

# The **varioref** package\*

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## Abstract

This package defines the commands `\vref`, `\vpageref`, `\vrefrange`, and `\vpagerefrange` for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2 $\epsilon$ . `\vref` is similar to `\ref` but adds an additional page reference, like ‘on the facing page’ or ‘on page 27’ whenever the corresponding `\label` is not on the same page. The command `\vpageref` is a variation to `\pageref` with a similar functionality. The `\v...range` commands take two labels as arguments and produce strings which depend on whether or not these labels fall onto a single page or on different pages. Generated strings are customizable so that these commands are usable with various languages.

## 1 Introduction

In many cases it is helpful when referring to a figure or table to put both a `\ref` and a `\pageref` command into the document especially when there are one or more pages between the reference and the object. Therefore some people use a command like

```
\newcommand{\fullref}[1]{\ref{#1} on page~\pageref{#1}}
```

which reduces the number of key strokes, necessary to make such a complete reference. But since one never knows where the referenced object finally falls, using such a device may result in a page reference to the current page which is disturbing and therefore should be avoided.

## 2 The user interface

- `\vref` The implementation of `\vref` below produces only a `\ref` when reference and `\label` are on the same page. It will additionally produce one of the strings ‘on the facing page’, ‘on the preceding page’, or ‘on the following page’, if label and reference differ by one and it will produce both `\ref` and `\pageref` when the difference is larger. The word ‘facing’ is used when label and reference both fall onto a double spread. However, if a special page numbering scheme is used instead

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of the usual arabic numbering (e.g., `\pagenumbering{roman}`) then there will be no distinction between one or many pages off.

#### `\vpageref`

Sometimes one wants to refer only to page number and again such a reference should normally be suppressed if we are referring to the current page. For this purpose the package defines the `\vpageref` command. It will produce the same strings as `\vref` except that it doesn't start with the `\ref` and except that it will produce the string that is saved in `\reftextcurrent` if label and reference fall onto the same page. By defining `\reftextcurrent` to produce "on this page" or something similar, we can avoid that

```
... see the example \vpageref{ex:foo} which shows ...
```

comes out as "... see the example which shows ...", which could be misleading.

You can put a space in front of `\vpageref` it will be ignored if the command doesn't produce any text at all.

But in fact `\vpageref` allows even more control. If has two optional arguments. With the first one, one can specify the text that should be used if label and reference fall on the same page. This is very helpful if both are near to each other, so that they may or may not be separated by a page break. In such a case we usually know (!) whether the reference is before or after the label so that we can say something like

```
... see the example \vpageref[above]{ex:foo} which shows ...
```

which will then come out as "... see the example above which shows ..." if we are still on the same page, but as "... see the example on the page before which shows ..." (or something similar depending on the settings of the `\reftext..before` commands) when there was a page break in the meantime. One warning however, if you use `\vpageref` with the optional argument to refer to a figure or table, keep in mind that depending on the float placement parameters the float may show up on top of the current page and therefore before the reference even if it came after it in the source file.

But maybe you prefer to say "... see the above example" if example and reference fall onto the same page, i.e., reverse the word order. In fact, in some languages the word order automatically changes in that case. To allow for this variation the second optional argument can be used. It specifies the text preceding the generated reference if object and reference do not fall onto the same page. Thus one would write

```
... see the \vpageref[above example][example]{ex:foo}
      which shows ...
```

to achieve the desired effect.

## 2.1 Additions in 1998

`\vrefrange` This command is similar to `\vref` but it takes two mandatory arguments denoting

a range to refer to (e.g., a sequences of figures or a sequence of equations, etc.). So if `fig:a` is your first figure in the sequence and `fig:c` your last you can write

```
... see figures \vrefrange{fig:a}{fig:c} ...
```

which would then be formatted as

```
... see figures 3.4 to 3.6 on pages 23–24 ...
```

or, if they happen to all fall onto the next page, as

```
... see figures 3.4 to 3.6 on the following page ...
```

i.e., the command is deciding what to say depending on where the two labels are placed in relation to each other; it is essentially implemented using `\vpagerefrange` described below. The optional argument the command may take is the text to use in case both labels are placed on the current page.

#### `\vpagerefrange`

This command is similar to `\vpageref` but takes two mandatory arguments which are two labels denoting a range. If both labels fall onto the same page, the command acts exactly like `\vpageref` (with a single label), otherwise it produces something like “on pages 15–18” (see customization possibilities below). The optional argument it may take is the text to use in case both labels are placed on the current page.

#### `\vrefpagenum`

This macro is provided to allow the user to write their own small commands which implement functions similar to those provided by the two previous commands. It takes two arguments: the second is a label (i.e., as used in `\label` or `\ref`) and the first is an arbitrary command name (make sure you use our own) that receives the page number related to this label. So if you have two (or more) labels you could retrieve their page numbers, compare them and then decide what to print. For example, the following not very serious definition (also using the `ifthen` package)

```
\newcommand\amusingversion[2]{%
  \vrefpagenum\firstnum{#1}%
  \vrefpagenum\secondnum{#2}%
  the definition%
  \ifthenelse{\equal\firstnum\secondnum}{%
    {s of \ref{#1} and \ref{#2} \vpageref{#1}}%
    { of \ref{#1} \vpageref{#1} and of \ref{#2} \vpageref{#2}}%
  }%
  ... \amusingversion{foo}{bar}
```

will print something like

```
...the definitions of 3 and 4 on the previous page
```

in the case both labels are on the same page but something like

```
...the definition of 3 on the next page and of 4 on page 13
```

in case the are on different pages.

## 2.2 Additions in 2001

The user commands `\vref`, `\vpageref`, and `\vpagerefrange` all work by first removing any space on their left and then inserting some space of their own (`\vref`, for example, a nonbreakable space). That seemed like a good idea back then, but it has the disadvantage that you can't use these macros in situations where you definitely do not want any space before the generated text. E.g., in situations like `(\vref{foo} ...)` you end up with a space after the open parenthesis.

`\vref*` Since it is to late to change the default behaviour I've added star versions of the macros which do not add any space before the generated text (they do nevertheless remove space at the left).

## 2.3 Additions in 2002

`\labelformat` A reference via `\ref` produces by default the data associated with the corresponding `\label` command (typically a number); any additional formatting has to be provided by the user. If, for example, references to equations are always to be typeset as “equation (number)”, one has to code “`equation (\ref{key})`”. With `\labelformat` the `varioref` package offers a possibility to generate such frills automatically. The command takes two arguments: the first is the name of a counter and the second is its representation when referenced. This means that for a successful usage, one has to know the counter name being used for generating the label, though in practice this should not pose a problem. The current counter number is picked up as an argument. Here are two examples:

```
\labelformat{section}{section~#1}
\labelformat{equation}{equation~(#1)}
```

`\Vref` A side effect of using `\labelformat` is that, depending on the defined formatting, it becomes impossible to use `\ref` at the beginning of a sentence (if its replacement text starts with a lowercase letter). To overcome this problem `varioref` introduces the commands `\Ref` and `\Vref` that behave like `\ref` and `\vref` except that they uppercase the first token of the generated string.

To make `\Ref` or `\Vref` work properly the very first token in the second argument of `\labelformat` has to be a simple ASCII letter, otherwise the capitalization will fail or worse, you will end up with some error messages. If you actually need something more complicated in this place (e.g., an accented letter) you have to explicitly surround it with braces, to identify the part that needs to be capitalized. For example, for figure references in the Hungarian language you might want to write `\labelformat{figure}{{\'a}bra~\thefigure}`.

`\vpagerefnum` If you like to have `\vref` suppress the page number on pages where label and reference fall onto the same page, but prefer reference to page numbers otherwise then `\vpagerefnum` can be used. This macro hold the current page “number” when `\vpageref` and friends are executed. Thus, by defining, for example

```
\renewcommand\reftextfaceafter {on page~\thepagerefnum}
\renewcommand\reftextfacebefore{on page~\thepagerefnum}
\renewcommand\reftextafter     {on page~\thepagerefnum}
```

```
\renewcommand{\reftextbefore} {on page ``\thepagerefnum''}  
textual references can be suppressed.
```

### 3 Customization

The package supports all options defined by the babel package to translate the fixed strings into other languages than English. (Some languages need updating, however.) It also supports languages currently not in babel; check the section on options later on. You can also modify some or all of the strings by redefining the following commands. Backward references use \reftextbefore if the label is on the preceding page but invisible and \reftextfacebefore if it is one the facing page (i.e., if the current page number is odd). Similarly \reftextafter is used when the label comes on the next page but one has to turn the page and \reftextfaceafter if it is on the following but facing page.

```
\reftextbefore  
\reftextfacebefore  
\reftextafter  
\reftextfaceafter  
\reftextfaraway  
\vreftextvario
```

In fact, \reftextface... is used only if the user or the document class specified two-sided printing.

