

# The `rulercompass` package: code

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## 1 Implementation

Load in useful tikzlibraries.

```
1 \usetikzlibrary{intersections,calc}
```

Are we in draft mode (so display point labels)?

```
2 \newif\ifrc@draft
```

Is beamer loaded?

```
3 \newif\ifrc@beamer
```

When drawing arc segments, do we flip the segment?

```
4 \newif\ifrc@fliparc
```

A picture id that stays the same on beamer frames to make it easier to compare bounding boxes and other information of the “same” tikzpicture.

```
5 \newcount\rc@picture@id
```

Counter for our point labels.

```
6 \newcounter{pointlabels}
```

Set the beamer boolean.

```
7 \@ifclassloaded{beamer}{%
8   \rc@beamertrue
9 }{}
```

Internal separator for the path-naming scheme

```
10 \def\rc@pathsep{@}
```

Are we running under beamer?

```
11 \ifrc@beamer
```

Make our counters reset on frames

```
12 \resetcounteronoverlays{pointlabels}
13 \resetcountonoverlays{rc@picture@id}
```

Define an overlay-aware style

```
14 \tikzset{  
15   alt if exist/.code args={#1#2#3}{%  
16     \@ifundefined{path@{\the\rc@picture@id} @#1}{%  
17       \pgfkeysalso{#2}%  
18     }{  
19       \alt<.-\csname path@\the\rc@picture@id @#1\endcsname>{  
20         \pgfkeysalso{#2}%  
21       }{  
22         \pgfkeysalso{#3}%  
23       }%  
24     }%  
25 },
```

Save a path when it is used to compute a point

```
26 intersection/save/.code={%  
27   \only<.>{  
28     \begingroup  
29       \tikz@intersect@path@names@parse#1\tikz@stop  
30       \protected@write\pgfutil@auxout{}{  
31         \string\global\string\@namedef{path@\the\rc@picture@id @\tikz@intersect@path@a}{\the\ba  
32         \string\global\string\@namedef{path@\the\rc@picture@id @\tikz@intersect@path@b}{\the\bb  
33       }%  
34     \endgroup  
35   }%  
36 }  
37 }
```

Define overlay-aware versions of the main macros.

```
38 \newcommand<>\compass[3] [] {  
39   \draw#4[#1,ruler compass/compass={#2}{#3}];  
40 }  
41  
42 \newcommand<>\ruler[3] [] {  
43   \draw#4[#1,ruler compass/ruler={#2}{#3}];  
44 }
```

The `\point` macro is doubly overlay aware. If the intersection has already been computed (say, on another slide of the same picture), reuse it.

```
45 \newcommand<>\point[4] [] {  
46   {%  
47     \advance\c@pointlabels by 1\relax  
48     \xdef\rc@temp{\thepointlabels}%  
49   }%  
50   \edef\rc@tempa{\the\rc@picture@id}%  
51   \expandafter\ifx\csname rc@id@\rc@temp\endcsname\rc@tempa  
52     \path#5 (\rc@temp) node[ruler compass/point,#1] {};  
53   \else  
54     \path#5 [name intersections={use=#2 and #3}] (intersection-#4) node[ruler compass/point,#1]  
55   \fi  
56 }
```

Now for the non-beamer versions

```
57 \else
```

The overlay-aware style defaults to the first option.

```
58 \tikzset{%
59   alt if exist/.code args={#1#2#3}{%
60     \pgfkeysalso{#2}%
61   },
62 }
```

Saving this means we don't have to have two versions of a more complicated bit of code.

```
62 intersection/save/.code={%
63   \begingroup
64   \tikz@intersect@path@names@parse#1\tikz@stop
65   \protected@write\pgfutil@auxout{}{%
66     \string\global\string\@namedef{path@\the\rc@picture@id }@\tikz@intersect@path@a}{\the\pa
67     \string\global\string\@namedef{path@\the\rc@picture@id }@\tikz@intersect@path@b}{\the\pa
68   }%
69   \endgroup
70 }
71 }
```

