

# LaTeX for Linguists!

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## Abstract

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Linguistic Examples

I use the `linguex` package for linguistic examples. Here are some simple cases in (1).

- (1) You are reading an English example.

```
\ex. \label{ex:simple:1}
  You are reading an English example.
```

**Note** You need an empty line following any `\ex.` code, otherwise the document will not compile. Always check if there is an empty line after examples in the code.

Slightly more complicated examples can have sub-items like (2-a) and (2-b)

- (2) *Gapping*
- a. I like coffee, and you like<sub>i</sub> tea.
  - b. I like coffee, and you   <sub>i</sub> tea.

```
\ex. \label{ex:simple:2}
  \textit{Gapping}
  \a. \label{ex:simple:2:A}
      I like coffee, and you like\textsubscript{i} tea.
  \b. \label{ex:simple:2:B}
      I like coffee, and you \gap{i} tea.
```

You can embed further with `\a.` and go to a lower indentation with `\z.` as in (3).

- (3) *main level*
- a. *2nd level*
    - (i) *3rd level*
    - (ii) *3rd level*
  - b. *2nd level*
  - c. *2nd level*
    - (i) *3rd level*
    - (ii) *3rd level*
    - (iii) *3rd level*
  - d. *2nd level*

```
\ex. \label{ex:embedding}
\textit{main level}
\ a. \textit{2nd level}
    \ a. \textit{3rd level}
    \ b. \textit{3rd level}
    \ z.
\ b. \textit{2nd level}
\ b. \textit{2nd level}
    \ a. \textit{3rd level}
    \ b. \textit{3rd level}
    \ c. \textit{3rd level}
    \ z.
\ b. \textit{2nd level}
```

**Note** Adding indented stuff with `\b.` is the same as `\c.`, `\d.`, etc., **except** for `\z.` which de-indent to the higher level.

## 1.2 Glossed Examples

Here is how to do glossed examples.

- (4) Bu da başka bir cümle.  
 this also another one sentence  
 ‘And this is another sentence.’

```
\exg.
Bu da başka bir cümle.\
this also another one sentence\
‘And this is another sentence.’\
```

You can also have glossed embedded examples

- (5) a. Bu bir-inci cümle.  
 this one-ORD sentence  
 ‘This is the first sentence.’

- b. Bu iki-nci cümle.  
this two-ORD sentence  
'This is the second sentence.'

```
\ex.
\ag.
  Bu bir-inci cümle.\\
  this one-\textsc{ord} sentence\\
  'This is the first sentence.'\\
\bg.
  Bu iki-nci cümle.\\
  this two-\textsc{ord} sentence\\
  'This is the second sentence.'\\
```

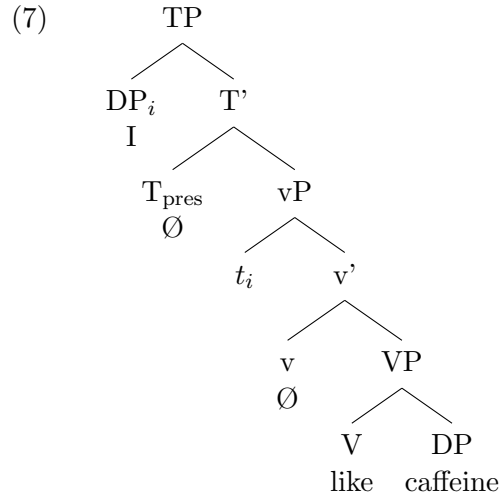
**Note** The glossed examples like `\ex.`, `\ag.`, and `\bg.` require at least two lines ending in `\\` otherwise you'll have a compilation error.

- (6) *Glossed examples without a free translation line*
  - a. Bu bir-inci cümle.  
this one-ORD sentence
  - b. Bu iki-nci cümle.  
this two-ORD sentence

```
\ex. \textit{Glossed examples without a free translation line}
\ag.
  Bu bir-inci cümle.\\
  this one-\textsc{ord} sentence\\
\bg.
  Bu iki-nci cümle.\\
  this two-\textsc{ord} sentence\\
```

## 2 Syntactic Trees

Here is the simple way to do trees. I have set up the tree package `forest` for my favorite tree style in the preamble, so I think any tree you make will be fancy. If you don't like it, you can return to the default look by just commenting that part in the preamble.

