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Chapter 1

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The Robinson-Schensted-correspondence (Ch1d)

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From Ch 1a, 1b, 1c

The Robinson-Schensted correspondence

Ch 1a - Schensted's insertions
- geometric version with "shadow lines »

Ch 1b - Fomin "local rules" or "growth diagrams »

Ch 1c - from a representation of the quadratic algebra $UD=DU+1$, deduce a bijection $(P, Q) \rightarrow Q$ -tableaux

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 & 10 & 2 & 5 & 8 & 4 & 9 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

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3	5	8		
1	2	4	7	9

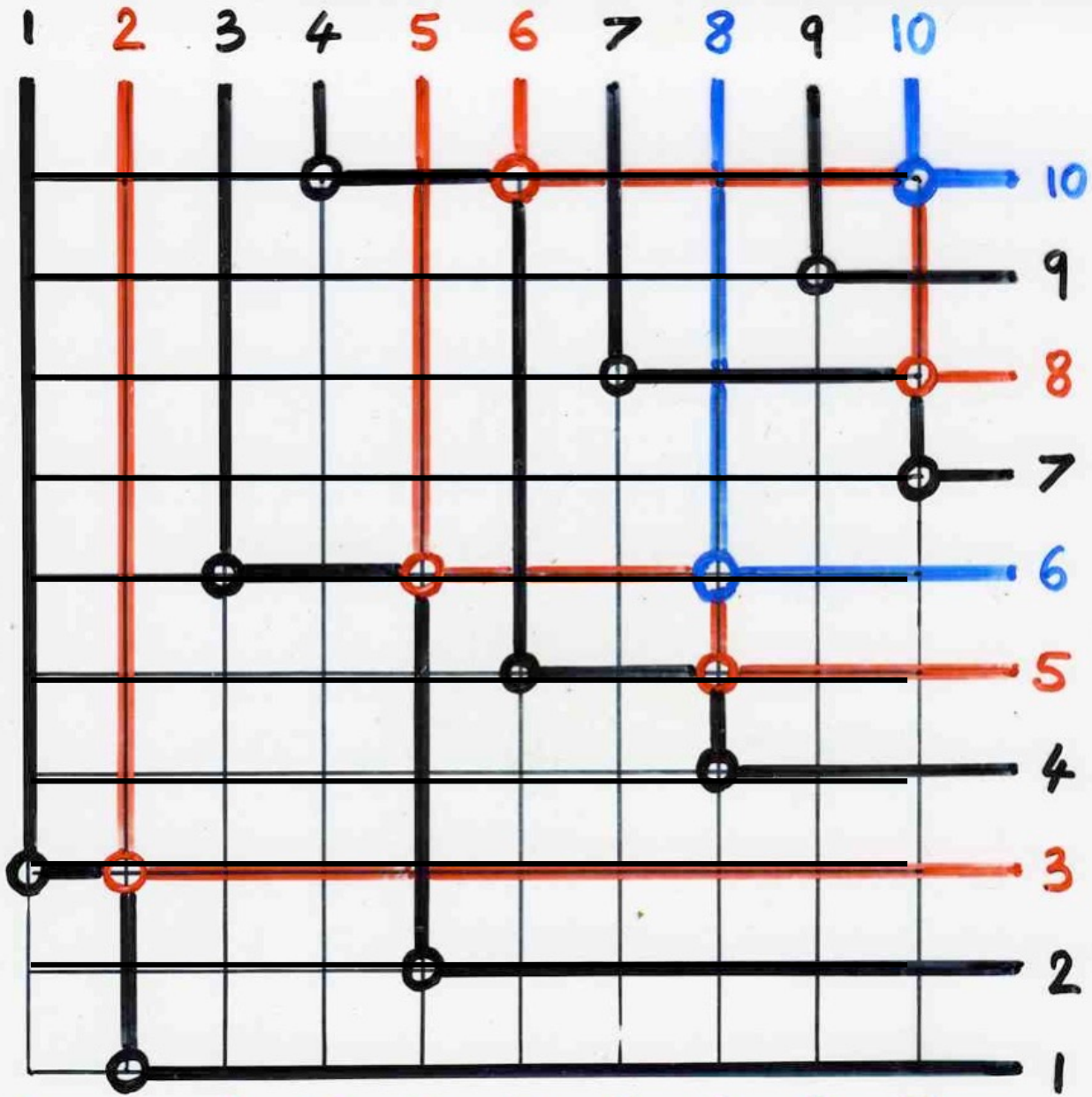
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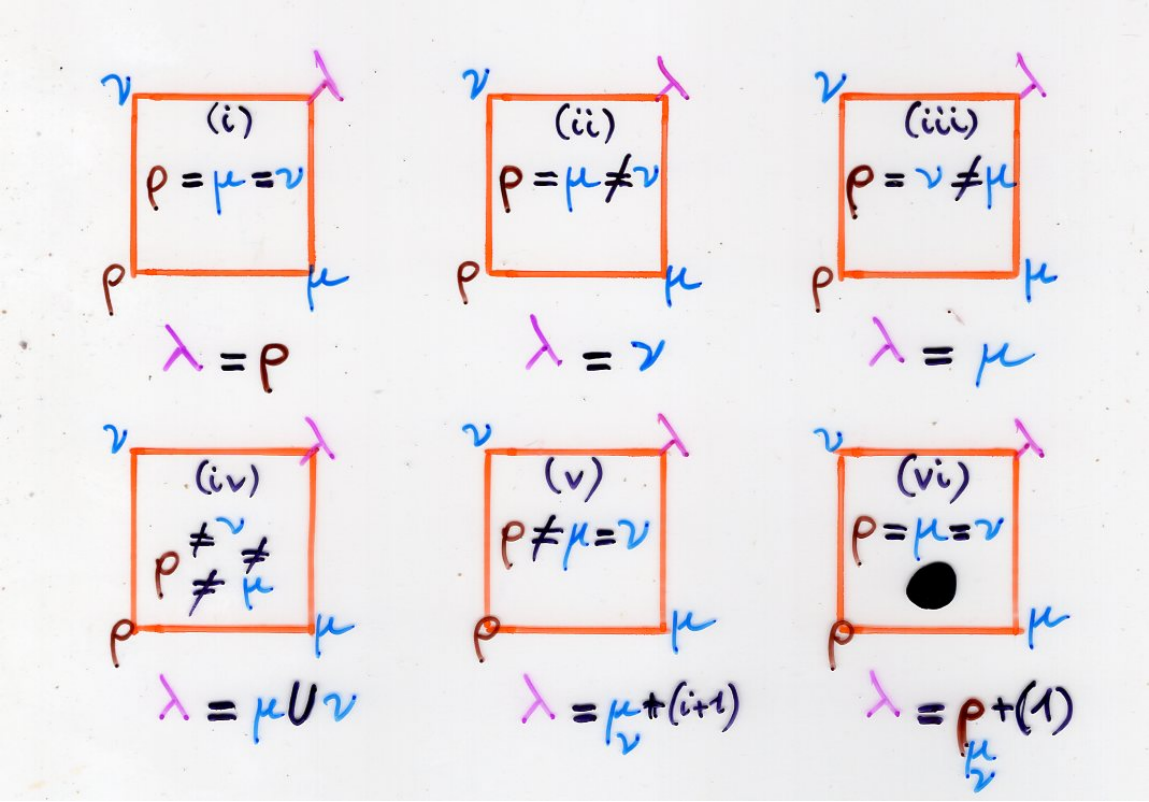
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The Robinson-Schensted correspondence between permutations and pairs of (standard) Young tableaux with the same shape

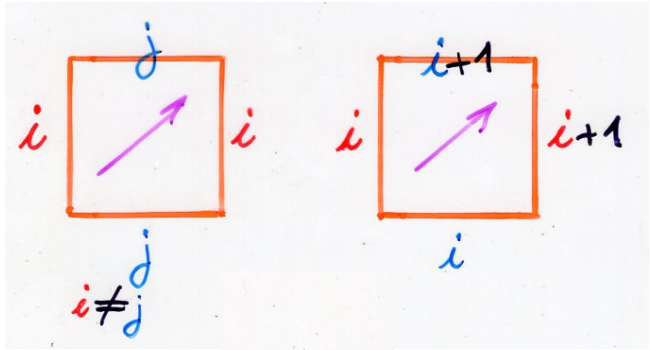
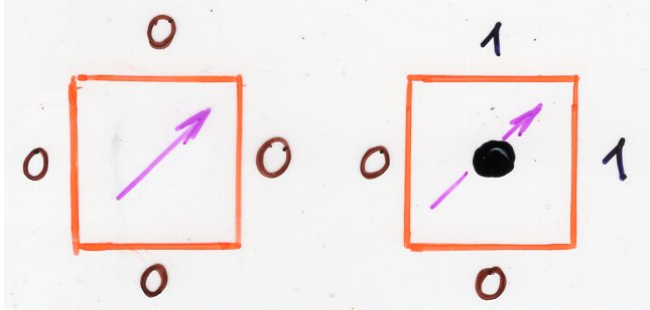


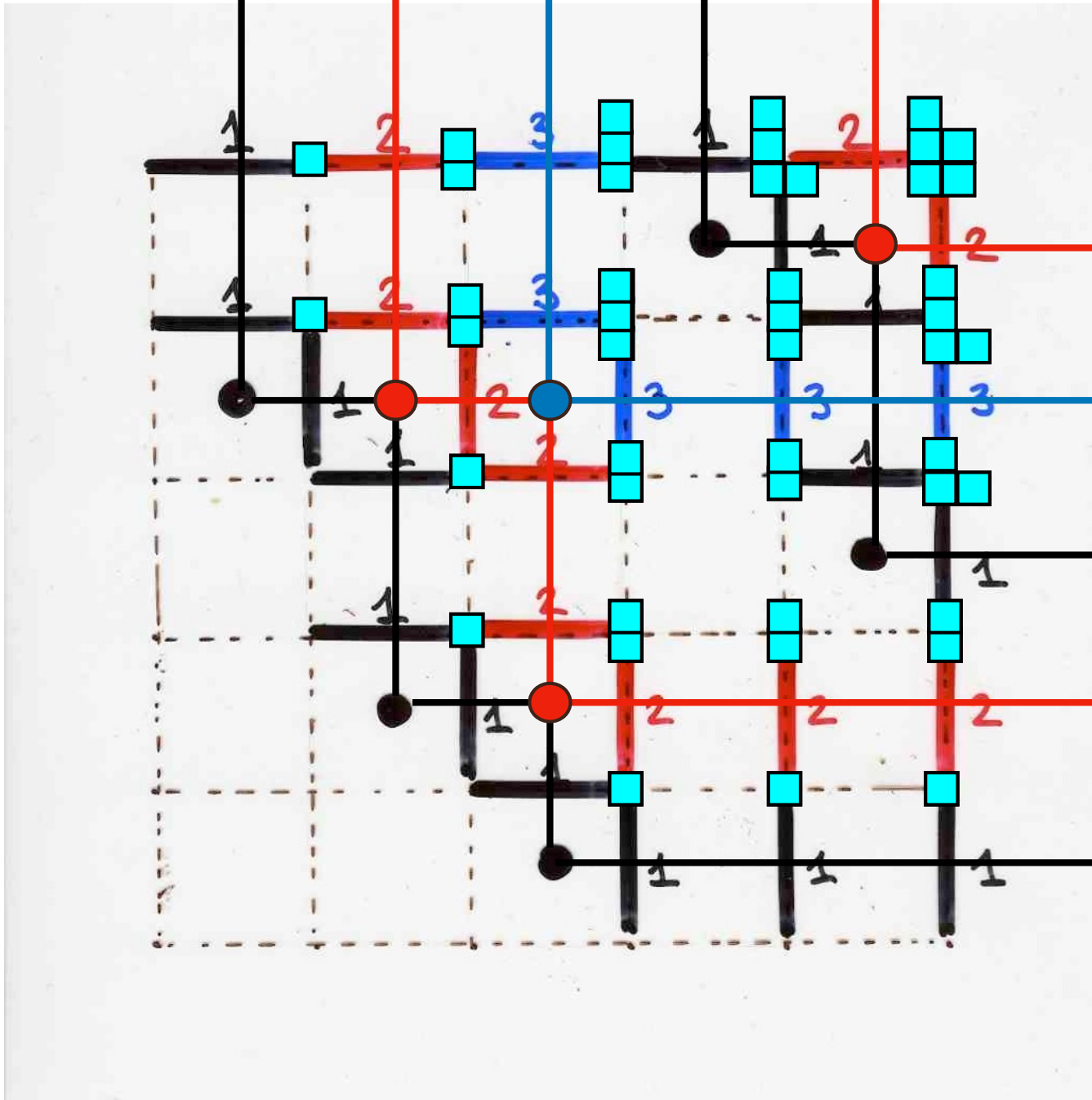
$\sigma = 3 \quad 1 \quad 6 \quad 10 \quad 2 \quad 5 \quad 8 \quad 4 \quad 9 \quad 7$

"local rules"
on the vertices

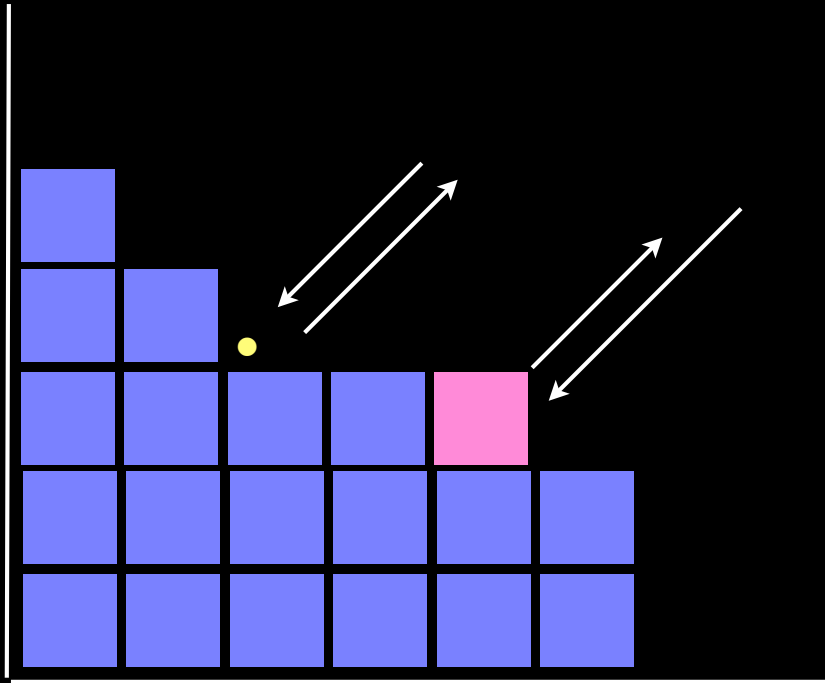
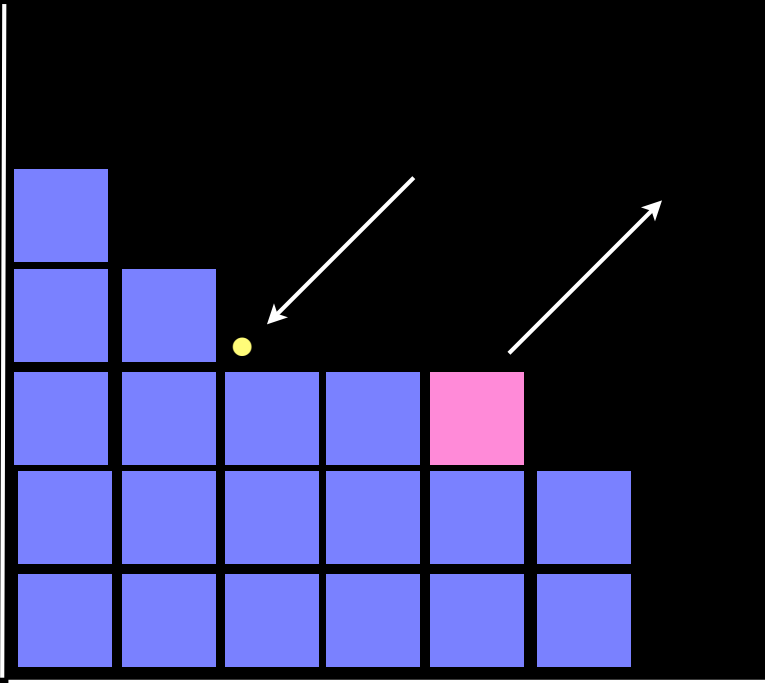


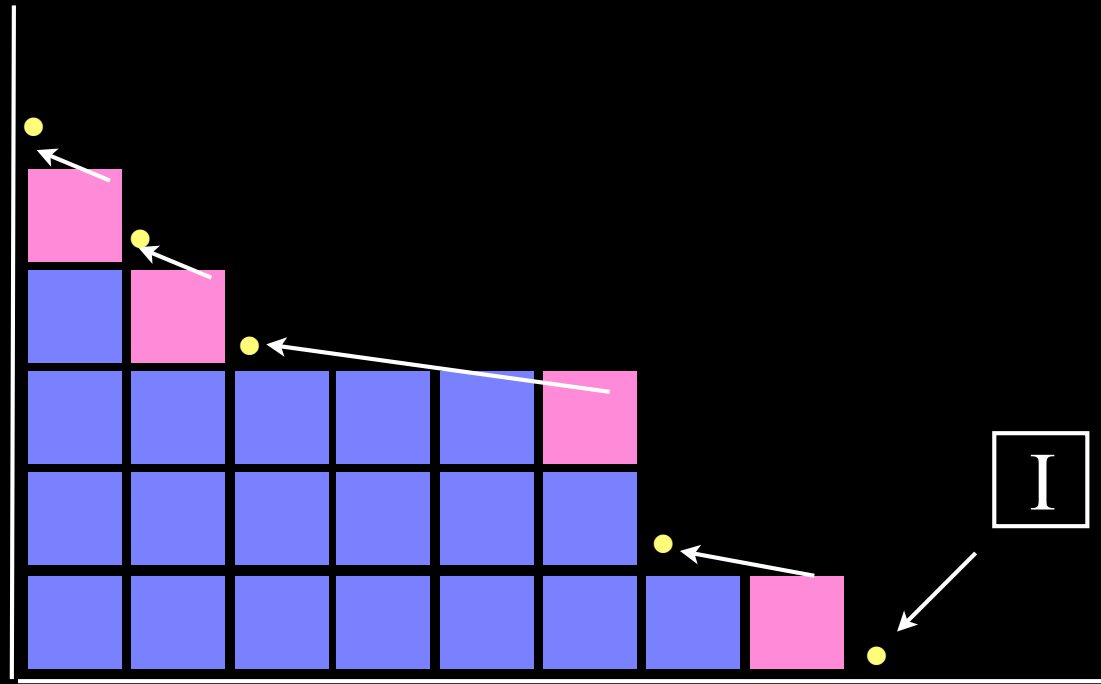
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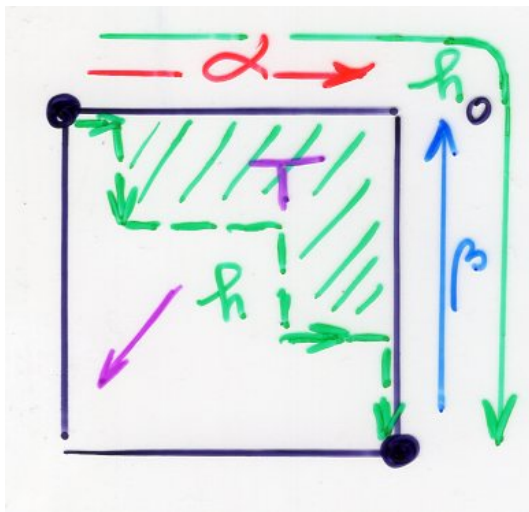
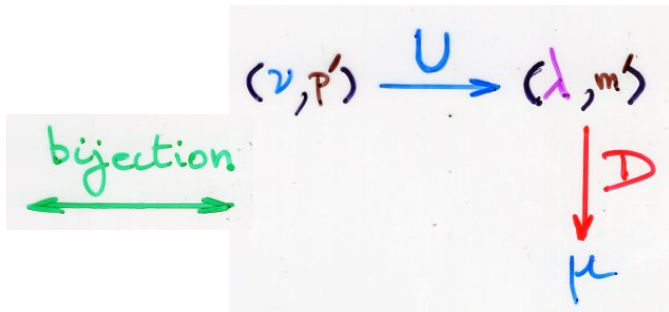
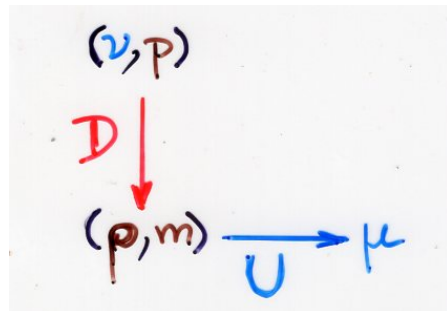
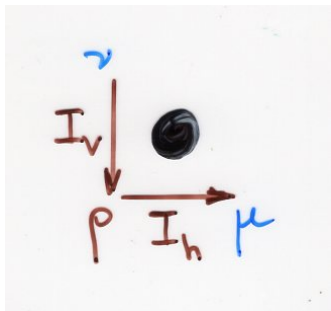
$$UD = DU + I$$





$$UD = DU + I_v I_h$$

"commutation diagrams"

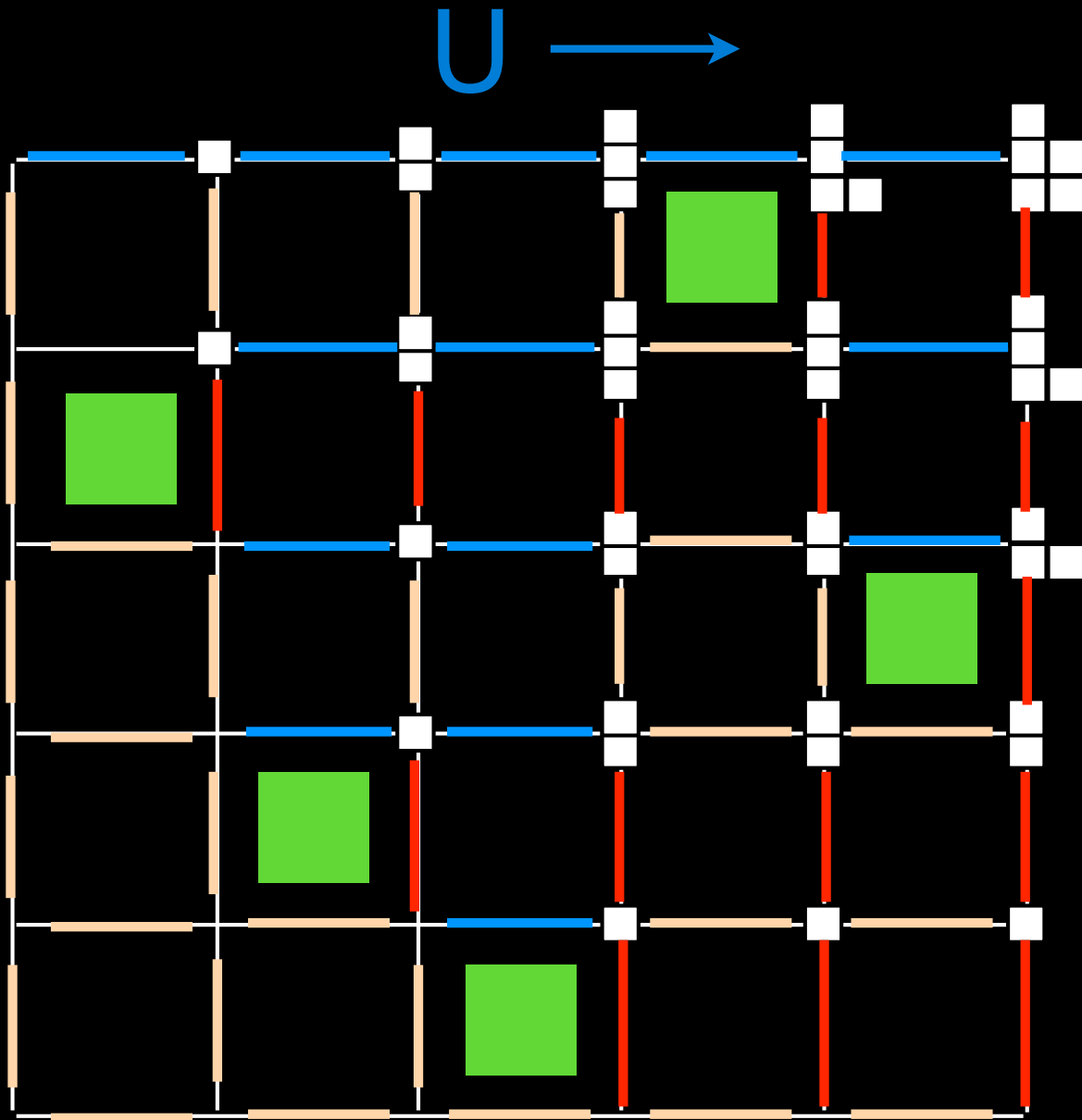


(h, T)

T tableau above the path associated to $w(h)$ with cells labeled by \square $\square \bullet$

$(h, T) \leftrightarrow h_0 = h(\alpha, \beta)$
are in bijection

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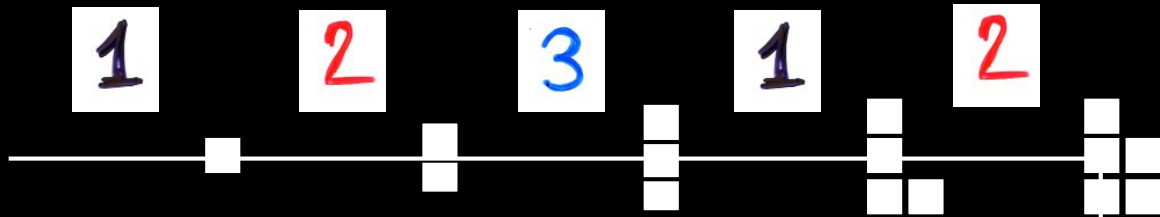


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This "propagation" algorithm is exactly the reverse of Fomin's "growth diagrams"