Non-overlay aware versions of the primary commands.

```
72 \newcommand\compass[3][]{%
73   \draw [#1,ruler compass/compass={#2}{#3}];
74 }
75
76 \newcommand\ruler[3][]{%
77   \draw [#1,ruler compass/ruler={#2}{#3}];
78 }
79
80 \newcommand\point[4][]{%
81   \path [name intersections={use=#2 and #3}] (intersection-#4) node[ruler compass/point,#1]{}
82 }
```

End of non-beamer specific section

```
83 \fi
```

The following macros process the path/point specifications. The first looks to see if the first character is a period.

```
84 \def\rc@processpt#1{%
85   \pgfutil@ifnextchar.{\rc@processpt@#1}{\rc@processpt@#1}}
```

Nope, so now look for a plus or a minus.

```
86 \def\rc@processpt#1#2\pgf@stop{%
87   \pgfutil@in@+{#2}%
88   \ifpgfutil@in@
89     \let\@next=\rc@processpt@plus
90   \else
91     \pgfutil@in@-{#2}%
92     \ifpgfutil@in@
93       \let\@next=\rc@processpt@minus
94     \else
```

```

95      \let\@next=\rc@processpt@bare
96      \fi
97      \fi
98      \@next#1#2\pgf@stop
99 }

```

Okay, we got a period. That means the current point, possibly with an offset.

```

100 \def\rc@processpt@@#1.#2\pgf@stop{%
101   \def\rc@temp{#2}%
102   \ifx\rc@temp\pgfutil@empty
103     \edef\rc@temp{\thepointlabels}%
104   \else
105     \pgfmathparse{int(\the\c@pointlabels + #2)}%
106     \begingroup
107       \c@pointlabels=\pgfmathresult\relax
108     \xdef\rc@temp{\thepointlabels}%
109   \endgroup
110   \fi
111   \let#1\rc@temp
112 }

```

We need to add an offset to the given label, so need to compute the index of the label.

```

113 \def\rc@processpt@plus#1#2+#3\pgf@stop{%
114   \pgfmathsetmacro\rc@temp{0}%
115   \rc@reverse#2\pgf@stop%
116   \pgfmathparse{int(\rc@temp + #3)}%
117   \begingroup
118     \c@pointlabels=\pgfmathresult\relax
119   \xdef\rc@temp{\thepointlabels}%
120   \endgroup
121   \let#1\rc@temp
122 }

```

Same, but with a minus.

```

123 \def\rc@processpt@minus#1#2-#3\pgf@stop{%
124   \pgfmathsetmacro\rc@temp{0}%
125   \rc@reverse#2\pgf@stop%
126   \pgfmathparse{int(\rc@temp - #3)}%
127   \begingroup
128     \c@pointlabels=\pgfmathresult\relax
129   \xdef\rc@temp{\thepointlabels}%
130   \endgroup
131   \let#1\rc@temp
132 }

```

Simplest case.

```

133 \def\rc@processpt@bare#1#2\pgf@stop{%
134   \def#1{#2}}

```

Reverse lookup the counter value from its displayed format.

```

135 \def\rc@reverse#1{%
136   \ifx#1\pgf@stop

```

```

137     \let\@next=\pgfutil@empty
138 \else
139     \let\@next=\rc@reverse
140     \pgfutil@tempcnta='#1\relax
141     \pgfmathsetmacro\rc@temp{\rc@temp * \rc@factor + \the\pgfutil@tempcnta - \rc@initial}%
142 \fi
143 \@next}

```

Compute the actual path name from the three token (lists).

```

144 \def\rc@parsepath#1#2#3#4\pgf@stop{%
145   \rc@processpt\rc@tempa#3\pgf@stop
146   \rc@processpt\rc@tempb#4\pgf@stop
147   \xdef#1{#2\rc@pathsep\rc@tempa\rc@pathsep\rc@tempb}%
148 }

```

Now we install all our styles

```
149 \tikzset{
```

Code which initialises our counters at the start of a picture.

```

150   every picture/.append style={%
151     ruler compass/at begin picture
152   },

