Userjs Guide

Alpha LATEX Macros

Version 4.0

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Chapter 1

Overview

Welcome to the *Alpha* LATEX macros, a set of Tcl macros for the text editor *Alpha* designed to ease the input and processing of LATEX documents on the Macintosh.

1.1 Features

LATEX2e-compatible

automatically invokes $TEX \mbox{ mode when opening or saving a .tex} \ document$

single-keystroke typesetting of LATEX documents (will even typeset an untitled or unsaved window, or portions of windows)

works with all known Macintosh TEX implementations, including O zTEX, *Textures*, C M acTEX, Euro-O zTEX, D irectTEX, and D irectTEX Pro

additional support provided for Textures version 1.8

dynamic menus and menu items

choice of long or short LATEX menu; optional floating menu, as well

color syntax highlighting of LATEX keywords

intelligent treatment of highlighted text (called kwrappingl)

easily creates $LATEX\ document\ templates,\ complete\ with\ indentation\ and\ tab\ stops$

handy text-to-LATEX conversion utilities

quickly navigate and select commands, environments, subsections, sections, and chapters

ksmart quotesl and ksmart dotsl with on-the-fly escape; ksmartl subscripts and superscripts as well

command-double-click feature that chases references and citations, or opens LATEX?input and LATEX?include files; also opens LATEX? bibliography, LATEX?includegraphics, LATEX? usepackage, and LATEX?documentclass files

a handy mark menu for navigating large LATEX documents

follows closely the terminology and organization of Leslie Lamportis LATEX: *A Document Preparation System* [Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1985, 1994 (ISBN 0-201-52983-1)]

closely integrated with new features of Alpha 7.1 (for example the user can easily add menu items to most TeX menus)

sophisticated support for Electric Completions and Expansions packages.

smart indentation of pasted text if the smartPaste package is installed.

1.2 Documentation

Pull down the System help menu (under the question mark on the right-hand side of *Alpha*js menu bar) and choose the command LaTeX Help. This will open a new window with a brief introduction to the *Alpha* LATEX macros. From this window, you can access numerous other documentation files using *Alpha*js built-in hypertext capability. Just click on any of the following links in LaTeX Help:

Userjs Guide: an introduction to the *Alpha* LATEX **macros (this file)** LATEX **Menus:** commands and bindings (organized by menu) LATEX **Key Bindings:** commands and bindings (organized by command key)

Note that the Userjs Guide is available in both LATEX and ${}_{\text{HTML}}$ formats. (The latter is online at URL

http://www.npac.syr.edu/users/trscavo/Alpha/ docs/latex_guide/

and was created by the program latex2html written by Nikos Drakos.) The HTML version of the Userjs Guide is included with the full version of *Alpha*, whereas *AlphaLite* users may obtain it by downloading an archive from the Web:

http://www.npac.syr.edu/users/trscavo/Alpha/ latex_docs.sit.hqx

Instructions for installing this archive are in LaTeX Help. In addition to the above *Alpha* LATEX documents, there is also the more general Web page

An Introduction to LATEX and LATEXOMScmsymn AMS-LATEX http://web.syr.edu/ trscavo/latex.html

To visit this Web site, just click on the corresponding link in LaTeX Help.

1.3 LATEX2e

Beginning with version 2.2, the *Alpha* LATEX macros support LATEX2e, a superset of LATEX 2.09. LATEX2e will typeset a 2.09 document automatically, using what is called kcompatibility model. Most of the LATEX 2.09 commands and environments have been preserved in LATEX2, making the transition from 2.09 to LATEX2 relatively painless (from the userjs point of view, at least).

All present and future enhancements to the *Alpha* LATEX macros will be directed towards LATEX2e users, and so you are encouraged to upgrade your TEX implementation as soon as possible. *Alpha* no longer supports the 2.09 macros (although many are unchanged in LATEX2eso if you must you could probably still manage)

1.4 Installation

Alpha is configured to use the LATEX macros right out of the box, so there is no installation process per se. However, there are a number of flags and variables that control the inner workings of latex.tcl that may be changed at the userjs discretion.

The following TEX mode flags and variables may be accessed by pulling down the **Config** menu and opening the **Preferences** dialog on the **Current Mode** submenu. See the Alpha Manual (on the System help menu under the question mark) for more information about *Alpha* global preferences.

1.4.1 Flags

- buildPkgsSubmenu The Packages submenu is an optional submenu containing a list of all .tex and .sty files in your TEX search path. Choosing a filename from the list inserts the corresponding LATEX? usepackage command into the preamble of the current document. By default, however, the Packages submenu is not built when the LATEX macro package is loaded. To build this submenu on-the-fly, enable the flag buildPkgsSubmenu as described above, and then choose Rebuild Documents Submenu on the Documents submenu (see section ?). Thereafter, the Packages submenu will be built automatically along with the LATEX menu.
- **deleteObjNoisily** One of the basic latex.tcl operations is to insert an object into the current document. If, at the time the insertion command is issued, there is a selection (i.e., text is highlighted), then the program behaves differently depending on the value of the flag deleteObjNoisily. If set to true, the user will be prompted before any selected text is deleted. If, on the other hand, this flag is false, then the selection is replaced quietly and without warning (although it may be undone). By default, deleteObjNoisily is set to true. NOTE: Not all objects are kinsertedl into the document since sometimes there is an attempt to kwrapl the current selection. See section ? for more information.
- **deleteEnvNoisily** Before an environment is inserted into the document, the program checks to see if there is a selection. If so, and the flag **deleteEnvNoisily** is set to true, the user is asked whether or not the current selection should be replaced; if false, the current selection is deleted without warning. Note that the default value of **deleteEnvNoisily** has been set to true. Like objects, environments may wrap, so sometimes the current selection is treated differently. See section ? for details.

