The l3charts package

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Abstract

This package defines a few simple TikZ charts that can be drawn using LaTeX environments. This has mainly been developed as an experimentation of expl3 for checking what LaTeX3 really brought to facilitate package development (expansion control, seq, prop, keys, int, bool, fp, dim, msg, ...).

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1 About this documentation

I doubt that LATEX will have one day a modern documentation system as powerful as **cargo doc** due to its typeless and syntaxless nature. In my opinion LATEX literate programming with **docstrip** is just an ugly hack that turns the code and the documentation unmaintainable, and it's probably the component of LATEX which aged the most.

So I chose to write the documentation separately and borrowed much of the style from the **microtype** package which by the way (if you are still curious about it), pushes the **docstrip** mastery to a *black magic* level.

2 Motivation

This package has been developed mainly to typeset a fancy résumé but perhaps it could be used in other contexts too. I didn't want to write TikZ charts directly in the document as it would have turned a simple typesetting file in an unreadable document, and I would have forgotten every details after just a few months.

I wouldn't have the patience to develop this with LATEX or TEX either, but I was curious enough about expl3 to try an implementation. You should probably take this package as a rough tutorial on how to develop with expl3 because it uses nearly all the types defined in the reference documentation (expansion control, seq. prop. keys, int, bool, fp, dim, msg, ...) in straightforward ways.

TEX will always be that dusty tech you can't ignore because but there are so many (unmatched) packages coming from academic circles, but expl3 gives a touch of modernity and facilitates a lot package development by allowing to easily bridge TEX packages (here LATEX and TikZ).

3 Kiviat chart

3.1 Usage

The kiviat chart or radar chart allows to represent one or several set along several dimensions.

\begin{kiviatchart}
\end{kiviatchart}

Environment that hold a kiviat chart. Accepts an optional argument $[\langle clist \rangle]$ which is comma separated list of keywords and values :

radius $\langle \mathit{dim} \rangle$ 3.5cm

Maximal diagram radius

units ⟨int⟩ 5

Set the scale of units from 0 to the given number

* \langle keyval \rangle

All other options are passed to tikzpicture (env)

A kiviatchart (env) should begin with a dims (env), followed by one or several set (env).

3.1.1 Dimensions

\begin{dims} Environment that hold the definition of all dimensions. Accepts an optional argument $[\langle clist \rangle]$ which is comma separated list of keywords and values :

radius $\langle dim \rangle$ kiviatchart (env) radius

Radius to put dimension labels on

label-on $\langle int
angle$

Dimension axis index (between 1 and number of dimensions) to put the labels on. In case of invalid value (0), the units labels are hidden.

 $\begin{array}{ll} \operatorname{\textsf{dim-options}} & \langle \mathit{prop} \rangle \end{array} \hspace{3cm} \{ \operatorname{\textsf{opacity=0.8}} \}$

TikZ options for drawing dimensions axis with

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unit-options \langle prop\
{opacity=0.3}

TikZ options for drawing unit polygons with

TikZ options drawing for unit labels

label-cs $\langle str
angle$ identity

Name of the cs used to format labels

unit-cs $\langle str \rangle$ tinytt

Name of the cs used to format unit scale

angle $\langle fp
angle$ 90

Angle of the first dimension

\value \value [$\langle clist \rangle$] { $\langle label \rangle$ } is used to add a dimension to the kiviat chart. [$\langle clist \rangle$] is passed to

TikZ to draw the nodes corresponding to the labels.

3.1.2 Set

\begin{set} set (env) is used to add a new set to the kiviat chart. Accepts an optional argument $[\langle clist \rangle]$

\end{set} which is comma separated list of keywords and values:

dot-options \langle prop \ \{fill, circle, inner sep=1pt\}

Options for polygon node

 $\star \quad \langle \mathit{keyval} \rangle$ color=black, line width=1.5pt, opacity=1, fill opacity=0.3, fill=gray

All other options are passed to \draw cs which draws the polygon

\value \value $\{\langle int \rangle\}$ is used to add a value to the set.

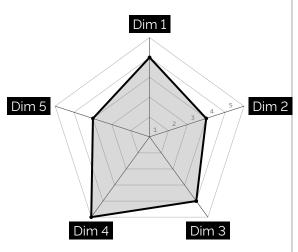
There must be the same number of \value inside set (env) and dims (env), and each \value

corresponds to the dimension in dims (env) at the same index.

