

The code of the package **nicematrix**^{*}

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Abstract

This document is the documented code of the LaTeX package **nicematrix**. It is *not* its user's guide. The guide of utilisation is the document **nicematrix.pdf** (with a French traduction: **nicematrix-french.pdf**).

The development of the extension **nicematrix** is done on the following GitHub depot:
<https://github.com/fpantigny/nicematrix>

1 Declaration of the package and packages loaded

The prefix **nicematrix** has been registered for this package.

See: [<@@=nicematrix>](http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/l3kernel/13prefixes.pdf)

First, we load **pgfcore** and the module **shapes**. We do so because it's not possible to use **\usepgfmodule** in **\ExplSyntaxOn**.

```
1 \RequirePackage{pgfcore}
2 \usepgfmodule{shapes}
```

We give the traditional declaration of a package written with the L3 programming layer.

```
3 \ProvidesExplPackage
4   {nicematrix}
5   {\myfiledate}
6   {\myfileversion}
7   {Enhanced arrays with the help of PGF/TikZ}

8 \msg_new:nnn { nicematrix } { latex-too-old }
9  {
10    Your-LaTeX-release-is-too-old. \\
11    You-need-at-least-a-the-version-of-2023-11-01
12 }

13 \providetcommand { \IfFormatAtLeastTF } { \If@ifl@t@r \fmtversion }
14 \IfFormatAtLeastTF
15  { 2023-11-01 }
16  {
17    \msg_fatal:nn { nicematrix } { latex-too-old } }

18 \ProvideDocumentCommand { \IfPackageLoadedT } { m m }
19  { \IfPackageLoadedTF { #1 } { #2 } { } }

20 \ProvideDocumentCommand { \IfPackageLoadedF } { m m }
21  { \IfPackageLoadedTF { #1 } { } { #2 } }
```

^{*}This document corresponds to the version 7.2a of **nicematrix**, at the date of 2025/08/17.

The command for the treatment of the options of `\usepackage` is at the end of this package for technical reasons.

```
23 \RequirePackage { amsmath }
```

```
24 \RequirePackage { array }
```

In the version 2.6a of `array`, important modifications have been done for the Tagging Project.

```
25 \bool_const:Nn \c_@@_recent_array_bool
26   { \IfPackageAtLeastTF { array } { 2024/05/01 } \c_true_bool \c_false_bool }
27 \bool_const:Nn \c_@@_testphase_table_bool
28   { \IfPackageLoadedTF { latex-lab-testphase-table } \c_true_bool \c_false_bool }
```

```
29 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c_@@_error:n { \msg_error:nn { nicematrix } }
30 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c_@@_warning:n { \msg_warning:nn { nicematrix } }
31 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c_@@_error:nn { \msg_error:nnn { nicematrix } }
32 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \c_@@_error:nn { n e }
33 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c_@@_error:nnn { \msg_error:nnnn { nicematrix } }
34 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c_@@_fatal:n { \msg_fatal:nn { nicematrix } }
35 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c_@@_fatal:nn { \msg_fatal:nnn { nicematrix } }
36 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c_@@_msg_new:nn { \msg_new:nnn { nicematrix } }
```

With Overleaf (and also in TeXPage), by default, a document is compiled in non-stop mode. When there is an error, there is no way to the user to use the key H in order to have more information. That's why we decide to put that piece of information (for the messages with such information) in the main part of the message when the key `messages-for-Overleaf` is used (at load-time).

```
37 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c_@@_msg_new:nnn #1 #2 #3
38 {
39   \bool_if:NTF \g_@@_messages_for_Overleaf_bool
40     { \msg_new:nnn { nicematrix } { #1 } { #2 \\ #3 } }
41     { \msg_new:nnnn { nicematrix } { #1 } { #2 } { #3 } }
42 }
```

We also create a command which will generate usually an error but only a warning on Overleaf. The argument is given by currying.

```
43 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c_@@_error_or_warning:n
44 {
45   \bool_if:NTF \g_@@_messages_for_Overleaf_bool
46     { \c_@@_warning:n }
47     { \c_@@_error:n }
48 }
```

We try to detect whether the compilation is done on Overleaf. We use `\c_sys_jobname_str` because, with Overleaf, the value of `\c_sys_jobname_str` is always “output”.

```
49 \bool_new:N \g_@@_messages_for_Overleaf_bool
50 \bool_gset:Nn \g_@@_messages_for_Overleaf_bool
51 {
52   \str_if_eq_p:on \c_sys_jobname_str { _region_ } % for Emacs
53   || \str_if_eq_p:ee \c_sys_jobname_str { output } % for Overleaf
54 }

55 \c_@@_msg_new:nn { mdwtab-loaded }
56 {
57   The~packages~'mdwtab'~and~'nicematrix'~are~incompatible.~
58   This~error~is~fatal.
59 }

60 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument / end } { . }
61 { \IfPackageLoadedT { mdwtab } { \c_@@_fatal:n { mdwtab-loaded } } }
```

2 Collecting options

The following technique allows to create user commands with the ability to put an arbitrary number of [list of (key=val)] after the name of the command.

Example :

```
\@@_collect_options:n { \F } [x=a,y=b] [z=c,t=d] { arg }
```

will be transformed in : \F{x=a,y=b,z=c,t=d}{arg}

Therefore, by writing : \def\G{\@@_collect_options:n{\F}},
the command \G takes in an arbitrary number of optional arguments between square brackets.
Be careful: that command is *not* “fully expandable” (because of \peek_meaning:NTF).

```
62 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_collect_options:n #1
63 {
64   \peek_meaning:NTF [
65     { \@@_collect_options:nw { #1 } }
66     { #1 { } }
67 }
```

We use \NewDocumentCommand in order to be able to allow nested brackets within the argument between [and].

```
68 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_collect_options:nw { m r[] }
69   { \@@_collect_options:nn { #1 } { #2 } }
70
71 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_collect_options:nn #1 #2
72 {
73   \peek_meaning:NTF [
74     { \@@_collect_options:nnw { #1 } { #2 } }
75     { #1 { #2 } }
76 }
77
78 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_collect_options:nnw #1#2[#3]
79   { \@@_collect_options:nn { #1 } { #2 , #3 } }
```

3 Technical definitions

The following constants are defined only for efficiency in the tests.

```
80 \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_b_tl { b }
81 \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_c_tl { c }
82 \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_l_tl { l }
83 \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_r_tl { r }
84 \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_all_tl { all }
85 \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_dot_tl { . }
86 \str_const:Nn \c_@@_r_str { r }
87 \str_const:Nn \c_@@_c_str { c }
88 \str_const:Nn \c_@@_l_str { l }
```

The following token list will be used for definitions of user commands (with \NewDocumentCommand) with an embellishment using an *underscore* (there may be problems because of the catcode of the underscore).

```
89 \tl_new:N \l_@_argspec_tl
```

```

90 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_set_split:Nnn { N o }
91 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_set:Nn { N o }
92 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_build_put_right:Nn { N o }
93 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \clist_if_in:Nn { N e } { T , F, TF }
94 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \tl_if_empty:n { e } { T }
95 \prg_generate_conditional_variant:Nnn \tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nN { o N } { TF }
96 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_min:nn { v }
97 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_max:nn { v }

98 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
99 {
100   \IfPackageLoadedTF { tikz }
101   {

```

In some constructions, we will have to use a `{pgfpicture}` which *must* be replaced by a `{tikzpicture}` if Tikz is loaded. However, this switch between `{pgfpicture}` and `{tikzpicture}` can't be done dynamically with a conditional because, when the Tikz library `external` is loaded by the user, the pair `\tikzpicture-\endtikzpicture` (or `\begin{tikzpicture}-\end{tikzpicture}`) must be statically “visible” (even when externalization is not activated). That's why we create `\c_@@_pgfortikzpicture_tl` and `\c_@@_endpgfortikzpicture_tl` which will be used to construct in a `\hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }` the correct version of some commands. The tokens `\exp_not:N` are mandatory.

```

102   \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_pgfortikzpicture_tl { \exp_not:N \tikzpicture }
103   \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_endpgfortikzpicture_tl { \exp_not:N \endtikzpicture }
104 }
105 {
106   \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_pgfortikzpicture_tl { \exp_not:N \pgfpicture }
107   \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_endpgfortikzpicture_tl { \exp_not:N \endpgfpicture }
108 }
109 }

```

We test whether the current class is `revtex4-1` (deprecated) or `revtex4-2` because these classes redefines `\array` (of `array`) in a way incompatible with our programmation. At the date April 2025, the current version `revtex4-2` is 4.2f (compatible with `booktabs`).

```

110 \IfClassLoadedTF { revtex4-1 }
111   { \bool_const:Nn \c_@@_revtex_bool { \c_true_bool } }
112   {
113     \IfClassLoadedTF { revtex4-2 }
114       { \bool_const:Nn \c_@@_revtex_bool { \c_true_bool } }
115       {

```

Maybe one of the previous classes will be loaded inside another class... We try to detect that situation.

```

116   \cs_if_exist:NT \rvtx@iffORMAT@geq
117     { \bool_const:Nn \c_@@_revtex_bool { \c_true_bool } }
118     { \bool_const:Nn \c_@@_revtex_bool { \c_false_bool } }
119   }
120 }

```

If the final user uses `nicematrix`, PGF/Tikz will write instruction `\pgfsyspdfmark` in the `.aux` file. If he changes its mind and no longer loads `nicematrix`, an error may occur at the next compilation because of remanent instructions `\pgfsyspdfmark` in the `.aux` file. With the following code, we try to avoid that situation.

```

121 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_provide_pgfsyspdfmark:
122 {
123   \iow_now:Nn \mainaux
124   {
125     \ExplSyntaxOn
126     \cs_if_free:NT \pgfsyspdfmark
127       { \cs_set_eq:NN \pgfsyspdfmark \gobblethree }
128     \ExplSyntaxOff
129   }
130   \cs_gset_eq:NN \@@_provide_pgfsyspdfmark: \prg_do_nothing:
131 }

```

We define a command `\iddots` similar to `\ddots` (‘..) but with dots going forward (‘..). We use `\ProvideDocumentCommand` and so, if the command `\iddots` has already been defined (for example by the package `mathdots`), we don't define it again.

```

132 \ProvideDocumentCommand \iddots { }
133 {
134   \mathinner
135   {
136     \mkern 1 mu
137     \box_move_up:n { 1 pt } { \hbox { . } }
138     \mkern 2 mu
139     \box_move_up:n { 4 pt } { \hbox { . } }
140     \mkern 2 mu
141     \box_move_up:n { 7 pt }
142     { \vbox:n { \kern 7 pt \hbox { . } } }
143     \mkern 1 mu
144   }
145 }
```

This definition is a variant of the standard definition of `\ddots`.

In the `aux` file, we will have the references of the PGF/Tikz nodes created by `nicematrix`. However, when `booktabs` is used, some nodes (more precisely, some `row` nodes) will be defined twice because their position will be modified. In order to avoid an error message in this case, we will redefine `\pgfutil@check@rerun` in the `aux` file.

```

146 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
147 {
148   \IfPackageLoadedT { booktabs }
149   { \iow_now:Nn \mainaux { \nicematrix@redefine@check@rerun } }
150 }
151 \cs_set_protected:Npn \nicematrix@redefine@check@rerun
152 {
153   \let \@@_old_pgfutil@check@rerun \pgfutil@check@rerun
```

The new version of `\pgfutil@check@rerun` will not check the PGF nodes whose names start with `nm-` (which is the prefix for the nodes created by `nicematrix`).

```

154   \cs_set_protected:Npn \pgfutil@check@rerun ##1 ##2
155   {
\str_if_eq:ee(TF) is faster than \str_if_eq:nn(TF).
156   \str_if_eq:eeF { nm- } { \tl_range:nnn { ##1 } { 1 } { 3 } }
157   { \@@_old_pgfutil@check@rerun { ##1 } { ##2 } }
158 }
159 }
```

We have to know whether `colortbl` is loaded in particular for the redefinition of `\everycr`.

```

160 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
161 {
162   \cs_set_protected:Npe \@@_everycr:
163   {
164     \IfPackageLoadedTF { colortbl } { \CT@everycr } { \everycr }
165     { \noalign { \@@_in_everycr: } }
166   }
167   \IfPackageLoadedTF { colortbl }
168   {
169     \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_old_cellcolor: \cellcolor
170     \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_old_rowcolor: \rowcolor
171     \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_revert_colortbl:
172     {
173       \hook_gput_code:nnn { env / tabular / begin } { nicematrix }
174       {
175         \cs_set_eq:NN \cellcolor \@@_old_cellcolor:
176         \cs_set_eq:NN \rowcolor \@@_old_rowcolor:
```

```

177     }
178 }
```

When `colortbl` is used, we have to catch the tokens `\columncolor` in the preamble because, otherwise, `colortbl` will catch them and the colored panels won't be drawn by `nicematrix` but by `colortbl` (with an output which is not perfect).

```

179 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_replace_columncolor:
180 {
181     \tl_replace_all:Nnn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
182     { \columncolor }
183     { \@@_columncolor_preamble }
```

`\@@_column_preamble`, despite its name, will be defined with `\NewDocumentCommand` because it takes in an optional argument between square brackets in first position for the colorimetric space.

```

184     }
185 }
186 {
187     \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_revert_colortbl: { }
188     \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_replace_columncolor:
189     { \cs_set_eq:NN \columncolor \@@_columncolor_preamble }
```

The command `\CT@arc@` is a command of `colortbl` which sets the color of the rules in the array. We will use it to store the instruction of color for the rules even if `colortbl` is not loaded.

```

190 \def \CT@arc@ { }
191 \def \arrayrulecolor #1 # { \CT@arc { #1 } }
192 \def \CT@arc #1 #2
193 {
194     \dim_compare:nNnT { \baselineskip } = { \c_zero_dim } { \noalign }
195     { \cs_gset_nopar:Npn \CT@arc@ { \color #1 { #2 } } }
196 }
```

Idem for `\CT@drs@`.

```

197 \def \doublerulesepcolor #1 # { \CT@drs { #1 } }
198 \def \CT@drs #1 #2
199 {
200     \dim_compare:nNnT { \baselineskip } = { \c_zero_dim } { \noalign }
201     { \cs_gset:Npn \CT@drsc@ { \color #1 { #2 } } }
202 }
203 \def \hline
204 {
205     \noalign { \ifnum 0 = `} \fi
206     \cs_set_eq:NN \hskip \vskip
207     \cs_set_eq:NN \vrule \hrule
208     \cs_set_eq:NN \width \height
209     { \CT@arc@ \vline }
210     \futurelet \reserved@a
211     \xhline
212 }
213 }
214 }
```

We have to redefine `\cline` for several reasons. The command `\@@_cline:` will be linked to `\cline` in the beginning of `{NiceArrayWithDelims}`. The following commands must *not* be protected.

```

215 \cs_set_nopar:Npn \@@_standard_cline: #1 { \@@_standard_cline:w #1 \q_stop }
216 \cs_set_nopar:Npn \@@_standard_cline:w #1-#2 \q_stop
217 {
218     \int_if_zero:nT { \l_@@_first_col_int } { \omit & }
219     \int_compare:nNnT { #1 } > { \c_one_int }
220     { \multispan { \int_eval:n { #1 - 1 } } & }
221     \multispan { \int_eval:n { #2 - #1 + 1 } } }
222 {
223     \CT@arc@
224     \leaders \hrule \height \arrayrulewidth \hfill
```

The following `\skip_horizontal:N \c_zero_dim` is to prevent a potential `\unskip` to delete the `\leaders`¹

```
225     \skip_horizontal:N \c_zero_dim
226 }
```

Our `\everycr` has been modified. In particular, the creation of the `row` node is in the `\everycr` (maybe we should put it with the incrementation of `\c@iRow`). Since the following `\cr` correspond to a “false row”, we have to nullify `\everycr`.

```
227 \everycr { }
228 \cr
229 \noalign { \skip_vertical:n { - \arrayrulewidth } }
230 }
```

The following version of `\cline` spreads the array of a quantity equal to `\arrayrulewidth` as does `\hline`. It will be loaded excepted if the key `standard-cline` has been used.

```
231 \cs_set:Npn \@@_cline:
```

We have to act in a fully expandable way since there may be `\noalign` (in the `\multispan`) to detect. That’s why we use `\@@_cline_i:en`.

```
232 { \@@_cline_i:en \l_@@_first_col_int }
```

The command `\cline_i:nn` has two arguments. The first is the number of the current column (it *must* be used in that column). The second is a standard argument of `\cline` of the form *i-j* or the form *i*.

```
233 \cs_set:Npn \@@_cline_i:nn #1 #2 { \@@_cline_i:w #1|#2- \q_stop }
234 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_cline_i:nn { e }
235 \cs_set:Npn \@@_cline_i:w #1|#2-#3 \q_stop
236 {
237     \tl_if_empty:nTF { #3 }
238         { \@@_cline_iii:w #1|#2-#2 \q_stop }
239         { \@@_cline_ii:w #1|#2-#3 \q_stop }
240     }
241 \cs_set:Npn \@@_cline_ii:w #1|#2-#3- \q_stop
242     { \@@_cline_iii:w #1|#2-#3 \q_stop }
243 \cs_set:Npn \@@_cline_iii:w #1|#2-#3 \q_stop
244 }
```

Now, `#1` is the number of the current column and we have to draw a line from the column `#2` to the column `#3` (both included).

```
245 \int_compare:nNnT { #1 } < { #2 }
246     { \multispan { \int_eval:n { #2 - #1 } } & }
247 \multispan { \int_eval:n { #3 - #2 + 1 } } }
248 {
249     \CT@arc@
250     \leaders \hrule \height \arrayrulewidth \hfill
251     \skip_horizontal:N \c_zero_dim
252 }
```

You look whether there is another `\cline` to draw (the final user may put several `\cline`).

```
253 \peek_meaning_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF \cline
254     { & \@@_cline_i:en { \int_eval:n { #3 + 1 } } }
255     { \everycr { } \cr }
256 }
```

The following command will be nullified in the environment `{NiceTabular}`, `{NiceTabular*}` and `{NiceTabularX}`.

```
257 \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_math_toggle: \c_math_toggle_token
```

¹See question 99041 on TeX StackExchange.

```

258 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_set_CTarc:n #1
259 {
260     \tl_if_blank:nF { #1 }
261     {
262         \tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nNTF { #1 } [
263             { \def \CT@arc@ { \color #1 } }
264             { \def \CT@arc@ { \color { #1 } } }
265         ]
266     }
267 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_set_CTarc:n { o }

268 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_set_CTdrsc:n #1
269 {
270     \tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nNTF { #1 } [
271         { \def \CT@drsc@ { \color #1 } }
272         { \def \CT@drsc@ { \color { #1 } } }
273     ]
274 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_set_CTdrsc:n { o }

```

The following command must *not* be protected since it will be used to write instructions in the `\g_@@_pre_code_before_tl`.

```

275 \cs_new:Npn \@@_exp_color_arg:Nn #1 #2
276 {
277     \tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nNTF { #2 } [
278         { #1 #2 }
279         { #1 { #2 } }
280     ]
281 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_exp_color_arg:Nn { N o }

```

The following command must be protected because of its use of the command `\color`.

```

282 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_color:n #1
283     { \tl_if_blank:nF { #1 } { \@@_exp_color_arg:Nn \color { #1 } } }
284 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_color:n { o }

```

```

285 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_rescan_for_spanish:N #1
286 {
287     \tl_set_rescan:Nno
288     #1
289     {
290         \char_set_catcode_other:N >
291         \char_set_catcode_other:N <
292     }
293     #1
294 }

```

The L3 programming layer provides scratch dimensions `\l_tmpa_dim` and `\l_tmpb_dim`. We create several more in the same spirit.

```

295 \dim_new:N \l_@@_tmpc_dim
296 \dim_new:N \l_@@_tmpd_dim
297 \dim_new:N \l_@@_tmpe_dim
298 \dim_new:N \l_@@_tmpf_dim

299 \tl_new:N \l_@@_tmpc_tl
300 \tl_new:N \l_@@_tmpd_tl

301 \int_new:N \l_@@_tmpc_int

```

4 Parameters

The following counter will count the environments `{NiceArray}`. The value of this counter will be used to prefix the names of the Tikz nodes created in the array.

```
302 \int_new:N \g_@@_env_int
```

The following command is only a syntactic shortcut. It must *not* be protected (it will be used in names of PGF nodes).

```
303 \cs_new:Npn \@@_env: { nm - \int_use:N \g_@@_env_int }
```

The command `\NiceMatrixLastEnv` is not used by the package `nicematrix`. It's only a facility given to the final user. It gives the number of the last environment (in fact the number of the current environment but it's meant to be used after the environment in order to refer to that environment — and its nodes — without having to give it a name). This command *must* be expandable since it will be used in pgf nodes.

```
304 \NewExpandableDocumentCommand \NiceMatrixLastEnv { }
305   { \int_use:N \g_@@_env_int }
```

The following command is only a syntactic shortcut. The `q` in `qpoint` means *quick*.

```
306 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_qpoint:n #1
307   { \pgfpointanchor { \@@_env: - #1 } { center } }
```

If the user uses `{NiceTabular}`, `{NiceTabular*}` or `{NiceTabularX}`, we will raise the following flag.

```
308 \bool_new:N \l_@@_tabular_bool
```

`\g_@@_delims_bool` will be true for the environments with delimiters (ex. : `{pNiceMatrix}`, `{pNiceArray}`, `\pAutoNiceMatrix`, etc.).

```
309 \bool_new:N \g_@@_delims_bool
310 \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_delims_bool
```

In fact, if there is delimiters in the preamble of `{NiceArray}` (eg: `[cccc]`), this boolean will be set to false.

The following boolean will be equal to `true` in the environments which have a preamble (provided by the final user): `{NiceTabular}`, `{NiceArray}`, `{pNiceArray}`, etc.

```
311 \bool_new:N \l_@@_preamble_bool
312 \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_preamble_bool
```

We need a special treatment for `{NiceMatrix}` when `vlines` is not used, in order to retrieve `\arraycolsep` on both sides.

```
313 \bool_new:N \l_@@_NiceMatrix_without_vlines_bool
```

The following counter will count the environments `{NiceMatrixBlock}`.

```
314 \int_new:N \g_@@_NiceMatrixBlock_int
```

It's possible to put tabular notes (with `\tabularnote`) in the caption if that caption is composed *above* the tabular. In such case, we will count in `\g_@@_notes_caption_int` the number of uses of the command `\tabularnote` *without optional argument* in that caption.

```
315 \int_new:N \g_@@_notes_caption_int
```

The dimension `\l_@@_columns_width_dim` will be used when the options specify that all the columns must have the same width (but, if the key `columns-width` is used with the special value `auto`, the boolean `\l_@@_auto_columns_width_bool` also will be raised).

```
316 \dim_new:N \l_@@_columns_width_dim
```

The dimension `\l_@@_col_width_dim` will be available in each cell which belongs to a column of fixed width: `w{...}{...}`, `W{...}{...}`, `p{...}`, `m{...}`, `b{...}` but also `X` (when the actual width of that column is known, that is to say after the first compilation). It's the width of that column. It will be used by some commands `\Block`. A non positive value means that the column has no fixed width (it's a column of type `c`, `r`, `l`, etc.).

```
317 \dim_new:N \l_@@_col_width_dim
318 \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_col_width_dim { -1 cm }
```

The following counters will be used to count the numbers of rows and columns of the array.

```
319 \int_new:N \g_@@_row_total_int
320 \int_new:N \g_@@_col_total_int
```

The following parameter will be used by `\@_create_row_node`: to avoid to create the same row-node twice (at the end of the array).

```
321 \int_new:N \g_@@_last_row_node_int
```

The following counter corresponds to the key `nb-rows` of the command `\RowStyle`.

```
322 \int_new:N \l_@@_key_nb_rows_int
```

The following token list will contain the type of horizontal alignment of the current cell as provided by the corresponding column. The possible values are `r`, `l`, `c` and `j`. For example, a column `p[1]{3cm}` will provide the value `l` for all the cells of the column.

```
323 \tl_new:N \l_@@_hpos_cell_tl
324 \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_hpos_cell_tl \c_@@_c_tl
```

When there is a mono-column block (created by the command `\Block`), we want to take into account the width of that block for the width of the column. That's why we compute the width of that block in the `\g_@@_blocks_wd_dim` and, after the construction of the box `\l_@@_cell_box`, we change the width of that box to take into account the length `\g_@@_blocks_wd_dim`.

```
325 \dim_new:N \g_@@_blocks_wd_dim
```

Idem for the mono-row blocks.

```
326 \dim_new:N \g_@@_blocks_ht_dim
327 \dim_new:N \g_@@_blocks_dp_dim
```

The following dimension correspond to the key `width` (which may be fixed in `\NiceMatrixOptions` but also in an environment `{NiceTabular}`).

```
328 \dim_new:N \l_@@_width_dim
```

The clist `\g_@@_names_clist` will be the list of all the names of environments used (via the option `name`) in the document: two environments must not have the same name. However, it's possible to use the option `allow-duplicate-names`.

```
329 \clist_new:N \g_@@_names_clist
```

We want to know whether we are in an environment of `nicematrix` because we will raise an error if the user tries to use nested environments.

```
330 \bool_new:N \l_@@_in_env_bool
```

The following key corresponds to the key `notes/detect_duplicates`.

```
331 \bool_new:N \l_@@_notes_detect_duplicates_bool
332 \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_notes_detect_duplicates_bool
```

```
333 \bool_new:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
334 \bool_new:N \l_@@_final_open_bool
335 \bool_new:N \l_@@_Vbrace_bool
```

If the user uses `{NiceTabular*}`, the width of the tabular (in the first argument of the environment `{NiceTabular*}`) will be stored in the following dimension.

```
336 \dim_new:N \l_@@_tabular_width_dim
```

The following dimension will be used for the total width of composite rules (*total* means that the spaces on both sides are included).

```
337 \dim_new:N \l_@@_rule_width_dim
```

The key `color` in a command of rule such as `\Hline` (or the specifier “`|`” in the preamble of an environment).

```
338 \tl_new:N \l_@@_rule_color_tl
```

The following boolean will be raised when the command `\rotate` is used.

```
339 \bool_new:N \g_@@_rotate_bool
```

The following boolean will be raise then the command `\rotate` is used with the key `c`.

```
340 \bool_new:N \g_@@_rotate_c_bool
```

In a cell, it will be possible to know whether we are in a cell of a column of type `X` thanks to that flag (the `X` columns of `nicematrix` are inspired by those of `tabularx`). You will use that flag for the blocks.

```
341 \bool_new:N \l_@@_X_bool
```

`\l_@@_V_of_X_bool` during the construction of the preamble when a column of type `X` uses the key `V` (whose name is inspired by the columns `V` of the extension `varwidth`).

```
342 \bool_new:N \l_@@_V_of_X_bool
```

The flag `g_@@_V_of_X_bool` will be raised when there is at least in the tabular a column of type `X` using the key `V`.

```
343 \bool_new:N \g_@@_V_of_X_bool
```

```
344 \bool_new:N \g_@@_caption_finished_bool
```

The following boolean will be raised when the key `no-cell-nodes` is used.

```
345 \bool_new:N \l_@@_no_cell_nodes_bool
```

We will write in `\g_@@_aux_tl` all the instructions that we have to write on the `aux` file for the current environment. The contain of that token list will be written on the `aux` file at the end of the environment (in an instruction `\tl_gset:cn { g_@@_ \int_use:N \g_@@_env_int _ tl }`).

```
346 \tl_new:N \g_@@_aux_tl
```

During the second run, if information concerning the current environment has been found in the `aux` file, the following flag will be raised.

```
347 \bool_new:N \g_@@_aux_found_bool
```

In particular, in that `aux` file, there will be, for each environment of `nicematrix`, an affectation for the the following sequence that will contain information about the size of the array.

```
348 \seq_new:N \g_@@_size_seq
```

```
349 \tl_new:N \g_@@_left_delim_tl
```

```
350 \tl_new:N \g_@@_right_delim_tl
```

The token list `\g_@@_user_preamble_tl` will contain the preamble provided by the the final user of `nicematrix` (eg the preamble of an environment `{NiceTabular}`).

```
351 \tl_new:N \g_@@_user_preamble_tl
```

The token list `\g_@@_array_preamble_tl` will contain the preamble constructed by `nicematrix` for the environment `{array}` (of `array`).

```
352 \tl_new:N \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
For \multicolumn.
```

```
353 \tl_new:N \g_@@_preamble_tl
```

The following parameter corresponds to the key `columns-type` of the environments `{NiceMatrix}`, `{pNiceMatrix}`, etc. and also the key `matrix / columns-type` of `\NiceMatrixOptions`.

```
354 \tl_new:N \l_@@_columns_type_tl
355 \str_set:Nn \l_@@_columns_type_tl { c }
```

The following parameters correspond to the keys `down`, `up` and `middle` of a command such as `\Cdots`. Usually, the final user doesn't use that keys directly because he uses the syntax with the embellishments `_`, `^` and `:`.

```
356 \tl_new:N \l_@@_xdots_down_tl
357 \tl_new:N \l_@@_xdots_up_tl
358 \tl_new:N \l_@@_xdots_middle_tl
```

We will store in the following sequence information provided by the instructions `\rowlistcolors` in the main array (not in the `\CodeBefore`).

```
359 \seq_new:N \g_@@_rowlistcolors_seq
```

```
360 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_test_if_math_mode:
361 {
362     \if_mode_math: \else:
363         \@@_fatal:n { Outside~math~mode }
364     \fi:
365 }
```

The list of the columns where vertical lines in sub-matrices (`vlism`) must be drawn. Of course, the actual value of this sequence will be known after the analyse of the preamble of the array.

```
366 \seq_new:N \g_@@_cols_vlism_seq
```

The following colors will be used to memorize the color of the potential “first col” and the potential “first row”.

```
367 \colorlet{nicematrix-last-col}{.}
368 \colorlet{nicematrix-last-row}{.}
```

The following string is the name of the current environment or the current command of `nicematrix` (despite its name which contains `env`).

```
369 \str_new:N \g_@@_name_env_str
```

The following string will contain the word `command` or `environment` whether we are in a command of `nicematrix` or in an environment of `nicematrix`. The default value is `environment`.

```
370 \tl_new:N \g_@@_com_or_env_str
371 \tl_gset:Nn \g_@@_com_or_env_str { environment }
```

```
372 \bool_new:N \l_@@_bold_row_style_bool
```

The following command will be able to reconstruct the full name of the current command or environment (despite its name which contains `env`). This command must *not* be protected since it will be used in error messages and we have to use `\str_if_eq:eeTF` and not `\tl_if_eq:eeTF` because we need to be fully expandable). `\str_if_eq:ee(TF)` is faster than `\str_if_eq:nn(TF)`.

```
373 \cs_new:Npn \@@_full_name_env:
374 {
375     \str_if_eq:eeTF \g_@@_com_or_env_str { command }
376     { command \space \c_underscore_str \g_@@_name_env_str }
377     { environment \space \{ \g_@@_name_env_str \} }
378 }
```

```
379 \tl_new:N \g_@@_cell_after_hook_tl % 2025/03/22
```

For the key `code` of the command `\SubMatrix` (itself in the main `\CodeAfter`), we will use the following token list.

```
380 \tl_new:N \l_@@_code_t1
```

For the key `pgf-node-code`. That code will be used when the nodes of the cells (that is to say the nodes of the form `i-j`) will be created.

```
381 \tl_new:N \l_@@_pgf_node_code_t1
```

The so-called `\CodeBefore` is split in two parts because we want to control the order of execution of some instructions.

```
382 \tl_new:N \g_@@_pre_code_before_t1  
383 \tl_new:N \g_nicematrix_code_before_t1
```

The value of the key `code-before` will be added to the left of `\g_@@_pre_code_before_t1`. Idem for the code between `\CodeBefore` and `\Body`.

The so-called `\CodeAfter` is split in two parts because we want to control the order of execution of some instructions.

```
384 \tl_new:N \g_@@_pre_code_after_t1  
385 \tl_new:N \g_nicematrix_code_after_t1
```

The `\CodeAfter` provided by the final user (with the key `code-after` or the keyword `\CodeAfter`) will be stored in the second token list.

```
386 \bool_new:N \l_@@_in_code_after_bool
```

The following parameter will be raised when a block contains an ampersand (`&`) in its content (=label).

```
387 \bool_new:N \l_@@_ampersand_bool
```

The counters `\l_@@_old_iRow_int` and `\l_@@_old_jCol_int` will be used to save the values of the potential LaTeX counters `iRow` and `jCol`. These LaTeX counters will be restored at the end of the environment.

```
388 \int_new:N \l_@@_old_iRow_int  
389 \int_new:N \l_@@_old_jCol_int
```

The TeX counters `\c@iRow` and `\c@jCol` will be created in the beginning of `{NiceArrayWithDelims}` (if they don't exist previously).

The following sequence will contain the names (without backslash) of the commands created by `custom-line` by the key `command` or `ccommand` (commands used by the final user in order to draw horizontal rules).

```
390 \seq_new:N \l_@@_custom_line_commands_seq
```

The following token list corresponds to the key `rules/color` available in the environments.

```
391 \tl_new:N \l_@@_rules_color_t1
```

The sum of the weights of all the X-columns in the preamble.

```
392 \fp_new:N \g_@@_total_X_weight_fp
```

If there is at least one X-column in the preamble of the array, the following flag will be raised via the aux file. The length `\l_@@_X_columns_dim` will be the width of X-columns of weight 1.0 (the width of a column of weight `x` will be that dimension multiplied by `x`). That value is computed after the construction of the array during the first compilation in order to be used in the following run.

```
393 \bool_new:N \l_@@_X_columns_aux_bool  
394 \dim_new:N \l_@@_X_columns_dim
```

This boolean will be used only to detect in an expandable way whether we are at the beginning of the (potential) column zero, in order to raise an error if `\Hdotsfor` is used in that column.

```
395 \bool_new:N \g_@@_after_col_zero_bool
```

A kind of false row will be inserted at the end of the array for the construction of the `col` nodes (and also to fix the width of the columns when `columns-width` is used). When this special row will be created, we will raise the flag `\g_@@_row_of_col_done_bool` in order to avoid some actions set in the redefinition of `\everycr` when the last `\cr` of the `\halign` will occur (after that row of `col` nodes).

```
396 \bool_new:N \g_@@_row_of_col_done_bool
```

It's possible to use the command `\NotEmpty` to specify explicitly that a cell must be considered as non empty by `nicematrix` (the Tikz nodes are constructed only in the non empty cells).

```
397 \bool_new:N \g_@@_not_empty_cell_bool
```

```
398 \tl_new:N \l_@@_code_before_tl
399 \bool_new:N \l_@@_code_before_bool
```

The following token list will contain the code inserted in each cell of the current row (this token list will be cleared at the beginning of each row).

```
400 \tl_new:N \g_@@_row_style_tl
```

The following dimensions will be used when drawing the dotted lines.

```
401 \dim_new:N \l_@@_x_initial_dim
402 \dim_new:N \l_@@_y_initial_dim
403 \dim_new:N \l_@@_x_final_dim
404 \dim_new:N \l_@@_y_final_dim

405 \dim_new:N \g_@@_dp_row_zero_dim
406 \dim_new:N \g_@@_ht_row_zero_dim
407 \dim_new:N \g_@@_ht_row_one_dim
408 \dim_new:N \g_@@_dp_ante_last_row_dim
409 \dim_new:N \g_@@_ht_last_row_dim
410 \dim_new:N \g_@@_dp_last_row_dim
```

Some cells will be declared as “empty” (for example a cell with an instruction `\Cdots`).

```
411 \bool_new:N \g_@@_empty_cell_bool
```

The following dimensions will be used internally to compute the width of the potential “first column” and “last column”.

```
412 \dim_new:N \g_@@_width_last_col_dim
413 \dim_new:N \g_@@_width_first_col_dim
```

The following sequence will contain the characteristics of the blocks of the array, specified by the command `\Block`. Each block is represented by 6 components surrounded by curly braces: `{imin}{jmin}{imax}{jmax}{options}{contents}`.

The variable is global because it will be modified in the cells of the array.

```
414 \seq_new:N \g_@@_blocks_seq
```

We also manage a sequence of the *positions* of the blocks. In that sequence, each block is represented by only five components: `{imin}{jmin}{imax}{jmax}{name}`. A block with the key `hvlines` won't appear in that sequence (otherwise, the lines in that block would not be drawn!).

```
415 \seq_new:N \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq
```

In fact, this sequence will also contain the positions of the cells with a `\diagbox`. The sequence `\g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq` will be used when we will draw the rules (which respect the blocks).

In the `\CodeBefore`, the value of `\g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq` will be the value read in the `aux` file from a previous run. However, in the `\CodeBefore`, the commands `\EmptyColumn` and `\EmptyRow` will write virtual positions of blocks in the following sequence.

416 `\seq_new:N \g_@@_future_pos_of_blocks_seq`

The, after the execution of the `\CodeBefore`, the sequence `\g_@@_pos_of_blocs_seq` will be erased and replaced by the value of `\g_@@_future_pos_of_blocks_seq`.

We will also manage a sequence for the positions of the dotted lines. These dotted lines are created in the array by `\Cdots`, `\Vdots`, `\Ddots`, etc. However, their positions, that is to say, their extremities, will be determined only after the construction of the array. In this sequence, each item contains five components: `{imin}{jmin}{imax}{jmax}{ name}`.

417 `\seq_new:N \g_@@_pos_of_xdots_seq`

The sequence `\g_@@_pos_of_xdots_seq` will be used when we will draw the rules required by the key `hvlines` (these rules won't be drawn within the virtual blocks corresponding to the dotted lines).

The final user may decide to “stroke” a block (using, for example, the key `draw=red!15` when using the command `\Block`). In that case, the rules specified, for instance, by `hvlines` must not be drawn around the block. That's why we keep the information of all that stroken blocks in the following sequence.

418 `\seq_new:N \g_@@_pos_of_stroken_blocks_seq`

If the user has used the key `corners`, all the cells which are in an (empty) corner will be stored in the following list. We use a `clist` instead of a `seq` because we will frequently search in that list (and searching in a `clist` is faster than searching in a `seq`).

419 `\clist_new:N \l_@@_corners_cells_clist`

The list of the names of the potential `\SubMatrix` in the `\CodeAfter` of an environment. Unfortunately, that list has to be global (we have to use it inside the group for the options of a given `\SubMatrix`).

420 `\seq_new:N \g_@@_submatrix_names_seq`

The following flag will be raised if the key `width` is used in an environment `{NiceTabular}` (not in a command `\NiceMatrixOptions`). You use it to raise an error when this key is used while no column `X` is used.

421 `\bool_new:N \l_@@_width_used_bool`

The sequence `\g_@@_multicolumn_cells_seq` will contain the list of the cells of the array where a command `\multicolumn{n}{...}{...}` with $n > 1$ is issued. In `\g_@@_multicolumn_sizes_seq`, the “sizes” (that is to say the values of n) correspondent will be stored. These lists will be used for the creation of the “medium nodes” (if they are created).

422 `\seq_new:N \g_@@_multicolumn_cells_seq`

423 `\seq_new:N \g_@@_multicolumn_sizes_seq`

By default, the diagonal lines will be parallelized². There are two types of diagonals lines: the `\Ddots` diagonals and the `\Idots` diagonals. We have to count both types in order to know whether a diagonal is the first of its type in the current `{NiceArray}` environment.

424 `\int_new:N \g_@@_ddots_int`

425 `\int_new:N \g_@@_iddots_int`

²It's possible to use the option `parallelize-diags` to disable this parallelization.

The dimensions `\g_@@_delta_x_one_dim` and `\g_@@_delta_y_one_dim` will contain the Δ_x and Δ_y of the first `\Ddots` diagonal. We have to store these values in order to draw the others `\Ddots` diagonals parallel to the first one. Similarly `\g_@@_delta_x_two_dim` and `\g_@@_delta_y_two_dim` are the Δ_x and Δ_y of the first `\Iddots` diagonal.

```
426 \dim_new:N \g_@@_delta_x_one_dim
427 \dim_new:N \g_@@_delta_y_one_dim
428 \dim_new:N \g_@@_delta_x_two_dim
429 \dim_new:N \g_@@_delta_y_two_dim
```

The following counters will be used when searching the extremities of a dotted line (we need these counters because of the potential “open” lines in the `\SubMatrix`—the `\SubMatrix` in the `code-before`).

```
430 \int_new:N \l_@@_row_min_int
431 \int_new:N \l_@@_row_max_int
432 \int_new:N \l_@@_col_min_int
433 \int_new:N \l_@@_col_max_int

434 \int_new:N \l_@@_initial_i_int
435 \int_new:N \l_@@_initial_j_int
436 \int_new:N \l_@@_final_i_int
437 \int_new:N \l_@@_final_j_int
```

The following counters will be used when drawing the rules.

```
438 \int_new:N \l_@@_start_int
439 \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_start_int \c_one_int
440 \int_new:N \l_@@_end_int
441 \int_new:N \l_@@_local_start_int
442 \int_new:N \l_@@_local_end_int
```

The following sequence will be used when the command `\SubMatrix` is used in the `\CodeBefore` (and not in the `\CodeAfter`). It will contain the position of all the sub-matrices specified in the `\CodeBefore`. Each sub-matrix is represented by an “object” of the form $\{i\}\{j\}\{k\}\{l\}$ where i and j are the number of row and column of the upper-left cell and k and l the number of row and column of the lower-right cell.

```
443 \seq_new:N \g_@@_submatrix_seq
```

We are able to determine the number of columns specified in the preamble (for the environments with explicit preamble of course and without the potential exterior columns).

```
444 \int_new:N \g_@@_static_num_of_col_int
```

The following parameters correspond to the keys `fill`, `opacity`, `draw`, `tikz`, `borders`, and `rounded-corners` of the command `\Block`.

```
445 \tl_new:N \l_@@_fill_tl
446 \tl_new:N \l_@@_opacity_tl
447 \tl_new:N \l_@@_draw_tl
448 \seq_new:N \l_@@_tikz_seq
449 \clist_new:N \l_@@_borders_clist
450 \dim_new:N \l_@@_rounded_corners_dim
```

The last parameter has no direct link with the [empty] corners of the array (which are computed and taken into account by `nicematrix` when the key `corners` is used).

The following dimension corresponds to the key `rounded-corners` available in an individual environment `{NiceTabular}`. When that key is used, a clipping is applied in the `\CodeBefore` of the environment in order to have rounded corners for the potential colored panels.

```
451 \dim_new:N \l_@@_tab_rounded_corners_dim
```

The following token list correspond to the key `color` of the command `\Block` and also the key `color` of the command `\RowStyle`.

```
452 \tl_new:N \l_@@_color_tl
```

In the key `tikz` of a command `\Block` or in the argument of a command `\TikzEveryCell`, the final user puts a list of tikz keys. But, you have added another key, named `offset` (which means that an offset will be used for the frame of the block or the cell). The following parameter corresponds to that key.

```
453 \dim_new:N \l_@@_offset_dim
```

Here is the dimension for the width of the rule when a block (created by `\Block`) is stroked or when the key `hvlines` is used.

```
454 \dim_new:N \l_@@_line_width_dim
```

The parameters of the horizontal position of the label of a block. If the user uses the key `c` or `C`, the value is `c`. If the user uses the key `l` or `L`, the value is `l`. If the user uses the key `r` or `R`, the value is `r`. If the user has used a capital letter, the boolean `\l_@@_hpos_of_block_cap_bool` will be raised (in the second pass of the analyze of the keys of the command `\Block`).

```
455 \str_new:N \l_@@_hpos_block_str
456 \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str { c }
457 \bool_new:N \l_@@_hpos_of_block_cap_bool
458 \bool_new:N \l_@@_p_block_bool
```

If the final user has used the special color “`nocolor`”, the following flag will be raised.

```
459 \bool_new:N \l_@@_nocolor_used_bool
```

For the vertical position, the possible values are `c`, `t`, `b`, `T` and `B` (but `\l_@@_vpos_block_str` will remain empty if the user doesn't use a key for the vertical position).

```
460 \str_new:N \l_@@_vpos_block_str
```

Used when the key `draw-first` is used for `\Ddots` or `\Idots`.

```
461 \bool_new:N \l_@@_draw_first_bool
```

The following flag corresponds to the keys `vlines` and `hlines` of the command `\Block` (the key `hvlines` is the conjunction of both).

```
462 \bool_new:N \l_@@_vlines_block_bool
463 \bool_new:N \l_@@_hlines_block_bool
```

The blocks which use the key `-` will store their content in a box. These boxes are numbered with the following counter.

```
464 \int_new:N \g_@@_block_box_int
465 \dim_new:N \l_@@_submatrix_extra_height_dim
466 \dim_new:N \l_@@_submatrix_left_xshift_dim
467 \dim_new:N \l_@@_submatrix_right_xshift_dim
468 \clist_new:N \l_@@_hlines_clist
469 \clist_new:N \l_@@_vlines_clist
470 \clist_new:N \l_@@_submatrix_hlines_clist
471 \clist_new:N \l_@@_submatrix_vlines_clist
```

The following key is set when the keys `hvlines` and `hvlines-except-borders` are used. It's used only to change slightly the clipping path set by the key `rounded-corners` (for a `{tabular}`).

```
472 \bool_new:N \l_@@_hvlines_bool
```

The following flag will be used by (for instance) `\@@_vline_i{..}`. When `\l_@@_dotted_bool` is `true`, a dotted line (with our system) will be drawn.

```
473 \bool_new:N \l_@@_dotted_bool
```

The following flag will be set to true during the composition of a caption specified (by the key `caption`).

```
474 \bool_new:N \l_@@_in_caption_bool
```

Variables for the exterior rows and columns

The keys for the exterior rows and columns are `first-row`, `first-col`, `last-row` and `last-col`. However, internally, these keys are not coded in a similar way.

- **First row**

The integer `\l_@@_first_row_int` is the number of the first row of the array. The default value is 1, but, if the option `first-row` is used, the value will be 0.

```
475   \int_new:N \l_@@_first_row_int
476   \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_first_row_int \c_one_int
```

- **First column**

The integer `\l_@@_first_col_int` is the number of the first column of the array. The default value is 1, but, if the option `first-col` is used, the value will be 0.

```
477   \int_new:N \l_@@_first_col_int
478   \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_first_col_int \c_one_int
```

- **Last row**

The counter `\l_@@_last_row_int` is the number of the potential “last row”, as specified by the key `last-row`. A value of -2 means that there is no “last row”. A value of -1 means that there is a “last row” but we don’t know the number of that row (the key `last-row` has been used without value and the actual value has not still been read in the `aux` file).

```
479   \int_new:N \l_@@_last_row_int
480   \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_row_int { -2 }
```

If, in an environment like `{pNiceArray}`, the option `last-row` is used without value, we will globally raise the following flag. It will be used to know if we have, after the construction of the array, to write in the `aux` file the number of the “last row”.³

```
481   \bool_new:N \l_@@_last_row_without_value_bool
```

Idem for `\l_@@_last_col_without_value_bool`

```
482   \bool_new:N \l_@@_last_col_without_value_bool
```

- **Last column**

For the potential “last column”, we use an integer. A value of -2 means that there is no last column. A value of -1 means that we are in an environment without preamble (e.g. `{bNiceMatrix}`) and there is a last column but we don’t know its value because the user has used the option `last-col` without value. A value of 0 means that the option `last-col` has been used in an environment with preamble (like `{pNiceArray}`): in this case, the key was necessary without argument. The command `\NiceMatrixOptions` also sets `\l_@@_last_col_int` to 0.

```
483   \int_new:N \l_@@_last_col_int
484   \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_col_int { -2 }
```

However, we have also a boolean. Consider the following code:

³We can’t use `\l_@@_last_row_int` for this usage because, if `nicematrix` has read its value from the `aux` file, the value of the counter won’t be -1 any longer.

```

\begin{pNiceArray}{cc}[last-col]
1 & 2 \\
3 & 4
\end{pNiceArray}

```

In such a code, the “last column” specified by the key `last-col` is not used. We want to be able to detect such a situation and we create a boolean for that job.

```
485 \bool_new:N \g_@@_last_col_found_bool
```

This boolean is set to `false` at the end of `\@@_pre_array_ii::`.

In the last column, we will raise the following flag (it will be used by `\OnlyMainNiceMatrix`).

```
486 \bool_new:N \l_@@_in_last_col_bool
```

Some utilities

```
487 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #1-#2 \q_stop
488 {
```

Here, we use `\def` instead of `\tl_set:Nn` for efficiency only.

```
489 \def \l_tmpa_tl { #1 }
490 \def \l_tmpb_tl { #2 }
491 }
```

The following takes as argument the name of a `clist` and which should be a list of intervals of integers. It *expands* that list, that is to say, it replaces (by a sort of `mapcan` or `flat_map`) the interval by the explicit list of the integers.

```
492 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_expand_clist:N #1
493 {
494     \clist_if_in:NnF #1 { all }
495     {
496         \clist_clear:N \l_tmpa_clist
497         \clist_map_inline:Nn #1
498         {
```

We recall that `\tl_if_in:nnTF` is slightly faster than `\str_if_in:nnTF`.

```
499 \tl_if_in:nnTF { ##1 } { - }
500     { \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w ##1 \q_stop }
501 }
```

Here, we use `\def` instead of `\tl_set:Nn` for efficiency only.

```
502 \def \l_tmpa_tl { ##1 }
503 \def \l_tmpb_tl { ##1 }
504 }
505 \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_tmpa_tl } { \l_tmpb_tl }
506     { \clist_put_right:Nn \l_tmpa_clist { ####1 } }
507 }
508 \tl_set_eq:NN #1 \l_tmpa_clist
509 }
510 }
```

The following internal parameters are for:

- `\Ldots` with both extremities open (and hence also `\Hdotsfor` in an exterior row);
- when the special character “`:`” is used in order to put the label of a so-called “dotted line” *on the line*, a margin of `\c_@@_innersep_middle_dim` will be added around the label.

```
511 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
512 {
513     \dim_const:Nn \c_@@_shift_Ldots_last_row_dim { 0.5 em }
514     \dim_const:Nn \c_@@_innersep_middle_dim { 0.17 em }
515 }
```

5 The command \tabularnote

Of course, it's possible to use `\tabularnote` in the main tabular. But there is also the possibility to use that command in the caption of the tabular. And the caption may be specified by two means:

- The caption may of course be provided by the command `\caption` in a floating environment. Of course, a command `\tabularnote` in that `\caption` makes sens only if the `\caption` is *before* the `{tabular}`.
- It's also possible to use `\tabularnote` in the value of the key `caption` of the `{NiceTabular}` when the key `caption-above` is in force. However, in that case, one must remind that the caption is composed *after* the composition of the box which contains the main tabular (that's mandatory since that caption must be wrapped with a line width equal to the width of the tabular). However, we want the labels of the successive tabular notes in the logical order. That's why:
 - The number of tabular notes present in the caption will be written on the aux file and available in `\g_@@_notes_caption_int`.⁴
 - During the composition of the main tabular, the tabular notes will be numbered from `\g_@@_notes_caption_int+1` and the notes will be stored in `\g_@@_notes_seq`. Each component of `\g_@@_notes_seq` will be a kind of couple of the form : `{label}{text of the tabularnote}`. The first component is the optional argument (between square brackets) of the command `\tabularnote` (if the optional argument is not used, the value will be the special marker expressed by `\c_novalue_t1`).
 - During the composition of the caption (value of `\l_@@_caption_t1`), the tabular notes will be numbered from 1 to `\g_@@_notes_caption_int` and the notes themselves will be stored in `\g_@@_notes_in_caption_seq`. The structure of the components of that sequence will be the same as for `\g_@@_notes_seq`.
 - After the composition of the main tabular and after the composition of the caption, the sequences `\g_@@_notes_in_caption_seq` and `\g_@@_notes_seq` will be merged (in that order) and the notes will be composed.

The LaTeX counter `tabularnote` will be used to count the tabular notes during the construction of the array (this counter won't be used during the composition of the notes at the end of the array). You use a LaTeX counter because we will use `\refstepcounter` in order to have the tabular notes referenceable.

516 `\newcounter { tabularnote }`

We want to avoid error messages for duplicate labels when the package `hyperref` is used. That's why we will count all the tabular notes of the whole document with `\g_@@_tabularnote_int`.

517 `\int_new:N \g_@@_tabularnote_int`
518 `\cs_set:Npn \theHtabularnote { \int_use:N \g_@@_tabularnote_int }`
519 `\seq_new:N \g_@@_notes_seq`
520 `\seq_new:N \g_@@_notes_in_caption_seq`

Before the actual tabular notes, it's possible to put a text specified by the key `tabularnote` of the environment. The token list `\g_@@_tabularnote_t1` corresponds to the value of that key.

521 `\tl_new:N \g_@@_tabularnote_t1`

We prepare the tools for the formatting of the references of the footnotes (in the tabular itself). There may have several references of footnote at the same point and we have to take into account that point.

522 `\seq_new:N \l_@@_notes_labels_seq`
523 `\newcounter { nicematrix_draft }`

⁴More precisely, it's the number of tabular notes which do not use the optional argument of `\tabularnote`.

```

524 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_notes_format:n #1
525 {
526     \setcounter { nicematrix_draft } { #1 }
527     \@@_notes_style:n { nicematrix_draft }
528 }

```

The following function can be redefined by using the key `notes/style`.

```

529 \cs_new:Npn \@@_notes_style:n #1 { \textit { \alph { #1 } } }

```

The following function can be redefined by using the key `notes/label-in-tabular`.

```

530 \cs_new:Npn \@@_notes_label_in_tabular:n #1 { \textsuperscript { #1 } }

```

The following function can be redefined by using the key `notes/label-in-list`.

```

531 \cs_new:Npn \@@_notes_label_in_list:n #1 { \textsuperscript { #1 } }

```

We define `\thetabularnote` because it will be used by LaTeX if the user want to reference a tabular which has been marked by a `\label`. The TeX group is for the case where the user has put an instruction such as `\color{red}` in `\@@_notes_style:n`.

```

532 \cs_set:Npn \thetabularnote { \@@_notes_style:n { tabularnote } }

```

The tabular notes will be available for the final user only when `enumitem` is loaded. Indeed, the tabular notes will be composed at the end of the array with a list customized by `enumitem` (a list `tabularnotes` in the general case and a list `tabularnotes*` if the key `para` is in force). However, we can test whether `enumitem` has been loaded only at the beginning of the document (we want to allow the user to load `enumitem` after `nicematrix`).

```

533 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
534 {
535     \IfPackageLoadedTF { enumitem }
536     {

```

The type of list `tabularnotes` will be used to format the tabular notes at the end of the array in the general case and `tabularnotes*` will be used if the key `para` is in force.

```

537     \newlist { tabularnotes } { enumerate } { 1 }
538     \setlist [ tabularnotes ]
539     {
540         topsep = \c_zero_dim ,
541         noitemsep ,
542         leftmargin = * ,
543         align = left ,
544         labelsep = \c_zero_dim ,
545         label =
546             \@@_notes_label_in_list:n { \@@_notes_style:n { tabularnotesi } } ,
547     }
548     \newlist { tabularnotes* } { enumerate* } { 1 }
549     \setlist [ tabularnotes* ]
550     {
551         afterlabel = \nobreak ,
552         itemjoin = \quad ,
553         label =
554             \@@_notes_label_in_list:n { \@@_notes_style:n { tabularnotes*i } }
555     }

```

One must remind that we have allowed a `\tabular` in the caption and that caption may also be found in the list of tables (`\listoftables`). We want the command `\tabularnote` be no-op during the composition of that list. That's why we program `\tabularnote` to be no-op excepted in a floating environment or in an environment of `nicematrix`.

```

556 \NewDocumentCommand \tabularnote { o m }
557 {
558     \bool_lazy_or:nnT { \cs_if_exist_p:N \capttype } { \l_@@_in_env_bool }

```

```

559     {
560         \bool_lazy_and:nTF { ! \l_@@_tabular_bool } { \l_@@_in_env_bool }
561             { \@@_error:n { tabularnote~forbidden } }
562             {
563                 \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_in_caption_bool
564                     \@@_tabularnote_caption:nn
565                     \@@_tabularnote:nn
566                     { #1 } { #2 }
567             }
568         }
569     }
570 }
571 {
572     \NewDocumentCommand \tabularnote { o m }
573         { \@@_err_enumitem_not_loaded: }
574 }
575 }

576 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_err_enumitem_not_loaded:
577 {
578     \@@_error_or_warning:n { enumitem~not~loaded }
579     \cs_gset:Npn \@@_err_enumitem_not_loaded: { }
580 }

581 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_test_first_novalue:nnn #1 #2 #3
582     { \tl_if_novalue:nT { #1 } { #3 } }

```

For the version in normal conditions, that is to say not in the `caption`. #1 is the optional argument of `\tabularnote` (maybe equal to the special marker expressed by `\c_novalue_t1`) and #2 is the mandatory argument of `\tabularnote`.

```

583 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_tabularnote:nn #1 #2
584 {

```

You have to see whether the argument of `\tabularnote` has yet been used as argument of another `\tabularnote` in the same tabular. In that case, there will be only one note (for both commands `\tabularnote`) at the end of the tabular. We search the argument of our command `\tabularnote` in `\g_@@_notes_seq`. The position in the sequence will be stored in `\l_tmpa_int` (0 if the text is not in the sequence yet).

```

585     \int_zero:N \l_tmpa_int
586     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_notes_detect_duplicates_bool
587     {

```

We recall that each component of `\g_@@_notes_seq` is a kind of couple of the form

```
{label}{text of the tabularnote}.
```

If the user have used `\tabularnote` without the optional argument, the `label` will be the special marker expressed by `\c_novalue_t1`.

When we will go through the sequence `\g_@@_notes_seq`, we will count in `\l_tmpb_int` the notes without explicit label in order to have the “current” value of the counter `\c@tabularnote`.

```

588     \int_zero:N \l_tmpb_int
589     \seq_map_indexed_inline:Nn \g_@@_notes_seq
590     {
591         \@@_test_first_novalue:nnn ##2 { \int_incr:N \l_tmpb_int }
592         \tl_if_eq:nnT { { #1 } { #2 } } { ##2 }
593         {
594             \tl_if_novalue:nTF { #1 }
595                 { \int_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_int \l_tmpb_int }
596                 { \int_set:Nn \l_tmpa_int { ##1 } }
597             \seq_map_break:
598         }
599     }
600     \int_if_zero:nF { \l_tmpa_int }
601         { \int_add:Nn \l_tmpa_int \g_@@_notes_caption_int }

```

```

602     }
603     \int_if_zero:nT { \l_tmpa_int }
604     {
605         \seq_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_notes_seq { { #1 } { #2 } }
606         \tl_if_novalue:nT { #1 } { \int_gincr:N \c@tabularnote }
607     }
608     \seq_put_right:Ne \l_@@_notes_labels_seq
609     {
610         \tl_if_novalue:nTF { #1 }
611         {
612             \@@_notes_format:n
613             {
614                 \int_eval:n
615                 {
616                     \int_if_zero:nTF { \l_tmpa_int }
617                     { \c@tabularnote }
618                     { \l_tmpa_int }
619                 }
620             }
621         }
622         { #1 }
623     }
624     \peek_meaning:NF \tabularnote
625     {

```

If the following token is *not* a `\tabularnote`, we have finished the sequence of successive commands `\tabularnote` and we have to format the labels of these tabular notes (in the array). We compose those labels in a box `\l_tmpa_box` because we will do a special construction in order to have this box in an overlapping position if we are at the end of a cell when `\l_@@_hpos_cell_tl` is equal to `c` or `r`.

```

626     \hbox_set:Nn \l_tmpa_box
627     {

```

We remind that it is the command `\@@_notes_label_in_tabular:n` that will put the labels in a `\textsuperscript`.

```

628     \@@_notes_label_in_tabular:n
629     {
630         \seq_use:Nnnn
631         \l_@@_notes_labels_seq { , } { , } { , }
632     }
633 }
```

We want the (last) tabular note referenceable (with the standard command `\label`).

```

634     \int_gdecr:N \c@tabularnote
635     \int_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_int \c@tabularnote
```

The following line is only to avoid error messages for multiply defined labels when the package `hyperref` is used.

```

636     \int_gincr:N \g_@@_tabularnote_int
637     \refstepcounter { tabularnote }
638     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpa_int } = { \c@tabularnote }
639     { \int_gincr:N \c@tabularnote }
640     \seq_clear:N \l_@@_notes_labels_seq
641     \bool_lazy_or:mnTF
642     { \str_if_eq_p:ee \l_@@_hpos_cell_tl { c } }
643     { \str_if_eq_p:ee \l_@@_hpos_cell_tl { r } }
644     {
645         \hbox_overlap_right:n { \box_use:N \l_tmpa_box }
```

If the command `\tabularnote` is used exactly at the end of the cell, the `\unskip` (inserted by `array?`) will delete the skip we insert now and the label of the footnote will be composed in an overlapping position (by design).

```

646     \skip_horizontal:n { \box_wd:N \l_tmpa_box }
647     }
648     { \box_use:N \l_tmpa_box }
649 }
```

```
650 }
```

Now the version when the command is used in the key `caption`. The main difficulty is that the argument of the command `\caption` is composed several times. In order to know the number of commands `\tabularnote` in the caption, we will consider that there should not be the same tabular note twice in the caption (in the main tabular, it's possible). Once we have found a tabular note which has yet been encountered, we consider that you are in a new composition of the argument of `\caption`.

```
651 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_tabularnote_caption:nn #1 #2
652 {
653     \bool_if:NTF \g_@@_caption_finished_bool
654     {
655         \int_compare:nNnT { \c@tabularnote } = { \g_@@_notes_caption_int }
656         \int_gzero:N \c@tabularnote }
```

Now, we try to detect duplicate notes in the caption. Be careful! We must put `\tl_if_in:NnF` and not `\tl_if_in:NnT`:

```
657     \seq_if_in:NnF \g_@@_notes_in_caption_seq { { #1 } { #2 } }
658     { \@@_error:n { Identical~notes-in~caption } }
659 }
660 {
```

In the following code, we are in the first composition of the caption or at the first `\tabularnote` of the second composition.

```
661     \seq_if_in:NnTF \g_@@_notes_in_caption_seq { { #1 } { #2 } }
662     {
```

Now, we know that are in the second composition of the caption since we are reading a tabular note which has yet been read. Now, the value of `\g_@@_notes_caption_int` won't change anymore: it's the number of uses *without optional argument* of the command `\tabularnote` in the caption.

```
663         \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_caption_finished_bool
664         \int_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_notes_caption_int \c@tabularnote
665         \int_gzero:N \c@tabularnote
666     }
667     { \seq_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_notes_in_caption_seq { { #1 } { #2 } } }
668 }
```

Now, we will compose the label of the footnote (in the caption). Even if we are not in the first composition, we have to compose that label!

```
669 \tl_if_novalue:nT { #1 } { \int_gincr:N \c@tabularnote }
670 \seq_put_right:Ne \l_@@_notes_labels_seq
671 {
672     \tl_if_novalue:nTF { #1 }
673     { \@@_notes_format:n { \int_use:N \c@tabularnote } }
674     { #1 }
675 }
676 \peek_meaning:NF \tabularnote
677 {
678     \@@_notes_label_in_tabular:n
679     { \seq_use:Nnnn \l_@@_notes_labels_seq { , } { , } { , } }
680     \seq_clear:N \l_@@_notes_labels_seq
681 }
682 }
683 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_count_novalue_first:nn #1 #2
684 { \tl_if_novalue:nT { #1 } { \int_gincr:N \g_@@_notes_caption_int } }
```

6 Command for creation of rectangle nodes

The following command should be used in a `{pgfpicture}`. It creates a rectangle (empty but with a name).

#1 is the name of the node which will be created; #2 and #3 are the coordinates of one of the corner of the rectangle; #4 and #5 are the coordinates of the opposite corner.

```

685 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_pgf_rect_node:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
686 {
687     \begin{pgfscope}
688         \pgfset{
689             inner sep = \c_zero_dim ,
690             minimum size = \c_zero_dim
691         }
692         \pgftransformshift { \pgfpoint { 0.5 * ( #2 + #4 ) } { 0.5 * ( #3 + #5 ) } }
693         \pgfnode
694             { rectangle }
695             { center }
696             {
697                 \vbox_to_ht:nn
698                     { \dim_abs:n { #5 - #3 } }
699                     {
700                         \vfill
701                         \hbox_to_wd:nn { \dim_abs:n { #4 - #2 } } { }
702                     }
703             }
704             { #1 }
705             { }
706         \end{pgfscope}
707     }
708 }
```

The command `\@@_pgf_rect_node:nnn` is a variant of `\@@_pgf_rect_node:nnnn`: it takes two PGF points as arguments instead of the four dimensions which are the coordinates.

```

709 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_pgf_rect_node:nnn #1 #2 #3
710 {
711     \begin{pgfscope}
712         \pgfset{
713             inner sep = \c_zero_dim ,
714             minimum size = \c_zero_dim
715         }
716         \pgftransformshift { \pgfpointscale { 0.5 } { \pgfpointadd { #2 } { #3 } } }
717         \pgfpointdiff { #3 } { #2 }
718         \pgfgetlastxy \l_tmpa_dim \l_tmpb_dim
719         \pgfnode
720             { rectangle }
721             { center }
722             {
723                 \vbox_to_ht:nn
724                     { \dim_abs:n \l_tmpb_dim }
725                     { \vfill \hbox_to_wd:nn { \dim_abs:n \l_tmpa_dim } { } }
726             }
727             { #1 }
728             { }
729         \end{pgfscope}
730     }
731 }
```

7 The options

The following parameter corresponds to the keys `caption`, `short-caption` and `label` of the environment `{NiceTabular}`.

```
732 \tl_new:N \l_@_caption_tl
```

```

733 \tl_new:N \l_@@_short_caption_tl
734 \tl_new:N \l_@@_label_tl

```

The following parameter corresponds to the key `caption-above` of `\NiceMatrixOptions`. When this parameter is `true`, the captions of the environments `{NiceTabular}`, specified with the key `caption` are put above the tabular (and below elsewhere).

```
735 \bool_new:N \l_@@_caption_above_bool
```

By default, the behaviour of `\cline` is changed in the environments of `nicematrix`: a `\cline` spreads the array by an amount equal to `\arrayrulewidth`. It's possible to disable this feature with the key `\l_@@_standard_cline_bool`.

```
736 \bool_new:N \l_@@_standard_cline_bool
```

The following dimensions correspond to the options `cell-space-top-limit` and co (these parameters are inspired by the package `cellspace`).

```

737 \dim_new:N \l_@@_cell_space_top_limit_dim
738 \dim_new:N \l_@@_cell_space_bottom_limit_dim

```

The following parameter corresponds to the key `xdots/horizontal_labels`.

```
739 \bool_new:N \l_@@_xdots_h_labels_bool
```

The following dimension is the distance between two dots for the dotted lines (when `line-style` is equal to `standard`, which is the initial value). The initial value is `0.45 em` but it will be changed if the option `small` is used.

```

740 \dim_new:N \l_@@_xdots_inter_dim
741 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
742 { \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_inter_dim { 0.45 em } }

```

The unit is `em` and that's why we fix the dimension after the preamble.

The following dimension is the distance between a node (in fact an anchor of that node) and a dotted line (for real dotted lines, the actual distance may, of course, be a bit larger, depending of the exact position of the dots).

```

743 \dim_new:N \l_@@_xdots_shorten_start_dim
744 \dim_new:N \l_@@_xdots_shorten_end_dim
745 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
746 {
747     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_shorten_start_dim { 0.3 em }
748     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_shorten_end_dim { 0.3 em }
749 }

```

The unit is `em` and that's why we fix the dimension after the preamble.

The following dimension is the radius of the dots for the dotted lines (when `line-style` is equal to `standard`, which is the initial value). The initial value is `0.53 pt` but it will be changed if the option `small` is used.

```

750 \dim_new:N \l_@@_xdots_radius_dim
751 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
752 { \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_radius_dim { 0.53 pt } }

```

The unit is `em` and that's why we fix the dimension after the preamble.

