**pst-rputover v 1.0**

A PSTricks package to place text over lines and other objects without obscuring background fills

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The command `\put*` allows you to place text on top of other objects (e.g. lines), obscuring the parts of the objects that lie within a box surrounding the text, so that the objects do not interfere with the text. In doing so, it creates a white box that obscures all objects that are under the text. This style allows you to place text over objects without obscuring background colors (or other objects of your choice).

1 Introduction

You create a PStricks figure with regions filled with various colors.

You add some lines over the colors.

Now you want to add some labels. You’d like these labels to block out the lines, so that they don’t interfere with the characters in your labels.

This style allows you to do that.

Why do you need a style? Why not use `\put*`? That blocks out the lines, but it does so by creating a white rectangle that blocks the colors too.

You could change the background color of that rectangle, but if the rectangle includes regions with two or more colors, this approach can get pretty complicated.
This style offers a simple solution. You use \rputover instead of \rput and include all the objects you want to be covered by the text in the argument of \coverable, like so:

\usepackage{pstricks,rputover}
\begin{pspicture}(100,30)
\rputover[fboxsep=3pt](5.3,1.7){label}
\coverable{\psline[linestyle=dotted,linewidth=0.5](5.0,0)(5.0,2.3)(0,2.3)}
\end{pspicture}

(The setting fboxsep=3pt means that the padding around ‘label’ is 3 points wide.)

The style combines two ideas. The first idea, suggested by the StackExchange user Werner on this page, is to use \psDefBoxNodes in pst-node.sty to get the coordinates of the corners of the box occupied by each label. The second idea is to use these coordinates and \psclip to remove the parts of the objects in the argument of \coverable that overlap with the labels. The only subtlety in implementing this second idea is that we want to do a ‘reverse clip’: we want to keep the areas outside the labels, not the ones inside.

## 2 Commands

### 2.1 \rputover

\rputover has the following syntax, where \{angle\} and \((x_1,y_1)\) (as well as \[Options\]) are optional.

```
\rputover[\{Options\}]\{angle\}(x_0,y_0)(x_1,y_1)\{any\ \text{material}\}
```

\rputover is intended to be used in conjunction with \coverable, but we begin by explaining its effect by itself. In the absence of the coordinates \((x_1,y_1)\), the effect and syntax of \rputover are similar to those of \rput. Specifically, \rputover \{Options\} \{angle\}(x_0,y_0)\{any\ \text{material}\} places any material at \((x_0,y_0)\) rotated by \text{angle}, with the placement relative to \((x_0,y_0)\) determined by \[Options\]. The syntax of \rputover differs from that of \rput only in the specification of the placement of the box containing any material relative to \((x_0,y_0)\). This placement is specified in \rput by writing

```
\rput[p]{angle}(x_0,y_0)\{any\ \text{material}\}
```

where \text{p} is c (center), t (top), b (bottom), l (left), or r (right), or some combination of these letters (e.g. tl for top left). The same placement is specified in \rputover by writing

```
\rputover[boxpos=p]{angle}(x_0,y_0)\{any\ \text{material}\}
```

As for \rput, the default value of \text{p} is c.

Here is an example.

```
\begin{pspicture}(0,0)(2,1)
\rputover[boxpos=t]{45}(1,0.5){x}
\psframe[linestyle=dotted](0,0)(2,1)
\end{pspicture}
```

The optional pair of coordinates \((x_1,y_1)\) provides an alternative way to position any material. If it is present, then any material is placed on the line segment joining \((x_1,y_1)\) and \((x_2,y_2)\), by default at the midpoint of this line segment, at the same angle as the line segment.
2.1 \texttt{rputover}

\begin{pspicture}(0,0)(10,3)
\rputover(0,0)(5,3){\(x^3-1\)}
\psframe[linestyle=dotted](0,0)(10,3)
\coverable{\psline[linestyle=dotted](0,0)(5,3)}
\end{pspicture}

To make the label horizontal, use the option \texttt{autoangle=false}.

\begin{pspicture}(0,0)(10,3)
\rputover[autoangle=false](0,0)(5,3){\(x^3-1\)}
\psframe[linestyle=dotted](0,0)(10,3)
\coverable{\psline[linestyle=dotted](0,0)(5,3)}
\end{pspicture}

To put the label not at the midpoint of the line segment but at the point that is the fraction \(z\) of the distance between \((x_0,y_0)\) and \((x_1,y_1)\) from \((x_0,y_0)\), use the setting \texttt{npos=\(z\)}.

