

Graphics for L^AT_EX users



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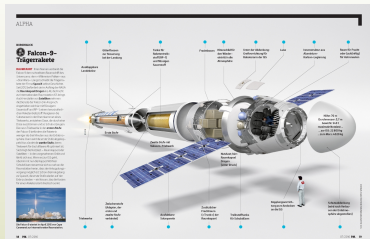
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




The Three Regression Types

a short guide

Generalized Linear Models (GLM) extend the ordinary linear regression and allow the response variable y to have an error distribution other than the normal distribution.

- GLMs are:
- Easy to understand
 - Simple to fit and interpret in any statistical package
 - Sufficient in a lot of practical applications

LINEAR REGRESSION	LOGISTIC REGRESSION	POISSON REGRESSION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Econometric modellingMarketing Mix ModelCustomer Lifetime Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Customer Choice ModelClick-through RateConversion RateCredit Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Number of orders in lifetimeNumber of visits per user
		
Continuous → Continuous	Continuous → True/False	Continuous → 0,1,2,...
$y = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i x_i$	$y = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$	$y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$
$\ln(y - x1 + x2, \text{data})$	$z = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i x_i$	$\ln \lambda = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i x_i$
family=binomial()	family=binomial()	family=poisson()
1 unit increase in x increases y by α	1 unit increase in x increases log odds by α	1 unit increase in x multiplies y by e^α

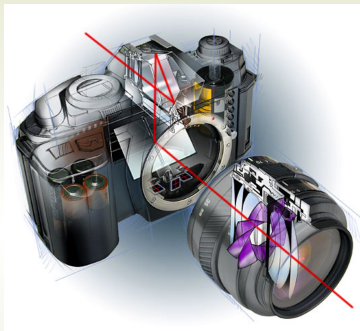
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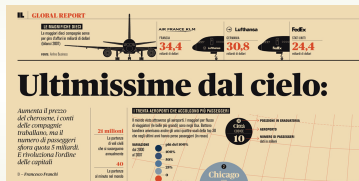


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(a) An example of technical illustration showing the Reflex principle.



(b) A newspaper illustration. This example shows a particular kind of artwork known as 'infographics.'

Figure 1: Examples of on-the-job technical illustrations.

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It is important in typography to *maintain a consistency between text and graphics.*

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Figure 2: A technical book in the hands of a reader. The right-hand page contains a full-height annotated illustration.

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- ▶ *Graphics communicate information so effectively that they sometimes convey the entire message* (see Figure 1a, Reflex camera).

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Engineering illustrations – Example

8 **Quaderno 17** Evoluzione in un piano orizzontale

(a) Vista dall'alto (lungo z_0 o z_A).

(b) Vista lungo x_0 .

(c) Vista lungo x_A .

Figura 17.2 Un velivolo in virata a quota costante.

17.2 Equazioni alla traslazione **9**

Le equazioni (17.13)-(17.14)-(17.15) formano il sistema

$$\begin{cases} m \dot{V} = -[D - T \cos(\alpha_R + \mu_T)] \cos \beta + Y_A \sin \beta \\ m V \dot{\beta} \cos v = mg \sin v + [D - T \cos(\alpha_R + \mu_T)] \sin \beta + Y_A \cos \beta \\ m V \dot{\beta} \sin v = -mg \cos v + L + T \sin(\alpha_R + \mu_T) \end{cases} \quad (17.16)$$

di equazioni del moto di virata a quota costante. La seconda e terza delle equazioni (17.16) possono essere ulteriormente manipolate per arrivare ad una conveniente forma finale. Ad esempio, moltiplicando la seconda per $\sin v$, la terza per $\cos v$ e sommando membro a membro si ottiene una prima equazione alternativa in cui non compaiono termini contenenti il peso $W = mg$. Inoltre, moltiplicando la seconda per $\sin v$, la terza per $\cos v$ e dividendo membro a membro si ottiene una seconda equazione alternativa. Dopo alcune fattorizzazioni atte a far comparire nelle espressioni i tipici rapporti T/W , W/S e i coefficienti aerodinamici, si arriva pertanto alla forma definitiva

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\dot{V}}{g} = \frac{T}{W} \cos(\alpha_0 + \mu_T) \cos \beta - \frac{\bar{q}}{W/S} (C_{D_0} \cos \beta - C_T \sin \beta) \\ \frac{V \dot{\beta}}{g} = -\frac{T}{W} \frac{r}{L} [\cos(\alpha_0 + \mu_T) \sin \beta \cos v - \sin(\alpha_0 + \mu_T) \sin v] \\ \quad + \frac{\bar{q}}{W/S} [(C_{D_0} \sin \beta + C_T \cos \beta) \cos v + C_{L_0} \sin v] \\ 1 = \frac{T}{W} [\cos(\alpha_0 + \mu_T) \sin \beta \sin v + \sin(\alpha_0 + \mu_T) \cos v] \\ \quad - \frac{\bar{q}}{W/S} [(C_{D_0} \sin \beta + C_T \cos \beta) \sin v - C_{L_0} \cos v] \end{cases} \quad (17.17)$$

