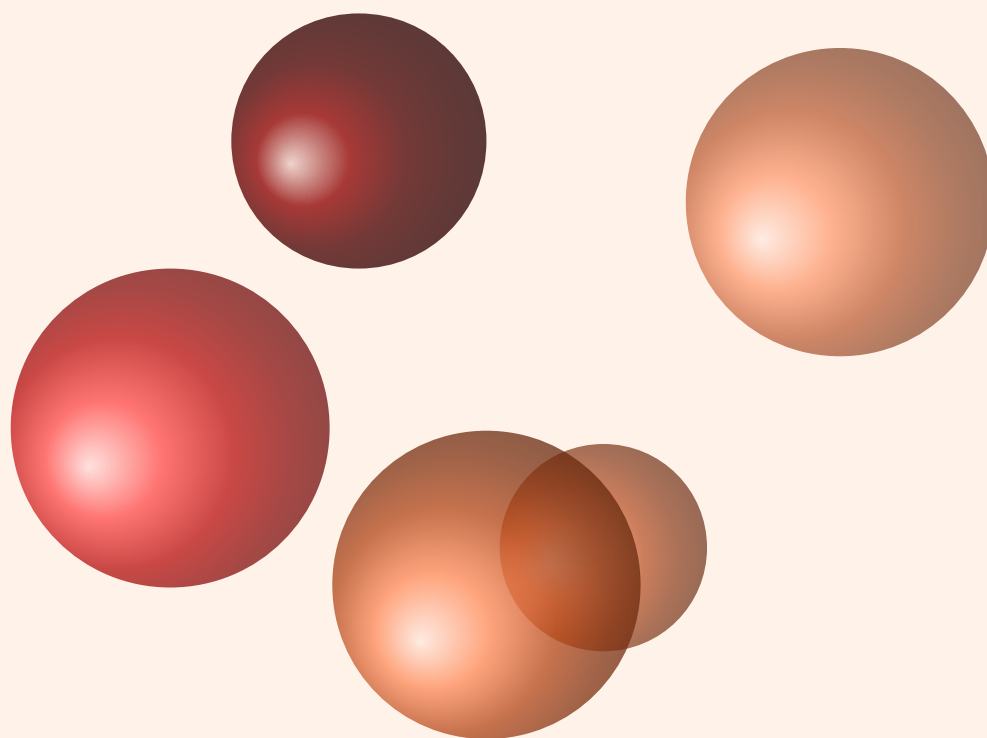


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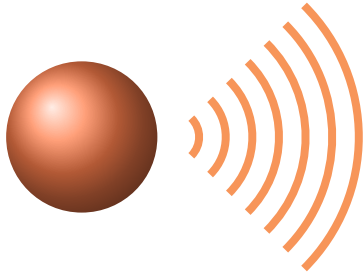
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Tkz-linknodes.sty arose from a question of **Philippe Ivaldi**, about **TikZ**. It was a question of knowing if we could easily create links between the lines of an environment as *aligned* or still *align* by indicating the operation made between the two lines. With the Philippe's acute remarks and his active collaboration, I hope I can bring you a useful tool.

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1 Introduction

Here is an example of what Philippe wanted when he used the environment `aligned`¹.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 3\left(x^2 - \frac{2}{3}\right) = 4 & \xrightarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}} & \text{expand} \quad (1) \\
 3x^2 - 2 = 4 & \xleftarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}} & +2 \quad (2) \\
 3x^2 = 6 & \xleftarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}} & \quad (3) \\
 \text{isolate the term with the variable} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}} & \div 3 \\
 x^2 = 2 & \xleftarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}} & \quad (4) \\
 \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{2} & \xleftarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}} & \sqrt{\dots} \quad (5) \\
 |x| = \sqrt{2} & \xleftarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}} & \sqrt{x} = |x| \quad (6) \\
 x = \pm\sqrt{2} & \xleftarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}} & \text{so that} \quad (7)
 \end{array}$$

`tkz-linknodes.sty` is based on TikZ, constituted by an environment `NodesList` and two macros `\AddNode` and `\LinkNodes`.

Philippe and I wanted a maximum of simplicity in the syntax and wish that it so stays even if developments occur. Without another word, it's the simplicity itself.

¹ The `aligned` environment is similar to the `array` environment, there exists no starred version and it has only one equation number and has to be part of another math environment, which should be equation environment.

2 Installation

2.1 How to install the package `linknodes.sty`

It is possible that when you will read this document, `tkz-tab` is present on the CTAN² server. If `tkz-tab` is not still a part of your distribution, this chapter shows you how to install it.

2.2 With TeXLive under OS X and Linux

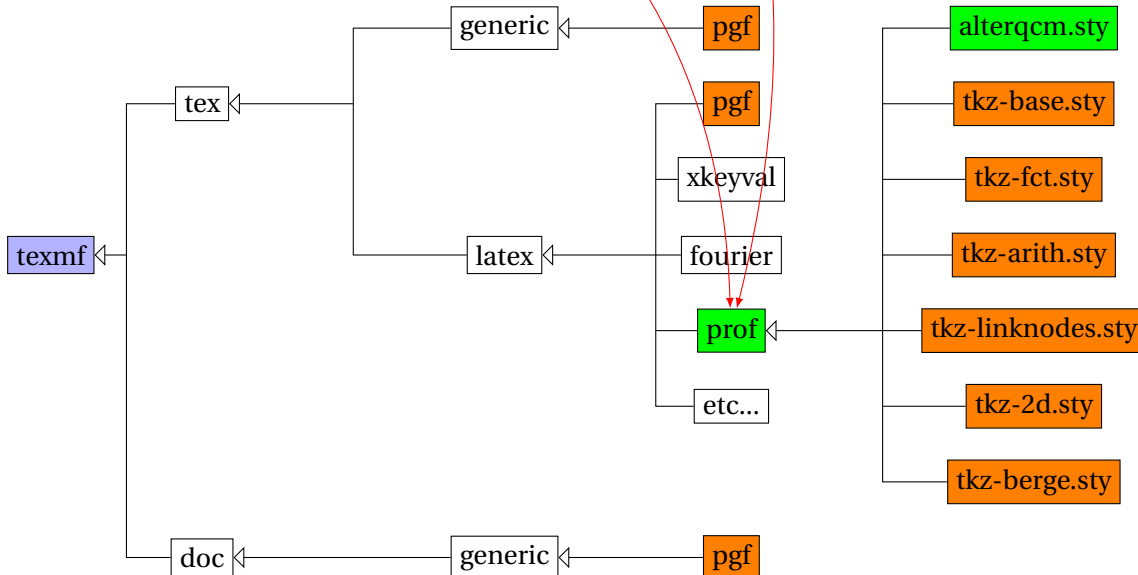
You could simply create a folder `prof` which path is : `texmf/tex/latex/prof`. `texmf` is generally the personal folder. For example the paths of this folder on my two computers are

- with OS X `/Users/ego/Library/texmf` ;
- with Ubuntu `/home/ego/texmf` .

If you choose a custom location for your files, I suppose that you know why! The installation that I propose, is valid only for one user.

1. Store the file `tkz-linknodes.sty` in the folder `prof` .
2. Open a terminal, then type `sudo texhash`
3. Check that `xkeyval(>=2.5)` and `tikz 2.0` are installed.

My folder `texmf` is structured as in the diagram below because I use the CVS³ version of `TikZ`. You don't need all the `pgf` folders.



² `tkz-tab` is not still a part of TeXLive but it will be soon possible to install it with `tlmgr`

³ You can find the cvs version here : <http://www.texample.net/tikz/builds/> without CVS or here with CVS <http://sourceforge.net/projects/pgf/>

2.3 How to work with the tkz- \LaTeX -package under Windows?

Download and install the following files (if not yet done):

1. the \LaTeX -system MiKTeX from

<http://www.miktex.org/>.

What file you need (e.g. `basic-miktex-2.7.2904.exe`) and how to install this program is explained there in the "Download" section of the respective version (current version is 2.7). In general and as usual in windows, you run the setup process by starting the setup file : (e.g. `basic-miktex-2.7.2904.exe`).

2. Till Tantau's \LaTeX -package `pgf-tikz` from

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/pgf/>

"For MiKTeX, use the update wizard [of MiKTeX] to install the (latest versions of the) packages called `pgf`, `xcolor`, and `xkeyval`." (cited from the `pgf` manual, contained in the files downloaded).

