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\adjdemerits      [ ⟨*number*⟩ parameter ]

This parameter specifies additional demerits that T<sub>E</sub>X attaches to a break-point between two adjacent lines that are "visually incompatible". Such a pair of lines makes a paragraph appear uneven. Incompatibility is evaluated in terms of the tightness or looseness of lines:

1) A line is tight if its glue needs to shrink by at least 50%.
2) A line is decent if its badness is 12 or less.
3) A line is loose if its glue needs to stretch by more than 50%.
4) A line is very loose if its glue needs to stretch so much that its badness exceeds 100.

   Two adjacent lines are visually incompatible if their categories are not adjacent, e.g., a tight line is next to a loose one or a decent line is next to a very loose one.

   Demerits are in units of badness squared, so you need to assign a rather large value to this parameter (in the thousands) for it to have any effect. Plain T<sub>E</sub>X sets \adjdemerits to 10000.