The mleftright package

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Abstract

TEX sets subformulas by \left and \right as inner formulas with additional surrounding spaces in some situations. This package provides \mleft and \mright that call \left and \right, but the delimiters will act as normal \mathopen and \mathclose delimiters without the additional space of an inner formula.

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1 Documentation

The package is a result of a thread in the newsgroup comp.text.tex with the subject spacing after \right) and before \left) [1]. The problem: \left and \right adjust the size of the delimiters automatically. However, TEX treats the whole expression as inner formula. In some circumstances TEX adds extra space before or after an inner formula. Example:

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```
\sin(x^2), x$ \Rightarrow \sin(x^2), x$ 
$\sin\left(x^2\right), x$ \Rightarrow \sin(x^2), x$ 
$\sin\mleft(x^2\mright), x$ \Rightarrow \sin(x^2), x$ 
(\mleft and \mright are provided by this package.)
```

In the newsgroup Donald Arseneau answered with clever macros [2]:

```
\newcommand\lft{\mathopen{}\left}
\newcommand\rgt{\aftergroup\mathclose\aftergroup{\aftergroup}\right}
```

However one problem remains, a following subscript or superscript is not applied to the right delimiter but the empty \mathclose. Thus Philipp Stephani provided an improvement [3]:

```
\label{left} $$ \mathbf{A^2 \dot A^2 \dot A^2
```

Heiko Oberdiek converted this into macro form [4]:

```
\newcommand\lft{\mathopen{}\mathclose\bgroup\left}
\newcommand\rgt{\aftergroup\egroup\right}
```

The package uses longer macro names \mleft and \mright to avoid name clashes. Also it adds some checks for error conditions.

1.1 Use

```
\mbox{\colored} \mbox{\color
```

Macros \mleft and \mright are used in the same way as \left and \right. Also \middle can be used inbetween if ε -TeX is present.

\mleftright

Macro \mleftright redefines \left as \mleft and \right as \mright. The redefinition is local to the group.

\mleftrightrestore

Macro \mleftright restores \left and \right with the original meaning if they were previously redefined by \mleftright (also locally).

2 Implementation

```
1 (*package)
```

Reload check, especially if the package is not used with LATEX.

- 3 \catcode13=5 % ^^M
- 4 \endlinechar=13 %
- 5 \catcode35=6 % #
- 6 \catcode39=12 % '
- 7 \catcode44=12 %,
- 8 \catcode45=12 % -
- 9 \catcode46=12 % . 10 \catcode58=12 % :
- 11 \catcode64=11 % @
- 12 \catcode04=11 % & 12 \catcode123=1 % {
- 13 \catcode125=2 % }
- 14 \expandafter\let\expandafter\x\csname ver@mleftright.sty\endcsname
- 15 \ifx\x\relax % plain-TeX, first loading

```
\else
16
     \def\empty{}%
17
     \ifx\x\empty % LaTeX, first loading,
18
       % variable is initialized, but \ProvidesPackage not yet seen
19
20
21
       \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageInfo\endcsname\relax
22
        \def\x#1#2{\%}
23
          \immediate\write-1{Package #1 Info: #2.}%
        7%
24
       \else
25
        26
27
28
       \x{mleftright}{The package is already loaded}%
       \aftergroup\endinput
29
     \fi
30
31
    \fi
32 \endgroup%
Package identification:
33 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
    \color=5 \% ^{M}
    \endlinechar=13 %
    \catcode35=6 % #
36
    \catcode39=12 % '
37
    \catcode40=12 % (
38
39 \catcode41=12 % )
40 \catcode44=12 %,
41 \catcode45=12 % -
42 \catcode46=12 % .
43 \catcode47=12 % /
44 \catcode58=12 %:
45 \catcode64=11 % @
46 \catcode91=12 % [
47 \catcode93=12 % ]
48 \catcode123=1 % {
    \catcode125=2 % }
49
    \expandafter\ifx\csname ProvidesPackage\endcsname\relax
50
     \def \x#1#2#3[#4]{\endgroup}
51
52
       \immediate\write-1{Package: #3 #4}%
       \xdef#1{#4}%
53
     }%
54
55
    \else
56
     \def\x#1#2[#3]{\endgroup}
57
       #2[{#3}]%
       \ifx#1\@undefined
58
        \xdef#1{#3}%
59
       \fi
60
       \ifx#1\relax
61
        \xdef#1{#3}%
62
       \fi
63
     }%
64
65 \fi
66 \expandafter\x\csname ver@mleftright.sty\endcsname
67 \ProvidesPackage{mleftright}%
68 [2016/05/16 v1.1 Math left/right delim. as open/close (HO)]%
69 \begingroup\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
70 \catcode13=5 % ^^M
71 \endlinechar=13 %
72 \catcode123=1 % {
73 \catcode125=2 % }
74 \catcode64=11 % @
75 \def\x{\endgroup
     \expandafter\edef\csname mleftright@AtEnd\endcsname{%
```

