The TikZ-Extensions Package Manual for version 0.2

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Part I

Introduction

1 Usage

This package is called tikz-ext, however, one can't load it via $\scalebox{ usepackage}$. Instead, this package consists of multiple PGF and $\scalebox{ Ti}kZ$ libraries which are loaded by either $\scalebox{ usepflibrary}$ or $\scalebox{ usetikzlibrary}$.

2 Why do we need it?

Since I have been answering questions on TeX.sx I've noticed that some questions come up again and again, every time with a slightly different approach on how to

solve them.

I don't like reinventing the wheel which is why I've gathered the code of my answers in this package.

And, yes, I am using them myself, too.

3 Should these libraries be part of TikZ?

I guess.

Part II TikZ Libraries

These libraries only work with TikZ.



Calendar

TikZ Library ext.calendar-plus

```
\usetikzlibrary{ext.calendar-plus} % LAT<sub>F</sub>X and plain T<sub>F</sub>X
\usetikzlibrary[ext.calendar-plus] % ConTFXt
```

This library extends the TikZ library calendar.

4.1 Extensions

The values of following keys were stored in some macros that are not accessible by the user. These are now simple value-keys. The @-protected macros are still available, of course.

```
(initially 3ex)
/tikz/day xshift
                                                                 (initially 3.5ex)
/tikz/day yshift
/tikz/month xshift
                                                                   (initially 9ex)
/tikz/month yshift
                                                                   (initially 9ex)
```

It is now also possible to nest /tikz/if occurrences.

```
/tikz/if=(\langle conditions\rangle) \langle code or options\rangle else \langle else code or options\rangle
                                                                                                               (no default)
```

Week numbering (ISO 8601)

```
/tikz/week code=(code)
                                                                    (no default)
```

Works like /tikz/day code or /tikz/month code, only for weeks.

```
/tikz/week text=⟨text⟩
                                                                    (no default)
```

Works like /tikz/day text or /tikz/month text, only for weeks.

```
(style, no value)
/tikz/every week
```

Works like /tikz/every day or /tikz/every month, only for weeks.

```
/tikz/week label left
                                                                (style, no value)
```

Places the week label to the left of the first day of the month. (For week list and month list where a week does not start on a Monday, the position is chosen "as if" the week had started on a Monday - which is usually exactly what you want.)

```
July
                          \tikz
26
               1 2 3
                          centered.
    4 5 6 7 8 9 10
28 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
29 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
30 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
```

```
\usetikzlibrary {ext.calendar-plus}
 \calendar [week list, month label above
             dates=2022-07-01 to 2022-07-31,
             week label left,
             every week/.append
style={gray!50!black,font=\sffamily}];
```

5 Node Families

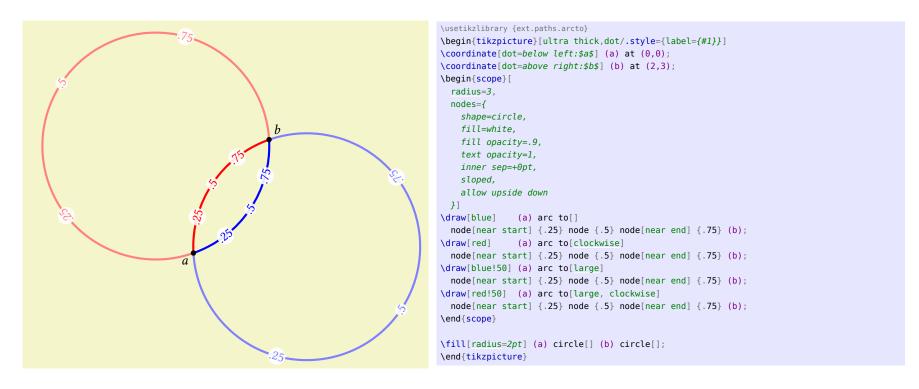
```
TikZ Library ext.node-families
    \usetikzlibrary{ext.node-families} % LAT<sub>F</sub>X and plain T<sub>F</sub>X
    \usetikzlibrary[ext.node-families] % ConTFXt
/tikz/family width=(name)
                                                                                                                                                      (no default, initially {})
                                                                                                                                                      (no default, initially {})
/tikz/family height=\langle name \rangle
/tikz/family text width=(name)
                                                                                                                                                      (no default, initially {})
/tikz/family text height=(name)
                                                                                                                                                      (no default, initially {})
/tikz/family text width=(name)
                                                                                                                                                      (no default, initially {})
/tikz/family text width align=(alignment)
                                                                                                                                                   (no default, initially left)
    ⟨alignment⟩ is either left, center or right.
```

6 Arc to a point

TikZ Library ext.paths.arcto

```
\usetikzlibrary{ext.paths.arcto} % LATEX and plain TEX \usetikzlibrary[ext.paths.arcto] % ConTEXt
```

This library adds new path specifications arc to that specifies an arc to a point – without the user having to specify any angles.



```
\path ... arc to[\langle options \rangle] \langle coordinate or cycle \rangle ...;
```

When this operation is used, the path gets extended by an arc that goes through the current point and (*coordinate*).

For two points there exist two circles or four arcs that go through or connect these two points. Which one of these is constructed is determined by the following options that can be used inside of $\langle options \rangle$.

/tikz/arc_to/clockwise (style, no value)

This constructs an arc that goes clockwise.

/tikz/arc to/counter clockwise

(style, no value)

This constructs an arc that goes counter clockwise.

This is the default.

/tikz/arc to/large

(style, no value)

This constructs an arc whose angle is larger than 180°.

/tikz/arc to/small

(style, no value)

This constructs an arc whose angle is smaller than 180°.

/tikz/arc to/rotate=\langle degree \rangle

(no default)

Rotates the arc by $\langle degree \rangle$. This is only noticeable when x radius and y radius are different.

/tikz/arc to/x radius=(value)

(no default)

This forwards the \(\forall value \rangle \) to \(\forall \text{tikz/x} \) radius. Its \(\forall value \rangle \) is used for radius of the arc.

/tikz/arc to/y radius=(value)

(no default)

This forwards the \(\frac{\nu}{\nu}\) to \(\tau\) radius. Its \(\nu\) is used for radius of the arc.

/tikz/arc to/radius=(value)

(no default)

This forwards the $\langle value \rangle$ to both /tikz/x radius and /tikz/y radius. Its $\langle value \rangle$ is used for radius of the arc.

