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`\llap` ⟨*argument*⟩
`\rlap` ⟨*argument*⟩

These commands enable you to produce text that overlaps whatever happens to be to the left or to the right of the current position. `\llap` backspaces by the width of ⟨*argument*⟩ and then typesets ⟨*argument*⟩. `\rlap` is similar, except that it typesets ⟨*argument*⟩ first and then backspaces. `\llap` and `\rlap` are useful for placing text outside of the current margins. Both `\llap` and `\rlap` do their work by creating a box of zero width.

You can also use `\llap` or `\rlap` to construct special characters by overprinting, but don't try it unless you're sure that the characters you're using have the same width (which is the case for a monospaced font such as `cmtt10`, the Computer Modern 10-point typewriter font).

Example:

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\noindent\llap{off left }\line{\vrule $\Leftarrow$
left margin of examples\hfil right margin of examples
$\Rightarrow$\vrule}\rlap{ off right}
```

produces:

off left |⇐ left margin of examples   right margin of examples ⇒| off right