

# An Introduction to Xy-pic

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- L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X package.
- Developed principally by Kris Rose and Ross Moore.
- Large community support base.
- Preamble: `\usepackage [all] {xy}`.
- Extra output on compile.

# References

- K.H. Rose: X<sub>Y</sub>-pic User's Guide (16 pages)
- K.H. Rose & R. Moore: X<sub>Y</sub>-pic Reference Manual (81 pages)
- A. Perlis: Axis Alignment in X<sub>Y</sub>-pic diagrams.
- Aaron Lauda: X<sub>Y</sub>-pic tutorial with an archive of examples:  
<http://www.dpmms.cam.ac.uk/~al366/xytutorial.html>

All (and many more) available online.

# Objects

This diagram is very important:

```
\begin{equation*}
\begin{xymatrix}{\\M \& C \& L \\ E \& M \& A \& N} \\
\end{xymatrix}
\end{equation*}
```

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$M$        $c$        $L$

$E$        $M$        $A$        $N$

# Some Xy-pic options

Compare `\xymatrix{M&c&L\\E&M&A&N}`

$M$        $c$        $L$

$E$        $M$        $A$        $N$

to `\xymatrix@C=1pc@R=1pc{M&c&L\\E&M&A&N}`

$M$        $c$        $L$

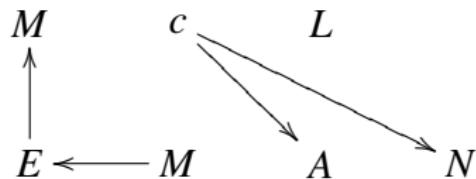
$E$        $M$        $A$        $N$

# Arrows

Arrow (`\ar`) directions are relative, using  $\{d, l, u, r\}$  to navigate, e.g.,

```
\begin{equation*}
\begin{array}{ccc}
M & c \ar[dr] \ar[drr] & L \\
E \ar[u] & M \ar[l] & A \& N
\end{array}
\end{equation*}
```

gives



Note that a `\ar[r]` from the “L” or a `\ar[d]` from the “A” give errors.

# Arrows II: Style

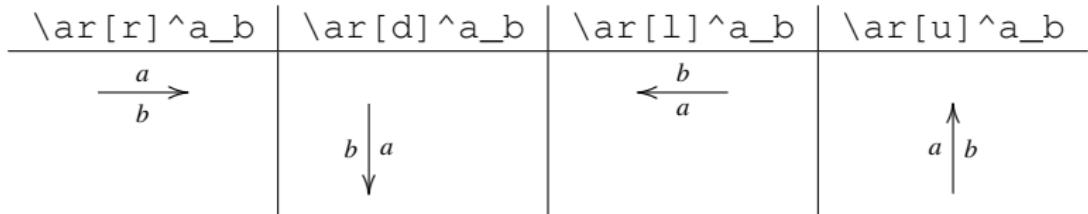
Use an @-modifier to change the arrow style (tail, shaft, and head):

Code	Style	Comments
<code>\ar@{-&gt;&gt;}</code>		Surjection
<code>\ar@{--&gt;}</code>		Implied Existence
<code>\ar@{ -&gt;}</code>		Defined on Elements
<code>\ar@{^(-&gt;)}</code>		Injection
<code>\ar@{_(-&gt;)}</code>		Bizarro Injection
<code>\ar@{-}</code>		Field Extension
<code>\ar@{~&gt;}</code>		Functorial Correspondence
<code>\ar@{=&gt;}</code>		Implies
<code>\ar@3{~&gt;&gt;}</code>		Strongly sort of implies
<code>\ar@{    ~&lt;}</code>		Umm...quasipseudoisomorphism...

Note: Design your own!

# Arrows III: Labels

Use `^` for labels “above the arrow,” and `_` for “below”:



Combine with styles via `\ar@{>>}^a_b[r]` (order counts!):

$$A \xrightarrow[b]{a} B$$

# Arrows for Nit-pickers

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow[\mathfrak{p}|p]{\sigma_p + \psi_p} \prod B_{\mathfrak{p}} \oplus B' \xrightarrow{\tau} C \longrightarrow 0$$

vs.

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{\sigma_p + \psi_p} \prod_{\mathfrak{p}|p} B_{\mathfrak{p}} \oplus B' \xrightarrow{\tau} C \longrightarrow 0$$

Used @C for spacing, \ar[r]^(.33){\sigma\_p+\psi\_p} for label placement, and Dr. Alex Perlis' command

\entrymodifiers={+!!<0pt,\fontdimen22\textfont2>} for axial alignment instead of center alignment.