/tikz/every arc to

(style, no value)

After /tikz/every arc this will also be applied before any $\langle options \rangle$ are set.

It should be noted that this uses pgfpatharcto where the TikZ manual warns of:

The internal computations necessary for this command are numerically very unstable. In particular, the arc will not always really end at the \langle target coordinate \rangle , but may be off by up to several points. A more precise positioning is currently infeasible due to T_EX 's numerical weaknesses. The only case it works quite nicely is when the resulting angle is a multiple of 90° .

The arc to path operation will also work only in the canvas coordinate system. The lengths of the vectors (1,0) and (0,1) will be used for the calculation of the radii but no further consideration is done.

7 More Horizontal and Vertical Lines

TikZ Library ext.paths.ortho

```
\usetikzlibrary{ext.paths.ortho} % LAT<sub>E</sub>X and plain T<sub>E</sub>X \usetikzlibrary[ext.paths.ortho] % ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt
```

This library adds new path specifications |-|, -|- as well as r-ud, r-du, r-lr and r-rl.

7.1 Zig-Zag

Similar to the path operations |- and -| this library adds the path operations |- | and -| -.

```
\path ... |-|[\langle options \rangle] \langle coordinate or cycle \rangle ...;
```

This operation means "first vertical, then horizontal and then vertical again".

```
\path ... - | - [\langle options \rangle] \langle coordinate or cycle \rangle ...;
```

This operation means "first horizontal, then vertical and then horizontal again".

```
/tikz/hvvh/ratio=⟨ratio⟩
```

(no default, initially 0.5)

This sets the ratio for the middle part of the Zig-Zag connection.

For values $\langle ratio \rangle < 0$ and $\langle ratio \rangle > 1$ the Zig-Zag lines will look more like Zig-Zig lines.

```
\userikzlibrary {paths.ortho}
\begin{tikzpicture}[very thick, rounded corners]
\draw[help lines] (-.25, -1.25) grid (2.25, 1.25);
\draw (0, 0) -|- (2, 1) -- (2, 1) -- (2, 0) -|-[ratio=.25] (0,-1) -- cycle;
\end{tikzpicture}
```

/tikz/hvvh/distance=(distance)

(no default)

This sets the distance between the start point and the middle part of the Zig-Zag connection.

For values $\langle distance \rangle < 0$ the distance will be used for the target coordinate.

```
\begin{tikzpicture} [very thick,-latex]
\draw[help lines,-] (-.25, -.25) grid (5.25, 3.25);
\draw (0, 0) -|-[distance= .5cm] ++(2, 1);
\draw (0, 2) -|-[distance=-.5cm] ++(2, 1);
\tikzset{xshift=3cm}
\draw (2, 1) -|-[distance= .5cm] ++(-2, -1);
\draw (2, 3) -|-[distance=-.5cm] ++(-2, -1);
\end{tikzpicture}
```

/tikz/hvvh/from center=⟨true or false⟩

(default true)

When nodes get connected the placement of the middle part of the Zig-Zag and the Zig-Zig (see below) connections will be calculated from the border of these nodes. The middle part of the connections can be calculated from the nodes' center if this key is set to true.

New timers are setup for both the Zig-Zag and the Zig-Zig connections, these can be configured through the following keys.

```
\usetikz\library {paths.ortho}
\tikz \draw (0,0) -|- (2,3)
foreach \p in {0.0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.0}{
node [pos=\p] {\p}};
```

/tikz/hvvh/spacing=(number)

(no default, initially 4)

Unless $\langle number \rangle = 0$ is set

- pos = 0 will be at the start,
- pos = 1 will be at the end,
- pos = $\frac{1}{\langle number \rangle}$ will be at the first kink,
- pos = $\frac{\langle number \rangle 1}{\langle number \rangle}$ will be at the second kink and
- pos = .5 will be in the middle of the middle part of the connection.

```
If \langle number \rangle = 0 then
         • pos = -1 will be at the start,
         • pos = 2 will be at the end,
         • pos = 0 will be at the first kink,
         • pos = 1 will be at the second kink and
         • pos = .5 will still be in the middle of the middle part of the connection.
 /tikz/hvvh/middle 0 to 1
                                                                                                                                                                                              (no value)
     This is an alias for spacing = 0.
7.2 Zig-Zig
\path ... r-ud[\langle options \rangle] \langle coordinate or cycle \rangle ...;
     This operation means "first up, then horizontal and then down".
      /tikz/udlr/ud distance=(length)
                                                                                                                                                                            (no default, initially .5cm)
           This sets the distance between the start and the horizontal line to \langle length \rangle.
\path ... r-du[\langle options \rangle] \langle coordinate or cycle \rangle ...;
     This operation means "first down, then horizontal and then up".
      /tikz/udlr/du distance=⟨length⟩
                                                                                                                                                                            (no default, initially .5cm)
           This sets the distance between the start and the horizontal line to \langle length \rangle.
\path ... r-lr[\langle options \rangle] \langle coordinate or cycle \rangle ...;
     This operation means "left down, then vertical and then right".
      /tikz/udlr/lr distance=(length)
                                                                                                                                                                            (no default, initially .5cm)
           This sets the distance between the start and the vertical line to \langle length \rangle.
\path ... r-rl[\langle options \rangle] \langle coordinate or cycle \rangle ...;
     This operation means "first right, then vertical and then down".
      /tikz/udlr/rl distance=(length)
                                                                                                                                                                            (no default, initially .5cm)
           This sets the distance between the start and the vertical line to \langle length \rangle.
```

All distances can be set with on key.

 $/\text{tikz/udlr/distance} = \langle length \rangle$ (no default)

Sets all distances in the /tikz/udlr namespace.

/tikz/udlr/from center=\langle true or false\rangle

(no default, initially false, default true)

(style, no value)

This is an alias for /tikz/hvvh/from center.

7.3 Even more Horizontal and Vertical Lines

The following keys can be used to access vertical and horizontal line path operations.

/tikz/horizontal vertical

This installs to path = - | (\tikztotarget) \tikztonodes that can be used with the path operations to or edge.

/tikz/vertical horizontal (style, no value)

This installs to path = |- (\tikztotarget) \tikztonodes that can be used with the path operations to or edge.

/tikz/horizontal vertical horizontal (style, no value)

This installs to path = -|- (\tikztotarget) \tikztonodes that can be used with the path operations to or edge.