\begin{pspicture}(0,0)(10,3)
\rputover[npos=0.75](0,0)(5,3){\(x^3-1\)}
\psframe[linestyle=dotted](0,0)(10,3)
\coverable{\psline[linestyle=dotted](0,0)(5,3)}
\end{pspicture}

If you like, you can refer to points by labels that you assign. Doing so is handy if you use the same points several times.
2.2 `\coverable`

`\coverable` has a single argument, which consists of all the objects that you want to be covered by the objects that are arguments of `\putover` commands.

\[\coverable\{any\ materially\}\]

2.3 Using `\rputover` and `\coverable` together

Here is a simple example of the way in which `\rputover` and `\coverable` are used together. The command \[\rputover[\fboxsep=4pt\{0\}](5.3,1.7){label}\]

puts ‘label’ in a box with padding 4pts wide at the point (5.3,1.7) and \[\coverable\{\psline[linestyle=dashed]\{5.3,0\}(5.3,2.3)(0,2.3)\}\]

draws a (dashed) line that is ‘coverable’ by the box containing the label.

\begin{pspicture}(0,0)(10,3)
\psframe[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=blue!20,linestyle=none](0,0)(10,3)
\pscustom[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=red!30,linestyle=none]{\psplot[plotpoints=500]{0}{10}{x 150 mul cos 1.2 mul 1.5 add} \psline[liftpen=1](10,0)(0,0) \closepath}
\rputover[\fboxsep=4pt\{0\}](5.3,1.7){label}
\coverable\{\psline[linestyle=dashed]\{5.3,0\}(5.3,2.3)(0,2.3)\}
\end{pspicture}
2.3 Using \putover and \coverable together

The next example illustrates the use of named nodes (A and B) and the placement of a label over the midpoint of a line using the second pair of coordinates in \putover.

\begin{pspicture}(0,0)(10,3)
% Colored background
\psframe[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=blue!20,linestyle=none](0,0)(10,3)
\pscustom[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=red!30,linestyle=none]{
\psplot[plotpoints=500]{0}{10}{x 150 mul cos 1.2 mul 1.5 add}
\psline[liftpen=1](10,0)(0,0)
\closepath}
% Red and green dots
\pnode(1.5,0){A}\psdot[linecolor=red](A)\pnode(8.5,3){B}\psdot[linecolor=green](B)
% Label, placed by default at the midpoint of the line segment from A to B
\putover[fboxsep=2pt](A)(B){\(x^3+z-1\)}
% Line from A to B (with arrows at the ends) (\psline may be used instead of \pcline)
\coverable{\pcline{<->}(A)(B)}
\end{pspicture}

To set the label automatically you can use autoangle=true and autopoint=true, so the label will set between the last two (optional) points of \putover like in the way of \put*.

\begin{pspicture}(10,3)
% Colored background
\psframe[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=blue!20,linestyle=none](0,0)(10,3)
\pscustom[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=red!30,linestyle=none]{
\psplot[plotpoints=500]{0}{10}{x 150 mul cos 1.2 mul 1.5 add}\psline[liftpen=1](10,0)(0,0)\closepath}
% Red and green dots
\pnode(1.5,0){A}\psdot[linecolor=red](A)\pnode(8.5,3){B}\psdot[linecolor=green](B)
% Label 40\% of the way from A to B, rotated by 90 degrees, in a box. You can use any\n% Postscript expression for the angle (for example, you can write 20 4.5 mul instead\n% of 90).
\putover[fboxsep=2pt,npos=0.4]{90}(A)(B){\psframebox[framesep=3pt]{Label: \((x=a^2)\)}}
% Line between A and B, coverable by the label
\coverable{\pcline{<->}(A)(B)}
% The (Postscript) constant delta1 is the angle of a line perpendicular to the line\n% from A to B, and can be used elsewhere in the picture. (The ! prefix in the argument\n% of \put indicates Postscript.)
\put{!delta1}(0.4,1.4){test1}\put{!delta19 0 sub}(0.6,1.8){\color{blue}test2}
\end{pspicture}
2.4 \texttt{\textbackslash pclineover}

As shorthand for

\begin{verbatim}
\putover[Options] (x_1, y_1) (x_2, y_2) {any material}
\coverable{\texttt{\textbackslash pcline}(x_1, y_1)(x_2, y_2)}
\end{verbatim}

you can write

\begin{verbatim}
\texttt{\textbackslash pclineover}[Options] (x_1, y_1)(x_2, y_2){any material}
\end{verbatim}

as illustrated in the following examples.

