Documentation of mptrees.mp

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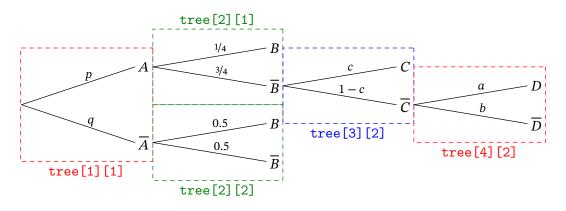
1 Overview

This package is intended to simplify the drawing of probability trees with METAPOST. It provides one main command and several parameters to control the output.

It can be used in standalone files with two compilations (latexmp package is loaded) but also with $Lua
ot \ TeX$ and luamplib package.

```
tree[<i>][<j>](<dim1>,<dim2>,...)(<ev1>,<prob1>,<ev2>,<prob2>,...)
```

Probability tree located in column i and row j (see figure below). dim1, dim2,... can be numerics or pairs and control the dimension of the tree. ev1, prob1... can be strings or pictures and will be printed (using latexmp if strings) at the end of the edge (the event) and above the edge (the probability).



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Note that you can use these commands inside any beginfig();...endfig; but sometimes, for some constructions, they need to be enclosed between begintree and endtree commands. Such commands are indicated with a margin note.

2 Trees

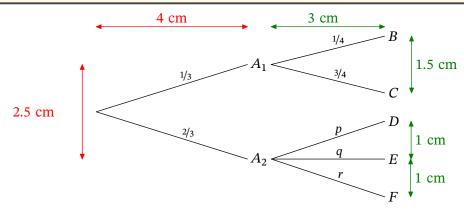
2.1 Different kinds of trees

```
tree[<i>][<j>](<width>,<vspace>)(<ev1>,<prob1>,<ev2>,<prob2>,...)
```

Regular tree where width is the horizontal width of the tree and vspace the vertical space between two consecutive nodes.

Exemple 1

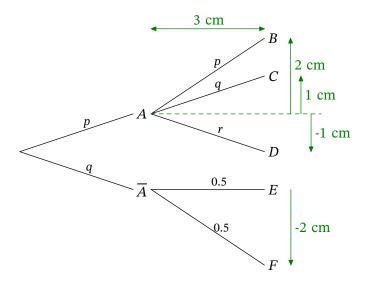
```
beginfig(1);
draw tree[1][1](4cm,2.5cm)("$A_1$","$\nicefrac{1}{3}$","$A_2$","$\nicefrac{2}{3}$")
draw tree[2][1](3cm,1.5cm)("$B$","$\nicefrac{1}{4}$","$C$","$\nicefrac{3}{4}$");
draw tree[2][2](3cm,1cm)("$D$","$p$","$E$","$q$","$F$","$r$");
endfig;
```



```
tree[<i>][<j>](<width>,<vsp1>,<vsp2>,...)(<ev1>,<p1>,<ev2>,<p2>,...)
```

Tree where width is the horizontal width of the tree while each vsp indicates the vertical space between the node and the origin of the tree.

```
beginfig(2);
draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","$\overline{A}$","$q$");
draw tree[2][1](3cm,2cm,1cm,-1cm)("$B$","$p$","$C$","$q$","$D$","$r$");
draw tree[2][2](3cm,0cm,-2cm)("$E$","$0.5$","$F$","$0.5$");
endfig;
```

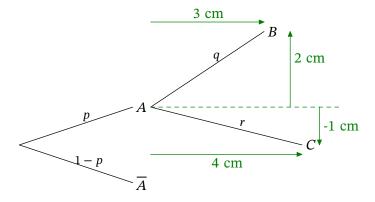


```
tree[<i>][<j>](<pair1>,<pair2>,...)(<ev1>,<prob1>,<ev2>,<prob2>,...)
```

Tree where pair1, pair2... indicate the coordinates of each node from the origin of the tree.