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3.2 Examples

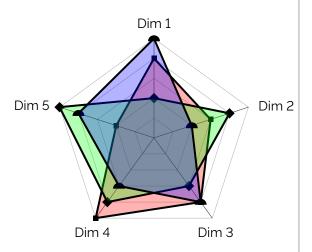
3.2.1 Simple



```
% scale is passed to tikzpicture
\begin{kiviatchart}[scale=0.75]
  % Define the dimensions
  \begin{dims}[
      % inverted labels
      label-cs=textinv,
      % value scale on dim2 axis
      label-on=2]
    % Specify placement of each
    % labels
    \value[above]{Dim 1}
    \value[right]{Dim 2}
    \value[below]{Dim 3}
    \value[below]{Dim 4}
    \value[left]{Dim 5}
  \end{dims}
  % Add least one set should
  % be defined.
  \begin{set}
    \value{4} % Dim 1
    \value{3} % Dim 2
    \value{4} % Dim 3
    \value{5} % Dim 4
    \value{3} % Dim 5
  \end{set}
\end{kiviatchart}
```

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3.2.2 Multi-set



```
\begin{kiviatchart}[scale=0.75]
\begin{dims}[
      % bigger radius for labels
      radius=3.7cm,
      % hide unit labels
      label-on=0]
    \value[above]{Dim 1}
    \value[right]{Dim 2}
    \value[below]{Dim 3}
    \value[below]{Dim 4}
    \value[left]{Dim 5}
 \end{dims}
 \begin{set}[% red set
      fill=red.
      % big rectangle dots
      dot-options={
        fill, rectangle,
        inner sep=2pt
      }]
    \value{4} % Dim 1
    \value{3} % Dim 2
    \value{4} % Dim 3
    \value{5} % Dim 4
    \value{2} % Dim 5
  \end{set}
  \begin{set}[% green set
      fill=green,
      % big diamond dots
      dot-options={
        fill, diamond,
        inner sep=2pt
      }1
    \value{2} % Dim 1
    \value{4} % Dim 2
    \value{3} % Dim 3
    \value{4} % Dim 4
    \value{5} % Dim 5
  \end{set}
 \begin{set}[% blue set
      fill=blue,
      % big semicircle dots
      dot-options={
        fill, semicircle,
        inner sep=2pt
      }]
    \value{5} % Dim 1
    \value{2} % Dim 2
    \value{4} % Dim 3
    \value{3} % Dim 4
    \value{4} % Dim 5
 \end{set}
\end{kiviatchart}
```

3.3 To do

At the moment the environments are not user friendly. We could provide basic sanity checks, with error messages when theses rules are violated:

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- one and only one dims (env) declared before any set (env)
- · at least 3 dimensions are declared
- all set (env) have the same number of \value than the dims (env)
- \value in set (env) is between 0 and units

Ball chart

Usage

\begin{ballchart}

\end{ballchart}

Environment that hold a ball chart. Accepts an optional argument [\langle clist \rangle] which is comma separated list of keywords and values:

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The number of circles per bar

 $\langle dim \rangle$ gap

1ex

Gap between bars

 $\langle dim \rangle$ cgap

1pt

Gap between circles

radius $\langle dim \rangle$ 2.5mm

Radius of the circles

label-cs

 $\langle str \rangle$

identity

Macro name to format labels

fill-options

 $\langle prop \rangle$

{fill=black}

TikZ options to fill the balls with

draw-options

 $\langle prop \rangle$

{draw=none}

TikZ options to draw the balls with

label-options

 $\langle prop \rangle$

{left}

TikZ options for dimensions axis

label-cs

 $\langle str \rangle$

identity

Macro name to format labels

label-pos $\langle str \rangle$

Position of the label. Possible values:

- · left, right
- · above, below
- · above right, above left
- below right, below left

value-cs $\langle str \rangle$

nop

left

cs name to format values with

 $\langle keyval \rangle$

All other options are passed to tikzpicture (env)

\value $\value{\langle label \rangle}{\langle percent \rangle}$ is used to add a new bar.

