Definability of choice over scattered trees in MSO

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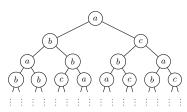
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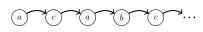
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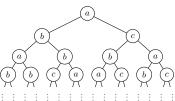
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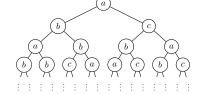
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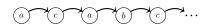
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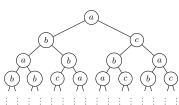
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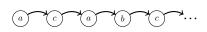
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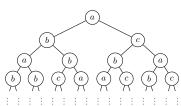
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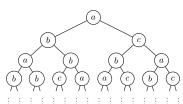
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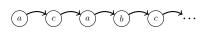
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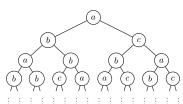
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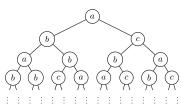
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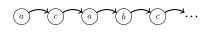
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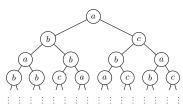
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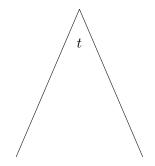
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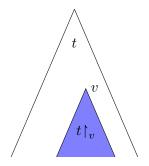
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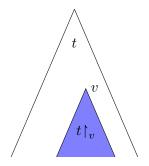
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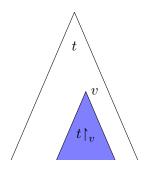
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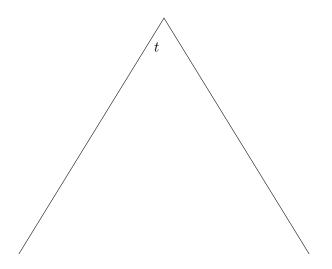
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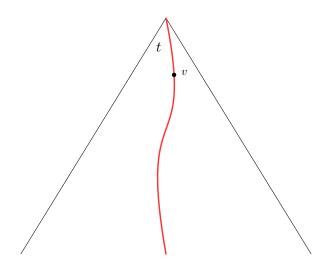
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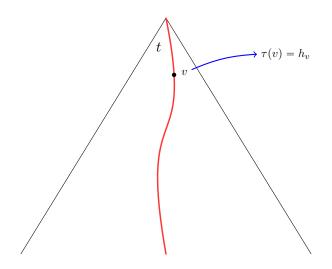
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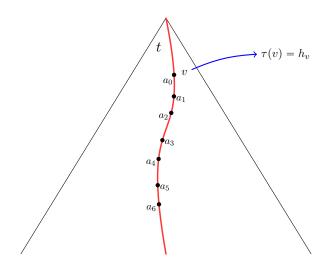
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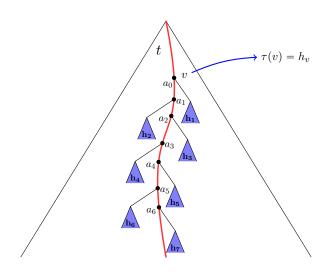


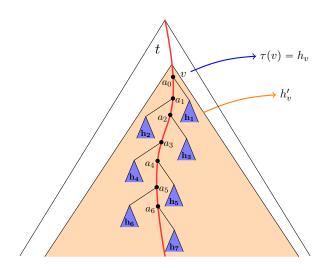




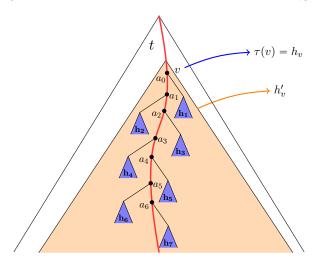








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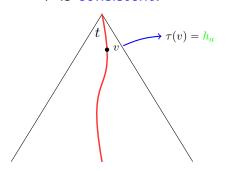
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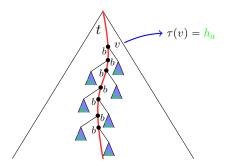


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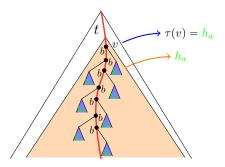
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connections with path continuous hyper-clones of Blumensath