Exemple 3

```
beginfig(3);
draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","$\overline{A}$","$1-p$");
draw tree[2][1]((3cm,2cm),(4cm,-1cm))("$B$","$q$","$C$","$r$");
endfig;
```

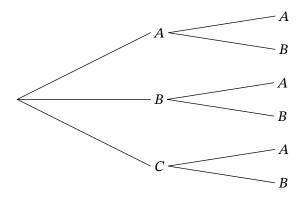


2.2 Simple trees

```
stree[<i>][<j>](...)(<ev1>,<ev2>) picture
```

Same as previous except that there are no probabilities.

```
beginfig(4);
draw stree[1][1](100,50)("$A$","$B$","$C$");
draw stree[2][1](80,25)("$A$","$B$");
draw stree[2][2](80,25)("$A$","$B$");
draw stree[2][3](80,25)("$A$","$B$");
endfig;
```



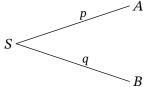
2.3 Start and end labels

```
startlabel(<s>)
```

Prints s (can be a string or a picture) at the origin of the tree.

Exemple 5

```
beginfig(5);
  draw startlabel("$S$");
  draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","$B$","$q$");
  endfig;
```

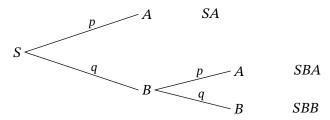


endlabel[<i>][<j>](<s>)

picture

Prints s at the end of a branch. The space between the previous label ans s is controlled by the numeric endlabelspace which defaults to 1cm.

```
beginfig(6);
  draw startlabel("$S$");
  draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","$B$","$q$");
  draw tree[2][2](2cm,1cm)("$A$","$p$","$B$","$q$");
  draw endlabel[2][1]("$SA$");
  draw endlabel[3][1]("$SBA$");
  draw endlabel[3][2]("$SBB$");
  endfig;
```



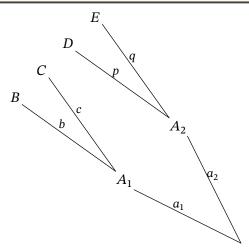
3 Direction

dirtree numeric, default: 0

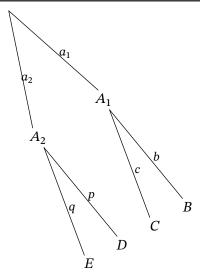
All trees are construct horizontally by default. ditree indicates the angle in degrees between the horizontal and the main direction of the tree.

Exemple 7

```
beginfig(7);
dirtree:=135;
draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A_1$","$a_1$","$A_2$","$a_2$");
draw tree[2][1](3cm,1cm)("$B$","$b$","$C$","$c$");
draw tree[2][2](3cm,1cm)("$D$","$p$","$E$","$q$");
endfig;
```



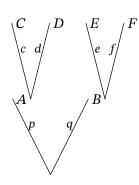
```
beginfig(8);
dirtree:=-60;
draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A_1$","$a_1$","$A_2$","$a_2$");
draw tree[2][1](3cm,1cm)("$B$","$b$","$C$","$c$");
draw tree[2][2](3cm,1cm)("$D$","$p$","$E$","$q$");
endfig;
```



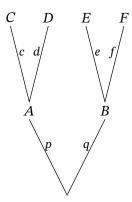
dirlabel numeric, default: 0

All the trees are viewed as "horizontal" trees, so the space between two subtrees is horizontal too. With dirtree, the whole (horizontal) tree is rotated. But if the tree is designed vertically, spacing is wrong. In this case, one can use dirlabel to indicate the orientation of the tree.