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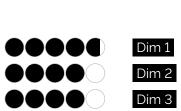
4.2.1 Simple

Dim 1

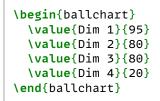
Dim 2

Dim 3

Dim 4



Dim 4



```
\begin{ballchart}[
    % inverted labels
    label-cs=textinv,
    % to the right
    label-pos=right,
    % closer to the bar
    label-options={xshift=-8mm},
    % show circle
    draw-options={draw=black!30}]
    \value{Dim 1}{95}
    \value{Dim 2}{80}
    \value{Dim 3}{80}
    \value{Dim 4}{20}
\end{ballchart}
```

4.2.2 Delimited

```
\begin{ballchart}[
   % 6 circles per bar
   n=6,
   % red labels
   label-cs=redbf,
   % closer to bar
   label-options={xshift=4mm},
   % bigger gap
   gap=1.5ex,
   cgap=3pt,
    % fill in red
   fill-options={fill=red!50},
   % black circle
    draw-options={draw=black}]
  \value{Dim 1}{95}
 \value{Dim 2}{80}
 \value{Dim 3}{80}
  \value{Dim 4}{20}
\end{ballchart}
```

5 Bar chart

5.1 Usage

\begin{barchart} Er
 \end{barchart} ar

Environment that hold a bar chart. Accepts an optional argument $[\langle clist \rangle]$ which is comma separated list of keywords and values :

width $\langle din
angle$

Maximum width

height $\langle din
angle$ 3.5mm

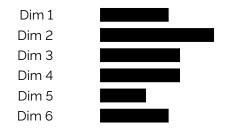
Bar height

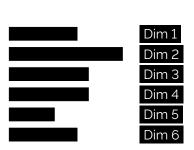
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 $\langle dim \rangle$ gap 1ex Gap between bars fill-options {fill=none} $\langle prop \rangle$ TikZ options to fill the bar with draw-options {fill=black} $\langle prop \rangle$ TikZ options to draw the bar with label-options {} $\langle prop \rangle$ TikZ options for dimensions axis label-cs identity $\langle str \rangle$ Macro name to format labels label-pos left $\langle str \rangle$ Position of the label. Possible values: · left, right · above, below · above right, above left · below right, below left value-cs $\langle str \rangle$ nop cs name to format values with $\langle keyval \rangle$ All other options are passed to tikzpicture (env) $\value{\langle label \rangle} {\langle percent \rangle}$ is used to add a new bar. \value

5.2 Examples

5.2.1 Simple



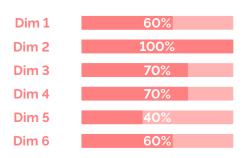


```
\begin{barchart}
  \value{Dim 1}{60}
  \value{Dim 2}{100}
  \value{Dim 3}{70}
  \value{Dim 4}{70}
  \value{Dim 5}{40}
  \value{Dim 6}{60}
\end{barchart}
```

```
\begin{barchart}[
    % inverted labels
    label-cs=textinv,
    % to the right
    label-pos=right,
    % closer to bar
    label-options={xshift=-8mm}]
    \value{Dim 1}{60}
    \value{Dim 2}{100}
    \value{Dim 3}{70}
    \value{Dim 4}{70}
    \value{Dim 5}{40}
    \value{Dim 6}{60}
\end{barchart}
```

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5.2.2 Gauge



```
\begin{barchart}[
   % 4cm wide bars
   width=4cm,
    % inverted labels
   label-cs=redbf,
    % closer to bar
   label-options={xshift=4mm},
   % show values
   value-cs=whitebfp,
    % bigger gap
   gap=1.5ex,
    % bar in red
   draw-options={
      draw=red!50.
      fill=red!50},
    % show borders in red
   fill-options={
      fill=red!30,
      draw=red!30}]
 \value{Dim 1}{60}
  \value{Dim 2}{100}
  \value{Dim 3}{70}
 \value{Dim 4}{70}
 \value{Dim 5}{40}
 \value{Dim 6}{60}
\end{barchart}
```

6 Bubble chart

6.1 Usage

\begin{bubblechart} Environment that hold a bubble chart. Accepts an optional argument [\langle clist \rangle] which is comma separated list of keywords and values: \end{bubblechart} radius

 $\langle dim \rangle$ 1cm Max radius

 $\langle dim \rangle$ gap 1ex

Gap between bubbles

fill-options $\langle prop \rangle$ {fill=none,draw=none}

TikZ options to fill/draw the background with

{fill=black} draw-options $\langle prop \rangle$

TikZ options to fill/draw the bubble with

label-cs $\langle str \rangle$ identity

Macro name to format labels

label-pos above

Position of the label. Possible values:

- · left, right
- · above, below
- · above right, above left
- below right, below left

value-cs $\langle str \rangle$ nop

cs name to format values with

vertical $\langle bool \rangle$ false

Stack the bubble vertically instead of horizontally

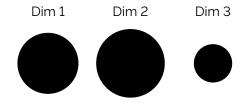
 \star $\langle keyval \rangle$

All other options are passed to tikzpicture (env)

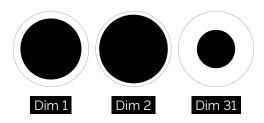
\value $\value{\langle label \rangle} {\langle percent \rangle}$ is used to add a new bubble.

