

An introduction to

enumerative  
algebraic  
bijections

combinatorics

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# Chapter 4

## The $n!$ garden (4)

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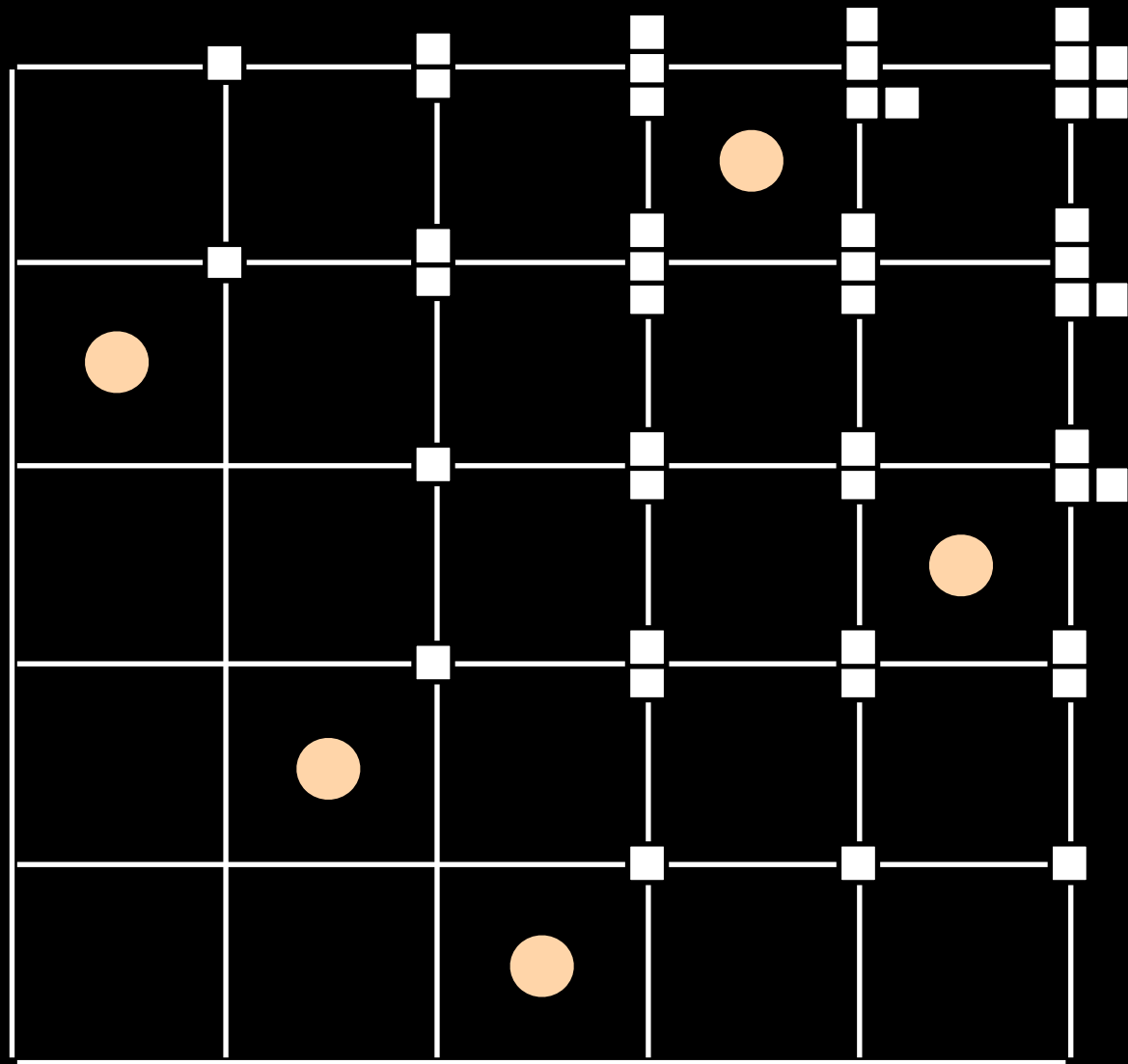
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“local” algorithm on a grid  
or “growth diagrams”

S. Fomin, 1986, 1994

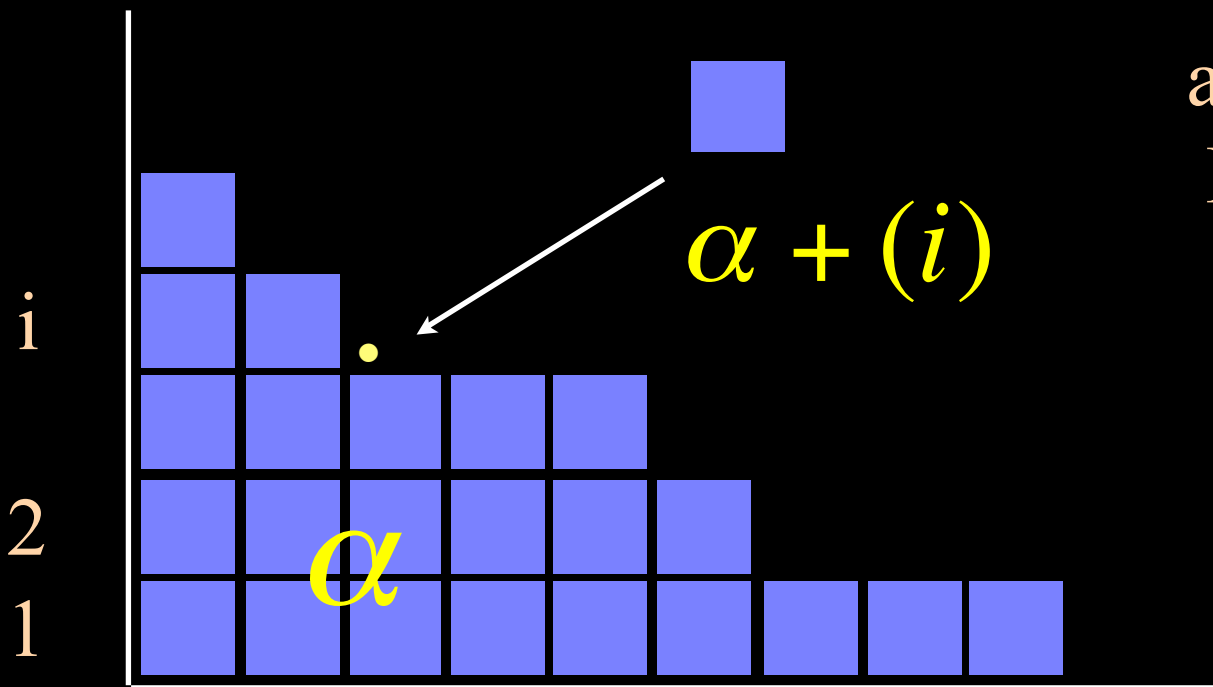
M. van Leeuwen, 1996





notations

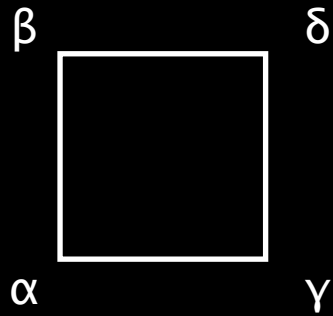
Operator  $U_i$



adding a cell in a  
Ferrers diagram  
at row  $i$

$$U_i(\alpha) = \alpha + (i)$$

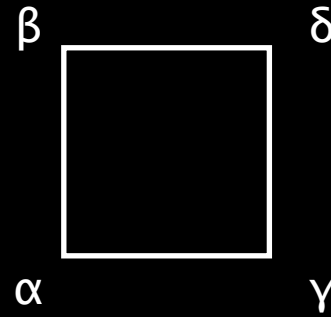
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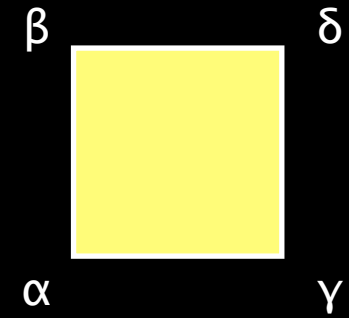
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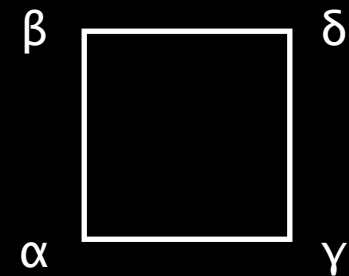
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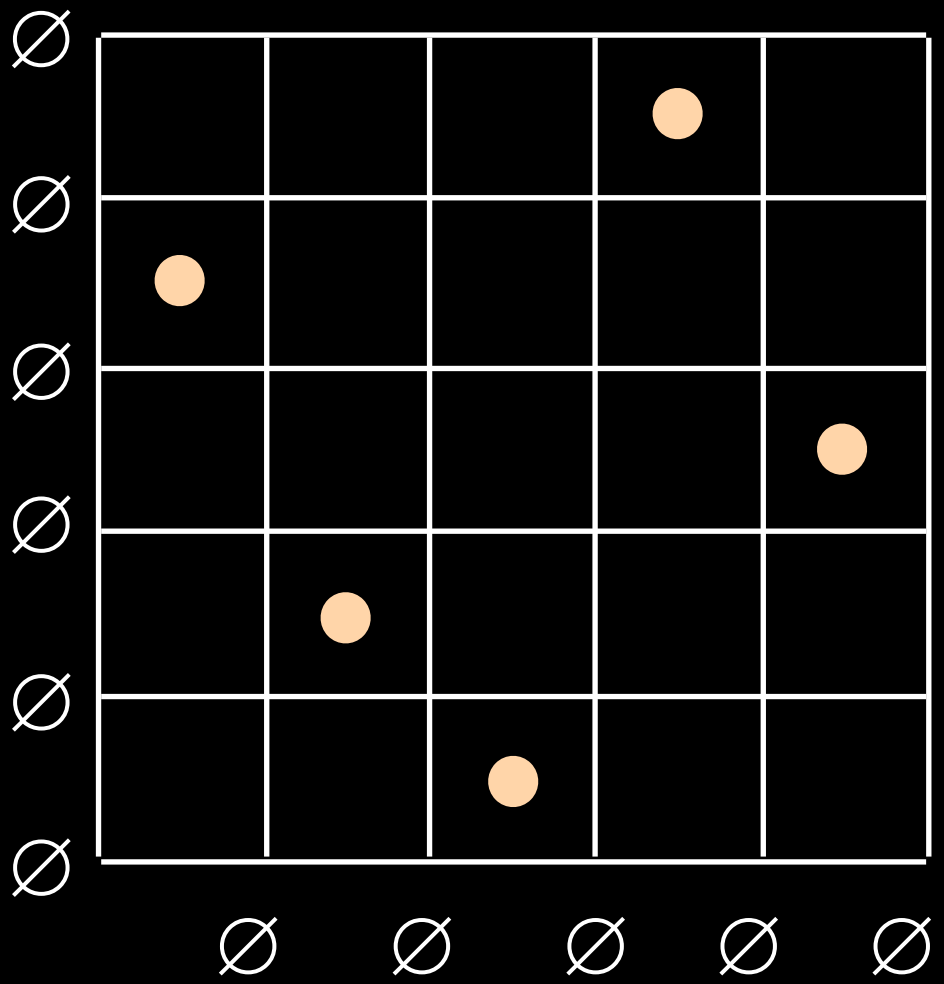
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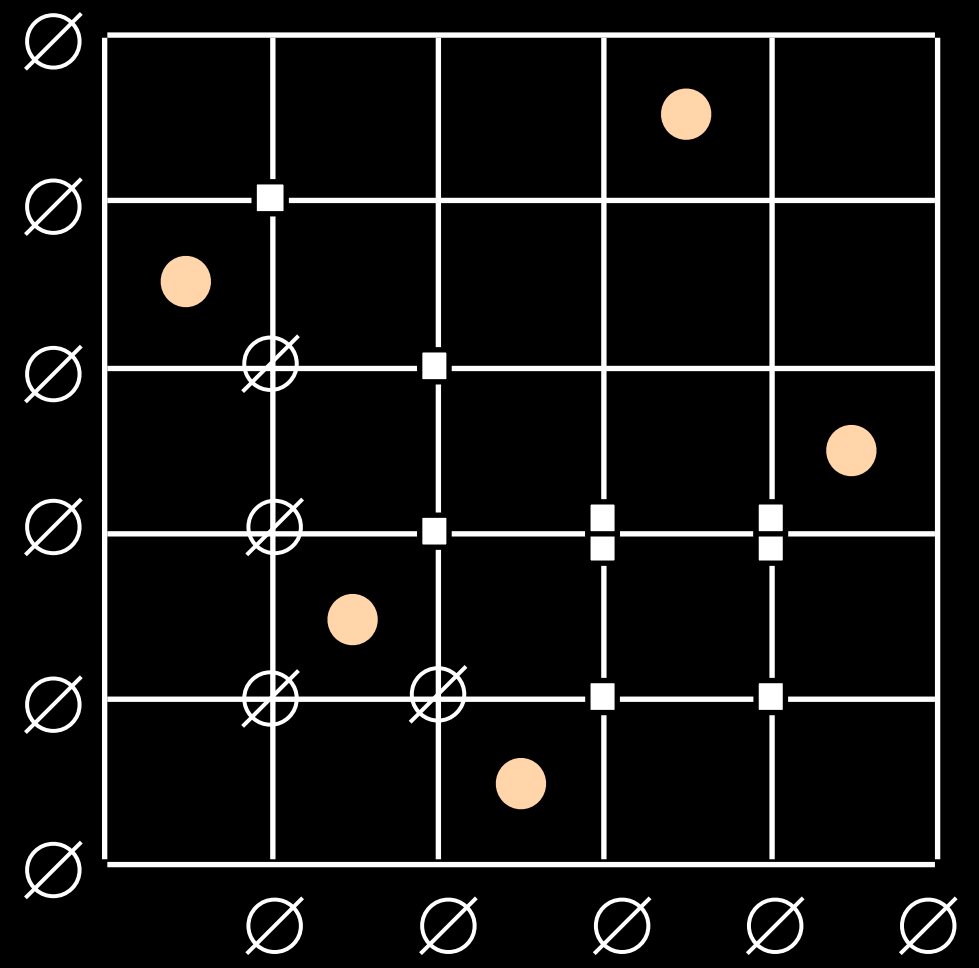


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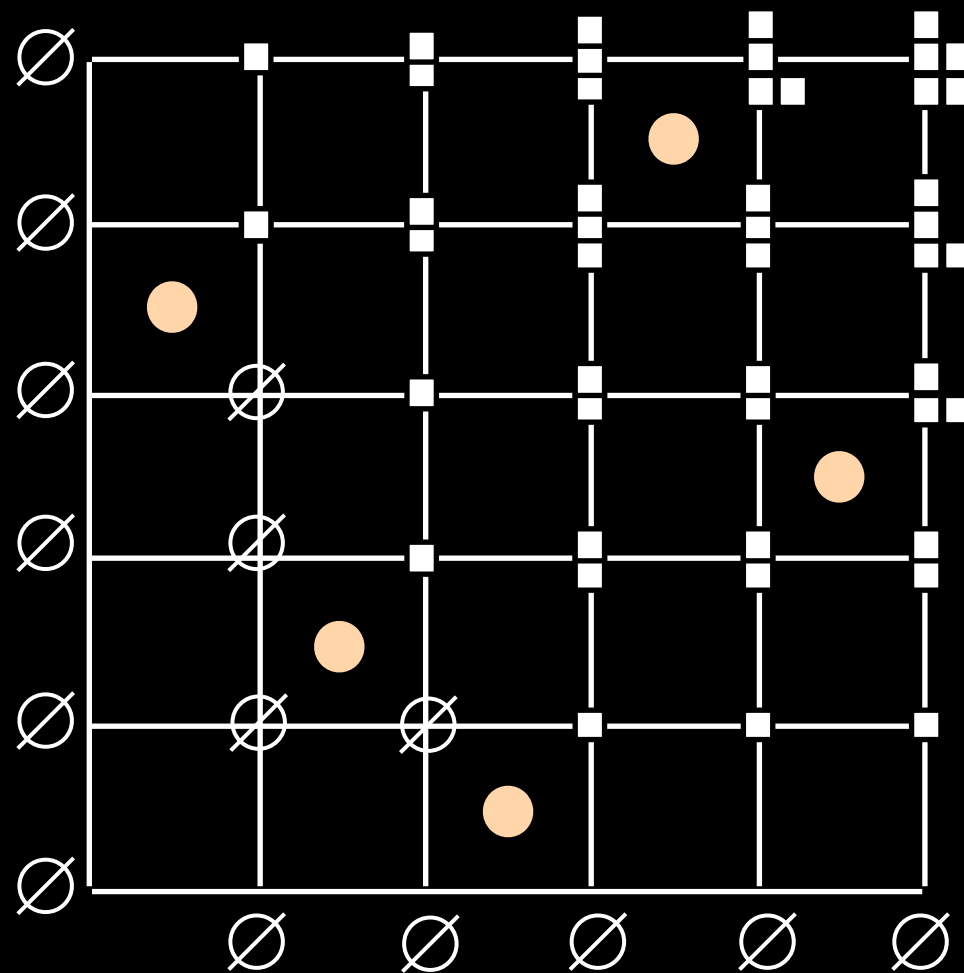
initial state



during the labeling process

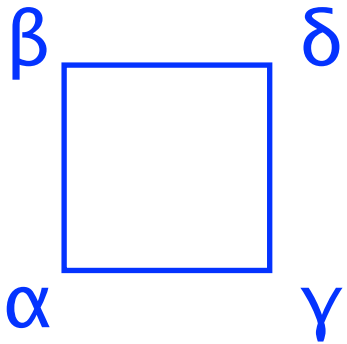


final state



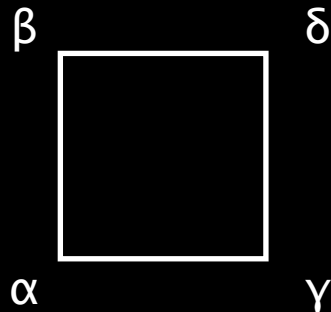


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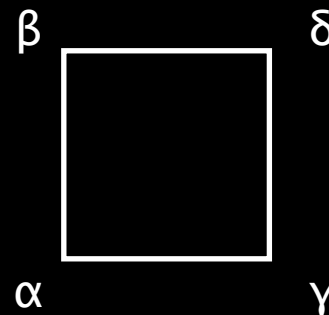
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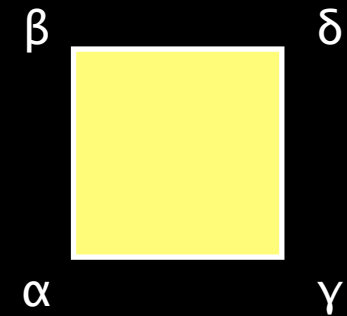
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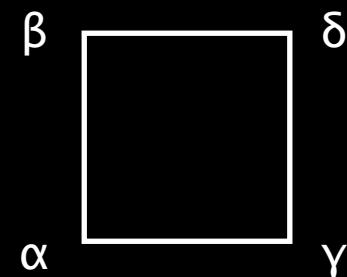
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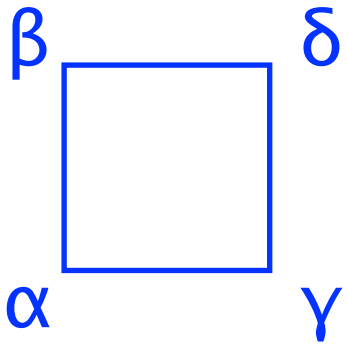
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partially ordered set

