An Infrastructure for Presenting Semantic Macros in $\LaTeX^*$

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Abstract

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The setup for semantic macros described in the S\LaTeX{} modules package works well for simple mathematical functions: we make use of the macro application syntax in \TeX{} to express function application. For a simple function called “foo”, we would just declare \texttt{\textbackslash symdef\{foo\}[1]\{foo(#1)\}} and have the concise and intuitive syntax \texttt{\textbackslash foo\{x\}} for \texttt{foo(x)}. But mathematical notation is much more varied and interesting than just this.

2 The User Interface

In this package we will follow the S\LaTeX{} approach and assume that there are four basic types of mathematical expressions: symbols, variables, applications and binders. Presentation of the variables is relatively straightforward, so we will not concern ourselves with that. The application of functions in mathematics is mostly presented in the form \( f(a_1,\ldots,a_n) \), where \( f \) is the function and the \( a_i \) are the arguments. However, many commonly-used functions from this presentational scheme: for instance binomial coefficients: \( \binom{n}{k} \), pairs: \( \langle a,b \rangle \), sets: \( \{ x \in S \mid x^2 \neq 0 \} \), or even simple addition: \( 3 + 5 + 7 \). Note that in all these cases, the presentation is determined by the (functional) head of the expression, so we will bind the presentational infrastructure to the operator.

2.1 Mixfix Notations

For the presentation of ordinary operators, we will follow the S\LaTeX{} approach used by the Isabelle theorem prover. There, the presentation of an \( n \)-ary function (i.e. one that takes \( n \) arguments) is specified as \( \langle \text{pre} \rangle \langle \text{arg}_0 \rangle \langle \text{mid}_1 \rangle \cdots \langle \text{mid}_n \rangle \langle \text{arg}_n \rangle \langle \text{post} \rangle \), where the \( \langle \text{arg}_i \rangle \) are the arguments and \( \langle \text{pre} \rangle \), \( \langle \text{post} \rangle \), and the \( \langle \text{mid}_i \rangle \) are presentational material. For instance, in infix operators like the binary subset operator, \( \langle \text{pre} \rangle \) and \( \langle \text{post} \rangle \) are empty, and \( \langle \text{mid}_1 \rangle \) is \( \subseteq \). For the ternary conditional operator in a programming language, we might have the presentation pattern \texttt{if\{\texttt{arg}_1\}then\{\texttt{arg}_2\}else\{\texttt{arg}_3\}fi} that utilizes all presentation positions.

\texttt{\textbackslash mixfix*} The presentation package provides mixfix declaration macros \texttt{\textbackslash mixfixi}, \texttt{\textbackslash mixfixii}, and \texttt{\textbackslash mixfixiii} for unary, binary, and ternary functions. This covers most of the cases, larger arities would need a different argument pattern.\footnote{If you really need larger arities, contact the author!}
call pattern of these macros is just the presentation pattern above. In general, the mixfix declaration of arity \(i\) has \(2n + 1\) arguments, where the even-numbered ones are for the arguments of the functions and the odd-numbered ones are for presentation material. For instance, to define a semantic macro for the subset relation and the conditional, we would use the markup in Figure 1.

\[
\begin{align*}
&\text{source} & \text{presentation} \\
&S \subseteq T & (S \subseteq T) \\
&\text{if } x < 0 \text{ then } -x \text{ else } x \text{ fi} & \text{if } x < 0 \text{ then } -x \text{ else } x \text{ fi}
\end{align*}
\]

**Example 1:** Declaration of mixfix operators

For certain common cases, the `presentation` package provides shortcuts for the mixfix declarations. The `\prefix` macro allows to specify a prefix presentation for a function (the usual presentation in mathematics). Note that it is better to specify `\symdef{uminus}[1]{\prefix{-}{#1}}` than just `\symdef{uminus}[1]{-#1}`, since we can specify the bracketing behavior in the former (see Section 2.3).

