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# Chapter 1

RSK

## The Robinson-Schensted-correspondence (Ch1e)

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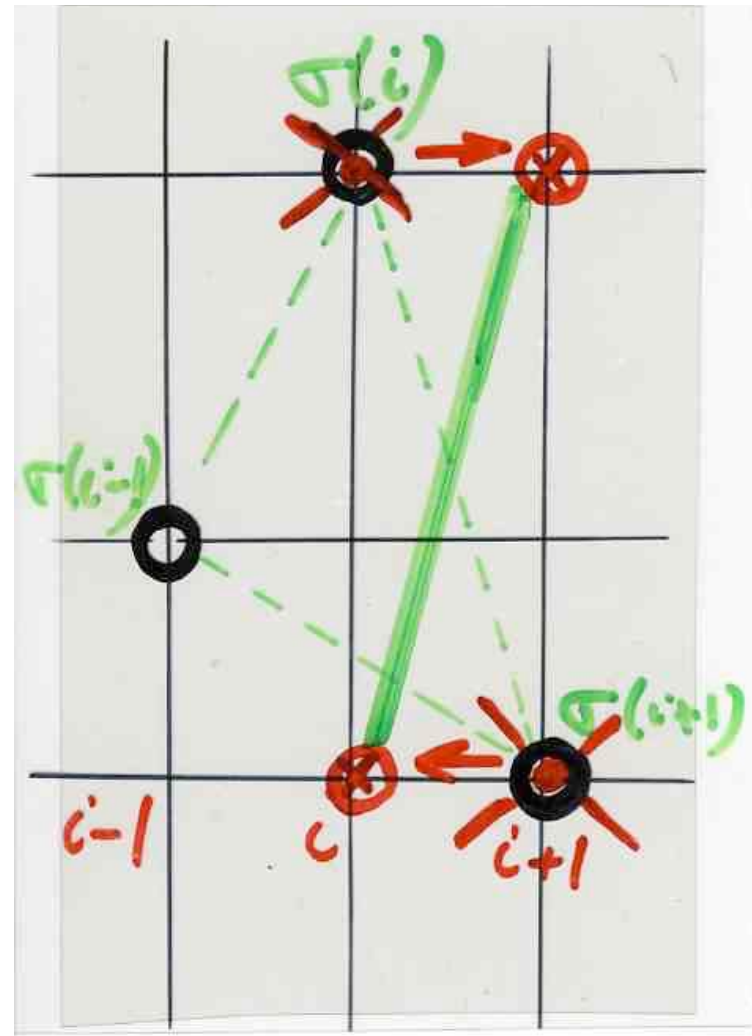
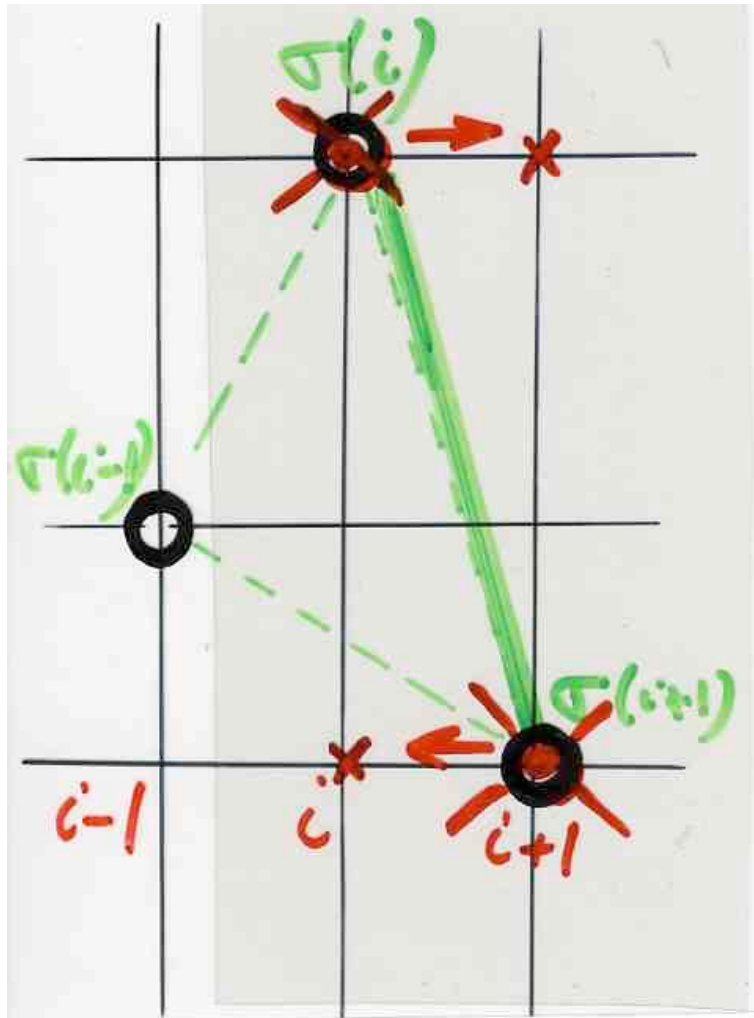
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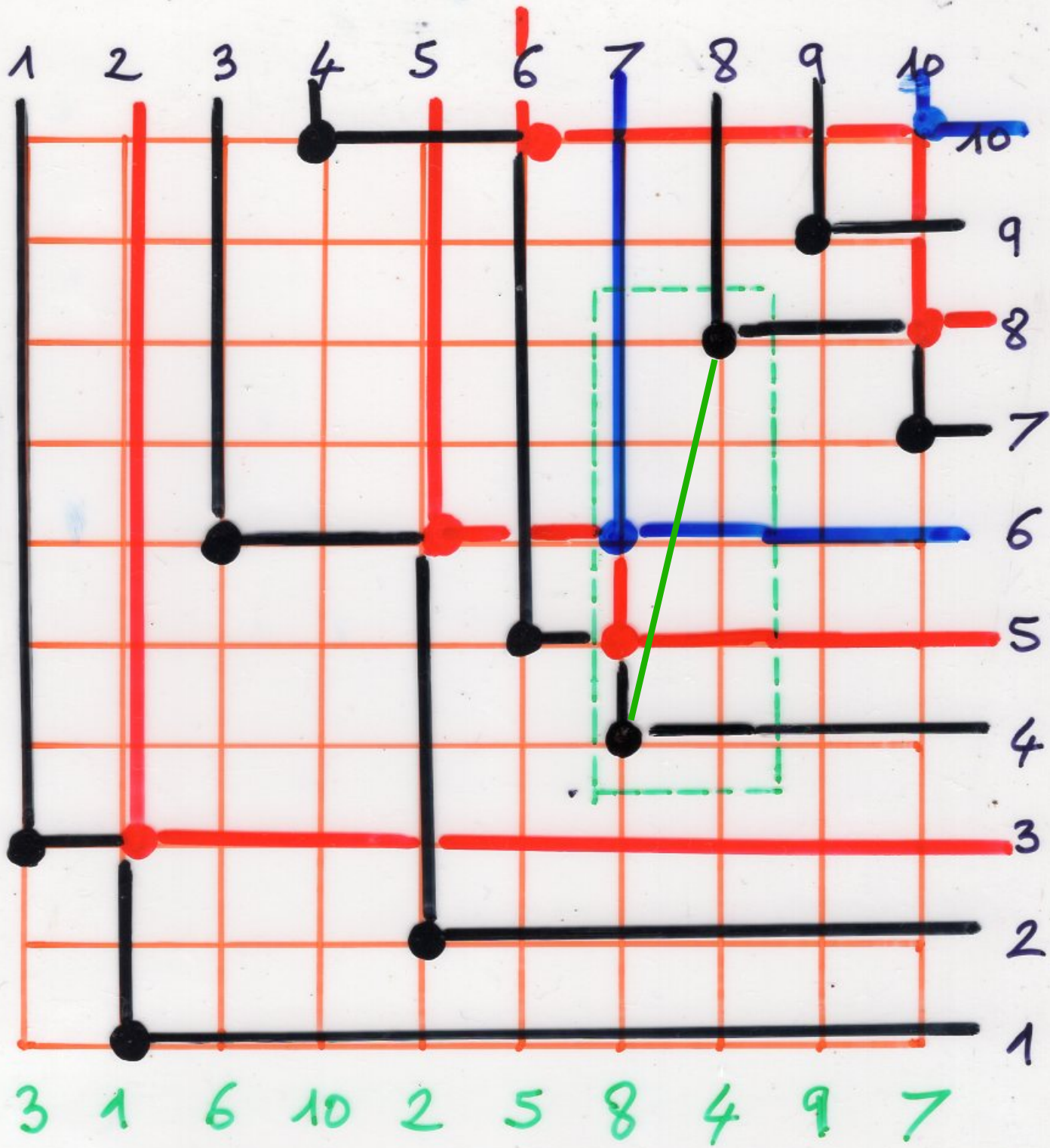
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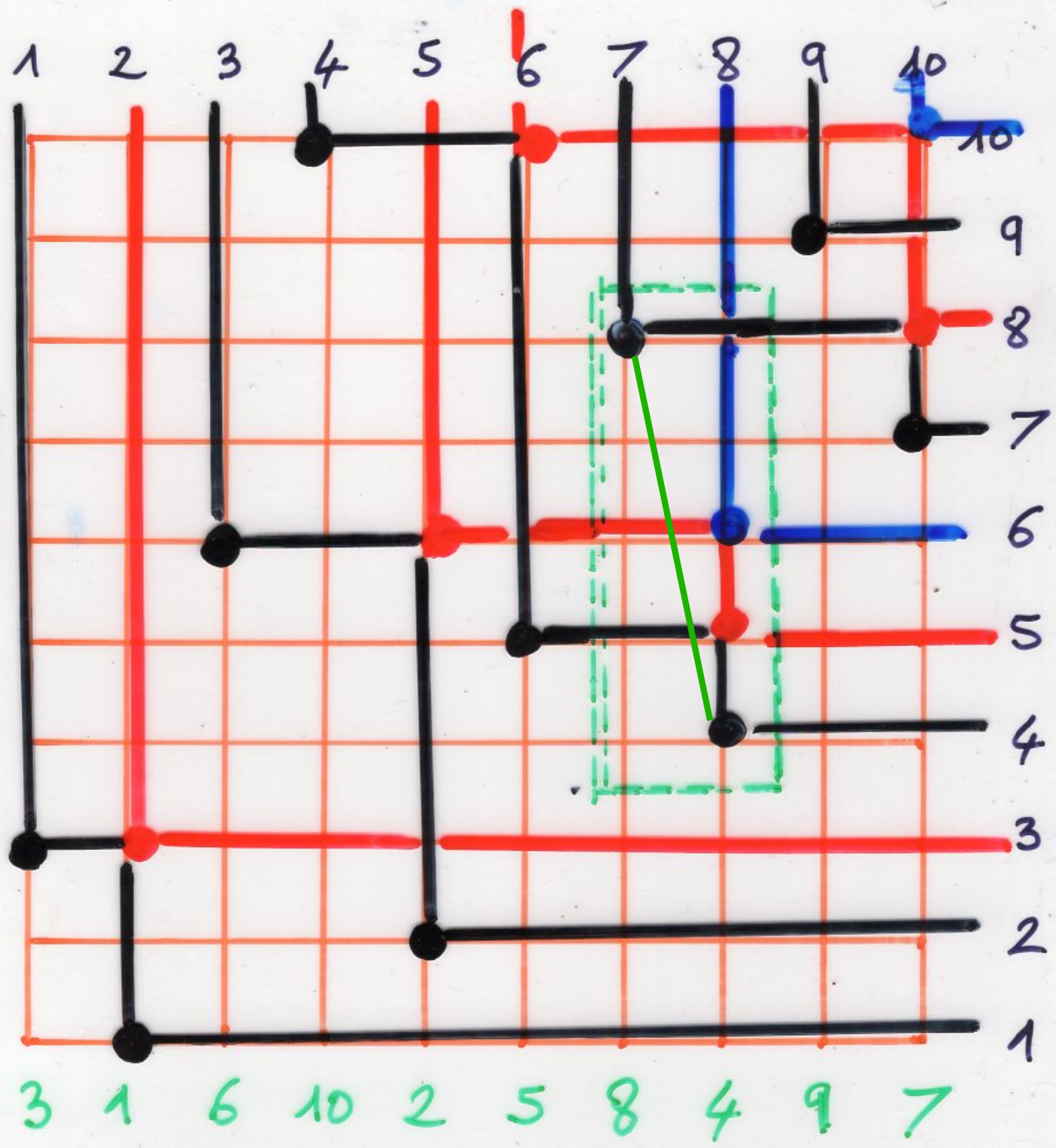
## The Robinson-Schensted correspondence