The token list `\l_@@_xdots_line_style_tl` corresponds to the option `tikz` of the commands `\Cdots`, `\Ldots`, etc. and of the options `line-style` for the environments and `\NiceMatrixOptions`. The constant `\c_@@_standard_tl` will be used in some tests.

```

753 \tl_new:N \l_@@_xdots_line_style_tl
754 \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_standard_tl { standard }
755 \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_xdots_line_style_tl \c_@@_standard_tl

```

The boolean `\l_@@_light_syntax_bool` corresponds to the option `light-syntax` and the boolean `\l_@@_light_syntax_expanded_bool` correspond to the the option `light-syntax-expanded`.

```
756 \bool_new:N \l_@@_light_syntax_bool
757 \bool_new:N \l_@@_light_syntax_expanded_bool
```

The string `\l_@@_baseline_tl` may contain one of the three values `t`, `c` or `b` as in the option of the environment `{array}`. However, it may also contain **an integer** (which represents the number of the row to which align the array).

```
758 \tl_new:N \l_@@_baseline_tl
759 \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_baseline_tl { c }
```

The following parameter corresponds to the key `ampersand-in-blocks`

```
760 \bool_new:N \l_@@_amp_in_blocks_bool
```

The flag `\l_@@_exterior_arraycolsep_bool` corresponds to the option `exterior-arraycolsep`. If this option is set, a space equal to `\arraycolsep` will be put on both sides of an environment `{NiceArray}` (as it is done in `{array}` of `array`).

```
761 \bool_new:N \l_@@_exterior_arraycolsep_bool
```

The flag `\l_@@_parallelize_diags_bool` controls whether the diagonals are parallelized. The initial value is `true`.

```
762 \bool_new:N \l_@@_parallelize_diags_bool
763 \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_parallelize_diags_bool
```

The following parameter correspond to the key `corners`. The elements of that `clist` must be within `NW`, `SW`, `NE` and `SE`.

```
764 \clist_new:N \l_@@_corners_clist
```

The flag `\l_@@_nullify_dots_bool` corresponds to the option `nullify-dots`. When the flag is down, the instructions like `\vdots` are inserted within a `\phantom` (and so the constructed matrix has exactly the same size as a matrix constructed with the classical `{matrix}` and `\ldots`, `\vdots`, etc.).

```
765 \bool_new:N \l_@@_nullify_dots_bool
```

When the key `respect-arraystretch` is used, the following command will be nullified.

```
766 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_reset_arraystretch: { \def \arraystretch { 1 } }
```

The following flag will be used when the current options specify that all the columns of the array must have the same width equal to the largest width of a cell of the array (except the cells of the potential exterior columns).

```
767 \bool_new:N \l_@@_auto_columns_width_bool
```

The following boolean corresponds to the key `create-cell-nodes` of the keyword `\CodeBefore`. When that key is used the “cell nodes” will be created before the `\CodeBefore` but, of course, they are *always* available in the main tabular and after!

```
768 \bool_new:N \g_@@_create_cell_nodes_bool
```

The string `\l_@@_name_str` will contain the optional name of the environment: this name can be used to access to the Tikz nodes created in the array from outside the environment.

```
769 \str_new:N \l_@@_name_str
```

The boolean `\l_@@_medium_nodes_bool` will be used to indicate whether the “medium nodes” are created in the array. Idem for the “large nodes”.

```
770 \bool_new:N \l_@@_medium_nodes_bool
771 \bool_new:N \l_@@_large_nodes_bool
```

The boolean `\l_@@_except_borders_bool` will be raised when the key `hvlines-except-borders` will be used (but that key has also other effects).

```
772 \bool_new:N \l_@@_except_borders_bool
```

The dimension `\l_@@_left_margin_dim` correspond to the option `left-margin`. Idem for the right margin. These parameters are involved in the creation of the “medium nodes” but also in the placement of the delimiters and the drawing of the horizontal dotted lines (`\hdottedline`).

```
773 \dim_new:N \l_@@_left_margin_dim
774 \dim_new:N \l_@@_right_margin_dim
```

The dimensions `\l_@@_extra_left_margin_dim` and `\l_@@_extra_right_margin_dim` correspond to the options `extra-left-margin` and `extra-right-margin`.

```
775 \dim_new:N \l_@@_extra_left_margin_dim
776 \dim_new:N \l_@@_extra_right_margin_dim
```

The token list `\l_@@_end_of_row_tl` corresponds to the option `end-of-row`. It specifies the symbol used to mark the ends of rows when the light syntax is used.

```
777 \tl_new:N \l_@@_end_of_row_tl
778 \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_end_of_row_tl { ; }
```

The following parameter is for the color the dotted lines drawn by `\Cdots`, `\Ldots`, `\Vdots`, `\Ddots`, `\Iddots` and `\Hdotsfor` but *not* the dotted lines drawn by `\hdottedline` and “`:`”.

```
779 \tl_new:N \l_@@_xdots_color_tl
```

The following token list corresponds to the key `delimiters/color`.

```
780 \tl_new:N \l_@@_delimiters_color_tl
```

Sometimes, we want to have several arrays vertically juxtaposed in order to have an alignment of the columns of these arrays. To achieve this goal, one may wish to use the same width for all the columns (for example with the option `columns-width` or the option `auto-columns-width` of the environment `{NiceMatrixBlock}`). However, even if we use the same type of delimiters, the width of the delimiters may be different from an array to another because the width of the delimiter is function of its size. That’s why we create an option called `delimiters/max-width` which will give to the delimiters the width of a delimiter (of the same type) of big size. The following boolean corresponds to this option.

```
781 \bool_new:N \l_@@_delimiters_max_width_bool
```

```
782 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / xdots }
  {
    783   Vbrace .bool_set:N = \l_@@_Vbrace_bool ,
    784   shorten-start .code:n =
      \hook_gput_code:mnn { begindocument } { . }
      { \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_shorten_start_dim { #1 } } ,
    785   shorten-end .code:n =
      \hook_gput_code:mnn { begindocument } { . }
      { \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_shorten_end_dim { #1 } } ,
    786   shorten-start .value_required:n = true ,
    787   shorten-end .value_required:n = true ,
    788   shorten .code:n =
      \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
      {
        789       \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_shorten_start_dim { #1 }
        790       \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_shorten_end_dim { #1 }
      },
    791   shorten .value_required:n = true ,
    792   horizontal-labels .bool_set:N = \l_@@_xdots_h_labels_bool ,
    793   horizontal-labels .default:n = true ,
    794   horizontal-label .bool_set:N = \l_@@_xdots_h_labels_bool ,
    795   horizontal-label .default:n = true ,
    796   line-style .code:n =
```

```

805  {
806      \bool_lazy_or:nnTF
807      { \cs_if_exist_p:N \tikzpicture }
808      { \str_if_eq_p:nn { #1 } { standard } }
809      { \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_line_style_tl { #1 } }
810      { \@@_error:n { bad-option-for-line-style } }
811  } ,
812  line-style .value_required:n = true ,
813  color .tl_set:N = \l_@@_xdots_color_tl ,
814  color .value_required:n = true ,
815  radius .code:n =
816      \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
817      { \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_radius_dim { #1 } } ,
818  radius .value_required:n = true ,
819  inter .code:n =
820      \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
821      { \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_inter_dim { #1 } } ,
822  radius .value_required:n = true ,

```

The options `down`, `up` and `middle` are not documented for the final user because he should use the syntax with `^`, `_` and `:`. We use `\tl_put_right:Nn` and not `\tl_set:Nn` (or `.tl_set:N`) because we don't want a direct use of `up=...` erased by an absent `^{...}`.

```

823  down .code:n = \tl_put_right:Nn \l_@@_xdots_down_tl { #1 } ,
824  up .code:n = \tl_put_right:Nn \l_@@_xdots_up_tl { #1 } ,
825  middle .code:n = \tl_put_right:Nn \l_@@_xdots_middle_tl { #1 } ,

```

The key `draw-first`, which is meant to be used only with `\Ddots` and `\Idots`, will be caught when `\Ddots` or `\Idots` is used (during the construction of the array and not when we draw the dotted lines).

```

826  draw-first .code:n = \prg_do_nothing: ,
827  unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown-key-for-xdots }
828 }

```

```

829 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / rules }
830 {
831     color .tl_set:N = \l_@@_rules_color_tl ,
832     color .value_required:n = true ,
833     width .dim_set:N = \arrayrulewidth ,
834     width .value_required:n = true ,
835     unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown-key-for-rules }
836 }
837 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_err_key_color_inside:
838 {
839     \@@_error_or_warning:n { key-color-inside }
840     \cs_gset:Npn \@@_err_key_color_inside: { }
841 }

```

First, we define a set of keys “`nicematrix / Global`” which will be used (with the mechanism of `.inherit:n`) by other sets of keys.

```

842 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / Global }
843 {
844     color-inside .code:n = \@@_err_key_color_inside: ,
845     colortbl-like .code:n = \@@_err_key_color_inside: ,
846     ampersand-in-blocks .bool_set:N = \l_@@_amp_in_blocks_bool ,
847     ampersand-in-blocks .default:n = true ,
848     &-in-blocks .meta:n = ampersand-in-blocks ,
849     no-cell-nodes .code:n =
850         \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_no_cell_nodes_bool
851         \cs_set_protected:Npn \@@_node_cell:
852             { \set@color \box_use_drop:N \l_@@_cell_box } ,
853     no-cell-nodes .value_forbidden:n = true ,
854     rounded-corners .dim_set:N = \l_@@_tab_rounded_corners_dim ,

```

```

855 rounded-corners .default:n = 4 pt ,
856 custom-line .code:n = \@@_custom_line:n { #1 } ,
857 rules .code:n = \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / rules } { #1 } ,
858 rules .value_required:n = true ,
859 standard-cline .bool_set:N = \l_@@_standard_cline_bool ,
860 standard-cline .default:n = true ,
861 cell-space-top-limit .dim_set:N = \l_@@_cell_space_top_limit_dim ,
862 cell-space-top-limit .value_required:n = true ,
863 cell-space-bottom-limit .dim_set:N = \l_@@_cell_space_bottom_limit_dim ,
864 cell-space-bottom-limit .value_required:n = true ,
865 cell-space-limits .meta:n =
866 {
867   cell-space-top-limit = #1 ,
868   cell-space-bottom-limit = #1 ,
869 }
870 cell-space-limits .value_required:n = true ,
871 xdots .code:n = \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / xdots } { #1 } ,
872 light-syntax .code:n =
873   \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_light_syntax_bool
874   \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_light_syntax_expanded_bool ,
875 light-syntax .value_forbidden:n = true ,
876 light-syntax-expanded .code:n =
877   \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_light_syntax_bool
878   \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_light_syntax_expanded_bool ,
879 light-syntax-expanded .value_forbidden:n = true ,
880 end-of-row .tl_set:N = \l_@@_end_of_row_tl ,
881 end-of-row .value_required:n = true ,
882 first-col .code:n = \int_zero:N \l_@@_first_col_int ,
883 first-row .code:n = \int_zero:N \l_@@_first_row_int ,
884 last-row .int_set:N = \l_@@_last_row_int ,
885 last-row .default:n = -1 ,
886 code-for-first-col .tl_set:N = \l_@@_code_for_first_col_tl ,
887 code-for-first-col .value_required:n = true ,
888 code-for-last-col .tl_set:N = \l_@@_code_for_last_col_tl ,
889 code-for-last-col .value_required:n = true ,
890 code-for-first-row .tl_set:N = \l_@@_code_for_first_row_tl ,
891 code-for-first-row .value_required:n = true ,
892 code-for-last-row .tl_set:N = \l_@@_code_for_last_row_tl ,
893 code-for-last-row .value_required:n = true ,
894 hlines .clist_set:N = \l_@@_hlines_clist ,
895 vlines .clist_set:N = \l_@@_vlines_clist ,
896 hlines .default:n = all ,
897 vlines .default:n = all ,
898 vlines-in-sub-matrix .code:n =
899 {
900   \tl_if_single_token:nTF { #1 }
901   {
902     \tl_if_in:NnTF \c_@@_forbidden_letters_tl { #1 }
903     { \@@_error:nn { Forbidden-letter } { #1 } }

```

We write directly a command for the automata which reads the preamble provided by the final user.

```

904   { \cs_set_eq:cN { @@ _ #1 : } \@@_make_preamble_vlism:n }
905   }
906   { \@@_error:n { One-letter~allowed } }
907 },
908 vlines-in-sub-matrix .value_required:n = true ,
909 hvlines .code:n =
910 {
911   \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_hvlines_bool
912   \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_vlines_clist \c_@@_all_tl
913   \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_hlines_clist \c_@@_all_tl
914 },
915 hvlines-except-borders .code:n =
916 {

```

```

917     \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_vlines_clist \c_@@_all_tl
918     \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_hlines_clist \c_@@_all_tl
919     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_hvlines_bool
920     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_except_borders_bool
921   } ,
922   parallelize-diags .bool_set:N = \l_@@_parallelize_diags_bool ,

```

With the option `renew-dots`, the command `\cdots`, `\ldots`, `\vdots`, `\ddots`, etc. are redefined and behave like the commands `\Cdots`, `\Ldots`, `\Vdots`, `\Ddots`, etc.

```

923   renew-dots .bool_set:N = \l_@@_renew_dots_bool ,
924   renew-dots .value_forbidden:n = true ,
925   nullify-dots .bool_set:N = \l_@@_nullify_dots_bool ,
926   create-medium-nodes .bool_set:N = \l_@@_medium_nodes_bool ,
927   create-large-nodes .bool_set:N = \l_@@_large_nodes_bool ,
928   create-extra-nodes .meta:n =
929     { create-medium-nodes , create-large-nodes } ,
930   left-margin .dim_set:N = \l_@@_left_margin_dim ,
931   left-margin .default:n = \arraycolsep ,
932   right-margin .dim_set:N = \l_@@_right_margin_dim ,
933   right-margin .default:n = \arraycolsep ,
934   margin .meta:n = { left-margin = #1 , right-margin = #1 } ,
935   margin .default:n = \arraycolsep ,
936   extra-left-margin .dim_set:N = \l_@@_extra_left_margin_dim ,
937   extra-right-margin .dim_set:N = \l_@@_extra_right_margin_dim ,
938   extra-margin .meta:n =
939     { extra-left-margin = #1 , extra-right-margin = #1 } ,
940   extra-margin .value_required:n = true ,
941   respect-arraystretch .code:n =
942     \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_reset_arraystretch: \prg_do_nothing: ,
943   respect-arraystretch .value_forbidden:n = true ,
944   pgf-node-code .tl_set:N = \l_@@_pgf_node_code_tl ,
945   pgf-node-code .value_required:n = true
946 }

```

We define a set of keys used by the environments of `nicematrix` (but not by the command `\NiceMatrixOptions`).

```

947 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / environments }
948 {
949   corners .clist_set:N = \l_@@_corners_clist ,
950   corners .default:n = { NW , SW , NE , SE } ,
951   code-before .code:n =
952   {
953     \tl_if_empty:nF { #1 }
954     {
955       \tl_gput_left:Nn \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl { #1 }
956       \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_code_before_bool
957     }
958   },
959   code-before .value_required:n = true ,

```

The options `c`, `t` and `b` of the environment `{NiceArray}` have the same meaning as the option of the classical environment `{array}`.

```

960   c .code:n = \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_baseline_tl c ,
961   t .code:n = \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_baseline_tl t ,
962   b .code:n = \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_baseline_tl b ,
963   baseline .tl_set:N = \l_@@_baseline_tl ,
964   baseline .value_required:n = true ,
965   columns-width .code:n =

```

We use `\str_if_eq:nnTF` which is slightly faster than `\tl_if_eq:nnTF` (and is expandable). `\str_if_eq:ee(TF)` is faster than `\str_if_eq:nn(TF)`.

```

966   \str_if_eq:eeTF { #1 } { auto }

```

```

967     { \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_auto_columns_width_bool }
968     { \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_columns_width_dim { #1 } } ,
969     columns-width .value_required:n = true ,
970     name .code:n =
971
971 \legacy_if:nF { measuring@ }
972 {
973     \str_set:Ne \l_@@_name_str { #1 }
974     \clist_if_in:NoTF \g_@@_names_clist \l_@@_name_str
975     { \@@_err_duplicate_names:n { #1 } }
976     { \clist_gpush:No \g_@@_names_clist \l_@@_name_str }
977 },
978     name .value_required:n = true ,
979     code-after .tl_gset:N = \g_nicematrix_code_after_tl ,
980     code-after .value_required:n = true ,
981 }
982 \cs_set:Npn \@@_err_duplicate_names:n #1
983 { \@@_error:nn { Duplicate-name } { #1 } }
984 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / notes }
985 {
986     para .bool_set:N = \l_@@_notes_para_bool ,
987     para .default:n = true ,
988     code-before .tl_set:N = \l_@@_notes_code_before_tl ,
989     code-before .value_required:n = true ,
990     code-after .tl_set:N = \l_@@_notes_code_after_tl ,
991     code-after .value_required:n = true ,
992     bottomrule .bool_set:N = \l_@@_notes_bottomrule_bool ,
993     bottomrule .default:n = true ,
994     style .cs_set:Np = \@@_notes_style:n #1 ,
995     style .value_required:n = true ,
996     label-in-tabular .cs_set:Np = \@@_notes_label_in_tabular:n #1 ,
997     label-in-tabular .value_required:n = true ,
998     label-in-list .cs_set:Np = \@@_notes_label_in_list:n #1 ,
999     label-in-list .value_required:n = true ,
1000     enumitem-keys .code:n =
1001     {
1002         \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
1003         {
1004             \IfPackageLoadedT { enumitem }
1005             { \setlist* [ tabularnotes ] { #1 } }
1006         }
1007     },
1008     enumitem-keys .value_required:n = true ,
1009     enumitem-keys-para .code:n =
1010     {
1011         \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
1012         {
1013             \IfPackageLoadedT { enumitem }
1014             { \setlist* [ tabularnotes* ] { #1 } }
1015         }
1016     },
1017     enumitem-keys-para .value_required:n = true ,
1018     detect-duplicates .bool_set:N = \l_@@_notes_detect_duplicates_bool ,
1019     detect-duplicates .default:n = true ,
1020     unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown-key-for-notes }
1021 }
1022 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / delimiters }
1023 {
1024     max-width .bool_set:N = \l_@@_delimiters_max_width_bool ,
1025     max-width .default:n = true ,
1026     color .tl_set:N = \l_@@_delimiters_color_tl ,

```

```

1027     color .value_required:n = true ,
1028 }

```

We begin the construction of the major sets of keys (used by the different user commands and environments).

```

1029 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix }
1030 {
1031     NiceMatrixOptions .inherit:n =
1032         { nicematrix / Global } ,
1033     NiceMatrixOptions / xdots .inherit:n = nicematrix / xdots ,
1034     NiceMatrixOptions / rules .inherit:n = nicematrix / rules ,
1035     NiceMatrixOptions / notes .inherit:n = nicematrix / notes ,
1036     NiceMatrixOptions / sub-matrix .inherit:n = nicematrix / sub-matrix ,
1037     SubMatrix / rules .inherit:n = nicematrix / rules ,
1038     CodeAfter / xdots .inherit:n = nicematrix / xdots ,
1039     CodeBefore / sub-matrix .inherit:n = nicematrix / sub-matrix ,
1040     CodeAfter / sub-matrix .inherit:n = nicematrix / sub-matrix ,
1041     NiceMatrix .inherit:n =
1042         {
1043             nicematrix / Global ,
1044             nicematrix / environments ,
1045         } ,
1046     NiceMatrix / xdots .inherit:n = nicematrix / xdots ,
1047     NiceMatrix / rules .inherit:n = nicematrix / rules ,
1048     NiceTabular .inherit:n =
1049         {
1050             nicematrix / Global ,
1051             nicematrix / environments
1052         } ,
1053     NiceTabular / xdots .inherit:n = nicematrix / xdots ,
1054     NiceTabular / rules .inherit:n = nicematrix / rules ,
1055     NiceTabular / notes .inherit:n = nicematrix / notes ,
1056     NiceArray .inherit:n =
1057         {
1058             nicematrix / Global ,
1059             nicematrix / environments ,
1060         } ,
1061     NiceArray / xdots .inherit:n = nicematrix / xdots ,
1062     NiceArray / rules .inherit:n = nicematrix / rules ,
1063     pNiceArray .inherit:n =
1064         {
1065             nicematrix / Global ,
1066             nicematrix / environments ,
1067         } ,
1068     pNiceArray / xdots .inherit:n = nicematrix / xdots ,
1069     pNiceArray / rules .inherit:n = nicematrix / rules ,
1070 }

```

We finalise the definition of the set of keys “`nicematrix / NiceMatrixOptions`” with the options specific to `\NiceMatrixOptions`.

```

1071 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / NiceMatrixOptions }
1072 {
1073     delimiters / color .tl_set:N = \l_@@_delimiters_color_tl ,
1074     delimiters / color .value_required:n = true ,
1075     delimiters / max-width .bool_set:N = \l_@@_delimiters_max_width_bool ,
1076     delimiters / max-width .default:n = true ,
1077     delimiters .code:n = \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / delimiters } { #1 } ,
1078     delimiters .value_required:n = true ,
1079     width .dim_set:N = \l_@@_width_dim ,
1080     width .value_required:n = true ,
1081     last-col .code:n =
1082         \tl_if_empty:nF { #1 }

```

```

1083     { \@@_error:n { last-col-non-empty-for-NiceMatrixOptions } }
1084     \int_zero:N \l_@@_last_col_int ,
1085     small .bool_set:N = \l_@@_small_bool ,
1086     small .value_forbidden:n = true ,

```

With the option `renew-matrix`, the environment `{matrix}` of `amsmath` and its variants are redefined to behave like the environment `{NiceMatrix}` and its variants.

```

1087 renew-matrix .code:n = \@@_renew_matrix: ,
1088 renew-matrix .value_forbidden:n = true ,

```

The option `exterior-arraycolsep` will have effect only in `{NiceArray}` for those who want to have for `{NiceArray}` the same behaviour as `{array}`.

```

1089 exterior-arraycolsep .bool_set:N = \l_@@_exterior_arraycolsep_bool ,

```

If the option `columns-width` is used, all the columns will have the same width.

In `\NiceMatrixOptions`, the special value `auto` is not available.

```

1090 columns-width .code:n =

```

We use `\str_if_eq:nnTF` which is slightly faster than `\tl_if_eq:nnTF`. `\str_if_eq:ee(TF)` is faster than `\str_if_eq:nn(TF)`.

```

1091 \str_if_eq:eeTF { #1 } { auto }
1092   { \@@_error:n { Option-auto~for~columns-width } }
1093   { \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_columns_width_dim { #1 } } ,

```

Usually, an error is raised when the user tries to give the same name to two distinct environments of `nicematrix` (these names are global and not local to the current TeX scope). However, the option `allow-duplicate-names` disables this feature.

```

1094 allow-duplicate-names .code:n =
1095   \cs_set:Nn \@@_err_duplicate_names:n { } ,
1096   allow-duplicate-names .value_forbidden:n = true ,
1097   notes .code:n = \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / notes } { #1 } ,
1098   notes .value_required:n = true ,
1099   sub-matrix .code:n = \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / sub-matrix } { #1 } ,
1100   sub-matrix .value_required:n = true ,
1101   matrix / columns-type .tl_set:N = \l_@@_columns_type_tl ,
1102   matrix / columns-type .value_required:n = true ,
1103   caption-above .bool_set:N = \l_@@_caption_above_bool ,
1104   caption-above .default:n = true ,
1105   unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown-key~for~NiceMatrixOptions }
1106 }

```

`\NiceMatrixOptions` is the command of the `nicematrix` package to fix options at the document level. The scope of these specifications is the current TeX group.

```

1107 \NewDocumentCommand \NiceMatrixOptions { m }
1108   { \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / NiceMatrixOptions } { #1 } }

```

We finalise the definition of the set of keys “`nicematrix / NiceMatrix`”. That set of keys will be used by `{NiceMatrix}`, `{pNiceMatrix}`, `{bNiceMatrix}`, etc.

```

1109 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / NiceMatrix }
1110 {
1111   last-col .code:n = \tl_if_empty:nTF { #1 }
1112     {
1113       \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_last_col_without_value_bool
1114       \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_col_int { -1 }
1115     }
1116     { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_col_int { #1 } } ,
1117   columns-type .tl_set:N = \l_@@_columns_type_tl ,
1118   columns-type .value_required:n = true ,
1119   l .meta:n = { columns-type = l } ,
1120   r .meta:n = { columns-type = r } ,

```

```

1121     delimiters / color .tl_set:N = \l_@@_delimiters_color_tl ,
1122     delimiters / color .value_required:n = true ,
1123     delimiters / max-width .bool_set:N = \l_@@_delimiters_max_width_bool ,
1124     delimiters / max-width .default:n = true ,
1125     delimiters .code:n = \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / delimiters } { #1 } ,
1126     delimiters .value_required:n = true ,
1127     small .bool_set:N = \l_@@_small_bool ,
1128     small .value_forbidden:n = true ,
1129     unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown~key~for~NiceMatrix }
1130 }
```

We finalise the definition of the set of keys “`nicematrix / NiceArray`” with the options specific to `{NiceArray}`.

```

1131 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / NiceArray }
1132 {
```

In the environments `{NiceArray}` and its variants, the option `last-col` must be used without value because the number of columns of the array is read from the preamble of the array.

```

1133     small .bool_set:N = \l_@@_small_bool ,
1134     small .value_forbidden:n = true ,
1135     last-col .code:n = \tl_if_empty:nF { #1 }
1136         { \@@_error:n { last-col~non~empty~for~NiceArray } }
1137         \int_zero:N \l_@@_last_col_int ,
1138     r .code:n = \@@_error:n { r-or-l-with-preamble } ,
1139     l .code:n = \@@_error:n { r-or-l-with-preamble } ,
1140     unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown~key~for~NiceArray }
1141 }

1142 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / pNiceArray }
1143 {
1144     first-col .code:n = \int_zero:N \l_@@_first_col_int ,
1145     last-col .code:n = \tl_if_empty:nF { #1 }
1146         { \@@_error:n { last-col~non~empty~for~NiceArray } }
1147         \int_zero:N \l_@@_last_col_int ,
1148     first-row .code:n = \int_zero:N \l_@@_first_row_int ,
1149     delimiters / color .tl_set:N = \l_@@_delimiters_color_tl ,
1150     delimiters / color .value_required:n = true ,
1151     delimiters / max-width .bool_set:N = \l_@@_delimiters_max_width_bool ,
1152     delimiters / max-width .default:n = true ,
1153     delimiters .code:n = \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / delimiters } { #1 } ,
1154     delimiters .value_required:n = true ,
1155     small .bool_set:N = \l_@@_small_bool ,
1156     small .value_forbidden:n = true ,
1157     r .code:n = \@@_error:n { r-or-l-with-preamble } ,
1158     l .code:n = \@@_error:n { r-or-l-with-preamble } ,
1159     unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown~key~for~NiceMatrix }
1160 }
```

We finalise the definition of the set of keys “`nicematrix / NiceTabular`” with the options specific to `{NiceTabular}`.

```

1161 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / NiceTabular }
1162 {
```

The dimension `width` will be used if at least a column of type `X` is used. If there is no column of type `X`, an error will be raised.

```

1163     width .code:n = \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_width_dim { #1 }
1164         \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_width_used_bool ,
1165     width .value_required:n = true ,
1166     notes .code:n = \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / notes } { #1 } ,
1167     tabularnote .tl_gset:N = \g_@@_tabularnote_tl ,
1168     tabularnote .value_required:n = true ,
1169     caption .tl_set:N = \l_@@_caption_tl ,
```

```

1170   caption .value_required:n = true ,
1171   short-caption .tl_set:N = \l_@@_short_caption_tl ,
1172   short-caption .value_required:n = true ,
1173   label .tl_set:N = \l_@@_label_tl ,
1174   label .value_required:n = true ,
1175   last-col .code:n = \tl_if_empty:nF { #1 }
1176           { \@@_error:n { last-col-non-empty-for-NiceArray } }
1177           \int_zero:N \l_@@_last_col_int ,
1178   r .code:n = \@@_error:n { r-or-l-with-preamble } ,
1179   l .code:n = \@@_error:n { r-or-l-with-preamble } ,
1180   unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown-key-for-NiceTabular }
1181 }

```

The `\CodeAfter` (inserted with the key `code-after` or after the keyword `\CodeAfter`) may always begin with a list of pairs `key=value` between square brackets. Here is the corresponding set of keys. We *must* put the following instructions *after* the :

```
CodeAfter / sub-matrix .inherit:n = nicematrix / sub-matrix
```

```

1182 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / CodeAfter }
1183 {
1184   delimiters / color .tl_set:N = \l_@@_delimiters_color_tl ,
1185   delimiters / color .value_required:n = true ,
1186   rules .code:n = \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / rules } { #1 } ,
1187   rules .value_required:n = true ,
1188   xdots .code:n = \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / xdots } { #1 } ,
1189   sub-matrix .code:n = \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / sub-matrix } { #1 } ,
1190   sub-matrix .value_required:n = true ,
1191   unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown-key-for-CodeAfter }
1192 }

```

8 Important code used by {NiceArrayWithDelims}

The pseudo-environment `\@@_cell_begin:-\@@_cell_end:` will be used to format the cells of the array. In the code, the affectations are global because this pseudo-environment will be used in the cells of a `\halign` (via an environment `{array}`).

```

1193 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_cell_begin:
1194 {

```

`\g_@@_cell_after_hook_tl` will be set during the composition of the box `\l_@@_cell_box` and will be used *after* the composition in order to modify that box.

```
1195 \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_cell_after_hook_tl
```

At the beginning of the cell, we link `\CodeAfter` to a command which do begin with `\` (whereas the standard version of `\CodeAfter` does not).

```
1196 \cs_set_eq:NN \CodeAfter \@@_CodeAfter_i:
```

The following link only to have a better error message when `\Hline` is used in another place than the beginning of a line.

```
1197 \cs_set_eq:NN \Hline \@@_Hline_in_cell:
```

We increment the LaTeX counter `jCol`, which is the counter of the columns.

```
1198 \int_gincr:N \c@jCol
```

Now, we increment the counter of the rows. We don't do this incrementation in the `\everycr` because some packages, like `arydshln`, create special rows in the `\halign` that we don't want to take into account.

```

1199   \int_compare:nNnT { \c@jCol } = { \c_one_int }
1200   {
1201     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_first_col_int } = { \c_one_int }
1202     { \c@begin_of_row: }
1203   }

```

The content of the cell is composed in the box `\l_@@_cell_box`. The `\hbox_set_end:` corresponding to this `\hbox_set:Nw` is in the `\c@cell_end:`.

```
1204   \hbox_set:Nw \l_@@_cell_box
```

The following command is nullified in the tabulars.

```

1205   \c@tuning_not_tabular_begin:
1206   \c@tuning_first_row:
1207   \c@tuning_last_row:
1208   \g_@@_row_style_tl
1209 }
```

The following command will be nullified unless there is a first row.

Here is a version with the standard syntax of L3.

```
\cs_new_protected:Npn \c@tuning_first_row:
{
  \int_if_zero:nT { \c@iRow }
  {
    \int_if_zero:nF { \c@jCol }
    {
      \l_@@_code_for_first_row_tl
      \xglobal \colorlet{nicematrix-first-row}{.}
    }
  }
}
```

We will use a version a little more efficient.

```

1210 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c@tuning_first_row:
1211 {
1212   \if_int_compare:w \c@iRow = \c_zero_int
1213   \if_int_compare:w \c@jCol > \c_zero_int
1214     \l_@@_code_for_first_row_tl
1215     \xglobal \colorlet{nicematrix-first-row}{.}
1216   \fi:
1217   \fi:
1218 }
```

The following command will be nullified unless there is a last row and we know its value (*i.e.* `\l_@@_lat_row_int > 0`).

```
\cs_new_protected:Npn \c@tuning_last_row:
{
  \int_compare:nNnT { \c@iRow } = { \l_@@_last_row_int }
  {
    \l_@@_code_for_last_row_tl
    \xglobal \colorlet{nicematrix-last-row}{.}
  }
}
```

We will use a version a little more efficient.

```

1219 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c@tuning_last_row:
1220 {
1221   \if_int_compare:w \c@iRow = \l_@@_last_row_int
1222     \l_@@_code_for_last_row_tl

```

```

1223     \xglobal \colorlet { nicematrix-last-row } { . }
1224     \fi:
1225 }
```

A different value will be provided to the following commands when the key `small` is in force.

```
1226 \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_tuning_key_small: \prg_do_nothing:
```

The following commands are nullified in the tabulars.

```

1227 \cs_set_nopar:Npn \@@_tuning_not_tabular_begin:
1228 {
1229     \m@th
1230     \c_math_toggle_token
```

A special value is provided by the following control sequence when the key `small` is in force.

```

1231     \@@_tuning_key_small:
1232 }
1233 \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_tuning_not_tabular_end: \c_math_toggle_token
```

The following macro `\@@_begin_of_row` is usually used in the cell number 1 of the row. However, when the key `first-col` is used, `\@@_begin_of_row` is executed in the cell number 0 of the row.

```

1234 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_begin_of_row:
1235 {
1236     \int_gincr:N \c@iRow
1237     \dim_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_dp_ante_last_row_dim \g_@@_dp_last_row_dim
1238     \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_dp_last_row_dim { \box_dp:N \arstrutbox }
1239     \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_ht_last_row_dim { \box_ht:N \arstrutbox }
1240     \pgfpicture
1241     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
1242     \pgfcoordinate
1243         { \@@_env: - row - \int_use:N \c@iRow - base }
1244         { \pgfpoint \c_zero_dim { 0.5 \arrayrulewidth } }
1245     \str_if_empty:NF \l_@@_name_str
1246         {
1247             \pgfnodealias
1248                 { \l_@@_name_str - row - \int_use:N \c@iRow - base }
1249                 { \@@_env: - row - \int_use:N \c@iRow - base }
1250         }
1251     \endpgfpicture
1252 }
```

Remark: If the key `create-cell-nodes` of the `\CodeBefore` is used, then we will add some lines to that command.

The following code is used in each cell of the array. It actualises quantities that, at the end of the array, will give information about the vertical dimension of the two first rows and the two last rows. If the user uses the `last-row`, some lines of code will be dynamically added to this command.

```

1253 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_update_for_first_and_last_row:
1254 {
1255     \int_if_zero:nTF { \c@iRow }
1256     {
1257         \dim_compare:nNnT
1258             { \box_dp:N \l_@@_cell_box } > { \g_@@_dp_row_zero_dim }
1259             { \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_dp_row_zero_dim { \box_dp:N \l_@@_cell_box } }
1260         \dim_compare:nNnT
1261             { \box_ht:N \l_@@_cell_box } > { \g_@@_ht_row_zero_dim }
1262             { \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_ht_row_zero_dim { \box_ht:N \l_@@_cell_box } }
1263     }
1264     {
1265         \int_compare:nNnT { \c@iRow } = { \c_one_int }
1266         {
1267             \dim_compare:nNnT
1268                 { \box_ht:N \l_@@_cell_box } > { \g_@@_ht_row_one_dim }
1269                 { \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_ht_row_one_dim { \box_ht:N \l_@@_cell_box } }
```

```

1270         }
1271     }
1272 }
1273 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_rotate_cell_box:
1274 {
1275     \box_rotate:Nn \l_@@_cell_box { 90 }
1276     \bool_if:NTF \g_@@_rotate_c_bool
1277     {
1278         \hbox_set:Nn \l_@@_cell_box
1279         {
1280             \m@th
1281             \c_math_toggle_token
1282             \vcenter { \box_use:N \l_@@_cell_box }
1283             \c_math_toggle_token
1284         }
1285     }
1286     {
1287         \int_compare:nNnT { \c@iRow } = { \l_@@_last_row_int }
1288         {
1289             \vbox_set_top:Nn \l_@@_cell_box
1290             {
1291                 \vbox_to_zero:n { }
1292                 \skip_vertical:n { - \box_ht:N \carstrutbox + 0.8 ex }
1293                 \box_use:N \l_@@_cell_box
1294             }
1295         }
1296     }
1297     \bool_gset_false:N \g_@@_rotate_bool
1298     \bool_gset_false:N \g_@@_rotate_c_bool
1299 }

1300 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_adjust_size_box:
1301 {
1302     \dim_compare:nNnT { \g_@@_blocks_wd_dim } > { \c_zero_dim }
1303     {
1304         \box_set_wd:Nn \l_@@_cell_box
1305         {
1306             \dim_max:nn { \box_wd:N \l_@@_cell_box } { \g_@@_blocks_wd_dim }
1307             \dim_gzero:N \g_@@_blocks_wd_dim
1308         }
1309     }
1310     \dim_compare:nNnT { \g_@@_blocks_dp_dim } > { \c_zero_dim }
1311     {
1312         \box_set_dp:Nn \l_@@_cell_box
1313         {
1314             \dim_max:nn { \box_dp:N \l_@@_cell_box } { \g_@@_blocks_dp_dim }
1315             \dim_gzero:N \g_@@_blocks_dp_dim
1316         }
1317     }
1318     \dim_compare:nNnT { \g_@@_blocks_ht_dim } > { \c_zero_dim }
1319     {
1320         \box_set_ht:Nn \l_@@_cell_box
1321         {
1322             \dim_max:nn { \box_ht:N \l_@@_cell_box } { \g_@@_blocks_ht_dim }
1323             \dim_gzero:N \g_@@_blocks_ht_dim
1324         }
1325     }
1326 }

1327 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_cell_end:
1328 {

```

The following command is nullified in the tabulars.

```

1323     \@@_tuning_not_tabular_end:
1324     \hbox_set_end:
1325     \@@_cell_end_i:
1326 }

1327 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_cell_end_i:
1328 {

```

The token list `\g_@@_cell_after_hook_t1` is (potentially) set during the composition of the box `\l_@@_cell_box` and is used now *after* the composition in order to modify that box.

```

1329   \g_@@_cell_after_hook_t1
1330   \bool_if:NT \g_@@_rotate_bool { \@@_rotate_cell_box: }
1331   \@@_adjust_size_box:
1332   \box_set_ht:Nn \l_@@_cell_box
1333     { \box_ht:N \l_@@_cell_box + \l_@@_cell_space_top_limit_dim }
1334   \box_set_dp:Nn \l_@@_cell_box
1335     { \box_dp:N \l_@@_cell_box + \l_@@_cell_space_bottom_limit_dim }

```

We want to compute in `\g_@@_max_cell_width_dim` the width of the widest cell of the array (except the cells of the “first column” and the “last column”).

```
1336   \@@_update_max_cell_width:
```

The following computations are for the “first row” and the “last row”.

```
1337   \@@_update_for_first_and_last_row:
```

If the cell is empty, or may be considered as if, we must not create the PGF node, for two reasons:

- it’s a waste of time since such a node would be rather pointless;
- we test the existence of these nodes in order to determine whether a cell is empty when we search the extremities of a dotted line.

However, it’s difficult to determine whether a cell is empty. Up to now we use the following technique:

- for the columns of type `p`, `m`, `b`, `V` (of `varwidth`) or `X`, we test whether the cell is syntactically empty with `\@@_test_if_empty:` and `\@@_test_if_empty_for_S:`
- if the width of the box `\l_@@_cell_box` (created with the content of the cell) is equal to zero, we consider the cell as empty (however, this is not perfect since the user may have used a `\rlap`, `\llap`, `\clap` or a `\mathclap` of `mathtools`).
- the cells with a command `\Ldots` or `\Cdots`, `\Vdots`, etc., should also be considered as empty; if `nullify-dots` is in force, there would be nothing to do (in this case the previous commands only write an instruction in a kind of `\CodeAfter`); however, if `nullify-dots` is not in force, a phantom of `\ldots`, `\cdots`, `\vdots` is inserted and its width is not equal to zero; that’s why these commands raise a boolean `\g_@@_empty_cell_bool` and we begin by testing this boolean.

```

1338   \bool_if:NTF \g_@@_empty_cell_bool
1339     { \box_use_drop:N \l_@@_cell_box }
1340   {
1341     \bool_if:NTF \g_@@_not_empty_cell_bool
1342       { \@@_print_node_cell: }
1343     {
1344       \dim_compare:nNnTF { \box_wd:N \l_@@_cell_box } > { \c_zero_dim }
1345         { \@@_print_node_cell: }
1346         { \box_use_drop:N \l_@@_cell_box }
1347     }
1348   }
1349   \int_compare:nNnT { \c@jCol } > { \g_@@_col_total_int }
1350     { \int_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_col_total_int \c@jCol }
1351   \bool_gset_false:N \g_@@_empty_cell_bool
1352   \bool_gset_false:N \g_@@_not_empty_cell_bool
1353 }

```

The following command will be nullified in our redefinition of `\multicolumn`.

```

1354 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_update_max_cell_width:
1355   {
1356     \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_max_cell_width_dim
1357       { \dim_max:nn { \g_@@_max_cell_width_dim } { \box_wd:N \l_@@_cell_box } }
1358 }

```

The following variant of `\@@_cell_end:` is only for the columns of type `w{s}{...}` or `W{s}{...}` (which use the horizontal alignment key `s` of `\makebox`).

```

1359 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_cell_end_for_w_s:
1360 {
1361   \@@_math_toggle:
1362   \hbox_set_end:
1363   \bool_if:NF \g_@@_rotate_bool
1364   {
1365     \hbox_set:Nn \l_@@_cell_box
1366     {
1367       \makebox [ \l_@@_col_width_dim ] [ s ]
1368       { \hbox_unpack_drop:N \l_@@_cell_box }
1369     }
1370   }
1371 \@@_cell_end_i:
1372 }

1373 \pgfset
1374 {
1375   nicematrix / cell-node /.style =
1376   {
1377     inner_sep = \c_zero_dim ,
1378     minimum_width = \c_zero_dim
1379   }
1380 }

```

In the cells of a column of type `S` (of `siunitx`), we have to wrap the command `\@@_node_cell:` inside a command of `siunitx` to enforce the correct horizontal alignment. In the cells of the columns with other columns type, we don't have to do that job. That's why we create a socket with its default plug (`identity`) and a plug when we have to do the wrapping.

```

1381 \socket_new:nn { nicematrix / siunitx-wrap } { 1 }
1382 \socket_new_plug:nnn { nicematrix / siunitx-wrap } { active }
1383 {
1384   \use:c
1385   {
1386     __siunitx_table_align_
1387     \bool_if:NTF \l__siunitx_table_text_bool
1388     { \l__siunitx_table_align_text_tl }
1389     { \l__siunitx_table_align_number_tl }
1390   :n
1391 }
1392 { #1 }
1393 }

```

Now, a socket which deal with `create-cell-nodes` of the keyword `\CodeBefore`. When that key is used the “cell nodes” will be created before the `\CodeBefore` but, of course, they are *always* available in the main tabular and after!

```

1394 \socket_new:nn { nicematrix / create-cell-nodes } { 1 }
1395 \socket_new_plug:nnn { nicematrix / create-cell-nodes } { active }
1396 {
1397   \box_move_up:nn { \box_ht:N \l_@@_cell_box }
1398   \hbox:n
1399   {
1400     \pgfsys@markposition
1401     { \@@_env: - \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_use:N \c@jCol - NW }
1402   }
1403 #1
1404   \box_move_down:nn { \box_dp:N \l_@@_cell_box }
1405   \hbox:n
1406   {
1407     \pgfsys@markposition

```

```

1408     { \c@_env: - \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_use:N \c@jCol - SE }
1409   }
1410 }

1411 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c@_print_node_cell:
1412 {
1413   \socket_use:nn { nicematrix / siunitx-wrap }
1414   { \socket_use:nn { nicematrix / create-cell-nodes } \c@_node_cell: }
1415 }

```

The following command creates the PGF name of the node with, of course, `\l_@@_cell_box` as the content.

```

1416 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c@_node_cell:
1417 {
1418   \pgfpicture
1419   \pgfsetbaseline \c_zero_dim
1420   \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
1421   \pgfset { nicematrix / cell-node }
1422   \pgfnode
1423   { rectangle }
1424   { base }
1425   {

```

The following instruction `\set@color` has been added on 2022/10/06. It's necessary only with XeLaTeX and not with the other engines (we don't know why).

```

1426 \set@color
1427 \box_use:N \l_@@_cell_box
1428 }
1429 { \c@_env: - \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_use:N \c@jCol }
1430 { \l_@@_pgf_node_code_tl }
1431 \str_if_empty:NF \l_@@_name_str
1432 {
1433   \pgfnodealias
1434   { \l_@@_name_str - \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_use:N \c@jCol }
1435   { \c@_env: - \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_use:N \c@jCol }
1436 }
1437 \endpgfpicture
1438 }

```

The second argument of the following command `\c@_instruction_of_type:nnn` defined below is the type of the instruction (`Cdots`, `Vdots`, `Ddots`, etc.). The third argument is the list of options. This command writes in the corresponding `\g_@@_type_lines_tl` the instruction which will actually draw the line after the construction of the matrix.

For example, for the following matrix,

```

\begin{pNiceMatrix}
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\
5 & \Cdots & & 6 \\
7 & \Cdots [color=red]
\end{pNiceMatrix}

```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & \cdots & & 6 \\ 7 & \cdots & & \end{pmatrix}$$

the content of `\g_@@_Cdots_lines_tl` will be:

```

\ @_draw_Cdots:nnn {2}{2}{}
\ @_draw_Cdots:nnn {3}{2}{color=red}

```

The first argument is a boolean which indicates whether you must put the instruction on the left or on the right on the list of instructions (with consequences for the parallelisation of the diagonal lines).

```

1439 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c@_instruction_of_type:nnn #1 #2 #3
1440 {
1441   \bool_if:nTF { #1 } { \tl_gput_left:ce } { \tl_gput_right:ce }

```

```

1442 { g_@@_ #2 _ lines _ tl }
1443 {
1444     \use:c { @@ _ draw _ #2 : nnn }
1445     { \int_use:N \c@iRow }
1446     { \int_use:N \c@jCol }
1447     { \exp_not:n { #3 } }
1448 }
1449 }

1450 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_array:n
1451 {
1452     \dim_set:Nn \col@sep
1453     { \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_tabular_bool { \tabcolsep } { \arraycolsep } }
1454     \dim_compare:nNnTF { \l_@@_tabular_width_dim } = { \c_zero_dim }
1455     { \def \halignto { } }
1456     { \cs_set_nopar:Npe \halignto { to \dim_use:N \l_@@_tabular_width_dim } }

```

It `\colortbl` is loaded, `\tabarray` has been redefined to incorporate `\CT@start`.

```

1457 \tabarray
1458 \l_@@_baseline_tl may have the value t, c or b. However, if the value is b, we compose
1459 the \array (of array) with the option t and the right translation will be done further. Remark
1460 that \str_if_eq:eeTF is fully expandable and we need something fully expandable here.
\str_if_eq:ee(TF) is faster than \str_if_eq:nn(TF).
1461 [ \str_if_eq:eeTF \l_@@_baseline_tl { c } { c } { t } ]
1462 }
1463 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_array:n { o }

```

We keep in memory the standard version of `\ialign` because we will redefine `\ialign` in the environment `{NiceArrayWithDelims}` but restore the standard version for use in the cells of the array. However, since version 2.6a (version for the Tagging Project), `array` uses `\ar@ialign` instead of `\ialign`. In that case, of course, you do a saving of `\ar@ialign`.

```

1464 \bool_if:nTF
1465 { \c_@@_recent_array_bool && ! \c_@@_revtex_bool }

```

We use here a `\cs_set_eq:cN` instead of a `\cs_set_eq:NN` in order to avoid a message when `explcheck` is used on `nicematrix.sty`.

```

1466 { \cs_set_eq:cN { @@_old_ar@ialign: } \ar@ialign }
1467 { \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_old_ialign: \ialign }

```

The following command creates a `row` node (and not a row of nodes!).

```

1468 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_create_row_node:
1469 {
1470     \int_compare:nNnT { \c@iRow } > { \g_@@_last_row_node_int }
1471     {
1472         \int_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_last_row_node_int \c@iRow
1473         \@@_create_row_node_i:
1474     }
1475 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_create_row_node_i:
1476 {

```

The `\hbox:n` (or `\hbox`) is mandatory.

```

1477 \hbox
1478 {
1479     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_code_before_bool
1480     {
1481         \vtop
1482         {
1483             \skip_vertical:N 0.5\arrayrulewidth
1484             \pgfsys@markposition
1485             { \@@_env: - row - \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } }
1486             \skip_vertical:N -0.5\arrayrulewidth

```

```

1485         }
1486     }
1487     \pgfpicture
1488     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
1489     \pgfcoordinate { \l@_env: - row - \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } }
1490     { \pgfpoint \c_zero_dim { - 0.5 \arrayrulewidth } }
1491     \str_if_empty:NF \l@_name_str
1492     {
1493         \pgfnodealias
1494         { \l@_name_str - row - \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } }
1495         { \l@_env: - row - \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } }
1496     }
1497     \endpgfpicture
1498 }
1499 }
```



```

1500 \cs_new_protected:Npn \l@_in_everycr:
1501 {
1502     \bool_if:NT \c@_recent_array_bool
1503     {
1504         \tbl_if_row_was_started:T { \UseTaggingSocket { \tbl / row / end } }
1505         \tbl_update_cell_data_for_next_row:
1506     }
1507     \int_gzero:N \c@jCol
1508     \bool_gset_false:N \g@_after_col_zero_bool
1509     \bool_if:NF \g@_row_of_col_done_bool
1510     {
1511         \l@_create_row_node:
```

We don't draw now the rules of the key `hlines` (or `hvlines`) but we reserve the vertical space for these rules (the rules will be drawn by PGF).

```

1512 \clist_if_empty:NF \l@_hlines_clist
1513 {
1514     \str_if_eq:eeF \l@_hlines_clist { all }
1515     {
1516         \clist_if_in:NeT
1517         \l@_hlines_clist
1518         { \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } }
1519     }
1520 }
```

The counter `\c@iRow` has the value `-1` only if there is a “first row” and that we are before that “first row”, i.e. just before the beginning of the array.

```

1521 \int_compare:nNnT { \c@iRow } > { -1 }
1522 {
1523     \int_compare:nNnF { \c@iRow } = { \l@_last_row_int }
1524     { \hrule height \arrayrulewidth width \c_zero_dim }
1525 }
1526 }
1527 }
1528 }
1529 }
```

When the key `renew-dots` is used, the following code will be executed.

```

1530 \cs_set_protected:Npn \l@_renew_dots:
1531 {
1532     \cs_set_eq:NN \ldots \l@_ldots:
1533     \cs_set_eq:NN \cdots \l@_cdots:
1534     \cs_set_eq:NN \vdots \l@_vdots:
1535     \cs_set_eq:NN \ddots \l@_ddots:
1536     \cs_set_eq:NN \iddots \l@_iddots:
1537     \cs_set_eq:NN \dots \l@_dots:
```

```

1538     \cs_set_eq:NN \hdotsfor \@@_Hdotsfor:
1539 }

```

If `booktabs` is loaded, we have to patch the macro `\@BTnormal` which is a macro of `booktabs`. The macro `\@BTnormal` draws an horizontal rule but it occurs after a vertical skip done by a low level TeX command. When this macro `\@BTnormal` occurs, the `row` node has yet been inserted by `nicematrix` before the vertical skip (and thus, at a wrong place). That's why we decide to create a new `row` node (for the same row). We patch the macro `\@BTnormal` to create this `row` node. This new `row` node will overwrite the previous definition of that `row` node and we have managed to avoid the error messages of that redefinition⁵.

```

1540 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
1541 {
1542   \IfPackageLoadedTF { booktabs }
1543   {
1544     \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_patch_booktabs:
1545     { \tl_put_left:Nn \@BTnormal \@@_create_row_node_i: }
1546   }
1547   { \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_patch_booktabs: { } }
1548 }

```

The box `\@arstrutbox` is a box constructed in the beginning of the environment `{array}`. The construction of that box takes into account the current value of `\arraystretch`⁶ and `\extrarowheight` (of `array`). That box is inserted (via `\@arstrut`) in the beginning of each row of the array. That's why we use the dimensions of that box to initialize the variables which will be the dimensions of the potential first and last row of the environment. This initialization must be done after the creation of `\@arstrutbox` and that's why we do it in the `\ialign`.

```

1549 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_some_initialization:
1550 {
1551   \@@_everycr:
1552   \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_dp_row_zero_dim { \box_dp:N \@arstrutbox }
1553   \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_ht_row_zero_dim { \box_ht:N \@arstrutbox }
1554   \dim_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_ht_row_one_dim \g_@@_ht_row_zero_dim
1555   \dim_gzero:N \g_@@_dp_ante_last_row_dim
1556   \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_ht_last_row_dim { \box_ht:N \@arstrutbox }
1557   \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_dp_last_row_dim { \box_dp:N \@arstrutbox }
1558 }

1559 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_pre_array_ii:
1560 {

```

The total weight of the letters X in the preamble of the array.

```

1561 \fp_gzero:N \g_@@_total_X_weight_fp
1562 \bool_gset_false:N \g_@@_V_of_X_bool
1563 \@@_expand_clist:N \l_@@_hlines_clist
1564 \@@_expand_clist:N \l_@@_vlines_clist
1565 \@@_patch_booktabs:
1566 \box_clear_new:N \l_@@_cell_box
1567 \normalbaselines

```

If the option `small` is used, we have to do some tuning. In particular, we change the value of `\arraystretch` (this parameter is used in the construction of `\@arstrutbox` in the beginning of `{array}`).

```

1568 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_small_bool
1569 {

```

⁵cf. `\nicematrix@redefine@check@rerun`

⁶The option `small` of `nicematrix` changes (among others) the value of `\arraystretch`. This is done, of course, before the call of `{array}`.

```

1570     \def \arraystretch { 0.47 }
1571     \dim_set:Nn \arraycolsep { 1.45 pt }

```

By default, `\@@_tuning_key_small`: is no-op.

```

1572     \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_tuning_key_small: \scriptstyle
1573 }

```

The boolean `\g_@@_create_cell_nodes_bool` corresponds to the key `create-cell-nodes` of the keyword `\CodeBefore`. When that key is used the “cell nodes” will be created before the `\CodeBefore` but, of course, they are *always* available in the main tabular and after!

```

1574     \bool_if:NT \g_@@_create_cell_nodes_bool
1575     {
1576         \tl_put_right:Nn \@@_begin_of_row:
1577         {
1578             \pgfsys@markposition
1579             { \@@_env: - row - \int_use:N \c@iRow - base }
1580         }
1581         \socket_assign_plug:nn { nicematrix / create-cell-nodes } { active }
1582     }

```

The environment `{array}` (since version 2.6) uses internally the command `\ar@ialign` (and previously, it was `\ialign`). We change that command for several reasons. In particular, `\ar@ialign` sets `\everycr` to `{ }` and we *need* to change the value of `\everycr`.

```

1583     \bool_if:NT \c_@@_recent_array_bool
1584     {
1585         \bool_if:NF \c_@@_revtex_bool
1586         {
1587             \def \ar@ialign
1588             {
1589                 \bool_if:NT \c_@@_testphase_table_bool
1590                 \tbl_init_cell_data_for_table:
1591                 \@@_some_initialization:
1592                 \dim_zero:N \tabskip

```

After its first use, the definition of `\ar@ialign` will revert automatically to its default definition. With this programmation, we will have, in the cells of the array, a clean version of `\ar@ialign`. We use `\cs_set_eq:Nc` instead of `\cs_set_eq:NN` in order to avoid a message when `explcheck` is used on `nicematrix.sty`.

```

1593         \cs_set_eq:Nc \ar@ialign { @@_old_ar@ialign: }
1594         \halign
1595     }
1596 }
1597

```

The following part should be deleted when we will delete the boolean `\c_@@_recent_array_bool` (when we consider the version 2.6a of `array` is required). Moreover, `revtex4-2` modifies `array` and provides commands which are meant to be the standard version of `array` but, at the date of november 2024, these commands corresponds to the *old* version of `array`, that is to say without the `\ar@ialign`.

```

1598     {
1599         \def \ialign
1600         {
1601             \@@_some_initialization:
1602             \dim_zero:N \tabskip
1603             \cs_set_eq:NN \ialign \@@_old_ialign:
1604             \halign
1605         }
1606     }

```

It seems that there is a problem when `nicematrix` is used with `revtex4-2` with the package `colortbl` loaded. The following code prevent that problem but it does *not* treat the actual problem! It's only a patch *ad hoc*.

That patch has been added in version 7.0x, 2024-11-27 (question by mail of Tamra Nebabu).

```

1607 \bool_if:NT \c_@@_revtex_bool
1608 {
1609   \IfPackageLoadedT { colortbl }
1610   { \cs_set_protected:Npn \CT@setup { } }
1611 }

```

We keep in memory the old versions of `\ldots`, `\cdots`, etc. only because we use them inside `\phantom` commands in order that the new commands `\Ldots`, `\Cdots`, etc. give the same spacing (except when the option `nullify-dots` is used).

```

1612 \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_old_ldots: \ldots
1613 \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_old_cdots: \cdots
1614 \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_old_vdots: \vdots
1615 \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_old_ddots: \ddots
1616 \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_old_iddots: \iddots
1617 \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_standard_cline_bool
1618   { \cs_set_eq:NN \cline \@@_standard_cline: }
1619   { \cs_set_eq:NN \cline \@@_cline: }
1620 \cs_set_eq:NN \Ldots \@@_Ldots:
1621 \cs_set_eq:NN \Cdots \@@_Cdots:
1622 \cs_set_eq:NN \Vdots \@@_Vdots:
1623 \cs_set_eq:NN \Ddots \@@_Ddots:
1624 \cs_set_eq:NN \Iddots \@@_Iddots:
1625 \cs_set_eq:NN \Hline \@@_Hline:
1626 \cs_set_eq:NN \Hspace \@@_Hspace:
1627 \cs_set_eq:NN \Hdotsfor \@@_Hdotsfor:
1628 \cs_set_eq:NN \Vdotsfor \@@_Vdotsfor:
1629 \cs_set_eq:NN \Block \@@_Block:
1630 \cs_set_eq:NN \rotate \@@_rotate:
1631 \cs_set_eq:NN \OnlyMainNiceMatrix \@@_OnlyMainNiceMatrix:n
1632 \cs_set_eq:NN \dotfill \@@_dotfill:
1633 \cs_set_eq:NN \CodeAfter \@@_CodeAfter:
1634 \cs_set_eq:NN \diagbox \@@_diagbox:nn
1635 \cs_set_eq:NN \NotEmpty \@@_NotEmpty:
1636 \cs_set_eq:NN \TopRule \@@_TopRule
1637 \cs_set_eq:NN \MidRule \@@_MidRule
1638 \cs_set_eq:NN \BottomRule \@@_BottomRule
1639 \cs_set_eq:NN \RowStyle \@@_RowStyle:n
1640 \cs_set_eq:NN \Hbrace \@@_Hbrace
1641 \cs_set_eq:NN \Vbrace \@@_Vbrace
1642 \seq_map_inline:Nn \l_@@_custom_line_commands_seq
1643   { \cs_set_eq:cc { ##1 } { nicematrix - ##1 } }
1644 \cs_set_eq:NN \cellcolor \@@_cellcolor_tabular
1645 \cs_set_eq:NN \rowcolor \@@_rowcolor_tabular
1646 \cs_set_eq:NN \rowcolors \@@_rowcolors_tabular
1647 \cs_set_eq:NN \rowlistcolors \@@_rowlistcolors_tabular
1648 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_first_row_int } > { \c_zero_int }
1649   { \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_tuning_first_row: \prg_do_nothing: }
1650 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_row_int } < { \c_zero_int }
1651   { \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_tuning_last_row: \prg_do_nothing: }
1652 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_renew_dots_bool { \@@_renew_dots: }

```

We redefine `\multicolumn` and, since we want `\multicolumn` to be available in the potential environments `{tabular}` nested in the environments of `nicematrix`, we patch `{tabular}` to go back to the original definition. A `\hook_gremove_code:nn` will be put in `\@@_after_array:`.

```

1653 \cs_set_eq:NN \multicolumn \@@_multicolumn:nnn
1654 \hook_gput_code:nnn { env / tabular / begin } { nicematrix }
1655   { \cs_set_eq:NN \multicolumn \@@_old_multicolumn: }
1656 \@@_revert_colortbl:

```

If there is one or several commands `\tabularnote` in the caption specified by the key `caption` and if that caption has to be composed above the tabular, we have now that information because it has been written in the `aux` file at a previous run. We use that information to start counting the tabular notes in the main array at the right value (we remember that the caption will be composed *after* the array!).

```

1657   \tl_if_exist:NT \l_@@_note_in_caption_tl
1658   {
1659     \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_note_in_caption_tl
1660     {
1661       \int_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_notes_caption_int \l_@@_note_in_caption_tl
1662       \int_gset:Nn \c@tabularnote { \l_@@_note_in_caption_tl }
1663     }
1664   }

```

The sequence `\g_@@_multicolumn_cells_seq` will contain the list of the cells of the array where a command `\multicolumn{n}{...}{...}` with $n > 1$ is issued. In `\g_@@_multicolumn_sizes_seq`, the “sizes” (that is to say the values of n) correspondent will be stored. These lists will be used for the creation of the “medium nodes” (if they are created).

```

1665   \seq_gclear:N \g_@@_multicolumn_cells_seq
1666   \seq_gclear:N \g_@@_multicolumn_sizes_seq

```

The counter `\c@iRow` will be used to count the rows of the array (its incrementation will be in the first cell of the row).

```
1667   \int_gset:Nn \c@iRow { \l_@@_first_row_int - 1 }
```

At the end of the environment `{array}`, `\c@iRow` will be the total number de rows.

`\g_@@_row_total_int` will be the number or rows excepted the last row (if `\l_@@_last_row_bool` has been raised with the option `last-row`).

```
1668   \int_gzero_new:N \g_@@_row_total_int
```

The counter `\c@jCol` will be used to count the columns of the array. Since we want to know the total number of columns of the matrix, we also create a counter `\g_@@_col_total_int`. These counters are updated in the command `\@@_cell_begin:` executed at the beginning of each cell.

```

1669   \int_gzero_new:N \g_@@_col_total_int
1670   \cs_set_eq:NN \o@ifnextchar \new@ifnextchar
1671   \bool_gset_false:N \g_@@_last_col_found_bool

```

During the construction of the array, the instructions `\Cdots`, `\Ldots`, etc. will be written in token lists `\g_@@_Cdots_lines_tl`, etc. which will be executed after the construction of the array.

```

1672   \tl_gclear_new:N \g_@@_Cdots_lines_tl
1673   \tl_gclear_new:N \g_@@_Ldots_lines_tl
1674   \tl_gclear_new:N \g_@@_Vdots_lines_tl
1675   \tl_gclear_new:N \g_@@_Ddots_lines_tl
1676   \tl_gclear_new:N \g_@@_Iddots_lines_tl
1677   \tl_gclear_new:N \g_@@_HVdotsfor_lines_tl

1678   \tl_gclear:N \g_nicematrix_code_before_tl
1679   \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl
1680 }

```

This is the end of `\@@_pre_array_ii:`.

The command `\@@_pre_array:` will be executed after analyse of the keys of the environment.

```

1681 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_pre_array:
1682 {
1683   \cs_if_exist:NT \theiRow { \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_old_iRow_int \c@iRow }
1684   \int_gzero_new:N \c@iRow
1685   \cs_if_exist:NT \thejCol { \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_old_jCol_int \c@jCol }
1686   \int_gzero_new:N \c@jCol

```

We recall that `\l_@@_last_row_int` and `\l_@@_last_column_int` are *not* the numbers of the last row and last column of the array. There are only the values of the keys `last-row` and `last-column` (maybe the user has provided erroneous values). The meaning of that counters does not change during the environment `nicematrix`. There is only a slight adjustment: if the user have used one of those keys without value, we provide now the right value as read on the `aux` file (of course, it's possible only after the first compilation).

```
1687   \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_row_int } = { -1 }
```

```

1688 {
1689     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_last_row_without_value_bool
1690     \bool_if:NT \g_@@_aux_found_bool
1691         { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_row_int { \seq_item:Nn \g_@@_size_seq { 3 } } }
1692     }
1693 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_col_int } = { -1 }
1694 {
1695     \bool_if:NT \g_@@_aux_found_bool
1696         { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_col_int { \seq_item:Nn \g_@@_size_seq { 6 } } }
1697 }

```

If there is an exterior row, we patch a command used in `\@@_cell_begin:` in order to keep track of some dimensions needed to the construction of that “last row”.

```

1698 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_row_int } > { -2 }
1699 {
1700     \tl_put_right:Nn \@@_update_for_first_and_last_row:
1701     {
1702         \dim_compare:nNnT { \g_@@_ht_last_row_dim } < { \box_ht:N \l_@@_cell_box }
1703             { \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_ht_last_row_dim { \box_ht:N \l_@@_cell_box } }
1704         \dim_compare:nNnT { \g_@@_dp_last_row_dim } < { \box_dp:N \l_@@_cell_box }
1705             { \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_dp_last_row_dim { \box_dp:N \l_@@_cell_box } }
1706     }
1707 }

1708 \seq_gclear:N \g_@@_cols_vlism_seq
1709 \seq_gclear:N \g_@@_submatrix_seq

```

Now the `\CodeBefore`.

```
1710 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_code_before_bool { \@@_exec_code_before: }
```

The value of `\g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq` has been written on the `aux` file and loaded before the (potential) execution of the `\CodeBefore`. Now, we clear that variable because it will be reconstructed during the creation of the array.

```
1711 \seq_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq \g_@@_future_pos_of_blocks_seq
1712 \seq_gclear:N \g_@@_future_pos_of_blocks_seq
```

Idem for other sequences written on the `aux` file.

```
1713 \seq_gclear_new:N \g_@@_multicolumn_cells_seq
1714 \seq_gclear_new:N \g_@@_multicolumn_sizes_seq
```

The command `\create_row_node:` will create a row-node (and not a row of nodes!). However, at the end of the array we construct a “false row” (for the col-nodes) and it interferes with the construction of the last row-node of the array. We don’t want to create such row-node twice (to avoid warnings or, maybe, errors). That’s why the command `\@@_create_row_node:` will use the following counter to avoid such construction.

```
1715 \int_gset:Nn \g_@@_last_row_node_int { -2 }
```

The value -2 is important.

The code in `\@@_pre_array_ii:` is used only here.

```
1716 \@@_pre_array_ii:
```

The array will be composed in a box (named `\l_@@_the_array_box`) because we have to do manipulations concerning the potential exterior rows.

```
1717 \box_clear_new:N \l_@@_the_array_box
```

We compute the width of both delimiters. We remind that, when the environment `{NiceArray}` is used, it's possible to specify the delimiters in the preamble (eg `[ccc]`).

```

1718   \dim_zero_new:N \l_@@_left_delim_dim
1719   \dim_zero_new:N \l_@@_right_delim_dim
1720   \bool_if:NTF \g_@@_delims_bool
1721   {

```

The command `\bBigg@` is a command of `amsmath`.

```

1722   \hbox_set:Nn \l_tmpa_box { $ \bBigg@ 5 \g_@@_left_delim_tl $ }
1723   \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_left_delim_dim { \box_wd:N \l_tmpa_box }
1724   \hbox_set:Nn \l_tmpa_box { $ \bBigg@ 5 \g_@@_right_delim_tl $ }
1725   \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_right_delim_dim { \box_wd:N \l_tmpa_box }
1726   }
1727   {
1728     \dim_gset:Nn \l_@@_left_delim_dim
1729       { 2 \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_tabular_bool { \tabcolsep } { \arraycolsep } }
1730     \dim_gset_eq:NN \l_@@_right_delim_dim \l_@@_left_delim_dim
1731   }

```

Here is the beginning of the box which will contain the array. The `\hbox_set_end:` corresponding to this `\hbox_set:Nw` will be in the second part of the environment (and the closing `\c_math_toggle_token` also).

```

1732   \hbox_set:Nw \l_@@_the_array_box
1733   \skip_horizontal:N \l_@@_left_margin_dim
1734   \skip_horizontal:N \l_@@_extra_left_margin_dim
1735   \bool_if:NT \c_@@_recent_array_bool
1736     { \UseTaggingSocket { tbl / hmode / begin } }

```

The following code is a workaround to specify to the tagging system that the following code is *fake math* (it raises `\l__math_fakemath_bool` in recent versions of LaTeX).

```

1737   \m@th
1738   \c_math_toggle_token
1739   \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_light_syntax_bool
1740     { \use:c { @@-light-syntax } }
1741     { \use:c { @@-normal-syntax } }
1742   }

```

The following command `\@@_CodeBefore_Body:w` will be used when the keyword `\CodeBefore` is present at the beginning of the environment.

```

1743 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \@@_CodeBefore_Body:w #1 \Body
1744   {
1745     \tl_set:Nn \l_tmpa_tl { #1 }
1746     \int_compare:nNnT { \char_value_catcode:n { 60 } } = { 13 }
1747       { \@@_rescan_for_spanish:N \l_tmpa_tl }
1748     \tl_gput_left:No \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl \l_tmpa_tl
1749     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_code_before_bool

```

We go on with `\@@_pre_array:` which will (among other) execute the `\CodeBefore` (specified in the key `code-before` or after the keyword `\CodeBefore`). By definition, the `\CodeBefore` must be executed before the body of the array...

```

1750   \@@_pre_array:
1751   }

```

9 The `\CodeBefore`

The following command will be executed if the `\CodeBefore` has to be actually executed (that command will be used only once and is present alone only for legibility).

```

1752 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_pre_code_before:
1753   {

```

First, we give values to the LaTeX counters `iRow` and `jCol`. We remind that, in the `\CodeBefore` (and in the `\CodeAfter`) they represent the numbers of rows and columns of the array (without the potential last row and last column). The value of `\g_@@_row_total_int` is the number of the last row (with potentially a last exterior row) and `\g_@@_col_total_int` is the number of the last column (with potentially a last exterior column).

```
1754 \int_set:Nn \c@iRow { \seq_item:Nn \g_@@_size_seq { 2 } }
1755 \int_set:Nn \c@jCol { \seq_item:Nn \g_@@_size_seq { 5 } }
1756 \int_set:Nn \g_@@_row_total_int { \seq_item:Nn \g_@@_size_seq { 3 } }
1757 \int_set:Nn \g_@@_col_total_int { \seq_item:Nn \g_@@_size_seq { 6 } }
```

Now, we will create all the `col` nodes and `row` nodes with the information written in the `aux` file. You use the technique described in the page 1247 of `pgfmanual.pdf`, version 3.1.10.

```
1758 \pgfsys@markposition { \@@_env: - position }
1759 \pgfsys@getposition { \@@_env: - position } \@@_picture_position:
1760 \pgfpicture
1761 \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
```

First, the recreation of the `row` nodes.

```
1762 \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_row_int } { \g_@@_row_total_int + 1 }
1763 {
1764     \pgfsys@getposition { \@@_env: - row - ##1 } \@@_node_position:
1765     \pgfcoordinate { \@@_env: - row - ##1 }
1766         { \pgfpointdiff \@@_picture_position: \@@_node_position: }
1767 }
```

Now, the recreation of the `col` nodes.

```
1768 \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_col_int } { \g_@@_col_total_int + 1 }
1769 {
1770     \pgfsys@getposition { \@@_env: - col - ##1 } \@@_node_position:
1771     \pgfcoordinate { \@@_env: - col - ##1 }
1772         { \pgfpointdiff \@@_picture_position: \@@_node_position: }
1773 }
```

Now, you recreate the diagonal nodes by using the `row` nodes and the `col` nodes.

```
1774 \@@_create_diag_nodes:
```

Now, the creation of the cell nodes ($i-j$), and, maybe also the “medium nodes” and the “large nodes”.

```
1775 \bool_if:NT \g_@@_create_cell_nodes_bool { \@@_recreate_cell_nodes: }
1776 \endpgfpicture
```

Now, the recreation of the nodes of the blocks *which have a name*.

```
1777 \@@_create_blocks_nodes:
1778 \IfPackageLoadedT { tikz }
1779 {
1780     \tikzset
1781     {
1782         every~picture / .style =
1783             { overlay , name-prefix = \@@_env: - }
1784     }
1785 }
1786 \cs_set_eq:NN \cellcolor \@@_cellcolor
1787 \cs_set_eq:NN \rectanglecolor \@@_rectanglecolor
1788 \cs_set_eq:NN \roundedrectanglecolor \@@_roundedrectanglecolor
1789 \cs_set_eq:NN \rowcolor \@@_rowcolor
1790 \cs_set_eq:NN \rowcolors \@@_rowcolors
1791 \cs_set_eq:NN \rowlistcolors \@@_rowlistcolors
1792 \cs_set_eq:NN \arraycolor \@@_arraycolor
1793 \cs_set_eq:NN \columncolor \@@_columncolor
1794 \cs_set_eq:NN \chessboardcolors \@@_chessboardcolors
1795 \cs_set_eq:NN \SubMatrix \@@_SubMatrix_in_code_before
1796 \cs_set_eq:NN \ShowCellNames \@@_ShowCellNames
1797 \cs_set_eq:NN \TikzEveryCell \@@_TikzEveryCell
1798 \cs_set_eq:NN \EmptyColumn \@@_EmptyColumn:n
```

```

1799      \cs_set_eq:NN \EmptyRow \@@_EmptyRow:n
1800  }

```

```

1801 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_exec_code_before:
1802  {

```

We mark the cells which are in the (empty) corners because those cells must not be colored. We should try to find a way to detect whether we actually have coloring instructions to execute...

```

1803 \clist_map_inline:Nn \l_@@_corners_cells_clist
1804  { \cs_set_nopar:cpn { @@ _ corner _ ##1 } { } }
1805 \seq_gclear_new:N \g_@@_colors_seq

```

The sequence `\g_@@_colors_seq` will always contain as first element the special color `nocolor`: when that color is used, no color will be applied in the corresponding cells by the other coloring commands of `nicematrix`.

```

1806 \@@_add_to_colors_seq:nn { { nocolor } } { }
1807 \bool_gset_false:N \g_@@_create_cell_nodes_bool
1808 \group_begin:

```

We compose the `\CodeBefore` in math mode in order to nullify the spaces put by the user between instructions in the `\CodeBefore`.

```

1809 \if_mode_math:
1810  \@@_exec_code_before_i:
1811 \else:
1812  \c_math_toggle_token
1813  \@@_exec_code_before_i:
1814  \c_math_toggle_token
1815 \fi:
1816 \group_end:
1817 }

```

The following code is a security for the case the user has used `babel` with the option `spanish`: in that case, the characters < (de code ASCII 60) and > are activated and Tikz is not able to solve the problem (even with the Tikz library `babel`).

```

1818 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_exec_code_before_i:
1819  {
1820    \int_compare:nNnT { \char_value_catcode:n { 60 } } = { 13 }
1821    { \@@_rescan_for_spanish:N \l_@@_code_before_tl }

```

Here is the `\CodeBefore`. The construction is a bit complicated because `\g_@@_pre_code_before_tl` may begin with keys between square brackets. Moreover, after the analyze of those keys, we sometimes have to decide to do *not* execute the rest of `\g_@@_pre_code_before_tl` (when it is asked for the creation of cell nodes in the `\CodeBefore`). That's why we use a `\q_stop`: it will be used to discard the rest of `\g_@@_pre_code_before_tl`.

```

1822 \exp_last_unbraced:No \@@_CodeBefore_keys:
1823  \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl

```

Now, all the cells which are specified to be colored by instructions in the `\CodeBefore` will actually be colored. It's a two-stages mechanism because we want to draw all the cells with the same color at the same time to absolutely avoid thin white lines in some PDF viewers.

```

1824 \@@_actually_color:
1825 \l_@@_code_before_tl
1826 \q_stop
1827 }

```

```

1828 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / CodeBefore }
1829  {
1830    create-cell-nodes .bool_gset:N = \g_@@_create_cell_nodes_bool ,
1831    create-cell-nodes .default:n = true ,
1832    sub-matrix .code:n = \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / sub-matrix } { #1 } ,
1833    sub-matrix .value_required:n = true ,

```

```

1834     delimiters / color .tl_set:N = \l_@@_delimiters_color_tl ,
1835     delimiters / color .value_required:n = true ,
1836     unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown-key-for-CodeBefore }
1837 }
1838 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_CodeBefore_keys: { O { } }
1839 {
1840     \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / CodeBefore } { #1 }
1841     \@@_CodeBefore:w
1842 }

```

We have extracted the options of the keyword `\CodeBefore` in order to see whether the key `create-cell-nodes` has been used. Now, you can execute the rest of the `\CodeBefore`, excepted, of course, if we are in the first compilation.

```

1843 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_CodeBefore:w #1 \q_stop
1844 {
1845     \bool_if:NT \g_@@_aux_found_bool
1846     {
1847         \@@_pre_code_before:
1848         \legacy_if:nF { measuring@ } { #1 }
1849     }
1850 }

```

By default, if the user uses the `\CodeBefore`, only the `col` nodes, `row` nodes and `diag` nodes are available in that `\CodeBefore`. With the key `create-cell-nodes`, the cell nodes, that is to say the nodes of the form $(i-j)$ (but not the extra nodes) are also available because those nodes also are recreated and that recreation is done by the following command.

```

1851 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_recreate_cell_nodes:
1852 {
1853     \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_row_int } { \g_@@_row_total_int }
1854     {
1855         \pgfsys@getposition { \@@_env: - ##1 - base } \@@_node_position:
1856         \pgfcoordinate { \@@_env: - row - ##1 - base }
1857             { \pgfpointdiff \@@_picture_position: \@@_node_position: }
1858         \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_col_int } { \g_@@_col_total_int }
1859         {
1860             \cs_if_exist:cT
1861                 { pgf @ sys @ pdf @ mark @ pos @ \@@_env: - ##1 - ####1 - NW }
1862                 {
1863                     \pgfsys@getposition
1864                         { \@@_env: - ##1 - ####1 - NW }
1865                     \@@_node_position:
1866                     \pgfsys@getposition
1867                         { \@@_env: - ##1 - ####1 - SE }
1868                         \@@_node_position_i:
1869                         \@@_pgf_rect_node:nnn
1870                             { \@@_env: - ##1 - ####1 }
1871                             { \pgfpointdiff \@@_picture_position: \@@_node_position: }
1872                             { \pgfpointdiff \@@_picture_position: \@@_node_position_i: }
1873                     }
1874                 }
1875             }
1876             \@@_create_extra_nodes:
1877             \@@_create_aliases_last:
1878 }

1879 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_create_aliases_last:
1880 {
1881     \int_step_inline:nn { \c@iRow }
1882     {
1883         \pgfnodealias
1884             { \@@_env: - ##1 - last }
1885             { \@@_env: - ##1 - \int_use:N \c@jCol }

```

```

1886     }
1887     \int_step_inline:nn { \c@jCol }
1888     {
1889         \pgfnodealias
1890         { \c@_env: - last - ##1 }
1891         { \c@_env: - \int_use:N \c@iRow - ##1 }
1892     }
1893 \pgfnodealias % added 2025-04-05
1894     { \c@_env: - last - last }
1895     { \c@_env: - \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_use:N \c@jCol }
1896 }
```

```

1897 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c@_create_blocks_nodes:
1898 {
1899     \pgfpicture
1900     \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
1901     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
1902     \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@_pos_of_blocks_seq
1903         { \c@_create_one_block_node:nnnnn ##1 }
1904     \endpgfpicture
1905 }
```

The following command is called `\c@_create_one_block_node:nnnnn` but, in fact, it creates a node only if the last argument (#5) which is the name of the block, is not empty.⁷

```

1906 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c@_create_one_block_node:nnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
1907 {
1908     \tl_if_empty:nF { #5 }
1909     {
1910         \c@_qpoint:n { col - #2 }
1911         \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@x
1912         \c@_qpoint:n { #1 }
1913         \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpb_dim \pgf@y
1914         \c@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { #4 + 1 } }
1915         \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@_tmpc_dim \pgf@x
1916         \c@_qpoint:n { \int_eval:n { #3 + 1 } }
1917         \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@_tmpd_dim \pgf@y
1918         \c@_pgf_rect_node:nnnnn
1919             { \c@_env: - #5 }
1920             { \dim_use:N \l_tmpa_dim }
1921             { \dim_use:N \l_tmpb_dim }
1922             { \dim_use:N \l_@_tmpc_dim }
1923             { \dim_use:N \l_@_tmpd_dim }
1924     }
1925 }
```

```

1926 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c@_patch_for_revtex:
1927 {
1928     \cs_set_eq:NN \caddamp \caddamp@LaTeX
1929     \cs_set_eq:NN \carray \carray@array
1930     \cs_set_eq:NN \ctabular \ctabular@array
1931     \cs_set:Npn \ctabarray { \cifnextchar [ { \carray } { \carray [ c ] } }
1932     \cs_set_eq:NN \array \array@array
1933     \cs_set_eq:NN \endarray \endarray@array
1934     \cs_set:Npn \endtabular { \endarray $ \egroup } \% $
1935     \cs_set_eq:NN \cmkpream \cmkpream@array
1936     \cs_set_eq:NN \classx \classx@array
1937     \cs_set_eq:NN \insert@column \insert@column@array
1938     \cs_set_eq:NN \arraycr \arraycr@array
```

⁷Moreover, there is also in the list `\g_@_pos_of_blocks_seq` the positions of the dotted lines (created by `\Cdots`, etc.) and, for these entries, there is, of course, no name (the fifth component is empty).

```

1939   \cs_set_eq:NN \xarraycr \xarraycr@array
1940   \cs_set_eq:NN \xarraycr \xarraycr@array
1941 }

```

10 The environment {NiceArrayWithDelims}

```

1942 \NewDocumentEnvironment { NiceArrayWithDelims }
1943 { m m O { } m ! O { } t \CodeBefore }
1944 {
1945   \bool_if:NT \c_@@_revtex_bool { \@@_patch_for_revtex: }
1946   \@@_provide_pgfspdfmark:
1947   \bool_if:NT \g_@@_footnote_bool { \savenotes }

The aim of the following \bgroup (the corresponding \egroup is, of course, at the end of the environment) is to be able to put an exposant to a matrix in a mathematical formula.
1948 \bgroup

1949   \tl_gset:Nn \g_@@_left_delim_tl { #1 }
1950   \tl_gset:Nn \g_@@_right_delim_tl { #2 }
1951   \tl_gset:Nn \g_@@_user_preamble_tl { #4 }
1952   \tl_if_empty:NT \g_@@_user_preamble_tl { \@@_fatal:n { empty~preamble } }

1953   \int_gzero:N \g_@@_block_box_int
1954   \dim_gzero:N \g_@@_width_last_col_dim
1955   \dim_gzero:N \g_@@_width_first_col_dim
1956   \bool_gset_false:N \g_@@_row_of_col_done_bool
1957   \str_if_empty:NT \g_@@_name_env_str
1958     { \str_gset:Nn \g_@@_name_env_str { NiceArrayWithDelims } }
1959   \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_tabular_bool
1960     { \mode_leave_vertical: }
1961     { \@@_test_if_math_mode: }
1962   \bool_if:NT \l_@@_in_env_bool { \@@_fatal:n { Yet~in~env } }
1963   \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_in_env_bool

```

The command \CT@arc@ contains the instruction of color for the rules of the array⁸. This command is used by \CT@arc@ but we use it also for compatibility with colortbl. But we want also to be able to use color for the rules of the array when colortbl is *not* loaded. That's why we do the following instruction which is in the patch of the beginning of arrays done by colortbl. Of course, we restore the value of \CT@arc@ at the end of our environment.

```
1964 \cs_gset_eq:cN { @@_old_CT@arc@ } \CT@arc@
```

We deactivate Tikz externalization because we will use PGF pictures with the options `overlay` and `remember picture` (or equivalent forms). We deactivate with \tikzexternalisable and not with \tikzset{external/export=false} which is *not* equivalent.

```

1965 \cs_if_exist:NT \tikz@library@external@loaded
1966   {
1967     \tikzexternalisable
1968     \cs_if_exist:NT \ifstandalone
1969       { \tikzset { external / optimize = false } }
1970   }

```

We increment the counter \g_@@_env_int which counts the environments of the package.

```

1971   \int_gincr:N \g_@@_env_int
1972   \bool_if:NF \l_@@_block_auto_columns_width_bool
1973     { \dim_gzero_new:N \g_@@_max_cell_width_dim }

```

⁸e.g. \color[rgb]{0.5,0.5,0}

The sequence `\g_@@_blocks_seq` will contain the characteristics of the blocks (specified by `\Block`) of the array. The sequence `\g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq` will contain only the position of the blocks.

```
1974 \seq_gclear:N \g_@@_blocks_seq
1975 \seq_gclear:N \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq
```

In fact, the sequence `\g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq` will also contain the positions of the cells with a `\diagbox` and the `\multicolumn`.

```
1976 \seq_gclear:N \g_@@_pos_of_stroken_blocks_seq
1977 \seq_gclear:N \g_@@_pos_of_xdots_seq
1978 \tl_gclear_new:N \g_@@_code_before_tl
1979 \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_row_style_tl
```

We load all the information written in the `aux` file during previous compilations corresponding to the current environment.

```
1980 \tl_if_exist:cTF { g_@@_int_use:N \g_@@_env_int _ tl }
1981 {
1982     \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_aux_found_bool
1983     \use:c { g_@@_int_use:N \g_@@_env_int _ tl }
1984 }
1985 { \bool_gset_false:N \g_@@_aux_found_bool }
```

Now, we prepare the token list for the instructions that we will have to write on the `aux` file at the end of the environment.

```
1986 \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_aux_tl
1987 \tl_if_empty:NF \g_@@_code_before_tl
1988 {
1989     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_code_before_bool
1990     \tl_put_right:No \l_@@_code_before_tl \g_@@_code_before_tl
1991 }
1992 \tl_if_empty:NF \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl
1993 { \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_code_before_bool }
```

The set of keys is not exactly the same for `{NiceArray}` and for the variants of `{NiceArray}` (`{pNiceArray}`, `{bNiceArray}`, etc.) because, for `{NiceArray}`, we have the options `t`, `c`, `b` and `baseline`.

```
1994 \bool_if:NTF \g_@@_delims_bool
1995 { \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / pNiceArray } }
1996 { \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / NiceArray } }
1997 { #3 , #5 }

1998 \@@_set_CTarc:o \l_@@_rules_color_tl % noqa: w302
```

The argument `#6` is the last argument of `{NiceArrayWithDelims}`. With that argument of type “`t \CodeBefore`”, we test whether there is the keyword `\CodeBefore` at the beginning of the body of the environment. If that keyword is present, we have now to extract all the content between that keyword `\CodeBefore` and the (other) keyword `\Body`. It’s the job that will do the command `\@@_CodeBefore_Body:w`. After that job, the command `\@@_CodeBefore_Body:w` will go on with `\@@_pre_array:`.

```
1999 \bool_if:nTF { #6 } { \@@_CodeBefore_Body:w } { \@@_pre_array: }
2000 }
```

Now, the second part of the environment `{NiceArrayWithDelims}`.

```
2001 {
2002     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_light_syntax_bool
2003     { \use:c { end @@-light-syntax } }
2004     { \use:c { end @@-normal-syntax } }
2005     \c_math_toggle_token
2006     \skip_horizontal:N \l_@@_right_margin_dim
2007     \skip_horizontal:N \l_@@_extra_right_margin_dim
2008     \hbox_set_end:
2009     \bool_if:NT \c_@@_recent_array_bool
2010     { \UseTaggingSocket { tbl / hmode / end } }
```

End of the construction of the array (in the box `\l_@@_the_array_box`).

