

*Example:*

```
\count0 = 18 \advance\count0 by -1 \number\count0\par
\skip0 = .5in \advance\skip0 by 0in plus 1in % add stretch
\hbox to 2in{a\hskip\skip0 b}
```

*produces:*

A horizontal scale bar with tick marks. The left end is labeled 'a' and the right end is labeled 'b'. Below the right end of the bar is the text '2 in'.