

CONTEXT

Pauta Module

Grids for calligraphy practice

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```
1 \writestatus{loading}{Pauta (ver: 2024.03.14)}
```

```
2 \startmodule [pauta]
3 \usemodule [module-catcodes]
4 \unprotectmodulecatcodes
```

We define a start/stop pair to configure the macro structure. Each Pauta call will have a "section" of sorts.

```
5 \definestartstop[pauta][
6   before={\page\start},
7   after={\stop\page},
8 ]
```

We use setups to configure the top / bottom marks for a Pauta page

```
9 \startsetups pauta:layout:bottommarks
10   \setuplayout[top=\zeropoint, bottom=2\bodyfontsize]
11   \setupbottomtexts[\PAUTAinfoLeft][\PAUTAinfoRight]
12 \stopsetups
```

```
13 \startsetups pauta:layout:topmarks
14   \setuplayout[top=2\bodyfontsize, bottom=\zeropoint]
15   \setuptoptexts[\PAUTAinfoLeft][\PAUTAinfoRight]
16 \stopsetups
```

```
17 \startsetups pauta:content:leftmark
18   Nib:\space\PAUTAnibWidth
19   \quad(\PAUTAascenders/\PAUTAxHeight/\PAUTAdescenders)\quad
20   \PAUTAnibAngle\textdegree{}
21 \stopsetups
```

```
22 \startsetups pauta:content:rightmark
23   \doifsomething{\PAUTAhand}{\PAUTAhand}
24   \doifsomething{\PAUTAhandInfo}{\quad(\PAUTAhandInfo)}
25 \stopsetups
```

We define the doPauta macro, that takes up to 16 arguments. All arguments are optional, they come with default values. If you want to disable the top / bottom text, you can use infoLeft=, and infoRight=, .

Do not leave other variables blank. Just don't define them if you want to accept the defaults.

We use \getparameters to, well, get the parameters. Created following the wiki article for Handling Arguments

```
26 \starttexdefinition nospaces doPauta [#1]
27   \getparameters[PAUTA] [
28     % Hand name. If not defined, will not show info on the left side of the top /
29     bottom
30     hand=,
31     % Some extra info for the hand. If not defined, will not show info on the
32     right side of the top / bottom
33     handInfo=,
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34     % Where to show the extra info (top | bottom)
35     infoPosition=bottom,
36     % If defined, will override autogenerated hand info on the left side of the
37 bottom / top
38     infoLeft={\setup{pauta:content:leftmark}},
39     % If defined, will override autogenerated hand info on the right side of the
40 bottom / top
41     infoRight={\setup{pauta:content:rightmark}},
42     % Show nib-width marks (true | false)
43     displayNibs=false,
44     % Display dotted guides for the nib angle (true | false)
45     displayAngleMarks=false,
46     % Pen nib width (must include units, or it will default to big points)
47     nibWidth=3mm,
48     % Nib working angle in degrees
49     nibAngle=35,
50     % Number of ascender lines (in nib widths)
51     ascenders=3,
52     % Number of x-height lines (in nib widths)
53     xHeight=4,
54     % Number of descending lines (in nib widths)
55     descenders=3,
56     % Sometimes it's necessary to adjust the height, because it can be longer
57 than TextHeight. Still not sure why it happens but it happens... a value of 1 or
58 2 should solve it.
59     adjustment=0,
60     % Main color (lines that separate sections)
61     mainColor={s=.4},
62     % Secondary color (lines separated by a nib width)
63     secondaryColor={s=.6},
64     % Tertiary color (nib width marks on the left margin and dotted angle lines)
65     tertiaryColor={s=.8},
66     % We take the user defined values and overwrite our defaults
67     #1,
68 ]
```

This creates a macro for each config value, containing the value. We use these values to setup all the variables we need.

Configure the info position:

```
69 \doifelse{\PAUTAinfoPosition}{bottom}
70   {\setup[pauta:layout:bottommarks]}
71   {\setup[pauta:layout:topmarks]}
```

Configure the colors:

```
72 \definecolor[tertiaryColor] [\PAUTAtertiaryColor]
73 \definecolor[mainColor]     [\PAUTAmainColor]
74 \definecolor[secondaryColor][\PAUTAsecondaryColor]
```

Setup MP variables:

```

75 \setupMPvariables[pauta][
76   displayNibs=\PAUTAdisplayNibs,
77   displayAngleMarks=\PAUTAdisplayAngleMarks,
78   nibWidth=\PAUTAnibWidth,
79   nibAngle=\PAUTAnibAngle,
80   ascenders=\PAUTAascenders,
81   xHeight=\PAUTAxHeight,
82   descenders=\PAUTAdescenders,
83   adjustment=\PAUTAadjustment,
84 ]

```

Finally, draw the MP graphic *pauta* based on user settings.

