

# REVTeX 4 Author's Guide

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## 1. Introduction

This is the author's guide to REVTeX 4, the preferred submission format for all APS journals. This guide is intended to be a concise introduction to REVTeX 4. The documentation has been separated out into smaller units to make it easier to locate essential information.

The following documentation is also part of the APS REVTeX 4 distribution. Updated versions of these will be maintained at the REVTeX 4 homepage located at <http://publish.aps.org/revtex4/>.

- *REVTeX 4 Installation Guide*
- *APS Compuscript Guide*
- *REVTeX 4 Command and Options Summary*
- *REVTeX 4 BibTeX Guide*

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- *Differences between REVTeX 4 and REVTeX 3*
- *REVTeX 4 Frequently Asked Questions*

This guide assumes a working REVTeX 4 installation. Please see the installation guide included with the distribution.

The REVTeX system for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X began its development in 1986 and has gone through three major revisions since then. All versions prior to REVTeX 4 were based on L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2.09 and, until now, REVTeX did not keep pace with the advances of the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X community and thus became inconvenient to work with. REVTeX 4 is designed to remedy this by incorporating the following design goals:

- Make REVTeX fully compatible with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>; it is now a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> document class, similar in function to the standard `article` class.
- Rely on standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> packages for common tasks, e.g. `graphicx`, `color`, and `hyperref`.
- Add or improve macros to support translation to tagged formats such as XML and SGML. This added markup will be key to enhancing the peer-review process and lowering production costs.
- Provide a closer approximation to the typesetting style used in *Physical Review*.
- Incorporate new features, such as hypertext, to make REVTeX a convenient and desirable e-print format.
- Relax the restrictions in REVTeX that had only been necessary for typesetting journal camera-ready copy.

To meet these goals, REVTeX 4 is a complete rewrite with an emphasis on maintainability so that it will be easier to provide enhancements.

The REVTeX 4 distribution includes both a template (`template.aps`) and a sample document (`apssamp.tex`). The template is a good starting point for a manuscript. In the following sections are instructions that should be sufficient for creating a paper using REVTeX 4.

### 1.1 Submitting to APS Journals

Authors using REVTeX 4 to prepare a manuscript for submission to *Physical Review* or *Reviews of Modern Physics* must also read the companion document *APS CompuScript Guide* distributed with REVTeX and follow the guidelines detailed there.

Further information about the compuscript program of the American Physical Society may be found at <http://publish.aps.org/ESUB/>.

## 1.2 Contact Information

Any bugs, problems or inconsistencies, should be reported to REVTeX support at <mailto:revtex4@aps.org>. Reports should include information on the error and a *small* sample document that manifests the problem if possible (please don't send large files!).

## 2. Some L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> Basics

A primary design goal of REVTeX 4 was to make it as compatible with standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> as possible so that authors may take advantage of all that L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> offers. In keeping with this goal, much of the special formatting that was built in to earlier versions of REVTeX is now accomplished through standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> macros or packages. The books in the bibliography provide extensive coverage of all topics pertaining to preparing documents under L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>. They are highly recommended.

### 2.1 Useful L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> Markup

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> markup is the preferred way to accomplish many basic tasks.

#### Fonts

Because REVTeX 4 is based upon L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>, it inherits all of the macros used for controlling fonts. Of particular importance are the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> macros `\textit`, `\textbf`, `\texttt` for changing to an italic, bold, or typewriter font respectively. One should always use this macros rather than the lower-level T<sub>E</sub>X macros `\it`, `\bf`, and `\tt`. The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> macros offer improvements such as better italic correction and scaling in super- and subscripts for example. Table I summarizes the font selection commands in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>.

#### User-defined macros

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> provides several macros that enable users to easily create new macros for use in their manuscripts:

- `\newcommand{<command>}[<narg>][<opt>]{<def>}`
- `\newcommand*{<command>}[<narg>][<opt>]{<def>}`
- `\renewcommand{<command>}[<narg>][<opt>]{<def>}`
- `\renewcommand*{<command>}[<narg>][<opt>]{<def>}`
- `\providecommand{<command>}[<narg>][<opt>]{<def>}`
- `\providecommand*{<command>}[<narg>][<opt>]{<def>}`

TABLE I: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> font commands

Text Fonts	
Font command	Explanation
<code>\textit{⟨text⟩}</code>	Italics
<code>\textbf{⟨text⟩}</code>	Boldface
<code>\texttt{⟨text⟩}</code>	Typewriter
<code>\textrm{⟨text⟩}</code>	Roman
<code>\textsl{⟨text⟩}</code>	Slanted
<code>\textsf{⟨text⟩}</code>	Sans Serif
<code>\textsc{⟨text⟩}</code>	Small Caps
<code>\textmd{⟨text⟩}</code>	Medium Series
<code>\textnormal{⟨text⟩}</code>	Normal Series
<code>\textup{⟨text⟩}</code>	Upright Series
Math Fonts	
<code>\mathit{⟨text⟩}</code>	Math Italics
<code>\mathbf{⟨text⟩}</code>	Math Boldface
<code>\mathtt{⟨text⟩}</code>	Math Typewriter
<code>\mathsf{⟨text⟩}</code>	Math Sans Serif
<code>\mathcal{⟨text⟩}</code>	Calligraphic
<code>\mathnormal{⟨text⟩}</code>	Math Normal
<code>\bm{⟨text⟩}</code>	Bold math for Greek letters and other symbols
<code>\mathfrak{⟨text⟩}</code> <sup>a</sup>	Fraktur
<code>\mathbb{⟨text⟩}</code> <sup>a</sup>	Blackboard Bold

<sup>a</sup>Requires `amsfonts` class option

Here  $\langle command \rangle$  is the name of the macro being defined,  $\langle narg \rangle$  is the number of arguments the macro takes,  $\langle opt \rangle$  are optional default values for the arguments, and  $\langle def \rangle$  is the actually macro definiton. `\newcommand` creates a new macro, `\renewcommand` redefines a previously defined macro, and `\providecommand` will define a macro only if it hasn't been defined previously. The \*-ed versions are an optimization that indicates that the macro arguments will always be "short" arguments. This is almost always the case, so the \*-ed versions should be used whenever possible.

The use of these macros is preferred over using plain T<sub>E</sub>X's low-level macros such as `\def`, `\edef`, and `\gdef`. APS authors must follow the *APS Compuscript Guide* when defining macros.

### Symbols

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> has added some convenient commands for some special symbols and effects. These are summarized in Table II. See [3] for details.