6.2 Examples

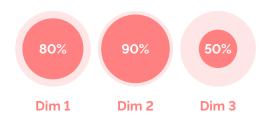
6.2.1 Horizontal



\begin{bubblechart}
 \value{Dim 1}{80}
 \value{Dim 2}{90}
 \value{Dim 3}{50}
\end{bubblechart}



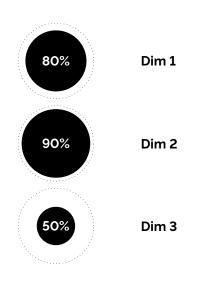
\begin{bubblechart}[
 % invexted labels
 label-cs=textinv,
 % below bubble
 label-pos=below,
 % show boxdexs
 fill-options={
 fill=none,
 draw=black!30}]
 \value{Dim 1}{80}
 \value{Dim 2}{90}
 \value{Dim 31}{50}
\end{bubblechart}



```
\begin{bubblechart}[
   % label in red
   label-cs=redbf,
   % below bubble
   label-pos=below,
    % show value
   value-cs=whitebfp,
    % bubble in red
   draw-options={
      draw=red!50,
      fill=red!50},
   % background in light red
   fill-options={
      fill=red!10}]
 \value{Dim 1}{80}
 \value{Dim 2}{90}
 \value{Dim 3}{50}
\end{bubblechart}
```

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6.2.2 Vertical



```
\begin{bubblechart}[
    % stack bubbles vertically
   vertical,
    % label in bold
    label-cs=textbf,
   % show values
   value-cs=whitebfp,
   % to the right
   label-pos=right,
    % show max as dotted line
   fill-options={
      fill=none,
      draw=black,
      dotted}]
 \value{Dim 1}{80}
 \value{Dim 2}{90}
  \value{Dim 3}{50}
\end{bubblechart}
```

identity

false

7 Radial chart

· above, below

value-cs $\langle str \rangle$

vertical $\langle bool \rangle$

above right, above leftbelow right, below left

cs name to format values with

7.1 Usage \begin{radialchart} Environment that hold a radial chart. Accepts an optional argument $[\langle clist \rangle]$ which is comma separated list of keywords and values : \end{radialchart} radius $\langle dim \rangle$ 1cm Max radius gap $\langle dim \rangle$ 2.5ex Gap between radials line width $\langle dim \rangle$ 3mm Line width to draw the radials with $\langle prop \rangle$ {fill=none,draw=black!10} fill-options TikZ options to fill/draw the center of the radial with draw-options black $\langle prop \rangle$ TikZ options to draw the radial with label-options $\langle prop \rangle$ {} TikZ options drawing for unit labels label-cs identity $\langle str \rangle$ cs name to format labels with $\langle str \rangle$ label-pos above Position of the label. Possible values: · left, right

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Stack radials vertically instead of horizontally

* \(\langle \keyval \rangle \)
All other options are passed to tikzpicture (env)

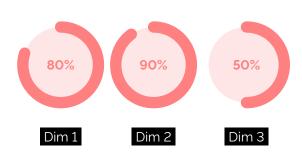
line cap=round

7.2 Examples

7.2.1 Horizontal

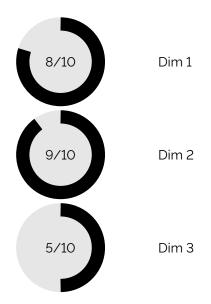


\begin{radialchart}
 \value{Dim 1}{80}
 \value{Dim 2}{90}
 \value{Dim 3}{50}
\end{radialchart}



\begin{radialchart}[% inverted label, label-cs=textinv, % below radial, label-pos=below, % in red bold. value-cs=redbfp, % ring is red draw-options={red!50}, % disk is light red fill-options={ fill=red!10}] \value{Dim 1}{80} \value{Dim 2}{90} \value{Dim 3}{50} \end{radialchart}

7.2.2 Vertical



\begin{radialchart}[% stack radials vertically vertical, % label as tenth fraction value-cs=tenrate, % to the right label-pos=right, % thicker line line width=3.5mm, % with rect end line cap=butt, % same color for disk and ring fill-options={ draw=black!10, fill=black!10}] \value{Dim 1}{80} \value{Dim 2}{90} \value{Dim 3}{50} \end{radialchart}

