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

This parameter specifies additional demerits that T_EX attaches to a breakpoint when that breakpoint leads to two consecutive lines that end in a hyphen. Increasing the value of this parameter has the effect of discouraging T_EX from hyphenating two lines in a row. 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_EX sets \doublehyphendemerits to 10000.