OPmac – macros for plainT_EX¹

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Introduction

The OPmac package is a set of simple additional macros to plain TeX. It enables users to take advantage of basic LaTeX functionality: font size selection, the automatic creation of a table of contents and an index, working with bibliography databases, tables, references with optional hyperlinks, margin settings, etc.

I had been using these macros personally for a long time, but now, after cleaning up the code a bit and providing both user and technical documentation, I'm releasing them to the general public along with the new version of $\mathcal{C}_{\mathfrak{S}}$ plain.

My main motivation in publishing OPmac is to provide a set of macros with solutions to common tasks for plainTEX users. Additionally, I wanted to demonstrate that it is possible to write TEX code in a simple and effective style, something that most LATEX macro packages lack. All of OPmac's macros are contained within the single file opmac.tex in only 1,700 lines. By comparison, the LATEX code which solves comparable tasks is placed inside its "kernel" along with many LATEX packages all of which contain tens of thousands of lines.

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The main principles which I followed when creating this macro package, are:

- Simplicity is power.
- Macros are not universal, but are readable and understandable.
- User can easily redefine these macros as he/she wishes.

Each part of the macro code is written in order to maximize readability for human who will want to read it, understand it and change it.

OPmac package offers a markup language for authors of texts (like LATEX), i.e. the fixed set of tags to define the structure of the document. This markup is different from the LATEX markup. It may offer to write the source text of the document somewhat clearer and more attractive. The OPmac package, however, does not care for the typography of the document. The simple sober document is created if no additional macros are used. We assume that the author of additional macros is able to create a look of the document to suit specific requirement.

OPmac has a small number of additional packages: fontfam, pdfuni, opmac-xetex and opmac-bib (see the end of http://petr.olsak.net/opmac-e.html page). Moreover, there exist many tens of little OPmac tricks comparable with LATEX packages mentioned on http://petr.olsak.net/opmac-tricks-e.html page.

0 Using OPmac

OPmac is not compiled as a format. For using it in plainT_EX, you can simply \input opmac at the beginning of your document. The example of the simple document follows:

```
\input opmac
\typosize[11/13]  % setting the basic font size and the baselineskip
\margins/1 a4 (1,1,1,1)in  % setting 1in margins for A4 paper

Here is a text.
\bye
```

You can use T_EX , $pdfT_EX$, XeT_EX or $luaT_EX$ with plain T_EX format (classical plain.tex, etex.src or C_S plain). The C_S plain is recommended but it is not explicitly requested if you don't need to use C_S plain specific features.

1 Selection of font family

OPmac doesn't select a special default font family. The default is the same as in plain TEX (CM fonts) or CSplain (CS fonts). It is possible to \input so called "font-files" for loading a font family, i.e. typically four variants of fonts \rm, \bf, \it and \bi. The font-files use primitive command \font for loading individual fonts.

You need not to remember names: use $fontfam[\langle FamilyName \rangle]$ macro which loads the appropriate font-file. The argument $\langle FamilyName \rangle$ is case insensitive and spaces are ignored. So, fontfam[Times Roman] is equal to fontfam[TimesRoman] and it is equal to fontfam[timesroman]. Several aliases are prepared, thus fontfam[times] can be used for loading Times Roman family too.

If you write \fontfam[?] then all available font families are listed on the terminal and in the log file. The listing looks like:

```
[LM Fonts] {\caps \sans \ttset ...} {\rm \bf \it \bi } +AMS (8z 8t u)
[TG Heros] {\caps \cond} {\rm \bf \it \bi } +TX (8z 8t)
...
```

The $\langle FamilyName \rangle$ is followed by the list of modifiers of basic variant selectors, then available basic variant selectors are listed. After plus character, the default set of math fonts

 $^{^1}$ Warnings: "falling back to ASCII sorting" or "CZ/SK outline-conversion is off" may occur without $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{S}}$ plain.

used together with given family is named. The available font encodings are written in round brackets. More information about \fontfam macro can be found in the fontfam.tex file.

The varinats are selected by basic selectors (\rm, \bf, \it, \bi). The modifiers of basic variants (\caps, \cond for example) can be used immediately before a basic variant selector and they can be (independently) combined: \caps\it or \cond\caps\bf. The modifiers can be followed by \fam command (instead of basic variant selector). Then current variant is kept (but modified) and all consecutive basic variant selectors (in a group) are modified too. If modifiers are followed by \one sequence (instead variant selector) then only current variant is modified. More about font modifiers are mentioned in the cs-heros.tex file and in the article kpfonts-plain.pdf.

The \fontfam[Catalog] prints a font catalogue of all configured font families.

2 Font sizes

The commands for font size setting described below, for variant selectors and modifiers desribed above have local validity. If you put them into a group, the font features are selected locally.

The command $\typosize[\langle fontsize \rangle / \langle baselineskip \rangle]$ sets the font size of text and math fonts and baselineskip. If one of these two parameters is empty, the corresponding feature stays unchanged. The metric unit is supposed pt and this unit isn't written in parameters. You can change the unit by the command $\typosite for the command for the$

The command $\typoscale[\langle font-factor \rangle / \langle baselineskip-factor \rangle]$ sets the text and math fonts size and baselineskip as a multiple of the current fonts size and baselineskip. The factor is written in scaled-like way, it means that 1000 means factor one. The empty parameter is equal to the parameter 1000, i.e. the value stays unchanged. Examples:

```
\label{typoscale} $$ \typoscale[800/800] $$ % fonts and baselineskip re-size to 80 % typoscale[magstep2/] % fonts bigger 1,44times
```

The sizes declared by these macros (for example in titles) are relative to the basic size selected for the current font (this may be arbitrary size, not only 10pt).

There are times however, when one would like to make a font change relative to the documents "base" font size instead of the current font (e.g. when typesetting footnotes). The macro \typobase provides an easy way to perform such changes. The "base" font size is set with the first use of either \typosize or \typoscale and this size is restored by \typobase. Example:

The size of the current font can be changed by the command $\text{ \text{thefontsize}} [\langle font\text{-}size \rangle]$ or can be rescaled by $\text{ \text{thefontscale}} [\langle factor \rangle]$. These macros don't change math fonts sizes nor baselineskip.

