

# The `eqnlines` Package Reference Manual

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## Abstract

`eqnlines` is a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2 $\epsilon$  package providing a framework for typesetting single- and multi-line equations which extends the established equation environments of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and the `amsmath` package with many options for convenient adjustment of the intended layout. In particular, the package adds flexible schemes for numbering, horizontal alignment and semi-automatic punctuation, and it improves upon the horizontal and vertical spacing options. The extensions can be used and adjusted through optional arguments and modifiers to the equation environments as well as global settings.

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# 1 Introduction

Typesetting mathematical equations is an undisputed strength of  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ .  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  improved the overall management of display equations, for instance by providing optional numbering. It also added elementary functionality for multi-line equations with alignment. Some of its deficiencies were addressed by the multi-line equation environments of the package `amsmath` which have become an established standard for these purposes.

The package `eqnlines` builds upon and extends the functionality of the  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  and `amsmath` equation environments with some new features as well as convenient options to adjust the layout where needed. The main additions are as follows:

- Equation numbers can be assigned to individual lines (as for `align` and `gather`) or once for the multi-line equation block (as for `multline`). In the former case, a sub-numbering scheme can be applied (as through `subequations`). In the latter case, the position can be assigned to a specific line (first/middle/last/chosen). Moreover, equation numbers can be turned on and off by commands, and they can be triggered by setting a label.
- The vertical spacing above and below single- and multi-line equations of  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  and `amsmath` can be somewhat variable, hard to control and even resistive in certain situations. The package implements clearer structures controlling the vertical spacing, including proper dependency on the text line above and ways to adjust the spacing.
- The framework introduces a scheme which semi-automatically inserts punctuation, e.g. ‘.’ or ‘,’ at the end of the following (or every) equation environment. Punctuation can also be inserted at every alignment column or equation line including the possibility to prepend a certain spacing.
- Next to `\[...\]` as an alias for the single-line `equation` environment, the package uses `\<...\>` as an alias multi-line equations.
- The horizontal alignment and indentation of equation lines can be adjusted via a scheme or on a line-by-line basis.
- The alignment marker can be placed before or after the equation signs while maintaining proper spacing to symbols before and after it. This simplifies the construction of continuing equations in an aligned context.
- Equation lines are subject to shrinking of space if the available space does not suffice (analogously to single-line equations).
- Most settings can be controlled via optional arguments and modifiers to the equation environment or via global settings. This includes switching between different types of equation environments, enabling or disabling numbering, adjusting vertical spacing, etc. This feature simplifies the adjustment and fine-tuning of equations towards the intended layout.
- Last but not least, the underlying `amsmath` code, originating from the  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  era and early  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  years, has been redesigned with emphasis on clarity, readability, adjustability and maintainability (but at the cost of moderately higher resource consumption and moderately lower efficiency). Nevertheless, it remains original  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X} 2_{\epsilon}$  code without using the `expl3` layer.

The package represents a stand-alone implementation of an equations environment which is largely compatible with the established  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  and `amsmath` environments `equation`, `multline`, `gather`, `align` and their variants. Hence, the package can be used instead of `amsmath` with no or minor modifications to the  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  sources for single- and multi-line equations. It can also be used alongside `amsmath` including the `mathtools` extensions to make use of the additional maths typesetting features provided by these packages. In the

latter case, the equation environments of  $\text{\LaTeX}$  and  $\text{amsmath}$  are either replaced or left in place while the  $\text{eqnlines}$  environments can be accessed using the alternate name  $\text{equations}$ .

## 2 Usage

**Notice regarding package version v0.12:** Please note that this package is still in a development and testing stage in the present version. This mainly applies to the documentation of features and code: Currently, the documentation is basic and minimal without extensive coverage of all features and settings, and it lacks desirable illustrations and examples.

It is likely that some features of the package do not work to full extent, and that the package will not cooperate well with other packages. Therefore, please report any malfunctions that you may notice.

Therefore, it is likely that internal macros and mechanisms will change, It is also conceivable that the public interface will change in minor but relevant ways in order to accommodate for important adjustments or additional features. It is intended that such changes would only require minor adaption of document sources that use an early version of this package.

To use the  $\text{eqnlines}$  package add the command

$$\text{\usepackage{eqnlines}}$$

to the preamble of the  $\text{\LaTeX}$  document. To use unrelated features of the  $\text{amsmath}$  package or of the  $\text{mathtools}$  extension, it makes sense to load these packages *before*  $\text{eqnlines}$ .

### 2.1 Equations Environment

$\text{equations}$  (*env.*) **Options.** The environment  $\text{equations}$  accepts a comma-separated list of optional parameters ‘ $[opts]$ ’:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{\begin{equations}} mod [opts] mod\_ \\ \dots \\ \text{\end{equations}} \end{array}$$

Furthermore, the environment accepts modifiers  $mod$  (like the star modifier ‘ $*$ ’ for many other  $\text{\LaTeX}$  macros) acting as shortcuts for some options to be explained further below. They can be specified in any order.

We note that the  $\text{equations}$  environment should be started with a whitespace character ‘ $\_$ ’ which provides a clear separation from optional arguments ‘ $[opts]$ ’ and/or modifiers which must immediately follow the environment declaration  $\text{\begin{equations}}$  without whitespaces. Any character without a proper meaning will also start the equation content, however, future versions of the package may extend the syntax of modifiers, and thus a separation by whitespace is advertised.

$\text{\eqnlineset}$  Most options, but not all, can be set permanently by the macro:

$$\text{\eqnlineset}\{opts\}$$

$\text{\eqncontrol}$  Several options can be controlled for individual lines or cells within the equations block by the macro:

$$\text{\eqncontrol}\{opts\}$$

The `\eqncontrol` interface also provides several features for which no other macro definitions exist. Shortcuts to frequently used features could be installed by user definitions such as:

```
\newcommand{\shortcut}[1]{\eqncontrol{key={#1}}}
```

**Modes of Operation.** The package supplies a main maths environment called `equations` which has three principal modes of operation. It can display a single-line equation just as the  $\text{\LaTeX}$  environment `equation` or the symbolic shortcut `\[...\]`:

single line

It can display a stack of equations analogous to the `amsmath` environments `gather` and `multline`:<sup>1</sup>

stacked line 1

stacked line 2

stacked line 3

stacked line 4

It can also display one or several columns of aligned equations analogous to the `amsmath` environment family `align`:

1a-L

1a-R

2a-L

2a-R

3a-R

1b-L

1b-R

2b-R

`single (key)` The three modes of operation are selected by setting an optional argument as follows:

`lines (key)`

`columns (key)`

purpose	single-line equation	stacked equation(s)	aligned equations
name	<code>single</code>	<code>lines</code>	<code>columns</code>
alt. names	<code>equation</code> , <code>eq</code> , <code>1</code>	<code>gather</code> , <code>ga</code> , <code>ln</code>	<code>align</code> , <code>al</code> , <code>col</code>
symbolic	<code>\[...\]</code>	<code>\&lt;=... \&gt;</code>	<code>\&lt;... \&gt;</code>
<code>amsmath</code> env.	<code>equation</code>	<code>gather</code> , <code>multline</code>	<code>align</code>
columns	—	single	multiple, aligned
alignment	adjustable	adjustable	alternating right/left
parsing	single, direct	two passes	two passes
numbering	on/off	off/single/multiple	off/single/multiple

The aligned mode more or less encompasses all three modes, and the stacked mode with only a single line is more or less just a single equation. However, the more complex forms also come along with some restrictions, hence, it makes sense to use the appropriate mode for the intended equation content. For instance, a single equation simply reads the equation input once, while the multi-line equation environments parse the environment body twice which can potentially disrupt some other functionality that is included in the body. Furthermore, the horizontal adjustment options are very restricted in aligned mode, and therefore the aligned form can automatically reduce to the stacked form (with right alignment) if only a single column is provided (no ‘&’s).

<sup>1</sup> Arguably, a single-line equation is just a stack of equations of height 1. Nevertheless, there is a single-line mode which prohibits line breaks and which works slightly more efficiently: For example, the multi-line modes will process the input twice which is not needed for the single-line mode. Apart from that, the package takes care that the layout and spacing of single-line equations and multi-line equations consisting of a single line is the same.