If the user has used the key `width` without any column X, we raise an error.

```

2011 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_width_used_bool
2012 {
2013   \fp_compare:nNnT { \g_@@_total_X_weight_fp } = { \c_zero_fp }
2014   { \@@_error_or_warning:n { width-without-X-columns } }
2015 }
```

Now, if there is at least one X-column in the environment, we compute the width that those columns will have (in the next compilation). In fact, `\l_@@_X_columns_dim` will be the width of a column of weight 1.0. For a X-column of weight x , the width will be `\l_@@_X_columns_dim` multiplied by x .

```

2016 \fp_compare:nNnT { \g_@@_total_X_weight_fp } > { \c_zero_fp }
2017 { \@@_compute_width_X: }
```

If the user has used the key `last-row` with a value, we control that the given value is correct (since we have just constructed the array, we know the actual number of rows of the array).

```

2018 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_row_int } > { -2 }
2019 {
2020   \bool_if:NF \l_@@_last_row_without_value_bool
2021   {
2022     \int_compare:nNnF { \l_@@_last_row_int } = { \c@iRow }
2023     {
2024       \@@_error:n { Wrong-last-row }
2025       \int_gset_eq:NN \l_@@_last_row_int \c@iRow
2026     }
2027   }
2028 }
```

Now, the definition of `\c@jCol` and `\g_@@_col_total_int` changes: `\c@jCol` will be the number of columns without the “last column”; `\g_@@_col_total_int` will be the number of columns with this “last column”.⁹

```

2029 \int_gset_eq:NN \c@jCol \g_@@_col_total_int
2030 \bool_if:NTF \g_@@_last_col_found_bool
2031 { \int_gdecr:N \c@jCol }
2032 {
2033   \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_col_int } > { -1 }
2034   { \@@_error:n { last-col-not-used } }
2035 }
```

We fix also the value of `\c@iRow` and `\g_@@_row_total_int` with the same principle.

```

2036 \int_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_row_total_int \c@iRow
2037 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_row_int } > { -1 }
2038 { \int_gdecr:N \c@iRow }
```

Now, we begin the real construction in the output flow of TeX. First, we take into account a potential “first column” (we remind that this “first column” has been constructed in an overlapping position and that we have computed its width in `\g_@@_width_first_col_dim`: see p. 92).

```

2039 \int_if_zero:nT { \l_@@_first_col_int }
2040 { \skip_horizontal:N \g_@@_width_first_col_dim }
```

The construction of the real box is different whether we have delimiters to put.

```

2041 \bool_if:NTF { ! \g_@@_delims_bool }
2042 {
2043   \str_if_eq:eeTF \l_@@_baseline_t1 { c }
2044   { \@@_use_arraybox_with_notes_c: }
2045   {
2046     \str_if_eq:eeTF \l_@@_baseline_t1 { b }
2047     { \@@_use_arraybox_with_notes_b: }
2048     { \@@_use_arraybox_with_notes: }
2049   }
2050 }
```

⁹We remind that the potential “first column” (exterior) has the number 0.

Now, in the case of an environment with delimiters. We compute $\l_l_tmpa_dim$ which is the total height of the “first row” above the array (when the key `first-row` is used).

```

2051   {
2052     \int_if_zero:nTF { \l_l@@_first_row_int }
2053     {
2054       \dim_set_eq:NN \l_ltmpa_dim \g_g@@_dp_row_zero_dim
2055       \dim_add:Nn \l_ltmpa_dim \g_g@@_ht_row_zero_dim
2056     }
2057     { \dim_zero:N \l_ltmpa_dim }

```

We compute $\l_l_tmpb_dim$ which is the total height of the “last row” below the array (when the key `last-row` is used). A value of -2 for $\l_l@@_last_row_int$ means that there is no “last row”.¹⁰

```

2058   \int_compare:nNnTF { \l_l@@_last_row_int } > { -2 }
2059   {
2060     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_ltmpb_dim \g_g@@_ht_last_row_dim
2061     \dim_add:Nn \l_ltmpb_dim \g_g@@_dp_last_row_dim
2062   }
2063   { \dim_zero:N \l_ltmpb_dim }

2064   \hbox_set:Nn \l_ltmpa_box
2065   {
2066     \m@th
2067     \c_math_toggle_token
2068     \l_l@@_color:o \l_l@@_delimiters_color_tl
2069     \exp_after:wN \left \g_g@@_left_delim_tl
2070     \vcenter
2071     {

```

We take into account the “first row” (we have previously computed its total height in $\l_l_tmpa_dim$). The `\hbox:n` (or `\hbox`) is necessary here.

```

2072     \skip_vertical:n { - \l_ltmpa_dim - \arrayrulewidth }
2073     \hbox
2074     {
2075       \bool_if:NTF \l_l@@_tabular_bool
2076         { \skip_horizontal:n { - \tabcolsep } }
2077         { \skip_horizontal:n { - \arraycolsep } }
2078       \l_l@@_use_arraybox_with_notes_c:
2079       \bool_if:NTF \l_l@@_tabular_bool
2080         { \skip_horizontal:n { - \tabcolsep } }
2081         { \skip_horizontal:n { - \arraycolsep } }
2082     }

```

We take into account the “last row” (we have previously computed its total height in $\l_l_tmpb_dim$).

```

2083     \skip_vertical:n { - \l_ltmpb_dim + \arrayrulewidth }
2084   }
2085   \exp_after:wN \right \g_g@@_right_delim_tl
2086   \c_math_toggle_token
2087 }
```

Now, the box $\l_l_tmpa_box$ is created with the correct delimiters.

We will put the box in the TeX flow. However, we have a small work to do when the option `delimiters/max-width` is used.

```

2088   \bool_if:NTF \l_l@@_delimiters_max_width_bool
2089   {
2090     \l_l@@_put_box_in_flow_bis:nn
2091     { \g_g@@_left_delim_tl }
2092     { \g_g@@_right_delim_tl }
2093   }
2094   \l_l@@_put_box_in_flow:
2095 }
```

We take into account a potential “last column” (this “last column” has been constructed in an overlapping position and we have computed its width in $\g_g@@_width_last_col_dim$: see p. 93).

¹⁰A value of -1 for $\l_l@@_last_row_int$ means that there is a “last row” but the user have not set the value with the option `last row` (and we are in the first compilation).

```

2096 \bool_if:NT \g_@@_last_col_found_bool
2097   { \skip_horizontal:N \g_@@_width_last_col_dim }
2098 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_preamble_bool
2099   {
2100     \int_compare:nNnT { \c@jCol } < { \g_@@_static_num_of_col_int }
2101     { \g_@@_err_columns_not_used: }
2102   }
2103 \g_@@_after_array:

```

The aim of the following `\egroup` (the corresponding `\bgroup` is, of course, at the beginning of the environment) is to be able to put an exposant to a matrix in a mathematical formula.

```
2104 \egroup
```

We write on the `aux` file all the information corresponding to the current environment.

```

2105 \iow_now:Nn \mainaux { \ExplSyntaxOn }
2106 \iow_now:Nn \mainaux { \char_set_catcode_space:n { 32 } }
2107 \iow_now:Ne \mainaux
2108   {
2109     \tl_gclear_new:c { g_@@_int_use:N \g_@@_env_int _ tl }
2110     \tl_gset:cn { g_@@_int_use:N \g_@@_env_int _ tl }
2111     { \exp_not:o \g_@@_aux_tl }
2112   }
2113 \iow_now:Nn \mainaux { \ExplSyntaxOff }

2114 \bool_if:NT \g_@@_footnote_bool { \endsavenotes }
2115 }

```

This is the end of the environment `{NiceArrayWithDelims}`.

```

2116 \cs_new_protected:Npn \g_@@_err_columns_not_used:
2117   {
2118     \g_@@_warning:n { columns-not-used }
2119     \cs_gset:Npn \g_@@_err_columns_not_used: { }
2120   }

```

The following command will be used only once. We have written that command for legibility. If there is at least one X-column in the environment, we compute the width that those columns will have (in the next compilation). In fact, `\l_@@_X_columns_dim` will be the width of a column of weight 1.0. For a X-column of weight x , the width will be `\l_@@_X_columns_dim` multiplied by x .

```

2121 \cs_new_protected:Npn \g_@@_compute_width_X:
2122   {
2123     \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_aux_tl
2124     {
2125       \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_X_columns_aux_bool
2126       \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_X_columns_dim
2127     }

```

The flag `\g_@@_V_of_X_bool` is raised when there is at least in the tabular a column of type X using the key V. In that case, the width of the X column may be considered as correct even though the tabular has not (of course) a width equal to `\l_@@_width_dim`

```

2128 \bool_lazy_and:nnTF
2129   { \g_@@_V_of_X_bool }
2130   { \l_@@_X_columns_aux_bool }
2131   { \dim_use:N \l_@@_X_columns_dim }
2132   {
2133     \dim_compare:nNnTF
2134     {
2135       \dim_abs:n
2136       { \l_@@_width_dim - \box_wd:N \l_@@_the_array_box }
2137     }
2138     <
2139     { 0.001 pt }
2140     { \dim_use:N \l_@@_X_columns_dim }

```

```

2141 {
2142   \dim_eval:n
2143   {
2144     \l_@@_X_columns_dim
2145     +
2146     \fp_to_dim:n
2147     {
2148       (
2149         \dim_eval:n
2150         { \l_@@_width_dim - \box_wd:N \l_@@_the_array_box }
2151       )
2152       / \fp_use:N \g_@@_total_X_weight_fp
2153     }
2154   }
2155 }
2156 }
2157 }
2158 }
2159 }
2160 }
```

11 Construction of the preamble of the array

The final user provides a preamble, but we must convert that preamble into a preamble which will be given to `{array}` (of the package `array`).

The preamble given by the final user is stored in `\g_@@_user_preamble_tl`. The modified version will be stored in `\g_@@_array_preamble_tl`.

```

2161 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_transform_preamble:
2162 {
2163   \@@_transform_preamble_i:
2164   \@@_transform_preamble_ii:
2165 }
2166 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_transform_preamble_i:
2167 {
2168   \int_gzero:N \c@jCol
```

The sequence `\g_@@_cols_vlism_seq` will contain the numbers of the columns where you will have to draw vertical lines in the potential sub-matrices (hence the name `vlism`).

```
2169 \seq_gclear:N \g_@@_cols_vlism_seq
```

`\g_tmpb_bool` will be raised if you have a `|` at the end of the preamble provided by the final user.

```
2170 \bool_gset_false:N \g_tmpb_bool
```

The following sequence will store the arguments of the successive `>` in the preamble.

```
2171 \tl_gclear_new:N \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
```

The counter `\l_tmpa_int` will count the number of consecutive occurrences of the symbol `|`.

```

2172 \int_zero:N \l_tmpa_int
2173 \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2174 \str_if_eq:eeTF \l_@@_vlines_clist { all }
2175 {
2176   \tl_gset:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2177   { ! { \skip_horizontal:N \arrayrulewidth } }
2178 }
2179 {
2180   \clist_if_in:NnT \l_@@_vlines_clist 1
2181   {
2182     \tl_gset:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
```

```

2183     { ! { \skip_horizontal:N \arrayrulewidth } }
2184   }
2185 }
```

Now, we actually make the preamble (which will be given to `{array}`). It will be stored in `\g_@@_array_preamble_tl`.

```

2186   \exp_last_unbraced:No \g_@@_rec_preamble:n \g_@@_user_preamble_tl \s_stop
2187   \int_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_static_num_of_col_int `c@jCol
2188   \g_@@_replace_columncolor:
2189 }
```

```

2190 \cs_new_protected:Npn \g_@@_transform_preamble_ii:
2191 {
```

If there were delimiters at the beginning or at the end of the preamble, the environment `{NiceArray}` is transformed into an environment `{xNiceMatrix}`.

```

2192 \tl_if_eq:NNTF \g_@@_left_delim_tl \c_@@_dot_tl
2193 {
2194   \tl_if_eq:NNF \g_@@_right_delim_tl \c_@@_dot_tl
2195   { \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_delims_bool }
2196 }
2197 { \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_delims_bool }
```

We want to remind whether there is a specifier `|` at the end of the preamble.

```
2198 \bool_if:NT \g_tmpb_bool { \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_bar_at_end_of_pream_bool }
```

We complete the preamble with the potential “exterior columns” (on both sides).

```

2199 \int_if_zero:nTF { \l_@@_first_col_int }
2200   { \tl_gput_left:No \g_@@_array_preamble_tl \c_@@_preamble_first_col_tl }
2201   {
2202     \bool_if:NF \g_@@_delims_bool
2203     {
2204       \bool_if:NF \l_@@_tabular_bool
2205       {
2206         \clist_if_empty:NT \l_@@_vlines_clist
2207         {
2208           \bool_if:NF \l_@@_exterior_arraycolsep_bool
2209           { \tl_gput_left:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl { @ { } } }
2210         }
2211       }
2212     }
2213   }
2214 \int_compare:nNnTF { \l_@@_last_col_int } > { -1 }
2215   { \tl_gput_right:No \g_@@_array_preamble_tl \c_@@_preamble_last_col_tl }
2216   {
2217     \bool_if:NF \g_@@_delims_bool
2218     {
2219       \bool_if:NF \l_@@_tabular_bool
2220       {
2221         \clist_if_empty:NT \l_@@_vlines_clist
2222         {
2223           \bool_if:NF \l_@@_exterior_arraycolsep_bool
2224           { \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl { @ { } } }
2225         }
2226       }
2227     }
2228 }
```

We add a last column to raise a good error message when the user puts more columns than allowed by its preamble. However, for technical reasons, it's not possible to do that in `{NiceTabular*}` (we control that with the value of `\l_@@_tabular_width_dim`).

```
2229 \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_tabular_width_dim } = { \c_zero_dim }
230 {
```

If the tagging of the tabulars is done (part of the Tagging Project), you don't activate that mechanism because it would create a dummy column of tagged empty cells.

```
2231 \bool_if:NF \c_@@_testphase_table_bool
2232 {
2233     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2234     { > { \c_@@_error_too_much_cols: } 1 }
2235 }
2236 }
2237 }
```

The preamble provided by the final user will be read by a finite automata. The following function `\c_@@_rec_preamble:n` will read that preamble (usually letter by letter) in a recursive way (hence the name of that function). in the preamble.

```
2238 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c_@@_rec_preamble:n #1
2239 {
```

For the majority of the letters, we will trigger the corresponding action by calling directly a function in the main hashtable of TeX (thanks to the mechanism `\csname... \endcsname`. Be careful: all these functions take in as first argument the letter (or token) itself.¹¹

```
2240 \cs_if_exist:cTF { @@ _ \token_to_str:N #1 : }
2241     { \use:c { @@ _ \token_to_str:N #1 : } { #1 } }
2242 }
```

Now, the columns defined by `\newcolumntype` of array.

```
2243 \cs_if_exist:cTF { NC @ find @ #1 }
2244 {
2245     \tl_set_eq:Nc \l_tmpb_tl { NC @ rewrite @ #1 }
2246     \exp_last_unbraced:No \c_@@_rec_preamble:n \l_tmpb_tl
2247 }
2248 {
2249     \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { S }
2250         { \c_@@_fatal:n { unknown-column-type-S } }
2251         { \c_@@_fatal:nn { unknown-column-type } { #1 } }
2252     }
2253 }
2254 }
```

For c, l and r

```
2255 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c_@@_c: #1
2256 {
2257     \tl_gput_right:No \g_@@_array_preamble_tl \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
2258     \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
2259     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2260     { > \c_@@_cell_begin: c < \c_@@_cell_end: }
```

We increment the counter of columns and then we test for the presence of a <.

```
2261 \int_gincr:N \c@jCol
2262 \c_@@_rec_preamble_after_col:n
2263 }
```

¹¹We do that because it's an easy way to insert the letter at some places in the code that we will add to `\g_@@_array_preamble_tl`.

```

2264 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_l: #1
2265 {
2266     \tl_gput_right:No \g_@@_array_preamble_tl \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
2267     \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
2268     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2269     {
2270         > { \@@_cell_begin: \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_hpos_cell_tl \c_@@_l_tl }
2271         l
2272         < \@@_cell_end:
2273     }
2274     \int_gincr:N \c@jCol
2275     \@@_rec_preamble_after_col:n
2276 }

2277 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_r: #1
2278 {
2279     \tl_gput_right:No \g_@@_array_preamble_tl \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
2280     \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
2281     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2282     {
2283         > { \@@_cell_begin: \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_hpos_cell_tl \c_@@_r_tl }
2284         r
2285         < \@@_cell_end:
2286     }
2287     \int_gincr:N \c@jCol
2288     \@@_rec_preamble_after_col:n
2289 }

```

For ! and @

```

2290 \cs_new_protected:cpn { @@ _ \token_to_str:N ! : } #1 #2
2291 {
2292     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl { #1 { #2 } }
2293     \@@_rec_preamble:n
2294 }
2295 \cs_set_eq:cc { @@ _ \token_to_str:N @ : } { @@ _ \token_to_str:N ! : }

```

For |

```

2296 \cs_new_protected:cpn { @@ _ | : } #1
2297 {
\l_tmpa_int is the number of successive occurrences of |
2298     \int_incr:N \l_tmpa_int
2299     \@@_make_preamble_i_i:n
2300 }
2301 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_i_i:n #1
2302 {

```

Here, we can't use \str_if_eq:eeTF.

```

2303     \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { | }
2304     { \use:c { @@ _ | : } | }
2305     { \@@_make_preamble_i_i:nn { } #1 }
2306 }

2307 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_i_i:nn #1 #2
2308 {
2309     \str_if_eq:nnTF { #2 } { [ ]
2310     { \@@_make_preamble_i_i:nw { #1 } [ ]
2311     { \@@_make_preamble_i_iii:nn { #2 } { #1 } }
2312 }
2313 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_i_i:nw #1 [ #2 ]
2314     { \@@_make_preamble_i_i:nn { #1 , #2 } }

```

```

2315 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_i_iii:nn #1 #2
2316 {
2317   \@@_compute_rule_width:n { multiplicity = \l_tmpa_int , #2 }
2318   \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2319 }

```

Here, the command `\dim_use:N` is mandatory.

```

2320   \exp_not:N ! { \skip_horizontal:N \dim_use:N \l_@@_rule_width_dim }
2321 }
2322 \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
2323 {
2324   \@@_vline:n
2325   {
2326     position = \int_eval:n { \c@jCol + 1 } ,
2327     multiplicity = \int_use:N \l_tmpa_int ,
2328     total-width = \dim_use:N \l_@@_rule_width_dim ,
2329     #2
2330   }

```

We don't have provided value for `start` nor for `end`, which means that the rule will cover (potentially) all the rows of the array.

```

2331   }
2332   \int_zero:N \l_tmpa_int
2333   \str_if_eq:nnT { #1 } { \s_stop } { \bool_gset_true:N \g_tmpb_bool }
2334   \@@_rec_preamble:n #1
2335 }

2336 \cs_new_protected:cpn { @@ _ > : } #1 #2
2337 {
2338   \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_pre_cell_tl { > { #2 } }
2339   \@@_rec_preamble:n
2340 }

2341 \bool_new:N \l_@@_bar_at_end_of_pream_bool

```

The specifier `p` (and also the specifiers `m`, `b`, `V` and `X`) have an optional argument between square brackets for a list of *key-value* pairs. Here are the corresponding keys.

```

2342 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / p-column }
2343 {
2344   r .code:n = \str_set_eq:NN \l_@@_hpos_col_str \c_@@_r_str ,
2345   r .value_forbidden:n = true ,
2346   c .code:n = \str_set_eq:NN \l_@@_hpos_col_str \c_@@_c_str ,
2347   c .value_forbidden:n = true ,
2348   l .code:n = \str_set_eq:NN \l_@@_hpos_col_str \c_@@_l_str ,
2349   l .value_forbidden:n = true ,
2350   S .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_col_str { si } ,
2351   S .value_forbidden:n = true ,
2352   p .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_col_str { p } ,
2353   p .value_forbidden:n = true ,
2354   t .meta:n = p ,
2355   m .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_col_str { m } ,
2356   m .value_forbidden:n = true ,
2357   b .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_col_str { b } ,
2358   b .value_forbidden:n = true
2359 }

```

For `p` but also `b` and `m`.

```

2360 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_p: #1
2361 {
2362   \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_col_str { #1 }

```

Now, you look for a potential character [after the letter of the specifier (for the options).

```

2363     \@@_make_preamble_ii_i:n
2364 }
2365 \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_b: \@@_p:
2366 \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_m: \@@_p:
2367 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_ii_i:n #1
2368 {
2369     \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { [ }
2370     { \@@_make_preamble_ii_ii:w [ ]
2371     { \@@_make_preamble_ii_ii:w [ ] { #1 } }
2372 }
2373 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_ii_ii:w [ #1 ]
2374 { \@@_make_preamble_ii_iii:nn { #1 } }

```

#1 is the optional argument of the specifier (a list of *key-value* pairs).

#2 is the mandatory argument of the specifier: the width of the column.

```

2375 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_ii_iii:nn #1 #2
2376 {

```

The possible values of \l_@@_hpos_col_str are j (for *justified* which is the initial value), l, c, r, L, C and R (when the user has used the corresponding key in the optional argument of the specifier).

```

2377 \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_col_str { j }
2378 \@@_keys_p_column:n { #1 }

```

We apply `setlength` in order to allow a width of column of the form `\widthof{Some words}`. `\widthof` is a command of the package `calc` (not loaded by `nicematrix`) which redefines the command `\setlength`. Of course, even if `calc` is not loaded, the following code will work with the standard version of `\setlength`.

```

2379 \setlength { \l_tmpa_dim } { #2 }
2380 \@@_make_preamble_ii_iv:nnn { \dim_use:N \l_tmpa_dim } { minipage } { }
2381 }

2382 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_keys_p_column:n #1
2383 { \keys_set_known:nnN { nicematrix / p-column } { #1 } \l_tmpa_tl }

```

The first argument is the width of the column. The second is the type of environment: `minipage` or `varwidth`. The third is some code added at the beginning of the cell.

```

2384 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_ii_iv:nnn #1 #2 #3
2385 {
2386     \use:e
2387     {
2388         \@@_make_preamble_ii_vi:nnnnnnn
2389         { \str_if_eq:eeTF \l_@@_vpos_col_str { p } { t } { b } }
2390         { #1 }
2391     }

```

The parameter `\l_@@_hpos_col_str` (as `\l_@@_vpos_col_str`) exists only during the construction of the preamble. During the composition of the array itself, you will have, in each cell, the parameter `\l_@@_hpos_cell_tl` which will provide the horizontal alignment of the column to which belongs the cell.

```

2392     \str_if_eq:eeTF \l_@@_hpos_col_str { j }
2393     { \tl_clear:N \exp_not:N \l_@@_hpos_cell_tl }
2394     {

```

Here, we use `\def` instead of `\tl_set:Nn` for efficiency only.

```

2395     \def \exp_not:N \l_@@_hpos_cell_tl
2396     { \str_lowercase:f { \l_@@_hpos_col_str } }
2397     }
2398     \IfPackageLoadedTF { ragged2e }
2399     {
2400         \str_case:on \l_@@_hpos_col_str
2401         {

```

The following \exp_not:N are mandatory.

```

2402         c { \exp_not:N \Centering }
2403         l { \exp_not:N \RaggedRight }
2404         r { \exp_not:N \RaggedLeft }
2405     }
2406   }
2407 {
2408   \str_case:on \l_@@_hpos_col_str
2409   {
2410     c { \exp_not:N \centering }
2411     l { \exp_not:N \raggedright }
2412     r { \exp_not:N \raggedleft }
2413   }
2414 }
2415 #3
2416 }
2417 { \str_if_eq:eeT \l_@@_vpos_col_str { m } \@@_center_cell_box: }
2418 { \str_if_eq:eeT \l_@@_hpos_col_str { si } \siunitx_cell_begin:w }
2419 { \str_if_eq:eeT \l_@@_hpos_col_str { si } \siunitx_cell_end: }
2420 { #2 }
2421 {
2422   \str_case:onF \l_@@_hpos_col_str
2423   {
2424     { j } { c }
2425     { si } { c }
2426   }

```

We use \str_lowercase:n to convert R to r, etc.

```

2427   { \str_lowercase:f \l_@@_hpos_col_str }
2428 }
2429 }
```

We increment the counter of columns, and then we test for the presence of a <.

```

2430   \int_gincr:N \c@jCol
2431   \@@_rec_preamble_after_col:n
2432 }
```

#1 is the optional argument of \minipage (or \varwidth): t or b. Indeed, for the columns of type m, we use the value b here because there is a special post-action in order to center vertically the box (see #4).

#2 is the width of the \minipage (or \varwidth), that is to say also the width of the column.

#3 is the coding for the horizontal position of the content of the cell (\centering, \raggedright, \raggedleft or nothing). It's also possible to put in that #3 some code to fix the value of \l_@@_hpos_cell_t1 which will be available in each cell of the column.

#4 is an extra-code which contains \@@_center_cell_box: (when the column is a m column) or nothing (in the other cases).

#5 is a code put just before the c (or r or l: see #8).

#6 is a code put just after the c (or r or l: see #8).

#7 is the type of environment: minipage or varwidth.

#8 is the letter c or r or l which is the basic specifier of column which is used in fine.

```

2433 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_ii_vi:nnnnnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6 #7 #8
2434 {
2435   \str_if_eq:eeTF \l_@@_hpos_col_str { si }
2436   {
2437     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2438     { > \@@_test_if_empty_for_S: }
2439   }
2440   { \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl { > \@@_test_if_empty: } }
2441   \tl_gput_right:No \g_@@_array_preamble_tl \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
2442   \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
2443   \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2444   {
2445     > {
```

The parameter `\l_@@_col_width_dim`, which is the width of the current column, will be available in each cell of the column. It will be used by the mono-column blocks.

```
2446     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_col_width_dim { #2 }
2447     \bool_if:NT \c_@@_testphase_table_bool
2448         { \tag_struct_begin:n { tag = Div } }
2449     \@@_cell_begin:
```

We use the form `\minipage–\endminipage` (`\varwidth–\endvarwidth`) for compatibility with `colcell` (2023-10-31).

```
2450     \use:c { #7 } [ #1 ] { #2 }
```

The following lines have been taken from `array.sty`.

```
2451     \everypar
2452     {
2453         \vrule height \box_ht:N \carstrutbox width \c_zero_dim
2454         \everypar { }
2455     }
2456     \bool_if:NT \c_@@_testphase_table_bool { \tagpdfparaOn }
```

Now, the potential code for the horizontal position of the content of the cell (`\centering`, `\raggedright`, `\RaggedRight`, etc.).

```
2457     #3
```

The following code is to allow something like `\centering` in `\RowStyle`.

```
2458     \g_@@_row_style_tl
2459     \arraybackslash
2460     #5
2461     }
2462     #8
2463     < {
2464     #6
```

The following line has been taken from `array.sty`.

```
2465     \finalstrut \carstrutbox
2466     \use:c { end #7 }
```

If the letter in the preamble is `m`, `#4` will be equal to `\@@_center_cell_box`: (see just below).

```
2467     #4
2468     \@@_cell_end:
2469     \bool_if:NT \c_@@_testphase_table_bool { \tag_struct_end: }
2470     }
2471     }
2472 }
```

The cell always begins with `\ignorespaces` with `array` and that's why we retrieve that token.

```
2473 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_test_if_empty: \ignorespaces
2474 {
```

We open a special group with `\group_align_safe_begin:`. Thus, when `\peek_meaning:NTF` will read the `&` (when the cell is empty), that lecture won't trigger the end of the cell (since we are in a lower group...). If the end of cell was triggered, we would have other tokens in the TeX flow (and not `&`).

```
2475     \group_align_safe_begin:
2476     \peek_meaning:NTF &
2477         { \@@_the_cell_is_empty: }
2478     {
2479         \peek_meaning:NTF \\
2480             { \@@_the_cell_is_empty: }
2481         {
2482             \peek_meaning:NTF \crr
2483                 \@@_the_cell_is_empty:
2484                 \group_align_safe_end:
2485             }
2486         }
2487 }
```

```

2488 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_the_cell_is_empty:
2489 {
2490     \group_align_safe_end:
2491     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_cell_after_hook_tl
2492 }

```

Be careful: here, we can't merely use `\bool_gset_true: \g_@@_empty_cell_bool`, in particular because of the columns of type X.

```

2493     \box_set_wd:Nn \l_@@_cell_box \c_zero_dim
2494     \skip_horizontal:N \l_@@_col_width_dim
2495 }
2496 }

2497 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_test_if_empty_for_S:
2498 {
2499     \peek_meaning:NT \_siunitx_table_skip:n
2500     { \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_empty_cell_bool }
2501 }

```

The following command will be used in m-columns in order to center vertically the box. In fact, despite its name, the command does not always center the cell. Indeed, if there is only one row in the cell, it should not be centered vertically. It's not possible to know the number of rows of the cell. However, we consider (as in array) that if the height of the cell is no more than the height of `\strutbox`, there is only one row.

```

2502 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_center_cell_box:
2503 {

```

By putting instructions in `\g_@@_cell_after_hook_tl`, we require a post-action of the box `\l_@@_cell_box`.

```

2504     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_cell_after_hook_tl
2505     {
2506         \dim_compare:nNnT
2507         { \box_ht:N \l_@@_cell_box }
2508     }

```

Previously, we had `\arstrutbox` and not `\strutbox` in the following line but the code in array has changed in v 2.5g and we follow the change (see *array: Correctly identify single-line m-cells* in LaTeX News 36).

```

2509     { \box_ht:N \strutbox }
2510 {
2511     \hbox_set:Nn \l_@@_cell_box
2512     {
2513         \box_move_down:nn
2514         {
2515             ( \box_ht:N \l_@@_cell_box - \box_ht:N \arstrutbox
2516             + \baselineskip ) / 2
2517         }
2518         { \box_use:N \l_@@_cell_box }
2519     }
2520 }
2521 }
2522 }

```

For V (similar to the V of `varwidth`).

```

2523 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_V: #1 #2
2524 {
2525     \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { [ ]
2526         { \@@_make_preamble_V_i:w [ ]
2527         { \@@_make_preamble_V_i:w [ ] { #2 } }
2528     }
2529     \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_V_i:w [ #1 ]
2530     { \@@_make_preamble_V_ii:nn { #1 } }
2531     \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_V_ii:nn #1 #2

```

```

2532 {
2533   \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_col_str { p }
2534   \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_col_str { j }
2535   \@@_keys_p_column:n { #1 }

```

We apply `setlength` in order to allow a width of column of the form `\widthof{Some words}`. `\widthof` is a command of the package `calc` (not loaded by `nicematrix`) which redefines the command `\setlength`. Of course, even if `calc` is not loaded, the following code will work with the standard version of `\setlength`.

```

2536 \setlength { \l_tmpa_dim } { #2 }
2537 \IfPackageLoadedTF { varwidth }
2538 { \@@_make_preamble_ii_iv:nnn { \dim_use:N \l_tmpa_dim } { varwidth } { } }
2539 {
2540   \@@_error_or_warning:n { varwidth-not-loaded }
2541   \@@_make_preamble_ii_iv:nnn { \dim_use:N \l_tmpa_dim } { minipage } { }
2542 }
2543 }

```

For `w` and `W`

```

2544 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_w: { \@@_make_preamble_w:nnnn { } }
2545 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_W: { \@@_make_preamble_w:nnnn { \@@_special_W: } }

```

#1 is a special argument: empty for `w` and equal to `\@@_special_W:` for `W`;

#2 is the type of column (`w` or `W`);

#3 is the type of horizontal alignment (`c`, `l`, `r` or `s`);

#4 is the width of the column.

```

2546 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_w:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4
2547 {
2548   \str_if_eq:nnTF { #3 } { s }
2549   { \@@_make_preamble_w_i:nnnn { #1 } { #4 } }
2550   { \@@_make_preamble_w_ii:nnnn { #1 } { #2 } { #3 } { #4 } }
2551 }

```

First, the case of an horizontal alignment equal to `s` (for *stretch*).

#1 is a special argument: empty for `w` and equal to `\@@_special_W:` for `W`;

#2 is the width of the column.

```

2552 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_w_i:nnnn #1 #2
2553 {
2554   \tl_gput_right:No \g_@@_array_preamble_tl \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
2555   \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
2556   \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2557   {
2558     > {
2559       % We use |\setlength| in order to allow |\widthof| which is a command of \pkg{calc}
2560       % (when loaded \pkg{calc} redefines |\setlength|).
2561       % Of course, even if \pkg{calc} is not loaded, the following code will work with
2562       % the standard version of |\setlength|.
2563       \setlength { \l_@@_col_width_dim } { #2 }
2564       \@@_cell_begin:
2565       \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_hpos_cell_tl \c_@@_c_tl
2566     }
2567     c
2568     < {
2569       \@@_cell_end_for_w_s:
2570       #1
2571       \@@_adjust_size_box:
2572       \box_use_drop:N \l_@@_cell_box
2573     }
2574   }
2575   \int_gincr:N \c@jCol
2576   \@@_rec_preamble_after_col:n
2577 }

```

Then, the most important version, for the horizontal alignments types of **c**, **l** and **r** (and not **s**).

```

2578 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_w_i:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4
2579 {
2580   \tl_gput_right:No \g_@@_array_preamble_tl \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
2581   \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
2582   \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2583   {
2584     > {

```

The parameter **\l_@@_col_width_dim**, which is the width of the current column, will be available in each cell of the column. It will be used by the mono-column blocks.

We use **\setlength** in order to allow **\widthof** which is a command of **calc** (when loaded **calc** redefines **\setlength**). Of course, even if **calc** is not loaded, the following code will work with the standard version of **\setlength**.

```

2585           \setlength { \l_@@_col_width_dim } { #4 }
2586           \hbox_set:Nw \l_@@_cell_box
2587           \@@_cell_begin:
2588           \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_cell_tl { #3 }
2589         }
2590       c
2591       < {
2592         \@@_cell_end:
2593         \hbox_set_end:
2594         #1
2595         \@@_adjust_size_box:
2596         \makebox [ #4 ] [ #3 ] { \box_use_drop:N \l_@@_cell_box }
2597       }
2598     }

```

We increment the counter of columns and then we test for the presence of a **<**.

```

2599 \int_gincr:N \c@jCol
2600 \@@_rec_preamble_after_col:n
2601 }

2602 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_special_W:
2603 {
2604   \dim_compare:nNnT { \box_wd:N \l_@@_cell_box } > { \l_@@_col_width_dim }
2605   { \@@_warning:n { W-warning } }
2606 }

```

For **S** (of **siunitx**).

```

2607 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_S: #1 #2
2608 {
2609   \str_if_eq:nnTF { #2 } { [ ]
2610     { \@@_make_preamble_S:w [ ]
2611     { \@@_make_preamble_S:w [ ] { #2 } }
2612   }
2613 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_S:w [ #1 ]
2614   { \@@_make_preamble_S_i:n { #1 } }
2615 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_S_i:n #1
2616 {
2617   \IfPackageLoadedF { siunitx } { \@@_fatal:n { siunitx-not-loaded } }
2618   \tl_gput_right:No \g_@@_array_preamble_tl \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
2619   \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_pre_cell_tl
2620   \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2621   {
2622     > {

```

In the cells of a column of type **S**, we have to wrap the command **\@@_node_cell:** for the horizontal alignment of the content of the cell (**siunitx** has done a job but it's without effect since we have to put the content in a box for the PGF/TikZ node and that's why we have to do the job of horizontal alignment once again).

```

2623         \socket_assign_plug:nn { nicematrix / siunitx-wrap } { active }
2624         \keys_set:nn { siunitx } { #1 }
2625         \@@_cell_begin:
2626         \siunitx_cell_begin:w
2627     }
2628     c
2629     <
2630     {
2631         \siunitx_cell_end:

```

We want the value of `\l_siunitx_table_text_bool` available *after* `\@@_cell_end`: because we need it to know how to align our box after the construction of the PGF/TikZ node. That's why we use `\g_@@_cell_after_hook_tl` to reset the correct value of `\l_siunitx_table_text_bool` (of course, it will stay local within the cell of the underlying `\halign`).

```

2632         \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_cell_after_hook_tl
2633         {
2634             \bool_if:NTF \l_siunitx_table_text_bool
2635             { \bool_set_true:N }
2636             { \bool_set_false:N }
2637             \l_siunitx_table_text_bool
2638         }
2639         \@@_cell_end:
2640     }
2641 }
```

We increment the counter of columns and then we test for the presence of a `<`.

```

2642     \int_gincr:N \c@jCol
2643     \@@_rec_preamble_after_col:n
2644 }
```

For `(`, `[` and `\{`.

```

2645 \cs_new_protected:cpn { @@ _ \token_to_str:N ( : } #1 #2
2646 {
2647     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_small_bool { \@@_fatal:n { Delimiter~with~small } }
```

If we are before the column 1 and not in `{NiceArray}`, we reserve space for the left delimiter.

```

2648 \int_if_zero:nTF { \c@jCol }
2649 {
2650     \tl_if_eq:NNTF \g_@@_left_delim_tl \c_@@_dot_tl
2651     {
```

In that case, in fact, the first letter of the preamble must be considered as the left delimiter of the array.

```

2652         \tl_gset:Nn \g_@@_left_delim_tl { #1 }
2653         \tl_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_right_delim_tl \c_@@_dot_tl
2654         \@@_rec_preamble:n #2
2655     }
2656     {
2657         \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl { ! { \enskip } }
2658         \@@_make_preamble_iv:nn { #1 } { #2 }
2659     }
2660 }
2661 { \@@_make_preamble_iv:nn { #1 } { #2 } }
2662 }
2663 \cs_set_eq:cc { @@ _ \token_to_str:N [ : } { @@ _ \token_to_str:N ( : }
2664 \cs_set_eq:cc { @@ _ \token_to_str:N \{ : } { @@ _ \token_to_str:N ( : }
2665 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_iv:nn #1 #2
2666 {
2667     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
2668     { \@@_delimiter:nnn #1 { \int_eval:n { \c@jCol + 1 } } \c_true_bool }
2669     \tl_if_in:nnTF { ( [ \{ ) ] \} } \left \right { #2 }
2670     {
2671         \@@_error:nn { delimiter-after-opening } { #2 }
2672         \@@_rec_preamble:n
```

```

2673     }
2674     { \@@_rec_preamble:n #2 }
2675 }

```

In fact, it would be possible to define `\left` and `\right` as no-op.

```

2676 \cs_new_protected:cpn { @@ _ \token_to_str:N \left : } #1
2677   { \use:c { @@ _ \token_to_str:N ( : ) }

```

For the closing delimiters. We have two arguments for the following command because we directly read the following letter in the preamble (we have to see whether we have an opening delimiter following and we also have to see whether we are at the end of the preamble because, in that case, our letter must be considered as the right delimiter of the environment if the environment is `{NiceArray}`).

```

2678 \cs_new_protected:cpn { @@ _ \token_to_str:N ) : } #1 #2
2679 {
2680   \bool_if:NT \l_@@_small_bool { \@@_fatal:n { Delimiter-with-small } }
2681   \tl_if_in:nnTF { ) ] \} } { #2 }
2682   { \@@_make_preamble_v:nnn #1 #2 }
2683   {
2684     \str_if_eq:nnTF { \s_stop } { #2 }
2685     {
2686       \tl_if_eq:NNTF \g_@@_right_delim_tl \c_@@_dot_tl
2687         { \tl_gset:Nn \g_@@_right_delim_tl { #1 } }
2688         {
2689           \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl { ! { \enskip } }
2690           \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
2691             { \@@_delimiter:nnn #1 { \int_use:N \c@jCol } \c_false_bool }
2692             \@@_rec_preamble:n #2
2693         }
2694     }
2695   {
2696     \tl_if_in:nnT { ( [ \{ \left } { #2 }
2697       { \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl { ! { \enskip } } }
2698       \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
2699         { \@@_delimiter:nnn #1 { \int_use:N \c@jCol } \c_false_bool }
2700         \@@_rec_preamble:n #2
2701     }
2702   }
2703 }
2704 \cs_set_eq:cc { @@ _ \token_to_str:N ] : } { @@ _ \token_to_str:N ) : }
2705 \cs_set_eq:cc { @@ _ \token_to_str:N \} : } { @@ _ \token_to_str:N ) : }
2706 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_v:nnn #1 #2 #3
2707 {
2708   \str_if_eq:nnTF { \s_stop } { #3 }
2709   {
2710     \tl_if_eq:NNTF \g_@@_right_delim_tl \c_@@_dot_tl
2711     {
2712       \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl { ! { \enskip } }
2713       \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
2714         { \@@_delimiter:nnn #1 { \int_use:N \c@jCol } \c_false_bool }
2715         \tl_gset:Nn \g_@@_right_delim_tl { #2 }
2716     }
2717   {
2718     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl { ! { \enskip } }
2719     \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
2720       { \@@_delimiter:nnn #1 { \int_use:N \c@jCol } \c_false_bool }
2721       \@@_error:nn { double-closing-delimiter } { #2 }
2722   }
2723 }
2724 {
2725   \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
2726     { \@@_delimiter:nnn #1 { \int_use:N \c@jCol } \c_false_bool }
2727     \@@_error:nn { double-closing-delimiter } { #2 }
2728     \@@_rec_preamble:n #3

```

```

2729     }
2730 }

2731 \cs_new_protected:cpn { @@ _ \token_to_str:N \right : } #1
2732   { \use:c { @@ _ \token_to_str:N ) : } }

2733 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_rec_preamble_after_col:n #1
2734 {
2735   \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { < }
2736     { \@@_rec_preamble_after_col_i:n }
2737   {
2738     \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { @ }
2739       { \@@_rec_preamble_after_col_ii:n }
2740     {
2741       \str_if_eq:eeTF \l_@@_vlines_clist { all }
2742         {
2743           \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2744             { ! { \skip_horizontal:N \arrayrulewidth } }
2745         }
2746       {
2747         \clist_if_in:NeT \l_@@_vlines_clist
2748           { \int_eval:n { \c@jCol + 1 } }
2749         {
2750           \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2751             { ! { \skip_horizontal:N \arrayrulewidth } }
2752         }
2753       }
2754     \@@_rec_preamble:n { #1 }
2755   }
2756 }
2757 }

2758 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_rec_preamble_after_col_i:n #1
2759 {
2760   \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl { < { #1 } }
2761   \@@_rec_preamble_after_col:n
2762 }

```

We have to catch a `@{...}` after a specifier of column because, if we have to draw a vertical rule, we have to add in that `@{...}` a `\hskip` corresponding to the width of the vertical rule.

```

2763 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_rec_preamble_after_col_ii:n #1
2764 {
2765   \str_if_eq:eeTF \l_@@_vlines_clist { all }
2766   {
2767     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2768       { @ { #1 \skip_horizontal:N \arrayrulewidth } }
2769   }
2770   {
2771     \clist_if_in:NeTF \l_@@_vlines_clist { \int_eval:n { \c@jCol + 1 } }
2772       {
2773         \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2774           { @ { #1 \skip_horizontal:N \arrayrulewidth } }
2775       }
2776     { \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl { @ { #1 } } }
2777   }
2778 \@@_rec_preamble:n
2779 }

2780 \cs_new_protected:cpn { @@ _ * : } #1 #2 #3

```

```

2781 {
2782   \tl_clear:N \l_tmpa_tl
2783   \int_step_inline:nn { #2 } { \tl_put_right:Nn \l_tmpa_tl { #3 } }
2784   \exp_last_unbraced:No \@@_rec_preamble:n \l_tmpa_tl
2785 }
```

The token `\NC@find` is at the head of the definition of the `columns` type done by `\newcolumntype`. We want that token to be no-op here.

```

2786 \cs_new_protected:cpn { @_ _ \token_to_str:N \NC@find : } #1
2787   { \@@_rec_preamble:n }
```

For the case of a letter `X`. This specifier may take in an optional argument (between square brackets). That's why we test whether there is a `[` after the letter `X`.

```

2788 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_X: #1 #2
2789 {
2790   \str_if_eq:nnTF { #2 } { [ ]
2791     { \@@_make_preamble_X:w [ ]
2792     { \@@_make_preamble_X:w [ ] #2 }
2793   }
2794 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_X:w [ #1 ]
2795   { \@@_make_preamble_X_i:n { #1 } }
```

`#1` is the optional argument of the `X` specifier (a list of *key-value* pairs).

The following set of keys is for the specifier `X` in the preamble of the array. Such specifier may have as keys all the keys of `{ nicematrix / p-column }` but also a key `V` and also a key which corresponds to a positive number (1, 2, 0.5, etc.) which is the *weight* of the columns. The following set of keys will be used to retrieve that value and store it in `\l_tmpa_fp`.

```

2796 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / X-column }
2797 {
2798   V .code:n =
2799     \IfPackageLoadedTF { varwidth }
2800     {
2801       \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_V_of_X_bool
2802       \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_V_of_X_bool
2803     }
2804     { \@@_error_or_warning:n { varwidth-not-loaded-in-X } },
2805   unknown .code:n =
2806     \regex_match:nVT{ \A[0-9]*\.[0-9]*\Z } \l_keys_key_str
2807     { \fp_set:Nn \l_tmpa_fp { \l_keys_key_str } }
2808     { \@@_error_or_warning:n { invalid-weight } }
2809 }
```

In the following command, `#1` is the list of the options of the specifier `X`.

```

2810 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_X_i:n #1
2811   { }
```

The possible values of `\l_@@_hpos_col_str` are `j` (for *justified* which is the initial value), `l`, `c` and `r` (when the user has used the corresponding key in the optional argument of the specifier `X`).

```

2812 \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_col_str { j }
```

The possible values of `\l_@@_vpos_col_str` are `p` (the initial value), `m` and `b` (when the user has used the corresponding key in the optional argument of the specifier `X`).

```

2813 \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_col_str { p }
```

We will store in `\l_tmpa_fp` the weight of the column (`\l_tmpa_fp` also appears in `{nicematrix/X-column}` and the error message `invalid~weight`).

```

2814 \fp_set:Nn \l_tmpa_fp { 1.0 }
2815 \@@_keys_p_column:n { #1 }
```

The unknown keys have been stored by `\@@_keys_p_column:n` in `\l_tmpa_t1` and we use them right now in the set of keys `nicematrix/X-column` in order to retrieve the potential weight explicitly provided by the final user.

```
2816     \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_V_of_X_bool
2817     \keys_set:no { nicematrix / X-column } \l_tmpa_t1
```

Now, the weight of the column is stored in `\l_tmpa_t1`.

```
2818     \fp_gadd:Nn \g_@@_total_X_weight_fp \l_tmpa_fp
```

We test whether we know the actual width of the X-columns by reading the `aux` file (after the first compilation, the width of the X-columns is computed and written in the `aux` file).

```
2819     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_X_columns_aux_bool
2820     {
2821         \@@_make_preamble_ii_iv:nnn
```

Of course, the weight of a column depends of its weight (in `\l_tmpa_fp`).

```
2822     { \fp_use:N \l_tmpa_fp \l_@@_X_columns_dim }
2823     { \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_V_of_X_bool { varwidth } { minipage } }
2824     { \@@_no_update_width: }
2825 }
```

In the current compilation, we don't known the actual width of the X column. However, you have to construct the cells of that column! By convention, we have decided to compose in a `{minipage}` of width 5 cm even though we will nullify `\l_@@_cell_box` after its composition.

```
2826     {
2827         \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2828         {
2829             > {
2830                 \@@_cell_begin:
2831                 \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_X_bool
```

You encounter a problem on 2023-03-04: for an environment with X columns, during the first compilations (which are not the definitive one), sometimes, some cells are declared empty even if they should not. That's a problem because user's instructions may use these nodes. That's why we have added the following `\NotEmpty`.

```
2832     \NotEmpty
```

The following code will nullify the box of the cell.

```
2833     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_cell_after_hook_tl
2834     { \hbox_set:Nn \l_@@_cell_box { } }
```

We put a `{minipage}` to give to the user the ability to put a command such as `\centering` in the `\RowStyle`.

```
2835             \begin{minipage}{5cm} \arraybackslash
2836             }
2837             c
2838             < {
2839                 \end{minipage}
2840                 \@@_cell_end:
2841             }
2842             }
2843             \int_gincr:N \c@jCol
2844             \@@_rec_preamble_after_col:n
2845         }
2846     }

2847 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_no_update_width:
2848 {
2849     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_cell_after_hook_tl
2850     { \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_update_max_cell_width: \prg_do_nothing: }
2851 }
```

For the letter set by the user with `vlines-in-sub-matrix` (`vlism`).

```

2852 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_preamble_vlism:n #1
2853 {
2854     \seq_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_cols_vlism_seq
2855     { \int_eval:n { \c@jCol + 1 } }
2856     \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
2857     { \exp_not:N ! { \skip_horizontal:N \arrayrulewidth } }
2858     \@@_rec_preamble:n
2859 }
```

The token `\s_stop` is a marker that we have inserted to mark the end of the preamble (as provided by the final user) that we have inserted in the TeX flow.

```
2860 \cs_set_eq:cN { @C _ \token_to_str:N \s_stop : } \use_none:n
```

The following lines try to catch some errors (when the final user has forgotten the preamble of its environment).

```

2861 \cs_new_protected:cpn { @C _ \token_to_str:N \hline : }
2862     { \@@_fatal:n { Preamble-forgotten } }
2863 \cs_set_eq:cc { @C _ \token_to_str:N \Hline : } { @C _ \token_to_str:N \hline : }
2864 \cs_set_eq:cc { @C _ \token_to_str:N \toprule : }
2865     { @C _ \token_to_str:N \hline : }
2866 \cs_set_eq:cc { @C _ \token_to_str:N \Block : } { @C _ \token_to_str:N \hline : }
2867 \cs_set_eq:cc { @C _ \token_to_str:N \CodeBefore : }
2868     { @C _ \token_to_str:N \hline : }
2869 \cs_set_eq:cc { @C _ \token_to_str:N \RowStyle : }
2870     { @C _ \token_to_str:N \hline : }
2871 \cs_set_eq:cc { @C _ \token_to_str:N \diagbox : }
2872     { @C _ \token_to_str:N \hline : }
2873 \cs_set_eq:cc { @C _ \token_to_str:N & : }
2874     { @C _ \token_to_str:N \hline : }
```

12 The redefinition of `\multicolumn`

The following command must *not* be protected since it begins with `\multispan` (a TeX primitive).

```

2875 \cs_new:Npn \@@_multicolumn:nnn #1 #2 #3
2876 {
```

The following lines are from the definition of `\multicolumn` in `array` (and *not* in standard LaTeX). The first line aims to raise an error if the user has put more than one column specifier in the preamble of `\multicolumn`.

```

2877     \multispan { #1 }
2878     \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_update_max_cell_width: \prg_do_nothing:
2879     \begingroup
2880     \bool_if:NT \c_@@_testphase_table_bool
2881         { \tbl_update_multicolumn_cell_data:n { #1 } }
2882     \def \@@damp
2883         { \legacy_if:nTF { @firstamp } { \q_ifstampfalse } { \q_preamerr 5 } }
```

Now, we patch the (small) preamble as we have done with the main preamble of the array.

```

2884 \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_preamble_tl
2885 \@@_make_m_preamble:n #2 \q_stop
```

The following lines are an adaptation of the definition of `\multicolumn` in `array`.

```

2886 \exp_args:No \mkpream \g_@@_preamble_tl
2887 \@@addtopreamble \empty
2888 \endgroup
2889 \bool_if:NT \c_@@_recent_array_bool
2890     { \UseTaggingSocket { \tbl / colspan } { #1 } }
```

Now, we do a treatment specific to `nicematrix` which has no equivalent in the original definition of `\multicolumn`.

```

2891 \int_compare:nNnT { #1 } > { \c_one_int }
2892 {
2893     \seq_gput_left:N \g_@@_multicolumn_cells_seq
2894     { \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_eval:n { \c@jCol + 1 } }
2895     \seq_gput_left:Nn \g_@@_multicolumn_sizes_seq { #1 }
2896     \seq_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq
2897     {
2898         {
2899             \int_if_zero:nTF { \c@jCol }
2900             { \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } }
2901             { \int_use:N \c@iRow }
2902         }
2903         { \int_eval:n { \c@jCol + 1 } }
2904         {
2905             \int_if_zero:nTF { \c@jCol }
2906             { \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } }
2907             { \int_use:N \c@iRow }
2908         }
2909         { \int_eval:n { \c@jCol + #1 } }

```

The last argument is for the name of the block

```

2910     { }
2911     }
2912 }
```

We want `\cellcolor` to be available in `\multicolumn` because `\cellcolor` of `colortbl` is available in `\multicolumn`.

```

2913 \RenewDocumentCommand { \cellcolor } { O{ } m }
2914 {
2915     \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl
2916     {
2917         \@@_rectanglecolor [ ##1 ]
2918         { \exp_not:n { ##2 } }
2919         { \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_use:N \c@jCol }
2920         { \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_eval:n { \c@jCol + #1 } }
2921     }
2922     \ignorespaces
2923 }
```

The following lines were in the original definition of `\multicolumn`.

```

2924 \def \@sharp { #3 }
2925 \@arstrut
2926 \@preamble
2927 \null
```

We add some lines.

```

2928 \int_gadd:Nn \c@jCol { #1 - 1 }
2929 \int_compare:nNnT { \c@jCol } > { \g_@@_col_total_int }
2930     { \int_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_col_total_int \c@jCol }
2931     \ignorespaces
2932 }
```

The following commands will patch the (small) preamble of the `\multicolumn`. All those commands have a `m` in their name to recall that they deal with the redefinition of `\multicolumn`.

```

2933 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_m_preamble:n #1
2934 {
2935     \str_case:nnF { #1 }
2936     {
2937         c { \@@_make_m_preamble_i:n #1 }
2938         l { \@@_make_m_preamble_i:n #1 }
```

```

2939     r { \@@_make_m_preamble_i:n #1 }
2940     > { \@@_make_m_preamble_ii:nn #1 }
2941     ! { \@@_make_m_preamble_ii:nn #1 }
2942     @ { \@@_make_m_preamble_ii:nn #1 }
2943     | { \@@_make_m_preamble_iii:n #1 }
2944     p { \@@_make_m_preamble_iv:nnn t #1 }
2945     m { \@@_make_m_preamble_iv:nnn c #1 }
2946     b { \@@_make_m_preamble_iv:nnn b #1 }
2947     w { \@@_make_m_preamble_v:nnnn { } #1 }
2948     W { \@@_make_m_preamble_v:nnnn { \@@_special_W: } #1 }
2949     \q_stop { }
2950   }
2951   {
2952     \cs_if_exist:cTF { NC @ find @ #1 }
2953     {
2954       \tl_set_eq:Nc \l_tmpa_tl { NC @ rewrite @ #1 }
2955       \exp_last_unbraced:No \@@_make_m_preamble:n \l_tmpa_tl
2956     }
2957     {
2958       \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { S }
2959       { \@@_fatal:n { unknown~column~type~S~multicolumn } }
2960       { \@@_fatal:nn { unknown~column~type~multicolumn } { #1 } }
2961     }
2962   }
2963 }
```

For c, l and r

```

2964 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_m_preamble_i:n #1
2965   {
2966     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_preamble_tl
2967     {
2968       > { \@@_cell_begin: \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_cell_tl { #1 } }
2969       #1
2970       < \@@_cell_end:
2971     }
2972   }
```

We test for the presence of a <.

```

2972   \@@_make_m_preamble_x:n
2973 }
```

For >, ! and @

```

2974 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_m_preamble_ii:nn #1 #2
2975   {
2976     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_preamble_tl { #1 { #2 } }
2977     \@@_make_m_preamble:n
2978 }
```

For |

```

2979 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_m_preamble_iii:n #1
2980   {
2981     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_preamble_tl { #1 }
2982     \@@_make_m_preamble:n
2983 }
```

For p, m and b

```

2984 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_m_preamble_iv:nnn #1 #2 #3
2985   {
2986     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_preamble_tl
2987     {
2988       > {
2989         \@@_cell_begin:
```

We use `\setlength` instead of `\dim_set:N` in order to allow a specifier of column like `p{widthof{Some words}}`. `widthof` is a command provided by `calc`. Of course, even if `calc` is not loaded, the following code will work with the standard version of `\setlength`.

```

2990         \setlength { \l_tmpa_dim } { #3 }
2991         \begin { minipage } [ #1 ] { \l_tmpa_dim }
2992         \mode_leave_vertical:
2993         \arraybackslash
2994         \vrule height \box_ht:N \carstrutbox depth \c_zero_dim width \c_zero_dim
2995     }
2996     c
2997     < {
2998         \vrule height \c_zero_dim depth \box_dp:N \carstrutbox width \c_zero_dim
2999         \end { minipage }
3000         \@@_cell_end:
3001     }
3002 }
```

We test for the presence of a `<`.

```

3003     \@@_make_m_preamble_x:n
3004 }
```

For `w` and `W`

```

3005 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_m_preamble_v:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4
3006 {
3007     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_preamble_tl
3008     {
3009         > {
3010             \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_col_width_dim { #4 }
3011             \hbox_set:Nw \l_@@_cell_box
3012             \@@_cell_begin:
3013             \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_cell_tl { #3 }
3014         }
3015         c
3016         < {
3017             \@@_cell_end:
3018             \hbox_set_end:
3019             \bool_if:NT \g_@@_rotate_bool { \@@_rotate_cell_box: }
3020             #1
3021             \@@_adjust_size_box:
3022             \makebox [ #4 ] [ #3 ] { \box_use_drop:N \l_@@_cell_box }
3023         }
3024     }
3025 }
```

We test for the presence of a `<`.

```

3025     \@@_make_m_preamble_x:n
3026 }
```

After a specifier of column, we have to test whether there is one or several `<{..}`.

```

3027 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_m_preamble_x:n #1
3028 {
3029     \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { < }
3030     { \@@_make_m_preamble_ix:n }
3031     { \@@_make_m_preamble:n { #1 } }
3032 }
3033 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_make_m_preamble_ix:n #1
3034 {
3035     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_preamble_tl { < { #1 } }
3036     \@@_make_m_preamble_x:n
3037 }
```

The command `\@@_put_box_in_flow:` puts the box `\l_tmpa_box` (which contains the array) in the flow. It is used for the environments with delimiters. First, we have to modify the height and the

depth to take back into account the potential exterior rows (the total height of the first row has been computed in $\backslash l_tmpa_dim$ and the total height of the potential last row in $\backslash l_tmpb_dim$).

```

3038 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_put_box_in_flow:
3039 {
3040     \box_set_ht:Nn \l_tmpa_box { \box_ht:N \l_tmpa_box + \l_tmpa_dim }
3041     \box_set_dp:Nn \l_tmpa_box { \box_dp:N \l_tmpa_box + \l_tmpb_dim }
3042     \str_if_eq:eeTF \l_@@_baseline_tl { c }
3043         { \box_use_drop:N \l_tmpa_box }
3044         { \@@_put_box_in_flow_i: }
3045 }
```

The command $\backslash \text{@}{@}_put_box_in_flow_i:$ is used when the value of $\backslash l_@@_baseline_tl$ is different of c (the initial value).

```

3046 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_put_box_in_flow_i:
3047 {
3048     \pgfpicture
3049         \@@_qpoint:n { row - 1 }
3050         \dim_gset_eq:NN \g_tmpa_dim \pgf@y
3051         \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } }
3052         \dim_gadd:Nn \g_tmpa_dim \pgf@y
3053         \dim_gset:Nn \g_tmpa_dim { 0.5 \g_tmpa_dim }
```

Now, $\backslash g_tmpa_dim$ contains the y -value of the center of the array (the delimiters are centered in relation with this value).

```

3054 \tl_if_in:NnTF \l_@@_baseline_tl { line- }
3055 {
3056     \int_set:Nn \l_tmpa_int
3057     {
3058         \str_range:Nnn
3059             \l_@@_baseline_tl
3060             6
3061             { \tl_count:o \l_@@_baseline_tl }
3062     }
3063     \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_tmpa_int }
3064 }
3065 {
3066     \str_if_eq:eeTF \l_@@_baseline_tl { t }
3067         { \int_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_int \c_one_int }
3068         {
3069             \str_if_eq:onTF \l_@@_baseline_tl { b }
3070                 { \int_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_int \c@iRow }
3071                 { \int_set:Nn \l_tmpa_int \l_@@_baseline_tl }
3072         }
3073     \bool_lazy_or:nnT
3074         { \int_compare_p:nNn { \l_tmpa_int } < { \l_@@_first_row_int } }
3075         { \int_compare_p:nNn { \l_tmpa_int } > { \g_@@_row_total_int } }
3076         {
3077             \@@_error:n { bad-value-for-baseline }
3078             \int_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_int \c_one_int
3079         }
3080     \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_tmpa_int - base }
```

We take into account the position of the mathematical axis.

```

3081 \dim_gsub:Nn \g_tmpa_dim { \fontdimen22 \textfont2 }
3082 }
3083 \dim_gsub:Nn \g_tmpa_dim \pgf@y
```

Now, $\backslash g_tmpa_dim$ contains the value of the y translation we have to to.

```

3084 \endpgfpicture
3085 \box_move_up:nn \g_tmpa_dim { \box_use_drop:N \l_tmpa_box }
3086 \box_use_drop:N \l_tmpa_box
3087 }
```

The following command is *always* used by `{NiceArrayWithDelims}` (even if, in fact, there is no tabular notes: in fact, it's not possible to know whether there is tabular notes or not before the composition of the blocks).

```
3088 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_use_arraybox_with_notes_c:
3089 {
```

With an environment `{Matrix}`, you want to remove the exterior `\arraycolsep` but we don't know the number of columns (since there is no preamble) and that's why we can't put `@{}` at the end of the preamble. That's why we remove a `\arraycolsep` now.

```
3090 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_NiceMatrix_without_vlines_bool
3091 {
3092     \int_compare:nNnT { \c@jCol } > { \c_one_int }
3093     {
3094         \box_set_wd:Nn \l_@@_the_array_box
3095         { \box_wd:N \l_@@_the_array_box - \arraycolsep }
3096     }
3097 }
```

We need a `{minipage}` because we will insert a LaTeX list for the tabular notes (that means that a `\vtop{\hsize=...}` is not enough).

```
3098 \begin{minipage} [ t ] { \box_wd:N \l_@@_the_array_box }
3099 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_caption_above_bool
3100 {
3101     \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_caption_tl
3102     {
3103         \bool_set_false:N \g_@@_caption_finished_bool
3104         \int_gzero:N \c@tabularnote
3105         \@@_insert_caption:
```

If there is one or several commands `\tabularnote` in the caption, we will write in the aux file the number of such tabular notes... but only the tabular notes for which the command `\tabularnote` has been used without its optional argument (between square brackets).

```
3106 \int_compare:nNnT { \g_@@_notes_caption_int } > { \c_zero_int }
3107 {
3108     \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_aux_tl
3109     {
3110         \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l_@@_note_in_caption_tl
3111         { \int_use:N \g_@@_notes_caption_int }
3112     }
3113     \int_gzero:N \g_@@_notes_caption_int
3114 }
3115 }
```

The `\hbox` avoids that the `pgfpicture` inside `\@@_draw_blocks` adds a extra vertical space before the notes.

```
3117 \hbox
3118 {
3119     \box_use_drop:N \l_@@_the_array_box
```

We have to draw the blocks right now because there may be tabular notes in some blocks (which are not mono-column: the blocks which are mono-column have been composed in boxes yet)... and we have to create (potentially) the extra nodes before creating the blocks since there are `medium` nodes to create for the blocks.

```
3120 \@@_create_extra_nodes:
3121 \seq_if_empty:NF \g_@@_blocks_seq { \@@_draw_blocks: }
3122 }
```

We don't do the following test with `\c@tabularnote` because the value of that counter is not reliable when the command `\ttabbox` of `floatrow` is used (because `\ttabbox` de-activate `\stepcounter` because it compiles twice its tabular).

```
3123 \bool_lazy_any:nT
3124 {
3125     { ! \seq_if_empty_p:N \g_@@_notes_seq }
```

```

3126     { ! \seq_if_empty_p:N \g_@@_notes_in_caption_seq }
3127     { ! \tl_if_empty_p:o \g_@@_tabularnote_tl }
3128   }
3129   \@@_insert_tabularnotes:
3130   \cs_set_eq:NN \tabularnote \@@_tabularnote_error:n
3131   \bool_if:NF \l_@@_caption_above_bool { \@@_insert_caption: }
3132   \end { minipage }
3133 }

3134 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_insert_caption:
3135 {
3136   \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_caption_tl
3137   {
3138     \cs_if_exist:NTF \c@captiontype
3139     { \@@_insert_caption_i: }
3140     { \@@_error:n { caption-outside-float } }
3141   }
3142 }

3143 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_insert_caption_i:
3144 {
3145   \group_begin:

```

The flag `\l_@@_in_caption_bool` affects only the behavior of the command `\tabularnote` when used in the caption.

```
3146   \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_in_caption_bool
```

The package `floatrow` does a redefinition of `\@makecaption` which will extract the caption from the tabular. However, the old version of `\@makecaption` has been stored by `floatrow` in `\FR@makecaption`. That's why we restore the old version.

```

3147 \IfPackageLoadedT { floatrow }
3148   { \cs_set_eq:NN \@makecaption \FR@makecaption }
3149   \tl_if_empty:NTF \l_@@_short_caption_tl
3150   {
3151     \caption
3152     { \caption [ \l_@@_short_caption_tl ] }
3153     { \l_@@_caption_tl }

```

In some circumstances (in particular when the package `caption` is loaded), the caption is composed several times. That's why, when the same tabular note is encountered (in the caption!), we consider that you are in the second compilation and you can give to `\g_@@_notes_caption_int` its final value, which is the number of tabular notes in the caption. But sometimes, the caption is composed only once. In that case, we fix the value of `\g_@@_caption_finished_bool` now.

```

3153   \bool_if:NF \g_@@_caption_finished_bool
3154   {
3155     \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_caption_finished_bool
3156     \int_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_notes_caption_int \c@tabularnote
3157     \int_gzero:N \c@tabularnote
3158   }
3159   \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_label_tl { \label { \l_@@_label_tl } }
3160   \group_end:
3161 }

3162 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_tabularnote_error:n #1
3163 {
3164   \@@_error_or_warning:n { tabularnote-below-the-tabular }
3165   \cs_gset:Npn \@@_tabularnote_error:n ##1 { }
3166 }

3167 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_insert_tabularnotes:
3168 {
3169   \seq_gconcat:NNN \g_@@_notes_seq \g_@@_notes_in_caption_seq \g_@@_notes_seq
3170   \int_set:Nn \c@tabularnote { \seq_count:N \g_@@_notes_seq }
3171   \skip_vertical:N 0.65ex

```

The TeX group is for potential specifications in the `\l_@@_notes_code_before_tl`.

```

3172 \group_begin:
3173 \l_@@_notes_code_before_tl
3174 \tl_if_empty:NF \g_@@_tabularnote_tl
3175 {
3176     \g_@@_tabularnote_tl \par
3177     \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_tabularnote_tl
3178 }

```

We compose the tabular notes with a list of `enumitem`. The `\strut` and the `\unskip` are designed to give the ability to put a `\bottomrule` at the end of the notes with a good vertical space.

```

3179 \int_compare:nNnT { \c@tabularnote } > { \c_zero_int }
3180 {
3181     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_notes_para_bool
3182     {
3183         \begin { tabularnotes* }
3184             \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_notes_seq
3185                 { \@@_one_tabularnote:nn ##1 }
3186             \strut
3187         \end { tabularnotes* }

```

The following `\par` is mandatory for the event that the user has put `\footnotesize` (for example) in the `notes/code-before`.

```

3188         \par
3189     }
3190     {
3191         \tabularnotes
3192             \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_notes_seq
3193                 { \@@_one_tabularnote:nn ##1 }
3194             \strut
3195         \endtabularnotes
3196     }
3197 }
3198 \unskip
3199 \group_end:
3200 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_notes_bottomrule_bool
3201 {
3202     \IfPackageLoadedTF { booktabs }
3203     {

```

The two dimensions `\aboverulesep` et `\heavyrulewidth` are parameters defined by `booktabs`.

```

3204     \skip_vertical:N \aboverulesep

```

`\CT@arc@` is the specification of color defined by `colortbl` but you use it even if `colortbl` is not loaded.

```

3205     { \CT@arc@ \hrule height \heavyrulewidth }
3206     }
3207     { \@@_error_or_warning:n { bottomrule~without~booktabs } }
3208 }
3209 \l_@@_notes_code_after_tl
3210 \seq_gclear:N \g_@@_notes_seq
3211 \seq_gclear:N \g_@@_notes_in_caption_seq
3212 \int_gzero:N \c@tabularnote
3213 }

```

The following command will format (after the main tabular) one tabularnote (with the command `\item`). #1 is the label (when the command `\tabularnote` has been used with an optional argument between square brackets) and #2 is the text of the note. The second argument is provided by curryfication.

```

3214 \cs_set_protected:Npn \@@_one_tabularnote:nn #1
3215 {
3216     \tl_if_no_value:nTF { #1 }
3217     { \item }
3218     { \item [ \@@_notes_label_in_list:n { #1 } ] }
3219 }

```

The case of `baseline` equal to `b`. Remember that, when the key `b` is used, the `{array}` (of `array`) is constructed with the option `t` (and not `b`). Now, we do the translation to take into account the option `b`.

```

3220 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_use_arraybox_with_notes_b:
3221 {
3222     \pgfpicture
3223         \@@_qpoint:n { row - 1 }
3224         \dim_gset_eq:NN \g_tmpa_dim \pgf@y
3225         \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \c@iRow - base }
3226         \dim_gsub:Nn \g_tmpa_dim \pgf@y
3227     \endpgfpicture
3228     \dim_gadd:Nn \g_tmpa_dim \arrayrulewidth
3229     \int_if_zero:nT { \l_@@_first_row_int }
3230     {
3231         \dim_gadd:Nn \g_tmpa_dim \g_@@_ht_row_zero_dim
3232         \dim_gadd:Nn \g_tmpa_dim \g_@@_dp_row_zero_dim
3233     }
3234     \box_move_up:nn \g_tmpa_dim { \hbox { \@@_use_arraybox_with_notes_c: } }
3235 }
```

Now, the general case.

```

3236 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_use_arraybox_with_notes:
3237 {
```

We convert a value of `t` to a value of `1`.

```

3238     \str_if_eq:eeT \l_@@_baseline_tl { t }
3239     { \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_baseline_tl { 1 } }
```

Now, we convert the value of `\l_@@_baseline_tl` (which should represent an integer) to an integer stored in `\l_tmpa_int`.

```

3240     \pgfpicture
3241     \@@_qpoint:n { row - 1 }
3242     \dim_gset_eq:NN \g_tmpa_dim \pgf@y
3243     \tl_if_in:NnTF \l_@@_baseline_tl { line- }
3244     {
3245         \int_set:Nn \l_tmpa_int
3246         {
3247             \str_range:Nnn
3248             \l_@@_baseline_tl
3249             { 6 }
3250             { \tl_count:o \l_@@_baseline_tl }
3251         }
3252         \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_tmpa_int }
3253     }
3254     {
3255         \int_set:Nn \l_tmpa_int \l_@@_baseline_tl
3256         \bool_lazy_or:nnT
3257             { \int_compare_p:nNn { \l_tmpa_int } < { \l_@@_first_row_int } }
3258             { \int_compare_p:nNn { \l_tmpa_int } > { \g_@@_row_total_int } }
3259         {
3260             \@@_error:n { bad-value-for-baseline }
3261             \int_set:Nn \l_tmpa_int 1
3262         }
3263         \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_tmpa_int - base }
3264     }
3265     \dim_gsub:Nn \g_tmpa_dim \pgf@y
3266     \endpgfpicture
3267     \dim_gadd:Nn \g_tmpa_dim \arrayrulewidth
3268     \int_if_zero:nT { \l_@@_first_row_int }
3269     {
3270         \dim_gadd:Nn \g_tmpa_dim \g_@@_ht_row_zero_dim
3271         \dim_gadd:Nn \g_tmpa_dim \g_@@_dp_row_zero_dim
3272     }
3273     \box_move_up:nn \g_tmpa_dim { \hbox { \@@_use_arraybox_with_notes_c: } }
```

```
3274 }
```

The command `\@@_put_box_in_flow_bis:` is used when the option `delimiters/max-width` is used because, in this case, we have to adjust the widths of the delimiters. The arguments #1 and #2 are the delimiters specified by the user.

```
3275 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_put_box_in_flow_bis:nn #1 #2
3276 {
```

We will compute the real width of both delimiters used.

```
3277     \dim_zero:N \l_@@_real_left_delim_dim
3278     \dim_zero:N \l_@@_real_right_delim_dim
3279     \hbox_set:Nn \l_tmpb_box
3280     {
3281         \m@th % added 2024/11/21
3282         \c_math_toggle_token
3283         \left #1
3284         \vcenter
3285         {
3286             \vbox_to_ht:nn
3287             { \box_ht_plus_dp:N \l_tmpa_box }
3288             {}
3289         }
3290         \right .
3291         \c_math_toggle_token
3292     }
3293     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_real_left_delim_dim
3294     { \box_wd:N \l_tmpb_box - \nulldelimiterspace }
3295     \hbox_set:Nn \l_tmpb_box
3296     {
3297         \m@th % added 2024/11/21
3298         \c_math_toggle_token
3299         \left .
3300         \vbox_to_ht:nn
3301         { \box_ht_plus_dp:N \l_tmpa_box }
3302         {}
3303         \right #
3304         \c_math_toggle_token
3305     }
3306     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_real_right_delim_dim
3307     { \box_wd:N \l_tmpb_box - \nulldelimiterspace }
```

Now, we can put the box in the TeX flow with the horizontal adjustments on both sides.

```
3308     \skip_horizontal:n { \l_@@_left_delim_dim - \l_@@_real_left_delim_dim }
3309     \@@_put_box_in_flow:
3310     \skip_horizontal:n { \l_@@_right_delim_dim - \l_@@_real_right_delim_dim }
3311 }
```

The construction of the array in the environment `{NiceArrayWithDelims}` is, in fact, done by the environment `{@@-light-syntax}` or by the environment `{@@-normal-syntax}` (whether the option `light-syntax` is in force or not). When the key `light-syntax` is not used, the construction is a standard environment (and, thus, it's possible to use verbatim in the array).

```
3312 \NewDocumentEnvironment { @@-normal-syntax } { }
```

First, we test whether the environment is empty. If it is empty, we raise a fatal error (it's only a security). In order to detect whether it is empty, we test whether the next token is `\end` and, if it's the case, we test if this is the end of the environment (if it is not, a standard error will be raised by LaTeX for incorrect nested environments).

```
3313 {
3314     \peek_remove_spaces:n
3315     {
3316         \peek_meaning:NTF \end
3317         { \@@_analyze_end:Nn }
```

```

3318     {
3319         \@@_transform_preamble:
3320             \@@_array:o \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
3321         }
3322     }
3323 }
3324 {
3325     \@@_create_col_nodes:
3326     \endarray
3327 }

```

When the key `light-syntax` is in force, we use an environment which takes its whole body as an argument (with the specifier `b`).

```

3328 \NewDocumentEnvironment { @@-light-syntax } { b }
3329 {

```

First, we test whether the environment is empty. It's only a security. Of course, this test is more easy than the similar test for the "normal syntax" because we have the whole body of the environment in `#1`.

```

3330     \tl_if_empty:nT { #1 }
3331         { \@@_fatal:n { empty~environment } }
3332     \tl_if_in:nnT { #1 } { & }
3333         { \@@_fatal:n { ampersand-in-light-syntax } }
3334     \tl_if_in:nnT { #1 } { \\ }
3335         { \@@_fatal:n { double-backslash-in-light-syntax } }

```

Now, you extract the `\CodeAfter` of the body of the environment. Maybe, there is no command `\CodeAfter` in the body. That's why you put a marker `\CodeAfter` after `#1`. If there is yet a `\CodeAfter` in `#1`, this second (or third...) `\CodeAfter` will be caught in the value of `\g_nicematrix_code_after_tl`. That doesn't matter because `\CodeAfter` will be set to `no-op` before the execution of `\g_nicematrix_code_after_tl`.

```

3336     \@@_light_syntax_i:w #1 \CodeAfter \q_stop

```

The command `\array` is hidden somewhere in `\@@_light_syntax_i:w`.

```

3337 }

```

Now, the second part of the environment. We must leave these lines in the second part (and not put them in the first part even though we caught the whole body of the environment with an argument of type `b`) in order to have the columns `S` of `siunitx` working fine.

```

3338 {
3339     \@@_create_col_nodes:
3340     \endarray
3341 }
3342 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_light_syntax_i:w #1\CodeAfter #2 \q_stop
3343 {
3344     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_nicematrix_code_after_tl { #2 }

```

The body of the array, which is stored in the argument `#1`, is now split into items (and *not* tokens).

```

3345     \seq_clear_new:N \l_@@_rows_seq

```

We rescan the character of end of line in order to have the correct catcode.

```

3346     \tl_set_rescan:Nno \l_@@_end_of_row_tl { } \l_@@_end_of_row_tl
3347     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_light_syntax_expanded_bool
3348         { \seq_set_split:Nee }
3349         { \seq_set_split:Non }
3350     \l_@@_rows_seq \l_@@_end_of_row_tl { #1 }

```

We delete the last row if it is empty.

```

3351     \seq_pop_right:NN \l_@@_rows_seq \l_tmpa_tl
3352     \tl_if_empty:NF \l_tmpa_tl
3353         { \seq_put_right:No \l_@@_rows_seq \l_tmpa_tl }

```

If the environment uses the option `last-row` without value (i.e. without saying the number of the rows), we have now the opportunity to compute that value. We do it, and so, if the token list `\l_@@_code_for_last_row_t1` is not empty, we will use directly where it should be.

```
3354     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_row_int } = { -1 }
3355         { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_row_int { \seq_count:N \l_@@_rows_seq } }
```

The new value of the body (that is to say after replacement of the separators of rows and columns by `\backslash` and `&`) of the environment will be stored in `\l_@@_new_body_t1` in order to allow the use of commands such as `\hline` or `\hdottedline` with the key `light-syntax`.

```
3356     \tl_build_begin:N \l_@@_new_body_t1
3357     \int_zero_new:N \l_@@_nb_cols_int
```

First, we treat the first row.

```
3358     \seq_pop_left:NN \l_@@_rows_seq \l_tmpa_t1
3359         \@@_line_with_light_syntax:o \l_tmpa_t1
```

Now, the other rows (with the same treatment, excepted that we have to insert `\backslash` between the rows).

```
3360     \seq_map_inline:Nn \l_@@_rows_seq
3361     {
3362         \tl_build_put_right:Nn \l_@@_new_body_t1 { \backslash }
3363             \@@_line_with_light_syntax:n { ##1 }
3364     }
3365     \tl_build_end:N \l_@@_new_body_t1
3366     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_col_int } = { -1 }
3367     {
3368         \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_col_int
3369             { \l_@@_nb_cols_int - 1 + \l_@@_first_col_int }
3370     }
```

Now, we can construct the preamble: if the user has used the key `last-col`, we have the correct number of columns even though the user has used `last-col` without value.

```
3371     \@@_transform_preamble:
```

The call to `\array` is in the following command (we have a dedicated macro `\@@_array`: because of compatibility with the classes `revtex4-1` and `revtex4-2`).

```
3372     \@@_array:o \g_@@_array_preamble_t1 \l_@@_new_body_t1
3373 }
3374 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_line_with_light_syntax:n #1
3375 {
3376     \seq_clear_new:N \l_@@_cells_seq
3377     \seq_set_split:Nnn \l_@@_cells_seq { ~ } { #1 }
3378     \int_set:Nn \l_@@_nb_cols_int
3379     {
3380         \int_max:nn
3381             { \l_@@_nb_cols_int }
3382             { \seq_count:N \l_@@_cells_seq }
3383     }
3384     \seq_pop_left:NN \l_@@_cells_seq \l_tmpa_t1
3385     \tl_build_put_right:No \l_@@_new_body_t1 \l_tmpa_t1
3386     \seq_map_inline:Nn \l_@@_cells_seq
3387         { \tl_build_put_right:Nn \l_@@_new_body_t1 { & ##1 } }
3388 }
3389 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_line_with_light_syntax:n { o }
```

The following command is used by the code which detects whether the environment is empty (we raise a fatal error in this case: it's only a security). When this command is used, `#1` is, in fact, always `\end`.

```
3390 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_analyze_end:Nn #1 #2
3391 {
3392     \str_if_eq:eeT \g_@@_name_env_str { #2 }
3393         { \@@_fatal:n { empty~environment } }
```

We reput in the stream the `\end{...}` we have extracted and the user will have an error for incorrect nested environments.

```
3394     \end { #2 }
3395 }
```

The command `\@@_create_col_nodes:` will construct a special last row. That last row is a false row used to create the `col` nodes and to fix the width of the columns (when the array is constructed with an option which specifies the width of the columns such as `columns-width`).

```
3396 \cs_new:Npn \@@_create_col_nodes:
3397 {
3398     \crr
3399     \int_if_zero:nT { \l_@@_first_col_int }
3400     {
3401         \omit
3402         \hbox_overlap_left:n
3403         {
3404             \bool_if:NT \l_@@_code_before_bool
3405                 { \pgfsys@markposition { \@@_env: - col - 0 } }
3406             \pgfpicture
3407             \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
3408             \pgfcoordinate { \@@_env: - col - 0 } \pgfpointorigin
3409             \str_if_empty:NF \l_@@_name_str
3410                 { \pgfnodealias { \l_@@_name_str - col - 0 } { \@@_env: - col - 0 } }
3411             \endpgfpicture
3412             \skip_horizontal:n { 2 \col@sep + \g_@@_width_first_col_dim }
3413         }
3414         &
3415     }
3416 }
```

The following instruction must be put after the instruction `\omit`.

```
3417 \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_row_of_col_done_bool
```

First, we put a `col` node on the left of the first column (of course, we have to do that *after* the `\omit`).

```
3418 \int_if_zero:nTF { \l_@@_first_col_int }
3419 {
3420     \@@_mark_position:n { 1 }
3421     \pgfpicture
3422     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
3423     \pgfcoordinate { \@@_env: - col - 1 }
3424         { \pgfpoint { - 0.5 \arrayrulewidth } \c_zero_dim }
3425     \str_if_empty:NF \l_@@_name_str
3426         { \pgfnodealias { \l_@@_name_str - col - 1 } { \@@_env: - col - 1 } }
3427     \endpgfpicture
3428 }
3429 {
3430     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_code_before_bool
3431     {
3432         \hbox
3433         {
3434             \skip_horizontal:n { 0.5 \arrayrulewidth }
3435             \pgfsys@markposition { \@@_env: - col - 1 }
3436             \skip_horizontal:n { -0.5 \arrayrulewidth }
3437         }
3438     }
3439     \pgfpicture
3440     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
3441     \pgfcoordinate { \@@_env: - col - 1 }
3442         { \pgfpoint { 0.5 \arrayrulewidth } \c_zero_dim }
3443     \@@_node_alias:n { 1 }
3444     \endpgfpicture
3445 }
```

We compute in `\g_tmpa_skip` the common width of the columns (it's a skip and not a dimension). We use a global variable because we are in a cell of an `\halign` and because we have to use that variable in other cells (of the same row). The affectation of `\g_tmpa_skip`, like all the affectations, must be done after the `\omit` of the cell.