- 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  $UD=DU+I$ , deduce a bijection  $(P,Q) \rightarrow Q$ -tableaux
- Ch 1d
  - Schützenberger jeu de taquin and Knuth transpositions

# Knuth transposition







3 1 6 10 2 5 8 4 9 7

T =

6	10				
3	5	8			
1	2	4	7	9	

Reading (T) =  $\underbrace{6 \ (10)}_{V_3} \ \underbrace{3 \ 5 \ 8}_{V_2} \ \underbrace{1 \ 2 \ 4 \ 7 \ 9}_{V_1}$

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3	5	10			
1	2	8			
		4	7	9	



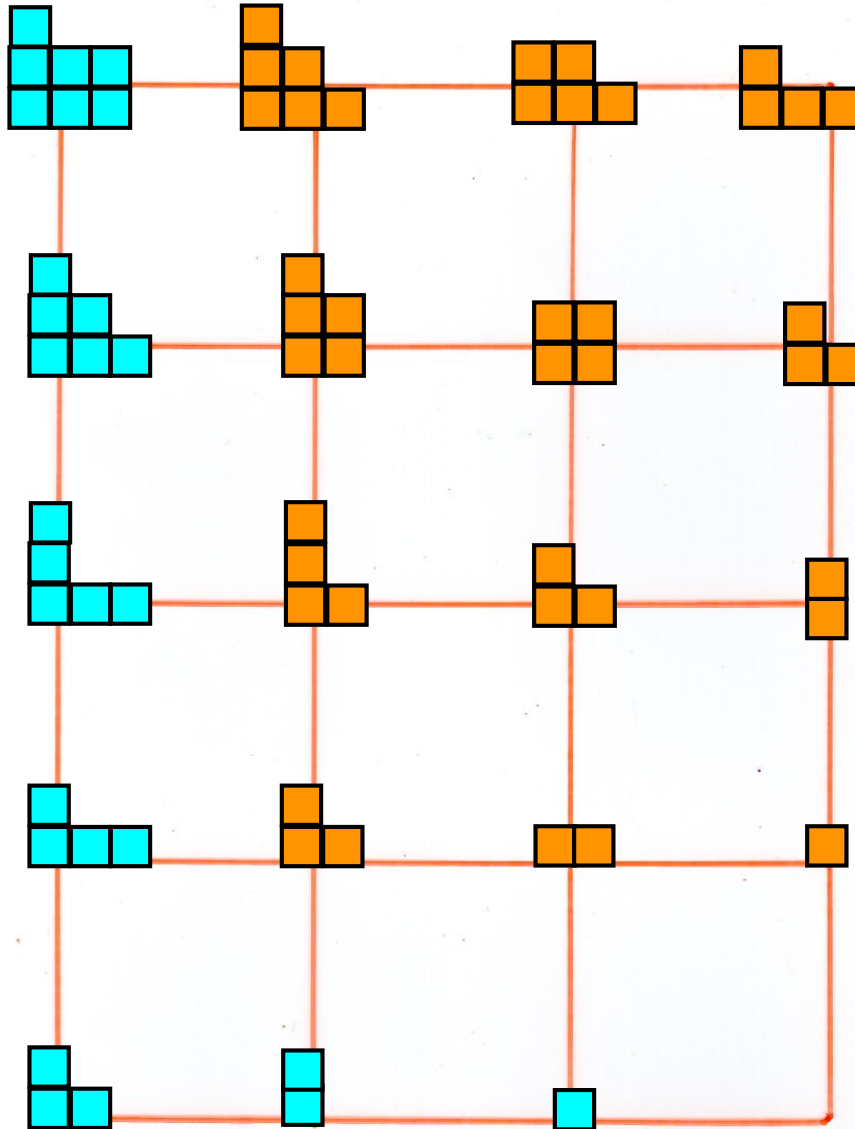
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	3	4
		1

