

# Guide2lhs2TeX (for version 1.9)

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# 1 About lhs2TeX

The program lhs2TeX is a preprocessor that takes as input a literate Haskell source file (or something sufficiently alike) and produces as output a formatted file that can be further processed by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

For example, consider the following input file:

```
\documentclass{article}
%include lhs2TeX.fmt
%include lhs2TeX.sty
\begin{document}
This is the famous ‘Hello world’ example,
written in Haskell:
\begin{code}
main  :: IO ()
main  =  putStrLn "Hello, world!"
\end{code}
\end{document}
```

If we run the following two commands on it

```
$ lhs2TeX --poly HelloWorld.lhs > HelloWorld.tex
$ pdflatex HelloWorld.tex
```

then the resulting PDF file will look similar to

This is the famous “Hello world” example, written in Haskell:

```
main :: IO ()
main = putStrLn "Hello, world!"
```

The behaviour of lhs2TeX is highly customizable. For example, the argument `--poly` in the call above specifies one of several different **styles**. Depending on the selected style, lhs2TeX can perform quite different tasks. Here is a brief overview:

- **verb** (verbatim): format code completely verbatim
- **tt** (typewriter): format code verbatim, but allow special formatting of keywords, characters, some functions, ...
- **math**: mathematical formatting with basic alignment, highly customizable
- **poly**: mathematical formatting with multiple alignments, highly customizable, supersedes **math**
- **code**: delete all comments, extract sourcecode
- **newcode** (new code): delete all comments, extract sourcecode, but allow for formatting, supersedes **code**

## 2 Installing l<sub>h</sub>s2T<sub>e</sub>X

The following instructions apply to Unix-like environments. However, l<sub>h</sub>s2T<sub>e</sub>X does run on Windows systems, too. (If you would like to add installation instructions or facilitate the installation procedure for Windows systems, please contact the authors.)

Unpack the archive. Assume that it has been unpacked into directory /somewhere. Then say

```
$ cd /somewhere/lhs2TeX-1.9
$ ./configure
$ make
$ make install
```

You might need administrator permissions to perform the `make install` step. Alternatively, you can select your own installation location by passing the `--prefix` argument to `configure`:

```
$ ./configure --prefix=/my/local/programs
```

With l<sub>h</sub>s2T<sub>e</sub>X come a couple of library files (containing basic l<sub>h</sub>s2T<sub>e</sub>X formatting directives) that need to be found by the l<sub>h</sub>s2T<sub>e</sub>X binary. The default search path is as follows:

```
.
$HOME/lhs2TeX
$HOME/.lhs2TeX
$LHS2TEX
/usr/local/share/lhs2tex
/usr/local/share/lhs2TeX
/usr/local/lib/lhs2tex
/usr/local/lib/lhs2TeX
/usr/share/lhs2tex
/usr/share/lhs2TeX
/usr/lib/lhs2tex
/usr/lib/lhs2TeX
```

Here, `$HOME` and `$LHS2TEX` denote the current values of these two environment variables. Thus, if l<sub>h</sub>s2T<sub>e</sub>X is installed to a non-standard path, you might want to set the environment variable `$LHS2TEX` to point to the directory where the files `lhs2TeX.sty` and `lhs2TeX.fmt` have been installed to.

**IMPORTANT: To be able to use “poly” style, the two L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X packages `polytable.sty` and `lazylist.sty` are required!**

Both are included in the l<sub>h</sub>s2T<sub>e</sub>X distribution (they are not part of standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X distributions, although they are available from CTAN), and are usually installed during the normal procedure. The `configure` script will determine whether a suitably

recent version of `polytable` is installed on your system, and if necessary, install both `polytable.sty` and `lazylist.sty` to your  $\TeX$  system. If this is not desired or fails (because the script cannot detect your  $\TeX$  installation properly), the installation of these files can be disabled by passing the option `--disable-polytable` to `configure`. In this case, the two files must be manually installed to a location where your  $\TeX$  distribution will find them. Assuming that you have a local  $\TeX$  tree at `/usr/local/share/texmf`, this can usually be achieved by placing the files in the directory `/usr/local/share/texmf/tex/latex/polytable` and subsequently running

```
$ mktexlsr
```

to update the  $\TeX$  filename database.

### 3 lhs2TeX operation

When run on an input file, `lhs2TeX` classifies the source file into different blocks:

- Lines indicating a Bird-style literate program (i.e. lines beginning with either `>` or `<`) are considered as **code blocks**.
- Lines that are surrounded by `\begin{code}` and `\end{code}` statements, or also by `\begin{spec}` and `\end{spec}` statements, are considered as **code blocks**. (Note that `lhs2TeX` does not care if both styles of a literate program are mixed in one file. In this sense, it is more liberal than Haskell.)
- Text between two `@` characters that is not in a code block is considered **inline verbatim**. If a `@` is desired to appear in text, it needs to be escaped: `@@`. There is no need to escape `@`'s in code blocks.
- Text between two `|` characters that is not in a code block is considered **inline code**. Again, `|` characters that should appear literally outside of code blocks need to be escaped: `||`.
- A `%` that is followed by the name of an `lhs2TeX` directive is considered as a **directive** and may cause `lhs2TeX` to take special actions. Directives are described in detail later.
- Some constructs are treated specially, such as occurrences of the  $\TeX$  commands `\eval`, `\perform`, `\verb` or of the  $\LaTeX$  environment `verbatim`.
- All the rest is classified as **plain text**.

Depending on the style in which it is called, `lhs2TeX` will treat these blocks in different ways.

### 4 Overview over the different styles

In this section, we will demonstrate on a common example how the different styles can be used. For each style, there will also be a short summary. Some of the points listed in the summary are defaults for the particular style and can actually be changed.

## 4.1 Verbatim: “verb” style

In **verb** style, the code shows up in the formatted document exactly as it has been entered, i.e. verbatim. All spaces are preserved, and a non-proportional font is used.

```
zip                :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a,b)]
zip                = zipWith (\a b -> (a,b))

zipWith            :: (a->b->c) -> [a]->[b]->[c]
zipWith z (a:as) (b:bs) = z a b : zipWith z as bs
zipWith _ _ _         = []

partition          :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> ([a],[a])
partition p xs     = foldr select ([],[a]) xs
  where select x (ts,fs) | p x      = (x:ts,fs)
                       | otherwise = (ts,x:fs)
```

One does not need `lhs2TeX` to achieve such a result. This style, however, does not make use of an internal  $\TeX$  verbatim construct. The implementation of verbatim environments in  $\TeX$  is somewhat restricted, and the preprocessor approach may prove more flexible in some situations. For example, it is easier to apply additional formatting instructions to the output as a whole, such as placing the code in a colored box.