The \resizefont, \regfont and \resizeall commands (documented in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{S}}$ plain) can be used even if the used format is not $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{S}}$ plain. The best design size of the font for desired size is selected. For example \typosize[18/] selects the font cmr17 at 18pt.

The \em macro acts as \it if the current font is \rm, acts as \rm if the current font is \it, acts as \bi if the current font is \bf and acts as \bf if the current font is \bi. The \/ spaces are inserted automatically. Example:

```
This is {\em important} text.  % = This is {\it important\/} text.  \it This is {\em important} text.  % = This is \/ {\rm important} text.  \\bi This is {\em important} text.  % = This is {\bi important\/} text.  \\bi This is {\em important} text.  % = This is \/ {\bf important} text.
```

3 Parts of the document

The document can be divided into chapters, sections and subsections and titled by \tit command. The parameters are separed by the end of current line (no braces are used):

```
\tit Document title \langle end\ of\ line \rangle \chap Chapter title \langle end\ of\ line \rangle \sec Section title \langle end\ of\ line \rangle \sec Subsection title \langle end\ of\ line \rangle
```

The chapters are numbered by one number, sections by two numbers (chapter section) and subsections by three numbers. If there are no chapters then section have only one number and subsection two.

The implicit design of the titles of chapter etc. are implemented in the macros \printchap, \printsec and \printsec. User can simply change these macros if he/she needs another behavior.

The first paragraph after the title of chapter, section and subsection is not indented but you can type \let\firstnoindent=\relax if you need all paragraphs indented.

If a title is so long then it breaks to more lines. It is better to hint the breakpoints because T_EX does not interpret the meaning of the title. User can put the \nl (it means newline) macro to the breakpoints.

The chapter, section or subsection isn't numbered if the \nonum precedes. And the chapter, section or subsection isn't delivered to the table of contents if \notoc precedes.

4 Another numbered objects

Apart from chapters, sections and subsections, there are another automatically numbered objects: equations and captions for tables and figures.

If user write the \eqmark as the last element of the display mode then this equation is numbered. The format is one number in brackets. This number is reset in each section.

If the \eqalignno is used, then user can put \eqmark to the last column before \cr. For example:

```
\eqalignno{
    a^2+b^2 &= c^2 \cr
    c &= \sqrt{a^2+b^2} & \eqmark \cr}
```

The next numbered object is caption which is tagged by \caption/t for tables and \caption/f for figures. Example:

```
\hfil\table{rl}{
   age & value \crl\noalign{\smallskip}
   0--1 & unmeasured \cr
   1--6 & observable \cr
   6--12 & significant \cr
   12--20 & extremal \cr
   20--40 & normal \cr
```

```
40--60 & various \cr
60--$\infty$ & moderate}
\par\nobreak\medskip
\caption/t The dependency of the computer-dependency on the age.
```

This example produces:

age	value
0-1	unmeasured
1-6	observable
6 - 12	significant
12 - 20	extremal
20 – 40	normal
40 – 60	various
60 – ∞	$\operatorname{moderate}$

Table 2.3 The dependency of the computer-dependency on the age.

The word "Table" followed by a number is added by the macro \caption/t. The macro \caption/f creates the word figure. The caption text is centered. If it occupies more lines then the last line is centered.

The added word (table, figure) depends on the actual number of the \language register. OPmac implements the mapping from \language numbers to the languages and the mapping from languages to the generated words.

If you wish to make the table or figure as floating object, you need to use plain T_EX macros midinsert, topinsert and endinsert.

Each automatically numbered object can be referenced, if the $\label[\langle label \rangle]$ command precedes. The reference commands are $\ref[\langle label \rangle]$ and $\ref[\langle label \rangle]$. Example:

```
\label[beatle] \sec About Beatles
```

```
\label[comp-dependence]
\hfil\table{rl}{...} % the table
\caption/t The dependency of the computer-dependency on the age.
```

```
\label[pythagoras]
$$ a^2 + b^2 = c^2 \eqmark $$
```

Now we can point to the section \ref[beatle] on the page \pgref[beatle] or write about the equation \ref[pythagoras]. Finally there is an interesting Table \ref[comp-dependence].

If there are forward referenced objects then user have to run TEX twice. During each pass, the working *.ref file (with refereces data) is created and this file is used (if it exists) at the begin of the document.

You can create a reference to whatever else by commands $\lceil \langle label \rangle \rceil \$ The connection between $\langle label \rangle$ and $\langle text \rangle$ is established. The $\lceil \langle label \rangle \rceil$ will print $\langle text \rangle$.

5 Lists

The list of items is surrounded by **\begitems** and **\enditems** commands. The asterisk (*) is active within this environment and it starts one item. The item style can be chosen by **\style** parameter written after **\begitems**:

```
\style o % small bullet
\style 0 % big bullet (default)
\style - % hyphen char
\style n % numbered items 1., 2., 3., ...
\style N % numbered items 1), 2), 3), ...
\style i % numbered items (i), (ii), (iii), ...
\style I % numbered items I, II, III, IV, ...
\style a % items of type a), b), c), ...
\style A % items of type A), B), C), ...
\style x % small rectangle
\style X % big rectangle
```

Another style can be defined by the command $\sdef{item:}\langle style\rangle$ }{ $\langle text\rangle$ }. Default item can be redefined by $\def\normalitem{\langle text\rangle}$ }. The list environments can be nested. Each new level of item is indented by next multiple of \ident which is set to ∂ part by default. The vertical space at begin and end of the environment is inserted by the macro \ident iskip.

6 Table of contents

The \maketoc command prints the table of contents of all \chap, \sec and \secc used in the document. These data are read from external *.ref file, so you have to run TEX more than once (typically three times if the table of contents is at the beginning of the document).

