# 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, ...).

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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, pushes the docstrip mastery to a black magic level.

# 2 Kiviat chart

# 2.1 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  $\langle dim \rangle$  3.5cm

Maximal diagram radius

units  $\langle int \rangle$  5

Set the scale of units from 0 to the given number

 $\star$   $\langle keyval \rangle$ 

All other options are passed to tikzpicture (env)

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

# 2.1.1 Dimensions

\begin{dims} Environment that hold the definition of all dimensions. Accepts an optional argument  $[\langle clist \rangle]$ 

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

radius ⟨dim⟩ =kiviatchart radius

Radius to put dimension labels on

label-on \langle int \rangle

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.

dim-options  $\langle prop \rangle$  {opacity=0.8}

TikZ options for drawing dimensions axis with

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

TikZ options for drawing unit polygons with

TikZ options drawing for unit labels

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

Name of the cs used to format labels

unit-cs  $\langle str 
angle$  tinytt

Name of the cs used to format unit scale

angle  $\langle fp \rangle$  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.

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#### 2.1.2 Set

\begin{set} set (env) is used to add a new set to the kiviat chart. Accepts an optional argument  $[\langle clist \rangle]$  which is comma separated list of keywords and values:

 $extsf{dot-options} \quad \langle prop 
angle$ 

{fill,circle,inner sep=1pt}

Options for polygon node

\* \(\lambda \text{keyval}\rangle\) 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

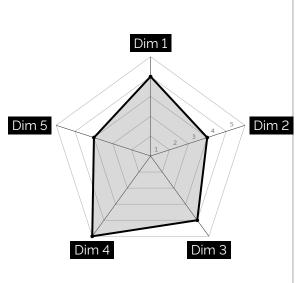
\value \value  $\{\langle int \rangle\}$  is used to add a value to the set.

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.

# 2.2 Examples

# **2.2.1** Simple

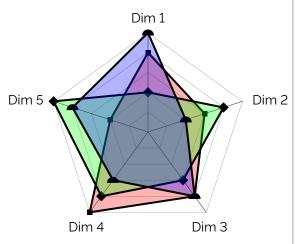
Use label-cs to call \textinv to format the labels.



```
% scale is passed to tikzpicture
\begin{kiviatchart}[scale=0.75]
 % Define all the dimensions
 \begin{dims}[
      label-cs=textinv,
      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 one or several sets.
 % Each value corresponds to
 % the dimension at the same
 % index in dims
 \begin{set}
    \value{4}
    \value{3}
    \value{4}
    \value{5}
    \value{3}
 \end{set}
\end{kiviatchart}
```

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#### 2.2.2 Multi-set



```
% scale is passed to tikzpicture
\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}
 % red set
  \begin{set}[
      fill=red,
      % big rectangle dots
      dot-options={
        fill, rectangle,
        inner sep=2pt
      }]
    \value{4}
    \value{3}
    \value{4}
    \value{5}
    \value{2}
 \end{set}
  % green set
  \begin{set}[
      fill=green,
      % big diamond dots
      dot-options={
        fill, diamond,
        inner sep=2pt
      }]
    \value{2}
    \value{4}
    \value{3}
    \value{4}
    \value{5}
  \end{set}
 % blue set
 \begin{set}[
      fill=blue,
      % big semicircle dots
      dot-options={
        fill, semicircle,
        inner sep=2pt
      }]
    \value{5}
    \value{2}
    \value{4}
    \value{3}
    \value{4}
 \end{set}
\end{kiviatchart}
```

#### 2.3 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

# 3 Ball chart

# 3.1 Usage

n  $\langle int \rangle$  5

The number of circles per bar

gap  $\langle din 
angle$  1ex

Gap between bars

cgap  $\langle dim 
angle$  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\
{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 \(\rangle prop \rangle \) \(\lambda prop \rangle \)

TikZ options for dimensions axis

label-cs  $\langle str 
angle$  identity

Macro name to format labels

label-pos  $\langle str \rangle$  left

Position of the label. Should be left, right, above, below, above right, above left,

below right or below left

value-cs  $\langle str \rangle$  nop

cs name to format values with

 $\star$   $\langle keyval \rangle$ 

All other options are passed to tikzpicture (env)

