

# fnlineno.sty

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## Numbering Footnote Lines<sup>\*</sup>

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### Abstract

'fnlineno.sty' extends `lineno.sty`<sup>1</sup> (created by Stephan I. Böttcher) such that even `\footnote` lines are numbered and can be referred to using `\linelabel`, `\ref`, etc.

Making the package was motivated as support for *critical editions* of *printed works with footnotes* as opposed to scholarly critical editions of *manuscripts*. For this purpose, an extension 'edfnotes' of the `ednotes` package for critical editions, building on 'fnlineno', is provided by the `ednotes` bundle.<sup>2</sup>

'lineno.sty' has also been used for the revision process of *submissions*. With 'fnlineno.sty', reference to footnotes in the submitted work may become possible.

As to *implementation*: 1. Some included tools for *storing and restoring global settings* may be "exported" as standalone packages later. 2. The method of typesetting footnotes on the main vertical list may later lead to applying the line numbering method to several *parallel* texts (with footnotes) and to `inner` material such as table cells.

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<sup>\*</sup>This document describes version [v0.55](#) of `fnlineno.sty` as of 2011/01/07.

<sup>1</sup><http://ctan.org/pkg/lineno>

<sup>2</sup><http://ctan.org/pkg/ednotes>

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# 1 Usage and Features

## 1.1 Package File Header (Legalize)

```

1  \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1994/12/01]
2  \ProvidesPackage{fnlineno}[2011/01/07 v0.55
3                                numbers to footnote lines (UL)]
4
5  %% Copyright (C) 2010 Uwe Lück
6  %%
7  %% This file can be redistributed and/or modified under
8  %% the terms of the LaTeX Project Public License; either
9  %% version 1.3c of the License, or any later version.
10 %% The latest version of this license is in
11 %%     http://www.latex-project.org/lppl.txt
12 %% We did our best to help you, but there is NO WARRANTY.
13 %%
14 %% Please report bugs, problems, and suggestions via

```

```

15  %%
16  %%   https://github.com/latex-lineno/lineno
17  %%

```

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## 1.2 Installing and Calling

The file 'fnlineno.sty' is provided ready, installation only requires putting it somewhere where  $\text{\TeX}$  finds it (which may need updating the filename data base).<sup>3</sup>

As usually, 'fnlineno.sty' is loaded by

```
\usepackage{fnlineno}
```

below the `\documentclass` line and before `\begin{document}`.

## 1.3 Limitations

v0.55 should really work the way users expect, but please consider:

1. Nothing is known about compatibility with packages (other than 'manyfoot' and 'bigfoot') providing footnote features beyond standard  $\text{\LaTeX}$ .
2. `\lipsum[<opt-arg>]` in main text produces a different number of paragraphs ...
3. v0.41 tried supporting `\pagebreak` in footnotes for manual control of splitting footnotes. However, it wrongly assumed that `\pagebreak[4]` forces a footnote split, cf. Section 2.5.3; users better still don't use `\pagebreak` in footnotes!
4. Much of the code is "guessed" without complete knowledge of  $\text{\TeX}$  internals and without having tested many possible cases.
5. *Local* switching to "pagewise" numbering won't be possible for a while; we rather assume that you *always* want "pagewise" numbering.
6. Nothing has been tried to offer choices about the *style* of numbering footnotes.

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<sup>3</sup><http://www.tex.ac.uk/cgi-bin/texfaq2html?label=inst-wlcf>

## 2 Implementation

### 2.1 Terms

“OTR” is short for “*output routine*”, “MVL” is short for “*main vertical list*”.

### 2.2 Basic Strategy

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X’s `\@footnotetext` writes the footnote text into the insertion register. For numbering the footnote lines, *we here* do not execute this `\@footnotetext` immediately after placing `\@footnotemark`, but postpone its `\insert` a little so it is executed only after the main text paragraph has been broken into lines. Right below the line that contains the footnote mark, a special new “slot” of the OTR is called that interchanges “the page so far” with the footnote text. When the latter has been typeset, another “slot” of the OTR puts “the page so far” back to the MVL and immediately after that fills the footnote text as just typeset on the MVL into the `\insert` register.

Passing footnotes from horizontal mode to vertical mode resembles ‘lineno’’s `\PostponeVadjust`, but a different `list` `\FNLN@list` must store code (a) for the footnote `mark` and (b) for the footnote `text`.

### 2.3 Package Options

A package option —[check-latex]— for checking vital L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X internals may once be offered ([TODO](#) 2010/12/12) ...

```
18  \newif\if@FNLN@check@
19  \DeclareOption{check-latex}{\@FNLN@check@true}
20  \ProcessOptions
```

### 2.4 Footnote Commands

#### 2.4.1 Standard Footnotes

The following macro `\FNLN@ltx@fntext` is a copy of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X’s `\@footnotetext` that we are varying. It may be used for a check if the `\@footnotetext` that ‘fn lineno.sty’ encounters is the one expected ([TODO](#)). In line numbering mode, this code may never be needed all at once, rather we will have to see which material must be used at which point of our unusual way of processeing footnotes.

```
21  \if@FNLN@check@
22  \long\def\FNLN@ltx@fntext#1{\insert\footins{%
23  \reset@font\footnotesize
24  \interlinepenalty\interfootnotelinepenalty
25  \splittopskip\footnotesep
26  \splitmaxdepth \dp\strutbox \floatingpenalty \OMM
27  \hsize\columnwidth \parboxrestore
28  \protected@edef\@currentlabel{%
29  \csname p@footnote\endcsname\@thefnmark
```

```

30      }%
31      \color@begingroup
32      \color@begingroup%
33      \rule{z@footnotesep}{ignorespaces#1\@finalstrut\strutbox}%
34      \color@endgroup}%
35 \fi

```

#### 2.4.2 Modifying Footnote Commands

In order to number \footnote lines and make \linelabel available in footnotes, it seems to suffice (with standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X) to **redefine** the internal \@footnotetext. In line numbering mode, \@footnotetext will act as \FNLN@text, (i) placing a “signal” **output penalty** below the current line via \vadjust and (ii) appending the footnote text to the list \FNLN@list of **footnote texts**.

