

# marginalia — Non-floating marginal content with automatic placement for Lua<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X\*

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## Abstract

This Lua<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X package allows the placement of marginal content anywhere, without `\marginpar`'s limits, and automatically adjusts positions to prevent overlaps or content being pushed off the page. In short, it tries to combine the best features from the packages `marginnote`, `marginfix` and `marginfit` with key–value settings that allow fine-grained customization.

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# 1 Introduction

The  $\text{\LaTeX}$  `\marginpar` command is the basic method for placing content in the margin. For purposes such as drawing attention to particular points in the text, it functions well. Its main limitation is that `\marginpar` works via the  $\text{\LaTeX}$  float mechanism and so cannot be used to create marginal content next to a figure, table, or other float, or next to a footnote, or to place running heads in the margin, such as are found in the left-hand margin of this document except for the ‘implementation’ section. (Bringhurst called this style ‘running shoulderheads’ [Bri04, p. 65], but the term may be non-standard.)

Trying to set many separate pieces of marginal content using `\marginpar` can lead to other problems. If two `\marginpars` would clash,  $\text{\LaTeX}$  shifts the second item downward. But the cumulative effect can lead to `\marginpars` being shifted downward off the bottom of the page. Further, the asynchronous nature of  $\text{\TeX}$ ’s page-breaking can cause: (1) a `\marginpar` to be placed in the wrong margin; (2) the topmost `\marginpar` on a page to be unnecessarily shifted downward because of a hypothetical clash that would have occurred with the previous `\marginpar`, had they been on the same page.

Packages like `mparhack`<sup>1</sup> (Tom Sgouros & Stefan Ulrich), `marginnote`<sup>2</sup> (Markus Kohm), `marginfix`<sup>3</sup> (Stephen Hicks) and `marginfit`<sup>4</sup> (Maurice Leclaire) were created to avoid these limitations and problems. `mparhack` only ensures that each `\marginpar` appears on the correct side of the page. `marginnote` allows marginal content to be placed anywhere, but does not adjust positions to avoid clashes. `marginfix` adjusts positions, but the unadjusted vertical positioning can be slightly off, and the package still uses floats. `marginfit` gets positions exactly right, but uses the insert mechanism and so marginal content cannot appear next to floats or footnotes.

This  $\text{\LaTeX}$  package, `marginalia`, provides a `\marginalia` command that attempts to avoid these limitations. Marginal content is placed, not via floats or inserts, but by a calculated per-item horizontal shift inside an (invisible) `\rlap` or `\llap` from the position where the `\marginalia` command was issued (which is similar to the technique used by `marginnote`), plus a calculated per-item vertical shift to avoid clashes with other content. The vertical shift is usually downward, but may be upward when necessary to prevent content from being shifted off the bottom of the page (which is similar to the vertical shifts performed by `marginfix` and `marginfit`).

The calculation of the horizontal and vertical shifts uses information written to the `.aux` file during the previous  $\text{\LaTeX}$  run. It thus takes at least two runs for all content to appear in the correct places. The package reports any changes from the previous run and any problems encountered.

*Note:* `marginalia` was written to typeset running heads in the margin, sidenote references, side-captions for floats, and small marginal figures in the author’s book *Form & Number: A History of Mathematical Beauty* [Cai24].<sup>5</sup> Thus the basic functionality has been tested extensively, and it has performed correctly.

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**Licence.** `marginalia` is released under the  $\text{\LaTeX}$  Project Public Licence v1.3c or later.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>URL: <https://www.latex-project.org/lppl.txt>

1 URL: <https://ctan.org/pkg/mparhack>  
 2 URL: <https://ctan.org/pkg/marginnote>  
 3 URL: <https://ctan.org/pkg/marginfix>  
 4 URL: <https://ctan.org/pkg/marginfit>

5 *Form & Number* is freely available on the Internet Archive under a Creative Commons licence.  
 URL: [https://archive.org/details/cain\\_formandnumber\\_ebook\\_large](https://archive.org/details/cain_formandnumber_ebook_large)

## 2 Requirements

`marginalia` requires

- (1) Lua $\text{\LaTeX}$ ,
- (2) a recent  $\text{\LaTeX}$  kernel with `expl3` support (any kernel version since 2020-02-02 should suffice).

It does not depend on any other packages.

## 3 Installation

To install `marginalia` manually, run `luatex marginalia.ins` and copy `marginalia.sty` and `marginalia.lua` to somewhere Lua $\text{\LaTeX}$  can find them.

## 4 Getting started

`marginalia` works ‘out of the box’. Load the package (there are no package options) and use the main `\marginalia` command to place marginal content. [Figure 4.1](#) shows the source code for a small demonstration and the resulting document. *The source code must be processed twice by Lua $\text{\LaTeX}$  for the marginal content to be placed correctly.* (See [Section 8](#) for discussion of the need for multiple runs.)

Turn to [Section 5](#) for a detailed description of the available user commands, and [Section 6](#) for the various options (such as `style=<code>`) than can be used to change the placement and formatting of the marginal content.

## 5 User commands

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`\marginalia`    `\marginalia[<options>]{<content>}`

This is the basic command for placing marginal content. The `<content>` can, roughly speaking, be anything: text, mathematics, included graphics, TikZ. The optional argument `<options>` is a key–value list that specifies how the content is typeset. The keys are described in [Subsection 6](#).

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`\marginaliasetup`    `\marginaliasetup{<options>}`

This command is used to set options for all subsequent calls to `\marginalia`. The argument `<options>` is the same kind of key–value list as the `<options>` argument for the `\marginalia` command, and the keys are described in [Subsection 6](#).

Note that `\marginaliasetup` can be used in the preamble or in the body of the document.

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`\marginalianewgeometry`    `\marginalianewgeometry`

This command signals to `marginalia` that the page layout has been changed, for instance by using the `\newgeometry` command from the `geometry` package,<sup>6</sup> or by using the  $\text{\LaTeX}$  command `\twocolumn` to switch to two-column mode. It should be issued immediately after such a change, and certainly before the first page with the new layout has been shipped out. There is no harm in using it unnecessarily.

<sup>6</sup> URL: <https://ctan.org/pkg/geometry>

## User commands

```
\documentclass[11pt]{article}

\usepackage{marginalia}

\begin{document}

Here is some body text.\marginalia{Here is a marginal note.} Some more
body text.\marginalia[style=\footnotesize\itshape\raggedright]{Here is another
    marginal note, set in smaller text and italics, whose position has been been
    adjusted automatically.}

Some final body text.\marginalia[pos=left, valign=b, style=\sffamily\raggedleft,
width=35mm]{This note is placed on the left side of the page, wider, in sans
    serif, ragged left, and bottom-aligned.}

\end{document}
```

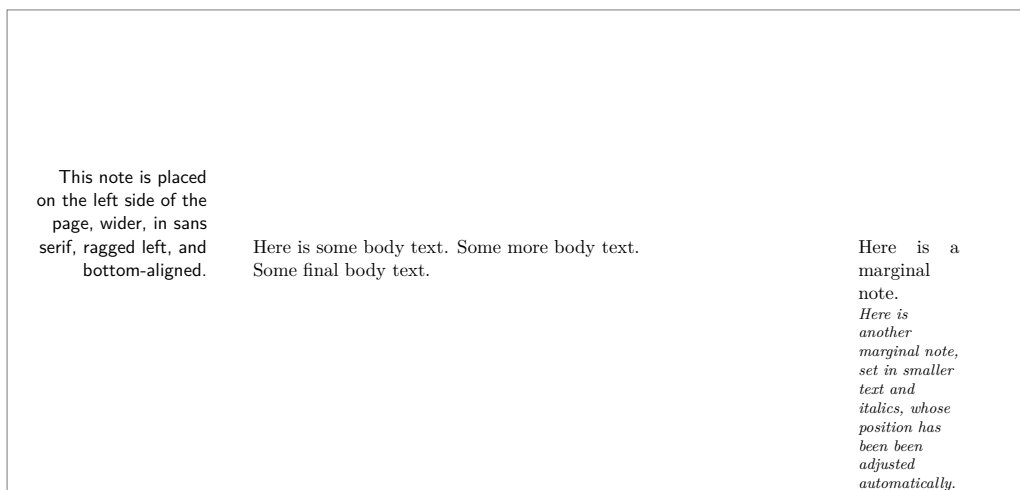


Figure 4.1: A small demonstration of marginalia.

## 5.1 Access to page and column

Within the `<content>` of `\marginalia`, two counters are available which specify the actual page and column in which the call to `\marginalia` appears. These counters can be used to select different actions depending on the page on which the content appears or (in two-column mode) whether it pertains to the left or right column. It is best to use the variants of the `style` and `width` keys if marginal content should have different widths or styles depending on whether they appear on a recto/verso page or pertain to a particular column. These counters are made available for purposes not covered by the `style` and `width` variants. The value of each counter is based on the position of the call to `\marginalia` on the previous Lua<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X run.

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**`\marginaliapage`** A counter register, available within the `<content>` of `\marginalia`, that holds the actual page on which the marginal content appears. The value is based on the previous Lua<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X run and will default to 1.

<hr/> <hr/> <code>\marginaliacolumn</code>	A counter register, available within the <code>\content</code> of <code>\marginalia</code> , that holds the actual column to which the marginal content pertains. The value is 1 for the left column, 2 for the right column. In one-column mode, the value is always 0. (If the key <code>column</code> is used to manually specify the column to which the content pertains, the value of <code>\marginaliacolumn</code> will change accordingly.) The value is based on the previous Lua <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X run and will default to 0.
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## 6 Options

The description of keys in this section, which are summarized in [Table 1](#), should be read in conjunction with the discussion of how marginal content is placed in [Section 7](#). In particular, the variants of the keys `width` and `style` follow the terminology shown in [Figure 7.1](#).

### 6.1 Type

- type** The **type** of an item of marginal content can be set to one of the following three values:
- normal:** The vertical position of the item will be changed automatically if necessary to prevent a clash with another item of content.
  - fixed:** The vertical position of the item will *never* be changed automatically from the position specified by `yshift`, even if there is a clash with another item. (The type **fixed** was designed for setting float captions in the margin, since a caption should not move away from the float with which it is associated.)
  - optfixed:** The vertical position of the item will *never* be changed automatically from the position specified by `yshift`, even if there is a clash with another item. But an **optfixed** item will not appear in the document if it would clash with a **fixed** item. (The type **optfixed** was designed for setting running heads in the margin, which should not appear if they would clash with a figure caption set in the margin.)
- (Default: **normal**)

### 6.2 Horizontal placement

- pos** The position in which an item of marginal content should be placed. It can be set to one of the the following four values:
- auto:** Place the item in the default position as described in [Section 7](#): the outer margin in single-column mode, and on the opposite side from the other column in two-column mode.
  - reverse:** Place the item on the opposite side of the text block (in one-column mode) or column (in two-column mode) from **auto**.
  - left:** The left side of the text block or column.
  - right:** The right side of the text block of column.
  - nearest:** The side of the text block or column nearest to which `\marginalia` was called.
- (Default: **auto**)

## Options

Table 1: Summary of keys that can be set using `\marginaliasetup` or passed in the optional argument to `\marginalia`.

Key name	Value	Default
<code>type</code>	<code>{normal, fixed, optfixed}</code>	<code>normal</code>
<code>pos</code>	<code>{auto, reverse, left, right, nearest}</code>	<code>auto</code>
<code>column</code>	<code>{auto, one, left, right}</code>	<code>auto</code>
<code>xsep</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>xsep outer</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>xsep inner</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>xsep between</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>xsep recto outer</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>xsep recto inner</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>xsep verso outer</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>xsep verso inner</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>xsep right between</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>xsep left between</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>valign</code>	<code>{t, b}</code>	<code>t</code>
<code>yshift</code>	Dimension	<code>0 pt</code>
<code>ysep</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparpush</code>
<code>ysep above</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparpush</code>
<code>ysep below</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparpush</code>
<code>ysep page top</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparpush</code>
<code>ysep page bottom</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparpush</code>
<code>width</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>width outer</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>width inner</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>width between</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>width recto outer</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>width recto inner</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>width verso outer</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>width verso inner</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>width right between</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>width left between</code>	Dimension	<code>\marginparwidth</code>
<code>style</code>	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X code	[Empty]
<code>style recto outer</code>	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X code	[Empty]
<code>style recto inner</code>	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X code	[Empty]
<code>style verso outer</code>	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X code	[Empty]
<code>style verso inner</code>	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X code	[Empty]
<code>style right between</code>	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X code	[Empty]
<code>style left between</code>	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X code	[Empty]

## Options

In two-column mode, `marginalia` tries to determine to which column an item of marginal content pertains using the position of the call to `\marginalia`. If the call is to the left of the mid-point between the columns, the item is assumed to pertain to the left column; otherwise, it is assumed to pertain to the right column. In certain situations, this might lead to undesired placement of the item. In particular, any call to `\marginalia` in a full-width float in two-column mode would be handled as if it were a call from one of the columns and might thus be set in the wrong place. Similarly, an overfull hbox or a piece of `\rlap`-ped text might carry a call to `\marginalia` from the left column text into the area of the page occupied by the right column.

