

Sa-TikZ*

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Introduction

The Sa-TikZ library helps in drawing *switching-architectures*. In particular, one of its aims, is to help students to verify if their exercises are correct, but it could also help teachers in preparing lecture notes.

The Sa-TikZ library can be loaded by means of:

```
\usetikzlibrary{switching_architectures}
```

and in this case you should also load manually:

```
\usepackage{tikz}  
\usetikzlibrary{calc, positioning, decorations.pathreplacing}
```

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or by means of:

```
\usepackage{sa-tikz}
```

In the latter case automatically the TikZ package and the libraries `calc`, `positioning` and `decorations.pathreplacing` are loaded.

The version *v0.1* provides a way to define Clos Networks Strictly-non-Blocking (snb) and Rearrangeable (rear). Future implementations will provide a way to draw also Benes and Cantor Networks.

1 Basic usage

The simplest use of the package is to define a

```
\node
```

Basic command definition.

with one of the following options

```
/tikz/clos snb (no value)
```

Option for drawing a Clos Network Strictly-non-Blocking.

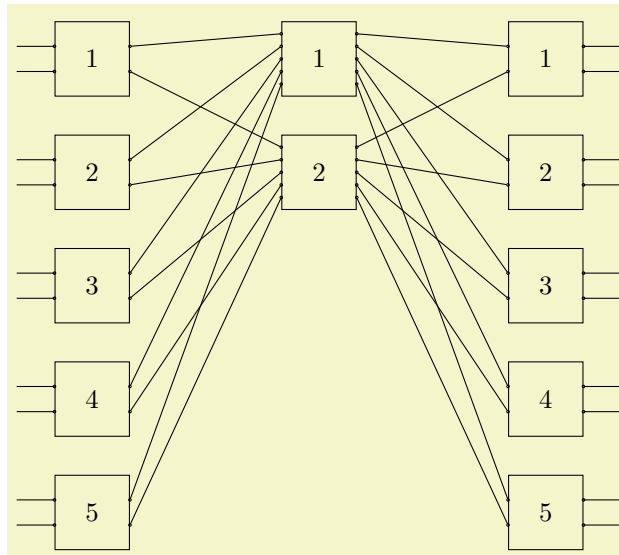
```
/tikz/clos rear (no value)
```

Option for drawing a Clos Network Rearrangeable.

inside a `tikzpicture` environment:

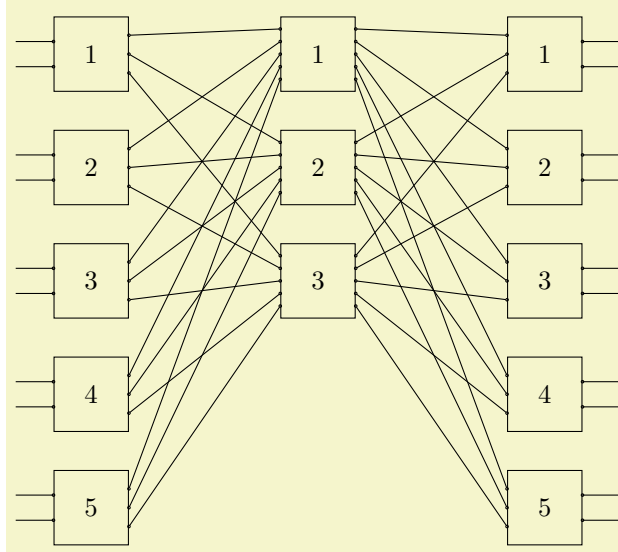
```
\begin{tikzpicture}[\langle options \rangle]
  \langle environment contents \rangle
\end{tikzpicture}
```

The following example shows a Rearrangeable Clos Network.



```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \node[clos rear] {};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

The following example shows a Strictly-non-Blocking Clos Network.



```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \node[clos snb] {};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

Notice from the examples that automatically the library is able to compute the constraints that define a Clos Network to be Strictly-non-Blocking or Rearrangeable. Moreover, the network drawn is characterized by:

- the first stage with:
 - a number of modules equal to 5;
 - each one with two input ports;
- the last stage with:
 - a number of modules equal to 5;
 - each one with two output ports.

