

# Re: Approaching the infinite binary tree

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Mariano Suárez-Alvarez wrote:

On Sep 29, 4:47 pm, "G. A. Edgar" <[ed...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:ed...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Depending on your definition of "tree", it can happen that "level immediately before" need not be defined.

Everything depends on the definitions.

Since we were not given any definition of anything, what we can do, at best, is to guess...

Not very different to the way in which parents may guess all sorts of meanings in their newborn's guttural sounds. Except that our OP's author is anything but cute.

Imho, if it's not your second nature to do exactly that, mathematician is not the right job for you.

Suppose you talk to your plumber or tv repairman with terms that are not the exact ones that he learned at school. How would you react if he refuses to help you, based on that argument? It's -his- job to try to make sense of your stuttering utterances.

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Cheers,  
Herman Jurjus