Finally we have \reftextfaraway which is used whenever label and reference differ by more than one or when they aren't numeric. This macro is a bit different because it takes one argument, the symbolic reference string so that one can make use of \pageref in its replacement text.

To allow a bit random variation in the generated strings one can use the command \reftextvario inside the string macros. It takes two arguments and selects one or the other for printing depending on the number of already seen \vref or \vpageref commands. As an example see the definitions of \reftextbefore etc. on page 8.

#### 3.1 Additions in 1998

The commands \vrefrange and \vpagerefrange produce their text using two macros described below. By redefining them one can modify the results to accommodate special requirements.

```
\reftextpagerange  
\reftextlabelrange
```

They both take two mandatory arguments denoting the first and the last label of the range.

This macro produces text that describes the page range of the two labels, e.g., the default for English is “on pages ``\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}”.

This macro produces text that describes the range of figures, tables, or whatever the labels refer to, the default for English is “`\ref{#1} to ``\ref{#2}`”.

### 4 Options

As mentioned above the package supports all standard options offered by the Babel system to customize the strings produced. In addition it offers the option **draft** to turn error messages into warnings during development. The default **final**

produces error message when a generated string falls onto a page boundary (see next section).

## 5 A few warnings

Defining commands like the ones described above poses some interesting problems. Suppose, for example, that a generated text like ‘on the next page’ gets broken across pages. If this happens it is very difficult to find an acceptable solution and in fact can even result in a document that will always change from one state to another (i.e., inserting one string, finding that this is wrong, inserting another string on the next run which makes the first string correct again, inserting ...). The current implementation of `varioreref` therefore issues an error message whenever the generated text is broken across page boundaries, e.g.,

table 5 on the current *⟨page break⟩* page

would result in an error, which needs to be resolved by the user by replacing the `\vref` command with an ordinary `\ref` just before the final run. This is not completely satisfactory but in such case no solution really is. During document preparation, while one is still changing the text, such error messages can be turned into warnings by placing a `\vrefwarning` command in the preamble. This is equivalent to specifying “draft” as an option to the package.

`\vrefwarning`

`\vrefwarning` ensures that `varioreref` stops when detecting a possible loop. This is the default and equivalent to specifying “final” as an option.

`\vrefshowerrors`

At the end final a warning: every use of `\vref` will internally generate two macro names to keep track of the string positions within the document. As a result you may run out of name space or main memory if you make heavy use of this macro on a small `TEX` installation. For this reason the primitive command `\fullref` is also provided. This command can be used whenever you know for sure that label and reference can’t fall onto nearby pages.

`\fullref`

## 6 The documentation driver file

The next bit of code contains the documentation driver file for `TEX`, i.e., the file that will produce the documentation you are currently reading. It will be extracted from this file by the `docstrip` program.

```
1 <*driver>
2 \documentclass{ltxdoc}
3 \usepackage{varioreref}
4 \GetFileInfo{varioreref.sty}
5 \setlength{\hfuzz}{1pt}      % ignore slight overfulls
6 \EnableCrossrefs
7 \% \DisableCrossrefs    % Say \DisableCrossrefs if index is ready
8
9 \RecordChanges        % Gather update information
10 \% \OnlyDescription   % comment out for implementation details
```

```

11 \begin{document}
12   \DocInput{variorref.dtx}
13 \end{document}
14 
```

## 7 The implementation

The main implementation idea is to generate an internal label command for every `\vpageref` and compare the page reference of this label with the page reference of the user-requested label. Since this means one additional macro name for each use of `\vpageref` or `vref` (which is implemented in terms of `\vpageref`) the memory requirements of this package may be high in terms of main and macro name memory. Since the information held in the internal labels is used only once one could envision a different scheme if suitable primitives for this kind of “one place information” would be provided by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. This type of data structure is planned for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 but for the moment we have to live with the memory restrictions.

We start by checking if this file was already loaded. If not we identify the current version. This is actually done at the top of the file, so we comment it out here

```

15 <*package>
16 %\NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}[1994/06/01]
17 %\ProvidesPackage{variorref}[\filedate\space\fileversion\space
18 %                                LaTeX2e package for extended references (FMi)]

```

`\vref@addto` To support the use of babel we want to add the additional strings to the `\extras<language>` commands. Since `\addto` in the current implementation of babel has a bug that does not allow to use arguments containing hashmarks we do this by hand.

```

19 \def\vref@addto#1#2{%
20   #2%
21   \@temptokena{#2}%
22   \ifx#1\undefined
23     \edef#1{\the\@temptokena}%
24   \else
25     \toks@\expandafter{#1}%
26     \edef#1{\the\toks@\the\@temptokena}%
27   \fi
28   \@temptokena{} \toks@\@temptokena
29 }
30 \onlypreamble\vref@addto

```

### 7.1 Options

`\vref@excuse` Excuse that we don't know the strings for a certain language.

```

31 \def\vref@excuse#1{%
32   \PackageWarningNoLine{variorref}{Sorry, language '#1'
33   not supported}

```

```

34     \MessageBreak
35     in this version.
36     English strings used by default.
37     \MessageBreak
38     Please modify \protect\reftext... commands manually.% 
39     \MessageBreak\MessageBreak
40     If you can suggest translations for
41     this language,% 
42     \MessageBreak
43     please mail them
44     to the author of this package}}
45 \only\vref@excuse

\vref@stringwarning And we sometimes just don't know some strings ...
46 \def\vref@stringwarning#1{%
47   \PackageWarningNoLine{varioref}{Sorry, there is no proper
48     translation for the string\MessageBreak
49     produced by \protect#1\on@line.\MessageBreak
50     English string used instead.\MessageBreak
51     \MessageBreak
52     If you can suggest translations for
53     the current\MessageBreak
54     language, please mail them
55     to the author of this\MessageBreak package}}

\reftextfaceafter The options do set the the macros that generate the textual strings. Note, that
\reftextfacebefore they do not start with a space, the space is already added in the main macro
\reftextafter below.
\reftextbefore Afrikaans option contributed by Danie Els (dnjels@sun.ac.za).
\reftextcurrent
56 \DeclareOption{afrikaans}
57   {\vref@addto\extrasafrikaans{%
58     \def\reftextfaceafter {op die \reftextvario{regterbladsy}%
59                               {bladsy langsaan}}%
60     \def\reftextfacebefore{op die \reftextvario{linkerbladsy}%
61                               {bladsy langsaan}}%
62     \def\reftextafter      {op die \reftextvario{volgende bladsy}%
63                               {bladsy hierna}}%
64     \def\reftextbefore     {op die \reftextvario{vorige bladsy}%
65                               {bladsy hiervoor}}%
66     \def\reftextcurrent   {op \reftextvario{hierdie}%
67                               {die huidige} bladsy}%
68     \def\reftextfaraway#1{op bladsy`\pageref{#1}}%
69     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{op bladsye`\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
70     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} tot`\ref{#2}}%
71   }}

72 \DeclareOption{american}
73   {\vref@addto\extrasamerican{%
74     \def\reftextfaceafter {on the \reftextvario{facing}{next} page}%
75     \def\reftextfacebefore{on the \reftextvario{facing}{preceding}}

```

```

76           page}%
77   \def\reftextafter    {on the \reftextvario{following}{next} page}%
78   \def\reftextbefore   {on the \reftextvario{preceding}{previous} page}%
79   \def\reftextcurrent  {on \reftextvario{this}{the current} page}%
80   \def\reftextfaraway#1{on page~\pageref{#1}}%
81   \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{on pages~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
82   \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} to~\ref{#2}}%
83 }

