

The revquantum package

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1 Introduction

The revquantum package provides a number of useful hacks to solve common annoyances with the revtex4-1 package, and to define notation in common use within quantum information. In doing so, revquantum imports and configures a number of commonly-available and used packages, and where reasonable, provides fallbacks.

The revquantum package also warns when users try to load packages which are known to be incompatible with revtex4-1. In particular, loading the following packages will cause warnings:

- subcaption

Yes, this is a short list. It will get longer.

2 Usage

NB: revquantum must be loaded first unless nobibtexhacks is passed.

2.1 Package Options

The revquantum package provides several options to configure its behavior. These can be used in the traditional way, as optional arguments to `\usepackage`. For instance, this document was prepared using `\usepackage[pretty]{revquantum}`.

[final]

Removes support for TODO commands (see below), causing them to escalate from warnings to errors.

[pretty]

Uses the mathpazo package to typeset the document more nicely than the default for revtex4-1 drafts.

[uselistings]

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| | Includes the listings package and configures it for literate and math-escape notation in Python, Mathematica and MATLAB. |
| [nobibtexhacks] | Prevents revquantum from patching the BibTeX support provided by revtex4-1 to include titles. |
| [strict] | Causes package incompatibility warnings to become errors. |

2.2 New Commands

2.2.1 TODO Annotations

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>\todo</code> | <code>{\langle annotation \rangle}</code> Marks an incompleted task in a different color in the document, and raises a warning in the LaTeX log. |
| <code>\TODO</code> | TODO |
| <code>\todolist</code> | <code>{\langle contents \rangle}</code> Typesets <i>contents</i> as a TODO annotation, wrapped in an <code>{enumerate}</code> environment. |

2.2.2 Mathematical Notation

This package also provides commands for notation common in quantum information.

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| <code>\ii</code> | |
| <code>\dd</code> | These commands typeset the imaginary unit i and differential element d , respectively, in math roman. |
| <code>\defeq</code> | This command uses <code>\mathrel</code> to properly format the colon-equals operator as a relation operator. |
| <code>\expect</code> | Typesets the expectation operator \mathbb{E} . |
| <code>\id</code> | The current implementation of <code>id</code> is to call <code>openone</code> , provided by <code>revtex4-1</code> , and thus not available when used from documentation. |
| <code>\llbracket</code> | |
| <code>\rrbracket</code> | Typesets the double-square brackets commonly used to denote stabilizer code properties, as in $\llbracket n, k, d \rrbracket$. These commands are provided by <code>{stmaryrd}</code> , and are given a reasonable fallback if that package is not available. |

2.2.3 Affiliation Database

The `revquantum` package provides commands for quickly typesetting affiliations, with an eye towards reducing copy-paste errors when authors have a nontrivial set of shared affiliations.

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>\newaffil</code> | <code>{\langle shorthand \rangle} {\langle description \rangle}</code> |
|------------------------|--|

The workhorse of the affiliation database is the `\newaffil` command, which defines a new command that expands to call the revtex4-1 `\affiliation` command. For instance, `\newaffil{UFooBar}{Bar, UFoo}` defines a new command `\affilUFooBar` that expands to `\affiliation{Bar, UFoo}`.

So far, the following affiliation commands are provided:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <code>\affilTODO</code> | Special, marks that an affiliation is not provided. |
| <code>\affilEQuSUSyd</code> | Centre for Engineered Quantum Systems, University of Sydney. |
| <code>\affilEQuSMacq</code> | Centre for Engineered Quantum Systems, Macquarie University. |
| <code>\affilUSydPhys</code> | School of Physics, University of Sydney. |
| <code>\affilIQC</code> | Institute for Quantum Computing, University of Waterloo. |
| <code>\affilUWPhys</code> | Department of Physics, University of Waterloo. |
| <code>\affilUWAMath</code> | Department of Applied Mathematics, University of Waterloo. |
| <code>\affilUWChem</code> | Department of Chemistry, University of Waterloo. |
| <code>\affilPI</code> | Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics. |
| <code>\affilCIFAR</code> | Canadian Institute for Advanced Research. |
| <code>\affilCQuIC</code> | Center for Quantum Information and Control, University of New Mexico. |
| <code>\affilIBMTJW</code> | IBM T. J. Watson Research Center. |

2.2.4 Internal-Use Commands

`\booloption`
`\newnew`

These commands are used internally by revquantum to define new boolean package options, and to declare new kinds of `\newcommand` commands. For example, `\newnew` is used to define `\newoperator`, which in turn defines new commands for named mathematical operators (e.g. Tr).

