Gröbner bases for staged trees

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Definitions and Notation

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- Example: $\mathcal{L} = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5, s_6, s_7\}$





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- Implicit: Consider the map of polynomial rings $\varphi : \mathbb{R}[p]_{\mathcal{T}} \to \mathbb{R}[\Theta_{\mathcal{T}}]$ defined by

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 $\mathcal{M}_{(\mathcal{T},\theta)}$ is the zero set of $\ker(\varphi)$ in $\Delta_{|\Lambda|-1}.$

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- The staged tree (*T*, θ) is *balanced* if every pair of vertices in the same stage satisfy condition (*).
- v_1 and v_2 satisfy condition (\star) since $t(v_3)t(\circ) = t(v_4)t(\circ)$.



- We say that two vertices v, w ∈ V are in the same position if they are in the same stage and t(v) = t(w).
- Lemma: Let (\mathcal{T}, θ) be a stratified staged tree. Suppose that every two vertices in \mathcal{T} that are in the same stage are also in the same position. Then (\mathcal{T}, θ) is balanced.



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- The balanced condition guarantees that $\ker(\varphi)$ is a binomial ideal.
- The stratified and balanced condition implies $\ker(\varphi)$ can constructed inductively in a finite number of steps using toric fiber products.





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