### Verbatim summary

- formatting directives are ignored
- conditionals and includes are handled
- inline code, inline verbatim, and code blocks are all typeset completely verbatim, using a typewriter font
- all spaces in code blocks are preserved
- plain text is copied unchanged

## 4.2 Space-preserving formatting with “tt” style

The **tt** style is very similar to **verb** style, but applies a tiny bit of formatting to the code and allows for more customizability:

```

zip          :: [a] → [b] → [(a,b)]
zip         = zipWith (λa b → (a,b))

zipWith     :: (a→b→c) → [a]→[b]→[c]
zipWith z (a:as) (b:bs) = z a b : zipWith z as bs
zipWith _ _ _          = []

partition   :: (a → Bool) → [a] → ([a],[a])
partition p xs      = foldr select ([],[ ]) xs
  where select x (ts,fs) | p x      = (x:ts,fs)
                        | otherwise = (ts,x:fs)

```

By default, some of the Haskell symbols are expressed more naturally. For instance, special symbols are being used for the arrows or the lambda. In addition, the user can specify additional formatting directives to affect the appearance of certain identifiers. In this way, keywords can be highlighted, user-defined Haskell infix operators can be replaced by more appropriate symbols etc. In this style, the layout and all spaces from the source file are still preserved, and a non-proportional font is used, as in **verb** style.

#### Typewriter summary

- non-recursive formatting directives are obeyed
- conditionals and includes are handled
- inline verbatim is typeset as verbatim, whereas inline code and code blocks are typeset almost verbatim, after formatting directives are applied, in a typewriter font using some special symbols to “beautify” some Haskell operators.
- all spaces in code blocks are preserved
- plain text is copied unchanged

### 4.3 Proportional vs. Monospaced

Usually, there is a tradeoff between restricting oneself to the use of a typewriter font and not using any formatting and using a proportional font, at the same time replacing operators with mathematical symbols, using different font shapes to highlight keywords etc. While the latter offers far more flexibility, the proportional font might destroy (at least part of) the layout that the programmer has employed in order to make the source code more readable.

Compare, for example, the previous two examples with the following result (this is a negative example, `lhs2TeX` can do far better than that!!):

```

zip :: [a] → [b] → [(a,b)]
zip = zipWith (λa b → (a,b))
zipWith :: (a → b → c) → [a] → [b] → [c]
zipWith z (a : as) (b : bs) = z a b : zipWith z as bs
zipWith _ _ _ = []
partition :: (a → Bool) → [a] → ([a],[a])
partition p xs = foldr select ([],[]) xs
    where select x (ts,fs) | p x = (x : ts,fs)
                        | otherwise = (ts,x : fs)

```

While the indentation is kept (otherwise, for the layout sensitive Haskell it would be even disastrous, because the code might no longer be valid), alignment that has been present in the code lines has been lost. For example, in the input the user had decided to align all equality symbols of all three function definitions, and also align them with the “has-type” operator ::.

Without support from a tool like `lhs2TeX`, the horizontal positions of the equality symbols in the formatted code are totally unrelated. A solution to this problem is of course to put the Haskell code in a  $\LaTeX$  table. Doing this manually, though, is very cumbersome and in some case still quite hard. The task of the formatted styles of `lhs2TeX` is thus to spare the user the burden of cluttering up the code with formatting annotations. Most of the time, completely un-annotated code can be used to achieve good results, using the fonts you like while maintaining alignment information in the code!

#### 4.4 Alignment and formatting with “math” style

In prior versions of `lhs2TeX`, **math** style was the mode to use for formatted Haskell code. There is one alignment column, often used to align the equality symbols of several equations. Additionally, indentation is handled automatically. User-defined formatting directives can be used to alter the formatting of identifiers, operators and symbols in many places.

```

zip           :: [a] → [b] → [(a,b)]
zip           = zipWith (λa b → (a,b))
zipWith      :: (a → b → c) → [a] → [b] → [c]
zipWith z (a : as) (b : bs) = z a b : zipWith z as bs
zipWith _ _ _ = []
partition    :: (a → Bool) → [a] → ([a],[a])
partition p xs = foldr select ([],[]) xs
    where select x (ts,fs) | p x = (x : ts,fs)
                        | otherwise = (ts,x : fs)

```

The example shows that there is still a loss of alignment information compared to the original verbatim example. The three arguments of the `zipWith` function as well as the two guarded equations in the definition of `select` are not aligned. At the moment,

**math** style exists mainly to maintain compatibility with old documents. New features may be added to **poly** style only.

**“math” summary**

- all formatting directives are obeyed
- conditionals and includes are handled
- inline verbatim is typeset as verbatim, whereas inline code and code blocks are typeset using a proportional font, using mathematical symbols to represent many Haskell operators.
- indentation in code blocks is preserved; furthermore, alignment on a single column is possible
- plain text is copied unchanged

### 4.5 Complex layouts: “poly” style

The **poly** style has been designed to lift the restrictions that **math** style still has. Multiple alignments and thus complex layouts are possible:

```

zip                :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a,b)]
zip                = zipWith (\a b -> (a,b))
zipWith            :: (a -> b -> c) -> [a] -> [b] -> [c]
zipWith z (a : as) (b : bs) = z a b : zipWith z as bs
zipWith _ _ _      = []
partition          :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> ([a],[a])
partition p xs     = foldr select ([],[]) xs
  where select x (ts,fs) | p x      = (x : ts,fs)
                        | otherwise = (ts, x : fs)

```

If run in **poly** style, `lhs2TeX` produces  $\LaTeX$  code that makes use of the `polytable` package, a package that has been specifically designed to fit the needs that arise while formatting Haskell code. (If you are interested in the package or think that it might be useful for other purposes, you are welcome to look at the documentation for `polytable`. [LINK!!](#))

Beyond the advanced alignment options, **poly** style has all the functionality of **math** style. If **poly** style works for you, you should use it.

**“poly” summary**

- all formatting directives are obeyed
- conditionals and includes are handled
- inline verbatim is typeset as verbatim, whereas inline code and code blocks are typeset using a proportional font, using mathematical symbols to represent many Haskell operators.
- alignment can be flexibly specified; complex layouts are possible
- plain text is copied unchanged

## 4.6 “poly” style is customizable

The following example demonstrates that the visual appearance of “poly” style is in no way dictated by `lhs2TeX`. There are several possibilities to modify the output by means of formatting directives. Here, we try to mimic `tt` style by choosing a typewriter font again and using the same symbols that are default in `tt` style.

```
zip                :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a, b)]
zip                = zipWith (\a b -> (a, b))
zipWith           :: (a -> b -> c) -> [a] -> [b] -> [c]
zipWith z (a : as) (b : bs) = z a b : zipWith z as bs
zipWith _ _ _      = []
partition         :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> ([a], [a])
partition p xs    = foldr select ([], []) xs
  where select x (ts, fs) | p x      = (x : ts, fs)
                        | otherwise = (ts, x : fs)
```

In contrast to the `tt` style example, here the spaces in the code are *not* preserved – the alignment is generated by the `polytable` package.

## 4.7 The “code” and “newcode” styles

These two styles are not for producing a  $\text{\LaTeX}$  source file, but rather produce a Haskell file again. Everything that is not code is thrown away. In addition, `newcode` does a few things extra. It applies formatting directives which can here be used as simple macros on the Haskell source level, and it generates line pragmas for the Haskell compiler that will result in error messages pointing to the original file (before processing with `lhs2TeX`). The plain `code` style does not have this extra functionality. Again, `code` is mainly intended for compatibility with old documents. You should use `newcode`.

