

# The `cals` package\*

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## 1 Introduction

The `cals` package is a set of macros to typeset multipage tables with repeatable headers and footers, with cells spanned over rows and columns. Decorations are supported: padding, background color, width of separation rules. The code is compatible with multicols, pdfsync and bidi.

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## 2 Usage

The users' guide is a separate document, published in TUGboat 2011:2: <http://tug.org/TUGboat/tb32-2/tb101parashchenko.pdf>

The most important feature: the table (its rows) must start in a vertical mode, the cells content should switch to a horizontal mode.

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Summary of the user interface:

```
\begin{calstable}  
\colwidths{{100pt}{200pt}}  
\brow \cell{a} \cell{b} \erow  
\end{calstable}
```

Table elements: `\thead`, `\tfoot`, `\tbreak{\penalty-10000}`, `\lastrule`.

Alignment: `\alignL`, `\alignC`, `\alignR`, `\vfill`.

Padding: lengths `\cals@paddingL` (`\dots T,R,B`), set by `\cals@setpadding{Ag}`, baseline alignment `\cals@paddingD`, set by `\cals@setcellprevdepth{Al}`.

Color: `\cals@bgcolor`.

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Rules: `\cals@cs@width`, `\cals@framecs@width`, `\cals@rs@width`, `\cals@framers@width`,  
`\cals@bodyrs@width`. Overrides: `\cals@borderL (...T,R,B)`.  
Hooks: `\cals@AtBeginCell`, `\cals@AtEndCell`.  
Spanning: `\nullcell`, `\spancontent`.

### 3 Implementation

What happens. `\cell` creates a table cell, puts it to the current row and updates decorations. At the end of the row (`\erow`) we have the box `\cals@current@row`, the box `\cals@current@cs`—column separation and cells background—and the macros `\cals@current@rs@above` and `\cals@current@rs@below`—all the required data to typeset row separation. Before dispatching the row, all the cells are repacked to the common height. The row dispatcher (`\cals@row@dispatch`) usually just uses `\cals@issue@row`, which outputs `current@cs`, then joins the previous row `cs@below` with the current row `rs@above` and typesets the resulting row separation, and finally prints the row itself. If a table break is required, the dispatcher backups the current row and first typesets the table footer, a page break and the table header. In case of a row span, the set of the rows is converted to one big row.

I tried to code as good and robust as I can. In particular, the package contains unit tests. However, being an unexperienced T<sub>E</sub>X programmer, I could write bad code, especially in the section “List list of tokens”. Do not hesitate to send me suggestions and corrections, also in the use of English.

The description is split on two parts: main functionality and decorations. The first part is bottom-up: creating cells, collecting cells to a row, dispatching a row, top-level table elements. The second part starts with the common code, then explains in-row decorations (column separation and cells background) and between-row decorations (row separation).

#### 3.1 Creating cells

`\cals@cell` Creates an individual cell before socialization into a table. Content of the cell is  
`\cals@cell@end` typeset inside a group. Execution continues in `\cals@cell1@end`. Parameters:

1. Width of the cell
2. Vertical correction: when we have a rowspan, the cell is created while processing the last row. The vertical correction is required to raise the text back to the first row of the rowspan.
3. (Implicit parameter.) Content. It is important that it contains a switch to the horizontal mode, otherwise horizontal dimensions of the cell will be incorrect.

Using an implicit parameter instead of putting it to a macro parameter is probably a premature optimization.

```

1 \newcommand\cals@cell[3]{}
2 \def\cals@cell#1#2{%

```

Start immediately with `\vbox` to allow `\setbox0=\cals@cell{...}` construction. Later, while integrating the cell into a row, the content will be unboxed and put to a vbox of the row height.

```

3 \vbox\bgroup%

```

Implicitly sets the width and the horizontal paddings of the cell. These settings come into effect on switch from the restricted vertical mode (our `\vbox`) to the horizontal mode. Therefore, the content must force such switch, otherwise the code fails.

```

4 \hsize=#1
5 \linewidth=#1
6 \leftskip=\cals@paddingL %
7 \rightskip=\cals@paddingR %

```

Vertical correction and top padding

```

8 \ifdim #2>0pt %
9 \vskip-#2
10 \fi
11 \vskip\cals@paddingT %

```

Tuning the top padding. First, compensate the `\parskip`, which appears on the mode switch. Second, adjusts `baselineskip`, so in the case of the right preliminary setup, the top of the letters "Al" touches the padding border. Meanwhile, setting `prevdepth` aligns the baselines of the first text lines of the row cells.

```

12 \vskip-\parskip %
13 \prevdepth=\cals@paddingD %

```

Finally, the content. And the switch to the horizontal mode (we hope).

We want more work after typesetting the content, but it is not desirable to collect all the tokens. Instead, start a group and use `\aftergroup` to finish typesetting. For more explanations, see "TeX by Topic", Chapter 12 "Expansion".

```

14 \bgroup\aftergroup\cals@cell@end
15 \cals@AtBeginCell\let\next=% eat '{' of the content
16 }%{Implicit content}
17

```

The infinite glue before the bottom padding is useful later, when we will re-height the cells in a row.

```

18 \def\cals@cell@end{\vfil\vskip\cals@paddingB
19 \cals@AtEndCell\egroup % finish vbox

```

Call the caller

```

20 \cals@celll@end}

```

`\cell` Creates a cell and appends it to the hbox `\cals@current@row`.

```

21 \newcommand\cell[1]{}
22 \def\cell{%

```

Get the width of the cell and typeset it to the box 0. The execution flow is: `\cell` to `\cals@cell` to `\cals@cell@end` to `\cals@celll@end`.

```
23 \llt@rot\cals@colwidths
24 \let\cals@cell@width=\llt@car
25 \setbox0=\cals@cell\cals@cell@width{Opt}%
26 }
```

`\cals@AtBeginCell` Additional code to be executed at the begin and at the end of a cell. An use case is a hook for pdfsync: `\def\cals@AtBeginCell{\pdfsyncstart}`. I am not sure if the end-hook is useful because all the changes are local for the cell group, but decided to retain it for symmetry.

```
27 \let\cals@AtBeginCell=\relax
28 \let\cals@AtEndCell=\relax
```

`\cals@width@cell@put@row` Implicit setting of the cell width can fail (example is an empty cell). In this case, force the width explicetly. Then put the cell to the current row. This code should be a part of `\cals@celll@end`, but due to `\spancontent` is in a separate macro.

```
29 \newcommand\cals@width@cell@put@row{%
30 \ifdim \cals@cell@width=\wd0 \relax \else \wd0=\cals@cell@width \fi
31 \setbox\cals@current@row=\hbox{\unhbox\cals@current@row\box0 }}%
```

`\cals@celll@end` After a cell is typeset to the box 0, execution continues here (see notes to `\cell`). Update the current row and its decorations.

```
32 \newcommand\cals@celll@end{%
33 \cals@width@cell@put@row
34 \cals@decor@next\cals@cell@width}
```

`\spancontent` Typesets a spanned cell (the content is in the implicit argument) and puts it to the current row. The width and height correction are already calculated, the decorations are also already added.

```
35 \newcommand\spancontent[1]{%
36 \def\spancontent{%
37 \let\cals@tmp=\cals@celll@end
38 \let\cals@cell@width=\cals@span@width
39 \def\cals@celll@end{%
40 \cals@width@cell@put@row%
41 \let\cals@celll@end=\cals@tmp}%
42 \setbox0=\cals@cell{\cals@span@width}{\cals@span@height}%
43 }%{Implicit content}
```

