



METAPOST

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SCALING

Same as PostScript

1 unit = 1/72 inch

Other units

- bp: Big Point
- pt: Printer's Point
- in: Inches
- cm: Centimeters
- mm: Millimeters

COMMANDS

drawdot

- drawdot (10,2)
- drawdot origin
- drawdot (2cm, 13mm)

draw

- draw (0,0)—(0,1)

pickup

- pickup pencircle scaled 4pt

VARIABLES

```
u = 1 cm;
```

```
drawdot (2u, 3u);
```

```
z0 = (2u, 3u);
```

```
z1 = (3u, 2u);
```

```
draw z0--z1;
```

LOOP

```
u = 1mm;
```

```
for i=0 upto 4:
```

```
    drawdot (i*u,u);
```

```
endfor
```

PROGRAM

```
beginfig(1);
```

```
    draw (1 cm,0)--(0,1 cm);
```

```
endfig;
```

```
end
```

CURVES

$z_0 = (0,0);$

$z_1 = (60,40);$

$z_2 = (40,90);$

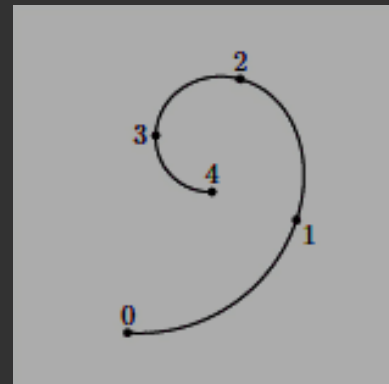
$z_3 = (10,70);$

$z_4 = (30,50);$

`draw z0..z1..z2..z3..z4`

`draw z0..z1..z2..z3--z4--cycle`

`draw z0..z1..z2..z3..z4..cycle`

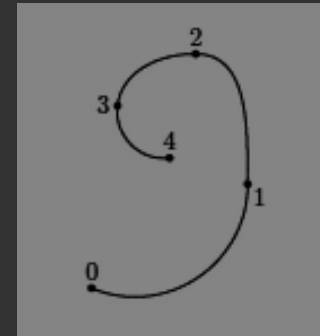


DIRECTION

draw z0..z1 ..z2..z3..z4

draw z0..z1 {up}..z2{left}..z3..z4

..{dir 60}(10,0){up}..



CONT.

```
beginfig(1)
```

```
  for a=0 upto 9:
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```
    draw (0,0){dir 45}..{dir -10a}(6cm,0);
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```
  endfor
```

```
endfig;
```

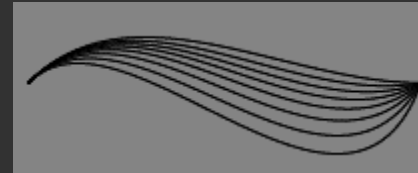
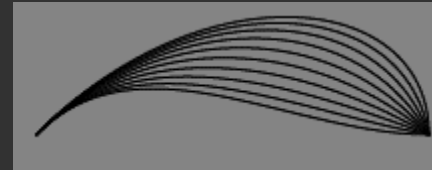
```
beginfig(2)
```

```
  for a=0 upto 9:
```

```
    draw (0,0){dir 45}..{dir 10a}(6cm,0);
```

```
  endfor
```

