

The diagxy package

This is a front end to Xy-pic that contains templates for diagrams. ¹ To load it for this document, I used

```
\usepackage[all,cmtip]{xy}
\usepackage{diagxy}
```

The simplest template is

```
\morphism(x,y)|p|/{sh}/<dx,dy>[N'N;L]
```

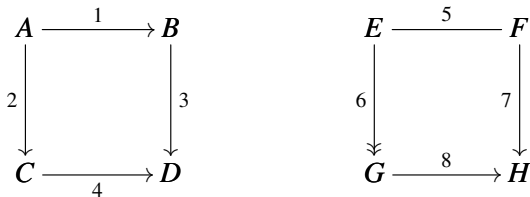
where (x,y) gives the position of the start of the arrow in units of .01em, $|p|$ gives the position of the label (**above**, **below**, **left**, **right**, or **mid**), $\{sh\}$ gives the shape of the arrow (the part in parentheses in the table on p. 1 of the xymatrix guide), $\langle dx,dy \rangle$ gives the coordinates of the end of the arrow relative to the start, N is an object, and L is a label, as in:

$A \xrightarrow{1} B$		$\backslash\backslashbfig$
$A \xrightarrow{2} B$		$\backslashmorphism(0,800)[A'B;1]$
$A \xrightarrow{3} B$		$\backslashmorphism(0,600)/{-}/[A'B;2]$
$A \xrightarrow{4} B$		$\backslashmorphism(0,400) b [A'B;3]$
$A \xrightarrow{5} B$		$\backslashmorphism(0,200) m /{->>}/[A'B;4]$
$A \xrightarrow{6} B$		$\backslashmorphism/{<-}/[A'B;5]$
$A \xrightarrow{7} B$		$\backslashmorphism(800,500) r <0,-500>[A'B;6]$
$A \xrightarrow{8} B$		$\backslashefig\backslash$

It is not possible to have labels both above and below an arrow.

For more complicated templates, such as that for a square, the syntax is similar:

```
\backslashbfig
\square(0,0)[A'B'C'D;1'2'3'4]
\square(1200,0)|aaaa|/{-}'{>>}'>'>/[E'F'G'H;5'6'7'8]
\efig\backslash
```

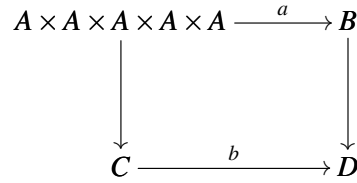
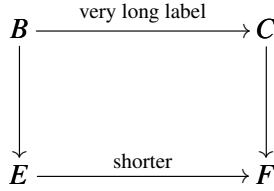


square doesn't adjust for long labels or large objects but its variant Square does:

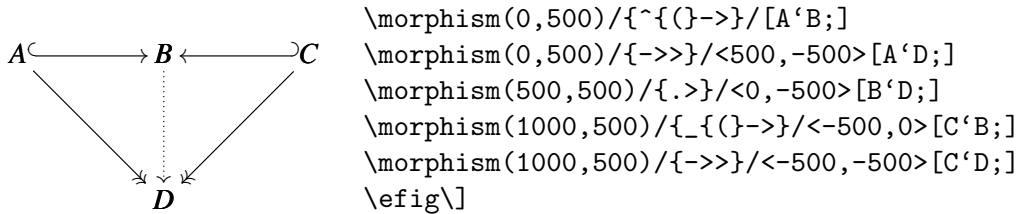
```
\backslashbfig
\Square|aaaa|[B'C'E'F;\text{very long label}'{}'{}'\text{shorter}]
\Square(2000,0)|aaaa|[A\times A\times A\times A\times A'B'C'D;a'{}'{}'b]
\efig\backslash
```

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¹If your T_EX system doesn't have it, you can get `diagxy.tex` from the author's home page <ftp://ftp.math.mcgill.ca/pub/barr/>, rename it to `diagxy.sty` and place it somewhere your T_EX system can find it. There is a comparison of `diagxy` with `xymatrix` at <http://www.emis.de/journals/TAC/style/diagxy-xymatrix.pdf>.



It is possible to combine templates to get more complicated diagrams, as in:

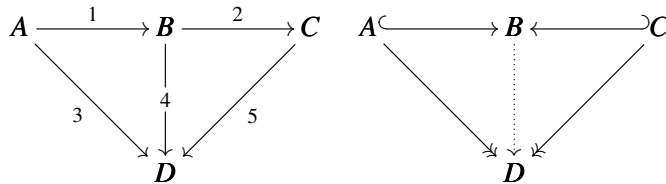


Fortunately, there is a template `Vtrianglepair` that makes this much easier:

```

\[\bfig
\Vtrianglepair[A'B'C'D;1'2'3'4'5]
\Vtrianglepair(1200,0)/{\{(->)}{\{<-~{}}}\{->>}\{.>}\{->>}/[A'B'C'D;{}'{}'{}'{}'{}]
\efig\

