Producing slides with \LaTeX\ 2ε

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1 Introduction

With \LaTeX\ 2ε it is now no longer necessary to maintain a special format for producing overhead slides. Instead the standard format may be used and internally only different font definition files come into play.

2 Usage

For producing slides you have to use \texttt{slides} as the document class. This class is very similar to the \texttt{slides} style that came with \TeX, in fact it is basically a copy changed to work under \LaTeX\ 2ε.\footnote{Therefore you should compare the new class with old \TeX\ styles in case you have local slide classes to see what you have to change in order to use them with \LaTeX\ 2ε.} Thus you have to say something like

\begin{verbatim}
\documentclass[...]{slides}
\end{verbatim}

and process this with \LaTeX\ 2ε.

3 Fonts

Note, that that with NFSS you can easily produce slides with special fonts just by calling an appropriate style file (like \texttt{times}) in a \texttt{usepackage} command. This works, for example, with all fonts that are defined to be scaleable (e.g., PostScript fonts) since they can be used at any size by NFSS.

However, packages like \texttt{pandora} won’t work because the standard \texttt{.fd} files shipped with NFSS only contain small sizes. You can, of course, produce additional sizes and change the \texttt{.fd} files accordingly so that they would be useable for slides as well.

4 Invisible text and color separation

In the original \TeX\ it was possible to produce invisible text using the \texttt{\invisible} command, so that one was able to put several slides on top of each
other (with each slides showing additional details, etc.). It was also possible to
produce ‘color’ slides. This was done by producing individual slides one for each
color and placing them on top of each other.

The availability of color printers and the color package make color separation
obsolete, so it has been removed. Although the color has also made \invisible
obsolete, the command is retained in the \LaTeX2e implementation, but there are
a few restrictions. Invisible fonts are implemented as special shapes where the
shape names are build by prefixing the normal shape name with an uppercase I.
For example, the ‘normal invisible shape’ would be In. When \LaTeX is requested
to typeset invisible it will thus change the current shape attribute in this manner.
To make this work it is necessary that the resulting font shape group is defined. If
not, the normal font substitution mechanism of \LaTeX2e will change the attribute
until it finds a usable font shape group with the result that the text may become
visible.

As long as you use the standard fonts for slides this is not a problem because all
the visible font shape groups have invisible counterparts. However, if you decide
don using special fonts, e.g., PostScript fonts, your DeclareFontShape settings
may not contain invisible font shape groups and thus you may be unable to use
these features without adding additional DeclareFontShape commands to your
.fd files or the preamble of your document.

\section{The Implementation}

Warning: The implementation is still very experimental and may
change internally very much. It currently basically consists of a slightly
modified copy of slides.sty (which then forms slides.cls) followed
by a slightly changed copy of slitex.tex. Documentation is practi-
cally non-existing. Everybody is invited to help changing this!

The code is divided into two parts, we first implement the class related func-
tions and declarations and then define lowlevel stuff that is necessary within every
class. By placing such commands into a separate file it will be possible to share
it with other slide classes.

\subsection{The class code}

At this point we input the redefinitions that are necessary for \LaTeX.

\begin{verbatim}
1 (+class)
2 \input{slides.def}
\end{verbatim}

Now we are ready for setting up the font tables. As usual, we first look for a
local configuration file sfons.cfg. If there isn’t one, we fall back to the default
one (sfons.def).

\begin{verbatim}
3 \InputIfFileExists{sfons.cfg}
4   \{timeout************------------------*--J%
5       *--J%
\end{verbatim}
6 Declaration of Options

We declare a few options as illegal.

6.1 Setting Paper Sizes

The variables \texttt{\paperwidth} and \texttt{\paperheight} should reflect the physical paper size after trimming. For desk printer output this is usually the real paper size since there is no post-processing. Classes for real book production will probably add other paper sizes and additionally the production of crop marks for trimming.

\begin{verbatim}
\DeclareOption{a4paper}
  {\setlength\paperheight {297mm} \setlength\paperwidth {210mm}}
\DeclareOption{a5paper}
  {\setlength\paperheight {210mm} \setlength\paperwidth {148mm}}
\DeclareOption{b5paper}
  {\setlength\paperheight {250mm} \setlength\paperwidth {176mm}}
\DeclareOption{letterpaper}
  {\setlength\paperheight {11in} \setlength\paperwidth {8.5in}}
\DeclareOption{legalpaper}
  {\setlength\paperheight {14in} \setlength\paperwidth {8.5in}}
\DeclareOption{executivepaper}
  {\setlength\paperheight {10.5in} \setlength\paperwidth {7.25in}}
\DeclareOption{landscape}
  {\setlength\@tempdima \paperheight \setlength\paperheight \@tempdima \setlength\paperwidth \@tempdima}
\end{verbatim}

The option \texttt{landscape} switches the values of \texttt{\paperheight} and \texttt{\paperwidth}, assuming the dimensions were given for portrait paper.

\begin{verbatim}
\DeclareOption{landscape}
  {\setlength\@tempdima \paperheight \setlength\paperheight \@tempdima \setlength\paperwidth \@tempdima}
\end{verbatim}

6.2 The clock option

The option \texttt{clock} prints the time at the bottom of each note. We also define here the commands and counters used to keep track of time.

\begin{verbatim}
\newif\ifclock \clockfalse
\DeclareOption{clock}{\clocktrue
\AtEndDocument{\typeout{\arabic{c@minutes} minutes}}
\end{verbatim}
6.3 Two-side or one-side printing
Two-sided printing is not allowed, so don’t declare an option. But it is necessary to initialize the switch.
\@twosidefalse

6.4 Draft option
If the user requests draft we show any overfull boxes. We could probably add some more interesting stuff to this option.
\DeclareOption{draft}{\setlength\overfullrule{5pt}}
\DeclareOption{final}{\setlength\overfullrule{0pt}}

6.5 Titlepage option
The default is for a \maketitle command to make a new page.
\newif\if@titlepage
\@titlepagetrue
\DeclareOption{titlepage}{\@titlepagetrue}
\DeclareOption{notitlepage}{\@titlepagefalse}

6.6 Twocolumn printing
Two-column printing is again forbidden.
\DeclareOption{onecolumn}{}
\DeclareOption{twocolumn}{}
\ClassWarning{slides}{No ‘twocolumn’ layout for slides}

6.7 Equation numbering on the left
The option leqno can be used to get the equation numbers on the left side of the equation.
\DeclareOption{leqno}{\input{leqno.clo}}
6.8 Flush left displays

The option `fleqn` redefines the displayed math environments in such a way that they come out flush left, with an indentation of `\mathindent` from the prevailing left margin.

\DeclareOption{fleqn}{\input{fleqn.clo}}

7 Executing Options

Here we execute the default options to initialize certain variables.

\ExecuteOptions{letterpaper,final}

The \ProcessOptions command causes the execution of the code for every option `FOO` which is declared and for which the user typed the `FOO` option in his `documentclass` command. For every option `BAR` he typed, which is not declared, the option is assumed to be a global option. All options will be passed as document options to any `\usepackage` command in the document preamble.

