Abstract

prooftrees is a LaTeX package, based on forest, designed to support the typesetting of proof trees in styles sometimes used in teaching introductory logic courses, especially those aimed at students without a strong background in mathematics. One textbook which uses proofs of this kind is Hodges (1991).

Note that this package requires version 2.1 (2016/12/04) of forest (Živanović 2016). It will not work with versions prior to 2.1.

I would like to thank Živanović both for developing forest and for considerable patience in answering my questions, addressing my confusions and correcting my mistakes. The many remaining errors are, of course, entirely my own. This package’s deficiencies would be considerably greater and more numerous were it not for his assistance.

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1 Raison d'être

Suppose that we wish to typeset a typical proof tree demonstrating the following entailment

\[ \{ P \lor (Q \lor \neg R), P \rightarrow \neg R, Q \rightarrow \neg R \} \models \neg R \]

We start by typesetting the tree using forest’s default settings (box 1) and find our solution has several advantages: the proof is specified concisely and the code reflects the structure of the tree. It is relatively straightforward to specify a proof using forest’s bracket notation, and the spacing of nodes and branches is automatically calculated.

Despite this, the results are not quite what we might have hoped for in a proof tree. The assumptions should certainly be grouped more closely together and no edges (lines) should be drawn between them because these are not steps in the proof — they do not represent inferences. Preferably, edges should start from a common point in the case of branching inferences, rather than there being a gap.

Moreover, proof trees are often compacted so that non-branching inferences are grouped together, like assumptions, without explicitly drawn edges. Although explicit edges to represent non-branching inferences are useful when introducing students to proof trees, more complex proofs grow unwieldy and the more compact presentation becomes essential.

Furthermore, it is useful to have the option of annotating proof trees by numbering the lines of the proof on the left and entering the justification for each line on the right.

forest is a powerful and flexible package capable of all this and, indeed, a good deal more. It is not enormously difficult to customise particular trees to meet most of our desiderata. However, it is difficult to get things perfectly aligned even in simple cases, requires the insertion of ‘phantom’ nodes and management of several sub-trees in parallel (one for line numbers, one for the proof and one for the justifications). The process...
requires a good deal of manual intervention, trial-and-error and hard-coding of things it would be better to have LaTeX manage for us, such as keeping count of lines and line references.

`prooftrees` aims to make it as easy to specify proof trees as it was to specify our initial tree using `forest`’s default settings. The package supports a small number of options which can be configured to customise the output. The code for a `prooftrees` proof tree is shown in box 2, together with the output obtained using the default settings.

More extensive configuration can be achieved by utilising `forest` (Živanović 2016) and/or TiKZ (Tantau 2015) directly. A sample of supported proof tree styles are shown in box 3. The package is not intended for the typesetting of proof trees which differ significantly in structure.

```
\begin{forest}
[\$P \vee (Q \vee \lnot R)\$
  \[
P \lif \lnot R$
    \[
      Q \lif \lnot R$
        \[
          \lnot \lnot R$
            \[
              P$
            \end{forest}
        \end{forest}
      \end{forest}
    \end{forest}
  \end{forest}
\end{forest}
```

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\begin{prooftree}
{to prove=\{(P \lor (Q \lor \neg R), P \rightarrow \neg R, Q \rightarrow \neg R)\} \setstile{\{} \neg \neg R}

\begin{align*}
1. & \quad P \lor (Q \lor \neg R) \checkmark & \text{Ass} \\
2. & \quad P \rightarrow \neg R \checkmark & \text{Ass} \\
3. & \quad Q \rightarrow \neg R \checkmark & \text{Ass} \\
4. & \quad \neg \neg R & \neg \text{ Conc} \\
5. & \quad P \quad Q \lor \neg R & 1 \lor \text{ Elim} \\
6. & \quad \neg P \quad \neg R \quad Q \quad \neg R & 2 \rightarrow \text{ Elim} \\
7. & \quad \lor \quad \lor \quad 5, 6 \quad 4, 6 \quad Q \quad \neg R & 5 \lor \text{ Elim} \\
8. & \quad \neg Q \quad \neg R & 3 \rightarrow \text{ Elim} \\
\end{align*}
\end{prooftree}
\[ \{P \lor (Q \lor \neg R), P \rightarrow \neg R, Q \rightarrow \neg R\} \vdash \neg R \]

1. \(P \lor (Q \lor \neg R) \checkmark\) Ass
2. \(P \rightarrow \neg R \checkmark\) Ass
3. \(Q \rightarrow \neg R \checkmark\) Ass
4. \(\neg R\) Neg conc
5. \(P\) \(\lor\) \(Q \lor \neg R \checkmark\) 1 \(\lor\) Elim
6. \(\neg P\) \(\neg R\) 2 \(\rightarrow\) Elim
7. \(5, 6\) \(4, 6\) 5 \(\lor\) Elim
8. \(\neg Q\) \(\neg R\) 4.7 3 \(\rightarrow\) Elim

\[\checkmark P \lor (Q \lor \neg R)\]
\[\checkmark P \rightarrow \neg R\]
\[\checkmark Q \rightarrow \neg R\]
\[\neg R\]

\[P\]
\[\lor\]
\[Q \lor \neg R \checkmark\]

\[\rightarrow\]
\[\neg R\]
\[\rightarrow\]
\[\neg Q\]
\[\neg R\]

\[\checkmark (\exists x)(Lx \lor Mx) \vdash (\exists x)Lx \lor (\exists x)Mx\]