## 2.2 Using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> packages with REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub>

Many L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> packages are available, for instance, on CTAN at <ftp://ctan.tug.org/tex-archive/macros/latex/required/> and at <ftp://ctan.tug.org>.

TABLE II: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> commands for special symbols and effects

Command	Symbol/Effect
<code>\textemdash</code>	—
<code>\textendash</code>	–
<code>\textexclamdown</code>	¡
<code>\textquestiondown</code>	¿
<code>\textquotedblleft</code>	“
<code>\textquotedblright</code>	”
<code>\textquoteleft</code>	‘
<code>\textquoteright</code>	’
<code>\textbullet</code>	•
<code>\textperiodcentered</code>	·
<code>\textvisiblespace</code>	␣
<code>\textcompworkmark</code>	Break a ligature
<code>\textcircled{⟨char⟩}</code>	Circle a character

`org/tex-archive/macros/latex/contrib/` or may be available on other distribution media, such as the T<sub>E</sub>X Live CD-ROM <http://www.tug.org/texlive>. Some of these packages are automatically loaded by REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 when certain class options are invoked and are, thus, “required”. They will either be distributed with REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> or are already included with a standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> distribution. The *REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 Installation Guide* contains details about these packages.

Required packages are automatically loaded by REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> on an as-needed basis. Other packages should be loaded using the `\usepackage` command. To load the `hyperref` package, the document preamble might look like:

```
\documentclass{revtex}
\usepackage{hyperref}
```

Some common (and very useful) L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> packages are *a priori* important enough that REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 has been designed to be specifically compatible with them. A bug stemming from the use of one of these packages in conjunction with any of the APS journals may be reported by contacting REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> support.

**AMS packages** REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 is compatible with and depends upon the AMS packages `amsfonts`, `amssymb`, and `amsmath`. In fact, REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 requires use of these packages to accomplish some common tasks. See Section 6 for more.

**array and dcolumn** The `array` and `dcolumn` packages are part of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X's required suite of packages. `dcolumn` is required to align table columns on decimal points (and it in turn depends upon the `array` package).

**longtable** `longtable.sty` may be used for large tables that will span more than one page. REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 dynamically applies patches to `longtable.sty` so that it will work in two-column mode.

**hyperref** `hyperref.sty` is a package by Sebastian Rahtz that is used for putting hypertext links into  $\LaTeX 2_\epsilon$  documents.  $\text{REVTeX 4}$  has hooks to allow e-mail addresses and URL's to become hyperlinks if `hyperref` is loaded.

Other packages will conflict with  $\text{REVTeX 4}$  and should be avoided. Usually such a conflict arises because the package adds enhancements that  $\text{REVTeX 4}$  already includes. Here are some common packages that clash with  $\text{REVTeX 4}$ :

**multicol** `multicol.sty` is a package by Frank Mittelbach that adds support for multiple columns. In fact, early versions of  $\text{REVTeX 4}$  used `multicol.sty` for precisely this. However, to improve the handling of floats,  $\text{REVTeX 4}$  now has its own macros for two-column layout. Thus, it is not necessary to use `multicol.sty`.

**cite** Donald Arseneau's `cite.sty` is often used to provide support for sorting a `\cite` command's arguments into numerical order and to collapse consecutive runs of reference numbers.  $\text{REVTeX 4}$  has this functionality built-in already via the `natbib` package.

### 3. The Document Preamble

The preamble of a  $\LaTeX$  document is the set of commands that precede the `\begin{document}` line. It contains a `\documentclass` line to load the  $\text{REVTeX 4}$  class (*i. e.*, all of the  $\text{REVTeX 4}$  macro definitions), `\usepackage` macros to load other macro packages, and other macro definitions.

#### 3.1 The `documentclass` line

The basic formatting of the manuscript is controlled by setting *class options* using `\documentclass[options]{revtex4}`. The macro `\documentclass` replaces the `\documentstyle` macro of  $\LaTeX 2.09$ . The optional arguments that appear in the square brackets control the layout of the document. At this point, one only needs to choose a journal style (`pra`, `prb`, `prc`, `prd`, `pre`, `prl`, `prstab`, and `rmp`) and either `preprint` or `twocolumn`. Usually, one would want to use `preprint` for draft papers. `twocolumn` gives the *Physical Review* look and feel. A full list of class options is given in the *REVTeX 4 Command and Options Summary*.

#### 3.2 Loading other packages

### 4. The Front Matter

After choosing the basic look and feel of the document by selecting the appropriate class options and loading

in whatever other macros are needed, one is ready to move on to creating a new manuscript. After the preamble, be sure to put in a `\begin{document}` line (and put in an `\end{document}` as well). This section describes the macros  $\text{REVTeX 4}$  provides for formatting the front matter of the article. The behavior and usage of these macros can be quite different from those provided in either  $\text{REVTeX 3}$  or  $\LaTeX 2_\epsilon$ . See the included document *Differences between REVTeX 4 and REVTeX 3* for an overview of these differences.

#### 4.1 Setting the title

The title of the manuscript is simply specified by using the `\title[short title]{title}` macro. An optional short running title for display on the running heads of subsequent pages may be included as an optional argument.

#### 4.2 Specifying a date

The `\date{date}` command outputs the date on the manuscript. Using `\today` will cause  $\LaTeX$  to insert the current date whenever the file is run:

```
\date{\today}
```

#### 4.3 Specifying authors and affiliations

The macros for specifying authors and their affiliations have changed significantly for  $\text{REVTeX 4}$ . They have been improved to save labor for authors and in production. Authors and affiliations are arranged into groupings called, appropriately enough, *author groups*. Each author group is a set of authors who share the same set of affiliations. Author names are specified with the `\author` macro while affiliations (or addresses) are specified with the `\affiliation` macro. Author groups are specified by sequences of `\author` macros followed by `\affiliation` macros. An `\affiliation` macro applies to all previously specified `\author` macros which don't already have an affiliation supplied.