\FNLN@text stores the \@footnotetext found, we might check if it is \FNLN@ltx@fntext ...

```

36 \let\FNLN@text\@footnotetext
37 \def\@footnotetext{%
38   \ifLineNumbers \expandafter \FNLN@text
39   \else \expandafter \FNLN@text
40   \fi}
41 \def \FNLN@text {%
42   \vadjust{\penalty-\FNLN@M@swap@codepen}%
}%% 2010/12/31 arg read later

```

Standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X’s \@footnotetext expands \@thefnmark to produce the footnote mark at the page bottom, right after it has been determined for the mark in the main text. *Here* the footnote text will be typeset only when *other* footnote marks may have been formed for typesetting the main text paragraph before. In the **footnote list** macro \FNLN@list, the (&\protected) *current* expansion \mark of \@thefnmark is stored as an item preceding the footnote text \text. One footnote entry in \FNLN@list thus has the form ‘<mark>\@lt<text>\@lt’. L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X’s internal \g@addto@macro is used to *append* an entry to the list (at the right). The OTR will later take the entries from the left of the list.

The argument of the auxiliary/temporary \@tempa will contain the footnote text and thus must be able to carry \par tokens. We therefore need a \long version of \protected@edef:

```

43 \let\@protect\protect
44 \let\protect\@unexpandable@protect
45 \afterassignment\restore@protect
46 \long \edef \@tempa ##1{%
47   \noexpand\g@addto@macro \noexpand\FNLN@list {%
48     \noexpand\@thefnmark \noexpand\@lt ##1\noexpand \noexpand\@lt}}%
... issuing '\g@addto@macro\FNLN@list{<mark>\@lt<text>\@lt}' ...
49 \@tempa %% reads arg
50 }

```

Here we initialize `\FNLN@list`:

```
51 \let\FNLN@list\empty
```

## 2.5 Output Routines

### 2.5.1 'lineno's Output Routine

The following is a copy of 'lineno's OTR that we are varying. It may be used for a check if the OTR that 'fnlineno.sty' encounters is the one expected (TODO).

```
52 \if@FNLN@check@
53   \def\FNLN@lno@output {\%
54     \LineNoTest
55     \if@tempswa
56       \ifnum\outputpenalty=-\@Mllbcodepen
57         \WriteLineNo
58       \else
59         \ifnum\outputpenalty=-\@Mppvacodepen
60           \PassVadjustList
61         \else
62           \LineNoLaTeXOutput
63         \fi
64       \fi
65     \else
66       \MakeLineNo
67     \fi
68   }
```

The “signal penalties” used here are

```
69 \mathchardef\FNLN@M@llbl@codepen=11111
70 \mathchardef\FNLN@M@ppva@codepen=11112
71 \fi
```

Their names should mean `\linelabel` code penalty” and `\PostponeVadjust` code penalty.”

`\TheLineNoLaTeXOutput`: It turns out to be inconvenient here that 'lineno' sacrifices access to the *primitive* `\output` (‘`\@tempa`’; [TODO](#): auxiliary package before loading 'lineno'!?!; later change 'fnlineno.sty' indeed). So to change the OTR we use `\LineNoLaTeXOutput` as a hook for adding additional cases of `\outputpenalties`. We take a copy of `\LineNoLaTeXOutput` here.

```
72 \let\TheLineNoLaTeXOutput\LineNoLaTeXOutput
```

### 2.5.2 Tools for Temporary Parameter Changes

`\GStoreReg{<register>}` (or `\GStoreReg<register>`)

when `<register>` is a single token—‘`\count0`’ being a counterexample . . .) stores the current content of `<register>` (*globally*) as an internal macro so that it can

be restored later by

`\RestoreReg{<register>} (or \RestoreReg<register>)`

or *globally* by

`\GRestoreReg{<register>} (\GRestoreReg<register>)`

(The OTR runs in a local group!—Recall that assignments to “special dimens”—`\TeXbook` p. 271—are automatically global.) `\register` is something that can be prefixed by `\the` to read its content and to which you can assign a value `\value` by `\register\value`. (`TODO`: could also be some `\catcode`!)

```
73  \newcommand*{\GStoreReg}[1]{%
74    \expandafter \xdef \csname GS\string#1\endcsname {\the #1}%
75  \newcommand*{\RestoreReg}[1]{\#1\csname GS\string#1\endcsname \relax}%
76  \newcommand*{\GRestoreReg}{\global\RestoreReg}
```

`\GStoreSetReg{<register>}{<value>}` assigns `\value` to `\register` (locally) after executing `\GStoreSet`, `\GStoreGSetReg` does the same *globally* (and still argument braces aren’t needed when a single token refers to the register).

```
77  \newcommand*{\g@storesetreg}[3]{\GStoreReg{\#2}\#1\#3\relax}%
78  \newcommand*{\GStoreSetReg}{\g@storesetreg\relax}%
79  \newcommand*{\GStoreGSetReg}{\g@storesetreg\global}
```

(These preliminaries might go into an own new package, `TODO!` + loop on list of `\register`s ...)

