

# An Introduction to TikZ

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<sup>0</sup>[https://github.com/BlueNalgene/Tikz\\_in\\_an\\_hour](https://github.com/BlueNalgene/Tikz_in_an_hour)



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- ▶ This workshop covers concepts, full lists of tools are available online:
  - ▶ [The Official Manual](#)
  - ▶ [A Very Minimal Introduction to TikZ](#)
  - ▶ [Overleaf's TikZ Manual](#)
  - ▶ [The TikZ Wikibook](#)

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- ▶ Lazy people (like me) can export TikZ code directly from many programs (e.g. Inkscape, Blender, Python, Gnuplot, R)

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4     tikz content
   \end{tikzpicture}
6 \end{document}
```

# Controlling the Environment

The `tikzpicture` environment is controlled like other  $\text{\LaTeX}$  frames.

```
0 \documentclass{article}
  \usepackage{tikz}
2 \begin{document}
   \begin{figure}[t]
4     \centering
     \begin{tikzpicture}
6         content here
     \end{tikzpicture}
8     \caption{Info about picture}
     \label{fig:my_label}
10 \end{figure}
\end{document}
```

# Controlling the *Picture*

The tikzpicture size should be controlled directly.

```
0 \documentclass{article}
  \usepackage{tikz}
2 \begin{document}
   \begin{tikzpicture}[scale=3]
4     content here
   \end{tikzpicture}
6   \\~\\
   \begin{tikzpicture}[xscale=3, yscale=2]
8     more content here
   \end{tikzpicture}
10 \end{document}
```

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- ▶ Size matters, reference doesn't
- ▶ TikZ is ridiculously powerful. The manual is 1000+ pages for a reason.

# The General Case

```
0 \command[options, options, options] node connection;
```

- ▶ Within a TikZ picture environment, each part of a drawing gets a semicolon (;) terminated line.

# Arbitrary Reference 1

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



# Arbitrary Reference 11

```
0 \begin{tikzpicture}  
  \draw (10,10) -- (10,11) -- (11,11) --  
    cycle;  
2 \end{tikzpicture}
```



# Size and Reference

```
0 \begin{tikzpicture}  
  \draw (0,10) -- (0,10) -- (10,10) -- cycle;  
2 \end{tikzpicture}
```

# Default Unit = 1cm

```
0 \begin{tikzpicture}[x=1cm,y=2cm]  
  \draw (0,0) -- (0,1) -- (1,1) -- cycle;  
2 \end{tikzpicture}
```



# Drawings are Altered When Called by *draw*

```
0 \begin{tikzpicture}  
  \draw[red, very thick, rounded corners=9pt] (0,0) -- (0,1)  
    -- (1,1) -- cycle;  
2 \end{tikzpicture}
```





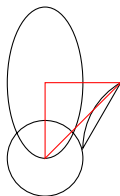
# Altering Connections with Circles

```
0 \begin{tikzpicture}  
  \draw (0,0) circle [radius=.5cm] (0,1) circle [x radius=.5  
    cm, y radius=1cm] (1,1) arc (120:180:1) -- cycle;  
2 \end{tikzpicture}
```



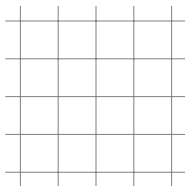
# How did those Arcs work?

```
0 \begin{tikzpicture}  
  \draw (0,0) circle [radius=.5cm] (0,1) circle [x radius=.5  
    cm, y radius=1cm] (1,1) arc (120:180:1) -- cycle;  
2  \draw[red] (0,0) -- (0,1) -- (1,1) -- cycle;  
  \end{tikzpicture}
```



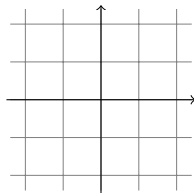
# Grids with Defined Steps