3. the `sty`-files and the `doc`-files of Alain's `tkz`-package from

<http://www.altermundus.fr/pages/download.html>.

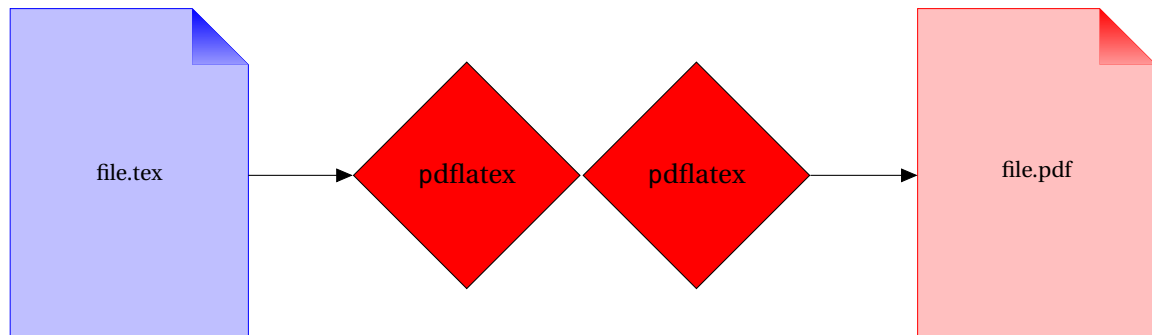
or

<http://altermundus.com/pages/download.html>. To add the files to MiKTeX:

- add a directory `prof` in the directory `[MiKTeX-dir]/tex/latex`, e.g. in windows explorer,
- copy the `sty`-files in this directory `prof`,
- update the MiKTeX system, ether by running in a DOS shell the command `"mktexlsr -u"` or by clicking "Start/Programs/Miktex/Settings/General", then push the button "Refresh FNDB".

3 How to use the package `linknodes.sty`

You can compile with `pdflatex` but you have to compile your document twice! It's possible to compile with `latex` but only if the version of `pdftex` is equal to or greater than 1.40.



The package loads, tries to load `xkeyval`[2005/11/25], `tikz`[2007/06/07] version 2.00, `amsmath`, `etex` and `ifthen`.

3.1 Minimal example but complete

```

1 \documentclass[article]
2 \usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
3 \usepackage[upright]{fourier}
4 \usepackage{tkz-linknodes}
5 \begin{document}
6 \begin{NodesList}
7 \[ % formula no "inline"
8 \begin{aligned}
9 2x &= 8 && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
10 x &= 4 && \backslash\text{AddNode}
11 \end{aligned}
12 \]
13 \LinkNodes{\div 2}
14 \end{NodesList}
15 \end{document}
  
```

3.2 Result

$$\begin{array}{l}
 2x = 8 \text{ --- } \boxed{\hspace{10em}} \\
 x = 4 \text{ } \leftarrow \hspace{10em} \div 2
 \end{array}$$

4 Essential environment `NodesList` and macros `\LinkNodes` and `\AddNode`

4.1 The environment `NodesList`

```
\begin{NodesList} [⟨options⟩] ⟨environment contents⟩ \end{NodesList}
```

options	default	definition
<code>margin</code>	2cm	right margin
<code>dy</code>	1.5pt	$2 \times dy$ is the space between two adjacent arrows on the same node.

The use of this environment is obligatory. It admits options which we are going to detail in the following examples. These options are not obligatory and the values by default are given in the table above.

4.2 The command `\AddNode`

```
\AddNode[⟨options⟩]
```

options	default	definition
<code>number</code>	1	It defines to which group belongs this node

An optional argument is possible, thus placed between hooks if it is present, and it is an integer superior to 1. It defines to which group belongs this node.

This macro allows to ask that a link can leave or arrive of the node which we have just created. Really, it is not a node, I would say rather an anchor either another a reference point.

A group is a set of links (arrows). The origin of the one is the extremity of the precedent. The first group is noted 1 which is the value by default.

4.3 The command `\LinkNodes`

```
\LinkNodes[⟨options⟩]{⟨expression⟩}
```

options	default	definition
<code>margin</code>	2 cm	right margin
<code>dy</code>	1.5 pt	$2 \times dy$ is the space between two adjacent arrows on the same node.

This macro allows the representation of the link between nodes and the label the contents of which are "expression" placed on this link. These links are created by following the order of their creation.

The style of these links is determined by the default following styles :

- `\tikzset{ArrowStyle/.style={>=latex,->,text=black}}`
- `\tikzset{LabelStyle/.style={pos=0.25,right}}`
- `\tikzset{NodeStyle/.style={}}`

The first style is for the arrows then we have a style for the labels and the last style is for the node, by default it is empty.

As you notice it, the macro are simple and the syntax is \LaTeX syntax. It will be necessary to you to study a little **TikZ** only to modify the styles but some examples should be sufficient to realize what you wish.

5 The code of the example in the introduction

5.1 The code of the first example

Let us see first of all, the example of the introduction but placed in a more general frame, that of a page A4. Four nodes are created at the end of every line, then three links, both first ones have a personalized margin.

The environment **aligned** is placed in an environment **displaymath** that is "in display mathematical mode". It means that the equations are placed in a box having the width of the page and that the sign equals is situated in the center of a line.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \boxed{3(x^2 - 3) = 4} & & (8) \\
 x^2 - 3 = \frac{4}{3} & \longleftarrow & \div 3 \quad (9) \\
 \text{isolate the term with the variable} & & \\
 x^2 = \frac{13}{3} & \longleftarrow & +3 \quad (10) \\
 \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} & \longleftarrow & \sqrt{\dots} \quad (11) \\
 |x| = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} & \longleftarrow & \sqrt{x^2} = |x| \quad (12) \\
 x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} & \longleftarrow & \text{we have two answers} \quad (13)
 \end{array}$$

```

1 \begin{NodesList}
2   \begin{align}
3     \boxed{ 3(x^2-3) =4 } & \qquad \qquad \qquad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
4     x^2-3 =\frac{4}{3} & \qquad \qquad \qquad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
5     \intertext{\hfil isolate the term with the variable \hfil}
6     x^2 =\frac{13}{3} & \qquad \qquad \qquad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
7     \sqrt{x^2} =\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} & \qquad \qquad \qquad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
8     |x| =\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} & \qquad \qquad \qquad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
9     x =\pm\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} & \qquad \qquad \qquad \backslash\text{AddNode}
10  \end{align}
11  \LinkNodes[margin=1cm]{\div 3}%
12  \LinkNodes[margin=1.5cm]{+3}%
13  \LinkNodes[margin=2.5cm]{\sqrt{\ldots}}
14  \LinkNodes[margin=3cm]{\sqrt{x^2}=|x|}
15  \LinkNodes[margin=4.5cm]{we have two answers}
16 \end{NodesList}

```

That the environment `NodesList` makes exactly. It tracks down the width of the line of the page which goes the receive here this width is the width of the text because we are in a display mathematical mode. The example of the introduction is placed in an environment `minipage` of \LaTeX , thus the width will be the one attributed to `minipage`.

Then, it prepares a list of counters to attribute automatically names to the nodes that the user will have placed with the macro `\AddNode`. The macro `\LinkNodes` represents a link between two successive nodes.