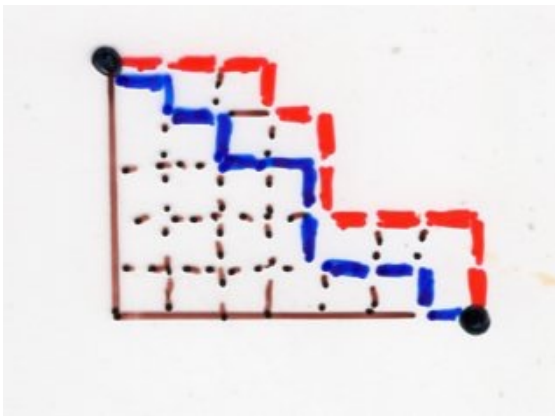
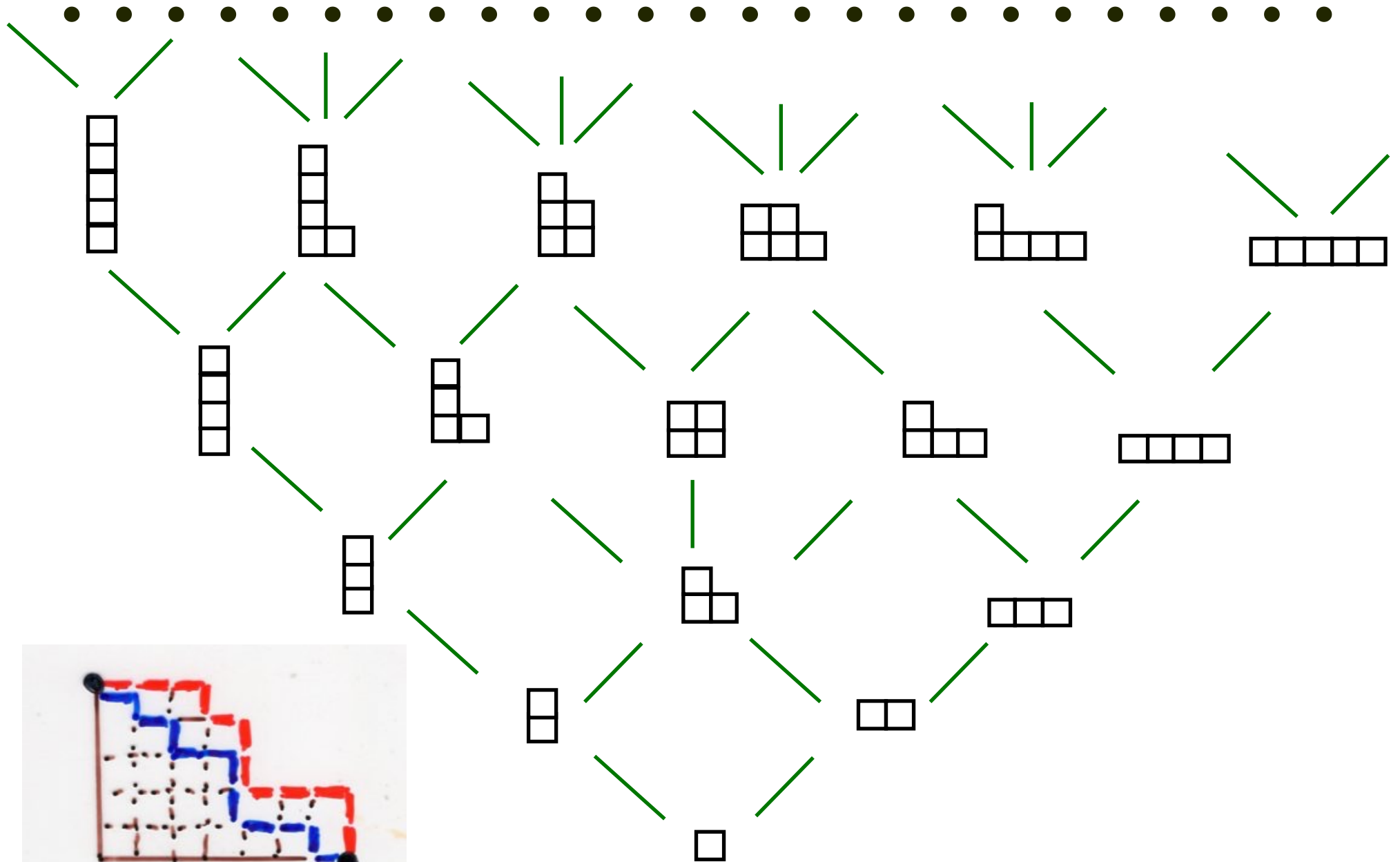


covering  
relation

$\alpha \preceq \beta$   
no  $\gamma$  between  
 $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

Hasse diagram

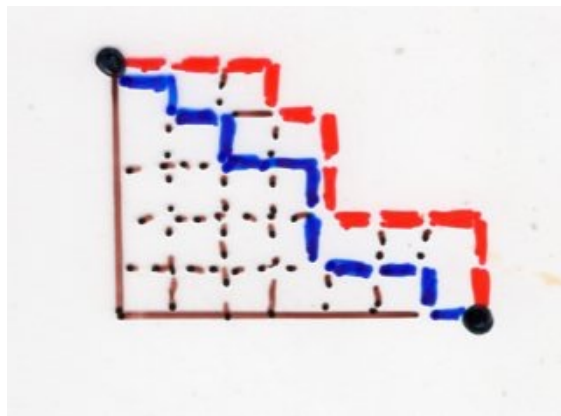
# Young lattice



lattice

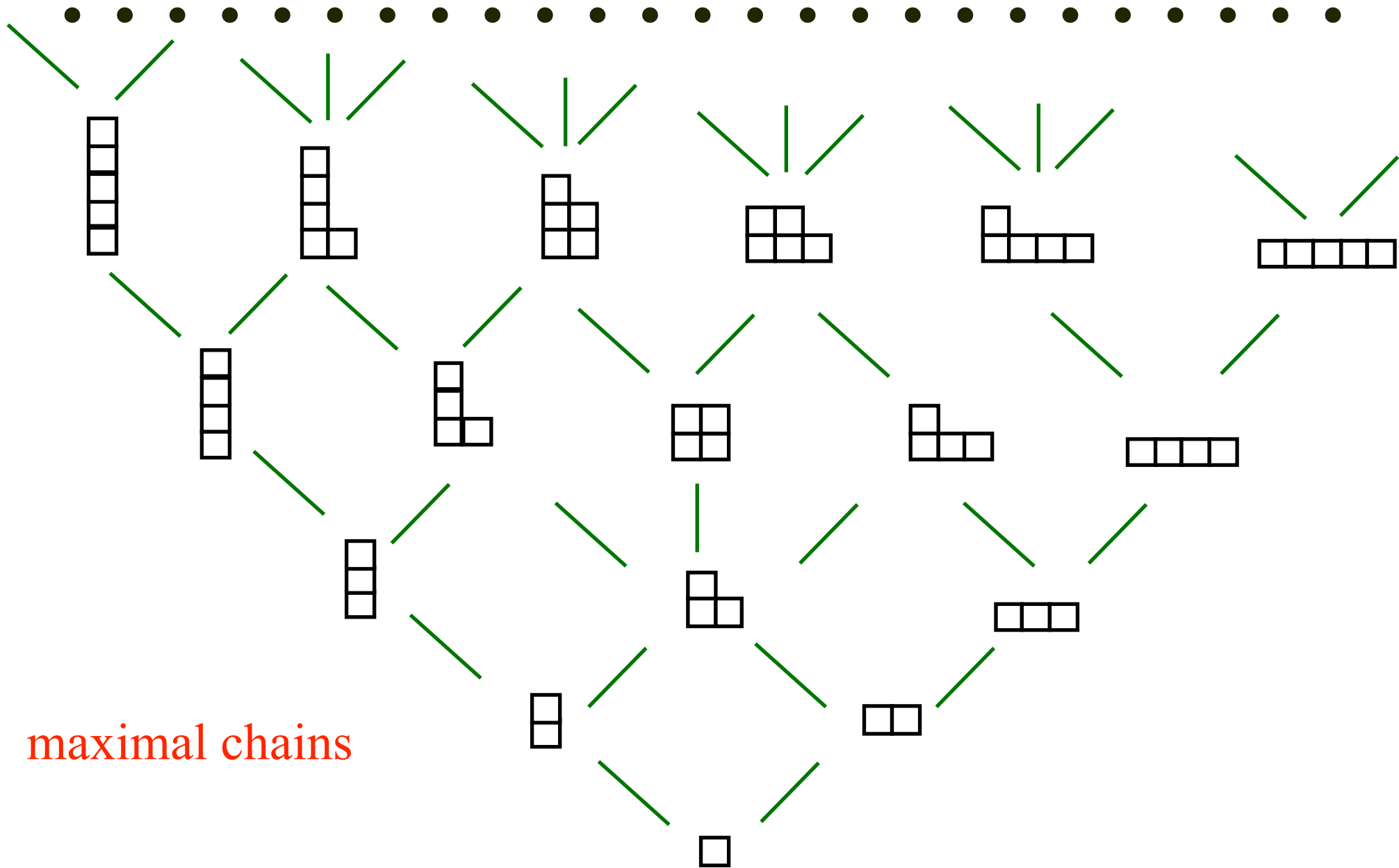
every two elements  
have a unique  
least upper bound (join)

and a unique  
greatest lower bound  
(meet)

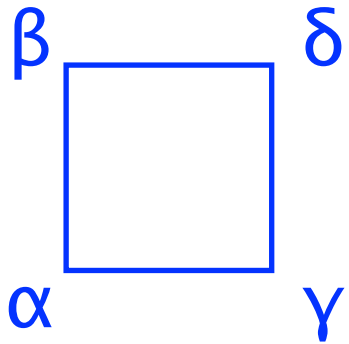


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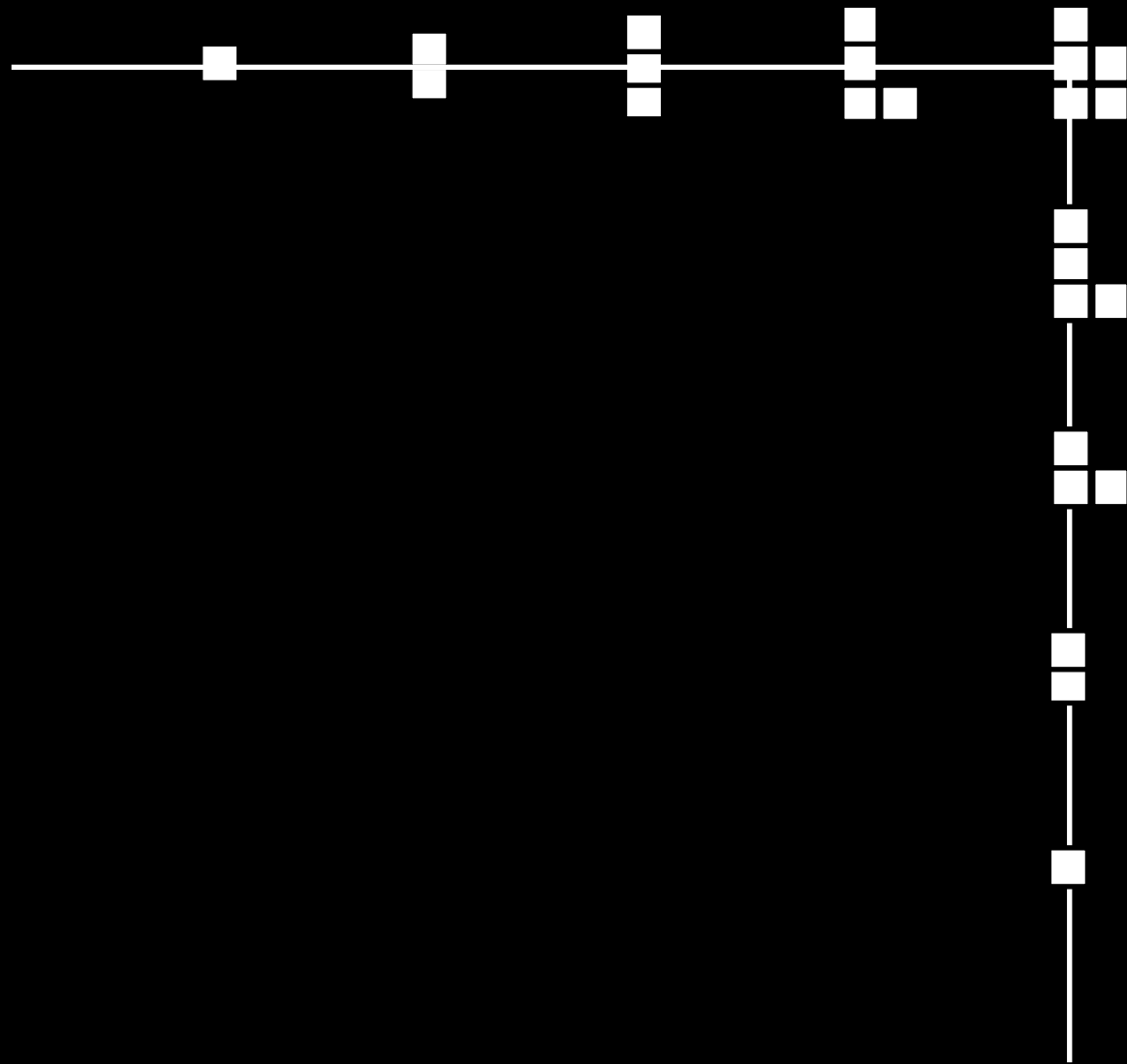


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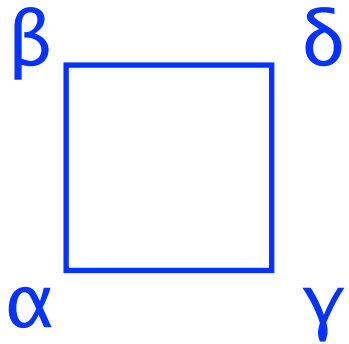
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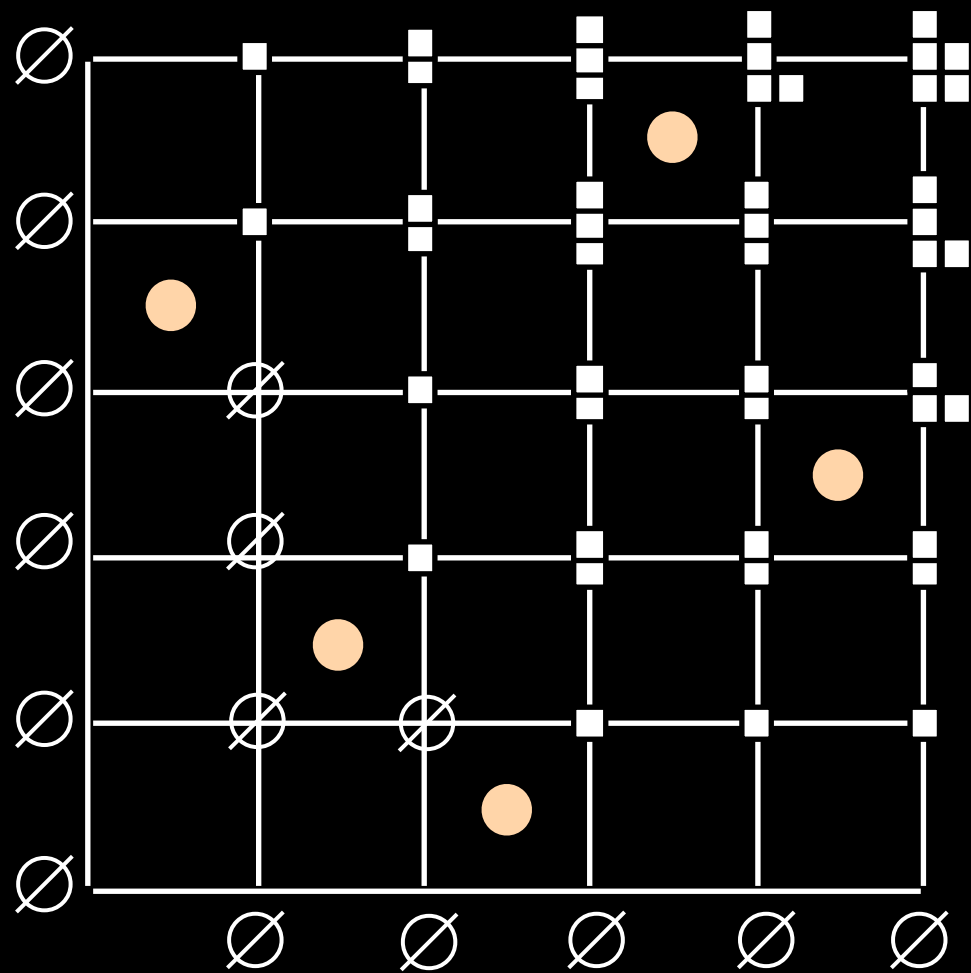
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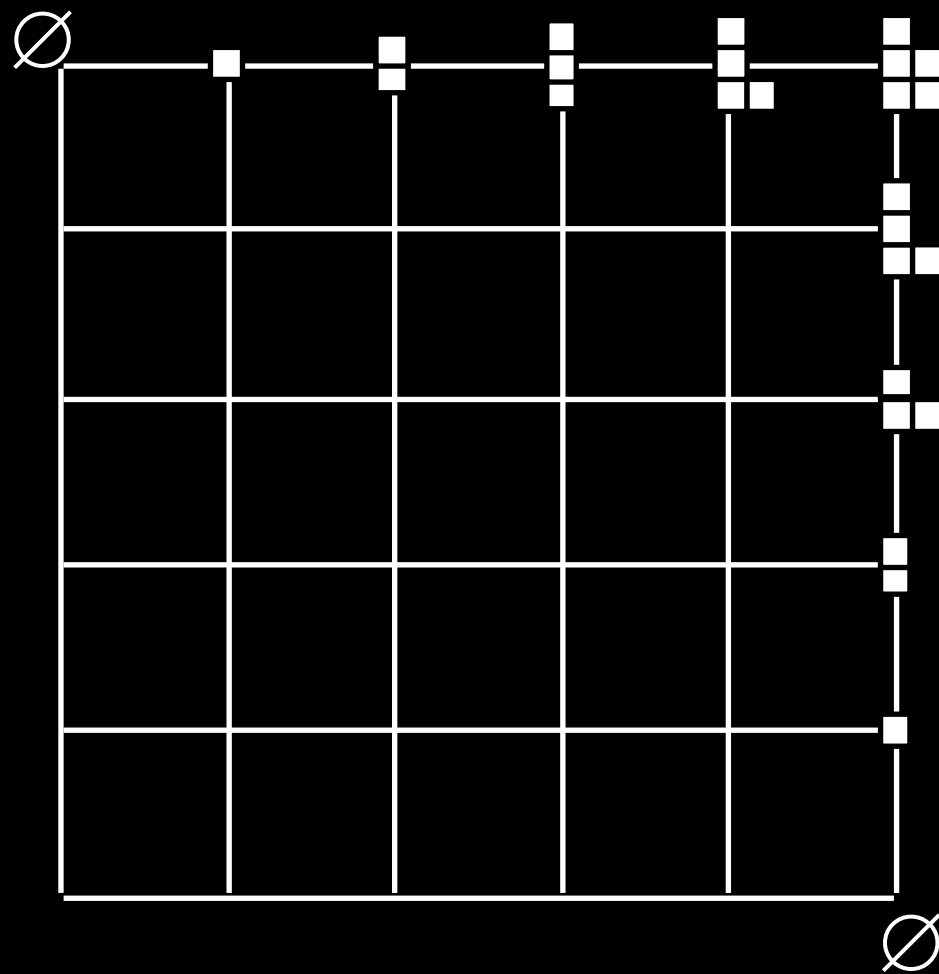
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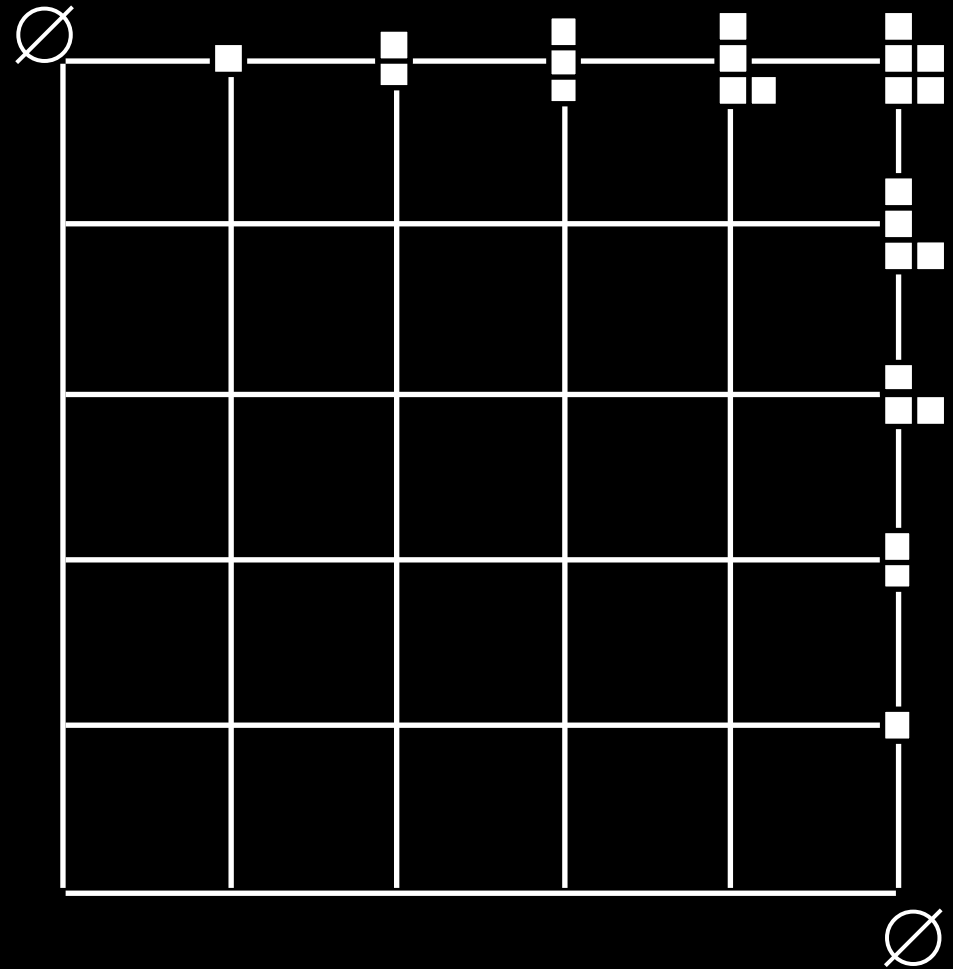
final state