- promptNoisily Some environment commands prompt the user for input. As mentioned below, if useStatusBar is set to true, the prompt is displayed on the thin status bar at the bottom of the screen. This is less obtrusive than a dialog, but may go unnoticed at first, so if promptNoisily is set to true (which it is, by default) and useStatusBar is enabled, the program beeps prior to displaying the prompt. You can turn off this annoying sound by invoking the Flags command on the Current Mode submenu of the Config menu and removing the check on promptNoisily.
- **runTeXInBack** If true, typesetting will occur in the background. This flag is false by default. The main **Process** menu contains options for both foreground and background typesetting. This preference setting simply defines which of the two is bound to a *CMD-T* keypress, and which to *SHIFT-OPTION-T*.
- **searchNoisily** Many commands cause latex.tcl to search the current document. If a search fails, and **searchNoisily** is set to true, the program displays a message on the status bar and beeps. If, on the other hand, **searchNoisily** is set to false, only the message is displayed. By default, **searchNoisily** is set to true.
- smartQuotes If this flag is set to true, pressing the single quote key *LATEX? * will generate i or j automatically depending on the context. Similarly, pressing the double quote key *.* generates k or l, whichever is required. Set smartQuotes to false if you want the single and double quote keys to insert LATEX? and " literally, or press the *DELETE* key to escape the effect of smartQuotes on-the-fly.
- **smartScripts** When this flag is enabled (which it is by default), the ^ and _ keys on a U.S. keyboard are bound to the commands superscript and subscript, respectively, on the **Formulas** submenu of the LATEX menu (see section ?). Press the *DELETE* key to escape the effect of smartScripts on-the-fly.
- **useBrackets** In LATEX, the displaymath environment is equivalent to LATEX?[?LATEX?]. If you prefer to use the latter, set useBrackets to true. By default, useBrackets is set to false, that is, the displaymath environment is used to construct multi-line math displays. Note: By default, latex.tcl *always* uses LATEX?[?LATEX?] inline (unless useDollarSigns is set to truensee below). This setting applies whenever LATEXmode inserts math environments (usually due to a menu selection).
- **useDollarSigns** Support is provided for both the TEX and LATEX methods of invoking inline math mode (see the **Math Modes** submenu in section ? for the various options), but only one of these is bound to command keys (namely, *CTLCMDM* and *CTLOPTCMDM*, by default). This is what the flag useDollarSigns does. If set to true, latex.tcl uses dollar signs to delimit inline math mode (\$?\$ and \$\$?\$\$), whereas if it is false, LATEX notation will be used (LATEX? (?LATEX?) and LATEX? [?LATEX?]). By default, useDollarSigns is set to falsenthe LATEX way of doing things.
- **useStatusBar** This flag determines whether or not the status bar is used when prompting for user input. (The status bar is a long, thin message area at the bottom of your screen.) Use of *Alpha*js status bar is enabled in TEX mode, by default. See the related flag promptNoisily above.

wordWrap If this flag is set to true, the program automatically inserts a carriage return as the cursor nears the end of a line (the length of which is defined by the variable fillColumn described in section ? below); otherwise, the line extends indefinitely to the right (until the *RETURN* key is pressed, of course). By default, wordWrap is turned on in TEX mode. See the Alpha Manual on the System help menu (under the question mark) for more information.

1.4.2 Variables

- **boxMacroNames** This TEX mode variable contains a list of names of boxmaking macros used in the body of a figure environment. The standard LATEX commands LATEX?includegraphics and LATEX? includegraphicsLATEX? (both part of the LATEX2e graphics package) are included in this list by default.
- citeCommands Any command listed as a kcitel command is command-doubleclickable (see section ?). The standard LATEX commands LATEX?cite and LATEX?nocite are included in this list by default.
- **fillcolumn, leftFillColumn** See the Alpha Manual on the System help menu (under the question mark) for more information about these variables.
- funcExpr In TEX mode, funcExpr is a regular expression used to search for a subsection header (see the commands Next Subsection and Prev Subsection described in section ?) and to build the funcs pop-up menu (see section ?).
- **funcExprAlt** In TEX mode, funcExprAlt is a regular expression used to search for a section header (see the commands Next Section and Prev Section described in section ?).
- **parseExpr** The variable **parseExpr** is a regular expression used to build the **funcs** pop-up menu. See section ? for more information.
- prefixString This variable is used in conjunction with the Comment Line command on Alphajs Text menu. In TEX mode, this string is set to k useful for commenting out large blocks of \LaTeX\ code.
 - \item[\textsfrefCommands] Any command listed as a
 ``ref'' command is
 - command-double-clickable. The standard \LaTeX\
 commands \latex\mbox\texttt\symbol'134ref\html\mbox\
 texttt\char92ref
 - and \latex\mbox\texttt\symbol'134pageref\html\mbox\ texttt\char92pageref are included in this list by default.
- \item[\textsfTeXSearchPath] Whenever \LaTeX\ mode
 searches for
- files, it examines each directory in this user-defined list. Such a

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search is normally triggered by the user command-
  clicking on a
 citation, reference or input command in a \LaTeX\
  document. In such
 cases, \textslAlpha\
 attempts to find the appropriate document and open it
  for the user.
 \item[\textsfwordBreak, \textsfwordBreakPreface] These
  variables
hold regular expressions that define a ``word'' in \setminus
  TeX \setminus mode.
             (A)
 ``word'' is any text string that is double-clickable.)
  See the
 \textsfAlpha Manual on the System help menu (under the
  question
mark) for more information about these variables.
 \item[\textsfwrapBreak, \textsfwrapBreakPreface] These
  variables are
 similar to \textsfwordBreak and \
  textsfwordBreakPreface above,
 except that they are used by \textslAlpha\ to wrap
  lines, not delineate
        See the \textsfAlpha Manual on the System help
 words.
  menu (under
 the question mark) for more information.
\enddescription
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1.4.3 Tips and tricks

A useful installation trick that you might want to put in your prefs.tcl file (opened by choosing Edit Prefs on the **Global** submenu of the **Config** menu) is the following key binding:

bind LATEX?nLATEX?<cs> dummyTeX;

newLaTeXDocument

With this binding, it is easy to bring up a new LATEX document no matter where you are or what you're doing. Regardless of the file you're currently editing, simply press *_{SHF CMD N}* to open a new LATEX document (see the New Document command in section ? for details).

Alpha is completely customizable, but it is not a good idea to modify its Tcl files directly. Instead, put your modifications in preferences files designed specifically for this purpose. Besides the global preferences file prefs.tcl mentioned above, there are also mode-specific preferences files. TEX mode, for instance, has its own prefs file called TeXPrefs.tcl. To edit this prefs file, open a .tex file and choose the command Edit Prefs on the **Current**

Mode submenu of the **Config** menu. All TEX-related modifications should be placed in this preferences file.

Note: All preferences files are stored in the Preferences folder in the System Folder. They are not touched when you upgrade your version of *Alpha*. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH IS OUT OF DATE AT PRESENT

It is relatively easy to modify the LATEX menu to suit your needs. Suppose, for example, you written a handy Tcl proc called myUtility that you ilke to put on the LATEX menu. To do this, copy the proc latexUtilitiesSubmenu and its helper proc latexUtilsSubmenuFilter from latexMenu.tcl to TexPrefs.tcl and add your new utility to the definition of the LaTEX Utilities submenu:

proc latexUtilitiesSubmenu return menu -M TeX -n LaTeX Utilities -m -p latexUtilsSubmenuFilter <U<O/ CChoose Command? "(-" <I/cInsert Literal Tab Insert Tab Stop "(-" <0/cDelete Tab Stops Delete Comments " (-" My Utility "(-" Convert Quotes Convert Dollar Signs "(-" Short LaTeX Menu proc latexUtilsSubmenuFilter submenu itemswitch \$item Choose Command set func chooseCommand [getLaTeXMenu] Insert Literal Tab set func "insertLiteralTab" Insert Tab Stop set func "insertTabStop" Insert Reference set func "insertReference" Delete Tab Stops set func "deleteTabStops" Delete Comments set func "deleteComments" My Utility set func "myUtility" Convert Quotes set func "convertQuotes" Convert Dollar Signs set func "convertDollarSigns" Short LaTeX Menu set func "toggleLaTeXMenus" default set func \$item eval \$func Finally, add the line

eval [latexUtilitiesSubmenu]

to TeXPrefs.tcl, which rebuilds the **LaTeX Utilities** submenu. That is all there is to it!