/tikz/vertical horizontal vertical (style, no value)

This installs to path = |-| (\tikztotarget) \tikztonodes that can be used with the path operations to or edge.

When connecting rectangular nodes, these keys could be useful as well. They all need to be given to a to or edge path operation.

/tikz/only vertical second= $\langle length \rangle$ (style, default 0pt)

This draws a vertical line from the start point to the target point so that it connects to the target point in the center (or at its border in case it is a node).

The optional $\langle length \rangle$ can be used to shift the line orthogonally to its direction.

/tikz/only horizontal second= $\langle length \rangle$ (style, default 0pt)

This draws a horizontal line from the start point to the target point so that it connects to the target point in the center (or at its border in case it is a node).

The optional $\langle length \rangle$ can be used to shift the line orthogonally to its direction.

/tikz/only vertical first= $\langle length \rangle$ (style, default 0pt)

This draws a vertical line from the start point to the target point so that it connects to the start point in the center (or at its border in case it is a node).

The optional $\langle length \rangle$ can be used to shift the line orthogonally to its direction.

/tikz/only horizontal first= $\langle length \rangle$ (style, default 0pt)

This draws a horizontal line from the start point to the target point so that it connects to the start point in the center (or at its border in case it is a node).

The optional $\langle length \rangle$ can be used to shift the line orthogonally to its direction.

8 Extending the Path Timers

TikZ Library ext.paths.timer

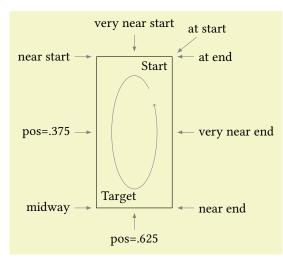
```
\label{thm:continuous} $$ \operatorname{LTEX} \ \operatorname{LTEX}
```

This library adds timers to the path specifications rectangle, parabola, sin and cos.

In TikZ, the path specification rectangle, parabola, sin and cos do not provide their own timer, i.e. a node placing algorithm that is dependent on the actual path. For rectangle the timer of the straight line between the rectangle's corners is used, for the other paths, nodes, coordinates, pics, etc. are placed on the last coordinate. This library allows this.

8.1 Rectangle

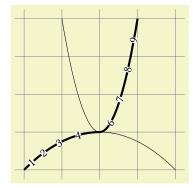
For the rectangle path operator, the timer starts with pos = 0 (= at start) from the starting coordinate in a counter-clockwise direction along the rectangle. The corners will be at positions 0.0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75 and 1.0.



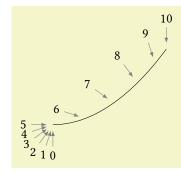
8.2 Parabola

For the parabola path operator the timer is similar to the .. controls .. operator.

The position 0.5 will lie at the bend.



If no bend is specified half the positions will collapse into one end of the curve.



```
\usetikzlibrary {ext.paths.timer}
\begin{tikzpicture}[every pin edge/.style={latex-, shorten <=1pt, gray}]
\draw (-2,-2) parabola (1,0)
foreach \pos in {0, 1, ..., 10} {
    node [pos=\pos/10, pin={[anchor=-18*\pos+270:\pos}]{}
};
\end{tikzpicture}</pre>
```

8.3 Sine/Cosine

The sin and cos path operators also allow placing of nodes along their paths.

```
1-2-3-4-5-10
```

9 Using Images as a Pattern

TikZ Library ext.patterns.images

```
\usetikzlibrary{ext.patterns.images} % LAT<sub>E</sub>X and plain T<sub>E</sub>X \usetikzlibrary[ext.patterns.images] % ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt
```

This library allows to use an image to be used as a repeating pattern for a path.

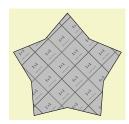
With this library arbitrary images (or indeed PDF documents) can be used as a repeating pattern for the background of a path. This is a two-step process:

- 1. Declaring an image as an "image-pattern".
- 2. Using the "image-pattern".

 $\protect\pro$

/tikz/image as pattern=⟨options⟩

(default {})



```
\usetikzlibrary {ext.patterns.images}
\pgfsetupimageaspattern[width=.5cm]{grid}{example-image-1x1}
\tikz \node[star, minimum size=3cm, draw,
  image as pattern={name=grid,options={left, bottom, y=-.5cm, rotate=45}}] {};
```

/tikz/image as pattern/name= $\langle name \rangle$

(no default)

Specifies the name of the "image-pattern" to be used.

/tikz/image as pattern/option

(style, no value)

Options that's be used by the internal \pgftext, only keys from /pgf/text should be used.

/tikz/image as pattern/options=(style)

(style, no default)

Appends style /tikz/image as pattern/option.

10 Positioning Plus

TikZ Library ext.positioning-plus

```
\usetikzlibrary{ext.positioning-plus} % LATEX and plain TEX \usetikzlibrary[ext.positioning-plus] % ConTEXt
```

With the help of the positioning and the fit library this extends the placement of nodes.

10.1 Useful corner anchors

The anchors corner north east, corner north west, corner south west and corner south east are defined as "generic anchors", i. e. they are defined for all shapes. This is mostly useful for the placement of circular shapes.

/tikz/corner above left=\specification\ (style, default 0pt)

Similar as /tikz/above left of the TikZ library positioning but uses the corner north west anchor.

/tikz/corner below left=\specification\ (style, default 0pt)

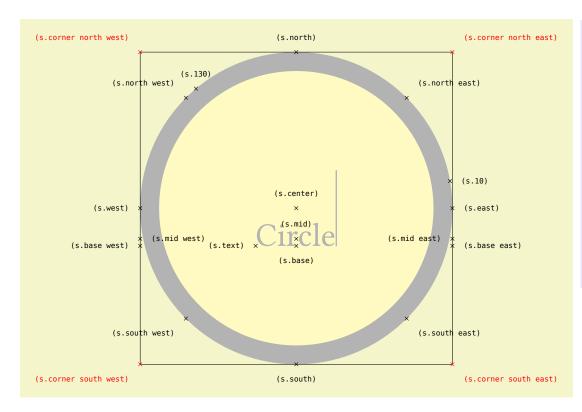
Similar as /tikz/below left of the TikZ library positioning but uses the corner south west anchor.