I coefficienti aerodinamici che figurano nelle equazioni della virata (17.17) risultano espressi dalle

$$C_{D_0} = \frac{D}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S} = C_{D_0} + k C_L^2 \quad (7.53)$$

$$C_{L_0} = \frac{L}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S} = C_{L_0} + C_{L_0} \alpha_0 + (C_{L_0} \dot{\alpha} + C_{L_0} q) \frac{c}{2V} + C_{L_0} \delta_x + C_{L_0} \delta_y \quad (7.56)$$

$$C_T = \frac{Y}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 S} = C_T \beta + C_T \delta_x + C_T \delta_y + (C_T \dot{\beta} + C_T p + C_T r) \frac{b}{2V} \quad (17.18)$$

Nelle (7.53)-(7.56)-(17.18) le grandezze (p, q, r) vanno interpretate in generale come le componenti di \mathbf{M}_0 nel sistema di assi in cui sono espresse le equazioni del moto. Per il moto in esame è opportuno operare le sostituzioni

$$p \leftarrow p^A = \Omega_{R,x_0}, \quad q \leftarrow q^A = \Omega_{R,y_0}, \quad r \leftarrow r^A = \Omega_{R,z_0} \quad (17.19)$$

che in base alle (17.12) forniscono

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Figure 3: Aerospace engineering textbook.

http://wpage.unina.it/agodemar/DSV-DQV/DSV-DQV_Quaderno_17.pdf

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Choose effective informative titles (figure and table captions). Possibly, make them brief and informative at the same time.

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Inkscape

<http://www.inkscape.org>

Inkscape is an *open source* and well-supported **vector graphics/SVG editor** available for all major operating systems.

Provides effective L^AT_EX-related capabilities, e. g. the **TeXText** Python-based plugin extension.

<https://texttext.github.io/texttext>

TeXText provides the possibility to **add and re-edit (multi-line) L^AT_EX/X₃L^AT_EX/LuaL^AT_EX generated SVG elements to a drawing**.

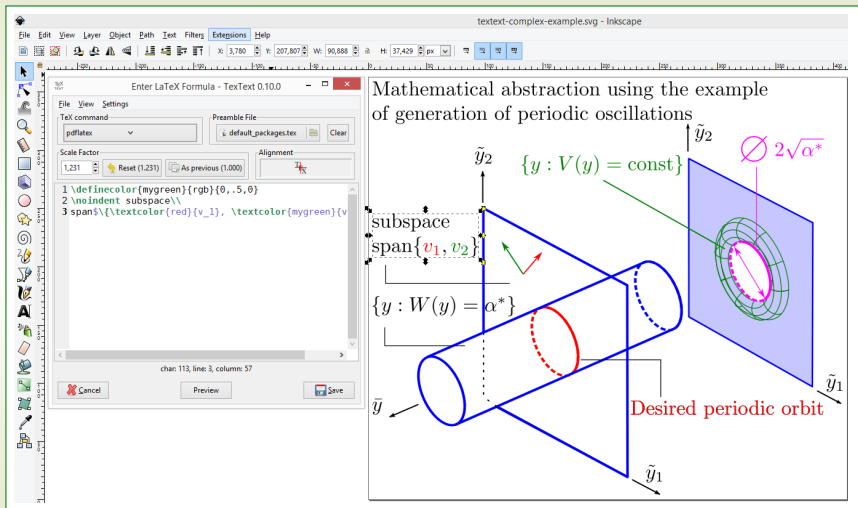
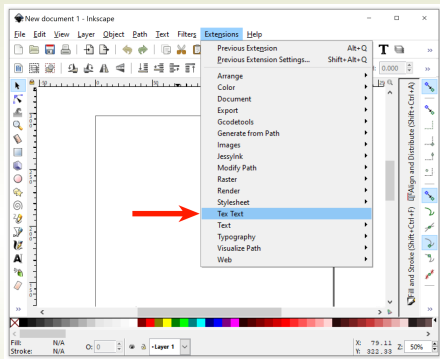
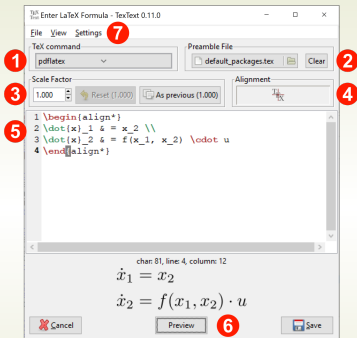


Figure 5: A screenshot of Inkscape with TextText extension in use.