```

85 \startpauta\useMPgraphic{pauta}\stoppauta
86 \stoptexdefinition

```

We use the `\dosingleargument` macro to call `doPauta`, as explained at [Handling Arguments](#). This helps us avoid issues with empty arguments.

```

87 \starttexdefinition Pauta
88   \dosingleargument\doPauta
89 \stoptexdefinition

```

First, we include the `hatching.mp` macro definitions to create a hatched pattern for the nib angle guides. After that, we include all our `vardefs` that won't change between runs.

```

90 \startMPinclusions
91 % -----
92 % hatching.mp
93 % -----
94 % Made in BOP, Gdansk, Poland
95 % E-mail contact: B.Jackowski@gust.org.pl
96 % Public domain software (no copyrights, copylefts, copyups, copydowns, etc.)
97 % Current version: 21.09.2000 -- ver 0.11 (ending semicolon
98 %   added in |extra_beginfig| ; |hatchfill_| introduced in order
99 %   to make possible something like |def fill = hatchfill enddef|
100 def hatchfill_ expr c = addto currentpicture contour c _op_ enddef ;
101
102 vardef hatchfill text p =
103   save c_ , p_ ; path p_ ; color c_[\] ; c_.num := 0 ;
104   save withcolor_ ; let withcolor_ := withcolor ;
105   def withcolor = ; c_[incr c_.num] := enddef ;
106   p_ := p ; let withcolor := withcolor_ ;
107   for i_ := c_.num downto 1: % find the least ``true'' fill
108     c_.num' := i_ ; exitif bluepart(c_[i_])>0 ;
109   endfor
110   if c_.num>0:
111     for i_ := c_.num' upto c_.num:
112       if bluepart(c_[i_])<0: draw hatched(p_)c_[i_] ;
113       else: hatchfill_ p_ withcolor c_[i_] ; fi
114     endfor
115   else: hatchfill_ p_ ; fi

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115     enddef ;

116     vardef hatched(expr o) primary c =
117         save a_, b_, d_, l_, i_, r_, za_, zb_, zc_, zd_ ;
118         path b_ ; picture r_ ; pair za_, zb_, zc_, zd_ ;
119         r_ := image(
120             a_ := redpart(c) mod 180 ; l_ := greenpart(c) ; d_ := -bluepart(c) ;
121             b_ := o rotated -a_ ;
122             b_ := if a_ >= 90: (lrcorner b_ -- llcorner b_ -- ulcorner b_ -- urcorner
123 b_ -- cycle)
124         else: (llcorner b_ -- lrcorner b_ -- urcorner b_ -- ulcorner b_ -- cycle) fi
125             rotated a_ ;
126             za_ := point 0 of b_ ; zb_ := point 1 of b_ ;
127             zc_ := point 2 of b_ ; zd_ := point 3 of b_ ;
128             if hatch_match > 0:
129                 n_ := round(length(zd_ - za_) / l_) ; if n_ < 2: n_ := 2 ; fi ; l_ :=
130 length(zd_ - za_) / n_ ;
131                 else: n_ := length(zd_ - za_) / l_ ; fi
132                 for i_ := if hatch_match > 0: 1 else: 0 fi upto ceiling n_ - 1:
133                     draw_hatched_band((i_ / n_)[zd_, za_], (i_ / n_)[zc_, zb_], a_, l_, d_) ;
134                 endfor
135             ) ;
136         clip r_ to o ; r_
137     enddef ;

138     def draw_hatched_band(expr za, zb, a, l, d) = % normally, |a| and |l| are
139 ignored
140         draw za -- zb withpen pencircle scaled d_hop_ ;
141     enddef ;

142     def hatchoptions(text t) = def _hop_ = t enddef enddef ;

143     newinternal hatch_match ; hatch_match := 1 ;
144     hatchoptions() ; extra_beginfig := extra_beginfig & " ; hatchoptions() ; " ;

145     % -----
146     % Vardefs
147     % -----
148     % Draw a section (ascendant, x-height or descendant)
149     vardef Section(expr lines, startPosition) =
150         % Draw section lines
151         for i = 0 upto lines :
152             save endPos ; endPos := i * nibWidth ;
153             save distance ; distance := endPos + startPosition ;
154             pair a ; a := (0, distance) ;
155             pair b ; b := (TextWidth, distance) ;
156             draw a -- b withpen pencircle scaled thinLine
157                 withcolor secondaryColor ;
158         endfor ;