Exemple 9



Exemple 10

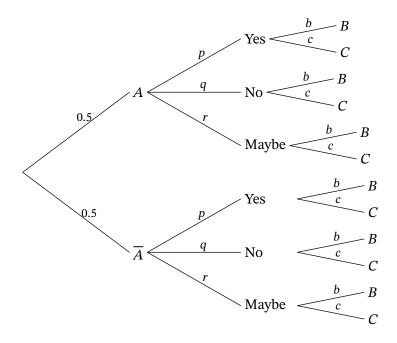


4 Dealing with alignment

shiftev numeric, default: -1

The origin of each tree is located at the right side of the bounding box of the previous event name. Thus different subtrees may begin at different places. The numeric shifter, if positive, indicates the fixed horizontal space between the end of the edges and the beginning of following subtrees. It can be used inside the first set of parameters of the tree (see example below) or as a global variable.

```
beginfig(11);
draw tree[1][1](80,120)("$A$","$0.5$","$\overline{A}$","$0.5$");
draw tree[2][1](70,40)("Yes","$p$","No","$q$","Maybe","$r$");
draw tree[2][2](70,40,"shiftev:=1.5cm")("Yes","$p$","No","$q$","Maybe","$r$");
draw tree[3][1](50,20)("$B$","$b$","$C$","$c$");
draw tree[3][2](50,20)("$B$","$b$","$C$","$c$");
draw tree[3][3](50,20)("$B$","$b$","$C$","$c$");
draw tree[3][4](50,20)("$B$","$b$","$C$","$c$");
draw tree[3][5](50,20)("$B$","$b$","$C$","$c$");
draw tree[3][6](50,20)("$B$","$b$","$C$","$c$");
endfig;
```

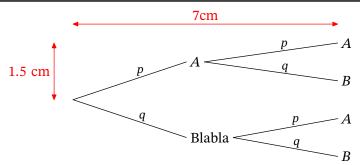


abscoord boolean, default: false

With the boolean abscoord set to true, all the coordinates are given from the origin of the *first* tree instead of the origin of the subtree, which makes easier the alignment of all the subtrees.

Exemple 12

```
beginfig(12);
abscoord:=true;
draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","Blabla","$q$");
draw tree[2][1]((7cm,1.5cm),(7cm,0.5cm))("$A$","$p$","$B$","$q$");
draw tree[2][2]((7cm,-0.5cm),(7cm,-1.5cm))("$A$","$p$","$B$","$q$");
endfig;
```



5 Parameters

All following parameters can be changed globally before drawing the tree or changed locally inside the first set of parameters:

```
scaleev:=2;
draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)(...);
draw tree[2][1](3cm,2cm)(...);
```

```
draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm,"scaleev:=2")(...);
draw tree[2][1](3cm,2cm)(...);
```

In the first case, scaleev is changed globally while in the second case, the change only applies to the first tree.

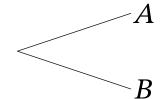
5.1 Event

```
scaleev numeric, default: 1
```

Numeric controlling the scale of the label at the end of the edge (the event).

Exemple 13

```
beginfig(13);
scaleev:=2;
draw stree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$B$");
endfig;
```

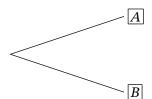


nodeformat string, default: ""

String that indicates how the events are printed (the shape of path around the event). Possible values are (for now) "bbox", "circle", "superellipse".

Exemple 14

```
beginfig(14);
nodeformat:="bbox";
draw stree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$B$");
endfig;
```



nodelinecolor color, default: black

Color of the path around the node

nodebgcolor color, default: white

Color of the background of the region delimited by the previous path.

nodefgcolor color, default: black

Color of the text.

```
beginfig(15);
nodeformat:="superellipse";
nodelinecolor:=(0.8,0,0);
nodebgcolor:=(1,0.5,0.5);
nodefgcolor:=white;
draw stree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$B$");
endfig;
```

Exemple 16

```
beginfig(16);
nodefgcolor:=(0.7,0.4,0.7);
draw stree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$B$");
endfig;
```

5.2 Leaves

begintree;
endtree;

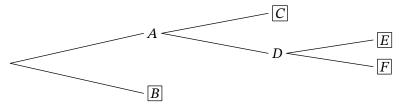
You may want to format the leaves in a different way from the nodes. A tree using the following parameters must be enclosed in a begintree; ...endtree; "environment".

```
leaveformat string, default: ""
```

String that indicates how the events are printed (the shape of path around the event). Possible values are (for now) "bbox", "circle", "superellipse" and "none".

