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Graph Drawing in TikZ

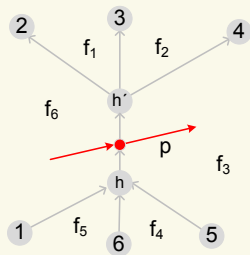
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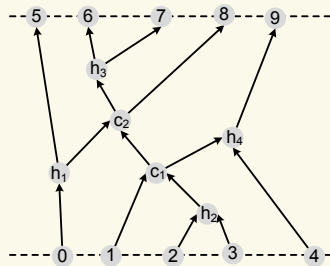
The Problem: Integrating Graph Drawings Into Documents



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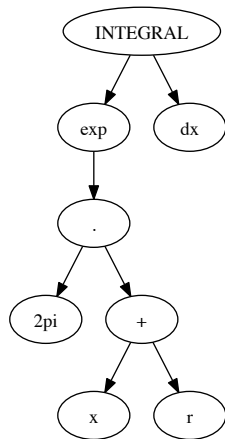


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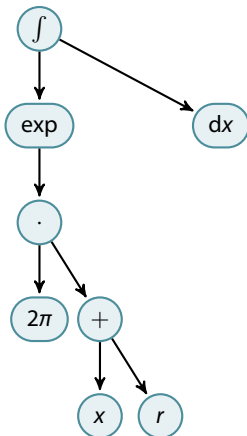
3. Steps towards a final layout: (a) PR \mathcal{R} , (b) fine-layering of the subgraph

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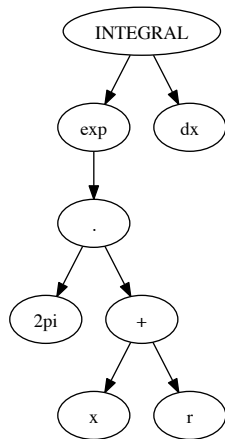


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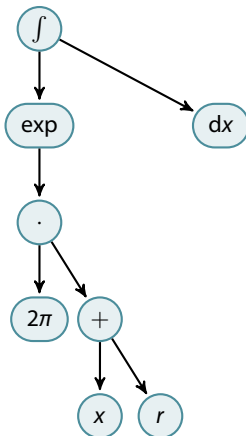


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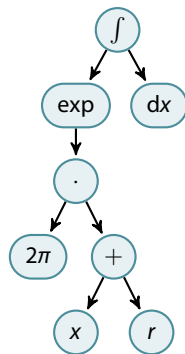
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What we actually want:



A Solution: Graph Drawing in TikZ

- Take an *existing document description language* (T_EX) with an *embedded graphics description language* (TikZ).
- Add options and syntactic extensions for *specifying graphs easily*.
- Run graph drawing algorithms *as part of the document processing*.

Advantages

- + Styling of nodes and edges matches main document.
- + Graph drawing algorithms know size of nodes and labels precisely.
- + No external programs needed.
- + Algorithm designers can concentrate on algorithmic aspects.

Talk Outline

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TikZ in a Nutshell: The Idea

```
\usepackage{tikz}
```

```
...
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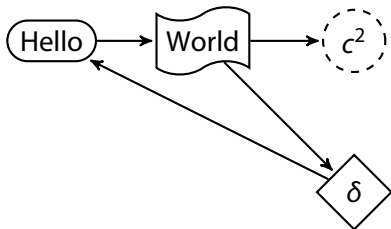
```
A circle like \tikz {  
  \fill[red] (0,0) circle[radius=.5ex];  
} is round.
```

A circle like ● is round.

- TikZ is a *package of T_EX-macros* for specifying graphics.
- The macros *transform highlevel descriptions* of graphics into lowlevel *PDF-, PostScript-, or SVG-primitives* during a T_EX run.

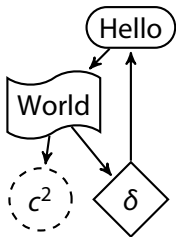
TikZ in a Nutshell: Nodes and Edges

```
\tikz {  
  \node (a) at (0,2) [rounded rectangle] {Hello};  
  \node (b) at (2,2) [tape]                {World};  
  \node (c) at (4,2) [circle, dashed]      {$ c^2 $};  
  \node (d) at (4,0) [diamond]             {$ \delta $};  
  \draw (a) edge[->] (b)    (b) edge[->] (c)  
        (b) edge[->] (d)    (d) edge[->] (a);  
}
```



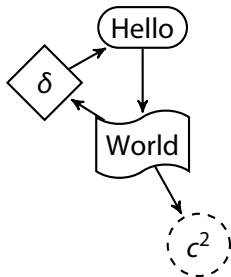
Using the Graph Drawing System = Adding an Option

