

# Medical Decision Making

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# Decision Analysis

- Quantitative, systematic
- Identifies alternatives, outcomes, utility of outcomes
- Uses models
  - Represent structural relationships
    - Deterministic
    - Probabilistic
  - Compute expected outcomes of each alternative
  - Balance feasibility v. reality / simplicity v. complexity
  - Examine robustness

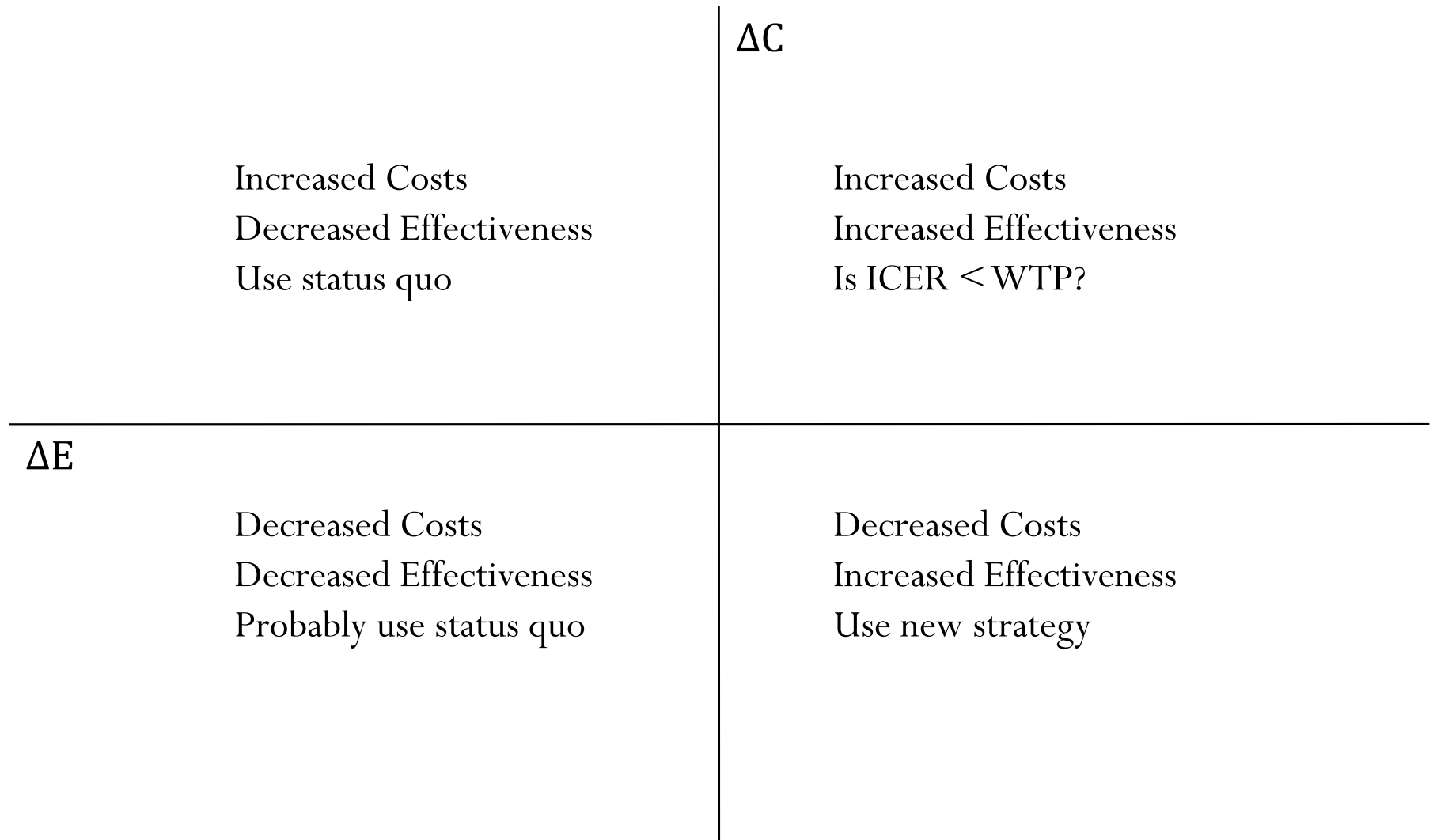
# Identify Alternatives

- Mutually exclusive
  - A, B mutually exclusive  $\Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = 0$
  - One and only one of the events must occur
- Collectively exhaustive
  - A, B collectively exhaustive  $\Rightarrow P(A) + P(B) = 1$
  - Events represent entire outcome space
  - At least one event must occur

# Identifying Outcomes

- Multi-dimensional
- Examples:
  - Costs
  - Infections averted
  - Life years (LY) saved
  - Quality adjusted life years (QALY) saved
  - “Effectiveness”
- ~~Ultimately utils — Howard school~~
- Cost-effectiveness
  - Incremental cost to effectiveness ratio (ICER)

# Cost-Effectiveness Plane



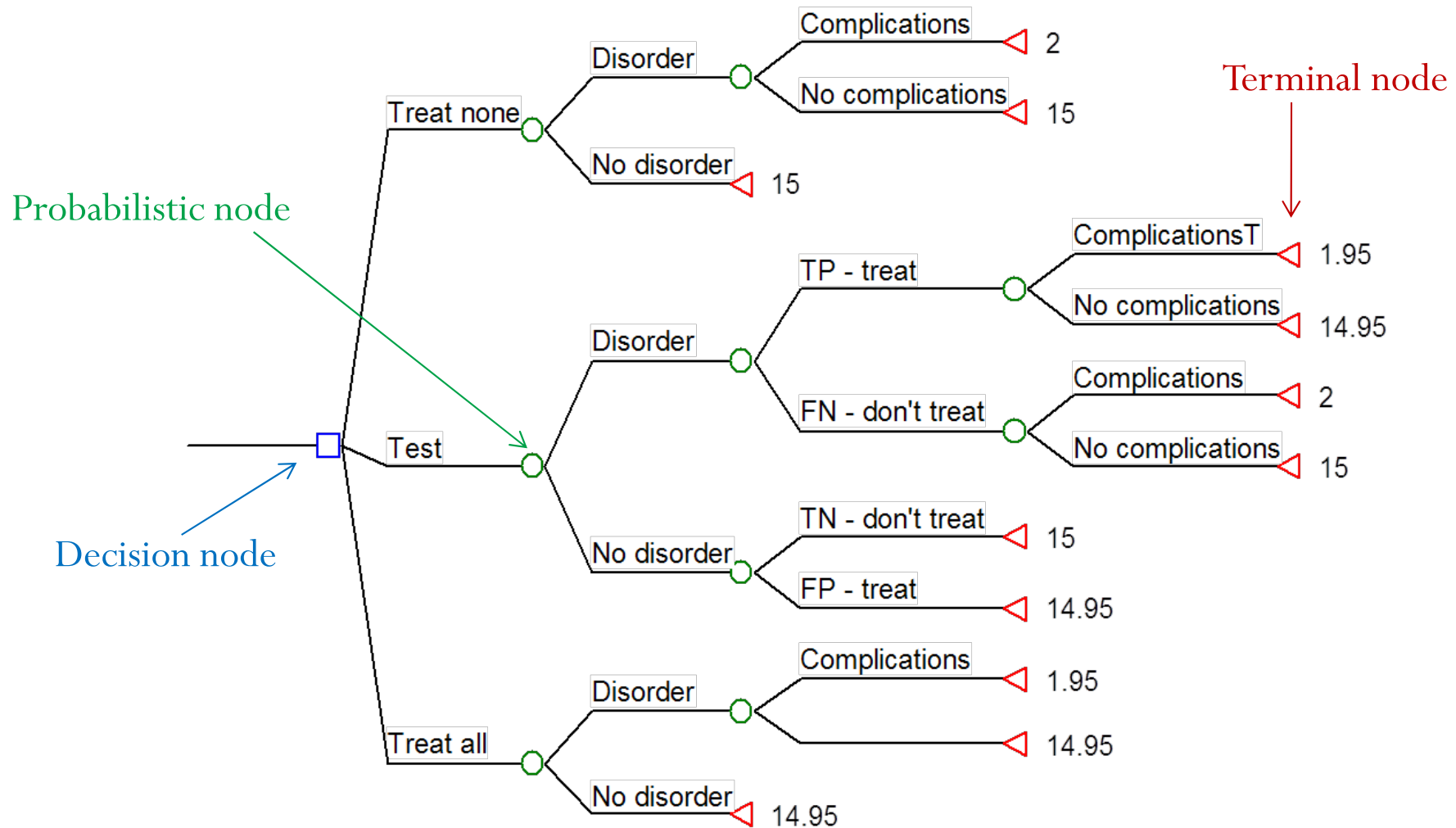
# Steps

- Determine problem
- Determine status quo intervention
- Determine alternative interventions
- Analysis
- Sensitivity Analysis

# Example

- Hypothetical cohort with prevalent disorder
- Treatment
  - Reduces probability of serious complications
  - Long term side effects
- There is an imperfect test for disorder
- Alternatives:
  - Treat no one
  - Test all and treat positives
  - Treat all

# Decision Diagram

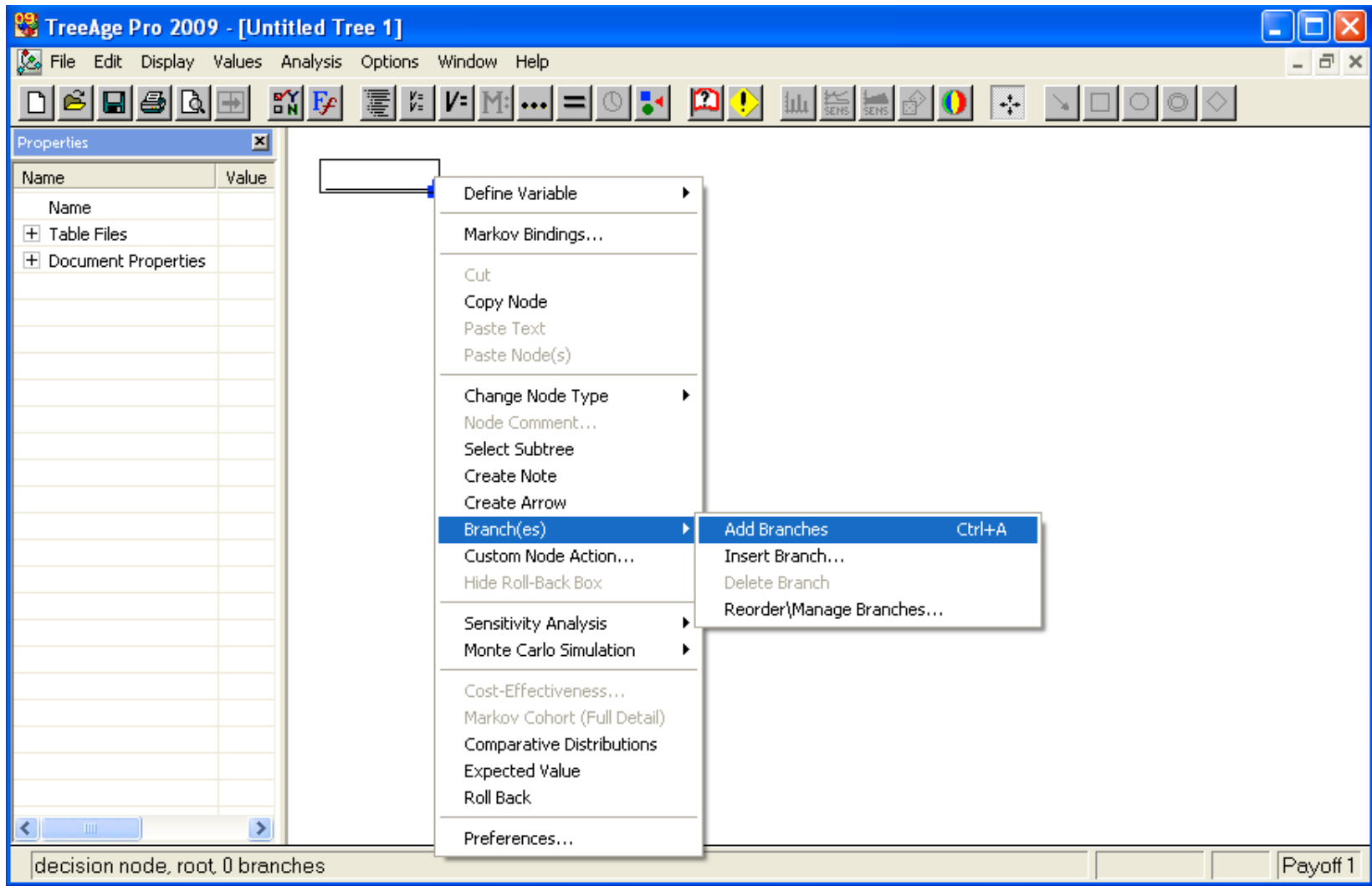




# Example cont.

- Outcomes
  - No disorder, no treatment
  - No disorder, treatment
  - Disorder, treatment, complications
  - Disorder, treatment, no complications
  - Disorder, no treatment, complications
  - Disorder, no treatment, no complications
- For each outcome assume known costs and LE (clinical trial)
- Intermediate events
  - Tests
  - Side effects

# Create Decision Node



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The screenshot displays the TreeAge Pro 2009 interface. The main workspace shows a decision tree starting with a square decision node. Two branches lead to chance nodes (circles). The upper branch leads to a rectangular node, and the lower branch leads to a circular node. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Display, Values, Analysis, Options, Window, Help), a toolbar with various icons, a Properties panel on the left, and a Debug panel at the bottom. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'chance node, child 1, 0 branches' and 'Payoff 1'.

Name	Value
Name	Status
+ Document Properties	

chance node, child 1, 0 branches

Payoff 1

# Create Decision Node

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Name	Value
Name	
+ Document Properties	

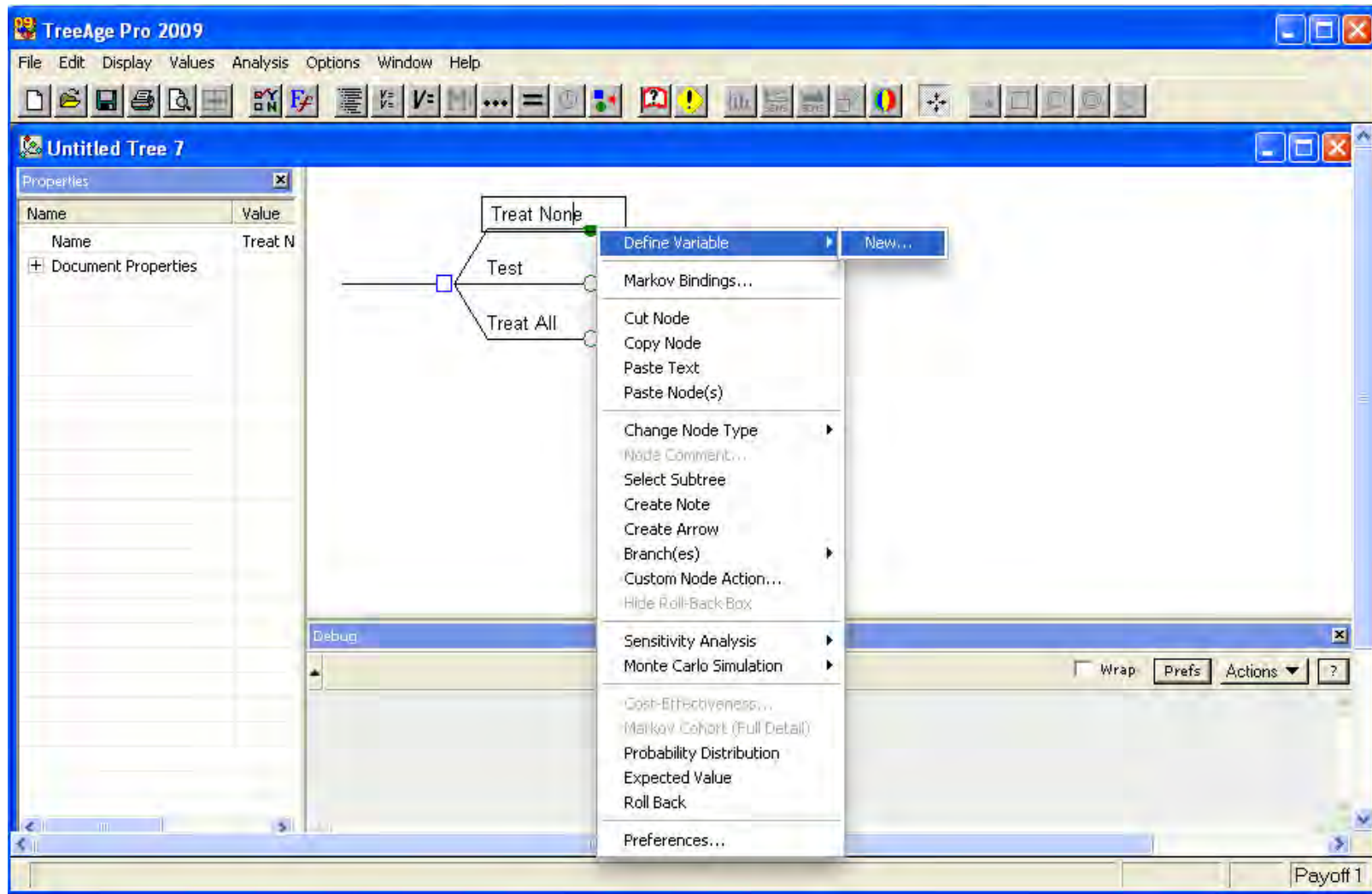
The main workspace shows a decision tree structure. It consists of a root node (a blue square) on the left, which branches into three child nodes (green circles) on the right. The top branch ends in a green diamond, indicating a chance node. The bottom two branches end in green circles, indicating chance nodes. The "Debug" window at the bottom shows the message "chance node, child 1, 0 branches". The status bar at the very bottom displays "chance node, child 1, 0 branches" on the left and "Payoff 1" on the right.

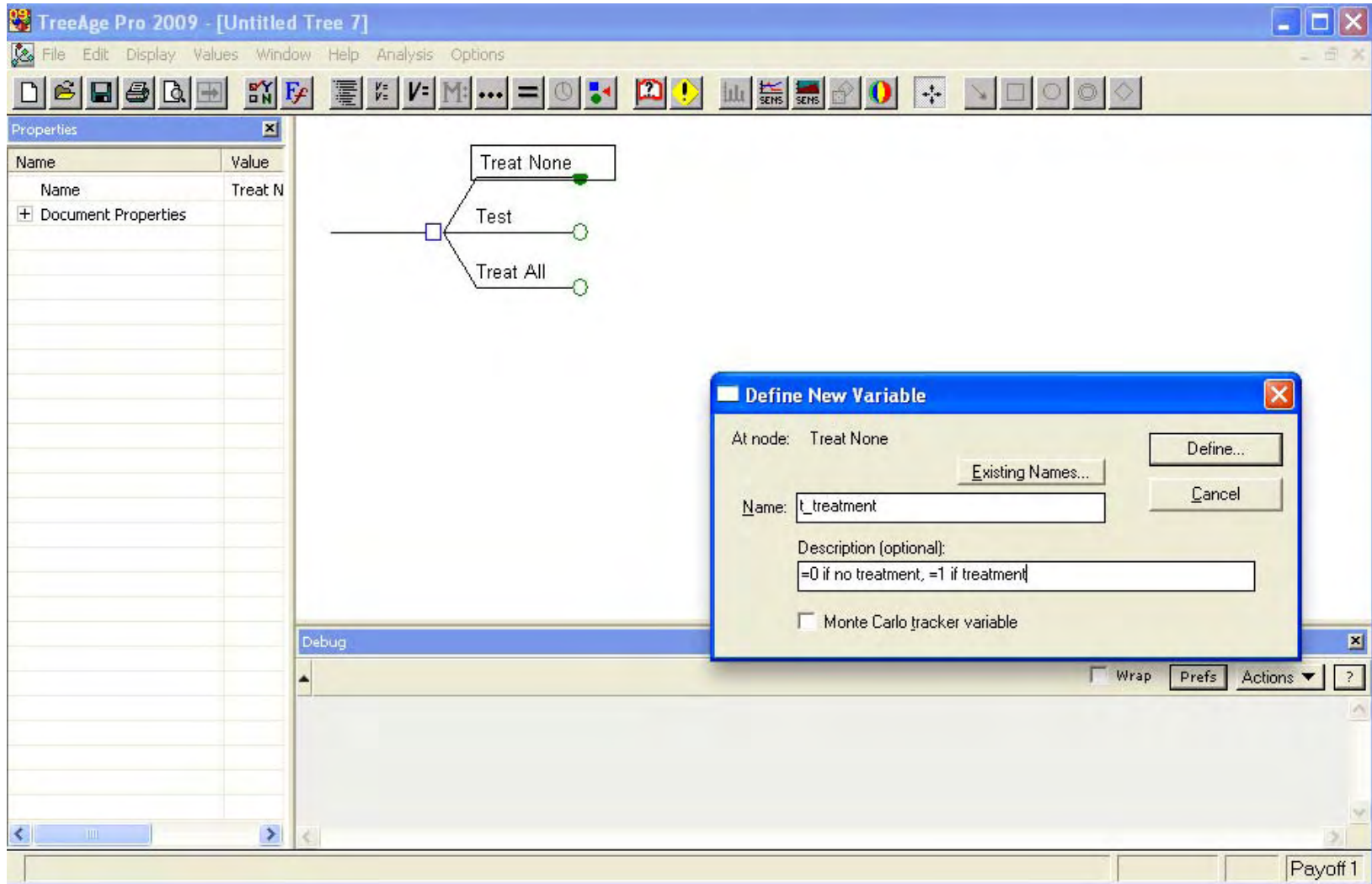
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Name	Value
Name	Treat n
+ Document Properties	

The central workspace displays a decision tree starting with a square decision node. It branches into three options: "Treat none" (with a green terminal node), "Test" (with a circular node), and "Treat all" (with a circular node). At the bottom of the window, there is a Debug pane and a status bar with buttons for "Wrap", "Prefs", "Actions", and "Payoff 1".





**TreeAge Pro 2009**  
File Edit Display Values Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Properties

Name	Value
Name	Treat N
+ Document Properties	

Debug

**Untitled Tree 7: Define Variable "t\_treatment"**

At node: Treat None

Operators    Functions    Keywords

Tables    Variables

t\_treatment =

0

Definition info:

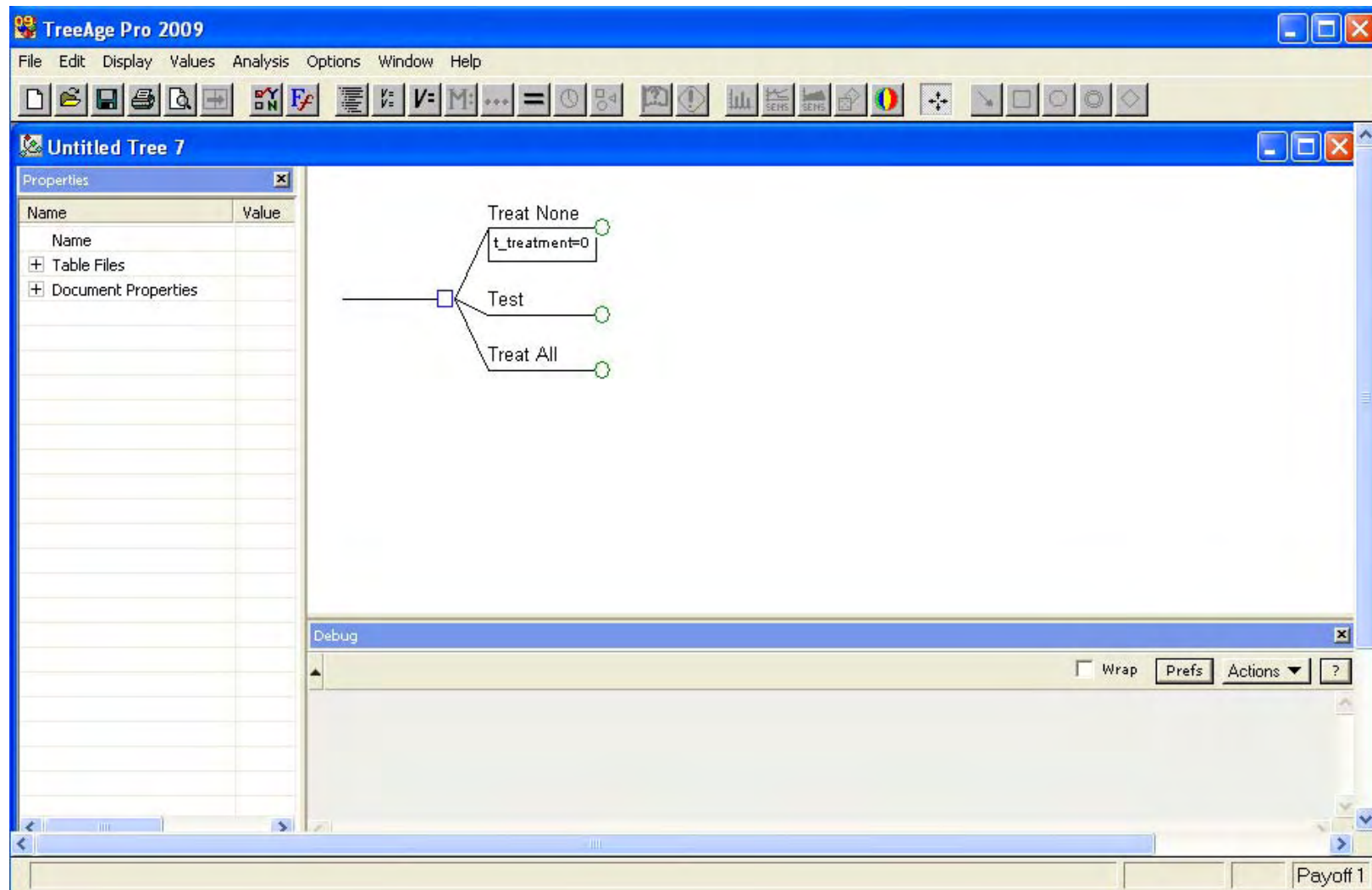
Comment: =0 if no treatment, =1 if treatment

OK  
Cancel  
Help  
Insert Distribution...  
Delete Definition  
Variable Properties...  
Actions

Wrap    Prefs    Actions    ?

