PSTricks - 2008
new macros and bugfixes for the basic packages pstricks, pst-plot, pst-tree, and pst-node

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1.1 Error messages

- Loading the package pstricks by LaTeX will now write a message into the file list of file version and date for the file pstricks.pro.
- A frequently done error is choosing a file name for the document, which is already a name of one PSTricks package, e. g. pstricks.tex. The error message in the log file was not really helpful. There is now an extended message (example for a dcoument file called pstricks.tex):

```
! LaTeX Error: ‘pstricks.tex’ is a forbidden name for your document,
               it is already a name of a package.

See the LaTeX manual or LaTeX Companion for explanation.
Type  H <return>  for immediate help.
 ...

l.13 \documentclass
                   {article}
? H
Choose another name for your document
```

1.2 Optional arguments

pstricks supports transparent colors with Ghostscript’s .setopacityalpha, .setblendmode, and .setshapealpha. These functions are not known to VTEX or Adobes Distiller. The optional argument vtex disables transparencies and distiller overrides the Ghostscript functions with the ones from the Distiller.

2 pstricks.tex (1.27– 2008/11/11)

2.1 Makro \psDEBUG

pstricks.tex defines the option PstDebug=0|1, which can be used for debugging. The new macro \psDEBUG makes it easier to write some debugging information into the package files. The macro is only valid, if PstDebug=1 is set, otherwise the macro does nothing.

```
\psDEBUG[optional arg]{text}
```

\psDEBUG writes the argument text into the log file. Without an optional argument the word pstricks is used. The following output of the log file

```
...
<key:xticksize>: setting ticksize to max
LaTeX Font Info: External font ‘cmex10’ loaded for size
(Font)         <7> on input line 26.
LaTeX Font Info: External font ‘cmex10’ loaded for size
(Font)         <5> on input line 26.
<pst@@hlabels>: xticksizeC=0.0pt
...
```

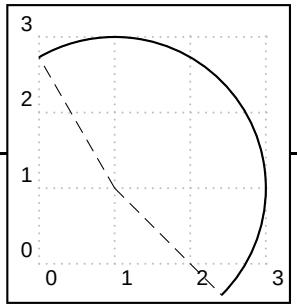
was possible with \psset{PstDebug=1}[1] and inside of pstricks-add with (only the first for example):

```
...
  \psDEBUG[key:ticksize]{setting ticksize}
...
```

2.2 Option shift

The optional argument shift can be used for a vertical alignment of the pspicture box. With shift=∗, instead of a value or a length it is possible to center the pspicture box vertically to the baseline of the current line.

[1] Can also be used locally for a macro when used as optional argument in the usual way.

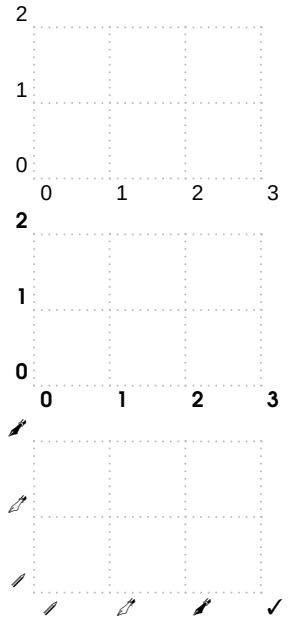



```
\usepackage{pstricks}
\rule{5mm}{0.5pt}%
\psframebox{%
\begin{pspicture}[showgrid=true,
   shift=*](-0.3,-0.4)(3.2,3.3)
  \psarc[showpoints=true](1,1)
   {2}{-45}{120}
\end{pspicture}}\rule{5mm}{0.5pt}
```

2.3 Option `gridfont`

By default the grid labels were printed always in Helvetica. With the new keyword `gridfont` one can define another PostScript Font. Available are at least

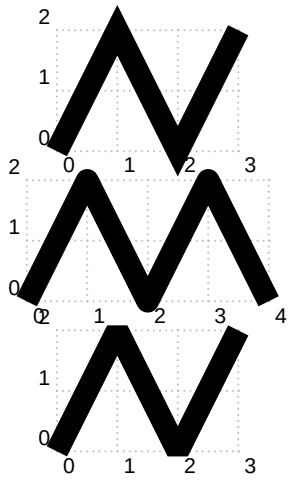
`Helvetica (default) - Helvetica-Narrow - Times-Roman - Courier - AvantGard -NewCenturySchlbk - Palatino-Roman - Bookman-Demi - ZapfDingbats - Symbol`




```
\usepackage{pstricks}
\begin{pspicture}[showgrid=true
  ](3,2)
\end{pspicture}\\[20pt]
\begin{pspicture}(3,2)
  \psgrid[style=gridstyle,gridfont=
    AvantGard-Demi]
\end{pspicture}\\[20pt]
\begin{pspicture}(3,2)
  \psgrid[style=gridstyle,gridfont=
    ZapfDingbats]
\end{pspicture}
```