### 3.1.1 Cell padding

`\cals@setpadding` Calculates and sets the cell padding. It seems that a good value is the half of the font size, calculated as the full height of a box with the content #1. The calstable environment uses the letters “Ag”.

```
\cals@paddingL
\cals@paddingR
\cals@paddingT
\cals@paddingB
44 \newskip\cals@paddingL
45 \newskip\cals@paddingR
46 \newskip\cals@paddingT
```

```

47 \newskip\cals@paddingB
48
49 \newcommand{\cals@setpadding}[1]{%
50 \setbox0=\hbox{#1}%
51 \dimen0=\ht0 \advance\dimen0 by \dp0 \divide\dimen0 by 2
52 \cals@paddingL=\dimen0 \relax
53 \cals@paddingR=\cals@paddingL
54 \cals@paddingT=\cals@paddingL
55 \cals@paddingB=\cals@paddingL
56 }

```

`\cals@setcellprevdepth`    The function `\cals@cell` uses the length `\cals@paddingD` to tune the top padding. The macro `\cals@setcellprevdepth` calculates and sets this parameter, so that a box with the content `#1` touches the padding border. The `calstable` environment uses the letters “Al”.

```

57 \newdimen\cals@paddingD
58
59 \newcommand{\cals@setcellprevdepth}[1]{%
60 \setbox0=\vbox{\prevdepth=0pt #1}%
61 \setbox1=\vbox{#1}%
62 \dimen0=\ht0 \advance\dimen0 by \dp0 %
63 \advance\dimen0 by -\ht1 \advance\dimen0 by -\dp1%
64 \cals@paddingD=\dimen0 }

```

`\alignL`    To align the table cell text left, center or right we add or remove `vfill`-part of the left and right padding. Executed by assigning skip to `dimen`.

```

\alignC
\alignR
65 \newcommand\alignL{%
66 \dimen0=\cals@paddingL \cals@paddingL=\dimen0 \relax
67 \dimen0=\cals@paddingR \cals@paddingR=\dimen0 \relax}
68
69 \newcommand\alignC{%
70 \dimen0=\cals@paddingL \cals@paddingL=\dimen0 plus 1fill\relax
71 \dimen0=\cals@paddingR \cals@paddingR=\dimen0 plus 1fill\relax}
72
73 \newcommand\alignR{%
74 \dimen0=\cals@paddingL \cals@paddingL=\dimen0 plus 1fill\relax
75 \dimen0=\cals@paddingR \cals@paddingR=\dimen0 \relax}

```

### 3.2 From cells to a row

`\cals@current@row`    Rows are first typeset to this `hbox`.

```

76 \newbox\cals@current@row

```

`\colwidths`    The macro `\cals@colwidths` contains a list of column widths. The user sets it through the API macro `\colwidths`, which performs expansion. The list is alive, it is rotated after a cell is finished, so the width of the next cell is always the first element.

```

77 \newcommand\colwidths[1]{}

```

```

78 \def\colwidths#\edef\cals@colwidths}
79 \def\cals@colwidths{{100pt}}

```

Initially, I planned to use `\row{...}` to create a row. In order to perform actions at the end of the row I used the aftergroup-trick, like for `\cell` command. Unfortunately, the decorations were lost after the group finished. I tried to save them to global temporary macros at the end of each cell, but the saving list was big. Finally, I decided that the construction `\brow...\erow` is much easier to implement.

`\brow` Starts a row. Resets the rowspan markers, `\cals@current@row` and decorations.

```

80 \newcommand\brow{%
81 \cals@updateRspanMarkers
82 \setbox\cals@current@row=\hbox{}%
83 \cals@decor@begin}

```

`\erow` Finishes a row. All the cells are re-layouted to the row height. Decorations are finalized, and the row is dispatched.

```

84 \newcommand\erow{%
85 \cals@reheight@cells\cals@current@row
86 \cals@last@row@height=\ht\cals@current@row\relax
87 \cals@decor@end\cals@lastWidth
88 \ht\cals@current@cs=\ht\cals@current@row
89 \cals@row@dispatch
90 }

```

`\cals@reheight@cells` Re-heights all the boxes of a row. Retains the widths of these boxes.

```

91 \newcommand\cals@reheight@cells[1]{%
92 \dimen0=\ht#1\relax
93 \setbox2=\hbox{}%
94 \def\next{%
95 \setbox4=\lastbox
96 \ifvoid4
97 \def\next{\global\setbox2=\box2}%
98 \else
99 \dimen4=\wd4
100 \setbox4=\vbox to \dimen0{\unvbox4}%
101 \ifdim \dimen4=\wd4 \relax \else \wd4=\dimen4 \fi
102 \setbox2=\hbox{\box4\unhbox2 }%
103 \fi
104 \next}%
105 \setbox0=\hbox{\unhbox#1\next}%
106 \setbox#1=\box2 }

```

### 3.3 Spanned cells

The technical approach:

- Spanning is started in the left top corner using the command `\nullcell{lt...}`

- The spanned cell is split on the table cells using the command `\nullcell`. These nullcells are responsible for correct decorations and for calculating the big cell dimensions.
- The content of the spanned cells comes in the end, in the right bottom corner.

It is possible to have several active spans at once, therefore we have to remember them. I use a queue. Each time a left column of a span is started, we take span data from the queue. After the right column of the span, we put the data back to the queue, to the end. Probably it is not obvious at the first look (at least, I needed time to find this simple idea) that this rotating queue is always right: when spanning (its left column) starts again, the beginning of the queue always contains data for exactly this spanning.

`\cals@spanq@heights` The queue for height tracking. In the first version I also had a queue for decorations, but later cancelled it. I use `\def` instead of `\newcommand` in order that `\show` prints "macro" instead of "`\long macro`". The latter breaks unit tests.

```
107 \def\cals@spanq@heights{}
```

`\cals@span@get` Gets `\cals@span@height` from the queue.

```
108 \newcommand\cals@span@get{%
109 \llt@decons\cals@spanq@heights \cals@span@height=\llt@car\relax}
```

`\cals@span@put` Puts `\cals@span@height` to the queue.

```
110 \newcommand\cals@span@put{%
111 \edef\cals@tmp{\the\cals@span@height}\llt@snoc\cals@spanq@heights\cals@tmp}
```

`\nullcell` The big spanned cell is split on the table cells, which are identified by `\nullcells`. The task is to produce correct decorations and to track the parameters of the spanned cell.

- Decorations: if defined, the background color is always added to the column separation row.
- Decorations: the borders are set to 0pt (disabled), except for the borders which are requested by the parameter of `\nullcell`: `l` for the left border, `t` for the top, `r` for the right, `b` for the bottom.
- More precisely, the letters in the argument are not to specify which decorations to use, but to specify the location of the small cell in the big cell. The use for decorations is just an useful side-effect.
- Action `l`: take the span data from the queue.
- Action `r`: update the height of the current span, put the data to the queue.
- Action `b`: do not put an empty box to the current row. Instead, accumulate the width of the current span. (Preparation for `\spancontent`.)

```
112 \newcommand\nullcell[1]{%
```

First of all, parse the argument and set the if-commands `\cals@span@ifX`. Then get the width of the cell.

```
113 \let\cals@span@ifL=\cals@iffalse
114 \let\cals@span@ifT=\cals@iffalse
115 \let\cals@span@ifR=\cals@iffalse
116 \let\cals@span@ifB=\cals@iffalse
117 \def\next##1{\ifx\relax##1\let\next=\relax \else
118 \expandafter\let\csname cals@span@if##1\endcsname=\cals@iftrue \fi
119 \next}%
120 \uppercase{\next #1}\relax
121 \llet\rot\cals@colwidths \let\cals@nullcell@width=\llet@car
```