`\sectionautorefname`
`\algorithmautorefname`
`\equationautorefname`
`\lemmaautorefname`
`\boolean@xetex`

These commands configure hyperref's `\autorefname` command for use with revtex4-1, so that `\autorefname` correctly describes Section, Algorithm, and Lemma, and also follows the standard notation for equation references.

This boolean variable uses `\iftex` to check if XeTeX is installed. If `\iftex` is not available, then we assume plain LaTeX.

2.3 New Colors

The revquantum package also provides a color palette that is safe for colorblind readers and for printing, the [Color Universal Design](#) palette of Okabe and Ito.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <code>cud-black</code> | ● |
| <code>cud-orange</code> | ● |
| <code>cud-sky-blue</code> | ● |
| <code>cud-bluish-green</code> | ● |
| <code>cud-yellow</code> | ● |
| <code>cud-blue</code> | ● |
| <code>cud-vermillion</code> | ● |
| <code>cud-reddish-purple</code> | ● |

These colors are defined as xcolor color names, such that they can be used in all packages which depend on xcolor. In particular, CUD colors can be directly used from tikz. To use with tikz, however, revquantum must be loaded *after* tikz.

3 Implementation

```
1
2 \usepackage{ifthen}
3
```

3.1 XeTeX Detection

We make a new boolean variable to track if XeTeX is being used.

```
4
5 \newboolean{@xetex}
6 \setboolean{@xetex}{false}
7 \IfFileExists{iftex.sty}{
8   \wlog{[INFO] iftex loaded}
9   \usepackage{iftex}
10 }{
11   \newif\ifXeTeX
12   \XeTeXfalse
13 }
14 \ifXeTeX
15   \wlog{[INFO] Using XeTeX}
16   \setboolean{@xetex}{true}
17 \else
18   \setboolean{@xetex}{false}
19 \fi
20
```

3.2 Notation

```
\newnew
21 \newcommand{\newnew}[2]{
22   \expandafter\newcommand\csname new#1\endcsname[1]{
23     \expandafter\newcommand\csname ##1\endcsname{#2{##1}}
24   }
25 }

26 \newnew{operator}{\operatorname}
27 \newnew{rm}{\mathrm}
28
29 \newoperator{Tr}
30 \newoperator{Cov}
31 \newoperator{supp}
32 \newoperator{diag}
33 \newoperator{rank}
34
```

```

\ii
35 \newcommand{\ii}{\mathrm{i}} % Outside what newnew currently supports.

\dd
36 \newcommand{\dd}{\mathrm{d}} % Outside what newnew currently supports.

37
38 \newrm{e}
39 \newrm{TVD}
40 \newrm{T}
41

\defeq
42 \newcommand{\defeq}{\mathrel{:=}}

\expect
43 \newcommand{\expect}{\mathbb{E}}

\id
44 \newcommand{\id}{\openone}

45

We want to only conditionally use {stmaryrd} if it's available, and otherwise,
hack up a few commands from that package.

46 \IfFileExists{stmaryrd.sty}{
47 \RequirePackage{stmaryrd}
48 }{
49 \PackageWarning{revquantum}{
50 The stmaryrd package is not available,
51 so some commands (e.g.: double-brackets) will look wrong.
52 }
53 \newcommand{\llbracket}{[\![\!\hspace{1.5pt}[]}
54 \newcommand{\rrbracket}{[]\!\hspace{1.5pt}]}
55 }

```

3.3 Options Handling

We will need to define a few options to make the package nicer to use. We do so by making a new command, `\booloption {<boolname>} {<optionname>} {<default>}`.

```

\booloption

56 \newcommand{\booloption}[3]{
57 \newboolean{#1}
58 \setboolean{#1}{#3}
59 \ifthenelse{\equal{#3}{true}}{

```

Default is true, so we need a “no” option to turn off the new boolean.

```
60      \DeclareOption{no#2}{\setboolean{#1}{false}}
61    }{
```

Default is false, so we need an option to turn on the new boolean.

```
62      \DeclareOption{#2}{\setboolean{#1}{true}}
63    }
64 }
```