### 2.5.3 The basic hook

We use two more penalties triggering the “MVL swaps”:

```
80  \mathchardef\FNLM@M@swap@codepen =11113
81  \mathchardef\FNLM@M@insert@codepen=11114
```

v0.41 deals with `\pagebreak` in footnote texts, using a flag `\if@FNLM@sw@` that must be set globally. It turned out not to work properly; however, the new switch has served a different purpose for “continuous line numbering,” cf. section 2.6.

```
82  \newif\if@FNLM@sw@ \global\@FNLM@sw@false %% v0.41
```

When a `\pagebreak` triggers the OTR while typesetting the footnote text, the page content is collected in a box `\FNLM@holdft`:

```
83  \newsavebox\FNLM@holdft %% v0.41
```

Using `\LineNoLaTeXOutput` for hooking into the OTR:

```
84  \renewcommand*{\LineNoLaTeXOutput}{%
85    \ifnum\outputpenalty=-\FNLM@M@swap@codepen
86      \SwapFootnoteMain
87    \else
88      \ifnum\outputpenalty=-\FNLM@M@insert@codepen
89        \InsertFootnote
```

```

90      \else
91          \if@FNLN@sw@                                %% v0.41
92  %          \showthe\outputpenalty      %% 2010/12/20
93          \global\setbox \FNLN@holdft \vbox{%
94              \unvbox\FNLN@holdft

```

**TODO** from v0.41: `\pagebreak[4]` does not seem to force (reliably) splitting a footnote; if the footnote is not split here, at present the `\baselineskip` is lost, see the footnote paragraph starting with ‘C’ in `edfndemo.pdf` as of 2010/12/21. We would need some measuring ... `\pagebreak` might be redefined ... resembling L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X’s `\@specialoutput`!

```
95          \unvbox\@cclv
```

**TODO** same problem here, see the footnote paragraph starting with ‘D’ in `edfndemo.pdf` as of 2010/12/21.

```

96          \penalty\outputpenalty}%
97          %% TODO reset page book-keeping!? %% v0.41
98      \else
99          \TheLineNoLaTeXOutput      %% "the real \LineNoLaTeXOutput"
100         \fi
101         \fi
102         \fi
103     }

```

**An idea:** Instead of so many `\ifnum`, use

```
\csname<chars>\the\outputpenalty\endcsname
```

... in ‘lineno.sty’, when you really have a broad range of `\outputpenalties` useful to be described by `\ifnum` range checks ...

#### 2.5.4 Typesetting the Footnote Text

`\SwapFootnoteMain` is the slot of the OTR that our modified `\@footnotetext` calls with `\outputpenalty = -\FNLN@M@swap@codepen`. The “column so far” is stored in a new box register `\FNLN@holdcol`.

```

104 \newsavebox\FNLN@holdcol
105 \newcommand*\SwapFootnoteMain{%
106     \global \setbox\FNLN@holdcol \vbox{\unvbox\@cclv}%

```

(... cf. `\@holdpg` in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.)

The entire text of a footnote is typeset on top of the MVL. `\vsiz` is maximized temporarily to avoid that the footnote text is broken across pages.

```
107 \GStoreGSetReg\vsiz\maxdimen
```

However, the user may want to use `\pagebreak` in a footnote in order to control manually where a “long” footnote is split. v0.41 tries to support this:

```
108 \global\@FNLN@sw@true                                %% v0.41
```

... cf. Section 2.5.3.

There shouldn't be any `\topskip`, the space on top of a footnote is controlled by `\footnotesep` entirely:

```
109      \GStoreGSetReg\topskip\z@skip
(\nointerlineskip as well as setting \topskip locally instead fails ... according to \showlists ...)
Resetting \pagegoal (why doesn't it switch to \vsize = \maxdimen automatically?), \pagetotal, and the other "special dimens" (TeXbook p. 271; rather experimental ... I think it is important to restore them later ...)
110      \GStoreSetReg\pagegoal \vsize
111      \GStoreSetReg\pagetotal\z@
112      \GStoreSetReg\pagestretch\z@
113      \GStoreSetReg\pagefilstretch\z@
114      \GStoreSetReg\pagefillstretch\z@
115      \GStoreSetReg\pagefillstretch\z@
116      \GStoreSetReg\pageshrink\z@
117      \GStoreSetReg\pagedepth\z@
```

We must choose certain settings from `\@footnotetext` such as font:

```
118      \reset@font\footnotesize
119      \interlinepenalty\interfootnotelinepenalty
\TeX's split things here are relevant at \insert\footins only: (TODO!?)
120  %      \splittopskip\footnotesep
121  %      \splitmaxdepth \dp\strutbox \floatingpenalty \OMM
122      \hsize\columnwidth \parboxrestore
```

The previous lines were from `\TeX`'s `\@footnotetext`. Now we need to restore the `\@thefnmark` that belongs to the current footnote text. We use a macro that tears two items from `\FNLN@list` and executes the rest of `\TeX`'s `\@footnotetext`:

```
123      \expandafter \FNLN@typeset \FNLN@list \@@
124  %      \showthe\vsize
... so a \vsize assignment without \global is noted here, and an analogous
\topskip assignment is not!? TODO ...
125  }
```

`\FNLN@typeset` first removes something from the list of footnotes, similarly to `\TeX`'s `\@xnext` and 'lineno's `\@LN@xnext`, then executes a remaining portion of `\TeX`'s `\@footnotetext`. The footnote text may contain `\par` tokens, so the definition must be `\long`:

```
126  \long\def \FNLN@typeset #1\@lt #2\@lt #3\@@{%
127      \gdef\FNLN@list{#3}%
128      \def\@thefnmark{#1}%
129  }
```

This was our own, and next L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X continues:

```
129      \protected@edef\@currentlabel{%
130          \csname p@footnote\endcsname\@thefnmark
131      }%
132      \color@begingroup
```

We insert starting the 'lineno' settings ...

```
133      \linenumbers
134      \setfootnotelinenumbers %> 2010/12/25
```

... L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X again (v0.41 exports dealing with closing \par to finstrut.sty):

```
135      \makefntext{%
136          \rule{z@footnotesep}{\ignorespaces}
```

We replace #1 by #2\par (\linenumberpar), so we really need finstrut.sty:

```
137      #2\par
138      \finalstrut\strutbox}%
139      \color@endgroup
```

