

Luamesh: compute and draw meshes with Lua^AT_EX

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The package `luamesh` allows to compute and draw 2D triangulation of Delaunay. The algorithm is written with lua, and depending of the choice of the “engine”, the draw is done by MetaPost (with `luamplib`) or by `tikz`.

The Delaunay triangulation algorithm is the Bowyer and Watson algorithm. Several macros are provided to draw the global mesh, the set of points, a particular step of the algorithm.

1 Installation

1.1 With Linux

To install `luamesh` with T_EXlive, you have to create the local `texmf` directory in your `home`.

```
user $> mkdir ~/texmf
```

Then we have to files to place in the correct directories. First, the `luamesh.sty` file must be in the directory:

```
~/texmf/tex/latex/luamesh/
```

and secondly, the `luamesh.lua` must be in the directory:

```
~/texmf/scripts/luamesh/
```

Once you have done this, `luamesh` can be included in your document with

```
\usepackage{luamesh}
```

1.2 Dependencies

This package is built upon two main packages to draw the triangulations :

1. `luamplib` to use MetaPost via the LuaTeX library `mplib`;
2. or `tikz`.

We will see how to choose between these two *drawing engines*.

Moreover, the following packages are necessary:

1. `xkeyval` to manage the optional arguments;
2. `xcolor` to use colors (needed by `luamplib`);
3. `ifthen` to help the programming with TeX.

2 The Basic Macros

If you want to use this package, you must compile your document with `lualatex`:

```
user $> lualatex mylatexfile.tex
```

Let us recall that this package provides macros to draw two dimensional triangulations (or meshes).

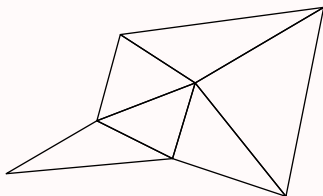
2.1 Draw a Complete Mesh

`\buildMeshBW[<options>]{<list of points> or <file name>}`

This macro produce the Delaunay triangulation (using the Bowyer and Watson algorithm) of the given *<list of points>*. The list of points must be given in the following way :

$$(x_1, y_1); (x_2, y_2); (x_3, y_3); \dots; (x_n, y_n)$$

```
\buildMeshBW{(0.3,0.3);(1.5,1);(4,0);(4.5,2.5);(1.81,2.14);(2.5,0.5);(2.8,1.5)}
```



2.1.1 The Options

There are several options to customize the drawing.

mode = int (default) or ext: this option allows to use either the previously described set of point in the argument, or a file, containing, line by line (2 columns), the points. Such a file looks like :

```
x1 y1
x2 y2
x3 y3
...
xn yn
```

bbox = none (default) or show: this option allows to draw the added points to form a *bounding box*¹ and the corresponding triangulation. By default, these triangles are removed at the end of the algorithm.

color = <value> (default: black): The color of the drawing.

colorBbox = <value> (default: black): The color of the drawing for the elements (points and triangles) belonging to the bounding box.

print = none (default) or points: To label the vertices of the triangulations with an adding dot.

meshpoint = <value> (default: P): The letter(s) used to label the vertices of the triangulation. It is include in the math mode delimiters $\$...\$$. The bounding box points are labeled with a star exponent, and numbered from 1 to 4.

tikz (boolean, default:false): By default, this boolean is set to **false**, and MetaPost (with **luamplib**) is used to draw the picture. With this option, it is **tikz** the *drawing engine*.

scale = <value> (default: 1cm): The scale option defines the scale at which the picture is draw (the same for the two axis). It must contain the unit of length (cm, pt, etc.).

To illustrate the options, let us show you an example. We consider a file **mesh.txt**:

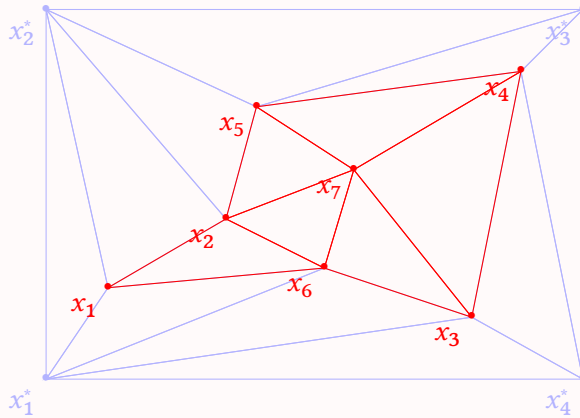
```
0.3  0.3
1.5  1
4     0
4.5  2.5
1.81 2.14
2.5  0.5
2.8  1.5
```

¹The bounding box is defined by four points place at 15% around the box defined by (x_{\min}, y_{\min}) , (x_{\min}, y_{\max}) , (x_{\max}, y_{\max}) , and (x_{\max}, y_{\min}) .

```

\buildMeshBW[%
tikz,
mode = ext,
bbox = show,
color = red,
colorBbox = blue!30,
print = points,
meshpoint = x,
scale = 1.3cm,
]{mesh.txt}

```



2.2 Draw the Set of Points

```

\tracePointsMesh[<options>]{<list of points> or <file name>}

```

2.3 Draw a Step of the Bowyer and Watson Algorithm

```

\meshAddPointBW[<options>]{<list of points> or <file name>}{<point> or <number of line>}

```

3 The *inc* Macros

4 Gallery of Examples