

# *Verifying Hex Strategies*

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# overview

- Hex proofs
- strategy trees
- excision
- combinatorial sum

# Hex strategies

48 Nash

$n \times n$  1pw

57 Gardner/Shannon

$n \times (n - 1)$  2pw

95/00 Enderton/Van Rijswijck

$6 \times 6$

01-03 Yang/Liao/Pawlak

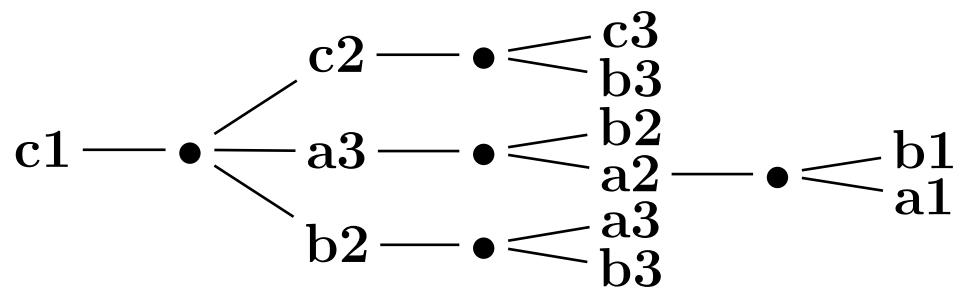
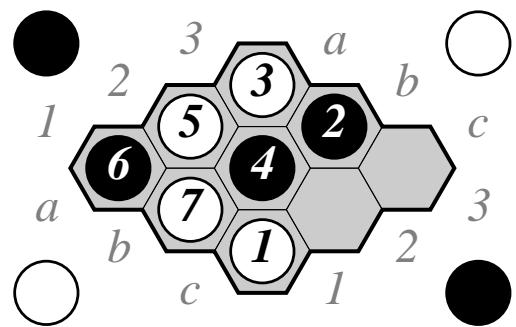
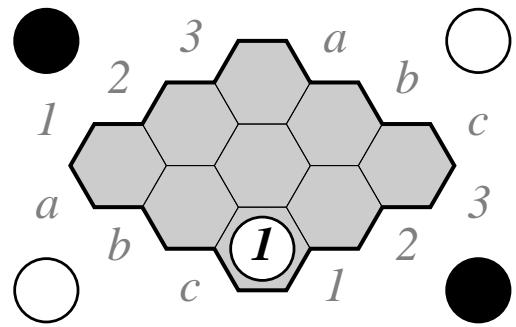
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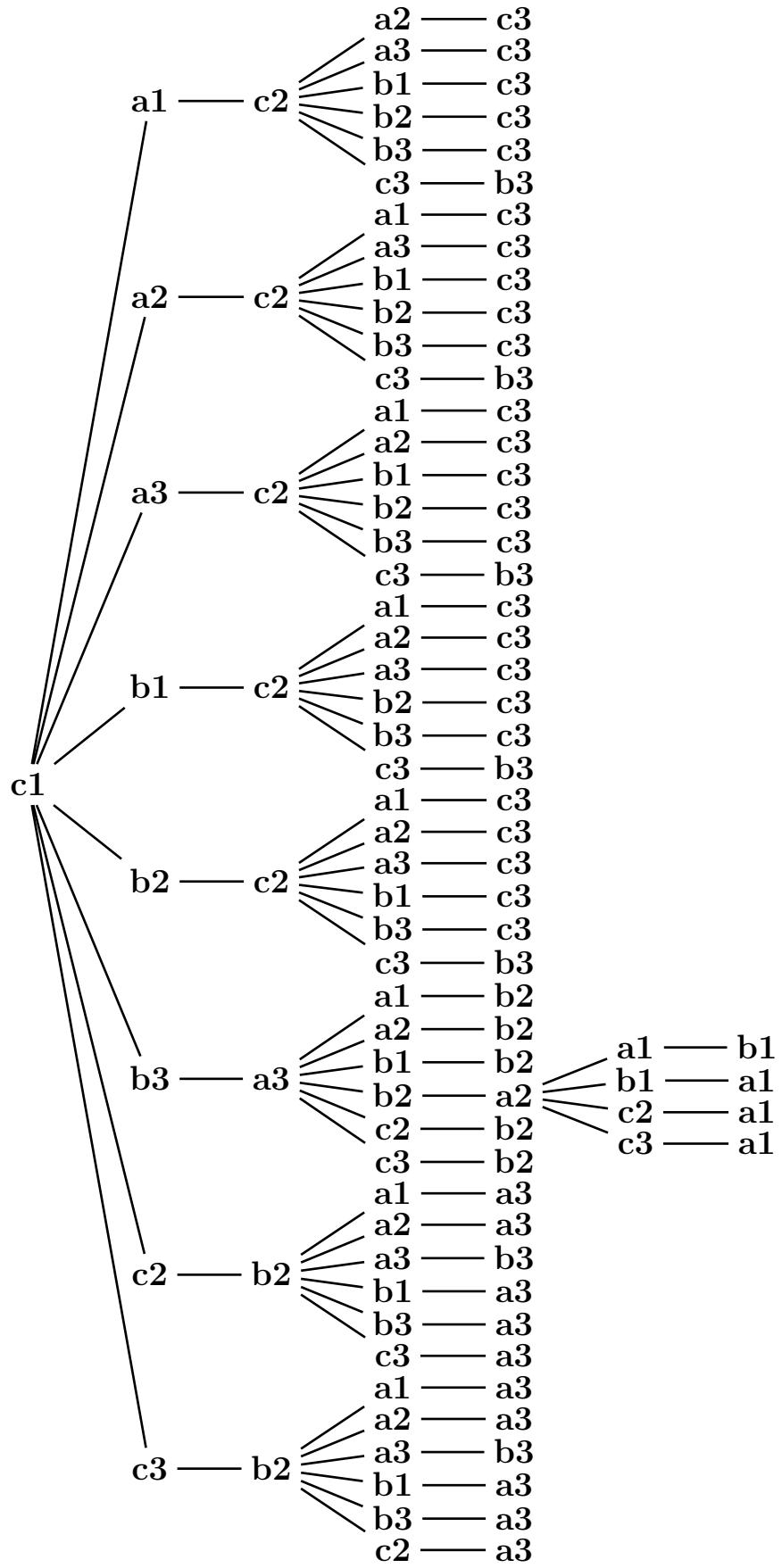
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Po/VanRijswijck