\ProcessOptions

8 Loading Packages

The standard class files do not load additional packages.

9 Document Layout

In this section we are finally dealing with the nasty typographical details.

9.1 Fonts

\% FMi:
\def\rmdefault{lcmss}\ % no roman
\def\sfdefault{lcmss}
\def\ttdefault{lcmtt}
\def\itdefault{sl}
\def\sldefault{sl}
\def\bfdefault{bx}

Since the number of parameters to set are very large it seems reasonable to set up one command `\@setfontsize@parms` which will do the work for us.

\LaTeX offers the user commands to change the size of the font, relative to the `main` size. Each relative size changing command `\size` executes the command `\@setfontsize\size(font-size)(baselineskip)` where:

\texttt{(font-size)} The absolute size of the font to use from now on.

\texttt{(baselineskip)} The normal value of `\baselineskip` for the size of the font selected. (The actual value will be `\baselinestretch * (baselineskip)`.)
A number of commands, defined in the \LaTeX kernel, shorten the following definitions and are used throughout. They are:

\[\begingroup \def \@vpt {5} \def \@vipt {6} \def \@viipt {7} \def \@viiipt {8} \def \@ixpt {9} \def \@xpt {10} \def \@xipt {10.95} \def \@xipt {12} \def \@xivpt {14.4} \endgroup\]

\[\begingroup \def \@setfontsize@parms \endgroup\]

For \LaTeX, however, these are not sufficient, and we therefore need to add a few extra, larger, sizes.

\[\begingroup \def \ifourteenpt {13.82} \def \iseventeenpt {16.59} \def \itwentypt {19.907} \def \itwentyfourpt {23.89} \def \itwentyninept {28.66} \def \ithirtyfourpt {34.4} \def \ifortyonept {41.28} \endgroup\]

\[\begingroup \def \@setfontsize@parms \endgroup\]

This routine is used in \Sl \LaTeX to interface font size setting it is modeled after the settings I found in \texttt{slides.sty}, so it probably needs an update. But any class is free to redefine it, as it is used only as an abbreviation. It’s syntax is:

\[\begingroup \def \@setfontsize@parms \endgroup\]

\(\text{(lineskip)}\)
\(\text{(parskip)}\)
\(\text{(abovedisplayskip)}\)
\(\text{(belowdisplayskip)}\)
\(\text{(abovedisplayshortskip)}\)
\(\text{(belowdisplayshortskip)}\)
\(\text{(strut ht)} \text{(strut dp)} \) (without pt)

For NFSS1 a similar style existed which did run both with a \Sl \LaTeX with old font selection or with NFSS1. But when no separate format is made this doesn’t make much sense. So the following note is history and would only be true if all NFSS stuff would be removed from the file and placed into the format.

Note: To interface the old \texttt{sfonts.tex} the \texttt{(size)} must be hidden in commands denoting the size by its name prefixed with \texttt{i}, i.e. 20pt size is called \texttt{\itwentypt} at this point. The NFSS interface will define those sizes to expand to the internal size, e.g. 20 but for the old sfonts the command name, e.g. \texttt{\itwentypt}, will be used to construct the name \texttt{\twentypt} etc.

This is a crude interface to the old \texttt{sfonts.tex}. It will be a bit slower than the old one because it must define \texttt{\@tiny} etc. every time a size changes.

If classes are set up that are only for use with NFSS then the second argument may be an ordinary font size!

\[\begingroup \def \@setfontsize@parms\endgroup\]

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I don’t see a reason why the \strutbox has a dim different from \baselineskip but we will leave it for the moment.

Setting size relations for math scripts:

\DeclareMathSizes{13.82}{13.82}{10}{7}
\DeclareMathSizes{16.59}{16.59}{12}{7}
\DeclareMathSizes{19.907}{19.907}{16.59}{13.82}
\DeclareMathSizes{23.89}{23.89}{19.907}{16.59}
\DeclareMathSizes{28.66}{28.66}{23.89}{19.907}
\DeclareMathSizes{34.4}{34.4}{28.66}{23.89}
\DeclareMathSizes{41.28}{41.28}{34.4}{28.66}

\normalsize
\def\normalsize{% setbox\strutbox=hbox\vrule \@height#7\p@\@depth#8\p@\@width\z@% \baselineskip\baselinestretch\baselineskip}
\normalbaselineskip\baselineskip}

We initially choose the normalsize font.

\small
\def\small{% setfontsize\smallsize\iseteenpt{19\p@ plus3\p@ minus4\p@}% {20}{30\p@ plus3\p@ minus3\p@}% made a bit shorter
\setfontsize@parms
\{2pt\}% \{30\p@ plus18\p@ minus9\p@\}% \{15\p@ plus3\p@ minus3\p@\}% \{10\p@ plus3\p@ minus3\p@\}% \{10\p@ plus3\p@\}
\abovedisplayshortskip
\{17\}{7}}

\footnotesize
\scriptsize
Actually copying the code above would be better because this would correct the error message. Maybe one should remove the first argument of \set@font@size@parms.
9.2 Paragraphing

\baselinestretch This is used as a multiplier for \baselineskip. The default is to not stretch the baselines.
\renewcommand{\baselinestretch{}}

\parindent \parindent is the width of the paragraph indentation.
\setlength{\parindent{\z@}}

\@lowpenalty The commands \nopagebreak and \nolinebreak put in penalties to discourage these breaks at the point they are put in. They use \@lowpenalty, \@medpenalty or \@highpenalty, dependant on their argument.
\@lowpenalty 51
\@medpenalty 151
\@highpenalty 301

\clubpenalty These penalties are use to discourage club and widow lines. Because we use their default values we only show them here, commented out.
\% \clubpenalty 150
\% \widowpenalty 150

\displaywidowpenalty Discourage (but not so much) widows in front of a math display and forbid breaking directly in front of a display. Allow break after a display without a penalty. Again the default values are used, therefore we only show them here.
\% \displaywidowpenalty 50
\% \predisplaypenalty 10000
\% \postdisplaypenalty 0

\interlinepenalty Allow the breaking of a page in the middle of a paragraph.
\% \interlinepenalty 0

\brokenpenalty We allow the breaking of a page after a hyphenated line.
\% \brokenpenalty 0

9.3 Page Layout

All margin dimensions are measured from a point one inch from the top and lefthand side of the page.
9.3.1 Vertical spacing

\headheight  The \headheight is the height of the box that will contain the running head. The
headsep  \headsep is the distance between the bottom of the running head and the top of
\topskip  the text. \topskip is the \baselineskip for the first line on a page.

\footskip  The distance from the baseline of the box which contains the running footer to
\maxdepth  the baseline of last line of text is controlled by the \footskip. Bottom of page:
\@maxdepth  The TEX primitive register \maxdepth has a function that is similar to that of
\topskip. The register \@maxdepth should always contain a copy of \maxdepth. In both plain \TeX and \LaTeX 2.09 \maxdepth had a fixed value of 4pt; in native
\LaTeXe mode we let the value depend on the typesize. We set it so that \maxdepth
+ \topskip = typesize \times 1.5. As it happens, in these classes \topskip is equal
to the typesize, therefore we set \maxdepth to half the value of \topskip.