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```

\begin{equations}[single]
x=\cos\phi
\end{equations}

```

$$x = \cos \phi \quad (1)$$

```

\begin{equations}[lines]
x=\cos\phi \\\phi=\arccos x
\end{equations}

```

$$x = \cos \phi \quad (2)$$

$$\phi = \arccos x \quad (3)$$

```

\begin{equations}[columns]
x&=\cos\phi & \phi&=\arccos x \\\
&=(z+z^{-1})/2 & &=-i\log z
\end{equations}

```

$$x = \cos \phi \quad \phi = \arccos x \quad (4)$$

$$= (z + z^{-1})/2 \quad = -i \log z \quad (5)$$


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`\&` As usual, lines are separated by ‘`\\`’ and columns by ‘`&`’. Note that ‘`\\`’ admits some optional `&` parameters:

`\\[~][*][skip]`

The combination `[skip]` introduces additional glue between the lines; the modifier ‘`*`’ inhibits a page break, and ‘`~`’ indicates a continued equation which suppresses punctuation (see section 2.4) and defers numbering (see section 2.2).

`\[...]` **Alternative Forms.** The package offers several alternative names for the same mode as `\<...>` well as a symbolic short form `\<...>` extending the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X display equation form `\[...]` = (*key*) to multi-line equations. An additional equal sign ‘`=`’ in `\<=_...>` serves as a modifier - (*key*) character which acts as a short form for the optional argument `lines` selecting the lines | (*key*) mode. Similarly, the modifiers minus ‘`-`’ and bar ‘`|`’ select single-line and columns mode, `spropt` (*key*) respectively. Both short forms can be customised by setting default arguments via the global `angopt` (*key*) options `spropt={opts}` and `angopt={opts}`. Both default arguments are preset to `nonumber` which disables equation numbering, see section 2.2.

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```

\[
x=\cos\phi
\]
\<=
x=\cos\phi \\\phi=\arccos x
\>
\<
x&=\cos\phi & \phi&=\arccos x \\\
&=(z+z^{-1})/2 & &=-i\log z
\>
\eqnlineset{spropt={donumber}}
\[ x=\cos\phi \]

```

$$x = \cos \phi \quad (6)$$


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`equation` (*env.*) The package also supplies or overwrites the `amsmath` environments `equation`, `gather`, `gather` (*env.*) `multline`, `align` and `flalign` including their starred -`at` variants (but not the `split` construction). It is possible to define further equation environments *env* with a predefined set `align` (*env.*) of options *opts* using:

`\[re]newenvironment{env}{\eqnaddopt{opts}\equations}{\endequations}`

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```

\begin{equation}
x=\cos\phi
\end{equation}

```

$$x = \cos \phi \quad (7)$$

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```

\begin{gather}
x=\cos\phi \quad \phi=\arccos x
\end{gather}
\begin{align}
x&=\cos\phi \quad \phi=\arccos x \\
&=(z+z^{-1})/2 \quad =-i\log z
\end{align}
\newenvironment{eqnlist}
{\eqnaddopt{lines,shape=left}\equations}
{\endequations}
\begin{eqnlist}[nonumber]
x=\cos\phi \quad \phi=\arccos x
\end{eqnlist}

```

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**transpose** (*key*) **Transposition.** When the aligned mode is used to produce more than one column of equations, the default line-by-line ordering of the content may be inconvenient. The package offers a transposition mode `transpose=plain` in which the content is specified on a column-by-column basis. Columns are separated by ‘`\&`’ (the character ‘`&`’ must be escaped as ‘`{\&}`’ in this mode) and the lines within each column are broken by ‘`\`’ as usual. The continued transposition mode `transpose=cont` (abbreviated by the modifier ‘`/`’) furthermore reduces the input by assuming that all secondary alignment markers ‘`&`’ indicate a continued equation and imply a line break with an empty left equation cell. Note that the transposition is implemented by reprocessing the input, which imposes some restrictions: all line and column breaks ‘`\`’, ‘`\&`’ must be explicit (must not be produced by macro expansion), line breaks should not use optional arguments (they only work on the first column), and each section separated by ‘`\&`’ should describe only a single column with one alignment marker per line (unless in continued transposition mode). Furthermore, the continued mode processes the alignment marker ‘`&`’, which may cause issues when nesting aligned content.

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```

\<[transpose=plain]
x \&= \cos\phi \quad \&= (z+z^{-1})/2
\&
\phi \&= \arccos x \quad \&= -i\log z
\>
\<[transpose=cont]
x \&= \cos\phi \quad \&= (z+z^{-1})/2
\&
\phi \&= \arccos x \quad \&= -i\log z
\>

```

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## 2.2 Numbering

**numberline** (*key*) **Numbering Schemes.** The package extends the established interface of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and the **amsmath** package for labelling equations with numbers or with manually assigned tags. For multi-line equations, there are two distinct modes of operations: individual labelling of the equation lines or one overall number/tag for the whole block of equations. The modes are selected by an optional argument `numberline=mode` (alternatively `nline` or just `n`) as follows:

name	alt.	description	preset
<b>all</b>	<b>a</b>	individual	all lines
<b>sub</b>	<b>s</b>	lines	subequations (a, b, c, ...)
<b>first</b>	<b>f</b>	single line	first line
<b>last</b>	<b>l</b>		last line
<b>out</b>	<b>o</b>		last/first line for right/left tags
<b>in</b>	<b>i</b>		first/last line for right/left tags
<b>middle</b>	<b>m*</b>		middle line (rounded down/up for right/left tags)
<b>here</b>	<b>h</b>		line indicated by <code>\numberhere</code>
<b>best</b>	<b>+</b>		line with most available space
<b>top</b>	<b>t</b>	between lines	at top
<b>bottom</b>	<b>b</b>		at bottom
<b>center</b>	<b>c</b>		at vertical centre (single line at baseline)
<b>center!</b>	<b>c!</b>		at vertical centre (also single line)
<b>median</b>	<b>m</b>		middle line (at baseline or between lines)
<b>center*</b>	<b>c*</b>		tag baseline centred between outer baselines
<b>multi</b>	<b>@</b>	mode switch	individual lines, numbering on
<b>none</b>	<b>-</b>		individual lines, numbering off
<b>single</b>	<b>1</b>		previous single-line mode, numbering on
<b>on</b>	<b>!</b>	activation	turn numbering on
<b>off</b>	<b>*</b>		turn numbering off

