

**NAME**

deroff – remove nroff, troff, and eqn constructs

**SYNOPSIS**

**deroff** [ -w ] file ...

**DESCRIPTION**

*Deroff* reads each file in sequence and removes all *nroff* and *troff* command lines, backslash constructions, macro definitions, and equations (between “.EQ” and “.EN” lines or between delimiters) and writes the remainder on the standard output. *Der off* follows chains of included files (“.so” and “.nx” commands); if a file has already been included, a “.so” is ignored and a “.nx” terminates execution. If no input file is given, *deroff* reads from the standard input file.

If the -w flag is given, the output is a word list, one “word” (string of letters, digits, and apostrophes, beginning with a letter; apostrophes are removed) per line, and all other characters ignored. Otherwise, the output follows the original, with the deletions mentioned above.

**SEE ALSO**

nroff(I), troff(I), eqn(I)

**DIAGNOSTICS**

Complains if a file cannot be opened.

**BUGS**

Does not handle recursive backslash constructions like \h'\w'c”.