Exemple 17

```
beginfig(17);
begintree;
leaveformat:="bbox";
draw stree[1][1](100,45)("$A$","$B$");
draw stree[2][1](80,30)("$C$","$D$");
draw stree[3][2](65,20)("$E$","$F$");
endtree;
endfig;
```



```
leavelinecolor color, default: black
```

Color of the path around the leave

```
leavebgcolor color, default: white
```

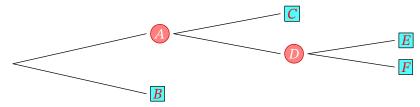
Color of the background of the region delimited by the previous path.

leavefgcolor color, default: black

Color of the text.

Exemple 18

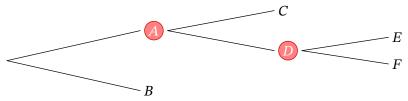
```
beginfig(18);
begintree;
nodeformat:="circle";
nodelinecolor:=(0.8,0,0); nodebgcolor:=(1,0.5,0.5); nodefgcolor:=white;
leaveformat:="bbox";
leavebgcolor:=(0.3,1,1); leavefgcolor:=red;
draw stree[1][1](100,45)("$A$","$B$");
draw stree[2][1](80,30)("$C$","$D$");
draw stree[3][2](65,20)("$E$","$F$");
endtree;
endfig;
```



Note that nodeformat applies to both nodes and leaves. To avoid formatting the leaves, use the value "none" for leaveformat.

Exemple 19

```
beginfig(19);
begintree;
nodeformat:="circle";
nodelinecolor:=(0.8,0,0); nodebgcolor:=(1,0.5,0.5); nodefgcolor:=white;
leaveformat:="none";
draw stree[1][1](100,45)("$A$","$B$");
draw stree[2][1](80,30)("$C$","$D$");
draw stree[3][2](65,20)("$E$","$F$");
endtree;
endfig;
```

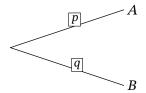


5.3 Probability

```
probformat string, default: ""
```

String that indicates how the probabilities are printed (the shape of path around the probability). Possible values are (for now) "bbox", "circle", "superellipse".

```
beginfig(20);
probformat:="bbox";
draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","$B$","$q$");
endfig;
```



problinecolor color, default: black

Color of the path around the probability

probbgcolor color, default: white

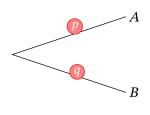
Color of the background of the region delimited by the previous path.

probfgcolor color, default: black

Color of the text.

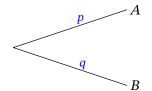
Exemple 21

```
beginfig(21);
probformat:="circle";
problinecolor:=(0.8,0,0);
probbgcolor:=(1,0.5,0.5);
probfgcolor:=white;
draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","$B$","$q$");
endfig;
```



Exemple 22

```
beginfig(22);
probfgcolor:=blue;
draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","$B$","$q$");
endfig;
```

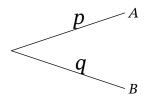


scaleprob numeric, default: 0.85

Numeric controlling the scale of the label above the edge (the probability).

Exemple 23

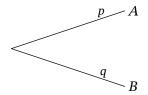
```
beginfig(23);
  scaleprob:=1.5;
  draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","$B$","$q$");
  endfig;
```



posprob numeric, default: 0.6

Numeric controlling the position of the label above the edge.

```
beginfig(24);
posprob:=0.8;
draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","$B$","$q$");
endfig;
```

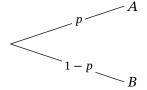


typeprob numeric, default: 1

Numeric controlling how the label is printed. Values can be 1 (the label is printed above the edge), 2 (the label is printed on the edge), 3 (the label is printed above the edge and rotated) or 4 (the label is printed on the edge and rotated).