1. \((\exists x)(Lx \lor Mx) \checkmark a\) Ass
2. \(\neg((\exists x)Lx \lor (\exists x)Mx) \checkmark\) Neg Conc
3. \(La \lor Ma \checkmark\) 1 \(\lor\) E
4. \(\neg(\exists x)Lx \backslash a\) 2 \(\neg\lor\) E
5. \(\neg(\exists x)Mx \backslash a\)
6. \(\neg La\) 4 \(\neg\exists\) E
7. \(\neg Ma\) 5 \(\neg\exists\) E
8. \(La\) \(\lor\) \(Ma\) 3 \(\lor\) E

Either Alice saw nobody or she didn’t see nobody.

Alice saw nobody. \(\backslash\) Jones \(\lor\) E
Alice didn’t see Jones. \(\forall\) E

Alice didn’t see nobody. \(\lor\) E
Alice saw somebody. \(\lor\) Jones \(\neg\exists\) E
Alice saw Jones. \(\exists\) E
2 Assumptions & Limitations

\texttt{prooftrees} makes certain assumptions about the nature of the proof system, $\mathcal{L}$, on which proofs are based.

- All derivation rules yield equal numbers of \texttt{wff}s on all branches.
- No derivation rule yields \texttt{wff}s on more than two branches.
- All derivation rules proceed in a downwards direction at an angle of -$90^\circ$ i.e. from north to south.
- Any justifications are set on the far right of the proof tree.
- Any line numbers are set on the far left of the proof tree.
- Justifications can refer only to earlier lines in the proof. \texttt{prooftrees} can typeset proofs if $\mathcal{L}$ violates this condition, but the cross-referencing system explained in section 7.2 cannot be used for affected justifications.

\texttt{prooftrees} does not support the automatic breaking of proof trees across pages. Proof trees can be manually broken by using \texttt{line no shift} with an appropriate value for parts after the first (section 7.1). However, horizontal alignment across page breaks will not be consistent in this case.

In addition, \texttt{prooftrees} almost certainly relies on additional assumptions not articulated above and certainly depends on a feature of \texttt{forest} which its author classifies as experimental (do \texttt{dynamics}).

3 Typesetting a Proof Tree

After loading \texttt{prooftrees} in the document preamble:

\begin{verbatim}
\% in document's preamble
\usepackage{prooftrees}
\end{verbatim}

the \texttt{prooftree} environment is available for typesetting proof trees. This takes an argument used to specify a (tree preamble), with the body of the environment consisting of a (tree specification) in \texttt{forest}'s notation. The (tree preamble) can be as simple as an empty argument — {} — or much more complex.

Customisation options and further details concerning loading and invocation are explained in section 4, section 5, section 6, section 7 and section 8. In this section, we begin by looking at a simple example using the default settings.

Suppose that we wish to typeset the proof tree for

\[(\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \rightarrow x = y) \land Px) \ssststile{}{} (\exists x)(\forall y)(Py \leftrightarrow x = y)\]

and we would like to typeset the entailment established by our proof at the top of the tree. Then we should begin like this:

\begin{verbatim}
\begin{prooftree}
\{ to prove={'(\exists x)('(\forall y)(Py \lif x = y) \land P x) \sststile{}{} '(\exists x)(\forall y)(Py \liff x = y)}
\end{prooftree}
\end{verbatim}
That is all the preamble we want, so we move onto consider the ⟨tree specification⟩. forest uses square brackets to specify trees’ structures. To typeset a proof, think of it as consisting of nested trees, trunks upwards, and work from the outside in and the trunks down (box 4).

Starting with the outermost tree 1 and the topmost trunk, we replace the $\Xi$ with square brackets and enter the first wff inside, adding just=Pr. for the justification on the right and checked=a so that the line will be marked as discharged with a substituted for $x$. We also use forest’s name to label the line for ease of reference later. (Technically, it is the node rather than the line which is named, but, for our purposes, this doesn’t matter. forest will create a name if we don’t specify one, but it will not necessarily be one we would have chosen for ease of use!)

```
\begin{prooftree}
\{ to prove={((\exists x)(\forall y)(Py \rightarrow x = y) \land Px) \sststile{}{} ((\exists x)(\forall y)(Py ↔ x = y))}
\} [{((\exists x)(\forall y)(Py \leftrightarrow x = y) \land Px)}, checked=a, just=Pr., name=pr ]
\end{prooftree}
```

We can refer to this line later as pr.