5.2 With the environment `minipage`

Thus we go to see what arrives at our environment in the case of an environment `minipage`. In that case the width of the page is given by `minipage`. The result can be seen below, we need to modify the last margin :

$$\begin{aligned}
 3(x^2 - 3) &= 4 && \xrightarrow{\div 3} \\
 x^2 - 3 &= \frac{4}{3} && \xrightarrow{+3} \\
 x^2 &= \frac{13}{3} && \xrightarrow{\sqrt{\dots}} \\
 \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \xrightarrow{\sqrt{x^2} = |x|} \\
 |x| &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \xrightarrow{\text{we have two answers}} \\
 x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

```

1 \documentclass[article]
2 \usepackage[utf8]{inputenc} % My favorite encoding but not indispensable.
3 \usepackage[upright]{fourier} % My favorite font.
4 \usepackage{LinkNodes}
5 \begin{document}
6 \begin{center}\fbox{\begin{minipage}{12cm}
7 \begin{NodesList}
8 \begin{displaymath}
9 \begin{aligned}
10 3(x^2-3) &= 4 && \AddNode\
11 x^2-3 &= \frac{4}{3} && \AddNode\
12 x^2 &= \frac{13}{3} && \AddNode\
13 \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \AddNode\
14 |x| &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \AddNode\
15 x &= \pm\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \AddNode
16 \end{aligned}
17 \end{aligned}
18 \end{displaymath}
19 \LinkNodes[margin=4 cm]{\div 3$}
20 \LinkNodes[margin=3 cm]{+$3$}
21 \LinkNodes{\sqrt{\ldots}$}
22 \end{NodesList}
23 \end{minipage}}\end{center}
24 \end{document}

```

6 Options with effects on the structure

6.1 One link between the first two lines

I take the same example and I try to modify it. I want only the first link so I create only two nodes and one link.

$$\begin{aligned}
 3(x^2 - 3) &= 4 && \xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} \\
 x^2 - 3 &= \frac{4}{3} && \xleftarrow{\hspace{10em}} \div 3 \\
 x^2 &= \frac{13}{3} \\
 \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \\
 |x| &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \\
 x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

```

1 \begin{NodesList}
2   \begin{displaymath}
3     \begin{aligned}
4       3(x^2-3) &= 4 && \AddNode\\
5       x^2-3 &= \frac{4}{3} && \AddNode\\
6       x^2 &= \frac{13}{3} && \\
7       \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \\
8       |x| &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \\
9       x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \\
10    \end{aligned}
11  \end{displaymath}
12  \LinkNodes{\$ \div 3}%
13 \end{NodesList}

```

6.2 One link between the last two lines

$$\begin{aligned}
 3(x^2 - 3) &= 4 \\
 x^2 - 3 &= \frac{4}{3} \\
 x^2 &= \frac{13}{3} && \xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} \\
 \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \xleftarrow{\hspace{10em}} \sqrt{\dots} \\
 |x| &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \\
 x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

```

1 \begin{NodesList}
2   \begin{displaymath}
3     \begin{aligned}
4       3(x^2-3) &= 4 && \\\
5       x^2-3 &= \frac{4}{3} && \\\
6       x^2 &= \frac{13}{3} && \AddNode\\
7       \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \AddNode\\
8       |x| &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \\\
9       x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}
10    \end{aligned}
11  \end{displaymath}
12  \LinkNodes{\$ \sqrt{\ldots} \$}
13 \end{NodesList}

```

6.3 How to create a new group

We saw how having a link on the first nodes , as well as on the last ones, now here is an example to have a link on the first and the last nodes.

The principle is simple. The argument 2 indicates that we create another chain of links. It was already present but 1 is optional. The arguments must be created in increasing order.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 3(x^2 - 3) = 4 \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} \div 3 \\
 x^2 - 3 = \frac{4}{3} \quad \xleftarrow{\hspace{10em}} \\
 x^2 = \frac{13}{3} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} \sqrt{\dots} \\
 \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \quad \xleftarrow{\hspace{10em}} \\
 |x| = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \\
 x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}
 \end{array}$$

```

1 \begin{NodesList}
2   \begin{displaymath}
3     \begin{aligned}
4       3(x^2-3) &=4 && \AddNode \ \\\
5       x^2-3 &= \frac{4}{3} && \AddNode \ \\\
6       x^2 &= \frac{13}{3} && \AddNode[2]\\
7       \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \AddNode[2]\\
8       |x| &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \\\
9       x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}
10    \end{aligned}
11  \end{displaymath}
12  \LinkNodes{\$ \div 3 \$}
13  \LinkNodes{\$ \sqrt{\ldots} \$}
14 \end{NodesList}

```

6.4 Two groups on the same line

We can also do that.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 x^2 - 4 = 0 \\
 (x - 2)(x + 2) = 0 \\
 \left. \begin{array}{l} x - 2 = 0 \\ x = 2 \end{array} \right\} \text{first factor is null} \\
 \left. \begin{array}{l} x + 2 = 0 \\ x = -2 \end{array} \right\} \text{Or second factor is null}
 \end{array}$$

```

1 \begin{NodesList}[margin=3cm]
2 \begin{displaymath}\displaywidth=.4\linewidth
3 \begin{aligned}
4 x^2-4 &= 0 && \AddNode \AddNode[2]\\
5 (x-2)(x+2) &= 0 && \\
6 \left.\begin{aligned}
7 x-2 &= 0 && \AddNode\\
8 x &= 2 && \\
9 && & \\
10 x+2 &= 0 && \AddNode[2]\\
11 x &= -2 && \\
12 \end{aligned}\right\} \\
13 \end{aligned} \\
14 \end{displaymath}
15 {\tikzset{LabelStyle/.style = {left=5cm,pos=.5,above,text=red}}}
16 \LinkNodes[margin=5cm]{ first factor is null}%
17 \LinkNodes{Or second factor is null}%
18 }
19 \end{NodesList}

```

6.5 Empty line

You can try this example without `\hfill` at line 5.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d_n = 400 - \frac{v_n}{3} \\ v_n = 0,8v_{n-1} + 0,2d_n + 9,6 \end{array} \right. \leftarrow v_n \text{ and } d_n \text{ are dependent}$$

```

1 \begin{minipage}{10cm}
2 \begin{NodesList}[margin=-2cm]
3   \[\left\{
4     \begin{aligned}
5       d_n &= \displaystyle {400-\frac{v_n}{3}} && \AddNode\hfill\
6       & && \
7       v_n &= 0,8v_{n-1}+0,2d_n+9,6 && \AddNode\
8     \end{aligned}
9   \right.\}
10  \LinkNodes{\$v_n\$ and \$d_n\$ are dependent}
11 \end{NodesList}
12 \end{minipage}

```

7 Options with effects on the presentation

These options are among two, `margin` and `dy`. They are useful globally at the level of the environment `NodesList` either locally at the level of the macro `\LinkNodes`.

7.1 Option `margin`

First of all, let us remind that the default margin is 2 cm. It is represented by the red arrow on the following figure. The margin is defined from the right edge of the box which begins the environment.

$$\begin{aligned}
 3(x^2 - 3) &= 4 \\
 x^2 - 3 &= \frac{4}{3} \\
 x^2 &= \frac{13}{3} \\
 \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \\
 |x| &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \\
 x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

It is necessary to notice that the box of the introduction is slightly different from this one. Indeed, the macro `\fbox` adds a space around its equal contents in `\fboxsep`. This one was put in zero for the occasion.

7.2 Equal margins

I suppose that you understood that the option `margin` of the macro `\LinkNodes` plays the same role as that of the environment. So having deleted them, I choose a margin of 3 cm as everybody. This time with regard to the edge of the text field of the page.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 3(x^2 - 3) = 4 \\
 x^2 - 3 = \frac{4}{3} \\
 x^2 = \frac{13}{3} \\
 \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \\
 |x| = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \\
 x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}
 \end{array}$$

$\div 3$
 $+3$
 $\sqrt{\dots}$

3 cm

```

1 \begin{NodesList}[margin=3cm]% By default, margin = 2cm.
2 \begin{displaymath}
3 \begin{aligned}
4 3(x^2-3) &= 4 && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
5 x^2-3 &= \frac{4}{3} && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
6 x^2 &= \frac{13}{3} && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
7 \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
8 |x| &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
9 x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \backslash\text{AddNode}
10 \end{aligned}%
11 \end{displaymath}%
12 \LinkNodes{\$ \div 3\$}%
13 \LinkNodes{\$ +3\$}%
14 \LinkNodes{\$ \sqrt{\ldots}\$}%
15 \end{NodesList}

```

7.3 Negative margins

Yes we can! The example is from [MathMode.pdf](#) In this example, I use `\displaywidth`

$$\begin{array}{l}
 y = 2x^2 - 3x + 5 \\
 = 2 \left(x^2 - \frac{3}{2}x + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{5}{2} \right) \\
 = 2 \left(\left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{31}{16} \right) \\
 y = 2 \left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{31}{8}
 \end{array}$$

$2x^2 - 3x$ is the beginning of an algebraic identity (binomial formula)