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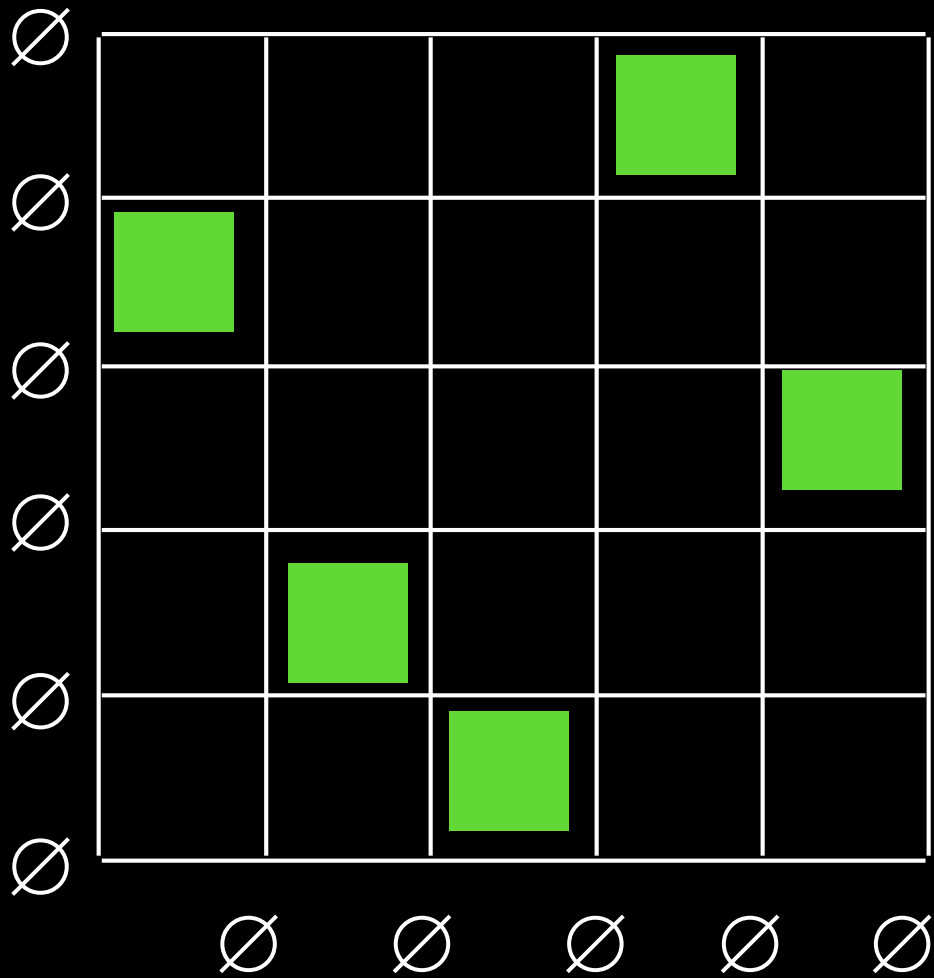
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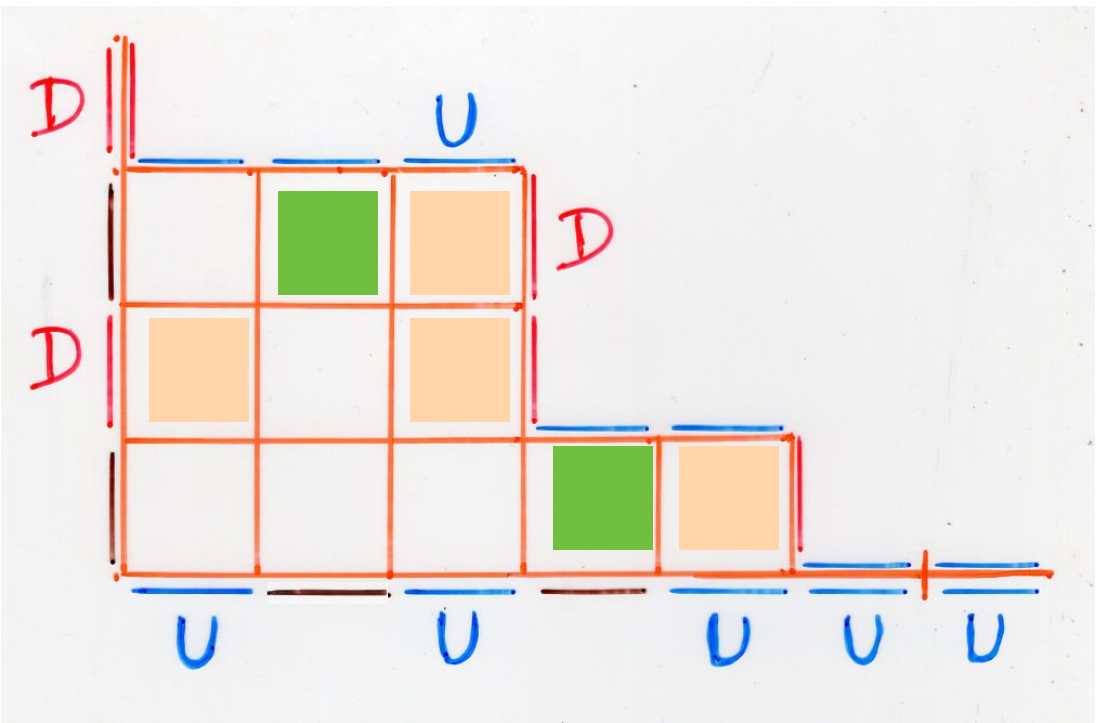
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$$w = DU^3D^2U^2DU^2$$

$$w \rightarrow F = F(w)$$

F Ferrers diagram

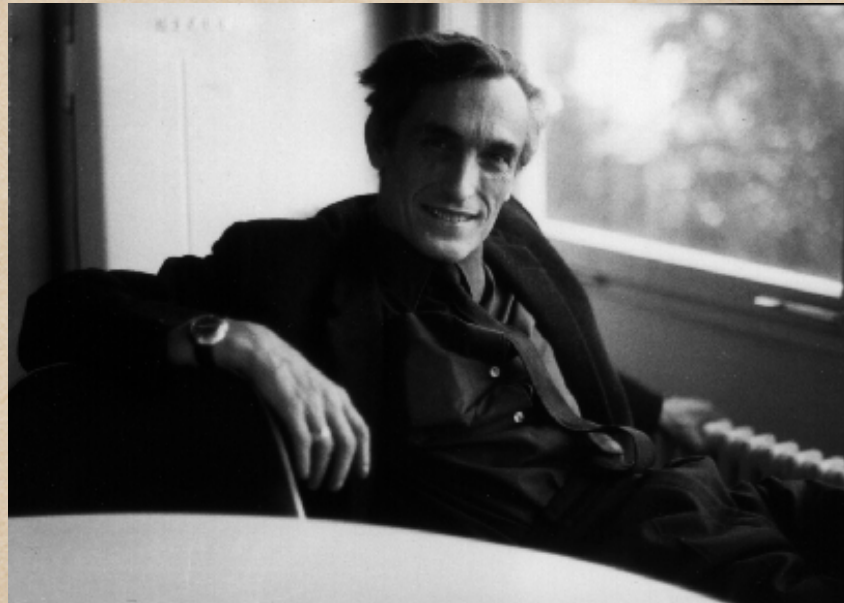
Rooks placement



Jeu de taquin

M.P. Schützenberger

(1976)



$$\sigma = (3, 1, 6, 10, 2, 5, 8, 4, 9, 7)$$


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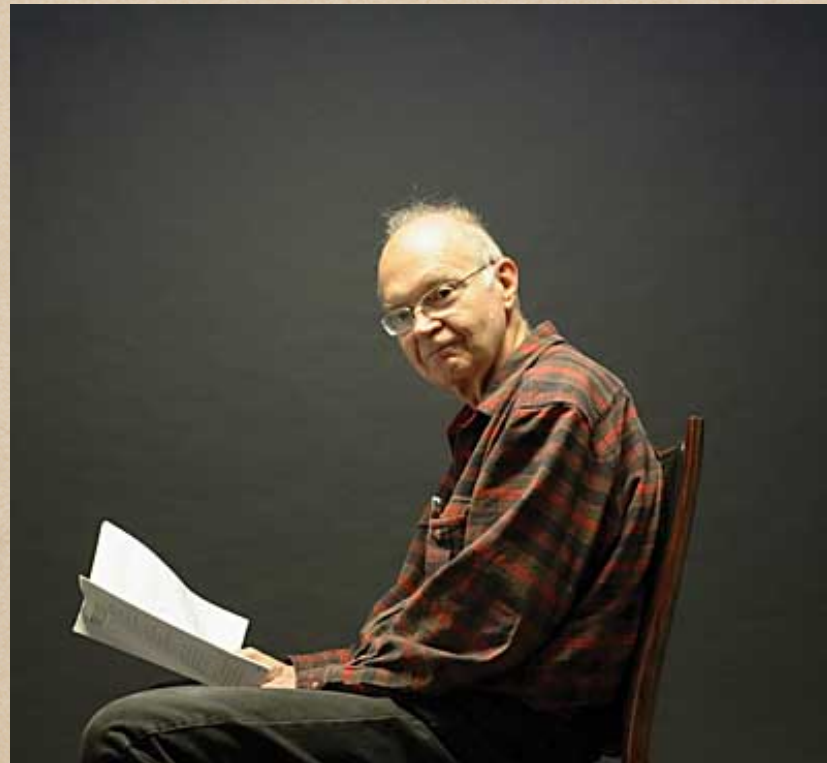
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Knuth's transpositions

D. Knuth, 1970



Definition

Knuth transposition

permutation

$$\sigma = \sigma(1) \dots \underbrace{\sigma(i)}_x \underbrace{\sigma(i+1)}_y \dots \sigma(n)$$

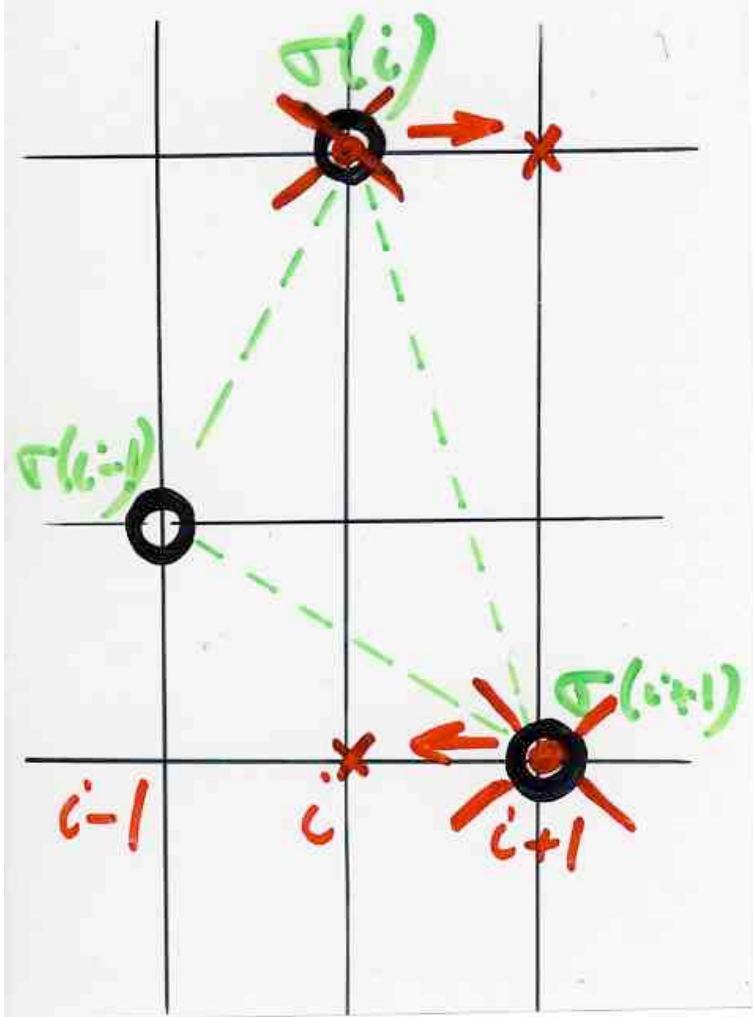
$$\sigma' = \sigma(1) \dots yx \dots \sigma(n)$$

two consecutive values x, y can be transposed when $z = \sigma(i-1)$ or $\sigma(i+2)$ is between x and y

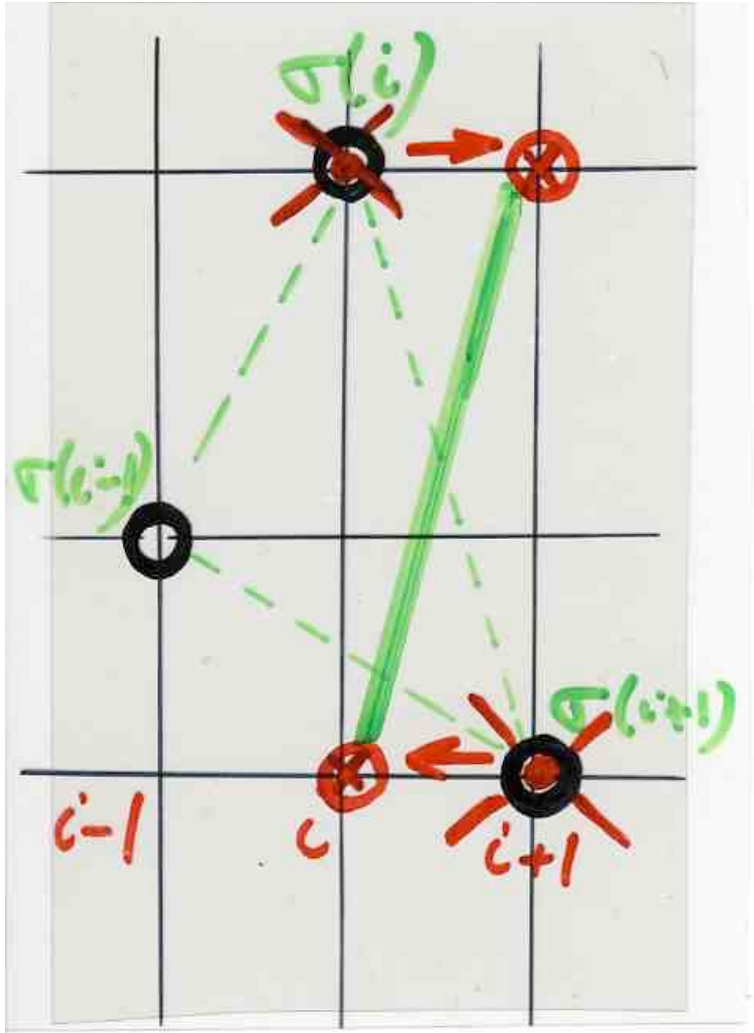
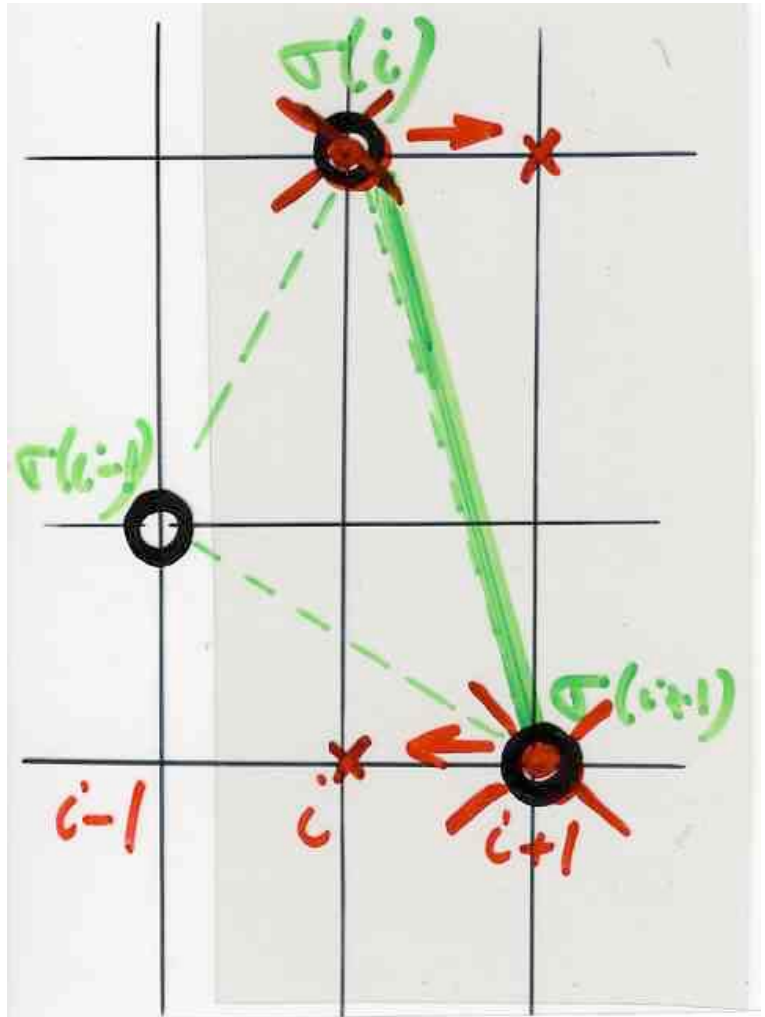
$$x < z < y \text{ or } y < z < x$$

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Knuth
Transpositions
(1970)



Knuth transposition



Two permutations σ and τ are called Knuth equivalent iff τ can be obtained from σ by a sequence of Knuth transpositions

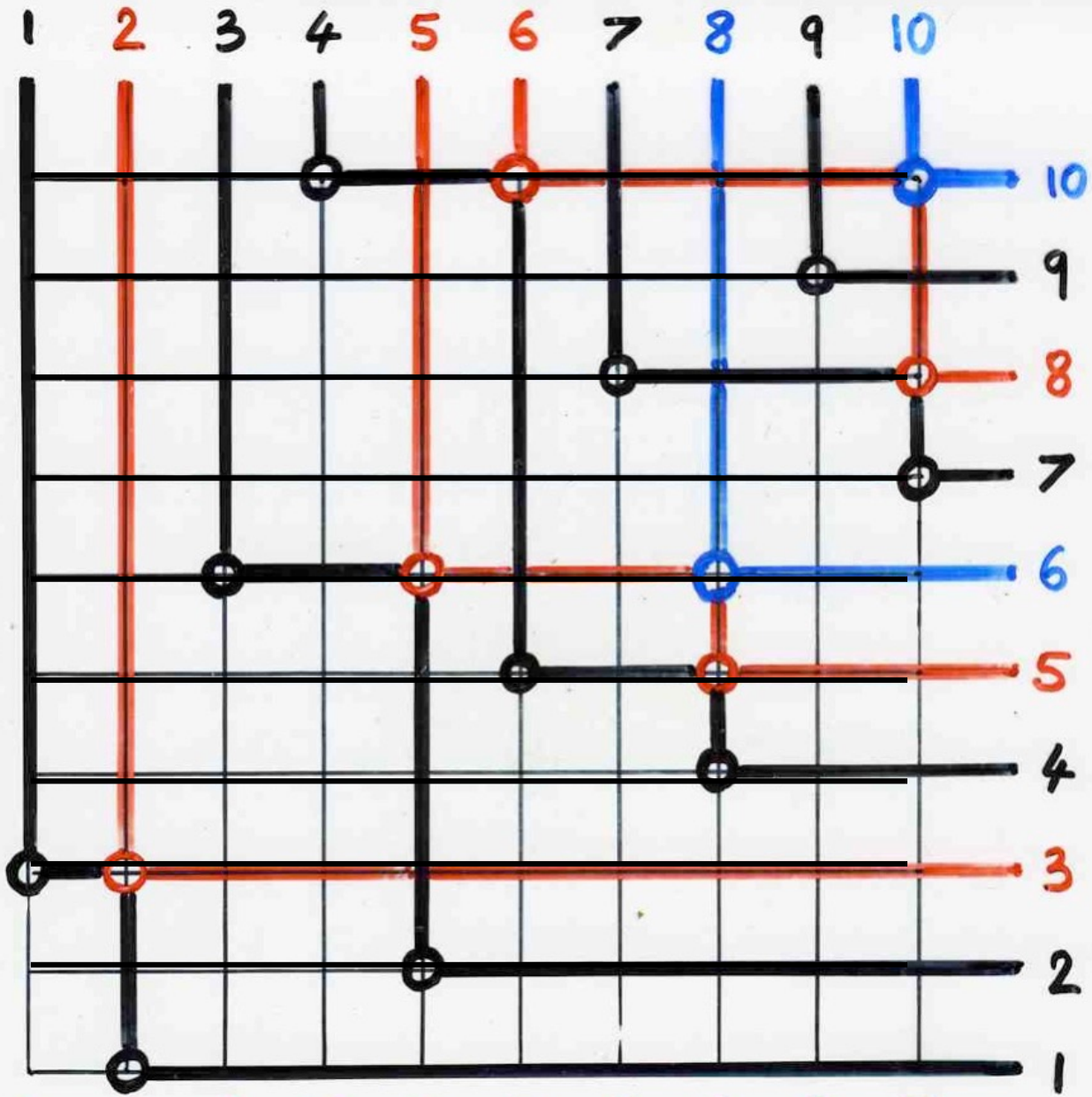
notation

$\sigma \overset{k}{\sim} \tau$

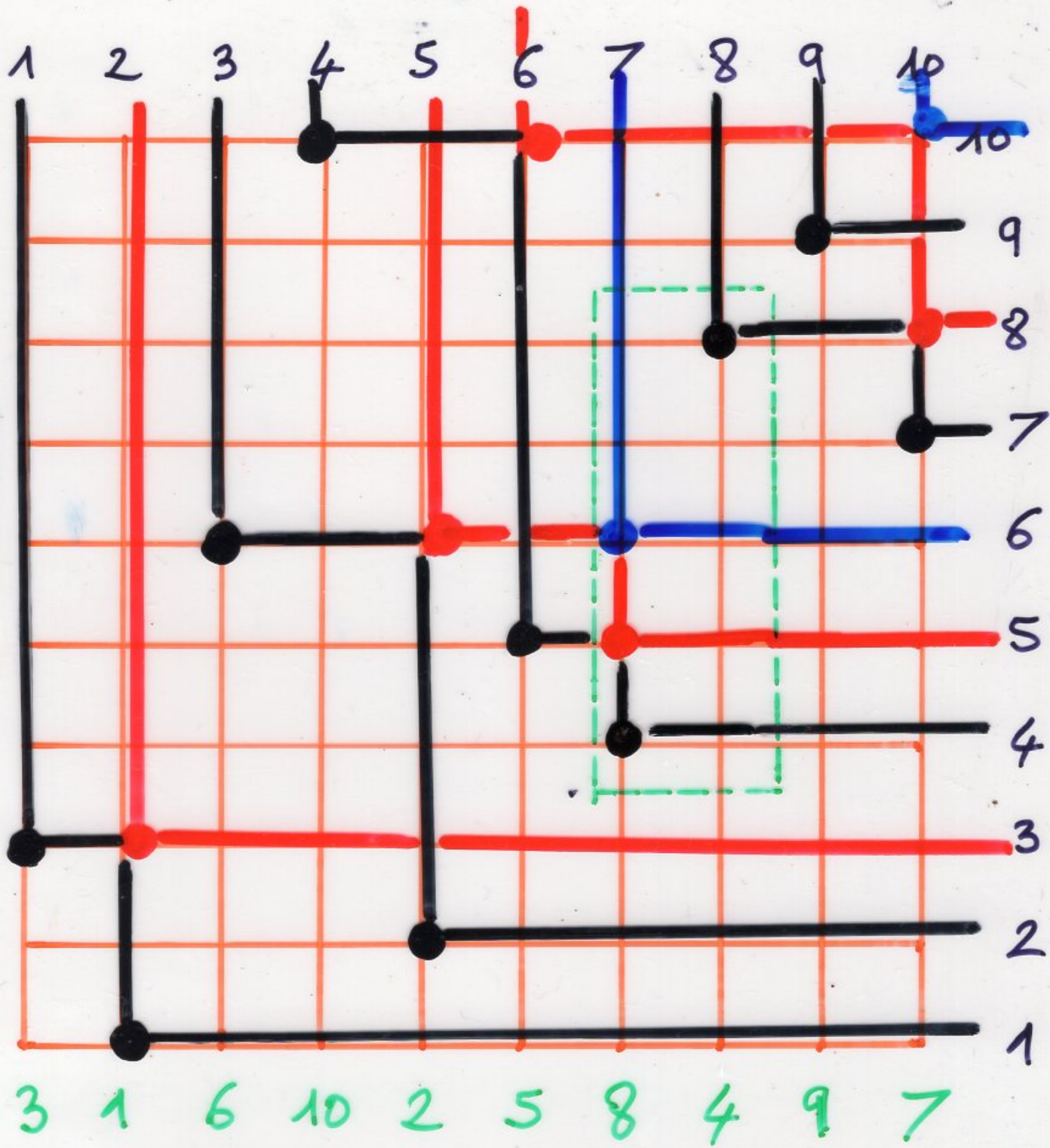
Knuth equivalence class

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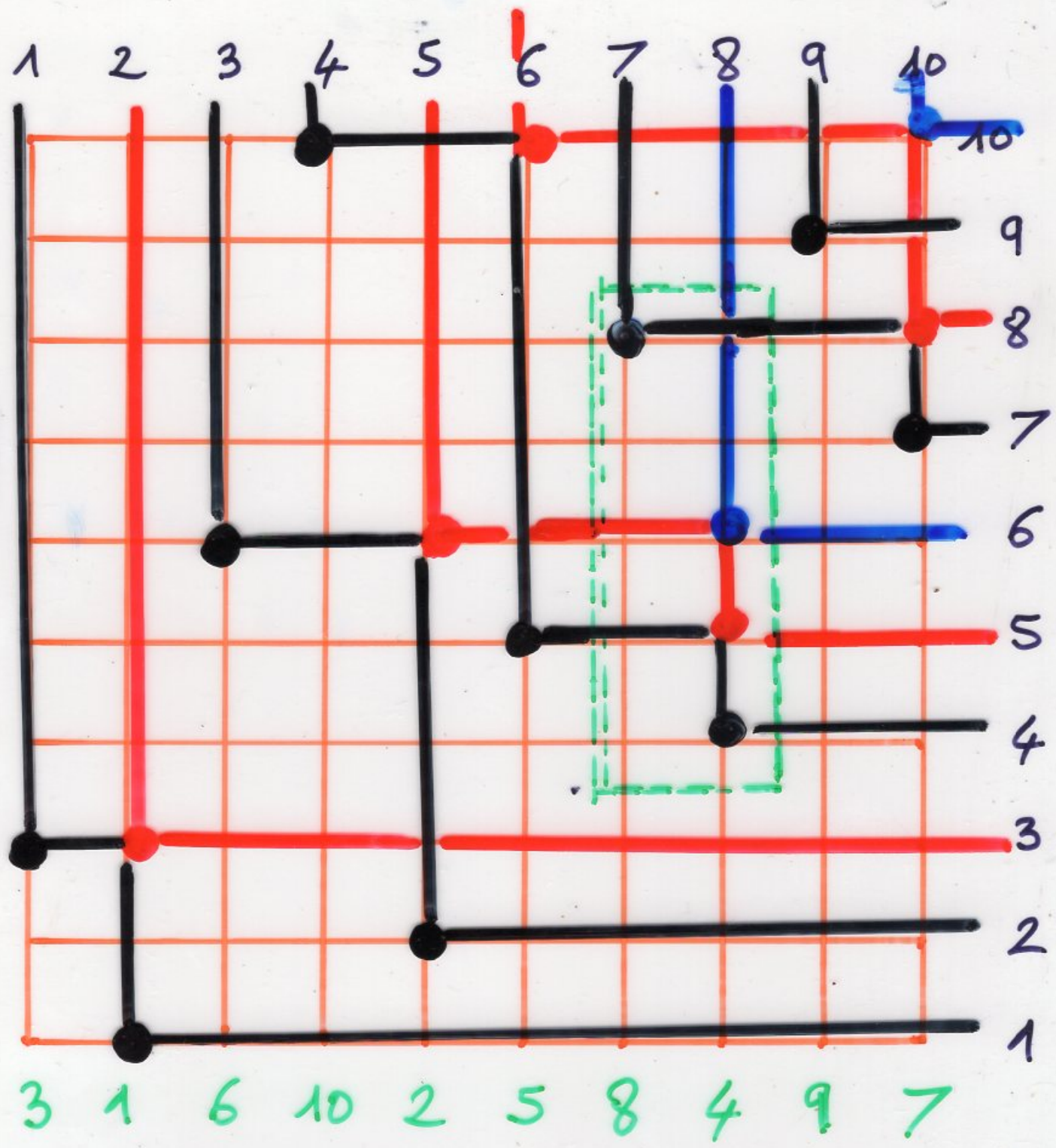
Proposition $\sigma, \tau \in \mathcal{G}_n$ $\sigma \xrightarrow{RS} (P, Q)$
 $\sigma \stackrel{k}{\sim} \tau \implies P(\sigma) = P(\tau)$