```
78
                                                                                                     \catcode13=\the\catcode13\relax
                                                                              79
                                                                                                     \catcode32=\the\catcode32\relax
                                                                                                     \catcode35=\the\catcode35\relax
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                                                                              82
                                                                                                     \catcode64=\the\catcode64\relax
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                                                                                                     \verb|\catcode| 125 = \verb|\the| catcode| 125 \verb|\relax|
                                                                              84
                                                                                               7%
                                                                              85
                                                                              86 }%
                                                                              87 \x\catcode61\catcode48\catcode32=10\relax%
                                                                              88 \catcode13=5 % ^^M
                                                                              89 \endlinechar=13 %
                                                                              90 \catcode35=6 % #
                                                                              91 \catcode64=11 % @
                                                                              92 \catcode123=1 % {
                                                                              93 \catcode125=2 % }
                                                                              94 \def\TMP@EnsureCode#1#2{%
                                                                                          \edef\mleftright@AtEnd{%
                                                                              95
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                                                                                                \mleftright@AtEnd
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                                                                                          \color= 1=\#2\relax
                                                                            100 }
                                                                            101 \TMP@EnsureCode{38}{4}% &
                                                                            102 \TMP@EnsureCode{39}{12}% '
                                                                            103 \TMP@EnsureCode{40}{12}% (
                                                                            104 \TMP@EnsureCode{41}{12}%)
                                                                           105 \TMP@EnsureCode{42}{12}% *
                                                                           106 \TMP@EnsureCode{43}{12}% +
                                                                            107 \TMP@EnsureCode{44}{12}%,
                                                                            108 \TMP@EnsureCode{45}{12}% -
                                                                           109 \TMP@EnsureCode{46}{12}%.
                                                                           110 \TMP@EnsureCode{47}{12}% /
                                                                            111 \TMP@EnsureCode{60}{12}% <
                                                                            112 \TMP@EnsureCode{91}{12}% [
                                                                            113 \TMP@EnsureCode{93}{12}% ]
                                                                            114 \edef\mleftright@AtEnd{%
                                                                           115 \mleftright@AtEnd
                                                                           116 \escapechar\the\escapechar\relax
                                                                           117 \noexpand\endinput
                                                                           118 }
                                                                           119 \escapechar=92 %
                                                                            120 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
                                                                           121 \expandafter\ifx\csname RequirePackage\endcsname\relax
                                                                                          \input infwarerr.sty\relax
                                                                           123 \input ltxcmds.sty\relax
                                                                           124 \else
                                                                                          \RequirePackage{infwarerr}[2010/04/08]%
                                                                           125
                                                                           126 \quad \texttt{RequirePackage\{ltxcmds\}[2010/04/26]\%}
                                                                           127 \fi
                                                                                      The original commands \left and \right are saved and later used in \mleft
                                                                           and \mright in order to deal with:
                                                                                               \let\left\mleft
                                                                                               \let\right\mright
     \mleftright@OrgLeft
                                                                            128 \let\mleftright@OrgLeft\left
\mleftright@OrgRight
                                                                           129 \let\mleftright@OrgRight\right
```

\endlinechar=\the\endlinechar\relax

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```
\mleftright@Def Macro \mleftright@Def defines a macro as robust macro if \varepsilon-TFX or IATFX is
                                                        available.
                                                        130 \label{ltx@IfUndefined{protected}{\%}}
                                                                  \verb|\line| Itx@IfUndefined{DeclareRobustCommand}{{\%}} \\
                                                        131
                                                                     \def\mleftright@Def{\def}%
                                                        132
                                                        133 }{%
                                                                     \def\mleftright@Def{\DeclareRobustCommand*}%
                                                        134
                                                        135 }%
                                                        136 }{%
                                                        137 \def\mleftright@Def{\protected\def}%
                                                        138 }
                                                        139 \edef\mleftright@Def#1{%
                                                        140 \verb| \noexpand \tx@IfUndefined{%}
                                                                     \noexpand \expand \tring \#1\%
                                                        141
                                                        142 }{%
                                                                     \expandafter\noexpand\mleftright@Def#1%
                                                        143
                                                                 }{%
                                                        144
                                                        145
                                                                     \noexpand\@PackageError{mleftright}{%
                                                        146
                                                                        Command \noexpand\string#1 already defined%
                                                        147
                                                                     }\noexpand\@ehd
                                                        148
                                                                     \noexpand\ltx@gobble
                                                        149 }%
                                                        150 }
                                                               In case of \varepsilon-T<sub>E</sub>X the group status after the left symbol is saved and later checked
                                                        at the beginning of \mright.
                                                        151 \ltx@IfUndefined{currentgrouplevel}{%
                                                        152 \catcode38=14 % & = comment
                                                        153 }{%
                                                        154 \catcode38=9 % & = ignore
                                                        155 }
  \mleftright@GroupLevel
                                                        156 & \def\mleftright@GroupLevel{-1}%
\mleftright@WrongGroup
                                                        157 & \def\mleftright@WrongGroup#1(#2){\%
                                                        158 & \ifnum\mleftright@GroupLevel<\ltx@zero
                                                                          \@PackageError{mleftright}{%
                                                        159 &
                                                        160 &
                                                                            Missing previous \string\mleft
                                                                          }\@ehc
                                                        161 &z
                                                        162 &
                                                                       \else
                                                        163 &
                                                                           \@PackageError{mleftright}{%
                                                        164 &
                                                                              Unexpected group status for \string\mright%
                                                        165~\&
                                                                              \ifnum\mleftright@GroupLevel=#1 %
                                                        166 &
                                                                              \else
                                                        167~\&
                                                                                 .\MessageBreak
                                                        168~\&
                                                                                 Group level is #1, %
                                                        169 &
                                                                                    expected is \mleftright@GroupLevel
                                                        170 &
                                                                              ۱fi
                                                                              \ifnum16=#2 %
                                                        171 &
                                                        172 &
                                                                              \else
                                                        173 &
                                                                                 .\MessageBreak
                                                        174 &
                                                                                 Group type is #2 (%
                                                        175 &
                                                                                 \ifcase#2 %
                                                        176 &
                                                                                  bottom level%
                                                        177 &
                                                                                   \verb|\expandafter| expandafter| ltx@gobble four | ltx@gobble four |
                                                        178 &
                                                                                   \expandafter\ltx@gobbletwo
                                                        179 &
                                                                                 \or simple%
                                                                                \or hbox%
                                                        180 &
                                                                                \or adjusted hbox%
                                                        181 &
```