```

Passes the paths to the intersection but also takes note of their use.

```

153   intersection/use/.code args={#1 and #2}{%
154     \rc@parsepath\rc@pta#1\pgf@stop
155     \rc@parsepath\rc@ptb#2\pgf@stop
156     \pgfkeysalso{
157       of={\rc@pta} and \rc@ptb,
158       save={\rc@pta} and \rc@ptb,
159     }
160   },

```

to path for a circle through a given point.

```

161   circle through/.style={
162     to path={
163       \pgfextra{
164         \tikz@scan@one@point\pgfutil@firstofone(\tikztostart)\relax
165         \pgf@xa=\pgf@x
166         \pgf@ya=\pgf@y
167         \tikz@scan@one@point\pgfutil@firstofone(\tikztotarget)\relax
168         \pgfmathsetmacro\rc@radius{veclen(\pgf@x - \pgf@xa,\pgf@y - \pgf@ya)}%
169       }
170       circle[radius=\rc@radius pt] (\tikztotarget)
171     }
172   },

```

Flip an arc when drawing a segment.

```
173   arc flip/.is if=rc@fliparc,
```

Arc from one point to another centred on specified point.

```
174  centred arc to/.code 2 args={%
175    \tikz@scan@one@point\pgfutil@firstofone(#1)\relax
176    \pgfmathsetmacro\rc@radius{veclen(\tikz@lastx-\pgf@x,\tikz@lasty-\pgf@y)}%
177    \pgfmathsetmacro\rc@sangle{atan2(\tikz@lasty - \pgf@y,\tikz@lastx - \pgf@x)}%
178    \pgf@xa=\pgf@x
179    \pgf@ya=\pgf@y
180    \tikz@scan@one@point\pgfutil@firstofone(#2)\relax
181    \pgfmathsetmacro\rc@eangle{atan2(\pgf@y - \pgf@ya,\pgf@x - \pgf@xa)}%
182    \pgfmathsetmacro\rc@eangle{\rc@eangle < \rc@sangle ? \rc@eangle +           360 : \rc@eangle}%
183    \ifrc@fliparc
184      \pgfmathsetmacro\rc@eangle{\rc@eangle - 360}%
185    \fi
186    \pgfkeysalso{start angle=\rc@sangle, end angle=\rc@eangle, radius=\rc@radius pt}
187  },
```

Most of our keys are in this family.

```
188  ruler compass/.is family,
189  ruler compass/.cd,
```

Draft mode displays the labels.

```
190  draft mode/.is if=rc@draft,
191 % beamer mode/.is if=rc@beamer,
```

This is the actual code for resetting the counters.

```
192  at begin picture/.style={
193    execute at begin picture={
194      \global\advance\rc@picture@id by 1\relax
195      \setcounter{pointlabels}{0}%
196    },
197  },
```

Styling the point labels.

```
198  point labels/.is choice,
199  point labels/arabic/.code={%
200    \renewcommand\thepointlabels{\@arabic \c@pointlabels}%
201    \def\rc@initial{48}%
202    \def\rc@factor{10}%
203  },
204  point labels/alph/.code={%
205    \renewcommand\thepointlabels{\@alph \c@pointlabels}%
206    \def\rc@initial{96}%
207    \def\rc@factor{26}%
208  },
209  point labels/Alph/.code={%
210    \renewcommand\thepointlabels{\@Alph \c@pointlabels}%
211    \def\rc@initial{64}%
212    \def\rc@factor{26}%
213  },
```