The key `column` can be used to specify which column `marginalia` should place the item in. It can be set to one of four values:

**auto:** Automatically determine which column an item of marginal content is placed in.

**one:** Treat the item as being called from one-column mode.

**left:** Treat the item as pertaining to the left column.

**right:** Treat the item as pertaining to the right column.

The value of `column` has no effect in one-column mode. (*Default: auto*)

<code>xsep</code>	These keys specify the horizontal separation between an item of marginal content and the text block next to which it is placed. Which separation is used will depend on where the item is typeset. The terminology is as in <a href="#">Figure 7.1</a> .
<code>xsep outer</code>	
<code>xsep inner</code>	
<code>xsep between</code>	<b>xsep recto outer:</b> used for an item in the outer margin of a recto page.
<code>xsep recto outer</code>	<b>xsep recto inner:</b> used for an item in the inner margin of a recto page.
<code>xsep recto inner</code>	<b>xsep verso outer:</b> used for an item in the outer margin of a verso page.
<code>xsep verso outer</code>	<b>xsep verso inner:</b> used for an item in the inner margin of a verso page.
<code>xsep verso inner</code>	<b>xsep right between:</b> used for an item set from the right column between the columns.
<code>xsep right between</code>	
<code>xsep left between</code>	<b>xsep left between:</b> used for an item set from the left column between the columns.
	<b>xsep outer:</b> a shorthand for setting the keys <code>xsep recto outer</code> and <code>xsep verso outer</code> simultaneously to the same value.
	<b>xsep inner:</b> a shorthand for setting the keys <code>xsep recto inner</code> and <code>xsep verso inner</code> simultaneously to the same value.
	<b>xsep between:</b> a shorthand for setting the keys <code>xsep right between</code> and <code>xsep left between</code> simultaneously to the same value.
	<b>xsep:</b> a shorthand for setting all of these keys simultaneously.

(The shorthands `xsep outer` and `xsep inner` exist because page geometry is usually symmetrical between recto and verso pages as regards outer and inner margins. The shorthand `xsep between` exists because the space between columns, if used at all for marginal content, will often be shared equally.) Each of these keys must be set to a valid dimension. (*Default:* value of `\marginparsep` when the package is loaded)

## 6.3 Vertical placement

`valign` The option `valign` can be either `t` or `b`. In the former case, the baseline of the marginal content item is the baseline of the topmost box in its contents; in the latter case, its baseline is the baseline of the bottommost box in its contents. (Essentially, `\vtop` and `\vbox` are used to set the two options) (*Default: t*)



## Options

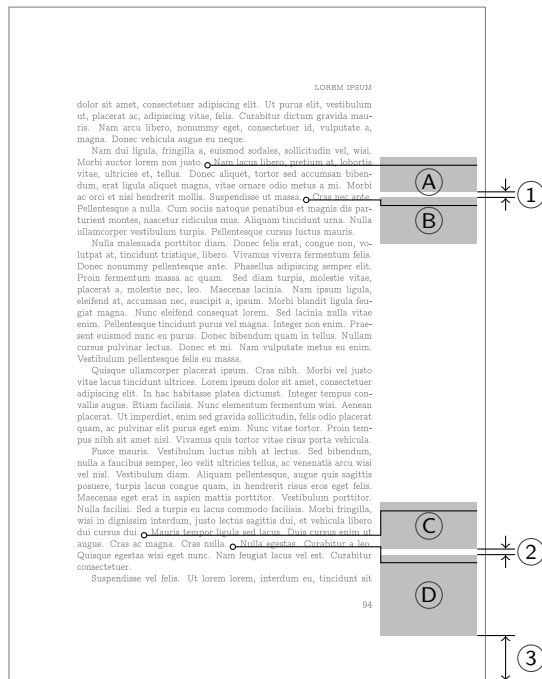


Figure 6.1: (Illustration of `ysep`) The length ① is at least the value of `ysep below` specified (locally or globally) for marginal content item ① and at least the value of `ysep above` specified for item ②. In this example diagram, ② has been automatically moved down from its natural position to maintain the required distance. Similarly, the length ② is at least the value of `ysep below` specified for ③ and at least the value of `ysep above` specified for ④, and the length ③ is at least the value of `ysep page bottom` specified for ④. In this example, to maintain the required distances, ③ and ④ have been automatically moved (respectively) up and down from their natural positions.

**yshift** The key `yshift` is used to shift the default position of the marginal content item up (positive) or down (negative) from its normal position, which is to have its baseline aligned with the baseline of the callout position. It must be set to a valid dimension. Note that if `type=normal`, then the vertical position may be adjusted from that specified by `yshift`. If this is not desired, specify a different `type`. (*Default: 0pt*).

**ysep** These keys specify the minimum vertical separation above and below an item of marginal content

**ysep above** `ysep above`: the minimum vertical separation between an item and the one above.

**ysep below** `ysep below`: the minimum vertical separation between an item and the one below.

**ysep page top** `ysep page top`: the minimum vertical separation between an item and top of the page.

**ysep page bottom** `ysep page bottom`: the minimum vertical separation between an item and bottom of the page.

**ysep** `ysep` is a shorthand for setting all of these keys simultaneously to the same value. (See Figure 6.1.) Each of these keys must be set to a valid dimension. (*Default: value of `\marginparpush` when the package is loaded*).

## Placement 6.4 Appearance

An item of marginal content that appears in the inner margin might be narrower than one that appears in the outer margin, and an item appearing in the outer margin of a recto page might be set ragged right, while an item appearing in the outer margin of a verso page might be set ragged left. And since it is not known where an item will appear until the page is assembled, the keys in this subsection, dealing with the width and style of an item, have variants that apply depending on where the item appears on the page.

<code>width</code>	These keys specify the width of the an item of marginal content (or, more precisely,
<code>width outer</code>	the <code>\hsize</code> of the box into which the item is typeset). Which width is chosen will depend
<code>width inner</code>	on the where the item is typeset. The terminology is as in <a href="#">Figure 7.1</a> .
<code>width between</code>	<b><code>width recto outer:</code></b> used for an item in the outer margin of a recto page.
<code>width recto outer</code>	<b><code>width recto inner:</code></b> used for an item in the inner margin of a recto page.
<code>width recto inner</code>	<b><code>width verso outer:</code></b> used for an item in the outer margin of a verso page.
<code>width verso outer</code>	<b><code>width verso inner:</code></b> used for an item in the inner margin of a verso page.
<code>width verso inner</code>	<b><code>width right between:</code></b> used for an item set from the right column and placed be-
<code>width right between</code>	tween the columns.
<code>width left between</code>	<b><code>width left between:</code></b> used for an item set from the right column and placed between
	the columns.
	<b><code>width outer:</code></b> a shorthand for setting the keys <code>width recto outer</code> and <code>width verso</code>
	<code>outer</code> simultaneously to the same value.
	<b><code>width inner:</code></b> a shorthand for setting the keys <code>width recto inner</code> and <code>width verso</code>
	<code>inner</code> simultaneously to the same value.
	<b><code>width between:</code></b> a shorthand for setting the keys <code>width right between</code> and <code>width</code>
	<code>left between</code> simultaneously to the same value.
	<b><code>width:</code></b> a shorthand for setting all of these keys simultaneously.

(The shorthands `width outer` and `width inner` exist because page geometry is usually symmetrical between recto and verso pages as regards outer and inner margins. The shorthand `width between` exists because the space between columns, if used at all for marginal content, will often be shared equally.) Each of these keys must be set to a valid dimension. (*Default:* value of `\marginparwidth` when the package is loaded)

<code>style</code>	These keys specify the style with which an item of marginal content is typeset.
<code>style recto outer</code>	Which style is chosen will depend on where the item is typeset. The terminology is as in
<code>style recto inner</code>	<a href="#">Figure 7.1</a> .
<code>style verso outer</code>	<b><code>style recto outer:</code></b> used for an item in the outer margin of a recto page.
<code>style verso inner</code>	<b><code>style recto inner:</code></b> used for an item in the inner margin of a recto page.
<code>style right between</code>	<b><code>style verso outer:</code></b> used for an item in the outer margin of a verso page.
<code>style left between</code>	<b><code>style verso inner:</code></b> used for an item in the inner margin of a verso page.
	<b><code>style right between:</code></b> used for an item set from the right column between the
	columns.
	<b><code>style left between:</code></b> used for an item set from the right column between the
	columns.
	<b><code>style:</code></b> a shorthand for setting all of these keys simultaneously.

Each of these keys should be set to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X code that specifies the style. (*Default:* [Empty])

## 7 Placement

The placement of an item of marginal content depends on where the call to `\marginalia` appears in the finished document. Both horizontal and vertical placement can be com-

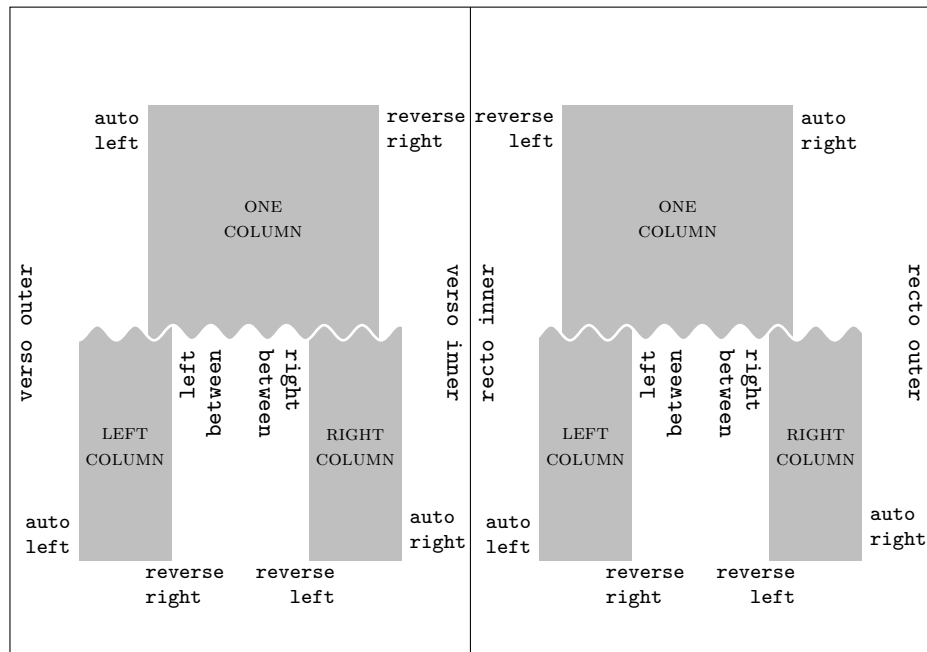


Figure 7.1: Summary of the positioning of marginal content using `pos`, and terminology used in `width` and `style` keys, on recto and verso pages, in both one-column and two-column mode.

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## 7.1 Horizontal placement

To understand the horizontal placement, first recall some terminology: a recto page is an odd-numbered page in two-sided mode, or any page in one-sided mode; a verso page is an even-numbered page in two-sided mode. The description in the paragraphs that follow is summarized in [Figure 7.1](#).

In one-column mode, marginal content is placed by default in the outer margin: right on recto pages, left on verso pages. If `pos=reverse` is applied, it is placed in the inner margin: left on recto pages, right on verso pages.

In two-column mode, the default placement is next to the column in which the call to `\marginalia` appears, on the side opposite to the other column. Thus, if the call to `\marginalia` was in the left column, the marginal content item is placed by default on the left: on a recto page, the inner margin, on a verso page, the outer margin. If `pos=reverse` is applied, it is placed between the two columns, adjacent to the left column. If the call to `\marginalia` was in the right column, the item is placed by default on the right: on a recto page, the outer margin, on a verso page, the inner margin. If `pos=reverse` is applied, it is placed between the two columns, adjacent to the right column.

`pos=left` specifies that the item is to be placed on the left of the text block or column containing the call to `\marginalia`.

`pos=right` similarly specifies that the item is to be placed on the right of the text block or column containing the call to `\marginalia`.

`marginalia` determines in which column the call to `\marginalia` was made using its horizontal position. As discussed in the description of key `column`, there are situations where this can go wrong and which necessitate a manual specification of a particular column.

## 7.2 Vertical placement

`marginalia` tries by default to place each item of marginal content with its baseline shifted by the value of `yshift` (by default, 0pt) from the baseline where `\marginalia` was called. The actual vertical placement is calculated by the procedure described below, carried out for the items appearing in a particular horizontal location. (As shown in [Figure 7.1](#), in one-column mode the possible locations are in outer and inner margins; in two-column mode the possible locations are the outer and inner margins and on the left and right sides of the space between the columns.) A *clash* exists when two items are closer than specified by `ysep below` for the upper item or `ysep above` for the lower item, whichever is greater.

For the items in each horizontal location, the procedure is as follows:

1. Place the items appearing in a given horizontal location on the page into a list.
2. Set the vertical shift of each item to the one specified by `yshift`.
3. For each `type=optfixed` item, if it clashes with any `type=fixed` item, delete it from the list of items that appear on the page.
4. Sort the list by the position of the call to `\marginalia`, top-to-bottom, left-to-right, breaking ties by the order of calls. (Because of floats, footnotes, etc., the sorted order of the list is not necessarily the same as the order of appearance of `\marginalia` commands in the source code.)
5. Pass through the list of items in sorted order. For each `type=normal` item, if necessary shift it in a negative (downward) direction so that it (1) does not reach closer to the top of the page than specified by `ysep page top`, and (2) does not clash with the previous (above) item. (After this stage, it is possible for an assigned vertical shift to push a `type=normal` item off the bottom of the page.)
6. Pass through the list of items in the reverse of the sorted order. For each `type=normal` item, if necessary shift it in a positive (upward) direction so that it (1) does not reach closer to the bottom of the page than specified by `ysep page bottom`, and (2) does not clash with the next (below) item.

During this process, it may be found that it is impossible to prevent clashes or items reaching beyond the limits (e.g. fixed items clash with each other; a fixed item conflicts with `ysep page top` or `ysep page bottom`, or there are simply too many items of marginal content to fit (in which case, the top of some of them will be above the limit specified by `ysep page top` or will clash with fixed items)). In these cases, warnings are issued at the end of the Lua<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X run.

## 8 Usage notes

`marginalia` requires a minimum of two Lua<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X runs, and often more, to place items of marginal content correctly. On the first pass, information about items, including their

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vertical size, is written to the `.aux` file, and this information is used to position them correctly on the next run. However, because `width` and `style` have variants dependent on the margin in which the item is placed, an item may only be typeset at the correct size on this second run. Thus the vertical size of the item may have changed and so the information written to the `.aux` file on the previous run may be out of date. In this case a third run may be needed for correct placement.