$(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$

after simplification, the result is


```

1 \begin{NodesList}[margin=-1cm]
2   \begin{displaymath}\displaywidth=.4\linewidth
3   \begin{aligned}
4   y &= 2x^2 - 3x + 5 \quad \text{\AddNode\}
5   & \text{\hphantom{=} } 2\left(x^2 - \frac{3}{2}x\right) \text{\AddNode\}
6   & \text{\textcolor{blue}{%}}
7   & \text{\overbrace{\hphantom{+}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 - } }
8   & \text{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2} \text{\AddNode\} \quad \text{\}
9   & = 2\left(\text{\textcolor{red}{%}}
10  & \text{\underbrace{ } }
11  & x^2 - \frac{3}{2}x + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2\right) \text{\AddNode\}
12  & \text{\} }
13  & \text{\underbrace{ } }
14  & - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{5}{2}} \text{\AddNode\}
15  & \text{\right)} \quad \text{\AddNode\}
16  & = 2\left(\text{\textcolor{red}{\left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2}}\right)
17  & \text{\textcolor{red}{+ \frac{31}{16}}}\right) \quad \text{\AddNode\}
18  y
19  & = 2\left(x \text{\textcolor{cyan}{- \frac{3}{4}}}\right)^2 \text{\textcolor{blue}{+ \frac{31}{8}}}\text{\AddNode\}
20 \end{aligned}
21 \end{displaymath}
22 {
23   \tikzset{LabelStyle/.append style = {left,text=red}}
24   \LinkNodes{
25     \begin{minipage}{5cm}
26       $2x^2 - 3x$ is the beginning of an algebraic identity %
27       (binomial formula)
28     \end{minipage}
29     \LinkNodes{$(a-b)^2=a^2-2ab+b^2$}
30     \LinkNodes{after simplification, the result is}}
31 \end{NodesList}

```

7.4 The general option dy

Here, it is a question of adjusting the distance between two arrows. The distance is equal in $2 \times dy$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3(x^2 - 3) &= 4 \quad \text{\textcolor{red}{\leftarrow}} \quad \text{\textcolor{red}{\rightarrow}} \quad \div 3 \\
 x^2 - 3 &= \frac{4}{3} \quad \text{\textcolor{red}{\leftarrow}} \quad \text{\textcolor{red}{\rightarrow}} \quad + 3 \\
 x^2 &= \frac{13}{3} \quad \text{\textcolor{red}{\leftarrow}} \quad \text{\textcolor{red}{\rightarrow}} \quad \sqrt{\dots} \\
 \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \\
 |x| &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \\
 x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

```

1 \begin{NodesList}[margin=3cm,dy=3pt]%
2 \begin{displaymath}
3 \begin{aligned}
4 3(x^2-3) &= 4 && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
5 x^2-3 &= \frac{4}{3} && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
6 x^2 &= \frac{13}{3} && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
7 \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
8 |x| &= \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
9 x &= \pm\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} && \backslash\text{AddNode}
10 \end{aligned}
11 \end{displaymath}
12 \LinkNodes{\div 3}%
13 \LinkNodes{+3}%
14 \LinkNodes{\sqrt{\ldots}}
15 \end{NodesList}

```

8 Modification of the style

It is enough for it to modify either `{ArrowStyle}`, or `{LabelStyle}`. By default, the values are the following ones

8.1 Adding some style

At first, the shape of the arrow is modified as well as its color. For other forms of arrow, see the documentation on the [pgfmanual](#).

Then the place of the label is modified with `pos=0.75`. `pos=0` corresponds to the superior corner, `pos=0.25` in the middle of the vertical line. We can then adjust the position of the node, here **above** is used. For other adjustments, see [pgfmanual](#) or the following examples.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 2x = 8 \\
 x = 4
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{l}
 \xrightarrow{\div 2} \\
 \xleftarrow{\div 2}
 \end{array}$$

```

1 \begin{NodesList}
2 \[
3 \begin{aligned}
4 2x &= 8 && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
5 x &= 4 && \backslash\text{AddNode}
6 \end{aligned}
7 \]
8 {\tikzset{ArrowStyle/.style={>=stealth',->,cyan}}}
9 \tikzset{LabelStyle/.style={pos=0.75,above,text=red}}
10 \LinkNodes{\div 2}
11 \end{NodesList}

```

8.2 Modification of the text color

Since styles are just special cases of `pgfkeys`'s general style facility, you can actually do quite a bit more. Let us start with adding options to an already existing style. This is done using `/.append style` instead of `/.style`:

`.append style` allows to take back the values of the style `LabelStyle` by adding the color⁴ `red` in the text which replaces the old color. Note that two colors are set, so the last one will “win.”

$$\begin{array}{l} 2x = 8 \text{ ---} \\ x = 4 \text{ ---} \end{array} \div 2$$

```

1 \begin{NodesList}
2 \[
3 \begin{aligned}
4 2x &= 8 && \AddNode\
5 x &= 4 && \AddNode
6 \end{aligned}
7 \]
8 {\tikzset{LabelStyle/.append style = {text=red}}}
9 \LinkNodes{${\div 2}}
10 \end{NodesList}

```

8.3 Modification of the text position

You need to read the paragraph of `pgfmanual` "Basic Placement Options". You can use `left`, `right`, `above` and `below` but also something like `above right` or `left = 2 cm`.

$$\begin{array}{l} 2x = 8 \text{ ---} \\ x = 4 \text{ ---} \end{array} \div 2$$

```

1 \begin{NodesList}
2 \[
3 \begin{aligned}
4 2x &= 8 && \AddNode\
5 x &= 4 && \AddNode
6 \end{aligned}
7 \]
8 {\tikzset{LabelStyle/.append style = {text=red,left}}}
9 \LinkNodes{${\div 2}}
10 \end{NodesList}

```

8.4 Boxed text

A little more sophisticated: `draw` allows to frame, `right=10pt` allows to move away a little the label, `green` defines the color of the line, `fill=green!30` defines the color of filling and finally the color of the text is red.

$$\begin{array}{l} 2x = 8 \text{ ---} \\ x = 4 \text{ ---} \end{array} \div 2$$

⁴ Another possibility is `\LinkNodes\textcolor{orange}{${\div 2}}`

```

1 \begin{NodesList}
2 \[
3 \begin{aligned}
4 2x \quad &= 8 && \text{\AddNode\} \\
5 x \quad &= 4 && \text{\AddNode} \\
6 \end{aligned} \\
7 \]
8 {\tikzset{LabelStyle/.style = {draw,right=10pt,red,fill=green!30,text=red}}
9 \LinkNodes{\$ \div 2\$}}
10 \end{NodesList}

```

9 Some more complex examples

9.1 Solution of two simultaneous equations.

Solution of two simultaneous equations. The problem is to find the set of all solutions that satisfies both equations. These are called simultaneous equations.

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 4y = 10 \\ 2x + y = 5 \end{cases}$$

both sides of second equation are multiplied by 4

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 4y = 10 \\ 8x + 4y = 20 \end{cases}$$

The first equation is subtracted from second

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 4y = 10 \\ 5x = 10 \end{cases}$$

