

# **DCpic, Commutative Diagrams in a (La)TeX Document**

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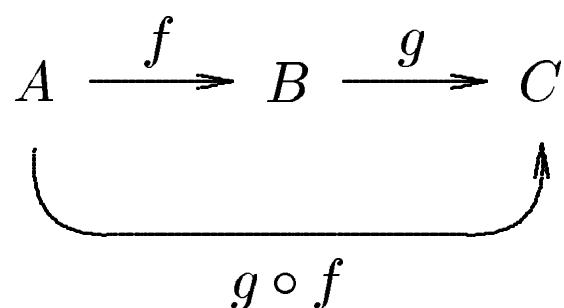
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DCpic is a package of PiCTeX macros for graphing  
(Commutative) Diagrams in a (La)TeX or ConTeXt document.

Commutative Diagrams are a kind of graphs which are widely used in Category Theory.

For example, the diagram:



express the fact that we have arrow composition.

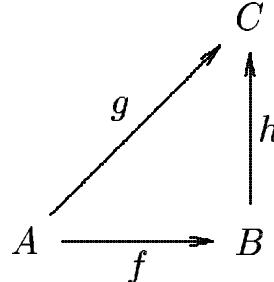
In a commutative diagrams package a user seeks the simplest notation, a logical notation, with the most powerful graphical engine possible, the visual part.

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Specification	matrix notation	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	absolute coordinates	✓				✓					✓
Drawing	H/V rules		✓								
	LaTeX slopes			✓	✓	✓					
	finite set of slopes					✓		✓			
	finite set of slopes (XY-pic)										✓
	arbitrary slopes (PiCTeX)	✓									
	arbitrary slopes (PStricks)								✓		
	arbitrary slopes (DraTeX)						✓				
	arbitrary slopes (Postscript)								✓	✓	

\* not in CTAN

Source: Feruglio, Gabriel Valiente, *Typesetting Commutative Diagrams*, TUGboat, Volume 15 (1994), No. 4

A set of Objects, and a set of Arrows (morphisms), laid down in a (course) coordinate system (default value=30)

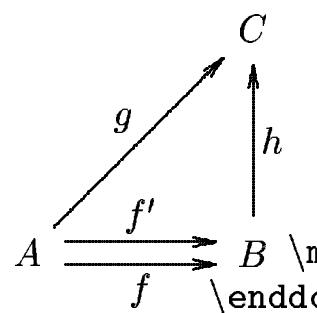


```

\begin{dc}
\obj(1,1){$A$}
\obj(3,1){$B$}
\obj(3,3){$C$}
\mor(1,1)(3,1){$f$}[\atright,\solidarrow]
\mor(1,1)(3,3){$g$}
\mor(3,1)(3,3){$h$}[\atright,\solidarrow]
\end{dc}

```

A set of Objects, and a set of Arrows (morphisms), laid down in a (tight) coordinate system

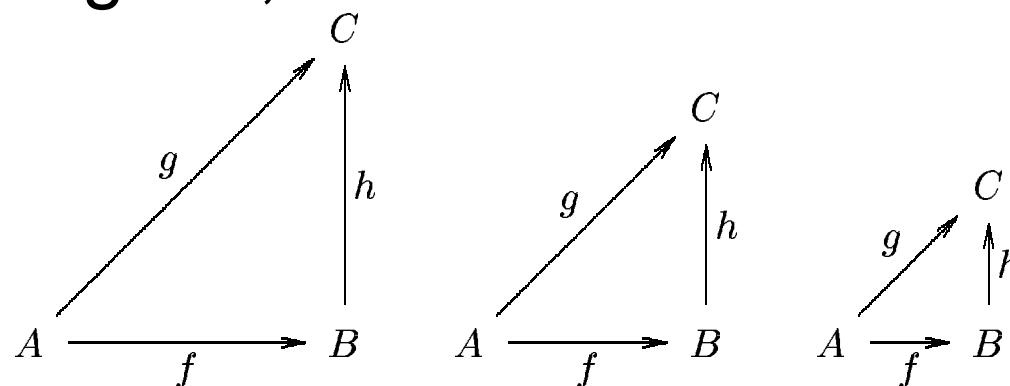


```

\begin{dc}[3]
\obj(110){$A$}
\obj(310){$B$}
\obj(330){$C$}
\mor(19)(30,9){$f$}[\atright,\solidarrow]
\mor(111)(311){$f^{\prime \prime}$}
\mor(110)(330){$g$}
\mor(310)(330){$h$}[\atright,\solidarrow]
\end{dc}