\textwidth  When we are in compatibility mode we have to make sure that the dimensions of
\@tempdima  the printed area are not different from what the user was used to see.
\@tempdimb  When we are not in compatibility mode we can set some of the dimensions dif-
\@tempboxa  ferently, taking into account the paper size for instance.
\@tempdimb  First, we calculate the maximum textwidth, which depends on the papersize. Then
\@tempdima  we calculate the approximate length of 65 characters, which should be the maxi-
\@tempdima  mum length of a line of text. The calculated values are stored in \@tempdima and
\@tempdimb.
Now we can set the \textwidth, depending on whether we will be setting one or two columns.

The text should not be wider than the minimum of the paperwidth (minus 2 inches for the margins) and the maximum length of a line as defined by the number of characters.

\ifdim\@tempdima>\@tempdimb\relax
\setlength\textwidth{\@tempdimb}
\else
\setlength\textwidth{\@tempdima}
\fi

Here we modify the width of the text a little to be a whole number of points.
\@settopoint\textwidth

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\columnwidth
\columnsep
\columnseprule
\textheight

Now that we have computed the width of the text, we have to take care of the height. The \textheight is the height of text (including footnotes and figures, excluding running head and foot).

First make sure that the compatibility mode gets the same dimensions as we had with \LaTeX \texttt{2.09}. The number of lines was calculated as the floor of the old \textheight minus \topskip, divided by \baselineskip for \texttt{\normalsize}. The old value of \textheight was 528pt.

\if@compatibility
\setlength\textheight{600\p@}
\else
\setlength\@tempdima{\paperheight}
\addtolength\@tempdima{-2in}
\addtolength\@tempdima{-1in}
\divide\@tempdima\baselineskip
\@tempcnoa=\@tempdima
\setlength\textheight{\@tempcnoa\baselineskip}
\fi
9.3.3 Margins

First we give the values for the compatibility mode.

Values for two-sided printing:

\if@compatibility
 \setlength\oddsidemargin {17\p@}
 \setlength\evensidemargin {17\p@}
 \setlength\marginparwidth {20\p@}
\else

When we are not in compatibility mode we can take the dimensions of the selected paper into account.

We center the text on the page, by calculating the difference between textwidth and \paperwidth–2in. Half of that difference is than used for the margin. The amount of space that can be used for marginal notes is at least 0.8 inch, to which we add any ‘leftover’ space.

\setlength\@tempdima {\paperwidth}
\addtolength\@tempdima {-2in}
\addtolength\@tempdima {-\textwidth}
\setlength\oddsidemargin {.5\@tempdima}
\addtolength\marginparwidth {.5\@tempdima}

The \evensidemargin can now be computed from the values set above.

\setlength\evensidemargin {\paperwidth}
\addtolength\evensidemargin{-2in}
\addtolength\evensidemargin{-\textwidth}
\addtolength\evensidemargin{-\oddsidemargin}
\fi

The horizontal space between the main text and marginal notes is determined by \marginparsep, the minimum vertical separation between two marginal notes is controlled by \marginparpush.

\setlength\marginparsep {5\p@}
\setlength\marginparpush {5\p@}

The \topmargin is the distance between the top of ‘the printable area’ –which is 1 inch below the top of the paper– and the top of the box which contains the running head.

It can now be computed from the values set above.

\if@compatibility
 \setlength\topmargin{-10pt}
\else
 \setlength\topmargin{\paperheight}
 \addtolength\topmargin{-2in}
 \addtolength\topmargin{-\headheight}
\fi
By changing the factor in the next line the complete page can be shifted vertically.

\addtolength{\topmargin}{-.5\topmargin} \fi
\@settopoint{\topmargin}

9.3.4 Footnotes

\footnotesp\footnotesp is the height of the strut placed at the beginning of every footnote. It equals the height of a normal \footnotesize strut in this class, thus no extra space occurs between footnotes.
\setlength{\footnotesp}{20\p@}

\footins \skip\footins is the space between the last line of the main text and the top of the first footnote.
\setlength{\skip\footins}{10\p@ \@plus 2\p@ \@minus 4\p@}

9.4 Page Styles

The page style foo is defined by defining the command \ps@foo. This command should make only local definitions. There should be no stray spaces in the definition, since they could lead to mysterious extra spaces in the output (well, that’s something that should be always avoided).

\@evenhead \@oddhead, \@evenfoot, \@oddfoot \ps@... command defines the macros \@oddfoot, \@evenfoot to define the running heads and feet—e.g., \@oddhead is the macro to produce the contents of the heading box for odd-numbered pages. It is called inside an \hbox of width \textwidth.

The page styles of slides is determined by the 'slide' page style, the slide environment executing a \thispagestyle{slide} command. The page styles of overlays and notes are similarly determined by 'overlay' and 'note' page styles. The command standard 'headings', 'plain' and 'empty' page styles work by redefining the 'slide', 'overlay', and 'note' styles.

\ps@headings
\if@compatibility
\def\ps@headings{%
\def\ps@slide{\def\@oddfoot{\@mainsize +\hfil\hb@xt@3em{\theslide \hss}}%\def\@evenfoot{\@mainsize +\hfil\hb@xt@3em{\theslide\hss}}%\def\@oddhead{\@mainsize +\hfil\hb@xt@3em{\theoverlay}}%\def\@evenhead{\@mainsize +\hfil\hb@xt@3em{\theoverlay}}}%
\def\ps@overlay{\def\@oddfoot{\@mainsize +\hfil\hb@xt@3em{\theslide\hss}}%\def\@evenfoot{\@mainsize +\hfil\hb@xt@3em{\theslide\hss}}%\def\@oddhead{\@mainsize +\hfil\hb@xt@3em{\theoverlay}}%\def\@evenhead{\@mainsize +\hfil\hb@xt@3em{\theoverlay}}}%
\def\@evenhead{}
\def\ps@overlay{\def\@oddfoot{\@mainsize \hbox{\hfil\hb@xt@3em{\theoverlay\hss}}}\%
\def\@evenfoot{\@mainsize \hbox{\hfil\hb@xt@3em{\theoverlay\hss}}}\%
\def\@evenhead{}}
\def\ps@note{\def\@oddfoot{\@mainsize \hbox{\hfil\thenote}}\%
\def\@oddhead{}}
\def\@evenfoot{\@mainsize \hbox{\hfil\thenote}}\%
\def\@evenhead{}}}
\ps@empty
\def\ps@empty{\def\ps@slide{\def\@oddhead{}}\def\@oddfoot{}}\%
\def\@evenhead{}}\%
\def\ps@overlay{\def\@oddhead{}}\def\@oddfoot{}}\%
\def\@evenhead{}}\%
\def\ps@note{\def\@oddhead{}}\def\@oddfoot{}}\%
\def\@evenhead{}}\%
\def\ps@note{\def\@oddhead{}}\def\@oddfoot{}}\%
\def\@evenhead{}}\%
\def\ps@overlay{\def\@oddhead{}}\def\@oddfoot{}}\%
\def\@evenhead{}}\%
\def\ps@note{\def\@oddhead{}}\def\@oddfoot{}}\%
\def\@evenhead{}}\%
\ps@empty
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\def\ps@empty{\def\ps@slide{\def\@oddhead{}}\def\@oddfoot{}}%
\def\@evenhead{}}%
\def\ps@overlay{\def\@oddhead{}}\def\@oddfoot{}}%
\def\@evenhead{}}%
\def\ps@note{\def\@oddhead{}}\def\@oddfoot{}}%
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\def\@evenhead{}}%
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\def\ps@empty{\def\ps@empty{}}
\def\ps@slide{\def\@oddhead{}}\def\@oddfoot{}}%
\def\@evenhead{}}%
\def\ps@overlay{\def\@oddhead{}}\def\@oddfoot{}}%
\def\@evenhead{}}%
\def\ps@note{\def\@oddhead{}}\def\@oddfoot{}}%
\def\@evenhead{}}%
\def\ps@note{\def\@oddhead{}}\def\@oddfoot{}}%
\def\@evenhead{}}%
\ps@empty
\ps@empty
\ps@empty