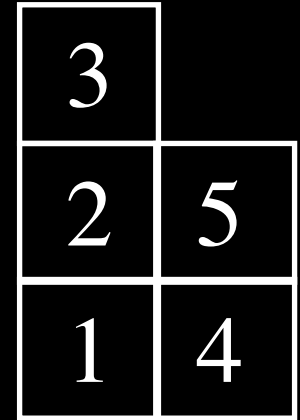
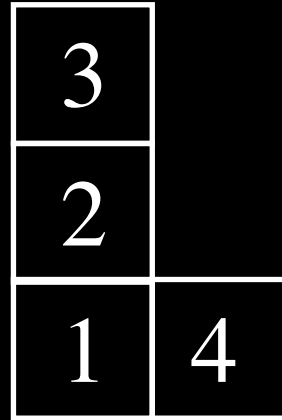
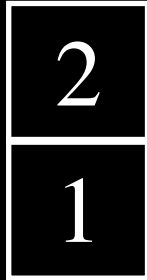


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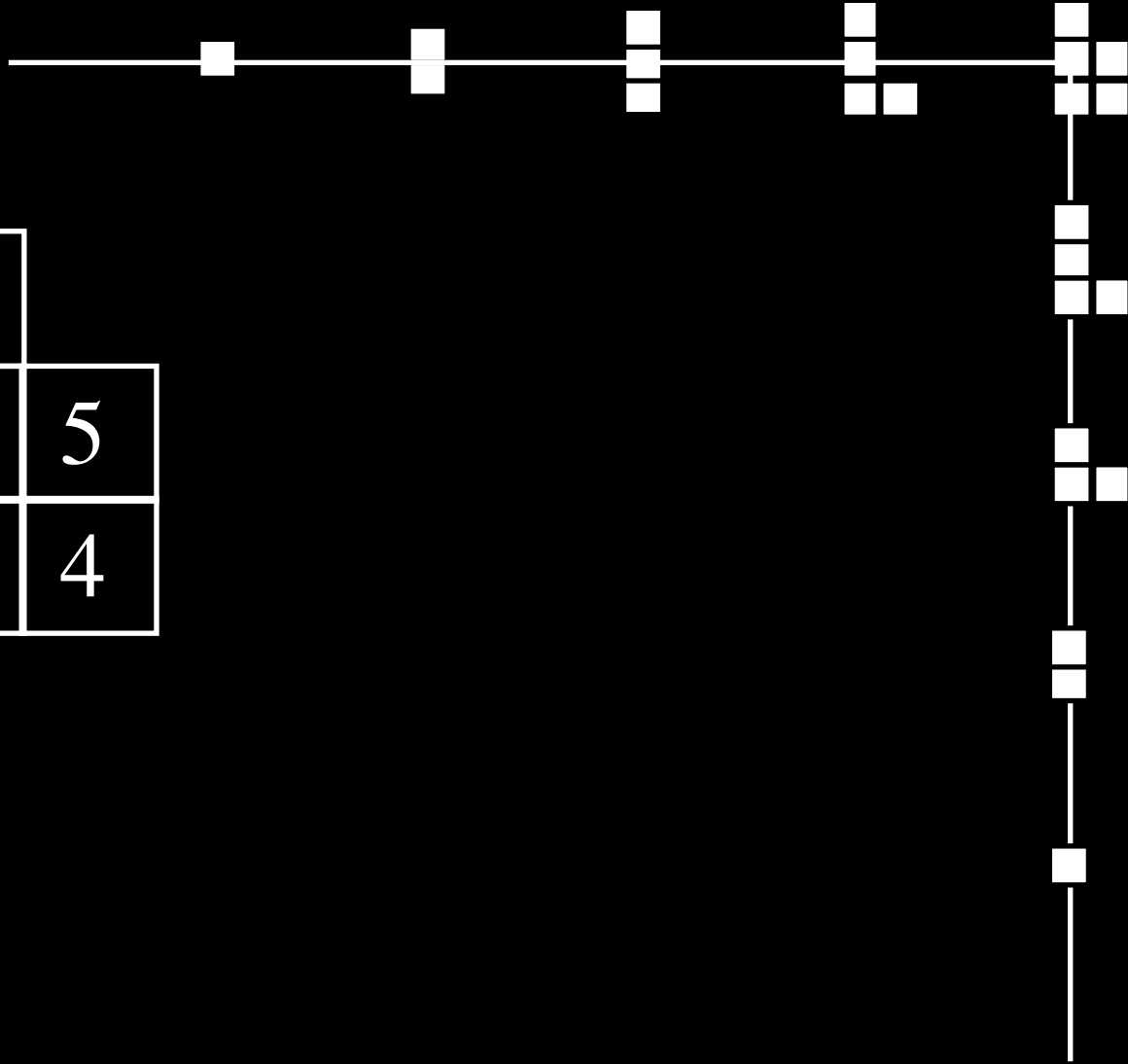


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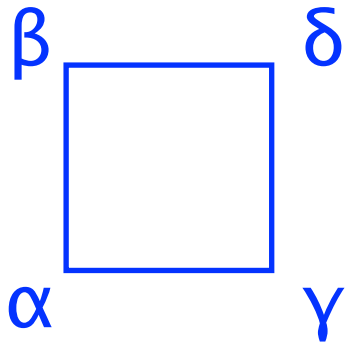


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2	5
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4	
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1	3

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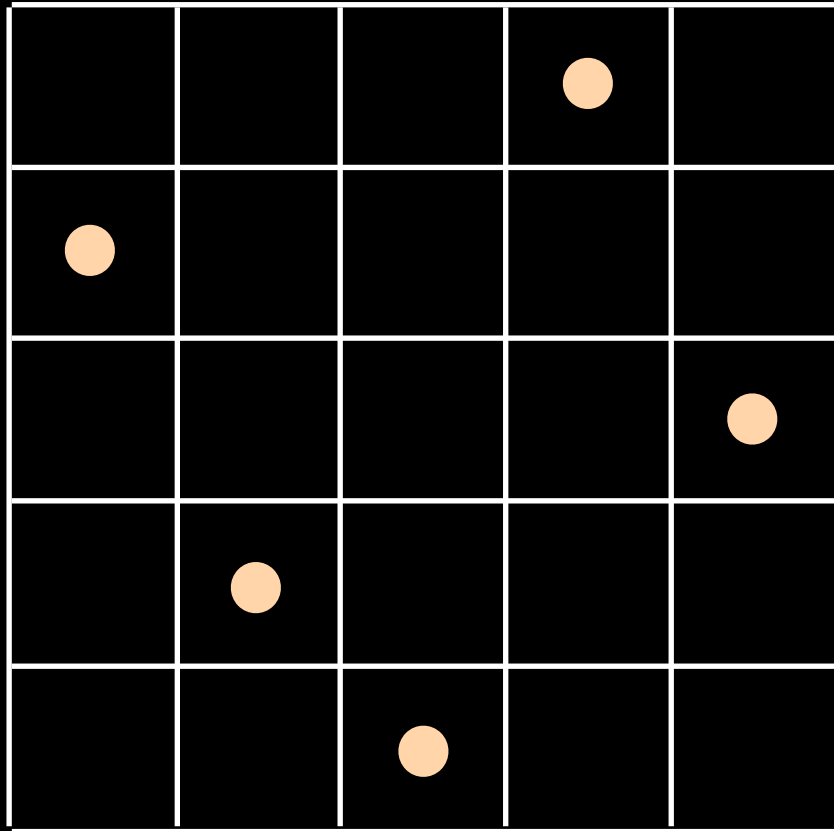


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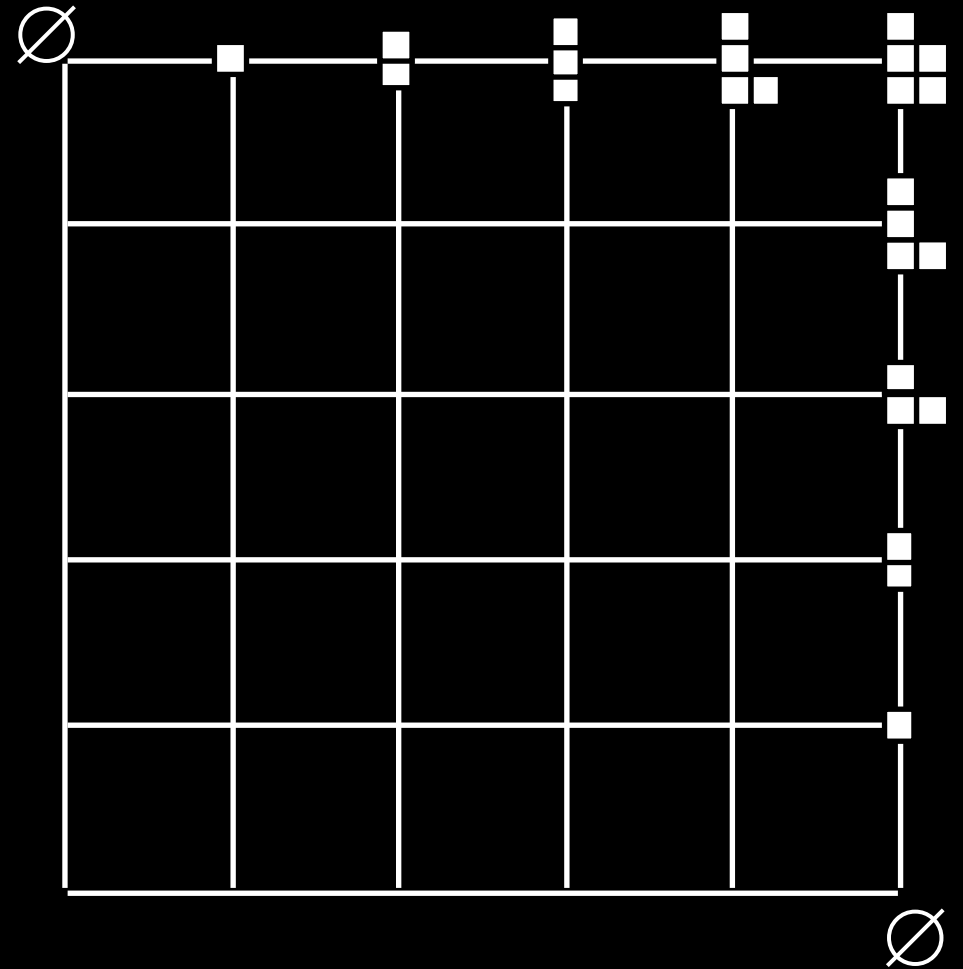
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permutation

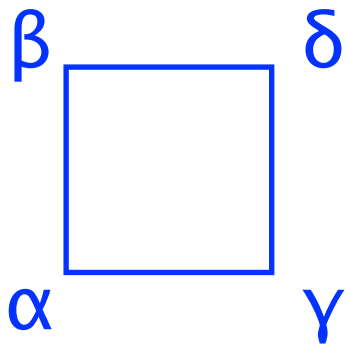


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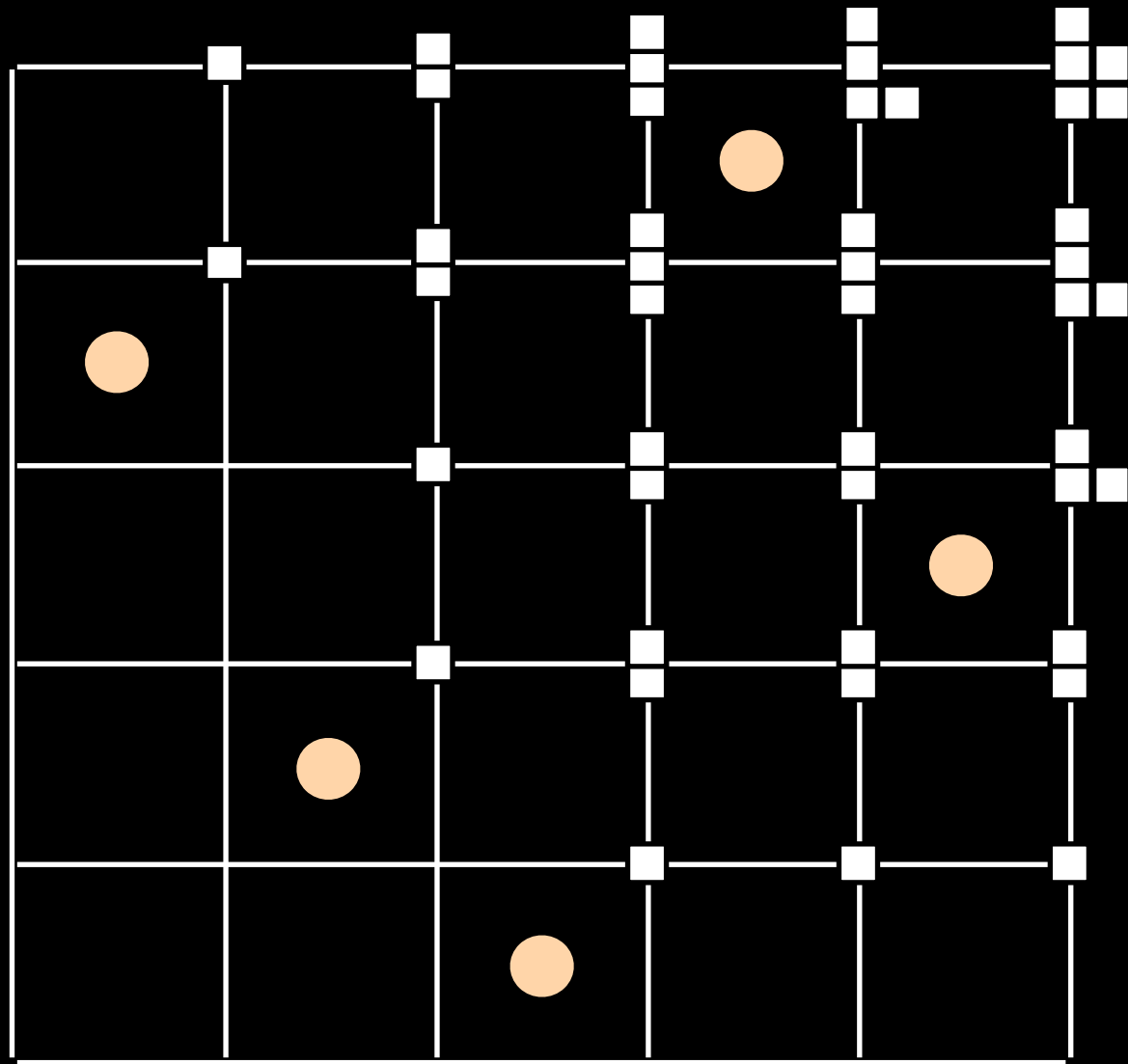
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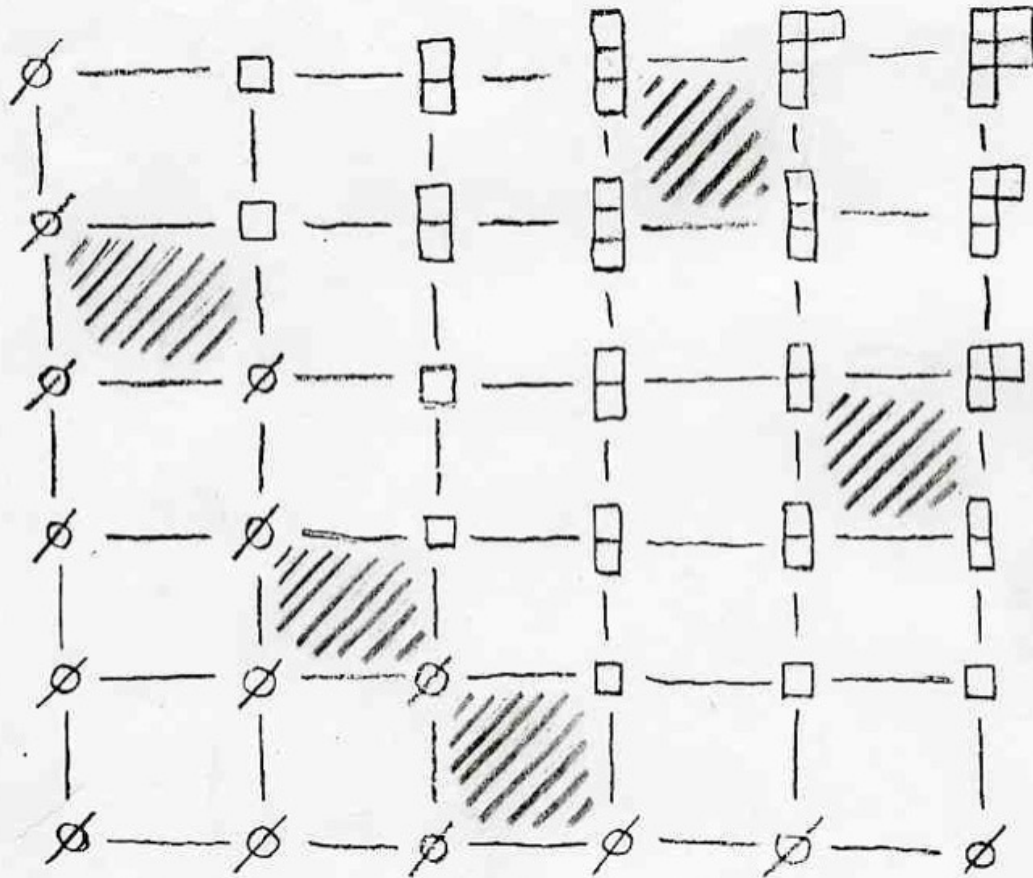
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- this bijection is the same as the Robinson-Schensted correspondance

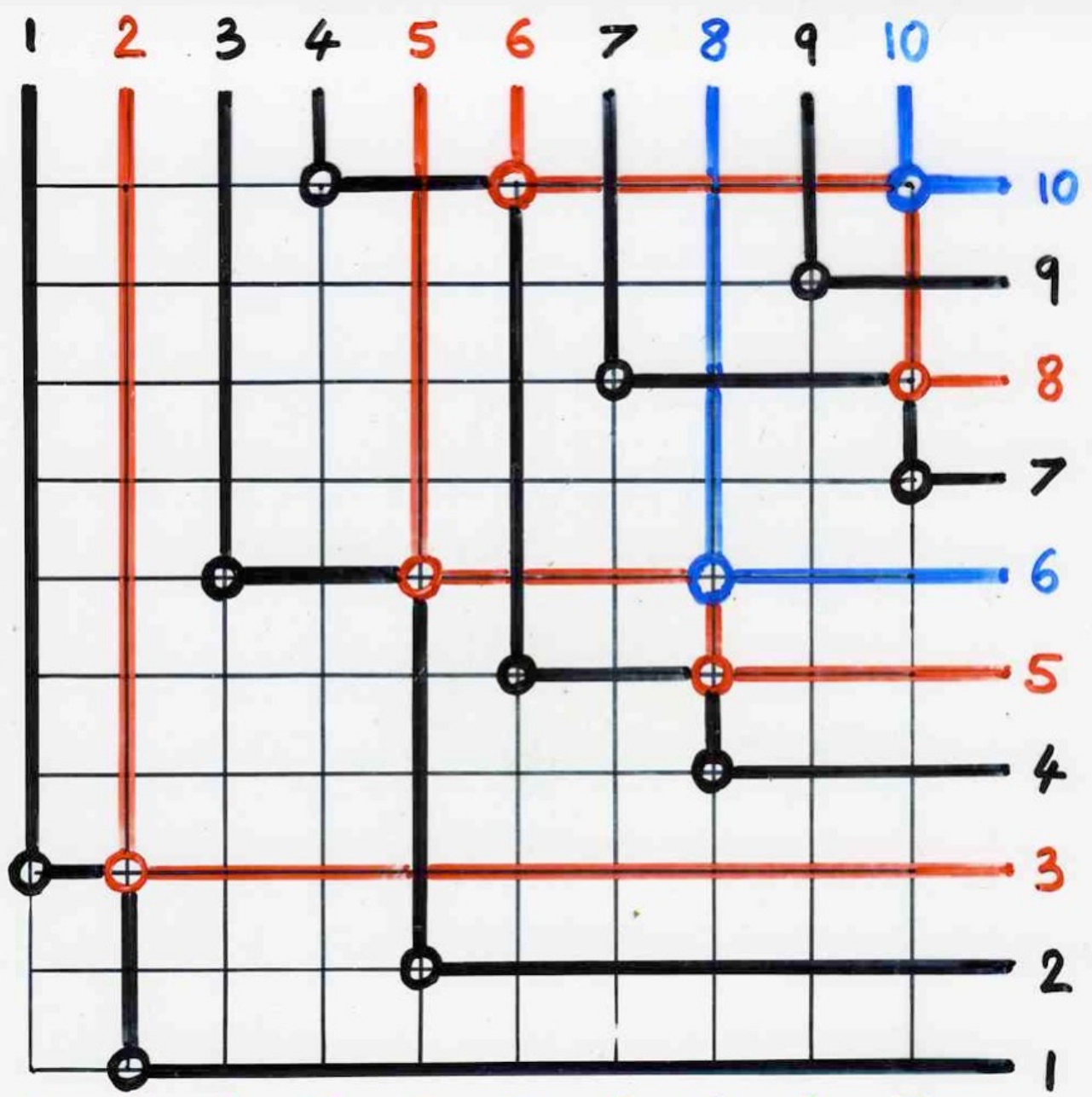


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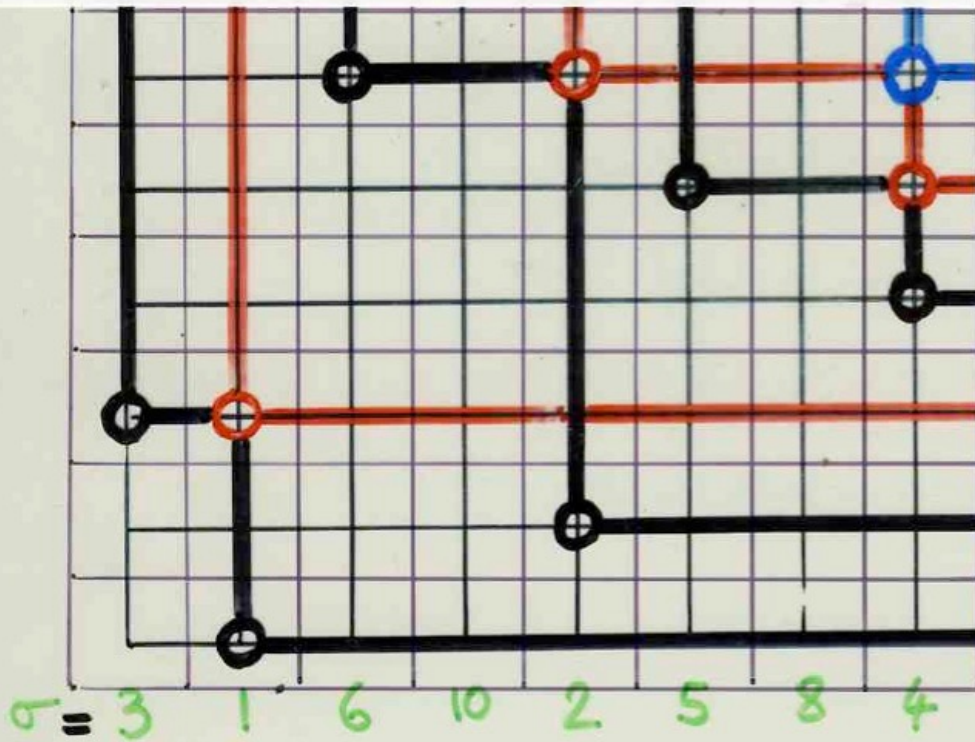
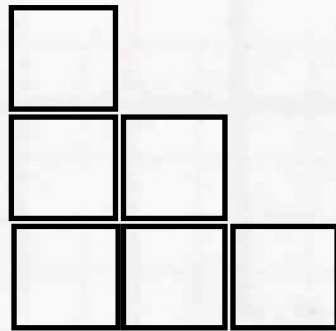