$\div 5$

$$\begin{cases} 3(2) + 4y = 10 \\ x = 2 \end{cases}$$

As a result, $x = 2$, this value is then substituted in the first equation

$$\begin{cases} 3(2) + 4y = 10 \\ x = 2 \end{cases}$$

6 is subtracted from both sides

$$\begin{cases} 4y = 10 - 6 \\ x = 2 \end{cases}$$

$\div 4$

$$\begin{cases} y = 1 \\ x = 2 \end{cases}$$

The solution is $\{(x = 2; y = 1)\}$

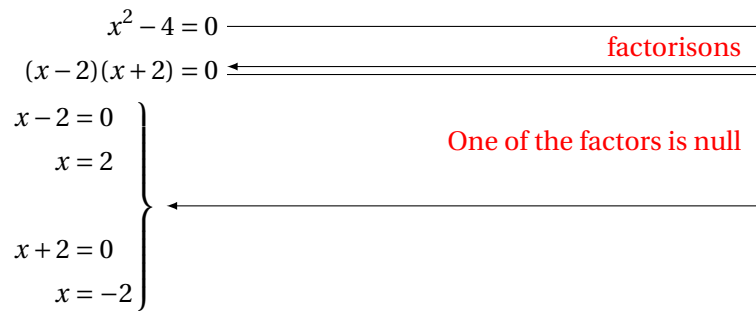
```

1 \begin{minipage}{12cm}
2 \begin{NodesList}[dy=3pt]
3 \[ \left\{\begin{matrix}
4 3x &+& 4y &=& 10\\
5 2x &+& y &=& 5 \end{matrix}\right. \AddNode\\
6 \end{matrix}\right. \]
7 \vspace{0.5cm}
8 \[ \left\{\begin{matrix}
9 3x &+& 4y &=& 10\\
10 8x &+& 4y &=& 20 \end{matrix}\right. \AddNode\\
11 \end{matrix}\right. \]
12 \vspace{0.5cm}
13 \[ \left\{\begin{matrix}
14 3x &+& 4y &=& 10 \\
15 5x && &=& 10 \end{matrix}\right. \AddNode\\
16 \end{matrix}\right. \]
17 \vspace{0.5cm}
18 \[ \left\{\begin{matrix}
19 3(2) &+& 4y &=& 10\\
20 x && &=& 2 \end{matrix}\right. \AddNode\\
21 \end{matrix}\right. \]
22 \vspace{0.5cm}
23 \[ \left\{\begin{matrix}
24 3(2) &+& 4y &=& 10\\
25 x && &=& 2 \end{matrix}\right. \AddNode\\
26 \end{matrix}\right. \]
27 \vspace{0.5cm}
28 \[ \left\{\begin{matrix}
29 4y &=& 10-6\\
30 x &=& 2 \end{matrix}\right. \]
31 \end{matrix}\right. \]
32 \vspace{0.5cm}
33 \[ \left\{\begin{matrix}
34 y &=& 1 \\
35 x &=& 2 \end{matrix}\right. \]
36 \end{matrix}\right. \]
37 \LinkNodes{\begin{minipage}{3cm}
38 both sides of second equation are multiplied by 4\end{minipage}}
39 \LinkNodes{\begin{minipage}{3cm}
40 The first equation is subtracted from second \end{minipage}}
41 \LinkNodes[margin=4 cm]{\div 5}
42 \LinkNodes{\begin{minipage}{3cm}
43 As a result,  $x = 2$ , this value is then substituted in the first equation
44 \end{minipage}}
45 \LinkNodes{%
46 \begin{minipage}{3cm}
47  $6$  is subtracted from both sides\end{minipage}}
48 \LinkNodes[margin=4 cm]{\div 4}
49 \end{NodesList}
50
51 The solution is  $\{(x=2; y=1)\}$ 
52 \end{minipage}

```

9.2 Nested Environments aligned

This example is more complex because the environments are nested.

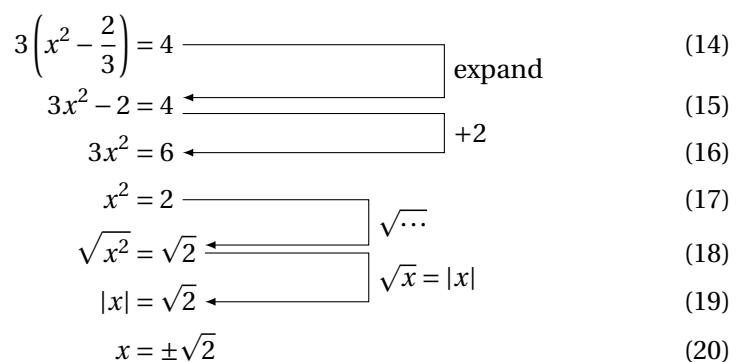


```

1 \begin{NodesList}[margin=0cm]
2   \begin{displaymath}
3     \begin{aligned}
4       x^2-4      &= 0 && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
5       (x-2)(x+2) &= 0 && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
6       \left. \begin{aligned}
7         x-2 &= 0 && \backslash\backslash
8         x   &= 2 && \backslash\backslash
9         & && \backslash\backslash
10        x+2 &= 0 && \backslash\backslash
11        x   &= -2 && \backslash\backslash
12      \end{aligned} \right\} &&& \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
13     \end{aligned}
14   \end{displaymath}
15   {\tikzset{LabelStyle/.style = {left=0.1cm,pos=.25,text=red}}}
16   \LinkNodes[]factorisons%
17   \LinkNodes{One of the factors is null}%
18 }
19 \end{NodesList}

```

9.3 One environment and two groups



```

1  \begin{NodesList}[margin=4 cm,dy=3pt]
2  \begin{align}
3  3\left(x^2-\frac{2}{3}\right) \&= 4 \qquad \qquad \qquad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
4  3x^2-2 \&= 4 \qquad \qquad \qquad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
5  3x^2 \&= 6 \qquad \qquad \qquad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
6  x^2 \&= 2 \qquad \qquad \qquad \backslash\text{AddNode}[2]\backslash\backslash
7  \sqrt{x^2} \&= \sqrt{2} \qquad \qquad \qquad \backslash\text{AddNode}[2]\backslash\backslash
8  |x| \&= \sqrt{2} \qquad \qquad \qquad \backslash\text{AddNode}[2]\backslash\backslash
9  x \&= \pm\sqrt{2}
10 \end{align}
11 \LinkNodes{expand}%
12 \LinkNodes{${+2}$}%
13 \LinkNodes[margin=5 cm]{\sqrt{\ldots}}
14 \LinkNodes[margin=5 cm]{\sqrt{x}=|x|}
15 \end{NodesList}

```

9.4 Two environments and a group

$$\begin{array}{l}
 x^2 - 4 = 0 \\
 (x - 2)(x + 2) = 0 \\
 \left. \begin{array}{l} x - 2 = 0 \\ x = 2 \end{array} \right\} \\
 \left. \begin{array}{l} x + 2 = 0 \\ x = -2 \end{array} \right\}
 \end{array}$$

The first member can be factored as

One of the factors is null

```

\begin{NodesList}[margin=0.5cm]
\begin{displaymath}
\begin{aligned}
x^2-4 &= 0 && \text{\AddNode\\} \\
(x-2)(x+2) &= 0 && \text{\AddNode\\} \\
\left. \begin{aligned}
&\begin{aligned}
x-2 &= 0 && \text{\} \\
x &= 2 && \text{\} \\
&\&& \text{\} \\
x+2 &= 0 && \text{\} \\
x &= -2 && \text{\}
\end{aligned} \\
\end{aligned} \\
\right\} &&& \text{\AddNode\\}
\end{aligned}
\end{displaymath}
{\tikzset{LabelStyle/.style = {left=0.5cm,pos=.25,text=red}}
\LinkNodes[]{\text{The first member can be factored as}}%
\LinkNodes{\text{One of the factors is null}}%
}
\end{NodesList}

```


9.5 Label with minipage

You can see in this example how to define a style if you want to place correctly a "minipage".

$$\begin{array}{l}
 x^2 - 4 = 0 \\
 (x - 2)(x + 2) = 0 \\
 \left. \begin{array}{l}
 x - 2 = 0 \\
 x = 2 \\
 x + 2 = 0 \\
 x = -2
 \end{array} \right\}
 \end{array}$$

The first member can be factored as

If the product of any two numbers is zero, then one or both of the numbers is zero

```

1 \begin{NodesList}[margin=1cm,dy=3pt]
2   \begin{displaymath}
3     \begin{aligned}
4       x^2-4      &= 0 && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
5       (x-2)(x+2) &= 0 && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
6               &&& \&\text{left.}\%
7               &&& \begin{aligned}
8                 x-2 &= 0 && \backslash\backslash
9                 x   &= 2 && \backslash\backslash
10                &&& \&
11                x+2 &= 0 && \backslash\backslash
12                x   &= -2 && \backslash\backslash
13              \end{aligned}\%
14              \right\}\backslash\text{AddNode}\%
15     \end{aligned}\%
16   \end{displaymath}
17   {\tikzset{LabelStyle/.style = {left=0.1cm,pos=.25,text=red}}}
18   \LinkNodes{The first member can be factored as}\%
19   \tikzset{LabelStyle/.append style = {pos=.5,sloped}}
20   \LinkNodes{\%
21 \fbox{\begin{minipage}{4cm}
22   If the product of any two numbers is zero, \%
23   then one or both of the numbers is zero
24 \end{minipage}}\%
25 }
26 }%
27 }%
28 \end{NodesList}

```

9.6 Three groups and few environments aligned

It is interesting to notice the use of `\displaywidth` which allows in display mathematical mode to modify the placement with regard to the left margin.

