

# fletcher

(noun) a maker of arrows

A Typst package for diagrams with lots of arrows, built on top of CeTZ.

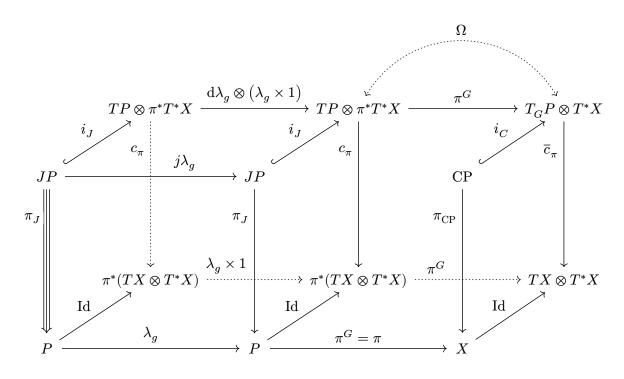
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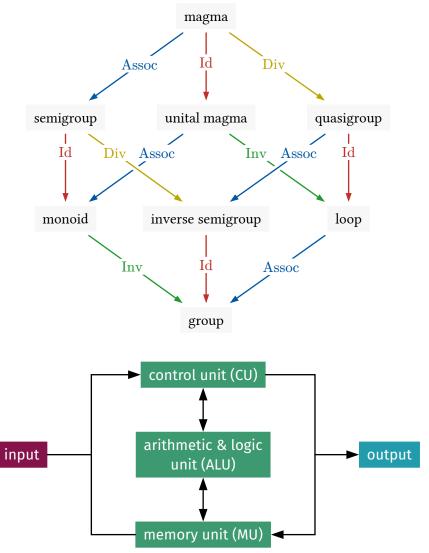
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# **Examples**

#import "@preview/fletcher:0.4.0" as fletcher: node, edge

```
#fletcher.diagram({
  let (src, img, quo) = ((0, 1), (1, 1), (0, 0))
  node(src, $G$)
  node(img, $im f$)
  node(quo, $G slash ker(f)$)
  edge(src, img, $f$, "->")
  edge(quo, img, $tilde(f)$, "hook-->", label-side: right)
                                                                        G/\ker(f)
  edge(src, quo, $pi$, "->>")
})
An equation $f: A -> B$ and \
                                                                        An equation f: A \to B and
a diagram #fletcher.diagram(
                                                                        a diagram A \xrightarrow{f} B.
  node-inset: 4pt,
  node((0,0), $A$),
  edge((0,0), (1,0), text(0.8em, $f$), "->", label-sep: 1pt),
  node((1,0), $B$),
#fletcher.diagram(spacing: 2cm, {
  let (A, B) = ((0,0), (1,0))
  node(A, $cal(A)$)
  node(B, $cal(B)$)
  edge(A, B, $F$, "->", bend: +35deg)
edge(A, B, $G$, "->", bend: -35deg)
  let h = 0.21
  edge((.5,+h), (.5,-h), $alpha$, "=>")
})
#fletcher.diagram(
  spacing: (8mm, 3mm), // wide columns, narrow rows
                                                                                     F(s)
  node-stroke: 1pt,  // outline node shapes
  edge-thickness: 1pt, // thickness of lines
  mark-scale: 60%, // make arrowheads smaller
  edge((-2,0), (-1,0)),
  edge((-1,0), (0,+1), $f$, "..|>", corner: left),
  edge((-1,0), (0,-1), $g$, "-|>", corner: right),
  node((0,+1), F(s)),
  node((0,-1), $G(s)$),
  edge((0,+1), (1,0), "..|>", corner: left), edge((0,-1), (1,0), "-|>", corner: right),
  node((1,0), $ + $, inset: 1pt),
  edge((1,0), (2,0), "-|>"),
)
#fletcher.diagram(
  node-stroke: black + 0.5pt,
  node-fill: blue.lighten(90%),
  node-outset: 3pt,
                                                                                    ( 2
  spacing: (15mm, 8mm),
  node((0,0), [1], extrude: (0, -4)), // double stroke effect
  node((1,0), [2]),
  node((2,1), [3a]),
  node((2,-1), [3b]),
  edge((0,0), (1,0), "->"),
edge((1,0), (2,+1), "->", bend: -15deg),
                                                                                               loop!
  edge((1,0), (2,-1), "->", bend: +15deg),
  edge((2,-1), (2,-1), "->", bend: +130deg, label: [loop!]),
```

#### **Details**

The recommended way to load the package is:

```
#import "@preview/fletcher:0.4.0" as fletcher: node, edge
```

Other functions (including internal functions) are exported, so avoid importing everything with \* and access them as needed with, e.g., fletcher.diagram.