Each module of the network is numbered according to the stage it belongs to.

2 The options

2.1 Designing choices

The two first important design parameters are the total number of input ports of the first stage and the total number of output ports of the last stage. These two

parameters could be modified by means of:

`/tikz/N={\value}` (no default, initially 10)

This is the number of total input ports in the first stage.

`/tikz/M={\value}` (no default, initially 10)

This is the number of total output ports in the last stage.

Usually, a second design parameter is the number of modules present in the first and last stage. Sa-TikZ defines:

`/tikz/r1={\value}` (no default, initially 5)

This is the number of total input ports in the first stage.

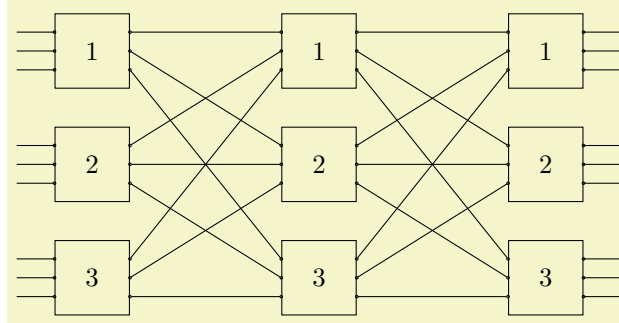
`/tikz/r3={\value}` (no default, initially 5)

This is the number of total output ports in the last stage.

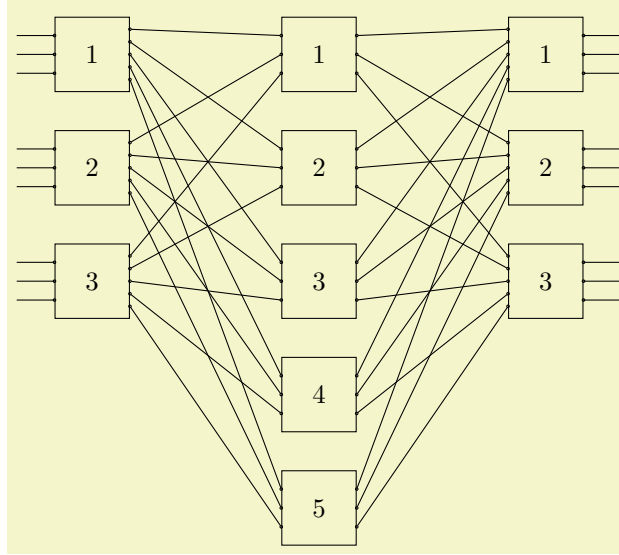
The two design parameters provide the number of ports of each module:

$$m_1 = \frac{N}{r_1} \quad m_3 = \frac{M}{r_3}$$

Some examples considering $N=9$, $r_1=3$, $M=9$ and $r_3=3$.



```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \node[N=9,r1=3,M=9,r3=3,clos rear] {};
\end{tikzpicture}
```



```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \node[N=9,r1=3,M=9,r3=3,clos snb] {};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

2.2 Output customization

This subsection focuses on how to customize the aspect of the drawing.

/tikz/module size={ $\langle value \rangle$ } (no default, initially 1cm)

This option allows to set the module dimension.

/tikz/module ysep={ $\langle value \rangle$ } (no default, initially 1.5)

This option allows to set the vertical module distance factor.

/tikz/module xsep={ $\langle value \rangle$ } (no default, initially 3)

This option allows to set the horizontal module distance factor.

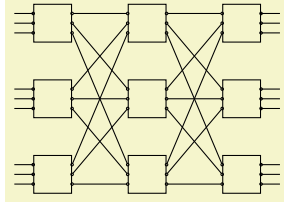
/tikz/module label opacity={ $\langle value \rangle$ } (no default, initially 1)

This option allows to mask the module label when the $\langle value \rangle$ is set to 0.

/tikz/pin length factor={ $\langle value \rangle$ } (no default, initially 1)

This option allows to reduce/increase the length of the pins drawn in input/output. Use a $\langle value \rangle$ $[0,1]$ to reduce the length or, viceversa, a $\langle value \rangle$ greater than 1 to increase the length.

The following example shows a Rearrangeable Clos Network with some options modification. Notice that the **module label opacity** should be given as parameter of the desired network.



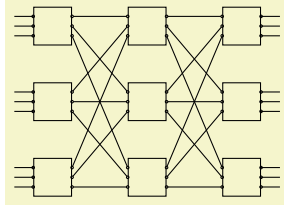
```
\begin{tikzpicture}[N=9,r1=3,M=9,r3=3]
  \node[module size=0.5cm,pin length factor=0.5,
    module ysep=1, module xsep=1.25,
    clos rear={module label opacity=0}] {};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