Payoff 1





TreeAge Pro 2009

File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Properties

Name	Value
Name	Treat A
+ Document Properties	

Define Variable

- New...
- t\_treatment

Markov Bindings...

Cut Node

Copy Node

Paste Text

Paste Node(s)

Change Node Type

Node Comment...

Select Subtree

Create Note

Create Arrow

Branch(es)

Custom Node Action...

Hide Roll-Back Box

Sensitivity Analysis

Monte Carlo Simulation

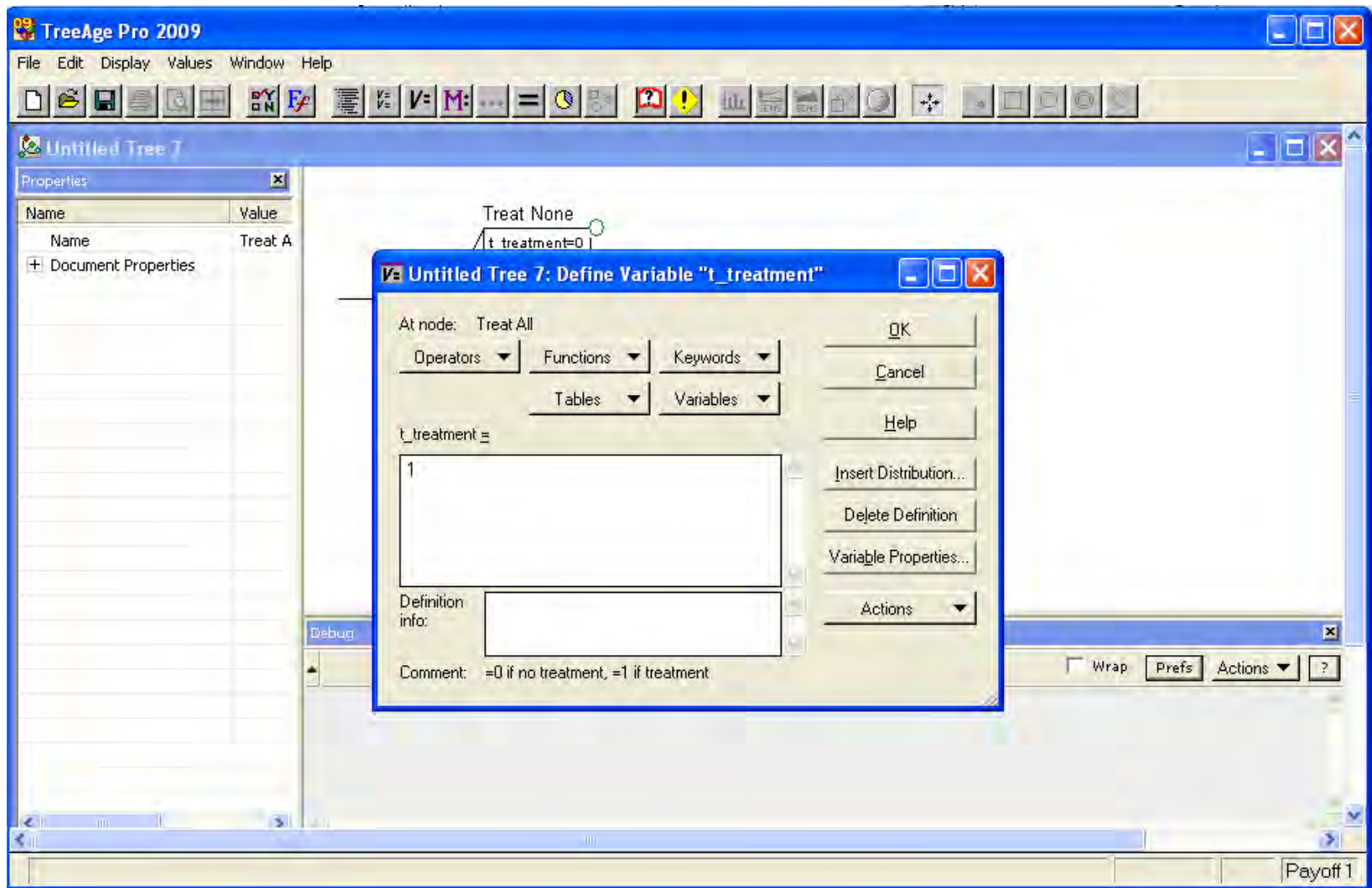
Cost-Effectiveness...

Markov Cohort (Full Detail)

Wrap Prefs Actions ?

chance node, child 3, 0 branches

Payoff 1



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Untitled Tree 7

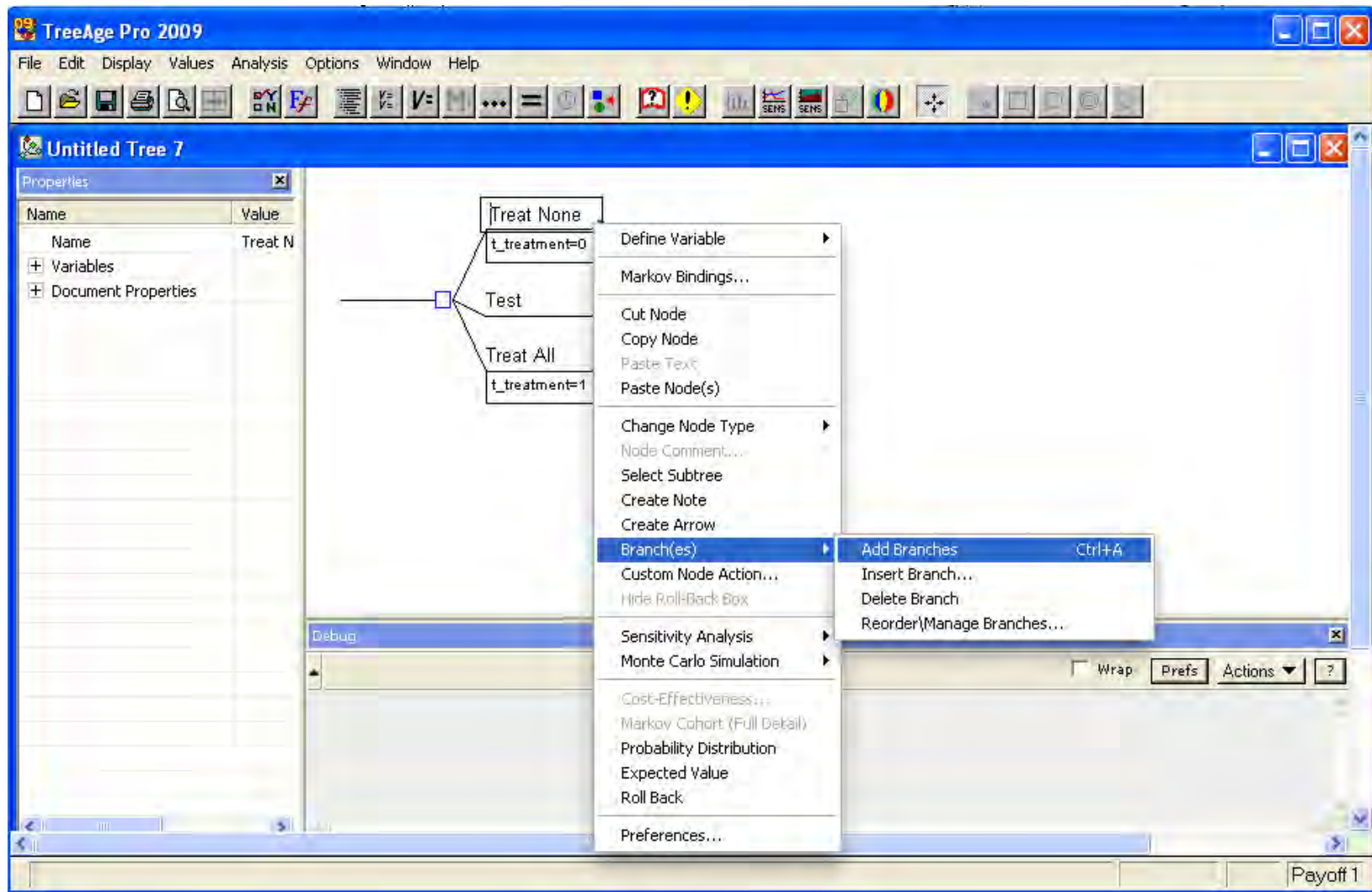
Name	Value
Name	Treat A
+ Variables	
+ Document Properties	

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graph LR; Root[ ] --- TN[Treat None  
t_treatment=0]; Root --- Test[Test]; Root --- TA[Treat All  
t_treatment=1];
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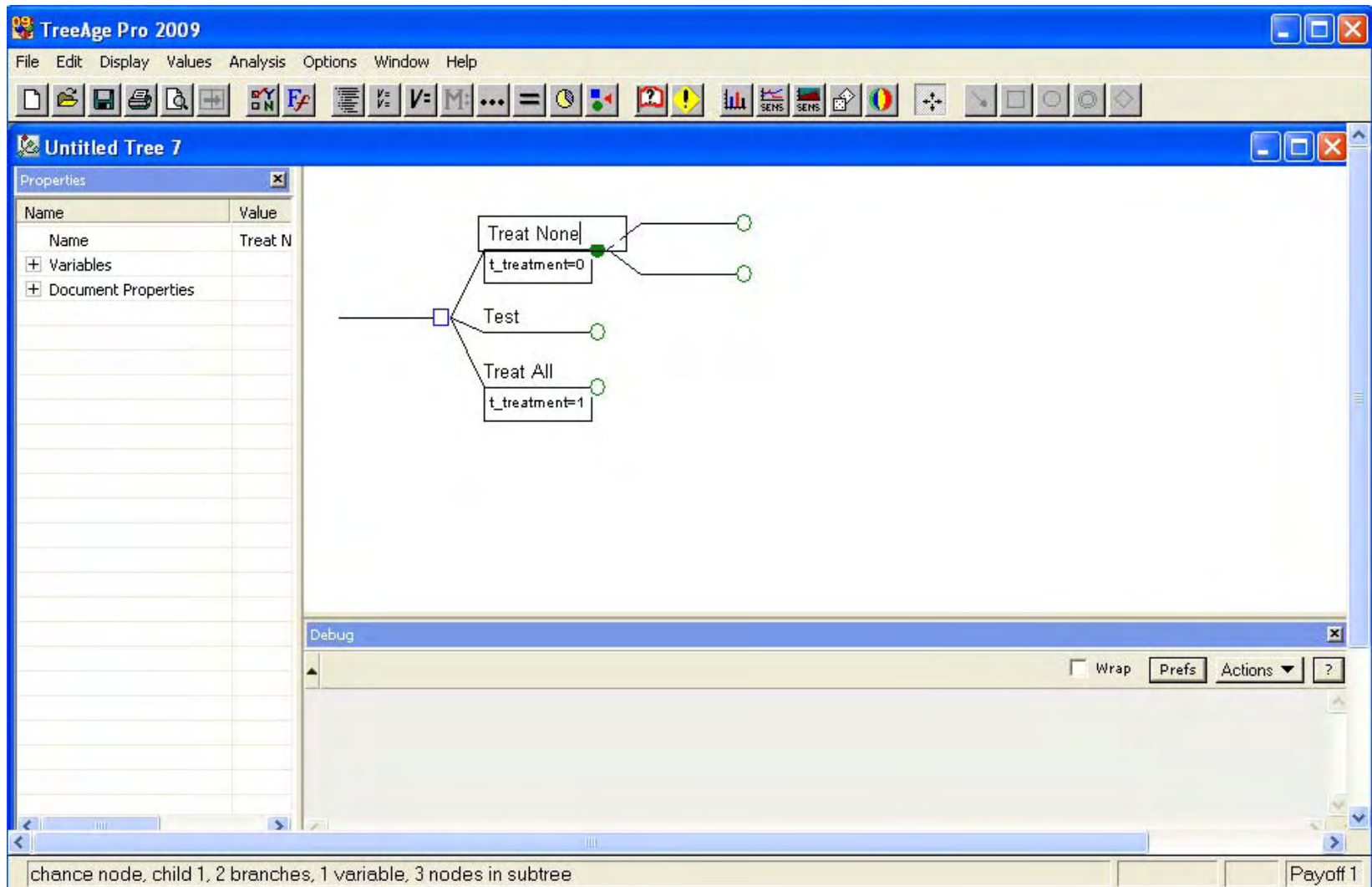
chance node, child 3, 0 branches, 1 variable

Payoff 1

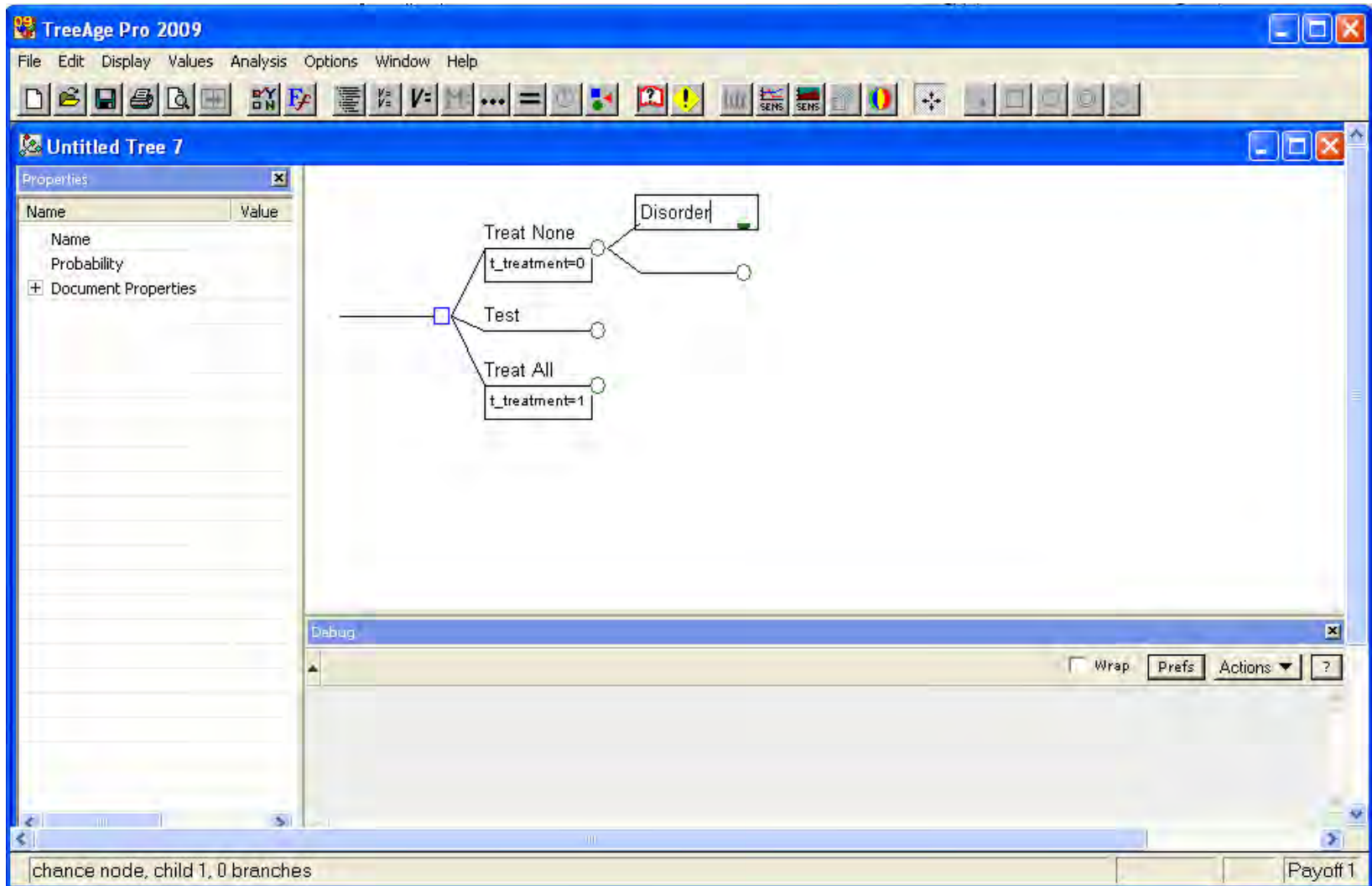
# Strategy 1: Treat None



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File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Properties

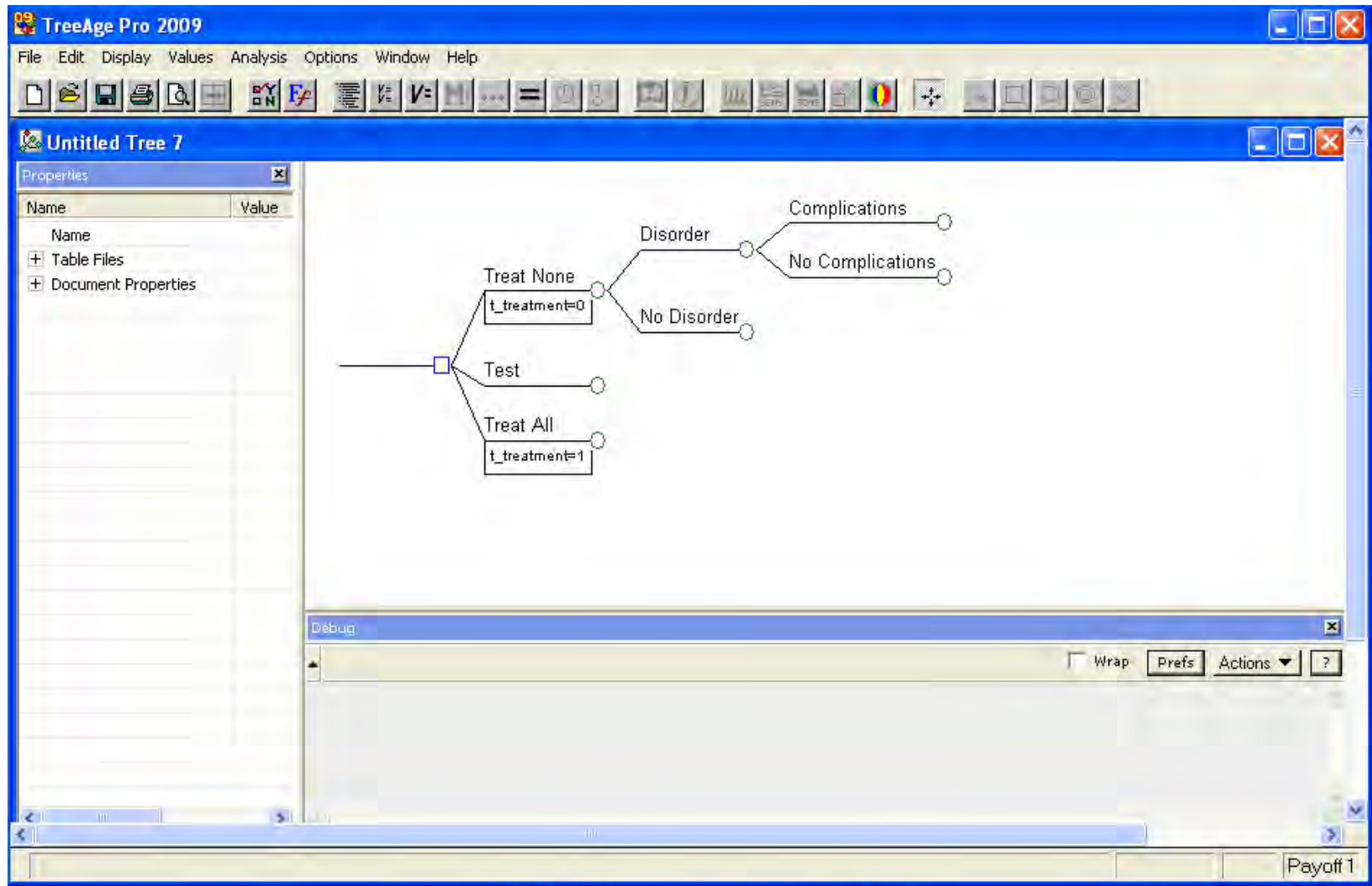
Name	Value
Name	Disorde
Probability	
+ Document Properties	

chance node, child 1, 0 branches

Payoff 1



# Strategy 1: Treat None



# Select Subtree

The screenshot shows the TreeAge Pro 2009 interface. The main window displays a decision tree with a chance node at the root. The tree branches into three options: 'Treat None' (with variable  $t_{treatment}=0$ ), 'Test', and 'Treat All' (with variable  $t_{treatment}=1$ ). The 'Treat None' branch further divides into 'Disorder' and 'No Complications', with 'Disorder' having a sub-branch for 'Complications'. A context menu is open over the 'Treat None' node, with 'Select Subtree' highlighted. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'chance node, child 1, 2 branches, 1 variable, 5 nodes in subtree'.

TreeAge Pro 2009

File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Properties

Name	Value
Name	Treat N
Variables	
Document Properties	

chance node, child 1, 2 branches, 1 variable, 5 nodes in subtree

Payoff 1

# Collapse Subtree

The screenshot displays the TreeAge Pro 2009 interface. A decision tree is shown with a root node branching into 'Test' and 'Treat All' (labeled 't\_treatment=1'). The 'Test' branch leads to a chance node with two outcomes: 'Disorder' and 'No Disorder'. The 'Disorder' branch further branches into 'Complications' and 'No Complications'. The 'Treat All' branch leads to a chance node with two outcomes: 'Disorder' and 'No Disorder'. The 'Disorder' branch further branches into 'Complications' and 'No Complications'. The 'Treat None' branch (labeled 't\_treatment=0') is selected, and a context menu is open over it, with 'Collapse Subtree' highlighted. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Hide the subtree of the selected node' and 'Payoff 1'.

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File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Properties

Font... Ctrl+Shift+F

Skip Generation Ctrl+]

Unskip Generation Ctrl+[

Align...

**Collapse Subtree Ctrl+J**

Expand Subtree Once Ctrl+Shift+J

Expand Entire Subtree

Suppress Clone Updating

Zoom In Shift+F9

Zoom Out F9

Zoom...

Redraw Window

Show Explorer View F2

Hide Properties F3

Hide Debug Output F4

Show Finder Shift+F2

Show Node Outline Ctrl+F2

Hide All Extra Panes Ctrl+F1

Hide Status Bar

Hide Tool Bar

Wrap Prefs Actions ?