We then consider the next tree 2. Its $\Xi$ goes inside that for 1, so the square brackets containing the next wff go inside those we used for 1. Again, we add the justification with just, but we use subs=a rather than checked=a as we want to mark substitution of $a$ for $x$ without discharging the line. Again, we use name so
that we can refer to the line later as neg conc.

\begin{prooftree}
  { 
    to prove={((\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \lif x = y) \land Px) \sststile{}{} (\exists x)(\forall y) (Py \liff x = y))
  }
  [ [((\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \lif x = y) \land Px)), checked=a, just=Pr., name=pr
    [ [\lnot (\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \liff x = y)), subs=a, just=Conc.-neg., name=neg conc ]
    ]
  ]
\end{prooftree}

Turning to tree 3, we again note that its \square is nested within the previous two, so the square brackets for its \wff need to be nested within those for the previous \wffs. This time, we want to mark the line as discharged without substitution, so we simply use checked without a value. Since the justification for this line includes mathematics, we need to ensure that the relevant part of the justification is surrounded by $...$ or \(...\). This justification also refers to an earlier line in the proof. We could write this as just=1 $\exists\elim$, but instead we use the name we assigned earlier with the referencing feature provided by prooftrees. To do this, we put the reference, pr after the rest of the justification, separating the two parts by a colon i.e. \$\exists\elim$::pr and allow prooftrees to figure out the correct number.

\begin{prooftree}
  { 
    to prove={((\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \lif x = y) \land Px) \sststile{}{} (\exists x)(\forall y) (Py \liff x = y))
  }
  [ [((\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \lif x = y) \land Px)), checked=a, just=Pr., name=pr
    [ [\lnot (\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \liff x = y)), subs=a, just=Conc.-neg., name=neg conc
      [ [\lnot (\exists x)(\forall y)(Py \liff a = y) \land Pa), checked, just=\$\exists\elim$::pr ]
      ]
    ]
  ]
\end{prooftree}

Continuing in the same way, we surround each of the \wffs for 4, 5, 6 and 7 within square brackets nested within those surrounding the previous \wff since each of the trees is nested within the previous one. Where necessary, we use name to label lines we wish to refer to later, but we also use forest’s relative naming system when this seems easier. For example, in the next line we add, we specify the justification as just=$\land\elim$::!u. ! tells forest that the reference specifies a relationship between the current line and the referenced one, rather than referring to the other line by name. !u refers to the current line’s parent line — in this case, $((\forall y)(Py \lif a = y) \land Pa)$, checked, just=\$\exists\elim$::pr. !uu refers to the current line’s parent line’s parent line and so on.

\begin{prooftree}
  { 
    to prove={((\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \lif x = y) \land Px) \sststile{}{} (\exists x)(\forall y) (Py \liff x = y))
  }
  [ [((\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \lif x = y) \land Px)), checked=a, just=Pr., name=pr
    [ [\lnot (\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \liff x = y)), subs=a, just=Conc.-neg., name=neg conc
      [ [\lnot (\exists x)(\forall y)(Py \liff a = y) \land Pa), checked, just=\$\exists\elim$::!u, name=mark
        [ Pa, just=\$\land\elim$::!uu, name=simple ]
      ]
    ]
  ]
\end{prooftree}
Reaching 8, things get a little more complex since we now have not one, but two \(\bigcirc\) nested within 7. This means that we need two sets of square brackets for 8 — one for each of its two trees. Again, both of these should be nested within the square brackets for 7 but neither should be nested within the other because the trees for the two branches at 8 are distinct.

\begin{prooftree}
\{ to prove={((\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \iff x = y) \land Px) \sststile{}{} ((\exists x)(\forall y)(Py \iff x = y)) (Py \iff x = y)}
\}
[(((\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \iff x = y) \land Px)), checked=a, just=Pr., name=pr
 [\lnot ((\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \iff x = y)) (Py \iff x = y)), subs=b, just=$\lnot$\existselim$:neg conc
 [Pa, just=$\land$\elim$:$uu, name=simple
 [\lnot Pb]
 ]
 ]
 \end{prooftree}

At this point, we need to work separately or in parallel on each of our two branches since each constitutes its own tree. Turning to trees 9, each needs to be nested within the relevant tree 8, since each \(\bigcirc\) is nested within the applicable branch’s tree. Hence, we nest square brackets for each of the \textit{wff}s at 9 within the previous set.

\begin{prooftree}
\{ to prove={((\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \iff x = y) \land Px) \sststile{}{} ((\exists x)(\forall y)(Py \iff x = y)) (Py \iff x = y)}
\}
[(((\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \iff x = y) \land Px)), checked=a, just=Pr., name=pr
 [\lnot ((\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \iff x = y)) (Py \iff x = y)), subs=a, just=Conc.-neg., name=neg conc
 [((\forall y)(Py \iff a = y) \land Pa), checked, just=$\exists$\elim$:pr
 [\lnot ((\forall y)(Py \iff a = y)), subs=a, just=$\lnot$\existselim$:neg conc
 [\lnot (Pa \iff a = b)), checked, just=$\lnot$\forallelim$:!u
 [Pa, just=$\land$\elim$:$uu, name=simple
 [\lnot Pb]
 ]
 [a \neq b, just=$\iff$\elim$:!u
 [a = b]
 ]
 \end{prooftree}
We only have one tree as there is no corresponding tree in the left-hand branch. This isn’t a problem: we just need to ensure that we nest it within the appropriate tree. There are two additional complications here. The first is that the justification contains a comma, so we need to surround the argument we give just with curly brackets. That is, we must write just={5,9 $\implies$ elim} or just={$\implies$ elim:{simple,!u}}. The second is that we wish to close this branch with an indication of the line numbers containing inconsistent wffs. We can use close={8,10} for this or we can use the same referencing system we used to reference lines when specifying justifications and write close={:to Pb or not to Pb,!c}. In either case, we again surrounding the argument with curly brackets to protect the comma. !c refers to the current line — something useful in many close annotations, but not helpful in specifying non-circular justifications.

