mma2ltx

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Mma2ltx is a program which allows to a Mathematica user to include the graphics produced by Mathematica in a IAT_EX document using own IAT_EX fonts and symbols for labels.

1 Introduction

Mathematica has perhaps the best data plotting tool currently available, but its control over mathematical symbols and formulæ inside graphics is very poor¹: it is limited to the characters available in the font 'Symbol'.

T_EX instead is very powerful in this subject but has no data plotting capability: it can only include external graphics.

mma2ltx is the "bridge" across the two worlds: it allows to use any IAT_EX symbol and font as labels in graphics created by *Mathematica*.

2 What does *mma2ltx* do?

Mma2ltx reads a PostScript graphic file generated by the Mathematica command 'Display'² and writes two output files; the first one is a IAT_EX file and contains every string of text of the original graphics file in IAT_EX form; the second is an EPSF file: it substantially contains the same things of the original PostScript file, except it has been stripped of any string of text.

3 Requirements

In order to include *Mathematica* graphics processed by mma2ltx into $\square T_EX$ documents you need $\square T_EX$ (obvious) and the Rokicki's $dvips^3 dvi$ processor.

Files processed by mma2ltx were tested under $IAT_EX v2.09$ (25 March 1992) and dvips v5.55 (and newer). The graphics files used were created with Mathematica⁴ v2.2.

4 Distribution/Disclaimer

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 $^{^{1}}Mathematica$ supports output in T_EX form, but this feature is only for formulæ and doesn't regard the graphics.

²The 'Display' command saves a raw PostScript representation of a graphic in a file.

³dvips is a converter from dvi to PostScript files. It was developed by T. Rokicki and is available via anonymous FTP from labrea.stanford.edu or in any CTAN site.

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5 Using *mma2ltx*

To use *mma2ltx*, just type

C:\> mma2ltx mypic.ps

where mypic.ps is the output of the *Mathematica*'s primitive 'Display'. *mma2ltx* supports many options, as described in the next section.

6 Command Line Options

Options are specified on the command line using a dash '-' followed by a letter. No spaces are allowed between the '-' and the letter. The letter may be followed by an argument. Spaces between the letter and the argument are allowed instead.

Here follows a description of the options supported by mma2ltx. Facultative arguments are indicated in the '**Template**' enclosed between square brackets [...].

Note that every string in the command line which is not an option argument is taken as an input file.

6.1 Option -?

Option -? (-"?" on Unix) shows the following help messages:

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Usage: mma2ltx [<options>] <filename(s)> [<options>]
Where <options> is one or more of:
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-? Show these messages
-d Don't keep the aspect ratio
-n Deactivate automatic $...$ enclosing
-b Enclose every string into a white box (default = transpar. box)
-p[<str>] Include the Mathematica PostScript prologue in the .EPS file
-h[<dimen>] Set picture height to <dimen> (default = 100bp)
-w[<dimen>] Set picture width to <dimen> (default = 161bp)
-f[<dimen>] Add an \fbox to the picture (\fboxsep=<dimen>)
-u<unit> Set all dimensions in the unit <unit>
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-s<cmd>
         Set the font size with the TeX command <cmd>
        Output filename
-o<str>
        Change only MMA labels which begin with <str>
-e<str>
-c(sx,sy)=(newsx,newsy)(<dimen>,<dimen>) (change alignment)
-a[<num>:<num>] Draw arrows on x and y axes
<dimen> = a number followed by one of TeX's unit (e.g. 10.3cm)
        = a number (e.g. 0.0125)
<num>
       = a TeX's unit (e.g. cm)
<unit>
       = a TeX command without the backslash ' \setminus '
<cmd>
<str>
       = a text string
```

Example:

mma2ltx -sfootnotesize -w5in pic1.ps pic2.ps
processes the files 'pic1.ps' and 'pic2.ps'. The width of the pictures
will be 5 inch and \footnotesize will be used as LaTeX command to
set the font size.

6.2 Options -w and -h

Template: $-w\langle dimen \rangle$ $-h\langle dimen \rangle$

Options -w and -h must be used to specify respectively the width and the height of the picture. The argument $\langle dimen \rangle$ is a number followed by one of TEX's unit (i.e. one of mm, cm, pt, bp, pc, in, dd, cc, sp). For example, '-w10.3cm' specifies a 10.3 cm wide picture. Note that '-w 10.3cm', '-w=10.3cm' and '-w:10.3cm' are accepted too, but '-w10.3 cm' isn't accepted (note the space after the number 10). Note also that we may specify only one of '-w' or '-h': the other dimension is calculated to keep the Mathematica aspect ratio. If either the width and the height are specified, the picture will have (approximately) those dimensions, but the inside graphic will have dimensions such to fit one of height or width, according to the aspect ratio. For instance, specifying on the command line '-w10cm -h10cm' and the aspect ratio⁵ is 0.62 then the picture will be 10 cm × 10 cm large (this is the dimension "visible" to IAT_EX), but the inside graphic will be 10 cm × 3 cm large but the inside graphic will be just 4.84 cm wide and 3 cm high. If we don't want to keep the Mathematica aspect ratio we must use the -d option. Default width is 161 bp; default height is 100 bp.

6.3 Option -d

Suppress the aspect ratio keeping.

⁵The aspect ratio is height/width in scaled coordinates (i.e., from 0 to 1).

6.4 Option -n

By default *mma2ltx* encloses every string grabbed from the *Mathematica* PostScript file into a \$...\$ pair. Specifying the -n option on the command line, this behaviour will be disabled.

6.5 Option -b

By default every string is placed on the graphic as if it was enclosed in a transparent box. Using this option every string will be no longer "transparent", but rather enclosed in a white box having the same size (see the string "some text" shown in Fig. 4 for the behaviour of this option).

6.6 Option -o

Template: $-o\langle filename \rangle$

Specify the output filename. By default mma2ltx uses as output names the names of the input files stripped of the extension to which append the proper file extension (i.e., '.tex' for the IAT_EX file and '.eps' for the EPSF file). The -o option allows you to specify a different name for the EPSF PostScript output file. In this case the name of the IAT_EX file will be $\langle filename \rangle$.tex anyway.

6.7 Option -f

Template: $-f [\langle dimen \rangle]$

The -f option tells mma2ltx to enclose the whole picture into an fbox. The optional argument is the amount of fboxsep; by default mma2ltx assumes fboxsep=0pt. For instance the command

mma2ltx -f5pt -w8cm mypic.ps

produces a picture 8 cm wide, enclosed into fbox; from each edge of the box and its contents there are 5 pt.

6.8 Option -s

Template: $-s(control \ sequence)$

This option specifies a IAT_EX font-size control sequence to change the size of the picture labels. Note that mma2ltx doesn't check if the $\langle control \ sequence \rangle$ is a valid IAT_EX command. So be careful.

Generally a IAT_EX font-size command may be one of tiny, scriptsize, footnotesize, normalsize, large, LARGE, huge, Huge. No leading backslash is needed (you must use -sfootnotesize instead of -s\footnotesize).

By default the picture uses the IAT_EX current font size. Note that this command will affect size the of **all** the strings contained in the picture.

6.9 Option -u

Template: $-u\langle T_EX's unit \rangle$

The -u option specifies the unit of measure of quantities contained in the .tex file generated by mma2ltx. Also the messages shown during IAT_EX and mma2ltx processing will use that unit.

6.10 Option -p

Template: $-p[\langle prologue file \rangle]$

By default the EPSF file produced by *mma2ltx* doesn't contain the *Mathematica* Post-Script prologue (i.e. it cannot be printed as is). In fact this prologue is included only once in the final PostScript file produced by dvips.

The $\langle prologue file \rangle$ is an optional argument and allows to specify an alternate Mathematica prologue file (e.g. a newer prologue file). To obtain a prologue file you can use the program extpro. See §10 for further details.

Using this option the EPSF file produced by *mma2ltx* will contain the *Mathematica* prologue file. This may be very useful for some dvi previewer with capability to show Post-Script specials.

6.11 Option -c

Template: $-c\langle (s_x, s_y) = (s'_x, s'_y)(dimen_x, dimen_y) \rangle$

The -c option can be used to override a peculiar behaviour of *Mathematica*'s primitive **Text**. To place text, *mma2ltx* normally uses the same conventions of the *Mathematica*'s primitive 'Text': reference point (x, y) is realized as follows:

- The text string is placed into a box having the same size.
- An offset (s_x, s_y) in the bounding box coordinates system (see the Fig. 1) determines where the reference point goes.

For instance the offset (-1, 1) means that the box containing the string is placed with the point (-1, 1)at the reference point (x, y), i.e. left and top aligned. If the offset is (0, 0) then the box is centered on the reference point (x, y). Note that we may also have offsets greater than 1. For instance the labelling of the x-axis is realized (by *Mathematica*) using a reference point lying on the x-axis and a bounding box offset of (0, 2). With such offset, different height x-labels would be placed at different distance from the x-axis. The '-c' option by-passes this behaviour. It replaces

any label having (s_x, s_y) bb-offset with labels having



Figure 1: Bounding box coordinates.

 (s'_x, s'_y) bb-offset further shifted by $(dimen_x, dimen_y)$ from the current position $(dimen_x \text{ and } dimen_y \text{ must be numbers followed by one of TEX's unit).$

The following example could make this clear. Consider a graphic having the following labels

$$-\frac{3}{2}$$
 -1 $-\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{3}{2}$

under the x-axis. Since labels $(-\frac{3}{2})$, $(-\frac{1}{2})$, $(\frac{1}{2})$ and $(\frac{3}{2})$ are higher than label (-1) and (1), they are placed lower than the labels (-1). Using the option (-c(0,2)=(0,1)(0pt,-5pt)) every labels will be placed with the top edge of the box that bounds them, at 5 pt from the x-axis, as shown in Fig. 2.

Note that it is possible to specify multiple -c options on the same command line.



Figure 2: Behaviour of the '-c' option.

6.12 Option -e

Template: $-e\langle escape \ sequence \rangle$

This option tells mma2ltx to convert into IAT_EX only the labels which begin with the sequence $\langle escape \ sequence \rangle$. For instance with

mma2ltx -elatex: mypic.ps

only labels which begin with the string "latex:" will be converted. Other labels are left as in the original *Mathematica* graphic.

6.13 Option -a

Template: $-a[\langle length \rangle: \langle width \rangle: \langle inset \rangle]$

Using this option, mma2ltx will add two arrows on the x and y axes of a 2D graphic. $\langle length \rangle$, $\langle width \rangle$ and $\langle inset \rangle$ are optional parameters to specify the arrow size, as shown in figure 3.

For instance

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mma2ltx -a mypic.ps
```