\ps@headings
Set ordinary page style to 'empty'
\let\@oddhead\empty\let\@oddfoot\empty
\let\@evenhead\empty\let\@evenfoot\empty

9.5 Providing math versions

\LaTeX{} provides two versions. We call them normal and bold, respectively. \SL\TeX{} does not have a bold version. But we treat the invisible characters as a version. The only thing we have to take care of is to ensure that we have exactly the same fonts in both versions available.

\DeclareMathVersion{invisible}
Now we define the basic math groups used by \LaTeX{}. Later on, in packages some other math groups, e.g., the AMS symbol fonts, will be defined.

As a default I used serif fonts for mathgroup 0 to get things like \textbackslash \log{} look right.
\SetSymbolFont{operators}{normal}
\SetSymbolFont{letters}{normal}
\SetSymbolFont{symbols}{normal}
\SetSymbolFont{largesymbols}{normal}
9.6 Environments

titlepage This environment starts a new page, with pagestyle empty and sets the page counter to 0.
\newenvironment{titlepage}
  {\newpage
   \thispagestyle{empty}\
   \setcounter{page}{\z@}}
\newpage

9.6.1 General List Parameters

The following commands are used to set the default values for the list environment’s parameters. See the \LaTeX\ manual for an explanation of the meaning of the parameters.

\setlength\leftmargini {38\p@}
\setlength\leftmarginii {30\p@}
\setlength\leftmarginiii {20\p@}
\setlength\leftmarginiv {15\p@}
\setlength\leftmarginv {15\p@}
\setlength\leftmarginvi {10\p@}
\def\@listi{
  \parsep .5\parskip
  \topsep \parsep
  \itemsep \parskip
  \partopsep \z@}
\def\@listii{
  \leftmargin\leftmarginii
  \labelwidth\leftmarginii
  \advance\labelwidth-\labelsep
  \parsep .5\parskip
  \topsep \parsep
  \itemsep \parskip
  \partopsep \z@}
\def\@listiii{
  \def\@listi{\parsep .5\parskip
    \topsep \parsep
    \itemsep \parskip
    \partopsep \z@}
\def\@listiv{
  \def\@listi{\parsep .5\parskip
    \topsep \parsep
    \itemsep \parskip
    \partopsep \z@}
\def\@listv{
  \def\@listi{\parsep .5\parskip
    \topsep \parsep
    \itemsep \parskip
    \partopsep \z@}
Here we initialize \leftmargin and \labelwidth.

\leftmargin\leftmargini
\labelwidth\leftmargini\advance\labelwidth\labelsep

9.6.2 Paragraph-formatting environments

\texttt{verse}  Inside a \texttt{verse} environment, \texttt{\\\textasciitilde} ends a line, and line continuations are indented further. A blank line makes new paragraph with \texttt{\parindent} space.
\begin{verbatim}
\newenvironment{verse}{\let\\textasciitilde\@centercr\list{}\itemsep \z@\itemindent -15\p@\listparindent \itemindent\rightmargin \leftmargin\advance\leftmargin 15\p@}{\endlist}
\end{verbatim}

\texttt{quotation} The \texttt{quotation} environment fills lines, indents paragraphs.
\begin{verbatim}
\newenvironment{quotation}{\list{}\itemindent 20\p@\rightmargin\leftmargin}{\endlist}
\end{verbatim}

\texttt{quote} The \texttt{quote} environment is the same as the \texttt{quotation} environment, except that there is no paragraph indentation.
\begin{verbatim}
\newenvironment{quote}{\list{}\rightmargin\leftmargin}{\endlist}
\end{verbatim}

9.6.3 List-making environments

\texttt{description} The description environment is defined here – while the itemize and enumerate environments are defined in \texttt{latex.dtx}.
\begin{verbatim}
\newenvironment{description}{\list{}\labelwidth\z@}{\endlist}
\end{verbatim}
To change the formatting of the label, you must redefine \descriptionlabel.

\newcommand*{\descriptionlabel}[1]{\hspace{\labelsep} \normalfont\bfseries #1}

9.6.4 Enumerate

The enumerate environment uses four counters: enumi, enumii, enumiii and enumiv, where enumN controls the numbering of the Nth level enumeration.

The counters are already defined in latex.dtx, but their representation is changed here.

\renewcommand{\theenumi}{\@arabic{\c@enumi}}
\renewcommand{\theenumii}{\@alph{\c@enumii}}
\renewcommand{\theenumiii}{\@roman{\c@enumiii}}
\renewcommand{\theenumiv}{\@Alph{\c@enumiv}}

The label for each item is generated by the four commands \labelenumi ... \labelenumiv.

\newcommand{\labelenumi}{\theenumi.}
\newcommand{\labelenumii}{(\theenumii)}
\newcommand{\labelenumiii}{\theenumiii.}
\newcommand{\labelenumiv}{\theenumiv.}

The expansion of \p@enumN\theenumN defines the output of a \ref command when referencing an item of the Nth level of an enumerated list.

\renewcommand{\p@enumi}{\theenumi}
\renewcommand{\p@enumii}{\theenumi{\theenumii}}
\renewcommand{\p@enumiii}{\p@enumii{\theenumiii}}
\renewcommand{\p@enumiv}{\p@enumiii{\theenumiv}}

9.6.5 Itemize

Itemization is controlled by four commands: \labelitemi, \labelitemii, \labelitemiii, and \labelitemiv, which define the labels of the various itemization levels.