## **Nodes**

```
node((x, y), label, ..options)
```

Nodes are content placed in the diagram at a particular coordinate. They fit to the size of their label (with an inset and outset), can be circular or rectangular (shape), and can be given a stroke and fill.

```
#fletcher.diagram(
 debug: 1,
 spacing: (1em, 3em), //(x, y)
 node((0, 0), $f$),
 node((1, 0), $f$, stroke: 1pt, radius: 8mm),
 node((2, 0), $f$, stroke: 1pt, shape: "rect"),
 node((3, 0), $f$, stroke: 1pt, extrude: (0, 2)),
 {
   let b = blue.lighten(70%)
                                                            XYZ
                                                                             XYZ
                                                                                    XYZ
   node((0,-1), `xyz`, fill: b, )
   let complex-stroke = (paint: blue, dash: "dashed")
   node((3,-1), `xyz`, fill: b, height: 5em)
 }
)
```

#### **Elastic coordinates**

Diagrams are laid out on a flexible coordinate grid. When a node is placed, the rows and columns grow to accommodate the node's size, like a table. See the diagram() parameters for more control: node-size is the minimum row and column width, and spacing is the gutter between rows and columns, respectively.

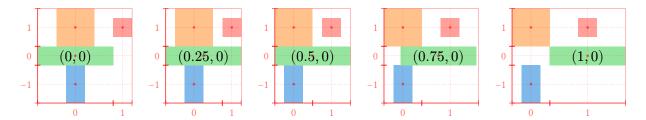
Elastic coordinates can be demonstrated more clearly with a debug grid and no spacing.

```
#let b(c, w, h) = box(fill: c.lighten(50%), width: w, height: h)
#fletcher.diagram(
  debug: 1,
  spacing: 0pt,
  node-inset: 0pt,
  node((0,-1), b(blue, 5mm, 10mm)),
  node((1, 0), b(green, 20mm, 5mm)),
  node((1, 1), b(red, 5mm, 5mm)),
  node((0, 1), b(orange, 10mm, 10mm)),
)
```

#### Fractional coordinates

Rows and columns are at integer coordinates, but nodes may have fractional coordinates. These are dealt with by linearly interpolating the diagram between what it would be if the coordinates were rounded up or down. Both the node's position and its influence on row/column sizes are interpolated.

As a result, diagrams are responsive to node sizes (like tables) while also allowing precise positioning.



# **Edges**

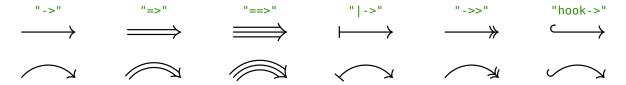
```
edge(node-1, node-2, label, marks, ..options)
```

Edges connect two coordinates. If there is a node at an endpoint, the edge attaches to the nodes' bounding circle or rectangle. Edges can have labels, can bend into arcs, and can have various arrow marks.

```
#fletcher.diagram(spacing: (12mm, 6mm), {
  let (a, b, c, abc) = ((-1,0), (0,-1), (1,0), (0,1))
  node(abc, $A times B times C$)
  node(a, $A$)
  node(b, $B$)
  node(c, $C$)
  edge(a, b, bend: -10deg, "dashed")
  edge(c, b, bend: +10deg, "<-<<")
  edge(a, abc, $a$)
                                                                                 iust a thought...
  edge(b, abc, "<=>")
  edge(c, abc, $c$)
  node((0.6, -3), [_just a thought..._])
  edge(b, (0.6, -3), "<|..", corner: right)
})
)
```

#### Marks and arrows

A few mathematical arrow heads are supported, designed to match  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\mapsto$ ,  $\rightarrow$ , etc.



In addition, some other miscellaneous caps are supported:

See the marks argument of <a href="edge()">edge()</a> for details.

