

The `pdfcolmk` package

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Abstract

This package tries a solution for the missing color stack of pdfTEX.

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1 Documentation

1.1 Introduction

This package uses a mark register in order to solve the problem of a missing color stack of pdfTeX prior 1.40.0. Since this version of pdfTeX a color stack is available and supported by `pdftex.def` 2007/01/01 v0.04a. In this case this package is obsolete and the package stops its loading.

1.2 Background

After the Dante meeting (Clausthal 2000) I have started to experiment with the eTeX method of a *colour* mark. One of the major problems is the understanding of the output routine and the need to rewrite it because of missing hooks. Currently I have made some tests in in onecolumn and twocolumn mode, but the state is experimental.

1.3 Limitations

- Mark limitations: page breaks in math.
- L^AT_EX's output routine is redefined.
 - Changes in the output routine of newer versions of L^AT_EX are not detected.
 - Packages that change the output routine are not supported.
- It does not support several independent text streams like footnotes.
- Limitations in float and marginpar support.

1.4 Recommendation

ε -T_EX (for additional mark register) Without ε -T_EX L^AT_EX's mark commands are redefined to store an additional color value.

1.5 Usage

Load after package color:

```
\usepackage[pdftex]{color}
\usepackage{pdfcolmk}
```

1.6 Compatibility

- Load the following packages after `pdfcolmk`:

`mparhack.sty`

- Load the following packages before `pdfcolmk`:

`marn.sty`
`newmarn.sty`

- Supported `\@addmarginpar` patch:

`latex/base/latex.ltx`
`memoir.cls`
`poemscol/marn.sty, poemscol/newmarn.sty`
`mparhack.sty`

- Unsupported `\@addmarginpar` patch:

`lineno.sty`
`sttools/marginal.sty`
`revtex4.cls`

2 Implementation

1 `(*package)`

Package identification.

```
2 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
3 \ProvidesPackage{pdfcolmk}%
4 [2016/05/16 v1.3 Color support for pdfTeX via marks (HO)]
5 \@ifundefined{ver@pdftex.def}{%
6   \PackageWarningNoLine{pdfcolmk}{%
7     Nothing to fix, because \string`pdftex.def`\string' not loaded%
8   }%
9   \endinput
10 }{%
11 \@ifpackageloaded{color}{%
12   \PackageWarningNoLine{pdfcolmk}{%
13     Nothing to fix, because \string`color.sty`\string' not loaded%
14   }%
15   \endinput
16 }%
17 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
18 \expandafter\ifx\csname main@pdfcolorstack\endcsname\relax
19 \else
20   % pdftex.def >= 2007/01/01 0.04a and pdfTeX >= 1.40.0
21   \begingroup
22     \let\on@line\empty
23     \PackageInfo{pdfcolmk}{%
24       The color stack of pdfTeX \string>\string`string= 1.40 is used. %
25       Therefore\MessageBreak
26       this package is not necessary and not loaded%
27     }%
28   \endgroup
29   \expandafter\endinput
30 \fi
31
```

```

32 \PackageInfo{pdfcolmk}{%
33   This package tries to simulate dvips's color stack\MessageBreak
34   for pdfTeX based on a mark register of e-TeX.\MessageBreak
35   It redefines LaTeX's output routine. Therefore\MessageBreak
36   use with care, no warranties%
37 }
38
39 \ifx\marks\@undefined
40
41   \let\pec@mark\mark
42   \let\pec@value\empty
43   \long\def\mark#1{%
44     \protected@xdef\pec@value{\#1}%
45     \pec@setmark
46   }%
47   \def\pec@setmark{%
48     \begingroup
49       \temptokena\expandafter{\pec@value}%
50       \pec@mark{\currentcolor}\the\temptokena}%
51     \endgroup
52   }%
53   \def\pec@getmark{%
54     \xdef\pec@botcolor{%
55       \expandafter\@firstofthree\botmark\@empty\@empty\@empty
56     }%
57   }%
58   \long\def\@firstofthree#1#2#3{#1}%
59   \CheckCommand{\@leftmark}[2]{#1}%
60   \CheckCommand{\@rightmark}[2]{#2}%
61   \CheckCommand*\{@leftmark}{%
62     \expandafter\@leftmark\botmark\@empty\@empty
63   }%
64   \CheckCommand*\{@rightmark}{%
65     \expandafter\@rightmark\firstmark\@empty\@empty
66   }%
67   \long\def\@leftmark#1#2#3{#2}%
68   \long\def\@rightmark#1#2#3{#3}%
69   \g@addto@macro\leftmark\@empty
70   \g@addto@macro\rightmark\@empty
71
72 \else
73
74   \RequirePackage{etex}[1998/03/26]%
75   \newmarks\pec@marks
76   \def\pec@setmark{\marks\pec@marks{\currentcolor}}%
77   \def\pec@getmark{\xdef\pec@botcolor{\botmarks\pec@marks}}%
78
79 \fi

