

tikz-penciline

Hand drawing with PGF/Ti $\textcolor{brown}{k}$ Z

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◦ <https://github.com/renard/tikz-penciline>

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`tikz-penciline` is based on *percusse* answer from StackExchange's *simulating hand drawn lines*¹. The original idead is to make a `tikzpicture` look like if it was hand drawn.

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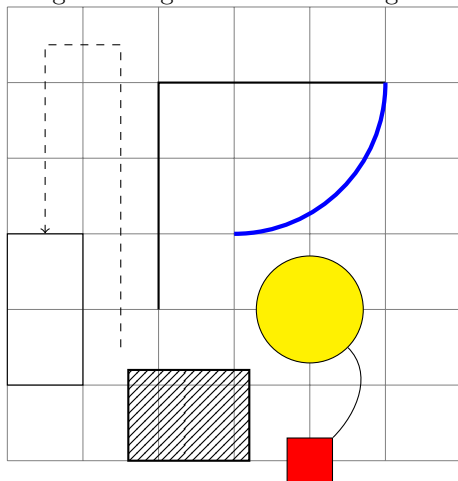
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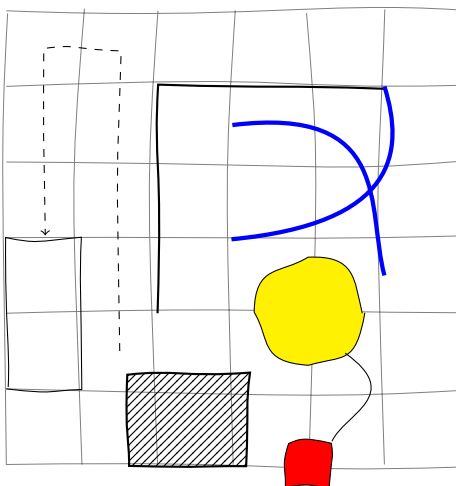
¹<http://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/39296>

1 Overview

The original image looks to someting similar to:



The **penciline** version looks to someting similar to:



```
\begin{tikzpicture}[penciline={jag ratio=1}]
\draw[decorate,penciline={jag ratio=2},style=help lines] (-2,-2)
grid[step=1cm] (4,4);
\draw[decorate,thick] (0,0) -- (0,3) -- (3,3);
%% This is supposed to be an arc!!
\draw[decorate,penciline={jag ratio=0,arc angle base2=90},ultra thick,blue] (3,3) arc (0:-90:2cm);
\draw[decorate,penciline={jag ratio=0},ultra thick,blue] (3,0.5) arc (0:90:2cm);
\draw[decorate,thick,pattern=north east lines] (-0.4cm,-0.8cm) rectangle (1.2,-2);
%% That's not even an ellipse !!
\node[decorate,penciline={jag ratio=0,arc radius base1=0.4,arc radius base2=.6},
draw,inner sep=0.5cm,fill=yellow,circle] (a) at (2,0) {};
\node[decorate,draw,inner sep=0.3cm,fill=red] (b) at (2,-2) {};
%% This was supposed to be an edge!!
\draw[decorate,penciline={jag ratio=0}] (b) to[in=-45,out=45] (a);
\node[decorate,draw,minimum height=2cm,minimum width=1cm] (c) at (-1.5,0) {};
\draw[decorate,->,dashed] (-0.5cm,-0.5cm) -- (-0.5cm,3.5cm) -| (c.north);
\end{tikzpicture}
```

2 Installation

To install the **tkiz-penciline** package copy its directory to either to

- `$TEXHOME/tex/latex/`
- `$TEXMFHOME/tex/latex/`
- `~/texmf/tex/latex/`
- `~/Library/texmf/tex/latex/`

3 Usage

Basically you only have to declare **penciline** and **decorate** option to path you want to look hand drawn.

3.1 customization

jag ration= $\langle float \rangle$ (2.0)

This value controls the *jag* value. The higher the it is, the most deformed the drawing will be. Best value are between 2 and 5.

If the path is a circle or an arc you should set **jag ratio** to 0 for better results.

segment x base1= $\langle float \rangle$ (0.5)

This is the base for the *x* coordinate of first control point. The formula is given by:

$length * (\text{segment x base1} + \text{segment x ratio1} * \text{rnd})$

This means by default that that the *x* coordinate is about in the middle of the segment.

segment x ratio1= $\langle float \rangle$ (0.25)

This is the randomized ratio part of the *x* coordinate of first control point (see **segment x base1**).

segment x base2= $\langle float \rangle$ (0.5)

Base for second control point (see **segment x base1**).

segment x ratio2= $\langle float \rangle$ (0.25)

Random ratio for second control point (see **segment x ratio1**).

arc angle base1= $\langle float \rangle$ (20)

This is the base of the angle of the polar coordinate for the first control point. The formula is given by:

$\text{arc angle base1} + \text{rand} * \text{arc angle ratio1}$

This means that the angle is $\text{arc angle base1} \pm \text{arc angle ratio1}$.

$$\text{arc angle ratio1}=\langle float \rangle \quad (10)$$

This is the ratio (variable) part of the angle of the polar coordinate for the first control point (see `arc angle base1`).

$$\text{arc radius base1}=\langle float \rangle \quad (0.3)$$

This is the base of the radius of the polar coordinate for the first control point. The formula is given by:

$$length * \text{arc radius base1} + \text{rand} * \text{arc radius ratio1}$$

$$\text{arc radius ratio1}=\langle float \rangle \quad (0.05)$$

This is the ratio (variable) part of the radius of the polar coordinate for the first control point (see `arc radius base1`).

$$\text{arc angle base2}=\langle float \rangle \quad (-90)$$

Base angle for the second control point. See `arc angle base1`^{P.3}.

$$\text{arc angle ratio2}=\langle float \rangle \quad (-10)$$

Variable part of the angle for the second control point. See `arc angle ratio1`.

$$\text{arc radius base2}=\langle float \rangle \quad (0.7)$$

Base of the radius for the second control point. See `arc radius base1`.

$$\text{arc radius ratio2}=\langle float \rangle \quad (0.05)$$

Variable part of the radius for the second control point. See `arc radius ratio1`.

$$\text{x offset}=\langle float \rangle \quad (1)$$

Maximum x offset for target point.

$$\text{y offset}=\langle float \rangle \quad (1)$$

Maximum y offset for target point.