182 &

\or vbox%

```
183 &
                               \or vtop%
                               \or align%
                   184 &
                               \or no align%
                   185 &
                   186~\&
                               \or output%
                   187~\&
                               \or math%
                   188 &
                               \or disc%
                   189 &
                               \or insert%
                   190 &
                               \or vcenter%
                   191 &
                               \or math choice%
                              \or semi simple%
                   192 &
                              \or math shift%
                   193 &
                   194 &
                               \or math left%
                   195 &
                               \else
                                unknown%
                   196 &
                   197 &
                   198 &
                               \space group),\MessageBreak
                   199 &
                               expected is 16 (math left group)%
                             \fi
                   200 &
                           }\@ehd
                   201 &
                   202 & \fi
                   203 & }%
           \mleft
                   204 \mleftright@Def\mleft{%
                   205 \quad \verb|\mathopen{}| \mathbf{\formall} 
                   206 & \edef\mleftright@GroupLevel{\the\numexpr\the\currentgrouplevel+1}%
                   207 \quad \verb|\mbox{mleftright@OrgLeft}|
                   208 }
         \mright
                   209 \mleftright@Def\mright{%
                   210 & \ifnum\mleftright@GroupLevel=\currentgrouplevel
                  211 & \ifnum16=\currentgrouptype
                  212
                           \aftergroup\egroup
                  213 &
                          \else
                  214 &
                            \expandafter\mleftright@WrongGroup
                  215 &
                            \the\expandafter\currentgrouplevel
                  216 &
                           \expandafter(\the\currentgrouptype)%
                  217 & \fi
                   218 & \else
                  219 &
                          \expandafter\mleftright@WrongGroup
                          \the\expandafter\currentgrouplevel
                   221 &
                          \expandafter(\the\currentgrouptype)%
                  222 & \fi
                  223 \mleftright@OrgRight
                  224 }
      \mleftright
                   225 \mleftright@Def\mleftright{%
                   226 \let\left\mleft
                  227
                       \let\right\mright
                   228 }
\mleftrightrestore
                   229 \mleftright@Def\mleftrightrestore{%
                   230
                        \ifx\left\mleft
                   231
                         \let\left\mleftright@OrgLeft
                       \fi
                   232
                        \ifx\right\mright
                   233
                         \let\right\mleftright@OrgRight
                   234
                   235 \fi
                   236 }
```

```
237 \mleftright@AtEnd% 238 \langle/package\rangle
```