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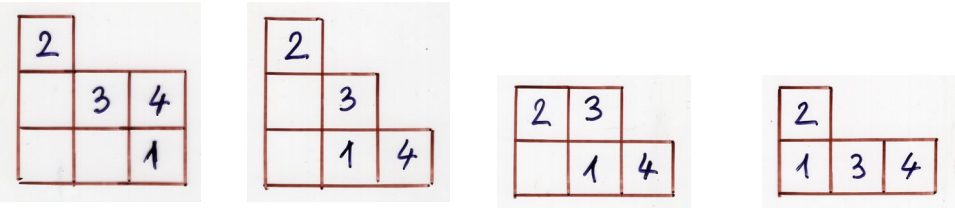
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1	3	4



jeu de taquin  
local rules

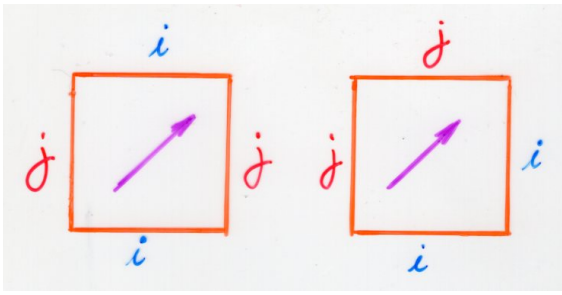
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1	3



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

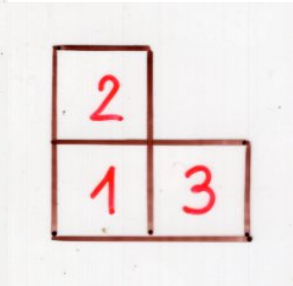
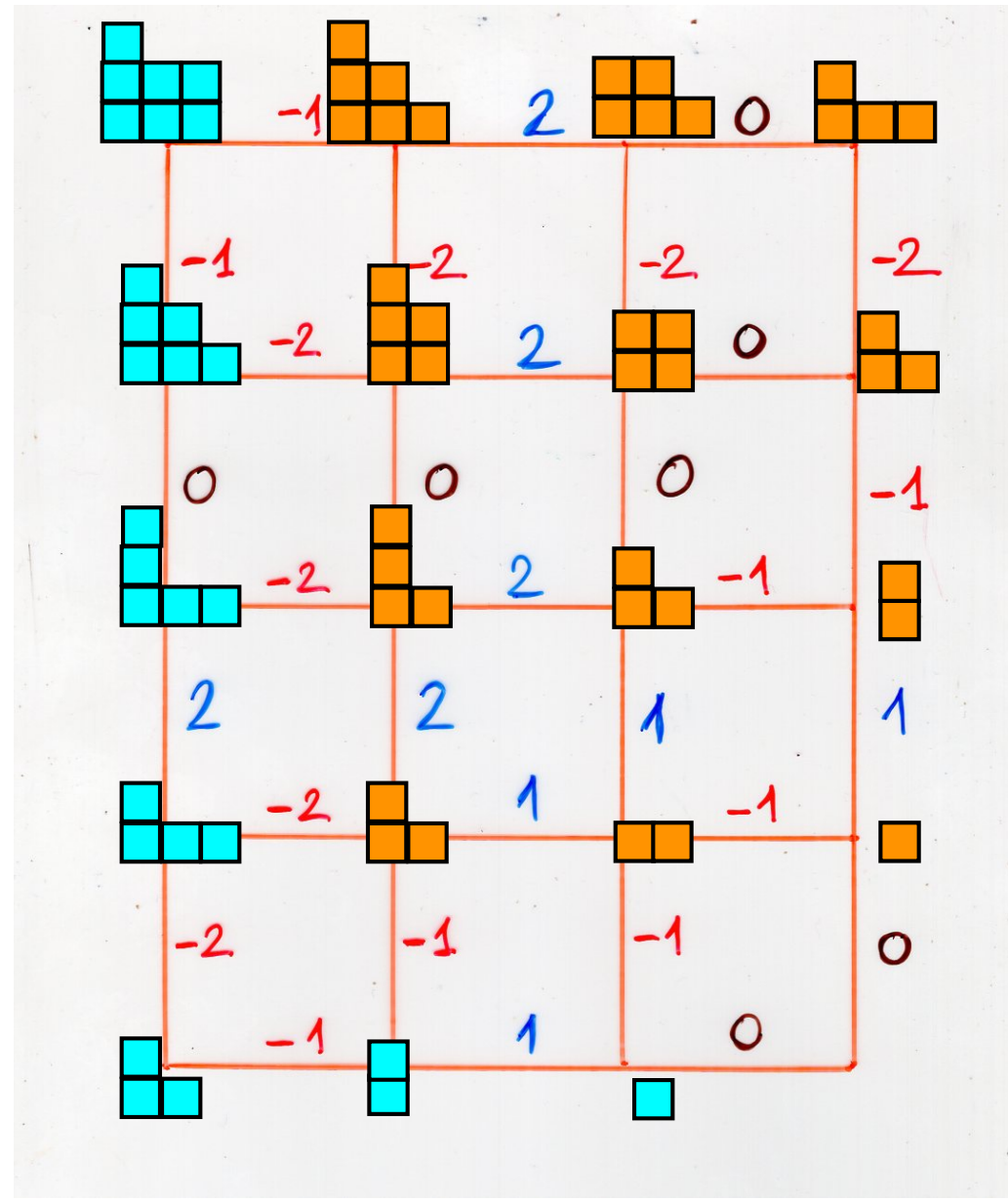
jeu de taquin  
 local rules on edges