For example, if Bugs Bunny and Roger Rabbit are both at Looney Tune Studios, while Mickey Mouse is at Disney World, the markup would be:

```
\author{Bugs Bunny}
\author{Roger Rabbit}
\affiliation{Looney Tune Studios}
\author{Mickey Mouse}
\affiliation{Disney World}
```

The default is to display this as

Bugs Bunny and Roger Rabbit  
*Looney Tune Studios*

Mickey Mouse  
Disney World

Footnotes for authors

This layout style for displaying authors and their affiliations is chosen by selecting the class option `groupedaddress`. This option is the default for all APS journal styles, so it does not need to be specified explicitly. The other major way of displaying this information is to use superscripts on the authors and affiliations. This can be accomplished by selecting the class option `superscriptaddress`. To achieve the display

Bugs Bunny,<sup>1</sup> Roger Rabbit,<sup>1,2</sup> and Mickey Mouse<sup>2</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>*Looney Tune Studios*  
<sup>2</sup>*Disney World*

one would use the markup

```
\author{Bugs Bunny}
\affiliation{Looney Tune Studios}
\author{Roger Rabbit}
\affiliation{Looney Tune Studios}
\affiliation{Disney World}
\author{Mickey Mouse}
\affiliation{Disney World}
```

Note that REVTeX 4 takes care of any commas and *and*'s that join the author names together and font selection, as well as any superscript numbering. Only the author names and affiliations should be given within their respective macros.

There is a third class option, `unsortedaddress`, for controlling author/affiliation display. The default `groupedaddress` will actually sort authors into the appropriate author groups if one chooses to specify an affiliation for each author. The markup:

```
\author{Bugs Bunny}
\affiliation{Looney Tune Studios}
\author{Mickey Mouse}
\affiliation{Disney World}
\author{Roger Rabbit}
\affiliation{Looney Tune Studios}
```

will result in the same display as for the first case given above even though Roger Rabbit is specified after Mickey Mouse. To avoid Roger Rabbit being moved into the same author group as Bugs Bunny, use the `unsortedaddress` option instead. In general, it is safest to list authors in the order they should appear and specify affiliations for multiple authors rather than one at a time. This will afford the most independence for choosing the display option. Finally, it should be mentioned that the affiliations for the `superscriptaddress` are presented and numbered in the order that they are encountered. These means that the order will usually follow the order of the authors. An alternative ordering can be forced by including a list of `\affiliation` commands before the first `\author`.

Often one wants to specify additional information associated with an author such an e-mail address or an alternate affiliation. REVTeX 4 introduces several new macros just for this purpose. They are:

- `\email`[(*optional text*)]{e-mail address}
- `\homepage`[(*optional text*)]{URL}
- `\altaffiliation`[(*optional text*)]{affiliation}
- `\thanks`{miscellaneous text}

In the first three, the *optional text* will be prepended before the actual information specified in the required argument. `\email` and `\homepage` each have a default text for their optional arguments ('Electronic address:' and 'URL:' respectively). The `\thanks` macro should only be used if one of the other three do not apply. Any author name can have multiple occurrences of these four macros. Note that unlike the `\affiliation` macro, these macros only apply to the `\author` that directly precedes it. Any `\affiliation` *must* follow the other author-specific macros. A typical usage might be as follows:

```
\author{Bugs Bunny}
\email[E-mail me at: ]{bugs@looney.com}
\homepage[Visit: ]{http://looney.com/}
\altaffiliation[Permanent address: ]
                    {Warner Brothers}
\affiliation{Looney Tunes}
```

This would result in the footnote "E-mail me at: bugs@looney.com, Visit: http://looney.com/, Permanent address: Warner Brothers" being attached to Bugs Bunny. Note that:

- Only an e-mail address, URL, or affiliation should go in the required argument in the curly braces.
- The font is automatically taken care of.
- An explicit space is needed in the optional text if one is desired in the output.
- Use the optional arguments to provide customized text if there is a good reason to.

Each APS journal has a default behavior for the placement of footnotes on author names. The `prb` option puts all such footnotes at the start of the bibliography while the other journal styles display them on the first page. One can override a journal style's default behavior by specifying explicitly the class option `bibnotes` (puts the footnotes at the start of the bibliography) or `nobibnotes` (puts them on the first page).

### Collaborations

A collaboration name can be specified with the `\collaboration` macro. This is very similar to the `\author` macro, but it can only be used with the class option `superscriptaddress`. The `\collaboration` macro should appear at the end of the list of authors. The collaboration name will appear centered in parentheses between the list of authors and the list of affiliations. `\collaboration` can be followed by any of `\email`, `\homepage`, or `\thanks`. Because collaborations don't normally have affiliations, one needs to follow the `\collaboration` and any associated `\email`, `\homepage`, or `\thanks` macros with a `\noaffiliation` macro. `\noaffiliation` may also be applied to an `\author` as well, but this is uncommon.

#### Specifying first names and surnames

Many APS authors have names in which either the surname appears first or in which the surname is made up of more than one name. To ensure that such names are accurately captured for indexing and other purposes, the `\surname` macro should be used to indicate which portion of a name is the surname. Similarly, there is a `\firstname` macro as well, although usage of `\surname` should be sufficient. If an author's surname is a single name and written last, it is not necessary to use these macros. These macros do nothing but indicate how a name should be indexed. Here are some examples;

```
\author{Andrew \surname{Lloyd Weber}}
\author{\surname{Mao} Tse-Tung}
```

#### 4.4 The abstract

An abstract for a paper is specified by using the `abstract` environment:

```
\begin{abstract}
Text of abstract
\end{abstract}
```

Note that in REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 the abstract must be specified before the `\maketitle` command and there is no need to embed it in an explicit `minipage` environment. The current version of REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 has the restriction that the abstract must fit on a single page.

#### 4.5 PACS codes

APS authors are asked to supply suggested PACS codes with their submissions. The `\pacs` macro is provided as a way to do this:

```
\pacs{23.23.+x, 56.65.Dy}
```

The actual display of the PACS numbers below the abstract is controlled by two class options: `showpacs` and `noshowpacs`. In particular, this is now independent of the `preprint` option.

#### 4.6 Institutional report numbers

Institutional report numbers can be specified using the `\preprint` macro. These will be displayed in the upper lefthand corner of the first page. Multiple `\preprint` macros maybe supplied.

#### 4.7 maketitle

After specifying the title, authors, affiliations, abstract, PACS codes, and report numbers, the final step for formatting the front matter of the manuscript is to execute the `\maketitle` macro by simply including it:

```
\maketitle
```

The `\maketitle` macro must follow all of the macros listed above. The macro will format the front matter in accordance with the various class options that were specified in the `\documentclass` line (either implicitly through defaults or explicitly).

### 5. The body of the paper

For typesetting the body of a paper, REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 relies heavily on standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> and other packages (particularly those that are part of AM<sub>S</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X). Users unfamiliar with these packages should read the following sections carefully.

#### 5.1 Section headings

Section headings are input as in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. The output is similar, with a few extra features.

