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**Aufgabe 5.1. [Minimization]**

(10 points)

Consider the deterministic tree automaton with  $\mathcal{F} = T/2, 0/0, \text{Suc}/1, \text{Nil}/0, \text{Cons}/2$ ,  $Q = \{z, nz, e, ne, t, tz\}$ ,  $Q_f = \{t, tz\}$ , and the rules:

$$\begin{array}{llllll} 0 \rightarrow z & \text{Suc}(z) \rightarrow nz & \text{Suc}(nz) \rightarrow nz & & & \\ \text{Nil} \rightarrow e & \text{Cons}(tz, e) \rightarrow ne & \text{Cons}(t, e) \rightarrow ne & \text{Cons}(tz, ne) \rightarrow ne & \text{Cons}(t, ne) \rightarrow ne & \\ T(z, e) \rightarrow tz & T(nz, e) \rightarrow t & T(z, ne) \rightarrow t & T(nz, ne) \rightarrow t & & \end{array}$$

1. What, intuitively, is the language of this automaton?
2. Complete the tree automaton, without changing its language. Specify the completed automaton.
3. Perform the minimization algorithm. Document, for each iteration, the current relation  $P$ , and the reason why you did not include some pair of states into  $P$  (or, equivalently, why you split an equivalence class).

**Aufgabe 5.2. [Ground Instances]**

(10 points)

1. (TATA Ex. 1.9) Let  $t \in T(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{X})$  be a linear term. Prove that the set of ground instances of  $t$  is regular.
2. Does this also hold for non-linear terms? Proof or counterexample.

Note: An instance of a term is obtained by substituting its variables by terms. A ground instance is an instance that contains no variables.