```
0 \begin{tikzpicture}  
  \draw[step=.5cm, gray, very thin] (-1.2,-1.2) grid  
    (1.2,1.2);  
2 \end{tikzpicture}
```



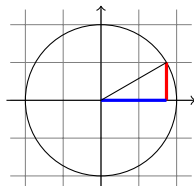
# Coordinate Labels, Simple Arrows

```
0 \begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw[step=.5cm, gray, very thin] (-1.2,-1.2) grid
    (1.2,1.2);
2  \draw[->] (-1.25,0) -- (1.25,0) coordinate (x axis);
  \draw[->] (0,-1.25) -- (0,1.25) coordinate (y axis);
4 \end{tikzpicture}
```



# Right Angle Connections, Using Coordinate Labels

```
0 \begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw[step=.5cm, gray, very thin] (-1.2,-1.2) grid
    (1.2,1.2);
2  \draw[->] (-1.25,0) -- (1.25,0) coordinate (x axis);
  \draw[->] (0,-1.25) -- (0,1.25) coordinate (y axis);
4  \draw (0,0) circle (1cm);
  \draw[very thick,red] (30:1cm) -- (30:1cm |- x axis);
6  \draw[very thick,blue] (30:1cm |- x axis) -- (0,0);
  \draw (0,0) -- (30:1cm);
8 \end{tikzpicture}
```



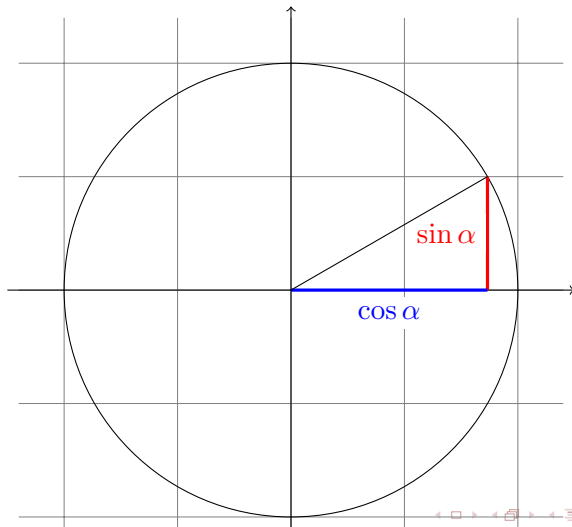
# Nodes as Text Labels

## Node Syntax:

`node[anchor, options] {contents}`

```
0 \begin{tikzpicture}[scale=3]
  \draw[step=.5cm, gray, very thin] (-1.2,-1.2) grid
    (1.2,1.2);
2  \draw[->] (-1.25,0) -- (1.25,0) coordinate (x axis);
  \draw[->] (0,-1.25) -- (0,1.25) coordinate (y axis);
4  \draw (0,0) circle (1cm);
  \draw[very thick,red] (30:1cm) -- node[left,fill=white]
    { $\sin \alpha$ } (30:1cm |- x axis);
6  \draw[very thick,blue] (30:1cm |- x axis) -- node[below=2
    pt,fill=white] { $\cos \alpha$ } (0,0);
  \draw (0,0) -- (30:1cm);
8 \end{tikzpicture}
```

# Nodes as Text Labels - Result

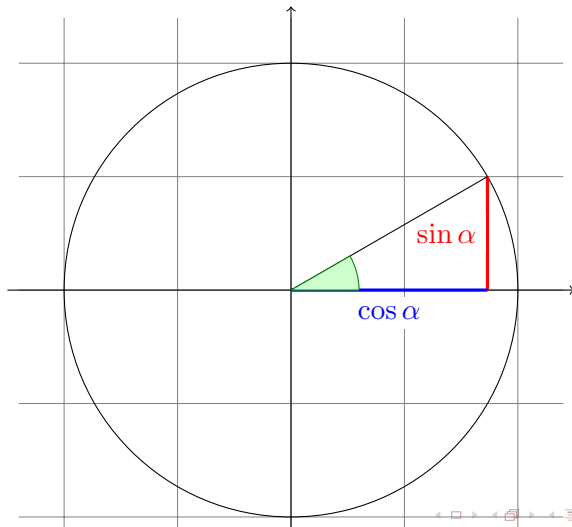


# Custom Colors, Filled Areas