1.5 Basic operations

The Alpha LATEX macros revolve around two basic operations called insertObject and wrapObject. Basically, insertObject is a call to the primitive procedure insertText preceded by the automatic deletion of previously selected text (this behavior is easily changed, however, by resetting the flag deleteObjNoisily described in section ?). For example, if there is no current selection, choosing the command alpha from the Greek submenu of LATEX menu inserts the LATEX the command LATEX? alpha at the insertion point; otherwise, if there is a selection, it is replaced with the string kLATEX?alphal. In other words, insertObject works just like the familiar Paste command on the Edit menu. It turns out that a large number of commands in latex.tcl rely on insertObject, but sometimes it is faster to type the desired LATEX command directly. (Even faster is to use the corresponding command keys, but more on

that later.) On the other hand, if you forget the syntax of a particular LATEX command, it is sometimes easier to look it up on the LATEX menu than it is in a reference manual.

The complementary operation to insertObject is called wrapObject. The difference between the two is the way the latter treats the current selection, that is, wrapObject inserts its argument at the insertion point (just like insertObject), but if there is a selection, wrapObject cuts it out (without effecting the state of the Clipboard) and inserts it in the middle of the chosen command. For example, consider the LATEX menu command footnote on the **Miscellaneous** submenu (see section ?). This command inserts the string kLATEX?footnoteLATEX??*1 (without the double quotes, of course) into the document, positioning the insertion point between the pair of braces. The user then types the text to be footnoted and presses the *TAB* key, after which the tab stop macro finds (and deletes) the bullet * at the end of the string. (Note: Use *OPT TAB* to insert a literal tab character into the document.) On the other hand, if a selection exists at the time the footnote command is issued, the selection itself is surrounded by LATEX is LATEX?footnote command, and the insertion point is brought to the end of the selection automatically. Some commands, for better or worse, even go so far as to insert the selection into one of several competing positions within the command string. The fraction command on the Formulas submenu (section ?) is a good example of this type of behavior. It assumes the current selection (if there is one) is the numerator of the fraction to be typeset, cutting and pasting accordingly.

The concept of wrapping is carried one step further in the case of environments. Suppose you want to center an existing tabular environment, for example. Just select the tabular environment to be centered and choose the center command from the **Environments** submenu on the LATEX menu (see section ?). The resulting center environment will completely surround the existing tabular environment, indenting the latter one tab stop to the right.

Not all environments wrap, however. Those environments whose body is very structured (such as enumerate, itemize, description, thebibliography, tabular, array, eqnarray, and eqnarray*) do not. Instead, these environments simply insert text into the document. If there happens to be a selection at the time one of these commands is issued, an alert appears asking if the selection should be deleted. To turn this alert off, simply toggle the flag deleteEnvNoisily (see section ?) in the Flags dialog on the **Current Mode** submenu on the **Config** menu.

1.6 Whitespace

Before continuing, let me say a few words about whitespace. In virtually all cases, superfluous whitespace in command strings has been deleted. For example, objects inserted with insertObject (a sizable portion of latex.tcljs functionality) do not routinely insert a trailing space character. Instead, the user must decide whether or not space should immediately follow a particular LATEX control word, since sometimes it is needed and sometimes it is not. Disabling the electricReturn feature for LATEX mode also prevents a lot of extraneous whitespace from being inserted into your document?but then it wonjt look so good!

1.7 Customising

LATEX mode contains a vast array of preferences which can be rather confusing. Here are some not so obvious ways to customise it.

Always opening the log file? Add a key-binding (here with *opt CMD o*):

Bind `o' <co> TeX::mp::Processmenu "" "Open .log" TeX

Want to add some optional parameters to an automatically inserted latex environment? (E.g. you like enumerate with a parameter in square brackets i[]j), then add the following line to your TeXPrefs.tcl (where the stars are bullets):

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set TeXbodyOptions(enumerate) "\[*a|i*\]"
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1.8 Bugs

Comments, suggestions, and bug reports are certainly welcome. In fact, many of the improvements and features in this version of latex.tcl were suggested by *Alpha* LATEX users. (Some of them even sent me code!) Please contact

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with your ideas and feedback.

The following are known bugs in latex.tcl:

When wrapping, the frac command does not remove redundant parentheses.

The options commands assumes the LATEX?

documentclass command already has an optional parameter (which it does if the document template was inserted via the LATEX menu). Moreover, the **options** command does not check for duplicate options.

The commands Prev Command Select With Args and Next Command Select With Args will not select LATEX commands whose argument(s) contain braces.

The **Goto** submenu could be better organized (and will be, if I can ever think of a good set of command keys!).

The results of **Delete Comments** can not be undone (but it works!).

The Any TeX File command on the **Process** submenu does not open the correct folder.

The at-symbol @ is not recognized as a LATEX command character in .sty files.

The command keys for subscript and superscript are not compatible with international keyboards. However they can be set by the user manually.

The marking algorithm should ignore comments.

The **Process** submenu gets confused if the current file has a name

containing meta-characters. The only known fix is to avoid the characters <, (, ;, !, ^, and / in filenames.

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whom I heartily thank.

Chapter 2

Menus

2.1 The LATEX menu

Upon entering TEX mode, either

- 1. *manually* (by choosing TeX from the pop-up mode menu on the status bar at the bottom of your screen); or
- 2. *automatically* (whenever a .tex or .sty file is opened or saved) ;

a new menu appears in the menu bar. The LATEX menu provides access to scores of procedures loaded automatically the first time TEX mode is entered.

- There are two LATEX menus to choose from, one short and the other long. You get a short menu by default. To install the long menu, simply choose the checkable menu item Short LaTeX Menu from the LaTeX Utilities submenu (see section ?) to remove the check mark. To reinstall the short menu, choose Short LaTeX Menu again.
- The LATEX menu follows closely the organization and terminology of Lamportis LATEX: A Document Preparation System [second edition, Addison-Wesley, 1994], especially chapter 3. Many people agree that the LATEX book is still the definitive LATEX reference. In conjunction with *The* LATEX *Companion* by Goossens, Mittlebach, and Samarin [Addison-Wesley, 1994 (ISBN 0-201-54199-8)], these two books constitute the kofficiall LATEX2e documentation. These books, as well as Knuthjs classic TEX book [Addison-Wesley, 1986 (ISBN 0-201-13448-9)], should be on every serious LATEX userjs desk.
- The LATEX menu is organized into four parts: general commands, documentrelated commands, paragraph mode commands (that is, text commands), and math mode commands. Each group of commands is separated by a thin grey line on the LATEX menu. The order of the commands on any given submenu is significant insofar as possible. For example, the various commands on the **Environments** submenu mirror the corresponding command keys, while other submenus follow the ordering found in the LATEX book. Wejll try to point out these organizational aids as we go along.
- A brief description of each available command follows. See section ? for pointers to other help documents.