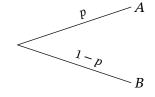
Exemple 25

```
beginfig(25);
  typeprob:=2;
  draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","$B$","$1-p$");
  endfig;
```



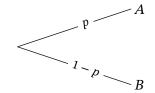
Exemple 26

```
beginfig(26);
typeprob:=3;
draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","$B$","$1-p$");
endfig;
```



Exemple 27

```
beginfig(27);
typeprob:=4;
draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","$B$","$1-p$");
endfig;
```

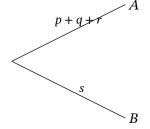


proboffset

numeric, default: 3bp

Numeric controlling the amount by which the label above the edge is offset.

```
beginfig(28);
  draw tree[1][1](3cm,3cm)("$A$","$p+q+r$","$B$","$s$");
endfig;
```



```
beginfig(29);
proboffset:=6bp;
draw tree[1][1](3cm,3cm)("$A$","$p+q+r$","$B$","$s$");
endfig;
```

5.4 Edge

```
linewidth numeric, default: 0.5bp
```

Width of the lines.

```
linecolor color, default: black
```

Color of the lines.

Exemple 30

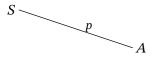
```
beginfig(30);
  linewidth:=1.5;
  linecolor:=blue;
  draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","$B$","$q$");
  endfig;
```

```
endedgeshift numeric, default: 0
```

Vertical space added at the end of the edge. Useful when various edges end at the same point.

Exemple 31

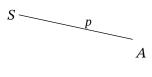
```
beginfig(31);
  draw startlabel("$S$");
  draw tree[1][1]((3cm,-1cm))("$A$","$p$");
  endfig;
```



p+q+r

Exemple 32

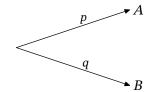
```
beginfig(32);
endedgeshift:=10;
draw startlabel("$S$");
draw tree[1][1]((3cm,-1cm))("$A$","$p$");
endfig;
```



```
edgearrow boolean, default: false
```

When the boolean edgearrow is set to true, edges end with an arrow.

```
beginfig(33);
  edgearrow:=true;
  draw tree[1][1](3cm,2cm)("$A$","$p$","$B$","$q$");
  endfig;
```



branchtype string, default: "segment"

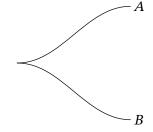
String which indicates the shape of the edge. Possible values are segment, curve, broken. Note that double quotes have to be replaced by single quotes when this parameter is changed locally inside the tree macro.

tenscurve numeric, default: 0

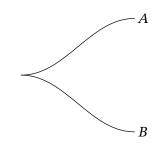
If string branchtype is set to curve, tenscurve indicates the "tension". When sets to 1, the curve is a segment.

Exemple 34

```
beginfig(34);
branchtype:="curve";
draw stree[1][1](3cm,3cm)("$A$","$B$");
endfig;
```

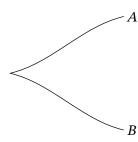


Exemple 35



Exemple 36

```
beginfig(36);
branchtype:="curve";
tenscurve:=0.5;
draw stree[1][1](3cm,3cm)("$A$","$B$");
endfig;
```

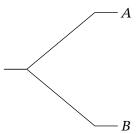


brokenlineratio

numeric, default: 0.2

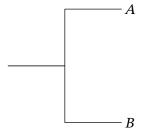
If string branchtype is set to broken, brokenlineratio indicates the ratio between the length of the first segment of the broken line and the total length of the horizontal space.

```
beginfig(37);
branchtype:="broken";
draw stree[1][1](3cm,3cm)("$A$","$B$");
endfig;
```



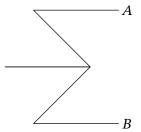
Exemple 38

```
beginfig(38);
branchtype:="broken";
posprob:=0.8;
brokenlineratio:=0.5;
draw stree[1][1](3cm,3cm)("$A$","$B$");
endfig;
```



Exemple 39

```
beginfig(39);
branchtype:="broken";
posprob:=0.8;
brokenlineratio:=0.75;
draw stree[1][1](3cm,3cm)("$A$","$B$");
endfig;
```



6 Regular trees

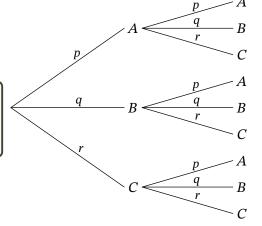
6.1 Ordinary regular trees

```
regulartree(<n>)(<1>,<h>)(<ev1>,<prob1>,<ev2>,<prob2>,...) picture
```