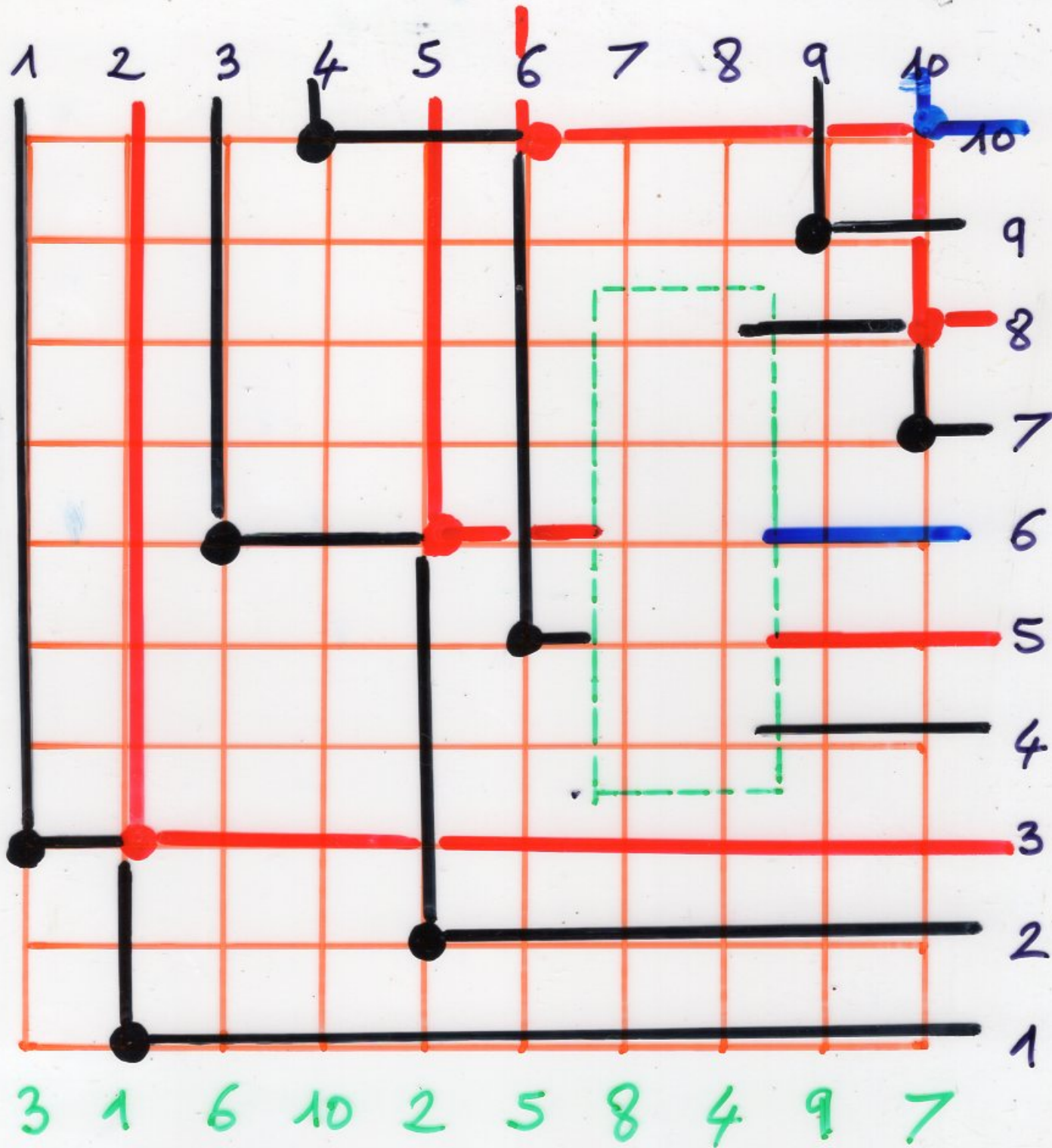
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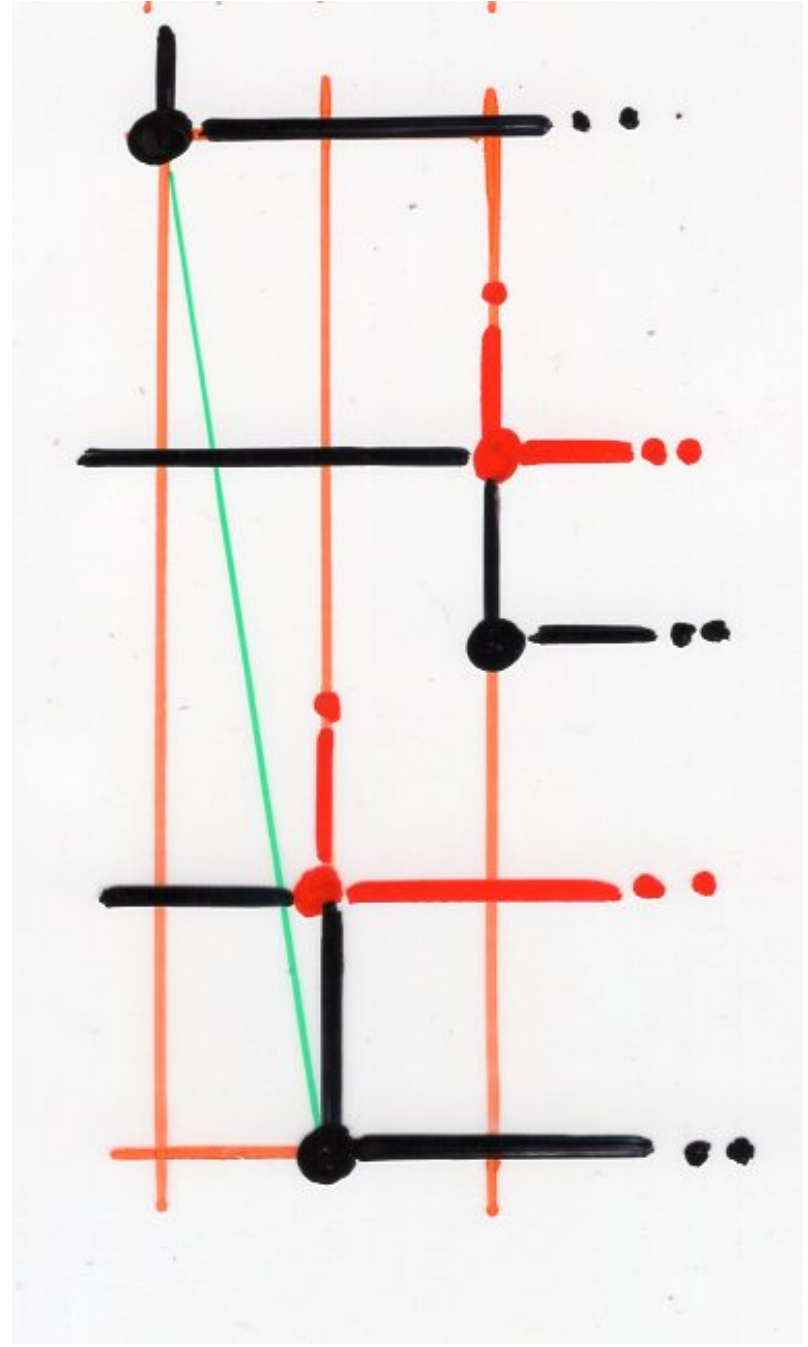
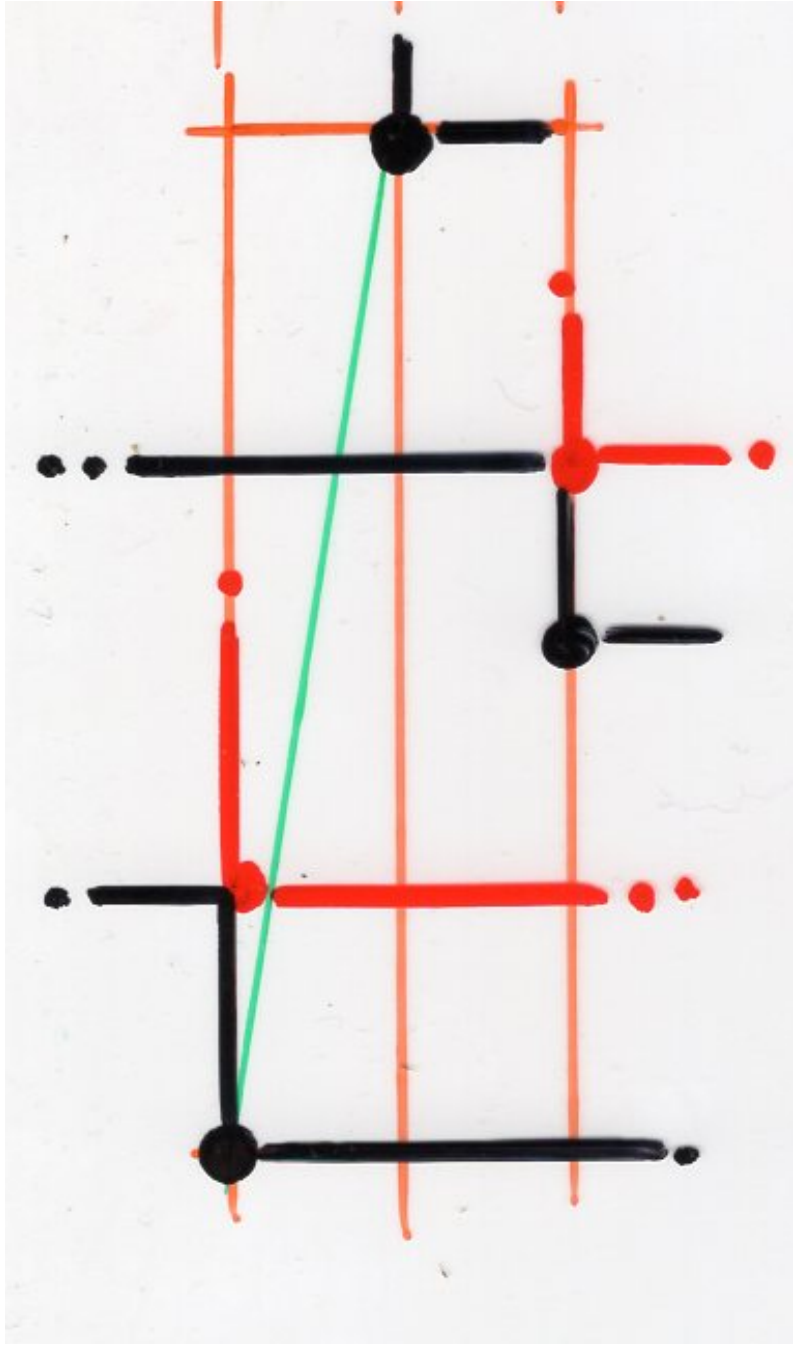


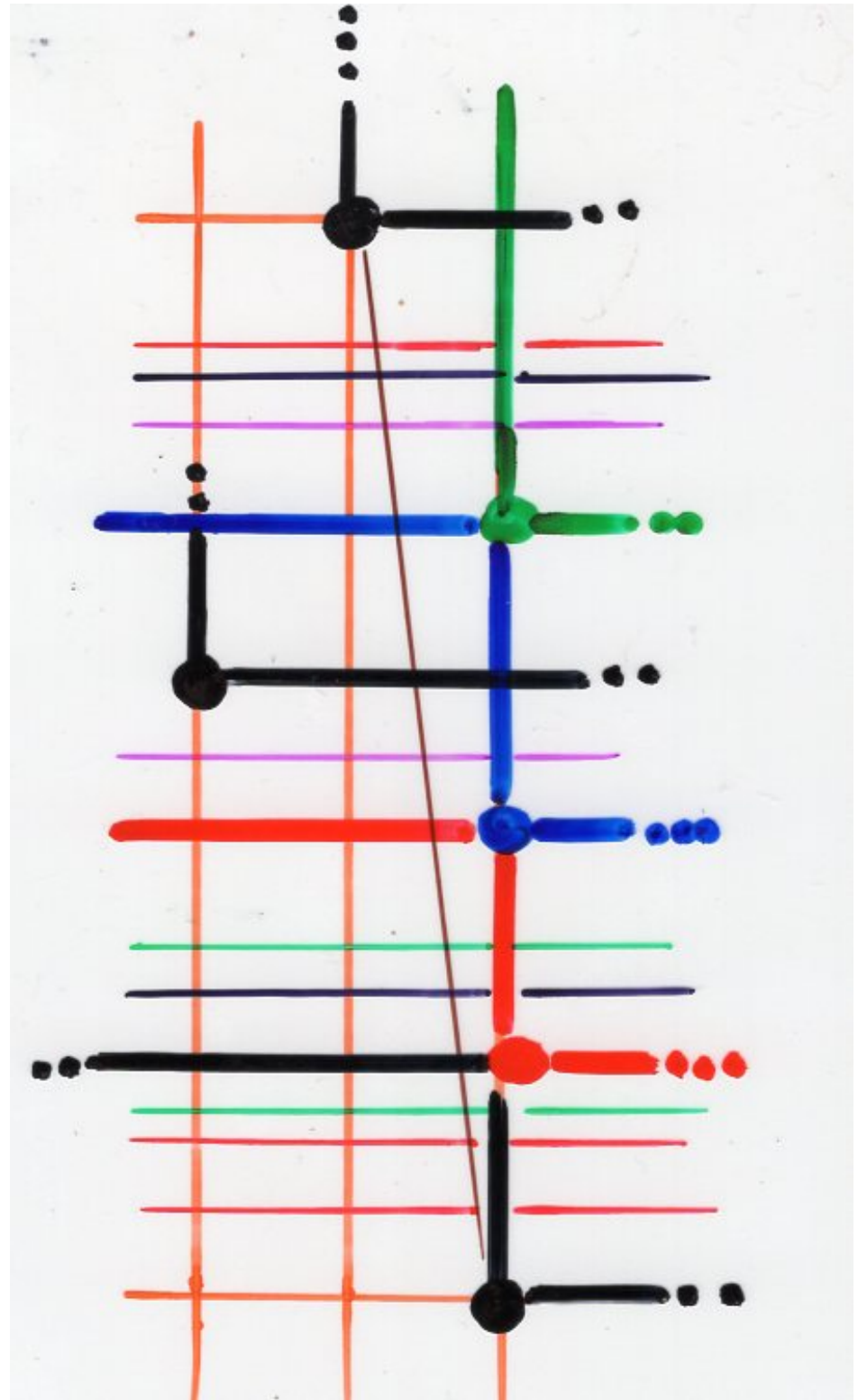
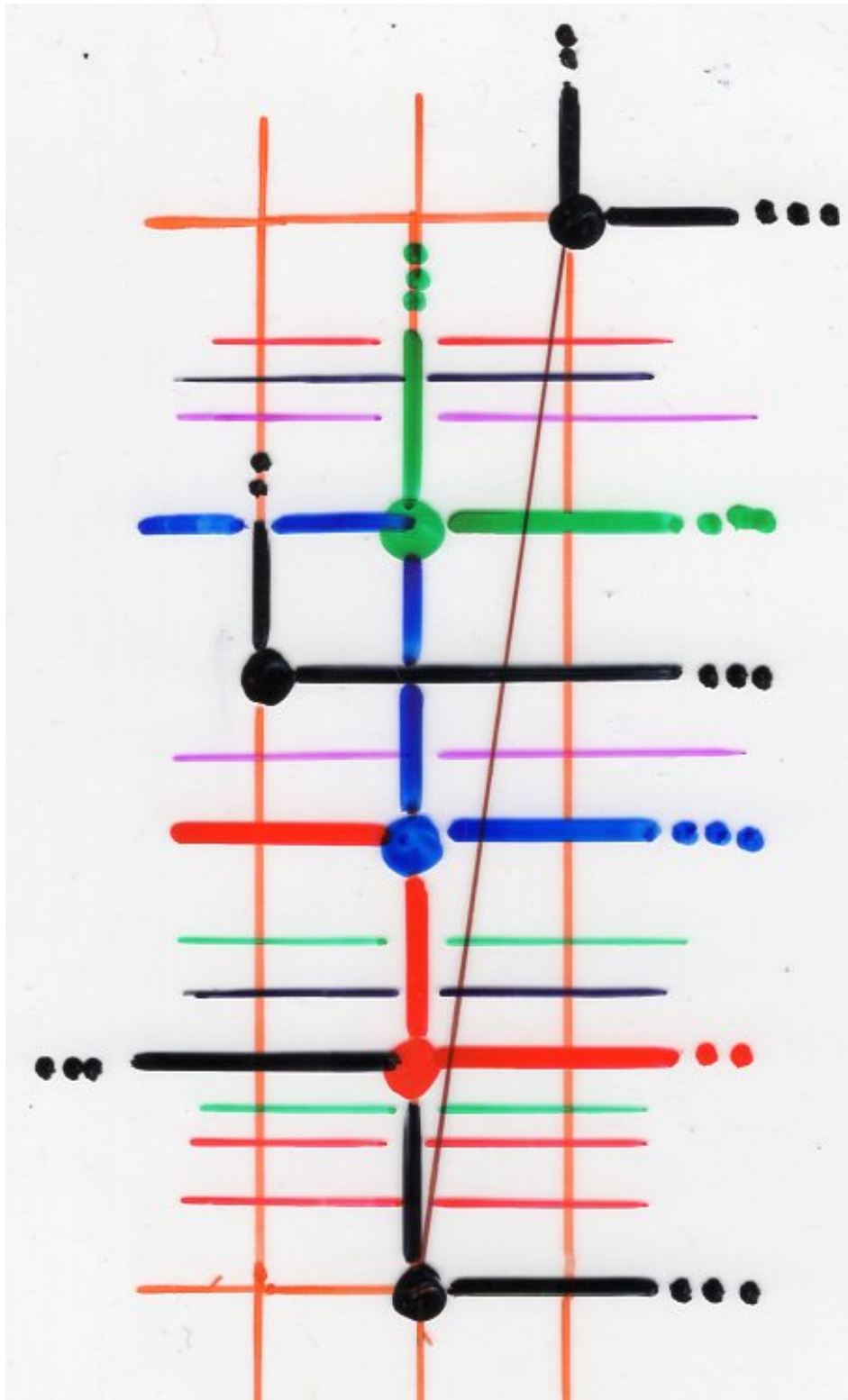
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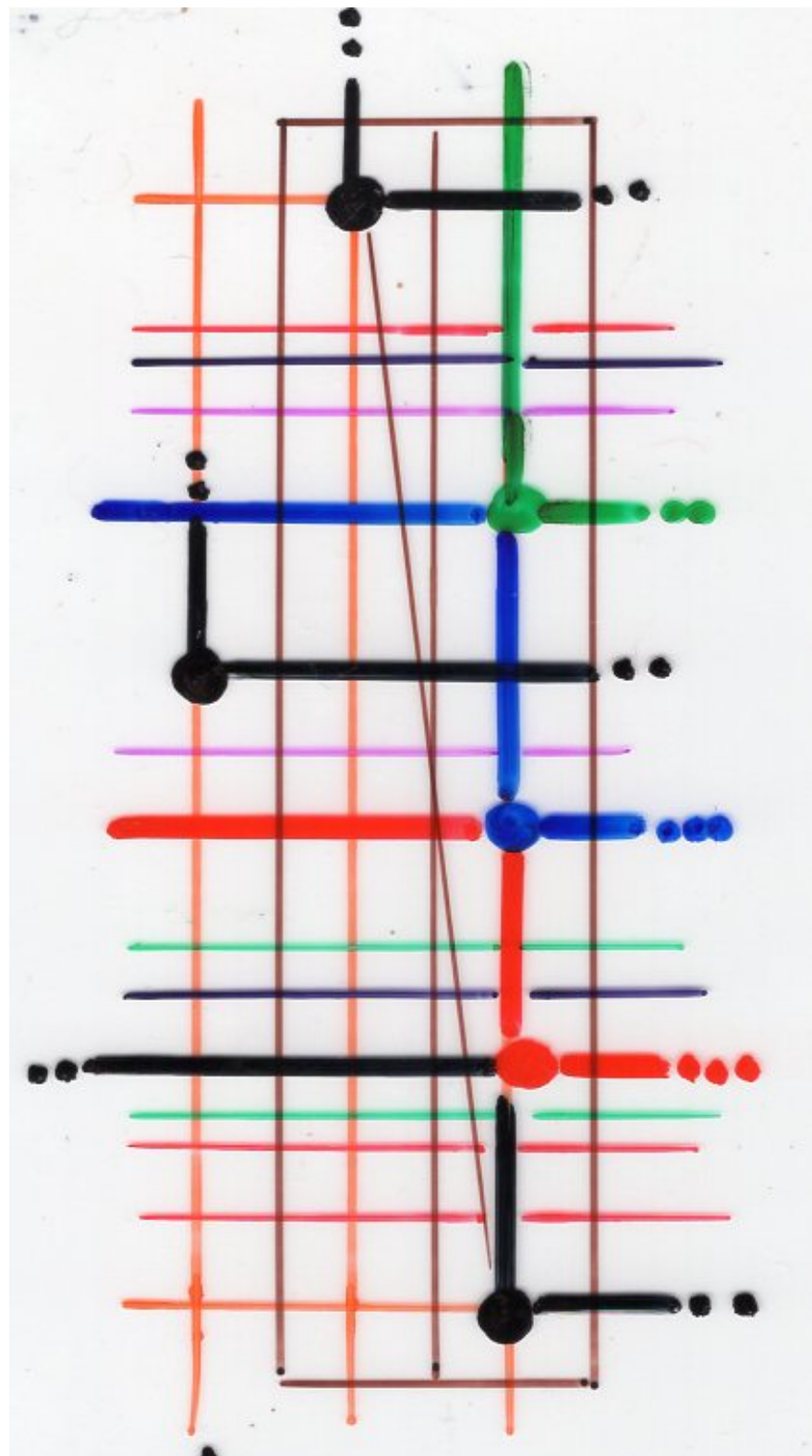
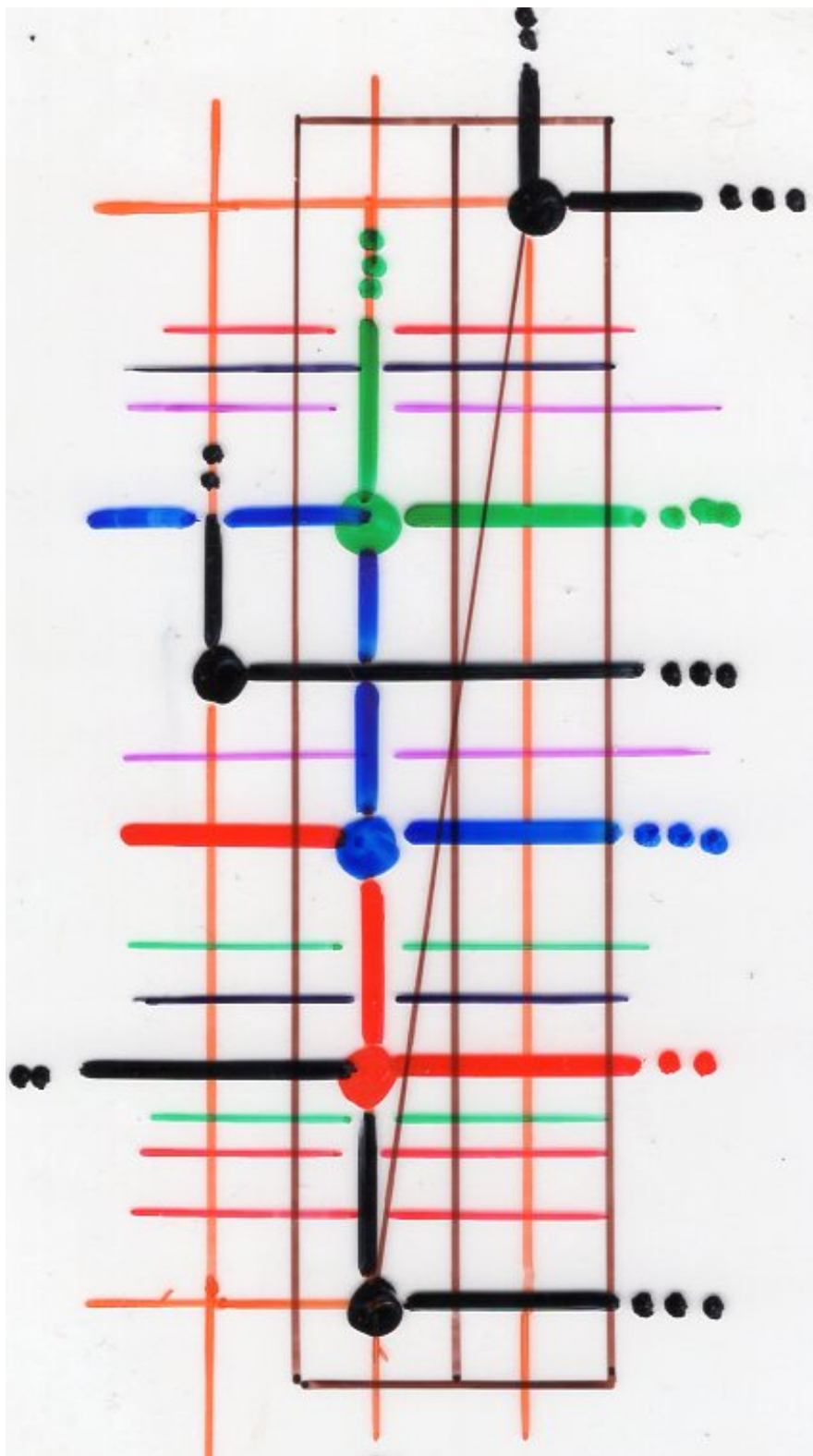


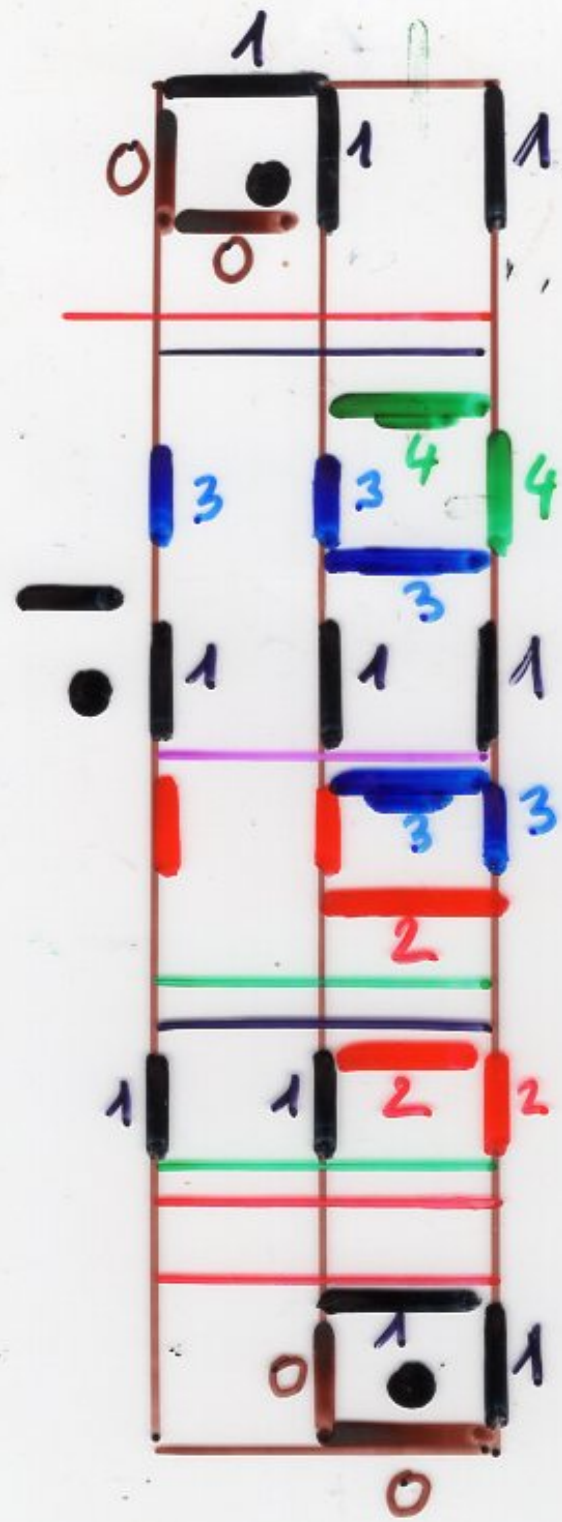
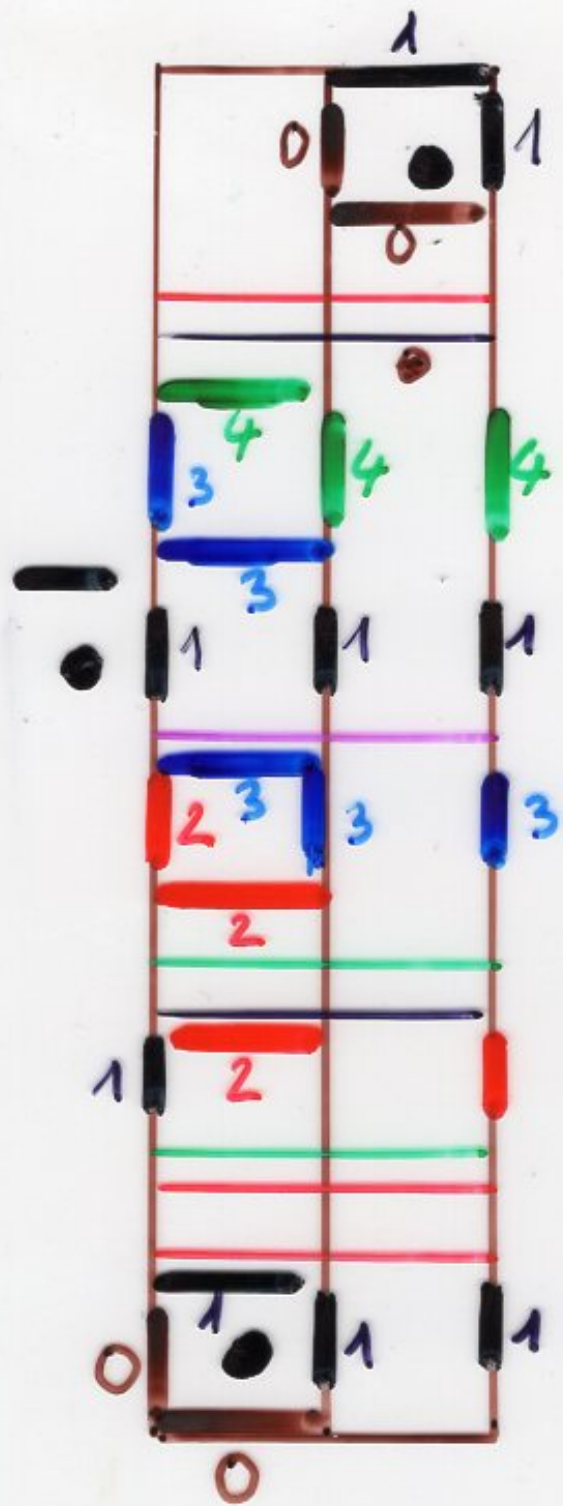
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Definition Reading word of a Young tableau T : $w = \text{Reading}(T)$

$w = v_k v_{k-1} \dots v_1$ where v_i , $i=1, \dots, k$ is the word obtained by reading the i^{th} row from left to right.