2.1.1 General commands

Process submenu

Typeset file.tex	*CMD T*
View file.dvi	*SHF CMD V*
Print file.dvi	*SHF CMD P*

If you use *Textures*, O zTEX, C M acTEX, or D irectTEX, youjll be happy to know that *Alpha* and LATEX work well together. To typeset the file youjre currently editing in *Alpha*, simply choose Typeset from the **Process** submenu or press *_{CMD T}*. *Alpha* first checks to make sure that any changes to the file have been saved; if not, the user is prompted for the appropriate action. Note that it is not necessary to save the document to process the window. Just click the kNol button when asked to save the current window, whereupon *Alpha* will pass the contents of the window to the LATEX application and typeset the file automatically. If the flag runTeXInBack is set to true, typesetting will occur in the background.

The inverse operation, switching from LATEX to *Alpha*, depends on which LATEX application youjre using. O zTEX users, for example, simply choose the Edit command from O zTEXjs **Edit** menu or press *_{CMD E}* to return to *Alpha*. (By the way, typing iej in response to a LATEX error message in the O zTEX window throws you back into *Alpha* at the offending line. The same trick works in C M acTEX and D irectTEX, too.)

Tip: To see what TEX applications are currently supported for typesetting, viewing, or printing, type

array names texAppSignatures

or

array names viewDVIAppSignatures

or

array names printDVIAppSignatures

respectively, in the Tcl shell. (To invoke the shell, choose the Shell command from *Alpha*js **File** menu or press *_{CMD Y}*.)

Typeset Clipboard Typeset Selection

SHF CMD T

To tuposet the contents of the Clin

To typeset the contents of the Clipboard, choose the **Typeset Clipboard** command from the **Process** submenu or press *_{SHF CMD T}*. This command is handy for typesetting and viewing TEX or LATEX code copied to the Clipboard from other applications such as terminal emulators or e-mail clients.

It is also possible to typeset a portion of a document. Simply select (i.e., highlight) the LATEX code youjd like to typeset and choose Typeset Selection from the **Process** submenu. *Alpha* will construct a temporary document from the current documentjs preamble and the highlighted text, and pass this virtual document to the TEX application to be typeset automatically.

dvips file.dvi Open file.ps View file.ps Print file.ps

To convert a .dvi file to a .ps file, choose the dvips command on the **Process** submenu. Assuming you have the necessary applications installed on your Macintosh, choose View file.ps or Print file.ps to view or print the resulting .ps file.

Tip: To see what applications are currently supported for creating, viewing, or printing .ps files, type

array names dvipsAppSignatures

or

array names viewPSAppSignatures

or

array names printPSAppSignatures

respectively, in the Tcl shell.

Once a .ps file has been created, you may open a window containing the raw PostScript code by choosing Open file.ps on the **Process** submenu. To see this command, press the *orr* key while the **Process** submenu is down.

bibtex file.aux Open file.bbl makeindex file.idx Open file.ind

To run B_{1B} TEX or *MakeIndex*, choose the corresponding command from the **Process** submenu. While the **Process** submenu is down, press the * o_{PT} * key and choose Open file.bbl or Open file.ind to open the file created by B_{1B} TEX or *MakeIndex*, respectively.

Tip: To see what B_{1 B} TEX or *MakeIndex* applications are currently supported, type

array names bibtexAppSignatures

or

array names makeindexAppSignatures

respectively, in the Tcl shell.

Open file.log Open file.aux Open file.toc Open file.lof Open file.lot Open file.idx Open file.blg Open file.ilg Open Any TeX File?

SHF CMD O

The **Other Files** submenu on the **Process** submenu provides convenient access to other LATEX auxiliary files. Choose Open Any TeX File on the **Other Files** submenu to open *any* file in the current directory.

Remove Auxiliary Files? Remove Temporary Files

The utility Remove Auxiliary Files interactively removes all auxiliary files (. aux .bbl .dvi .glo .idx .ind .lof .log .lot .toc . blg .clg .ilg .ps) in the current directory. Two additional buttons have been added to the dialog: the button labeled krm extl removes all files with the same extension as the file displayed in the dialog, and krm alll removes all auxiliary files from the current directory without prompting.

Alpha writes all temporary files to \$PREFS:tmp:, which makes them easier to remove. All temporary files are removed once, at launch; however, the command Remove Temporary Files on the **Process** submenu removes all temporary files immediately.

Goto submenu

LaTeX BibTeX MakeIndex *SHF CMD S*

These commands launch and switch to the corresponding application *without* saving and typesetting the current document. The LaTeX command, for instance, is identical to the old latex command in latex.tcl v2.0.

Next Template Stop Prev Template Stop *tab*

SHF TAB

As you write your document using the various commands on the LATEX menu, templates are inserted into the text along with tab stops (represented by bullets, which may also be inserted with "OPT 8"). The idea is to type an argument at the current tab stop, press "TAB" to go to the next tab stop, enter another argument, press "TAB" again, and so on. That is what Next Tab Stop and Prev Tab Stop do: they move around from tab stop to tab stop. Since Next Tab Stop and Prev Tab Stop are bound to the "TAB" and "SHIF TAB",

respectively, the menu commands arenjt as convenient as simply pressing the tab key, but theyjre included on the LATEX menu for completeness. NOTE: Press *OPT TAB* to insert a literal tab into the document.

Prev Command *KPAD4* Next Command Select *SHF KPAD4* Next Command Select *SHF KPAD4* Next Command Select With *SHF OPT KPAD4* Args Next Command Select With *SHF OPT KPAD6* Args

The Prev Command and Next Command commands move the cursor to the beginning of the previous or next LATEX command, while Prev Command Select and Next Command Select select the previous or next LATEX command. Similarly, Prev Command Select With Args and Next Command Select With Args select the previous or next LATEX command, along with any command arguments that may be present. Required arguments containing nested braces will not be selected, however. See section ? for more information about this and other *Alpha* LATEX bugs.

Prev Environment	*CMD KPAD4*
Next Environment	*CMD KPAD6*
Prev Environment Select	*SHF CMD KPAD4*
Next Environment Select	*SHF CMD KPAD6*

Like Prev Command and Next Command, these commands either move the cursor to the beginning of the previous or next LATEX environment, or select the previous or next LATEX environment. They are useful for locating or relocating environments.

CMD KPAD8
CMD KPAD2
SHF CMD KPAD8
SHF CMD KPAD2

The Prev Section and Next Section commands may be used to navigate large files with many sections. They use the regular expression funcExprAlt (which, of course, may be modified) discussed in section ?. The Prev Section Select and Next Section Select commands select the previous or next section, that is, all the text from one LATEX?section command to the next, and are useful for relocating large blocks of text.