Action "l": update the height, suppress the borders, set the rowspan markers.

```
122 \cals@span@ifL\iftrue
123 \cals@span@ifT\iftrue
124 \cals@span@height=0pt %
125 \else
126 \cals@span@get
127 \advance\cals@span@height by \cals@last@row@height\relax
128 \fi
129 \cals@span@ifB\iftrue \else
130 \let\cals@ifInRspan=\cals@iftrue
131 \let\cals@ifLastRspanRow=\cals@iffalse
132 \fi
133 \let\cals@span@borderL=\cals@borderL \let\cals@span@borderT=\cals@borderT
134 \let\cals@span@borderR=\cals@borderR \let\cals@span@borderB=\cals@borderB
135 \fi
```

Action "r": put the data to the queue, unless in the end of the spanning.

```
136 \cals@span@ifR\iftrue
137 \cals@span@ifB\iftrue \relax \else \cals@span@put \fi
138 \fi
```

Update the current row or calculate the span width (in the case of the bottom row).

```
139 \cals@span@ifB\iftrue
140 \cals@span@ifL\iftrue
141 \cals@span@width=\cals@nullcell@width\relax
142 \else
143 \advance\cals@span@width by \cals@nullcell@width\relax
144 \fi
145 \else
146 \setbox\cals@current@row=\hbox{%
147 \unhbox\cals@current@row
148 \vbox{\hbox to\cals@nullcell@width{}\vfil}}%
149 \fi
```

Update decorations

```
150 \cals@span@ifL\iftrue \let\cals@borderL=\cals@span@borderL
```



```

151 \else \def\cals@borderL{Opt}\fi
152 \cals@span@ifT\iftrue \let\cals@borderT=\cals@span@borderT
153 \else \def\cals@borderT{Opt}\fi
154 \cals@span@ifR\iftrue \let\cals@borderR=\cals@span@borderR
155 \else \def\cals@borderR{Opt}\fi
156 \cals@span@ifB\iftrue \let\cals@borderB=\cals@span@borderB
157 \else \def\cals@borderB{Opt}\fi
158 \cals@decor@next\cals@nullcell@width
159 \let\cals@borderL=\cals@span@borderL \let\cals@borderR=\cals@span@borderR
160 \let\cals@borderT=\cals@span@borderT \let\cals@borderB=\cals@span@borderB
161 }

```

`\cals@span@width` The width of the span cell. The height of the spanned cell (without the last row).

```

\cals@span@height 162 \newdimen\cals@span@width
163 \newdimen\cals@span@height

```

`\cals@ifInRspan` Set to `\cals@iftrue` if the current row is a part of a row span. Otherwise `\cals@iffalse`.

`\cals@ifLastRspanRow` Set to `\cals@iftrue` if the current row is the last row of of a row span. Otherwise `\cals@iffalse`.

`\cals@updateRspanMarkers` Resets the span markers, which are later updated by `\nullcell` to the correct state for the current row.

```

164 \newcommand\cals@updateRspanMarkers{%
165 \ifx \empty\cals@spanq@heights
166 \let\cals@ifInRspan=\cals@iffalse
167 \else
168 \let\cals@ifInRspan=\cals@iftrue
169 \fi
170 \let\cals@ifLastRspanRow=\cals@iftrue}

```

### 3.4 Row dispatcher

`\cals@row@dispatch` Depending if the current row has a rowspan cell or not, the execution is different.

```

171 \newcommand\cals@row@dispatch{%
172 \ifx b\cals@current@context
173 \cals@ifInRspan\iftrue
174 \cals@row@dispatch@span
175 \else
176 \cals@row@dispatch@nospan
177 \fi
178 \else
179 \cals@row@dispatch@nospan
180 \fi}

```

`\cals@row@dispatch@nospan` After a row is typeset in a box, this macro decides what to do next. Usually, it should just add decorations and output the row. But if a table break is required, it should put the current row to backup, typeset the footer, the break, the header and only then the row from the backup. Summary of main parameters:

- rowsep from the last row (`\cals@last@rs`) and the last context (`\cals@last@context`)
- current row (`\cals@current@row`), its decorations (`\cals@current@cs`, `\cals@current@rs@above`, `\cals@current@rs@below`) and context (`\cals@current@context`)

```
181 \newcommand\cals@row@dispatch@nospan{%
```

The header and footer rows are always typeset without further considerations.

```
182 \let\cals@last@context@bak=\cals@last@context
```

```
183 \ifx h\cals@current@context \else
```

```
184 \ifx f\cals@current@context \else
```

In the body, if a break is required: do it.

```
185 \cals@ifbreak\iftrue
```

```
186 \setbox\cals@backup@row=\box\cals@current@row
```

```
187 \setbox\cals@backup@cs=\box\cals@current@cs
```

```
188 \let\cals@backup@rs@above=\cals@current@rs@above
```

```
189 \let\cals@backup@rs@below=\cals@current@rs@below
```

```
190 \let\cals@backup@context=\cals@current@context
```

```
191 \cals@tfoot@tokens
```

```
192 \lastrule
```

```
193 \cals@issue@break
```

```
194 \cals@thead@tokens
```

```
195 \setbox\cals@current@row=\box\cals@backup@row
```

```
196 \setbox\cals@current@cs=\box\cals@backup@cs
```

```
197 \let\cals@current@rs@above=\cals@backup@rs@above
```

```
198 \let\cals@current@rs@below=\cals@backup@rs@below
```

```
199 \let\cals@current@context=\cals@backup@context
```

```
200 \fi\fi\fi
```

Typeset the row.

```
201 \cals@issue@row
```

Consider a table such that `thead+row1` do not fit to a page (see the unit test `regression/test_010_wrongbreak`). Without the next code, the following happens: `thead` and `row1` are typeset, but the output procedure is not executed yet. Therefore, when `row2` is ready, we detect that a table break is required and create it. Then the output procedure moves `thead+row1` on the next page. The result: `thead` and `row1` on one page, `row2` and the rest on the next page instead of the whole table on one page. Solution: force a run of the output procedure after the first row of a table chunk.

```
202 \ifx b\cals@last@context
```

```
203 \ifx h\cals@last@context@bak \vskip0pt \penalty10000 \fi
```

```
204 \ifx n\cals@last@context@bak \vskip0pt \penalty10000 \fi
```

```
205 \fi
```

```
206 }
```

`\cals@row@dispatch@span` The only specific thing to rowspanned rows is that we should not allow breaks between the rows in one group. We put these rows to one box, and process this big box as a big row.

```
207 \newcommand\cals@row@dispatch@span{%
```

Output the row to the backup box. If the row is the first row in the span, let its decorations will be the decorations for the future big row. Also, reset the values of leftskip and rightskip to avoid adding them twice, once in a individual row, and once to the common span box.

```

208 \ifvoid\cals@backup@row
209 \setbox\cals@backup@row=\vbox{\box\cals@current@row}%
210 \setbox\cals@backup@cs=\box\cals@current@cs
211 \let\cals@backup@rs@above=\cals@current@rs@above
212 \let\cals@backup@context=\cals@last@context
213 \cals@backup@leftskip=\leftskip\relax
214 \cals@backup@rightskip=\rightskip\relax
215 \let\cals@backup@tohsiz=\cals@tohsiz
216 \leftskip=0pt\relax \rightskip=0pt\relax \def\cals@tohsiz{}%
217 \else
218 \setbox\cals@backup@row=\vbox{\unvbox\cals@backup@row
219 \cals@issue@row}%
220 \fi
221 \let\cals@last@rs@below=\cals@current@rs@below
222 \let\cals@last@context=\cals@current@context

If this is the last row of the span, create the fake big row and use the normal
dispatcher.

223 \cals@ifLastRspanRow\iftrue
224 \setbox\cals@current@row=\box\cals@backup@row
225 \setbox\cals@current@cs=\box\cals@backup@cs
226 \let\cals@current@rs@above=\cals@backup@rs@above
227 \let\cals@last@context=\cals@backup@context
228 \leftskip=\cals@backup@leftskip
229 \rightskip=\cals@backup@rightskip
230 \let\cals@tohsiz=\cals@backup@tohsiz
231 \cals@row@dispatch@nospan
232 \fi
233 }
```

`\cals@backup@row` Boxes and skips for backup.  
`\cals@backup@cs` 234 `\newbox\cals@backup@row`  
235 `\newbox\cals@backup@cs`  
236 `\newskip\cals@backup@leftskip`  
237 `\newskip\cals@backup@rightskip`

To decide on table breaks and row separation decorations, we need to trace context.

