

An introduction to

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algebraic

bijjective

combinatorics

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# Chapter 2

## The Catalan garden

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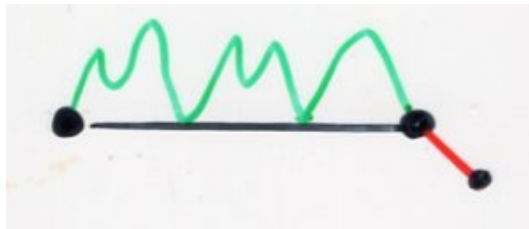
the cyclic lemma



- Definition  $w, w' \in X^*$  are conjugate iff  
 $w = uv$   $w' = vu$  equivalence relation

- labelled conjugate  $w = x_1 \dots x_n$ ,  $x_i \in X$   
 $(i, w_i)$   $w_i = x_i \dots x_n x_1 \dots x_{i-1}$

$$A = D \bar{x} \subseteq \{x, \bar{x}\}^* \quad D \text{ Dyck words}$$





Proposition (cyclic lemma)

Let  $w \in \{x, \bar{x}\}^*$ ,  $P > 0$ , with  $\delta(w) = -P$

$$\delta: X^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+ \quad \delta(x) = 1, \delta(\bar{x}) = -1$$

$$\delta(w) = |w|_x - |w|_{\bar{x}}$$

There are exactly  $P$  labelled conjugates  $(i, w_i)$  such that  $w_i \in A^*$

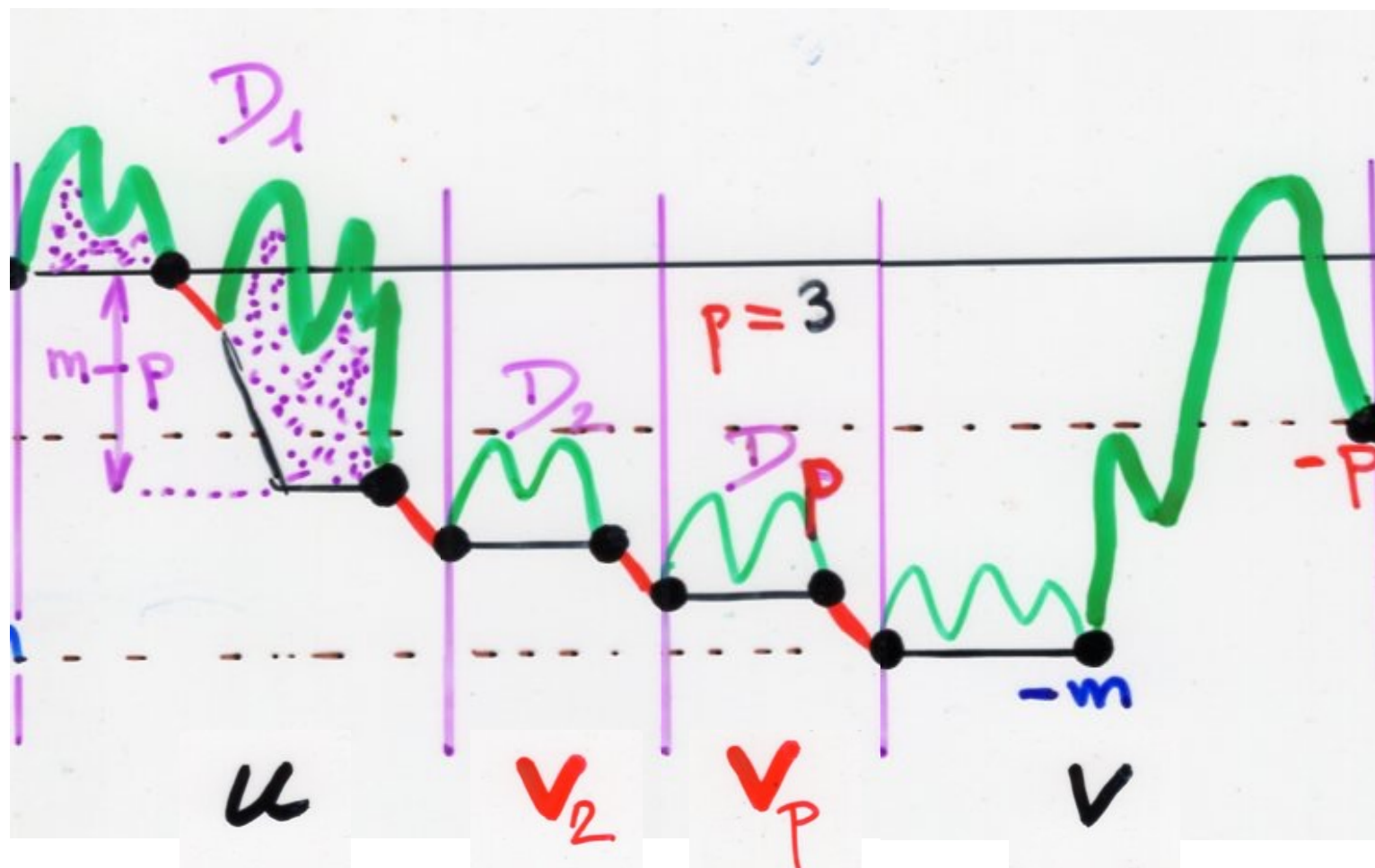
in fact  $w_i \in A^P$

$$w = u v_2 \dots v_p v \quad \text{with } v, u, v_2, \dots, v_p \in A$$

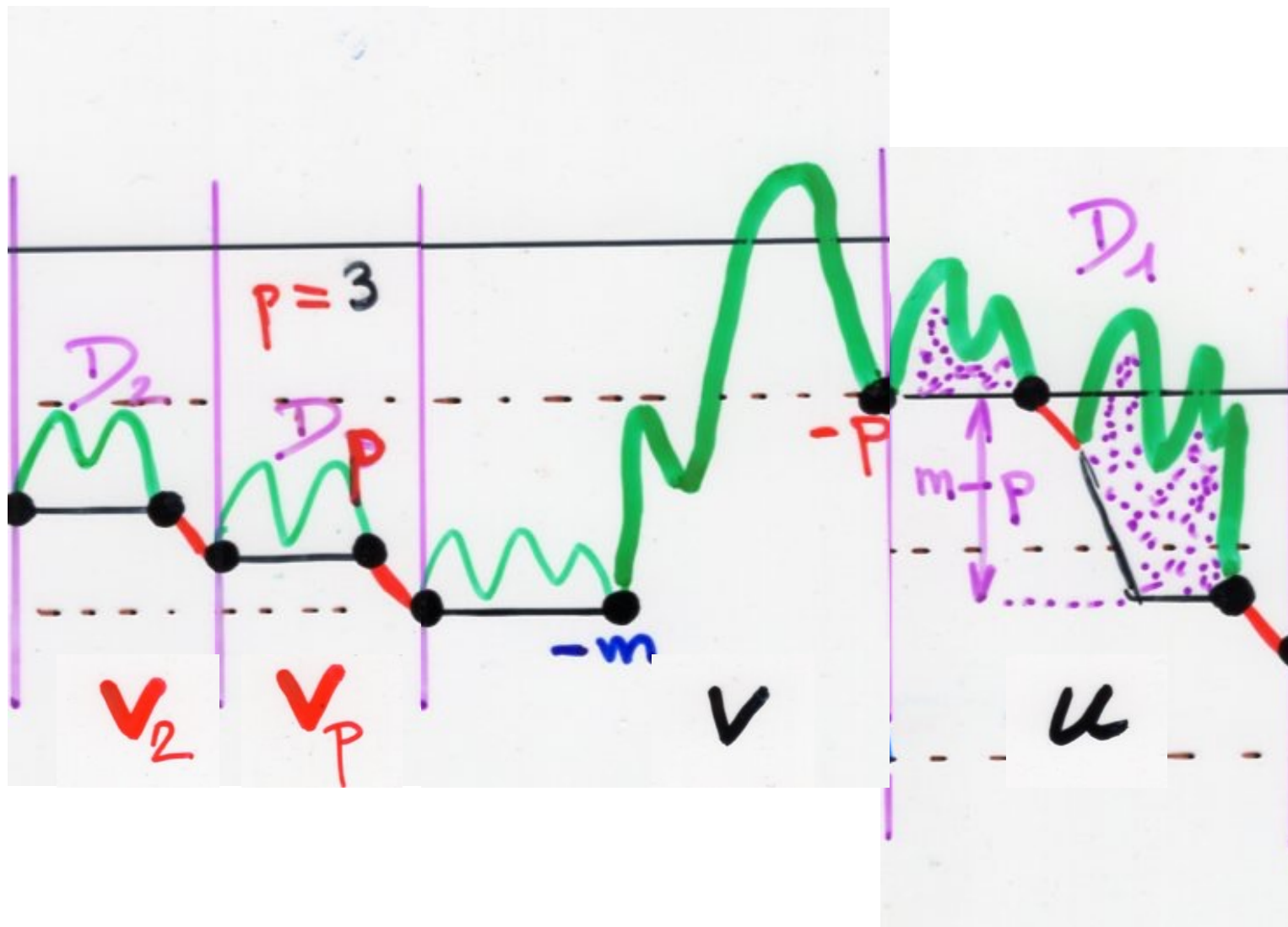
the  $P$  conjugates are

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_2 \dots v_p v u \\ v_3 \dots v_p v u v_2 \\ \dots \\ v u v_2 \dots v_p \end{array} \right.$$

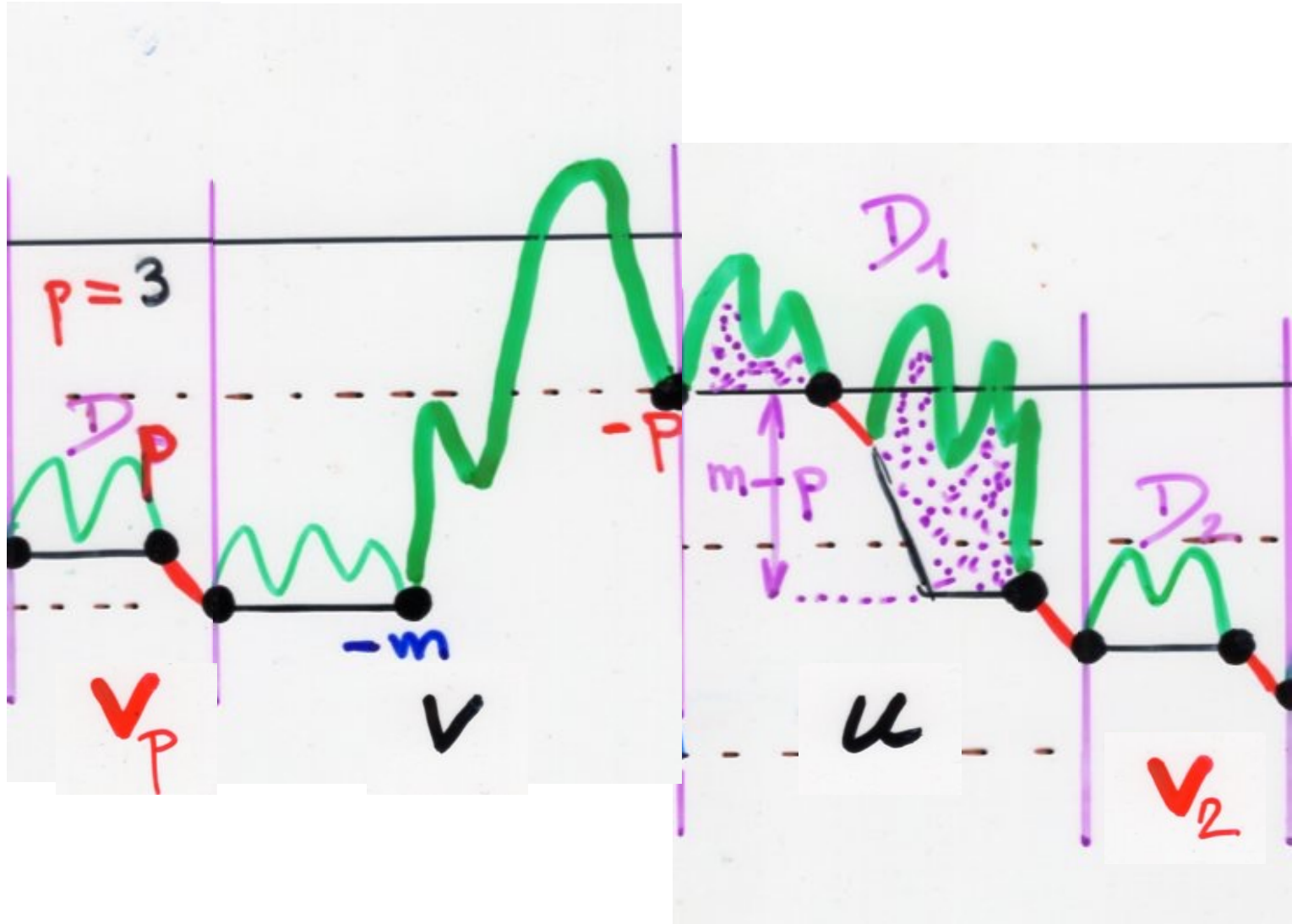




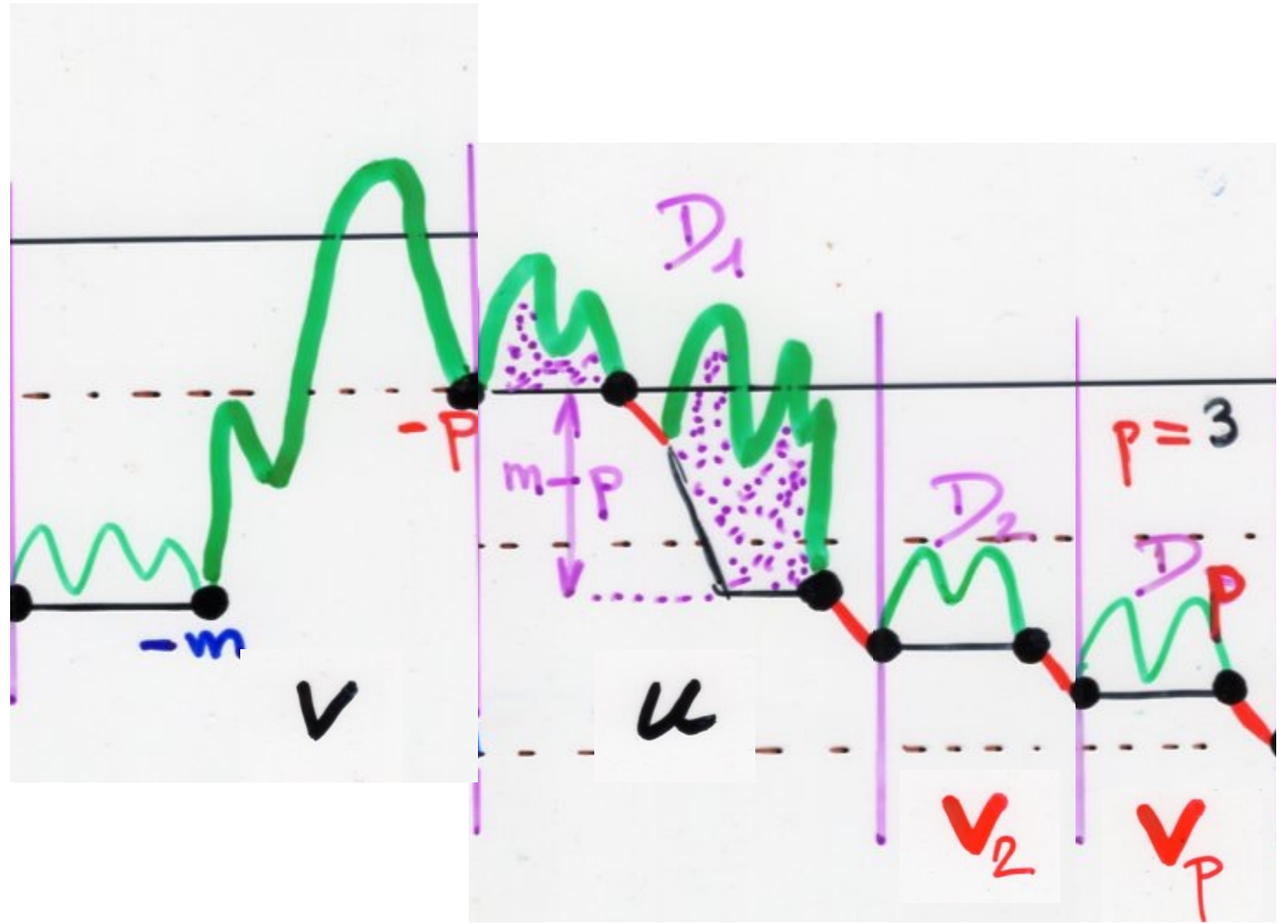










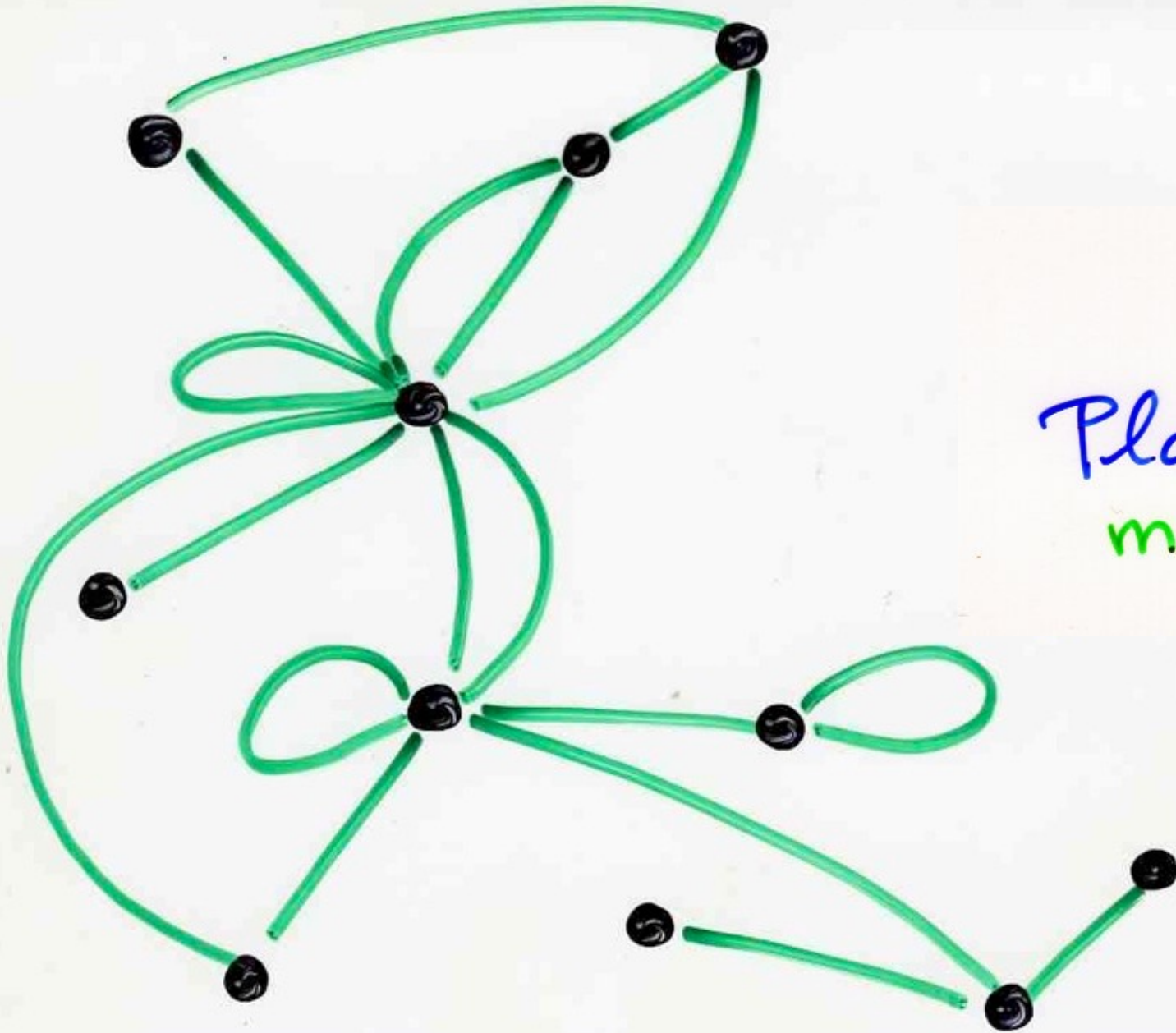




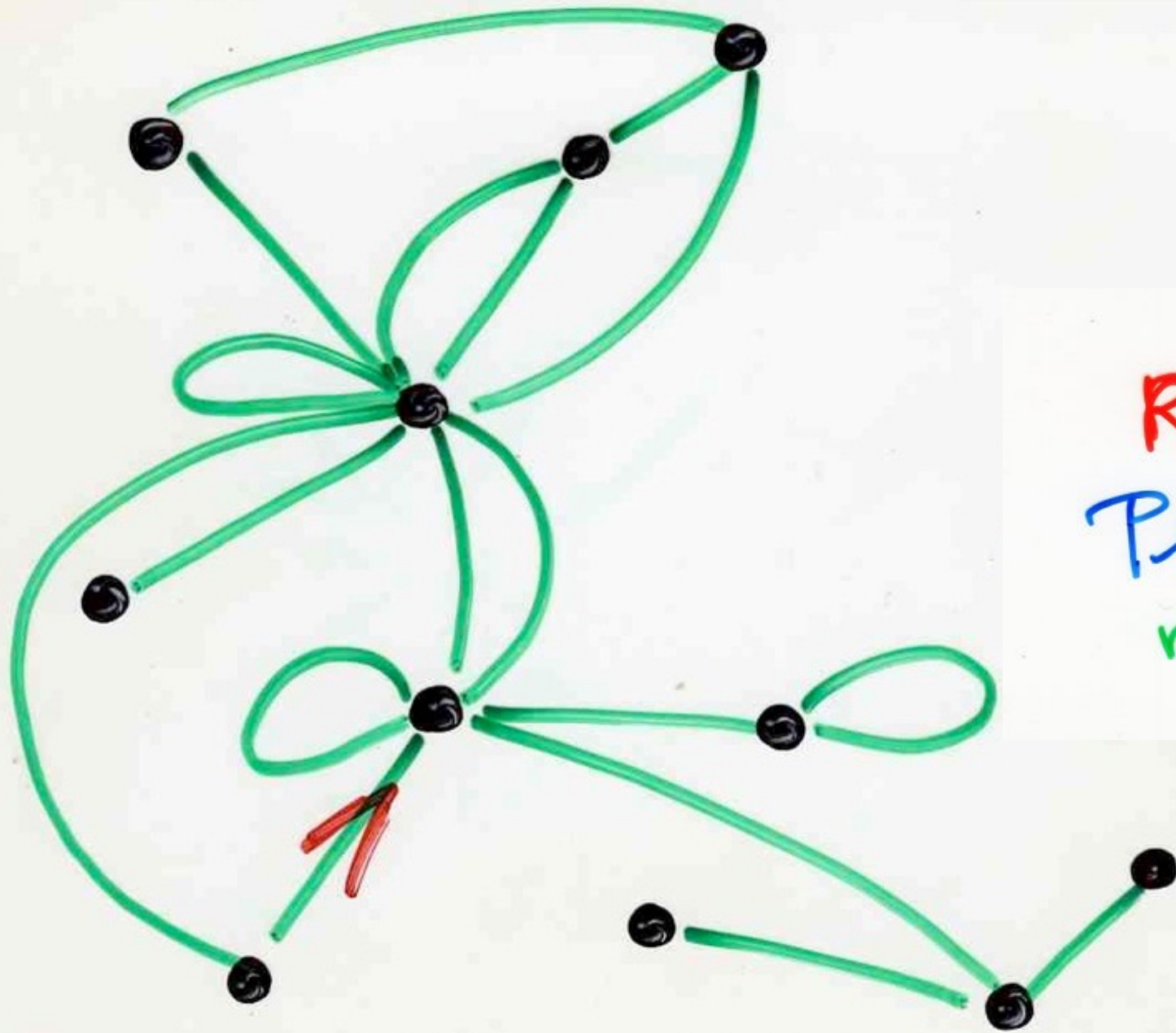
planar maps

and the cyclic lemma





Planar  
map



Rooted  
Planar  
map



Tutte (1960)

$a_n$  number of  
rooted planar maps  
with  $n$  edges

$$y = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n t^n$$

Cori, Vauquelin (1970)

$$\begin{cases} h = 1 + 3t h^2 \\ y = h - t h^3 \end{cases}$$

$$a_n =$$

$$\frac{2 \times 3^n}{(n+2)} C_n$$

$$C_n = \frac{1}{(n+1)} \binom{2n}{n}$$

Schaeffer (1997)

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binary tree  
with  $n$  internal vertices  
(or  $n+1$  external vertices)



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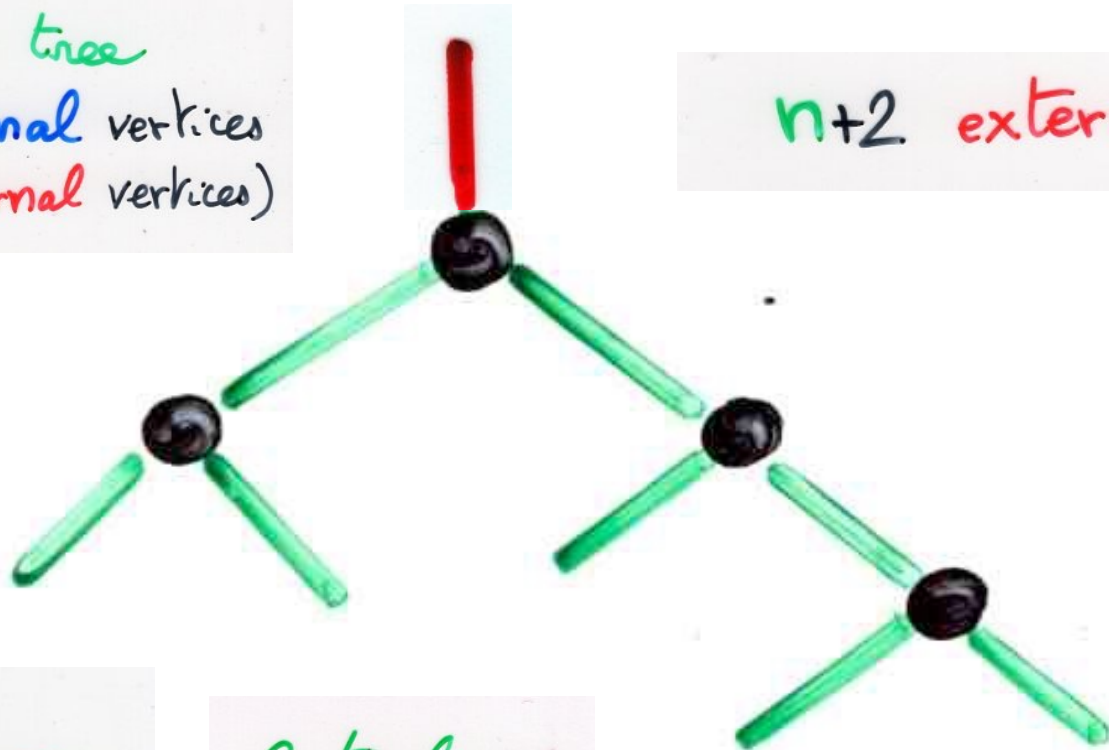
Catalan  
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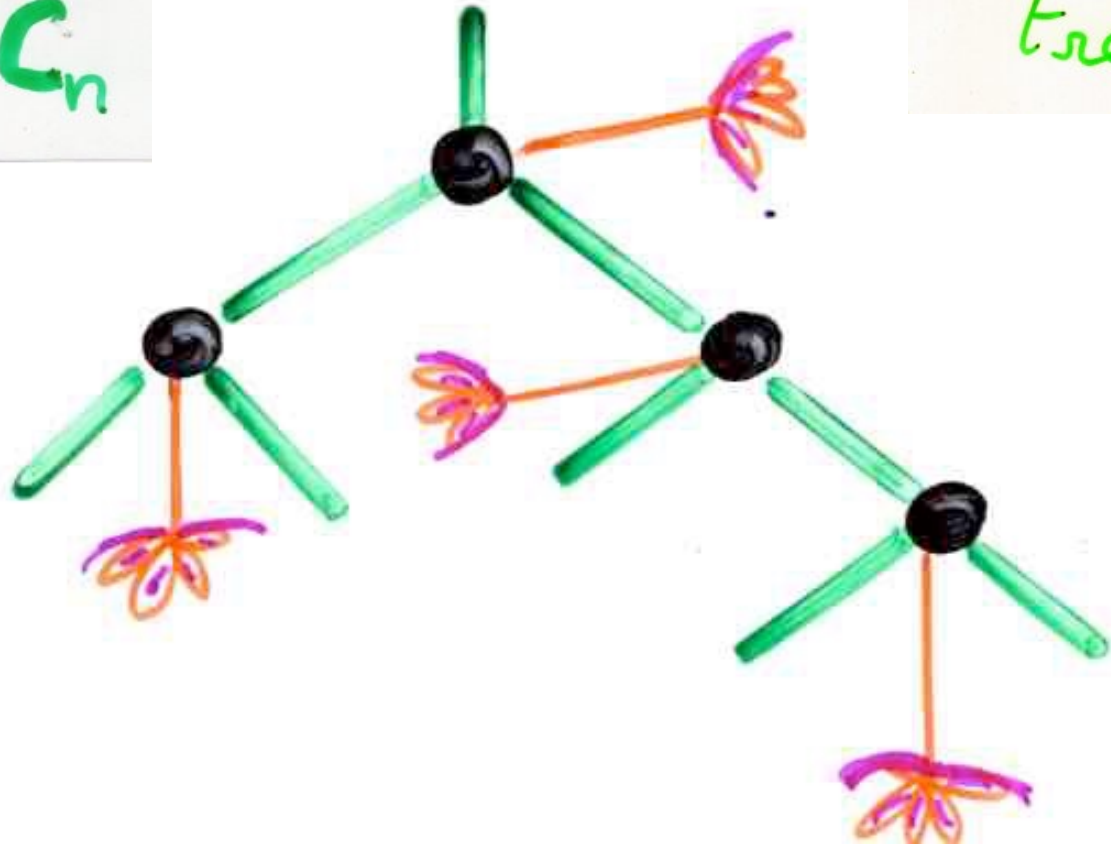