Prev Subsection	*KPAD8*
Next Subsection	*KPAD2*
Prev Subsection Select	*SHF KPAD8*
Next Subsection Select	*SHF KPAD2*

The Prev Subsection and Next Subsection commands are similar to Prev Section and Next Section except that they also stop at each LATEX? subsection and LATEX?subsubsection as well. They use the variable funcExpr discussed in section ?. In TEX mode, these commands take the place of *Alpha*js generic Next Func and Prev Func commands, which are bound to *kpADJ* and *kpADJ*, respectively, in other modes. Like Prev Section Select and Next Section Select, the Prev Subsection Select and Next Subsection, LATEX?subsection, or LATEX? subsubsection.

LaTeX Utilities submenu

Choose Command

SHF CMD C

This command has been removed from LATEX mode version 4, but will hopefully be replaced in the future.

This command provides access to each and every command on the LATEX menu via the keyboard. It is a multi-step process, where the number of steps depend on whether you ire using the long or short LATEX menu: first, press * SHF CMD C* and choose a submenu from the list (using the arrow keys or by pressing the first letter of a submenu name). Next, choose another submenu from the list or the desired command, whichever is appropriate. Continue descending the LATEX submenus until the desired command is found.

CMD TAB

Delete Tab Stops Delete Comments

The Delete Tab Stops command deletes all tab stops (bullets) from the current document (or the current selection, if there is one). The Delete Comments command deletes all *unnecessary* comments from a LATEX document (which is more difficult than you think). Using the Find dialog, the following three-step manual operation (try it!) will remove all comments from the current document:



The utility Delete Comments simply automates this process. Thanks to

Craig Platt LATEX*platt@cc.umanitoba.ca* for posting this algorithm in the newsgroup comp.text.tex. WARNING! The effects of Delete Comments can not be undone.

Convert Quotes Convert Dollar Signs

If there is a selection, **Convert Quotes** converts all straight quotes to curved quotes (LATEX-style) within the selection; otherwise, it converts the entire document.

Plain TEX uses dollar signs to delimit math mode and displaymath mode. Since LATEX inherits most, if not all of plain TEX is functionality, dollar signs work in LATEX documents, too. Identical left and right delimiters are difficult to parse, however, and so any error messages will be misleading at best. That is why LATEX has its own math mode delimiters and that is why they should be used. The Convert Dollar Signs command replaces all dollar signs in the current document (or the current selection, if there is one) with appropriate LATEX syntax. It does this by making two passes over the code, and is therefore somewhat slow on large documents.

Short LaTeX Menu

The Short LaTeX Menu command is a checkable menu item that toggles back and forth between the short and long LATEX menu. See the discussion on page pg_shortLaTeXMenu for details.

2.1.2 Document-related commands

Documents submenu

New Document

SHF CMD N

Use this command to open a new window in TEX mode. Choose New Document or press *_{SHF CMD N}* to bring up a dialog with a pop-up menu of standard document types. This will create a new TEX window, insert a document of the requested type, and automatically run the options command (which is still on the **Documents** submenu). The old commands article, letter, etc. will be found on the **Insert Document** subsubmenu (discussed below). Each such command behaves as it did before, that is, it inserts a document template into an empty window or wraps the entire contents of the current window.

article report

book letter slides generic?

Choosing one of these document templates from the **Documents** submenu either inserts the desired template at the insertion point, or if there is a current selection, the selection is wrapped up inside the chosen template. In either case, the insertion point is positioned at the beginning of the template where the user may enter any specific document class options that may be required (standard options include 11pt, twoside and twocolumn, for example). If none are desired, simply skip over this part of the template (itjs okay to leave the square brackets empty). See the options command below for more information on document class options.

options? usepackage

CTL OPT U

The options command presents the user with a dialog box and a list of standard document class options. Choosing one of these options or typing a name into the text box of the dialog inserts the chosen option into the current document at the appropriate place. See the bug list in section ? for a caveat, however.

When you insert a LATEX document template into the current window, you get one LATEX?usepackage command by default. To insert another LATEX?usepackage immediately after the LATEX? documentclass command, choose the usepackage command on the **Documents** submenu or press *CTL OPT U*.

filecontents? filecontents All

To facilitate file transfer, LATEX2e now has a filecontents environment that contains the source of a LATEX auxiliary file or input file. Issuing this command brings up a standard file dialog. After locating the file to be included, latex.tcl wraps the file inside a filecontents environment and inserts it at the beginning of the document.

There is also a filecontents All command that scans the current document and prepends one filecontents environment for each custom package or class file in the current folder. Local files read by LATEX?input or LATEX?include are also attached, as well as .bib and .bst files.

Rebuild Documents Submenu

This command rebuilds the **Documents** submenu on-the-fly. It is a temporary fix until I think of a better way to handle the **Packages** submenu. The **Packages** submenu contains a list of all packages known to the TEX

application. Choosing one of these packages inserts the corresponding LATEX?usepackage command into the preamble of the current document. To build this submenu, enable the flag buildPkgsSubmenu as described in section ?, and then choose Rebuild Documents Submenu on the **Documents** submenu.

Page Layout submenu

maketitle

LATEX js LATEX?

maketitle command formats a title page with information provided by the user. Choosing this command from the LATEX menu inserts a title page template into the current document just after the LATEX?beginLATEX? document? command.

abstract titlepage

The abstract and titlepage environments contain the text of an abstract and title page, respectively. The latter differs from LATEX? maketitle in that the user is totally responsible for the format of the title page.

pagestyle? thispagestyle? pagenumbering?

The pagestyle and thispagestyle commands control what appears in the header and footer of the current document. The user is presented with a list of standard formats from which to choose. The pagenumbering command is for choosing the style of the page numbers, and is also interactive.

twocolumn onecolumn

These are simple declarations that tell LATEX to begin formatting the output in two or one column format, respectively.

Sectioning submenu

part chapter section subsection subsubsection paragraph subparagraph

> All LATEX sectioning commands are available from the **Sectioning** submenu, the most common commands being the chapter, section, and subsection commands. The corresponding LATEX command is inserted at the insertion point. The current selection, if there is one, is assumed to be the name of the section and wrapped up inside curly braces. The resulting declaration is not automatically followed by a carriage return since the user has the option of putting a label (or whatever) on the same line.

appendix

Unlike the other sectioning commands, this command does not have an argument. It simply tells LATEX to start numbering differently. The LATEX?

appendix declaration only makes sense in the context of a long document such as a book.

2.1.3 Paragraph mode commands

Text Style submenu

The following text style commands each take an argument, namely, the text to be formatted in the given style. For large amounts of text, use the corresponding declarations listed on p. 37 of the LATEX book.

emph underline *CTL OPT E*

CTL CMD U

Short for kemphasizedl, the emph command is perhaps the most often used LATEX text style. If the surrounding text has the upright shape (see below), then LATEX typesets emphasized text in italics. If the surrounding text is italicized, then emphasized text will be upright. The so-called kitalic correctionl is handled automatically by this command.