/tikz/corner above right=(specification) (style, default Opt)

Similar as /tikz/above right of the TikZ library positioning but uses the corner north east anchor.

/tikz/corner below right=(specification) (style, default 0pt)

Similar as /tikz/below right of the TikZ library positioning but uses the corner south east anchor.



```
\usetikzlibrary {ext.positioning-plus}
\Huge
\begin{tikzpicture}
\node[name=s,shape=circle,shape example]
 {Circle\vrule width 1pt height 2cm};
\foreach \anchor/\placement in {
 north west/above left, north/above, north east/above right,
 west/left, center/above, east/right,
 mid west/right, mid/above, mid east/left,
 base west/left, base/below, base east/right,
 south west/below left, south/below, south east/below right,
 text/left, 10/right, 130/above}
 \draw[shift=(s.\anchor)] plot[mark=x] coordinates{(0,0)}
   node[\placement] {\scriptsize\texttt{(s.\anchor)}};
\draw (s.corner north west) rectangle (s.corner south east);
\foreach \anchor/\placement in {
 corner north west/above left, corner north east/above right,
 corner south west/below left, corner south east/below right}
 \draw[red,shift=(s.\anchor)] plot[mark=x] coordinates{(0,0)}
   node[\placement] {\scriptsize\texttt{(s.\anchor)}};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

10.2 Useful placement keys for vertical and horizontal alignment

/tikz/north left=\langle specification \rangle

Like /tikz/left but aligns the nodes at their north border.

This is basically the same as left=of reference.north west, anchor=north east.

(style, default 0pt)

```
\usetikzlibrary {ext.positioning-plus}
\begin{tikzpicture} [nodes=draw]
\node[minimum height=2cm] (a) {};
\node[minimum height=3cm, north right=of a] {};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

```
/tikz/north right=\langle specification\rangle
                                                                                                                                                               (style, default 0pt)
   Like /tikz/right but aligns the nodes at their north border.
    This is basically the same as left=of reference.north east, anchor=north west.
/tikz/south left=\langle specification \rangle
                                                                                                                                                               (style, default 0pt)
   Like /tikz/left but aligns the nodes at their south border.
    This is basically the same as left=of reference.south west, anchor=south east.
/tikz/south right=\langle specification\rangle
                                                                                                                                                               (style, default 0pt)
   Like /tikz/right but aligns the nodes at their south border.
    This is basically the same as left=of reference.south east, anchor=south west.
/tikz/west above=\langle specification\rangle
                                                                                                                                                               (style, default 0pt)
   Like /tikz/above but aligns the nodes at their west border.
    This is basically the same as left=of reference.north west, anchor=south west.
/tikz/west below=(specification)
                                                                                                                                                               (style, default 0pt)
    Like /tikz/below but aligns the nodes at their west border.
   This is basically the same as left=of reference.south west, anchor=north west.
/tikz/east above=\langle specification \rangle
                                                                                                                                                               (style, default 0pt)
    Like /tikz/above but aligns the nodes at their east border.
    This is basically the same as left=of reference.north east, anchor=south east.
/tikz/east below=(specification)
                                                                                                                                                               (style, default 0pt)
```

Like /tikz/below but aligns the nodes at their east border.

This is basically the same as left=of reference.south east, anchor=north east.

The same exist for the recently introduces corner anchors, too.

```
/tikz/corner north left=(specification)
                                                                                                                                                            (style, default 0pt)
    The same as /tikz/north left but uses the new corner anchors.
/tikz/corner north right=\langle specification\rangle
                                                                                                                                                            (style, default 0pt)
    The same as /tikz/north right but uses the new corner anchors.
/tikz/corner south left=\langle specification\rangle
                                                                                                                                                            (style, default 0pt)
    The same as /tikz/south left but uses the new corner anchors.
/tikz/corner south right=(specification)
                                                                                                                                                            (style, default 0pt)
    The same as /tikz/south right but uses the new corner anchors.
/tikz/corner west above=\langle specification\rangle
                                                                                                                                                            (style, default 0pt)
    The same as /tikz/west above but uses the new corner anchors.
                                                                                                                                                            (style, default 0pt)
/tikz/corner west below=(specification)
    The same as /tikz/west below but uses the new corner anchors.
/tikz/corner east above=(specification)
                                                                                                                                                            (style, default 0pt)
    The same as /tikz/east above but uses the new corner anchors.
/tikz/corner east below=(specification)
                                                                                                                                                            (style, default 0pt)
    The same as /tikz/east below but uses the new corner anchors.
```

While the $\langle specification \rangle$ of all these keys still accept the same form as with TikZ, the ext.positioning-plus library extends this even more.

The specification after of can contain a list of coordinates (like the fit key of the fit library). This means that the new node will be placed in relation to a rectangular bounding box that fits around all this nodes in the list.

If this list is prefixed with |, - or +, the new node will also have the same height (|), the same width (-) or both as this bounding box.



This functionality is also available without the placement:

/tikz/fit bounding box=(list of coordinates)

(style, no default)

Creates a rectangular node with the name fit bounding box that encompasses the *(list of coordinates)*.

/tikz/span vertical=⟨list of coordinates⟩

(style, no default)

Creates a rectangular node with the name fit bounding box that encompasses the $\langle list\ of\ coordinates \rangle$ and sets the $/pgf/minimum\ height$ to the height of this bounding box.

/tikz/span horizontal=(list of coordinates)

(style, no default)

Creates a rectangular node with the name fit bounding box that encompasses the (list of coordinates) and sets the /pgf/minimum width to the width of this bounding box.

/tikz/span=⟨list of coordinates⟩

(style, no default)

Is a combination of span vertical and span horizontal.

As you maybe noticed in the example above, the (specification) also allows a prefix delimited by: which the node distance will be multiplied to with for the placement.¹

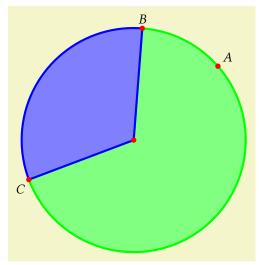
¹This is probably more useful when /tikz/on grid is used.

11 Arcs through Three Points

TikZ Library ext.topaths.arcthrough

\usetikzlibrary{ext.topaths.arcthrough} % LATEX and plain TEX \usetikzlibrary[ext.topaths.arcthrough] % ConTEXt

This library allows to use an arc defined by three points.



```
\usetikzlibrary {ext.topaths.arcthrough}
\usetikzpicture}
\usetikzpicture
\usetikzpicture}
\usetikzpicture
\usetikzpicture}
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```

This can only by used for circles in the canvas coordinate system.