```
\begin{equations}[!,numberline=...]
  x &= \cos\phi \quad \&= (z+z^{-1})/2 \quad \&
\phi &= \arccos x \quad \&= -i\log z
\end{equations}
```

<b>all:</b>		<b>sub:</b>		<b>best:</b>	
$x = \cos \phi$	(12)	$x = \cos \phi$	(16a)	$x = \cos \phi$	(17)
$= (z + z^{-1})/2$	(13)	$= (z + z^{-1})/2$	(16b)	$= (z + z^{-1})/2$	
$\phi = \arccos x$	(14)	$\phi = \arccos x$	(16c)	$\phi = \arccos x$	
$= -i \log z$	(15)	$= -i \log z$	(16d)	$= -i \log z$	
<b>first:</b>		<b>last:</b>		<b>middle:</b>	
$x = \cos \phi$	(18)	$x = \cos \phi$		$x = \cos \phi$	
$= (z + z^{-1})/2$		$= (z + z^{-1})/2$		$= (z + z^{-1})/2$	
$\phi = \arccos x$		$\phi = \arccos x$		$\phi = \arccos x$	(20)
$= -i \log z$		$= -i \log z$	(19)	$= -i \log z$	
<b>top:</b>		<b>bottom:</b>		<b>center!:</b>	
$1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \dots}}$	(21)	$1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \dots}}$	(22)	$1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \dots}}$	(23)
<b>median:</b>		<b>center*:</b>		<b>center:</b>	
$x = - \int \sin \phi \, d\phi$	(24)	$x = - \int \sin \phi \, d\phi$	(25)	$x = - \int \sin \phi \, d\phi$	(26)
$= \cos \phi$		$= \cos \phi$		$= \cos \phi$	

**evadetag** (*key*) Note that the mode **best** (line with most available space) is activated automatically if the (single) tagged line does not have sufficient space to hold the tag. This feature can be controlled by the setting **evadetag=bool**.

**\nonumber** **Activation and Selection.** Numbering can be turned on and off (for individual lines or **\donumber** for the block as a whole depending on the mode) by means of:





<pre> \eqnlineset{numberline=first} \&lt;!   x &amp;= \cos\phi \numbernext \\\     &amp;= (z+z^{-1})/2 \\\ \phi &amp;= \arccos x \numbernext \\\     &amp;= -i\log z \&gt; </pre>	$  \begin{aligned}  x &= \cos \phi \\  &= (z + z^{-1})/2 \\  \phi &= \arccos x \\  &= -i \log z  \end{aligned}  \tag{35}  $
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**\label Labels and Tags.** Equation numbers can receive L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X labels as usual, and they can be **\tag** turned into manually assigned tags using the established macros:

**\label**[*name*]{*label*}      and      **\tag**[\*][*ref*]{*tag*}

The optional parameter *name* for **\label** assigns a name to the label which can be referenced by **\nameref**. A **\tag** replaces the equation number, **\tag\*** will drop the decoration by parentheses. The optional parameter *ref* for **\tag** defines the representation of references by **\ref**.

Note that a label and a tag will always apply to the next number that will be printed, and only a single label and/or tag may be specified for it. For example, if the present line has no numbering, but the following line does, **\label** or **\tag** will apply to the following line.

The macros **\label** and **\tag** can also be instructed to automatically enable numbering/tagging for the present line or block via **\donumber**, see below. By default, numbering/tagging is triggered for **\tag**, but not for **\label** reflecting the behaviour set forth by **amsmath**. By enabling triggering for **\label**, numbers will be produced only if they have a chance of being referenced.

**label** (*key*)    The **equations** environment provides an alternative means to specify labels and tags within  
**tag** (*key*)    the optional arguments [*opts*]  
**labelname** (*key*)  
**taglabel** (*key*)      **label**={*label*},      **tag**[\*]={*tag*},      **labelname**={*name*},      **taglabel**={*ref*},  
**@** (*key*) or via the modifier **@**{*label*}:

**\[@{label}...]**

In particular, in subequations mode (**sub**), the optional argument **label** can be used to assign a label to the parent number addressing the whole equation block.

The above macros may also be used via the keys **label**, **labelname**, **tag** and **taglabel** of the interface **\eqncontrol**.

**\eqref**    The macro **\eqref** is the standard method for referring to equation numbers via their label. This method also uses the layout defined below.

**\eqref**{*label*}.

**\tagform**    For custom typesetting, **\tagform** encloses a number/tag with decoration, **\tagbox** puts the  
**\tagbox**    decorated number in a box and **\tagboxed** combines the two.  
**\tagboxed**    The typesetting of equation numbers and tags passes through two macros, one which defines  
**tagbox** (*key*)    the layout and another one which adds a decoration by parentheses. These two methods  
**tagform** (*key*)    can be adjusted via the options:

**tagbox**[\*]={*code*}    and    **tagform**={*l*{*code*}*r*}    or    **tagform\***={*code*}

Here, *code* is some macro code that references the argument ‘#1’ containing the number or tag, and *l* and *r* can be opening and closing parentheses for the tag presentation.

The above setting may also be changed for individual lines by the corresponding keys of the interface `\eqncontrol`.

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<pre>\eqnlineset{tagform=[{#1}]} \eqnlineset{tagbox={\textcolor{blue}{#1}}}</pre>	$x = \cos \phi$
<pre>\&lt;[!,numberline=last]   x &amp;= \cos\phi \\\     &amp;= (z+z^{-1})/2 \\\ \phi &amp;= \arccos x \\\     &amp;= -i\log z</pre>	$= (z + z^{-1})/2$ $\phi = \arccos x$ $= -i \log z$

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## 2.3 Horizontal Placement

**layout (key) Overall Layout.** First of all, the overall layout can be adjusted between central and left alignment via `layout=center`, `layout=left` or `center`, `left` for short.

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<pre>\&lt;[layout=center]   x &amp;= \cos\phi \\\     &amp;= (z+z^{-1})/2 \\\ \phi &amp;= \arccos x \\\     &amp;= -i\log z</pre>	$x = \cos \phi$ $= (z + z^{-1})/2$ $\phi = \arccos x$ $= -i \log z$
<pre>\&lt;[layout=left]   x &amp;= \cos\phi \\\     &amp;= (z+z^{-1})/2 \\\ \phi &amp;= \arccos x \\\     &amp;= -i\log z</pre>	$x = \cos \phi$ $= (z + z^{-1})/2$ $\phi = \arccos x$ $= -i \log z$

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**tags (key) Furthermore,** numbers and/or tags may be placed on the right or left margin via `tags=right`, `tagsright (key) tags=left` or `tagsright`, `tagsleft` for short.

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<pre>\&lt;[tags=right]!   x &amp;= \cos\phi \\\     &amp;= (z+z^{-1})/2 \\\ \phi &amp;= \arccos x \\\     &amp;= -i\log z</pre>	$x = \cos \phi$ (37) $= (z + z^{-1})/2$ (38) $\phi = \arccos x$ (39) $= -i \log z$ (40)
<pre>\&lt;[tags=left]!   x &amp;= \cos\phi \\\     &amp;= (z+z^{-1})/2 \\\ \phi &amp;= \arccos x \\\     &amp;= -i\log z</pre>	(41) $x = \cos \phi$ (42) $= (z + z^{-1})/2$ (43) $\phi = \arccos x$ (44) $= -i \log z$

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**margin (key) Margins.** For both layout choices, the margins and line width of an equation block can be adjusted by `margin`, `marginleft`, `marginright` or `linewidth`. The equations and corresponding numbers or tags will be fit within these bounds. This feature can be used within `marginright (key) lists` or `linewidth (key) enumerations` to undo an indentation.

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<code>\[ \indicate{line width} \]</code>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> line width
<code>\[[margin=2em] \indicate{reduced} \]</code>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> reduced
<code>\begin{itemize}</code>	• first level
<code>\item first level</code>	
<code>\[ \indicate{default width} \]</code>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> default width
<code>\[[marginleft=0pt]</code>	
<code>\indicate{full width} \]</code>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> full width
<code>\end{itemize}</code>	

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`tagmargin` (*key*) In central alignment layout, one can impose a tag margin `tagmargin={dimen}` which allocates some space to the tag such that equation content is centred in the remaining horizontal space. The margin can also be set to the width of some text by `tagmargin*={text}` or it can be calculated as the maximum width of tags by `tagmargin` without parameter (default). The option `tagmarginratio={ratio}` uses the tag margin only for equation blocks with a ratio of tags to rows above the given (decimal) ratio (a value above 1 uses the tag margin only for single equations with tags; default is 0.334). The option `tagmarginthreshold={threshold}` uses the tag margin only if the ratio of spacings would be below the given (decimal) threshold (very much off balance; default is 0.5). The latter two options together with some tag margin can produce a more appealing layout for equation blocks of mixed filling. In the following example, the former two equations are centred on all horizontal space while the latter two equations are centred on the space left of the tag (the ratio of spacings without tag margin would be very small here):

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<code>\eqnlineset{tagmarginthreshold=0.7}</code>	
<code>\[! \framebox[4em]{} \]</code>	(45)
<code>\[! \framebox[8em]{} \]</code>	(46)
<code>\[! \framebox[12em]{} \]</code>	(47)
<code>\[! \framebox[16em]{} \]</code>	(48)

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`leftmargin` (*key*) In left alignment layout, all equations are left aligned to a left margin (`leftmargin` is initialised to the first level of enumerations and itemisations). It can be set to the width of some text by `leftmargin*={text}`. Depending on the situation, the left margin may be reduced or extended to `minleftmargin` or `maxleftmargin`, respectively.

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<code>\eqnlineset{layout=left}</code>	
<code>\&lt;</code>	$x = \cos \phi$
<code>  x &amp;= \cos\phi \\\</code>	$= (z + z^{-1})/2$
<code>  &amp;= (z+z^{-1})/2 \\\</code>	$\phi = \arccos x$
<code>\phi &amp;= \arccos x \\\</code>	$= -i \log z$
<code>  &amp;= -i\log z</code>	
<code>\&gt;</code>	
<code>\&lt;[tags=left,!]</code>	
<code>  x &amp;= \cos\phi \\\</code>	(49) $x = \cos \phi$
<code>  &amp;= (z+z^{-1})/2 \\\</code>	(50) $= (z + z^{-1})/2$
<code>\phi &amp;= \arccos x \\\</code>	(51) $\phi = \arccos x$
<code>  &amp;= -i\log z</code>	(52) $= -i \log z$
<code>\&gt;</code>	

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**fulllength** (*key*) **Column Separation.** The horizontal alignment of columns is fixed for aligned multi-line equations: Each pair of subsequent columns forms a unit which is aligned at the intermediate alignment marker '&'. These columns are distributed evenly over the available horizontal space. Here, the outer space left and right of the set of columns is treated on equal footing to the space between the columns (option **fulllength=off**; default), but it can be eliminated so that the outer columns are pushed right to the margin (option **fulllength=on**). A minimum and maximum column separation can be specified via **mincolsep=dimen** and **maxcolsep=dimen** (defaults are 2em and 1em) or the maximum column separation can be disabled by **maxcolsep=off** (which is implied by **fulllength=on**).

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```
\<[maxcolsep=2em]
x &= \cos\phi      & \phi &= \arccos x \\
&= (z+z^{-1})/2 &      &= -i\log z \>
```

$$\begin{array}{ll} x = \cos \phi & \phi = \arccos x \\ = (z + z^{-1})/2 & = -i \log z \end{array}$$

```
\<[maxcolsep=off]
x &= \cos\phi      & \phi &= \arccos x \\
&= (z+z^{-1})/2 &      &= -i\log z \>
```

$$\begin{array}{ll} x = \cos \phi & \phi = \arccos x \\ = (z + z^{-1})/2 & = -i \log z \end{array}$$

```
\<[fulllength]
x &= \cos\phi      & \phi &= \arccos x \\
&= (z+z^{-1})/2 &      &= -i\log z \>
```

$$\begin{array}{ll} x = \cos \phi & \phi = \arccos x \\ = (z + z^{-1})/2 & = -i \log z \end{array}$$


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**Alignment Schemes and Control.** For stacks of equations including single equations, there is just a single alignment column whose horizontal alignment can be adjusted via a shape scheme or by manually adjusting individual lines. A shape scheme determines the horizontal alignment for each line and it is specified by the optional argument **shape=mode** as follows:

name	alt.	shape	alignment
<b>default</b>	<b>def</b>	uniform	default
<b>left</b>	<b>l</b>		left
<b>center</b>	<b>c</b>	uniform	central
<b>right</b>	<b>r</b>		right
<b>first</b>	<b>indent, rc</b>	first/rest	first line indented
<b>hanging</b>	<b>outdent, lc</b>	first/rest	first line hanging
<b>steps</b>	<b>lcr</b>	first/intermediate/last	left/centre...centre/right

Note that the **steps** shape comes to use in the replacement **amsmath** environment **multline**.