Now we trigger the “swap back slot” of the OTR:

```
140      \penalty-\FNLNC@M@insert@codepen
141  }
142  \RequirePackage{finstrut}
```

### 2.5.5 Insert the Footnote Text

\InsertFootnote is the slot of the OTR that executes \insert\footins with the numbered footnote text. The column so far stored in \FNLNC@holdcol is put onto the top of the MVL, and then parts of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X's \@footnotetext are performed that haven't been done earlier, applied to the footnote text that the OTR should have found in \box255. Before however, the previous \topskip, \vsize, and the \page... book-keeping parameters are restored:

```
143  \newcommand*{\InsertFootnote}{%
144      \GRestoreReg\topskip    \GRestoreReg\vsize
(... global restoring of \vsize proved vital with 'edfdemo' 2010/12/17 ...)
145      \RestoreReg \pagegoal    \RestoreReg\pagetotal
146      \RestoreReg \pagestretch
147      \RestoreReg \pagefilstretch
148      \RestoreReg \pagefillstretch
149      \RestoreReg \pagefilllstretch
150      \RestoreReg \pageshrink   \RestoreReg\pagedepth
151      \unvbox\FNLNC@holdcol
152      \insert\footins{%
153          \splittopskip\footnotesep
154          \splitmaxdepth \dp\strutbox \floatingpenalty \MM}
```

Support of \pagebreak with v0.41:

```
155      \unvbox\FNLN@holdft      %% v0.41
156      \unvbox\@ccly}%
157      \global\@FNLN@sw@false    %% v0.41
```

With v0.5, global settings for “pagewise” numbering must be restored:

```
158      \unsetfootnotelinenumbers
159  }
```

## 2.6 Continuous Numbering

### 2.6.1 Goal

With v0.5, for the first time we try to get a “pagewise” numbering such that, if a main text line has a footnote, (i) its printed number is just the natural successor of the printed number of the previous main text line (instead of continuing previous numbering with the lines of the footnote first), and (ii) the printed numbers of footnote lines just continue the printed numbers of the main text lines. This **obvious** desirement is not easy to achieve; already pagewise numbering of main text lines, without numbering footnote lines, has been somewhat ingenious.

### 2.6.2 How to Number Lines Pagewise

The basic idea of 'lineno's pagewise numbering is:

1. Each numbered line of the document is identified by a unique counter value, an “absolute” number.
2. For each page (and column), the range of absolute line numbers occurring on them is recorded (or actually: the first and the last number).
3. The “public,” “human-readable” (“pagewise”) format of a given absolute line number  $l$  is generated by (i) finding the page (and column) with first number  $n$  and last number  $k$  such that  $n \leq l \leq k$ , (ii) “printing”  $l - n + 1$  in “columnwise” mode, otherwise  $l - m + 1$  where  $m$  is the first absolute line number in the left-hand column of the same page.

**Generating** the “pagewise” representation for a given absolute line number  $l$  thus may be summarized as *finding the corresponding offset value* to be subtracted ( $n$ ,  $n + 1$ ,  $m$ , or  $m + 1 \dots$ ).

When *footnote* lines are to be numbered as well, a little problem is the order in which main text and footnote lines increment the absolute counter. 'lineno's mechanism for this is started immediately after a paragraph has been broken into lines. Each line of the paragraph then calls a macro generating the line number. 'fnlineno' now interrupts numbering of main text lines at a line issuing a footnote. The footnote text is typeset, including numbering its lines at each

end of a footnote paragraph. When the footnote text has been sent into the `\insert` register, numbering of main text lines is resumed.

Up to v0.4 (a development version), we used the *same* absolute counter for main text and footnote lines. When a page  $p$  has more than one main text line and the first one has a long footnote continued on the next page  $p + 1$ , there is no “range” of absolute line numbers characterizing page  $p$  any more, because the greatest absolute line number of page  $p$  exceeds the absolute line numbers of the footnote continued on page  $p + 1$ .

'lineno's procedure can be revived by numbering main text lines and footnote lines independently from each other. We use *two* absolute counters, one is incremented with main text lines only, the other with footnote lines only. Numbering of main text lines just will not be affected by numbering of the footnote lines.

Almost the same will hold for footnote lines. Each page (and column) will have a characteristic “range” of absolute footnote line numbers  $\{n, \dots, k\}$ . The only notable difference will be that for footnote line  $l$  we print  $(l - n + 1) + (K - N + 1) = (K + l) - (N + n) + 2$  instead of  $l - n + 1$ —where  $\{N, \dots, K\}$  is the range of *main text* line numbers of the page (and column).

The previous discussion of **generating** the printed line number from its absolute version has assumed that corresponding **offset** values have been given somehow, or that the “line number ranges” for pages are known from somewhere. In fact, these ranges are **computed** at the **start** of a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X run *before* typesetting, when reading the `.aux` file for the first time. They are used in the entire document. While typesetting, each numbered line of main text leaves a record of its absolute number and page number in the new version of the `.aux` file that the run creates, a two-parameter macro `\@LN`. With 'fnlineno.sty', there will be new `\@FLN` entries of the same type. These `.aux` entries are used for building the page range data for the next run. When the document source has been changed, at least *two runs* will usually be required to get correct line numbers in page margins, and *another* run will be needed so references to line numbers by `\ref` and `\linelabel` are correct.

### 2.6.3 Summary of Changes

Variants of 'lineno.sty's code for “pagewise” numbering are following. Sometimes we generalize **pagewise** stuff from 'lineno' and re-implement pagewise numbering of main text lines as a special case, the other special case being numbering of footnote lines.

Five things need modifications:

**Building page info macros:** Processing `\@LN` and `\@FLN` `.aux` entries will use shared building macros, the difference is obtained by switching **name spaces**. (It may be notable that a page may get one info macro for main text and another for footnote text, if it contains footnote text.)