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

# 3.2 Examples

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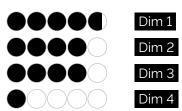
#### **3.2.1 Simple**

Dim 1

Dim 2

Dim 3

Dim 4



# \begin{ballchart} \value{Dim 1}{95} \value{Dim 2}{80} \value{Dim 3}{80} \value{Dim 4}{20} \end{ballchart}

```
\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}
```

#### 3.2.2 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}
```

# 4 Bar chart

### 4.1 Usage

\begin{barchart}
\end{barchart}

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

width

3cm

Maximum width

height

 $\langle \mathit{dim} \rangle$ 

 $\langle dim \rangle$ 

3.5mm

Bar height

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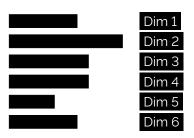
 $\langle dim \rangle$ gap 1ex Gap between bars fill-options {fill=none}  $\langle prop \rangle$ TikZ options to fill the bar with draw-options {fill=black}  $\langle prop \rangle$ TikZ options to draw the bar with label-options {}  $\langle prop \rangle$ TikZ options for dimensions axis label-cs identity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

# 4.2 Examples

# 4.2.1 Simple



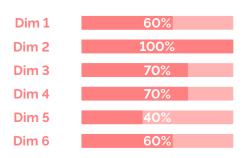
\begin{barchart}
 \value{Dim 1}{60}
 \value{Dim 2}{100}
 \value{Dim 3}{70}
 \value{Dim 4}{70}
 \value{Dim 5}{40}
 \value{Dim 6}{60}
\end{barchart}



```
\begin{barchart}[
    % invented labels
    label-cs=textinv,
    % to the night
    label-pos=right,
    % closen to ban
    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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#### **4.2.2** 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}
```

# 5 Bubble chart

## 5.1 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 :

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

Max radius

gap  $\langle dim 
angle$  1ex

Gap between bubbles

TikZ options to fill/draw the background with

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

TikZ options to fill/draw the bubble with

label-cs  $\langle str 
angle$  identity

Macro name to format labels

label-pos  $\langle str 
angle$  above

Position of the label. Should be left, right, above, below, above right, above left, below right or 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

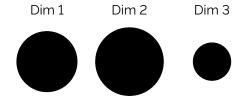
 $\star$   $\langle keyval \rangle$ 

All other options are passed to tikzpicture (env)

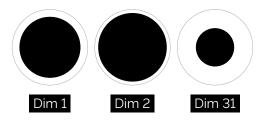
\value \value  $\{\langle label \rangle\} \{\langle percent \rangle\}$  is used to add a new bubble.

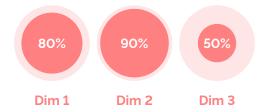
# 5.2 Examples

#### 5.2.1 Horizontal



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

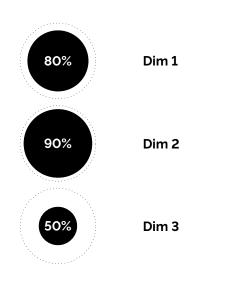




```
\begin{bubblechart}[
    % label in red
   label-cs=redbf,
   % below bubble
   label-pos=below,
    % show value
   value-cs=whitebfp,
    % bubble in red
   draw-options={
      draw=red!50,
      fill=red!50},
   % background in light red
   fill-options={
      fill=red!10}]
 \value{Dim 1}{80}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