Four levels of headings are available in REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub>:

```
\section[<short title>]{<title text>}
\subsection{<title text>}
\subsubsection{<title text>}
\paragraph{<title text>}
```

Provide the `<short title>` if needed for the sake of the running header (required only by some journal substyles).

Use the starred form of the command to suppress the automatic numbering; e.g.,

```
\section*{Introduction}
```

To label a section heading for cross referencing use the `\label{<key>}` command *after* the heading; e.g.,

```
\section{Introduction}
\label{sec:intro}
```

In the some journal substyles, such as those of the APS, all text in the `\section` command is automatically set uppercase. If a lowercase letter is needed, use `\lowercase{x}`. For example, to use “He” for helium in a `\section{<title text>}` command, type `H\lowercase{e}` in `{<title text>}`.

Use `\protect\` to force a line break in a section heading. (Fragile commands must be protected in section headings and captions, and `\` is a fragile command.)

## 5.2 Paragraphs and General Text

Paragraphs always end with a blank input line. Because  $\text{\TeX}$  automatically calculates linebreaks and word hyphenation in a paragraph, it is not necessary to force linebreaks or hyphenation. Of course, compound words may should still be explicitly hyphenated, e.g., “author-prepared copy.”

Use directional quotes for quotation marks around quoted text (“‘xxx’”), not straight double quotes (“xxx”). For opening quotes, use one or two backquotes; for closing quotes, use one or two forward quotes (apostrophes).

## 5.3 One-column vs. two-column

One of the hallmarks of *Physical Review* is its two-column formatting and so one of the REV $\text{\TeX}$  4 design goals is to make it easier to achieve the *Physical Review* look and feel. In particular, the `twocolumn` option will take care of formatting the front matter (including the abstract) as a single column. REV $\text{\TeX}$  4 has its own built-in two-column formatting macros to provide well-balanced columns as well as reasonable control over the placement of floats in either one- or two-column modes.

Occasionally it is necessary to change the formatting from two-column to one-column to better accommodate very long equations that are more easily read when typeset to the full width of the page. This is accomplished using the `widetext` environment:

```
\begin{widetext}
long equation goes here
\end{widetext}
```

In two-column mode, this will temporarily return to one-column mode, balancing the text before the environment into two short columns, and returning to two-column mode after the environment has finished. The `widetext` environment has no effect on the output under the `preprint` class option because this already uses one-column formatting.

Use of the `widetext` environment should be restricted to the bare minimum of text that needs to be typeset this way. However short pieces of paragraph text and/or math between nearly contiguous wide equations should be incorporated into the surrounding wide sections. REV $\text{\TeX}$  4 works quite hard to get good balancing behavior, but can run into trouble if the `widetext` occurs too close to a page boundary. Symptoms of this problem include blocks of text disappearing or being moved to a strange location.

## 5.4 Cross-referencing

REV $\text{\TeX}$  inherits the  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$  features for labeling and cross-referencing section headings, equations, tables, and figures. This section contains a simplified explanation of these cross-referencing features. The proper usage in the context of section headings, equations, tables, and figures is discussed in the appropriate sections.

Cross-referencing depends upon the use of “tags,” which are defined by the user. The `\label{<key>}` command is used to identify tags for REV $\text{\TeX}$ . Tags are strings of characters that serve to label section headings, equations, tables, and figures that replace explicit, by-hand numbering.

Files that use cross-referencing (and almost all manuscripts do) need to be processed through REV $\text{\TeX}$  at least twice to ensure that the tags have been properly linked to appropriate numbers. If any tags are added in subsequent editing sessions,  $\text{\LaTeX}$  will display a warning message in the log file that ends with `... Rerun to get cross-references right`. Running the file through REV $\text{\TeX}$  again (possibly more than once) will resolve the cross-references. If the error message persists, check the labels; the same `{<key>}` may have been used to label more than one object.

Another  $\text{\LaTeX}$  warning is `There were undefined references`, which indicates the use of a key in a `\ref` without ever using it in a `\label` statement.

REV $\text{\TeX}$  performs autonumbering exactly as in standard  $\text{\LaTeX}$ . When the file is processed for the first time,  $\text{\LaTeX}$  creates an auxiliary file (with the `.aux` extension) that records the value of each `<key>`. Each subsequent run retrieves the proper number from the auxiliary file and updates the auxiliary file. At the end of each run, any change in the value of a `<key>` produces a  $\text{\LaTeX}$  warning message.

## 5.5 Acknowledgments

Use the `acknowledgments` environment for an acknowledgments section. Depending on the journal substyle, this element may be formatted as an unnumbered section title *Acknowledgments* or simply as a paragraph. Please note the spelling of “acknowledgments”.

```
\begin{acknowledgments}
The authors would like to thank...
\end{acknowledgments}
```

## 5.6 Appendices

The `\appendix` command signals that all following sections are appendices, so `\section{<title text>}` after `\appendix` will set `{<title text>}` as an appendix heading (an empty `{<title text>}` is permitted). For a single appendix, use a `\section*{<title text>}` command to suppress the appendix letter in the section heading.

## 6. Math and Equations

### 6.1 Math in text

Not surprisingly, REV $\TeX$  uses the  $\TeX$  math  $\$$  delimiters for math embedded in text. For example, `\$a^z\$` give  $a^z$ . Within math mode, use `\^{<math>}` for superscripts and `\_{<math>}` for subscripts. If the braces after the `\^` are omitted,  $\TeX$  will superscript the next *token* (generally a single character or command). Thus it is safest to use explicit braces `{}`.

As with text, math should not require extensive explicit vertical or horizontal motion commands, because  $\TeX$  calculates math spacing itself automatically. In particular, explicit spacing around relations (e.g., `=`) or operators (e.g., `+`) should be unnecessary. These suggestions notwithstanding, some fine-tuning of math is required in specific cases, see Chapter 18 in the  $\TeX$ book[1].

### 6.2 Text in math

There are times when normal, non-italic text needs to be inserted into a math expression. The `\text{<text>}` command is the preferred method of accomplishing this. It produces regular text *and* scales correctly in superscripts: `\$y=x \text{ for } x_{\text{e-p}}\$` gives “ $y = x$  for  $x_{e-p}$ ”. To use the `\text` command, the `amsmath` package must be loaded: include a `\usepackage{amsmath}` command in the document preamble.