$T =$

6	10				
3	5	8			
1	2	4	7	9	

$$\text{Reading}(T) = \underbrace{6 \ (10)}_{v_3} \underbrace{3 \ 5 \ 8}_{v_2} \underbrace{1 \ 2 \ 4 \ 7 \ 9}_{v_1}$$

Lemma Any permutation is Knuth equivalent to the reading word of its insertion tableau

$\sigma \xrightarrow{RS} (P, Q)$, then $\sigma \stackrel{K}{\sim} \text{Reading}(P)$

for P Young tableau and $k \in \mathbb{N}$
not in P
we have:

$\text{Reading}(P) \cdot k \stackrel{K}{\sim} \text{Reading}(P \leftarrow k)$
concatenation of words insertion of k in P

$$P = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 6 & 10 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 5 & 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

← $k=4$

Reading(P) = 3 6 (10) 1 2 5 8

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 6 & 10 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \leftarrow (5)$$

3 6 (10) (5) 1 2 4 8

1 2 5 8 ← $k=4$

1 2 (5) 8 4

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3 6 (10) (5) 1 2 4 8

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 5 & 10 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \leftarrow (6)$$

(6) 3 5 (10) 1 2 4 8

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline 3 & 5 & 10 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & (a_r) & \dots & a_p & \leftarrow x \\ a_r & a_1 & a_2 & \dots & x & \dots & a_p \end{array}$$

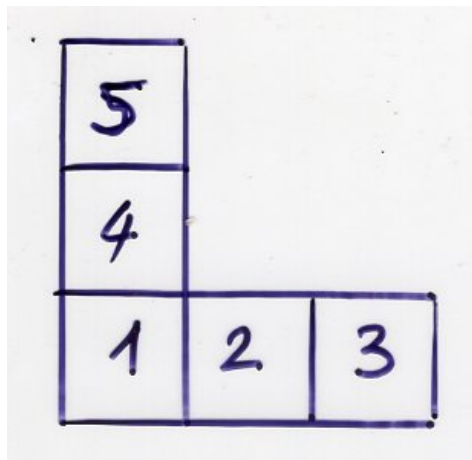
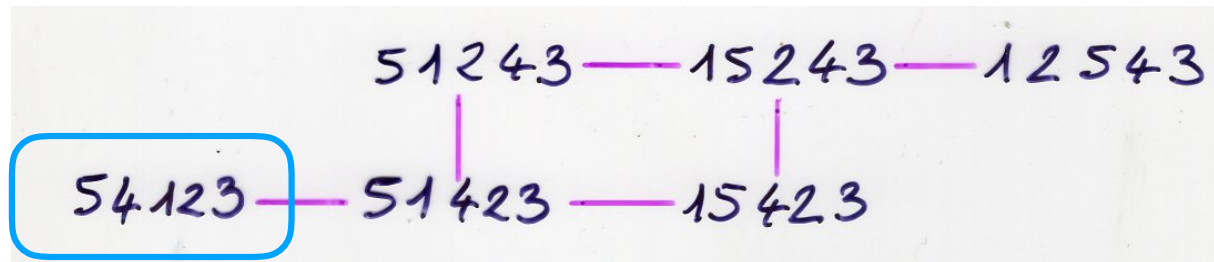
$$a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_{r-1} < x < a_r < \dots < a_p$$

Proposition

Two permutations are Knuth equivalent
iff their insertion tableaux coincide

$$\sigma \overset{K}{\sim} \tau \iff P(\sigma) = P(\tau)$$

Corollary Each Knuth equivalence class contains exactly one reading word of a Young tableau



Knuth equivalence class

regular permutations

some slides have been added after the video Recording

Definition regular permutation σ
 iff there exist a Young tableau T
 such that:

- each row of T is an increasing subsequence of σ
- each column of T , written a word reading the column from top bottom, is a decreasing subsequence of σ

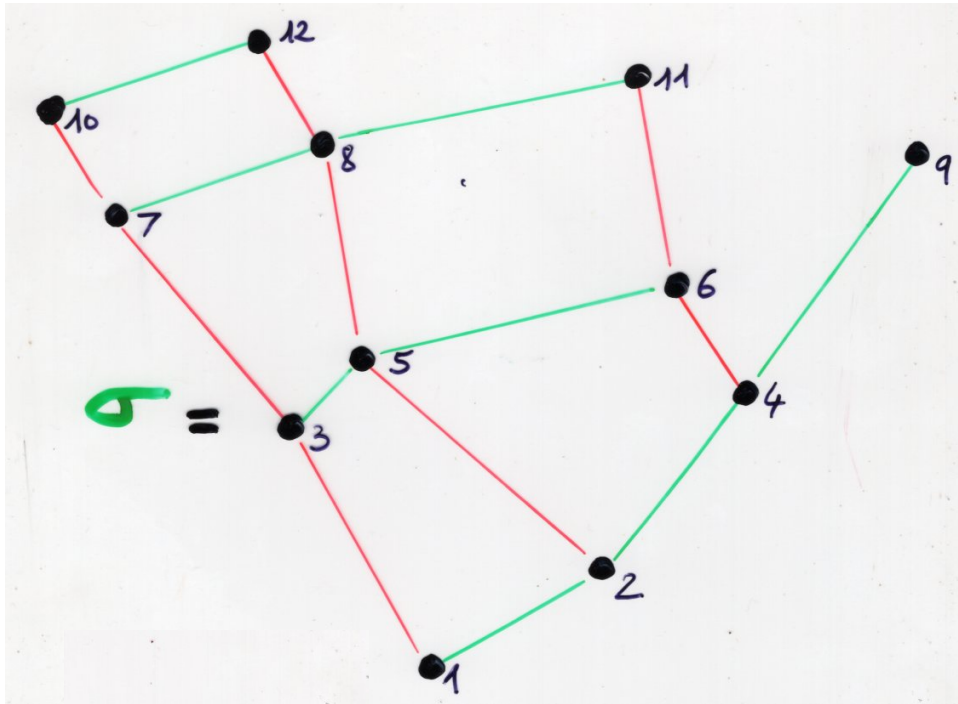
$T =$

10	12		
7	8	11	
3	5	6	
1	2	4	9

example

$$\sigma = \left(\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} (10) & 7 & (12) & 3 & 8 & 5 & 1 & 2 & (11) & 6 & 4 & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \end{array} \right)$$

"regular"
permutation



T =

10	12		
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Proposition For σ regular permutation,
the insertion tableau $\mathcal{P}(\sigma) = T$

• regular permutations associated to a Young tableau T are in bijection with a labeling of λ with the integers $1, 2, \dots, n = |T|$ such that:

- labels go increasing in rows (from left to right)
- labels go increasing in columns (from top to bottom)

$\lambda = \text{shape}(T)$
(Ferrers diagram)

example

$$\sigma = \left(\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} (10) & 7 & (12) & 3 & 8 & 5 & 1 & 2 & (11) & 6 & 4 & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \end{array} \right)$$

corresponds to

1	3		
2	5	9	
4	6	10	
7	8	11	12

- The set of regular permutations associated to T is a subset of Knuth equivalence class of permutations with $\mathcal{P}(\sigma) = T$.
(this class in bijection with Young tableaux with shape λ)

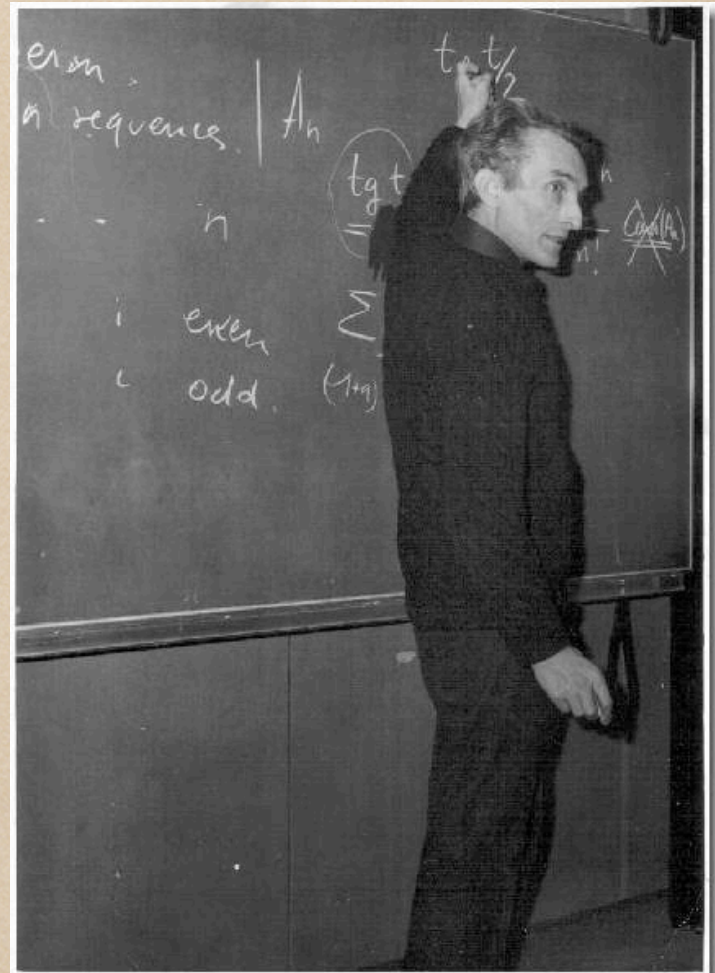
The reading word w of T is a (very particular) regular permutation

- These two sets coincide iff the shape λ is rectangular

Jeu de taquin

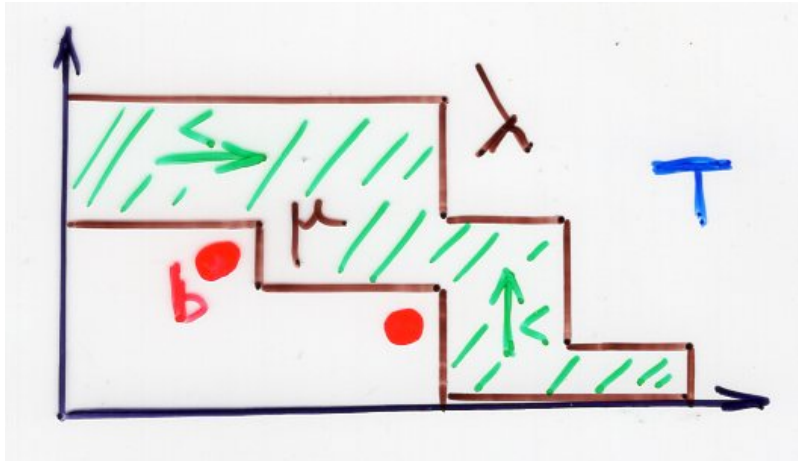
M.P. Schützenberger

(1976)



skew Ferrers
 λ/μ

(standard) Young tableau
skew shape λ/μ



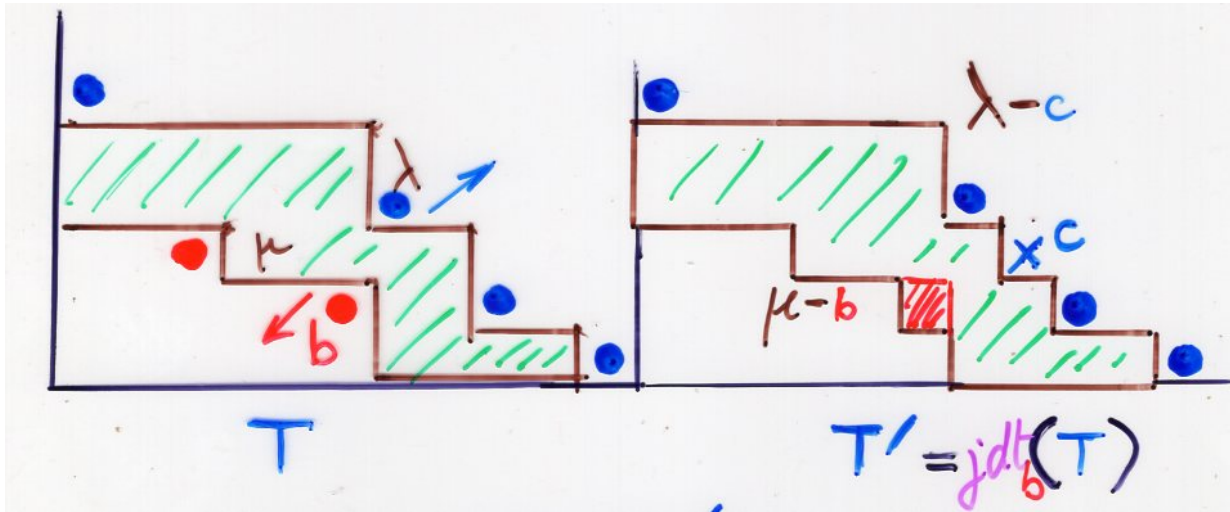
jeu de taquin slide of T into b
 $(T, b) \rightarrow jdt_b(T)$



Definition

Two tableaux T and T' are called *jeu de taquin* equivalent iff one can be obtained from another by a sequence of *jeu de taquin* slides

$$T \stackrel{jdt.}{\sim} T'$$



symmetric relation

$$T = jdt_c(T')$$

6					
3	5	10			
1	2	8			
		4	7	9	

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3	10				
1	5	8			
	2	4	7	9	


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Lemma

Each jeu de taquin slide converts the Reading word of a tableau into a Knuth equivalent one.

$$\text{Reading}(jdt_b(T)) \stackrel{K}{\sim} \text{Reading}(T)$$

6					
3	5	10			
1	2	4	8		
				7	9

- 1 2 4 8  7 9

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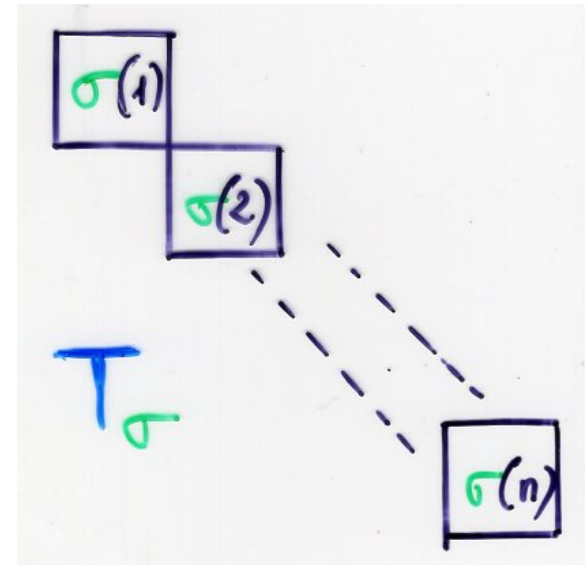
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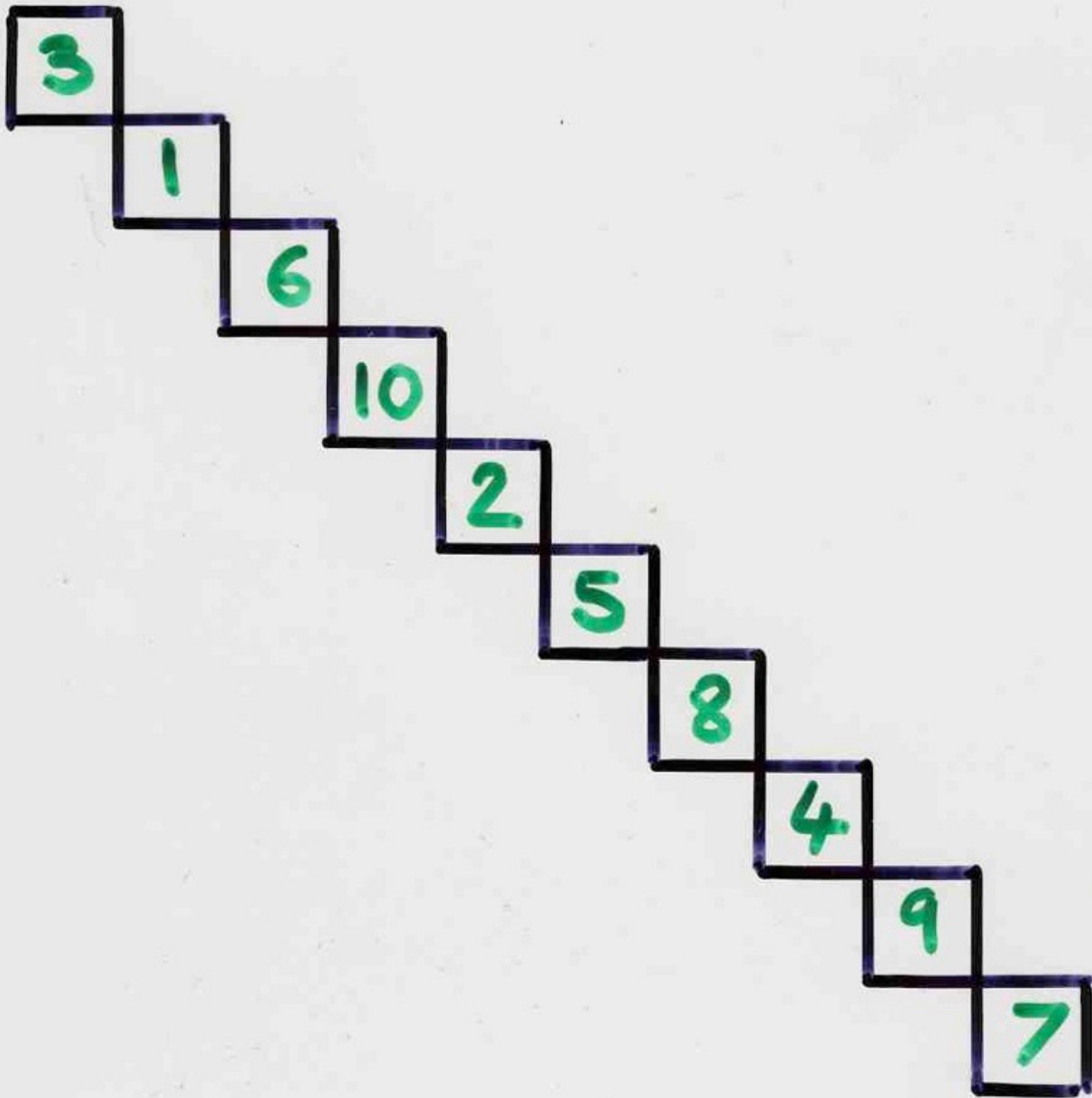
Each jeu de taquin equivalence class contains exactly one straight-shape tableau

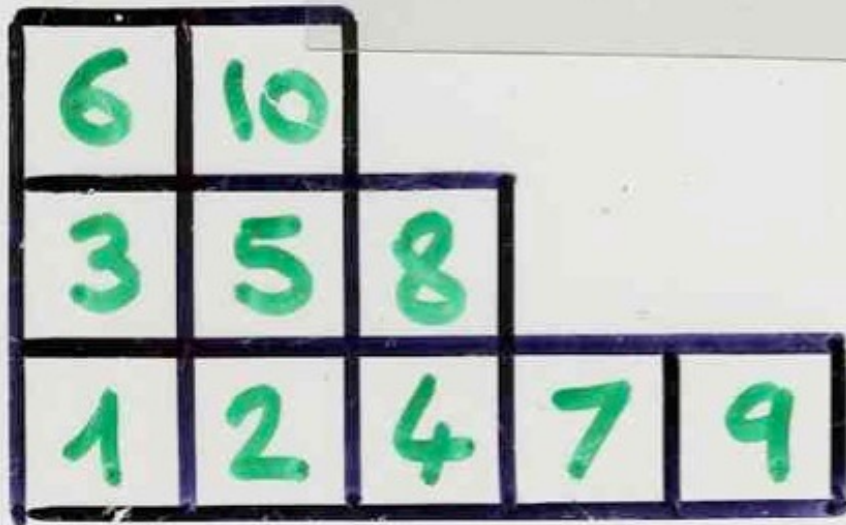
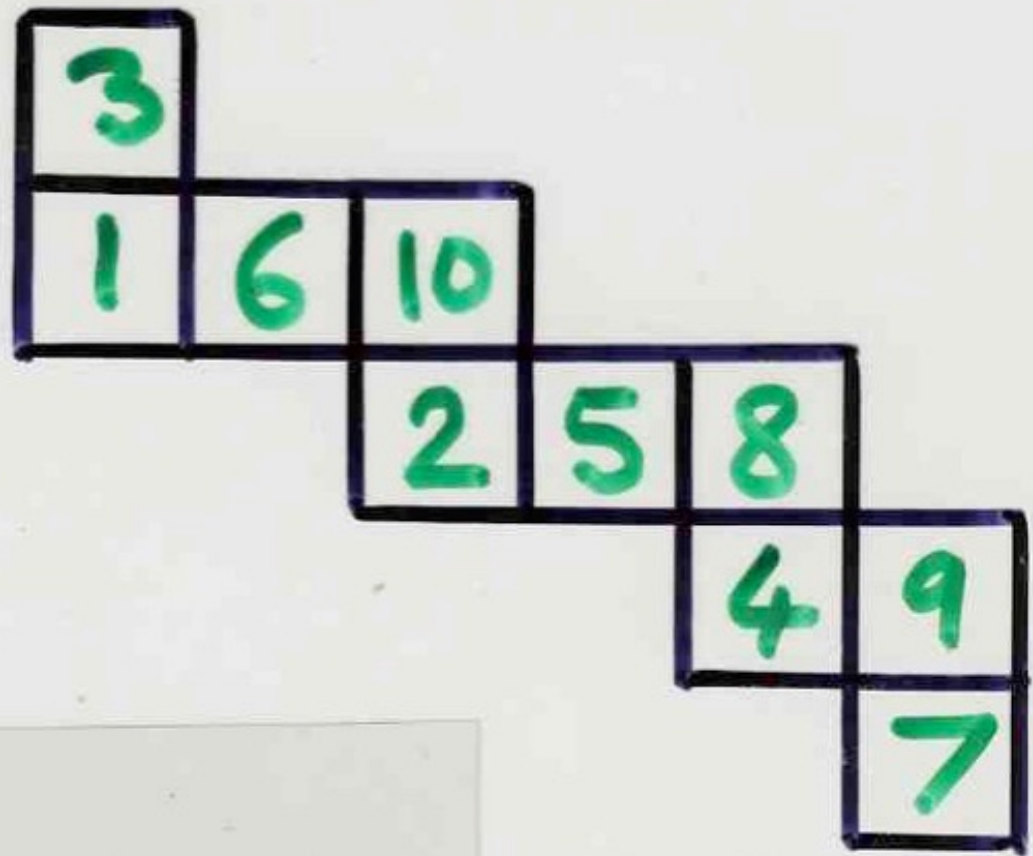
$jdt(T)$ denote this unique straight-shape tableau in the jeu de taquin equivalence class of T

Corollary For $\sigma = \sigma(1) \dots \sigma(n) \in \mathfrak{S}_n$
permutation
denote T_σ the skew tableau

$\sigma \xrightarrow{RS} (P, Q)$
Then $jdt(T_\sigma) = P$
 P insertion tableau
of σ







