Abstract: ‘pst-circ’ is a PSTricks package to draw easily electric circuits. Most dipoles, tripoles and quadrupoles used in classical electrotechnical circuits are provided as graphical units which can readily be interconnected to produce circuit diagrams of a reasonable level of complexity.

1 Introduction
The package ‘pst-circ’ is a collection of graphical elements based on PStricks that can be used to facilitate display of electronic circuit elements. For example, an equivalent circuit of a voltage source, its source impedance, and a connected load can easily be constructed along with arrows indicating current flow and potential differences. The emphasis is upon the circuit elements and the details of the exact placement are hidden as much as possible so the author can focus on the circuitry without the distraction of sorting out the underlying vector graphics.

2 Usage
2.1 Parameters
There are specific parameters defined to change easily the behaviour of the pst-circ objects you are drawing.

intensity (boolean): (default: false)
intensitylabel (string): (default: “empty”)
intensitylabeloffset (dimension): (default: 0.5)
intensitycolor (PSTricks color): (default: black)
intensitylabelcolor (PSTricks color): (default: black)
tension (boolean): (default: false)
tensionlabel (string): (default: “empty”)
tensionoffset (dimension): (default: 1)
tensionlabeloffset (dimension): (default: 1.2)
tensioncolor (PSTricks color): (default: black)
tensionlabelcolor (PSTricks color): (default: black)
tensionwidth (dimension): (default: “pslinewidth)
labeloffset (dimension): (default: 0.7)
labelangle (PSTricks label angle): (default: 0)
dipoleconvention: (default: receptor)
directconvetion (boolean): (default: true)
dipolestyle (string): (default: normal)
variable (boolean): (default: false)
parallel (boolean): (default: false)
parallelarm (dimension): (default: 1.5)
parallelsep (real): (default: 0)
parallelnode (boolean): (default: false)
intersect (boolean): (default: false)
intersectA (node):
intersectB (node):
OAinvert (boolean): (default: true)
OAperfect (boolean): (default: true)
OAplus (boolean): (default: false)
OAminus (boolean): (default: false)
OAout (boolean): (default: false)
OApluslabel (string): (default: “empty)
OAminuslabel (string): (default: “empty)
OAoutlabel (string): (default: “empty)
transistorcircle (boolean): (default: true)
transistorinvert (boolean): (default: false)
transistorbase (boolean): (default: false)
transistorcollector (boolean): (default: false)
transistoremitter (boolean): (default: false)
transistorbaselabel (string): (default: “empty)
transistorcollectorlabel (string): (default: “empty)
transistoremitterlabel (string): (default: “empty)
transistortype (string): (default: PNP)
primarylabel (string): (default: “empty)
secondarylabel (string): (default: “empty)
transformeriprimary (boolean): (default: false)
transformerisecondary (boolean): (default: false)
transformeriprimarylabel (string): (default: “empty)
transformerisecondarylabel (string): (default: “empty)
tripolestyle (string): (default: normal)

3 Macros

3.1 Dipole macros

\begin{center}
\begin{tikzpicture}
\coordinate (A) at (0,0);
\coordinate (B) at (1,0);
\coordinate (C) at (0,1);
\coordinate (D) at (1,1);
\draw (A) -- (B) node [midway, above] {$R$};
\draw (C) -- (D) node [midway, above] {$C$};
\draw (A) -- (C) node [midway, above] {$E$};
\end{tikzpicture}
\end{center}

“\texttt{pnode(0,1)--A}”
“\texttt{pnode(3,1)--B}”
\texttt{resistor(A)(B)--$R$}

“\texttt{pnode(0,1)--A}”
“\texttt{pnode(3,1)--B}”
\texttt{capacitor(A)(B)--$C$}

“\texttt{pnode(0,1)--A}”
“\texttt{pnode(3,1)--B}”
\texttt{battery(A)(B)--$E$}
3.2 Tripole macros

Obviously, tripoles are not node connections. So ‘pst-circ’ tries its best to adjust the position of the tripole regarding the three nodes. Internally, the connections are done by the “ncangle pst-node macro. However, the auto-positionning and the auto-connections are not always well chosen\(^1\), so don’t try to use tripole macros in strange situations!

