

# Luamesh: compute and draw meshes with Lua<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

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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<sub>E</sub>Xlive, 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>}`

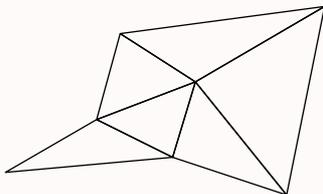
This macro produce the Delaunay triangulation (using the Bowyer and Watson algorithm) of the given *<list of points>*. The list of points must be given in the following way :

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

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```
\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)}
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### 2.1.1 The Options

There are several options to customize the drawing.

`mode = int (default) or ext`: the mode option allow 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
```

### 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