

The fixjfm package^{*†}

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Abstract

This package fixes several bugs in the JFM format.

1 Introduction

The JFM format is an extension of the TFM format and is used for typesetting CJK characters with $\text{\texttt{*pTeX}}$. It works perfectly under almost all circumstances, but there are still at least two bugs:

- Bug 1: the indentation is incorrect if the first character of a paragraph is an opening fullwidth punctuation mark, see Figure 1;
- Bug 2: the spacing between two consecutive fullwidth punctuation marks cannot be adjusted if the font is changed there, see Table 1.

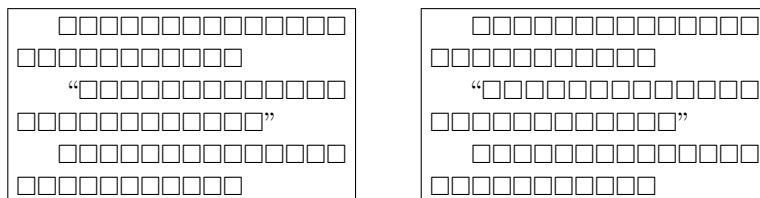


Figure 1: Comparison of the indentation produced without this package (left) and with this package (right)

Table 1: Comparison of the adjustment of the spacing between two consecutive fullwidth punctuation marks

| Font change | This package | Input | Output |
|-------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|
| no | either no or yes | □□, “□□” | □□, “□□” |
| yes | no | □□, \textgt{ “□□” } | □□, “□□” |
| yes | yes | □□, \textgt{ “□□” } | □□, “□□” |

It seems that macro is the easiest solution to these problems. However, the second bug can only be fixed when using ε -(u)pTeX (under most, but not all

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[†]Repository: <https://github.com/Man-Ting-Fang/fixjfm>

circumstances), because the primitive `\lastnodechar` which is introduced by ϵ -pTeX is required. Anyhow, using this package with pTeX or any one of its derivatives does not hurt. Please also keep in mind that owing to technical limitations, this package is not a panacea.

There is also another improvement: `\leavevmode` is redefined as `\quitvmode` if the latter is available as a primitive (among all *pTeX engines to date, only ApTeX has `\quitvmode`). So after loading this package, you can always use `\leavevmode` and need not worry about `\quitvmode`. If you are wondering about what the difference between them is, please see *The pdfTeX user manual*.

2 Basic usage

This package has no options. It is recommended that this package should be loaded before any other packages. If you are using L^AT_EX, load this package at the beginning of your preamble:

```
\documentclass...
\usepackage{fixjfm}
```

or even before `\documentclass` (use `\RequirePackage` instead):

```
\RequirePackage{fixjfm}
\documentclass...
```

If you are using plain T_EX, put the following line near the beginning of your .tex file:

```
\input fixjfm.sty
```

After loading this package, the first bug mentioned above can be automatically fixed under most (but not all) circumstances. If you find that it cannot be fixed somewhere, you can add `\<` manually before the opening fullwidth punctuation mark which begins the paragraph.

In the case of the second bug mentioned above, the situation is different. If you are using L^AT_EX, `\textmc` and `\textgt` are redefined by default so that the bug can be automatically fixed (again, under most, but not all circumstances). However, `\mcfamily` and `\gtfamily` remain unchanged. The difference here is similar to that between, say, `\textit` and `\itshape`: `\textit` automatically takes care of any necessary italic correction on either side of the argument, while `\itshape` does nothing about that. Just like `\itshape` and `\,`, you should add

```
\fixjfmspacing
```

by yourself after the font change that appears between two consecutive fullwidth punctuation marks. For example:

```
□□, {\gtfamily\fixjfmspacing "□□" }\fixjfmspacing "□□"
```

If you are using plain T_EX, you should always add `\fixjfmspacing` by yourself, because plain (*p)T_EX does not have `\textmc`, `\textgt`, or the like.

Incidentally, if you are using L^AT_EX and prefer the original (u)pL^AT_EX version of `\textmc` and `\textgt`, you can declare

```
\UseStandardCJKTextFontCommands
```

in your preamble. In contrast,

```
\UseFixJFMCJKTextFontCommands
```

redefines `\textmc` and `\textgt` and is declared by default. These two commands can only be used in preamble.

3 Advanced usage

The spacing between two consecutive fullwidth punctuation marks is produced by a glue item specified in the corresponding JFM file. However, if the font is changed there, the JFM format cannot work correctly, so this package puts another glue item there to adjust the spacing. The natural width of the new glue item is calculated according to the corresponding JFM file, so you need not worry about it. However, the stretch and shrink components cannot be extracted from JFM, so the following two commands are provided:

```
\SetFixJFMSpacingStretch
\SetFixJFMSpacingShrink
```

They expect an argument specifying how much space to stretch and shrink respectively. This package sets both of them to `0.05zw` by default.

Macro writers may want to (re)define commands like the `fixjfm` version of `\textmc` and `\textgt` for CJK fonts, thus the following command is provided:

```
\DeclareFixJFMCJKTextFontCommand
```

It is similar to L^AT_EX's `\DeclareTextFontCommand`. For example, `\textmc` is redefined by this package as follows:

```
\DeclareFixJFMCJKTextFontCommand\textmc{\mcfamily}
```

and `\textgt` is similar.

Finally, there are several macros that may be useful for T_EXnicians:

```
\FixJFMSpacing
\fixjfmParindent
\FixJFMParindent
\EveryparPreHook
\EveryparPostHook
```

They are worthless for ordinary use. If you are interested in them, please have a look at the source code.

4 Compatibility

The L^AT_EX-only package `bxjaprnind` also focuses on the first bug mentioned above. It provides some additional functionalities and also supports some other T_EX engines. This package can be used together with `bxjaprnind`, but please note that if you prefer `bxjaprnind`, you have to load it before this package, and vice versa, in case both of them are loaded.

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 ε -pTeX Wiki (Hironori Kitagawa):

<https://ja.osdn.net/projects/eptex/wiki/lastnodechar>

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<https://ctan.org/pkg/everyhook>

jsclasses (Haruhiko Okumura et al.):

<https://ctan.org/pkg/jsclasses>

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<https://ctan.org/pkg/platex>

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¹This package also improves the code slightly.