159         % Draw section separators
160         draw (0, startPosition) -- (TextWidth, startPosition)

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161     withpen pencircle scaled thickLine
162     withcolor mainColor ;

163     draw (0, distance) -- (TextWidth, distance)
164     withpen pencircle scaled thickLine
165     withcolor mainColor ;

166     % Return the distance
167     distance
168 enddef ;

169 % Draw a line with three sections
170 vardef TextLine(expr startPosition, ascendant, xHeight, descendant) =
171     if displayNibs = true :
172         % Calculate nib-width marks
173         numeric lines ; lines := descendant + ascendant + xHeight ;
174         numeric nibs ; nibs := lines - 1 ;
175         % Display nib-width marks
176         for i = 0 upto nibs :
177             numeric nib ; nib := i * nibWidth + startPosition ;
178             fill unitsquare scaled nibWidth shifted
179                 (if (i mod 2 = 0) :
180                     (0, nib)
181                 else:
182                     (nibWidth, nib)
183                 fi) withcolor tertiaryColor ;
184         endfor ;
185     fi ;

186     % Draw the three sections
187     numeric descendants, xHeights, ascendants ;
188     descendants := Section(descendant, startPosition) ;
189     xHeights := Section(xHeight, descendants) ;
190     ascendants := Section(ascendant, xHeights) ;

191     % Draw a rectangle to contain dotted angle guides
192     numeric space ;

193     if displayAngleMarks = true :
194         if displayNibs :
195             space := nibWidth * 2 ;
196         else :
197             space := 0 ;
198         fi ;

199     path angleContainer ; angleContainer :=
200         (space, startPosition) -- (space, ascendants) --
201         (TextWidth, ascendants) -- (TextWidth, startPosition) --
202         cycle ;

203     % We use hatching.mp to fill the box with lines
204     % with the right angle, gap and pen
205     hatchoptions (withcolor tertiaryColor dashed evenly) ;

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206     hatchfill angleContainer withcolor (nibAngle, nibWidth*3, -thinLine) ;
207     fi ;

208     % Return final position, adding interline space
209     ascendants + nibWidth * 2
210 enddef ;

211 % Line thickness that won't change
212 numeric thinLine ; thinLine = 0.2mm ;
213 numeric thickLine ; thickLine = 0.4mm ;
214 \stopMPinclusions
```

Finally, we use the graphic, redefining the variables we need for each run.

```
215 \startuseMPgraphic{pauta}
216 % These variables will be recalculated every time we call the MPgraphic
217 % and that's why I don't put them in the MPinclusions

218 % Display square nib-width marks at line start?
219 boolean displayNibs ;
220 if known \MPvar{displayNibs} :
221     displayNibs = \MPvar{displayNibs} ;
222 else :
223     displayNibs = false ;
224 fi ;

225 % Color settings
226 color mainColor ; mainColor = \MPcolor{mainColor} ;
227 color secondaryColor ; secondaryColor = \MPcolor{secondaryColor} ;
228 color tertiaryColor ; tertiaryColor = \MPcolor{tertiaryColor} ;

229 % Text height (without footer or header)
230 numeric SimpleTextHeight ; SimpleTextHeight = TextHeight - (HeaderHeight +
231 FooterHeight) ;

232 % Distance between lines (nib width)
233 numeric nibWidth ; nibWidth = \MPvar{nibWidth} ;

234 % Ascenders
235 numeric ascenders ; ascenders = \MPvar{ascenders} ;

236 % X-Height
237 numeric xHeight ; xHeight = \MPvar{xHeight} ;

238 % Descenders
239 numeric descenders ; descenders = \MPvar{descenders} ;

240 % Adjustment value for layout
241 numeric adjustment ; adjustment = \MPvar{adjustment} ;

242 % Full line height
243 numeric lineHeight ; lineHeight = (ascenders + xHeight + descenders +
244 adjustment) * nibWidth ;
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245 % Available lines
246 numeric availableLines ; availableLines = floor(SimpleTextHeight / lineHeight)
247 ;

248 % Start position (zero)
249 numeric startPosition ; startPosition = 0 ;

250 % Nib-width angle
251 boolean displayAngleMarks ;
252 if known \MPvar{displayAngleMarks} :
253   displayAngleMarks := \MPvar{displayAngleMarks} ;
254 else :
255   displayAngleMarks := false ;
256 fi ;

257 numeric nibAngle ; nibAngle = \MPvar{nibAngle} ;

258 % Draw a page
259 for i=1 upto availableLines :
260   startPosition := TextLine(startPosition, ascenders, xHeight, descenders) ;
261 endfor ;
262 \stopuseMPgraphic

263 \stopmodule

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