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):

linenumberSame as leftlinenumberleftlinenumberEnable left line numbersrightlinenumberEnable right line numbers

leftmarkerEnable left marker, by default it is a "*"rightmarkerEnable right marker, by default it is a "*"incolumn or twocolumnThe separation line would fit in the column
(automatically applied in two-column documents)

Turn the mindflow environments off or on

{mindflow} Then you can use the mindflow environment as

2.3 The configuration

\mindflowset You can use \mindflowset

off, on

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

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

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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 can be set with \mindflowset.

3. An example

With the following settings:

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

One will have something like this:

```
Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetuer adipiscing elit. Etiam lobortis facilisis sem. Nullam nec mi et neque pharetra
           sollicitudin. Praesent imperdiet mi nec ante. Donec ullamcorper, felis non sodales commodo, lectus velit ultrices augue, a
 8
                                                                                                                                             8
9
           dignissim nibh lectus placerat pede. Vivamus nunc nunc, molestie ut, ultricies vel, semper in, velit. Ut porttitor. Praesent
                                                                                                                                             9
10
           in sapien. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetuer adipiscing elit. Duis fringilla tristique neque. Sed interdum libero ut
                                                                                                                                             10
           metus. Pellentesque placerat. Nam rutrum augue a leo. Morbi sed elit sit amet ante lobortis sollicitudin. Praesent blandit
11
                                                                                                                                             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
```

4. 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.
- 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
- 4 mindflow environment a paragraph of its own. This way, your paragraph structure won't get changed
- 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 
*
```

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Implementation

Below is the complete source code of this package.

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

```
14 \DeclareBoolOption[false]{incolumn}
                                     % Separation line fits in column
15
16 \ProcessKeyvalOptions*\relax
17
18 \if@mindflow@on
   \@mindflow@offfalse
21 \if@mindflow@twocolumn
22 \@mindflow@incolumntrue
24 \if@mindflow@linenumber
  \@mindflow@leftlinenumbertrue
25
26 \fi
27
29 %% Initialization
30 %%=======
31 \RequirePackage{lineno}
32 \RequirePackage{xcolor}
33
34 \colorlet{mfSavedColor}{.}
35 \colorlet{mindflowLine}{mfSavedColor!30}
36 \colorlet{mindflowText}{mfSavedColor!30}
37 \colorlet{mindflowMarker}{mfSavedColor!30}
38 \colorlet{mindflowNum}{mfSavedColor!8}
40 \newcommand{\mindflowTextFont}{\footnotesize}
41 \newcommand{\mindflowNumFont}{\scriptsize\ttfamily}
42 \newcommand{\mindflowMarkerFont}{\scriptsize\ttfamily}
43 \newcommand{\mindflowLeft}{*}
44 \newcommand{\mindflowRight}{*}
45 \newlength{\mindflowLineHeight}
46 \setlength{\mindflowLineHeight}{0.4pt}
47
49 %% The mindflow environment
50 %%===========
51 \RequirePackage{nowidow}
52 \RequirePackage{verbatim}
53 \newif\ifLNturnsON
54 \newcommand*{\mfSepLine}{%
  \parskip=0pt
55
   \nowidow[3]\par\nobreak%
56
   \LNturnsONfalse%
57
  \ifLineNumbers\LNturnsONtrue\fi\nolinenumbers%
58
   \vspace*{-.5\baselineskip}%
59
    \if@mindflow@incolumn%
60
     \makebox[\linewidth]{\color{mindflowLine}\rule{\linewidth}{\
61
     mindflowLineHeight}}%
    \else%
62
     \hspace*{-\paperwidth}%
63
64
     \makebox[\linewidth]{\color{mindflowLine}\rule{4\paperwidth}{\
     mindflowLineHeight}}%
65
    \nowidow[3]\par\nobreak%
66
    \ifLNturnsON\linenumbers\fi%
```