Other common alternatives may be less desirable. Using the standard  $\LaTeX 2_{\epsilon}$  `\mbox{<text>}` will give normal text, including a hyphen, but will not scale correctly in superscripts: `\$x_{\mbox{e-p}}\$` gives “ $x_{e-p}$ ”. The `\rm` command only switches to Roman font for math letters. It does not, for example, handle hyphens correctly: `\$x_{\rm{e-p}}\$` gives “ $x_{e-p}$ ”. But note that `\textrm`, it does work: `\$x_{\textrm{e-p}}\$` gives “ $x_{e-p}$ ”.

### 6.3 Displayed equations

Equations are set centered in the column width or flush left depending on the selected journal substyle.

For the simplest type of displayed equation, a numbered, one-line equation, use the `equation` environment. REV $\TeX$  takes care of the equation number—the number will be set below the equation if necessary. Use `\[ ... \]` for a single, one-line unnumbered display equation.

Use the `eqnarray` environment when more than one consecutive equation occurs, putting each equation in a separate row of the environment, and using `\nonumber` before the row end (`\`) to suppress the equation number where necessary. If the equations are related to each other, align each on the respective relation operator (such as `=`).

When an equation is broken over lines or is continued over multiple relation operators, it is called a multi-line or continued equation, respectively; here, too, use the `eqnarray` environment.

For a continued equation, align each row on the relation operator just as with multiple equations, and use the `\nonumber` command to suppress auto-numbering on broken lines. Also, use the starred form of the row end (`\[*`) to prevent a pagebreak at that juncture.

Short displayed equations that can appear together on a single line separated by `\quad` space may be placed in a single `equation` environment.

As explained in Section 5.3, occasionally in two-column mode a long equation, in order to fit it in the narrow column width, would need to be broken into so many lines that it would affect readability. Set it in a wide column using the `widetext` environment. Then return to the normal text width as soon as possible.

The sample file `apssamp.tex` illustrates how to obtain each of the above effects.

### 6.4 Numbering displayed equations

REV $\TeX$  4 automatically numbers equations. For single-line and multi-line equations, use the `equation` and `eqnarray` environments as described above. For unnumbered single-line equations, use the `\[ ... \]` construction. The command `\nonumber` will suppress the numbering on a single line of an `eqnarray`. For a multi-line equation with no equation numbers at all, use the `eqnarray*` environment.

A series of equations can be labeled with a lettered sequence, e.g., (3a), (3b), and (3c), by putting the respective `equation` or `eqnarray` environment within a `subequations` environment. The `amsmath` package is required for this.

Use the command `\tag{<number>}` to produce an idiosyncratic equation number: (1'), for example. Numbers assigned by `\tag` are completely independent of

REVTeX’s automatic numbering. The package `amsmath` is required if for using the `\tag` command.

To have REVTeX reset the equation numbers at the start of each section, use the `eqsecnum` class option in the document preamble.

See the sample file `apssamp.tex` for some examples.

### 6.5 Cross-referencing displayed equations

To refer to a numbered equation, use the `\label{<key>}` and `\ref{<key>}` commands. The `\label{<key>}` command is used within the referenced equation (on the desired line of the `eqnarray`, if a multi-line equation):

```
\begin{equation}
A=B \label{pauli}
\end{equation}
... It follows from Eq.~(\ref{pauli})
that this is the case ...
\begin{eqnarray}
A & = & B, \label{pauli2} \\
A' & = & B'
\end{eqnarray}
```

gives

$$A = B \tag{1}$$

... It follows from Eq. (1) that this is the case ...

$$A = B, \tag{2}$$

$$A' = B' \tag{3}$$

Please note the parentheses surrounding the `\ref` command. These are *not* provided automatically and, thus, must be explicitly incorporated.

Numbers produced with `\tag` can also be cross-referenced by adding a `\label` command after the `\tag` command.

Using a `\label` after `\begin{subequations}` to reference the *general* number of the equations in the `subequations` environment. For example, if

```
\begin{subequations}
\label{allequations} % notice location
\begin{eqnarray}
E&=&mc^2, \label{equationa} \\
\\
E&=&mc^2, \label{equationb} \\
\\
E&=&mc^2, \label{equationc}
\end{eqnarray}
\end{subequations}
```

gives the output

$$E = mc^2, \tag{4a}$$

$$E = mc^2, \tag{4b}$$

$$E = mc^2, \tag{4c}$$

then Eq.~(\ref{allequations}) gives “Eq. (4)”.

**Note:** incorrect cross-referencing will result if `\label` is used in an unnumbered single-line equation (i.e., within the `[` and `]` commands), or if `\label` is used on a line of an `eqnarray` that is not being numbered (i.e., a line that has a `\nonumber`).

### 6.6 Using the AMS packages `amsmath`, `amssymb`, and `amsmath`

The American Mathematical Society’s AMS $\LaTeX$  packages provided extra fonts, symbols, and math markup that are quite convenient. REVTeX 4 supports the use of these packages directly. To use the `amsmath`, `amssymb`, and `amsmath` class options, AMS $\LaTeX$  (and perhaps the additional AMS fonts) will need to be installed (see the *REVTeX 4 Installation Guide*).

There are two class options for accessing the AMS fonts: `amsmath` and `amssymb`. The `amsmath` option defines the `\mathfrak` and `\mathbb` commands to switch to the Fraktur and Blackboard Bold fonts, respectively. These fonts are selected with the `\mathfrak` and `\mathbb` font-switching commands: `\mathfrak{G}` gives a Fraktur “G” and `\mathbb{Z}` gives a Blackboard Bold “Z”. REVTeX does not currently support the use of the extra Euler fonts (the AMS fonts starting with `eur` or `eus`) or the Cyrillic fonts (the AMS fonts starting with `w`).

The `amssymb` class option gives all the font capabilities of the `amsmath` class option and further defines the commands to get the symbols shown in the *REVTeX 4 Command and Options Summary*, which contains examples of the symbols and for instructions on use. These characters will scale correctly in superscripts and heads.

### 6.7 Bold symbols in math

REVTeX 4 uses the standard  $\LaTeX 2_{\epsilon}$  Bold Math (`bm`) package as the basis for creating bold symbols in math mode. As usual, this requires an explicit `\usepackage{bm}` in the document preamble. The command `\bm{<symbol>}` makes `{<symbol>}` bold in math mode, ensuring that it is the correct size, even in superscripts. If the correct font in the correct size is not available then result is the `{<symbol>}` set at the correct size in lightface and a  $\LaTeX 2_{\epsilon}$  warning that says “No boldmath typeface in this size ...”. Most bold special characters will require that the AMS fonts be installed and the `amsmath` class option be invoked.