# **Customised marks**

While convenient shorthands exist for specifying marks and stroke styles, finer control is possible. Shorthands such as "<->" are shortcurs for specific combinations of edge() options. For example, edge(a, b, "|=>") is the equivalent to edge(a, b, marks: ("bar", "doublehead"), extrude: (-2, 2)). The expanded options can be seen by invoking parse-arrow-shorthand():

```
#fletcher.parse-arrow-shorthand("|=>") (marks: ("bar", "doublehead"), extrude: (-2, 2))
```

Furthermore, a mark name such as "bar" or "doublehead" is a shorthand for a dictionary defining the mark's geometry. The expanded form can be retrieved with interpret-mark().

```
#fletcher.interpret-mark("doublehead")
// In this particular example:
                                                                                kind: "head",
// - `kind` selects the type of arrow head
                                                                                size: 10.56,
// - `size` controls the radius of the arc
                                                                                sharpness: 19deg,
// - `sharpness` is (half) the angle of the tip
                                                                                delta: 43.7deg,
// - `delta` is the angle spanned by the arcs
                                                                                underhang: 4.5,
// - `underhang` is approximately the distance from the arrow's tip to
// the end of its arms. This is used to calculate a correction to the
                                                                             )
     arrowhead's bearing for tightly curved edges
// Distances are multiples of the stroke thickness.
```

You can customise marks by adjusting these parameters. For example:

```
#let custom-head = (kind: "head", sharpness: 4deg, size: 50, delta: 15deg)
#let custom-bar = (kind: "bar", extrude: (0, -3, -6))
#let custom-solidhead = (kind: "solidhead", sharpness: 45deg)
#fletcher.diagram(
  edge-thickness: 1.4pt,
  spacing: (3cm, 1cm),
  edge((0,1), (1,1), marks: (custom-head, custom-head + (sharpness: 20deg))),
  edge((0,0), (1,0), marks: (custom-bar, custom-solidhead)),
)
```

The exact parameters for each kind of arrow head will probably change often as this package is updated, so they are undocumented. However, you are encouraged to use the functions parse-arrow-shorthand() and interpret-mark() to discover the parameters if you want finer control.

#### **Underhang correction**

All marks accept an underhang parameter, the effect of which can be seen below:

```
#fletcher.diagram(
  edge-thickness: 3pt,
  spacing: 2cm,
  debug: 3,

edge((0,1), (1,1), paint: gray, bend: 90deg, label-pos: 0.1, label: [without],
  marks: (none, (kind: "twohead", underhang: 0))),
  edge((0,0), (1,0), paint: gray, bend: 90deg, label-pos: 0.1, label: [with],
  marks: (none, (kind: "twohead"))), // use default underhang
)
```

The underhang specifies the length (in multiples of the stroke thickness) that the arrow head visually extends backwards over the stroke. This is the distance between the two red dots on the second arrow head above. The mark is rotated so that both these points lie on the arc.

#### **CeTZ** integration

Currently, only straight, arc and right-angled connectors are supported. However, an escape hatch is provided with the render argument of diagram() so you can intercept diagram data and draw things using CeTZ directly.

Here is an example of how you might hack together a Bézier connector using the same functions that fletcher uses internally to anchor edges to nodes and draw arrow heads:

```
#fletcher.diagram(
  node((0,0), $A$),
  node((2,1), [Bézier]),
  render: (grid, nodes, edges, options) => {
    // cetz is also exported as fletcher.cetz
    cetz.canvas({
      // this is the default code to render the diagram
      fletcher.draw-diagram(grid, nodes, edges, options)
      // retrieve node data by coordinates
      let n1 = fletcher.find-node-at(nodes, (0,0))
      let n2 = fletcher.find-node-at(nodes, (2,1))
      // get anchor points for the connector
      let p1 = fletcher.get-node-anchor(n1, 0deg)
      let p2 = fletcher.get-node-anchor(n2, -90deg)
      // make some control points
      let c1 = cetz.vector.add(p1, (20pt, 0pt))
      let c2 = cetz.vector.add(p2, (0pt, -70pt))
      cetz.draw.bezier(p1, p2, c1, c2)
      // place an arrow head at a given point and angle
      fletcher.draw-arrow-cap(p2, 90deg, 1pt + black, "twohead")
    })
 }
```

#### The defocus adjustment

For aesthetic reasons, lines connecting to a node need not focus to the node's exact center, especially if the node is short and wide or tall and narrow. Notice the difference the figures below. "Defocusing" the connecting lines can make the diagram look more comfortable.

