

A Roadmap of my Thesis:
“The Power of Tree Series Transducers”

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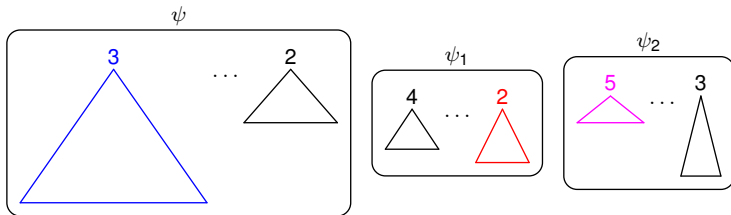
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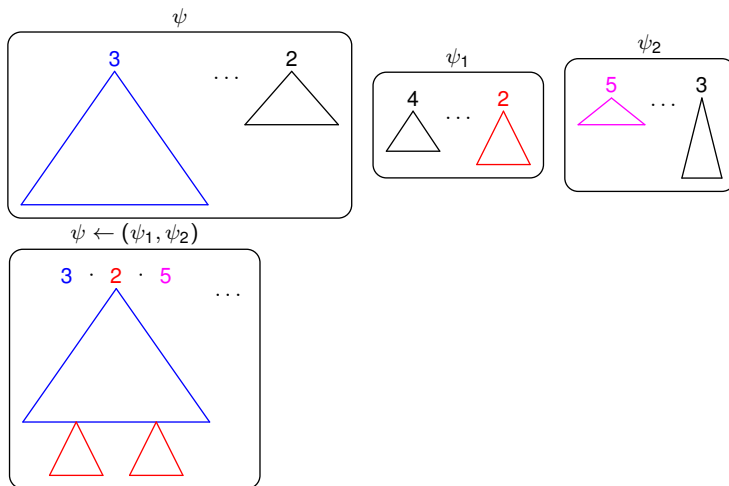
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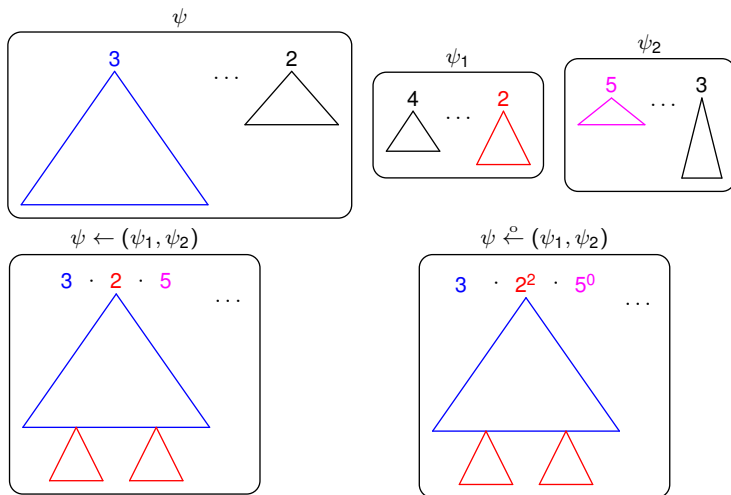
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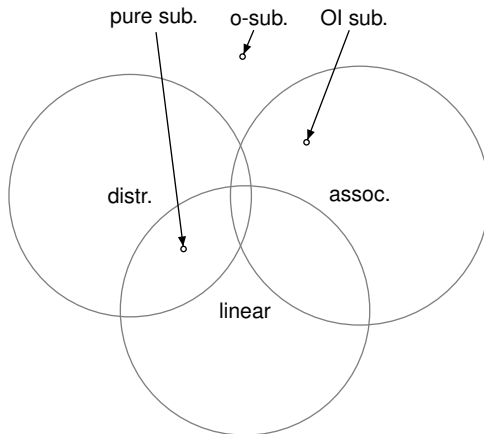
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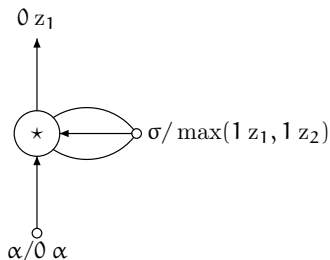
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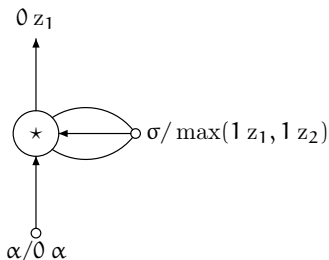
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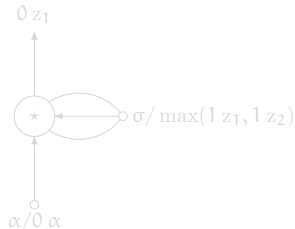
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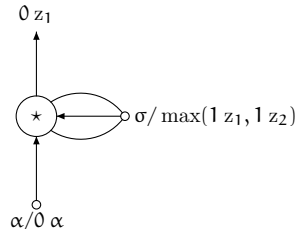
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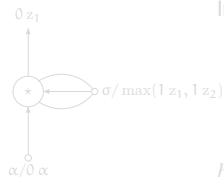
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Input tree: $\sigma(\sigma(\alpha, \alpha), \alpha)$