We give a default value for `\g_tmpa_skip` (0 pt plus 1 fill) but we will add some dimensions to it.

```

3446 \skip_gset:Nn \g_tmpa_skip { 0 pt plus 1 fill }
3447 \bool_if:NF \l_@@_auto_columns_width_bool
3448 { \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_columns_width_dim } > { \c_zero_dim } }
3449 {
3450     \bool_lazy_and:nnTF
3451     { \l_@@_auto_columns_width_bool }
3452     { \bool_not_p:n \l_@@_block_auto_columns_width_bool }
3453     { \skip_gadd:Nn \g_tmpa_skip \g_@@_max_cell_width_dim }
3454     { \skip_gadd:Nn \g_tmpa_skip \l_@@_columns_width_dim }
3455     \skip_gadd:Nn \g_tmpa_skip { 2 \col@sep }
3456 }
3457 \skip_horizontal:N \g_tmpa_skip
3458 \hbox
3459 {
3460     \@@_mark_position:n { 2 }
3461     \pgfpicture
3462     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
3463     \pgfcoordinate { \@@_env: - col - 2 }
3464     { \pgfpoint { - 0.5 \arrayrulewidth } \c_zero_dim }
3465     \@@_node_alias:n { 2 }
3466     \endpgfpicture
3467 }
```

We begin a loop over the columns. The integer `\g_tmpa_int` will be the number of the current column. This integer is used for the Tikz nodes.

```

3468 \int_gset_eq:NN \g_tmpa_int \c_one_int
3469 \bool_if:NTF \g_@@_last_col_found_bool
3470 { \prg_replicate:nn { \int_max:nn { \g_@@_col_total_int - 3 } { 0 } } }
3471 { \prg_replicate:nn { \int_max:nn { \g_@@_col_total_int - 2 } { 0 } } }
3472 {
3473     &
3474     \omit
3475     \int_gincr:N \g_tmpa_int
```

The incrementation of the counter `\g_tmpa_int` must be done after the `\omit` of the cell.

```

3476 \skip_horizontal:N \g_tmpa_skip
3477 \@@_mark_position:n { \int_eval:n { \g_tmpa_int + 1 } }
```

We create the `col` node on the right of the current column.

```

3478 \pgfpicture
3479     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
3480     \pgfcoordinate { \@@_env: - col - \int_eval:n { \g_tmpa_int + 1 } }
3481     { \pgfpoint { - 0.5 \arrayrulewidth } \c_zero_dim }
3482     \@@_node_alias:n { \int_eval:n { \g_tmpa_int + 1 } }
3483     \endpgfpicture
3484 }

3485 &
3486 \omit
```

If there is only one column (and a potential “last column”), we don’t have to put the following code (there is only one column and we have put the correct code previously).

```

3487 \bool_lazy_or:nnF
3488 { \int_compare_p:nNn \g_@@_col_total_int = 1 }
3489 { \int_compare_p:nNn \g_@@_col_total_int = 2 && \g_@@_last_col_found_bool }
3490 {
3491     \skip_horizontal:N \g_tmpa_skip
```

```

3492     \int_gincr:N \g_tmpa_int
3493     \bool_lazy_any:nF
3494     {
3495         \g_@@_delims_bool
3496         \l_@@_tabular_bool
3497         { ! \clist_if_empty_p:N \l_@@_vlines_clist }
3498         \l_@@_exterior_arraycolsep_bool
3499         \l_@@_bar_at_end_of_pream_bool
3500     }
3501     { \skip_horizontal:n { - \col@sep } }
3502     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_code_before_bool
3503     {
3504         \hbox
3505         {
3506             \skip_horizontal:n { -0.5 \arrayrulewidth }

```

With an environment `{Matrix}`, you want to remove the exterior `\arraycolsep` but we don't know the number of columns (since there is no preamble) and that's why we can't put `@{}` at the end of the preamble. That's why we remove a `\arraycolsep` now.

```

3507             \bool_if:NT \l_@@_NiceMatrix_without_vlines_bool
3508             { \skip_horizontal:n { - \arraycolsep } }
3509             \pgfsys@markposition
3510             { \@@_env: - col - \int_eval:n { \g_tmpa_int + 1 } }
3511             \skip_horizontal:n { 0.5 \arrayrulewidth }
3512             \bool_if:NT \l_@@_NiceMatrix_without_vlines_bool
3513             { \skip_horizontal:N \arraycolsep }
3514         }
3515     }
3516     \pgfpicture
3517     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
3518     \pgfcoordinate { \@@_env: - col - \int_eval:n { \g_tmpa_int + 1 } }
3519     {
3520         \bool_if:NT \l_@@_NiceMatrix_without_vlines_bool
3521         {
3522             \pgfpoint
3523             { - 0.5 \arrayrulewidth - \arraycolsep }
3524             \c_zero_dim
3525         }
3526         { \pgfpoint { - 0.5 \arrayrulewidth } \c_zero_dim }
3527     }
3528     \@@_node_alias:n { \int_eval:n { \g_tmpa_int + 1 } }
3529     \endpgfpicture
3530 }

3531 \bool_if:NT \g_@@_last_col_found_bool
3532 {
3533     \hbox_overlap_right:n
3534     {
3535         \skip_horizontal:N \g_@@_width_last_col_dim
3536         \skip_horizontal:N \col@sep
3537         \bool_if:NT \l_@@_code_before_bool
3538         {
3539             \pgfsys@markposition
3540             { \@@_env: - col - \int_eval:n { \g_@@_col_total_int + 1 } }
3541         }
3542         \pgfpicture
3543         \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
3544         \pgfcoordinate
3545         { \@@_env: - col - \int_eval:n { \g_@@_col_total_int + 1 } }
3546         \pgfpointorigin
3547         \@@_node_alias:n { \int_eval:n { \g_@@_col_total_int + 1 } }
3548         \endpgfpicture
3549     }

```

```

3550     }
3551     % \cr
3552 }

3553 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_mark_position:n #1
3554 {
3555     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_code_before_bool
3556     {
3557         \hbox
3558         {
3559             \skip_horizontal:n { -0.5 \arrayrulewidth }
3560             \pgfsys@markposition { \@@_env: - col - #1 }
3561             \skip_horizontal:n { 0.5 \arrayrulewidth }
3562         }
3563     }
3564 }

3565 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_node_alias:n #1
3566 {
3567     \str_if_empty:NF \l_@@_name_str
3568     { \pgfnodealias { \l_@@_name_str - col - #1 } { \@@_env: - col - #1 } }
3569 }

```

Here is the preamble for the “first column” (if the user uses the key `first-col`)

```

3570 \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_preamble_first_col_tl
3571 {
3572 >
3573 {

```

At the beginning of the cell, we link `\CodeAfter` to a command which begins with `\`` (whereas the standard version of `\CodeAfter` begins does not).

```

3574 \cs_set_eq:NN \CodeAfter \@@_CodeAfter_i:
3575 \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_after_col_zero_bool
3576 \@@_begin_of_row:
3577 \hbox_set:Nw \l_@@_cell_box
3578 \@@_math_toggle:
3579 \@@_tuning_key_small:

```

We insert `\l_@@_code_for_first_col_tl`... but we don’t insert it in the potential “first row” and in the potential “last row”.

```

3580 \int_compare:nNnT { \c@iRow } > { \c_zero_int }
3581 {
3582     \bool_lazy_or:nnT
3583     { \int_compare_p:nNn { \l_@@_last_row_int } < { \c_zero_int } }
3584     { \int_compare_p:nNn { \c@iRow } < { \l_@@_last_row_int } }
3585     {
3586         \l_@@_code_for_first_col_tl
3587         \xglobal \colorlet { nicematrix-first-col } { . }
3588     }
3589 }
3590

```

Be careful: despite this letter `l` the cells of the “first column” are composed in a `R` manner since they are composed in a `\hbox_overlap_left:n`.

```

3591 l
3592 <
3593 {
3594     \@@_math_toggle:
3595     \hbox_set_end:
3596     \bool_if:NT \g_@@_rotate_bool { \@@_rotate_cell_box: }
3597     \@@_adjust_size_box:
3598     \@@_update_for_first_and_last_row:

```

We actualise the width of the “first column” because we will use this width after the construction of the array.

```
3599 \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_width_first_col_dim
3600   { \dim_max:nn { \g_@@_width_first_col_dim } { \box_wd:N \l_@@_cell_box } }
```

The content of the cell is inserted in an overlapping position.

```
3601 \hbox_overlap_left:n
3602 {
3603   \dim_compare:nNnTF { \box_wd:N \l_@@_cell_box } > { \c_zero_dim }
3604     { \c_node_cell: }
3605     { \box_use_drop:N \l_@@_cell_box }
3606   \skip_horizontal:N \l_@@_left_delim_dim
3607   \skip_horizontal:N \l_@@_left_margin_dim
3608   \skip_horizontal:N \l_@@_extra_left_margin_dim
3609 }
3610 \bool_gset_false:N \g_@@_empty_cell_bool
3611 \skip_horizontal:n { -2 \col@sep }
3612 }
3613 }
```

Here is the preamble for the “last column” (if the user uses the key `last-col`).

```
3614 \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_preamble_last_col_tl
3615 {
3616   >
3617   {
3618     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_in_last_col_bool
```

At the beginning of the cell, we link `\CodeAfter` to a command which begins with `\`` (whereas the standard version of `\CodeAfter` begins does not).

```
3619 \cs_set_eq:NN \CodeAfter \c_@@_CodeAfter_i:
```

With the flag `\g_@@_last_col_found_bool`, we will know that the “last column” is really used.

```
3620 \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_last_col_found_bool
3621 \int_gincr:N \c@jCol
3622 \int_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_col_total_int \c@jCol
3623 \hbox_set:Nw \l_@@_cell_box
3624   \c@_math_toggle:
3625   \c@_tuning_key_small:
```

We insert `\l_@@_code_for_last_col_tl`... but we don’t insert it in the potential “first row” and in the potential “last row”.

```
3626 \int_compare:nNnT { \c@iRow } > { \c_zero_int }
3627   {
3628     \bool_lazy_or:nnT
3629       { \int_compare_p:nNn { \l_@@_last_row_int } < { \c_zero_int } }
3630       { \int_compare_p:nNn { \c@iRow } < { \l_@@_last_row_int } }
3631     {
3632       \l_@@_code_for_last_col_tl
3633       \xglobal \colorlet { nicematrix-last-col } { . }
3634     }
3635   }
3636 }
3637 l
3638 <
3639 {
3640   \c@_math_toggle:
3641   \hbox_set_end:
3642   \bool_if:NT \g_@@_rotate_bool { \c@_rotate_cell_box: }
3643   \c@_adjust_size_box:
3644   \c@_update_for_first_and_last_row:
```

We actualise the width of the “last column” because we will use this width after the construction of the array.

```
3645 \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_width_last_col_dim
3646   { \dim_max:nn { \g_@@_width_last_col_dim } { \box_wd:N \l_@@_cell_box } }
3647 \skip_horizontal:n { -2 \col@sep }
```

The content of the cell is inserted in an overlapping position.

```

3648 \hbox_overlap_right:n
3649 {
3650     \dim_compare:nNnT { \box_wd:N \l_@@_cell_box } > { \c_zero_dim }
3651     {
3652         \skip_horizontal:N \l_@@_right_delim_dim
3653         \skip_horizontal:N \l_@@_right_margin_dim
3654         \skip_horizontal:N \l_@@_extra_right_margin_dim
3655         \c_@@_node_cell:
3656     }
3657 }
3658 \bool_gset_false:N \g_@@_empty_cell_bool
3659 }
3660 }
```

The environment `{NiceArray}` is constructed upon the environment `{NiceArrayWithDelims}`.

```

3661 \NewDocumentEnvironment { NiceArray } { }
3662 {
3663     \bool_gset_false:N \g_@@_delims_bool
3664     \str_if_empty:NT \g_@@_name_env_str
3665     { \str_gset:Nn \g_@@_name_env_str { NiceArray } }
```

We put `.` and `.` for the delimiters but, in fact, that doesn't matter because these arguments won't be used in `{NiceArrayWithDelims}` (because the flag `\g_@@_delims_bool` is set to false).

```

3666 \NiceArrayWithDelims . .
3667 }
3668 { \endNiceArrayWithDelims }
```

We create the variants of the environment `{NiceArrayWithDelims}`.

```

3669 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c_@@_def_env:NNN #1 #2 #3
3670 {
3671     \NewDocumentEnvironment { #1 NiceArray } { }
3672     {
3673         \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_delims_bool
3674         \str_if_empty:NT \g_@@_name_env_str
3675         { \str_gset:Nn \g_@@_name_env_str { #1 NiceArray } }
3676         \c_@@_test_if_math_mode:
3677         \NiceArrayWithDelims #2 #3
3678     }
3679     { \endNiceArrayWithDelims }
3680 }
3681 \c_@@_def_env:NNN p ( )
3682 \c_@@_def_env:NNN b [ ]
3683 \c_@@_def_env:NNN B \{ \}
3684 \c_@@_def_env:NNN v \vert \vert
3685 \c_@@_def_env:NNN V \Vert \Vert
```

13 The environment `{NiceMatrix}` and its variants

```

3686 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c_@@_begin_of_NiceMatrix:nn #1 #2
3687 {
3688     \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_preamble_bool
3689     \tl_clear:N \l_tmpa_tl
3690     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_NiceMatrix_without_vlines_bool
3691     { \tl_set:Nn \l_tmpa_tl { @ { } } }
3692     \tl_put_right:Nn \l_tmpa_tl
```

```

3693 {
3694   *
3695   {
3696     \int_case:nnF \l_@@_last_col_int
3697     {
3698       { -2 } { \c@MaxMatrixCols }
3699       { -1 } { \int_eval:n { \c@MaxMatrixCols + 1 } }

```

The value 0 can't occur here since we are in a matrix (which is an environment without preamble).

```

3700     }
3701     { \int_eval:n { \l_@@_last_col_int - 1 } }
3702   }
3703   { #2 }
3704 }
3705 \tl_set:Nn \l_tmpb_tl { \use:c { #1 NiceArray } }
3706 \exp_args:No \l_tmpb_tl \l_tmpa_tl
3707 }
3708 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_begin_of_NiceMatrix:nn { n o }
3709 \clist_map_inline:nn { p , b , B , v , V }
3710 {
3711   \NewDocumentEnvironment { #1 NiceMatrix } { ! 0 { } }
3712   {
3713     \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_delims_bool
3714     \str_gset:Nn \g_@@_name_env_str { #1 NiceMatrix }
3715     \int_if_zero:nT { \l_@@_last_col_int }
3716     {
3717       \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_last_col_without_value_bool
3718       \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_col_int { -1 }
3719     }
3720     \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / NiceMatrix } { ##1 }
3721     \@@_begin_of_NiceMatrix:no { #1 } { \l_@@_columns_type_tl }
3722   }
3723   { \use:c { end #1 NiceArray } }
3724 }

```

We define also an environment {NiceMatrix}

```

3725 \NewDocumentEnvironment { NiceMatrix } { ! 0 { } }
3726 {
3727   \str_gset:Nn \g_@@_name_env_str { NiceMatrix }
3728   \int_if_zero:nT { \l_@@_last_col_int }
3729   {
3730     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_last_col_without_value_bool
3731     \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_col_int { -1 }
3732   }
3733   \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / NiceMatrix } { #1 }
3734   \bool_lazy_or:nnT
3735   {
3736     { \clist_if_empty_p:N \l_@@_vlines_clist }
3737     { \l_@@_except_borders_bool }
3738     { \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_NiceMatrix_without_vlines_bool }
3739   }
3740   \@@_begin_of_NiceMatrix:no { } { \l_@@_columns_type_tl }
3741 }
3742 { \endNiceArray }

```

The following command will be linked to \NotEmpty in the environments of nicematrix.

```

3741 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_NotEmpty:
3742   { \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_not_empty_cell_bool }

```

14 {NiceTabular}, {NiceTabularX} and {NiceTabular*}

```

3743 \NewDocumentEnvironment { NiceTabular } { 0 { } m ! 0 { } }
3744 {

```

If the dimension `\l_@@_width_dim` is equal to 0 pt, that means that it has not been set by a previous use of `\NiceMatrixOptions`.

```

3745 \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_width_dim } = { \c_zero_dim }
3746   { \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_width_dim \linewidth }
3747 \str_gset:Nn \g_@@_name_env_str { NiceTabular }
3748 \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / NiceTabular } { #1 , #3 }
3749 \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_short_caption_tl
3750 {
3751   \tl_if_empty:NT \l_@@_caption_tl
3752   {
3753     \@@_error_or_warning:n { short-caption-without-caption }
3754     \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_caption_tl \l_@@_short_caption_tl
3755   }
3756 }
3757 \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_label_tl
3758 {
3759   \tl_if_empty:NT \l_@@_caption_tl
3760   { \@@_error_or_warning:n { label-without-caption } }
3761 }
3762 \NewDocumentEnvironment { TabularNote } { b }
3763 {
3764   \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_in_code_after_bool
3765   { \@@_error_or_warning:n { TabularNote-in-CodeAfter } }
3766   {
3767     \tl_if_empty:NF \g_@@_tabularnote_tl
3768     { \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_tabularnote_tl { \par } }
3769     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_tabularnote_tl { ##1 }
3770   }
3771 }
3772 {
3773 \@@_settings_for_tabular:
3774 \NiceArray { #2 }
3775 }
3776 { \endNiceArray }

3777 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_settings_for_tabular:
3778 {
3779   \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_tabular_bool
3780   \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_math_toggle: \prg_do_nothing:
3781   \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_tuning_not_tabular_begin: \prg_do_nothing:
3782   \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_tuning_not_tabular_end: \prg_do_nothing:
3783 }

3784 \NewDocumentEnvironment { NiceTabularX } { m O { } m ! O { } }
3785 {
3786   \str_gset:Nn \g_@@_name_env_str { NiceTabularX }
3787   \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_width_dim { #1 }
3788   \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / NiceTabular } { #2 , #4 }
3789 \@@_settings_for_tabular:
3790 \NiceArray { #3 }
3791 }
3792 {
3793 \endNiceArray
3794 \fp_compare:nNnT { \g_@@_total_X_weight_fp } = { \c_zero_fp }
3795 { \@@_error:n { NiceTabularX-without-X } }
3796 }

3797 \NewDocumentEnvironment { NiceTabular* } { m O { } m ! O { } }
3798 {
3799   \str_gset:Nn \g_@@_name_env_str { NiceTabular* }
3800   \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_tabular_width_dim { #1 }
3801   \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / NiceTabular } { #2 , #4 }
3802 \@@_settings_for_tabular:

```

```

3803     \NiceArray { #3 }
3804 }
3805 { \endNiceArray }
```

15 After the construction of the array

The following command will be used when the key `rounded-corners` is in force (this is the key `rounded-corners` for the whole environment and *not* the key `rounded-corners` of a command `\Block`).

```

3806 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_deal_with_rounded_corners:
3807 {
3808     \bool_lazy_all:nT
3809     {
3810         { \dim_compare_p:nNn { \l_@@_tab_rounded_corners_dim } > { \c_zero_dim } }
3811         { \l_@@_hvlines_bool }
3812         { ! \g_@@_delims_bool }
3813         { ! \l_@@_except_borders_bool }
3814     }
3815     {
3816         \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_except_borders_bool
3817         \clist_if_empty:NF \l_@@_corners_clist
3818             { \@@_error:n { hvlines,~rounded-corners-and~corners } }
3819         \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
3820         {
3821             \@@_stroke_block:nnn
3822             {
3823                 rounded-corners = \dim_use:N \l_@@_tab_rounded_corners_dim ,
3824                 draw = \l_@@_rules_color_tl
3825             }
3826             { 1-1 }
3827             { \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_use:N \c@jCol }
3828         }
3829     }
3830 }
```

```

3831 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_after_array:
3832 {
```

There was a `\hook_gput_code:nnn { env / tabular / begin } { nicematrix }` in the command `\@@_pre_array_ii`: in order to come back to the standard definition of `\multicolumn` (in the tabulars used by the final user in the cells of our array of `nicematrix`) and maybe another linked to `colortbl`.

```

3833 \hook_gremove_code:nn { env / tabular / begin } { nicematrix }
3834 \group_begin:
```

When the option `last-col` is used in the environments with explicit preambles (like `{NiceArray}`, `{pNiceArray}`, etc.) a special type of column is used at the end of the preamble in order to compose the cells in an overlapping position (with `\hbox_overlap_right:n`) but (if `last-col` has been used), we don't have the number of that last column. However, we have to know that number for the color of the potential `\Vdots` drawn in that last column. That's why we fix the correct value of `\l_@@_last_col_int` in that case.

```

3835 \bool_if:NT \g_@@_last_col_found_bool
3836     { \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_last_col_int \g_@@_col_total_int }
```

If we are in an environment without preamble (like `{NiceMatrix}` or `{pNiceMatrix}`) and if the option `last-col` has been used without value we also fix the real value of `\l_@@_last_col_int`.

```

3837 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_last_col_without_value_bool
3838     { \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_last_col_int \g_@@_col_total_int }
```

It's also time to give to `\l_@@_last_row_int` its real value.

```

3839   \bool_if:NT \l_@@_last_row_without_value_bool
3840     { \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_last_row_int \g_@@_row_total_int }

3841   \tl_gput_right:N \g_@@_aux_tl
3842   {
3843     \seq_gset_from_clist:Nn \exp_not:N \g_@@_size_seq
3844     {
3845       \int_use:N \l_@@_first_row_int ,
3846       \int_use:N \c@iRow ,
3847       \int_use:N \g_@@_row_total_int ,
3848       \int_use:N \l_@@_first_col_int ,
3849       \int_use:N \c@jCol ,
3850       \int_use:N \g_@@_col_total_int
3851     }
3852   }

```

We write also the potential content of `\g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq`. It will be used to recreate the blocks with a name in the `\CodeBefore` and also if the command `\rowcolors` is used with the key `respect-blocks`.

```

3853   \seq_if_empty:NF \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq
3854   {
3855     \tl_gput_right:N \g_@@_aux_tl
3856     {
3857       \seq_gset_from_clist:Nn \exp_not:N \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq
3858       { \seq_use:Nnnn \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq , , , }
3859     }
3860   }
3861   \seq_if_empty:NF \g_@@_multicolumn_cells_seq
3862   {
3863     \tl_gput_right:N \g_@@_aux_tl
3864     {
3865       \seq_gset_from_clist:Nn \exp_not:N \g_@@_multicolumn_cells_seq
3866       { \seq_use:Nnnn \g_@@_multicolumn_cells_seq , , , }
3867       \seq_gset_from_clist:Nn \exp_not:N \g_@@_multicolumn_sizes_seq
3868       { \seq_use:Nnnn \g_@@_multicolumn_sizes_seq , , , }
3869     }
3870   }

```

Now, you create the diagonal nodes by using the `row` nodes and the `col` nodes.

```
3871   \@@_create_diag_nodes:
```

We create the aliases using `last` for the nodes of the cells in the last row and the last column.

```

3872   \pgfpicture
3873   \@@_create_aliases_last:
3874   \str_if_empty:NF \l_@@_name_str { \@@_create_alias_nodes: }
3875   \endpgfpicture

```

By default, the diagonal lines will be parallelized¹². There are two types of diagonals lines: the `\Ddots` diagonals and the `\Idots` diagonals. We have to count both types in order to know whether a diagonal is the first of its type in the current `{NiceArray}` environment.

```

3876   \bool_if:NT \l_@@_parallelize_diags_bool
3877   {
3878     \int_gzero:N \g_@@_ddots_int
3879     \int_gzero:N \g_@@_iddots_int

```

The dimensions `\g_@@_delta_x_one_dim` and `\g_@@_delta_y_one_dim` will contain the Δ_x and Δ_y of the first `\Ddots` diagonal. We have to store these values in order to draw the others `\Ddots` diagonals parallel to the first one. Similarly `\g_@@_delta_x_two_dim` and `\g_@@_delta_y_two_dim` are the Δ_x and Δ_y of the first `\Idots` diagonal.

¹²It's possible to use the option `parallelize-diags` to disable this parallelization.

```

3880     \dim_gzero:N \g_@@_delta_x_one_dim
3881     \dim_gzero:N \g_@@_delta_y_one_dim
3882     \dim_gzero:N \g_@@_delta_x_two_dim
3883     \dim_gzero:N \g_@@_delta_y_two_dim
3884 }
3885 \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
3886 \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_final_open_bool

```

If the option `small` is used, the values `\l_@@_xdots_radius_dim` and `\l_@@_xdots_inter_dim` (used to draw the dotted lines created by `\hdottedline` and `\vdottedline` and also for all the other dotted lines when `line-style` is equal to `standard`, which is the initial value) are changed.

```

3887 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_small_bool { \@@_tuning_key_small_for_dots: }

```

Now, we actually draw the dotted lines (specified by `\Cdots`, `\Vdots`, etc.).

```

3888 \@@_draw_dotted_lines:

```

The following computes the “corners” (made up of empty cells) but if there is no corner to compute, it won’t do anything. The corners are computed in `\l_@@_corners_cells_clist` which will contain all the cells which are empty (and not in a block) considered in the corners of the array.

```

3889 \clist_if_empty:NF \l_@@_corners_clist
3890 {
3891     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_no_cell_nodes_bool
3892     { \@@_error:n { corners-with-no-cell-nodes } }
3893     { \@@_compute_corners: }
3894 }

```

The sequence `\g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq` must be “adjusted” (for the case where the user have written something like `\Block{1-*}`).

```

3895 \@@_adjust_pos_of_blocks_seq:
3896 \@@_deal_with_rounded_corners:
3897 \clist_if_empty:NF \l_@@_hlines_clist { \@@_draw_hlines: }
3898 \clist_if_empty:NF \l_@@_vlines_clist { \@@_draw_vlines: }

```

Now, the pre-code-after and then, the `\CodeAfter`.

```

3899 \IfPackageLoadedT { tikz }
3900 {
3901     \tikzset
3902     {
3903         every~picture / .style =
3904         {
3905             overlay ,
3906             remember~picture ,
3907             name-prefix = \@@_env: -
3908         }
3909     }
3910 }
3911 \bool_if:NT \c_@@_recent_array_bool
3912 { \cs_set_eq:NN \ar@{align} \@@_old_ar@{align}: }
3913 \cs_set_eq:NN \SubMatrix \@@_SubMatrix
3914 \cs_set_eq:NN \UnderBrace \@@_UnderBrace
3915 \cs_set_eq:NN \OverBrace \@@_OverBrace
3916 \cs_set_eq:NN \ShowCellNames \@@_ShowCellNames
3917 \cs_set_eq:NN \TikzEveryCell \@@_TikzEveryCell
3918 \cs_set_eq:NN \line \@@_line

```

The LaTeX-style boolean `\ifmeasuring@` is used by `amsmath` during the phase of measure in environments such as `{align}`, etc.

```

3919 \legacy_if:nF { measuring@ } { \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl }
3920 \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl

```

When `light-syntax` is used, we insert systematically a `\CodeAfter` in the flow. Thus, it's possible to have two instructions `\CodeAfter` and the second may be in `\g_nicematrix_code_after_tl`. That's why we set `\CodeAfter` to be *no-op* now.

```
3921     \cs_set_eq:NN \CodeAfter \prg_do_nothing:
```

We clear the list of the names of the potential `\SubMatrix` that will appear in the `\CodeAfter` (unfortunately, that list has to be global).

```
3922     \seq_gclear:N \g_@@_submatrix_names_seq
```

The following code is a security for the case the user has used `babel` with the option `spanish`: in that case, the characters `>` and `<` are activated and Tikz is not able to solve the problem (even with the Tikz library `babel`).

```
3923     \int_compare:nNnT { \char_value_catcode:n { 60 } } = { 13 }
3924         { \@@_rescan_for_spanish:N \g_nicematrix_code_after_tl }
```

And here's the `\CodeAfter`. Since the `\CodeAfter` may begin with an “argument” between square brackets of the options, we extract and treat that potential “argument” with the command `\@@_CodeAfter_keys`:

```
3925     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_in_code_after_bool
3926     \exp_last_unbraced:No \@@_CodeAfter_keys: \g_nicematrix_code_after_tl
3927     \scan_stop:
3928     \tl_gclear:N \g_nicematrix_code_after_tl
3929     \group_end:
```

`\g_@@_pre_code_before_tl` is for instructions in the cells of the array such as `\rowcolor` and `\cellcolor`. These instructions will be written on the `aux` file to be added to the `code-before` in the next run.

```
3930     \seq_if_empty:NF \g_@@_rowlistcolors_seq { \@@_clear_rowlistcolors_seq: }
3931     \tl_if_empty:NF \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl
3932     {
3933         \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_aux_tl
3934         {
3935             \tl_gset:Nn \exp_not:N \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl
3936             { \exp_not:o \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl }
3937         }
3938         \tl_gclear:N \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl
3939     }
3940     \tl_if_empty:NF \g_nicematrix_code_before_tl
3941     {
3942         \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_aux_tl
3943         {
3944             \tl_gset:Nn \exp_not:N \g_@@_code_before_tl
3945             { \exp_not:o \g_nicematrix_code_before_tl }
3946         }
3947         \tl_gclear:N \g_nicematrix_code_before_tl
3948     }

3949     \str_gclear:N \g_@@_name_env_str
3950     \@@_restore_iRow_jCol:
```

The command `\CT@arc@` contains the instruction of color for the rules of the array¹³. This command is used by `\CT@arc@` but we use it also for compatibility with `colortbl`. But we want also to be able to use color for the rules of the array when `colortbl` is *not* loaded. That's why we do the following instruction which is in the patch of the end of arrays done by `colortbl`.

```
3951     \cs_gset_eq:NN \CT@arc@ \@@_old_CT@arc@
3952 }
```

¹³e.g. `\color[rgb]{0.5,0.5,0}`

```

3953 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_tuning_key_small_for_dots:
3954 {
3955     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_radius_dim { 0.7 \l_@@_xdots_radius_dim }
3956     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_inter_dim { 0.55 \l_@@_xdots_inter_dim }

```

The dimensions `\l_@@_xdots_shorten_start_dim` and `\l_@@_xdots_shorten_end_dim` correspond to the options `xdots/shorten-start` and `xdots/shorten-end` available to the user.

```

3957     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_shorten_start_dim
3958         { 0.6 \l_@@_xdots_shorten_start_dim }
3959     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_xdots_shorten_end_dim
3960         { 0.6 \l_@@_xdots_shorten_end_dim }
3961 }

```

The following command will extract the potential options (between square brackets) at the beginning of the `\CodeAfter` (that is to say, when `\CodeAfter` is used, the options of that “command” `\CodeAfter`). Idem for the `\CodeBefore`.

```

3962 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_CodeAfter_keys: { O { } }
3963     { \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / CodeAfter } { #1 } }

```

```

3964 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_create_alias_nodes:
3965 {
3966     \int_step_inline:nn { \c@iRow }
3967     {
3968         \pgfnodealias
3969             { \l_@@_name_str - ##1 - last }
3970             { \@@_env: - ##1 - \int_use:N \c@jCol }
3971     }
3972     \int_step_inline:nn { \c@jCol }
3973     {
3974         \pgfnodealias
3975             { \l_@@_name_str - last - ##1 }
3976             { \@@_env: - \int_use:N \c@iRow - ##1 }
3977     }
3978     \pgfnodealias % added 2025-04-05
3979         { \l_@@_name_str - last - last }
3980         { \@@_env: - \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_use:N \c@jCol }
3981 }

```

We remind that the first mandatory argument of the command `\Block` is the size of the block with the special format $i-j$. However, the user is allowed to omit i or j (or both). This will be interpreted as: the last row (resp. column) of the block will be the last row (resp. column) of the block (without the potential exterior row—resp. column—of the array). By convention, this is stored in `\g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq` (and `\g_@@_blocks_seq`) as a number of rows (resp. columns) for the block equal to 100. It’s possible, after the construction of the array, to replace these values by the correct ones (since we know the number of rows and columns of the array).

```

3982 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_adjust_pos_of_blocks_seq:
3983 {
3984     \seq_gset_map_e:NNn \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq
3985         { \@@_adjust_pos_of_blocks_seq_i:nnnnn ##1 }
3986 }

```

The following command must *not* be protected.

```

3987 \cs_new:Npn \@@_adjust_pos_of_blocks_seq_i:nnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
3988 {
3989     { #1 }
3990     { #2 }
3991     {
3992         \int_compare:nNnTF { #3 } > { 98 }
3993             { \int_use:N \c@iRow }
3994             { #3 }
3995     }

```

```

3996   {
3997     \int_compare:nNnTF { #4 } > { 98 }
3998       { \int_use:N \c@jCol }
3999       { #4 }
4000   }
4001   { #5 }
4002 }

```

We recall that, when externalization is used, `\tikzpicture` and `\endtikzpicture` (or `\pgfpicture` and `\endpgfpicture`) must be directly “visible”. That’s why we have to define the adequate version of `\@@_draw_dotted_lines`: whether Tikz is loaded or not (in that case, only PGF is loaded).

```

4003 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
4004 {
4005   \cs_new_protected:Npe \@@_draw_dotted_lines:
4006   {
4007     \c_@@_pgfortikzpicture_tl
4008     \@@_draw_dotted_lines_i:
4009     \c_@@_endpgfortikzpicture_tl
4010   }
4011 }

```

The following command *must* be protected because it will appear in the construction of the command `\@@_draw_dotted_lines:`.

```

4012 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_dotted_lines_i:
4013 {
4014   \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
4015   \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
4016   \g_@@_Hdotsfor_lines_tl
4017   \g_@@_Vdots_lines_tl
4018   \g_@@_Ddots_lines_tl
4019   \g_@@_Idots_lines_tl
4020   \g_@@_Cdots_lines_tl
4021   \g_@@_Ldots_lines_tl
4022 }

4023 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_restore_iRow_jCol:
4024 {
4025   \cs_if_exist:NT \theiRow { \int_gset_eq:NN \c@iRow \l_@@_old_iRow_int }
4026   \cs_if_exist:NT \thejCol { \int_gset_eq:NN \c@jCol \l_@@_old_jCol_int }
4027 }

```

We define a new PGF shape for the diag nodes because we want to provide an anchor called `.5` for those nodes.

```

4028 \pgfdeclareshape { @@_diag_node }
4029 {
4030   \savedanchor { \five }
4031   {
4032     \dim_gset_eq:NN \pgf@x \l_tmpa_dim
4033     \dim_gset_eq:NN \pgf@y \l_tmpb_dim
4034   }
4035   \anchor { 5 } { \five }
4036   \anchor { center } { \pgfpointorigin }
4037   \anchor { 1 } { \five \pgf@x = 0.2 \pgf@x \pgf@y = 0.2 \pgf@y }
4038   \anchor { 2 } { \five \pgf@x = 0.4 \pgf@x \pgf@y = 0.4 \pgf@y }
4039   \anchor { 25 } { \five \pgf@x = 0.5 \pgf@x \pgf@y = 0.5 \pgf@y }
4040   \anchor { 3 } { \five \pgf@x = 0.6 \pgf@x \pgf@y = 0.6 \pgf@y }
4041   \anchor { 4 } { \five \pgf@x = 0.8 \pgf@x \pgf@y = 0.8 \pgf@y }
4042   \anchor { 6 } { \five \pgf@x = 1.2 \pgf@x \pgf@y = 1.2 \pgf@y }
4043   \anchor { 7 } { \five \pgf@x = 1.4 \pgf@x \pgf@y = 1.4 \pgf@y }
4044   \anchor { 75 } { \five \pgf@x = 1.5 \pgf@x \pgf@y = 1.5 \pgf@y }
4045   \anchor { 8 } { \five \pgf@x = 1.6 \pgf@x \pgf@y = 1.6 \pgf@y }
4046   \anchor { 9 } { \five \pgf@x = 1.8 \pgf@x \pgf@y = 1.8 \pgf@y }
4047 }

```

The following command creates the diagonal nodes (in fact, if the matrix is not a square matrix, not all the nodes are on the diagonal).

```

4048 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_create_diag_nodes:
4049 {
4050     \pgfpicture
4051     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
4052     \int_step_inline:nn { \int_max:nn { \c@iRow } { \c@jCol } }
4053     {
4054         \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_min:nn { ##1 } { \c@jCol + 1 } }
4055         \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@x
4056         \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_min:nn { ##1 } { \c@iRow + 1 } }
4057         \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpb_dim \pgf@y
4058         \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_min:nn { ##1 + 1 } { \c@jCol + 1 } }
4059         \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpc_dim \pgf@x
4060         \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_min:nn { ##1 + 1 } { \c@iRow + 1 } }
4061         \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpd_dim \pgf@y
4062         \pgftransformshift { \pgfpoint \l_tmpa_dim \l_tmpb_dim }

```

Now, `\l_tmpa_dim` and `\l_tmpb_dim` become the width and the height of the node (of shape `@@_diag_node`) that we will construct.

```

4063 \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpa_dim { ( \l_@@_tmpc_dim - \l_tmpa_dim ) / 2 }
4064 \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpb_dim { ( \l_@@_tmpd_dim - \l_tmpb_dim ) / 2 }
4065 \pgfnode { @@_diag_node } { center } { } { \@@_env: - ##1 } { }
4066 \str_if_empty:NF \l_@@_name_str
4067     { \pgfnodealias { \l_@@_name_str - ##1 } { \@@_env: - ##1 } }
4068 }

```

Now, the last node. Of course, that is only a coordinate because there is not .5 anchor for that node.

```

4069 \int_set:Nn \l_tmpa_int { \int_max:nn { \c@iRow } { \c@jCol } + 1 }
4070 \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_min:nn { \l_tmpa_int } { \c@iRow + 1 } }
4071 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@y
4072 \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_min:nn { \l_tmpa_int } { \c@jCol + 1 } }
4073 \pgfcordinate
4074     { \@@_env: - \int_use:N \l_tmpa_int } { \pgfpoint \pgf@x \l_tmpa_dim }
4075 \pgfnodealias
4076     { \@@_env: - last }
4077     { \@@_env: - \int_eval:n { \int_max:nn { \c@iRow } { \c@jCol } + 1 } }
4078 \str_if_empty:NF \l_@@_name_str
4079 {
4080     \pgfnodealias
4081         { \l_@@_name_str - \int_use:N \l_tmpa_int }
4082         { \@@_env: - \int_use:N \l_tmpa_int }
4083     \pgfnodealias
4084         { \l_@@_name_str - last }
4085         { \@@_env: - last }
4086 }
4087 \endpgfpicture
4088 }

```

16 We draw the dotted lines

A dotted line will be said *open* in one of its extremities when it stops on the edge of the matrix and *closed* otherwise. In the following matrix, the dotted line is closed on its left extremity and open on its right.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a+b+c & a+b & a \\ & \dots & \dots \\ a & a+b & a+b+c \end{pmatrix}$$

The command `\@_find_extremities_of_line:nnnn` takes four arguments:

- the first argument is the row of the cell where the command was issued;
- the second argument is the column of the cell where the command was issued;
- the third argument is the x -value of the orientation vector of the line;
- the fourth argument is the y -value of the orientation vector of the line.

This command computes:

- `\l @_initial_i_int` and `\l @_initial_j_int` which are the coordinates of one extremity of the line;
- `\l @_final_i_int` and `\l @_final_j_int` which are the coordinates of the other extremity of the line;
- `\l @_initial_open_bool` and `\l @_final_open_bool` to indicate whether the extremities are open or not.

```
4089 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@_find_extremities_of_line:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4
4090 {
```

First, we declare the current cell as “dotted” because we forbide intersections of dotted lines.

```
4091 \cs_set_nopar:cpn { @_ dotted _ #1 - #2 } { }
```

Initialization of variables.

```
4092 \int_set:Nn \l @_initial_i_int { #1 }
4093 \int_set:Nn \l @_initial_j_int { #2 }
4094 \int_set:Nn \l @_final_i_int { #1 }
4095 \int_set:Nn \l @_final_j_int { #2 }
```

We will do two loops: one when determining the initial cell and the other when determining the final cell. The boolean `\l @_stop_loop_bool` will be used to control these loops. In the first loop, we search the “final” extremity of the line.

```
4096 \bool_set_false:N \l @_stop_loop_bool
4097 \bool_do_until:Nn \l @_stop_loop_bool
4098 {
4099     \int_add:Nn \l @_final_i_int { #3 }
4100     \int_add:Nn \l @_final_j_int { #4 }
4101     \bool_set_false:N \l @_final_open_bool
```

We test if we are still in the matrix. Since this is the core of the loop, we **optimize** the code by using a TeX-style of conditionals.

```
4102 \if_int_compare:w \l @_final_i_int > \l @_row_max_int
4103     \if_int_compare:w #3 = \c_one_int
4104         \bool_set_true:N \l @_final_open_bool
4105     \else:
4106         \if_int_compare:w \l @_final_j_int > \l @_col_max_int
4107             \bool_set_true:N \l @_final_open_bool
4108         \fi:
4109     \fi:
4110 \else:
4111     \if_int_compare:w \l @_final_j_int < \l @_col_min_int
4112         \if_int_compare:w #4 = -1
4113             \bool_set_true:N \l @_final_open_bool
4114         \fi:
4115     \else:
4116         \if_int_compare:w \l @_final_j_int > \l @_col_max_int
4117             \if_int_compare:w #4 = \c_one_int
4118                 \bool_set_true:N \l @_final_open_bool
4119             \fi:
4120         \fi:
4121     \fi:
4122 \fi:
```

```
4123 \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_final_open_bool
```

If we are outside the matrix, we have found the extremity of the dotted line and it's an *open* extremity.

```
4124 {
```

We do a step backwards.

```
4125     \int_sub:Nn \l_@@_final_i_int { #3 }
4126     \int_sub:Nn \l_@@_final_j_int { #4 }
4127     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_stop_loop_bool
4128 }
```

If we are in the matrix, we test whether the cell is empty. If it's not the case, we stop the loop because we have found the correct values for `\l_@@_final_i_int` and `\l_@@_final_j_int`.

```
4129 {
4130     \cs_if_exist:cTF
4131     {
4132         @@ _ dotted _
4133         \int_use:N \l_@@_final_i_int -
4134         \int_use:N \l_@@_final_j_int
4135     }
4136     {
4137         \int_sub:Nn \l_@@_final_i_int { #3 }
4138         \int_sub:Nn \l_@@_final_j_int { #4 }
4139         \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_final_open_bool
4140         \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_stop_loop_bool
4141     }
4142     {
4143         \cs_if_exist:cTF
4144         {
4145             pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env:
4146             - \int_use:N \l_@@_final_i_int
4147             - \int_use:N \l_@@_final_j_int
4148         }
4149         { \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_stop_loop_bool }
```

If the case is empty, we declare that the cell as non-empty. Indeed, we will draw a dotted line and the cell will be on that dotted line. All the cells of a dotted line have to be marked as “dotted” because we don't want intersections between dotted lines. We recall that the research of the extremities of the lines are all done in the same TeX group (the group of the environment), even though, when the extremities are found, each line is drawn in a TeX group that we will open for the options of the line.

```
4150 {
4151     \cs_set_nopar:cpn
4152     {
4153         @@ _ dotted _
4154         \int_use:N \l_@@_final_i_int -
4155         \int_use:N \l_@@_final_j_int
4156     }
4157     { }
4158 }
4159 }
4160 }
```

For `\l_@@_initial_i_int` and `\l_@@_initial_j_int` the programmation is similar to the previous one.

```
4162 \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_stop_loop_bool
```

The following line of code is only for efficiency in the following loop.

```
4163 \int_set:Nn \l_tmpa_int { \l_@@_col_min_int - 1 }
4164 \bool_do_until:Nn \l_@@_stop_loop_bool
4165 {
4166     \int_sub:Nn \l_@@_initial_i_int { #3 }
4167     \int_sub:Nn \l_@@_initial_j_int { #4 }
4168     \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
```

We test if we are still in the matrix. Since this is the core of the loop, we **optimize** the code by using a TeX-style of conditionals.

```

4169      \if_int_compare:w \l_@@_initial_i_int < \l_@@_row_min_int
4170          \if_int_compare:w #3 = \c_one_int
4171              \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4172          \else:
4173
4174      \l_tmpa_int contains \l_@@_col_min_int - 1 (only for efficiency).
4175          \if_int_compare:w \l_@@_initial_j_int = \l_tmpa_int
4176              \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4177          \fi:
4178      \else:
4179          \if_int_compare:w \l_@@_initial_j_int < \l_@@_col_min_int
4180              \if_int_compare:w #4 = \c_one_int
4181                  \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4182              \fi:
4183          \else:
4184              \if_int_compare:w \l_@@_initial_j_int > \l_@@_col_max_int
4185                  \if_int_compare:w #4 = -1
4186                      \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4187                  \fi:
4188              \else:
4189                  \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4190                  {
4191                      \int_add:Nn \l_@@_initial_i_int { #3 }
4192                      \int_add:Nn \l_@@_initial_j_int { #4 }
4193                      \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_stop_loop_bool
4194                  }
4195                  {
4196                      \cs_if_exist:cTF
4197                      {
4198                          @@ _ dotted _
4199                          \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_i_int -
4200                          \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_j_int
4201                      }
4202                      {
4203                          \int_add:Nn \l_@@_initial_i_int { #3 }
4204                          \int_add:Nn \l_@@_initial_j_int { #4 }
4205                          \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4206                          \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_stop_loop_bool
4207                      }
4208                      {
4209                          \cs_if_exist:cTF
4210                          {
4211                              pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env:
4212                              - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_i_int
4213                              - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_j_int
4214                          }
4215                          { \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_stop_loop_bool }
4216                          {
4217                              \cs_set_nopar:cpn
4218                              {
4219                                  @@ _ dotted _
4220                                  \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_i_int -
4221                                  \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_j_int
4222                              }
4223                              { }
4224                          }
4225                      }
4226                  }
4227

```

```
4228 }
```

We remind the rectangle described by all the dotted lines in order to respect the corresponding virtual “block” when drawing the horizontal and vertical rules.

```
4229 \seq_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pos_of_xdots_seq
4230 {
4231     { \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_i_int }
4232     { \int_min:nn { \l_@@_initial_j_int } { \l_@@_final_j_int } }
4233     { \int_use:N \l_@@_final_i_int }
4234     { \int_max:nn { \l_@@_initial_j_int } { \l_@@_final_j_int } }
4235     { } % for the name of the block
4236 }
4237 }
```

If the final user uses the key `xdots/shorten` in `\NiceMatrixOptions` or at the level of an environment (such as `{pNiceMatrix}`, etc.), only the so called “closed extremities” will be shortened by that key. The following command will be used *after* the detection of the extremities of a dotted line (hence at a time when we known whether the extremities are closed or open) but before the analyse of the keys of the individual command `\Cdots`, `\Vdots`. Hence, the keys `shorten`, `shorten-start` and `shorten-end` of that individual command will be applied.

```
4238 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_open_shorten:
4239 {
4240     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4241         { \dim_zero:N \l_@@_xdots_shorten_start_dim }
4242     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_final_open_bool
4243         { \dim_zero:N \l_@@_xdots_shorten_end_dim }
4244 }
```

The following command (*when it will be written*) will set the four counters `\l_@@_row_min_int`, `\l_@@_row_max_int`, `\l_@@_col_min_int` and `\l_@@_col_max_int` to the intersections of the submatrices which contains the cell of row #1 and column #2. As of now, it’s only the whole array (excepted exterior rows and columns).

```
4245 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_adjust_to_submatrix:nn #1 #2
4246 {
4247     \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_row_min_int \c_one_int
4248     \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_col_min_int \c_one_int
4249     \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_row_max_int \c@iRow
4250     \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_col_max_int \c@jCol
```

We do a loop over all the submatrices specified in the `code-before`. We have stored the position of all those submatrices in `\g_@@_submatrix_seq`.

```
4251 \seq_if_empty:NF \g_@@_submatrix_seq
4252 {
4253     \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_submatrix_seq
4254         { \@@_adjust_to_submatrix:nnnnnn { #1 } { #2 } ##1 }
4255     }
4256 }
```

#1 and #2 are the numbers of row and columns of the cell where the command of dotted line (ex.: `\Vdots`) has been issued. #3, #4, #5 and #6 are the specification (in *i* and *j*) of the submatrix we are analyzing.

Here is the programmation of that command with the the standard syntax of L3.

```
\cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_adjust_to_submatrix:nnnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6
{
    \bool_if:nT
    {
        \int_compare_p:n { #3 <= #1 <= #5 }
        &&
        \int_compare_p:n { #4 <= #2 <= #6 }
```

```

}
{
    \int_set:Nn \l_@@_row_min_int { \int_max:nn \l_@@_row_min_int { #3 } }
    \int_set:Nn \l_@@_col_min_int { \int_max:nn \l_@@_col_min_int { #4 } }
    \int_set:Nn \l_@@_row_max_int { \int_min:nn \l_@@_row_max_int { #5 } }
    \int_set:Nn \l_@@_col_max_int { \int_min:nn \l_@@_col_max_int { #6 } }
}
}

```

However, for efficiency, we will use the following version.

```

4257 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_adjust_to_submatrix:nnnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6
4258 {
4259     \if_int_compare:w #3 > #1
4260     \else:
4261         \if_int_compare:w #1 > #5
4262         \else:
4263             \if_int_compare:w #4 > #2
4264             \else:
4265                 \if_int_compare:w #2 > #6
4266                 \else:
4267                     \if_int_compare:w \l_@@_row_min_int < #3 \l_@@_row_min_int = #3 \fi:
4268                     \if_int_compare:w \l_@@_col_min_int < #4 \l_@@_col_min_int = #4 \fi:
4269                     \if_int_compare:w \l_@@_row_max_int < #5 \l_@@_row_max_int = #5 \fi:
4270                     \if_int_compare:w \l_@@_col_max_int < #6 \l_@@_col_max_int = #6 \fi:
4271                 \fi:
4272             \fi:
4273         \fi:
4274     \fi:
4275 }

4276 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_set_initial_coords:
4277 {
4278     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \pgf@x
4279     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_initial_dim \pgf@y
4280 }
4281 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_set_final_coords:
4282 {
4283     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_final_dim \pgf@x
4284     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_final_dim \pgf@y
4285 }
4286 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_set_initial_coords_from_anchor:n #1
4287 {
4288     \pgfpointanchor
4289     {
4290         \@@_env:
4291         - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_i_int
4292         - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_j_int
4293     }
4294     { #1 }
4295     \@@_set_initial_coords:
4296 }
4297 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_set_final_coords_from_anchor:n #1
4298 {
4299     \pgfpointanchor
4300     {
4301         \@@_env:
4302         - \int_use:N \l_@@_final_i_int
4303         - \int_use:N \l_@@_final_j_int
4304     }
4305     { #1 }
4306     \@@_set_final_coords:
4307 }

```

```

4308 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_open_x_initial_dim:
4309 {
4310     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \c_max_dim
4311     \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_row_int } { \g_@@_row_total_int }
4312     {
4313         \cs_if_exist:cT
4314             { pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - ##1 - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_j_int }
4315             {
4316                 \pgfpointanchor
4317                     { \@@_env: - ##1 - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_j_int }
4318                     { west }
4319                 \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_x_initial_dim
4320                     { \dim_min:nn { \l_@@_x_initial_dim } { \pgf@x } }
4321             }
4322     }

```

If, in fact, all the cells of the column are empty (no PGF/Tikz nodes in those cells).

```

4323 \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_x_initial_dim } = { \c_max_dim }
4324 {
4325     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_j_int }
4326     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \pgf@x
4327     \dim_add:Nn \l_@@_x_initial_dim \col@sep
4328 }
4329 }

4330 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_open_x_final_dim:
4331 {
4332     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_x_final_dim { - \c_max_dim }
4333     \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_row_int } { \g_@@_row_total_int }
4334     {
4335         \cs_if_exist:cT
4336             { pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - ##1 - \int_use:N \l_@@_final_j_int }
4337             {
4338                 \pgfpointanchor
4339                     { \@@_env: - ##1 - \int_use:N \l_@@_final_j_int }
4340                     { east }
4341                 \dim_compare:nNnT { \pgf@x } > { \l_@@_x_final_dim }
4342                     { \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_final_dim \pgf@x }
4343             }
4344     }

```

If, in fact, all the cells of the columns are empty (no PGF/Tikz nodes in those cells).

```

4345 \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_x_final_dim } = { - \c_max_dim }
4346 {
4347     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { \l_@@_final_j_int + 1 } }
4348     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_final_dim \pgf@x
4349     \dim_sub:Nn \l_@@_x_final_dim \col@sep
4350 }
4351

```

The first and the second arguments are the coordinates of the cell where the command has been issued. The third argument is the list of the options.

```

4352 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_Ldots:nnn #1 #2 #3
4353 {
4354     \@@_adjust_to_submatrix:nn { #1 } { #2 }
4355     \cs_if_free:cT { @_ dotted _ #1 - #2 }
4356     {
4357         \@@_find_extremities_of_line:nnnn { #1 } { #2 } 0 1

```

The previous command may have changed the current environment by marking some cells as “dotted”, but, fortunately, it is outside the group for the options of the line.

```

4358 \group_begin:
4359     \@@_open_shorten:

```

```

4360     \int_if_zero:nTF { #1 }
4361         { \color { nicematrix-first-row } }
4362         {

```

We remind that, when there is a “last row” $\l_@@_last_row_int$ will always be (after the construction of the array) the number of that “last row” even if the option `last-row` has been used without value.

```

4363     \int_compare:nNnT { #1 } = { \l_@@_last_row_int }
4364         { \color { nicematrix-last-row } }
4365         }
4366     \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / xdots } { #3 }
4367     \color:o \l_@@_xdots_color_tl
4368     \actually_draw_Ldots:
4369     \group_end:
4370   }
4371 }

```

The command `\@@_actually_draw_Ldots:` has the following implicit arguments:

- $\l_@@_initial_i_int$
- $\l_@@_initial_j_int$
- $\l_@@_initial_open_bool$
- $\l_@@_final_i_int$
- $\l_@@_final_j_int$
- $\l_@@_final_open_bool$.

The following function is also used by `\Hdotsfor`.

```

4372 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_actually_draw_Ldots:
4373   {
4374     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4375     {
4376       \@@_open_x_initial_dim:
4377       \qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_i_int - base }
4378       \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_initial_dim \pgf@y
4379     }
4380     \@@_set_initial_coords_from_anchor:n { base-east }
4381   \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_final_open_bool
4382   {
4383     \@@_open_x_final_dim:
4384     \qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_@@_final_i_int - base }
4385     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_final_dim \pgf@y
4386   }
4387   \@@_set_final_coords_from_anchor:n { base-west }

```

Now the case of a `\Hdotsfor` (or when there is only a `\Ldots`) in the “last row” (that case will probably arise when the final user draws an arrow to indicate the number of columns of the matrix). In the “first row”, we don’t need any adjustment.

```

4388 \bool_lazy_all:nTF
4389   {
4390     \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4391     \l_@@_final_open_bool
4392     { \int_compare_p:nNn { \l_@@_initial_i_int } = { \l_@@_last_row_int } }
4393   }
4394   {
4395     \dim_add:Nn \l_@@_y_initial_dim \c_@@_shift_Ldots_last_row_dim
4396     \dim_add:Nn \l_@@_y_final_dim \c_@@_shift_Ldots_last_row_dim
4397   }

```

We raise the line of a quantity equal to the radius of the dots because we want the dots really “on” the line of text. Of course, maybe we should not do that when the option `line-style` is used (?).

```

4398   {
4399     \dim_add:Nn \l_@@_y_initial_dim \l_@@_xdots_radius_dim

```

```

4400     \dim_add:Nn \l_@@_y_final_dim \l_@@_xdots_radius_dim
4401 }
4402 \@@_draw_line:
4403 }

```

The first and the second arguments are the coordinates of the cell where the command has been issued. The third argument is the list of the options.

```

4404 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_Cdots:nnn #1 #2 #3
4405 {
4406     \@@_adjust_to_submatrix:nn { #1 } { #2 }
4407     \cs_if_free:cT { @_ dotted _ #1 - #2 }
4408     {
4409         \@@_find_extremities_of_line:nnnn { #1 } { #2 } { 0 } { 1 }

```

The previous command may have changed the current environment by marking some cells as “dotted”, but, fortunately, it is outside the group for the options of the line.

```

4410 \group_begin:
4411     \@@_open_shorten:
4412     \int_if_zero:nTF { #1 }
4413     {
4414         \color { nicematrix-first-row }

```

We remind that, when there is a “last row” `\l_@@_last_row_int` will always be (after the construction of the array) the number of that “last row” even if the option `last-row` has been used without value.

```

4415     \int_compare:nNnT { #1 } = { \l_@@_last_row_int }
4416     {
4417         \color { nicematrix-last-row }
4418     }
4419     \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / xdots } { #3 }
4420     \@@_color:o \l_@@_xdots_color_tl
4421     \@@_actually_draw_Cdots:
4422     \group_end:
4423 }

```

The command `\@@_actually_draw_Cdots:` has the following implicit arguments:

- `\l_@@_initial_i_int`
- `\l_@@_initial_j_int`
- `\l_@@_initial_open_bool`
- `\l_@@_final_i_int`
- `\l_@@_final_j_int`
- `\l_@@_final_open_bool`.

```

4424 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_actually_draw_Cdots:
4425 {
4426     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4427     {
4428         \@@_open_x_initial_dim:
4429         \@@_set_initial_coords_from_anchor:n { mid-east }
4430     }
4431     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_final_open_bool
4432     {
4433         \@@_open_x_final_dim:
4434         \@@_set_final_coords_from_anchor:n { mid-west }
4435     }
4436     \bool_lazy_and:nnTF
4437     {
4438         \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4439         \l_@@_final_open_bool
4440     }
4441     {
4442         \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_i_int }
4443         \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@y
4444         \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { \l_@@_initial_i_int + 1 } }
4445         \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_y_initial_dim { ( \l_tmpa_dim + \pgf@y ) / 2 }

```

```

4440 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_final_dim \l_@@_y_initial_dim
4441 }
4442 {
4443     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4444         { \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_initial_dim \l_@@_y_final_dim }
4445     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_final_open_bool
4446         { \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_final_dim \l_@@_y_initial_dim }
4447 }
4448 \@@_draw_line:
4449 }

4450 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_open_y_initial_dim:
4451 {
4452     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_y_initial_dim { - \c_max_dim }
4453     \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_col_int } { \g_@@_col_total_int }
4454     {
4455         \cs_if_exist:cT
4456             { \pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_i_int - ##1 }
4457             {
4458                 \pgfpointanchor
4459                     { \@@_env: - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_i_int - ##1 }
4460                     { north }
4461                 \dim_compare:nNnT { \pgf@y } > { \l_@@_y_initial_dim }
4462                     { \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_initial_dim \pgf@y }
4463             }
4464         }
4465     \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_y_initial_dim } = { - \c_max_dim }
4466     {
4467         \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_i_int - base }
4468         \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_y_initial_dim
4469         {
4470             \fp_to_dim:n
4471             {
4472                 \pgf@y
4473                     + ( \box_ht:N \strutbox + \extrarowheight ) * \arraystretch
4474             }
4475         }
4476     }
4477 }

4478 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_open_y_final_dim:
4479 {
4480     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_final_dim \c_max_dim
4481     \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_col_int } { \g_@@_col_total_int }
4482     {
4483         \cs_if_exist:cT
4484             { \pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - \int_use:N \l_@@_final_i_int - ##1 }
4485             {
4486                 \pgfpointanchor
4487                     { \@@_env: - \int_use:N \l_@@_final_i_int - ##1 }
4488                     { south }
4489                 \dim_compare:nNnT { \pgf@y } < { \l_@@_y_final_dim }
4490                     { \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_final_dim \pgf@y }
4491             }
4492         }
4493     \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_y_final_dim } = { \c_max_dim }
4494     {
4495         \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_@@_final_i_int - base }
4496         \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_y_final_dim
4497             { \fp_to_dim:n { \pgf@y - ( \box_dp:N \strutbox ) * \arraystretch } }
4498     }
4499 }

```

The first and the second arguments are the coordinates of the cell where the command has been issued. The third argument is the list of the options.

```

4500 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_Vdots:nnn #1 #2 #3
4501 {
4502     \@@_adjust_to_submatrix:nn { #1 } { #2 }
4503     \cs_if_free:cT { @@ _ dotted _ #1 - #2 }
4504     {
4505         \@@_find_extremities_of_line:nnnn { #1 } { #2 } { 1 } { 0 }

```

The previous command may have changed the current environment by marking some cells as “dotted”, but, fortunately, it is outside the group for the options of the line.

```

4506 \group_begin:
4507     \@@_open_shorten:
4508     \int_if_zero:nTF { #2 }
4509     {
4510         \color { nicematrix-first-col } }
4511         \int_compare:nNnT { #2 } = { \l_@@_last_col_int }
4512             { \color { nicematrix-last-col } }
4513     }
4514     \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / xdots } { #3 }
4515     \color{o} \l_@@_xdots_color_tl
4516     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_Vbrace_bool
4517         { \@@_actually_draw_Vbrace: }
4518         { \@@_actually_draw_Vdots: }
4519     \group_end:
4520 }
4521 }

```

The following function is used by regular calls of `\Vdots` or `\Vdotsfor` but not by `\Vbrace`. The command `\@@_actually_draw_Vdots:` has the following implicit arguments:

- `\l_@@_initial_i_int`
- `\l_@@_initial_j_int`
- `\l_@@_initial_open_bool`
- `\l_@@_final_i_int`
- `\l_@@_final_j_int`
- `\l_@@_final_open_bool.`

```

4522 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_actually_draw_Vdots:
4523 {
4524     \bool_lazy_and:nnTF { \l_@@_initial_open_bool } { \l_@@_final_open_bool }
4525         { \@@_actually_draw_Vdots_i: }
4526         { \@@_actually_draw_Vdots_ii: }
4527     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_final_dim \l_@@_x_initial_dim
4528     \@@_draw_line:
4529 }

```

First, the case of a dotted line open on both sides.

```

4530 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_actually_draw_Vdots_i:
4531 {
4532     \@@_open_y_initial_dim:
4533     \@@_open_y_final_dim:
4534     \int_if_zero:nTF { \l_@@_initial_j_int }

```

We have a dotted line open on both sides in the “first column”.

```

4535 {
4536     \@@_qpoint:n { col - 1 }
4537     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \pgf@x
4538     \dim_sub:Nn \l_@@_x_initial_dim
4539         { \@@_colsep: + \l_@@_left_margin_dim + \l_@@_extra_left_margin_dim }
4540 }
4541 {

```

```

4542 \bool_lazy_and:nNF
4543   { \int_compare_p:nNn { \l_@@_last_col_int } > { -2 } }
4544   {
4545     \int_compare_p:nNn
4546       { \l_@@_initial_j_int } = { \g_@@_col_total_int }
4547   }

```

We have a dotted line open on both sides and which is in the “last column”.

```

4548   {
4549     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_j_int }
4550     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \pgf@x
4551     \dim_add:Nn \l_@@_x_initial_dim
4552       { \@@_colsep: + \l_@@_right_margin_dim + \l_@@_extra_right_margin_dim }
4553   }

```

We have a dotted line open on both sides which is *not* in an exterior column.

```

4554   {
4555     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_j_int }
4556     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@x
4557     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { \l_@@_initial_j_int + 1 } }
4558     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_x_initial_dim { ( \pgf@x + \l_tmpa_dim ) / 2 }
4559   }
4560 }
4561 }

```

The command `\@@_draw_line:` is in `\@@_actually_draw_Vdots:`

Now, the dotted line is *not* open on both sides (maybe open on only one side).

The main task is to determine the x -value of the dotted line to draw.

The boolean `\l_tmpa_bool` will indicate whether the column is of type 1 or may be considered as if.

```

4562 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_actually_draw_Vdots_ii:
4563   {
4564     \bool_set_false:N \l_tmpa_bool
4565     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4566     {
4567       \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_final_open_bool
4568       {
4569         \@@_set_initial_coords_from_anchor:n { south-west }
4570         \@@_set_final_coords_from_anchor:n { north-west }
4571         \bool_set:Nn \l_tmpa_bool
4572           {
4573             \dim_compare_p:nNn
4574               { \l_@@_x_initial_dim } = { \l_@@_x_final_dim }
4575           }
4576       }
4577     }
4578   }

```

Now, we try to determine whether the column is of type c or may be considered as if.

```

4578 \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4579   {
4580     \@@_open_y_initial_dim:
4581     \@@_set_final_coords_from_anchor:n { north }
4582     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \l_@@_x_final_dim
4583   }
4584   {
4585     \@@_set_initial_coords_from_anchor:n { south }
4586     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_final_open_bool
4587       { \@@_open_y_final_dim: }

```

Now the case where both extremities are closed. The first conditional tests whether the column is of type c or may be considered as if.

```

4588   {
4589     \@@_set_final_coords_from_anchor:n { north }
4590     \dim_compare:nNnf { \l_@@_x_initial_dim } = { \l_@@_x_final_dim }
4591       {

```

```

4592     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_x_initial_dim
4593     {
4594         \bool_if:NTF \l_tmpa_bool { \dim_min:nn } { \dim_max:nn }
4595             \l_@@_x_initial_dim \l_@@_x_final_dim
4596     }
4597 }
4598 }
4599 }
4600 }
```

The following function is used by `\Vbrace` but not by regular uses of `\Vdots` or `\Vdotsfor`. The command `\@@_actually_draw_Vbrace:` has the following implicit arguments:

- `\l_@@_initial_i_int`
- `\l_@@_initial_j_int`
- `\l_@@_initial_open_bool`
- `\l_@@_final_i_int`
- `\l_@@_final_j_int`
- `\l_@@_final_open_bool.`

```

4601 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_actually_draw_Vbrace:
4602 {
4603     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4604         { \@@_open_y_initial_dim: }
4605         { \@@_set_initial_coords_from_anchor:n { south } }
4606     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_final_open_bool
4607         { \@@_open_y_final_dim: }
4608         { \@@_set_final_coords_from_anchor:n { north } }
```

Now, we have the correct values for the y -values of both extremities of the brace. We have to compute the x -value (there is only one x -value since, of course, the brace is vertical).

If we are in the first (exterior) column, the brace must be drawn right flush.

```

4609 \int_if_zero:nTF { \l_@@_initial_j_int }
4610 {
4611     \@@_qpoint:n { col - 1 }
4612     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \pgf@x
4613     \dim_sub:Nn \l_@@_x_initial_dim
4614         { \@@_colsep: + \l_@@_left_margin_dim + \l_@@_extra_left_margin_dim }
4615 }
```

Elsewhere, the brace must be drawn left flush.

```

4616 {
4617     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_j_int }
4618     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \pgf@x
4619     \dim_add:Nn \l_@@_x_initial_dim
4620         { \@@_colsep: + \l_@@_right_margin_dim + \l_@@_extra_right_margin_dim }
4621 }
```

We draw a vertical rule and that's why, of course, both x -values are equal.

```

4622 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_final_dim \l_@@_x_initial_dim
4623 \@@_draw_line:
4624 }
4625 \cs_new:Npn \@@_colsep:
4626     { \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_tabular_bool { \tabcolsep } { \arraycolsep } }
```

For the diagonal lines, the situation is a bit more complicated because, by default, we parallelize the diagonals lines. The first diagonal line is drawn and then, all the other diagonal lines are drawn parallel to the first one.

The first and the second arguments are the coordinates of the cell where the command has been issued. The third argument is the list of the options.

```
4627 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_Ddots:nnn #1 #2 #3
4628 {
4629   \@@_adjust_to_submatrix:nn { #1 } { #2 }
4630   \cs_if_free:cT { @@ _ dotted _ #1 - #2 }
4631   {
4632     \@@_find_extremities_of_line:nnnn { #1 } { #2 } { 1 } { 1 }
```

The previous command may have changed the current environment by marking some cells as “dotted”, but, fortunately, it is outside the group for the options of the line.

```
4633 \group_begin:
4634   \@@_open_shorten:
4635   \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / xdots } { #3 }
4636   \@@_color:o \l_@@_xdots_color_tl
4637   \@@_actually_draw_Ddots:
4638   \group_end:
4639 }
4640 }
```

The command `\@@_actually_draw_Ddots:` has the following implicit arguments:

- `\l_@@_initial_i_int`
- `\l_@@_initial_j_int`
- `\l_@@_initial_open_bool`
- `\l_@@_final_i_int`
- `\l_@@_final_j_int`
- `\l_@@_final_open_bool.`

```
4641 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_actually_draw_Ddots:
4642 {
4643   \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4644   {
4645     \@@_open_y_initial_dim:
4646     \@@_open_x_initial_dim:
4647   }
4648   { \@@_set_initial_coords_from_anchor:n { south-east } }
4649   \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_final_open_bool
4650   {
4651     \@@_open_x_final_dim:
4652     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_final_dim \pgf@x
4653   }
4654   { \@@_set_final_coords_from_anchor:n { north-west } }
```

We have retrieved the coordinates in the usual way (they are stored in `\l_@@_x_initial_dim`, etc.). If the parallelization of the diagonals is set, we will have (maybe) to adjust the fourth coordinate.

```
4655 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_parallelize_diags_bool
4656 {
4657   \int_gincr:N \g_@@_ddots_int
```

We test if the diagonal line is the first one (the counter `\g_@@_ddots_int` is created for this usage).

```
4658 \int_compare:nNnTF { \g_@@_ddots_int } = { \c_one_int }
```

If the diagonal line is the first one, we have no adjustment of the line to do but we store the Δ_x and the Δ_y of the line because these values will be used to draw the others diagonal lines parallels to the first one.

```
4659 {
```

```

4660         \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_delta_x_one_dim
4661             { \l_@@_x_final_dim - \l_@@_x_initial_dim }
4662         \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_delta_y_one_dim
4663             { \l_@@_y_final_dim - \l_@@_y_initial_dim }
4664     }

```

If the diagonal line is not the first one, we have to adjust the second extremity of the line by modifying the coordinate `\l_@@_x_initial_dim`.

```

4665     {
4666         \dim_compare:nNnF { \g_@@_delta_x_one_dim } = { \c_zero_dim }
4667             {
4668                 \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_y_final_dim
4669                     {
4670                         \l_@@_y_initial_dim +
4671                         ( \l_@@_x_final_dim - \l_@@_x_initial_dim ) *
4672                             \dim_ratio:nn \g_@@_delta_y_one_dim \g_@@_delta_x_one_dim
4673                     }
4674             }
4675         }
4676     }
4677     \@@_draw_line:
4678 }

```

We draw the `\Iddots` diagonals in the same way.

The first and the second arguments are the coordinates of the cell where the command has been issued. The third argument is the list of the options.

```

4679 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_Iddots:nnn #1 #2 #3
4700 {
4701     \@@_adjust_to_submatrix:nn { #1 } { #2 }
4702     \cs_if_free:cT { @@ _ dotted _ #1 - #2 }
4703     {
4704         \@@_find_extremities_of_line:nnnn { #1 } { #2 } { 1 } { -1 }

```

The previous command may have changed the current environment by marking some cells as “dotted”, but, fortunately, it is outside the group for the options of the line.

```

4705     \group_begin:
4706         \@@_open_shorten:
4707         \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / xdots } { #3 }
4708         \@@_color:o \l_@@_xdots_color_tl
4709         \@@_actually_draw_Iddots:
4710     \group_end:
4711 }
4712 }

```

The command `\@@_actually_draw_Iddots:` has the following implicit arguments:

- `\l_@@_initial_i_int`
- `\l_@@_initial_j_int`
- `\l_@@_initial_open_bool`
- `\l_@@_final_i_int`
- `\l_@@_final_j_int`
- `\l_@@_final_open_bool`.

```

4693 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_actually_draw_Iddots:
4694 {
4695     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_initial_open_bool
4696         {
4697             \@@_open_y_initial_dim:
4698             \@@_open_x_initial_dim:
4699         }

```

```

4700 { \@@_set_initial_coords_from_anchor:n { south-west } }
4701 \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_final_open_bool
4702 {
4703     \@@_open_y_final_dim:
4704     \@@_open_x_final_dim:
4705 }
4706 { \@@_set_final_coords_from_anchor:n { north-east } }
4707 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_parallelize_diags_bool
4708 {
4709     \int_gincr:N \g_@@_iddots_int
4710     \int_compare:nNnTF { \g_@@_iddots_int } = { \c_one_int }
4711     {
4712         \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_delta_x_two_dim
4713         { \l_@@_x_final_dim - \l_@@_x_initial_dim }
4714         \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_delta_y_two_dim
4715         { \l_@@_y_final_dim - \l_@@_y_initial_dim }
4716     }
4717     {
4718         \dim_compare:nNnF { \g_@@_delta_x_two_dim } = { \c_zero_dim }
4719         {
4720             \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_y_final_dim
4721             {
4722                 \l_@@_y_initial_dim +
4723                 ( \l_@@_x_final_dim - \l_@@_x_initial_dim ) *
4724                 \dim_ratio:nn \g_@@_delta_y_two_dim \g_@@_delta_x_two_dim
4725             }
4726         }
4727     }
4728 }
4729 \@@_draw_line:
4730 }
```

17 The actual instructions for drawing the dotted lines with Tikz

The command `\@@_draw_line:` should be used in a `{pgfpicture}`. It has six implicit arguments:

- `\l_@@_x_initial_dim`
- `\l_@@_y_initial_dim`
- `\l_@@_x_final_dim`
- `\l_@@_y_final_dim`
- `\l_@@_initial_open_bool`
- `\l_@@_final_open_bool`

```

4731 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_line:
4732 {
4733     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
4734     \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
4735     \bool_lazy_or:nnTF
4736     { \tl_if_eq_p:NN \l_@@_xdots_line_style_tl \c_@@_standard_tl }
4737     { \l_@@_dotted_bool }
4738     { \@@_draw_standard_dotted_line: }
4739     { \@@_draw_unstandard_dotted_line: }
4740 }
```

We have to do a special construction with `\exp_args:Npn` to be able to put in the list of options in the correct place in the Tikz instruction.

```

4741 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_unstandard_dotted_line:
4742 {
4743     \begin { scope }
4744     \@@_draw_unstandard_dotted_line:o
4745         { \l_@@_xdots_line_style_tl , \l_@@_xdots_color_tl }
4746 }
```

We have used the fact that, in PGF, un color name can be put directly in a list of options (that's why we have put diretly `\l_@@_xdots_color_tl`).

The argument of `\@@_draw_unstandard_dotted_line:n` is, in fact, the list of options.

```

4747 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_unstandard_dotted_line:n #1
4748 {
4749     \@@_draw_unstandard_dotted_line:nooo
4750         { #1 }
4751         \l_@@_xdots_up_tl
4752         \l_@@_xdots_down_tl
4753         \l_@@_xdots_middle_tl
4754 }
4755 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_draw_unstandard_dotted_line:n { o }
```

The following Tikz styles are for the three labels (set by the symbols `_`, `^` and `=`) of a continuous line with a non-standard style.

```

4756 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
4757 {
4758     \IfPackageLoadedT { tikz }
4759     {
4760         \tikzset
4761         {
4762             @@_node_above / .style = { sloped , above } ,
4763             @@_node_below / .style = { sloped , below } ,
4764             @@_node_middle / .style =
4765             {
4766                 sloped ,
4767                 inner_sep = \c_@@_innersep_middle_dim
4768             }
4769         }
4770     }
4771 }
```



```

4772 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_unstandard_dotted_line:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4
4773 {
```

We take into account the parameters `xdots/shorten-start` and `xdots/shorten-end` “by hand” because, when we use the key `shorten >` and `shorten <` of TikZ in the command `\draw`, we don't have the expected output with `{decorate,decoration=brace}` is used.

