Bullets (•) mark a suggested starting set of commands. Daggers (†) denote key bindings that are not standard in GNU Emacs. *ARG* denotes the prefix numeric argument (entered with `C-u` or `M-`*digit*).

Cursor motion.

C-f	Forward character.•
M-f	Forward word.•
C-e	Forward to end of line.•
C-b	Backward character.•
M-b	Backward word.•
C-a	Backward to start of line.•
M-e	Forward sentence.
M-[	Forward paragraph.
M-a	Backward sentence.
M-]	Backward paragraph.

C-n	Next line.•
C-p	Previous line.•
M-<	Beginning of buffer.•
M->	End of buffer.•
C-v	Scroll text up one screen (or *ARG* lines).•
M-v	Scroll text down (or *ARG* lines).•
M-g	Go to line number *ARG*.†
M-x what-line	Display line number.
C-M-v	Scroll other window up one screen (or *ARG* lines).

Marking regions of text

C-@	Set mark at point.•
C-x C-x	Exchange mark and point.•
C-SPC	Same as C-@.
M-@	Set mark after end of next word.
M-h	Set mark and point around current paragraph.
C-x h	Set mark and point around current buffer.

Deletion and yanking

DEL	Delete character before cursor.•
M-DEL	Delete word before cursor and add to kill buffer.•

C-d	Delete character at cursor.•
M-d	Delete word at and after cursor and add to kill buffer.•
C-k	Delete to end of line and add to kill buffer.•
M-W	Delete current region, and add to kill buffer.†•
M-\	Delete surrounding blanks and tabs.
M-SPC	Delete all but one surrounding blank.
C-x C-o	Delete all but one surrounding blank line.
C-M-w	Cause next command, if a kill, to append to previous kill buffer, instead of new one.

C-y	Insert text from kill buffer at point.•
C-u C-y	Insert text from kill buffer at point without moving point.
M-y	Replace preceding `C-y` text with next most recent kill buffer.
M-w	Copy region to kill buffer, no deletion.

Indentation

TAB	Indent according to mode.•
LF	Same as RET TAB.
M-;	Indent and start comment.
M-LF	Continue comment on next line.
C-x TAB	Indent region rigidly by *ARG*.
C-M-\	Indent region according to mode.•

Search

C-s	Search forward.•
C-s C-s	Same as `C-s` with last string.•
C-r	Search backward.•
C-r C-r	Same as `C-r` with last string.•
C-u C-s	Search forward for regular expression.
M-x occur	Display lines matching a regular expression.
M-x grep	Display results of UNIX `grep` utility.
M-x count-matches	

The following subcommands are valid during a search.

RET	End search.•
DEL	Undo effect of last search character typed.•
C-g	Abort search.•
C-s	Search for next match forward.•
C-r	Search for next match backward.•
C-q	Quote next character.
C-w	Extend search string with next word.
LFD	Extend search string with rest of line.

Replacement

`M-q`	Query replace.●†
`M-Q`	Query replace regular expression.†
`M-x delete-matching-lines`	
`M-x delete-non-matching-lines`	

During a query-replacement, the following are valid responses to prompts.

`SPC`	Make replacement and go to next.●
`DEL`	Skip replacement and go to next.●
`RET`	End replacement.●
`!`	Replace all remaining instances without asking.●
`C-r`	Enter recursive edit; return with `C-M-c`.

Regular expressions

`.`	Match any character.●
`^`	Match at start of line.●
`$`	Match at end of line.●
`[...]`	Match any character in the '...'.●
`[^...]`	Match any character except those in '...'.●
`*`	Match 0 or more of pattern to left.●
`+`	Match 1 or more of pattern to left.
`?`	Match 0 or 1 of pattern to left.
`\c`	Quotes c, except for the following.
`\b`	Match at beginning or end of word.
`\B`	Match except at beginning or end of word.
`|`	Match either pattern to left or right.
`\(...\)`	Grouping.
`\n`	Match copy of whatever matched n^{th} group.

Miscellaneous editing

`C-o`	Insert newline after cursor.
`C-t`	Transpose characters.
`M-t`	Transpose words.
`C-x C-t`	Transpose lines.
`M-u`	Convert whole word to upper case.
`M-l`	Convert whole word to lower case.
`M-c`	Capitalize word.

Files

`C-x C-f`	Find file; load if needed.●
`C-x 4 C-f`	Find file in other window.●
`C-x C-s`	Save file.●
`C-x C-w`	Write to explicitly-named file.
`C-x i`	Insert file at cursor.
`M-x recover-file`	Recover file after disaster from auto-save file.
`M-x revert-buffer`	Throw away changes to buffer and restore from file.

Buffers and windows

`C-x o`	Put cursor in other window.●
`C-x 1`	Grow current window to full screen.●
`C-x 2`	Split current window vertically.●
`C-x b`	Put named buffer in window.●
`C-x 0`	Remove current window.
`C-x 3`	Split current window horizontally.
`C-x C-b`	List all buffers.
`C-x k`	Delete buffer.

Shells

`M-x shell`	Run UNIX shell in a buffer.●
`M-|`	Execute single shell command on region. With *ARG*, replaces region.

Commands active in shell buffers:

`RET`	Send current line to shell.●
`TAB`	Complete preceding file name.●
`C-c C-c`	Send interrupt to shell.●
`C-c C-u`	Erase current input line.●
`C-c C-z`	Send stop signal to shell.●
`C-c C-d`	Send EOF to shell.

Compilation, debugging, and tags

`M-x compile`	Execute command (by default, `make`) asynchronously.●
`C-x '`	Position to next error or next line found by `M-x grep` command.●
`M-x kill-compiler`	Stop active `compile`.
`M-x visit-tags-table`	Specify file containing tags produced by `etags`.●
`M-.`	Display source for given tag.●

`C-u M-.`	Find next alternate definition for last tag.•
`C-x 4 .`	Display source for tag in other window.
`M-x tags-search`	
`M-x tags-query-replace`	Look for pattern in all files named in tags table.
`M-x tags-apropos`	Display matching tags.

`M-x gdb`	Run GNU debugger on file.
`M-x gjdb`	Run Java debugger on class.

Commands valid in `gdb` and `gjdb` modes.

`C-c C-s`	Step.•
`C-c C-n`	Next.•
`C-c <`	Up stack.•
`C-c >`	Down stack.•
`C-c C-r`	Finish.•
`C-x SPC`	In any source file, sets a break point.•
`C-c C-i`	Stepi (gdb only).

Help and documentation

`M-x manual-entry`	UNIX man page for given topic.
`C-h a`	Look up names of matching commands.•
`C-h b`	Display key bindings.•
`C-h f`	Help for `M-x` function.•
`C-h C-h`	Help for `C-h`.•
`C-h i`	Run info browser.•
`C-h k`	Help for key.•
`C-h m`	Help for current mode.
`C-h t`	Tutorial.
`C-h w`	Key containing function.

Inside an *info* buffer (result of `C-h i`), the following are defined.

`m`	Select menu item.•
`l`	Go to last-visited node.•
`?`	Get help for browser.•
`u`	Go to node's parent.•
`n`	Go to next node in sequence.•
`q`	Leave browser.•
`.`	Go to top of node.
`d`	Go to top-level node.

Mouse commands

Left, middle, and right buttons are `LB`, `MB`, and `RB`.

`LB`	Put cursor at mouse. Dragging marks region.
`MB`	Paste text from window-system cut buffer at mouse.
`RB`	Extend region to pointer and copy into cut and kill buffers. Clicking twice deletes region.
`C-LB`	Select a buffer.