\begin{pspicture}(10,3)
% Colored background
\psframe[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=blue!20,linestyle=none](0,0)(10,3)
\pscustom[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=red!30,linestyle=none]{% \psplot[plotpoints=500]{0}{10}{x 150 mul cos 1.2 mul 1.5 add}\psline[liftpen=1](10,0)(0,0)\closepath }
% Red and green dots
\pnode(1.5,0){A}\psdot[linecolor=red](A)\pnode(8.5,3){B}\psdot[linecolor=green](B)
% Line from A to B, covered by label '$\alpha$ and others'
\pclineover(A)(B){$\alpha$ and others}
\end{pspicture}

\begin{pspicture}(10,3)
% Colored background
\psframe[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=blue!20,linestyle=none](0,0)(10,3)
\pscustom[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=red!30,linestyle=none]{% \psplot[plotpoints=500]{0}{10}{x 150 mul cos 1.2 mul 1.5 add}\psline[liftpen=1](10,0)(0,0)\closepath }
% Red and green dots
\pnode(1.5,0){A}\psdot[linecolor=red](A)\pnode(8.5,3){B}\psdot[linecolor=green](B)
% Line from A to B, covered by label '$\alpha$ and others' rotated by 90 degrees
\pclineover[angleadd=90](A)(B){$\alpha$ and others}
\end{pspicture}
\begin{pspicture}(10,3)
% Colored background
\psframe[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=blue!20,linestyle=none](0,0)(10,3)
\pscustom[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=red!30,linestyle=none]{
    \psplot[plotpoints=500]{0}{10}{x 150 mul cos 1.2 mul 1.5 add}
    \psline[liftpen=1](10,0)(0,0)
    \closepath
}
% Red and green dots
\pnode(1.5,0){A}\psdot[linecolor=red](A)\pnode(8.5,3){B}\psdot[linecolor=green](B)
% Line from A to (8.5,2) with arrows and bars at the ends, covered by label `\(\alpha\) and others' in a box with a transparent cyan background
\pclineover*[arrows=|->|]{A}(8.5,2){\psframebox[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=cyan,opacity=0.2,linestyle=none,linewidth=0pt]{\(\alpha\) and others}}
\end{pspicture}

\begin{pspicture}(10,3)
% Colored background
\psframe[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=blue!20,linestyle=none](0,0)(10,3)
\pscustom[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=red!30,linestyle=none]{
    \psplot[plotpoints=500]{0}{10}{x 150 mul cos 1.2 mul 1.5 add}
    \psline[liftpen=1](10,0)(0,0)
    \closepath
}
% Red and green dots
\pnode(1.5,0){A}\psdot[linecolor=red](A)\pnode(8.5,3){B}\psdot[linecolor=green](B)
% Line from A to (8.5,2) offset by 5pt, covered by label `\(\alpha\) and more text' in a box with a transparent tan background
\pclineover*[offset=5pt,fboxsep=0pt,arrows=|->|]{A}(8.5,2){\psframebox[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=Tan,opacity=0.65,linestyle=none,linewidth=0pt]{\(\alpha\) and more text}}
\pcline*[linestyle=none,offset=5pt]{|*-|*}(A)(B)
\end{pspicture}
As shorthand for
\[ \text{any material} \]
you can write
\[ \text{any material} \]
2.6 inverscl option for \coverable

An experimental feature is the option `inverscl` for \coverable. This option inverts the clip. All material above the figure will be clipped, so use this option only at the top of a page. (Even then, any running head is clipped.)
Compare this figure with one produced by the same code with the omission of \texttt{inverscl=true}.

\begin{pspicture}(10,3)
\psframe[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=blue!20,linestyle=none](0,0)(10,3)
\pscustom[fillstyle=solid,fillcolor=red!30,linestyle=none]{
\psplot[plotpoints=500]{0}{10}{x 150 mul cos 1.2 mul 1.5 add}\psline(liftpen=1)(10,0)(0,0)\closepath
}
\rputover(1,1){\sffamily label}
\rputover{30}(1.6,1.6){\sffamily \parbox[t][1cm][c]{2cm}{nur mal wieder Text}}
\rputover[boxpos=tr](4.5,1.4){aha, this is crazy}
\coverable[inverscl=true]{%
\psgrid
\psline(0,0)(2,2)
\pscurve[linecolor=blue](1,0)(1.5,0.5)(0.5,1.5)(1,2)
\psline(1,0)(2,2)
}
\end{pspicture}
3 History

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### 4 List of all optional arguments for \texttt{pst-rputover}

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