

PSTricks - version 1.10  
new macros and bugfixes for pstricks

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**Abstract**

This new version 1.10 has some minor but important changes; it is not compatible to older versions when using the vertical shift option for the `pspicture` environment.

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# 1 New and modified option for pspicture

Table 1 shows the two new options for the `pspicture` environment.

Table 1: Optionen der `pspicture`-Umgebung

<i>name</i>	<i>meaning</i>	<i>default</i>
<code>shift</code>	vertical shift	0
<code>showgrid</code>	show grid	false

## 1.1 `shift`

This option is the known one from older PSTricks version, but now with the usual syntax for options. The `shift` is relative to the height of the defined `pspicture` environment, its lower left corner is by default on the base line. For older versions the shift depends with its value to the baseline, a negative value raised up the `pspicture` box. Now the `shift` option works similar to the known `\raisebox` makro, except that `shift` is relative to the box height. A positive `shift` value raises up the box and vice versa for a negative value.

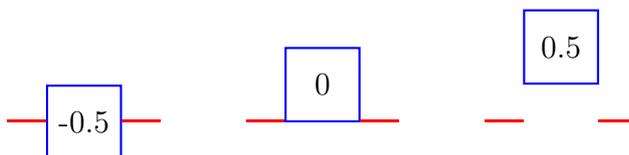


Figure 1: Meaning of the `shift` option

```

1 \textcolor{red}{\rule{5mm}{1pt}}%
2 \begin{pspicture}[shift=0.5](-0.5,-0.5)(0.5,0.5)
3   \psframe[linecolor=blue](-0.5,-0.5)(0.5,0.5)\rput(0,0){-0.5}
4 \end{pspicture}%
5 \textcolor{red}{\rule{5mm}{1pt}}
6 \hspace{1cm}%
7 \textcolor{red}{\rule{5mm}{1pt}}%
8 \begin{pspicture}(-0.5,-0.5)(0.5,0.5)
9   \psframe[linecolor=blue](-0.5,-0.5)(0.5,0.5)\rput(0,0){0}
10 \end{pspicture}\textcolor{red}{\rule{5mm}{1pt}}
11 \hspace{1cm}%
12 \textcolor{red}{\rule{5mm}{1pt}}%
```

```

13 \begin{pspicture}[shift=-0.5](-0.5,-0.5)(0.5,0.5)
14   \psframe[linecolor=blue](-0.5,-0.5)(0.5,0.5)\rput(0,0){0.5}
15 \end{pspicture}%
16 \textcolor{red}{\rule{5mm}{1pt}}

```

## 1.2 showgrid

This new version of PSTricks defines internally a special grid style

```

1 \newsstyle{gridstyle}{%
2   subgriddiv=0,gridcolor=lightgray,griddots=10,gridlabels=8pt}

```

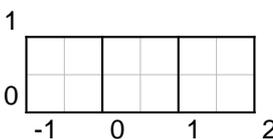
which can be overwritten by the user. This style is only used for the `showgrid` option of the `pspicture` environment. The macro `\psgrid` doesn't use this predefined style and works in the usual way. However, the user can use it like all other self defined styles: `\psgrid[style=gridstyle]`.



```

1 \begin{pspicture}[showgrid=true](-1,0)(2,1)
2 \end{pspicture}

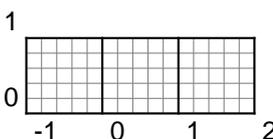
```



```

1 \newsstyle{gridstyle}{%
2   subgriddiv=2,subgridcolor=lightgray}
3 \begin{pspicture}[showgrid=true](-1,0)(2,1)
4 \end{pspicture}

```



```

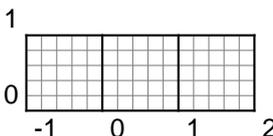
1 \newsstyle{gridstyle}{}
2 \begin{pspicture}[showgrid=true](-1,0)(2,1)
3 \end{pspicture}

```

```

1 \begin{pspicture}(-1,0)(2,1)
2 \end{pspicture}

```



```

1 \begin{pspicture}(-1,0)(2,1)
2   \psgrid
3 \end{pspicture}

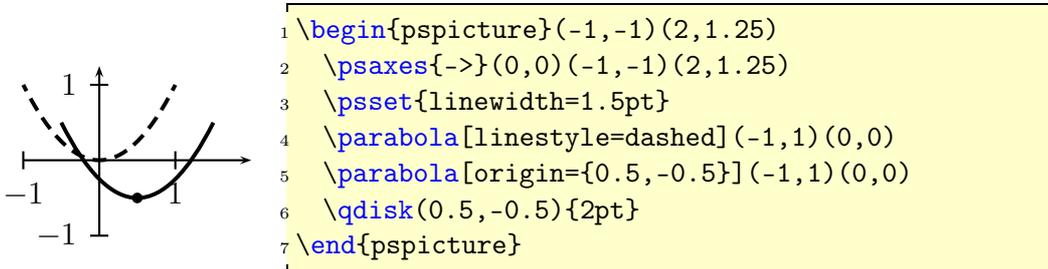
```

Depending to the internal structure of the `pspicture` environment it is not possible to set the `shift` option global by `\psset`, it must always be locally defined with optional part of the parameter, as seen in the above examples.

## 2 Bugfixes

### 2.1 origin

There were several mailings in the past to the `origin` option, which worked the other way round than expected. Now the coordinates work relative to the current origin.

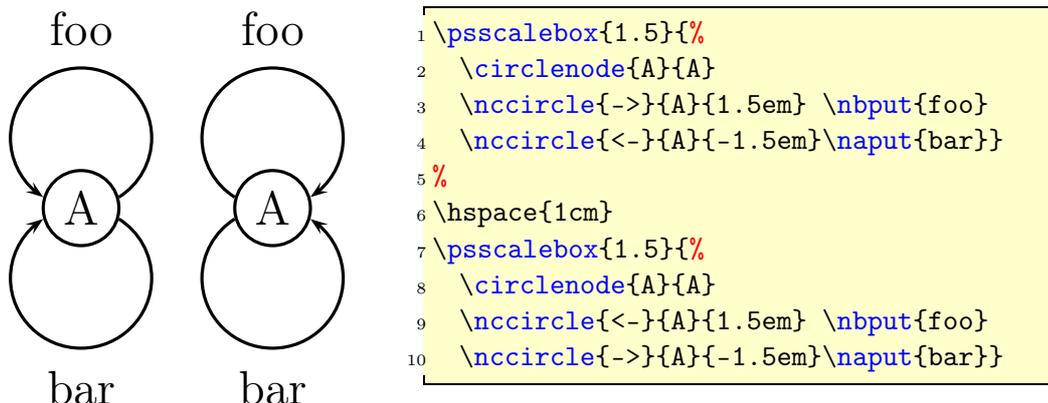


### 2.2 Empty parameter

To prevent some problems with empty arrow definitions in macros like `\psline[...]{...}`, which makes no sense, but should be possible, there is now a check before setting the values.

### 2.3 \nccircle

With some modification to `\psarciv` it is now possible to get the loops in any direction and above or below the node.



## 2.4 `\psscalebox` and `\psscaleboxto`

To prevent clashes with the `graphicx` package, which also defines a `\scalebox` macro with different syntax, `PSTricks` now defines `\psscalebox` and `\psscaleboxto`. For some compatibility reasons the old names are still supported. With the new names it doesn't matter if `pstricks` is loaded before or after `graphicx`.