```

2.1 \marginpar fix

```

80 \chardef\pec@result\z@
81 \def\pec@temp#1{%
82   \chardef\pec@result\@ne
83   \begingroup
84     \let\on@line\@empty
85     \PackageInfo{pdfcolmk}{%
86       Patch for \string\@addmarginpar\space applied (#1)%
87     }%

```

```

88   \endgroup
89 }

2.1.1 latex/base/latex.ltx

90 \def\pec@addmarginpar{%
91   \next\@marbox\@currlist{%
92     \cons\@freelist\@marbox
93     \cons\@freelist\@currbox
94   }\@latexbug
95   \tempcnta\@ne
96   \if@twocolumn
97     \if@firstcolumn
98       \tempcnta\m@ne
99     \fi
100   \else
101     \if@mparswitch
102       \ifodd\c@page
103         \else
104           \tempcnta\m@ne
105         \fi
106       \fi
107       \if@reversemargin \tempcnta -\tempcnta \fi
108     \fi
109   \ifnum\tempcnta <\z@ \global\setbox\@marbox\box\@currbox \fi
110   \tempdima\@mparbottom
111   \advance\tempdima -\pageht
112   \advance\tempdima\ht\@marbox
113   \ifdim\tempdima >\z@
114     \@latex@warning{no@line{Marginpar on page \thepage\space moved}%
115   \else
116     \tempdima\z@
117   \fi
118   \global\@mparbottom\pageht
119   \global\advance\@mparbottom\tempdima
120   \global\advance\@mparbottom\dp\@marbox
121   \global\advance\@mparbottom\marginparpush
122   \advance\tempdima -\ht\@marbox
123   \global\setbox\@marbox\vbox{%
124     \vskip\tempdima
125     \box\@marbox
126   }%
127   \global\ht\@marbox\z@
128   \global\dp\@marbox\z@
129   \kern-\pagedp
130   \nointerlineskip
131   \hb@xt@\columnwidth{%
132     \ifnum\tempcnta >\z@
133       \hskip\columnwidth
134       \hskip\marginparsep
135     \else
136       \hskip-\marginparsep
137       \hskip-\marginparwidth
138     \fi
139     \box\@marbox\hss
140   }%
141   \nointerlineskip
142   \hbox{\vrule\height\z@ \width\z@ \depth\pagedp}%
143 }