We then use this new command to define the options for `revquantum`, `final`, `pretty`, `uselistings`, `nobibtexhacks`, and `strict`.

```
65
66 \booloption{@final}{final}{false}
67 \booloption{@pretty}{pretty}{false}
68 \booloption{@uselistings}{uselistings}{false}
69 \booloption{@bibtexhacks}{bibtexhacks}{true}
70 \booloption{@strict}{strict}{false}
71
72 \ProcessOptions\relax
73
```

For the `strict` option, we do one last thing and define a new macro that either raises a warning or an option depending on whether `strict` has been set as an option.

```
\rq@quasiwarn
74 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@strict}}{
75   \newcommand{\rq@quasiwarn}{
76     \PackageError{revquantum}
77   }
78 }{
79   \newcommand{\rq@quasiwarn}{
80     \PackageWarning{revquantum}
81   }
82 }
```

3.4 Unforgivable BibTeX Hacks

These hacks include the title of each reference in the BibTeX output by redefining the part of `revtex4-1` on the fly which is responsible for writing out the bibdata. Note that these hacks *must* come before importing packages, or else `revtex4-1` will have already written out its control notes.

```
83
84 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@bibtexhacks}}{\def\@bibdataout@aps{%
85   \immediate\write\@bibdataout{%
86     @CONTROL{%
87       apsrev41Control,author="08",editor="1",pages="0",title="0",year="1",eprint="1"%
88     }%
89   }%
```

```

90 \if@filesw
91 \immediate\write\@auxout{\string\citation{apsrev41Control}}}%
92 \fi
93 }}{}
94

```

3.5 Imports

Here, we import a few other useful packages and configure them according to the options passed by the user. In handling the fonts specified by [pretty], we must be careful to do so in a way that is supported by XeTeX. Note that we only load color if neither tikz nor xcolor have already been imported, and if we are not using listings. In the latter case, we will load xcolor instead so that we can make listings play nicer with our own custom palette. Also of note is that we do not import hyperref yet, as it must go last to avoid duplicating reference names.

```

95
96 \RequirePackage{amsmath}
97 \RequirePackage{amsfonts}
98 \RequirePackage{amsthm}
99 \RequirePackage{amssymb}
100 \RequirePackage{amsbsy}
101 \@ifpackageloaded{tikz}{}{%
102     \@ifpackageloaded{xcolor}{}{%
103         \ifthenelse{\boolean{@uselistings}}{}{%
104             \RequirePackage[usenames,dvipsnames]{color}%
105         }%
106     }%
107     \AtBeginDocument{%
108         \@ifpackageloaded{tikz}{%
109             \rq@quasiwarn{tikz loaded, but after revquantum. This may not work.}%
110         }%
111     }%
112 }
113 \RequirePackage{braket}
114 \RequirePackage{graphicx}
115 \RequirePackage[english]{babel}
116 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@pretty}}{
117     \ifthenelse{\boolean{@xetex}}{
118         % http://tex.stackexchange.com/a/50593
119         \usepackage{fontspec}
120         \usepackage{mathpazo}
121         \setmainfont
122         [ BoldFont      = texgyrepagella-bold.otf ,
123           ItalicFont    = texgyrepagella-italic.otf ,
124           BoldItalicFont = texgyrepagella-bolditalic.otf ]
125         {texgyrepagella-regular.otf}
126     }{
127         \RequirePackage{mathpazo}

```

```

128     }
129 }{}
130 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@uselistings}}{
131     \RequirePackage{xcolor}
132     \RequirePackage{listings}
133     \RequirePackage{textcomp} % Make sure we have a ‘ for writing Mathematica.
134 }{}
135 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@bibtexhacks}}{
136     \RequirePackage{letltxmacro}
137 }{}

```

3.5.1 Theorem Environments

```

138
139 \newtheorem{theorem}{Theorem}
140 \newtheorem{lemma}{Lemma}
141

```

3.5.2 algorithm and algpseudocode Setup

```

142
143 \RequirePackage{algorithm}
144 \RequirePackage{algpseudocode}
145 \renewcommand{\algorithmicrequire}{\textbf{Input:}}
146 \renewcommand{\algorithmicensure}{\textbf{Output:}}
147 \newcommand{\inlinecomment}[1]{\Comment {\footnotesize #1} \normalsize}
148 \newcommand{\linecomment}[1]{\State {\(\triangleright\)} {\footnotesize #1} \normalsize}
149

