mindflow, write your ideas in a clear way

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1. Introduction

The mindflow package provides you a way to write your ideas and annotations clearly. For example, with the options linenumber and rightmarker, you will get something like:

What to write next: • usage: the initialization, options and configuration; • an example; • some word on the line numbering feature; some internal macros; • the complete code.

2. Usage

2.1 Initialization

Simply load the package with

```
\usepackage{mindflow}
```

There are a few options available, which are listed in the next subsection.

2.2 Options

By default, the environment has no line numbers or markers. You can use the following options (they can be specified directly, like off, or as a boolean optional, like off=false):

linenumber Same as leftlinenumber leftlinenumber Enable left line numbers rightlinenumber Enable right line numbers

leftmarker Enable left marker, by default it is a "*" Enable right marker, by default it is a "*" rightmarker The separation line would fit in the column incolumn or twocolumn

(automatically applied in two-column documents)

Hide all the mindflow environments

{mindflow} Then you can use the mindflow environment as

\begin{mindflow} ⟨text⟩ \end{mindflow}

2.3 The configuration

\mindflowset

You can use $\mbox{mindflowset}(\mbox{configuration})$ to configure the mindflow environment. The following keys are provided:

> The left marker left The right marker right Color of the text textcolor numcolor Color of line numbers Color of the markers markercolor linecolor Color of the separation line

textfont Font of the text
numfont Font of line numbers
markerfont Font of the marker
lineheight Height of the separation line

Additionally, all the options mentioned in the previous section (except for off) can be set within \mindflowset.

3. An example

With the following settings:

```
\mindflowset{
   leftlinenumber, rightlinenumber,
   leftmarker, rightmarker,
   linecolor = green!50!black,
   textcolor = blue!50!cyan,
   numcolor
               = red!50!orange,
   markercolor = orange,
               = \footnotesize\sffamily\itshape,
   textfont
   numfont
               = \small\footnotesize\ttfamily,
   markerfont = \footnotesize\sffamily,
               = \hspace{1em}\(\succ\),
   left
               = \(\prec\)\hspace{1em},
   lineheight = 1pt
}
```

One will have something like this:

```
7
           Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetuer adipiscing elit. Etiam lobortis facilisis sem. Nullam nec mi et neque pharetra
 8
           sollicitudin. Praesent imperdiet mi nec ante. Donec ullamcorper, felis non sodales commodo, lectus velit ultrices augue, a
                                                                                                                                              8
           dignissim nibh lectus placerat pede. Vivamus nunc nunc, molestie ut, ultricies vel, semper in, velit. Ut porttitor. Praesent
 9
           in sapien. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetuer adipiscing elit. Duis fringilla tristique neque. Sed interdum libero ut
10
                                                                                                                                              10
11
           metus. Pellentesque placerat. Nam rutrum augue a leo. Morbi sed elit sit amet ante lobortis sollicitudin. Praesent blandit
                                                                                                                                              11
12
           blandit mauris. Praesent lectus tellus, aliquet aliquam, luctus a, egestas a, turpis. Mauris lacinia lorem sit amet ipsum.
                                                                                                                                              12
13
           Nunc quis urna dictum turpis accumsan semper.
                                                                                                                                              13
```

3.1 About the line numbers

- You can also add line numbers to the other part of your document in the usual way. For
- example, line numbers have been turned on for this paragraph with \linenumbers.

4 Line numbers within the mindflow environments are independent from those of the main text.

- (I recommend that you put an empty line before and after the mindflow environments, i.e. make the
- mindflow environment a paragraph of its own. This way, your paragraph structure won't get changed
- 5 when you use the off option.)

The feature of line numbering is provided by the package lineno. You can read its documentation to learn more about it. Notice that, by default, displayed equations are not numbered. You can add the following line before \usepackage{mindflow}:

```
\PassOptionsToPackage{mathlines}{lineno}
```

to enable the line numbers for displayed equations.

```
15  (a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2 
 (a+b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3 
*
```

[—] Readers who are not interested in technical details can stop from here —

4. Some TEXNICAL DETAILS

\mindflowTextFont
 \mindflowNumFont
\mindflowMarkerFont

The font for text, line numbers and markers within the mindflow environments can be specified by redefining \mindflowTextFont, \mindflowNumFont and \mindflowMarkerFont. By default, they are defined as:

```
\newcommand{\mindflowTextFont}{\footnotesize}
\newcommand{\mindflowNumFont}{\scriptsize\ttfamily}
\newcommand{\mindflowMarkerFont}{\scriptsize\ttfamily}
```

\mindflowLeft
\mindflowRight

The left and right markers is defined by \mindflowLeft and \mindflowRight. Both have the default value "*".