\newcommand{\labelitemi}{$\m@th\bullet$}
\newcommand{\labelitemii}{\normalfont\bfseries --}
\newcommand{\labelitemiii}{$\m@th\ast$}
\newcommand{\labelitemiv}{$\m@th\cdot$}
9.7 Setting parameters for existing environments

9.7.1 Array and tabular

\arraycolsep The columns in an array environment are separated by 2\arraycolsep. Array
and tabular environment parameters
417 \setlength\arraycolsep{8\p@}

\tabcolsep The columns in an tabular environment are separated by 2\tabcolsep.
418 \setlength\tabcolsep{10\p@}

\arrayrulewidth The width of rules in the array and tabular environments is given by the length
parameter\arrayrulewidth.
419 \setlength\arrayrulewidth{.6\p@}

\doublerulesep The space between adjacent rules in the array and tabular environments is given
by \doublerulesep.
420 \setlength\doublerulesep{3\p@}

9.7.2 Tabbing

\tabbingsep This controls the space that the \' command puts in. (See LATEX manual for an
explanation.)
421 \labelsep 10pt
422 \setlength\tabbingsep{\labelsep}

9.7.3 Minipage

\@minipagerestore The macro \@minipagerestore is called upon entry to a minipage environment
to set up things that are to be handled differently inside a minipage environment.
In the current styles, it does nothing.
\@mpfootins Minipages have their own footnotes; \skip@mpfootins plays same rôle for foot-
notes in a minipage as \skip\footins does for ordinary footnotes.
423 \skip@mpfootins = \skip\footins

9.7.4 Framed boxes

\fboxsep The space left by \fbox and \framebox between the box and the text in it.
424 \setlength\fboxsep{5\p@}
425 \setlength\fboxrule{.6\p@}

\theequation The equation number will be typeset as arabic numerals.
426 \def\theequation{\@arabic\c@equation}
\jot \jot is the extra space added between lines of an eqnarray environment. The default value is used.
427 \% \setlength\jot{3pt}

\@eqnnum The macro \@eqnnum defines how equation numbers are to appear in equations. Again the default is used.
428 \% \def\@eqnnum{\theequation}

9.8 Font changing
Here we supply the declarative font changing commands that were common in \LaTeX version 2.09 and earlier. These commands work in text mode and in math mode. They are provided for compatibility, but one should start using the \text... and \math... commands instead. These commands are redefined using \DeclareOldFontCommand, a command with three arguments: the user command to be defined; \LaTeX commands to execute in text mode and \LaTeX commands to execute in math mode.

\rm The commands to change the family. When in compatibility mode we select the ‘default’ font first, to get \LaTeX2.09 behaviour.
429 \DeclareOldFontCommand{\rm}{\normalfont\rmfamily}{\mathrm}
430 \DeclareOldFontCommand{\sf}{\normalfont\sffamily}{\mathsf}
431 \DeclareOldFontCommand{\tt}{\normalfont\ttfamily}{\mathtt}

\bf The command to change to the bold series. One should use \mdseries to explicitly switch back to medium series.
432 \DeclareOldFontCommand{\bf}{\normalfont\bfseries}{\mathbf}

\sl And the commands to change the shape of the font. The slanted and small caps shapes are not available by default as math alphabets, so those changes do nothing in math mode. One should use \upshape to explicitly change back to the upright shape.
433 \DeclareOldFontCommand{\it}{\normalfont\itshape}{\mathit}
434 \DeclareOldFontCommand{\sl}{\normalfont\slshape}{\relax}
435 \DeclareOldFontCommand{\sc}{\normalfont\scshape}{\relax}

\cal The commands \cal and \mit should only be used in math mode, outside math mode they have no effect. Currently the New Font Selection Scheme defines these commands to generate warning messages. Therefore we have to define them ‘by hand’.
436 \DeclareRobustCommand*{\cal}{\@fontswitch{\relax}{\mathcal}}
437 \DeclareRobustCommand*{\mit}{\@fontswitch{\relax}{\mathnormal}}

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9.9 Footnotes

Footnotes are numbered within slides, overlays, and notes and numbered with *, †, etc.

The footnote mechanism of \LaTeX calls the macro \@makefntext to produce the actual footnote. The macro gets the text of the footnote as its argument and should use \@makefntmark to produce the mark of the footnote. The macro \@makefntext is called when effectively inside a \parbox of width \columnwidth (i.e., with \hspace = \columnwidth).

An example of what can be achieved is given by the following piece of \TeX code.

\begin{verbatim}
\long\def\@makefntext#1{%
   \@setpar{\@@par
      \@tempdima = \hsize
      \advance\@tempdima-10pt
      \parshape\@ne 10pt \@tempdima}%
   \par
   \parindent 1em\noindent
   \hbox to \z@{\hss\@makefntmark}#1}
\end{verbatim}

The effect of this definition is that all lines of the footnote are indented by 10pt, while the first line of a new paragraph is indented by 1em. To change these dimensions, just substitute the desired value for ‘10pt’ (in both places) or ‘1em’.

The mark is flushright against the footnote.

In these document classes we use a simpler macro, in which the footnote text is set like an ordinary text paragraph, with no indentation except on the first line of a paragraph, and the first line of the footnote. Thus, all the macro must do is set \parindent to the appropriate value for succeeding paragraphs and put the proper indentation before the mark.

\begin{verbatim}
\long\def\@makefntext#1{\noindent
   \hangindent 10\p@\noindent
   \hbox to \z@{\hss\@makefntmark}#1}
\end{verbatim}
\@makefnmark The footnote markers that are printed in the text to point to the footnotes should be produced by the macro \@makefnmark. We use the default definition for it.
\def\@makefnmark{$^\@thefnmark\m@th$}

9.10 The title

The commands \title, \author, and \date are already defined, so here we just define \maketitle.
\newcommand\maketitle{{\centering \Large \@title \par %
\@author \par \@date\par %
\if@titlepage \break \fi}}

10 Initialisation

10.1 Date
\today This macro uses the \TeX primitives \month, \day and \year to provide the date of the \TeX-run.
\newcommand\today{\ifcase\month\or
January\or February\or March\or April\or May\or June\or
July\or August\or September\or October\or November\or December\fi
\space \number \day, \number \year}

Default initializations
\pagenumbering{arabic}
\onecolumn
(/class)

10.2 Basic code

The code below is basically a copy of \slitex.tex with some changes.

Global changes so far:

10.2.1 Hacks for slide macros

(*cmd)
\message{hacks,}
\outer\def\newifG#1{\count@\escapechar \escapechar\m@ne
\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter
\edef\@ifG#1{true}{\global\let\noexpand#1\noexpand\iftrue}%
\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter
\edef\@ifG#1{false}{\global\let\noexpand#1\noexpand\iffalse}%
\@ifG#1{false}\escapechar\count@} % the condition starts out false
\newifG@ifG#1\escapechar\count@ % 'ifG' is required
FMi: I don’t see any reason for this command since \fi is hidden anyway in the replacement text \def\@xfi{\fi}

\message{slides,} 

10.2.2 Slide macros

Switches:
@bw true if making black and white slides
@visible true if visible output to be produced.
@makingslides true if making a slide/overlay/note

\newif\if@bw
\newif\if@visible
\newif\if@onlyslidesw \onlyslideswfalse
\newif\if@onlynotesw \onlynoteswfalse
\newif\if@makingslides

FMi: \newifG replaces \gdef@slidesw{T} stuff
\newifG@ifG@slidesw

Counters
slide slide number
overlay overlay number for a slide
note note number for a slide