### “code” summary

- formatting directives are ignored
- conditionals and includes are handled (??)
- code blocks that are not specifications are copied unchanged
- plain text, inline code, specification code, and inline verbatim are discarded

### “new code” summary

- all formatting directives are obeyed
- conditionals and includes are handled
- code blocks that are not specifications are, after applying formatting directives, copied unchanged, prefixed by a line pragma indicating the original source location of the code block
- plain text, inline code, specification code, and inline verbatim are discarded

<code>%include</code>	include a file
<code>%format</code>	formatting directive for an identifier/operator
<code>{</code>	begin of an <code>lhs2TeX</code> group
<code>}</code>	end of an <code>lhs2TeX</code> group
<code>%let</code>	set a toggle
<code>%if</code>	test a condition
<code>%else</code>	second part of conditional
<code>%elif</code>	else combined with <code>if</code>
<code>%endif</code>	end of a conditional
<code>%latency</code>	tweak alignment in <b>poly</b> mode
<code>%separation</code>	tweak alignment in <b>poly</b> mode
<code>%align</code>	set alignment column in <b>math</b> mode
<code>%options</code>	set options for call of external program
<code>%subst</code>	primitive formatting directive
<code>%file</code>	set filename

Table 1: All `lhs2TeX` directives

## 5 Directives

A number of directives are understood by `lhs2TeX`. Some of the are ignored in some of the styles, though. Directives can occur on all non-code lines and start with a `%`, the `TeX` comment character, immediately followed by the name of the directive, plus a list of potential arguments.

While `lhs2TeX` will remove directives that it has interpreted, it will simply ignore all normal `TeX` comments that are no directives. Therefore, if a directive is accidentally misspelled, no error message will be raised in general.

Table 1 is a complete list of the directives that `lhs2TeX` knows about. These directives will be explained in more or less detail in the following sections.

## 6 Including files

Other files can be included by `lhs2TeX`. This is what the `%include` directive is for:

```
%include <filename>
```

The specified file is searched for in the `lhs2TeX` source path which can be modified using environment variables or the `-P` command line option (see also page 4). Included files are inserted literally at the position of the `%include` directive. Because of that, the included files may not only contain other sources, but also other directives (in particular, an included file may contain an `%include` directive again). The `lhs2TeX` is entirely independent of `TeX` or Haskell includes/imports.

**WARNING:** Although relative and absolute pathnames can be specified as part of a filename in an `%include` directive, the use of this feature is strongly discouraged. Set the search path using the `-P` command line option to detect files to include.

If the `-v` command line flag is set, `lhs2TeX` will print the paths of the files it is reading on screen while processing a file.

## 6.1 The `lhs2TeX` “prelude”

Several aspects of the behaviour of `lhs2TeX` are not hardcoded, but configurable via directives. As a consequence, a minimal amount of functionality has to be defined for `lhs2TeX` to be able to operate normally.

Essential definitions are collected in two files, `lhs2TeX.fmt` (containing basic directives) and `lhs2TeX.sty` (containing basic  $\LaTeX$  setup). These two files should be included – directly or indirectly – in every file to be processed by `lhs2TeX`!

```
%include lhs2TeX.fmt
%include lhs2TeX.sty
```

It is perfectly possible to design own libraries that replace or extend these basic files and to include those own libraries instead. It is not recommended, though, to edit these two files directly. If you are not satisfied with some of the default definition, create your own file to redefine selected part. This way, if `lhs2TeX` is updated, you will still be able to benefit from improvements and changes in the “prelude” files.

There is a reason why the prelude is split into two files: if several files are to be processed separately by `lhs2TeX` (for example, because they should be translated using different styles), but all included into one  $\TeX$  document, then  $\TeX$  level inclusion can be used (using `\input` or a more sophisticated command). In this case, `lhs2TeX.fmt` should be included in every single file (it contains the directives necessary for `lhs2TeX` to proceed), whereas `lhs2TeX.sty` should only be included once in the central document to be processed by  $\LaTeX$  (that file contains the setup to make  $\LaTeX$  understand the output that `lhs2TeX` writes).

## 7 Formatting

Using the `%format` directive, tokens can be given a different appearance. The complete syntax that is supported by `lhs2TeX` is quite complex, but we will look at many different cases in detail.

```
%format <token> = <fmttoken>* (format single tokens)
%format <lhs> = <fmttoken>* (parametrized formatting)
%format <name> (implicit formatting)

<lhs> ::= <name> <arg>* | (<name>) <arg>*
<name> ::= <varname> | <conname>
<arg> ::= <varname> | (<varname>)
<fmttoken> ::= "<text>" | <token>
```

formatting statement. The first one can be used to change the appearance of most functions and operators and a few other symbols. The second form is restricted to named identifiers (both qualified and unqualified, but no symbolic operators); in turn, such formatting directives can be parametrized. Finally, the third form provides a syntactically lightweight way of formatting certain identifiers using some heuristics. But let us look at some common examples first ...

## 7.1 Formatting single tokens

The most important use for `%format` is to assign a symbol to an identifier or an operator. The input

```
%format alpha = "\alpha"

\begin{code}
tan alpha = sin alpha / cos alpha
\end{code}
```

produces output similar to the following:

```
tan  $\alpha$  = sin  $\alpha$  / cos  $\alpha$ 
```

The occurrences of `alpha` within the Haskell code portions of the input file are replaced by the  $\TeX$  command `\alpha` and thus appear as “ $\alpha$ ” in the output.

A lot of formatting directives for frequently used identifiers or operators is already defined in the `lhs2TeX` prelude. For instance, `++` is formatted as “ $+$ ”, `undefined` is formatted as “ $\perp$ ”, and `not` is formatted as “ $-$ ”. If you look at `lhs2TeX.fmt`, you will find the following directives that do the job:

```
%format ++      = "\plus "
%format undefined = "\bot "
%format not     = "\neg "
```

Here, `\plus` refers to a  $\LaTeX$  macro defined in `lhs2TeX.sty`:

```
\newcommand{\plus}{\mathbin{+\!\!\!+}}
```

If you are not satisfied with any of the default definitions, just redefine them. A `%format` directive scopes over the rest of the input, and if multiple directives for the same token are defined, the last one is used. Thus, after

```
%format ++      = "\mathbin{\mathbf{+}}"
%format undefined = "\Varid{undefined}"
%format not     = "!"
```

you get "+", "undefined", and "!", respectively. Note that `\Varid` is a macro defined in `lhs2TeX.sty` that can be used to typeset identifier names. It is predefined to be the same as `\mathit`, but can be changed. Do not use identifier names in  $\TeX$  replacements directly. For instance,

```
%% THE FOLLOWING IS BAD:
%format undefined = "undefined"
```

will cause `undefined` to be typeset as "*undefined*", which looks by far less nice than "*undefined*". It is also possible to define a symbol for infix uses of a function. The file `lhs2TeX.fmt` contains:

```
%format 'elem' = "\in "
```

This causes `2 'elem' [1,2]` to be typeset as " $2 \in [1,2]$ ", whereas `elem 2 [1,2]` will still be typeset as "*elem* 2 [1,2]".