\(^1\)This is something we are working on. I think that auto-positionning and auto-connections should be done at PostScript level and not at PSTricks level. If someone has any ideas, please mail us.
3.3 Quadrupole macros

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“pnode(0,0)–A”
“pnode(0,3)–B”
“pnode(5,1.5)–C”
\text{T}(A)(B)(C)–$\mathcal{T}$
```

3.4 Multidipole

“multidipole is a macro that allows multiple dipoles to be drawn between two specified nodes. “multidipole takes as many arguments as you want. Note the dot that is after the last dipole."
Important: for the time being, “multidipole takes optional arguments but does not restore original values. We recommend not using it.

3.5 Wire

3.6 Potential

3.7 ground

4 Parameters

4.1 Label parameters
4.2 Current intensity and electrical potential parameters

If the intensity parameter is set to true, an arrow is drawn on the wire connecting one of the nodes to the dipole. If the tension parameter is set to true, an arrow is drawn parallel to the dipole.

The way those arrows are drawn is set by dipoleconvention and directconvention parameters. dipoleconvention can take two values: generator or receptor. directconvention is a boolean.

If intensitylabel is set to an non empty argument, then intensity is automatically set to true. If tensionlabel is set to an non empty argument, then tension is automatically set to true.
4.3 Parallel parameters

If the parallel parameter is set to true, the dipole is drawn parallel to the line connecting the nodes.

Some specific intensity parameters are available for tripoles and quadrupoles.
4.4 Wire intersections

Wire intersect parameters work also with "multidipole."
4.5 Dipole style parameters

- **Resistor**
  - \texttt{resistor[dipolestyle=zigzag](A)(B)--$R$} \\

- **Capacitor**
  - \texttt{capacitor[dipolestyle=chemical](A)(B)--$C$} \\
  - \texttt{capacitor[dipolestyle=elektor](A)(B)--$C$} \\
  - \texttt{capacitor[dipolestyle=elektorchemical](A)(B)--$C$} \\

- **Coil**
  - \texttt{coil[dipolestyle=rectangle](A)(B)--$L$} \\
  - \texttt{coil[dipolestyle=curved](A)(B)--$L$}
In the following example the parameter dipolestyle is used for a tripole and quadrupole, because the coils are drawn as rectangles and the resistor as a zigzag.
4.6 Tripole style parameters

4.7 Other Parameters

\begin{verbatim}
"pnode(0,0)–A" 
"pnode(3,3)–B" 
"pnode(3,1.5)–C" 
"potentiometer,dipolestyle=zigzag,\
labelangle=:U[(A)(B)(C)–$P$"

"pnode(0,4)–A" 
"pnode(0,0)–B" 
"pnode(4,4)–C" 
"pnode(4,0)–D" 
"transformer,dipolestyle=rectangle [(A)(B)(C)(D)–"mathcal T""

"pnode(0,2)–A" 
"pnode(5,2)–B" 
"pnode(0,0)–C" 
"Tswitch[dipolestyle=left](A)(B)(C)–$K$"

"pnode(0,2)–A" 
"pnode(5,2)–B" 
"pnode(0,0)–C" 
"Tswitch[dipolestyle=right](A)(B)(C)–$K$"

"pnode(0,3)–A" 
"pnode(0,0)–B" 
"pnode(5,1.5)–C" 
"OA[dipolestyle=french](A)(B)(C)"

"pnode(0,0)–A" 
"pnode(0,3)–B" 
"pnode(5,1.5)–C" 
"OA[OAinvert=false](B)(A)(C)
\end{verbatim}
5 Examples

\begin{pspicture*}(-1.5,-1)(6,5)
\psgrid[subgriddiv=1,griddots=10]
% Node definitions
\pnode(0,0){A}
\pnode(0,3){B}
\pnode(4.5,3){C}
\pnode(4.5,0){D}
% Dipole node connection
\Ucc[tension,dipoleconvention=generator](A)(B){E}
\multidipole(B)(C)
\switch[intensitylabel=$i$]{K}
\resistor[labeloffset=0,tensionlabel=$u\dot{R}$]{R}
\capacitor[tensionlabel=–$u\dot{C}$,tensionlabeloffset=-1.2,tensionoffset=-1,directconvention=false](D)(C){C}
% Wire to complete circuit
\wire(A)(D)
% Ground
\ground(D)
\end{pspicture*}
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```
\begin{pspicture}(6,6)
\psgrid[subgriddiv=1,griddots=10]
% Node definitions
\pnode(0,3)\r A
\pnode(3,3)\r B
\pnode(6,3)\r C
% Dipole node connections
\coil[intensitylabel=$i$](A)(B)\r $L$
\coil[intensitylabel=$i'$,intensitycolor=green,parallel,parallelarm=2](B)(C)\r $L'$
\capacitor[parallel,parallelarm=-2](B)(C)\r $C$
\end{pspicture}
```

```
\begin{pspicture}(6,6)
\psgrid[subgriddiv=1,griddots=10]
% Node definitions
\pnode(0,0)\r A
\pnode(6,0)\r B
\pnode(0.3,4)\r Cprime
\pnode(5.7,4)\r Dprime
\pnode(2.5,4)\r Gprime
\pnode(2.5,0)\r Hprime
\pnode(0,4)\r C
\pnode(6,4)\r D
\pnode(0.3,6)\r E
\pnode(5.7,6)\r F
\pnode(4,6)\r G
\pnode(4,0)\r H
\multidipole(G)(H)\%
\wire[intersect,intersectA=C,intersectB=D]resistor–$R'\dot{3}$
\resistor(E)(G)\r $R'\dot{1}$
\resistor(G)(F)\r $R'\dot{2}$
\multidipole(C)(D)\resistor–$R\dot{1}$%wire\resistor–$R\dot{2}$
\wire(A)(B)\wire(Cprime)(E)
\wire(Dprime)(F)
\resistor(Hprime)(Gprime)\r $R\dot{3}$
\end{pspicture}
```
\begin{pspicture}(9,11)
\psgrid[subgriddiv=1,griddots=10]
\psset{intensitycolor=red,intensitylabelcolor=red, %
tensioncolor=green,tensionlabelcolor=green, %
intensitywidth=3pt}
\psgrid[griddots=5,gridlabels=7pt,subgriddiv=0]
\psset{intensitycolor=red,intensitylabelcolor=red, %
tensioncolor=green,tensionlabelcolor=green, %
intensitywidth=3pt}
\psgrid[griddots=5,gridlabels=7pt,subgriddiv=0]
\begin{pspicture}(5,5)
\end{pspicture}
\end{pspicture}
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The following example was written by Manuel Luque.

```
\begin{pspicture}(14,4)
\psgrid[subgriddiv=1,griddots=10]
\pnode(0,0)\(B\)
\pnode(0,3)\(A\)
\pnode(2.5,3.5)\(C\)
\pnode(2.5,-0.5)\(D\)
\pnode(5,3)\(E\)
\pnode(6.5,1.5)\(F\)
\pnode(5,0)\(G\)
\pnode(3.5,1.5)\(H\)
\pnode(8,2.5)\(I\)
\pnode(8,1)\(J\)
\pnode(10,2.5)\(K\)
\pnode(10,1)\(L\)
\pnode(14,2.5)\(M\)
\pnode(12,1)\(N\)
\pnode(3,1)\(H'\)
\pnode(14,2.5)\(O\)
\transformer[transformerprimarylabel=\(i_1\),transformersecondarylabel=\(i_2\),primarylabel=\(n_1\),secondarylabel=\(n_2\)]\(A\)(B)(C)(D)\(T_1\)
\psset{fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=black}
\diode(H)(E)
\diode(H)(G)
\diode(E)(F)
\diode(G)(F)
\capacitor[dipolestyle=chemical]\(I\)(J)
\capacitor(K)(L)
\REG(K)(M)(N)
\shortstack{\textsf{--} shortstack--textsf{--}}
\textbf{large LM7805}
\ncangle--I\(F\)--psline(I)(K)
\ncangle--E\(C\)--ncangle--G\(D\)
\ncangle[arm=0]\(P\)--Q
```