The `\postfix` macro is similar, only that the function is presented after the argument as for e.g. the factorial function: \(5!\) stands for the result of applying the factorial function to the number 5. Note that the function is still the first argument to the `\postfix` macro: we would specify the presentation for the factorial function with `\symdef{factorial}[1]{\postfix{!}{#1}}`.

Finally, we provide the `\infix` macro for binary operators that are written between their arguments (see Figure 1).

### 2.2 \(n\)-ary Associative Operators

Take for instance the operator for set union: formally, it is a binary function on sets that is associative (i.e. \((S_1 \cup S_2) \cup S_3 = S_1 \cup (S_2 \cup S_3)\)), therefore the brackets are often elided, and we write \(S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3\) instead (once we have proven associativity). Some authors even go so far to introduce set union as a \(n\)-ary operator, i.e. a function that takes an arbitrary (positive) number of arguments. We will call such operators \(n\)-ary associative.

Specifying the presentation\(^1\) of \(n\)-ary associative operators in `\symdef` forms is not straightforward, so we provide some infrastructure for that. As we cannot predict the number of arguments for \(n\)-ary operators, we have to give them all at once, if we want to maintain our use of \TeX\ macro application to specify

\(^{1}\text{EdNote: introduce the notion of presentation above}\)
function application. So a semantic macro for an \( n \)-ary operator will be applied as \( \texttt{\textbackslash nunion}\{a_1, \ldots, a_n\} \), where the sequence of \( n \) logical arguments \( \langle a_i \rangle \) are supplied as one \TeX\ argument which contains a comma-separated list. We provide variants of the mixfix declarations presented in section 2.1 which deal with associative arguments. For instance, the variant \( \texttt{\textbackslash mixfixa} \) allows to specify \( n \)-ary associative operators. \( \texttt{\textbackslash mixfixa}\{\langle pre\rangle\}\{\langle arg\rangle\}\{\langle post\rangle\}\{\langle op\rangle\} \) specifies a presentation, where \( \langle arg\rangle \) is the associative argument and \( \langle op\rangle \) is the corresponding operator that is mapped over the argument list; as above, \( \langle pre\rangle, \langle post\rangle \), are prefix and postfix presentational material. For instance, the finite set constructor could be constructed as

\begin{verbatim}
\newcommand{\fset}[1]{\texttt{\textbackslash mixfixa}[p=0]{\{}{#1}{\}}{,}}
\end{verbatim}

The \texttt{\textbackslash assoc} macro is a convenient abbreviation of a \texttt{\textbackslash mixfixa} that can be used in cases, where \( \langle pre\rangle \) and \( \langle post\rangle \) are empty (i.e. in the majority of cases). It takes two arguments: the presentation of a binary operator, and a comma-separated list of arguments, it replaces the commas in the second argument with the operator in the first one. For instance \texttt{\textbackslash assoc}\texttt{\textbackslash cup}\{S_1,S_2,S_3\} will be formatted to \( S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3 \). Thus we can use \texttt{\textbackslash def\textbackslash nunion}\texttt{\textbackslash assoc}\texttt{\textbackslash cup}\{#1\} or even \texttt{\textbackslash def\textbackslash nunion\textbackslash assoc\textbackslash cup}, to define the \( n \)-ary operator for set union in \TeX. For the definition of a semantic macro in \gls{gtp}, we use the second form, since we are more conscious of the right number of arguments and would declare

\begin{verbatim}
\symdef{\textbackslash symdef\textbackslash nunion}[1]{\texttt{\textbackslash assoc}\texttt{\textbackslash cup}{#1}}
\end{verbatim}