```
\label{eq:coordinate} $$ \text{(no default, initially (0,0))} $$
```

The coordinate on the circle that defines – together with the starting and target point – a circle.

```
\label{eq:content} $$ $ \text{through/center suffix=} (suffix) $$ (no default, initially) $$
```

The arc through will define a coordinate named arc through center $\langle suffix \rangle$ so that it can be referenced later.

```
/tikz/arc through/clockwise (no value)
```

The resulting arc will go clockwise from the starting point to the target point.

This will not necessarily go through the through point.

/tikz/arc through/counter clockwise

(no value)

The resulting arc will go counter clockwise from the starting point to the target point. This will not necessarily go through the through point.

/tikz/arc through=⟨key-value⟩

(no default)

This key should be used with to or edge. A parameter other than center suffix, clockwise or counter clockwise will be assumed to be the through coordinate.

12 Mirror, Mirror on the Wall

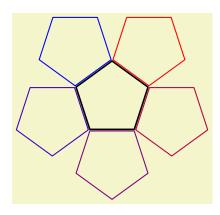
TikZ Library ext.transformations.mirror

```
\usetikzlibrary{ext.transformations.mirror} % LATEX and plain TEX \usetikzlibrary[ext.transformations.mirror] % ConTEXt
```

This library adds more transformations to TikZ.

As explained in section 13, there are two approaches to setting a mirror transformation. As with the commands in PGF, we'll be using a lowercase m for the "Spiegelungsmatrix" and an uppercase M for the built-in approach.

12.1 Using the "Spiegelungsmatrix"

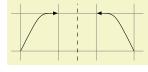


```
\usetikzlibrary {shapes.geometric,ext.transformations.mirror}
\begin{tikzpicture}[line join=round, thick, reg poly/.style={
    shape=regular polygon, regular polygon sides={#1}}]
\node[reg poly=5, minimum size=+2cm, draw, very thick] (a) {};
\foreach \i[evaluate={\col=(\i-1)/.04}] in {1,...,5}
\node [mirror=(a.corner \i)--(a.side \i), transform shape,
    reg poly=5, minimum size=+2cm, draw=red!\col!blue] {};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

/tikz/xmirror=(value or coordinate)

(no default)

Sets up a transformation that mirrors along a horizontal line that goes through point ($\langle value \rangle$, 0) or $\langle coordinate \rangle$.



```
\usetikzlibrary {ext.transformations.mirror}
\usetikzpicture}
\draw[help lines] (-0.25, -.25) grid (3.25, 1.25);
\draw[-latex] (0,0) .. controls (.5,1) .. (1,1);
\draw[dashed] (1.5, -.25) coordinate (m) -- (1.5, 1.25);
\draw[xmirror=(m), -latex] (0,0) .. controls (.5,1) .. (1,1);
\end{tikzpicture}
```

/tikz/ymirror=(value or coordinate) (no default)

Sets up a transformation that mirrors along a vertical line that goes through point $(0, \langle value \rangle)$ or $\langle coordinate \rangle$.

/tikz/mirror x=(coordinate)

(no default)

Similar to /tikz/xmirror, this however uses the xyz coordinate system instead of the canvas system.



```
\usetikzlibrary {ext.transformations.mirror}
\usetikzpicture}[x=.5cm, y=(45:1cm)]
\usetikzpicture][(0,0) ... controls (.5,1) ... (1,1);
\usetikzpicture][(0,
```

/tikz/mirror y=(coordinate)

(no default)

Similar to /tikz/ymirror, this however uses the xyz coordinate system instead of the canvas system.

 $/\text{tikz/mirror} = \langle point A \rangle - \langle point B \rangle$

(no default)

Sets up a transformation that mirrors along a line that goes through $\langle point A \rangle$ and $\langle point B \rangle$.

When only $\langle point A \rangle$ is given that line goes through $\langle point A \rangle$ and the origin.

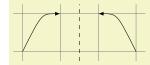
12.2 Using built-in transformations



/tikz/xMirror=(value or coordinate)

(no default)

Sets up a transformation that mirrors along a horizontal line that goes through point ($\langle value \rangle$, 0) or $\langle coordinate \rangle$.



```
\usetikzlibrary {ext.transformations.mirror}
\usetikzpicture}
\draw[help lines] (-0.25, -.25) grid (3.25, 1.25);
\draw[-latex] (0,0) .. controls (.5,1) .. (1,1);
\draw[dashed] (1.5, -.25) coordinate (m) -- (1.5, 1.25);
\draw[xMirror=(m), -latex] (0,0) .. controls (.5,1) .. (1,1);
\end{tikzpicture}
```

/tikz/yMirror=(value or coordinate)

(no default)

Sets up a transformation that mirrors along a vertical line that goes through point $(0, \langle value \rangle)$ or $\langle coordinate \rangle$.

/tikz/Mirror x=(coordinate)

(no default)

Similar to /tikz/xMirror, this however uses the xyz coordinate system instead of the canvas system.



```
\usetikzlibrary {ext.transformations.mirror}
\usetikzpicture} [x=.5cm, y=(45:1cm)]
\usetikzpicture] [(0,0) ... controls (.5,1) ... (1,1);
\usetikzpicture]
```

/tikz/Mirror y=⟨coordinate⟩

(no default)

Similar to /tikz/yMirror, this however uses the xyz coordinate system instead of the canvas system.

$/\text{tikz/Mirror} = \langle point A \rangle - \langle point B \rangle$

(no default)

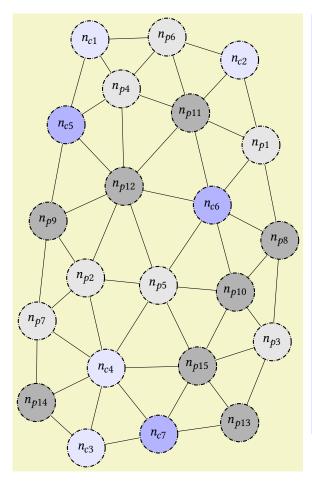
Sets up a transformation that mirrors along a line that goes through $\langle point A \rangle$ and $\langle point B \rangle$.

When only $\langle point A \rangle$ is given that line goes through $\langle point A \rangle$ and the origin.

