font_tl { \sffamily \tiny }
22496 (/package)
```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_display_font_tl`.)

`\coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn` Marking a single handle is relatively easy. The standard attachment function is used, meaning that there are two calculations for the location. However, this is likely to be okay given the load expected. Contrast with the more optimised version for showing all handles which comes next.

`\coffin_mark_handle:cnnn`  
`\__coffin_mark_handle_aux:nnnnNnn`

```
22497 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
22498 {
22499   \hcoffin_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin
22500   {
22501     (*initex)
22502     \hbox:n { \tex_vrule:D width 1pt height 1pt \scan_stop: } % TODO
22503     (/initex)
22504     (*package)
22505     \color {#4}
22506     \rule { 1pt } { 1pt }
22507     (/package)
22508   }
22509   \coffin_attach_mark:NnnNnnnn #1 {#2} {#3}
22510   \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin { hc } { vc } { Opt } { Opt }
22511   \hcoffin_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin
22512   {
22513     (*initex)
22514     % TODO
22515     (/initex)
22516     (*package)
22517     \color {#4}
22518     (/package)
22519     \l__coffin_display_font_tl
```

```

22520     ( \tl_to_str:n { #2 , #3 } )
22521   }
22522 \prop_get:NnN \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
22523   { #2 #3 } \l__coffin_internal_tl
22524 \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__coffin_internal_tl
22525   {
22526     \prop_get:NnN \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
22527       { #3 #2 } \l__coffin_internal_tl
22528     \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__coffin_internal_tl
22529     {
22530       \coffin_attach_mark:NnnNnnnn #1 {#2} {#3}
22531       \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin { l } { vc }
22532       { 1pt } { Opt }
22533     }
22534     {
22535       \exp_last_unbraced:No \__coffin_mark_handle_aux:nnnnNnn
22536       \l__coffin_internal_tl #1 {#2} {#3}
22537     }
22538   }
22539   {
22540     \exp_last_unbraced:No \__coffin_mark_handle_aux:nnnnNnn
22541     \l__coffin_internal_tl #1 {#2} {#3}
22542   }
22543 }
22544 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_mark_handle_aux:nnnnNnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
22545   {
22546     \coffin_attach_mark:NnnNnnnn #5 {#6} {#7}
22547     \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin {#1} {#2}
22548     { #3 \l__coffin_display_offset_dim }
22549     { #4 \l__coffin_display_offset_dim }
22550   }
22551 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn` and `\__coffin_mark_handle_aux:nnnnNnn`. This function is documented on page 234.)

**`\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.

```

22552 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_display_handles:Nn #1#2
22553   {
22554     \hcoffin_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin
22555     {
22556       (*initex)
22557       \hbox:n { \tex_vrule:D width 1pt height 1pt \scan_stop: } % TODO
22558       (/initex)
22559       (*package)
22560       \color {#2}
22561       \rule { 1pt } { 1pt }
22562     (/package)
22563   }
22564   \prop_set_eq:Nc \l__coffin_display_poles_prop
22565     { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }

```

```

22566 \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 { H } \l__coffin_pole_a_tl
22567 \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 { T } \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
22568 \tl_if_eq:NNT \l__coffin_pole_a_tl \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
22569 { \prop_remove:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop { T } }
22570 \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 { B } \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
22571 \tl_if_eq:NNT \l__coffin_pole_a_tl \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
22572 { \prop_remove:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop { B } }
22573 \coffin_set_eq:NN \l__coffin_display_coffin #1
22574 \prop_map_inline:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop
22575 {
22576   \prop_remove:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop {##1}
22577   \__coffin_display_handles_aux:nnnnn {##1} ##2 {##2}
22578 }
22579 \box_use_drop:N \l__coffin_display_coffin
22580 }

```

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.

```

22581 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_display_handles_aux:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
22582 {
22583   \prop_map_inline:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop
22584   {
22585     \bool_set_false:N \l__coffin_error_bool
22586     \__coffin_calculate_intersection:nnnnnnn {##2} {##3} {##4} {##5} ##2
22587     \bool_if:NF \l__coffin_error_bool
22588     {
22589       \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_x_dim { \l__coffin_x_dim }
22590       \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_y_dim { \l__coffin_y_dim }
22591       \__coffin_display_attach:Nnnnn
22592       \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin { hc } { vc }
22593       { Opt } { Opt }
22594       \hcoffin_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin
22595       {
22596         \*initex
22597           % TODO
22598         \*initex
22599         \*package
22600           \color {##6}
22601         \*package
22602           \l__coffin_display_font_tl
22603           ( \tl_to_str:n { #1 , ##1 } )
22604         }
22605         \prop_get:NnN \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
22606         { #1 ##1 } \l__coffin_internal_tl
22607         \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__coffin_internal_tl
22608         {
22609           \prop_get:NnN \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
22610           { ##1 #1 } \l__coffin_internal_tl
22611           \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__coffin_internal_tl
22612           {
22613             \__coffin_display_attach:Nnnnn
22614             \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin { l } { vc }
22615             { 1pt } { Opt }

```

```

22616     }
22617     {
22618         \exp_last_unbraced:No
22619         \__coffin_display_handles_aux:nmmn
22620         \l__coffin_internal_tl
22621     }
22622 }
22623 {
22624     \exp_last_unbraced:No \__coffin_display_handles_aux:nmmn
22625     \l__coffin_internal_tl
22626 }
22627 }
22628 }
22629 }
22630 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_display_handles_aux:nmmn #1#2#3#4
22631 {
22632     \__coffin_display_attach:Nmmmm
22633     \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin {#1} {#2}
22634     { #3 \l__coffin_display_offset_dim }
22635     { #4 \l__coffin_display_offset_dim }
22636 }
22637 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_display_handles:Nn { c }

```

This is a dedicated version of `\coffin_attach:NnnNmmmm` 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.

```

22638 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_display_attach:Nmmmm #1#2#3#4#5
22639 {
22640     \__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn #1 {#2} {#3}
22641     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_prime_dim { \l__coffin_x_dim }
22642     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_prime_dim { \l__coffin_y_dim }
22643     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_offset_x_dim
22644     { \l__coffin_display_x_dim - \l__coffin_x_prime_dim + #4 }
22645     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_offset_y_dim
22646     { \l__coffin_display_y_dim - \l__coffin_y_prime_dim + #5 }
22647     \hbox_set:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22648     {
22649         \box_use:N \l__coffin_display_coffin
22650         \tex_kern:D -\box_wd:N \l__coffin_display_coffin
22651         \tex_kern:D \l__coffin_offset_x_dim
22652         \box_move_up:nn { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim } { \box_use:N #1 }
22653     }
22654     \box_set_ht:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22655     { \box_ht:N \l__coffin_display_coffin }
22656     \box_set_dp:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22657     { \box_dp:N \l__coffin_display_coffin }
22658     \box_set_wd:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22659     { \box_wd:N \l__coffin_display_coffin }
22660     \box_set_eq:NN \l__coffin_display_coffin \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
22661 }

```

*(End definition for `\coffin_display_handles:Nn` and others. This function is documented on page 233.)*

**`\coffin_show_structure:N`** For showing the various internal structures attached to a coffin in a way that keeps things

`\coffin_show_structure:c`

**`\coffin_log_structure:N`**

`\coffin_log_structure:c`

`\__coffin_show_structure:NN`

relatively readable. If there is no apparent structure then the code complains.

```

22662 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_show_structure:N
22663   { \__coffin_show_structure:NN \msg_show:nnxxxx }
22664 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_show_structure:N { c }
22665 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_log_structure:N
22666   { \__coffin_show_structure:NN \msg_log:nnxxxx }
22667 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_log_structure:N { c }
22668 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_show_structure:NN #1#2
22669   {
22670     \__coffin_if_exist:NT #2
22671     {
22672       #1 { LaTeX / kernel } { show-coffin }
22673       { \token_to_str:N #2 }
22674       {
22675         \iow_newline: >~ ht ~~~ \dim_eval:n { \coffin_ht:N #2 }
22676         \iow_newline: >~ dp ~~~ \dim_eval:n { \coffin_dp:N #2 }
22677         \iow_newline: >~ wd ~~~ \dim_eval:n { \coffin_wd:N #2 }
22678       }
22679       {
22680         \prop_map_function:cN
22681         { l__coffin_poles_ \int_eval:n {#2} _prop }
22682         \msg_show_item_unbraced:nn
22683       }
22684     }
22685   }
22686 }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_show_structure:N`, `\coffin_log_structure:N`, and `\__coffin_show_structure:NN`. These functions are documented on page 234.)

## 38.8 Messages

```

22687 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { no-pole-intersection }
22688   { No~intersection~between~coffin~poles. }
22689   {
22690     \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
22691     LaTeX~was~asked~to~find~the~intersection~between~two~poles,~
22692     but~they~do~not~have~a~unique~meeting~point:~
22693     the~value~(0~pt,~0~pt)~will~be~used.
22694   }
22695 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { unknown-coffin }
22696   { Unknown~coffin~'#1'. }
22697   { The~coffin~'#1'~was~never~defined. }
22698 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { unknown-coffin-pole }
22699   { Pole~'#1'~unknown~for~coffin~'#2'. }
22700   {
22701     \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
22702     LaTeX~was~asked~to~find~a~typesetting~pole~for~a~coffin,~
22703     but~either~the~coffin~does~not~exist~or~the~pole~name~is~wrong.
22704   }
22705 \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { show-coffin }
22706   {
22707     Size~of~coffin~#1 : #2 \\
22708     Poles~of~coffin~#1 : #3 .

```

```

22709 }
22710 </initex | package>

```

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```

22711 <{*initex | package>
22712 <@@=color>

```

**\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.

```

22713 \cs_new_eq:NN \color_group_begin: \group_begin:
22714 \cs_new_protected:Npn \color_group_end:
22715 {
22716     \par
22717     \group_end:
22718 }

```

*(End definition for \color\_group\_begin: and \color\_group\_end:. These functions are documented on page 235.)*

**\color\_ensure\_current:** A driver-independent wrapper for setting the foreground color to the current color “now”.

```

22719 \cs_new_protected:Npn \color_ensure_current:
22720 {
22721     <{*package>
22722     \driver_color_pickup:N \l__color_current_tl
22723 </package>
22724     \__color_select:V \l__color_current_tl
22725 }

```

*(End definition for \color\_ensure\_current:. This function is documented on page 235.)*

**\\_\_color\_select:n** Take an internal color specification and pass it to the driver. This code is needed to ensure the current color but will also be used by the higher-level experimental material.

```

__color_select:V
__color_select:w
__color_select_cmyk:w
__color_select_gray:w
__color_select_rgb:w
__color_select_spot:w
22726 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__color_select:n #1
22727 { \__color_select:w #1 \q_stop }
22728 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__color_select:n { V }
22729 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__color_select:w #1 ~ #2 \q_stop
22730 { \use:c { __color_select_ #1 :w } #2 \q_stop }
22731 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__color_select_cmyk:w #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 \q_stop
22732 { \driver_color_cmyk:nnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} }
22733 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__color_select_gray:w #1 \q_stop
22734 { \driver_color_gray:n {#1} }
22735 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__color_select_rgb:w #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 \q_stop
22736 { \driver_color_rgb:nnn {#1} {#2} {#3} }
22737 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__color_select_spot:w #1 ~ #2 \q_stop
22738 { \driver_color_spot:nn {#1} {#2} }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_color\_select:n and others.)*

**\l\_\_color\_current\_tl** As the setting data is used only for specials, and those are always space-separated, it makes most sense to hold the internal information in that form.

```

22739 \tl_new:N \l__color_current_tl
22740 \tl_set:Nn \l__color_current_tl { gray~0 }

```

(End definition for \l\_\_color\_current\_tl.)

```
22741 </initex | package>
```

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```
22742 <*initex | package>
```

### 40.1 The name of the job

`\c_sys_jobname_str` Inherited from the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 name for the primitive: this needs to actually contain the text of the job name rather than the name of the primitive, of course.

```
22743 <*initex>
22744 \tex_everyjob:D \exp_after:wN
22745   {
22746     \tex_the:D \tex_everyjob:D
22747     \str_const:Nx \c_sys_jobname_str { \tex_jobname:D }
22748   }
22749 </initex>
22750 <*package>
22751 \str_const:Nx \c_sys_jobname_str { \tex_jobname:D }
22752 </package>
```

(End definition for \c\_sys\_jobname\_str. This variable is documented on page 237.)

### 40.2 Time and date

`\c_sys_minute_int` Copies of the information provided by T<sub>E</sub>X  
`\c_sys_hour_int`  
`\c_sys_day_int`  
`\c_sys_month_int`  
`\c_sys_year_int`

```
22753 \int_const:Nn \c_sys_minute_int
22754   { \int_mod:nn { \tex_time:D } { 60 } }
22755 \int_const:Nn \c_sys_hour_int
22756   { \int_div_truncate:nn { \tex_time:D } { 60 } }
22757 \int_const:Nn \c_sys_day_int   { \tex_day:D }
22758 \int_const:Nn \c_sys_month_int { \tex_month:D }
22759 \int_const:Nn \c_sys_year_int  { \tex_year:D }
```

(End definition for \c\_sys\_minute\_int and others. These variables are documented on page 237.)

### 40.3 Detecting the engine

`\sys_if_engine luatex_p:` Set up the engine tests on the basis exactly one test should be true. Mainly a case of  
`\sys_if_engine luatex:TF` looking for the appropriate marker primitive. For up<sub>l</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X, there is a complexity in that  
`\sys_if_engine pdftex_p:` setting `-kanji-internal=sjis` or `-kanji-internal=euc` effective makes it more like  
`\sys_if_engine pdftex:TF` p<sub>l</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X. In those cases we therefore report p<sub>l</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X rather than up<sub>l</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X.

```
\sys_if_engine ptex_p: 22760 \clist_map_inline:nn { lua , pdf , p , up , xe }
\sys_if_engine ptex:TF 22761   {
\sys_if_engine uptex_p: 22762     \cs_new_eq:cN { sys_if_engine_ #1 tex:T } \use_none:n
\sys_if_engine uptex:TF 22763     \cs_new_eq:cN { sys_if_engine_ #1 tex:F } \use:n
\sys_if_engine xetex_p: 22764     \cs_new_eq:cN { sys_if_engine_ #1 tex:TF } \use_ii:nn
\sys_if_engine xetex:TF 22765     \cs_new_eq:cN { sys_if_engine_ #1 tex_p: } \c_false_bool
\c_sys_engine_str      22766   }
22767 \cs_if_exist:NT \luatex luatexversion:D
22768   {
```

```

22769 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine luatex:T \use:n
22770 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine luatex:F \use_none:n
22771 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine luatex:TF \use_i:nn
22772 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine luatex_p: \c_true_bool
22773 \str_const:Nn \c_sys_engine_str { luatex }
22774 }
22775 \cs_if_exist:NT \pdftex_pdfversion:D
22776 {
22777 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine pdftex:T \use:n
22778 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine pdftex:F \use_none:n
22779 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine pdftex:TF \use_i:nn
22780 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine pdftex_p: \c_true_bool
22781 \str_const:Nn \c_sys_engine_str { pdftex }
22782 }
22783 \cs_if_exist:NT \ptex_kanjiskip:D
22784 {
22785 \bool_lazy_and:nnTF
22786 { \cs_if_exist_p:N \uptex_disablecjktoken:D }
22787 { \int_compare_p:nNn { \ptex_jis:D "2121 } = { "3000 } }
22788 {
22789 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine uptex:T \use:n
22790 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine uptex:F \use_none:n
22791 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine uptex:TF \use_i:nn
22792 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine uptex_p: \c_true_bool
22793 \str_const:Nn \c_sys_engine_str { uptex }
22794 }
22795 {
22796 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine ptex:T \use:n
22797 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine ptex:F \use_none:n
22798 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine ptex:TF \use_i:nn
22799 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine ptex_p: \c_true_bool
22800 \str_const:Nn \c_sys_engine_str { ptex }
22801 }
22802 }
22803 \cs_if_exist:NT \xetex_XeTeXversion:D
22804 {
22805 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine xetex:T \use:n
22806 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine xetex:F \use_none:n
22807 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine xetex:TF \use_i:nn
22808 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine xetex_p: \c_true_bool
22809 \str_const:Nn \c_sys_engine_str { xetex }
22810 }

```

(End definition for `\sys_if_engine luatex:TF` and others. These functions are documented on page 237.)

## 40.4 Detecting the output

`\sys_if_output_dvi_p:` This is a simple enough concept: the two views here are complementary.

```

\sys_if_output_dvi:TF 22811 \int_compare:nNnTF
\sys_if_output_pdf_p: 22812 { \cs_if_exist_use:NF \pdftex_pdfoutput:D { 0 } } > { 0 }
\sys_if_output_pdf:TF 22813 {
\c_sys_output_str 22814 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi:T \use_none:n
22815 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi:F \use:n

```

```

22816 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi:TF \use_ii:nn
22817 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi_p: \c_false_bool
22818 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf:T \use:n
22819 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf:F \use_none:n
22820 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf:TF \use_i:nn
22821 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf_p: \c_true_bool
22822 \str_const:Nn \c_sys_output_str { pdf }
22823 }
22824 {
22825 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi:T \use:n
22826 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi:F \use_none:n
22827 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi:TF \use_i:nn
22828 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi_p: \c_true_bool
22829 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf:T \use_none:n
22830 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf:F \use:n
22831 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf:TF \use_ii:nn
22832 \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf_p: \c_false_bool
22833 \str_const:Nn \c_sys_output_str { dvi }
22834 }

```

(End definition for `\sys_if_output_dvi:TF`, `\sys_if_output_pdf:TF`, and `\c_sys_output_str`. These functions are documented on page 238.)

```
22835 </initex | package>
```

## 41 l3deprecation implementation

```
22836 <*initex | package>
```

```
22837 <@@=deprecation>
```

`\__deprecation_error:Nnn` The `\outer` definition here ensures the command cannot appear in an argument. Use this auxiliary on all commands that have been removed since 2015.

```

22838 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__deprecation_error:Nnn #1#2#3
22839 {
22840 \etex_protected:D \tex_outer:D \tex_edef:D #1
22841 {
22842 \exp_not:N \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnnn
22843 { kernel } { deprecated-command }
22844 { \tl_to_str:n {#3} } { \token_to_str:N #1 } { \tl_to_str:n {#2} }
22845 \exp_not:N \__kernel_msg_error:nnxxx
22846 { kernel } { deprecated-command }
22847 { \tl_to_str:n {#3} } { \token_to_str:N #1 } { \tl_to_str:n {#2} }
22848 }
22849 }
22850 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \file_if_exist_input:nT { \file_if_exist:nT and~ \file_input:n } {
22851 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \file_if_exist_input:nTF { \file_if_exist:nT and~ \file_input:n }
22852 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \c_job_name_tl { \c_sys_jobname_str } { 2017-01-01 }
22853 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \dim_case:nnn { \dim_case:nnF } { 2015-07-14 }
22854 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \int_case:nnn { \int_case:nnF } { 2015-07-14 }
22855 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \int_from_binary:n { \int_from_bin:n } { 2016-01-05 }
22856 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \int_from_hexadecimal:n { \int_from_hex:n } { 2016-01-05 }
22857 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \int_from_octal:n { \int_from_oct:n } { 2016-01-05 }
22858 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \int_to_binary:n { \int_to_bin:n } { 2016-01-05 }
22859 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \int_to_hexadecimal:n { \int_to_hex:n } { 2016-01-05 }

```

```

22860 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \int_to_octal:n { \int_to_oct:n } { 2016-01-05 }
22861 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \ior_get_str:NN { \ior_str_get:NN } { 2018-03-05 }
22862 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \luatex_if_engine_p: { \sys_if_engine_luatex_p: } { 2017-01-01 }
22863 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \luatex_if_engine:F { \sys_if_engine_luatex:F } { 2017-01-01 }
22864 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \luatex_if_engine:T { \sys_if_engine_luatex:T } { 2017-01-01 }
22865 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \luatex_if_engine:TF { \sys_if_engine_luatex:TF } { 2017-01-01 }
22866 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \pdftex_if_engine_p: { \sys_if_engine_pdftex_p: } { 2017-01-01 }
22867 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \pdftex_if_engine:F { \sys_if_engine_pdftex:F } { 2017-01-01 }
22868 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \pdftex_if_engine:T { \sys_if_engine_pdftex:T } { 2017-01-01 }
22869 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \pdftex_if_engine:TF { \sys_if_engine_pdftex:TF } { 2017-01-01 }
22870 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \prop_get:cn { \prop_item:cn } { 2016-01-05 }
22871 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \prop_get:Nn { \prop_item:Nn } { 2016-01-05 }
22872 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \quark_if_recursion_tail_break:N { } { 2015-07-14 }
22873 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \quark_if_recursion_tail_break:n { } { 2015-07-14 }
22874 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \scan_align_safe_stop: { protected-commands } { 2017-01-01 }
22875 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \str_case:nnn { \str_case:nnF } { 2015-07-14 }
22876 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \str_case:onn { \str_case:onF } { 2015-07-14 }
22877 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \str_case_x:nnn { \str_case_x:nnF } { 2015-07-14 }
22878 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \tl_case:cnn { \tl_case:cnF } { 2015-07-14 }
22879 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \tl_case:Nnn { \tl_case:NnF } { 2015-07-14 }
22880 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \tl_to_lowercase:n { \tex_lowercase:D } { 2018-03-05 }
22881 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \tl_to_uppercase:n { \tex_uppercase:D } { 2018-03-05 }
22882 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \xetex_if_engine_p: { \sys_if_engine_xetex_p: } { 2017-01-01 }
22883 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \xetex_if_engine:F { \sys_if_engine_xetex:F } { 2017-01-01 }
22884 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \xetex_if_engine:T { \sys_if_engine_xetex:T } { 2017-01-01 }
22885 \__deprecation_error:Nnn \xetex_if_engine:TF { \sys_if_engine_xetex:TF } { 2017-01-01 }

```

(End definition for `\__deprecation_error:Nnn`.)

This is left-over from `l3expan`. It cannot be done there because `l3tl` is not loaded at that time.

```

22886 \__kernel_deprecation_code:nn
22887 {
22888   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_warning:nnxxxx
22889     { \__kernel_msg_error:nnxxxx }
22890 }
22891 {
22892   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_warning:nnxxxx
22893     { \__kernel_msg_warning:nnxxxx }
22894 }
22895 </initex | package>

```

## 42 l3candidates Implementation

```
22896 <*initex | package>
```

### 42.1 Additions to `l3basics`

`\mode_leave_vertical:` The approach here is different to that used by  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}_{2\epsilon}$  or plain  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ , which unbox a void box to force horizontal mode. That inserts the `\everypar` tokens *before* the re-inserted unboxing tokens. The approach here uses either the `\quitvmode` primitive or the equivalent protected macro. In vertical mode, the `\indent` primitive is inserted: this will switch to horizontal mode and insert `\everypar` tokens and nothing else. Unlike the  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}_{2\epsilon}$  version, the availability of  $\epsilon\text{-T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  means using a mode test can be done at for

example the start of an `\halign`. The `\quitvmode` primitive essentially wraps the same code up at the engine level.

```

22897 \cs_new_protected:Npx \mode_leave_vertical:
22898 {
22899   \cs_if_exist:NTF \pdftex_quitvmode:D
22900   { \pdftex_quitvmode:D }
22901   {
22902     \exp_not:n
22903     {
22904       \if_mode_vertical:
22905       \exp_after:wN \tex_indent:D
22906       \fi:
22907     }
22908   }
22909 }

```

(End definition for `\mode_leave_vertical:`. This function is documented on page 241.)

## 42.2 Additions to `l3box`

```

22910 <@@=box>

```

### 42.2.1 Viewing part of a box

`\box_clip:N` A wrapper around the driver-dependent code.

```

\box_clip:c
22911 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_clip:N #1
22912 { \hbox_set:Nn #1 { \driver_box_use_clip:N #1 } }
22913 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_clip:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\box_clip:N`. This function is documented on page 242.)

`\box_trim:Nnnnn` Trimming from the left- and right-hand edges of the box is easy: kern the appropriate parts off each side.

```

\box_trim:cnnnn
22914 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_trim:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
22915 {
22916   \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
22917   {
22918     \tex_kern:D - \__dim_eval:n {#2}
22919     \box_use:N #1
22920     \tex_kern:D - \__dim_eval:n {#4}
22921   }

```

For the height and depth, there is a need to watch the baseline is respected. Material always has to stay on the correct side, so trimming has to check that there is enough material to trim. First, the bottom edge. If there is enough depth, simply set the depth, or if not move down so the result is zero depth. `\box_move_down:nn` is used in both cases so the resulting box always contains a `\lower` primitive. The internal box is used here as it allows safe use of `\box_set_dp:Nn`.

```

22922   \dim_compare:nNnTF { \box_dp:N #1 } > {#3}
22923   {
22924     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
22925     {
22926       \box_move_down:nn \c_zero_dim
22927       { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box }

```

```

22928     }
22929     \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \box_dp:N #1 - (#3) }
22930   }
22931   {
22932     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
22933     {
22934       \box_move_down:nn { (#3) - \box_dp:N #1 }
22935       { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box }
22936     }
22937     \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box \c_zero_dim
22938   }

```

Same thing, this time from the top of the box.

```

22939   \dim_compare:nNnTF { \box_ht:N \l__box_internal_box } > {#5}
22940   {
22941     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
22942     {
22943       \box_move_up:nn \c_zero_dim
22944       { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box }
22945     }
22946     \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box
22947     { \box_ht:N \l__box_internal_box - (#5) }
22948   }
22949   {
22950     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
22951     {
22952       \box_move_up:nn { (#5) - \box_ht:N \l__box_internal_box }
22953       { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box }
22954     }
22955     \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box \c_zero_dim
22956   }
22957   \box_set_eq:NN #1 \l__box_internal_box
22958 }
22959 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_trim:Nnnnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\box_trim:Nnnnn`. This function is documented on page 242.)

**`\box_viewport:Nnnnn`** The same general logic as for the trim operation, but with absolute dimensions. As a result, there are some things to watch out for in the vertical direction.

```

\box_viewport:cnnnn
22960 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_viewport:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
22961 {
22962   \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
22963   {
22964     \tex_kern:D - \__dim_eval:n {#2}
22965     \box_use:N #1
22966     \tex_kern:D \__dim_eval:n { #4 - \box_wd:N #1 }
22967   }
22968   \dim_compare:nNnTF {#3} < \c_zero_dim
22969   {
22970     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
22971     {
22972       \box_move_down:nn \c_zero_dim
22973       { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box }
22974     }
22975     \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box { - \__dim_eval:n {#3} }

```

```

22976     }
22977     {
22978     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
22979     { \box_move_down:nn {#3} { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box } }
22980     \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box \c_zero_dim
22981     }
22982     \dim_compare:nNnTF {#5} > \c_zero_dim
22983     {
22984     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
22985     {
22986     \box_move_up:nn \c_zero_dim
22987     { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box }
22988     }
22989     \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box
22990     {
22991     (#5)
22992     \dim_compare:nNnT {#3} > \c_zero_dim
22993     { - (#3) }
22994     }
22995     }
22996     {
22997     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
22998     {
22999     \box_move_up:nn { - \_dim_eval:n {#5} }
23000     { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box }
23001     }
23002     \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box \c_zero_dim
23003     }
23004     \box_set_eq:NN #1 \l__box_internal_box
23005     }
23006     \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_viewport:Nnnnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\box_viewport:Nnnnn`. This function is documented on page 242.)

### 42.3 Additions to `l3clist`

```
23007 (@@=clist)
```

`\clist_rand_item:n` The `N`-type function is not implemented through the `n`-type function for efficiency: for instance comma-list variables do not require space-trimming of their items. Even testing `\clist_rand_item:N` for emptiness of an `n`-type comma-list is slow, so we count items first and use that both `\clist_rand_item:c` for the emptiness test and the pseudo-random integer. Importantly, `\clist_item:Nn` and `\clist_item:nn` only evaluate their argument once.