The name of the section with table of contents is not printed. The direct usage of \chap or \sec isn't recommended here because the table of contents is typically not referenced to itself. You can print the unnumbered and unreferenced title of the section by the code:

```
\nonum\notoc\sec Table of Contents
```

The title of chapters etc. are written into the external file and they are read from this file in a next run of TeX. This technique can induce some problems when a somewhat complicated macro is used in the title. OPmac solves this problem by different way than LATeX. User can set the problematic macro as "robust" by \addprotect\macro declaration. The \macro itself cannot be redefined. The common macros used in OPmac which can be occur in the titles are declared by this way. For example:

\addprotect~ \addprotect\TeX \addprotect\thefontsize \addprotect\em

7 Making the index

The index can be included into document by \makeindex macro. No external program is needed, the alphabetical sorting are done inside T_FX at macro level.

The \ii command (insert to index) declares the word separated by the space as the index item. This declaration is represented as invisible atom on the page connected to the next visible word. The page number of the page where this atom occurs is listed in the index entry. So you can type:

```
The \ii resistor resistor is a passive electrical component ...

You cannot double the word if you use the \iid instead \ii:

The \iid resistor is a passive electrical component ...

or:

Now we'll deal with the \iid resistor .
```

Note that the dot or comma have to be separated by space when \iid is used. This space (before dot or comma) is removed by the macro in the current text.

The multiple-words entries are commonly organized in the index by the format (for example):

```
linear dependency 11, 40-50
— independency 12, 42-53
— space 57, 76
— subspace 58

To do this you have to declare the parts of the words by the / separator. Example:
{\bf Definition.}
\ii linear/space, vector/space
{\em Linear space} (or {\em vector space}) is a nonempty set of...
```

The number of the parts of one index entry is unlimited. Note, that you can spare your typing by the comma in the \ii parameter. The previous example is equivalent to \ii linear/space \ii vector/space.

Maybe you need to propagate to the index the similar entry to the linear/space in the form space/linear. You can do this by the shorthand , @ at the end of the \i parameter. Example:

```
\ii linear/space,vector/space,0
is equivalent to:
\ii linear/space,vector/space \ii space/linear,space/vector
```

If you really need to insert the space into the index entry, write "~".

The \makeindex creates the list of alphabetically sorted index entries without the title of the section and without creating more columns. OPmac provides another macros for more columns:

```
\begin{tabular}{ll} \verb& (number of columns) \\ \verb& (text) \\ \verb& (endmulti) \\ \end{tabular}
```

The columns will be balanced. The Index can be printed by the following code:

```
\sec Index\par
\begmulti 3 \makeindex \endmulti
```

Only "pure words" can be propagated to the index by the \ii command. It means that there cannot be any macro, TEX primitive, math selector etc. But there is another possibility to create such complex index entry. Use "pure equivalent" in the \ii parameter and map this equivalent to the real word which is printed in the index by \iis command. Example:

```
The \ii chiquadrat $\chi$-quadrat method is
...

If the \ii relax "\relax" command is used then \TeX\ is relaxing.
...
\iis chiquadrat {$\chi$-quadrat}
\iis relax {{\tt \char'\\relax}}
...
```

The \iis $\langle equivalent \rangle$ { $\langle text \rangle$ } creates one entry in the "dictionary of the exceptions". The sorting is done by the $\langle equivalent \rangle$ but the $\langle text \rangle$ is printed in the index entry list.

The special sorting by the Czech or Slovak standard of alphabetical sorting is activated if $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{S}}$ plain is used and if \language register is set to the Czech or Slovak hyphenation patterns when \makeindex is in progress. The main difference from English sorting is that "ch" is treated as one character between h and i.

8 Colors

The colors selection macros are working only if pdfTEX-like engine (or XeTEX) is used. OPmac provides a small number of color selectors: \Blue, \Red, \Brown, \Green, \Yellow, \Cyan, \Magenta, \White, \Grey, \LightGrey and \Black. User can define more such selectors by setting the CMYK components. For example

```
\def\Orange{\setcmykcolor{0 0.5 1 0}}
```

The current color in CMYK format is saved in the \currentcolor macro, thus you can save it to your macro \let\yourmacro=\currentcolor and you can return to this color by \setcmykcolor\yourmacro.

The color selectors work globally by default. It means that colors don't respect the TEX groups and you have to return back to the black typesetting explicitly by the \Black selector.

OPmac provides the macro \localcolor. If it is used then the colors return back to the original value after TEX groups automatically. The macro has local validity. You can use it at begin of your document (for all TEX broups) or only in selected TEX group (for this group and nested goups). Example:

The more usable example follows. It defines a macro which creates the colored text on the colored background. Usage: $\colored\colore$

The \coloron can be defined as follows:

```
\def\coloron#1#2#3{%
  \setbox0=\hbox{#3}\leavevmode
  {\localcolor\rlap{#1\strut \vrule width\wd0}#2\box0}%
}
\coloron\Yellow\Brown{The brown text on the yellow backround}
```

The watermark is grey text on the backrounf of the page. OPmac offers an example: the macro \draft which creates grey scaled and rotated text DRAFT on the background of every page.

9 Hyperlinks, outlines

If the command $\protect\operatorname{hyperlinks}\{\langle color\text{-}in\rangle\}\{\langle color\text{-}out\rangle\}\$ is used at the beginning of the file, then the following objects are hyperlinked when PDF output is used:

- numbers generated by \ref or \pgref,
- numbers of chapters, sections and subsections in the table of contents,
- numbers or marks generated by \cite command (bibliography references),
- texts printed by \url command.

The last object is an external link and it is colored by $\langle color-out \rangle$. Others links are internal and they are colored by $\langle color-in \rangle$. Example:

```
\hyperlinks \Blue \Green % internal links blue, URLs green.
```

You can use another marking of active links: by frames which are visible in the PDF viewer but invisible when the document is printed. The way to do it is to define the macros \pgborder, \tocborder, \citeborder, \refborder and \urlborder as the triple of RGB components of the used color. Example:

```
\def\tocborder {1 0 0}  % links in table of contents: red frame
\def\pgborder {0 1 0}  % links to pages: green frame
\def\citeborder {0 0 1}  % links to references: blue frame
```

By default these macros are not defined. It means that no frames are created.