Styling the point labels with the `alphalph` package.

```
214     point labels/alphalph/.code={%
215         \@ifundefined{alphalph}{%
216             \message{The "alphalph" option only works if the 'alphalph' package has been loaded (using \usepackage{alphalph})}
217             \renewcommand\thepointlabels{\@alph \c@pointlabels}%
218             \def\rc@initial{96}%
219             \def\rc@factor{26}%
220         }{%
221             \renewcommand\thepointlabels{\alphalph \c@pointlabels}%
222             \def\rc@initial{96}%
223             \def\rc@factor{26}%
224         }%
225     },
226     point labels/AlphAlpha/.code={%
227         \@ifundefined{alphalph}{%
228             \message{The "AlphAlpha" option only works if the 'alphalph' package has been loaded (using \usepackage{alphalph})}
229             \renewcommand\thepointlabels{\@Alph \c@pointlabels}%
230             \def\rc@initial{64}%
231             \def\rc@factor{26}%
232         }{%
233             \renewcommand\thepointlabels{\AlphAlpha \c@pointlabels}%
234             \def\rc@initial{64}%
235             \def\rc@factor{26}%
236         }%
237     },
```

Styles for if the path is still in use or not.

```
238     construction in use/.style={
239         draw=blue
240     },
241     construction not in use/.style={
242         draw=gray!75,
243     },
```

Code for drawing a circle.

```
244     compass/.code 2 args={%
245         \rc@processpt\rc@pta#1\pgf@stop
246         \rc@processpt\rc@ptb#2\pgf@stop
247         \pgfkeysalso{ruler compass/compass aux={\rc@pta}{\rc@ptb}}%
248     },
249     compass aux/.style 2 args={%
250         alt if exist={c\rc@pathsep#1\rc@pathsep#2}{%
251             ruler compass/construction in use/.try,
252         }{
253             ruler compass/construction not in use/.try
254         },
255         name path=c\rc@pathsep#1\rc@pathsep#2,
256         ruler compass/every construction path/.try,
257         ruler compass/every compass/.try,
258         insert path={
```

```

259     (#1) to[circle through] (#2)
260     node[name=c\rc@pathsep#1\rc@pathsep#2\rc@pathsep centre,ruler compass/aux point={#1}] {}
261     node[name=c\rc@pathsep#1\rc@pathsep#2\rc@pathsep rim,ruler compass/aux point={#2}] {}
262     },
263   },

```

Code for drawing a straight line.

```

264   ruler/.code 2 args=%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
265     \rc@processpt\rc@pta#1\pgf@stop
266     \rc@processpt\rc@ptb#2\pgf@stop
267     \pgfkeysalso{ruler compass/ruler aux={\rc@pta}{\rc@ptb}}%
268   },
269   ruler aux/.style 2 args=
270     overlay,
271     alt if exist={r\rc@pathsep#1\rc@pathsep#2}{
272       ruler compass/construction in use/.try
273     }{
274       ruler compass/construction not in use/.try
275     },
276     name path=r\rc@pathsep#1\rc@pathsep#2,
277     ruler compass/every construction path/.try,
278     ruler compass/every ruler/.try,
279     insert path=
280     ($(#1)!\pgfkeysvalueof{/tikz/ruler compass/ruler length}!(#2)$) -- ($(#2)!\pgfkeysvalueof{/tikz/ruler compass/ruler length}!(#1)$)
281     node[name=r\rc@pathsep#1\rc@pathsep#2\rc@pathsep start,ruler compass/aux point={#1}] {}
282     node[name=r\rc@pathsep#1\rc@pathsep#2\rc@pathsep end,ruler compass/aux point={#2}] {}
283   },
284 },

```

Sets the ruler length.

```
285   ruler length/.initial=20,
```

Auxiliary point style.

```

286   aux point/.style=%
287     node contents/.try={},
288     at={(#1)},
289     ruler compass/every aux point/.try
290   },

```

Draws a point as a coordinate with another node for styling.

```

291   point/.style=%
292     ruler compass/name it,
293     coordinate,
294     node contents/.try={},
295     insert path=%
296     node[
297       fill=#1,
298       circle,
299       minimum width=1mm,
300       inner sep=0mm,
301       reset label anchor,

```

```

302         anchor=center,
303         node contents/.try={},
304         ruler compass/every point/.try,
305     ] {}
306   }
307 },