Hide the subtree of the selected node Payoff 1

TreeAge Pro 2009

File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Properties

Name	Value
Name	
+ Table Files	
+ Document Properties	

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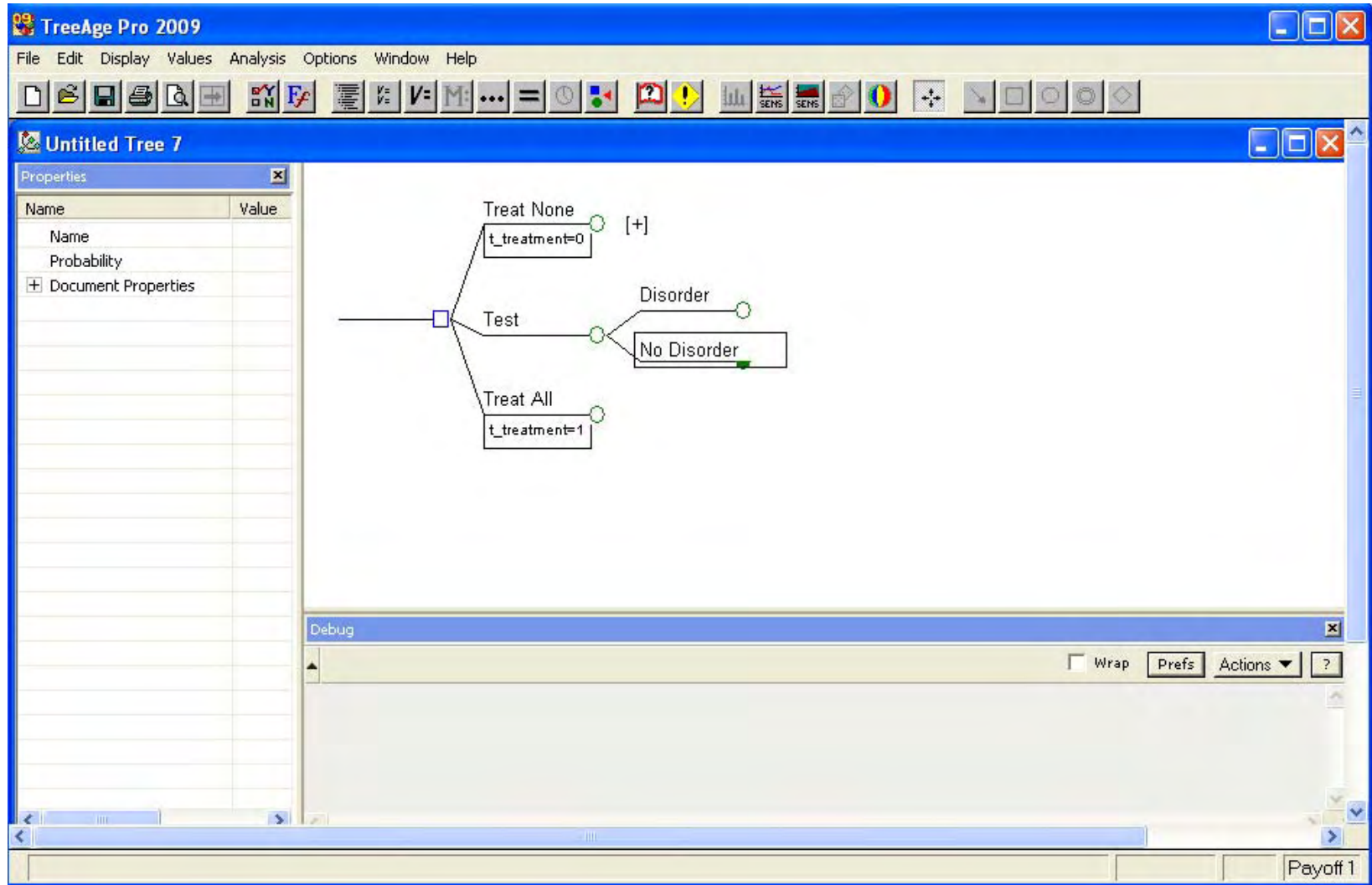
graph LR
    Root[ ] --- TreatNone[Treat None  
t_treatment=0 (+)]
    Root --- Test[Test]
    Root --- TreatAll[Treat All  
t_treatment=1]
  
```

Debug

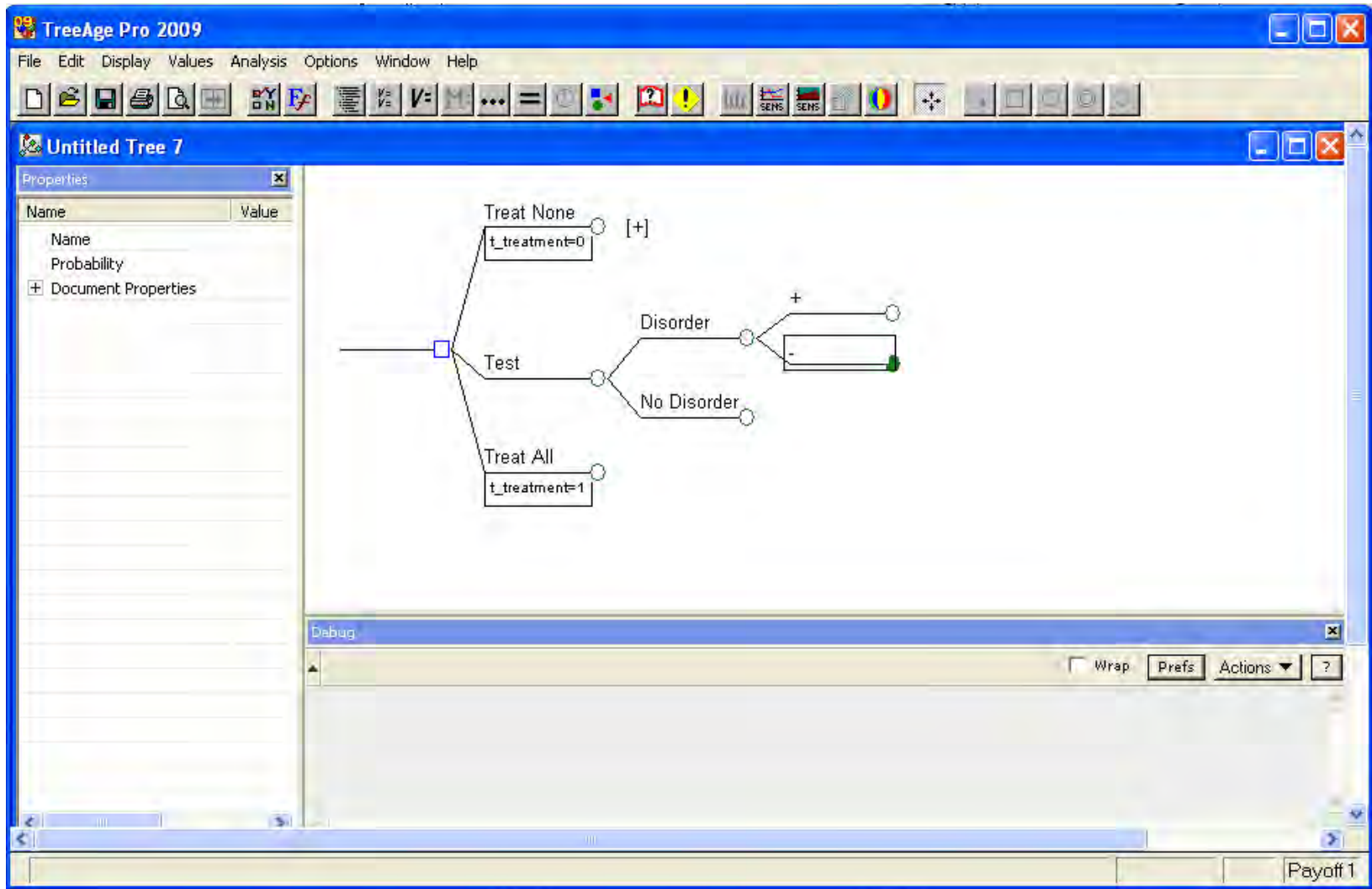
Wrap Prefs Actions ?

Payoff 1

# Strategy 2 - Test



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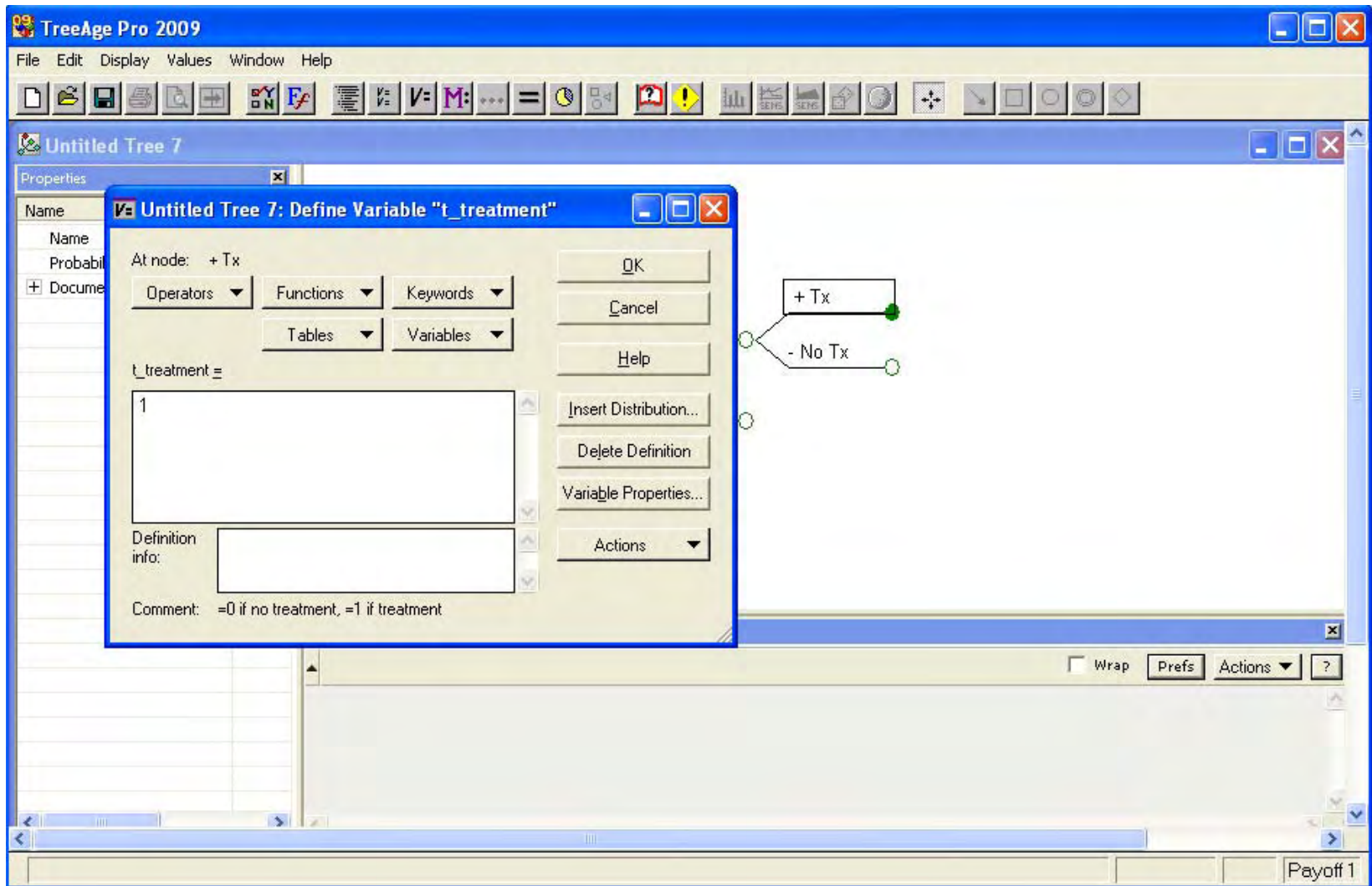
Untitled Tree 7

Properties

Name	Value
Name	+ Tx
Probability	
Document Properties	

chance node, child 1, 0 branches

Payoff 1





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File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Name	Value
Name	No Diso
Probability	
+ Document Properties	

```

graph LR
    Root(( )) --- TreatNone[Treat None  
t_treatment=0 (+)]
    Root --- Test((Test))
    Root --- TreatAll[Treat All  
t_treatment=1]
    Test --- Disorder((Disorder +))
    Test --- NoDisorder[No Disorder]
    Disorder --- Tx["+ Tx  
t_treatment=1"]
    Disorder --- NoTx["- No Tx  
t_treatment=0"]
  
```

Debug

Wrap Prefs Actions ?

Payoff 1

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Untitled Tree 7

Properties	
Name	Value
Name	- No Tx
Probability	
Variables	
Document Properties	

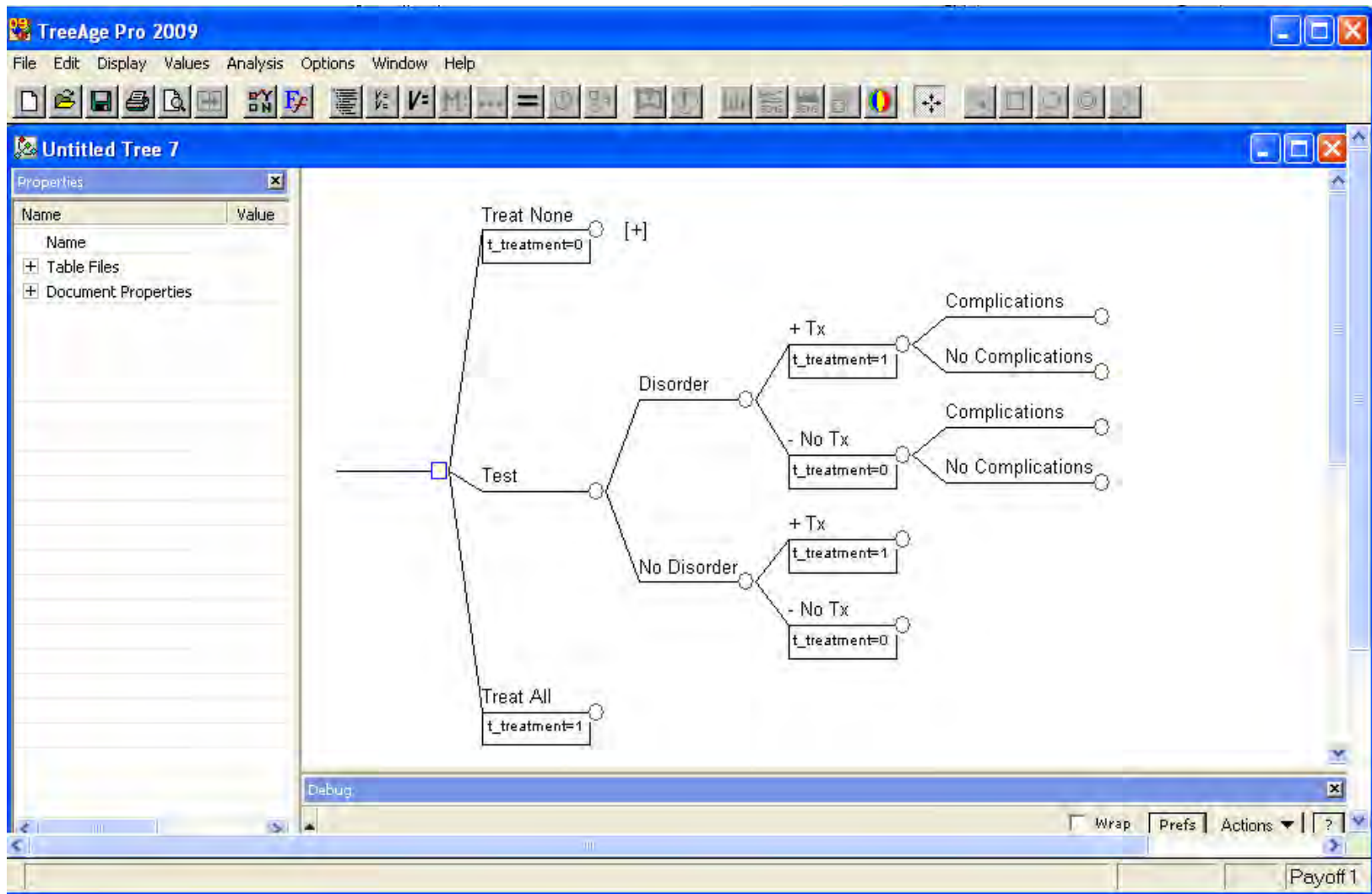
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graph LR
    Root[ ] --- TreatNone[Treat None  
t_treatment=0 (+)]
    Root --- Test((Test))
    Root --- TreatAll[Treat All  
t_treatment=1]
    Test --- Disorder((Disorder))
    Test --- NoDisorder((No Disorder))
    Disorder --- DxTx[+ Tx  
t_treatment=1]
    Disorder --- DxNoTx[- No Tx  
t_treatment=0]
    NoDisorder --- NDTx[+ Tx  
t_treatment=1]
    NoDisorder --- NDNoTx[No Tx  
t_treatment=0]
  
```

chance node, child 2, 0 branches, 1 variable

Wrap Prefs Actions ?

Payoff 1



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File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Properties	
Name	Value
Name	Treat A
+ Variables	
+ Document Properties	

```

graph LR
    Root[ ] --- B1(( ))
    B1 --- B2(( ))
    B1 --- B3(( ))
    B1 --- B4(( ))
    B2 --- TN[Treat None  
t_treatment=0]
    B3 --- Test[Test]
    B4 --- TA[Treat All  
t_treatment=1]
  
```

chance node, child 3, 0 branches, 1 variable

Wrap Prefs Actions ?

Payoff 1

**TreeAge Pro 2009**

File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Properties

Name	Value
Name	
Probability	
+ Document Properties	

```

graph LR
    Root[ ] --- TN[Treat None]
    Root --- Test[Test]
    Root --- TA[Treat All]
    TN --- TNChance[t_treatment=0]
    Test --- TestChance[Test]
    TA --- TACHance[t_treatment=1]
    TACHance --- Disorder[Disorder]
    TACHance --- NoDisorder[No Disorder]
  
```

Debug

Wrap Prefs Actions ?

Payoff 1

**TreeAge Pro 2009**

File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Name	Value
Name	Test
+ Document Properties	

```

graph LR
    Root(( )) --- B1[Treat None  
t_treatment=0]
    Root --- B2[Test]
    Root --- B3[Treat All  
t_treatment=1]
    B2 --- C1(( ))
    C1 --- D1[Disorder]
    C1 --- D2[No Disorder]
    D1 --- E1(( ))
    E1 --- F1[Complications]
    E1 --- F2[No Complications]
  
```

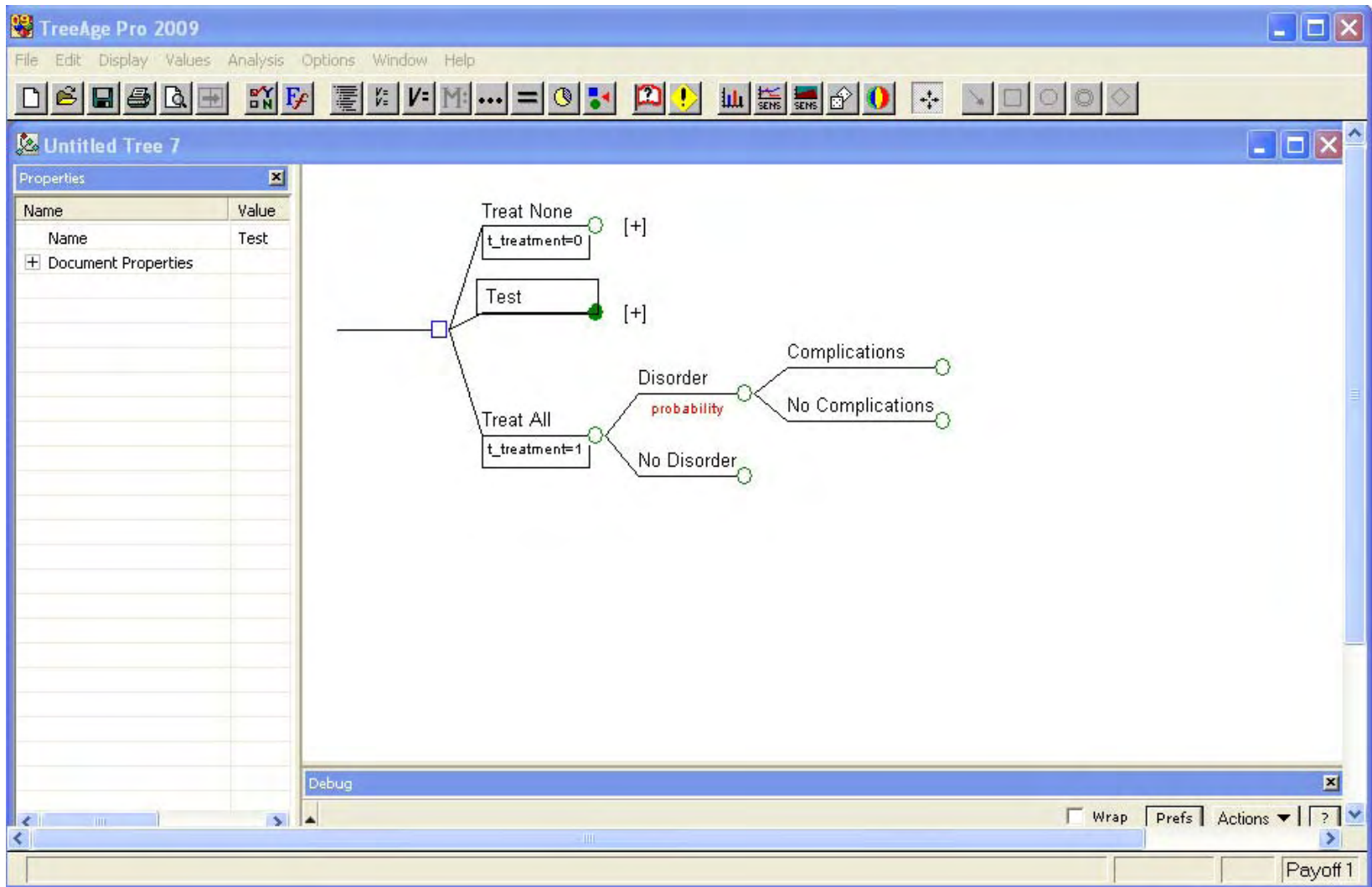
chance node, child 2, 2 branches, 11 nodes in subtree

Wrap Prefs Actions ?