```

```

144 \ifx\pec@addmarginpar\@addmarginpar%
145   \pec@temp{latex/base}%
146 \fi

2.1.2 memoir.cls

147 \def\pec@addmarginpar{%
148   \checkoddpage
149   \next\@marbox\@currlist{%
150     \cons\@freelist\@marbox
151     \cons\@freelist\@currbox
152   }\@latexbug
153   \tempcnta\@ne
154   \if@twocolumn
155     \if@firstcolumn
156       \tempcnta\m@ne
157     \fi
158   \else
159     \ifmparswitch
160       \ifoddpage
161       \else
162         \tempcnta\m@ne
163       \fi
164     \fi
165     \if@reversemargin
166       \tempcnta -\tempcnta
167     \fi
168   \fi
169   \ifnum\tempcnta <\z@
170     \global\setbox\@marbox\box\@currbox
171   \fi
172   \tempdima\@mparbottom
173   \advance\tempdima -\pageht
174   \advance\tempdima\ht\@marbox
175   \ifdim\tempdima >\z@
176     \@latex@warning@no@line{%
177       Marginpar on page \thepage\space moved by \the\tempdima
178     }%
179   \else
180     \tempdima\z@
181   \fi
182   \global\@mparbottom\pageht
183   \global\advance\@mparbottom\tempdima
184   \global\advance\@mparbottom\dp\@marbox
185   \global\advance\@mparbottom\marginparpush
186   \advance\tempdima -\ht\@marbox
187   \global\setbox\@marbox\vbox{%
188     \vskip\tempdima
189     \box\@marbox
190   }%
191   \global\ht\@marbox\z@
192   \global\dp\@marbox\z@
193   \kern-\pagedp
194   \nointerlineskip
195   \hb@xt@\columnwidth{%
196     \ifnum\tempcnta >\z@
197       \hskip\columnwidth
198       \hskip\marginparsep
199     \else

```

```

200      \hskip -\marginparsep
201      \hskip -\marginparwidth
202      \fi
203      \box\@marbox
204      \hss
205  }%
206  \nointerlineskip
207  \hbox{\vrule \height\z@ \width\z@ \depth\@pagedp}%
208 }%
209 \ifx\pec@addmarginpar\@addmarginpar
210   \pec@temp{memoir.cls}%
211 \fi

```

2.1.3 poemscol/marn.sty, poemscol/newmarn.sty

```

212 \def\pec@addmarginpar{%
213   \next \@marbox\@currlist{%
214     \@cons\@freelist\@marbox
215     \@cons\@freelist\@currbox
216   }\@latexbug
217   \global\advance\@mpar@count\m@ne
218   \ifundefined{\marn@\the\@mpar@count 0}{% was location logged last time?
219     \tempcnta\@ne % NO: use original LaTeX logic
220     \if@twocolumn
221       \if@firstcolumn
222         \tempcnta\m@ne
223       \fi
224     \else
225       \if@mparswitch
226         \ifodd\c@page
227           \else
228             \tempcnta\m@ne
229           \fi
230         \fi
231         \if@reversemargin
232           \tempcnta -\tempcnta
233         \fi
234       \fi
235   }%
236   \tempcnta % YES: use record from last time to decide side.
237   \nameuse{\marn@\the\@mpar@count 0}%
238   \if@reversemargin -\fi \@ne
239 }%
240 \ifnum\tempcnta <\z@
241   \global\setbox\@marbox\box\@currbox
242   \global\let\marnbottom\@mparbottoml
243 \else
244   \global\let\marnbottom\@mparbottom
245 \fi
246 \tempdima\marnbottom\advance\tempdima -\pageht
247 \advance\tempdima\ht\@marbox
248 \ifdim\tempdima >\z@
249   \@@warning{Marginpar on page \thepage\space moved}%
250 \else
251   \tempdima\z@
252 \fi
253 \global\marnbottom\@pageht
254 \global\advance\marnbottom\tempdima
255 \global\advance\marnbottom\dp\@marbox

```

```

256 \global\advance\@marnbottom\marginparpush
257 \advance\@tempdima -\ht\@marbox
258 \global\ht\@marbox\z@
259 \global\dp\@marbox\z@
260 \vskip -\@pagedp
261 \vskip\@tempdima\nointerlineskip
262 \hbox to\columnwidth{%
263   \ifnum \@tempcnta >\z@
264     \hskip\columnwidth
265     \hskip\marginparsep
266   \else
267     \hskip -\marginparsep
268     \hskip -\marginparwidth
269   \fi
270   \if@files % record where this is for use next time:
271     \c@marn@log\c@mpar@count
272   \fi
273   \box\@marbox
274   \hss
275 }%
276 \nobreak %% RmS 91/06/21 \nobreak added
277 \vskip -\@tempdima
278 \nointerlineskip
279 \hbox{\vrule \height\z@ \width\z@ \depth\@pagedp}%
280 }
281 \ifx\pec@addmarginpar\@addmarginpar
282   \pec@temp{poemscol/(new)marn.sty}%
283 \fi