2.4 linejoin

Connecting lines can be done in several ways and is controlled on PS level by the `setlinejoin` command. With this version of PSTricks it is possible to controll this by an optional argument, called `linejoin`. It is preset to 0 and can take values of 0,1,2. Other values will have no effect.




```
\psset{linewidth=3mm,unit=0.8}
\begin{pspicture}[showgrid=true
  ](3,2)
  \psline(0,0)(1,2)(2,0)(3,2)
\end{pspicture}\\[10pt]
\begin{pspicture}[showgrid=true
  ](4,2)
  \psline[linejoin=1](0,0)(1,2)(2,0)
    (3,2)(4,0)%
\end{pspicture}\\[10pt]
\begin{pspicture}[showgrid=true
  ](3,2)
  \psline[linejoin=2](0,0)(1,2)(2,0)
    (3,2)%
\end{pspicture}
```

2.5 linecap

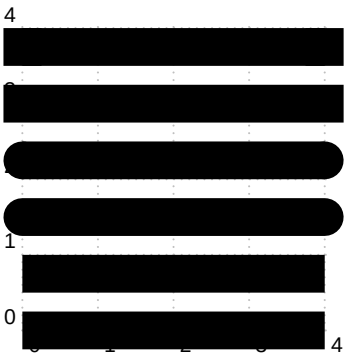
The value of `linecap` determines how the line ends are drawn:

0 lines are cut (default)

1 lines are ended by a filled semicircle of radius 0.5·`\pslinewidth`

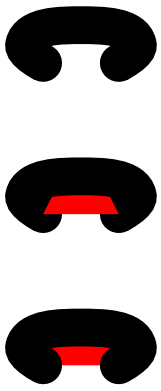
2 lines are ended by a filled half square of radius 0.5·`\pslinewidth`

The following example shows that using `linecap` for lines is the same than using the arrow option.




```
\begin{pspicture}[showgrid=true
  ](4,4)%
  \psset{linewidth=5mm}
  \psline[arrows=C-C](0,3.75)(4,3.75)
  \psline[linecap=2](0,3)(4,3)
  \psline[arrows=c-c](0,2.25)(4,2.25)
  \psline[linecap=1](0,1.5)(4,1.5)
  \psline[arrows=-](0,0.75)(4,0.75)
  \psline(4,0)
\end{pspicture}
```

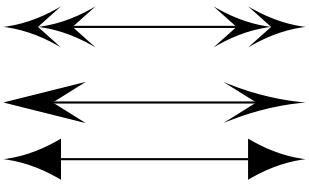
Using this optional argument makes only sense in some special cases, because it is the same as the arrow type `c-c`. But the arrows are not part of the current path and filling an open curve with the `linecap` option is different to a curve using the `c-c` arrow.



```
\psset{unit=5cm,linewidth=5mm}
\begin{pspicture}(-0.2,-0.6)(0.2,0.5)%
\def\curve{\pscurve(-.1,.1)(-.15,.15)(0,.2)(.15,.15)
  (.1,.1)}
\rput(0,.2){\psset{arrows=c-c}\curve}
\rput(0,-.2){%
  \psset{fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=red,arrows=c-c}
  \curve}
\rput(0,-.6){%
  \psset{fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=red,linecap=1}
  \curve}
\end{pspicture}
```

2.6 New arrowtype D> and D>D>

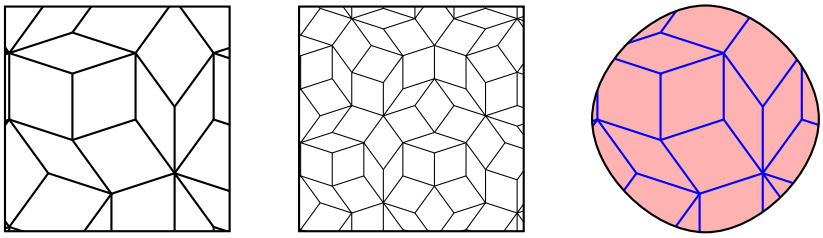
All arrows are drawn as polygons. The new arrow type D> or <D for the other way round, draws its lines as bezier curves, which looks nicer for big arrows.



```
\psset{arrowscale=5}
\begin{pspicture}(4,2)
\psline{<D<D-D>D>}(0,2)(4,2)
\psline[arrows=<-D>,arrowlength=2](0,1)(4,1)
\psline[arrowinset=0]{<D-D>}(0,0.25)(4,0.25)
\end{pspicture}
```

2.7 Fill style penrose

The valid optional arguments are `penrose`, `penrose*`, and `hatchcolor`. The star version is only seen, if there is a fillcolor or a background different to white.



```
\begin{pspicture}(3,3)
\psframe[fillstyle=penrose](3,3)
\end{pspicture} \qquad
\begin{pspicture}(3,3)
\psframe[fillstyle=penrose,psscale=0.5](3,3)
\end{pspicture} \qquad
\begin{pspicture}(3,3)
\psccurve[fillstyle=penrose*,fillcolor=red!30,hatchcolor=blue
  ](0,1.5)(1.5,3)(3,1.5)(1.5,0)
\end{pspicture}
```