The following example was written by Manuel Luque.
The following example was written by Lionel Cordesses.

```
"begin-pspicture"(11,3)
"psset-dipolestyle=elektor"
"pnode(1,2)–Vin" \"pnode(0.5,2)–S\" \"pnode(0.5,0)–Sm\"
"pnode(2.5,2)–A" \"pnode(4.5,2)–B\" \"pnode(6.5,2)–C\"
"pnode(8,2)–Cd" \"pnode(8.5,2)–D\" \"pnode(9.5,2)–E\"
"pnode(2.5,0)–Am" \"pnode(4.5,0)–Bm\" \"pnode(6.5,0)–Cm\"
"pnode(8.5,0)–Dm" \"pnode(9.5,0)–Em\"
"Ucc[labeloffset=0.9](Sm)(S)–$V˙–in$\" resistor(Vin)(A)–$R$\"
"capacitor(A)(Am)–$C˙1$\" \"capacitor(B)(Bm)–$C˙3$\"
"capacitor(C)(Cd)–$C˙n$\" \"resistor(E)(Em)–$R$\"
"coil(A)(B)–$L˙2$\" \"coil(B)(C)–$L˙4$\"
"wire(Am)(Bm)(Cm)\" \"wire(Cm)(Dm)\" \"wire(Dm)(Em)\" \"wire(D)(E)\"
"wire(Cd)(D)\" \"psline[linestyle=dashed](C)(Cd)\"
"wire(S)(Vin)\" \"wire(Sm)(Am)\"
"pscircle*(D)–2\"\"pslinewidth\" \"pscircle*(Dm)–2\"\"pslinewidth\"
"pscircle*(A)–2\"\"pslinewidth\" \"pscircle*(Am)–2\"\"pslinewidth\"
"pscircle*(B)–2\"\"pslinewidth\" \"pscircle*(Bm)–2\"\"pslinewidth\"
"end-pspicture"
```