There are "low level" commands to create the links. You can specify the destination of the internal link by $\dest[\langle type \rangle : \langle label \rangle]$. The active text linked to the \dest can be created by $\link[\langle type \rangle : \langle label \rangle] \{\langle color \rangle\} \{\langle text \rangle\}$. The $\langle type \rangle$ parameter is one of the toc, pg, cite, ref or another special for your purpose.

The \url macro prints its parameter in \tt font and creates a potential breakpoints in it (after slash or dot, for example). If \hyperlinks declaration is used then the parameter of \url is treated as an external URL link. An example: \url{http://www.olsak.net} creates http://www.olsak.net. The charecters %, \, #, \$, { and } have to be protected by backslash in the \url argument, the other special charecters ~, _, ~, & can be written as single character. You can insert the \| command in the \url argument as a potential breakpoint.

If the linked text have to be different than the URL, you can use $\$ macro. For example:

```
\ulink[http://petr.olsak.net/opmac-e.html]{OPmac page}
creates OPmac page.
```

The PDF format provides "outlines" which are notes placed in the special frame of the PDF viewer. These notes can be managed as structured and hyperlinked table of contents of the document. The command $\{\langle level \rangle\}$ creates such outlines from data used for table of contents in the document. The $\langle level \rangle$ parameter gives the level of opened sub-outlines in the default view. The deeper levels can be open by mouse click on the triangle symbol after that.

The strings used in PDF outlines are converted if \mathcal{CS} plain is used: the accents are stripped off because they can make problems in outlines. But user can use \input pdfuni in order to convert these strings to internal UNICODE representation.

The command $\insertoutline{\langle text \rangle}$ inserts next entry into PDF outlines at the main level 0. This entry can be placed before table of contents (created by \outlines) or after it.

10 Verbatim

The display verbatim text have to be surrounded by the \begin{arrow}begit and \endth couple. The inline verbatim have to be tagged (before and after) by a character which is declared by \activettchar $\langle char \rangle$. For example \activettchar" declares the " for inline verbatim markup.

If the numerical register \ttline is set to the non-negative value then display verbatim will number the lines. The first line has the number \ttline+1 and when the verbatim ends then the \ttline value is equal to the number of last line printed. Next \begth...\endtt environment will follow the line numbering. OPmac sets \ttline=-1 by default.

The indentation of each line in display verbatim is controlled by \ttindent register. This register is set to the \parindent when opmac.tex is read. User have to change its value if the \parindent is changed after reading of opmac.tex.

The \begtt starts internal group in which the catcodes are changed. Then the \tthook macro is run. This macro is empty by default and user can control fine behavior by it. For example the cactodes can be reset here. If you need to define active character in the \tthook, use \adef as in the following example:

```
\def\tthook{\adef!{?}\adef?{!}}
\begtt
Each occurrence of the exclamation mark will be changed to
the question mark and vice versa. Really? You can try it!
\endtt
```

The \adef command sets its parameter as active after the body of \tthook is read. So you can't worry about active categories.

There are tips for global \tthook definitions here:

You can print verbatim listing from external files by \verbinput command. Examples:

The \ttline influences the line numbering by the same way as in \begtt...\endtt environment. If \ttline=-1 then real line numbers are printed (this is default). If \ttline<-1 then no line numbers are printed.

The \verbinput can be controlled by \tthook, \ttindent just like in \begtt...\endtt.

11 Tables

The macro $\hat{declaration}$ for each letter declares one column (aligned to left, right, center respectively). These letters can be combined by the "|" character (vertical line). Example

```
\table{||lc|r||}{
   Month & commodity & price \crli \tskip.2em
   January & notebook & \$ 700 \cr
   February & skateboard & \$ 100 \cr
   July & yacht & k\$ 170 \crl}
```

generates the following result:

Month	commodity	price
January	notebook	\$ 700
February	skateboard	\$ 100
July	yacht	k\$ 170

Apart from 1, r, c declarators, you can use the $p{\langle size \rangle}$ declarator which declares the column of given width. More preciselly, a long text in the table cell is printed as an paragraph with given width. To avoid the problems with narrow left-right aligned paragraphs you can write $p{\langle size \rangle \land raggedright}$, then the paragraph will be only left aligned.

You can use $(\langle text \rangle)$ in the $\langle declaration \rangle$ then this text is applied in each line of table. For example r(\kern10pt)1 adds more 10 pt space between r and 1 rows.

An arbitrary part of the $\langle declaration \rangle$ can be repeated by a $\langle number \rangle$ prefixed. For example "3c" means "cc" or "c 3{|c}" means "c|c|c|c". Note that spaces in the $\langle declaration \rangle$ are ignored and you can use them in order to more legibility.

The command \cr used in the $\langle data \rangle$ part of the table (the end row separator) is generally known. Moreover OPmac defines following similar commands:

• \crl ... the end of the row with a horizontal line after it.

- \crli ... like \crl but the horizontal line doesn't intersect the vertical double lines.
- \crlli ... like \crli but horizontal line is doubled.
- $\crlp{\langle list \rangle}$... like \crli but the lines are drawn only in the columns mentioned in comma separated $\langle list \rangle$ of their numbers. The $\langle list \rangle$ can include $\langle from \rangle \langle to \rangle$ declarators, for example $\crlp{1-3,5}$ is equal to $\crlp{1,2,3,5}$.

The $\tskip\langle dimen\rangle$ command works like the $\noalign{\vskip}\langle dimen\rangle$ } after $\cr*$ commands but it doesn't interrupt the vertical lines.

