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\tracingpages   [⟨*number*⟩ parameter]

If this parameter is greater than zero, TeX will record in the log file its calculations of the cost of various page breaks that it tries. If \tracing-online is greater than zero, this information will also appear at your terminal. TeX produces a line of this output whenever it first places a box or insertion on the current page list, and also whenever it processes a potential break point for the page. Examining this output can be helpful when you're trying to determine the cause of a bad page break. See pages 112–114 of *The TeXbook* for an illustration and explanation of this output.

Some production forms of TeX ignore the value of \tracingpages so that they can run faster. If you need to use this parameter, be sure to use a form that responds to it.