Payoff 1

# Now What?

- Now we have our tree structure
- Lets start filling in probabilities





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File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Properties

Name	Value
Name	Disorde
Probability	
+ Document Properties	

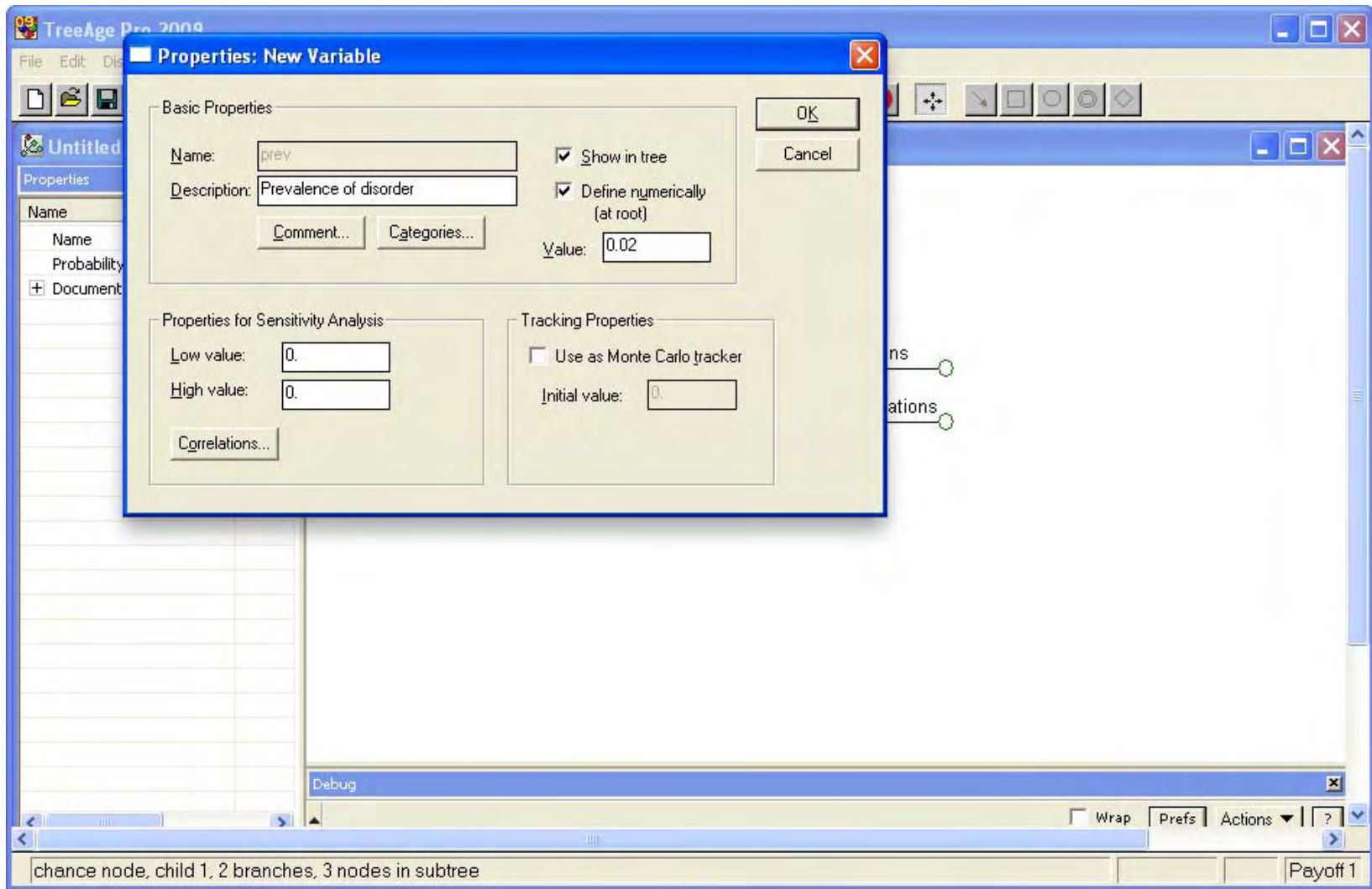
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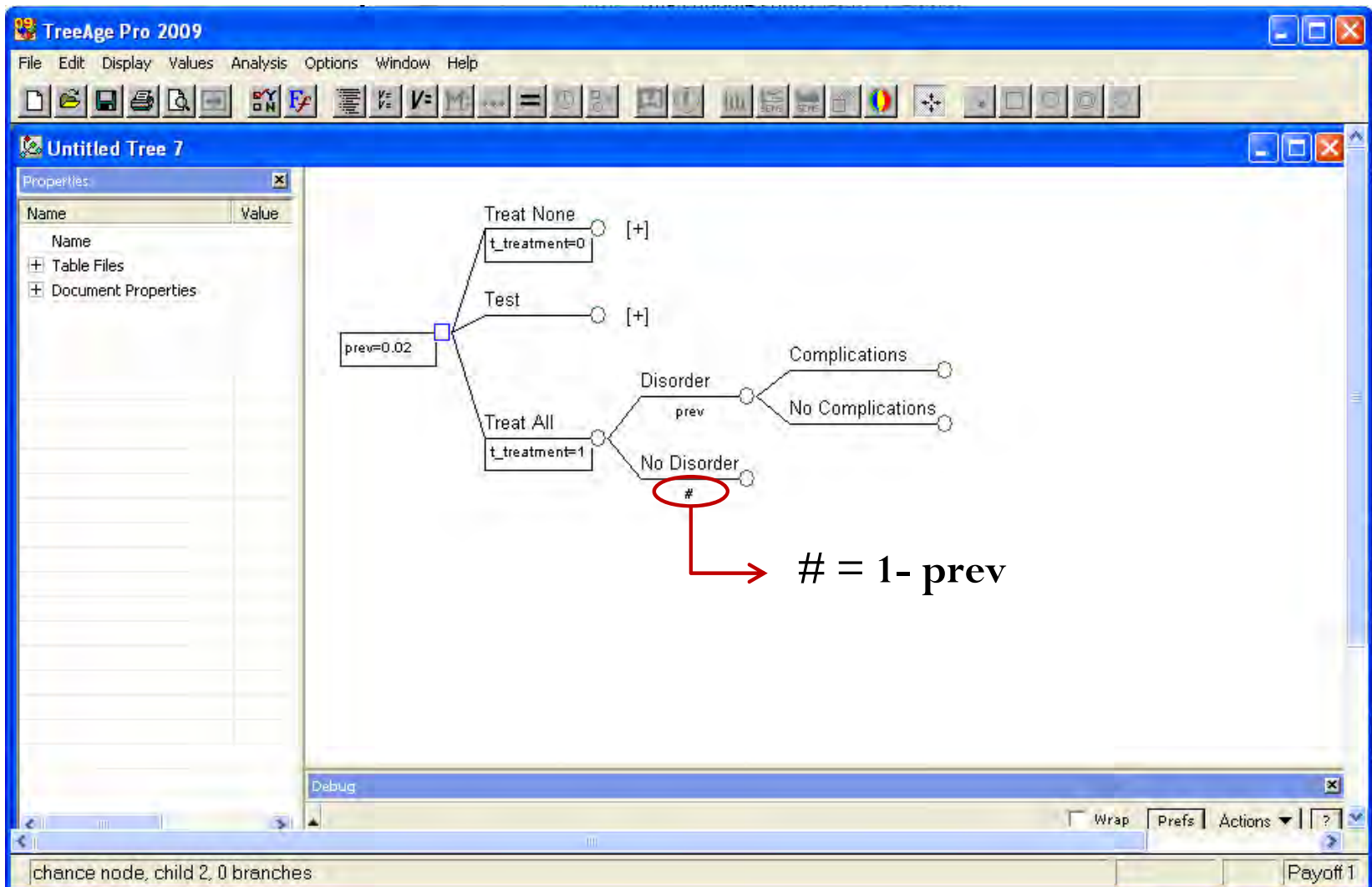
graph LR
    Root(( )) --- B1[Treat None  
t_treatment=0]
    Root --- B2[Test]
    Root --- B3[Treat All  
t_treatment=1]
    B2 --- C1(( ))
    C1 --- D1[Disorder]
    C1 --- D2[No Disorder]
    D1 --- C2(( ))
    C2 --- E1[Complications]
    C2 --- E2[No Complications]
    B3 --- C3(( ))
    C3 --- D3[Disorder]
    C3 --- D4[No Disorder]
    D3 --- C4(( ))
    C4 --- E3[Complications]
    C4 --- E4[No Complications]
  
```

chance node, child 1, 2 branches, 3 nodes in subtree

Wrap Prefs Actions ?

Payoff 1





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File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Name	Value
Name	Complic
Probability	
+ Document Properties	

prev=0.02

Treat None  
t\_treatment=0 (+)

Test (+)

Treat All  
t\_treatment=1

Disorder  
prev

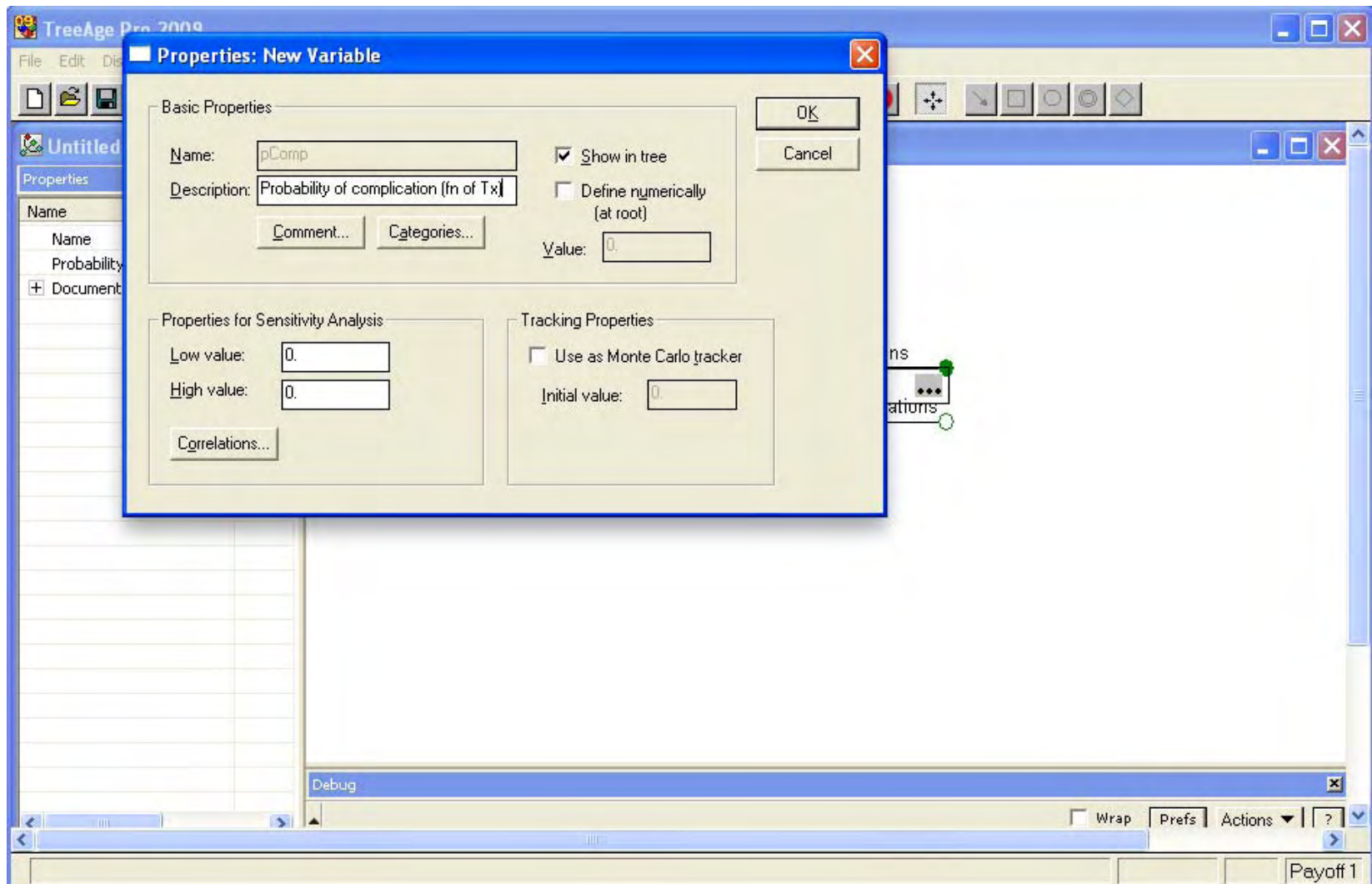
No Disorder  
#

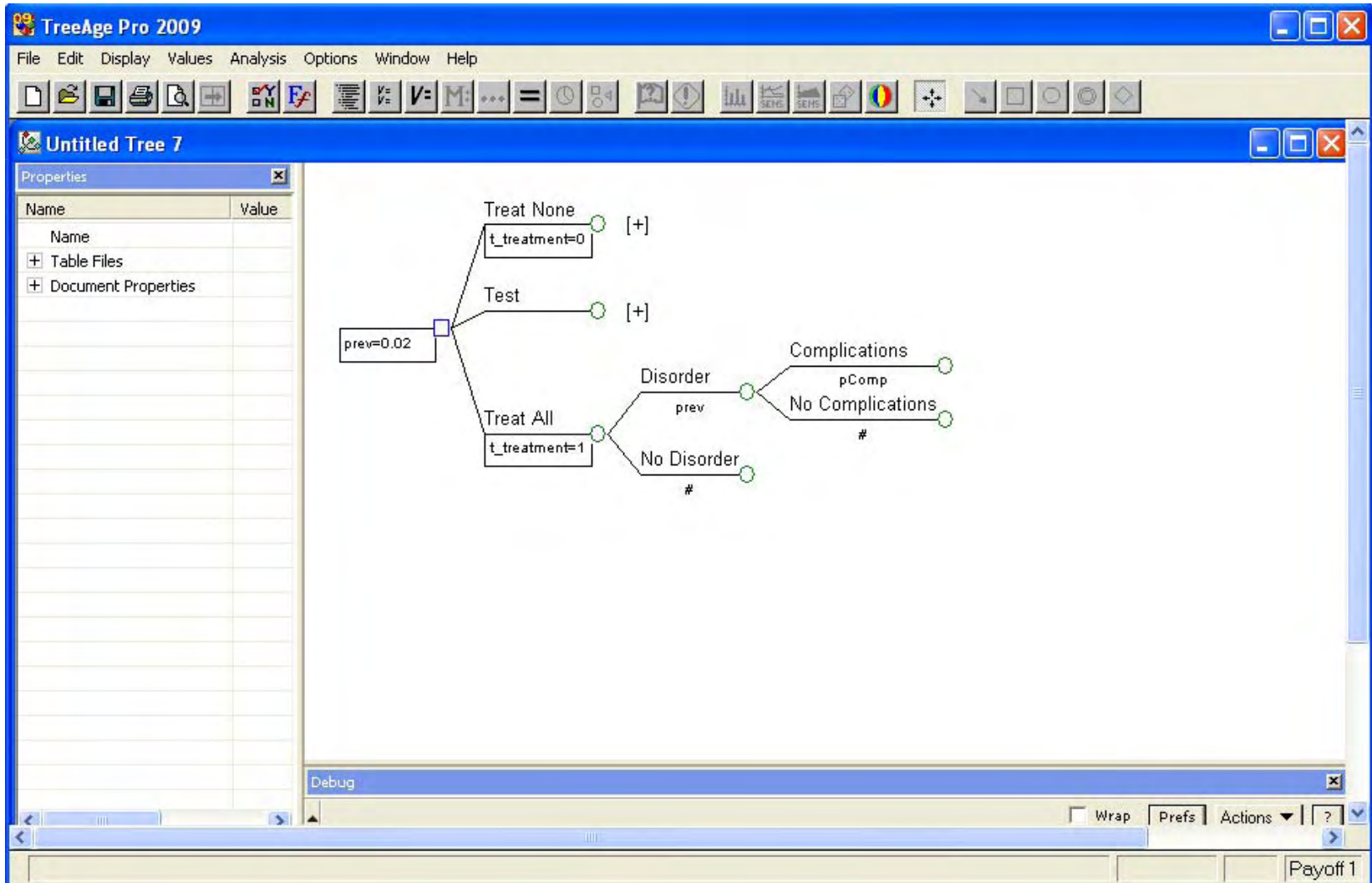
Complications  
pComp  
No Complications

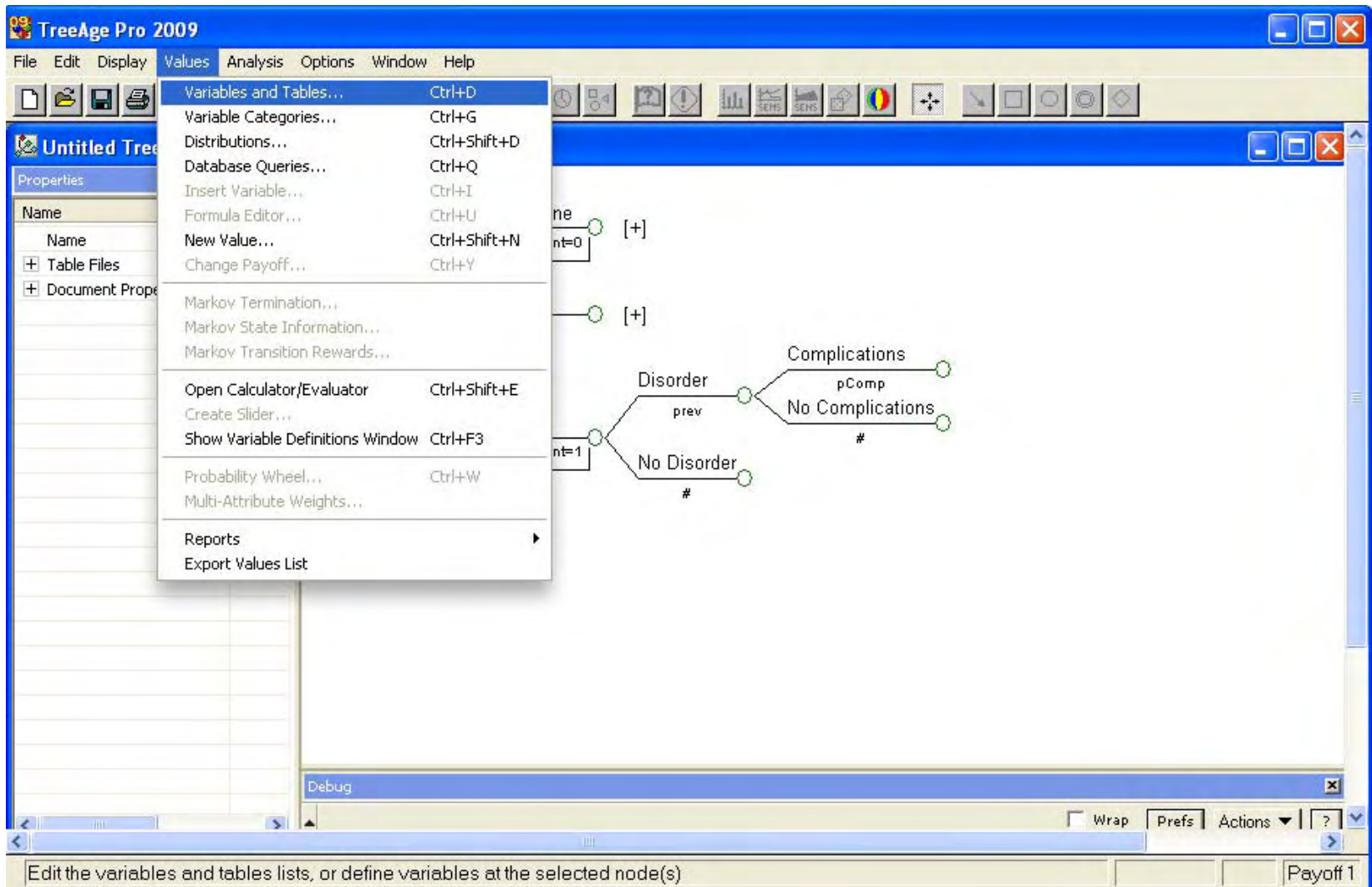
Debug

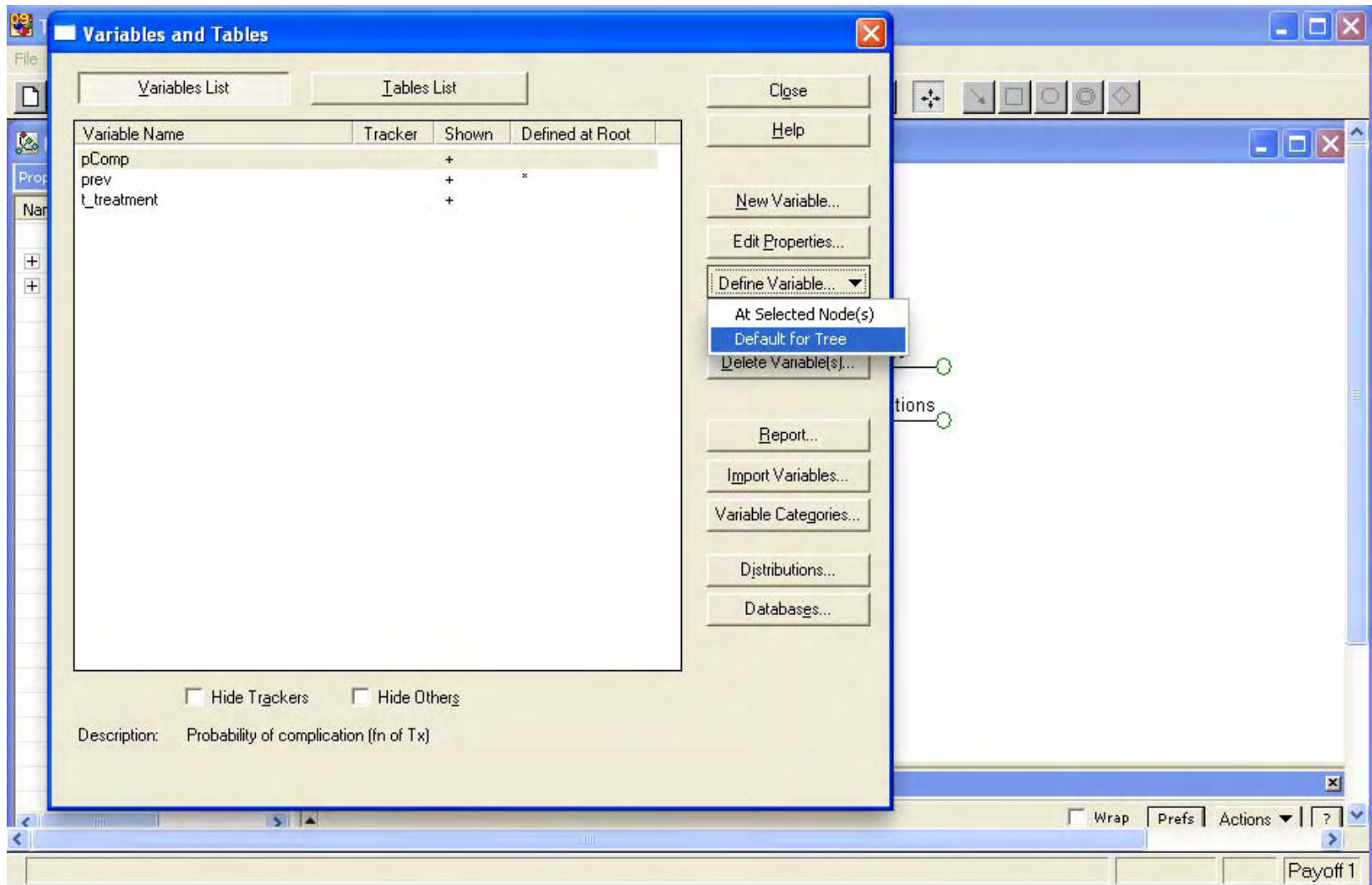
Wrap Prefs Actions ?

Payoff 1

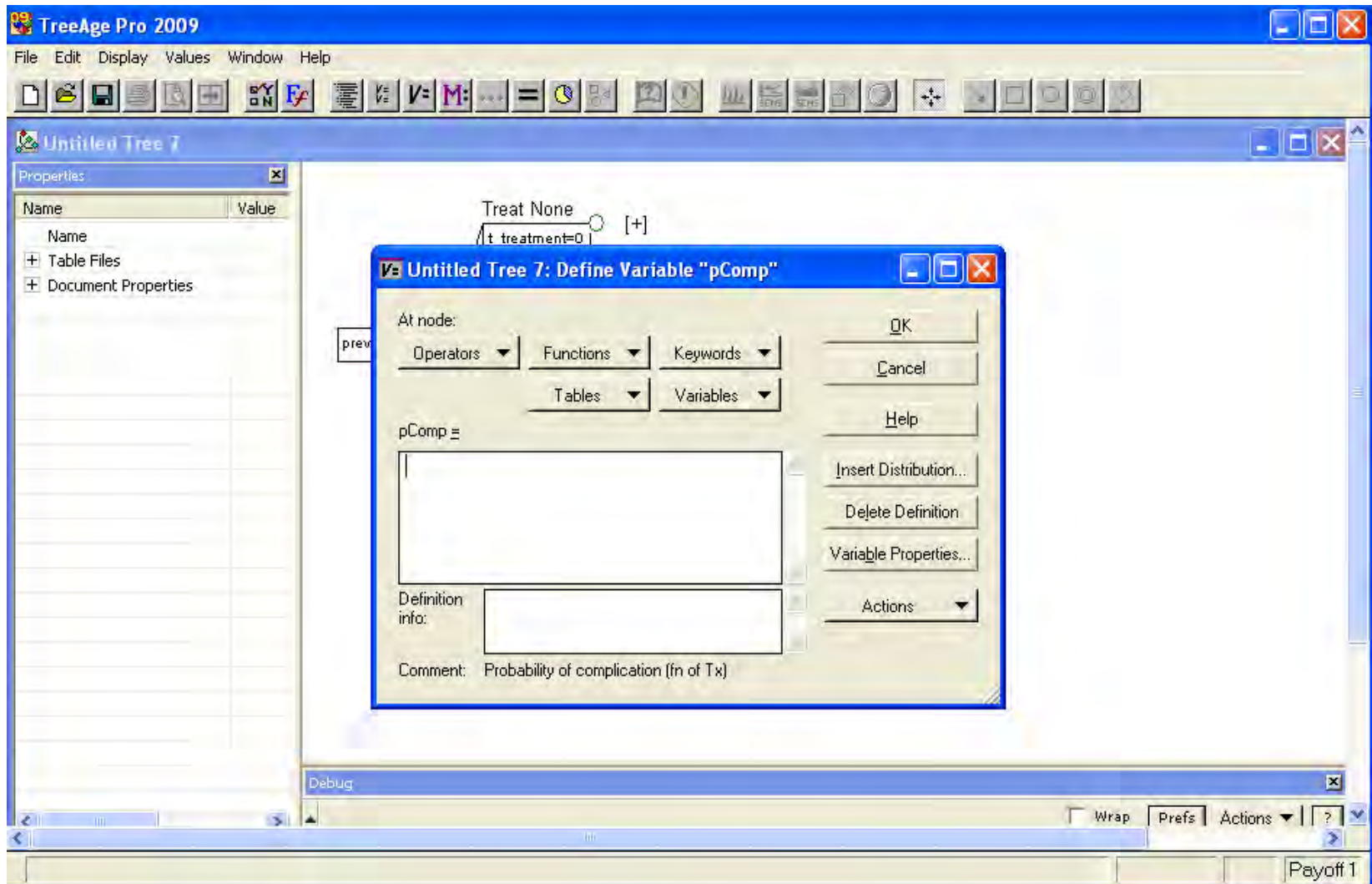


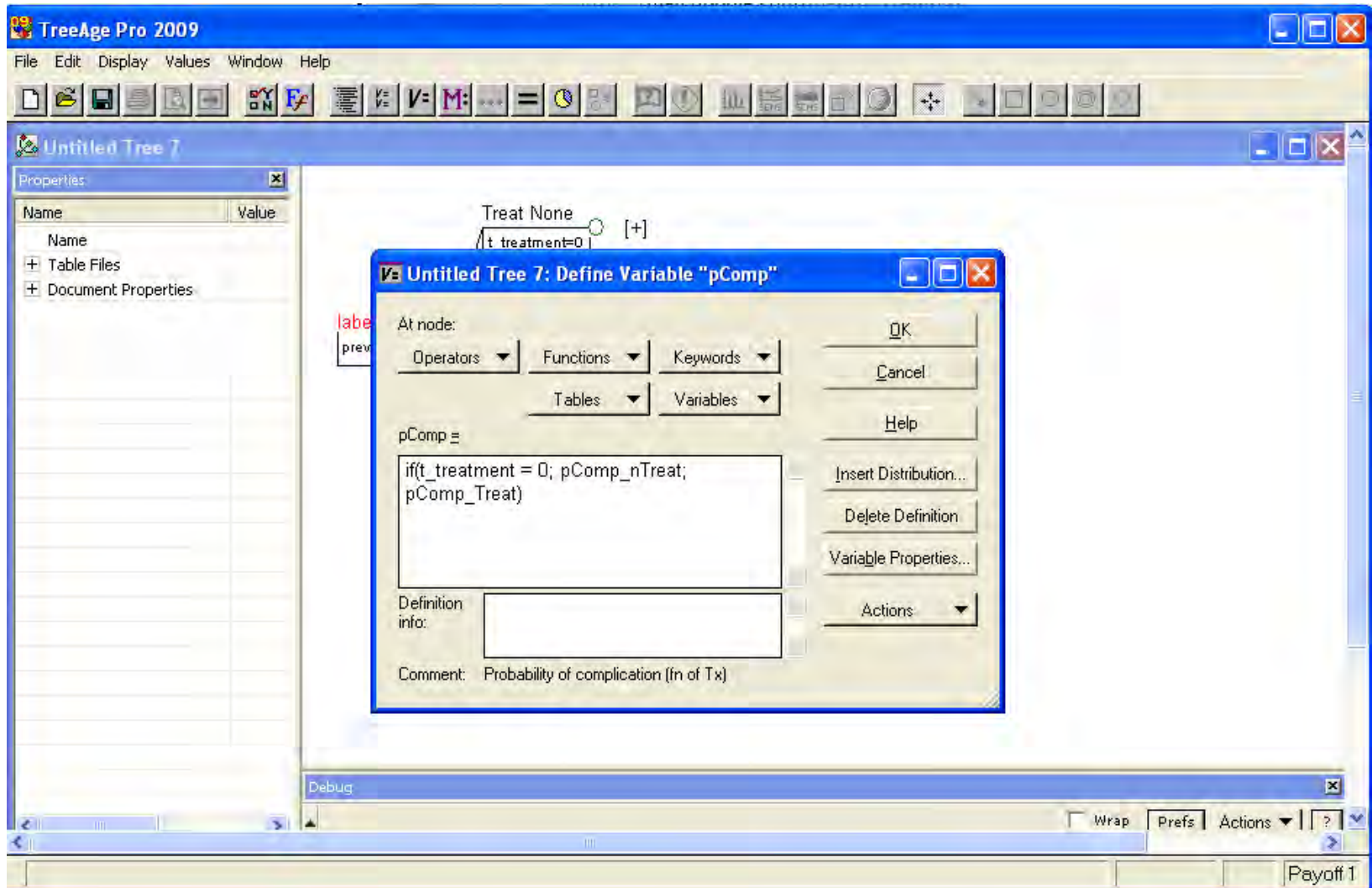


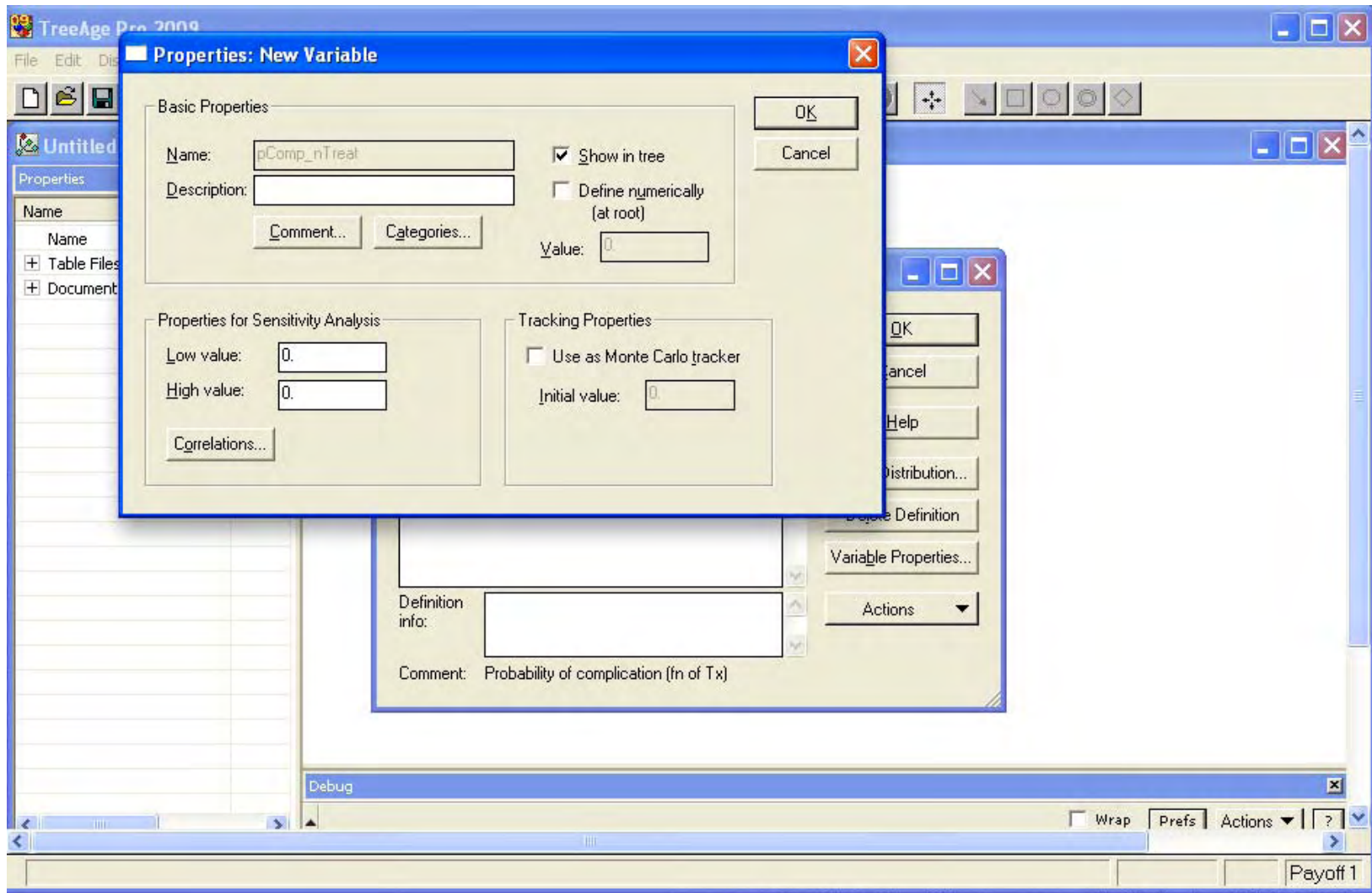


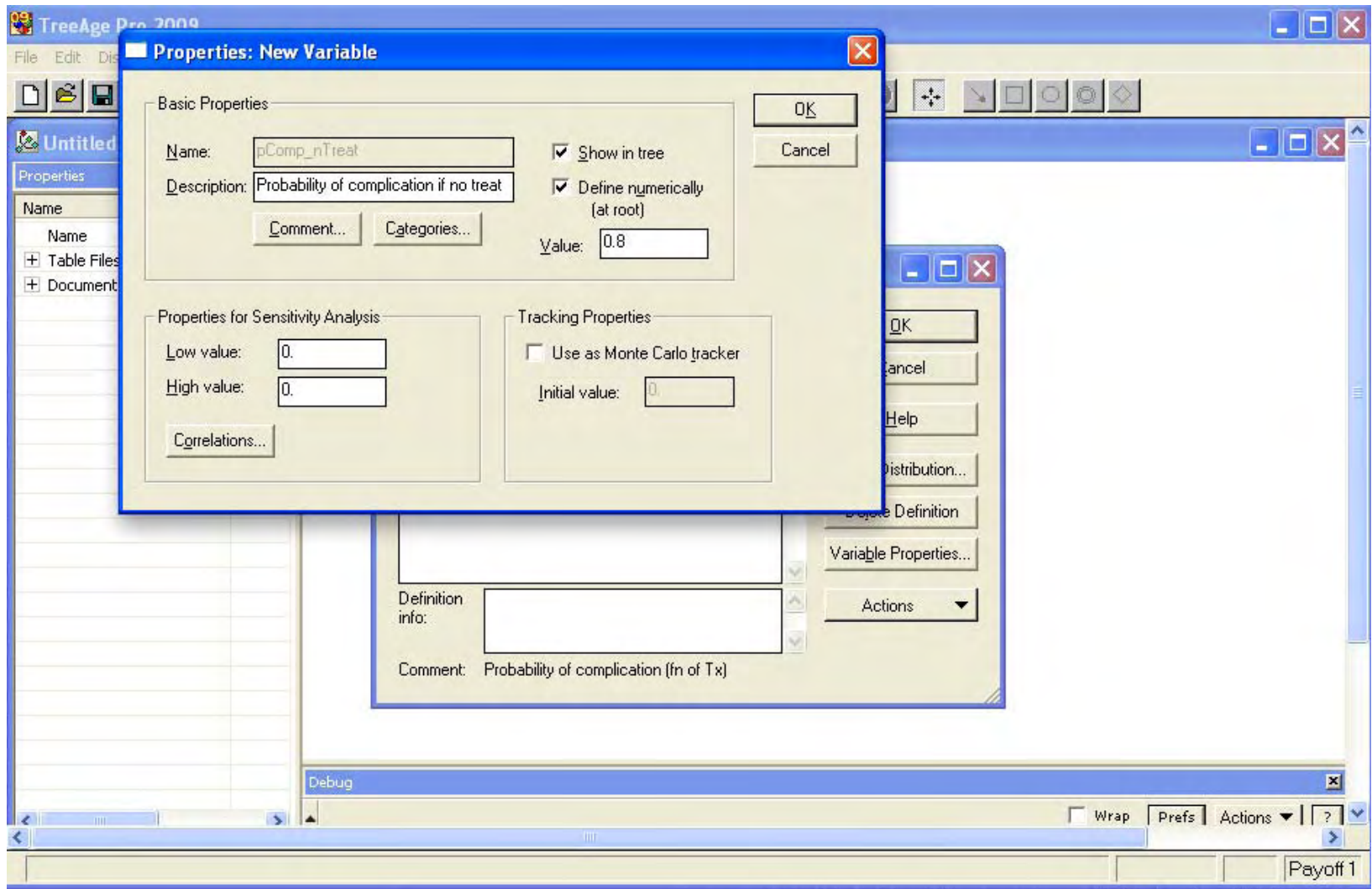












**Properties: pComp\_Treat**

**Basic Properties**

Name:   Show in tree

Description:   Define numerically (at root)

Value:

**Properties for Sensitivity Analysis**

Low value:

High value:

**Tracking Properties**

Use as Monte Carlo tracker

Initial value:

Hide Trackers  Hide Others

Description: Probability of complication if treatment

Context Menu:

- Close
- Help
- New Variable...
- Edit Properties...
- Define Variable...
- Edit in Excel
- Delete Variable(s)...
- Report...
- Import Variables...
- Variable Categories...
- Distributions...
- Databases...

chance node, child 2, 0 branches

Payoff 1

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File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 10

Name	Value
Name	
+ Table Files	
+ Document Properties	