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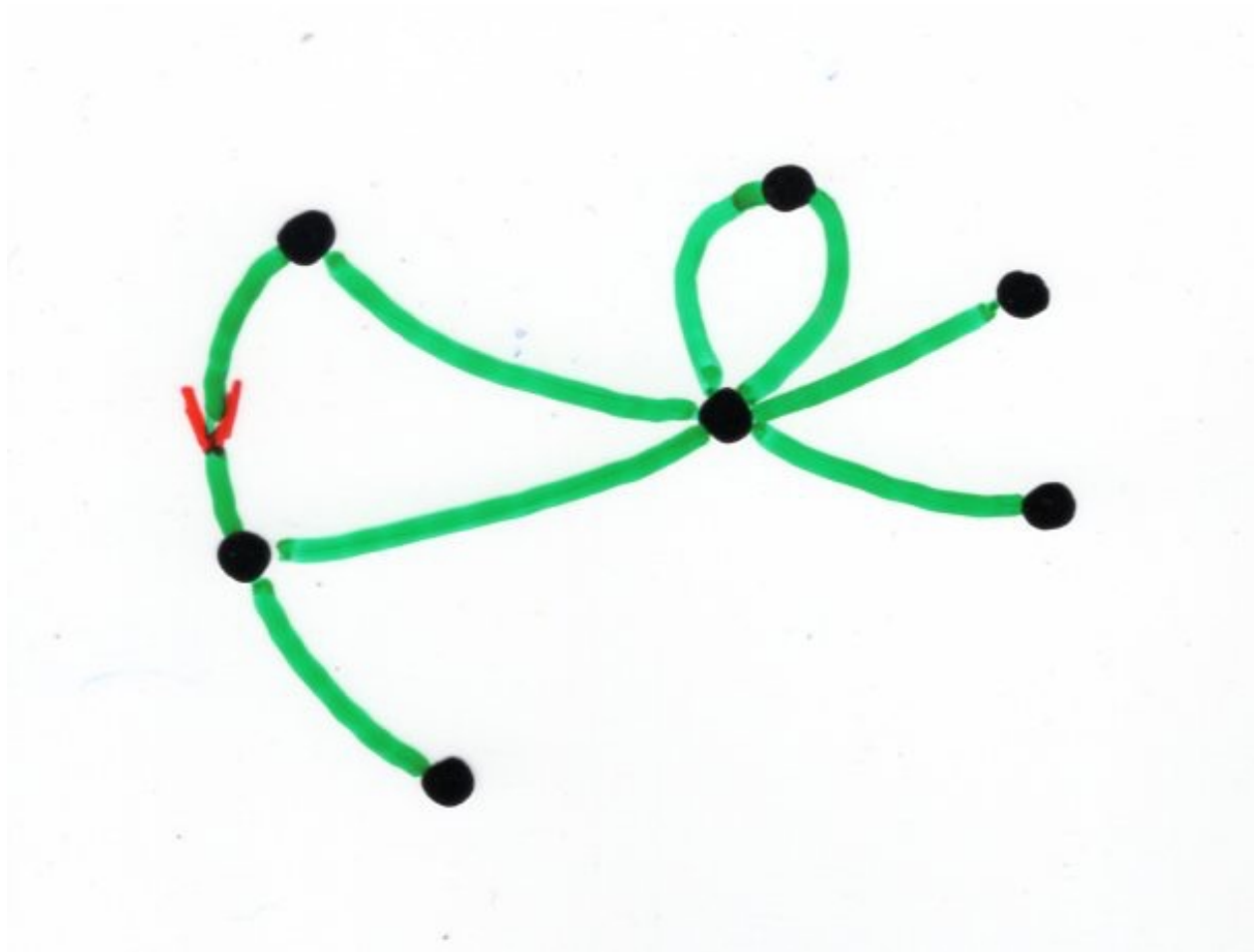
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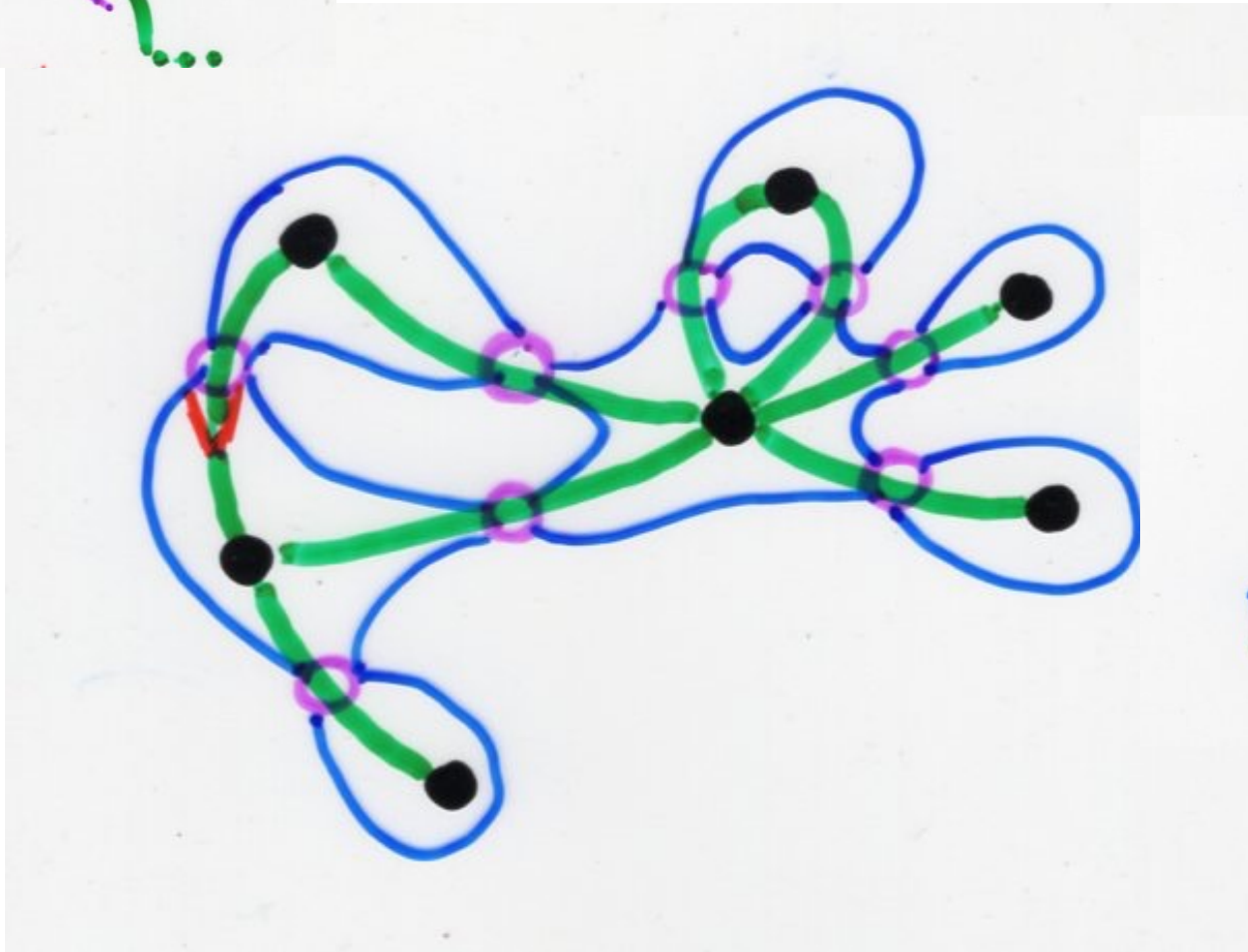
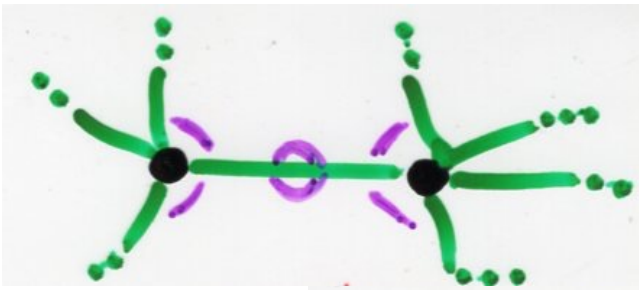
$$3^n C_n$$

blossoming  
trees



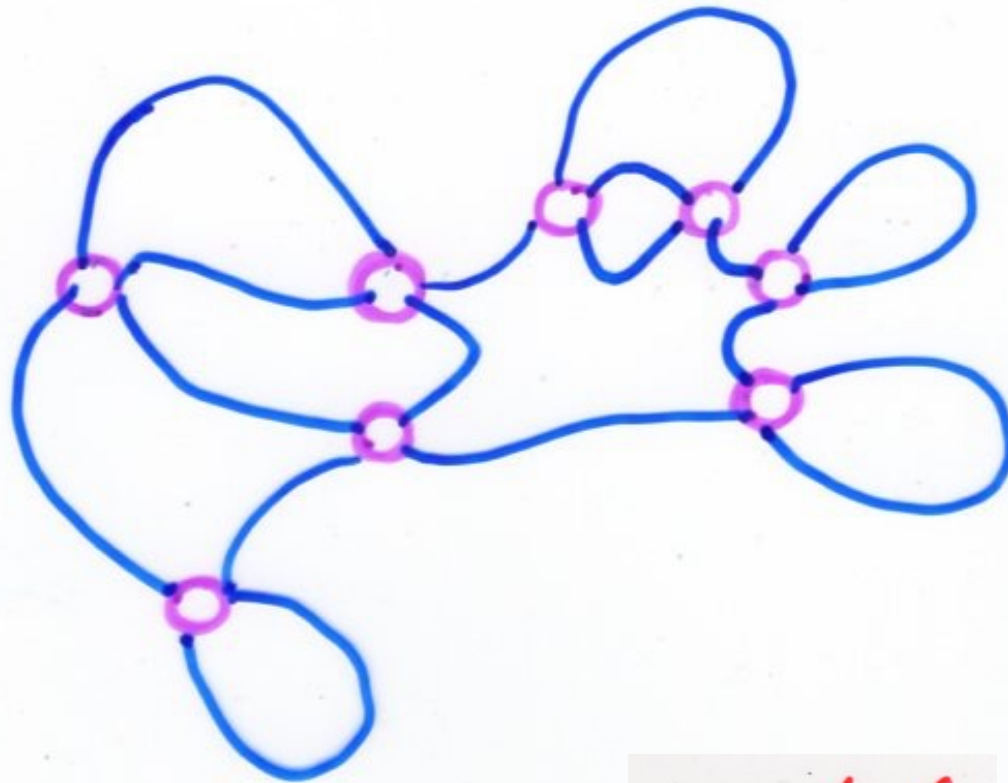






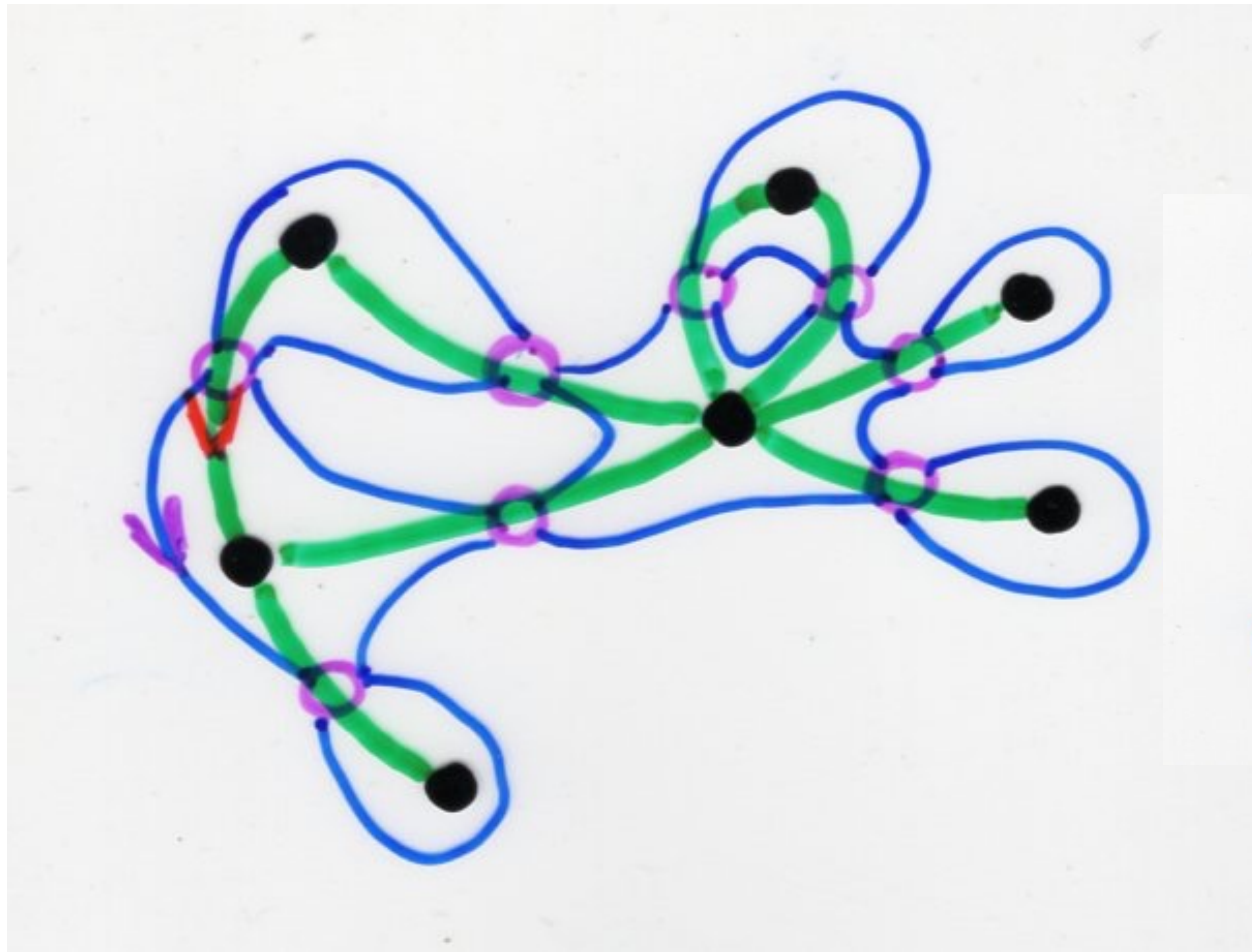
Planar map  
 $n$  edges  
 $\updownarrow$   
 quartic  
 planar map  
 $n$  vertices





Planar map  
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quartic  
planar map  
 $n$  vertices

radial  
map

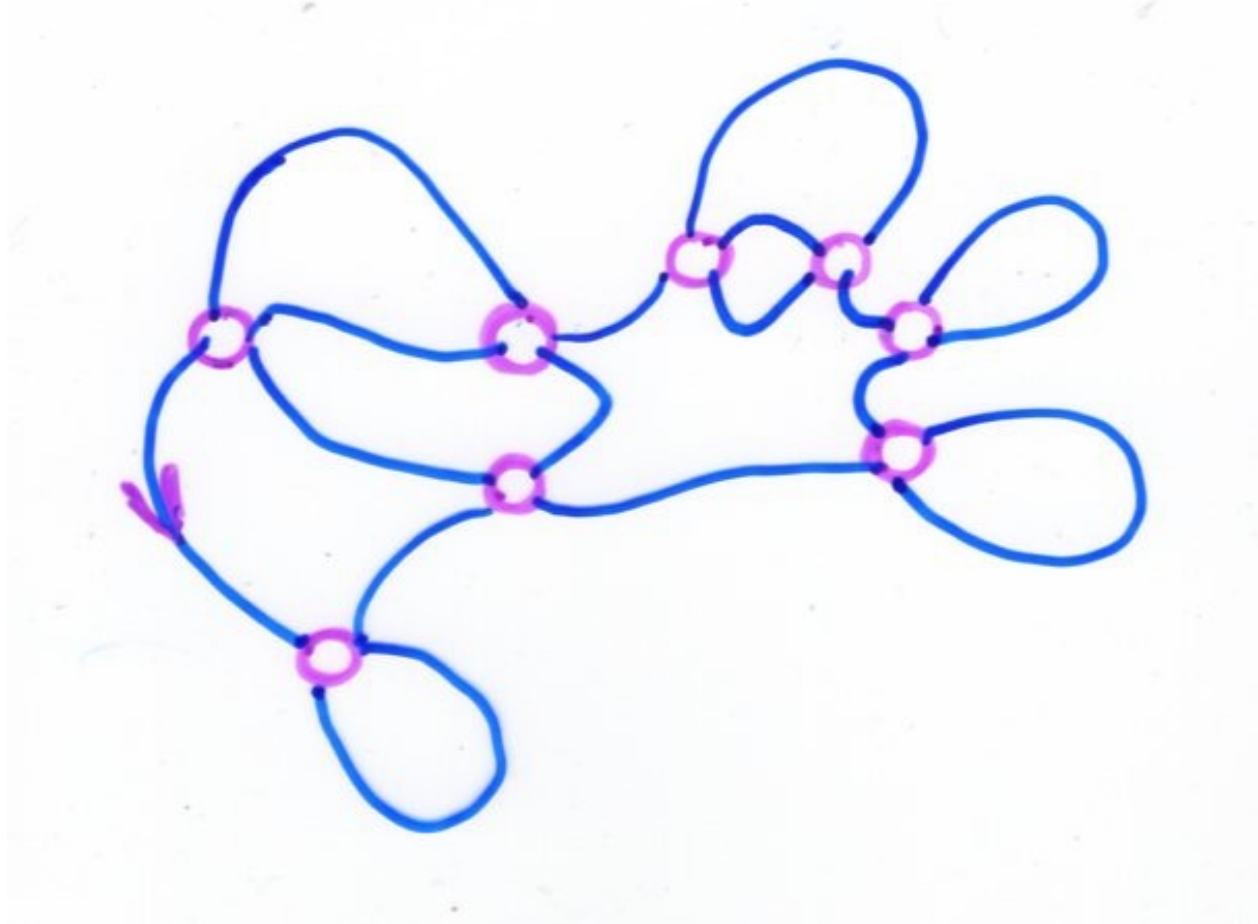


rooted  
Planar map  
 $n$  edges

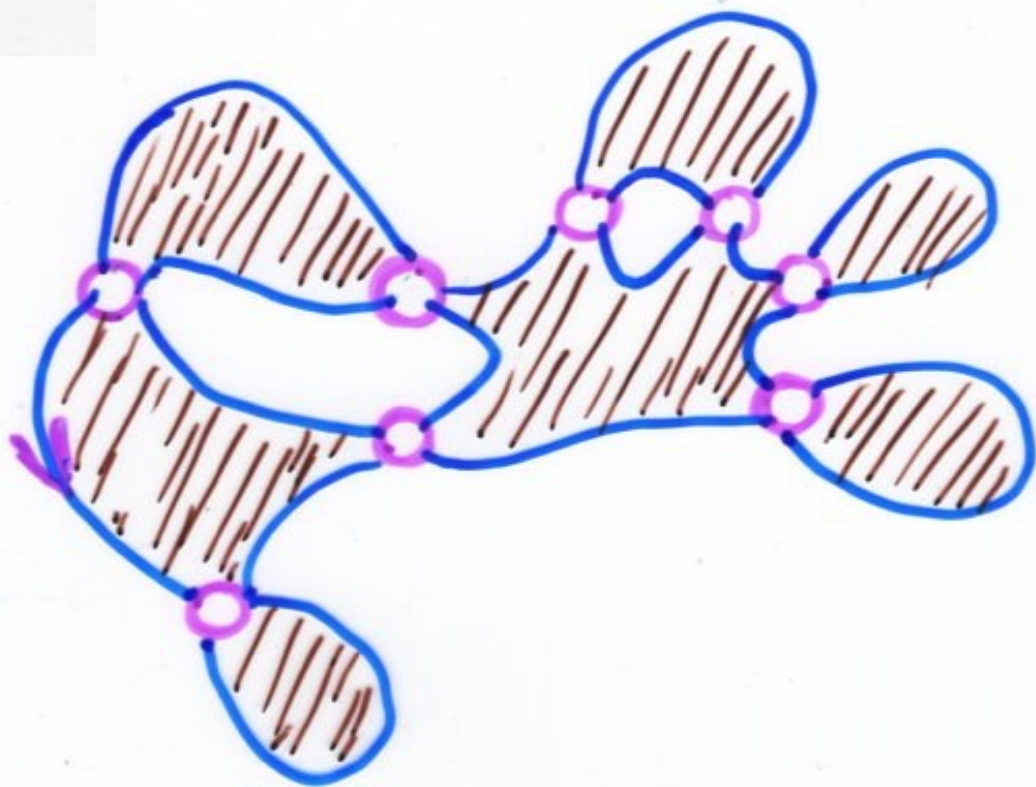
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quartic  
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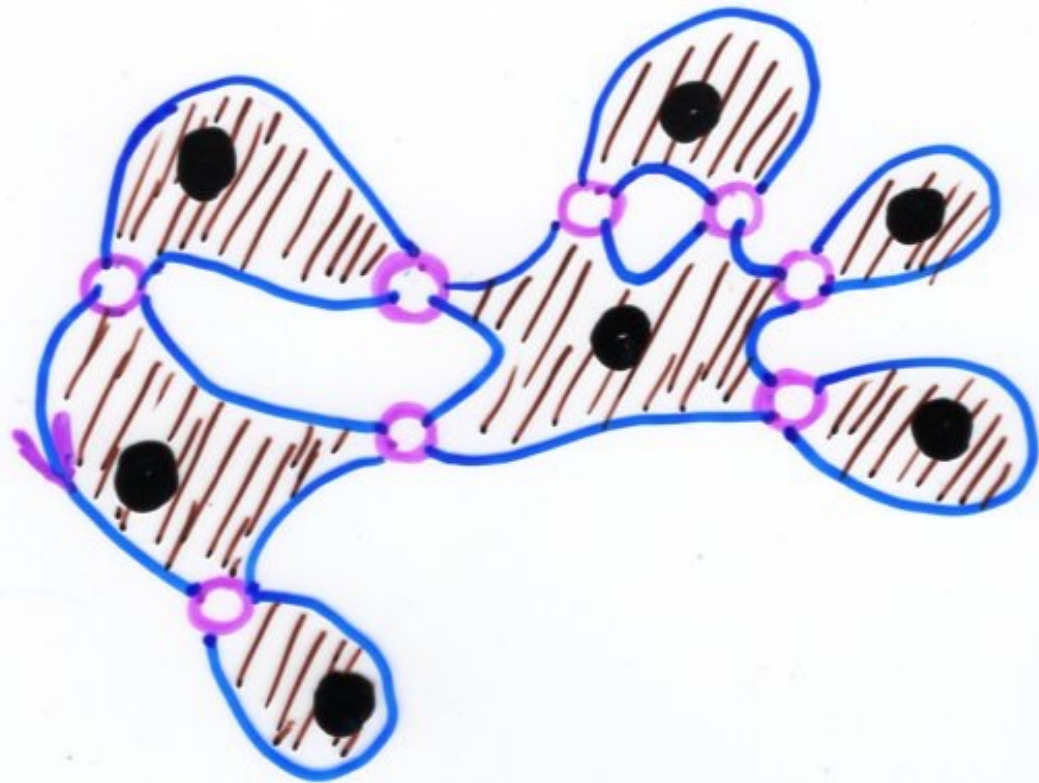