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

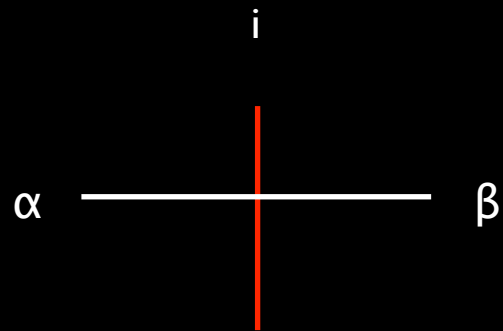
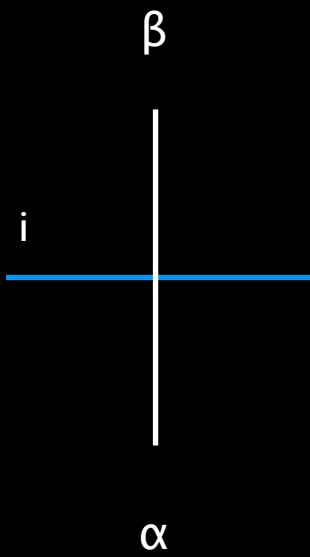
permutation  
associée

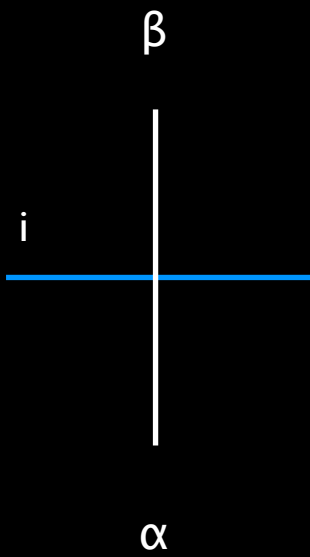
proof of the equivalence  
local RSK and geometric RSK



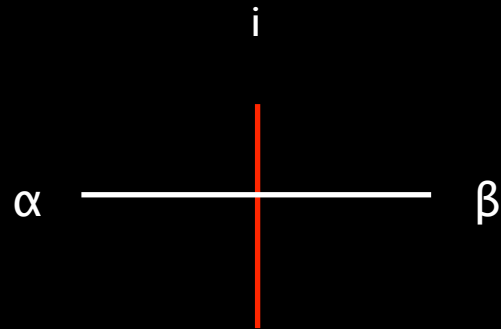
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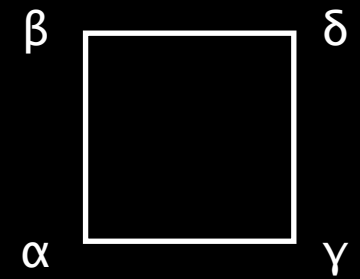
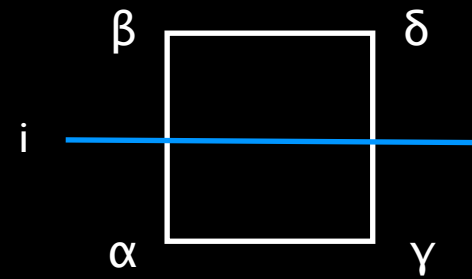
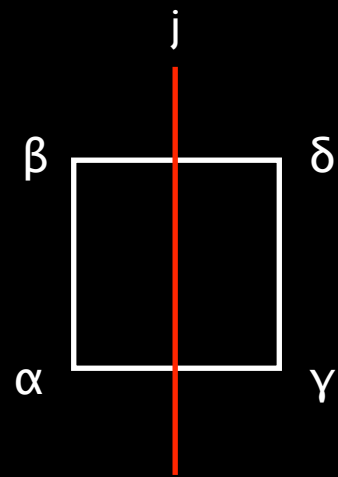
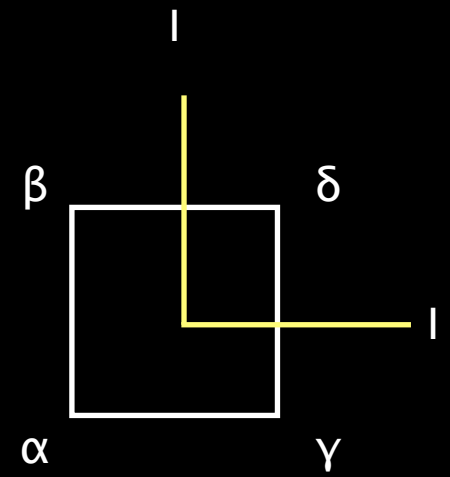
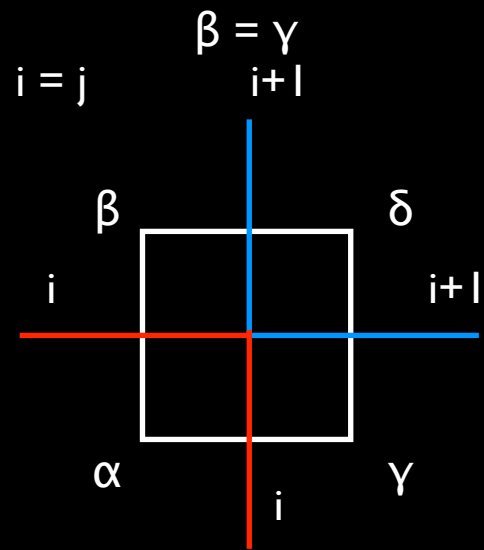
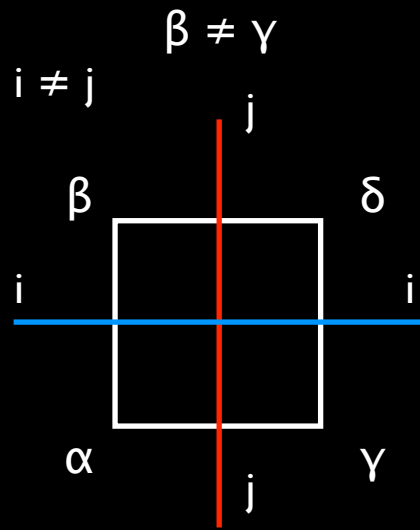


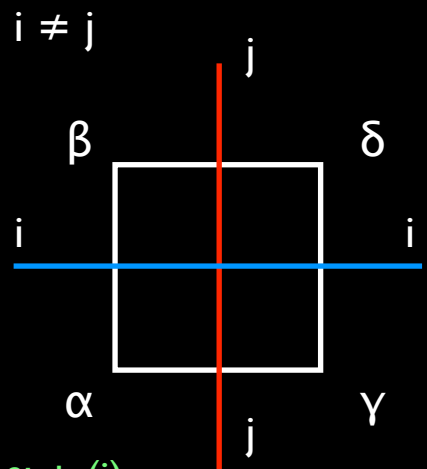


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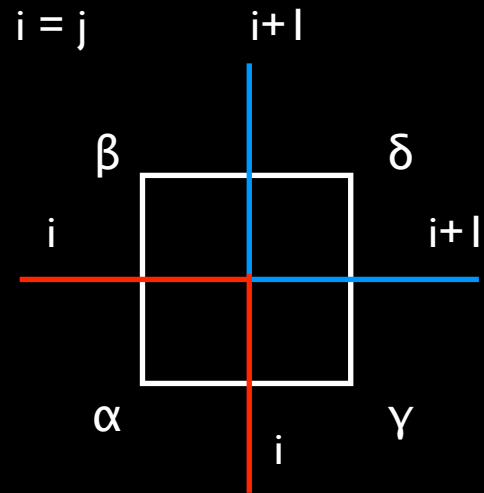




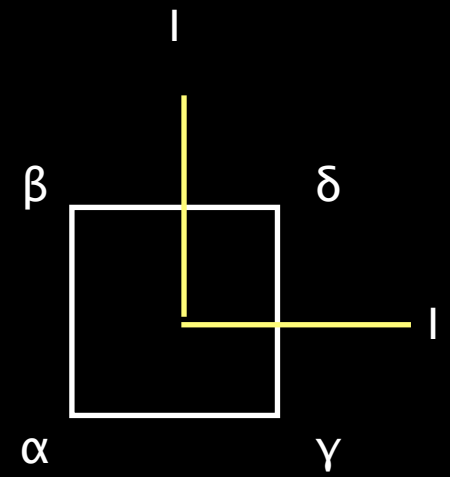




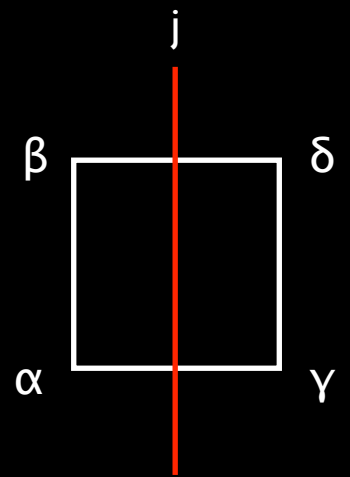
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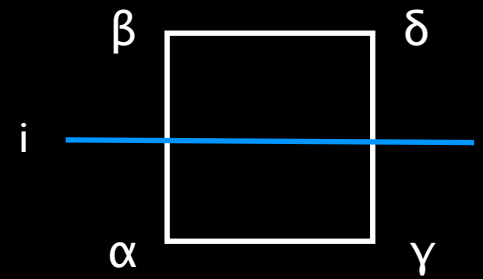
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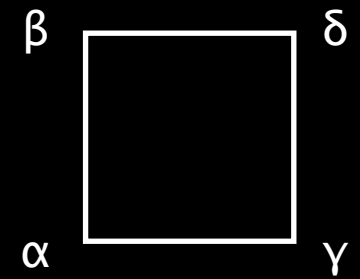
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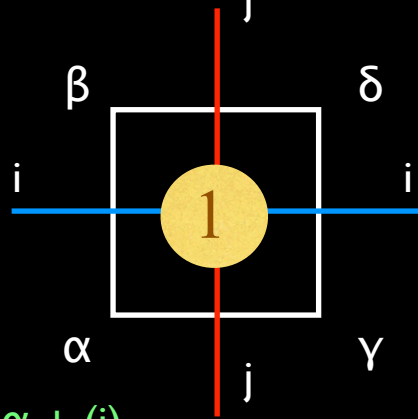
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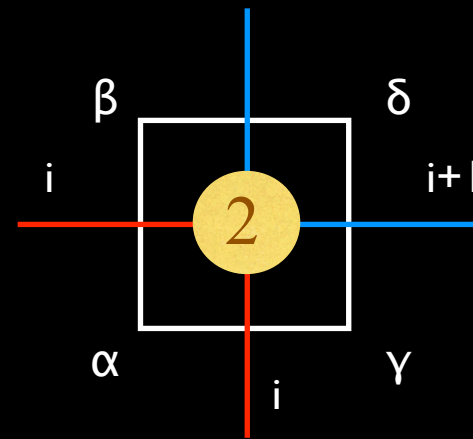
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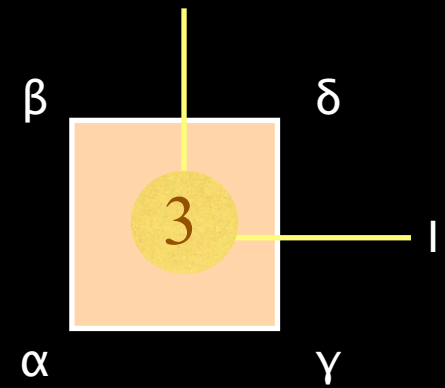
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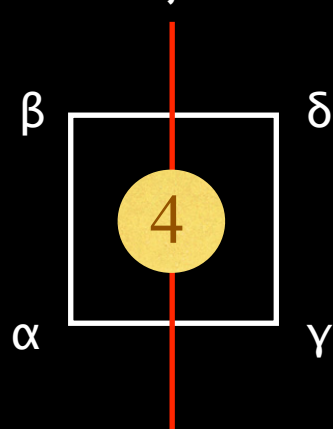
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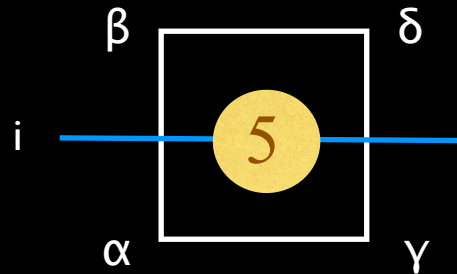
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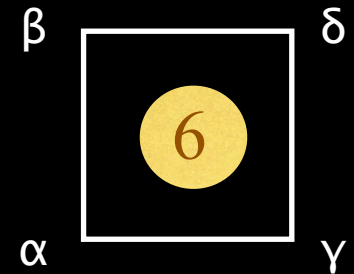
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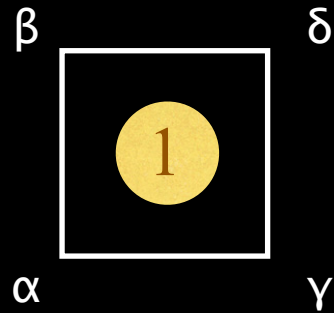
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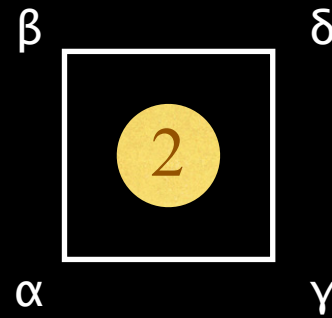
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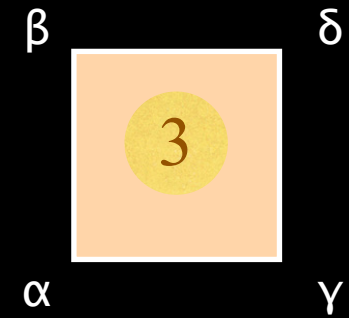
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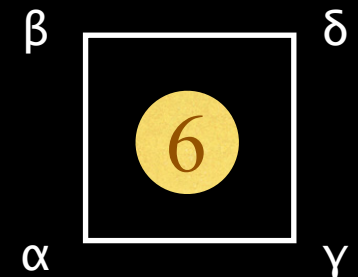
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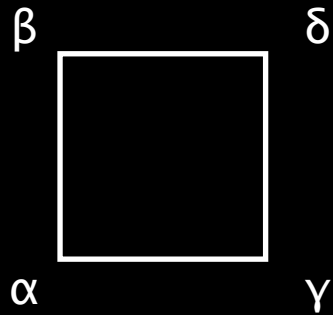


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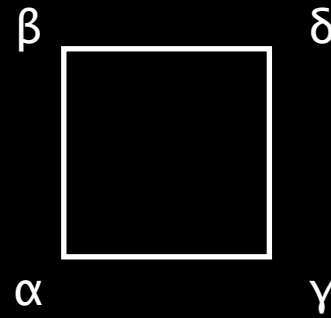
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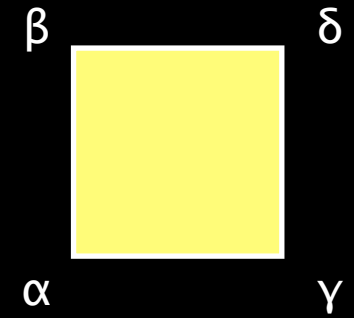
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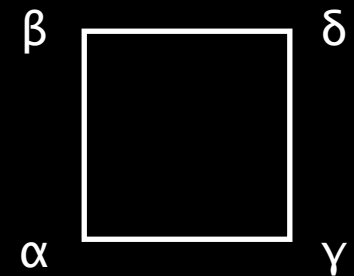
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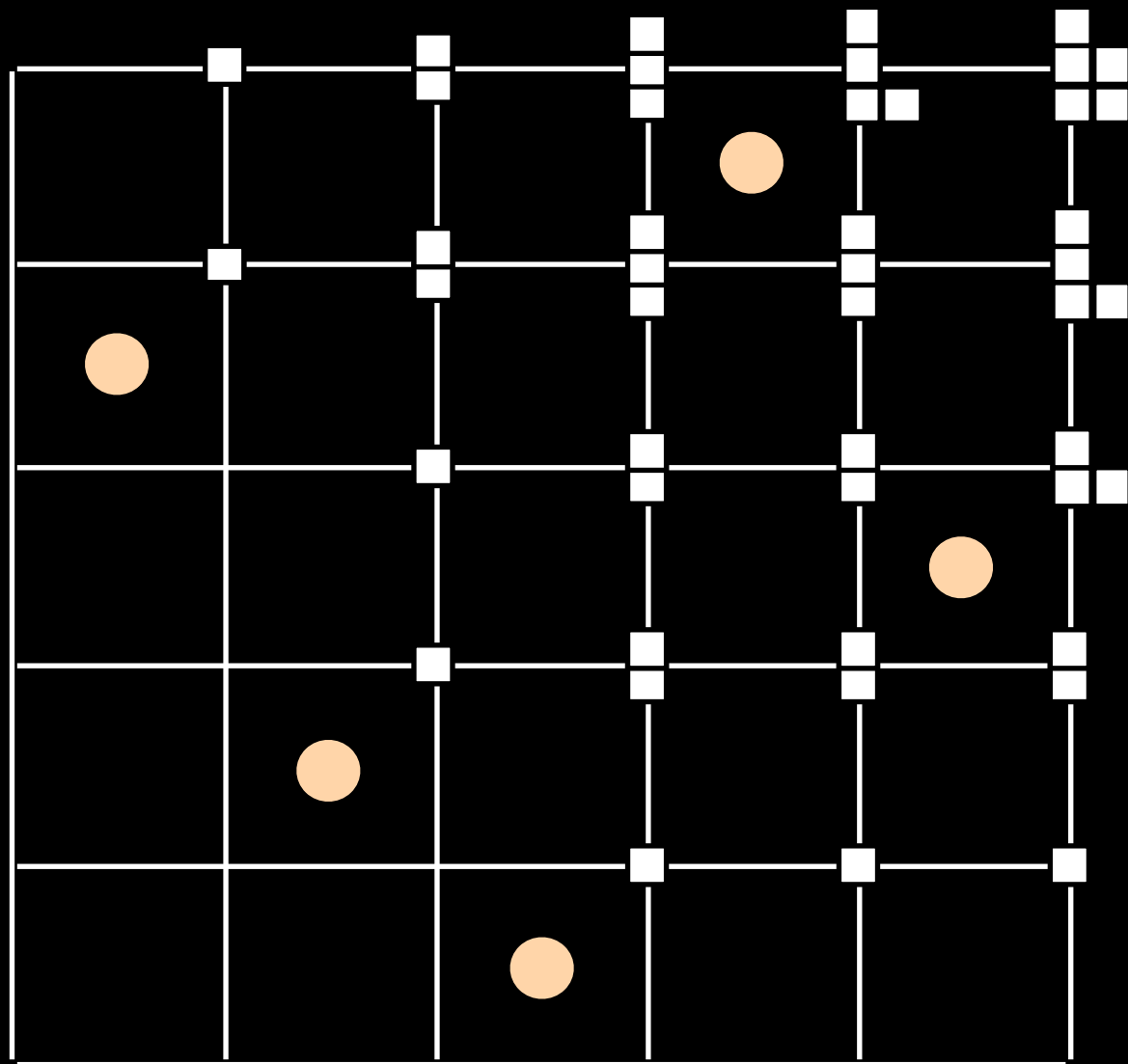