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```
\eqnlineset{pad=2em}
\<=[shape=...] x = \cos\phi \\ x = (z+z^{-1})/2 \\
\phi = \arccos x \\ \phi = -i\log z \>
```

<b>left:</b>	<b>center:</b>	<b>right:</b>
$x = \cos \phi$	$x = \cos \phi$	$x = \cos \phi$
$x = (z + z^{-1})/2$	$x = (z + z^{-1})/2$	$x = (z + z^{-1})/2$
$\phi = \arccos x$	$\phi = \arccos x$	$\phi = \arccos x$
$\phi = -i \log z$	$\phi = -i \log z$	$\phi = -i \log z$

first:	hanging:	steps:
$x = \cos \phi$	$x = \cos \phi$	$x = \cos \phi$
$x = (z + z^{-1})/2$	$x = (z + z^{-1})/2$	$x = (z + z^{-1})/2$
$\phi = \arccos x$	$\phi = \arccos x$	$\phi = \arccos x$
$\phi = -i \log z$	$\phi = -i \log z$	$\phi = -i \log z$

`align (key)` The alignment preset can be adjusted for individual lines by the controls:

`shiftto (key)`

`shiftby (key)`

`\eqncontrol{align=left|center|right}`

`\eqncontrol{shiftto|shiftby=dimen}`

`\shoveleft` or by the macros:

`\shovecenter`

`\shoveright`

`\shoveleft|\shovecenter|\shoveright[*][dimen]`,

In contradistinction to `amsmath`, these macros can be placed anywhere within the cell and they do not take the cell contents as their argument (doing this here will disallow shrinking of glue towards reducing width). The macros accept an optional argument `[dimen]` specifying a variable amount of shift. They also accept the modifiers ‘`*`’ or ‘`!`’ for indentation

`indent (key)`

`\shoveby`

or hanging indentation by the standard indentation amount (`indent=2em`). Furthermore, `\shoveby[*][dimen]` shifts the line by the additional amount `dimen` (the star variant shifts to an absolute position relative to the reference position).

`padding (key)`

`padleft (key)`

`padright (key)`

**Reference Positions.** The reference positions for left, right and central alignment are determined as follows: The central reference position marks the centre of the available horizontal space. The left and right reference positions are given by the ends of the widest line placed centrally. The latter can be adjusted by adding some padding around the widest line via the optional argument `padding|padleft|padright[={dimen}]` while preserving the central default position. The value ‘`indent`’ sets the padding to the default indentation amount and ‘`max`’ extends the padding to all available space. Note that `indent*={dimen}` sets the default indentation amount and the left padding at the same time.

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```
\eqnlineset{indent=2em,pad=5em}
```

```
\<=
```

```
\shoveleft \framebox[5em]{left} \\\
```

```
\shoveleft* \framebox[5em]{indent} \\\
```

```
\shovecenter \framebox[5em]{center} \\\
```

```
\shoveright \framebox[5em]{right}
```

```
\>
```

```
\eqnlineset{layout=left}
```

```
\eqnlineset{leftmargin=2em}
```

```
\eqnlineset{indent=2em}
```

```
\<=
```

```
\shoveleft! \framebox[5em]{outdent} \\\
```

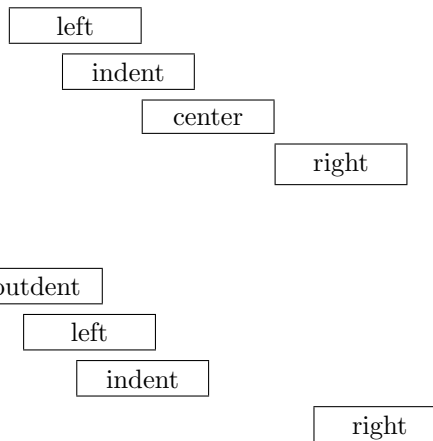
```
\shoveleft \framebox[5em]{left} \\\
```

```
\shoveleft* \framebox[5em]{indent} \\\
```

```
\shoveright \framebox[5em]{right}
```

```
\>
```

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**Fitting.** Finally, we note that the package will make attempts at fitting the equation components into the horizontal space by adjusting some dimensions with the priority of avoiding overlong lines. The adjustments will first concern the intercolumn and margin

spacing. Secondly, TeX will attempt to shrink the glue between symbols for very wide single and stacked equations (but not aligned equations). Finally, equation tags may be shifted out of the way vertically in order to free up horizontal space. If all attempts fail, overlong lines will be indicated.

**alignshrink** (*key*) The threshold for shrinking of glue can be controlled by the two parameters **alignshrink** and **tagshrink** accepting values ranging between 0 (no shrink) and 4 (full allowable shrink).  
**alignbadness** (*key*) They are used towards determining whether to shift away from the intended alignment position or whether to raise or lower the equation tag, respectively. Small values prevent shrinking and higher values allow for more compression. The corresponding parameters **alignbadness** and **tagbadness** accept integer values setting the native threshold in TeX's native units of `\badness`.

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<code>\&lt;=!</code>	$x + x$	(53)
<code>x+x \\\</code>	$x + x + x + x$	(54)
<code>x+x+x+x \\\</code>	$x + x + x + x + x + x$	(55)
<code>x+x+x+x+x+x \\\</code>	$x + x + x + x + x + x + x + x$	(56)
<code>x+x+x+x+x+x+x+x \\\</code>	$x + x + x + x + x + x + x + x + x + x$	(57)
<code>x+x+x+x+x+x+x+x+x+x \\\</code>	$x + x + x + x + x + x + x + x + x + x + x + x$	(58)
<code>\&gt;</code>		

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**mintagsep** (*key*) If the available space on a line does not suffice to place both the equation and its tag (with a minimum separation of `mintagsep`; default is `0.5em`), a tag will automatically be shifted (lowered or raised depending on whether it is placed on the right or left) to an otherwise empty line. The `\eqncontrol` control `shifftag=dimen` (alternatively `\raisetag*`) may be used to shift a tag up (or down with negative arguments). The control `smashtag=dimen` (alternatively `\raisetag`) may be used to fine-tune the vertical placement when the tag requires extra vertical space but some space above or below the tag is unoccupied. It smashes some of the tag's height (or depth with negative arguments) and thus reduces the vertical gap created by the tag. Note that this feature can be used successively with positive and negative arguments to reduce the space in both directions if available. Where needed, the control `pushtag` (or `\raisetag!`) force-pushes the tag to a separate line and frees up the horizontal space occupied by the tag. The numbering modes `top`, `bottom`, `center`, `median`, `center!` and `center*` are special in that they allow for a continuous vertical placement of the tag between two lines. The more flexible placement of tags may also be enabled for the single-lines modes by the option `tagbetween`. Here, both lines must have sufficiently much space available for the tag. If not, the tag is shifted up or down or it is placed on separate line between the two. The option `tagsnap` defines a range within which the tag baseline snaps to a nearby math baseline.

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<code>\[! \phi = -\int \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \]</code>	$\phi = - \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$ (59)
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<code>\[! x = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \sin \phi \]</code> <code>\raisetag{0.45\baselineskip} \]</code>	$x = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \sin \phi$ (60)
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<code>\&lt;=[numberline=center] \raisetag*{2pt}</code>	
<code>x+x+x+x+x+x+x \\\</code>	$x + x + x + x + x + x + x$
<code>x+x+x+x+x+x+x \\\</code>	$x + x + x + x + x + x + x$
<code>x+x+x+x+x+x+x \\\</code>	$x + x + x + x + x + x + x$
<code>x+x+x+x+x+x+x</code>	$x + x + x + x + x + x + x$
<code>\&gt;</code>	

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## 2.4 Punctuation

Extending proper punctuation across equations is a delicate matter, and maintaining it while redacting the text certainly takes more attention to detail than many authors are willing to afford. A contributing factor is that punctuation marks are harder to spot alongside equation context and somewhat out of place anyway.