More runs may be needed if the position of the call to `\marginalia` changes between runs. Provided the main text stabilizes, the placement of items using `\marginalia` should be correct two runs later.

At the end of the Lua $\text{\LaTeX}$  run, `marginalia` reports any problems encountered in the vertical placement of items (as described at the end of [Subsection 7.2](#)). These problems are based on calculations made on the basis of information from the previous run written to the `.aux` file on the previous run, and may not arise if item positions or sizes (i.e. height or depth) have changed. `marginalia` also reports any changes in positions or sizes compared to the previous run.

In these reports, a page number refers to a visible page number if it is prefixed with ‘p’; it otherwise refers to the absolute page number of the output.

## 9 Incompatibilities

Using `marginalia` alongside `\marginpar` or packages like `mparhak`, `marginnote`, `marginfix`, or `marginfit` should not produce any errors, but `marginalia` will ignore marginal content not created using `\marginalia`; for example, an item of marginal content created using `\marginpar` might overlap with one created using `\marginpar`.

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As noted in the introduction, `marginalia` was originally written to typeset a particular kind of book. It thus has several limitations. Three of these are:

**Lua $\text{\LaTeX}$ Only** Most of the code for deciding the placement of items of marginal content is written in Lua. In principle, it could be replaced with a pure  $\text{\LaTeX}$  solution.

**No support for ‘moving past’ fixed items** The adjustment of vertical positions will never cause a `type=normal` item to be shifted past a `type=fixed` one, even when there is space on the other side. It may be desirable to have this available as an option.

**No support for nested content items** Nesting might be desirable for typesetting editions of manuscripts which sometimes contain marginal glosses, and then glosses upon those glosses.

The lack of any built-in facility for producing (for example) numbered sidenotes is a conscious design choice. This is properly the concern of a command that merely uses `\marginalia` to place the notes correctly.

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## 11 Implementation (L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X package)

```
1 <*package>
2 <@@=marginalia>
```

### 11.1 Initial set-up

Package identification/version information.

```
3 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[2020-02-02]
4 \ProvidesExplPackage{marginalia}{2025-09-11}{0.81.5}
5 {Non-floating marginal content for LuaLaTeX}
```

Check that Lua<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> is in use.

```
6 \sys_if_engine luatex:F
7 {
8   \msg_new:nnn{marginalia}{lualatex_required}
9   {LuaLaTeX-required.~Package-loading-will-abort.}
10  \msg_critical:nn{marginalia}{lualatex_required}
11 }
```

### 11.2 Tagging set-up

If L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X has tagging support, set up sockets if necessary and define `\__marginalia_tagging_socket:n` to be `\UseTaggingSocket`.

```
12 \@ifundefined{UseTaggingSocket}
13 {
14   \cs_new:Npn \__marginalia_tagging_socket:n #1 {}
15 }
16 {
17   \str_if_exist:cF { l__socket_tagsupport/marginpar/begin_plug_str }
18   {
19     \socket_new:nn {tagsupport/marginpar/begin}{0}
20     \socket_new:nn {tagsupport/marginpar/end}{0}
21   }
22   \str_if_exist:cF { l__socket_tagsupport/para/restore_plug_str }
23   {
24     \socket_new:nn {tagsupport/para/restore}{0}
25   }
26   \cs_new:Npn \__marginalia_tagging_socket:n #1
27   {
28     \UseTaggingSocket{#1}
29   }
30 }
```

### 11.3 Options

Set up the key–value options and the variables in which the settings will be stored.

### 11.3.1 Type

`\l__marginalia_type_int` A key to store the type of the marginal content item. The setting is held in an integer variable: 1 = normal, 2 = fixed, 3 = optfixed.

```

31 \int_new:N\l__marginalia_type_int
32 \keys_define:nn { marginalia }
33 {
34   type .choices:nn = {normal,fixed,optfixed}{
35     \int_set:Nn\l__marginalia_type_int{\l_keys_choice_int}
36   },
37   type .initial:n = normal,
38 }

```

*(End of definition for \l\_\_marginalia\_type\_int.)*

### 11.3.2 Horizontal placement

`\l__marginalia_pos_int` A key to store the specified position of the marginal content item. The setting is held in an integer variable: 1 = auto, (the outer margin in one-column mode; left margin in left column, right margin in right column in two-column mode) 2 = reverse (inner margin in one-column mode; between the columns in two-column mode), 3 = left, 4 = right, 5 = nearest.

```

39 \int_new:N\l__marginalia_pos_int
40 \keys_define:nn { marginalia }
41 {
42   pos .choices:nn = {auto,reverse,left,right,nearest}{
43     \int_set:Nn\l__marginalia_pos_int{\l_keys_choice_int}
44   },
45   pos .initial:n = auto
46 }

```

*(End of definition for \l\_\_marginalia\_pos\_int.)*

`\l__marginalia_column_int` A key to force the marginal content item to be treated in one-column mode or as being set from the left or right column. The setting is held in an integer variable: -1 = auto (automatic), 0 = one (one-column mode), 1 = left (left column) 2 = right (right column).

```

47 \int_new:N\l__marginalia_column_int
48 \keys_define:nn { marginalia }
49 {
50   column .choices:nn = {auto,one,left,right}{
51     \int_set:Nn\l__marginalia_column_int{\l_keys_choice_int-2}
52   },
53   column .initial:n = auto,
54 }

```

*(End of definition for \l\_\_marginalia\_column\_int.)*

`\l__marginalia_xsep_recto_outer_dim`  
`\l__marginalia_xsep_recto_inner_dim`  
`\l__marginalia_xsep_verso_outer_dim`  
`\l__marginalia_xsep_verso_inner_dim`  
`\l__marginalia_xsep_right_between_dim`  
`\l__marginalia_xsep_left_between_dim`

Dimension keys to hold the separation between the marginal content item and the main text, which can be dependent on where it appears on the page.

```

55 \keys_define:nn { marginalia }
56 {
57   xsep~recto~outer .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_xsep_recto_outer_dim,
58   xsep~recto~inner .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_xsep_recto_inner_dim,

```



```

59 xsep~verso~outer .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_xsep_verso_outer_dim,
60 xsep~verso~inner .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_xsep_verso_inner_dim,
61 xsep~right~between .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_xsep_right_between_dim,
62 xsep~left~between .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_xsep_left_between_dim,
63 xsep .code:n = {
64   \keys_set:nn{ marginalia }{
65     xsep~recto~outer=#1,
66     xsep~recto~inner=#1,
67     xsep~verso~outer=#1,
68     xsep~verso~inner=#1,
69     xsep~right~between=#1,
70     xsep~left~between=#1,
71   }
72 },
73 xsep~outer .code:n = {
74   \keys_set:nn{ marginalia }{
75     xsep~recto~outer=#1,
76     xsep~verso~outer=#1,
77   }
78 },
79 xsep~inner .code:n = {
80   \keys_set:nn{ marginalia }{
81     xsep~recto~inner=#1,
82     xsep~verso~inner=#1,
83   }
84 },
85 xsep~between .code:n = {
86   \keys_set:nn{ marginalia }{
87     xsep~right~between=#1,
88     xsep~left~between=#1,
89   }
90 },
91 xsep .initial:n = \marginparsep,
92 }

```

*(End of definition for \l\_\_marginalia\_xsep\_recto\_outer\_dim and others.)*

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`\l__marginalia_valign_int` A key to store the vertical alignment of the marginal content item. The setting is held in a integer variable: 1 = `t` (aligned at the baseline of the topmost line of the item), 2 = `b` (aligned at the baseline of the bottommost line of the item).

```

93 \int_new:N\l__marginalia_valign_int
94 \keys_define:nn { marginalia }
95 {
96   valign .choices:nn = {t,b}{
97     \int_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_valign_int\l_keys_choice_int
98   },
99   valign .initial:n = t,
100 }

```

*(End of definition for \l\_\_marginalia\_valign\_int.)*

`\l__marginalia_default_yshift_dim` Dimension key to hold the default vertical shift of the marginal content item from its natural position.

```

101 \keys_define:nn { marginalia }
102 {
103   yshift .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_default_yshift_dim,
104   yshift .initial:n = 0pt,
105 }

```

(End of definition for \l\_\_marginalia\_default\_yshift\_dim.)

\l\_\_marginalia\_ysep\_above\_dim    Dimension keys to hold the the minimum vertical spacing between a marginal content  
 \l\_\_marginalia\_ysep\_below\_dim    item and (respectively) the item above, the item below, the page top, and the page  
 \l\_\_marginalia\_ysep\_page\_top\_dim bottom.  
 \l\_\_marginalia\_ysep\_page\_bottom\_dim

```

106 \keys_define:nn { marginalia }
107 {
108   ysep~above .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_ysep_above_dim,
109   ysep~below .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_ysep_below_dim,
110   ysep~page~top .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_ysep_page_top_dim,
111   ysep~page~bottom .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_ysep_page_bottom_dim,
112   ysep .code:n = {
113     \keys_set:nn{ marginalia }{
114       ysep~below=#1,
115       ysep~above=#1,
116       ysep~page~top=#1,
117       ysep~page~bottom=#1,
118     }
119   },
120   ysep .initial:n = \marginparpush,
121 }

```

(End of definition for \l\_\_marginalia\_ysep\_above\_dim and others.)

### 11.3.4 Appearance

\l\_\_marginalia\_width\_recto\_outer\_dim    Dimension keys to hold the width of the marginal content item, which can be dependent  
 \l\_\_marginalia\_width\_recto\_inner\_dim    on where it appears on the page.  
 \l\_\_marginalia\_width\_verso\_outer\_dim  
 \l\_\_marginalia\_width\_verso\_inner\_dim  
 \l\_\_marginalia\_width\_right\_between\_dim  
 \l\_\_marginalia\_width\_left\_between\_dim

```

122 \keys_define:nn { marginalia }
123 {
124   width~recto~outer .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_width_recto_outer_dim,
125   width~recto~inner .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_width_recto_inner_dim,
126   width~verso~outer .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_width_verso_outer_dim,
127   width~verso~inner .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_width_verso_inner_dim,
128   width~right~between .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_width_right_between_dim,
129   width~left~between .dim_set:N = \l__marginalia_width_left_between_dim,
130   width .code:n = {
131     \keys_set:nn{ marginalia }{
132       width~recto~outer=#1,
133       width~recto~inner=#1,
134       width~verso~outer=#1,
135       width~verso~inner=#1,
136       width~right~between=#1,
137       width~left~between=#1,
138     }
139   },
140   width~outer .code:n = {
141     \keys_set:nn{ marginalia }{

```

```

142     width~recto~outer=#1,
143     width~verso~outer=#1,
144   }
145 },
146 width~inner .code:n = {
147   \keys_set:nn{ marginalia }{
148     width~recto~inner=#1,
149     width~verso~inner=#1,
150   }
151 },
152 width~between .code:n = {
153   \keys_set:nn{ marginalia }{
154     width~right~between=#1,
155     width~left~between=#1,
156   }
157 },
158 width .initial:n = \marginparwidth,
159 }

```

(End of definition for `\l__marginalia_width_recto_outer_dim` and others.)

```

\l__marginalia_style_recto_outer_tl
\l__marginalia_style_recto_inner_tl
\l__marginalia_style_verso_outer_tl
\l__marginalia_style_verso_inner_tl
\l__marginalia_style_right_between_tl
\l__marginalia_style_left_between_tl

```

Token list keys to hold the style with which a marginal content item is typeset, which can be dependent on where it appears on the page.

```

160 \keys_define:nn { marginalia }
161 {
162   style~recto~outer .tl_set:N = \l__marginalia_style_recto_outer_tl,
163   style~recto~inner .tl_set:N = \l__marginalia_style_recto_inner_tl,
164   style~verso~outer .tl_set:N = \l__marginalia_style_verso_outer_tl,
165   style~verso~inner .tl_set:N = \l__marginalia_style_verso_inner_tl,
166   style~right~between .tl_set:N = \l__marginalia_style_right_between_tl,
167   style~left~between .tl_set:N = \l__marginalia_style_left_between_tl,
168   style .code:n = {
169     \keys_set:nn{ marginalia }{
170       style~recto~outer=#1,
171       style~recto~inner=#1,
172       style~verso~outer=#1,
173       style~verso~inner=#1,
174       style~right~between=#1,
175       style~left~between=#1,
176     }
177   },
178   style .initial:n = {},
179 }

```

(End of definition for `\l__marginalia_style_recto_outer_tl` and others.)

## 11.4 Lua backend and interface

Load the Lua backend.

```

180 \lua_now:n{
181   marginalia = require('marginalia')
182 }

```

The following 9 macros interface between L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and Lua code. Each control sequence `\__marginalia_lua_XYZ` simply calls the corresponding Lua function `marginalia.XYZ`.