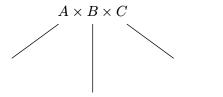
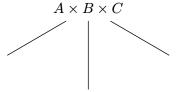


Figure 1: With defocus



Bézier

Figure 2: Without defocus

See the node-defocus argument of <a href="mailto:diagram(">diagram()</a>) for details.

# **Function reference**

# diagram()

Draw an arrow diagram.

#### **Parameters**

```
diagram(
  ..objects: array,
  debug: bool 1 2 3,
  spacing: length pair of lengths,
  cell-size: length pair of lengths,
  node-inset: length pair of lengths,
  node-outset: length pair of lengths,
  node-stroke: stroke,
  node-fill: paint,
  node-defocus: number,
  label-sep,
  edge-thickness,
  mark-scale,
  crossing-fill: paint,
  crossing-thickness: number,
  render: function
)
```

#### .. objects array

An array of dictionaries specifying the diagram's nodes and connections.

The results of node() and edge() can be joined, meaning you can specify them as separate arguments, or in a block:

```
#fletcher.diagram(
  // one object per argument
  node((0, 0), $A$),
  node((1, 0), $B$),
  {
     // multiple objects in a block
     // can use scripting, loops, etc
     node((2, 0), $C$)
     node((3, 0), $D$)
  },
)
```

```
debug bool or 1 or 2 or 3
```

Level of detail for drawing debug information. Level 1 shows a coordinate grid; higher levels show bounding boxes and anchors, etc.

Default: false

# spacing length or pair of lengths

Gaps between rows and columns. Ensures that nodes at adjacent grid points are at least this far apart (measured as the space between their bounding boxes).

Separate horizontal/vertical gutters can be specified with (x, y). A single length d is short for (d, d).

Default: 3em

cell-size length or pair of lengths

Minimum size of all rows and columns.

Default: Opt

node-inset length or pair of lengths

Default padding between a node's content and its bounding box.

Default: 12pt

node-outset length or pair of lengths

Default padding between a node's boundary and where edges terminate.

Default: Opt

node-stroke stroke

Default stroke for all nodes in diagram. Overridden by individual node options.

Default: none

node-fill paint

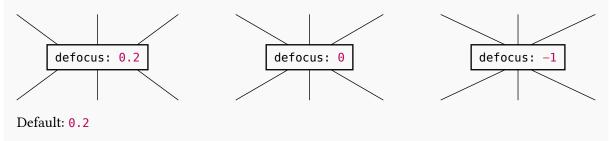
Default fill for all nodes in diagram. Overridden by individual node options.

Default: none

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#### node-defocus number

Default strength of the "defocus" adjustment for nodes. This affects how connectors attach to non-square nodes. If 0, the adjustment is disabled and connectors are always directed at the node's exact center.



# label-sep

Default: 0.2em

# edge-thickness

Default: 0.048em

#### mark-scale

Default: 100%

# crossing-fill paint

Color to use behind connectors or labels to give the illusion of crossing over other objects. See the crossing-fill option of edge().

Default: white

# crossing-thickness number

Default thickness of the occlusion made by crossing connectors. See the crossing-thickness option of edge().

Default: 5

#### render function

After the node sizes and grid layout have been determined, the render function is called with the following arguments:

- grid: a dictionary of the row and column widths and positions;
- nodes: an array of nodes (dictionaries) with computed attributes (including size and physical coordinates);
- edges: an array of connectors (dictionaries) in the diagram; and
- options: other diagram attributes.

This callback is exposed so you can access the above data and draw things directly with CeTZ.

```
Default: (grid, nodes, edges, options) => {
   cetz.canvas(draw-diagram(grid, nodes, edges, options))
}
```

# edge()

Draw a connecting line or arc in an arrow diagram.

#### **Parameters**

```
edge(
  from: elastic coord,
  to: elastic coord,
  ..args: any,
  label: content,
  label-side: left right center,
  label-pos: number,
  label-sep: number,
  label-anchor: anchor,
  paint: paint,
  thickness: length,
  dash: dash type,
  kind,
  bend: angle,
  corner,
  marks: pair of strings,
  mark-scale: percent,
  extrude: array,
  crossing: bool,
  crossing-thickness: number,
  crossing-fill: paint
)
```

#### from elastic coord

Start coordinate (x, y) of connector. If there is a node at that point, the connector is adjusted to begin at the node's bounding rectangle/circle.