```

23008 \cs_new:Npn \clist_rand_item:n #1
23009 { \exp_args:Nf \_clist_rand_item:nn { \clist_count:n {#1} } {#1} }
23010 \cs_new:Npn \_clist_rand_item:nn #1#2
23011 {
23012   \int_compare:nNnF {#1} = 0
23013   { \clist_item:nn {#2} { \int_rand:nn { 1 } {#1} } }
23014 }
23015 \cs_new:Npn \clist_rand_item:N #1
23016 {
23017   \clist_if_empty:NF #1
23018   { \clist_item:Nn #1 { \int_rand:nn { 1 } { \clist_count:N #1 } } }

```

```

23019 }
23020 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_rand_item:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_rand_item:n`, `\clist_rand_item:N`, and `\_clist_rand_item:nn`. These functions are documented on page 242.)

## 42.4 Additions to `l3coffins`

```

23021 <@@=coffin>

```

### 42.4.1 Rotating coffins

`\l__coffin_sin_fp` Used for rotations to get the sine and cosine values.

```

\l__coffin_cos_fp
23022 \fp_new:N \l__coffin_sin_fp
23023 \fp_new:N \l__coffin_cos_fp

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_sin_fp` and `\l__coffin_cos_fp`.)

`\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.

```

23024 \prop_new:N \l__coffin_bounding_prop

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_bounding_prop`.)

`\l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim` The shift of the bounding box of a coffin from the real content.

```

23025 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim`.)

`\l__coffin_left_corner_dim` These are used to hold maxima for the various corner values: these thus define the minimum size of the bounding box after rotation.

```

\l__coffin_right_corner_dim
\l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim
\l__coffin_top_corner_dim
23026 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_left_corner_dim
23027 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_right_corner_dim
23028 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim
23029 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_top_corner_dim

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_left_corner_dim` and others.)

`\coffin_rotate:Nn` Rotating a coffin requires several steps which can be conveniently run together. The sine and cosine of the angle in degrees are computed. This is then used to set `\l__coffin_sin_fp` and `\l__coffin_cos_fp`, which are carried through unchanged for the rest of the procedure.

```

\coffin_rotate:cn
23030 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_rotate:Nn #1#2
23031 {
23032   \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_sin_fp { sind ( #2 ) }
23033   \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_cos_fp { cosd ( #2 ) }

```

The corners and poles of the coffin can now be rotated around the origin. This is best achieved using mapping functions.

```

23034   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop }
23035     { \_coffin_rotate_corner:Nnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
23036   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_poles_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop }
23037     { \_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.

```

23038   \__coffin_set_bounding:N #1
23039   \prop_map_inline:Nn \l__coffin_bounding_prop
23040     { \__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.

```

23041   \__coffin_find_corner_maxima:N #1
23042   \__coffin_find_bounding_shift:
23043   \box_rotate:Nn #1 {#2}

```

The correction of the box position itself takes place here. The idea is that the bounding box for a coffin is tight up to the content, and has the reference point at the bottom-left. The  $x$ -direction is handled by moving the content by the difference in the positions of the bounding box and the content left edge. The  $y$ -direction is dealt with by moving the box down by any depth it has acquired. The internal box is used here to allow for the next step.

```

23044   \hbox_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_box
23045     {
23046       \tex_kern:D
23047       \__dim_eval:n
23048         { \l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim - \l__coffin_left_corner_dim }
23049       \box_move_down:nn { \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim }
23050       { \box_use:N #1 }
23051     }

```

If there have been any previous rotations then the size of the bounding box will be bigger than the contents. This can be corrected easily by setting the size of the box to the height and width of the content. As this operation requires setting box dimensions and these transcend grouping, the safe way to do this is to use the internal box and to reset the result into the target box.

```

23052   \box_set_ht:Nn \l__coffin_internal_box
23053     { \l__coffin_top_corner_dim - \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim }
23054   \box_set_dp:Nn \l__coffin_internal_box { 0 pt }
23055   \box_set_wd:Nn \l__coffin_internal_box
23056     { \l__coffin_right_corner_dim - \l__coffin_left_corner_dim }
23057   \hbox_set:Nn #1 { \box_use:N \l__coffin_internal_box }

```

The final task is to move the poles and corners such that they are back in alignment with the box reference point.

```

23058   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
23059     { \__coffin_shift_corner:Nnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
23060   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
23061     { \__coffin_shift_pole:Nnnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
23062   }
23063   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_rotate:Nn { c }

```

*(End definition for \coffin\_rotate:Nn. This function is documented on page 243.)*

`\__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.

```

23064   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_set_bounding:N #1

```

```

23065 {
23066   \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop { tl }
23067   { { 0 pt } { \dim_eval:n { \box_ht:N #1 } } }
23068   \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop { tr }
23069   { { \dim_eval:n { \box_wd:N #1 } } { \dim_eval:n { \box_ht:N #1 } } }
23070   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_dim { -\box_dp:N #1 }
23071   \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop { bl }
23072   { { 0 pt } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_internal_dim } }
23073   \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop { br }
23074   { { \dim_eval:n { \box_wd:N #1 } } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_internal_dim } }
23075 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_set_bounding:N`.)

`\__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.

```

23076 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_rotate_bounding:nnn #1#2#3
23077 {
23078   \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN {#2} {#3} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim
23079   \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop {#1}
23080   { { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim } }
23081 }
23082 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_rotate_corner:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
23083 {
23084   \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim
23085   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2}
23086   { { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim } }
23087 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_rotate_bounding:nnn` and `\__coffin_rotate_corner:Nnnn`.)

`\__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.

```

23088 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_rotate_pole:Nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
23089 {
23090   \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim
23091   \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN {#5} {#6}
23092   \l__coffin_x_prime_dim \l__coffin_y_prime_dim
23093   \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 {#2}
23094   {
23095     { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim }
23096     { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_prime_dim }
23097     { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_prime_dim }
23098   }
23099 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_rotate_pole:Nnnnnn`.)

`\__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.

```

23100 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN #1#2#3#4

```

```

23101 {
23102   \dim_set:Nn #3
23103   {
23104     \fp_to_dim:n
23105     {
23106       \dim_to_fp:n {#1} * \l__coffin_cos_fp
23107       - \dim_to_fp:n {#2} * \l__coffin_sin_fp
23108     }
23109   }
23110   \dim_set:Nn #4
23111   {
23112     \fp_to_dim:n
23113     {
23114       \dim_to_fp:n {#1} * \l__coffin_sin_fp
23115       + \dim_to_fp:n {#2} * \l__coffin_cos_fp
23116     }
23117   }
23118 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN`.)

`\__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.

```

23119 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_find_corner_maxima:N #1
23120 {
23121   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_top_corner_dim { -\c_max_dim }
23122   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_right_corner_dim { -\c_max_dim }
23123   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim { \c_max_dim }
23124   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_left_corner_dim { \c_max_dim }
23125   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
23126     { \__coffin_find_corner_maxima_aux:nn ##2 }
23127 }
23128 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_find_corner_maxima_aux:nn #1#2
23129 {
23130   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_left_corner_dim
23131     { \dim_min:nn { \l__coffin_left_corner_dim } {#1} }
23132   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_right_corner_dim
23133     { \dim_max:nn { \l__coffin_right_corner_dim } {#1} }
23134   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim
23135     { \dim_min:nn { \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim } {#2} }
23136   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_top_corner_dim
23137     { \dim_max:nn { \l__coffin_top_corner_dim } {#2} }
23138 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_find_corner_maxima:N` and `\__coffin_find_corner_maxima_aux:nn`.)

`\__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.

```

23139 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_find_bounding_shift:
23140 {
23141   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim { \c_max_dim }

```

```

23142     \prop_map_inline:Nn \l__coffin_bounding_prop
23143     { \__coffin_find_bounding_shift_aux:nn ##2 }
23144   }
23145 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_find_bounding_shift_aux:nn #1#2
23146   {
23147     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim
23148     { \dim_min:nn { \l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim } {#1} }
23149   }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_find_bounding_shift:` and `\__coffin_find_bounding_shift_aux:nn`.)

`\__coffin_shift_corner:Nnnn` `\__coffin_shift_pole:Nnnnnn` Shifting the corners and poles of a coffin means subtracting the appropriate values from the  $x$ - and  $y$ -components. For the poles, this means that the direction vector is unchanged.

```

23150 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_shift_corner:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
23151   {
23152     \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _ prop } {#2}
23153     {
23154       { \dim_eval:n { #3 - \l__coffin_left_corner_dim } }
23155       { \dim_eval:n { #4 - \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim } }
23156     }
23157   }
23158 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_shift_pole:Nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
23159   {
23160     \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _ prop } {#2}
23161     {
23162       { \dim_eval:n { #3 - \l__coffin_left_corner_dim } }
23163       { \dim_eval:n { #4 - \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim } }
23164       {#5} {#6}
23165     }
23166   }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_shift_corner:Nnnn` and `\__coffin_shift_pole:Nnnnnn`.)

#### 42.4.2 Resizing coffins

`\l__coffin_scale_x_fp` `\l__coffin_scale_y_fp` Storage for the scaling factors in  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively.

```

23167 \fp_new:N \l__coffin_scale_x_fp
23168 \fp_new:N \l__coffin_scale_y_fp

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_scale_x_fp` and `\l__coffin_scale_y_fp`.)

`\l__coffin_scaled_total_height_dim` `\l__coffin_scaled_width_dim` When scaling, the values given have to be turned into absolute values.

```

23169 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_scaled_total_height_dim
23170 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_scaled_width_dim

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_scaled_total_height_dim` and `\l__coffin_scaled_width_dim`.)

`\coffin_resize:Nnn` `\coffin_resize:cnm` 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.

```

23171 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_resize:Nnn #1#2#3
23172   {

```

```

23173 \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_scale_x_fp
23174 { \dim_to_fp:n {#2} / \dim_to_fp:n { \coffin_wd:N #1 } }
23175 \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_scale_y_fp
23176 {
23177   \dim_to_fp:n {#3}
23178   / \dim_to_fp:n { \coffin_ht:N #1 + \coffin_dp:N #1 }
23179 }
23180 \box_resize_to_wd_and_ht_plus_dp:Nnn #1 {#2} {#3}
23181 \__coffin_resize_common:Nnn #1 {#2} {#3}
23182 }
23183 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_resize:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_resize:Nnn`. This function is documented on page 243.)

`\__coffin_resize_common:Nnn` The poles and corners of the coffin are scaled to the appropriate places before actually resizing the underlying box.

```

23184 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_resize_common:Nnn #1#2#3
23185 {
23186   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
23187   { \__coffin_scale_corner:Nnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
23188   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
23189   { \__coffin_scale_pole:Nnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }

```

Negative  $x$ -scaling values place the poles in the wrong location: this is corrected here.

```

23190 \fp_compare:nNnT \l__coffin_scale_x_fp < \c_zero_fp
23191 {
23192   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
23193   { \__coffin_x_shift_corner:Nnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
23194   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
23195   { \__coffin_x_shift_pole:Nnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
23196 }
23197 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_resize_common:Nnn`.)

`\coffin_scale:Nnn` For scaling, the opposite calculation is done to find the new dimensions for the coffin.  
`\coffin_scale:cnm` Only the total height is needed, as this is the shift required for corners and poles. The scaling is done the T<sub>E</sub>X way as this works properly with floating point values without needing to use the `fp` module.

```

23198 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_scale:Nnn #1#2#3
23199 {
23200   \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_scale_x_fp {#2}
23201   \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_scale_y_fp {#3}
23202   \box_scale:Nnn #1 { \l__coffin_scale_x_fp } { \l__coffin_scale_y_fp }
23203   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_dim
23204   { \coffin_ht:N #1 + \coffin_dp:N #1 }
23205   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_scaled_total_height_dim
23206   { \fp_abs:n { \l__coffin_scale_y_fp } \l__coffin_internal_dim }
23207   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_scaled_width_dim
23208   { -\fp_abs:n { \l__coffin_scale_x_fp } \coffin_wd:N #1 }
23209   \__coffin_resize_common:Nnn #1
23210   { \l__coffin_scaled_width_dim } { \l__coffin_scaled_total_height_dim }
23211 }
23212 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_scale:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_scale:Nnn`. This function is documented on page 243.)

`\__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.

```

23213 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_scale_vector:nnNN #1#2#3#4
23214   {
23215     \dim_set:Nn #3
23216       { \fp_to_dim:n { \dim_to_fp:n {#1} * \l__coffin_scale_x_fp } }
23217     \dim_set:Nn #4
23218       { \fp_to_dim:n { \dim_to_fp:n {#2} * \l__coffin_scale_y_fp } }
23219   }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_scale_vector:nnNN`.)

`\__coffin_scale_corner:Nnnn` `\__coffin_scale_pole:Nnnnnn` Scaling both corners and poles is a simple calculation using the preceding vector scaling.

```

23220 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_scale_corner:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
23221   {
23222     \__coffin_scale_vector:nnNN {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim
23223     \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2}
23224     { { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim } }
23225   }
23226 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_scale_pole:Nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
23227   {
23228     \__coffin_scale_vector:nnNN {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim
23229     \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 {#2}
23230     {
23231       { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim }
23232       {#5} {#6}
23233     }
23234   }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_scale_corner:Nnnn` and `\__coffin_scale_pole:Nnnnnn`.)

`\__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.

```

23235 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_x_shift_corner:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
23236   {
23237     \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2}
23238     {
23239       { \dim_eval:n { #3 + \box_wd:N #1 } } {#4}
23240     }
23241   }
23242 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_x_shift_pole:Nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
23243   {
23244     \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2}
23245     {
23246       { \dim_eval:n { #3 + \box_wd:N #1 } } {#4}
23247       {#5} {#6}
23248     }
23249   }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_x_shift_corner:Nnnn` and `\__coffin_x_shift_pole:Nnnnnn`.)

## 42.5 Additions to l3file

23250 <@@=file>

`\file_get_md5five_hash:nN` These are all wrappers around the pdfTeX primitives doing the same jobs: as we want  
`\file_get_size:nN` consistent file paths to be found, they are all set up using `\file_get_full_name:nN`  
`\file_get_timestamp:nN` and so are non-expandable get functions. Much of the code is repetitive but we need  
`\__file_get_details:nnN` to branch for LuaTeX (emulation in Lua), for the slightly different syntax needed for  
`\pdfutex_md5fivesum:D` and for the fact that primitive coverage varies in other engines.

```

23251 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_get_md5five_hash:nN #1#2
23252 { \__file_get_details:nnN {#1} { md5fivesum } {#2} }
23253 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_get_size:nN #1#2
23254 { \__file_get_details:nnN {#1} { size } {#2} }
23255 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_get_timestamp:nN #1#2
23256 { \__file_get_details:nnN {#1} { moddate } {#2} }
23257 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_get_details:nnN #1#2#3
23258 {
23259   \file_get_full_name:nN {#1} \l__file_full_name_str
23260   \str_set:Nx #3
23261     {
23262       \use:c { pdfutex_file #2 :D } \exp_after:wN
23263         { \l__file_full_name_str }
23264     }
23265 }
23266 \cs_if_exist:NTF \luatex_directlua:D
23267 {
23268   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__file_get_details:nnN #1#2#3
23269     {
23270       \file_get_full_name:nN {#1} \l__file_full_name_str
23271       \str_set:Nx #3
23272         {
23273           \lua_now_x:n
23274             {
23275               l3kernel.file#2
23276               ( " \lua_escape_x:n { \l__file_full_name_str } " )
23277             }
23278         }
23279     }
23280 }
23281 {
23282   \cs_set_protected:Npn \file_get_md5five_hash:nN #1#2
23283     {
23284       \file_get_full_name:nN {#1} \l__file_full_name_str
23285       \tl_set:Nx #2
23286         {
23287           \pdfutex_md5fivesum:D file \exp_after:wN
23288             { \l__file_full_name_str }
23289         }
23290     }
23291 \cs_if_exist:NT \xetex_XeTeXversion:D
23292 {
23293   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__file_get_details:nnN #1#2#3
23294     {
23295       \tl_clear:N #3

```

```

23296         \__kernel_msg_error:nnx
23297         { kernel } { xetex-primitive-not-available }
23298         { \exp_not:c { pdf file #2 } }
23299     }
23300 }
23301 }
23302 \__kernel_msg_new:nxxx { kernel } { xetex-primitive-not-available }
23303 { Primitive~\token_to_str:N #1 not~available }
23304 {
23305     XeTeX~does~not~currently~provide~functionality~equivalent~to~the~
23306     \token_to_str:N #1 primitive.
23307 }

```

(End definition for `\file_get_md5five_hash:nN` and others. These functions are documented on page 243.)

**`\file_if_exist_input:n`** `\file_if_exist_input:nF` Input of a file with a test for existence. We do not define the T or TF variants because the most useful place to place the *<true code>* would be inconsistent with other conditionals.

```

23308 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_if_exist_input:n #1
23309 {
23310     \file_get_full_name:nN {#1} \l__file_full_name_str
23311     \str_if_empty:NF \l__file_full_name_str
23312     { \__file_input:V \l__file_full_name_str }
23313 }
23314 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_if_exist_input:nF #1#2
23315 {
23316     \file_get_full_name:nN {#1} \l__file_full_name_str
23317     \str_if_empty:NTF \l__file_full_name_str
23318     {#2}
23319     { \__file_input:V \l__file_full_name_str }
23320 }

```

(End definition for `\file_if_exist_input:n` and `\file_if_exist_input:nF`. These functions are documented on page 244.)

**`\file_input_stop:`** A simple rename.

```

23321 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_input_stop: { \tex_endinput:D }

```

(End definition for `\file_input_stop:`. This function is documented on page 244.)

## 42.6 Additions to `l3int`

```

23322 <@@=int>

```

**`\int_rand:nn`** `\__int_rand:ww` `\__int_rand_narrow:n` `\__int_rand_narrow:nnn` `\__int_rand_narrow:nnnn` Evaluate the argument and filter out the case where the lower bound `#1` is more than the upper bound `#2`. Then determine whether the range is narrower than `\c__fp_rand_size_int`; `#2-#1` may overflow for very large positive `#2` and negative `#1`. If the range is wide, use slower code from `l3fp`. If the range is narrow, call `\__int_rand_narrow:nn` *<choices>* `{#1}` where *<choices>* is the number of possible outcomes. Then `\__int_rand_narrow:nnnn` receives a random number reduced modulo *<choices>*, the random number itself, *<choices>* and `#1`. To avoid bias, throw away the random number if it lies in the last, incomplete, interval of size *<choices>* in  $[0, \c__fp_rand_size\_int - 1]$ , and try again.

```

23323 \cs_if_exist:NTF \pdfTeX_uniformdeviate:D

```

```

23324 {
23325   \__kernel_patch_args:nNNpn
23326   {
23327     { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#1} \__int_eval:w { } \int_rand:nn }
23328     { \__kernel_chk_expr:nNnN {#2} \__int_eval:w { } \int_rand:nn }
23329   }
23330   \cs_new:Npn \int_rand:nn #1#2
23331   {
23332     \exp_after:wN \__int_rand:ww
23333     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
23334     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #2 ;
23335   }
23336   \cs_new:Npn \__int_rand:ww #1; #2;
23337   {
23338     \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} > {#2}
23339     {
23340       \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnnn
23341       { kernel } { backward-range } {#1} {#2}
23342       \__int_rand:ww #2; #1;
23343     }
23344     {
23345       \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} > 0
23346       { \int_compare:nNnTF { #2 - #1 } < \c__fp_rand_size_int }
23347       { \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} < { #1 + \c__fp_rand_size_int } }
23348       {
23349         \exp_args:Nf \__int_rand_narrow:nn
23350         { \int_eval:n { #2 - #1 + 1 } } {#1}
23351       }
23352       { \fp_to_int:n { randint(#1,#2) } }
23353     }
23354   }
23355   \cs_new:Npn \__int_rand_narrow:nn
23356   {
23357     \exp_args:No \__int_rand_narrow:nnn
23358     { \pdfTeX_uniformdeviate:D \c__fp_rand_size_int }
23359   }
23360   \cs_new:Npn \__int_rand_narrow:nnn #1#2
23361   {
23362     \exp_args:Nf \__int_rand_narrow:nnnn
23363     { \int_mod:nn {#1} {#2} } {#1} {#2}
23364   }
23365   \cs_new:Npn \__int_rand_narrow:nnnn #1#2#3#4
23366   {
23367     \int_compare:nNnTF { #2 - #1 + #3 } > \c__fp_rand_size_int
23368     { \__int_rand_narrow:nn {#3} {#4} }
23369     { \int_eval:n { #4 + #1 } }
23370   }
23371 }
23372 {
23373   \cs_new:Npn \int_rand:nn #1#2
23374   {
23375     \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { fp-no-random }
23376     \int_eval:n {#1}
23377   }

```

```
23378 }
```

(End definition for `\int_rand:nn` and others. This function is documented on page 244.)

The following must be added to `l3msg`.

```
23379 \cs_if_exist:NT \pdfTeX_uniformdeviate:D
23380 {
23381   \__kernel_msg_new:nnn { kernel } { backward-range }
23382   { Bounds~ordered~backwards~in~\int_rand:nn {#1}~{#2}. }
23383 }
```

## 42.7 Additions to `l3msg`

```
23384 (@@=msg)
```

Pass to an auxiliary the message to display and the module name

```
\msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn
\msg_expandable_error:nnffff
\msg_expandable_error:nnnnn
\msg_expandable_error:nnfff
\msg_expandable_error:nnnn
\msg_expandable_error:nnff
\msg_expandable_error:nnn
\msg_expandable_error:nnf
\msg_expandable_error:nn
\__msg_expandable_error_module:nn
23385 \cs_new:Npn \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
23386 {
23387   \exp_args:Nf \__msg_expandable_error_module:nn
23388   {
23389     \exp_args:Nf \tl_to_str:n
23390     { \use:c { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6} }
23391   }
23392   {#1}
23393 }
23394 \cs_new:Npn \msg_expandable_error:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
23395 { \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} { } }
23396 \cs_new:Npn \msg_expandable_error:nnnn #1#2#3#4
23397 { \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} { } { } }
23398 \cs_new:Npn \msg_expandable_error:nnn #1#2#3
23399 { \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} { } { } { } }
23400 \cs_new:Npn \msg_expandable_error:nn #1#2
23401 { \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn {#1} {#2} { } { } { } { } }
23402 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn { nnffff }
23403 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn { nnfff }
23404 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \msg_expandable_error:nnnnn { nnff }
23405 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \msg_expandable_error:nnnn { nnf }
23406 \cs_new:Npn \__msg_expandable_error_module:nn #1#2
23407 {
23408   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
23409   \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
23410   \use:n { \::error ! ~ #2 : ~ #1 } \q_stop
23411 }
```

(End definition for `\msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 245.)

```
\msg_show_eval:Nn
\msg_log_eval:Nn
\__msg_show_eval:nnN
```

A short-hand used for `\int_show:n` and similar functions that passes to `\tl_show:n` the result of applying `#1` (a function such as `\int_eval:n`) to the expression `#2`. The use of `f`-expansion ensures that `#1` is expanded in the scope in which the show command is called, rather than in the group created by `\iow_wrap:nnnN`. This is only important for expressions involving the `\currentgrouplevel` or `\currentgrouptype`. On the other hand we want the expression to be converted to a string with the usual escape character, hence within the wrapping code.

```
23412 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_show_eval:Nn #1#2
```

```

23413 { \exp_args:Nf \_msg_show_eval:nnN { #1 {#2} } {#2} \tl_show:n }
23414 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_log_eval:Nn #1#2
23415 { \exp_args:Nf \_msg_show_eval:nnN { #1 {#2} } {#2} \tl_log:n }
23416 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_show_eval:nnN #1#2#3 { #3 { #2 = #1 } }

```

(End definition for `\msg_show_eval:Nn`, `\msg_log_eval:Nn`, and `\_msg_show_eval:nnN`. These functions are documented on page 245.)

`\msg_show_item:N` Each item in the variable is formatted using one of the following functions. We cannot use `\` and so on because these short-hands cannot be used inside the arguments of messages, only when defining the messages.

```

\msg_show_item:N
\msg_show_item_unbraced:N
\msg_show_item:nn
\msg_show_item_unbraced:nn
23417 \cs_new:Npx \msg_show_item:n #1
23418 { \iow_newline: > ~ \c_space_tl \exp_not:N \tl_to_str:n { {#1} } }
23419 \cs_new:Npx \msg_show_item_unbraced:n #1
23420 { \iow_newline: > ~ \c_space_tl \exp_not:N \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
23421 \cs_new:Npx \msg_show_item:nn #1#2
23422 {
23423   \iow_newline: > \use:nn { ~ } { ~ }
23424   \exp_not:N \tl_to_str:n { {#1} }
23425   \use:nn { ~ } { ~ } => \use:nn { ~ } { ~ }
23426   \exp_not:N \tl_to_str:n { {#2} }
23427 }
23428 \cs_new:Npx \msg_show_item_unbraced:nn #1#2
23429 {
23430   \iow_newline: > \use:nn { ~ } { ~ }
23431   \exp_not:N \tl_to_str:n {#1}
23432   \use:nn { ~ } { ~ } => \use:nn { ~ } { ~ }
23433   \exp_not:N \tl_to_str:n {#2}
23434 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_show_item:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 245.)

## 42.8 Additions to `l3prg`

`\bool_const:Nn` A merger between `\tl_const:Nn` and `\bool_set:Nn`.

```

\bool_const:cn
23435 \_kernel_patch:nnNpn { \_kernel_chk_var_scope:NN c #1 } { }
23436 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_const:Nn #1#2
23437 {
23438   \_chk_if_free_cs:N #1
23439   \tex_global:D \tex_chardef:D #1 = \bool_if_p:n {#2}
23440 }
23441 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_const:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\bool_const:Nn`. This function is documented on page 245.)

## 42.9 Additions to `l3prop`

```

23442 <@@=prop>

```

`\prop_count:N` Counting the key–value pairs in a property list 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.

```

\prop_count:c
\_prop_count:nn
23443 \cs_new:Npn \prop_count:N #1
23444 {

```

```

23445 \int_eval:n
23446 {
23447   0
23448   \prop_map_function:NN #1 \_prop_count:nn
23449 }
23450 }
23451 \cs_new:Npn \_prop_count:nn #1#2 { + 1 }
23452 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_count:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\prop_count:N` and `\_prop_count:nn`. This function is documented on page 246.)

`\prop_map_tokens:Nn` The mapping is very similar to `\prop_map_function:NN`. It grabs one key–value pair  
`\prop_map_tokens:cn` at a time, and stops when reaching the marker key `\q_recursion_tail`, which cannot  
`\_prop_map_tokens:nwwn` appear in normal keys since those are strings. The odd construction `\use:n {#1}` allows  
`#1` to contain any token without interfering with `\prop_map_break:.` Argument `#2` of  
`\_prop_map_tokens:nwwn` is `\s__prop` the first time, and is otherwise empty.

```

23453 \cs_new:Npn \prop_map_tokens:Nn #1#2
23454 {
23455   \exp_last_unbraced:Nno \_prop_map_tokens:nwwn {#2} #1
23456   \_prop_pair:wn \q_recursion_tail \s__prop { }
23457   \_prg_break_point:Nn \prop_map_break: { }
23458 }
23459 \cs_new:Npn \_prop_map_tokens:nwwn #1#2 \_prop_pair:wn #3 \s__prop #4
23460 {
23461   \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #3
23462   \exp_after:wN \prop_map_break:
23463   \fi:
23464   \use:n {#1} {#3} {#4}
23465   \_prop_map_tokens:nwwn {#1}
23466 }
23467 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_map_tokens:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\prop_map_tokens:Nn` and `\_prop_map_tokens:nwwn`. This function is documented on page 246.)

`\prop_rand_key_value:N` Contrarily to `clist`, `seq` and `tl`, there is no function to get an item of a `prop` given an  
`\prop_rand_key_value:c` integer between 1 and the number of items, so we write the appropriate code. There is  
`\_prop_rand:NN` no bounds checking because `\int_rand:nn` is always within bounds. At the end, leave  
`\_prop_rand_item:Nw` either the key `#3` or the value `#4` in the input stream.