Inkscape



(a) Selecting TexText from Inkscape Extensions menu.



(b) The TexText dialog window.

Figure 6: Using TexText extension plugin in Inkscape.

Inkscape

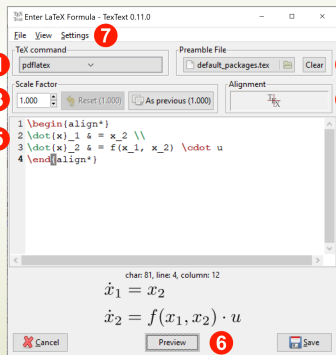
```
% default_packages.tex
```

```
\usepackage{amsmath,amsthm,amssymb,  
amsfonts}
```

```
\usepackage{color}
```

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customizable
preamble



\LaTeX template

```
\documentclass{article}
```

```
% ==> preamble file content <==
```

```
% default:
```

```
% \input{default_packages}
```

```
\pagestyle{empty}
```

```
\begin{document}
```

```
% ==> User's code <== 5
```

```
\end{document}
```

user's content
.dvi or .pdf

SVG object

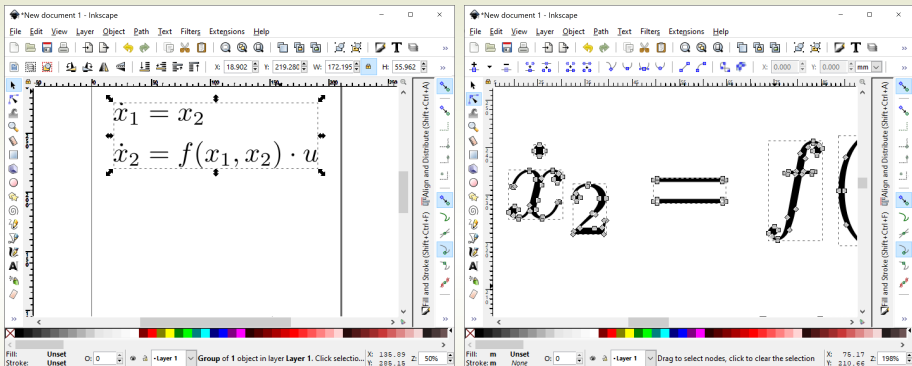


Figure 7: SVG element resulting from user's input compilation (see Figure 6b).

The final SVG object is re-editable via the TextText dialog!

Demo

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Making drawings with code

A completely different paradigm.

No pseudo-synchronous visual tools.

Similar to the asynchronous typesetting workflow.

The native environment picture

```
% in preamble
\usepackage{pict2e}
% ...
\begin{picture}(120 ,80)
  \put(30,30){\circle*{3}}
  \put(30,33){\makebox(0,0)[br]{ $A$ }}
  \put(90,43){\circle*{3}}
  \put(88,47){\makebox(0,0)[b1]{ $B$ }}
  \linethickness{1.2pt}
  \Line(30,30)(90,43)
  \put(10,10){\vector(1,0){100}}
  \put(110,14){\makebox(0,0)[b]{ $x$ }}
  \put(10,10){\vector(0,1){60}}
  \put(14,70){\makebox(0,0)[l]{ $y$ }}
  % dashed box
  \put(0,0){\dashbox{5}(120,80){}}
\end{picture}
```

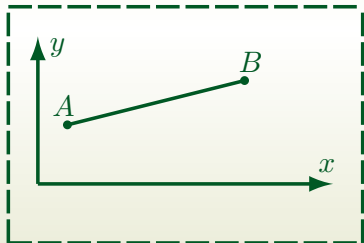


Figure 8: A drawing made with the standard `picture` environment enhanced by the `pict2e` package.

Drawing with pstricks

```
% arara: latex
% arara: dvips
% arara: ps2pdf
\documentclass[%
  border={0.6cm 0.6cm 0.6cm 0.6cm}% l b r t
]{standalone}
\usepackage[pdf]{pstricks}
\usepackage{pst-all}
\usepackage{pstricks-add}

\begin{document}
\begin{pspicture}(-1,0)(1,5)
  \psgrid[griddots=10,subgriddots=3,
    gridlabelcolor=blue](-1,0)(1,5)
  \psdots[linecolor=red,dotsize=10pt]
    (0,5)(-1,3)(1,2)(0.5,1)
  \rput(0,5){Center,Middle}
  \rput[b1](-1,3){%
    $\underbrace{\text{bottom,left}}_{\text{Really!}}$}
  \rput[Br](1,2){%
    $\underbrace{\text{Baseline,right}}_{\text{Really!}}$}
  \rput[tr]{45}(0.5,1){
    \parbox{5cm}{\flushright Rotated\ by $45^\circ$}
  }
\end{pspicture}
\end{document}
```

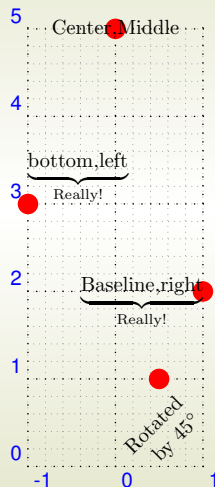


Figure 9: Placing whatever, wherever in a pspicture environment.