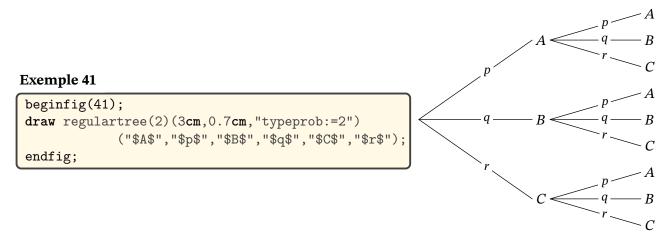
Tree describing the repetition of n identical and independent random experiments. 1 is the horizontal length of the first edges and h is the vertical space between two leaves.

```
scalebranch numeric, default: 0.8
```

Ratio between edges width of consecutive level.



Note that you can change variable values inside the first set of parameters.



6.2 Binomial trees

```
bernoulliprocess(<n>)(<l>,<h>)(<ev1>,<prob1>,<ev2>,<prob2>) picture
```

Tree describing the Bernoulli process with n trials. 1 is the horizontal length of the first edges and h is the vertical space between two final nodes. If the last set of parameters is omitted, the values are set according to the following parameters.

```
bernoulliprocessL(<n>)(<L>,<H>)(<ev1>,<prob1>,<ev2>,<prob2>) picture
```

Same as above where L is the whole width of the tree and H its height.

Several parameters control the output:

```
bernoullisuccessevent string, default: "$S$"
```

String printed at every node representing a success.

```
bernoullifailureevent string, default: "$\overline{S}$"
```

String printed at every node representing a failure.

```
bernoullisuccessprob string, default: "$p$"
```

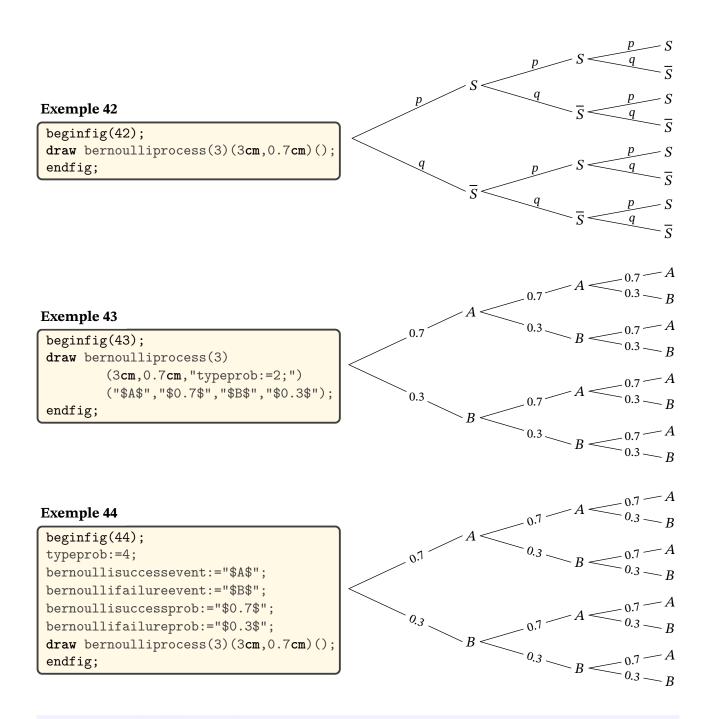
String printed above every edge representing a success.

```
bernoullifailureprob string, default: "$q$"
```

String printed above every edge representing a failure.

```
bernoulliscalebranch numeric, default: 0.8
```

Ratio between width of consecutive edges.