```

23468 \cs_new:Npn \prop_rand_key_value:N { \_prop_rand:NN \_prop_rand:nNn }
23469 \cs_new:Npn \_prop_rand:nNn #1#2#3 { \exp_not:n { {#1} {#3} } }
23470 \cs_new:Npn \_prop_rand:NN #1#2
23471 {
23472   \prop_if_empty:NTF #2 { }
23473   {
23474     \exp_after:wN \_prop_rand_item:Nw \exp_after:wN #1
23475     \_int_value:w \int_rand:nn { 1 } { \prop_count:N #2 } #2
23476     \q_stop
23477   }
23478 }
23479 \cs_new:Npn \_prop_rand_item:Nw #1#2 \s__prop \_prop_pair:wn #3 \s__prop #4
23480 {
23481   \int_compare:nNnF {#2} > 1
23482   { \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw { #1 {#3} \exp_not:n {#4} } }

```

```

23483 \exp_after:wN \__prop_rand_item:Nw \exp_after:wN #1
23484 \__int_value:w \int_eval:n { #2 - 1 } \s__prop
23485 }
23486 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_rand_key_value:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\prop_rand_key_value:N`, `\__prop_rand:NN`, and `\__prop_rand_item:Nw`. This function is documented on page 246.)

## 42.10 Additions to `l3seq`

```
23487 <@@=seq>
```

```

\seq_mapthread_function:NNN
\seq_mapthread_function:NcN
\seq_mapthread_function:cNN
\seq_mapthread_function:ccN
  \__seq_mapthread_function:wNN
  \__seq_mapthread_function:wNw
  \__seq_mapthread_function:Nnnwnn

```

The idea is to first expand both sequences, adding the usual `{ ? \__prg_break: } { }` to the end of each one. This is most conveniently done in two steps using an auxiliary function. The mapping then throws away the first tokens of `#2` and `#5`, which for items in both sequences are `\s__seq \__seq_item:n`. The function to be mapped are then be applied to the two entries. When the code hits the end of one of the sequences, the break material stops the entire loop and tidy up. This avoids needing to find the count of the two sequences, or worrying about which is longer.

```

23488 \cs_new:Npn \seq_mapthread_function:NNN #1#2#3
23489 { \exp_after:wN \__seq_mapthread_function:wNN #2 \q_stop #1 #3 }
23490 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_mapthread_function:wNN \s__seq #1 \q_stop #2#3
23491 {
23492   \exp_after:wN \__seq_mapthread_function:wNw #2 \q_stop #3
23493   #1 { ? \__prg_break: } { }
23494   \__prg_break_point:
23495 }
23496 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_mapthread_function:wNw \s__seq #1 \q_stop #2
23497 {
23498   \__seq_mapthread_function:Nnnwnn #2
23499   #1 { ? \__prg_break: } { }
23500   \q_stop
23501 }
23502 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_mapthread_function:Nnnwnn #1#2#3#4 \q_stop #5#6
23503 {
23504   \use_none:n #2
23505   \use_none:n #5
23506   #1 {#3} {#6}
23507   \__seq_mapthread_function:Nnnwnn #1 #4 \q_stop
23508 }
23509 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_mapthread_function:NNN { Nc , c , cc }

```

(End definition for `\seq_mapthread_function:NNN` and others. This function is documented on page 247.)

```

\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.

```

23510 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_set_filter:NNn
23511 { \__seq_set_filter:NNNn \tl_set:Nx }
23512 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gset_filter:NNn
23513 { \__seq_set_filter:NNNn \tl_gset:Nx }
23514 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_set_filter:NNNn #1#2#3#4

```

```

23515 {
23516   \__seq_push_item_def:n { \bool_if:nT {#4} { \__seq_wrap_item:n {##1} } }
23517   #1 #2 { #3 }
23518   \__seq_pop_item_def:
23519 }

```

(End definition for `\seq_set_filter:NNn`, `\seq_gset_filter:NNn`, and `\__seq_set_filter:NNNn`. These functions are documented on page 247.)

`\seq_set_map:NNn` Very similar to `\seq_set_filter:NNn`. We could actually merge the two within a single function, but it would have weird semantics.  
`\seq_gset_map:NNn`  
`\__seq_set_map:NNNn`

```

23520 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_set_map:NNn
23521 { \__seq_set_map:NNNn \tl_set:Nx }
23522 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gset_map:NNn
23523 { \__seq_set_map:NNNn \tl_gset:Nx }
23524 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_set_map:NNNn #1#2#3#4
23525 {
23526   \__seq_push_item_def:n { \exp_not:N \__seq_item:n {#4} }
23527   #1 #2 { #3 }
23528   \__seq_pop_item_def:
23529 }

```

(End definition for `\seq_set_map:NNn`, `\seq_gset_map:NNn`, and `\__seq_set_map:NNNn`. These functions are documented on page 247.)

`\seq_rand_item:N` Importantly, `\seq_item:Nn` only evaluates its argument once.

```

\seq_rand_item:c
23530 \cs_new:Npn \seq_rand_item:N #1
23531 {
23532   \seq_if_empty:NF #1
23533   { \seq_item:Nn #1 { \int_rand:nn { 1 } { \seq_count:N #1 } } }
23534 }
23535 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_rand_item:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_rand_item:N`. This function is documented on page 247.)

`\seq_const_from_clist:Nn` Almost identical to `\seq_set_from_clist:Nn`.

```

\seq_const_from_clist:cn
23536 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_const_from_clist:Nn #1#2
23537 {
23538   \tl_const:Nx #1
23539   { \s__seq \clist_map_function:nN {#2} \__seq_wrap_item:n }
23540 }
23541 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_const_from_clist:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_const_from_clist:Nn`. This function is documented on page 247.)

## 42.11 Additions to l3skip

```

23542 <@@=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.

```

23543 \cs_new:Npn \skip_split_finite_else_action:nnNN #1#2#3#4
23544 {

```

```

23545 \skip_if_finite:nTF {#1}
23546 {
23547   #3 = \etex_gluestretch:D #1 \scan_stop:
23548   #4 = \etex_glueshrink:D #1 \scan_stop:
23549 }
23550 {
23551   #3 = \c_zero_skip
23552   #4 = \c_zero_skip
23553   #2
23554 }
23555 }

```

(End definition for `\skip_split_finite_else_action:nnNN`. This function is documented on page 248.)

## 42.12 Additions to l3sys

```

23556 (@@=sys)

```

`\sys_if_rand_exist_p:` Currently, randomness exists under pdfTeX and LuaTeX.

```

\sys_if_rand_exist:TF
23557 \cs_if_exist:NTF \pdfTeX_uniformdeviate:D
23558 {
23559   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \sys_if_rand_exist: { p , T , F , TF }
23560   { \prg_return_true: }
23561 }
23562 {
23563   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \sys_if_rand_exist: { p , T , F , TF }
23564   { \prg_return_false: }
23565 }

```

(End definition for `\sys_if_rand_exist:TF`. This function is documented on page 248.)

`\sys_rand_seed:` Unpack the primitive.

```

23566 \cs_new:Npn \sys_rand_seed: { \tex_the:D \pdfTeX_randomseed:D }
23567 \cs_if_exist:NF \pdfTeX_randomseed:D
23568 { \cs_set:Npn \sys_rand_seed: { 0 } }

```

(End definition for `\sys_rand_seed:.` This function is documented on page 248.)

`\sys_gset_rand_seed:n` The primitive always assigns the seed globally.

```

23569 \cs_new_protected:Npn \sys_gset_rand_seed:n #1
23570 { \pdfTeX_setrandomseed:D \__int_eval:n {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\sys_gset_rand_seed:n`. This function is documented on page 248.)

`\c_sys_shell_escape_int` Expose the engine's shell escape status to the user.

```

23571 \int_const:Nn \c_sys_shell_escape_int
23572 {
23573   \sys_if_engine luatex:TF
23574   {
23575     \luatex_directlua:D
23576     {
23577       tex.sprint((status.shell_escape~or~os.execute()) .. " ")
23578     }
23579   }
23580   {

```

```

23581     \pdfTeXshellescape:D
23582   }
23583 }

```

(End definition for `\c_sys_shell_escape_int`. This variable is documented on page 248.)

`\sys_if_shell_p:` Performs a check for whether shell escape is enabled. This returns true if either of restricted or unrestricted shell escape is enabled.

`\sys_if_shell:TF`

```

23584 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \sys_if_shell: { p , T , F , TF }
23585 {
23586   \if_int_compare:w \c_sys_shell_escape_int = 0 ~
23587     \prg_return_false:
23588   \else:
23589     \prg_return_true:
23590   \fi:
23591 }

```

(End definition for `\sys_if_shell:TF`. This function is documented on page 248.)

`\sys_if_shell_unrestricted_p:` Performs a check for whether *unrestricted* shell escape is enabled.

`\sys_if_shell_unrestricted:TF`

```

23592 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \sys_if_shell_unrestricted: { p , T , F , TF }
23593 {
23594   \if_int_compare:w \c_sys_shell_escape_int = 1 ~
23595     \prg_return_true:
23596   \else:
23597     \prg_return_false:
23598   \fi:
23599 }

```

(End definition for `\sys_if_shell_unrestricted:TF`. This function is documented on page 248.)

`\sys_if_shell_restricted_p:` Performs a check for whether *restricted* shell escape is enabled. This returns false if unrestricted shell escape is enabled. Unrestricted shell escape is not considered a superset of restricted shell escape in this case. To find whether any shell escape is enabled use `\sys_if_shell:`.

`\sys_if_shell_restricted:TF`

```

23600 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \sys_if_shell_restricted: { p , T , F , TF }
23601 {
23602   \if_int_compare:w \c_sys_shell_escape_int = 2 ~
23603     \prg_return_true:
23604   \else:
23605     \prg_return_false:
23606   \fi:
23607 }

```

(End definition for `\sys_if_shell_restricted:TF`. This function is documented on page 249.)

`\c_sys_shell_stream_int` This is not needed for Lua $\TeX$ : shell escape there isn't done using a  $\TeX$  interface

```

23608 \sys_if_engine luatex:F
23609 { \int_const:Nn \c_sys_shell_stream_int { 18 } }

```

(End definition for `\c_sys_shell_stream_int`.)

`\sys_shell_now:n` Execute commands through shell escape immediately.

```
23610 \sys_if_engine luatex:TF
23611 {
23612   \cs_new_protected:Npn \sys_shell_now:n #1
23613     {
23614       \luatex_directlua:D
23615         {
23616           os.execute("
23617             \luatex_luaescapestring:D { \etex_detokenize:D {#1} }
23618           ")
23619         }
23620     }
23621 }
23622 {
23623   \cs_new_protected:Npn \sys_shell_now:n #1
23624     {
23625       \iow_now:Nn \c__sys_shell_stream_int { #1 }
23626     }
23627 }
23628 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \sys_shell_now:n { x }
```

(End definition for `\sys_shell_now:n`. This function is documented on page 249.)

`\sys_shell_shipout:n` Execute commands through shell escape at shipout.

```
23629 \sys_if_engine luatex:TF
23630 {
23631   \cs_new_protected:Npn \sys_shell_shipout:n #1
23632     {
23633       \luatex_latelua:D
23634         {
23635           os.execute("
23636             \luatex_luaescapestring:D { \etex_detokenize:D {#1} }
23637           ")
23638         }
23639     }
23640 }
23641 {
23642   \cs_new_protected:Npn \sys_shell_shipout:n #1
23643     {
23644       \iow_shipout:Nn \c__sys_shell_stream_int { #1 }
23645     }
23646 }
23647 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \sys_shell_shipout:n { x }
```

(End definition for `\sys_shell_shipout:n`. This function is documented on page 249.)

## 42.13 Additions to `l3tl`

```
23648 <@@=t>
```

`\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. For the next case, an empty token list is not a single token.

`\tl_if_single_token:nTF`

Finally, we have a non-empty token list starting with a space or a brace group. Applying f-expansion yields an empty result if and only if the token list is a single space.

```

23649 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_single_token:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
23650 {
23651   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {#1}
23652   { \__tl_if_empty_return:o { \use_none:n #1 } }
23653   {
23654     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
23655     { \prg_return_false: }
23656     { \__tl_if_empty_return:o { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #1 } }
23657   }
23658 }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_single_token:nTF`. This function is documented on page 249.)

`\tl_reverse_tokens:n` The same as `\tl_reverse:n` but with recursion within brace groups.

```

\__tl_reverse_group:nn 23659 \cs_new:Npn \tl_reverse_tokens:n #1
23660 {
23661   \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
23662   {
23663     \exp:w
23664     \__tl_act:NNNnn
23665     \__tl_reverse_normal:nN
23666     \__tl_reverse_group:nn
23667     \__tl_reverse_space:n
23668     { }
23669     {#1}
23670   }
23671 }
23672 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_reverse_group:nn #1
23673 {
23674   \__tl_act_group_recurse:Nnn
23675   \__tl_act_reverse_output:n
23676   { \tl_reverse_tokens:n }
23677 }

```

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.

```

23678 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_group_recurse:Nnn #1#2#3
23679 {
23680   \exp_args:Nf #1
23681   { \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN { #2 {#3} } }
23682 }

```

(End definition for `\tl_reverse_tokens:n`, `\__tl_reverse_group:nn`, and `\__tl_act_group_recurse:Nnn`. This function is documented on page 249.)

`\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 `\exp_end:` inserted by `\__tl_act_end:wn` (which is technically implemented as `\c_zero`). Somewhat a hack!

```

\__tl_act_count_normal:nN 23683 \cs_new:Npn \tl_count_tokens:n #1
\__tl_act_count_group:nn 23684 {
\__tl_act_count_space:n 23685   \int_eval:n

```

```

23686     {
23687         \__tl_act:NNNnn
23688         \__tl_act_count_normal:nN
23689         \__tl_act_count_group:nn
23690         \__tl_act_count_space:n
23691         { }
23692         {#1}
23693     }
23694 }
23695 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_count_normal:nN #1 #2 { 1 + }
23696 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_count_space:n #1 { 1 + }
23697 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_count_group:nn #1 #2
23698     { 2 + \tl_count_tokens:n {#2} + }

```

(End definition for `\tl_count_tokens:n` and others. This function is documented on page 249.)

`\tl_set_from_file:Nnn` The approach here is similar to that for doing a rescan, and so the same internals can be reused. Thus the plan is to insert a pair of tokens of the same charcode but different catcodes after the file has been read. This plus `\exp_not:N` allows the primitive to be used to carry out a set operation.

```

\__tl_set_from_file:NNnn
\__tl_from_file_do:w
23699 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set_from_file:Nnn
23700     { \__tl_set_from_file:NNnn \tl_set:Nn }
23701 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gset_from_file:Nnn
23702     { \__tl_set_from_file:NNnn \tl_gset:Nn }
23703 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set_from_file:Nnn { c }
23704 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gset_from_file:Nnn { c }
23705 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_set_from_file:NNnn #1#2#3#4
23706     {
23707         \file_get_full_name:nN {#4} \l__file_full_name_str
23708         \str_if_empty:NTF \l__file_full_name_str
23709             { \__file_missing:n {#4} }
23710         {
23711             \group_begin:
23712                 \exp_args:No \etex_everyeof:D
23713                 { \c__tl_rescan_marker_tl \exp_not:N }
23714                 #3 \scan_stop:
23715                 \exp_after:wN \__tl_from_file_do:w
23716                 \exp_after:wN \prg_do_nothing:
23717                 \tex_input:D \l__file_full_name_str \scan_stop:
23718                 \exp_args:NNNo \group_end:
23719                 #1 #2 \l__tl_internal_a_tl
23720             }
23721         }
23722 \exp_args:Nno \use:nn
23723     { \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_from_file_do:w #1 }
23724     { \c__tl_rescan_marker_tl }
23725     { \tl_set:No \l__tl_internal_a_tl {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\tl_set_from_file:Nnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 252.)

`\tl_set_from_file_x:Nnn` When reading a file and allowing expansion of the content, the set up only needs to prevent TeX complaining about the end of the file. That is done simply, with a group then used to trap the definition needed. Once the business is done using some scratch space, the tokens can be transferred to the real target.

```

23726 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set_from_file_x:Nnn
23727   { \__tl_set_from_file_x:NNnn \tl_set:Nn }
23728 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gset_from_file_x:Nnn
23729   { \__tl_set_from_file_x:NNnn \tl_gset:Nn }
23730 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set_from_file_x:Nnn { c }
23731 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gset_from_file_x:Nnn { c }
23732 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_set_from_file_x:NNnn #1#2#3#4
23733   {
23734     \file_get_full_name:nN {#4} \l__file_full_name_str
23735     \str_if_empty:NTF \l__file_full_name_str
23736       { \__file_missing:n {#4} }
23737     {
23738       \group_begin:
23739         \etex_everyeof:D { \exp_not:N }
23740         #3 \scan_stop:
23741         \tl_set:Nx \l__tl_internal_a_tl
23742           { \tex_input:D \l__file_full_name_str \c_space_token }
23743         \exp_args:NNNo \group_end:
23744         #1 #2 \l__tl_internal_a_tl
23745       }
23746     }

```

(End definition for `\tl_set_from_file_x:Nnn`, `\tl_gset_from_file_x:Nnn`, and `\__tl_set_from_file_x:NNnn`. These functions are documented on page 253.)

#### 42.13.1 Unicode case changing

The mechanisms needed for case changing are somewhat involved, particularly to allow for all of the special cases. These functions also require the appropriate data extracted from the Unicode documentation (either manually or automatically).

`\tl_if_head_eq_catcode:oNTF` Extra variants.

```

23747 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_head_eq_catcode:nNTF { o }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_eq_catcode:nNTF`. This function is documented on page 48.)

`\tl_lower_case:n` `\tl_upper_case:n` `\tl_mixed_case:n` The user level functions here are all wrappers around the internal functions for case changing.

```

\__tl_change_case:nnn 23748 \cs_new:Npn \tl_lower_case:n { \__tl_change_case:nnn { lower } { } }
\__tl_change_case_aux:nnn 23749 \cs_new:Npn \tl_upper_case:n { \__tl_change_case:nnn { upper } { } }
\__tl_change_case_loop:wnn 23750 \cs_new:Npn \tl_mixed_case:n { \__tl_change_case:nnn { mixed } { } }
\__tl_change_case_output:nwn 23751 \cs_new:Npn \tl_lower_case:nn { \__tl_change_case:nnn { lower } }
\__tl_change_case_output:Vwn 23752 \cs_new:Npn \tl_upper_case:nn { \__tl_change_case:nnn { upper } }
\__tl_change_case_output:own 23753 \cs_new:Npn \tl_mixed_case:nn { \__tl_change_case:nnn { mixed } }
\__tl_change_case_output:vwn
\__tl_change_case_output:fw
\__tl_change_case_end:wn
\__tl_change_case_group:nwnn
\__tl_change_case_group_lower:nnnn
\__tl_change_case_group_upper:nnnn
\__tl_change_case_group_mixed:nnnn
\__tl_change_case_space:wnn
\__tl_change_case_N_type:Nwnn
\__tl_change_case_N_type:NNNnnn
\__tl_change_case_math:NNNnnn

```

(End definition for `\tl_lower_case:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 250.)

The mechanism for the core conversion of case is based on the idea that we can use a loop to grab the entire token list plus a quark: the latter is used as an end marker and to avoid any brace stripping. Depending on the nature of the first item in the grabbed argument, it can either processed as a single token, treated as a group or treated as a space. These different cases all work by re-reading #1 in the appropriate way, hence the repetition of #1 `\q_recursion_stop`.

```

23754 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case:nnn #1#2#3

```

```

23755 {
23756   \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
23757   {
23758     \exp:w
23759     \__tl_change_case_aux:nnn {#1} {#2} {#3}
23760   }
23761 }
23762 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_aux:nnn #1#2#3
23763 {
23764   \group_align_safe_begin:
23765   \__tl_change_case_loop:wnn
23766   #3 \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop {#1} {#2}
23767   \__tl_change_case_result:n { }
23768 }
23769 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_loop:wnn #1 \q_recursion_stop
23770 {
23771   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {#1}
23772   { \__tl_change_case_N_type:Nwnn }
23773   {
23774     \tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {#1}
23775     { \__tl_change_case_group:nwnn }
23776     { \__tl_change_case_space:wnn }
23777   }
23778   #1 \q_recursion_stop
23779 }

```

Earlier versions of the code where only x-type expandable rather than f-type: this causes issues with nesting and so the slight performance hit is taken for a better outcome in usability terms. Setting up for f-type expandability has two requirements: a marker token after the main loop (see above) and a mechanism to “load” and finalise the result. That is handled in the code below, which includes the necessary material to end the `\exp:w` expansion.

```

23780 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_output:nwn #1#2 \__tl_change_case_result:n #3
23781 { #2 \__tl_change_case_result:n { #3 #1 } }
23782 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__tl_change_case_output:nwn { V , o , v , f }
23783 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_end:wn #1 \__tl_change_case_result:n #2
23784 {
23785   \group_align_safe_end:
23786   \exp_end:
23787   #2
23788 }

```

Handling for the cases where the current argument is a brace group or a space is relatively easy. For the brace case, the routine works recursively, using the expandability of the mechanism to ensure that the result is finalised before storage. For the space case it is simply a question of removing the space in the input and storing it in the output. In both cases, and indeed for the N-type grabber, after removing the current item from the input `\__tl_change_case_loop:wnn` is inserted in front of the remaining tokens.

```

23789 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_group:nwnn #1#2 \q_recursion_stop #3#4
23790 {
23791   \use:c { __tl_change_case_group_ #3 : nnnn } {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4}
23792 }
23793 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_group_lower:nnnn #1#2#3#4
23794 {

```

```

23795 \__tl_change_case_output:own
23796 {
23797   \exp_after:wN
23798   {
23799     \exp:w
23800     \__tl_change_case_aux:nnn {#3} {#4} {#1}
23801   }
23802 }
23803 \__tl_change_case_loop:wnn #2 \q_recursion_stop {#3} {#4}
23804 }
23805 \cs_new_eq:NN \__tl_change_case_group_upper:nnnn
23806 \__tl_change_case_group_lower:nnnn

```

For the “mixed” case, a group is taken as forcing a switch to lower casing. That means we need a separate auxiliary. (Tracking whether we have found a first character inside a group and transferring the information out looks pretty horrible.)

```

23807 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_group_mixed:nnnn #1#2#3#4
23808 {
23809   \__tl_change_case_output:own
23810   {
23811     \exp_after:wN
23812     {
23813       \exp:w
23814       \__tl_change_case_aux:nnn {#3} {#4} {#1}
23815     }
23816   }
23817   \__tl_change_case_loop:wnn #2 \q_recursion_stop { lower } {#4}
23818 }
23819 \exp_last_unbraced:NNo \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_space:wnn \c_space_tl
23820 {
23821   \__tl_change_case_output:nwn { ~ }
23822   \__tl_change_case_loop:wnn
23823 }

```

For N-type arguments there are several stages to the approach. First, a simply check for the end-of-input marker, which if found triggers the final clean up and output step. Assuming that is not the case, the first check is for math-mode escaping: this test can encompass control sequences or other N-type tokens so is handled up front.

```

23824 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_N_type:Nwnn #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
23825 {
23826   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #1
23827   { \__tl_change_case_end:wn }
23828   \exp_after:wN \__tl_change_case_N_type:NNNnnn
23829   \exp_after:wN #1 \l_tl_case_change_math_tl
23830   \q_recursion_tail ? \q_recursion_stop {#2}
23831 }

```

Looking for math mode escape first requires a loop over the possible token pairs to see if the current input (#1) matches an open-math case (#2). If it does then this test loop is ended and a new input-gathering one is begun. The latter simply transfers material from the input to the output without any expansion, testing each N-type token to see if it matches the close-math case required. If that is the situation then the “math loop” stops and resumes the main loop: as that might be either the standard case-changing one or the mixed-case alternative, it is not hard-coded into the math loop but is rather passed

as argument #3 to `\__tl_change_case_math:NNNnnn`. If no close-math token is found then the final clean-up is forced (*i.e.* there is no assumption of “well-behaved” input in terms of math mode).

```

23832 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_N_type:NNNnnn #1#2#3
23833 {
23834   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #2
23835   { \__tl_change_case_N_type:Nnnn #1 }
23836   \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 #2
23837   {
23838     \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw
23839     {
23840       \__tl_change_case_math:NNNnnn
23841       #1 #3 \__tl_change_case_loop:wnn
23842     }
23843   }
23844   { \__tl_change_case_N_type:NNNnnn #1 }
23845 }
23846 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_math:NNNnnn #1#2#3#4
23847 {
23848   \__tl_change_case_output:nwn {#1}
23849   \__tl_change_case_math_loop:wNNnn #4 \q_recursion_stop #2 #3
23850 }
23851 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_math_loop:wNNnn #1 \q_recursion_stop
23852 {
23853   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {#1}
23854   { \__tl_change_case_math:NwNNnn }
23855   {
23856     \tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {#1}
23857     { \__tl_change_case_math_group:nwNNnn }
23858     { \__tl_change_case_math_space:wNNnn }
23859   }
23860   #1 \q_recursion_stop
23861 }
23862 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_math:NwNNnn #1#2 \q_recursion_stop #3#4
23863 {
23864   \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF \q_recursion_tail #1
23865   { \__tl_change_case_end:wn }
23866   {
23867     \__tl_change_case_output:nwn {#1}
23868     \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 #3
23869     { #4 #2 \q_recursion_stop }
23870     { \__tl_change_case_math_loop:wNNnn #2 \q_recursion_stop #3#4 }
23871   }
23872 }
23873 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_math_group:nwNNnn #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
23874 {
23875   \__tl_change_case_output:nwn { {#1} }
23876   \__tl_change_case_math_loop:wNNnn #2 \q_recursion_stop
23877 }
23878 \exp_last_unbraced:NNo
23879 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_math_space:wNNnn \c_space_tl
23880 {
23881   \__tl_change_case_output:nwn { ~ }
23882   \__tl_change_case_math_loop:wNNnn

```

```
23883 }
```

Once potential math-mode cases are filtered out the next stage is to test if the token grabbed is a control sequence: they cannot be used in the lookup table and also may require expansion. At this stage the loop code starting `\__tl_change_case_loop:wnn` is inserted: all subsequent steps in the code which need a look-ahead are coded to rely on this and thus have w-type arguments if they may do a look-ahead.

```
23884 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_N_type:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
23885 {
23886   \token_if_cs:NTF #1
23887   { \__tl_change_case_cs_letterlike:Nn #1 {#3} }
23888   { \use:c { __tl_change_case_char_ #3 :Nnn } #1 {#3} {#4} }
23889   \__tl_change_case_loop:wnn #2 \q_recursion_stop {#3} {#4}
23890 }
```

For character tokens there are some special cases to deal with then the majority of changes are covered by using the  $\TeX$  data as a lookup along with expandable character generation. This avoids needing a very large number of macros or (as seen in earlier versions) a somewhat tricky split of the characters into various blocks. Notice that the special case code may do a look-ahead so requires a final w-type argument whereas the core lookup table does not and also guarantees an output so f-type expansion may be used to obtain the case-changed result.

```
23891 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char_lower:Nnn #1#2#3
23892 {
23893   \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __tl_change_case_ #2 _ #3 :Nnw }
23894   { \use_ii:nn }
23895   #1
23896   {
23897     \use:c { __tl_change_case_ #2 _ sigma:Nnw } #1
23898     { \__tl_change_case_char:nN {#2} #1 }
23899   }
23900 }
23901 \cs_new_eq:NN \__tl_change_case_char_upper:Nnn
23902 \__tl_change_case_char_lower:Nnn
```

For mixed case, the code is somewhat different: there is a need to look up both mixed and upper case chars and we have to cover the situation where there is a character to skip over.

```
23903 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char_mixed:Nnn #1#2#3
23904 {
23905   \__tl_change_case_mixed_switch:w
23906   \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __tl_change_case_mixed_ #3 :Nnw }
23907   {
23908     \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __tl_change_case_upper_ #3 :Nnw }
23909     { \use_ii:nn }
23910   }
23911   #1
23912   { \__tl_change_case_mixed_skip:N #1 }
23913 }
```

For Unicode engines we can handle all characters directly. However, for the 8-bit engines the aim is to deal with (a subset of) Unicode (UTF-8) input. They deal with that by making the upper half of the range active, so we look for that and if found work out how many UTF-8 octets there are to deal with. Those can then be grabbed to reconstruct the

full Unicode character, which is then used in a lookup. (As will become obvious below, there is no intention here of covering all of Unicode.)

```

23914 \cs_if_exist:NTF \utex_char:D
23915 {
23916   \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char:nN #1#2
23917     { \__tl_change_case_char_auxi:nN {#1} #2 }
23918 }
23919 {
23920   \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char:nN #1#2
23921     {
23922       \int_compare:nNnTF { '#2 } > { "80 }
23923         {
23924           \int_compare:nNnTF { '#2 } < { "EO }
23925             { \__tl_change_case_char_UTFviii:nNNN {#1} #2 }
23926             {
23927               \int_compare:nNnTF { '#2 } < { "FO }
23928                 { \__tl_change_case_char_UTFviii:nNNNN {#1} #2 }
23929                 { \__tl_change_case_char_UTFviii:nNNNNN {#1} #2 }
23930             }
23931         }
23932     { \__tl_change_case_char_auxi:nN {#1} #2 }
23933 }
23934 }

