

Schöne Grafiken mit TikZ - A Beginner's Guide

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What is TikZ and what is it good for?

*TikZ — **TikZ** ist kein **Z**eichenprogramm*

- ▶ \LaTeX / PGF-based drawing framework
- ▶ program your graphics instead of using annoying UI-based tools
- ▶ TikZ either integrates into your document or creates stand-alone vector graphics.

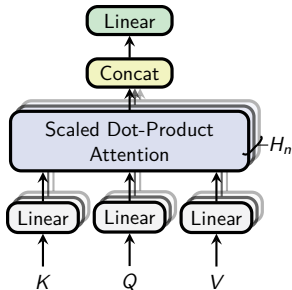
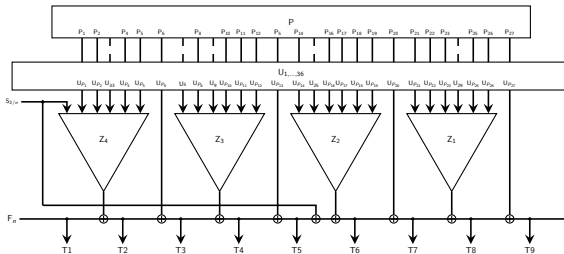
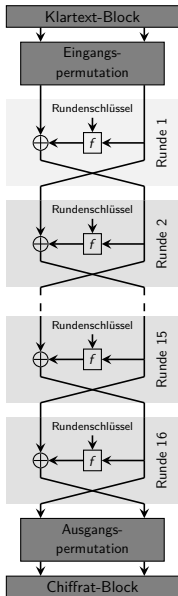
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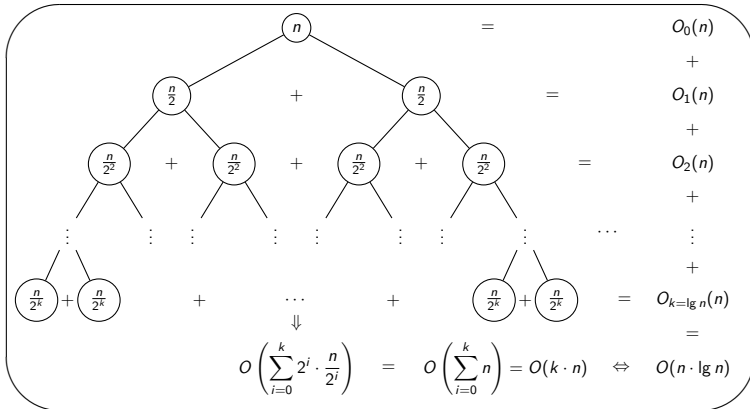
- ▶ Integrates seamlessly into \LaTeX documents
- ▶ Sharp, precise vector graphics
- ▶ Usage of variables, loops and other programming stuff
- ▶ Easily version controllable (git)

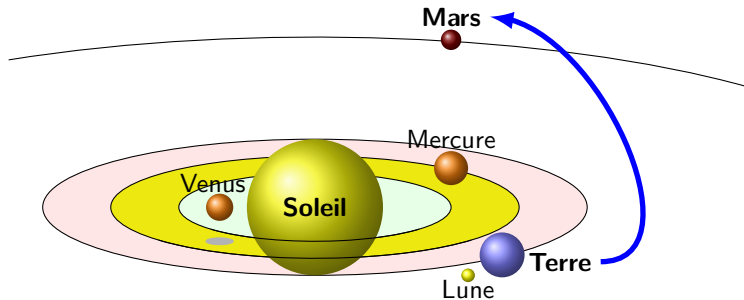
Cons

- ▶ Steep learning curve
- ▶ drawing takes time
- ▶ May become confusing for larger graphics

Examples







When and when not to use

- ▶ Flowcharts
- ▶ Trees
- ▶ Schematic representations
- ▶ Annotate/draw over existing images
- ▶ Bonus (Whatever libraries there may be) - many scientific packages.

When not to use...

- ▶ Plots and charts (use PGPlot, matplotlib or any other plotting library)
- ▶ Quick Drafts
- ▶ Art, Fancy stuff?

L^AT_EXenvironment

- ▶ Most L^AT_EXdistributions include TikZ
- ▶ May require install on certain distributions
 1. Miktek: Open Miktek Console → Packages → Install package tikz
 2. Others: Please let google help you
- ▶ Online-Editors like Overleaf usually support out-of-the-box

Preamble

```
\usepackage{tikz}  
\usetikzlibrary{tikz.positioning}
```

Create a TikZ image

inline

```
\begin{figure}  
  \begin{tikzpicture}[options]  
    ...  
  \end{tikzpicture}  
\end{figure}
```

separate file

```
\begin{figure}  
  \include{images/separate_image_tex_file}  
\end{figure}
```

Let's start with nodes!

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Alternatively go to Overleaf and do the same

Another basic command: draw

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Theorem (Mass–energy equivalence)

$$E = mc^2$$

Example (Theorem Slide Code)

```
\begin{frame}  
\frametitle{Theorem}  
\begin{theorem}[Mass--energy equivalence]  
$E = mc^2$  
\end{theorem}  
\end{frame}
```

Figure

Uncomment the code on this slide to include your own image from the same directory as the template .TeX file.

An example of the `\cite` command to cite within the presentation:

This statement requires citation [Smith, 2012].



John Smith (2012)

Title of the publication

Journal Name 12(3), 45 – 678.

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