```
\usetikzlibrary{graphdrawing.layered}  
...  
\tikz [layered layout] {  
  \node (a) at (0,1) [rounded rectangle] {Hello};  
  \node (b) at (2,1) [tape] {World};  
  \node (c) at (4,1) [circle, dashed] {$ c^2 $};  
  \node (d) at (4,0) [diamond] {$ \delta $};  
  \draw (a) edge[->] (b) (b) edge[->] (c)  
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}
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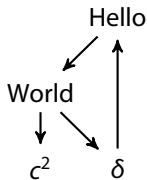
```
\usetikzlibrary{graphdrawing.force}
...
\tikz [spring layout, node distance=1.25cm] {
  \node (a) [rounded rectangle] {Hello};
  \node (b) [tape] {World};
  \node (c) [circle, dashed] { $c^2$ };
  \node (d) [diamond] { $\delta$ };
  \draw (a) edge[->] (b) (b) edge[->] (c)
        (b) edge[->] (d) (d) edge[->] (a);
}
```



A Concise Syntax for Graphs

- A concise syntax for graphs is important when *humans specify graphs* “by hand.”
- The chosen syntax *mixes the philosophies* of DOT and TikZ.

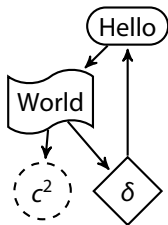
```
\tikz \graph [layered layout] {  
  Hello -> World -> "$c^2$";  
  World -> "$\delta$" -> Hello;  
};
```



Key Features of TikZ's Syntax for Graphs

- *Node options follow nodes in square brackets.*
- Edge options follow edges in square brackets.
- Additional edge kinds.
- Natural specification of trees.

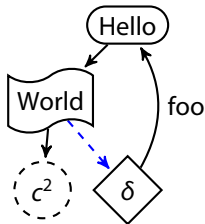
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    -> World [tape]  
    -> "$c^2$" [circle, dashed];  
  
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    -> Hello;  
};
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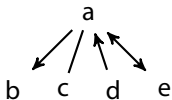
```
\tikz \graph [layered layout] {  
    Hello [rounded rectangle]  
    -> World [tape]  
    -> "$c^2$" [circle, dashed];  
  
    World  
    -> [dashed, blue] "$\delta$" [diamond]  
    -> [bend right, "foo"] Hello;  
};
```



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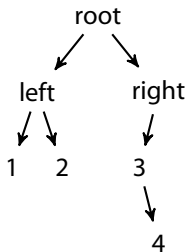
```
\tikz \graph [tree layout] {  
  a -> b -- c <- d <-> e;  
};
```



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```
\tikz \graph [binary tree layout] {  
  root -> {  
    left -> {  
      1,  
      2  
    },  
    right -> {  
      3 -> { , 4 }  
    }  
  }  
};
```



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LuaTeX in a Nutshell

TeX is great, . . .

- but implementing advanced algorithms *is next to impossible*.

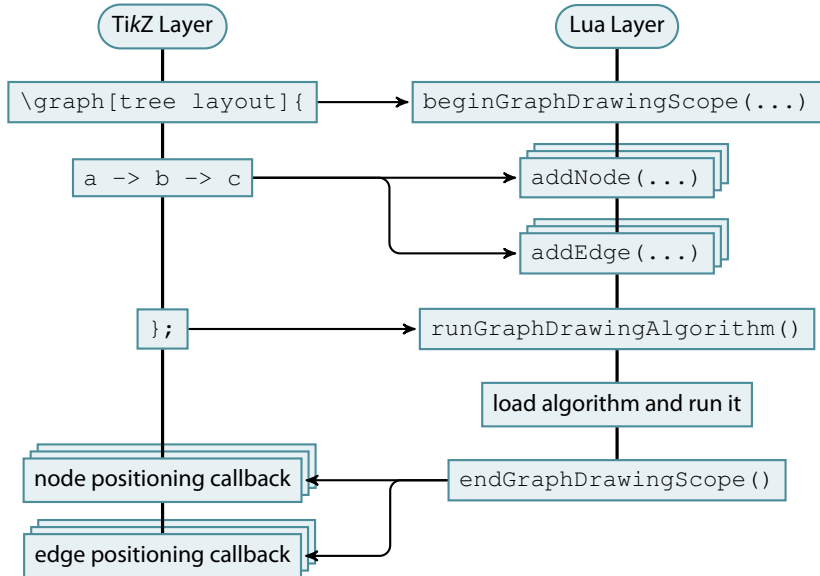
Lua is a small, simple, elegant language, . . .

- . . . that has been *integrated* into modern versions of TeX:

```
 $\sum_{n=1}^{100} n =$   
\directlua{  
  local sum = 0  
  for i=1,100 do  
    sum = sum + i  
  end  
  tex.print(sum)  
}
```

$$\sum_{n=1}^{100} n = 5050$$

How a Graph is Drawn



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“Graph Drawing” can be seen as. . .

- starting with a *graph*, . . .
- . . . applying a *series of transformations* to it. . .
- . . . and ending with a *drawn graph*.

Graph drawing in TikZ follows this philosophy:

- Algorithms *declare* what kind of graphs they expect
- and also the properties of the graphs they *produce*.

Implementing a New Graph Drawing Algorithm

```
-- File VerySimpleDemo.lua
local VerySimpleDemo = pgf.gd.new_algorithm_class {
  works_only_on_connected_graphs = true,
}

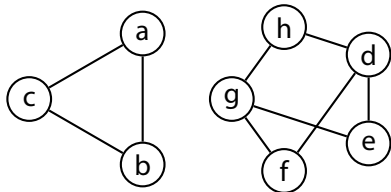
function VerySimpleDemo:run()
  local graph = self.ugraph -- The graph model
  local radius = graph.options['/graph drawing/radius']
  local alpha = (2*math.pi) / #graph.vertices

  -- Iterate over all vertices:
  for i,vertex in ipairs(graph.vertices) do
    vertex.pos.x = math.cos(i*alpha) * radius
    vertex.pos.y = math.sin(i*alpha) * radius
  end
end

return VerySimpleDemo -- This return is a quirk of Lua
```

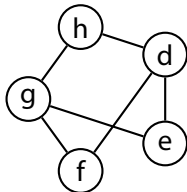
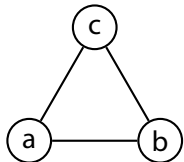
Using the Graph Drawing Algorithm

```
\tikz \graph [ layout=VerySimpleDemo, radius=1cm] {  
  a -- b -- c -- a;  
  d -- e;  
  f -- g -- h -- d -- f;  
  e -- g;  
};
```



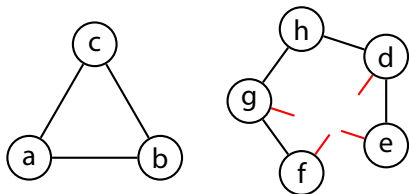
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```
\tikz \graph [ layout=VerySimpleDemo, radius=1cm] {  
  a --[orient=right] b -- c -- a;  
  d -- e;  
  f -- g -- h -- d -- f;  
  e -- g;  
};
```



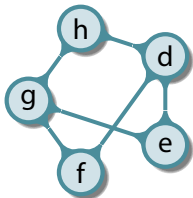
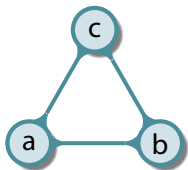
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```
\tikz \graph [ layout=VerySimpleDemo, radius=1cm]
  a --[orient=right] b -- c -- a;
  d -- e;
  f -- g -- h -- d --[stub, red] f;
  e --[stub, red] g;
};
```



Using the Graph Drawing Algorithm

```
\tikz \graph [ layout=VerySimpleDemo, radius=1cm,  
             nodes={circle, fill=..., ...},  
             edges={circle connection bar, ...}] {  
  a --[orient=right] b -- c -- a;  
  d -- e;  
  f -- g -- h -- d -- f;  
  e -- g;  
};
```



Conclusion

Graph drawing in TikZ is aimed at

- *users* who want to draw graphs with up to ≈ 100 nodes inside \TeX documents and
- *researchers* who want to *implement new algorithms*.

Already implemented algorithms:

- Reingold–Tilford tree drawing.
- Layered Sugiyama method.
- Multi-level force-based algorithms.

Available as part of (the development version of) TikZ.