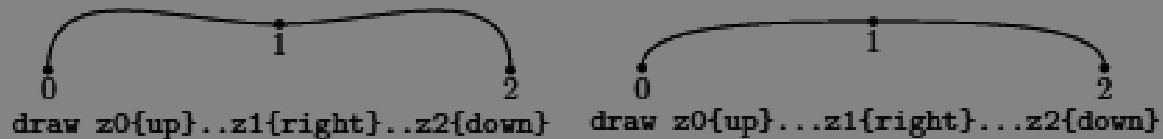
```
endfig;
```



INFLECTION

draw z0{up}..z1{right}..z2{down}

draw z0{up}...z1{right}...z2{down}



TENTION

draw $z_0..z_1..z_2..z_3$

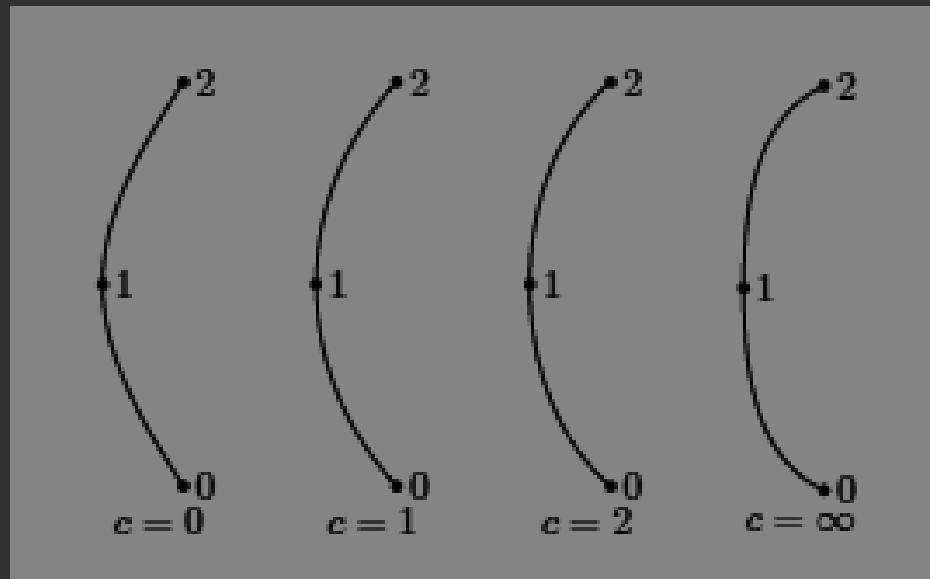
draw $z_0..z_1..$ tension 1.3.. $z_2..z_3$

draw $z_0..z_1..$ tension 1.3 and $1..z_2..z_3$



CURL

draw $z_0 \{ \text{curl } c \} .. z_1 .. \{ \text{curl } c \} z_2$



EQUATION

$$a+b=3; 2a=b+3;$$

$$a=2$$

$$b=1$$

$$a+b=2a-b=3$$

ASSIGNMENT

$a = a + 1$

$a := a + 1$

EQU. & ASSIGN.

$$z_1 = -z_2 = (.2\text{in}, 0);$$

$$x_3 = -x_6 = .3\text{in};$$

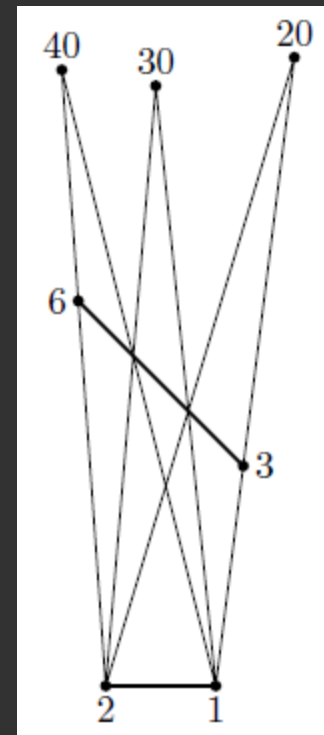
$$x_3 + y_3 = x_6 + y_6 = 1.1\text{in};$$

$$z_1 = (.2\text{in}, 0); z_2 = (-.2\text{in}, 0);$$

$$z_3 = (.3\text{in}, .8\text{in}); z_6 = (-.3\text{in}, 1.4\text{in});$$

SOLVING

```
beginfig(1 3);  
z1=-z2=(.2in,0); x3=-x6=.3in;  
x3+y3=x6+y6=1.1in;  
z4=1/3[z3,z6]; z5=2/3[z3,z6];  
z20=whatever[z1,z3]=whatever[z2,z4];  
z30=whatever[z1,z4]=whatever[z2,z5];  
z40=whatever[z1,z5]=whatever[z2,z6];  
draw z1--z20--z2--z30--z1--z40--z2;  
pickup pencircle scaled 1 pt;  
draw z1--z2; draw z3--z6;  
endfig;
```