Solve in \mathbb{R} : $\left(\frac{2}{3} - 3x\right)\left(\frac{3}{5} + 2x\right) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{2}{3} - 3x\right)\left(\frac{3}{5} + 2x\right) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3} - 3x = 0 \\ \text{ou} \\ \frac{3}{5} + 2x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{\times 3} \\ \xrightarrow{\times 5} \\ \xrightarrow{+9x} \end{array} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \begin{cases} 2 - 9x = 0 \\ \text{ou} \\ 3 + 10x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{\times 5} \\ \xrightarrow{+9x} \end{array} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \begin{cases} 2 = 9x \\ \text{ou} \\ 10x = -3 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{+3} \\ \xrightarrow{\div 9} \end{array} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \begin{cases} x = \frac{2}{9} \\ \text{ou} \\ x = -\frac{3}{10} \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{\div 9} \\ \xrightarrow{\div 10} \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

If the product of any two numbers is zero, then one or both of the numbers is zero.

On the next page, the code looks like:

```

1 \begin{NodesList}[dy=3]
2   \begin{displaymath}\displaywidth=.8\linewidth
3     \begin{aligned}
4       &\left(\frac{2}{3}-3x\right)\left(\frac{3}{5}+2x\right)=0 \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\backslash
5       &\{\begin{aligned}
6         &\Leftrightarrow\&\&
7         &\left\{\%
8           &\begin{aligned}
9             &\frac{2}{3}-3x=0
10            &
11            &\text{term}\{ou\}\&\& \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\quad \backslash\backslash
12            &\frac{3}{5}+2x=0 \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\{3\}\&\&\backslash\backslash
13          &\end{aligned}\}\%
14          &\right. \quad \backslash\backslash
15          &\Leftrightarrow\&\&\%
16          &\{\%
17          &\left\{\%
18          &\begin{aligned}
19            &2-9x=0 \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\{2\}\backslash\backslash
20            &\text{term}\{ou\}\&\& \quad \backslash\backslash
21            &3+10x=0 \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\{3\}\backslash\backslash
22          &\end{aligned}\right.} \quad \backslash\backslash
23          &\Leftrightarrow\&\&\%
24          &\{\%
25          &\left\{\%
26          &\begin{aligned}
27            &2=9x \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\{2\}\backslash\backslash
28            &\text{term}\{ou\}\&\& \quad \backslash\backslash
29            &10x=-3 \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\{3\}\backslash\backslash
30          &\end{aligned}\right.} \quad \backslash\backslash
31          &\Leftrightarrow\&\&\%
32          &\{\%
33          &\left\{\%
34          &\begin{aligned}
35            &x=\frac{2}{9} \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\{2\}\backslash\backslash
36            &\text{term}\{ou\}\&\& \quad \backslash\backslash
37            &x=-\frac{3}{10} \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\{3\}\backslash\backslash
38          &\end{aligned}\right.} \quad \backslash\backslash
39          &\end{aligned}\}\}
40        &\end{aligned}
41      &\end{displaymath}
42      \LinkNodes[margin=4.5cm]\{\%
43      \begin{minipage}\{4cm\}
44        \textcolor{red}\textbf{If the product of any two numbers is zero, then \%
45        one or both of the numbers is zero.}\}
46      \end{minipage}\}\%
47      {\LinkNodes[margin=5cm]\{\times\}3\}%
48      \LinkNodes[margin=5cm]\{+9x\}
49      \LinkNodes[margin=5cm]\{\div(9)\}
50      \LinkNodes{\times\}5\}%
51      \LinkNodes{\+3\}
52      \LinkNodes{\div(10)\}
53    \end{NodesList}

```

10 How to use tkz-linknodes.sty with align

10.1 With align et minipage

With this environment, we are directly in the display math mode and the lines are numbered.

This environment is very useful and I recommend you to see the examples in MathMode.tex of Herbert Voß.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 3\left(x^2 - \frac{2}{3}\right) = 4 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{expand} & (21) \\
 3x^2 - 2 = 4 & \xleftarrow{\quad} & & (22) \\
 3x^2 = 6 & \xleftarrow{\quad} & +2 & (23) \\
 x^2 = 2 & \xleftarrow{\quad} & \div 3 & (24) \\
 \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{2} & \xleftarrow{\quad} & \sqrt{\dots} & (25) \\
 |x| = \sqrt{2} & \xleftarrow{\quad} & \sqrt{x} = |x| & (26) \\
 x = \pm\sqrt{2} & & & (27)
 \end{array}$$

```

1 \begin{minipage}{12cm}
2   \begin{NodesList}[margin=4 cm]
3     \begin{align}
4       3\left(x^2 - \frac{2}{3}\right) &= 4 & \AddNode\
5       3x^2 - 2 &= 4 & \AddNode\
6       3x^2 &= 6 & \AddNode\
7       x^2 &= 2 & \AddNode\
8       \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{2} & \AddNode\
9       |x| &= \sqrt{2} & \AddNode\
10      x &= \pm\sqrt{2} &
11    \end{align}
12    \LinkNodes{expand}%
13    \LinkNodes{+2}%
14    \LinkNodes{\div 3}
15    \LinkNodes{\sqrt{\ldots}}
16    \LinkNodes{\sqrt{x}=|x|}
17  \end{NodesList}
18 \end{minipage}

```

10.2 With align*

$$\begin{array}{l}
 3\left(x^2 - \frac{2}{3}\right) = 4 \quad \boxed{\hspace{10em}} \quad \text{expand} \\
 3x^2 - 2 = 4 \quad \leftarrow \boxed{\hspace{10em}} \quad +2 \\
 3x^2 = 6 \quad \leftarrow \boxed{\hspace{10em}} \quad \div 3 \\
 x^2 = 2 \quad \leftarrow \boxed{\hspace{10em}} \quad \sqrt{\dots} \\
 \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{2} \quad \leftarrow \boxed{\hspace{10em}} \quad \sqrt{x} = |x| \\
 |x| = \sqrt{2} \quad \leftarrow \boxed{\hspace{10em}} \\
 x = \pm\sqrt{2}
 \end{array}$$

```

1 \begin{NodesList}[margin=4 cm]
2 \begin{align*}
3   3\left(x^2 - \frac{2}{3}\right) \&= 4 \quad \quad \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
4   3x^2 - 2 \quad \&= 4 \quad \quad \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
5   3x^2 \quad \&= 6 \quad \quad \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
6   x^2 \quad \&= 2 \quad \quad \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
7   \sqrt{x^2} \quad \&= \sqrt{2} \quad \quad \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
8   |x| \quad \&= \sqrt{2} \quad \quad \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
9   x \quad \&= \pm\sqrt{2}
10 \end{align*}
11 \LinkNodes{expand}%
12 \LinkNodes{+2}$
13 \LinkNodes{\div 3}$
14 \LinkNodes{\sqrt{\dots}}$
15 \LinkNodes{\sqrt{x}=|x}$
16 \end{NodesList}

```

10.3 With align and nonumber

$$\begin{array}{l}
 3\left(x^2 - \frac{2}{3}\right) = 4 \quad \boxed{\hspace{10em}} \quad \text{expand} \\
 3x^2 - 2 = 4 \quad \leftarrow \boxed{\hspace{10em}} \quad +2 \quad (28) \\
 3x^2 = 6 \quad \leftarrow \boxed{\hspace{10em}} \quad \div 3 \\
 x^2 = 2 \quad \leftarrow \boxed{\hspace{10em}} \quad \sqrt{\dots} \quad (29) \\
 \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{2} \quad \leftarrow \boxed{\hspace{10em}} \quad \sqrt{x} = |x| \quad (30) \\
 |x| = \sqrt{2} \quad \leftarrow \boxed{\hspace{10em}} \quad (31) \\
 x = \pm\sqrt{2} \quad (32)
 \end{array}$$

```

1 \begin{NodesList}[margin=4 cm]
2 \begin{align}
3     3\left(x^2-\frac{2}{3}\right) \&= 4 && \nonumber\AddNode\\
4     3x^2-2 &= 4 && \AddNode\\
5     3x^2 &= 6 && \nonumber\AddNode\\
6     x^2 &= 2 && \AddNode\\
7     \sqrt{x^2} &= \sqrt{2} && \AddNode\\
8     |x| &= \sqrt{2} && \AddNode\\
9     x &= \pm\sqrt{2} \\
10 \end{align}
11 \LinkNodes{expand}%
12 \LinkNodes{${+2}$}%
13 \LinkNodes{${\div 3}$}
14 \LinkNodes{${\sqrt{\ldots}}$}
15 \LinkNodes{${\sqrt{x}}=|x|$}
16 \end{NodesList}