```
0 \begin{tikzpicture}[scale=3]
  \draw[step=.5cm, gray, very thin] (-1.2,-1.2) grid
    (1.2,1.2);
2  \draw[->] (-1.25,0) -- (1.25,0) coordinate (x axis);
  \draw[->] (0,-1.25) -- (0,1.25) coordinate (y axis);
4  \draw (0,0) circle (1cm);
  \draw[very thick,red] (30:1cm) -- node[left,fill=white]
    { $\sin \alpha$ } (30:1cm |- x axis);
6  \draw[very thick,blue] (30:1cm |- x axis) -- node[below=2
    pt,fill=white] { $\cos \alpha$ } (0,0);
  \draw (0,0) -- (30:1cm);
8  \filldraw[fill=green!20,draw=green!50!black] (0,0) -- (3mm
    ,0mm) arc (0:30:3mm) -- cycle;
\end{tikzpicture}
```



# Custom Colors, Filled Areas - Result



# Loops

```
0 \begin{tikzpicture}[scale=3]
  \draw[step=.5cm, gray, very thin] (-1.2,-1.2) grid
    (1.2,1.2);
2  \draw[->] (-1.25,0) -- (1.25,0) coordinate (x axis);
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    pt,fill=white] { $\cos \alpha$ } (0,0);
  \draw (0,0) -- (30:1cm);
8  \filldraw[fill=green!20,draw=green!50!black] (0,0) -- (3mm
    ,0mm) arc (0:30:3mm) -- cycle;
  \foreach \x/\xtext in {-1, -0.5/-\frac{1}{2}, 1}
10 \draw (\x cm,1pt) -- (\x cm,-1pt) node[anchor=north,fill=
    white] { $\xtext$ };
  \foreach \y/\ytext in {-1, -0.5/-\frac{1}{2}, 0.5/\frac
    {1}{2}, 1}
12 \draw (1pt.\y cm) -- (-1pt.\y cm) node[anchor=east,fill=
```



# Loop - Syntax

TikZ

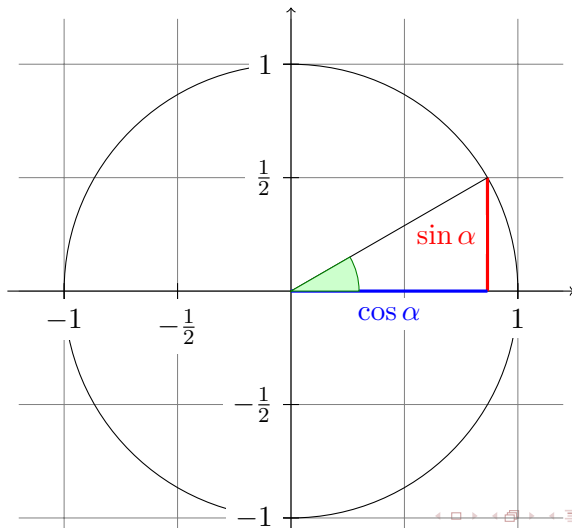
content...

C

```
0  \begin{tikzpicture}[scale=3]
   \draw[step=.5cm, gray, very thin] (-1.2,-1.2) grid
     (1.2,1.2);
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     ,0mm) arc (0:30:3mm) -- cycle;
```



# Loops - Result



# Libraries and How to Summon Them

## Syntax in Preamble:

```
0 \usetikzlibrary{library}
```

- ▶ I can list all of the libraries with a minimal description, but there will not be time to give examples of each.
- ▶ I recommend [this comprehensive Stack Overflow thread](#) which attempts to provide an introduction for each library with examples.
- ▶ Official documentation in [Part V of the manual](#).

# TikZ Libraries in Brief (1/6)

How to read this list:

**Descriptive Name** (Library command) - One line description

**Three Dimensions** (3D) - Produce plots using cylindrical or spherical coordinate systems with predefined planes.

**Angles** (angle) - Draw angles between nodes and connections.

**Arrow Tip** (arrows.meta) - Add arrowheads and special dots to your node connections.

**Automata** (automata) - Draw finite automata and Turing machines.

**Babel** (babel) - Helps TikZ behave better with non-standard characters like  $\emptyset$ .

## TikZ Libraries in Brief (2/6)

**Backgrounds** (`background`) - Put a background behind your drawing.

**Calculator** (`calc`) - Uses  $\text{\TeX}$  to calculate values.

**Calendar** (`calendar`) - Draw a calendar.

**Chains** (`chains`) - Enable more complex connection between nodes.

**Circuits** (`circuits`) - Draw electronic circuits.

**Decorations** (`decoration`) - Fancy connections like squiggles, zig-zags, text, and shapes.

**Entity-Relationship** (`er`) - Tools for drawing entity-relationship coded diagrams.

**Externalization** (`external`) - Semi-automatic export of TikZ pictures.

## TikZ Libraries in Brief (3/6)

**Fading** (`fadings`) - Create gradients between color and transparency.

**Fitting** (`fit`) - Fit a bounding box or circle around all the nodes you list in the command.

**Fixed Points** (`fixedpointarithmetic`) - Allow big numbers in calculations.

**Floating Points** (`fp`) - Allow precise numbers in calculations.

**Lindenmayer Systems** (`lindenmeyersystems`) - Draw branching and fractal designs.

**Math** (`math`) - Perform calculations in a user-friendly way.

**Matrix** (`matrix`) - Draw matrices and operations on them.

**Mindmap** (`mindmap`) - Draw *mindmap* style relationship trees.



# TikZ Libraries in Brief (4/6)

**Paper Folding** (`folding`) - Draw objects which may be printed, cut, and then assembled into 3D objects.

**Patterns** (`patterns`) - Hatches, lines, dots, and other fill patterns.

**Three Point Perspective** (`perspective`) - Draw with up to 3 vanishing points for a 3D effect.

**Petri-Net** (`petri`) - Draw Petri-Net style logic diagrams

**Plot Extension** (`plothandlers`) - Adds even more ways you can use connections (partial lines, splines, gaps)

**Plot Marks** (`plotmarks`) - More shapes for your nodes.

**Profiler** (`profiler`) - Debugging tools and timers for compiling.

## TikZ Libraries in Brief (5/6)

**Resource Description** (`rdf`) - Output files with more descriptive comments to make them human-readable.

**Shading** (`shadings`) - Creates color gradients.

**Shadow** (`shadows`) - Create drop shadows behind nodes and connections.

**Shapes** (`shapes`) - Add pre-defined common shapes.

**Multipart** (`shapes.multipart`) - Shapes with dividing lines.

**Callouts** (`shapes.callouts`) - Create callouts (speech bubbles).

**Misc** (`shapes.misc`) - More pre-defined shapes.

**Spy** (`spy`) - Spy on or zoom in on part of your drawing like an inset map.

## TikZ Libraries in Brief (6/6)

**SVG Path** (`svg.path`) - Create your own connection paths using SVG rules.

**To Path** (`topaths`) - Treat your connections as a “path” for vector outputs.

**Through Points** (`through`) - Make your connections go *through* a node rather than *to* a point.

**Tree** (`trees`) - Create complex tree connections.

**Turtle Graphics** (`turtle`) - Draw using “turtle graphics” commands rather than pre-defined nodes.

**Views** (`views`) - Define special rules for the box that contains a TikZ graphic.

# Some Practical Examples

You can do nigh-infinite things with *TikZ*

Here are some examples which touch on useful concepts:

- ▶ MOSFET - Using simple nodes to create diagrams.
- ▶ Amplitude and Frequency
- ▶ and more...

# MOSFET (1/5)

We can use the  $\text{\LaTeX}$  definitions to define parts of our drawing in the preamble of our document.

## Custom Colors