`\_marginalia_lua_store_default_page_data:` The first 8 macros do not require expansion of parameters: they either have none, or process data not containing control sequences (read from the .aux file); hence `\lua_now:n` is used.

```

\marginalia_lua_store_page_data:n
\marginalia_lua_check_page_data:n
\marginalia_lua_store_item_data:n
\marginalia_lua_check_item_data:n
\marginalia_lua_compute_items:
\marginalia_lua_write_problem_report:
\marginalia_lua_write_item_change_report:

183 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_lua_store_default_page_data:
184 {
185   \lua_now:n{ marginalia.store_default_page_data() }
186 }
187 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_lua_store_page_data:n #1
188 {
189   \lua_now:n{ marginalia.store_page_data('#1') }
190 }
191 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_lua_check_page_data:n #1
192 {
193   \lua_now:n{ marginalia.check_page_data('#1') }
194 }
195 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_lua_write_page_change_report:
196 {
197   \lua_now:n{ marginalia.write_page_change_report() }
198 }
199 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_lua_store_item_data:n #1
200 {
201   \lua_now:n{ marginalia.store_item_data('#1') }
202 }
203 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_lua_check_item_data:n #1
204 {
205   \lua_now:n{ marginalia.check_item_data('#1') }
206 }
207 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_lua_compute_items:
208 {
209   \lua_now:n{ marginalia.compute_items() }
210 }
211 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_lua_write_problem_report:
212 {
213   \lua_now:n{ marginalia.write_problem_report() }
214 }
215 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_lua_write_item_change_report:
216 {
217   \lua_now:n{ marginalia.write_item_change_report() }
218 }

```

*(End of definition for `\_marginalia_lua_store_default_page_data:` and others.)*

`\_marginalia_lua_load_item_data:n` The last macro will receive a control sequence parameter and so requires expansion; hence `\lua_now:e` is used.

```

219 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_lua_load_item_data:n #1
220 {
221   \lua_now:e{ marginalia.load_item_data('#1') }
222 }

```

*(End of definition for `\_marginalia_lua_load_item_data:n`.)*

## 11.5 Processing data from the .aux file

`\marginalia@pagedata` This command is used to store page data in the .aux file.

```

223 \NewDocumentCommand{\marginalia@pagedata}{ m }{
224   \__marginalia_process_page_data:n{#1}
225 }

```

Initially `\__marginalia_process_page_data:n` is set to `\__marginalia_lua_store_page_data:n`. Thus, when the `.aux` file is read, `\marginalia@pagedata` will pass the page data to the Lua backend to be stored.

```

226 \cs_set_eq:NN
227   \__marginalia_process_page_data:n
228   \__marginalia_lua_store_page_data:n

```

*(End of definition for `\marginalia@pagedata`.)*

`\marginalia@itemdata` This command is used to store data for each marginal content item in the `.aux` file.

```

229 \DeclareDocumentCommand{\marginalia@itemdata}{ m }{
230   \__marginalia_process_item_data:n{#1}
231 }

```

*(End of definition for `\marginalia@itemdata`.)*

Initially `\__marginalia_process_item_data:n` is set to `\__marginalia_lua_store_item_data:n`. Thus, when the `.aux` file is read, `\marginalia@itemdata` will pass the item data to the Lua backend to be stored.

```

232 \cs_set_eq:NN
233   \__marginalia_process_item_data:n
234   \__marginalia_lua_store_item_data:n

```

At the `begindocument` hook, the `.aux` file has been read and closed. The Lua backend now stores the geometry and computes the vertical shift for each item. Then the handle for the main `.aux` file is stored for use in this package.

```

235 \AddToHook{begindocument}{
236   \__marginalia_lua_store_default_page_data:
237   \__marginalia_lua_compute_items:
238   \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_aux_iow\@mainaux
239 }

```

The `enddocument/afterlastpage` hook is before the `.aux` file is read back, so this is where `\__marginalia_process_page_data:n` and `\__marginalia_process_item_data:n` are set, respectively, to `\__marginalia_lua_check_page_data:n` and `\__marginalia_lua_check_item_data:n`. Thus, when the `.aux` file is read back, `\marginalia@pagedata` and `\marginalia@itemdata` will pass data to the Lua backend to be checked for changes.

```

240 \AddToHook{enddocument/afterlastpage}{
241   \cs_set_eq:NN
242     \__marginalia_process_page_data:n
243     \__marginalia_lua_check_page_data:n
244   \cs_set_eq:NN
245     \__marginalia_process_item_data:n
246     \__marginalia_lua_check_item_data:n
247 }

```

`\__marginalia_write_reports:` All the reports of changes and/or problems are assembled in the Lua backend. This macro will write the reports as package warnings, using the following three messages, to which the Lua-assembled reports are passed as parameters:

```

248 \msg_new:nnn{marginalia}{placement_problem}

```

```

249 { Problems~in~placement.~#1 }
250 \msg_new:nnn{marginalia}{item_change}
251 { Changes~in~item~data.~#1 }
252 \msg_new:nnn{marginalia}{page_change}
253 { Changes~in~page~data.~#1 }
254 \cs_new:Npn\__marginalia_write_reports:
255 {
256   \group_begin:
257   \tl_set:N\l_tmpa_tl{\__marginalia_lua_write_problem_report:}
258   \tl_if_blank:VF\l_tmpa_tl
259   {
260     \msg_warning:nne{marginalia}{placement_problem}{\tl_use:N\l_tmpa_tl}
261   }
262   \tl_set:N\l_tmpa_tl{\__marginalia_lua_write_item_change_report:}
263   \tl_if_blank:VF\l_tmpa_tl
264   {
265     \msg_warning:nne{marginalia}{item_change}{\tl_use:N\l_tmpa_tl}
266   }
267   \tl_set:N\l_tmpa_tl{\__marginalia_lua_write_page_change_report:}
268   \tl_if_blank:VF\l_tmpa_tl
269   {
270     \msg_warning:nne{marginalia}{page_change}{\tl_use:N\l_tmpa_tl}
271   }
272   \group_end:
273 }

```

*(End of definition for \\_\_marginalia\_write\_reports:.)*

Use the `enddocument/info` hook to write the reports of changes and/or problems.

```

274 \AddToHook{enddocument/info}{
275   \__marginalia_write_reports:
276 }

```

## 11.6 Writing page data to the .aux file

To compute the positions of marginal content items, certain page layout data is required. And since all the computation takes place at the beginning of the document, it is necessary to write this information to the .aux file.

`\g__marginalia_pagedatano_int` Global integer variable to index page data items written to the .aux file.

```

277 \int_new:N\g__marginalia_pagedatano_int

```

*(End of definition for \g\_\_marginalia\_pagedatano\_int.)*

`\__marginalia_write_page_data` This command will be used to write the current page data to the .aux file. It is initially defined to do nothing, so that the use of `\marginalianewgeometry` in the preamble does not cause errors (because the .aux file is not available for writing until `begindocument/end`).

```

278 \cs_set_eq:NN\__marginalia_write_page_data:\prg_do_nothing:
279 \cs_new:Npn\__marginalia_write_page_data_real:
280 {
281   \int_gincr:N\g__marginalia_pagedatano_int
282   \iow_now:N\l__marginalia_aux_iow{
283     \token_to_str:N\marginalia@pagedata{

```

```

284         pagedatano=\int_value:w\g__marginalia_pagedatano_int,
285         abspageno=\int_eval:n{\g_shipout_readonly_int+1},
286         hoffset=\int_value:w\hoffset,
287         voffset=\int_value:w\voffset,
288         paperheight=\int_value:w\paperheight,
289         oddsidemargin=\int_value:w\oddsidemargin,
290         evensidemargin=\int_value:w\evensidemargin,
291         textwidth=\int_value:w\textwidth,
292         columncount=\int_value:w\col@number,
293         columnwidth=\int_value:w\columnwidth,
294         columnsep=\int_value:w\columnsep,
295         twoside=\bool_to_str:n{\legacy_if_p:n{@twoside}},
296     }
297 }
298 }

```

At the `begindocument/end` hook, the `.aux` file has been opened for writing, and so the macro `\__marginalia_write_page_data:` is enabled and the initial page data is written out.

```

299 \AddToHook{begindocument/end}
300 {
301     \cs_set_eq:NN
302     \__marginalia_write_page_data:
303     \__marginalia_write_page_data_real:
304     \__marginalia_write_page_data:
305 }

```

*(End of definition for \\_\_marginalia\_write\_page\_data.)*

## 11.7 Marginal content item processing

### 11.7.1 Variables

**Variables set by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.**

`\g__marginalia_itemno_int` Global integer variable to index marginal content items.

```

306 \int_new:N\g__marginalia_itemno_int

```

*(End of definition for \g\_\_marginalia\_itemno\_int.)*

`\l__marginalia_item_box` Box variable to hold the typeset marginal content item.

```

307 \box_new:N\l__marginalia_item_box

```

*(End of definition for \l\_\_marginalia\_item\_box.)*

`\l__marginalia_item_height_dim` Dimension variables to hold the height and depth of the typeset margin content item.

```

\l__marginalia_item_depth_dim
308 \dim_new:N\l__marginalia_item_height_dim

```

```

309 \dim_new:N\l__marginalia_item_depth_dim

```

*(End of definition for \l\_\_marginalia\_item\_height\_dim and \l\_\_marginalia\_item\_depth\_dim.)*

**Variables set by Lua.** The following variables will be set by the Lua backend via `tex.count` and `tex.dimen` when `\__marginalia_lua_load_item_data:n` is called.

<code>\l__marginalia_page_int</code>	Integer variable for the page on which the marginal content item appears. This variable will be made available via <code>\marginaliapage</code> within the $\langle content \rangle$ of <code>\marginalia</code> . <code>310 \int_new:N\l__marginalia_page_int</code> <i>(End of definition for \l__marginalia_page_int.)</i>
<code>\l__marginalia_column_computed_int</code>	Integer variable for the column next to which the marginal content item appears. This variable will be made available via <code>\marginaliacolumn</code> within the $\langle content \rangle$ of <code>\marginalia</code> . <code>311 \int_new:N\l__marginalia_column_computed_int</code> <i>(End of definition for \l__marginalia_column_computed_int.)</i>
<code>\l__marginalia_xshift_computed_dim</code> <code>\l__marginalia_yshift_computed_dim</code>	Dimension variables to hold the differences in $x$ and $y$ coordinates between the call to <code>\marginalia</code> and the position where the marginal content item should appear. <code>312 \dim_new:N\l__marginalia_xshift_computed_dim</code> <code>313 \dim_new:N\l__marginalia_yshift_computed_dim</code> <i>(End of definition for \l__marginalia_xshift_computed_dim and \l__marginalia_yshift_computed_dim.)</i>
<code>\l__marginalia_side_computed_int</code>	Integer variable to indicate the side of the text block or column on which the marginal content item should be placed: 0 = right and 1 = left. <code>314 \int_new:N\l__marginalia_side_computed_int</code> (This variable could be a boolean, but an integer is used because there is no canonical access to booleans from Lua.) <i>(End of definition for \l__marginalia_side_computed_int.)</i>
<code>\l__marginalia_marginno_computed_int</code>	Integer variable to indicate in which margin the content will be placed, to enable quick selection of width and style: 0 = recto outer, 1 = recto inner, 2 = verso outer, 3 = verso inner, 4 = right between, 5 = left between. <code>315 \int_new:N\l__marginalia_marginno_computed_int</code> <i>(End of definition for \l__marginalia_marginno_computed_int.)</i>
<code>\l__marginalia_enabled_computed_int</code>	Integer variable to indicate whether the marginal content item is enabled: 0 = disabled, 1 = enabled. <code>316 \int_new:N\l__marginalia_enabled_computed_int</code> (This variable could be a boolean, but an integer is used because there is no canonical access to booleans from Lua.) <i>(End of definition for \l__marginalia_enabled_computed_int.)</i>



### 11.7.2 Core macro

`\_marginalia_process_item:nn` This macro does most of the work in setting the marginal content item. The first parameter is `<options>`, the second is `<content>`.

```
317 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_process_item:nn #1#2
318 {
```

First, increment the index, then enter a group where all the action will happen.

```
319 \int_gincr:N\g__marginalia_itemno_int
320 \group_begin:
```

Process `<options>`. These settings apply locally inside the group.

```
321 \keys_set:nn{marginalia}{ #1 }
```

Get item data from the Lua backend: the integer variables `\l__marginalia_page_int`, `\l__marginalia_column_computed_int`, `\l__marginalia_side_computed_int`, `\l__marginalia_enabled_computed_int`, and the dimension variables `\l__marginalia_xshift_computed_dim`, and `\l__marginalia_yshift_computed_dim` are set by Lua via `tex.count` and `tex.dimen`. If no data is available (if, for instance, no data has been stored from a previous run), default values will be set by Lua. On later runs, the Lua backend will supply the values computed from the data written to the `.aux` file on the previous run.

```
322 \__marginalia_lua_load_item_data:n
323 { \int_value:w\g__marginalia_itemno_int }
```

Choose the correct auxiliary function for typesetting, depending on which mode T<sub>E</sub>X is in.

```
324 \mode_if_math:TF
325 {
326   \cs_set_eq:NN
327     \__marginalia_typeset:n
328     \__marginalia_typeset_mmode:n
329 }
330 {
331   \legacy_if:nT{@inlabel}
332   { \leavevmode }
333   \mode_if_horizontal:TF
334   {
335     \cs_set_eq:NN
336       \__marginalia_typeset:n
337       \__marginalia_typeset_hmode:n
338   }
339   {
340     \cs_set_eq:NN
341       \__marginalia_typeset:n
342       \__marginalia_typeset_vmode:n
343   }
344 }
```

Choose the correct box in which to typeset the item. `\l__marginalia_valign_int` can only be 1 or 2, so take 2 to signify bottom-aligned, anything else signifies top-aligned.

```
345 \int_compare:nNnTF{\l__marginalia_valign_int}={2}
346 {
347   \cs_set_eq:NN\__marginalia_item_box_set:Nn\ vbox_set:Nn
348 }
```

```

349     {
350         \cs_set_eq:NN\__marginalia_item_box_set:Nn\ vbox_set_top:Nn
351     }

```

Choose the correct horizontal separation, width, and style for the item.

```

352     \__marginalia_set_xsep_width_style:

```

Typeset the `<content>` into `\l__marginalia_item_box`. Use `\@parboxrestore` for brevity, even though `\hsize` and `\linewidth` are subsequently set to `\l__marginalia_width_dim`. Make available `\marginaliapage` and `\marginaliacolumn`.

```

353     \__marginalia_tagging_socket:n {marginpar/begin}
354     \__marginalia_item_box_set:Nn\l__marginalia_item_box{
355         \@parboxrestore
356         \__marginalia_tagging_socket:n {para/restore}
357         \normalfont\normalsize
358
359         \tl_use:N\l__marginalia_style_tl
360         \dim_set_eq:NN\hsize\l__marginalia_width_dim
361         \dim_set_eq:NN\linewidth\hsize
362
363         \cs_set_eq:NN\marginaliapage\l__marginalia_page_int
364         \cs_set_eq:NN\marginaliacolumn\l__marginalia_column_computed_int
365
366         \group_begin:
367         \ignorespaces
368         #2
369         \par
370         \group_end:
371     }
372     \__marginalia_tagging_socket:n{marginpar/end}

```

Measure `\l__marginalia_item_box`.

```

373     \dim_set:Nn\l__marginalia_item_height_dim
374         {\box_ht:N\l__marginalia_item_box}
375     \dim_set:Nn\l__marginalia_item_depth_dim
376         {\box_dp:N\l__marginalia_item_box}

```

Everything is now ready to place the item on the page and write the necessary data to the `.aux` file. Use the chosen auxiliary function for typesetting, and immediately use `\savepos` to store the callout position.

```

377     \__marginalia_typeset:n{
378         \savepos

```

Write the item data to the `.aux` file. All tokens that will change for future items, and which are currently meaningful, are expanded now; the remainder will be expanded at shipout time, when *they* are meaningful.

```

379     \iow_shipout_e:Ne\l__marginalia_aux_iow{
380         \token_to_str:N\marginalia@itemdata{
381             itemno=\int_value:w\g__marginalia_itemno_int,
382             abspageno=\exp_not:N\int_eval:n{\g_shipout_readonly_int},
383             pageno=\exp_not:N\int_value:w\c@page,
384             type=\str_use:N\int_value:w\l__marginalia_type_int,
385             xpos=\exp_not:N\int_value:w\lastxpos,
386             ypos=\exp_not:N\int_value:w\lastypos,
387             height=\int_value:w\l__marginalia_item_height_dim,

```

```

388         depth=\int_value:w\l__marginalia_item_depth_dim,
389         pos=\int_value:w\l__marginalia_pos_int,
390         column=\int_value:w\l__marginalia_column_int,
391         yshift=\int_value:w\l__marginalia_default_yshift_dim,
392         ysep~above=\int_value:w\l__marginalia_ysep_above_dim,
393         ysep~below=\int_value:w\l__marginalia_ysep_below_dim,
394         ysep~page~top=\int_value:w\l__marginalia_ysep_page_top_dim,
395         ysep~page~bottom=\int_value:w\l__marginalia_ysep_page_bottom_dim,
396     }
397 }

```

Finally, if the item is enabled, typeset it onto the page: shift the item by

$$|\backslash l\_marginalia\_xshift\_computed\_dim| + |\backslash l\_marginalia\_xsep\_dim|$$

to the right in an `\rlap` or to the left in an `\llap`, depending on `\l__marginalia_side_computed_int`, then use `\__marginalia_place_item_box` for the vertical placement.

```

398     \int_if_zero:nF{\l__marginalia_enabled_computed_int}
399     {
400         \int_if_zero:nTF{\l__marginalia_side_computed_int}
401         {
402             \rlap{
403                 \kern\l__marginalia_xshift_computed_dim
404                 \kern\l__marginalia_xsep_dim
405                 \__marginalia_place_item_box:
406             }
407         }
408         {
409             \llap{
410                 \__marginalia_place_item_box:
411                 \kern\l__marginalia_xsep_dim
412                 \kern-\l__marginalia_xshift_computed_dim
413             }
414         }
415     }
416 }

```

Close the group started near the beginning of `\__marginalia_process_item:nn`.

```

417     \group_end:
418 }

```

*(End of definition for \\_\_marginalia\_process\_item:nn.)*

### 11.7.3 Width and style selection

`\__marginalia_set_xsep_width_style` Set `\l__marginalia_xsep_dim`, `\l__marginalia_width_dim`, and `\l__marginalia_style_tl`, based on `\l__marginalia_marginno_computed_int`.

```

419 \cs_new:Npn\__marginalia_set_xsep_width_style:
420 {
421     \int_case:nn{\l__marginalia_marginno_computed_int}
422     {
423         {0}
424         {
425             \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_xsep_dim
426             \l__marginalia_xsep_recto_outer_dim

```

```

427         \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_width_dim
428         \l__marginalia_width_recto_outer_dim
429         \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_style_tl
430         \l__marginalia_style_recto_outer_tl
431     }
432 {1}
433 {
434     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_xsep_dim
435     \l__marginalia_xsep_recto_inner_dim
436     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_width_dim
437     \l__marginalia_width_recto_inner_dim
438     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_style_tl
439     \l__marginalia_style_recto_inner_tl
440 }
441 {2}
442 {
443     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_xsep_dim
444     \l__marginalia_xsep_verso_outer_dim
445     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_width_dim
446     \l__marginalia_width_verso_outer_dim
447     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_style_tl
448     \l__marginalia_style_verso_outer_tl
449 }
450 {3}
451 {
452     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_xsep_dim
453     \l__marginalia_xsep_verso_inner_dim
454     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_width_dim
455     \l__marginalia_width_verso_inner_dim
456     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_style_tl
457     \l__marginalia_style_verso_inner_tl
458 }
459 {4}
460 {
461     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_xsep_dim
462     \l__marginalia_xsep_right_between_dim
463     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_width_dim
464     \l__marginalia_width_right_between_dim
465     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_style_tl
466     \l__marginalia_style_right_between_tl
467 }
468 {5}
469 {
470     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_xsep_dim
471     \l__marginalia_xsep_left_between_dim
472     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_width_dim
473     \l__marginalia_width_left_between_dim
474     \cs_set_eq:NN\l__marginalia_style_tl
475     \l__marginalia_style_left_between_tl
476 }
477 }
478 }

```

(End of definition for \\_\_marginalia\_set\_xsep\_width\_style.)

### 11.7.4 Auxiliary placement macros

`\_marginalia_place_item_box:` Place the item that has been set in `\l\_marginalia_item_box`, vertically shifted by `\l\_marginalia_yshift_computed_dim` and `\smashed` to avoid altering vertical spacing in the main text.

```

479 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_place_item_box:
480 {
481   \smash
482   {
483     \box_move_up:nn{\l\_marginalia_yshift_computed_dim}
484     {
485       \box_use:N\l\_marginalia_item_box
486     }
487   }
488 }
```

*(End of definition for `\_marginalia_place_item_box:`.)*

`\_marginalia_typeset_mmode:n` These three macros handle typesetting in math mode, horizontal mode, and vertical mode. Nothing special needs to be done in math mode. In horizontal mode, `\@bsphack...\@esphack` avoids double spacing. In vertical mode, `\if@nobreak` is saved, a new paragraph is started, the item is typeset, the paragraph is ended, a vertical skip of `-\baselineskip` is added, which should ‘hide’ that invisible paragraph, and `\if@nobreak` is restored to the saved value.

`\_marginalia_typeset_hmode:n`  
`\_marginalia_typeset_vmode:n`

```

489 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_typeset_mmode:n #1
490 {
491   #1
492 }
493 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_typeset_hmode:n #1
494 {
495   \@bsphack
496   #1
497   \@esphack
498 }
499 \cs_new:Npn\_marginalia_typeset_vmode:n #1
500 {
501   \bool_set:Nn\l_tmpa_bool{ \legacy_if_p:n{@nobreak} }
502   \nobreak\noindent #1\par
503   \skip_vertical:n{ -\baselineskip }
504   \legacy_if_gset:nn{ @nobreak }{ \l_tmpa_bool }
505 }
```

*(End of definition for `\_marginalia_typeset_mmode:n`, `\_marginalia_typeset_hmode:n`, and `\_marginalia_typeset_vmode:n`.)*

## 11.8 User commands

Finally, set up the commands for the user.

`\marginalia` This is the main user command for creating a marginal content item. This macro does nothing but hand off to `\_marginalia_process_item:nn`.

```

506 \NewDocumentCommand{\marginalia}{ 0{} +m }
507 {
508   \_marginalia_process_item:nn{#1}{#2}
509 }
```

(End of definition for `\marginalia`. This function is documented on page 4.)

`\marginaliasetup` The user command to set the configuration.

```
510 \NewDocumentCommand{\marginaliasetup}{ m }
511 {
512   \keys_set:nn{marginalia}{ #1 }
513 }
```

(End of definition for `\marginaliasetup`. This function is documented on page 4.)

`\marginalianewgeometry` The user command to signal that the page geometry has been changed.

```
514 \NewDocumentCommand{\marginalianewgeometry}{}
515 {
516   \__marginalia_write_page_data:
517 }
```

(End of definition for `\marginalianewgeometry`. This function is documented on page 4.)

```
518 </package>
```

## 12 Implementation (Lua backend)

```
519 <lua>
```

### 12.1 Global variables

Global tables for `page__data` and `item__data`.

```
520 local PAGE_DATA_MAIN_TABLE = {}
521 local ITEM_DATA_MAIN_TABLE = {}
```

Global tables for compiling reports.

```
522 local PROBLEM_REPORT_TABLE = {}
523 local PAGE_CHANGE_REPORT_TABLE = {}
524 local ITEM_CHANGE_REPORT_TABLE = {}
```

Global configuration for reports.

```
525 local PROBLEM_REPORT_MAX_LENGTH = 40
526 local PAGE_CHANGE_REPORT_MAX_LENGTH = 10
527 local ITEM_CHANGE_REPORT_MAX_LENGTH = 10
```

### 12.2 Constants

Type constants. These match the possible values for the `type` key.

```
528 local TYPE_NORMAL = 1
529 local TYPE_FIXED = 2
530 local TYPE_OPTFIXED = 3
```

Position constants. These match the possible values for the `pos` key.

```
531 local POS_AUTO = 1
532 local POS_REVERSE = 2
533 local POS_LEFT = 3
534 local POS_RIGHT = 4
535 local POS_NEAREST = 5
```

## 12.3 Keys for tables

The strings listed in this subsection are constants used to index the tables. Also listed are the types of values that are indexed by each key. Note that values listed below as **dimensions** are actually integers, giving the dimension in TeX scaled points (sp)

### 12.3.1 Keys for both page and item data tables

Integer: Absolute page number in output file (not on-page number), used in both `page_data` and `item_data` tables

```
536 local KEY_ABSPAGENO = 'abspageno'
```

Boolean: Used to mark `page_data` or `item_data` as checked when the `.aux` file is read back at the end of the document

```
537 local KEY_CHECKED = 'checked'
```

### 12.3.2 Keys for page data tables, layout etc.

Integer: Used only to distinguish instances of data written to `.aux` file

```
538 local KEY_PAGEDATANO = 'pagedatano'
```

Dimensions: Value of next two will always be equivalent of 1 in, but it is simpler to keep all geometry data together.

```
539 local KEY_HOFFSETORIGIN = 'hoffsetorigin'
```

```
540 local KEY_VOFFSETORIGIN = 'voffsetorigin'
```

Dimensions: corresponding to obvious L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X dimensions

```
541 local KEY_HOFFSET = 'hoffset'
```

```
542 local KEY_VOFFSET = 'voffset'
```

```
543 local KEY_PAPERHEIGHT = 'paperheight'
```

```
544 local KEY_ODDSIDEMARGIN = 'oddsidemargin'
```

```
545 local KEY_EVENSIDEMARGIN = 'evensidemargin'
```

```
546 local KEY_TEXTWIDTH = 'textwidth'
```

```
547 local KEY_COLUMNWIDTH = 'columnwidth'
```

```
548 local KEY_COLUMNSEP = 'columnsep'
```

Integer: either 1 or 2, depending on whether L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X was in one- or two-column mode

```
549 local KEY_COLUMNCOUNT = 'columncount'
```

Boolean: true iff L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X is in twoside mode

```
550 local KEY_TWOSIDE = 'twoside'
```

### 12.3.3 Keys for item data tables

Integer: Used to identify data with item

```
551 local KEY_ITEMNO = 'itemno'
```

Integer: On-page number

```
552 local KEY_PAGENO = 'pageno'
```

Dimensions: *x* and *y* positions of call to `\marginalia`

```
553 local KEY_XPOS = 'xpos'
```

```
554 local KEY_YPOS = 'ypos'
```

Dimensions: Height and depth of typeset item

```
555 local KEY_HEIGHT = 'height'
556 local KEY_DEPTH = 'depth'
```

Integer: Specified type, following TYPE\_\*

```
557 local KEY_TYPE = 'type'
```

Integer: corresponds to value of pos key: 0 = auto, 1 = reverse, 2 = left, 3 = right, 4 = nearest

```
558 local KEY_POS = 'pos'
```

Integer: corresponds to value of column key: -1 = auto, 0 = one, 1 = left, 2 = right

```
559 local KEY_COLUMN = 'column'
```

Dimension: specified vertical shift

```
560 local KEY_YSHIFT = 'yshift'
```

Dimensions: specified vertical separations

```
561 local KEY_YSEP_ABOVE = 'ysep above'
562 local KEY_YSEP_BELOW = 'ysep below'
563 local KEY_YSEP_PAGE_TOP = 'ysep page top'
564 local KEY_YSEP_PAGE_BOTTOM = 'ysep page bottom'
```

The preceding keys refer to values that will be supplied from L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. The remaining values will be computed in Lua and passed back to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

Integer: column in which the call to \marginalia was located: 0 = one-column, 1 = left, 2 = right

```
565 local KEY_COLNO_COMPUTED = 'colno computed'
```

Dimension: Horizontal shift between the call to \marginalia and the margin in which the item should be located

```
566 local KEY_XSHIFT_COMPUTED = 'xshift computed'
```

Dimension: Computed vertical shift

```
567 local KEY_YSHIFT_COMPUTED = 'yshift computed'
```

Integer: Side of text on which the item will appear: 0 = right, 1 = left

```
568 local KEY_SIDE_COMPUTED = 'side computed'
```

Integer: Number of margin in which the item will appear, 0 = recto outer, 1 = recto inner, 2 = verso outer, 3 = verso inner, 4 = right between, 5 = left between

```
569 local KEY_MARGINNO_COMPUTED = 'marginno computed'
```

Boolean: Whether the item will actually appear on the page

```
570 local KEY_ENABLED_COMPUTED = 'enabled computed'
```



## 12.4 Utility functions

`list_filter`  
 7 Code adapted from  
<https://stackoverflow.com/a/53038524/8990243>.