```

graph LR
    Root["pComp=0.1  
prev=0."] --- TreatNone["Treat None  
t_treatment=0"]
    Root --- Test["Test  
[+]"]
    Root --- TreatAll["Treat All  
t_treatment=1"]
    
    TreatNone --- Disorder1["Disorder"]
    TreatNone --- NoDisorder1["No Disorder"]
    
    Disorder1 --- Comp1["Complications"]
    Disorder1 --- NoComp1["No Complications"]
    
    TreatAll --- Disorder2["Disorder  
prev"]
    TreatAll --- NoDisorder2["No Disorder  
#"]
    
    Disorder2 --- Comp2["Complications  
pComp"]
    Disorder2 --- NoComp2["No Complications  
#"]
  
```

Payoff 1

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File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Name	Value
Name	Disorde
Probability	prev
+ Document Properties	

```

pComp=if(t_treatment = 1; pComp_nTreat; pComp_Treat)
pComp_nTreat=0.8
pComp_Treat=343/1280
prev=0.02
  
```

Debug

ayoff 1

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File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Undo Typing Ctrl+Z  
Redo Ctrl+Shift+Z

Cut Subtree Ctrl+X  
Copy Subtree Ctrl+C  
Copy Special...  
Paste Node Ctrl+V  
Paste Link Ctrl+Shift+V  
Clear Subtree

Find... Ctrl+F

Links

**Create Clone**  
Attach Clone  
Clones...

Tree Clipboard 1 (Node)  
Tree Clipboard 2  
Tree Clipboard 3  
Tree Clipboard 4  
Show Tree Clipboard

Preferences... F11  
Numeric Formatting... F10

np=if(t\_treatment = 1; pComp\_nTreat; pComp\_Treat)  
np\_nTreat=0.8  
np\_Treat=343/1280  
#0.02

Treat None  
t\_treatment=0

Disorder (+)  
No Disorder

Test (+)

Treat All  
t\_treatment=1

Disorder prev  
No Disorder #

Complications pComp  
No Complications #

Debug

Wrap Prefs Actions ?

Create or destroy a clone master at the selected node

Payoff 1



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File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

**Create Clone**

Enter a name for your clone master at node "Disorder".

OK

Cancel

Help

Complications

$pComp = \text{if}(t\_treatment = 1; pComp\_nTreat; pComp\_Treat)$   
 $pComp\_nTreat = 0.8$   
 $pComp\_Treat = 343/1280$   
 $prev = 0.02$

Treat None  
t\_treatment=0

Disorder (+)

No Disorder

Test (+)

Treat All  
t\_treatment=1

Disorder prev

Complications pComp

No Complications #

No Disorder #

Debug

Wrap Prefs Actions ?

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File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Name	Value
Name	Disorde
Probability	prev
+ Document Properties	

```

pComp=if(t_treatment = 1; pComp_nTreat; pComp_Treat)
pComp_nTreat=0.8
pComp_Treat=343/1280
prev=0.02
  
```

Debug

Wrap Prefs Actions ?

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TreeAge Pro 2009

File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Undo Cut Node Ctrl+Z  
Redo Ctrl+Shift+Z

Cut Node Ctrl+X  
Copy Node Ctrl+C  
Copy Special...  
Paste Node Ctrl+V  
Paste Link Ctrl+Shift+Y  
Clear Node

Find... Ctrl+F

Links

Create Clone  
Attach Clone  
Clones...

Tree Clipboard 1 (Node)  
Tree Clipboard 2  
Tree Clipboard 3  
Tree Clipboard 4  
Show Tree Clipboard

Preferences... F11  
Numeric Formatting... F10

np=if(t\_treatment = 1; pComp\_nTreat; pComp\_Treat)  
np\_nTreat=0.8  
np\_Treat=343/1280  
=0.02

Treat None  
t\_treatment=0  
Disorder  
No Disorder

Test  
[+]

Treat All  
t\_treatment=1  
Disorder  
prev 1  
No Disorder #  
Complications  
pComp  
No Complications #

Debug

Wrap Prefs Actions ?

Attach or detach a clone copy to the selected node(s)

Payoff 1

TreeAge Pro 2009

File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Name	Value
Name	Disorde
Probability	
+ Document Properties	

$pComp = if(t\_treatment = 1; pComp\_nTreat; pComp\_Treat)$   
 $pComp\_nTreat = 0.8$   
 $pComp\_Treat = 343/1280$   
 $prev = 0.02$

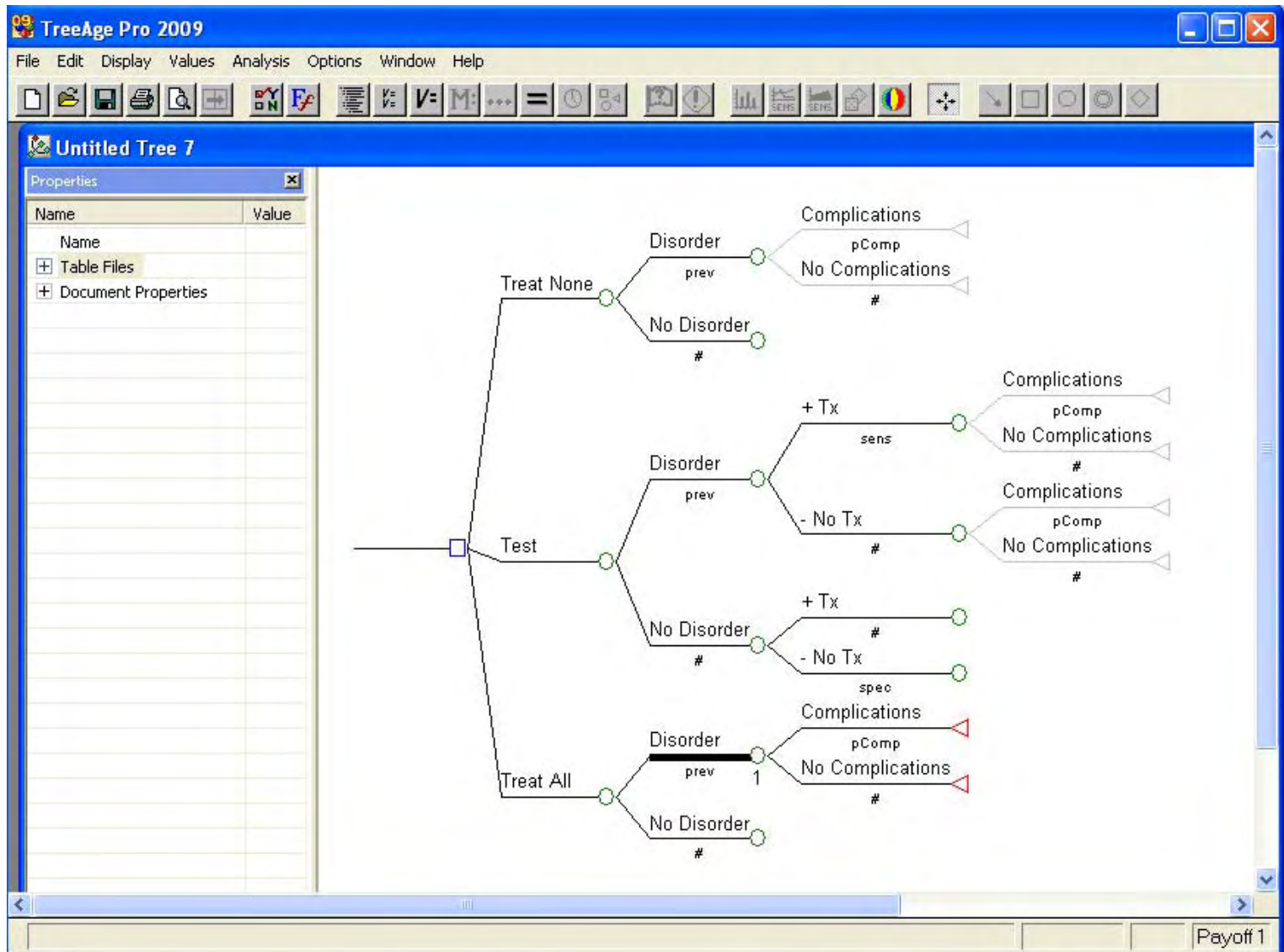
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graph LR
    Root[ ] --- TreatNone["Treat None  
t_treatment=0"]
    Root --- Test["Test  
[+]"]
    Root --- TreatAll["Treat All  
t_treatment=1"]
    
    TreatNone --- DisorderNone["Disorder"]
    TreatNone --- NoDisorderNone["No Disorder"]
    
    DisorderNone --- CompNone["Complications  
pComp"]
    DisorderNone --- NoCompNone["No Complications  
#"]
    
    TreatAll --- DisorderAll["Disorder  
prev 1"]
    TreatAll --- NoDisorderAll["No Disorder  
#"]
    
    DisorderAll --- CompAll["Complications  
pComp"]
    DisorderAll --- NoCompAll["No Complications  
#"]
  
```

chance node, child 1, 2 branches, 3 nodes in subtree

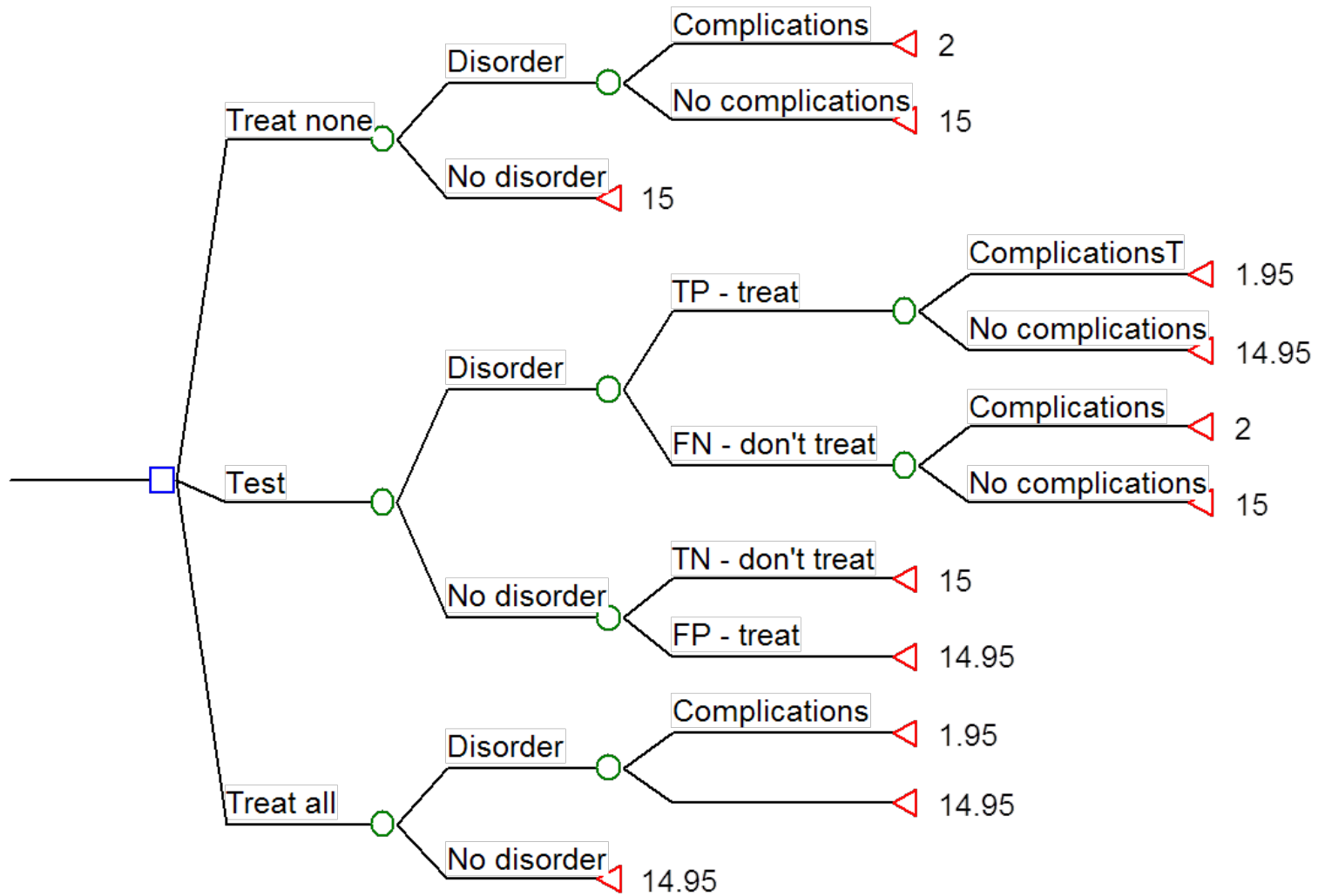
Wrap Prefs Actions ?