#### to elastic coord

End coordinate (x, y) of connector. If there is a node at that point, the connector is adjusted to end at the node's bounding rectangle/circle.

#### ..args any

The connector's label and marks named arguments can also be specified as positional arguments. For example, the following are equivalent:

```
edge((0,0), (1,0), $f$, "->")
edge((0,0), (1,0), $f$, marks: "->")
edge((0,0), (1,0), "->", label: $f$)
edge((0,0), (1,0), label: $f$, marks: "->")
```

#### label content

Content for connector label. See label-side to control the position (and label-sep, label-pos and label-anchor for finer control).

Default: none

# label-side left or right or center

Which side of the connector to place the label on, viewed as you walk along it. If center, then the label is place over the connector. When <a href="auto">auto</a>, a value of left or right is chosen to automatically so that the label is

- roughly above the connector, in the case of straight lines; or
- on the outside of the curve, in the case of arcs.

Default: auto

#### label-pos number

Position of the label along the connector, from the start to end (from 0 to 1).

Default: 0.5

# label-sep number

Separation between the connector and the label anchor.

With the default anchor ("bottom"):



With label-anchor: "center":



Default: auto

#### label-anchor anchor

The anchor point to place the label at, such as "top-right", "center", "bottom", etc. If auto, the anchor is automatically chosen based on label-side and the angle of the connector.

Default: auto

#### paint paint

Paint (color or gradient) of the connector stroke.

Default: black

#### thickness length

Thickness the connector stroke. Marks (arrow heads) scale with this thickness.

Default: auto

# dash type

Dash style for the connector stroke.

Default: none

#### kind

# bend angle

Curvature of the connector. If <code>Odeg</code>, the connector is a straight line; positive angles bend clockwise.

Default: Odeg

#### corner

Default: none

# marks pair of strings

The start and end marks or arrow heads of the connector. A shorthand such as "->" can used instead. For example, edge(p1, p2, "->") is short for edge(p1, p2, marks: (none, "head")).

Arrow	Shorthand	Arguments	
	-	(marks: (none, none))	
		(marks: (none, none), dash: "dashed")	
		(marks: (none, none), dash: "dotted")	
$\longrightarrow$	->	(marks: (none, "head"))	
$\longleftrightarrow$	<=>	<pre>(   marks: ("doublehead", "doublehead"),   extrude: (-2, 2), )</pre>	
»>	>>>	<pre>(marks: ("twotail", "head"), dash: "dashed")</pre>	
1		(marks: ("bar", "bar"), dash: "dotted")	
~ **	hook->>	(marks: ("hook", "twohead"))	
~ <del>*</del>	hook'->>	(marks: ("hook'", "twohead"))	
<b>&gt;</b>	>-harpoon	(marks: ("tail", "harpoon"))	
<u> </u>	>-harpoon'	(marks: ("tail", "harpoon'"))	

Default: (none, none)

#### mark-scale percent

Scale factor for connector marks or arrow heads. This defaults to 100% for single lines, 120% for double lines and 150% for triple lines. Does not affect the stroke thickness of the mark.

Default: 100%

#### extrude array

Draw a separate stroke for each extrusion offset to obtain a multi-stroke effect. Offsets may be numbers (specifying multiples of the stroke's thickness) or lengths.

Notice how the ends of the line need to shift a little depending on the mark. For basic arrow heads, this offset is computed with round-arrow-cap-offset().

Default: (0,)

#### crossing bool

If true, draws a white backdrop to give the illusion of lines crossing each other.



Default: false

# crossing-thickness number

Thickness of the white "crossing" background stroke, if crossing: true, in multiples of the normal stroke's thickness. Defaults to the crossing-thickness option of diagram().



# crossing-fill paint

Color to use behind connectors or labels to give the illusion of crossing over other objects. Defaults to the crossing-fill option of diagram().







Default: auto

# node()

Draw a labelled node in an arrow diagram.

#### **Parameters**

```
node(
  pos: point,
  label: content,
  inset: length auto,
  outset: length auto,
  shape: string auto,
  width,
  height,
  radius,
  stroke: stroke,
  fill: paint,
  defocus: number,
  extrude: array
)
```

#### pos point

Dimensionless "elastic coordinates" (x, y) of the node, where x is the column and y is the row (increasing upwards). The coordinates are usually integers, but can be fractional.