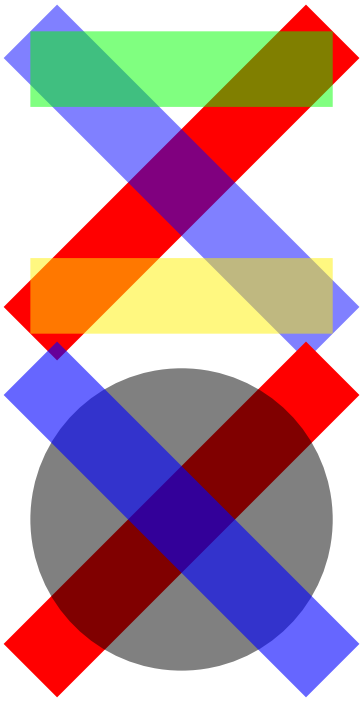
2.8 Transparent colors

The package pstricks-add already defined a fillstyle for transparency colors by using the Ghostscript's blendmode. It now moves into the main pstricks package, together with another possibility for creating transparent colors. Transparency is only seen with the PDF output (version 1.4 or greater), as nearly all PostScript viewer cannot show transparencies.

Loading the pstricks package with the option vtex, disables the transparency effekts and everything works as before.

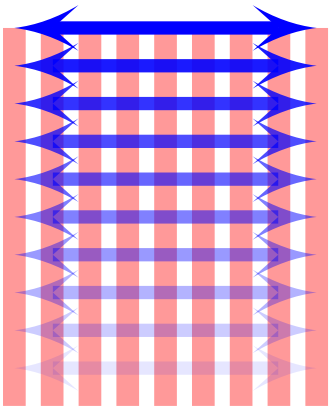
2.8.1 Options strokeopacity and opacity

For the existing fill style solid the new option opacity can be used to get also transparent colors. It is predefined by 1 (0...1), which is the old behaviour, no transpareny. The option is valid only for PostScripts fill commands. Lines and curves can be transparent with setting the option strokeopacity, which can have a different value than the opacity option.

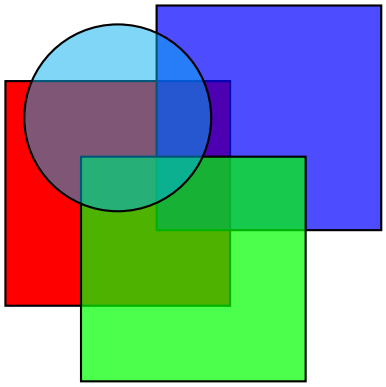


```
\begin{pspicture}[linewidth=1cm](4,4)
  \psline[linecolor=red](0,0)(4,4)
  \psline[linecolor=blue,strokeopacity=0.5](0,4)
    (4,0)
  \psline[linecolor=green,strokeopacity
    =0.5](0,3.5)(4,3.5)
  \psline[linecolor=yellow,strokeopacity
    =0.5](0,0.5)(4,0.5)
\end{pspicture}
```

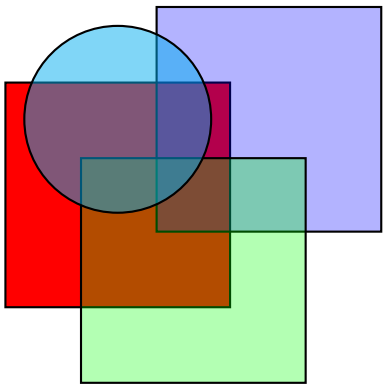
```
\begin{pspicture}[linewidth=1cm](4,4)
\psline[linecolor=red](0,0)(4,4)
\pscircle*[opacity=0.5](2,2){2}
\psline[linecolor=blue,strokeopacity=0.6](0,4)
  (4,0)
\end{pspicture}
```



```
\begin{pspicture}[linewidth=3mm](4,5.5)
  \multido{\rA=0.0+0.5}{9}{%
    \psline[linecolor=red!40](\rA,0)(\rA,5)}
  \multido{\rA=0.0+0.5,\rB=0.0+0.1}{11}{%
    \psline[arrows=<D-D>,linecolor=blue,
      linewidth=5pt,arrowscale=1.5,
       strokeopacity=\rB](0,\rA)(4,\rA)}
\end{pspicture}
```



```
\begin{pspicture}(5,5)
  \psset{fillstyle=solid}
  \psframe[fillcolor=red](0,1)(3,4)
  \psframe[fillcolor=blue,opacity=0.7](2,2)
    (5,5)
  \psframe[fillcolor=green,opacity
    =0.7](1,0)(4,3)
  \pscircle[fillcolor=cyan,
    opacity=0.5](1.5,3.5){1.25}
\end{pspicture}
```