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

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

$$i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$$

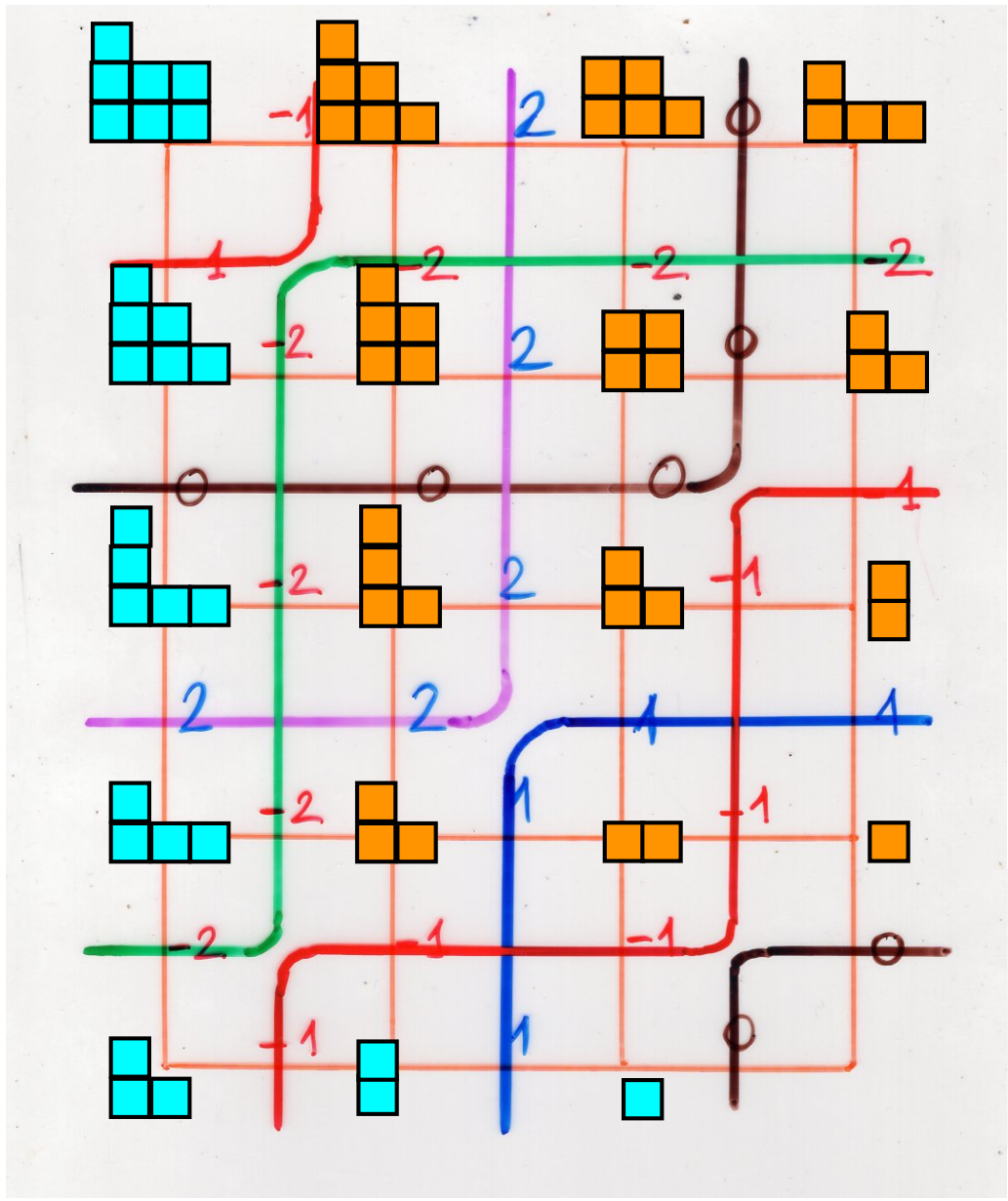


2		
	3	4
		1

2		
	3	
	1	4

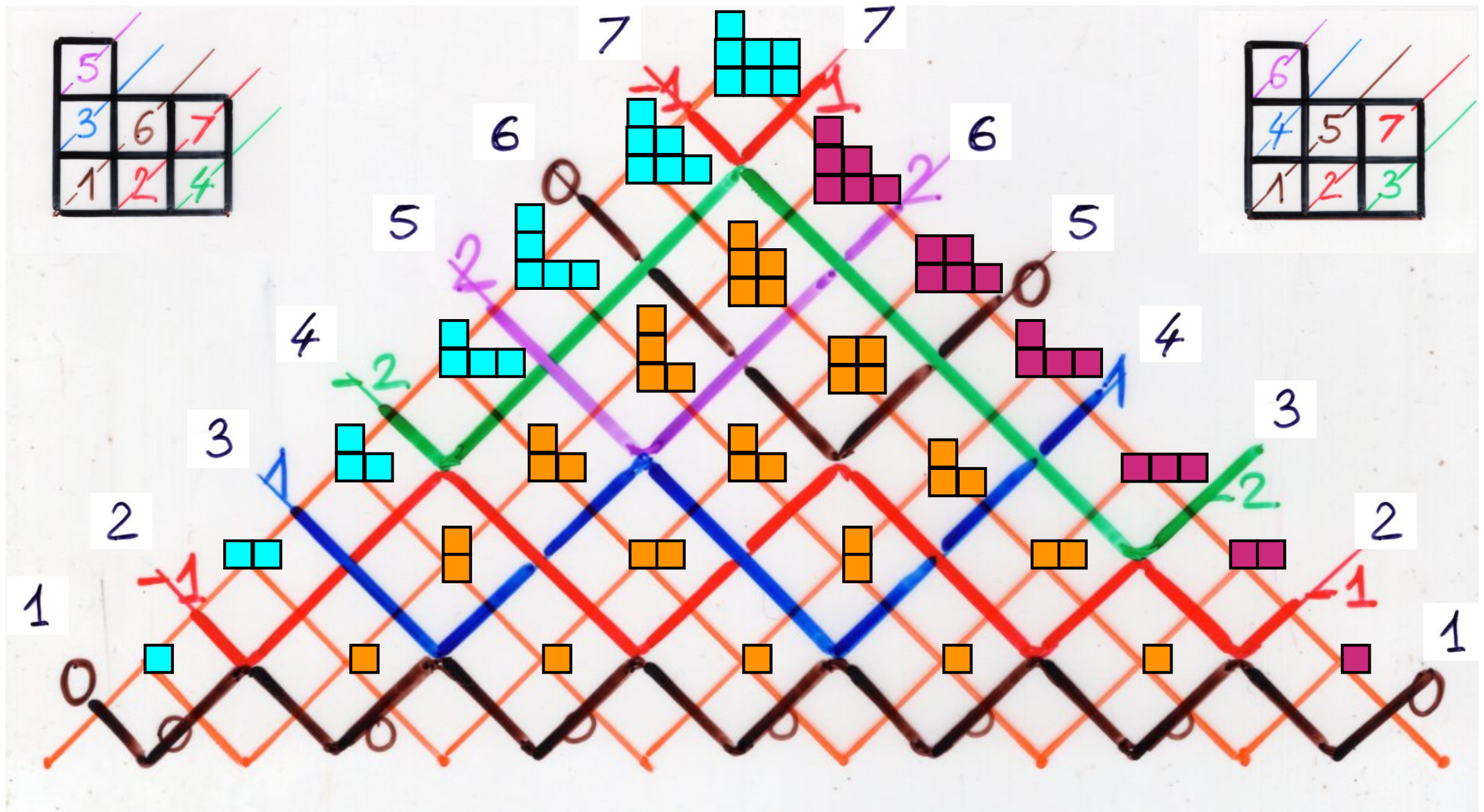
2	3	
	1	4

2		
1	3	4



2	
1	3

dual of a tableau



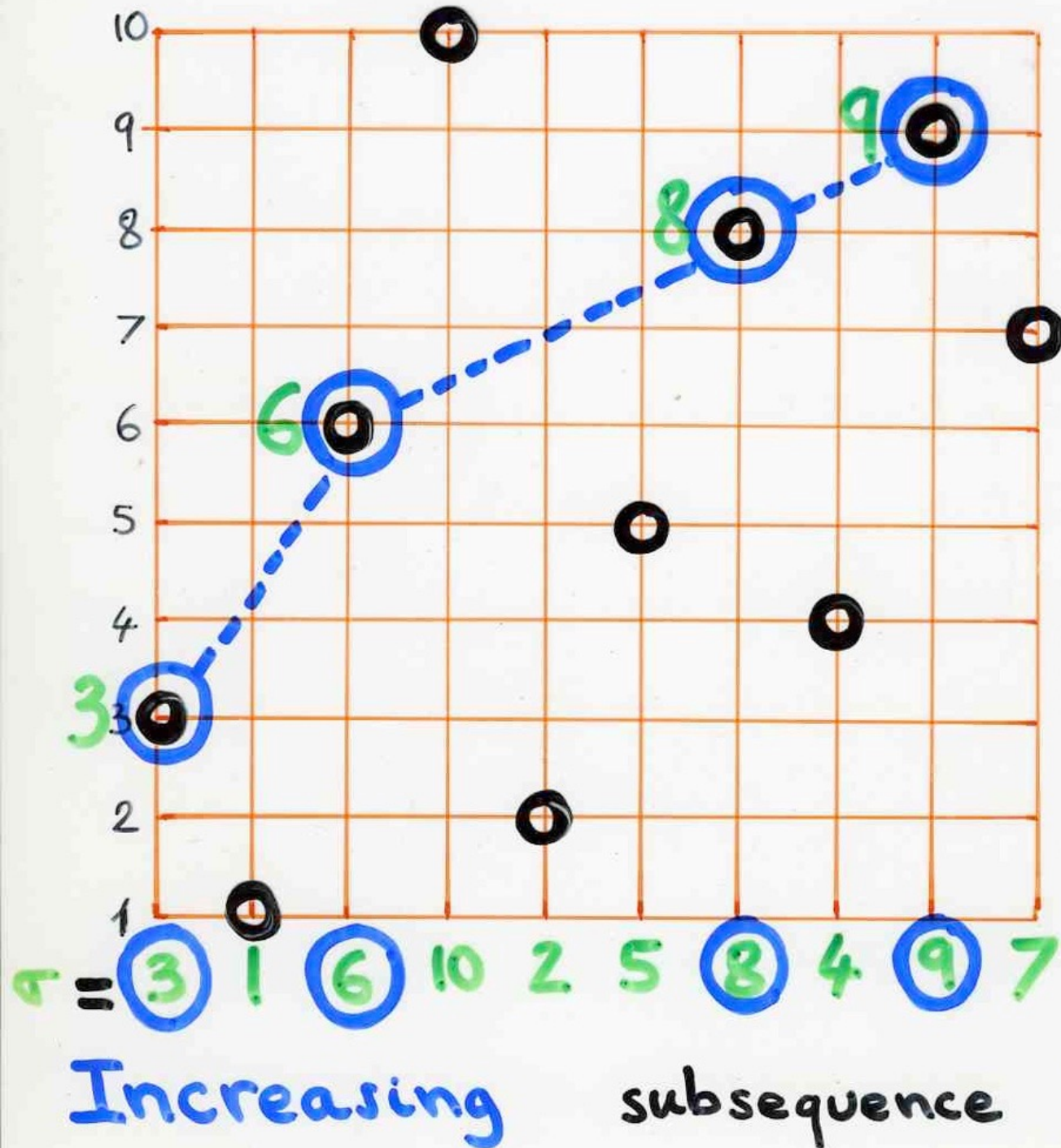
Schützenberger involution

# Greene theorem

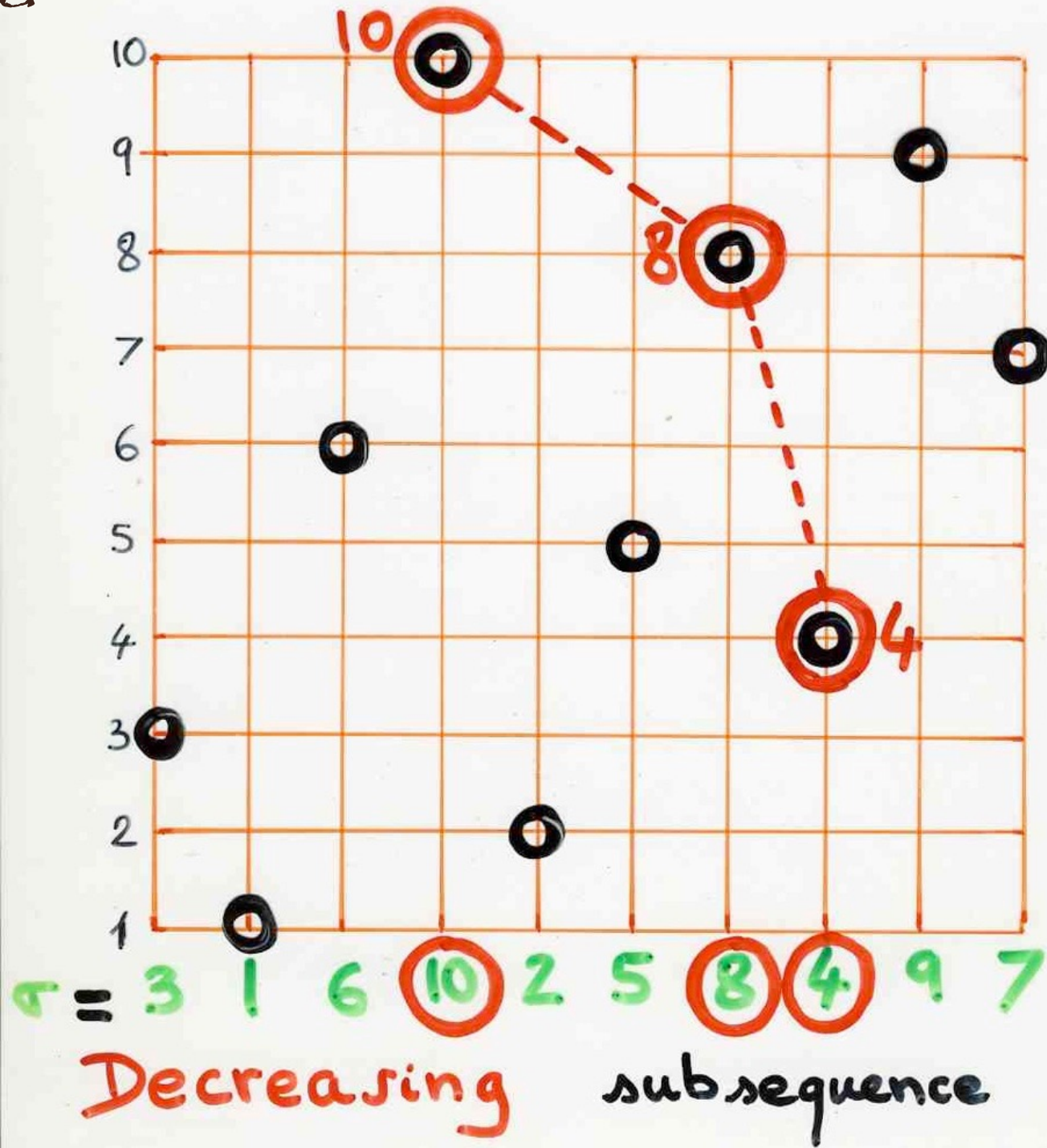
C. Greene, 1974



Ch1a



Ch1a





$\sigma$  permutation  $S_n$

$$k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$I_k(\sigma) =$  maximal number of elements in a union of  $k$  increasing subsequences of  $\sigma$

$D_k(\sigma) =$  -----  $k$  decreasing -----

Theorem (Greene) (1974)

$$\sigma \xrightarrow{RS} (P, Q)$$

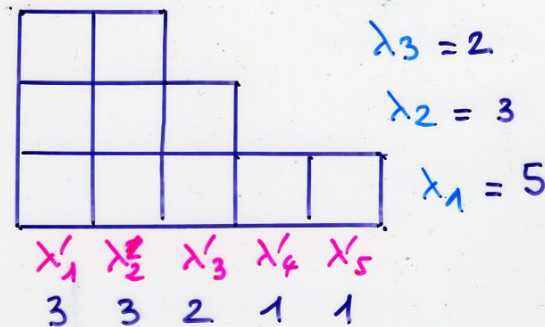
$$\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r) \quad \lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r$$