`\cals@current@context` The context of the current row. Possible values, set as a ”`\let`” to a character:

- n: no context, should not happen when the value is required
- h: table header
- f: table footer

- b: table body

`\cals@last@context` The context of the previous row. Possible values, set as a "`\let`" to a character:

- n: there is no previous row (not only the start of a table, but also the start of a table chunk)
- h, f, b: table header, footer, body
- r: a last rule of the table (or its chunk) is just output. This status is used to allow multiple calls to `\lastrule`. Probably the use of `current` instead of `last` is more logical, but using `last` is more safe. Who knows if an user decides to use `\lastrule` somewhere in a middle of a table.

`\cals@ifbreak` Table breaks can be manual or automatic. The first is easy, the second is near to impossible if we take into account table headers and footer. The following heuristic seems good.

Check if the current row plus the footer fits to the rest of the page. If not, a break is required. This approach is based on two assumptions:

- the height of the footer is always the same, and
- any body row is larger than the footer.

More precise and technical description: `\cals@ifbreak` decides if an automatic table break is required and leaves the macro `\cals@iftrue` (yes) or `\cals@iffalse` (no) in the input stream. If the user sets `\cals@tbreak@tokens` (using `\tbreak`), break is forced. Otherwise, no break is allowed:

- In the header
- In the footer
- Immediately after the header
- At the beginning of a chunk of a table.

Otherwise break is recommended when the sum of the height of the current row and of the footer part is greater as the rest height of the page. The implicit first parameter is used for if-fi balancing, see `\cals@iftrue`.

```

238 \newcommand\cals@ifbreak[1]{%
239 \def\cals@ifbreak{%
240 \let\cals@tmp=\cals@iffalse
241 \let\cals@tmpII=\cals@iftrue
242 \ifx\relax\cals@tbreak@tokens
243 \ifx h\cals@current@context \else
244 \ifx f\cals@current@context \else
245 \ifx h\cals@last@context \else
246 \ifx n\cals@last@context \else
247 \dimen0=\pagetotal\relax
248 \advance\dimen0 by \ht\cals@current@row\relax

```

```

249      %\showthe\ht\cals@current@row\relax
250      \ifx \cals@tfoot@tokens\relax \else
251          %\show\cals@tfoot@height\relax
252          \advance\dimen0 by \cals@tfoot@height\relax
253      \fi
254      %\showthe\dimen0\relax
255      \ifdim \dimen0>\pagegoal\relax
256          \let\cals@tmp=\cals@tmpII
257      \fi
258  \fi\fi\fi\fi
259 \else \let\cals@tmp=\cals@tmpII % tbreak@tokens
260 \fi
261 \cals@tmp}

\cals@issue@break By default, force a page break, otherwise use user's tokens set by \tbreak.
262 \newcommand\cals@issue@break{\ifx \relax\cals@tbreak@tokens \penalty-10000 %
263 \else \cals@tbreak@tokens \fi
264 \let\cals@tbreak@tokens=\relax
265 \let\cals@last@context=n}

\cals@set@tohsize Table row contains not only the row itself, but also \leftskip and \rightskip.
\cals@tohsize Now the dilemma. If the row is just \hbox, than the glue component is ignored, and
the table always aligned left. On the other side, if the row is \hbox to \hsize,
then the user gets underfulled boxes. A simple solution is to switch on and off the
hsize-part depending on the skips.
266 \newcommand\cals@tohsize{}
267 \newcommand\cals@set@tohsize{\def\cals@tohsize{}}%
268 \ifnum\gluestretchorder\leftskip>0\relax \def\cals@tohsize{to \hsize}\fi
269 \ifnum\gluestretchorder\rightskip>0\relax \def\cals@tohsize{to \hsize}\fi
270 }

\cals@activate@rtl For bidi support, use \hboxR instead of \hbox.
\cals@deactivate@rtl 271 \newcommand\cals@hbox{}
\cals@hbox 272 \newcommand\cals@activate@rtl{\let\cals@hbox=\hboxR}
273 \newcommand\cals@deactivate@rtl{\let\cals@hbox=\hbox}
274 \cals@deactivate@rtl

\cals@issue@rowsep@alone Typesets the top (or bottom) frame of a table: combines \cals@current@rs@above
and \cals@framers@width and outputs the row separator.
275 \newcommand\cals@issue@rowsep@alone{%
276 \setbox0=\cals@hbox\cals@tohsize{%
277 \hskip\leftskip
278 \cals@rs@sofar@reset
279 \cals@rs@joinOne\cals@framers@width\cals@current@rs@above
280 \cals@rs@sofar@end
281 \hskip\rightskip}%
282 \ht0=0pt \dp0=0pt \box0 }

\cals@issue@rowsep Combine row separations \cals@last@rs@below and \cals@current@rs@above,
taking into considiration the width of the rule:

```

- n to h, f, b (the top frame): use `\cals@framers@width` and ignore `last@rs@below` because we don't have it
- h to h, b to b, f to f (the usual separator): use `\cals@rs@width`
- for all other combinations (header to body, body to footer), including impossible: use `\cals@bodyrs@width`

```

283 \newcommand\cals@issue@rowsep{%
284 \ifx n\cals@last@context \cals@issue@rowsep@alone \else
285 \ifx \cals@last@context\cals@current@context
286 \let\cals@tmpIII=\cals@rs@width \else
287 \let\cals@tmpIII=\cals@bodyrs@width \fi
288 \setbox0=\cals@hbox\cals@tohsize{%
289 \hskip\leftskip
290 \cals@rs@sofar@reset
291 \cals@rs@joinTwo\cals@tmpIII\cals@last@rs@below\cals@current@rs@above
292 \cals@rs@sofar@end
293 \hskip\rightskip}%
294 \ht0=0pt \dp0=0pt \box0 %
295 \fi}

```

`\cals@last@row@height` For spanning support, we need to remember the height of the last row

```

296 \newdimen\cals@last@row@height

```

`\cals@issue@row` Typesets the current row and its decorations, then updates the last context. Regards `\leftskip` and `\rightskip` by putting them inside the row.

```

297 \newcommand\cals@issue@row{%

```

Decorations: first the column separation, then the row separation.

```

298 \nointerlineskip
299 \setbox0=\vtop{\cals@hbox\cals@tohsize{\hskip\leftskip \box\cals@current@cs \hskip\rightskip}}%
300 \ht0=0pt\relax\box0
301 \nointerlineskip
302 \cals@issue@rowsep
303 \nointerlineskip

```

Output the row, update the last context.

```

304 \cals@hbox\cals@tohsize{\hskip\leftskip \box\cals@current@row \hskip\rightskip}%
305 \let\cals@last@rs@below=\cals@current@rs@below
306 \let\cals@last@context=\cals@current@context}