Part III

PGF Libraries

These libraries (should) work with both PGF and TikZ.



```
\usetikzlibrary {graphs,graphdrawing,ext.misc} \usegdlibrary {force}
\tikzset{
  mynode/.style={
    circle, minimum size=10mm, draw, densely dashdotted, thick,
    decide color/.expand once=#1},
  decide color/.style 2 args={
    /utils/TeX/if=c#1
      {/utils/TeX/ifnum={#2<5}{bluelight}{bluedark}}
      {/utils/TeX/ifnum={#2<8}{light}{dark}}},
  light/.style={fill=gray!20}, bluelight/.style={fill=blue!10},
  dark/.style ={fill=gray!60}, bluedark/.style ={fill=blue!30}}
\tikz\graph[
  spring electrical layout, vertical=c2 to p13,
  node distance=1.5cm, typeset=$n_{\tikzgraphnodetext}$,
  nodes={mynode=\tikzgraphnodetext}] {
  % outer ring
  c2 -- {p1, p11, p6};
    p1 -- {p8, c6, p11};
      p8 -- {p3, p10, c6};
       p3 -- {p13, p15, p10};
         p13 -- {p15, c7};
           c7 -- {c3, c4, p15};
           c3 -- {p14, c4};
           p14 -- {p7, c4};
         p7 -- {p9, p2, c4};
       p9 -- {c5, p12, p2};
     c5 -- {c1, p4, p12};
   c1 -- {p6, p4};
  p6 -- {p11, p4};
  % inner ring
  p11 -- {c6, p12, p4};
  p5 -- {c6 -- {p10, p12}, p10 -- p15, p15 -- c4, c4 -- p2, p2 -- p12, p12 -- p4};
};
```

13 Transformations: Mirroring

PGF Library ext.transformations.mirror

```
\usepgflibrary{ext.transformations.mirror} % LATEX and plain TEX \usepgflibrary[ext.transformations.mirror] % ConTEXt
```

This library adds mirror transformations to PGF.

Two approaches to mirror transformation exist:

- Using the "Spiegelmatrix" (see left column).
 This depends on \pgfpointnormalised which involves the sine and the cosine functions of PGFmath.
- 2. Using built-in transformations (see right column).

This depends on \pgfmathanglebetween which involves the arctangent (atan2) function of PGFmath.

Which one is better? I don't know. Choose one you're comfortable with.

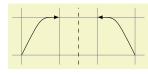
13.1 Using the "Spiegelungsmatrix"

The following commands use the "Spiegelungsmatrix" that sets the transformation matrix following

$$A = \frac{1}{\|\vec{l}\|^2} \begin{bmatrix} l_x^2 - l_y^2 & 2l_x l_y \\ 2l_x l_y & l_y^2 - l_x^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

 $\protect\pro$

Sets up a transformation that mirrors along a vertical line that goes through point ($\langle value \rangle$, 0).



```
\usepgflibrary {transformations.mirror}
\begin{tikzpicture}
\draw[help lines] (-0.25, -
.25) grid (3.25, 1.25);
\draw[-latex] (0,0) .. controls (.5,1) .. (1,1);
\draw[dashed] (1.5, -.25) -- (1.5, 1.25);
\pgftransformxmirror{1.5}
\draw[-latex] (0,0) .. controls (.5,1) .. (1,1);
\end{tikzpicture}
```

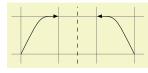
13.2 Using built-in transformations

The following commands use a combination of shifting, rotating, -1 scaling, rotating back and shifting back to reach the mirror transformation.

The commands are named the same as on the left side, only the m in mirror is capitalized.

$\protect\pro$

Sets up a transformation that mirrors along a vertical line that goes through point ($\langle value \rangle$, 0).



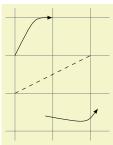
```
\usepgflibrary {transformations.mirror}
\begin{tikzpicture}
\draw[help lines] (-0.25, -
.25) grid (3.25, 1.25);
\draw[-latex] (0,0) .. controls (.5,1) .. (1,1);
\draw[dashed] (1.5, -.25) -- (1.5, 1.25);
\pgftransformxMirror{1.5}
\draw[-latex] (0,0) .. controls (.5,1) .. (1,1);
\end{tikzpicture}
```

$\position{pgftransformymirror{\langle value \rangle}}$

Sets up a transformation that mirrors along a horizontal line that goes through point $(0, \langle value \rangle)$.

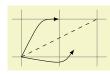
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Sets up a transformation that mirrors along the line that goes through $\langle point A \rangle$ and $\langle point B \rangle$.



$\protect\pro$

Sets up a transformation that mirrors along the line that goes through the origin and $\langle point A \rangle$.



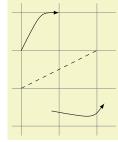
```
\usepgflibrary {transformations.mirror}
\begin{tikzpicture}
\draw[help lines] (-.25, -.25) grid (2.25, 1.25);
\draw[-latex] (0,0) .. controls (.5,1) .. (1,1);
\draw[dashed] (0,0) -- (2, 1);
\pgfqtransformmirror{\pgfpointxy{2}{1}}
\draw[-latex] (0,0) .. controls (.5,1) .. (1,1);
\end{tikzpicture}
```

\pgftransformyMirror{\langle value \rangle}

Sets up a transformation that mirrors along a horizontal line that goes through point $(0, \langle value \rangle)$.

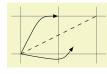
$\protect\pro$

Sets up a transformation that mirrors along the line that goes through $\langle point A \rangle$ and $\langle point B \rangle$.