`\eqnpunct` The package supplies a semi-automatic scheme by which equations are terminated by a specific punctuation mark.<sup>2</sup> Punctuation marks are set by:

`\eqnlineset{punct={punct}}`      `\eqnpunct{punct}`      `\[[punct={punct}] ... \]`

The first form sets and enables a default punctuation mark; the middle form sets the punctuation mark for the next equation environment in line; the final form applies to the equation environment only. For example, one might globally declare ‘`punct={.}`’ to terminate all equations with a period ‘.’. The default behaviour can be adjusted to a comma ‘,’ for an individual equation by declaring ‘`\eqnpunct,`’ before the equation (i.e. at the end of the textual phrase to which the punctuation mark belongs), at the end of the equation or by using the optional argument `[punct={,}]`. Likewise, `\eqnpunct{}`, `[punct=~]` or `[punct={}]` eliminates a preset punctuation. The modifiers dot ‘.’, comma ‘,’ and tilde ‘~’ for the equations environment are short forms for using a dot, a comma or disabling punctuation.

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<code>\eqnlineset{punct=.</code>	The equation	$x = \cos \phi$
The equation		
<code>\[ x = \cos\phi \eqnpunct{ } \]</code>	can also be written as	
can also be written as		$x = (z + z^{-1})/2,$
<code>\eqnpunct,</code>		
<code>\[ x = (z+z^{-1})/2 \]</code>	where we assume	
where we assume		$z = \exp(i\phi).$
<code>\[ z = \exp(i\phi) \]</code>		

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`\eqnpunctapply` In situations, where the punctuation must appear before the end of the block, e.g. before a “QED”, it can be invoked manually by `\eqnpunctapply`.

`punctsep (key)` For convenience, one may also specify a desired space (or any other code sequence) preceding the punctuation by `[punctsep={sep}]`, e.g. `sep=\,` or `sep=\_`.

`punctcol (key)` For multi-line equations, there are two further levels of default punctuation for terminating columns and lines which are specified via the option `punctcol` and `punctline`. A punctuation item may also be handed on to the next lower level of punctuation via the starred forms `punctall (key)` `punct*` and `punctline*`. Several levels of punctuation can be specified simultaneously by `punctall` or via the modifier ‘‘:

`punctall={[[col]line]main}`      `\[‘[[col]line]main} ... \]`

The special value ‘~’ represents no punctuation and `\relax` hands down. An empty argument for `punctall` or ‘‘ removes all levels of punctuation.

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<code>\&lt;‘{,;.}</code>		
<code>x &amp;= \cos\phi &amp;</code>	$x = \cos \phi,$	$\phi = \arccos x;$
<code>\phi &amp;= \arccos x \\\</code>		
<code>x &amp;= (z+z^{-1})/2 &amp;</code>	$x = (z + z^{-1})/2,$	$\phi = -i \log z.$
<code>\phi &amp;= -i\log z \&gt;</code>		

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`\~` Note that the modified newline command ‘`\~`’ describes a break within a continued equation for which punctuation should be suppressed. This option can be used to stack several independent continued equations.

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<code>\&lt;{, .}</code>	$x = \cos \phi$
<code>x &amp;= \cos\phi \~</code>	$= (z + z^{-1})/2,$
<code>&amp;= (z+z^{-1})/2 \~</code>	$\phi = \arccos x$
<code>\phi &amp;= \arccos x \~</code>	$= -i \log z.$
<code>&amp;= -i\log z \&gt;</code>	

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## 2.5 Math Classes at Alignment

Alignment in multi-line equations breaks equations into components before and after the alignment position. Unfortunately, this also interrupts T<sub>E</sub>X’s math spacing mechanism which is based on the math classes assigned to the characters, and there appears to be no direct way of determining the math class to the previous letter. Therefore, one has to make some assumptions on the letters that will surround the alignment marker ‘&’ in order to obtain the appropriate spacing also across the alignment.

The `amsmath` environment `align` assumes that the left column ends with an ordinary character. This leads to the correct spacing when an equation  $a = b + c$  is broken before the equals relation as `a&=b+c`, and also if an equation sequence continues on the next line as `\&=d-e`. However, it is difficult to achieve the right spacing if the right-hand side is to be broken into several lines: For instance, `\&_+f` aligns the subordinate binary operation with the equals sign (which may be undesirable). Instead placing a phantom equals sign is an effort that somewhat disrupts the readability of the code.

`class` (*key*) The package implements a more flexible assignment of math classes at the alignment. The `ampeq` (*key*) above default behaviour is invoked by the optional argument `class=ampeq` (or `ampeq` for short). The optional argument `class=eqamp` (or `eqamp` for short) imposes math classes at the alignment such that an equation sign should be placed just before the alignment. Concretely, it inserts `\mathrel{}` classes just before and after the alignment marker. Furthermore, in case of an empty left alignment cell, the leading math class is changed to `\mathord{}` so that a following binary operator is not interpreted as a unary one. For example, the following two expressions produce (almost) identical output:

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<code>\&lt;[class=ampeq]</code>	
<code>a &amp;= b+c \~</code>	$a = b + c$
<code>&amp;= d-e \~</code>	$= d - e$
<code>&amp;\mathrel{ }\phantom{=} +f</code>	$+ f$
<code>\&gt;</code>	
<code>\&lt;[class=eqamp]</code>	
<code>a =&amp; b+c \~</code>	$a = b + c$
<code>=&amp; d-e \~</code>	$= d - e$
<code>&amp; +f</code>	$+ f$
<code>\&gt;</code>	

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`classout` (*key*) Math classes just before and after alignment can be adjusted freely by the optional arguments:  
`classin` (*key*)  
`classlead` (*key*)

`classout={class},      classin={class},      classlead={class}.`

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<sup>2</sup>Clearly, the implementation of the scheme will take higher efforts than direct coding. Hence, the scheme can be useful in situations where equations typically terminate phrases or where punctuation is otherwise expected in regular patterns.



The parameter `classlead` alternatively `classin*` determines the math class just after the alignment if the cell before alignment is empty. The spacing at the alignment is determined by the pairing of the last/first character and the selected math class at the alignment:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \square\square\square a & \underline{a-out} \quad | \quad \underline{in-b} \quad \square\square\square b \\ & | \quad \underline{lead-c} \quad \square\square\square c \end{array}$$

## 2.6 Vertical Spacing

Display equations in  $\text{\TeX}$  are considered to be part of the surrounding paragraph of text. Hence, the vertical spacing depends on the surrounding text, in particular on the width and depth of the line of text directly preceding the equation. Due to this influence it can be difficult to manually adjust the spacing accurately. The package adds several options to control the vertical spacing, and it also implements a uniform behaviour for all types of equations.

The spacing is determined by combination of several aspects:

**Baselines.** First,  $\text{\TeX}$  inserts some glue between lines of text to make them appear as regular as possible. The amount of inserted glue is determined by  $\text{\TeX}$ 's rules which depend on height, depth and intended baseline separation. This interline spacing also applies to the lines of displayed equations as well as the interfaces between text and displayed equations.

`spread` (*key*) The spacing between the lines of a multi-line equation environment can be adjusted via `strut` (*key*) `spread={dimen}` which defaults to `\jot\equiv 3pt` above the normal baseline skip. In addition, `strutdepth` (*key*) all equation lines and tags are supplied with struts to ensure a minimum height and depth. The latter behaviour is controlled by the switch `strut` which takes the values ‘on’ (default), ‘cells’, ‘tags’ or ‘off’. The relative depth of such a strut is determined by `strutdepth` (default 0.3).

While the height/depth of text typically takes rather uniform values, the height/depth of math content can range wildly with the context (plain equations vs. fractions and matrices). As displayed equations are normally surrounded by a relatively large amount of glue, it makes sense to reduce the dependency on the height/depth of math content. Therefore, the package makes equation environments appear to the surrounding text as a line with a fixed height and depth, and thus interline glue merely fills some potential gaps of the surrounding text. The apparent height and depth are defined by `displayheight` and `displaydepth` which default to the dimensions of a strut.

**Vertical Situation.** Second, the spacing of display equations depends on the width of the previous line of text. If the math content fits well into the available horizontal space, the display equation is called short and less glue is needed above the equation. The package implements this basic  $\text{\TeX}$  feature for all single- and multi-line equation environments.

