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\outputpenalty  $[\langle number \rangle \text{ parameter }]$ 

TEX sets this parameter when it breaks a page. If the breakpoint was at a penalty item, TEX removes the penalty item and sets \outputpenalty to the penalty value at the breakpoint; otherwise it sets \outputpenalty to 0.

Suppose that you are undoing a page break in order to break the page at a different place than the one that TEX has just chosen. In order to reconstruct the page, you need to recreate the penalty at TEX's chosen breakpoint. You can accomplish this with the command \penalty\outputpenalty.