```

Forces a point to be named.

```

308   name it/.code={%
309     \ifx\tikz@fig@name\pgfutil@empty
310     \stepcounter{pointlabels}%
311     \pgfkeysalso{name=\thepointlabels}%
312     \expandafter\xdef\csname rc@id@\thepointlabels\endcsname{\the\rc@picture@id}%
313     \ifrc@draft
314     \pgfkeysalso{label={[ruler compass/draft label/.try]\thepointlabels}}%
315     \fi
316     \fi
317   },
318   point/.default=black,
319 }

```

Sets the initial scale and offset of the enclosing box.

```

320 \def\rc@scale{1}
321 \def\rc@offset{0pt}

```

Sets the bounding box from the auxiliary file.

```

322 \def\jump@setbb#1#2#3{%
323   \@ifundefined{jump@#1@maxbb}{%
324     \expandafter\gdef\csname jump@#1@maxbb\endcsname{#3}%
325   }{%
326     \csname jump@#1@maxbb\endcsname
327     \pgf@xa=\pgf@x
328     \pgf@ya=\pgf@y
329     #3
330     \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@x{\max(\pgf@x,\pgf@xa)}%
331     \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@y{\max(\pgf@y,\pgf@ya)}%
332     \expandafter\xdef\csname jump@#1@maxbb\endcsname{\noexpand\pgfpoint{\the\pgf@x}{\the\pgf@y}}
333   }
334   \@ifundefined{jump@#1@minbb}{%
335     \expandafter\gdef\csname jump@#1@minbb\endcsname{#2}%
336   }{%
337     \csname jump@#1@minbb\endcsname
338     \pgf@xa=\pgf@x
339     \pgf@ya=\pgf@y
340     #2
341     \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@x{\min(\pgf@x,\pgf@xa)}%
342     \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@y{\min(\pgf@y,\pgf@ya)}%
343     \expandafter\xdef\csname jump@#1@minbb\endcsname{\noexpand\pgfpoint{\the\pgf@x}{\the\pgf@y}}
344   }
345 }

```

Installs the code to save the bounding box.

```
346 \tikzset{  
347   stop jumping/.style={  
348     execute at end picture={%  
349       \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@xa{\pgf@picminx/\rc@scale}%;  
350       \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@ya{\pgf@picminy/\rc@scale}%;  
351       \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@xb{\pgf@picmaxx/\rc@scale}%;  
352       \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@yb{\pgf@picmaxy/\rc@scale}%;  
353       \immediate\write\pgfutil@auxout{  
354         \noexpand\jump@setbb{\the\rc@picture@id}{\noexpand\pgfpoint{\the\pgf@xa}{\the\pgf@ya}};  
355       },  
356       \pgf@x=\pgf@picminx  
357       \pgf@y=\pgf@picminy  
358       \csname jump@\the\rc@picture@id @minbb\endcsname  
359       \pgf@xa=\pgf@x  
360       \pgf@ya=\pgf@y  
361       \pgf@x=\pgf@picmaxx  
362       \pgf@y=\pgf@picmaxy  
363       \csname jump@\the\rc@picture@id @maxbb\endcsname  
364       \edef\rc@temp{\noexpand\path (\the\pgf@xa - \rc@offset,\the\pgf@ya - \rc@offset) -- (\the\pgf@xa + \rc@offset,\the\pgf@ya + \rc@offset);  
365       \rc@temp  
366     },  
367   },
```

Scales the picture to fit inside a given rectangle.

```
368 max size/.code 2 args={%  
369   \pgfutil@ifundefined{jump@\the\rc@picture@id @maxbb}{}{  
370     \csname jump@\the\rc@picture@id @maxbb\endcsname  
371     \pgf@xa=\pgf@x  
372     \pgf@ya=\pgf@y  
373     \csname jump@\the\rc@picture@id @minbb\endcsname  
374     \advance\pgf@xa by -\pgf@x  
375     \advance\pgf@ya by -\pgf@y  
376     \advance\pgf@xa by \rc@offset  
377     \advance\pgf@xa by \rc@offset  
378     \advance\pgf@ya by \rc@offset  
379     \advance\pgf@ya by \rc@offset  
380     \pgfmathsetmacro\rc@xratio{\pgf@xa > #1 ? \pgf@xa/#1 : 1};  
381     \pgfmathsetmacro\rc@yratio{\pgf@ya > #2 ? \pgf@ya/#2 : 1};  
382     \pgfmathsetmacro\rc@scale{1/max(\rc@xratio,\rc@yratio)}%;  
383     \pgfkeysalso{scale=\rc@scale};  
384   }  
385 },  
386 enclosing box/offset/.store in=\rc@offset,  
387 constrain/.style={  
388   execute at begin picture=\constrain  
389 }  
390 }
```

