Interrupting, cancelling

ESC	end insert or incomplete cmd
^?	(delete or rubout) interrupts
^L	reprint screen if **^?** scrambles it

File manipulation

:w	write back changes
:wq	write and quit
:q	quit
:q!	quit, discard changes
:e *name*	edit file *name*
:e!	reedit, discard changes
:e + *name*	edit, starting at end
:e +*n*	edit starting at line *n*
:e #	edit alternate file
^↑	synonym for **:e #**
:w *name*	write file *name*
:w! *name*	overwrite file *name*
:sh	run shell, then return
:!*cmd*	run *cmd*, then return
:n	edit next file in arglist
:n *args*	specify new arglist
:f	show current file and line
^G	synonym for **:f**
:ta *tag*	to tag file entry *tag*
^]	**:ta**, following word is *tag*

Positioning within file

^F	forward screenfull
^B	backward screenfull
^D	scroll down half screen
^U	scroll up half screen
G	goto line (end default)
/pat	next line matching *pat*
?*pat*	prev line matching *pat*
n	repeat last / or **?**
N	reverse last / or **?**
/pat/+n	n’th line after *pat*
?*pat***?**−*n*	n’th line before *pat*
]]	next section/function
[[	previous section/function
%	find matching **( )** { or }

Adjusting the screen

^L	clear and redraw
^R	retype, eliminate @ lines
zCR	redraw, current at window top
z−	... at bottom
z .	... at center
*/pat/***z−**	*pat* line at bottom
z*n* **.**	use *n* line window
^E	scroll window down 1 line
^Y	scroll window up 1 line

Marking and returning

``` `` ```	previous context
´´	... at first non-white in line
m*x*	mark position with letter *x*
`` `x ``	to mark *x*
´*x*	... at first non-white in line

Line positioning

H	home window line
L	last window line
M	middle window line
+	next line, at first non-white
−	previous line, at first non-white
CR	return, same as +
↓ or **j**	next line, same column
↑ or **k**	previous line, same column

Character positioning

↑	first non white
0	beginning of line
$	end of line
h or →	forward
l or ←	backwards
^H	same as ←
space	same as →
f*x*	find *x* forward
F*x*	**f** backward
t*x*	upto *x* forward
T*x*	back upto *x*
;	repeat last **f F t** or **T**
,	inverse of **;**
|	to specified column
%	find matching **({** **)** or **}**

Words, sentences, paragraphs

w	word forward
b	back word
e	end of word
)	to next sentence
}	to next paragraph
(	back sentence
{	back paragraph
W	blank delimited word
B	back **W**
E	to end of **W**

Commands for LISP

)	Forward s-expression
}	... but don’t stop at atoms
(	Back s-expression
{	... but don’t stop at atoms

Corrections during insert

^H	erase last character
^W	erases last word
erase	your erase, same as **^H**
kill	your kill, erase input this line
\	escapes **^H**, your erase and kill
ESC	ends insertion, back to command
^?	interrupt, terminates insert
^D	backtab over *autoindent*
↑^D	kill *autoindent*, save for next
0^D	... but at margin next also
^V	quote non-printing character

Insert and replace

a	append after cursor
i	insert before
A	append at end of line
I	insert before first non-blank
o	open line below
O	open above
r*x*	replace single char with *x*
R	replace characters

Operators (double to affect lines)

d	delete
c	change
<	left shift
>	right shift
!	filter through command
=	indent for LISP
y	yank lines to buffer

Miscellaneous operations

C	change rest of line
D	delete rest of line
s	substitute chars
S	substitute lines
J	join lines
x	delete characters
X	... before cursor
Y	yank lines

Yank and put

p	put back lines
P	put before
"*x***p**	put from buffer *x*
"*x***y**	yank to buffer *x*
"*x***d**	delete into buffer *x*

Undo, redo, retrieve

u	undo last change
U	restore current line
.	repeat last change
"*d* **p**	retrieve *d*’th last delete