The configuration macros for **\table** are defined in the following listing with their default values:

```
\def\tabitem1{\enspace} % left material in each column
\def\tabitemr{\enspace} % right material in each column
\def\tabstrut{\strut} % strut inserted in each line
\def\vvkern{1pt} % space between double vertical line
\def\hhkern{1pt} % space between double horizontal line
```

If you do \def\tabiteml{\$\enspace}\def\tabitemr{\enspace\$} then the \table acts like LATEX's array environment.

If there is an item which spans to more than one column in the table then you can use $\mbox{\mbox{multispan}}\{\langle number\rangle\}\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{mumber}}}\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{mumber}}}\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{mumber}}}}\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{mumber}}}}}\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{mumber}}}}}}\mbox{\$

The $\{ \langle text \rangle \}$ makes a frame around $\langle text \rangle$. You can put the whole $\{ table \text{ into } \}$

```
\frame{\table{|c||1||r|}{ \crl
  \mspan3[|c|]{\bf Title} \crl \noalign{\kern\hhkern}\crli
  first & second & third \crlli
  seven & eight & nine \crli}}
```

creates the following result:

	Title			
first	second	third		
seven	eight	nine		

The c, 1, r and p are default $\langle declaration \rangle$ letters but you can define more such letters by $\def \declare \langle letter \rangle \{\langle left \rangle \# \# \langle right \rangle \}$. The technical documentation opmac-d.pdf describes this feature more preciselly.

The rule width of tables (and implicit width of all \verb and \hrules) can be set by the command $\rulewidth=\langle dimen \rangle$. The default value given by TeX is 0.4pt.

Many tips about tables can be seen on http://petr.olsak.net/opmac-tricks-e.html.

12 Images

The \inspic $\langle filename \rangle$. $\langle extension \rangle \langle space \rangle$ inserts the picture stored in the graphics file with the name $\langle filename \rangle$. $\langle extension \rangle$. You can set the picture width by \picw= $\langle dimen \rangle$ before first \inspic command which declares the width of the picture. The files can be in the PNG, JPG, JBIG2 or PDF format. The \inspic command works with pdfTeX/XeTeX only.

The \picwidth is an equivalent register to \picw. Moreover there is an \picheight register which denotes the height of the picture. If both registers are set then the picture will be (probably) deformed.

The file is searched in \picdir. This macro is empty by default, this means that the file is searched in current directory.

13 PDF transformations

All typesetting elements are transformed in pdfTEX by linear transformation given by the current transformation matrix. The \pdfsetmatrix $\{\langle a\rangle \ \langle b\rangle \ \langle c\rangle \ \langle d\rangle \}$ command makes the internal multiplication with the current matrix so linear transformations can be composed. The stack-oriented commands \pdfsave and \pdfrestore gives a possibility of storing and restoring the current transformation matrix and current point. The possition of current point have to be the same from TEX's point of view as from transformation point of view when \pdfrestore is processed. Due to this fact the \pdfsave\rlap{\langle transformed text}}\pdfrestore or something similar is recomeded.

OPmac provides the macros

```
\pdfscale{\langle horizontal-factor\rangle} {\langle vertical-factor\rangle} \pdfrotate{\langle angle-in-degrees\rangle}
```

These macros simply calls the properly \pdfsetmatrix primitive command.

It is known that the comosition of transformations is not commutative. It means that the order is important. You have to read the transformation matrices from right to left. Example:

third: \pdfsave \pdfrotate{-15.3}\pdfsetmatrix{2 0 1.5 2}\rlap{text3}% \pdfrestore % first slanted, then rotated by 15.3 degrees right

This gives the following result. First second: third:

14 Footnotes and marginal notes

The plainTEX's macro \footnote is not redefined. But a new macro \fnote{ $\langle text \rangle$ } is defined. The footnote mark is added automatically and it is numbered on each page from one¹. The $\langle text \rangle$ is scaled by \typoscale[800]. The implicit visual aspect of the footnote mark is defined by \def\thefnote{\$^{\locfnum}}}. User can redefine it, for example:

```
\label{locfnum} $$\left(\frac{\pi \ast \operatorname{locfnum} - \ast \operatorname{locfnu
```

The \fnote macro is fully applicable only in "normal outer" paragraph. It doesn't work inside boxes (tables for example). If you are solving such case you can use \fnotemark $\langle number \rangle$ inside the box (only the footnote mark is generated). When the box is finished you can use \fnotetext{ $\langle text \rangle$ }. This macro puts the $\langle text \rangle$ to the footnote. The $\langle number \rangle$ after \fnotemark have to be 1 if only one such command is in the box. Second \fnotemark inside

¹ This behavior is changed if \runningfnotes is used: the footnotes are numbered from one in whole document in such case. Alternatives are possible, see OPmac tricks or technical documentation.

the same box have to have the parameter 2 etc. The same number of \fnotetexts have to be written after the box as the number of \fnotemarks inserted inside the box.

The marginal note can be printed by the $\mbox{mnote}\{\langle text\rangle\}\$ macro. The $\langle text\rangle$ is placed to the right margin on the odd pages and it is placed to the left margin on the even pages. This is done after second TeX run because the relevant information is stored in an external file. If you need to place the notes only to the fixed margin write $\mbox{fixmnotes}\$

The $\langle text \rangle$ is formatted as a little paragraph with the maximal width \mnotesize ragged left on the left margins or ragged right on the right margins. The first line of this little paragraph is at the same height as the invisible mark created by \mnote in the current paragraph. The exceptions are possible by \mnoteskip register. You can implement such exceptions to each \mnote manually in final printing in order to margin notes do not overlap. The positive value of \mnoteskip shifts the note up and negative value shifts it down. For example \mnoteskip=2\baselineskip \mnotes\((text) \) shifts this (and only this) note two lines up.

15 BibTeXing

The command $\text{cite}[\langle label \rangle]$ or its variations of the type $\text{cite}[\langle label-1 \rangle, \langle label-2 \rangle, \langle label-3 \rangle]$ create the citations in the form [42] or [15, 19, 26]. If \shortcitations is declared at the beginning of the document then continuous sequences of numbers are re-printed like this: [3–5, 7, 9–11]. If \sortcitations is declared then numbers generated by one \cite command are sorted upward.