This completes the main right-hand branch of the tree and we can focus solely on the remaining left-hand one. Tree is straightforward — we just need to nest it within the left-hand tree.
At this point, the main left-hand branch itself branches, so we have two trees. Treating this in the same way as the earlier branch at \(8\), we use two sets of square brackets nested within those for tree \(12\), but with neither nested within the other. Since we also want to mark the leftmost branch as closed, we add close={:to Pb or not to Pb,!c} in the same way as before.

\begin{prooftree}
\[\exists x \left( (\forall y) \left( Py \iff x = y \right) \land Px \right) \sststile{}{} \left( \exists x \right) \left( \forall y \right) \left( Py \iff x = y \right)\]
\end{prooftree}
We complete our initial specification by nesting \( 13 \) within the appropriate tree \( 12 \), again marking closure appropriately.

\[
\begin{prooftree}
\text{to prove} = ((\exists x) ((\forall y) (Py \iff y) \land Px) \text{sststile}{} ((\exists x) ((\forall y) (Py \iff y)) \land Px) \text{sststile}{} ((\exists x) ((\forall y) (Py \iff y)))
\end{prooftree}
\]

Compiling our code, we find that the line numbering is not quite right:
\begin{prooftree}
  \begin{array}{c}
    \begin{array}{c}
      \exists x ((\forall y)(Py \rightarrow x = y) \land Px) \\
      \exists x ((\forall y)(Py \leftrightarrow x = y) \land Px) \\
      \exists x ((\forall y)(Py \rightarrow x = y) \land Px) \\
      \exists x ((\forall y)(Py \leftrightarrow x = y) \land Px) \\
      \exists x ((\forall y)(Py \rightarrow x = y) \land Px) \\
      \exists x ((\forall y)(Py \leftrightarrow x = y) \land Px) \\
      \exists x ((\forall y)(Py \rightarrow x = y) \land Px) \\
    \end{array} \\
    \begin{array}{c}
      \forall y (Py \rightarrow a = y) \land Pa \\
      \forall y (Py \rightarrow a = y) \land Pa \\
      \forall y (Py \rightarrow a = y) \land Pa \\
      \forall y (Py \rightarrow a = y) \land Pa \\
      \forall y (Py \rightarrow a = y) \land Pa \\
      \forall y (Py \rightarrow a = y) \land Pa \\
      \forall y (Py \rightarrow a = y) \land Pa \\
    \end{array}
  \end{array}
\end{prooftree}
which produces our desired result:

\[
(\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \to x = y) \land Px) \vdash (\exists x)(\forall y)(Py \leftrightarrow x = y)
\]

\begin{enumerate}
\item \((\exists x)((\forall y)(Py \to x = y) \land Px) \check{a}\) Pr.
\item \((\forall y)(Py \leftrightarrow x = y) \check{a}\) Conc. neg.
\item \((\forall y)(Py \to a = y) \land Pa \check{3}\) \& E
\item \((\forall y)(Py \to a = y) \check{3}\) \& E
\item \(Pb \check{7}\) \leftrightarrow E
\item \(a \neq b\) \check{8} \leftrightarrow E
\item \(a = b\) \check{11} \leftrightarrow E
\end{enumerate}
4 Loading the Package

To load the package simply add the following to your document’s preamble.

\usepackage{prooftrees}

prooftrees will load forest automatically.

The only option currently supported is tableaux. If this option is specified, the prooftree environment will be called tableau instead.

Example: \usepackage[tableaux]{prooftrees}

would cause the tableau environment to be defined rather than prooftree.

Any other options given will be passed to forest.

Example: \usepackage[debug]{prooftrees}

would enable forest’s debugging.

If one or more of forest’s libraries are to be loaded, it is recommended that these be loaded separately and their defaults applied, if applicable, within a local \TeX\ group so that they do not interfere with prooftrees’s environment.

5 Invocation

\begin{prooftree}{⟨tree preamble⟩}{⟨tree specification⟩}\end{prooftree}

The ⟨tree preamble⟩ is used to specify any non-default options which should be applied to the tree. It may contain any code valid in the preamble of a regular forest tree, in addition to setting prooftree options. The preamble may be empty, but the argument is required. The ⟨tree specification⟩ specifies the tree in the bracket notation parsed by forest.

Users of forest should note that the environments prooftree and forest differ in important ways.

• prooftree’s argument is mandatory.
• The tree’s preamble cannot be given in the body of the environment.
• \end{prooftree} must follow the ⟨tree specification⟩ immediately.

\begin{tableau}{⟨tree preamble⟩}{⟨tree specification⟩}\end{tableau}

A substitute for prooftree, defined instead of prooftree if the package option tableaux is specified or a \prooftree macro is already defined when prooftrees is loaded. See section 4 for details and section 9 for this option’s raison d’être.