```

### 3.5 Table elements

`\calstable` Setup the parameters and let the row dispatcher to do all the work.

```

307 \newenvironment{calstable}{%
308 \let\cals@thead@tokens=\relax
309 \let\cals@tfoot@tokens=\relax
310 \let\cals@tbody@tokens=\relax
311 \cals@tfoot@height=0pt \relax

```

```

312 \let\cals@last@context=n%
313 \let\cals@current@context=b%
314 \parindent=0pt %
315 \cals@setpadding{Ag}\cals@setcellprevdepth{Al}\cals@set@tohsize%
316 \let\cals@borderL=\relax
317 \let\cals@borderR=\relax
318 \let\cals@borderT=\relax
319 \let\cals@borderB=\relax
320 }{% End of the table
321 \cals@tfoot@tokens\lastrule}

```

**\lastrule** Typesets the last rule (bottom frame) of a table chunk. Repeatable calls are ignored. Useful in the macro **\tfoot**.

```

322 \newcommand\lastrule{%
323 \ifx r\cals@last@context \relax \else
324 \let\cals@last@context=r%
325 \nointerlineskip
326 \let\cals@current@rs@above=\cals@last@rs@below\cals@issue@rowsep@alone%
327 \fi}

```

**\thead** Table: the header. Remember for later use, typeset right now.

```

328 \newcommand\thead[1]{%
329 \def\cals@thead@tokens{\let\cals@current@context=h%
330 #1\let\cals@current@context=b}%
331 \cals@thead@tokens}

```

**\tfoot** Table: the footer. Remember for later use. Right now, typeset to a box to calculate an expected height for the table breaker **\cals@ifbreak**.

```

332 \newcommand\tfoot[1]{%
333 \def\cals@tfoot@tokens{\let\cals@current@context=f#1}%
334 \setbox0=\vbox{\cals@tfoot@tokens}%
335 \cals@tfoot@height=\ht0 \relax}

```

**\cals@tfoot@height** The height of the footer.

```

336 \newdimen\cals@tfoot@height

```

**\tbreak** Table: force a table break. Argument should contain something like **\penalty-10000** .

```

337 \newcommand\tbreak[1]{\def\cals@tbreak@tokens{#1}}

```

### 3.6 List list of tokens

Two-dimensional arrays of tokens, or lists of lists of tokens.

Format of the list:

```

{...tokens1...}{...tokens2...}...{...tokensN...}

```

Token manipulation should not belong to the “cals” package, and the macros from this section have the prefix `llt@` instead of `cals@`. Probably it is better to use some CTAN package, but initially the `llt`-code was small and simple, so I did not want dependencies, and now I do not want to replace working code with something new.

In comments to these functions, a parameter of type *token list* is a macro which will be expanded once to get the tokens, and *list list* is a macro which stores the two-dimensional array.

An example of use:

```
\def\aaa{aaa}
\def\bbb{bbb}
\def\ccc{ccc}
\def\lst{}      % empty list
\llt@cons\bbb\lst % \lst -> "{bbb}"
\llt@snoc\lst\ccc % \lst -> "{bbb}{ccc}"
\llt@cons\aaa\lst % \lst -> "{aaa}{bbb}{ccc}"
\llt@decons\lst   % \llt@car -> "aaa", \lst -> "{bbb}{ccc}"
\llt@rot\lst      % \llt@car -> "bbb", \lst -> "{ccc}{bbb}"
```

`\llt@cons` Prepends the token list #1 to the list list #2. Corrupts the token registers 0 and 2.

```
338 \def\llt@cons#1#2{%
339 \toks0=\expandafter{#1}%
340 \toks2=\expandafter{#2}%
341 \edef#2{\noexpand{\the\toks0}\the\toks2 }%
342 }
```

`\llt@snoc` Appends the token list #2 to the list list #1 (note the order of parameters). Macro corrupts the token registers 0 and 2.

```
343 \def\llt@snoc#1#2{%
344 \toks0=\expandafter{#1}%
345 \toks2=\expandafter{#2}%
346 \edef#1{\the\toks0 \noexpand{\the\toks2}}%
347 }
```

`\llt@car` A token list, set as a side-effect of the list deconstruction and rotation functions.

`\llt@decons` List deconstruction. The first item is removed from the list list #1 and its tokens are put to the token list `\llt@car`. Corrupts the token register 0. Undefined behaviour if the list list has no items.

The actual work happens on the `\expandafter` line. It’s hard to explain, let me show the macro expansion, I hope it’s self-explaining.

```
\expandafter\llt@decons@open\lst} -->
\llt@decons@open{aaa}{bbb}{ccc}{ddd}} -->
\def\llt@car{aaa} \toks0=\llt@opengroup {bbb}{ccc}{ddd}} -->
\def\llt@car{aaa} \toks0={{bbb}{ccc}{ddd}}
```



Why I use `\let\llt@opengroup={` inside the definition? Only to balance the number of opening and closing brackets. Otherwise TeX will not compile the definition.

Initially I tried to use the following helper:

```
\def\decons@helper#1#2\relax{%
  \def\llt@car{#1}%
  \def\list{#2}}
```

If a call is `\decons@helper{aaa}{bbb}{ccc}\relax` then all is ok, the helper gets: #1 is aaa and #2 is {bbb}{ccc}.

Unfortunately, if the list has two items and the call is `\decons@helper{aaa}{bbb}\relax`, then the helper gets: #1 is aaa and #2 is bbb instead of {bbb}. The grouping tokens are lost, and we can't detect it.

```
348 \def\llt@decons@open#1{%
349 \def\llt@car{#1}%
350 \toks0=\llt@opengroup
351 }
352
353 \def\llt@decons#1{%
354 \let\llt@opengroup={%
355 \expandafter\llt@decons@open#1}%
356 \edef#1{\the\toks0}%
357 }
```

**\llt@rot** Rotates the list list #1. The first item becomes the last. Also, its tokens are saved to token list `\llt@car`. The second item becomes the first item, the third the second etc. Corrupts the token registers 0 and 2.

```
358 \def\llt@rot#1{%
359 \ifx#1\empty
360 \let\llt@car=\relax
361 \else
362 \llt@decons#1%
363 \llt@snoc#1\llt@car%
364 \fi
365 }
```

**\llt@desnoc** Very inefficient list deconstruction. The last item is removed from the list list #1 and its tokens are put to the token list `\llt@car`. Corrupts the token registers 0 and 2. Undefined behaviour if the list list has no items.

`\llt@desnocII` is used to hide `\if` from the loop.

```
366 \def\llt@desnocII#1{
367 \ifx\empty#1%
368 \let\llt@tmp=n%
369 \else
370 \llt@snoc{\llt@newlist}{\llt@car}%
371 \let\llt@tmp=y%
```

```

372 \fi
373 }
374
375 \def\llt@desnoc#1{%
376 \def\llt@newlist{}%
377 \loop
378 \llt@decons{#1}%
379 \llt@desnocII{#1}%
380 \if y\llt@tmp \repeat
381 \let#1=\llt@newlist}

```

## 4 Decorations

How much decoration requires a table? Initially I thought to implement a generic approach, so an user could extend the set of what is possible—for example, a dashed border instead of a solid one. But this is a hard task for me, therefore I switched back to the fixed set of properties. Indeed, the use case for cals tables is technical documentation, not a wanna-be designer showcases.

The fixed set of decoration properties:

- padding
- border thickness
- cancelled after some thinking: border color
- cell background

In the first version of this package, decorations could be defined for all cells in a row, for all cells in a column and finally specially for a cell. Unfortunately, this approach does not work for borders of multipage tables, when the decorations on a break are different to the internal decorations. Trying different workarounds, I finally found a descriptive and direct approach: define default decorations for a cell plus define decorations for the table frame.