```

3.5.3 listings Setup

Here, we provide special support for scientific languages like Python and Mathematica, as well as for legacy environments. This support consists of configuring escapes, quoting, providing additional keywords, etc.

```

150
151 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@uselistings}}{
152     \definecolor{comment-color}{gray}{0.5}
153
154     \lstset{
155         basicstyle=\footnotesize,
156         commentstyle=\color{comment-color},
157         frame=lines,
158         gobble=4,
159         numbers=left,
160         numberstyle=\tiny, stepnumber=5,
161         numbersep=5pt,
162         keywordstyle=\color{cud-bluish-green!85!black}\bfseries,
163         keywordstyle={[2]\color{cud-sky-blue!75!black}},
164         emphstyle=\color{cud-vermillion}
165     }
166

```



```

167 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@xetex}}{
168     \RequirePackage{sourcecodepro}
169     \lstset{basicstyle=\footnotesize\sourcecodepro}
170 }{}
171
172 \lstdefinestyle{matlab}{
173     language=MATLAB,
174     mathescape=true
175 }
176
177 \lstdefinestyle{python}{
178     language=Python,
179     mathescape=true,
180     showstringspaces=false,
181     morekeywords={as, async, await}
182 }
183
184 \lstdefinestyle{mathematica}{
185     language=Mathematica,
186     upquote=true, % Needed to deal with the context symbol '.'
187     literate=
188         {->}{${\to}$}1
189         {!=}{${\neq}$}1
190         {\[DoubleStruckOne]}{${\id}$}1
191         {\[Sigma]}{${\sigma}$}1
192         {(x)}{${\otimes}$}1 % CG: I have the distinct impression this will break. Badly.
193     }
194 }{}
195

```

3.6 Import Warnings

The following command will cause a warning to be emitted if the package named by its argument is loaded. To make robust against the order in which packages are loaded, all such logic happens at `\begin{document}`. This code is adapted from the solution provided by Martin Scharrer at <http://tex.stackexchange.com/a/16200/615>.

`\rq@warnpackage`

```

196 \newcommand{\rq@warnpackage}[1]{
197     \AtBeginDocument{%
198         \@ifpackageloaded{#1}{%
199             \rq@quasiwarn{The #1 package is known to be incompatible with revtex4-1. You may en
200         }{}
201     }
202 }

```

With this command in place, we can now issue specific warnings for individual “bad” packages.

```
203 \rq@warnpackage{subcaption}
```

3.7 Slightly More Forgivable BibTeX Hacks

Next, we include [a solution suggested by egreg](#) for a rather annoying `{revtex4-1}` bug. In particular, we will set up `language={en}` as an alias for `language={english}`, so that `{revtex4-1}` will no longer raise `{babel}` errors for the undefined language.

```
\ORIGselectlanguage
204
205 \LetLtxMacro{\ORIGselectlanguage}{\selectlanguage}
206 \DeclareRobustCommand{\selectlanguage}[1]{%
207   \ifundefined{alias@string#1}
208     {\ORIGselectlanguage{#1}}
209     {\begingroup\edef\x{\endgroup
210       \noexpand\ORIGselectlanguage{\@nameuse{alias@#1}}}\x}%
211 }
212

\definelanguagealias
213
214 \newcommand{\definelanguagealias}[2]{%
215   \@namedef{alias@#1}{#2}%
216 }
217
218
219 \definelanguagealias{en}{english}
220 \definelanguagealias{EN}{english}
221 \definelanguagealias{English}{english}
222
```

3.8 TODO Support

These commands provide a way of marking items as needing to be done before the final version (denoted by the `final` package option).

```
\todo
223
224 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@final}}{
225   \newcommand{\todo}[1]{%
226     \PackageError{revquantum}{Unaddressed TODO}%
227     \rq@todo{#1}%
228   }
229 }{
230   \newcommand{\todo}[1]{%
231     \PackageWarning{revquantum}{Unaddressed TODO}%

```

```

232     \rq@todo{#1}%
233   }
234 }
235

```

We also define a `\citeneed` command for the special case of a missing citation. As per Steve Flammia's suggestion, this is formatted in analogy to the infamous Wikipedia annotation.

`\citeneed`

```

236 \ifthenelse{\boolean{@final}}{
237   \newcommand{\citeneed}{%
238     \PackageError{revquantum}{citation needed}%
239     \rq@todo{[citation needed]}}%
240   }
241 }{
242   \newcommand{\citeneed}{%
243     \PackageWarning{revquantum}{citation needed}%
244     \rq@todo{[citation needed]}}%
245   }
246 }

```

Both of these macros are based on the `\rq@todo` macro, which performs the formatting for TODOs.