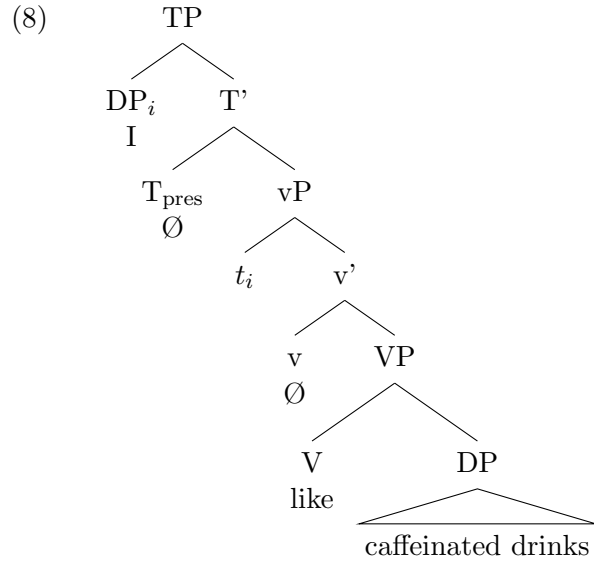


```

\ex. \label{tree:simple}
\begin{forest}
[TP
  [DP$_i$\\I]
  [T'
    [T\textsubscript{pres}\\\emptyset]
    [vP
      [$t_i$]
      [v'
        [v\\\emptyset]
        [VP
          [V\\like]
          [DP\\caffeine]
        ]
      ]
    ]
  ]
]
\end{forest}

```

You can have the ‘lazy triangles’ if you don’t want to draw the internal structure of a phrase.



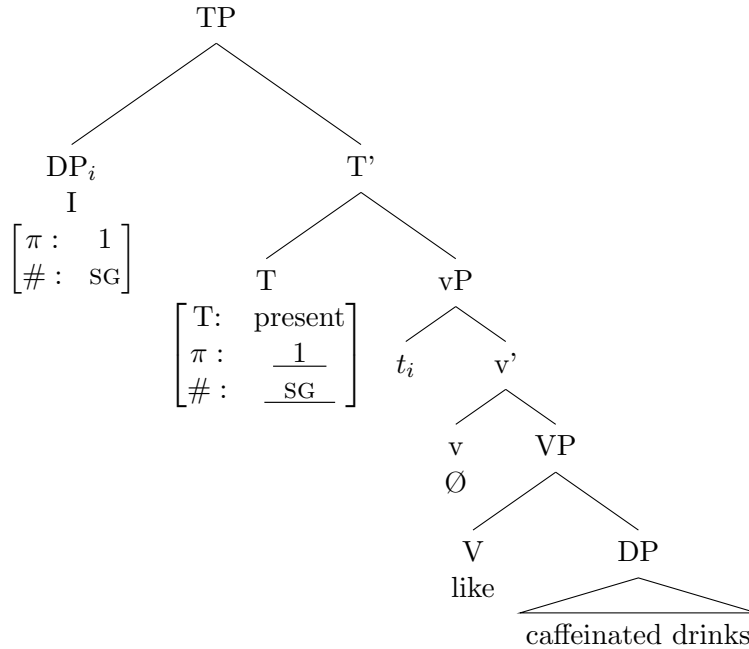
```

\ex. \label{tree:roof}
\begin{forest}
[TP
  [DP$_i$\\I]
  [T'
    [T\textsubscript{pres}\\\Ø]
    [vP
      [$t_i$]
      [v'
        [v\\\Ø]
        [VP
          [V\\like]
          [DP
            [caffeinated drinks, roof]
          ]
        ]
      ]
    ]
  ]
]
\end{forest}

```

You can add feature matrices below nodes, but you should add curly brackets around them in the code.