# Holes and Breaks

Some final decoration tricks:

```
\xymatrix{A\ar[r] \mid \phi & B}
```

$$A \xrightarrow{\phi} B$$

```
\xymatrix{A\ar' [rr][rrr] \&&& B}
```

$$A \xrightarrow{\hspace{3cm}} B$$

# Example 1: Basic Commutative Diagram

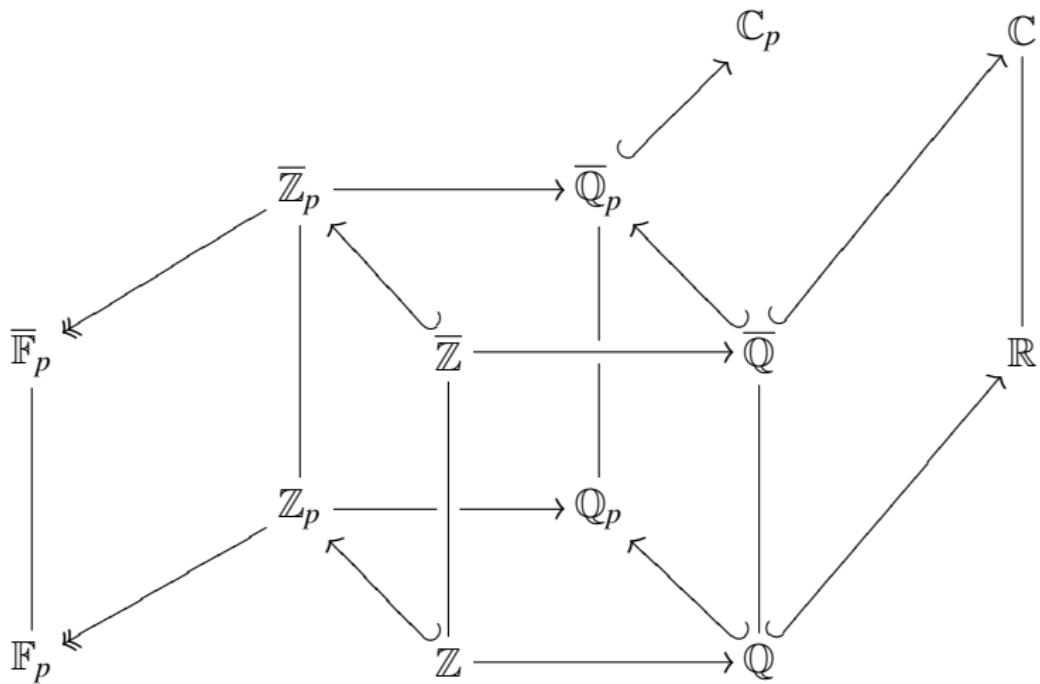
The projective module diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & P & & \\ & \swarrow h & \downarrow g & & \\ X & \xrightarrow{\circlearrowleft} & Y & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & f & & & \end{array}$$

was typeset using

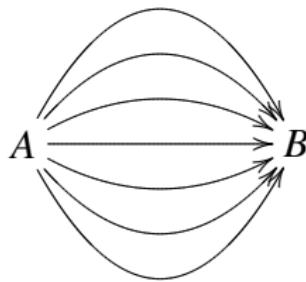
```
\xymatrix{\\ \ar@{.}(.7)\cal[dr]&P\ar@{-->}[dl]_h\ar[d]^g\\ X\ar[r]_f&Y\ar[r]&0\\ }\n(\cal=\circlearrowleft)
```

## Example 2: Mixing and Matching



# Advanced Arrows: Easy Curving

Use @/\_<curve amount>/ or @\_<curve amount>/



The above was generated by:

```
\ar@/^np{c/ [r] for  $n \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ }
```

```
\ar@/_np{c/ [r] for  $n \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ }.
```

# Advanced Arrows: Easy Curving

Alternatively, specify outgoing and incoming directions with  
`\ar@(<out>, <in>):`

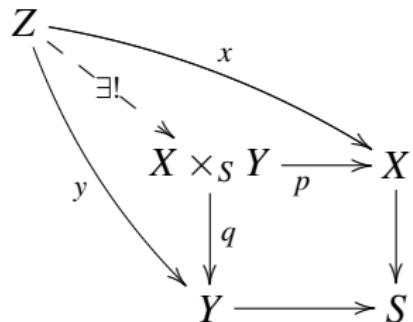


The three arrows are:

- `\ar@(r,u) [r]`
- `\ar@(dr,d1) [r]`
- `\ar@(ur,ul) []`

# Example 3: Pull-Back Diagrams

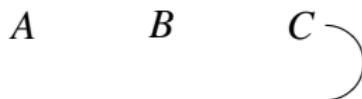
Universal properties:



```
\xymatrix{Z \ar@/_/[ddr]_y \ar@/^/[drr]^x \\ \ar@{-->}[dr] |(.45){\exists !} \\ & X \times_S Y \ar[d]^q \ar[r]_p & X \ar[d] \\ \& Y \ar[r] & S}
```

# Advanced Arrows: Harder Curving

Make detours using ` and turn commands. A simple curved arrow:



“Start out of the r side of C, make a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -turn towards [d], continue the same direction and then make a quarter turn toward [l]”.

```
\xymatrix{A&B&C  
 \ar@{-} `r[d] ` [l] \\  
 && }
```

# Example 4: The Connecting Homomorphism

With sufficient patience:

$$\cdots \longrightarrow H^i(A) \longrightarrow H^i(B) \longrightarrow H^i(C) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^{i+1}(A) \longrightarrow H^{i+1}(B) \longrightarrow H^{i+1}(C) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

```
\xymatrix{ \cdots \ar[r] & H^i(A) \ar[r] & H^i(B) \ar[r] & H^i(C) \ar[r]^{\delta} & H^{i+1}(A) \ar[r] & H^{i+1}(B) \ar[r] & H^{i+1}(C) \ar[r] & \cdots }
```

## Xy-pic:

- Name comes from xy-coordinates.
- `\xymatrix` is just a front-end.
- More flexible, less intuitive.