Drawing with packages `pgf` and `tikz`

Then we have `pgf` and `tikz` by Till Tantau ...

<https://www.ctan.org/pkg/pgf>

<http://texdoc.net/texmf-dist/doc/generic/pgf/pgfmanual.pdf>

<https://pgf-tikz.github.io/> (manual on the web)

Drawing with packages `pgf` and `tikz`

The name **PGF** means **PORTABLE GRAPHICS FORMAT**.

It is a package for creating **inline graphics**: defines a number of \TeX commands that can draw graphics within the typesetting process.

Graphics objects are put into boxes and treated as normal items to be taken care of by the \LaTeX output routine.

The package `pgf` exposes a **frontend layer**, i. e. a set of commands or a special syntax that makes using the functionalities implemented by basic layer easier.

This frontend is what is called **TIKZ**, the \LaTeX package `tikz` that incorporates `pgf`.

The name **TIKZ** is an acronym of **TIKZ IST KEIN ZEICHENPROGRAMM** (German for ‘tikz is not a drawing program’).

Drawing with tikz

In preamble: `\usepackage{tikz}`

The package provides the command `\tikz` as in the following examples.

```
\tikz \draw (0pt,0pt) -- (20pt,6pt);
```

yields the line , or

```
\tikz \fill[color=orange] (1ex,1ex) circle(1ex);
```

yields the orange circle .

The argument passed to `\tikz` is a semicolon-terminated string.

The tikzpicture environment

More elaborate drawings are embedded into the environment `tikzpicture`:

```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw (0,0) -- (1,0) -- (1,1)
        -- cycle;
\end{tikzpicture}
```



```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw (0,0) rectangle (2,1);
  \draw (0,0) -- (2,1);
  \draw (0,1) -- (2,0.0);
\end{tikzpicture}
```




The tikzpicture environment

A `tikzpicture` can be used *inline* with the running text of a paragraph, like any other box object:

The following draws a

`0.4×0.2` crossed rectangle:

```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw (0.0,0.0) rectangle
    (0.4,0.2);
  \draw (0.0,0.0) -- (0.4,0.2);
  \draw (0.0,0.2) -- (0.4,0.0);
\end{tikzpicture}\,.
```

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```
\begin{tikzpicture}  
  \path[draw] (0,0) -- (1,1);  
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\end{tikzpicture}
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Line-to and move-to operations

Command `\draw` stands for `\path[draw]`:

```
\path[draw] (0,0) -- (1,1);
```

```
\path[draw] (1,0) -- (2,0);
```



```
\draw (0,0) -- (1,1);
```

```
\draw (1,0) -- (2,0);
```



Multiple paths can be traced with one single command:

```
\draw (0,0) -- (1,1)
```

```
  % move-to operation
```

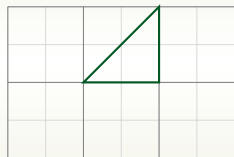
```
(1,0) -- (2,0);
```



The **grid** and **cycle** operations

A **grid** is a path extension operation between two coordinates, much like a line (`--`):

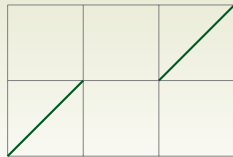
```
% fine, thin grid
\draw[line width=0.1pt,gray!30,step=5mm]
  (0,0) grid (3,2);
% coarse, thicker grid
\draw[help lines]
  (0,0) grid (3,2);
% a thick, closed path
\draw[thick] (1,1) -- (2,2) -- (2,1)
  -- cycle;
```



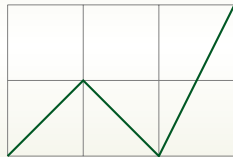
The **cycle** operation closes a path connecting the current point with the initial point on the path.

