

# The `argumentation` Package

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# 1 Example

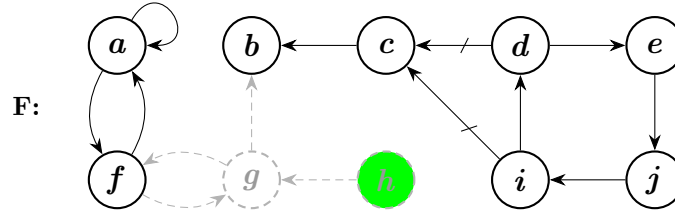


Figure 1: An exemplary AF created with the `argumentation` package.

```
\usepackage{argumentation}
\begin{figure}[ht]
  \centering
  \begin{af}
    \argument{args1}{a}
    \argument[right=of args1]{args2}{b}
    \argument[right=of args2]{args3}{c}
    \argument[right=of args3]{args4}{d}
    \argument[right=of args4]{args5}{e}
    \argument[below=of args1]{args6}{f}
    \argument[inactive,right=of args6]{args7}{g}
    \argument[inactive,argin,right=of args7]{args8}{h}
    \argument[right=of args8]{args9}{i}
    \argument[right=of args9]{args10}{j}

    \afname[left of=args1,yshift=-0.8cm,xshift=-0.2cm]{cap}{\textbf{F:}}

    \selfattack{args1}
    \dualattack[] {args1}{args6}
    \dualattack[inactive]{args6}{args7}

    \attack[inactive]{args8}{args7}
    \attack[inactive]{args7}{args2}
    \attack[] {args3}{args2}
    \attack[] {args4}{args5}
    \attack[] {args5}{args10}
    \attack[] {args10}{args9}
    \attack[] {args9}{args4}

    \support[] {args4}{args3}
    \support[] {args9}{args3}
  \end{af}
  \caption{An exemplary AF created with the \textsf{argumentation} package.}
  \label{fig:example}
\end{figure}
```

## 2 Documentation for Version 1.0 [2023/11/05]

In the following, we provide an overview over the functionality of the `argumentation` package.

### 2.1 Package Options

Three options are provided to customize the look of the argumentation framework: `namestyle`, `argumentstyle` and `attackstyle`. The `namestyle` option accepts three different values

- `italics` The argument name is rendered in *italics*.
- `bold` The argument name is rendered in **bold**.
- `bolditalics` (default) The argument name is rendered with ***both***.

The `argumentstyle` option controls the style of the argument nodes and accepts two values

- `standard` (default) Standard style for the argument nodes.
- `retro` Alternative style, node size may vary for large argument names.

The `attackstyle` option controls the style of the attack arrows and accepts two values

- `standard` (default) Standard style for the attack arrow tips.
- `retro` Alternative style, arrow tip is smaller and flatter.

### 2.2 Environments

The package provides two environments for creating abstract argumentation frameworks and bipolar argumentation frameworks in  $\text{\LaTeX}$ -documents.

#### 2.2.1 `af`-Environment

The `argumentation` package provides the `af` environment for creating abstract argumentation framework. The `af` environment extends the `tikzpicture` environment, meaning all `tikzpicture`-parameters can be used inside the `af` environment as well. The most relevant parameter is `node distance`, which is set to 1cm per default.

#### 2.2.2 `miniaf`-Environment

The `miniaf` environment can be used to create argumentation frameworks using less space. Especially useful for two-column layout documents. It provides essentially the same as the `af` environment, but with `node distance=0.5cm` and for each node `minimum size=0.5cm`, `font=\small`.

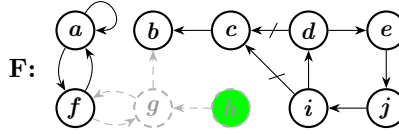


Figure 2: An exemplary Mini-AF created with the miniaf environment.

## 2.3 Arguments

Arguments can be created with the following command

`\argument{id}{name}`

To create an argument, you must provide a unique identifier `id` and the `name` to be displayed in the picture. The `id` of an argument is then referred to when creating attacks as well as for the relative positioning of the other arguments.

The **standard** style of an argument is defined with the following parameters, all of which can be overridden if desired.

<code>circle</code>	the shape of the argument.
<code>minimum size=0.75cm</code>	the minimum size of the circle, to ensure consistent argument size.
<code>draw=black</code>	outline and text color of the argument.
<code>thick</code>	the outline of the circle is rendered in <b>thick</b> mode.
<code>fill=white</code>	the background color of the argument.
<code>font=large</code>	the font size of the argument name.
<code>text centered</code>	positioning of the argument name inside the circle.
<code>inner sep=0</code>	inner margins of the circle, set to 0 to optimize space.

