In this document, we verify the essential inequality necessary to prove 2M_T>mu(T;v) by considering the critical values of mu^bullet, when there are (essentially) 3 sub-k-trees

_We first write the formulas in general

> $LHS := (N1, N2, N3, k, mu1, mu2, mu3) \rightarrow (N1 \cdot N2 \cdot N3 + 1) \cdot (1 + mu1 + mu2 + mu3 + k) + k \cdot (k-2) + mu1 \cdot (1 + k + mu1) \cdot N1 + mu2 \cdot (1 + k + mu2) \cdot N2 + mu3 \cdot (1 + k + mu3) \cdot N3$

LHS:= $(N1, N2, N3, k, \mu 1, \mu 2, \mu 3) \rightarrow (N1 N2 N3 + 1) (1 + \mu 1 + \mu 2 + \mu 3 + k) + k (k - 2) + \mu 1 (1 + k + \mu 1) N1 + \mu 2 (1 + k + \mu 2) N2 + \mu 3 (1 + k + \mu 3) N3$ (1)

> $RHS := (N1, N2, N3, k, mu1, mu2, mu3) \rightarrow (1 + mu1 + mu2 + mu3) \cdot ((1 + k + mu1) \cdot N1 + (1 + k + mu2) \cdot N2 + (1 + k + mu3) \cdot N3 + k - 3)$

RHS:= $(N1, N2, N3, k, \mu 1, \mu 2, \mu 3) \rightarrow (1 + \mu 1 + \mu 2 + \mu 3) ((1 + k + \mu 1) N1 + (1 + k + \mu 2) N2 + (1 + k + \mu 3) N3 + k - 3)$

> $Dif := (N1, N2, N3, k, mu1, mu2, mu3) \rightarrow LHS(N1, N2, N3, k, mu1, mu2, mu3)$ - RHS(N1, N2, N3, k, mu1, mu2, mu3)

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> $f2(N1, N2, N3, k) := Dif\left(N1, N2, N3, k, \frac{N1}{2}, 0, 0\right)$ $f2 := (N1, N2, N3, k) \rightarrow Dif\left(N1, N2, N3, k, \frac{1}{2}, N1, 0, 0\right)$ (5)

> $f3 := (N1, N2, N3, k) \rightarrow Dif\left(N1, N2, N3, k, \frac{N1-1}{2}, \frac{N2-1}{2}, 0\right)$ $f3 := (N1, N2, N3, k) \rightarrow Dif\left(N1, N2, N3, k, \frac{1}{2}N1 - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}N2 - \frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$ (6)

> $f4 := (N1, N2, N3, k) \rightarrow Dif\left(N1, N2, N3, k, \frac{N1-1}{2}, \frac{N2-1}{2}, \frac{(N3-1)}{2}\right)$ $f4 := (N1, N2, N3, k) \rightarrow Dif\left(N1, N2, N3, k, \frac{1}{2}N1 - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}N2 - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}N3 - \frac{1}{2}\right)$ (7)

> minimize(f1(N1, N2, N3, k), N1 = 2 ...infinity, N2 = 2 .. infinity, N3 = 2 .. infinity, k = 2 ...infinity)

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> minimize(f2(N1, N2, N3, k), N1 = 2..infinity, N2 = 2..infinity, N3 = 2..infinity, k = 2..infinity)

 $\frac{23}{4} \tag{9}$

> minimize(f3(N1, N2, N3, k), N1 = 2...infinity, N2 = 2...infinity, N3 = 2...infinity, k = 2...infinity)

$$\frac{19}{4} \tag{10}$$

> minimize(f4(N1, N2, N3, k), N1 = 3 ...infinity, N2 = 2 ...infinity, N3 = 2 ...infinity, k = 2 ...infinity)

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 \rightarrow f4(2, 2, 2, k)

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$$12 - \frac{11}{2} k + k(k-2)$$
 (12)

There are only 3 cases for which the numbers do not work. Nevertheless, in the initial context, N=2, corresponds with T_i being a (k+1)-clique For k >=4, the construction has no more than 2k vertices. For k=3, it is also immediately checked.