```

The austrian defaults are the same as the german ones.

```

84 \DeclareOption{austrian}
85   {\vref@addto\extrasaustrian{%
86     \def\reftextfaceafter {auf der n\"achsten Seite}%
87     \def\reftextfacebefore{auf der vorherigen Seite}%
88     \let\reftextafter    \reftextfaceafter
89     \let\reftextbefore   \reftextfacebefore
90     \def\reftextcurrent  {auf dieser Seite}%
91     \def\reftextfaraway#1{auf Seite~\pageref{#1}}%
92     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{auf Seiten~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
93     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} bis~\ref{#2}}%
94   }}

```

The naustrian defaults are the same but needed for “Neue Rechtschreibung”.

```

95 \DeclareOption{naustrian}
96   {\vref@addto\extrasnaustrian{%
97     \def\reftextfaceafter {auf der n\"achsten Seite}%
98     \def\reftextfacebefore{auf der vorherigen Seite}%
99     \let\reftextafter    \reftextfaceafter
100    \let\reftextbefore   \reftextfacebefore
101    \def\reftextcurrent  {auf dieser Seite}%
102    \def\reftextfaraway#1{auf Seite~\pageref{#1}}%
103    \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{auf Seiten~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
104    \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} bis~\ref{#2}}%
105  }}

```

Text for brazil defaults was contributed by Alcino Dall Igna Junior  
(adij@di.ufpe.br).

```

106 \DeclareOption{brazil}
107   {\vref@addto\extrabrazil{%
108     \def\reftextfaceafter {na \reftextvario{p\`agina oposta}{pr\`oxima
109                               p\`agina}}%
110     \def\reftextfacebefore{na p\`agina \reftextvario{oposta}{anterior}}%
111     \def\reftextafter    {na \reftextvario{p\`agina seguinte}{pr\`oxima
112                               p\`agina}}%
113     \def\reftextbefore   {na p\`agina \reftextvario{anterior}{precedente}}%
114     \def\reftextcurrent  {\reftextvario{nesta p\`agina}{na p\`agina
115                               corrente}}%
116     \def\reftextfaraway#1{na p\`agina~\pageref{#1}}%
117     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{\vref@stringwarning\reftextpagerange
118                               on pages~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
119     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\vref@stringwarning\reflabelpagerange

```

```

120                               \ref{#1} to~\ref{#2}}%
121   }
Text for Breton defaults was contributed by Christian ROLLAND
(Christian.Rolland@univ-brest.fr).
122 \DeclareOption{breton}
123   {\vref@excuse{breton}%
124    \vref@addto\extrasbreton{%
125      \def\reftextfaceafter {war ar bajenn \reftextvario{a-dal}{da heul}}%
126      \def\reftextfacebefore{war ar bajenn \reftextvario{a-dal}{a-raok}}%
127      \def\reftextafter     {war ar bajenn da heul}%
128      \def\reftextbefore    {war ar bajenn a-raok}%
129      \def\reftextcurrent   {war ar \reftextvario{bajenn-ma}{n}}%
130                                {bajenn war-wel}}%
131      \def\reftextfaraway#1{war ar bajenn~\pageref{#1}}%
132      \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{\vref@stringwarning\reftextpagerange
133                                on pages~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
134      \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\vref@stringwarning\reflabelpagerange
135                                \ref{#1} to~\ref{#2}}%
136    }}

Text for catalan defaults was contributed by Robert Fuster
(rfuster@mat.upv.es).
137 \DeclareOption{catalan}
138   {\vref@addto\extrascatalan{%
139     \def\reftextfaceafter {a la p\`agina seg\"uent}%
140     \def\reftextfacebefore{a la p\`agina anterior}%
141     \let\reftextafter     \reftextfaceafter
142     \let\reftextbefore    \reftextfacebefore
143     \def\reftextcurrent   {en aquesta p\`agina}%
144     \def\reftextfaraway#1{a la p\`agina~\pageref{#1}}%
145     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{a les
146                               p\`agines~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
147     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} a~\ref{#2}}%
148   }}

149 \DeclareOption{croatian}
150   {\vref@excuse{croatian}%
151    \vref@addto\extrascroatian{%
152      \def\reftextfaceafter {on the \reftextvario{facing}{next} page}%
153      \def\reftextfacebefore{on the \reftextvario{facing}{preceding}
154                                page}%
155      \def\reftextafter     {on the \reftextvario{following}{next} page}%
156      \def\reftextbefore    {on the \reftextvario{preceding}{previous} page}%
157      \def\reftextcurrent   {on \reftextvario{this}{the current} page}%
158      \def\reftextfaraway#1{on page~\pageref{#1}}%
159      \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{on pages~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
160      \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} to~\ref{#2}}%
161    }}

Defaults for the Czech option provided by Milan Vancura <milan@suse.cz>.
162 \DeclareOption{czech}

```

```

163  {%\vref@excuse{czech}%
164  \vref@addto\extrasczech{%
165  \def\reftextfaceafter {na n\`a\-\sle\-\du\-\j\`i c\`i\ stran\v{e}}%
166  \def\reftextfacebefore{na p\v{r}ed\-\choz\`i\ stran\v{e}}%
167  \def\reftextafter     {na n\`a\-\sle\-\du\-\j\`i c\`i\ stran\v{e}}%
168  \def\reftextbefore    {na p\v{r}ed\-\choz\`i\ stran\v{e}}%
169  \def\reftextcurrent   {na t\`eto stran\v{e}}%
170  \def\reftextfaraway#1{na stran\v{e}`\pageref{#1}}%
171  \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{na stran\`ach`\pageref{#1}`\pageref{#2}}%
172  \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} a\v{z}`\ref{#2}}%
173  }%

```

Defaults for Danish provided by Torsten Martinsen ([tmar91@kom.auc.dk](mailto:tmar91@kom.auc.dk)). Further defaults by Ole Laursen ([olau@hardworking.dk](mailto:olau@hardworking.dk)).

```

174 \DeclareOption{danish}
175  {\vref@addto\extrasdanish{%
176  \def\reftextfaceafter {p\aa{} \reftextvario{modst\aa{} ende}%
177  {n\ae{} ste} side}}%
178  \def\reftextfacebefore{p\aa{} \reftextvario{modst\aa{} ende}%
179  {forrige} side}}%
180  \def\reftextafter     {p\aa{} \reftextvario{den f\o{} lgende}%
181  {n\ae{} ste} side}}%
182  \def\reftextbefore    {p\aa{} \reftextvario{forrige side}%
183  {foreg\aa{} ende side}}%
184  \def\reftextcurrent   {p\aa{} denne side}}%
185  \def\reftextfaraway#1{p\aa{} side`\pageref{#1}}%
186  \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{p\aa{} side`\pageref{#1}`\pageref{#2}}%
187  \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} til`\ref{#2}}%
188  }%

```

Default string for dutch have been contributed by Frank Poppe ([POPPE@SWOV.NL](mailto:POPPE@SWOV.NL)). This option currently supports one additional string macro `\refpagename` so that you can easily change to `bladzijde` instead of `pagina` if you prefer this word for “page”. However, I will not guarantee that this will survive future versions of this package, so use it on your own risk (you can always update the full strings to be on the safe side).

```

189 \DeclareOption{dutch}
190  {\vref@addto\extrasdutch{%
191  \def\refpagename{pagina}}%
192  \def\reftextfaceafter {op de \reftextvario{rechter \refpagename}%
193  {\refpagename\ hiernaast}}}}%
194  \def\reftextfacebefore{op de \reftextvario{linker \refpagename}%
195  {\refpagename\ hiernaast}}}}%
196  \def\reftextafter     {op de \reftextvario{volgende \refpagename}%
197  {\refpagename\ hiernaast}}}}%
198  \def\reftextbefore    {op de \reftextvario{vorige \refpagename}%
199  {\refpagename\ hiervoor}}}}%
200  \def\reftextcurrent   {op deze \refpagename}}%
201  \def\reftextfaraway#1{op \refpagename`\pageref{#1}}%