```

The magnification factor gives us the capability of adapting the size of the diagram to the available space, without having to redesign the diagram,

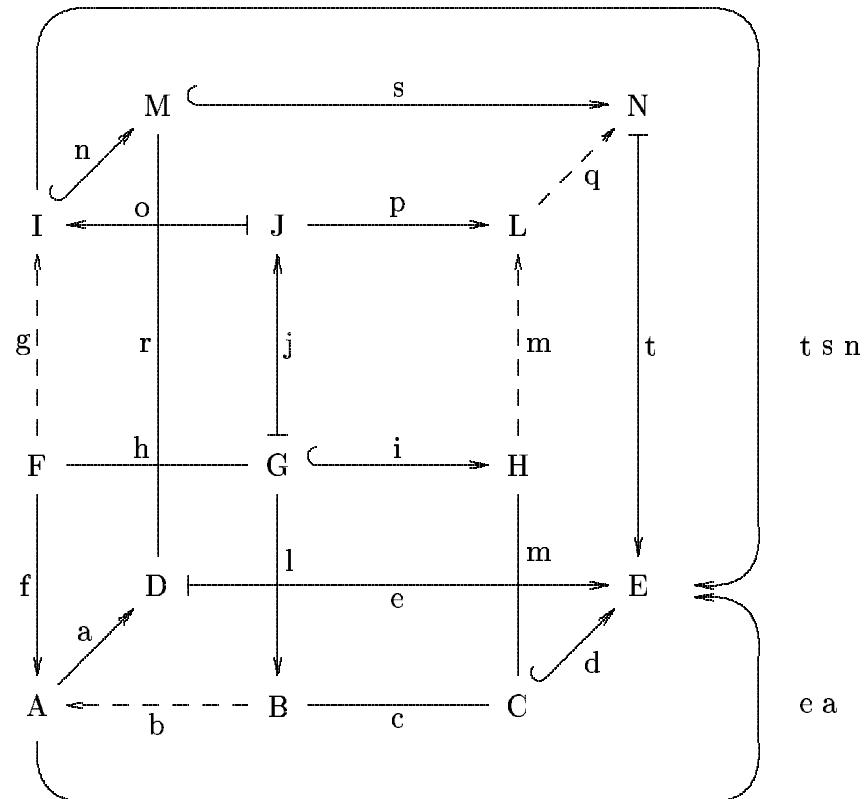


three instances of:

```
\begindc[X]
\obj(1,1){$A$}
\obj(3,1){$B$}
\obj(3,3){$C$}
\mor(1,1)(3,1){$f$}[\rightarrow,\solidarrow]
\mor(1,1)(3,3){$g$}
\mor(3,1)(3,3){$h$}[\rightarrow,\solidarrow]
\enddc
```

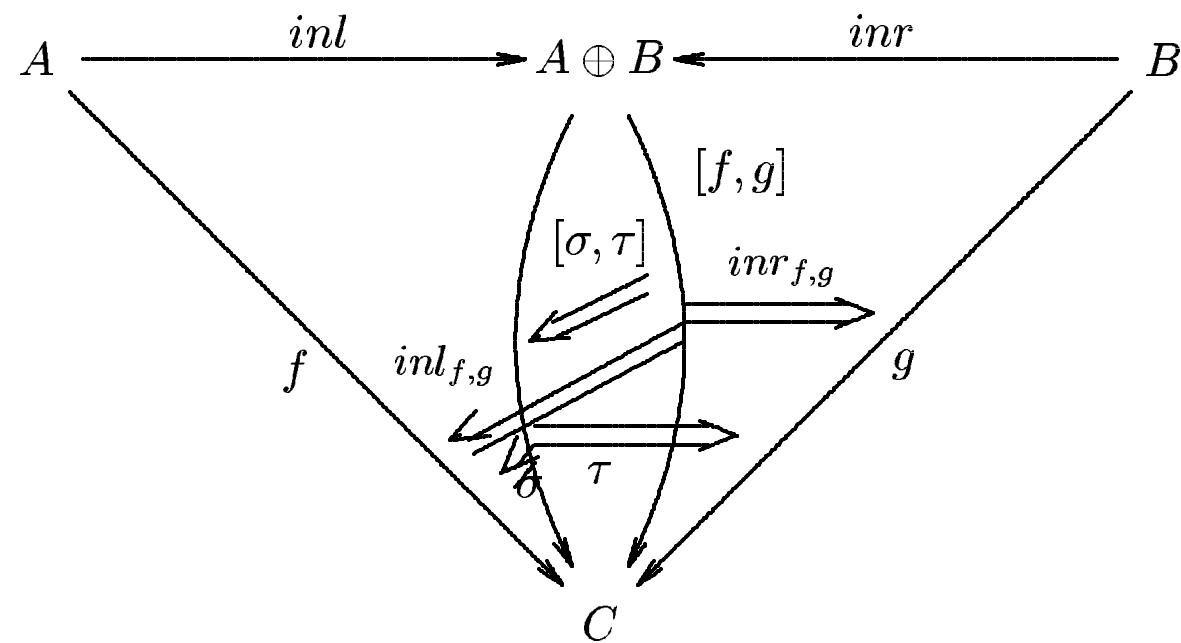
with X=40, X=30 (default value), and X=20