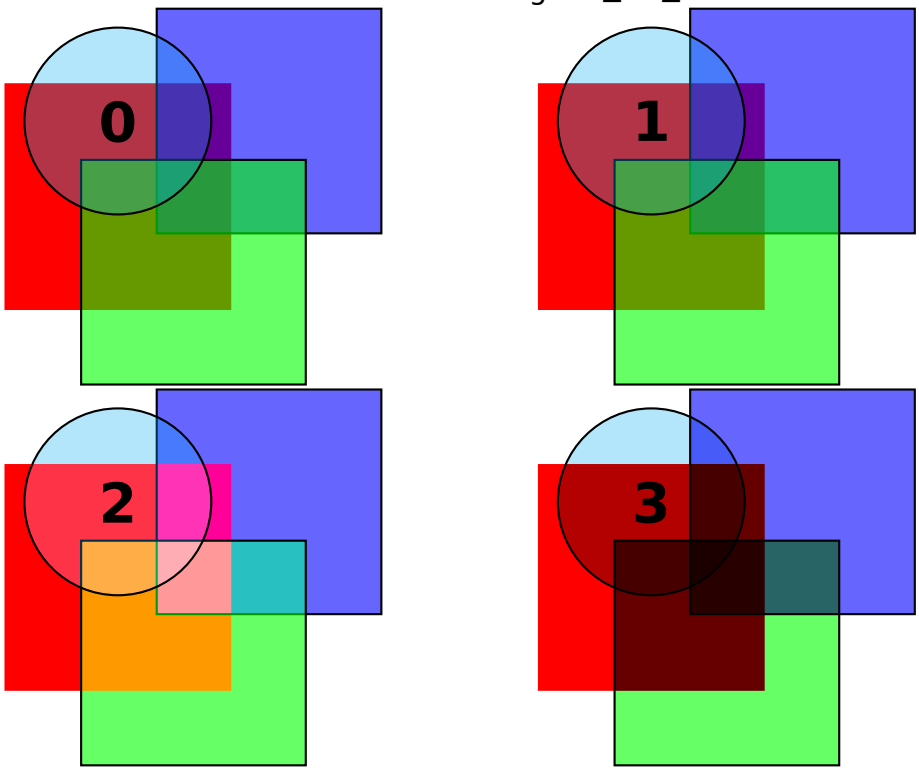
```
\begin{pspicture}(5,5)
  \psset{fillstyle=solid}
  \psframe[fillcolor=red](0,1)(3,4)
  \psframe[fillcolor=blue,opacity=0.3](2,2)
    (5,5)
  \psframe[fillcolor=green,opacity
    =0.3](1,0)(4,3)
  \pscircle[fillcolor=cyan,
    opacity=0.5](1.5,3.5){1.25}
\end{pspicture}
```

2.8.2 Fill style shape

There is now one more fill style for transparent colors: `shape` with using the `shapealpha` value and one of the possible blendmodes:

```
/Normal     ->0
/Compatible ->1
/Screen     ->2
/Multiply   ->3
```

The fill style `solid` uses Ghostscript's `.setopacityalpha` function and the new style `shape` and the `blendmode` together with `.setshapealpha`. `shapealpha` is predefined with 0.6 and both alpha values can be chosen from the range $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$.




```
\begin{pspicture}(5,5)% default blendmode
  \psframe*[linecolor=red](0,1)(3,4)
  \psframe[fillcolor=blue,fillstyle=shape](2,2)(5,5)
  \psframe[fillcolor=green,fillstyle=shape](1,0)(4,3)
  \pscircle[fillcolor=cyan,fillstyle=shape,
    shapealpha=0.3](1.5,3.5){1.25}
```

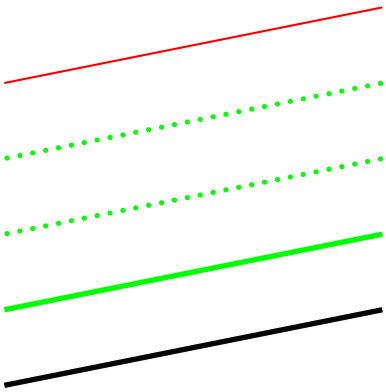
```
  \rput(1.5,3.5){\huge\textbf{0}}
\end{pspicture}
\hfill
\begin{pspicture}(5,5)
  \psset{blendmode=1}% type /Compatible
  \psframe*[linecolor=red](0,1)(3,4)
  \psframe[fillcolor=blue,fillstyle=shape](2,2)(5,5)
  \psframe[fillcolor=green,fillstyle=shape](1,0)(4,3)
  \pscircle[fillcolor=cyan,fillstyle=shape,
    shapealpha=0.3](1.5,3.5){1.25}
  \rput(1.5,3.5){\huge\textbf{1}}
\end{pspicture}

\begin{pspicture}(5,5)
  \psset{blendmode=2}% type /Screen
  \psframe*[linecolor=red](0,1)(3,4)
  \psframe[fillcolor=blue,fillstyle=shape](2,2)(5,5)
  \psframe[fillcolor=green,fillstyle=shape](1,0)(4,3)
  \pscircle[fillcolor=cyan,fillstyle=shape,
    shapealpha=0.3](1.5,3.5){1.25}
  \rput(1.5,3.5){\huge\textbf{2}}
\end{pspicture}
\hfill
\begin{pspicture}(5,5)
  \psset{blendmode=3}% type /Multiply
  \psframe*[linecolor=red](0,1)(3,4)
  \psframe[fillcolor=blue,fillstyle=shape](2,2)(5,5)
  \psframe[fillcolor=green,fillstyle=shape](1,0)(4,3)
  \pscircle[fillcolor=cyan,fillstyle=shape,
    shapealpha=0.3](1.5,3.5){1.25}
  \rput(1.5,3.5){\huge\textbf{3}}
\end{pspicture}
```

2.9 \addtopsstyle

```
\addtopsstyle{style-name}{settings}
```

This macro allows to add some more settings to an existing style. If the style is not defined, then `\addtopsstyle` behaves like the already defined `\newpsstyle` macro.

