

`\abovedisplayskip` [*glue* parameter]

This parameter specifies the amount of vertical glue that T_EX inserts before a display when the display starts to the left of where the previous line ends, i.e., when it visually overlaps the previous line. Plain T_EX sets `\abovedisplayskip` to `12pt plus3pt minus9pt`. See pages 188–189 of *The T_EXbook* for a more detailed explanation of this parameter.