```

To allow for the special case of mixed case, we insert here a action-dependent auxiliary.

```

23935 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char_auxi:nN #1#2
23936 { \use:c { \__tl_change_case_char_ #1 :N } #2 }
23937 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char_lower:N #1
23938 {
23939   \__tl_change_case_output:fwn
23940   {
23941     \cs_if_exist_use:cF { c__unicode_lower_ \token_to_str:N #1 _tl }
23942     { \__tl_change_case_char_auxii:nN { lower } #1 }
23943   }
23944 }
23945 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char_upper:N #1
23946 {
23947   \__tl_change_case_output:fwn
23948   {
23949     \cs_if_exist_use:cF { c__unicode_upper_ \token_to_str:N #1 _tl }
23950     { \__tl_change_case_char_auxii:nN { upper } #1 }
23951   }
23952 }
23953 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char_mixed:N #1
23954 {
23955   \cs_if_exist:cTF { c__unicode_mixed_ \token_to_str:N #1 _tl }
23956   {
23957     \__tl_change_case_output:fwn
23958     { \tl_use:c { c__unicode_mixed_ \token_to_str:N #1 _tl } }
23959   }
23960   { \__tl_change_case_char_upper:N #1 }
23961 }
23962 \cs_if_exist:NTF \utex_char:D
23963 {

```

```

23964 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char_auxii:nN #1#2
23965 {
23966   \int_compare:nNnTF { \use:c { __tl_lookup_ #1 :N } #2 } = { 0 }
23967   { \exp_stop_f: #2 }
23968   {
23969     \char_generate:nn
23970     { \use:c { __tl_lookup_ #1 :N } #2 }
23971     { \char_value_catcode:n { \use:c { __tl_lookup_ #1 :N } #2 } }
23972   }
23973 }
23974 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_lookup_lower:N #1 { \tex_lccode:D ‘#1 }
23975 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_lookup_upper:N #1 { \tex_uccode:D ‘#1 }
23976 \cs_new_eq:NN \__tl_lookup_mixed:N \__tl_lookup_upper:N
23977 }
23978 {
23979 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char_auxii:nN #1#2 { \exp_stop_f: #2 }
23980 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char_UTFviii:nNNN #1#2#3#4
23981 { \__tl_change_case_char_UTFviii:nnN {#1} {#2#4} #3 }
23982 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char_UTFviii:nNNNN #1#2#3#4#5
23983 { \__tl_change_case_char_UTFviii:nnN {#1} {#2#4#5} #3 }
23984 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char_UTFviii:nNNNNN #1#2#3#4#5#6
23985 { \__tl_change_case_char_UTFviii:nnN {#1} {#2#4#5#6} #3 }
23986 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char_UTFviii:nnN #1#2#3
23987 {
23988   \cs_if_exist:cTF { c__unicode_ #1 _ \tl_to_str:n {#2} _tl }
23989   {
23990     \__tl_change_case_output:vnw
23991     { c__unicode_ #1 _ \tl_to_str:n {#2} _tl }
23992   }
23993   { \__tl_change_case_output:nwn {#2} }
23994   #3
23995 }
23996 }

```

Before dealing with general control sequences there are the special ones to deal with. Letter-like control sequences are a simple look-up, while for accents the loop is much as done elsewhere. Notice that we have a no-op test to make sure there is no unexpected expansion of letter-like input. The split into two parts here allows us to insert the “switch” code for mixed casing.

```

23997 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_cs_letterlike:Nn #1#2
23998 {
23999   \str_if_eq:nnTF {#2} { mixed }
24000   {
24001     \__tl_change_case_cs_letterlike:NnN #1 { upper }
24002     \__tl_change_case_mixed_switch:w
24003   }
24004   { \__tl_change_case_cs_letterlike:NnN #1 {#2} \prg_do_nothing: }
24005 }
24006 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_cs_letterlike:NnN #1#2#3
24007 {
24008   \cs_if_exist:cTF { c__tl_change_case_ #2 _ \token_to_str:N #1 _tl }
24009   {
24010     \__tl_change_case_output:vnw
24011     { c__tl_change_case_ #2 _ \token_to_str:N #1 _tl }

```

```

24012     #3
24013   }
24014   {
24015     \cs_if_exist:cTF
24016     {
24017       c__tl_change_case_
24018       \str_if_eq:nnTF {#2} { lower } { upper } { lower }
24019       _ \token_to_str:N #1 _tl
24020     }
24021     {
24022       \__tl_change_case_output:nwn {#1}
24023       #3
24024     }
24025     {
24026       \exp_after:wN \__tl_change_case_cs_accents:NN
24027       \exp_after:wN #1 \l_tl_case_change_accents_tl
24028       \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
24029     }
24030   }
24031 }
24032 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_cs_accents:NN #1#2
24033 {
24034   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #2
24035   { \__tl_change_case_cs:N #1 }
24036   \str_if_eq:nnTF {#1} {#2}
24037   {
24038     \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw
24039     { \__tl_change_case_output:nwn {#1} }
24040   }
24041   { \__tl_change_case_cs_accents:NN #1 }
24042 }

```

To deal with a control sequence there is first a need to test if it is on the list which indicate that case changing should be skipped. That's done using a loop as for the other special cases. If a hit is found then the argument is grabbed: that comes *after* the loop function which is therefore rearranged. In a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> context, `\protect` needs to be treated specially, to prevent expansion of the next token but output it without braces.

```

24043 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_cs:N #1
24044 {
24045   \*package
24046   \str_if_eq:nnTF {#1} { \protect } { \__tl_change_case_protect:wNN }
24047   \*package
24048   \exp_after:wN \__tl_change_case_cs:NN
24049   \exp_after:wN #1 \l_tl_case_change_exclude_tl
24050   \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
24051 }
24052 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_cs:NN #1#2
24053 {
24054   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #2
24055   {
24056     \__tl_change_case_cs_expand:Nnw #1
24057     { \__tl_change_case_output:nwn {#1} }
24058   }
24059   \str_if_eq:nnTF {#1} {#2}

```

```

24060     {
24061         \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw
24062         { \_tl_change_case_cs:NNn #1 }
24063     }
24064     { \_tl_change_case_cs:NN #1 }
24065 }
24066 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_cs:NNn #1#2#3
24067 {
24068     \_tl_change_case_output:nwn { #1 {#3} }
24069     #2
24070 }
24071 <*package>
24072 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_protect:wNn #1 \q_recursion_stop #2 #3
24073 { \_tl_change_case_output:nwn { \protect #3 } #2 }
24074 </package>

```

When a control sequence is not on the exclude list the other test if to see if it is expandable. Once again, if there is a hit then the loop function is grabbed as part of the clean-up and reinserted before the now expanded material. The test for expandability has to check for end-of-recursion as it is needed by the look-ahead code which might hit the end of the input. The test is done in two parts as `\bool_if:nTF` would choke if #1 was (!

```

24075 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_if_expandable:NTF #1
24076 {
24077     \token_if_expandable:NTF #1
24078     {
24079         \bool_lazy_any:nTF
24080         {
24081             { \token_if_eq_meaning_p:NN \q_recursion_tail #1 }
24082             { \token_if_protected_macro_p:N #1 }
24083             { \token_if_protected_long_macro_p:N #1 }
24084         }
24085         { \use_ii:nn }
24086         { \use_i:nn }
24087     }
24088     { \use_ii:nn }
24089 }
24090 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_cs_expand:Nnw #1#2
24091 {
24092     \_tl_change_case_if_expandable:NTF #1
24093     { \_tl_change_case_cs_expand:NN #1 }
24094     { #2 }
24095 }
24096 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_cs_expand:NN #1#2
24097 { \exp_after:wN #2 #1 }

```

For mixed case, there is an additional list of exceptions to deal with: once that is sorted, we can move on back to the main loop.

```

24098 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_mixed_skip:N #1
24099 {
24100     \exp_after:wN \_tl_change_case_mixed_skip:NN
24101     \exp_after:wN #1 \l_tl_mixed_case_ignore_tl
24102     \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
24103 }
24104 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_mixed_skip:NN #1#2

```

```

24105 {
24106   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn {#2}
24107   { \_tl_change_case_char:nN { mixed } #1 }
24108   \int_compare:nNnT { '#1 } = { '#2 }
24109   {
24110     \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw
24111     {
24112       \_tl_change_case_output:nwn {#1}
24113       \_tl_change_case_mixed_skip_tidy:Nwn
24114     }
24115   }
24116   \_tl_change_case_mixed_skip:NN #1
24117 }
24118 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_mixed_skip_tidy:Nwn #1#2 \q_recursion_stop #3
24119 {
24120   \_tl_change_case_loop:wnn #2 \q_recursion_stop { mixed }
24121 }

```

Needed to switch from mixed to lower casing when we have found a first character in the former mode.

```

24122 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_mixed_switch:w
24123   #1 \_tl_change_case_loop:wnn #2 \q_recursion_stop #3
24124 {
24125   #1
24126   \_tl_change_case_loop:wnn #2 \q_recursion_stop { lower }
24127 }

```

*(End definition for \\_tl\_change\_case:nnn and others.)*

\\_tl\_change\_case\_lower\_sigma:Nnw If the current char is an upper case sigma, the a check is made on the next item in the input. If it is N-type and not a control sequence then there is a look-ahead phase.

```

\_tl_change_case_lower_sigma:w
\_tl_change_case_lower_sigma:Nw
\_tl_change_case_upper_sigma:Nnw
24128 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_lower_sigma:Nnw #1#2#3#4 \q_recursion_stop
24129 {
24130   \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } = { "03A3 }
24131   {
24132     \_tl_change_case_output:fwN
24133     { \_tl_change_case_lower_sigma:w #4 \q_recursion_stop }
24134   }
24135   {#2}
24136   #3 #4 \q_recursion_stop
24137 }
24138 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_lower_sigma:w #1 \q_recursion_stop
24139 {
24140   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {#1}
24141   { \_tl_change_case_lower_sigma:Nw #1 \q_recursion_stop }
24142   { \c__unicode_final_sigma_tl }
24143 }
24144 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_lower_sigma:Nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
24145 {
24146   \_tl_change_case_if_expandable:NTF #1
24147   {
24148     \exp_after:wN \_tl_change_case_lower_sigma:w #1
24149     #2 \q_recursion_stop
24150   }
24151   {

```

```

24152     \token_if_letter:NTF #1
24153         { \c__unicode_std_sigma_tl }
24154         { \c__unicode_final_sigma_tl }
24155     }
24156 }

```

Simply skip to the final step for upper casing.

```

24157 \cs_new_eq:NN \__tl_change_case_upper_sigma:Nnw \use_ii:nn

```

(End definition for \\_\_tl\_change\_case\_lower\_sigma:Nnw and others.)

```

\__tl_change_case_lower_tr:Nnw
\__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxi:Nw
\__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxii:Nw
\__tl_change_case_upper_tr:Nnw
\__tl_change_case_lower_az:Nnw
\__tl_change_case_upper_az:Nnw

```

The Turkic languages need special treatment for dotted-i and dotless-i. The lower casing rule can be expressed in terms of searching first for either a dotless-I or a dotted-I. In the latter case the mapping is easy, but in the former there is a second stage search.

```

24158 \cs_if_exist:NTF \utex_char:D
24159 {
24160     \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_tr:Nnw #1#2
24161     {
24162         \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } = { "0049 }
24163         { \__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxi:Nw }
24164         {
24165             \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } = { "0130 }
24166             { \__tl_change_case_output:nwn { i } }
24167             {#2}
24168         }
24169     }

```

After a dotless-I there may be a dot-above character. If there is then a dotted-i should be produced, otherwise output a dotless-i. When the combination is found both the dotless-I and the dot-above char have to be removed from the input, which is done by the \use\_i:nn (it grabs \\_\_tl\_change\_case\_loop:wn and the dot-above char and discards the latter).

```

24170 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxi:Nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
24171 {
24172     \tl_if_head_is_N_type:NTF {#2}
24173     { \__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxii:Nw #2 \q_recursion_stop }
24174     { \__tl_change_case_output:Vwn \c__unicode_dotless_i_tl }
24175     #1 #2 \q_recursion_stop
24176 }
24177 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxii:Nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
24178 {
24179     \__tl_change_case_if_expandable:NTF #1
24180     {
24181         \exp_after:wN \__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxi:Nw #1
24182         #2 \q_recursion_stop
24183     }
24184     {
24185         \bool_lazy_or:nnTF
24186         { \token_if_cs_p:N #1 }
24187         { ! \int_compare_p:nNn { '#1 } = { "0307 } }
24188         { \__tl_change_case_output:Vwn \c__unicode_dotless_i_tl }
24189         {
24190             \__tl_change_case_output:nwn { i }
24191             \use_i:nn
24192         }

```

```

24193     }
24194   }
24195 }

```

For 8-bit engines, dot-above is not available so there is a simple test for an upper-case I. Then we can look for the UTF-8 representation of an upper case dotted-I without the combining char. If it's not there, preserve the UTF-8 sequence as-is.

```

24196 {
24197   \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_tr:Nnw #1#2
24198   {
24199     \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } = { "0049 }
24200     { \__tl_change_case_output:Vwn \c__unicode_dotless_i_tl }
24201     {
24202       \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } = { 196 }
24203       { \__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxi:Nw #1 {#2} }
24204       {#2}
24205     }
24206   }
24207   \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxi:Nw #1#2#3#4
24208   {
24209     \int_compare:nNnTF { '#4 } = { 176 }
24210     {
24211       \__tl_change_case_output:nwn { i }
24212       #3
24213     }
24214     {
24215       #2
24216       #3 #4
24217     }
24218   }
24219 }

```

Upper casing is easier: just one exception with no context.

```

24220 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_upper_tr:Nnw #1#2
24221 {
24222   \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } = { "0069 }
24223   { \__tl_change_case_output:Vwn \c__unicode_dotted_I_tl }
24224   {#2}
24225 }

```

Straight copies.

```

24226 \cs_new_eq:NN \__tl_change_case_lower_az:Nnw \__tl_change_case_lower_tr:Nnw
24227 \cs_new_eq:NN \__tl_change_case_upper_az:Nnw \__tl_change_case_upper_tr:Nnw

```

*(End definition for \\_\_tl\_change\_case\_lower\_tr:Nnw and others.)*

For Lithuanian, the issue to be dealt with is dots over lower case letters: these should be present if there is another accent. That means that there is some work to do when lower casing I and J. The first step is a simple match attempt: \c\_\_tl\_accents\_lt\_tl contains accented upper case letters which should gain a dot-above char in their lower case form. This is done using f-type expansion so only one pass is needed to find if it works or not. If there was no hit, the second stage is to check for I, J and I-ogonek, and if the current char is a match to look for a following accent.

```

\__tl_change_case_lower_lt:Nnw
\__tl_change_case_lower_lt:nNw
\__tl_change_case_lower_lt:nnw
\__tl_change_case_lower_lt:Nw
\__tl_change_case_lower_lt:NNw
\__tl_change_case_upper_lt:Nnw
\__tl_change_case_upper_lt:nnw
\__tl_change_case_upper_lt:Nw
\__tl_change_case_upper_lt:NNw
24228 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_lt:Nnw #1
24229 {

```

```

24230 \exp_args:Nf \_tl_change_case_lower_lt:nNnw
24231 { \str_case:nVF #1 \c__unicode_accents_lt_tl \exp_stop_f: }
24232 #1
24233 }
24234 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_lower_lt:nNnw #1#2
24235 {
24236 \tl_if_blank:nTF {#1}
24237 {
24238 \exp_args:Nf \_tl_change_case_lower_lt:nnw
24239 {
24240 \int_case:nnF {'#2}
24241 {
24242 { "0049 } i
24243 { "004A } j
24244 { "012E } \c__unicode_i_ogonek_tl
24245 }
24246 \exp_stop_f:
24247 }
24248 }
24249 {
24250 \_tl_change_case_output:nwn {#1}
24251 \use_none:n
24252 }
24253 }
24254 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_lower_lt:nnw #1#2
24255 {
24256 \tl_if_blank:nTF {#1}
24257 {#2}
24258 {
24259 \_tl_change_case_output:nwn {#1}
24260 \_tl_change_case_lower_lt:Nw
24261 }
24262 }

```

Grab the next char and see if it is one of the accents used in Lithuanian: if it is, add the dot-above char into the output.

```

24263 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_lower_lt:Nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
24264 {
24265 \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nT {#2}
24266 { \_tl_change_case_lower_lt:NNw }
24267 #1 #2 \q_recursion_stop
24268 }
24269 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_lower_lt:NNw #1#2#3 \q_recursion_stop
24270 {
24271 \_tl_change_case_if_expandable:NTF #2
24272 {
24273 \exp_after:wN \_tl_change_case_lower_lt:Nw \exp_after:wN #1 #2
24274 #3 \q_recursion_stop
24275 }
24276 {
24277 \bool_lazy_and:nnT
24278 { ! \token_if_cs_p:N #2 }
24279 {
24280 \bool_lazy_any_p:n

```

```

24281         {
24282             { \int_compare_p:nNn { '#2 } = { "0300 } }
24283             { \int_compare_p:nNn { '#2 } = { "0301 } }
24284             { \int_compare_p:nNn { '#2 } = { "0303 } }
24285         }
24286     }
24287     { \__tl_change_case_output:Vwn \c__unicode_dot_above_tl }
24288     #1 #2#3 \q_recursion_stop
24289 }
24290 }

```

For upper casing, the test required is for a dot-above char after an I, J or I-ogonek. First a test for the appropriate letter, and if found a look-ahead and potentially one token dropped.

```

24291 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:Nnw #1
24292 {
24293     \exp_args:Nf \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:nw
24294     {
24295         \int_case:nnF { '#1 }
24296         {
24297             { "0069 } I
24298             { "006A } J
24299             { "012F } \c__unicode_I_ogonek_tl
24300         }
24301         \exp_stop_f:
24302     }
24303 }
24304 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:nw #1#2
24305 {
24306     \tl_if_blank:nTF { #1 }
24307     { #2 }
24308     {
24309         \__tl_change_case_output:nwn { #1 }
24310         \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:Nw
24311     }
24312 }
24313 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:Nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
24314 {
24315     \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nT { #2 }
24316     { \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:NNw }
24317     #1 #2 \q_recursion_stop
24318 }
24319 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:NNw #1#2#3 \q_recursion_stop
24320 {
24321     \__tl_change_case_if_expandable:NTF #2
24322     {
24323         \exp_after:wN \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:Nw \exp_after:wN #1 #2
24324         #3 \q_recursion_stop
24325     }
24326     {
24327         \bool_lazy_and:nnTF
24328         { ! \token_if_cs_p:N #2 }
24329         { \int_compare_p:nNn { '#2 } = { "0307 } }
24330         { #1 }

```

```

24331         { #1 #2 }
24332         #3 \q_recursion_stop
24333     }
24334 }

```

(End definition for `\_t1_change_case_lower_lt:Nnw` and others.)

`\_t1_change_case_upper_de-alt:Nnw` A simple alternative version for German.

```

24335 \cs_new:cpn { \_t1_change_case_upper_de-alt:Nnw } #1#2
24336 {
24337     \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } = { 223 }
24338     { \_t1_change_case_output:Wvn \c__unicode_upper_Eszett_t1 }
24339     {#2}
24340 }

```

(End definition for `\_t1_change_case_upper_de-alt:Nnw`.)

`\_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii:n`  
`\_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxi:n`  
`\_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxii:Nnn`  
`\_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxiii:n`

This code converts a codepoint into the correct UTF-8 representation. As there are a variable number of octets, the result starts with the numeral 1–4 to indicate the nature of the returned value. Note that this code covers the full range even though at this stage it is not required here. Also note that longer-term this is likely to need a public interface and/or moving to `l3str` (see experimental string conversions). In terms of the algorithm itself, see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UTF-8> for the octet pattern.

```

24341 \cs_new:Npn \_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii:n #1
24342 {
24343     \exp_args:Nf \_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxi:n
24344     { \int_eval:n {#1} }
24345 }
24346 \cs_new:Npn \_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxi:n #1
24347 {
24348     \if_int_compare:w #1 > "80 ~
24349     \if_int_compare:w #1 < "800 ~
24350     2
24351     \_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxii:Nnn C {#1} { 64 }
24352     \_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxiii:n {#1}
24353     \else:
24354     \if_int_compare:w #1 < "10000 ~
24355     3
24356     \_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxii:Nnn E {#1} { 64 * 64 }
24357     \_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxiii:n {#1}
24358     \_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxiii:n
24359     { \int_div_truncate:nn {#1} { 64 } }
24360     \else:
24361     4
24362     \_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxii:Nnn F
24363     {#1} { 64 * 64 * 64 }
24364     \_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxiii:n
24365     { \int_div_truncate:nn {#1} { 64 * 64 } }
24366     \_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxiii:n
24367     { \int_div_truncate:nn {#1} { 64 } }
24368     \_unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxiii:n {#1}
24369
24370     \fi:
24371     \fi:

```

```

24372 \else:
24373     1 {#1}
24374 \fi:
24375 }
24376 \cs_new:Npn \__unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxii:Nnn #1#2#3
24377 { { \int_eval:n { "#10 + \int_div_truncate:nn {#2} {#3} } } }
24378 \cs_new:Npn \__unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii_auxiii:n #1
24379 { { \int_eval:n { \int_mod:nn {#1} { 64 } + 128 } } }

```

(End definition for \\_\_unicode\_codepoint\_to\_UTFviii:n and others.)

\c\_\_unicode\_std\_sigma\_tl The above needs various special token lists containing pre-formed characters. This set are only available in Unicode engines, with no-op definitions for 8-bit use.

```

\c__unicode_final_sigma_tl
\c__unicode_accents_lt_tl
\c__unicode_dot_above_tl
\c__unicode_upper_Eszett_tl
24380 \cs_if_exist:NTF \utex_char:D
24381 {
24382 \tl_const:Nx \c__unicode_std_sigma_tl { \utex_char:D "03C3 ~ }
24383 \tl_const:Nx \c__unicode_final_sigma_tl { \utex_char:D "03C2 ~ }
24384 \tl_const:Nx \c__unicode_accents_lt_tl
24385 {
24386 \utex_char:D "00CC ~
24387 { \utex_char:D "0069 ~ \utex_char:D "0307 ~ \utex_char:D "0300 ~ }
24388 \utex_char:D "00CD ~
24389 { \utex_char:D "0069 ~ \utex_char:D "0307 ~ \utex_char:D "0301 ~ }
24390 \utex_char:D "0128 ~
24391 { \utex_char:D "0069 ~ \utex_char:D "0307 ~ \utex_char:D "0303 ~ }
24392 }
24393 \tl_const:Nx \c__unicode_dot_above_tl { \utex_char:D "0307 ~ }
24394 \tl_const:Nx \c__unicode_upper_Eszett_tl { \utex_char:D "1E9E ~ }
24395 }
24396 {
24397 \tl_const:Nn \c__unicode_std_sigma_tl { }
24398 \tl_const:Nn \c__unicode_final_sigma_tl { }
24399 \tl_const:Nn \c__unicode_accents_lt_tl { }
24400 \tl_const:Nn \c__unicode_dot_above_tl { }
24401 \tl_const:Nn \c__unicode_upper_Eszett_tl { }
24402 }

```

(End definition for \c\_\_unicode\_std\_sigma\_tl and others.)

\c\_\_unicode\_dotless\_i\_tl For cases where there is an 8-bit option in the T1 font set up, a variant is provided in both cases.

```

\c__unicode_dotted_I_tl
\c__unicode_i_ogonek_tl
\c__unicode_I_ogonek_tl
24403 \group_begin:
24404 \cs_if_exist:NTF \utex_char:D
24405 {
24406 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__tl_tmp:w #1#2
24407 { \tl_const:Nx #1 { \utex_char:D "#2 ~ } }
24408 }
24409 {
24410 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__tl_tmp:w #1#2
24411 {
24412 \group_begin:
24413 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__tl_tmp:w ##1##2##3
24414 {
24415 \tl_const:Nx #1

```

```

24416         {
24417             \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
24418             \exp_not:N \__char_generate:nn {##2} { 13 }
24419             \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
24420             \exp_not:N \__char_generate:nn {##3} { 13 }
24421         }
24422     }
24423     \tl_set:Nx \l__tl_internal_a_tl
24424     { \__unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii:n {##2} }
24425     \exp_after:wN \__tl_tmp:w \l__tl_internal_a_tl
24426 \group_end:
24427 }
24428 }
24429 \__tl_tmp:w \c__unicode_dotless_i_tl { 0131 }
24430 \__tl_tmp:w \c__unicode_dotted_I_tl { 0130 }
24431 \__tl_tmp:w \c__unicode_i_ogonek_tl { 012F }
24432 \__tl_tmp:w \c__unicode_I_ogonek_tl { 012E }
24433 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\c__unicode_dotless_i_tl` and others.)

For 8-bit engines we now need to define the case-change data for the multi-octet mappings. These need a list of what code points are doable in T1 so the list is hard coded (there's no saving in loading the mappings dynamically). All of the straight-forward ones have two octets, so that is taken as read.