If \nonumcitations is used then the marks instead numbers are generated depending on the used bibTEX style. For example the citations look like [Now08] when alpha style is used and like [Nowak, 2008] when apalike style is used.

The \rcite[$\langle labels \rangle$] creates the same list as \cite[$\langle labels \rangle$] but without the outer brackets. Example: [\rcite[tbn], pg.~13] creates [4, pg.13].

The $\ensuremath{\mbox{cite}[\langle label\rangle]} {\langle text\rangle}$ prints the $\langle text\rangle$ only, but the entry labeled $\langle label\rangle$ is decided as to be cited. If $\mbox{\mbox{hyperlinks}}$ is used then $\langle text\rangle$ is linked to the references list.

You can define alternative formating of \cite command. Example:

```
\label{label} $$ \def\cite[#1]{(\rcite[#1])} % \cite[$\langle label\rangle$] creates (27) $$ \def\cite[#1]{$^{\rcite[#1]}$} % \cite[$\langle label\rangle$] creates^{27} $$
```

The numbers printed by \cite correspond to the same numbers generated in the list of references. There are four possibilities to generate this references list:

- Manually using $\bib[\langle label \rangle]$ commands.
- Using bibTeX and $\usebibtex{\langle bib-base\rangle}{\langle bib-style\rangle}$ command.
- Using pregenerated *.bbl file and \usebbl/ $\langle type \rangle$ $\langle bbl$ -base \rangle command.
- By \usebib/ $\langle type \rangle$ ($\langle style \rangle$) $\langle bbl$ -base \rangle command which reads *.bib databases directly.

These possibilities are documented here in detail:

References created manually using $\bib[\langle label \rangle]$ command.

```
\bib [tbn] P. Olšák. {\it\TeX{}book naruby.} 468~s. Brno: Konvoj, 1997.
\bib [tst] P. Olšák. {\it Typografický systém \TeX.}
269~s. Praha: CSTUG, 1995.
```

If you are using \nonumcitations then you need to declare the $\langle marks \rangle$ used by \cite command. To do it you have to use long form of the \bib command which is in the format \bib[$\langle label \rangle$] = { $\langle mark \rangle$ }. The spaces around equal sign are mandatory. Example:

```
\bib [tbn] = {Olšák, 2001}
P. Olšák. {\it\TeX{}book naruby.} 468~s. Brno: Konvoj, 2001.
```

References using bibTeX. The command \usebibtex{ $\langle bib-base \rangle$ }{ $\langle bst-style \rangle$ } creates the list of cited entries and entries indicated by \nocite[$\langle label \rangle$]. After first TeX run the *.aux

file is created, so user have to run the bibTEX by the command bibtex $\langle document \rangle$. After second TEX run the bibTEX's output is read and after third TEX run all references are properly created.

The $\langle bib\text{-}base \rangle$ is one or more *.bib database source files (separated by spaces and without extension) and the $\langle bst\text{-}style \rangle$ is the style used by bibTEX. The common styles are plain, alpha, apalike, ieeetr, unsrt.

Using pregenerated *.bbl file by bibTeX. You can create the temporary file (mybase.tex, for example) which looks like:

```
\label{local_base} $$ \left( bib-base \right) {\langle bib-base \rangle} {\langle bst-style \rangle} \end
```

After first T_EX run the mybase.aux is generated. Then you can run bibtex mybase which generates the .bbl file with all entries from the $\langle bib\text{-}base\rangle$ *.bib file(s). Second T_EX run on the file mybase.tex generates the printed form of the list of all bib entries with labels. This is usable printed matter, you can place it to your notice board when you create your document. Finally you can insert to your real document one of the following commands:

Sometimes the pure LATEX command occurs (unfortunately) in the .bib database or bibTEX style. User can define such commands in the \bibtexhook macro which is a hook started inside the group before .bbl file is read. Example:

Direct reading of .bib files is possible by \usebib macro. This macro reads macro package opmac-bib.tex (on demand) which uses the external package librarian.tex by Paul Isambert. The usage is similar to previous case:

```
% print only \cited and \nocited entries \usebib/c (\langle style \rangle) \langle bib\text{-}base \rangle % sorted by \cite-order (c=cite), \usebib/s (\langle style \rangle) \langle bib\text{-}base \rangle % sorted by style (s=style).
```

The $\langle bib\text{-}base \rangle$ is one or more *.bib database source files (separated by spaces and without extension) and the $\langle style \rangle$ is the part of the filename opmac-bib- $\langle style \rangle$.tex where the formatting of the references list is defined. Possible styles are simple or iso690. The behavior of opmac-bib.tex and opmac-bib-iso690.tex is full documented in these files (after \endingut command).

Formatting of the references list is controlled by the \printb macro. It is called at the begin of each entry. The default \printb macro prints the number of the entry in square brackets. If the \nonumcitations is set then no numbers are printed, only all lines (but no first one) are indented. The \printb macro can use the following values: \the\bibnum (the number of the entry) and \the\bibmark (the mark of the entry used when \nonumcitations is set). Examples:

Next examples can be found on the OPmac tricks WWW page.

16 Typesetting math

There are two files for math typesetting prepared in $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{S}}$ plain:

- ams-math.tex loads the AMS math fonts visual compatible with Computer modern.
- tx-math.tex loads the TX fonts visual compatible with Times.

OPmac reads the first file ams-math.tex by default. If you are using font files from C_Splain (ctimes.tex, cbookman.tex, cs-termes.tex etc.) then the second math-file tx-math.tex is loaded.

This section describes the features of the macros from ams-math.tex or tx-math.tex. More documentation is written in these files themselves.

Hundreds math symbols and operators like in AMSTEX are accessible. For example \alpha α , \geq \geq , \sum \sum , \sphericalangle \triangleleft , \bumpeq, \simeq . See AMSTEX manual (or TX-fonts manual) for complete list of symbols.