TRANSFORM

p transformed T

$(px, py) (tx, ty, txx, txy, tyx, tyy)$

$(tx + txxpx + txy py, ty + tyxpx + tyyp y)$

(x, y) shifted $(a, b) = (x + a, y + b);$

(x, y) rotated $\theta = (x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta, x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta);$

(x, y) slanted $a = (x + ay, y);$

(x, y) scaled $a = (ax, ay);$

(x, y) xscaled $a = (ax, y);$

(x, y) yscaled $a = (x, ay);$

(x, y) zscaled $(a, b) = (ax - by, bx + ay).$

MORE TRANSFORM

transform T ;

$T = \text{identity xscaled } -1 \text{ rotated } 90 \text{ shifted } (1,1);$

$\text{reflectedabout}(p, q)$

$\text{rotatedaround}(p, \theta)$

$qq = p \text{ transformed inverse } T$

FINDING TRANSFORMS

$(0,1)$ transformed $T' = (3,4);$

$(1,1)$ transformed $T' = (7,1);$

$(1,0)$ transformed $T' = (4,-3);$

COLORS

black, white, red, green, blue

$(0,0,0)$ $(1,1,1)$

$(.4,.4,.4) = 0.4\text{white}$

OPERAND

- * /
**

+ -

++

+ - +

sqrt

CONT.

and

or

$z1 \text{ dotprod } z2 = x1 * x2 + y1 * y2$

length "abcde"

substring(2,4) of "abcde" = "cd"

abs

round

floor

ceiling

ORDERS

$$-1[a,b] = -b$$

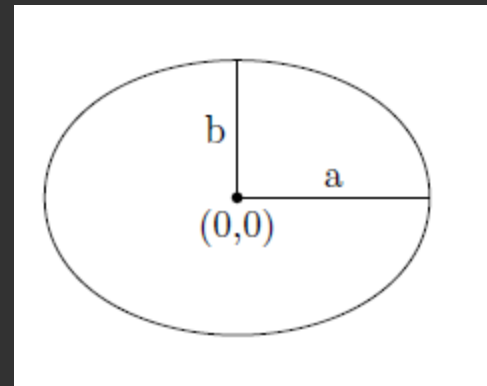
$$(-1)[a,b] = 2a-b$$

$$\text{sqrt } 2/3$$

$$\text{sqrt } (1+1)/3$$

LABELS

```
beginfig(17);  
a=.7in; b=.5in;  
z0=(0,0);  
z1=-z3=(a,0);  
z2=-z4=(0,b);  
draw z1..z2..z3..z4..cycle;  
draw z1--z0--z2;  
label.top("a", .5[z0,z1]);  
label.lft("b", .5[z0,z2]);  
dotlabel.bot("(0,0)", z0);  
endfig;
```



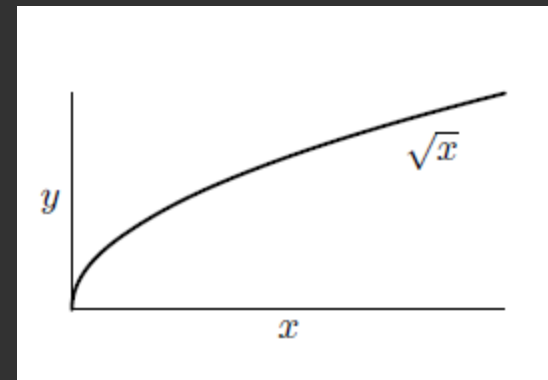
CONT.

