1

\displaywidth  $[\langle dimen \rangle \text{ parameter }]$ 

This parameter specifies the maximum width that TEX allows for a math display. If TEX cannot fit the display into a space of this width, it sets an overfull hbox and complains. TEX sets the value of \displaywidth when it encounters the '\$\$' that starts the display. This initial value is \hsize (p. '\hsize') unless it's overridden by changes to the paragraph shape. See pages 188–189 of The TEXbook for a more detailed explanation of this parameter.