The following math alphabets are available:

```
% mathematical variables
                                   abc-xyz, ABC-XYZ
\mit
\it
        % text italics
                                    abc-xyz, ABC-XYZ
                                   abc-xyz, ABC-XYZ
\rm
        % text roman
        % normal calligraphics
                                   ABC-XYZ
\cal
                                   ABC-XYZ
\script
        % script
\frak
        % fracture
                                   abc-rn3, ABC-XY3
\bbchar
        % double stroked letters
                                   ABC-XYZ
        % sans serif bold
                                   abc-xyz, ABC-XYZ
\bf
\bi
        % sans serif bold slanted
                                   abc-xyz, ABC-XYZ
```

The last two selectors \bf and \bi select the sans serif fonts regardless current text font family. The reason is that these shapes are used for vectors and matrices in Czech math typesetting.

The math fonts are scaled by \typosize and \typoscale macros. Two math fonts collections are prepared: \normalmath for normal weight and \boldmath for bold. The first one is set by default. There is an example for math typesetting in titles:

Variables are printed by special math italics when ams-math.tex is loaded and by text italics of the current text font when tx-math.tex is loaded. You can change this behavior by following commands:

```
\itvariables % variables typeset by text italics. \mitvariables % variables typeset by math italics.
```

Note: Due to the features described in this section (AMS symbols, \bbchar, \script, \frak characters and sans serif bold in math) more special fonts are loaded (from AMS package and from EC fonts). If you dislike such dependency, you can follow the OPmac trick 0111.

17 Setting the margins

OPmac declares paper formats a4, a4l (landscape a4), a5, a5l, b5, letter and user can declare another own format by \sdef:

```
\sdef{pgs:b51}{(250,176)mm}
\sdef{pgs:letterl}{(11,8.5)in}
```

The \margins command declares margins of the document. This command have the following parameters:

```
\margins/\langle pg \rangle \langle fmt \rangle (\langle left \rangle, \langle right \rangle, \langle top \rangle, \langle bot \rangle) \langle unit \rangle example: \margins/1 a4 (2.5,2.5,2,2)cm
```

Parameters are:

- $\langle pg \rangle$... 1 or 2 specifies one-page or two-pages design.
- $\langle fmt \rangle$... paper format (a4, a4l, a5, letter, etc. or user defined).
- $\langle left \rangle$, $\langle right \rangle$, $\langle top \rangle$, $\langle bot \rangle$... gives the amount of left, right, top and bottom margins.
- $\langle unit \rangle$... unit used for values $\langle left \rangle$, $\langle right \rangle$, $\langle top \rangle$, $\langle bot \rangle$.

Each of the parameters $\langle left \rangle$, $\langle right \rangle$, $\langle top \rangle$, $\langle bot \rangle$ can be empty. If both $\langle left \rangle$ and $\langle right \rangle$ are nonempty then \hsize is set. Else \hsize is unchanged. If both $\langle left \rangle$ and $\langle right \rangle$ are empty then typesetting area is centered in the paper format. The analogical rule works when $\langle top \rangle$ or $\langle bot \rangle$ parameter is empty (\vsize instead \hsize is used). Examples:

If $\langle pg \rangle$ =1 then all pages have the same margins. If $\langle pg \rangle$ =2 then the declared margins are true for odd pages. The margins at the even pages are mirrored in such case, it means that $\langle left \rangle$ is replaced by $\langle right \rangle$ and vice versa.

The $\langle fmt \rangle$ can be in the form $(\langle width \rangle, \langle height \rangle) \langle unit \rangle$ where $\langle unit \rangle$ is optional. If it is missing then $\langle unit \rangle$ after margins specification is used. For example:

```
\margins/1 (100,200) (7,7,7,7)mm
```

declares the paper $100 \times 200 \,\mathrm{mm}$ with all four margins 7 mm. The spaces before and after $\langle fmt \rangle$ parameter are necessary.

The command $\mbox{\mbox{magscale}}[\langle factor \rangle]$ scales the whole typesetting area. The fixed point of such scaling is the so called the "Knuth's point": 1in below and 1in right of paper sides. Typesetting (breakpoints etc.) is unchanged. All units are relative after such scaling. Only paper formats dimensions stays unscaled. Example:

```
\margins/2 a5 (22,17,19,21)mm
\magscale[1414] \margins/1 a4 (,,,)mm
```

The first line sets the \hsize and \vsize and margins for final printing at a5 format. The setting on the second line centers the scaled typesetting area to the true a4 paper while breaking points for paragraphs and pages are unchanged. It may be usable for review printing. After review is done, the second line can be commented out.

18 The last page

The number of the last page (it may be different from number of pages) is stored in the \lastpage register after first TEX run if the working *.ref file is open. This file isn't open for every documents; only for those where the forward references are printed or table of contents is created. If the *.ref file isn't open for your document and you need to use the \lastpage register then you have to write the command \openref. This command opens the *.ref file immediatelly.

There is an example for footlines in the format "current page / last page":

\footline={\hss \rm \thefontsize[10]\the\pageno/\the\lastpage \hss}

19 Using other language

OPmac supports all languages but only English, Czech and Slovak languages are immediately ready for use. When using another language, you have to do little more work. First of all, use T_EX engine and T_EX format ready for such language (with hyphenation patterns preloaded or prepared). C_S plain for pdf T_EX supports 16 languages (since March 2019) but better choice is C_S plain for Lua T_EX which works in Unicode and supports all languages from T_EX distribution (about 57 languages).

The next example shows usage of Spanish language. $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{S}}$ plain for LuaTeX is assumed, so use the command luatex -fmt pdfcsplain example.

```
\input opmac
\input lmfonts  % Unicode fonts

\sdef{mt:chap:es}{Capítulo}  % Chapter in es
\sdef{mt:t:es}{Cuadro}  % Table in es
\sdef{mt:f:es}{Figura}  % Figure in es

\eslang % Spanish hyphenation + activation of declated "es" words
\sec Mañana

Mañana.

\caption/f Test % generates the text "Figura 1.1 Test"
\bye
```

The declaration of the Spanish words "Capítulo", "Cuadro" and "Figura" is shown in this example. You can see that such declaration is based on the short language name es (by ISO 639-1). The declared words are activated after the hyphenation selector \eslang is used.