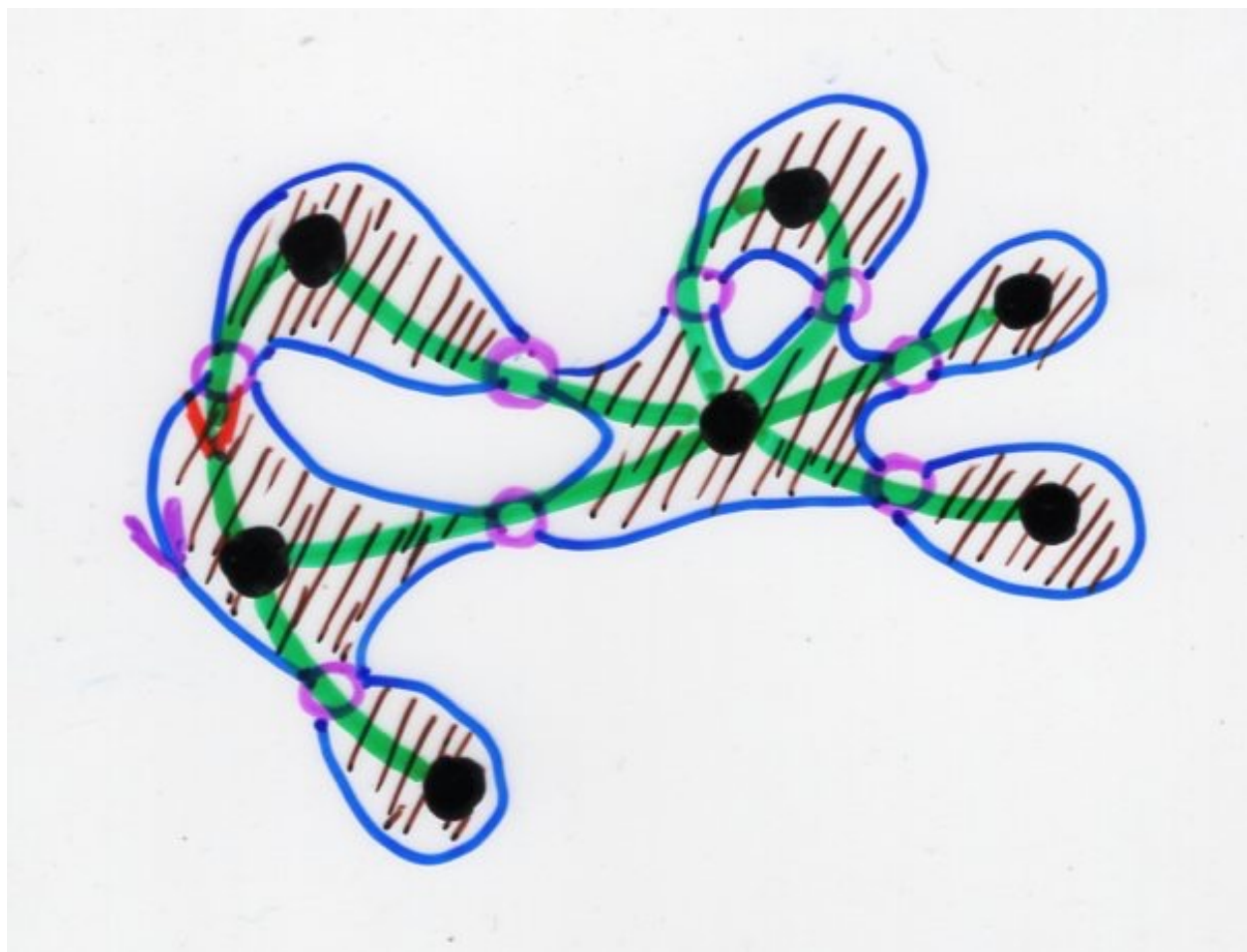


reverse  
bijection











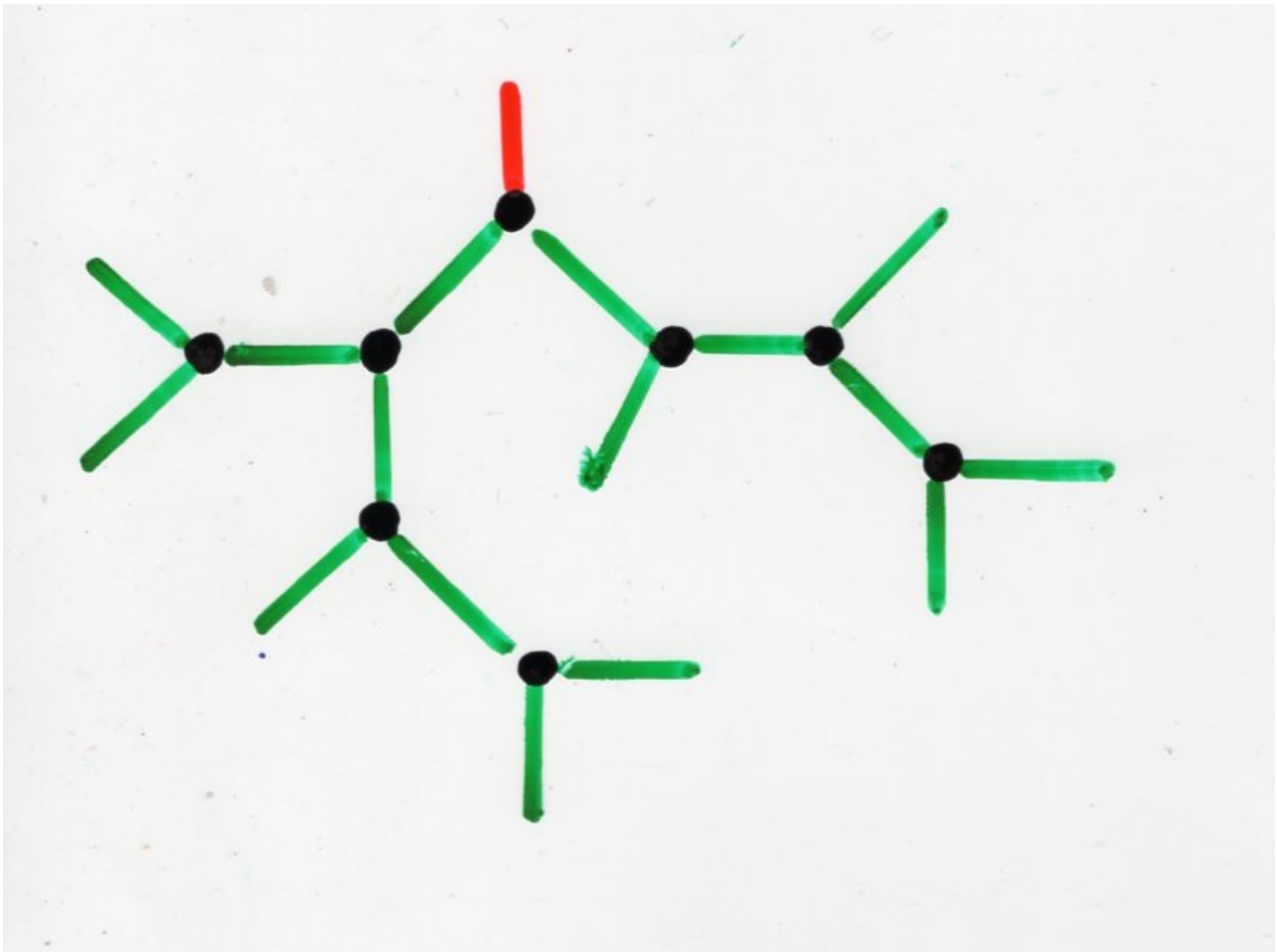
Schaeffer's bijection

well balanced blossoming trees



quartic rooted planar maps

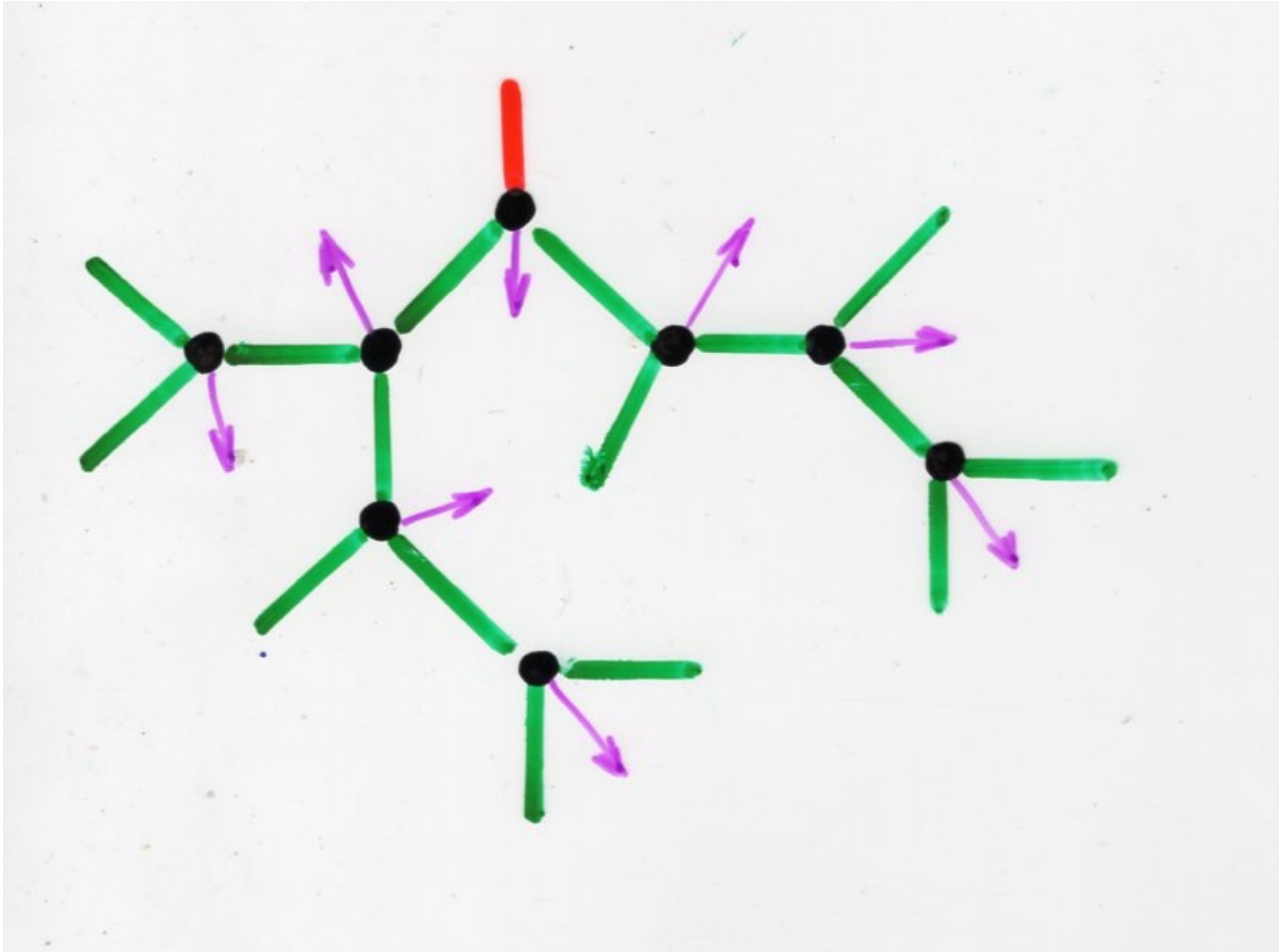




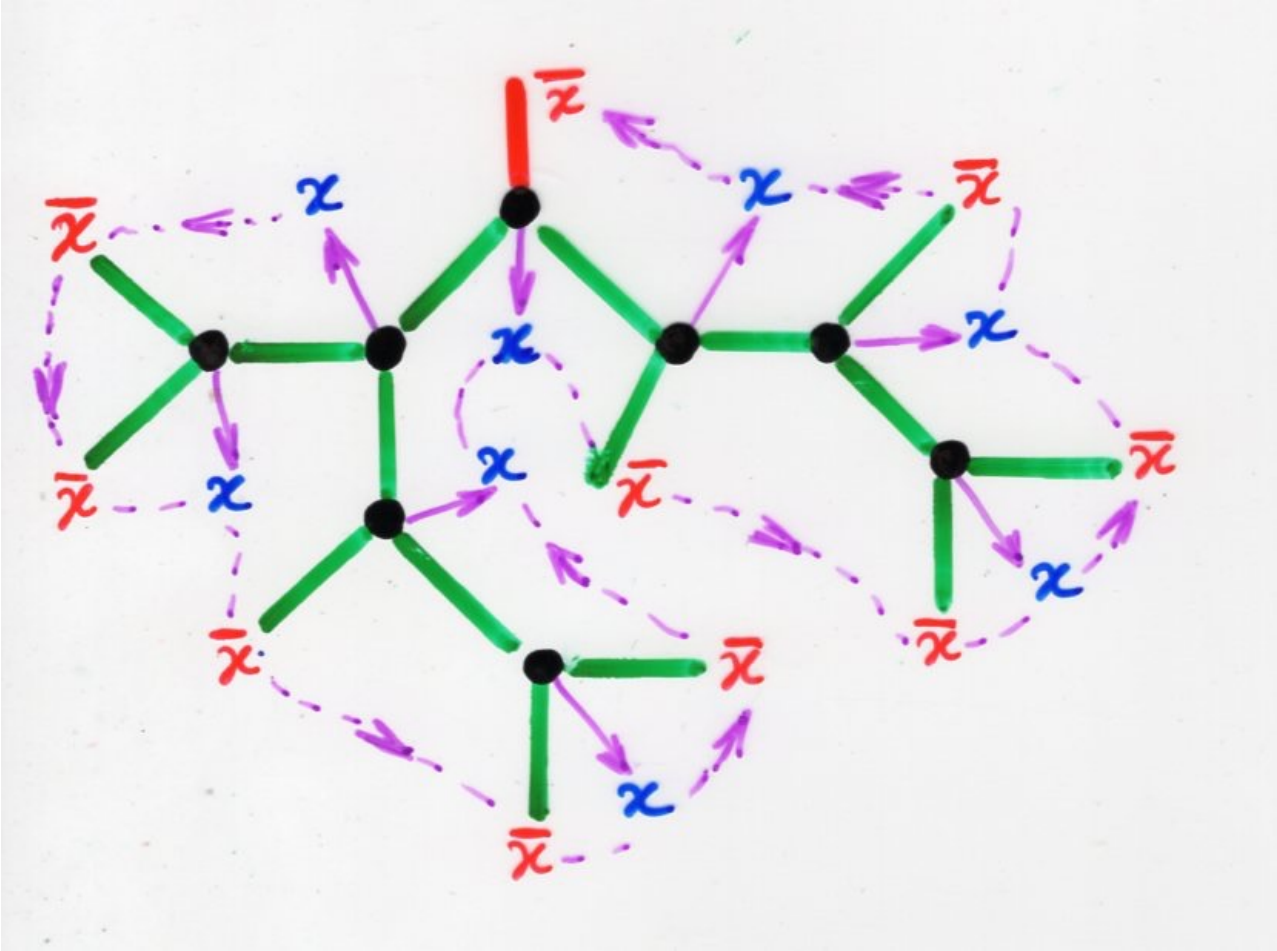


$$3^n C_n$$

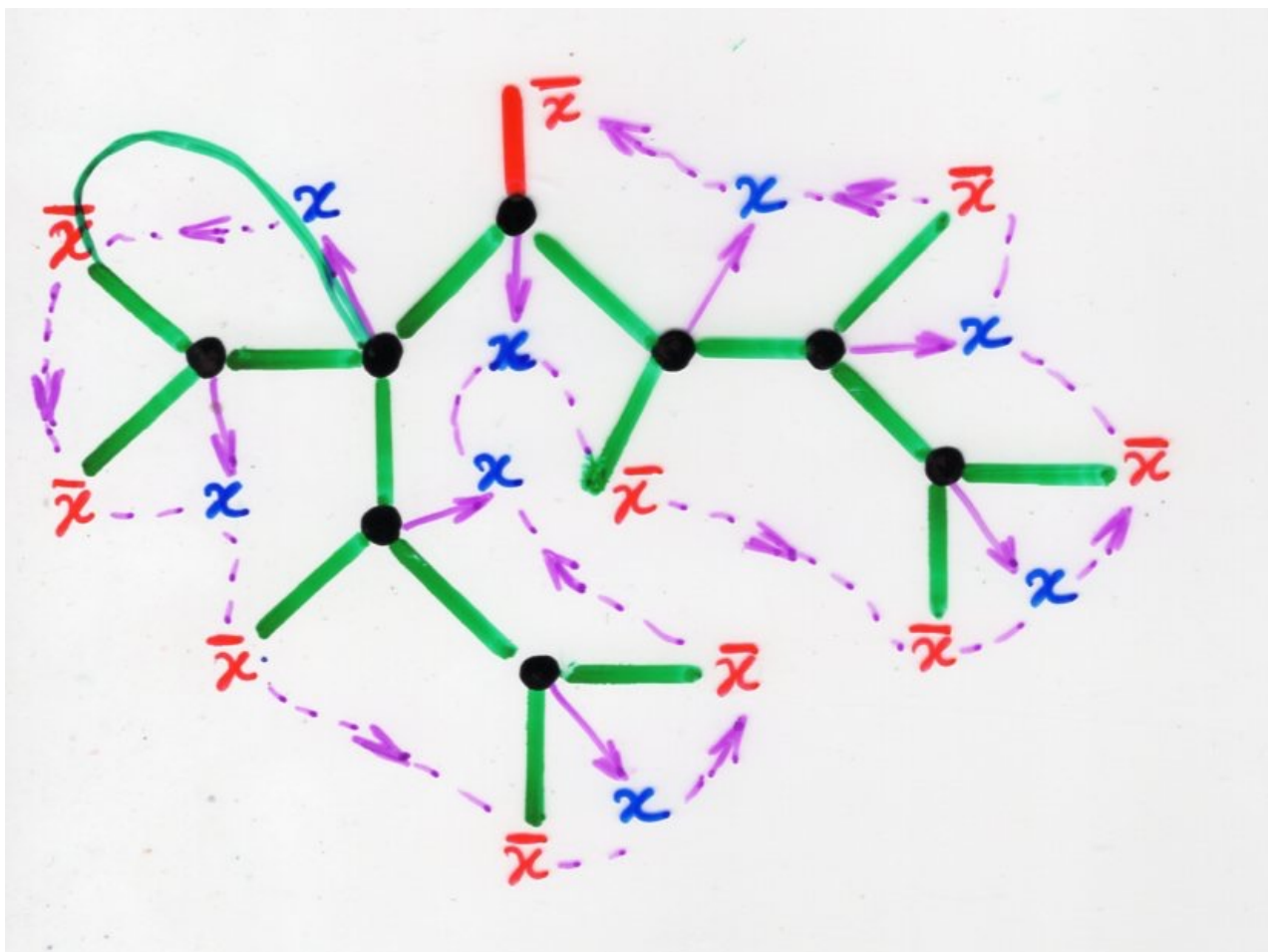
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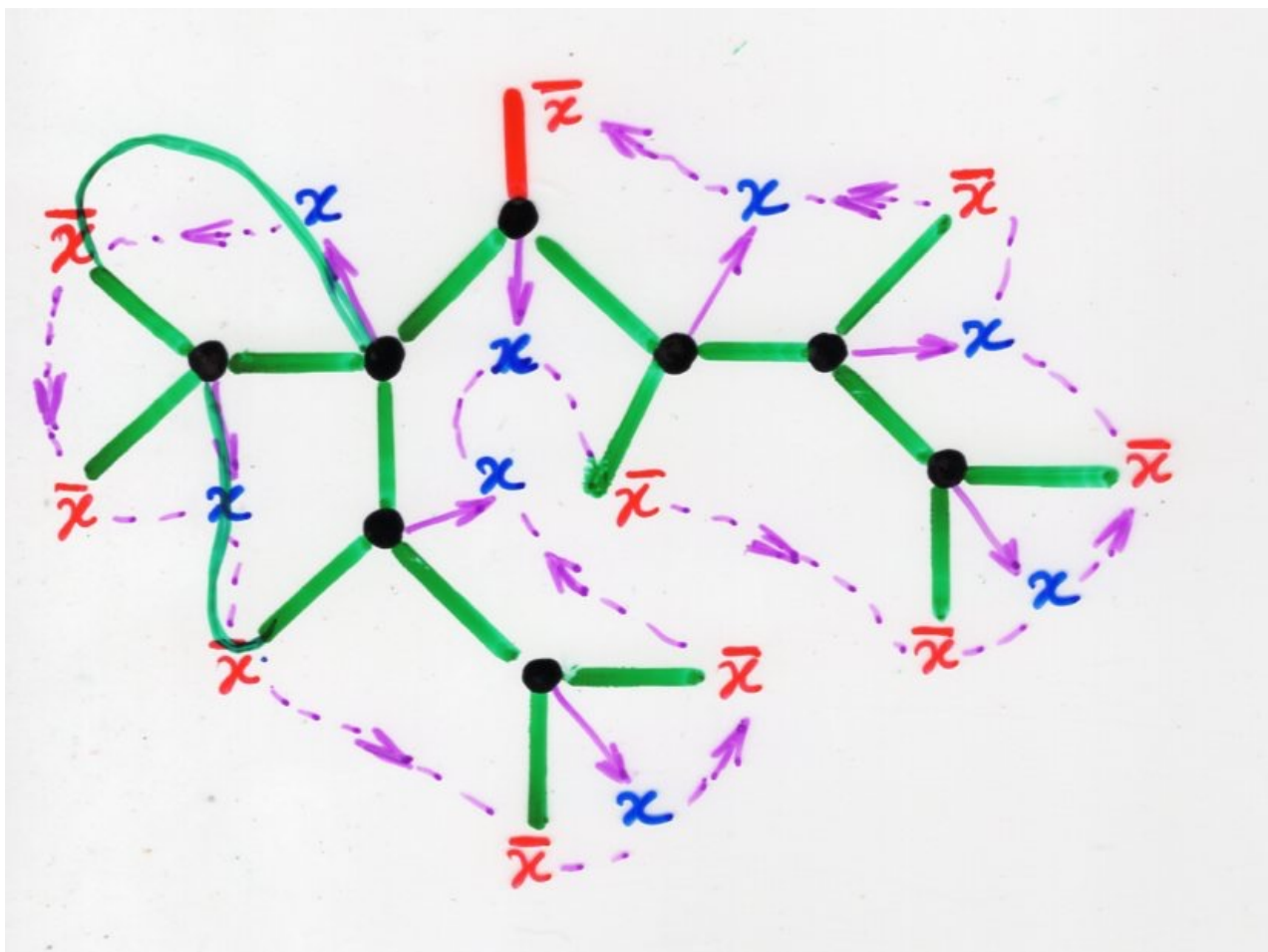
border word

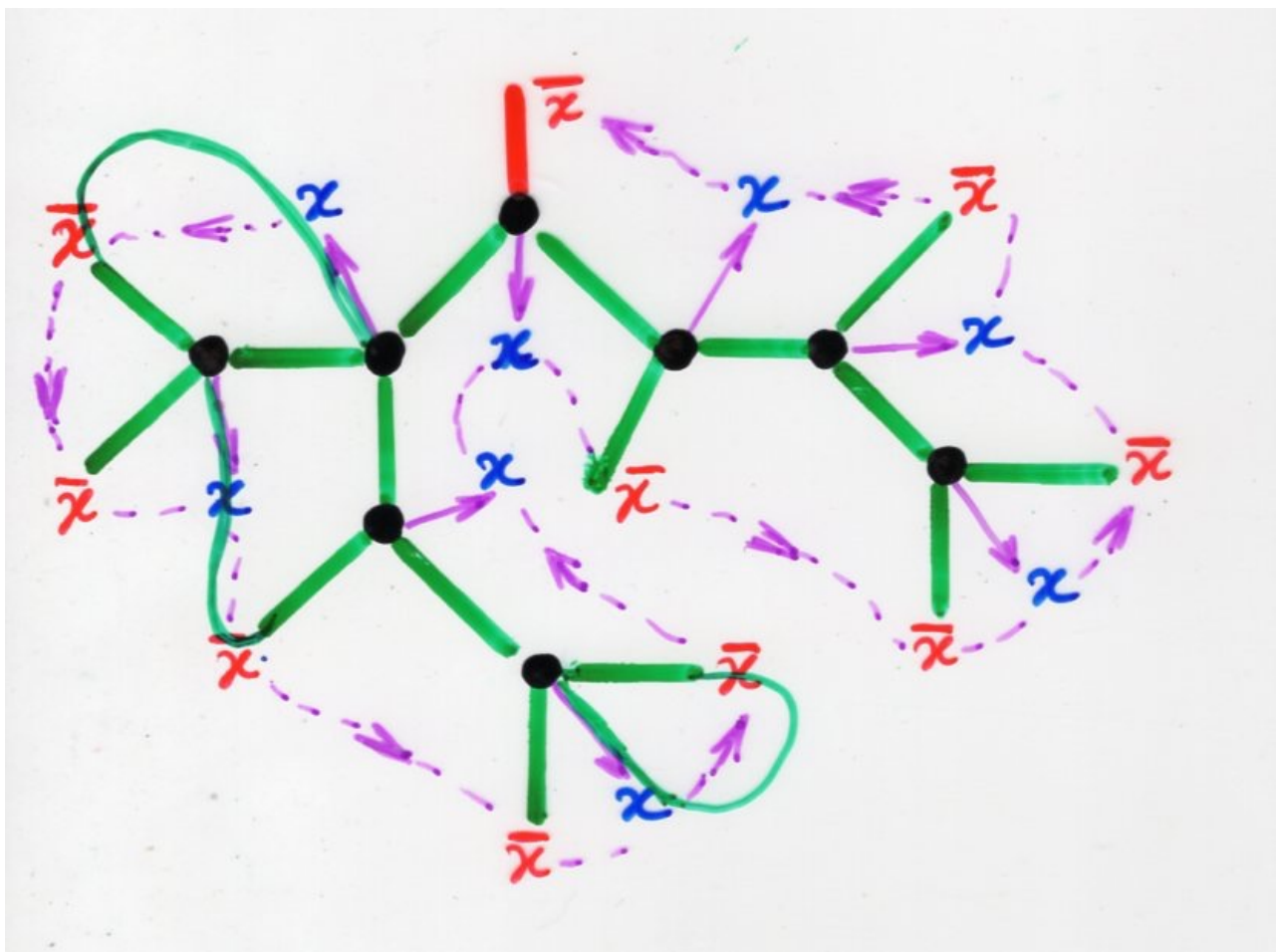


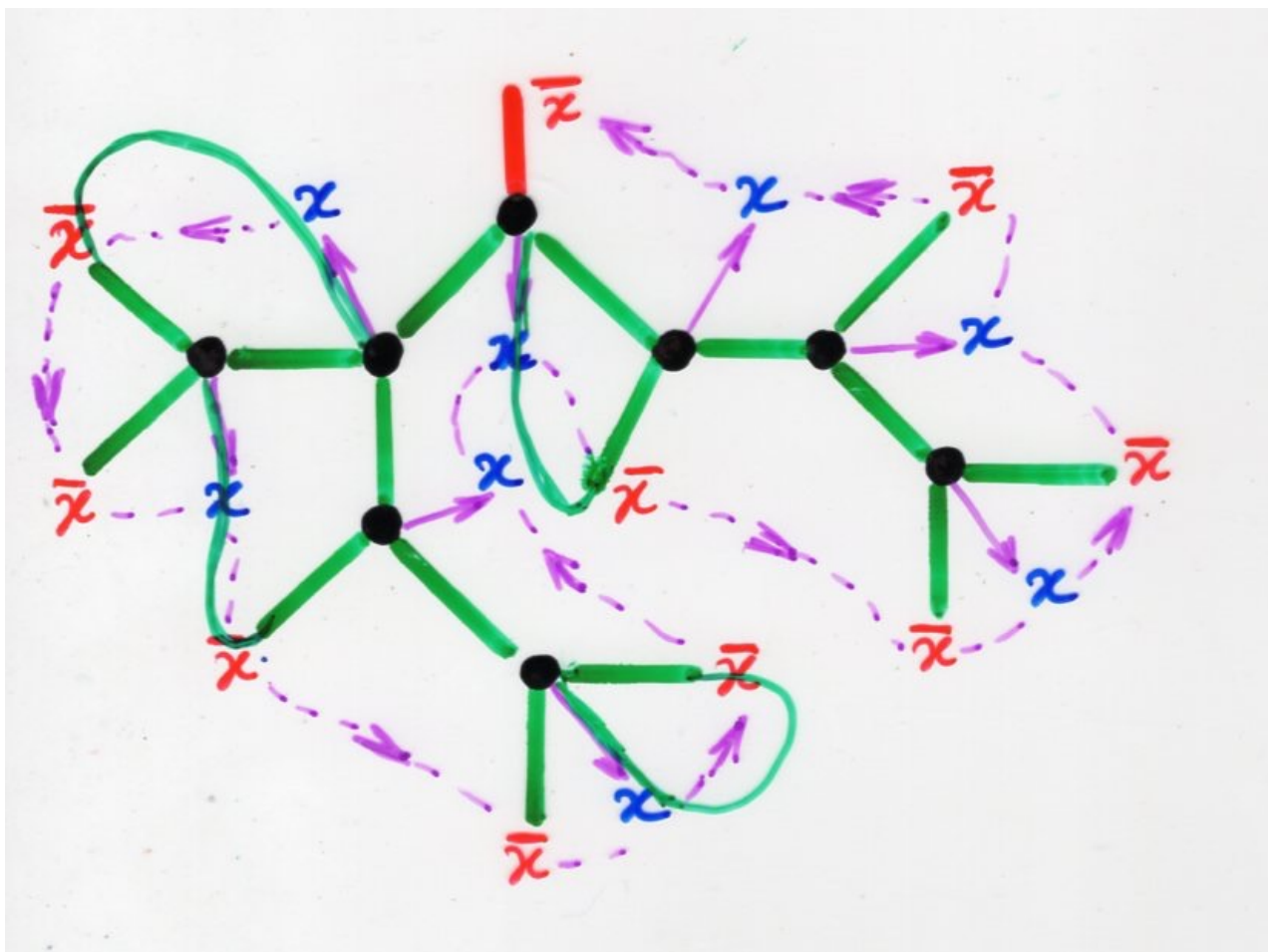
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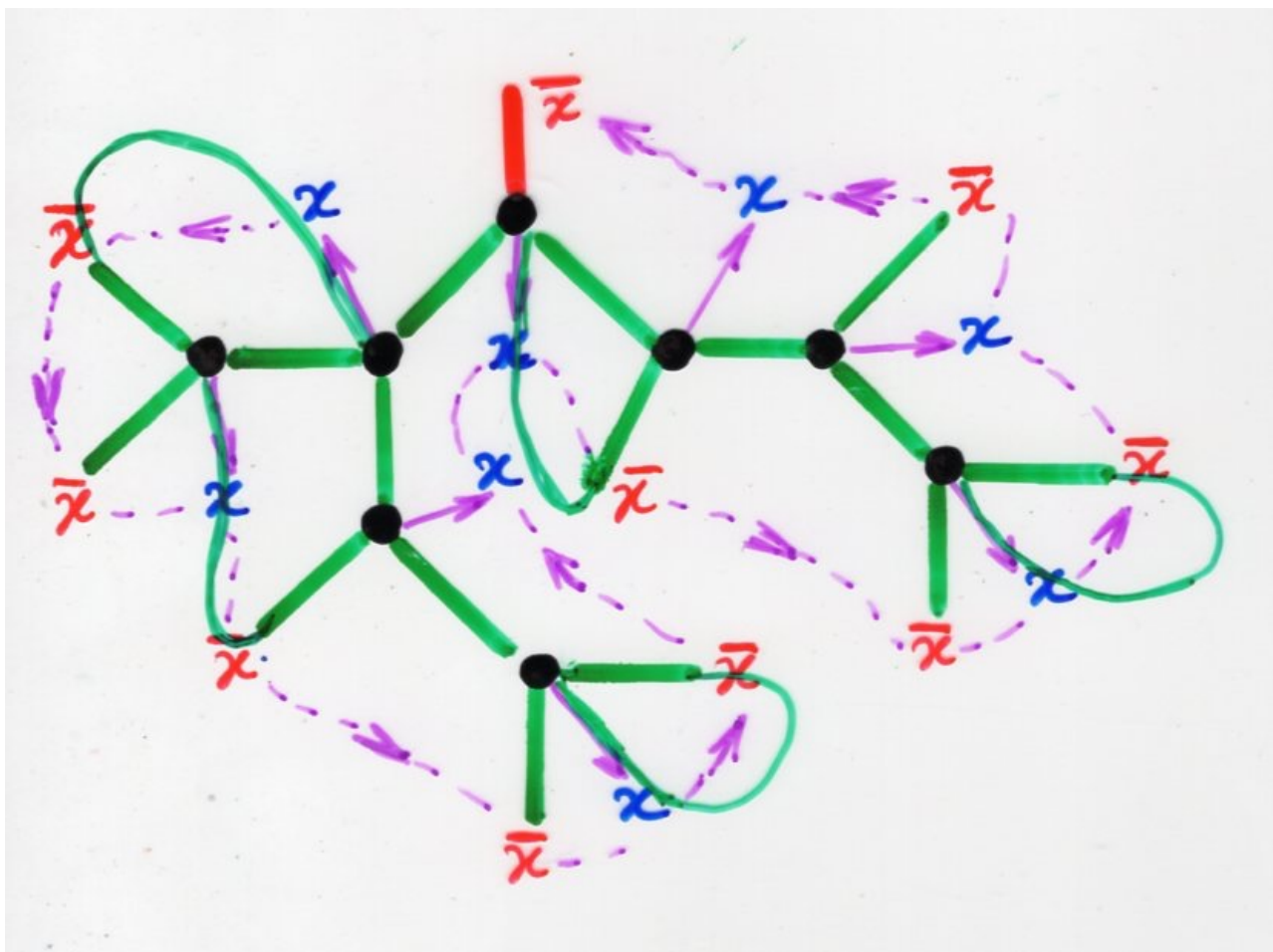