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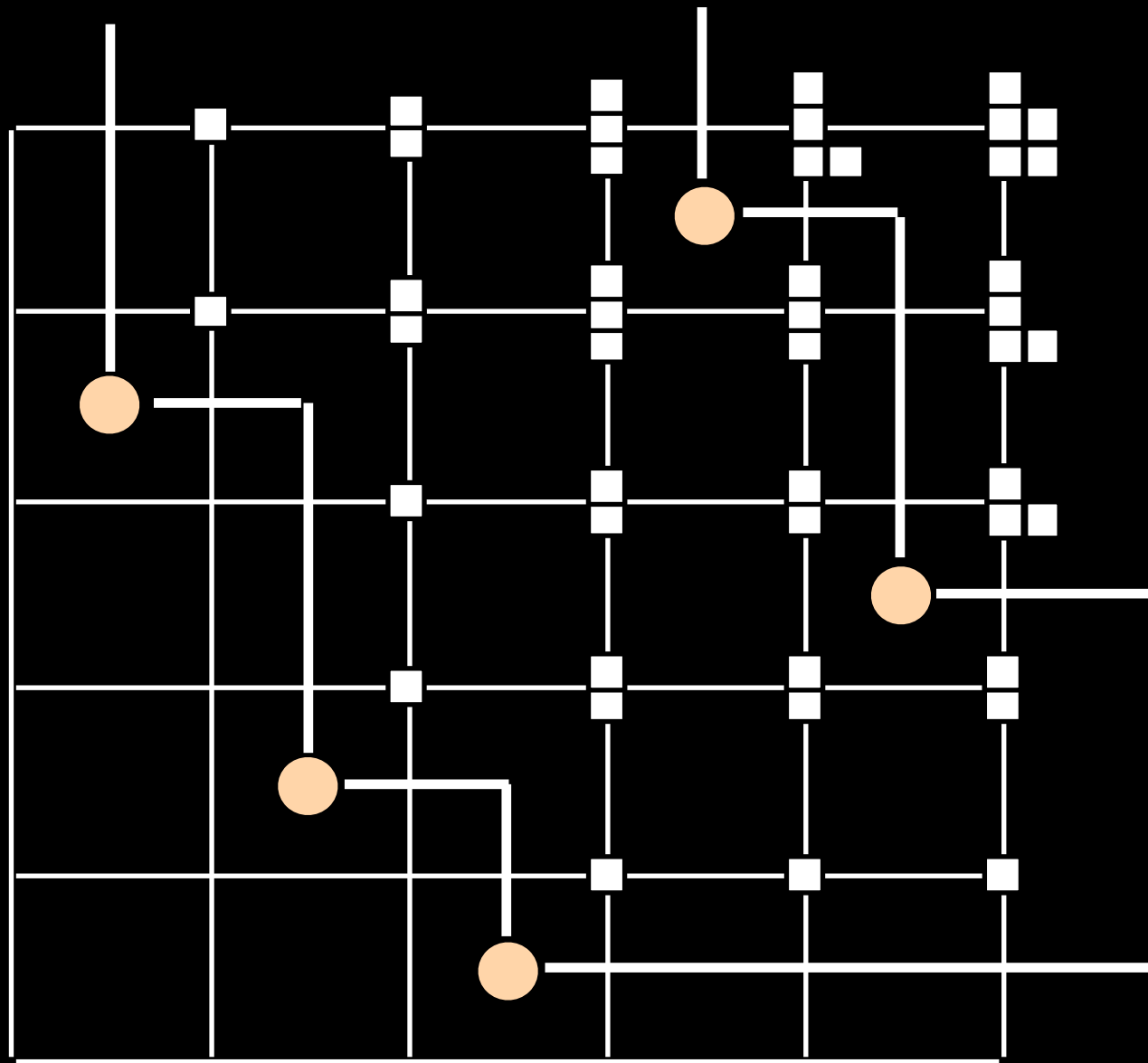
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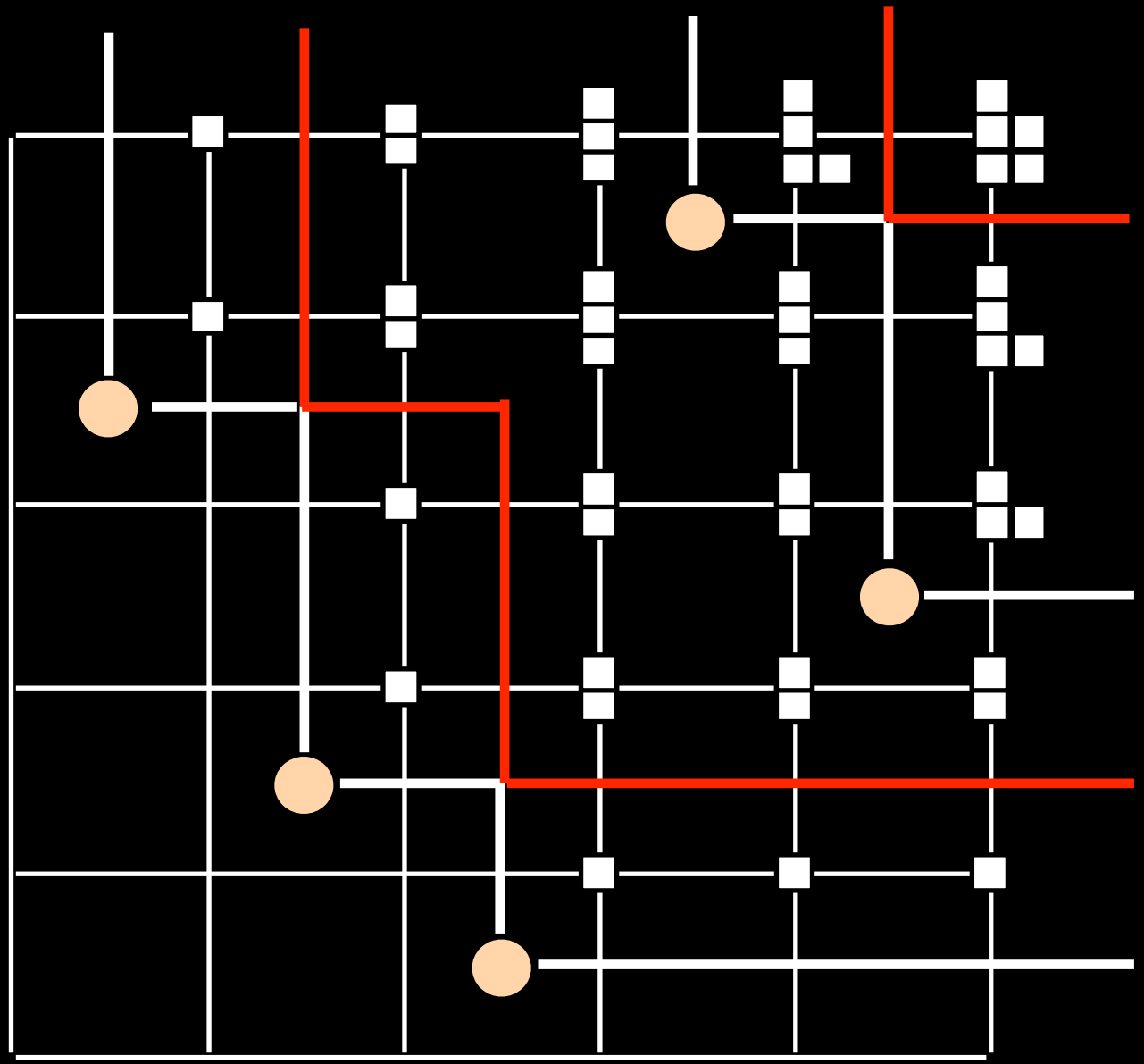


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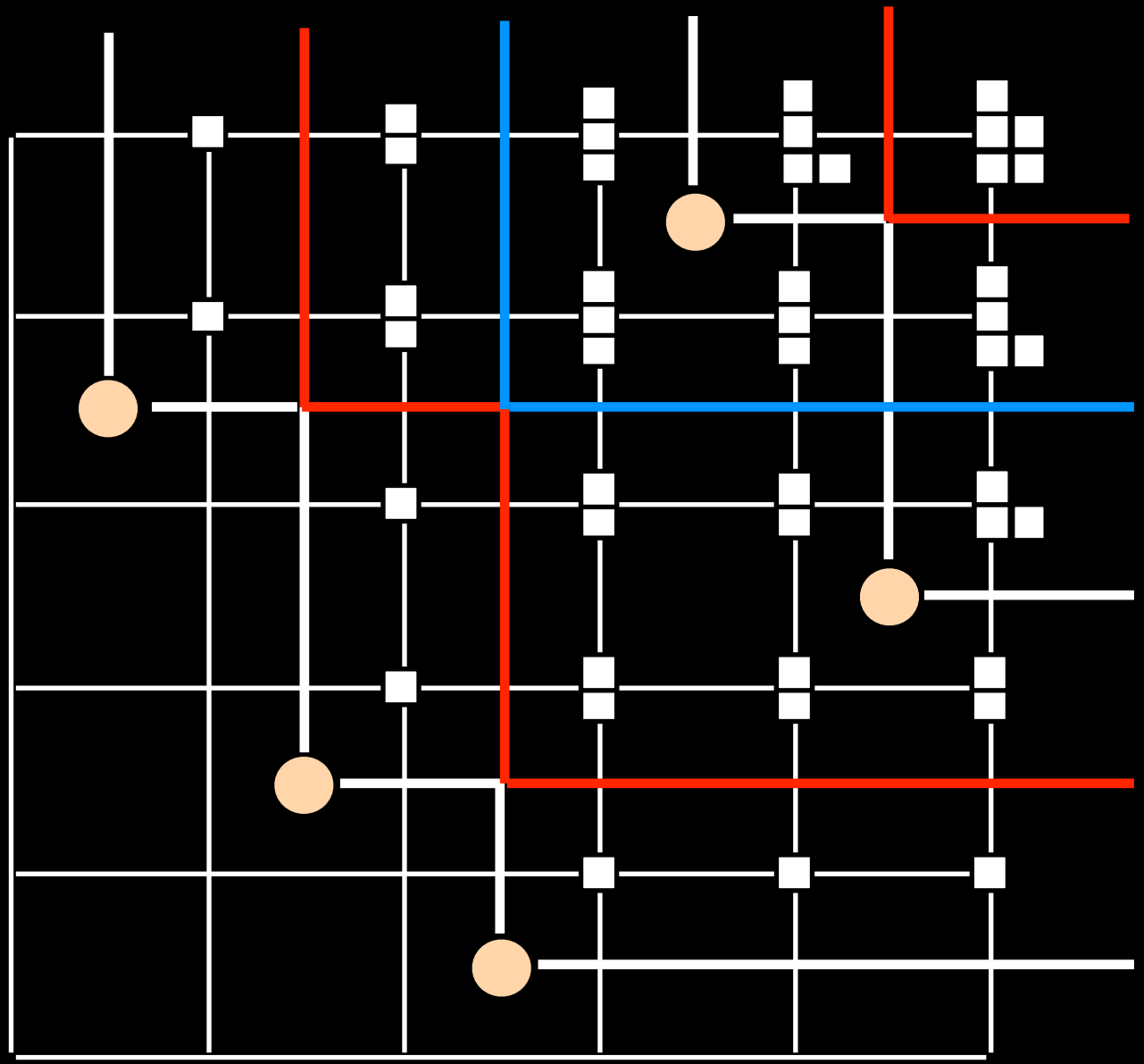


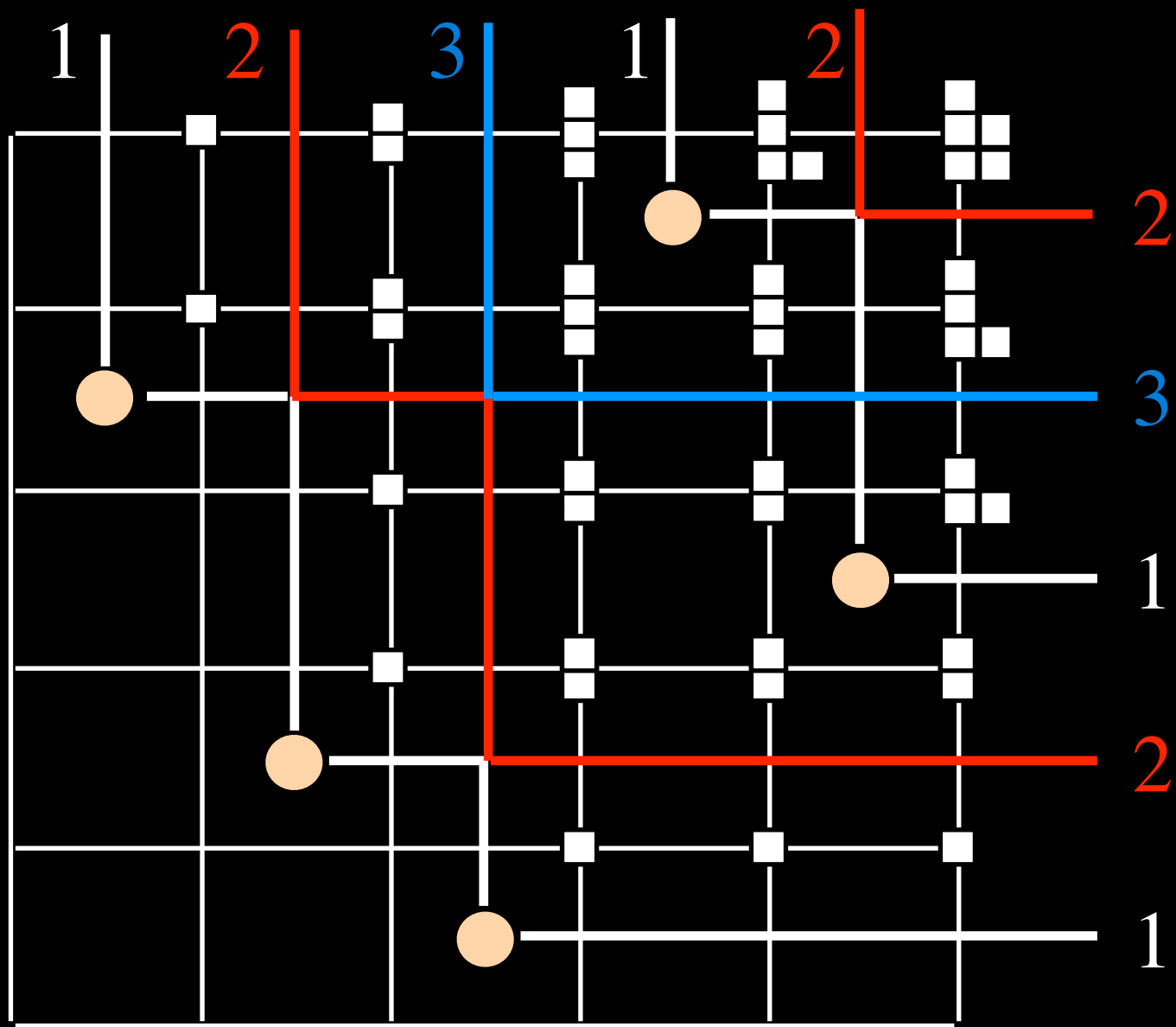
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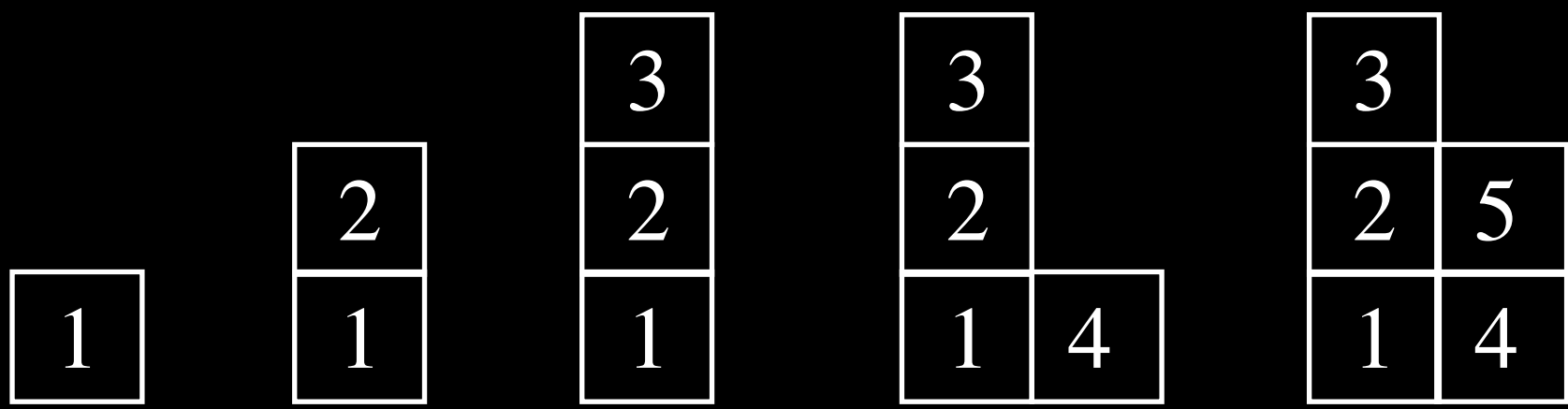
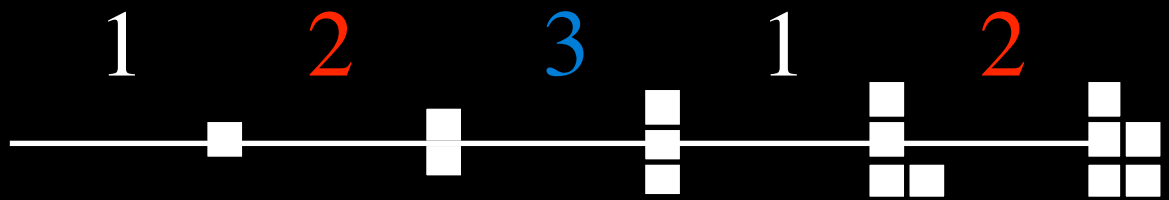