1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3	1	6	10	2	5	8	4	9	7

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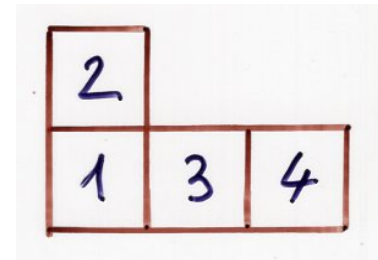
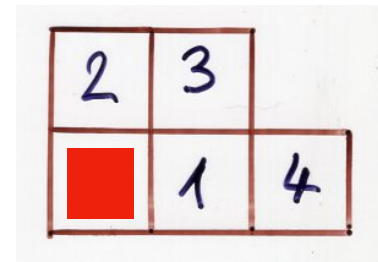
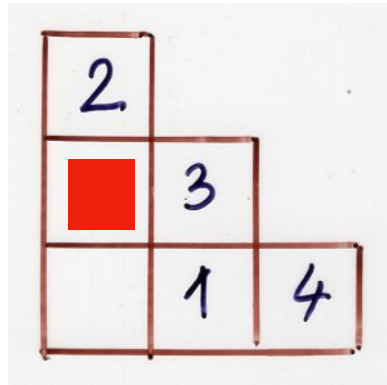
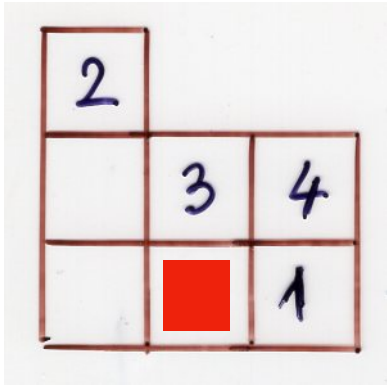
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Jeu de taquin
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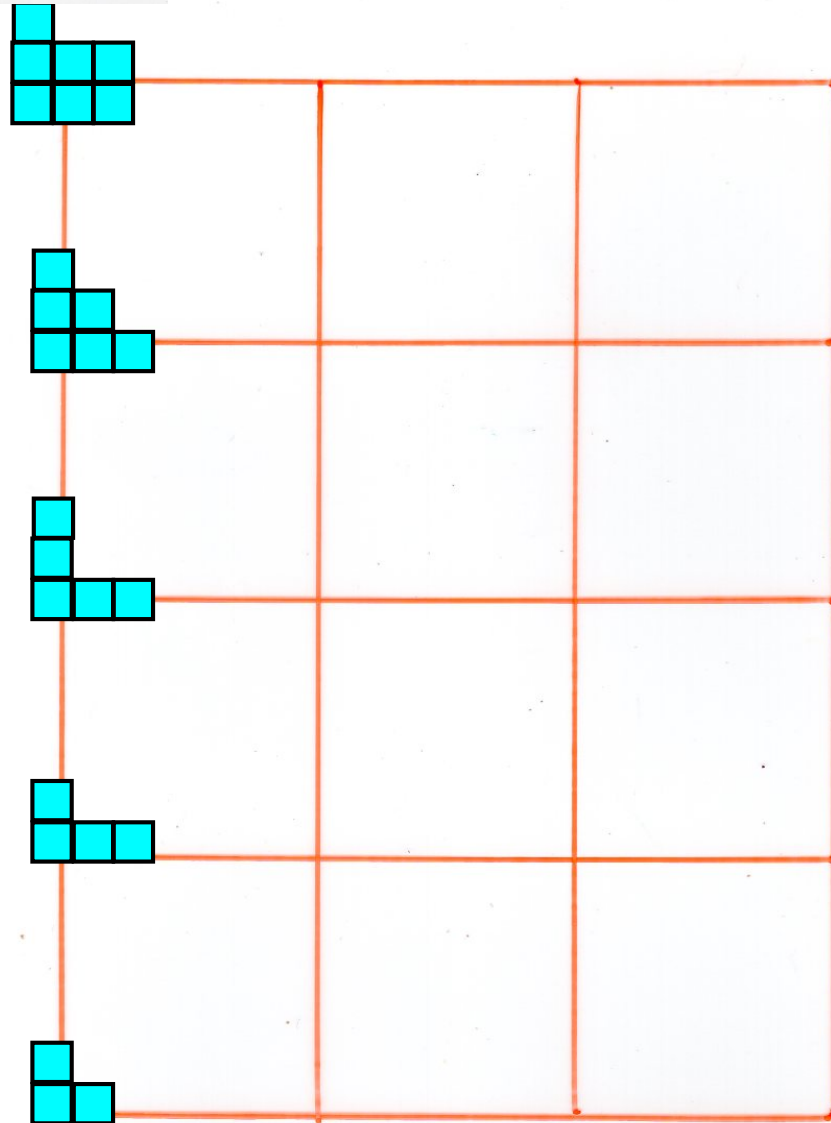
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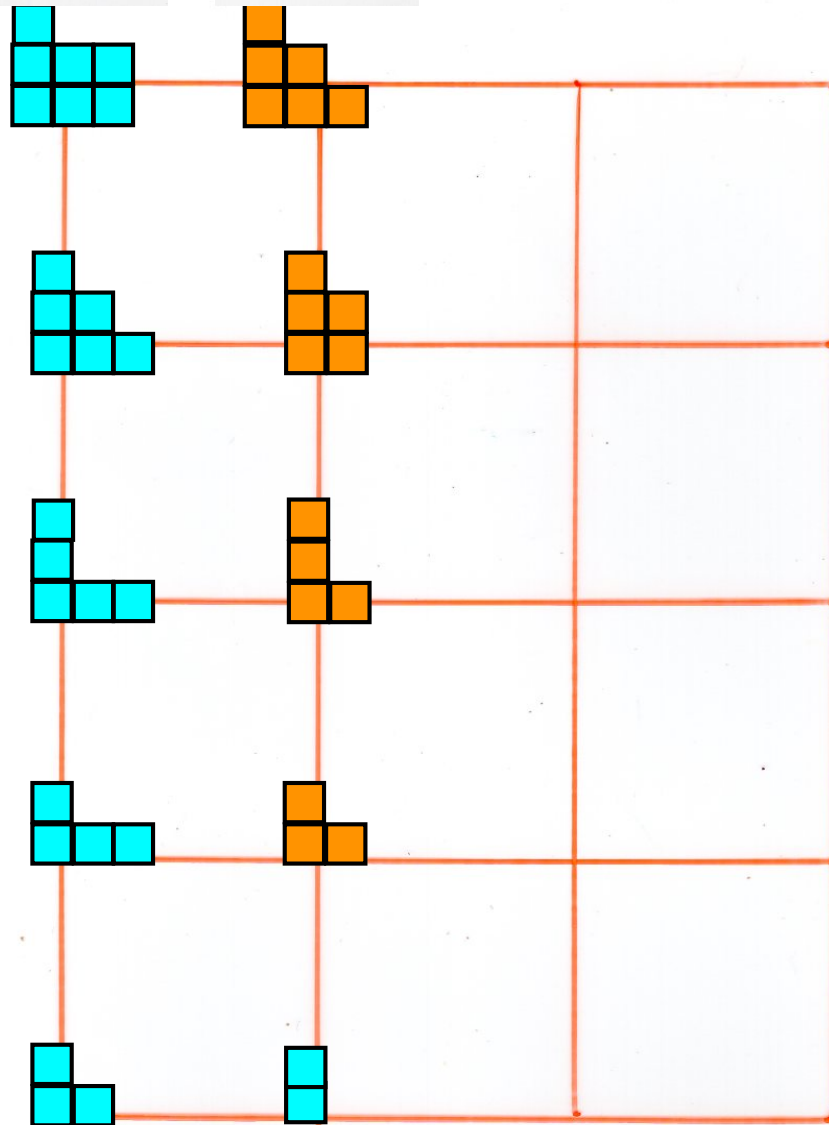


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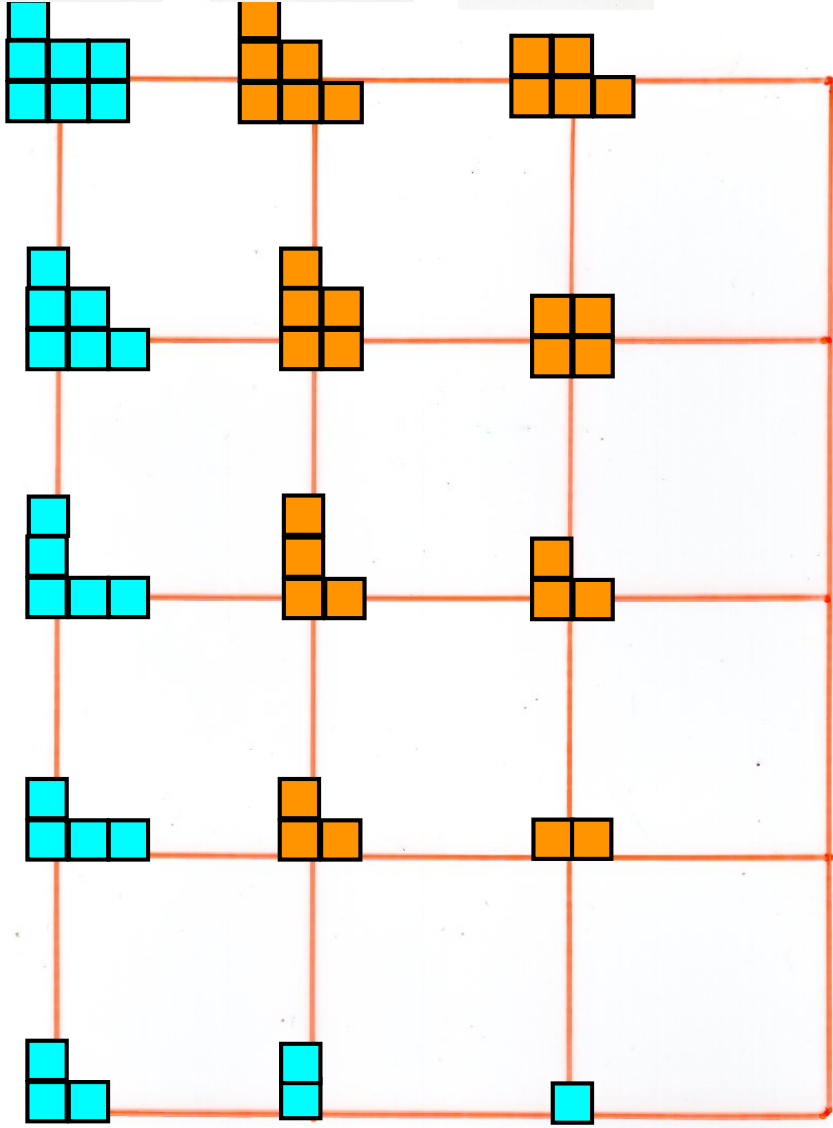
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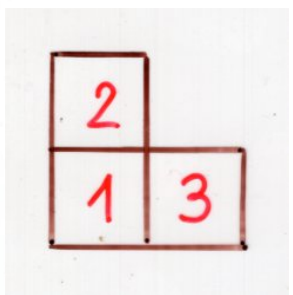
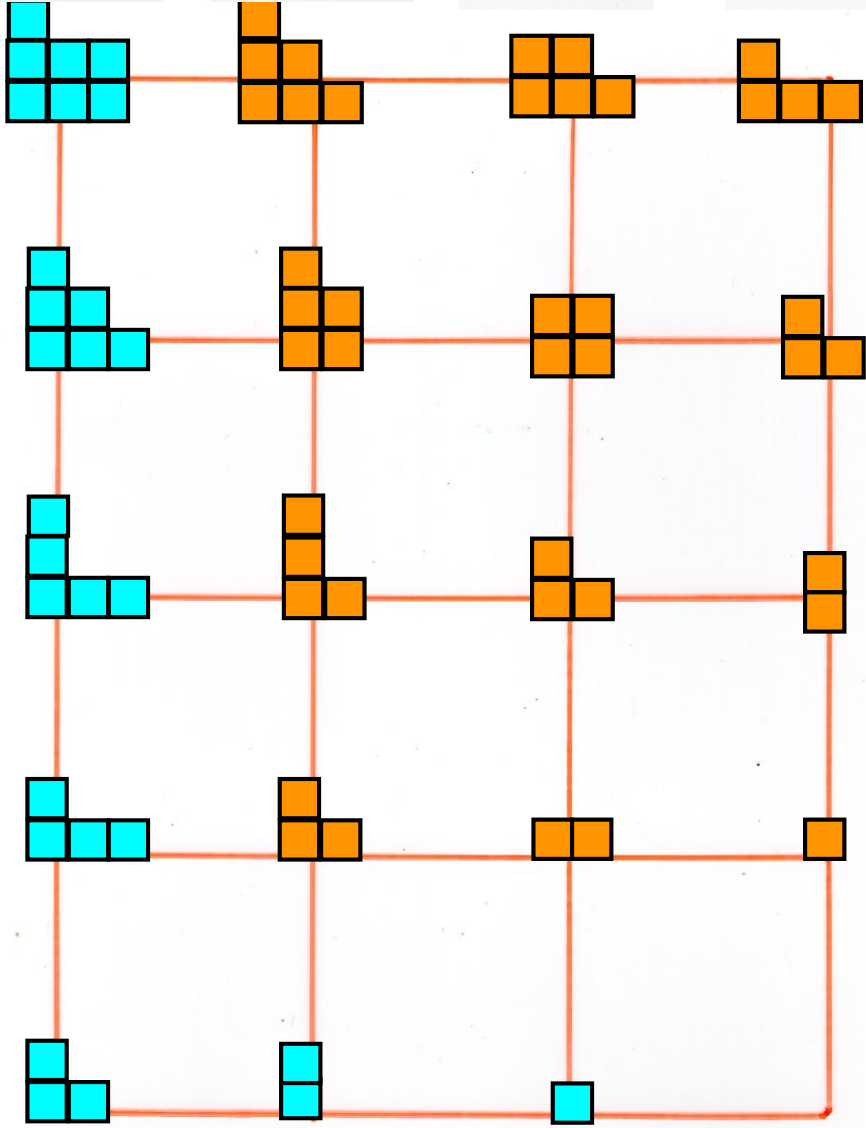
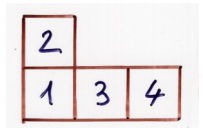
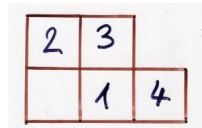
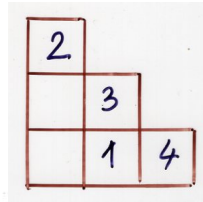
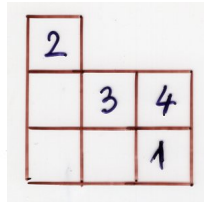


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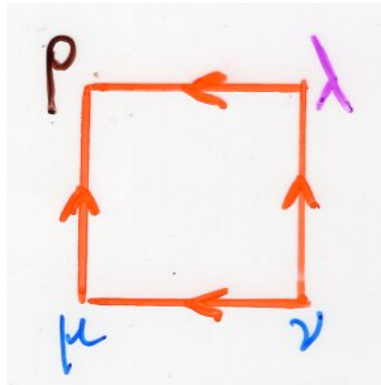




Proposition

jeu de taquin
local rules

(Fomin)



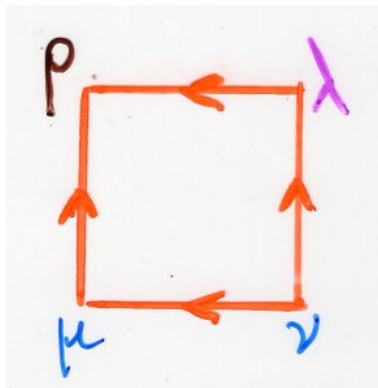
cell of the jeu de taquin
growth diagram

(ρ covers μ and λ ,
 μ and λ cover ν)

Then λ is uniquely determined from μ, ν, ρ by the following "local rule":

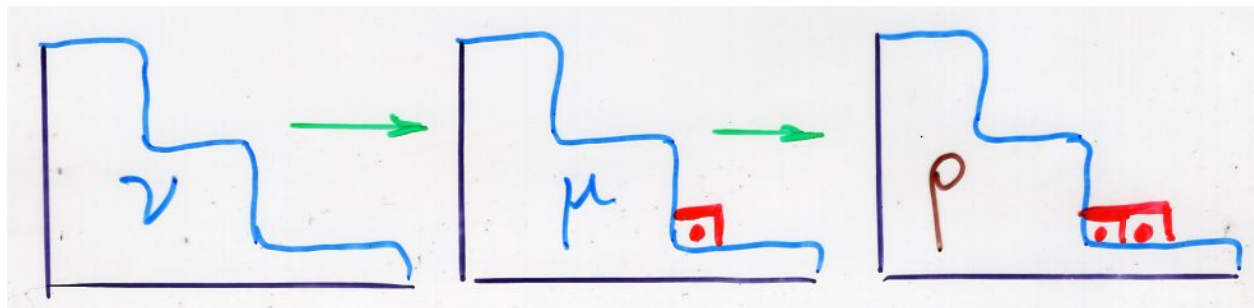
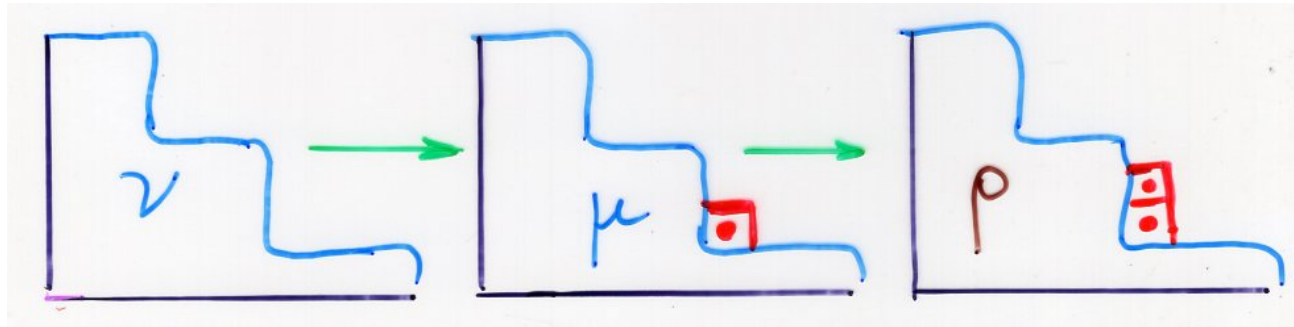
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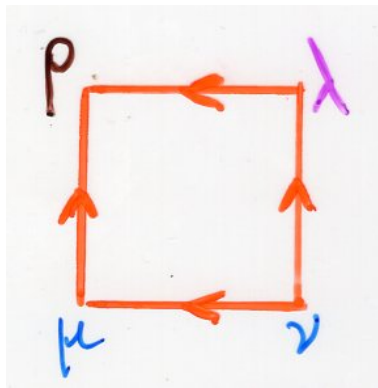
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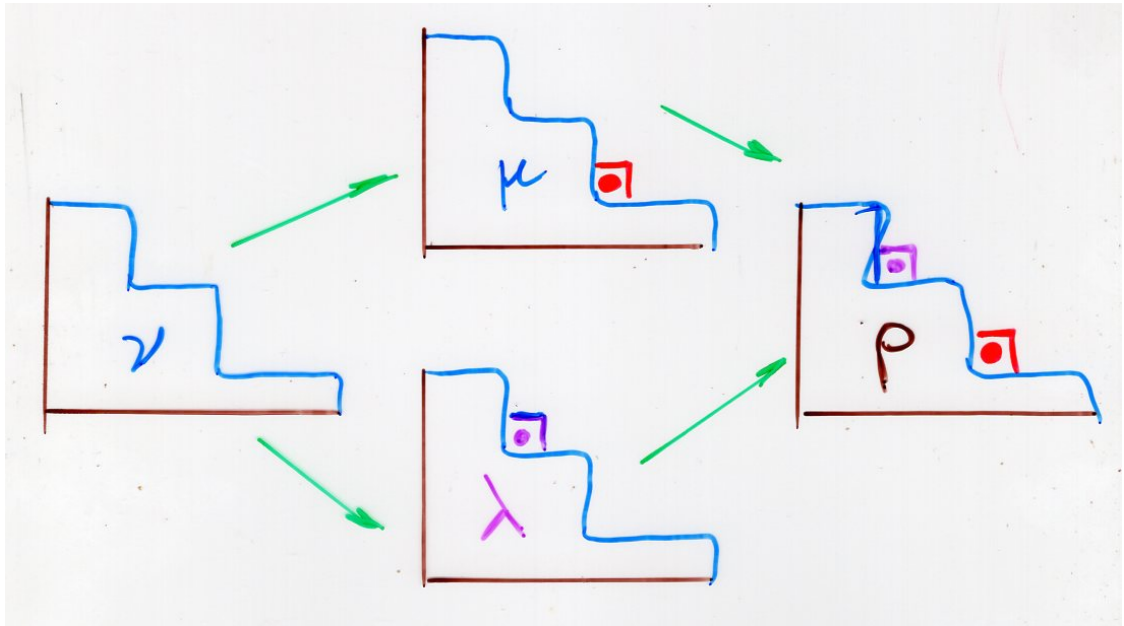
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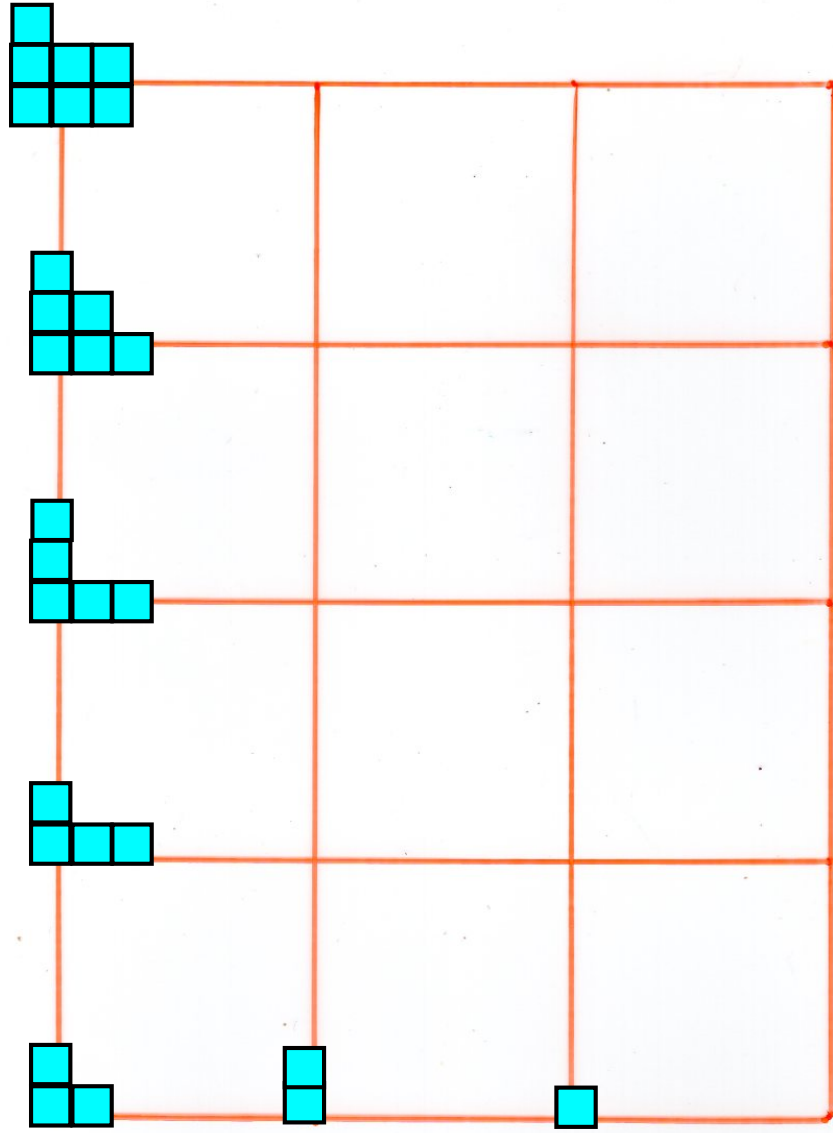


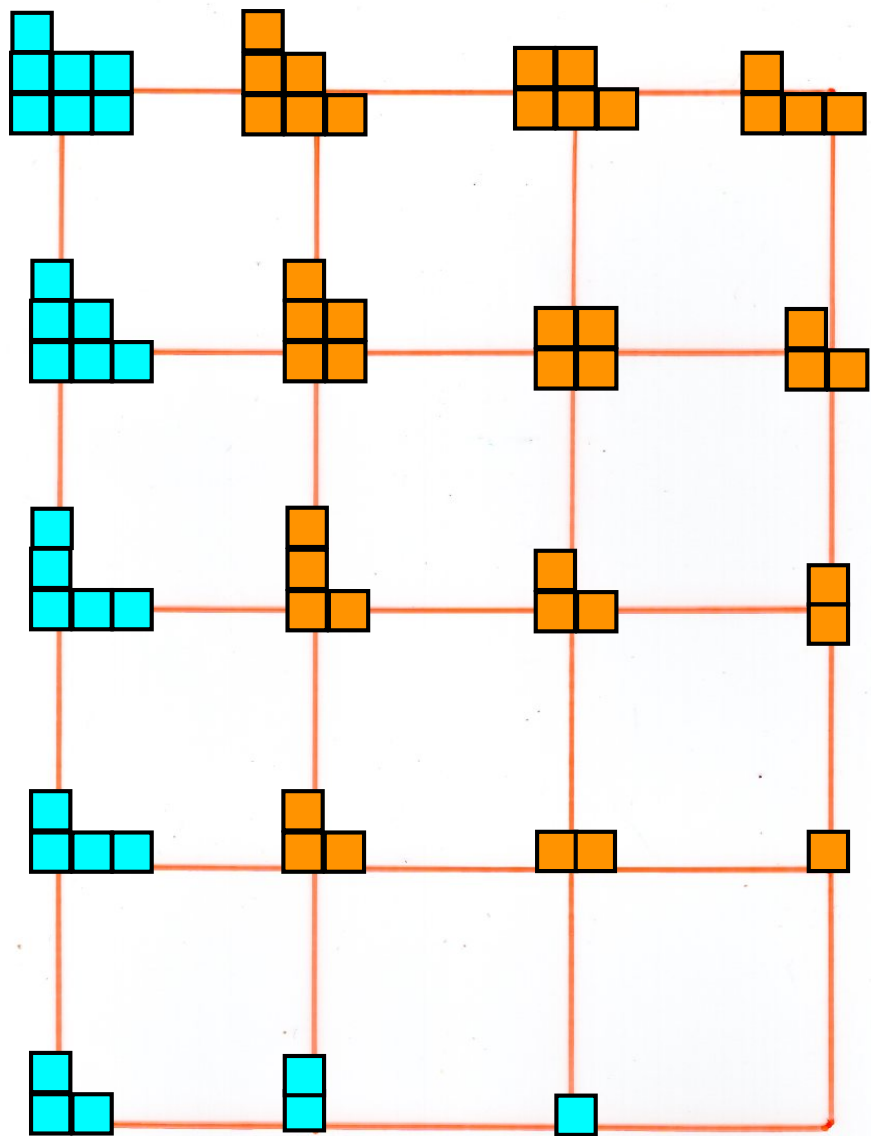


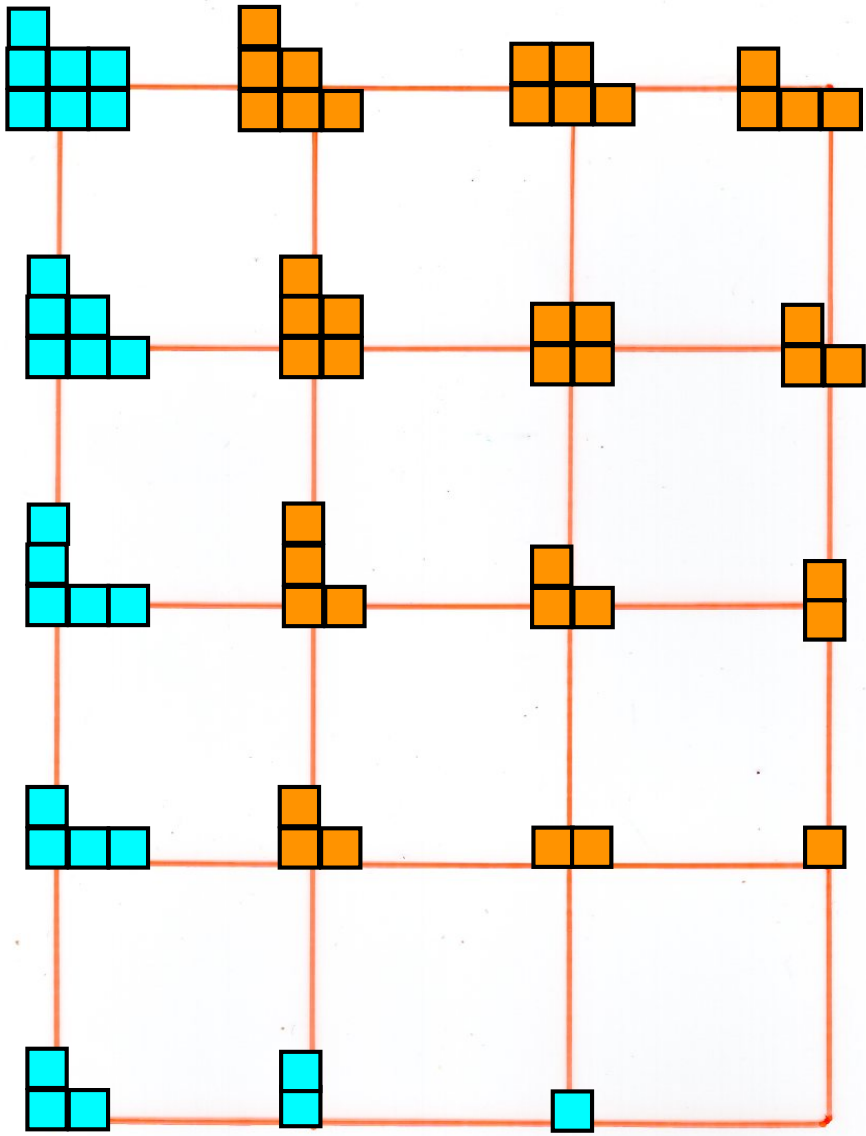
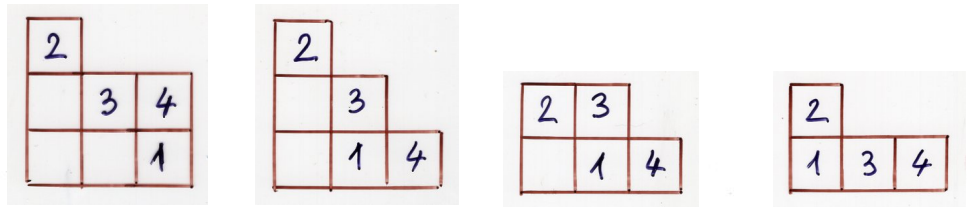
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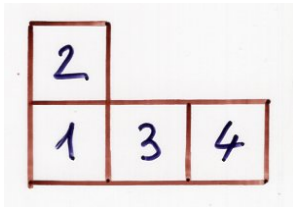