```

Concerning the next defaults I received the following comment by Frederik Fouvry

<fouvry@coli.uni-sb.de>: “In the Dutch options (where I can exert a proper language judgement ;-), ‘t/m’ is not used in formal (scientific) texts. I would either use ‘–’ or ‘tot en met’ (the abbreviation written out). ”

```

202     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{op pagina's~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
203     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1}--\ref{#2}}%
204 }

205 \DeclareOption{english}
206   {\vref@addto\extrasenglish{%
207     \def\reftextfaceafter {on the \reftextvario{facing}{next} page}%
208     \def\reftextfacebefore{on the \reftextvario{facing}{preceding}%
209                               page}%
210     \def\reftextafter      {on the \reftextvario{following}{next} page}%
211     \def\reftextbefore     {on the \reftextvario{preceding}{previous} page}%
212     \def\reftextcurrent    {on \reftextvario{this}{the current} page}%
213     \def\reftextfaraway#1{on page~\pageref{#1}}%
214     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{on pages~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
215     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} to~\ref{#2}}%
216   }}

217 \DeclareOption{esperanto}
218   {\vref@excuse{esperanto}%
219   \vref@addto\extrasesperanto{%
220     \def\reftextfaceafter {on the \reftextvario{facing}{next} page}%
221     \def\reftextfacebefore{on the \reftextvario{facing}{preceding}%
222                               page}%
223     \def\reftextafter      {on the \reftextvario{following}{next} page}%
224     \def\reftextbefore     {on the \reftextvario{preceding}{previous} page}%
225     \def\reftextcurrent    {on \reftextvario{this}{the current} page}%
226     \def\reftextfaraway#1{on page~\pageref{#1}}%
227     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{on pages~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
228     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} to~\ref{#2}}%
229   }}}
```

The finnish strings were suggested by Matti Rintala ([bitti@cs.tut.fi](mailto:bitti@cs.tut.fi)).

```

230 \DeclareOption{finnish}
231   {\vref@addto\extrasfinnish{%
232     \def\reftextfaceafter {\reftextvario{viereisell\"a}%
233                               {seuraavalla} sivulla}%
234     \def\reftextfacebefore{\reftextvario{viereisell\"a}%
235                               {edellisell\"a} sivulla}%
236     \def\reftextafter      {seuraavalla sivulla}%
237     \def\reftextbefore     {edellisell\"a sivulla}%
238     \def\reftextcurrent    {t\"all\"a sivulla}%
239     \def\reftextfaraway#1{sivulla~\pageref{#1}}%
240     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{\vref@stringwarning\reftextpagerange
241                               on pages~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
242     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\vref@stringwarning\reflabelpagerange
243                               \ref{#1} to~\ref{#2}}%
244   }}}
```

French defaults are provided by Daniel Flippo ([Daniel.Flipo@univ-lille1.fr](mailto:Daniel.Flipo@univ-lille1.fr)).

```
245 \DeclareOption{french}
246   {\vref@addto\extrasfrench{%
247     \def\reftextfaceafter {page \reftextvario{ci-contre}{suivante}}%
248     \def\reftextfacebefore{page \reftextvario{ci-contre}%
249                               {pr\'ec\'edente}}%
250     \def\reftextafter    {page suivante}}%
251     \def\reftextbefore   {page pr\'ec\'edente}}%
252     \def\reftextcurrent  {de la pr\'esente page}}%
253     \def\reftextfaraway#1{page`\pageref{#1}}%
254     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{pages`\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
255     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} `a`\ref{#2}}%
256   }}}
```

Galician defaults are provided by Matthias Moebius  
([Matthias.Moebius@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:Matthias.Moebius@uni-konstanz.de)).

```
257 \DeclareOption{galician}
258   {\vref@excuse{galician}%
259   \vref@addto\extrasgalician{%
260     \def\reftextfaceafter {na seguinte p\'axina}}%
261     \def\reftextfacebefore{na p\'agina anterior}}%
262     \let\reftextafter \reftextfaceafter
263     \let\reftextbefore \reftextfacebefore
264     \def\reftextcurrent {nesta p\'axina}}%
265     \def\reftextfaraway#1{na p\'axina`\pageref{#1}}%
266     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{\vref@stringwarning\reftextpagerange
267                               on pages`\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
268     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\vref@stringwarning\reflabelpagerange
269                               \ref{#1} to`\ref{#2}}%
270   }}
```

There are no good variants for German (I think and still think but this is a matter of taste :-). The following definitions were recently suggested to me but since the original are in for a long time i don't want to change them now since that could make a lot of documents change their formatting. If you fancy them, add a redefinition of the corresponding macro(s) to the preamble of your document.

```
\def\reftextfaceafter {auf der \reftextvario
                      {gegen\"uberliegenden}{anderen} Seite}}%
\def\reftextfacebefore {auf der \reftextvario
                      {gegen\"uberliegenden}{anderen} Seite}}%
\def\reftextafter     {auf der \reftextvario
                      {n\"achsten}{folgenden} Seite}}%
\def\reftextbefore    {auf der \reftextvario
                      {vorigen}{vorhergehenden} Seite}}%
\def\reftextcurrent   {\reftextvario
                      {auf dieser}{diese} Seite}}%

271 \DeclareOption{german}
272   {\vref@addto\extrasgerman{%
```

```

273   \def\reftextfaceafter {auf der n\"achsten Seite}%
274   \def\reftextfacebefore{auf der vorherigen Seite}%
275   \let\reftextafter \reftextfaceafter
276   \let\reftextbefore \reftextfacebefore
277   \def\reftextcurrent {auf dieser Seite}%
278   \def\reftextfaraway#1{auf Seite~\pageref{#1}}%
279   \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{auf Seiten~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
280   \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} bis~\ref{#2}}%
281 }

```

The ngerman defaults are the same but needed for “Neue Rechtschreibung” (i.e., a different set of hyphenation patterns).

```

282 \DeclareOption{ngerman}
283   {\vref@addto\extrasngerman{%
284     \def\reftextfaceafter {auf der n\"achsten Seite}%
285     \def\reftextfacebefore{auf der vorherigen Seite}%
286     \let\reftextafter \reftextfaceafter
287     \let\reftextbefore \reftextfacebefore
288     \def\reftextcurrent {auf dieser Seite}%
289     \def\reftextfaraway#1{auf Seite~\pageref{#1}}%
290     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{auf Seiten~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
291     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} bis~\ref{#2}}%
292   }}

```

Defaults for greek suggested by Apostolos Syropoulos  
(apostolo@obelix.ee.duth.gr).

```

293 \DeclareOption{greek}
294   {\vref@addto\extrasgreek{%
295     \def\reftextfaceafter {sthn \reftextvario{paro'usa}%
296                               {ep'omenh} sel'ida}%
297     \def\reftextfacebefore{sthn \reftextvario{paro'usa}{prohgo'umehn}%
298                               sel'ida}%
299     \def\reftextafter {sthn ep'omenh sel'ida}%
300     \def\reftextbefore {sthn prohgo'umehn sel'ida}%
301     \def\reftextcurrent {s' aut'h th sel'ida}%
302     \def\reftextfaraway#1{sth sel'ida\nobreakspace\pageref{#1}}%
303     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{stis sel'ides\nobreakspace
304                               \pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
305     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} ws\nobreakspace\ref{#2}}%
306   }}

```

Defaults for Italian suggested by Giovanni Pensa (pensa@dsi.unimi.it) with iTExnici.

```

307 \DeclareOption{italian}
308   {\vref@addto\extrasitalian{%
309     \def\reftextfaceafter {\reftextvario{a fronte}%
310                               {nella pagina successiva}}%
311     \def\reftextfacebefore{\reftextvario{a fronte}%
312                               {nella pagina precedente}}%
313     \def\reftextafter {nella pagina \reftextvario{seguente}%
314                               {successiva}}%

```

```

315   \def\reftextbefore  {nella pagina precedente}%
316   \def\reftextcurrent {in questa pagina}%
317   \def\reftextfaraway#1{a pagina~\pageref{#1}}%
318   \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{\vref@stringwarning\reftextpagerange
319                           on pages~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
320   \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\vref@stringwarning\reflabelpagerange
321                           \ref{#1} to~\ref{#2}}%
322 }

```

Defaults for Hungarian by Jeff Goldberg ([jeffrey@goldmark.org](mailto:jeffrey@goldmark.org)). There is a problem with the use of the definite article *a* or *az* in Hungarian before expansions of `\vref` or `\ref`. The problem is that the word should be *az* if the number following would begin with a vowel if spelled out, and *a* if the number would begin with a consonant.