**Logging:** While typesetting, the shared logging macro is switched to write either `\@LN` or `\@FLN` to the `.aux` file. Also, `\c@linenumber` may refer to

either the main text or to the footnote text counter.

**Generating “pagewise” format:** The choice of `\c@linenumber` also determines which counter is incremented, and again name spaces for page info macros are switched. For footnote lines, a tail macro for adding the number of main text lines will be activated.

**Referencing:** The `.aux` file may have entries from `\linelabel` containing large numbers from an “absolute” counter. In generating the “human-readable” number, it must be known whether it is a main text or a footnote line number. An additional complication is referring to a main text line from a footnote and vice versa—thinking of global changes in generating the number. Or even think of the case referring from unnumbered text to numbered text! (I have wondered before if the entry couldn’t be the ready human-readable number, `TODO`!)

**Lists of “vertical tasks”:** ‘lineno.sty’ (v4) has introduced two lists of tasks that were issued in horizontal mode but only can be completed after breaking a paragraph into lines: one for `\linelabels` and one for `\vadjust` items that must wait until the line number has been attached. It is essential that the tasks are processed in the same order in vertical mode as they were issued in horizontal mode. As we are now interrupting processing of main text paragraphs for processing footnotes, tasks for footnote text must be lined up in separate lists than tasks for main text. This is indeed essential for the previous issue of getting `\linelabel` work in footnotes as well as in main text.

#### 2.6.4 Info Building

`\@LN`, `\@FLN`, and `\@FNLN` are processed at reading the `.aux` file before typesetting only. The **interface to generating “pagewise”** and footnote line numbers just are `\LN@Pfirst` and `\FLN@Pfirst`, eventually pointing to the first page/column with numbered main text lines or footnote lines, resp.

```
160 \def \FLN@Pfirst {\nextLN\relax}
```

This initialization of `\FLN@Pfirst` is just the same as the one of `\verb|\LN@Pfirst|`—in ‘lineno.sty’; their expansions are changed as soon as such a page is found, replacing the `\relax` by the corresponding page info macro.

`\LN@Pfirst` and `\FLN@Pfirst` are passed to `\testFirstNumberedPage` via the hook `\FNLN@first@numbered` that by default is the same as `\LN@first`:

```
161 \def \FNLN@first@numbered {\LN@Pfirst}
```

(oh, it must be `\def` here to recognize the change ...). This must be changed by `\setfootnotelinenumbers` (`\let` then, as when called the change will have happened).

Moreover, they are passed to `\NumberedPageCache` (the page info macro where a search starts, “current” page/column) as its initialization; the “generating” macros then change the latter macro following `\nextLN` in the page info macros.

In this sense, no other “name space switching” is needed for communication with other functions.

’lineno.sty’ has changed `\LastNumberedPage` globally . . . the last page with numbered *footnote* lines may well be another one than the last page with numbered *main* text lines . . . But fortunately, also `\LastNumberedPage` is needed in reading the `.aux` before typesetting only (`\onlypreamble` is L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X’s disabling command):

```
162  \onlypreamble\LastNumberedPage
```

In ’lineno.sty’, we have `\def\LastNumberedPage{first}`. We need the same for the footnote variant `\FNLN@last@numbered` (to be handled globally!):

```
163  \global \let \FNLN@last@numbered \LastNumberedPage
164  \onlypreamble \FNLN@last@numbered
```

```
\@FNLN{<names>}<last-numbered>{<line>}{<page>}
```

generalizes ’lineno.sty’’s `\@LN{<line>}{<page>}` to re-implement it. There is an additional parameter argument `<names>` for choosing name spaces and a parameter `<last-numbered>` for choosing the macro storing the “last numbered page.” (An argument without braces expects a macro name.)

```
165  \newcommand* \@FNLN [4]{%
166    \expandafter\@LN
167    \csname #1#4C\@LN@column \expandafter\endcsname
168    \csname #10#4\endcsname
169    {#3}{#4}{#1}{#2}}
170  \onlypreamble\@FNLN
```

As in ’lineno.sty’ `\@LN` calls `\@LN`, a new variant of `\@LN` is called by `\@FNLN` here, but it gets one additional parameter for passing `<names>` and another for passing `<last-numbered>` from `\@FNLN`. So the new syntax is

```
\@LN<info><first-page-line>{<line>}{<page>}{<names>}<last-numbered>:
```

```
171  \renewcommand* \@LN [6]{%
172    \ifx#1\relax
173      \ifx#2\relax\gdef#2{#3}\fi
174      \expandafter\@LN\csname #5#6\endcsname#1%
175      \xdef#1{\lastLN{#3}\firstLN{#3}%
176      \pageLN{#4}{\@LN@column}{#2}\nextLN\relax}%
177    \else
178      \def\lastLN##1{\noexpand\lastLN{#3}}%
179      \xdef#1{#1}%
180    \fi
181    \xdef#6{#4C\@LN@column}%
182  \onlypreamble\@LN
```

'lineno.sty's `\@C@LN` does not need any adjustment.

'lineno.sty's `\@LN{<line>}{<page>}` is reimplemented as

```
183 \def \@LN {\@FNLN{LN@P}\LastNumberedPage}
```

—so `\@LN` really does the same as before, including name spaces.