```

11 How to use tkz-linknodes.sty with array

11.1 With array an example from Mathmode.tex

$$y = \begin{cases} x^2 + 2x & \text{if } x < 0, \\ x^3 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1, \\ x^2 + x & \text{if } 1 \leq x < 2, \\ x^3 - x^2 & \text{if } 2 \leq x. \end{cases}$$

Degree 2 - quadratic

Degree 3 - cubic

```

1 \begin{minipage}{11cm}
2 {\renewcommand{\arraystretch}{2}}%
3 \begin{NodesList}
4 \[y = \left\{\%
5     \begin{array}{ll}
6         x^2+2x & \text{\texttrm{if } }x<0, && \AddNode \ \
7         x^3 & \text{\texttrm{if } }0\le x<1, && \AddNode[2]\\
8         x^2+x & \text{\texttrm{if } }1\le x<2, && \AddNode \ \
9         x^3-x^2 & \text{\texttrm{if } }2\le x. && \AddNode[2]
10     \end{array}\right.\]
11 \tikzset{ArrowStyle/.append style = {<->,red}}
12 \tikzset{LabelStyle/.append style = {pos=0.20}}
13 \LinkNodes[margin=3cm]{Degree 2 - quadratic}
14 {\tikzset{ArrowStyle/.append style = {<->,blue}}
15 \LinkNodes[margin=1cm]{Degree 3 - cubic}}
16 \end{NodesList}}
17 \end{minipage}

```

11.2 An example from Mathmode.tex

In this example, we use an environment `minipage` in the label.

a)	$y =$	c	$(constant)$	
b)	$y =$	$cx + d$	$(linear)$	Here are the various studied cases
c)	$y =$	$bx^2 + cx + d$	$(square)$	
d)	$y =$	$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$	$(cubic)$	

```

1 \begin{NodesList}[margin=0cm]
2   \[
3   \begin{array}{@{}r@{\quad}ccrr@{}}
4     \textrm{a}) & y & = & c & (constant) & \AddNode \\\
5     \textrm{b}) & y & = & cx+d & (linear) & \\\
6     \textrm{c}) & y & = & bx^{2}+cx+d & (square) & \\\
7     \textrm{d}) & y & = & ax^{3}+bx^{2}+cx+d & (cubic) & \AddNode
8   \end{array}
9 \]
10 {\tikzset{ArrowStyle/.append style = {-,red}}
11 \tikzset{LabelStyle/.append style = {left,text=red}}
12 \LinkNodes{%
13   \begin{minipage}{4cm}
14     Here are the various studied cases
15   \end{minipage}}%
16 }
17 \end{NodesList}

```

11.3 An example from Mathmode.tex

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= x^2 + bx + c \\
 &= x^2 + 2 \cdot \frac{b}{2}x + c \\
 &= \underbrace{x^2 + 2 \cdot \frac{b}{2}x + \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2}_{\left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2} - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c \\
 &= \left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c \\
 y + \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - c &= \left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{we add to each} \\
 y - y_S &= (x - x_S)^2 \quad \text{members } \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - c \\
 S(x_S; y_S) \text{ soit } S\left(-\frac{b}{2}; \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - c\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

```

1 \begin{NodesList}
2 \[
3 \begin{array}{rcll}
4 y & = & x^2 + bx + c & \\
5 & = & x^2 + 2 \cdot \frac{b}{2}x + c & \\
6 & = & \underbrace{x^2 + 2 \cdot \frac{b}{2}x + \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2}_{\left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2} - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c & \\
7 & & \left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c & \\
8 & & \left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c & \\
9 & & \left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c & \\
10 & = & \left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c & \\
11 & & \left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c & \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash \\
12 y + \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - c & = & \left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 & \\
13 & = & \left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 & \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash \\
14 y - y_S & = & (x - x_S)^2 & \\
15 & = & (x - x_S)^2 & \\
16 S(x_S; y_S) \text{ soit } S\left(-\frac{b}{2}; \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - c\right) & & & \\
17 & & \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash \\
18 & & \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash \\
19 & & \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash \\
20 \end{array} \\
21 \]
22 \tikzset{LabelStyle/.append style = {right=0.5cm,pos=0.25,text=red}}
23 \LinkNodes[margin=5cm]{%
24 \begin{minipage}{3cm}
25 we add to each members $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - c$
26 \end{minipage}}%
27 \end{NodesList}

```


12 Use with diverse environments

12.1 With gather

A little modified example from Mathmode.tex

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \boxed{3(x^2 - 3) = 4} \quad (33) \\
 x^2 - 3 = \frac{4}{3} \quad (34) \\
 \text{isolate the term with the variable} \\
 x^2 = \frac{13}{3} \quad (35) \\
 \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \quad (36) \\
 |x| = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \quad (37) \\
 x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \quad (38)
 \end{array}$$

```

1 \begin{center}
2 \fbox{%
3 \begin{minipage}{14cm}
4 \begin{NodesList}
5 \begin{gather}
6 \quad \boxed{ 3(x^2-3) = 4 } \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\
7 \quad x^2-3 = \frac{4}{3} \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\
8 \quad \intertext{\hfil isolate the term with the variable \hfil}
9 \quad x^2 = \frac{13}{3} \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\
10 \quad \sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\
11 \quad |x| = \sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash\
12 \quad x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{13}{3}} \quad \backslash\text{AddNode}
13 \end{gather}
14 \LinkNodes[margin=1cm]{\div 3}%
15 \LinkNodes[margin=1.5cm]{+3}%
16 \LinkNodes[margin=2.5cm]{\sqrt{\ldots}}
17 \LinkNodes[margin=3cm]{\sqrt{x^2}=|x|}
18 \LinkNodes[margin=4.5cm]{we have two answers}
19 \end{NodesList}
20 \end{minipage}%
21 }
22 \end{center}

```

12.2 With `gather*` and `align*`An example from `Mathmode.tex`

$$\begin{array}{r}
 m_2 = m_2' + m_2'' \\
 = \frac{V_2'}{v_2'} + \frac{V_2''}{v_2''} \\
 \Rightarrow m_2 v_2' = V - V_2'' + V_2'' \frac{v_2'}{v_2''} \quad \leftarrow \text{(i)} \\
 \\
 m_2 = m_2' + m_2'' \\
 = \frac{V_2'}{v_2'} + \frac{V_2''}{v_2''} \\
 \Rightarrow m_2 v_2' = V - V_2'' + V_2'' \frac{v_2'}{v_2''} \quad \leftarrow \text{(ii)} \\
 \\
 m_2 = m_2' + m_2'' \\
 = \frac{V_2'}{v_2'} + \frac{V_2''}{v_2''} \\
 \Rightarrow m_2 v_2' = V - V_2'' + V_2'' \frac{v_2'}{v_2''} \quad \leftarrow \text{(iii)}
 \end{array}$$

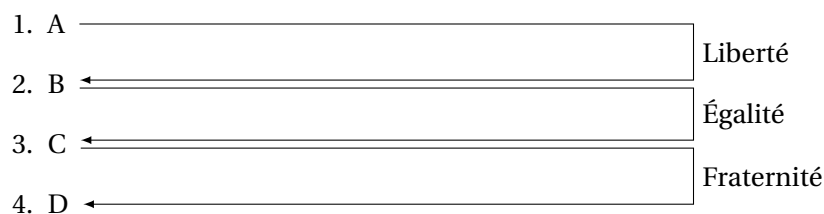
```

1 \begin{minipage}{\linewidth-7pt}
2   \begin{NodesList}
3     \begin{gather*}
4       \begin{align*}
5         m_2 &= m_2' + m_2'' && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
6         &= \frac{V_2'}{v_2'} + \frac{V_2''}{v_2''} &&
7       \end{align*} &&& \backslash\backslash
8       \Rightarrow m_2 v_2' = V - V_2'' + V_2'' \frac{v_2'}{v_2''} &&& \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
9     \end{gather*}
10    \begin{gather*}
11      \begin{align*}
12        m_2 &= m_2' + m_2'' && \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
13        &= \frac{V_2'}{v_2'} + \frac{V_2''}{v_2''} && \&
14      \end{align*} &&& \backslash\backslash
15      \Rightarrow m_2 v_2' = V - V_2'' + V_2'' \frac{v_2'}{v_2''} &&& \backslash\text{AddNode}\backslash
16    \end{gather*}
17    \LinkNodes{(i)}
18    \LinkNodes{(ii)}
19    \LinkNodes{(iii)}
20  \end{NodesList}
21 \end{minipage}
22

