

Warnings

T_EX's infinite glue is projective

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T_EX wizards might be interested in a phenomenon that could be considered an anomaly, but I choose to declare it a “feature.” Consider the two boxes

```
\hbox to 100pt{\hskip 0pt plus -100pt}
\hbox to 100pt{\hskip 0pt plus -1fil}
```

The first box is considered underfull, with a badness of 10000, because the total stretchability is negative. But the second box is perfectly fine, with a badness of 0, because the total stretchability is infinite. If you are tracing, the boxes are

```
\hbox(0.0+0.0)x100.0, glue set -1.0
.\glue 0.0 plus -100.0
\hbox(0.0+0.0)x100.0, glue set -100.0fil
.\glue 0.0 plus -1.0fil
```

within T_EX's gullet.

References

- [1] *The T_EXbook*, page 97, although the case $r < 0$ isn't explicitly mentioned there.
- [2] *T_EX: The Program*, sections 186, 646, 658, 659, 664, 665, 673, 676, 796, 852, 1007.

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