The options could also be introduced with the standard TikZ syntax:

`\tikzset{<options>}`

Command that process the `<options>`: they should be provided separated by a comma.

Therefore, the previous example could be modified into:



```
\tikzset{module size=0.5cm,pin length factor=0.5,
  module ysep=1, module xsep=1.25}
\begin{tikzpicture}[N=9,r1=3,M=9,r3=3]
  \node[clos rear={module label opacity=0}] {};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

3 Advanced usage

In this section some more advanced examples are shown.

3.1 Identifying front input/output ports

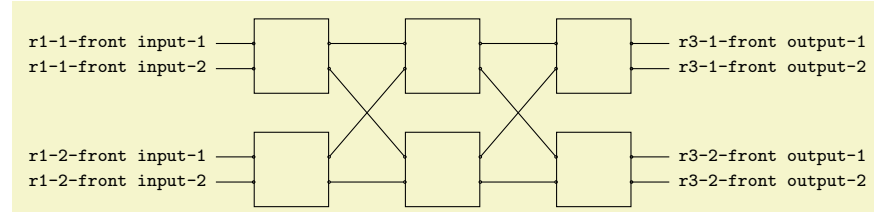
In this subsection it is shown how to reference the front input and output ports for the first and last stage. Each front input port could be accessed by means of:

`r1-module number-front input-port number`; example:
`r1-1-front input-1`;

Each front output port could be accessed by means of:

`r3-module number-front output-port number`; example:
`r3-1-front output-1`;

A simple example with a Rearrangeable Clos network of 4 input and output ports; the first stage and the last one have both 2 modules.

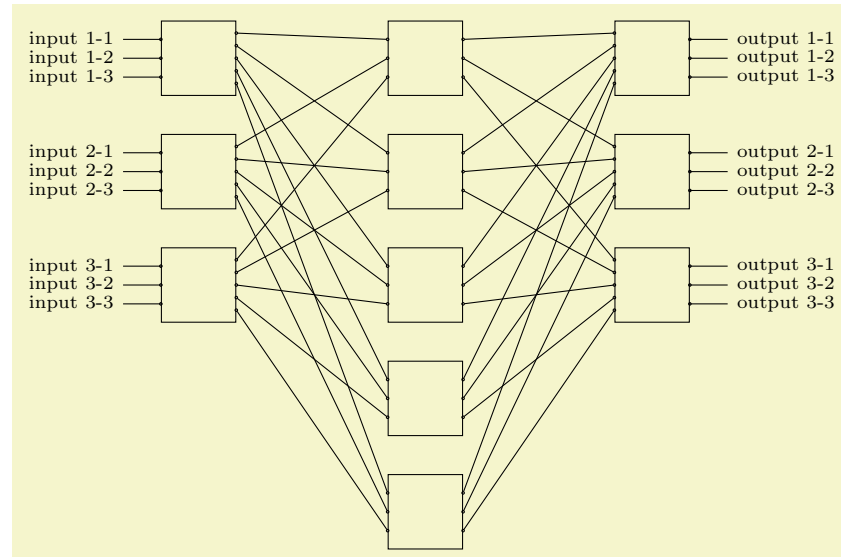


```

\begin{tikzpicture}[module xsep=2]
  \node[N=4,r1=2,M=4,r3=2,clos rear={module label opacity=0}] {};
  \foreach \name
    in {r1-1-front input-1,r1-1-front input-2,
        r1-2-front input-1,r1-2-front input-2}
    \node[left] at (\name) {\scriptsize{\texttt{\name}}};
  \foreach \name
    in {r3-1-front output-1,r3-1-front output-2,
        r3-2-front output-1,r3-2-front output-2}
    \node[right] at (\name) {\scriptsize{\texttt{\name}}};
\end{tikzpicture}

```

The following is a Strictly-non-Blocking Clos network of 9 input and output ports in which the first and last stage have 3 modules each one.