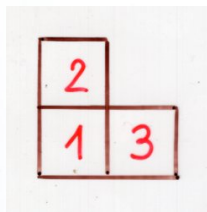
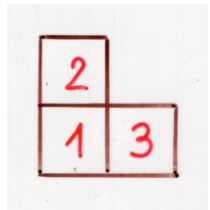




the tableau



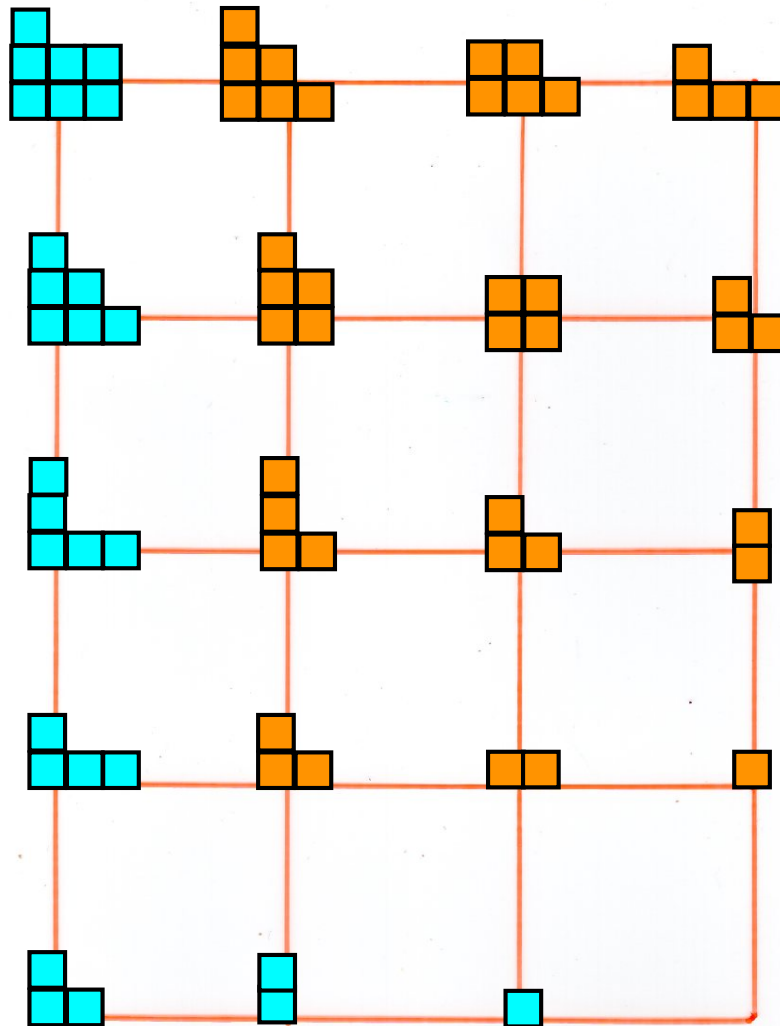
is independant of the
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symmetry of
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$jdt(T)$

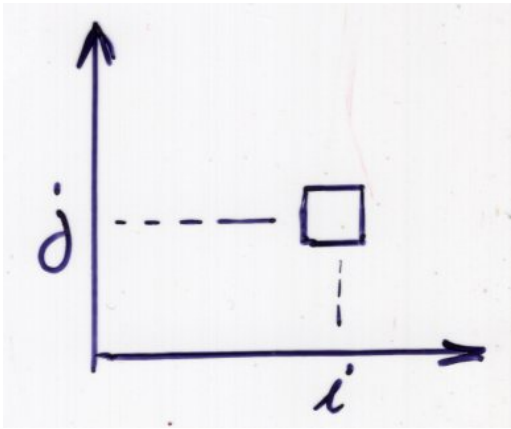
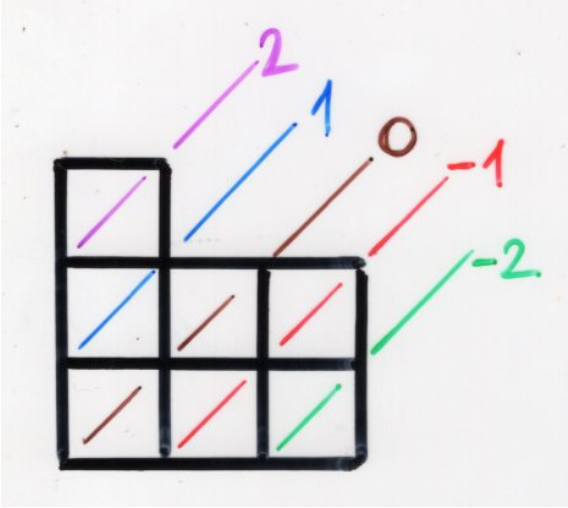
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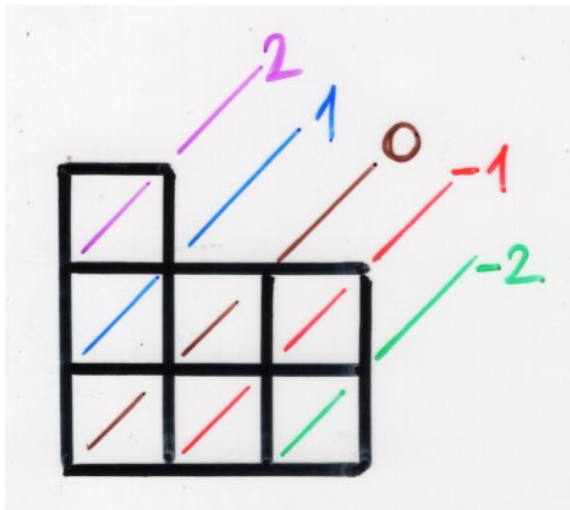
Jeu de taquin

with local rules on edges ?

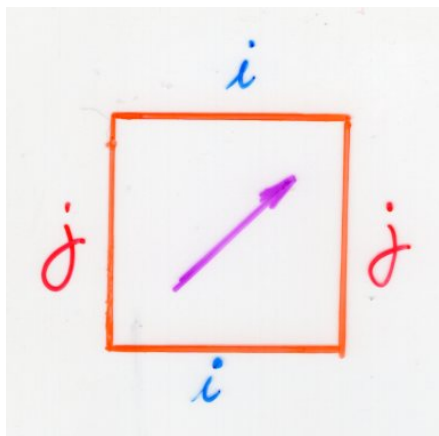
diagonal operators
 $\Delta_i \quad i \in \mathbb{Z}$



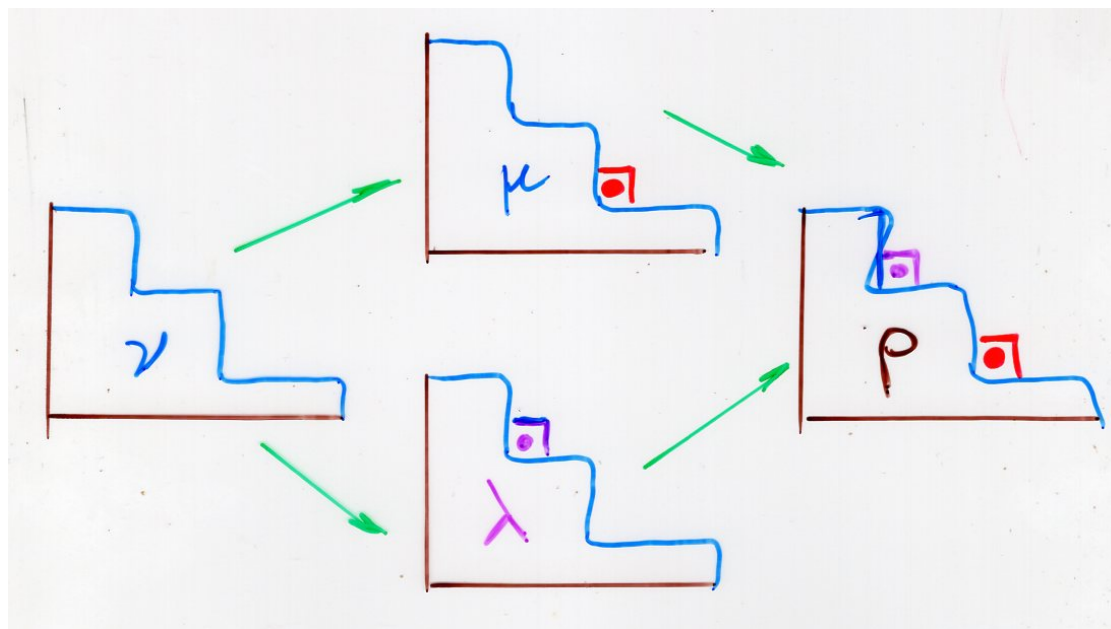
$(i, j) \rightarrow j - i$
content

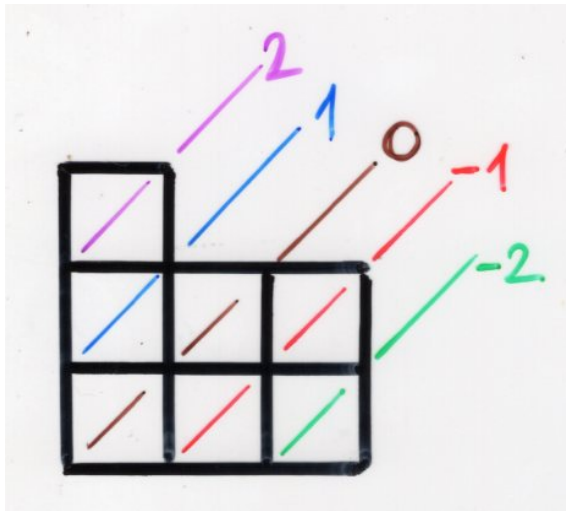


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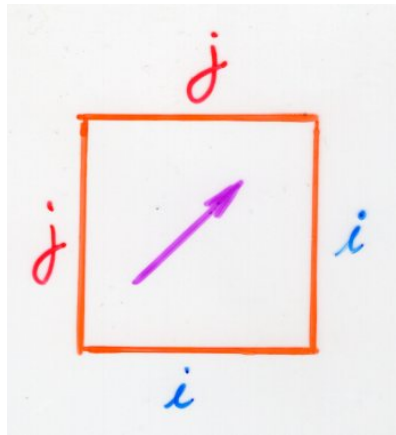


$$|i - j| \geq 2$$



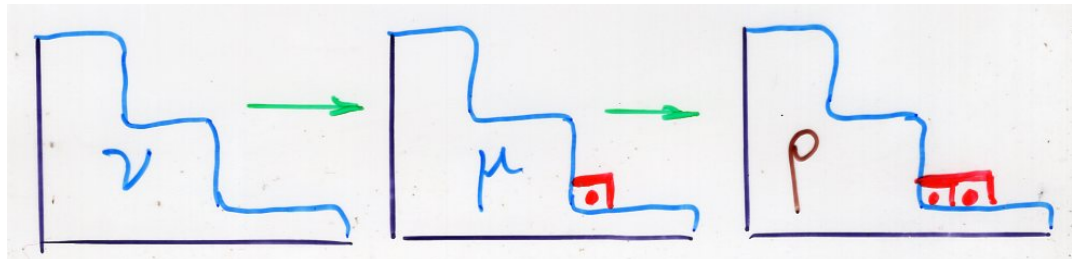
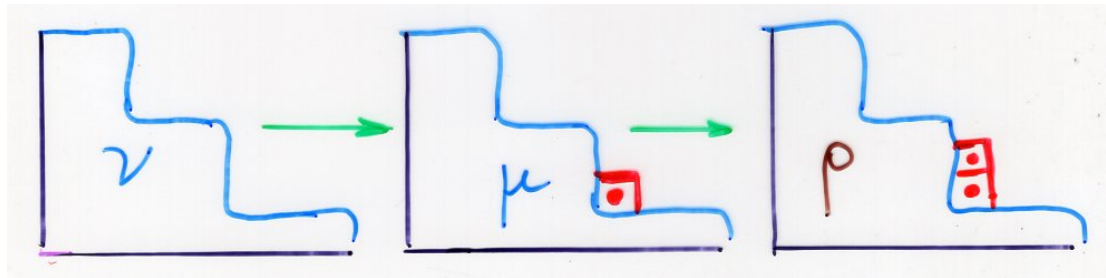


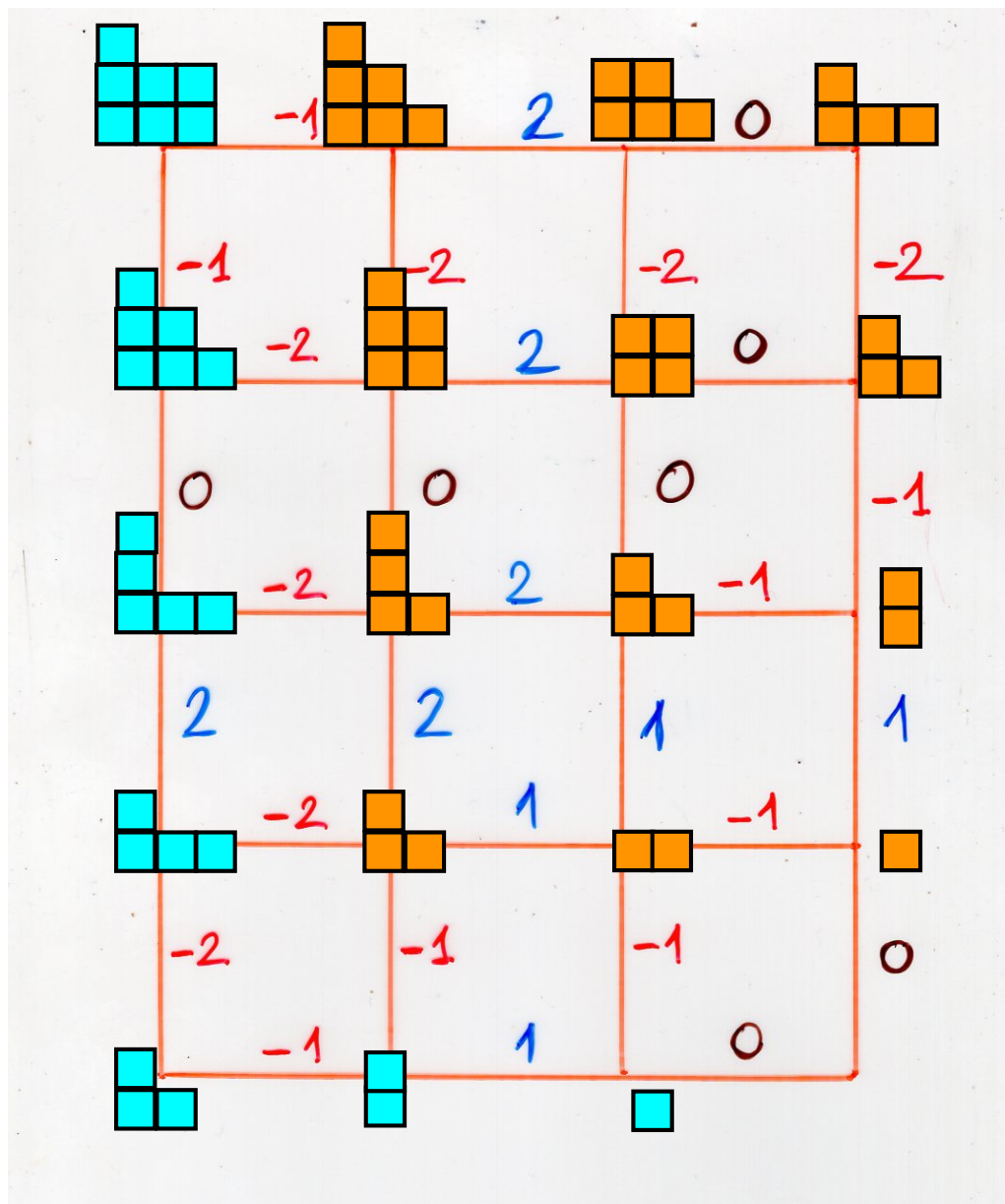
jeu de taquin
local rules on edges



$$|i - j| \leq 1$$

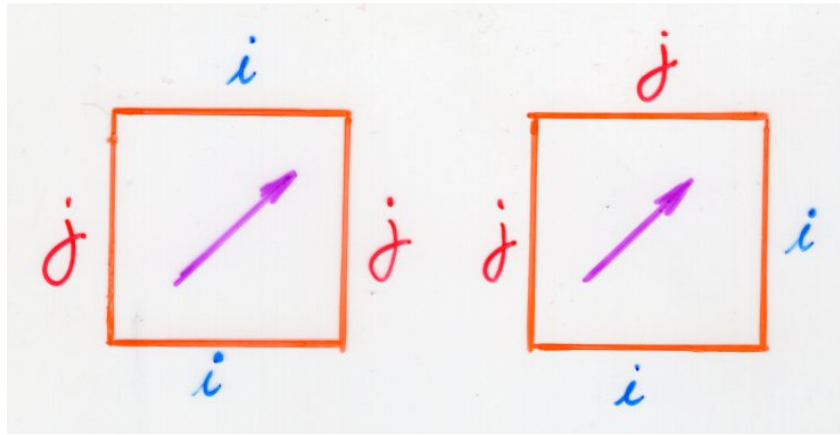
or





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-2	2	-1		
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jeu de taquin
local rules on edges



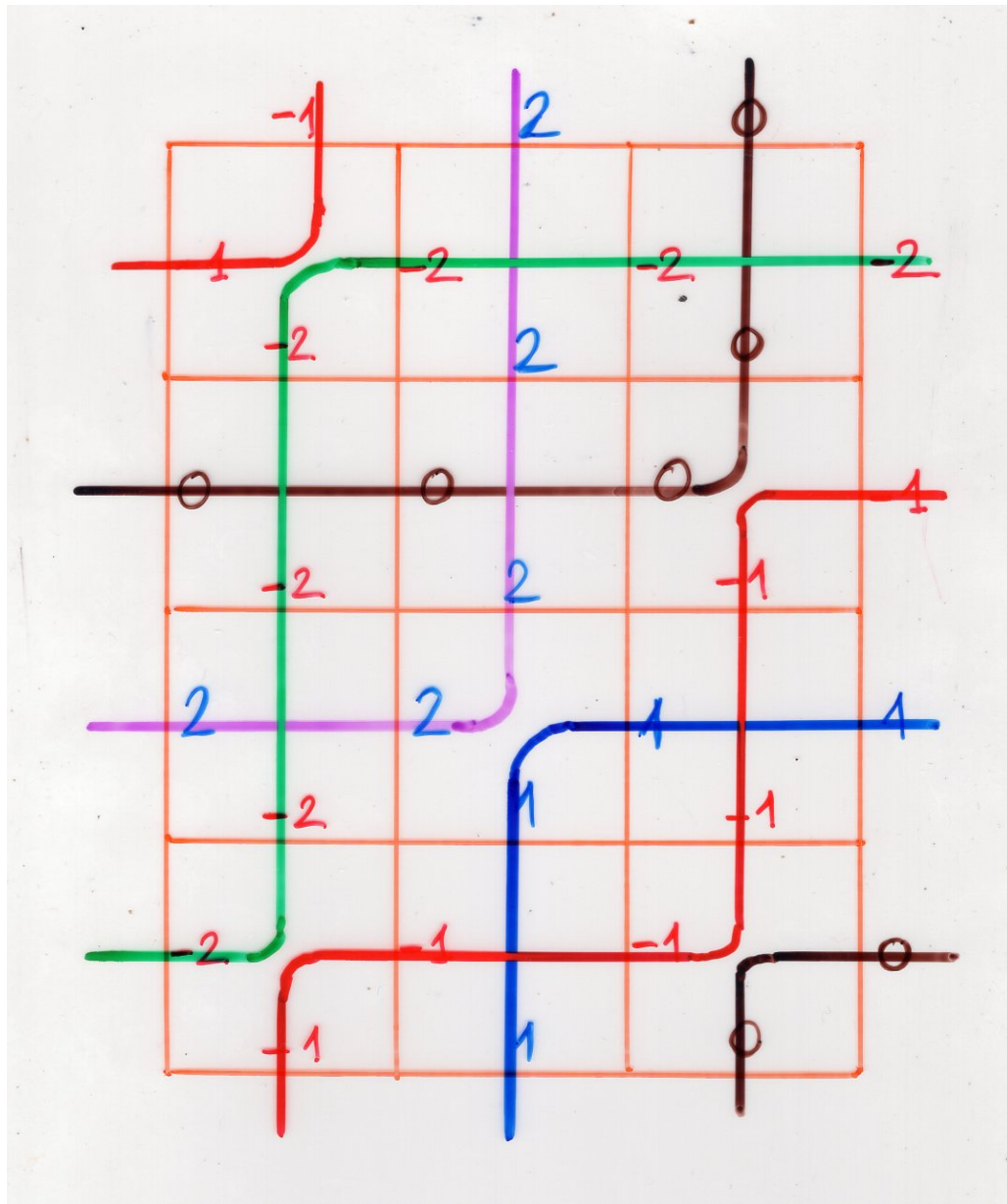
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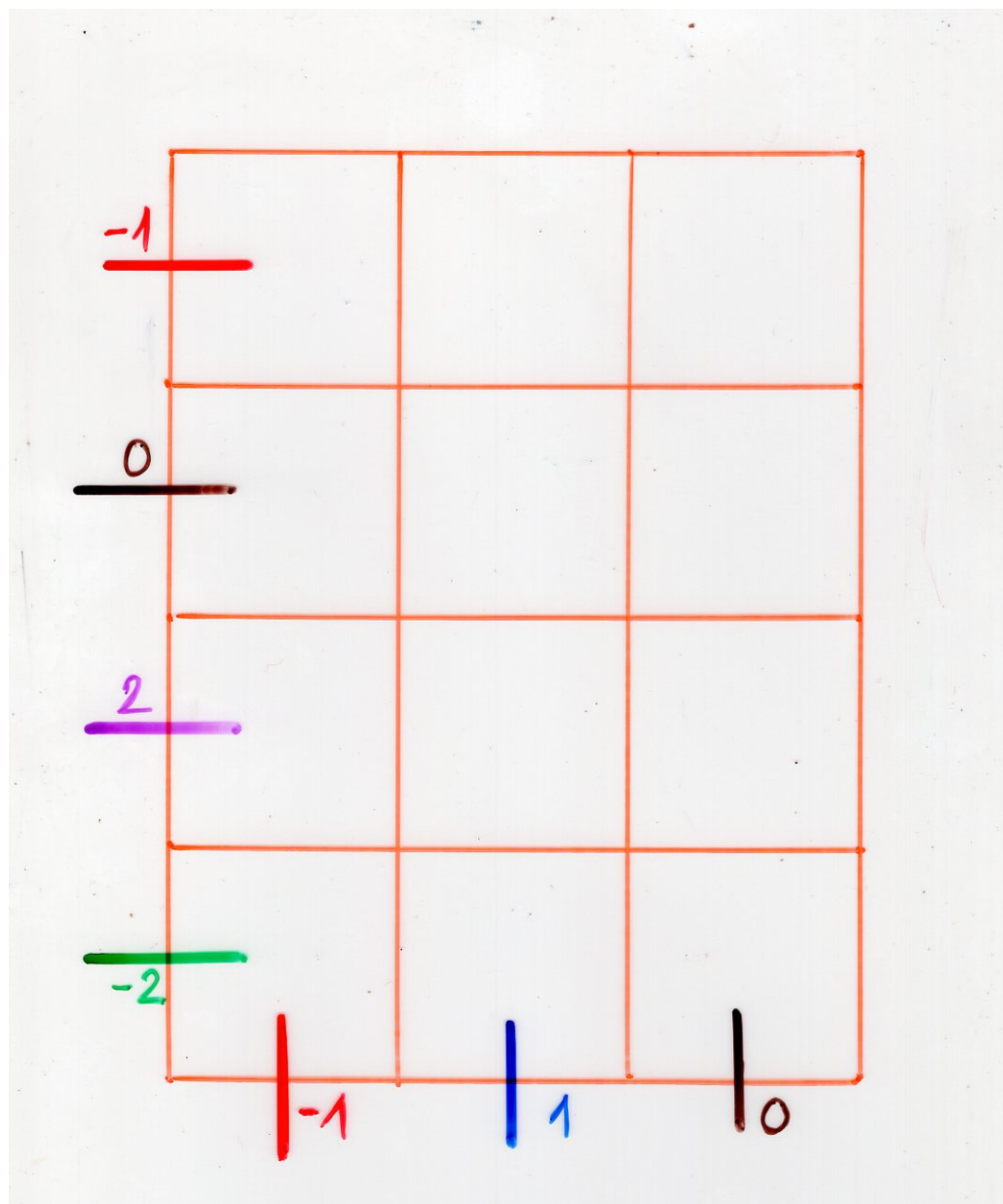
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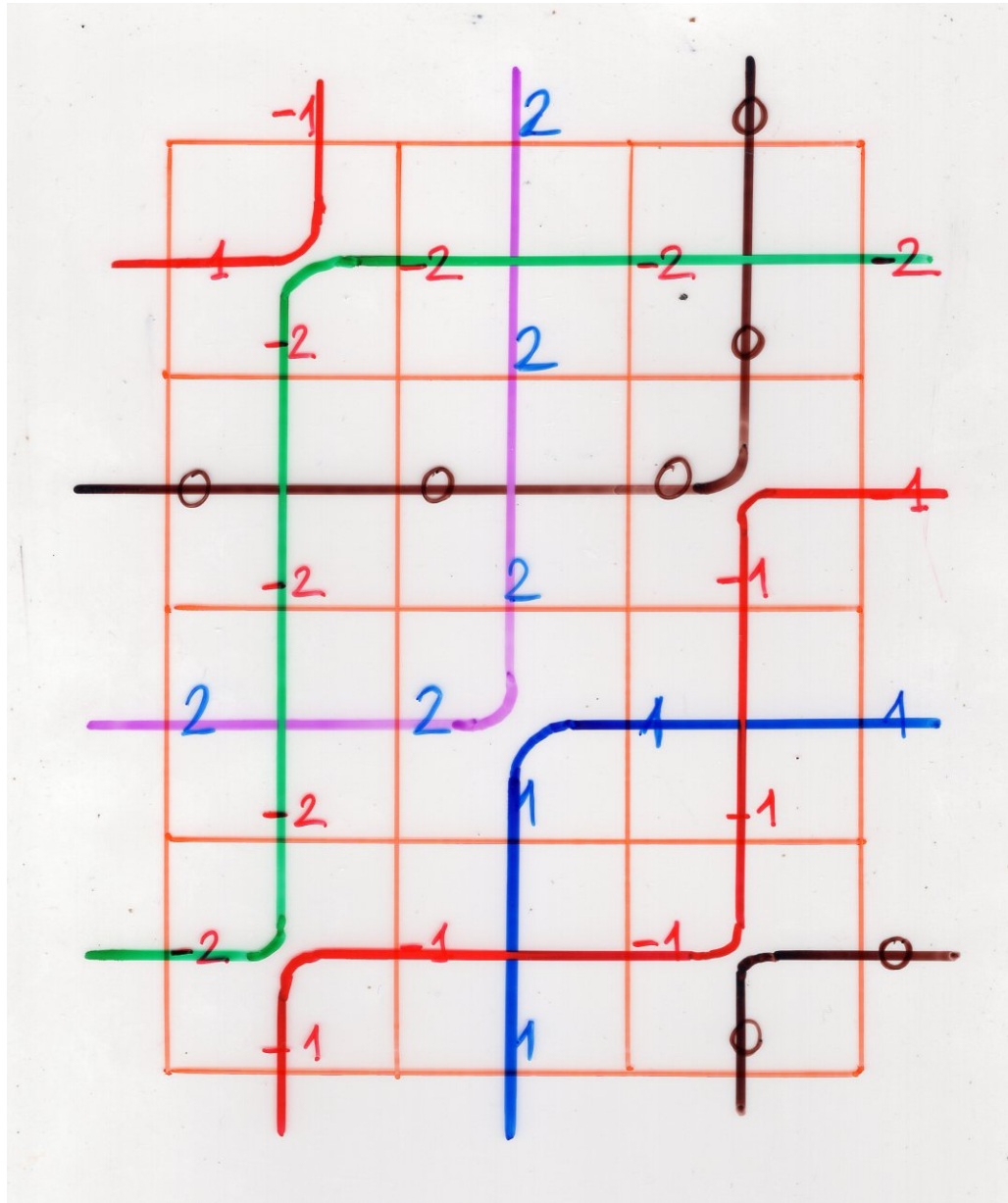
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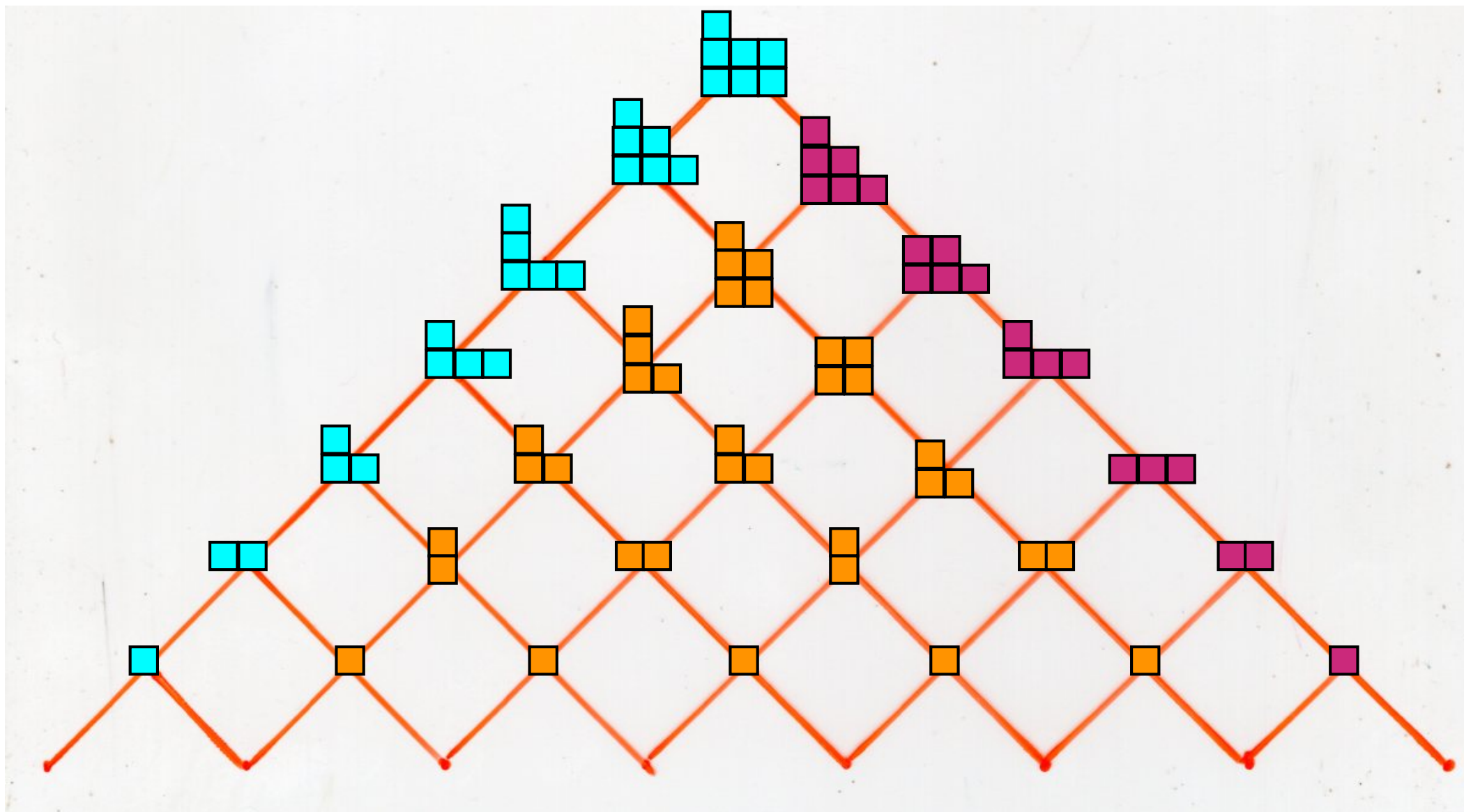
nil-Temperley-Lieb
planar automaton