`\@FNLN{<line>}{<page>}` is the other special case of the new `\@FNLN`—an F precedes the earlier names, and `\FNLN@last@numbered` is the storing macro initialized above:

```
184 \def \@FNLN {\@FNLN{FLN@P}\FNLN@last@numbered}
```

For logging, we make both unexpandable:

```
185 % \AtBeginDocument{\let\@LN\relax \let\@FNLN\relax}
```

... but this way nothing appears in the file!? `TODO` ...

```
186 \c@onlypreamble\@LN \c@onlypreamble\@FNLN
```

For reading the `.aux` finally, we do what 'lineno' does with `\@LN`:

```
187 \AtEndDocument{\let\@FNLN\gobbletwo}
```

### 2.6.5 Tool for Reusing Global Operations with Macros

'lineno.sty' v4 provides list handling (changing lists globally) and global changes of `\NumberedPageCache`. We want to use them in “main text” mode as well as in “footnote” mode. To use such an operation on `\ln-macro`, for `\fln-macro`, we `\global\let<ln-macro><fln-macro>`, apply the operations, and finally `\global\let<fln-macro><ln-macro>`. However, we are not only interested in how `\fln-macro` is changed this way, rather `\ln-macro` also is used as input for some operations, and we can choose which `\fln-macro` should be used as input. To switch from working on/with `\fln-1` to `\fln-2` using `\ln-macro` with an option to use `\fln-1` later again, a tool `\GStoreUse<ln-macro><fln-1><fln-2>` is provided (should render later switchings much better readable):

```
188 \newcommand* \GStoreUse [3]{\global\let#2\global\let#1#3}
```

I.e., current content of #1 is stored in #2, then #1 attains the content of #3.

### 2.6.6 General Settings for Typesetting Stage

Oh my dear, it seems that all the switching for the footnote variant of `pagewise` must be global (I can't find something useful using `\aftergroup` quickly). Therefore, I render 'lineno's `\setpagewisenumbers` acting globally:

```
189 \renewcommand* \setpagewisenumbers{%
190   \global\let \theLineNumber \thePagewiseLineNumber
191   \global\let \c@linenumber \c@pagewisenumber
192   \global\let \makeLineNumber \makePagewiseLineNumber
193 }
```

I just force this, hehe ...

```
194 \setpagewiselinenumbers
```

As a counterpart to `\c@pagelinenumbers`, `\c@footnotelinenumbers` is reserved for the absolute footnote line numbers:

```
195 \newcount\c@footnotelinenumbers
```

`\FNLN@cache` stores `\NumberedPageCache` as from “main” mode:

```
196 \let \FNLN@cache \NumberedPageCache
```

`\FNLN@cache` stores `\NumberedPageCache` as from “footnote” mode; its initial content is the counterpart or analogue to `\LN@Pfirst`:

```
197 \def \FNLN@cache {\FLN@Pfirst}
```

`\FNLN@foot@cache` and `\FNLN@main@cache` switch `\NumberedPageCache`:

```
198 \def \FNLN@foot@cache {%
```

```
199   \GStoreUse \NumberedPageCache \FNLN@cache \FNLN@cache}
```

```
200 \def \FNLN@main@cache {%
```

```
201   \GStoreUse \NumberedPageCache \FNLN@cache \FNLN@cache}
```

`\FNLN@labels` will be the counterpart to ‘lineno.sty’’s `\@LN@labellist`:

```
202 \global\let \FNLN@labels \empty
```

`\FNLN@vadjusts` will be the counterpart to ‘lineno’’s `\@LN@vadjustlist`:

```
203 \global\let \FNLN@vadjusts \empty
```

Settings for footnote line numbers first resemble `\setpagewiselinenumbers`; but more changes are needed, and results from main text numbering must be stored. Some of the settings are needed *locally* for generating numbers for labels, collected in `\setgetfootnotelinenumbers`; for this purpose nothing must be stored explicitly:

```
204 \newcommand* \setgetfootnotelinenumbers {%
```

Change of `\theLineNumber` is omitted as we are *reading*, not writing a label.

```
205 \let\c@linenumber\c@footnotelinenumbers
```

```
206 % \let\makeLineNumber\makeFootnoteLineNumber
```

But in fact, `\makeFootnoteLineNumber` and `\makePagewiseLineNumber` will be the same. The difference is made by the choice of `\FNLN@first@numbered` and `\NumberedPageCache` for the line range searches.

```
207 \let \FNLN@first@numbered \FLN@Pfirst
```

```
208 \let \FNLN@finish \FNLN@add
```

```
209 }
```

`\setfootnotelinenumbers` performs all the settings for typesetting footnotes in line numbering mode *globally*, including storing results from typesetting main text:

```
210  \newcommand* \setfootnotelinenumbers {%
211    \globaldefs\@ne
```

The previous line also renders `\setgetfootnotelinenumbers` global:

```
212    \setgetfootnotelinenumbers
```

`\theLineNumber` is used for `\linelabel` entries. `\thePagewiseLineNumber` is replaced by `\theFootnoteLineNumber`:

```
213    \let\theLineNumber\theFootnoteLineNumber
```

Logging to `.aux`:

```
214    \def \FNLN@log {\string\@FLN}%
```

Starting range search: `\NumberedPageCache`

```
215    \FNLN@foot@cache
```

Reusing 'lineno's task list operations:

```
216    \GStoreUse \LN@labellist \FNLN@labels \FNLN@labels
217    \GStoreUse \LN@vadjustlist \FNLN@vadjusts \FNLN@vadjusts
218    \globaldefs\z@
219 }
```

For switching back to “main text mode,” again some settings may need a local variant—for processing line references from footnotes to main text! This is the purpose of `\setgetpagewiselinenumbers`:

```
220  \newcommand* \setgetpagewiselinenumbers {%
221    \let \FNLN@first@numbered \LN@Pfirst
222    \let \FNLN@finish \gobbletwo
223 }
```

`\unsetfootnotelinenumbers` stores the “current” page with footnote lines and loads the “most recent” page with main text lines—and more . . . :

```
224  \newcommand* \unsetfootnotelinenumbers {%
225    \gdef \FNLN@log {\string\@LN}%
226    \FNLN@main@cache
```

Task lists:

```
227    \GStoreUse \LN@labellist \FNLN@labels \FNLN@labels
228    \GStoreUse \LN@vadjustlist \FNLN@vadjusts \FNLN@vadjusts
229    \globaldefs\@ne \setgetpagewiselinenumbers \globaldefs\z@ %% v0.53
230    \setpagewiselinenumbers
231 }
```