Payoff 1



# Recap

- Thus far...
  - Created decision tree
  - Used descriptive variable names
  - Used clones to take advantage of parallel structure
    - Tracking variables
- Now What?
  - Outcomes
  - Assume we know from clinical trial
    - Costs
    - Life years



# Effectiveness Outcomes

- Normal – 15 life expectancy
- Disorder – 3 year detriment
- Complications – 10 year detriment
- Treatment – 0.05 year detriment



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Variables and Tables... Ctrl+D  
 Variable Categories... Ctrl+G  
 Distributions... Ctrl+Shift+D  
 Database Queries... Ctrl+Q  
 Insert Variable... Ctrl+I  
 Formula Editor... Ctrl+U  
 New Value... Ctrl+Shift+N  
 Change Payoff... Ctrl+Y

Markov Termination...  
 Markov State Information...  
 Markov Transition Rewards...

Open Calculator/Evaluator Ctrl+Shift+E  
 Create Slider...  
 Show Variable Definitions Window Ctrl+F3

Probability Wheel... Ctrl+W  
 Multi-Attribute Weights...

Reports  
 Export Values List

Untitled Tree

Properties

Name  
 Name  
 Probability  
 Document Properties

Debug

mp\_nTreat; pComp\_Treat)

Treat None  
 t\_treatment=0 (+)

Test  
 t\_test=1 (+)

Treat All  
 t\_treatment=1

Disorder  
 prev 1

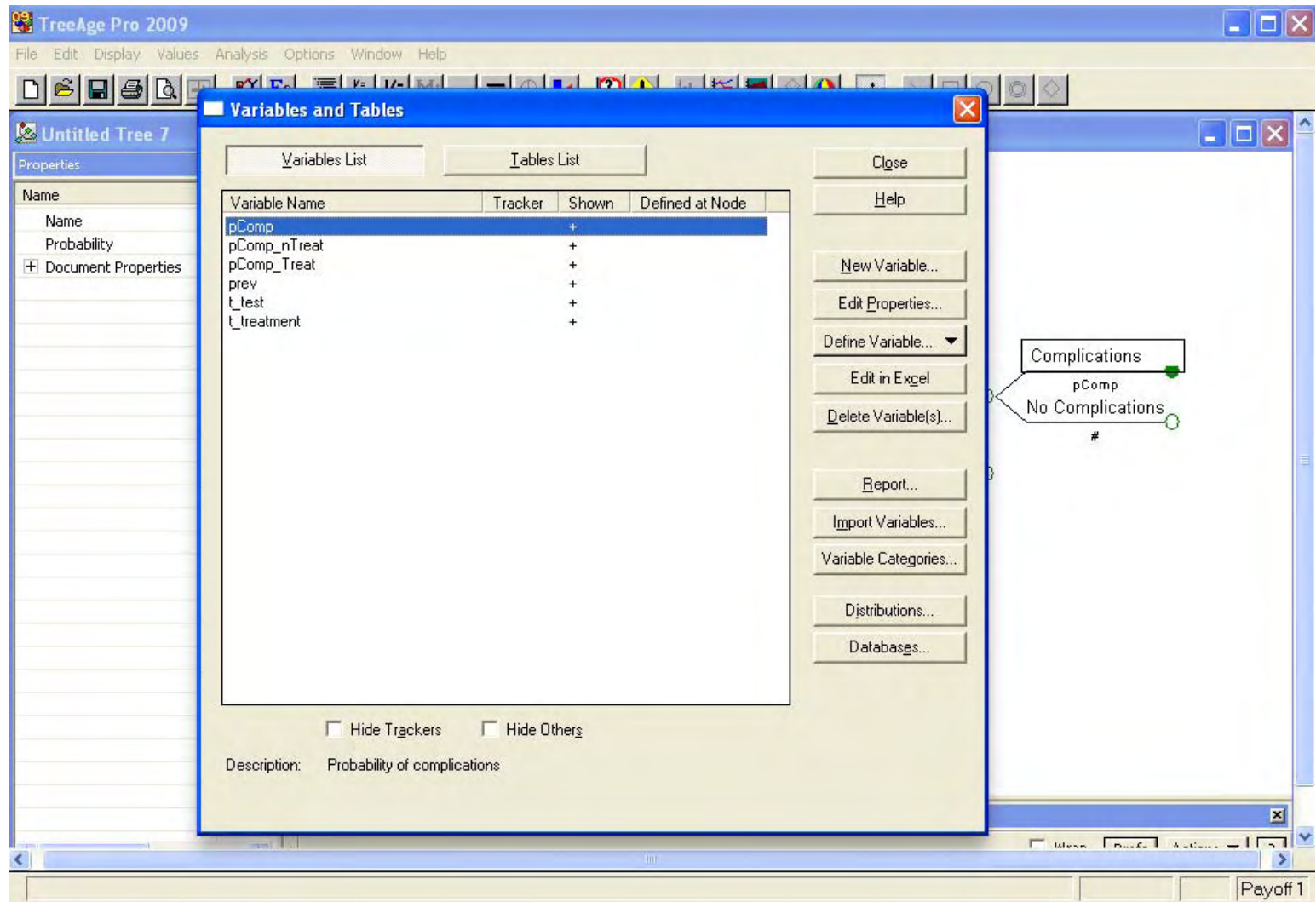
No Disorder  
 #

Complications  
 pComp

No Complications  
 #

Payoff 1

Edit the variables and tables lists, or define variables at the selected node(s)



The image shows a software interface with a 'Properties: New Variable' dialog box and a tree view. The dialog box has the following sections:

- Basic Properties:**
  - Name: LE\_normal
  - Description: Life expectancy in normal
  - Value: 15
  - Show in tree
  - Define numerically (at root)
  - Buttons: Comment..., Categories...
- Properties for Sensitivity Analysis:**
  - Low value: 0.
  - High value: 0.
  - Button: Correlations...
- Tracking Properties:**
  - Use as Monte Carlo tracker
  - Initial value: 0.

At the bottom of the dialog box, there are checkboxes for 'Hide Trackers' and 'Hide Others', and a description: 'Probability of complications'. Buttons for 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'More' are also present.

The tree view on the right shows a node labeled 'Complications' with a sub-node 'pComp' and another sub-node 'No Complications'. The 'pComp' node has a green dot next to it. Below the tree view, there is a 'Payoff 1' label.

**Properties: LEdet\_disorder**

Basic Properties

Name:   Show in tree

Description:   Define numerically (at root)

Value:

Properties for Sensitivity Analysis

Low value:

High value:

Tracking Properties

Use as Monte Carlo tracker

Initial value:

**Properties: LEdet\_treatment**

Basic Properties

Name:   Show in tree

Description:   Define numerically (at root)

Value:

Properties for Sensitivity Analysis

Low value:

High value:

Tracking Properties

Use as Monte Carlo tracker

Initial value:

**Properties: New Variable**

Basic Properties

Name:   Show in tree

Description:   Define numerically (at root)

Value:

Properties for Sensitivity Analysis

Low value:

High value:

Tracking Properties

Use as Monte Carlo tracker

Initial value:

# Add Complications Tracker

The screenshot displays the TreeAge Pro 2009 interface with a decision tree model. The tree structure is as follows:

- Root Node (Square) branches into:
  - Treat None (Circle) with  $t\_treatment=0$  and a plus sign (+).
  - Test (Circle) with  $t\_test=1$  and a plus sign (+).
  - Treat All (Circle) with  $t\_treatment=1$ .
- Treat All node branches into:
  - Disorder (Circle) with a probability of 1 and a plus sign (+).
  - No Disorder (Circle) with a plus sign (+).
- Disorder node branches into:
  - Complications (Circle) with a probability of 1 and a plus sign (+).
  - No Complications (Circle) with a plus sign (+).

The 'Complications' node is selected, and a context menu is open. The 'New...' sub-menu is visible, listing the following variables:

- LEdet\_complications
- LEdet\_disorder
- LEdet\_treatment
- LE\_normal
- pComp
- pComp\_nTreat
- pComp\_Treat
- prev
- t\_test
- t\_treatment

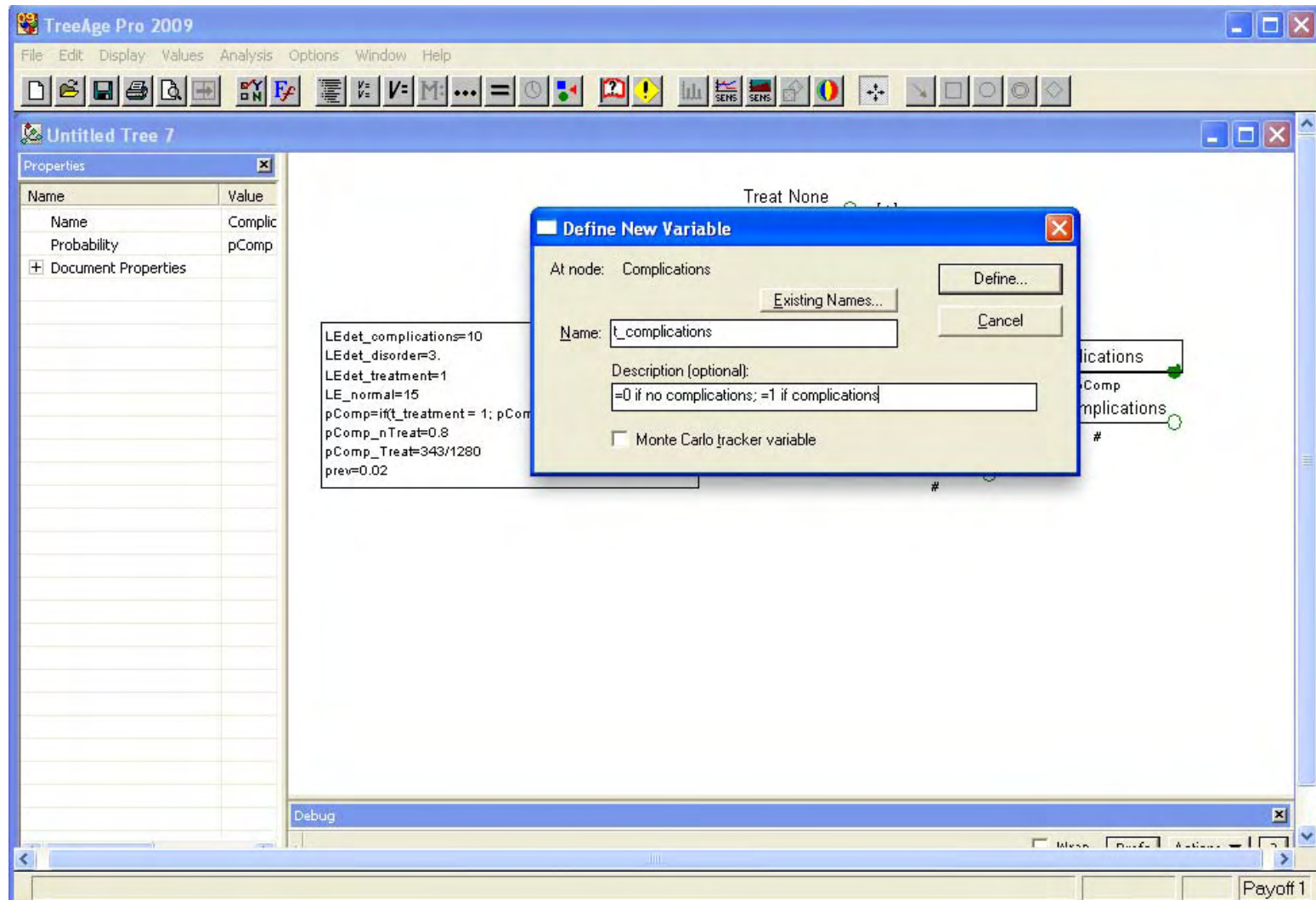
The Properties window on the left shows the following table:

Name	Value
Name	Complic
Probability	pComp
+ Document Properties	

The main text box contains the following model parameters:

```
LEdet_complications=10  
LEdet_disorder=3.  
LEdet_treatment=1  
LE_normal=15  
pComp=if(t_treatment = 1; pComp_nTreat; pComp_Treat)  
pComp_nTreat=0.8  
pComp_Treat=343/1280  
prev=0.02
```

# Add Complications Tracker



# Add Complications Tracker

The screenshot displays the TreeAge Pro 2009 interface. The main window shows a decision tree with a node labeled "Treat None" containing the variable  $t_{treatment}=0$ . A dialog box titled "Untitled Tree 7: Define Variable 't\_complications'" is open, showing the definition of the variable  $t_{complications}$ . The dialog box includes a text area with the value "1" and a comment: "= 0 if no complications; = 1 if complications". The dialog box also features buttons for "OK", "Cancel", "Help", "Insert Distribution...", "Delete Definition", "Variable Properties...", and "Actions".

The dialog box content is as follows:

Name	Value
Name	Complic
Probability	pComp

At node: Complications

Operators Functions Keywords

Tables Variables

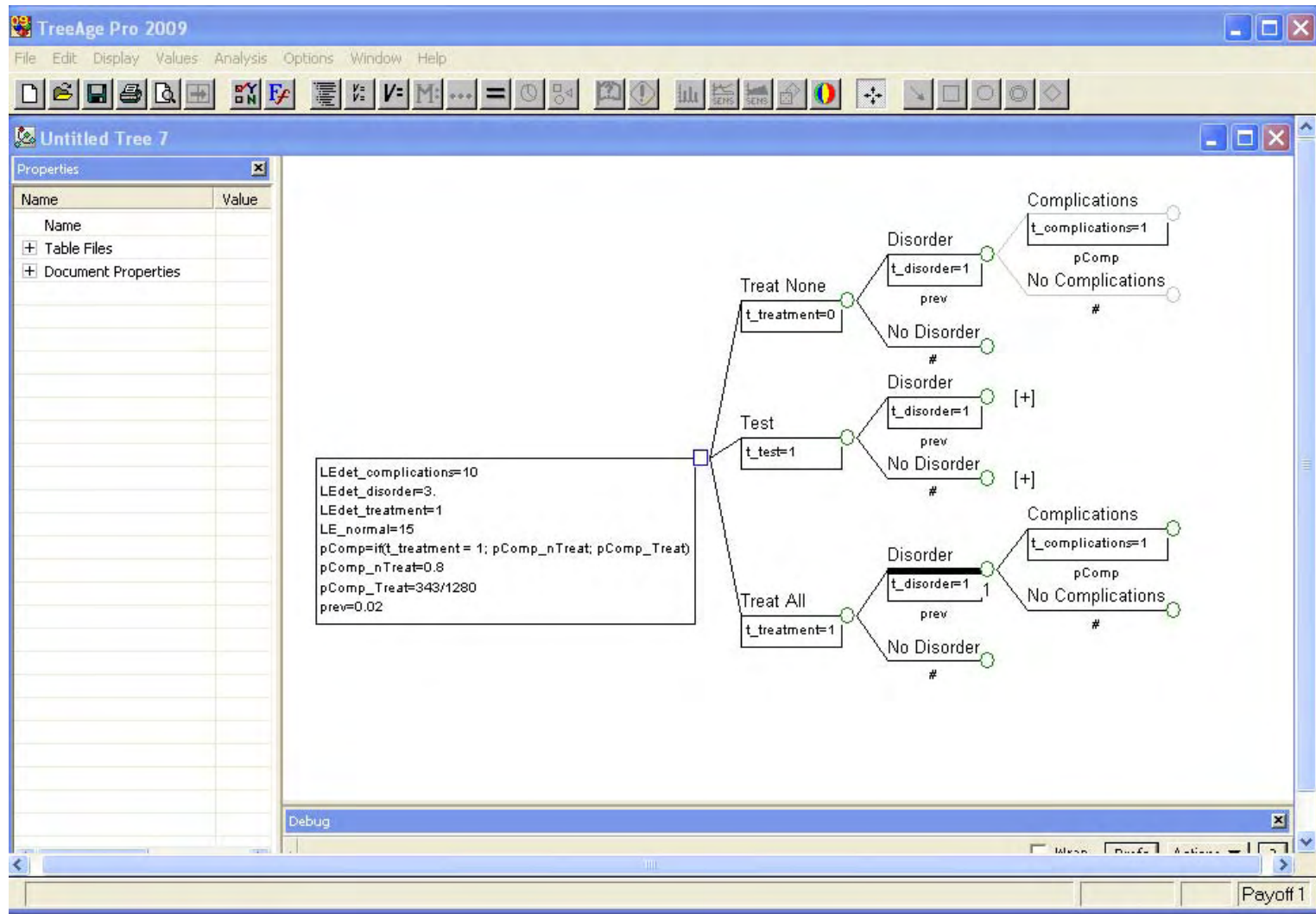
$t_{complications} =$

1

Definition info:

Comment: = 0 if no complications; = 1 if complications

# Add Disorder Tracker





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**Untitled Tree 7**

Properties

Name	Value
Name	Complic
Probability	pComp
+ Variables	
+ Document Properties	

```

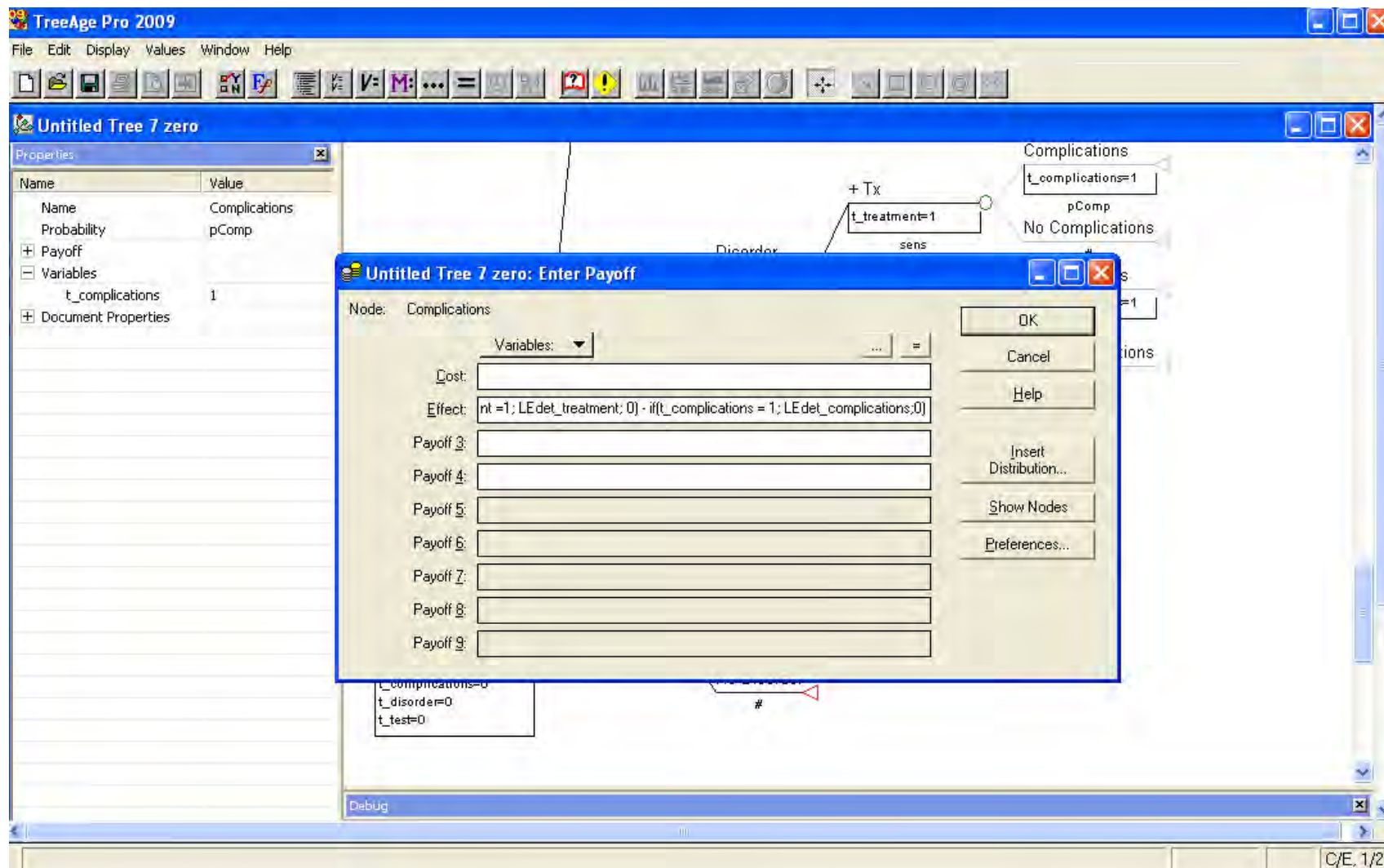
LEdet_complications=10
LEdet_disorder=3.
LEdet_treatment=1
LE_normal=15
pComp=if(t_treatment=1; pComp_nTreat; pComp_Treat)
pComp_nTreat=0.8
pComp_Treat=343/1280
prev=0.02
  
```

chance node, child 1, 0 branches, 1 variable

Payoff 1

Context Menu:

- Paste Text
- Paste Node(s)
- Change Node Type
  - Chance
  - Terminal
  - Decision
  - Logic
  - Markov
  - Label
  - Show Dialog...
- Node Comment...
- Select Subtree
- Create Note
- Create Arrow
- Branch(es)
- Custom Node Action...
- Hide Roll-Back Box
- Sensitivity Analysis
- Monte Carlo Simulation
- Cost/Quality Advantages...
- Markov Cohort (Full Detail)
- Probability Distribution
- Expected Value
- Roll Back
- Preferences...