The option assumes that there is a command `\aza` defined which helps resolving this problem.<sup>1</sup>

```

323 \DeclareOption{magyar}
324   {\vref@addto\extrasmagyar{%
325     \def\reftextfaceafter {a k\"o\-\vet\-\kez\H{o} ol\-\da\-\lon}%
326     \def\reftextfacebefore{az el\H{o}\-z\H{o} ol\-\da\-\lon}%
327     \def\reftextfaceafter {\reftextvario{a t\ul\ol\da\lon}%
328                           {a k\"o\-\vet\-\kez\H{o} ol\-\da\-\lon}}%
329     \def\reftextfacebefore{\reftextvario{a t\ul\ol\da\lon}%
330                           {az el\H{o}\-z\H{o} ol\-\da\-\lon}}%
331     \def\reftextcurrent {ezzen az ol\-\da\-\lon}}%

```

The following suggested patch has not been added yet (pending changes in babel system).

```

\def\reftextfaraway#1{a~\csname @@magyar@az@lowxu\endcsname{\pageref{#1}}.\~ol\-\da\-\lon}%
\def\reftextpagerange#1#2{a~\csname @@magyar@az@lowxu\endcsname{\pageref{#1}}}%
--\pageref{#2}.\~ol\-\da\-\la\-\kon}%
\def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{{}\csname @@magyar@told\endcsname\ref{#1}+tol
\ref{#2}-ig}%
Dat: '{}' is here for anti-\capitalize
\def\reftextfaraway#1{\aza{\pageref{#1}} \pageref{#1}.\~ol\-\da\-\lon}%
\def\reftextpagerange#1#2{\vref@stringwarning\reftextpagerange
on pages~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
\def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\vref@stringwarning\reflabelpagerange
\ref{#1} to~\ref{#2}}%

```

The `\AtBeginDocument` needs to be executed when the option is processed and not inside the babel interface.

```

338 \AtBeginDocument{\providecommand\aza[1]{a/az}%
339   \PackageError{varioref}{%
340     Proper definition for command \noexpand\aza missing}%
341   {You need to (re)define the command \noexpand\aza that
342    takes one argument (a number or a \noexpand\pageref command)}%

```

---

<sup>1</sup>This information is actually quite old but unfortunately never made it into varioref. In case any work has been undertaken to resolve this please inform the author about it.

```

343     and produces the string ‘a’ or ‘az’ depending on the argument
344     value. It should also accept an optional argument (default ‘1’)
345     to denote whether or not the string should be lowercase or
346     uppercase .}}}%
```

```
347 }
```

The Norwegian and ‘nynorsk’ translations have been provided by Dag F Langmyhr <[dag@ifi.uio.no](mailto:dag@ifi.uio.no)> and Karl Ove Hufthammer <[hfutis@bigfoot.com](mailto:huftis@bigfoot.com)>.

```

348 \DeclareOption{norsk}
349   {\vref@addto\extrasnorisk{%
350     \def\reftextfaceafter {p\aa{} neste side}%
351     \def\reftextfacebefore{p\aa{} forrige side}%
352     \def\reftextafter     {p\aa{} neste side}%
353     \def\reftextbefore    {p\aa{} forrige side}%
354     \def\reftextcurrent   {p\aa{} denne siden}%
355     \def\reftextfaraway#1{p\aa{} side`\pageref{#1}}%
356     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{p\aa{} side`\pageref{#1}--`\pageref{#2}}%
357     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} til`\ref{#2}}%
358   }%
359 \DeclareOption{nynorsk}
360   {\vref@addto\extrasnynorsk{%
361     \def\reftextfaceafter {p\aa{} neste side}%
362     \def\reftextfacebefore{p\aa{} f\o{}rre side}%
363     \def\reftextafter     {p\aa{} neste side}%
364     \def\reftextbefore    {p\aa{} f\o{}rre side}%
365     \def\reftextcurrent   {p\aa{} denne sida}%
366     \def\reftextfaraway#1{p\aa{} side`\pageref{#1}}%
367     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{p\aa{} side`\pageref{#1}--`\pageref{#2}}%
368     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} til`\ref{#2}}%
369   }}}
```

The polish translations have been provided by Tomasz Michniewski <[tomekm@ias.waw.pl](mailto:tomekm@ias.waw.pl)>. The use of the command `\eob` and `aob` etc. requires appropriate definitions as provided, for example, by the babel system. This should probably be handled differently but it would require modifications in babel’s language support.

```

370 \DeclareOption{polish}
371   {\vref@addto\extraspolish{%
372     \def\reftextfaceafter {na \reftextvario{s\ao{}siedniej}%
373                               {nast\eo{}pnaj} stronie}%
374     \def\reftextfacebefore{na \reftextvario{s\ao{}siedniej}%
375                               {poprzedniej} stronie}%
376     \def\reftextafter     {na nast\eo{}pnaj stronie}%
377     \def\reftextbefore    {na poprzedniej stronie}%
378     \def\reftextcurrent   {na \reftextvario{tej}%
379                               {samej}{bie\zkb{}\ao{}cej} stronie}%
380     \def\reftextfaraway#1{na \pageref{#1}`stronie}%
381     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{na stronach`\pageref{#1}--`\pageref{#2}}%
382     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{od`\ref{#1} do`\ref{#2}}%
383   }}}
```

The portuguese default text has been provided by José Carlos Oliveira Santos  
jcsantos@fc.up.pt.

```

384 \DeclareOption{portuges}
385   {\vref@addto\extraportuges{%
386     \def\reftextfaceafter {na \reftextvario{p\'agina ao lado}{pr\'oxima
387                               p\'agina}}%
388     \def\reftextfacebefore{na p\'agina \reftextvario{ao lado}{anterior}}%
389     \def\reftextafter      {na \reftextvario{p\'agina seguinte}{pr\'oxima
390                               p\'agina}}%
391     \def\reftextbefore{na p\'agina \reftextvario{anterior}{precedente}}%
392     \def\reftextcurrent   {nesta p\'agina}%
393     \def\reftextfaraway#1{na p\'agina~\pageref{#1}}%
394     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{nas p\'aginas~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
395     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} a~\ref{#2}}%
396   }%
397 \DeclareOption{romanian}
398   {\vref@excuse{romanian}%
399    \vref@addto\extrasromanian{%
400      \def\reftextfaceafter {on the \reftextvario{facing}{next} page}%
401      \def\reftextfacebefore{on the \reftextvario{facing}{preceding}
402                           page}%
403      \def\reftextafter     {on the \reftextvario{following}{next} page}%
404      \def\reftextbefore    {on the \reftextvario{preceding}{previous} page}%
405      \def\reftextcurrent   {on \reftextvario{this}{the current} page}%
406      \def\reftextfaraway#1{on page~\pageref{#1}}%
407      \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{on pages~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
408      \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} to~\ref{#2}}%
409    }%

```

The text for russian was taken from the book in Russian by I. A. Kotelnikov and P. Z. Chebotaev, and adapted to the encoding-independent form by Vladimir Volovich (vvv@vsu.ru).

```

410 \DeclareOption{russian}
411   {\vref@addto\extrasrussian{%
412     \def\reftextfaceafter{\cyrn\cyra\ \reftextvario{\cyrp\cyrr\cyro
413                               \cyrt\cyri\cyrv\cyro\cyrp\cyro\cyrl\cyro\cyrzh\cyrn\cyro\cyrishrt}%
414                               {\crys\cyrl\cyre\cyrd\cyru\cyryu\cyrshch\cyre\cyrishrt}\ \crys\cyrt
415                               \cyrr\cyra\cyrn\cyri\cyrc\cyre}%
416     \def\reftextfacebefore{\cyrn\cyra\ \reftextvario{\cyrp\cyrr\cyro
417                               \cyrt\cyri\cyrv\cyro\cyrp\cyro\cyrl\cyro\cyrzh\cyrn\cyro\cyrishrt}%
418                               {\cyp\cyrr\cyre\cyrd\cyrery\cyrd\cyru\cyrshch\cyre\cyrishrt}\ \crys\cyrt\cyrr\cyra\cyrn\cyri\cyrc\cyre}%
419     \def\reftextafter{\cyrn\cyra\ \crys\cyrl\cyre\cyrd\cyru\cyryu\cyrshch
420                               \cyre\cyrishrt\ \crys\cyrt\cyrr\cyra\cyrn\cyri\cyrc\cyre}%
421     \def\reftextbefore{\cyrn\cyra\ \reftextvario{\cyrp\cyrr\cyre\cyrd
422                               \cyrsh\cyre\crys\cyrt\cyrv\cyru\cyryu\cyrshch\cyre\cyrishrt}%
423                               {\cyp\cyrr\cyre\cyrd\cyrery\cyrd\cyru\cyrshch\cyre\cyrishrt}\ \crys\cyrt\cyrr\cyra\cyrn\cyri\cyrc\cyre}%
424     \def\reftextcurrent{\cyrn\cyra\ \reftextvario{\cyrerev\cyrt\cyro
425                               \cyrishrt}\ {\cyrd\cyra\cyrn\cyri\cyro\cyrishrt}\ \crys\cyrt\cyrr

