

# The **amxtra** package

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## 1 Introduction

The **amxtra** package contains a few rarely used commands that were present in version 1.1 of the **amstex** package: `\fracwithdelims`, `accentedsymbol`, `\sphat`, `\spcheck`, `\sptilde`, `\spdot`, `\spddot`, `\spdddot`, `\spbreve`. If any of these commands were used in existing documents, the **amxtra** package provides a way to get them. But for 99% of documents using the **amstex** package these commands are just wasted overhead.

```
\ProvidesPackage{amxtra}[1999/11/15 v1.2c AMS extra commands]
```

We need to ensure that either the **amstex** package or the **amsmath** package is loaded. This means we need something a little more complicated than `\RequirePackage`.

```
\@ifpackageloaded{amstex}{}%  
  \RequirePackage{amsmath}[1996/10/01 v1.2]}  
  
Superscripted accent characters.  
  
\def\sphat{~{\mathchoice{}{}%  
  {\,\,\,\smash[b]{\hbox{\lower4\ex@\hbox{$\m@th\widehat{\null}$}}}}}%  
  {\,\,\,\smash[b]{\hbox{\lower3\ex@\hbox{$\m@th\hat{\null}$}}}}}}}  
\def\spcheck{~\vee}  
\def\sptilde{~\sim}  
\def\spdot{~{\hbox{\raise\ex@\hbox{\normalfont .}}}}  
\def\spddot{~{\hbox{\raise\ex@\hbox{\normalfont ..}}}}  
\def\spdddot{~{\hbox{\raise\ex@\hbox{\normalfont ...}}}}  
\def\spbreve{~{\!\smash[b]{\hbox{\lower4\ex@\hbox{\u{}}}}}}}
```

The `\fracwithdelims` command is skipped if the base package is **amsmath**; it is only needed if the base package is **amstex**.

```
\@ifpackageloaded{amstex}{%  
  \def\fracwithdelims#1#2{\new@ifnextchar[{\fracwithdelims@#1#2}%  
    {\fracwithdelims@#1#2[\@empty]}}}
```

```

\def\fracwithdelims@#1#2[#3]#4#5{\relax
\ifx\@empty#3{#4\overwithdelims#1#2#5}\else
{#4\abovewithdelims#1#2#3\relax#5}\fi}
}{}

```

Perhaps `\accentedsymbol` should use `\newsavebox`, but I don't know of any compelling reason at the moment. [mjd,5-Sep-1994] `\accentedsymbol` can only produce a single size of the given symbol, so you'd need two different versions for main size and subscript size.

```

\def\accentedsymbol#1#2{%
\expandafter\newbox
\csname\expandafter\@gobble\string#1@box\endcsname
\expandafter\setbox
\csname\expandafter\@gobble\string#1@box\endcsname
\hbox{${\m@th#2$}}%
\newcommand{#1}{%
\expandafter\copy
\csname\expandafter\@gobble\string#1@box\endcsname{}}%
}

```

Change the definition of `~` to automatically remove a preceding space as well as a following space, if present.

```

\def~{\nobreakspace}
\DeclareRobustCommand{\nobreakspace}{\unskip\nobreak\ignorespaces}

```

The usual `\endinput` to ensure that random garbage at the end of the file doesn't get copied by `docstrip`.

```

\endinput

```