## 7.2 Nested formatting

The right hand sides of formatting directives are not restricted to ( $\TeX$ -)strings. They can in fact be sequences of such strings or other tokens, separated by space. Such other tokens will be replaced by their formatting again. For example, if you have already defined a specific formatting

```
%format ~> = "\leadsto "
```

then you can later reuse that formatting while defining variants:

```
%format ~>* = ~> "^{" * "}"
```

As you can see, in this definition we reuse both the current formatting for `~>` and for `*`. We now get "*~>\**" for `~>*`, but should we decide to define

```
%format * = "\star "
```

later, we then also get "*~>\**". Of course, you can use the same mechanism for non-symbolic identifiers:

```
%format new = "\mathbf{new}"
%format text0 = text
%format text_new = text "_{" new "}"
```

will cause `text0` to be typeset as "*text*", and `text_new` will appear as "*text<sub>new</sub>*".

**WARNING: There is no check for recursion in the formatting directives. Formatting directives are expanded on-demand, therefore a directive such as**

```
%% THE FOLLOWING IS BAD:
%format text = "\mathsf{" text "}"
```

**will not produce "text" for text, but rather cause an infinite loop in  $\text{\LaTeX}$  once used.**

### 7.3 Parametrized formatting directives

Formatting directives can be parametrized. The parameters may occur once or more on the right hand side. This form of a formatting directive is only available for alphanumeric identifiers. For example, the input

```
%format abs (a) = "\mathopen{" a "\mathclose{"
%format ~>      = "\leadsto"
The |abs| function computes the absolute value of
an integer:
\begin{code}
abs(-2) ~> 2
\end{code}
```

produces output similar to

The  $|\cdot|$  function computes the absolute value of an integer:

```
| -2 |  $\rightsquigarrow$  2
```

If the function is used with two few arguments as in the text, a default symbol is substituted (usually a  $\cdot$ , but that is customizable, cf. Section 13).

### 7.4 (No) nesting with parametrized directives

You cannot use a parametrized directive on the right hand side of another directive. In summary, the right-hand sides of formatting directives are processed as follows:

- A string, enclosed in  $"$ , will be reproduced literally (without the quotes).
- A name, if it is the name of a parameter, will be replaced by the actual (formatted) argument.
- A name, if it is the name of a non-parametrized formatting directive, will be replaced by that directive's replacement.
- Any other name will be replaced by its standard formatting.

Note that the spaces between the tokens do not occur in the output. If you want spaces, insert them explicitly.

## 7.5 Parentheses

Sometimes, due to formatting an identifier as a symbol, parentheses around arguments or the entire function become unnecessary. Therefore, `lhs2TeX` can be instructed to drop parentheses around an argument by enclosing the argument on the left hand side of the directive in parentheses. Parentheses around the entire function are dropped if the entire left hand side of the directive is enclosed in parentheses. Let us look at another example:

```
%format ^^          = ";"
%format (ptest (a) b (c)) = ptest ^^ a ^^ b ^^ c
\begin{code}
ptest a b c
(ptest (a) (b) (c))
((ptest((a)) ((b)) ((c))))
\end{code}
```

The above input produces the following output:

```
ptest a b c
ptest a (b) c
(ptest (a) ((b)) (c))
```

Note that in this example a special purpose operator, `^^`, is used to facilitate the insertion of spaces on the right hand side of a formatting directive. Read more about influencing spacing using formatting directives in Section 11.1. Another example involving parentheses: the input

```
%format eval a = "\llbracket " a "\rrbracket "
\begin{code}
size (eval (2 + 2))
\end{code}
%format (eval (a)) = "\llbracket " a "\rrbracket "
\begin{code}
size (eval (2 + 2))
\end{code}
```

results in

```
size ([[2 + 2]])
size [[2 + 2]]
```

## 7.6 Local formatting directives

Usually, formatting directives scope over the rest of the input. If that is not desired, formatting directives can be placed into **groups**. Groups look as follows:

```
%{  
...  
%}
```

Formatting directives that are defined in a group scope only over the rest of the current group. Groups can be nested. Groups in `lhs2TeX` do not interact with `TEX` groups, so these different kinds of groups do not have to occur properly nested.

The effect of groups is made visible by the example input

```
In the beginning: |one|. \par  
%format one = "\mathsf{1}"  
Before the group: |one|. \par  
%{  
%format one = "\mathsf{one}"  
Inside the group: |one|. \par  
%}  
After the group: |one|.
```

which appears as follows:

```
In the beginning: one.  
Before the group: 1.  
Inside the group: one.  
After the group: 1.
```

## 7.7 Implicit formatting

The third syntactic form of the formatting directive, lacking a right hand side, can be used to easily format a frequently occurring special case: only a variable (or constructor) name that ends in a number or a prime ' can be used in an implicit formatting statement. The prefix will then be formatted as determined by the formatting directives in the input so far. The number will be added as an index, the prime character as itself.

The following input contains some example:

```
%format omega = "\omega"  
|[omega, omega13, omega13']|\par  
%format omega13  
|[omega, omega13, omega13']|\par  
%format omega13'  
|[omega, omega13, omega13']|  
\end{code}
```

The corresponding output is:

```
[ $\omega, \omega_{13}, \omega'_{13}$ ]
```

## 7.8 Formatting behaviour in different styles

- Formatting directives are applied in **math**, **poly**, and **newcode** styles.
- In **tt** style, only non-parametrized directives apply.
- In **verb** and **code** styles, formatting directives are ignored.

A document can be prepared for processing in different styles using conditionals (cf. Section 10).

## 8 Alignment in “poly” style

The second important feature of `lhs2TeX` next to the ability to change the appearance of tokens is the possibility to maintain alignment in the code while using a proportional font.

Use of this feature is relatively simple:

- Alignment is computed per code block.
- All tokens that start on the same column and are preceded by at least 2 spaces are horizontally aligned in the output.

Using these simple rules, (almost) everything is possible, but it is very important to verify the results and watch out for accidental alignments (i.e. tokens that get aligned against intention).

### 8.1 An example

The following example shows some of the potential. This is the input:

```
> rep_alg      = (\ _      -> \m -> Leaf m
>               ,\ lfun rfun -> \m -> let lt = lfun m
>                                       rt = rfun m
>                                       in  Bin lt rt
>               )
> replace_min' t = (cata_Tree rep_alg t) (cata_Tree min_alg t)
```

Look at the highlighted (grey) tokens. The `lt` will not appear aligned with the two equality symbols, because it is preceded by only one space. Similarly, the `m` in the first line after the `Leaf` constructor will not be aligned with the declarations and the body of the `let`-statement, because it is preceded by only one space. Note furthermore that the equality symbols for the main functions `rep_alg` and `replace_min'` are surrounded by two spaces on both sides, also on the right. This causes the comma and the closing parenthesis to be aligned correctly.