```

```

428      \cyra\cyrn\cyri\cyrc\cyre}%
429      \def\reftextfaraway#1{\cyrn\cyra\ \cyrs.^{\pageref{#1}}\%
430      \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{\cyrn\cyra\ \cyrs\cyrt\cyrr\cyra\cyrn
431          \cyri\cyrc\cyra\cyrh^{\pageref{#1}}--{\pageref{#2}}\%
432      \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\cyrs^{\ref{#1}}\ \cyrp\cyro^{\ref{#2}}\%
433  }

```

The text for slovak defaults was contributed by Miroslav Sedivy  
([miro@slovensko.com](mailto:<miro@slovensko.com>)).

```

434 \DeclareOption{slovak}
435   {\vref@addto\extrasslovak{%
436     \def\reftextfaceafter {na \reftextvario{proti\v{lahlej}}\%
437         {nasleduj\'ucej} strane}\%
438     \def\reftextfacebefore{na \reftextvario{proti\v{lahlej}}\%
439         {predch\'adzaj\'ucej} strane}\%
440     \def\reftextafter    {na \reftextvario{nasleduj\'ucej}}\%
441         {\v{dal}\v{sej} strane}\%
442     \def\reftextbefore   {na \reftextvario{predch\'adzaj\'ucej}}\%
443         {predo\v{slej} strane}\%
444     \def\reftextcurrent {na tejto strane}\%
445     \def\reftextfaraway#1{na strane^{\pageref{#1}}}\%
446     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{na stran\'ach^{\pageref{#1}}--{\pageref{#2}}}\%
447     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} a\v{z}^{\ref{#2}}}\%
448  }

```

The text for slovene defaults was contributed by Roman Maurer  
([roman.maurer@amis.net](mailto:<roman.maurer@amis.net>)).

```

449 \DeclareOption{slovene}
450   {\vref@addto\extrasslovene{%
451     \def\reftextfaceafter {na naslednji strani}\%
452     \def\reftextfacebefore{na prej\v{s}nji strani}\%
453     \let\reftextafter    \reftextfaceafter
454     \let\reftextbefore   \reftextfacebefore
455     \def\reftextcurrent {na \reftextvario{tej}{trenutni} strani}\%
456     \def\reftextfaraway#1{na strani^{\pageref{#1}}}\%
457     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{na straneh^{\pageref{#1}}--{\pageref{#2}}}\%
458     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\od^{\ref{#1}} do^{\ref{#2}}}\%
459  }

```

Text for spanish defaults was contributed by Julio Sanchez ([jsanchez@gmv.es](mailto:jsanchez@gmv.es))  
and Fernando Dobladez ([ferd@fuego.com](mailto:<ferd@fuego.com>)).

```

460 \DeclareOption{spanish}
461   {\vref@addto\extrasspanish{%
462     \def\reftextfaceafter {en la p\'agina siguiente}\%
463     \def\reftextfacebefore{en la p\'agina anterior}\%
464     \let\reftextafter    \reftextfaceafter
465     \let\reftextbefore   \reftextfacebefore
466     \def\reftextcurrent {en esta p\'agina}\%
467     \def\reftextfaraway#1{en la p\'agina^{\pageref{#1}}}\%
468     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{en las p\'aginas^{\pageref{#1}}\%
469                     --{\pageref{#2}}}\%

```

```

470      \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} a~\ref{#2}}%
471  }
The text for swedish was contributed by Mats Dahlgren (matsd@sssk.se).
472 \DeclareOption{swedish}
473   {\vref@addto\extrasswedish{%
474     \def\reftextfaceafter {p\aa\ \reftextvario{motst\aa ende}%
475                               {n\"{a}sta} sida}%
476     \def\reftextfacebefore{p\aa\ \reftextvario{motst\aa ende}%
477                               {f\"{o}reg\aa ende} sida}%
478     \def\reftextafter     {p\aa\ \reftextvario{f\"{o}ljande}%
479                               {n\"{a}sta} sida}%
480     \def\reftextbefore    {p\aa\ f\"{o}reg\aa ende sida}%
481     \def\reftextcurrent   {p\aa\ denna sida}%
482     \def\reftextfaraway#1{p\aa\ sidan~\pageref{#1}}%
483     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{p\aa\
484                               sidorna~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
485     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} till~\ref{#2}}%
486   }}
487 \DeclareOption{turkish}
488   {\vref@excuse{turkish}%
489   \vref@addto\extrasturkish{%
490     \def\reftextfaceafter {on the \reftextvario{facing}{next} page}%
491     \def\reftextfacebefore{on the \reftextvario{facing}{preceding}%
492                               page}%
493     \def\reftextafter     {on the \reftextvario{following}{next} page}%
494     \def\reftextbefore    {on the \reftextvario{preceding}{previous} page}%
495     \def\reftextcurrent   {on \reftextvario{this}{the current} page}%
496     \def\reftextfaraway#1{on page~\pageref{#1}}%
497     \def\reftextpagerange#1#2{on pages~\pageref{#1}--\pageref{#2}}%
498     \def\reftextlabelrange#1#2{\ref{#1} to~\ref{#2}}%
499   }}

```

We support francais as an alternative to french since people might be used to it, but we discourage it.

```

500 \DeclareOption{francais}{%
501   \typeout{Please use 'french' instead of 'francais'}%
502   \ExecuteOptions{french}%
503 \DeclareOption{germanb}{%
504   \typeout{Please use 'german' instead of 'germanb'}%
505   \ExecuteOptions{german}%

```

During document preparation errors due to \vref are usually of not much interest. For this reason the draft option turns them into warnings by issuing a \vrefwarning command. The final option (default) stops with an error message when varioref detects a possible loop.

```

506 \DeclareOption{draft}{\AtEndOfPackage\vrefwarning}%
507 \DeclareOption{final}{\AtEndOfPackage\vrefshowerrors} % the default

```

After all options are declared we execute the default option english to set up the defaults and then call \ProcessOptions\* to handle any option passed to the

package. The star form is used since we want to execute the options in the order they are given (in case this isn't used together with the `babel` package).

```
508 \ExecuteOptions{english,final}
509 \ProcessOptions*
```

## 7.2 Defining the main macros

`\vr@cnt` To generate new labels we use a counter and construct the internal label names by prefixing the current counter value with the string `vr@`. We need a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X counter to get `\includes` handled correctly.

```
510 \newcounter{vrcnt}
```

`\vpageref` The command `\vpageref` generates the appropriate string by first parsing the optional arguments (if any) and then compares the internal and the user label. This command should be robust since the user might put it anywhere.