How to decorate the common border of two cells? The following seems reasonable:

- The priority of settings: from the user, from the table frame, default. If cells have different priorities, use the highest one.
- When priorities are the same, use the maximal thickness.

Imagine that the user uses only default decorations. Then all the internal vertical borders are the same, and all internal horizontal border are also the same. It took me time to understand this obvious thing, that for the default setup we need to define settings only for vertical and horizontal borders, not for all four borders.

Column separation and row separation are two very different creatures. The former is fixed after a row is processed, the latter could change somewhere later due to a table break.

## 4.1 Setters and getters

No more setter and getters provided to discourage cell formatting. At the moment, if you really need it, use the knowledge of the internal variables.

<code>\cals@cs@width</code>	Width of column separators (vertical borders). For all the widths, 0pt disables the rule.
<code>\cals@framecs@width</code>	Width of the left and right table frame border.
<code>\cals@rs@width</code>	Width of row separators (horizontal borders).
<code>\cals@framers@width</code>	Width of the top and bottom table frame border.
<code>\cals@bodyrs@width</code>	Width of row separators between the body and the header or the footer.
<code>\cals@bgcolor</code>	Background color of the cells. If the macro is empty, it means no background. <pre> 382 \newcommand\cals@cs@width{.4pt} 383 \newcommand\cals@framecs@width{0pt} 384 \newcommand\cals@rs@width{.4pt} 385 \newcommand\cals@framers@width{0pt} 386 \newcommand\cals@bodyrs@width{1.2pt} 387 \newcommand\cals@bgcolor{} </pre>
<code>\cals@borderL</code> <code>\cals@borderT</code> <code>\cals@borderR</code> <code>\cals@borderB</code>	Overrides for the widths of the cell borders (left, top, right or bottom). Macros, set to <code>\relax</code> by the <code>calstable</code> environment.  Padding parameters ( <code>\cals@paddingL</code> etc) and related macros ( <code>\alignC</code> etc) are defined near the macro <code>\cell</code> .

## 4.2 Decorations for a row

The whole code in this section is devoted to provide functionality for the functions `\cals@decor@begin`, `...@next`, `...@end`. After a row is ended, we have the following decorations:

- column separation: box `\cals@current@cs`
- rowsep specification for the top: macro `\cals@rs@above`
- rowsep specification for the bottom: macro `\cals@rs@below`

The high-level approach is obvious: we construct the decorations cell-by-cell. First, we calculate column separation, getting the width of the left and the right border. Then we use these values to update the border above and below. Unfortunately, there is a lot of small details. For example, as explained later, we construct the decorations with a delay, therefore the end-function is just a special sort of the next-function.

<code>\cals@decor@begin</code>	Initialization. <pre> 388 \newcommand\cals@decor@begin{\cals@csrow@begin\cals@rs@spec@begin} </pre>
--------------------------------	--

`\cals@decor@next` Updates the decorations. The argument is the width of the cell.

```

389 \newcommand\cals@decor@next[1]{%
390 \cals@csrow@nextcell{#1}\cals@borderL\cals@borderR\cals@bgcolor
391 \cals@rs@spec@next{#1}\cals@lastLeftWidth\cals@borderT\cals@borderB}

```

`\cals@decor@end` Finishes the decorations. Uses `\cals@lastLeftWidth`, which is the width of the last right border.

```

392 \newcommand\cals@decor@end{%
393 \cals@csrow@end
394 \cals@rs@spec@end\cals@lastLeftWidth}

```

### 4.3 Deciding on the width and color

`\cals@widthII` Calculate a final width from the default one (argument 1) and user-specified (argument 2, `\relax` means use the default), put it to the macro `\cals@width`. Also, the macro `withWidthII` start a conditional construction, true branch is executed when the width is not zero. Unused `#3` is for if-fi balancing, see `\cals@iftrue`.

```

395 \newcommand\cals@widthII[2]{%
396 \ifx \relax#2\edef\cals@width{#1}%
397     \else \edef\cals@width{#2}\fi
398
399 \newcommand\cals@withWidthII[3]{%
400 \cals@widthII{#1}{#2}%
401 \ifdim \cals@width>0pt }

```

`\cals@withColorII` Calculate a final color from the default one (argument 1) and user-specified (argument 2, `\relax` means use the default), set the macro `\cals@color` to it. The both arguments must be macro names, not token lists. Start a conditional construction, true branch is executed when the color name is given (not empty). Unused `#3` is for if-fi balancing, see `\cals@iftrue`.

```

402 \newcommand\cals@withColorII[3]{%
403 \ifx \relax#2\edef\cals@color{#1}%
404     \else \edef\cals@color{#2}\fi

```

Reversing a condition. Based on `\ifnot` macro by David Kastrup posted to comp.text.tex 2 March 1998, Message-ID: <m2en0lebuc.fsf@mailhost.neuroinformatik.ruhr-uni-bochum.de>

```

405 \ifx \cals@color\empty \else\expandafter\expandafter\fi\iffalse\iftrue\fi}

```

`\cals@halfWidthToDimen` Puts the half of the width in `#2` to the dimension register `#1`.

```

406 \newcommand\cals@halfWidthToDimen[2]{%
407 \dimen#1=#2\relax \divide\dimen#1 by 2 }

```

`\cals@maxWidth` Of two widths, given as macros, selects the maximal and put the result to `\cals@width`. Takes care for `\relax`.

```

408 \newcommand\cals@maxWidth[2]{%
409 \ifx \relax#1\relax
410     \ifx \relax#2\let\cals@width=\relax
411     \else \edef\cals@width{#2}\fi

```

```

412 \else
413   \ifx \relax#2\relax
414     \edef\cals@width{#1}%
415   \else
416     \ifdim #1>#2 \edef\cals@width{#1}%
417     \else \edef\cals@width{#2}\fi\fi\fi}

```

`\cals@iftrue` Balancing if-fi. The following does not work:

```

\cals@iffalse
\let\next=\iftrue ...
\if ... \next ... \fi ... \fi

```

But this code does work:

```

\let\next=\cals@iftrue ...
\if ... \next\iftrue ... \fi ... \fi

```

We use `\iftrue` (or any other if-start), which is taken into account when scanning for the fi-else-if balance, but ignored when executed.

```

418 \def\cals@iftrue#1{\iftrue}
419 \def\cals@iffalse#1{\iffalse}

```

## 4.4 Column separation (colsep) and cell background

In-row decorations are the vertical borders between the cells and also the background color of the cells.

`\cals@cs@outOne` Typesets the background and the left border of a cell. Decorations have zero depth and undefined height. Parameters:

1. Width of the cell. The use of `\relax` avoids typesetting the cell itself, which is used when creating the right frame of a table.
2. Width of the border. 0pt is no border.
3. Color of the background. Empty macro is no color.

If some arguments are undefined (through `\relax`), global variables are used: `\cals@bgcolor` and `\cals@cs@width`.