Take a list `t` and remove from it any elements for which the function `f` does not return true. (The index `j` is always the destination index to which a ‘keep’ element is moved.)<sup>7</sup>

```

571 local function list_filter(t, f)
572   local j = 1
573   local n = #t
574
575   for i=1,n do
576     if (f(t[i])) then
577       if (i ~= j) then
578         t[j] = t[i]
579         t[i] = nil
580       end
581       j = j + 1
582     else
583       t[i] = nil
584     end
585   end
586
587 end

```

*(End of definition for list\_filter.)*

`list_filter` Return boolean true iff `s` is exactly the string ‘true’.

```

588 local function toboolean(s)
589   return s == "true"
590 end

```

*(End of definition for list\_filter.)*

`get_data_page_number` Take a item or page data and return a human-readable string indicating the page to which the data pertains.

```

591 local function get_data_page_number(data)
592   local pageno = data[KEY_PAGENO]
593   if pageno ~= nil then
594     return 'p' .. pageno .. ' (' .. data[KEY_ABSPAGENO] .. ')'
595   else
596     return data[KEY_ABSPAGENO]
597   end
598 end

```

*(End of definition for get\_data\_page\_number.)*

## 12.5 Generic page/item data functions

`parse_data` Parse `keyvalue_string` and return the corresponding data as a table. The `keyvalue_string` is expected to be of precisely the kind written to the `.aux` file as the parameter of `\marginalia@pagedata` or `\marginalia@notedata`.

Ignore any keys in `keyvalue_string` that are not listed in `conversion_table`. Fill in any missing value with values from `defaults_table`.

`conversion_table` is indexed by possible keys, with values equal to functions to convert the corresponding value string to the value that should appear in the returned table.

`defaults_table` is indexed by keys that *will* appear in the returned table, using the corresponding value unless it was given in `keyvalue_string` and the key appeared in `conversion_table`.

```

599 local function parse_data(keyvalue_string,conversion_table,defaults_table)
600
601     local key
602     local value
603     local result = {}
604
605     for s in string.gmatch(keyvalue_string,'([^\,]+)') do
606
607         key,value = string.match(s,'^(.+)=(.+)$')
608         local conv = conversion_table[key]
609         if conv ~= nil then
610             result[key] = conv(value)
611         end
612
613     end
614
615     for key,value in pairs(defaults_table) do
616         if not(result[key] ~= nil) then
617             result[key] = value
618         end
619     end
620
621     return result
622
623 end

```

*(End of definition for parse\_data.)*

`check_data` Check `keyvalue_string` against stored data. If it is new or has changed, append a report to `report_table`. Set the `KEY_CHECKED` of the data item to true.

The `keyvalue_string` is processed using `conversion_table` and `defaults_table` as per the `parse_data` function. The resulting table is compared to the table in `data_table` with the same value whose key is `data_table_key`. The tables are compared using the fields indexed by keys in `conversion_table`.

```

624 local function check_data(keyvalue_string,conversion_table,defaults_table,
625                             data_table,data_table_key_field,report_table)
626
627     local new_data = parse_data(keyvalue_string,
628                                 conversion_table,defaults_table)
629
630     local data_table_key = new_data[data_table_key_field]
631
632     local stored_data = data_table[data_table_key]
633     if stored_data == nil then
634         table.insert(
635             report_table,
636             get_data_page_number(new_data) .. ' New'
637         )
638     else
639         local change_report = ''

```

```

640     for k,_ in pairs(conversion_table) do
641         if stored_data[k] ~= new_data[k] then
642             change_report = change_report
643             .. ' ' .. k .. ':' ..
644             tostring(stored_data[k]) .. '->' .. tostring(new_data[k])
645         end
646     end
647     if change_report ~= '' then
648         table.insert(
649             report_table,
650             get_data_page_number(new_data) .. ' ' .. change_report
651         )
652     end
653     stored_data[KEY_CHECKED] = true
654 end
655
656 end

```

*(End of definition for check\_data.)*

`check_removed_data` Check whether data have been removed from `data_table`, which corresponds to some entry having the value of `KEY_CHECKED` being false. In this case, append a report to `report_table`.

```

657 local function check_removed_data(data_table,report_table)
658     for _,data in pairs(data_table) do
659         if not data[KEY_CHECKED] then
660             table.insert(
661                 report_table,
662                 ' Removed'
663             )
664             break
665         end
666     end
667 end

```

*(End of definition for check\_removed\_data.)*

## 12.6 Processing of page data from .aux file

Conversion and default tables.

```

668 local PAGE_DATA_CONVERSION_TABLE = {
669     [KEY_PAGEDATANO] = tonumber,
670     [KEY_A BSPAGENO] = tonumber,
671     [KEY_HOFFSETORIGIN] = tonumber,
672     [KEY_VOFFSETORIGIN] = tonumber,
673     [KEY_HOFFSET] = tonumber,
674     [KEY_VOFFSET] = tonumber,
675     [KEY_PAPERHEIGHT] = tonumber,
676     [KEY_ODDSIDEMARGIN] = tonumber,
677     [KEY_EVENSIDEMARGIN] = tonumber,
678     [KEY_COLUMNCOUNT] = tonumber,
679     [KEY_COLUMNWIDTH] = tonumber,
680     [KEY_COLUMNSEP] = tonumber,
681     [KEY_TEXTWIDTH] = tonumber,

```

```

682 [KEY_TWOSIDE] = toboolean,
683 }
684 local PAGE_DATA_DEFAULT_TABLE = {
685   [KEY_PAGEDATANO] = 0,
686   [KEY_ASPAGENO] = 0,
687   [KEY_HOFFSETOIGIN] = tex.sp('1in'),
688   [KEY_VOFFSETOIGIN] = tex.sp('1in'),
689   [KEY_HOFFSET] = tex.dimen['hoffset'],
690   [KEY_VOFFSET] = tex.dimen['voffset'],
691   [KEY_PAPERHEIGHT] = tex.dimen['paperheight'],
692   [KEY_ODDSIDEMARGIN] = tex.dimen['oddsidemargin'],
693   [KEY_EVENSIDEMARGIN] = tex.dimen['evensidemargin'],
694   [KEY_TEXTWIDTH] = tex.dimen['textwidth'],
695   [KEY_COLUMNWIDTH] = tex.dimen['columnwidth'],
696   [KEY_COLUMNSEP] = tex.dimen['columnsep'],
697   [KEY_COLUMNCOUNT] = 1,
698   [KEY_TWOSIDE] = false,
699   [KEY_CHECKED] = false,
700 }

```

store\_page\_data Store page data supplied by keyvalue\_string in PAGE\_DATA\_MAIN\_TABLE.

```

701 local function store_page_data(keyvalue_string)
702
703   local page_data = parse_data(keyvalue_string,
704                                 PAGE_DATA_CONVERSION_TABLE,
705                                 PAGE_DATA_DEFAULT_TABLE)
706
707   PAGE_DATA_MAIN_TABLE[page_data[KEY_PAGEDATANO]] = page_data
708
709 end

```

*(End of definition for store\_page\_data.)*

store\_default\_page\_data Store default page data in PAGE\_DATA\_MAIN\_TABLE, so that there is some data to work with when computing item positions, even on a first run, when no page data has been written to the .aux file.

```

710 local function store_default_page_data()
711
712   default_page_data = parse_data('',
713                                   PAGE_DATA_CONVERSION_TABLE,
714                                   PAGE_DATA_DEFAULT_TABLE)
715
716   default_page_data[KEY_ASPAGENO] = 1
717   default_page_data[KEY_CHECKED] = true
718
719   PAGE_DATA_MAIN_TABLE[0] = default_page_data
720
721 end

```

*(End of definition for store\_default\_page\_data.)*

check\_page\_data Check whether page\_data supplied by keyvalue\_string differs from that in PAGE\_DATA\_MAIN\_TABLE, appending reports to PAGE\_CHANGE\_REPORT\_TABLE if so.

```

722 local function check_page_data(keyvalue_string)

```

```

723
724     check_data(keyvalue_string,
725                 PAGE_DATA_CONVERSION_TABLE,PAGE_DATA_DEFAULT_TABLE,
726                 PAGE_DATA_MAIN_TABLE,KEY_PAGEDATANO,
727                 PAGE_CHANGE_REPORT_TABLE)
728
729 end

```

*(End of definition for check\_page\_data.)*

## 12.7 Processing of item data from .aux file

Conversion and default tables.

```

730 local ITEM_DATA_CONVERSIONS = {
731     [KEY_ITEMNO] = tonumber,
732     [KEY_ABSPAGENO] = tonumber,
733     [KEY_PAGENO] = tonumber,
734     [KEY_XPOS] = tonumber,
735     [KEY_YPOS] = tonumber,
736     [KEY_HEIGHT] = tonumber,
737     [KEY_DEPTH] = tonumber,
738     [KEY_TYPE] = tonumber,
739     [KEY_POS] = tonumber,
740     [KEY_COLUMN] = tonumber,
741     [KEY_YSHIFT] = tonumber,
742     [KEY_YSEP_ABOVE] = tonumber,
743     [KEY_YSEP_BELOW] = tonumber,
744     [KEY_YSEP_PAGE_TOP] = tonumber,
745     [KEY_YSEP_PAGE_BOTTOM] = tonumber,
746     [KEY_CHECKED] = toboolean,
747 }
748 local ITEM_DATA_DEFAULTS = {
749     [KEY_ITEMNO] = 0,
750     [KEY_ABSPAGENO] = 1,
751     [KEY_PAGENO] = 1,
752     [KEY_XPOS] = 0,
753     [KEY_YPOS] = 0,
754     [KEY_HEIGHT] = 0,
755     [KEY_DEPTH] = 0,
756     [KEY_TYPE] = 0,
757     [KEY_POS] = 0,
758     [KEY_COLUMN] = -1,
759     [KEY_YSHIFT] = 0,
760     [KEY_YSEP_ABOVE] = tex.dimen['marginparpush'],
761     [KEY_YSEP_BELOW] = tex.dimen['marginparpush'],
762     [KEY_YSEP_PAGE_TOP] = tex.dimen['marginparpush'],
763     [KEY_YSEP_PAGE_BOTTOM] = tex.dimen['marginparpush'],
764     [KEY_COLNO_COMPUTED] = 0,
765     [KEY_XSHIFT_COMPUTED] = 0,
766     [KEY_YSHIFT_COMPUTED] = 0,
767     [KEY_SIDE_COMPUTED] = 0,
768     [KEY_MARGINNO_COMPUTED] = 0,
769     [KEY_ENABLED_COMPUTED] = true,
770     [KEY_CHECKED] = false,

```

```
771 }
```

ITEM\_DATA\_DEFAULTS is also used by load\_item\_data when no stored item data is found in ITEM\_DATA\_MAIN\_TABLE.

store\_item\_data Store item\_data supplied by keyvalue\_string in ITEM\_DATA\_MAIN\_TABLE.

```
772 local function store_item_data(keyvalue_string)
773
774     local item = parse_data(keyvalue_string,
775                             ITEM_DATA_CONVERSIONS,
776                             ITEM_DATA_DEFAULTS)
777
778     ITEM_DATA_MAIN_TABLE[item[KEY_ITEMNO]] = item
779
780 end
```

*(End of definition for store\_item\_data.)*

check\_item\_data Check whether item\_data supplied by keyvalue\_string differs from that in ITEM\_DATA\_MAIN\_TABLE, appending reports to ITEM\_CHANGE\_REPORT\_TABLE if so.

```
781 local function check_item_data(keyvalue_string)
782
783     check_data(keyvalue_string,
784                ITEM_DATA_CONVERSIONS, ITEM_DATA_DEFAULTS,
785                ITEM_DATA_MAIN_TABLE, KEY_ITEMNO,
786                ITEM_CHANGE_REPORT_TABLE)
787
788 end
```

*(End of definition for check\_item\_data.)*

## 12.8 Writing reports

write\_report Write the data contained in report\_table to T<sub>E</sub>X in a format suitable for a package warning. The written text will contain at most max\_length items.

```
789 local function write_report(report_table,max_length)
790
791     if #report_table > 0 then
792         local report_text
793         local report_length
794
795         if #report_table <= max_length then
796             report_length = #report_table
797             report_text = ' Here they are:\n'
798         else
799             report_length = max_length
800             report_text = ' Here are the first ' .. report_length .. ':\n'
801         end
802
803         for i=1,report_length do
804             report_text = report_text .. report_table[i]
805             if i < report_length then
806                 report_text = report_text .. '\n'
807             end
808         end
809     end
810 end
```

```

808     end
809
810     tex.print(report_text)
811 end
812
813 end

```

*(End of definition for write\_report.)*

`write_problem_report` Write a report about placement problems to T<sub>E</sub>X in a format suitable for a package warning.

```

814 local function write_problem_report()
815
816     write_report(PROBLEM_REPORT_TABLE, PROBLEM_REPORT_MAX_LENGTH)
817
818 end

```

*(End of definition for write\_problem\_report.)*

`write_item_change_report` Write a report about changes in item data to T<sub>E</sub>X in a format suitable for a package warning.

```

819 local function write_item_change_report()
820
821     check_removed_data(ITEM_DATA_MAIN_TABLE, ITEM_CHANGE_REPORT_TABLE)
822     write_report(ITEM_CHANGE_REPORT_TABLE, ITEM_CHANGE_REPORT_MAX_LENGTH)
823
824 end

```

*(End of definition for write\_item\_change\_report.)*

`write_page_change_report` Write a report about changes in page data to T<sub>E</sub>X in a format suitable for a package warning.

```

825 local function write_page_change_report()
826
827     check_removed_data(PAGE_DATA_MAIN_TABLE, PAGE_CHANGE_REPORT_TABLE)
828     write_report(PAGE_CHANGE_REPORT_TABLE, PAGE_CHANGE_REPORT_MAX_LENGTH)
829
830 end

```

*(End of definition for write\_page\_change\_report.)*

## 12.9 Computing horizontal positions

It is necessary to determine whether an item should be placed on the right or left of the text block, and in which column it lies. The following lookup tables are used.