```

24434 \group_begin:
24435   \bool_lazy_or:nnT
24436     { \sys_if_engine_pdftex_p: }
24437     { \sys_if_engine_uptex_p: }
24438     {
24439       \cs_set_protected:Npn \__tl_loop:nn #1#2
24440       {
24441         \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n {#1}
24442         \tl_set:Nx \l__tl_internal_a_tl
24443         {
24444           \__unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii:n {"#1}
24445           \__unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii:n {"#2}
24446         }
24447         \exp_after:wN \__tl_tmp:w \l__tl_internal_a_tl
24448         \__tl_loop:nn
24449       }
24450       \cs_set_protected:Npn \__tl_tmp:w #1#2#3#4#5#6
24451       {
24452         \tl_const:cx
24453         {
24454           c__unicode_lower_
24455           \char_generate:nn {#2} { 12 }
24456           \char_generate:nn {#3} { 12 }
24457           _tl
24458         }
24459         {
24460           \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
24461           \exp_not:N \__char_generate:nn {#5} { 13 }
24462           \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
24463           \exp_not:N \__char_generate:nn {#6} { 13 }

```

```

24464     }
24465     \tl_const:cx
24466     {
24467         c__unicode_upper_
24468         \char_generate:nn {#5} { 12 }
24469         \char_generate:nn {#6} { 12 }
24470         _tl
24471     }
24472     {
24473         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
24474         \exp_not:N \_char_generate:nn {#2} { 13 }
24475         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
24476         \exp_not:N \_char_generate:nn {#3} { 13 }
24477     }
24478 }
24479 \_tl_loop:nn
24480 { 00C0 } { 00E0 }
24481 { 00C2 } { 00E2 }
24482 { 00C3 } { 00E3 }
24483 { 00C4 } { 00E4 }
24484 { 00C5 } { 00E5 }
24485 { 00C6 } { 00E6 }
24486 { 00C7 } { 00E7 }
24487 { 00C8 } { 00E8 }
24488 { 00C9 } { 00E9 }
24489 { 00CA } { 00EA }
24490 { 00CB } { 00EB }
24491 { 00CC } { 00EC }
24492 { 00CD } { 00ED }
24493 { 00CE } { 00EE }
24494 { 00CF } { 00EF }
24495 { 00D0 } { 00F0 }
24496 { 00D1 } { 00F1 }
24497 { 00D2 } { 00F2 }
24498 { 00D3 } { 00F3 }
24499 { 00D4 } { 00F4 }
24500 { 00D5 } { 00F5 }
24501 { 00D6 } { 00F6 }
24502 { 00D8 } { 00F8 }
24503 { 00D9 } { 00F9 }
24504 { 00DA } { 00FA }
24505 { 00DB } { 00FB }
24506 { 00DC } { 00FC }
24507 { 00DD } { 00FD }
24508 { 00DE } { 00FE }
24509 { 0100 } { 0101 }
24510 { 0102 } { 0103 }
24511 { 0104 } { 0105 }
24512 { 0106 } { 0107 }
24513 { 0108 } { 0109 }
24514 { 010A } { 010B }
24515 { 010C } { 010D }
24516 { 010E } { 010F }
24517 { 0110 } { 0111 }

```

24518 { 0112 } { 0113 }  
24519 { 0114 } { 0115 }  
24520 { 0116 } { 0117 }  
24521 { 0118 } { 0119 }  
24522 { 011A } { 011B }  
24523 { 011C } { 011D }  
24524 { 011E } { 011F }  
24525 { 0120 } { 0121 }  
24526 { 0122 } { 0123 }  
24527 { 0124 } { 0125 }  
24528 { 0128 } { 0129 }  
24529 { 012A } { 012B }  
24530 { 012C } { 012D }  
24531 { 012E } { 012F }  
24532 { 0132 } { 0133 }  
24533 { 0134 } { 0135 }  
24534 { 0136 } { 0137 }  
24535 { 0139 } { 013A }  
24536 { 013B } { 013C }  
24537 { 013E } { 013F }  
24538 { 0141 } { 0142 }  
24539 { 0143 } { 0144 }  
24540 { 0145 } { 0146 }  
24541 { 0147 } { 0148 }  
24542 { 014A } { 014B }  
24543 { 014C } { 014D }  
24544 { 014E } { 014F }  
24545 { 0150 } { 0151 }  
24546 { 0152 } { 0153 }  
24547 { 0154 } { 0155 }  
24548 { 0156 } { 0157 }  
24549 { 0158 } { 0159 }  
24550 { 015A } { 015B }  
24551 { 015C } { 015D }  
24552 { 015E } { 015F }  
24553 { 0160 } { 0161 }  
24554 { 0162 } { 0163 }  
24555 { 0164 } { 0165 }  
24556 { 0168 } { 0169 }  
24557 { 016A } { 016B }  
24558 { 016C } { 016D }  
24559 { 016E } { 016F }  
24560 { 0170 } { 0171 }  
24561 { 0172 } { 0173 }  
24562 { 0174 } { 0175 }  
24563 { 0176 } { 0177 }  
24564 { 0178 } { 00FF }  
24565 { 0179 } { 017A }  
24566 { 017B } { 017C }  
24567 { 017D } { 017E }  
24568 { 01CD } { 01CE }  
24569 { 01CF } { 01D0 }  
24570 { 01D1 } { 01D2 }  
24571 { 01D3 } { 01D4 }

```

24572     { 01E2 } { 01E3 }
24573     { 01E6 } { 01E7 }
24574     { 01E8 } { 01E9 }
24575     { 01EA } { 01EB }
24576     { 01F4 } { 01F5 }
24577     { 0218 } { 0219 }
24578     { 021A } { 021B }
24579     \q_recursion_tail ?
24580     \q_recursion_stop
24581     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__tl_tmp:w #1#2#3
24582     {
24583         \group_begin:
24584         \cs_set_protected:Npn \__tl_tmp:w ##1##2##3
24585         {
24586             \tl_const:cx
24587             {
24588                 c__unicode_ #3 _
24589                 \char_generate:nm {##2} { 12 }
24590                 \char_generate:nm {##3} { 12 }
24591                 _tl
24592             }
24593             {#2}
24594         }
24595         \tl_set:Nx \l__tl_internal_a_tl
24596         { \__unicode_codepoint_to_UTFviii:n { "#1 } }
24597         \exp_after:wN \__tl_tmp:w \l__tl_internal_a_tl
24598         \group_end:
24599     }
24600     \__tl_tmp:w { OODF } { SS } { upper }
24601     \__tl_tmp:w { OODF } { Ss } { mixed }
24602     \__tl_tmp:w { 0131 } { I } { upper }
24603 }
24604 \group_end:

```

The (fixed) look-up mappings for letter-like control sequences.

```

24605 \group_begin:
24606 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__tl_change_case_setup:NN #1#2
24607 {
24608     \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N #1
24609     \tl_const:cn { c__tl_change_case_lower_ \token_to_str:N #1 _tl } { #2 }
24610     \tl_const:cn { c__tl_change_case_upper_ \token_to_str:N #2 _tl } { #1 }
24611     \__tl_change_case_setup:NN
24612 }
24613 \__tl_change_case_setup:NN
24614 \AA \aa
24615 \AE \ae
24616 \DH \dh
24617 \DJ \dj
24618 \IJ \ij
24619 \L \l
24620 \NG \ng
24621 \O \o
24622 \OE \oe
24623 \SS \ss
24624 \TH \th

```

```

24625 \q_recursion_tail ?
24626 \q_recursion_stop
24627 \tl_const:cn { c__tl_change_case_upper_ \token_to_str:N \i _tl } { I }
24628 \tl_const:cn { c__tl_change_case_upper_ \token_to_str:N \j _tl } { J }
24629 \group_end:

```

`\l_tl_case_change_accents_tl` A list of accents to leave alone.

```

24630 \tl_new:N \l_tl_case_change_accents_tl
24631 \tl_set:Nn \l_tl_case_change_accents_tl
24632 { \" \' \. \^ \' \~ \c \H \k \r \t \u \v }

```

(End definition for `\l_tl_case_change_accents_tl`. This variable is documented on page 251.)

`\_tl_change_case_mixed_nl:Nnw` For Dutch, there is a single look-ahead test for `ij` when title casing. If the appropriate letters are found, produce `IJ` and gobble the `j/J`.

```

\_tl_change_case_mixed_nl:Nw
\_tl_change_case_mixed_nl:NNw
\_tl_change_case_mixed_nl:NNw
24633 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_mixed_nl:Nnw #1
24634 {
24635   \bool_lazy_or:nnTF
24636     { \int_compare_p:nNn { '#1 } = { 'i } }
24637     { \int_compare_p:nNn { '#1 } = { 'I } }
24638     {
24639       \_tl_change_case_output:nwn { I }
24640       \_tl_change_case_mixed_nl:Nw
24641     }
24642   }
24643 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_mixed_nl:Nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
24644 {
24645   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nT {#2}
24646     { \_tl_change_case_mixed_nl:NNw }
24647   #1 #2 \q_recursion_stop
24648 }
24649 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_mixed_nl:NNw #1#2#3 \q_recursion_stop
24650 {
24651   \_tl_change_case_if_expandable:NTF #2
24652   {
24653     \exp_after:wN \_tl_change_case_mixed_nl:Nw \exp_after:wN #1 #2
24654     #3 \q_recursion_stop
24655   }
24656   {
24657     \bool_lazy_and:nnTF
24658       { ! ( \token_if_cs_p:N #2 ) }
24659       {
24660         \bool_lazy_or_p:nn
24661           { \int_compare_p:nNn { '#2 } = { 'j } }
24662           { \int_compare_p:nNn { '#2 } = { 'J } }
24663         }
24664         {
24665           \_tl_change_case_output:nwn { J }
24666           #1
24667         }
24668       { #1 #2 }
24669     #3 \q_recursion_stop
24670   }
24671 }

```

(End definition for `\_tl\_change\_case\_mixed\_nl:Nnw`, `\_tl\_change\_case\_mixed\_nl:Nw`, and `\_tl\_change\_case\_mixed\_nl:NNw`.)

`\l\_tl\_case\_change\_math\_tl` The list of token pairs which are treated as math mode and so not case changed.

```
24672 \tl_new:N \l_tl_case_change_math_tl
24673 <*package>
24674 \tl_set:Nn \l_tl_case_change_math_tl
24675   { $ $ \ ( \ ) }
24676 </package>
```

(End definition for `\l\_tl\_case\_change\_math\_tl`. This variable is documented on page 250.)

`\l\_tl\_case\_change\_exclude\_tl` The list of commands for which an argument is not case changed.

```
24677 \tl_new:N \l_tl_case_change_exclude_tl
24678 <*package>
24679 \tl_set:Nn \l_tl_case_change_exclude_tl
24680   { \cite \ensuremath \label \ref }
24681 </package>
```

(End definition for `\l\_tl\_case\_change\_exclude\_tl`. This variable is documented on page 251.)

`\l\_tl\_mixed\_case\_ignore\_tl` Characters to skip over when finding the first letter in a word to be mixed cased.

```
24682 \tl_new:N \l_tl_mixed_case_ignore_tl
24683 \tl_set:Nx \l_tl_mixed_case_ignore_tl
24684   {
24685     ( % )
24686     [ % ]
24687     \cs_to_str:N \{ % \}
24688     ‘
24689     -
24690   }
```

(End definition for `\l\_tl\_mixed\_case\_ignore\_tl`. This variable is documented on page 252.)

### 42.13.2 Other additions to `l3tl`

`\tl\_rand\_item:n` Importantly `\tl\_item:nn` only evaluates its argument once.

```
\tl\_rand\_item:N
\tl\_rand\_item:c
24691 \cs_new:Npn \tl_rand_item:n #1
24692   {
24693     \tl_if_blank:nF {#1}
24694     { \tl_item:nn {#1} { \int_rand:nn { 1 } { \tl_count:n {#1} } } }
24695   }
24696 \cs_new:Npn \tl_rand_item:N { \exp_args:No \tl_rand_item:n }
24697 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_rand_item:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\tl\_rand\_item:n` and `\tl\_rand\_item:N`. These functions are documented on page 253.)

Some preliminary code is needed for the `\tl\_range:nnn` family of functions.

`\tl\_range:Nnn` To avoid checking for the end of the token list at every step, start by counting the  
`\tl\_range:cnn` number  $l$  of items and “normalizing” the bounds, namely clamping them to the interval  
`\tl\_range:nnn`  $[0, l]$  and dealing with negative indices. More precisely, `\_tl\_range\_items:nnNn`  
`\tl\_range\_braced:Nnn` receives the number of items to skip at the beginning of the token list, the index of the  
`\tl\_range\_braced:cnn` last item to keep, a function among `\_tl\_range:w`, `\_tl\_range\_braced:w`, `\_tl\_range\_braced:nnn`  
`\tl\_range\_braced:nnn` `\_tl\_range\_unbraced:w`, and the token list itself. If nothing should be kept, leave `{}`: this  
`\tl\_range\_unbraced:Nnn`  
`\tl\_range\_unbraced:cnn`

```
\tl\_range\_unbraced:nnn
  \_tl\_range:Nnnn
  \_tl\_range:nnnNn
  \_tl\_range:nnNn
  \_tl\_range_skip:w
  \_tl\_range\_braced:w
\_tl\_range\_collect\_braced:w
  \_tl\_range\_unbraced:w
```

stops the f-expansion of `\tl_head:f` and that function produces an empty result. Otherwise, repeatedly call `\__tl_range_skip:w` to delete `#1` items from the input stream (the extra brace group avoids an off-by-one shift). For the braced version `\__tl_range_braced:w` sets up `\__tl_range_collect_braced:w` which stores items one by one in an argument after the semicolon. The unbraced version is almost identical. The version preserving braces and spaces starts by deleting spaces before the argument to avoid collecting them, and sets up `\__tl_range_collect:nn` with a first argument of the form `{\langle collected \rangle \langle tokens \rangle}`, whose head is the collected tokens and whose tail is what remains of the original token list. This form makes it easier to move tokens to the `\langle collected \rangle` tokens. Depending on the first token of the tail, either just move it (if it is a space) or also decrement the number of items left to find. Eventually, the result is a brace group followed by the rest of the token list, and `\tl_head:f` cleans up and gives the result in `\exp_not:n`.

```

24698 \cs_new:Npn \tl_range:Nnn { \exp_args:No \tl_range:nnn }
24699 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_range:Nnn { c }
24700 \cs_new:Npn \tl_range:nnn { \__tl_range:Nnnn \__tl_range:w }
24701 \cs_new:Npn \tl_range_braced:Nnn { \exp_args:No \tl_range_braced:nnn }
24702 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_range_braced:Nnn { c }
24703 \cs_new:Npn \tl_range_braced:nnn { \__tl_range:Nnnn \__tl_range_braced:w }
24704 \cs_new:Npn \tl_range_unbraced:Nnn { \exp_args:No \tl_range_unbraced:nnn }
24705 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_range_unbraced:Nnn { c }
24706 \cs_new:Npn \tl_range_unbraced:nnn { \__tl_range:Nnnn \__tl_range_unbraced:w }
24707 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_range:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
24708   {
24709     \tl_head:f
24710     {
24711       \exp_args:Nf \__tl_range:nnnNn
24712         { \tl_count:n {#2} } {#3} {#4} #1 {#2}
24713     }
24714   }
24715 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_range:nnnNn #1#2#3
24716   {
24717     \exp_args:Nff \__tl_range:nnNn
24718     {
24719       \exp_args:Nf \__tl_range_normalize:nn
24720         { \int_eval:n { #2 - 1 } } {#1}
24721     }
24722     {
24723       \exp_args:Nf \__tl_range_normalize:nn
24724         { \int_eval:n {#3} } {#1}
24725     }
24726   }
24727 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_range:nnNn #1#2#3#4
24728   {
24729     \if_int_compare:w #2 > #1 \exp_stop_f: \else:
24730       \exp_after:wN { \exp_after:wN }
24731     \fi:
24732     \exp_after:wN #3
24733     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #2 - #1 \exp_after:wN ;
24734     \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \__tl_range_skip:w #1 ; { } #4 }
24735   }
24736 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_range_skip:w #1 ; #2
24737   {

```

```

24738 \if_int_compare:w #1 > 0 \exp_stop_f:
24739 \exp_after:wN \__tl_range_skip:w
24740 \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 - 1 \exp_after:wN ;
24741 \else:
24742 \exp_after:wN \exp_end:
24743 \fi:
24744 }
24745 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_range_braced:w #1 ; #2
24746 { \__tl_range_collect_braced:w #1 ; { } #2 }
24747 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_range_unbraced:w #1 ; #2
24748 { \__tl_range_collect_unbraced:w #1 ; { } #2 }
24749 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_range_collect_braced:w #1 ; #2#3
24750 {
24751 \if_int_compare:w #1 > 1 \exp_stop_f:
24752 \exp_after:wN \__tl_range_collect_braced:w
24753 \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 - 1 \exp_after:wN ;
24754 \fi:
24755 { #2 {#3} }
24756 }
24757 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_range_collect_unbraced:w #1 ; #2#3
24758 {
24759 \if_int_compare:w #1 > 1 \exp_stop_f:
24760 \exp_after:wN \__tl_range_collect_unbraced:w
24761 \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 - 1 \exp_after:wN ;
24762 \fi:
24763 { #2 #3 }
24764 }
24765 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_range:w #1 ; #2
24766 {
24767 \exp_args:Nf \__tl_range_collect:nn
24768 { \__tl_range_skip_spaces:n {#2} } {#1}
24769 }
24770 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_range_skip_spaces:n #1
24771 {
24772 \tl_if_head_is_space:nTF {#1}
24773 { \exp_args:Nf \__tl_range_skip_spaces:n {#1} }
24774 { { } #1 }
24775 }
24776 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_range_collect:nn #1#2
24777 {
24778 \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} = 0
24779 {#1}
24780 {
24781 \exp_args:No \tl_if_head_is_space:nTF { \use_none:n #1 }
24782 {
24783 \exp_args:Nf \__tl_range_collect:nn
24784 { \__tl_range_collect_space:nw #1 }
24785 {#2}
24786 }
24787 {
24788 \__tl_range_collect:ff
24789 {
24790 \exp_args:No \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF { \use_none:n #1 }
24791 { \__tl_range_collect_N:nN }

```

```

24792         { \_tl_range_collect_group:nn }
24793         #1
24794     }
24795     { \int_eval:n { #2 - 1 } }
24796 }
24797 }
24798 }
24799 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_range_collect_space:nw #1 ~ { { #1 ~ } }
24800 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_range_collect_N:nN #1#2 { { #1 #2 } }
24801 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_range_collect_group:nn #1#2 { { #1 {#2} } }
24802 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \_tl_range_collect:nn { ff }

```

(End definition for `\tl_range:Nnn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\_tl_range_normalize:nn` This function converts an *<index>* argument into an explicit position in the token list (a result of 0 denoting “out of bounds”). Expects two explicit integer arguments: the *<index>* #1 and the string count #2. If #1 is negative, replace it by #1 + #2 + 1, then limit to the range [0, #2].

```

24803 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_range_normalize:nn #1#2
24804 {
24805     \int_eval:n
24806     {
24807         \if_int_compare:w #1 < 0 \exp_stop_f:
24808         \if_int_compare:w #1 < -#2 \exp_stop_f:
24809             0
24810         \else:
24811             #1 + #2 + 1
24812         \fi:
24813     \else:
24814         \if_int_compare:w #1 < #2 \exp_stop_f:
24815             #1
24816         \else:
24817             #2
24818         \fi:
24819     \fi:
24820 }
24821 }

```

(End definition for `\_tl_range_normalize:nn`.)

## 42.14 Additions to `l3token`

`\c_catcode_active_space_tl` While `\_char_generate:nn` can produce active characters in some engines it cannot in general. It would be possible to simply change the catcode of space but then the code would need to avoid all spaces, making it quite unreadable. Instead we use the primitive `\tex_lowercase:D` trick.

```

24822 \group_begin:
24823     \char_set_catcode_active:N *
24824     \char_set_lccode:nn { ' * } { '\ }
24825     \tex_lowercase:D { \tl_const:Nn \c_catcode_active_space_tl { * } }
24826 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\c_catcode_active_space_tl`. This variable is documented on page 254.)

```

24827 <@@=peek>

```

`\peek_N_type:TF` All tokens are N-type tokens, except in four cases: begin-group tokens, end-group tokens, space tokens with character code 32, and outer tokens. Since `\l_peek_token` might be outer, we cannot use the convenient `\bool_if:nTF` function, and must resort to the old trick of using `\ifodd` to expand a set of tests. The `false` branch of this test is taken if the token is one of the first three kinds of non-N-type tokens (explicit or implicit), thus we call `\__peek_false:w`. In the `true` branch, we must detect outer tokens, without impacting performance too much for non-outer tokens. The first filter is to search for `outer` in the `\meaning` of `\l_peek_token`. If that is absent, `\use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w` cleans up, and we call `\__peek_true:w`. Otherwise, the token can be a non-outer macro or a primitive mark whose parameter or replacement text contains `outer`, it can be the primitive `\outer`, or it can be an outer token. Macros and marks would have `ma` in the part before the first occurrence of `outer`; the meaning of `\outer` has nothing after `outer`, contrarily to outer macros; and that covers all cases, calling `\__peek_true:w` or `\__peek_false:w` as appropriate. Here, there is no `<search token>`, so we feed a dummy `\scan_stop:` to the `\__peek_token_generic:NNTF` function.

```

24828 \group_begin:
24829   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__peek_tmp:w #1 \q_stop
24830   {
24831     \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_execute_branches_N_type:
24832     {
24833       \if_int_odd:w
24834         \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N \l_peek_token { 0 \exp_stop_f: \fi:
24835         \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N \l_peek_token } 0 \exp_stop_f: \fi:
24836         \if_meaning:w \l_peek_token \c_space_token 0 \exp_stop_f: \fi:
24837         1 \exp_stop_f:
24838         \exp_after:wN \__peek_N_type:w
24839         \token_to_meaning:N \l_peek_token
24840         \q_mark \__peek_N_type_aux:nw
24841         #1 \q_mark \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
24842         \q_stop
24843         \exp_after:wN \__peek_true:w
24844       \else:
24845         \exp_after:wN \__peek_false:w
24846       \fi:
24847     }
24848     \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_N_type:w ##1 #1 ##2 \q_mark ##3
24849     { ##3 {##1} {##2} }
24850   }
24851   \exp_after:wN \__peek_tmp:w \tl_to_str:n { outer } \q_stop
24852 \group_end:
24853 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_N_type_aux:nw #1 #2 #3 \fi:
24854 {
24855   \fi:
24856   \tl_if_in:noTF {#1} { \tl_to_str:n {ma} }
24857   { \__peek_true:w }
24858   { \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2} { \__peek_true:w } { \__peek_false:w } }
24859 }
24860 \cs_new_protected:Npn \peek_N_type:TF
24861 { \__peek_token_generic:NNTF \__peek_execute_branches_N_type: \scan_stop: }
24862 \cs_new_protected:Npn \peek_N_type:T
24863 { \__peek_token_generic:NNT \__peek_execute_branches_N_type: \scan_stop: }
24864 \cs_new_protected:Npn \peek_N_type:F
24865 { \__peek_token_generic:NNTF \__peek_execute_branches_N_type: \scan_stop: }

```

(End definition for `\peek_N_type:TF` and others. This function is documented on page 254.)

```
24866 </initex | package>
```

## 43 l3luatex implementation

```
24867 <*initex | package>
```

### 43.1 Breaking out to Lua

```
24868 <*tex>
```

`\lua_now_x:n` Wrappers around the primitives. As with engines other than LuaTeX these have to be macros, we give them the same status in all cases. When LuaTeX is not in use, simply give an error message/  
`\lua_now:n`  
`\lua_shipout_x:n`  
`\lua_shipout:n`  
`\lua_escape_x:n`  
`\lua_escape:n`

```
24869 \cs_new:Npn \lua_now_x:n #1 { \luatex_directlua:D {#1} }
24870 \cs_new:Npn \lua_now:n #1 { \lua_now_x:n { \exp_not:n {#1} } }
24871 \cs_new_protected:Npn \lua_shipout_x:n #1 { \luatex_latelua:D {#1} }
24872 \cs_new_protected:Npn \lua_shipout:n #1
24873 { \lua_shipout_x:n { \exp_not:n {#1} } }
24874 \cs_new:Npn \lua_escape_x:n #1 { \luatex_luaescapestring:D {#1} }
24875 \cs_new:Npn \lua_escape:n #1 { \lua_escape_x:n { \exp_not:n {#1} } }
24876 \sys_if_engine luatex:F
24877 {
24878   \clist_map_inline:nn
24879     { \lua_now_x:n , \lua_now:n , \lua_escape_x:n , \lua_escape:n }
24880     {
24881       \cs_set:Npn #1 ##1
24882       {
24883         \__kernel_msg_expandable_error:nnn
24884           { kernel } { luatex-required } { #1 }
24885       }
24886     }
24887   \clist_map_inline:nn
24888     { \lua_shipout_x:n , \lua_shipout:n }
24889     {
24890       \cs_set_protected:Npn #1 ##1
24891       {
24892         \__kernel_msg_error:nnn
24893           { kernel } { luatex-required } { #1 }
24894       }
24895     }
24896 }
```

(End definition for `\lua_now_x:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 255.)

### 43.2 Messages

```
24897 \__kernel_msg_new:nnnn { kernel } { luatex-required }
24898 { LuaTeX-engine-not-in-use!~Ignoring~#1. }
24899 {
24900   The~feature~you~are~using~is~only~available~
24901   with~the~LuaTeX-engine.~LaTeX3-ignored~'~#1'~.
24902 }
```

```
24903 </tex>
```

### 43.3 Lua functions for internal use

```
24904 <*lua>
```

Most of the emulation of pdfTeX here is based heavily on Heiko Oberdiek's `pdftexcmds` package.

**l3kernel** Create a table for the kernel's own use.

```
24905 l3kernel = l3kernel or { }
```

(End definition for `l3kernel`. This function is documented on page ??.)

Local copies of global tables.

```
24906 local io      = io
24907 local kpse    = kpse
24908 local lfs     = lfs
24909 local math    = math
24910 local md5     = md5
24911 local os      = os
24912 local string  = string
24913 local tex     = tex
24914 local unicode = unicode
```

Local copies of standard functions.

```
24915 local abs      = math.abs
24916 local byte     = string.byte
24917 local floor    = math.floor
24918 local format   = string.format
24919 local gsub     = string.gsub
24920 local kpse_find = kpse.find_file
24921 local lfs_attr = lfs.attributes
24922 local md5_sum  = md5.sum
24923 local open     = io.open
24924 local os_date  = os.date
24925 local setcatcode = tex.setcatcode
24926 local str_format = string.format
24927 local sprint   = tex.sprint
24928 local write    = tex.write
24929 local utf8_char = unicode.utf8.char
```

**escapehex** An internal auxiliary to convert a string to the matching hex escape. This works on a byte basis: extension to handled UTF-8 input is covered in `pdftexcmds` but is not currently required here.

```
24930 local function escapehex(str)
24931   write((gsub(str, ".",
24932     function (ch) return format("%02X", byte(ch)) end)))
24933 end
```

(End definition for `escapehex`. This function is documented on page ??.)

**l3kernel.charcat** Creating arbitrary chars needs a category code table. As set up here, one may have been assigned earlier (see `l3bootstrap`) or a hard-coded one is used. The latter is intended for format mode and should be adjusted to match an eventual allocator.

```
24934 local charcat_table = l3kernel.charcat_table or 1
24935 local function charcat(charcode, catcode)
```

```

24936   setcatcode(charcat_table, charcode, catcode)
24937   sprint(charcat_table, utf8_char(charcode))
24938 end
24939 l3kernel.charcat = charcat

```

(End definition for `l3kernel.charcat`. This function is documented on page 256.)

**l3kernel.filemdfivesum** Read an entire file and hash it: the hash function itself is a built-in. As Lua is byte-based there is no work needed here in terms of UTF-8 (see `pdftexcmds` and how it handles strings that have passed through Lua<sub>TEX</sub>). The file is read in binary mode so that no line ending normalisation occurs.

```

24940 local function filemdfivesum(name)
24941   local file = kpse_find(name, "tex", true)
24942   if file then
24943     local f = open(file, "rb")
24944     if f then
24945       local data = f:read("*a")
24946       escapehex(md5_sum(data))
24947       f:close()
24948     end
24949   end
24950 end
24951 l3kernel.filemdfivesum = filemdfivesum

```

(End definition for `l3kernel.filemdfivesum`. This function is documented on page 256.)

**l3kernel.filemoddate** See procedure `makepdftime` in `utils.c` of pdf<sub>TEX</sub>.

```

24952 local function filemoddate(name)
24953   local file = kpse_find(name, "tex", true)
24954   if file then
24955     local date = lfs_attr(file, "modification")
24956     if date then
24957       local d = os_date("!*t", date)
24958       if d.sec >= 60 then
24959         d.sec = 59
24960       end
24961       local u = os_date("!*t", date)
24962       local off = 60 * (d.hour - u.hour) + d.min - u.min
24963       if d.year ~= u.year then
24964         if d.year > u.year then
24965           off = off + 1440
24966         else
24967           off = off - 1440
24968         end
24969       elseif d.yday ~= u.yday then
24970         if d.yday > u.yday then
24971           off = off + 1440
24972         else
24973           off = off - 1440
24974         end
24975       end
24976       local timezone
24977       if off == 0 then
24978         timezone = "Z"

```

```

24979     else
24980         local hours = floor(off / 60)
24981         local mins  = abs(off - hours * 60)
24982         timezone = str_format("%+03d", hours)
24983         .. "" .. str_format("%02d", mins) .. ""
24984     end
24985     write("D:"
24986         .. str_format("%04d", d.year)
24987         .. str_format("%02d", d.month)
24988         .. str_format("%02d", d.day)
24989         .. str_format("%02d", d.hour)
24990         .. str_format("%02d", d.min)
24991         .. str_format("%02d", d.sec)
24992         .. timezone)
24993     end
24994 end
24995 end
24996 l3kernel.filemoddate = filemoddate

```

(End definition for `l3kernel.filemoddate`. This function is documented on page 256.)

**l3kernel.filesize** A simple disk lookup.

```

24997 local function filesize(name)
24998     local file = kpse_find(name, "tex", true)
24999     if file then
25000         local size = lfs_attr(file, "size")
25001         if size then
25002             write(size)
25003         end
25004     end
25005 end
25006 l3kernel.filesize = filesize

```

(End definition for `l3kernel.filesize`. This function is documented on page 256.)

**l3kernel.strcmp** String comparison which gives the same results as pdfTeX's `\pdfstrcmp`, although the ordering should likely not be relied upon!

```

25007 local function strcmp(A, B)
25008     if A == B then
25009         write("0")
25010     elseif A < B then
25011         write("-1")
25012     else
25013         write("1")
25014     end
25015 end
25016 l3kernel.strcmp = strcmp

```

(End definition for `l3kernel.strcmp`. This function is documented on page 256.)

## 43.4 Generic Lua and font support

```

25017 ⟨*initex⟩

```

A small amount of generic code is used by almost all LuaTeX material so needs to be loaded by the format.