\countdef@c@slide=0 \c@slide=0
\def\cl@slide{}
\countdef@c@overlay=1 \c@overlay=0
\def\cl@overlay{}
\countdef@c@note=2 \c@note=0
\def\cl@note{}

Add these counters explicitly to the ‘ckpt list’ so that the \include mechanism works.
\def\cl@ckpt{\@elt{slide}\@elt{overlay}\@elt{note}}

@addtoreset{overlay}{slide}
@addtoreset{note}{slide}

Redefine page counter to some other number. The page counter will always be zero except when putting out an extra page for a slide, note or overlay.
\@definecounter{page}
\@addtoreset{page}{slide}
\@addtoreset{page}{note}
\@addtoreset{page}{overlay}
\def\theslide{\@arabic\c@slide}
\def\theoverlay{\theslide-\@alph\c@overlay}
\def\thenote{\theslide-\@arabic\c@note}

@setlimits \LIST \LOW \HIGH

Assumes that \LIST = RANGE1,RANGE2,...,RANGE_n (n>0)
Where RANGE_i = j or j-k.

Then \@setlimits globally sets
(i) \LIST := RANGE2, ... , RANGE_n
(ii) \LOW := p
(iii) \HIGH := q
where either RANGE_1 = p-q or RANGE_1 = p and q=p.

\def\@sl@getargs#1-#2-#3\relax#4#5\xdef#4{#1}\xdef#5{#2}
\def\@sl@ccdr#1,#2\relax#3#4\xdef#3{#1-#1-}\xdef#4{#2}
\def\@setlimits #1#2#3\expandafter\@sl@ccdr#1\relax\@sl@gtmp #1%
\expandafter\@sl@getargs\@sl@gtmp\relax#2#3
\onlyslides{LIST} ::= BEGIN
@onlyslidest := true
@doglslidelist :=G LIST,999999,999999
if @onlynotesw = true
 else @onlynotesw := true
  @doglnotelist :=G LIST,999999,999999
 fi
message: Only Slides LIST
END

\def\onlyslides#1\@onlyslidesttrue
\gdef\@doglslidelist{#1,999999,999999}%
\if@onlynotesw \else
 \@onlynoteswtrue\gdef\@doglnotelist{999999,999999}\fi
\typeout{Only Slides #1}
\onlynotes{LIST} ::= BEGIN
@onlynotesw := true
@doglnotelist :=G LIST,999999,999999
if @onlyslidesw = true
 else @onlyslidesw := true
  @doglslidelist{999999,999999}
 fi
message: Only Notes LIST
END

\def\onlynotes#1\@onlynoteswtrue
\gdef\@doglnotelist{#1,999999,999999}%
\if@onlyslidesw \else
\onlyslideswtrue\gdef\@doglslidelist{999999,999999}\fi
\typeout{Only Notes #1}}

\setupcounters ::= (similar to old \blackandwhite #1 ::= )
\newpage
page counter := 0
@bw := T
@visible := T
if @onlyslidesw = true
  then \doslidelist := \doglslidelist
       \@setlimits\@doslidelist\@doslidelow\@doslidehigh
fi
if @onlynotesw = true
  then \donotelist := \doglnotelist
       \@setlimits\@donotelist\@donotelow\@donotehigh
fi
\normalsize % Note, this sets font to \rmfamily , which sets
% \@currfont to \rmfamily
counter slidenumber := 0
counter note := 0
counter overlay := 0
@makingslides := F %\blackandwhite: @makingslides := T
%% input #1
%% @makingslides := F
\if@compatibility
% In compatibility mode, need to define \verb+\blackandwhite+, 
% \verb+\colors+, \verb+\colorslides+, etc.
\def\blackandwhite#1\{\newpage\setcounter{page}{0}\}@bwtrue\@visibletrue
\if@onlyslidesw \def\@doslidelist{\doglslidelist}\%
\@setlimits\@doslidelist\@doslidelow\@doslidehigh\fi
\if@onlynotesw \def\@donotelist{\doglnotelist}\%
\@setlimits\@donotelist\@donotelow\@donotehigh\fi
\normalsize\setcounter{slide}{0}\setcounter{overlay}{0}%%
\setcounter{note}{0}\@makingslidestrue\input #1\@makingslidesfalse
\colors\{}::=
for \@colortemp := COLORS
  do \csname \@colortemp \endcsname = \@color{\@colortemp} od
if \@colorlist = empty
  then \@colorlist := COLORS
else \@colorlist := \@colorlist , COLORS
fi
\def\colors\#1\{\for\@colortemp:=#1\do{\expandafter
\def\csname\@colortemp\endcsname{\noexpand\color{\@colortemp}}}\}\ifix
\@colorlist\empty \gdef\@colorlist[#1]\%
else \xdef\@colorlist{\@colorlist,#1}\fi}
\def\@colorlist{}}
\colorsides{FILE} ::= 
\newpage
page counter := 0
@bw := F
for \currcolor := \@colorlist
do @visible := T
if @onlyslidew = true
then @doslidelist := \@doglslidelist 
@setlimits@doslidelist@doslideow@doslideow
fi
if @onlynotew = true
then @donotelist := \@doglnotelist 
@setlimits@donotelist@donoteow@donoteow
fi
\normalsize
counter slide := 0
counter overlay := 0
counter note := 0
type message
generate color layer output page
@makingslides := T
input #1
@makingslides := F
od
\setlimits\doslidelist\doslidelow\doslidehigh\fi
\ifonlynotesw \xdef\donotelist{\doglnotelist}\
\setlimits\donotelist\donotelow\donotehigh\fi
\normalsize\setcounter{slide}{0}\setcounter{overlay}{0}\
\setcounter{note}{0}\@makingslidesfalse}
\AtBeginDocument{\setupcounters}
\fi % if\compatibility
\slide COLORS ::= 
BEGIN 
\changes{v2.3}{1994/03/16}{Moved \cs{newpage} up front, here and in 
\cs{note} and \cs{overlay}}
\par\break
\stepcounter{slide}
\setcounter{page}{0}% in case of non-slide pages
\slidesw := T G
if @onlyslidesw = true % set \slidesw = T iff 
then % page to be output
while \c@slide > \doslidehigh 
  do \setlimits\doslidelist\doslidelow\doslidehigh od 
if \c@slide < \doslidelow 
  then \slidesw := F 
  fi
fi
if \slidesw = T 
then \slidesw := G F 
\begingroup
  if @bw = true 
    then \slidesw := G T
  else \color{COLORS}
    if@visible then \slidesw := G T \fi
  \fi
\endgroup
fi
if \slidesw = T 
then @makingslides := T 
  \thispagestyle{slide}
else \end{slide}
    \gobbletoend{slide}
fi
\endslide :=
BEGIN 
\par\break
END
\if\compatibility
\def\slide#1{\stepcounter{slide}\G@slideswtrue\if@onlyslidesw

\begin{slide}
\setcounter{page}{0}
\G@slideswtrue
\if@onlyslidesw
\do{\@setlimits\@doslidelist\@doslidelow\@doslidehigh}\ifnum\c@slide < \@doslidelow \relax \G@slideswfalse \fi \fi
\ifG@slidesw
\makingslidestrue
\thispagestyle{slide}
\This will set up the last color specified in the argument to \texttt{slide} as the current color. If only back and white slides are prepared \texttt{\last@color} will be empty and effectively \texttt{\relax} will be generated (hopefully).