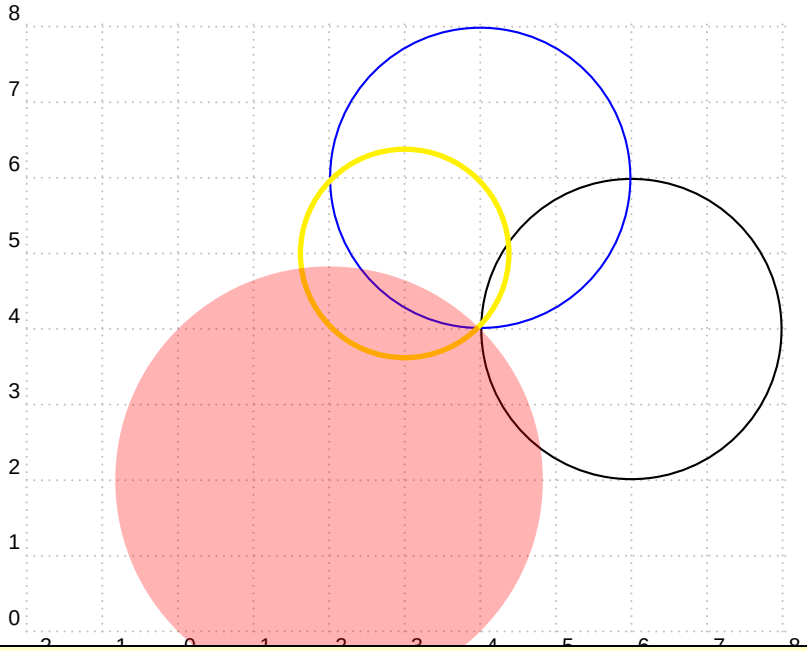


```
\newpsstyle{Fiber}{linewidth=2pt}
\begin{pspicture}(5,5)
  \psline[style=Fiber](0,0)(5,1)
  \addtopsstyle{Fiber}{linecolor=green}
  \psline[style=Fiber](0,1)(5,2)
  \addtopsstyle{Fiber}{linestyle=dotted}
  \psline[style=Fiber](0,2)(5,3)
  \addtopsstyle{Fiber}{}
  \psline[style=Fiber](0,3)(5,4)
  \addtopsstyle{Fibber}{linecolor=red}
  \psline[style=Fibber](0,4)(5,5)
\end{pspicture}
```

2.10 \pscircleOA

`\pscircleOA[settings](x0,y0)(xA,yA)`

(x_0, y_0) is the center and (x_A, y_A) a given point of the circle. The radius is calculated by TEX.

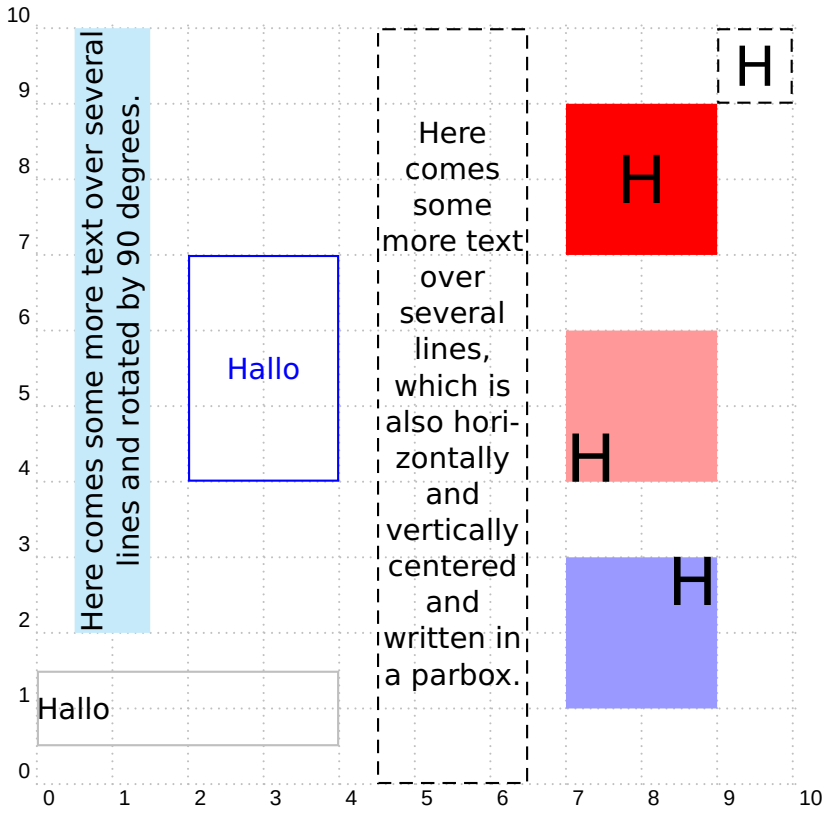



```
\begin{pspicture}[showgrid=true](-2,0)(8,8)
\pscircleOA(6,4)(4,4)
\pscircleOA[linecolor=blue](4,6)(4,4)
\pscircleOA[linewidth=2pt,linecolor=yellow](3,5)(4,4)
\pscircleOA*[opacity=0.3,linecolor=red](2,2)(4,4)
\end{pspicture}
```