`\bm` is the proper means to get bold greek characters—upper- and lowercase—and other symbols. The following will come out bold with `\bm`: normal math italic letters, numbers, Greek letters (uppercase and lowercase), small bracketing and operators, and `\mathcal`. Fraktur characters will come out bold in a `\bm`; however, Blackboard Bold requires using the `\mathbb` command rather than `\bm`. The `amsfonts` option adds support for bold math letters and symbols in smaller sizes and in superscripts when a `\bm{\langle symbol \rangle}` is used. For example, `\pi^{\bm{\pi}}` gives a bold lowercase pi in the superscript position:  $\pi^\pi$ .

Note that `\bm{\langle math \rangle}` is a fragile command and, thus, should be preceded by `\protect` in commands with moving arguments.

## 7. Footnotes

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X’s standard `\footnote` command is available in REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4. The footnote text can either appear at the bottom of a page or as part of the bibliography (in order, after the rest of the references). Specific journal options will select one of these two methods. Note that in the latter case, the argument of the `\footnote` command is a moving argument in the sense of the *L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X User’s Guide & Reference Manual*, Appendix C.1.3: any fragile command within that argument must be preceded by a `\protect` command.

The `\footnote` macro should not be used in the front matter for indicating author/affiliation relationships or to provide additional information about authors (such as an e-mail address). See Section 4.3 for the proper way to do this.

Finally, footnotes that appear in tables behave differently. They will be typeset as part of the table itself. See Section 10.2 for details.

## 8. Citations and References

In keeping with the REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 design goal of making it easier to extract tagged information from a manuscript, new macros and BIB<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> style files have been added to provide better markup. Furthermore, these have been built upon some widely-used L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X packages in line with the design goal of making use of the existing packages where possible. The two main external packages that are of concern here are Patrick Daly’s `natbib` citation package and his `custombib` tool kit for building new BIB<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> style files.

From an author’s point of view, all this means is that a proper REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 installation requires having `natbib` (version 7 or higher) installed. It also means that the full set of `natbib` functionality is available from within REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 (but see the *APS Compuscript Guide* for restrictions).

As in standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, references are cited in text using the `\cite{\langle key \rangle}` command and are listed in the bibliography using the `\bibitem{\langle key \rangle}` command. The `\cite` macro enables REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 to automatically number the references in the manuscript.

A typical example might be:

```
String theory\cite{GSW} attempts to provide a
theory of everything.
```

The corresponding `\bibitem` would be:

```
\bibitem{GSW} M.~Greene, J.~Schwarz, and
E.~Witten, \textit{Superstring Theory:
Introduction}, (Cambridge University
Press, London, 1985).
```

Journals differ in how the `\cite` will be displayed. Most APS journals display the citation in-line, as a number, enclosed in square brackets, *e. g.*, “String theory[1] attempts . . .” Other journals (most notably *Physical Review B*) instead use a number in a superscript: “String theory<sup>1</sup> attempts . . .” Selecting the journal substyle using a class option (such as `prb`) will invoke the appropriate style. In journal substyles using superscripts, the macro the `\onlinecite{\langle key \rangle}` is necessary to get the number to appear on the baseline. For example, “String theory (see, for example, Ref.~\onlinecite{GSW})” will give the output “String theory (see, for example, Ref. 1).”

A `\cite` command with multiple keys is formatted with consecutive reference numbers collapsed; *e.g.*, [1,2,3,5] will be output as [1–3,5]. To split the list over more than one line, use a `%` character immediately following a comma:

```
. . . \cite{a,b,c,d,e,f,%
g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q,r,s,t,u,v,w,x,y,z}
```

The `%` avoids unwanted spaces.

### 8.1 Author/Year (Non-numeric) Citations

*Reviews of Modern Physics* uses a citation style based on the first author’s last name and the year of the reference rather than a simple number. Support for this style of citing references is the primary reason REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 uses the `natbib` package. `natbib` uses an optional argument to the `\bibitem` macro to specify what text to use for the `\cite` text:

```
\bibitem[\langle short-name \rangle](\langle year \rangle)(\langle long-name \rangle)
```

where `\langle short-name \rangle` is the author name used in a parenthetical citation, `\langle long-name \rangle` that used in a textual citation, and `\langle year \rangle` is the year. More concretely, the `\bibitem` example above would appear as

```
\bibitem[Greene et al.(1985)Green, Schwarz, and
Witten]{GSW} M.~Greene, J.~Schwarz, and
```

E. Witten, `\textit{Superstring Theory: Introduction}`, (Cambridge University Press, London, 1985).

When the citation constitutes part of the grammar of the sentence, the `\textcite{key}` command may be used (analogous to the `\onlinecite` command above). Both `\textcite` and `\onlinecite` are built upon `natbib`'s rich repertoire of macros (`\citep`, `\citete`, etc.). These macros are available in REVTeX 4; however, APS authors must follow the *REVTeX 4 CompuScript Guide* guidelines regarding `natbib`'s macros.

## 8.2 Using BIBTeX

The `\bibitem` entries can be coded by hand as above, of course, but the use of BIBTeX with the new style files provided with REVTeX 4 makes it particularly simple to generate marked-up references that can, for instance, take advantage of packages like `hyperref` for linking. They also save the trouble of having to specify formatting like the italics for the book title in the above example. And, for those wishing to use author/year citations, BIBTeX will automatically generate the appropriate optional arguments for the `\bibitem` commands.

BIBTeX is an adjunct to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X that aids in the preparation of bibliographies. BIBTeX allows authors to build up a database or collection of bibliography entries that may be used for many manuscripts. A BIBTeX style file then specifies how to transform the entries into a proper `\bibitem` for a particular journal. Here we give a brief summary of how to get started with BIBTeX. More details can be found in the *REVTeX 4 BIBTeX Guide* included in the distribution or in the LaTeX books listed in the references.

Selecting a journal style by using an appropriate class option will automatically select the correct BIBTeX style file. For all of the *Physical Review* journals, this is `apsrev.bst`, while for *Reviews of Modern Physics* this is `apsrmp.bst`. The selection can be overridden by specifying an alternative `.bst` file using the standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X `\bibliographystyle` macro. This must appear in the preamble before the `\begin{document}` line in REVTeX 4 (this differs from standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X).

The BIBTeX database files will contain entries such as:

```
@Book{GSW,
  author='M. Greene, J. Schwarz, E. Witten'',
  title='Superstring theory: Introduction'',
  publisher='Cambridge University Press'',
  address='London'',
  year='1985''
}
```

There are entry formats for articles, technical reports, e-prints, theses, books, proceedings, and articles that ap-

pear in books or proceedings. The `apsrev` and `apsrmp` styles provided with REVTeX 4 also allows URL's and e-print identifiers to be specified for any of the different entry types. There is also add a "collaboration" field that can be used in addition to "author".