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Yamanuchi word

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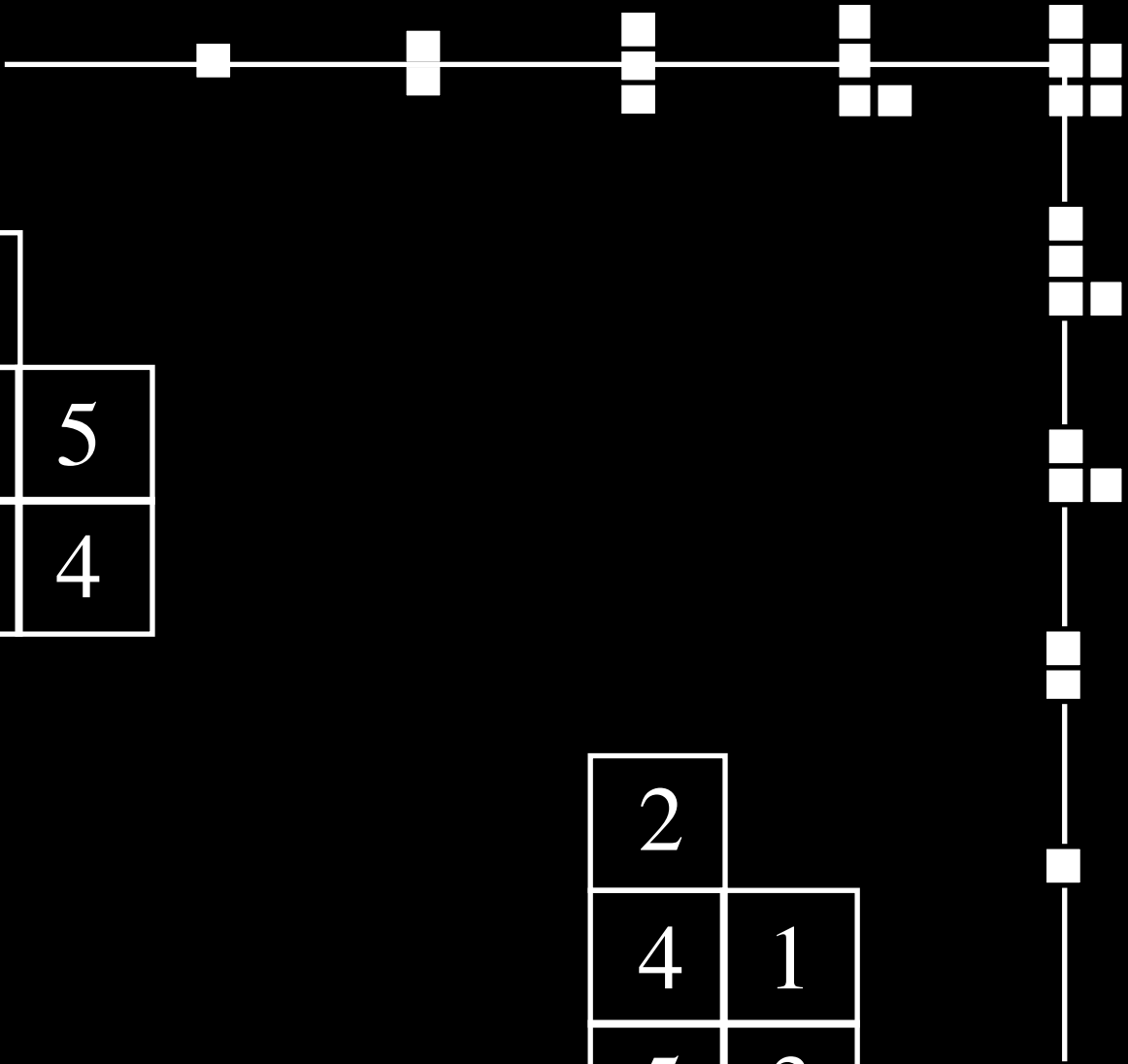
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complement:

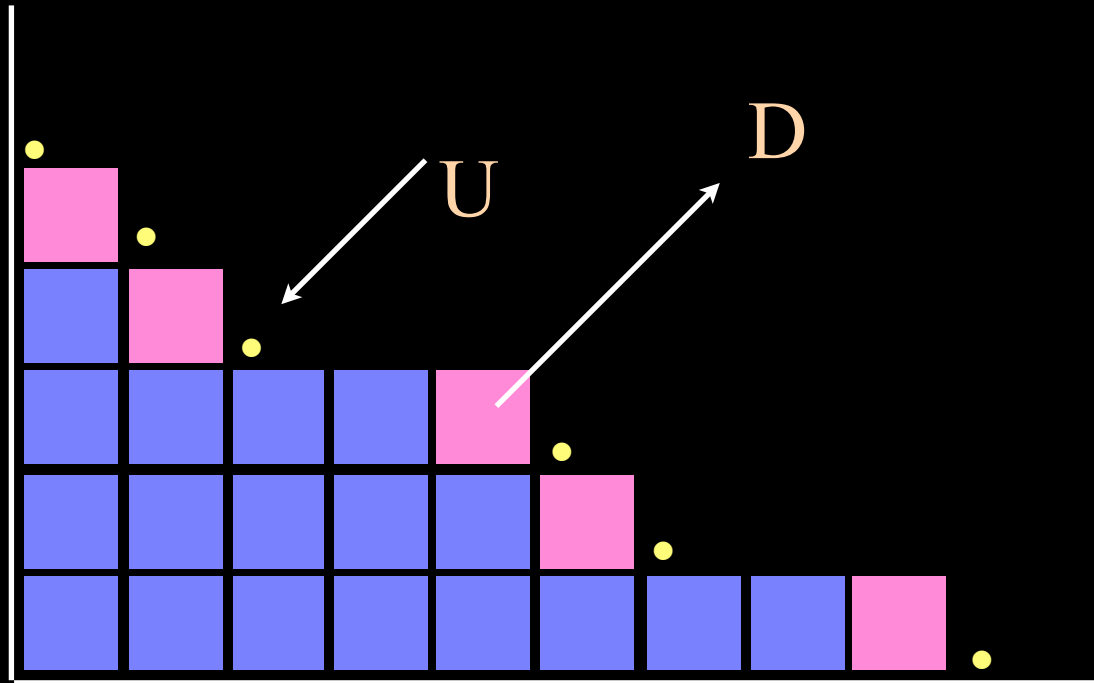
combinatorial representation of the algebra

$$DU = UD + Id$$



Sergey Fomin  
(with C. K.)

# Operators U and D



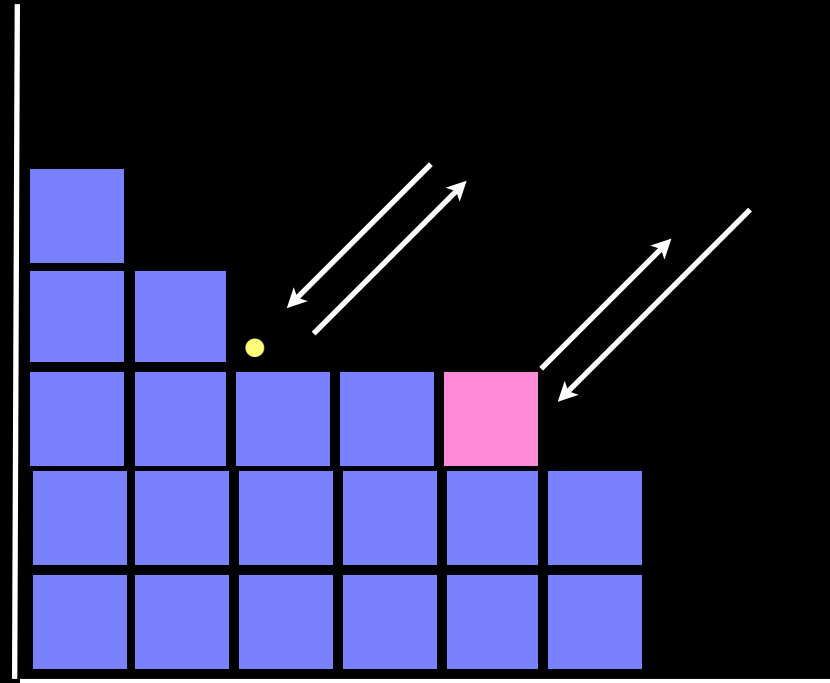
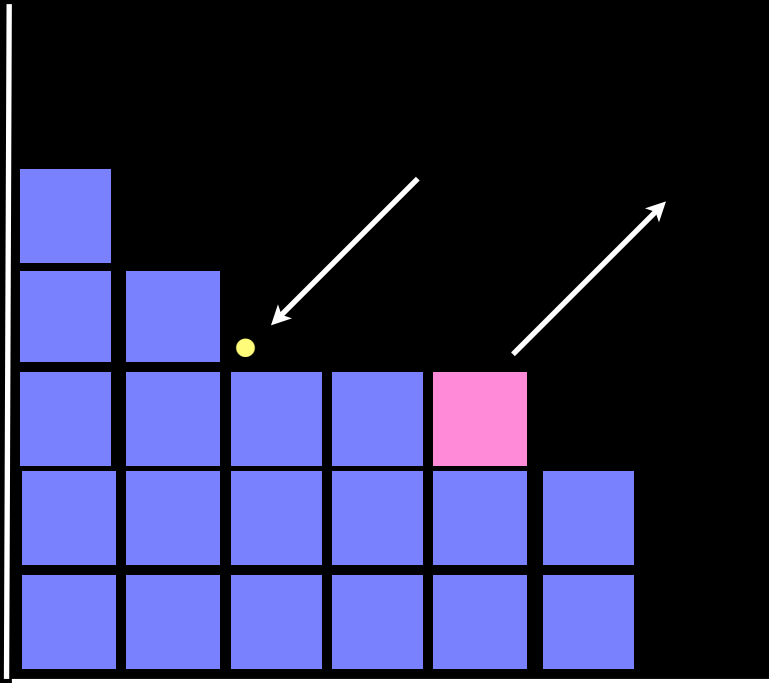
adding  
or deleting  
a cell in  
a Ferrers  
diagram

Young lattice

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} U = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square & \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \blacksquare \\ \hline \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \blacksquare & & \\ \hline \square & \square & \\ \hline \square & \square & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

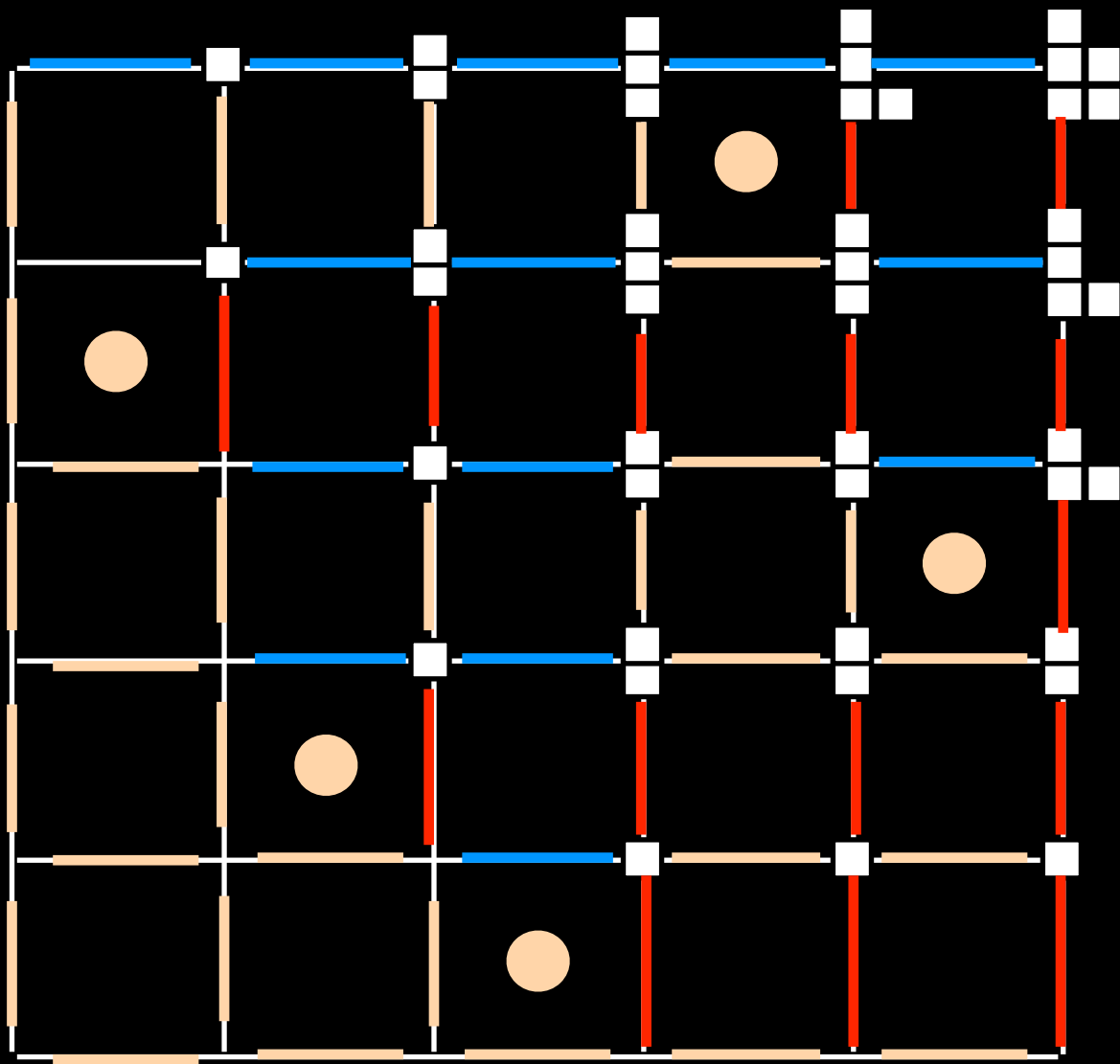
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$$UD = DU + I$$





I



U →

D



I

# "The cellular Ansatz"

Physics

"normal ordering"

$$UD = DU + Id$$

Weyl-Heisenberg

combinatorial  
objects  
on a 2d lattice

representation  
by operators

bijections

permutations

RSK



pairs of Tableaux Young

quadratic algebra  $Q$

$Q$ -tableaux

commutations  
rewriting rules



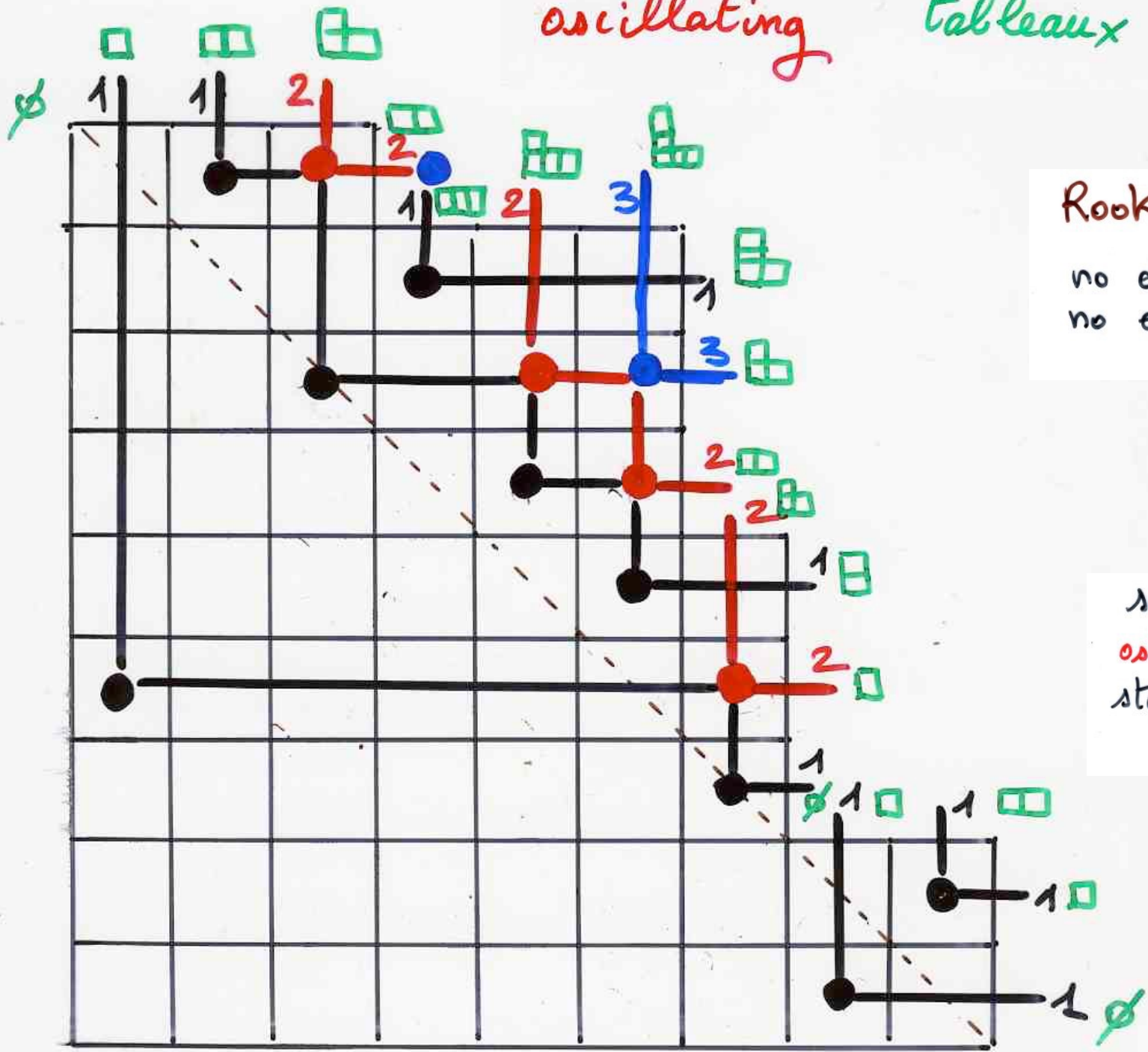
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« Quadratic algebra  
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planarization

oscillating tableaux

# oscillating tableaux

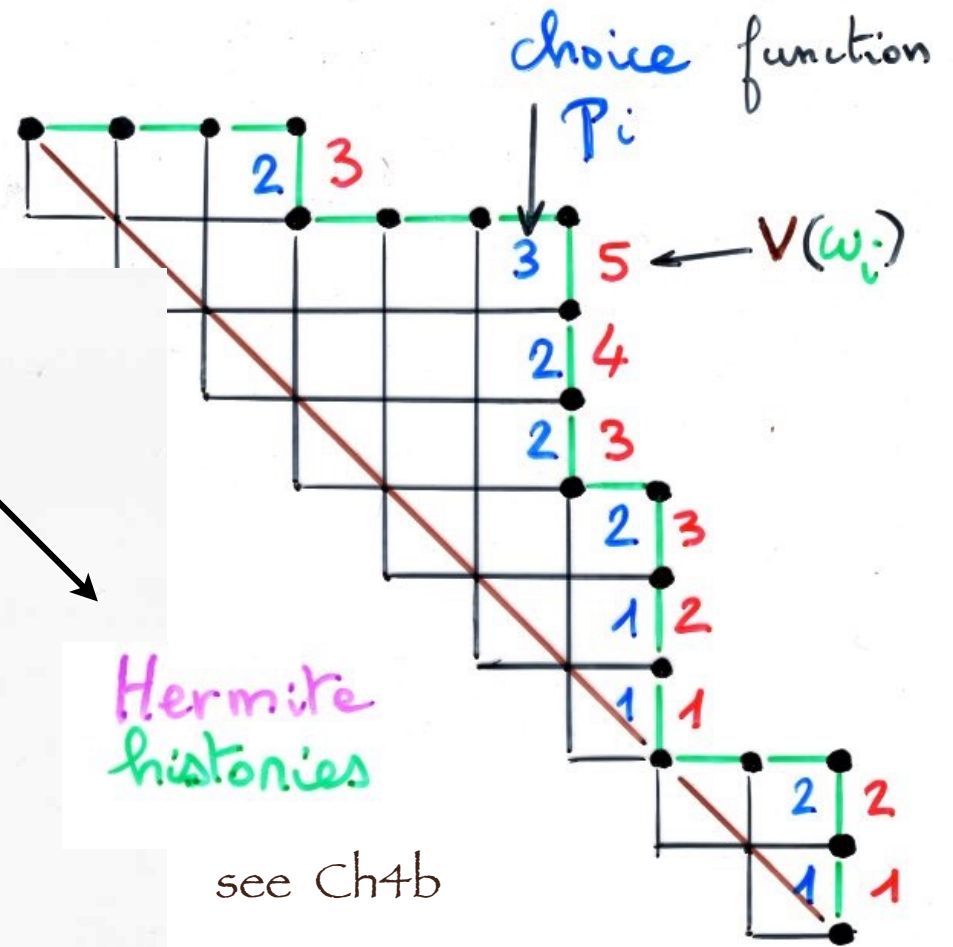
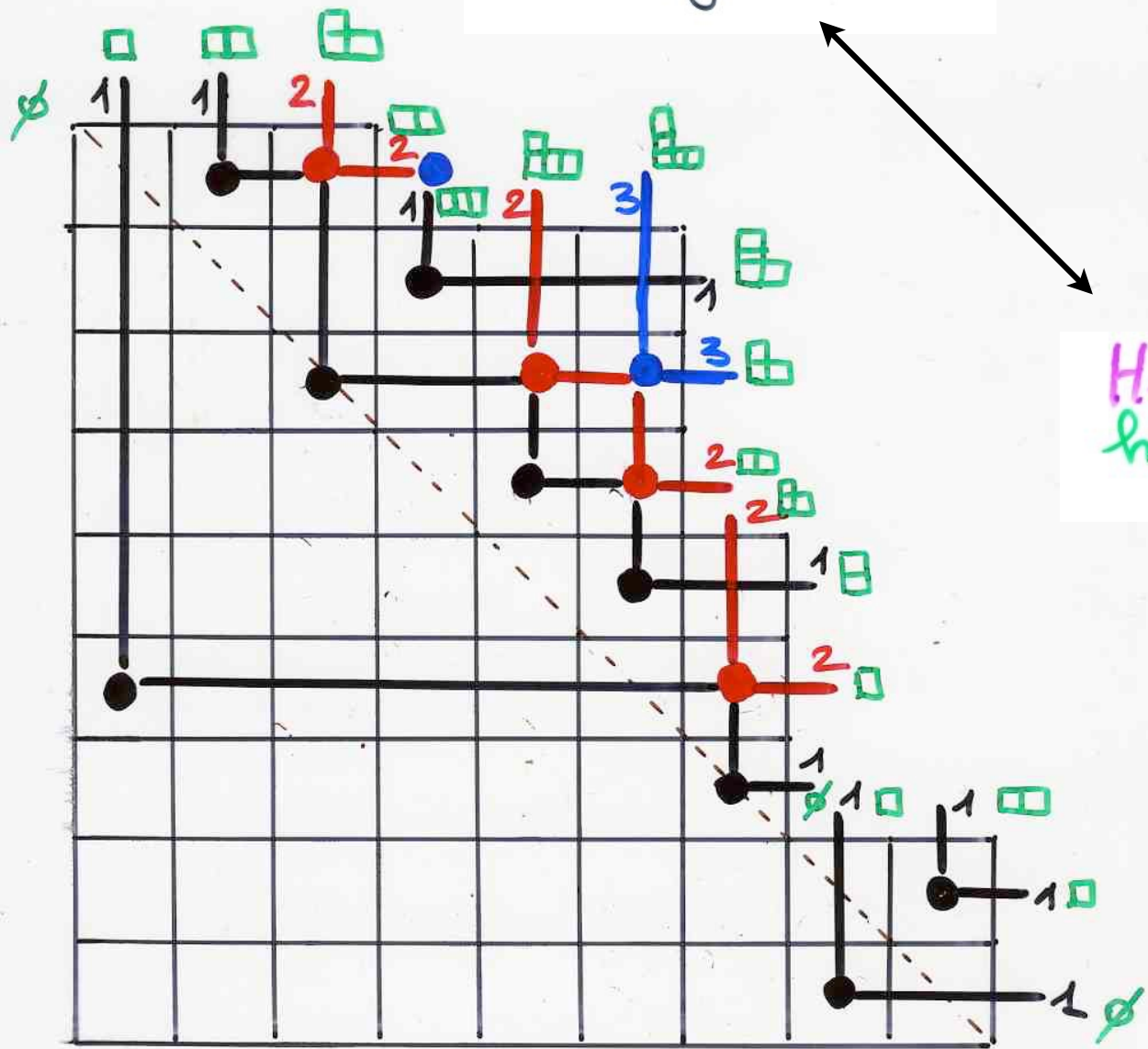