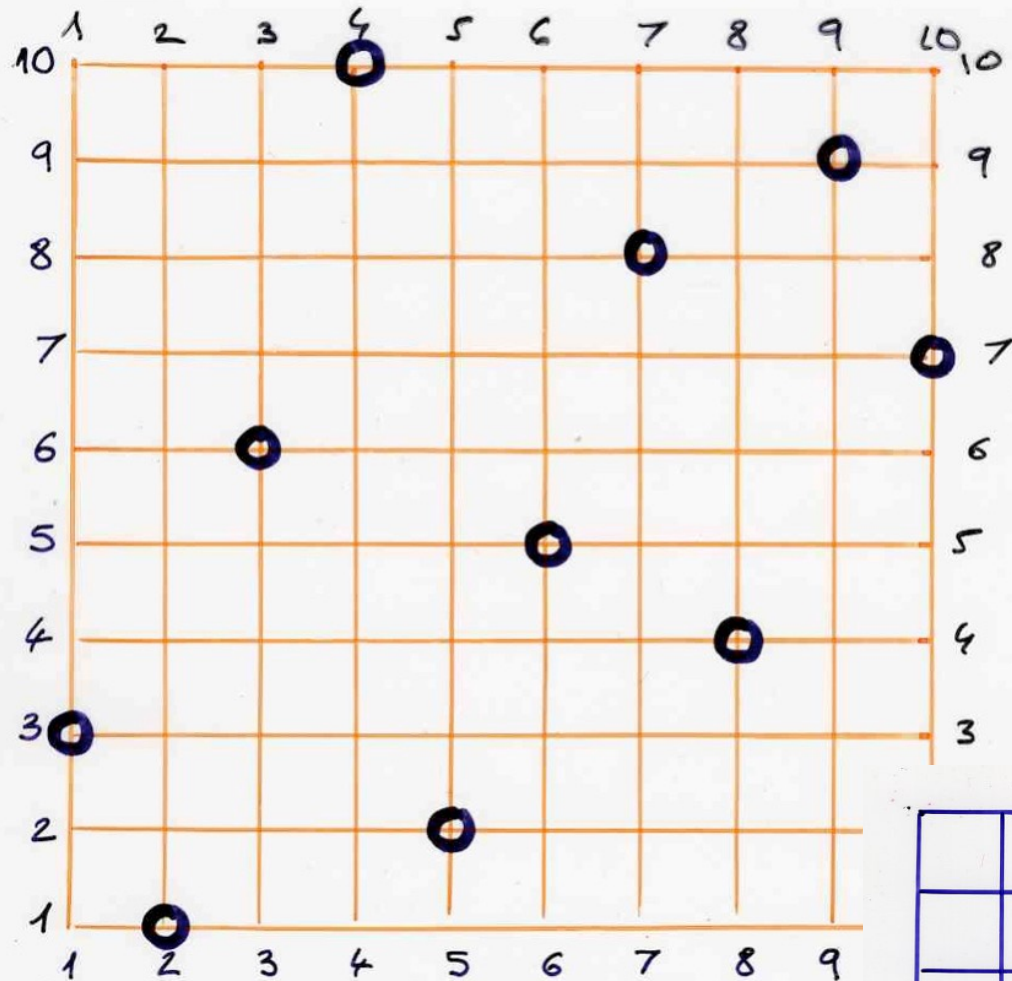
common shape of  $P$  and  $Q$

$$I_k(\sigma) = \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_k$$

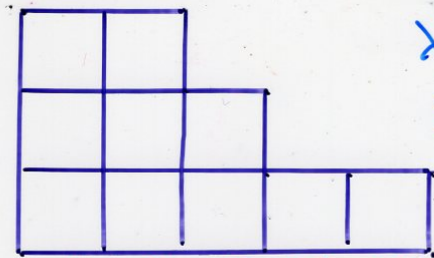
$$D_k(\sigma) = \lambda'_1 + \dots + \lambda'_k$$