More *line-to* and *move-to* operations

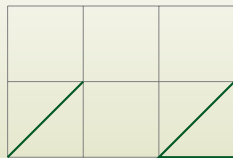
```
\draw[help lines] (0,0) grid (3,2);  
\draw[thick] (0,0) -- (1,1)  
  % then move-to  
  (2,1) -- (3,2);
```



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\draw[thick] (0,0) -- (1,1) --  
  (2,0) -- (3,2);
```

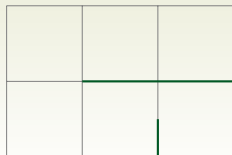


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  % then move-to  
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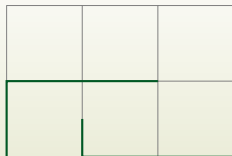


More *line-to* operations

```
\draw[thick] (0.0,0.0) -| (2.0,0.5)  
             (1.0,1.0) -| (3.0,0.0);
```

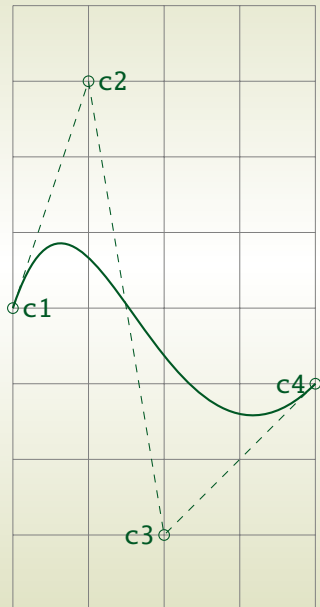


```
\draw[thick] (0.0,0.0) |- (2.0,1.0)  
             (1.0,0.5) |- (3.0,0.0);
```



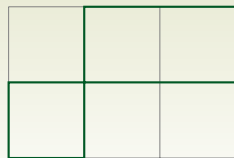
The curve-to operation

```
% the supporting grid
\draw[help lines] (-2,-4) grid (2,4);
% define labels (nodes)
\path (-2, 0) coordinate(c1)
      (-1, 3) coordinate(c2)
      ( 0,-3) coordinate(c3)
      ( 2,-1) coordinate(c4);
% segments connecting nodes
\draw[dashed] (c1) -- (c2) -- (c3) -- (c4);
% control points
\draw (c1) circle (2pt)
      (c2) circle (2pt)
      (c3) circle (2pt)
      (c4) circle (2pt);
% the Bézier curve
\draw[thick] (c1) .. controls (c2)
             \and (c3) .. (c4);
% text labels
\path
  (c1) node[anchor=west] {\texttt{c1}}
  (c2) node[anchor=west] {\texttt{c2}}
  (c3) node[anchor=east] {\texttt{c3}}
  (c4) node[anchor=east] {\texttt{c4}};
```

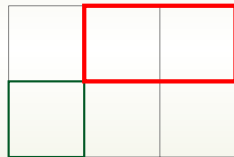


The *rectangle* and *circle* operations

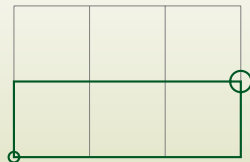
```
\draw[thick] (0,0) rectangle (1,1)  
rectangle (3,2);
```



```
\draw[thick] (0,0) rectangle (1,1);  
\draw[ultra thick,red] (1,1)  
rectangle (3,2);
```

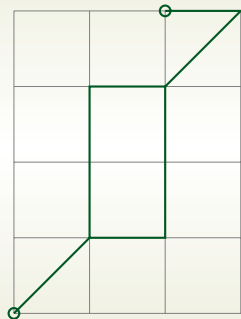


```
\draw[thick] (0,0) circle (2pt)  
rectangle (3,1)  
circle (4pt);
```



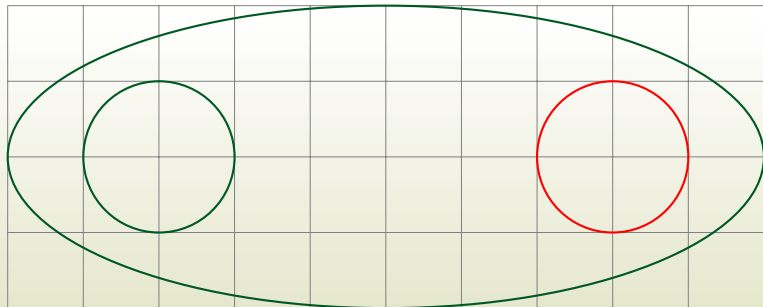
Multiple path extensions

```
\begin{tikzpicture}  
  \draw[help lines] (0,0) grid (3,4);  
  \draw[thick] (0,0) circle (2pt)  
    -- (1,1) rectangle (2,3)  
    -- (3,4)  
    -- (2,4) circle (2pt);  
\end{tikzpicture}
```



The ellipse operation