or



Figure 3: Examples with the '-a' option.

mma2ltx -a 0.02:0.01:0.005 mypic.ps

The three parameters $\langle length \rangle$, $\langle width \rangle$, $\langle inset \rangle$ must be specified as a fraction of the picture size (scaled coordinates). Default values are

 $\begin{array}{rcl} lenght &=& 0.025\\ width &=& 0.012\\ inset &=& 0.006 \end{array}$

7 Including *mma2ltx* figures

To include a picture processed by mma2ltx into a IAT_EX document, first you should move the file 'mmatext.sty' in your IAT_EX input directory and the files 'texmma22.pro', 'mmawhite.eps' in your T_EX PostScript directory⁶. Then include the style 'mmatext' at the top of your document:

```
\documentstyle[...,mmatext,...]{...}
```

and invoke the following macro at the point where you wish to include the picture:

```
\input{mypic}
```

where 'mypic' is the name of the file processed by mma2ltx. Note that the command '\input{mypic}' may be invoked within any IAT_FX environment, for instance the commands:

```
\begin{figure}
  \centering
  \tabcolsep=1cm
  \begin{tabular}{cc}
      \input{mypic1} &\input{mypic2} \\[2cm]
      \input{mypic3} &\input{mypic4}
  \end{tabular}
\end{figure}
```

⁶This is the directory where you keep the dvips prologue files.

will produce a figure containing four *Mathematica* pictures. Sometimes, during the IAT_EX processing of a IAT_EX file containing one or more mma2ltx pictures a message as

Mathematica picture: 'mypic.eps' deltax=0.48502 cm

or a message as

Mathematica picture: 'mypic.eps' deltay=1.28744 cm

or both, could appear. If this happens it means that the picture is wider or higher (by the amount shown) than the picture whose dimensions were established with mma2ltx.