```

12.3 With enumerate

This example shows that we can use the environment `NodesList` with a list `enumerate`



```

1 \begin{NodesList}[margin=7cm]
2 \begin{enumerate}
3   \item A \AddNode
4   \item B \AddNode
5   \item C \AddNode
6   \item D \AddNode
7 \end{enumerate}
8 \LinkNodes{Liberté}%
9 \LinkNodes{Égalité}%
10 \LinkNodes{Fraternité}
11 \end{NodesList}
12

```

12.4 With flalign

Another example from `Mathmode.tex`

$$x = 2 \quad \text{if } y > 2 \quad \leftarrow \text{Two cases are to be studied} \quad (39)$$

$$x = 3 \quad \text{if } y \leq 2 \quad \leftarrow \text{Two cases are to be studied} \quad (40)$$

```

1 \begin{NodesList}
2 \begin{flalign}
3   x & = 2 \quad \text{if } y > 2 \quad \AddNode & \& \& \\
4   x & = 3 \quad \text{if } y \leq 2 \quad \AddNode & \& \\
5 \end{flalign}
6 {\tikzset{ArrowStyle/.append style = {<->,red}}}
7 \tikzset{LabelStyle/.append style = {left,text=blue}}
8 \LinkNodes{Two cases are to be studied}
9 \end{NodesList}
10

```

12.5 With listings

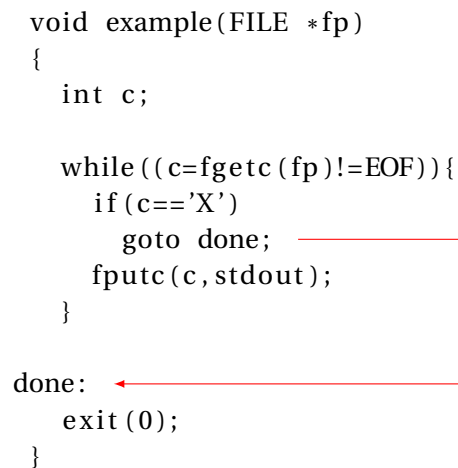
```

void example(FILE *fp)
{
    int c;

    while((c=fgetc(fp)!=EOF)){
        if(c=='X')
            goto done;
        fputc(c, stdout);
    }

done:
    exit(0);
}

```



```

1 \lstset{escapechar=\$}
2 \begin{NodesList}
3 \begin{lstlisting}
4 void example(FILE *fp)
5 {
6     int c;
7
8     while((c=fgetc(fp)!=EOF)){
9         if(c=='X')
10            goto done; \$\AddNode$
11            fputc(c, stdout);
12        }
13
14 done: \$\AddNode$
15     exit(0);
16 }
17 \end{lstlisting}
18 \tikzset{ArrowStyle/.append style = {->,red}}
19
20 \LinkNodes{}
21 \end{NodesList}
22

```

13 Beamer and tkz-linknodes

The next example is from **Guillaume Connan**. The first thing you can notice about this code is the multiple nodes from the first line.

```

1 \documentclass[xcolor={usernames, pdftex, dvipsnames, table}, 10pt]{beamer}
2 \usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
3 \usepackage{lmodern}
4 \usepackage[upright]{fourier}
5 \usepackage{tikz}
6
7 \usepackage{amsmath, calc}
8 \usepackage{tkz-linknodes}
9 \usetikzlibrary{arrows, shapes}
10 \newcommand{\vtab}{\rule[-1.2em]{0pt}{3em}}
11 \begin{document}
12
13 \begin{frame}
14 \tiny
15 \begin{NodesList}[margin=1cm]
16 \[
17 \begin{array}{lllllll}
18 \hline
19 \text{ Decimal}&\&\text{ Babylone}&\&\text{ Athenien}&\&\text{ Maya}&\&
20 \text{ Japonais}&\&\text{ Binaire}&\&\text{ Bibinaire} & \&
21 \hline
22 \uncover<2->{\vtab 13&A&B&C&D&1101&DA%
23 \AddNode\AddNode[2]\AddNode[3]\AddNode[4]\AddNode[5]\}
24 \uncover<4->{\vtab 130&A&B&C&D&&10000010&KOHE\AddNode\}
25 \uncover<6->{\vtab 26&A&B&C&D&11010&HAKE\AddNode[2]\}
26 \uncover<8->{\vtab 208&A&B&C&D&11010000&DAHO\AddNode[3]\}
27 \uncover<10->{\vtab 260&A&B&C&D&100000100&HAHOBO \AddNode[4]\}
28 \uncover<12->{\vtab 780&A&B&C&D&1100001100&HIHODO\AddNode[5]\}
29 \hline
30 \end{array}
31 \]
32 \tikzstyle{ArrowStyle}+=[<->, blue]
33 \visible<3-4>{\LinkNodes[]{\$ \times 10\$}}
34 \visible<5-6>{\LinkNodes[]{\$ \times 2\$}}
35 \visible<7-8>{\LinkNodes[]{\$ \times 16\$}}
36 \visible<9-10>{\LinkNodes[]{\$ \times 20\$}}
37 \visible<11-12>{\LinkNodes[]{\$ \times 60\$}}
38 \end{NodesList}
39 \end{frame}
40 \end{document}
41

```

14 tkz-linknodes and ordinary text

The following text is from <http://www.sir-lancelot.co.uk/camelot.htm>.

"In some versions of the legend, one of Lancelot's first tasks as a knight was to bring Guinevere to Camelot for her wedding to Arthur. During their journey back to Camelot, Guinevere and Lancelot fell in love }. In other stories, Guinevere was already Queen when Lancelot arrived, and he became one of the Queen's Knights. Lancelot soon became recognised as the greatest of the knights after successfully completing several quests.

...

Lancelot helped King Arthur put down the rebellion of Galehaut the Haut Prince, who surrendered to Arthur after being influenced by Lancelot's chivalry in battle. Later Galehaut became Lancelot's close friend and acted as a secret go-between }Lancelot and Guinevere."

- to feel in love ?
- go-between ?

```

1 \begin{minipage}{12 cm}
2 \begin{NodesList}[margin=-1cm]
3 "In some versions of the legend, one of Lancelot's first tasks as a knight was to%
4 bring Guinevere to Camelot for her wedding to Arthur. During their journey back to%
5 Camelot, Guinevere and Lancelot fell in love.\AddNode In other stories, Guinevere%
6 was already Queen when Lancelot arrived, and he became one of the Queen's%
7 Knights. Lancelot soon became recognised as the greatest of the knights after%
8 successfully completing several quests.
9
10 \dots
11
12 Lancelot helped King Arthur put down the rebellion of Galehaut the Haut Prince, who%
13 surrendered to Arthur after being influenced by Lancelot's chivalry in battle. Later%
14 Galehaut became Lancelot's close friend and acted as a secret go-between\AddNode%
15 Lancelot and Guinevere."
16
17 { \tikzset{ArrowStyle/.append style = {opacity=.5,red,-[]}}
18   \LinkNodes{%
19     \begin{minipage}{5cm}
20       \begin{itemize}
21         \item to feel in love ?
22         \item go-between ?
23       \end{itemize}
24     \end{minipage}
25   }}
26 }
27 \end{NodesList}
28 \end{minipage}

```

15 Raise a Node

A better method of solving this problem is obtained by raising box. I use $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ for that but perhaps there is a $\text{L}_{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ method. I remove `\AddNode` and insert

```
\raise -1.2ex\hbox{\AddNode}
```

"In some versions of the legend, one of Lancelot's first tasks as a knight was to bring Guinevere to Camelot for her wedding to Arthur. During their journey back to Camelot, Guinevere and Lancelot fell in love. In other stories, Guinevere was already Queen when Lancelot arrived, and he became one of the Queen's Knights. Lancelot soon became recognised as the greatest of the knights after successfully completing several quests.

...

Lancelot helped King Arthur put down the rebellion of Galehaut the Haut Prince, who surrendered to Arthur after being influenced by Lancelot's chivalry in battle. Later Galehaut became Lancelot's close friend and acted as a secret go-between Lancelot and Guinevere."

- to feel in love ?
- go-between ?

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