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#### 5.2.2 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}
```

# 6 Radial chart

# 6.1 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:

 radius
  $\langle dim \rangle$  

 Max radius
 1cm

 Max radius
 2.5ex

Gap between radials

line width  $\langle dim 
angle$  3mm

Line width to draw the radials with

fill-options  $\langle prop \rangle$  {fill=none,draw=black!10}

TikZ options to fill/draw the center of the radial with

 $ext{draw-options} \quad \langle prop \rangle$  black

TikZ options to draw the radial with

label-options  $\langle prop \rangle$  {}

TikZ options drawing for unit labels

label-cs  $\langle str \rangle$  identity

cs name to format labels with

label-pos  $\langle str \rangle$  above

Position of the label. Should be left, right, above, below, above right, above left,

below right or below left

value-cs  $\langle str 
angle$  identity

cs name to format values with

vertical  $\langle bool 
angle$  false

Stack radials vertically instead of horizontally

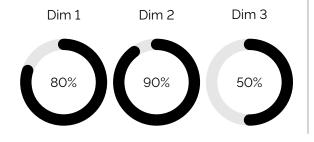
\*  $\langle keyval 
angle$  line cap=round

All other options are passed to tikzpicture (env)

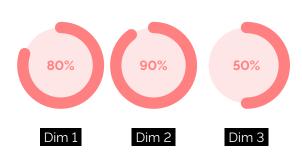
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# 6.2 Examples

#### 6.2.1 Horizontal

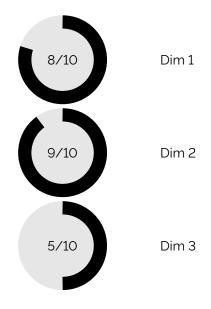


\begin{radialchart}
 \value{Dim 1}{80}
 \value{Dim 2}{90}
 \value{Dim 3}{50}
\end{radialchart}



\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}

#### 6.2.2 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}

# 7 Arc chart

# 7.1 Usage

\begin{arcchart}
 \end{arcchart}

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

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

Radius of outer arc

gap  $\langle din \rangle$  2.5ex

Gap between arcs

line width  $\langle dim 
angle$  4mm

Line width to draw the arc with

fill-options  $\langle prop \rangle$  {fill=none,draw=black!10}

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

draw-options  $\langle prop \rangle$  black

TikZ options to draw the arcs with

label-options  $\langle prop \rangle$  {}

TikZ options drawing for unit labels

label-cs  $\langle str 
angle$  identity

cs name to format labels with

label-pos  $\langle str \rangle$  right

Label position relative to radial. Should be left, center or right

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)

# 7.2 Examples

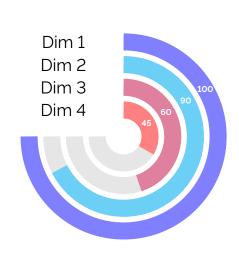
# **7.2.1 Simple**



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

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#### 7.2.2 Colorful



```
\begin{arcchart}[
    % bigger radius,
   radius=2.5cm,
    % and gap
    gap=1.5mm,
   % show values
   value-cs=whitebf,
   % at 30°
   value-angle=30,
    % centered labels
   label-pos=center,
    % 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}
```

# 8 Macros

# 8.1 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\%}

# 8.2 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** 

**\NewDocumentCommand\tenrate**{m}{\int\_eval:n{#1/10}/10}

**\ExplSyntaxOff** 

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

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\NewDocumentCommand\textinv{m}{\colorbox{black}{\textcolor{white}{#1}}}
\redbf Macro used to format its argument as bold and red
\NewDocumentCommand\redbf{m}{\textcolor{red!50}{\textbf{#1}}}
\redbfp Macro used to format its argument as bold and red with appended %
\NewDocumentCommand\redbfp{m}{\textcolor{red!50}{\textbfp{#1}}}
\whitebf Macro used to format its argument as bold and white
\NewDocumentCommand\whitebf{m}{\textcolor{white}{\textbf{#1}}}
\whitebfp Macro used to format its argument as bold and white with appended %
\NewDocumentCommand\whitebfp{m}{\textcolor{white}{\textbf{#1}}}
\whitebfp Macro used to format its argument as bold and white with appended %
\NewDocumentCommand\whitebfp{m}{\textcolor{white}{\textbfp{#1}}}
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· add a label-on option for dims (env) of kiviatchart (env)					
0.6.0	(2022/07/26)				
•	<ul> <li>draw kiviatchart (env) dimensions clockwise with a starting angle of 90</li> <li>allow value of 0 for set (env)</li> <li>rename labels-radius to radius and move to dims (env)</li> </ul>				
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	4.0 (2022/07/17)				
•	add values to bubblechart (env) label positioning on barchart (env) and ballo swap fill-options and draw-options for b				
0.3.0	(2022/07/15)				
•	add a radialchart (env) to draw radials add a vertical mode to bubblechart (env) and swap fill-options and draw-options for b				
0.2.0	(2022/07/04)				
•	define a document class borrowed from $\ensuremath{\mathtt{micro}}$	type			
0.1.0	(2022/07/01)				
•	Initial version				