6 Proof Tree Anatomy

The following diagram provides an overview of the configuration and anatomy of a prooftrees proof tree. Detailed documentation is provided in section 7 and section 8.

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1Failure to specify a required argument does not always yield a compilation error in the case of environments. However, failure to specify required arguments to environments often fails to achieve the best consequences, even when it does not result in compilation failures, and will, therefore, be avoided by the prudent.
### 7 Options

Most configuration uses the standard key/value interface provided by TikZ and extended by forest. These are divided into those which determine the overall appearance of the proof as a whole and those with more local effects.

#### 7.1 Global Options

The following options affect the global style of the tree and should typically be set in the tree’s preamble if non-default values are desired. The default values for the document can be set outside the prooftree environment using `\forestset{(settings)}`. If *only* proof trees will be typeset, a default style can be configured using *forest’s default preamble*.

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**Theorem/Entailment**
- specified with to prove
- format controlled by proof statement format
- named proof statement

**Discharge & Substitution**
- location & annotation content controlled by checked and subs within the (tree specification)
- discharge & substitution symbols controlled by check with & subs with
- check right & subs right control relative location

**Justifications**
- location automatic
- existence controlled implicitly or with justifications
- content specified with just
- cross-references supported
- global format controlled by just format & just refs left
- local format controlled by highlight just & just options
- named just n for proof line n

**Anatomy & Ontology**
- forest trees consist of (TikZ) nodes
- prooftrees places wffs, line numbers, justifications & proof statements into nodes
- the content & location of each node depends on its type: line number, wff, justification or proof statement
- the proof’s structure & appearance is determined by the (tree specification)
- node content, existence & location is controlled by one or both of these, depending on the node type

**Meaning & Reference**
- nodes for the proof statement, justifications & line numbers are given standard names for ease of reference
- the proof statement node is the root
- wff nodes may be named as required
- a cross-referencing system supports annotations in justifications and closures

**Closure**
- closure symbol & optional annotation
- location & annotation content controlled by close within the (tree specification)
- annotations support cross-references
- closure symbol controlled by close with and close with format
- global annotation format controlled by close format & close sep

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**options**
- content & location automatic
- existence controlled by line numbering
- global format controlled by line no format & linenumberstyle
- local format controlled by highlight line no & line no options
- named line no n for proof line n
auto move = true|false  
Default: true

Determines whether prooftrees will move lines automatically, where possible, to avoid combining different justifications when different branches are treated differently. The default is to avoid conflicts automatically where possible. Turning this off permits finer-grained control of what gets moved using move by. The following are equivalent to the default setting:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>auto move</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>auto move=true</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Either of the following will turn auto move off:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>not auto move</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>auto move=false</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

line numbering = true|false  
Default: true

This determines whether lines should be numbered. The default is to number lines. The following are equivalent to the default setting:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>line numbering</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>line numbering=true</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Either of the following will turn line numbering off:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>not line numbering</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>line numbering=false</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

justifications = true|false  
This determines whether justifications for lines of the proof should be typeset to the right of the tree. It is rarely necessary to set this option explicitly as it will be automatically enabled if required. The only exception concerns a proof for which a line should be moved but no justifications are specified. In this case either of the following should be used to activate the option:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>justifications</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>justifications=true</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

This is not necessary if just is used for any line of the proof.

single branches = true|false  
Default: false

This determines whether inference steps which do not result in at least two branches should draw and explicit branch. The default is to not draw single branches explicitly. The following are equivalent to the default setting:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>not single branches</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>single branches=false</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Either of the following will turn line numbering off:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>single branches</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>single branches=true</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Options

**line no width**

Forest dimension register

The maximum width of line numbers. By default, this is set to the width of the formatted line number 99.

Example: `line no width=20pt`

**just sep**

Forest dimension register

Default: 1.5em

Amount by which to shift justifications away from the tree. A larger value will shift the justifications further to the right, increasing their distance from the tree, while a smaller one will decrease this distance. Note that a negative value ought never be given. Although this will not cause an error, it may result in strange things happening. If you wish to decrease the distance between the tree and the justifications further, please set `just sep` to zero and use the options provided by forest and/or TikZ to make further negative adjustments.

Example: `just sep=.5em`

**line no sep**

Forest dimension register

Default: 1.5em

Amount by which to shift line numbers away from the tree. A larger value will shift the line numbers further to the left, increasing their distance from the tree, while a smaller one will decrease this distance. Note that a negative value ought never be given. Although this will not cause an error, it may result in strange things happening. If you wish to decrease the distance between the tree and the line numbers further, please set `line no sep` to zero and use the options provided by forest and/or TikZ to make further negative adjustments.

Example: `line no sep=5pt`

**close sep**

Forest dimension register

Default: `.75\baselineskip`

Distance between the symbol marking branch closure and any following annotation. If the format of such annotations is changed with `close format`, this dimension may require adjustment.

Example: `close sep=\baselineskip`

**proof tree inner proof width**

Forest dimension register

Default: 0pt

**proof tree inner proof midpoint**

Forest dimension register

Default: 0pt

**line no shift**

Forest count register

Default: 0

This value increments or decrements the number used for the first line of the proof. By default, line numbering starts at 1.