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```
\ex. \label{tree:featmat}
\begin{forest}
[TP
  [DP$_i$\\I\\
    {\begin{bmatrix}
      \pi: & 1\\
      \#: & \textsc{sg}
    \end{bmatrix}}
  ]
  [T'
    [T\\
      {\begin{bmatrix}
        \text{T:} & \text{present}\\
        \pi: & \underline{1}\\
        \#: & \underline{\textsc{sg}}
      \end{bmatrix}}
    ]
    [vP
      [$_t_i$]
      [v'
        [v\\\emptyset]
        [VP
          [V\\like]
          [DP
            [caffeinated drinks, roof]
          ]
        ]
      ]
    ]
  ]
]
\end{forest}
```

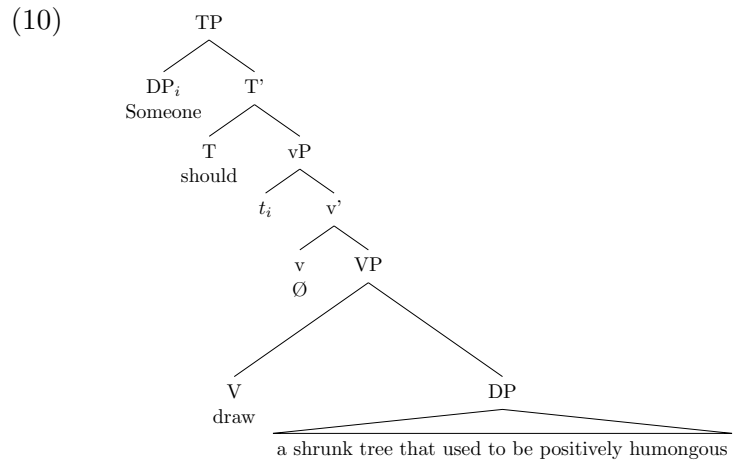
```

]
]
\end{forest}

```

## 2.1 Sizing

If you want to shrink your trees to fit somewhere, using `\resizebox{}{}{}` is the simplest way I have found. You can either set an absolute width value like `1.5in` or a width relative to the page like `0.5\textwidth`.



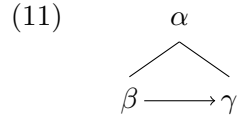
```

\ex. \label{tree:shrinking}
\resizebox{0.5\textwidth}{!}{
\begin{forest}
[TP
[DP$_i$\\Someone]
[T'
[T\\should]
[vP
[$t_i$]
[v'
[v\\\emptyset]
[VP
[V\\draw]
[DP
[a shrunk tree that used to be positively humongous, roof]
]
]
]
]
]
]
]
\end{forest}
}

```

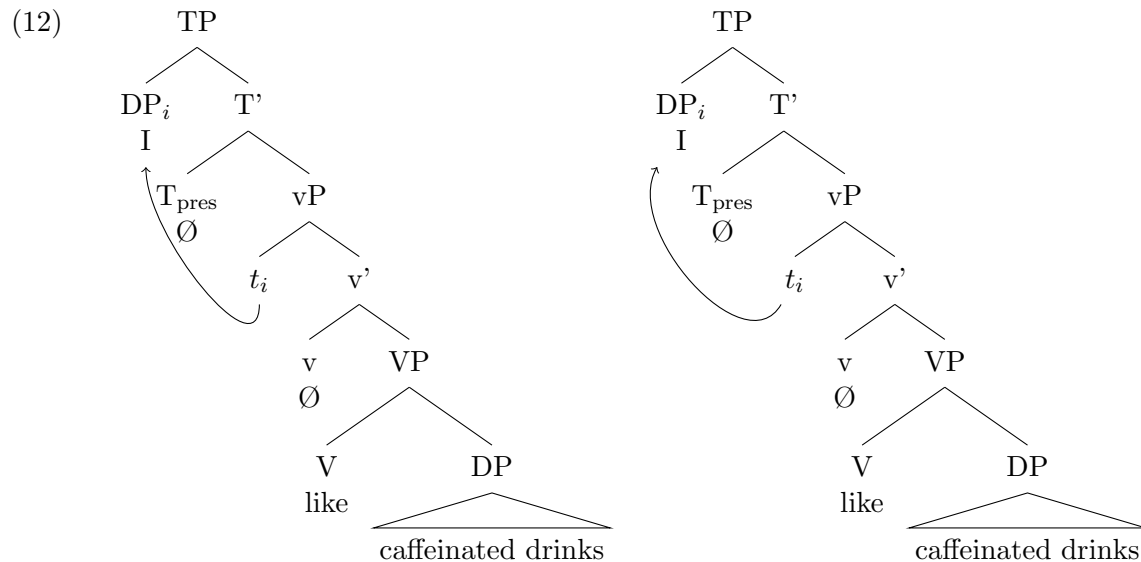
## 2.2 Arrows

Adding movement arrows is not hard. You just need to name the nodes by adding `, name=INSERT-NAME`, and add a draw command after the tree inside the `\begin{forest}... \end{forest}` environment. Here is a simple straight arrow example.



