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) 4 sub-k-trees We first write the formulas in general > k := 4k := 4**(1)** =  $\rightarrow$  LHS :=  $(N1, N2, N3, N4, mu1, mu2, mu3, mu4) \rightarrow (N1 \cdot N2 \cdot N3 \cdot N4 + 1) \cdot (1 + mu1 + mu2)$  $+ mu3 + mu4 + k) + k + mu1 \cdot (1 + k + mu1) \cdot N1 + mu2 \cdot (1 + k + mu2) \cdot N2 + mu3 \cdot (1 + k + mu3) \cdot N2 + mu3 \cdot (1 + k + mu3) \cdot N3 + mu3 \cdot (1 + k + mu3) \cdot (1 + k + mu3) \cdot N3 + mu3 \cdot (1 + k + mu3) \cdot (1 + k + mu3) \cdot N3 + mu3 \cdot (1 + k + mu3) \cdot (1 + k + mu3) \cdot N3 + mu3 \cdot (1 + k + mu3) \cdot (1 + k$  $+ k + mu3 \cdot N3 + mu4 \cdot (1 + k + mu4) \cdot N4$  $LHS := (N1, N2, N3, N4, \mu 1, \mu 2, \mu 3, \mu 4) \mapsto (N2 \cdot N1 \cdot N3 \cdot N4 + 1) \cdot (1 + \mu 1 + \mu 2 + \mu 3 + \mu 4 + k)$  (2)  $+k + \mu l \cdot (1 + k + \mu l) \cdot Nl + \mu 2 \cdot (1 + k + \mu 2) \cdot N2 + \mu 3 \cdot (1 + k + \mu 3) \cdot N3 + \mu 4 \cdot (1 + k + \mu 2) \cdot N3 + \mu 4 \cdot (1 + k + \mu 3) \cdot N3 + \mu 4 \cdot (1 + k +$  $+ u4) \cdot N4$ >  $RHS := (N1, N2, N3, N4, mu1, mu2, mu3, mu4) \rightarrow (1 + mu1 + mu2 + mu3 + mu4) \cdot ((1 + k) + mu4) \cdot ((1$  $+ mu1 \cdot N1 + (1 + k + mu2) \cdot N2 + (1 + k + mu3) \cdot N3 + (1 + k + mu4) \cdot N4)$  $RHS := (NI, N2, N3, N4, \mu I, \mu 2, \mu 3, \mu 4) \mapsto (1 + \mu I + \mu 2 + \mu 3 + \mu 4) \cdot ((1 + k + \mu I) \cdot NI + (1$  (3)  $+k + \mu 2$   $\cdot N2 + (1 + k + \mu 3) \cdot N3 + (1 + k + \mu 4) \cdot N4$ > Dif := (N1, N2, N3, N4, mu1, mu2, mu3, mu4) →LHS(N1, N2, N3, N4, mu1, mu2, mu3, mu4)-RHS(N1, N2, N3, N4, mu1, mu2, mu3, mu4) $Dif := (N1, N2, N3, N4, \mu 1, \mu 2, \mu 3, \mu 4) \rightarrow LHS(N1, N2, N3, N4, \mu 1, \mu 2, \mu 3, \mu 4) - RHS(N1, N2, 4)$  $N3, N4, \mu 1, \mu 2, \mu 3, \mu 4)$  $f1 := (N1, N2, N3, N4) \mapsto Dif(N1, N2, N3, N4, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ **(5)** >  $f2 := (N1, N2, N3, N4) \rightarrow Dif\left(N1, N2, N3, N4, \frac{N1-1}{2}, 0, 0, 0\right)$  $f2 := (N1, N2, N3, N4) \mapsto Dif\left(N1, N2, N3, N4, \frac{N1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 0\right)$ **(6)** >  $f3 := (N1, N2, N3, N4) \rightarrow Dif\left(N1, N2, N3, N4, \frac{N1-1}{2}, \frac{N2-1}{2}, 0, 0\right)$  $f3 := (N1, N2, N3, N4) \mapsto Dif\left(N1, N2, N3, N4, \frac{N1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{N2}{2} - \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0\right)$ **(7)** >  $f4 := (N1, N2, N3, N4) \rightarrow Dif\left(N1, N2, N3, N4, \frac{N1-1}{2}, \frac{N2-1}{2}, \frac{(N3-1)}{2}, 0\right)$  $f4 := (N1, N2, N3, N4) \mapsto Dif\left(N1, N2, N3, N4, \frac{N1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{N2}{2} - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{N3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$ **(8)**  $f5 := (N1, N2, N3, N4) \mapsto Dif\left(N1, N2, N3, N4, \frac{N1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{N2}{2} - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{N3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{N4}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)$  (9)

> minimize(f1(N1, N2, N3, N4), N1 = 2...infinity, N2 = 2...infinity, N3 = 2...infinity, N4 = 2...infinity, N4 = 2...infinity, N5 = 2...infinity,.. infinity) 49 (10)> minimize(f2(N1, N2, N3, N4), N1 = 2...infinity, N2 = 2...infinity, N3 = 2...infinity, N4 = 2...infinity, N4 = 2...infinity, N4 = 2...infinity, N5 = 2...infinity,.. infinity) (11)  $\rightarrow$  minimize (f3 (N1, N2, N3, N4), N1 = 2 ...infinity, N2 = 2 ... infinity, N3 = 2 ... infinity, N4 = 2 .. infinity) 33 **(12)** > minimize (f4(N1, N2, N3, N4), N1 = 2 ...infinity, N2 = 2 ...infinity, N3 = 2 ...infinity, N4 = 2.. infinity) (13)> minimize(f5(N1, N2, N3, N4), N1 = 2...infinity, N2 = 2...infinity, N3 = 2...infinity, N4 = 2...infinity, N4 = 2...infinity.. infinity) (14)13