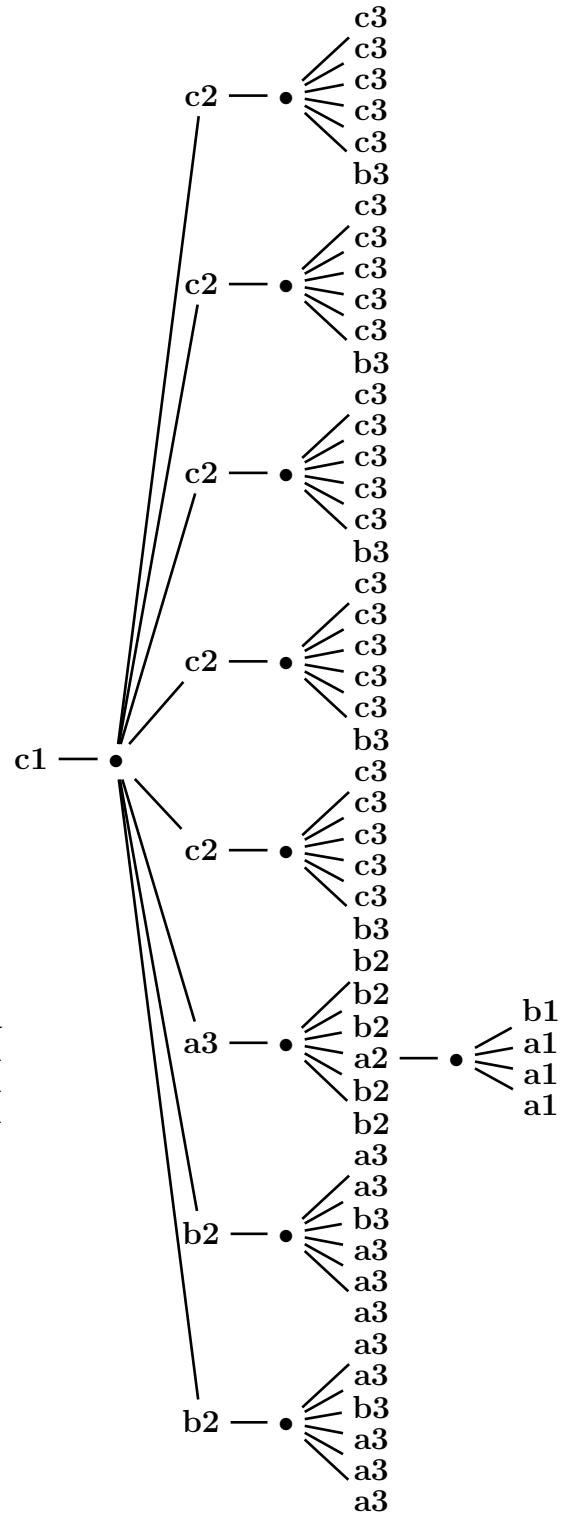
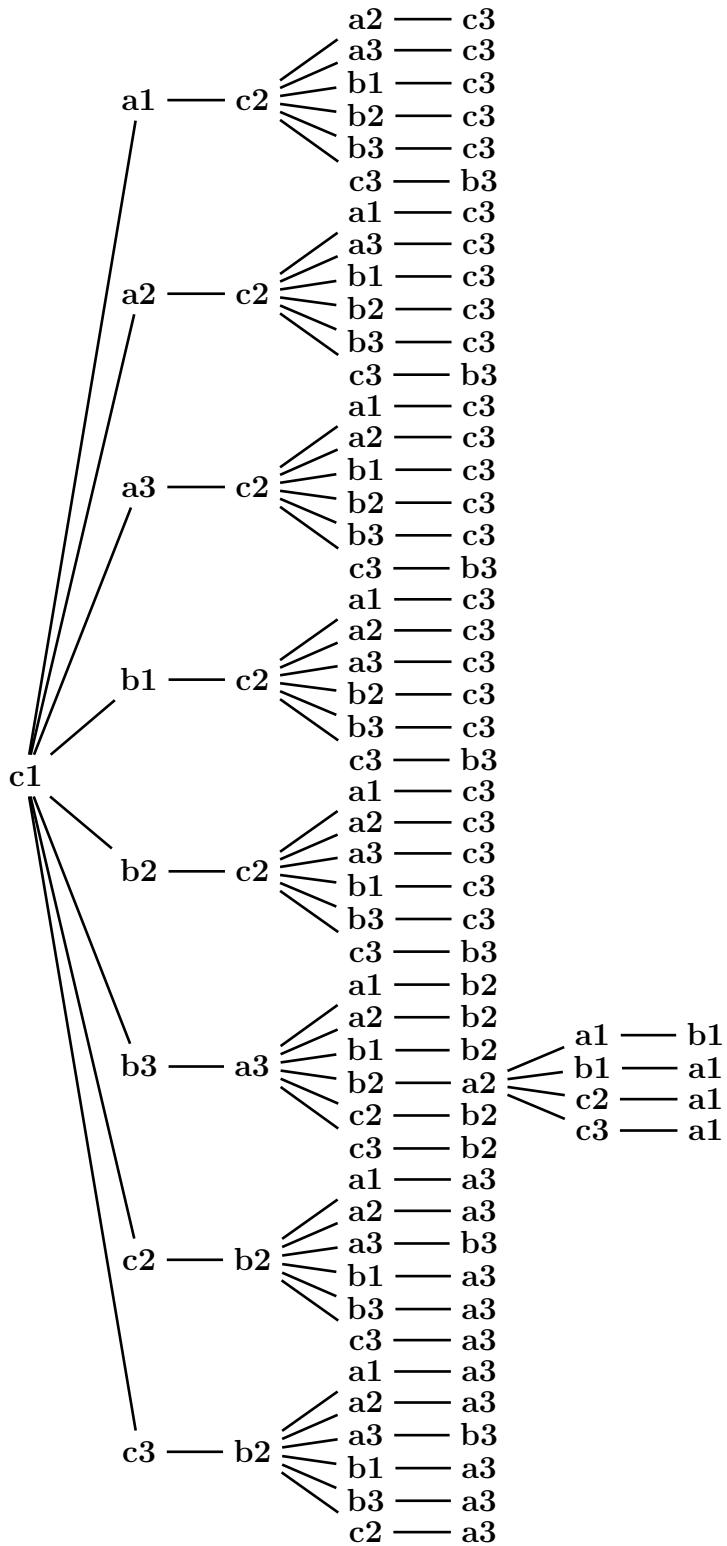
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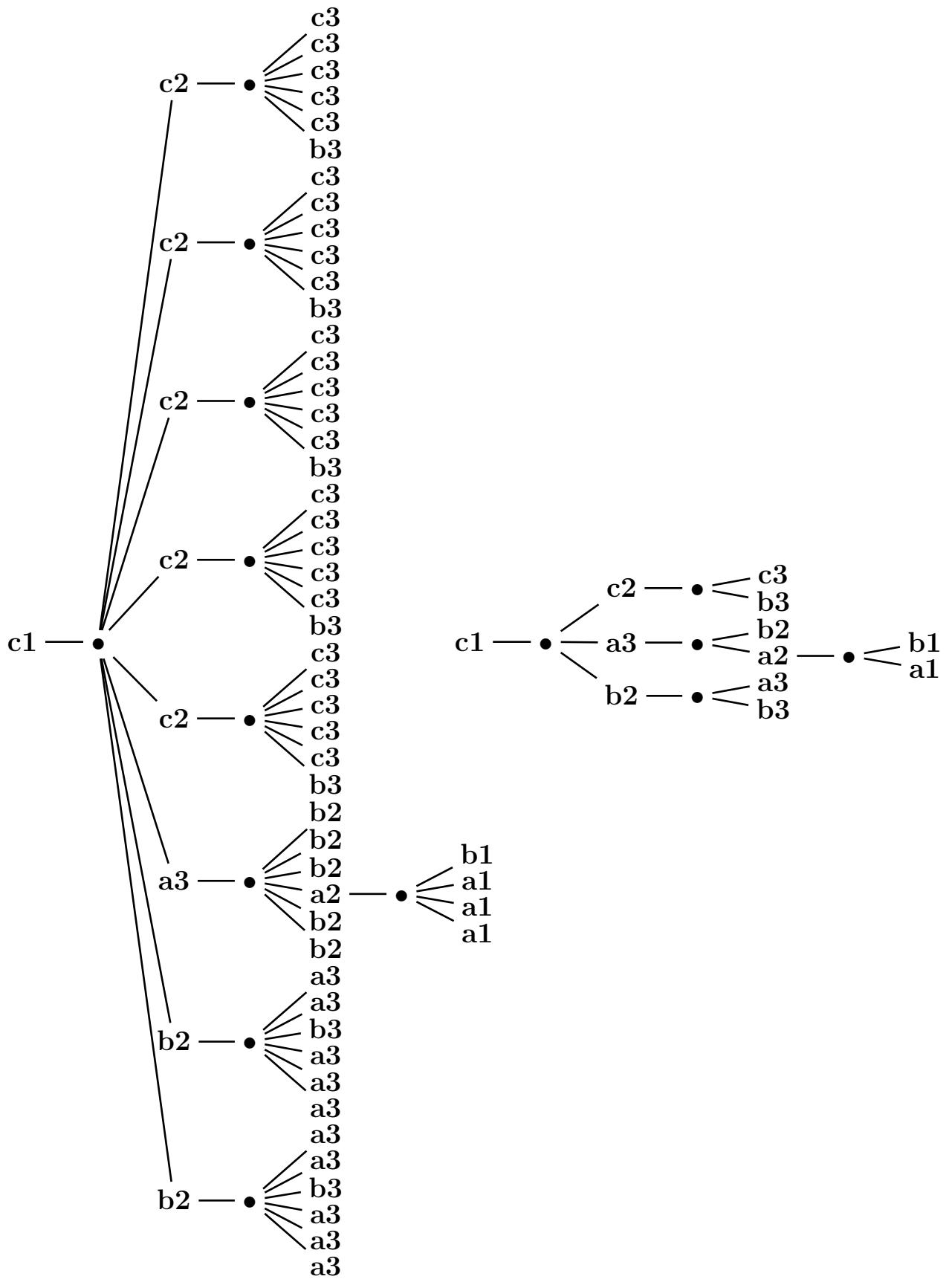
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$7 \times 7, 8 \times 8$









# excised trees and winning strategies

- **valid tree**

- *each node is board cell*
  - *no repeated cell on path to root*

- **satisfying tree**

- *valid*
  - *each leaf satisfies win condition*

- **elusive subtree**

*combined intersection of  
children's subtree cell sets is empty*

- **elusive tree**

*all induced subtrees elusive*

- **winning strategy**

*if and only if  
associated excised tree is  
elusive and satisfying*