binomialtree(<n>)(<1>,<h>)

picture

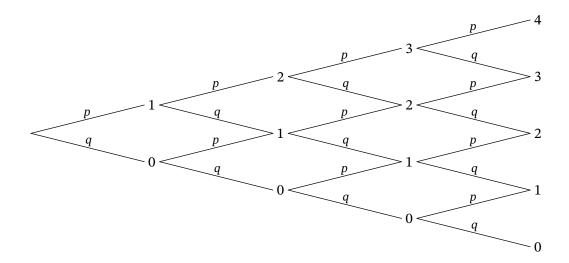
Tree describing the binomial distribution with n trials. 1 is the length of the first edges and h is the space between two final nodes. It uses bernoullisuccesprob and bernoullifailureprob but bernoulliscalebranch is set to 1.

binomialtreeL(<n>)(<L>,<H>)

picture

Same as above where L is the whole width of the tree and H its height.

```
beginfig(45);
draw binomialtree(4)(3cm,1.5cm);
endfig;
```



7 "Calculated" trees



The following commands are experimental and need to be enclosed in a begintree; ...endtree; "environment".

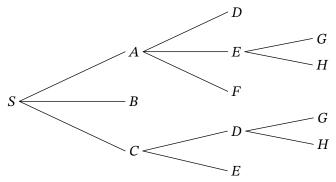
```
tree[<i>][<j>]()(<ev1>,<prob1>,<ev2>,<prob2>,...)
```

When the first set of parameters is left empty, the dimensions of the tree are calculated. The calculations use the parameters described below.

```
stree[<i>][<j>]()(<ev1>,<ev2>,...) picture
```

Same as above for "simple" trees.

```
beginfig(46);
begintree;
draw startlabel("$S$");
draw stree[1][1]()("$A$","$B$","$C$");
draw stree[2][1]()("$D$","$E$","$F$");
draw stree[2][3]()("$D$","$E$");
draw stree[3][2]()("$G$","$H$");
draw stree[3][4]()("$G$","$H$");
endtree;
endfig;
```



Horizontal width of the first level tree.

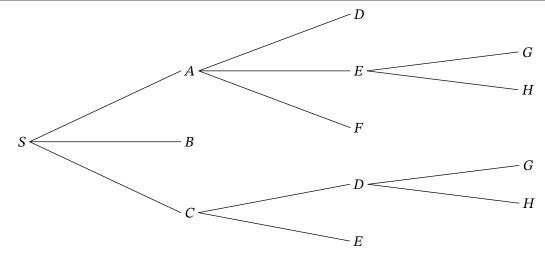
gapnode numeric, default: 0.7cm

Minimal vertical space between two nodes of the last level trees.

scalebranch numeric, default: 0.8

Ratio between edges width of consecutive level.

```
beginfig(47);
begintree;
widthbranch:=4cm;
scalebranch:=1;
gapnode:=1cm;
draw startlabel("$S$");
draw stree[1][1]()("$A$","$B$","$C$");
draw stree[2][1]()("$D$","$E$","$F$");
draw stree[2][3]()("$D$","$E$");
draw stree[3][2]()("$G$","$H$");
draw stree[3][4]()("$G$","$H$");
endtree;
endfig;
```

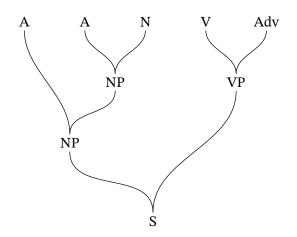


8 Examples

Exemple 48

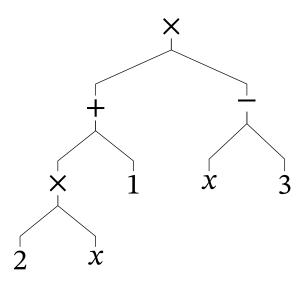
```
beginfig(48);
u := 0.4cm;
branchtype:="curve";
dirlabel:=90;
abscoord:=true;
endlabelspace:=0.5cm;
draw startlabel("S");
draw stree[1][1]((-5.5u,4u),(5.5u,8u))("NP","VP");
draw stree[2][1]((-8.5u,12u),(-2.5u,8u))("A","NP");
draw stree[2][2]((3.5u,12u),(7.5u,12u))("V","Adv");
draw stree[3][2]((-4.5u,12u),(-0.5u,12u))("A","N");
draw endlabel[3][1]("Colorless");
draw endlabel[4][1]("green");
draw endlabel[4][2]("ideas");
draw endlabel[3][3]("sleep");
draw endlabel[3][4]("furiously");
endfig;
```