```
\ex. \label{tree:straight-arrow}
\begin{forest}
[ $\alpha$ 
  [ $\beta$ , name=beta]
  [ $\gamma$ , name=gamma]
]
\draw[->] (beta) to (gamma);
\end{forest}
```

Though, if you are doing syntax, you probably want to do curvy arrows. You just need to set the angles that the arrow attaches to each node.



```
\ex. \label{tree:curvy-arrow}
\begin{forest}
[TP
  [DP$_i$\\I, name=high-subj]
  [T'
    [T\textsubscript{pres}\\\emptyset]
    [vP
      [ $t_i$ , name=low-subj]
      [v'
        [v\\\emptyset]
      ]
    ]
  ]
]
\draw[>] (low-subj) to[bend left] (high-subj);
\end{forest}
```



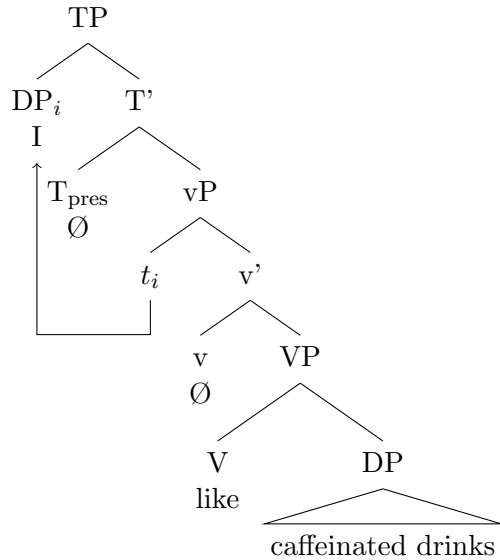
```

                [VP
                  [V\\like]
                  [DP
                    [caffeinated drinks, roof]
                  ]
                ]
            ]
        ]
    ]
    \draw[->] (low-subj) to[in=-90, out=-90] (high-subj);
\end{forest}
\begin{forest}
[TP
  [DP$_i$\\I, name=high-subj]
  [T'
    [T\textsubscript{pres}\\\0]
    [vP
      [$t_i$, name=low-subj]
      [v'
        [v\\\0]
        [VP
          [V\\like]
          [DP
            [caffeinated drinks, roof]
          ]
        ]
      ]
    ]
  ]
]
]
\draw[->] (low-subj) to[in=-120, out=-120] (high-subj);
\end{forest}

```

You can also do blocky arrows.

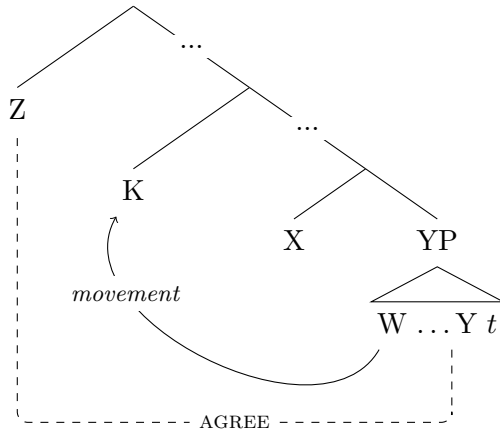
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```
\ex. \label{tree:blocky-arrows}
\begin{forest}
  [TP
    [DP$_i$\\I, name=high-subj]
    [T'
      [T\textsubscript{pres}\\\0]
      [vP
        [$t_i$, name=low-subj]
        [v'
          [v\\\0]
          [VP
            [V\\like]
            [DP
              [caffeinated drinks, roof]
            ]
          ]
        ]
      ]
    ]
  ]
\draw[->] (low-subj) |- +(0, -2em) -| (high-subj);
\end{forest}
```

You can also select which side or corner of the node any arrow originates from or offset it by `yshift` or `xshift`.