There are many kinds of arrows:



"solidarrow"; "dasharrow"; "solidline"; "injectionarrow";  
 "applicationarrow"; and curved (quadratic) arrows.

It's always possible to embed PiCTeX commands in a DCpic diagram, allowing the user to produce all sorts of diagrams.



the arrows were produced with PiCTeX commands  
embedded in a DCpic diagram.

The available commands: `begindc`, `enddc`, `obj`, `mor`, and `cmor`

The environment `begindc` ... `enddc`, establishes a Cartesian coordinate system with 1pt units.

```
\begindc[<magnification>]  
 ::=  
\enddc
```

the optional argument `<magnification>` gives the user a multiplication factor `1pt x <magnification>` that allows us to magnify or shrink a diagram to suit the available space.

The translation to PiCTeX is:

```
\beginpicture  
\setcoordinatesystem units <1pt,1pt>  
\expansao=#1
```

and

```
\endpicture
```

respectively, `expansao` (expansion) is a global variable that will be used by the other commands

The command `obj` is the command that controls the placement of the objects.

```
\obj(<x>,<y>){<contents>}
```

"x" and "y" are the coordinates of the centre of a "hbox", the "contents" will be placed in that box expanding from the centre to both sides.

Its definition is

```
\def\obj(#1,#2)#3{ \x=#1  
  \y=#2  
  \multiply \x by \expansao  
  \multiply \y by \expansao  
  \put{#3} at {\x} {\y}}
```

The command `\mor` is the command that controls the drawing of the linear arrows.

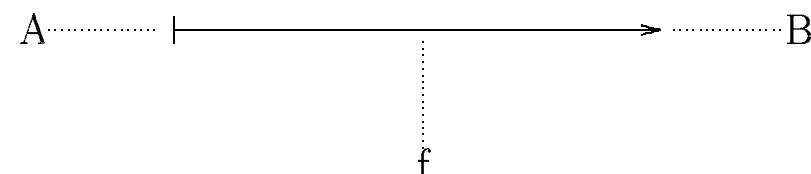
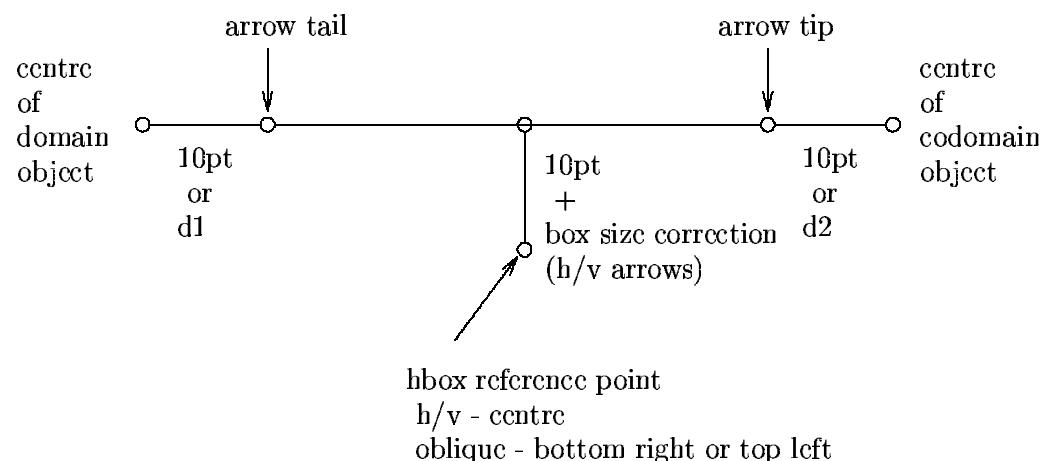
```
\mor(<x1>,<y1>)(<x2>,<y2>)[<d1>,<d2>]{<label>}[<label  
placement>,<arrow type>]
```

where:

- "x1" and "y1" are the coordinates of the domain object.
- "x2" and "y2" are the coordinates of the codomain object.
- "d1" is an optional argument that modifies the distance from the centre of the domain object to actual start of the arrow, default value 10.
- "d2" the same as "d1" but for the codomain object, default values 10.
- "label" its the arrow label, it will be putted in the centre of an "hbox"
- "label placement" (opcional argument)
  - 1 = \atleft, default value
  - -1 = \atright
- "arrow type" (opcional argument)
  - 0 = "\solidarrow", default arrow
  - 1 = "\dasharrow"
  - 2 = "\solidline"
  - 3 = "\injectionarrow"
  - 4 = "\applicationarrow"

The `mor` command draw an arrow from an object to another object, a `label` is putted near the middle point of the arrow.

To do the actual drawing is necessary to calculate the arrow beginning, the arrow ending, and a reference point for the "bbox" containing the label.



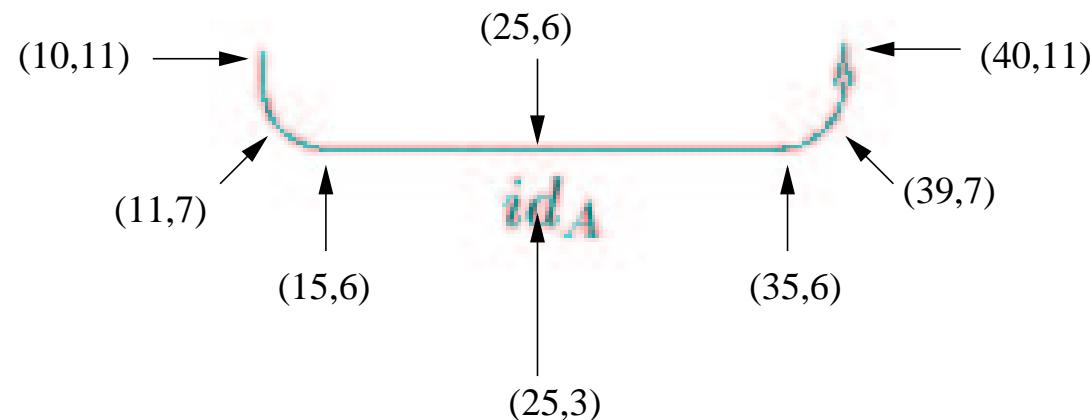
The command `cmor` is the command that controls the drawing of the curved (quadratic) arrows.

```
\cmor(<list_of_points>) {<arrow  
direction>}(<x>,<y>){<label>}[<arrow type>]
```

where:

- "list of points" is a list with an odd number of pairs (`<x>`,`<y>`)
  - \pup, pointing up
  - \pdown, pointing down
  - \pleft, pointing left
  - \pright, pointing right
- "x" and "y" are the coordinates of the centre of a "hbox" containing the label
- "label", is the actual text
- "arrow type"
  - 0 = "\solidarrow", default arrow
  - 1 = "\dasharrow"
  - 2 = "\solidline"

```
\cmon((10,11)(11,7)(15,6)(25,6)(35,6)(39,7)(40,11)) \pup(25,3){$id_A$}
```



(10,11)(11,7)(15,6) (15,6)(25,6)(35,6) (35,6)(39,7)(40,11)

10	10+1	11+4
11	11-4	7-1

- Three points define a quadratic arc, a sequence of quadratic arcs define a quadratic curve.
- Expanded chess-horse movement, that is,  $(x,y)$ ,  $(x\pm 4, y\pm 1)$ ,  $((x\pm 4)\pm 1, (y\pm 1)\pm 4)$ , or  $(x,y)$ ,  $(x\pm 1, y\pm 4)$ ,  $((x\pm 1)\pm 4, (y\pm 4)\pm 1)$ .
- The label is placed in a "hbox" centred in  $(25,3)$ .
- The arrow is pointing up.