The dimension `\l_@@_l_dim` is the length ℓ of the line to draw. We use the floating point reals of the L3 programming layer to compute this length.

```

4774 \dim_zero_new:N \l_@@_l_dim
4775 \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_l_dim
4776 {
4777     \fp_to_dim:n
4778     {
4779         sqrt
4780         (
4781             ( \l_@@_x_final_dim - \l_@@_x_initial_dim ) ^ 2
4782             +
4783             ( \l_@@_y_final_dim - \l_@@_y_initial_dim ) ^ 2
4784         )
4785     }
4786 }
```

It seems that, during the first compilations, the value of $\l_@@_l_dim$ may be erroneous (equal to zero or very large). We must detect these cases because they would cause errors during the drawing of the dotted line. Maybe we should also write something in the aux file to say that one more compilation should be done.

```

4787 \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_l_dim } < { \c_@@_max_l_dim }
4788 {
4789     \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_l_dim } > { 1 pt }
4790         \@@_draw_unstandard_dotted_line_i:
4791 }

```

If the key xdots/horizontal-labels has been used.

```

4792 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_xdots_h_labels_bool
4793 {
4794     \tikzset
4795     {
4796         @@_node_above / .style = { auto = left } ,
4797         @@_node_below / .style = { auto = right } ,
4798         @@_node_middle / .style = { inner sep = \c_@@_innersep_middle_dim }
4799     }
4800 }
4801 \tl_if_empty:nF { #4 }
4802     { \tikzset { @@_node_middle / .append style = { fill = white } } }
4803 \draw
4804     [ #1 ]
4805     ( \l_@@_x_initial_dim , \l_@@_y_initial_dim )

```

Be careful: We can't put $\c_math_toggle_token$ instead of \$ in the following lines because we are in the contents of Tikz nodes (and they will be *rescanned* if the Tikz library babel is loaded).

```

4806 -- node [ @@_node_middle] { $ \scriptstyle #4 $ }
4807     node [ @@_node_below ] { $ \scriptstyle #3 $ }
4808     node [ @@_node_above ] { $ \scriptstyle #2 $ }
4809     ( \l_@@_x_final_dim , \l_@@_y_final_dim ) ;
4810 \end { scope }
4811 }
4812 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_draw_unstandard_dotted_line:nnnn { n o o o }
4813 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_unstandard_dotted_line_i:
4814 {
4815     \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpa_dim
4816     {
4817         \l_@@_x_initial_dim
4818         + ( \l_@@_x_final_dim - \l_@@_x_initial_dim )
4819         * \dim_ratio:nn \l_@@_xdots_shorten_start_dim \l_@@_l_dim
4820     }
4821     \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpb_dim
4822     {
4823         \l_@@_y_initial_dim
4824         + ( \l_@@_y_final_dim - \l_@@_y_initial_dim )
4825         * \dim_ratio:nn \l_@@_xdots_shorten_start_dim \l_@@_l_dim
4826     }
4827     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_tmpc_dim
4828     {
4829         \l_@@_x_final_dim
4830         - ( \l_@@_x_final_dim - \l_@@_x_initial_dim )
4831         * \dim_ratio:nn \l_@@_xdots_shorten_end_dim \l_@@_l_dim
4832     }
4833     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_tmpd_dim
4834     {
4835         \l_@@_y_final_dim
4836         - ( \l_@@_y_final_dim - \l_@@_y_initial_dim )
4837         * \dim_ratio:nn \l_@@_xdots_shorten_end_dim \l_@@_l_dim
4838     }
4839     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \l_tmpa_dim
4840     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_initial_dim \l_tmpb_dim

```

```

4841 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_final_dim \l_@@_tmpc_dim
4842 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_final_dim \l_@@_tmpd_dim
4843 }

```

The command `\@@_draw_standard_dotted_line:` draws the line with our system of dots (which gives a dotted line with real rounded dots).

```

4844 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_standard_dotted_line:
4845 {
4846     \group_begin:

```

The dimension `\l_@@_l_dim` is the length ℓ of the line to draw. We use the floating point reals of the L3 programming layer to compute this length.

```

4847 \dim_zero_new:N \l_@@_l_dim
4848 \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_l_dim
4849 {
4850     \fp_to_dim:n
4851     {
4852         sqrt
4853         (
4854             ( \l_@@_x_final_dim - \l_@@_x_initial_dim ) ^ 2
4855             +
4856             ( \l_@@_y_final_dim - \l_@@_y_initial_dim ) ^ 2
4857         )
4858     }
4859 }

```

It seems that, during the first compilations, the value of `\l_@@_l_dim` may be erroneous (equal to zero or very large). We must detect these cases because they would cause errors during the drawing of the dotted line. Maybe we should also write something in the aux file to say that one more compilation should be done.

```

4860 \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_l_dim } < { \c_@@_max_l_dim }
4861 {
4862     \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_l_dim } > { 1 pt }
4863     { \@@_draw_standard_dotted_line_i: }
4864 }
4865 \group_end:
4866 \bool_lazy_all:nF
4867 {
4868     { \tl_if_empty_p:N \l_@@_xdots_up_tl }
4869     { \tl_if_empty_p:N \l_@@_xdots_down_tl }
4870     { \tl_if_empty_p:N \l_@@_xdots_middle_tl }
4871 }
4872 { \@@_labels_standard_dotted_line: }
4873 }
4874 \dim_const:Nn \c_@@_max_l_dim { 50 cm }
4875 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_standard_dotted_line_i:
4876 {

```

The number of dots will be `\l_tmpa_int + 1`.

```

4877 \int_set:Nn \l_tmpa_int
4878 {
4879     \dim_ratio:nn
4880     {
4881         \l_@@_l_dim
4882         - \l_@@_xdots_shorten_start_dim
4883         - \l_@@_xdots_shorten_end_dim
4884     }
4885     { \l_@@_xdots_inter_dim }
4886 }

```

The dimensions `\l_tmpa_dim` and `\l_tmpb_dim` are the coordinates of the vector between two dots in the dotted line.

```

4887 \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpa_dim
4888 {
4889   ( \l_x_final_dim - \l_x_initial_dim ) *
490   \dim_ratio:nn \l_xdots_inter_dim \l_l_dim
491 }
492 \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpb_dim
493 {
494   ( \l_y_final_dim - \l_y_initial_dim ) *
495   \dim_ratio:nn \l_xdots_inter_dim \l_l_dim
496 }
```

In the loop over the dots, the dimensions `\l_x_initial_dim` and `\l_y_initial_dim` will be used for the coordinates of the dots. But, before the loop, we must move until the first dot.

```

4897 \dim_gadd:Nn \l_x_initial_dim
4898 {
4899   ( \l_x_final_dim - \l_x_initial_dim ) *
4900   \dim_ratio:nn
4901   {
4902     \l_l_dim - \l_xdots_inter_dim * \l_tmpa_int
4903     + \l_xdots_shorten_start_dim - \l_xdots_shorten_end_dim
4904   }
4905   { 2 \l_l_dim }
4906 }
4907 \dim_gadd:Nn \l_y_initial_dim
4908 {
4909   ( \l_y_final_dim - \l_y_initial_dim ) *
4910   \dim_ratio:nn
4911   {
4912     \l_l_dim - \l_xdots_inter_dim * \l_tmpa_int
4913     + \l_xdots_shorten_start_dim - \l_xdots_shorten_end_dim
4914   }
4915   { 2 \l_l_dim }
4916 }
4917 \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
4918 \int_step_inline:nnn { \c_zero_int } { \l_tmpa_int }
4919 {
4920   \pgfpathcircle
4921   { \pgfpoint \l_x_initial_dim \l_y_initial_dim }
4922   { \l_xdots_radius_dim }
4923   \dim_add:Nn \l_x_initial_dim \l_tmpa_dim
4924   \dim_add:Nn \l_y_initial_dim \l_tmpb_dim
4925 }
4926 \pgfusepathqfill
4927 }

4928 \cs_new_protected:Npn \labels_standard_dotted_line:
4929 {
4930   \pgfscope
4931   \pgftransformshift
4932   {
4933     \pgfpointlineattime { 0.5 }
4934     { \pgfpoint \l_x_initial_dim \l_y_initial_dim }
4935     { \pgfpoint \l_x_final_dim \l_y_final_dim }
4936   }
4937 \fp_set:Nn \l_tmpa_fp
4938 {
4939   atand
4940   (
4941     \l_y_final_dim - \l_y_initial_dim ,
4942     \l_x_final_dim - \l_x_initial_dim
4943   )
}
```

```

4944    }
4945    \pgftransformrotate { \fp_use:N \l_tmpa_fp }
4946    \bool_if:NF \l_@@_xdots_h_labels_bool { \fp_zero:N \l_tmpa_fp }
4947    \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_xdots_middle_tl
4948    {
4949        \begin { pgfscope }
4950            \pgfset { inner~sep = \c_@@_innersep_middle_dim }
4951            \pgfnode
4952                { rectangle }
4953                { center }
4954                {
4955                    \rotatebox { \fp_eval:n { - \l_tmpa_fp } }
4956                    {
4957                        \c_math_toggle_token
4958                        \scriptstyle \l_@@_xdots_middle_tl
4959                        \c_math_toggle_token
4960                    }
4961                }
4962                { }
4963                {
4964                    \pgfsetfillcolor { white }
4965                    \pgfusepath { fill }
4966                }
4967            \end { pgfscope }
4968        }
4969        \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_xdots_up_tl
4970        {
4971            \pgfnode
4972                { rectangle }
4973                { south }
4974                {
4975                    \rotatebox { \fp_eval:n { - \l_tmpa_fp } }
4976                    {
4977                        \c_math_toggle_token
4978                        \scriptstyle \l_@@_xdots_up_tl
4979                        \c_math_toggle_token
4980                    }
4981                }
4982                { }
4983                { \pgfusepath { } }
4984            }
4985            \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_xdots_down_tl
4986            {
4987                \pgfnode
4988                    { rectangle }
4989                    { north }
4990                    {
4991                        \rotatebox { \fp_eval:n { - \l_tmpa_fp } }
4992                        {
4993                            \c_math_toggle_token
4994                            \scriptstyle \l_@@_xdots_down_tl
4995                            \c_math_toggle_token
4996                        }
4997                    }
4998                    { }
4999                    { \pgfusepath { } }
5000                }
5001            \endpgfscope
5002        }

```

18 User commands available in the new environments

The commands `\@_Ldots:`, `\@_Cdots:`, `\@_Vdots:`, `\@_Ddots:` and `\@_Iddots:` will be linked to `\Ldots`, `\Cdots`, `\Vdots`, `\Ddots` and `\Iddots` in the environments `{NiceArray}` (the other environments of `nicematrix` rely upon `{NiceArray}`).

The syntax of these commands uses the character `_` as embellishment and that's why we have to insert a character `_` in the *arg spec* of these commands. However, we don't know the future catcode of `_` in the main document (maybe the user will use `underscore`, and, in that case, the catcode is 13 because `underscore` activates `_`). That's why these commands will be defined in a `\hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }` and the *arg spec* will be rescanned.

```
5003 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
5004 {
```

We rescan the *argspec* in order the correct catcode of `_` in the main document (and that's why we are in a `\AtBeginDocument`).

```
5005 \tl_set_rescan:Nnn \l_@_argspec_tl { } { m E { _ ^ : } { { } { } { } } }
5006 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@_Ldots:
5007 { \@_collect_options:n { \@_Ldots_i } }
5008 \exp_args:NNo \NewDocumentCommand \@_Ldots_i \l_@_argspec_tl
5009 {
5010     \int_if_zero:nTF { \c@jCol }
5011     { \@_error:nn { in-first-col } { \Ldots } }
5012     {
5013         \int_compare:nNnTF { \c@jCol } = { \l_@_last_col_int }
5014         { \@_error:nn { in-last-col } { \Ldots } }
5015         {
5016             \@_instruction_of_type:nnn { \c_false_bool } { \Ldots }
5017             { #1 , down = #2 , up = #3 , middle = #4 }
5018         }
5019     }
5020     \bool_if:NF \l_@_nullify_dots_bool
5021     { \phantom { \ensuremath { \l_@_old_ldots: } } }
5022     \bool_gset_true:N \g_@_empty_cell_bool
5023 }

5024 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@_Cdots:
5025 { \@_collect_options:n { \@_Cdots_i } }
5026 \exp_args:NNo \NewDocumentCommand \@_Cdots_i \l_@_argspec_tl
5027 {
5028     \int_if_zero:nTF { \c@jCol }
5029     { \@_error:nn { in-first-col } { \Cdots } }
5030     {
5031         \int_compare:nNnTF { \c@jCol } = { \l_@_last_col_int }
5032         { \@_error:nn { in-last-col } { \Cdots } }
5033         {
5034             \@_instruction_of_type:nnn { \c_false_bool } { \Cdots }
5035             { #1 , down = #2 , up = #3 , middle = #4 }
5036         }
5037     }
5038     \bool_if:NF \l_@_nullify_dots_bool
5039     { \phantom { \ensuremath { \l_@_old_cdots: } } }
5040     \bool_gset_true:N \g_@_empty_cell_bool
5041 }

5042 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@_Vdots:
5043 { \@_collect_options:n { \@_Vdots_i } }
5044 \exp_args:NNo \NewDocumentCommand \@_Vdots_i \l_@_argspec_tl
5045 {
5046     \int_if_zero:nTF { \c@iRow }
```

```

5047 { \@@_error:nn { in-first-row } { \Vdots } }
5048 {
5049     \int_compare:nNnTF { \c@iRow } = { \l_@@_last_row_int }
5050         { \@@_error:nn { in-last-row } { \Vdots } }
5051         {
5052             \@@_instruction_of_type:nnn { \c_false_bool } { Vdots }
5053                 { #1 , down = #2 , up = #3 , middle = #4 }
5054         }
5055     }
5056 \bool_if:NF \l_@@_nullify_dots_bool
5057     { \phantom { \ensuremath { \@@_old_vdots: } } } }
5058 \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_empty_cell_bool
5059 }

5060 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Ddots:
5061     { \@@_collect_options:n { \@@_Ddots_i } }
5062 \exp_args:NNo \NewDocumentCommand \@@_Ddots_i \l_@@_argspec_tl
5063 {
5064     \int_case:nnF \c@iRow
5065     {
5066         0           { \@@_error:nn { in-first-row } { \Ddots } }
5067         \l_@@_last_row_int { \@@_error:nn { in-last-row } { \Ddots } }
5068     }
5069     {
5070         \int_case:nnF \c@jCol
5071         {
5072             0           { \@@_error:nn { in-first-col } { \Ddots } }
5073             \l_@@_last_col_int { \@@_error:nn { in-last-col } { \Ddots } }
5074         }
5075         {
5076             \keys_set_known:nn { nicematrix / Ddots } { #1 }
5077             \@@_instruction_of_type:nnn \l_@@_draw_first_bool { Ddots }
5078                 { #1 , down = #2 , up = #3 , middle = #4 }
5079         }
5080     }
5081     \bool_if:NF \l_@@_nullify_dots_bool
5082         { \phantom { \ensuremath { \@@_old_ddots: } } } }
5083     \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_empty_cell_bool
5084 }

5085

5086 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Iddots:
5087     { \@@_collect_options:n { \@@_Iddots_i } }
5088 \exp_args:NNo \NewDocumentCommand \@@_Iddots_i \l_@@_argspec_tl
5089 {
5090     \int_case:nnF \c@iRow
5091     {
5092         0           { \@@_error:nn { in-first-row } { \Iddots } }
5093         \l_@@_last_row_int { \@@_error:nn { in-last-row } { \Iddots } }
5094     }
5095     {
5096         \int_case:nnF \c@jCol
5097         {
5098             0           { \@@_error:nn { in-first-col } { \Iddots } }
5099             \l_@@_last_col_int { \@@_error:nn { in-last-col } { \Iddots } }
5100         }
5101         {
5102             \keys_set_known:nn { nicematrix / Ddots } { #1 }
5103             \@@_instruction_of_type:nnn { \l_@@_draw_first_bool } { Iddots }
5104                 { #1 , down = #2 , up = #3 , middle = #4 }
5105         }
5106     }

```

```

5107     \bool_if:NF \l_@@_nullify_dots_bool
5108         { \phantom { \ensuremath { \old_iddots: } } } }
5109     \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_empty_cell_bool
5110 }
5111 }
```

End of the `\AddToHook`.

Despite its name, the following set of keys will be used for `\Ddots` but also for `\Iddots`.

```

5112 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / Ddots }
5113 {
5114     draw-first .bool_set:N = \l_@@_draw_first_bool ,
5115     draw-first .default:n = true ,
5116     draw-first .value_forbidden:n = true
5117 }
```

The command `\@@_Hspace:` will be linked to `\hspace` in `{NiceArray}`.

```

5118 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Hspace:
5119 {
5200     \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_empty_cell_bool
5201     \hspace
5202 }
```

In the environments of `nicematrix`, the command `\multicolumn` is redefined. We will patch the environment `{tabular}` to go back to the previous value of `\multicolumn`.

```
5123 \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_old_multicolumn: \multicolumn
```

The command `\@@_Hdotsfor` will be linked to `\Hdotsfor` in `{NiceArrayWithDelims}`. Tikz nodes are created also in the implicit cells of the `\Hdotsfor` (maybe we should modify that point).

This command must *not* be protected since it begins with `\multicolumn`.

```

5124 \cs_new:Npn \@@_Hdotsfor:
5125 {
5126     \bool_lazy_and:nnTF
5127         { \int_if_zero_p:n { \c@jCol } }
5128         { \int_if_zero_p:n { \l_@@_first_col_int } }
5129     {
5130         \bool_if:NTF \g_@@_after_col_zero_bool
5131             {
5132                 \multicolumn { 1 } { c } { }
5133                 \@@_Hdotsfor_i:
5134             }
5135             { \@@_fatal:n { Hdotsfor~in~col~0 } }
5136     }
5137     {
5138         \multicolumn { 1 } { c } { }
5139         \@@_Hdotsfor_i:
5140     }
5141 }
```

The command `\@@_Hdotsfor_i:` is defined with `\NewDocumentCommand` because it has an optional argument. Note that such a command defined by `\NewDocumentCommand` is protected and that's why we have put the `\multicolumn` before (in the definition of `\@@_Hdotsfor:`).

```

5142 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
5143 {
```

We don't put `!` before the last optional argument for homogeneity with `\Cdots`, etc. which have only one optional argument.

```

5144 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Hdotsfor_i:
5145     { \@@_collect_options:n { \@@_Hdotsfor_i } }
```

We rescan the *argspec* in order the correct catcode of `_` in the main document (and that's why we are in a `\AtBeginDocument`).

```

5146   \tl_set_rescan:Nnn \l_tmpa_tl { } { m m O { } E { _ ^ : } { { } { } { } } }
5147   \exp_args:NNo \NewDocumentCommand \@@_Hdotsfor_i:ii \l_tmpa_tl
5148   {
5149     \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_HVdotsfor_lines_tl
5150     {
5151       \@@_Hdotsfor:n:nnn
5152       { \int_use:N \c@iRow }
5153       { \int_use:N \c@jCol }
5154       { #2 }
5155       {
5156         #1 , #3 ,
5157         down = \exp_not:n { #4 } ,
5158         up = \exp_not:n { #5 } ,
5159         middle = \exp_not:n { #6 }
5160       }
5161     }
5162     \prg_replicate:nn { #2 - 1 }
5163     {
5164       &
5165       \multicolumn { 1 } { c } { }
5166       \cs_set_eq:NN \CodeAfter \@@_CodeAfter_i:
5167     }
5168   }
5169 }

5170 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Hdotsfor:n:nnn #1 #2 #3 #4
5171 {
5172   \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
5173   \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_final_open_bool

```

For the row, it's easy.

```

5174   \int_set:Nn \l_@@_initial_i_int { #1 }
5175   \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_final_i_int \l_@@_initial_i_int

```

For the column, it's a bit more complicated.

```

5176   \int_compare:nNnTF { #2 } = { \c_one_int }
5177   {
5178     \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_initial_j_int \c_one_int
5179     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
5180   }
5181   {
5182     \cs_if_exist:cTF
5183     {
5184       pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env:
5185       - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_i_int
5186       - \int_eval:n { #2 - 1 }
5187     }
5188     { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_initial_j_int { #2 - 1 } }
5189     {
5190       \int_set:Nn \l_@@_initial_j_int { #2 }
5191       \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
5192     }
5193   }
5194   \int_compare:nNnTF { #2 + #3 - 1 } = { \c@jCol }
5195   {
5196     \int_set:Nn \l_@@_final_j_int { #2 + #3 - 1 }
5197     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_final_open_bool
5198   }
5199   {
5200     \cs_if_exist:cTF
5201     {
5202       pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env:

```

```

5203     - \int_use:N \l_@@_final_i_int
5204     - \int_eval:n { #2 + #3 }
5205   }
5206   { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_final_j_int { #2 + #3 } }
5207   {
5208     \int_set:Nn \l_@@_final_j_int { #2 + #3 - 1 }
5209     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_final_open_bool
5210   }
5211 }
5212 \group_begin:
5213 \@@_open_shorten:
5214 \int_if_zero:nTF { #1 }
5215   { \color { nicematrix-first-row } }
5216   {
5217     \int_compare:nNnT { #1 } = { \g_@@_row_total_int }
5218       { \color { nicematrix-last-row } }
5219   }
5220 \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / xdots } { #4 }
5221 \@@_color:o \l_@@_xdots_color_tl
5222 \@@_actually_draw_Ldots:
5223 \group_end:

```

We declare all the cells concerned by the `\Hdotsfor` as “dotted” (for the dotted lines created by `\Cdots`, `\Ldots`, etc., this job is done by `\@@_find_extremities_of_line:nnnn`). This declaration is done by defining a special control sequence (to nil).

```

5224 \int_step_inline:nnn { #2 } { #2 + #3 - 1 }
5225   { \cs_set_nopar:cpn { @@ _ dotted _ #1 - ##1 } { } }
5226 }

5227 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
5228 {
5229   \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Vdotsfor:
5230     { \@@_collect_options:n { \@@_Vdotsfor_i } }

```

We rscan the *argspec* in order the correct catcode of `_` in the main document (and that's why we are in a `\AtBeginDocument`).

```

5231 \tl_set_rescan:Nnn \l_tmpa_tl { } { m m O { } E { _ ^ : } { { } { } { } } }
5232 \exp_args:NNo \NewDocumentCommand \@@_Vdotsfor_i \l_tmpa_tl
5233   {
5234     \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_empty_cell_bool
5235     \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_HVdotsfor_lines_tl
5236     {
5237       \@@_Vdotsfor:nnnn
5238         { \int_use:N \c@iRow }
5239         { \int_use:N \c@jCol }
5240         { #2 }
5241         {
5242           #1 , #3 ,
5243           down = \exp_not:n { #4 } ,
5244           up = \exp_not:n { #5 } ,
5245           middle = \exp_not:n { #6 }
5246         }
5247       }
5248   }
5249 }

```

#1 is the number of row;
#2 is the number of column;
#3 is the numbers of rows which are involved;

```

5250 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Vdotsfor:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4
5251   {
5252     \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
5253     \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_final_open_bool

```

For the column, it's easy.

```
5254 \int_set:Nn \l_@@_initial_j_int { #2 }
5255 \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_final_j_int \l_@@_initial_j_int
```

For the row, it's a bit more complicated.

```
5256 \int_compare:nNnTF { #1 } = { \c_one_int }
5257 {
5258     \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_initial_i_int \c_one_int
5259     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
5260 }
5261 {
5262     \cs_if_exist:cTF
5263     {
5264         pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env:
5265         - \int_eval:n { #1 - 1 }
5266         - \int_use:N \l_@@_initial_j_int
5267     }
5268     { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_initial_i_int { #1 - 1 } }
5269     {
5270         \int_set:Nn \l_@@_initial_i_int { #1 }
5271         \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
5272     }
5273 }
5274 \int_compare:nNnTF { #1 + #3 - 1 } = { \c@iRow }
5275 {
5276     \int_set:Nn \l_@@_final_i_int { #1 + #3 - 1 }
5277     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_final_open_bool
5278 }
5279 {
5280     \cs_if_exist:cTF
5281     {
5282         pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env:
5283         - \int_eval:n { #1 + #3 }
5284         - \int_use:N \l_@@_final_j_int
5285     }
5286     { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_final_i_int { #1 + #3 } }
5287     {
5288         \int_set:Nn \l_@@_final_i_int { #1 + #3 - 1 }
5289         \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_final_open_bool
5290     }
5291 }
5292 \group_begin:
5293 \@@_open_shorten:
5294 \int_if_zero:nTF { #2 }
5295     { \color { nicematrix-first-col } }
5296     {
5297         \int_compare:nNnT { #2 } = { \g_@@_col_total_int }
5298             { \color { nicematrix-last-col } }
5299     }
5300 \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / xdots } { #4 }
5301 \@@_color:o \l_@@_xdots_color_tl
5302 \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_Vbrace_bool
5303     { \@@_actually_draw_Vbrace: }
5304     { \@@_actually_draw_Vdots: }
5305 \group_end:
```

We declare all the cells concerned by the `\Vdots` as “dotted” (for the dotted lines created by `\Cdots`, `\Ldots`, etc., this job is done by `\@@_find_extremities_of_line:nnnn`). This declaration is done by defining a special control sequence (to nil).

```
5306 \int_step_inline:nnn { #1 } { #1 + #3 - 1 }
5307     { \cs_set_nopar:cpn { @@ _ dotted _ ##1 - #2 } { } }
5308 }
```

The command `\@@_rotate:` will be linked to `\rotate` in `{NiceArrayWithDelims}`.

```

5309 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_rotate: { O { } }
5310   {
5311     \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_rotate_bool
5312     \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / rotate } { #1 }
5313     \ignorespaces
5314   }

5315 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / rotate }
5316   {
5317     c .code:n = \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_rotate_c_bool ,
5318     c .value_forbidden:n = true ,
5319     unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown-key-for~rotate }
5320   }

```

19 The command `\line` accessible in code-after

In the `\CodeAfter`, the command `\@@_line:nn` will be linked to `\line`. This command takes two arguments which are the specifications of two cells in the array (in the format $i-j$) and draws a dotted line between these cells. In fact, it also works with names of blocks.

First, we write a command with the following behaviour:

- If the argument is of the format $i-j$, our command applies the command `\int_eval:n` to i and j ;
- If not (that is to say, when it's a name of a `\Block`), the argument is left unchanged.

This must *not* be protected (and is, of course fully expandable).¹⁴

```

5321 \cs_new:Npn \@@_double_int_eval:n #1-#2 \q_stop
5322   {
5323     \tl_if_empty:nTF { #2 }
5324       { #1 }
5325       { \@@_double_int_eval_i:n #1-#2 \q_stop }
5326   }
5327 \cs_new:Npn \@@_double_int_eval_i:n #1-#2- \q_stop
5328   { \int_eval:n { #1 } - \int_eval:n { #2 } }

```

With the following construction, the command `\@@_double_int_eval:n` is applied to both arguments before the application of `\@@_line_i:nn` (the construction uses the fact the `\@@_line_i:nn` is protected and that `\@@_double_int_eval:n` is fully expandable).

```

5329 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
5330   {

```

We rescan the *argspec* in order the correct catcode of `_` in the main document (and that's why we are in a `\AtBeginDocument`).

```

5331   \tl_set_rescan:Nnn \l_tmpa_tl { }
5332     { O { } m m ! O { } E { _ ^ : } { { } { } { } } }
5333   \exp_args:NNo \NewDocumentCommand \@@_line \l_tmpa_tl
5334   {
5335     \group_begin:
5336     \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / xdots } { #1 , #4 , down = #5 , up = #6 }
5337     \@@_color:o \l_@@_xdots_color_tl
5338     \use:e
5339   {

```

¹⁴Indeed, we want that the user may use the command `\line` in `\CodeAfter` with LaTeX counters in the arguments — with the command `\value`.

```

5340          \@@_line_i:nn
5341              { \@@_double_int_eval:n #2 - \q_stop }
5342              { \@@_double_int_eval:n #3 - \q_stop }
5343      }
5344  \group_end:
5345 }
5346 }

5347 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_line_i:nn #1 #2
5348 {
5349     \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_initial_open_bool
5350     \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_final_open_bool
5351     \bool_lazy_or:nnTF
5352         { \cs_if_free_p:c { pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - #1 } }
5353         { \cs_if_free_p:c { pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - #2 } }
5354     { \@@_error:nnn { unknown-cell-for-line-in-CodeAfter } { #1 } { #2 } }

```

The test of `measuring@` is a security (cf. question 686649 on TeX StackExchange).

```

5355     { \legacy_if:nF { measuring@ } { \@@_draw_line_ii:nn { #1 } { #2 } } }
5356 }

5357 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
5358 {
5359     \cs_new_protected:Npe \@@_draw_line_ii:nn #1 #2
5360     {

```

We recall that, when externalization is used, `\tikzpicture` and `\endtikzpicture` (or `\pgfpicture` and `\endpgfpicture`) must be directly “visible” and that why we do this static construction of the command `\@@_draw_line_ii::`.

```

5361     \c_@@_pgfortikzpicture_tl
5362     \@@_draw_line_iii:nn { #1 } { #2 }
5363     \c_@@_endpgfortikzpicture_tl
5364 }
5365 }
```

The following command *must* be protected (it’s used in the construction of `\@@_draw_line_ii:nn`).

```

5366 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_line_iii:nn #1 #2
5367 {
5368     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
5369     \pgfpointshapeborder { \@@_env: - #1 } { \@@_qpoint:n { #2 } }
5370     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \pgf@x
5371     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_initial_dim \pgf@y
5372     \pgfpointshapeborder { \@@_env: - #2 } { \@@_qpoint:n { #1 } }
5373     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_final_dim \pgf@x
5374     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_final_dim \pgf@y
5375     \@@_draw_line:
5376 }
```

The commands `\Ldots`, `\Cdots`, `\Vdots`, `\Ddots`, and `\Iddots` don’t use this command because they have to do other settings (for example, the diagonal lines must be parallelized).

20 The command `\RowStyle`

`\g_@@_row_style_tl` may contain several instructions of the form:

```

\@@_if_row_less_than:nn { number } { instructions }
```

Then, `\g_@@_row_style_tl` will be inserted in all the cells of the array (and also in both components of a `\diagbox` in a cell of in a mono-row block).

The test `\@@_if_row_less_then:nn` ensures that the instructions are inserted only if you are in a row which is (still) in the scope of that instructions (which depends on the value of the key `nb-rows` of `\RowStyle`).

That test will be active even in an expandable context because `\@@_if_row_less_then:nn` is *not* protected.

#1 is the first row *after* the scope of the instructions in #2

However, both arguments are implicit because they are taken by curryfication.

```
5377 \cs_new:Npn \@@_if_row_less_than:nn { \int_compare:nNnT { \c@iRow } < }
5378 \cs_new:Npn \@@_if_col_greater_than:nn { \int_compare:nNnF { \c@jCol } < }
```

`\@@_put_in_row_style` will be used several times in `\RowStyle`.

```
5379 \cs_set_protected:Npn \@@_put_in_row_style:n #1
5380 {
5381     \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_row_style_tl
5382     {

```

Be careful, `\exp_not:N \@@_if_row_less_than:nn` can't be replaced by a protected version of `\@@_if_row_less_than:nn`.

```
5383     \exp_not:N
5384     \@@_if_row_less_than:nn
5385         { \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + \l_@@_key_nb_rows_int } }
```

The `\scan_stop:` is mandatory (for ex. for the case where `\rotate` is used in the argument of `\RowStyle`).

```
5386     {
5387         \exp_not:N
5388         \@@_if_col_greater_than:nn
5389             { \int_eval:n { \c@jCol } }
5390             { \exp_not:n { #1 } \scan_stop: }
5391     }
5392 }
5393 }
5394 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_put_in_row_style:n { e }
```

```
5395 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / RowStyle }
5396 {
5397     cell-space-top-limit .dim_set:N = \l_tmpa_dim ,
5398     cell-space-top-limit .value_required:n = true ,
5399     cell-space-bottom-limit .dim_set:N = \l_tmpb_dim ,
5400     cell-space-bottom-limit .value_required:n = true ,
5401     cell-space-limits .meta:n =
5402     {
5403         cell-space-top-limit = #1 ,
5404         cell-space-bottom-limit = #1 ,
5405     },
5406     color .tl_set:N = \l_@@_color_tl ,
5407     color .value_required:n = true ,
5408     bold .bool_set:N = \l_@@_bold_row_style_bool ,
5409     bold .default:n = true ,
5410     nb-rows .code:n =
5411         \str_if_eq:eeTF { #1 } { * }
5412             { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_key_nb_rows_int { 500 } }
5413             { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_key_nb_rows_int { #1 } } ,
5414     nb-rows .value_required:n = true ,
5415     fill .tl_set:N = \l_@@_fill_tl ,
5416     fill .value_required:n = true ,
5417     opacity .tl_set:N = \l_@@_opacity_tl ,
5418     opacity .value_required:n = true ,
5419     rowcolor .tl_set:N = \l_@@_fill_tl ,
5420     rowcolor .value_required:n = true ,
5421     rounded-corners .dim_set:N = \l_@@_rounded_corners_dim ,
5422     rounded-corners .default:n = 4 pt ,
5423     unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown-key-for-RowStyle }
5424 }
```

```

5425 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_RowStyle:n { O { } m }
5426 {
5427   \group_begin:
5428   \tl_clear:N \l_@@_fill_tl
5429   \tl_clear:N \l_@@_opacity_tl
5430   \tl_clear:N \l_@@_color_tl
5431   \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_key_nb_rows_int \c_one_int
5432   \dim_zero:N \l_@@_rounded_corners_dim
5433   \dim_zero:N \l_tmpa_dim
5434   \dim_zero:N \l_tmpb_dim
5435   \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / RowStyle } { #1 }

```

If the key `fill` (or its alias `rowcolor`) has been used.

```

5436 \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_fill_tl
5437 {
5438   \@@_add_opacity_to_fill:
5439   \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl
5440   {

```

The command `\@@_exp_color_arg:No` is *fully expandable*.

```

5441 \@@_exp_color_arg:No \@@_roundedrectanglecolor \l_@@_fill_tl
5442   { \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_use:N \c@jCol }
5443   {
5444     \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + \l_@@_key_nb_rows_int - 1 }
5445     -
5446     *
5447   { \dim_use:N \l_@@_rounded_corners_dim }
5448 }
5449 }
5450 \@@_put_in_row_style:n { \exp_not:n { #2 } }

```

`\l_tmpa_dim` is the value of the key `cell-space-top-limit` of `\RowStyle`.

```

5451 \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpa_dim } > { \c_zero_dim }
5452 {
5453   \@@_put_in_row_style:e
5454   {
5455     \tl_gput_right:Nn \exp_not:N \g_@@_cell_after_hook_tl
5456   }

```

It's not possible to change the following code by using `\dim_set_eq:NN` (because of expansion).

```

5457 \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_cell_space_top_limit_dim
5458   { \dim_use:N \l_tmpa_dim }
5459 }
5460 }
5461 }

```

`\l_tmpb_dim` is the value of the key `cell-space-bottom-limit` of `\RowStyle`.

```

5462 \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpb_dim } > { \c_zero_dim }
5463 {
5464   \@@_put_in_row_style:e
5465   {
5466     \tl_gput_right:Nn \exp_not:N \g_@@_cell_after_hook_tl
5467     {
5468       \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_cell_space_bottom_limit_dim
5469         { \dim_use:N \l_tmpb_dim }
5470     }
5471   }
5472 }

```

`\l_@@_color_tl` is the value of the key `color` of `\RowStyle`.

```

5473 \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_color_tl
5474 {
5475   \@@_put_in_row_style:e
5476   {
5477     \mode_leave_vertical:
5478     \@@_color:n { \l_@@_color_tl }

```

```

5479         }
5480     }
5481     \l_@@_bold_row_style_bool is the value of the key bold.
5482     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_bold_row_style_bool
5483     {
5484         \l_@@_put_in_row_style:n
5485         {
5486             \exp_not:n
5487             {
5488                 \if_mode_math:
5489                     \c_math_toggle_token
5490                     \bfseries \boldmath
5491                     \c_math_toggle_token
5492                 \else:
5493                     \bfseries \boldmath
5494                 \fi:
5495             }
5496         }
5497     \group_end:
5498     \g_@@_row_style_tl
5499     \ignorespaces
5500 }
```

The following command must *not* be protected.

```

5501 \cs_new:Npn \l_@@_rounded_from_row:n #1
5502 {
5503     \l_@@_exp_color_arg:No \l_@@_roundedrectanglecolor \l_@@_fill_tl
```

In the following code, the “ $- 1$ ” is *not* a subtraction.

```

5504     { \int_eval:n { #1 } - 1 }
5505     {
5506         \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + \l_@@_key_nb_rows_int - 1 }
5507         - \exp_not:n { \int_use:N \c@jCol }
5508     }
5509     { \dim_use:N \l_@@_rounded_corners_dim }
5510 }
```

21 Colors of cells, rows and columns

We want to avoid the thin white lines that are shown in some PDF viewers (eg: with the engine MuPDF used by SumatraPDF). That's why we try to draw rectangles of the same color in the same instruction `\pgfusepath { fill }` (and they will be in the same instruction `fill`—coded `f`—in the resulting PDF).

The commands `\l_@@_rowcolor`, `\l_@@_columncolor`, `\l_@@_rectanglecolor` and `\l_@@_rowlistcolors` don't directly draw the corresponding rectangles. Instead, they store their instructions color by color:

- A sequence `\g_@@_colors_seq` will be built containing all the colors used by at least one of these instructions. Each *color* may be prefixed by its color model (eg: `[gray]{0.5}`).
- For the color whose index in `\g_@@_colors_seq` is equal to *i*, a list of instructions which use that color will be constructed in the token list `\g_@@_color_i_tl`. In that token list, the instructions will be written using `\l_@@_cartesian_color:nn` and `\l_@@_rectanglecolor:nn`.

`#1` is the color and `#2` is an instruction using that color. Despite its name, the command `\l_@@_add_to_colors_seq:nn` doesn't only add a color to `\g_@@_colors_seq`: it also updates the

corresponding token list `\g_@@_color_i_tl`. We add in a global way because the final user may use the instructions such as `\cellcolor` in a loop of `pgffor` in the `\CodeBefore` (and we recall that a loop of `pgffor` is encapsulated in a group).

```
5511 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_add_to_colors_seq:nn #1 #2
5512 {
```

First, we look for the number of the color and, if it's found, we store it in `\l_tmpa_int`. If the color is not present in `\l_@@_colors_seq`, `\l_tmpa_int` will remain equal to 0.

```
5513 \int_zero:N \l_tmpa_int
```

We don't take into account the colors like `myserie!!+` because those colors are special color from a `\definecolorseries` of `xcolor`. `\str_if_in:nnF` is mandatory: don't use `\tl_if_in:nnF`.

```
5514 \str_if_in:nnF { #1 } { !! }
5515 {
5516   \seq_map_indexed_inline:Nn \g_@@_colors_seq
```

We use `\str_if_eq:eeTF` which is slightly faster than `\tl_if_eq:nnTF`.

```
5517   { \str_if_eq:eeT { #1 } { ##2 } { \int_set:Nn \l_tmpa_int { ##1 } } }
5518   }
5519 \int_if_zero:nTF { \l_tmpa_int }
```

First, the case where the color is a *new* color (not in the sequence).

```
5520 {
5521   \seq_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_colors_seq { #1 }
5522   \tl_gset:ce { g_@@_color _ \seq_count:N \g_@@_colors_seq _ tl } { #2 }
5523 }
```

Now, the case where the color is *not* a new color (the color is in the sequence at the position `\l_tmpa_int`).

```
5524   { \tl_gput_right:ce { g_@@_color _ \int_use:N \l_tmpa_int _ tl } { #2 } }
5525 }
5526 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_add_to_colors_seq:nn { e }
5527 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_add_to_colors_seq:nn { e e }
```

The following command must be used within a `\pgfpicture`.

```
5528 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_clip_with_rounded_corners:
5529 {
5530   \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_tab_rounded_corners_dim } > { \c_zero_dim }
5531 }
```

The TeX group is for `\pgfsetcornersarced` (whose scope is the TeX scope).

```
5532 \group_begin:
5533 \pgfsetcornersarced
5534 {
5535   \pgfpoint
5536   { \l_@@_tab_rounded_corners_dim }
5537   { \l_@@_tab_rounded_corners_dim }
5538 }
```

Because we want `nicematrix` compatible with arrays constructed by `array`, the nodes for the rows and columns (that is to say the nodes `row-i` and `col-j`) have not always the expected position, that is to say, there is sometimes a slight shifting of something such as `\arrayrulewidth`. Now, for the clipping, we have to change slightly the position of that clipping whether a rounded rectangle around the array is required. That's the point which is tested in the following line.

```
5539 \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_hvlines_bool
5540 {
5541   \pgfpathrectanglecorners
5542   {
5543     \pgfpointadd
5544     { \qpoint:n { row-1 } }
5545     { \pgfpoint { 0.5 \arrayrulewidth } { \c_zero_dim } }
5546   }
5547   {
5548     \pgfpointadd
5549     {
```

```

5550          \@@_qpoint:n
5551          { \int_eval:n { \int_max:nn { \c@iRow } { \c@jCol } + 1 } }
5552      }
5553      { \pgfpoint \c_zero_dim { 0.5 \arrayrulewidth } }
5554  }
5555  {
5556    \pgfpathrectanglecorners
5557    { \@@_qpoint:n { row-1 } }
5558    {
5559      \pgfpointadd
5560      {
5561        \@@_qpoint:n
5562        { \int_eval:n { \int_max:nn { \c@iRow } { \c@jCol } + 1 } }
5563      }
5564      { \pgfpoint \c_zero_dim \arrayrulewidth }
5565    }
5566  }
5567  }
5568  \pgfusepath { clip }
5569  \group_end:

```

The TeX group was for `\pgfsetcornersarced`.

```

5570  }
5571 }

```

The macro `\@@_actually_color:` will actually fill all the rectangles, color by color (using the sequence `\l_@@_colors_seq` and all the token lists of the form `\l_@@_color_i_tl`).

```

5572 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_actually_color:
5573 {
5574   \pgfpicture
5575   \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse

```

If the final user has used the key `rounded-corners` for the environment `{NiceTabular}`, we will clip to a rectangle with rounded corners before filling the rectangles.

```

5576   \@@_clip_with_rounded_corners:
5577   \seq_map_indexed_inline:Nn \g_@@_colors_seq
5578   {
5579     \int_compare:nNnTF { ##1 } = { \c_one_int }
5580     {
5581       \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_cartesian_path:n \@@_cartesian_path_nocolor:n
5582       \use:c { g_@@_color _ 1 _tl }
5583       \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_cartesian_path:n \@@_cartesian_path_normal:n
5584     }
5585   {
5586     \begin { pgfscope }
5587       \@@_color_opacity: ##2
5588       \use:c { g_@@_color _ ##1 _tl }
5589       \tl_gclear:c { g_@@_color _ ##1 _tl }
5590       \pgfusepath { fill }
5591     \end { pgfscope }
5592   }
5593 }
5594 \endpgfpicture
5595 }

```

The following command will extract the potential key `opacity` in its optional argument (between square brackets) and (of course) then apply the command `\color`.

```

5596 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_color_opacity:
5597 {
5598   \peek_meaning:NTF [
5599   { \@@_color_opacity:w }
5600   { \@@_color_opacity:w [ ] }
5601 }

```

The command `\@@_color_opacity:w` takes in as argument only the optional argument. One may consider that the second argument (the actual definition of the color) is provided by curryfication.

```

5602 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_color_opacity:w [ #1 ]
5603 {
5604   \tl_clear:N \l_tmpa_tl
5605   \keys_set_known:nnN { nicematrix / color-opacity } { #1 } \l_tmpb_tl
\l_tmpa_tl (if not empty) is now the opacity and \l_tmpb_tl (if not empty) is now the colorimetric
space.
5606   \tl_if_empty:NF \l_tmpa_tl { \exp_args:No \pgfsetfillcolor \l_tmpa_tl }
5607   \tl_if_empty:NTF \l_tmpb_tl
      { \@declaredcolor }
      { \use:e { \exp_not:N \@undeclaredcolor [ \l_tmpb_tl ] } }
5610 }
```

The following set of keys is used by the command `\@@_color_opacity:wn`.

```

5611 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / color-opacity }
5612 {
5613   opacity .tl_set:N      = \l_tmpa_tl ,
5614   opacity .value_required:n = true
5615 }
```

Here, we use `\def` instead of `\tl_set:Nn` for efficiency only.

```

5616 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_cartesian_color:nn #1 #2
5617 {
5618   \def \l_@@_rows_tl { #1 }
5619   \def \l_@@_cols_tl { #2 }
5620   \@@_cartesian_path:
5621 }
```

Here is an example : `\@@_rowcolor {red!15} {1,3,5-7,10-}`

```

5622 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_rowcolor { O { } m m }
5623 {
5624   \tl_if_blank:nF { #2 }
5625   {
5626     \@@_add_to_colors_seq:en
5627     { \tl_if_blank:nF { #1 } { [ #1 ] } { #2 } }
5628     { \@@_cartesian_color:nn { #3 } { - } }
5629   }
5630 }
```

Here an example: `\@@_columncolor:nn {red!15} {1,3,5-7,10-}`

```

5631 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_columncolor { O { } m m }
5632 {
5633   \tl_if_blank:nF { #2 }
5634   {
5635     \@@_add_to_colors_seq:en
5636     { \tl_if_blank:nF { #1 } { [ #1 ] } { #2 } }
5637     { \@@_cartesian_color:nn { - } { #3 } }
5638   }
5639 }
```

Here is an example: `\@@_rectanglecolor{red!15}{2-3}{5-6}`

```

5640 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_rectanglecolor { O { } m m m }
5641 {
5642   \tl_if_blank:nF { #2 }
5643   {
5644     \@@_add_to_colors_seq:en
5645     { \tl_if_blank:nF { #1 } { [ #1 ] } { #2 } }
5646     { \@@_rectanglecolor:nnn { #3 } { #4 } { \c_zero_dim } }
5647   }
5648 }
```

The last argument is the radius of the corners of the rectangle.

```

5649 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_roundedrectanglecolor { 0 { } m m m m }
5650 {
5651   \tl_if_blank:nF { #2 }
5652   {
5653     \@@_add_to_colors_seq:en
5654     { \tl_if_blank:nF { #1 } { [ #1 ] } { #2 } }
5655     { \@@_rectanglecolor:nnn { #3 } { #4 } { #5 } }
5656   }
5657 }
```

The last argument is the radius of the corners of the rectangle.

```

5658 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_rectanglecolor:nnn #1 #2 #3
5659 {
5660   \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #1 \q_stop
5661   \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpc_tl \l_tmpa_tl
5662   \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpd_tl \l_tmpb_tl
5663   \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #2 \q_stop
5664   \tl_set:Ne \l_@@_rows_tl { \l_@@_tmpc_tl - \l_tmpa_tl }
5665   \tl_set:Ne \l_@@_cols_tl { \l_@@_tmpd_tl - \l_tmpb_tl }
```

The command `\@@_cartesian_path:n` takes in two implicit arguments: `\l_@@_cols_tl` and `\l_@@_rows_tl`.

```

5666   \@@_cartesian_path:n { #3 }
5667 }
```

Here is an example: `\@@_cellcolor[rgb]{0.5,0.5,0}{2-3,3-4,4-5,5-6}`

```

5668 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_cellcolor { 0 { } m m }
5669 {
5670   \clist_map_inline:nn { #3 }
5671   { \@@_rectanglecolor [ #1 ] { #2 } { ##1 } { ##1 } }
5672 }

5673 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_chessboardcolors { 0 { } m m }
5674 {
5675   \int_step_inline:nn { \c@iRow }
5676   {
5677     \int_step_inline:nn { \c@jCol }
5678     {
5679       \int_if_even:nTF { ####1 + ##1 }
5680       { \@@_cellcolor [ #1 ] { #2 } }
5681       { \@@_cellcolor [ #1 ] { #3 } }
5682       { ##1 - ####1 }
5683     }
5684   }
5685 }
```

The command `\@@_arraycolor` (linked to `\arraycolor` at the beginning of the `\CodeBefore`) will color the whole tabular (excepted the potential exterior rows and columns) and the cells in the “corners”.

```

5686 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_arraycolor { 0 { } m }
5687 {
5688   \@@_rectanglecolor [ #1 ] { #2 }
5689   { 1 - 1 }
5690   { \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_use:N \c@jCol }
5691 }

5692 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / rowcolors }
5693 {
5694   respect-blocks .bool_set:N = \l_@@_respect_blocks_bool ,
```

```

5695     respect-blocks .default:n = true ,
5696     cols .tl_set:N = \l_@@_cols_tl ,
5697     restart .bool_set:N = \l_@@_rowcolors_restart_bool ,
5698     restart .default:n = true ,
5699     unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown~key~for~rowcolors }
5700 }

```

The command `\rowcolors` (accessible in the `\CodeBefore`) is inspired by the command `\rowcolors` of the package `xcolor` (with the option `table`). However, the command `\rowcolors` of `nicematrix` has *not* the optional argument of the command `\rowcolors` of `xcolor`.

Here is an example: `\rowcolors{1}{blue!10}{}[respect-blocks]`.

In `nicematrix`, the command `\@@_rowcolors` appears as a special case of `\@@_rowlistcolors`.

#1 (optional) is the color space; #2 is a list of intervals of rows; #3 is the list of colors; #4 is for the optional list of pairs `key=value`.

```

5701 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_rowlistcolors { 0 { } m m 0 { } }
5702 {

```

The group is for the options. `\l_@@_colors_seq` will be the list of colors.

```

5703 \group_begin:
5704 \seq_clear_new:N \l_@@_colors_seq
5705 \seq_set_split:Nnn \l_@@_colors_seq { , } { #3 }
5706 \tl_clear_new:N \l_@@_cols_tl
5707 \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_cols_tl { - }
5708 \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / rowcolors } { #4 }

```

The counter `\l_@@_color_int` will be the rank of the current color in the list of colors (modulo the length of the list).

```

5709 \int_zero_new:N \l_@@_color_int
5710 \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_color_int \c_one_int
5711 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_respect_blocks_bool
5712 {

```

We don't want to take into account a block which is completely in the "first column" (number 0) or in the "last column" and that's why we filter the sequence of the blocks (in the sequence `\l_tmpa_seq`).

```

5713 \seq_set_eq:NN \l_tmpb_seq \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq
5714 \seq_set_filter:NNn \l_tmpa_seq \l_tmpb_seq
5715 { \@@_not_in_exterior_p:nnnn ##1 }
5716 }
5717 \pgfpicture
5718 \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse

```

#2 is the list of intervals of rows.

```

5719 \clist_map_inline:nn { #2 }
5720 {
5721     \tl_set:Nn \l_tmpa_tl { ##1 }
5722     \tl_if_in:NnTF \l_tmpa_tl { - }
5723     { \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w ##1 \q_stop }
5724     { \tl_set:Nn \l_tmpb_tl { \int_use:N \c@iRow } }

```

Now, `\l_tmpa_tl` and `\l_tmpb_tl` are the first row and the last row of the interval of rows that we have to treat. The counter `\l_tmpa_int` will be the index of the loop over the rows.

```

5725 \int_set:Nn \l_tmpa_int \l_tmpa_tl
5726 \int_set:Nn \l_@@_color_int
5727 { \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_rowcolors_restart_bool { 1 } { \l_tmpa_tl } }
5728 \int_set:Nn \l_@@_tmpc_int \l_tmpb_tl
5729 \int_do_until:nNn \l_tmpa_int > \l_@@_tmpc_int
5730 {

```

We will compute in `\l_tmpb_int` the last row of the "block".

```

5731 \int_set_eq:NN \l_tmpb_int \l_tmpa_int

```

If the key `respect-blocks` is in force, we have to adjust that value (of course).

```

5732 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_respect_blocks_bool
5733 {
5734     \seq_set_filter:Nnn \l_tmpb_seq \l_tmpa_seq
5735     { \@@_intersect_our_row_p:nnnnn #####1 }
5736     \seq_map_inline:Nn \l_tmpb_seq { \@@_rowcolors_i:nnnnn #####1 }

```

Now, the last row of the block is computed in `\l_tmpb_int`.

```

5737 }
5738 \tl_set:Ne \l_@@_rows_tl
5739 { \int_use:N \l_tmpa_int - \int_use:N \l_tmpb_int }

```

`\l_@@_tmpc_tl` will be the color that we will use.

```

5740 \tl_set:Ne \l_@@_color_tl
5741 {
5742     \@@_color_index:n
5743     {
5744         \int_mod:nn
5745         { \l_@@_color_int - 1 }
5746         { \seq_count:N \l_@@_colors_seq }
5747         + 1
5748     }
5749 }
5750 \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_color_tl
5751 {
5752     \@@_add_to_colors_seq:ee
5753     { \tl_if_blank:nF { #1 } { [ #1 ] } { \l_@@_color_tl } }
5754     { \@@_cartesian_color:nn { \l_@@_rows_tl } { \l_@@_cols_tl } }
5755 }
5756 \int_incr:N \l_@@_color_int
5757 \int_set:Nn \l_tmpa_int { \l_tmpb_int + 1 }
5758 }
5759 }
5760 \endpgfpicture
5761 \group_end:
5762 }

```

The command `\@@_color_index:n` peekes in `\l_@@_colors_seq` the color at the index #1. However, if that color is the symbol `=`, the previous one is poken. This macro is recursive.

```

5763 \cs_new:Npn \@@_color_index:n #1
5764 {

```

Be careful: this command `\@@_color_index:n` must be “*fully expandable*”.

```

5765 \str_if_eq:eeTF { \seq_item:Nn \l_@@_colors_seq { #1 } } { = }
5766 { \@@_color_index:n { #1 - 1 } }
5767 { \seq_item:Nn \l_@@_colors_seq { #1 } }
5768 }

```

The command `\rowcolors` (available in the `\CodeBefore`) is a specialisation of the more general command `\rowlistcolors`. The last argument, which is a optional argument between square brackets is provided by curryfication.

```

5769 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_rowcolors { O{ } m m m }
5770 { \@@_rowlistcolors [ #1 ] { #2 } { { #3 } , { #4 } } }

```

The braces around #3 and #4 are mandatory.

```

5771 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_rowcolors_i:nnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
5772 {
5773     \int_compare:nNnT { #3 } > { \l_tmpb_int }
5774     { \int_set:Nn \l_tmpb_int { #3 } }
5775 }

```

```

5776 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \c@_not_in_exterior:nnnnn { p }
5777 {
5778     \int_if_zero:nTF { #4 }
5779     { \prg_return_false: }
5780     {
5781         \int_compare:nNnTF { #2 } > { \c@jCol }
5782         { \prg_return_false: }
5783         { \prg_return_true: }
5784     }
5785 }

```

The following command return `true` when the block intersects the row `\l_tmpa_int`.

```

5786 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \c@_intersect_our_row:nnnnn { p }
5787 {
5788     \int_compare:nNnTF { #1 } > { \l_tmpa_int }
5789     { \prg_return_false: }
5790     {
5791         \int_compare:nNnTF { \l_tmpa_int } > { #3 }
5792         { \prg_return_false: }
5793         { \prg_return_true: }
5794     }
5795 }

```

The following command uses two implicit arguments: `\l_@@_rows_t1` and `\l_@@_cols_t1` which are specifications for a set of rows and a set of columns. It creates a path but does *not* fill it. It must be filled by another command after. The argument is the radius of the corners. We define below a command `\c@_cartesian_path:` which corresponds to a value 0 pt for the radius of the corners. This command is, in particular, used in `\c@_rectanglecolor:nnn` (used in `\c@_rectanglecolor`, itself used in `\c@_cellcolor`).

```

5796 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c@_cartesian_path_normal:n #1
5797 {
5798     \dim_compare:nNnTF { #1 } = { \c_zero_dim }
5799     {
5800         \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_nocolor_used_bool
5801         { \c@_cartesian_path_normal_ii: }
5802         {
5803             \clist_if_empty:NTF \l_@@_corners_cells_clist
5804             { \c@_cartesian_path_normal_i:n { #1 } }
5805             { \c@_cartesian_path_normal_ii: }
5806         }
5807     }
5808     { \c@_cartesian_path_normal_i:n { #1 } }
5809 }

```

First, the situation where is a rectangular zone of cells will be colored as a whole (in the instructions of the resulting PDF). The argument is the radius of the corners.

```

5810 \cs_new_protected:Npn \c@_cartesian_path_normal_i:n #1
5811 {
5812     \pgfsetcornersarced { \pgfpoint { #1 } { #1 } }

```

We begin the loop over the columns.

```

5813     \clist_map_inline:Nn \l_@@_cols_t1
5814     {

```

We use `\def` instead of `\tl_set:Nn` for efficiency only.

```

5815     \def \l_tmpa_tl { ##1 }
5816     \tl_if_in:NnTF \l_tmpa_tl { - }
5817         { \c@_cut_on_hyphen:w ##1 \q_stop }
5818         { \def \l_tmpb_tl { ##1 } } % 2025-04-16
5819     \tl_if_empty:NTF \l_tmpa_tl
5820         { \def \l_tmpa_tl { 1 } }
5821         {

```

```

5822     \str_if_eq:eeT \l_tmpa_tl { * }
5823     { \def \l_tmpa_tl { 1 } }
5824   }
5825   \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpa_tl } > { \g_@@_col_total_int }
5826   { \@@_error:n { Invalid~col~number } }
5827   \tl_if_empty:NTF \l_tmpb_tl
5828   { \tl_set:No \l_tmpb_tl { \int_use:N \c@jCol } }
5829   {
5830     \str_if_eq:eeT \l_tmpb_tl { * }
5831     { \tl_set:No \l_tmpb_tl { \int_use:N \c@jCol } }
5832   }
5833   \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpb_tl } > { \g_@@_col_total_int }
5834   { \tl_set:No \l_tmpb_tl { \int_use:N \g_@@_col_total_int } }

\l_@@_tmpc_tl will contain the number of column.

5835   \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpc_tl \l_tmpa_tl
5836   \@@_qpoint:n { col - \l_tmpa_tl }
5837   \int_compare:nNnTF { \l_@@_first_col_int } = { \l_tmpa_tl }
5838   { \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_tmpc_dim { \pgf@x - 0.5 \arrayrulewidth } }
5839   { \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_tmpc_dim { \pgf@x + 0.5 \arrayrulewidth } }
5840   \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { \l_tmpb_tl + 1 } }
5841   \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpa_dim { \pgf@x + 0.5 \arrayrulewidth }

```

We begin the loop over the rows. We use `\def` instead of `\tl_set:Nn` for efficiency only.

```

5842   \clist_map_inline:Nn \l_@@_rows_tl
5843   {
5844     \def \l_tmpa_tl { #####1 }
5845     \tl_if_in:NnTF \l_tmpa_tl { - }
5846     { \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #####1 \q_stop }
5847     { \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #####1 - #####1 \q_stop }
5848     \tl_if_empty:NTF \l_tmpa_tl
5849     { \def \l_tmpa_tl { 1 } }
5850   {
5851     \str_if_eq:eeT \l_tmpa_tl { * }
5852     { \def \l_tmpa_tl { 1 } }
5853   }
5854   \tl_if_empty:NTF \l_tmpb_tl
5855   { \tl_set:No \l_tmpb_tl { \int_use:N \c@iRow } }
5856   {
5857     \str_if_eq:eeT \l_tmpb_tl { * }
5858     { \tl_set:No \l_tmpb_tl { \int_use:N \c@iRow } }
5859   }
5860   \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpa_tl } > { \g_@@_row_total_int }
5861   { \@@_error:n { Invalid~row~number } }
5862   \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpb_tl } > { \g_@@_row_total_int }
5863   { \tl_set:No \l_tmpb_tl { \int_use:N \g_@@_row_total_int } }

```

Now, the numbers of both rows are in `\l_tmpa_tl` and `\l_tmpb_tl`.

```

5864   \cs_if_exist:cF
5865   { @@ _ nocolor _ \l_tmpa_tl - \l_@@_tmpc_tl }
5866   {
5867     \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { \l_tmpb_tl + 1 } }
5868     \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpb_dim { \pgf@y + 0.5 \arrayrulewidth }
5869     \@@_qpoint:n { row - \l_tmpa_tl }
5870     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_tmpd_dim { \pgf@y + 0.5 \arrayrulewidth }
5871     \pgfpathrectanglecorners
5872     { \pgfpoint \l_@@_tmpc_dim \l_@@_tmpd_dim }
5873     { \pgfpoint \l_tmpa_dim \l_tmpb_dim }
5874   }
5875 }
5876 }
5877

```

Now, the case where the cells will be colored cell by cell (it's mandatory for example if the key `corners` is used).

```

5878 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_cartesian_path_normal_i:
5879 {
5880     \@@_expand_clist:NN \l_@@_cols_tl \c@jCol
5881     \@@_expand_clist:NN \l_@@_rows_tl \c@iRow

```

We begin the loop over the columns.

```

5882 \clist_map_inline:Nn \l_@@_cols_tl
5883 {
5884     \@@_qpoint:n { col - ##1 }
5885     \int_compare:nNnTF { \l_@@_first_col_int } = { ##1 }
5886         { \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_tmpc_dim { \pgf@x - 0.5 \arrayrulewidth } }
5887         { \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_tmpc_dim { \pgf@x + 0.5 \arrayrulewidth } }
5888     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { ##1 + 1 } }
5889     \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpa_dim { \pgf@x + 0.5 \arrayrulewidth }

```

We begin the loop over the rows.

```

5890 \clist_map_inline:Nn \l_@@_rows_tl
5891 {
5892     \@@_if_in_corner:nF { #####1 - ##1 }
5893     {
5894         \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { #####1 + 1 } }
5895         \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpb_dim { \pgf@y + 0.5 \arrayrulewidth }
5896         \@@_qpoint:n { row - #####1 }
5897         \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_tmpd_dim { \pgf@y + 0.5 \arrayrulewidth }
5898         \cs_if_exist:cF { @_nocolor _ #####1 - ##1 }
5899         {
5900             \pgfpathrectanglecorners
5901                 { \pgfpoint \l_@@_tmpc_dim \l_@@_tmpd_dim }
5902                 { \pgfpoint \l_tmpa_dim \l_tmpb_dim }
5903         }
5904     }
5905 }
5906 }
5907 }

```

The following command corresponds to a radius of the corners equal to 0 pt. This command is used by the commands `\@@_rowcolors`, `\@@_columncolor` and `\@@_rowcolor:n` (used in `\@@_rowcolor`).

```
5908 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_cartesian_path: { \@@_cartesian_path:n \c_zero_dim }
```

Despite its name, the following command does not create a PGF path. It declares as colored by the “empty color” all the cells in what would be the path. Hence, the other coloring instructions of `nicematrix` won’t put color in those cells. the

```

5909 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_cartesian_path_nocolor:n #1
5910 {
5911     \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_nocolor_used_bool
5912     \@@_expand_clist:NN \l_@@_cols_tl \c@jCol
5913     \@@_expand_clist:NN \l_@@_rows_tl \c@iRow

```

We begin the loop over the columns.

```

5914 \clist_map_inline:Nn \l_@@_rows_tl
5915 {
5916     \clist_map_inline:Nn \l_@@_cols_tl
5917         { \cs_set_nopar:cpn { @_nocolor _ ##1 - #####1 } { } }
5918 }
5919 }

```

The following command will be used only with `\l_@@_cols_tl` and `\c@jCol` (first case) or with `\l_@@_rows_tl` and `\c@iRow` (second case). For instance, with `\l_@@_cols_tl` equal to `2,4-6,8-*` and `\c@jCol` equal to 10, the clist `\l_@@_cols_tl` will be replaced by `2,4,5,6,8,9,10`.

```

5920 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_expand_clist:NN #1 #
5921 {
5922     \clist_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_list #1

```

```

5923   \clist_clear:N #1
5924   \clist_map_inline:Nn \l_tmpa_clist
5925   {

```

We use `\def` instead of `\tl_set:Nn` for efficiency only.

```

5926   \def \l_tmpa_tl { ##1 }
5927   \tl_if_in:NnTF \l_tmpa_tl { - }
5928     { \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w ##1 \q_stop }
5929     { \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w ##1 - ##1 \q_stop }
5930   \bool_lazy_or:nnT
5931     { \str_if_eq_p:ee \l_tmpa_tl { * } }
5932     { \tl_if_blank_p:o \l_tmpa_tl }
5933     { \def \l_tmpa_tl { 1 } }
5934   \bool_lazy_or:nnT
5935     { \str_if_eq_p:ee \l_tmpb_tl { * } }
5936     { \tl_if_blank_p:o \l_tmpb_tl }
5937     { \tl_set:No \l_tmpb_tl { \int_use:N #2 } }
5938     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpb_tl } > { #2 }
5939     { \tl_set:No \l_tmpb_tl { \int_use:N #2 } }
5940     \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_tmpa_tl } { \l_tmpb_tl }
5941     { \clist_put_right:Nn #1 { #####1 } }
5942   }
5943 }

```

The following command will be linked to `\cellcolor` in the tabular.

```

5944 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_cellcolor_tabular { O { } m }
5945 {
5946   \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl
5947   {

```

We must not expand the color (#2) because the color may contain the token ! which may be activated by some packages (ex.: babel with the option french on latex and pdflatex).

```

5948   \@@_cellcolor [ #1 ] { \exp_not:n { #2 } }
5949     { \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_use:N \c@jCol }
5950   }
5951   \ignorespaces
5952 }

```

The following command will be linked to `\rowcolor` in the tabular.

```

5953 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_rowcolor_tabular { O { } m }
5954 {
5955   \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl
5956   {
5957     \@@_rectanglecolor [ #1 ] { \exp_not:n { #2 } }
5958       { \int_use:N \c@iRow - \int_use:N \c@jCol }
5959       { \int_use:N \c@iRow - \exp_not:n { \int_use:N \c@jCol } }
5960   }
5961   \ignorespaces
5962 }

```

The following command will be linked to `\rowcolors` in the tabular. The last argument (an optional argument between square brackets is taken by curryfication).

```

5963 \NewDocumentCommand { \@@_rowcolors_tabular } { O { } m m }
5964   { \@@_rowlistcolors_tabular [ #1 ] { { #2 } , { #3 } } }

```

The braces around #2 and #3 are mandatory.

The following command will be linked to `\rowlistcolors` in the tabular.

```

5965 \NewDocumentCommand { \@@_rowlistcolors_tabular } { O { } m O { } }
5966   {

```

A use of `\rowlistcolors` in the tabular erases the instructions `\rowlistcolors` which are in force. However, it's possible to put *several* instructions `\rowlistcolors` in the same row of a tabular: it may be useful when those instructions `\rowlistcolors` concerns different columns of the tabular (thanks to the key `cols` of `\rowlistcolors`). That's why we store the different instructions `\rowlistcolors` which are in force in a sequence `\g_@@_rowlistcolors_seq`. Now, we will filter that sequence to keep only the elements which have been issued on the actual row. We will store the elements to keep in the `\g_tmpa_seq`.

```

5967   \seq_gclear:N \g_tmpa_seq
5968   \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_rowlistcolors_seq
5969     { \@@_rowlistcolors_tabular:nnnn ##1 }
5970   \seq_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_rowlistcolors_seq \g_tmpa_seq

```

Now, we add to the sequence `\g_@@_rowlistcolors_seq` (which is the list of the commands `\rowlistcolors` which are in force) the current instruction `\rowlistcolors`.

```

5971   \seq_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_rowlistcolors_seq
5972   {
5973     { \int_use:N \c@iRow }
5974     { \exp_not:n { #1 } }
5975     { \exp_not:n { #2 } }
5976     { restart , cols = \int_use:N \c@jCol - , \exp_not:n { #3 } }
5977   }
5978   \ignorespaces
5979 }

```

The following command will be applied to each component of `\g_@@_rowlistcolors_seq`. Each component of that sequence is a kind of 4-uple of the form `{#1}{#2}{#3}{#4}`.

#1 is the number of the row where the command `\rowlistcolors` has been issued.

#2 is the colorimetric space (optional argument of the `\rowlistcolors`).

#3 is the list of colors (mandatory argument of `\rowlistcolors`).

#4 is the list of `key=value` pairs (last optional argument of `\rowlistcolors`).

```

5980 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_rowlistcolors_tabular:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4
5981 {
5982   \int_compare:nNnTF { #1 } = { \c@iRow }

```

We (temporary) keep in memory in `\g_tmpa_seq` the instructions which will still be in force after the current instruction (because they have been issued in the same row of the tabular).

```

5983   { \seq_gput_right:Nn \g_tmpa_seq { { #1 } { #2 } { #3 } { #4 } } }
5984   {
5985     \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl
5986     {
5987       \@@_rowlistcolors
5988         [ \exp_not:n { #2 } ]
5989         { #1 - \int_eval:n { \c@iRow - 1 } }
5990         { \exp_not:n { #3 } }
5991         [ \exp_not:n { #4 } ]
5992     }
5993   }
5994 }

```

The following command will be used at the end of the tabular, just before the execution of the `\g_@@_pre_code_before_tl`. It clears the sequence `\g_@@_rowlistcolors_seq` of all the commands `\rowlistcolors` which are (still) in force.

```

5995 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_clear_rowlistcolors_seq:
5996 {
5997   \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_rowlistcolors_seq
5998     { \@@_rowlistcolors_tabular_ii:nnnn ##1 }
5999   \seq_gclear:N \g_@@_rowlistcolors_seq
6000 }

```

```

6001 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_rowlistcolors_tabular_i:n#1 #2 #3 #4
6002 {
6003     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl
6004         { \@@_rowlistcolors [ #2 ] { #1 } { #3 } [ #4 ] }
6005 }

```

The first mandatory argument of the command `\@@_rowlistcolors` which is written in the pre-`\CodeBefore` is of the form `i:` it means that the command must be applied to all the rows from the row `i` until the end of the tabular.

```

6006 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_columncolor_preamble { O{ } m }
6007 {

```

With the following line, we test whether the cell is the first one we encounter in its column (don't forget that some rows may be incomplete).

```

6008 \int_compare:nNnT { \c@jCol } > { \g_@@_col_total_int }
6009 {

```

You use `gput_left` because we want the specification of colors for the columns drawn before the specifications of color for the rows (and the cells). Be careful: maybe this is not effective since we have an analyze of the instructions in the `\CodeBefore` in order to fill color by color (to avoid the thin white lines).

```

6010 \tl_gput_left:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl
6011 {
6012     \exp_not:N \columncolor [ #1 ]
6013         { \exp_not:n { #2 } } { \int_use:N \c@jCol }
6014     }
6015 }
6016 }

6017 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_EmptyColumn:n #1
6018 {
6019     \clist_map_inline:nn { #1 }
6020     {
6021         \seq_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_future_pos_of_blocks_seq
6022             { { -2 } { #1 } { 98 } { ##1 } { } } % 98 and not 99 !
6023         \columncolor { nocolor } { ##1 }
6024     }
6025 }

6026 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_EmptyRow:n #1
6027 {
6028     \clist_map_inline:nn { #1 }
6029     {
6030         \seq_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_future_pos_of_blocks_seq
6031             { { ##1 } { -2 } { ##1 } { 98 } { } } % 98 and not 99 !
6032         \rowcolor { nocolor } { ##1 }
6033     }
6034 }

```

22 The vertical and horizontal rules

OnlyMainNiceMatrix

We give to the user the possibility to define new types of columns (with `\newcolumntype` of `array`) for special vertical rules (*e.g.* rules thicker than the standard ones) which will not extend in the potential exterior rows of the array.

We provide the command `\OnlyMainNiceMatrix` in that goal. However, that command must be no-op outside the environments of `nicematrix` (and so the user will be allowed to use the same new type of column in the environments of `nicematrix` and in the standard environments of `array`). That's why we provide first a global definition of `\OnlyMainNiceMatrix`.

```
6035 \cs_set_eq:NN \OnlyMainNiceMatrix \use:n
```

Another definition of `\OnlyMainNiceMatrix` will be linked to the command in the environments of `nicematrix`. Here is that definition, called `\@@_OnlyMainNiceMatrix:n`.

```
6036 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_OnlyMainNiceMatrix:n #1
6037 {
6038     \int_if_zero:nTF { \l_@@_first_col_int }
6039     { \@@_OnlyMainNiceMatrix_i:n { #1 } }
6040     {
6041         \int_if_zero:nTF { \c@jCol }
6042         {
6043             \int_compare:nNnF { \c@iRow } = { -1 }
6044             {
6045                 \int_compare:nNnF { \c@iRow } = { \l_@@_last_row_int - 1 }
6046                 { #1 }
6047             }
6048         }
6049     { \@@_OnlyMainNiceMatrix_i:n { #1 } }
6050 }
6051 }
```

This definition may seem complicated but we must remind that the number of row `\c@iRow` is incremented in the first cell of the row, *after* a potential vertical rule on the left side of the first cell. The command `\@@_OnlyMainNiceMatrix_i:n` is only a short-cut which is used twice in the above command. This command must *not* be protected.

```
6052 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_OnlyMainNiceMatrix_i:n #1
6053 {
6054     \int_if_zero:nF { \c@iRow }
6055     {
6056         \int_compare:nNnF { \c@iRow } = { \l_@@_last_row_int }
6057         {
6058             \int_compare:nNnT { \c@jCol } > { \c_zero_int }
6059             { \bool_if:NF \l_@@_in_last_col_bool { #1 } }
6060         }
6061     }
6062 }
```

Remember that `\c@iRow` is not always inferior to `\l_@@_last_row_int` because `\l_@@_last_row_int` may be equal to -2 or -1 (we can't write `\int_compare:nNnT \c@iRow < \l_@@_last_row_int`).

