

`\emergencystretch` [*<dimen>* parameter]

By setting this parameter to be greater than zero, you can make it easier for T_EX to typeset your document without generating overfull hboxes. This is a better alternative than setting `\tolerance=10000`, since that tends to produce really ugly lines. If T_EX can't typeset a paragraph without exceeding `\tolerance`, it will try again, adding `\emergencystretch` to the stretch of each line. The effect of the change is to scale down the badness of each line, enabling T_EX to make spaces wider than they would otherwise be and thus choose line breaks that are as good as possible under the circumstances.