```
\draw[help lines] (0,0) grid (10,4);  
\draw (2,2) ellipse (1cm and 1cm)  
      (3,2) ellipse (3cm and 2cm);  
\draw[red] (8,2) ellipse (1cm and 1cm);
```



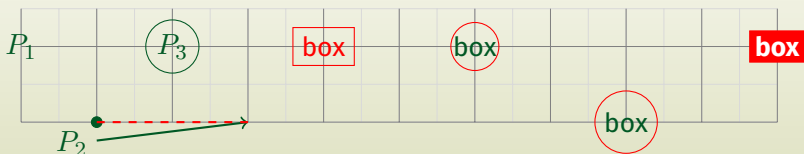
The *node* operation

You can add text, math, and other material to paths with the *node* **path extension operation**.

The node operation

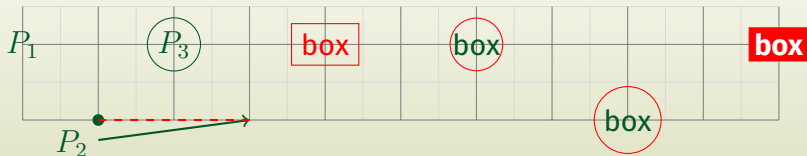
- ▶ places a given textual content at the current position;
- ▶ the current position becomes a node in the path;
- ▶ a label (variable name) can be associated to the node;
- ▶ named nodes can be used in further drawing operations;

Each node added to a path has an **outer shape**. The outer shape is only drawn if **draw** is part of the options. **The default node shape is a rectangle**.



The *node* operation

```
% in preamble: \usetikzlibrary{calc,positioning}
\path[draw] (0,1) node (p1) [draw=none] {$P_1$};
\path[draw,fill] (1,0) circle (2pt) node (p2) [anchor=north east] {$P_2$};
\path (2,1) coordinate (p3);
\path[draw] (p3) circle (10pt) node[draw=none] {$P_3$};
\path (3,0) coordinate (p4);
\draw[thick,->] (p2) -- (p4);
\draw[thick,dashed,red] (p2.north east) -- (p4);
\path (4,1) coordinate (p5);
\path[draw=none] (p5) circle (8pt) node[draw,red] {box};
\node [right=2.0cm of p5, anchor=center,
  inner sep=0pt, shape=circle, draw=red] (p6) {box};
\node[below right=1.0cm and 2.0cm of p6.center, anchor=center,
  inner sep=2pt, shape=circle, draw=red] (p7) {box};
\node [above right=1.0cm and 2.0cm of p7.center, anchor=center, inner
  sep=2pt, draw=red, fill=red, fill=white] (p7) {\textbf{box}};
```



Placing textual labels



```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw (0,0)
    node (hello)
      [scale=2.0,
       inner sep=0pt,outer sep=0pt,
       draw=red]
      {\fbox{\textbf{Hello \GUI}}};
  \draw (hello.north east) circle (2pt) node[anchor=south west] {north east};
  \draw (hello.north ) circle (2pt) node[anchor=south ] {north};
  \draw (hello.north west) circle (2pt) node[anchor=south east] {north west};
  \draw (hello.west ) circle (2pt) node[anchor=east ] {west};
  \draw (hello.south west) circle (2pt) node[anchor=north east] {south west};
  \draw (hello.south ) circle (2pt) node[anchor=north ] {south};
  \draw (hello.south east) circle (2pt) node[anchor=north west] {south east};
  \draw (hello.east ) circle (2pt) node[anchor=west ] {east};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

The arc operation

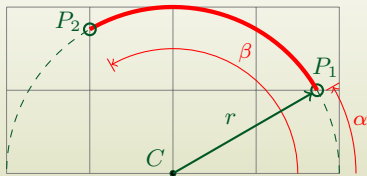
The arc operation adds an arc to the path.

- ▶ The arc starts at the current point, P_1 . The user supplies two angles, α and β , and a radius r .
- ▶ The centre of the circle, C , is determined by the equation

$$P_1 = C + (r \cos \alpha, r \sin \alpha)$$

The end point of the arc is given by $P_2 = C + (r \cos \beta, r \sin \beta)$.

- ▶ The arc is drawn in counterclockwise direction from the start point to the end point, which becomes the new current coordinate of the path.



The arc operation

```
\draw[dashed] (4,0) coordinate (p0) arc (0:180:2cm); % ( $\alpha, \beta, r$ )
```

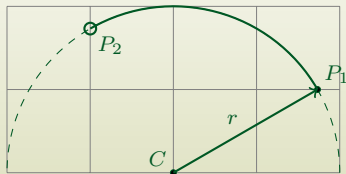
```
\draw[fill=black] (2,0) coordinate (c) %  $\leftarrow C$   
  circle (1pt) node[anchor=south east] {$C$};
```

```
\path (p0) arc (0:30:2cm) % ( $\alpha, \beta, r$ ), no arc drawn  
  coordinate (p30); %  $\leftarrow P_1$ 
```

```
\draw[fill=black] (p30) circle (1pt) node[anchor=south west] {$P_1$};
```