Although underlined text is not used much anymore, the corresponding command is included here for completeness. The underline command may also be used in math mode and therefore also appears on the Grouping submenu. See section ?.

textup textit

CTL OPT I

textsl*CTL OPT S*textsc*CTL OPT H*

These four commands specify the *shape* of their respective arguments. They call for upright text, italics, slanted text, and small caps, respectively. Upright is the default.

textmd textbf *CTL OPT B*

These commands specify an attribute called the *series* of the corresponding font. They call for medium and boldfaced text, respectively. Medium is the default.

textrm	*CTL OPT R $*$
textsf	*CTL OPT W*
texttt	*CTL OPT Y*

The third and final component of any given font is the *family*. There are three families: roman, sans serif, and typewriter. Roman is the default.

textnormal

Regardless of the surrounding text, the argument of LATEX? textnormal is typeset in the default style, that is, upright, medium, and roman.

em	*SHF CTL OPT E $*$
upshape	
itshape	*SHF CTL OPT I*
slshape	*SHF CTL OPT S $*$
scshape	*SHF CTL OPT H $*$
mdseries	
bfseries	*SHF CTL OPT B $*$
rmfamily	*SHF CTL OPT R $*$
sffamily	*SHF CTL OPT W $*$
ttfamily	*SHF CTL OPT Y $*$
normalfont	

These commands are the declarative counterparts of the previously mentioned text style commands. Typically, they are used for large chunks of text, say, entire paragraphs. (Note: the declarative versions do not apply an italic correction. See the LATEX manual for usage and examples.) To access these commands, press the $*_{SHF}*$ key with the **Text Style** submenu down.

Text Size submenu

tinv	*CTL OPT 1*
scriptsize	*CTL OPT 2*
footnotesize	*CTL OPT 3*
small	*CTL OPT 4*
normalsize	*CTL OPT 5*
large	*CTL OPT 6*
Large	*CTL OPT 7*
LARGE	*CTL OPT 8*
huge	*CTL OPT 9*
Huge	*CTL OPT 0*

These commands declare the text font size. They affect the entire document unless surrounded by braces, so the menu commands automatically insert braces. If you want the entire document set in a certain font size, insert a class option with the options command (see section ?).

International submenu

latex.tcl implements about half of LATEX is full palette of international symbols and accents (if you can think of ways to get the rest of these on the LATEX menu, please let me know!). See Tables 3.1 and 3.2 on pp. 38m39 of the LATEX **Emplitude methyleth** with the table of table of

itemize?	*OPT F7*
enumerate?	*SHF OPT F7*
description?	*CTL OPT F7*
thebibliography?	
slide	*OPT F8*
overlay	*SHF OPT F8*
note	*CTL OPT F8*
figure	*OPT F9*
table	*SHF OPT F9*
tabular?	*CTL OPT F9*
verbatim	*OPT F10*
quote	*SHF OPT F10*
quotation	*CTL OPT F10*
verse	
center	*OPT F11*
flushleft	*SHF OPT F11*
flushright	*CTL OPT F11*
general?	*OPT F12*

One of the most useful of latex.tcljs many features is its ability to insert skeletal templates for multi-line environments (that is, LATEX constructs delimited by a LATEX?begin?LATEX?end pair). These may be inserted anywhere in the document (even in the middle of a line), complete with tab stops and appropriate indentation. In some cases (like itemize), the user is asked to specify the number of rows desired, after which the program generates the corresponding environment body complete with indentation and tab stops. Some environment commands (like tabular) also prompt the user for the desired number of columns. There is even a general command for inserting user-defined environments on-the-fly.

- The figure command deserves special mention. Choosing this command from the **Environments** submenu (or by pressing *OPT F9*) brings up a dialog with a pop-up menu of box-making macros, one for every macro name stored in the TEX mode variable boxMacroNames (see section ?). With the mouse or arrow keys, choose one of these macro names and click kOKI to insert the corresponding figure environment at the insertion point, or leave the text box blank to wrap a figure environment around the current selection (if there is one). If only one macro name is stored in boxMacroNames, the dialog is automatically circumvented and the figure environment is inserted at the insertion point without prompting.
- Note: The **Environments** submenu seeks to mimic the corresponding command keys. Each group of environments on this submenu has been assigned a different function key, beginning with *_{F7}*. The general environment, for instance, is bound to *_{OPT F12}*. See section ? for more information.

Boxes submenu

CTL OPT M

mbox makebox fbox framebox

Perhaps the most useful box-making command is LATEX?mbox, which formats its argument in LR mode,

a restricted form of paragraph mode impervious to line breaks. The LATEX? mbox command is especially useful for inserting a bit of plain text in the middle of a math formula (see the LATEX book for examples). The LATEX?makebox command is a generalized form of LATEX?mbox,

which takes the width and height of the box as additional arguments. The commands LATEX?fbox and LATEX?framebox are analogous to

LATEX?mbox and LATEX?makebox except that a rectangular frame is drawn around the box.

newsavebox sbox savebox usebox A ksaveboxl is a bin for storing text, graphics, formulas, or whatever. The argument to LATEX?sbox or LATEX?savebox is typeset *once* and may be recalled later, any number of times, via LATEX?usebox.

raisebox

This box-making command takes a vertical offset as one of its arguments.

parbox minipage

The primary argument of LATEX js LATEX?parbox command or minipage environment is typeset in paragraph mode. LATEX?parbox is for small amounts of text, while the minipage environment is for large blocks of text.

rule

The LATEX?rule command makes a box filled with ink. For example,

\newcommand\filledsquare\rule[0.125ex]1.3ex1.3ex

makes a black square approximately the same size as LATEXjs open LATEX?Box. (There is an analogous command called LATEX? blacksquare defined in the AMS symbol package.)

Miscellaneous submenu

verb	*CTL OPT V*
footnote	*CTL OPT F*
marginal note	*CTL OPT N*

All the above commands wrap the current selection, if there is one.

label	*CTL OPT L*
ref	*CTL OPT X*
pageref	*CTL OPT P*
cite	*CTL OPT C*
nocite	*SHF CTL OPT C $*$

These commands do more than simply insert the corresponding LATEX command. For instance, press *CTLOPT X* or *CTLOPT P* to insert a LATEX? ref or LATEX?pageref command, respectively. The inserted command will contain the argument of the nearest LATEX?label command. Continue pressing *CTLOPT X* or *CTLOPT P* to cycle through all the LATEX? label commands in your document.

item

CTL OPT J

Simply press *CTLOPTJ* inside an itemize, enumerate, description, or the bibliography environment to insert an item of the appropriate type at the insertion point.

quotes *CTL OPT LATEX?* double quotes*SHF CTL OPT LATEX?*

> The latex.tcl macro package incorporates a ksmart quotesl feature originally implemented by an unknown author (see the code in latexSmart.tcl) that makes the typing of quoted material totally transparent. Just use the quote key as you would for plain text files. Consequently, the quotes and double quotes commands are primarily used for quoting existing text.

ellipsis en-dash em-dash TeX logo LaTeX logo Latex2e logo date

These are a few of the text-related $LATEX\xspace$ commands that Ijve found useful from time to time.

dag ddag section mark paragraph mark copyright pounds

The previous six commands may be used in any mode, including math mode.

