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Summary: We have been developing *KETpic* as a macro package of a CAS for drawing fine LaTeX-pictures, and we use it efficiently in mathematical education. Printed materials for mathematics classes are prepared under several constraints, such as “without animation”, “mass printings”, “monochrome”, and “without halftone shadings”. Because of these constraints, visualization in mathematical education tends to be unsatisfactory. Taking full advantages of LaTeX and CAS, *KETpic* enables us to provide teaching materials with figures which are effective for mathematical education. The effects are summarized as follows: (1) The plottings of *KETpic* are accurate due to CAS, and enable students to deduce mathematical laws. (2) *KETpic* can provide adequate pictures for students’ various interest. For example, when some students who understand a matter try to modify it, *KETpic* can give them appropriate and experimental figures. (3) Even though CAS can draw 3D-figures beautifully and automatically, it is expensive for mass printings and the figures are sometimes not easy to understand. Oppositely, 3D-graphics by *KETpic* are monochrome, but are richly expressive. In this paper, we give various examples of LaTeX-pictures which we drew by using *KETpic*. For instance, the picture which is used in order to explain the convergence theorem of Fourier series makes it easier for students to understand the idea that function series converge to another function. Also the picture of skeleton is endowed with clear perspective. *KETpic* gives us great potential for the teaching of combinatorial mathematics. Through these examples, we claim that *KETpic* should have great possibilities of rich mathematical expressions under the constraints above mentioned.

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