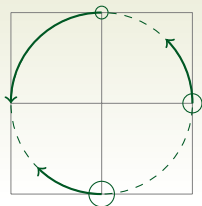
```
\draw[thick] (p30) arc (30:120:2cm) % ( $\alpha, \beta, r$ )  
  coordinate (p120) %  $\leftarrow P_2$   
  circle (2pt) node[anchor=north west] {$P_2$};
```

```
\draw[->,thick] (c) -- node[anchor=south east] {$r$} (p30); %  $\leftarrow \vec{r}$ 
```

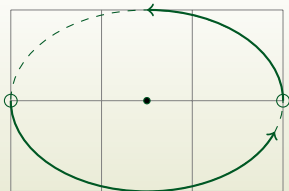


More arc operations

```
\draw[dashed] (1,1) circle (1cm);  
\draw (1,2) coordinate (a) circle (2pt)  
      (2,1) coordinate (b) circle (3pt)  
      (1,0) coordinate (c) circle (4pt);  
\draw[->,thick] (a) arc (90:180:1cm);  
\draw[->,thick] (b) arc (0:45:1cm);  
\draw[->,thick] (c) arc (270:225:1cm);
```



```
\draw[dashed] (1.5,0) circle (1.5cm and 1cm);  
\draw[fill=black] (1.5,0) coordinate (c)  
      circle (1pt);  
\draw (3,0) coordinate (a) circle (2pt);  
\draw (0,0) coordinate (b) circle (2pt);  
\draw[->,thick] (a) arc (0:90:1.5cm and 1cm);  
\draw[->,thick] (b) arc (180:340:1.5cm and 1cm);
```



Drawing with tikz

What else?

- ▶ More actions on paths, e.g. line widths, dash patterns, coloring, filling, shading.
- ▶ predefined styles of graphic elements and their customizations.
- ▶ Available coordinate systems and advanced coordinate calculations.

Please have a look at the article on *ArsTeXnica* for more details on `tikz`:

*De Marco, A. "Graphics for L^AT_EX users".
ArsTeXnica 28 (October 2019), pp. 64–100.*

All `tikz` examples given in the article are viewable on Overleaf:
<https://www.overleaf.com/read/mgskyfdpttzt>

Outline

General guidelines on illustration design

Drawing with L^AT_EX-aware software
Using Inkscape + TeXText extension

Drawing with natively available L^AT_EX environments/packages
The standard environment `picture`
The package `pstricks` (PostScript)
The package `tikz`

Data plots with package `pgfplots`

Plotting data with pgfplots

The package **pgfplots** is built on top of pgf and is designed to draw graphs in a variety of formats, with a consistent and professional look and feel.

The package also allows to import data stored in files in tabular format via the package **pgfplotstable**.

As is usual with the pgf family, their manuals are impressive.

<https://www.ctan.org/pkg/pgfplots>

<http://texdoc.net/texmf-dist/doc/latex/pgfplots/pgfplots.pdf>

<http://texdoc.net/texmf-dist/doc/latex/pgfplots/pgfplotstable.pdf>

The axis environment

The workhorse of the `pgfplots` package is an environment called **axis**, which may *define one or several plots* (2D and 3D).

Each plot is drawn with the command `\addplot`.

The axis environment is used inside a `tikzpicture` environment.

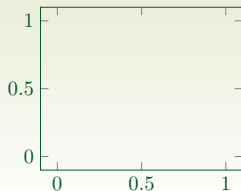
Typically, one or more plots are created in L^AT_EX as follows:

```
% in preamble
\usepackage{pgfplots}% loads tikz
...
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \begin{axis}[(graphic options)]
    ...
    (pgfplots or tikz commands)
    ...
  \end{axis}
\end{tikzpicture}
```


The axis environment

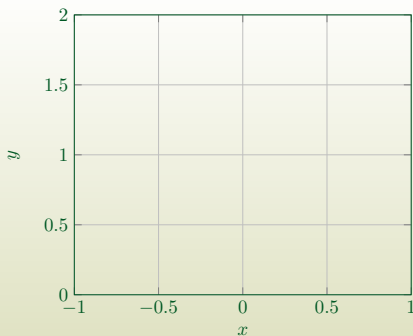
The simplest possible graph with pgfplots:

```
\begin{tikzpicture}  
  \begin{axis}  
  \end{axis}  
\end{tikzpicture}
```



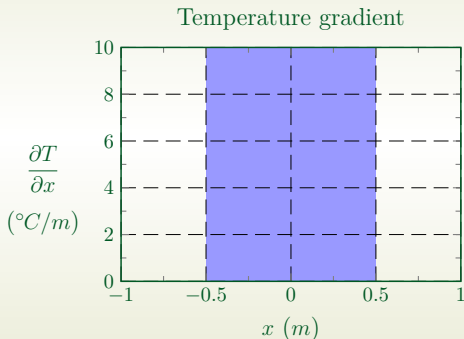
An empty axis environment, with customized formatting options:

```
\begin{axis}[  
  xmin = -1, xmax = 1,  
  ymin = 0, ymax = 2,  
  grid = major,  
  xlabel = $x$, ylabel = $y$  
]  
\end{axis}
```