To actually create the bibliography in the manuscript, the `\bibliography{bib files}` macro is used. Here `bib files` is a comma-separated list of BIBTeX bibliography database files, each with the `.bib` extension. The `\bibliography` macro should be placed at the location where the references should appear (usually after the main body of the paper). When the manuscript is processed with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X for the first time, the keys corresponding for the `\cite` macros used in the manuscript are written out to the `.aux` file. Then BIBTeX should be run (if the manuscript is called `man.tex`, the command would be "bibtex man.") This will produce a `.bbl` file containing all of the `\bibitem`'s for the manuscript. Subsequent runs of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> will call this file in to resolve the references. L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> should be run repeatedly until all references are resolved.

The BIBTeX-produced `\bibitem`'s created using the `apsrev` and `apsrmp` appear considerably more complex than the example given above. This is because the style files add in `\bibinfo`, `\bibnamefont`, `\eprint`, and `\url` macros for specifying additional formatting and tagging. The `\bibinfo` macro is mostly a do-nothing macro that serves merely to tag the information with the field information from the original entry in the BIBTeX database. The `\eprint` and `\url` macros can be used to create the appropriate hyperlinks in target formats such as PDF.

For more information on using BIBTeX with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X, see Sections 4.3.1 and C.11.3 of the *L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X User's Guide & Reference Manual*[2], Section 13.2 of [4], or the online BIBTeX manual <http://ctan.tug.org/tex-archive/biblio/bibtex/distrib/doc/btxdoc.tex>.

## 9. Figures and Artwork

Figures may be included into a REVTeX 4 manuscript by using the standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> macros. It should be noted that L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> includes several powerful packages for including the files in various formats. The two main packages are `graphics` and `graphicx`. Both offer a macro called `\includegraphics[args]{filename}`; they mainly differ in how arguments for controlling figure placement (*e. g.*, scaling and rotating) are passed to the `\includegraphics`. Old L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>ε</sub>X 2.09 interfaces such as `epsfig` have been re-implemented on top of these packages. For more information on the enhancements of the `graphicx` package, see [5] or <ftp://ctan.tug.org/tex-archive/macros/latex/required/graphics/grfguide.ps>. REVTeX 4 no longer has the `epsf` class option, though the `epsfig` package provides a similar interface.

The `figure` environment should be used to add a caption to the figure and to allow  $\LaTeX$  to number and place the figures where they fit best.  $\LaTeX$  will label and automatically number the captions FIG. 1, FIG. 2, etc. For example:

```
\begin{figure}
  \includegraphics{fig1.eps}
  \caption{Text of first caption.}
  \label{fig1}
\end{figure}
```

Note how the `\label{<key>}` command is used to cross-reference figures in text. The `\label{<key>}` command should be inserted inside or after the figure caption, before the end of the figure environment. As usual, the `\ref{<key>}` macro can then be used to refer to the label: “As depicted in FIG.~`\ref{fig1}` ...”.

## 10. Tables

Tables are very similar to figures. They should be input using the `table` environment as detailed below, and  $\LaTeX$  will label and number the captions TABLE 1, TABLE 2, etc. (or in whatever format required by the chosen journal substyle). Tables without captions won't be numbered.

Each table must begin with `\begin{table}`, end with `\end{table}`. A caption can be specified using the `\caption{<text>}` command. To refer to the table via cross-referencing, a `\label{<key>}` command should follow the `\caption`. Use the `\ref{<key>}` command to cite tables in text. The `table` environment will set the table to the width of the column. Thus, in two-column mode, the table will be confined to a single column. To set a table to the full width of the page, rather than the column, use the `table*` environment.

The heart of the table is the `tabular` environment. This will behave for the most part as in standard  $\LaTeX 2_{\epsilon}$  (please refer to Section 3.6.3 and Appendix C.10.2 of the  *$\LaTeX$  User's Guide & Reference Manual* for more details about the `tabular` environment). Note that  $\text{REV}\LaTeX 4$  no longer automatically adds double (Scotch) rules around tables. Nor does the `tabular` environment set various table parameters for column spacing as before. Instead, a new environment `ruledtabular` provides this functionality. This environment should surround the `tabular` environment:

```
\begin{table}
\caption{....}
\label{tab:....}
\begin{ruledtabular}
\begin{tabular}
...
\end{tabular}
\end{ruledtabular}
```

```
\end{ruledtabular}
\end{table}
```

A basic table looks as follows:

```
\begin{table}
\caption{Text of table caption.}
\label{tab:example}
\begin{ruledtabular}
\begin{tabular}{ll}
  Heading 1 & Heading 2 \\
  Cell 1 & Cell 2 \\
\end{tabular}
\end{ruledtabular}
\end{table}
```

The `quasitable` environment is no longer in  $\text{REV}\LaTeX 4$ . The standard `tabular` environment can be used instead because it no longer puts in the double rules.

### 10.1 Aligning on a decimal point

Numerical columns should align on the decimal point (or decimal points if more than one is present). This is accomplished by again using a standard  $\LaTeX 2_{\epsilon}$  package, `dcolumn` which must be loaded in the manuscript's preamble:

```
\usepackage{dcolumn}
```

Once this package is loaded, the column specifier 'd' can be used in the table's `tabular{<preamble>}` environment preamble. The 'd' should be used for simple numeric data with a single decimal point. The entry of a d column is typeset in math mode; do not insert any \$ math delimiters into a 'd' column. Items without a decimal point are simply set in math mode, centered. If text is required in the column, use `\text` or `\mbox` as appropriate. If multiple decimal points are present then the last is used for alignment. To escape from the 'd' column use `\multicolumn` as usual. See the sample file `apssamp.tex` for examples.

### 10.2 Footnotes in Tables

Footnotes in a table are labeled *a*, *b*, *c*, etc. They can be specified by using the  $\LaTeX$  `\footnote` command. Furthermore, `\footnotemark` and `\footnotetext` can be used so that multiple entries can refer to the same footnote. The footnotes for a table are typeset at the bottom of the table, rather than at the bottom of the page or at the end of the references. The arguments for `\footnotemark` and `\footnotetext` should be numbers 1, 2, ... The journal style will convert these to letters. See sample file `apssamp.tex` for examples and explanations of use.