The following command will be used for `\Toprule`, `\BottomRule` and `\MidRule`.

```
6063 \cs_new:Npn \@@_tikz_booktabs_loaded:nn #1 #2
6064 {
6065     \IfPackageLoadedTF { tikz }
6066     {
6067         \IfPackageLoadedTF { booktabs }
6068         {
6069             \@@_error:nn { TopRule~without~booktabs } { #1 } }
6070         }
6071     { \@@_error:nn { TopRule~without~tikz } { #1 } }
6072 }

6073 \NewExpandableDocumentCommand { \@@_TopRule } { }
6074 { \@@_tikz_booktabs_loaded:nn { \TopRule } { \@@_TopRule_i: } }

6075 \cs_new:Npn \@@_TopRule_i:
6076 {
6077     \noalign \bgroup
6078     \peek_meaning:NTF [
6079         { \@@_TopRule_ii: }
```

```

6080     { \@@_TopRule_ii: [ \dim_use:N \heavyrulewidth ] }
6081 }
6082 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_TopRule_ii: { o }
6083 {
6084     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
6085     {
6086         \@@_hline:n
6087         {
6088             position = \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } ,
6089             tikz =
6090             {
6091                 line-width = #1 ,
6092                 yshift = 0.25 \arrayrulewidth ,
6093                 shorten< = - 0.5 \arrayrulewidth
6094             } ,
6095             total-width = #1
6096         }
6097     }
6098     \skip_vertical:n { \belowrulesep + #1 }
6099     \egroup
6100 }
6101 \NewExpandableDocumentCommand { \@@_BottomRule } { }
6102 { \@@_tikz_booktabs_loaded:nn { \BottomRule } { \@@_BottomRule_i: } }
6103 \cs_new:Npn \@@_BottomRule_i:
6104 {
6105     \noalign \bgroup
6106     \peek_meaning:NTF [
6107         { \@@_BottomRule_ii: }
6108         { \@@_BottomRule_ii: [ \dim_use:N \heavyrulewidth ] }
6109     }
6110 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_BottomRule_ii: { o }
6111 {
6112     \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
6113     {
6114         \@@_hline:n
6115         {
6116             position = \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } ,
6117             tikz =
6118             {
6119                 line-width = #1 ,
6120                 yshift = 0.25 \arrayrulewidth ,
6121                 shorten< = - 0.5 \arrayrulewidth
6122             } ,
6123             total-width = #1 ,
6124         }
6125     }
6126     \skip_vertical:N \aboverulesep
6127     \@@_create_row_node_i:
6128     \skip_vertical:n { #1 }
6129     \egroup
6130 }
6131 \NewExpandableDocumentCommand { \@@_MidRule } { }
6132 { \@@_tikz_booktabs_loaded:nn { \MidRule } { \@@_MidRule_i: } }
6133 \cs_new:Npn \@@_MidRule_i:
6134 {
6135     \noalign \bgroup
6136     \peek_meaning:NTF [
6137         { \@@_MidRule_ii: }
6138         { \@@_MidRule_ii: [ \dim_use:N \lightrulewidth ] }
6139     }
6140 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_MidRule_ii: { o }

```

```

6141 {
6142   \skip_vertical:N \aboverulesep
6143   \@@_create_row_node_i:
6144   \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
6145   {
6146     \@@_hline:n
6147     {
6148       position = \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } ,
6149       tikz =
6150       {
6151         line-width = #1 ,
6152         yshift = 0.25 \arrayrulewidth ,
6153         shorten< = - 0.5 \arrayrulewidth
6154       } ,
6155       total-width = #1 ,
6156     }
6157   }
6158   \skip_vertical:n { \belowrulesep + #1 }
6159   \egroup
6160 }
```

General system for drawing rules

When a command, environment or “subsystem” of nicematrix wants to draw a rule, it will write in the internal \CodeAfter a command \@@_vline:n or \@@_hline:n. Both commands take in as argument a list of key=value pairs. That list will first be analyzed with the following set of keys. However, unknown keys will be analyzed further with another set of keys.

```

6161 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / Rules }
6162 {
6163   position .int_set:N = \l_@@_position_int ,
6164   position .value_required:n = true ,
6165   start .int_set:N = \l_@@_start_int ,
6166   end .code:n =
6167   \bool_lazy_or:nTF
6168     { \tl_if_empty_p:n { #1 } }
6169     { \str_if_eq_p:ee { #1 } { last } }
6170     { \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_end_int \c@jCol }
6171     { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_end_int { #1 } }
6172 }
```

It's possible that the rule won't be drawn continuously from `start` to `end` because of the blocks (created with the command `\Block`), the virtual blocks (created by `\Cdots`, etc.), etc. That's why an analyse is done and the rule is cut in small rules which will actually be drawn. The small continuous rules will be drawn by `\@@_vline_ii:` and `\@@_hline_ii::`. Those commands use the following set of keys.

```

6173 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / RulesBis }
6174 {
6175   multiplicity .int_set:N = \l_@@_multiplicity_int ,
6176   multiplicity .initial:n = 1 ,
6177   dotted .bool_set:N = \l_@@_dotted_bool ,
6178   dotted .initial:n = false ,
6179   dotted .default:n = true ,
```

We want that, even when the rule has been defined with TikZ by the key `tikz`, the user has still the possibility to change the color of the rule with the key `color` (in the command `\Hline`, not in the key `tikz` of the command `\Hline`). The main use is, when the user has defined its own command `\MyDashedLine` by `\newcommand{\MyDashedRule}{\Hline[tikz=dashed]}`, to give the ability to write `\MyDashedRule[color=red]`.

```

6180   color .code:n =
6181   \@@_set_CTarc:n { #1 }
```

```

6182   \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_rule_color_tl { #1 } ,
6183   color .value_required:n = true ,
6184   sep-color .code:n = \@@_set_CTDrsC:n { #1 } ,
6185   sep-color .value_required:n = true ,

```

If the user uses the key `tikz`, the rule (or more precisely: the different sub-rules since a rule may be broken by blocks or others) will be drawn with Tikz.

```

6186   tikz .code:n =
6187     \IfPackageLoadedTF { tikz }
6188       { \clist_put_right:Nn \l_@@_tikz_rule_tl { #1 } }
6189       { \@@_error:n { tikz-without-tikz } },
6190   tikz .value_required:n = true ,
6191   total-width .dim_set:N = \l_@@_rule_width_dim ,
6192   total-width .value_required:n = true ,
6193   width .meta:n = { total-width = #1 } ,
6194   unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown~key~for~RulesBis }
6195 }

```

The vertical rules

The following command will be executed in the internal `\CodeAfter`. The argument `#1` is a list of `key=value` pairs.

```

6196 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_vline:n #1
6197 {

```

The group is for the options.

```

6198 \group_begin:
6199 \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_end_int \c@iRow
6200 \keys_set_known:nnN { nicematrix / Rules } { #1 } \l_@@_other_keys_tl

```

The following test is for the case where the user does not use all the columns specified in the preamble of the environment (for instance, a preamble of `|c|c|c|` but only two columns used).

```

6201 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_position_int } < { \c@jCol + 2 }
6202   \@@_vline_i:
6203 \group_end:
6204 }

6205 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_vline_i:
6206 {

```

`\l_tmpa_tl` is the number of row and `\l_tmpb_tl` the number of column. When we have found a row corresponding to a rule to draw, we note its number in `\l_@@_tmpc_tl`.

```

6207 \tl_set:No \l_tmpb_tl { \int_use:N \l_@@_position_int }
6208 \int_step_variable:nnNn \l_@@_start_int \l_@@_end_int
6209   \l_tmpa_tl
6210   {

```

The boolean `\g_tmpa_bool` indicates whether the small vertical rule will be drawn. If we find that it is in a block (a real block, created by `\Block` or a virtual block corresponding to a dotted line, created by `\Cdots`, `\Vdots`, etc.), we will set `\g_tmpa_bool` to `false` and the small vertical rule won't be drawn.

```

6211 \bool_gset_true:N \g_tmpa_bool
6212 \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq
6213   { \@@_test_vline_in_block:nnnnn ##1 }
6214 \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_pos_of_xdots_seq
6215   { \@@_test_vline_in_block:nnnnn ##1 }
6216 \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_pos_of_stroken_blocks_seq
6217   { \@@_test_vline_in_stroken_block:nnnn ##1 }
6218 \clist_if_empty:NF \l_@@_corners_clist { \@@_test_in_corner_v: }
6219 \bool_if:NTF \g_tmpa_bool
6220   {
6221     \int_if_zero:nT { \l_@@_local_start_int }

```

We keep in memory that we have a rule to draw. `\l_@@_local_start_int` will be the starting row of the rule that we will have to draw.

```

6222     { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_local_start_int \l_tmpa_tl }
6223   }
6224   {
6225     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_local_start_int } > { \c_zero_int }
6226     {
6227       \int_set:Nn \l_@@_local_end_int { \l_tmpa_tl - 1 }
6228       \@@_vline_ii:
6229       \int_zero:N \l_@@_local_start_int
6230     }
6231   }
6232 }
6233 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_local_start_int } > { \c_zero_int }
6234 {
6235   \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_local_end_int \l_@@_end_int
6236   \@@_vline_ii:
6237 }
6238 }

6239 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_test_in_corner_v:
6240 {
6241   \int_compare:nNnTF { \l_tmpb_tl } = { \c@jCol + 1 }
6242   {
6243     \@@_if_in_corner:nT { \l_tmpa_tl - \int_eval:n { \l_tmpb_tl - 1 } }
6244     { \bool_set_false:N \g_tmpa_bool }
6245   }
6246   {
6247     \@@_if_in_corner:nT { \l_tmpa_tl - \l_tmpb_tl }
6248     {
6249       \int_compare:nNnTF { \l_tmpb_tl } = { \c_one_int }
6250       { \bool_set_false:N \g_tmpa_bool }
6251       {
6252         \@@_if_in_corner:nT
6253           { \l_tmpa_tl - \int_eval:n { \l_tmpb_tl - 1 } }
6254           { \bool_set_false:N \g_tmpa_bool }
6255         }
6256       }
6257     }
6258   }
6259 }

6260 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_vline_ii:
6261 {
6262   \tl_clear:N \l_@@_tikz_rule_tl
6263   \keys_set:no { nicematrix / RulesBis } \l_@@_other_keys_tl
6264   \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_dotted_bool
6265   { \@@_vline_iv: }
6266   {
6267     \tl_if_empty:NTF \l_@@_tikz_rule_tl
6268     { \@@_vline_iii: }
6269     { \@@_vline_v: }
6270   }
6271 }
```

First the case of a standard rule: the user has not used the key `dotted` nor the key `tikz`.

```

6271 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_vline_iii:
6272 {
6273   \pgfpicture
6274   \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
6275   \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
6276   \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_@@_local_start_int }
```

```

6277 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@y
6278 \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_use:N \l_@@_position_int }
6279 \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpb_dim
6280 {
6281   \pgf@x
6282   - 0.5 \l_@@_rule_width_dim
6283   +
6284   ( \arrayrulewidth * \l_@@_multiplicity_int
6285     + \doublerulesep * ( \l_@@_multiplicity_int - 1 ) ) / 2
6286 }
6287 \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { \l_@@_local_end_int + 1 } }
6288 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpc_dim \pgf@y
6289 \bool_lazy_all:nT
6290 {
6291   { \int_compare_p:nNn { \l_@@_multiplicity_int } > { \c_one_int } }
6292   { \cs_if_exist_p:N \CT@drsc@ }
6293   { ! \tl_if_blank_p:o \CT@drsc@ }
6294 }
6295 {
6296   \group_begin:
6297   \CT@drsc@
6298   \dim_add:Nn \l_tmpa_dim { 0.5 \arrayrulewidth }
6299   \dim_sub:Nn \l_@@_tmpc_dim { 0.5 \arrayrulewidth }
6300   \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_tmpd_dim
6301   {
6302     \l_tmpb_dim - ( \doublerulesep + \arrayrulewidth )
6303     * ( \l_@@_multiplicity_int - 1 )
6304   }
6305   \pgfpathrectanglecorners
6306   { \pgfpoint \l_tmpb_dim \l_tmpa_dim }
6307   { \pgfpoint \l_@@_tmpd_dim \l_@@_tmpc_dim }
6308   \pgfusepath { fill }
6309   \group_end:
6310 }
6311 \pgfpathmoveto { \pgfpoint \l_tmpb_dim \l_tmpa_dim }
6312 \pgfpathlineto { \pgfpoint \l_tmpb_dim \l_@@_tmpc_dim }
6313 \prg_replicate:nn { \l_@@_multiplicity_int - 1 }
6314 {
6315   \dim_sub:Nn \l_tmpb_dim { \arrayrulewidth + \doublerulesep }
6316   \pgfpathmoveto { \pgfpoint \l_tmpb_dim \l_tmpa_dim }
6317   \pgfpathlineto { \pgfpoint \l_tmpb_dim \l_@@_tmpc_dim }
6318 }
6319 \CT@arc@
6320 \pgfsetlinewidth { 1.1 \arrayrulewidth }
6321 \pgfsetrectcap
6322 \pgfusepathqstroke
6323 \endpgfpicture
6324 }

```

The following code is for the case of a dotted rule (with our system of rounded dots).

```

6325 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_vline_iv:
6326 {
6327   \pgfpicture
6328   \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
6329   \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
6330   \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_use:N \l_@@_position_int }
6331   \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_x_initial_dim { \pgf@x - 0.5 \l_@@_rule_width_dim }
6332   \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_final_dim \l_@@_x_initial_dim
6333   \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_@@_local_start_int }
6334   \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_initial_dim \pgf@y
6335   \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { \l_@@_local_end_int + 1 } }
6336   \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_final_dim \pgf@y
6337   \CT@arc@

```

```

6338     \@@_draw_line:
6339     \endpgfpicture
6340 }

```

The following code is for the case when the user uses the key `tikz`.

```

6341 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_vline_v:
6342 {
6343     \begin{tikzpicture}

```

By default, the color defined by `\arrayrulecolor` or by `rules/color` will be used, but it's still possible to change the color by using the key `color` or, of course, the key `color` inside the key `tikz` (that is to say the key `color` provided by PGF).

```

6344 \CT@arc@  

6345 \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_rule_color_tl  

6346     { \tl_put_right:Ne \l_@@_tikz_rule_tl { , color = \l_@@_rule_color_tl } }  

6347 \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue  

6348 \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse  

6349 \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_@@_local_start_int }  

6350 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@y  

6351 \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_use:N \l_@@_position_int }  

6352 \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpb_dim { \pgf@x - 0.5 \l_@@_rule_width_dim }  

6353 \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { \l_@@_local_end_int + 1 } }  

6354 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpc_dim \pgf@y  

6355 \exp_args:No \tikzset \l_@@_tikz_rule_tl  

6356 \use:e { \exp_not:N \draw [ \l_@@_tikz_rule_tl ] }  

6357     ( \l_tmpb_dim , \l_tmpa_dim ) --  

6358     ( \l_tmpb_dim , \l_@@_tmpc_dim ) ;  

6359 \end{tikzpicture}  

6360 }

```

The command `\@@_draw_vlines:` draws all the vertical rules excepted in the blocks, in the virtual blocks (determined by a command such as `\Cdots`) and in the corners (if the key `corners` is used).

```

6361 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_vlines:
6362 {
6363     \int_step_inline:nnn
6364     {
6365         \bool_lazy_or:nnTF { \g_@@_delims_bool } { \l_@@_except_borders_bool }
6366             { 2 }
6367             { 1 }
6368     }
6369     {
6370         \bool_lazy_or:nnTF { \g_@@_delims_bool } { \l_@@_except_borders_bool }
6371             { \c@jCol }
6372             { \int_eval:n { \c@jCol + 1 } }
6373     }
6374     {
6375         \str_if_eq:eeF \l_@@_vlines_clist { all }
6376             { \clist_if_in:NnT \l_@@_vlines_clist { ##1 } }
6377             { \@@_vline:n { position = ##1 , total-width = \arrayrulewidth } }
6378     }
6379 }

```

The horizontal rules

The following command will be executed in the internal `\CodeAfter`. The argument `#1` is a list of `key=value` pairs of the form `{nicematrix/Rules}`.

```

6380 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_hline:n #1
6381 {

```

The group is for the options.

```

6382 \group_begin:
6383 \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_end_int \c@jCol
6384 \keys_set_known:nnN { nicematrix / Rules } { #1 } \l_@@_other_keys_tl
6385 \@@_hline_i:
6386 \group_end:
6387 }

6388 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_hline_i:
6389 {
  % \int_zero:N \l_@@_local_start_int
  % \int_zero:N \l_@@_local_end_int

```

\l_tmpa_tl is the number of row and \l_tmpb_tl the number of column. When we have found a column corresponding to a rule to draw, we note its number in \l_@@_tmpc_tl.

```

6392 \tl_set:No \l_tmpa_tl { \int_use:N \l_@@_position_int }
6393 \int_step_variable:nnNn \l_@@_start_int \l_@@_end_int
6394   \l_tmpb_tl
6395 }
```

The boolean \g_tmpa_bool indicates whether the small horizontal rule will be drawn. If we find that it is in a block (a real block, created by \Block or a virtual block corresponding to a dotted line, created by \Cdots, \Vdots, etc.), we will set \g_tmpa_bool to false and the small horizontal rule won't be drawn.

```
6396 \bool_gset_true:N \g_tmpa_bool
```

We test whether we are in a block.

```

6397 \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq
6398   {
  \@@_test_hline_in_block:nnnnn ##1 }

6399 \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_pos_of_xdots_seq
6400   {
  \@@_test_hline_in_block:nnnnn ##1 }
6401 \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_pos_of_stroken_blocks_seq
6402   {
  \@@_test_hline_in_stroken_block:nnnn ##1 }
6403 \clist_if_empty:NF \l_@@_corners_clist { \@@_test_in_corner_h: }
6404 \bool_if:NTF \g_tmpa_bool
6405   {
  \int_if_zero:nT { \l_@@_local_start_int }

```

We keep in memory that we have a rule to draw. \l_@@_local_start_int will be the starting row of the rule that we will have to draw.

```

6407   {
  \int_set:Nn \l_@@_local_start_int \l_tmpb_tl }
6408 }
6409 {
6410   \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_local_start_int } > { \c_zero_int }
6411   {
  \int_set:Nn \l_@@_local_end_int { \l_tmpb_tl - 1 }
  \@@_hline_ii:
  \int_zero:N \l_@@_local_start_int
}
6415 }
6416 }
6417 }
6418 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_local_start_int } > { \c_zero_int }
6419 {
  \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_local_end_int \l_@@_end_int
  \@@_hline_ii:
}
6423 }
```

```

6424 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_test_in_corner_h:
6425 {
  \int_compare:nNnTF { \l_tmpa_tl } = { \c@iRow + 1 }
  {
    \@@_if_in_corner:nT { \int_eval:n { \l_tmpa_tl - 1 } - \l_tmpb_tl }
```

```

6429     { \bool_set_false:N \g_tmpa_bool }
6430   }
6431   {
6432     \@@_if_in_corner:nT { \l_tmpa_tl - \l_tmpb_tl }
6433     {
6434       \int_compare:nNnTF { \l_tmpa_tl } = { \c_one_int }
6435         { \bool_set_false:N \g_tmpa_bool }
6436         {
6437           \@@_if_in_corner:nT
6438             { \int_eval:n { \l_tmpa_tl - 1 } - \l_tmpb_tl }
6439             { \bool_set_false:N \g_tmpa_bool }
6440           }
6441         }
6442       }
6443     }
6444 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_hline_ii:
6445   {
6446     \tl_clear:N \l_@@_tikz_rule_tl
6447     \keys_set:no { nicematrix / RulesBis } \l_@@_other_keys_tl
6448     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_dotted_bool
6449       { \@@_hline_iv: }
6450       {
6451         \tl_if_empty:NTF \l_@@_tikz_rule_tl
6452           { \@@_hline_iii: }
6453           { \@@_hline_v: }
6454       }
6455   }

```

First the case of a standard rule (without the keys dotted and tikz).

```

6456 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_hline_iii:
6457   {
6458     \pgfpicture
6459     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
6460     \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
6461     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_use:N \l_@@_local_start_int }
6462     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@x
6463     \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_@@_position_int }
6464     \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpb_dim
6465     {
6466       \pgf@y
6467       - 0.5 \l_@@_rule_width_dim
6468       +
6469       ( \arrayrulewidth * \l_@@_multiplicity_int
6470         + \doublerulesep * ( \l_@@_multiplicity_int - 1 ) ) / 2
6471     }
6472     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { \l_@@_local_end_int + 1 } }
6473     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpc_dim \pgf@x
6474     \bool_lazy_all:nT
6475     {
6476       { \int_compare_p:nNn { \l_@@_multiplicity_int } > { \c_one_int } }
6477       { \cs_if_exist_p:N \CT@drsc@ }
6478       { ! \tl_if_blank_p:o \CT@drsc@ }
6479     }
6480   {
6481     \group_begin:
6482     \CT@drsc@
6483     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_tmpd_dim
6484     {
6485       \l_tmpb_dim - ( \doublerulesep + \arrayrulewidth )
6486       * ( \l_@@_multiplicity_int - 1 )
6487     }

```

```

6488     \pgfpathrectanglecorners
6489         { \pgfpoint {\l_tmpa_dim} {\l_tmpb_dim} }
6490         { \pgfpoint {\l_@@_tmpc_dim} {\l_@@_tmpd_dim} }
6491     \pgfusepathqfill
6492     \group_end:
6493     }
6494     \pgfpathmoveto { \pgfpoint {\l_tmpa_dim} {\l_tmpb_dim} }
6495     \pgfpathlineto { \pgfpoint {\l_@@_tmpc_dim} {\l_tmpb_dim} }
6496     \prg_replicate:nn { \l_@@_multiplicity_int - 1 }
6497     {
6498         \dim_sub:Nn \l_tmpb_dim { \arrayrulewidth + \doublerulesep }
6499         \pgfpathmoveto { \pgfpoint {\l_tmpa_dim} {\l_tmpb_dim} }
6500         \pgfpathlineto { \pgfpoint {\l_@@_tmpc_dim} {\l_tmpb_dim} }
6501     }
6502     \CT@arc@
6503     \pgfsetlinewidth { 1.1 \arrayrulewidth }
6504     \pgfsetrectcap
6505     \pgfusepathqstroke
6506     \endpgfpicture
6507 }

```

The following code is for the case of a dotted rule (with our system of rounded dots). The aim is that, by standard the dotted line fits between square brackets (`\hline` doesn't).

```

\begin{bNiceMatrix}
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\
\hline
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\
\hdottedline
1 & 2 & 3 & 4
\end{bNiceMatrix}

```

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

But, if the user uses `margin`, the dotted line extends to have the same width as a `\hline`.

```

\begin{bNiceMatrix}[margin]
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\
\hline
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\
\hdottedline
1 & 2 & 3 & 4
\end{bNiceMatrix}

```

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

```

6508 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_hline_iv:
6509 {
6510     \pgfpicture
6511     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
6512     \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
6513     \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_@@_position_int }
6514     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_y_initial_dim { \pgf@y - 0.5 \l_@@_rule_width_dim }
6515     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_final_dim \l_@@_y_initial_dim
6516     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_use:N \l_@@_local_start_int }
6517     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \pgf@x
6518     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_local_start_int } = { \c_one_int }
6519     {
6520         \dim_sub:Nn \l_@@_x_initial_dim \l_@@_left_margin_dim
6521         \bool_if:NF \g_@@_delims_bool
6522             { \dim_sub:Nn \l_@@_x_initial_dim \arraycolsep }

```

For reasons purely aesthetic, we do an adjustment in the case of a rounded bracket. The correction by `0.5 \l_@@_xdots_inter_dim` is *ad hoc* for a better result.

```

6523     \tl_if_eq:NnF \g_@@_left_delim_tl (
6524         { \dim_add:Nn \l_@@_x_initial_dim { 0.5 \l_@@_xdots_inter_dim } }
6525     }
6526     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { \l_@@_local_end_int + 1 } }
6527     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_final_dim \pgf@x
6528     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_local_end_int } = { \c@jCol }

```

```

6529 {
6530   \dim_add:Nn \l_@@_x_final_dim \l_@@_right_margin_dim
6531   \bool_if:NF \g_@@_delims_bool
6532     { \dim_add:Nn \l_@@_x_final_dim \arraycolsep }
6533   \tl_if_eq:NnF \g_@@_right_delim_tl )
6534   { \dim_gsub:Nn \l_@@_x_final_dim { 0.5 \l_@@_xdots_inter_dim } }
6535 }
6536 \CT@arc@
6537 \@@_draw_line:
6538 \endpgfpicture
6539 }

```

The following code is for the case when the user uses the key `tikz` (in the definition of a customized rule by using the key `custom-line`).

```

6540 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_hline_v:
6541 {
6542   \begin{tikzpicture}

```

By default, the color defined by `\arrayrulecolor` or by `rules/color` will be used, but it's still possible to change the color by using the key `color` or, of course, the key `color` inside the key `tikz` (that is to say the key `color` provided by PGF).

```

6543   \CT@arc@
6544   \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_rule_color_tl
6545     { \tl_put_right:Ne \l_@@_tikz_rule_tl { , color = \l_@@_rule_color_tl } }
6546   \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
6547   \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
6548   \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_use:N \l_@@_local_start_int }
6549   \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@x
6550   \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_use:N \l_@@_position_int }
6551   \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpb_dim { \pgf@y - 0.5 \l_@@_rule_width_dim }
6552   \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { \l_@@_local_end_int + 1 } }
6553   \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpc_dim \pgf@x
6554   \exp_args:No \tikzset \l_@@_tikz_rule_tl
6555   \use:e { \exp_not:N \draw [ \l_@@_tikz_rule_tl ] }
6556     ( \l_tmpa_dim , \l_tmpb_dim ) --
6557     ( \l_@@_tmpc_dim , \l_tmpb_dim ) ;
6558   \end{tikzpicture}
6559 }

```

The command `\@@_draw_hlines:` draws all the horizontal rules excepted in the blocks (even the virtual blocks determined by commands such as `\Cdots` and in the corners — if the key `corners` is used).

```

6560 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_hlines:
6561 {
6562   \int_step_inline:nnn
6563     { \bool_lazy_or:nnTF \g_@@_delims_bool \l_@@_except_borders_bool 2 1 }
6564   {
6565     \bool_lazy_or:nnTF { \g_@@_delims_bool } { \l_@@_except_borders_bool }
6566       { \c@iRow }
6567       { \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } }
6568   }
6569   {
6570     \str_if_eq:eeF \l_@@_hlines_clist { all }
6571       { \clist_if_in:NnT \l_@@_hlines_clist { ##1 } }
6572       { \@@_hline:n { position = ##1 , total-width = \arrayrulewidth } }
6573   }
6574 }

```

The command `\@@_Hline:` will be linked to `\Hline` in the environments of `nicematrix`.

```

6575 \cs_set:Npn \@@_Hline: { \noalign \bgroup \@@_Hline_i:n { 1 } }

```

The argument of the command `\@@_Hline_i:n` is the number of successive `\Hline` found.

```

6576 \cs_set:Npn \@@_Hline_i:n #1
6577 {
6578     \peek_remove_spaces:n
6579     {
6580         \peek_meaning:NTF \Hline
6581         { \@@_Hline_ii:nn { #1 + 1 } }
6582         { \@@_Hline_iii:n { #1 } }
6583     }
6584 }
6585 \cs_set:Npn \@@_Hline_ii:nn #1 #2 { \@@_Hline_i:n { #1 } }
6586 \cs_set:Npn \@@_Hline_iii:n #1
6587 { \@@_collect_options:n { \@@_Hline_iv:nn { #1 } } }
6588 \cs_set_protected:Npn \@@_Hline_iv:nn #1 #2
6589 {
6590     \@@_compute_rule_width:n { multiplicity = #1 , #2 }
6591     \skip_vertical:N \l_@@_rule_width_dim
6592     \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
6593     {
6594         \@@_hline:n
6595         {
6596             multiplicity = #1 ,
6597             position = \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } ,
6598             total-width = \dim_use:N \l_@@_rule_width_dim ,
6599             #2
6600         }
6601     }
6602     \egroup
6603 }
```

Customized rules defined by the final user

The final user can define a customized rule by using the key `custom-line` in `\NiceMatrixOptions`. That key takes in as value a list of `key=value` pairs.

The following command will create the customized rule (it is executed when the final user uses the key `custom-line`, for example in `\NiceMatrixOptions`).

```

6604 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_custom_line:n #1
6605 {
6606     \str_clear_new:N \l_@@_command_str
6607     \str_clear_new:N \l_@@_ccommand_str
6608     \str_clear_new:N \l_@@_letter_str
6609     \tl_clear_new:N \l_@@_other_keys_tl
6610     \keys_set_known:nnN { nicematrix / custom-line } { #1 } \l_@@_other_keys_tl
```

If the final user only wants to draw horizontal rules, he does not need to specify a letter (for the vertical rules in the preamble of the array). On the other hand, if he only wants to draw vertical rules, he does not need to define a command (which is the tool to draw horizontal rules in the array). Of course, a definition of custom lines with no letter and no command would be point-less.

```

6611 \bool_lazy_all:nTF
6612 {
6613     { \str_if_empty_p:N \l_@@_letter_str }
6614     { \str_if_empty_p:N \l_@@_command_str }
6615     { \str_if_empty_p:N \l_@@_ccommand_str }
6616 }
6617 { \@@_error:n { No-letter-and-no-command } }
6618 { \@@_custom_line_i:o \l_@@_other_keys_tl }
6619 }

6620 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / custom-line }
6621 {
6622     letter .str_set:N = \l_@@_letter_str ,
```

```

6623     letter .value_required:n = true ,
6624     command .str_set:N = \l_@@_command_str ,
6625     command .value_required:n = true ,
6626     ccommand .str_set:N = \l_@@_ccommand_str ,
6627     ccommand .value_required:n = true ,
6628 }
6629 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_custom_line_i:n #1
6630 {

```

The following flags will be raised when the keys `tikz`, `dotted` and `color` are used (in the `custom-line`).

```

6631     \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_tikz_rule_bool
6632     \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_dotted_rule_bool
6633     \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_color_bool
6634     \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / custom-line-bis } { #1 }
6635     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_tikz_rule_bool
6636     {
6637         \IfPackageLoadedF { tikz }
6638         { \@@_error:n { tikz-in-custom-line-without-tikz } }
6639         \bool_if:NT \l_@@_color_bool
6640         { \@@_error:n { color-in-custom-line-with-tikz } }
6641     }
6642     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_dotted_rule_bool
6643     {
6644         \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_multiplicity_int } > { \c_one_int }
6645         { \@@_error:n { key-multiplicity-with-dotted } }
6646     }
6647     \str_if_empty:NF \l_@@_letter_str
6648     {
6649         \int_compare:nTF { \str_count:N \l_@@_letter_str != 1 }
6650         { \@@_error:n { Several-letters } }
6651         {
6652             \tl_if_in:NoTF
6653             \c_@@_forbidden_letters_str
6654             \l_@@_letter_str
6655             { \@@_error:ne { Forbidden-letter } \l_@@_letter_str }
6656         }

```

During the analyse of the preamble provided by the final user, our automaton, for the letter corresponding at the custom line, will directly use the following command that you define in the main hash table of TeX.

```

6657     \cs_set_nopar:cpn { @@ _ \l_@@_letter_str : } ##1
6658     { \@@_v_custom_line:n { #1 } }
6659 }
6660 }
6661 }
6662 \str_if_empty:NF \l_@@_command_str { \@@_h_custom_line:n { #1 } }
6663 \str_if_empty:NF \l_@@_ccommand_str { \@@_c_custom_line:n { #1 } }
6664 }
6665 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_custom_line_i:n { o }
6666 \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_forbidden_letters_tl { lcrpmbVX|()[]!@<> }
6667 \str_const:Nn \c_@@_forbidden_letters_str { lcrpmbVX|()[]!@<> }

```

The previous command `\@@_custom_line_i:n` uses the following set of keys. However, the whole definition of the customized lines (as provided by the final user as argument of `custom-line`) will also be used further with other sets of keys (for instance `{nicematrix/Rules}`). That's why the following set of keys has some keys which are no-op.

```

6668 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / custom-line-bis }
6669 {
6670     multiplicity .int_set:N = \l_@@_multiplicity_int ,

```

```

6671 multiplicity .initial:n = 1 ,
6672 multiplicity .value_required:n = true ,
6673 color .code:n = \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_color_bool ,
6674 color .value_required:n = true ,
6675 tikz .code:n = \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_tikz_rule_bool ,
6676 tikz .value_required:n = true ,
6677 dotted .code:n = \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_dotted_rule_bool ,
6678 dotted .value_forbidden:n = true ,
6679 total-width .code:n = { } ,
6680 total-width .value_required:n = true ,
6681 width .code:n = { } ,
6682 width .value_required:n = true ,
6683 sep-color .code:n = { } ,
6684 sep-color .value_required:n = true ,
6685 unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown-key-for~custom-line }
6686 }

```

The following keys will indicate whether the keys `dotted`, `tikz` and `color` are used in the use of a `custom-line`.

```

6687 \bool_new:N \l_@@_dotted_rule_bool
6688 \bool_new:N \l_@@_tikz_rule_bool
6689 \bool_new:N \l_@@_color_bool

```

The following keys are used to determine the total width of the line (including the spaces on both sides of the line). The key `width` is deprecated and has been replaced by the key `total-width`.

```

6690 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / custom-line-width }
6691 {
6692   multiplicity .int_set:N = \l_@@_multiplicity_int ,
6693   multiplicity .initial:n = 1 ,
6694   multiplicity .value_required:n = true ,
6695   tikz .code:n = \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_tikz_rule_bool ,
6696   total-width .code:n = \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_rule_width_dim { #1 }
6697           \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_total_width_bool ,
6698   total-width .value_required:n = true ,
6699   width .meta:n = { total-width = #1 } ,
6700   dotted .code:n = \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_dotted_rule_bool ,
6701 }

```

The following command will create the command that the final user will use in its array to draw an horizontal rule (hence the ‘`h`’ in the name) with the full width of the array. `#1` is the whole set of keys to pass to the command `\@@_hline:n` (which is in the internal `\CodeAfter`).

```

6702 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_h_custom_line:n #1
6703 {

```

We use `\cs_set:cfn` and not `\cs_new:cfn` because we want a local definition. Moreover, the command must *not* be protected since it begins with `\noalign` (which is in `\Hline`).

```

6704   \cs_set_nopar:cfn { nicematrix - \l_@@_command_str } { \Hline [ #1 ] }
6705   \seq_put_left:No \l_@@_custom_line_commands_seq \l_@@_command_str
6706 }

```

The following command will create the command that the final user will use in its array to draw an horizontal rule on only some of the columns of the array (hence the letter `c` as in `\cline`). `#1` is the whole set of keys to pass to the command `\@@_hline:n` (which is in the internal `\CodeAfter`).

```

6707 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_c_custom_line:n #1
6708 {

```

Here, we need an expandable command since it begins with an `\noalign`.

```

6709   \exp_args:Nc \NewExpandableDocumentCommand
6710     { nicematrix - \l_@@_ccommand_str }
6711     { O { } m }

```

```

6712 {
6713   \noalign
6714   {
6715     \@@_compute_rule_width:n { #1 , ##1 }
6716     \skip_vertical:n { \l_@@_rule_width_dim }
6717     \clist_map_inline:nn
6718     {
6719       \@@_c_custom_line_i:nn { #1 , ##1 } { #####1 } }
6720     }
6721   }
6722   \seq_put_left:No \l_@@_custom_line_commands_seq \l_@@_ccommand_str
6723 }

```

The first argument is the list of key-value pairs characteristic of the line. The second argument is the specification of columns for the `\cline` with the syntax *a-b*.

```

6724 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_c_custom_line_i:nn #1 #2
6725 {
6726   \tl_if_in:nnTF { #2 } { - }
6727   {
6728     \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #2 \q_stop
6729     \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #2 - #2 \q_stop
6730   }
6731   \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
6732   {
6733     \@@_hline:n
6734     {
6735       #1 ,
6736       start = \l_tmpa_tl ,
6737       end = \l_tmpb_tl ,
6738       position = \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } ,
6739       total-width = \dim_use:N \l_@@_rule_width_dim
6740     }
6741   }
6742 }
6743 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_compute_rule_width:n #1
6744 {
6745   \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_tikz_rule_bool
6746   \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_total_width_bool
6747   \bool_set_false:N \l_@@_dotted_rule_bool
6748   \keys_set_known:nn { nicematrix / custom-line-width } { #1 }
6749   \bool_if:NF \l_@@_total_width_bool
6750   {
6751     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_dotted_rule_bool
6752     {
6753       \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_rule_width_dim { 2 \l_@@_xdots_radius_dim } }
6754     {
6755       \bool_if:NF \l_@@_tikz_rule_bool
6756       {
6757         \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_rule_width_dim
6758         {
6759           \arrayrulewidth * \l_@@_multiplicity_int
6760           + \doublerulesep * ( \l_@@_multiplicity_int - 1 )
6761         }
6762       }
6763   }
6764 }
6765 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_v_custom_line:n #1
6766 {
6767   \@@_compute_rule_width:n { #1 }

```

In the following line, the `\dim_use:N` is mandatory since we do an expansion.

```

6766   \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_array_preamble_tl
6767   {
6768     \exp_not:N ! { \skip_horizontal:n { \dim_use:N \l_@@_rule_width_dim } } }
6769   \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
6770   {

```

```

6770     \@@_vline:n
6771     {
6772         #1 ,
6773         position = \int_eval:n { \c@jCol + 1 } ,
6774         total-width = \dim_use:N \l_@@_rule_width_dim
6775     }
6776 }
6777 \@@_rec_preamble:n
6778 }

6779 \@@_custom_line:n
6780 { letter = : , command = hdottedline , ccommand = cdottedline, dotted }

```

The key hvlines

The following command tests whether the current position in the array (given by `\l_tmpa_tl` for the row and `\l_tmpb_tl` for the column) would provide an horizontal rule towards the right in the block delimited by the four arguments #1, #2, #3 and #4. If this rule would be in the block (it must not be drawn), the boolean `\l_tmpa_bool` is set to `false`.

```

6781 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_test_hline_in_block:nnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
6782 {
6783     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpa_tl } > { #1 }
6784     {
6785         \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpa_tl } < { #3 + 1 }
6786         {
6787             \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpb_tl } > { #2 - 1 }
6788             {
6789                 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpb_tl } < { #4 + 1 }
6790                 { \bool_gset_false:N \g_tmpa_bool }
6791             }
6792         }
6793     }
6794 }

```

The same for vertical rules.

```

6795 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_test_vline_in_block:nnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
6796 {
6797     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpa_tl } > { #1 - 1 }
6798     {
6799         \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpa_tl } < { #3 + 1 }
6800         {
6801             \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpb_tl } > { #2 }
6802             {
6803                 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpb_tl } < { #4 + 1 }
6804                 { \bool_gset_false:N \g_tmpa_bool }
6805             }
6806         }
6807     }
6808 }

6809 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_test_hline_in_stroken_block:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4
6810 {
6811     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpb_tl } > { #2 - 1 }
6812     {
6813         \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpb_tl } < { #4 + 1 }
6814         {
6815             \int_compare:nNnTF { \l_tmpa_tl } = { #1 }
6816             { \bool_gset_false:N \g_tmpa_bool }
6817             {
6818                 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpa_tl } = { #3 + 1 }
6819                 { \bool_gset_false:N \g_tmpa_bool }
6820             }
6821         }
6822     }
6823 }

```

```

6824 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_test_vline_in_stroken_block:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4
6825 {
6826     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpa_tl } > { #1 - 1 }
6827     {
6828         \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpa_tl } < { #3 + 1 }
6829         {
6830             \int_compare:nNnTF { \l_tmpb_tl } = { #2 }
6831             { \bool_gset_false:N \g_tmpa_bool }
6832             {
6833                 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpb_tl } = { #4 + 1 }
6834                 { \bool_gset_false:N \g_tmpa_bool }
6835             }
6836         }
6837     }
6838 }

```

23 The empty corners

When the key `corners` is raised, the rules are not drawn in the corners; they are not colored and `\TikzEveryCell` does not apply. Of course, we have to compute the corners before we begin to draw the rules.

```

6839 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_compute_corners:
6840 {
6841     \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq
6842     { \@@_mark_cells_of_block:nnnn ##1 }

```

The list `\l_@@_corners_cells_clist` will be the list of all the empty cells (and not in a block) considered in the corners of the array. We use a `cclist` instead of a `seq` because we will frequently search in that list (and searching in a `cclist` is faster than searching in a `seq`).

```

6843 \cclist_clear:N \l_@@_corners_cells_clist
6844 \cclist_map_inline:Nn \l_@@_corners_clist
6845 {
6846     \str_case:nnF { ##1 }
6847     {
6848         { NW }
6849         { \@@_compute_a_corner:nnnnnn 1 1 1 1 \c@iRow \c@jCol }
6850         { NE }
6851         { \@@_compute_a_corner:nnnnnn 1 \c@jCol 1 { -1 } \c@iRow 1 }
6852         { SW }
6853         { \@@_compute_a_corner:nnnnnn \c@iRow 1 { -1 } 1 1 \c@jCol }
6854         { SE }
6855         { \@@_compute_a_corner:nnnnnn \c@iRow \c@jCol { -1 } { -1 } 1 1 }
6856     }
6857     { \@@_error:nn { bad-corner } { ##1 } }
6858 }

```

Even if the user has used the key `corners` the list of cells in the corners may be empty.

```

6859 \cclist_if_empty:NF \l_@@_corners_cells_clist
6860 {

```

You write on the aux file the list of the cells which are in the (empty) corners because you need that information in the `\CodeBefore` since the commands which colors the `rows`, `columns` and `cells` must not color the cells in the corners.

```

6861 \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_aux_tl
6862 {
6863     \cclist_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l_@@_corners_cells_clist
6864     { \l_@@_corners_cells_clist }
6865 }
6866 }
6867 }

```

```

6868 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_mark_cells_of_block:nnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
6869 {
6870   \int_step_inline:nnn { #1 } { #3 }
6871   {
6872     \int_step_inline:nnn { #2 } { #4 }
6873     { \cs_set_nopar:cpn { @@ _ block _ ##1 - #####1 } { } }
6874   }
6875 }

6876 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \@@_if_in_block:nn #1 #2 { p }
6877 {
6878   \cs_if_exist:cTF
6879   { @@ _ block _ \int_eval:n { #1 } - \int_eval:n { #2 } }
6880   { \prg_return_true: }
6881   { \prg_return_false: }
6882 }

```

“Computing a corner” is determining all the empty cells (which are not in a block) that belong to that corner. These cells will be added to the sequence `\l_@@_corners_cells_clist`.

The six arguments of `\@@_compute_a_corner:nnnnnn` are as follow:

- #1 and #2 are the number of row and column of the cell which is actually in the corner;
- #3 and #4 are the steps in rows and the step in columns when moving from the corner;
- #5 is the number of the final row when scanning the rows from the corner;
- #6 is the number of the final column when scanning the columns from the corner.

```

6883 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_compute_a_corner:nnnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6
6884 {

```

For the explanations and the name of the variables, we consider that we are computing the left-upper corner.

First, we try to determine which is the last empty cell (and not in a block: we won’t add that precision any longer) in the column of number 1. The flag `\l_tmpa_bool` will be raised when a non-empty cell is found.

```

6885 \bool_set_false:N \l_tmpa_bool
6886 \int_zero_new:N \l_@@_last_empty_row_int
6887 \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_empty_row_int { #1 }
6888 \int_step_inline:nnnn { #1 } { #3 } { #5 }
6889 {
6890   \bool_lazy_or:nnTF
6891   {
6892     \cs_if_exist_p:c
6893     { pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - ##1 - \int_eval:n { #2 } }
6894   }
6895   { \@@_if_in_block_p:nn { ##1 } { #2 } }
6896   { \bool_set_true:N \l_tmpa_bool }
6897   {
6898     \bool_if:NF \l_tmpa_bool
6899     { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_empty_row_int { ##1 } }
6900   }
6901 }

```

Now, you determine the last empty cell in the row of number 1.

```

6902 \bool_set_false:N \l_tmpa_bool
6903 \int_zero_new:N \l_@@_last_empty_column_int
6904 \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_empty_column_int { #2 }
6905 \int_step_inline:nnnn { #2 } { #4 } { #6 }
6906 {
6907   \bool_lazy_or:nnTF
6908   {

```

```

6909         \cs_if_exist_p:c
6910             { pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - \int_eval:n { #1 } - ##1 }
6911     }
6912     { \@@_if_in_block_p:nn { #1 } { ##1 } }
6913     { \bool_set_true:N \l_tmpa_bool }
6914     {
6915         \bool_if:NF \l_tmpa_bool
6916             { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_empty_column_int { ##1 } }
6917     }
6918 }
```

Now, we loop over the rows.

```

6919     \int_step_inline:nnnn { #1 } { #3 } { \l_@@_last_empty_row_int }
6920     {
```

We treat the row number ##1 with another loop.

```

6921         \bool_set_false:N \l_tmpa_bool
6922         \int_step_inline:nnnn { #2 } { #4 } { \l_@@_last_empty_column_int }
6923         {
6924             \bool_lazy_or:nnTF
6925                 { \cs_if_exist_p:c { pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - ##1 - #####1 } }
6926                 { \@@_if_in_block_p:nn { ##1 } { #####1 } }
6927                 { \bool_set_true:N \l_tmpa_bool }
6928                 {
6929                     \bool_if:NF \l_tmpa_bool
6930                         {
6931                             \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_empty_column_int { #####1 }
6932                             \clist_put_right:Nn
6933                                 \l_@@_corners_cells_clist
6934                                 { ##1 - #####1 }
6935                             \cs_set_nopar:cpn { @@ _ corner _ ##1 - #####1 } { }
6936                         }
6937                     }
6938                 }
6939             }
6940 }
```

Of course, instead of the following lines, we could have use `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn`.

```

6941 \cs_new:Npn \@@_if_in_corner:nT #1 { \cs_if_exist:cT { @@ _ corner _ #1 } }
6942 \cs_new:Npn \@@_if_in_corner:nF #1 { \cs_if_exist:cF { @@ _ corner _ #1 } }
```

Instead of the previous lines, we could have used `\l_@@_corners_cells_clist` but it's less efficient:
`\clist_if_in:NeT \l_@@_corners_cells_clist { #1 } ...`

24 The environment {NiceMatrixBlock}

The following flag will be raised when all the columns of the environments of the block must have the same width in “auto” mode.

```
6943 \bool_new:N \l_@@_block_auto_columns_width_bool
```

Up to now, there is only one option available for the environment {NiceMatrixBlock}.

```

6944 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / NiceMatrixBlock }
6945 {
6946     auto-columns-width .code:n =
6947     {
6948         \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_block_auto_columns_width_bool
6949         \dim_gzero_new:N \g_@@_max_cell_width_dim
6950         \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_auto_columns_width_bool
6951     }
6952 }
```

```

6953 \NewDocumentEnvironment { NiceMatrixBlock } { ! O { } }
6954 {
6955   \int_gincr:N \g_@@_NiceMatrixBlock_int
6956   \dim_zero:N \l_@@_columns_width_dim
6957   \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / NiceMatrixBlock } { #1 }
6958   \bool_if:NT \l_@@_block_auto_columns_width_bool
6959   {
6960     \cs_if_exist:cT
6961       { @@_max_cell_width_ \int_use:N \g_@@_NiceMatrixBlock_int }
6962     {
6963       \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_columns_width_dim
6964       {
6965         \use:c
6966           { @@_max_cell_width_ \int_use:N \g_@@_NiceMatrixBlock_int }
6967       }
6968     }
6969   }
6970 }

```

At the end of the environment {NiceMatrixBlock}, we write in the main aux file instructions for the column width of all the environments of the block (that's why we have stored the number of the first environment of the block in the counter \l_@@_first_env_block_int).

```

6971 {
6972   \legacy_if:nTF { measuring@ }

```

If {NiceMatrixBlock} is used in an environment of amsmath such as {align}: cf. question 694957 on TeX StackExchange. The most important line in that case is the following one.

```

6973   { \int_gdecr:N \g_@@_NiceMatrixBlock_int }
6974   {
6975     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_block_auto_columns_width_bool
6976     {
6977       \iow_shipout:Nn \Omainaux \ExplSyntaxOn
6978       \iow_shipout:Ne \Omainaux
6979       {
6980         \cs_gset:cpn
6981           { @@_max_cell_width_ \int_use:N \g_@@_NiceMatrixBlock_int }

```

For technical reasons, we have to include the width of a potential rule on the right side of the cells.

```

6982   { \dim_eval:n { \g_@@_max_cell_width_dim + \arrayrulewidth } }
6983   }
6984   \iow_shipout:Nn \Omainaux \ExplSyntaxOff
6985   }
6986   }
6987   \ignorespacesafterend
6988 }

```

25 The extra nodes

The following command is called in \@@_use_arraybox_with_notes_c: just before the construction of the blocks (if the creation of medium nodes is required, medium nodes are also created for the blocks and that construction uses the standard medium nodes).

```

6989 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_create_extra_nodes:
6990 {
6991   \bool_if:nTF \l_@@_medium_nodes_bool
6992   {
6993     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_no_cell_nodes_bool
6994       { \Oerror:n { extra-nodes-with-no-cell-nodes } }
6995     {
6996       \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_large_nodes_bool

```

```

6997     \@@_create_medium_and_large_nodes:
6998         \@@_create_medium_nodes:
6999     }
7000 }
7001 {
7002     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_large_nodes_bool
7003     {
7004         \bool_if:NFT \l_@@_no_cell_nodes_bool
7005         { \@@_error:n { extra-nodes-with-no-cell-nodes } }
7006         \@@_create_large_nodes:
7007     }
7008 }
7009 }
```

We have three macros of creation of nodes: `\@@_create_medium_nodes:`, `\@@_create_large_nodes:` and `\@@_create_medium_and_large_nodes:`.

We have to compute the mathematical coordinates of the “medium nodes”. These mathematical coordinates are also used to compute the mathematical coordinates of the “large nodes”. That’s why we write a command `\@@_computations_for_medium_nodes:` to do these computations.

The command `\@@_computations_for_medium_nodes:` must be used in a `\{pgfpicture}`.

For each row i , we compute two dimensions `\l_@@_row_i_min_dim` and `\l_@@_row_i_max_dim`. The dimension `\l_@@_row_i_min_dim` is the minimal y -value of all the cells of the row i . The dimension `\l_@@_row_i_max_dim` is the maximal y -value of all the cells of the row i .

Similarly, for each column j , we compute two dimensions `\l_@@_column_j_min_dim` and `\l_@@_column_j_max_dim`. The dimension `\l_@@_column_j_min_dim` is the minimal x -value of all the cells of the column j . The dimension `\l_@@_column_j_max_dim` is the maximal x -value of all the cells of the column j .

Since these dimensions will be computed as maximum or minimum, we initialize them to `\c_max_dim` or `-\c_max_dim`.

```

7010 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_computations_for_medium_nodes:
7011 {
7012     \int_step_variable:nnNn \l_@@_first_row_int \g_@@_row_total_int \@@_i:
7013     {
7014         \dim_zero_new:c { \l_@@_row_ \@@_i: _min_dim }
7015         \dim_set_eq:cN { \l_@@_row_ \@@_i: _min_dim } \c_max_dim
7016         \dim_zero_new:c { \l_@@_row_ \@@_i: _max_dim }
7017         \dim_set:cn { \l_@@_row_ \@@_i: _max_dim } { - \c_max_dim }
7018     }
7019     \int_step_variable:nnNn \l_@@_first_col_int \g_@@_col_total_int \@@_j:
7020     {
7021         \dim_zero_new:c { \l_@@_column_ \@@_j: _min_dim }
7022         \dim_set_eq:cN { \l_@@_column_ \@@_j: _min_dim } \c_max_dim
7023         \dim_zero_new:c { \l_@@_column_ \@@_j: _max_dim }
7024         \dim_set:cn { \l_@@_column_ \@@_j: _max_dim } { - \c_max_dim }
7025     }
}
```

We begin the two nested loops over the rows and the columns of the array.

```

7026     \int_step_variable:nnNn \l_@@_first_row_int \g_@@_row_total_int \@@_i:
7027     {
7028         \int_step_variable:nnNn
7029             \l_@@_first_col_int \g_@@_col_total_int \@@_j:
```

If the cell $(i-j)$ is empty or an implicit cell (that is to say a cell after implicit ampersands `&`) we don’t update the dimensions we want to compute.

```

7030     {
7031         \cs_if_exist:cT
7032             { pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - \@@_i: - \@@_j: }
```

We retrieve the coordinates of the anchor `south west` of the (normal) node of the cell $(i-j)$. They will be stored in `\pgf@x` and `\pgf@y`.

```

7033   {
7034     \pgfpointanchor { \@@_env: - \@@_i: - \@@_j: } { south-west }
7035     \dim_set:cn { l_@@_row_ \@@_i: _min_dim }
7036       { \dim_min:vn { l_@@_row_ \@@_i: _min_dim } \pgf@y }
7037     \seq_if_in:NcF \g_@@_multicolumn_cells_seq { \@@_i: - \@@_j: }
7038       {
7039         \dim_set:cn { l_@@_column_ \@@_j: _min_dim }
7040           { \dim_min:vn { l_@@_column_ \@@_j: _min_dim } \pgf@x }
7041       }

```

We retrieve the coordinates of the anchor `north east` of the (normal) node of the cell $(i-j)$. They will be stored in `\pgf@x` and `\pgf@y`.

```

7042   \pgfpointanchor { \@@_env: - \@@_i: - \@@_j: } { north-east }
7043     \dim_set:cn { l_@@_row_ \@@_i: _max_dim }
7044       { \dim_max:vn { l_@@_row_ \@@_i: _max_dim } { \pgf@y } }
7045     \seq_if_in:NcF \g_@@_multicolumn_cells_seq { \@@_i: - \@@_j: }
7046       {
7047         \dim_set:cn { l_@@_column_ \@@_j: _max_dim }
7048           { \dim_max:vn { l_@@_column_ \@@_j: _max_dim } { \pgf@x } }
7049       }
7050     }
7051   }
7052 }

```

Now, we have to deal with empty rows or empty columns since we don't have created nodes in such rows and columns.

```

7053 \int_step_variable:nnNn \l_@@_first_row_int \g_@@_row_total_int \@@_i:
7054   {
7055     \dim_compare:nNnT
7056       { \dim_use:c { l_@@_row_ \@@_i: _min_dim } } = \c_max_dim
7057       {
7058         \@@_qpoint:n { row - \@@_i: - base }
7059         \dim_set:cn { l_@@_row_ \@@_i: _max_dim } \pgf@y
7060         \dim_set:cn { l_@@_row_ \@@_i: _min_dim } \pgf@y
7061       }
7062   }
7063 \int_step_variable:nnNn \l_@@_first_col_int \g_@@_col_total_int \@@_j:
7064   {
7065     \dim_compare:nNnT
7066       { \dim_use:c { l_@@_column_ \@@_j: _min_dim } } = \c_max_dim
7067       {
7068         \@@_qpoint:n { col - \@@_j: }
7069         \dim_set:cn { l_@@_column_ \@@_j: _max_dim } \pgf@y
7070         \dim_set:cn { l_@@_column_ \@@_j: _min_dim } \pgf@y
7071       }
7072   }
7073 }

```

Here is the command `\@@_create_medium_nodes:`. When this command is used, the “medium nodes” are created.

```

7074 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_create_medium_nodes:
7075   {
7076     \pgfpicture
7077       \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
7078       \pgfrelevantforpicturesizefalse
7079       \@@_computations_for_medium_nodes:

```

Now, we can create the “medium nodes”. We use a command `\@@_create_nodes:` because this command will also be used for the creation of the “large nodes”.

```

7080 \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_suffix_tl { -medium }
7081 \@@_create_nodes:

```

```

7082     \endpgfpicture
7083 }

```

The command `\@@_create_large_nodes:` must be used when we want to create only the “large nodes” and not the medium ones¹⁵. However, the computation of the mathematical coordinates of the “large nodes” needs the computation of the mathematical coordinates of the “medium nodes”. Hence, we use first `\@@_computations_for_medium_nodes:` and then the command `\@@_computations_for_large_nodes::`

```

7084 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_create_large_nodes:
7085 {
7086     \pgfpicture
7087         \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
7088         \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
7089         \@@_computations_for_medium_nodes:
7090         \@@_computations_for_large_nodes:
7091         \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_suffix_tl { - large }
7092         \@@_create_nodes:
7093     \endpgfpicture
7094 }

```



```

7095 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_create_medium_and_large_nodes:
7096 {
7097     \pgfpicture
7098         \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
7099         \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
7100         \@@_computations_for_medium_nodes:

```

Now, we can create the “medium nodes”. We use a command `\@@_create_nodes:` because this command will also be used for the creation of the “large nodes”.

```

7101     \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_suffix_tl { - medium }
7102     \@@_create_nodes:
7103     \@@_computations_for_large_nodes:
7104     \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_suffix_tl { - large }
7105     \@@_create_nodes:
7106 \endpgfpicture
7107 }

```

For “large nodes”, the exterior rows and columns don’t interfere. That’s why the loop over the columns will start at 1 and stop at `\c@jCol` (and not `\g_@@_col_total_int`). Idem for the rows.

```

7108 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_computations_for_large_nodes:
7109 {
7110     \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_first_row_int \c_one_int
7111     \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_first_col_int \c_one_int

```

We have to change the values of all the dimensions `l_@@_row_i_min_dim`, `l_@@_row_i_max_dim`, `l_@@_column_j_min_dim` and `l_@@_column_j_max_dim`.

```

7112     \int_step_variable:nNn { \c@iRow - 1 } \@@_i:
7113     {
7114         \dim_set:cn { l_@@_row _ \@@_i: _ min _ dim }
7115         {
7116             (
7117                 \dim_use:c { l_@@_row _ \@@_i: _ min _ dim } +
7118                 \dim_use:c { l_@@_row _ \int_eval:n { \@@_i: + 1 } _ max _ dim }
7119             )
7120             / 2
7121         }
7122         \dim_set_eq:cc { l_@@_row _ \int_eval:n { \@@_i: + 1 } _ max _ dim }
7123         { l_@@_row_ \@@_i: _ min_dim }
7124     }
7125     \int_step_variable:nNn { \c@jCol - 1 } \@@_j:

```

¹⁵If we want to create both, we have to use `\@@_create_medium_and_large_nodes:`

```

7126 {
7127     \dim_set:cn { l_@@_column _ \@@_j: _ max _ dim }
7128     {
7129         (
7130             \dim_use:c { l_@@_column _ \@@_j: _ max _ dim } +
7131             \dim_use:c
7132                 { l_@@_column _ \int_eval:n { \@@_j: + 1 } _ min _ dim }
7133             )
7134         / 2
7135     }
7136     \dim_set_eq:cc { l_@@_column _ \int_eval:n { \@@_j: + 1 } _ min _ dim }
7137         { l_@@_column _ \@@_j: _ max _ dim }
7138 }

```

Here, we have to use `\dim_sub:cn` because of the number 1 in the name.

```

7139 \dim_sub:cn
7140     { l_@@_column _ 1 _ min _ dim }
7141     \l_@@_left_margin_dim
7142 \dim_add:cn
7143     { l_@@_column _ \int_use:N \c@jCol _ max _ dim }
7144     \l_@@_right_margin_dim
7145 }

```

The command `\@@_create_nodes:` is used twice: for the construction of the “medium nodes” and for the construction of the “large nodes”. The nodes are constructed with the value of all the dimensions `l_@@_row_i_min_dim`, `l_@@_row_i_max_dim`, `l_@@_column_j_min_dim` and `l_@@_column_j_max_dim`. Between the construction of the “medium nodes” and the “large nodes”, the values of these dimensions are changed.

The function also uses `\l_@@_suffix_tl` (-medium or -large).

```

7146 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_create_nodes:
7147 {
7148     \int_step_variable:nnNn \l_@@_first_row_int \g_@@_row_total_int \@@_i:
7149     {
7150         \int_step_variable:nnNn \l_@@_first_col_int \g_@@_col_total_int \@@_j:
7151     }

```

We draw the rectangular node for the cell (`\@@_i-\@@_j`).

```

7152 \@@_pgf_rect_node:nnnn
7153     { \@@_env: - \@@_i: - \@@_j: \l_@@_suffix_tl } }
7154     { \dim_use:c { l_@@_column_ \@@_j: _ min_dim } }
7155     { \dim_use:c { l_@@_row_ \@@_i: _ min_dim } }
7156     { \dim_use:c { l_@@_column_ \@@_j: _ max_dim } }
7157     { \dim_use:c { l_@@_row_ \@@_i: _ max_dim } }
7158 \str_if_empty:NF \l_@@_name_str
7159     {
7160         \pgfnodealias
7161             { \l_@@_name_str - \@@_i: - \@@_j: \l_@@_suffix_tl }
7162             { \@@_env: - \@@_i: - \@@_j: \l_@@_suffix_tl }
7163     }
7164 }
7165 }
7166 \int_step_inline:nn { \c@iRow }
7167 {
7168     \pgfnodealias
7169         { \@@_env: - ##1 - last \l_@@_suffix_tl }
7170         { \@@_env: - ##1 - \int_use:N \c@jCol \l_@@_suffix_tl }
7171     }
7172 \int_step_inline:nn { \c@jCol }
7173 {
7174     \pgfnodealias
7175         { \@@_env: - last - ##1 \l_@@_suffix_tl }
7176         { \@@_env: - \int_use:N \c@iRow - ##1 \l_@@_suffix_tl }
7177 }

```

```

7178   \pgfnodealias % added 2025-04-05
7179   { \g@@_env: - last - last \l_@@_suffix_tl }
7180   { \g@@_env: - \int_use:N \c@jRow - \int_use:N \c@jCol \l_@@_suffix_tl }

```

Now, we create the nodes for the cells of the `\multicolumn`. We recall that we have stored in `\g_@@_multicolumn_cells_seq` the list of the cells where a `\multicolumn{n}{...}{...}` with $n > 1$ was issued and in `\g_@@_multicolumn_sizes_seq` the correspondent values of n .

```

7181   \seq_map pairwise_function:NNN
7182   \g_@@_multicolumn_cells_seq
7183   \g_@@_multicolumn_sizes_seq
7184   \g@@_node_for_multicolumn:nn
7185 }

7186 \cs_new_protected:Npn \g@@_extract_coords_values: #1 - #2 \q_stop
7187 {
7188   \cs_set_nopar:Npn \g@@_i: { #1 }
7189   \cs_set_nopar:Npn \g@@_j: { #2 }
7190 }

```

The command `\g@@_node_for_multicolumn:nn` takes two arguments. The first is the position of the cell where the command `\multicolumn{n}{...}{...}` was issued in the format $i-j$ and the second is the value of n (the length of the “multi-cell”).

```

7191 \cs_new_protected:Npn \g@@_node_for_multicolumn:nn #1 #2
7192 {
7193   \g@@_extract_coords_values: #1 \q_stop
7194   \g@@_pgf_rect_node:nnnn
7195   { \g@@_env: - \g@@_i: - \g@@_j: \l_@@_suffix_tl }
7196   { \dim_use:c { l_@@_column _ \g@@_j: _ min _ dim } }
7197   { \dim_use:c { l_@@_row _ \g@@_i: _ min _ dim } }
7198   { \dim_use:c { l_@@_column _ \int_eval:n { \g@@_j: +#2-1 } _ max _ dim } }
7199   { \dim_use:c { l_@@_row _ \g@@_i: _ max _ dim } }
7200   \str_if_empty:NF \l_@@_name_str
7201   {
7202     \pgfnodealias
7203     { \l_@@_name_str - \g@@_i: - \g@@_j: \l_@@_suffix_tl }
7204     { \int_use:N \g_@@_env_int - \g@@_i: - \g@@_j: \l_@@_suffix_tl }
7205   }
7206 }

```

26 The blocks

The following code deals with the command `\Block`. This command has no direct link with the environment `{NiceMatrixBlock}`.

The options of the command `\Block` will be analyzed first in the cell of the array (and once again when the block will be put in the array). Here is the set of keys for the first pass (in the cell of the array).

```

7207 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / Block / FirstPass }
7208 {
7209   j .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str j
7210   \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_p_block_bool ,
7211   j .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7212   l .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str l ,
7213   l .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7214   r .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str r ,
7215   r .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7216   c .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str c ,
7217   c .value_forbidden:n = true ,

```

```

7218 L .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str l ,
7219 L .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7220 R .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str r ,
7221 R .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7222 C .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str c ,
7223 C .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7224 t .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_block_str t ,
7225 t .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7226 T .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_block_str T ,
7227 T .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7228 b .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_block_str b ,
7229 b .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7230 B .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_block_str B ,
7231 B .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7232 m .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_block_str c ,
7233 m .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7234 v-center .meta:n = m ,
7235 p .code:n = \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_p_block_bool ,
7236 p .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7237 color .code:n =
7238   \@@_color:n { #1 }
7239 \tl_set_rescan:Nnn
7240   \l_@@_draw_tl
7241   { \char_set_catcode_other:N ! }
7242   { #1 } ,
7243 color .value_required:n = true ,
7244 respect_arraystretch .code:n =
7245   \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_reset_arraystretch: \prg_do_nothing: ,
7246   respect_arraystretch .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7247 }
```

The following command `\@@_Block:` will be linked to `\Block` in the environments of `nicematrix`. We define it with `\NewExpandableDocumentCommand` because it has an optional argument between `<` and `>`. It's mandatory to use an expandable command.

```
7248 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Block: { \@@_collect_options:n { \@@_Block_i: } }
```

```
7249 \NewExpandableDocumentCommand \@@_Block_i: { m m D < > { } +m }
7250 {
```

If the first mandatory argument of the command (which is the size of the block with the syntax $i-j$) has not been provided by the user, you use `1-1` (that is to say a block of only one cell).

```

7251 \tl_if_blank:nTF { #2 }
7252   { \@@_Block_ii:nnnn \c_one_int \c_one_int }
7253   {
7254     \int_compare:nNnTF { \char_value_catcode:n { 45 } } = { 13 }
7255     \@@_Block_i_czech:w \@@_Block_i:w
7256     #2 \q_stop
7257   }
7258   { #1 } { #3 } { #4 }
7259   \ignorespaces
7260 }
```

With the following construction, we extract the values of i and j in the first mandatory argument of the command.

```
7261 \cs_new:Npn \@@_Block_i:w #1-#2 \q_stop { \@@_Block_ii:nnnn { #1 } { #2 } }
```

With `babel` with the key `czech`, the character `-` (hyphen) is active. That's why we need a special version. Remark that we could not use a preprocessor in the command `\@@_Block:` to do the job because the command `\@@_Block:` is defined with the command `\NewExpandableDocumentCommand`.

```

7262 {
7263   \char_set_catcode_active:N -
7264   \cs_new:Npn \@@_Block_i_czech:w #1-#2 \q_stop { \@@_Block_ii:nnnn { #1 } { #2 } }
7265 }
```

Now, the arguments have been extracted: #1 is i (the number of rows of the block), #2 is j (the number of columns of the block), #3 is the list of key=values pairs, #4 are the tokens to put before the math mode and before the composition of the block and #5 is the label (=content) of the block.

```
7266 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Block_ii:nnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
7267 {
```

We recall that #1 and #2 have been extracted from the first mandatory argument of \Block (which is of the syntax $i-j$). However, the user is allowed to omit i or j (or both). We detect that situation by replacing a missing value by 100 (it's a convention: when the block will actually be drawn these values will be detected and interpreted as *maximal possible value* according to the actual size of the array).

```
7268 \bool_lazy_or:nnTF
7269 { \tl_if_blank_p:n { #1 } }
7270 { \str_if_eq_p:ee { * } { #1 } }
7271 { \int_set:Nn \l_tmpa_int { 100 } }
7272 { \int_set:Nn \l_tmpa_int { #1 } }
7273 \bool_lazy_or:nnTF
7274 { \tl_if_blank_p:n { #2 } }
7275 { \str_if_eq_p:ee { * } { #2 } }
7276 { \int_set:Nn \l_tmpb_int { 100 } }
7277 { \int_set:Nn \l_tmpb_int { #2 } }
```

If the block is mono-column.

```
7278 \int_compare:nNnTF { \l_tmpb_int } = { \c_one_int }
7279 {
7280 \tl_if_empty:NTF \l_@@_hpos_cell_tl
7281 { \str_set_eq:NN \l_@@_hpos_block_str \c_@@_c_str }
7282 { \str_set:No \l_@@_hpos_block_str \l_@@_hpos_cell_tl }
7283 }
7284 { \str_set_eq:NN \l_@@_hpos_block_str \c_@@_c_str }
```

The value of \l_@@_hpos_block_str may be modified by the keys of the command \Block that we will analyze now.

```
7285 \keys_set_known:nn { nicematrix / Block / FirstPass } { #3 }
7286 \tl_set:Ne \l_tmpa_tl
7287 {
7288 { \int_use:N \c@iRow }
7289 { \int_use:N \c@jCol }
7290 { \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + \l_tmpa_int - 1 } }
7291 { \int_eval:n { \c@jCol + \l_tmpb_int - 1 } }
7292 }
```

Now, \l_tmpa_tl contains an “object” corresponding to the position of the block with four components, each of them surrounded by curly brackets:
 $\{imin\}\{jmin\}\{imax\}\{jmax\}$.

We have different treatments when the key p is used and when the block is mono-column or mono-row, etc. That's why we have several macros: \@@_Block_iv:nnnnn, \@@_Block_v:nnnn, \@@_Block_vi:nnnn, etc. (the five arguments of those macros are provided by curryfication).

```
7293 \bool_set_false:N \l_tmpa_bool
7294 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_amp_in_blocks_bool
```

\tl_if_in:nnT is slightly faster than \str_if_in:nnT.

```
7295 { \tl_if_in:nnT { #5 } { & } { \bool_set_true:N \l_tmpa_bool } }
7296 \bool_case:nF
7297 {
7298 { \l_tmpa_bool } { \@@_Block_vii:eennn }
7299 { \l_@@_p_block_bool } { \@@_Block_vi:eennn }
```

For the blocks mono-column, we will compose right now in a box in order to compute its width and take that width into account for the width of the column. However, if the column is a X column, we should not do that since the width is determined by another way. This should be the same for the p, m and b columns and we should modify that point. However, for the X column, it's imperative. Otherwise, the process for the determination of the widths of the columns will be wrong.

```

7300      \l_@@_X_bool                                { \@@_Block_v:eennn }
7301      { \tl_if_empty_p:n { #5 } }                { \@@_Block_v:eennn }
7302      { \int_compare_p:nNn \l_tmpa_int = \c_one_int } { \@@_Block_iv:eennn }
7303      { \int_compare_p:nNn \l_tmpb_int = \c_one_int } { \@@_Block_iv:eennn }
7304    }
7305    { \@@_Block_v:eennn }
7306    { \l_tmpa_int } { \l_tmpb_int } { #3 } { #4 } { #5 }
7307  }

```

The following macro is for the case of a \Block which is mono-row or mono-column (or both) and don't use the key p. In that case, the content of the block is composed right now in a box (because we have to take into account the dimensions of that box for the width of the current column or the height and the depth of the current row). However, that box will be put in the array *after the construction of the array* (by using PGF) with \@@_draw_blocks: and above all \@@_Block_v:nnnnnn which will do the main job.

#1 is i (the number of rows of the block), #2 is j (the number of columns of the block), #3 is the list of key=values pairs, #4 are the tokens to put before the potential math mode and before the composition of the block and #5 is the label (=content) of the block.

```

7308 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Block_iv:nnnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
7309  {
7310    \int_gincr:N \g_@@_block_box_int
7311    \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \diagbox ##1 ##2
7312    {
7313      \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
7314      {
7315        \@@_actually_diagbox:nnnnnn
7316        { \int_use:N \c@iRow }
7317        { \int_use:N \c@jCol }
7318        { \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + #1 - 1 } }
7319        { \int_eval:n { \c@jCol + #2 - 1 } }
7320        { \g_@@_row_style_tl \exp_not:n { ##1 } }
7321        { \g_@@_row_style_tl \exp_not:n { ##2 } }
7322      }
7323    }
7324    \box_gclear_new:c
7325    { \g_@@_block_box _ \int_use:N \g_@@_block_box_int _ box }

```

Now, we will actually compose the content of the \Block in a TeX box. *Be careful:* if after the construction of the box, the boolean \g_@@_rotate_bool is raised (which means that the command \rotate was present in the content of the \Block) we will rotate the box but also, maybe, change the position of the baseline!

```

7326 \hbox_gset:cn
7327  { \g_@@_block_box _ \int_use:N \g_@@_block_box_int _ box }
7328  {

```

For a mono-column block, if the user has specified a color for the column in the preamble of the array, we want to fix that color in the box we construct. We do that with \set@color and not \color_ensure_current: (in order to use \color_ensure_current: safely, you should load l3backend before the \documentclass).

```

7329 \tl_if_empty:NTF \l_@@_color_tl
7330   { \int_compare:nNnT { #2 } = { \c_one_int } { \set@color } }
7331   { \@@_color:o \l_@@_color_tl }

```

If the block is mono-row, we use \g_@@_row_style_tl even if it has yet been used in the beginning of the cell where the command \Block has been issued because we want to be able to take into account a potential instruction of color of the font in \g_@@_row_style_tl.

```

7332 \int_compare:nNnT { #1 } = { \c_one_int }

```

```

7333   {
7334     \int_if_zero:nTF { \c@iRow }
7335   {

```

In the following code, the value of `code-for-first-row` contains a `\Block` (in order to have the “first row” centered). But, that block will be executed, since it is entirely contained in the first row, the value of `code-for-first-row` will be inserted once again... with the same command `\Block`. That’s why we have to nullify the command `\Block`.

```

$ \begin{bNiceMatrix}%
[ r,
  first-row,
  last-col,
  code-for-first-row = \Block{}{\scriptstyle\color{blue} \arabic{jCol}},
  code-for-last-col = \scriptstyle\color{blue} \arabic{iRow}
]
& & & & \\
-2 & 3 & -4 & 5 & \\
3 & -4 & 5 & -6 & \\
-4 & 5 & -6 & 7 & \\
5 & -6 & 7 & -8 & \\
\end{bNiceMatrix}%

7336           \cs_set_eq:NN \Block \@@_NullBlock:
7337           \l_@@_code_for_first_row_tl
7338       }
7339     {
7340       \int_compare:nNnT { \c@iRow } = { \l_@@_last_row_int }
7341         {
7342           \cs_set_eq:NN \Block \@@_NullBlock:
7343           \l_@@_code_for_last_row_tl
7344         }
7345     }
7346     \g_@@_row_style_tl
7347   }

```

The following command will be no-op when `respect-arraystretch` is in force.

```

7348   \@@_reset_arraystretch:
7349   \dim_zero:N \extrarowheight

```

`#4` is the optional argument of the command `\Block`, provided with the syntax `<...>`.

```

7350   #4

```

We adjust `\l_@@_hpos_block_str` when `\rotate` has been used (in the cell where the command `\Block` is used but maybe in `#4`, `\RowStyle`, `code-for-first-row`, etc.).

```

7351   \@@_adjust_hpos_rotate:

```

The boolean `\g_@@_rotate_bool` will be also considered *after the composition of the box* (in order to rotate the box).

Remind that we are in the command of composition of the box of the block. Previously, we have only done some tuning. Now, we will actually compose the content with a `{tabular}`, an `{array}` or a `{minipage}`.

```

7352   \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_tabular_bool
7353   {
7354     \bool_lazy_all:nTF
7355     {
7356       { \int_compare_p:nNn { #2 } = { \c_one_int } }

```

Remind that, when the column has not a fixed width, the dimension `\l_@@_col_width_dim` has the conventional value of `-1 cm`.

```

7357   {
7358     ! \dim_compare_p:nNn
7359       { \l_@@_col_width_dim } < { \c_zero_dim }
7360   }
7361   { ! \g_@@_rotate_bool }
7362 }
```

When the block is mono-column in a column with a fixed width (e.g. `p{3cm}`), we use a `{minipage}`.

```

7363   {
7364     \use:e
7365   }
```

The `\exp_not:N` is mandatory before `\begin`. It will be possible to delete the `\exp_not:N` in TeXLive 2025 because `\begin` is now protected by `\protected` (and not by `\protect`). There is several other occurrences in that document.

```

7366   \exp_not:N \begin { minipage }
7367     [ \str_lowercase:f \l_@@_vpos_block_str ]
7368     { \l_@@_col_width_dim }
7369     \str_case:on \l_@@_hpos_block_str
7370       { c \centering r \raggedleft l \raggedright }
7371   }
7372   #5
7373   \end { minipage }
7374 }
```

In the other cases, we use a `{tabular}`.

```

7375   {
7376     \bool_if:NT \c_@@_testphase_table_bool
7377       { \tagpdfsetup { table / tagging = presentation } }
7378     \use:e
7379     {
7380       \exp_not:N \begin { tabular }
7381         [ \str_lowercase:f \l_@@_vpos_block_str ]
7382         { @ { } \l_@@_hpos_block_str @ { } }
7383     }
7384     #5
7385     \end { tabular }
7386   }
7387 }
```

If we are in a mathematical array (`\l_@@_tabular_bool` is `false`). The composition is always done with an `{array}` (never with a `{minipage}`).

```

7388   {
7389     \c_math_toggle_token
7390     \use:e
7391     {
7392       \exp_not:N \begin { array }
7393         [ \str_lowercase:f \l_@@_vpos_block_str ]
7394         { @ { } \l_@@_hpos_block_str @ { } }
7395     }
7396     #5
7397     \end { array }
7398     \c_math_toggle_token
7399   }
7400 }
```

The box which will contain the content of the block has now been composed.