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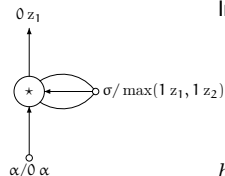
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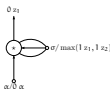
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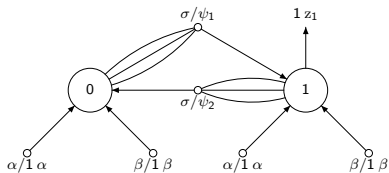
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A More Complex Example



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- ▶ M is *x*-deterministic and *x*-total
- ▶ $F_\star \in \{\tilde{0}, 1, z_1\}$ (i.e., final state; no final weight)

Abbrev.	Property	Short description
d	determinism	unambiguous state and output behavior
t	totality	nonblocking state and output behavior
n	nondeletion	whole input tree is processed (td) and no processed part is deleted (bu)
l	linearity	each part of input tree processed only once (td) and no processed part is duplicated (bu)
h	homomorphism	single state, total and deterministic with final state

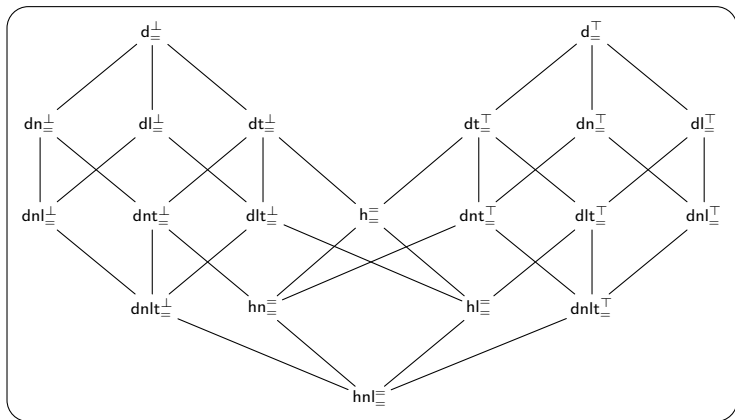
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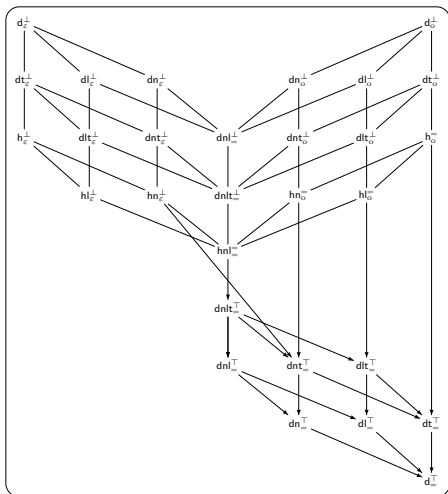
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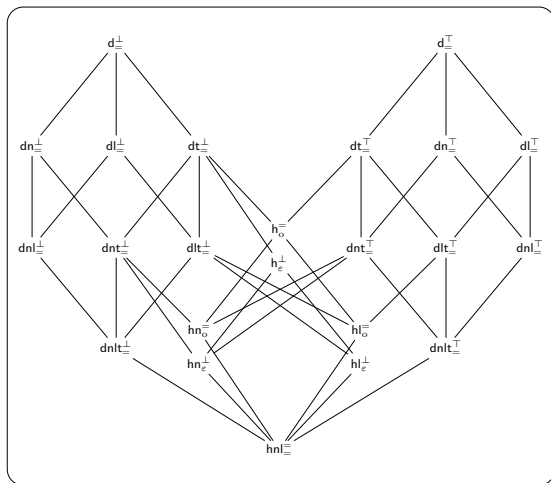
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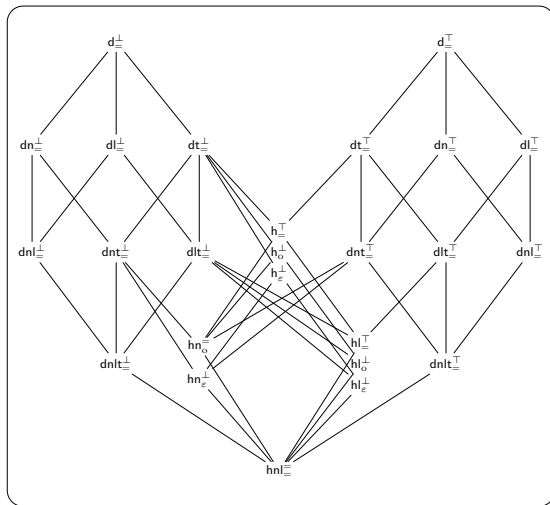
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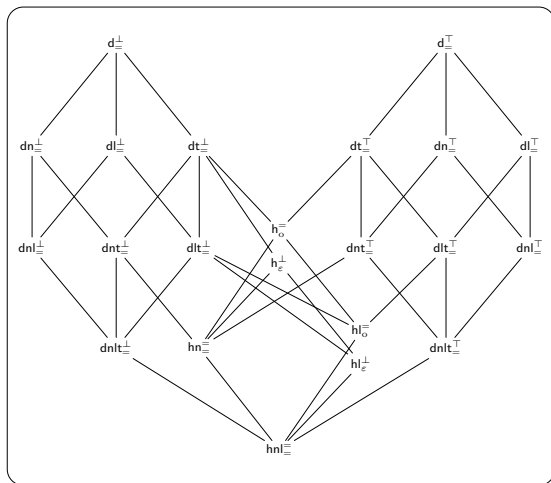
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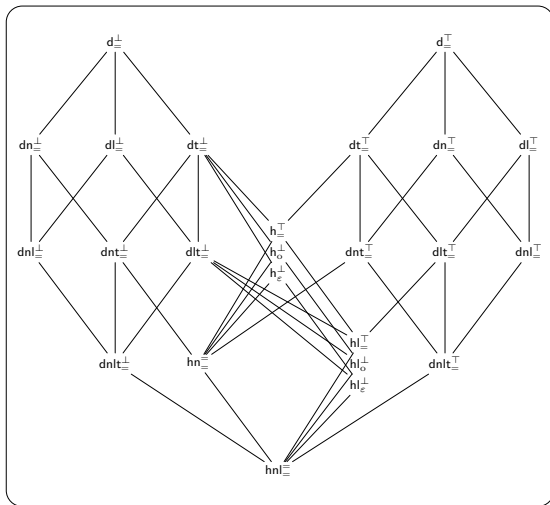
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composition of τ_1 and τ_2 ; denoted by $\tau_1 ; \tau_2$

$$(\tau_1 ; \tau_2, t) = \sum_{u \in T_\Delta} (\tau_1(t), u) \cdot \tau_2(u)$$

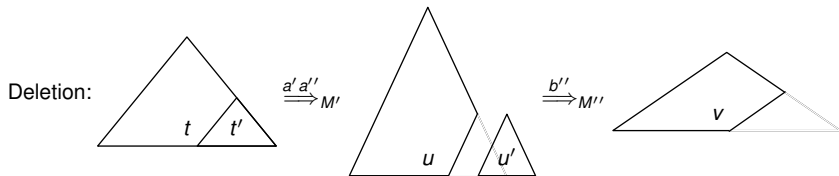
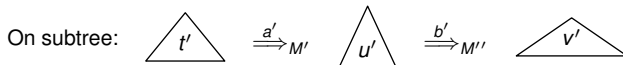
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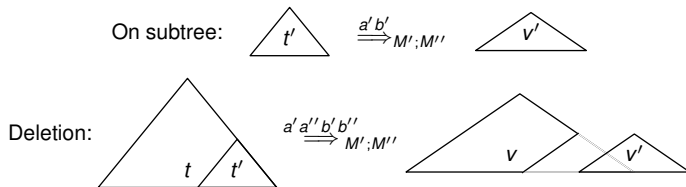
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