Non-Decimal Units for LATEX

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1 Preface

Many historical unit systems were non-decimal to simplify mental arithmetic.

For example, 1 rigsdaler consists of 6 mark, which each consist of 16 skilling. TODO maybe some more historical discussion?

This package enables configuration of such units, to enable display in textual and tabular contexts, as well as perform simple summing.

In order to do this, values are divided into segments, separated by decimal points: The historical Danish monetary value 1 Rdl. 2 \slash 3 \slash is entered as 1.2.3.

2 Configuration

The package is configured in the following manner:

```
\usepackage[\langle options \rangle] \{ non-decimal-units \}
```

Where $\langle options \rangle$ may contain one or more of the following unit systems. See page 11 for details.

british Currencies
danish Currencies and areas

Alternately, one may configure new units via $\mbox{nduNewUnit}^{\rightarrow P.8}$.

3 Usage

3.1 Formatting Values

Formats $\langle value \rangle$ according to the setup configured for the $\langle unit name \rangle$, as well as any provided $\langle options \rangle$. The number of decimal points and the values between them determine how many and which segments are displayed.

Empty segments are skipped.

```
Example usage: \nduFormatValue macro
\nduFormatValue{danish rigsdaler}{1.2.3}\\
\nduFormatValue{danish rigsdaler}{1..}\\
\nduFormatValue{danish rigsdaler}{2.}\\
\nduFormatValue{danish rigsdaler}{3..3}\\

1 Rdl. 2 & 3 &
1 Rdl.
2 & 3 &
```

3.1.1 Options

```
show=values
show=values and units
show=units
(initially values and units)
```

Changes which information is included in the expansion. Only those segments with a value will be included, which means that **show=units** can be used to list the segment units.

```
\nduFormatValue{danish hartkorn}
  [show=units]
  {0.0.0.0.0}

\nduFormatValue{danish hartkorn}
  [show=units]
  {0.0...}

Td. Skp. Fjk. Alb. Pg.
Td. Skp.
```

```
changes the separator between each segment.

\[
\text{NduFormatValue{danish hartkorn}[} \]
\[
\text{show=values,} \]
\text{segment separator=.} \]
\[
\begin{align*} \left\{1.2.3.4\} \\
\text{NduFormatValue{danish rigsdaler}} \]
\[
\text{[segment separator={----}]} \]
\[
\begin{align*} \left\{1.2.3\} \\
\end{align*}
\]
\[
\text{1.2.34} \\
\text{1 Rdl.-2 \(\frac{1}{2}\)-3 \(\frac{1}{2}\)
\end{align*}
\]
```

3.2 Tabular Data

In order to align values in a tabular context, the \nduAlignedHeader and \nduAlignedValue macros wrap each segment in a \makebox of equal width.

All segments will be included in the headers and cells, whether they contain a value or not.

$\label{lighted} $$\operatorname{IduAlignedHeader}(\langle unit\ name \rangle) \ [\langle options \rangle]$$

Formats the unit symbols in boxes suitable for a header. See page 8 for configuration of symbols.

```
\del{lignedValue} \del{lignedValue} \del{lignedValue} \del{lignedValue} \del{lignedValue} \del{lignedValue} \del{lignedValue} \del{lignedValue}
```

See $\mbox{\em NnduFormatValue}^{\to P.2}$ for possible arguments.

Example usage: $\label{lighted} \$ and $\label{lighted} \$ macros

```
\verb|\begin{tabular}{r r}|
```

\toprule

& \nduAlignedHeader{danish rigsdaler} \\

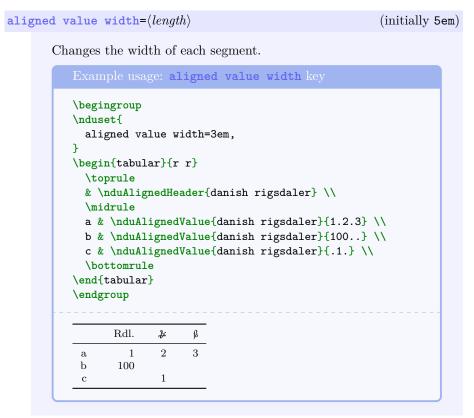
\midrule

- a & $\nduAlignedValue\{danish\ rigsdaler\}\{1.2.3\}\ \$
- b & \nduAlignedValue{danish rigsdaler}{100..} \\
- c & \nduAlignedValue{danish rigsdaler}{.1.} \\
 \bottomrule