conjugate partition



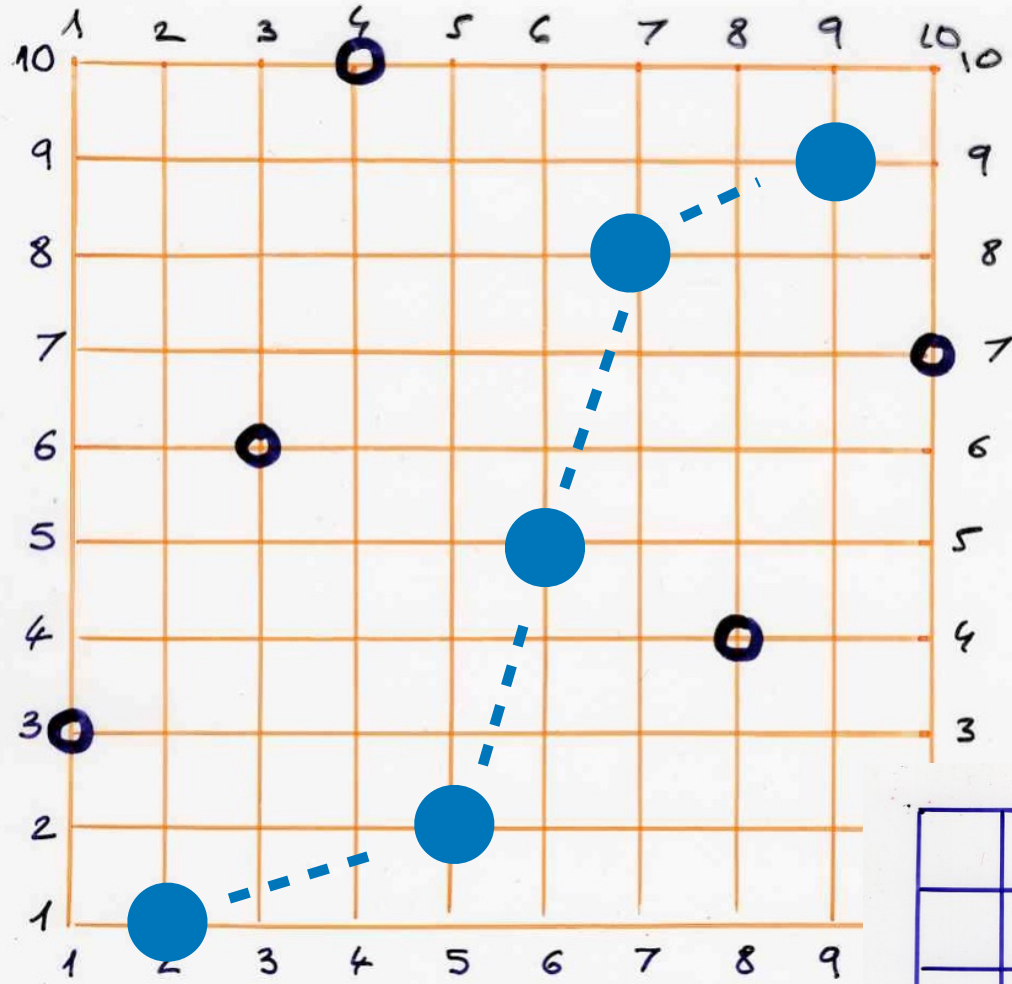


$\sigma = 3 \ 1 \ 6 \ 10 \ 2 \ 5 \ 8 \ 4 \ 9$

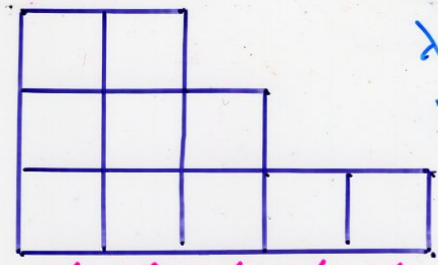


$\lambda_3 = 2$   
 $\lambda_2 = 3$   
 $\lambda_1 = 5$

$\lambda'_1 \ \lambda'_2 \ \lambda'_3 \ \lambda'_4 \ \lambda'_5$   
 3 3 2 1 1

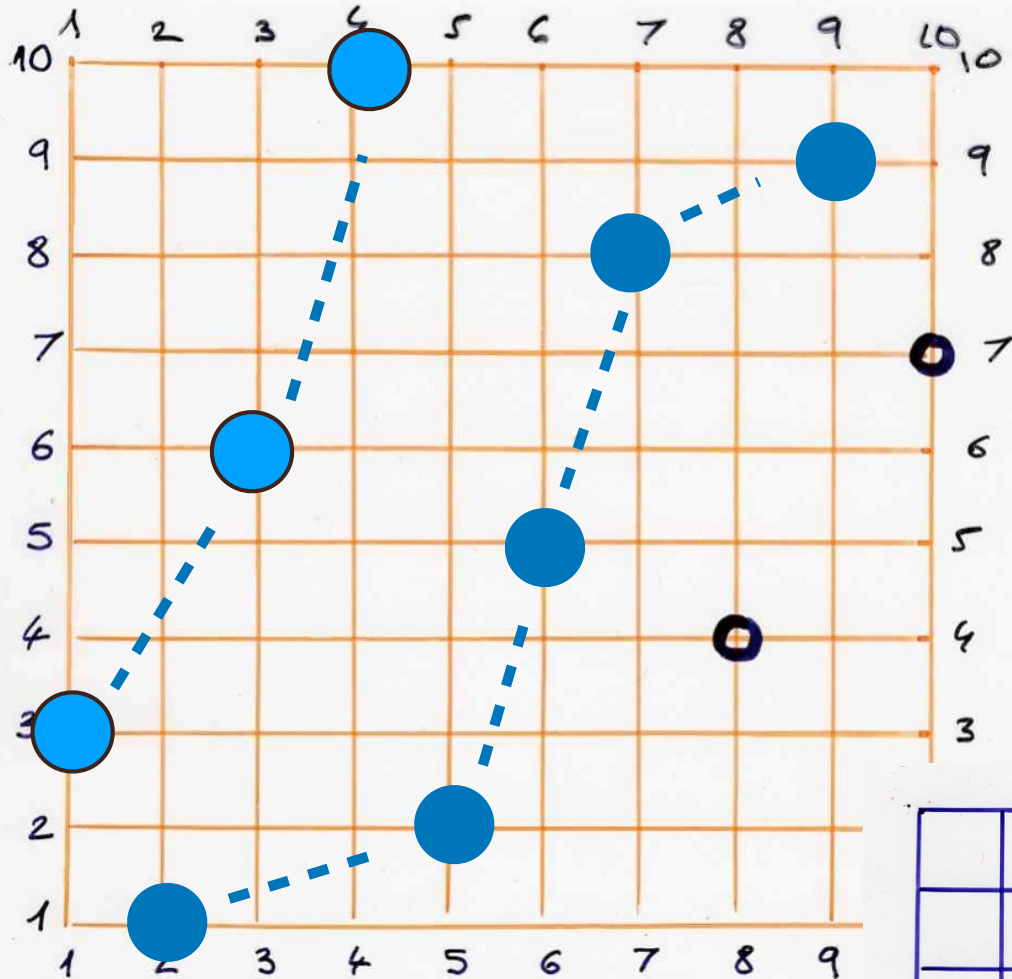


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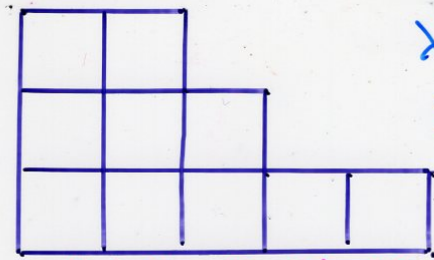


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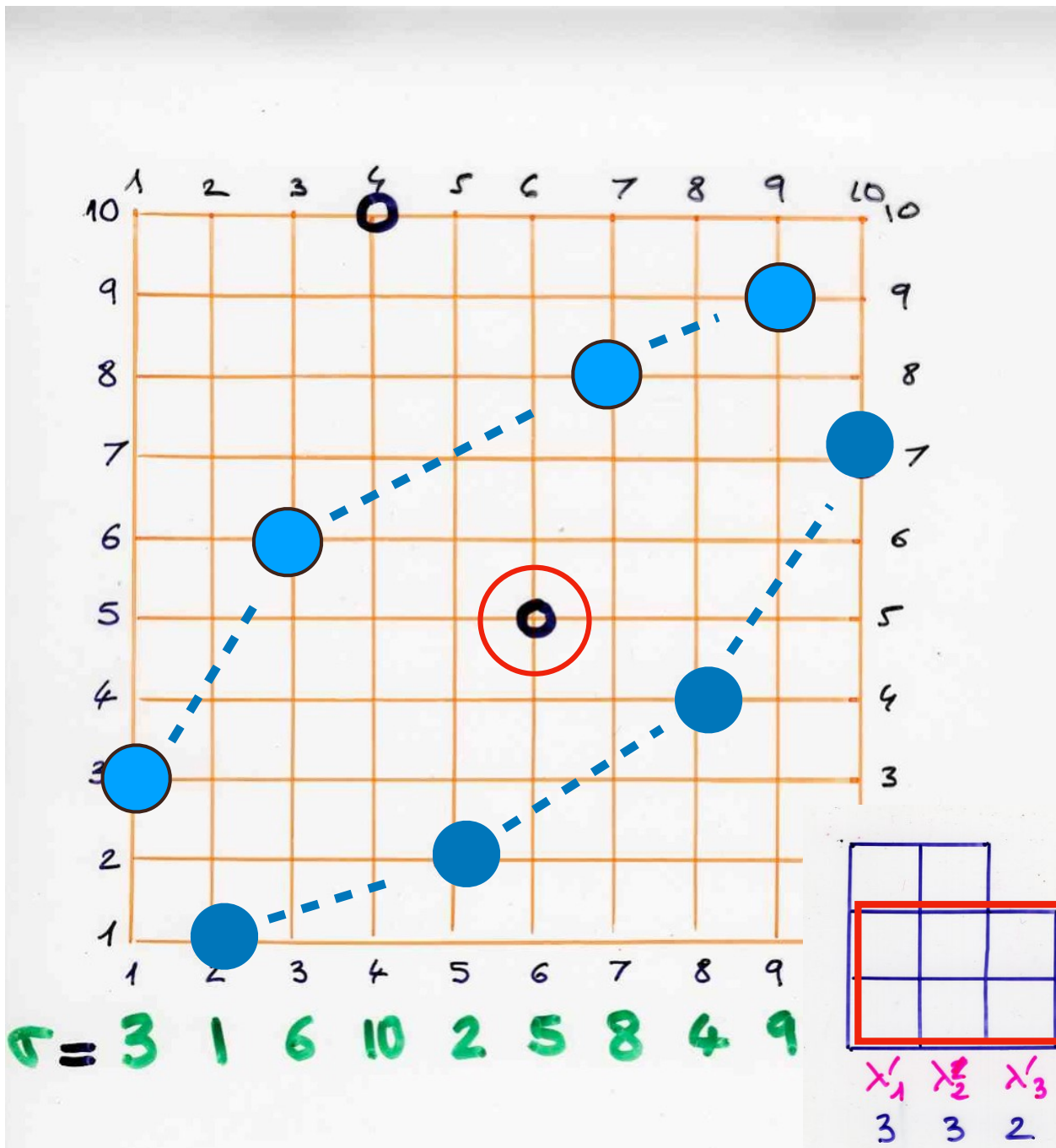