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8.1 Usage

radius $\langle dim \rangle$ 1cm

Radius of outer arc

gap $\langle dim \rangle$ 2.5ex

Gap between arcs

line width $\langle din \rangle$ 4mm

Line width to draw the arc with

TikZ options to fill/draw the background of the arcs with

extstyle ext

TikZ options to draw the arcs with

label-options $\langle prop \rangle$

TikZ options drawing for unit labels

 $\mathsf{label-cs} \quad \langle \mathit{str} \rangle \qquad \qquad \mathsf{identity}$

cs name to format labels with

value-options $\langle prop \rangle$

TikZ options to draw values with

value-cs $\langle str \rangle$ nop

cs name to format values with

value-angle $\langle fp \rangle$ 90

Angle at which to draw the values

* $\langle keyval \rangle$ line cap=round

All other options are passed to tikzpicture (env)

8.2 Examples

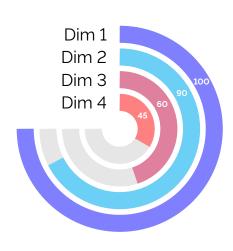
8.2.1 Simple



\begin{arcchart}
 \value{Dim 1}{100}
 \value{Dim 2}{90}
 \value{Dim 3}{60}
 \value{Dim 4}{45}
\end{arcchart}

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8.2.2 Colorful



```
\begin{arcchart}[
    % bigger radius,
   radius=2.5cm,
    % and gap
    gap=1.5mm,
   % show values
   value-cs=whitebf,
   % at 30°
   value-angle=30,
    % thicker line width,
   line width=4.5mm,
    % with square end
   line cap=butt]
 % each ring has its own color
  \value[blue!50]{Dim 1}{100}
  \value[cyan!50]{Dim 2}{90}
 \value[purple!50]{Dim 3}{60}
 \value[red!50]{Dim 4}{45}
\end{arcchart}
```

9 Macros

9.1 Package

These are macros defined in l3charts.sty and used as default value for label-cs or value-cs options.

\tinytt Macro used to format its argument as tiny monospace

\cs_set:Npn \tinytt #1 {\texttt{\tiny #1}}

\identity Macro used to return the first argument as is

\cs_set:Npn \identity #1 {#1}

\nop Macro used to consume the first argument and do nothing

\cs_set:Npn \nop #1 {}

\percent Macro used to append a percent to its argument

\cs_set:Npn \percent #1 {#1\%}

9.2 Examples

These macros are defined for the examples presented in this document and are not part of the module l3charts.sty.

\textbfp Macro used to format its argument as bold with appended %

\NewDocumentCommand\textbfp{m}{\textbf{\percent{#1}}}

\ExplSyntaxOn

 $\label{lem:newDocumentCommand} $$\operatorname{m}_{\min_{e}}(m) = m_{m}^{2} | m$

\ExplSyntaxOff

\textinv Macro used to format its argument as white text on black background

\NewDocumentCommand\textinv{m}{\colorbox{black}{\textcolor{white}{#1}}}

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	$\label{lem:newDocumentCommand} $$ \end{m}{\text{color}{red!50}{\text{textbfp}$\#1}} $$$	
\whitebf	Macro used to format its argument as bold and white	
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0.7.0	(2022/08/01)		
•	 add a arcchart (env) rename line-width to line width for consistency with TikZ use choice to restrict values on label-pos remove spurious; and replace c_space_tl by ~ 		
0.6.1	(2022/07/26)		
•	· add a label-on option for dims (env) of kiviatchart (env)		
0.6.0	(2022/07/26)		
•	 draw kiviatchart (env) dimensions clockwise with a starting angle of 90 allow value of 0 for set (env) rename labels-radius to radius and move to dims (env) 		
0.5.1	(2022/07/19)		
•	remove hard coded % in value.		
0.5.0	(2022/07/18)		
	convert all $\langle fp \rangle$ to $\langle dim \rangle$ for usability rename v-sep and h-sep options of ballchart (env) to gap and cgap for consistency		
0.4.0	(2022/07/17)		
•	 add values to bubblechart (env) label positioning on barchart (env) and ballchart (env) swap fill-options and draw-options for barchart (env) for consistency 		
0.3.0	(2022/07/15)		
•	 add a radialchart (env) to draw radials add a vertical mode to bubblechart (env) and allow positioning of the label swap fill-options and draw-options for bubblechart (env) for consistency 		
0.2.0	(2022/07/04)		
•	define a document class borrowed from $\ensuremath{\mathtt{micro}}$	type	
0.1.0	(2022/07/01)		
•	Initial version		