```

2.1.4 refman/refart.cls, refnam/refrep.cls

```

284 \def\pec@addmarginpar{%
285   \c@next\@marbox\c@currlist{%
286     \c@cons\c@freelist\@marbox
287     \c@cons\c@freelist\@currbox
288   }\c@latebug
289   \c@tempcnta\z@ne
290   \if@twocolumn
291     \if@firstcolumn
292       \c@tempcnta\m@ne
293     \fi
294   \else
295     \c@tempcnta\m@ne
296   \fi
297   \ifnum\c@tempcnta <\z@
298     \global\setbox\@marbox\box\@currbox
299   \fi
300   \c@tempdima\c@mparbottom
301   \advance\c@tempdima -\c@pageht
302   \advance\c@tempdima\ht\@marbox
303   \ifdim\c@tempdima >\z@
304     \c@warning{Marginpar on page \thepage\space moved}%
305   \else
306     \c@tempdima\z@
307   \fi
308   \global\c@mparbottom\c@pageht
309   \global\advance\c@mparbottom\c@tempdima
310   \global\advance\c@mparbottom\dp\@marbox
311   \global\advance\c@mparbottom\marginparpush

```

```

312  \advance\@tempdima -\ht\@marbox
313  \global\setbox\@marbox\vbox{%
314    \vskip \@tempdima \box \@marbox
315  }%
316  \global \ht\@marbox \z@
317  \global \dp\@marbox \z@
318  \kern -\@pagedp
319  \nointerlineskip
320  \hb@xt@\columnwidth{%
321    \ifnum \@tempcnta >\z@
322      \hskip\columnwidth
323      \hskip\marginparsep
324    \else
325      \hskip -\marginparsep
326      \hskip -\marginparwidth
327    \fi
328    \box\@marbox
329    \hss
330  }%
331  \nointerlineskip
332  \hbox{\vrule \height\z@ \width\z@ \depth\@pagedp}%
333 }
334 \ifx\pec@addmarginpar\@addmarginpar
335   \pec@temp{ref(art|rep).cls}%
336 \fi
337
338 \ifcase\pec@result
339   \PackageInfo{pdfcolmk}{%
340     Fix for \string\@addmarginpar\space is omitted, %
341     because this variant\MessageBreak
342     of \string\@addmarginpar\space
343     is not recognized%
344   }%
345 \else
346   % apply patch for \@addmarginpar
347   \def\pec@PatchAddMarginpar#1\columnwidth#2#3\@nil{%
348     \pec@PatchAddMarginparI#2\@nil{#1}{#3}%
349   }%
350   \def\pec@PatchAddMarginparI#1\box\@marbox\hss#2\@nil#3#4{%
351     \def\@addmarginpar{%
352       #3%
353       \columnwidth{%
354         #1%
355         \pdfliteral{q}%
356         \rlap{%
357           \box\@marbox
358         }%
359         \pdfliteral{Q}%
360         \hss
361         #2%
362       }%
363       #4%
364     }%
365   }%
366   \expandafter\pec@PatchAddMarginpar\@addmarginpar\@nil
367 \fi