Indeed, the output looks as follows:

```

rep_alg      = (λ_      → λm → Leaf m
               , λfun rfun → λm → let lt = lfun m
                                   rt = rfun m
                                   in Bin lt rt
               )
replace_min' t = (cata_Tree rep_alg t) (cata_Tree min_alg t)

```

## 8.2 Accidental alignment

The main danger of the alignment heuristic is that it results in *more* alignments than are intended. The following example input contains such a case:

```

%format <| = "\lhd "

> options  :: [String] -> ([Class],[String])
> options  = foldr (<|) ([],[])
>   where  "-align"    <| (ds,s: as) = (Dir Align   s : ds,   as)
>          ('-': 'i':s) <| (ds,   as) = (Dir Include s : ds,   as)
>          ('-': 'l':s) <| (ds,   as) = (Dir Let     s : ds,   as)
>          s           <| (ds,   as) = (
                                ds,s : as)

```

The grey tokens will be unintentionally aligned because they start on the same column, with two or more preceding spaces each. The output looks as follows:

```

options  :: [String] -> ([Class],[String])
options  = foldr (<|) ([],[])
  where  "-align"    <| (ds,s: as) = (Dir Align   s : ds,   as)
         ('-': 'i':s) <| (ds,   as) = (Dir Include s : ds,   as)
         ('-': 'l':s) <| (ds,   as) = (Dir Let     s : ds,   as)
         s           <| (ds,   as) = (
                                ds,s : as)

```

The “::” and the “=” have been aligned with the declarations of the where-clause. This results in too much space between the two *options* tokens and the symbols. Even worse, in this case the *centering* of the two symbols is destroyed by the alignment (cf. Section 8.7), therefore “::” and “=” appear left-aligned, but not cleanly, because  $\text{\TeX}$  inserts a different amount of whitespace around the two symbols.

The solution to all this is surprisingly simple: just insert extra spaces in the input to ensure that unrelated tokens start on different columns:

```

%format <| = "\lhd "

> options  :: [String] -> ([Class],[String])
> options  = foldr (<|) ([],[])
>   where  "-align"    <| (ds,s: as) = (Dir Align   s : ds,   as)
>          ('-': 'i':s) <| (ds,   as) = (Dir Include s : ds,   as)
>          ('-': 'l':s) <| (ds,   as) = (Dir Let     s : ds,   as)
>          s           <| (ds,   as) = (
                                ds,s : as)

```

This input produces the correct output:

```
options :: [String] → ([Class],[String])
options = foldr (<) ([],[])
  where "-align"    < (ds,s:as) = (Dir Align s:ds, as)
        ('-' : 'i' : s) < (ds, as) = (Dir Include s:ds, as)
        ('-' : 'l' : s) < (ds, as) = (Dir Let s:ds, as)
        s < (ds, as) = (ds,s:as)
```

### 8.3 The full story

If you further want to customize the alignment behaviour, you can. Here is exactly what happens:

- Alignment is computed per code block.
- Per code block there are a number of **alignment columns**.
- If a token starts in column  $n$  and is prefixed by at least “*separation*” spaces, then  $n$  is an **alignment column** for the code block.
- If a token starts in an alignment column  $n$  and is prefixed by at least “*latency*” spaces, then the token is **aligned** at column  $n$ .
- All tokens that are aligned at a specific column will appear aligned (i.e. at the same horizontal position) in the output.

Both latency and separation can be modified by means of associated directives:

```
%separation <natural>
%latency <natural>
```

It can occasionally be useful to increase the default settings of 2 and 2 for large code blocks where accidental alignments become very likely! It does not really make sense to set latency to a value that is strictly smaller than the separation, but you can do so – there are no checks that the specified settings are sensible.

### 8.4 Indentation in “poly” style

Sometimes, `lhs2TeX` will insert additional space at the beginning of a line to reflect indentation. The rule is described in the following.

If a line is indented in column  $n$ , then the *previous* code line is taken into account:

- If there is an aligned token at column  $n$  in the previous line, then the indented line will be aligned normally.
- Otherwise, the line will be indented with respect to the first aligned token in the previous line to the left of column  $n$ .

The first example demonstrates the first case:

```
unionBy      :: (a -> a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a] -> [a]
unionBy eq xs ys = xs ++ foldl (flip (deleteBy eq))
                      (nubBy eq ys)
```

In this example, there is an aligned token in the previous line at the same column, so everything is normal. The two highlighted parentheses are aligned, causing the second line to be effectively indented:

```
unionBy      :: (a -> a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a] -> [a]
unionBy eq xs ys = xs ++ foldl (flip (deleteBy eq))
                    (nubBy eq ys)
```

The next example demonstrates the second case. It is the same example, with one space before the two previously aligned parentheses removed:

```
unionBy      :: (a -> a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a] -> [a]
unionBy eq xs ys = xs ++ foldl (flip (deleteBy eq))
                    (nubBy eq ys)
```

Here, there is no aligned token in the previous line at the same column. Therefore, the third line is indented with respect to the first aligned token in the previous line to the left of that column, which in this case happens to be the `xs`:

```
unionBy      :: (a -> a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a] -> [a]
unionBy eq xs ys = xs ++ foldl (flip (deleteBy eq))
                    (nubBy eq ys)
```

Sometimes, this behaviour might not match the intention of the user, especially in cases as above, where there really starts a token at the same position in the previous line, but is not preceded by enough spaces. Always verify the output if the result looks as desired.

The amount of space that is inserted can be modified. A call to the  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  control sequence `\hsindent` is inserted at the appropriate position in the output, which gets as argument the column difference in the source between the token that is indented, and the base token. In the situation of the above example, the call is `\hsindent{12}`. The default definition in `lhs2TeX.sty` ignores the argument and inserts a fixed amount of space:

```
\newcommand{\hsindent}[1]{\quad}
```

Here is another example that shows indentation in action, the Haskell standard function `scanr1` written using only basic pattern matching:

```
scanr1      :: (a -> a -> a) -> [a] -> [a]
scanr1 f xxs = case xxs of
  x:xs -> case xs of
    [] -> [x]
    _  -> let
              qs = scanr1 f xs
            in
              case qs of
                q:_ -> f x q : qs
```

And the associated output:

```
scanr1      :: (a -> a -> a) -> [a] -> [a]
scanr1 f xs = case xs of
  x : xs -> case xs of
    [] -> [x]
    _ -> let
            qs = scanr1 f xs
          in
            case qs of
              q : _ -> f x q : qs
```

## 8.5 Interaction between alignment and indentation

In rare cases, the indentation heuristic can lead to surprising results. This is an example:

```
%format foo = verylongfoo
\begin{code}
test 1
foo bar
     2
\end{code}
```

And its output:

```
test      1
verylongfoo bar
          2
```

Here, the large amount of space between *test* and 1 might be surprising. However, the 1 is aligned with the 2, but 2 is also indented with respect to *bar*, so everything is according to the rules. The “solution” is to verify if both the alignment between 1 and 2 and the indentation of the 2 are intended, and to remove or add spaces accordingly.

## 8.6 Interaction between alignment and formatting

If a token at a specific column is typeset according to a formatting directive, then the first token of the replacement text inherits the column position of the original token. The other tokens of the replacement text will never be aligned. Actual arguments of parametrized formatting directives keep the column positions they have in the input.