We now start by scanning for a star which means: do not add a space in front of the generated text—ever.

```
511 \DeclareRobustCommand\vpageref{\@ifstar
512   {\let\vref@space\relax\vp@geref}%
513   {\let\vref@space\space\vp@geref}%
514 \def\vp@geref{\@ifnextchar[%
```

The default for the first optional argument is the string hidden in the macro `\reftextcurrent`.

```
515   \@vpageref{\@vpageref[\reftextcurrent]}%
516 }
```

`\vref@space` A default for `\vref@space`. This isn't really needed except in the case that somebody has hooked into the `varioref` interfaces at a lower level (which isn't really supported, but...). So giving a default will prevent an error message in that case (and should hopefully produce the same behavior as before).

```
517 \let\vref@space\space
```

`\@vpageref` More parsing...

```
518 \def\@vpageref[#1]{\@ifnextchar[%
```

The default for the second optional argument is a space which is prefixed by `\unskip` to get rid of any leading space inserted already.

```
519 {\@vpageref[#1]{\@vpageref[#1][\unskip\vref@space]}}
```

`\@vpageref` The `\@vpageref` macro finally generates the references by comparing the value of an internal label with the value of the user label.

```
520 \def\@vpageref#1[#2]#3{%
```

First it switches to horizontal mode if necessary and also removes any leading space.

```
521 \leavevmode\unskip
```

Then it advances the counter `\c@vrcnt` by one which is used to generate internal label names.

522 \global\advance\c@vrcnt\@ne

Then it checks if for the current value of `\c@vrcnt` a label command was issued in the last run. If not it pretends that there was one with the value `{??}{??}`. Thereafter it stores the the pageref value for this label in the macro `\@tempa`.

523 \vref@pagenum\@tempa{\the\c@vrcnt \c@vr}{%

Here we check that the generated text is not going across a page boundary.

524 \vref@pagenum\@tempb{\the\c@vrcnt @xvr}%

In version 1.0l the label string has been turned around so that the number comes first. This was done to allow easy explicit expansion of the number before it is passed to the `\label` command. In the babel system the argument of `label` was not expanded with the result that wrong label strings have been generated. This is a general problem that might need a completely different solution in babel but for now the change below (and in some other places in the code) should solve the problem for this special combination of packages.

These days we actually use `\vref@label` instead of `\label` as this avoids problems with Babel or `amsmath` redefining the latter command.

525 \vref@label{\the\c@vrcnt @xvr}%

Inside displays of the `amsmath` package the `\label` command is redefined which makes the test for loops incorrect if a `\vref` is used in, say, `\intertext`. So we test this condition first and only do the test if `\label` doesn't have a special meaning. This is no longer necessary as `\label` isn't used any more]

```
526 % \ifx\label\label@in@display\else  
527     \ifx@\tempa@\tempb\else
```

If both points do not fall onto the same page with either issue an error or a warning message.

```
528     \vref@err{\noexpand\vref or \noexpand\vpageref at page boundary  
529             @tempb-\@tempa\space (may loop)%  
530         }%  
531     \fi  
532 % \fi
```

Same game for the user requested label; this time the page reference is saved in `\thevpagerefnum`.

533 \vrefpagenum{\thepagerefnum{#3}}%

Now after the internal label has served its purpose it would be nice to free the memory it occupies by using something like

```
\global\expandafter\let  
    \csname r@\the\c@vrcnt \vr\endcsname\empty
```

But this is not possible because it would result in getting ‘Labels may have changed...’ warnings for every run. Now we are ready to produce the textual

strings. Since we have removed any leading space we now insert a space (unless this was the star form of the command) and then compare the two page references.

```
534 \vref@space
535 \ifx\@tempa\thevpagerefnum
```

If they are the same we insert the first argument into the input stream. Otherwise we insert the second argument. Recall that those are the two optional arguments of .... However, if the user explicitly requested an empty text string using the optional argument we cancel any preceding space.

```
536 \def\@tempc{#1}%
537 \ifx\@tempc\empty
538   \unskip
539 \else
540   #1%
541 \fi
542 \else
543   #2%
```

Now we check if the page number of the referenced object (stored in \thevpagerefnum is a single positive number.

```
544 \is@pos@number\thevpagerefnum
545 {%
```

If so, we check if the current position (stored in \@tempa) is a positive number. If this is the case we assign this number to the counter register \@tempcnta and add one to it.

```
546 \is@pos@number\@tempa
547 { \@tempcnta\@tempa
548   \advance\@tempcnta\@ne
549 }%
```

If it is not a positive number we assign the largest possible number to \@tempcnta and thereby pretending that label and reference are miles away from each other.

```
550 {\@tempcnta\maxdimen}%
```

Now we are ready to check if reference and object are on nearby pages. \thevpagerefnum will expand to the page number of the object (and we know that this is a number) and \@tempcnta is either one higher than the reference page or completely out of bounds. So if both represent the same value then the object lies one page after its reference.

```
551 \ifnum \thevpagerefnum =\@tempcnta
```

Thus if the object falls onto an odd page then the reference is on the facing even page (and so we insert \reftextfaceafter), otherwise the object can not be seen from the reference (and we insert \reftextafter). Don't be surprised if we are not using \thevpagerefnum in the check. Since \@tempcnta has the same value it is faster to use the register instead of parsing the macro contents anew.

```
552 \ifodd\@tempcnta
```

In fact we are going to use \reftextfaceafter only if we are doing two-sided printing, otherwise \reftextafter is always used. Since the value of \if@twoside

is evaluated before reading in packages we could do better (saving some tokens) by defining the current macro in dependence of this boolean.

```

553      \if@twoside
554          \reftextfaceafter
555      \else
556          \reftextafter
557      \fi
558      \else
559          \reftextafter
560      \fi

```

If the object is not on the page following the reference we check if it is on the page before the reference. In L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X this situation is not too common, for example with floats it normally does not occur, but of course it isn't impossible if you have more than one reference to the same object, or if you have back references to sections, theorems, etc. To test this we now subtract two from the current value of `\@tempcnta` (which was set to one higher as the reference page number). Note, that subtraction is also possible if the value was `\maxdimen` — we still get something that is much larger than any sensible page number.

```

561      \else
562          \advance\@tempcnta-2

```

If now `\thevpagerefnum` and `\@tempcnta` have the same value then the object lies one page before the reference.

```
563      \ifnum \thevpagerefnum =\@tempcnta
```

Again we have to check for odd or even pages to distinguish between the facing and the non-facing situation.

```

564      \ifodd\@tempcnta
565          \reftextbefore
566      \else

```

Again the `\reftextfacebefore` only if `@twoside` evaluates to true.

```

567          \if@twoside
568              \reftextfacebefore
569          \else
570              \reftextbefore
571          \fi
572      \fi

```

If the above test also returns false then we have objects and references on pages which are far away or don't contain simple page numbers. Therefore we generate the `\reftextfaraway` string. Recall that this is a macro which has the user label as an argument.

```

573      \else
574          \reftextfaraway{#3}%
575      \fi
576      \fi
577  }%

```

We do the same if our first test (that the page with the object has a positive page number) turns out to be false.

```
578     {\reftextfaraway{#3}}%
579 \fi
```

Finally we generate the internal label so that it can be checked on the next run. This means that we compare the position after the string with the position of the referenced object. There is one thing to note: to conserve space we locally make `\@currentlabel` empty since we are only interested in the page number value of this internal label.

These days we actually use `\vref@label` instead of `\label` as this avoids problems with Babel or `amsmath` redefining the latter command.

```
580 \vref@label{\the\c@vrcnt @vr}%
581 }
```

**\vref@label** This macro is like `\label` in the kernel but without passing on `\@currentlabel`, ie useful if all we are interested in is the page number. It also has the effect that it is unaffected by `amsmath` or Babel redefining the `\label` command.

```
582 \def\vref@label#1{\@bsphack
583 \protected@write\@auxout{}{%
584   \string\newlabel{#1}{{}\{\thepage\}}%
585 \@esphack}
```

**\vpagerefnum** This macro allows to define `\reftextafter` and friends to refer to the page number rather than producing a textual reference.

```
586 \let\thepagerefnum\empty
```

**\vrefwarning** When the `\vref` command detects a possible crossing over a page boundary it  
**\vrefshowerrors** will call `\vref@err` to generate an error message. During document preparation  
**\vref@err** one can turn such errors into warnings by issuing a `\vrefwarning` declaration.

```
587 \def\vrefwarning{\def\vref@err{\PackageWarning{varioref}}}
588 \def\vrefshowerrors{\def\vref@err##1{\PackageError{varioref}{##1}%
589   {Please check the pages in question. You might need to replace
590   the \string\vref\MessageBreak
591   or \noexpand\vpageref by a normal \noexpand\page ref to
592   stop LaTeX running forever.}}}
```

**\vref** We start by scanning for a star form in which case we do not put any space before the generated text (only remove some).