Payoff 1:  $LE_{normal} - \text{if}(t_{disorder} = 1; LE_{det\_disorder}; 0) +$   
 $-\text{if}(t_{treatment} = 1; LE_{det\_treatment}; 0) - \text{if}(t_{complications} = 1; LE_{det\_complications}; 0)$

**Variables and Tables**

Variable Name	Tracker	Shown	Defined at Node
c_normal		+	*
LEdet_complications		+	*
LEdet_disorder		+	*

**Properties: c\_normal**

**Basic Properties**

Name:   Show in tree

Description:   Define numerically (at root)

Value:

**Properties for Sensitivity Analysis**

Low value:

High value:

**Tracking Properties**

Use as Monte Carlo tracker

Initial value:

Description: Lifetime cost if no disorder

decision node, root, 3 branches, 9 variables, 22 nodes in subtree

Payoff 1

Untitled Tree 7 zero

Properties

Name	Value
Name	
Variables	
c_complications	300
c_disorder	0
c_normal	100.
c_test	0
c_treatment	0
LEdet_complications	10
LEdet_disorder	3.
LEdet_treatment	0.05
LE_normal	15
pComp	if(t_treatment = 1;
pComp_nTreat	0.8
pComp_Treat	0.3
prev	0.02
sens	.9
spec	.1
t_complications	0
t_disorder	0
t_test	0
Table Files	
Document Properties	

```

c_complications=300
c_disorder=0
c_normal=100.
c_test=0
c_treatment=0
LEdet_complications=10
LEdet_disorder=3.
LEdet_treatment=0.05
LE_normal=15
pComp=if(t_treatment =
1; pComp_Treat;
pComp_nTreat)
pComp_nTreat=0.8
pComp_Treat=0.3
prev=0.02
sens=.9
spec=.1
t_complications=0
t_disorder=0
t_test=0
  
```

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Untitled Tree 7

Name	Value
Name	Complic
Probability	pComp
Payoff	LE_norr
Variables	
t_complications	1
Document Properties	

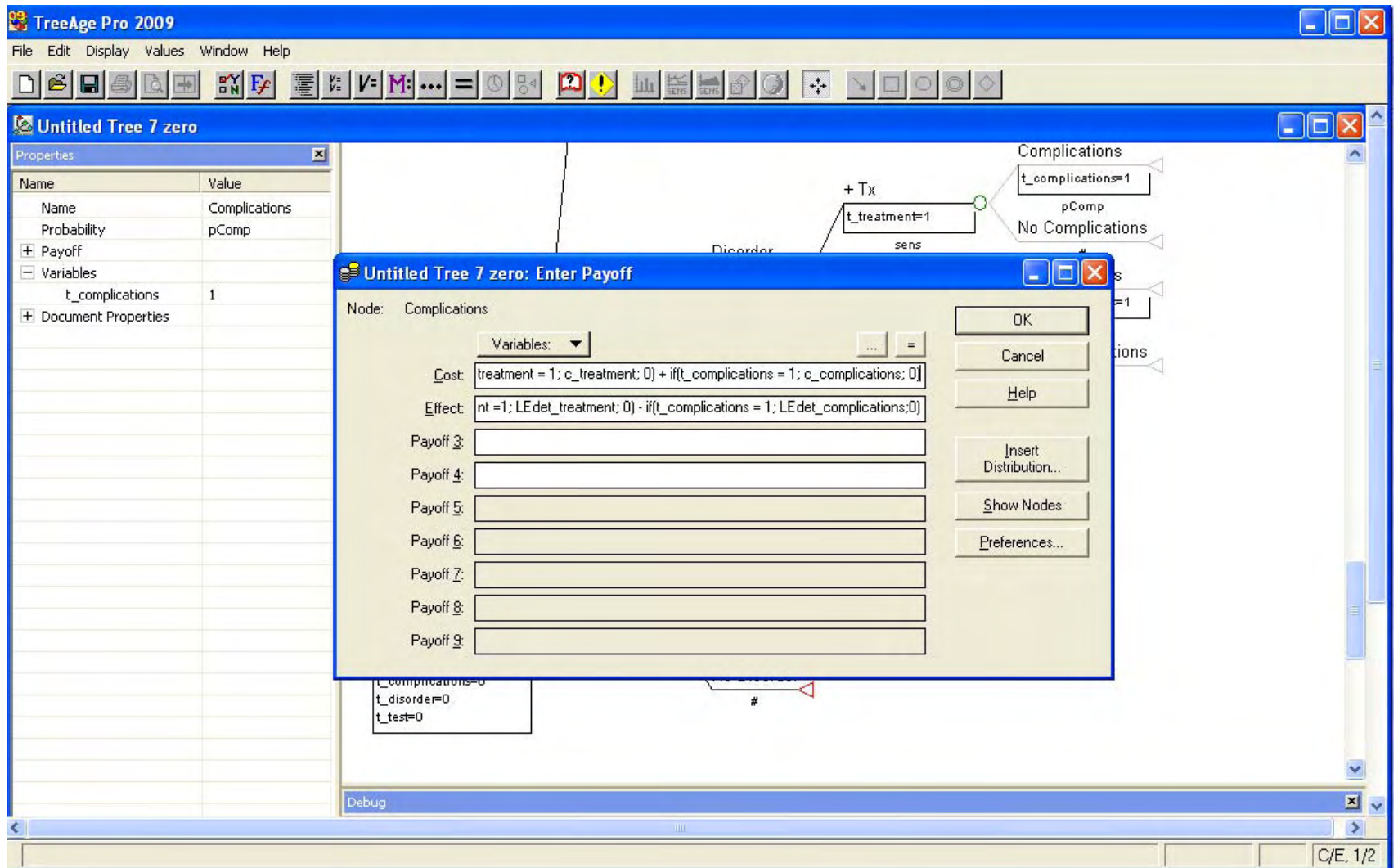
```

graph LR
    Root(( )) --- TreatNone["Treat None  
t_treatment=0"]
    Root --- Test["Test  
t_test=1"]
    Root --- TreatAll["Treat All  
t_treatment=1"]
    
    TreatNone --- Disorder1["Disorder  
t_disorder=1 (+)"]
    TreatNone --- NoDisorder1["No Disorder  
#"]
    
    Test --- Disorder2["Disorder  
t_disorder=1 (+)"]
    Test --- NoDisorder2["No Disorder  
#"]
    
    TreatAll --- Disorder3["Disorder  
t_disorder=1 (+)"]
    TreatAll --- NoDisorder3["No Disorder  
#"]
    
    Disorder3 --- Complications["Complications  
t_complications=1 (+)"]
    Disorder3 --- NoComplications["No Complications  
#"]
    
    Disorder1 --- Prev1["prev"]
    Disorder2 --- Prev2["prev"]
    Disorder3 --- Prev3["prev"]
    
    NoDisorder1 --- Hash1["#"]
    NoDisorder2 --- Hash2["#"]
    NoDisorder3 --- Hash3["#"]
    
    NoComplications --- pComp["pComp"]
  
```

Comp\_nTreat; pComp\_Treat)

terminal node, child 1, 1 variable

- Define Variable
- Change Payoff...
- Cut Node
- Copy Node
- Paste Text
- Paste Node(s)
- Change Node Type
- Node Comment...
- Select Subtree
- Create Note
- Create Arrow
- Branch(es)
- Custom Node Action...
- Hide Roll-Back Box
- Sensitivity Analysis



Payoff 2:  $c\_normal + \text{if}(t\_disorder = 1; c\_disorder; 0) + \text{if}(t\_test = 1; c\_test; 0) + \text{if}(t\_treatment = 1; c\_treatment; 0) + \text{if}(t\_complications = 1; c\_complications; 0)$

TreeAge Pro 2009

File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled Tree 7

Name	Value
Name	- No Tx
Probability	spec
Variables	
t_treatment	0
Document Properties	

$c\_complications=300$   
 $c\_disorde=50$   
 $c\_normal=100$   
 $c\_test=10$   
 $c\_treatment=50$   
 $LEdet\_complications=10$   
 $LEdet\_disorde=3$   
 $LEdet\_treatment=1$   
 $LE\_normal=15$   
 $pComp=i(t\_treatment=$   
 $1; pComp\_nTreat;$   
 $pComp\_Treat)$   
 $pComp\_nTreat=0.8$   
 $pComp\_Treat=343/1280$   
 $prev=0.02$

Treat None  
 $t\_treatment=0$   
 Disorder  
 $t\_disorde=1$   
 prev  
 No Disorder  
 #

Complications  
 $t\_complications=1$   
 pComp  
 No Complications  
 #

+ Tx  
 $t\_treatment=1$   
 sens

Disorder  
 $t\_disorde=1$   
 prev  
 - No Tx  
 $t\_treatment=0$   
 #

+ Tx  
 $t\_treatment=1$   
 #

No Disorder  
 #  
 - No Tx  
 $t\_treatment=0$   
 #

+ Tx  
 $t\_treatment=1$   
 #

- No Tx  
 $t\_treatment=0$   
 #

Disorder  
 $t\_disorde=1$   
 prev  
 No Disorder  
 #

Complications  
 $t\_complications=1$   
 pComp  
 No Complications  
 #

Treat All  
 $t\_treatment=1$   
 Disorder  
 $t\_disorde=1$   
 prev  
 No Disorder  
 #

$LE\_normal - if(t\_disorde=1; LEdet\_disorde;D) - if(t\_treatment=1; LEdet\_treatment$

Change Node Type  
 Chance  
 Terminal  
 Decision  
 Logic  
 Markov  
 Label  
 Show Dialog...

Debug  
 "Disorder"  
 chance node, child 2, 0 branches, 1 variable  
 Payoff 1

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Untitled Tree 7 zero

Properties

Name	Value
Name	No Complications
Probability	#
+ Payoff	
+ Document Properties	

Complications

+ Tx

t\_complications=1

pComp

No Complications

Untitled Tree 7 zero: Enter Payoff

Node: No Complications

Variables: [dropdown] ... =

Cost: [text box]

Effect: [text box] if(t\_complications = 1; LEdet\_complications;0)

Payoff 3: [text box]

Payoff 4: [text box]

Payoff 5: [text box]

Payoff 6: [text box]

Payoff 7: [text box]

Payoff 8: [text box]

Payoff 9: [text box]

Undo

Cut

Copy

Paste

Delete

Select All

OK

Cancel

Help

Insert Distribution...

Show Nodes

Preferences...

t\_complications=0

t\_disorder=0

t\_test=0

Debug

terminal node, child 2

C/E, 1/2



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Untitled Tree 7

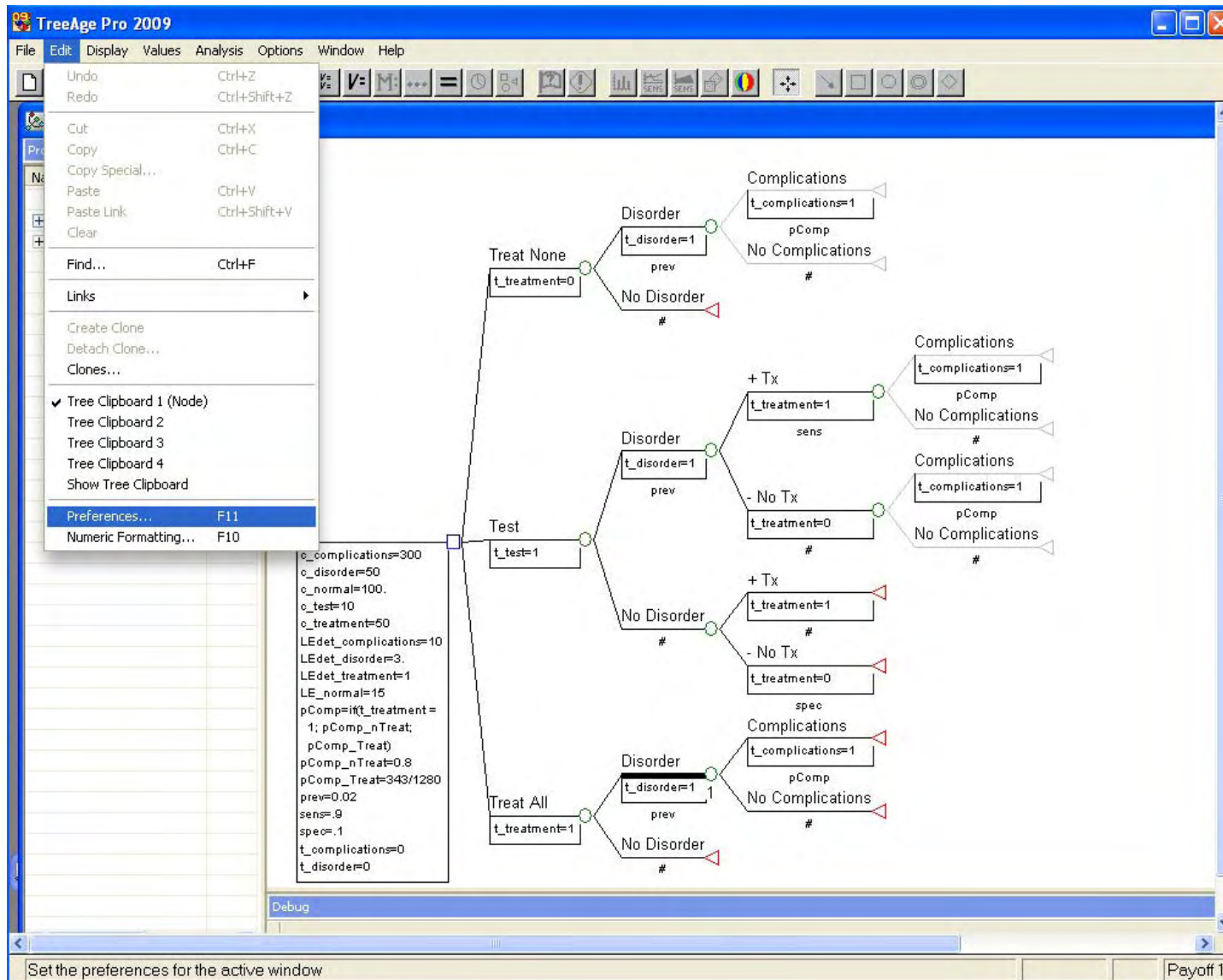
Name	Value
Name	
Table Files	
Document Properties	