6 Adding new components

Adding new components is not simple. As a matter of fact, because of the complex mechanism of “multidipole, there are multiple steps. The easiest way to proceed is to draw the component, send it to me (christophe.jorssen@noos.fr) and I’ll do the programming work regarding your component. Nevertheless, it can take some time...

If you want to modify the code, you need to know the following things. For a dipole, you first need to define the following items
% PST ricks package for drawing electric circuits
%
"def"component_name="@ifnextchar["pst@component_name"]"%
% "def"pst@component_name[1](#2)(#3)#4––% "pst@draw@dipole–#1˝–#2˝–#3˝–#4˝"pst@draw@component_name
"ignorespaces"
% "def"pst@multidipole@component_name="@ifnextchar["pst@multidipole@component_name@"]"%
% "pst@multidipole@component_name@\[\]˝˝
% "def"pst@multidipole@component_name@[1]\[\]#2–% "expandafter"def"csname pst@circ@tmp@number pst@circ@count@ii"endcsname–#2˝%
% "setkeys–psset˝–#1˝% "ifPst@circ@parallel"aftergroup"advance"aftergroup"pst@circ@count@i"aftergroup"m@ne"fi˝% "pst@circ@count@i="pst@circ@count@i% "advance"pst@circ@count@ii@ne% "toks0"expandafter–"pst@multidipole@output˝% "edef"pst@multidipole@output–%
% The PST ricks code for your component
% The center of the component is at (0,0)
"pnode(component_left_end,0)–dipole@1˝
"pnode(component_right_end,0)–dipole@2˝

Then, you have to make some changes in the “multidipole core code... In the definition of “pst@multidipole, look for the last “ifx test

% ...
% Extract from “pst@multidipole
  %else
    “ifx“circledipole #4% “let“next“pst@multidipole@circledipole
  %else
    “ifx“LED #4% “let“next“pst@multidipole@LED
  %else
    % Put your modification here
    “let“next“ignorespaces “fi
    “fi
  “fi
% Extract form “pst@multidipole
% ...

and add (in red)

% ...
% Extract from “pst@multidipole
  %else
    “ifx“circledipole #4% “let“next“pst@multidipole@circledipole
  %else
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circlet #4%
let next pst@multidipole@LED
celse
circlet component_name #4%
let next pst@multidipole@component_name
celse
clet next ignorespaces
ffiffi
cfi
cfi

% Extract form "pst@multidipole
% ...
```

Do the same in "pst@multidipole@

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% ...
% Extract from "pst@multidipole@

celse
circlet dipole #1%
let next pst@multidipole@circledipole
celse
circlet LED #1%
let next pst@multidipole@LED
celse
circlet component_name #1%
let next pst@multidipole@component_name
celse
clet next ignorespaces
cpst@multidipole@output
ffifi
ffifi

% Extract form "pst@multidipole@
% ...
```

and that’s it! All you have to do then is send your modified pst-circ.tex to me and it will become part of the official release of ‘pst-circ’.

Important: Pay attention to the comment character % at the end of lines. They are very important in order to avoid spurious blanks.

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