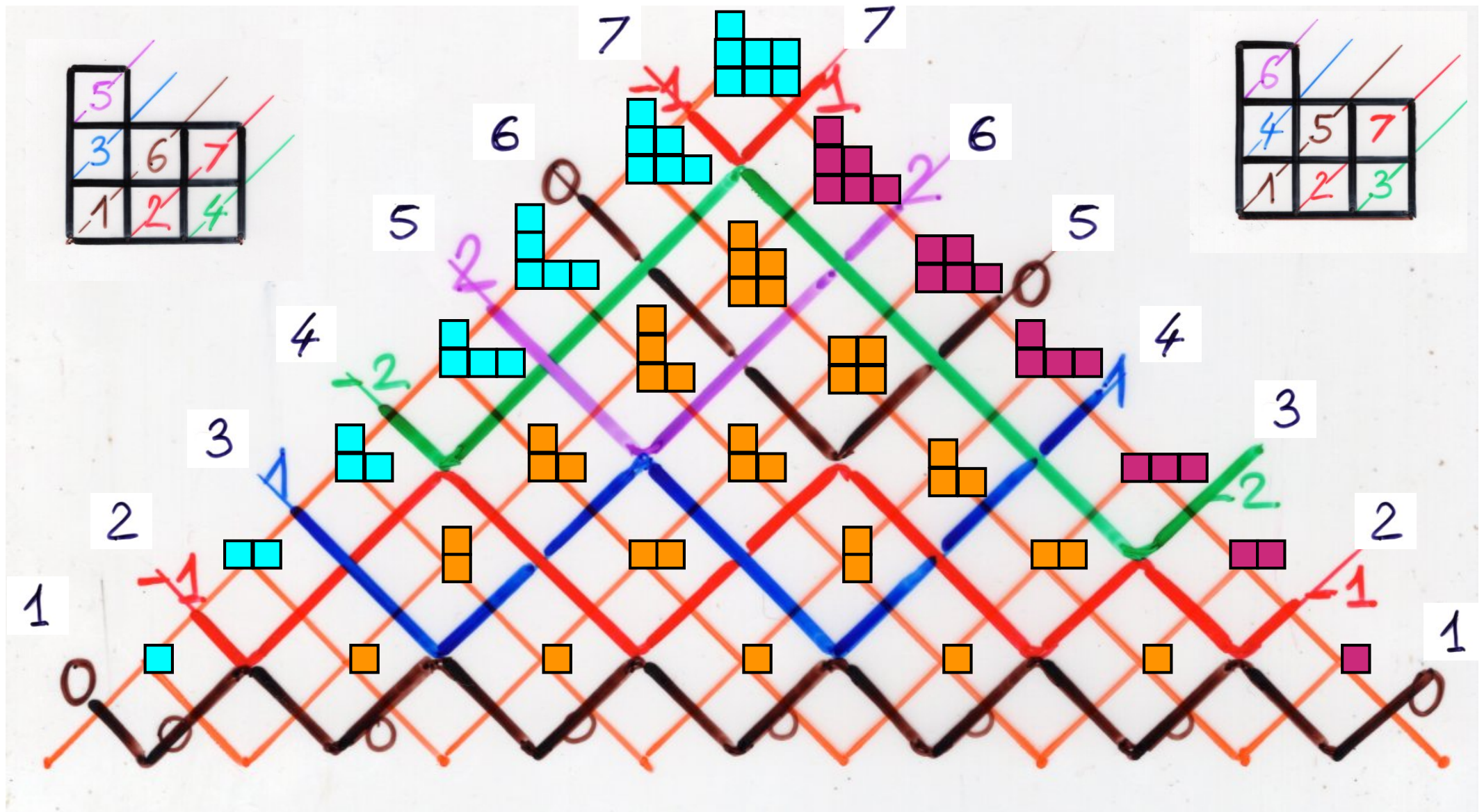


dual of a tableau



Schützenberger involution

dual of a tableau



Schützenberger involution

Proposition

is an

The map
involution

$$T \rightarrow T^*$$

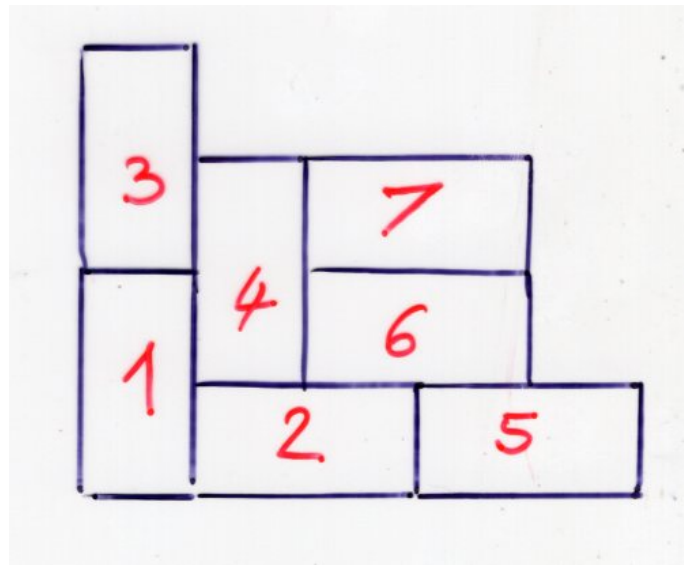
$$(T^*)^* = T$$

T Young tableau
 T^* dual tableau

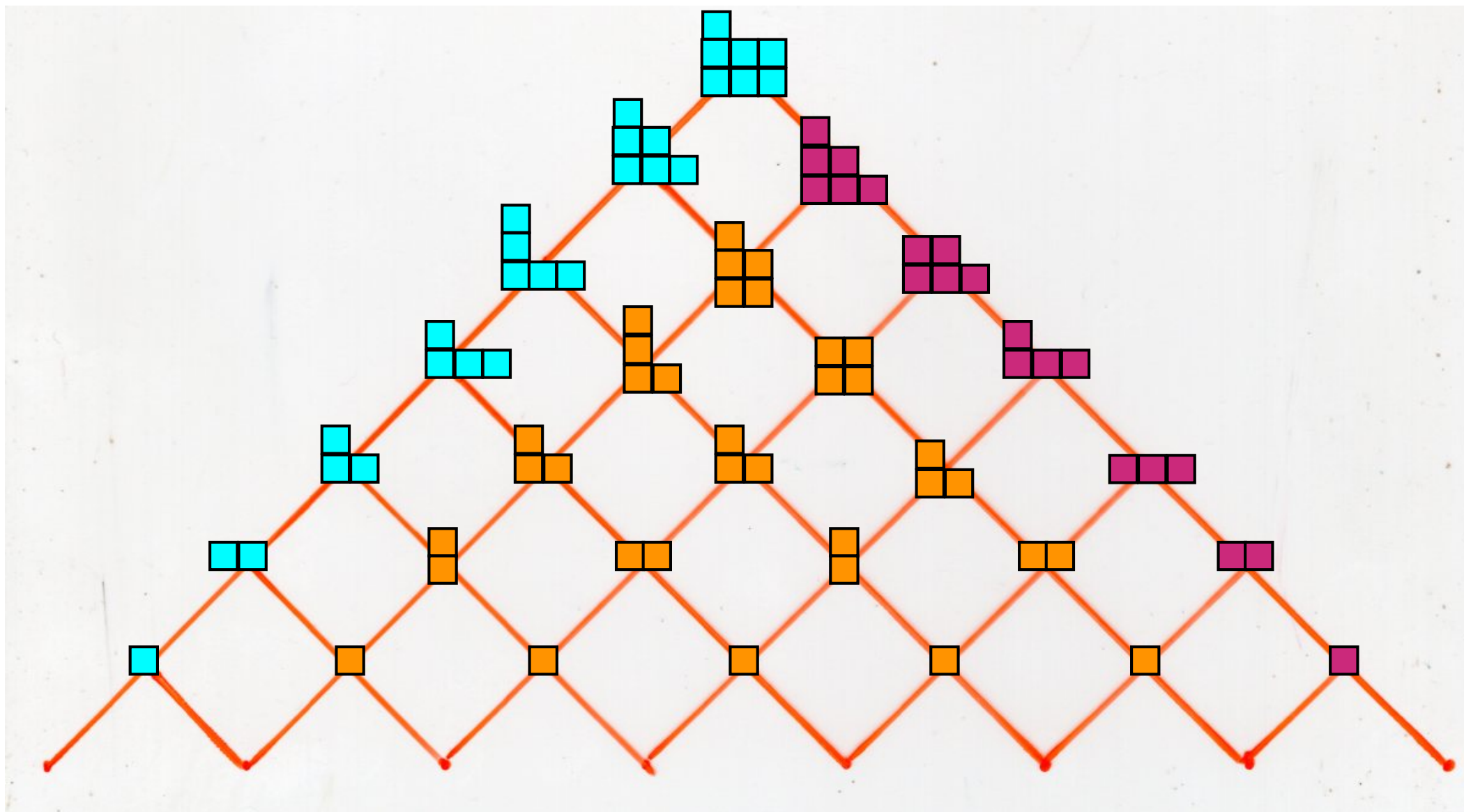
evac. (T)
other notation

Proposition

tableaux such that $T = T^*$ are
in bijection with domino tableaux



dual of a tableau



Schützenberger involution

Belrema

website "Tableaux"
blog "ASM & Co"

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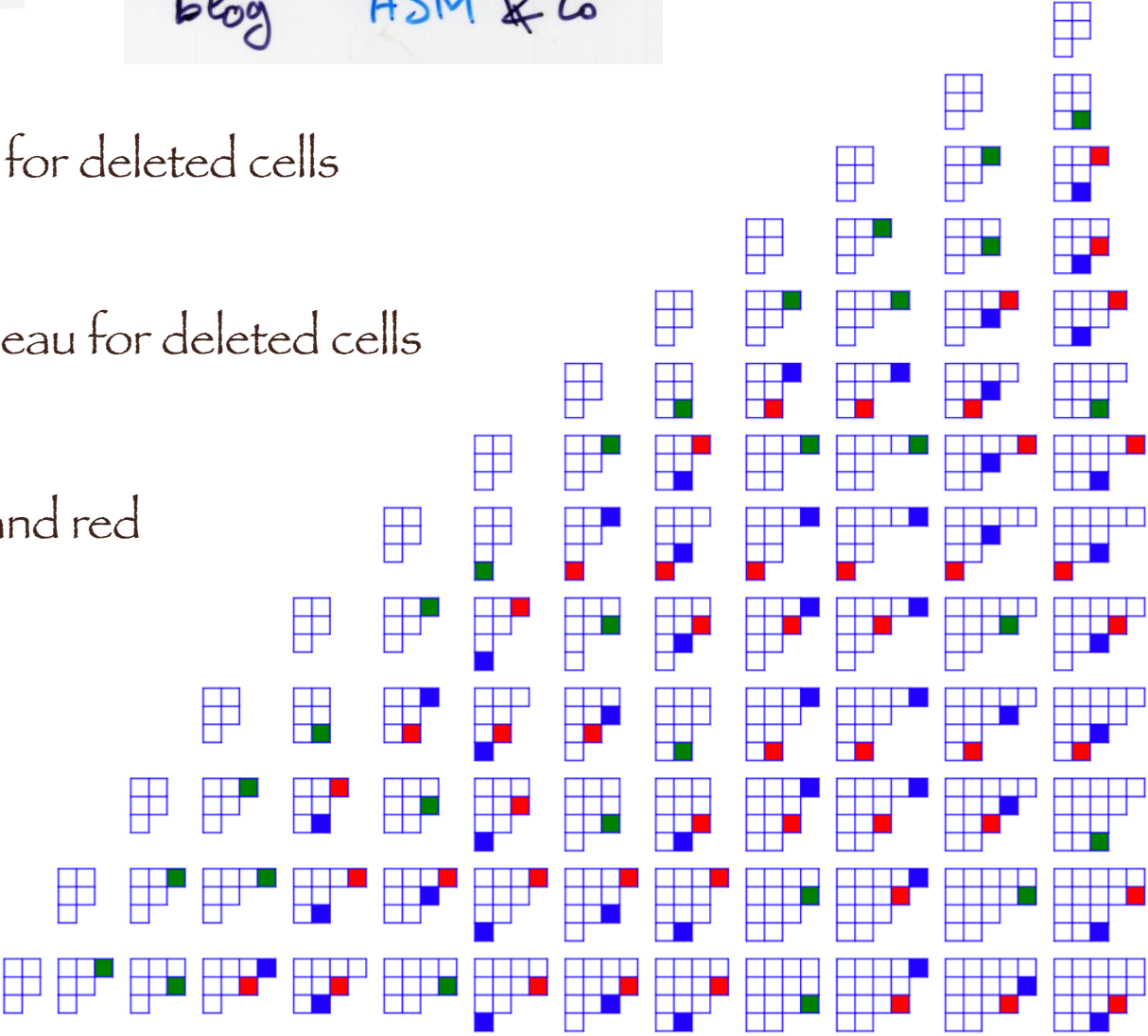
in each row of the tableau for deleted cells

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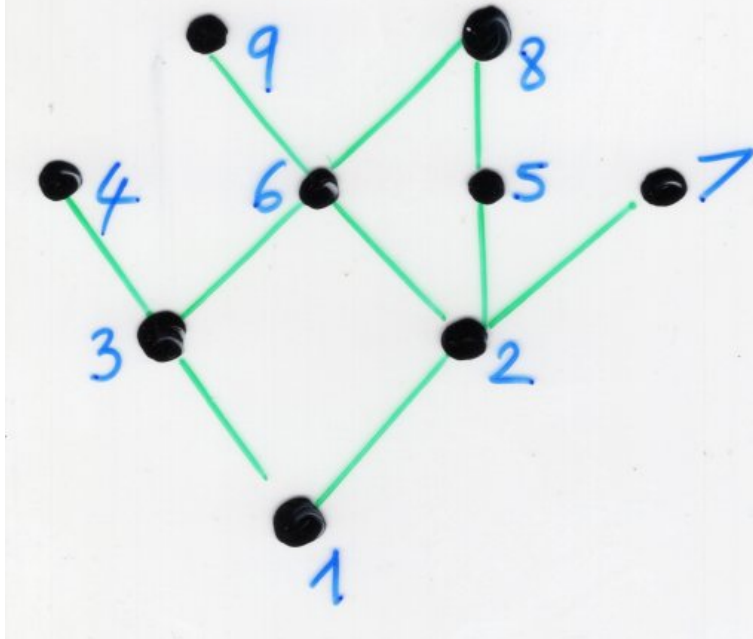
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green cells:

cells which are both blue and red



extension to poset



Schützenberger (1972)

Delta operators

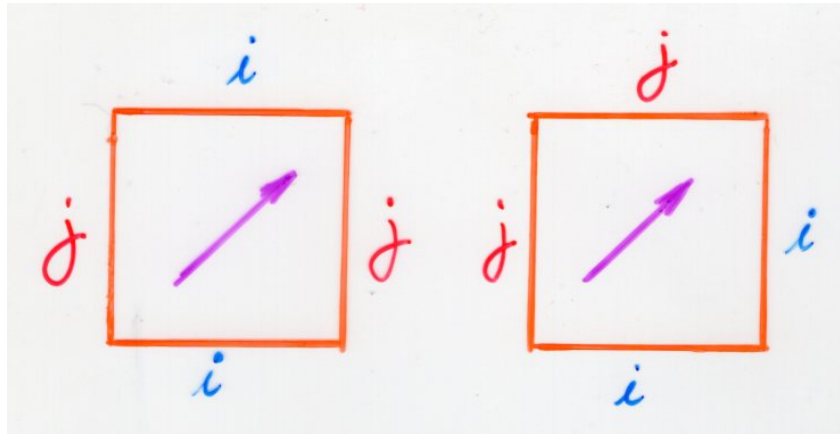
and

nil-Temperley-Lieb algebra

see course BJC Part II, Ch 6b

jeu de taquin
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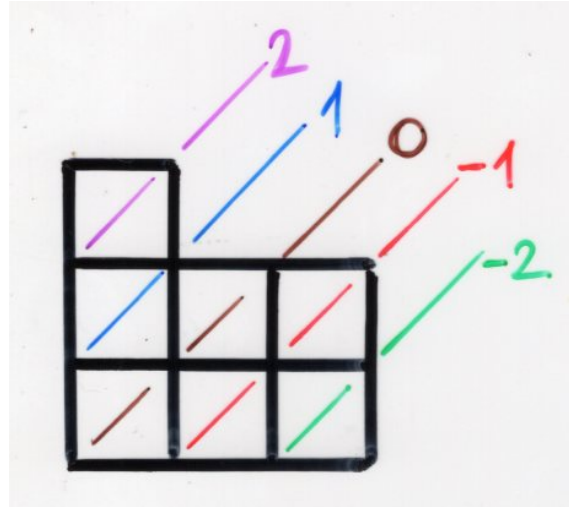
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nil-Temperley-Lieb
planar automaton

nil-Temperley-Lieb algebra

NTL_n or A_n^0

$$(i) \quad e_i e_j = e_j e_i \quad |i-j| \geq 2$$

$$(ii) \quad e_i^2 = 0$$

$$(iii) \quad e_i e_{i+1} e_i = e_{i+1} e_i e_{i+1} = 0$$

representation of NTL_n

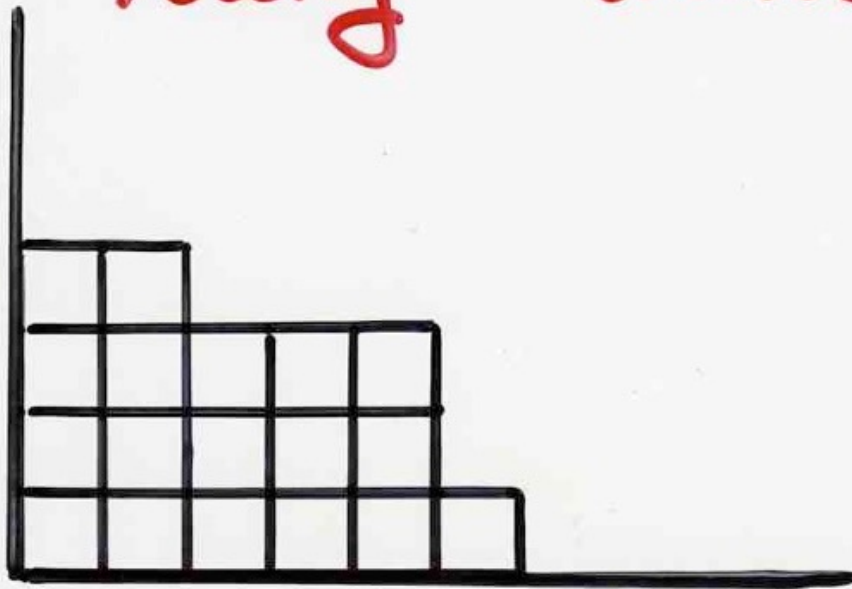
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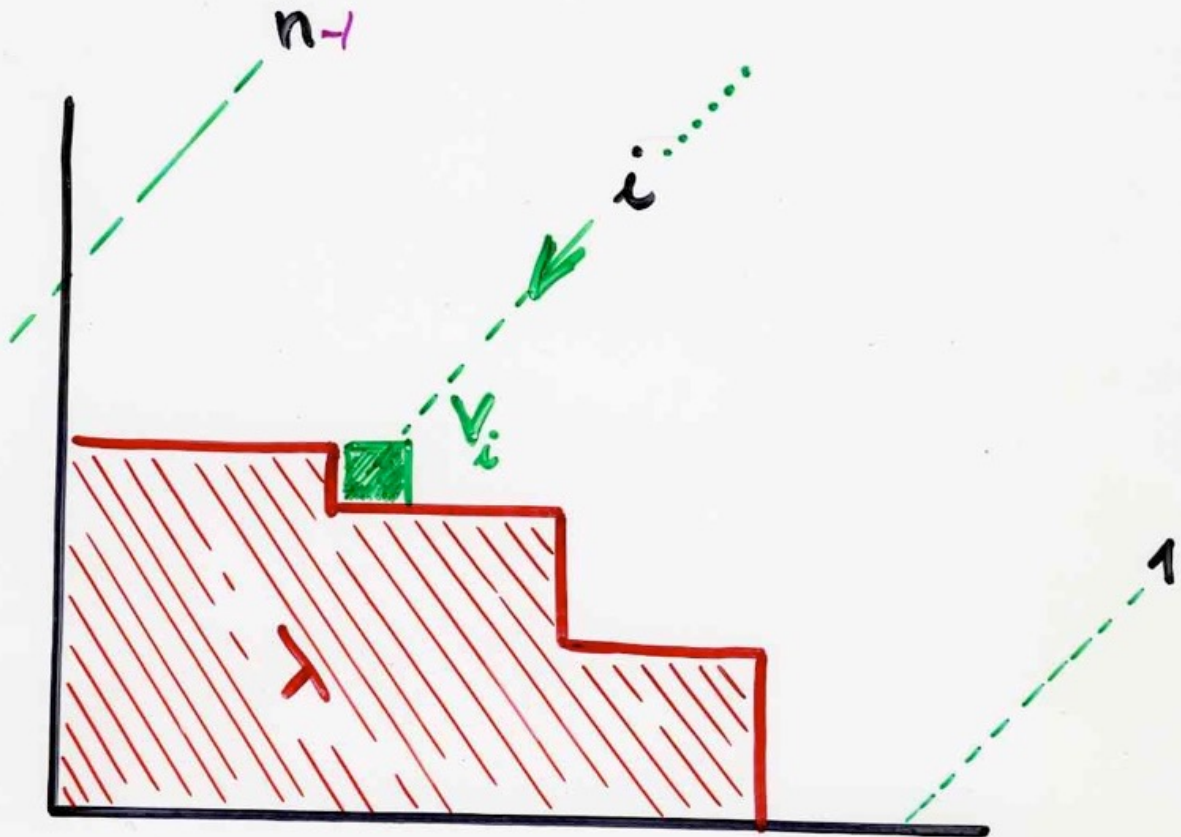
operators

on the

Young

lattice



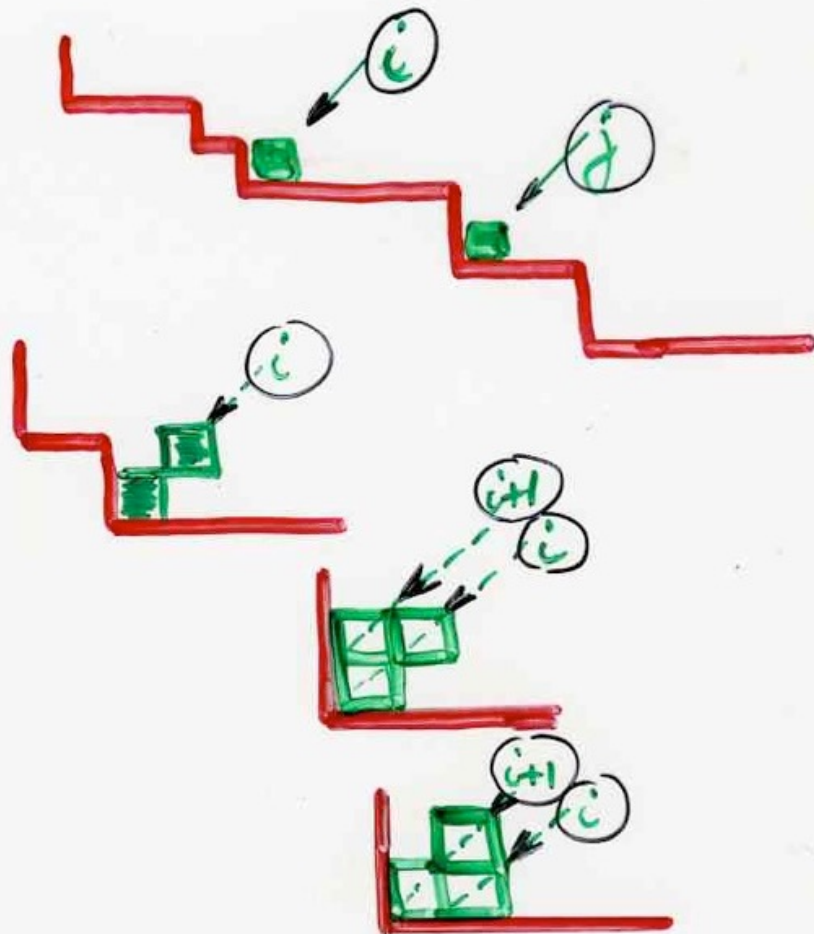


$$v_i(x) = \begin{cases} \text{[red box with } x \text{]} & \text{if } x \text{ is in the } i\text{-th step} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