The value found in `RIGHTSIDE_LOOKUP_TABLE` is either `true` (right) or `false` (left). It is indexed by whether the item is on a recto page (`true/false`), whether it pertains to single-column text, the left column, or the right column (0/1/2), and the value of `pos` being either `auto` or `reverse`.

```

831 local RIGHTSIDE_LOOKUP_TABLE = {
832     [true] = {
833         [0] = {
834             [POS_AUTO] = true,
835             [POS_REVERSE] = false,

```

```

836     },
837     [1] = {
838         [POS_AUTO] = false,
839         [POS_REVERSE] = true,
840     },
841     [2] = {
842         [POS_AUTO] = true,
843         [POS_REVERSE] = false,
844     },
845 },
846 [false] = {
847     [0] = {
848         [POS_AUTO] = false,
849         [POS_REVERSE] = true,
850     },
851     [1] = {
852         [POS_AUTO] = true,
853         [POS_REVERSE] = false,
854     },
855     [2] = {
856         [POS_AUTO] = false,
857         [POS_REVERSE] = true,
858     },
859 },
860 }

```

The value found in `MARGINNO_LOOKUP_TABLE` ranges from 0 to 5 (see `KEY_MARGINNO_COMPUTED` for the meaning of these values). It is indexed by whether the item is on a recto page (`true/false`), whether it pertains to single-column text, the left column, or the right column (0/1/2), and whether it is to be placed on the right of the text block (`true/false`).

```

861 local MARGINNO_LOOKUP_TABLE = {
862     [true] = {
863         [0] = {
864             [false] = 1,
865             [true] = 0,
866         },
867         [1] = {
868             [false] = 1,
869             [true] = 5,
870         },
871         [2] = {
872             [false] = 4,
873             [true] = 0,
874         },
875     },
876     [false] = {
877         [0] = {
878             [false] = 2,
879             [true] = 3,
880         },
881         [1] = {
882             [false] = 2,
883             [true] = 5,

```



```

884     },
885     [2] = {
886         [false] = 4,
887         [true] = 3,
888     },
889 },
890 }

```

`compute_items_horizontal` For every `item_data` in `item_data_list`, compute the fields relevant to horizontal positioning, namely `KEY_COLNO_COMPUTED`, `KEY_XSHIFT_COMPUTED`, `KEY_SIDE_COMPUTED`, based on the layout information in `page_data`. Every item described in `item_data_list` is assumed to be on the same page.

```

891 local function compute_items_horizontal(item_data_list,page_data)

```

Immediately return if `item_data_list` is empty, to avoid edge cases.

```

892 if #item_data_list == 0 then
893     return
894 end

```

Information used frequently and which is the same for every item.

```

895 local pageno = item_data_list[1][KEY_PAGENO]
896 local twoside = page_data[KEY_TWOSIDE]
897 local recto = ((pageno % 2) == 1) or (not twoside)
898 local columncount = page_data[KEY_COLUMNCOUNT]

```

Tables to contain the *x*-coordinates of left edge, right edge, and middle of the current text, whether a single column (index 0), the left column (index 1), or the right column (index 2).

```

899 local x_textleft = {}
900 local x_textright = {}
901 local x_textmiddle = {}

```

First, compute necessary dimensions for single-column text, since most of these calculations would be used anyway for two-column text. The terms used in calculating `x_textleft[0]` respectively take one to the origin of `\hoffset`, to the origin of `\oddsidemargin` and `\evensidemargin`, and to the left-hand side of the text block.

```

902 if recto then
903     x_textleft[0] = (
904         page_data[KEY_HOFFSETORIGIN]
905         + page_data[KEY_HOFFSET]
906         + page_data[KEY_ODDSIDEMARGIN]
907     )
908     x_textright[0] = (
909         x_textleft[0]
910         + page_data[KEY_TEXTWIDTH]
911     )
912 else
913     x_textleft[0] = (
914         page_data[KEY_HOFFSETORIGIN]
915         + page_data[KEY_HOFFSET]
916         + page_data[KEY_EVENSIDEMARGIN]
917     )
918     x_textright[0] = (
919         x_textleft[0]
920         + page_data[KEY_TEXTWIDTH]

```

```

921     )
922   end
923   x_textmiddle[0] = (x_textleft[0] + x_textright[0])/2
924
925
926   if columncount == 1 then

```

If the page is one-column, the field KEY\_COLNO\_COMPUTED can be set immediately for every item\_data.

```

927     for i=1,#item_data_list do
928       item_data_list[i][KEY_COLNO_COMPUTED] = 0
929     end
930   else

```

If the page is two-column, calculate the *x*-coordinates of the left and right edges and the mid-point of each column.

```

931     x_textleft[1] = x_textleft[0]
932     x_textright[1] = (
933       x_textleft[1]
934       + page_data[KEY_COLUMNWIDTH]
935     )
936     x_textmiddle[1] = (x_textleft[1] + x_textright[1])/2
937
938     x_textleft[2] = (
939       x_textright[1]
940       + page_data[KEY_COLUMNSEP]
941     )
942     x_textright[2] = (
943       x_textleft[2]
944       + page_data[KEY_COLUMNWIDTH]
945     )
946     x_textmiddle[2] = (x_textleft[2] + x_textright[2])/2
947

```

Calculate the cut-off (mid-way between the columns) that distinguishes items from left and right columns.

```

948     local left_column_x_limit = (
949       x_textright[1]
950       + .5*page_data[KEY_COLUMNSEP]
951     )

```

Now set the field KEY\_COLNO\_COMPUTED for each item.

```

952     for i=1,#item_data_list do
953       local item_data = item_data_list[i]
954
955       if item_data[KEY_COLUMN] >= 0 then
956         item_data[KEY_COLNO_COMPUTED] = item_data[KEY_COLUMN]
957       else
958         if item_data[KEY_XPOS] <= left_column_x_limit then
959           item_data[KEY_COLNO_COMPUTED] = 1
960         else
961           item_data[KEY_COLNO_COMPUTED] = 2
962         end
963       end
964     end

```

```

965
966     end

```

For every item\_data in item\_data\_list, compute and set the fields KEY\_SIDE\_COMPUTED, KEY\_XSHIFT\_COMPUTED, and KEY\_MARGINNO\_COMPUTED.

```

967     for i=1,#item_data_list do
968         local item = item_data_list[i]
969
970         local pos = item[KEY_POS]
971         local colnocomputed = item[KEY_COLNO_COMPUTED]
972
973         if pos == POS_LEFT then
974             rightside = false
975         elseif pos == POS_RIGHT then
976             rightside = true
977         elseif pos == POS_NEAREST then
978             rightside = (item[KEY_XPOS] >= x_textmiddle[colnocomputed])
979         else

```

pos must be POS\_AUTO or POS\_REVERSE

```

980             rightside = RIGHTSIDE_LOOKUP_TABLE[recto][colnocomputed][pos]
981         end
982
983         local marginno = MARGINNO_LOOKUP_TABLE[recto][colnocomputed][rightside]
984
985         if rightside then
986             item[KEY_SIDE_COMPUTED] = 0
987             item[KEY_XSHIFT_COMPUTED] = -item[KEY_XPOS]
988                                     + x_textright[colnocomputed]
989         else
990             item[KEY_SIDE_COMPUTED] = 1
991             item[KEY_XSHIFT_COMPUTED] = -item[KEY_XPOS]
992                                     + x_textleft[colnocomputed]
993         end
994         item[KEY_MARGINNO_COMPUTED] = marginno
995
996     end
997
998 end

```

*(End of definition for compute\_items\_horizontal.)*

get\_y\_item\_top Return the y-coordinate of the top of the item described by item\_data.

```

999 local function get_y_item_top(item_data)
1000     return item_data[KEY_YPOS]
1001         + item_data[KEY_YSHIFT_COMPUTED]
1002         + item_data[KEY_HEIGHT]
1003 end

```

*(End of definition for get\_y\_item\_top.)*

get\_y\_item\_bottom Return the y-coordinate of the bottom of the item described by item\_data.

```

1004 local function get_y_item_bottom(item_data)
1005     return item_data[KEY_YPOS]
1006         - item_data[KEY_DEPTH]

```

```

1007         + item_data[KEY_YSHIFT_COMPUTED]
1008     end

```

*(End of definition for get\_y\_item\_bottom.)*

**get\_ysep\_list** Calculate the separation to be used between adjacent marginal content items as described in `item_data_list`. The list is assumed to be sorted so that items are in the order they should appear on the page, top to bottom.

The idea is that we have the following arrangement for  $i = 1, \dots, \#item\_data\_list$ :

```

:
item_data_list[i]
ysep_list[i]
item_data_list[i+1]
:

```

Also set `ysep_list[0]` and `ysep_list[#item_data_list]` to 0, to avoid checking when these values are accessed (although they are not used).

```

1009 local function get_ysep_list(item_data_list)
1010
1011     local ysep_list = {}
1012
1013     ysep_list[0] = 0
1014     for i=1,#item_data_list-1 do
1015         ysep_list[i] = math.max(
1016             item_data_list[i][KEY_YSEP_BELOW],
1017             item_data_list[i+1][KEY_YSEP_ABOVE]
1018         )
1019     end
1020     ysep_list[#item_data_list] = 0
1021
1022     return ysep_list
1023
1024 end

```

*(End of definition for get\_ysep\_list.)*

## 12.10 Computing vertical positions

### 12.10.1 Computing optfixed enabled

**compute\_items\_vertical\_optfixed\_enabled** For every `item_data` in `item_data_list` describing an item of type `TYPE_OPTFIXED`, check for a clash with an item of type `TYPE_FIXED`. If so, set `item_data[KEY_ENABLED_COMPUTED]` to `false`. Every item described in `item_data_list` is assumed to be on the same page and to have `KEY_YSHIFT` set to the default.

```

1025 local function compute_items_vertical_optfixed_enabled(item_data_list)
1026
1027     local optfixed_item_data_list = {}
1028     local fixed_item_data_list = {}
1029
1030     for _,item_data in pairs(item_data_list) do
1031         if item_data[KEY_TYPE] == TYPE_OPTFIXED then
1032             optfixed_item_data_list[#optfixed_item_data_list+1] = item_data
1033         elseif item_data[KEY_TYPE] == TYPE_FIXED then

```

```

1034     fixed_item_data_list[#fixed_item_data_list+1] = item_data
1035   end
1036 end
1037
1038 for _,optfixed_item_data in pairs(optfixed_item_data_list) do
1039   local optfixed_y_item_top = get_y_item_top(optfixed_item_data)
1040   local optfixed_y_item_bottom = get_y_item_bottom(optfixed_item_data)
1041
1042   for _,fixed_item_data in pairs(fixed_item_data_list) do
1043     local fixed_y_item_top = get_y_item_top(fixed_item_data)
1044     local fixed_y_item_bottom = get_y_item_bottom(fixed_item_data)
1045
1046     if (
1047       (
1048         (fixed_y_item_bottom - optfixed_y_item_top)
1049         <
1050         math.max(
1051           fixed_item_data[KEY_YSEP_BELOW],
1052           optfixed_item_data[KEY_YSEP_ABOVE]
1053         )
1054       )
1055       and
1056       (
1057         (optfixed_y_item_bottom - fixed_y_item_top)
1058         <
1059         math.max(
1060           optfixed_item_data[KEY_YSEP_BELOW],
1061           fixed_item_data[KEY_YSEP_ABOVE]
1062         )
1063       )
1064     ) then
1065       optfixed_item_data[KEY_ENABLED_COMPUTED] = false
1066       break
1067     end
1068   end
1069 end
1070
1071 end

```

*(End of definition for compute\_items\_vertical\_optfixed\_enabled.)*

## 12.10.2 Computing vertical adjustment

compute\_items\_vertical\_adjustment

For every `item_data` in `item_data_list`, compute the field relevant to vertical positioning, namely `KEY_YSHIFT_COMPUTED`, based on the layout information in `page_data`. Every item described in `item_data_list` is assumed to be on the same page and to have `KEY_YSHIFT` set to the default, and the list is assumed to be sorted so that items are in the order they should appear on the page, top to bottom.

```

1072 local function compute_items_vertical_adjustment(item_data_list,page_data)

```

Immediately return if `item_data_list` is empty, to avoid edge cases

```

1073   if #item_data_list == 0 then
1074     return
1075   end

```

```

1076
1077 local ysep_list = get_ysep_list(item_data_list)