2.3 Precedence-Based Bracket Elision

With the infrastructure supplied by the \texttt{\textbackslash assoc} macro we could now try to combine set union and set intersection in one formula. Then, writing

\begin{equation}
\texttt{\textbackslash nunion}\{\texttt{\textbackslash ninters}\{a,b\},\texttt{\textbackslash ninters}\{c,d\}\}
\end{equation}

would yield \((a \cap b) \cup (c \cap d)\), and not \( a \cap b \cup c \cap d \) as we would like, since \( \cap \) binds stronger than \( \cup \). Dropping outer brackets in the presentations of the presentation

\begin{verbatim}
\newcommand{\fntype}[1]{\textbackslash mixfixa\textbackslash a{}{#1}\textbackslash rightarrow{}{}}
\end{verbatim}

and which will format \texttt{\textbackslash fntype}\{\texttt{\alpha},\texttt{\beta},\texttt{\gamma}\}\texttt{\delta} as \( \alpha \times \beta \times \gamma \rightarrow \delta \).
of the operators will not help in general: it would give the desired form for (1) but
\[ a \cap b \cup c \cap d \] for (2), where we would have liked \((a \cup b) \cap (c \cup d)\)

\[ \text{inters} \{ \text{union}\{a,b\}, \text{union}\{c,d\} \} \]

In mathematics, brackets are elided, whenever the author anticipates that the
reader can understand the formula without them, and would be overwhelmed with
them. To achieve this, there are set of common conventions that govern bracket
elision. The most common is to assign precedences to all operators, and elide
brackets, if the precedence of the operator is lower than that of the context it
is presented in. In our example above, we would assign \(\cap\) a lower precedence
than \(\cup\) (and both a lower precedence than the initial precedence). To compute
the presentation of (2) we start out with the \texttt{inters}, elide its brackets (since
the precedence \(n\) of \(\cup\) is lower than the initial precedence \(i\)), and set the context
precedence for the arguments to \(n\). When we present the arguments, we present
the brackets, since the precedence of \texttt{union} is lower than the context precedence
\(n\).

This algorithm, which we call \textbf{precedence-based bracket elision} goes a
long way towards approximating mathematical practice. Note that full bracket
elision in mathematical practice is a reader-oriented process, it cannot be fully
mechanical, e.g. in \((a \cap b \cap c \cap d \cap e \cap f \cap g) \cup h\) we better put the brackets around
the septary intersection to help the reader even thoug they could have been elided
by our algorithm. Therefore, the author has to retain full control over bracketing
in a bracket elision architecture (otherwise it would become impossible to explain
the concept of associativity).\[4\]

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Precedence</th>
<th>Operators</th>
<th>Comment</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>200</td>
<td>+,-</td>
<td>unary</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>200</td>
<td>(^)</td>
<td>exponentiation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>400</td>
<td>(*, \wedge, \cap)</td>
<td>multiplicative</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>500</td>
<td>+,-,\lor,\lor \</td>
<td>additive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>600</td>
<td>/</td>
<td>fraction</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>700</td>
<td>(=, \neq, \leq, &lt;, &gt;, \geq)</td>
<td>relation</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\[\text{Figure 1: Common Operator Precedences}\]

In \LaTeX{} we supply an optional keyval arguments to the mixfix declarations and
their abbreviations that allow to specify precedences: The key \texttt{p} key is used to
specify the \textbf{operator precedence}, and the keys \texttt{p(i)} can be used to specify the
\textbf{argument precedences}. The latter will set the precedence level while process-
ing the arguments, while the operator precedence invokes brackets, if it is larger
than the current precedence level — which is set by the appropriate argument
precedence by the dominating operators or the outer precedence.

\[4\text{EdNote: think about how to implement that}\]
If none of the precedences is specified, then the defaults are assumed. The operator precedence is set to the default operator precedence, which defaults to 1000 and can be set by `\setDefaultPrecedence{(prec)}` where `(prec)` is an integer. The argument precedences default to the operator precedence.

Figure 1 gives an overview over commonly used precedences. Note that most operators have precedences lower than the default precedence of 1000, otherwise the brackets would not be elided. For our examples above, we would define

```
\newcommand{\nunion}[1]{\assoc[p=500]{\cup}{#1}}
\newcommand{\ninters}[1]{\assoc[p=400]{\cap}{#1}}
```

to get the desired behavior.