3 Test

3.1 Catcode checks for loading

```
239 \langle *test1 \rangle
240 \catcode`\{=1 \%
241 \catcode`\}=2 %
242 \catcode \\#=6 %
243 \catcode`\@=11 %
244 \expandafter\ifx\csname count@\endcsname\relax
245 \countdef\count@=255 \%
246 \fi
248 \long\def\@gobble#1{}\%
250 \expandafter\ifx\csname @firstofone\endcsname\relax
251 \long\def\@firstofone#1{#1}%
252 \fi
253 \expandafter\ifx\csname loop\endcsname\relax
254 \expandafter\@firstofone
255 \ensuremath{\setminus} \text{else}
256 \expandafter\@gobble
257 \fi
258 {%
259 \def \leq 1 = 1
      \def\body{#1}%
260
      \iterate
261
262 }%
    \def\iterate{%
263
      \body
264
265
       \let\next\iterate
266
      \else
       \left\langle \cdot \right\rangle 
267
      \fi
268
      \next
269
270 }%
271 \left| \text{let}\right| = \fi
272 }%
273 \def\RestoreCatcodes{}
274 \count@=0 %
275 \loop
276 \edef\RestoreCatcodes{%
277
      \RestoreCatcodes
     \catcode\the\count@=\the\catcode\count@\relax
278
279 }%
280 \ifnum\count@<255 \%
281 \advance\count@ 1 %
282 \text{ } \text{repeat}
283
284 \def\RangeCatcodeInvalid#1#2{\%
285 \count@=#1\relax
    \loop
286
      \catcode\count@=15 %
287
288 \ifnum\count@<#2\relax
      \advance\count@ 1 %
289
290 \repeat
291 }
292 \def\RangeCatcodeCheck#1#2#3{%
```

```
\count@=#1\relax
293
294
    \loop
      \ifnum#3=\catcode\count@
295
296
      \else
297
       \errmessage{%
298
        Character \the\count@\space
299
        with wrong catcode \the\catcode\count@\space
300
        instead of \number#3%
       }%
301
      \fi
302
    \index(0) = \frac{2}{r}
303
      \advance\count@ 1 %
304
    \repeat
305
306 }
307 \def\space{ }
   \expandafter\ifx\csname LoadCommand\endcsname\relax
    \def\LoadCommand{\input mleftright.sty\relax}%
310 \fi
311 \def\Test{%
312
    \RangeCatcodeInvalid{0}{47}%
    \RangeCatcodeInvalid{58}{64}%
313
    \RangeCatcodeInvalid{91}{96}%
314
    \RangeCatcodeInvalid{123}{255}%
315
    \catcode`\@=12 %
316
    \color=0 \%
317
    \catcode`\%=14 %
318
319
    \LoadCommand
320
    \RangeCatcodeCheck{0}{36}{15}%
321
    \RangeCatcodeCheck{37}{37}{14}%
322
    \RangeCatcodeCheck{38}{47}{15}%
    \verb|\RangeCatcodeCheck{48}{57}{12}|%
323
    \RangeCatcodeCheck{58}{63}{15}%
324
325
    \RangeCatcodeCheck{64}{64}{12}%
326
    \RangeCatcodeCheck{65}{90}{11}%
    \RangeCatcodeCheck{91}{91}{15}%
327
    \RangeCatcodeCheck{92}{92}{0}%
    \RangeCatcodeCheck{93}{96}{15}%
    \RangeCatcodeCheck{97}{122}{11}%
331
    \RangeCatcodeCheck{123}{255}{15}%
    \RestoreCatcodes
332
333 }
334 \Test
335 \csname @@end\endcsname
336 \end
337 (/test1)
```

f 4 Installation

4.1 Download

Package. This package is available on CTAN¹:

CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/mleftright.dtx The source file.

CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/mleftright.pdf Documentation.

Bundle. All the packages of the bundle 'oberdiek' are also available in a TDS compliant ZIP archive. There the packages are already unpacked and the documentation files are generated. The files and directories obey the TDS standard.

CTAN:install/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek.tds.zip

¹ http://ctan.org/pkg/mleftright

TDS refers to the standard "A Directory Structure for TEX Files" (CTAN:tds/tds.pdf). Directories with texmf in their name are usually organized this way.

4.2 Bundle installation

Unpacking. Unpack the oberdiek.tds.zip in the TDS tree (also known as texmf tree) of your choice. Example (linux):

```
unzip oberdiek.tds.zip -d ~/texmf
```

Script installation. Check the directory TDS:scripts/oberdiek/ for scripts that need further installation steps. Package attachfile2 comes with the Perl script pdfatfi.pl that should be installed in such a way that it can be called as pdfatfi. Example (linux):

```
chmod +x scripts/oberdiek/pdfatfi.pl
cp scripts/oberdiek/pdfatfi.pl /usr/local/bin/
```

4.3 Package installation

Unpacking. The .dtx file is a self-extracting docstrip archive. The files are extracted by running the .dtx through plain T_EX :

```
tex mleftright.dtx
```

TDS. Now the different files must be moved into the different directories in your installation TDS tree (also known as texmf tree):

```
\begin{tabular}{lll} mleftright.sty & \to tex/generic/oberdiek/mleftright.sty \\ mleftright.pdf & \to doc/latex/oberdiek/mleftright.pdf \\ test/mleftright-test1.tex & \to doc/latex/oberdiek/test/mleftright-test1.tex \\ mleftright.dtx & \to source/latex/oberdiek/mleftright.dtx \\ \end{tabular}
```

If you have a docstrip.cfg that configures and enables docstrip's TDS installing feature, then some files can already be in the right place, see the documentation of docstrip.

4.4 Refresh file name databases

If your T_EX distribution (te T_EX , mik T_EX , ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, te T_EX users run texhash or mktexlsr.

4.5 Some details for the interested

Unpacking with LATEX. The .dtx chooses its action depending on the format:

plain TEX: Run docstrip and extract the files.

LATEX: Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using \LaTeX for docstrip (really, docstrip does not need \LaTeX), then inform the autodetect routine about your intention:

```
latex \let\install=y\input{mleftright.dtx}
```

Do not forget to quote the argument according to the demands of your shell.

Generating the documentation. You can use both the .dtx or the .drv to generate the documentation. The process can be configured by the configuration file ltxdoc.cfg. For instance, put this line into this file, if you want to have A4 as paper format:

\PassOptionsToClass{a4paper}{article}

An example follows how to generate the documentation with pdfIATEX:

```
pdflatex mleftright.dtx
makeindex -s gind.ist mleftright.idx
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makeindex -s gind.ist mleftright.idx
pdflatex mleftright.dtx
```

5 Catalogue

The following XML file can be used as source for the TEX Catalogue. The elements caption and description are imported from the original XML file from the Catalogue. The name of the XML file in the Catalogue is mleftright.xml.

```
338 (*catalogue)
339 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='us-ascii'?>
340 <!DOCTYPE entry SYSTEM 'catalogue.dtd'>
341 <entry datestamp='$Date$' modifier='$Author$' id='mleftright'>
342 <name>mleftright</name>
343 <caption>Variants of delimiters that act as maths open/close.</caption>
344 <authorref id='auth:oberdiek'/>
345 <copyright owner='Heiko Oberdiek' year='2010'/>
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347 <version number='1.1'/>
348 <description>
        The package defines variants <tt>\mleft</tt> and <tt>\mright</tt>
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         of <tt>\left</tt> and <tt>\right</tt>, that make the delimiters
         act as <tt>\mathopen</tt> and <tt>\mathclose</tt>. These commands
351
         address spacing difficulties in subformulas.
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         353
         The package is part of the xref refid='oberdiek'>oberdiek bundle.
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       </description>
       <documentation details='Package documentation'</pre>
356
            href='ctan:/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/mleftright.pdf'/>
358 <ctan file='true' path='/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/mleftright.dtx'/>
       <miktex location='oberdiek'/>
       <texlive location='oberdiek'/>
361 <install path='/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/oberdiek.tds.zip'/>
362 </entry>
363 (/catalogue)
```

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