ccref - cleveref with proper definite articles

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Abstract

The package ccref is aimed at helping \cref addressing the definite articles properly (especially for the article contractions in many European languages).

/ 1 / The motivation

- By default, when using cleveref's \cref to reference theorem-like environments, the names
- do not contain definite articles. This may be acceptable for English, but certainly not good
- enough for languages such as French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, etc. in these cases there
- shall be grammatical errors and would give you a strong feeling that it is machine-generated.
- As an example, if we define the French names to be:

\crefname{theorem}{le théorème}{les théorème} \crefname{proposition}{la proposition}{les propositions}

then when one writes (which means "We can deduce this from ..." in French)

On peut le déduire de \cref{thm1,thm2,prop3}.

the result would be

On peut le déduire **de les** théorèmes 1 et 2 et **la** proposition 3.

which is wrong, as the correct result should be:

On peut le déduire **des** théorèmes 1 et 2 et **de la** proposition 3.

\cref cannot handle such cases correctly — and that is when \ccref comes into play.

/ 2 / The usage

2.1 | How to load it?

Simply load the package with

\usepackage{ccref}

TIP

- ccref uses cleveref internally, thus it should usually be placed at the last of your preamble.
- To handle article contractions correctly, \ccref shall detect the current language, thus you need to use packages such as babel or polyglossia to set your languages appropriately.

2.2 | How to use it?

Then you can use the command \ccref as follows:

- \ccref [\langle prep \rangle] {\langle labels \rangle}
 - This will pass the preposition $\langle prep \rangle$ to the first definite article.
- \ccref*[\langle prep \rangle] \{\langle labels \rangle \}
- This will pass the preposition $\langle prep \rangle$ to every definite article.
- However, before using it, you should first define the \crefnames carefully. The definite article in \crefnames needs to be marked manually using \ccmarkart, for example:

\crefname{theorem}{\ccmarkart{le} théorème}{\ccmarkart{les} théorème}

/ 3 / Example

Let us come back to the example at the beginning, now you can do this:

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\crefname{theorem}{\ccmarkart{le} théorème}
                  {\ccmarkart{les} théorème}
\crefname{proposition}{\ccmarkart{le} proposition}
                      {\ccmarkart{les} propositions}
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And the sentence shall be written as¹:

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On peut le déduire \ccref*[de]{thm1,thm2,prop3}.
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which would result in:

On peut le déduire **des** théorèmes 1 et 2 et **de la** proposition 3.

As another example, with

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Pensez \ccref*[a]{thm1,thm2,prop3}.
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one would get something like:

Pensez aux théorèmes 1 et 2 et à la proposition 3.

/4/ Known issues

- ccref currently only works for French, Italian, Portuguese (both European and Brazilian) and Spanish, certainly more would be added to this list.
- In the case that the initial letter of $\langle prep \rangle$ is capitalized, ccref cannot yet handle the case changes automatically. However, this should be a rare occurrence.
- The names of theorem-like environments are not provided for the moment you need to define them all by yourself. However, users are encouraged to use the ProjLib toolkit, which already handles everything for you.

 $^{^{1}}$ Here the stared version is used because we want the preposition "de" to be passed to every definite article.