2.1.4 Math mode commands

Math Mode submenu

TeX math TeX displaymath LaTeX math *CTL CMD M* or *CTL CMD 4* LaTeX *CTL OPT CMD M* or *CTL OPT CMD 4* displaymath

Math mode may be invoked in a number of ways. Many TEXnical typists rely exclusively on TEXjs use of dollar signs and almost always key in their documents horizontally from left to right. Others have adopted LATEXjs tendency to prefer vertical constructions (environments). Still others have settled on some combination of these, using whichever seems comfortable or convenient at the time. Whatever your approach to mathematical typesetting, there is something for everybody in latex.tcl, designed to simplify the input of complex mathematical formulas.

- Four math modes are available for normal, left-to-right input. These are called TeX math \$?\$ and TeX displaymath \$\$?\$\$, along with their corresponding LATEX equivalents called LaTeX math LATEX?(? LATEX?) and LaTeX displaymath LATEX?[?LATEX?]. The LATEX versions are logically equivalent to the multi-line math and displaymath environments (see below). The latter have the advantage that 1) they are often more readable in source form, and 2) they are more easily changed (by simply replacing keywords) as the document evolves.
- NOTE: The above command keys automatically switch from LaTeX math and LaTeX displaymath to TeX math and TeX displaymath, respectively, when the flag useDollarSigns is set to true.
- **Tip:** Get into the habit of pressing *CTL CMD M* or *CTL OPT CMD M* when composing in-line equations, since there is less chance of inadvertantly omitting a dollar sign if you do.

Math Style submenu

mathit	*CTL OPT CMD I $*$
matint	.aa.
mathrm	*CTL OPT CMD R*
mathbf	*CTL OPT CMD B*
mathsf	*CTL OPT CMD W*
mathtt	*CTL OPT CMD Y*
mathcal	*CTL OPT CMD C*
displaystyle	*CTL OPT CMD D*
textstyle	*CTL OPT CMD T*
scriptstyle	*CTL OPT CMD S*
scriptscriptstyle	

The next submenu on the LATEX menu is called **Math Style**, with commands for math italic, roman, boldface, sans serif, typewriter and calligraphic typefaces, as well as declarations for LATEX? displaystyle, LATEX?textstyle, LATEX?scriptstyle, and LATEX?scriptscriptstyle. The latter command quartet are sometimes needed to override LATEXjs default math style. (The array environment, for example, insists on enabling LATEX?textstyle regardless of the surrounding environment.)

Math Environments submenu

math displaymath	*OPT F5* *She opt e5*
equation	*CTL OPT F5*
eqnarray*	*SHF OPT F6*
eqnarray	*CTL OPT F6*
array	*OPT F6*
general	*OPT F12*

Besides the math and displaymath environments discussed in section ?, other multi-line math environments (equation, array, eqnarray, and eqnarray*) are also available. Each is mutually exclusive (that is, one may not be nested inside the other) except for the array environment which *must* be nested inside some other math environment. (It took me a long time to come to grips with this apparent anomaly). There is also a general environment command, which is exactly the same command found on the **Text Style** submenu.

Formulas submenu

subscript(if smartScripts is true)superscript(if smartScripts is true)frac*CTL CMD F*sqrt*CTL CMD R*nth rootone parameterone parameters*CTL CMD 1*two parameters*CTL CMD 2*

The **Formulas** submenu contains LATEX commands commonly used to build up even the simplest mathematical expressions. There are commands for typesetting subscripts and superscripts, fractions (which used to be difficult to typeset), square roots, and arbitrary *n*th roots. There are also one and two-parameter LATEX commands, which allow the user to type in a command name on-the-fly. Next to latex.tcljs environment commands, the formula commands are most useful. (In fact, it pays to memorize their command key equivalents.)

While we re talking about the **Formulas** submenu, let me say a little bit about latex.tcljs ability to parse fractions. How many times have you found yourself wanting to recast a horizontally typeset fraction such as

in a corresponding kverticall form

 $sx = \frac{-b}{pm} \frac{-2}{2a}$

Obviously, such an operation involves a lot of cutting and pasting, and I used to avoid it like the plague. Well, now all you have to do is select the text you want converted (in this case, all the text inside the dollar signs except kx = k) and then choose the frac command from the **Formulas** submenu on LATEX menu. The rest is automatic. (Now if only I could get it to automatically remove the redundant parentheses?)

Greek submenu

One of the longest of latex.tcljs submenus contains the entire Greek alphabet, including both lower and upper-case letters (hold down the *opr* key while the **Greek** submenu is down to see the latter), plus a handful of lower-case kitalicized letters (LATEX?varepsilon, LATEX?vartheta, LATEX?varpi, LATEX?varrho, LATEX?varsigma, and LATEX? varphi). To type a **Greek** command at the keyboard, press *CTLM* *LETTER*, where *LETTER* is the same key assigned to that letter by the Macintosh Symbol font. See the file latex_bindings.tex for a useful summary.

NOTE: There are two **Greek** submenus. While one is down, press a modifier key (such as *_{OPT}*) to see the alternate menu.

Binary Operators and Relations submenus

Plain TEX defines an incredible variety of mathematical symbols, each transparently available to the LATEX user. All of these symbols have been implemented in this version of latex.tcl.

There are two **Relations** menus. While one is down, press a modifier key (such as *opr*) to see the alternate menu.

Arrows, Dots, and Symbols submenus

A quick glance at the LATEX book shows a wide assortment of arrows, dots, and miscellaneous mathematical symbols. Starting with v2.2, all of these have been implemented in latex.tcl. See the **Arrows**, **Dots**, and **Symbols** submenus for exhaustive lists of available commands.

NOTE: There are two **Arrows** menus. While one is down, press a modifier key (such as *OPT*) to see the alternate menu.

Functions submenu

All of TEXjs so-called klog-likel functions (LATEX?exp and LATEX? sin, for instance) have been implemented in this version of latex.tcl. Some of these commands (lim, inf, sup, liminf, limsup, max, and min) automatically insert a subscript. Only lim has a command key, namely, * CTL CMDL*.

Large Operators submenu

CTL CMD S sum prod *CTL CMD P* coprod *CTL CMD I* int oint bigcup bigcap bigsqcup bigvee bigwedge bigodot bigotimes bigoplus biguplus

The latex.tcl macro package also provides support for TEXjs so-called klarge operatorsl. Commands such as sum $*_{CTL CMD S}$, prod $*_{CTL CMD P}$, int $*_{CTL CMD I}$, bigcup, bigcap, bigvee, and bigwedge may be found on the **Large Operators** submenu.

Delimiters submenu

parentheses brackets braces vertical bars other delims? half-open interval half-closed interval big parentheses big brackets big brackets big vertical bars other big delims? big left brace other mixed big delims?