**\vr@f**

```
593 \DeclareRobustCommand\vref{\@ifstar
594   {\let\vref@space\relax\vr@f}%
595   {\let\vref@space\nobreakspace\vr@f}}
```

And now we do the real work...

```
596 \def\vr@f#1{%
```

The use of `\nobreakspace` or `\~` after the `\unskip` means that this command will always produce a normal space while something like `\nobreak\space` will react to settings of `\nonfrenchspacing`. Unfortunately the latter will also act in cases where one really wants a normal space, e.g., in Fig. `\vref{..}`, resulting in a large extra space after the dot. For this reason the first solution is used.

Above comments all refer to the earlier versions where there was no possibility to suppress the space at all. By now we have `\vref*` and `\vpageref*` to suppress the internally generated space by redefining `\vref@space` appropriately.

```
597 \leavevmode\unskip\vref@space
598 \ref{#1}\%
```

That means we have to use `\vpageref` and not the internal `\@vpageref` — otherwise we would pick up the “current” definition for `\vref@space` instead of setting it back to `\space`.

```
599 \vpageref[\unskip]{#1}\}
```

`\is@pos@number` The utility macro `\is@pos@number` takes three arguments: a string that is tested for being a valid integer and the actions to be taken in case the test comes out true or false.

We start by passing the string to the macro `\is@pos@num` after prefixing it with a 0 and adding a space after it. To have a well defined ending point we also add `\@nil` at the end.

```
600 \def\is@pos@number#1{\is@pos@num#1\space\@nil}
```

Now we parse the enlarged string into a counter register. To get control back after everything that is regarded by TeX as a number is put into that register we assign `\is@pos@num@` to the `\afterassignment` token. Since the string started with 0, we can be sure that the register assignment will be carried out without an error message. In case of counter assignments leading zeros are discarded.

```
601 \def\is@pos@num{\afterassignment\is@pos@num@\count@}
```

Now we have to check whether or not the whole string was parsed into that register or some remainder was left over. Since we have added a `\@nil` token at the very end we can use that to delimit the argument of `\is@pos@num@`. Note, that the added space in `\is@pos@number` above gets parsed away by the counter assignment. If it would be missing, and the full string would consist of a number, TeX would try to replace `\@nil` by its definition to see if it would contain additional digits and thus we would be in trouble at this point.

```
602 \def\is@pos@num@#1\@nil{%
```

Now we have to check if the argument is empty. We can do this with an `\if` test (i.e., in an expandable way) since we know for sure that it can not start with a digit

```
603 \if0#10%
```

Depending on the result we execute the second or third argument of the command `\is@pos@number` using a technique that removes the `\else` or `\fi` from the input stream first, so that in principle input stream parsing could be done from within the arguments.

```

604      \expandafter\@firstoftwo \else
605      \expandafter\@secondoftwo \fi}

```

**\reftextvario** This macro gives a little bit of random variation in the text because the outcome depends on the number of `\vref` commands seen before.

```

606 \def\reftextvario#1{\ifodd\c@vrcnt #1\else#2\fi}

```

**\fullref** And here is the primitive command that always produces a `\ref` and a `\pageref`.

```

607 \def\fullref#1{\ref{#1} \reftextfaraway{#1}}

```

### 7.2.1 Supporting ranges

**\vref@pagenum** This command takes a label as #1 extracts the page number associated with it and saves the result in a csname which is passed as #1. If the label isn't associates with a page number it essentially associates it with ?? for both the label number and the page, thus defining the label this way. This means that no label warning is generated for this label in case it is undefined.

```

608 \def\vref@pagenum#1#2{%
609   \@ifundefined{r@#2}{\@namedef{r@#2}{{??}{??}}}{()}%
610   \edef#1{\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter
611           \@cdr\csname r@#2\endcsname
612           \@nil}%
613 }

```

**\vrefpagenum** Same as the above but this time we generate a warning for undefined labels.

```

614 \def\vrefpagenum#1#2{%
615   \@ifundefined{r@#2}%
616   {\G@refundefinedtrue
617     \G@warning{Reference ‘#2’ on page \thepage \space
618               undefined}{}%
619   \vref@pagenum{#1}{#2}}

```

**\vpagerefrange** If both labels refer to the same page then we produce a `\vpageref`. Otherwise we produce the result of `\reftextpagerange`.

**\@svpagerefrange** One could think of making this command even more clever by producing a special string if the difference between the two page number is one (but this is not done).

We need two versions to implement a star form:

```

620 \newcommand\@svpagerefrange[3][\reftextcurrent]{%
621   \vrefpagenum\@tempa{#2}%
622   \vrefpagenum\@tempb{#3}%
623   \ifx\@tempa\@tempb
624     \vpageref*[#1]{#2}%
625   \else
626     \reftextpagerange{#2}{#3}%
627   \fi
628 }

```

And the same but using `\vpageref`:

```
629 \newcommand{\vpagerefrange}[3]{\ref{textcurrent}{%
630   \vrefpagenum{\tempa{#2}}%
631   \vrefpagenum{\tempb{#3}}%
632   \ifx{\tempa}{\tempb}%
633     \vpageref[#1]{#2}%
634   \else
635     \ref{textpage}{#2}{#3}%
636   \fi
637 }
```

And here we put things together.

```
638 \newcommand{\vpagerefrange}{\@ifstar{\svpagerefrange}{\vpagerefrange}}
```

```
\vrefrange
```

```
639 \newcommand{\vrefrange}[3]{\ref{textcurrent}{%
640   \ref{textlabel}{#2}{#3} \vpagerefrange[#1]{#2}{#3}}}
```

### 7.3 An extension of counter referencing

`\refstepcounter` At the moment a reference to a counter `foo` will generate the equivalent of `\p@foo\thefoo` although not quite in this form. For some applications it would be nice if one could have `\thefoo` being an argument to `\p@foo` to be able to put material before and after the number generated by `\thefoo`. This can be easily achieved with a small change to one of the kernel commands as follows:

```
641 \def\refstepcounter#1{\stepcounter{#1}%
642   \protected@edef{\currentlabel}{%
643     {\csname p@#1\expandafter\endcsname\csname the#1\endcsname}%
644   }}
```

The trick is to ensure that `\csname the#1\endcsname` is turned into a single token before `\p@...` is expanded further. This way, if the `\p@...` command is a macro with one argument it will receive `\the....`. With the kernel code (i.e., without the `\expandafter`) it will instead pick up `\csname` which would be disastrous.

Using `\expandafter` instead of braces delimiting the argument is better because, assuming that the `\p@...` command is not defined as a macro with one argument, the braces will stay and prohibit kerning that might otherwise happen between the glyphs generated by `\the...` and surrounding glyphs.

`\labelformat` A shortcut to set the `\p@...` macro for a counter. It will pick up the counter representation as an argument so that it can be specially formatted.

```
645 \def\labelformat#1{\expandafter\def\csname p@#1\endcsname##1}
```

`\Ref` This macro expands the result of `\ref` and then uppercases the first token. Only useful if the label was generated via `\labelformat` and contains some lower case letter at its start. If the label starts with a complicated construct (e.g., an accented

letter) one has to surround everything that needs uppercasing in a brace group in the definition of `\labelformat`.<sup>2</sup>

```
646 \DeclareRobustCommand\Ref[1]{\protected@edef\@tempa{\ref{\#1}}}%  
647     \expandafter\MakeUppercase\@tempa}
```

`\Vref` `\Vref` is the counterpart to `\vref` with `\ref` replaced by `\Ref` in its definition.

```
\Vr@f 648 \DeclareRobustCommand\Vref{\@ifstar  
649     {\let\vref@space\relax\Vr@f}%  
650     {\let\vref@space\nobreakspace\Vr@f}}}  
651 \def\Vr@f#1{  
652     \leavevmode\unskip\vref@space  
653     \Ref{\#1}%  
654     \v@pageref[\unskip]{\#1}}
```

```
655 </package>
```

---

<sup>2</sup>There is one problem with this approach: the braces are kept in a normal `\ref` which might spoil kerning. Perhaps one day this needs redoing.