$\langle \text{label suffix} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{empty} \rangle \mid \text{lft} \mid \text{rt} \mid \text{top} \mid$
 $\text{bot} \mid \text{ulft} \mid \text{urt} \mid \text{llft} \mid \text{lrt}$

`label.lrt(btex \sqrt{x} etex, (3, $\sqrt{3}$)*u)`

USING TEX

```
beginfig(18);  
numeric u;  
u = 1cm;  
draw (0,2u)--(0,0)--(4u,0);  
pickup pencircle scaled 1pt;  
draw (0,0){up}  
for i=1 upto 8: ..(i/2,sqrt(i/2))*u endfor;  
label.lrt(btex  $\sqrt{x}$  etex, (3,sqrt 3)*u);  
label.bot(btex  $x$  etex, (2u,0));  
label.lft(btex  $y$  etex, (0,u));  
endfig;
```

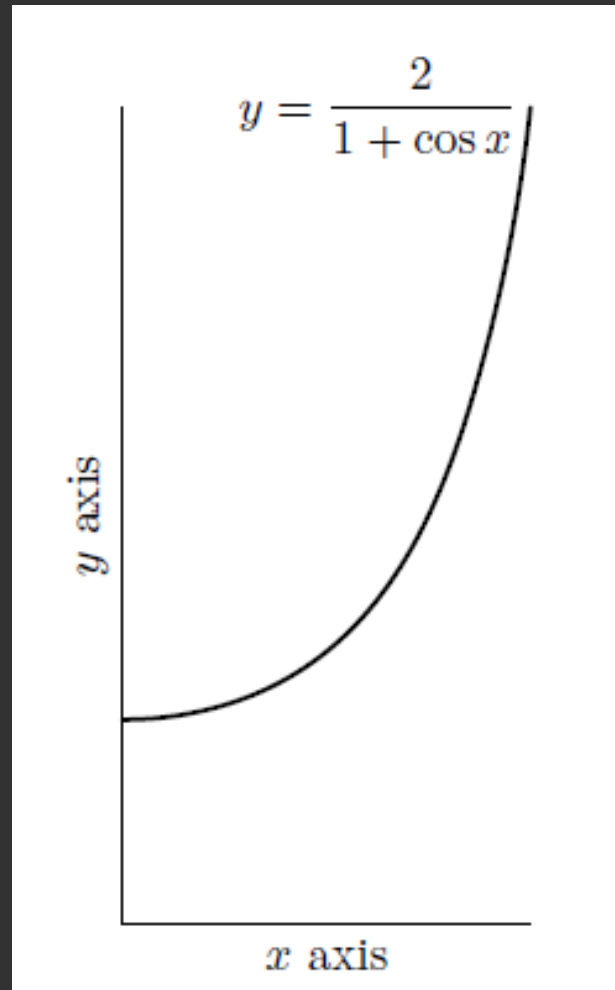


CONTINUES DRAWING

```
beginfig(19);  
numeric ux, uy;  
120ux=1.2in; 4uy=2.4in;  
draw (0,4uy)--(0,0)--(120ux,0);  
pickup pencircle scaled 1pt;  
draw (0,uy){right}  
  for ix=1 upto 8:  
    ..(15ix*ux, uy*2/(1+cosd 15ix))  
  endfor;
```

```
label.bot(btex  $x$  axis etex,  
(60ux,0));  
label.lft(btex  $y$  axis etex  
rotated 90, (0,2uy));  
label.lft(  
  btex  $\displaystyle$   
 $y=\frac{2}{1+\cos x}$  etex,  
(120ux, 4uy));  
endfig;
```

RESULT



FILL

```
beginfig(21);
```

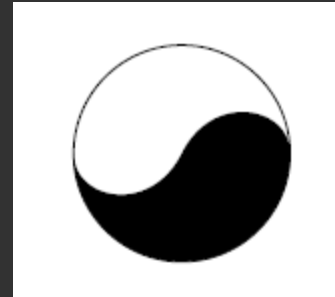
```
path p;
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p = (-1 cm,0)..(0,-1 cm)..(1 cm,0);
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```
fill p{up}..(0,0){-1,-2}..{up}cycle;
```

```
draw p..(0,1 cm)..cycle;
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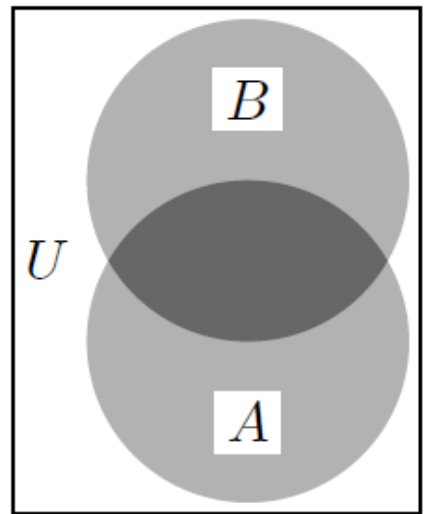
```
endfig;
```



