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 $\verb|\prevdepth| [\langle dimen \rangle \ parameter]|$

When T_{EX} adds a box to a vertical list, it sets \prevdepth to the depth of that box. T_{EX} sets \prevdepth to $-1000\,\mathrm{pt}$ at the start of a vertical list, indicating that the usual interline glue should be suppressed.