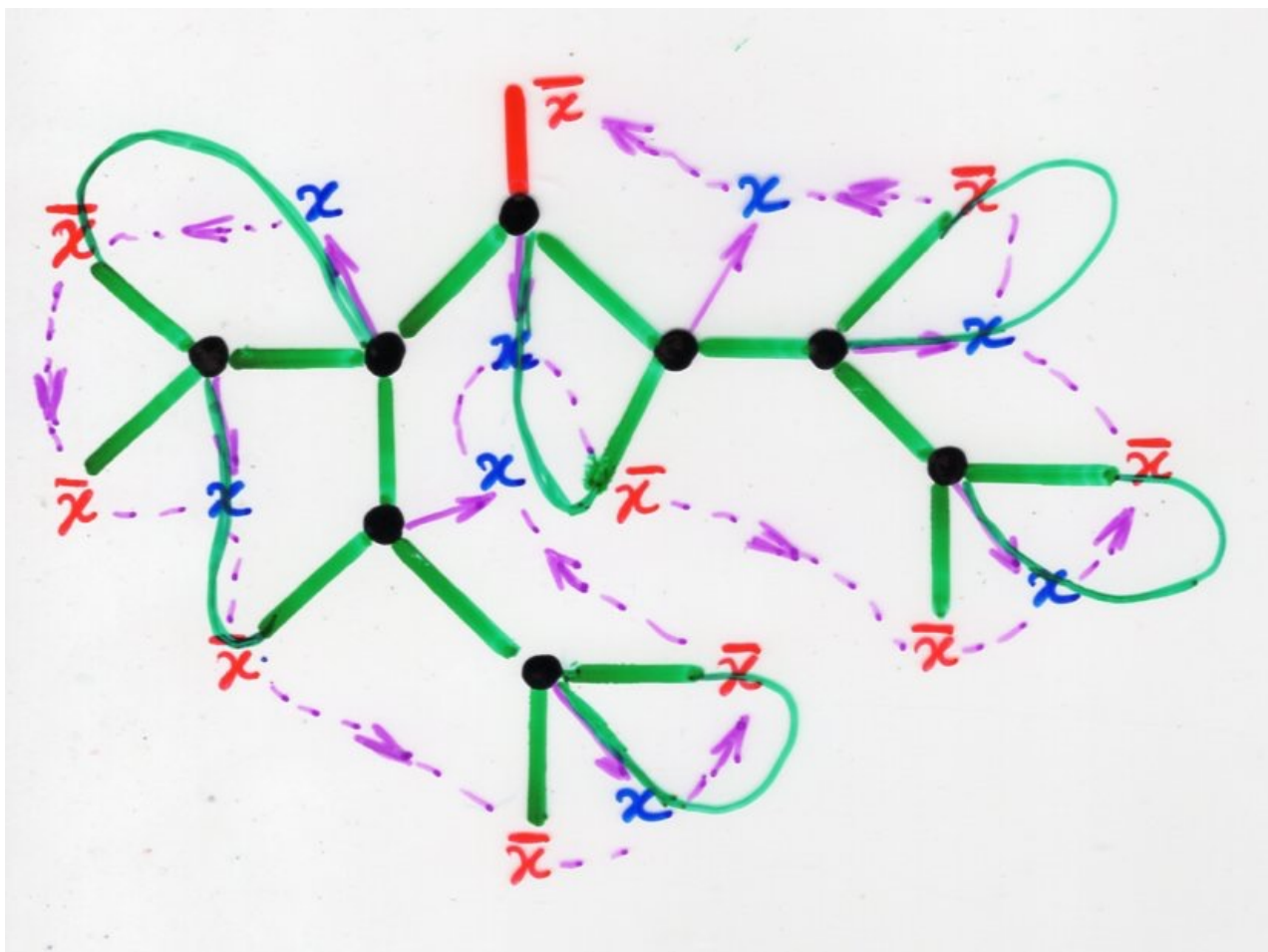


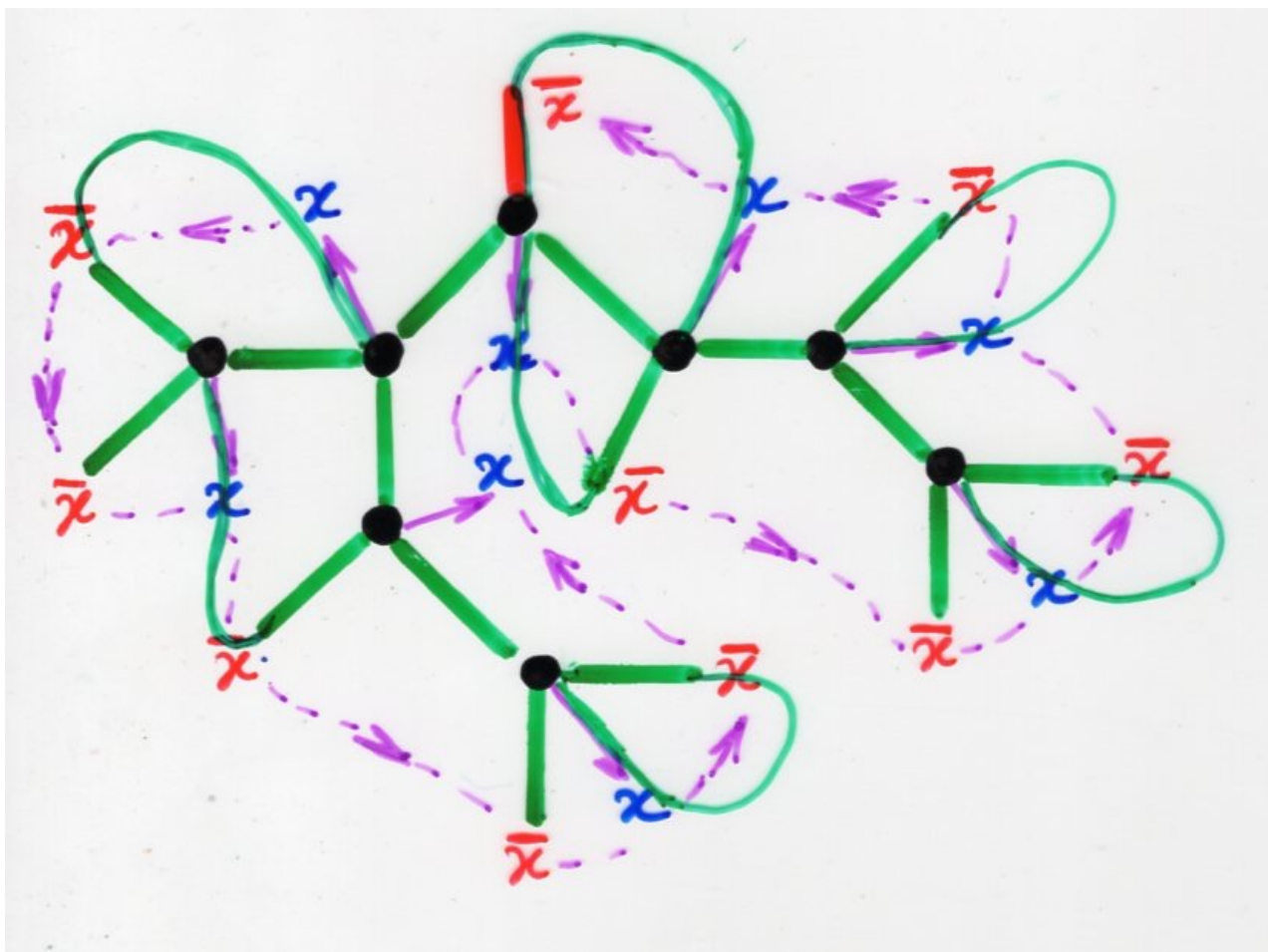




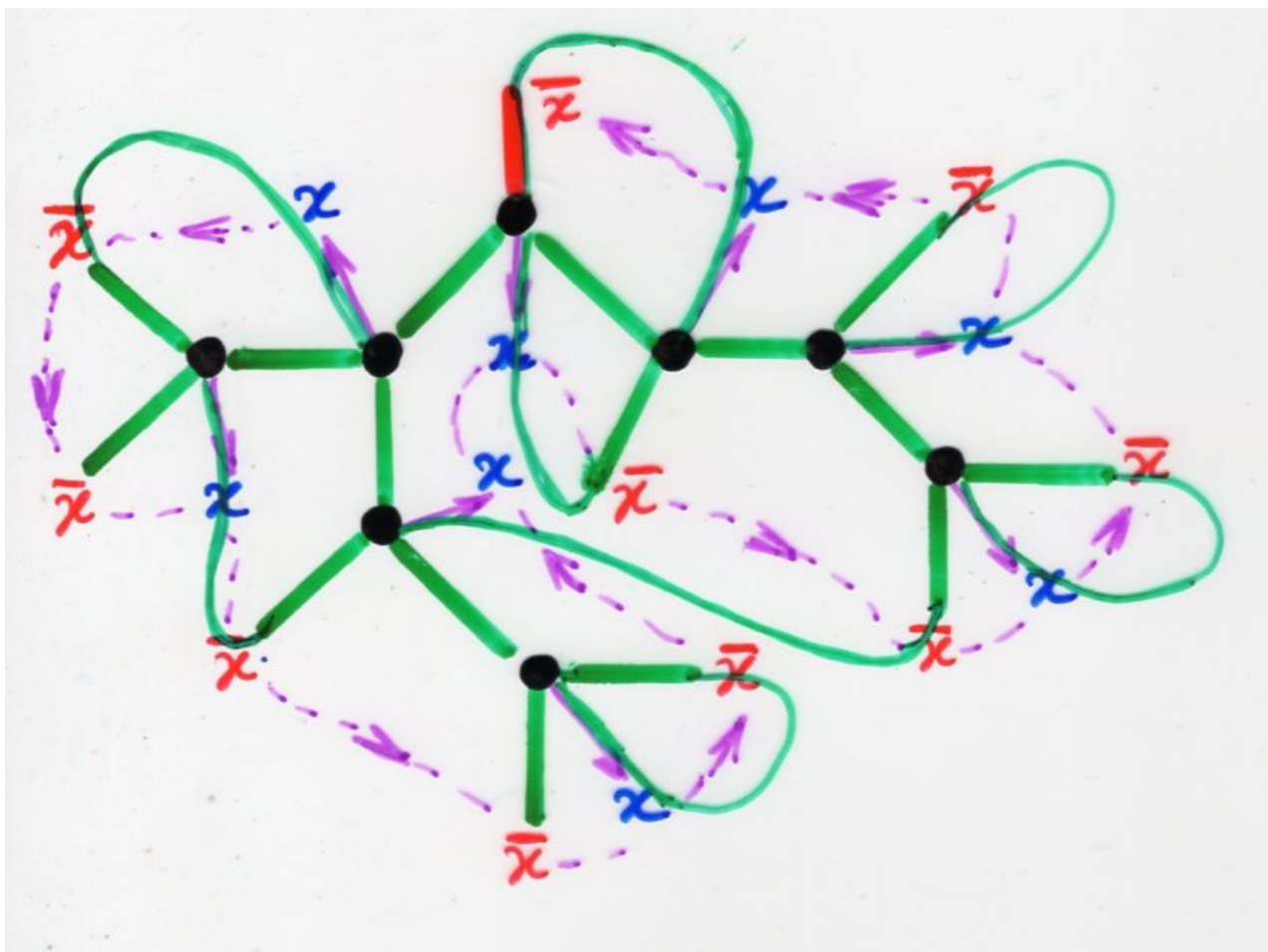




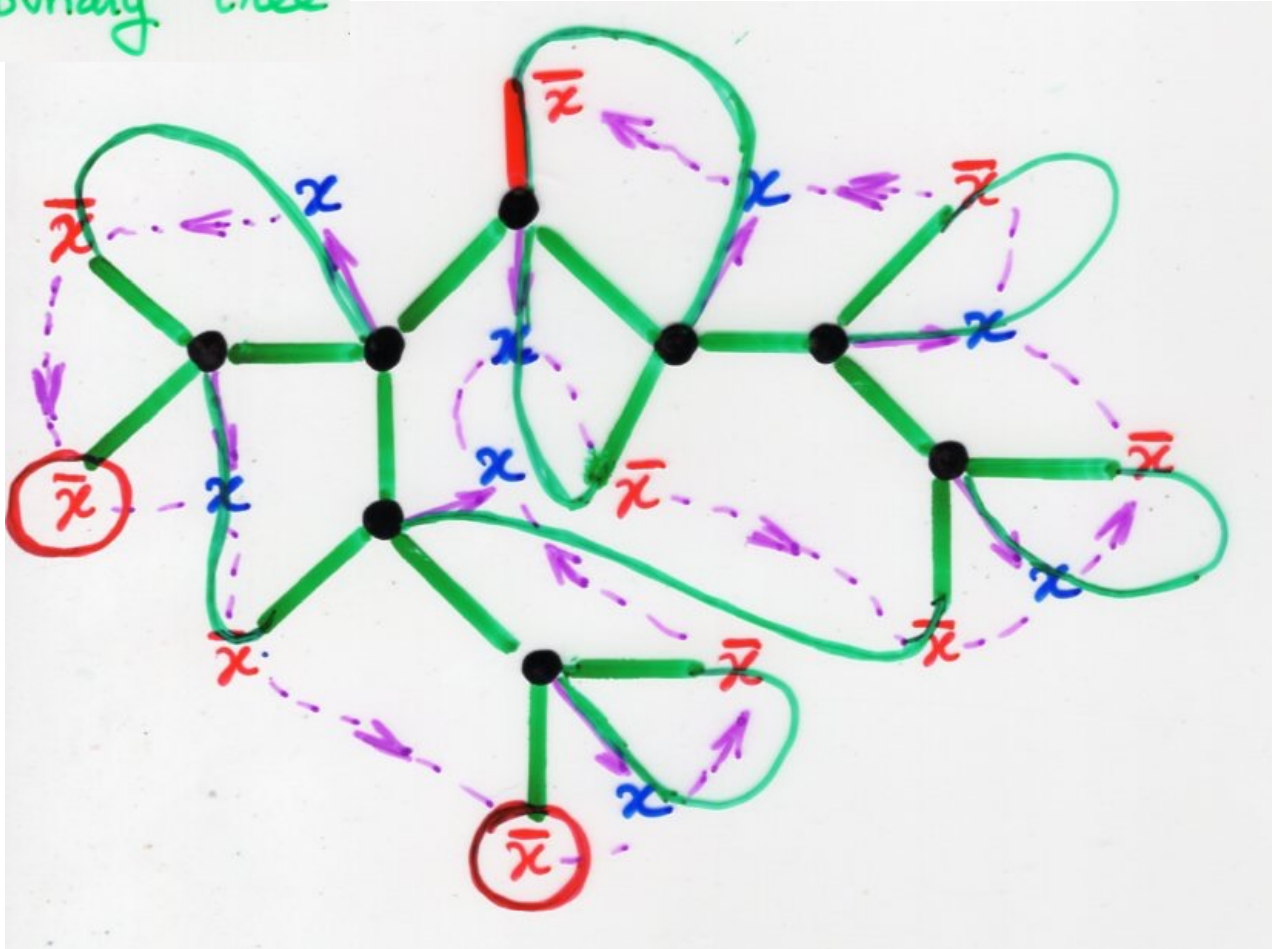








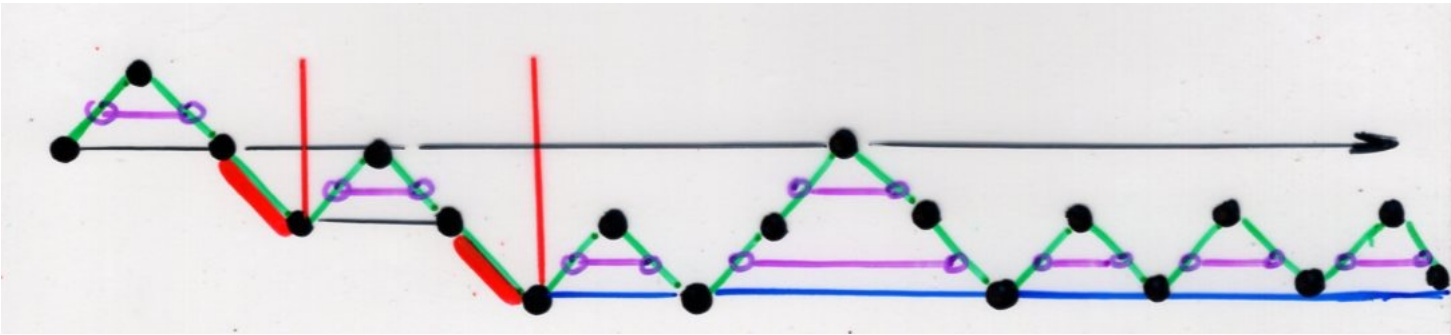
partial closure  
of the blossoming  
(complete) binary tree



$$w = \underbrace{x \bar{x} \bar{x}}_{\text{purple}} \underbrace{x \bar{x} \bar{x}}_{\text{purple}} \underbrace{x \bar{x}}_{\text{purple}} \underbrace{x x \bar{x} \bar{x}}_{\text{purple}} \underbrace{x \bar{x}}_{\text{purple}} \underbrace{x \bar{x}}_{\text{purple}} \underbrace{x \bar{x}}_{\text{purple}}$$

border word

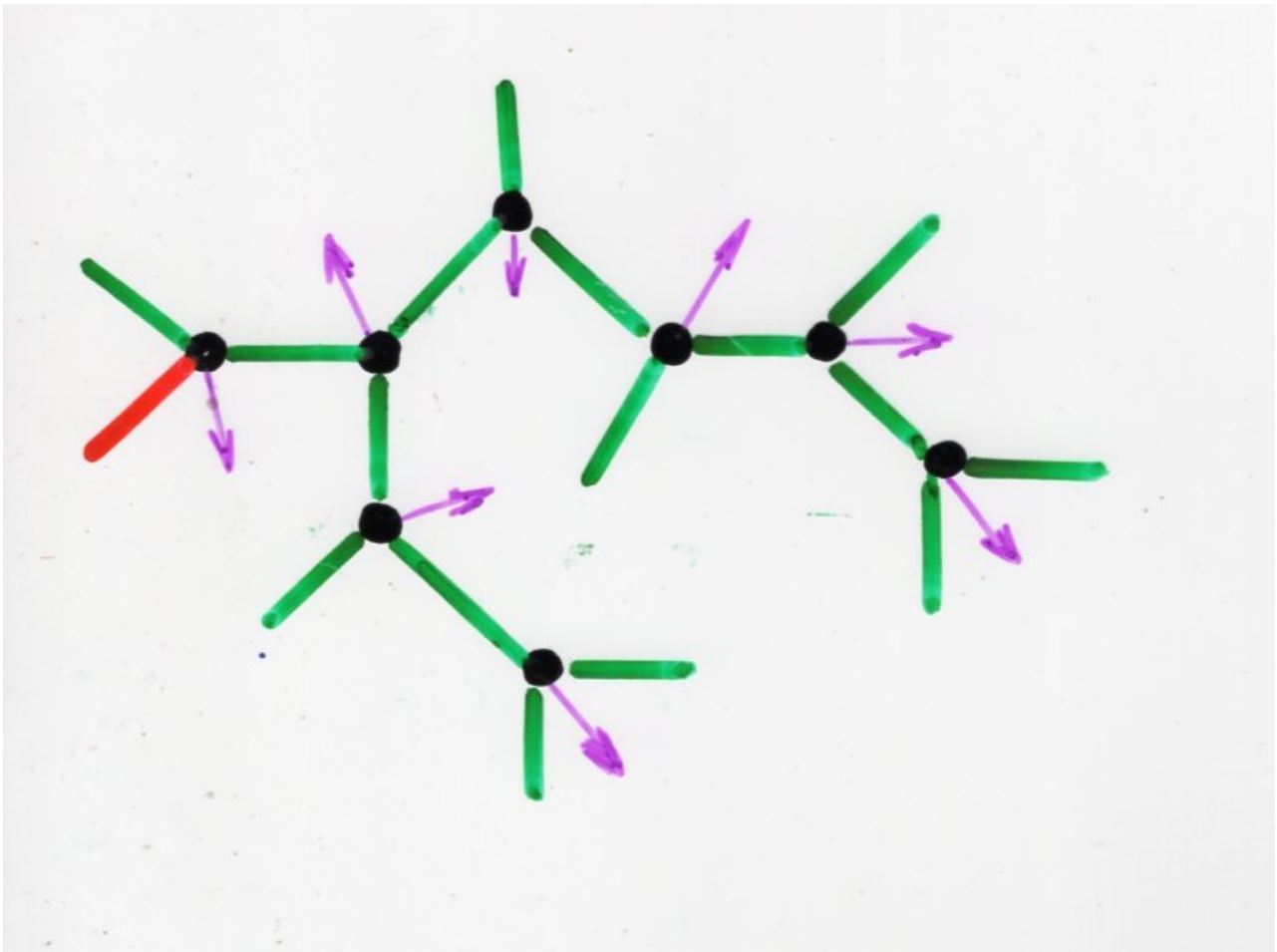
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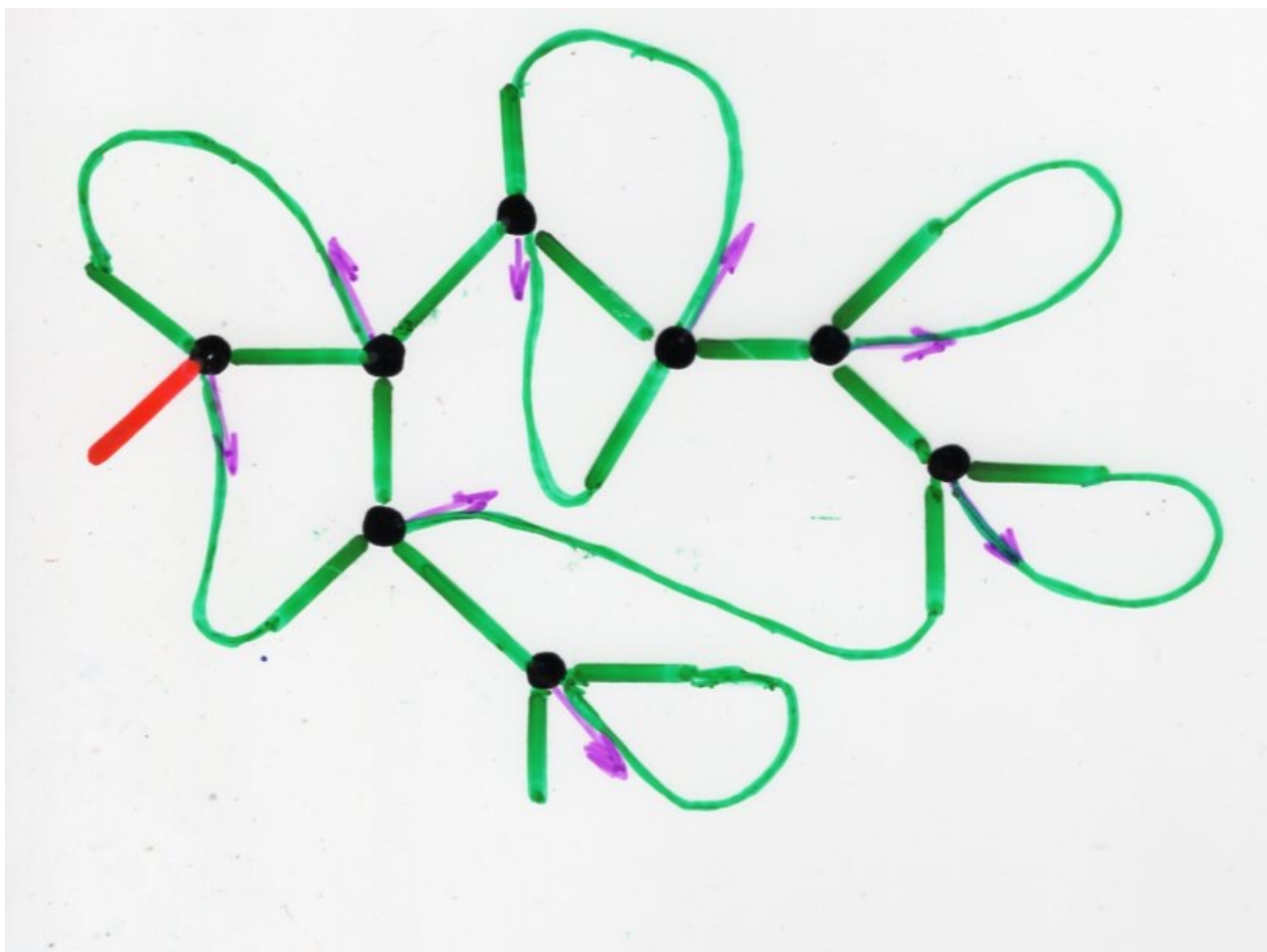


conjugate trees :

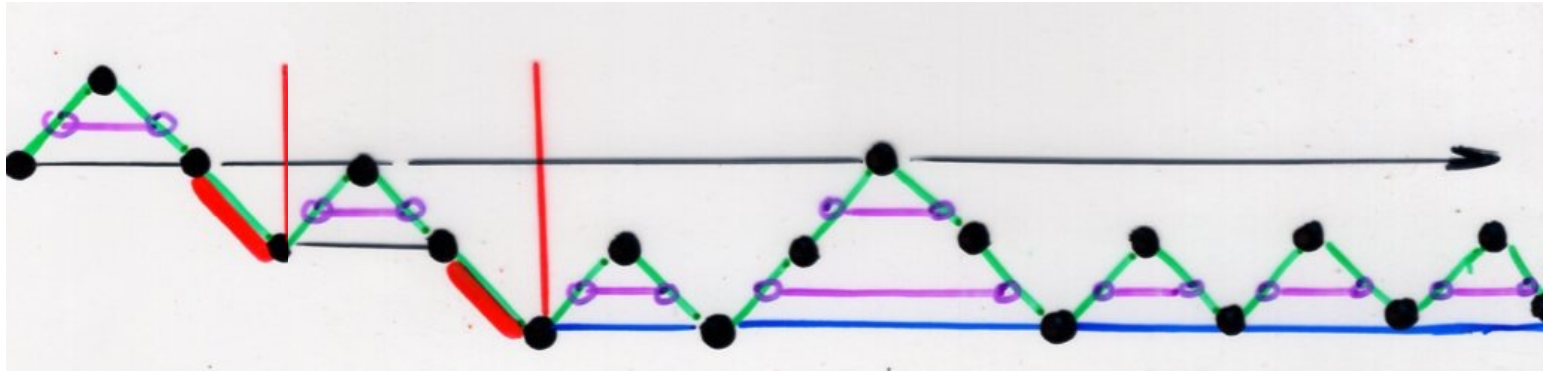
changing the external  
root edge



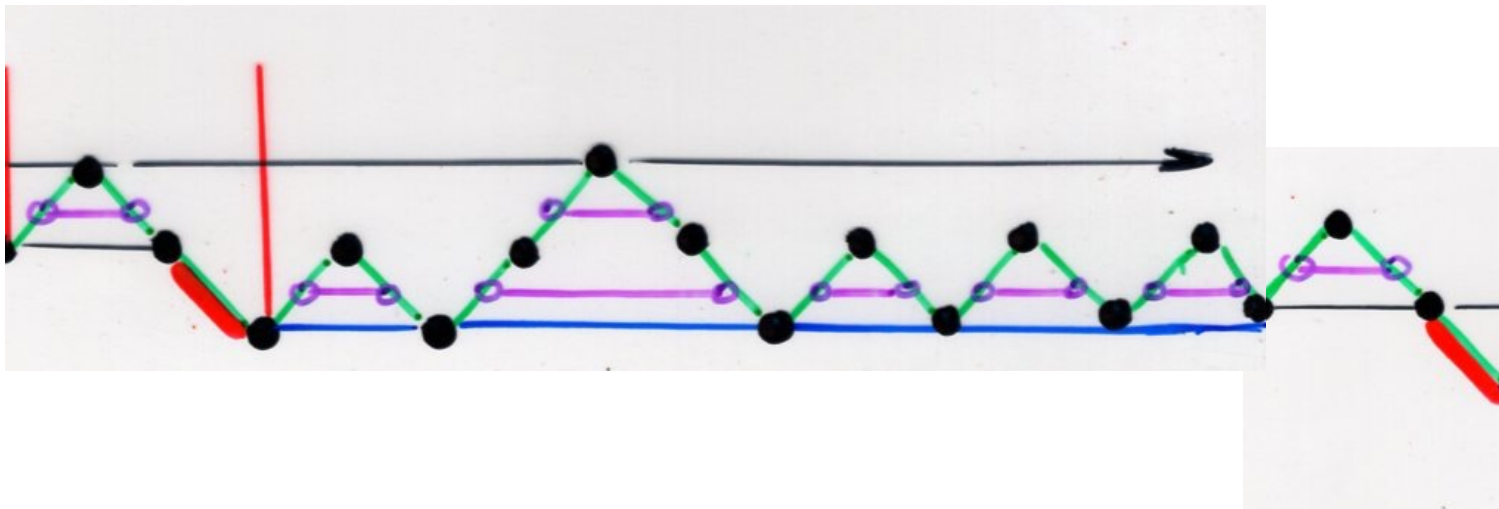




The border words of two conjugate blossoming trees are conjugate.