Example: `line no shift=3`

would begin numbering the lines at 4.

**zero start**

Forest style

Start line numbering from 0 rather than 1. The following are equivalent:

```latex
\begin{itemize}
  \item zero start
  \item line no shift=-1
\end{itemize}
```
to prove = \langle \textit{wff} \rangle

Statement of theorem or entailment to be typeset above the proof. In many cases, it will be necessary to enclose the statement in curly brackets.

Example: to prove=\{\sbtstile{}{} P \lif P\}

By default, the content is expected to be suitable for typesetting in maths mode and should \textit{not}, therefore, be enclosed by dollar signs or equivalent.

check with = \langle \text{symbol} \rangle

Default: \texttt{\ensuremath{\checkmark}} (✓)
Symbol with which to mark discharged lines.
Example: check with=\{\text{\texttt{\ding{52}}}\}

Within the tree, \texttt{checked} is used to identify discharged lines.

close with = \langle \text{symbol} \rangle

Default: \texttt{\ensuremath{\otimes}} (⊗)
Symbol with which to close branches.
Example: close with=\{\text{\texttt{\ast}}}\}

Within the tree, \texttt{close} is used to identify closed branches.

close with format = \langle \text{key-value list} \rangle

Additional Ti\textup{K}Z keys to apply to the closure symbol. Empty by default.
Example: close with format=\{\texttt{red, font=}\}

To replace a previously set value, rather than adding to it, use \texttt{close with format}' rather than \texttt{close with format}.

close format = \langle \text{key-value list} \rangle

Default: \texttt{font=\scriptsize}
Additional Ti\textup{K}Z keys to apply to any annotation following closure of a branch.
Example: close format=\{\texttt{font=\footnotesize\sffamily, text=gray!75}\}

To replace the default value of \texttt{close format}, rather than adding to it, use \texttt{close format}' rather than \texttt{close format}. 
Example: `close format'={text=red}`
will produce red annotations in the default font size, whereas
Example: `close format={text=red}`
will produce red annotations in \texttt{\scriptsize}.

```latex
\texttt{\ensuremath{\backslash}\omega}\quad\text{Symbol to indicate variable substitution.}
\texttt{\text{:}}\quad\text{Within the tree, \texttt{subs} is used to indicate variable substitution.}
```

```
\texttt{\text{subs right}}\quad\text{Default: true}
\texttt{\text{subs right}=false}\quad\text{Determines whether variable substitution should be indicated to the right of the \texttt{wff}. The alternative is, again, to place it to the left of the \texttt{wff}. The following are equivalent to the default setting:}

```
\texttt{\text{subs right}}\quad\texttt{\text{subs right}=true}
```

```
\texttt{\text{subs left}}\quad\text{Set \texttt{subs right}=false. The following are equivalent ways to place the annotations to the left:}

```
\texttt{\text{subs right}}\quad\texttt{\text{not subs right}}\quad\texttt{\text{subs left}}
```

```
\texttt{\text{just refs left}}\quad\text{Default: true}
\texttt{\text{just refs left}=false}\quad\text{Determines whether line number references should be placed to the left of justifications. The alternative is to place them to the right of justifications. The following are equivalent to the default setting:}

```
\texttt{\text{just refs left}}\quad\texttt{\text{just refs left}=true}
```

```
\texttt{\text{just refs right}}\quad\text{Set \texttt{just refs left}=false. The following are equivalent ways to place the references to the right:}

```
\texttt{\text{just refs left}}\quad\texttt{\text{not just refs left}}\quad\texttt{\text{just refs right}}
```

Note that this setting only affects the placement of line numbers specified using the cross-referencing system explained in section 7.2. Hard-coded line numbers in justifications will be typeset as is.

```
\texttt{\text{just format}}\quad\text{(key-value list)}\quad\text{Additional Ti\textsc{K}Z keys to apply to line justifications. Empty by default.}
\texttt{\text{just format}={\red\,font=}}\quad\text{Example: \texttt{just format}={\red\,font=}}
\texttt{\text{just format}'}\quad\text{To replace a previously set value, rather than adding to it, use \texttt{just format}' rather than \texttt{just format}.}
```
### 7.2 Local Options

The following options affect the local structure or appearance of the tree and should typically be passed as options to the relevant node(s) within the tree.

Indicate that a line is not an inference. When `single branches` is false, as it is with the default settings, this key is applied automatically and need not be given in the specification of the tree. When `single branches` is true, however, this key must be specified for any line which ought not be treated as an inference.

Example: `grouped`

Mark a complex `wff` as resolved, discharging the line.

Example: `checked`

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**Options**

**line no format**

Additional TikZ keys to apply to line numbers. Empty by default.

Example: `line no format={align=right, text=gray}`

To replace a previously set value, rather than adding to it, use `line no format` rather than `line no format`. To change the way the number itself is formatted — to eliminate the dot, for example, or to put the number in brackets — redefine `\linenumberstyle` (see section 8).

**wff format**

Additional TikZ keys to apply to `wff`s. Empty by default.

Example: `wff format={draw=orange}`

To replace a previously set value, rather than adding to it, use `wff format` rather than `wff format`.