If there were `\rotate` (which raises `\g_@@_rotate_bool`) in the content of the `\Block`, we do a rotation of the box (and we also adjust the baseline of the rotated box).

```
7401 \bool_if:NT \g_@@_rotate_bool { \c_@@_rotate_box_of_block: }
```

If we are in a mono-column block, we take into account the width of that block for the width of the column.

```

7402 \int_compare:nNnT { #2 } = { \c_one_int }
7403 {
7404     \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_blocks_wd_dim
7405     {
7406         \dim_max:nn
7407             { \g_@@_blocks_wd_dim }
7408             {
7409                 \box_wd:c
7410                     { g_@@_block _ box _ \int_use:N \g_@@_block_box_int _ box }
7411             }
7412     }
7413 }
```

If we are in a mono-row block we take into account the height and the depth of that block for the height and the depth of the row, excepted when the block uses explicitely an option of vertical position T or B. Remind that if the user has not used a key for the vertical position of the block, then `\l_@@_vpos_block_str` remains empty.

```

7414 \int_compare:nNnT { #1 } = { \c_one_int }
7415 {
7416     \bool_lazy_any:nT
7417     {
7418         { \str_if_empty_p:N \l_@@_vpos_block_str }
7419         { \str_if_eq_p:ee \l_@@_vpos_block_str { t } }
7420         { \str_if_eq_p:ee \l_@@_vpos_block_str { b } }
7421     }
7422     { \@@_adjust_blocks_ht_dp: }
7423 }
7424 \seq_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_blocks_seq
7425 {
7426     \l_tmpa_tl
```

In the list of options #3, maybe there is a key for the horizontal alignment (`l`, `r` or `c`). In that case, that key has been read and stored in `\l_@@_hpos_block_str`. However, maybe there were no key of the horizontal alignment and that's why we put a key corresponding to the value of `\l_@@_hpos_block_str`, which is fixed by the type of current column.

```

7427 {
7428     \exp_not:n { #3 } ,
7429     \l_@@_hpos_block_str ,
```

Now, we put a key for the vertical alignment.

```

7430     \bool_if:NT \g_@@_rotate_bool
7431     {
7432         \bool_if:NTF \g_@@_rotate_c_bool
7433             { m }
7434             {
7435                 \int_compare:nNnT { \c@iRow } = { \l_@@_last_row_int }
7436                     { T }
7437             }
7438     }
7439 }
7440 {
7441     \box_use_drop:c
7442         { g_@@_block _ box _ \int_use:N \g_@@_block_box_int _ box }
7443     }
7444 }
7445 \bool_set_false:N \g_@@_rotate_c_bool
7446 }

7447 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_adjust_blocks_ht_dp:
7448 {
7449     \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_blocks_ht_dim
7450 }
```

```

7451     \dim_max:nn
7452         { \g_@@_blocks_ht_dim }
7453         {
7454             \box_ht:c
7455                 { g_@@_block _ box _ \int_use:N \g_@@_block_box_int _ box }
7456         }
7457     }
7458 \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_blocks_dp_dim
7459 {
7460     \dim_max:nn
7461         { \g_@@_blocks_dp_dim }
7462         {
7463             \box_dp:c
7464                 { g_@@_block _ box _ \int_use:N \g_@@_block_box_int _ box }
7465         }
7466     }
7467 }

7468 \cs_new:Npn \@@_adjust_hpos_rotate:
7469 {
7470     \bool_if:NT \g_@@_rotate_bool
7471     {
7472         \str_set:Ne \l_@@_hpos_block_str
7473         {
7474             \bool_if:NTF \g_@@_rotate_c_bool
7475                 { c }
7476                 {
7477                     \str_case:onF \l_@@_vpos_block_str
7478                         { b l B l t r T r }
7479                         {
7480                             \int_compare:nNnTF { \c@iRow } = { \l_@@_last_row_int }
7481                                 { r }
7482                                 { l }
7483                         }
7484                     }
7485                 }
7486             }
7487         }
7488     \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_Block_iv:nnnnn { e e }
7489 }
```

Despite its name the following command rotates the box of the block *but also does vertical adjustment of the baseline of the block*.

```

7489 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_rotate_box_of_block:
7490 {
7491     \box_grotate:cn
7492         { g_@@_block _ box _ \int_use:N \g_@@_block_box_int _ box }
7493         { 90 }
7494     \int_compare:nNnT { \c@iRow } = { \l_@@_last_row_int }
7495     {
7496         \vbox_gset_top:cn
7497             { g_@@_block _ box _ \int_use:N \g_@@_block_box_int _ box }
7498             {
7499                 \skip_vertical:n { 0.8 ex }
7500                 \box_use:c
7501                     { g_@@_block _ box _ \int_use:N \g_@@_block_box_int _ box }
7502             }
7503     }
7504     \bool_if:NT \g_@@_rotate_c_bool
7505     {
7506         \hbox_gset:cn
7507             { g_@@_block _ box _ \int_use:N \g_@@_block_box_int _ box }
7508             {
```

```

7509         \c_math_toggle_token
7510         \vcenter
7511         {
7512             \box_use:c
7513             { g_@@_block _ box _ \int_use:N \g_@@_block_box_int _ box }
7514         }
7515         \c_math_toggle_token
7516     }
7517 }
7518 }
```

The following macro is for the standard case, where the block is not mono-row and not mono-column and does not use the key p). In that case, the content of the block is *not* composed right now in a box. The composition in a box will be done further, just after the construction of the array (cf. \@@_draw_blocks: and above all \@@_Block_v:nnnnn). #1 is i (the number of rows of the block), #2 is j (the number of columns of the block), #3 is the list of key=values pairs, #4 are the tokens to put before the math mode and before the composition of the block and #5 is the label (=content) of the block.

```

7519 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Block_v:nnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
7520 {
7521     \seq_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_blocks_seq
7522     {
7523         \l_tmpa_tl
7524         { \exp_not:n { #3 } }
7525         {
7526             \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_tabular_bool
7527             {
7528                 \group_begin:
```

The following command will be no-op when `respect-arraystretch` is in force.

```

7529     \@@_reset_arraystretch:
7530     \exp_not:n
7531     {
7532         \dim_zero:N \extrarowheight
7533         #4
```

If the box is rotated (the key `\rotate` may be in the previous #4), the tabular used for the content of the cell will be constructed with a format c. In the other cases, the tabular will be constructed with a format equal to the key of position of the box. In other words: the alignment internal to the tabular is the same as the external alignment of the tabular (that is to say the position of the block in its zone of merged cells).

```

7534         \bool_if:NT \c_@@_testphase_table_bool
7535             { \tag_stop:n { table } }
7536         \use:e
7537         {
7538             \exp_not:N \begin { tabular } [ \l_@@_vpos_block_str ]
7539                 { @ { } \l_@@_hpos_block_str @ { } }
7540             }
7541             #5
7542             \end { tabular }
7543         }
7544         \group_end:
7545     }
```

When we are *not* in an environment `{NiceTabular}` (or similar).

```

7546     {
7547         \group_begin:
```

The following will be no-op when `respect-arraystretch` is in force.

```

7548     \@@_reset_arraystretch:
7549     \exp_not:n
7550     {
7551         \dim_zero:N \extrarowheight
7552         #4
```

```

7553     \c_math_toggle_token
7554     \use:e
7555     {
7556         \exp_not:N \begin { array } [ \l_@@_vpos_block_str ]
7557         { @ { } \l_@@_hpos_block_str @ { } }
7558     }
7559     #5
7560     \end { array }
7561     \c_math_toggle_token
7562     }
7563     \group_end:
7564   }
7565   }
7566 }
7567 }
7568 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_Block_v:nnnnn { e e }

```

The following macro is for the case of a `\Block` which uses the key `p`.

```

7569 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Block_vi:nnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
7570 {
7571     \seq_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_blocks_seq
7572     {
7573         \l_tmpa_tl
7574         { \exp_not:n { #3 } }

```

Here, the curly braces for the group are mandatory.

```

7575     { { \exp_not:n { #4 #5 } } }
7576     }
7577 }
7578 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_Block_vi:nnnnn { e e }

```

The following macro is also for the case of a `\Block` which uses the key `p`.

```

7579 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Block_vii:nnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
7580 {
7581     \seq_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_blocks_seq
7582     {
7583         \l_tmpa_tl
7584         { \exp_not:n { #3 } }
7585         { \exp_not:n { #4 #5 } }
7586     }
7587 }
7588 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_Block_vii:nnnnn { e e }

```

We recall that the options of the command `\Block` are analyzed twice: first in the cell of the array and once again when the block will be put in the array *after the construction of the array* (by using PGF).

```

7589 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / Block / SecondPass }
7590 {
7591     ampersand-in-blocks .bool_set:N = \l_@@_amp_in_blocks_bool ,
7592     ampersand-in-blocks .default:n = true ,
7593     &-in-blocks .meta:n = ampersand-in-blocks ,

```

The sequence `\l_@@_tikz_seq` will contain a sequence of comma-separated lists of keys.

```

7594     tikz .code:n =
7595         \IfPackageLoadedTF { tikz }
7596         { \seq_put_right:Nn \l_@@_tikz_seq { { #1 } } }
7597         { \@@_error:n { tikz-key-without-tikz } },
7598     tikz .value_required:n = true ,
7599     fill .code:n =
7600         \tl_set_rescan:Nnn
7601             \l_@@_fill_tl

```

```

7602 { \char_set_catcode_other:N ! }
7603 { #1 } ,
7604 fill .value_required:n = true ,
7605 opacity .tl_set:N = \l_@@_opacity_tl ,
7606 opacity .value_required:n = true ,
7607 draw .code:n =
7608   \tl_set_rescan:Nnn
7609   \l_@@_draw_tl
7610 { \char_set_catcode_other:N ! }
7611 { #1 } ,
7612 draw .default:n = default ,
7613 rounded-corners .dim_set:N = \l_@@_rounded_corners_dim ,
7614 rounded-corners .default:n = 4 pt ,
7615 color .code:n =
7616   \@@_color:n { #1 }
7617   \tl_set_rescan:Nnn
7618   \l_@@_draw_tl
7619 { \char_set_catcode_other:N ! }
7620 { #1 } ,
7621 borders .clist_set:N = \l_@@_borders_clist ,
7622 borders .value_required:n = true ,
7623 hvlines .meta:n = { vlines , hlines } ,
7624 vlines .bool_set:N = \l_@@_vlines_block_bool,
7625 vlines .default:n = true ,
7626 hlines .bool_set:N = \l_@@_hlines_block_bool,
7627 hlines .default:n = true ,
7628 line-width .dim_set:N = \l_@@_line_width_dim ,
7629 line-width .value_required:n = true ,

```

Some keys have not a property .value_required:n (or similar) because they are in FirstPass.

```

7630 j .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str j
7631   \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_p_block_bool ,
7632 l .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str l ,
7633 r .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str r ,
7634 c .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str c ,
7635 L .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str l
7636   \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_hpos_of_block_cap_bool ,
7637 R .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str r
7638   \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_hpos_of_block_cap_bool ,
7639 C .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_hpos_block_str c
7640   \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_hpos_of_block_cap_bool ,
7641 t .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_block_str t ,
7642 T .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_block_str T ,
7643 b .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_block_str b ,
7644 B .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_block_str B ,
7645 m .code:n = \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_block_str c ,
7646 m .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7647 v-center .meta:n = m ,
7648 p .code:n = \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_p_block_bool ,
7649 p .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7650 name .tl_set:N = \l_@@_block_name_str ,
7651 name .value_required:n = true ,
7652 name .initial:n = ,
7653 respect-arraystretch .code:n =
7654   \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_reset_arraystretch: \prg_do_nothing: ,
7655 respect-arraystretch .value_forbidden:n = true ,
7656 transparent .bool_set:N = \l_@@_transparent_bool ,
7657 transparent .default:n = true ,
7658 transparent .initial:n = false ,
7659 unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown~key~for~Block }
7660 }

```

The command \@@_draw_blocks: will draw all the blocks. This command is used after the construction of the array. We have to revert to a clean version of \ialign because there may be tabulars in

the `\Block` instructions that will be composed now.

```

7661 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_draw_blocks:
7662 {
7663     \bool_if:nTF { \c_@@_recent_array_bool && ! \c_@@_revtex_bool }
7664     { \cs_set_eq:NN \ar@ialign \c_@@_old_ar@ialign: }
7665     { \cs_set_eq:NN \ialign \c_@@_old_ialign: }
7666     \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_blocks_seq { \@@_Block_iv:nnnnnn ##1 }
7667 }
7668 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Block_iv:nnnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6
7669 {

```

The integer `\l_@@_last_row_int` will be the last row of the block and `\l_@@_last_col_int` its last column.

```

7670     \int_zero:N \l_@@_last_row_int
7671     \int_zero:N \l_@@_last_col_int

```

We remind that the first mandatory argument of the command `\Block` is the size of the block with the special format $i-j$. However, the user is allowed to omit i or j (or both). This will be interpreted as follows: the last row (resp. column) of the block will be the last row (resp. column) of the block (without the potential exterior row—resp. column—of the array). By convention, this is stored in `\g_@@_blocks_seq` as a number of rows (resp. columns) for the block equal to 100. That's what we detect now (we write 98 for the case the the command `\Block` has been issued in the “first row”).

```

7672 \int_compare:nNnTF { #3 } > { 98 }
7673     { \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_last_row_int \c@iRow }
7674     { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_row_int { #3 } }
7675 \int_compare:nNnTF { #4 } > { 98 }
7676     { \int_set_eq:NN \l_@@_last_col_int \c@jCol }
7677     { \int_set:Nn \l_@@_last_col_int { #4 } }
7678 \int_compare:nNnTF { \l_@@_last_col_int } > { \g_@@_col_total_int }
7679 {
7680     \bool_lazy_and:nnTF
7681     { \l_@@_preamble_bool }
7682     {
7683         \int_compare_p:n
7684         { \l_@@_last_col_int <= \g_@@_static_num_of_col_int }
7685     }
7686     {
7687         \msg_error:nnnn { nicematrix } { Block-too-large-2 } { #1 } { #2 }
7688         \@@_msg_redirect_name:nn { Block-too-large-2 } { none }
7689         \@@_msg_redirect_name:nn { columns-not-used } { none }
7690     }
7691     { \msg_error:nnnn { nicematrix } { Block-too-large-1 } { #1 } { #2 } }
7692 }
7693 {
7694     \int_compare:nNnTF { \l_@@_last_row_int } > { \g_@@_row_total_int }
7695     { \msg_error:nnnn { nicematrix } { Block-too-large-1 } { #1 } { #2 } }
7696     {
7697         \@@_Block_v:nneenn
7698         { #1 }
7699         { #2 }
7700         { \int_use:N \l_@@_last_row_int }
7701         { \int_use:N \l_@@_last_col_int }
7702         { #5 }
7703         { #6 }
7704     }
7705 }
7706 }

```

The following command `\@@_Block_v:nnnnnn` will actually draw the block. #1 is the first row of the block; #2 is the first column of the block; #3 is the last row of the block; #4 is the last column of the block; #5 is a list of `key=value` options; #6 is the label

```

7707 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Block_v:nnnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6
7708 {

```

The group is for the keys.

```

7709 \group_begin:
7710 \int_compare:nNnT { #1 } = { #3 }
7711   { \str_set:Nn \l_@@_vpos_block_str { t } }
7712 \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / Block / SecondPass } { #5 }

If the content of the block contains &, we will have a special treatment (since the cell must be divided in several sub-cells). Remark that \tl_if_in:nNT is faster than \str_if_in:nnT.

7713 \tl_if_in:nNT { #6 } { & } { \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_ampersand_bool }

7714 \bool_lazy_and:nNT
7715   { \l_@@_vlines_block_bool }
7716   { ! \l_@@_ampersand_bool }
7717 {
7718   \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_nicematrix_code_after_tl
7719   {
7720     \@@_vlines_block:nnn
7721     { \exp_not:n { #5 } }
7722     { #1 - #2 }
7723     { \int_use:N \l_@@_last_row_int - \int_use:N \l_@@_last_col_int }
7724   }
7725 }
7726 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_hlines_block_bool
7727 {
7728   \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_nicematrix_code_after_tl
7729   {
7730     \@@_hlines_block:nnn
7731     { \exp_not:n { #5 } }
7732     { #1 - #2 }
7733     { \int_use:N \l_@@_last_row_int - \int_use:N \l_@@_last_col_int }
7734   }
7735 }
7736 \bool_if:NF \l_@@_transparent_bool
7737 {
7738   \bool_lazy_and:nNF { \l_@@_vlines_block_bool } { \l_@@_hlines_block_bool }
7739   {

```

The sequence of the positions of the blocks (excepted the blocks with the key `hlines`) will be used when drawing the rules (in fact, there is also the `\multicolumn` and the `\diagbox` in that sequence).

```

7740 \seq_gput_left:Ne \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq
7741   { { #1 } { #2 } { #3 } { #4 } { \l_@@_block_name_str } }
7742 }
7743 }

7744 \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_draw_tl
7745 {
7746   \bool_lazy_or:nNT \l_@@_hlines_block_bool \l_@@_vlines_block_bool
7747   { \@@_error:n { hlines-with-color } }
7748   \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_nicematrix_code_after_tl
7749   {
7750     \@@_stroke_block:nnn
#5 are the options
7751   { \exp_not:n { #5 } }
7752   { #1 - #2 }
7753   { \int_use:N \l_@@_last_row_int - \int_use:N \l_@@_last_col_int }
7754   }
7755 \seq_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_pos_of_stroken_blocks_seq
7756   { { #1 } { #2 } { #3 } { #4 } }
7757 }

7758 \clist_if_empty:NF \l_@@_borders_clist
7759 {
7760   \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_nicematrix_code_after_tl

```

```

7761      {
7762        \@@_stroke_borders_block:nnn
7763        { \exp_not:n { #5 } }
7764        { #1 - #2 }
7765        { \int_use:N \l_@@_last_row_int - \int_use:N \l_@@_last_col_int }
7766      }
7767    }

7768 \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_fill_tl
7769  {
7770    \@@_add_opacity_to_fill:
7771    \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_before_tl
7772    {
7773      \@@_exp_color_arg:No \@@_roundedrectanglecolor \l_@@_fill_tl
7774      { #1 - #2 }
7775      { \int_use:N \l_@@_last_row_int - \int_use:N \l_@@_last_col_int }
7776      { \dim_use:N \l_@@_rounded_corners_dim }
7777    }
7778  }

7779 \seq_if_empty:NF \l_@@_tikz_seq
7780  {
7781    \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_nicematrix_code_before_tl
7782    {
7783      \@@_block_tikz:nnnnn
7784      { \seq_use:Nn \l_@@_tikz_seq { , } }
7785      { #1 }
7786      { #2 }
7787      { \int_use:N \l_@@_last_row_int }
7788      { \int_use:N \l_@@_last_col_int }

```

We will have in that last field a list of lists of Tikz keys.

```

7789  }
7790 }

7791 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \diagbox ##1 ##2
7792  {
7793    \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
7794    {
7795      \@@_actually_diagbox:nnnnnn
7796      { #1 }
7797      { #2 }
7798      { \int_use:N \l_@@_last_row_int }
7799      { \int_use:N \l_@@_last_col_int }
7800      { \exp_not:n { ##1 } }
7801      { \exp_not:n { ##2 } }
7802    }
7803  }

```

Let's consider the following `\begin{NiceTabular}{cc!{\hspace{1cm}}c}`. Because of the instruction `!{\hspace{1cm}}` in the preamble which increases the space between the columns (by adding, in fact, that space to the previous column, that is to say the second column of the tabular), we will create *two* nodes relative to the block: the node `1-1-block` and the node `1-1-block-short`.

```

\begin{NiceTabular}{cc!{\hspace{1cm}}c}
\Block{2-2}{our block} & one & \\
& two & \\
three & four & five \\
six & seven & eight \\
\end{NiceTabular}

```

We highlight the node 1-1-block

our block	
three	four
six	seven

We highlight the node 1-1-block-short

our block	
one	
two	
five	
six	seven
eight	

The construction of the node corresponding to the merged cells.

```

7804  \pgfpicture
7805  \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
7806  \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
7807  \@@_qpoint:n { row - #1 }
7808  \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@y
7809  \@@_qpoint:n { col - #2 }
7810  \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpb_dim \pgf@x
7811  \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { \l@@_last_row_int + 1 } }
7812  \dim_set_eq:NN \l@@_tmpc_dim \pgf@y
7813  \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { \l@@_last_col_int + 1 } }
7814  \dim_set_eq:NN \l@@_tmpd_dim \pgf@x

```

We construct the node for the block with the name (#1-#2-block).

The function `\@@_pgf_rect_node:nnnnn` takes in as arguments the name of the node and the four coordinates of two opposite corner points of the rectangle.

```

7815  \@@_pgf_rect_node:nnnnn
7816  {
7817    \l_tmpb_dim \l_tmpa_dim \l@@_tmpd_dim \l@@_tmpc_dim
7818  \str_if_empty:NF \l@@_block_name_str
7819  {
7820    \pgfnodealias
7821    {
7822      \@@_env: - #1 - #2 - block
7823      \l@@_block_name_str
7824    }
7825    \pgfnodealias
7826    {
7827      \l@@_name_str - \l@@_block_name_str
7828      \@@_env: - #1 - #2 - block
7829    }
}

```

Now, we create the “short node” which, in general, will be used to put the label (that is to say the content of the node). However, if one the keys L, C or R is used (that information is provided by the boolean `\l@@_hpos_of_block_cap_bool`), we don’t need to create that node since the normal node is used to put the label.

```

7830  \bool_if:NF \l@@_hpos_of_block_cap_bool
7831  {
7832    \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpb_dim \c_max_dim

```

The short node is constructed by taking into account the *contents* of the columns involved in at least one cell of the block. That’s why we have to do a loop over the rows of the array.

```

7833  \int_step_inline:nnn { \l@@_first_row_int } { \g@@_row_total_int }
7834  {

```

We recall that, when a cell is empty, no (normal) node is created in that cell. That’s why we test the existence of the node before using it.

```

7835  \cs_if_exist:cT
7836  {
7837    \pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - ##1 - #2
7838    {
7839      \seq_if_in:NnF \g@@_multicolumn_cells_seq { ##1 - #2 }
7840      {
7841        \pgfpointanchor { \@@_env: - ##1 - #2 } { west }
7842        \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpb_dim { \dim_min:nn \l_tmpb_dim \pgf@x }
7843      }
7844    }
}

```

If all the cells of the column were empty, `\l_tmpb_dim` has still the same value `\c_max_dim`. In that case, you use for `\l_tmpb_dim` the value of the position of the vertical rule.

```

7845   \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpb_dim } = { \c_max_dim }
7846   {
7847     \@@_qpoint:n { col - #2 }
7848     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpb_dim \pgf@x
7849   }
7850   \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_tmpd_dim { - \c_max_dim }
7851   \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_row_int } { \g_@@_row_total_int }
7852   {
7853     \cs_if_exist:cT
7854       { pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - ##1 - \int_use:N \l_@@_last_col_int }
7855     {
7856       \seq_if_in:Nnf \g_@@_multicolumn_cells_seq { ##1 - #2 }
7857       {
7858         \pgfpointanchor
7859           { \@@_env: - ##1 - \int_use:N \l_@@_last_col_int }
7860           { east }
7861         \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_tmpd_dim
7862           { \dim_max:nn { \l_@@_tmpd_dim } { \pgf@x } }
7863       }
7864     }
7865   }
7866   \dim_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_tmpd_dim } = { - \c_max_dim }
7867   {
7868     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { \l_@@_last_col_int + 1 } }
7869     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpd_dim \pgf@x
7870   }
7871   \@@_pgf_rect_node:nnnn
7872     { \@@_env: - #1 - #2 - block - short }
7873     \l_tmpb_dim \l_tmpa_dim \l_@@_tmpd_dim \l_@@_tmpc_dim
7874 }
```

If the creation of the “medium nodes” is required, we create a “medium node” for the block. The function `\@@_pgf_rect_node:nnn` takes in as arguments the name of the node and two PGF points.

```

7875   \bool_if:NT \l_@@_medium_nodes_bool
7876   {
7877     \@@_pgf_rect_node:nnn
7878       { \@@_env: - #1 - #2 - block - medium }
7879       { \pgfpointanchor { \@@_env: - #1 - #2 - medium } { north-west } }
7880   {
7881     \pgfpointanchor
7882       { \@@_env:
7883         - \int_use:N \l_@@_last_row_int
7884         - \int_use:N \l_@@_last_col_int - medium
7885       }
7886       { south-east }
7887   }
7888 }
7889 \endpgfpicture
7890
7891 \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_ampersand_bool
7892 {
7893   \seq_set_split:Nnn \l_tmpa_seq { & } { #6 }
7894   \int_zero_new:N \l_@@_split_int
7895   \int_set:Nn \l_@@_split_int { \seq_count:N \l_tmpa_seq }
7896   \pgfpicture
7897   \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
7898   \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
7899
7900 \@@_qpoint:n { row - #1 }
```

```

7901 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpc_dim \pgf@y
7902 \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { #3 + 1 } }
7903 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpd_dim \pgf@y
7904 \@@_qpoint:n { col - #2 }
7905 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@x
7906 \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { #4 + 1 } }
7907 \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpb_dim
7908 { ( \pgf@x - \l_tmpa_dim ) / \int_use:N \l_@@_split_int }
7909 \bool_lazy_or:nnT
7910 { \l_@@_vlines_block_bool }
7911 { \str_if_eq_p:ee \l_@@_vlines_clist { all } }
7912 {
7913     \int_step_inline:nn { \l_@@_split_int - 1 }
7914     {
7915         \pgfpathmoveto
7916         {
7917             \pgfpoint
7918             { \l_tmpa_dim + ##1 \l_tmpb_dim }
7919             \l_@@_tmpc_dim
7920         }
7921         \pgfpathlineto
7922         {
7923             \pgfpoint
7924             { \l_tmpa_dim + ##1 \l_tmpb_dim }
7925             \l_@@_tmpd_dim
7926         }
7927         \CT@arc@
7928         \pgfsetlinewidth { 1.1 \arrayrulewidth }
7929         \pgfsetrectcap
7930         \pgfusepathqstroke
7931     }
7932 }
7933 \@@_qpoint:n { row - #1 - base }
7934 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpc_dim \pgf@y
7935 \int_step_inline:nn { \l_@@_split_int }
7936 {
7937     \group_begin:
7938     \dim_set:Nn \col@sep
7939     { \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_tabular_bool { \tabcolsep } { \arraycolsep } }
7940     \pgftransformshift
7941     {
7942         \pgfpoint
7943         {
7944             \l_tmpa_dim + ##1 \l_tmpb_dim -
7945             \str_case:on \l_@@_hpos_block_str
7946             {
7947                 l { \l_tmpb_dim + \col@sep }
7948                 c { 0.5 \l_tmpb_dim }
7949                 r { \col@sep }
7950             }
7951         }
7952         { \l_@@_tmpc_dim }
7953     }
7954     \pgfset { inner_sep = \c_zero_dim }
7955     \pgfnode
7956     { rectangle }
7957     {
7958         \str_case:on \l_@@_hpos_block_str
7959         {
7960             c { base }
7961             l { base-west }
7962             r { base-east }
7963         }

```

```

7964      }
7965      { \seq_item:Nn \l_tmpa_seq { ##1 } } { } { }
7966      \group_end:
7967    }
7968  \endpgfpicture
7969 }

```

Now the case where there is no ampersand & in the content of the block.

```

7970 {
7971   \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_p_block_bool
7972   {

```

When the final user has used the key p, we have to compute the width.

```

7973 \pgfpicture
7974   \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
7975   \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
7976   \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_hpos_of_block_cap_bool
7977   {
7978     \@@_qpoint:n { col - #2 }
7979     \dim_gset_eq:NN \g_tmpa_dim \pgf@x
7980     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { \l_@@_last_col_int + 1 } }
7981   }
7982   {
7983     \pgfpointanchor { \@@_env: - #1 - #2 - block - short } { west }
7984     \dim_gset_eq:NN \g_tmpa_dim \pgf@x
7985     \pgfpointanchor { \@@_env: - #1 - #2 - block - short } { east }
7986   }
7987   \dim_gset:Nn \g_tmpb_dim { \pgf@x - \g_tmpa_dim }
7988 \endpgfpicture
7989 \hbox_set:Nn \l_@@_cell_box
7990 {
7991   \begin { minipage } [ \str_lowercase:f \l_@@_vpos_block_str ]
7992   { \g_tmpb_dim }
7993   \str_case:on \l_@@_hpos_block_str
7994   { c \centering r \raggedleft l \raggedright j { } }
7995   #6
7996   \end { minipage }
7997 }
7998 {
7999   \hbox_set:Nn \l_@@_cell_box { \set@color #6 }
8000 \bool_if:NT \g_@@_rotate_bool { \@@_rotate_cell_box: }

```

Now, we will put the label of the block. We recall that \l_@@_vpos_block_str is empty when the user has not used a key for the vertical position of the block.

```

8001 \pgfpicture
8002 \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
8003 \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
8004 \bool_lazy_any:nTF
8005 {
8006   { \str_if_empty_p:N \l_@@_vpos_block_str }
8007   { \str_if_eq_p:ee \l_@@_vpos_block_str { c } }
8008   { \str_if_eq_p:ee \l_@@_vpos_block_str { T } }
8009   { \str_if_eq_p:ee \l_@@_vpos_block_str { B } }
8010 }
8011 {

```

If we are in the first column, we must put the block as if it was with the key r.

```
8012   \int_if_zero:nT { #2 } { \str_set_eq:NN \l_@@_hpos_block_str \c_@@_r_str }
```

If we are in the last column, we must put the block as if it was with the key l.

```

8013   \bool_if:nT \g_@@_last_col_found_bool
8014   {
8015     \int_compare:nNnT { #2 } = { \g_@@_col_total_int }
```

```

8016     { \str_set_eq:NN \l_@@_hpos_block_str \c_@@_l_str }
8017 }
```

`\l_tmpa_tl` will contain the anchor of the PGF node which will be used.

```

8018     \tl_set:Nn \l_tmpa_tl
8019     {
8020         \str_case:on \l_@@_vpos_block_str
8021         {
```

We recall that `\l_@@_vpos_block_str` is empty when the user has not used a key for the vertical position of the block.

```

8022     { } {
8023         \str_case:on \l_@@_hpos_block_str
8024         {
8025             c { center }
8026             l { west }
8027             r { east }
8028             j { center }
8029         }
8030     }
8031     c {
8032         \str_case:on \l_@@_hpos_block_str
8033         {
8034             c { center }
8035             l { west }
8036             r { east }
8037             j { center }
8038         }
8039     }
8040     }
8041     T {
8042         \str_case:on \l_@@_hpos_block_str
8043         {
8044             c { north }
8045             l { north-west }
8046             r { north-east }
8047             j { north }
8048         }
8049     }
8050     }
8051     B {
8052         \str_case:on \l_@@_hpos_block_str
8053         {
8054             c { south }
8055             l { south-west }
8056             r { south-east }
8057             j { south }
8058         }
8059     }
8060     }
8061   }
8062 }
```

`\pgftransformshift`

```

8063 {
8064     \pgfpointanchor
8065     {
8066         \@@_env: - #1 - #2 - block
8067         \bool_if:NF \l_@@_hpos_of_block_cap_bool { - short }
8068     }
8069     { \l_tmpa_tl }
8070 }
```

`\pgfset { inner~sep = \c_zero_dim }`

`\pgfnode { rectangle }`

```

8075     { \l_tmpa_tl }
8076     { \box_use_drop:N \l_@@_cell_box } { } { }
8077 }

```

End of the case when `\l_@@_vpos_block_str` is equal to c, T or B. Now, the other cases.

```

8078 {
8079     \pgfextracty \l_tmpa_dim
8080     {
8081         \@@_qpoint:n
8082         {
8083             row - \str_if_eq:eeTF \l_@@_vpos_block_str { b } { #3 } { #1 }
8084             - base
8085         }
8086     }
8087     \dim_sub:Nn \l_tmpa_dim { 0.5 \arrayrulewidth }

```

We retrieve (in `\pgf@x`) the *x*-value of the center of the block.

```

8088 \pgfpointanchor
8089 {
8090     \@@_env: - #1 - #2 - block
8091     \bool_if:NF \l_@@_hpos_of_block_cap_bool { - short }
8092 }
8093 {
8094     \str_case:on \l_@@_hpos_block_str
8095     {
8096         c { center }
8097         l { west }
8098         r { east }
8099         j { center }
8100     }
8101 }

```

We put the label of the block which has been composed in `\l_@@_cell_box`.

```

8102 \pgftransformshift { \pgfpoint \pgf@x \l_tmpa_dim }
8103 \pgfset { inner_sep = \c_zero_dim }
8104 \pgfnode
8105 {
8106     rectangle
8107     {
8108         \str_case:on \l_@@_hpos_block_str
8109         {
8110             c { base }
8111             l { base-west }
8112             r { base-east }
8113             j { base }
8114         }
8115     { \box_use_drop:N \l_@@_cell_box } { } { }
8116 }
8117 \endpgfpicture
8118 }
8119 \group_end:
8120 }
8121 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_Block_v:nnnnnn { n n e e }

```

For the command `\cellcolor` used within a sub-cell of a `\Block` (when the character & is used inside the cell).

```

8122 \cs_set_protected:Npn \@@_fill:nnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
8123 {
8124     \pgfpicture
8125     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
8126     \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
8127     \pgfpathrectanglecorners
8128     { \pgfpoint { #2 } { #3 } }

```

```

8129   { \pgfpoint { #4 } { #5 } }
8130   \pgfsetfillcolor { #1 }
8131   \pgfusepath { fill }
8132   \endpgfpicture
8133 }

```

The following command adds the value of `\l_@@_opacity_tl` (if not empty) to the specification of color set in `\l_@@_fill_tl` (the information of opacity is added in between square brackets before the color itself).

```

8134 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_add_opacity_to_fill:
8135 {
8136   \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_opacity_tl
8137   {
8138     \tl_if_head_eq_meaning:oNTF \l_@@_fill_tl [
8139       {
8140         \tl_set:Ne \l_@@_fill_tl
8141         {
8142           [ opacity = \l_@@_opacity_tl ,
8143             \tl_tail:o \l_@@_fill_tl
8144           ]
8145         }
8146       {
8147         \tl_set:Ne \l_@@_fill_tl
8148         { [ opacity = \l_@@_opacity_tl ] { \exp_not:o \l_@@_fill_tl } }
8149       }
8150     }
8151 }

```

The first argument of `\@@_stroke_block:nnn` is a list of options for the rectangle that you will stroke. The second argument is the upper-left cell of the block (with, as usual, the syntax $i-j$) and the third is the last cell of the block (with the same syntax).

```

8152 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_stroke_block:nnn #1 #2 #3
8153 {
8154   \group_begin:
8155   \tl_clear:N \l_@@_draw_tl
8156   \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_line_width_dim \arrayrulewidth
8157   \keys_set_known:nn { nicematrix / BlockStroke } { #1 }
8158   \pgfpicture
8159   \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
8160   \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
8161   \tl_if_empty:NF \l_@@_draw_tl
8162   {

```

If the user has used the key `color` of the command `\Block` without value, the color fixed by `\arrayrulecolor` is used.

```

8163   \tl_if_eq:NnTF \l_@@_draw_tl { default }
8164     { \CT@arc@ }
8165     { \@@_color:o \l_@@_draw_tl }
8166   }
8167   \pgfsetcornersarced
8168   {
8169     \pgfpoint
8170       { \l_@@_rounded_corners_dim }
8171       { \l_@@_rounded_corners_dim }
8172   }
8173   \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #2 \q_stop
8174   \int_compare:nNnF { \l_tmpa_tl } > { \c@iRow }
8175   {
8176     \int_compare:nNnF { \l_tmpb_tl } > { \c@jCol }
8177     {
8178       \@@_qpoint:n { row - \l_tmpa_tl }
8179       \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpb_dim \pgf@y

```

```

8180     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \l_tmpb_tl }
8181     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpc_dim \pgf@x
8182     \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #3 \q_stop
8183     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpa_tl } > { \c@iRow }
8184         { \tl_set:No \l_tmpa_tl { \int_use:N \c@iRow } }
8185     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_tmpb_tl } > { \c@jCol }
8186         { \tl_set:No \l_tmpb_tl { \int_use:N \c@jCol } }
8187     \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { \l_tmpa_tl + 1 } }
8188     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@y
8189     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { \l_tmpb_tl + 1 } }
8190     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpd_dim \pgf@x
8191     \pgfsetlinewidth { 1.1 \l_@@_line_width_dim }
8192     \pgfpathrectanglecorners
8193         { \pgfpoint \l_@@_tmpc_dim \l_tmpb_dim }
8194         { \pgfpoint \l_@@_tmpd_dim \l_tmpa_dim }
8195     \dim_compare:nNnTF { \l_@@_rounded_corners_dim } = { \c_zero_dim }
8196         { \pgfusepathqstroke }
8197         { \pgfusepath { stroke } }
8198     }
8199   }
8200 \endpgfpicture
8201 \group_end:
8202 }

```

Here is the set of keys for the command `\@@_stroke_block:nnn`.

```

8203 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / BlockStroke }
8204 {
8205   color .tl_set:N = \l_@@_draw_tl ,
8206   draw .code:n =
8207     \tl_if_empty:eF { #1 } { \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_draw_tl { #1 } } ,
8208   draw .default:n = default ,
8209   line-width .dim_set:N = \l_@@_line_width_dim ,
8210   rounded-corners .dim_set:N = \l_@@_rounded_corners_dim ,
8211   rounded-corners .default:n = 4 pt
8212 }

```

The first argument of `\@@_vlines_block:nnn` is a list of options for the rules that we will draw. The second argument is the upper-left cell of the block (with, as usual, the syntax $i-j$) and the third is the last cell of the block (with the same syntax).

```

8213 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_vlines_block:nnn #1 #2 #3
8214 {
8215   \group_begin:
8216   \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_line_width_dim \arrayrulewidth
8217   \keys_set_known:nn { nicematrix / BlockBorders } { #1 }
8218   \dim_set_eq:NN \arrayrulewidth \l_@@_line_width_dim
8219   \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #2 \q_stop
8220   \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpc_tl \l_tmpa_tl
8221   \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpd_tl \l_tmpb_tl
8222   \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #3 \q_stop
8223   \tl_set:Ne \l_tmpa_tl { \int_eval:n { \l_tmpa_tl + 1 } }
8224   \tl_set:Ne \l_tmpb_tl { \int_eval:n { \l_tmpb_tl + 1 } }
8225   \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_tmpd_tl } { \l_tmpb_tl }
8226   {
8227     \use:e
8228     {
8229       \@@_vline:n
8230       {
8231         position = ##1 ,
8232         start = \l_@@_tmpc_tl ,
8233         end = \int_eval:n { \l_tmpa_tl - 1 } ,
8234         total-width = \dim_use:N \l_@@_line_width_dim
8235       }
8236     }

```

```

8237     }
8238   \group_end:
8239 }
8240 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_hlines_block:n {#1} {#2} {#3}
8241 {
8242   \group_begin:
8243   \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_line_width_dim \arrayrulewidth
8244   \keys_set_known:n { nicematrix / BlockBorders } { #1 }
8245   \dim_set_eq:NN \arrayrulewidth \l_@@_line_width_dim
8246   \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #2 \q_stop
8247   \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpc_tl \l_tmpa_tl
8248   \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpd_tl \l_tmpb_tl
8249   \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #3 \q_stop
8250   \tl_set:Ne \l_tmpa_tl { \int_eval:n { \l_tmpa_tl + 1 } }
8251   \tl_set:Ne \l_tmpb_tl { \int_eval:n { \l_tmpb_tl + 1 } }
8252   \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_tmpc_tl } { \l_tmpa_tl }
8253   {
8254     \use:e
8255     {
8256       \@@_hline:n
8257       {
8258         position = ##1 ,
8259         start = \l_@@_tmpd_tl ,
8260         end = \int_eval:n { \l_tmpb_tl - 1 } ,
8261         total-width = \dim_use:N \l_@@_line_width_dim
8262       }
8263     }
8264   }
8265   \group_end:
8266 }

```

The first argument of `\@@_stroke_borders_block:n` is a list of options for the borders that you will stroke. The second argument is the upper-left cell of the block (with, as usual, the syntax $i-j$) and the third is the last cell of the block (with the same syntax).

```

8267 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_stroke_borders_block:n {#1} {#2} {#3}
8268 {
8269   \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_line_width_dim \arrayrulewidth
8270   \keys_set_known:n { nicematrix / BlockBorders } { #1 }
8271   \dim_compare:nNnTF { \l_@@_rounded_corners_dim } > { \c_zero_dim }
8272   { \@@_error:n { borders-forbidden } }
8273   {
8274     \tl_clear_new:N \l_@@_borders_tikz_tl
8275     \keys_set:no
8276       { nicematrix / OnlyForTikzInBorders }
8277       \l_@@_borders_clist
8278     \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #2 \q_stop
8279     \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpc_tl \l_tmpa_tl
8280     \tl_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpd_tl \l_tmpb_tl
8281     \@@_cut_on_hyphen:w #3 \q_stop
8282     \tl_set:Ne \l_tmpa_tl { \int_eval:n { \l_tmpa_tl + 1 } }
8283     \tl_set:Ne \l_tmpb_tl { \int_eval:n { \l_tmpb_tl + 1 } }
8284     \@@_stroke_borders_block_i:
8285   }
8286 }
8287 \hook_gput_code:n { begindocument } { . }
8288 {
8289   \cs_new_protected:Npe \@@_stroke_borders_block_i:
8290   {
8291     \c_@@_pgfortikzpicture_tl
8292     \@@_stroke_borders_block_ii:
8293     \c_@@_endpgfortikzpicture_tl
8294   }

```

```

8295 }
8296 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_stroke_borders_block_ii:
8297 {
8298     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
8299     \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
8300     \CT@arc@
8301     \pgfsetlinewidth { 1.1 \l_@@_line_width_dim }
8302     \clist_if_in:NnT \l_@@_borders_clist { right }
8303         { \@@_stroke_vertical:n \l_tmpb_tl }
8304     \clist_if_in:NnT \l_@@_borders_clist { left }
8305         { \@@_stroke_vertical:n \l_@@_tmpd_tl }
8306     \clist_if_in:NnT \l_@@_borders_clist { bottom }
8307         { \@@_stroke_horizontal:n \l_tmpa_tl }
8308     \clist_if_in:NnT \l_@@_borders_clist { top }
8309         { \@@_stroke_horizontal:n \l_@@_tmpc_tl }
8310 }

8311 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / OnlyForTikzInBorders }
8312 {
8313     tikz .code:n =
8314         \cs_if_exist:NTF \tikzpicture
8315             { \tl_set:Nn \l_@@_borders_tikz_tl { #1 } }
8316             { \@@_error:n { tikz-in-borders-without-tikz } },
8317     tikz .value_required:n = true ,
8318     top .code:n = ,
8319     bottom .code:n = ,
8320     left .code:n = ,
8321     right .code:n = ,
8322     unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { bad-border }
8323 }

```

The following command is used to stroke the left border and the right border. The argument #1 is the number of column (in the sense of the `col` node).

```

8324 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_stroke_vertical:n #1
8325 {
8326     \@@_qpoint:n \l_@@_tmpc_tl
8327     \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpb_dim { \pgf@y + 0.5 \l_@@_line_width_dim }
8328     \@@_qpoint:n \l_tmpa_tl
8329     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_tmpc_dim { \pgf@y + 0.5 \l_@@_line_width_dim }
8330     \@@_qpoint:n { #1 }
8331     \tl_if_empty:NTF \l_@@_borders_tikz_tl
8332     {
8333         \pgfpathmoveto { \pgfpoint \pgf@x \l_tmpb_dim }
8334         \pgfpathlineto { \pgfpoint \pgf@x \l_@@_tmpc_dim }
8335         \pgfusepathqstroke
8336     }
8337     {
8338         \use:e { \exp_not:N \draw [ \l_@@_borders_tikz_tl ] }
8339             ( \pgf@x , \l_tmpb_dim ) -- ( \pgf@x , \l_@@_tmpc_dim ) ;
8340     }
8341 }

```

The following command is used to stroke the top border and the bottom border. The argument #1 is the number of row (in the sense of the `row` node).

```

8342 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_stroke_horizontal:n #1
8343 {
8344     \@@_qpoint:n \l_@@_tmpd_tl
8345     \clist_if_in:NnTF \l_@@_borders_clist { left }
8346         { \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpa_dim { \pgf@x - 0.5 \l_@@_line_width_dim } }
8347         { \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpa_dim { \pgf@x + 0.5 \l_@@_line_width_dim } }
8348     \@@_qpoint:n \l_tmpb_tl
8349     \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpb_dim { \pgf@x + 0.5 \l_@@_line_width_dim }
8350     \@@_qpoint:n { #1 }

```

```

8351 \tl_if_empty:NTF \l_@@_borders_tikz_tl
8352 {
8353     \pgfpathmoveto { \pgfpoint \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@y }
8354     \pgfpathlineto { \pgfpoint \l_tmpb_dim \pgf@y }
8355     \pgfusepathqstroke
8356 }
8357 {
8358     \use:e { \exp_not:N \draw [ \l_@@_borders_tikz_tl ] }
8359         ( \l_tmpa_dim , \pgf@y ) -- ( \l_tmpb_dim , \pgf@y ) ;
8360 }
8361 }
```

Here is the set of keys for the command `\@@_stroke_borders_block:nnn`.

```

8362 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / BlockBorders }
8363 {
8364     borders .clist_set:N = \l_@@_borders_clist ,
8365     rounded-corners .dim_set:N = \l_@@_rounded_corners_dim ,
8366     rounded-corners .default:n = 4 pt ,
8367     line-width .dim_set:N = \l_@@_line_width_dim
8368 }
```

The following command will be used if the key `tikz` has been used for the command `\Block`.

#1 is a *list of lists* of Tikz keys used with the path.

Example: `\Block[tikz={offset=1pt,draw,red}, {offset=2pt,draw,blue}]`

which arises from a command such as :

`\Block[tikz={offset=1pt,draw,red},tikz={offset=2pt,draw,blue}]{2-2}{}`

The arguments #2 and #3 are the coordinates of the first cell and #4 and #5 the coordinates of the last cell of the block.

```

8369 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_block_tikz:nnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
8370 {
8371     \begin{tikzpicture}
8372         \@@_clip_with_rounded_corners:
```

We use `clist_map_inline:nn` because #5 is a list of lists.

```

8373 \clist_map_inline:nn { #1 }
8374 {
```

We extract the key `offset` which is *not* a key of TikZ but a key added by `nicematrix`.

```

8375 \keys_set_known:nnN { nicematrix / SpecialOffset } { ##1 } \l_tmpa_tl
8376 \use:e { \exp_not:N \path [ \l_tmpa_tl ] }
8377 (
8378     [
8379         xshift = \dim_use:N \l_@@_offset_dim ,
8380         yshift = - \dim_use:N \l_@@_offset_dim
8381     ]
8382     #2 -| #3
8383 )
8384     rectangle
8385     (
8386         [
8387             xshift = - \dim_use:N \l_@@_offset_dim ,
8388             yshift = \dim_use:N \l_@@_offset_dim
8389         ]
8390         \int_eval:n { #4 + 1 } -| \int_eval:n { #5 + 1 }
8391     );
8392 }
8393 \end{tikzpicture}
8394 }
8395 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \@@_block_tikz:nnnnn { o }

8396 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / SpecialOffset }
8397     { offset .dim_set:N = \l_@@_offset_dim }
```

In some circumstances, we want to nullify the command `\Block`. In order to reach that goal, we will link the command `\Block` to the following command `\@@_NullBlock`: which has the same syntax as the standard command `\Block` but which is no-op.

```
8398 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_NullBlock:
8399   { \@@_collect_options:n { \@@_NullBlock_i: } }
8400 \NewExpandableDocumentCommand \@@_NullBlock_i: { m m D < > { } +m }
8401   { }
```

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```
8402 \cs_set_protected:Npn \@@_renew_matrix:
8403   {
8404     \RenewDocumentEnvironment { pmatrix } { }
8405     { \pNiceMatrix }
8406     { \endpNiceMatrix }
8407     \RenewDocumentEnvironment { vmatrix } { }
8408     { \vNiceMatrix }
8409     { \endvNiceMatrix }
8410     \RenewDocumentEnvironment { Vmatrix } { }
8411     { \VNiceMatrix }
8412     { \endVNiceMatrix }
8413     \RenewDocumentEnvironment { bmatrix } { }
8414     { \bNiceMatrix }
8415     { \endbNiceMatrix }
8416     \RenewDocumentEnvironment { Bmatrix } { }
8417     { \BNiceMatrix }
8418     { \endBNiceMatrix }
8419 }
```

28 Automatic arrays

We will extract some keys and pass the other keys to the environment `{NiceArrayWithDelims}`.

```
8420 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / Auto }
8421   {
8422     columns-type .tl_set:N = \l_@@_columns_type_tl ,
8423     columns-type .value_required:n = true ,
8424     l .meta:n = { columns-type = l } ,
8425     r .meta:n = { columns-type = r } ,
8426     c .meta:n = { columns-type = c } ,
8427     delimiters / color .tl_set:N = \l_@@_delimiters_color_tl ,
8428     delimiters / color .value_required:n = true ,
8429     delimiters / max-width .bool_set:N = \l_@@_delimiters_max_width_bool ,
8430     delimiters / max-width .default:n = true ,
8431     delimiters .code:n = \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / delimiters } { #1 } ,
8432     delimiters .value_required:n = true ,
8433     rounded-corners .dim_set:N = \l_@@_tab_rounded_corners_dim ,
8434     rounded-corners .default:n = 4 pt
8435   }
8436 \NewDocumentCommand \AutoNiceMatrixWithDelims
8437   { m m O { } > { \SplitArgument { 1 } { - } } m O { } m ! O { } }
8438   { \@@_auto_nice_matrix:nnnnnn { #1 } { #2 } #4 { #6 } { #3 , #5 , #7 } }
8439 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_auto_nice_matrix:nnnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6
8440   { }
```

The group is for the protection of the keys.

```
8441 \group_begin:
8442   \keys_set_known:nnN { nicematrix / Auto } { #6 } \l_tmpa_tl
```

```

8443 \use:e
8444 {
8445   \exp_not:N \begin { NiceArrayWithDelims } { #1 } { #2 }
8446   { * { #4 } { \exp_not:o \l_@@_columns_type_tl } }
8447   [ \exp_not:o \l_tmpa_tl ]
8448 }
8449 \int_if_zero:nT { \l_@@_first_row_int }
8450 {
8451   \int_if_zero:nT { \l_@@_first_col_int } { & }
8452   \prg_replicate:nn { #4 - 1 } { & }
8453   \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_col_int } > { -1 } { & } \\
8454 }
8455 \prg_replicate:nn { #3 }
8456 {
8457   \int_if_zero:nT { \l_@@_first_col_int } { & }

```

We put { } before #6 to avoid a hasty expansion of a potential `\arabic{iRow}` at the beginning of the row which would result in an incorrect value of that `iRow` (since `iRow` is incremented in the first cell of the row of the `\halign`).

```

8458   \prg_replicate:nn { #4 - 1 } { { } #5 & } #5
8459   \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_col_int } > { -1 } { & } \\
8460 }
8461 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_row_int } > { -2 }
8462 {
8463   \int_if_zero:nT { \l_@@_first_col_int } { & }
8464   \prg_replicate:nn { #4 - 1 } { & }
8465   \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_col_int } > { -1 } { & } \\
8466 }
8467 \end { NiceArrayWithDelims }
8468 \group_end:
8469 }

8470 \cs_set_protected:Npn \@@_define_com:NNN #1 #2 #3
8471 {
8472   \cs_set_protected:cpx { #1 AutoNiceMatrix }
8473   {
8474     \bool_gset_true:N \g_@@_delims_bool
8475     \str_gset:Ne \g_@@_name_env_str { #1 AutoNiceMatrix }
8476     \AutoNiceMatrixWithDelims { #2 } { #3 }
8477   }
8478 }

```

We define also a command `\AutoNiceMatrix` similar to the environment `{NiceMatrix}`.

```

8479 \NewDocumentCommand \AutoNiceMatrix { O{ } m O{ } m ! O{ } }
8480 {
8481   \group_begin:
8482   \bool_gset_false:N \g_@@_delims_bool
8483   \AutoNiceMatrixWithDelims . . { #2 } { #4 } [ #1 , #3 , #5 ]
8484   \group_end:
8485 }

```

29 The redefinition of the command `\dotfill`

```

8486 \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_old_dotfill: \dotfill
8487 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_dotfill:
8488 {

```

First, we insert `\@@_dotfill` (which is the saved version of `\dotfill`) in case of use of `\dotfill` “internally” in the cell (e.g. `\hbox to 1cm {\dotfill}`).

```

8489 \@@_old_dotfill:
```

```

8490      \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_cell_after_hook_tl \@@_dotfill_i:
8491  }

```

Now, if the box is not empty (unfortunately, we can't actually test whether the box is empty and that's why we only consider its width), we insert `\@@_dotfill` (which is the saved version of `\dotfill`) in the cell of the array, and it will extend, since it is no longer in `\l_@@_cell_box`.

```

8492 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_dotfill_i:
8493 {
8494     \dim_compare:nNnT { \box_wd:N \l_@@_cell_box } = { \c_zero_dim }
8495     { \@@_old_dotfill: }
8496 }

```

30 The command `\diagbox`

The command `\diagbox` will be linked to `\diagbox:nn` in the environments of `nicematrix`. However, there are also redefinitions of `\diagbox` in other circumstances.

```

8497 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_diagbox:nn #1 #2
8498 {
8499     \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
8500     {
8501         \@@_actually_diagbox:nnnnnn
8502         { \int_use:N \c@iRow }
8503         { \int_use:N \c@jCol }
8504         { \int_use:N \c@iRow }
8505         { \int_use:N \c@jCol }

```

`\g_@@_row_style_tl` contains several instructions of the form:

```
\@@_if_row_less_than:nn { number } { instructions }
```

The command `\@@_if_row_less:nn` is fully expandable and, thus, the instructions will be inserted in the `\g_@@_pre_code_after_tl` only if `\diagbox` is used in a row which is the scope of that chunk of instructions.

```

8506     { \g_@@_row_style_tl \exp_not:n { #1 } }
8507     { \g_@@_row_style_tl \exp_not:n { #2 } }
8508 }

```

We put the cell with `\diagbox` in the sequence `\g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq` because a cell with `\diagbox` must be considered as non empty by the key `corners`.

```

8509 \seq_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq
8510 {
8511     { \int_use:N \c@iRow }
8512     { \int_use:N \c@jCol }
8513     { \int_use:N \c@iRow }
8514     { \int_use:N \c@jCol }

```

The last argument is for the name of the block.

```

8515     { }
8516 }
8517 }

```

The command `\diagbox` is also redefined locally when we draw a block.

The first four arguments of `\@@_actually_diagbox:nnnnnn` correspond to the rectangle (=block) to slash (we recall that it's possible to use `\diagbox` in a `\Block`). The other two are the elements to draw below and above the diagonal line.

```

8518 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_actually_diagbox:nnnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6
8519 {
8520     \pgfpicture
8521     \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
8522     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
8523     \@@_qpoint:n { row - #1 }
8524     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@y
8525     \@@_qpoint:n { col - #2 }

```

```

8526 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpb_dim \pgf@x
8527 \pgfpathmoveto { \pgfpoint \l_tmpb_dim \l_tmpa_dim }
8528 \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { #3 + 1 } }
8529 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpc_dim \pgf@y
8530 \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { #4 + 1 } }
8531 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_tmpd_dim \pgf@x
8532 \pgfpathlineto { \pgfpoint \l_@@_tmpd_dim \l_@@_tmpc_dim }
8533 {

```

The command `\CT@arc@` is a command of `colortbl` which sets the color of the rules in the array. The package `nicematrix` uses it even if `colortbl` is not loaded.

```

8534 \CT@arc@
8535 \pgfsetroundcap
8536 \pgfusepathqstroke
8537 }
8538 \pgfset { inner-sep = 1 pt }
8539 \pgfscope
8540 \pgftransformshift { \pgfpoint \l_tmpb_dim \l_@@_tmpc_dim }
8541 \pgfnode { rectangle } { south-west }
8542 {
8543     \begin { minipage } { 20 cm }

```

The `\scan_stop:` avoids an error in math mode when the argument #5 is empty.

```

8544 \@@_math_toggle: \scan_stop: #5 \@@_math_toggle:
8545 \end { minipage }
8546 }
8547 {
8548 {
8549 \endpgfscope
8550 \pgftransformshift { \pgfpoint \l_@@_tmpd_dim \l_tmpa_dim }
8551 \pgfnode { rectangle } { north-east }
8552 {
8553     \begin { minipage } { 20 cm }
8554     \raggedleft
8555     \@@_math_toggle: \scan_stop: #6 \@@_math_toggle:
8556     \end { minipage }
8557 }
8558 {
8559 {
8560 \endpgfpicture
8561 }

```

31 The keyword `\CodeAfter`

In fact, in this subsection, we define the user command `\CodeAfter` for the case of the “normal syntax”. For the case of “light-syntax”, see the definition of the environment `{@@-light-syntax}` on p. 86.

In the environments of `nicematrix`, `\CodeAfter` will be linked to `\@@_CodeAfter::`. That macro must *not* be protected since it begins with `\omit`.

```

8562 \cs_new:Npn \@@_CodeAfter: { \omit \@@_CodeAfter_ii:n }

```

However, in each cell of the environment, the command `\CodeAfter` will be linked to the following command `\@@_CodeAfter_ii:n` which begins with `\\\`.

```

8563 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_CodeAfter_i: { \\ \omit \@@_CodeAfter_ii:n }

```

We have to catch everything until the end of the current environment (of `nicematrix`). First, we go until the next command `\end`.

```
8564 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_CodeAfter_ii:n #1 \end
8565 {
8566   \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_nicematrix_code_after_tl { #1 }
8567   \@@_CodeAfter_iv:n
8568 }
```

We catch the argument of the command `\end` (in #1).

```
8569 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_CodeAfter_iv:n #1
8570 {
```

If this is really the end of the current environment (of `nicematrix`), we put back the command `\end` and its argument in the TeX flow.

```
8571 \str_if_eq:eeTF \currenvir { #1 }
8572 { \end { #1 } }
```

If this is not the `\end` we are looking for, we put those tokens in `\g_nicematrix_code_after_tl` and we go on searching for the next command `\end` with a recursive call to the command `\@@_CodeAfter:n`.

```
8573 {
8574   \tl_gput_right:Nn \g_nicematrix_code_after_tl { \end { #1 } }
8575   \@@_CodeAfter_ii:n
8576 }
8577 }
```

32 The delimiters in the preamble

The command `\@@_delimiter:nnn` will be used to draw delimiters inside the matrix when delimiters are specified in the preamble of the array. It does *not* concern the exterior delimiters added by `{NiceArrayWithDelims}` (and `{pNiceArray}`, `{pNiceMatrix}`, etc.).

A delimiter in the preamble of the array will write an instruction `\@@_delimiter:nnn` in the `\g_@@_pre_code_after_tl` (and also potentially add instructions in the preamble provided to `\array` in order to add space between columns).

The first argument is the type of delimiter ((, [, \{,),] or \}). The second argument is the number of column. The third argument is a boolean equal to `\c_true_bool` (resp. `\c_false_true`) when the delimiter must be put on the left (resp. right) side.

```
8578 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_delimiter:nnn #1 #2 #3
8579 {
8580   \pgfpicture
8581   \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
8582   \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
```

`\l_@@_y_initial_dim` and `\l_@@_y_final_dim` will be the *y*-values of the extremities of the delimiter we will have to construct.

```
8583 \@@_qpoint:n { row - 1 }
8584 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_initial_dim \pgf@y
8585 \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { \c@iRow + 1 } }
8586 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_final_dim \pgf@y
```

We will compute in `\l_tmpa_dim` the *x*-value where we will have to put our delimiter (on the left side or on the right side).

```
8587 \bool_if_ntF { #3 }
8588 { \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \c_max_dim }
8589 { \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpa_dim { - \c_max_dim } }
8590 \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_row_int } { \g_@@_row_total_int }
8591 {
8592   \cs_if_exist:cT
8593     { \pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - ##1 - #2 }
```

```

8594      {
8595        \pgfpointanchor
8596          { \@@_env: - ##1 - #2 }
8597          { \bool_if:nTF { #3 } { west } { east } }
8598        \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpa_dim
8599        {
8600          \bool_if:nTF { #3 }
8601            { \dim_min:nn }
8602            { \dim_max:nn }
8603          \l_tmpa_dim
8604            { \pgf@x }
8605        }
8606      }
8607    }

```

Now we can put the delimiter with a node of PGF.

```

8608   \pgfset { inner-sep = \c_zero_dim }
8609   \dim_zero:N \nulldelimiterspace
8610   \pgftransformshift
8611   {
8612     \pgfpoint
8613       { \l_tmpa_dim }
8614       { ( \l_@@_y_initial_dim + \l_@@_y_final_dim + \arrayrulewidth ) / 2 }
8615   }
8616   \pgfnode
8617     { rectangle }
8618     { \bool_if:nTF { #3 } { east } { west } }
8619   {

```

Here is the content of the PGF node, that is to say the delimiter, constructed with its right size.

```

8620   \nullfont
8621   \c_math_toggle_token
8622   \color:o \l_@@_delimiters_color_tl
8623   \bool_if:nTF { #3 } { \left #1 } { \left . }
8624   \vcenter
8625   {
8626     \nullfont
8627     \hrule \height
8628       \dim_eval:n { \l_@@_y_initial_dim - \l_@@_y_final_dim }
8629       \depth \c_zero_dim
8630       \width \c_zero_dim
8631   }
8632   \bool_if:nTF { #3 } { \right . } { \right #1 }
8633   \c_math_toggle_token
8634   }
8635   {
8636   }
8637   \endpgfpicture
8638 }

```

33 The command \SubMatrix

```

8639 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / sub-matrix }
8640 {
8641   extra-height .dim_set:N = \l_@@_submatrix_extra_height_dim ,
8642   extra-height .value_required:n = true ,
8643   left-xshift .dim_set:N = \l_@@_submatrix_left_xshift_dim ,
8644   left-xshift .value_required:n = true ,
8645   right-xshift .dim_set:N = \l_@@_submatrix_right_xshift_dim ,
8646   right-xshift .value_required:n = true ,
8647   xshift .meta:n = { left-xshift = #1, right-xshift = #1 } ,

```

```

8648 xshift .value_required:n = true ,
8649 delimiters / color .tl_set:N = \l_@@_delimiters_color_tl ,
8650 delimiters / color .value_required:n = true ,
8651 slim .bool_set:N = \l_@@_submatrix_slim_bool ,
8652 slim .default:n = true ,
8653 hlines .clist_set:N = \l_@@_submatrix_hlines_clist ,
8654 hlines .default:n = all ,
8655 vlines .clist_set:N = \l_@@_submatrix_vlines_clist ,
8656 vlines .default:n = all ,
8657 hvlines .meta:n = { hlines, vlines } ,
8658 hvlines .value_forbidden:n = true
8659 }
8660 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix }
8661 {
8662 SubMatrix .inherit:n = nicematrix / sub-matrix ,
8663 NiceArray / sub-matrix .inherit:n = nicematrix / sub-matrix ,
8664 pNiceArray / sub-matrix .inherit:n = nicematrix / sub-matrix ,
8665 NiceMatrixOptions / sub-matrix .inherit:n = nicematrix / sub-matrix ,
8666 }
8667 
```

The following keys set is for the command `\SubMatrix` itself (not the tuning of `\SubMatrix` that can be done elsewhere).

```

8667 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / SubMatrix }
8668 {
8669 delimiters / color .tl_set:N = \l_@@_delimiters_color_tl ,
8670 delimiters / color .value_required:n = true ,
8671 hlines .clist_set:N = \l_@@_submatrix_hlines_clist ,
8672 hlines .default:n = all ,
8673 vlines .clist_set:N = \l_@@_submatrix_vlines_clist ,
8674 vlines .default:n = all ,
8675 hvlines .meta:n = { hlines, vlines } ,
8676 hvlines .value_forbidden:n = true ,
8677 name .code:n =
8678 \tl_if_empty:nTF { #1 }
8679 { \@@_error:n { Invalid-name } }
8680 {
8681 \regex_match:nnTF { \A[A-Za-z][A-Za-z0-9]*\Z } { #1 }
8682 {
8683 \seq_if_in:NnTF \g_@@_submatrix_names_seq { #1 }
8684 { \@@_error:nn { Duplicate-name-for-SubMatrix } { #1 } }
8685 {
8686 \str_set:Nn \l_@@_submatrix_name_str { #1 }
8687 \seq_gput_right:Nn \g_@@_submatrix_names_seq { #1 }
8688 }
8689 }
8690 { \@@_error:n { Invalid-name } }
8691 },
8692 name .value_required:n = true ,
8693 rules .code:n = \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / rules } { #1 } ,
8694 rules .value_required:n = true ,
8695 code .tl_set:N = \l_@@_code_tl ,
8696 code .value_required:n = true ,
8697 unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown-key-for-SubMatrix }
8698 }

8699 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_SubMatrix_in_code_before { m m m m ! O { } }
8700 {
8701 \tl_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_pre_code_after_tl
8702 {
8703 \SubMatrix { #1 } { #2 } { #3 } { #4 }
8704 [
8705 delimiters / color = \l_@@_delimiters_color_tl ,
8706 hlines = \l_@@_submatrix_hlines_clist , 
```

```

8707     vlines = \l_@@_submatrix_vlines_clist ,
8708     extra-height = \dim_use:N \l_@@_submatrix_extra_height_dim ,
8709     left-xshift = \dim_use:N \l_@@_submatrix_left_xshift_dim ,
8710     right-xshift = \dim_use:N \l_@@_submatrix_right_xshift_dim ,
8711     slim = \bool_to_str:N \l_@@_submatrix_slim_bool ,
8712     #5
8713   ]
8714 }
8715 \@@_SubMatrix_in_code_before_i { #2 } { #3 }
8716 \ignorespaces
8717 }

8718 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_SubMatrix_in_code_before_i
8719 { > { \SplitArgument { 1 } { - } } m > { \SplitArgument { 1 } { - } } m }
8720 { \@@_SubMatrix_in_code_before_i:nnnn #1 #2 }

8721 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_SubMatrix_in_code_before_i:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4
8722 {
8723   \seq_gput_right:Ne \g_@@_submatrix_seq
8724   {

```

We use `\str_if_eq:eeTF` because it is fully expandable (and slightly faster than `\tl_if_eq:nnTF`).

```

8725   { \str_if_eq:eeTF { #1 } { last } { \int_use:N \c@iRow } { #1 } }
8726   { \str_if_eq:eeTF { #2 } { last } { \int_use:N \c@jCol } { #2 } }
8727   { \str_if_eq:eeTF { #3 } { last } { \int_use:N \c@iRow } { #3 } }
8728   { \str_if_eq:eeTF { #4 } { last } { \int_use:N \c@jCol } { #4 } }
8729 }
8730 }
```

The following macro will compute `\l_@@_first_i_tl`, `\l_@@_first_j_tl`, `\l_@@_last_i_tl` and `\l_@@_last_j_tl` from the arguments of the command as provided by the user (for example 2-3 and 5-last).

```

8731 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_compute_i_j:nn
8732 { > { \SplitArgument { 1 } { - } } m > { \SplitArgument { 1 } { - } } m }
8733 { \@@_compute_i_j:nnnn #1 #2 }

8734 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_compute_i_j:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4
8735 {
8736   \def \l_@@_first_i_tl { #1 }
8737   \def \l_@@_first_j_tl { #2 }
8738   \def \l_@@_last_i_tl { #3 }
8739   \def \l_@@_last_j_tl { #4 }
8740   \tl_if_eq:NnT \l_@@_first_i_tl { last }
8741   { \tl_set:NV \l_@@_first_i_tl \c@iRow }
8742   \tl_if_eq:NnT \l_@@_first_j_tl { last }
8743   { \tl_set:NV \l_@@_first_j_tl \c@jCol }
8744   \tl_if_eq:NnT \l_@@_last_i_tl { last }
8745   { \tl_set:NV \l_@@_last_i_tl \c@iRow }
8746   \tl_if_eq:NnT \l_@@_last_j_tl { last }
8747   { \tl_set:NV \l_@@_last_j_tl \c@jCol }
8748 }
```

In the pre-code-after and in the `\CodeAfter` the following command `\@@_SubMatrix` will be linked to `\SubMatrix`.

- #1 is the left delimiter;
- #2 is the upper-left cell of the matrix with the format $i-j$;
- #3 is the lower-right cell of the matrix with the format $i-j$;
- #4 is the right delimiter;
- #5 is the list of options of the command;
- #6 is the potential subscript;

- #7 is the potential superscript.

For explanations about the construction with rescanning of the preamble, see the documentation for the user command \Cdots.

```

8749 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
8750 {
8751   \tl_set_rescan:Nnn \l_tmpa_tl { } { m m m m 0 { } E { _ ^ } { { } { } } }
8752   \exp_args:NNo \NewDocumentCommand \@@_SubMatrix \l_tmpa_tl
8753     { \@@_sub_matrix:nnnnnn { #1 } { #2 } { #3 } { #4 } { #5 } { #6 } { #7 } }
8754 }

8755 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_sub_matrix:nnnnnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6 #7
8756 {
8757   \group_begin:

```

The four following token lists correspond to the position of the \SubMatrix.

```

8758 \@@_compute_i_j:nn { #2 } { #3 }
8759 \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_first_i_tl } = { \l_@@_last_i_tl }
8760   { \def \arraystretch { 1 } }
8761 \bool_lazy_or:nnTF
8762   { \int_compare_p:nNn { \l_@@_last_i_tl } > { \g_@@_row_total_int } }
8763   { \int_compare_p:nNn { \l_@@_last_j_tl } > { \g_@@_col_total_int } }
8764   { \@@_error:nn { Construct~too~large } { \SubMatrix } }
8765   {
8766     \str_clear_new:N \l_@@_submatrix_name_str
8767     \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / SubMatrix } { #5 }
8768     \pgfpicture
8769     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
8770     \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
8771     \pgfset { inner-sep = \c_zero_dim }
8772     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \c_max_dim
8773     \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_x_final_dim { - \c_max_dim }

```

The last value of \int_step_inline:nnn is provided by currification.

```

8774 \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_submatrix_slim_bool
8775   { \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_i_tl } { \l_@@_last_i_tl } }
8776   { \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_row_int } { \g_@@_row_total_int } }
8777   {
8778     \cs_if_exist:cT
8779       { \pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - ##1 - \l_@@_first_j_tl }
8780     {
8781       \pgfpointanchor { \@@_env: - ##1 - \l_@@_first_j_tl } { west }
8782       \dim_compare:nNnT { \pgf@x } < { \l_@@_x_initial_dim }
8783         { \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \pgf@x }
8784     }
8785     \cs_if_exist:cT
8786       { \pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - ##1 - \l_@@_last_j_tl }
8787     {
8788       \pgfpointanchor { \@@_env: - ##1 - \l_@@_last_j_tl } { east }
8789       \dim_compare:nNnT { \pgf@x } > { \l_@@_x_final_dim }
8790         { \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_final_dim \pgf@x }
8791     }
8792   }
8793   \dim_compare:nNnTF { \l_@@_x_initial_dim } = { \c_max_dim }
8794     { \@@_error:nn { Impossible~delimiter } { left } }
8795   {
8796     \dim_compare:nNnTF { \l_@@_x_final_dim } = { - \c_max_dim }
8797       { \@@_error:nn { Impossible~delimiter } { right } }
8798       { \@@_sub_matrix_i:nnnn { #1 } { #4 } { #6 } { #7 } }
8799   }
8800   \endpgfpicture
8801 }
8802 \group_end:
8803 \ignorespaces
8804 }

```

```

#1 is the left delimiter, #2 is the right one, #3 is the subscript and #4 is the superscript.
8805 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_sub_matrix_i:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4
8806 {
8807   \@@_qpoint:n { row - \l_@@_first_i_tl - base }
8808   \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_y_initial_dim
8809   {
8810     \fp_to_dim:n
8811     {
8812       \pgf@y
8813       + ( \box_ht:N \strutbox + \extrarowheight ) * \arraystretch
8814     }
8815   }
8816   \@@_qpoint:n { row - \l_@@_last_i_tl - base }
8817   \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_y_final_dim
8818   { \fp_to_dim:n { \pgf@y - ( \box_dp:N \strutbox ) * \arraystretch } }
8819   \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_col_int } { \g_@@_col_total_int }
8820   {
8821     \cs_if_exist:cT
8822     { \pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - \l_@@_first_i_tl - ##1 }
8823     {
8824       \pgfpointanchor { \@@_env: - \l_@@_first_i_tl - ##1 } { north }
8825       \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_y_initial_dim
8826       { \dim_max:nn { \l_@@_y_initial_dim } { \pgf@y } }
8827     }
8828     \cs_if_exist:cT
8829     { \pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - \l_@@_last_i_tl - ##1 }
8830     {
8831       \pgfpointanchor { \@@_env: - \l_@@_last_i_tl - ##1 } { south }
8832       \dim_compare:nNnT { \pgf@y } < { \l_@@_y_final_dim }
8833       { \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_y_final_dim \pgf@y }
8834     }
8835   }
8836   \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpa_dim
8837   {
8838     \l_@@_y_initial_dim - \l_@@_y_final_dim +
8839     \l_@@_submatrix_extra_height_dim - \arrayrulewidth
8840   }
8841 \dim_zero:N \nulldelimterspace

```

We will draw the rules in the `\SubMatrix`.

```

8842 \group_begin:
8843 \pgfsetlinewidth { 1.1 \arrayrulewidth }
8844 \@@_set_Carc:o \l_@@_rules_color_tl
8845 \CT@arc@

```

Now, we draw the potential vertical rules specified in the preamble of the environments with the letter fixed with the key `vlines-in-sub-matrix`. The list of the columns where there is such rule to draw is in `\g_@@_cols_vlism_seq`.

```

8846 \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_cols_vlism_seq
8847 {
8848   \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_first_j_tl } < { ##1 }
8849   {
8850     \int_compare:nNnT
8851     { ##1 } < { \int_eval:n { \l_@@_last_j_tl + 1 } }
8852   }

```

First, we extract the value of the abscissa of the rule we have to draw.

```

8853   \@@_qpoint:n { col - ##1 }
8854   \pgfpathmoveto { \pgfpoint \pgf@x \l_@@_y_initial_dim }
8855   \pgfpathlineto { \pgfpoint \pgf@x \l_@@_y_final_dim }
8856   \pgfusepathqstroke
8857 }
8858 }
8859 }

```

Now, we draw the vertical rules specified in the key `vlines` of `\SubMatrix`. The last argument of `\int_step_inline:nn` or `\clist_map_inline:Nn` is given by currying.

```

8860  \str_if_eq:eeTF \l_@@_submatrix_vlines_clist { all }
8861    { \int_step_inline:nn { \l_@@_last_j_tl - \l_@@_first_j_tl } }
8862    { \clist_map_inline:Nn \l_@@_submatrix_vlines_clist }
8863    {
8864      \bool_lazy_and:nnTF
8865        { \int_compare_p:nNn { ##1 } > { \c_zero_int } }
8866        {
8867          \int_compare_p:nNn
8868            { ##1 } < { \l_@@_last_j_tl - \l_@@_first_j_tl + 1 } }
8869        {
8870          \qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { ##1 + \l_@@_first_j_tl } }
8871          \pgfpathmoveto { \pgfpoint \pgf@x \l_@@_y_initial_dim }
8872          \pgfpathlineto { \pgfpoint \pgf@x \l_@@_y_final_dim }
8873          \pgfusepathqstroke
8874        }
8875        { \error:n { Wrong-line-in-SubMatrix } { vertical } { ##1 } }
8876    }

```

Now, we draw the horizontal rules specified in the key `hlines` of `\SubMatrix`. The last argument of `\int_step_inline:nn` or `\clist_map_inline:Nn` is given by currying.

```

8877  \str_if_eq:eeTF \l_@@_submatrix_hlines_clist { all }
8878    { \int_step_inline:nn { \l_@@_last_i_tl - \l_@@_first_i_tl } }
8879    { \clist_map_inline:Nn \l_@@_submatrix_hlines_clist }
8880    {
8881      \bool_lazy_and:nnTF
8882        { \int_compare_p:nNn { ##1 } > { \c_zero_int } }
8883        {
8884          \int_compare_p:nNn
8885            { ##1 } < { \l_@@_last_i_tl - \l_@@_first_i_tl + 1 } }
8886        {
8887          \qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { ##1 + \l_@@_first_i_tl } }

```

We use a group to protect `\l_tmpa_dim` and `\l_tmpb_dim`.

```
8888  \group_begin:
```

We compute in `\l_tmpa_dim` the *x*-value of the left end of the rule.

```

8889    \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpa_dim
8890      { \l_@@_x_initial_dim - \l_@@_submatrix_left_xshift_dim }
8891    \str_case:nn { #1 }
8892      {
8893        ( { \dim_sub:Nn \l_tmpa_dim { 0.9 mm } }
8894        [ { \dim_sub:Nn \l_tmpa_dim { 0.2 mm } }
8895        \{ { \dim_sub:Nn \l_tmpa_dim { 0.9 mm } }
8896      }
8897      \pgfpathmoveto { \pgfpoint \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@y }

```

We compute in `\l_tmpb_dim` the *x*-value of the right end of the rule.

```

8898    \dim_set:Nn \l_tmpb_dim
8899      { \l_@@_x_final_dim + \l_@@_submatrix_right_xshift_dim }
8900    \str_case:nn { #2 }
8901      {
8902        ) { \dim_add:Nn \l_tmpb_dim { 0.9 mm } }
8903        ] { \dim_add:Nn \l_tmpb_dim { 0.2 mm } }
8904        \} { \dim_add:Nn \l_tmpb_dim { 0.9 mm } }
8905      }
8906      \pgfpathlineto { \pgfpoint \l_tmpb_dim \pgf@y }
8907      \pgfusepathqstroke
8908      \group_end:
8909    }
8910    { \error:n { Wrong-line-in-SubMatrix } { horizontal } { ##1 } }
8911  }

```

If the key `name` has been used for the command `\SubMatrix`, we create a PGF node with that name for the submatrix (this node does not encompass the delimiters that we will put after).

```

8912  \str_if_empty:NF \l_@@_submatrix_name_str
8913  {
8914      \@@_pgf_rect_node:nnnn \l_@@_submatrix_name_str
8915          \l_@@_x_initial_dim \l_@@_y_initial_dim
8916          \l_@@_x_final_dim \l_@@_y_final_dim
8917      }
8918  \group_end:

```

The group was for `\CT@arc@` (the color of the rules).

Now, we deal with the left delimiter. Of course, the environment `{pgfscope}` is for the `\pgftransformshift`.

```

8919  \begin{ { pgfscope }
8920  \pgftransformshift
8921  {
8922      \pgfpoint
8923          { \l_@@_x_initial_dim - \l_@@_submatrix_left_xshift_dim }
8924          { ( \l_@@_y_initial_dim + \l_@@_y_final_dim ) / 2 }
8925      }
8926  \str_if_empty:NTF \l_@@_submatrix_name_str
8927      { \@@_node_left:nn #1 { } }
8928      { \@@_node_left:nn #1 { \@@_env: - \l_@@_submatrix_name_str - left } }
8929  \end { pgfscope }

```

Now, we deal with the right delimiter.

```

8930  \pgftransformshift
8931  {
8932      \pgfpoint
8933          { \l_@@_x_final_dim + \l_@@_submatrix_right_xshift_dim }
8934          { ( \l_@@_y_initial_dim + \l_@@_y_final_dim ) / 2 }
8935      }
8936  \str_if_empty:NTF \l_@@_submatrix_name_str
8937      { \@@_node_right:nnnn #2 { } { #3 } { #4 } }
8938      {
8939          \@@_node_right:nnnn #2
8940          { \@@_env: - \l_@@_submatrix_name_str - right } { #3 } { #4 }
8941      }

```

Now, we deal with the key `code` of `\SubMatrix`. That key should contain a TikZ instruction and the nodes in that instruction will be relative to the current `\SubMatrix`. That's why we need a redefinition of `\pgfpointanchor`.

```

8942  \cs_set_eq:NN \pgfpointanchor \@@_pgfpointanchor:n
8943  \flag_clear_new:N \l_@@_code_flag
8944  \l_@@_code_tl
8945  }

```

In the key `code` of the command `\SubMatrix` there may be TikZ instructions. We want that, in these instructions, the i and j in specifications of nodes of the forms $i-j$, `row- i` , `col- j` and $i-|j$ refer to the number of row and column *relative* of the current `\SubMatrix`. That's why we will patch (locally in the `\SubMatrix`) the command `\pgfpointanchor`.

```

8946  \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_old_pgfpointanchor: \pgfpointanchor

```

The following command will be linked to `\pgfpointanchor` just before the execution of the option `code` of the command `\SubMatrix`. In this command, we catch the argument `#1` of `\pgfpointanchor` and we apply to it the command `\@@_pgfpointanchor_i:nn` before passing it to the original `\pgfpointanchor`. We have to act in an expandable way because the command `\pgfpointanchor` is used in names of Tikz nodes which are computed in an expandable way.

The original command `\pgfpointanchor` takes in two arguments: the name of the node and the name of the anchor. However, you don't have to modify the anchor, and that's why we do a redefinition of `\pgfpointanchor` by curryfication.

```
8947 \cs_new:Npn \@@_pgfpointanchor:n #1
8948   { \exp_args:Ne \@@_old_pgfpoinctanchor: { \@@_pgfpointanchor_i:n { #1 } } }
```

First, we must detect whether the argument is of the form `\tikz@pp@name{...}` (the command `\tikz@pp@name` is a command of TikZ that adds the prefix and the suffix of the name. If the name refers to a TikZ node which does not exist, there isn't the wrapper `\tikz@pp@name`.

```
8949 \cs_new:Npn \@@_pgfpointanchor_i:n #1
8950   { \@@_pgfpointanchor_ii:w #1 \tikz@pp@name \q_stop }
8951 \cs_new:Npn \@@_pgfpointanchor_ii:w #1 \tikz@pp@name #2 \q_stop
8952   {
```

The command `\str_if_empty:nTF` is “fully expandable”.

```
8953 \str_if_empty:nTF { #1 }
```

First, when the name of the name begins with `\tikz@pp@name`.

```
8954   { \@@_pgfpointanchor_iv:w #2 }
```

And now, when there is no `\tikz@pp@name`.

```
8955   { \@@_pgfpointanchor_ii:n { #1 } }
8956 }
```

In the case where the name begins with `\tikz@pp@name`, we must retrieve the second `\tikz@pp@name`, that is to say to marker that we have added at the end (cf. `\@@_pgfpointanchor_i:n`).

```
8957 \cs_new:Npn \@@_pgfpointanchor_iv:w #1 \tikz@pp@name
8958   { \@@_pgfpointanchor_ii:n { #1 } }
```

With the command `\@@_pgfpointanchor_ii:n`, we deal with the actual name of the node (without the `\tikz@pp@name`). First, we have to detect whether it is of the form `i` or `i-j` (with an hyphen).

Remark: It would be possible to test the presence of the hyphen in an expandable way to using `\etl_if_in:nnTF` of the package `etl` but, as of now, we do not load `etl`.