## 8.7 Centered and right-aligned columns

Under certain circumstances  $\text{\LaTeX}$  decides to typeset a column centered instead of left-aligned. This happens if the following two conditions hold:

<code>l</code>	left-align column
<code>c</code>	center column
<code>r</code>	right-align column
<code>p{&lt;dimen&gt;}</code>	make column of fixed width <i>&lt;dimen&gt;</i>
<code>@@{&lt;tex&gt;}</code>	can be used before or after the letter specifying alignment to suppress inter-column space and typeset <i>&lt;tex&gt;</i> instead; note that this is usually achieved using just one @, but as <code>lhs2TeX</code> interprets the @, it must be escaped
<code>&gt;{&lt;tex&gt;}</code>	can be used before the letter specifying the alignment to insert <i>&lt;tex&gt;</i> directly in front of the entry of the column
<code>&lt;{&lt;tex&gt;}</code>	can be used after the letter specifying the alignment to insert <i>&lt;tex&gt;</i> directly after the entry of the column

Table 2: Column specifiers for `\aligncolumn`

- There is *at most one* token per line that is associated with the column.
  - *At least one* of the tokens associated with the column is a symbol.
- In most cases, this matches the intention. If it does not, there still might be the possibility to trick `lhs2TeX` to do the right thing:
- Change the alignment behaviour of the column using `\aligncolumn` (see below).
  - If the column is centered but should not be, add extra tokens that are formatted as nothing that will be associated with the column (see also Section 11.1 about spacing).
  - If the column should be centered but is left-aligned, it is sometimes possible to use a symbol instead of an alphanumeric identifier, and add a formatting directive for that newly introduced symbol.
- The syntax of the `\aligncolumn` command is:

```
\aligncolumn{<integer>}{<column-specifier>}
```

The *<integer>* denotes the number (i.e. as displayed by the editor) of a column. Note that `lhs2TeX` starts counting columns at 1. As *<column-specifier>* one can use about the same strings that one can use to format a column in a `tabular` environment using the `LATEX array` (LINK!!) package. Table 2 has a short (and not necessarily complete) overview.

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## 8.8 Saving and restoring column information

It is possible to share alignment information between different code blocks. This can be desirable, especially when one wants to interleave the definition of a single function with longer comments. This feature is implemented on the `TEX` level (the commands are defined in `lhs2TeX.sty`).

Here is an example of its use:

```

\savecolumns
\begin{code}
intersperse          :: a -> [a] -> [a]
intersperse _ []    = []
intersperse _ [x]   = [x]
\end{code}
The only really interesting case is the one for lists
containing at least two elements:
\restorecolumns
\begin{code}
intersperse sep (x:xs) = x : sep : intersperse sep xs
\end{code}

```

As output we get:

```

intersperse          :: a → [a] → [a]
intersperse _ []    = []
intersperse _ [x]   = [x]

```

The only really interesting case is the one for lists containing at least two elements:

```

intersperse sep (x : xs) = x : sep : intersperse sep xs

```

Compare this to the output that would be generated without the `\savecolumns` and `\restorecolumns` commands:

```

intersperse          :: a → [a] → [a]
intersperse _ []    = []
intersperse _ [x]   = [x]

```

The only really interesting case is the one for lists containing at least two elements:

```

intersperse sep (x : xs) = x : sep : intersperse sep xs

```

**IMPORTANT: If this feature is used, it may require several runs of  $\LaTeX$  until all code blocks are correctly aligned. Watch out for warnings of the `polytable` package that tell you to rerun  $\LaTeX$ !**

## 9 Defining variables

One can define or define flags (or variables) by means of the `%let` directive.

```
%let <varname> = <expression>
<expression> ::= <application> <operator> <application>*
<application> ::= not? <atom>
<atom>        ::= <varid> | True | False | <string> | <numeral> | (<expression>)
<operator>    ::= && | || | == | /= | < | <= | >= | > | ++ | + | - | * | /
```

Expressions are built from booleans (either `True` or `False`), numerals (integers, but also decimal numbers) and previously defined variables using some fixed set of builtin operators. The expression will be evaluated completely at the time the `%let` directive is processed. If an error occurs during evaluation, `lhs2TeX` will fail.

Variables can also be passed to `lhs2TeX` from the operating system level by using the `-l` or `-s` command line options.

The main use of variables is in conditionals (cf. Section 10). At the moment, there is no way to directly use the value of a variable in a `%format` directive.

### 9.1 Predefined variables

In every run of `lhs2TeX`, the version of `lhs2TeX` is available as a numerical value in the predefined variable `version`. Similarly, the current style is available as an integer in the predefined variable `style`. There also are integer variables `verb`, `tt`, `math`, `poly`, `code`, and `newcode` predefined that can be used to test `style`.

It is thus possible to write documents in a way that they can be processed beautifully in different styles, or to make safe use of new `lhs2TeX` features by checking its version first.

## 10 Conditionals

Boolean expressions can be used in conditionals. The syntax of an `lhs2TeX` conditional is

```
%if <expression>
...
%elif <expression>
...
%else
...
%endif
```

where the `%elif` and `%else` directives are optional. There may be arbitrarily many `%elif` directives. When an `%if` directive is encountered, the expression is evaluated, and depending on the result of the evaluation of the expression, only the then or only the else part of the conditional is processed by `lhs2TeX`, the other part is ignored.

## 10.1 Uses of conditionals

These are some of the most common uses of conditionals:

- One can have different versions of one paper in one (set of) source file(s). Depending on a flag, `lhs2TeX` can produce either the one or the other. Because the flag can be defined via a command line option (cf. Section 9), no modification of the source is necessary to switch versions.
- Code that is needed to make the Haskell program work but that should not appear in the formatted article (module headers, auxiliary definitions), can be enclosed between `%if False` and `%endif` directives.
- Alternatively, if Haskell code has to be annotated for `lhs2TeX` to produce aesthetically pleasing output, one can define different formatting directives for the annotation depending on style (**poly** or **newcode**). Both code and `TeX` file can then still be produced from a common source! Section 11.4 contains an example that puts this technique to use.

The `lhs2TeX.fmt` and `lhs2TeX.sty` files use conditionals to include different directives depending on the style selected, but they also use conditionals to provide additional or modified behaviour if some flags are set. These flags are `underLineKeywords`, `spacePreserving`, `meta` (activate a number of additional formatting directives), `array` (use `array` environment instead of `tabular` to format code blocks in **math** style; use `parray` instead of `pboxed` in **poly** style), `latex209` (adapt for use with  $\text{\LaTeX}$  2.09 (DOES IT WORK?)), `euler`, and `standardsymbols`. TODO: document the purpose of these flags better. It is likely that these flags will be replaced by a selection of library files that can be selectively included in documents in future versions of `lhs2TeX`.

## 11 Typesetting code beyond Haskell

### 11.1 Spacing

There is no full Haskell parser in `lhs2TeX`. Instead, the input code is only lexed and subsequently parsed by an extremely simplified parser. The main purpose of the parser is to allow a simple heuristic where to insert spaces into the output while in **math** or **poly** style.

The disadvantage is that in rare cases, this default spacing produces unsatisfying results. However, there is also a big advantage: dialects of Haskell can be processed by `lhs2TeX`, too. In theory, even completely different languages can be handled. The more difference between Haskell and the actual input language, the more tweaking is probably necessary to get the desired result.

An easy trick to modify the behaviour of `lhs2TeX` is to insert “dummy” operators that do not directly correspond to constructs in the input language, but rather provide hints to `lhs2TeX` on how to format something. For instance, spacing can be guided completely by the following two formatting directives:

```
%format ^ = " "  
%format ^^ = "\;"
```

Use `^` everywhere where *no* space is desired, but the automatic spacing of `lhs2TeX` would usually place one. Conversely, use `^^` everywhere where a space *is* desired, but `lhs2TeX` does usually not place one.

