The package provides two commands for placing an arc over or under a short (up to three letters) piece of text. The commands generate an \hbox and can be used in math formulas (see The \TeXbook, p. 151).

\overarc puts an arc above the text given as argument.
\underarc puts the arc below the text.

The size of the arc is chosen so that it embraces all the text. In some cases, you may wish to use a smaller or larger size. An optional argument can specify a factor which is multiplied by the width of the text: the size of the symbol is then chosen as if the text had that width. Keep in mind, however, that only a limited range of sizes is available in the Computer Modern fonts.

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