`\rq@todo`

```

247 \newcommand{\rq@todo}[1]{%
248   {\color{magenta} #1}%
249 }

```

We also provide a few other special cases below.

`\TODO`

```

250 \newcommand{\TODO}{\todo{TODO}}

```

`\todolist`

```

251 \newcommand{\todolist}[1]{\todo{
252   \begin{itemize}
253     #1
254   \end{itemize}
255 }}
256

```

3.9 Color Universal Design

```

257 \definecolor{cud-black}{RGB}{0,0,0}
258 \definecolor{cud-orange}{RGB}{230,159,0}
259 \definecolor{cud-sky-blue}{RGB}{86,180,233}
260 \definecolor{cud-bluish-green}{RGB}{0,158,115}

```

```

261 \definecolor{cud-yellow}      {RGB}{240,228,66}
262 \definecolor{cud-blue}        {RGB}{0,114,178}
263 \definecolor{cud-vermillion}   {RGB}{213,94,0}
264 \definecolor{cud-reddish-purple}{RGB}{204,121,167}

```

3.10 Affiliation Database

\newaffil

```

265 \newcommand{\newaffil}[2]{
266     \expandafter\newcommand\csname affil#1\endcsname{
267         \affiliation{
268             #2
269         }
270     }
271 }

```

3.10.1 General Affiliations

```

272
273 \newaffil{TODO}{\TODO}
274

```

3.10.2 Australia

```

275
276 \newaffil{EquSUSyd}{
277     Centre for Engineered Quantum Systems,
278     University of Sydney,
279     Sydney, NSW, Australia
280 }
281 \newaffil{EquSMacq}{
282     Centre for Engineered Quantum Systems,
283     Macquarie University,
284     Sydney, NSW, Australia
285 }
286 \newaffil{USydPhys}{
287     School of Physics,
288     University of Sydney,
289     Sydney, NSW, Australia
290 }
291

```

3.10.3 Canada

```

292
293 \newaffil{IQC}{
294     Institute for Quantum Computing,
295     University of Waterloo,
296     Waterloo, ON, Canada
297 }
298 \newaffil{UWPhys}{
299     Department of Physics,

```

```

300     University of Waterloo,
301     Waterloo, ON, Canada
302 }
303 \newaffil{UWAMath}{
304     Department of Applied Mathematics,
305     University of Waterloo,
306     Waterloo, ON, Canada
307 }
308 \newaffil{UWChem}{
309     Department of Chemistry,
310     University of Waterloo,
311     Waterloo, ON, Canada
312 }
313 \newaffil{PI}{
314     Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics,
315     31 Caroline St. N,
316     Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2L 2Y5
317 }
318 \newaffil{CIFAR}{
319     Canadian Institute for Advanced Research,
320     Toronto, ON, Canada
321 }
322

```

3.10.4 United States

```

323
324 \newaffil{CQuIC}{
325     Center for Quantum Information and Control,
326     University of New Mexico,
327     Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001, USA
328 }
329 \newaffil{IBMTJW}{
330     IBM T. J. Watson Research Center,
331     Yorktown Heights, New York 10598, USA
332 }
333
334

```

3.11 hyperref Setup

Finally, we load hyperref separately so that it can go last.

Get rid of hyperref's ugly boxes. From: <http://tex.stackexchange.com/a/51349>

```

335
336 \RequirePackage[breaklinks=true]{hyperref}
337
338 \hypersetup{
339     colorlinks    = true, %Colours links instead of ugly boxes
340     urlcolor      = blue, %Colour for external hyperlinks
341     linkcolor     = blue, %Colour of internal links
342     citecolor     = red  %Colour of citations

```

```
343 }
344
```

3.11.1 autoref Setup

We must declare our autoref configuration at the beginning of the document to keep other packages from clobbering it.

```
\sectionautorefname
345 \AtBeginDocument{%
346   \def\sectionautorefname{Section}%
347 }

\algorithmautorefname
348 \AtBeginDocument{%
349   \def\algorithmautorefname{Algorithm}%
350 }

\equationautorefname See http://tex.stackexchange.com/a/66150.
351 \AtBeginDocument{%
352   \def\equationautorefname~#1\null{(#1)\null}%
353 }

\lemmaautorefname
354 \AtBeginDocument{%
355   \newcommand{\lemmaautorefname}{Lemma}%
356 }
```