Note that the presentation macros uses round brackets for grouping by default. We can specify other brackets via two more keywords: `lbrack` and `rbrack`. Just as above, we can also reset the default brackets with `\setDefaultLeftBracket{(lb)}` and `\setDefaultRightBracket{(rb)}` where `(lb)` and `(rb)` expand to the desired brackets. Note that formula parts that look like brackets usually are not. For instance, we should not define the finite set constructor via

```
\newcommand{\fset}[1]{\assoc[lbrack=\{,rbrack=\}]{,}{#1}}
```

where the curly braces are used as brackets, but as presented in section 2.2 even though both would format `\fset{a,b,c}` as `{a,b,c}`. In the encoding here, an operator with suitably high operator precedence would be able to make the brackets disappear.

### 2.4 Flexible Elision

There are several situations in which it is desirable to display only some parts of the presentation:

- We have already seen the case of redundant brackets above
- Arguments that are strictly necessary are omitted to simplify the notation, and the reader is trusted to fill them in from the context.
- Arguments are omitted because they have default values. For example `log_{10} x` is often written as `log x`.
- Arguments whose values can be inferred from the other arguments are usually omitted. For example, matrix multiplication formally takes five arguments, namely the dimensions of the multiplied matrices and the matrices themselves, but only the latter two are displayed.

Typically, these elisions are confusing for readers who are getting acquainted with a topic, but become more and more helpful as the reader advances. For experienced readers more is elided to focus on relevant material, for beginners representations are more explicit. In the process of writing a mathematical document
for traditional (print) media, an author has to decide on the intended audience and design the level of elision (which need not be constant over the document though). With electronic media we have new possibilities: we can make elisions flexible. The author still chooses the elision level for the initial presentation, but the reader can adapt it to her level of competence and comfort, making details more or less explicit.

To provide this functionality, the presentation package provides the \elide macro allows to associate a text with an integer visibility level and group them into elision groups. High levels mean high elidability.

Elision can take various forms in print and digital media. In static media like traditional print on paper or the PostScript format, we have to fix the elision level, and can decide at presentation time which elidable tokens will be printed and which will not. In this case, the presentation algorithm will take visibility thresholds $T_g$ for every elidability group $g$ as a user parameter and then elide (i.e. not print) all tokens in visibility group $g$ with level $l > T_g$. We specify this threshold for via the \setelevel macro. For instance in the example below, we have a two type annotations par for type parameters and typ for type annotations themselves.

\begin{verbatim}
\bf{I} \elide{par}{500}{\alpha} \elide{typ}{100}{\alpha \to \alpha} := \lambda X \elide{ty}{500}{\alpha}.X
\end{verbatim}

The visibility levels in the example encode how redundant the author thinks the elided parts of the formula are: low values show high redundancy. In our example the intuition is that the type parameter on the I cominator and the type annotation on the bound variable $X$ in the $\lambda$ expression are of the same obviousness to the reader. So in a document that contains \setegroup{typ}{1000} and \setegroup{an}{1000} will show $I := \lambda X.X$ eliding all redundant information. If we have both values at 400, then we will see $I^\alpha := \lambda X^\alpha.X$ and only if the threshold for typ dips below 100, then we see the full information: $I^\alpha := \lambda X^\alpha.X$.

In an output format that is capable of interactively changing its appearance, e.g. dynamic XHTML+MathML (i.e. XHTML with embedded Presentation MathML formulas, which can be manipulated via JavaScript in browsers), an application can export the information about elision groups and levels to the target format, and can then dynamically change the visibility thresholds by user interaction. Here the visibility threshold would also be used, but here it only determines the default rendering; a user can then fine-tune the document dynamically to reveal elided material to support understanding or to elide more to increase conciseness.

The price the author has to pay for this enhanced user experience is that she has to specify elided parts of a formula that would have been left out in conventional \LaTeX. Some of this can be alleviated by good coding practices. Let us consider the log base case. This is elided in mathematics, since the reader is expected to pick it up from context. Using semantic macros, we can mimic this behavior: defining two semantic macros: \logC which picks up the log base from the context.
via the \logbase macro and \logB which takes it as a (first) argument.