2.11 \psTextFrame

`\psTextFrame[settings](x1,y1)(x2,y2){Text}`

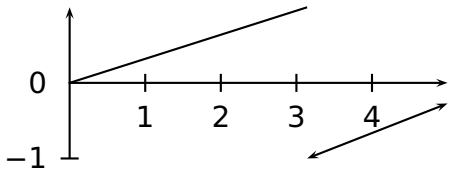
The *Text* cannot have a linebreak. In case it is needed, put the *Text* into a `minipage` or `\parbox`, as seen in the following example. The `ref`-option allows different placing and the `rot`-option allows the rotating of the *Text*. The macro itself first uses the `\psframe` and the `\rput` macro with calculated coordinates.




```
\begin{pspicture}[showgrid=true](0,-0.5)(10,10)
 \psTextFrame[linecolor=lightgray,ref=l](0,0.5)(4,1.5){
   Hallo}
 \psTextFrame[linecolor=blue](2,4)(4,7){\color{blue}Hallo
   }
 \psTextFrame[linestyle=dashed](9,9)(10,10){\huge H}
 \psTextFrame*[linecolor=red,linestyle=dashed](7,7)(9,9)
   {\Huge H}
 \psTextFrame*[linecolor=red!40,ref=lB](7,4)(9,6){\Huge H
   }
 \psTextFrame*[linecolor=blue!40,ref=rt](7,1)(9,3){\Huge
   H}
 \psTextFrame[linestyle=dashed](4.5,0)(6.5,10){%
  \parbox{2cm}{\centering Here comes some more text over
    several
    lines, which is also horizontally and vertically
      centered and
    written in a parbox.}}
 \psTextFrame*[linecolor=cyan!20,rot=90](.5,2)(1.5,10){%
  \parbox{8cm}{\centering Here comes some more text over
    several
    lines and rotated by 90 degrees.}}
\end{pspicture}
```

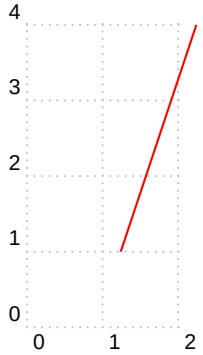
2.12 Special coordinates

Additionally to the existing !-operator for PostScript coordinates, there is new a *-operator, which invokes the algebraic parser before the coordinates are passed to the default !-operator. The syntax is pretty easy: `(<value> {f(x)})`. In the following example the predefined value of Pi from `pstricks.pro` is used. The x value and the function must be enclosed in braces when they contain spaces, round braces or sybolic names, like `Pi` for the x value.




```
\SpecialCoor
\begin{pspicture}(0,-1)(5,1)
  \psaxes{->}(0,0)(0,-1)(5,1)
  \psline(0,0)(*{Pi} {sqrt(abs(cos(x)))})
  \psline{<->}(*{Pi} {cos(x)})(*5 {sin(x)*
    cos(x)})
\end{pspicture}
```

For a macro definition of the algebraic function the `\string` command has to be used, otherwise TEX expects the math mode in the following example.

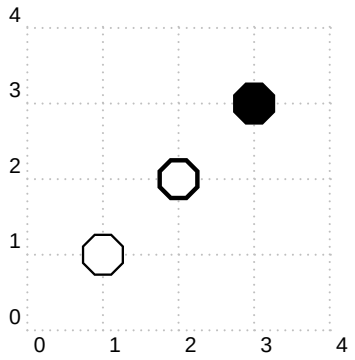



```
\def\F{\string x^2 }
\begin{pspicture}[showgrid=true](2,4)
  \psline[linecolor=red](*1 {\F} )(*2 {\F} )
\end{pspicture}
```

2.13 Octogon-Symbol

An octogon symbol was added.

```
\newpsfontdotH{Octogon}[1 0 0 1 0 0]{PSTricksDotFont}{(f)}{(g)}
\newpsfontdotH{BoldOctogon}[1 0 0 1 0 0]{PSTricksDotFont}{(F)}{(g)}
\newpsfontdot{SolidOctogon}[1 0 0 1 0 0]{PSTricksDotFont}{(g)}
```




```
\psset{dotscale=4}
\begin{pspicture}[showgrid=true](4,4)
\psdot[dotstyle=Octogon](1,1)
\psdot[dotstyle=BoldOctogon](2,2)
\psdot[dotstyle=SolidOctogon](3,3)
\end{pspicture}
```

2.14 Code changes

```
% hv 2007-10-16 to fix the bug in pst-node with \\[name=...]
\def\ps@ifnextchar#1#2#3{%
  \let\reserved@d= #1%
  \def\reserved@a{#2}\def\reserved@b{#3}%
  \futurelet\@let@token\ps@ifnch}
\def\ps@ifnch{%
  \ifx\@let@token\reserved@d \let\reserved@b\reserved@a \fi
  \reserved@b
}
```

3 The PostScript header files

3.1 pstricks.pro

```
/Pyth2 { % Pythagoras, xA yA xB yB
  3 -1 roll  % xA xB yB yA
  sub % xA xB yB-yA
  3 1 roll  % yB-yA xA xB
  sub % yB-yA xA-xB
  Pyth } def
```

This new PostScript function allows to calculate the distance between two points, given by their coordinates whereas the existing `/Pyth` does this for two values.