Corrupts `dimen0`.

```

420 \newcommand\cals@cs@outOne[3]{%
  Create the full-width background
421 \ifx \relax#1%
422 \else
423   \cals@withColorII\cals@bgcolor{#3}\iftrue
424   \textcolor{\cals@color}{\vrule depth0pt width#1 }%
425   \hskip -#1\relax
426 \fi
427 \fi

```

The border. I feel that overprinting the background is good, but I don't know why I think so.

```
428 \cals@withWidthII\cals@cs@width{#2}\iftrue
429 \cals@halfWidthToDimen0 \cals@width %
430 \hskip -\dimen0 %
431 \vrule depthOpt width\cals@width\relax
432 \hskip -\dimen0 %
433 \fi
```

We will need the actual width of the left border in a grand-grand-...-caller, when constructing a rowsep specification.

```
434 \let\cals@lastLeftWidth=\cals@width
```

Add width to skip to the next cell.

```
435 \ifx \relax#1\else \hskip#1 \fi
436 }
```

`\cals@current@cs` The box to store column separation.

```
437 \newbox\cals@current@cs
```

`\cals@csrow@begin` Constructs an hbox with colsep decorations. Call to the begin-macro re-initializes `\cals@current@cs` and makes that the left table frame border is of the correct width. The end-macro creates the right border for the right table frame. The most work is performed in the nextcell-macro. Arguments:

1. Width of the cell
2. Width of the left border
3. Width of the right border, *must be a macro name*
4. Background color of the cell

For the special conditions (`\relax`, Opt, empty name) see the description of `\cals@cs@outOne`. The right border is not typeset immediately. Instead, it is saved to `\cals@lastWidth` (as `\relax` if no overrides) and is handled by the next call to `nextcell`.

```
438 \newcommand\cals@csrow@begin{%
439 \setbox\cals@current@cs=\box\voidb@x %
440 \let\cals@lastWidth=\relax}
441
442 \newcommand\cals@csrow@nextcell[4]{%
```

For the first cell, temporarily re-define the default border width to the frame border. Macro `\next` will restore it back.

```
443 \ifvoid\cals@current@cs
444 \toks0=\expandafter{\cals@cs@width}%
445 \def\next{\edef\cals@cs@width{\the\toks0}}%
446 \edef\cals@cs@width{\cals@framecs@width}%
447 \else \let\next=\relax \fi
```

Create the decorations, remember the right border. Restore the value `lastLeftWidth` after the end of the `hbox-group`.

```

448 \cals@maxWidth\cals@lastWidth{#2}%
449 \setbox\cals@current@cs=\hbox{\unhbox\cals@current@cs
450   \cals@cs@outOne{#1}\cals@width{#4}%
451   \global\let\cals@tmp=\cals@lastLeftWidth}%
452 \let\cals@lastLeftWidth=\cals@tmp
453 \let\cals@lastWidth=#3%

```

Restore the old value of the default border width.

```

454 \next}
455

```

User-specified width (initially by `borderR`, now located in `lastWidth`) must override the frame width.

```

456 \newcommand\cals@csrow@end{%
457 \ifx \relax\cals@lastWidth
458 \let\cals@width=\cals@framecs@width
459 \else
460 \let\cals@width=\cals@lastWidth
461 \fi
462 \cals@csrow@nextcell\relax\cals@width\relax\relax}

```

## 4.5 Row separation (rowsep)

### 4.5.1 Data presentation

A horizontal line between table rows can't appear in the output immediately. Its formatting should be postponed until the next row and its context are known. Two basic cases:

- The default cell formatting is to have a border around cells. For some cell *A* in the middle of a table, the user has overridden formatting to no borders. To implement the user's wish, we should not create the bottom border for the cell *B* which is above the *A*. But we don't know about the wish for *A* while processing *B*. Therefore, the border between two rows can be established only after processing the both rows.
- The default cell border is 1pt, but a border between a body and a header or a footer row is 2pt. It means that the border between two rows should be created only after we sure that there is no table break.

Our approach is to define the desired formatting of a rowsep as a set of parameters in a token list. Later we can join two rowseps or a rowsep and context to a final rowsep.

A rowsep token list consist of several items, each item is a list of tokens or token groups:

1. length

2. left-border
3. right-border
4. user-specified thickness

Values *left-border* and *right-border* are required to get a nice rectangle border around a cell. Without length correction, using the cell dimension, the border could look like:

```
xxxxxxx
xxx cell xxx
xxxxxxx
```

With length correction, we get the correct result:

```
xxxxxxxxxxx
xxx cell xxx
xxxxxxxxxxx
```

Here is an example of a rowsep specification. It consist of three items. The first item: length is 5cm, width 2pt, borders are 2mm. The second item: length is 9cm, borders are 2mm, no rule at all. The third item: length 2cm, default width, borders are 2pt. The token list for this specification:

```
{ {5cm} {2mm} {2mm} {2pt} }
{ {9cm} {2mm} {2mm} {0pt} }
{ {2cm} {2pt} {2pt} \relax }
```

Cell length and the left and right borders should be the correct lengths, the rule thickness can be `\relax`, in this case the actual thickness will be calculated during output.

`\cals@rs@pack` Construct a rowsep fragment from the arguments 2-5 and put it to the macro 1.

```
463 \newcommand\cals@rs@pack[5]{%
464 \edef#1{\noexpand{#2\noexpand}\noexpand{#3\noexpand}\noexpand{#4\noexpand}%
465 \ifx \relax#5\relax \else \noexpand{#5\noexpand}\fi }}
```

`\cals@rs@unpack` The reverse for `\cals@rs@pack`. The first argument is a rowsep fragment (without enclosing curly braces), arguments 2-5 is macro names where to put the results.

```
466 \newcommand\cals@rs@unpack[5]{%
467 \def\cals@tmp##1##2##3##4{\edef#2{##1}\edef#3{##2}\edef#4{##3}%
468 \ifx\relax##4\let#5=\relax \else \edef#5{##4}\fi}%
469 \expandafter\cals@tmp#1}
```



### 4.5.2 From individual decorations to rowsep specification

The rowsep specifications are created cell-by-cell and stored in the macros `\cals@current@rs@above` and `\cals@current@rs@below`. The construction happens with delay because we don't know the exact value of the right border until the next cell is processed.

```
\cals@rs@spec@begin  Initializes \cals@current@rs@above, \cals@current@rs@below and set the flag
                      of a new row.
470 \newcommand\cals@rs@spec@begin{%
471 \def\cals@current@rs@above{%
472 \def\cals@current@rs@below{%
473 \let\cals@rs@spec@ll=\relax}

\cals@rs@spec@next  Finalizes the decorations for the previous cell by using the left border of the
\cals@rs@spec@nextII current as the right border for the previous. Then remembers the decorations of
                      the current cell — the left border width, the widths of the top and bottom borders
                      (\relax is ok) — in the macros \cals@rs@spec@ll, ...@bl, ...@bt, ...@bb. All
                      the arguments must be macros.
474 \newcommand\cals@rs@spec@next[4]{
475 \cals@rs@spec@nextII#2
476 \let\cals@rs@spec@ll=#1%
477 \let\cals@rs@spec@bl=#2%
478 \let\cals@rs@spec@bt=#3%
479 \let\cals@rs@spec@bb=#4%
480 }
481
482 \newcommand\cals@rs@spec@nextII[1]{%
483 \ifx \relax\cals@rs@spec@ll \else
484 \cals@rs@pack\cals@tmp\cals@rs@spec@ll\cals@rs@spec@bl#1\cals@rs@spec@bt
485 \llt@snoc\cals@current@rs@above\cals@tmp
486 \cals@rs@pack\cals@tmp\cals@rs@spec@ll\cals@rs@spec@bl#1\cals@rs@spec@bb
487 \llt@snoc\cals@current@rs@below\cals@tmp
488 \fi
489 }

\cals@rs@spec@end  Finishes the rowsep specification by putting the last cell to it. The only implicit
                    argument (\cals@lastLeftWidth) is the width of the right border of the last cell.
490 \newcommand\cals@rs@spec@end[1]{
491 \let\cals@rs@spec@end=\cals@rs@spec@nextII
```