```
0 \newcommand{\metalone}{[pattern= horizontal lines, pattern  
color=blue]}
```

For this example, I have defined: `metalone`, `metaltwo`, `metalthree`, `poly`, `pdiff`, `ndiff`, `pwell`, `nwell`, `oxide`, and `silicon`.

# MOSFET (2/5)

We can tell connections to make a curve

Angles In and Out

```
0 (1,2.5) to [out=270,in=180] (1.5,2)
```

# MOSFET (3/5)

We can connect to a node at certain anchor points and add text.

## anchors and Text

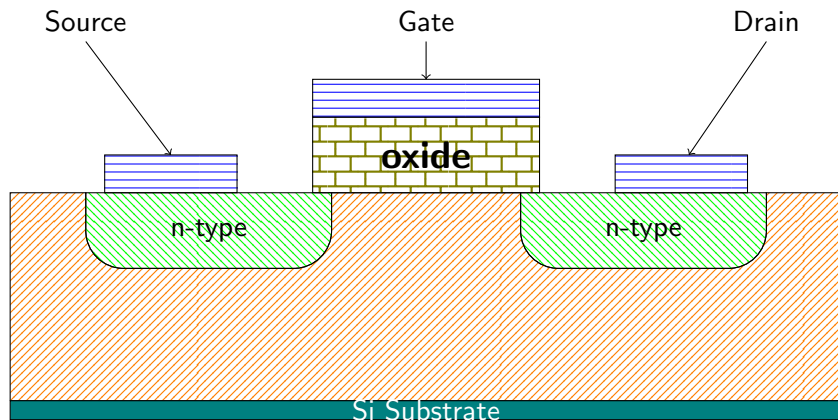
```
0 (0,.25) node [midway,above] {p doped Si}
```

# MOSFET (4/5)

```
0 \begin{tikzpicture}
\draw \pdiff (0,.25) -- (0,3) -- (1,3) -- (1,2.5) to [out=270,in=180] (1.5,2) --
(3.75,2) to [out=0,in=270] (4.25,2.5) -- (4.25,3) -- (6.75,3) --
(6.75,2.5) to [out=270,in=180] (7.25,2) -- (9.5,2) to [out=0,in=270]
(10,2.5) -- (10,3) -- (11,3) -- (11,.25) -- ;
2 \draw \metalthree (0,0) rectangle (11,.25) node [midway, color=white]
{Si Substrate};
4 \draw \oxide (4,3) rectangle (7,4) node [pos=.5,font=\bf\Large] {oxide};
\draw \metalone (4,4) rectangle (7,4.5);
6 \draw \ndiff (4.25,3) -- (1,3) -- (1,2.5) to [out=270,in=180] (1.5,2) --
(3.75,2) to [out=0,in=270] (4.25,2.5) -- (4.25,3) node at (2.625,2.5) [
align=center] {n-type};
\draw \ndiff (10,3) -- (6.75,3) -- (6.75,2.5) to [out=270,in=180] (7.25,2) --
(9.5,2) to [out=0,in=270] (10,2.5) -- (10,3) node at (8.375,2.5) [align=
center] {n-type};
8 \draw \metalone (1.25,3) rectangle (3,3.5);
\draw \metalone (8,3) rectangle (9.75,3.5);
10 \draw [->] (1,5) node [above] {Source} -- (2.125,3.5);
\draw [->] (10,5) node [above] {Drain} -- (8.975,3.5);
12 \draw [->] (5.5,5) node [above] {Gate} -- (5.5,4.5);
\node at (5.5,-.5) [align=center] {$V_{GS} < V_{threshold}$};
14 \end{tikzpicture}
```



# MOSFET (5/5)



$$V_{GS} < V_{threshold}$$

# Amplitude and Frequency (1/5)

Let's change course and render a plot to show how amplitude and period of a trigonometric function is altered:

$$f(x) = A * (\sin(B * \theta))$$

We will use a new library:

```
\usetikzlibrary{datavisualization.formats.functions}
```

## Amplitude and Frequency (2/5)

- ▶ We first call Data Visualization.
- ▶ We describe the appearance of the plot (axes, grids).
- ▶ We describe the lines (smooth, colors, dashes).
- ▶ We add legend entries for each plot.
- ▶ Finally, we tell it to expect functions.

```
0 \begin{tikzpicture}  
  \datavisualization [  
2    school book axes,  
    y axis=grid,  
4    x axis=grid,  
    visualize as smooth line/.list={sina,  
      sinb,sinc},  
6    style sheet=strong colors,  
    style sheet=vary dashing,  
8    sina={label in legend={text=$\sin x$}},  
    sinb={label in legend={text=$3 \times \sin x$}},  
10   sinc={label in legend={text=$\sin(\left  
      (3 \times x \right)$}},  
    data/format=function]  
12
```

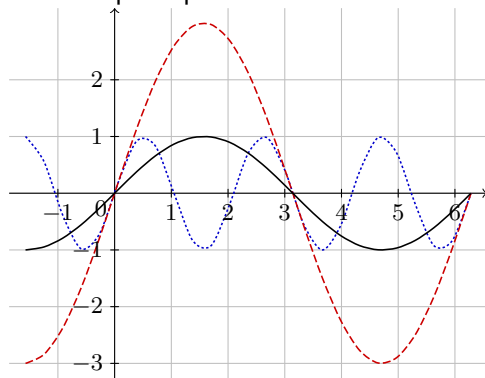
# Amplitude and Frequency (3/5)

- ▶ Each function gets a data entry with a set label.
- ▶ Variables are defined in an interval.
- ▶ Functions are defined with `func`.
- ▶ Since we are using radians, we have to tell it `r`.

```
0 data [set=sina] {  
  var x : interval [-0.5*pi:2*pi];  
2 func y = sin(\value x r);  
  }  
4 data [set=sinb] {  
  var x : interval [-0.5*pi:2*pi];  
6 func y = 3 * sin(\value x r);  
  }  
8 data [set=sinc] {  
  var x : interval [-0.5*pi:2*pi];  
10 func y = sin(3 * \value x r);  
  };  
12 \end{tikzpicture}
```

## Amplitude and Frequency (4/5)

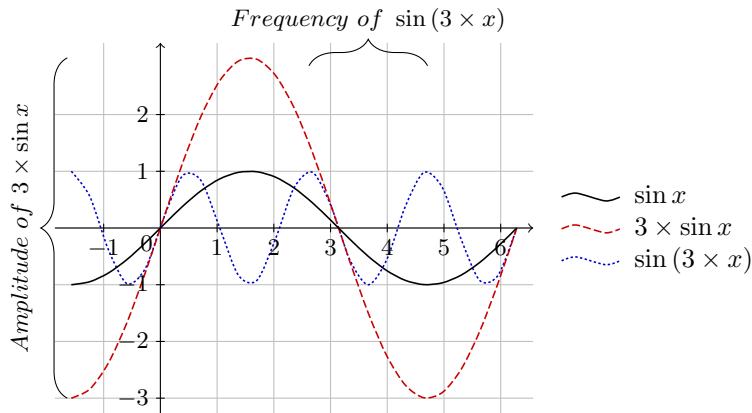
Our complete plot:



$\sin x$   
 $3 \times \sin x$   
 $\sin(3 \times x)$

# Amplitude and Frequency (5/5)

We can add nodes like before:



# Where do I find more?

Is there something specific you want to see as an example?

<https://texample.net/tikz/examples/>

# RTFM

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