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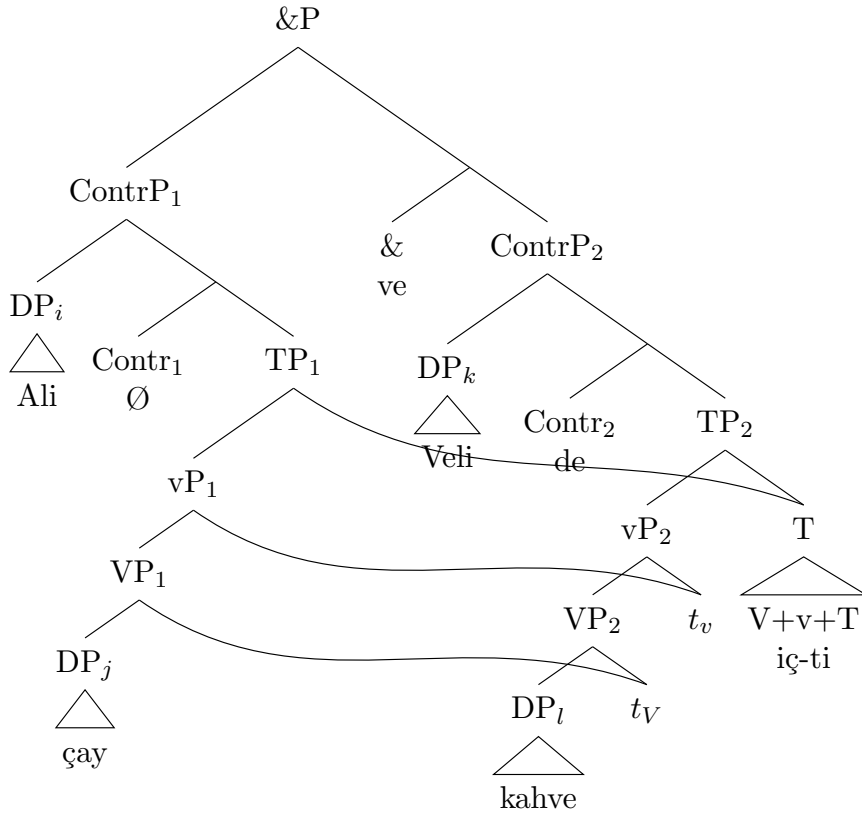
\ex.

```
\begin{forest}
  [
    [Z, name=Z]
    [, edge label={node[midway,fill=white]{...}}
    [K, name=K]
    [, edge label={node[midway,fill=white]{...}}
    [X]
    [YP]
    [W \ldots Y $t$, roof, name=YP]
  ]
]
\draw[dashed, rounded corners] ([xshift=0.5em]YP.south) |- +(0, -2.5em) -|
  node[near start, fill=white, font=\footnotesize] {\textsc{agree}} (Z.south);
\draw[->] ([xshift=-2em]YP.south) to[out=-120, in=-120] node[near end,
  fill=white, font=\footnotesize\it] {movement} (K.south west);
\end{forest}
```

### 2.3 Multidominance

You can also use arrows to create multidominance structures.

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```
\ex.
\resizebox{0.9\textwidth}{!}{
\begin{forest}
,wide
[\&P
  [ContrP$_1$
    [DP$_i$[Ali,roof]]
    [%Foc'$_1$
      [Contr$_1$\\\0]
      [TP$_1$
        % [$t_i$]
        % [
          % T'$_1$
          ,name=T1
          [vP$_1$
            %[$t_i$]
            %[$v'$_1$
            ,name=v1
            [VP$_1$,name=V1
              [DP$_j$[çay,roof]]
              [,phantom]
            ]
            [,phantom]
          ]
        ]
      ]
    ]
  ]
}
```