### 2.3.1 Relative Positioning

This package supports relative placement of the arguments via the `tikz-library positioning`. The relative positioning information is provided as an optional parameter via

`\argument[dir=of arg_id]{id}{name}`

with `dir` being one of: *right*, *left*, *below* and *above* and `arg_id` being the `id` of another argument.

Additionally, you can adjust the horizontal/vertical position of an argument via the options `xshift` and `yshift`. You must also specify the distance in one of the following ways

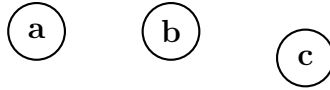
`\argument[xshift=5mm]{id}{name}`  
`\argument[xshift=5pt]{id}{name}`  
`\argument[xshift=5ex]{id}{name}`

#### Example 1

```

\begin{af}
  \argument{arg1}{a}
  \argument[right=of arg1]{arg2}{b}
  \argument[right=of arg2, yshift=-10pt]{arg3}{c}
\end{af}

```



### 2.3.2 Argument Styles

Furthermore, you can provide optional parameters to adjust the style of the argument node. For that you can use all `tikz`-style options and additionally the following pre-defined style parameters:

- `inactive` The argument is displayed in grey and with a dotted outline.
- `argin` The argument is displayed with green background color.
- `argout` The argument is displayed with red background color.
- `argundec` The argument is displayed with cyan background color.

### Example 2

## 2.4 Attacks

Attacks between two arguments can be created with the command

```
\attack{arg1}{arg2}
```

where `arg1` and `arg2` are the identifiers of two previously defined arguments. The standard style for attacks is defined with the `arrows.meta` library as follows

```
-Stealth[scale=1.25]
```

### 2.4.1 Attack Styles

To customize an attack you can provide additional optional parameters:

- `inactive` The attack is displayed in grey and with a dotted line.
- `bend right` The attack arrow is bent to the right.  
Can additionally provide the angle, e. g., `bend right=40`.
- `bend left` The attack arrow is bent to the left. Can also provide an angle.

Furthermore, all `tikz` style parameters can be used here as well.

### Example 3

```

\begin{af}
  \argument{arg1}{a}
  \argument[right=of arg1]{arg2}{b}
  \argument[right=of arg2]{arg3}{c}
  \argument[right=of arg3]{arg4}{d}

  \attack{arg1}{arg2}
  \attack[bend right]{arg2}{arg3}
  \attack[bend left=10,inactive]{arg3}{arg4}
\end{af}

```



Additionally, you can create a symmetric attack between two arguments with

```
\dualattack{arg1}{arg2}
```

and a self-attack for an argument with

```
\selfattack{arg1}
```

For both commands, you can use the same optional parameters as for the `\attack` command.

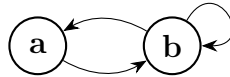
#### Example 4

```

\begin{af}
  \argument{arg1}{a}
  \argument[right=of arg1]{arg2}{b}

  \selfattack{arg1}
  \dualattack{arg1}{arg2}
\end{af}

```



## 2.5 Supports

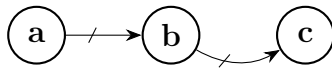
You can create a support relation between two arguments with the command

```
\support{arg1}{arg2}
```

where `arg1` and `arg2` are the identifiers of two previously defined arguments. The support arrow use the same tip as the attack arrows, but have a perpendicular mark to distinguish them from attacks. Supports can be customized in the same way as attacks.

### Example 5

```
\begin{af}  
  \argument{arg1}{a}  
  \argument[right=of arg1]{arg2}{b}  
  \argument[right=of arg2]{arg3}{c}  
  
  \support{arg1}{arg2}  
  \support[bend right]{arg2}{arg3}  
\end{af}
```



## 2.6 Further Commands

If you want to display an identifier for your argumentation framework in the picture, you can use the command

```
\afname{id}{name}
```

where `id` is an identifier for the created node and `name` is the text displayed in the picture. Additionally, positioning information can be provided via the optional parameters.

### Example 6

```
\begin{af}  
  \argument{arg1}{a}  
  \argument[right=of arg1]{arg2}{b}  
  \afname[left=of arg1]{caption}{F:F}  
  
  \attack{arg1}{arg2}  
\end{af}
```