### 10.3 Dealing with Long Tables

By default, tables are set in a smaller size than the text body (`\small`). The `\squeezetable` declaration makes the table font smaller still (`\scriptsize`). Thus, putting the `\squeezetable` command before the `\begin{tabular}` line in a table will reduce the font size. If this isn't sufficient to fit the table on a page, the standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X<sub>2 $\epsilon$</sub>  `longtable` package may be used.

Under REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 3, tables automatically break across pages; REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 provides some of this functionality. However, this requires adding the table a float placement option of [h] (meaning put the table “here”) to the `\begin{table}` command. Furthermore, if the `ruledtabular` environment is not used, the `\begin{tabular}` command must be given an optional [v] argument. Tables set in the `table*` environment ignore any float placement options.

Long tables are more robustly handled by using the `longtable.sty` package included with the standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X<sub>2 $\epsilon$</sub>  distribution (put `\usepackage{longtable}` in the preamble). This package gives precise control over the layout of the table. The REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 package contains patches that enable the `longtable` package to work in two-column mode. Of course, a table set in two-column mode needs to be narrow enough to fit within the column. Otherwise, the columns may overlap. A `longtable` that is too wide for the narrow columns can be set within a `widetext` environment. (Note that a standard `table` should never be enclosed in a `widetext` environment - use the `table*` environment instead.) For more documentation on the `longtable` environment and on the package options of the `longtable` package, please see the documentation available at <ftp://ctan.tug.org/macros/latex/required/tools/longtable.dtx> or refer to [4].

Alternatively, as in REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 3.1, there is support in REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 for automatic table breaking. REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 will break a `tabular` environment across page breaks. This can only happen if the enclosing environment (`table` or `table*`) has either the ‘h’ float placement directive specified and the `tabular` environment either has an optional argument [v] specified or it is enclosed within a `ruledtabular` environment.

## 11. Placement of Figures, Tables, and Other Floats

By default, figures and tables (and any other “floating” environments defined by other packages) float to the top or bottom of the page using the standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X float placement mechanism. Initially, each `figure` or `table` environment should be put immediately following its first reference in the text; this will usually result in satisfactory placement on the page. An optional argument for either environment adjusts the float placement. For example:

```
\begin{figure}[\langle placement \rangle]
...
\end{figure}
```

where  $\langle placement \rangle$  can be any combination of `htbp!`, signifying “here”, “top”, “bottom”, “page”, and “as soon as possible”, respectively. The same placement argument may be added to a `\begin{table}`. For more details about float placement, see the instructions in the *L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X User's Guide & Reference Manual*, Appendix C.9.1.

In two-column mode, a page may contain both a `widetext` environment and a float. The placement of floats in such a situation can be very tricky and REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 may not always be able to automatically put the float in the optimal place. For instance, a float may be placed at the bottom of a column just before the `widetext` begins. To work around this, try moving the float environment below the `widetext` environment. Trying alternative  $\langle placements \rangle$  may also alleviate the problem.

Figures and tables are normally set to the width of the column in which they are placed. This means that in two-column mode, the float will be placed in a single, narrow column. For wide figures or tables, the `\figure*` or `\table*` environments should be used instead. This will place the float across both columns (the float will appear either at the top or the bottom of the page in this case). The `widetext` environment should not be used to accomplish this effect.

REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 offers an additional possibility for placing the floats. By using either the `endfloats` or the `endfloats*` class option all floats may be held back (using an external file) and then set elsewhere in the document using the commands `\printtables` and `\printfigures`, placed where the tables and figures are to be printed (usually at the end of the document). (This is similar to the standard `\printindex` command). Using a `*`-form of the commands (`\printfigures*` and `\printtables*`) will begin the figures or tables on a new page. Alternatively, the option `endfloats*` may be used to change the behavior of the non-`*`-forms so that every float will appear on a separate page at the end.

Without one of the `endfloats` class options, these float placement commands are silently ignored, so it is always safe to use them. If one of the `endfloats` class options is given, but the `\printtables` command is missing, the tables will be printed at the end of the document. Likewise, if `\printfigures` is missing, the figures will be printed at the end of the document. Therefore it is also safe to omit these commands as long as REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub>'s default choices for ordering figures and tables are satisfactory.

The `endfloats` option (or perhaps some journal sub-style that invokes it), requires explicit `\begin{figure}`, `\end{figure}`, `\begin{table}`, and `\end{table}` lines. In particular, do *not* define typing shortcuts for table and figure environments, such as

TABLE III: Special REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 symbols, accents, and boldfaced parentheses defined in `revsymb.sty`

<code>\lambdabar</code>	$\lambda$	<code>\openone</code>	$\mathbb{1}$
<code>\altsuccsim</code>	$\asymp$	<code>\altprecsm</code>	$\approx$
<code>\alt</code>	$\simeq$	<code>\agt</code>	$\succsim$
<code>\tensor x</code>	$\otimes$	<code>\overstar x</code>	$\overset{*}{x}$
<code>\loarrow x</code>	$\leftarrow$	<code>\roarrow x</code>	$\rightarrow$
<code>\biglb ( \bigrb )</code>	$()$	<code>\Biglb ( \Bigrb )</code>	$\bigcirc$
<code>\bigglb ( \biggrb )</code>	$\bigcirc$	<code>\Bigglb ( \Biggrb )</code>	$\bigcirc$

```
\def\bt{\begin{table}}% Incompatible!
\def\et{\end{table}}%
```

## 12. REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 symbols and the `revsymb` package

Symbols made available in earlier versions of REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> are defined in a separate package, `revsymb`, so that they may be used with other classes. This might be useful if, say, copying text from a REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> document to a non-REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> document. REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 automatically includes these symbols so it is not necessary to explicitly call them in with a `\usepackage` statement.

Table III summarizes the symbols defined in this package. Note that `\overcirc`, `\overdots`, and `\corresponds` are no longer in REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4. Use `\mathring` (standard in L<sub>A</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>), `\ddot` (with the `amsmath` package loaded), and `\triangleq` (with the

`amssymb` class option) respectively.

## 13. Other REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 Features

### 13.1 Job-specific Override Files

REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 allows manuscript-specific macro definitions to be put in a file separate from the main T<sub>E</sub>X file. One merely creates a file with the same basename as the T<sub>E</sub>X file, but with the extension ‘.rty’. Thus, if the T<sub>E</sub>X file is named `man.tex`, the macro definitions would go in `man.rty`. Note that the `.rty` file should be in the same directory as the T<sub>E</sub>X file. APS authors should follow the guidelines in the *REV<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub> 4 Compuscript Guide* when submitting.

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