\end{tabular}

	Rdl.	≯	ß
a	1	2	3
b	100		
c		1	

3.2.1 Options



3.3 Summing Values

Values can be accumulated in a named sum in two ways, either manually via the \nduAddToSum macro, or automatically via the sum to key.

```
\label{localization} $$ \\displaystyle \langle unit\ name \rangle : (\langle options \rangle) : (\langle sum\ name \rangle : (\langle value \rangle : (\langle options \rangle)) : (\langle sum\ name \rangle : (\langle options \rangle : (\langle sum\ name \rangle : (\langle options \rangle : (\langle sum\ name \rangle : (\langle options \rangle : (\langle sum\ name \rangle : (\langle su
```

The arguments of $\$ mduAddToSum are identical to those of the $\$ mduFormatValue $^{-P.2}$ macro, except for the addition of the $\{\langle sum\ name \rangle\}$ argument, under which the sum will be accumulated. It does not expand to any output.

The \nduFormatSum macro takes the $\{\langle sum\ name \rangle\}$ and formats it according to the current settings.

Both may be further configured via the $[\langle options \rangle]$.

```
Example usage: \nduAddToSum and \nduFormatSum macros
\\nduAddToSum{danish rigsdaler}{example 1}{0.0.10}
\\nduAddToSum{danish rigsdaler}{example 1}{0.0.8}
\\nduAddToSum{danish rigsdaler}{example 1}{0.2.0}
\\nduAddToSum{danish rigsdaler}{example 1}{0.5.1}
\\nduFormatSum{danish rigsdaler}{example 1} % = 1.2.3

1 Rdl. 2 & 3 \( \beta \)
```

The same sum can also be displayed as aligned values:

3.3.1 Options

 $sum to = \langle name \rangle$

```
Setting this key will cause all uses of \nduFormatValue and
\nduAlignedValue in the current group to be summed under the
given name.
   Example usage: sum to key
   \begingroup
   \nduset{
     aligned value width=3em,
     sum to=example 2
   \begin{tabular}{r r}
     \toprule
     & \nduAlignedHeader{danish rigsdaler} \\
     \midrule
     a & \nduAlignedValue{danish rigsdaler}{1.2.3} \\
     b & \nd \ \nduAlignedValue{danish rigsdaler}{100..} \\
     c & \nduAlignedValue{danish rigsdaler}{.1.} \\
     \bottomrule
     total & \nduAlignedSum{danish rigsdaler}{example 2} \\ % = 101.3.3
   \end{tabular}
   \endgroup
            Rdl.
                    2
       b
             100
                    3
    total
             101
```

(initially empty)

Sums are global and remain accessible outside the group:

```
\nduFormatSum{danish rigsdaler}{example 2}
```

Adding an additional 15 skilling to the existing sum gives:

```
\nduAddToSum{danish rigsdaler}{example 2}{0.0.15}
\nduFormatSum{danish rigsdaler}{example 2} % = 101.4.2
```

3.4 Accessing Information About Units

Expands to the name of the given segment of the unit.

Expands to the factor of the given segment of the unit, ie. how many of the underlying segment the given segment consists of.

That is, 1 \nduName{danish rigsdaler}{0} consists of \nduFactor{danish rigsdaler}{0} \nduName{danish rigsdaler}{1}.

That is, 1 rigsdaler consists of 6 mark.

3.5 Creating New Units

If the included units are not suitable, more can be created. Pull requests are also welcome at https://github.com/mikkelee/latex-units.

 $\label{local_norm_local_norm_local} \$

Units can have up to 5 segments, numbered $\langle 0-4 \rangle$. The left-most segment, that is, the *top* or *root* segment, is numbered 0.

The numeral part of the below key paths segment 0/ can be any integer up to 4, ie. segment 4/. The internal number of segments is determined by how many symbol keys are created.

See below for available settings.

 $\label{localization} $$\operatorname{\down}(\operatorname{\operatorname{\down}(\operatorname{\operatorname{\down}(\operatorname$

It is possible to create shortcut macros for commonly used $\langle unit name \rangle$ s with optional default settings.

These macros take the same arguments as the full $\nduFormatValue^{\rightarrow P.2}$ macro, except without the first argument (ie. the name of the unit).