```
68 }
69
70 \newcounter{recordLN}
71 \newcounter{mfLN}
72 \setcounter{mfLN}{1}
   \let\mindflowOFF=\comment
74
   \let\endmindflowOFF=\endcomment
75
76
   \def\mindflowON{%
77
78
     \postdisplaypenalty=10000
     \medskip%
79
     \setcounter{recordLN}{\value{linenumber}}%
80
     \setcounter{linenumber}{\value{mfLN}}%
81
     \LNturnsONfalse%
82
     \ifLineNumbers\LNturnsONtrue\fi\nolinenumbers%
83
     \mfSepLine%
84
     \normalfont\mindflowTextFont\color{mindflowText}%
85
     \linenumbers%
86
     \renewcommand{\makeLineNumber}{%
87
88
       \hss%
       \if@mindflow@leftlinenumber%
89
         \normalfont\mindflowNumFont\color{mindflowNum}\LineNumber\hspace{1em}
90
       \fi%
91
       \color{mindflowMarker}%
92
       \if@mindflow@leftmarker%
93
         \normalfont\mindflowMarkerFont\mindflowLeft\hspace{1em}%
94
       \fi%
95
       \rlap{\hskip\textwidth%
96
         \if@mindflow@rightmarker%
97
           \hspace{1em}\mindflowRight%
98
         \fi%
99
         \if@mindflow@rightlinenumber%
100
           \hspace{1em}%
101
           \normalfont\mindflowNumFont\color{mindflowNum}\LineNumber%
102
         \fi%
103
       }%
104
     }%
105
106
   \def\endmindflowON{%
107
     \mfSepLine%
108
     \ifLNturnsON\linenumbers\fi%
109
     \setcounter{mfLN}{\value{linenumber}}%
     \setcounter{linenumber}{\value{recordLN}}%
     \medskip%
112
113 }
   \if@mindflow@off
115
     \let\mindflow=\mindflowOFF
116
     \let\endmindflow=\endmindflowOFF
117
   \else
118
     \let\mindflow=\mindflowON
119
     \let\endmindflow=\endmindflowON
120
   \fi
121
```

```
123 %%====
  %% \mindflowset
125
   \define@key{mindflow}{on}[true]{%
126
     \csname @mindflow@on#1\endcsname%
127
     \if@mindflow@off%
128
       \let\mindflow=\mindflowOFF%
129
       \let\endmindflow=\endmindflowOFF%
130
     \else%
131
       \let\mindflow=\mindflowON%
132
       \let\endmindflow=\endmindflowON%
133
     \fi%
134
135 }
   \define@key{mindflow}{off}[true]{%
136
     \csname @mindflow@off#1\endcsname%
137
     \if@mindflow@off%
138
       \let\mindflow=\mindflowOFF%
139
       \let\endmindflow=\endmindflowOFF%
140
141
       \let\mindflow=\mindflowON%
142
       \let\endmindflow=\endmindflowON%
143
     \fi%
144
145 }
   \define@key{mindflow}{leftmarker}[true]{\csname @mindflow@leftmarker#1\
146
       endcsname}
   \define@key{mindflow}{rightmarker}[true]{\csname @mindflow@rightmarker#1\
       endcsname}
148 \define@key{mindflow}{linenumber}[true]{\csname @mindflow@linenumber#1\
       endcsname}
149 \define@key{mindflow}{leftlinenumber}[true]{\csname
       @mindflow@leftlinenumber#1\endcsname}
150 \define@key{mindflow}{rightlinenumber}[true]{\csname
       @mindflow@rightlinenumber#1\endcsname}
  \define@key{mindflow}{twocolumn}[true]{\csname @mindflow@twocolumn#1\
       endcsname}
152 \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}}
162
   \newcommand{\mindflowset}[1]{%
163
     \setkeys{mindflow}{#1}%
164
     \if@mindflow@twocolumn%
165
       \@mindflow@incolumntrue%
166
167
     \fi%
168
     \if@mindflow@linenumber%
       \@mindflow@leftlinenumbertrue%
169
     \fi%
170
  }
```

```
172
173 %%==
174 %% lineno patch
  %%=======
175
   \ifdefined\linenomathpatch\else
     \RequirePackage{amsmath}
177
     \RequirePackage{etoolbox}
178
     \newcommand*\linenomathpatch[1]{%
179
       \cspreto{#1}{\linenomath}%
180
       \cspreto{#1*}{\linenomath}%
181
       \csappto{end#1}{\endlinenomath}%
182
       \csappto{end#1*}{\endlinenomath}%
183
184
     \newcommand*\linenomathpatchAMS[1]{%
185
       \cspreto{#1}{\linenomathAMS}%
186
       \cspreto{#1*}{\linenomathAMS}%
187
       \csappto{end#1}{\endlinenomath}%
188
       \csappto{end#1*}{\endlinenomath}%
189
190
     \expandafter\ifx\linenomath\linenomathWithnumbers
191
       \let\linenomathAMS\linenomathWithnumbers
192
       \patchcmd\linenomathAMS{\advance\postdisplaypenalty\linenopenalty
193
       }{}{}{}
     \else
194
       \let\linenomathAMS\linenomathNonumbers
195
     \fi
196
     \linenomathpatch{equation}
197
     \linenomathpatchAMS{gather}
198
     \linenomathpatchAMS{multline}
199
     \linenomathpatchAMS{align}
200
     \linenomathpatchAMS{alignat}
201
     \linenomathpatchAMS{flalign}
202
203 \fi
```