Colorless green ideas sleep furiously

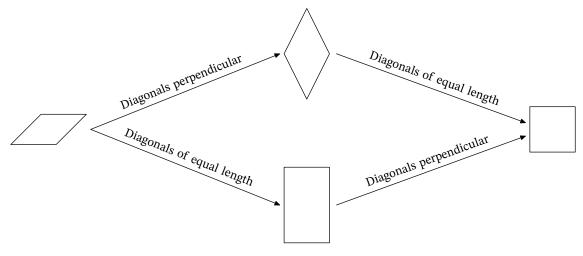


```
beginfig(49);
u:=1cm;
branchtype:="broken";
dirlabel:=-90;
abscoord:=true;
scaleev:=2;
label.top(textext("\Large_Tree_diagram_of_\(\frac{1}{2}\x+1\)(x-3)\x*"),(0,1cm));
draw startlabel("\times\x*");
draw stree[1][1]((-2u,-1.5u),(2u,-1.5u))("\x*","\x*","\x*");
draw stree[2][1]((-3u,-3.5u),(-1u,-3.5u))("\x*\times\x*","\x*1\x*");
draw stree[2][2]((1u,-3.5u),(3u,-3.5u))("\x*\x*","\x*3\x*");
draw stree[3][1]((-4u,-5.5u),(-2u,-5.5u))("\x*\x*","\x*\x*");
endfig;
```

Tree diagram of (2x + 1)(x - 3)



```
beginfig(50);
posprob:=0.5;
typeprob:=3;
shiftev:=1.5cm;
edgearrow:=true;
u := 0.2cm;
vardef paral = ((2,-2)--(6,2)--(0,2)--(-4,-2)--cycle) scaled u enddef;
vardef rhombus = ((3,0)--(0,6)--(-3,0)--(0,-6)--cycle) scaled u enddef;
vardef rectangle = ((3,5)--(-3,5)--(-3,-5)--(3,-5)--cycle) scaled u enddef;
vardef square = ((3,3)--(-3,3)--(-3,-3)--(3,-3)--\text{cycle}) scaled u enddef;
draw startlabel(paral);
draw tree[1][1](5cm,4cm)(rhombus,"Diagonals⊥perpendicular",%
                        rectangle, "Diagonals of equal length");
endedgeshift:=5;
draw tree[2][1]((5cm,-2cm))("","Diagonals_of_equal_length");
draw tree[2][2]((5cm,2cm))(square,"Diagonals_perpendicular");
endfig;
```



```
beginfig(51);
dirtree:=-90;
branchtype:="curve"; tenscurve:=0.75;
linewidth:=1;
                   linecolor:=(0.2,0.2,0.7);
widthbranch:=1cm;
                   scalebranch:=0.9;
gapnode:=1cm;
leaveformat:="bbox";
nodeformat:="superellipse"; nodebgcolor:=(0.6,0.6,1);
label.top(textext("\Large_Huffman_tree_(source_Wikipedia)"),(0,1cm));
draw startlabel("36");
draw stree[1][1]()("20","16");
draw stree[2][1]()("12","8");
draw stree[2][2]()("8","8");
draw stree[3][1]()("'',"5");
draw stree[3][2]()("4","4");
draw stree[3][3]()("4","'a'|4");
draw stree[3][4]()("4","'e',4");
draw stree[4][2]()("'f'|3","2");
draw stree[4][3]()("'s'|2","'h'|2");
draw stree[4][4]()("2","'i'|2");
draw stree[4][5]()("'m'|2","'t'|2");
draw stree[4][7]()("2","'n'|2");
draw stree[5][2]()("'1'|1","'r'|1");
draw stree[5][5]()("'p'|1","'x'|1");
draw stree[5][9]()("'u'|1","'o'|1");
endtree;
endfig;
```

Huffman tree (source Wikipedia)