8 Generating Mathematica pictures

mma2ltx needs a PostScript file. This file must be created from within *Mathematica* using the primitive 'Display' (see the *Mathematica* manual for a detailed description of this primitive).

Since mma2ltx just executes a plain translation of every string contained in the Mathematica PostScript file, we may specify a IAT_EX control sequence directly from within Mathematica. For instance, to mark ticks with the IAT_EX greek letter ' π ', we may use

Note, to obtain the backslash '\' from within *Mathematica* it must be doubled. So every IAT_{EX} control sequence specified into a *Mathematica* string must be preceded by a '\\'.

For example to place the formula

$$f(x) = \sin\frac{1}{x}$$

at the point (0.5, 0.5) of a graphic, left and bottom aligned, we may use the *Mathematica* command

```
Text["f(x)=\sin\frac{1}{x}", {0.5, 0.5}, {-1, -1}]
```

9 Manual adjustment of labels

Sometimes may happens to have two or more labels too much closed each other. In this case a manual adjustment is needed. To do this, edit the file generated by *mma2ltx* having the extension '.tex'. For instance, let's analyze the file 'mypic.tex':

```
% Picture: mypic.eps
% Created by mma2ltx v1.2 - Copyright (C) 1994 Giuseppe Ghib\'o
% Command line : mma2ltx -ucm -w10cm -sfootnotesize mypic.ps
% Creation date: Sat Jul 16 10:40:43 1994
\mmaheaderprotrue
{%
```

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\footnotesize%
\mmasetpic(10.0000,6.1803)[cm]{mypic.eps}
\mmatextfits(2.152,3.090)(0,2){$0.2$}
\mmatextfits(4.051,3.090)(0,2){$0.4$}
\mmatextfits(5.949,3.090)(0,2){$0.6$}
\mmatextfits(7.848,3.090)(0,2){$0.8$}
\mmatextfits(9.747,3.090)(0,2){$1$}
\mmatextfits(0.129,0.157)(1,0){$-1$}
\mmatextfits(0.129,1.623)(1,0){$-0.5$}
\mmatextfits(0.129,4.557)(1,0){$0.5$}
matextfits(0.129, 6.024)(1,0){$1$}
\matextfits(5.000, 4.557)(-1, -1){f(x)} \\ sin \\f(x) \\ x}
\begin{mmapicture}
\mmaputtext(2.152,3.090)(0,2){$0.2$}
\mmaputtext(4.051,3.090)(0,2){$0.4$}
\mmaputtext(5.949,3.090)(0,2){$0.6$}
mmaputtext(7.848,3.090)(0,2){$0.8$}
\mmaputtext(9.747,3.090)(0,2){$1$}
maputtext(0.129, 0.157)(1, 0) \{\$-1\$\}
\mmaputtext(0.129,1.623)(1,0){$-0.5$}
maputtext(0.129, 4.557)(1, 0) \{
\mmaputtext(0.129,6.024)(1,0){$1$}
\m_{x}^{(5.000,4.557)(-1,-1)} 
\end{mmapicture}%
}%
```

We may observe that every label appears twice in the .tex file: within the command \mmatextfits and in the command \mmaputtext (and sometimes in the command \mmaputtext*). These commands have the following syntax:

where (x, y) are the coordinates of the reference point. (s_x, s_y) are the bounding box coordinates as explained at §6.11. (off_x, off_y) is an optional argument and represents the offset in the x and y direction from the reference point (x, y). $\{object\}$ may be any IAT_EX object (even another mma2ltx picture). The unit of measure is the one which appears in '\mmasetpic' command (in this case cm). The command '\mmaputtext*' has the same effect of '\mmaputtext', except it encloses the *object* in a white box (see the label "some text" in the 3D graphic shown in Fig. 4).

For instance suppose we want to move right the label '0.2' by 0.5 cm, then we must replace the line

\mmatextfits(2.152,3.090)(0,2){\$0.2\$}

with the line

\mmatextfits(2.152,3.090)(0,2)(0.5,0){\$0.2\$}

and the line

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maputtext(2.152, 3.090)(0, 2){$0.2$}
```

with the line

```
mmaputtext(2.152, 3.090)(0, 2)(0.5, 0)
```

Note that this approach is similar to the one explained at §6.11, with the exception that we may control every label, rather than a group of labels.