\mindflowLineHeight

The height of the separation lines is a length macro named \mindflowLineHeight, with default value 0.4pt. You can change this with \setlength.

mindflowLine mindflowText mindflowNum mindflowMarker And finally, the colors for the separation lines, text, line numbers and markers within the mindflow environments are called mindflowLine, mindflowText, mindflowNum and mindflowMarker, respectively. By default, they have the same color as the context, with opacity 30% for the separation lines, text and markers, and 8% for the line numbers.

5. The same example

With option leftlinenumber, rightlinenumber, leftmarker, rightmarker and the following settings:

```
\colorlet{mindflowLine}{green!50!black}
\colorlet{mindflowText}{blue!50!cyan}
\colorlet{mindflowNum}{red!50!orange}
\colorlet{mindflowMarker}{orange}
\renewcommand{\mindflowTextFont}{\footnotesize\sffamily\itshape}
\renewcommand{\mindflowNumFont}{\small\footnotesize\ttfamily}
\renewcommand{\mindflowMarkerFont}{\footnotesize\sffamily}
\renewcommand{\mindflowLeft}{\hspace{1em}\(\succ\)}
\renewcommand{\mindflowRight}{\(\prec\)\hspace{1em}}
\setlength{\mindflowLineHeight}{1pt}}
```

One will get the same result as in the previous example.