```

beginfig(22);
path a, b, aa, ab;
a = fullcircle scaled 2cm;
b = a shifted (0,1cm);
aa = halfcircle scaled 2cm;
ab = buildcycle(aa, b);
picture pa, pb;
pa = thelabel(btex $A$ etex, (0,-.5cm));
pb = thelabel(btex $B$ etex, (0,1.5cm));
fill a withcolor .7white;
fill b withcolor .7white;
fill ab withcolor .4white;
unfill bbox pa;
draw pa;
unfill bbox pb;
draw pb;
label.lft(btex $U$ etex, (-1cm,.5cm));
draw bbox currentpicture;
endfig;

```



PATH WORKING

a intersection times b

point t of p

p1 cutbefore p2

p1 cutafter p2

DASHED LINES

```
..... dashed withdots scaled 2
..... dashed withdots
—— ——— dashed evenly scaled 4
- - - - - dashed evenly scaled 2
----- dashed evenly
```

```
6• — — — — — →•7 draw z6..z7 dashed e4 shifted (18bp,0)
4• — — — — — →•5 draw z4..z5 dashed e4 shifted (12bp,0)
2• — — — — — →•3 draw z2..z3 dashed e4 shifted (6bp,0)
0• — — — — — →•1 draw z0..z1 dashed e4
```


ARROWS

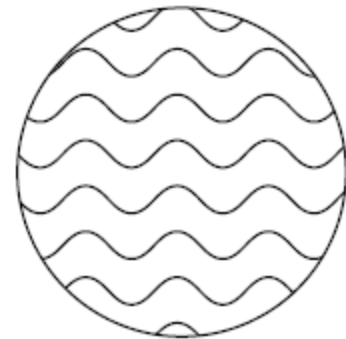
`drawarrow z1..z2`

`drawarrow reverse (z1..z2)`

`drawdblarrow z1..z2`

CLIPPING

```
beginfig(40);  
path p[];  
p1 = (0,0){curl 0}..(5pt,-3pt)..{curl 0}(10pt,0);  
p2 = p1..(p1 yscaled-1 shifted(10pt,0));  
p0 = p2;  
for i=1 upto 3: p0:=p0.. p2 shifted (i*20pt,0);  
  endfor  
for j=0 upto 8: draw p0 shifted (0,j*10pt);  
  endfor  
p3 = fullcircle shifted (.5,.5) scaled 72pt;  
clip currentpicture to p3;  
draw p3;  
endfig;
```



CONDITION

```
if e1: ... elseif e2: ... else: ... fi
```

```
def midpoint(expr a) = if path a: (point  
.5*length a of  
else: .5(lcorner a + urcorner fi a) enddef;
```

LOOPS

for ⟨symbolic token⟩ = ⟨expression⟩ upto
⟨expression⟩ : ⟨loop text⟩ endfor

for ⟨symbolic token⟩ = ⟨expression⟩ downto
⟨expression⟩ : ⟨loop text⟩ endfor

for ⟨symbolic token⟩ = ⟨expression⟩ step
⟨expression⟩ until ⟨expression⟩ : ⟨loop text⟩
endfor

SAMPLE LOOP

```
for t=3.14, 2.78, (a,2a), "hello": show t; endfor
```

```
draw for p=(3,1),(6,2),(7,5),(4,6),(1,3): p-- endfor  
cycle;
```

```
draw (3,1)--(6,2)--(7,5)--(4,6)--(1,3)--cycle;
```