```
8959 \cs_new:Npn \@@_pgfpointanchor_ii:n #1 { \@@_pgfpointanchor_i:w #1- \q_stop }
```

```
8960 \cs_new:Npn \@@_pgfpointanchor_i:w #1-#2 \q_stop
8961   {
```

The command `\str_if_empty:nTF` is “fully expandable”.

```
8962 \str_if_empty:nTF { #2 }
```

First the case where the argument does *not* contain an hyphen.

```
8963   { \@@_pgfpointanchor_iii:n { #1 } }
```

And now the case the argument contains a hyphen. In that case, we have a weird construction because we must retrieve the extra hyphen we have added as marker (cf. `\@@_pgfpointanchor_ii:n`).

```
8964   { \@@_pgfpointanchor_iii:w { #1 } #2 }
8965 }
```

The following function is for the case when the name contains an hyphen.

```
8966 \cs_new:Npn \@@_pgfpointanchor_iii:w #1 #2 -
8967   {
```

We have to add the prefix `\@@_env:` “by hand” since we have retrieved the potential `\tikz@pp@name`.

```
8968 \@@_env:
8969 - \int_eval:n { #1 + \l_@@_first_i_tl - 1 }
8970 - \int_eval:n { #2 + \l_@@_first_j_tl - 1 }
8971 }
```

Since `\seq_if_in:NnTF` and `\clist_if_in:NnTF` are not expandable, we will use the following token list and `\str_case:nVTF` to test whether we have an integer or not.

```

8972 \tl_const:Nn \c_@@_integers alist tl
8973 {
8974 { 1 } { } { 2 } { } { 3 } { } { 4 } { } { 5 } { }
8975 { 6 } { } { 7 } { } { 8 } { } { 9 } { } { 10 } { }
8976 { 11 } { } { 12 } { } { 13 } { } { 14 } { } { 15 } { }
8977 { 16 } { } { 17 } { } { 18 } { } { 19 } { } { 20 } { }
8978 }

8979 \cs_new:Npn \@@_pgfpointanchor_iii:n #1
8980 {

```

If there is no hyphen, that means that the node is of the form of a single number (ex.: 5 or 11). In that case, we are in an analysis which result from a specification of node of the form $i-j$. That special form is the reason of the special form of the argument of `\pgfpointanchor` which arises with its command `\name_of_command` (see above).

In that case, the i of the number of row arrives first (and alone) in a `\pgfpointanchor` and, the, the j arrives (alone) in the following `\pgfpointanchor`. In order to know whether we have a number of row or a number of column, we keep track of the number of such treatments by the expandable flag called `nicematrix`.

```

8981 \str_case:nVTF { #1 } \c_@@_integers alist tl
8982 {
8983 \flag_raise:N \l_@@_code_flag

```

We have to add the prefix `\@@_env`: “by hand” since we have retrieved the potential `\tikz@pp@name`.

```

8984 \@@_env: -
8985 \int_if_even:nTF { \flag_height:N \l_@@_code_flag }
8986 { \int_eval:n { #1 + \l_@@_first_i_tl - 1 } }
8987 { \int_eval:n { #1 + \l_@@_first_j_tl - 1 } }
8988 }
8989 {
8990 \str_if_eq:eeTF { #1 } { last }
8991 {
8992 \flag_raise:N \l_@@_code_flag
8993 \@@_env: -
8994 \int_if_even:nTF { \flag_height:N \l_@@_code_flag }
8995 { \int_eval:n { \l_@@_last_i_tl + 1 } }
8996 { \int_eval:n { \l_@@_last_j_tl + 1 } }
8997 }
8998 { #1 }
8999 }
9000 }

```

The command `\@@_node_left:nn` puts the left delimiter with the correct size. The argument `#1` is the delimiter to put. The argument `#2` is the name we will give to this PGF node (if the key `name` has been used in `\SubMatrix`).

```

9001 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_node_left:nn #1 #2
9002 {
9003 \pgfnode
9004 { rectangle }
9005 { east }
9006 {
9007 \nullfont
9008 \c_math_toggle_token
9009 \@@_color:o \l_@@_delimiters_color_tl
9010 \left #1
9011 \vcenter
9012 {
9013 \nullfont
9014 \hrule \height \l_tmpa_dim
9015 \depth \c_zero_dim

```

```

9016           \@width \c_zero_dim
9017       }
9018   \right .
9019   \c_math_toggle_token
9020 }
9021 { #2 }
9022 { }
9023 }

```

The command `\@@_node_right:nn` puts the right delimiter with the correct size. The argument `#1` is the delimiter to put. The argument `#2` is the name we will give to this PGF node (if the key `name` has been used in `\SubMatrix`). The argument `#3` is the subscript and `#4` is the superscript.

```

9024 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_node_right:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4
9025 {
9026   \pgfnode
9027     { rectangle }
9028     { west }
9029     {
9030       \nullfont
9031       \c_math_toggle_token
9032       \colorlet{current-color}{.}
9033       \@@_color:o \l_@@_delimiters_color_tl
9034       \left .
9035       \vcenter
9036         {
9037           \nullfont
9038           \hrule \@height \l_tmpa_dim
9039             \@depth \c_zero_dim
9040             \@width \c_zero_dim
9041         }
9042       \right #1
9043       \tl_if_empty:nF {#3} { _ { \smash {#3} } }
9044       ^ { \color{current-color} \smash {#4} }
9045       \c_math_toggle_token
9046     }
9047   { #2 }
9048   { }
9049 }

```

34 Les commandes \UnderBrace et \OverBrace

The following commands will be linked to `\UnderBrace` and `\OverBrace` in the `\CodeAfter`.

```

9050 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_UnderBrace { O{ } m m m O{ } }
9051 {
9052   \@@_brace:nnnnn {#2} {#3} {#4} {#1, #5} {under}
9053   \ignorespaces
9054 }
9055 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_OverBrace { O{ } m m m O{ } }
9056 {
9057   \@@_brace:nnnnn {#2} {#3} {#4} {#1, #5} {over}
9058   \ignorespaces
9059 }
9060 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / Brace }
9061 {
9062   left-shorten .bool_set:N = \l_@@_brace_left_shorten_bool ,
9063   left-shorten .default:n = true ,
9064   left-shorten .value_forbidden:n = true ,

```

```

9065 right-shorten .bool_set:N = \l_@@_brace_right_shorten_bool ,
9066 right-shorten .default:n = true ,
9067 right-shorten .value_forbidden:n = true ,
9068 shorten .meta:n = { left-shorten , right-shorten } ,
9069 shorten .value_forbidden:n = true ,
9070 yshift .dim_set:N = \l_@@_brace_yshift_dim ,
9071 yshift .value_required:n = true ,
9072 yshift .initial:n = \c_zero_dim ,
9073 color .tl_set:N = \l_tmpa_tl ,
9074 color .value_required:n = true ,
9075 unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown~key~for~Brace }
9076 }

```

#1 is the first cell of the rectangle (with the syntax $i-lj$; #2 is the last cell of the rectangle; #3 is the label of the text; #4 is the optional argument (a list of key-value pairs); #5 is equal to under or over.

```

9077 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_brace:nnnn #1 #2 #3 #4 #5
9078 {
9079     \group_begin:

```

The four following token lists correspond to the position of the sub-matrix to which a brace will be attached.

```

9080     \@@_compute_i_j:nn { #1 } { #2 }
9081     \bool_lazy_or:nnTF
9082         { \int_compare_p:nNn { \l_@@_last_i_tl } > { \g_@@_row_total_int } }
9083         { \int_compare_p:nNn { \l_@@_last_j_tl } > { \g_@@_col_total_int } }
9084         {
9085             \str_if_eq:eeTF { #5 } { under }
9086             { \@@_error:nn { Construct-too-large } { \UnderBrace } }
9087             { \@@_error:nn { Construct-too-large } { \OverBrace } }
9088         }
9089     {
9090         \tl_clear:N \l_tmpa_tl
9091         \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / Brace } { #4 }
9092         \tl_if_empty:NF \l_tmpa_tl { \color { \l_tmpa_tl } }
9093         \pgfpicture
9094         \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
9095         \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
9096         \bool_if:NT \l_@@_brace_left_shorten_bool
9097         {
9098             \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \c_max_dim
9099             \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_i_tl } { \l_@@_last_i_tl }
9100             {
9101                 \cs_if_exist:cT
9102                     { \pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - ##1 - \l_@@_first_j_tl }
9103                     {
9104                         \pgfpointanchor { \@@_env: - ##1 - \l_@@_first_j_tl } { west }
9105
9106                         \dim_compare:nNnT { \pgf@x } < { \l_@@_x_initial_dim }
9107                         { \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \pgf@x }
9108                     }
9109                 }
9110             }
9111             \bool_lazy_or:nnT
9112                 { \bool_not_p:n \l_@@_brace_left_shorten_bool }
9113                 { \dim_compare_p:nNn { \l_@@_x_initial_dim } = { \c_max_dim } }
9114             {
9115                 \@@_qpoint:n { col - \l_@@_first_j_tl }
9116                 \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_initial_dim \pgf@x
9117             }
9118             \bool_if:NT \l_@@_brace_right_shorten_bool
9119             {
9120                 \dim_set:Nn \l_@@_x_final_dim { - \c_max_dim }
9121                 \int_step_inline:nnn { \l_@@_first_i_tl } { \l_@@_last_i_tl }
9122                 {

```

```

9123   \cs_if_exist:cT
9124     { pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - ##1 - \l_@@_last_j_tl }
9125     {
9126       \pgfpointanchor { \@@_env: - ##1 - \l_@@_last_j_tl } { east }
9127       \dim_compare:nNnT { \pgf@x } > { \l_@@_x_final_dim }
9128         { \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_final_dim \pgf@x }
9129     }
9130   }
9131 }
9132 \bool_lazy_or:nnT
9133   { \bool_not_p:n \l_@@_brace_right_shorten_bool }
9134   { \dim_compare_p:nNn { \l_@@_x_final_dim } = { - \c_max_dim } }
9135   {
9136     \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { \l_@@_last_j_tl + 1 } }
9137     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_@@_x_final_dim \pgf@x
9138   }
9139 \pgfset { inner_sep = \c_zero_dim }
9140 \str_if_eq:eeTF { #5 } { under }
9141   { \@@_underbrace_i:n { #3 } }
9142   { \@@_overbrace_i:n { #3 } }
9143 \endpgfpicture
9144 }
9145 \group_end:
9146 }

```

The argument is the text to put above the brace.

```

9147 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_overbrace_i:n #1
9148 {
9149   \@@_qpoint:n { row - \l_@@_first_i_tl }
9150   \pgftransformshift
9151   {
9152     \pgfpoint
9153       { ( \l_@@_x_initial_dim + \l_@@_x_final_dim ) / 2 }
9154       { \pgf@y + \l_@@_brace_yshift_dim - 3 pt }
9155   }
9156 \pgfnode
9157   { rectangle }
9158   { south }
9159   {
9160     \vtop
9161     {
9162       \group_begin:
9163       \everycr { }
9164       \halign
9165       {
9166         \hfil ## \hfil \crcr
9167         \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_tabular_bool
9168           { \begin { tabular } { c } #1 \end { tabular } }
9169           { $ \begin { array } { c } #1 \end { array } $ }
9170         \cr
9171         \c_math_toggle_token
9172         \overbrace
9173         {
9174           \hbox_to_wd:nn
9175             { \l_@@_x_final_dim - \l_@@_x_initial_dim }
9176             { }
9177         }
9178         \c_math_toggle_token
9179         \cr
9180         }
9181       \group_end:
9182     }
9183   }
9184 }

```

```

9185     { }
9186 }
9187 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_underbrace_i:n #1
9188 {
9189     \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { \l_@@_last_i_tl + 1 } }
9190     \pgftransformshift
9191     {
9192         \pgfpoint
9193             { ( \l_@@_x_initial_dim + \l_@@_x_final_dim ) / 2 }
9194             { \pgf@y - \l_@@_brace_yshift_dim + 3 pt }
9195     }
9196     \pgfnode
9197     { rectangle }
9198     { north }
9199     {
9200         \group_begin:
9201         \everycr { }
9202         \vbox
9203         {
9204             \halign
9205             {
9206                 \hfil ## \hfil \crcr
9207                 \c_math_toggle_token
9208                 \underbrace
9209                 {
9210                     \hbox_to_wd:nn
9211                         { \l_@@_x_final_dim - \l_@@_x_initial_dim }
9212                         { }
9213                 }
9214                 \c_math_toggle_token
9215                 \cr
9216                 \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_tabular_bool
9217                     { \begin { tabular } { c } #1 \end { tabular } }
9218                     { $ \begin { array } { c } #1 \end { array } $ }
9219                 \cr
9220             }
9221         }
9222         \group_end:
9223     }
9224     { }
9225     { }
9226 }

```

35 The commands HBrace et VBrace

```

9227 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
9228 {
9229     \cs_if_exist:cT { tikz@library@decorations.pathreplacing@loaded }
9230     {
9231         \tikzset
9232         {
9233             nicematrix / brace / .style =
9234             {
9235                 decoration = { brace , raise = -0.15 em } ,
9236                 decorate ,
9237             } ,

```

Unlike the previous one, the following set of keys is internal. It won't be provided by the final user.

```

9238   nicematrix / mirrored-brace / .style =
9239     {
9240       nicematrix / brace ,
9241       decoration = mirror ,
9242     }
9243   }
9244 }
9245 }
```

The following set of keys will be used only for security since the keys will be sent to the command `\Ldots` or `\Vdots`.

```

9246 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / Hbrace }
9247 {
9248   color .code:n = ,
9249   horizontal-label .code:n = ,
9250   horizontal-labels .code:n = ,
9251   shorten .code:n = ,
9252   shorten-start .code:n = ,
9253   shorten-end .code:n = ,
9254   unknown .code:n = \@@_fatal:n { Unknown~key~for~Hbrace }
9255 }
```

Here we need an “fully expandable” command.

```

9256 \NewExpandableDocumentCommand { \@@_Hbrace } { O { } m m }
9257 {
9258   \cs_if_exist:cTF { tikz@library@decorations.pathreplacing@loaded }
9259   { \@@_hbrace:nnn { #1 } { #2 } { #3 } }
9260   { \@@_error:nn { Hbrace-not-allowed } { \Hbrace } }
9261 }
```

The following command must *not* be protected.

```

9262 \cs_new:Npn \@@_hbrace:nnn #1 #2 #3
9263 {
9264   \int_compare:nNnTF { \c@iRow } < { 2 }
9265 }
```

We recall that `\str_if_eq:nnTF` is “fully expandable”.

```

9266 \str_if_eq:nnTF { #2 } { * }
9267 {
9268   \NiceMatrixOptions { nullify-dots }
9269   \Ldots
9270   [
9271     line-style = nicematrix / brace ,
9272     #1 ,
9273     up =
9274       \bool_if:NT \l_@@_tabular_bool \text { \exp_not:n { #3 } }
9275   ]
9276 }
9277 {
9278   \Hdotsfor
9279   [
9280     line-style = nicematrix / brace ,
9281     #1 ,
9282     up =
9283       \bool_if:NT \l_@@_tabular_bool \text { \exp_not:n { #3 } }
9284   ]
9285   { #2 }
9286 }
9287 {
9288   \str_if_eq:nnTF { #2 } { * }
9289   {
9290 }
```

```

9291     \NiceMatrixOptions { nullify-dots }
9292     \Ldots
9293     [
9294         line-style = nicematrix / mirrored-brace ,
9295         #1 ,
9296         down =
9297             \bool_if:NT \l_@@_tabular_bool \text { \exp_not:n { #3 } }
9298     ]
9299 }
9300 {
9301     \Hdotsfor
9302     [
9303         line-style = nicematrix / mirrored-brace ,
9304         #1 ,
9305         down =
9306             \bool_if:NT \l_@@_tabular_bool \text { \exp_not:n { #3 } }
9307     ]
9308     { #2 }
9309 }
9310 }
9311 \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / Hbrace } { #1 }
9312 }

```

Here we need an “fully expandable” command.

```

9313 \NewExpandableDocumentCommand { \@@_Vbrace } { O{ } m m }
9314 {
9315     \cs_if_exist:cTF { tikz@library@decorations.pathreplacing@loaded }
9316     { \@@_vbrace:nnn { #1 } { #2 } { #3 } }
9317     { \@@_error:nn { Hbrace-not-allowed } { \Vbrace } }
9318 }

```

The following command must *not* be protected.

```

9319 \cs_new:Npn \@@_vbrace:nnn #1 #2 #3
9320 {
9321     \int_compare:nNnTF { \c@jCol } < { 2 }
9322     {
9323         \str_if_eq:nnTF { #2 } { * }
9324         {
9325             \NiceMatrixOptions { nullify-dots }
9326             \Vdots
9327             [
9328                 Vbrace ,
9329                 line-style = nicematrix / mirrored-brace ,
9330                 #1 ,
9331                 down =
9332                     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_tabular_bool \text { \exp_not:n { #3 } }
9333             ]
9334         }
9335     {
9336         \Vdotsfor
9337         [
9338             Vbrace ,
9339             line-style = nicematrix / mirrored-brace ,
9340             #1 ,
9341             down =
9342                 \bool_if:NT \l_@@_tabular_bool \text { \exp_not:n { #3 } }
9343             ]
9344             { #2 }
9345         }
9346     }
9347     {
9348         \str_if_eq:nnTF { #2 } { * }
9349         {
9350             \NiceMatrixOptions { nullify-dots }

```

```

9351     \Vdots
9352     [
9353         Vbrace ,
9354         line-style = nicematrix / brace ,
9355         #1 ,
9356         up =
9357             \bool_if:NT \l_@@_tabular_bool \text { \exp_not:n { #3 } }
9358     ]
9359 }
9360 {
9361     \Vdotsfor
9362     [
9363         Vbrace ,
9364         line-style = nicematrix / brace ,
9365         #1 ,
9366         up =
9367             \bool_if:NT \l_@@_tabular_bool \text { \exp_not:n { #3 } }
9368     ]
9369     { #2 }
9370 }
9371 }
9372 \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / Hbrace } { #1 }
9373 }

```

36 The command `TikzEveryCell`

```

9374 \bool_new:N \l_@@_not_empty_bool
9375 \bool_new:N \l_@@_empty_bool
9376
9377 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix / TikzEveryCell }
9378 {
9379     not-empty .code:n =
9380         \bool_lazy_or:nnTF
9381         { \l_@@_in_code_after_bool }
9382         { \g_@@_create_cell_nodes_bool }
9383         { \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_not_empty_bool }
9384         { \@@_error:n { detection-of-empty-cells } } ,
9385     not-empty .value_forbidden:n = true ,
9386     empty .code:n =
9387         \bool_lazy_or:nnTF
9388         { \l_@@_in_code_after_bool }
9389         { \g_@@_create_cell_nodes_bool }
9390         { \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_empty_bool }
9391         { \@@_error:n { detection-of-empty-cells } } ,
9392     empty .value_forbidden:n = true ,
9393     unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown-key-for-TikzEveryCell }
9394 }
9395
9396
9397 \NewDocumentCommand { \@@_TikzEveryCell } { O{ } m }
9398 {
9399     \IfPackageLoadedTF { tikz }
9400     {
9401         \group_begin:
9402         \keys_set:nn { nicematrix / TikzEveryCell } { #1 }

```

The inner pair of braces in the following line is mandatory because, the last argument of `\@@_tikz:nnnn` is a list of lists of TikZ keys.

```

9403     \tl_set:Nn \l_tmpa_tl { { #2 } }
9404     \seq_map_inline:Nn \g_@@_pos_of_blocks_seq
9405     { \@@_for_a_block:nnnn ##1 }
9406     \@@_all_the_cells:

```

```

9407     \group_end:
9408   }
9409 { \@@_error:n { TikzEveryCell~without~tikz } }
9410 }
9411
9412 \tl_new:N \l_@@_i_tl
9413 \tl_new:N \l_@@_j_tl
9414
9415
9416 \cs_new_protected:Nn \@@_all_the_cells:
9417 {
9418   \int_step_inline:nn \c@iRow
9419   {
9420     \int_step_inline:nn \c@jCol
9421     {
9422       \cs_if_exist:cF { cell - ##1 - #####1 }
9423       {
9424         \clist_if_in:Nc \l_@@_corners_cells_clist
9425         { ##1 - #####1 }
9426         {
9427           \bool_set_false:N \l_tmpa_bool
9428           \cs_if_exist:cTF
9429             { pgf @ sh @ ns @ \@@_env: - ##1 - #####1 }
9430             {
9431               \bool_if:NF \l_@@_empty_bool
9432                 { \bool_set_true:N \l_tmpa_bool }
9433             }
9434             {
9435               \bool_if:NF \l_@@_not_empty_bool
9436                 { \bool_set_true:N \l_tmpa_bool }
9437             }
9438           \bool_if:NT \l_tmpa_bool
9439           {
9440             \@@_block_tikz:onnnn
9441             \l_tmpa_tl { ##1 } { #####1 } { ##1 } { #####1 }
9442           }
9443         }
9444       }
9445     }
9446   }
9447 }
9448
9449 \cs_new_protected:Nn \@@_for_a_block:nnnnn
9450 {
9451   \bool_if:NF \l_@@_empty_bool
9452   {
9453     \@@_block_tikz:onnnn
9454       \l_tmpa_tl { #1 } { #2 } { #3 } { #4 }
9455   }
9456   \@@_mark_cells_of_block:nnnn { #1 } { #2 } { #3 } { #4 }
9457 }

9458 \cs_new_protected:Nn \@@_mark_cells_of_block:nnnn
9459 {
9460   \int_step_inline:nnn { #1 } { #3 }
9461   {
9462     \int_step_inline:nnn { #2 } { #4 }
9463       { \cs_set_nopar:cpn { cell - ##1 - #####1 } { } }
9464   }
9465 }
9466 }
```

37 The command \ShowCellNames

```
9467 \NewDocumentCommand \@@_ShowCellNames { }
9468 {
9469   \bool_if:NT \l_@@_in_code_after_bool
9470   {
9471     \pgfpicture
9472     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
9473     \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
9474     \pgfpathrectanglecorners
9475     { \@@_qpoint:n { 1 } }
9476     {
9477       \@@_qpoint:n
9478       { \int_eval:n { \int_max:nn { \c@iRow } { \c@jCol } + 1 } }
9479     }
9480     \pgfsetfillopacity { 0.75 }
9481     \pgfsetfillcolor { white }
9482     \pgfusepathqfill
9483     \endpgfpicture
9484   }
9485   \dim_gzero_new:N \g_@@_tmpc_dim
9486   \dim_gzero_new:N \g_@@_tmpd_dim
9487   \dim_gzero_new:N \g_@@_tmpe_dim
9488   \int_step_inline:nn { \c@iRow }
9489   {
9490     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_in_code_after_bool
9491     {
9492       \pgfpicture
9493       \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
9494       \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
9495     }
9496     { \begin { pgfpicture } }
9497     \@@_qpoint:n { row - ##1 }
9498     \dim_set_eq:NN \l_tmpa_dim \pgf@y
9499     \@@_qpoint:n { row - \int_eval:n { ##1 + 1 } }
9500     \dim_gset:Nn \g_tmpa_dim { ( \l_tmpa_dim + \pgf@y ) / 2 }
9501     \dim_gset:Nn \g_tmpb_dim { \l_tmpa_dim - \pgf@y }
9502     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_in_code_after_bool
9503     { \endpgfpicture }
9504     { \end { pgfpicture } }
9505     \int_step_inline:nn { \c@jCol }
9506     {
9507       \hbox_set:Nn \l_tmpa_box
9508       {
9509         \normalfont \Large \sffamily \bfseries
9510         \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_in_code_after_bool
9511           { \color { red } }
9512           { \color { red ! 50 } }
9513           ##1 - ####1
9514         }
9515         \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_in_code_after_bool
9516         {
9517           \pgfpicture
9518           \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
9519           \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
9520         }
9521         { \begin { pgfpicture } }
9522         \@@_qpoint:n { col - ####1 }
9523         \dim_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_tmpc_dim \pgf@x
9524         \@@_qpoint:n { col - \int_eval:n { ####1 + 1 } }
9525         \dim_gset:Nn \g_@@_tmpd_dim { \pgf@x - \g_@@_tmpc_dim }
9526         \dim_gset_eq:NN \g_@@_tmpe_dim \pgf@x
```

```

9527     \bool_if:NTF \l_@@_in_code_after_bool
9528         { \endpgfpicture }
9529         { \end { pgfpicture } }
9530     \fp_set:Nn \l_tmpa_fp
9531     {
9532         \fp_min:nn
9533         {
9534             \fp_min:nn
9535             { \dim_ratio:nn \g_@@_tmpd_dim { \box_wd:N \l_tmpa_box } }
9536             { \dim_ratio:nn \g_tmpb_dim { \box_ht_plus_dp:N \l_tmpa_box } }
9537         }
9538         { 1.0 }
9539     }
9540     \box_scale:Nnn \l_tmpa_box { \fp_use:N \l_tmpa_fp } { \fp_use:N \l_tmpa_fp }
9541     \pgfpicture
9542     \pgfrememberpicturepositiononpagetrue
9543     \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
9544     \pgftransformshift
9545     {
9546         \pgfpoint
9547         { 0.5 * ( \g_@@_tmpc_dim + \g_@@_tmpe_dim ) }
9548         { \dim_use:N \g_tmpa_dim }
9549     }
9550     \pgfnode
9551     { rectangle }
9552     { center }
9553     { \box_use:N \l_tmpa_box }
9554     { }
9555     { }
9556     \endpgfpicture
9557 }
9558 }
9559 }
```

38 We process the options at package loading

We process the options when the package is loaded (with `\usepackage`) but we recommend to use `\NiceMatrixOptions` instead.

We must process these options after the definition of the environment `{NiceMatrix}` because the option `renew-matrix` executes the code `\cs_set_eq:NN \env@matrix \NiceMatrix`.

Of course, the command `\NiceMatrix` must be defined before such an instruction is executed.

The boolean `\g_@@_footnotehyper_bool` will indicate if the option `footnotehyper` is used.

```
9560 \bool_new:N \g_@@_footnotehyper_bool
```

The boolean `\g_@@_footnote_bool` will indicate if the option `footnote` is used, but quickly, it will also be set to `true` if the option `footnotehyper` is used.

```

9561 \bool_new:N \g_@@_footnote_bool
9562 \msg_new:nnnn { nicematrix } { Unknown-key-for-package }
9563 {
9564     You~have~used~the~key~' \l_keys_key_str '~when~loading~nicematrix~
9565     but~that~key~is~unknown. \\
9566     It~will~be~ignored. \\
9567     For~a~list~of~the~available~keys,~type~H~<return>.
9568 }
9569 {
9570     The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~
9571     footnote,~
9572     footnotehyper,~
9573     messages-for-Overleaf,~
9574     renew-dots~and~
```

```

9575     renew-matrix.
9576 }
9577 \keys_define:nn { nicematrix }
9578 {
9579     renew-dots .bool_set:N = \l_@@_renew_dots_bool ,
9580     renew-dots .value_forbidden:n = true ,
9581     renew-matrix .code:n = \@@_renew_matrix: ,
9582     renew-matrix .value_forbidden:n = true ,
9583     messages-for-Overleaf .bool_set:N = \g_@@_messages_for_Overleaf_bool ,
9584     footnote .bool_set:N = \g_@@_footnote_bool ,
9585     footnotehyper .bool_set:N = \g_@@_footnotehyper_bool ,
9586     unknown .code:n = \@@_error:n { Unknown-key-for-package }
9587 }
9588 \ProcessKeyOptions

9589 \@@_msg_new:nn { footnote-with-footnotehyper-package }
9590 {
9591     You~can't~use~the~option~'footnote'~because~the~package~
9592     footnotehyper~has~already~been~loaded.~
9593     If~you~want,~you~can~use~the~option~'footnotehyper'~and~the~footnotes~
9594     within~the~environments~of~nicematrix~will~be~extracted~with~the~tools~
9595     of~the~package~footnotehyper.\\
9596     The~package~footnote~won't~be~loaded.
9597 }
9598 \@@_msg_new:nn { footnotehyper-with-footnote-package }
9599 {
9600     You~can't~use~the~option~'footnotehyper'~because~the~package~
9601     footnote~has~already~been~loaded.~
9602     If~you~want,~you~can~use~the~option~'footnote'~and~the~footnotes~
9603     within~the~environments~of~nicematrix~will~be~extracted~with~the~tools~
9604     of~the~package~footnote.\\
9605     The~package~footnotehyper~won't~be~loaded.
9606 }

9607 \bool_if:NT \g_@@_footnote_bool
9608 {

```

The class `beamer` has its own system to extract footnotes and that's why we have nothing to do if `beamer` is used.

```

9609 \IfClassLoadedTF { beamer }
9610   { \bool_set_false:N \g_@@_footnote_bool }
9611   {
9612     \IfPackageLoadedTF { footnotehyper }
9613       { \@@_error:n { footnote-with-footnotehyper-package } }
9614       { \usepackage { footnote } }
9615   }
9616 }

9617 \bool_if:NT \g_@@_footnotehyper_bool
9618 {

```

The class `beamer` has its own system to extract footnotes and that's why we have nothing to do if `beamer` is used.

```

9619 \IfClassLoadedTF { beamer }
9620   { \bool_set_false:N \g_@@_footnote_bool }
9621   {
9622     \IfPackageLoadedTF { footnote }
9623       { \@@_error:n { footnotehyper-with-footnote-package } }
9624       { \usepackage { footnotehyper } }
9625   }
9626 \bool_set_true:N \g_@@_footnote_bool
9627 }

```

The flag `\g_@@_footnote_bool` is raised and so, we will only have to test `\g_@@_footnote_bool` in order to know if we have to insert an environment `{savenotes}`.

39 About the package underscore

If the user loads the package underscore, it must be loaded *before* the package nicematrix. If it is loaded after, we raise an error.

```

9628 \bool_new:N \l_@@_underscore_loaded_bool
9629 \IfPackageLoadedT { underscore }
9630 { \bool_set_true:N \l_@@_underscore_loaded_bool }

9631 \hook_gput_code:nnn { begindocument } { . }
9632 {
9633     \bool_if:NF \l_@@_underscore_loaded_bool
9634     {
9635         \IfPackageLoadedT { underscore }
9636         { \@@_error:n { underscore~after~nicematrix } }
9637     }
9638 }
```

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```

9639 \str_const:Ne \c_@@_available_keys_str
9640 {
9641     \bool_if:nTF { ! \g_@@_messages_for_Overleaf_bool }
9642     { For~a~list~of~the~available~keys,~type~H~<return>. }
9643     { }
9644 }

9645 \seq_new:N \g_@@_types_of_matrix_seq
9646 \seq_gset_from_clist:Nn \g_@@_types_of_matrix_seq
9647 {
9648     NiceMatrix ,
9649     pNiceMatrix , bNiceMatrix , vNiceMatrix, BNiceMatrix, VNiceMatrix
9650 }
9651 \seq_gset_map_e:NNn \g_@@_types_of_matrix_seq \g_@@_types_of_matrix_seq
9652 { \tl_to_str:n { #1 } }
```

If the user uses too much columns, the command `\@@_error_too_much_cols:` is triggered. This command raises an error but also tries to give the best information to the user in the error message. The command `\seq_if_in:NoF` is not expandable and that's why we can't put it in the error message itself. We have to do the test before the `\@@_fatal:n`.

```

9653 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_error_too_much_cols:
9654 {
9655     \seq_if_in:NoF \g_@@_types_of_matrix_seq \g_@@_name_env_str
9656     { \@@_fatal:nn { too~much~cols~for~array } }
9657     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_col_int } = { -2 }
9658     { \@@_fatal:n { too~much~cols~for~matrix } }
9659     \int_compare:nNnT { \l_@@_last_col_int } = { -1 }
9660     { \@@_fatal:n { too~much~cols~for~matrix } }
9661     \bool_if:NF \l_@@_last_col_without_value_bool
9662     { \@@_fatal:n { too~much~cols~for~matrix~with~last~col } }
9663 }
```

The following command must *not* be protected since it's used in an error message.

```

9664 \cs_new:Npn \@@_message_hdotsfor:
9665 {
9666   \tl_if_empty:oF \g_@@_Hdotsfor_lines_tl
9667   { ~Maybe~your~use~of~ \token_to_str:N \Hdotsfor \ or~
9668     \token_to_str:N \Hbrace \ is~incorrect. }
9669 }

9670 \cs_new_protected:Npn \@@_Hline_in_cell:
9671 { \@@_fatal:n { Misuse~of~Hline } }

9672 \@@_msg_new:nn { Misuse~of~Hline }
9673 {
9674   Misuse~of~Hline. \\
9675   \token_to_str:N \Hline\ must~be~used~only~at~the~beginning~of~a~row.\\
9676   That~error~is~fatal.
9677 }

9678 \@@_msg_new:nn { hvlines,~rounded-corners~and~corners }
9679 {
9680   Incompatible~options.\\
9681   You~should~not~use~'hvlines',~'rounded-corners'~and~'corners'~at~the~same~time.\\
9682   The~output~will~not~be~reliable.
9683 }

9684 \@@_msg_new:nn { key~color~inside }
9685 {
9686   Key~deprecated.\\
9687   The~key~'color~inside'~(and~its~alias~'colortbl-like')~is~now~point~less~
9688   and~have~been~deprecated.\\
9689   You~won't~have~similar~message~till~the~end~of~the~document.
9690 }

9691 \@@_msg_new:nn { invalid~weight }
9692 {
9693   Unknown~key.\\
9694   The~key~' \l_keys_key_str '~of~your~column~X~is~unknown~and~will~be~ignored.
9695 }

9696 \@@_msg_new:nn { last~col~not~used }
9697 {
9698   Column~not~used.\\
9699   The~key~'last~col'~is~in~force~but~you~have~not~used~that~last~column~
9700   in~your~\@@_full_name_env: .~
9701   However,~you~can~go~on.
9702 }

9703 \@@_msg_new:nn { too~much~cols~for~matrix~with~last~col }
9704 {
9705   Too~much~columns.\\
9706   In~the~row~ \int_eval:n { \c@iRow },~
9707   you~try~to~use~more~columns~
9708   than~allowed~by~your~ \@@_full_name_env: .
9709   \@@_message_hdotsfor: \
9710   The~maximal~number~of~columns~is~ \int_eval:n { \l_@@_last_col_int - 1 }~
9711   (plus~the~exterior~columns).~This~error~is~fatal.
9712 }

9713 \@@_msg_new:nn { too~much~cols~for~matrix }
9714 {
9715   Too~much~columns.\\
9716   In~the~row~ \int_eval:n { \c@iRow } ,~
9717   you~try~to~use~more~columns~than~allowed~by~your~ \@@_full_name_env: .
9718   \@@_message_hdotsfor: \
9719   Recall~that~the~maximal~number~of~columns~for~a~matrix~
9720   (excepted~the~potential~exterior~columns)~is~fixed~by~the~
9721   LaTeX~counter~'MaxMatrixCols'.~
9722   Its~current~value~is~ \int_use:N \c@MaxMatrixCols \
9723   (use~ \token_to_str:N \setcounter \ to~change~that~value).~

```

```

9724     This~error~is~fatal.
9725   }

9726 \@@_msg_new:nn { too-much-cols-for-array }
9727 {
9728   Too-much-columns.\\
9729   In~the~row~ \int_eval:n { \c@iRow } ,~
9730   ~you~try~to~use~more~columns~than~allowed~by~your~
9731   \@@_full_name_env: . \@@_message_hdotsfor: \ The~maximal~number~of~columns~is~
9732   \int_use:N \g_@@_static_num_of_col_int \
9733   \bool_if:nT
9734     { \int_compare_p:n { \l_@@_first_col_int = 0 } || \g_@@_last_col_found_bool }
9735     { ~<plus~the~exterior~ones~} \\
9736   since~the~preamble~is~' \g_@@_user_preamble_tl '.\\
9737   This~error~is~fatal.
9738 }

9739 \@@_msg_new:nn { columns-not-used }
9740 {
9741   Columns-not-used.\\
9742   The~preamble~of~your~ \@@_full_name_env: \ is~' \g_@@_user_preamble_tl ' .~
9743   It~announces~ \int_use:N \g_@@_static_num_of_col_int \
9744   columns~but~you~only~used~ \int_use:N \c@jCol .\\
9745   The~columns~you~did~not~used~won't~be~created.\\
9746   You~won't~have~similar~warning~till~the~end~of~the~document.
9747 }

9748 \@@_msg_new:nn { empty-preamble }
9749 {
9750   Empty-preamble.\\
9751   The~preamble~of~your~ \@@_full_name_env: \ is~empty.\\
9752   This~error~is~fatal.
9753 }

9754 \@@_msg_new:nn { in-first-col }
9755 {
9756   Erroneous~use.\\
9757   You~can't~use~the~command~#1 in~the~first~column~(number~0)~of~the~array.\\
9758   That~command~will~be~ignored.
9759 }

9760 \@@_msg_new:nn { in-last-col }
9761 {
9762   Erroneous~use.\\
9763   You~can't~use~the~command~#1 in~the~last~column~(exterior)~of~the~array.\\
9764   That~command~will~be~ignored.
9765 }

9766 \@@_msg_new:nn { in-first-row }
9767 {
9768   Erroneous~use.\\
9769   You~can't~use~the~command~#1 in~the~first~row~(number~0)~of~the~array.\\
9770   That~command~will~be~ignored.
9771 }

9772 \@@_msg_new:nn { in-last-row }
9773 {
9774   Erroneous~use.\\
9775   You~can't~use~the~command~#1 in~the~last~row~(exterior)~of~the~array.\\
9776   That~command~will~be~ignored.
9777 }

9778 \@@_msg_new:nn { TopRule-without-booktabs }
9779 {
9780   Erroneous~use.\\
9781   You~can't~use~the~command~ #1 because~'booktabs'~is~not~loaded.\\
9782   That~command~will~be~ignored.
9783 }

```

```

9784 \@@_msg_new:nn { TopRule~without~tikz }
9785 {
9786   Erroneous~use.\\
9787   You~can't~use~the~command~ #1 because~'tikz'~is~not~loaded.\\
9788   That~command~will~be~ignored.
9789 }
9790 \@@_msg_new:nn { caption~outside~float }
9791 {
9792   Key~caption~forbidden.\\
9793   You~can't~use~the~key~'caption'~because~you~are~not~in~a~floating~
9794   environment~(such~as~\{table\}).~This~key~will~be~ignored.
9795 }
9796 \@@_msg_new:nn { short-caption~without~caption }
9797 {
9798   You~should~not~use~the~key~'short-caption'~without~'caption'.~
9799   However,~your~'short-caption'~will~be~used~as~'caption'.
9800 }
9801 \@@_msg_new:nn { double~closing~delimiter }
9802 {
9803   Double~delimiter.\\
9804   You~can't~put~a~second~closing~delimiter~"#1"~just~after~a~first~closing~
9805   delimiter.~This~delimiter~will~be~ignored.
9806 }
9807 \@@_msg_new:nn { delimiter~after~opening }
9808 {
9809   Double~delimiter.\\
9810   You~can't~put~a~second~delimiter~"#1"~just~after~a~first~opening~
9811   delimiter.~That~delimiter~will~be~ignored.
9812 }
9813 \@@_msg_new:nn { bad~option~for~line~style }
9814 {
9815   Bad~line~style.\\
9816   Since~you~haven't~loaded~Tikz,~the~only~value~you~can~give~to~'line-style'~
9817   is~'standard'.~That~key~will~be~ignored.
9818 }
9819 \@@_msg_new:nn { corners~with~no~cell~nodes }
9820 {
9821   Incompatible~keys.\\
9822   You~can't~use~the~key~'corners'~here~because~the~key~'no-cell-nodes'~
9823   is~in~force.\\
9824   If~you~go~on,~that~key~will~be~ignored.
9825 }
9826 \@@_msg_new:nn { extra~nodes~with~no~cell~nodes }
9827 {
9828   Incompatible~keys.\\
9829   You~can't~create~'extra~nodes'~here~because~the~key~'no-cell-nodes'~
9830   is~in~force.\\
9831   If~you~go~on,~those~extra~nodes~won't~be~created.
9832 }
9833 \@@_msg_new:nn { Identical~notes~in~caption }
9834 {
9835   Identical~tabular~notes.\\
9836   You~can't~put~several~notes~with~the~same~content~in~
9837   \token_to_str:N \caption \ (but~you~can~in~the~main~tabular).\\
9838   If~you~go~on,~the~output~will~probably~be~erroneous.
9839 }
9840 \@@_msg_new:nn { tabularnote~below~the~tabular }
9841 {
9842   \token_to_str:N \tabularnote \ forbidden\\
9843   You~can't~use~ \token_to_str:N \tabularnote \ in~the~caption~

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9844 of~your~tabular~because~the~caption~will~be~composed~below~
9845 the~tabular.~If~you~want~the~caption~above~the~tabular~use~the~
9846 key~'caption-above'~in~ \token_to_str:N \NiceMatrixOptions .\\
9847 Your~ \token_to_str:N \tabularnote \ will~be~discarded~and~
9848 no~similar~error~will~raised~in~this~document.
9849 }

9850 \@@_msg_new:nn { Unknown~key~for~rules }
9851 {
9852   Unknown~key.\\
9853   There~is~only~two~keys~available~here:~width~and~color.\\
9854   Your~key~' \l_keys_key_str ' ~will~be~ignored.
9855 }

9856 \@@_msg_new:nn { Unknown~key~for~Hbrace }
9857 {
9858   Unknown~key.\\
9859   You~have~used~the~key~' \l_keys_key_str ' ~but~the~only~
9860   keys~allowed~for~the~commands~ \token_to_str:N \Hbrace \
9861   and~ \token_to_str:N \Vbrace \ are:~'color',~
9862   'horizontal-label(s)',~'shorten'~'shorten-end'~
9863   and~'shorten-start'.\\
9864   That~error~is~fatal.
9865 }

9866 \@@_msg_new:nn { Unknown~key~for~TikzEveryCell }
9867 {
9868   Unknown~key.\\
9869   There~is~only~two~keys~available~here:~
9870   'empty'~and~'not-empty'.\\
9871   Your~key~' \l_keys_key_str ' ~will~be~ignored.
9872 }

9873 \@@_msg_new:nn { Unknown~key~for~rotate }
9874 {
9875   Unknown~key.\\
9876   The~only~key~available~here~is~'c'.\\
9877   Your~key~' \l_keys_key_str ' ~will~be~ignored.
9878 }

9879 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Unknown~key~for~custom-line }
9880 {
9881   Unknown~key.\\
9882   The~key~' \l_keys_key_str ' ~is~unknown~in~a~'custom-line'.~
9883   It~you~go~on,~you~will~probably~have~other~errors. \\
9884   \c_@@_available_keys_str
9885 }
9886 {
9887   The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~
9888   ccommand,~
9889   color,~
9890   command,~
9891   dotted,~
9892   letter,~
9893   multiplicity,~
9894   sep-color,~
9895   tikz,~and~total-width.
9896 }

9897 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Unknown~key~for~xdots }
9898 {
9899   Unknown~key.\\
9900   The~key~' \l_keys_key_str ' ~is~unknown~for~a~command~for~drawing~dotted~rules.\\
9901   \c_@@_available_keys_str
9902 }
9903 {
9904   The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~

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9905 'color',~
9906 'horizontal(s)-labels',~
9907 'inter',~
9908 'line-style',~
9909 'radius',~
9910 'shorten',~
9911 'shorten-end'~and~'shorten-start'.
9912 }

9913 \@@_msg_new:nn { Unknown-key-for-rowcolors }
9914 {
9915   Unknown-key.\\
9916   As-for-now,~there-is-only-two-keys-available-here:~'cols'~and~'respect-blocks'~
9917   (and~you~try~to~use~' \l_keys_key_str ')\\
9918   That~key~will~be~ignored.
9919 }

9920 \@@_msg_new:nn { label-without-caption }
9921 {
9922   You-can't~use~the~key~'label'~in~your~\{NiceTabular\}~because~
9923   you~have~not~used~the~key~'caption'.~The~key~'label'~will~be~ignored.
9924 }

9925 \@@_msg_new:nn { W-warning }
9926 {
9927   Line~ \msg_line_number: .~The~cell~is~too~wide~for~your~column~'W'~
9928   (row~ \int_use:N \c@iRow )..
9929 }

9930 \@@_msg_new:nn { Construct-too-large }
9931 {
9932   Construct-too-large.\\
9933   Your~command~ \token_to_str:N #1
9934   can't~be~drawn~because~your~matrix~is~too~small.\\
9935   That~command~will~be~ignored.
9936 }

9937 \@@_msg_new:nn { underscore-after-nicematrix }
9938 {
9939   Problem~with~'underscore'.\\
9940   The~package~'underscore'~should~be~loaded~before~'nicematrix'.~
9941   You~can~go~on~but~you~won't~be~able~to~write~something~such~as:\\
9942   ' \token_to_str:N \cdots \token_to_str:N _ \\
9943   \{ n \token_to_str:N \text \{ ~times \} \}.
9944 }

9945 \@@_msg_new:nn { ampersand-in-light-syntax }
9946 {
9947   Ampersand~forbidden.\\
9948   You-can't~use~an~ampersand~( \token_to_str:N &)~to~separate~columns~because~
9949   ~the~key~'light-syntax'~is~in~force.~This~error~is~fatal.
9950 }

9951 \@@_msg_new:nn { double-backslash-in-light-syntax }
9952 {
9953   Double~backslash~forbidden.\\
9954   You~can't~use~ \token_to_str:N \\~
9955   ~to~separate~rows~because~the~key~'light-syntax'~
9956   is~in~force.~You~must~use~the~character~' \l_@@_end_of_row_tl ' ~
9957   (set~by~the~key~'end-of-row').~This~error~is~fatal.
9958 }

9959 \@@_msg_new:nn { hlines-with-color }
9960 {
9961   Incompatible~keys.\\
9962   You~can't~use~the~keys~'hlines',~'vlines'~or~'hvlines'~for~a~
9963   \token_to_str:N \Block \ when~the~key~'color'~or~'draw'~is~used.\\
9964   However,~you~can~put~several~commands~ \token_to_str:N \Block.\\

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9965     Your~key~will~be~discarded.
9966 }
9967 \@@_msg_new:nn { bad-value-for-baseline }
9968 {
9969     Bad~value~for~baseline.\\
9970     The~value~given~to~'baseline'~( \int_use:N \l_tmpa_int )~is~not~
9971     valid.~The~value~must~be~between~\int_use:N \l_@@_first_row_int\ and~
9972     \int_use:N \g_@@_row_total_int \ or~equal~to~'t',~'c'~or~'b'~or~of~
9973     the~form~'line-i'.\\
9974     A~value~of~1~will~be~used.
9975 }

9976 \@@_msg_new:nn { detection-of-empty-cells }
9977 {
9978     Problem~with~'not-empty'\\
9979     For~technical~reasons,~you~must~activate~
9980     'create-cell-nodes'~in~ \token_to_str:N \CodeBefore \
9981     in~order~to~use~the~key~' \l_keys_key_str '.\\
9982     That~key~will~be~ignored.
9983 }

9984 \@@_msg_new:nn { siunitx-not-loaded }
9985 {
9986     siunitx-not-loaded\\
9987     You~can't~use~the~columns~'S'~because~'siunitx'~is~not~loaded.\\
9988     That~error~is~fatal.
9989 }

9990 \@@_msg_new:nn { Invalid-name }
9991 {
9992     Invalid-name.\\
9993     You~can't~give~the~name~' \l_keys_value_tl ' ~to~a~ \token_to_str:N
9994     \SubMatrix \ of~your~ \@@_full_name_env: .\\
9995     A~name~must~be~accepted~by~the~regular~expression~[A-Za-z] [A-Za-z0-9]*.\\
9996     This~key~will~be~ignored.
9997 }

9998 \@@_msg_new:nn { Hbrace-not-allowed }
9999 {
10000     Command~not~allowed.\\
10001     You~can't~use~the~command~ \token_to_str:N #1
10002     because~you~have~not~loaded~
10003     \IfPackageLoadedTF { tikz }
10004         { the~TikZ~library~'decoration.pathreplacing'.~Use~ }
10005         { TikZ.~ Use:~ \token_to_str:N \usepackage \{tikz\}~and~ }
10006     \token_to_str:N \usetikzlibrary \{decoration.pathreplacing\}. \\
10007     That~command~will~be~ignored.
10008 }

10009 \@@_msg_new:nn { Vbrace-not-allowed }
10010 {
10011     Command~not~allowed.\\
10012     You~can't~use~the~command~ \token_to_str:N \Vbrace \
10013     because~you~have~not~loaded~TikZ~
10014     and~the~TikZ~library~'decoration.pathreplacing'.\\
10015     Use: ~\token_to_str:N \usepackage \{tikz\}~
10016     \token_to_str:N \usetikzlibrary \{decoration.pathreplacing\} \\
10017     That~command~will~be~ignored.
10018 }

10019 \@@_msg_new:nn { Wrong-line-in-SubMatrix }
10020 {
10021     Wrong-line.\\
10022     You~try~to~draw~a~#1~line~of~number~'#2'~in~a~
10023     \token_to_str:N \SubMatrix \ of~your~ \@@_full_name_env: \ but~that~
10024     number~is~not~valid.~It~will~be~ignored.
10025 }

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10026 \@@_msg_new:nn { Impossible~delimiter }
10027 {
10028     Impossible~delimiter.\\
10029     It's~impossible~to~draw~the~#1~delimiter~of~your~
10030     \token_to_str:N \SubMatrix \ because~all~the~cells~are~empty~
10031     in~that~column.
10032     \bool_if:NT \l_@@_submatrix_slim_bool
10033         { ~Maybe~you~should~try~without~the~key~'slim'. } \\
10034     This~ \token_to_str:N \SubMatrix \ will~be~ignored.
10035 }

10036 \@@_msg_new:nnn { width~without~X~columns }
10037 {
10038     You~have~used~the~key~'width'~but~you~have~put~no~'X'~column~in~
10039     the~preamble~(' \g_@@_user_preamble_tl ')~of~your~ \@@_full_name_env: .\\
10040     That~key~will~be~ignored.
10041 }
10042 {
10043     This~message~is~the~message~'width~without~X~columns'~
10044     of~the~module~'nicematrix'.~
10045     The~experimented~users~can~disable~that~message~with~
10046     \token_to_str:N \msg_redirect_name:nnn .\\
10047 }
10048

10049 \@@_msg_new:nn { key~multiplicity~with~dotted }
10050 {
10051     Incompatible~keys. \\
10052     You~have~used~the~key~'multiplicity'~with~the~key~'dotted'~
10053     in~a~'custom-line'.~They~are~incompatible. \\
10054     The~key~'multiplicity'~will~be~discarded.
10055 }

10056 \@@_msg_new:nn { empty~environment }
10057 {
10058     Empty~environment.\\
10059     Your~ \@@_full_name_env: \ is~empty.~This~error~is~fatal.
10060 }

10061 \@@_msg_new:nn { No~letter~and~no~command }
10062 {
10063     Erroneous~use.\\
10064     Your~use~of~'custom-line'~is~no~op~since~you~don't~have~used~the~
10065     key~'letter'~(for~a~letter~for~vertical~rules)~nor~the~keys~'command'~or~
10066     ~'ccommand'~(to~draw~horizontal~rules).\\
10067     However,~you~can~go~on.
10068 }

10069 \@@_msg_new:nn { Forbidden~letter }
10070 {
10071     Forbidden~letter.\\
10072     You~can't~use~the~letter~'#1'~for~a~customized~line.~
10073     It~will~be~ignored.\\
10074     The~forbidden~letters~are:~\c_@@_forbidden_letters_str
10075 }

10076 \@@_msg_new:nn { Several~letters }
10077 {
10078     Wrong~name.\\
10079     You~must~use~only~one~letter~as~value~for~the~key~'letter'~(and~you~
10080     have~used~' \l_@@_letter_str ').\\
10081     It~will~be~ignored.
10082 }

10083 \@@_msg_new:nn { Delimiter~with~small }
10084 {
10085     Delimiter~forbidden.\\
10086     You~can't~put~a~delimiter~in~the~preamble~of~your~

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10087     \@@_full_name_env: \
10088     because~the~key~'small'~is~in~force.\\\
10089     This~error~is~fatal.
10090 }
10091 \@@_msg_new:nn { unknown~cell~for~line~in~CodeAfter }
10092 {
10093     Unknown~cell.\\\
10094     Your~command~ \token_to_str:N \line \{ #1 \} \{ #2 \}~in~
10095     the~ \token_to_str:N \CodeAfter \ of~your~ \@@_full_name_env: \
10096     can't~be~executed~because~a~cell~doesn't~exist.\\\
10097     This~command~ \token_to_str:N \line \ will~be~ignored.
10098 }
10099 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Duplicate~name~for~SubMatrix }
10100 {
10101     Duplicate~name.\\\
10102     The~name~'#1'~is~already~used~for~a~ \token_to_str:N \SubMatrix \
10103     in~this~ \@@_full_name_env: .\\\
10104     This~key~will~be~ignored.\\\
10105     \bool_if:NF \g_@@_messages_for_Overleaf_bool
10106     { For~a~list~of~the~names~already~used,~type~H~<return>. }
10107 }
10108 {
10109     The~names~already~defined~in~this~ \@@_full_name_env: \ are:~
10110     \seq_use:Nnnn \g_@@_submatrix_names_seq { ~and~ } { ,~ } { ~and~ } .
10111 }
10112 \@@_msg_new:nn { r-or-l-with-preamble }
10113 {
10114     Erroneous~use.\\\
10115     You~can't~use~the~key~' \l_keys_key_str '~in~your~ \@@_full_name_env: .~
10116     You~must~specify~the~alignment~of~your~columns~with~the~preamble~of~
10117     your~ \@@_full_name_env: .\\\
10118     This~key~will~be~ignored.
10119 }
10120 \@@_msg_new:nn { Hdotsfor~in~col~0 }
10121 {
10122     Erroneous~use.\\\
10123     You~can't~use~ \token_to_str:N \Hdotsfor \ in~an~exterior~column~of~
10124     the~array.~This~error~is~fatal.
10125 }
10126 \@@_msg_new:nn { bad-corner }
10127 {
10128     Bad~corner.\\\
10129     #1~is~an~incorrect~specification~for~a~corner~(in~the~key~
10130     'corners').~The~available~values~are:~NW,~SW,~NE~and~SE.\\\
10131     This~specification~of~corner~will~be~ignored.
10132 }
10133 \@@_msg_new:nn { bad-border }
10134 {
10135     Bad~border.\\\
10136     \l_keys_key_str \space ~is~an~incorrect~specification~for~a~border~
10137     (in~the~key~'borders'~of~the~command~ \token_to_str:N \Block ).~
10138     The~available~values~are:~left,~right,~top~and~bottom~(and~you~can~
10139     also~use~the~key~'tikz'
10140     \IfPackageLoadedF { tikz }
10141     { ~if~you~load~the~LaTeX~package~'tikz' } ).\\\
10142     This~specification~of~border~will~be~ignored.
10143 }
10144 \@@_msg_new:nn { TikzEveryCell~without~tikz }
10145 {
10146     TikZ~not~loaded.\\\
10147     You~can't~use~ \token_to_str:N \TikzEveryCell \

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10148 because~you~have~not~loaded~tikz.~
10149 This~command~will~be~ignored.
10150 }
10151 \@@_msg_new:nn { tikz~key~without~tikz }
10152 {
10153 TikZ~not~loaded.\\
10154 You~can't~use~the~key~'tikz'~for~the~command~' \token_to_str:N
10155 \Block ' ~because~you~have~not~loaded~tikz.~
10156 This~key~will~be~ignored.
10157 }
10158 \@@_msg_new:nn { last-col~non~empty~for~NiceArray }
10159 {
10160 Erroneous~use.\\
10161 In~the~ \@@_full_name_env: ,~you~must~use~the~key~
10162 'last-col'~without~value.\\
10163 However,~you~can~go~on~for~this~time~
10164 (the~value~' \l_keys_value_tl ' ~will~be~ignored).
10165 }
10166 \@@_msg_new:nn { last-col~non~empty~for~NiceMatrixOptions }
10167 {
10168 Erroneous~use. \\
10169 In~\token_to_str:N \NiceMatrixOptions ,~you~must~use~the~key~
10170 'last-col'~without~value. \\
10171 However,~you~can~go~on~for~this~time~
10172 (the~value~' \l_keys_value_tl ' ~will~be~ignored).
10173 }
10174 \@@_msg_new:nn { Block~too~large~1 }
10175 {
10176 Block~too~large. \\
10177 You~try~to~draw~a~block~in~the~cell~#1~#2~of~your~matrix~but~the~matrix~is~
10178 too~small~for~that~block. \\
10179 This~block~and~maybe~others~will~be~ignored.
10180 }
10181 \@@_msg_new:nn { Block~too~large~2 }
10182 {
10183 Block~too~large. \\
10184 The~preamble~of~your~ \@@_full_name_env: \ announces~ \int_use:N
10185 \g_@@_static_num_of_col_int \
10186 columns~but~you~use~only~ \int_use:N \c@jCol \ and~that's~why~a~block~
10187 specified~in~the~cell~#1~#2~can't~be~drawn.~You~should~add~some~ampersands~
10188 (&)~at~the~end~of~the~first~row~of~your~ \@@_full_name_env: . \\
10189 This~block~and~maybe~others~will~be~ignored.
10190 }
10191 \@@_msg_new:nn { unknown~column~type }
10192 {
10193 Bad~column~type. \\
10194 The~column~type~'#1'~in~your~ \@@_full_name_env: \
10195 is~unknown. \\
10196 This~error~is~fatal.
10197 }
10198 \@@_msg_new:nn { unknown~column~type~multicolumn }
10199 {
10200 Bad~column~type. \\
10201 The~column~type~'#1'~in~the~command~\token_to_str:N \multicolumn \
10202 ~of~your~ \@@_full_name_env: \
10203 is~unknown. \\
10204 This~error~is~fatal.
10205 }
10206 \@@_msg_new:nn { unknown~column~type~S }
10207 {

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10208 Bad~column~type. \\
10209 The~column~type~'S'~in~your~ \@@_full_name_env: \ is~unknown. \\
10210 If~you~want~to~use~the~column~type~'S'~of~siunitx,~you~should~\\
10211 load~that~package. \\
10212 This~error~is~fatal.
10213 }

10214 \@@_msg_new:nn { unknown~column~type~S~multicolumn }
10215 {
10216 Bad~column~type. \\
10217 The~column~type~'S'~in~the~command~\token_to_str:N \multicolumn \\
10218 of~your~ \@@_full_name_env: \ is~unknown. \\
10219 If~you~want~to~use~the~column~type~'S'~of~siunitx,~you~should~\\
10220 load~that~package. \\
10221 This~error~is~fatal.
10222 }

10223 \@@_msg_new:nn { tabularnote~forbidden }
10224 {
10225 Forbidden~command. \\
10226 You~can't~use~the~command~ \token_to_str:N \tabularnote \\
10227 ~here.~This~command~is~available~only~in~\\
10228 \{NiceTabular\},~\{NiceTabular*\}~and~\{NiceTabularX\}~or~in~\\
10229 the~argument~of~a~command~\token_to_str:N \caption \\ included~\\
10230 in~an~environment~\{table\}. \\
10231 This~command~will~be~ignored.
10232 }

10233 \@@_msg_new:nn { borders~forbidden }
10234 {
10235 Forbidden~key.\\
10236 You~can't~use~the~key~'borders'~of~the~command~ \token_to_str:N \Block \\
10237 because~the~option~'rounded-corners'~\\
10238 is~in~force~with~a~non-zero~value.\\
10239 This~key~will~be~ignored.
10240 }

10241 \@@_msg_new:nn { bottomrule~without~booktabs }
10242 {
10243 booktabs~not~loaded.\\
10244 You~can't~use~the~key~'tabular/bottomrule'~because~you~haven't~\\
10245 loaded~'booktabs'.\\
10246 This~key~will~be~ignored.
10247 }

10248 \@@_msg_new:nn { enumitem~not~loaded }
10249 {
10250 enumitem~not~loaded. \\
10251 You~can't~use~the~command~ \token_to_str:N \tabularnote \\
10252 ~because~you~haven't~loaded~'enumitem'. \\
10253 All~the~commands~ \token_to_str:N \tabularnote \\ will~be~\\
10254 ignored~in~the~document.
10255 }

10256 \@@_msg_new:nn { tikz~without~tikz }
10257 {
10258 Tikz~not~loaded. \\
10259 You~can't~use~the~key~'tikz'~here~because~Tikz~is~not~\\
10260 loaded.~If~you~go~on,~that~key~will~be~ignored.
10261 }

10262 \@@_msg_new:nn { tikz~in~custom-line~without~tikz }
10263 {
10264 Tikz~not~loaded. \\
10265 You~have~used~the~key~'tikz'~in~the~definition~of~a~\\
10266 customized~line~(with~'custom-line')~but~tikz~is~not~loaded.~\\
10267 You~can~go~on~but~you~will~have~another~error~if~you~actually~\\
10268 use~that~custom~line.

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10269 }
10270 \@@_msg_new:nn { tikz-in-borders-without-tikz }
10271 {
10272   Tikz-not-loaded. \\
10273   You-have-used-the-key-'tikz'-in-a-key-'borders'-(of-a-
10274   command-' \token_to_str:N \Block ')~but-tikz-is-not-loaded.~
10275   That-key-will-be-ignored.
10276 }
10277 \@@_msg_new:nn { color-in-custom-line-with-tikz }
10278 {
10279   Erroneous-use.\\
10280   In-a-'custom-line',~you-have-used-both-'tikz'-and-'color',~
10281   which-is-forbidden-(you-should-use-'color'-inside-the-key-'tikz').~
10282   The-key-'color'-will-be-discarded.
10283 }
10284 \@@_msg_new:nn { Wrong-last-row }
10285 {
10286   Wrong-number.\\
10287   You-have-used-'last-row= \int_use:N \l_@@_last_row_int '~-but-your-
10288   \@@_full_name_env: \ seems-to-have- \int_use:N \c@iRow \ rows.~
10289   If-you-go-on,~the-value-of- \int_use:N \c@iRow \ will-be-used-for-
10290   last-row.~You-can-avoid-this-problem-by-using-'last-row'-
10291   without-value-(more-compilations-might-be-necessary).
10292 }
10293 \@@_msg_new:nn { Yet-in-env }
10294 {
10295   Nested-environments.\\
10296   Environments-of-nicematrix-can't-be-nested.\\
10297   This-error-is-fatal.
10298 }
10299 \@@_msg_new:nn { Outside-math-mode }
10300 {
10301   Outside-math-mode.\\
10302   The-\@@_full_name_env: \ can-be-used-only-in-math-mode-
10303   (and-not-in- \token_to_str:N \vcenter ).\\
10304   This-error-is-fatal.
10305 }
10306 \@@_msg_new:nn { One-letter-allowed }
10307 {
10308   Bad-name.\\
10309   The-value-of-key-' \l_keys_key_str '-must-be-of-length-1-and-
10310   you-have-used-' \l_keys_value_tl '.\\
10311   It-will-be-ignored.
10312 }
10313 \@@_msg_new:nn { TabularNote-in-CodeAfter }
10314 {
10315   Environment-\{TabularNote\}-forbidden.\\
10316   You-must-use-\{TabularNote\}-at-the-end-of-your-\{NiceTabular\}-
10317   but-*before*-the- \token_to_str:N \CodeAfter . \\
10318   This-environment-\{TabularNote\}-will-be-ignored.
10319 }
10320 \@@_msg_new:nn { varwidth-not-loaded }
10321 {
10322   varwidth-not-loaded.\\
10323   You-can't-use-the-column-type-'V'-because-'varwidth'-is-not-
10324   loaded.\\
10325   Your-column-will-behave-like-'p'.
10326 }
10327 \@@_msg_new:nn { varwidth-not-loaded-in-X }
10328 {

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10329 varwidth-not-loaded.\\
10330 You~can't~use~the~key~'V'~in~your~column~'X'~
10331 because~'varwidth'~is~not~loaded.\\
10332 It~will~be~ignored. \
10333 }
10334 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Unknown~key~for~RulesBis }
10335 {
10336   Unknown~key.\\\
10337   Your~key~' \l_keys_key_str '~is~unknown~for~a~rule.\\\
10338   \c_@@_available_keys_str
10339 }
10340 {
10341   The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~
10342   color,~
10343   dotted,~
10344   multiplicity,~
10345   sep-color,~
10346   tikz,~and~total~width.
10347 }
10348
10349 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Unknown~key~for~Block }
10350 {
10351   Unknown~key. \\
10352   The~key~' \l_keys_key_str '~is~unknown~for~the~command~
10353   \token_to_str:N \Block . \\
10354   It~will~be~ignored. \\
10355   \c_@@_available_keys_str
10356 }
10357 {
10358   The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~&~in~blocks,~ampersand~in~blocks,~
10359   b,~B,~borders,~c,~draw,~fill,~hlines,~hvlines,~l,~line~width,~name,~
10360   opacity,~rounded~corners,~r,~respect~arraystretch,~t,~T,~tikz,~transparent~
10361   and~vlines.
10362 }
10363 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Unknown~key~for~Brace }
10364 {
10365   Unknown~key.\\\
10366   The~key~' \l_keys_key_str '~is~unknown~for~the~commands~
10367   \token_to_str:N \UnderBrace \ and~ \token_to_str:N \OverBrace . \\
10368   It~will~be~ignored. \\
10369   \c_@@_available_keys_str
10370 }
10371 {
10372   The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~color,~left~shorten,~
10373   right~shorten,~shorten~(which~fixes~both~left~shorten~and~
10374   right~shorten)~and~yshift.
10375 }
10376 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Unknown~key~for~CodeAfter }
10377 {
10378   Unknown~key.\\\
10379   The~key~' \l_keys_key_str '~is~unknown.\\\
10380   It~will~be~ignored. \\
10381   \c_@@_available_keys_str
10382 }
10383 {
10384   The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~
10385   delimiters/color,~
10386   rules~(with~the~subkeys~'color'~and~'width'),~
10387   sub-matrix~(several~subkeys)~
10388   and~xdots~(several~subkeys).~
10389   The~latter~is~for~the~command~ \token_to_str:N \line .
10390 }

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10391 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Unknown~key~for~CodeBefore }
10392 {
10393     Unknown~key.\\
10394     The~key~' \l_keys_key_str '~is~unknown.\\
10395     It~will~be~ignored. \
10396     \c_@@_available_keys_str
10397 }
10398 {
10399     The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~
10400     create~cell~nodes,~
10401     delimiters/color~and~
10402     sub-matrix~(several~subkeys).
10403 }
10404 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Unknown~key~for~SubMatrix }
10405 {
10406     Unknown~key.\\
10407     The~key~' \l_keys_key_str '~is~unknown.\\
10408     That~key~will~be~ignored. \
10409     \c_@@_available_keys_str
10410 }
10411 {
10412     The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~
10413     'delimiters/color',~
10414     'extra-height',~
10415     'hlines',~
10416     'hvlines',~
10417     'left-xshift',~
10418     'name',~
10419     'right-xshift',~
10420     'rules'~(with~the~subkeys~'color'~and~'width'),~
10421     'slim',~
10422     'vlines'~and~'xshift'~(which~sets~both~'left-xshift'~
10423     and~'right-xshift').\
10424 }
10425 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Unknown~key~for~notes }
10426 {
10427     Unknown~key.\\
10428     The~key~' \l_keys_key_str '~is~unknown.\\
10429     That~key~will~be~ignored. \
10430     \c_@@_available_keys_str
10431 }
10432 {
10433     The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~
10434     bottomrule,~
10435     code-after,~
10436     code-before,~
10437     detect-duplicates,~
10438     enumitem-keys,~
10439     enumitem-keys-para,~
10440     para,~
10441     label-in-list,~
10442     label-in-tabular~and~
10443     style.
10444 }
10445 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Unknown~key~for~RowStyle }
10446 {
10447     Unknown~key.\\
10448     The~key~' \l_keys_key_str '~is~unknown~for~the~command~
10449     \token_to_str:N \RowStyle . \
10450     That~key~will~be~ignored. \
10451     \c_@@_available_keys_str
10452 }
10453 {

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10454 The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~
10455 bold,~
10456 cell-space-top-limit,~
10457 cell-space-bottom-limit,~
10458 cell-space-limits,~
10459 color,~
10460 fill~(alias:~rowcolor),~
10461 nb-rows,~
10462 opacity~and~
10463 rounded-corners.
10464 }
10465 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Unknown~key~for~NiceMatrixOptions }
10466 {
10467 Unknown~key.\\
10468 The~key~' \l_keys_key_str '~is~unknown~for~the~command~
10469 \token_to_str:N \NiceMatrixOptions . \\%
10470 That~key~will~be~ignored. \\
10471 \c_@@_available_keys_str
10472 }
10473 {
10474 The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~
10475 &-in-blocks,~
10476 allow-duplicate-names,~
10477 ampersand-in-blocks,~
10478 caption-above,~
10479 cell-space-bottom-limit,~
10480 cell-space-limits,~
10481 cell-space-top-limit,~
10482 code-for-first-col,~
10483 code-for-first-row,~
10484 code-for-last-col,~
10485 code-for-last-row,~
10486 corners,~
10487 custom-key,~
10488 create-extra-nodes,~
10489 create-medium-nodes,~
10490 create-large-nodes,~
10491 custom-line,~
10492 delimiters~(several~subkeys),~
10493 end-of-row,~
10494 first-col,~
10495 first-row,~
10496 hlines,~
10497 hvlines,~
10498 hvlines-except-borders,~
10499 last-col,~
10500 last-row,~
10501 left-margin,~
10502 light-syntax,~
10503 light-syntax-expanded,~
10504 matrix/columns-type,~
10505 no-cell-nodes,~
10506 notes~(several~subkeys),~
10507 nullify-dots,~
10508 pgf-node-code,~
10509 renew-dots,~
10510 renew-matrix,~
10511 respect-arraystretch,~
10512 rounded-corners,~
10513 right-margin,~
10514 rules~(with~the~subkeys~'color'~and~'width'),~
10515 small,~
10516 sub-matrix~(several~subkeys),~

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10517     vlines,~
10518     xdots~(several~subkeys).
10519 }
For '{NiceArray}', the set of keys is the same as for {NiceMatrix} excepted that there is no l and
r.
10520 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Unknown~key~for~NiceArray }
10521 {
10522   Unknown~key.\\
10523   The~key~' \l_keys_key_str '~is~unknown~for~the~environment~
10524   \{NiceArray\}. \\
10525   That~key~will~be~ignored. \\
10526   \c_@@_available_keys_str
10527 }
10528 {
10529   The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~
10530   &~in~blocks,~
10531   ampersand~in~blocks,~
10532   b,~
10533   baseline,~
10534   c,~
10535   cell-space-bottom-limit,~
10536   cell-space-limits,~
10537   cell-space-top-limit,~
10538   code-after,~
10539   code-for-first-col,~
10540   code-for-first-row,~
10541   code-for-last-col,~
10542   code-for-last-row,~
10543   columns-width,~
10544   corners,~
10545   create-extra-nodes,~
10546   create-medium-nodes,~
10547   create-large-nodes,~
10548   extra-left-margin,~
10549   extra-right-margin,~
10550   first-col,~
10551   first-row,~
10552   hlines,~
10553   hvlines,~
10554   hvlines-except-borders,~
10555   last-col,~
10556   last-row,~
10557   left-margin,~
10558   light-syntax,~
10559   light-syntax-expanded,~
10560   name,~
10561   no-cell-nodes,~
10562   nullify-dots,~
10563   pgf-node-code,~
10564   renew-dots,~
10565   respect-arraystretch,~
10566   right-margin,~
10567   rounded-corners,~
10568   rules~(with~the~subkeys~'color'~and~'width'),~
10569   small,~
10570   t,~
10571   vlines,~
10572   xdots/color,~
10573   xdots/shorten-start,~
10574   xdots/shorten-end,~
10575   xdots/shorten-and-
10576   xdots/line-style.
10577 }

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This error message is used for the set of keys `nicematrix/NiceMatrix` and `nicematrix/pNiceArray` (but not by `nicematrix/NiceArray` because, for this set of keys, there is no `l` and `r`).

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10578 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Unknown~key~for~NiceMatrix }
10579 {
10580   Unknown~key.\\
10581   The~key~' \l_keys_key_str ' ~is~unknown~for~the~
10582   \@@_full_name_env: . \\ \\
10583   That~key~will~be~ignored. \\
10584   \c_@@_available_keys_str
10585 }
10586 {
10587   The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~\\
10588   &-in-blocks,~\\
10589   ampersand-in-blocks,~\\
10590   b,~\\
10591   baseline,~\\
10592   c,~\\
10593   cell-space-bottom-limit,~\\
10594   cell-space-limits,~\\
10595   cell-space-top-limit,~\\
10596   code-after,~\\
10597   code-for-first-col,~\\
10598   code-for-first-row,~\\
10599   code-for-last-col,~\\
10600   code-for-last-row,~\\
10601   columns-type,~\\
10602   columns-width,~\\
10603   corners,~\\
10604   create-extra-nodes,~\\
10605   create-medium-nodes,~\\
10606   create-large-nodes,~\\
10607   extra-left-margin,~\\
10608   extra-right-margin,~\\
10609   first-col,~\\
10610   first-row,~\\
10611   hlines,~\\
10612   hvlines,~\\
10613   hvlines-except-borders,~\\
10614   l,~\\
10615   last-col,~\\
10616   last-row,~\\
10617   left-margin,~\\
10618   light-syntax,~\\
10619   light-syntax-expanded,~\\
10620   name,~\\
10621   no-cell-nodes,~\\
10622   nullify-dots,~\\
10623   pgf-node-code,~\\
10624   r,~\\
10625   renew-dots,~\\
10626   respect-arraystretch,~\\
10627   right-margin,~\\
10628   rounded-corners,~\\
10629   rules~(with~the~subkeys~'color'~and~'width'),~\\
10630   small,~\\
10631   t,~\\
10632   vlines,~\\
10633   xdots/color,~\\
10634   xdots/shorten-start,~\\
10635   xdots/shorten-end,~\\
10636   xdots/shorten~and~\\
10637   xdots/line-style.
10638 }
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10639 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Unknown~key~for~NiceTabular }
10640 {
10641   Unknown~key.\\
10642   The~key~' \l_keys_key_str '~is~unknown~for~the~environment~
10643   \{NiceTabular\}. \\
10644   That~key~will~be~ignored. \\
10645   \c_@@_available_keys_str
10646 }
10647 {
10648   The~available~keys~are~(in~alphabetic~order):~
10649   &~in~blocks,~
10650   ampersand~in~blocks,~
10651   b,~
10652   baseline,~
10653   c,~
10654   caption,~
10655   cell-space-bottom-limit,~
10656   cell-space-limits,~
10657   cell-space-top-limit,~
10658   code-after,~
10659   code-for-first-col,~
10660   code-for-first-row,~
10661   code-for-last-col,~
10662   code-for-last-row,~
10663   columns-width,~
10664   corners,~
10665   custom-line,~
10666   create-extra-nodes,~
10667   create-medium-nodes,~
10668   create-large-nodes,~
10669   extra-left-margin,~
10670   extra-right-margin,~
10671   first-col,~
10672   first-row,~
10673   hlines,~
10674   hvlines,~
10675   hvlines-except-borders,~
10676   label,~
10677   last-col,~
10678   last-row,~
10679   left-margin,~
10680   light-syntax,~
10681   light-syntax-expanded,~
10682   name,~
10683   no-cell-nodes,~
10684   notes~(several~subkeys),~
10685   nullify-dots,~
10686   pgf-node-code,~
10687   renew-dots,~
10688   respect-arraystretch,~
10689   right-margin,~
10690   rounded-corners,~
10691   rules~(with~the~subkeys~'color'~and~'width'),~
10692   short-caption,~
10693   t,~
10694   tabularnote,~
10695   vlines,~
10696   xdots/color,~
10697   xdots/shorten-start,~
10698   xdots/shorten-end,~
10699   xdots/shorten-and-
10700   xdots/line-style.
10701 }

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10702 \@@_msg_new:nnn { Duplicate~name }
10703 {
10704   Duplicate~name.\\
10705   The~name~' \l_keys_value_tl ' ~is~already~used~and~you~shouldn't~use~
10706   the~same~environment~name~twice.~You~can~go~on,~but,~
10707   maybe,~you~will~have~incorrect~results~especially~
10708   if~you~use~'columns-width=auto'.~If~you~don't~want~to~see~this~
10709   message~again,~use~the~key~'allow-duplicate-names'~in~
10710   ' \token_to_str:N \NiceMatrixOptions '.\\
10711   \bool_if:NF \g_@@_messages_for_Overleaf_bool
10712     { For~a~list~of~the~names~already~used,~type~H~<return>. }
10713 }
10714 {
10715   The~names~already~defined~in~this~document~are:~
10716   \clist_use:Nnnn \g_@@_names_clist { -and- } { , } { ~and~ } .
10717 }

10718 \@@_msg_new:nn { Option~auto~for~columns-width }
10719 {
10720   Erroneous~use.\
10721   You~can't~give~the~value~'auto'~to~the~key~'columns-width'~here.~
10722   That~key~will~be~ignored.
10723 }

10724 \@@_msg_new:nn { NiceTabularX~without~X }
10725 {
10726   NiceTabularX~without~X.\
10727   You~should~not~use~\{NiceTabularX\}~without~X~columns.\
10728   However,~you~can~go~on.
10729 }

10730 \@@_msg_new:nn { Preamble~forgotten }
10731 {
10732   Preamble~forgotten.\
10733   You~have~probably~forgotten~the~preamble~of~your~
10734   \@@_full_name_env: . \
10735   This~error~is~fatal.
10736 }

10737 \@@_msg_new:nn { Invalid~col~number }
10738 {
10739   Invalid~column~number.\
10740   A~color~instruction~in~the~ \token_to_str:N \CodeBefore \
10741   specifies~a~column~which~is~outside~the~array.~It~will~be~ignored.
10742 }

10743 \@@_msg_new:nn { Invalid~row~number }
10744 {
10745   Invalid~row~number.\
10746   A~color~instruction~in~the~ \token_to_str:N \CodeBefore \
10747   specifies~a~row~which~is~outside~the~array.~It~will~be~ignored.
10748 }

10749 \@@_define_com:NNN p ( )
10750 \@@_define_com:NNN b [ ]
10751 \@@_define_com:NNN v | |
10752 \@@_define_com:NNN V \| \|
10753 \@@_define_com:NNN B \{ \}

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