\makeFootnoteLineNumber actually only copies \makePagewiseLineNumber, different results are obtained by changing hooks. The command first calls \logtheLineNumber, then generating the “public” line number—\getLineNumber (which in turn only is a copy of \testNumberedPage in ‘lineno.sty’).

```
232  \@ifdefinable\makeFootnoteLineNumber
233    {\let \makeFootnoteLineNumber \makePagewiseLineNumber}
```

### 2.6.7 Logging

\logtheLineNumber is redefined to log both main text and footnote line numbers.

```
234  \def \logtheLineNumber {%
235    \protected@write\@auxout{}{%
236      \FNLN@log{\the\c@linenumber}{\noexpand\the\c@LN@truepage}}}
```

\FNLN@log is the hook for the difference, its default expansion \c@LN is made for *main text* line numbers:

```
237  \gdef \FNLN@log {\string\c@LN}
```

### 2.6.8 “Public” Line Numbers

Fortunately, these commands don’t need to know much about name spaces. The interfaces to them are \NumberedPageCache—changing globally—and \FNLN@first@numbered. Our \FNLN@cache is initialized by analogy to its counterpart \NumberedPageCache (a minute name space change):

```
238  \def \FNLN@cache {\FLN@Pfirst}
```

\testFirstNumberedPage{<integer>} from ‘lineno.sty’ is modified by replacing \LN@Pfirst only:

```
239  \renewcommand* \testFirstNumberedPage [1]{%
240    \ifnum#1>\c@linenumber
241      \def\nextLN##1{%
242        \testNextNumberedPage\FNLN@first@numbered}%
243    \else
244      \let\nextLN\gobble
245      \def\pageLN{\gotNumberedPage{#1}}%
246    \fi}
```

\testNumberedPage and \testNextNumberedPage from ‘lineno’ don’t need any modification. \testLastNumberedPage is modified in ‘edfnotes.sty’.

\gotNumberedPage just needs a closing hook \FNLN@finish to allow for footnote lines.

```
247  \renewcommand* \gotNumberedPage [4]{%
248    \oddNumberedPagefalse
```

```

249     \ifodd \if@twocolumn #3\else #2\fi\relax\oddNumberedPagetrue\fi
250     \advance\c@linenumber\@ne
251     \ifcolumnwiselinenumbers
252         \subtractlinenumberoffset{#1}%
253     \else
254         \subtractlinenumberoffset{#4}%
255     \fi
256 % \show\FNLN@finish
257 \FNLN@finish{#2}{#3}%
258 }

\FNLN@finish{<page>}{<column>} gobbles both arguments with main text
lines, but will add the number of main text lines to footnote line numbers:

```

259 \global\let \FNLN@finish \@gobbletwo

Then it will act as \FNLN@add. We run the page info macro for the same page (column; if defined).

```

260 \newcommand* \FNLN@add [2]{%
261     \expandafter \let\expandafter \@tempa\csname LN@P#1C#2\endcsname
262     \ifx\@tempa\relax
263     \else
264         \advance\c@linenumber\@ne
265         \ifcolumnwiselinenumbers
266             \let\firstLN\subtractlinenumberoffset
... rather assuming \realpagewiselinenumbers.

267         \let\pageLN\@gobblethree
268     \else
269         \let\firstLN\@gobble
270         \def\pageLN##1##2##3{\subtractlinenumberoffset{##3}}%
271     \fi
272         \def\lastLN##1{\subtractlinenumberoffset{-##1}}%
273         \let\nextLN\@gobble
... TODO all needed?

274     \@tempa
275     \fi
276 }

```

### 2.6.9 Referencing

Now that we are using two separate counters for main text lines and footnote lines (v0.5), correct references to footnote lines using \linelabel and \ref need further adjustments. 'lineno.sty's \thePagewiseLineNumber and \getpagewiselinenumber{<integer>} are generalized and re-implemented by macros that then serve to implement referring to footnote line numbers.

\theWiseLineNumber{<trans>} leaves a \protected call to a one-parameter macro \trans in the .aux file:

277 \newcommand\* \theWiseLineNumber [1]{\protect #1{\the\c@linenumber}}

`\getwiselinenumber{<choice>}{<integer>}` executes `<choice>` before applying `\testNumberedPage` to `<integer>`—within a local group:

```
278 \newcommand* \getwiselinenumber [2]{{%
```

Some wisdom is needed to take account of the current ‘numbering state’ from which `\ref` was called.

**Referring to main text line:**

- Unless called from numbered footnote, no extra care is needed.
- If called from numbered footnote, `\setgetpagewiselinenumbers` and temporary switching of `\NumberedPageCache` is needed.

**Referring to footnote line:**

- If called from numbered footnote, no extra care is needed.
- Otherwise, `\setgetfootnotelinenumbers` and temporary switching of `\NumberedPageCache` is needed.

```
279 \ifx#1\relax          %% to main text
280   \if@FNLN@sw@        %% from footnote
281     \setgetpagewiselinenumbers
282     \FNLN@main@cache
283     \let \FNLN@restore@cache \FNLN@foot@cache
284   \fi
285 \else                  %% to footnote
286   \if@FNLN@sw@ \else  %% from elsewhere
287     #1%
288     \FNLN@foot@cache
289     \let \FNLN@restore@cache \FNLN@main@cache
290   \fi
291 \fi
292 \c@linenumber #2\relax\testNumberedPage
293 \thelinenumber
294 \FNLN@restore@cache
295 }
296 \let \FNLN@restore@cache \relax
```

`\getpagewiselinenumber` doesn’t need any `<choice>`—we assume that the label was written in the default pagewise mode (but it is difficult, though, `\relax` is essential!):

```
297 % \renewcommand* \getpagewiselinumber {\getwiselinumber\relax} %!!
```

2010/12/31, a compatibility problem with ‘ednotes’ `\newlabel` mechanism shows up. ‘ednotes’ ‘defines’ `\getpagewiselinenumber` and restores it only `\AtBeginDocument`. We must ensure that ‘ednotes’ will not override our new version of `\getpagewiselinumber`. (TODO in my view another motivation to write “ready” numbers without `\getpagewiselinenumbers` directly.)