\provideEdefault{logbase}{10}
\symdef{logB}[2]{\prefix{\mathrm{log}\elide{base}{100}{_{#1}}}{#2}}
\abbrdef{logC}[1]{\logB{\fromEcontext{logbase}}{#1}}

Here we use the \provideEdefault macor to initialize a \LaTeX token register for the logbase default, which we can pick up from the elision context using \fromEcontext in the definition of \logC. Thus \logC{x} would render as \log_{10}(x) with a threshold of 50 for base and as \log_{2}, if the local \TeX group e.g. given by the assertion environment contains a \setEdefault{logbase}{2}.

2.5 Hyperlinking

2.6 Variable Names

\vname identifies a token sequence as a name, and provides an ASCII (XML-compatible) identifier for it. The optional argument is the identifier, and the second one the \LaTeX representation. The identifier can also be used with \vnameref for copy and paste.

3 The Implementation

We first make sure that the KeyVal package is loaded (in the right version). For \LaTeXXML, we also initialize the package inclusions.

\begin{verbatim}
1 ⟨package⟩\RequirePackage{keyval}[1997/11/10]
2 ⟨∗ltxml⟩
3 # -- CPERL --#
4 package LaTeX::Package::Pool;
5 use strict;
6 use LaTeX::Package;
7 RequirePackage(‘keyval’);
8 ⟨/ltxml⟩
\end{verbatim}

We will first specify the default precedences and brackets, together with the macros that allow to set them.

\begin{verbatim}
9 ⟨∗package⟩
10 \def\pres@default@precedence{1000}
11 \def\setDefaultPrecedence#1{\def\pres@default@precedence{#1}}
12 \def\pres@initial@precedence{1000}
\end{verbatim}

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EdNote: describe what we want to do here
EdNote: what is the problem?
EdNote: does this really work
3.1 The System Commands

\texttt{\textbackslash PrecSet} will set the default precedence.\footnote{EdNote: need to implement this in \LaTeX{}XML?}

\texttt{\textbackslash PrecWrite} will write a bracket, if the precedence mandates it, i.e. if $\pres@p$ is greater than the current $\pres@current@precedence$

3.2 Mixfix Operators

\texttt{\textbackslash mixfixi}
\{\setkeys{mi}{#1}\}\prep\clearkeys
\PrecWrite\pres@lbrack% write bracket if necessary
#2\{\edef\pres@current@precedence{\pres@pi}\#3\#4%
\PrecWrite\pres@rbrack}
⟨package⟩
\newcommand{\mixfixi}[5]{%key, pre, arg, post, assocop
\setkeys{mi}{#1}\prep\clearkeys%
\PrecWrite\pres@lbrack{#2}{\@assoc\pres@pi{#5}{#3}}{#4}\PrecWrite\pres@rbrack}
⟨/package⟩
\mixfixi
\newcommand{\mixfixa}[5]{%key, pre, arg, post, assocop
\setkeys{mi}{#1}\prep\clearkeys%
\PrecWrite\pres@lbrack{#2}{\@assoc\pres@pi{#5}{#3}}{#4}\PrecWrite\pres@rbrack}
⟨/package⟩
\mixfixa
\newcommand{\mixfixb}[5]{%key, pre, arg, post, assocop
\setkeys{mi}{#1}\prep\clearkeys%
\PrecWrite\pres@lbrack{#2}{\@assoc\pres@pi{#5}{#3}}{#4}\PrecWrite\pres@rbrack}
⟨/package⟩
\mixfixb
\def\prep@keys@mii{
\edef\pres@pii{\@ifundefined{pres@pii@key}{\pres@p}{\pres@pii@key}}%
\let\pres@pii@key=\relax}
\def\mixfixii{\mixfixii[6]{key, pre, arg1, mid, arg2, post}\\
{\setkeys{mii}{#1}\\
\PrecWrite\pres@lbrack\#2{\edef\pres@current@precedence{\pres@pi}#3}\\
#4{\edef\pres@current@precedence{\pres@pii}#5}#6\\
\PrecWrite\pres@rbrack}}
\newcommand{\mixfixii}[6]{key, pre, arg1, mid, arg2, post}\\
{\setkeys{mii}{#1}\\
\PrecWrite\pres@lbrack\#2{\edef\pres@current@precedence{\pres@pi}#3}\\
#4{\edef\pres@current@precedence{\pres@pii}#5}#6\\
\PrecWrite\pres@rbrack}
\mixfixia