```

\begin{tikzpicture}
  \node[N=9,r1=3,M=9,r3=3,clos snb={module label opacity=0}] {};

  \foreach \startmodule in {1,...,3}{
    \foreach \port in {1,...,3}
      \node[left] at (r1-\startmodule-front input-\port)
        {\scriptsize{input \startmodule-\port}};
  }
  \foreach \startmodule in {1,...,3}{
    \foreach \port in {1,...,3}
      \node[right] at (r3-\startmodule-front output-\port)
        {\scriptsize{output \startmodule-\port}};
  }
\end{tikzpicture}

```

3.2 Identifying input/output ports per module

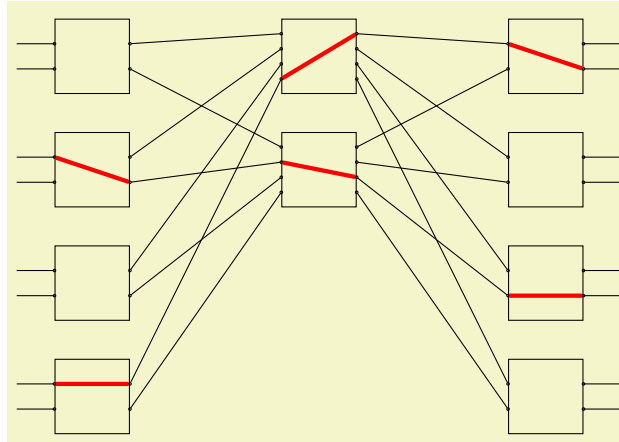
It is also possible to access, for each module of each stage, its input and output ports. The syntax is similar to the one used for the front input and output ports; each input port could be accessed by means of:

`rstage number-module number-input-port number`; example: `r1-1-input-1`;

Each output port could be accessed by means of:

`rstage number-module number-front output-port number`; example:
`r2-1-output-1`;

This allows to derive connections from the first stage to the last stage. Here is an example.



```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \node[N=8,r1=4,M=8,r3=4,clos rear={module label opacity=0}] {};
  \draw[red,ultra thick] (r1-2-input-1)--(r1-2-output-2)
    (r2-2-input-2)--(r2-2-output-3)
    (r3-3-input-2)--(r3-3-output-2);
  \draw[red,ultra thick] (r1-4-input-1)--(r1-4-output-1)
    (r2-1-input-4)--(r2-1-output-1)
    (r3-1-input-1)--(r3-1-output-2);
\end{tikzpicture}
```

In the next version it will be implemented an automatic way to design connection paths.

4 Didactic purposes

To quickly draw a Clos Network it is possible to exploit:

`/tikz/clos snb example` (no value)

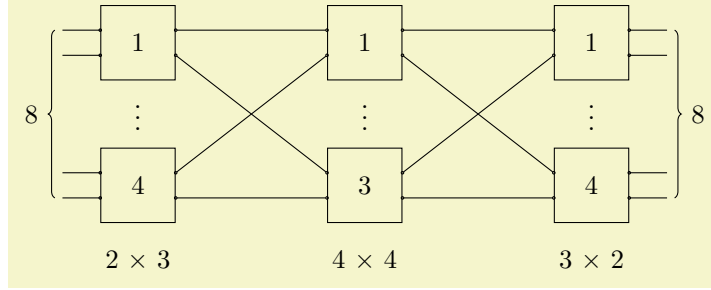
Option for quickly drawing a Clos Network Strictly-non-Blocking.

`/tikz/clos rear example`

(no value)

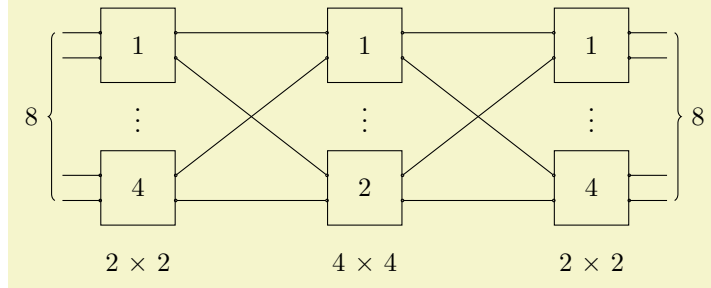
Option for quickly drawing a Clos Network Rearrangeable.

In this way the network is not seen in its whole complexity, but it is synthetically depicted. An example of a Strictly-non-Blocking Clos Network drawn with this approach:



```
\begin{tikzpicture}[N=8,r1=4,M=8,r3=4]
  \node[clos snb example] {};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

Similarly, an example of a Rearrangeable Clos Network:



```
\begin{tikzpicture}[N=8,r1=4,M=8,r3=4]
  \node[clos rear example] {};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

The networks drawn, automatically display the values at which the input parameters `N`, `M`, `r1` and `r3` have been set. However, to let the user to have the possibility of deploying labels rather than the input parameter values, the following option is available:

`/tikz/clos example with labels`

(no value)

Option for quickly drawing a Clos Network with custom labels.

The labels could be customized by means of:

`/tikz/N label={\langle value \rangle}`

(default `N`)

This options sets the label representing the total number of ports in the first stage.

`/tikz/r1 label={\value}` (default r_1)

This options sets the label representing the number of modules in the first stage.

`/tikz/m1 label={\value}` (default m_1)

This options sets the label representing the number of ports per module in the first stage.

`/tikz/r2 label={\value}` (default r_2)

This options sets the label representing the number of modules in the second stage.

`/tikz/M label={\value}` (default M)

This options sets the label representing the total number of ports in the last stage.

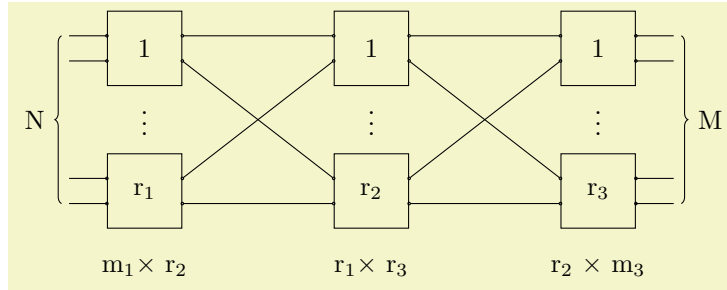
`/tikz/r3 label={\value}` (default r_3)

This options sets the label representing the number of modules in the last stage.

`/tikz/m3 label={\value}` (default m_3)

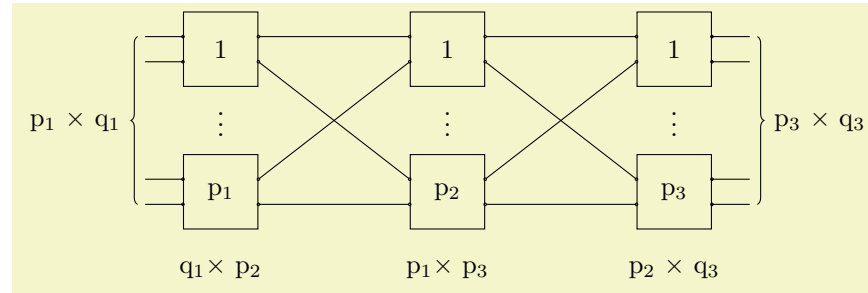
This options sets the label representing the number of ports per module in the last stage.

An example with the default values:



```
\begin{tikzpicture}[N=8,r1=4,M=8,r3=4]
  \node[clos example with labels] {};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

Here is an example with custom labels introduced by means of the `\tikzset` syntax.



```
\tikzset{N label={p$_1$ $\times$ q$_1$},M label={p$_3$ $\times$ q$_3$},
r1 label=p$_1$, m1 label=q$_1$, r2 label=p$_2$,r3 label=p$_3$, m3 label=q$_3$}
\begin{tikzpicture}[N=8,r1=4,M=8,r3=4]
\node[clos example with labels] {};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

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