3.5.1 Options

 ${\tt segment \ separator=}\langle ... \rangle \qquad \qquad ({\rm initially \ \textit{`-}})$

When displaying a value, this string will be inserted between each segment.

```
/segment O/name=\(name\) (no default, initially undefined)
```

Useful for giving the full name of the segment's unit, but unused except by \nduName^{-P.8}.

```
/segment 0/symbol=\(\symbol\) (no default, initially undefined)
```

Configures a symbol displaying the unit. This is used in \nduAlignedHeader and is also available via \nduSymbol when defining the /segment O/display (see below).

The symbols are also used internally to calculate how many segments are possible.

```
/segment 0/display=\{\langle prefix\rangle\}\{\langle suffix\rangle\}\ (initially \{\}\{ \nduSymbol\}\}\
```

When displaying a value, the segments will be wrapped between the $\langle prefix \rangle$ and $\langle suffix \rangle$.

The macro \nduSymbol is available here to show the symbol configured for the segment.

The default is to use the symbol as prefix, but can be overriden if necessary.

```
/segment O/factor=\(\int integer\) (no default, initially undefined)
```

The factor of a segment is how many of the underlying segment the given segment consists of.

This is used when summing values, in order to calculate the correct segment values.

Can be accessed via \nduFactor → P.8.

These keys can of course also be set temporarily in $\mbox{\tt nduFormatValue}^{\rightarrow P.2}$

```
\nduFormatValue{danish rigsdaler}
[segment 1/symbol=Mk.]
{.9.}

\nduFormatValue{danish rigsdaler}
[segment 0/display={}{ Rigsdaler og}]
{1.2.3}

\nduFormatValue{danish rigsdaler}[
    segment separator={---},
    segment 0/display={(}{)},
    segment 1/display={[]{}},
    segment 2/display={\{}{\}},
]
{1.2.3}

9 Mk.
1 Rigsdaler og 2 \(\psi 3\)\(\beta\)
(1)—[2]—{3}
```

```
Units may provide a default shortcut macro, for example the danish rigsdaler unit configures \rdl.
```

3.6 Included Units

On the following pages are the units included with the package.

```
Listing of units loaded with the danish option
\RequirePackage{fontspec}
\newfontfamily\mufifont{Palemonas MUFI}
\RequirePackage[
        MUFI,
        fonts={
                MUFI=\mufifont,
        },
]{unicode-alphabets}
\nduNewUnit{danish rigsdaler}{
        segment 0/name=rigsdaler,
        segment 1/name=mark,
        segment 2/name=skilling,
        segment 0/symbol=Rdl.,
        segment 1/symbol=\mufi{markflour},
        segment 2/symbol=\mufi{schillgerm},
        segment 0/factor=6,
        segment 1/factor=16,
        create macro named=rdl,
}
\nduNewUnit{danish sletdaler}{
        segment 0/name=sletdaler,
        segment 1/name=mark,
        segment 2/name=skilling,
        segment 0/symbol=Sldl.,
        segment 1/symbol=\mufi{markflour},
        segment 2/symbol=\mufi{schillgerm},
        segment 0/factor=4,
        segment 1/factor=16,
}
\nduNewUnit{danish rigsbankdaler}{
        segment 0/name=rigsbankdaler,
        segment 1/name=skilling,
        segment O/symbol=Rbd.,
        segment 1/symbol=\mufi{schillgerm},
        segment O/factor=96,
}
\nduNewUnit{danish hartkorn}{
        segment 0/name=tønde,
        segment 1/name=skæppe,
        segment 2/name=fjerdingkar,
        segment 3/name=album,
```

```
segment 4/name=penning,
segment 0/symbol=Td.,
segment 1/symbol=Skp.,
segment 2/symbol=Fjk.,
segment 3/symbol=Alb.,
segment 4/symbol=Pg.,
segment 0/factor=8,
segment 1/factor=4,
segment 2/factor=3,
segment 3/factor=4,
create macro named=hartkorn,
}
```

```
Listing of units loaded with the british option
% https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/£sd
\nduNewUnit{british pound sterling lsd}{
        segment 0/name=pound sterling,
        segment 1/name=shilling,
        segment 2/name=penny,
        segment 0/symbol=£,
        segment 1/symbol=s,
        segment 2/symbol=d,
        segment O/display={\nduSymbol}{},
        segment 1/display={}{\nduSymbol},
        segment 2/display={}{\nduSymbol},
        segment O/factor=20,
        segment 1/factor=12,
        unit separator={. },
}
```

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