\newcommand{\mixfixia}[7]{%key, pre, arg1, mid, arg2, post, assocop
\setkeys{mii}{#1}\prep@keys@mii\clearkeys
\PrecWrite\pres@lbrack% write bracket if necessary
#2\edef\pres@current@precedence{\pres@pi}\#3}%
#4\@assoc\pres@pii{#7}{#5}\#6%
\PrecWrite\pres@rbrack}

\mixfixai

\newcommand{\mixfixai}[7]{%key, pre, arg1, mid, arg2, post, assocop
\setkeys{mii}{#1}\prep@keys@mii\clearkeys
\PrecWrite\pres@lbrack% write bracket if necessary
#2\edef\pres@current@precedence{\pres@pi}\#3}%
#4\@assoc\pres@pii{#7}{#5}\#6%
\PrecWrite\pres@rbrack}

\DefConstructor{'\mixfixia OptionalKeyVals:mi {}{}{}{}{}{}'},
\DefConstructor{'\mixfixai OptionalKeyVals:mi {}{}{}{}{}{}'},
"<omdoc:prototype>
   "<om:OMA>
   "<om:OMS cd='' name=''/>
   "<omdoc:exprlist name='args'>
      "<omdoc:expr name='arg'/>
   </omdoc:exprlist>
   "<omdoc:expr name='arg2'/>
   </om:OMA>
</omdoc:prototype>
"<omdoc:rendering ?&KeyVal(#1,'p')(precedence='&KeyVal(#1,'p')')>
   "<ltx:Math><ltx:XMath>#2</ltx:XMath></ltx:Math>
   "<omdoc:iterate name='args' ?&KeyVal(#1,'pi')(precedence='&KeyVal(#1,'pi')')/>
   "<ltx:Math><ltx:XMath>#7</ltx:XMath></ltx:Math>
   </omdoc:iterate>
   "<ltx:Math><ltx:XMath>#4</ltx:XMath></ltx:Math>
</omdoc:rendering>"
DefConstructor('\mixfixiii OptionalKeyVals:mi {}{}{}{}{}{}{}',
  "<omdoc:prototype>
  . "<om:OMA>
  . "<om:OMS cd='' name=''/>"##### need to get $cd$ and $name$ here.
  . "<omdoc:expr name='arg1'/>"
  . "<omdoc:expr name='arg2'/>"
  . "<omdoc:expr name='arg3'/>"
  . "</om:OMA>
  . "</omdoc:prototype>"
  . "<omdoc:rendering ?&KeyVal(#1,'p')(precedence='&KeyVal(#1,'p')')>
  . "<m:mrow>
  . "<omdoc:render name='arg1' ?&KeyVal(#1,'pi')(precedence='&KeyVal(#1,'pi')')/>
  . "<omdoc:render name='arg2' ?&KeyVal(#1,'pii')(precedence='&KeyVal(#1,'pii')')/>
  . "<omdoc:render name='arg3' ?&KeyVal(#1,'piii')(precedence='&KeyVal(#1,'piii')')/>
  . "</m:mrow>"
  . </omdoc:rendering",
  mode=>'inline_math');

EdNote(9) \prefix, \postfix \prefix, \prefixa, \postfix and \postfixa\footnote{EdNote: need prefixl and postfoxl as well, use counters for precedences here.} are simple special cases of \mixfixi and \mixfixa.
EdNote(10) \texttt{\textbackslash infix} is a simple special case of \texttt{\textbackslash mixfixii}.

3.3 Associative Operators

\@assoc We are using functionality from the \LaTeX{} core packages here to iterate over the arguments.