```

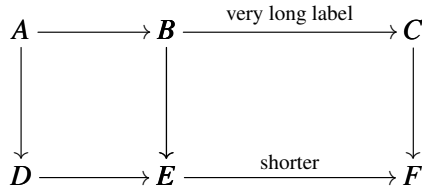


By combining two Squares, one can build more complicated diagrams:

```

\[\bfig
\Square[A'B'D'E;{}'{}'{}'{}]
\Square(500,0)|aaaa|[B'C'E'F;\text{very long label}'{}'{}'\{\text{shorter}}]
\efig\

```

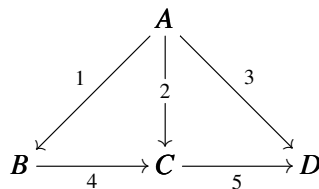


Here are some other templates.

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\[\bfig
\Atrianglepair[A'B'C'D;1'2'3'4'5]
\efig
\]

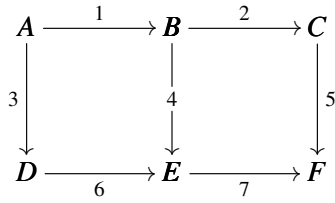
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```

\[\bfig
\hSquares[A'B'C'D'E'F;1'2'3'4'5'6'7]
\efig
\]

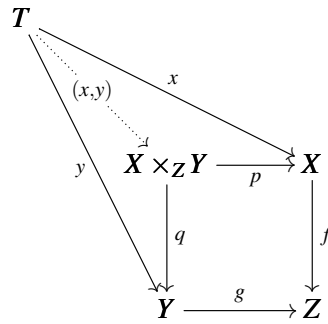
```



```

\[\bfig
\pullback|brra|[X\times_ZY'X'Y'Z;p'q'f'g]%
/>'>{>}>/[T;x'(x,y)'y]
\efig
\]

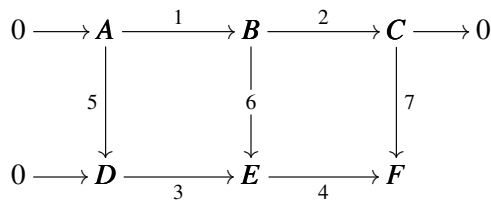
```



```

\[\bfig
\iiixii {7}<300>[A'B'C'D'E'F;1'2'3'4'5'6'7]
\efig

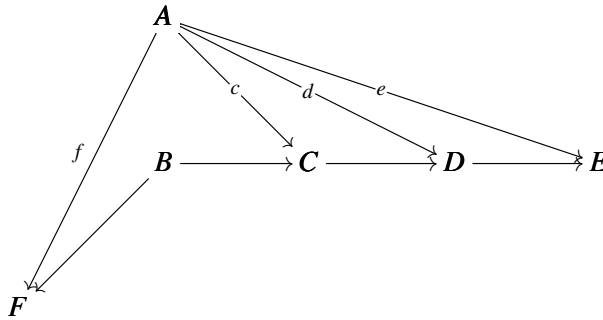
```



Which 0s appear is determined by the first number in braces, which must be between 0 and 15 (it is 7 in the above example), and depends on the binary expansion of the number, as illustrated by the examples at right:

	1	2	4	8	
5	1		1		0 0
7	1	1	1		0 0 0
14		1	1	1	0 0 0

The diagram

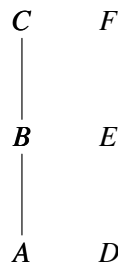


doesn't fit any template, but `\diagxy` offers an alternative method of building diagrams:

```
\[\bfig
\node a(500,1000) [A]
\node b(500,500) [B]
\node c(1000,500) [C]
\node d(1500,500) [D]
\node e(2000,500) [E]
\node f(0,0) [F]
\arrow[a'f;f]
\arrow|m| [a'c;c]
\arrow|m| [a'd;d]
\arrow|m| [a'e;e]
\arrow[b'f;{}]
\arrow[b'c;{}]
\arrow[c'd;{}]
\arrow[d'e;{}]
\efig\]
```

The line `\node a(500,1000) [A]` places the object *A* at (500,1000) and labels it with a (for internal purposes). The line `\arrow[a'f;f]` runs an arrow from the node “a” to the node “f” and labels it with *f*.

If there is no arrow between nodes, then the nodes don't print, but you can add empty arrows:



```
\[\bfig
\node a(0,0) [A]
\node b(0,400) [B]
\node c(0,800) [C]
\node d(300,0) [D]
\node e(300,400) [E]
\node f(300,800) [F]
\arrow/{-}/ [a'b;{}]
\arrow/{-}/ [b'c;{}]
\arrow/{}/ [a'd;{}]
\arrow/{}/ [b'e;{}]
\arrow/{}/ [c'f;{}]
\efig\]
```

Personally, I find this to be the most convenient way to enter complicated diagrams.