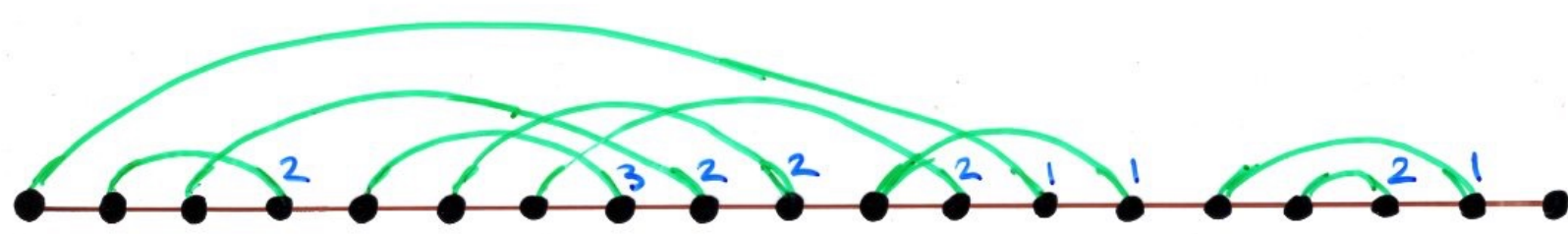
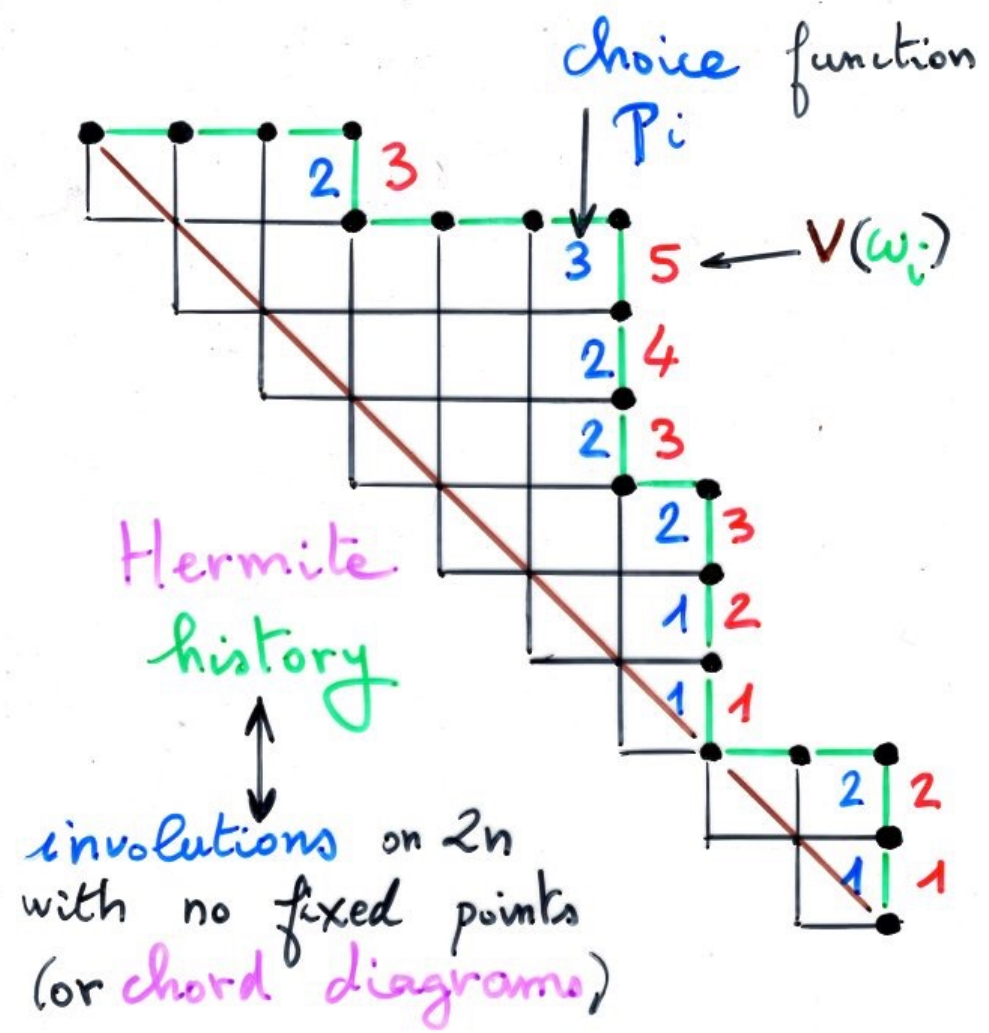
Rook placements  
with  
no empty row  
no empty column



sequences of  
oscillating tableaux  
starting and ending  
at  $\emptyset$

Rook placements  
with  
no empty row  
no empty column





sequences of  
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involutions on  $2n$   
with no fixed points  
(or chord diagrams)

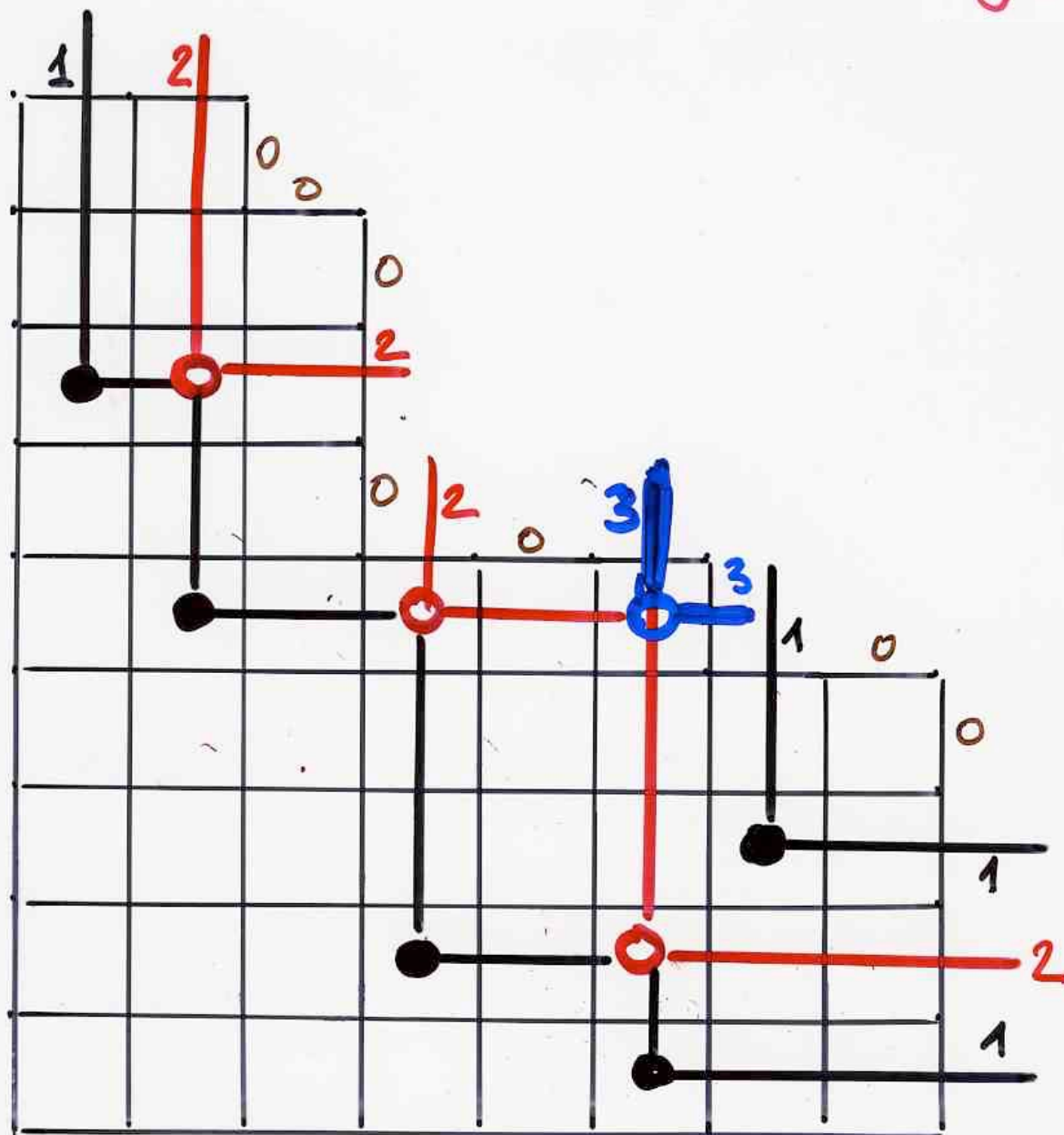


Hermite  
histories

2-colored

oscillating

tableaux



involutions on  $2n$   
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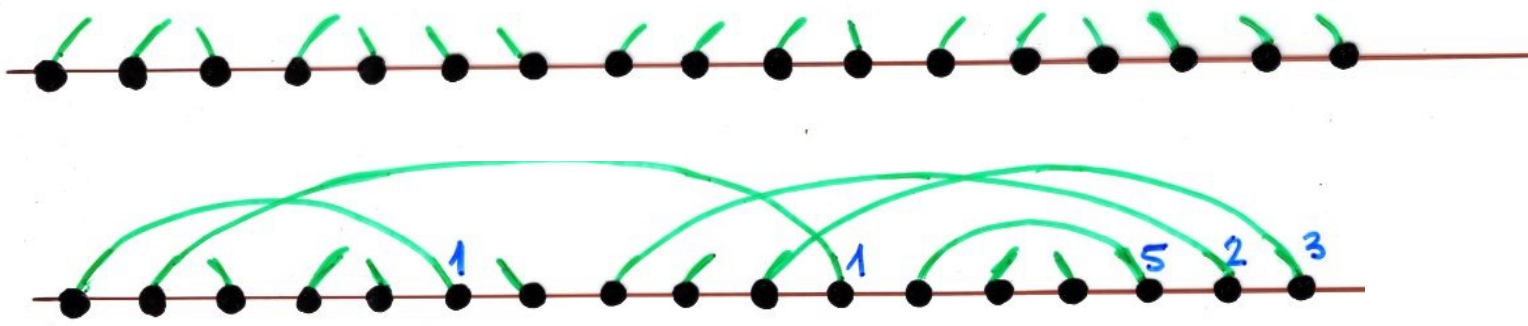
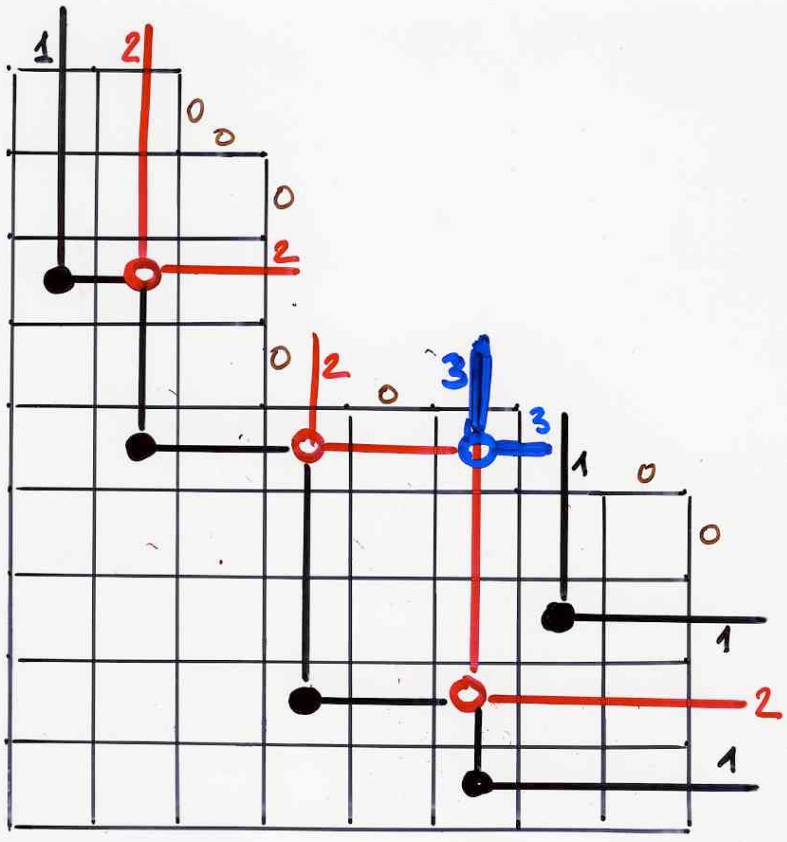


Rook placements



sequences of  $2n$   
2-colored oscillating tableaux  
starting and ending at  $\emptyset$



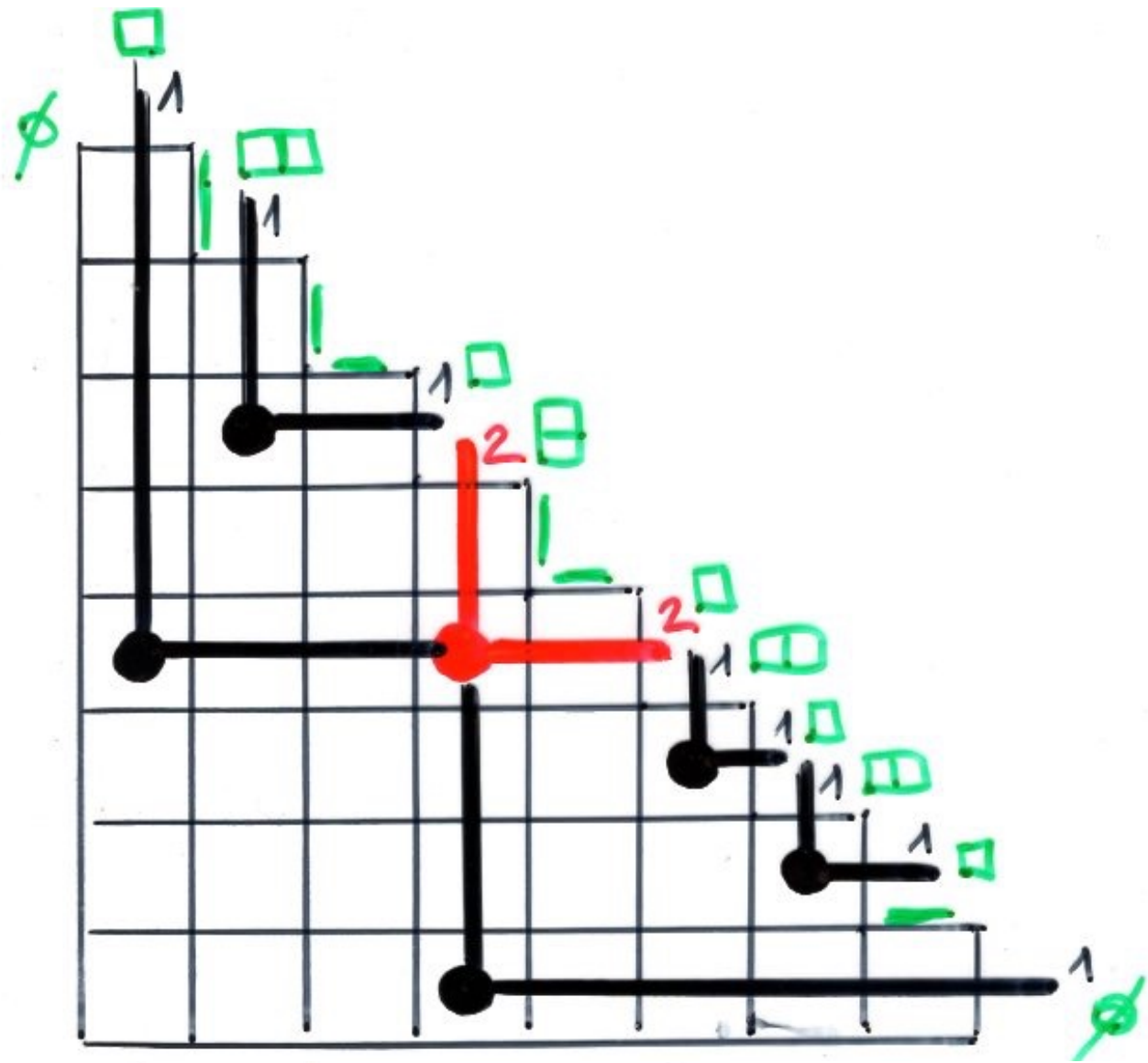




exercise Find a bijection  
between Rook placements in a  
staircase shape  
and partitions (of sets)

shape with  $n$  rows and columns  
 $k$  rooks  
↕  
partition on  $(n+1)$  elements  
with  $(n+1-k)$  blocks





vacillating tableaux  
hesitating tableaux

exercise Read (part of) the paper

W.Chen, E.Deng, R. Du, R. Stanley, C. Yan

arXiv:math.CO/0501230. Trans.A.M.S. (2005)

and reprove the fact that  
rook placements in a staircase shape  
are in bijection with sequences of  
vacillating (resp. hesitating) tableaux  
[and thus with set partitions]