We might assume that 'ednotes' (if at all) is loaded directly and loads 'lineno.sty' (that is the usual and recommended way of using 'ednotes') and that this will happen before 'fnlineno.sty' is loaded. But now that we have spent some time understanding the situation, we can deal with the case as well that 'lineno.sty' is loaded first, then 'fnlineno.sty' is loaded, and then 'ednotes'. (I have assumed earlier that 'fnlineno.sty' is loaded after 'lineno.sty' ...)

```
298  \AtBeginDocument{%
299      \def \getpagewiselinenumber {\getwiselinenumber\relax}%
300      \let \c@EN@getpagewiselno \getpagewiselinenumber}
```

For `\thePagewiseLineNumber`, `\trans` is `\getpagewiselinenumber`:

```
301  \renewcommand* \thePagewiseLineNumber {%
302      \theWiseLineNumber\getpagewiselinenumber}
```

`\getfootnotelinenumber{<integer>}` considers `\integer`, the absolute number of a *footnote* line. The `\choice` therefore is `\setgetfootnotelinenumbers`:

```
303  \newcommand* \getfootnotelinenumber {%
304      \getwiselinumber\setgetfootnotelinenumbers}
```

Finally, `\theFootnoteLineNumber` is how `\linelabel` refers to a *footnote* line. `\theWiseLineNumber` is called with `\trans`, being `\getfootnotelinenumber`:

```
305  \newcommand* \theFootnoteLineNumber {%
306      \theWiseLineNumber\getfootnotelinenumber}
```

## 2.7 Leaving the Package File

```
307  \endinput
```

## 3 Acknowledgements

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## 4 VERSION HISTORY

```
308  v0.1    2010/12/08 very first, \linelabel works in footnote
309                  SENT TO Christian, problems with "long" footnotes
```

```

310
311 v0.2 2010/12/08 corr. "manifoot"
312      2010/12/09 moving doc. from .tex to here,
313      different doc. sectioning;
314      \Ofootnotetext modified (user feature!);
315      \Odocclearpage NOT modified!; \if@FNLN@placing@
316      2010/12/10 ignore dummy footnote split;
317      \FNLNpar, \AutoPars, \ExplicitPars,
318      more on limitations
319      2010/12/11 more trying, almost anew ...
320      JUST STORED
321
322 v0.3 2010/12/12 new approach, removed much before proceeding
323      2010/12/13 -- this was putting \box\footins onto MVL,
324      bad with those penalties
325      JUST STORED
326
327 v0.4 2010/12/14 another new approach:
328      typeset footnote on MVL immediately --
329      described strategy
330      2010/12/15 ... continued, choice of hooking into \output
331      (...swap...)
332      2010/12/16 ... continued; rearranged sections ...
333      \FNLN@fntext vs. ...ltx...
334      2010/12/17 success with \pagegoal ...; \GStoreReg etc.;
335      ...@fntext shortened
336      2010/12/18 another two limitations: \pagebreak in fn.,
337      guessed/tested; another note to <register>;
338      ack. Christian; directed -> organized!?
339      SENT TO Christian/Stephan
340
341 v0.41 2010/12/19 support of \pagebreak with \if@FNLN@sw@ etc. ;
342      TODO on lists of <register>s
343      2010/12/20 debugging: \if...true; \setbox...ft;
344      \Ofinalstrut in vmode exported to finstrut.sty;
345      notes on how v0.41 still fails with \pagebreak
346      2010/12/21 additional notes on *two* \pagebreak's
347
348 v0.5 2010/12/21 restructuring doc., check@latex@ -> check@,
349      own account of lineno's pagewise mode
350      2010/12/22 ... continued ...
351      2010/12/23 ... continued ...
352      2010/12/24 ... continued ...
353      2010/12/25 moved this to pwlineno, replaced ...
354      more on \FNLN@typeset, + \setfootnotelinenumbers
355      2010/12/26 new summary of implementation,
356      rearranged code sections; logging settled
357 v0.51 2010/12/27 "build" settled, typesetting, logging reformed;
358      ack.s: "recall"; all settings global,
359      "public" works

```

```
360      JUST STORED, MARGINAL NUMBERS OK,
361      \linelabel in footnote broken
362      [2010/12/28]
363  v0.52  2010/12/28 own label and vadjust lists for footnotes;
364          local settings for referencing,
365          tool and care for global changes (...Cache)
366          (TODO write ready in .aux? needs another run)
367          \linelabel's ok, MARGINAL NOTES MAIN BROKEN
368  v0.53  2010/12/28 debugging; OK; minor doc. modifications;
369          less "limitations"; \\[\smallskipamount]
370          TO CHRISTIAN 2010-12-29
371  v0.54  2010/12/31 typo options; \FNLN@text without arg,
372          \getpagewiselinenumber with ednotes
373          2011/01/01 \FNLN@cache, \FNLN@@cache initialized;
374          doc. "Typesetting Stage" qualification
375          2011/01/02 that qualification was wrong
376          2011/01/03 samepage@hook
377          TO CHRISTIAN SAME DAY
378  v0.55  2011/01/04 samepage@hook emptied here as well;
379          2011/01/06 edited version history
380          2011/01/07 note on \if@FNLN@sw@ with v0.5;
381          finally without support for samepage@hook!
382          note on \testLastNumberedPage
383          PART OF EDFN RELEASE r0.5 (together with edfnotes v0.2)
384  v0.55a  2011/02/09 corr. owner; "Limitations" updated; \pagebreak
385
```