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	example of a long text line:	
example of a long text line:	<code>\[ \mbox{long mode} \]</code>	long mode
vs. \ short:	<code>\[ \mbox{short mode} \]</code>	vs. short:
following line		short mode
	following line	

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`shortmode` (*key*)  $\text{\TeX}$  also reduces the amount of glue below short equations (potentially to make their spacing appear more uniform). The package allows to adjust the spacing for short equations via the

global option `shortmode=mode` where *mode* takes the values:

<i>mode</i>	reduced glue
<code>off</code>	disabled
<code>above</code>	above short equations (package default)
<code>belowone</code>	also below short single-line equations
<code>belowall</code>	also below all short multi-line equations

`short` (*key*) Short and long amounts of glue can also be enforced for individual equation environments  
`long` (*key*) via the optional arguments `short` and `long` taking the values `above`, `below` or `both`.

example of a long text line: <code>\[[short] \mbox{forced short} \]</code> and short: <code>\[[long] \mbox{forced long} \]</code> following line	example of a long text line: forced short and short: forced long following line
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There are three special situations `cont`, `par` and `top` which trigger different spacings: `cont` describes the situation at the start of an empty horizontal list (invoked by `\noindent`) or when an equation block directly follows another one; here, the space above the equation should be minimal (or even negative to remove the space below the previous equation block). `par` describes the situation at the beginning of a paragraph (invoked by `\par`); here, the space above the equation adds to the space between paragraphs. `top` describes the situation at the top of a vertical list (invoked by `\nointerlineskip`); here, one would typically want no space.

<code>\hrule\begin{minipage}{\linewidth}</code>	<code>top</code>
<code>\[ \mbox{top} \]</code>	
some text <code>\par</code>	some text
<code>\[ \mbox{par} \]</code>	
<code>\[ \mbox{cont} \]</code>	<code>par</code>
<code>\end{minipage}\hrule</code>	<code>cont</code>

**Explicit Spacing.** Third, the package provides several means to adjust the glue around equations:

`noskip` (*key*) Next to `short` and `long` the spacing above and below equation environments can be reduced  
`medskip` (*key*) to some other fixed smaller amount via `medskip` or removed altogether via `noskip`. These keys also take the values `above`, `below` or `both`.

<code>\hrule</code>	
<code>\[[long] \mbox{long default} \]</code>	
<code>\hrule</code>	long default
<code>\[[medskip] \mbox{medium space} \]</code>	
<code>\hrule</code>	medium space
<code>\[[noskip] \mbox{no space} \]</code>	
<code>\hrule</code>	no space

`par` (*key*) By default, equation environments end in horizontal mode without indentation. The key `par` controls whether the equation environments end in horizontal mode as usual (value `cont`) or in vertical mode (value `par`, default) with a dedicated amount of glue `belowparskip`. An

environment can also be made to end in vertical mode without interline skip (value `top`) using the glue `belowtopskip`. The key `par` can be used for situations when vertical mode is preferred, e.g. for lists following equations where the vertical space above the list is excessive. In the following example, `\hrule` will leave an empty line when not in vertical mode.

<code>\hrule some text</code>	some text
<code>\[ \mbox{cont} \]</code>	cont
<code>\hrule some text</code>	
<code>\[[par] \mbox{par} \]</code>	some text
<code>\hrule</code>	par

`...skip (key)` Variable amounts of skip can be set via `aboveskip` and `belowskip` or `skip` for both simultaneously. In addition, the package extends the `\vspace` mechanism of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X to equation bodies where it adds vertical space below the next equation line or below the equation environment. Additional glue can be added above or below equation environments by means of the options `abovespace` and `belowspace`.

**Glue Dimensions.** The package also maintains several global vertical space settings

`...skip (key)` `aboveposskip` and `belowposskip` (sometimes *posskip* for both):

<code>...posskip</code>	both	description
<code>...long...</code>	<code>longskip</code>	regular amount of glue
<code>...short...</code>	—	reduced glue for short equations
<code>...cont...</code>	—	glue when issued from an empty <code>\noindent</code> paragraph
<code>...par...</code>	—	glue when starting a paragraph (in vertical mode)
<code>...top...</code>	—	glue when issued at the top of vertical list
<code>...med...</code>	<code>medskip</code>	medium amount of glue
<code>...tag...</code>	<code>tagskip</code>	minimum glue for outer raised/lowered tags

`...mode (key)` The situations *pos=cont*, *par* and *top* use the respective amount of glue `aboveposskip` above the equations and the regular amount of glue `belowlongskip` below. These behaviours may be adjusted by the global options `aboveposmode` and `belowposmode` with the values:

value	reduced glue
<code>long</code>	regular amount of glue
<code>short</code>	reduced glue for short equations
<code>cont</code>	amount for empty paragraph
<code>par</code>	amount for paragraph (and end the paragraph)
<code>top</code>	amount for top (and end the paragraph without interline skip)
<code>noskip</code>	no glue
<code>medskip</code>	medium amount of glue

`prebreak (key)` **Page Breaks.** Finally, the breaking of multi-line equations across pages can be controlled as follows: The setting `allowbreaks` (or `allowdisplaybreaks`) taking values 0 (never) through 4 (permissive) controls the permissivity of page breaks within multi-line equations. The optional arguments `prebreak` and `postbreak` taking values 0 (do not) through 4 (enforce) suggest a break just above or below the equation environment. The command `interpenalty (key)` `\displaybreak[val]` with values 0 through 4 (default) suggests a break below the current line or below the equation environment.

## 2.7 Further Environments and Features

The package supplies some additional environments and features:

**equationsbox** (*env.*) **Equation Boxes.** The package provides a boxed equation environment **equationsbox** `\<...\>` which can be used within arbitrary math content. It works analogously to **equations** including optional arguments and modifiers, but it offers a reduced range of functionality such as (evidently) no numbering (yet, the **lines** mode accepts multiple columns here). It can also be invoked by the symbolic short form `\<...\>` when called within math mode.

**top,t** (*key*) The equations box accepts several arguments: **top**, **center**, **bottom** (or **t**, **c**, **b**) specify the vertical alignment of the box. **margin**, **marginleft**, **marginright** specify additional margin space around the equations box. **colsep** specifies the amount of separation between the columns. **frame**=[*cmd*] encloses the equations box by a *cmd* such as **\fbox** which accepts one argument (or a command sequence which ends with a macro accepting one argument). **marginleft** (*key*) **marginright** (*key*) **wrap**={{*cmdl*}{*cmdr*}} surrounds the equations box by the two commands *cmdl* and *cmdr*.

**colsep** (*key*) **frame** (*key*) **wrap** (*key*)

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```
\[ \left\{
\begin{equationsbox}[margin=1em]
  x &= \cos\phi \ \
\phi &= \arccos x
\end{equationsbox}
\right\}\]
```

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = \cos \phi \\ \phi = \arccos x \end{array} \right\}$$

```
$\Longrightarrow\<=[shape=l,frame]
  x = \cos\phi \ &
\phi = \arccos x \ \
  x = (z+z^{-1})/2 \ &
\phi = -i\log z
\>\Longleftarrow$
```

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{cc} x = \cos \phi & \phi = \arccos x \\ x = (z + z^{-1})/2 & \phi = -i \log z \end{array} \Leftarrow$$

**subequations** (*env.*) **Collective Numbering.** The environment **subequations** groups equations contained in the body with a common primary equation number and an extra level of numbering (typically: a, b, c, ...). The numbering layout can be controlled via **subeqtemplate**. For instance, the default behaviour of adding lowercase latin letters to the parent equation number (#1) is achieved by:

**subeqtemplate**={#1\alph{#2}}

---

```
\eqnlineset
  {subeqtemplate={#1-\roman{#2}}}
\begin{subequations}
\left[ x = \cos\phi \right]
and
\left[ \phi = \arccos x \right]
\end{subequations}
```

$$\begin{array}{ll} x = \cos \phi & (62\text{-i}) \\ \phi = \arccos x & (62\text{-ii}) \end{array}$$

**intertext** (*env.*) **Text Intermissions.** The environment **intertext** (equivalently the macro `\intertext`) injects a (short) line of text into a multi-line equation while preserving the equation alignment across the text. The **intertext** environment must replace the end-of-line marker `\` between two lines of the equation (to avoid blank lines). The environment accepts several of the vertical spacing adjustments as an optional argument.

---

