

`\noboundary`

You can defeat a ligature or kern that T_EX applies to the first or last character of a word by putting `\noboundary` just before or just after the word. Certain fonts intended for languages other than English contain a special boundary character that T_EX puts at the beginning and end of each word. The boundary character occupies no space and is invisible when printed. It enables T_EX to provide different typographical treatment to characters at the beginning or end of a word, since the boundary character can be part of a sequence of characters to be kerned or replaced by a ligature. (None of the standard T_EX fonts contain this boundary character.) The effect of `\noboundary` is to delete the boundary character if it's there, thus preventing T_EX from recognizing the ligature or kern.