$\protect\pro$

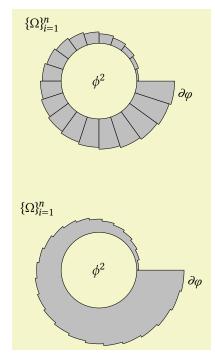
Sets up a transformation that mirrors along the line that goes through the origin and $\langle point A \rangle$.



```
\usepgflibrary {transformations.mirror}
\begin{tikzpicture}
\draw[help lines] (-.25, -.25) grid (2.25, 1.25);
\draw[-latex] (0,0) .. controls (.5,1) .. (1,1);
\draw[dashed] (0, 0) -- (2, 1);
\pgfqtransformMirror{\pgfpointxy{2}{1}}
\draw[-latex] (0,0) .. controls (.5,1) .. (1,1);
\end{tikzpicture}
```

Part IV

Miscellaneous



```
\usetikzlibrary {ext.misc}
\begin{tikzpicture}[
  declare function=\{bigR(\n) = smallR + .05*\n;\},
  declare constant={smallR=1; segments=20;},
  full arc=segments]
\foreach \iN[evaluate={\endRadius=bigR(\iN+1);}, use int=0 to segments-1]
 \filldraw[fill=gray!50] (\iN R:\endRadius)
   arc [radius=\endRadius, start angle=\iN R, delta angle=+1R] -- (\iN R+1R:smallR)
    arc [radius=smallR,
                              end angle=\iN R, delta angle=-1R] -- cycle;
\node
                                                    {$\phi^2$};
\node at (north west:\{ \text{sqrt 2 * bigR(segments/2)} \}  {\\0mega\\_{i=1}^n$};
\node[rotate=-.5R, right] at (-.5R: bigR segments) {$\partial \varphi$};
\tikzset{yshift=-5cm, declare constant={segments=25;}, full arc=segments}
\filldraw[fill=gray!50] (right:smallR)
 \foreach \iN[evaluate={\endRadius=bigR(\iN+1);}, use int=0 to segments-1] {
   -- (\iN R:\endRadius) arc[radius=\endRadius, start angle=\iN R, delta angle=1R]}
   -- (right:smallR)
                          arc[radius=smallR,
                                                                     delta angle=-360];
                                                 start angle=0,
                                                    {$\phi^2$};
\node
\node at (north west:\{ \text{sqrt 2 * bigR(segments/2)} \}  {\\0mega\\_{i=1}^n$};
\node[rotate=-.5R, right] at (-.5R: bigR segments) {$\partial \varphi$};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

14 Calendar: Weeknumbers and more conditionals

```
\usepackage{calendar-ext} % LATEX
\input calendar-ext.tex % plain TEX
\usemodule[calendar-ext] % ConTEXt
```

This package adds week numbers and more conditionals to the PGF package pgfcalendar.

14.1 Extensions

The following tests are added.

- Jan This test is passed by all dates that are in the month of January.
- Feb as above.
- Mar as above.
- Apr as above.
- May as above.
- Jun as above.
- Jul as above.
- Aug as above.
- Sep as above.
- Oct as above.
- Nov as above.
- Dec as above.
- leap year= $\langle year \rangle$ This test checks whether the given year is a leap year. If $\langle year \rangle$ is omitted, it checks the year of the current date.
- and= $\{\langle tests \rangle\}$ This test passes when all $\langle tests \rangle$ pass.
- $not = {\langle tests \rangle}$ This test passes when $\langle tests \rangle$ do not pass.
- yesterday= $\{\langle tests \rangle\}$ This test passes when the previous day passes $\langle tests \rangle$.

• week= $\langle num \rangle$ This test passes when the current week of the year equals $\{\langle num \rangle\}$.

The shorthands for d- and m- are slightly changed so that they are expandable. This makes it possible to use these shorthands inside of PGFmath. The shorthands for the week (see section 14.2) are added. These are

- n- (shortest numerical representation),
- n= (shortest but added horizontal space) and
- n0 (leading zero when below 10).

14.2 Week numbering (ISO 8601)

```
\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\protect\pro
```

This command calculates the week for the $\langle Julian\ day \rangle$ of $\langle year \rangle$. The $\langle week\ counter \rangle$ must be a TeX counter.

The calculation follows the rule of ISO 8601 where the first week has that year's first Thursday in it.

Inside of $\protect\operatorname{\sc holdsym}$ inside of $\protect\operatorname{\sc holdsym}$ in the command $\protect\operatorname{\sc holdsym}$ is a valuable.

\pgfcalendarcurrentweek

This command returns the current week number (always two digits – use shorthand n. to strip the leading zero).

Inside of \ifdate the command \pgfcalendarifdateweek will be available.

\pgfcalendarifdateweek

This command returns the week number (always two digits).

15 And a little bit more

TikZ Library ext.misc

```
\usetikzlibrary{ext.misc} % LATEX and plain TEX \usetikzlibrary[ext.misc] % ConTEXt
```

This library adds miscelleaneos utilities to PGFmath, PGF or TikZ.

15.1 PGFmath

15.1.1 Postfix operator R

Similar to \segments[<num>] in PSTricks, the postfix operator R allows the user to use an arbitrary number of segments of a circle to be used instead of an angle.

```
/\text{tikz/full arc=}\langle num \rangle (default)
```

The number $\langle num \rangle$ of segments will be set up. Using full arc with an empty value disables the segmentation and 1R equals 1°.

The given value $\langle num \rangle$ is evaluated when the key is used and doesn't change when $\langle num \rangle$ contains variables that change.

The R operator can then be used.

xR (postfix operator; uses the fullarc function) Multiplies x with $\frac{360}{\langle num \rangle}$.

15.1.2 Functions

```
strrepeat("Text", x)
\pgfmathstrrepeat{"Text"}{x}
```

Returns a string with *Text* repeated *x* times.

```
isInString("String", "Text")
\pgfmathisInString{"String"}{"Text"}
```

Returns 1 (true) if *Text* contains *String*, otherwise 0 (false).

```
0 and 1
  \pgfmathparse{isInString("foo", "bar")}
  \pgfmathresult \ and\
  \pgfmathparse{isInString("foo", "foobar")}
  \pgfmathresult
```

```
strcat("Text A", "Text B", ...)
\pgfmathstrcat{"Text A"}{"Text B"}{...}
```

Returns the concatenation of all given parameters.

```
blue!21!green
\pgfmathparse{strcat("blue!", int(7*3), "!green")}
\pgfmathresult
```

```
isEmpty("Text")
\pgfmathisEmpty{"Text"}
```

Returns 1 (true) if *Text* is empty, otherwise 0 (false).

```
0 and 1 and 1
  \pgfmathparse{isEmpty("foo")} \pgfmathresult\ and\
  \pgfmathparse{isEmpty("")} \pgfmathresult\ and\
  \def\emptyText{}
  \pgfmathparse{isEmpty("\emptyText")} \pgfmathresult
```

```
atanXY(x,y)
\pgfmathatanXY{x}{y}
```

Arctangent of $y \div x$ in degrees. This also takes into account the quadrant. This is just a argument-swapped version of atan2 which makes it easier to use the \p commands of the calc library.