```
\< x &= \cos\phi
\intertext[medskip]{and}
\phi &= \arccos x \>
```

$$\begin{array}{ll} x = \cos \phi & \\ \text{and} & \\ \phi = \arccos x & \end{array}$$

**inject** (*key*) **Injection.** At a lower level, the control `\eqncontrol{inject={cmd}}` injects some command sequence *cmd* after the present equation line but before interline spacing. The control `\eqncontrol{inject*={cmd}}` injects after interline spacing instead.

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<code>\&lt; x &amp;= \cos\phi</code> <code>\eqncontrol{inject=\hrule} \\\</code> <code>\phi &amp;= \arccos x \&gt;</code>	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> $x = \cos \phi$ $\phi = \arccos x$ <hr style="width: 100%;"/>
---	---

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**markline** (*key*) **Line Marks.** The package provides a mechanism to mark an equation line at the end of the present line or just below. This mechanism can be used to display a QED mark:

`\eqncontrol{markline={symbol=sym,opts}}`  
`\eqncontrol{qed[={opts}]}`

The QED symbol may as well be invoked by `\qedhere[opts]` of `amsthm`. The starred variants `markline*`, `qed*` and `\qedhere*` should be used for long lines where the mark would otherwise smash equation content (equation numbers are avoided automatically).

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<code>\&lt;[n=1]! x &amp;= \cos\phi</code> <code>\eqncontrol{markline={symbol=\$\sqrt{}}}\ \\\</code> <code>\phi &amp;= \arccos x</code> <code>\eqncontrol{qed={shift=.5ex}} \&gt;</code>	$x = \cos \phi$ $\phi = \arccos x$	$\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$ $(63)$ <b>QED</b>
--	---------------------------------------	--

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The options *opts* can be used to adjust the placement by `below` (placed on a separate line below the present line), `baseline` (smashed at the current baseline), `bottom` (smashed at the bottom of the present line), to fine-tune the vertical position by `shift=dimen` or to adjust the symbol by `symbol=sym`. The default position and symbol can be adjusted by the global settings `markpos`, `marksymbol` and `qedsymbol`.

**\framecell** **Frames.** The package allows to frame cells of an equation block via issuing a simple `framecell` (*key*) command within the cell:

`\framecell[cmd]`      or      `\eqncontrol{framecell[={cmd}]}`

This command corresponds to `\Aboxed` of `mathtools`. In particular, when used within columns or aligned mode, the frame will extend over both right and left alignment components of a cell; in order to allocate the right amount of space, it should be issued within the first cell of the pair. The layout of the frame can be adjusted by the optional argument *cmd* which defaults to `\fbox`: it must be a macro which accepts one argument (or a command sequence which ends with a macro accepting one argument). Note: Any semi-automatic punctuation is included within the frame, see section 2.4. Parts of a cell can be framed by the `amsmath` macro `\boxed`, which will not include semi-automatic punctuation. Furthermore, the height and depth of the box are bounded from below by a strut, see section 2.6.

**frametag** (*key*) Similarly, the package allows to frame tags:

`\eqncontrol{frametag[={cmd}]}`

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<code>\&lt; x &amp;= \cos\phi \\\</code> <code>\framecell \phi &amp;= \arccos x \&gt;</code>	$x = \cos \phi$ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <math>\phi = \arccos x</math> </div>
---	---

<code>\[ \framecell[\fboxrule2pt\fbox]</code>		
<code>\mbox{important} \eqnpunct! \]</code>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">important!</div>	
<code>\[! \framecell[\fcolorbox{white}{yellow}]</code>		
<code>\eqncontrol{frametag=\fboxsep2pt\fbox}</code>	<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">highlight</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">(64)</div>
<code>\mbox{highlight}\]</code>		

**Single-Line Composition.** Several short pieces of math content may well fit within a single equation line, typically separated by some amount of space like `\qqquad` or `\quad`. The package provides several context-aware commands for this purpose: the commands `\eqnncol` and `\eqnbreak` insert some horizontal glue, whereas `\eqnjoin` joins two parts of an equation with some conjunction. The glue typically includes some amount of shrink in order to accommodate the content when space is sparse. Furthermore, `\eqnncol` and `\eqnbreak` also automatically insert the punctuation for columns and lines, respectively. For convenience, the newline command `\\` maps to `\eqnbreak` in single equation mode where it serves no other purpose. The commands have several optional arguments:

$$\backslash eqnsep | \backslash eqnbreak | \backslash \sim | * | [skip] \quad \backslash eqnjoin [* | [skip]] \{conjunction\}$$

The modifier `~` suppresses punctuation and `*` chooses a shorter glue, whereas the optional argument `skip` specifies the amount of glue explicitly. The default amounts of glue for `\eqnbreak` or `\\` and `\eqnncol` are determined by the settings `linesep` and `colsep`, respectively. The starred variants `linesep*` and `colsep*` determine the short amount of glue.

<code>\[ x = \cos\phi \]</code>	$x = \cos \phi$	$\phi = \arccos x$
<code>\phi = \arccos x \]</code>		
<code>\[ {, .} x = (z+z^{-1})/2 \]</code>	$x = (z + z^{-1})/2,$	$\phi = -i \log z.$
<code>\phi = -i \log z \]</code>		
<code>\[ x = \cos\phi \eqnjoin*{\iff}</code>	$x = \cos \phi$	$\iff \phi = \arccos x$
<code>\phi = \arccos x \]</code>		

**Alternative Content Description.** The package provides a basic interface to describe the equation content in an alternative form for the purposes of accessibility or documentation (corresponding to the `alt` tag in HTML):

$$\text{alt}=\{alt\text{ text}\} \quad \text{or} \quad \backslash eqnalt[opt]\{alt\}$$

At the moment the alternative text `alt` is not processed further, but an accessibility extension may implement the feature in tagged PDFs or HTML conversion. The comma-separated optional arguments `opt` may specify the content further: `line` and `cell` restrict the applicability to the current equation line or cell, respectively. Other keys might specify the content format and language.

<code>\&lt;[alt={example equations}]</code>	
<code>x &amp;= \cos\phi \]</code>	$x = \cos \phi$
<code>\eqnalt[line]{reverse relationship}</code>	$\phi = \arccos x$
<code>\phi &amp;= \arccos x \&gt;</code>	

## 2.8 General Options

`\eqnlineset` Options of general nature can be selected by the commands:

```

\usepackage[opts]{eqnlines}
or \PassOptionsToPackage{opts}{eqnlines}
or \eqnlineset{opts}

```

`\PassOptionsToPackage` must be used before `\usepackage`; `\eqnlineset` must be used afterwards. *opts* is a comma-separated list of options.

The package supplies the following general settings:

option	description
<code>defaults=classic</code>	mimic classic L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X/amsmath (layout and dimensions)
<code>defaults=eqnlines</code>	eqnlines layout with fontsize-relative dimensions
<code>rescan</code>	rescan environment body for special commands (e.g. <code>\verb</code> )
<code>linesfallback</code>	single column in align mode reverts to lines mode value <code>reuse</code> avoids third measuring pass
<code>ampproof</code>	equip optional argument parsing with protection for ‘&’
<code>equationcr</code>	determine overloading of ‘\’ for single equations <code>off</code> : native L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X error; <code>error</code> : package error; <code>break</code> : insert horizontal glue (see section 2.7)
<code>modifierwarning</code>	invoke a warning for unknown environment modifiers
<code>scanpar</code>	allow scanning of <code>\par</code> within equation body (e.g., for use in nested <code>\parbox</code> or <code>minipage</code> )

## 2.9 Feature Selection and Package Options

The following few settings can only be specified when loading the package, not via `\eqnlineset`:

option	description
<code>env=none</code>	provide only <code>equations</code> and <code>equationsbox</code> environments
<code>env=equation</code>	provide/overwrite <code>equation</code> , <code>displaymath</code> and <code>\[...\]</code>
<code>env=amsmath</code>	provide/overwrite <code>amsmath</code> environments (including <code>equation</code> )
<code>amsmathends=bool</code>	patch <code>amsmath</code> environments with individual endings
<code>backup=bool</code>	backup original <code>amsmath</code> environments as <code>ams...</code>
<code>ang=bool</code>	provide <code>\&lt;...\&gt;</code>
<code>eqref=bool</code>	provide <code>\eqref</code>

If the above settings are explicitly disabled, the package will only supply the general purpose environment `equations` and its boxed cousin `equationsbox`. In that case, the specific equation environments and other features can be activated by the command:

```
\eqnlinesprovide{features}
```

*features* is a comma-separated list of features:

feature	description
<i>env</i>	provide/overwrite environment <i>env</i> : <code>equation</code> , <code>gather</code> , <code>multline</code> , <code>align</code> , <code>flalign</code> <code>multlined</code> , <code>gathered</code> , <code>aligned</code> , <code>subequations</code>
<i>env=name</i>	provide environment <i>env</i> as <i>name</i>
<code>sqr</code>	provide <code>\[...]</code>
<code>ang</code>	provide <code>\&lt;...\&gt;</code>
<code>eqref</code>	provide/overwrite macro <code>eqref</code>
<code>tagform</code>	provide/overwrite macro <code>\tagform@</code>
<code>maketag</code>	provide/overwrite macro <code>\maketag@@@</code>

## 3 Information

### 3.1 Copyright

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This work has the LPPL maintenance status ‘maintained’.

The Current Maintainer of this work is Niklas Beisert.

This work consists of the files `README.txt`, `eqnlines.ins` and `eqnlines.dtx` as well as the derived files `eqnlines.sty`, `eqnlines-dev.sty`, `eqnlines.tex`, `eqnlines.pdf`, `eqnlines-src.tex`, `eqnlines-src.pdf`.

### 3.2 Credits

This package is based on the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X package `amsmath` (initially named `amstex`) which in turn is based on the T<sub>E</sub>X macro system `amstex` written by Michael Spivak. The initial work of porting `amstex` to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X was done in 1988–1989 by Frank Mittelbach and Rainer Schöpf. In 1994 David M. Jones added the support for flush-left layout and did extensive improvements to the align family of environments and to the equation number handling in general. Michael Downes at the AMS served as coordinator for the efforts of Mittelbach, Schöpf, and Jones, and has contributed various bug fixes and additional refinements over time. Since 2016, the package has been maintained by the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Project with contributions by the above and David Carlisle.

This package has been forked from `amsmath` in accordance with the LPPL, particularly paragraph 6. The original package `amsmath` is available at CTAN within `latex-amsmath`. It uses the basic mechanisms for processing numbered multi-line equations as developed in `amsmath` (environments `equation`, `align`, `gather`, `multline`, `gathered`, `aligned` and related), as well as code implementing these mechanisms. It differs from `amsmath` in the following aspects:

- The implementations of `split` and methods unrelated to multi-line equations and equation numbering have been dropped.
- Code has been restructured, macros have been renamed and extended.
- Numbering and horizontal adjustment schemes have been unified and extended.



- Options for math classes surrounding the alignment have been added.
- A punctuation scheme has been added.
- Vertical spacing has been redesigned.
- Optional parameters have been added to environments.
- Various configuration options and layout settings have been added.
- Cooperation with `hyperref`, `showkeys` and `amsmath` has been included into the package.

### 3.3 Files and Installation

The package consists of the files:

<code>README.txt</code>	readme file
<code>eqnlines.ins</code>	installation file
<code>eqnlines.dtx</code>	source file
<code>eqnlines.sty</code>	package file
<code>eqnlines-dev.sty</code>	package file (development version)
<code>eqnlines.pdf</code>	manual

The distribution consists of the files `README.txt`, `eqnlines.ins` and `eqnlines.dtx`.

- Run (pdf) $\text{\LaTeX}$  on `eqnlines.dtx` to compile the manual `eqnlines.pdf` (this file).
- Run  $\text{\LaTeX}$  on `eqnlines.ins` to create the package `eqnlines.sty` and the developers version `eqnlines-dev.sty`. Copy the file `eqnlines.sty` to an appropriate directory of your  $\text{\LaTeX}$  distribution, e.g. `texmf-root/tex/latex/eqnlines`.

### 3.4 Related CTAN Packages

The package is related to other packages available at CTAN:

- This package uses the package `keyval` to process the options for the package, environments and macros. Compatibility with the `keyval` package has been tested with v1.15 (2022/05/29).
- This package reproduces the math environments functionality of the package `amsmath`. The present code is based on `amsmath` v2.17t (2024/11/05). Compatibility with the `amsmath` package is maintained whether `eqnlines` is loaded before or after `amsmath`. By default, `eqnlines` overwrites most math environments of `amsmath` with its own implementations. It can also preserve them as `ams...` if needed. Alternatively, `eqnlines` may assign individual names to the maths environments and preserve the ones of `amsmath`. The other features provided by `amsmath` can be used.
- The package `mathtools` is a popular extension of the `amsmath` package. This package incorporates some of the features and improvements provided by the `mathtools` package. Compatibility with the `mathtools` package has been tested with v1.31 (2024/10/04), and it is maintained whether `eqnlines` is loaded before or after `mathtools`. Some features like emphasising equations via `empheq` do not (yet) work.
- This package cooperates with the package `hyperref` to create anchors and references within the electronic document. Compatibility with the `hyperref` package has been tested with v7.011 (2024/11/05).
- This package cooperates with the package `beamer` in assigning default colours for math content. Compatibility with the `beamer` package has been tested with v3.74 (2025/06/15).

- This package supports the display of labels and references through the package `showkeys`. Compatibility with the `showkeys` package has been tested with v3.21 (2024/05/23).
- This package supports placement of QED symbols within `proofs` through the `\qedhere` interface of the package `amsthm`. Compatibility with the `amsthm` package has been tested with v2.20.6 (2020/05/29).
- This package is currently not compatible with the package `cleveref` (thanks to Jonáš Dujava for pointing out). The command `\Cref` will not refer properly to equation numbers recorded by the `equations` environment. Further features of either package and/or/in combination with `amsmath` may fail due to the patching by the package. The alternative package `zref-clever` appears to work as intended. Incompatibility with the `cleveref` package has been observed for v0.21.4 (2018/03/27). Compatibility with the `zref-clever` package has been tested with v0.5.1 (2024/11/28).

### 3.5 Feature Suggestions

The following is a list of features for consideration towards future versions of this package. Their potential use may range between useful and niche; and their difficulty between easy and impossible:

- expand documentation further
- complete code documentation
- list of all option keys with scope, defaults and special values

### 3.6 Revision History

**v0.12:** 2025/12/27

- split off source code documentation into separate document `eqnlines-src`
- added modified newline `'\~'` to indicate continued equation with deferred numbering and punctuation suppressed
- added `\eqnsep`, `\eqnbreak`, `\eqnjoin` for single-line compositions, mapped `'\'` for single equations to `\eqnbreak`
- added modifier `''` to `equationsbox`
- removed faulty option `crerror`

**v0.11:** 2025/10/25

- added option `punctall` and modifier `''` to specify several levels of punctuation at once

**v0.10.1:** 2025/06/23

- fix for setting default colours (`math text`) in `beamer`

**v0.10:** 2025/05/29

- added `numberline` modes `center`, `median`, `top` and `bottom` with continuous vertical adjustments (thanks to Jonáš Dujava for testing)

- fixed spacing following `\paragraph` (thanks to Jonáš Dujava for report)
- added control `inject` to add free-style content after the present line
- added control `markline` and `qed` to display a (QED) mark
- added support for `amsthm` through `\qedhere` (thanks to Jonáš Dujava for suggestion)
- fixed minor issues
- internal structure and minor interface changes

**v0.9:** 2025/05/18

- option `transpose` to transpose rows and columns in columns mode (thanks to Christophe Bal for suggestion)
- added `\eqncontrol` interface for control within lines and cells
- internal structure and interface changes
- added `\vspace*` for persistent glue at page breaks
- added framed tags (`frametag`)
- added `\raisetag!` to enforce raising (or lowering) of tags even if space is sufficient
- added modifiers, relaxed order, changed lines mode modifier from ‘~’ to ‘=’
- fixed minor issues
- thanks to Jonáš Dujava for various reports and suggestions

**v0.8:** 2025/04/30

- added framed cells (`\framecell`)
- added automatic best line selection for tag placement (`best` and `evadetag`)
- symbolic environment `\<...\>` forwards to `equationsbox` in math mode
- added wrapping for `equationsbox` (`frame`, `wrap`)
- horizontal adjustment reworked and completed; `\shoveby` added
- extended `\label` to assign names to labels for `\namedref`
- interface for alternative representations (`alt` and `\eqnalt`)
- options to adjust line width and margins (`linewidth`, `marginleft`, `marginright`)
- added option `scanpar` to allow `\par` appearing in equation body
- added continuous penalties (`prepenalty`, `postpenalty`, `interpenalty`)
- added overloading for `displaymath` and remaining `amsmath` math environments
- minor interface changes (`rename`, `recombine`, `values`)
- documentation expanded
- several issues fixed

**v0.7.1:** 2025/04/09

- improvements for PDF tagging
- backup all available math environments at the start using `backup` switch

**v0.7:** 2025/04/03

- manual expanded, examples added
- fixes for numbering, tagging, options, `linesfallback`, zero lines
- expansions for vertical spacing modes, tag display, `subeqtemplate`
- some consolidations
- internal rearrangements

**v0.6.1:** 2025/03/27

- `\eqnpunct` can place punctuation within the current equation cell
- `numberline=none` now acts as `numberline=all` and `nonumber`
- fixed and extended `tagmargin` with `tagmarginratio` and `tagmarginthreshold`
- padding now applies to single-line equations as well

**v0.6:** 2025/03/11

- preliminary PDF tagging support (<https://latex3.github.io/tagging-project/>; `amsmath` *must* be loaded *before* `eqnlines` to avoid errors)
- classic L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X/`amsmath` vs. `eqnlines` presets
- changed vertical spacing schemes and added further options
- supplied dimensions processed by `\glueexpr`
- more independent of `amsmath` structures
- internal reorganisations

**v0.5:** 2025/02/25

- preview version published on CTAN
- thanks to Till Bargheer for testing and reports