We need to reset to a default font at the beginning of a slide. (not done yet).
\csname \last@color \endcsname
\else\end{slide}\@gobbletoend{slide}\fi}
\else\fi
\fi
\let\last@color\@empty
\csname \last@color \endcsname
\else\end{slide}\@gobbletoend{slide}\fi}
\fi

This will set up the last color specified in the argument to \texttt{slide} as the current color. If only back and white slides are prepared \texttt{\last@color} will be empty and effectively \texttt{\relax} will be generated (hopefully).

We need to reset to a default font at the beginning of a slide. (not done yet).
\def\endslide{\par\break}

\overlay COLORS ::= 
BEGIN
\par\break
\stepcounter{overlay}
\setcounter{page}{0} % in case of non-slide pages
\@slidesw := G T 
if @onlyslidesw = T % set \@slidesw = T iff
then % page to be output
  if \c@slide < \@doslidelow
  then \@slidesw := G F
  fi
fi
if \@slidesw = T
\@slidesw := G F
\begingroup
if @bw = true
  then \@slidesw := G T
else \@color{COLORS}
  \if@visible then \@slidesw := G T \fi
\fi
\endgroup
fi
if \@slidesw = T then @makingslides := T
thispagestyle{overlay}
else \end{overlay}
gobbletoend{overlay}
fi
END

\endoverlay ::= 
BEGIN
\par\break
END

% \if@compatibility
\def\overlay#1{\stepcounter{overlay}\G@slideswtrue%
\if@onlyslidesw\ifnum \c@slide < \@doslidelow\relax
\G@slideswfalse\fi\fi
\ifG@slidesw \G@slideswfalse\begingroup\if@bw\G@slideswtrue% 
\else \@color{#1}\if@visible \G@slideswtrue\fi\fi\endgroup\fi
\ifG@slidesw \newpage\thispagestyle{overlay}\% 
\else \end{overlay}\gobbletoend{overlay}\fi
\fi
% \else \%\if@compatibility
% \fi
% \else \%\if@compatibility
% \fi
\def\overlay{\par\break
% \stepcounter{overlay}%
%}
\setcounter{page}{0}
\G@slideswtrue
\if@onlyslidesw\ifnum \c@slide < \doslide\relax
\G@slideswfalse\fi\fi
\ifG@slidesw \G@slideswfalse
\begingroup\if@bw \G@slideswtrue\else\if@visible \G@slideswtrue\fi\fi\endgroup\fi
\ifG@slidesw \makingslidestrue\thispagestyle{overlay}\%\fi
\else\end{overlay}\gobbletoend{overlay}\fi
\fi
%%if@compatibility
\def\endoverlay{\par\break}
\note ::= BEGIN \par\break \stepcounter{note} \setcounter{page}{0}\% in case of non-slide pages if \@bw = T then \G@slidesw := G T if \onlynotesw = true then \G@notesw = T iff \setlimits \donotelist \donotehigh od if \c@slide < \donotehigh then \G@slidesw := \G F fi else \G@slidesw := \G F fi if \G@slidesw = T then \makingslides := T \thispagestyle{note} else \end{note} \gobbletoend{note} fi END \endnote ::= BEGIN \par\break END \if@compatibility
\def\note{\stepcounter{note}\%}
\if@bw \G@slideswtrue
\onlynotesw\whilenum \c@slide > \donotehigh \relax

FMi: \last@color will be used in \slide to set up first color if no color is given. I suppose that this is much too complicated. \else@@tempswafalse would produce the same effect I imagine.
Here is the \LaTeX2ε interface hidden. We use a trick to provide ourselves with a sort of additional attribute without making the current mechanism even larger. The trick is that we denote invisible by putting an uppercase I in front of the shape name for invisible shapes and remove it again if we want to become visible.

10.3 Macros for font handling

We let $\familydefault$ point at $\sfdefault$, to make it easier to use the document class slides with packages that set up other fonts.

The latexsym package, which is needed to be able to access the \LaTeX symbol fonts (lasy), sets things up so that for sizes larger than 10 point magnifications of lasy10 are used. For slides we want to use magnifications of lasy8, so we set up the lasy family here to prevent \LaTeX from loading Ulasy.fd.

10.3.1 Modifications to the picture environment

Below are the new definitions of the picture-drawing macros required for SLiTεX. Only those commands that actually draw something must be changed so that they do not produce any output when the @visible switch is false.
10.3.2 Other modifications to \TeX and \LaTeX commands

\rule

\def\rule[#1][#2][#3]{\@tempdimb#3\advance\@tempdimb #1\leavevmode
  \hbox{\if@visible\vrule\@width#2\@height\@tempdimb\@depth-#1\else
    \vrule\@width\z@\@height\@tempdimb\@depth-#1\vrule\@width#2\@height\z@\fi}}

\long\def\frame\#1{\if@visible\leavevmode
  \vbox{\vskip-\@halfwidth\hrule\@height\@halfwidth\@depth\@halfwidth
    \vskip-\@halfwidth\hbox{\hskip-\@halfwidth\vrule\@width\@wholewidth
      \hskip-\@halfwidth\#1\hskip-\@halfwidth\vrule\@width\@wholewidth
      \hskip-\@halfwidth}
    \vskip-\@halfwidth\hrule\@height\@halfwidth\@depth\@halfwidth
    \vskip-\@halfwidth}\else\#1\fi}

% \_ (Added 10 Nov 86)
\def\_{{\leavevmode\kern.06em}\if@visible\vbox{\hrule\@width.3em}\else
  \vbox{\hrule\@height\z@\@width.3em}\vbox{\hrule\@width\z@}\fi}}

\mathbox{STYLE}{BOX}{MTEXT} : Called in math mode, typesets MTEXT and stores result in BOX, using style STYLE.