When you are using basic from tfrom etex.src, i.e. the commands luatex example or xetex example, then you have to use language selector \uselanguage{espanol} instead \eslang and you have to declare the connection from long language name to short name by \isolangset{espanol}{es}.

When sorting the index by \makeindex in the non- C_S plain format, OPmac writes a warning: "falling back to ASCII sorting". If you want to use sorting rules given for your language, you must define the macro \sortingdata\(\langle iso-code\)\). And you can optionally define the \specsortingdata\(\langle iso-code\)\ macro. Example:

There are groups of letters separated by comma and ended by comma-dot in the macro \sortingdata\(\int_iso-code\). (In the example above, three dots must be replaced by real data by the user.) All letters in one group are not distinguished during first step of sorting (primary sorting). If some items are equal from this point of view then the secondary sorting is processed for such items where all mentioned letters are distinguished in the order given in the macro.

Sorting algorithm can treat couple of letters (like Dz, Ch etc.) as one letter if the macro $\specsortingdata\langle iso\text{-}code\rangle$ is defined. There is a space separated list of items in the form $\langle couple\rangle$: $\langle one\text{-}token\rangle$. The replacing from $\langle couple\rangle$ to $\langle one\text{-}token\rangle$ is done before sorting, so you can use $\langle one\text{-}token\rangle$ in the $\langle one\text{-}token\rangle$ macro. The $\langle one\text{-}token\rangle$ must be something special not used as the letter of the alphabet. The usage of $\land A$, $\land B$ etc. is recommended but you must avoid the $\land I$ and $\land B$ because these characters have special catcode.

The macro $\scalebox{\sca$

The list of ignored characters for sorting point of view is defined in the \setignoredchars macro. OPmac defines this macro like:

```
\def\setignoredchars{\setlccodes ,.;.?.!...'.".|.(.).[.].<.>.=.+.{}{}}
```

It means that comma, semicolon, question mark, ..., plus mark are treated as dot and dot is ignored by sorting algorithm. You can redefine this macro, but you must keep the format, keep \setlccodes in the front and {}{} in the end.

20 Pre-defined styles

OPmac defines two style-declaration macros \report and \letter since Mar. 2019. You can use them at the beginning of your document if you are preparing these types of document and you don't need to create your own macros.

The \report declaration is intended to create reports. It sets default font size to 11 pt and \parindent to 1.2 em. The \tit macro uses smaller font because we assume that "chapter" level will be not used in reports. The first page has no page number, but next pages are numbered (from number 2). The footnotes are numbered from one in whole document. The macro \authors\\end{authors}\\end{end-line}\) can be used when \report is declared. It prints \(authors \) in italics at center of the line. You can separate authors by \nl to more lines.

The \letter declaration is intended to create letters. It sets default font size to 11 pt and \parindent to 0 pt. It sets half-line space between paragraphs. The page numbers are not printed. The \subject macro can be used, it prints the word "Subject:" or "Věc" in bold depending on used language. Moreover, the \address macro can be used when \letter is declared. The usage of the \address macro looks like:

```
\address \langle first\ line\ of\ address \rangle \langle second\ line\ of\ address \rangle \langle etc. \rangle \langle empty\ line \rangle
```

It means that you need not to use any special mark at the end of lines: end of lines in the source file are the same as in printed output. The \address macro creates \vtop with address lines. The width of such \vtop is equal to the most wide line used in it. So, you can use \hfill\address... in order to put the address box to the right side of the document. Or you can use \prefixed text\address... to put \prefixed text\begin{and} before first line of the address.

Analogical declaration macros \book or \slides are not prepared. Each book needs an individual typographical care so you need to cerate specific macros for design. And you can find an inspiration of slides in OPmac tricks 0017 and 0022.

21 Summary

```
\label [labname] % link target location
\ref [labname]
                 % link to the chapter, section, subsection, equation
\pgref [labname] % link to the page of the chapter, section, ...
\caption/t % a numbered table caption
\c a numbered caption for the picture
           % a numbered equation
\eqmark
\begitems
               % start list of the items
\enditems
               % end of list of the items
\begtt
               % start verbatim text
\endtt
              % end verbatim text
\activettchar X % initialization character X for in-text verbatim
\verbinput
            % verbatim extract from the external file
\begmulti num % start multicolumn text (num columns)
\endmulti
               % end multicolumn text
\cite [labnames] % refers to the item in the lits of references
\rcite [labnames] % similar to \cite but [] are not printed.
\sortcitations \shortcitations \nonumcitations % cite format
\bib [labname] % an item in the list of references
\usebibtex {bib-base}{bst-style} % use BibTeX for bibliography
\genbbl {bib-base}{bst-style}
                                 % prepare the bbl file generation
\usebbl/? bbl-base % use pre-generated bbl file, ? in {a,b,c}
\usebib/? (style) bib-base % direct using of .bib file, ? in {s,c}
\fontfam [FamilyName] % selection of font family
\typosize [font-size/baselineskip] % size setting of typesetting
\typoscale [factor-font/factor-baselineskip] % size scaling
\thefontsize [size] \thefontscale [factor] % current font size
\inspic file.ext
                   % insert a picture, extensions: jpg, png, pdf
\table {rule}{data} % simple macro for the tables like in LaTeX
         % footnote (local numbering on each page)
\mnote
         % note in the margin (left or right by page number)
\hyperlinks {color-in}{color-out} % PDF links activate as clickable
\outlines {level}
                   % PDF will have a table of contents in the left tab
\magscale[factor] % resize typesetting, line/page breaking unchanged
```

\margins/pg format (left, right, top, bottom)unit % margins setting

\report \letter % style declaration macros