The axis environment

```
\begin{axis}[  
  xmin = -1, xmax = 1,  
  ymin = 0, ymax = 10,  
  xtick = {-1,-0.5,...,1},  
  ytick = {0,2,...,10},  
  minor x tick num = 1,  
  minor y tick num = 1,  
  grid = major,  
  xlabel = {$x$ (\si{\meter})},  
  ylabel = {  
    \parbox{2cm}{%  
      \centering  
      $\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$  
      \\[0.7em]  
      \centering  
      (\si{\celsius}/\meter)}  
    },  
  title = {Temperature gradient},  
  axis on top = true]  
  % a basic tikz drawing command  
  \fill[blue!40]  
    (axis cs: -0.5, 0) -- (axis cs: 0.5, 0) --  
    (axis cs: 0.5,10) -- (axis cs: -0.5,10) --  
    cycle;  
\end{axis}
```



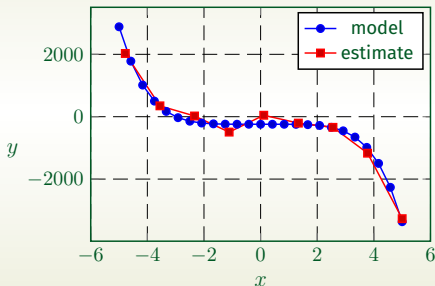
The `\addplot` command

```
\begin{axis}[
  grid = major,
  xlabel = {$x$},
  ylabel = {$y$},
  y tick label style = {
    /pgf/number format/.cd,
    set thousands separator={}
  }
]

\addplot {-x^5 - 242};
\addlegendentry{model}

\addplot coordinates {
  (-4.77778, 2027.60977)
  (-3.55556, 347.84069)
  (-2.33333, 22.58953)
  (-1.11111, -493.50066)
  ( 0.11111, 46.66082)
  ( 1.33333, -205.56286)
  ( 2.55556, -341.40638)
  ( 3.77778, -1169.24780)
  ( 5.00000, -3269.56775)
};
\addlegendentry{estimate}

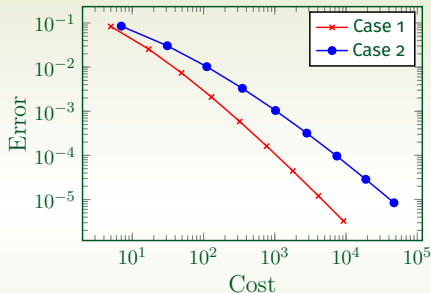
\end{axis}
```



The `\addplot` command

Reading tabular data from file:

```
% in preamble
\usepackage{filecontents}
\begin{filecontents*}{data1.txt}
Level   Cost      Error
1       7  8.47178381e-02
2       31 3.04409349e-02
3       111 1.02214539e-02
4       351 3.30346265e-03
5       1023 1.03886535e-03
6       2815 3.19646457e-04
7       7423 9.65789766e-05
8       18943 2.87339125e-05
9       47103 8.43749881e-06
\end{filecontents*}
% ...
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \begin{loglogaxis}[xlabel={Cost}, ylabel={Error}]
    \addplot[color=red, mark=x] coordinates {
      (5, 8.31160034e-02)
      (17, 2.54685628e-02)
      (49, 7.40715288e-03)
      % ...
      (9217, 3.26101452e-06)
    };
    \addplot[color=blue, mark=*] table[x=Cost, y=Error] {data1.txt};
  \end{loglogaxis}
\end{tikzpicture}
```



Plotting data with pgfplots

What else?

- ▶ Data column manipulation with `pgfplotstable`.
- ▶ Style customizations of graphic elements.
- ▶ Available coordinate systems and advanced coordinate calculations. 3D plots.
- ▶ Exporting `pgfplots` sources from other data plotting tools.

Please have a look at the article on [ArSTeXnica](#) for more details on `pgfplots`:

- *De Marco, A., “Graphics for L^AT_EX users”.
ArSTeXnica 28 (October 2019), pp. 64–100.*
- *De Marco, A. and Giacomelli, R., “Creare grafici con pgfplots”.
ArSTeXnica 13 (October 2011), pp. 9–35.*

Conclusions

We have seen the most common scenarios encountered by \LaTeX users when they face the problem of producing quality graphics.

In cases of diagrams, pictures and more or less complicated illustrations the two approaches based on package `tikz` and on the Inkscape graphics vector software have been presented.

Examples of scientific plots with the package `pgfplots`.

Thank you ...

Questions?