**proof statement format**

Additional TikZ keys to apply to the proof statement. Empty by default.

Example: `proof statement format={text=gray, draw=gray}`

To replace a previously set value, rather than adding to it, use `proof statement format` rather than `proof statement format`.

**highlight format**

Default: `draw=gray`, rounded corners

Additional TikZ keys to apply to highlighted `wff`s.

Example: `highlight format={text=red}`

To apply highlighting, use the `highlight wff`, `highlight just`, `highlight line no` and/or `highlight line` keys (see section 7.2).

**merge delimiter**

Default: \text{; } (; )

Punctuation to separate distinct justifications for a single proof line. Note that `prooftrees` will issue a warning if it detects different justifications for a single proof line and will suggest using `move` by to avoid the need for merging justifications. In general, justifications ought not be merged because it is then less clear to which `wff(s)` each justification applies. Moreover, later references to the proof line will be similarly ambiguous. That is, `merge delimiter` ought almost never be necessary because it is almost always better to restructure the proof to avoid ambiguity.

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Existential elimination, discharge by substituting \langle name\rangle.

Example: \texttt{checked=a}

Close branch.

Example: close

\begin{verbatim}
close = \langle annotation\rangle
= \langle annotation prefix\rangle: \langle references\rangle
\end{verbatim}

Close branch with annotation. In the simplest case, \langle annotation\rangle contains no colon and is typeset simply as it is. Any required references to other lines of the proof are assumed to be given explicitly.

Example: close={12,14}

If \langle annotation\rangle includes a colon, \texttt{prooftrees} assumes that it is of the form \langle annotation prefix\rangle: \langle references\rangle. In this case, the material prior to the colon should include material to be typeset before the line numbers and the material following the colon should consist of one or more references to other lines in the proof. In typical cases, no prefix will be required so that the colon will be the first character. In case there is a prefix, \texttt{prooftrees} will insert a space prior to the line numbers. \langle references\rangle may consist of either \texttt{forest} names (e.g. given by \texttt{name=} \langle name label\rangle and then used as \langle name label\rangle) or \texttt{forest} relative node names (e.g. \langle nodewalk\rangle) or a mixture.

Example: close={:negated\ conclusion}

where \texttt{name=negated\ conclusion} was used to label an earlier proof line \texttt{negated\ conclusion}. If multiple references are given, they should be separated by commas and either \langle references\rangle or the entire \langle annotation\rangle must be enclosed in curly brackets, as is usual for \texttt{TikZ} and \texttt{forest} values containing commas.

Example: close={:!c,!uuu}

\begin{verbatim}
subs = \langle name\rangle/\langle names\rangle
\end{verbatim}

Universal instantiation, instantiate with \langle name\rangle or \langle names\rangle.

Example: \texttt{subs={a,b}}

\begin{verbatim}
just = \langle justification\rangle
= \langle justification\ prefix/suffix\rangle: \langle references\rangle
\end{verbatim}

Justification for inference. This is typeset in text mode. Hence, mathematical expressions must be enclosed suitably in dollar signs or equivalent. In the simplest case, \langle justification\rangle contains no colon and is typeset simply as it is. Any required references to other lines of the proof are assumed to be given explicitly.

Example: \texttt{just=3 \$\lor\$}

If \langle justification\rangle includes a colon, \texttt{prooftrees} assumes that it is of the form \langle justification\ prefix/suffix\rangle: \langle references\rangle. In this case, the material prior to the colon should include material to be typeset before or after the line numbers and the material following the colon should consist of one or more references to other lines in the proof. Whether the material prior to the colon is interpreted as a \langle justification\ prefix\rangle or a \langle justification\ suffix\rangle depends on the value of \texttt{just\ refs\ left}. \langle references\rangle may consist of either \texttt{forest} names (e.g. given by \texttt{name=} \langle name label\rangle and then used as \langle name label\rangle) or \texttt{forest} relative node names (e.g. \langle nodewalk\rangle) or a mixture. If multiple references are given, they should be separated by commas and \langle references\rangle must be enclosed in curly brackets. If \texttt{just\ refs\ left} is true, as it is by default, then the appropriate line number(s) will be typeset before the \langle justification\ suffix\rangle.

Example: \texttt{just=$\neg\exists$\elim{:!uu,!u}}

If \texttt{just\ refs\ left} is false, then the appropriate line number(s) will be typeset after the \langle justification\ prefix\rangle.
Example: `just=from:bertha`

\[ \text{move by} \quad \text{(positive integer)} \]

Move the content of the current line \( \text{(positive integer) lines} \) later in the proof. If the current line has a justification and the content is moved, the justification will be moved with the line. Later lines in the same branch will be moved appropriately, along with their justifications.

Example: `move by=3`

Note that, in many cases, `prooftrees` will automatically move lines later in the proof. It does this when it detects a condition in which it expects conflicting justifications may be required for a line while initially parsing the tree. Essentially, `prooftrees` tries to detect cases in which a branch is followed closely by asymmetry in the structure of the branches. This happens, for example, when the first branch's first \textit{wff} is followed by a single \textit{wff}, while the second branch's first \textit{wff} is followed by another branch. Diagrammatically:

\[
\begin{array}{cc}
\text{wff} & \text{wff} \\
\text{wff} & \text{wff} \\
\text{wff} & \text{wff} \\
\text{wff} & \text{wff} \\
\text{wff} & \text{wff} \\
\end{array}
\]

In this case, `prooftrees` tries to adjust the tree by moving lines appropriately if required.