### 4.5.3 “Waiting” rowsep

```
\cals@rs@sofar@length  Typesetting a row separator is not an easy task, especially because we support
\cals@rs@sofar@borderl  border-widths. Indeed, consider the worst case: four cells and all the borders
\cals@rs@sofar@borderr  are different. Our solution is an optimizer for a good case. We do not typeset
\cals@rs@sofar@width    a fragment of the rule immediately. Instead, we remember the parameters. If
                        the next fragment is of the same width, we increase the length of the “waiting”
```

fragment. Otherwise, we output the waiting fragment and the new fragment becomes the new waiting fragment.

```
492 \newcommand\cals@rs@sofar@length{}
493 \newcommand\cals@rs@sofar@borderl{}
494 \newcommand\cals@rs@sofar@borderr{}
495 \newcommand\cals@rs@sofar@width{}
```

`\cals@rs@sofar@reset` Sets a flag that a new waiting rule should be started.

```
496 \newcommand\cals@rs@sofar@reset{\let\cals@rs@sofar@width=\relax}
```

`\cals@rs@sofar@end` Prints the waiting rule, if exists.

```
497 \newcommand\cals@rs@sofar@end{\ifx\relax\cals@rs@sofar@width
498 \else\cals@rs@sofar@out\fi}
```

`\cals@rs@sofar@next` Enlarges the current waiting rule, or typesets it and starts new if the widths do not match. All the parameters must be macro names. In order: length, left border, right border, width.

```
499 \newcommand\cals@rs@sofar@next[4]{%
500 \ifx\relax\cals@rs@sofar@width
```

Starts a new waiting rule.

```
501 \let\cals@rs@sofar@length=#1%
502 \let\cals@rs@sofar@borderl=#2%
503 \let\cals@rs@sofar@borderr=#3%
504 \let\cals@rs@sofar@width=#4%
505 \else
506 \ifdim \cals@rs@sofar@width=#4\relax
```

Enlarges the waiting rule.

```
507 \dimen0=\cals@rs@sofar@length\relax
508 \advance\dimen0 by #1\relax
509 \edef\cals@rs@sofar@length{\the\dimen0}%
510 \let\cals@rs@sofar@borderr=#3%
511 \else
```

Typesets the current and start a new waiting rule.

```
512 \cals@rs@sofar@out
513 \let\cals@rs@sofar@length=#1%
514 \let\cals@rs@sofar@borderl=#2%
515 \let\cals@rs@sofar@borderr=#3%
516 \let\cals@rs@sofar@width=#4%
517 \fi
518 \fi}
```

`\cals@rs@sofar@over` Repeats the last rowsep fragment, probably with another settings. Arguments are like in `\cals@rs@sofar@next`.

```
519 \newcommand\cals@rs@sofar@over[4]{%
520 \ifdim Opt=#4
521 \relax
522 \else
523 \ifdim \cals@rs@sofar@width=#4\relax
```

The width is not changed. We probably need to enlarge the right border and probably the left border too. The latter is a bit harder because we don't want to change it if the line continues from another cell (so, change only if `length+borderl>sofar@length+sofar@borderl`).

```

524 \ifdim #3>\cals@rs@sofar@borderr\relax
525 \edef\cals@rs@sofar@borderr{#3}%
526 \fi
527 \dimen0=\cals@rs@sofar@length
528 \advance\dimen0 by \cals@rs@sofar@borderl\relax
529 \advance\dimen0 by -#2\relax
530 \ifdim #1>\dimen0 \relax
531 \edef\cals@rs@sofar@borderl{#2}%
532 \fi
533 \else

```

Typesets the current and start a new waiting rule.

```

534 \cals@rs@sofar@out
535 \hskip-#1\relax
536 \let\cals@rs@sofar@length=#1%
537 \let\cals@rs@sofar@borderl=#2%
538 \let\cals@rs@sofar@borderr=#3%
539 \let\cals@rs@sofar@width=#4%
540 \fi
541 \fi}

```

`\cals@rs@sofar@out` Typesets the waiting rule

```

542 \newcommand\cals@rs@sofar@out{%
543 \ifdim 0pt=\cals@rs@sofar@width\relax
544 \hskip\cals@rs@sofar@length\relax
545 \else
546 \cals@halfWidthToDimen0\cals@rs@sofar@borderl
547 \hskip-\dimen0\relax
548 \cals@halfWidthToDimen2\cals@rs@sofar@borderr
549 \dimen4=\cals@rs@sofar@length\relax
550 \advance\dimen4 by \dimen0\relax \advance\dimen4 by \dimen2\relax
551 \cals@halfWidthToDimen6\cals@rs@sofar@width
552 \vrule height\dimen6 depth\dimen6 width\dimen4\relax
553 \hskip-\dimen2\relax
554 \fi}

```

#### 4.5.4 From rowsep specification to typesetting

`\cals@rs@joinTwo` Join and typeset two rowseps (arguments 2 and 3, must be macro names). The number and the lengths of the fragments in the rowseps should match. The argument 1 (also a macro name) is the default width. Corrupts the macros 2 and 3. Call this macro inside `sofar@reset...@end` group.

```

555 \newcommand\cals@rs@joinTwo[3]{%

```

The loop function.

```

556 \def\next##1{%
557 \ifx \eol##1\let\next=\relax
558 \else
559 \toks0=\expandafter{##1}%
560 \edef\cals@tmpII{\the\toks0}%
561 \llt@decons#3%

```

Now \cals@tmpII contains a current fragment of the first rowsep, and \llt@car of the second. Unpack the individual parameters.

```

562 \cals@rs@unpack\cals@tmpII\cals@tmpLI \cals@tmpBlI \cals@tmpBrI \cals@tmpWI
563 \cals@rs@unpack\llt@car \cals@tmpLII\cals@tmpBlII\cals@tmpBrII\cals@tmpWII

```

The special case is when we should not typeset a rowsep fragment.

```

564 \let\cals@tmp=\cals@iftrue
565 \cals@maxWidth\cals@tmpWI\cals@tmpWII
566 \ifx \relax\cals@width\else \ifdim \cals@width=0pt %
567 \cals@rs@sofar@next\cals@tmpLI\cals@tmpBlI\cals@tmpBrI\cals@width
568 \let\cals@tmp=\cals@iffalse
569 \fi\fi

```

Not the special case. Put the both definitions, and let the underlying functions take care of calculations.

```

570 \cals@tmp@ifvoid
571 \cals@widthII#1\cals@tmpWI
572 \cals@rs@sofar@next\cals@tmpLI\cals@tmpBlI\cals@tmpBrI\cals@width
573 \cals@widthII#1\cals@tmpWII
574 \cals@rs@sofar@over\cals@tmpLII\cals@tmpBlII\cals@tmpBrII\cals@width
575 \fi
576 \fi

```

End of \next definition: continue the loop. End of \cals@rs@joinTwo definition: start the loop.

```

577 \next}%
578 \expandafter\next#2\eol}

```

\cals@rs@joinOne A simplified version of the previous macro. We have only one rowsep, and want to join and typeset it with regard to some width, given as the first macro parameter. Call this macro inside `sofar@reset...@end` group.

```

579 \newcommand\cals@rs@joinOne[2]{%
580 \def\next##1{\ifx\eol##1\let\next=\relax\else
581 \toks0=\expandafter{##1}%
582 \edef\cals@tmpII{\the\toks0}%
583 \cals@rs@unpack\cals@tmpII\cals@tmpL\cals@tmpBl\cals@tmpBr\cals@tmpW
584 \cals@widthII#1\cals@tmpW
585 \cals@rs@sofar@next\cals@tmpL\cals@tmpBl\cals@tmpBr\cals@width
586 \fi\next}%
587 \expandafter\next#2\eol}

```