

# Lesson 3 — Generalized power series

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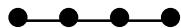
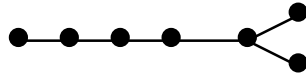
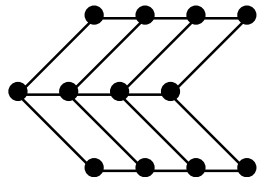
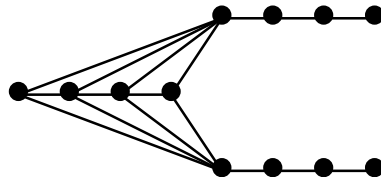
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# Operations on quasi-orderings — example

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- The operations  $\dot{+}$  and  $\dot{\times}$  correspond to ordinal addition and multiplication.

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- a)  $(E, \leq)$  is a well-quasi-ordering.
- b) Any final segment of  $E$  is finitely generated.
- c) The final segments of  $E$  satisfy the ascending chain condition.
- d) Each sequence  $x_1, x_2, \dots \in E$  has an increasing subsequence.
- e) Any extension of  $\leq$  into a total quasi-ordering on  $E$  is well-founded.

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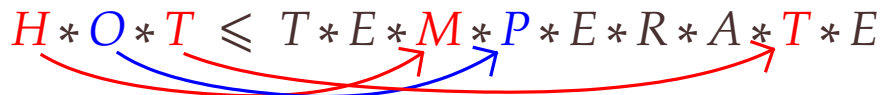
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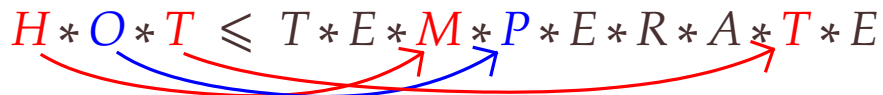


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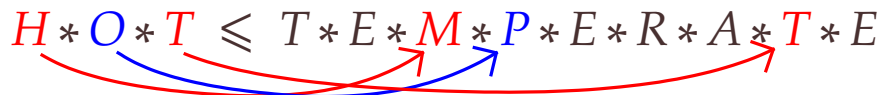


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**Remark.** More elegant proof possible using “extension by strong bilinearity”.



# A multivariate generalization

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