```

25018 attribute_count_name = "g__alloc_attribute_int"
25019 bytecode_count_name  = "g__alloc_bytecode_int"
25020 chunkname_count_name  = "g__alloc_chunkname_int"
25021 whatsit_count_name     = "g__alloc_whatsit_int"
25022 require("lualatex")

```

With the above available the font loader code used by plain TeX and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X when used with LuaTeX can be loaded here. This is thus being treated more-or-less as part of the engine itself.

```

25023 require("luaotfload-main")
25024 local _void = luaotfload.main()
25025  $\langle$ /initex $\rangle$ 
25026  $\langle$ /lua $\rangle$ 
25027  $\langle$ /initex | package $\rangle$ 

```

## 44 l3drivers Implementation

```

25028  $\langle$ *initex | package $\rangle$ 
25029  $\langle$ @@=driver $\rangle$ 

```

Whilst there is a reasonable amount of code overlap between drivers, it is much clearer to have the blocks more-or-less separated than run in together and DocStripped out in parts. As such, most of the following is set up on a per-driver basis, though there is some common code (again given in blocks not interspersed with other material).

All the file identifiers are up-front so that they come out in the right place in the files.

```

25030  $\langle$ *package $\rangle$ 
25031 \ProvidesExplFile
25032  $\langle$ *dvipdfmx $\rangle$ 
25033   {l3dvidpfmt.def}{2017/03/18}{ $\langle$ }
25034   {L3 Experimental driver: dvipdfmx}
25035  $\langle$ /dvipdfmx $\rangle$ 
25036  $\langle$ *dvips $\rangle$ 
25037   {l3dvips.def}{2017/03/18}{ $\langle$ }
25038   {L3 Experimental driver: dvips}
25039  $\langle$ /dvips $\rangle$ 
25040  $\langle$ *dvisvgm $\rangle$ 
25041   {l3dvisvgm.def}{2017/03/18}{ $\langle$ }
25042   {L3 Experimental driver: dvisvgm}
25043  $\langle$ /dvisvgm $\rangle$ 
25044  $\langle$ *pdfmode $\rangle$ 
25045   {l3pdfmode.def}{2017/03/18}{ $\langle$ }
25046   {L3 Experimental driver: PDF mode}
25047  $\langle$ /pdfmode $\rangle$ 
25048  $\langle$ *xdvipdfmx $\rangle$ 
25049   {l3xdvidpfmt.def}{2017/03/18}{ $\langle$ }
25050   {L3 Experimental driver: xdvipdfmx}
25051  $\langle$ /xdvipdfmx $\rangle$ 
25052  $\langle$ /package $\rangle$ 

```

The order of the driver code here is such that we get somewhat logical outcomes in terms of code sharing whilst keeping things readable. (Trying to mix all of the code by concept is almost unmanageable.) The key parts which are shared are

- Color support is either `dvips`-like or `pdfmode`-like.
- `pdfmode` and `(x)dvipdfmx` share drawing routines.
- `xdvipdfmx` is largely the same as `dvipdfmx` so takes most of the same code.

## 44.1 Color support

Color support is split into two parts: a “general” concept and one directly linked to drawings (or rather the split between filling and stroking). General color is relatively easy to handle: we have a color stack available with all modern drivers, and can use that. Whilst `(x)dvipdfmx` does have its own approach to color specials, it is easier to use `dvips`-like ones for all cases except direct PDF output.

### 44.1.1 `dvips`-style

```
25053 (*dvisvgm | dvipdfmx | dvips | xdvipdfmx)
```

`\driver_color_pickup:N` Allow for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> color. Here, the possible input values are limited: `dvips`-style colors can mainly be taken as-is with the exception spot ones (here we need a model and a tint).

```
25054 (*package)
25055 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_color_pickup:N #1 { }
25056 \AtBeginDocument
25057 {
25058   \@ifpackageloaded { color }
25059   {
25060     \cs_set_protected:Npn \driver_color_pickup:N #1
25061     {
25062       \exp_args:NV \tl_if_head_is_space:nTF \current@color
25063       {
25064         \tl_set:Nx #1
25065         {
25066           spot ~
25067           \exp_after:wN \use:n \current@color \c_space_tl 1
25068         }
25069       }
25070       { \exp_after:wN \_driver_color_pickup:w \current@color \q_stop #1 }
25071     }
25072     \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_color_pickup:w #1 ~ #2 \q_stop #3
25073     { \tl_set:Nn #3 { #1 ~ #2 } }
25074   }
25075 }
25076 }
25077 </package>
```

(End definition for `\driver_color_pickup:N` and `\_driver_color_pickup:w`. This function is documented on page 258.)

`\driver_color_cmyk:nnnn` Push the data to the stack. In the case of `dvips` also reset the drawing fill color in raw PostScript.

```
\driver_color_gray:n
\driver_color_rgb:nnn
\driver_color_spot:nn
\_driver_color_select:n
\_driver_color_reset:
25078 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_color_cmyk:nnnn #1#2#3#4
```

```

25079 { \_driver_color_select:n { cmyk~ #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 } }
25080 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_color_gray:n #1
25081 { \_driver_color_select:n { gray~ #1 } }
25082 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_color_rgb:nnn #1#2#3
25083 { \_driver_color_select:n { rgb~ #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 } }
25084 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_color_spot:nn #1#2
25085 { \_driver_color_select:n { \c_space_tl #1 } }
25086 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_color_select:n #1
25087 {
25088   \tex_special:D { color~push~ #1 }
25089   (*dvips)
25090   \tex_special:D { ps::/l3fc~{ }~def }
25091   (/dvips)
25092   \group_insert_after:N \_driver_color_reset:
25093   }
25094 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_color_reset:
25095 { \tex_special:D { color~pop } }

```

(End definition for `\driver_color_cmyk:nnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 258.)

```

25096 </dvisvgm | dvipdfmx | dvips | xdvipdfmx>

```

#### 44.1.2 pdfmode

```

25097 (*pdfmode)

```

`\driver_color_pickup:N`  
`\_driver_color_pickup:w`

The current color in driver-dependent format: pick up the package-mode data if available. We end up converting back and forward in this route as we store our color data in dvips format. The `\current@color` needs to be x-expanded before `\_driver_color_pickup:w` breaks it apart, because for instance xcolor sets it to be instructions to generate a colour

```

25098 (*package)
25099 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_color_pickup:N #1 { }
25100 \AtBeginDocument
25101 {
25102   \@ifpackageloaded { color }
25103   {
25104     \cs_set_protected:Npn \driver_color_pickup:N #1
25105     {
25106       \exp_last_unbraced:Nx \_driver_color_pickup:w
25107       { \current@color } ~ 0 ~ 0 ~ 0 \q_stop #1
25108     }
25109     \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_color_pickup:w
25110     #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 ~ #5 ~ #6 \q_stop #7
25111     {
25112       \str_if_eq:nnTF {#2} { g }
25113       { \tl_set:Nn #7 { gray ~ #1 } }
25114       {
25115         \str_if_eq:nnTF {#4} { rg }
25116         { \tl_set:Nn #7 { rgb ~ #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 } }
25117         {
25118           \str_if_eq:nnTF {#5} { k }
25119           { \tl_set:Nn #7 { cmyk ~ #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 } }
25120           {

```

```

25121         \str_if_eq:nnTF {#2} { cs }
25122         {
25123             \tl_set:Nx #7 { spot ~ \use_none:n #1 ~ #5 }
25124         }
25125         {
25126             \tl_set:Nn #7 { gray ~ 0 }
25127         }
25128     }
25129 }
25130 }
25131 }
25132 }
25133 { }
25134 }
25135 \</package>

```

(End definition for `\driver_color_pickup:N` and `\_driver_color_pickup:w`. This function is documented on page 258.)

`\l_driver_color_stack_int` pdfTeX and LuaTeX have multiple stacks available, and to track which one is in use a variable is required.

```

25136 \int_new:N \l_driver_color_stack_int

```

(End definition for `\l_driver_color_stack_int`.)

`\driver_color_cmyk:nmn` Simply dump the data, but allowing for LuaTeX.

```

\driver_color_gray:n 25137 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_color_cmyk:nmn #1#2#3#4
\driver_color_rgb:n   25138 { \_driver_color_select:n { #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 ~ k ~ #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 ~ K } }
\driver_color_spot:nn 25139 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_color_gray:n #1
\_driver_color_select:n 25140 { \_driver_color_select:n { #1 ~ g ~ #1 ~ G } }
\_driver_color_reset: 25141 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_color_rgb:n #1#2#3
25142 { \_driver_color_select:n { #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ rg ~ #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ RG } }
25143 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_color_spot:nn #1#2
25144 { \_driver_color_select:n { /#1 ~ cs ~ /#1 ~ CS ~ #2 ~ sc ~ #2 ~ SC } }
25145 \cs_new_protected:Npx \_driver_color_select:n #1
25146 {
25147     \cs_if_exist:NTF \luatex_pdfextension:D
25148     { \luatex_pdfextension:D colorstack }
25149     { \pdfTEX_pdfcolorstack:D }
25150     \exp_not:N \l_driver_color_stack_int push {#1}
25151     \group_insert_after:N \exp_not:N \_driver_color_reset:
25152 }
25153 \cs_new_protected:Npx \_driver_color_reset:
25154 {
25155     \cs_if_exist:NTF \luatex_pdfextension:D
25156     { \luatex_pdfextension:D colorstack }
25157     { \pdfTEX_pdfcolorstack:D }
25158     \exp_not:N \l_driver_color_stack_int pop \scan_stop:
25159 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_color_cmyk:nmn` and others. These functions are documented on page 258.)

```

25160 \</pdfmode>

```

## 44.2 dvips driver

25161 `<*dvips>`

### 44.2.1 Basics

`\_driver_literal:n` In the case of `dvips` there is no build-in saving of the current position, and so some additional PostScript is required to set up the transformation matrix and also to restore it afterwards. Notice the use of the stack to save the current position “up front” and to move back to it at the end of the process.

```
25162 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_literal:n #1
25163 {
25164   \tex_special:D
25165   {
25166     ps:
25167     currentpoint~
25168     currentpoint~translate~
25169     #1 ~
25170     neg~exch~neg~exch~translate
25171   }
25172 }
```

(End definition for `\_driver_literal:n`.)

`\_driver_scope_begin:` Scope saving/restoring is done directly with no need to worry about the transformation matrix. General scoping is only for the graphics stack so the lower-cost `gsave/grestore` pair are used.

```
25173 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_scope_begin:
25174 { \tex_special:D { ps:gsave } }
25175 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_scope_end:
25176 { \tex_special:D { ps:grestore } }
```

(End definition for `\_driver_scope_begin:` and `\_driver_scope_end:.`)

### 44.3 Driver-specific auxiliaries

`\_driver_absolute_lengths:n` The `dvips` driver scales all absolute dimensions based on the output resolution selected and any T<sub>E</sub>X magnification. Thus for any operation involving absolute lengths there is a correction to make. This is based on `normalscale` from `special.pro` but using the stack rather than a definition to save the current matrix.

```
25177 \cs_new:Npn \_driver_absolute_lengths:n #1
25178 {
25179   matrix~currentmatrix~
25180   Resolution~72~div~VResolution~72~div~scale~
25181   DVImag~dup~scale~
25182   #1 ~
25183   setmatrix
25184 }
```

(End definition for `\_driver_absolute_lengths:n`.)

### 44.3.1 Box operations

`\driver_box_use_clip:N` Much the same idea as for the PDF mode version but with a slightly different syntax for creating the clip path. To avoid any scaling issues we need the absolute length auxiliary here.

```
25185 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_box_use_clip:N #1
25186 {
25187   \__driver_scope_begin:
25188   \__driver_literal:n
25189   {
25190     \__driver_absolute_lengths:n
25191     {
25192       0 ~
25193       \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { \box_dp:N #1 } ~
25194       \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { \box_wd:N #1 } ~
25195       \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { -\box_ht:N #1 - \box_dp:N #1 } ~
25196       rectclip
25197     }
25198   }
25199   \hbox_overlap_right:n { \box_use:N #1 }
25200   \__driver_scope_end:
25201   \skip_horizontal:n { \box_wd:N #1 }
25202 }
```

(End definition for `\driver_box_use_clip:N`. This function is documented on page 257.)

`\driver_box_use_rotate:Nn` Rotating using dvips does not require that the box dimensions are altered and has a very convenient built-in operation. Zero rotation must be written as 0 not -0 so there is a quick test.

```
25203 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_box_use_rotate:Nn #1#2
25204 {
25205   \__driver_scope_begin:
25206   \__driver_literal:n
25207   {
25208     \fp_compare:nNnTF {#2} = \c_zero_fp
25209     { 0 }
25210     { \fp_eval:n { round ( -#2 , 5 ) } } ~
25211     rotate
25212   }
25213   \box_use:N #1
25214   \__driver_scope_end:
25215 }
```

(End definition for `\driver_box_use_rotate:Nn`. This function is documented on page 258.)

`\driver_box_use_scale:Nnn` The dvips driver once again has a dedicated operation we can use here.

```
25216 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_box_use_scale:Nnn #1#2#3
25217 {
25218   \__driver_scope_begin:
25219   \__driver_literal:n
25220   {
25221     \fp_eval:n { round ( #2 , 5 ) } ~
25222     \fp_eval:n { round ( #3 , 5 ) } ~
25223     scale

```

```

25224     }
25225     \hbox_overlap_right:n { \box_use:N #1 }
25226     \__driver_scope_end:
25227 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_box_use_scale:Nnn`. This function is documented on page 258.)

## 44.4 Images

`\__driver_image_getbb_eps:n` Simply use the generic function.

```

25228 \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_image_getbb_eps:n \image_read_bb:n

```

(End definition for `\__driver_image_getbb_eps:n`.)

`\__driver_image_include_eps:n` The special syntax is relatively clear here: remember we need PostScript sizes here.

```

25229 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_image_include_eps:n #1
25230 {
25231     \tex_special:D { PSfile = #1 }
25232 }

```

(End definition for `\__driver_image_include_eps:n`.)

## 44.5 Drawing

`\__driver_draw_literal:n` Literals with no positioning (using `ps:` each one is positioned but cut off from everything else, so no good for the stepwise approach needed here).

`\__driver_draw_literal:x`

```

25233 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_draw_literal:n #1
25234 { \tex_special:D { ps:: #1 } }
25235 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__driver_draw_literal:n { x }

```

(End definition for `\__driver_draw_literal:n`.)

`\driver_draw_begin:` The `ps::[begin]` special here deals with positioning but allows us to continue on to a matching `ps::[end]`: contrast with `ps:`, which positions but where we can't split material between separate calls. The `@beginspecial/@endspecial` pair are from `special.pro` and correct the scale and  $y$ -axis direction. The reference point at the start of the box is saved (as `13x/13y`) as it is needed when inserting various items.

`\driver_draw_end:`

```

25236 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_begin:
25237 {
25238     \__driver_draw_literal:n { [begin] }
25239     \__driver_draw_literal:n { save }
25240     \__driver_draw_literal:n { /13x~currentpoint~/13y~exch~def~def }
25241     \__driver_draw_literal:n { @beginspecial }
25242     \__driver_draw_literal:n { /13fc~{ }~def }
25243 }
25244 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_end:
25245 {
25246     \__driver_draw_literal:n { @endspecial }
25247     \__driver_draw_literal:n { restore }
25248     \__driver_draw_literal:n { [end] }
25249 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_begin:` and `\driver_draw_end:`. These functions are documented on page 259.)

`\driver_draw_scope_begin:` Scope here may need to contain saved definitions, so the entire memory rather than just the graphic state has to be sent to the stack.

```
25250 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_scope_begin:
25251   { \__driver_draw_literal:n { save } }
25252 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_scope_end:
25253   { \__driver_draw_literal:n { restore } }
```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_scope_begin:` and `\driver_draw_scope_end:`. These functions are documented on page 259.)

`\driver_draw_moveto:nn` Path creation operations mainly resolve directly to PostScript primitive steps, with only the need to convert to bp. Notice that x-type expansion is included here to ensure that any variable values are forced to literals before any possible caching. There is no native rectangular path command (without also clipping, filling or stroking), so that task is done using a small amount of PostScript.

`\driver_draw_lineto:nn`  
`\driver_draw_rectangle:nmmn`  
`\driver_draw_curveto:nmmmm`

```
25254 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_moveto:nn #1#2
25255   {
25256     \__driver_draw_literal:x
25257     { \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#1} ~ \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#2} ~ moveto }
25258   }
25259 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_lineto:nn #1#2
25260   {
25261     \__driver_draw_literal:x
25262     { \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#1} ~ \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#2} ~ lineto }
25263   }
25264 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_rectangle:nmmn #1#2#3#4
25265   {
25266     \__driver_draw_literal:x
25267     {
25268       \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#4} ~ \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#3} ~
25269       \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#1} ~ \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#2} ~
25270       moveto~dup~0~rlineto~exch~0~exch~rlineto~neg~0~rlineto~closepath
25271     }
25272   }
25273 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_curveto:nmmmm #1#2#3#4#5#6
25274   {
25275     \__driver_draw_literal:x
25276     {
25277       \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#1} ~ \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#2} ~
25278       \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#3} ~ \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#4} ~
25279       \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#5} ~ \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#6} ~
25280       curveto
25281     }
25282   }
```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_moveto:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 259.)

`\driver_draw_evenodd_rule:` The even-odd rule here can be implemented as a simply switch.

`\driver_draw_nonzero_rule:`  
`\g__driver_draw_eor_bool`

```
25283 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_evenodd_rule:
25284   { \bool_gset_true:N \g__driver_draw_eor_bool }
25285 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_nonzero_rule:
25286   { \bool_gset_false:N \g__driver_draw_eor_bool }
25287 \bool_new:N \g__driver_draw_eor_bool
```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_evenodd_rule:`, `\driver_draw_nonzero_rule:`, and `\g__driver_draw_eor_bool`. These functions are documented on page 260.)

`\driver_draw_closepath:` Unlike PDF, PostScript doesn't track separate colors for strokes and other elements. It is also desirable to have the `clip` keyword after a stroke or fill. To achieve those outcomes, there is some work to do. For color, the stroke color is simple but the fill one has to be inserted by hand. For clipping, the required ordering is achieved using a T<sub>E</sub>X switch.

`\driver_draw_stroke:` All of the operations end with a new path instruction as they do not terminate (again in contrast to PDF).

`\driver_draw_closestroke:`

`\driver_draw_fill:`

`\driver_draw_fillstroke:`

`\driver_draw_clip:`

`\driver_draw_discardpath:`

`\g__driver_draw_clip_bool`

```

25288 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_closepath:
25289   { \__driver_draw_literal:n { closepath } }
25290 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_stroke:
25291   {
25292     \__driver_draw_literal:n { stroke }
25293     \bool_if:NT \g__driver_draw_clip_bool
25294       {
25295         \__driver_draw_literal:x
25296           {
25297             \bool_if:NT \g__driver_draw_eor_bool { eo }
25298             clip
25299           }
25300       }
25301     \__driver_draw_literal:n { newpath }
25302     \bool_gset_false:N \g__driver_draw_clip_bool
25303   }
25304 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_closestroke:
25305   {
25306     \driver_draw_closepath:
25307     \driver_draw_stroke:
25308   }
25309 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_fill:
25310   {
25311     \__driver_draw_literal:n { gsave }
25312     \__driver_draw_literal:n { l3fc }
25313     \__driver_draw_literal:x
25314       {
25315         \bool_if:NT \g__driver_draw_eor_bool { eo }
25316         fill
25317       }
25318     \__driver_draw_literal:n { grestore }
25319     \bool_if:NT \g__driver_draw_clip_bool
25320       {
25321         \__driver_draw_literal:x
25322           {
25323             \bool_if:NT \g__driver_draw_eor_bool { eo }
25324             clip
25325           }
25326       }
25327     \__driver_draw_literal:n { newpath }
25328     \bool_gset_false:N \g__driver_draw_clip_bool
25329   }
25330 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_fillstroke:
25331   {
25332     \__driver_draw_literal:n { gsave }

```

```

25333 \__driver_draw_literal:n { l3fc }
25334 \__driver_draw_literal:x
25335 {
25336   \bool_if:NT \g__driver_draw_eor_bool { eo }
25337   fill
25338 }
25339 \__driver_draw_literal:n { grestore }
25340 \__driver_draw_literal:n { stroke }
25341 \bool_if:NT \g__driver_draw_clip_bool
25342 {
25343   \__driver_draw_literal:x
25344   {
25345     \bool_if:NT \g__driver_draw_eor_bool { eo }
25346     clip
25347   }
25348 }
25349 \__driver_draw_literal:n { newpath }
25350 \bool_gset_false:N \g__driver_draw_clip_bool
25351 }
25352 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_clip:
25353 { \bool_gset_true:N \g__driver_draw_clip_bool }
25354 \bool_new:N \g__driver_draw_clip_bool
25355 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_discardpath:
25356 {
25357   \bool_if:NT \g__driver_draw_clip_bool
25358   {
25359     \__driver_draw_literal:x
25360     {
25361       \bool_if:NT \g__driver_draw_eor_bool { eo }
25362       clip
25363     }
25364   }
25365   \__driver_draw_literal:n { newpath }
25366   \bool_gset_false:N \g__driver_draw_clip_bool
25367 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_closepath:` and others. These functions are documented on page 259.)

`\driver_draw_cap_dash:nn` Converting paths to output is again a case of mapping directly to PostScript operations.

```

\__driver_draw_dash:n
25368 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cap_dash:nn #1#2
\driver_draw_linewidth:n 25369 {
\driver_draw_miterlimit:n 25370   \__driver_draw_literal:x
\driver_draw_cap_but: 25371   {
\driver_draw_cap_round: 25372     [ ~
\driver_draw_cap_rectangle: 25373     \clist_map_function:nN {#1} \__driver_draw_dash:n
\driver_draw_join_miter: 25374     ] ~
\driver_draw_join_round: 25375     \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#2} ~ setdash
\driver_draw_join_bevel: 25376   }
25377 }
25378 \cs_new:Npn \__driver_draw_dash:n #1
25379 { \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#1} ~ }
25380 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_linewidth:n #1
25381 {

```

```

25382   \_driver_draw_literal:x
25383   { \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#1} ~ setlinewidth }
25384 }
25385 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_miterlimit:n #1
25386 { \_driver_draw_literal:n { #1 ~ setmiterlimit } }
25387 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cap_but:
25388 { \_driver_draw_literal:n { 0 ~ setlinecap } }
25389 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cap_round:
25390 { \_driver_draw_literal:n { 1 ~ setlinecap } }
25391 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cap_rectangle:
25392 { \_driver_draw_literal:n { 2 ~ setlinecap } }
25393 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_join_miter:
25394 { \_driver_draw_literal:n { 0 ~ setlinejoin } }
25395 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_join_round:
25396 { \_driver_draw_literal:n { 1 ~ setlinejoin } }
25397 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_join_bevel:
25398 { \_driver_draw_literal:n { 2 ~ setlinejoin } }

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_cap_dash:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 261.)

`\driver_draw_color_fill_cmyk:nnnn` For dvips, we can use the standard color stack to deal with stroke color, but for fills have to switch to raw PostScript. This is thus not handled by the stack, but the context is very restricted. See also how fills are implemented.

```

\driver_draw_color_stroke_cmyk:nnnn
\driver_draw_color_fill_gray:n
\driver_draw_color_stroke_gray:n
\driver_draw_color_fill_rgb:n
\driver_draw_color_stroke_rgb:n
\_driver_draw_color_fill:n
\_driver_draw_color_stroke:n
25399 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_fill_cmyk:nnnn #1#2#3#4
25400 { \_driver_draw_fill:n { #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 ~ setcmykcolor } }
25401 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_stroke_cmyk:nnnn #1#2#3#4
25402 { \_driver_draw_stroke:n { cmyk ~ #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 } }
25403 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_fill_gray:n #1
25404 { \_driver_draw_fill:n { #1 ~ setgray } }
25405 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_stroke_gray:n #1
25406 { \_driver_draw_stroke:n { gray ~ #1 } }
25407 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_fill_rgb:nnn #1#2#3
25408 { \_driver_draw_fill:n { #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ setrgbcolor } }
25409 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_stroke_rgb:nnn #1#2#3
25410 { \_driver_draw_stroke:n { rgb ~ #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 } }
25411 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_draw_color_fill:n #1
25412 { \_driver_draw_literal:n { /l3fc ~ { #1 } ~ def } }
25413 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_draw_color_stroke:n #1
25414 {
25415   \tex_special:D { color~push~#1 }
25416   \group_insert_after:N \_driver_color_reset:
25417 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_color_fill_cmyk:nnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 261.)

`\driver_draw_cm:nnnn` In dvips, keeping the transformations in line with the engine is unfortunately not possible for scaling and rotations: even if we decompose the matrix into those operations, there is still no driver tracking (*cf.* (x)dvipdfmx). Thus we take the shortest path available and simply dump the matrix as given.

```

25418 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cm:nnnn #1#2#3#4
25419 { \_driver_draw_literal:n { [#1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 ~ 0 ~ 0 ] ~ concat } }

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_cm:nnnn`. This function is documented on page 262.)

`\driver_draw_box_use:Nnnnn` Inside a picture `@beginspecial/@endspecial` are active, which is normally a good thing but means that the position and scaling would be off if the box was inserted directly. Instead, we need to reverse the effect of the (normally desirable) shift/scaling within the box. That requires knowing where the reference point for the drawing is: saved as `l3x/l3y` at the start of the picture. Transformation here is relative to the drawing origin so has to be done purely in driver code not using  $\TeX$  offsets.

```

25420 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_box_use:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
25421 {
25422   \__driver_scope_begin:
25423   \__driver_draw_literal:n { [end] }
25424   \driver_draw_cm:nnnn {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5}
25425   \__driver_draw_literal:n { 72~Resolution~div~72~VResolution~div~neg~scale }
25426   \__driver_draw_literal:n { magscale~{1~DVImag~div~dup~scale}~if }
25427   \__driver_draw_literal:n { l3x~neg~l3y~neg~translate }
25428   \hbox_overlap_right:n { \box_use:N #1 }
25429   \__driver_draw_literal:n { [begin] }
25430   \__driver_scope_end:
25431 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_box_use:Nnnnn`. This function is documented on page 262.)

```
25432 </dvips>
```

## 44.6 pdfmode driver

```
25433 (*pdfmode)
```

The direct PDF driver covers both pdf $\TeX$  and Lua $\TeX$ . The latter renames/restructures the driver primitives but this can be handled at one level of abstraction. As such, we avoid using two separate drivers for this material at the cost of some x-type definitions to get everything expanded up-front.

### 44.6.1 Basics

`\__driver_literal:n` This is equivalent to `\special{pdf:}` but the engine can track it. Without the `direct` keyword everything is kept in sync: the transformation matrix is set to the current point automatically. Note that this is still inside the text (BT ...ET block).

```

25434 \cs_new_protected:Npx \__driver_literal:n #1
25435 {
25436   \cs_if_exist:NTF \luatex_pdfextension:D
25437     { \luatex_pdfextension:D literal }
25438     { \pdftex_pdfliteral:D }
25439     {#1}
25440 }

```

(End definition for `\__driver_literal:n`.)

`\__driver_scope_begin:` Higher-level interfaces for saving and restoring the graphic state.  
`\__driver_scope_end:`

```

25441 \cs_new_protected:Npx \__driver_scope_begin:
25442 {
25443   \cs_if_exist:NTF \luatex_pdfextension:D
25444     { \luatex_pdfextension:D save \scan_stop: }
25445     { \pdftex_pdfsave:D }
25446 }
25447 \cs_new_protected:Npx \__driver_scope_end:

```

```

25448 {
25449   \cs_if_exist:NTF \luatex_pdfextension:D
25450     { \luatex_pdfextension:D restore \scan_stop: }
25451     { \pdftex_pdfrestore:D }
25452 }

```

(End definition for `\_driver_scope_begin:` and `\_driver_scope_end:.`)

`\_driver_matrix:n` Here the appropriate function is set up to insert an affine matrix into the PDF. With pdfTeX and LuaTeX in direct PDF output mode there is a primitive for this, which only needs the rotation/scaling/skew part.

