

# The mdframed package

Examples for `framemethod=tikz`

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In this document I collect various examples for `framemethod=tikz`. Some presented examples are more or less exorbitant.

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## 1 Loading

In the preamble only the package `mdframed` with the option `framemethod=tikz` is loaded. All other modifications will be done by `\mdfdefinestyle` or `\mdfsetup`.

### Note

Every `\global` inside the examples is necessary to work with the package `showexpl`.

## 2 Examples

All examples have the following settings:

```
\mdfsetup{skipabove=\topskip,skipbelow=\topskip}
\newrobustcmd\ExampleText{%
An \textit{inhomogeneous linear} differential equation
has the form
\begin{align}
L[v] = f,
\end{align}
where  $L$  is a linear differential operator,  $v$  is
the dependent variable, and  $f$  is a given non-zero
function of the independent variables alone.
}
```

## Example 1 – Package listings

The example below is inspired by the following post on StackExchange [Background overflows when using rounded corners for listings \(package: ‘listings’\)](#)

Here the solution which can be decorate as usual.

```
\BeforeBeginEnvironment{lstlisting}{%
  \begin{mdframed}[<modification>]%
  \vspace{-0.7em}}
\AfterEndEnvironment{lstlisting}{%
  \vspace{-0.5em}%
  \end{mdframed}}
```

With the new command `\surroundwithmdframed` you can use

```
\surroundwithmdframed{listings}
```

## Example 2 – Package multicol

How I wrote in “Known Problems” you can’t combine `multicol` with `mdframed`. In a simple way without any breaks you can use:

```
\begin{multicols}{2}
\lipsum[1]
\begin{mdframed}
\ExampleText
\end{mdframed}
\lipsum[2]
\end{multicols}
```

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An *inhomogeneous linear* differential equation has the form

$$L[v] = f, \quad (1)$$

where  $L$  is a linear differential operator,  $v$  is the dependent variable, and  $f$  is a given non-zero function of the independent variables alone.

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## Example 3 – Working in twocolumn mode

```

\documentclass[twocolumn]{article}
\usepackage{lipsum}
\begin{mdframed}[%
  \ExampleText
  \end{mdframed}]{%
  \lipsum[1]\lipsum[2]
}

```

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An *inhomogeneous linear* differential equation has the form

$$L[v] = f, \quad (2)$$

where  $L$  is a linear differential operator,  $v$  is the dependent variable, and  $f$  is a given non-zero function of the independent variables alone.

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**Example 4 – Working inside enumerate**

```

Text Text Text Text Text Text Text
\begin{enumerate}
\item in the following \ldots
    \begin{mdframed}[linecolor=blue,linewidth=2]
        \ExampleText
    \end{mdframed}
\item \lipsum[2]
\end{enumerate}
Text Text Text Text Text Text

```

Text Text Text Text Text Text Text

1. in the following ...

An *inhomogeneous linear* differential equation has the form

$$L[v] = f, \tag{3}$$

where  $L$  is a linear differential operator,  $v$  is the dependent variable, and  $f$  is a given non-zero function of the independent variables alone.

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## Example 5 – Position a specific symbol at a line

```

\tikzset{
  warningsymbol/.style={
    rectangle,draw=red,
    fill=white,scale=1,
    overlay}}
\mdfdefinestyle{warning}{%
  hidealllines=true,leftline=true,
  skipabove=12,skipbelow=12pt,
  innertopmargin=0.4em,%
  innerbottommargin=0.4em,%
  innerrightmargin=0.7em,%
  rightmargin=0.7em,%
  innerleftmargin=1.7em,%
  leftmargin=0.7em,%
  middlelinewidth=.2em,%
  linecolor=red,%
  fontcolor=red,%
  firstextra={\path let \p1=(P), \p2=(O) in ($(\x2,0)+0.5*(0,\y1)$)
    node[warningsymbol] {\$};},%
  secondextra={\path let \p1=(P), \p2=(O) in ($(\x2,0)+0.5*(0,\y1)$)
    node[warningsymbol] {\$};},%
  middleextra={\path let \p1=(P), \p2=(O) in ($(\x2,0)+0.5*(0,\y1)$)
    node[warningsymbol] {\$};},%
  singleextra={\path let \p1=(P), \p2=(O) in ($(\x2,0)+0.5*(0,\y1)$)
    node[warningsymbol] {\$};},%
}
\begin{mdframed}[style=warning]
\ExampleText
\end{mdframed}