3.2 pst-dots.pro

`pst-dots.pro` ist the file which defines the so called softfont PSTRocksFontDot, which collects all PSTricks symbols, which are not part of

one of the standard PostScript fonts. The octogon symbol is defined as:

```
  /OctogonPath {
    228 550 moveto 7 { -456 0 rlineto 45 rotate } repeat closepath
  } def
  /SolidOctogon { OctogonPath fill                              } def
  /Octogon {      OctogonPath .89 .89 scale OctogonPath eofill } def
  /BoldOctogon {  OctogonPath .79 .79 scale OctogonPath eofill } def
%
```

Part II
pst-node – package

4 pst-node.tex (1.00– 2007/10/16)

4.1 Bugfix for psmatrix

A long standing bug with psmatrix and using the name option is now fixed. The following works as expected:

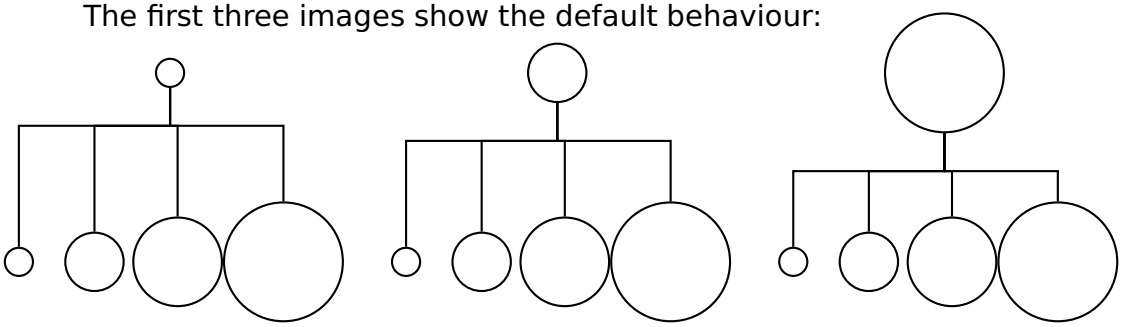

```
\begin{psmatrix}[rowsep=5mm]
[name=a]a\\
[name=b]b\\[1cm]
[name=c]c\\
\end{psmatrix}
\ncline{a}{b}
\ncarc{a}{c}
```

An optional argument after \\ is now scanned in the correct way.

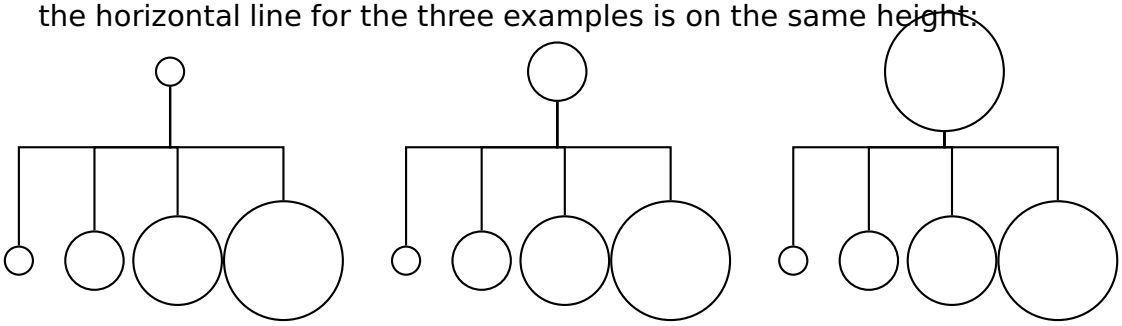
4.2 New option pcRef

There is a new option pcRef for the \ncangles connection. By default, the reference point for the armA option is the border of the node. This makes it difficult to get horizontically aligned lines for different node images. With pcRef=true the node center is the reference point and the connection is still drawn from the border of the node.

The first three images show the default behaviour:



The next three images display the influence of pcRef=true; the horizontal line for the three examples is on the same height:



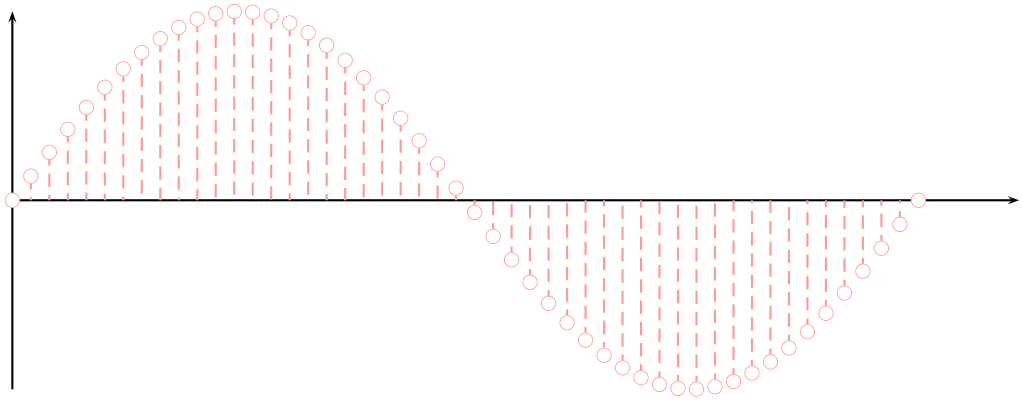
```
\begin{pspicture}(5,4)
  \cnode(2.5,3.5){0.2}{A}
  \cnode(0.5,1){0.2}{B1}
  \cnode(1.5,1){0.4}{B2}
  \cnode(2.6,1){0.6}{B3}
  \cnode(4,1){0.8}{B4}
  \psset{angleB=90,angleA=-90,armA=1cm}
  \ncangles[pcRef=true]{A}{B1}
  \ncangles[pcRef=true]{A}{B2}
  \ncangles[pcRef=true]{A}{B3}
  \ncangles[pcRef=true]{A}{B4}
\end{pspicture}
%
\begin{pspicture}(5,4)
  \cnode(2.5,3.5){0.4}{A}
  \cnode(0.5,1){0.2}{B1}
  \cnode(1.5,1){0.4}{B2}
  \cnode(2.6,1){0.6}{B3}
  \cnode(4,1){0.8}{B4}
  \psset{angleB=90,angleA=-90,armA=1cm}
  \ncangles[pcRef=true]{A}{B1}
  \ncangles[pcRef=true]{A}{B2}
  \ncangles[pcRef=true]{A}{B3}
  \ncangles[pcRef=true]{A}{B4}
\end{pspicture}
%
\begin{pspicture}(5,4)
  \cnode(2.5,3.5){0.8}{A}
  \cnode(0.5,1){0.2}{B1}
  \cnode(1.5,1){0.4}{B2}
  \cnode(2.6,1){0.6}{B3}
  \cnode(4,1){0.8}{B4}
```

```
  \psset{angleB=90,angleA=-90,armA=1cm}
  \ncangles[pcRef=true]{A}{B1}
  \ncangles[pcRef=true]{A}{B2}
  \ncangles[pcRef=true]{A}{B3}
  \ncangles[pcRef=true]{A}{B4}
\end{pspicture}
```

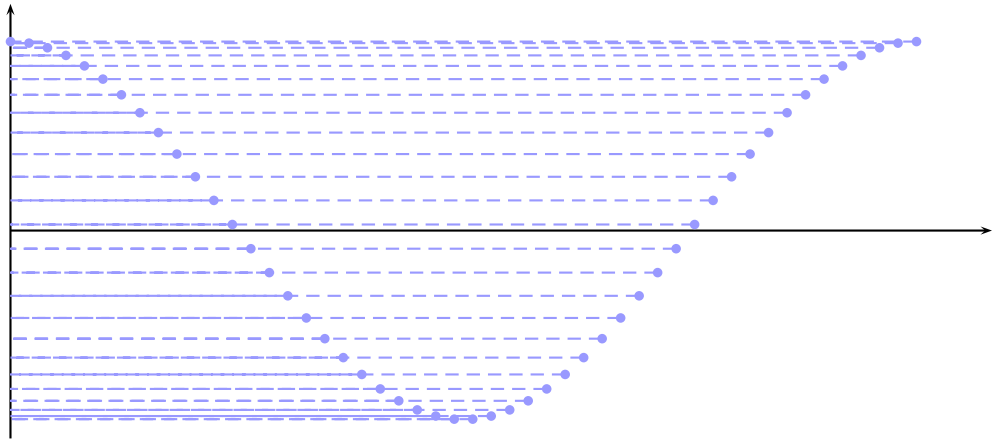
Part III
pst-plot – package

5 pst-plot.tex (1.01– 2008/01/26)

5.1 New options LineToXAxis and LineToYAxis



```
\psset{xunit=0.0333cm,yunit=2.5cm}
\begin{pspicture}(0,-1)(400,1)
  \psline{->}(0,0)(400,0)
  \psline{->}(0,-1)(0,1)
  \psplot[plotstyle=LineToXAxis,linestyle=dashed,plotpoints
    =50,
      linecolor=red!40,
         showpoints=true,dotstyle=o,dotsize=0.2]{0}{360}{x
            sin}
\end{pspicture}
```



```
\psset{xunit=0.0333cm,yunit=2.5cm}
\begin{pspicture}(0,-1.2)(400,1.4)
  \psline{->}(0,0)(390,0)
  \psline{->}(0,-1.1)(0,1.2)
  \psplot[plotstyle=LineToYAxis,linestyle=dashed,plotpoints
    =50,
       linecolor=blue!40,
          showpoints=true]{0}{360}{x cos}
\end{pspicture}
```

Part IV
pst-tree – package

6 pst-tree.tex (1.20– 2007/06/26)

There was a bug with `style=...` due to a missing `\use@par` in `\pstree@ii`.

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