$$w = \underbrace{x \bar{x}}_{\text{red}} \bar{x} \underbrace{x \bar{x}}_{\text{purple}} \bar{x} \underbrace{x \bar{x}}_{\text{purple}} \underbrace{x x \bar{x} \bar{x}}_{\text{purple}} \underbrace{x \bar{x}}_{\text{purple}} \underbrace{x \bar{x}}_{\text{purple}} \underbrace{x \bar{x}}_{\text{purple}}$$

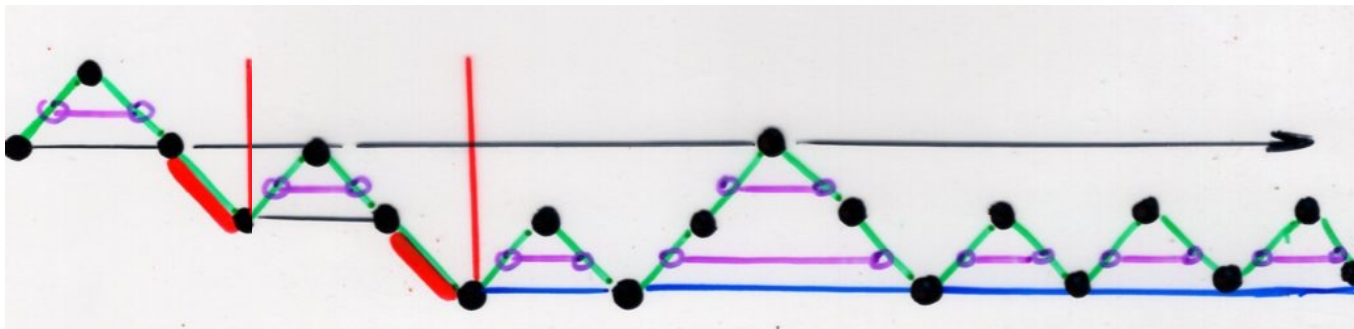




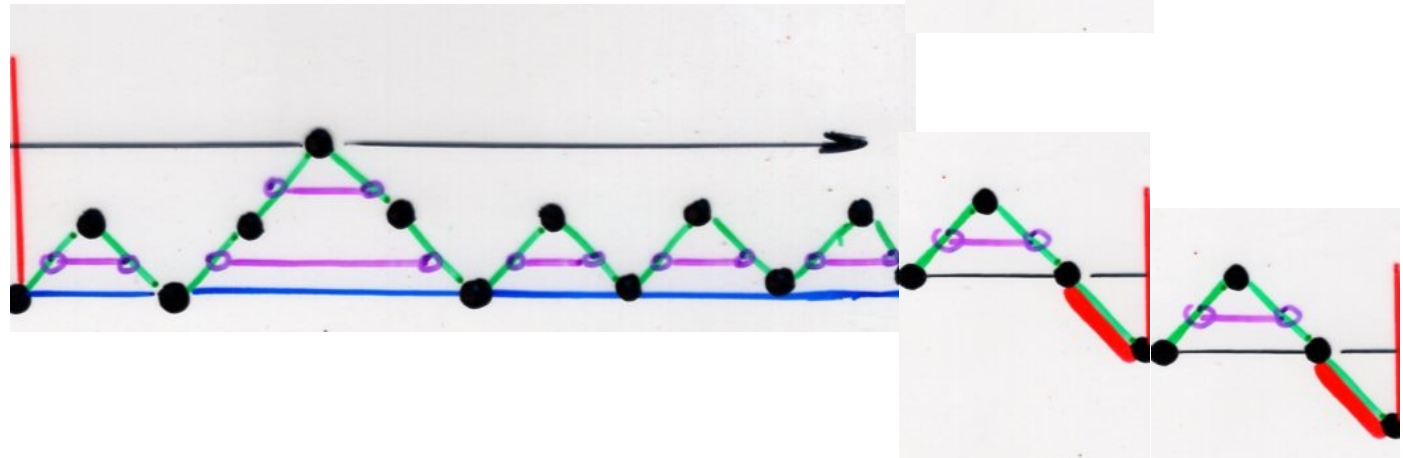
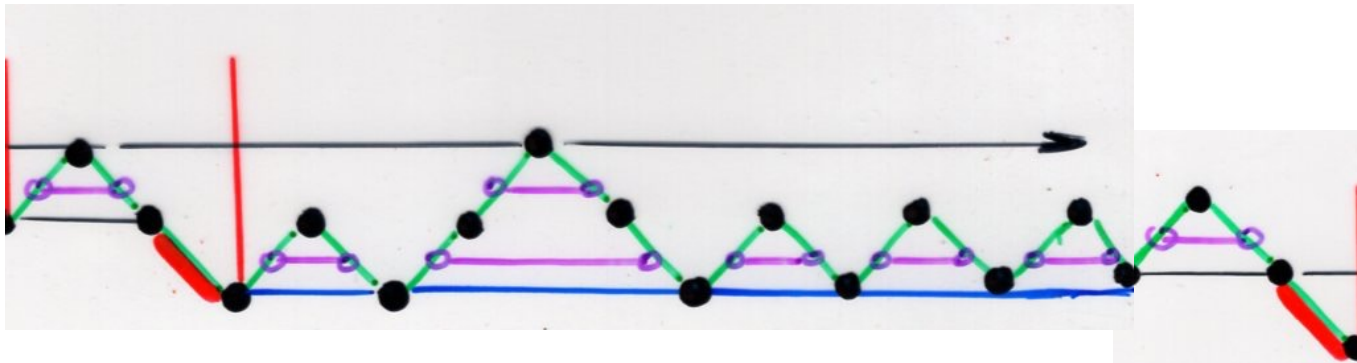
Definition A blossoming tree is well balanced iff its border word is a product of lukaciewicz words (i.e. iff its root edge is free after the partial closure)

Proposition The number of well balanced blossoming trees with  $n$  vertices is :

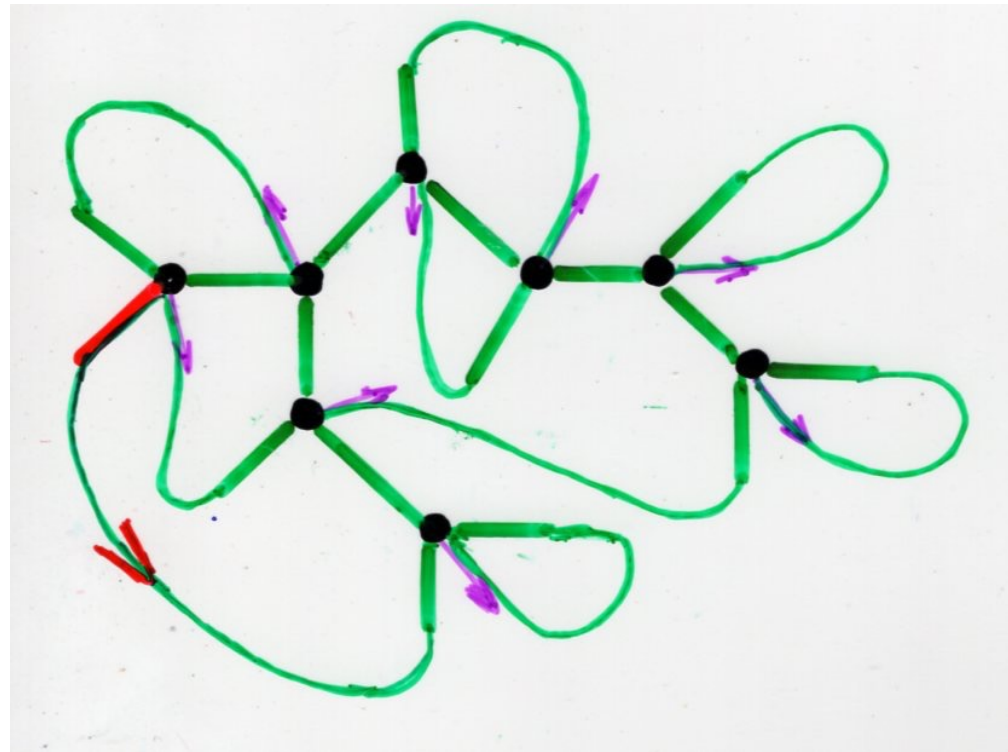
$$\frac{2}{(n+2)} \cdot 3^n \cdot \frac{1}{(n+1)} \binom{2n}{n}$$



$$w = \underbrace{x \bar{x} \bar{x}}_{\text{red}} \underbrace{x \bar{x} \bar{x}}_{\text{red}} \underbrace{x \bar{x}}_{\text{red}} \underbrace{x x \bar{x} \bar{x}}_{\text{red}} \underbrace{x \bar{x}}_{\text{red}} \underbrace{x \bar{x}}_{\text{red}} \underbrace{x \bar{x}}_{\text{red}}$$

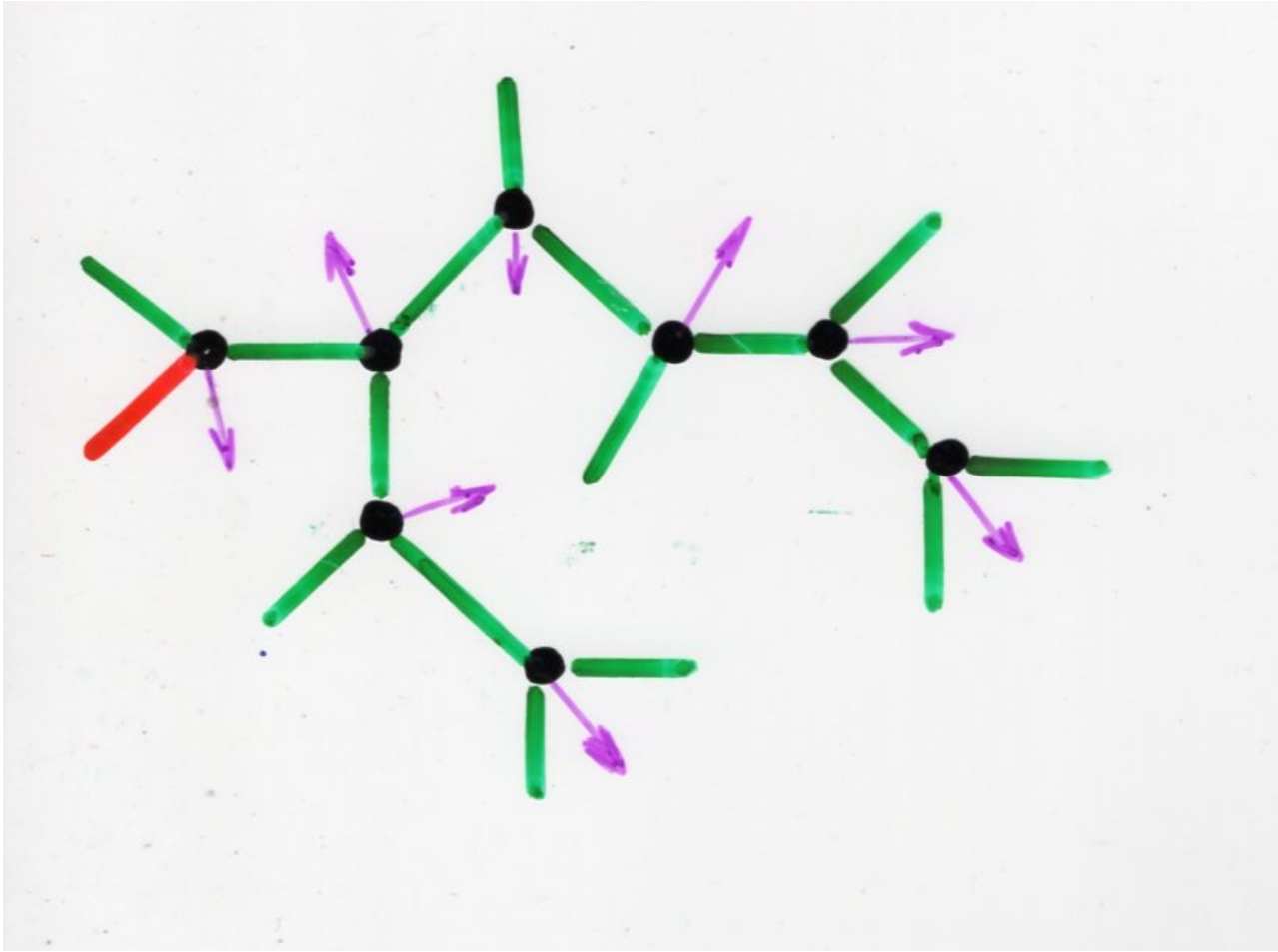


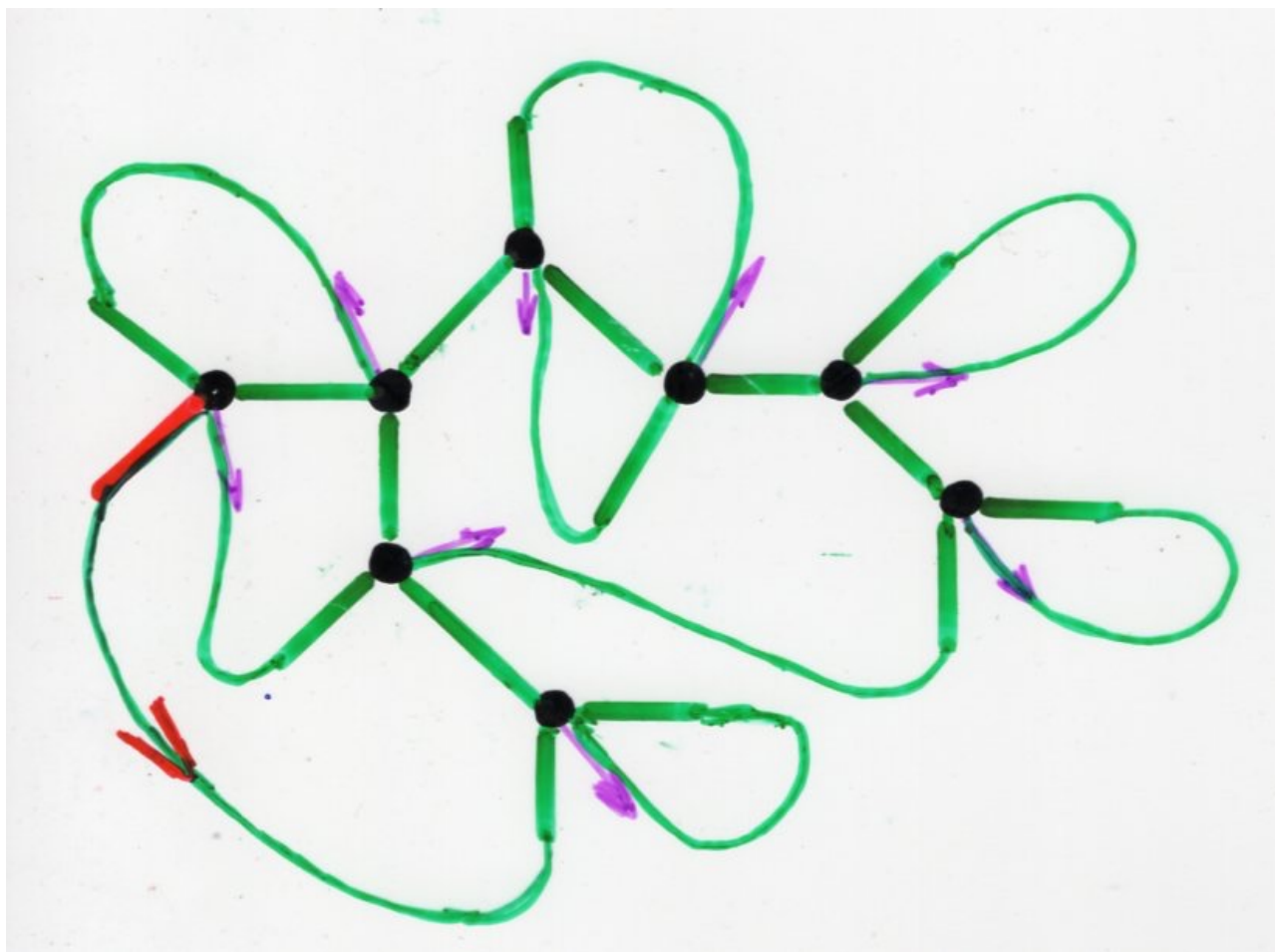
complete closure  
of a well-balanced  
blossoming tree

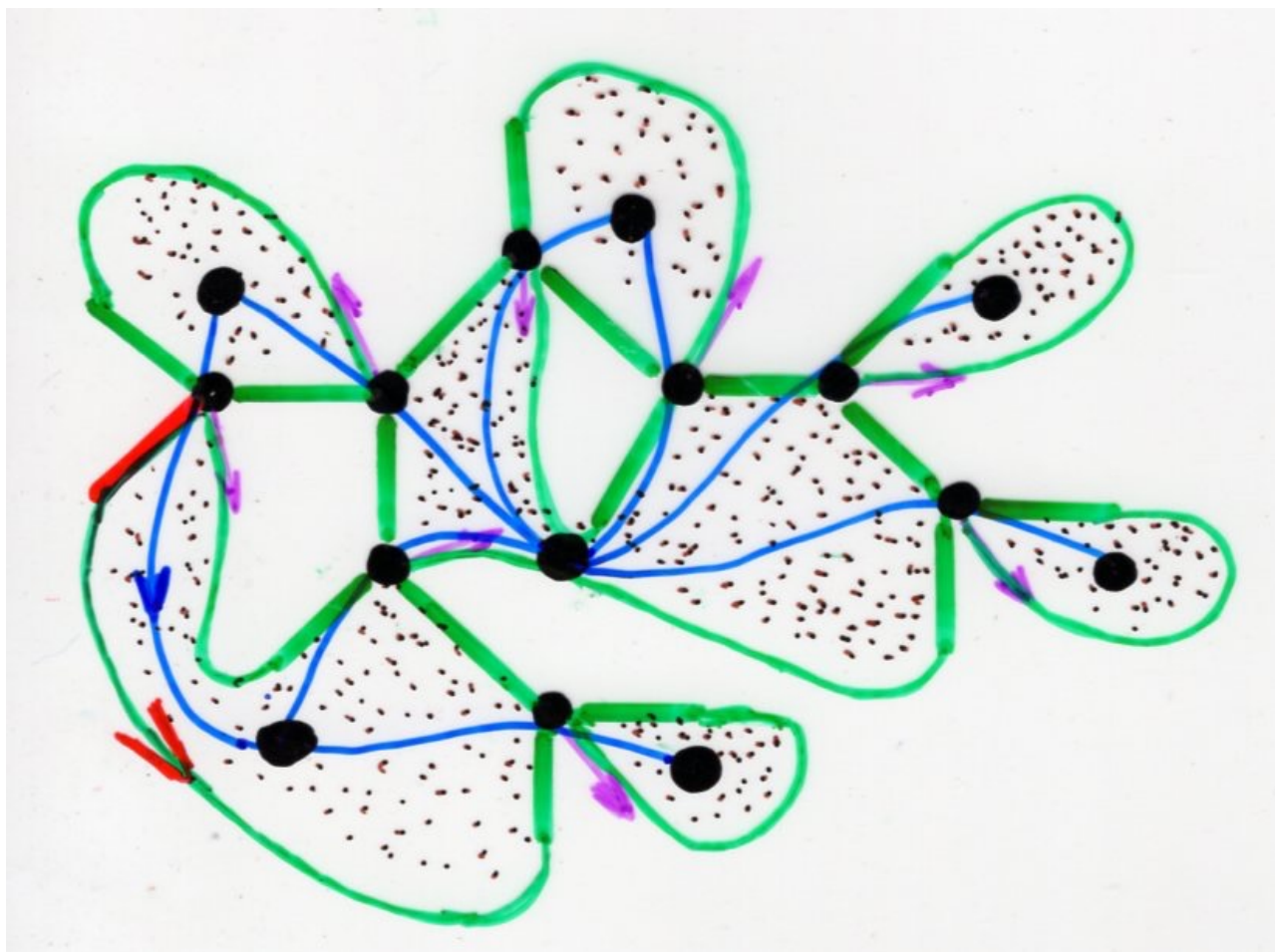


Proposition This operation is a bijection  
from well balanced blossoming trees ( $n$  vertices)  
to rooted quartic planar maps with  
 $n$  vertices, and thus to rooted planar maps  
with  $n$  edges.

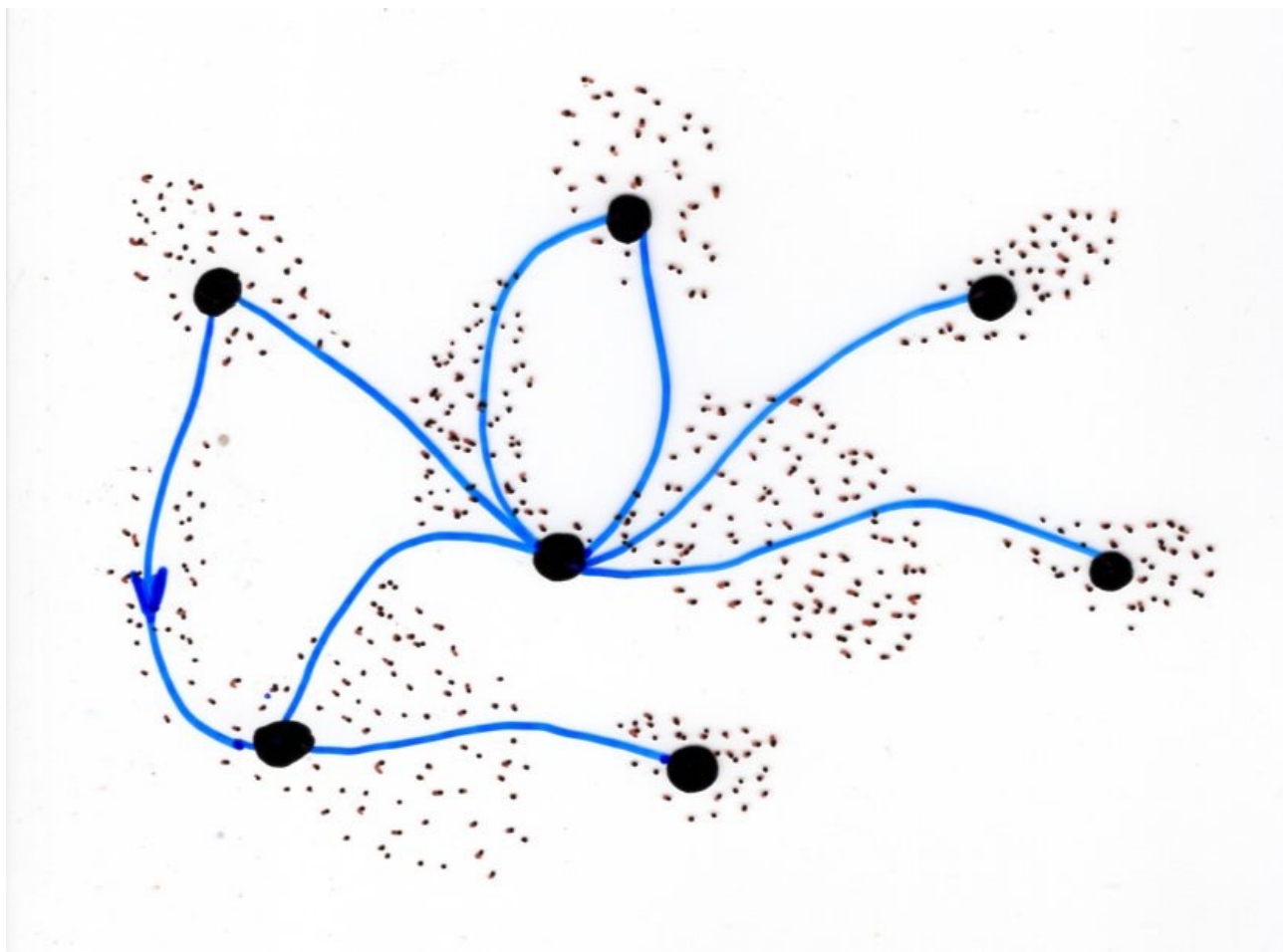


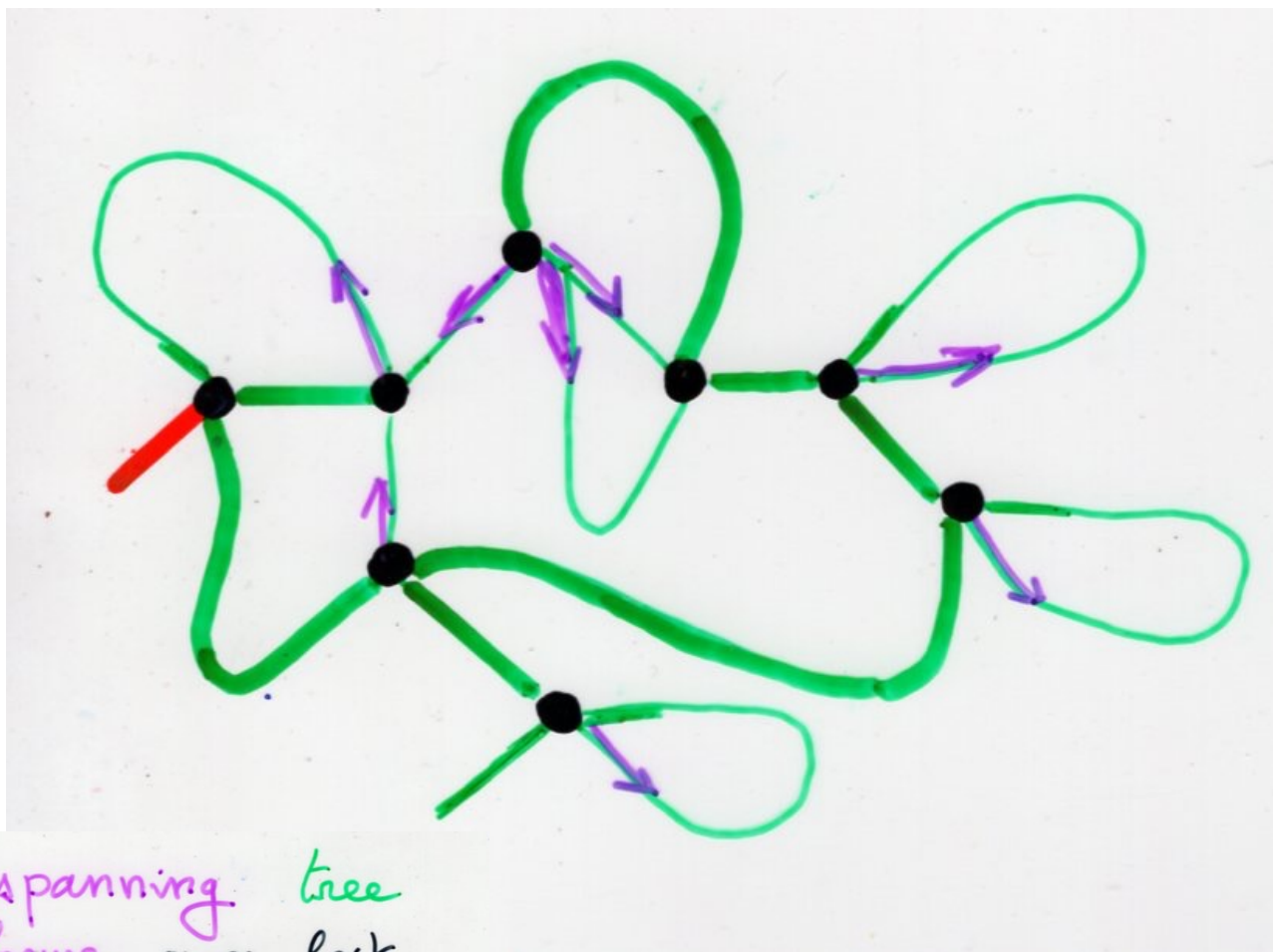




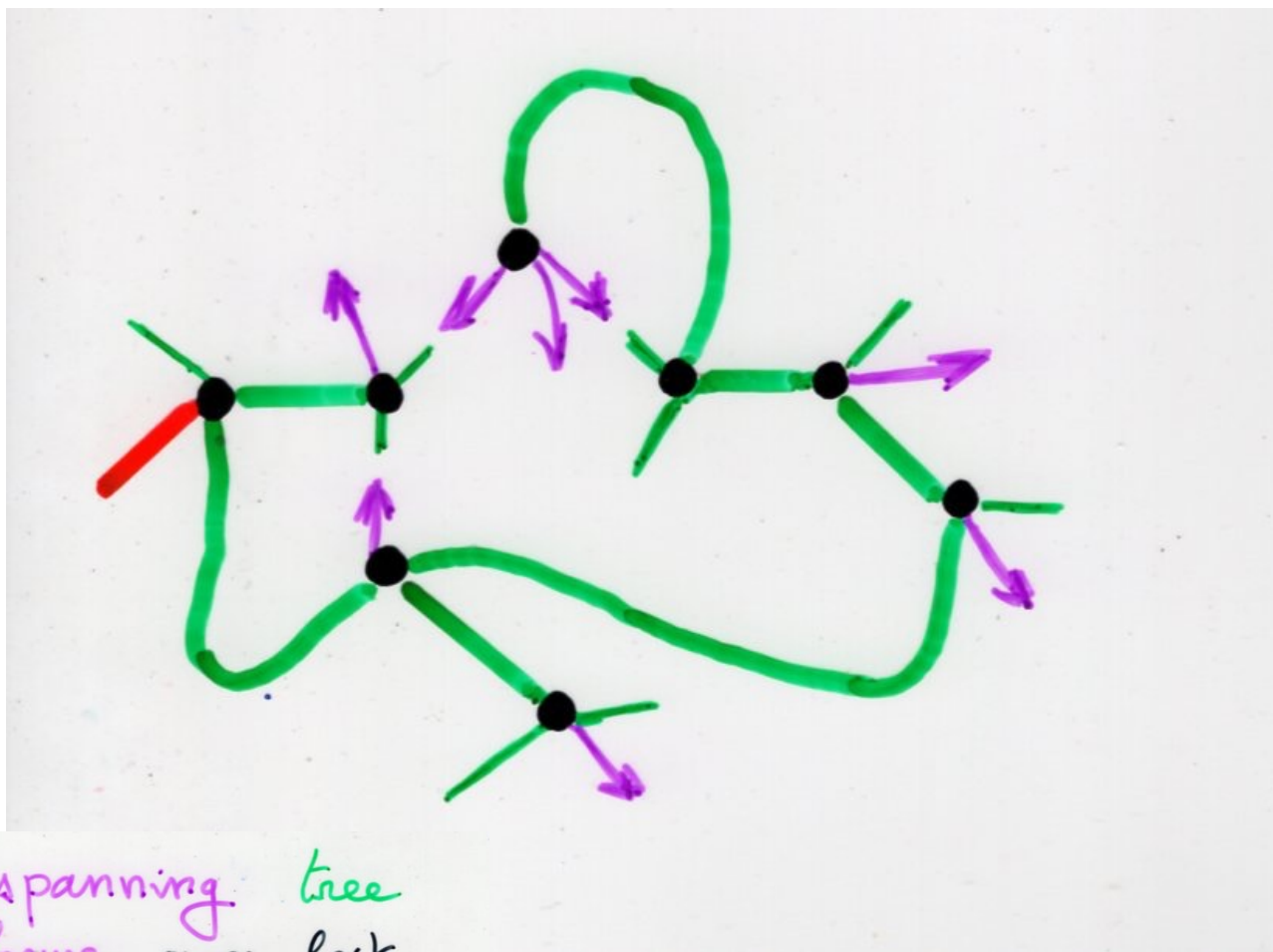








another spanning tree  
which closure gives back  
the same quartic map  
but not blossoming!