```

2.2 Color fix

```

368 \def\set@color{%
369   \pdfliteral{\current@color}%
370   \ifinner
371   \else
372     \pec@setmark
373   \fi
374   \aftergroup\reset@color
375 }
376 \def\reset@color{%
377   \pdfliteral{\current@color}%
378   \ifinner
379   \else
380     \pec@setmark
381   \fi
382 }
383
384 \let\pec@botcolor\current@color
385
386 \def\pec@PatchVBoxCCLV{%
387   \ifx\pec@botcolor\@empty
388   \else
389     \setbox\@cclv\vbox{%
390       \pdfliteral{\pec@botcolor}%
391       \unvbox\@cclv
392     }%
393   \fi
394   \pec@getmark
395 }
396
397 \def\pec@PatchAlreadyInBox{%
398   \ifx\pec@botcolor\@empty
399   \else
400     \pdfliteral{\pec@botcolor}%
401   \fi
402   \pec@getmark
403 }
404
405 \@ifclassloaded{memoir}{%
406   \expandafter\def\expandafter\mem@makecol\expandafter{%
407     \expandafter\pec@PatchVBoxCCLV
408     \mem@makecol
409   }%
410   \endinput
411 }{}%
412
413 \@ifclassloaded{seminar}{%
414   \newcommand\pec@org@makeslide{}%
415   \let\pec@org@makeslide\@makeslide
416   \def\@makeslide{%
417     \pec@PatchVBoxCCLV
418     \pec@org@makeslide
419   }%
420   \endinput
421 }{}%
422
423 \long\def\pec@output#1{@specialoutput\else#2\pec@end{%
424   \begingroup
425     \def\x{#2}%

```

```

426 \expandafter\endgroup
427 \ifx\x\empty
428   \PackageWarningNoLine{pdfcolmk}{%
429     Unexpected \string\output\space routine detected,%
430     \MessageBreak
431     loading of package stopped%
432   }%
433   \expandafter\endinput
434 \fi
435 }
436 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\pec@output
437 \expandafter\@firstofone\the\output\@specialoutput\else\pec@end
438
439 \long\def\pec@output#1\@specialoutput\else#2\pec@end{%
440   \output{%
441     #1\@specialoutput\else
442     \pec@PatchVBoxCCLV
443     #2%
444   }%
445 }
446 \expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\pec@output
447 \expandafter\@firstofone\the\output\pec@end
448 </package>

```

3 Installation

3.1 Download

Package. This package is available on CTAN¹:

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pdfcolmk.dtx](http://ctan.org/pkg/pdfcolmk) The source file.

[CTAN:macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pdfcolmk.pdf](http://ctan.org/pkg/pdfcolmk.pdf) Documentation.

Bundle. All the packages of the bundle ‘oberdiek’ are also available in a TDS compliant ZIP archive. There the packages are already unpacked and the documentation files are generated. The files and directories obey the TDS standard.

[CTAN:install/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek.tds.zip](http://ctan.org/install/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek.tds.zip)

TDS refers to the standard “A Directory Structure for TeX Files” ([CTAN:tds/tds.pdf](http://ctan.org/tds/tds.pdf)). Directories with `texmf` in their name are usually organized this way.

3.2 Bundle installation

Unpacking. Unpack the `oberdiek.tds.zip` in the TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree) of your choice. Example (linux):

```
unzip oberdiek.tds.zip -d ~/texmf
```

Script installation. Check the directory `TDSScripts/oberdiek/` for scripts that need further installation steps. Package `attachfile2` comes with the Perl script `pdflatfi.pl` that should be installed in such a way that it can be called as `pdflatfi`. Example (linux):

```
chmod +x scripts/oberdiek/pdflatfi.pl
cp scripts/oberdiek/pdflatfi.pl /usr/local/bin/
```

¹<http://ctan.org/pkg/pdfcolmk>

3.3 Package installation

Unpacking. The `.dtx` file is a self-extracting `docstrip` archive. The files are extracted by running the `.dtx` through plain `TEX`:

```
tex pdfcolmk.dtx
```

TDS. Now the different files must be moved into the different directories in your installation TDS tree (also known as `texmf` tree):

```
pdfcolmk.sty → tex/latex/oberdiek/pdfcolmk.sty  
pdfcolmk.pdf → doc/latex/oberdiek/pdfcolmk.pdf  
pdfcolmk.dtx → source/latex/oberdiek/pdfcolmk.dtx
```

If you have a `docstrip.cfg` that configures and enables `docstrip`'s TDS installing feature, then some files can already be in the right place, see the documentation of `docstrip`.

3.4 Refresh file name databases

If your `TEX` distribution (`teTEX`, `mikTEX`, ...) relies on file name databases, you must refresh these. For example, `teTEX` users run `texhash` or `mktexlsr`.