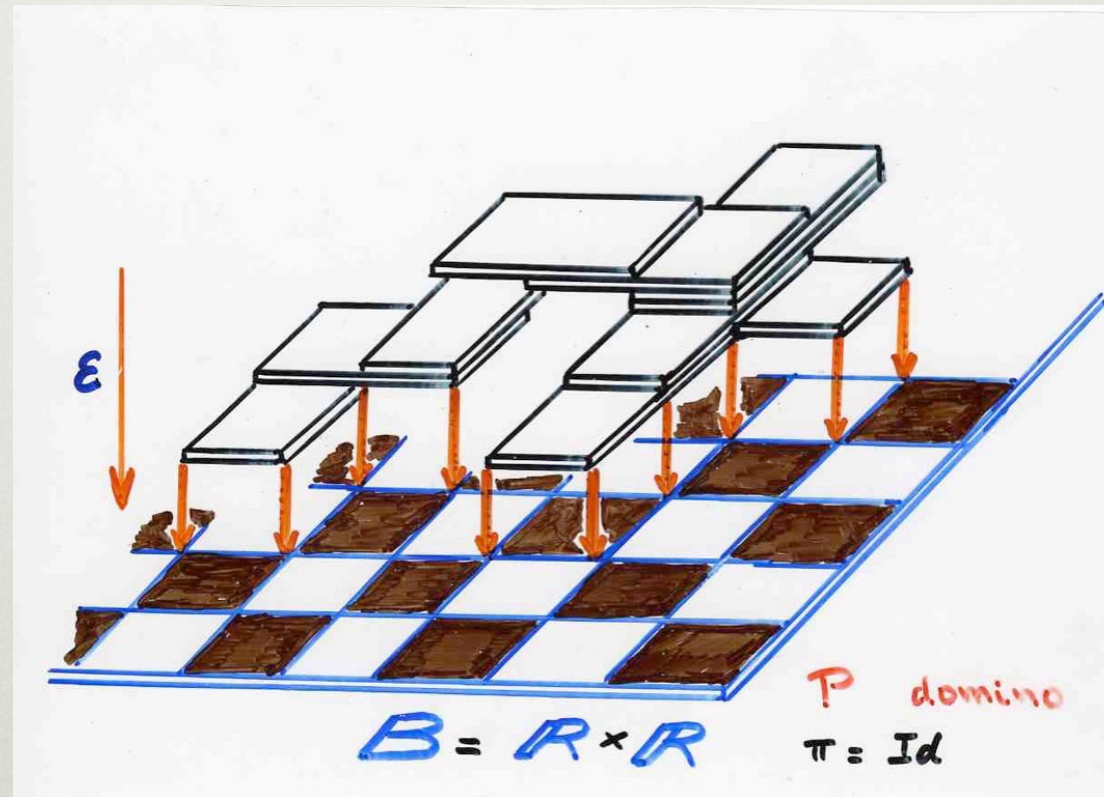
(i) $v_i v_j$

(ii) v_i^2

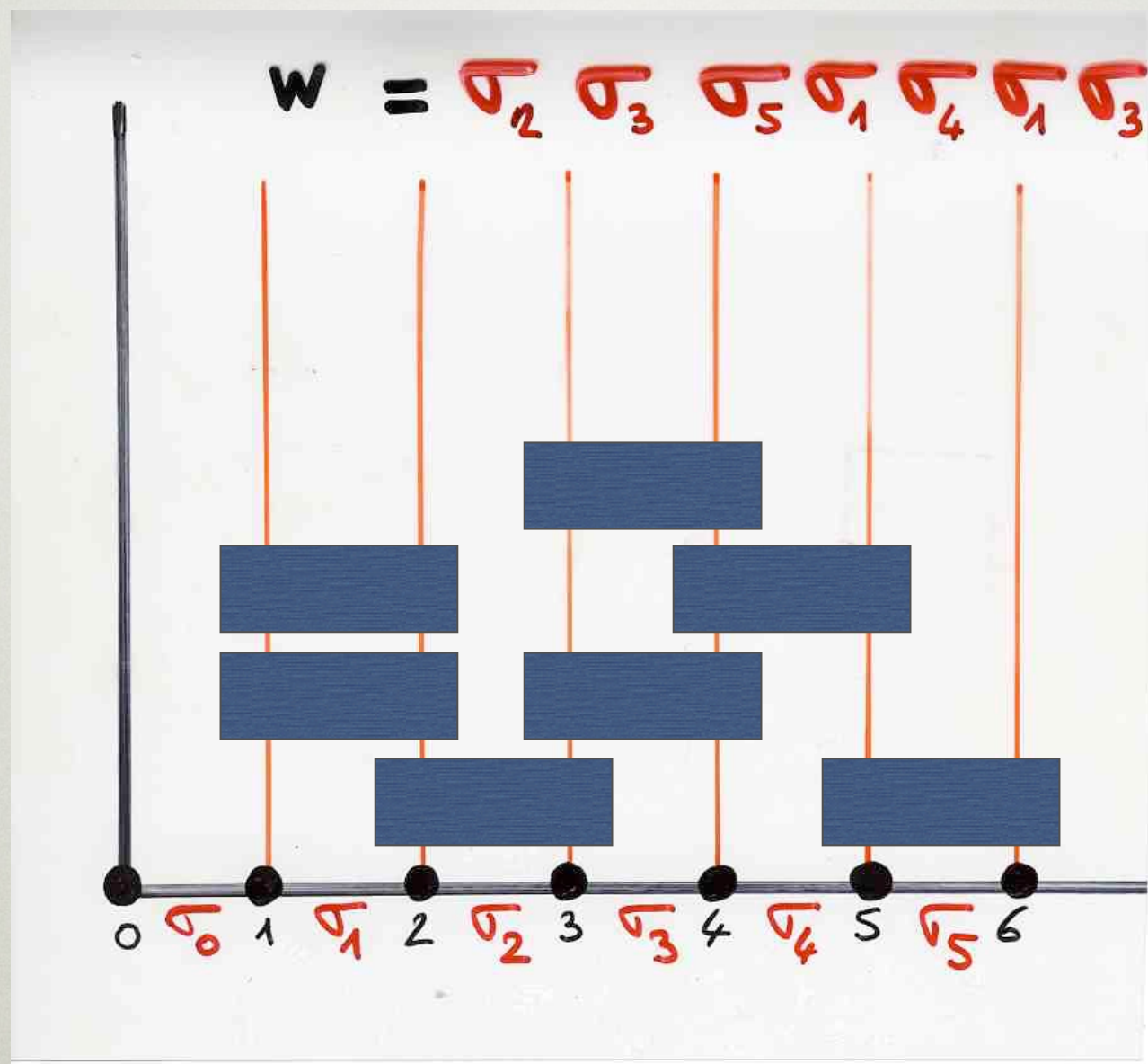
(iii) $v_i v_{i+1} v_n$
 $v_{i+1} v_n v_{i+1}$

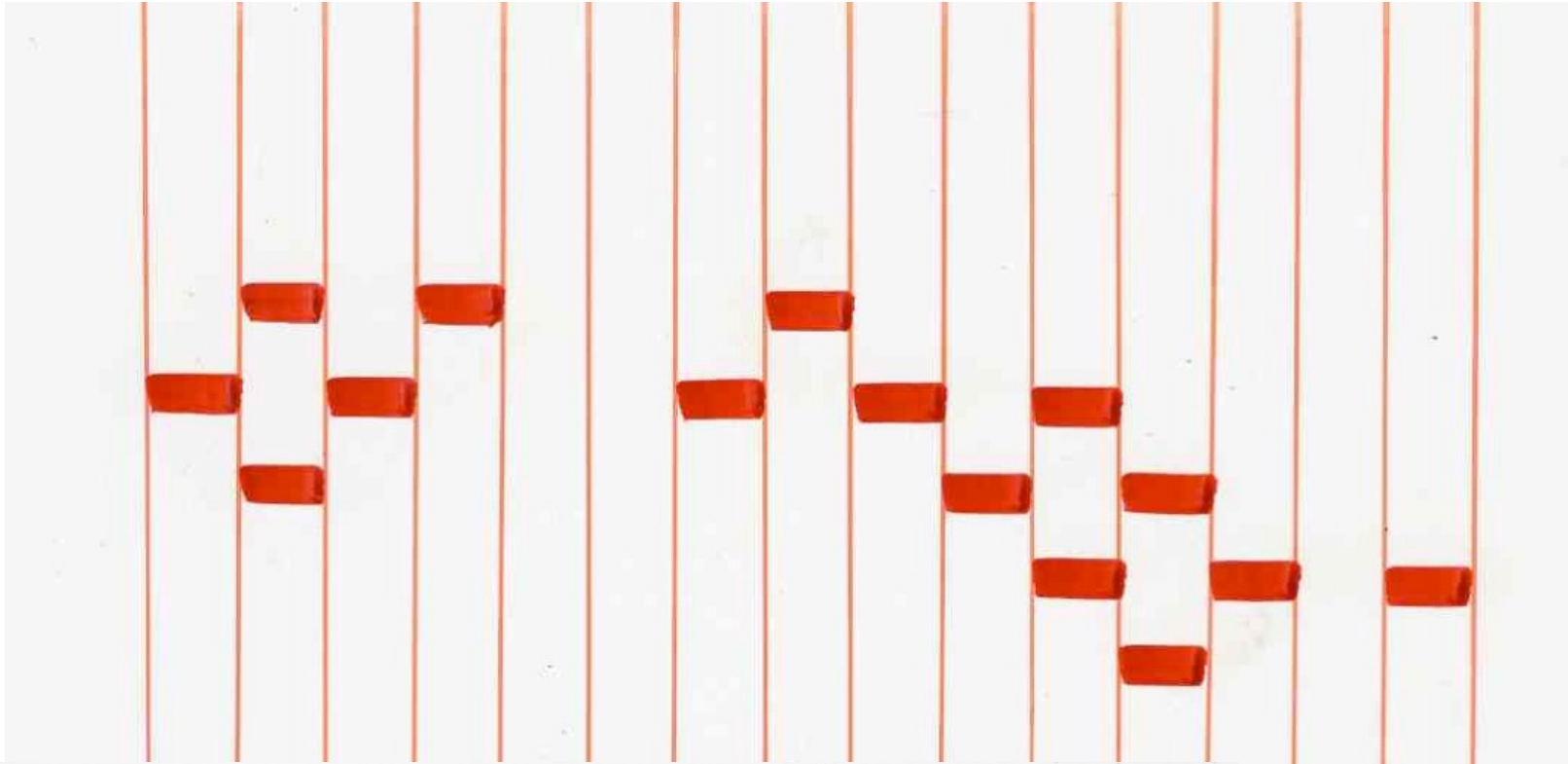


course BJC
Part II: heaps
of pieces
and
commutation
monoids



heaps
of dimers





heap of dimers
on $[0, n-1]$ \rightarrow element
of TL_n
Temperley-Lieb algebra

basis of $(N)TL_n$

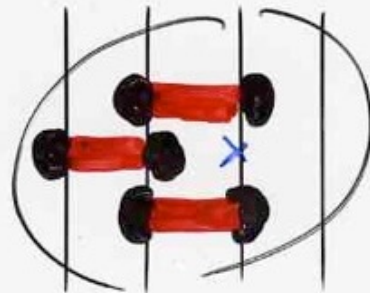
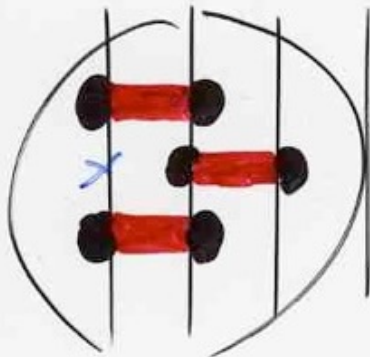
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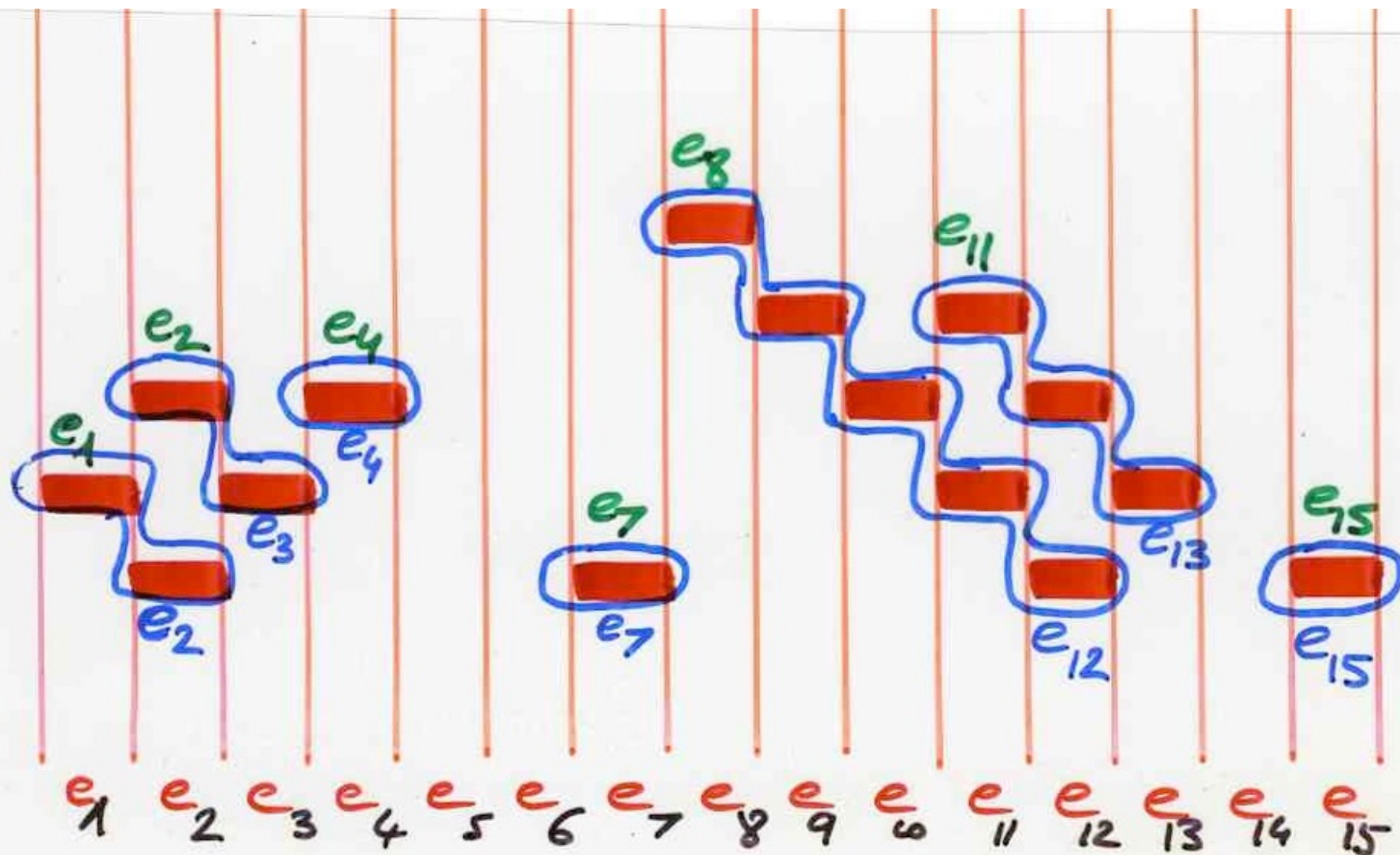
u_i^2
 $u_i u_{i+1} u_i$

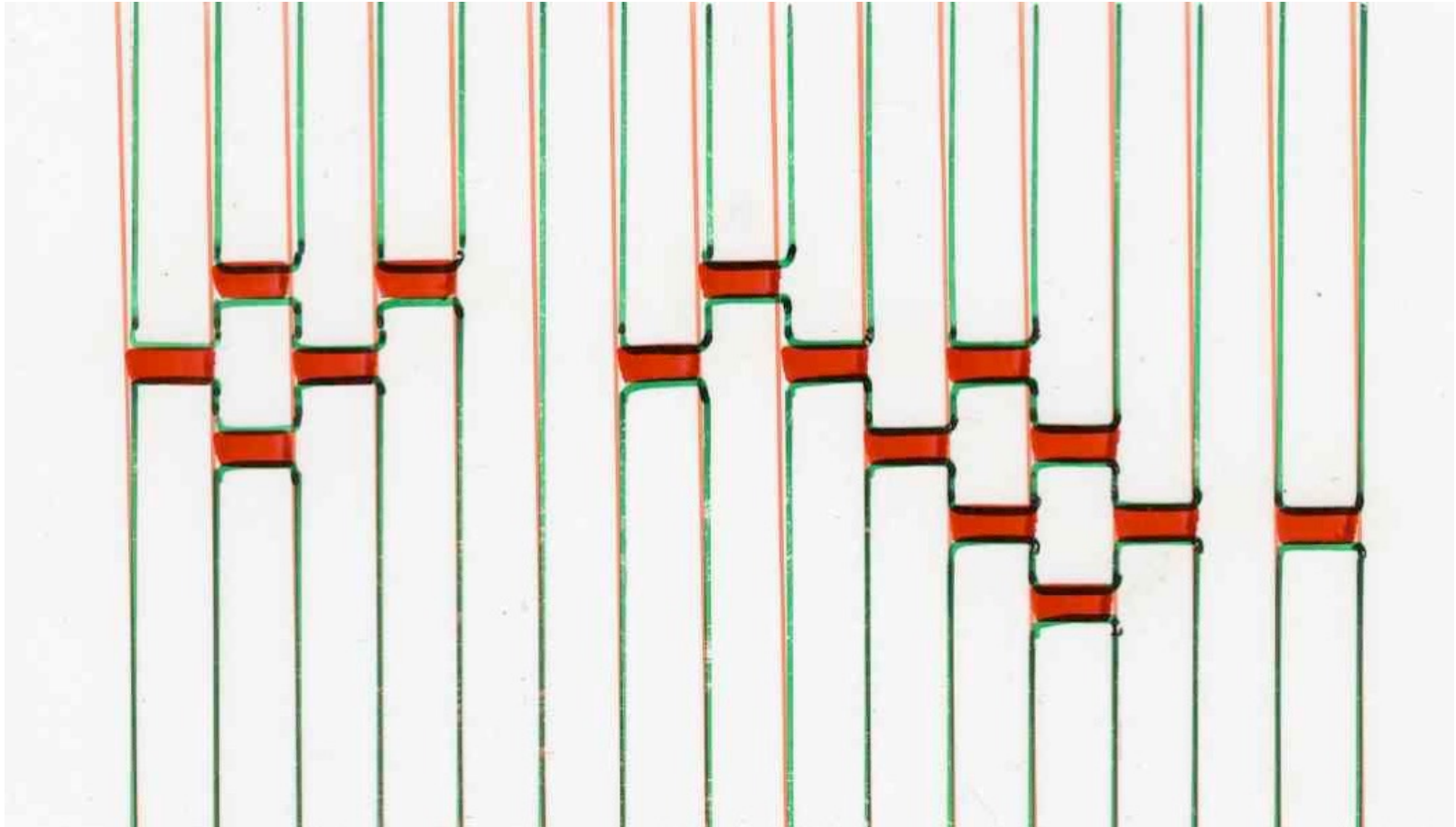


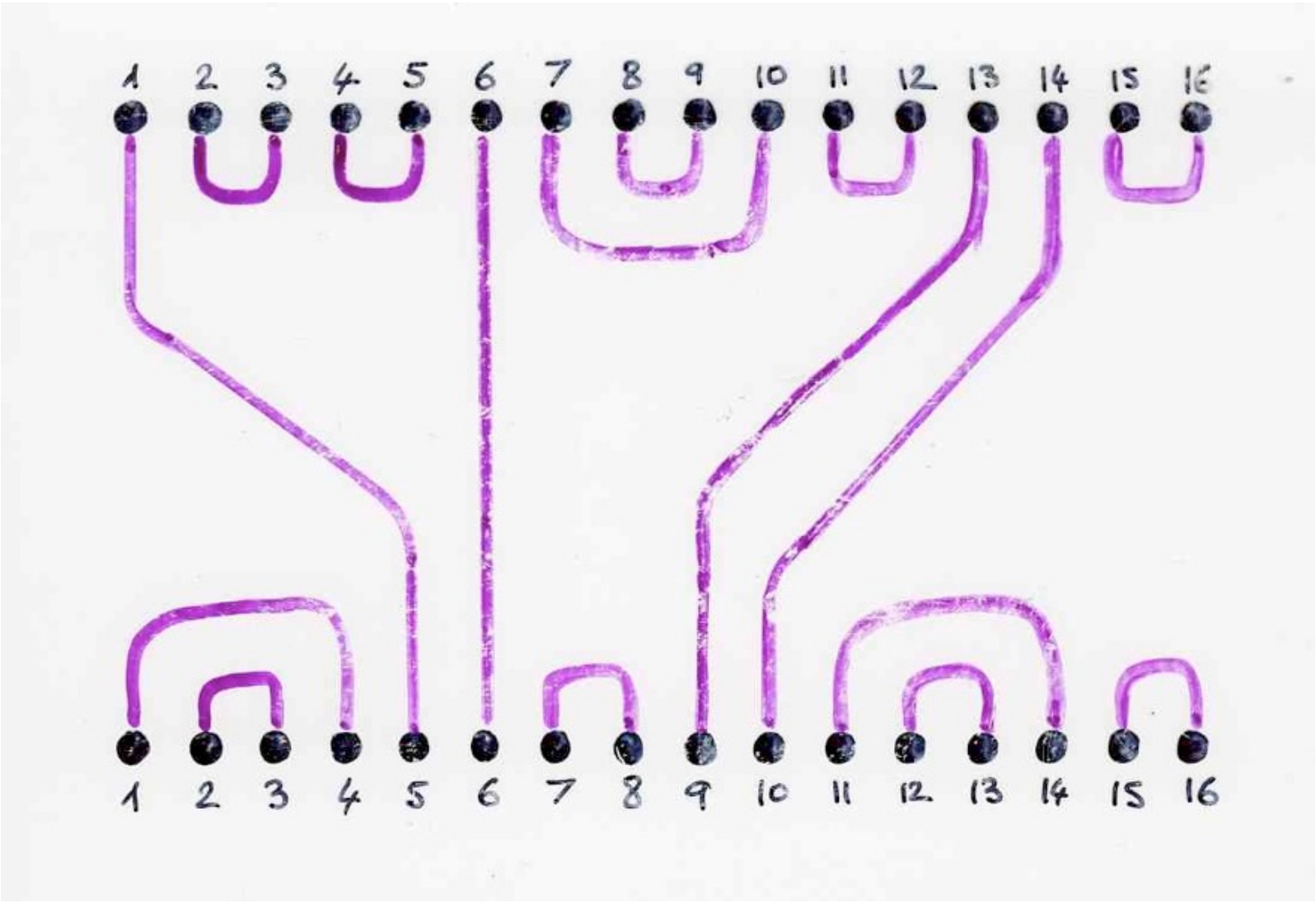
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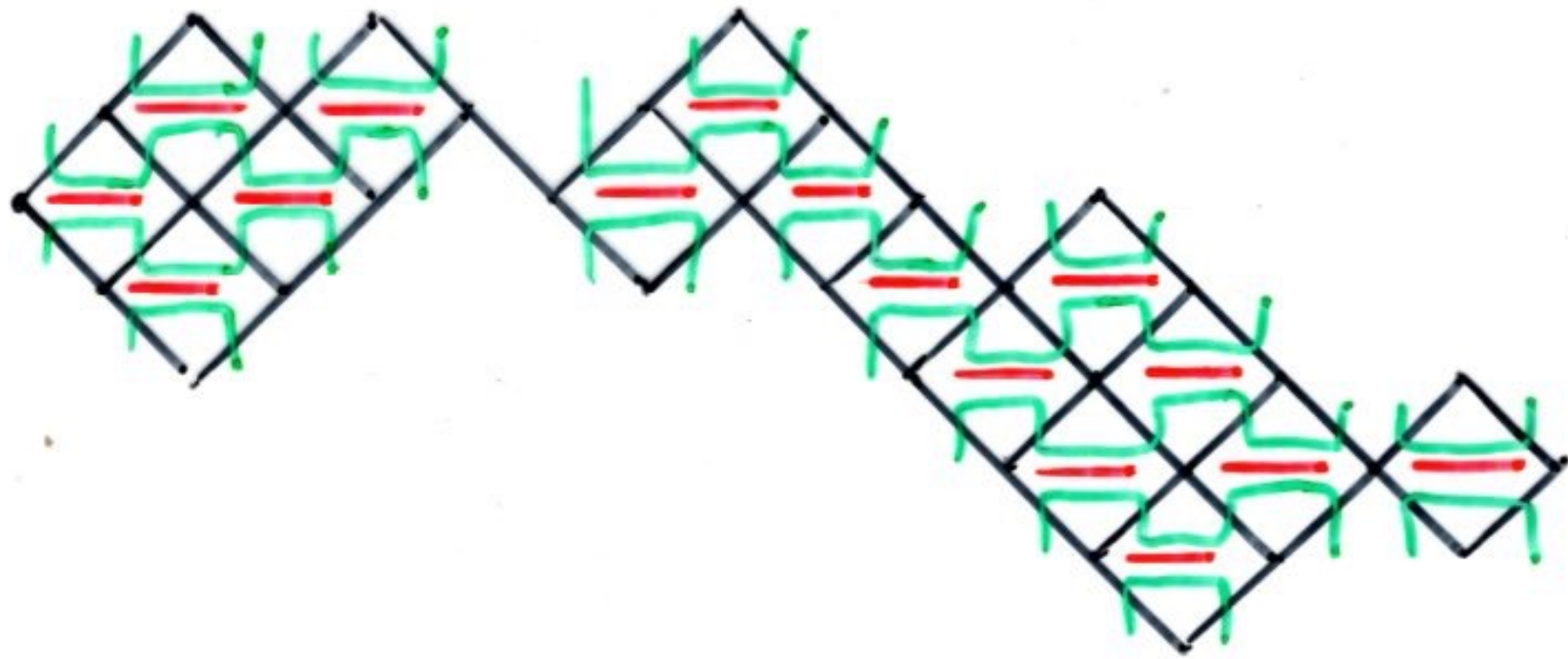
$u_{i+1} u_i u_{i+1}$











Problem

We know that any poset can be realized as a heap of pieces.

Can we extend properties of the jeu de taquin to heaps of dimers ?

In particular the fact
that the tableau

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1	3	4

is independant of
the choice of

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1	3