another spanning tree  
which closure gives back  
the same quartic map  
but not blossoming!



reverse  
bijection

only one  
blossoming  
spanning tree  
will give back  
the quartic map

Cori, Vauquelin (1970)

Schaeffer (1997)

Bouttier, Di Francesco, Guitter (2002)

• • • many others

quantum  
gravity



introduction to  $q$ -analogues

with  $q$ -Catalan



$$[i]_q = 1 + q + \dots + q^{i-1} = \frac{1 - q^i}{1 - q}$$

$$[n!]_q = [1]_q \times [2]_q \times \dots \times [n]_q$$

$$= (1 + q)(1 + q + q^2) \dots (1 + q + \dots + q^{n-1})$$

$[n!]_q$  or  $[n]_q!$

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q = \frac{[n]_q!}{[k]_q! [n-k]_q!}$$

→ see Ch 4  
The  $n!$  garden

the  $q$ -analogue  
of garden

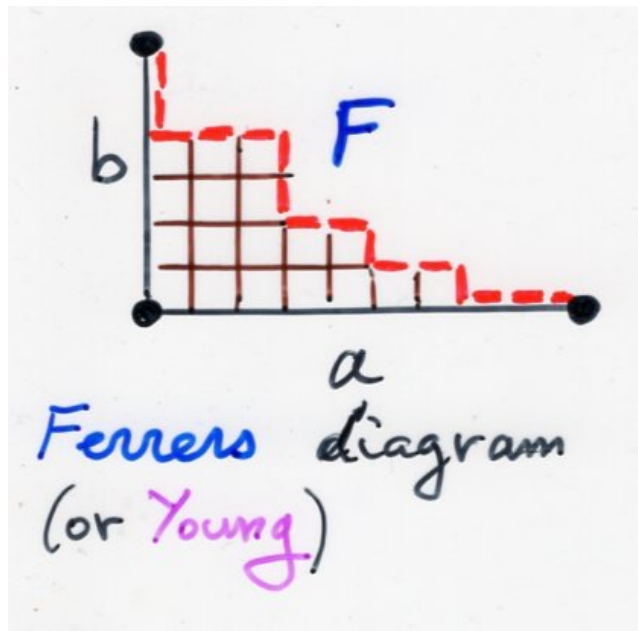
$q$ -analogue of Catalan numbers

$$\frac{1}{[n+1]} \begin{bmatrix} 2n \\ n \end{bmatrix}$$

Combinatorial interpretation ?

$$\sum_{\substack{F \\ \subseteq \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{grid} \\ \hline \end{array} \\ a \quad b}} q^{\text{area}(F)} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a+b \\ a \end{bmatrix}$$



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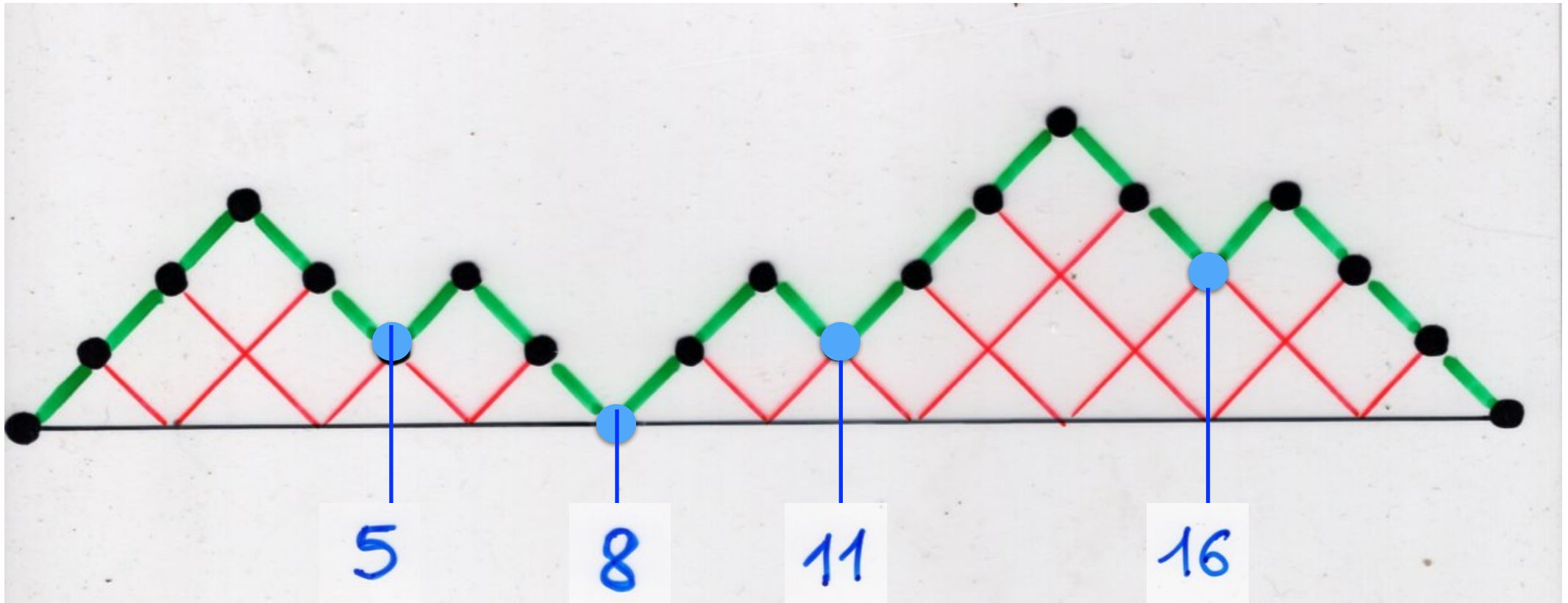


maj

$q$ -Catalan

maj

$5+8+11+16$



$$\sum_{\substack{\omega \\ \text{Dyck paths} \\ |\omega|=2n}} q^{\text{maj}(\omega)}$$

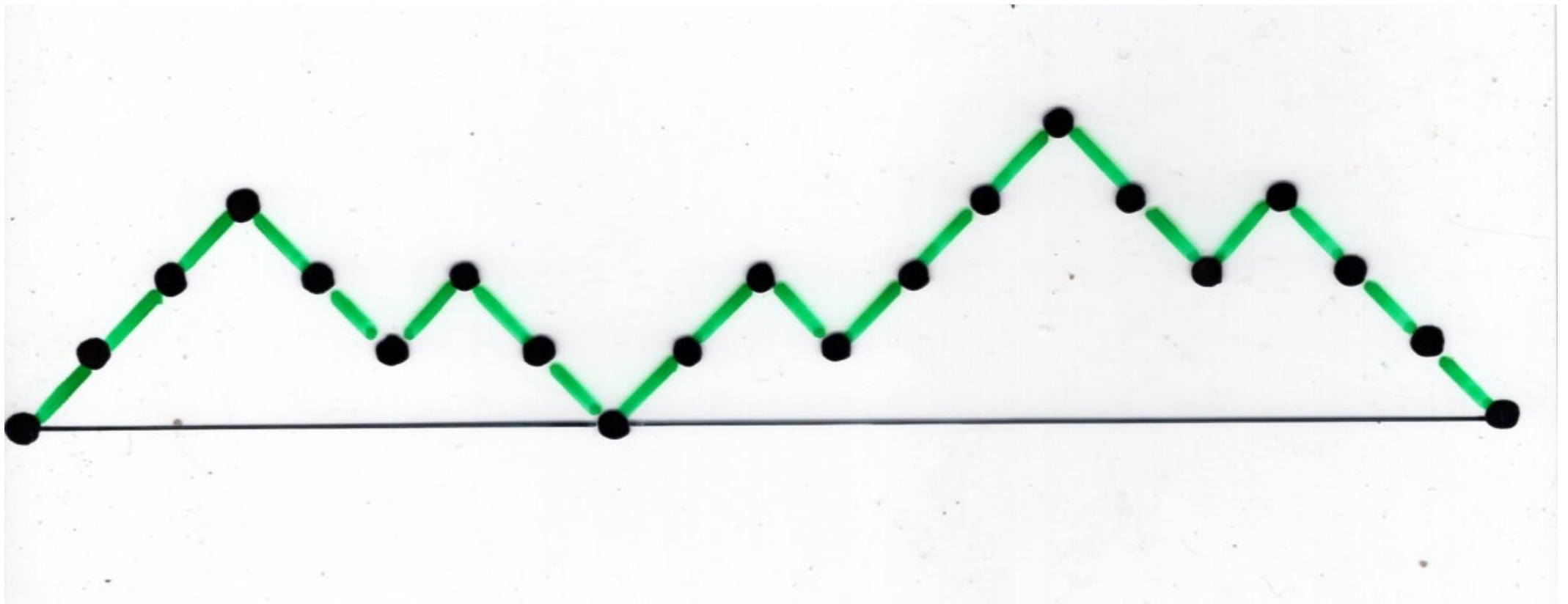
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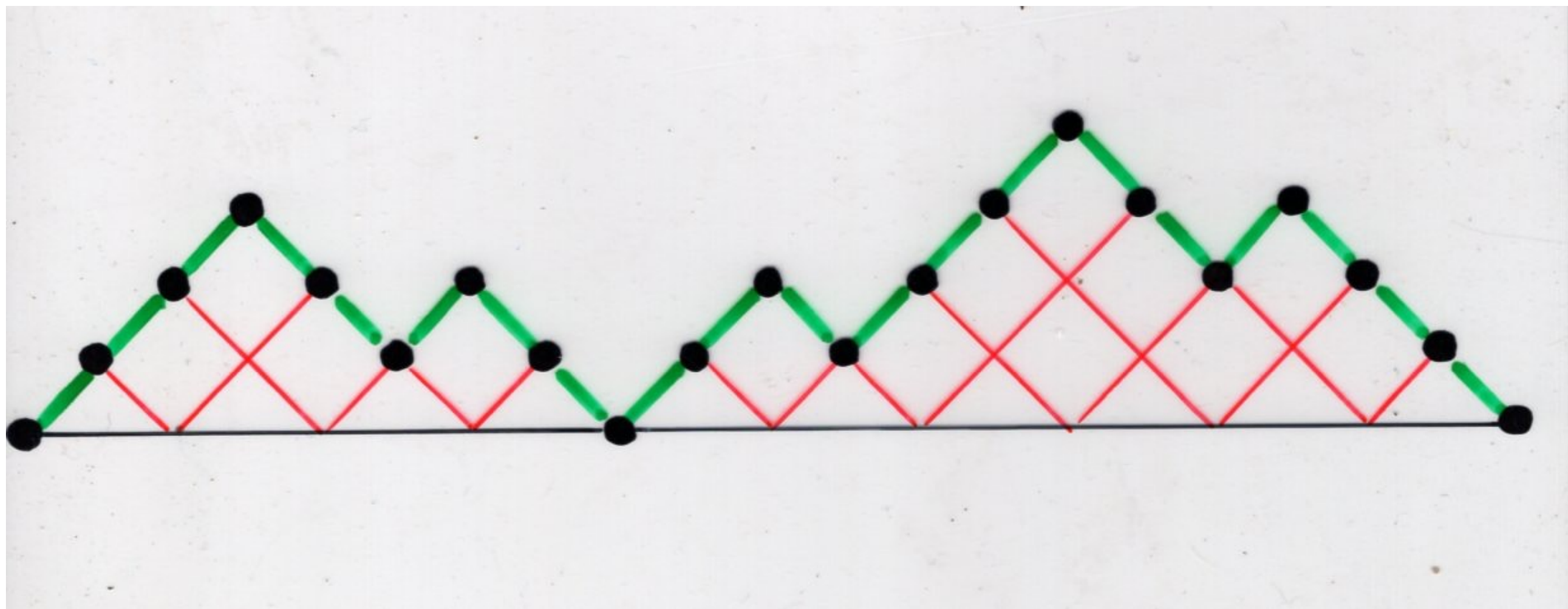
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→ see Ch 4  
The  $n!$  garden

another

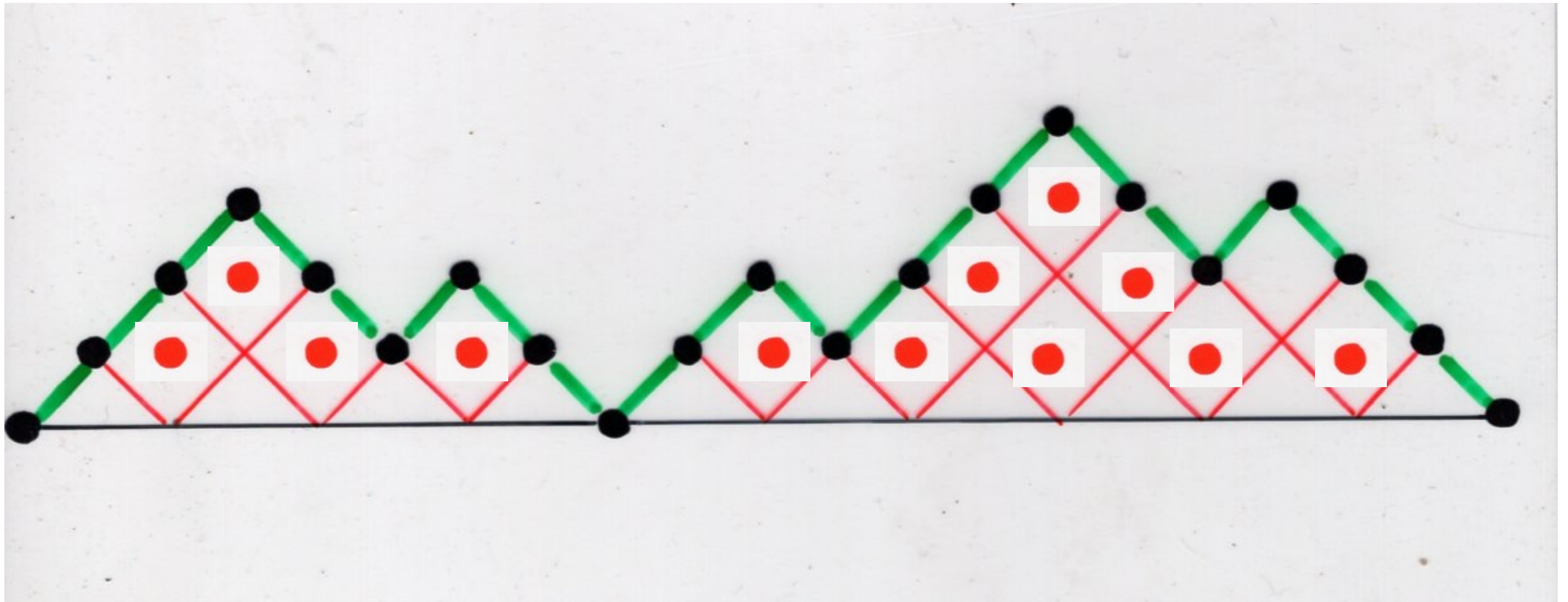
$q$ -analogue of Catalan numbers







$$\text{area} = 13$$



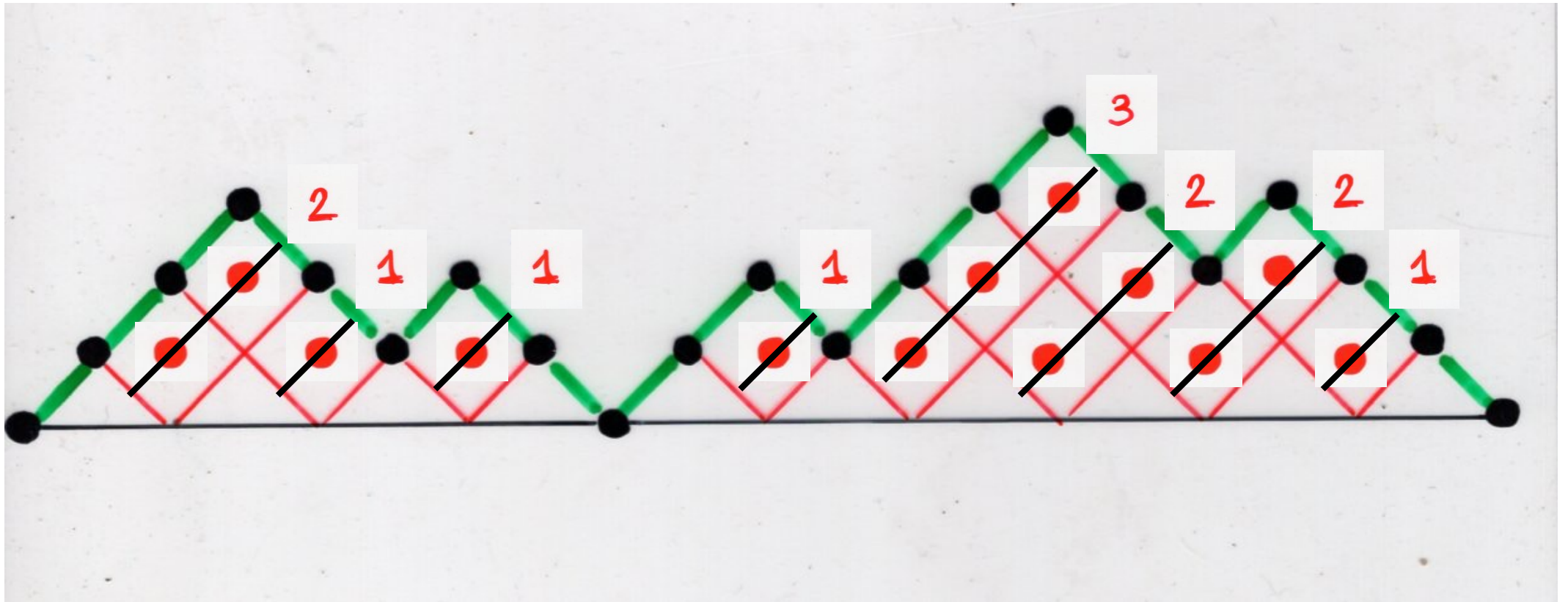
exercise

$$\sum_{\omega} q^{\text{area}(\omega)} t^{|\omega|/2}$$

Dyck paths

$$= \frac{1}{1-t} \frac{1}{1-tq} \frac{1}{1-tq^2} \dots \frac{1}{1-tq^k} \dots$$

$$\text{area} = 13$$

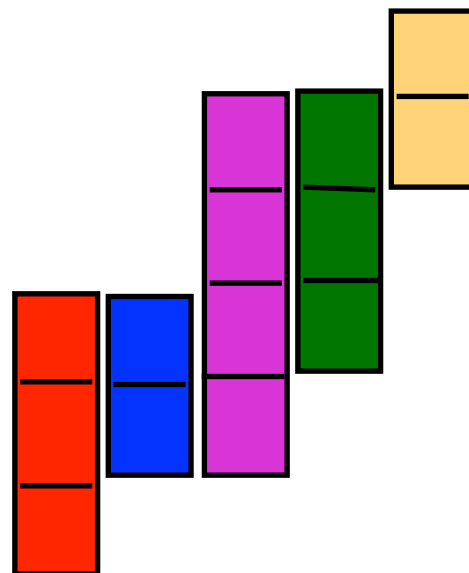




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$q$ -analogue of Catalan numbers

Polya  
 $q$ -Catalan



$q$ -Bessel functions

→ see course  
on heaps

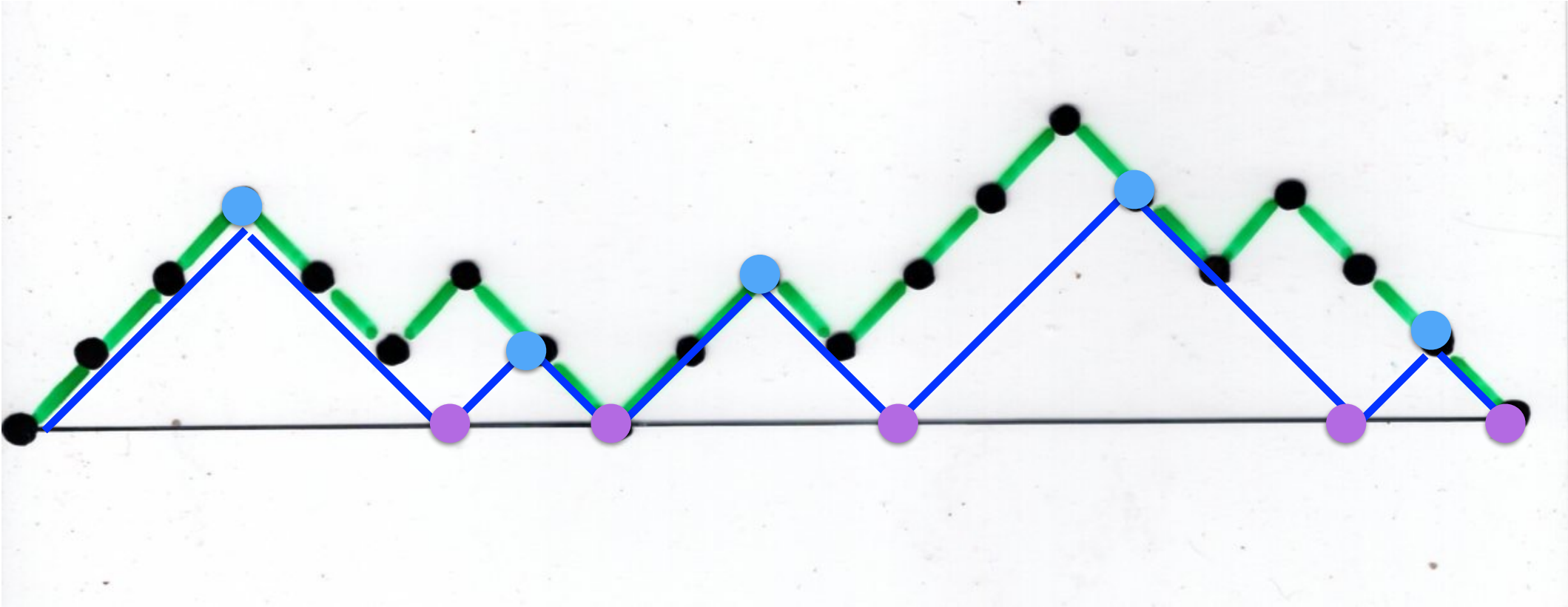


Complement

$(q,t)$ - Catalan

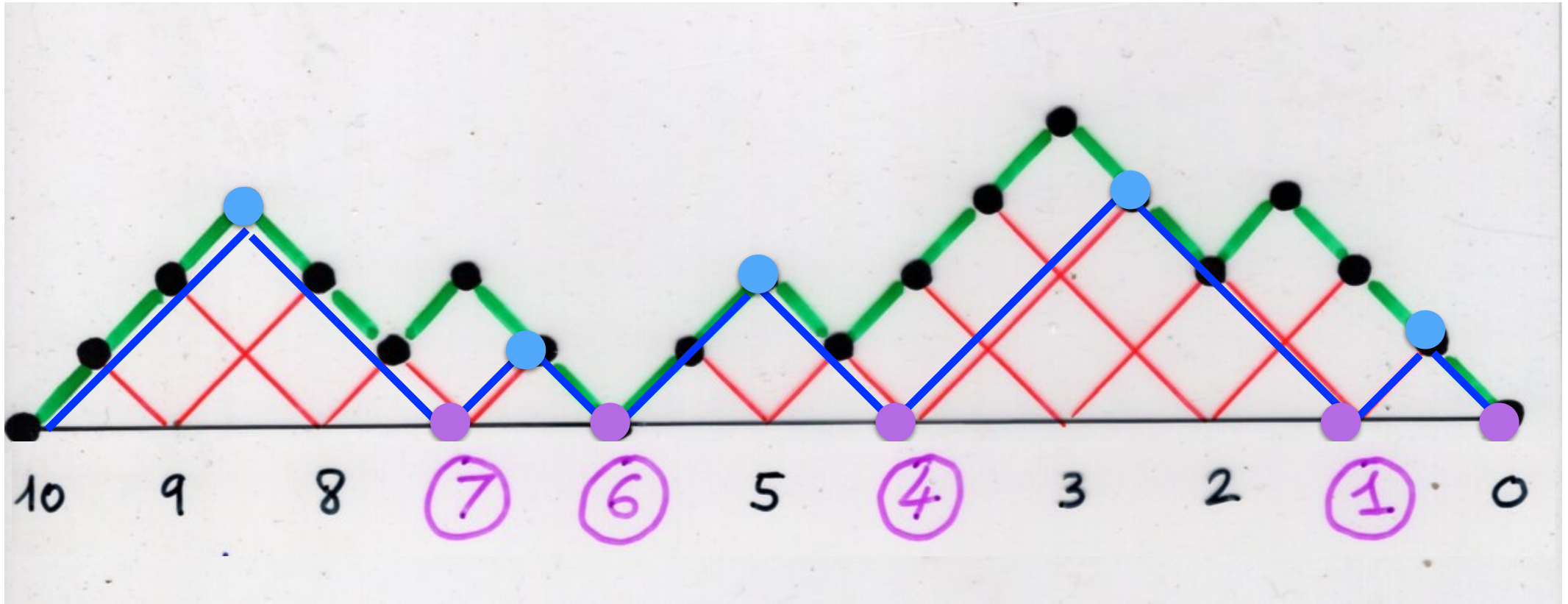


bounce



$$1 + 4 + 6 + 7 = 18$$

bounce





area  
bounce )

same distribution  
over  
Dyck paths

$$\sum_{\substack{\omega \\ \text{Dyck} \\ \text{paths}}} q^{\text{area}(\omega)} = \sum_{\substack{\omega \\ \text{Dyck} \\ \text{paths}}} q^{\text{bounce}(\omega)}$$

$$C_n(q, t) = \sum_{\substack{\omega \\ \text{Dyck paths} \\ |\omega| = 2n}} q^{\text{area}(\omega)} t^{\text{bounce}(\omega)}$$

$(q, t)$ -Catalan

polynomial  
symmetric in  $q, t$  (!)