```

]
    [,phantom]
  % ]
]
]
]
[\&'
  [\&\ve]
  [ContrP$_2$
  [DP$_k$[Veli,roof]]
    [%Foc'$_2$
      [Contr$_2$\de]
      [TP$_2$
        % [$t_k$]
        % [T'$_2$
          [vP$_2$
            % [$t_k$]
            % [v'$_2$
              [VP$_2$
                [DP$_1$[kahve,roof]]
                [$t_v$,name=V2]
              ]
              [$t_v$,name=v2]
            %]
          ]
          [T,name=T2 [V+v+T\iç-ti,roof] ]
        % ]
      ]
    ]
  ]
]
]
]
]
\draw[-] (V1.south) to[out=-35, in=160] (V2.north);
\draw[-] (v1.south) to[out=-35, in=160] (v2.north);
\draw[-] (T1.south) to[out=-35, in=160] (T2.north);
\end{forest}}

```

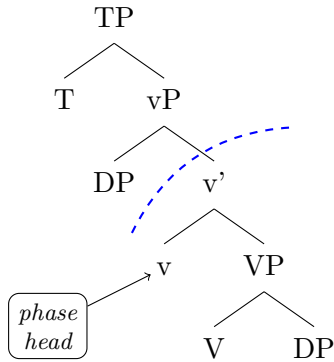
## 2.4 Labeling & Cosmetics

You can also add labels if you learn how to create nodes relative to other nodes.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Modified from Karlos Arregui & Andrew Murphy's  $\LaTeX$ guide with `tikz`. Theirs worked just as well, but I still find the `forest` syntax easier, so here is the `forest` version.

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\ex.

```
\begin{forest}
```

```
[TP
```

```
[T
```

```
[vP
```

```
[DP
```

```
[v', name=vp
```

```
[v, name=v]
```

```
[VP
```

```
[V
```

```
[DP
```

```
]
```

```
]
```

```
]
```

```
\node[] at ([xshift=-3em,yshift=-2em]vp) (ph1) {};
```

```
\node[] at ([xshift=3em,yshift=2em]vp) (ph2) {};
```

```
\draw[dashed,thick,color=blue](ph1) to [bend left=30] (ph2);
```

```
\node[align=center,draw,rounded corners,font=\footnotesize\it] at ([xshift=-4em,yshift=-2em]vp) (ph-label) {};
```

```
\draw[->] (ph-label) to (v);
```

```
\end{forest}
```

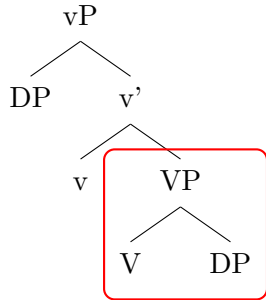
The previous tree not only shows how to create a node, but also some decorative touches you can do. There are many things you can do: **draw** makes a rectangular border around a node, **draw**, **circle** makes the border circular, **rounded corners** rounds corners on shapes and arrows, **dashed** makes it a dashed line, **thick** makes lines bold, and so forth.

Here is a very fancy one where you can put a border around a set of nodes or a constituent in your tree.<sup>2</sup>

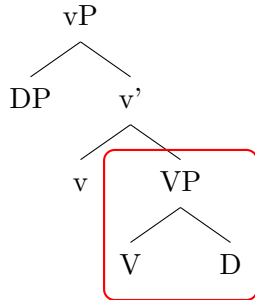
(17) a. *selecting nodes manually*

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<sup>2</sup>Also adapted from Karlos Arregui & Andrew Murphy's tutorial.



b. *selecting a subtree*



\ex.

\a. \textit{selecting nodes manually}\\

\begin{forest}

```

[vP
  [DP]
  [v'
    [v]
    [VP, name=VP
      [V, name=V]
      [DP, name=DP]
    ]
  ]
]
```

\node[draw, rounded corners, color=red, thick, fit= (VP) (V) (DP)];

\end{forest}\\

\b. \textit{selecting a subtree}\\

\begin{forest}

```

[vP
  [DP]
  [v'
    [v]
    [VP, tikz={\node [draw, rounded corners, color=red, thick,fit to=tree];}
      [V]
      [D]
    ]
  ]
]
```

\end{forest}

### 3 Conclusive Remarks

This was a short guide on what I do in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X as a linguist. There are many topics I didn't touch, but this should do for a start right now. I will update this document if I find new useful tools or better alternatives. Until then, I hope this helps some people.