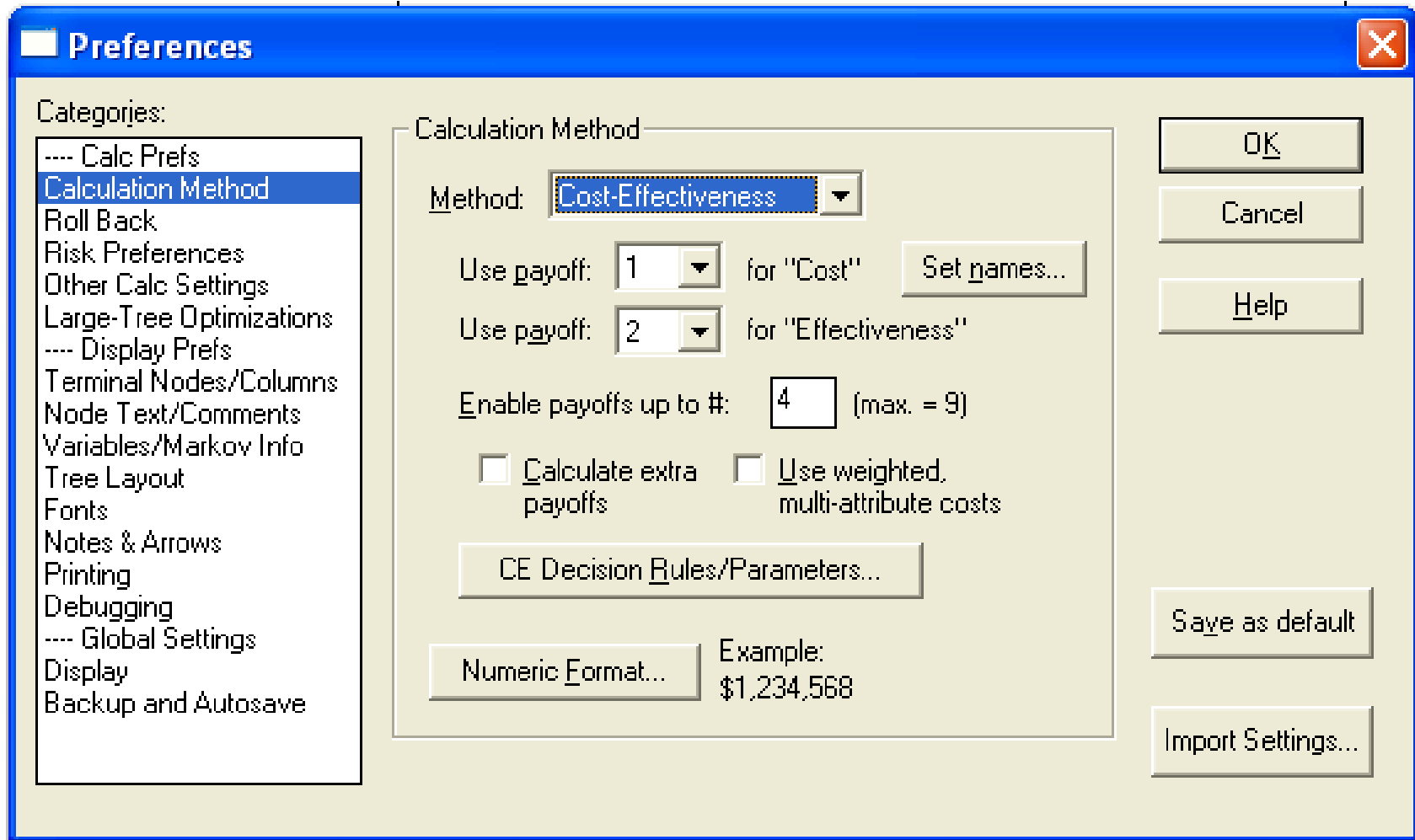
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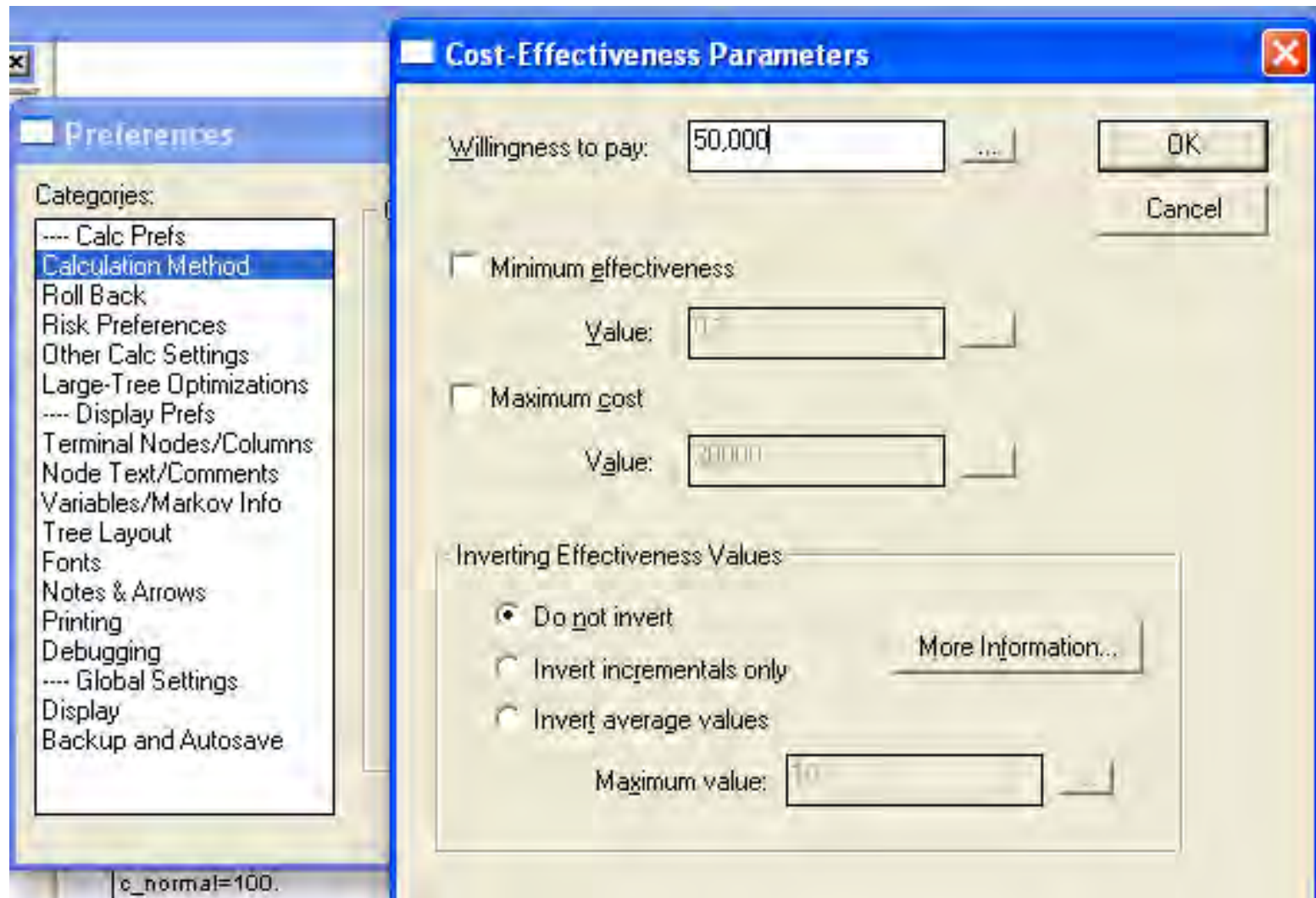
o_complications=300
o_disorder=50
o_normal=100.
o_test=10
o_treatment=50
LEdet_complications=10
LEdet_disorder=3.
LEdet_treatment=1
LE_normal=15
pComp=if(t_treatment =
1; pComp_nTreat;
pComp_Treat)
pComp_nTreat=0.8
pComp_Treat=343/1280
prev=0.02
sens=.9
spec=.1
t_complications=0
t_disorder=0
  
```

Debug

Payoff 1







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Roll Back Ctrl+R  
Sensitivity Analysis  
Monte Carlo Simulation F7  
Comparative Distributions F6  
**Rankings**  
Cost-Effectiveness... Alt+F6  
Net Benefit... Alt+F5  
Markov Cohort (Full Detail) Shift+F6  
Markov Cohort (Quick) Ctrl+Shift+F6  
Expected Value Ctrl+E  
Expected Value of Perfect Info  
Standard Deviation  
Path Probability  
Payoff Range  
Over/Under...  
Verify Probabilities  
Show Optimal Path  
Graph Risk Preference Function  
Storage

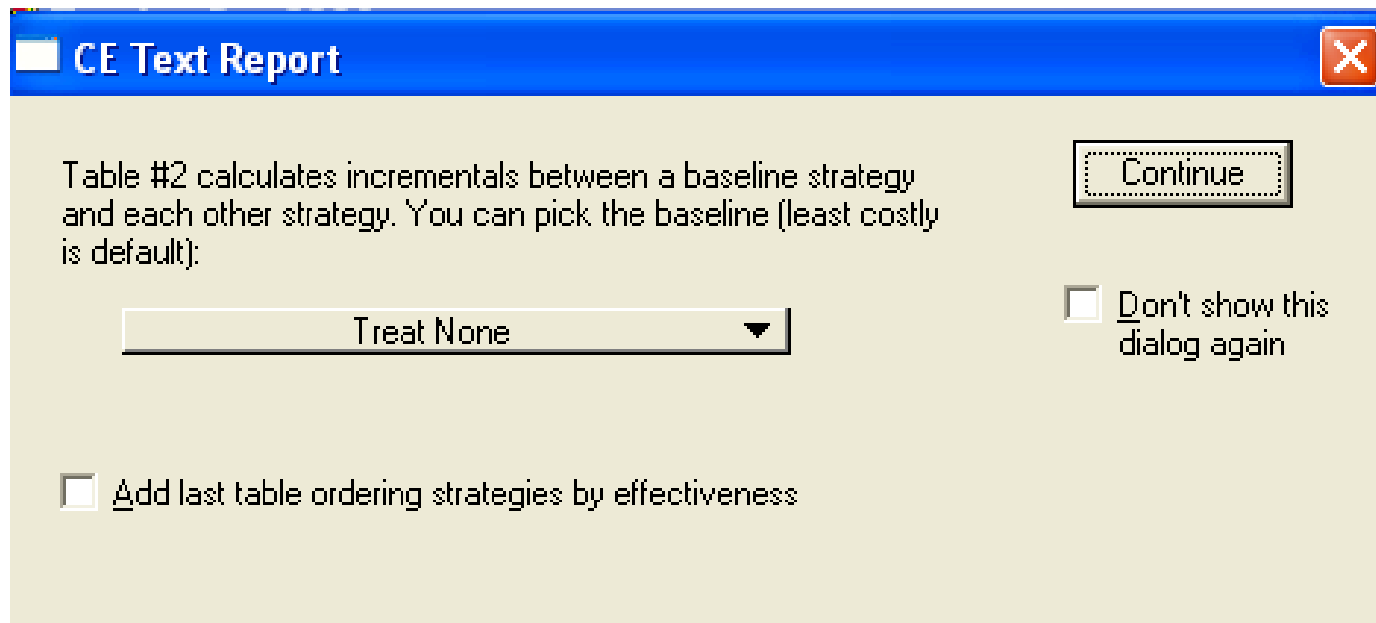
Untitled Tree 7

Properties

Name	Value
c_complications	
c_disorder	
c_normal	
c_test	
c_treatment	
LEdet_complications	
LEdet_disorder	
LEdet_treatment	
LE_normal	
pComp	
pComp_nTreat	
pComp_Treat	
prev	
sens	
spec	.1
t_complications	0
t_disorder	0

pComp\_nTreat=0.8  
 pComp\_Treat=343/1280  
 prev=0.02  
 sens=.9  
 spec=.1  
 t\_complications=0  
 t\_disorder=0

Show the strategies of the selected decision node, ordered according to preference C/E, 2/1



**Baseline = Status Quo**

**Text Report** X

Cost-Effectiveness Analysis OK  
Export ▾

Strategy	Cost	Incr Cost	Eff	Incr Eff	C/E	Incr C/E (ICER)
Treat All	\$102		14.830		\$7	
Test	\$102	\$0	14.825	-0.005	\$7	(Dominated)
Treat None	\$105	\$3	14.780	-0.050	\$7	(Dominated)
TABLE 2 - all...						
Treat All	\$102	-\$3	14.830	0.050	\$7	
Test	\$102	-\$3	14.825	0.045	\$7	
Treat None	\$105		14.780		\$7	
TABLE 3 - wit...						
Treat All	\$102		14.830		\$7	

Notes:

TABLE 2 - all options referenced to a common baseline  
 TABLE 3 - without dominated options (simple or extended)

Dominance Report:  
 The strategy "Test" is dominated by "Treat All".  
 The strategy "Treat None" is dominated by "Treat All".

**Text Report**

Cost-Effectiveness Analysis

Strategy	Cost	Incr Cost	Eff	Incr Eff	C/E	Incr C/E (ICER)
Treat All	\$102		14.830		\$7	
Test	\$102	\$0	14.825	-0.005	\$7	(Dominated)
Treat None	\$105	\$3	14.780	-0.050	\$7	(Dominated)

TABLE 2 - all options referenced to a common baseline

Treat All	\$102	-\$3	14.830	0.050	\$7
Test	\$102	-\$3	14.825	0.045	\$7
Treat None	\$105		14.780		\$7

TABLE 3 - without dominated options (simple or extended)

Treat All	\$102		14.830		\$7
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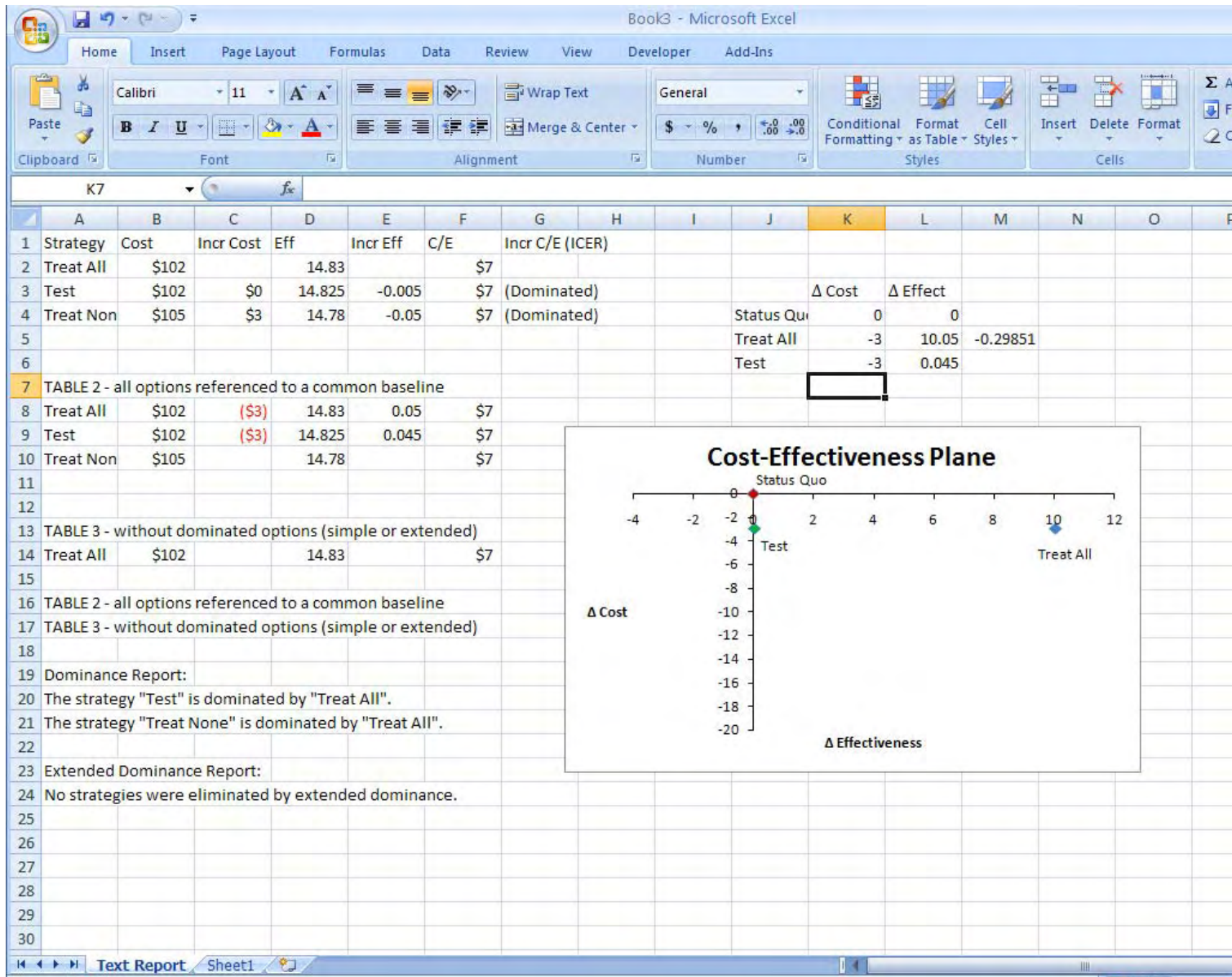
Notes:

TABLE 2 - all options referenced to a common baseline  
 TABLE 3 - without dominated options (simple or extended)

Dominance Report:  
 The strategy "Test" is dominated by "Treat All".  
 The strategy "Treat None" is dominated by "Treat All".

- OK
- Export
- Copy to Clipboard
- Export to Excel
- Save to File...
- Open Text Window...





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Roll Back Ctrl+R

Sensitivity Analysis  
 Monte Carlo Simulation F7  
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 Standard Deviation  
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 Over/Under...  
 Verify Probabilities  
 Show Optimal Path  
 Graph Risk Preference Function  
 Storage

Properties

Name

Name

Table Files

Document Properties

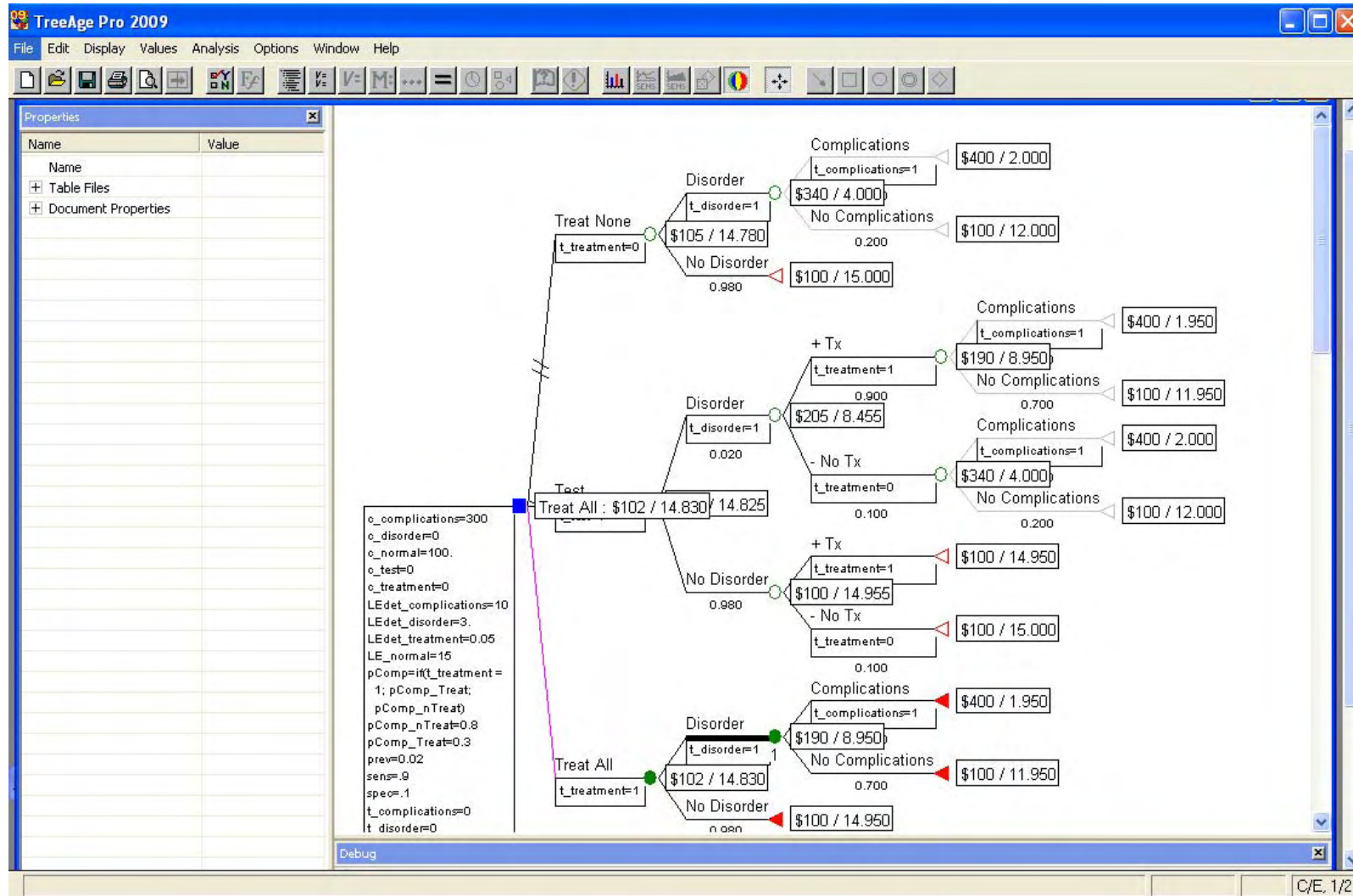
$c\_complications=300$   
 $c\_disorder=0$   
 $c\_normal=100.$   
 $c\_test=0$   
 $c\_treatment=0$   
 $LEdet\_complications=10$   
 $LEdet\_disorder=3.$   
 $LEdet\_treatment=0.05$   
 $LE\_normal=15$   
 $pComp=if(t\_treatment = 1; pComp\_Treat; pComp\_nTreat)$   
 $pComp\_nTreat=0.8$   
 $pComp\_Treat=0.3$   
 $prev=0.02$   
 $sens=.9$   
 $spec=.1$   
 $t\_complications=0$   
 $t\_disorder=0$

Treat None  
 $t\_treatment=0$   
 Disorder  
 $t\_disorder=1$   
 prev  
 No Disorder  
 #  
 Complications  
 $t\_complications=1$   
 pComp  
 No Complications  
 #  
 Test  
 $t\_test=1$   
 Disorder  
 $t\_disorder=1$   
 prev  
 + Tx  
 $t\_treatment=1$   
 sens  
 - No Tx  
 $t\_treatment=0$   
 #  
 No Disorder  
 #  
 + Tx  
 $t\_treatment=1$   
 #  
 - No Tx  
 $t\_treatment=0$   
 spec  
 Complications  
 $t\_complications=1$   
 pComp  
 No Complications  
 #  
 Treat All  
 $t\_treatment=1$   
 Disorder  
 $t\_disorder=1$   
 prev  
 Complications  
 $t\_complications=1$   
 pComp  
 No Complications  
 #

Debug

Roll back the tree

C/E. 1/2



# Sensitivity Analysis

The screenshot displays the TreeAge Pro 2009 interface. The main window shows a decision tree with three primary branches: 'Treat None' (t\_treatment=0), 'Test' (t\_test=1), and 'Treat All' (t\_treatment=1). Each branch further divides into 'Disorder' and 'No Disorder' outcomes, which then lead to 'Complications' and 'No Complications' states. The 'Disorder' nodes are marked with a green circle and a plus sign, indicating they are selected for sensitivity analysis.

The 'Analysis' menu is open, showing the following options:

- Roll Back (Ctrl+R)
- Sensitivity Analysis
  - One Way... (F5)
  - Two Way... (Shift+F5)
  - Three Way... (Ctrl+Shift+F5)
  - Tornado Diagram... (Ctrl+F5)**
  - Threshold Analysis... (Shift+F7)
- Monte Carlo Simulation (F7)
- Comparative Distributions (F6)
- Rankings
- Cost-Effectiveness... (Alt+F6)
- Net Benefit... (Alt+F5)
- Markov Cohort (Full Detail) (Shift+F6)
- Markov Cohort (Quick) (Ctrl+Shift+F6)
- Expected Value (Ctrl+E)
- Expected Value of Perfect Info
- Standard Deviation
- Path Probability
- Payoff Range
- Over/Under...
- Verify Probabilities
- Show Optimal Path
- Graph Risk Preference Function
- Storage

The 'Properties' window on the left shows a list of variables, including 't\_complications', 't\_disorder', and 't\_test'. The 'Table Files' and 'Document Properties' sections are also visible.

The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Create a tornado diagram' and 'C/E, 1/2'.

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File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Untitled

Properties

Name

Name	Value
c_com	
c_disor	
c_normal	100.
c_test	0
c_treatment	0
LEdet_complications	10
LEdet_disorder	3.
LEdet_treatment	0.05
LE_normal	15
pComp	if(t_treatment = 1;
pComp_nTreat	0.8
pComp_Treat	0.3
prev	0.02
sens	.9
spec	.1
t_complications	0
t_disorder	0
t_test	0

Table Files

Document Properties

Range for Variable: LEdet\_treatment

Low:  OK

High:  Cancel

Tornado Diagram

Available Variables:

- c\_complications
- c\_disorder
- c\_normal
- c\_test
- c\_treatment
- LEdet\_complications
- LEdet\_disorder
- LEdet\_treatment
- LE\_normal
- pComp
- pComp\_Treat
- sens
- spec
- t\_complications
- t\_disorder
- t\_test
- t\_treatment

Life expectancy detriment from treatment

Variables to Analyze:

- pComp\_nTreat
- prev

Low: 0.01

High: 0.8

Intervals:

Check coherence

Extend bars using threshold info

OK

Cancel

Help

prev

#

t\_treatment=1

No Disorder

#

decision node, root, 3 branches, 18 variables, 22 nodes in subtree

C/E, 1/2

TreeAge Pro 2009

File Edit Display Values Analysis Options Window Help

Properties

Name	Value
Name	
Variables	
c_complications	300
c_disorder	0
c_normal	100.
c_test	0
c_treatment	0
LEdet_complications	10
LEdet_disorder	3.
LEdet_treatment	0.05
LE_normal	15
pComp	if(t_treatment = 1;
pComp_nTreat	0.8
pComp_Treat	0.3
prev	0.02
sens	.9
spec	.1
t_complications	0
t_disorder	0
t_test	0
Table Files	
Document Properties	

Net Benefits

Enter your willingness to pay:

50000

Select calculation type:

Net monetary benefits

Net health benefits

OK

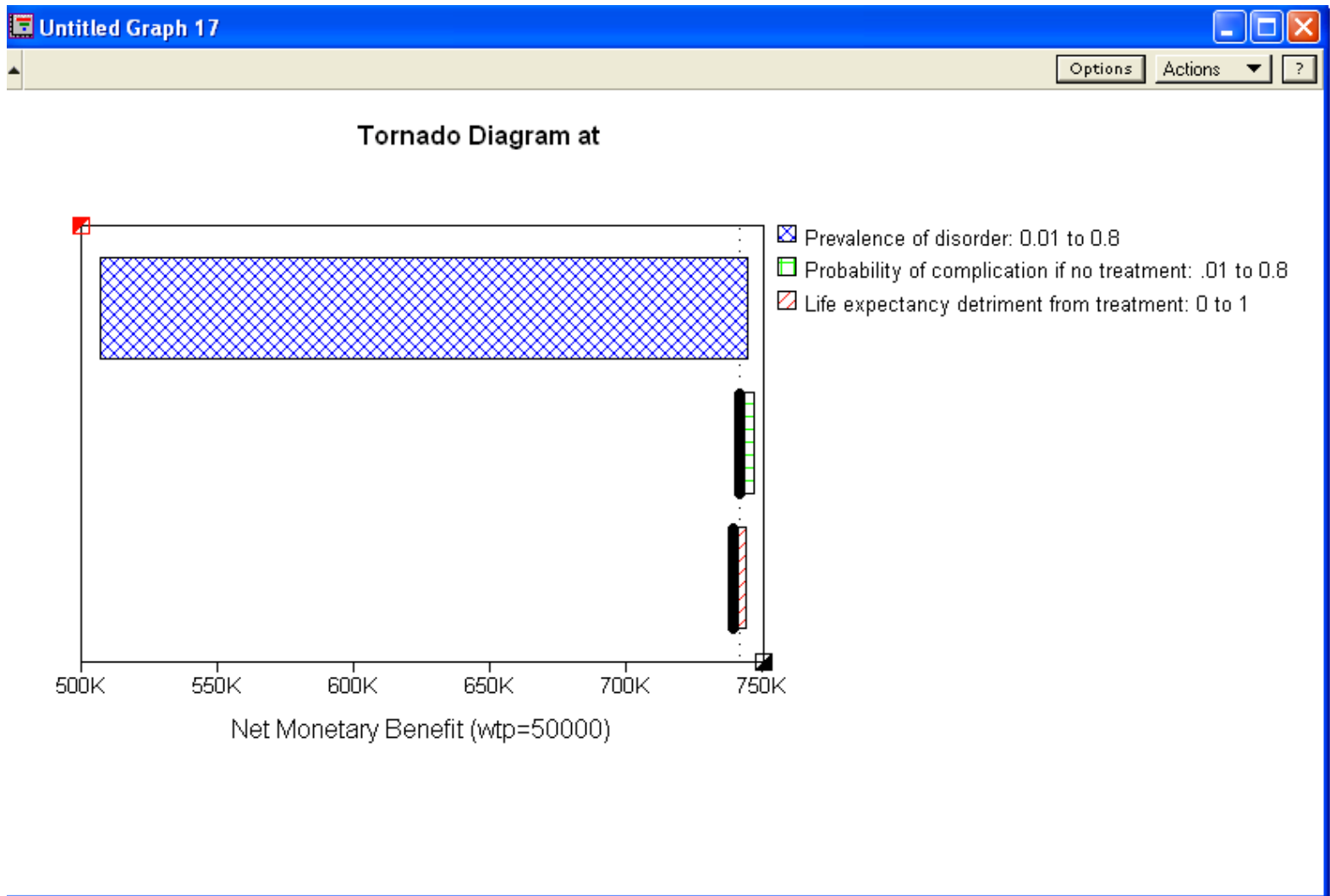
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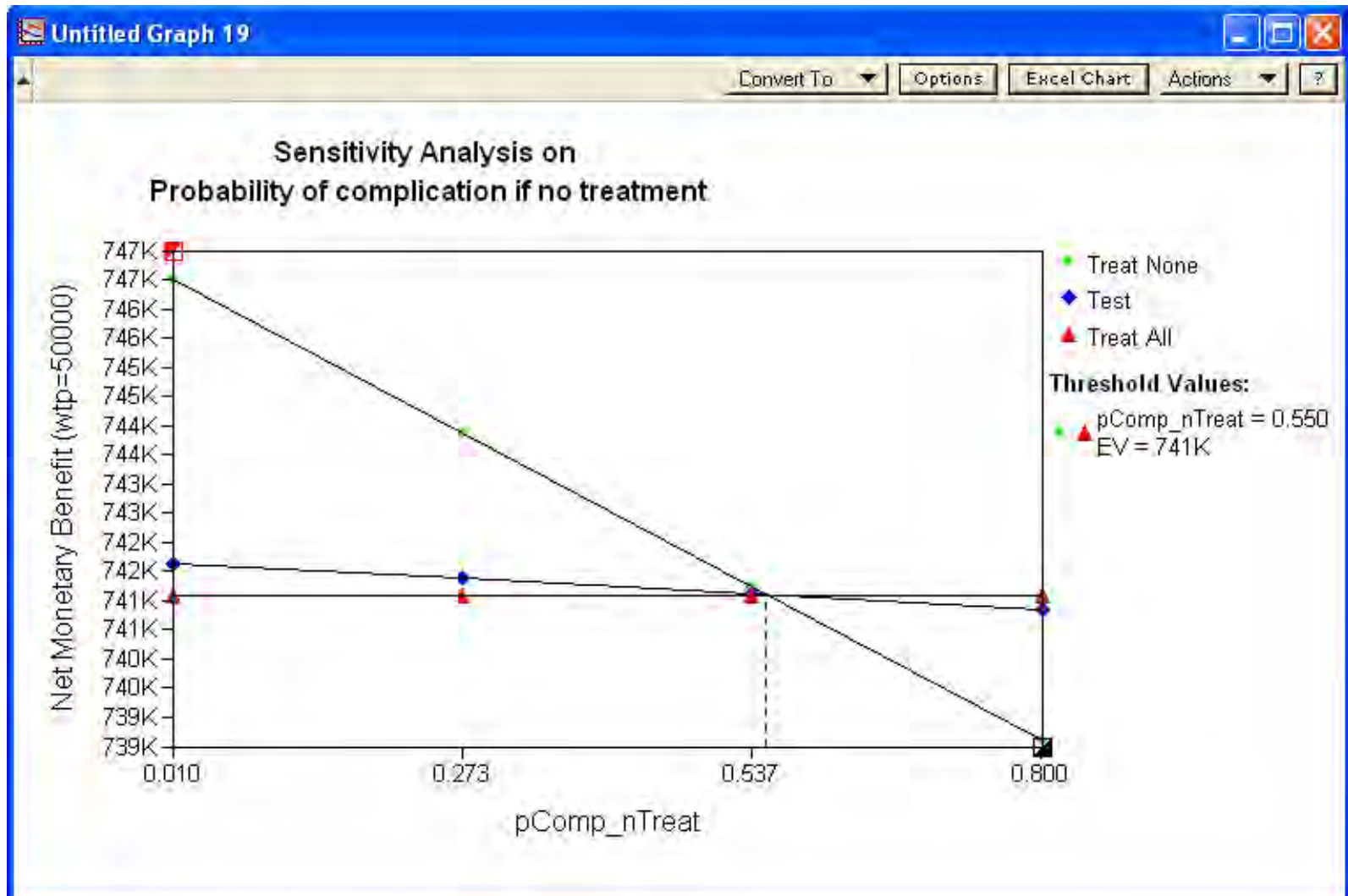
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Debug

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t_test=1]
      Root --- TA[Treat All  
t_treatment=1]
      
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t_disorder=1))
      TN --- ND1((No Disorder))
      
      D1 --- PComp1[No Complications  
pComp]
      D1 --- C1[Complications  
t_complications=1]
      
      ND1 --- N1[#]
      
      Test --- D2((Disorder  
t_disorder=1))
      Test --- ND2((No Disorder))
      
      D2 --- PComp2[No Complications  
pComp]
      D2 --- C2[Complications  
t_complications=1]
      
      ND2 --- N2[#]
      
      TA --- D3((Disorder  
t_disorder=1))
      TA --- ND3((No Disorder))
      
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pComp]
      D3 --- C3[Complications  
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      ND3 --- N3[#]
      
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# Caveats

- Assumed full knowledge of
  - Future life expectancy
  - Future lifetime costs
- Inappropriate if payoffs without full lifetime info
  - Markov model

**Thank you!**