J. Haglund (2008)

The  $(q, t)$ -Catalan numbers and the space of diagonal harmonics

A. Garcia, F. Bergeron, ...  
+ many people

$$C_n(q, t) = \sum_{\substack{\omega \\ \text{Dyck paths} \\ |\omega| = 2n}} q^{\text{area}(\omega)} t^{\text{dinv}(\omega)}$$

$(q, t)$ -Catalan

parameter  
dinv

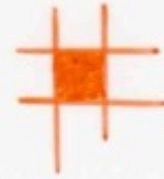
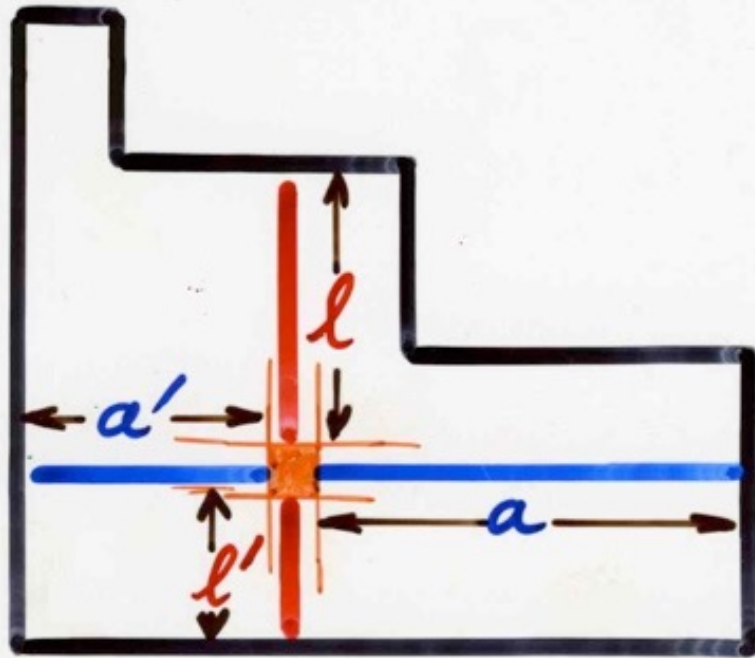
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arXiv:1602.01126  
Lee, Li, Loehr



# Complement to the complement

Macdonald polynomials

original definition  
of  
 $(q, t)$ -Catalan  
Garsia, Heiman  
(1994)



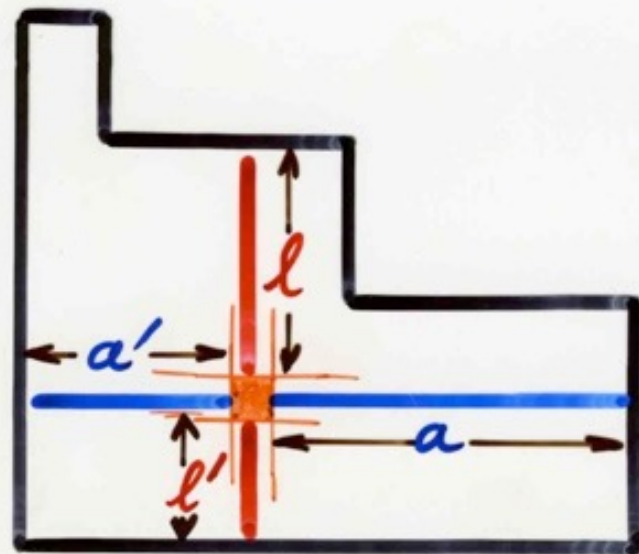
$a$   
 $a'$   
 $l$   
 $l'$

arm  
 w arm  
 leg  
 c o leg

$\mu$

Feners

diagram



$a$   
 $a'$   
 $l$   
 $l'$

arm  
 coarm  
 leg  
 coleg

$\mu$  Ferrer's diagram

$$C_n(q, t) = \sum_{\mu \vdash n} \frac{t^{2 \sum l} q^{2 \sum a} (1-t)(1-q) \prod (1 - q^{a'} t^{l'}) \sum q^{a'} t^{l'}}{\prod (q^a - t^{l+1}) (t^l - q^{a+1})}$$

A. Garcia, M. Haiman (1994)



$$\boxed{\times} \rightarrow \frac{q^2}{(q-t)}$$

$n=2$



$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{t^{2(0+1)} q^0 (1-t)(1-q)(1-qt)(q^0 t + q^0 t^0)}{(q^0 - t)(q^0 - t^2)(t^0 - q)(t - q)} \\ &= \frac{t^2 (1-t)(1-q)(1-t)(1+t)}{(1-t)(1-t^2)(1-q)(t-q)} \\ &= \frac{t^2}{(t-q)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{t^2}{(t-q)} + \frac{q^2}{(q-t)} = \frac{q^2 - t^2}{q-t}$$

$$= q + t$$

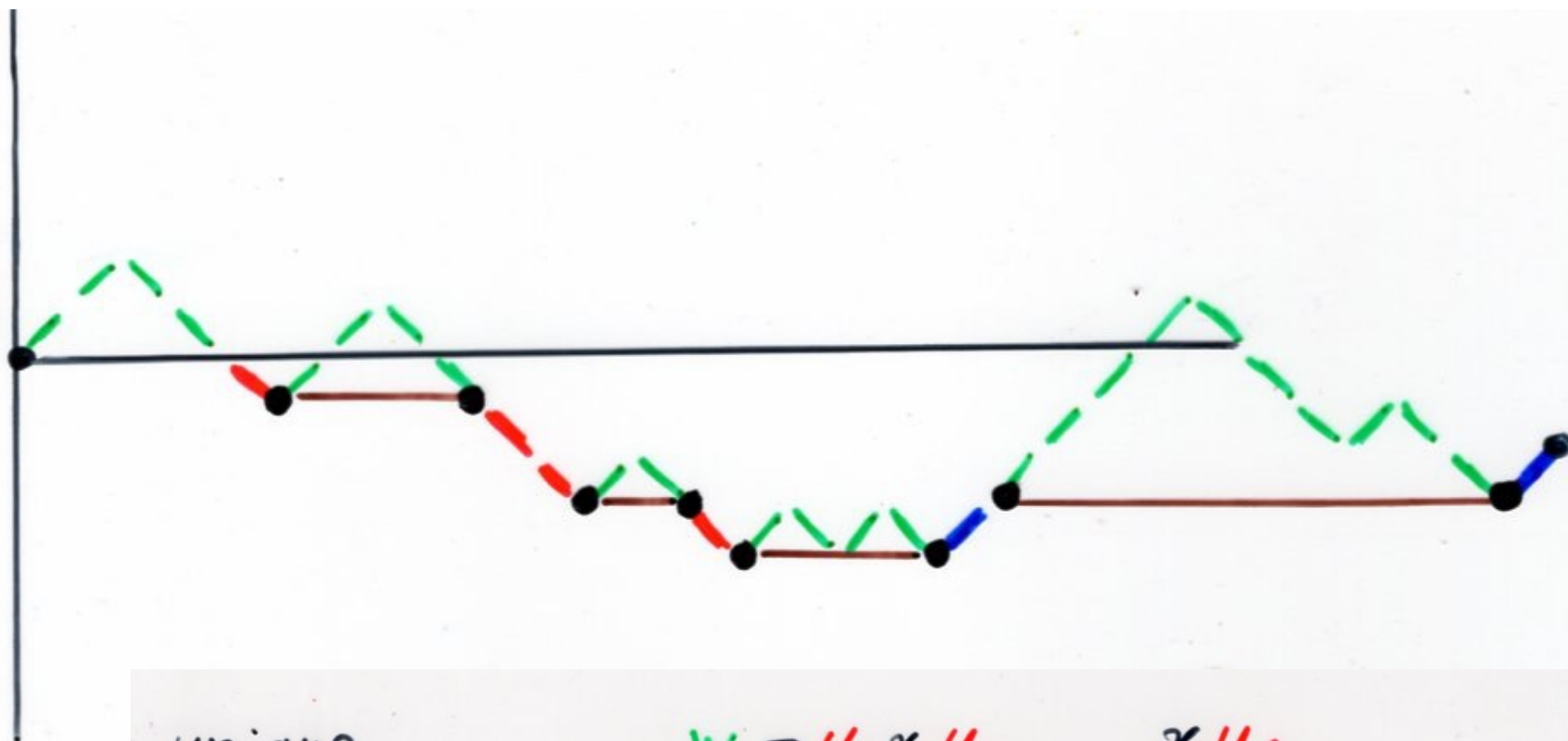


some exercises using

Catalan factorization  
and Catalan words



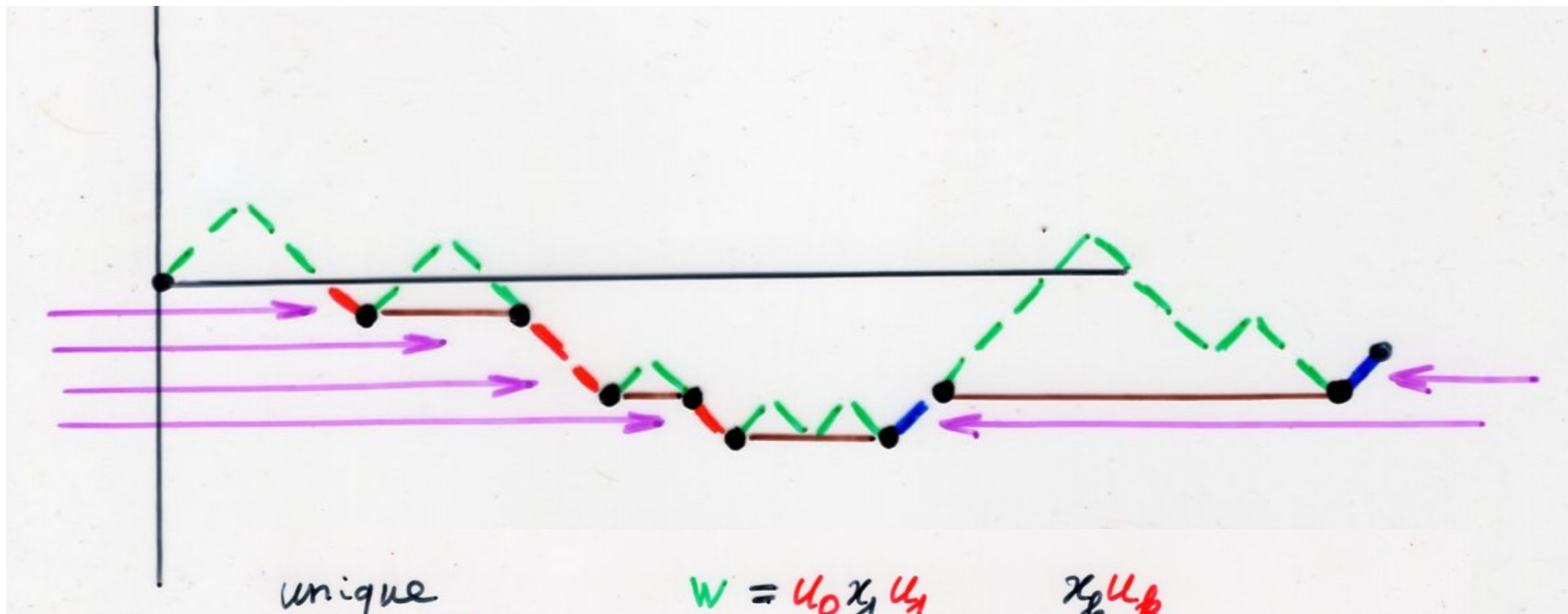
Catalan factorization of a word  
 $w \in \{x, \bar{x}\}^*$



unique factorization

- $w = u_0 x_1 u_1 \dots x_k u_k$
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Catalan word  $w \in \{x, \bar{x}, z\}^*$

$$(\mathcal{D} + \{z\})^*$$

set of Dyck words

product of Dyck words and the letter  $z$ .

bijection  $\theta$ :

$$w \in \{x, \bar{x}\}^*$$

$$|w| = n$$

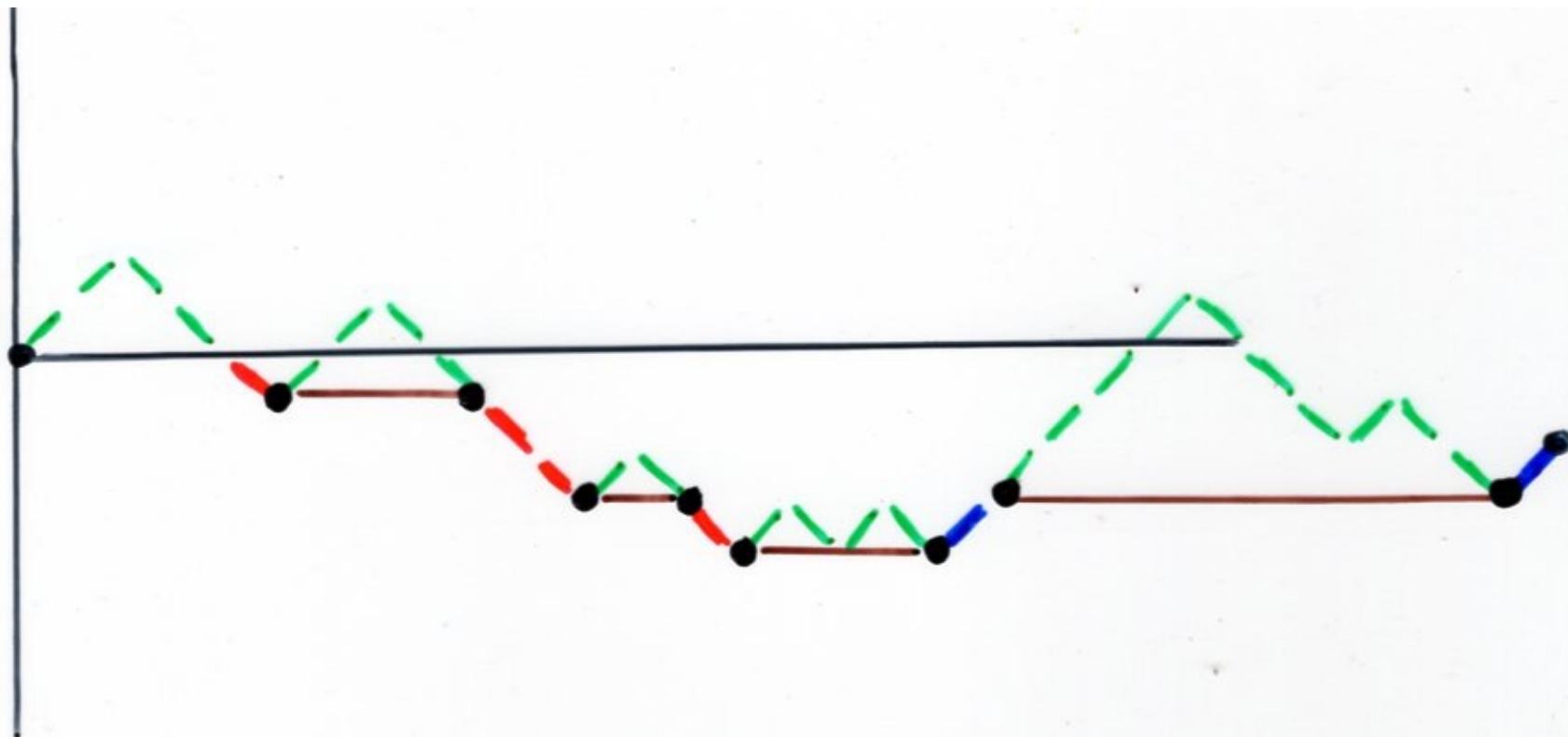
$$\longrightarrow (p(w), \hat{w})$$

$$0 \leq p(w) \leq |\hat{w}|_z$$

Catalan word

$$|\hat{w}| = n$$





$$w \in \{x, \bar{x}\}^*$$

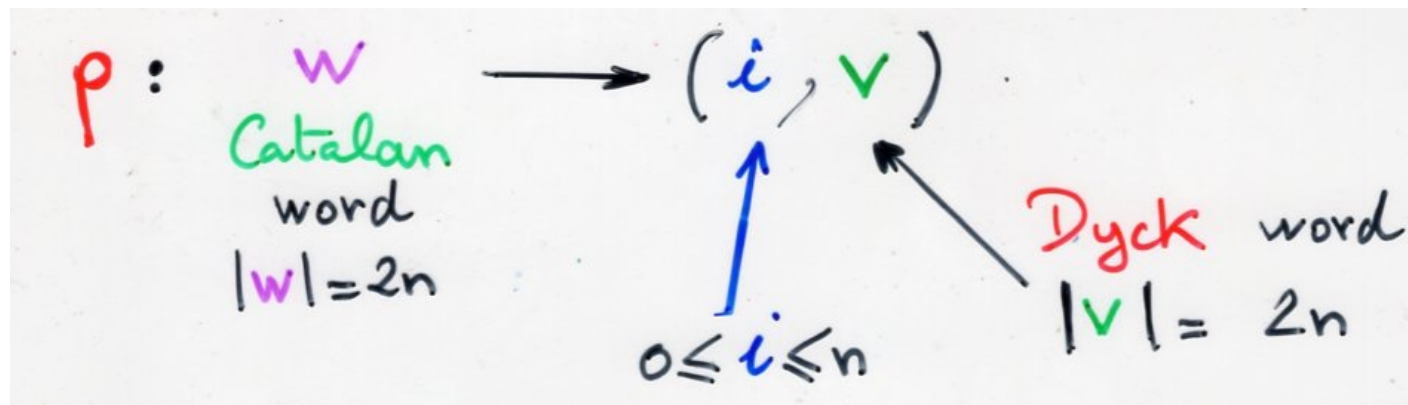
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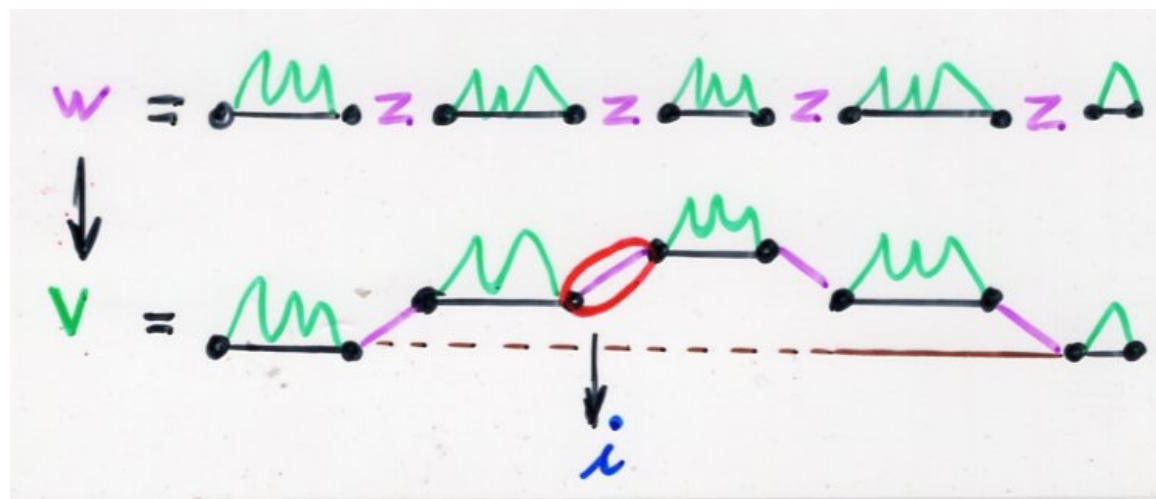
Catalan  
word


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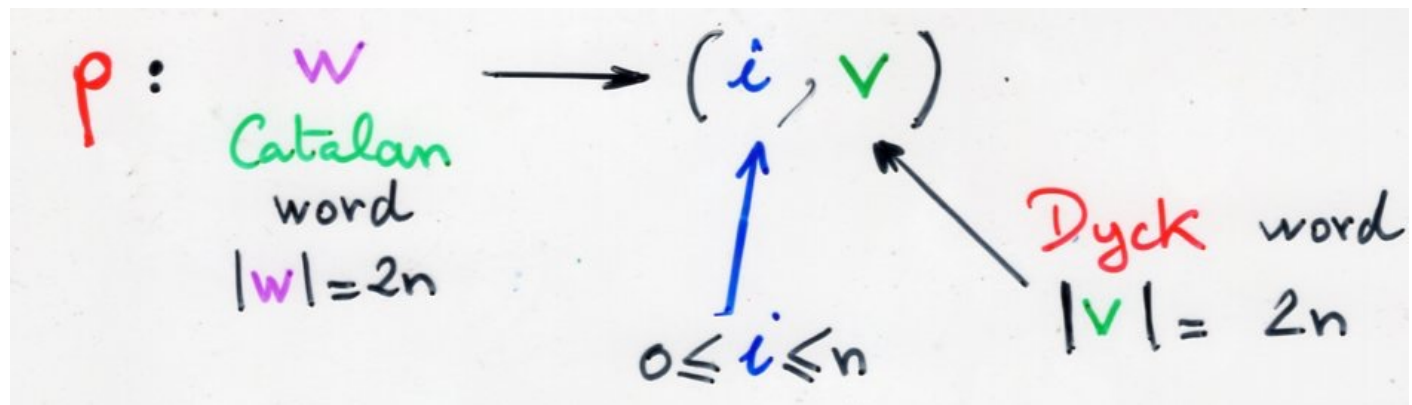


• if  $|w|_z = 0$ , then  $\rho(w) = (0, w)$

• if  $|w|_z \neq 0$



$i$ :  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  letter  $z$  of the word  $v$



$$\binom{2n}{n} = (n+1)C_n$$



exercise ● The number of Catalan words  
of length  $n$  is  $\binom{n}{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$

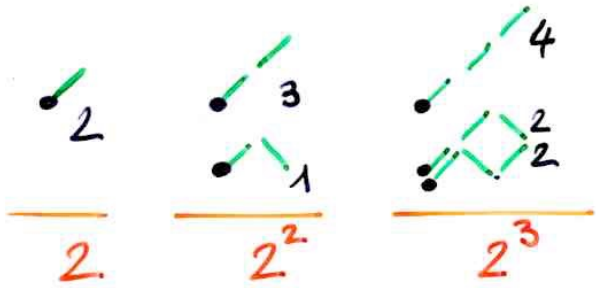
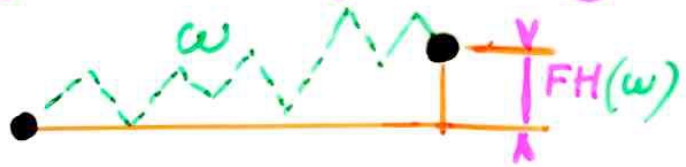
This is also the number of left factors  
of Dyck words of length  $n$ .

length  $2n$ :  $\binom{2n}{n}$   
 $2n+1$   $\binom{2n+1}{n}$

ex. average final point of Dyck path

(height starts at 1)

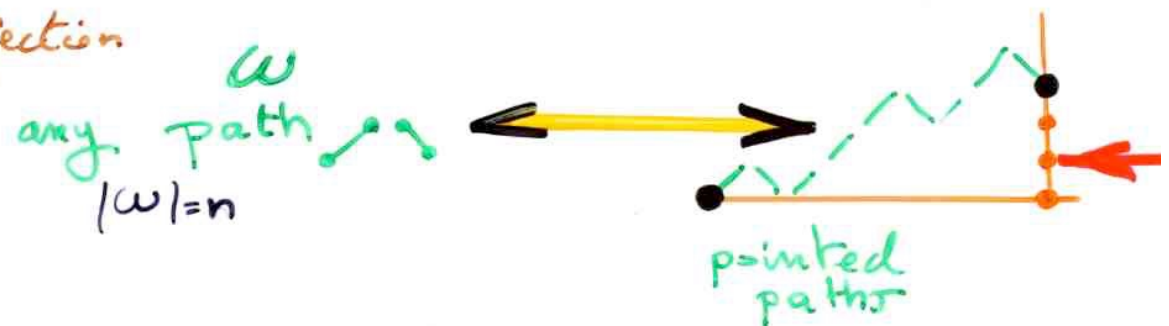
height of left factors of  $\omega$



Prove that  $\sum_{|\omega|=n} FH(\omega) = 2^n$

left factor of Dyck path

with a bijection

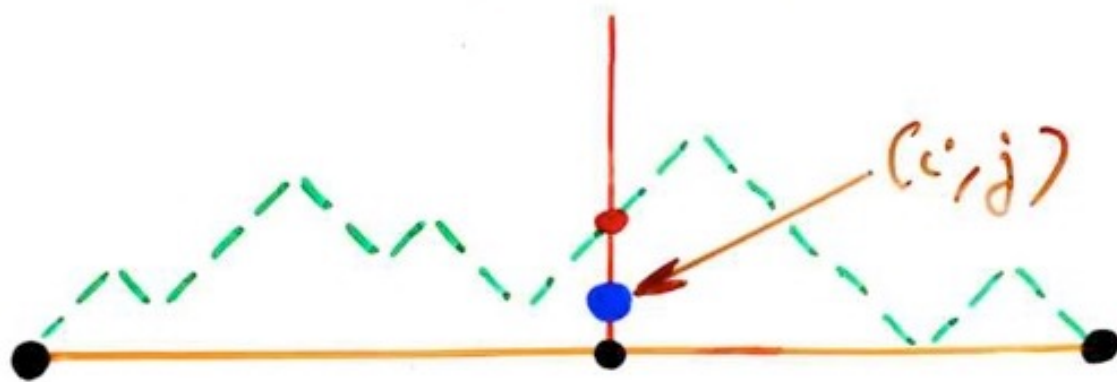


This will imply:  
average final height  $\sim \sqrt{n}$

# exercises

a) give a bijection between  
the words of  $\{x, \bar{x}\}^{2n}$  and  
pointed Dyck paths

i.e. the pair  $(e_{i,j}, w)$  where  
 $w$  is a Dyck path of length  
 $2n$  and  $(e_{i,j})$  is a point of  
 $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  "below"  $w$ , as in fig:





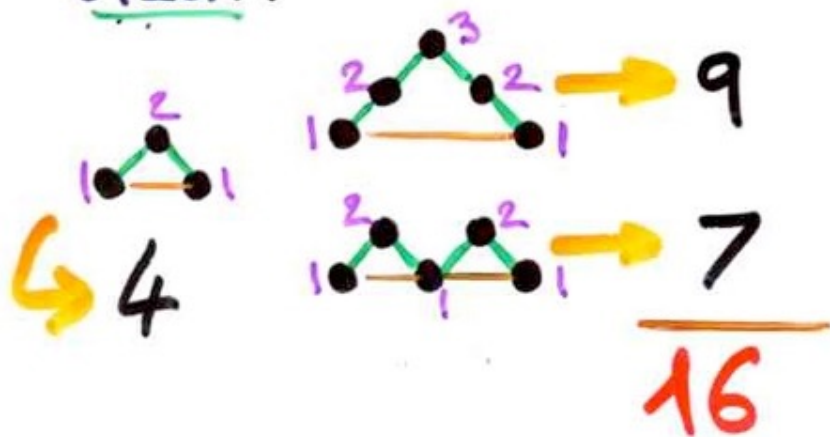
• Thus you have proved

$$\sum_{\substack{|\omega|=2n \\ \text{Dyck paths}}} \text{Area}(\omega) = 4^n$$

where

$\text{Area}(\omega) =$  total nb of points of  $N \times N$  "below" the path.

check:



$\Rightarrow$  average area  $\sim n^{3/2}$

b) Using the bijection between  
Dyck path  $|w|=2n$   $\longleftrightarrow$  complete binary tree  $|B|=2n+1$

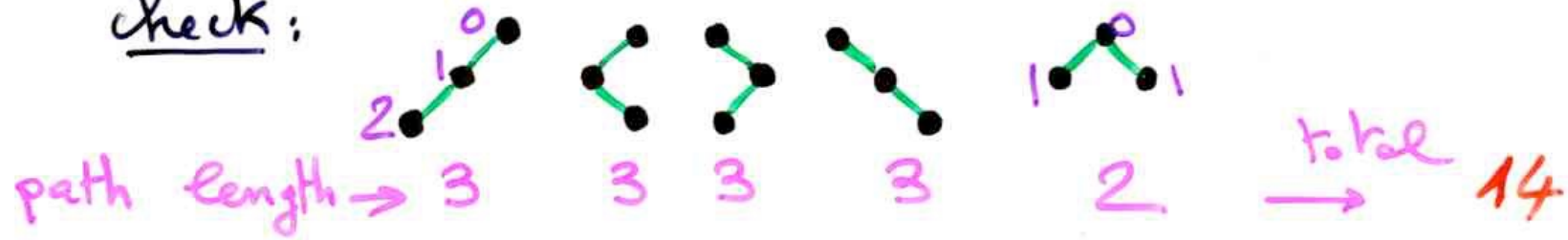
deduce the following fact, classical  
in computer science:

define the (internal) path length of a  
binary tree  $B$  as the sum of the  
height of all the vertices  $v$  of  $B$ .