# Example: Exponentials

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Z^Y \times Y & \xrightarrow{ev} & Z \\
 f \times \text{id} \swarrow & & \uparrow \overline{f} \\
 X \times Y & & X
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 & Z^Y & \\
 & \uparrow f & \\
 X & &
 \end{array}$$

```

\begin{dc}
\obj(1,3){$Z^Y\!\times\! Y$}
\obj(3,3){$Z$}
\obj(3,1){$X\!\times\!{}Y$}
\obj(4,1){$X$}
\obj(4,3){$Z^Y$}
\mor(1,3)(3,3)[20,10]{$ev$}
\mor(3,1)(1,3){$f\!\times\!\mathit{id}$}
\mor(3,1)(3,3){$\overline{f}$}[\rightarrow,\dasharrow]
\mor(4,1)(4,3){$f$}[\rightarrow,\solidarrow]
\end{dc}

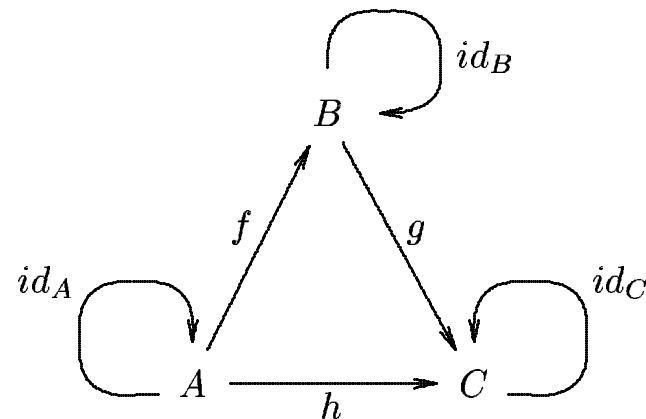
```

# Example: Function Restriction.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X' & \xrightarrow{g = f|_{X'}^{Y'}} & Y' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

```
\begindc[28]
\obj(1,1){$X$}
\obj(1,3){$X^{\prime}$}
\obj(4,1){$Y$}
\obj(4,3){$Y^{\prime}$}
\mor(1,1)(4,1){$f$}
\mor(1,3)(1,1){}[\atright,\injectionarrow]
\mor(4,3)(4,1){}[\atright,\injectionarrow]
\mor(1,3)(4,3){$g=f|^{Y^{\prime}}_{X^{\prime}}$}
\enddc
```

# Example: 3-Category



```

\begin{dc}[3]
\obj(11){$A$}
\obj(39,11){$C$}
\obj(26,35){$B$}
\mor(11)(39,11){$h$}[\rightarrow,\solidarrow]
\mor(11)(26,35){$f$}
\mor(26,35)(39,11){$g$}
\cmor((11,10)(10,10)(9,10)(5,11)(4,15)(5,19)(9,20)(13,19))
\pdown(1,20){$id_A$}
\cmor((42,10)(43,10)(4,10)(48,11)(49,15)(48,19)(44,20)(40,19)(39,15))
\pdown(52,20){$id_C$}
\cmor((26,39)(31,44)(35,43)(36,39)(35,36)(31,35))
\pleft(40,40){$id_B$}
\end{dc}

```

# Example: Godement's "five" rules.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathcal{A} & \xrightarrow{L} & \mathcal{B} & \xrightarrow{K} & \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} U \\ V \downarrow \xi \\ \downarrow \eta \\ W \end{matrix}} & \mathcal{D} & \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} F \\ \downarrow \mu \\ H \end{matrix}} & \mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{G} & \mathcal{F}
 \end{array}$$

```

\begin{dc}[7]
\obj(12,10){$\mathcal{A}$}
\obj(19,10){$\mathcal{B}$}
\obj(26,10){$\mathcal{C}$}
\obj(34,10){$\mathcal{D}$}
\obj(41,10){$\mathcal{E}$}
\obj(48,10){$\mathcal{F}$}
\mor(12,10)(19,10){$L$}
\mor(19,10)(26,10){$K$}
\mor(26,10)(34,10){$V\qquad\xi$}
\mor(26,12)(34,12){$U$}
\mor(26,12)(34,12){$\downarrow\eta$}[atright,\solidarrow]
\mor(26,8)(34,8){$\downarrow\mu$}[atright,\solidarrow]
\mor(26,8)(34,8){$W$}[atright,\solidarrow]
\mor(34,11)(41,11){$F$}
\mor(34,9)(41,9){$\downarrow\mu$}
\mor(34,9)(41,9){$H$}[atright,\solidarrow]
\mor(41,10)(48,10){$G$}
\end{dc}

```

# Conclusions: DCpic a package for drawing Commutative Diagrams, based in PiCTeX.

- Generic - TeX, LaTeX, ConTeXt, and all the formats that support PiCTeX.
- Specification - placement of "objects" in a coordinates system
  - simple specification
  - many types of arrows
  - options for fine tuning
- Drawing - PiCTeX power under the hood
  - arbitrary slopes
  - inclusion of PiCTeX commands if necessary

## Work to the future:

- splines in PiCTeX
- arrows adjusting its size to the size of the objects
- more types of arrows (!?)
- ...

**Thank you**