```
53.13011 \pgfmathparse{atanXY(3,4)} \pgfmathresult
```

```
\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{atanYX}(y,x) \\ \mathsf{pgfmathatanYX}\{y\}\{x\} \end{array}
```

Arctangent of $y \div x$ in degrees. This also takes into account the quadrant.

```
53.13011 \pgfmathparse{atanYX(4,3)} \pgfmathresult
```

15.1.3 Functions: using coordinates

The following functions can only be used with PGF and/or TikZ. Since the arguments are usually plain text (and not numbers) one has to wrap them in ".

```
anglebetween("p1", "p2") \pgfmathanglebetween{"p1"}{"p2"}
```

Return the angle between the centers of the nodes *p1* and *p2*.

```
qanglebetween("p")
\pgfmathqanglebetween{"p"}
```

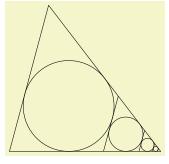
Return the angle between the origin and the center of the node *p*.

```
distancebetween("p1", "p2") \pgfmathdistancebetween{"p1"}{"p2"}
```

Return the distance (in pt) between the centers of the nodes *p1* and *p2*.

```
qdistancebetween("p")
\pgfmathqdistancebetween{"p"}
```

Return the distance (in pt) between the origin and the center of the node p.



15.2 PGFkeys

15.2.1 Conditionals

/utils/if= $\langle cond \rangle \langle true \rangle \langle false \rangle$ (no default)

This key checks the conditional $\langle cond \rangle$ and applies the styles $\langle true \rangle$ if $\langle cond \rangle$ is true, otherwise $\langle false \rangle$. $\langle cond \rangle$ can be anything that PGFmath understands.

As a side effect on how PGFkeys parses argument, the \(false \) argument is actu-

ally optional.

The following keys use TEX' macros \if, \ifx, \ifnum and \ifdim for faster executions.

/utils/TeX/if= $\langle token A \rangle \langle token B \rangle \langle true \rangle \langle false \rangle$ (no default)

This key checks via \if if $\langle token A \rangle$ matches $\langle token B \rangle$ and applies the styles $\langle true \rangle$ if it does, otherwise $\langle false \rangle$.

As a side effect on how PGFkeys parses argument, the $\langle \mathit{false} \rangle$ argument is actually optional.

$$/ \verb"utils/TeX/ifx= \langle token A \rangle \langle token B \rangle \langle true \rangle \langle false \rangle \qquad \qquad (no default)$$

As above.

/utils/TeX/ifnum= $\langle num \ cond \rangle \langle true \rangle$

This key checks \ifnum $\langle num \, cond \rangle$ and applies the styles $\langle true \rangle$ if true, otherwise $\langle false \rangle$. A delimiting \relax will be inserted after $\langle num \, cond \rangle$.

As a side effect on how PGFkeys parses argument, the $\langle \mathit{false} \rangle$ argument is actually optional.

$$/utils/TeX/ifdim=\langle dim\ cond \rangle \langle true \rangle \langle false \rangle$$
 (no default)

As above.

/utils/TeX/ifempty=
$$\langle Text \rangle \langle true \rangle \langle false \rangle$$
 (no default)

This checks whether $\langle Text \rangle$ is empty and applies styles $\langle true \rangle$ if true, otherwise $\langle false \rangle$.

15.2.2 Handlers

While already a lot of values given to keys are evaluated by PGFmath at some point, not all of them are.

```
Key handler \langle key \rangle/.pgfmath=\langle eval \rangle
```

This handler evaluates $\langle eval \rangle$ before it is handed to the key.

```
Key handler \langle key \rangle / .pgfmath int=\langle eval \rangle
```

As above but truncates the result.

```
Key handler \langle key \rangle / .pgfmath strcat=\langle eval \rangle
```

As above but uses the strcat function.

In the example below, one could have used the <code>/pgf/foreach/evaluate</code> key from <code>\foreach.</code>

```
\usetikz\library {misc}
\tikz\foreach \i in {0,10,...,100}
\draw[
    line width=+.2cm,
    color/.pgfmath strcat={"red!",sqrt(\i)*10,"!blue"}
]
(0,\i/50) -- +(right:3);
```

```
Key handler \langle key \rangle / . List = \langle \langle e1 \rangle, \langle e2 \rangle, ..., \langle en \rangle \rangle
```

This handler evaluates the given list with \foreach and concatenates the element and the result is then given to the used key.

```
\usetikzlibrary {fit,ext.misc}
\begin{tikzpicture}[nodes={draw, dashed, inner sep=+10pt}]
  \foreach \point [count=\text{cnt}] in {(0,0), (0,2), (2,0), (2,2), (3,3), (-1,-1)}
  \fill \point circle[radius=.1] coordinate (point-\cnt);
  \node[gray, fit/.List={(point-1), (point-...), (point-4)}] {};
  \node[red, fit/.List={(point-1), (point-...), (point-5)}] {};
  \node[blue, fit/.List={(point-1), (point-...), (point-6)}] {};
  \end{tikzpicture}
```

15.3 PGFfor

Instead of \foreach \var in {start, start + delta, ..., end} one can use \foreach \var[use int=start to end step delta].

/pgf/foreach/use int= $\langle start \rangle$ to $\langle end \rangle$ step $\langle delta \rangle$

(no default)

The values $\langle start \rangle$, $\langle end \rangle$ and $\langle delta \rangle$ are evaluates by PGFmath at initialization. The part step $\langle delta \rangle$ is optional ($\langle delta \rangle = 1$).

/pgf/foreach/use float= $\langle start \rangle$ to $\langle end \rangle$ step $\langle delta \rangle$

(no default)

Same as above, however the results are not truncated.

Part V

Changelog & Index

Changelog

Version 0.2

- Added TikZ library ext.positioning-plus.
- Added TikZ library ext.node-families.

Version 0.1

- Added TikZ library ext.calendar-plus.
- Added TikZ library ext.misc.
- Added TikZ library ext.paths.arcto.

- Added TikZ library ext.paths.ortho.
- Added TikZ library ext.paths.timer.
- Added TikZ library ext.patterns.images.
- Added TikZ library ext.topaths.arcthrough.
- Added TikZ library ext.transformations.mirror.
- Added PGF library ext.transformations.mirror.

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