```

*First pass of computation (downward).* `y_limit_above` will always be the highest *y*-coordinate at which the top of next item below can appear.

```

1078 local y_limit_above = (
1079     page_data[KEY_VOFFSET]
1080     + page_data[KEY_PAPERHEIGHT]
1081     - item_data_list[1][KEY_YSEP_PAGE_TOP]
1082 )
1083
1084 for i=1,#item_data_list do
1085     local item_data = item_data_list[i]
1086
1087     local y_item_top = get_y_item_top(item_data)
1088
1089     if y_item_top > y_limit_above then
1090         if item_data[KEY_TYPE] == TYPE_NORMAL then
1091             item_data[KEY_YSHIFT_COMPUTED] = item_data[KEY_YSHIFT_COMPUTED]
1092                                             + (y_limit_above - y_item_top)
1093         end
1094     end
1095
1096     y_limit_above = get_y_item_bottom(item_data) - ysep_list[i]
1097 end

```

*Second pass of computation (upward).* `y_limit_below` will always be the lowest *y*-coordinate at which the bottom of next item above can appear.

```

1098 local y_limit_below = (
1099     page_data[KEY_VOFFSET]
1100     + item_data_list[#item_data_list][KEY_YSEP_PAGE_BOTTOM]
1101 )
1102
1103 for i=#item_data_list,1,-1 do
1104     local item_data = item_data_list[i]
1105
1106     local y_item_bottom = get_y_item_bottom(item_data)
1107
1108     if y_item_bottom < y_limit_below then
1109         if item_data[KEY_TYPE] == TYPE_NORMAL then
1110             item_data[KEY_YSHIFT_COMPUTED] = item_data[KEY_YSHIFT_COMPUTED]
1111                                             + (y_limit_below - y_item_bottom)
1112         end
1113     end
1114
1115     y_limit_below = get_y_item_top(item_data) + ysep_list[i-1]
1116 end
1117
1118 end

```

*(End of definition for compute\_items\_vertical\_adjustment.)*

### 12.10.3 Checking vertical adjustment

Messages to use when checking results of vertical adjustment.

```

1119 local ITEM_PASSED_YSEP_PAGE_TOP_MESSAGES = {
1120     [TYPE_NORMAL] = 'Moveable item > ysep page top',
1121     [TYPE_FIXED] = 'Topmost fixed item > ysep page top',
1122     [TYPE_OPTFIXED] = 'Topmost optfixed item > ysep page top',
1123 }
1124 local ITEM_CLASH_MESSAGES = {
1125     [TYPE_NORMAL] = {
1126         [TYPE_NORMAL] = 'moveable items'
1127         .. ' (this shouldn\'t happen)',
1128         [TYPE_FIXED] = 'moveable item above fixed item',
1129         [TYPE_OPTFIXED] = 'moveable item above optfixed item',
1130     },
1131     [TYPE_FIXED] = {
1132         [TYPE_NORMAL] = 'moveable item below fixed item',
1133         [TYPE_FIXED] = 'fixed items',
1134         [TYPE_OPTFIXED] = 'fixed item above optfixed item '
1135         .. ' (this shouldn\'t happen)',
1136     },
1137     [TYPE_OPTFIXED] = {
1138         [TYPE_NORMAL] = 'moveable items below optfixed item',
1139         [TYPE_FIXED] = 'fixed item below optfixed item '
1140         .. ' (this shouldn\'t happen)',
1141         [TYPE_OPTFIXED] = 'optfixed items '
1142         .. ' (this shouldn\'t happen)',
1143     },
1144 }
1145 local ITEM_PASSED_YSEP_PAGE_BOTTOM_MESSAGE = {
1146     [TYPE_NORMAL] = 'Moveable item < ysep page bottom',
1147     [TYPE_FIXED] = 'Bottommost fixed item < ysep page bottom',
1148     [TYPE_OPTFIXED] = 'Bottommost optfixed item < ysep page bottom',
1149 }

```

check\_items\_vertical For the items described by the item\_data in item\_data\_list, check whether any clash or fail to obey ysep page top or ysep page bottom. If so, write messages to PROBLEM\_REPORT\_TABLE.

```

1150 local function check_items_vertical(item_data_list,page_data)

```

Immediately return if item\_data\_list is empty, to avoid edge cases

```

1151     if (#item_data_list) == 0 then
1152         return
1153     end
1154
1155     local ysep_list = get_ysep_list(item_data_list)
1156
1157     local item_data
1158

```

If any item fails to obey ysep page top, the first one in the list does.

```

1159     item_data = item_data_list[1]
1160     if (
1161         get_y_item_top(item_data) > page_data[KEY_VOFFSET]
1162         + page_data[KEY_PAPERHEIGHT]
1163         - item_data[KEY_YSEP_PAGE_TOP]
1164     ) then
1165         table.insert(

```

```

1166     PROBLEM_REPORT_TABLE,
1167     get_data_page_number(item_data)
1168     .. ' ' .. ITEM_PASSED_YSEP_PAGE_TOP_MESSAGES[item_data[KEY_TYPE]]
1169 )
1170 end
1171
1172 for i=2,#item_data_list do
1173     local item_data = item_data_list[i]
1174     local prev_item_data = item_data_list[i-1]
1175     if (
1176         get_y_item_top(item_data) > get_y_item_bottom(prev_item_data)
1177             - ysep_list[i-1]
1178     ) then
1179         table.insert(
1180             PROBLEM_REPORT_TABLE,
1181             get_data_page_number(item_data)
1182             .. ' Clash: ' ..
1183             ITEM_CLASH_MESSAGES[prev_item_data[KEY_TYPE]][item_data[KEY_TYPE]]
1184         )
1185     end
1186 end

```

If any item fails to obey ysep page bottom, the last one in the list does.

```

1187 item_data = item_data_list[#item_data_list]
1188 if (
1189     get_y_item_bottom(item_data) < page_data[KEY_VOFFSET]
1190         + item_data[KEY_YSEP_PAGE_BOTTOM]
1191 ) then
1192     table.insert(
1193         PROBLEM_REPORT_TABLE,
1194         get_data_page_number(item_data)
1195         .. ' ' .. ITEM_PASSED_YSEP_PAGE_BOTTOM_MESSAGE[item_data[KEY_TYPE]]
1196     )
1197 end
1198
1199 end

```

*(End of definition for check\_items\_vertical.)*

#### 12.10.4 Core vertical position computation

`compute_items_vertical` For every `item_data` in `item_data_list`, compute the field relevant to vertical positioning, namely `KEY_YSHIFT_COMPUTED`, based on the layout information in `page_data`. This may involve setting the field `KEY_ENABLED_COMPUTED` to false. In such a case, the relevant `item_data` is removed from `item_data_list`.

```

1200 local function compute_items_vertical(item_data_list,page_data)

```

Set `KEY_YSHIFT_COMPUTED` of each `item_data` to the user-supplied value.

```

1201 for i=1,#item_data_list do
1202     local item_data = item_data_list[i]
1203
1204     item_data[KEY_YSHIFT_COMPUTED] = item_data[KEY_YSHIFT]
1205 end

```



Decide which items of type ITEM\_DATA\_OPTFIXED are to be disabled.

```
1206   compute_items_vertical_optfixed_enabled(item_data_list)
```

Strip any item\_data with KEY\_ENABLED\_COMPUTED set to false from item\_data\_list.

```
1207   list_filter(item_data_list,function(item_data)
1208     return item_data[KEY_ENABLED_COMPUTED]
1209   end)
```

Sort item\_data\_list according to the stored position from top to bottom and left to right on the page, resolving ties using KEY\_ITEMNO.

```
1210   table.sort(
1211     item_data_list,
1212     function(left,right)
1213       local y_diff = left[KEY_YPOS] - right[KEY_YPOS]
1214
1215       if y_diff > 0 then
1216         return true
1217       elseif y_diff < 0 then
1218         return false
1219       end
1220
1221       local x_diff = left[KEY_XPOS] - right[KEY_XPOS]
1222
1223       if x_diff < 0 then
1224         return true
1225       elseif x_diff > 0 then
1226         return false
1227       end
1228
1229       return (left[KEY_ITEMNO] < right[KEY_ITEMNO])
1230     end
1231   )
1232
1233   compute_items_vertical_adjustment(item_data_list,page_data)
1234
1235   check_items_vertical(item_data_list,page_data)
1236
1237   end
```

*(End of definition for compute\_items\_vertical.)*

compute\_items For every item represented in ITEM\_DATA\_MAIN\_TABLE, use the page\_data stored in PAGE\_DATA\_MAIN\_TABLE to compute the item\_data values necessary to place the item correctly on the page, namely those indexed by: KEY\_COLNO\_COMPUTED, KEY\_XSHIFT\_COMPUTED, KEY\_YSHIFT\_COMPUTED, KEY\_SIDE\_COMPUTED, KEY\_ENABLED\_COMPUTED.

```
1238   local function compute_items()
```

Compute the maximum abspageno, which will be the last page of the document on which a item appears.

```
1239     local max_abspageno = 0
1240
1241     for k,v in pairs(ITEM_DATA_MAIN_TABLE) do
1242       max_abspageno = math.max(v[KEY_ABSPAGENO],max_abspageno)
1243     end
```

list `per_abspage_item_data_list` will be a list indexed by absolute page numbers. Each entry will be a list (possibly empty) of `item_data` describing the items that appear on the corresponding page.

```
1244 local per_abspage_item_data_list = {}
```

Prepare `per_abspage_item_data_list` by making each entry an empty list, then fill it from `ITEM_DATA_MAIN_TABLE`.

```
1245 for i=1,max_abspageno do
1246     per_abspage_item_data_list[i] = {}
1247 end
1248 for _,item_data in pairs(ITEM_DATA_MAIN_TABLE) do
1249     local temp_table = per_abspage_item_data_list[item_data[KEY_ABSPAGENO]]
1250     temp_table[#temp_table+1] = item_data
1251 end
```

`per_abspage_item_data_list` will be a list indexed by absolute page numbers. Each entry will be a `page_data` describing the corresponding page. Usually multiple entries will be the same `page_data`: in the loop, `pagedatano` will be the index of the last entry in `PAGE_DATA_MAIN_TABLE` with `KEY_ABSPAGENO` value less than or equal to `abspageno`. (There may be several such entries in `PAGE_DATA_MAIN_TABLE` because `\marginalianewgeometry` may have been called multiple times on the same page.) Note that `PAGE_DATA_MAIN_TABLE[0]` is available even if there was no data in the `.aux` file, because the defaults were stored by `store_default_page_data`.

```
1252 local per_abspage_page_data_list = {}
1253 local pagedatano = 0
1254 for abspageno = 1,max_abspageno do
1255     while (
1256         PAGE_DATA_MAIN_TABLE[pagedatano+1] ~= nil
1257         and
1258         PAGE_DATA_MAIN_TABLE[pagedatano+1][KEY_ABSPAGENO] == abspageno
1259     ) do
1260         pagedatano = pagedatano+1
1261     end
1262     per_abspage_page_data_list[abspageno] = PAGE_DATA_MAIN_TABLE[pagedatano]
1263 end
```

Iterate through all pages and perform the necessary computations.

```
1264 for abspageno=1,#per_abspage_item_data_list do
1265     local current_page_data = per_abspage_page_data_list[abspageno]
1266     local current_page_item_data_list = per_abspage_item_data_list[abspageno]
```

First, compute the horizontal positions, which includes sorting items into columns in two-column mode.

```
1267     compute_items_horizontal(current_page_item_data_list,current_page_data)
```

Sort the items into sublists corresponding to the margins in which they are located.

```
1268     local current_page_item_data_sublists = {}
1269
1270     for i=0,5 do
1271         current_page_item_data_sublists[i] = {}
1272     end
1273
1274     for _,item_data in pairs(current_page_item_data_list) do
1275         table.insert(
```

```

1276         current_page_item_data_sublists[item_data[KEY_MARGINNO_COMPUTED]],
1277         item_data
1278     )
1279 end

```

Compute vertical positons for each sublist.

```

1280     for i=0,5 do
1281         compute_items_vertical(
1282             current_page_item_data_sublists[i],
1283             current_page_data
1284         )
1285     end
1286 end
1287 end

```

*(End of definition for compute\_items.)*

## 12.11 Passing item\_data back to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

`load_item_data` Set the relevant L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X counter and dimension variables to the values computed for `itemno`.

```

1288 local function load_item_data(itemno)
1289
1290     item = ITEM_DATA_MAIN_TABLE[tonumber(itemno)]
1291     if item == nil then
1292         item = ITEM_DATA_DEFAULTS
1293     end
1294
1295     tex.count['l__marginalia_page_int'] = item[KEY_PAGENO]
1296     tex.count['l__marginalia_column_computed_int'] = item[KEY_COLNO_COMPUTED]
1297     tex.dimen['l__marginalia_xshift_computed_dim'] = item[KEY_XSHIFT_COMPUTED]
1298     tex.dimen['l__marginalia_yshift_computed_dim'] = item[KEY_YSHIFT_COMPUTED]
1299     tex.count['l__marginalia_side_computed_int'] = item[KEY_SIDE_COMPUTED]
1300     tex.count['l__marginalia_marginno_computed_int']
1301         = item[KEY_MARGINNO_COMPUTED]
1302     if item[KEY_ENABLED_COMPUTED] then
1303         tex.count['l__marginalia_enabled_computed_int'] = 1
1304     else
1305         tex.count['l__marginalia_enabled_computed_int'] = 0
1306     end
1307
1308 end

```

*(End of definition for load\_item\_data.)*

## 12.12 Export public functions

Finally, make available the functions that will be called from L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X using `\lua_now:n` and `\lua_now:e`.

```

1309 return {
1310     store_default_page_data = store_default_page_data,
1311     store_page_data = store_page_data,
1312     check_page_data = check_page_data,
1313

```

```
1314 store_item_data = store_item_data,  
1315 check_item_data = check_item_data,  
1316  
1317 compute_items = compute_items,  
1318  
1319 load_item_data = load_item_data,  
1320  
1321 write_problem_report = write_problem_report,  
1322  
1323 write_page_change_report = write_page_change_report,  
1324 write_item_change_report = write_item_change_report,  
1325 }  
1326 </lua>
```

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