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\time $[\langle number \rangle \text{ parameter }]$

TEX sets this parameter to the number of minutes that have elapsed since midnight (of the current day). At noon, for instance, \time is 720. This command and the next three make use of the time and date as recorded in your computer. TEX retrieves them just once, at the beginning of your run, so \time at the end of the run always has the same value as \time at the beginning of the run (unless you've explicitly changed it).