As described in Section 10, one can use conditionals to format such annotated input code in both **poly** (or **math**) and **newcode** style to generate both typeset document and code with annotation remove from a single source file. For this to work correctly, one would define

```
%if style == newcode
%format ^ =
%format ^^ = " "
%else
%format ^ = " "
%format ^^ = "\;"
%endif
```

as an extended version of the above. This instructs `lhs2TeX` to ignore `^` and replace `^^` by a single space while in **newcode** style, and to adjust spacing in other styles, as before.

The examples in the following subsections show these directives in use.

## 11.2 Inline T<sub>E</sub>X

Another possibility that can help to trick `lhs2TeX` into doing things it normally doesn't want to is to insert inline T<sub>E</sub>X code directly into the code block by using a special form of Haskell comment:

```
{-"tex"-}
```

If this construct appears in a code block, then `<tex>` is inserted literally into the output file. The advantage of this construct over a dummy operator is that if the input language is indeed Haskell, one does not need to sacrifice the syntactic validity of the source program for nice formatting. On the other hand, inline T<sub>E</sub>X tends to be more verbose than an annotation using a formatting directive.

## 11.3 AG code example

Here is an example that shows how one can typeset code of the Utrecht University Attribute Grammar (UUAG) (LINK!!) system, which is based on Haskell, but adds additional syntactic constructs.

The input

```

%format ^ = " "
%format ^^ = "\;"
%format ATTR = "\mathbf{ATTR}"
%format SEM = "\mathbf{SEM}"
%format lhs = "\mathbf{lhs}"
%format . = "."
%format * = "\times "
\begin{code}
ATTR Expr Factor [ ^^ | ^^ | numvars : Int ]
ATTR Expr Factor [ ^^ | ^^ | value : Int ]

SEM Expr
| Sum
    lhs . value = @left.value + @right.value
    . numvars = @left.numvars + @right.numvars

SEM Factor
| Prod
    lhs . value = @left.value * @right.value
    . numvars = @left.numvars + @right.numvars

\end{code}

```

prodces the following output:

```

ATTR Expr Factor [ | | numvars : Int]
ATTR Expr Factor [ | | value : Int]

SEM Expr
| Sum
    lhs.value = @left.value + @right.value
    .numvars = @left.numvars + @right.numvars

SEM Factor
| Prod
    lhs.value = @left.value × @right.value
    .numvars = @left.numvars + @right.numvars

```

### 11.4 Generic Haskell example

Another example of a Haskell variant that can be typeset using lhs2TeX using some annotations is Generic Haskell (LINK!!).

This is a possible input file, including the directives necessary to be able to process it in both **newcode** and **poly** style.

```

%if style == newcode
%format ^
%format ^^ = " "
%format ti(a) = "{|" a "|}"
%format ki(a) = "{[" a "]}"
%else
%format ^ = " "
%format ^^ = "\;"
%format ti(a) = "\lty " a "\rty "
%format ki(a) = "\lki " a "\rki "
\newcommand{\lty}{\mathopen{\{\mskip-3.4mu|}}
\newcommand{\rty}{\mathclose{|\mskip-3.4mu\}}
\newcommand{\lki}{\mathopen{\{ \mskip-3.5mu[}}
\newcommand{\rki}{\mathclose{\} \mskip-3.5mu\}}
%format t1
%format t2
%format a1
%format a2
%format r_ = "\rho "
%format s_ = "\sigma "
%format k_ = "\kappa "
%format forall a = "\forall " a
%format . = "."
%format mapa = map "_{" a "}"
%format mapb = map "_{" b "}"
%format :* = "\times "
%endif
\begin{code}
type Map^ki(*)      t1 t2      = t1 -> t2
type Map^ki(r_ -> s_) t1 t2  = forall a1 a2. Map^ki(r_) a1 a2
                        -> Map^ki(s_) (t1 a1) (t2 a2)

map^ti(t :: k_)      :: Map^ki(k_) t t
map^ti(Unit)         Unit    = Unit
map^ti(Int)          i       = i
map^ti(Sum)  mapa mapb (Inl a) = Inl (mapa a)
map^ti(Sum)  mapa mapb (Inr b) = Inr (mapb b)
map^ti(Prod)  mapa mapb (a :* b) = mapa a :* mapb b
\end{code}

```

Processed in **poly** style, the output looks as follows:

```

type Map{*}      t1 t2      = t1 → t2
type Map{ρ → σ} t1 t2      = ∀a1 a2. Map{[ρ]} a1 a2
                        → Map{[σ]} (t1 a1) (t2 a2)

map{t :: κ}      :: Map{[κ]} t t
map{Unit}      Unit    = Unit
map{Int}       i       = i
map{Sum}  mapa mapb (Inl a) = Inl (mapa a)
map{Sum}  mapa mapb (Inr b) = Inr (mapb b)
map{Prod}  mapa mapb (a × b) = mapa a × mapb b

```

## 11.5 Calculation example

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## 12 Calling hugs or ghci

It is possible to call `ghci` or `hugs` using the `%options` directive. In all but the two `code` styles, `lhs2TeX` looks for calls to the **T<sub>E</sub>X commands** `\eval` and `\perform` and feeds their arguments to the Haskell interpreter selected.

The current input file will be the active module. This has a couple of consequences: on the positive side, values defined in the current source file may be used in the expressions; on the negative side, the feature will only work if the current file is accepted as legal input by the selected interpreter.

If the command line in the `%options` directive starts with `ghci`, then `lhs2TeX` assumes that `ghci` is called; otherwise, it assumes that `hugs` is called. Depending on the interpreter, `lhs2TeX` will use some heuristics to extract the answer from the output of the interpreter. After this extraction, the result will either be printed as inline verbatim (for a `\perform`) or as inline code (for `\eval`), to which formatting directives apply.

**WARNING: This feature is somewhat fragile: different versions of `ghci` and `hugs` show different behaviour, and the extraction heuristics can sometimes fail. Do not expect too much from this feature.**

### 12.1 Calling ghci – example

The following input shows an example of how to call `ghci`:

```
%options ghci -fglasgow-exts

> fix    :: forall a. (a -> a) -> a
> fix f =  f (fix f)

This function is of type \eval{:t fix},
and |take 10 (fix ('x':))|
evaluates to \eval{take 10 (fix ('x':))}.
```

The option `-fglasgow-exts` is necessary to make `ghci` accept the `forall` keyword (it only serves as an example here how to pass options to the interpreter). The output will look similar to this:

```
fix  :: ∀a.(a → a) → a
fix f = f (fix f)
```

This function is of type `fix :: ∀a.(a → a) → a`, and `take 10 (fix ('x':))` evaluates to `"xxxxxxxxxx"`.

Note that it is possible to pass interpreter commands such as `:t` to the external program. Note furthermore the difference in output between an `\eval` and a `\perform` command.