\@phantom{BOX} : Creates a phantom with dimensions BOX.
\@vphantom{BOX} : Creates a phantom with ht of BOX and zero width.
\@hphantom{BOX} : Creates a phantom with width of BOX and zero ht & dp.
\@hvsmslash{STYLE}{MTEXT} : Creates a copy of MTEXT with zero height and width in style STYLE.
\def\@mathbox#1#2#3{\setbox#2\hbox{$\m@th#1{#3}$}}
\def\@vbphantom#1{\setbox	w@\null \ht	w@\ht #1\dp	w@\dp #1\box	w@}
\def\@bphantom#1{\setbox	w@\null \wd	w@\wd #1\ht	w@\ht #1\dp	w@\dp #1\box	w@}
\def\@hbphantom#1{\setbox	w@\null \wd	w@\wd #1\ht\z@\ht #1\dp\z@\dp #1\box\z@}
\def\@hvsmash#1#2{\@mathbox#1\z@{#2}\ht\z@\ht #1\dp\z@\dp #1\box\z@}
\def\underline#1{\relax\ifmmode\@xunderline{#1}\else$\m@th\@xunderline{\hbox{#1}}$\relax\fi}
\def\@xunderline#1{\mathchoice{\@xyunderline\displaystyle{#1}}{\@xyunderline\textstyle{#1}}{\@xyunderline\scriptstyle{#1}}{\@xyunderline\scriptscriptstyle{#1}}}
\def\@xyunderline#1#2{\@mathbox#1\@smashboxa{#2}\@hvsmash#1{\copy\@smashboxa}\if@visible\@hvsmash#1{\@@underline{\@bphantom\@smashboxa}}\fi\@mathbox#1\@smashboxb{\@@underline{\box\@smashboxa}}\@bphantom\@smashboxb}
\let\@@overline=\overline
\def\overline#1{\mathchoice{\@xoverline\displaystyle{#1}}{\@xoverline\textstyle{#1}}{\@xoverline\scriptstyle{#1}}{\@xoverline\scriptscriptstyle{#1}}}
\def\@xoverline#1#2{\@mathbox#1\@smashboxa{#2}\@hvsmash#1{\copy\@smashboxa}\if@visible\@hvsmash#1{\@@overline{\@bphantom\@smashboxa}}\fi\@mathbox#1\@smashboxb{\@@overline{\box\@smashboxa}}\@bphantom\@smashboxb}
\let\@@overline=\overline
\def\overline#1{\mathchoice{\@xoverline\displaystyle{#1}}{\@xoverline\textstyle{#1}}{\@xoverline\scriptstyle{#1}}{\@xoverline\scriptscriptstyle{#1}}}
\def\@frac {STYLE}{DENOMSTYLE}{NUM}{DEN}{FONTSIZE}:
\textfont \scriptfont or \scriptscriptfont
\begin{verbatim}
\def\@frac#1#2#3{\setbox#2\hbox{\$\m@th#1\{#3\}$}}
\def\@vbphantom#1{\setbox#2\null \ht#2\ht #1\dp#2\dp #1\box#2}
\def\@bphantom#1{\setbox#2\null \wd#2\wd #1\ht#2\ht #1\dp#2\dp #1\box#2}
\def\@hbphantom#1{\setbox#2\null \wd#2\wd #1\ht\z@\ht #1\dp\z@\dp #1\box\z@}
\def\@hvsmash#1#2{\@mathbox#1\z@{#2}\ht\z@\ht #1\dp\z@\dp #1\box\z@}
\def\underline#1{\relax\ifmmode\@xunderline{#1}\else$\m@th\@xunderline{\hbox{#1}}$\relax\fi}
\def\@xunderline#1{\mathchoice{\@xyunderline\displaystyle{#1}}{\@xyunderline\textstyle{#1}}{\@xyunderline\scriptstyle{#1}}{\@xyunderline\scriptscriptstyle{#1}}}
\def\@xyunderline#1#2{\@mathbox#1\@smashboxa{#2}\@hvsmash#1{\copy\@smashboxa}\if@visible\@hvsmash#1{\@@underline{\@bphantom\@smashboxa}}\fi\@mathbox#1\@smashboxb{\@@underline{\box\@smashboxa}}\@bphantom\@smashboxb}
\let\@@overline=\overline
\def\overline#1{\mathchoice{\@xoverline\displaystyle{#1}}{\@xoverline\textstyle{#1}}{\@xoverline\scriptstyle{#1}}{\@xoverline\scriptscriptstyle{#1}}}
\def\@xoverline#1#2{\@mathbox#1\@smashboxa{#2}\@hvsmash#1{\copy\@smashboxa}\if@visible\@hvsmash#1{\@@overline{\@bphantom\@smashboxa}}\fi\@mathbox#1\@smashboxb{\@@overline{\box\@smashboxa}}\@bphantom\@smashboxb}
\let\@@overline=\overline
\def\overline#1{\mathchoice{\@xoverline\displaystyle{#1}}{\@xoverline\textstyle{#1}}{\@xoverline\scriptstyle{#1}}{\@xoverline\scriptscriptstyle{#1}}}
\def\@frac{STYLE}{DENOMSTYLE}{NUM}{DEN}{FONTSIZE}:
\textfont \scriptfont or \scriptscriptfont
\end{verbatim}

Added a group around the first argument of \frac to prevent changes (for example font changes) to modify the contents of the second argument.
\def\@frac #1#2{\mathchoice {STYLE}{DENOMSTYLE}{NUM}{DEN}{FONTSIZE}:
\textfont \scriptfont or \scriptscriptfont
\end{verbatim}
array and tabular environments: changes to ‘|’, \hline, \cline, and \vline, added 8 Jun 88

10.3.3 Changes to \LaTeX output routine

\@makecol ==

BEGIN
\% Following test added for slides to check if extra page
if \makingslides = T
then if \c@page > 0
  then if \c@note > 0
    then type 'Note \thenote too long.'
  else if \c@overlay > 0
    then type 'Overlay \theoverlay too long.'
  else type 'Slide \theslide too long'
fi fi fi fi
ifvoid \insert\footins
  then \@outputbox := \box255
else \@outputbox := \vbox {\unvbox255
  \vskip \skip\footins
  \footnoterule
  \unvbox@footinsert
}
fi
\@freelist:=G \@freelist * \@midlist
\@midlist :=G empty
\combinefloats
\@outputbox := \vbox to \@colht{\boxmaxdepth := \maxdepth
  \vfil %\vfil added for slides
  \unvbox@outputbox
  \vfil } %\vfil added for slides
\maxdepth :=G \@maxdepth
END

FMi simple hack to allow none centered slides Should be revised of course.

911 \let\@topfill\vfil
912 \def\@makecol{\if\makingslides\ifnum\c@page>\z@ \@extraslide\fi\fi
913 \ifvoid\footins \setbox\@outputbox\box@cclv \let\@botfill\vfil
914 \else\let\@botfill\relax\setbox\@outputbox\vbox{
915 \unvbox255\vskip\skip\footins\footnoterule\unvbox\footins\vskip
916 \z@ plus.1fil\relax}\fi
917 \xdef\@freelist{\@freelist\@midlist}\gdef\@midlist{empty}\combinefloats
918 \setbox\@outputbox\vbox to\@colht{\boxmaxdepth\maxdepth
919 \@topfill\@outputbox\@botfill}global\maxdepth\@maxdepth
920 \global\maxdepth\@maxdepth
921 \def\@extraslide{\if\makingslides\ifnum\c@note>\z@
922 \ClassWarning{slides}{Note \thenote space too long}\else
923 \ifnum\c@overlay>\z@
924 \ClassWarning{slides}{Overlay \theoverlay space too long}\else
925 \ClassWarning{slides}{Slide \theslide space too long}\fi\fi
926 \message{init}
10.3.4 Special \LaTeXe{} initializations

FMi why not allow for ref's?

\verbatiminput{examplelatexinitializations.txt}