Defines a clip to the enclosing box.

```

391 \newcommand{\constraint}{%
392   \pgfutil@ifundefined{jump@\the\rc@picture@id @minbb}{}{%
393     \csname jump@\the\rc@picture@id @minbb\endcsname
394     \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@xa{\pgf@x-\rc@offset}%
395     \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@ya{\pgf@y-\rc@offset}%
396     \csname jump@\the\rc@picture@id @maxbb\endcsname
397     \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@xb{\pgf@x+\rc@offset}%
398     \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@yb{\pgf@y+\rc@offset}%
399     \edef\rc@temp{\noexpand\clip (\the\pgf@xa,\the\pgf@ya) rectangle (\the\pgf@xb,\the\pgf@yb)}
400     \ifpgf@relevantforpicturesize
401       \pgf@relevantforpicturesizefalse
402       \rc@temp
403       \pgf@relevantforpicturesizetrue
404     \else
405       \rc@temp
406     \fi
407   }%
408 }
409

```

Defines the enclosing box node.

```

410 \expandafter\def\csname pgf@sh@ns@enclosing box\endcsname{rectangle}
411 \expandafter\def\csname pgf@sh@np@enclosing box\endcsname{%
412   \pgfutil@ifundefined{jump@\the\rc@picture@id @minbb}{}{%
413     \def\southwest{\pgfqpoint{\pgf@picminx}{\pgf@picminy}}%
414     \def\northeast{\pgfqpoint{\pgf@picmaxx}{\pgf@picmaxy}}%
415   }%
416   \csname jump@\the\rc@picture@id @minbb\endcsname
417   \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@xa{\pgf@x-\rc@offset}%
418   \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@ya{\pgf@y-\rc@offset}%
419   \edef\southwest{\noexpand\pgfqpoint{\the\pgf@xa}{\the\pgf@ya}}%
420   \csname jump@\the\rc@picture@id @maxbb\endcsname
421   \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@xb{\pgf@x+\rc@offset}%
422   \pgfmathsetlength\pgf@yb{\pgf@y+\rc@offset}%
423   \edef\northeast{\noexpand\pgfqpoint{\the\pgf@xb}{\the\pgf@yb}}%
424 }%
425 }
426 \expandafter\def\csname pgf@sh@nt@enclosing box\endcsname{{1}{0}{0}{1}{0pt}{0pt}}
427 \expandafter\def\csname pgf@sh@pi@enclosing box\endcsname{\pgfpictureid}
428
429

```

Defines the layer code for individual paths and nodes.

```

430 \tikzset{
431   on layer/.code={
432     \pgfonlayer{#1}\begingroup
433     \aftergroup\endpgfonlayer
434     \aftergroup\endgroup
435   },
436   node on layer/.code={
437     \gdef\node@@on@layer{%

```

```

438     \setbox\tikz@tempbox=\hbox\bgroup\pgfonlayer{#1}\unhbox\tikz@tempbox\endpgfonlayer\egroup
439     \aftergroup\node@on@layer
440 },
441 reset label anchor/.code={%
442   \let\tikz@auto@anchor=\pgfutil@empty
443   \def\tikz@anchor{#1}
444 },
445 reset label anchor/.default=center
446 }
447 \def\node@on@layer{\aftergroup\node@on@layer}

Sets the point label style.

448 \@ifpackageloaded{alphalph}%
449 {
450   \tikzset{ruler compass/point labels=alphalph}
451 }
452 {
453   \tikzset{ruler compass/point labels=alph}
454 }
455
456 \endinput

```