10\texttt{EdNote}: need \texttt{infixl} as well, use counters for precedences here.
With the internal macro above, associativity is easily specified.

\assoc

\begin{verbatim}
321 (package)\newcommand{\assoc}{\mixfixa[#1]{#3}{#2}}
322 (∗ltxml)
323 DefConstructor(\assoc OptionalKeyVals:mi {}{},
324    "<omdoc:prototype>
325      . "<om:OMA>
326        . "<om:OMS cd='' name='' />"##### need to get $cd$ and $name$ here.
327        . "<omdoc:exprlist name='args'>
328        . "<omdoc:expr name='arg' />
329      . "</omdoc:exprlist>
330      . "</om:OMA>"
331      . "</omdoc:prototype>"
332    . "<omdoc:rendering ?&KeyVal(#1,'p')(precedence='&KeyVal(#1,'p')')>"
333      . "<m:mrow>
334      . "<omdoc:iterate name='args' ?&KeyVal(#1,'pi')(precedence='&KeyVal(#1,'pi')')>
336      . "</omdoc:iterate>
337      . "</m:mrow>"
338    . "</omdoc:rendering>",
339    mode=>'inline_math');
340 \end{verbatim}

\subsection{General Elision}

The elision macros are quite simple, a group \texttt{foo} is internally represented by a macro \texttt{foo@egroup}, which we set by a \texttt{\gdef}.

\begin{verbatim}
344 (package)\def\setegroup#1#2{\expandafter\def\csname #1@egroup\endcsname{#2}}
345 (∗ltxml)
346 (∗ltxml)
\end{verbatim}

Then the elision command is picks up on this (flags an error) if the internal macro does not exist and prints the third argument, if the elision value threshold is above the elision group threshold in the paper.

\begin{verbatim}
347 (∗package)
348 \def\elide#1#2#3{\ifnum\@elevel<#2{#3}}
349 \def\@elevel{1000}
350 \PackageError{presentation}{undefined egroup #1, assuming value 1000}%
351 {When calling \protect\elide{#1},... the elision group #1 has be have\MessageBreak
352 been set by \protect\setegroup before, e.g. by \protect\setegroup(an){1000}.}%
353 {\edef\@elevel{\csname #1@egroup\endcsname}%%
354 \ifnum\@elevel<#2\else{#3}\fi}
355 (∗package)
356 (∗ltxml)
357 (∗ltxml)
\end{verbatim}
The \provideEdefault macro sets up the context for an elision default by locally defining the internal macro \(\texttt{(default)}@edefault\) and (if necessary) exporting it from the module.

\begin{verbatim}
\def\provideEdefault#1#2{\expandafter\def\csname#1@edefault\endcsname{#2}
@ifundefined{this@module}{%\expandafter\g@addto@macro\this@module{\expandafter\def\csname#1@edefault\endcsname{#2}}}}
\end{verbatim}

The \setEdefault macro just redefines the internal \(\texttt{(default)}@edefault\) in the local group.

\begin{verbatim}
\def\setEdefault#1#2{\expandafter\def\csname #1@edefault\endcsname{#2}}
\end{verbatim}

The \fromEcontext macro just calls internal \(\texttt{(default)}@edefault\) macro.

\begin{verbatim}
\def\fromEcontext#1{\csname #1@edefault\endcsname}
\end{verbatim}

\section{Variable Names}

\begin{verbatim}
\def\vname{
@ifnextchar[\MOD@name\def\vname{[\MOD@name{\default{\MOD@name[]}}}\else\MOD@namedef{\MOD@name}{}\fi
\end{verbatim}

\begin{verbatim}
\def\vnref#1{\csname MOD@name@#1\endcsname}
\end{verbatim}

\section{Hyperlinking}

\begin{verbatim}
\def\hrcr#1#2{\hyperlink{#1@mod@id}{#2}}
\end{verbatim}

\footnotesize
\begin{itemize}
\item EdNote: add some documentation here
\item EdNote: maybe this should go into the structuresharing package?
\item EdNote: actually not at all!
\end{itemize}