## 12.2 Calling hugs – example

The same could be achieved using hugs instead of ghci. For this simple example, the output is almost indistinguishable, only that hugs usually does not print type signatures using explicit quantification and tends to use different variable names.

```
%options hugs -98

> fix  :: forall a. (a -> a) -> a
> fix f =  f (fix f)

This function is of type \eval{:t fix},
and |take 10 (fix ('x':))|
evaluates to \eval{take 10 (fix ('x':))}.
```

The input is the same except for the changed %options directive. The output now looks as follows:

```
fix  ::  $\forall a.(a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a$ 
fix f = f (fix f)

This function is of type fix::(a → a) → a, and take 10 (fix ('x':)) evaluates to "xxxxxxxxxx".
```

## 12.3 Using a preprocessor

The situation is more difficult if the current lhs2TeX source file is not valid input to the interpreter, because annotations were needed to format some Haskell extensions satisfactory. The following input file makes use of Template Haskell, and uses the formatting directives for both **newcode** and **poly** style. The %options directive instructs lhs2TeX to feed the input through a preprocessor, using the -pgmF option of ghci. The preprocessor lhs2TeXpre is a very rudimentary shell script included in the documentation directory of the distribution.

```

%format SPL(x) = $ ( x )
%if style == newcode
%format QU(x) = [ | x | ]
%format ^^ = " "
%else
%format QU(x) = "\llbracket " x "\rrbracket "
%format ^^ = "\; "
%endif

%options ghci -fglasgow-exts -pgmF ./lhs2TeXpre -F

This is a rather stupid way of computing |42| using
Template Haskell:

> answer = SPL(foldr1 (\x y -> QU(SPL(x) + SPL(y))) (replicate 21 ^^ QU(2)))

The answer is indeed \eval{answer}.

```

This is the corresponding output:

```

This is a rather stupid way of computing 42 using Template Haskell:

answer = $(foldr1 (\x y -> [$(x) + $(y)]) (replicate 21 [2]))

The answer is indeed 42.

```

## 13 Advanced customization

There is one directive that has not yet been described: `%subst`. This directive is used by `lhs2TeX` to customize almost every aspect of its output. The average user will and should not need to use a `%subst` directive, but if one wants to influence the very nature of the code generated by `lhs2TeX`, the `%subst` directives provide a way to do it.

If one would, for instance, want to generate output for another  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  format such as `plain $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$`  or `Con $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ t`, or if one would want to use a different package than `polytable` to do the alignment on the  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  side, then the `%subst` directives are a good place to start. The default definitions can be found in `lhs2TeX.fmt`.

Table 3 shows only a short description of the approximate use of each of the categories.

## 14 Pitfalls/FAQ

**$\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  claims that the package `polytable` (or `lazylist`) cannot be found, or that the version installed on your system is too old.** Did you install `polytable.sty` (or

<code>thinspace</code>	how to produce a small quantity of horizontal space
<code>space</code>	how to produce a normal horizontal space
<code>newline</code>	how to produce a new line inside a code block
<code>verbnl</code>	how to produce a new line in <code>lhs2TeX</code> generated verbatim
<code>blankline</code>	how to translate a blank line in a code block
<code>dummy</code>	how to display a missing argument in a formatted function
<code>spaces <i>a</i></code>	how to format the whitespace contained in <i>a</i>
<code>special <i>a</i></code>	how to format the special character <i>a</i>
<code>verb <i>a</i></code>	how to format the (already translated) inline verbatim text <i>a</i>
<code>verbatim <i>a</i></code>	how to format an (already translated) verbatim block <i>a</i>
<code>inline <i>a</i></code>	how to format (already translated) inline code <i>a</i>
<code>code <i>a</i></code>	how to format an (already translated) code block <i>a</i>
<code>conid <i>a</i></code>	how to format an identifier starting with an upper-case character <i>a</i>
<code>varid <i>a</i></code>	how to format an identifier starting with a lower-case character <i>a</i>
<code>consym <i>a</i></code>	how to format a constructor symbol <i>a</i>
<code>varsym <i>a</i></code>	how to format a variable symbol <i>a</i>
<code>numeral <i>a</i></code>	how to format a numeral <i>a</i>
<code>char <i>a</i></code>	how to format a character literal <i>a</i>
<code>string <i>a</i></code>	how to format a literal string <i>a</i>
<code>comment <i>a</i></code>	how to format an (already translated) one-line comment <i>a</i>
<code>nested <i>a</i></code>	how to format an (already translated) nested comment <i>a</i>
<code>pragma <i>a</i></code>	how to format an (already translated) compiler pragma <i>a</i>
<code>keyword <i>a</i></code>	how to format the Haskell keyword <i>a</i>
<code>column1 <i>a</i></code>	how to format an (already translated) line <i>a</i> in one column in <b>math</b> style
<code>hskip <i>a</i></code>	how to produce a horizontal skip of <i>a</i> units
<code>phantom <i>a</i></code>	how to produce horizontal space of the width of the (already translated) text <i>a</i>
<code>column3 <i>a</i></code>	how to format an (already translated) line <i>a</i> in three columns in <b>math</b> style
<code>fromto <i>b e a</i></code>	how to format a column starting at label <i>b</i> , ending at label <i>e</i> , containing the (already translated) code <i>a</i> in <b>poly</b> style
<code>column <i>n a</i></code>	how to define a column of label <i>n</i> with (already processed) format string <i>a</i> in <b>poly</b> style
<code>centered</code>	the format string to use for a centered column
<code>left</code>	the format string to use for a left-aligned column
<code>dummycol</code>	the format string to use for the dummy column (a column that does not contain any code; needed due to deficiencies of the <code>polytable</code> implementation)
<code>indent <i>n</i></code>	how to produce an indentation (horizontal space) of <i>n</i> units

Table 3: A short description of the `%subst` directives

lazylist.sty) in your  $\TeX$  system manually? If you have absolutely no idea how to do this, you may try to copy both polytable.sty and lazylist.sty from the lhs2TeX distribution into your working directory.

**Haskell strings are displayed without double quotes.** This is a result from using an old lhs2TeX.fmt file together with a new version of lhs2TeX. Usually, this stems from the fact that there is an old version in the working directory. Now, lhs2TeX maintains a search path for included files, thus usually a local old copy of lhs2TeX.fmt can be removed.

**Everytime at the end of processing a file,  $\LaTeX$  complains. This happens only when using the `\savecolumns` feature.** This is the result of a name clash between the amsmath package with the lazylist package and will hopefully be fixed in a future release of the lazylist package. Usually, a workaround is to load amsmath *before* the lhs2TeX.sty file is included.

**When I try to use “poly” style,  $\LaTeX$  sometimes complains with the error message “there is no line here to end”.** This is a bug in the polytable package for which there is a workaround. TODO.

**In “math” style, I have aligned several symbols on one column, but lhs2TeX still won’t align the code block.** Did you set the alignment column correctly using the `%align` directive? Note also that lhs2TeX starts counting columns beginning with 1, whereas some editors might start counting with 0.

**Large parts of the formatted file look completely garbled. Passages are formatted as code or verbatim, although they are plain text. Conversely, things supposed to be code or verbatim are typeset as text.** You probably forgot multiple `|` or `@` characters. Because lhs2TeX identifies both the beginning and end of inline code or inline verbatim via the same character, one missing delimiter can confuse lhs2TeX and cause large passages to be typeset in the wrong way. You should locate the first position in the document where something goes wrong and look for a missing delimiter at the corresponding position in the source file.

**$\LaTeX$  complains about a “nested `\fromto`” in “poly” style.** This usually is a problem with one of your formatting directives. If you start a  $\TeX$  group in one of your directives but do not close it, then this error arises. You should not write such unbalanced formatting directives unless you make sure that they do never span an aligned column. TODO: Write example.