6. Implementation

Below is the complete source code of this package.

```
1 \RequirePackage{kvoptions}
2 \SetupKeyvalOptions{%
      family = @mindflow,
3
      prefix = @mindflow@
4
<sub>5</sub> }
6 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{off}
                                               % Turn off mindflow
7 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{leftmarker}
                                               % Left marker
8 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{rightmarker}
                                               % Right marker
9 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{linenumber}
                                               % Left line numbers
10 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{leftlinenumber} % Left line numbers
11 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{rightlinenumber} % Right line numbers
12 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{twocolumn}
                                               % Two column
13 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{incolumn}
                                               % Separation line fits in column
15 \ProcessKeyvalOptions*\relax
```

```
16
17 \if@mindflow@twocolumn
   \@mindflow@incolumntrue
18
20 \if@mindflow@linenumber
    \@mindflow@leftlinenumbertrue
22 \fi
23
<sub>25</sub> %% Initialization
27 \RequirePackage{lineno}
28 \RequirePackage{xcolor}
29
30 \colorlet{mfSavedColor}{.}
31 \colorlet{mindflowLine}{mfSavedColor!30}
32 \colorlet{mindflowText}{mfSavedColor!30}
33 \colorlet{mindflowMarker}{mfSavedColor!30}
34 \colorlet{mindflowNum}{mfSavedColor!8}
35
36 \newcommand{\mindflowTextFont}{\footnotesize}
37 \newcommand{\mindflowNumFont}{\scriptsize\ttfamily}
38 \newcommand{\mindflowMarkerFont}{\scriptsize\ttfamily}
39 \newcommand{\mindflowLeft}{*}
40 \newcommand{\mindflowRight}{*}
41 \newlength{\mindflowLineHeight}
42 \setlength{\mindflowLineHeight}{0.4pt}
45 %% The mindflow environment
47 \newif\ifLNturnsON
48 \newcommand*{\mfSepLine}{%
    \parskip=0pt
49
    \LNturnsONfalse%
50
    \ifLineNumbers\LNturnsONtrue\fi\nolinenumbers%
51
    \par\noindent\nopagebreak%
52
    \if@mindflow@incolumn%
53
     \makebox[\linewidth]{\rule{\linewidth}{\mindflowLineHeight}}%
54
    \else%
55
56
      \hspace*{-\paperwidth}%
      \makebox[\linewidth]{\rule{4\paperwidth}{\mindflowLineHeight}}%
57
58
    \nopagebreak\par%
59
    \ifLNturnsON\linenumbers\fi%
60
61 }
62
63 \newcounter{recordLN}
64 \newcounter{mfLN}
65 \setcounter{mfLN}{1}
66
67 \if@mindflow@off
   \RequirePackage{verbatim}
    \let\mindflow=\comment
    \let\endmindflow=\endcomment
71 \else
```

```
\newenvironment{mindflow}
72
     {%
73
       \setcounter{recordLN}{\value{linenumber}}%
74
       \setcounter{linenumber}{\value{mfLN}}%
75
       \LNturnsONfalse%
76
       \ifLineNumbers\LNturnsONtrue\fi\nolinenumbers%
77
       \color{mindflowLine}\mfSepLine%
78
       \normalfont\mindflowTextFont\color{mindflowText}%
79
       \linenumbers%
80
       \renewcommand\makeLineNumber{%
81
82
         \hss%
         \if@mindflow@leftlinenumber%
83
           \normalfont\mindflowNumFont\color{mindflowNum}\LineNumber\hspace{1
84
       em}%
         \fi%
85
         \color{mindflowMarker}%
86
         \if@mindflow@leftmarker%
87
           \normalfont\mindflowMarkerFont\mindflowLeft\hspace{1em}%
89
         \rlap{\hskip\textwidth%
90
           \if@mindflow@rightmarker%
             \hspace{1em}\mindflowRight%
92
           \fi%
93
           \if@mindflow@rightlinenumber%
94
             \hspace{1em}%
95
             \normalfont\mindflowNumFont\color{mindflowNum}\LineNumber%
96
           \fi%
97
         }%
98
       }%
99
     }
100
     {%
101
       \par%
102
       \vspace{-.5\baselineskip}\color{mindflowLine}\mfSepLine%
103
       \ifLNturnsON\linenumbers\fi%
104
       \setcounter{mfLN}{\value{linenumber}}%
105
       \setcounter{linenumber}{\value{recordLN}}%
106
     }
107
108
   \fi
109
110 %%=======
111 %% \mindflowset
113 \define@key{mindflow}{leftmarker}[true]{\csname @mindflow@leftmarker#1\
       endcsname}
114 \define@key{mindflow}{rightmarker}[true]{\csname @mindflow@rightmarker#1\
       endcsname}
115 \define@key{mindflow}{linenumber}[true]{\csname @mindflow@linenumber#1\
       endcsname}
116 \define@key{mindflow}{leftlinenumber}[true]{\csname
       @mindflow@leftlinenumber#1\endcsname}
117 \define@key{mindflow}{rightlinenumber}[true]{\csname
       @mindflow@rightlinenumber#1\endcsname}
118 \define@key{mindflow}{twocolumn}[true]{\csname @mindflow@twocolumn#1\
       endcsname}
119 \define@key{mindflow}{incolumn}[true]{\csname @mindflow@incolumn#1\
       endcsname}
```

```
\define@key{mindflow}{linecolor}{\colorlet{mindflowLine}{#1}}
   \define@key{mindflow}{textcolor}{\colorlet{mindflowText}{#1}}
   \define@key{mindflow}{numcolor}{\colorlet{mindflowNum}{#1}}
   \define@key{mindflow}{markercolor}{\colorlet{mindflowMarker}{#1}}
   \define@key{mindflow}{textfont}{\renewcommand{\mindflowTextFont}{#1}}
   \define@key{mindflow}{numfont}{\renewcommand{\mindflowNumFont}{#1}}
   \define@key{mindflow}{markerfont}{\renewcommand{\mindflowMarkerFont}{#1}}
   \define@key{mindflow}{left}{\renewcommand{\mindflowLeft}{#1}}
   \define@key{mindflow}{right}{\renewcommand{\mindflowRight}{#1}}
   \define@key{mindflow}{lineheight}{\setlength{\mindflowLineHeight}{#1}}
   \newcommand{\mindflowset}[1]{%
130
     \setkeys{mindflow}{#1}%
131
     \if@mindflow@twocolumn%
132
       \@mindflow@incolumntrue%
133
134
     \if@mindflow@linenumber%
135
       \@mindflow@leftlinenumbertrue%
136
     \fi%
137
138 }
139
  %% lineno patch
  142
   \ifdefined\linenomathpatch\else
143
     \RequirePackage{amsmath}
144
     \RequirePackage{etoolbox}
145
     \newcommand*\linenomathpatch[1]{%
146
       \cspreto{#1}{\linenomath}%
147
       \cspreto{#1*}{\linenomath}%
148
       \csappto{end#1}{\endlinenomath}%
149
       \csappto{end#1*}{\endlinenomath}%
150
     }
151
     \newcommand*\linenomathpatchAMS[1]{%
152
       \cspreto{#1}{\linenomathAMS}%
153
       \cspreto{#1*}{\linenomathAMS}%
154
       \csappto{end#1}{\endlinenomath}%
155
       \csappto{end#1*}{\endlinenomath}%
156
157
     \expandafter\ifx\linenomath\linenomathWithnumbers
158
       \let\linenomathAMS\linenomathWithnumbers
159
160
       \patchcmd\linenomathAMS{\advance\postdisplaypenalty\linenopenalty
       }{}{}{}{}
     \else
161
       \let\linenomathAMS\linenomathNonumbers
162
     \fi
163
     \linenomathpatch{equation}
164
     \linenomathpatchAMS{gather}
165
     \linenomathpatchAMS{multline}
166
     \linenomathpatchAMS{align}
167
     \linenomathpatchAMS{alignat}
168
     \linenomathpatchAMS{flalign}
169
170 \fi
```