```

An *inhomogeneous linear* differential equation has the form

$$L[v] = f, \tag{4}$$

where  $L$  is a linear differential operator,  $v$  is the dependent variable, and  $f$  is a given non-zero function of the independent variables alone.

## Example 6 – digression-environement inspired by Tobias Weh

```

\usetikzlibrary{calc,arrows}
\tikzset{
  excursus arrow/.style={%
    line width=2pt,
    draw=gray!40,
    rounded corners=2ex,
  },
  excursus head/.style={
    fill=white,
    font=\bfseries\sffamily,
    text=gray!80,
    anchor=base west,
  },
}
\mdfdefinestyle{digressionarrows}{%
  singleextra={%
    \path let \p1=(P), \p2=(O) in (\x2,\y1) coordinate (Q);
    \path let \p1=(Q), \p2=(O) in (\x1,{(\y1-\y2)/2}) coordinate (M);
    \path [excursus arrow, round cap=to]
      ($ (O)+(5em,0ex)$) -| (M) |- %
      ($ (Q)+(12em,0ex)$) .. controls +(0:16em) and +(185:6em) .. %
      ++(23em,2ex);
    \node [excursus head] at ($ (Q)+(2.5em,-0.75pt)$) {Digression};},
  firstextra={%
    \path let \p1=(P), \p2=(O) in (\x2,\y1) coordinate (Q);
    \path [excursus arrow,-to]
      (O) |- %
      ($ (Q)+(12em,0ex)$) .. controls +(0:16em) and +(185:6em) .. %
      ++(23em,2ex);
    \node [excursus head] at ($ (Q)+(2.5em,-2pt)$) {Digression};},
  secondextra={%
    \path let \p1=(P), \p2=(O) in (\x2,\y1) coordinate (Q);
    \path [excursus arrow,round cap=]
      ($ (O)+(5em,0ex)$) -| (Q);},
  middleextra={%
    \path let \p1=(P), \p2=(O) in (\x2,\y1) coordinate (Q);
    \path [excursus arrow]
      (O) -- (Q);},
  middlelinewidth=2.5em,middlelinecolor=white,
  hidealllines=true,topline=true,
  innertopmargin=0.5ex,
  innerbottommargin=2.5ex,
  innerrightmargin=2pt,
  innerleftmargin=2ex,
  skipabove=0.87\baselineskip,
  skipbelow=0.62\baselineskip,
}
\begin{mdframed}[style=digressionarrows]
  \ExampleText
\end{mdframed}

```

## Digression

An *inhomogeneous linear* differential equation has the form

$$L[v] = f, \quad (5)$$

where  $L$  is a linear differential operator,  $v$  is the dependent variable, and  $f$  is a given non-zero function of the independent variables alone.

## Example 7 – Theorem style shading background

```
\mdtheorem[%
apptotikzsetting={\tikzset{mdfbackground/.append style =%
{top color=yellow!40!white,
bottom color=yellow!80!black},
mdfframetitlebackground/.append style =%
{top color=purple!40!white,
bottom color=purple!80!black}
},
,roundcorner=10pt,middlelinewidth=2pt,
shadow=true,frametitlerule=true,frametitlewidth=4pt,
innertopmargin=10pt,%
|{alternativtheorem}{Theorem}
\begin{alternativtheorem}[Inhomogeneous linear]
\ExampleText
\end{alternativtheorem}
```

## Theorem 1: Inhomogeneous linear

An *inhomogeneous linear* differential equation has the form

$$L[v] = f, \quad (6)$$

where  $L$  is a linear differential operator,  $v$  is the dependent variable, and  $f$  is a given non-zero function of the independent variables alone.