Now suppose we want to replace the label '0.8' placed under the x-axis with the label ' x_1 ' to place over the x-axis with the low edge of the (invisible) box that bounds this label at 0.2 cm from the x-axis. In this case we must replace the lines

with the lines

The result is shown in Fig. 4.



Figure 4: A sample figure.

10 The program extpro

The program extpro extracts a prologue file from a *Mathematica* PostScript saved picture. Simply save a graphics within *Mathematica* is PS format, or pass the output through psfix. Then use

extpro $\langle mma \ file \rangle \ \langle prologue \ file \rangle$

where $\langle mma \ file \rangle$ is the name of the graphics saved in PS format, and $\langle prologue \ file \rangle$ is the name of the prologue file to save. E.g.

```
extpro mygraph.ps texmma23.pro
```

The obtained prologue file can be used as optional argument for the option -p.

11 Distribution Files

This archive contains the following files:

msdos/mma2ltx.exe	Binary executable for MS/DOS
msdos/extpro.exe	Binary executable for MS/DOS
amiga/mma2ltx	Binary executable for the Amiga
amiga/extpro	Binary executable for the Amiga
mma2ltx.c	C source of mma2ltx
extpro.c	C source of extpro
mmatext.sty	LAT _E X macro file
, texmma22.lpro	Mathematica v2.2 PostScript prologue file
texmma22.pro	Squeezed version of 'texmma22.lpro'
mmawhite.eps	A PostScript file needed to 'mmatext.sty'
Makefile	A Unix Makefile
makefile.ami	Makefile for the Amiga
makefile.msc	Makefile for MS/DOS
doc/mma2ltx.dvi	Documentation of mma2ltx (dvi form)
doc/mma2ltx.ps	Documentation of <i>mma2ltx</i> (PostScript form at 300 dpi)
doc/mma2ltx6.ps	Documentation of <i>mma2ltx</i> (PostScript form at 600 dpi)
doc/6mag.eps	mma2ltx EPSF file (needed to 'mma2ltx.dvi')
doc/12mag.eps	mma2ltx EPSF file (needed to 'mma2ltx.dvi')
doc/12mag_3d.eps	mma2ltx EPSF file (needed to 'mma2ltx.dvi')
doc/optc.eps	mma2ltx EPSF file (needed to 'mma2ltx.dvi')
doc/arrsamp.eps	mma2ltx EPSF file (needed to 'mma2ltx.dvi')
doc/arrparm.1	mma2ltx EPSF file (needed to 'mma2ltx.dvi')
mysample.tex	A sample file
mypic.ps	A sample picture created by <i>Mathematica</i>
mypic.tex	The file 'mypic.ps' as processed by mma2ltx
mypic.eps	The file 'mypic.ps' as processed by mma2ltx
README	A short description of <i>mma2ltx</i> .

12 Limits of *mma2ltx*

Currently aren't (yet) supported:

- rotated labels.
- multiple graphics (the ones produced with GraphicsArray).
- the '...->FontForm' Mathematica parameter.

13 To do list

Here follow future enhancements which are on my list:

- Add support for IAT_EX 2_{ε} .
- Add support for rotated labels.
- Add support for others dvi to PostScript processors.

14 Author info

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16 History

version 1.23

- Added option -a to draw arrows on axes of a 2D graphic.
- Fixed a bug in the style mmatext.sty.

version 1.22

- Fixed a small bug which caused 'segmentation fault' under Linux.
- Use of perror() instead of strerror() (suggested by Peter Whaite).

version 1.21

- Possibility to use newer prologue files from *Mathematica*.
- Added support for multiple -c options.

- Added option -e (suggested by Holger Danielsson).
- Fixed a bug in the function strtolwr() (reported by Klaus Burkhard).

version 1.2

- Added support to obtain non-transparent objects. Now objects (strings, pictures and so on), can be placed to overlap the background graphic, i.e. as if they were non-transparent.
- Added PostScript documentation for 600 dpi printers.
- Added binary executable for the Amiga.

version 1.1 First public release.