```

25453 \cs_new_protected:Npx \_driver_matrix:n #1
25454 {
25455   \cs_if_exist:NTF \luatex_pdfextension:D
25456     { \luatex_pdfextension:D setmatrix }
25457     { \pdftex_pdfsetmatrix:D }
25458     {#1}
25459 }

```

(End definition for `\_driver_matrix:n.`)

#### 44.6.2 Box operations

`\driver_box_use_clip:N` The general method is to save the current location, define a clipping path equivalent to the bounding box, then insert the content at the current position and in a zero width box. The “real” width is then made up using a horizontal skip before tidying up. There are other approaches that can be taken (for example using XForm objects), but the logic here shares as much code as possible and uses the same conversions (and so same rounding errors) in all cases.

```

25460 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_box_use_clip:N #1
25461 {
25462   \_driver_scope_begin:
25463   \_driver_literal:n
25464   {
25465     0~
25466     \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { -\box_dp:N #1 } ~
25467     \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { \box_wd:N #1 } ~
25468     \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { \box_ht:N #1 + \box_dp:N #1 } ~
25469     re~W~n
25470   }
25471   \hbox_overlap_right:n { \box_use:N #1 }
25472   \_driver_scope_end:
25473   \skip_horizontal:n { \box_wd:N #1 }
25474 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_box_use_clip:N`. This function is documented on page 257.)

`\driver_box_use_rotate:Nn` Rotations are set using an affine transformation matrix which therefore requires `\l_driver_cos_fp` sine/cosine values not the angle itself. We store the rounded values to avoid rounding twice. There are also a couple of comparisons to ensure that `-0` is not written to the output, as this avoids any issues with problematic display programs. Note that numbers are compared to 0 after rounding.

```

25475 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_box_use_rotate:Nn #1#2
25476 {

```

```

25477   \__driver_scope_begin:
25478   \box_set_wd:Nn #1 { Opt }
25479   \fp_set:Nn \l__driver_cos_fp { round ( cosd ( #2 ) , 5 ) }
25480   \fp_compare:nNnT \l__driver_cos_fp = \c_zero_fp
25481     { \fp_zero:N \l__driver_cos_fp }
25482   \fp_set:Nn \l__driver_sin_fp { round ( sind ( #2 ) , 5 ) }
25483   \__driver_matrix:n
25484     {
25485     \fp_use:N \l__driver_cos_fp \c_space_tl
25486     \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__driver_sin_fp = \c_zero_fp
25487       { 0~0 }
25488       {
25489         \fp_use:N \l__driver_sin_fp
25490         \c_space_tl
25491         \fp_eval:n { -\l__driver_sin_fp }
25492       }
25493     \c_space_tl
25494     \fp_use:N \l__driver_cos_fp
25495   }
25496   \box_use:N #1
25497   \__driver_scope_end:
25498 }
25499 \fp_new:N \l__driver_cos_fp
25500 \fp_new:N \l__driver_sin_fp

```

(End definition for `\driver_box_use_rotate:Nn`, `\l__driver_cos_fp`, and `\l__driver_sin_fp`. This function is documented on page 258.)

`\driver_box_use_scale:Nnn` The same idea as for rotation but without the complexity of signs and cosines.

```

25501 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_box_use_scale:Nnn #1#2#3
25502 {
25503   \__driver_scope_begin:
25504   \__driver_matrix:n
25505     {
25506     \fp_eval:n { round ( #2 , 5 ) } ~
25507     0~0~
25508     \fp_eval:n { round ( #3 , 5 ) }
25509     }
25510   \hbox_overlap_right:n { \box_use:N #1 }
25511   \__driver_scope_end:
25512 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_box_use_scale:Nnn`. This function is documented on page 258.)

## 44.7 Images

`\l__driver_image_attr_tl` In PDF mode, additional attributes of an image (such as page number) are needed both to obtain the bounding box and when inserting the image: this occurs as the image dictionary approach means they are read as part of the bounding box operation. As such, it is easier to track additional attributes using a dedicated `tl` rather than build up the same data twice.

```

25513 \tl_new:N \l__driver_image_attr_tl

```

(End definition for `\l__driver_image_attr_tl`.)

`\_driver_image_getbb_jpg:n` Getting the bounding box here requires us to box up the image and measure it. To  
`\_driver_image_getbb_pdf:n` deal with the difference in feature support in bitmap and vector images but keeping the  
`\_driver_image_getbb_png:n` common parts, there is a little work to do in terms of auxiliaries. The key here is to  
`\_driver_image_getbb_auxi:n` notice that we need two forms of the attributes: a “short” set to allow us to track for  
`\_driver_image_getbb_auxii:n` caching, and the full form to pass to the primitive.

```

25514 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_image_getbb_jpg:n #1
25515 {
25516   \int_zero:N \l_image_page_int
25517   \tl_clear:N \l_image_pagebox_tl
25518   \tl_set:Nx \l__driver_image_attr_tl
25519     {
25520     \tl_if_empty:NF \l_image_decode_tl
25521       { :D \l_image_decodearray_tl }
25522     \bool_if:NT \l_image_interpolate_bool
25523       { :I }
25524     }
25525   \tl_clear:N \l__driver_image_attr_tl
25526   \_driver_image_getbb_auxi:n {#1}
25527 }
25528 \cs_new_eq:NN \_driver_image_getbb_png:n \_driver_image_getbb_jpg:n
25529 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_image_getbb_pdf:n #1
25530 {
25531   \tl_clear:N \l_image_decode_tl
25532   \bool_set_false:N \l_image_interpolate_bool
25533   \tl_set:Nx \l__driver_image_attr_tl
25534     {
25535     : \l_image_pagebox_tl
25536     \int_compare:nNnT \l_image_page_int > 1
25537       { :P \int_use:N \l_image_page_int }
25538     }
25539   \_driver_image_getbb_auxi:n {#1}
25540 }
25541 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_image_getbb_auxi:n #1
25542 {
25543   \image_bb_restore:xF { #1 \l__driver_image_attr_tl }
25544   { \_driver_image_getbb_auxii:n {#1} }
25545 }
25546 % \begin{macrocode}
25547 % Measuring the image is done by boxing up: for PDF images we could
25548 % use |\pdfTeX_pdfximagebbox:D|, but if doesn't work for other types.
25549 % As the box always starts at $(0,0)$ there is no need to worry about
25550 % the lower-left position.
25551 % \begin{macrocode}
25552 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_image_getbb_auxii:n #1
25553 {
25554   \tex_immediate:D \pdfTeX_pdfximage:D
25555   \bool_lazy_or:nnT
25556     { \l_image_interpolate_bool }
25557     { ! \tl_if_empty_p:N \l_image_decodearray_tl }
25558     {
25559       attr ~
25560       {
25561         \tl_if_empty:NF \l_image_decode_tl

```

```

25562         { /Decode~[ \l_image_decodearray_tl ] }
25563         \bool_if:NT \l_image_interpolate_bool
25564         { /Interpolate~true }
25565     }
25566 }
25567 \int_compare:nNnT \l_image_page_int > 0
25568   { page ~ \int_use:N \l_image_page_int }
25569 \tl_if_empty:NF \l_image_pagebox_tl
25570   { \l_image_pagebox_tl }
25571 {#1}
25572 \hbox_set:Nn \l__driver_tmp_box
25573   { \pdfrefximage:D \pdflastximage:D }
25574 \dim_set:Nn \l_image_urx_dim { \box_wd:N \l__driver_tmp_box }
25575 \dim_set:Nn \l_image_ury_dim { \box_ht:N \l__driver_tmp_box }
25576 \int_const:cn { c__driver_image_ #1 \l__driver_image_attr_tl _int }
25577   { \tex_the:D \pdfrefximage:D }
25578 \image_bb_save:x { #1 \l__driver_image_attr_tl }
25579 }

```

(End definition for `\__driver_image_getbb_jpg:n` and others.)

`\_driver_image_include_jpg:n` Images are already loaded for the measurement part of the code, so inclusion is straight-forward, with only any attributes to worry about. The latter carry through from determination of the bounding box.

`\_driver_image_include_pdf:n`  
`\_driver_image_include_png:n`

```

25580 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_image_include_jpg:n #1
25581   {
25582     \pdfrefximage:D
25583     \int_use:c { c__driver_image_ #1 \l__driver_image_attr_tl _int }
25584   }
25585 \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_image_include_pdf:n \__driver_image_include_jpg:n
25586 \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_image_include_png:n \__driver_image_include_jpg:n

```

(End definition for `\__driver_image_include_jpg:n`, `\__driver_image_include_pdf:n`, and `\__driver_image_include_png:n`.)

```

25587 </pdfmode>

```

## 44.8 dvipdfmx driver

```

25588 (*dvipdfmx | xdvipdfmx)

```

The `dvipdfmx` shares code with the PDF mode one (using the common section to this file) but also with `xdvipdfmx`. The latter is close to identical to `dvipdfmx` and so all of the code here is extracted for both drivers, with some `clean up` for `xdvipdfmx` as required.

### 44.8.1 Basics

`\__driver_literal:n` Equivalent to `pdf:content` but favored as the link to the pdfTeX primitive approach is clearer. Some higher-level operations use `\tex_special:D` directly: see the later comments on where this is useful.

```

25589 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_literal:n #1
25590   { \tex_special:D { pdf:literal~ #1 } }

```

(End definition for `\__driver_literal:n`.)

```

\__driver_scope_begin: Scoping is done using the driver-specific specials.
\__driver_scope_end:
25591 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_scope_begin:
25592   { \tex_special:D { x:gsave } }
25593 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_scope_end:
25594   { \tex_special:D { x:grestore } }

(End definition for \__driver_scope_begin: and \__driver_scope_end:.)

```

## 44.8.2 Box operations

`\driver_box_use_clip:N` The code here is identical to that for `pdfmode`: unlike rotation and scaling, there is no higher-level support in the driver for clipping.

```

25595 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_box_use_clip:N #1
25596   {
25597     \__driver_scope_begin:
25598     \__driver_literal:n
25599     {
25600       0~
25601       \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { -\box_dp:N #1 } ~
25602       \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { \box_wd:N #1 } ~
25603       \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { \box_ht:N #1 + \box_dp:N #1 } ~
25604       re~W~n
25605     }
25606     \hbox_overlap_right:n { \box_use:N #1 }
25607     \__driver_scope_end:
25608     \skip_horizontal:n { \box_wd:N #1 }
25609   }

```

(End definition for `\driver_box_use_clip:N`. This function is documented on page 257.)

`\driver_box_use_rotate:Nn` Rotating in (x)dvipdmtx can be implemented using either PDF or driver-specific code. The former approach however is not “aware” of the content of boxes: this means that any embedded links would not be adjusted by the rotation. As such, the driver-native approach is preferred: the code therefore is similar (though not identical) to the `dvips` version (notice the rotation angle here is positive). As for `dvips`, zero rotation is written as 0 not -0.

```

25610 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_box_use_rotate:Nn #1#2
25611   {
25612     \__driver_scope_begin:
25613     \tex_special:D
25614     {
25615       x:rotate~
25616       \fp_compare:nNnTF {#2} = \c_zero_fp
25617       { 0 }
25618       { \fp_eval:n { round ( #2 , 5 ) } }
25619     }
25620     \box_use:N #1
25621     \__driver_scope_end:
25622   }

```

(End definition for `\driver_box_use_rotate:Nn`. This function is documented on page 258.)

`\driver_box_use_scale:Nnn` Much the same idea for scaling: use the higher-level driver operation to allow for box content.

```

25623 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_box_use_scale:Nnn #1#2#3
25624 {
25625   \__driver_scope_begin:
25626   \tex_special:D
25627   {
25628     x:scale~
25629     \fp_eval:n { round ( #2 , 5 ) } ~
25630     \fp_eval:n { round ( #3 , 5 ) }
25631   }
25632   \hbox_overlap_right:n { \box_use:N #1 }
25633   \__driver_scope_end:
25634 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_box_use_scale:Nnn`. This function is documented on page 258.)

## 44.9 Images

`\__driver_image_getbb_eps:n` Simply use the generic functions: only for dvipdfmx in the extraction cases.

```

\__driver_image_getbb_jpg:n
\__driver_image_getbb_pdf:n
\__driver_image_getbb_png:n
25635 \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_image_getbb_eps:n \image_read_bb:n
25636 (*dvipdfmx)
25637 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_image_getbb_jpg:n #1
25638 {
25639   \int_zero:N \l_image_page_int
25640   \tl_clear:N \l_image_pagebox_tl
25641   \image_extract_bb:n {#1}
25642 }
25643 \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_image_getbb_png:n \__driver_image_getbb_jpg:n
25644 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_image_getbb_pdf:n #1
25645 {
25646   \tl_clear:N \l_image_decode_tl
25647   \bool_set_false:N \l_image_interpolate_bool
25648   \image_extract_bb:n {#1}
25649 }
25650 </dvipdfmx>

```

(End definition for `\__driver_image_getbb_eps:n` and others.)

`\g__driver_image_int` Used to track the object number associated with each image.

```

25651 \int_new:N \g__driver_image_int

```

(End definition for `\g__driver_image_int`.)

`\__driver_image_include_eps:n` The special syntax depends on the file type. There is a difference in how PDF images are best handled between dvipdfmx and xdvipdfmx: for the latter it is better to use the primitive route. The relevant code for that is included later in this file.

```

\__driver_image_include_jpg:n
\__driver_image_include_pdf:n
\__driver_image_include_png:n
25652 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_image_include_eps:n #1
\__driver_image_include_auxi:nn
25653 {
25654   \tex_special:D { PSfile = #1 }
\__driver_image_include_auxii:xnn
25655 }
\__driver_image_include_auxiii:xnn
25656 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_image_include_jpg:n #1
25657 { \__driver_image_include_auxi:nn {#1} { image } }
25658 \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_image_include_png:n \__driver_image_include_jpg:n

```

```

25659 <*dvipdfmx>
25660 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_image_include_pdf:n #1
25661   { \__driver_image_include_auxi:nn {#1} { epdf } }
25662 </dvipdfmx>

```

Image inclusion is set up to use the fact that each image is stored in the PDF as an XObject. This means that we can include repeated images only once and refer to them. To allow that, track the nature of each image: much the same as for the direct PDF mode case.

```

25663 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_image_include_auxi:nn #1#2
25664   {
25665     \__driver_image_include_auxii:xnn
25666     {
25667       \tl_if_empty:NF \l_image_pagebox_tl
25668       { : \l_image_pagebox_tl }
25669       \int_compare:nNnT \l_image_page_int > 1
25670       { :P \int_use:N \l_image_page_int }
25671       \tl_if_empty:NF \l_image_decode_tl
25672       { :D \l_image_decodearray_tl }
25673       \bool_if:NT \l_image_interpolate_bool
25674       { :I }
25675     }
25676     {#1} {#2}
25677   }
25678 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_image_include_auxii:nnn #1#2#3
25679   {
25680     \int_if_exist:cTF { c__driver_image_ #2#1 _int }
25681     {
25682       \tex_special:D
25683       { pdf:useobj~@image \int_use:c { c__driver_image_ #2#1 _int } }
25684     }
25685     { \__driver_image_include_auxiii:nn {#2} {#1} {#3} }
25686   }
25687 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__driver_image_include_auxii:nnn { x }

```

Inclusion using the specials is relatively straight-forward, but there is one wrinkle. To get the pagebox correct for PDF images in all cases, it is necessary to provide both that information and the bbox argument: odd things happen otherwise!

```

25688 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_image_include_auxiii:nnn #1#2#3
25689   {
25690     \int_gincr:N \g__driver_image_int
25691     \int_const:cn { c__driver_image_ #1#2 _int } { \g__driver_image_int }
25692     \tex_special:D
25693     {
25694       pdf:#3~
25695       @image \int_use:c { c__driver_image_ #1#2 _int }
25696       \int_compare:nNnT \l_image_page_int > 1
25697       { page ~ \int_use:N \l_image_page_int \c_space_tl }
25698       \tl_if_empty:NF \l_image_pagebox_tl
25699       {
25700         pagebox ~ \l_image_pagebox_tl \c_space_tl
25701         bbox ~
25702         \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n \l_image_llx_dim \c_space_tl
25703         \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n \l_image_lly_dim \c_space_tl

```

```

25704         \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n \l_image_urx_dim \c_space_tl
25705         \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n \l_image_ury_dim \c_space_tl
25706     }
25707     (#1)
25708     \bool_lazy_or:nnT
25709     { \l_image_interpolate_bool }
25710     { ! \tl_if_empty_p:N \l_image_decodearray_tl }
25711     {
25712         <<
25713         \tl_if_empty:NF \l_image_decode_tl
25714         { /Decode~[ \l_image_decodearray_tl ] }
25715         \bool_if:NT \l_image_interpolate_bool
25716         { /Interpolate~true> }
25717         >>
25718     }
25719 }
25720 }

```

(End definition for `\_driver_image_include_eps:n` and others.)

```
25721 </dviptdpmx | xdvipdpmx>
```

## 44.10 xdvipdpmx driver

```
25722 <*xdvipdpmx>
```

## 44.11 Images

`\_driver_image_getbb_jpg:n` For `xdvipdpmx`, there are two primitives that allow us to obtain the bounding box without needing `extractbb`. The only complexity is passing the various minor variations to a common core process. The  $X_{\text{TeX}}$  primitive omits the text box from the page box specification, so there is also some “trimming” to do here.

```

\_driver_image_getbb_jpg:n
\_driver_image_getbb_pdf:n
\_driver_image_getbb_png:n
  \_driver_image_getbb_auxi:nN
  \_driver_image_getbb_auxii:nnN
  \_driver_image_getbb_auxiii:nNnn
  \_driver_image_getbb_auxiv:nnNnn
  \_driver_image_getbb_auxv:VnNnn
  \_driver_image_getbb_auxvi:nNnn
  \_driver_image_getbb_pagebox:w
25723 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_image_getbb_jpg:n #1
25724 {
25725     \int_zero:N \l_image_page_int
25726     \tl_clear:N \l_image_pagebox_tl
25727     \_driver_image_getbb_auxi:nN {#1} \xetex_picfile:D
25728 }
25729 \cs_new_eq:NN \_driver_image_getbb_png:n \_driver_image_getbb_jpg:n
25730 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_image_getbb_pdf:n #1
25731 {
25732     \tl_clear:N \l_image_decode_tl
25733     \bool_set_false:N \l_image_interpolate_bool
25734     \_driver_image_getbb_auxi:nN {#1} \xetex_pdffile:D
25735 }
25736 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_image_getbb_auxi:nN #1#2
25737 {
25738     \int_compare:nNnTF \l_image_page_int > 1
25739     { \_driver_image_getbb_auxii:VnN \l_image_page_int {#1} #2 }
25740     { \_driver_image_getbb_auxiii:nNnn {#1} #2 }
25741 }
25742 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_image_getbb_auxii:nnN #1#2#3
25743 { \_driver_image_getbb_aux:nNnn {#2} #3 { :P #1 } { page #1 } }
25744 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \_driver_image_getbb_auxii:nnN { V }
25745 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_image_getbb_auxiii:nNnn #1#2#3#4

```

```

25746 {
25747   \tl_if_empty:NTF \l_image_pagebox_tl
25748     { \_driver_image_getbb_auxiv:VnNnn \l_image_pagebox_tl }
25749     { \_driver_image_getbb_auxv:nNnn }
25750     {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
25751 }
25752 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_image_getbb_auxiv:nnNnn #1#2#3#4#5
25753 {
25754   \use:x
25755   {
25756     \_driver_image_getbb_auxv:nNnn {#2} #3 { : #1 #4 }
25757     { #5 ~ \_driver_image_getbb_pagebox:w #1 }
25758   }
25759 }
25760 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \_driver_image_getbb_auxiv:nnNnn { V }
25761 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_image_getbb_auxv:nNnn #1#2#3#4
25762 {
25763   \image_bb_restore:nF {#1#3}
25764   { \_driver_image_getbb_auxvi:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
25765 }
25766 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_image_getbb_auxvi:nNnn #1#2#3#4
25767 {
25768   \hbox_set:Nn \l_driver_tmp_box { #2 #1 ~ #4 }
25769   \dim_set:Nn \l_image_utx_dim { \box_wd:N \l_driver_tmp_box }
25770   \dim_set:Nn \l_image_ury_dim { \box_ht:N \l_driver_tmp_box }
25771   \image_bb_save:n {#1#3}
25772 }
25773 \cs_new:Npn \_driver_image_getbb_pagebox:w #1 box {#1}

```

(End definition for `\_driver_image_getbb_jpg:n` and others.)

`\_driver_image_include_pdf:n` For PDF images, properly supporting the `pagebox` concept in X<sub>Y</sub>TEX is best done using the `\xetex_pdffile:D` primitive. The syntax here is the same as for the image measurement part, although we know at this stage that there must be some valid setting for `\l_image_pagebox_tl`.

```

25774 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_image_include_pdf:n #1
25775 {
25776   \xetex_pdffile:D "#1" ~
25777   \int_compare:nNnT \l_image_page_int > 0
25778     { page~ \int_use:N \l_image_page_int }
25779   \_driver_image_getbb_auxiv:VnNnn \l_image_pagebox_tl
25780 }

```

(End definition for `\_driver_image_include_pdf:n`.)

```

25781 </xdvipdfmx>

```

## 44.12 Drawing commands: `pdfmode` and `(x)dvipdfmx`

Both `pdfmode` and `(x)dvipdfmx` directly produce PDF output and understand a shared set of specials for drawing commands.

```

25782 <*(dvipdfmx | pdfmode | xdvipdfmx)

```

## 44.13 Drawing

`\_driver_draw_literal:n` Pass data through using a dedicated interface.

```
\_driver_draw_literal:x
25783 \cs_new_eq:NN \_driver_draw_literal:n \_driver_literal:n
25784 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \_driver_draw_literal:n { x }
```

(End definition for `\_driver_draw_literal:n`.)

`\driver_draw_begin:` No special requirements here, so simply set up a drawing scope.

```
\driver_draw_end:
25785 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_begin:
25786 { \driver_draw_scope_begin: }
25787 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_end:
25788 { \driver_draw_scope_end: }
```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_begin:` and `\driver_draw_end:`. These functions are documented on page 259.)

`\driver_draw_scope_begin:` In contrast to a general scope, a drawing scope is always done using the PDF operators

`\driver_draw_scope_end:` so is the same for all relevant drivers.

```
25789 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_scope_begin:
25790 { \_driver_draw_literal:n { q } }
25791 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_scope_end:
25792 { \_driver_draw_literal:n { Q } }
```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_scope_begin:` and `\driver_draw_scope_end:`. These functions are documented on page 259.)

`\driver_draw_moveto:nn` Path creation operations all resolve directly to PDF primitive steps, with only the need to

`\driver_draw_lineto:nn` convert to bp. Notice that x-type expansion is included here to ensure that any variable

`\driver_draw_curveto:nnnnn` values are forced to literals before any possible caching.

`\driver_draw_rectangle:nnnn`

```
25793 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_moveto:nn #1#2
25794 {
25795   \_driver_draw_literal:x
25796   { \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#1} ~ \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#2} ~ m }
25797 }
25798 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_lineto:nn #1#2
25799 {
25800   \_driver_draw_literal:x
25801   { \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#1} ~ \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#2} ~ l }
25802 }
25803 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_curveto:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
25804 {
25805   \_driver_draw_literal:x
25806   {
25807     \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#1} ~ \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#2} ~
25808     \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#3} ~ \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#4} ~
25809     \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#5} ~ \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#6} ~
25810     c
25811   }
25812 }
25813 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_rectangle:nnnn #1#2#3#4
25814 {
25815   \_driver_draw_literal:x
25816   {
25817     \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#1} ~ \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#2} ~
```

```

25818         \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#3} ~ \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#4} ~
25819         re
25820     }
25821 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_moveto:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 259.)

`\driver_draw_evenodd_rule:` The even-odd rule here can be implemented as a simply switch.

```

\driver_draw_nonzero_rule:
\g__driver_draw_eor_bool
25822 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_evenodd_rule:
25823 { \bool_gset_true:N \g__driver_draw_eor_bool }
25824 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_nonzero_rule:
25825 { \bool_gset_false:N \g__driver_draw_eor_bool }
25826 \bool_new:N \g__driver_draw_eor_bool

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_evenodd_rule:`, `\driver_draw_nonzero_rule:`, and `\g__driver_draw_eor_bool`. These functions are documented on page 260.)

`\driver_draw_closepath:` Converting paths to output is again a case of mapping directly to PDF operations.

```

\driver_draw_stroke:
\driver_draw_closestroke:
\driver_draw_fill:
\driver_draw_fillstroke:
\driver_draw_clip:
\driver_draw_discardpath:
25827 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_closepath:
25828 { \__driver_draw_literal:n { h } }
25829 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_stroke:
25830 { \__driver_draw_literal:n { S } }
25831 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_closestroke:
25832 { \__driver_draw_literal:n { s } }
25833 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_fill:
25834 {
25835     \__driver_draw_literal:x
25836     { f \bool_if:NT \g__driver_draw_eor_bool * }
25837 }
25838 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_fillstroke:
25839 {
25840     \__driver_draw_literal:x
25841     { B \bool_if:NT \g__driver_draw_eor_bool * }
25842 }
25843 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_clip:
25844 {
25845     \__driver_draw_literal:x
25846     { W \bool_if:NT \g__driver_draw_eor_bool * }
25847 }
25848 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_discardpath:
25849 { \__driver_draw_literal:n { n } }

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_closepath:` and others. These functions are documented on page 259.)

`\driver_draw_cap_dash:nn` Converting paths to output is again a case of mapping directly to PDF operations.

```

\__driver_draw_dash:n
\driver_draw_linewidth:n
\driver_draw_miterlimit:n
\driver_draw_cap_but:
\driver_draw_cap_round:
\driver_draw_cap_rectangle:
\driver_draw_join_miter:
\driver_draw_join_round:
\driver_draw_join_bevel:
25850 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cap_dash:nn #1#2
25851 {
25852     \__driver_draw_literal:x
25853     {
25854         [ ~
25855         \clist_map_function:nN {#1} \__driver_draw_dash:n
25856         ] ~
25857         \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#2} ~ d
25858     }

```

```

25859 }
25860 \cs_new:Npn \__driver_draw_dash:n #1
25861 { \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#1} ~ }
25862 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_linewidth:n #1
25863 {
25864   \__driver_draw_literal:x
25865   { \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#1} ~ w }
25866 }
25867 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_miterlimit:n #1
25868 { \__driver_draw_literal:x { #1 ~ M } }
25869 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cap_but:
25870 { \__driver_draw_literal:n { 0 ~ J } }
25871 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cap_round:
25872 { \__driver_draw_literal:n { 1 ~ J } }
25873 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cap_rectangle:
25874 { \__driver_draw_literal:n { 2 ~ J } }
25875 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_join_miter:
25876 { \__driver_draw_literal:n { 0 ~ j } }
25877 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_join_round:
25878 { \__driver_draw_literal:n { 1 ~ j } }
25879 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_join_bevel:
25880 { \__driver_draw_literal:n { 2 ~ j } }

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_cap_dash:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 261.)

`\driver_draw_color_fill_cmyk:nmmn` For the stroke color, all engines here can use the color stack to handle the setting. However, that is not the case for fill color: the stack in (x)dvipdfmx only covers one type of color. So we have to use different approaches for the two sets of engines.

```

\driver_draw_color_stroke_cmyk:nmmn
\driver_draw_color_fill_gray:n
\driver_draw_color_stroke_gray:n
\driver_draw_color_fill_rgb:nmmn
\driver_draw_color_stroke_rgb:nmmn
25881 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_fill_cmyk:nmmn #1#2#3#4
25882 { \__driver_color_fill_select:n { #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 ~ k } }
25883 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_stroke_cmyk:nmmn #1#2#3#4
25884 { \__driver_color_select:n { #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 ~ K } }
25885 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_fill_gray:n #1
25886 { \__driver_color_fill_select:n { #1 ~ g } }
25887 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_stroke_gray:n #1
25888 { \__driver_color_select:n { #1 ~ G } }
25889 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_fill_rgb:nmmn #1#2#3
25890 { \__driver_color_fill_select:n { #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ rg } }
25891 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_stroke_rgb:nmmn #1#2#3
25892 { \__driver_color_select:n { #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ RG } }
25893 \*pdfmode)
25894 \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_color_fill_select:n \__driver_color_select:n
25895 \*pdfmode)
25896 \*dvipdfmx |xdvipdfmx)
25897 \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_color_fill_select:n \__driver_draw_literal:n
25898 \*dvipdfmx |xdvipdfmx)

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_color_fill_cmyk:nmmn` and others. These functions are documented on page 261.)

`\driver_draw_cm:nmmn` Another split here between pdfmode and (x)dvipdfmx. In the former, we have a direct method to maintain alignment: the driver can use a matrix itself. For (x)dvipdfmx, we can decompose the matrix into rotations and a scaling, then use those operations as they are handled by the driver. (There is driver support for matrix operations in

(x)dvipdfmx, but as a matched pair so not suitable for the “stand alone” transformation set up here.)

