## Gröbner bases for staged trees

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- Example: $\mathcal{L}=\left\{s_{0}, s_{1}, s_{2}, s_{3}, s_{4}, s_{5}, s_{6}, s_{7}\right\}$



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- $v_{1}$ and $v_{2}$ satisfy condition $(\star)$ since $t\left(v_{3}\right) t(\circ)=t\left(v_{4}\right) t(\circ)$.

- We say that two vertices $v, w \in V$ are in the same position if they are in the same stage and $t(v)=t(w)$.
- Lemma: Let $(\mathcal{T}, \theta)$ 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 $(\mathcal{T}, \theta)$ is balanced.



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




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