However, this detection is merely structural — `prooftrees` does not examine the content of the \textit{wff}s or justifications for this purpose. Nor does it look for slightly more distant structural asymmetries, conflicting justifications in the absence of structural asymmetry or potential conflicts with justifications for lines in other, more distant parallel branches. Although it is not that difficult to detect the need to move lines in a greater proportion of cases, the problem lies in providing general rules for deciding how to resolve such conflicts. (Indeed, some such conflicts might be better left unresolved e.g. to fit a proof on a single Beamer slide.) In these cases, a human must tell `prooftrees` if something should be moved, what should be moved and how far it should be moved.

Because simple cases are automatically detected, it is best to typeset the proof before deciding whether or where to use this option since `prooftrees` will assume that this option specifies movements which are required \textit{in addition to} those it automatically detects. Attempting to move a line ‘too far’ is not advisable. `prooftrees` tries to simply ignore such instructions, but the results are likely to be unpredictable.

Not moving a line far enough — or failing to move a line at all — may result in the content of one justification being combined with that of another. This happens if `just` is specified more than once for the same proof line with differing content. `prooftrees does` examine the content of justifications for this purpose. When conflicting justifications are detected for the same proof line, the justifications are merged and a warning issued suggesting the use of `move by`.

Highlight \textit{wff}.

Example: `highlight wff`

Highlight justification.
Example: highlight just

Highlight line number.

Example: highlight line no

Highlight proof line.

Example: highlight line

= ⟨key-value list⟩

Additional TiKZ keys to apply to the line number for this line.

Example: line no options={blue}

= ⟨key-value list⟩

Additional TiKZ keys to apply to the justification for this line.

Example: just options={draw, font=\bfseries}

= ⟨key-value list⟩

Additional TiKZ keys to apply to the wff for this line.

Example: wff options={magenta, draw}

Note that this key is provided primarily for symmetry as it is faster to simply give the options directly to forest to pass on to TiKZ. Unless wff format is set to a non-default value, the following are equivalent:

```latex
wff options={magenta, draw}
```

magenta, draw

Example: line options={draw, rounded corners}

= ⟨key-value list⟩

Additional TiKZ keys to apply to this proof line.

Example: line no override={n}

Substitute ⟨text⟩ for the programmatically-assigned line number. ⟨text⟩ will be wrapped by \linenumberstyle, so should not be anything which would not make sense in that context.

Example: no line no

Do not typeset a line number for this line. Intended for use in trees where line numbering is activated, but some particular line should not have its number typeset. Note that the number for the line is still assigned and the node which would otherwise contain that number is still typeset. If the next line is automatically numbered, the line numbering will, therefore, ‘jump’, skipping the omitted number.

Example: no line no

8 Macros

\linenumberstyle
{(number)}

This macro is responsible for formatting the line numbers. The default definition is

\newcommand*{\linenumberstyle}{1}[1]\{#1.\}

It may be redefined with \renewcommand* in the usual way. For example, if for some reason you would like bold line numbers, try
9  Compatibility

Versions of prooftrees prior to 0.5 are incompatible with bussproofs, which also defines a prooftree environment. Version 0.6 is compatible with bussproofs provided

either bussproofs is loaded before prooftrees

or prooftrees is loaded with option tableaux (see section 4).

In either case, prooftrees will not define a prooftree environment, but will instead define tableau. This allows you to use tableau for prooftrees trees and prooftree for bussproofs trees.

10  Version History

10.1  0.8

Add previously unnoticed dependency on amstext. Attempt to fix straying closure symbols evident in documentation and a \TeX\ SE question\textsuperscript{2}

Documentation now loads enumitem, since it depended on it already anyway and specifies doc2 in options for \texttt{ltxdoc} as the code is incompatible with the current version.

10.2  0.7

Implement auto move. See section 7.1. The main point of this option is to allow automatic moves to be switched off if one teaches students to first apply all available non-branching rules for the tableau as a whole, as opposed to all non-branching rules for the sub-tree. The automatic algorithm is consistent with the latter, but not former, approach. The algorithm favours compact trees, which are more likely to fit on \texttt{beamer} slides. Switching the algorithm off permits users to specify exactly how things should or should not be move. Thanks to Peter Smith for prompting this.

Fix bug reported at \url{tex.stackexchange.com/q/479263/39222}.

10.3  0.6

Add compatibility option for use with bussproofs. See section 4. Thanks to Peter Smith for suggesting this.

10.4  0.5

Significant re-implementation leveraging the new argument processing facilities in forest 2.1. This significantly improves performance as the code is executed much faster than the previous \texttt{pgfmath} implementation.

10.5  0.41

Update for compatibility with forest 2.1.

10.6  0.4

Bug fix release:

* line no shift was broken;

\textsuperscript{2}\url{https://tex.stackexchange.com/q/619314/}.
• in some cases, an edge was drawn where no edge belonged.

10.7 0.3

First CTAN release.

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