See the <u>diagram()</u> options to control the physical scale of elastic coordinates.

# label content

Node content to display.

#### inset length or auto

Padding between the node's content and its bounding box or bounding circle. If auto, defaults to the node-inset option of diagram().

outset length or auto

Margin between the node's bounds to the anchor points for connecting edges.

Default: auto

shape string or auto

Shape of the node, one of "rect" or "circle". If auto, shape is automatically chosen depending on the aspect ratio of the node's label.

Default: auto

# width

Default: auto

# height

Default: auto

#### radius

Default: auto

stroke stroke

Stroke of the node. Defaults to the node-stroke option of diagram().

Default: auto

fill paint

Fill of the node. Defaults to the node-fill option of diagram().

Default: auto

defocus number

Strength of the "defocus" adjustment for connectors incident with this node. If auto, defaults to the node-defocus option of diagram().

#### extrude array

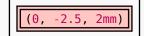
Draw strokes around the node at the given offsets to obtain a multi-stroke effect. Offsets may be numbers (specifying multiples of the stroke's thickness) or lengths.

The node's fill is drawn within the boundary defined by the first offset in the array.

```
(0,)
```







See also the extrude option of edge().

Default: (0,)

# compute-grid()

Determine the number, sizes and positions of rows and columns.

#### **Parameters**

```
compute-grid(
  nodes,
  options
)
```

#### nodes

options

## expand-fractional-rects()

Convert an array of rects with fractional positions into rects with integral positions.

If a rect is centered at a factional position floor(x) < x < ceil(x), it will be replaced by two new rects centered at floor(x) and ceil(x). The total width of the original rect is split across the two new rects according two which one is closer. (E.g., if the original rect is at x = 0.25, the new rect at x = 0 has 75% the original width and the rect at x = 1 has 25%.) The same splitting procedure is done for y positions and heights.

#### **Parameters**

```
expand-fractional-rects(rects: array of rects) -> array of rects
```

```
rects array of rects
```

An array of rectangles of the form (pos: (x, y), size: (width, height)). The coordinates x and y may be floats.

# get-edge-anchors()

Get the points where a connector between two nodes should be drawn between, taking into account the nodes' sizes and relative positions.

#### **Parameters**

```
get-edge-anchors(
  edge: dictionary,
  nodes: pair of dictionaries
) -> pair of points
```

```
edge dictionary
```

The connector whose end points should be determined.

```
nodes pair of dictionaries
```

The start and end nodes of the connector.

# get-node-anchor()

Get the point at which a connector should attach to a node from a given angle, taking into account the node's size and shape.

#### **Parameters**

```
get-node-anchor(
  node: dictionary,
     θ: angle
) -> point
```

```
node dictionary
```

The node to connect to.

```
\theta angle
```

The desired angle from the node's center to the connection point.

#### interpret-mark()

Take a string or dictionary specifying a mark and return a dictionary, adding defaults for any necessary missing parameters.

#### **Parameters**

```
interpret-mark(mark)
```

#### mark

# parse-arrow-shorthand()

#### **Parameters**

parse-arrow-shorthand(str)

str

# round-arrow-cap-offset()

```
Calculate cap offset of round-style arrow cap, r \left( \sin \theta - \sqrt{1 - \left( \cos \theta - \frac{|y|}{r} \right)^2} \right).
```

#### **Parameters**

```
round-arrow-cap-offset(
  r: length,
    0: angle,
    y: length
)
```

#### r length

Radius of curvature of arrow cap.

#### $\theta$ angle

Angle made at the the arrow's vertex, from the central stroke line to the arrow's edge.

#### y length

Lateral offset from the central stroke line.

# get-arc-connecting-points()

Determine arc between two points with a given bend angle

The bend angle is the angle between chord of the arc (line connecting the points) and the tangent to the arc and the first point.

Returns a dictionary containing:

- center: the center of the arc's curvature
- radius
- start: the start angle of the arc
- stop: the end angle of the arc

#### **Parameters**

```
get-arc-connecting-points(
  from: point,
  to: point,
  angle: angle
) -> dictionary
```

# from point

2D vector of initial point.

# to point

2D vector of final point.

# angle angle

The bend angle between chord of the arc (line connecting the points) and the tangent to the arc and the first point.