3.5 Some details for the interested

Attached source. The PDF documentation on CTAN also includes the `.dtx` source file. It can be extracted by AcrobatReader 6 or higher. Another option is `pdftk`, e.g. unpack the file into the current directory:

```
pdftk pdfcolmk.pdf unpack_files output .
```

Unpacking with L^AT_EX. The `.dtx` chooses its action depending on the format:

plain T_EX: Run `docstrip` and extract the files.

L^AT_EX: Generate the documentation.

If you insist on using L^AT_EX for `docstrip` (really, `docstrip` does not need L^AT_EX), then inform the autodetect routine about your intention:

```
latex \let\install=y\input{pdfcolmk.dtx}
```

Do not forget to quote the argument according to the demands of your shell.

Generating the documentation. You can use both the `.dtx` or the `.drv` to generate the documentation. The process can be configured by the configuration file `ltxdoc.cfg`. For instance, put this line into this file, if you want to have A4 as paper format:

```
\PassOptionsToClass{a4paper}{article}
```

An example follows how to generate the documentation with `pdflatEX`:

```
pdflatex pdfcolmk.dtx  
makeindex -s gind.ist pdfcolmk.idx  
pdflatex pdfcolmk.dtx  
makeindex -s gind.ist pdfcolmk.idx  
pdflatex pdfcolmk.dtx
```

4 Catalogue

The following XML file can be used as source for the [TEX Catalogue](#). The elements `caption` and `description` are imported from the original XML file from the Catalogue. The name of the XML file in the Catalogue is `pdfcolmk.xml`.

```
449 /*catalogue)
450 <?xml version='1.0' encoding='us-ascii'?>
451 <!DOCTYPE entry SYSTEM 'catalogue.dtd'>
452 <entry datestamp='$Date$' modifier='Author$' id='pdfcolmk'>
453   <name>pdfcolmk</name>
454   <caption>Improving colour support under pdftex.</caption>
455   <authorref id='auth:oberdiek'>
456   <copyright owner='Heiko Oberdiek' year='2000,2005-2008' />
457   <license type='lppl1.3' />
458   <version number='1.3' />
459   <description>
460     The package provides macros that emulate the &#x2018;colour stack&#x2019;;
461     functionality of dvips. The colour stack deals with colour
462     manipulations when asynchronous events (like page-breaking) occur;
463     pdftex does not (yet) have such a stack, but dvips does, and the
464     <xref refid='color'>color</xref> package makes extensive use of
465     it.
466   <p/>
467   This package is an experimental solution to the problem, and works
468   best with pdf-e-tex.
469   <p/>
470   The package is part of the <xref refid='oberdiek'>oberdiek</xref> bundle.
471 </description>
472 <documentation details='Package documentation'
473   href='ctan:/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pdfcolmk.pdf' />
474 <ctan file='true' path='/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/pdfcolmk.dtx' />
475 <miktex location='oberdiek' />
476 <texlive location='oberdiek' />
477 <install path='/macros/latex/contrib/oberdiek/oberdiek.tds.zip' />
478 </entry>
479 </catalogue>
```

5 History

[2000/08/27 v0.1]

- First published version in newsgroup `comp.text.tex`:
“pdftex: bug with colors?”²

[2000/09/02 v0.2]

- Next try.

[2000/09/02 v0.3]

- Solution without ε -TEX added.

[2000/09/06 v0.4]

- Patch commands added.

²Url: <http://groups.google.com/group/comp.text.tex/msg/6f088e69e4085d2c>

- Patch for seminar.cls added.

[2000/09/06 v0.5]

- Bug fix: initialization of \pec@value added.

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- Support for \marginpar added. See thread in [comp.text.tex](#):
“Using \textcolor and \marginpar together”³

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- Output support added for memoir, provided by Lars Madsen.

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- Code is not changed.
- DTX framework.

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- If pdftex.def >= 2007/01/01 v0.04a is used with pdfTeX >= 1.40.0, then package pdfcolmk is obsolete.

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- Line ends sanitized.

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- Code is not changed.
- URLs updated.

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- Documentation updates.

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