stammering tableaux

Josuat-Verges

arXiv:1601.02212  
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RS à RSK

extension  
to matrices

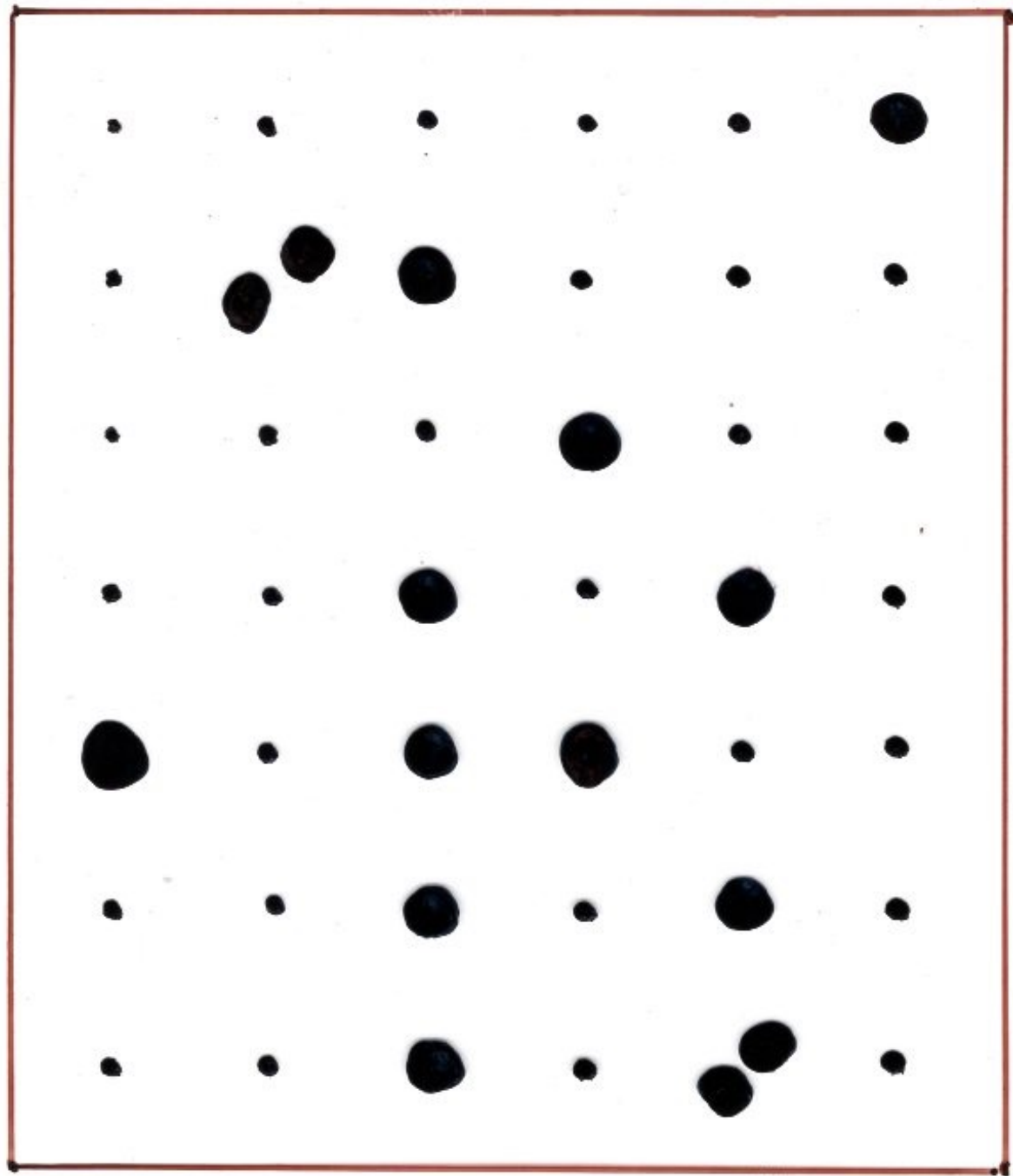
D. Knuth, 1970

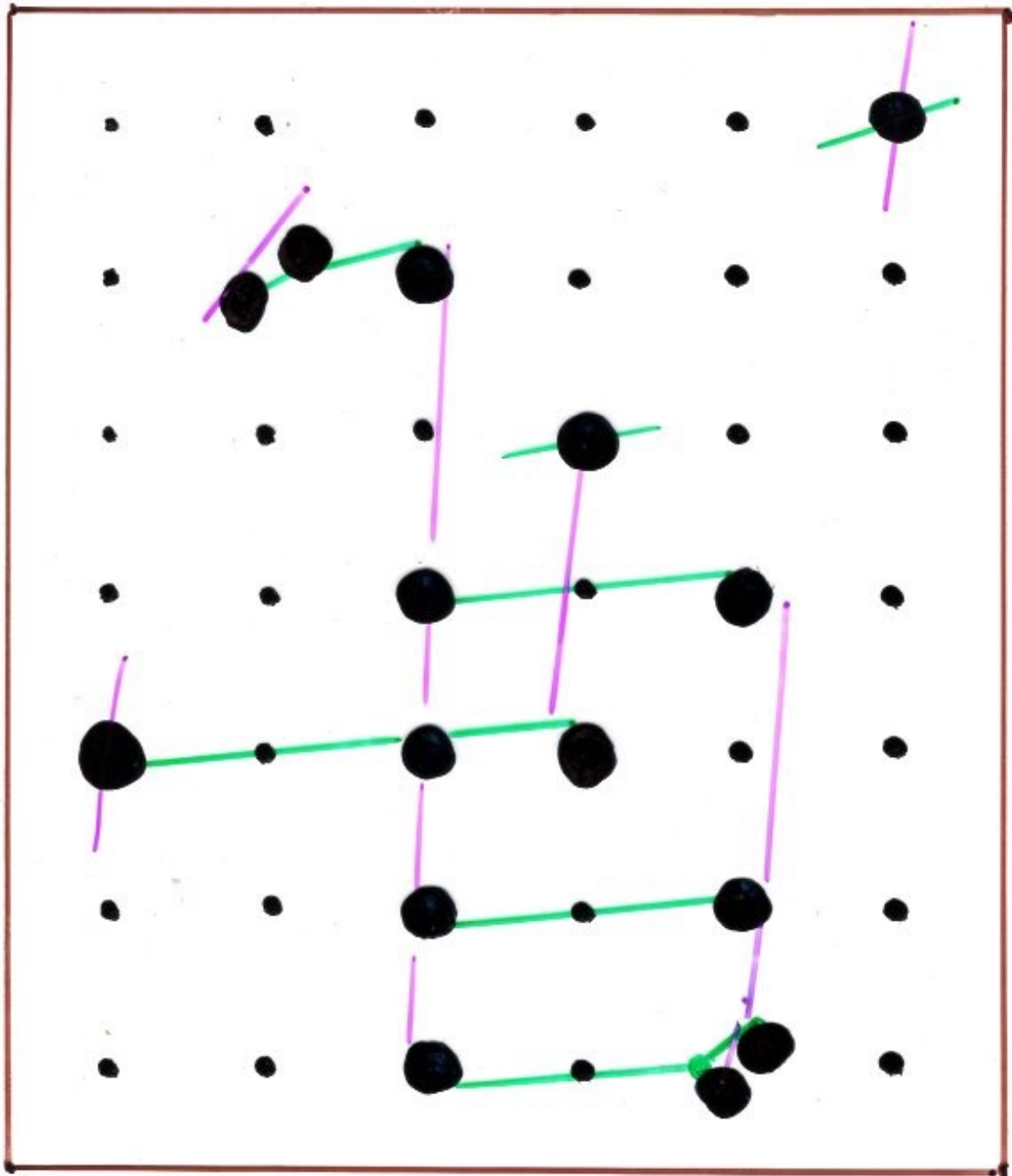


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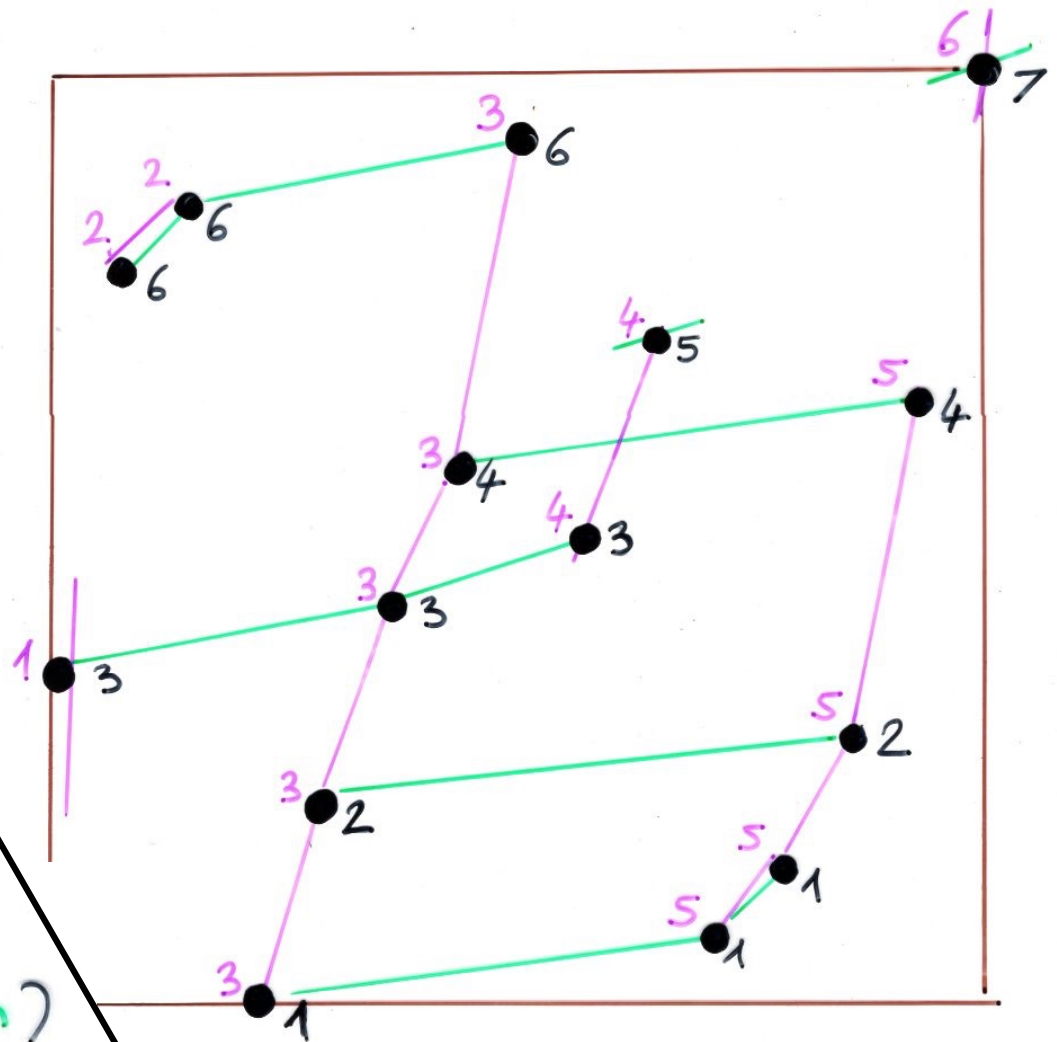
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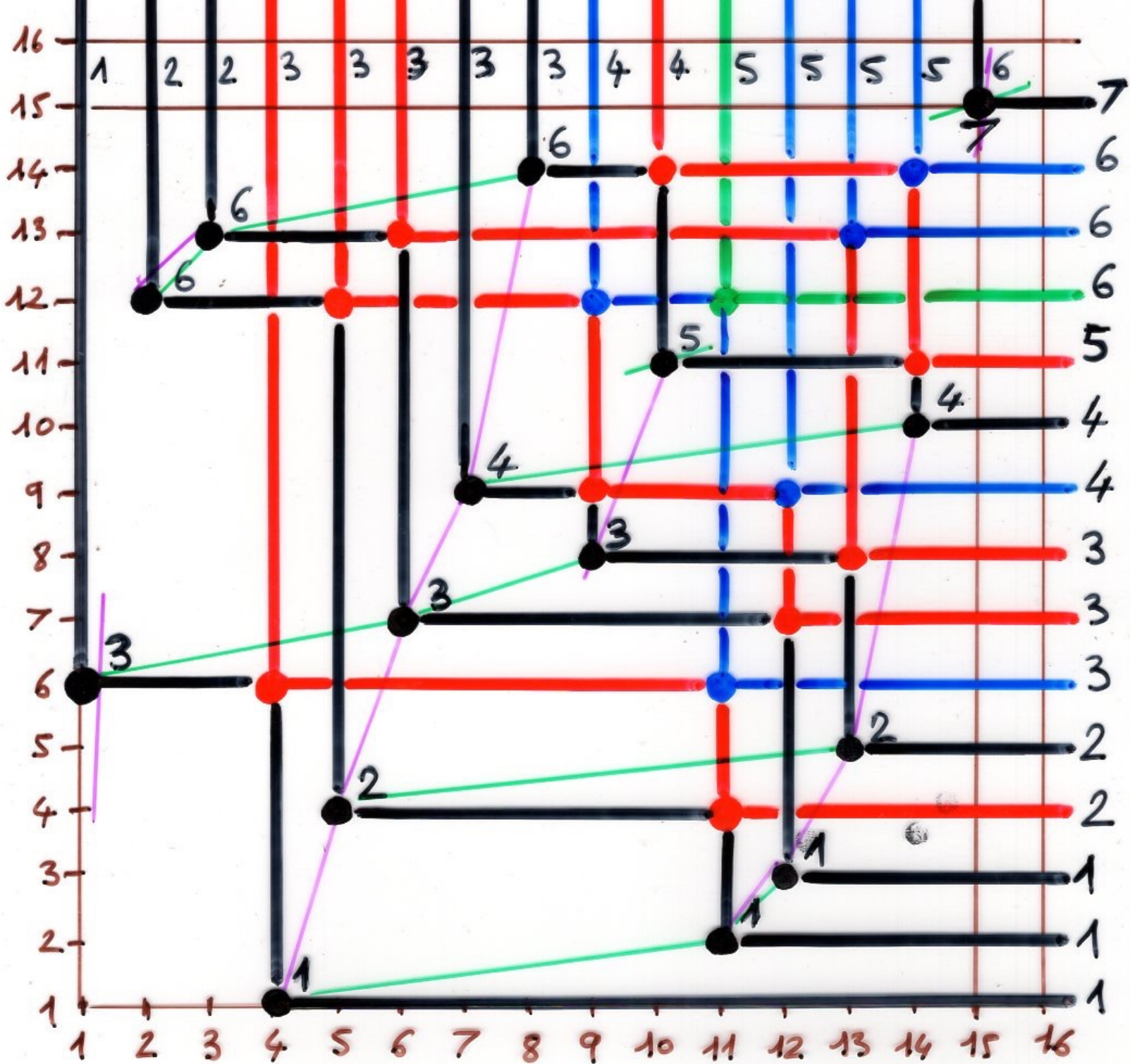


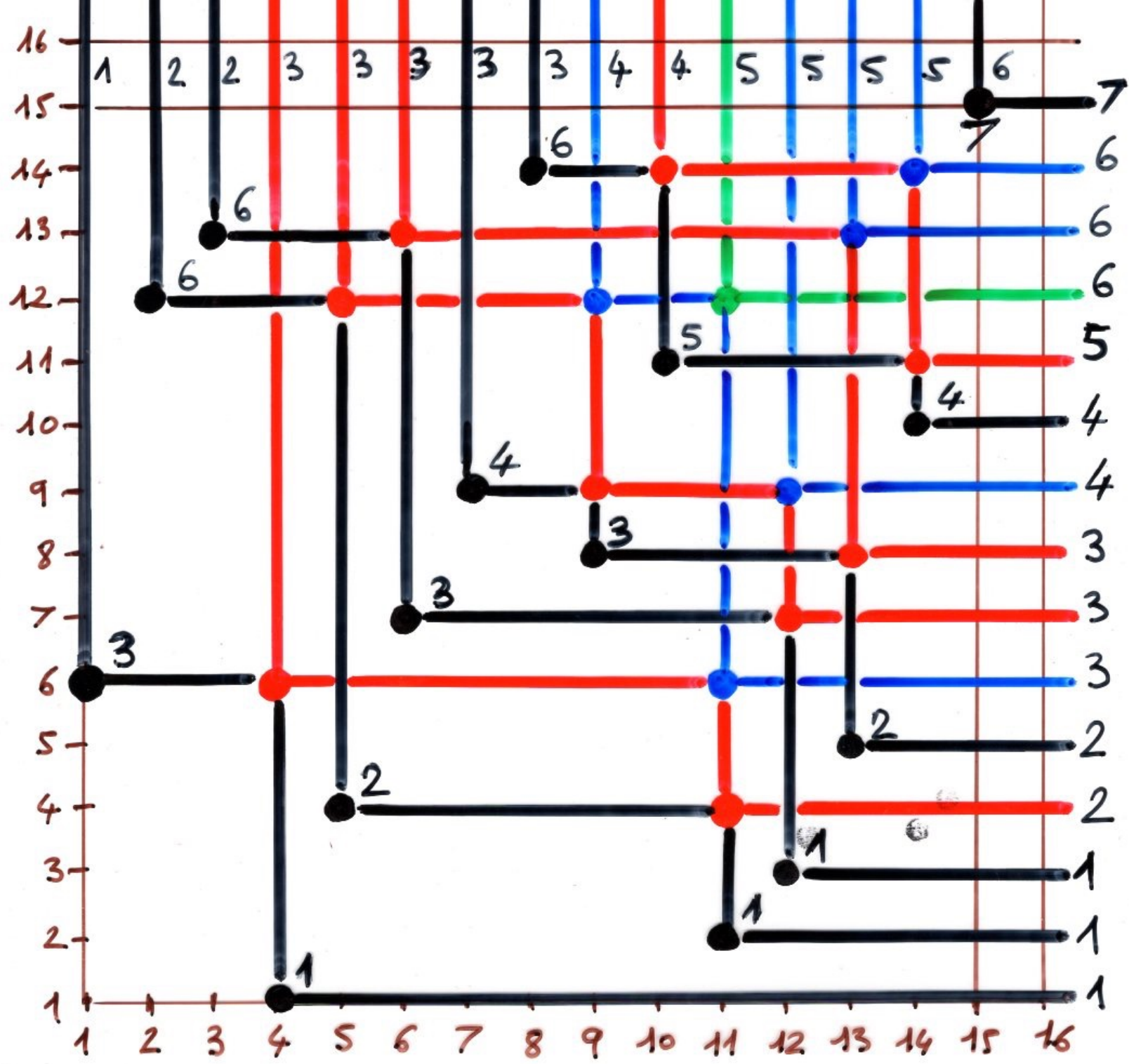
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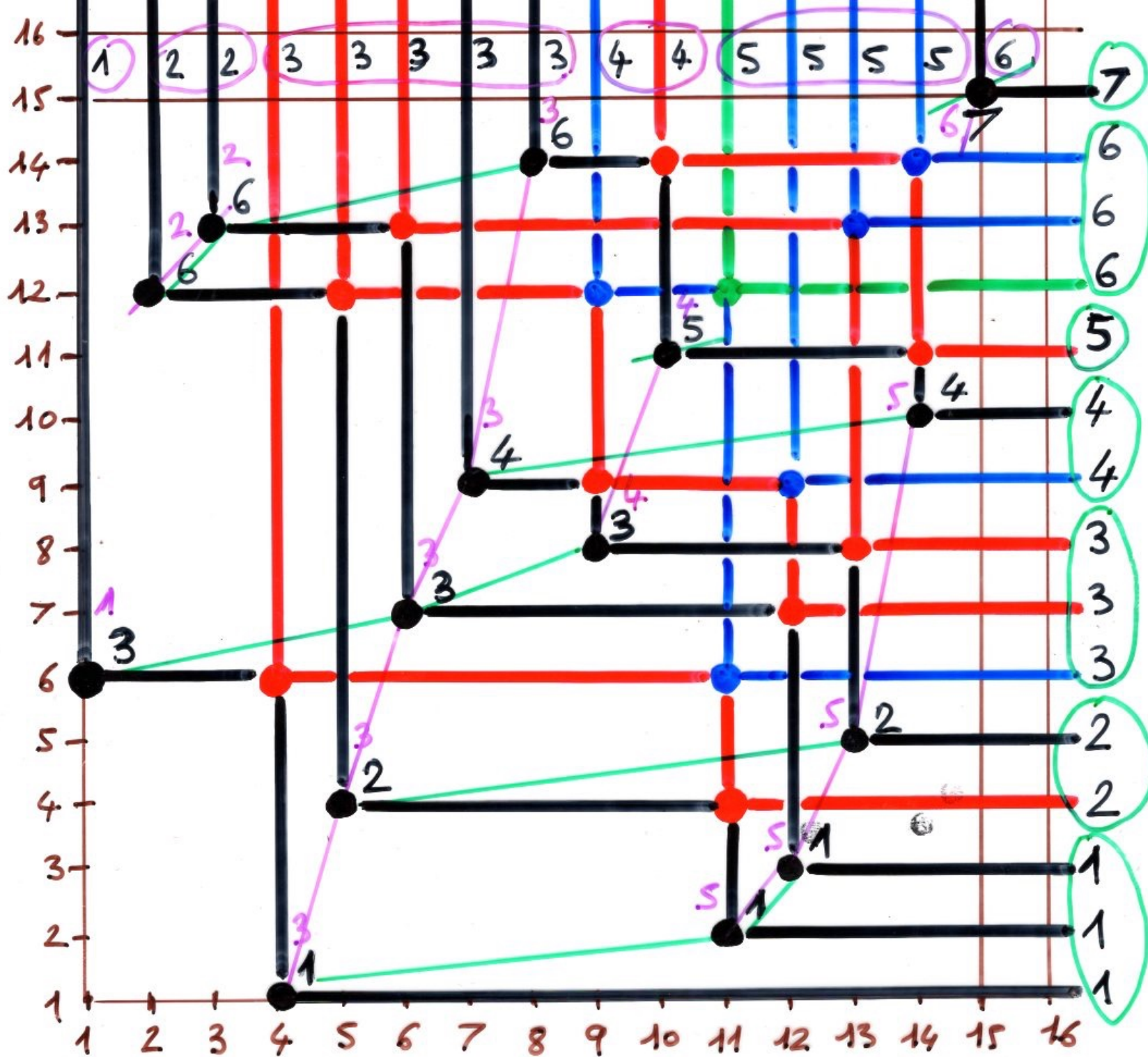


two-line array  
(or generalised permutation)

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 4 & 4 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 6 \\ \hline 3 & 6 & 6 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 6 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 7 \end{array} \right)$$







$M =$

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.	2	1	.	.	.
.	.	.	1	.	.
.	.	1	.	1	.
1	.	1	1	.	.
.	.	1	.	1	.
.	.	1	.	2	.

Fulton  
"matrix balls"  
construction

Amri Prasad  
"VRSK algorithm"

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 4 & 4 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 6 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

6					
3	4	6	6		
2	3	3	5		
1	1	1	2	4	7

$P(M)$

5					
4	5	5	5		
3	3	3	4		
1	2	2	3	3	6

$Q(M)$

Lauren Kelly Williams

App for iPad

available on the AppStore



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