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\prevdepth  $[\langle dimen \rangle \text{ parameter }]$ 

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.