```

25899 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cm:nnnn #1#2#3#4
25900 {
25901   \*pdfmode)
25902     \__driver_matrix:n { #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 }
25903   \*pdfmode)
25904   \*dviptfm | xdvipdfmx)
25905     \__driver_draw_cm_decompose:nnnnN {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4}
25906     \__driver_draw_cm:nnnn
25907   \*dviptfm | xdvipdfmx)
25908 }
25909 \*dviptfm | xdvipdfmx)
25910 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_draw_cm:nnnn #1#2#3#4
25911 {
25912   \tex_special:D
25913   {
25914     x:rotate~
25915     \fp_compare:nNnTF {#1} = \c_zero_fp
25916       { 0 }
25917       { \fp_eval:n { round ( -#1 , 5 ) } }
25918   }
25919   \tex_special:D
25920   {
25921     x:scale~
25922     \fp_eval:n { round ( #2 , 5 ) } ~
25923     \fp_eval:n { round ( #3 , 5 ) }
25924   }
25925   \tex_special:D
25926   {
25927     x:rotate~
25928     \fp_compare:nNnTF {#4} = \c_zero_fp
25929       { 0 }
25930       { \fp_eval:n { round ( -#4 , 5 ) } }
25931   }
25932 }
25933 \*dviptfm | xdvipdfmx)

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_cm:nnnn` and `\__driver_draw_cm:nnnn`. This function is documented on page 262.)

```

\__driver_draw_cm_decompose:nnnnN
\__driver_draw_cm_decompose_auxi:nnnnN
\__driver_draw_cm_decompose_auxii:nnnnN
\__driver_draw_cm_decompose_auxiii:nnnnN

```

Internally, transformations for drawing are tracked as a matrix. Not all engines provide a way of dealing with this: if we use a raw matrix, the engine loses track of positions (for example for hyperlinks), and this is not desirable. They do, however, allow us to track rotations and scalings. Luckily, we can decompose any (two-dimensional) matrix into two rotations and a single scaling:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & \sin \beta \\ -\sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 & 0 \\ 0 & w_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma & \sin \gamma \\ -\sin \gamma & \cos \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

The parent matrix can be converted to

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E & H \\ -H & E \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} F & G \\ G & -F \end{bmatrix}$$

From these, we can find that

$$\frac{w_1 + w_2}{2} = \sqrt{E^2 + H^2}$$

$$\frac{w_1 - w_2}{2} = \sqrt{F^2 + G^2}$$

$$\gamma - \beta = \tan^{-1}(G/F)$$

$$\gamma + \beta = \tan^{-1}(H/E)$$

at which point we just have to do various pieces of re-arrangement to get all of the values. (See J. Blinn, *IEEE Comput. Graph. Appl.*, 1996, **16**, 82–88.) There is one wrinkle: the PostScript (and PDF) way of specifying a transformation matrix exchanges where one would normally expect  $B$  and  $C$  to be.

```

25934 (*dvipdfmx |xdvipdfmx)
25935 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_draw_cm_decompose:nnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
25936 {
25937   \use:x
25938   {
25939     \__driver_draw_cm_decompose_auxi:nnnnN
25940     { \fp_eval:n { (#1 + #4) / 2 } }
25941     { \fp_eval:n { (#1 - #4) / 2 } }
25942     { \fp_eval:n { (#3 + #2) / 2 } }
25943     { \fp_eval:n { (#3 - #2) / 2 } }
25944   }
25945   #5
25946 }
25947 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_draw_cm_decompose_auxi:nnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
25948 {
25949   \use:x
25950   {
25951     \__driver_draw_cm_decompose_auxii:nnnnN
25952     { \fp_eval:n { 2 * sqrt ( #1 * #1 + #4 * #4 ) } }
25953     { \fp_eval:n { 2 * sqrt ( #2 * #2 + #3 * #3 ) } }
25954     { \fp_eval:n { atand ( #3 , #2 ) } }
25955     { \fp_eval:n { atand ( #4 , #1 ) } }
25956   }
25957   #5
25958 }
25959 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_draw_cm_decompose_auxii:nnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
25960 {
25961   \use:x
25962   {
25963     \__driver_draw_cm_decompose_auxiii:nnnnN
25964     { \fp_eval:n { ( #4 - #3 ) / 2 } }
25965     { \fp_eval:n { ( #1 + #2 ) / 2 } }
25966     { \fp_eval:n { ( #1 - #2 ) / 2 } }
25967     { \fp_eval:n { ( #4 + #3 ) / 2 } }
25968   }
25969   #5
25970 }
25971 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_draw_cm_decompose_auxiii:nnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
25972 {
25973   \fp_compare:nNnTF { abs ( #2 ) } > { abs ( #3 ) }

```

```

25974     { #5 {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} }
25975     { #5 {#1} {#3} {#2} {#4} }
25976   }
25977 </dvipdfmx | xdvipdfmx>

```

(End definition for `\_driver_draw_cm_decompose:nnnnN` and others.)

`\driver_draw_box_use:Nnnnn` Inserting a  $\TeX$  box transformed to the requested position and using the current matrix is done using a mixture of  $\TeX$  and low-level manipulation. The offset can be handled by  $\TeX$ , so only any rotation/skew/scaling component needs to be done using the matrix operation. As this operation can never be cached, the scope is set directly not using the `draw` version.

```

25978 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_box_use:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
25979 {
25980   \_driver_scope_begin:
25981   (*pdfmode)
25982   \driver_draw_cm:nnnn {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5}
25983   </pdfmode>
25984   (*dvipdfmx | xdvipdfmx)
25985   \tex_special:D { pdf:btrans-matrix~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 ~ #5 ~ 0 ~ 0 }
25986   </dvipdfmx | xdvipdfmx>
25987   \hbox_overlap_right:n { \box_use:N #1 }
25988   (*dvipdfmx | xdvipdfmx)
25989   \tex_special:D { pdf:etrans }
25990   </dvipdfmx | xdvipdfmx>
25991   \_driver_scope_end:
25992 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_box_use:Nnnnn`. This function is documented on page 262.)

```

25993 </dvipdfmx | pdfmode | xdvipdfmx>

```

## 44.14 dvisvgm driver

```

25994 (*dvisvgm)

```

### 44.14.1 Basics

`\_driver_literal:n` Unlike the other drivers, the requirements for making SVG files mean that we can't conveniently transform all operations to the current point. That makes life a bit more tricky later as that needs to be accounted for. A new line is added after each call to help to keep the output readable for debugging.

```

25995 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_literal:n #1
25996 { \tex_special:D { dvisvgm:raw~ #1 { ?nl } } }

```

(End definition for `\_driver_literal:n`.)

`\_driver_scope_begin:` A scope in SVG terms is slightly different to the other drivers as operations have to be “tied” to these not simply inside them.

`\_driver_scope_end:`

```

25997 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_scope_begin:
25998 { \_driver_literal:n { <g> } }
25999 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_scope_end:
26000 { \_driver_literal:n { </g> } }

```

(End definition for `\_driver_scope_begin:` and `\_driver_scope_end:.`)

## 44.15 Driver-specific auxiliaries

`\_driver_scope_begin:n` In SVG transformations, clips and so on are attached directly to scopes so we need a way or allowing for that. This is rather more useful than `\_driver_scope_begin:` as a result. No assumptions are made about the nature of the scoped operation(s).

```
26001 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_scope_begin:n #1
26002   { \_driver_literal:n { <g~ #1 > } }
```

(End definition for `\_driver_scope_begin:n`.)

### 44.15.1 Box operations

`\driver_box_use_clip:N` Clipping in SVG is more involved than with other drivers. The first issue is that the clipping path must be defined separately from where it is used, so we need to track how many paths have applied. The naming here uses `l3cp` as the namespace with a number following. Rather than use a rectangular operation, we define the path manually as this allows it to have a depth: easier than the alternative approach of shifting content up and down using scopes to allow for the depth of the  $\TeX$  box and keep the reference point the same!

```
26003 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_box_use_clip:N #1
26004   {
26005     \int_gincr:N \g__driver_clip_path_int
26006     \_driver_literal:n
26007       { < clipPath-id = " l3cp \int_use:N \g__driver_clip_path_int " > }
26008     \_driver_literal:n
26009     {
26010       <
26011         path ~ d =
26012         "
26013           M ~ 0 ~
26014             \dim_to_decimal:n { -\box_dp:N #1 } ~
26015           L ~ \dim_to_decimal:n { \box_wd:N #1 } ~
26016             \dim_to_decimal:n { -\box_dp:N #1 } ~
26017           L ~ \dim_to_decimal:n { \box_wd:N #1 } ~
26018             \dim_to_decimal:n { \box_ht:N #1 + \box_dp:N #1 } ~
26019           L ~ 0 ~
26020             \dim_to_decimal:n { \box_ht:N #1 + \box_dp:N #1 } ~
26021           Z
26022         "
26023       />
26024     }
26025     \_driver_literal:n
26026     { < /clipPath > }
```

In general the SVG set up does not try to transform coordinates to the current point. For clipping we need to do that, so have a transformation here to get us to the right place, and a matching one just before the  $\TeX$  box is inserted to get things back on track. The clip path needs to come between those two such that it lines up with the current point, as does the  $\TeX$  box.

```
26027 \_driver_scope_begin:n
26028   {
26029     transform =
26030     "
```

```

26031         translate ( { ?x } , { ?y } ) ~
26032         scale ( 1 , -1 )
26033     "
26034 }
26035 \__driver_scope_begin:n
26036 {
26037     clip-path = "url ( \c_hash_str l3cp \int_use:N \g__driver_clip_path_int ) "
26038 }
26039 \__driver_scope_begin:n
26040 {
26041     transform =
26042     "
26043         scale ( -1 , 1 ) ~
26044         translate ( { ?x } , { ?y } ) ~
26045         scale ( -1 , -1 )
26046     "
26047 }
26048 \box_use:N #1
26049 \__driver_scope_end:
26050 \__driver_scope_end:
26051 \__driver_scope_end:
26052 % \skip_horizontal:n { \box_wd:N #1 }
26053 }
26054 \int_new:N \g__driver_clip_path_int

```

(End definition for `\driver_box_use_clip:N` and `\g__driver_clip_path_int`. This function is documented on page 257.)

**`\driver_box_use_rotate:Nn`** Rotation has a dedicated operation which includes a centre-of-rotation optional pair. That can be picked up from the driver syntax, so there is no need to worry about the transformation matrix.

```

26055 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_box_use_rotate:Nn #1#2
26056 {
26057     \__driver_scope_begin:n
26058     {
26059         transform =
26060         "
26061             rotate
26062             ( \fp_eval:n { round ( -#2 , 5 ) } , ~ { ?x } , ~ { ?y } )
26063         "
26064     }
26065     \box_use:N #1
26066     \__driver_scope_end:
26067 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_box_use_rotate:Nn`. This function is documented on page 258.)

**`\driver_box_use_scale:Nnn`** In contrast to rotation, we have to account for the current position in this case. That is done using a couple of translations in addition to the scaling (which is therefore done backward with a flip).

```

26068 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_box_use_scale:Nnn #1#2#3
26069 {
26070     \__driver_scope_begin:n
26071     {

```

```

26072     transform =
26073     "
26074         translate ( { ?x } , { ?y } ) ~
26075         scale
26076         (
26077             \fp_eval:n { round ( -#2 , 5 ) } ,
26078             \fp_eval:n { round ( -#3 , 5 ) }
26079         ) ~
26080         translate ( { ?x } , { ?y } ) ~
26081         scale ( -1 )
26082     "
26083 }
26084 \hbox_overlap_right:n { \box_use:N #1 }
26085 \__driver_scope_end:
26086 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_box_use_scale:Nnn`. This function is documented on page 258.)

## 44.16 Images

`\__driver_image_getbb_png:n` These can be included by extracting the bounding box data.

```

\__driver_image_getbb_jpg:n 26087 \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_image_getbb_png:n \image_extract_bb:n
26088 \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_image_getbb_jpg:n \image_extract_bb:n

```

(End definition for `\__driver_image_getbb_png:n` and `\__driver_image_getbb_jpg:n`.)

`\__driver_image_include_png:n` The driver here has built-in support for basic image inclusion (see `dvisvgm.def` for a more complex approach, needed if clipping, *etc.*, is covered at the image driver level).  
`\__driver_image_include_jpg:n`  
`\__driver_image_include_bitmap_quote:w` The only issue is that `#1` must be quote-corrected. The `dvisvgm:img` operation quotes the file name, but if it is already quoted (contains spaces) then we have an issue: we simply strip off any quotes as a result.

```

26089 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_image_include_png:n #1
26090 {
26091     \tex_special:D
26092     {
26093         dvisvgm:img~
26094         \dim_to_decimal:n { \l_image_ury_dim } ~
26095         \dim_to_decimal:n { \l_image_ury_dim } ~
26096         \__driver_image_include_bitmap_quote:w #1 " " \q_stop
26097     }
26098 }
26099 \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_image_include_jpg:n \__driver_image_include_png:n
26100 \cs_new:Npn \__driver_image_include_bitmap_quote:w #1 " #2 " #3 \q_stop { #1#2 }

```

(End definition for `\__driver_image_include_png:n`, `\__driver_image_include_jpg:n`, and `\__driver_image_include_bitmap_quote:w`.)

## 44.17 Drawing

`\__driver_draw_literal:n` The same as the more general literal call.

```

\__driver_draw_literal:x 26101 \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_draw_literal:n \__driver_literal:n
26102 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__driver_draw_literal:n { x }

```

(End definition for `\__driver_draw_literal:n`.)

`\driver_draw_begin:` A drawing needs to be set up such that the co-ordinate system is translated. That is  
`\driver_draw_end:` done inside a scope, which as described below

```

26103 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_begin:
26104 {
26105   \driver_draw_scope_begin:
26106   \__driver_draw_scope:n { transform="translate({?x},{?y})~scale(1,-1)" }
26107 }
26108 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_end:
26109 { \driver_draw_scope_end: }

```

*(End definition for `\driver_draw_begin:` and `\driver_draw_end:`. These functions are documented on page 259.)*

`\driver_draw_scope_begin:` Several settings that with other drivers are “stand alone” have to be given as part of  
`\driver_draw_scope_end:` a scope in SVG. As a result, there is a need to provide a mechanism to automatically  
`\__driver_draw_scope:n` close these extra scopes. That is done using a dedicated function and a pair of tracking  
`\__driver_draw_scope:x` variables. Within each graphics scope we use a global variable to do the work, with a  
`\g__driver_draw_scope_int` group used to save the value between scopes. The result is that no direct action is needed  
`\l__driver_draw_scope_int` when creating a scope.

```

26110 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_scope_begin:
26111 {
26112   \int_set_eq:NN
26113   \l__driver_draw_scope_int
26114   \g__driver_draw_scope_int
26115   \group_begin:
26116   \int_gzero:N \g__driver_draw_scope_int
26117 }
26118 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_scope_end:
26119 {
26120   \prg_replicate:nn
26121   { \g__driver_draw_scope_int }
26122   { \__driver_draw_literal:n { </g> } }
26123   \group_end:
26124   \int_gset_eq:NN
26125   \g__driver_draw_scope_int
26126   \l__driver_draw_scope_int
26127 }
26128 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_draw_scope:n #1
26129 {
26130   \__driver_draw_literal:n { <g~ #1 > }
26131   \int_gincr:N \g__driver_draw_scope_int
26132 }
26133 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__driver_draw_scope:n { x }
26134 \int_new:N \g__driver_draw_scope_int
26135 \int_new:N \l__driver_draw_scope_int

```

*(End definition for `\driver_draw_scope_begin:` and others. These functions are documented on page 259.)*

`\driver_draw_moveto:nn` Once again, some work is needed to get path constructs correct. Rather than write the  
`\driver_draw_lineto:nn` values as they are given, the entire path needs to be collected up before being output  
`\driver_draw_rectangle:nmn` in one go. For that we use a dedicated storage routine, which adds spaces as required.  
`\driver_draw_curveto:nmnnn` Since paths should be fully expanded there is no need to worry about the internal x-type  
`\__driver_draw_add_to_path:n` expansion.  
`\g__driver_draw_path_tl`

```

26136 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_moveto:nn #1#2
26137 {
26138   \__driver_draw_add_to_path:n
26139   { M ~ \dim_to_decimal:n {#1} ~ \dim_to_decimal:n {#2} }
26140 }
26141 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_lineto:nn #1#2
26142 {
26143   \__driver_draw_add_to_path:n
26144   { L ~ \dim_to_decimal:n {#1} ~ \dim_to_decimal:n {#2} }
26145 }
26146 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_rectangle:nnnn #1#2#3#4
26147 {
26148   \__driver_draw_add_to_path:n
26149   {
26150     M ~ \dim_to_decimal:n {#1} ~ \dim_to_decimal:n {#2}
26151     h ~ \dim_to_decimal:n {#3} ~
26152     v ~ \dim_to_decimal:n {#4} ~
26153     h ~ \dim_to_decimal:n { -#3 } ~
26154     Z
26155   }
26156 }
26157 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_curveto:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
26158 {
26159   \__driver_draw_add_to_path:n
26160   {
26161     C ~
26162     \dim_to_decimal:n {#1} ~ \dim_to_decimal:n {#2} ~
26163     \dim_to_decimal:n {#3} ~ \dim_to_decimal:n {#4} ~
26164     \dim_to_decimal:n {#5} ~ \dim_to_decimal:n {#6}
26165   }
26166 }
26167 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_draw_add_to_path:n #1
26168 {
26169   \tl_gset:Nx \g__driver_draw_path_tl
26170   {
26171     \g__driver_draw_path_tl
26172     \tl_if_empty:NF \g__driver_draw_path_tl { \c_space_tl }
26173     #1
26174   }
26175 }
26176 \tl_new:N \g__driver_draw_path_tl

```

(End definition for \driver\_draw\_moveto:nn and others. These functions are documented on page 259.)

**\driver\_draw\_evenodd\_rule:** The fill rules here have to be handled as scopes.

```

\driver_draw_nonzero_rule: 26177 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_evenodd_rule:
26178 { \__driver_draw_scope:n { fill-rule="evenodd" } }
26179 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_nonzero_rule:
26180 { \__driver_draw_scope:n { fill-rule="nonzero" } }

```

(End definition for \driver\_draw\_evenodd\_rule: and \driver\_draw\_nonzero\_rule:. These functions are documented on page 260.)

**\\_\_driver\_draw\_path:n** Setting fill and stroke effects and doing clipping all has to be done using scopes. This means setting up the various requirements in a shared auxiliary which deals with the

```

\driver_draw_closepath:
\driver_draw_stroke:
\driver_draw_closestroke:
\driver_draw_fill:
\driver_draw_fillstroke:
\driver_draw_clip:
\driver_draw_discardpath:
\g__driver_draw_clip_bool
\g__driver_draw_path_int

```

bits and pieces. Clipping paths are reused for path drawing: not essential but avoids constructing them twice. Discarding a path needs a separate function as it's not quite the same.

```

26181 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_closepath:
26182   { \__driver_draw_add_to_path:n { Z } }
26183 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_draw_path:n #1
26184   {
26185     \bool_if:NTF \g__driver_draw_clip_bool
26186     {
26187       \int_gincr:N \g__driver_clip_path_int
26188       \__driver_draw_literal:x
26189       {
26190         < clipPath-id = " l3cp \int_use:N \g__driver_clip_path_int " >
26191         { ?nl }
26192         <path-d=" \g__driver_draw_path_tl "/> { ?nl }
26193         < /clipPath > { ? nl }
26194         <
26195           use-xlink:href =
26196             "\c_hash_str l3path \int_use:N \g__driver_path_int " ~
26197             #1
26198         />
26199       }
26200       \__driver_draw_scope:x
26201       {
26202         clip-path =
26203           "url( \c_hash_str l3cp \int_use:N \g__driver_clip_path_int)"
26204       }
26205     }
26206     {
26207       \__driver_draw_literal:x
26208       { <path ~ d=" \g__driver_draw_path_tl " ~ #1 /> }
26209     }
26210     \tl_gclear:N \g__driver_draw_path_tl
26211     \bool_gset_false:N \g__driver_draw_clip_bool
26212   }
26213 \int_new:N \g__driver_path_int
26214 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_stroke:
26215   { \__driver_draw_path:n { style="fill:none" } }
26216 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_closestroke:
26217   {
26218     \driver_draw_closepath:
26219     \driver_draw_stroke:
26220   }
26221 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_fill:
26222   { \__driver_draw_path:n { style="stroke:none" } }
26223 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_fillstroke:
26224   { \__driver_draw_path:n { } }
26225 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_clip:
26226   { \bool_gset_true:N \g__driver_draw_clip_bool }
26227 \bool_new:N \g__driver_draw_clip_bool
26228 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_discardpath:
26229   {
26230     \bool_if:NT \g__driver_draw_clip_bool
26231     {

```

```

26232     \int_gincr:N \g__driver_clip_path_int
26233     \__driver_draw_literal:x
26234     {
26235         < clipPath-id = " l3cp \int_use:N \g__driver_clip_path_int " >
26236         { ?nl }
26237         <path-d=" \g__driver_draw_path_tl "/> { ?nl }
26238         < /clipPath >
26239     }
26240     \__driver_draw_scope:x
26241     {
26242         clip-path =
26243         "url( \c_hash_str l3cp \int_use:N \g__driver_clip_path_int)"
26244     }
26245 }
26246 \tl_gclear:N \g__driver_draw_path_tl
26247 \bool_gset_false:N \g__driver_draw_clip_bool
26248 }

```

(End definition for `\__driver_draw_path:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 259.)

```

\driver_draw_cap_dash:nn
  \__driver_draw_dash:n
\__driver_draw_dash_aux:nn
\driver_draw_linewidth:n
\driver_draw_miterlimit:n
  \driver_draw_cap_but:
  \driver_draw_cap_round:
\driver_draw_cap_rectangle:
\driver_draw_join_miter:
\driver_draw_join_round:
\driver_draw_join_bevel:

```

All of these ideas are properties of scopes in SVG. The only slight complexity is converting the dash array properly (doing any required maths).

```

26249 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cap_dash:nn #1#2
26250 {
26251     \use:x
26252     {
26253         \__driver_draw_dash_aux:nn
26254         { \clist_map_function:nn {#1} \__driver_draw_dash:n }
26255         { \dim_to_decimal:n {#2} }
26256     }
26257 }
26258 \cs_new:Npn \__driver_draw_dash:n #1
26259 { , \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n {#1} }
26260 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_draw_dash_aux:nn #1#2
26261 {
26262     \__driver_draw_scope:x
26263     {
26264         stroke-dasharray =
26265         "
26266         \tl_if_empty:oTF { \use_none:n #1 }
26267         { none }
26268         { \use_none:n #1 }
26269         " ~
26270         stroke-offset=" #2 "
26271     }
26272 }
26273 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_linewidth:n #1
26274 { \__driver_draw_scope:x { stroke-width=" \dim_to_decimal:n {#1} " } }
26275 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_miterlimit:n #1
26276 { \__driver_draw_scope:x { stroke-miterlimit=" #1 " } }
26277 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cap_but:
26278 { \__driver_draw_scope:n { stroke-linecap="butt" } }
26279 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cap_round:
26280 { \__driver_draw_scope:n { stroke-linecap="round" } }

```

```

26281 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cap_rectangle:
26282   { \__driver_draw_scope:n { stroke-linecap="square" } }
26283 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_join_miter:
26284   { \__driver_draw_scope:n { stroke-linejoin="miter" } }
26285 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_join_round:
26286   { \__driver_draw_scope:n { stroke-linejoin="round" } }
26287 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_join_bevel:
26288   { \__driver_draw_scope:n { stroke-linejoin="bevel" } }

```

(End definition for \driver\_draw\_cap\_dash:nn and others. These functions are documented on page 261.)

\driver\_draw\_color\_fill\_cmyk:nnnn \driver\_draw\_color\_stroke\_cmyk:nnnn  
\driver\_draw\_color\_fill\_gray:n \driver\_draw\_color\_stroke\_gray:n  
\driver\_draw\_color\_fill\_rgb:nnn \driver\_draw\_color\_stroke\_rgb:nnn  
\\_\_driver\_draw\_color\_fill:nnn

SVG fill color has to be covered outside of the stack, as for dvips. Here, we are only allowed RGB colors so there is some conversion to do.

```

26289 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_stroke_cmyk:nnnn #1#2#3#4
26290   {
26291     \use:x
26292     {
26293       \__driver_draw_color_fill:nnn
26294         { \fp_eval:n { -100 * ( #1 ) * ( 1 - ( #4 ) ) - 1 ) } }
26295         { \fp_eval:n { -100 * ( #2 ) * ( 1 - ( #4 ) ) + #4 - 1 ) } }
26296         { \fp_eval:n { -100 * ( #3 ) * ( 1 - ( #4 ) ) + #4 - 1 ) } }
26297     }
26298   }
26299 \cs_new_eq:NN \driver_draw_color_stroke_cmyk:nnnn \driver_color_cmyk:nnnn
26300 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_gray:n #1
26301   {
26302     \use:x
26303     {
26304       \__driver_draw_color_gray_aux:n
26305       { \fp_eval:n { 100 * ( #3 ) } }
26306     }
26307   }
26308 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_draw_color_gray_aux:n #1
26309   { \__driver_draw_color_fill:nnn {#1} {#1} {#1} }
26310 \cs_new_eq:NN \driver_draw_color_stroke_gray:n \driver_color_gray:n
26311 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_color_rgb:nnn #1#2#3
26312   {
26313     \use:x
26314     {
26315       \__driver_draw_color_fill:nnn
26316       { \fp_eval:n { 100 * ( #1 ) } }
26317       { \fp_eval:n { 100 * ( #2 ) } }
26318       { \fp_eval:n { 100 * ( #3 ) } }
26319     }
26320   }
26321 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__driver_draw_color_fill:nnn #1#2#3
26322   {
26323     \__driver_draw_scope:x
26324     {
26325       fill =
26326       "
26327       rgb
26328       (

```

```

26329         #1 \c_percent_str ,
26330         #2 \c_percent_str ,
26331         #3 \c_percent_str
26332     )
26333     "
26334 }
26335 }
26336 \cs_new_eq:NN \driver_draw_color_stroke_rgb:nnn \driver_color_rgb:nnn

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_color_fill_cmyk:nnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 261.)

`\driver_draw_cm:nnnn` The four arguments here are floats (the affine matrix), the last two are a displacement vector.

```

26337 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_cm:nnnn #1#2#3#4
26338 {
26339     \__driver_draw_scope:n
26340     {
26341         transform =
26342         "
26343             matrix
26344             (
26345                 \fp_eval:n {#1} , \fp_eval:n {#2} ,
26346                 \fp_eval:n {#3} , \fp_eval:n {#4} ,
26347                 Opt , Opt
26348             )
26349         "
26350     }
26351 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_cm:nnnn`. This function is documented on page 262.)

`\driver_draw_hbox:Nnnnnnn` No special savings can be made here: simply displace the box inside a scope. As there is nothing to re-box, just make the box passed of zero size.

```

26352 \cs_new_protected:Npn \driver_draw_hbox:Nnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
26353 {
26354     \__driver_scope_begin:
26355     \driver_draw_cm:nnnn {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5}
26356     \__driver_literal:n
26357     {
26358         < g~
26359             stroke="none"~
26360             transform="scale(-1,1)~translate({?x},{?y})~scale(-1,-1)"
26361         >
26362     }
26363     \box_set_wd:Nn #1 { Opt }
26364     \box_set_ht:Nn #1 { Opt }
26365     \box_set_dp:Nn #1 { Opt }
26366     \box_use:N #1
26367     \__driver_literal:n { </g> }
26368     \__driver_scope_end:
26369 }

```

(End definition for `\driver_draw_hbox:Nnnnnnn`. This function is documented on page ??.)

```

26370 </dvisvgm>

```

26371 </initex | package>

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