TEX is particularly adept at kdelimitingl arbitrary-sized mathematical expressions. Examples include parenthesized equations, matrices, and determinants. Since the left and right delimiters need not be of the same type, there are a host of options from which to choose, which presents an interesting

design problem. A workable compromise was achieved by implementing a handful of common delimiters explicitly, and then providing access to other more esoteric combinations via dialogs. Consequently, commands for big parentheses, big brackets, big braces, and big vertical bars (i.e., absolute value signs) will be found on the **Delimiters** submenu, along with a big left brace (commonly used to define multi-part functions or systems of equations), as well as commands called other big delims and other mixed big delims. The latter two commands are interactiventhe user either types the delimiter name directly into a text box or chooses the desired name from a pop-up menu of available options. Also on the **Delimiters** submenu are normal-sized parentheses, brackets, braces, vertical bars, and other fixed-size delimiters.

multi-line big parentheses multi-line big brackets multi-line big braces multi-line big vertical bars other multi-line big delims? multi-line big left brace other multi-line mixed big delims?

All of the big delimiters have multi-line counterparts (i.e, a vertical, as opposed to a horizontal construct). To access these commands, press the $*_{OPT}*$ key while the **Delimiters** submenu is down.

Math Accents submenu

CTL CMD A $$
CTL CMD B
CTL CMD C $$
CTL CMD D $$
CTL CMD G $$
CTL CMD H $$
CTL CMD T $$
CTL CMD V $$

Math accents (not to be confused with diacritical marks used in paragraph mode) are accessed from a submenu of the same name. There are commands for hats, bars, tildes, vectors, dots, etc., plus wide hats and tildes, most of which have command keys. There are also commands for dotless versions of the letters kil and kjl used in conjunction with these accents. Insofar as

possible, the macros check to make sure that only single characters are being accented, or in the case of wide accents, three or fewer characters.

Grouping submenu

underline overline underbrace overbrace overrightarrow overleftarrow stackrel *CTL CMD U*

CTL CMD O *CTL OPT CMD U* *CTL OPT CMD O*

The **Grouping** submenu has commands for underlining and overlining, and related commands that produce underbraces and overbraces. There is also a command called **stackrel** used to construct compound operators via vertical stacking (see p. 50 of the LATEX book for more information).

Spacing submenu

neg thin thin medium thick quad qquad hspace vspace hfill vfill smallskip medskip bigskip

The **Spacing** submenu provides for various types of horizontal and vertical spacing. There are commands for negative thin, thin, medium, and thick amounts of whitespace, and additional commands for inserting the traditional typesetterjs quad (1em) and double quad. Arbitrary horizontal whitespace, defined via LATEXjs LATEX?hspace command, and vertical whitespace via LATEX?vspace, may also be inserted from the **Spacing** submenu. LATEXjs kfill commands will also be found on this submenu, as well as LATEX?smallskip, LATEX?medskip, and

LATEX?bigskip.

2.2 The funcs menu

The pop-up menu activated by pressing the kl icon on the tool bar at the right of each window is called the **funcs** menu. In TEX mode (and other modes as well), the **funcs** menu gives an outline of the current document and provides a way to quickly navigate a long file. Simply press the kl icon to build the **funcs** pop-up menu on-the-fly. The current document will be scanned and the titles of all sections and subsections will be placed on the menu.

2.3 The mark menu

The pop-up menu activated by pressing the kMl icon on the tool bar at the right of each window is called the **mark** menu. In TEX mode (and other modes as well), the mark menu gives an outline of the current document and provides a way to quickly navigate a long file. Simply press the kMl icon and choose the Mark File command. The contents of the current document will be scanned and the titles of all chapters, sections, and subsections will be placed on the menu. Files that are LATEX?includejd or LATEX?inputjed will also appear on the **mark** menu. Note that the mark menu is static, that is, if you change the structure of the current document, you must choose the Mark File command again.

Note: Currently, there is considerable overlap between the **funcs** menu and the **mark** menu in terms of functionality. This will change in future versions of *Alpha*.

Chapter 3

Command Keys

Menus are great at first, but eventually the tendency is to move away from menus towards commands keys. This can significantly speed the input process. Few of us, however, are inclined to memorize more than a couple dozen such keystrokes unless continually prompted with reminders. Thus most command key equivalents are displayed on the LATEX menu in full view.

3.1 Tips

A few remarks will help you remember the many command key sequences. All paragraph mode commands (LATEX?textbf, LATEX?footnote, etc.) begin with *CTLOPT* or *SHFCTLOPT*, whereas all math mode commands begin with *CTLOPT* or *CTLOPTCMD*. All environments are bound to some modified function key. Sometimes the *SHF* key reverses the orientation of an existing key (as in the case of Next Tab Stop and Prev Tab Stop described in section ?) or acts as a selection key (see, for example, Next Environment and Next Environment Select in section ?). Knowing these simple facts helps tremendously.

See section ? for pointers to useful command key summaries.

3.2 Double-clicking

The arguments of certain LATEX commands are command-double-clickable, that is, you hold down the *CMD* key while double-clicking the argument of certain LATEX commands. These commands are underlined and therefore easily recognized in your document. When you command-double-click the of LATEX?ref command, for example, required argument а the cursor jumps to the corresponding LATEX?label. (Note: Press *CTL.* to return to the original cursor position.) Similarly, when you cmd-dbl-click the required argument of a LATEX?cite command, the cursor jumps to the corresponding LATEX?bibitem if the document contains a the bibliography environment; otherwise, the arguments of a LATEX? bibliography command are sequentially searched until the .bib file containing the target item is found. This .bib file is then opened and the cursor jumps to the target item.

- Tip: By default, LATEX?ref, LATEX?pageref, LATEX?cite, and LATEX?nocite commands are cmd-dbl-clickable. If you use a package that defines other LATEX?ref-like or LATEX?cite-like commands, modify the TEX mode variables refCommands or citeCommands discussed in section ?.
- Other LATEX commands may also be command-double-clicked, for example, LATEX?input, LATEX?include, LATEX?includegraphics (or rather the commands specified in the TEX mode variable boxMacroNames mentioned in section?), LATEX?bibliography, LATEX?

usepackage, and LATEX?documentclass. Note that the required arguments of these commands are files, and so command-double-clicking such an argument opens the corresponding file. Unless the filename includes a Macintosh path (which is not recommended, since it is not portable), the current folder is searched first. If the file is not found in the current folder, the algorithm next checks the hierarchy of folders under the user-specified kTeX Inputs Folderl, which is optionally set by choosing App Paths on the **Config** menu. If the file is still not found, all folders whose name contains the string kinputs in the TEX application folder are checked next. For example, all folders in the TEX folder with names such as TeX-inputs, TeX-inputs2, and My-TeX-inputs will be searched.

- **Tip:** A command-double-click operation may be simulated with a keystroke. With the cursor inside the required argument of a cmd-dbl-clickable LATEX command, press $*_{F6}*$ to activate the algorithm.
- Alpha has another modified double-click that will be of interest to LATEX users. You may already know that double-clicking a delimiter (parenthesis, bracket, or brace) selects the text between it and its matching delimiter. Moreover, if you hold down the *crL* key while double-clicking a delimiter, the text *and* the delimiters will be selected. These commands are very handy for cutting and pasting blocks of delimited text, especially in a LATEX document where braces, for example, run rampant.