Then deduce:

$$\text{average path length (for binary tree } |B|=n) = \frac{4^n}{C_n} - (3n+1)$$

check:



average =  $\frac{14}{5}$

$$\dots \frac{4^3}{C_3} - (3 \times 3 + 1) = \frac{64}{5} - 10 = \frac{14}{5} \quad (\text{ouf!})$$



## exercise

- The average length (number of edges) of the left branch of a random binary tree with  $n$  vertices is  $2 - \frac{6}{n+2}$



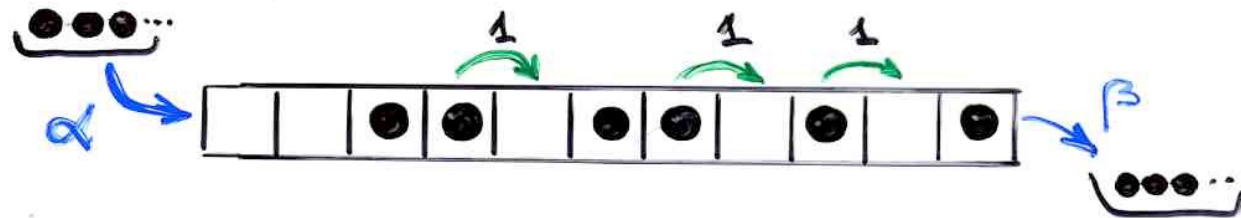
Complement

The TASEP



# TASEP

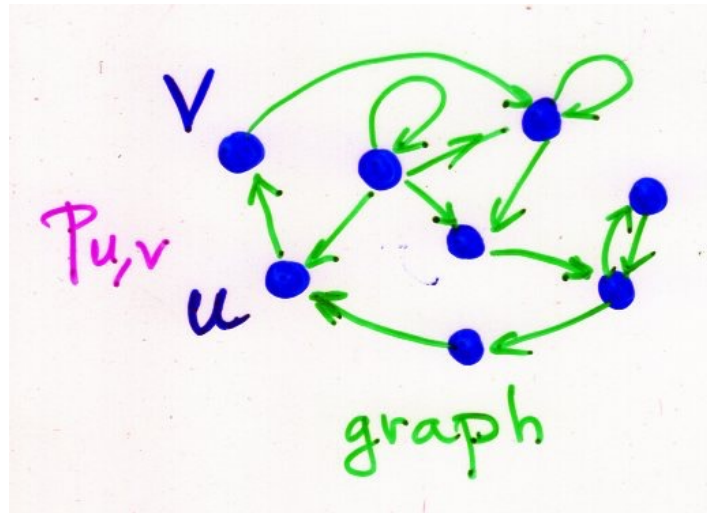
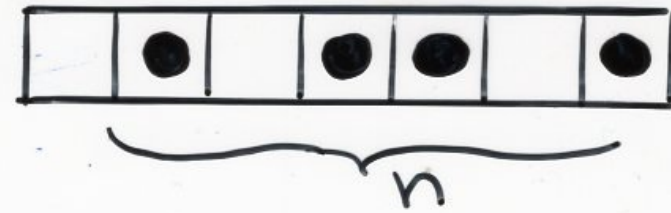
"Totally asymmetric exclusion process"



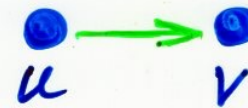
stationary  
probabilities

time  $\rightarrow \infty$

Markov chain  
 $2^n$  states



$P_{u,v}$  probability



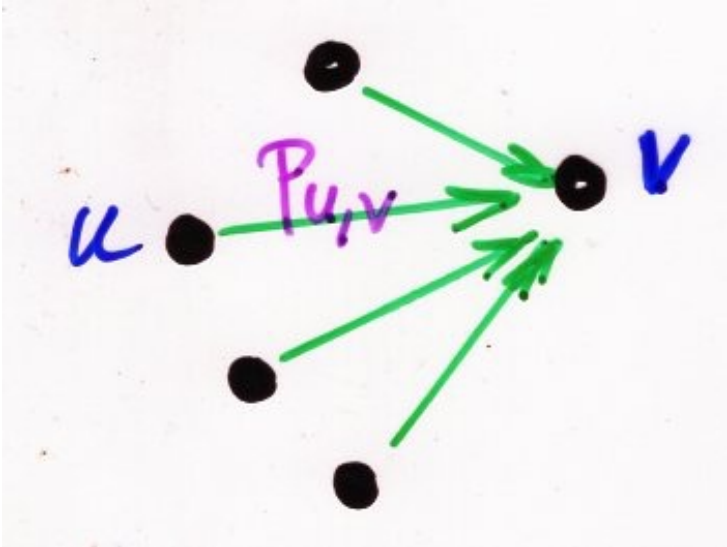
$S$  set of states  
(vertices of the graph)

$$T = (P_{u,v})_{u,v \in S}$$

(stochastic)  
transition matrix



time  $t$        $\mathbf{V}_t = (P_u^t, \dots)_{u \in S}$       Probability vector at time  $t$   
 time  $t+1$        $\mathbf{V}_{t+1} = \mathbf{V}_t \mathbf{T}$



$$P_v^{(t+1)} = \sum_u P_u^{(t)} P_{u,v}$$

time  $(t+1)$       time  $t$

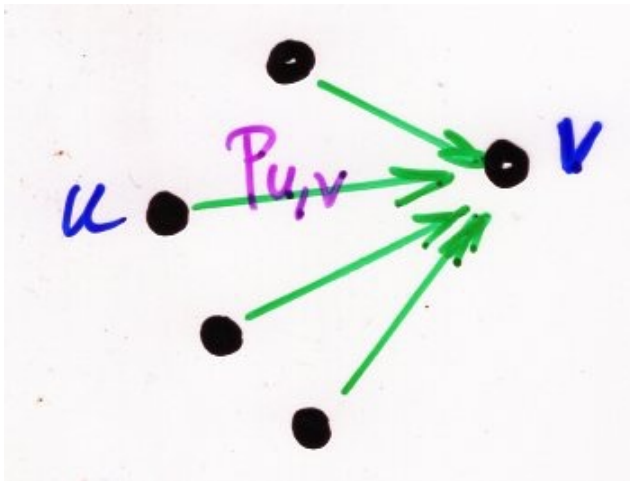
$$V_t = V_{t+1}$$

$$V = (P_u^\infty, \dots)_{u \in S}$$

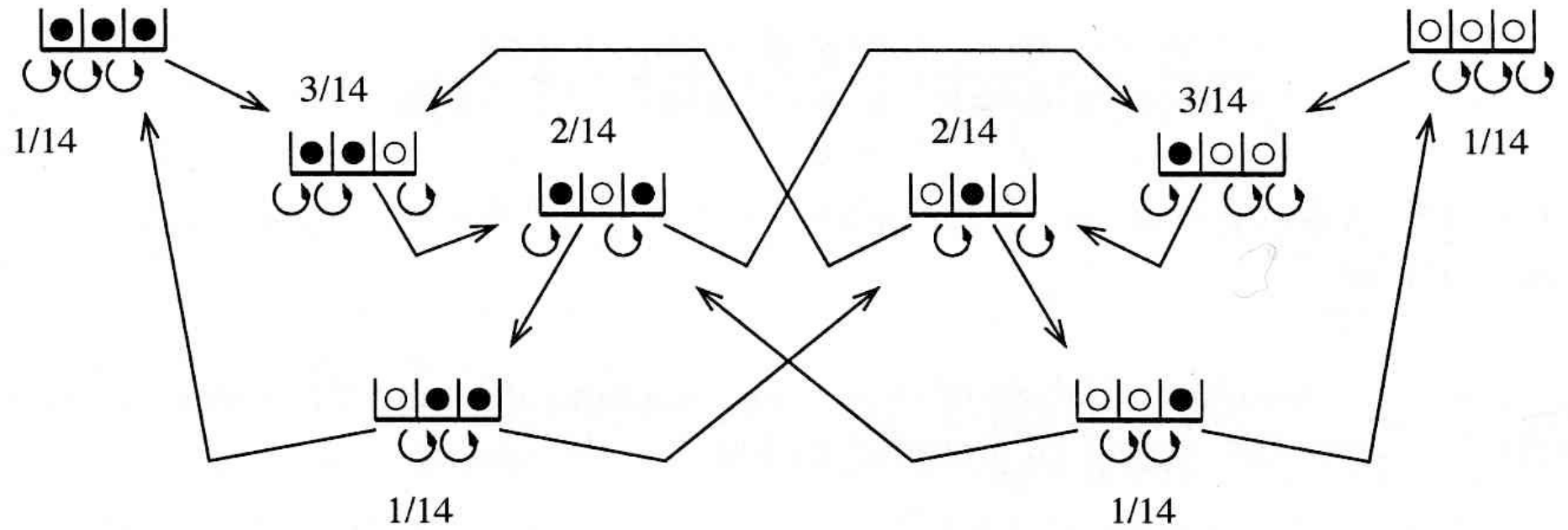
$$V = VT$$

eigenvector  
of  $T^T$   
eigenvalue 1  
unique

stationary  
probabilities  
time  $\rightarrow \infty$



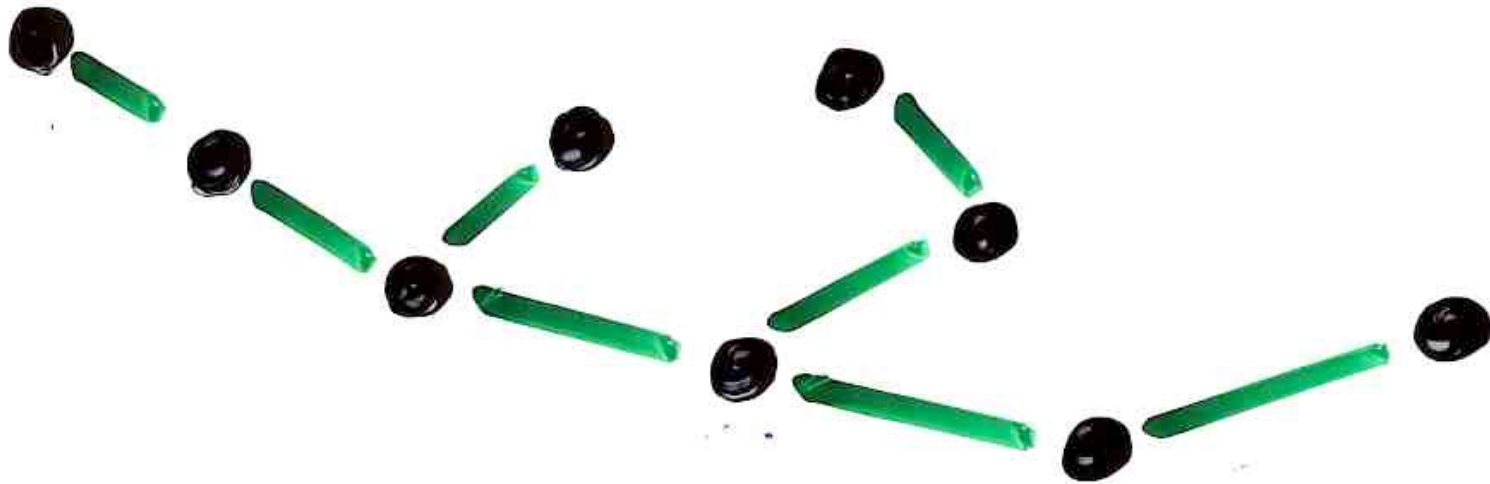
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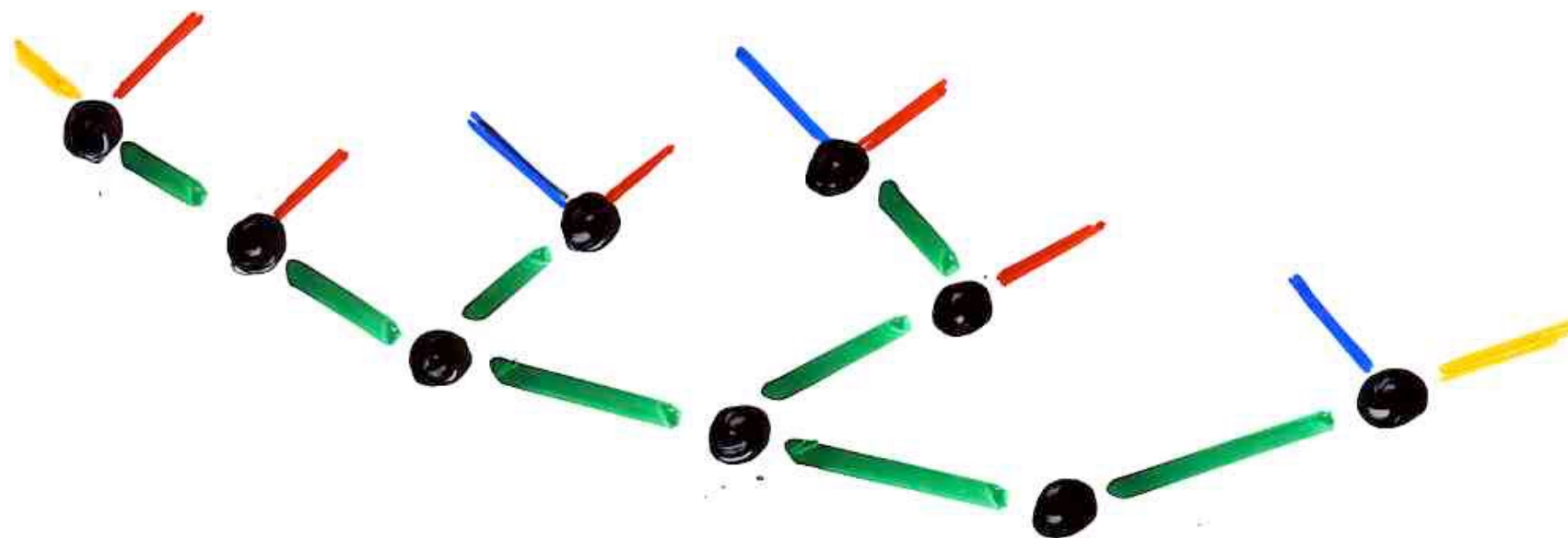








canopy of a binary tree



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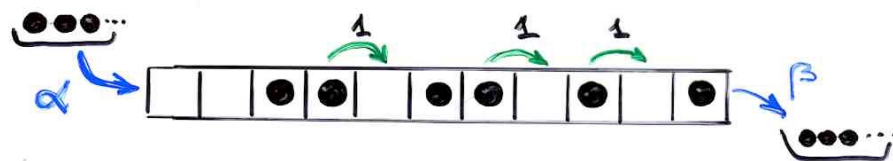
$c(B) = / / \backslash / \backslash / / \backslash$

Loday, Ronco (1998, 2012)



# TASEP

"totally asymmetric exclusion process"



stationary probabilities

$$\frac{1}{Z_n} \sum_{\text{binary trees } T} \frac{\bar{\alpha}^{\text{lb}(T)}}{\beta^{\text{rb}(T)}}$$

$C(T) = W$   
canopy

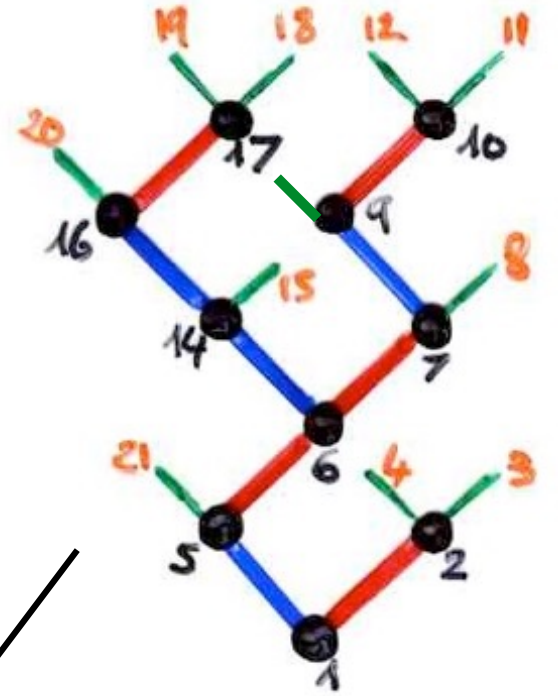
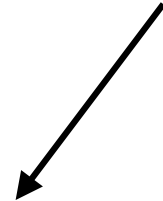
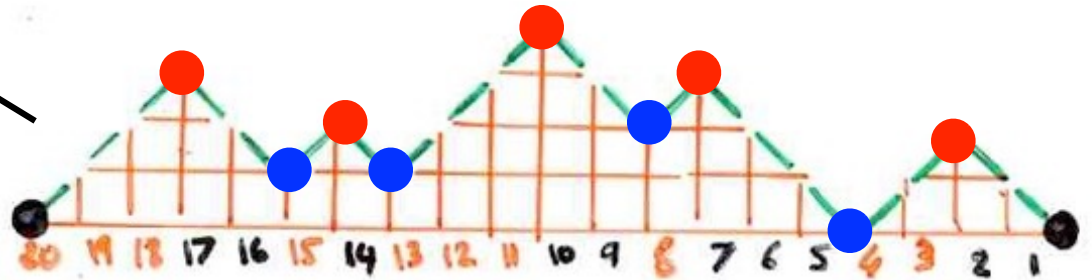
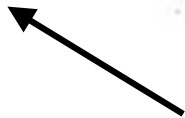
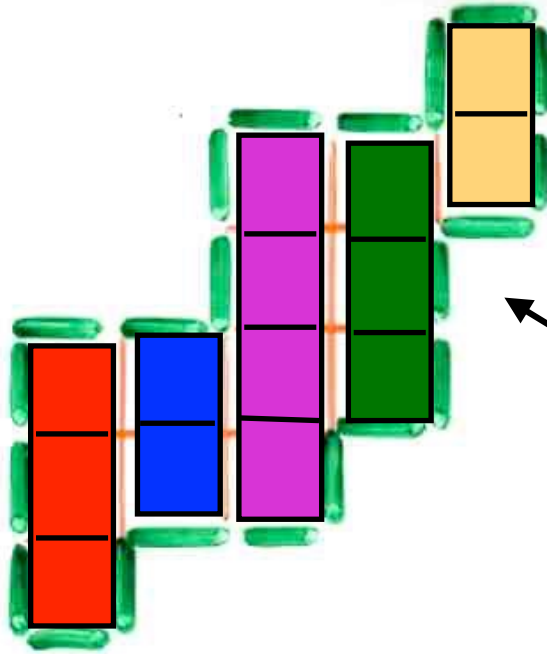
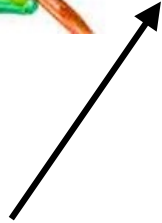
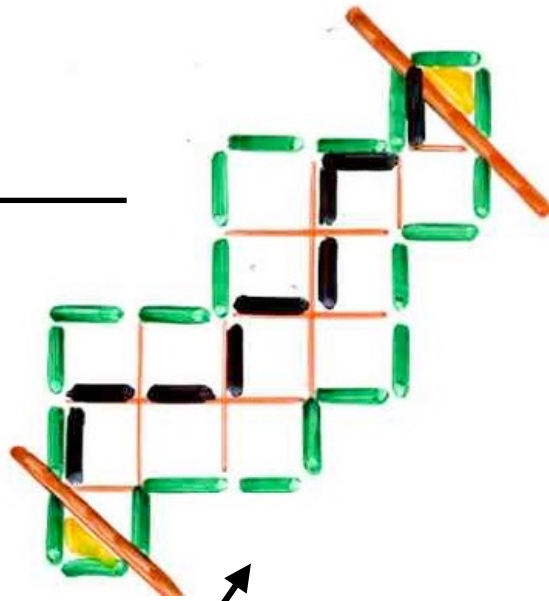


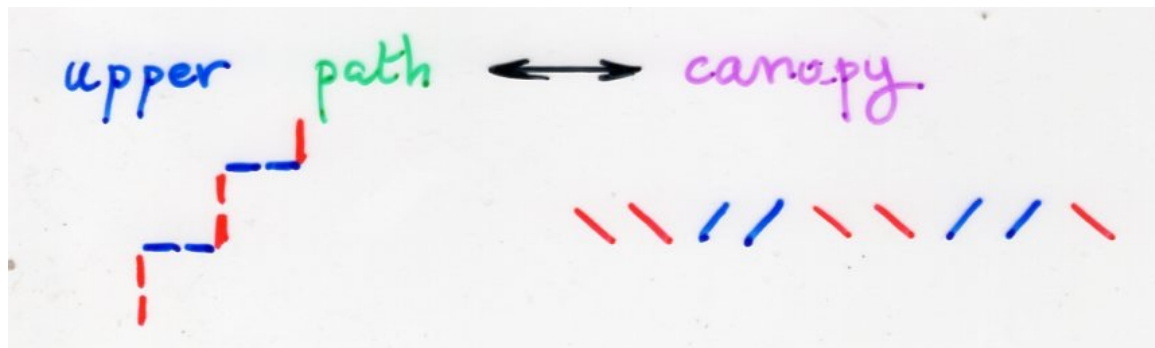
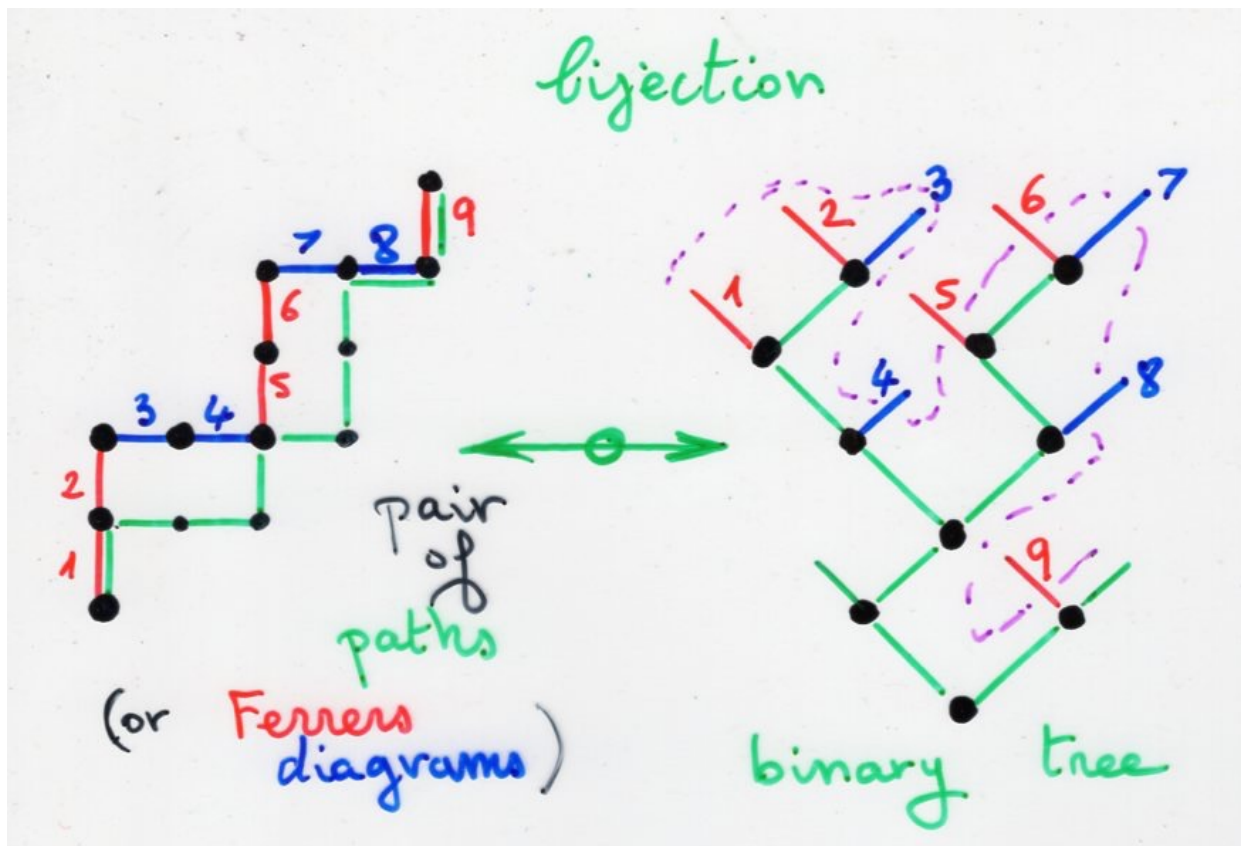
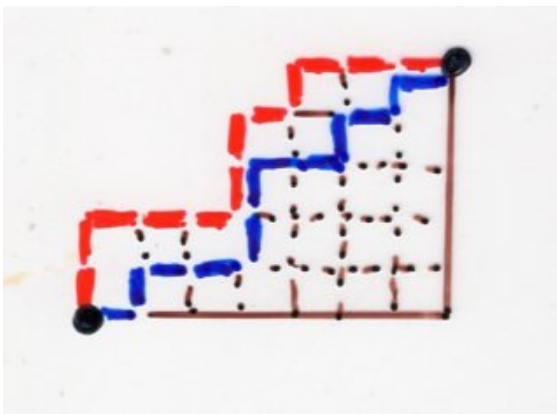
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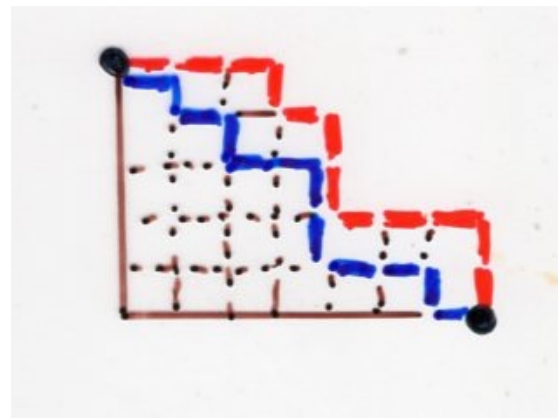
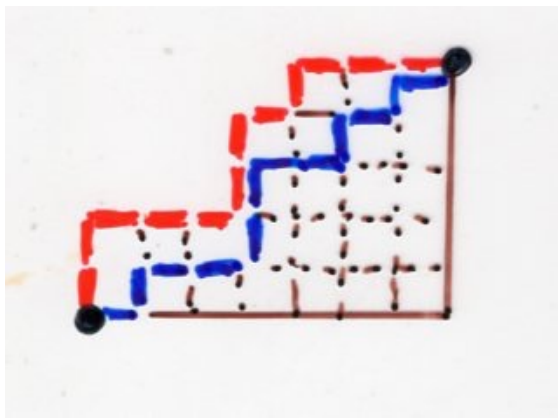
partition function

$$Z_n = \sum_{\substack{T \\ \text{binary trees} \\ n \text{ vertices}}} \bar{\alpha}^{\text{lb}(T)} \bar{\beta}^{\text{rb}(T)}$$

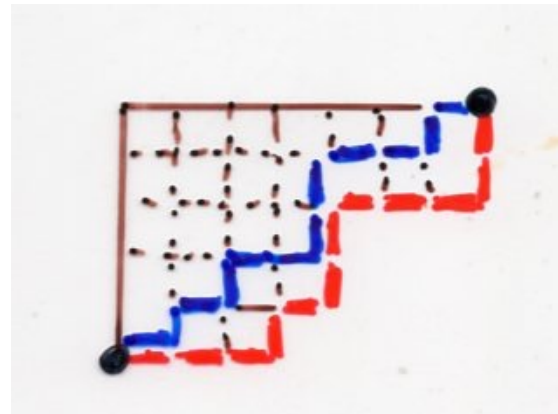
→ see course  
quadratic algebra  
in combinatorics







Young lattice





$$Z_n = \sum_{\substack{T \\ \text{binary trees} \\ n \text{ vertices}}} \bar{\alpha}^{\text{lb}(T)} \bar{\beta}^{\text{rb}(T)}$$



$$\bar{\alpha} = \alpha^{-1} \quad \bar{\beta} = \beta^{-1}$$

exercise prove the following formula for  $Z_n$

partition function

$$Z_n = \sum \frac{i}{2n-i} \binom{2n-i}{n} \frac{\bar{\alpha}^{(i+1)} \bar{\beta}^{(i+1)}}{\bar{\alpha} - \bar{\beta}}$$