## Basic commands:

- Set up coordinates.
- Make something and put it somewhere.
- Connect two things.

Make things and connect things:

- <pos>\*<object>
- \*\*<arrow>

```
\[\begin{xy}
(0,0)*{B};
(10,0)*{a};
**{an};
\end{xy}\]
```

*Banana*

Use \*\*{ - } for straight lines.

Use labels and reconstruct arrow shafts with `\ar`:

```
\[\begin{xy}
(0,0)*+{A}="A";
(20,0)*+{B}="B";
\ar@{->} "A";"B";
\end{xy}\]
```

$$A \longrightarrow B$$

Note: Careful about ' ' vs. " in emacs.

# Curves in \xy

Curving using Bezier curves and B-splines:

```
\[\begin{xy}
(0,0)*+{A}="A";
(20,0)*+{B}="B";
**\crv{(5,10) & (15,-10)};
\end{xy}\]
```



# Example 5: Connecting Homomorphism Revisited

Curves Using \PATH:

```
\xy
(-20,0)*+{\cdots}, {\ar (-16,0); (-6,0)} ;
(0,-14.2)*+{H^{i+1}(A)}="target",
(59,-14.2)*+{\cdots}, {\ar (48,-14.2); (55,-14.2)} ;
{\ar (7,-14.2); (13,-14.2)} ;
(20,-14.2)*+{H^{i+1}(B)}, {\ar (27,-14.2); (33,-14.2)} ;
(40,-14.2)*+{H^{i+1}(C)}, (0,0)*+{H^i(A)} ;
(20,0)*+{H^i(B)}; {\ar (6,0); (14,0)} ;
(40,0)*+{H^i(C)}="C"; {\ar (26,0); (34,0)} ;
\PATH ~={**\dir{-} ?>*\dir{} } ~> { | > * \dir{>} }
'_d (50,-5)
'_l (50,-5)
' (-10,-7.1) _\delta
'^d (-10,-10)
'^r (-10,-10)
"target",
\endxy
```

## Example 5: Connecting Homomorphism Revisited

$$\cdots \longrightarrow H^i(A) \longrightarrow H^i(B) \longrightarrow H^i(C) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^{i+1}(A) \longrightarrow H^{i+1}(B) \longrightarrow H^{i+1}(C) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

### Comparison to previous technique—

- Pros: More customizable
  - Cons: Less automated.

# Circles and Ellipses

Need to include `\usepackage[arc, all]{xy}`:  
`(0, 5) * \ellipse(3, 1){-};`

- Centered at  $(0, 5)$ .
- Horizontal length 3, vertical length 1.
- Use `@{style}` to change style.
- Can make partial arcs by specifying angle.

Samples:



# Composite Constructions

Three ellipses and two lines:

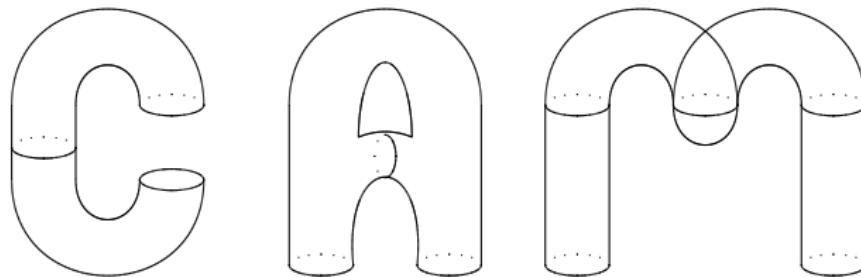


Shading via:

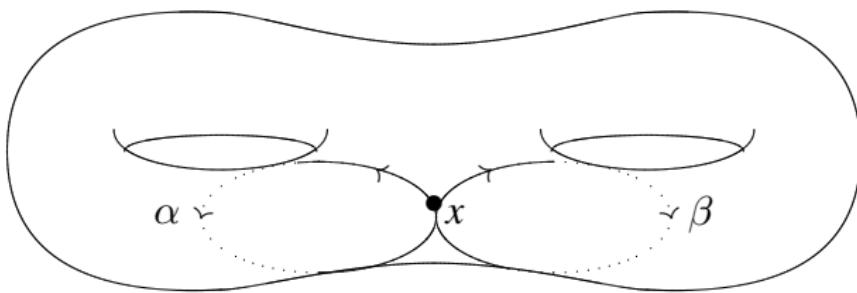
```
(0,-5)*\ellipse(3,1){.};  
(0,-5)*\ellipse(3,1)___,:a(-180){-};
```

# Even Compositor Constructions

Again, some things come in very handy...



And finally, a less useful example...



$$\alpha\beta\alpha^{-1}\beta^{-1} = 1$$