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$\lambda'_1 \ \lambda'_2 \ \lambda'_3 \ \lambda'_4 \ \lambda'_5$   
 3 3 2 1 1



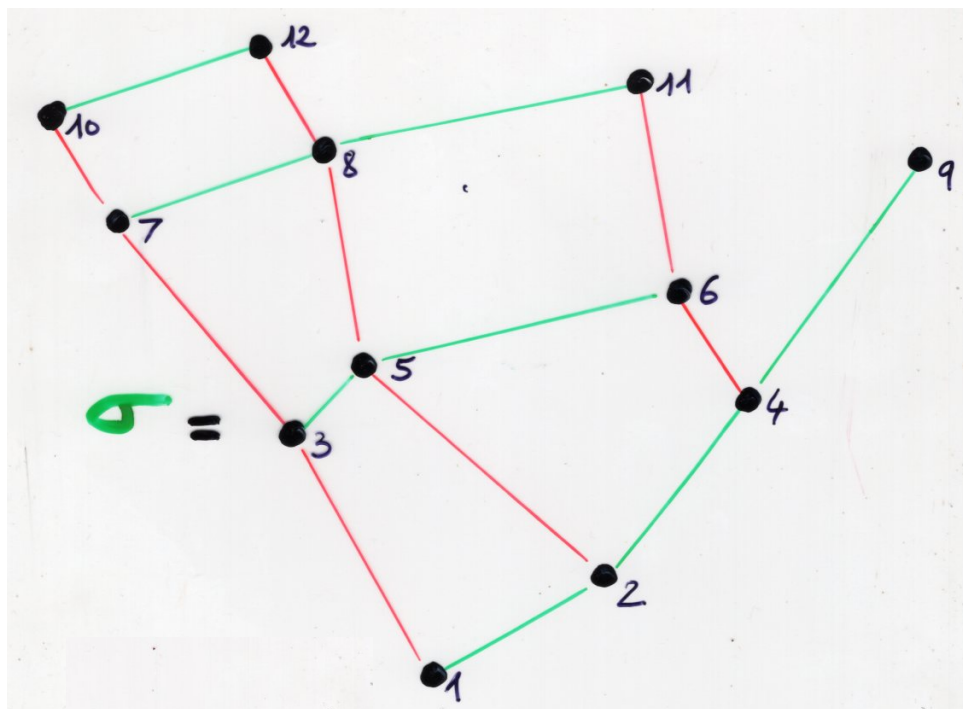
# Lemma

For any  $k, l$ ,  $I_k(\sigma)$  and  $D_l(\sigma)$  are invariant under Knuth transpositions

$P(\sigma) =$

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

"regular"  
permutation



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10	12		
7	8	11	
3	5	6	
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example

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

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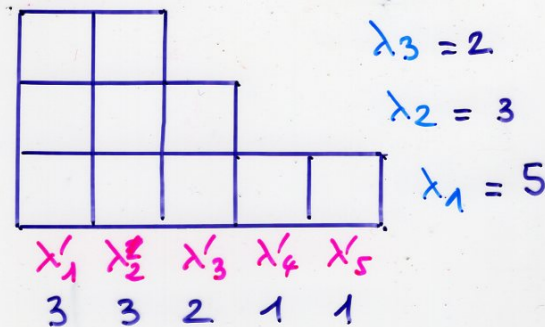
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conjugate partition

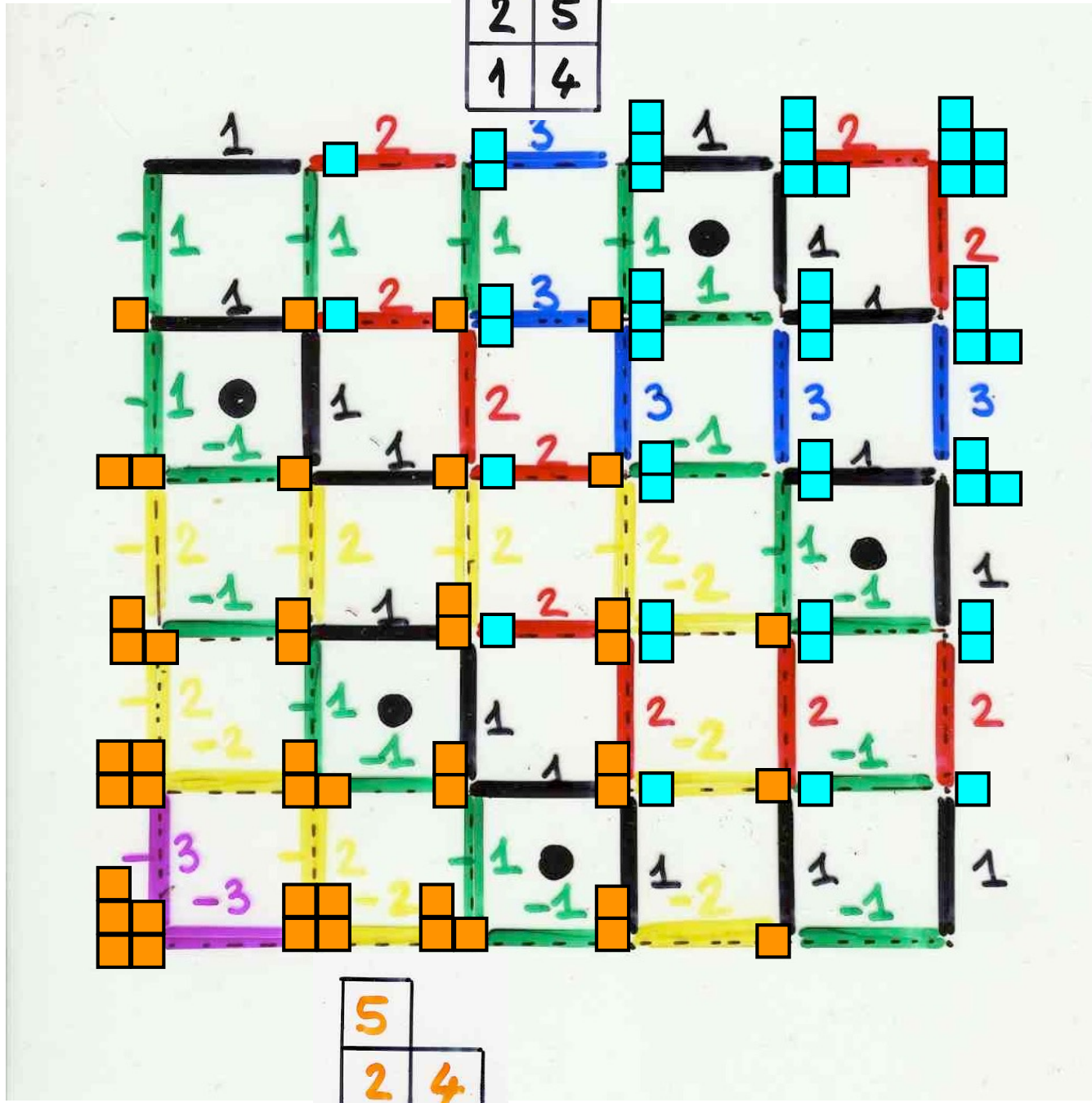




Proposition. Let  $\sigma$   $\xrightarrow{RS}$   $(P, Q)$   
permutation

then  $\sigma^\# \xrightarrow{RS} (P^*, Q^*)$

3	
2	5
1	4



4	
2	5
1	3

5	
3	4
1	2



5	
2	4
1	3

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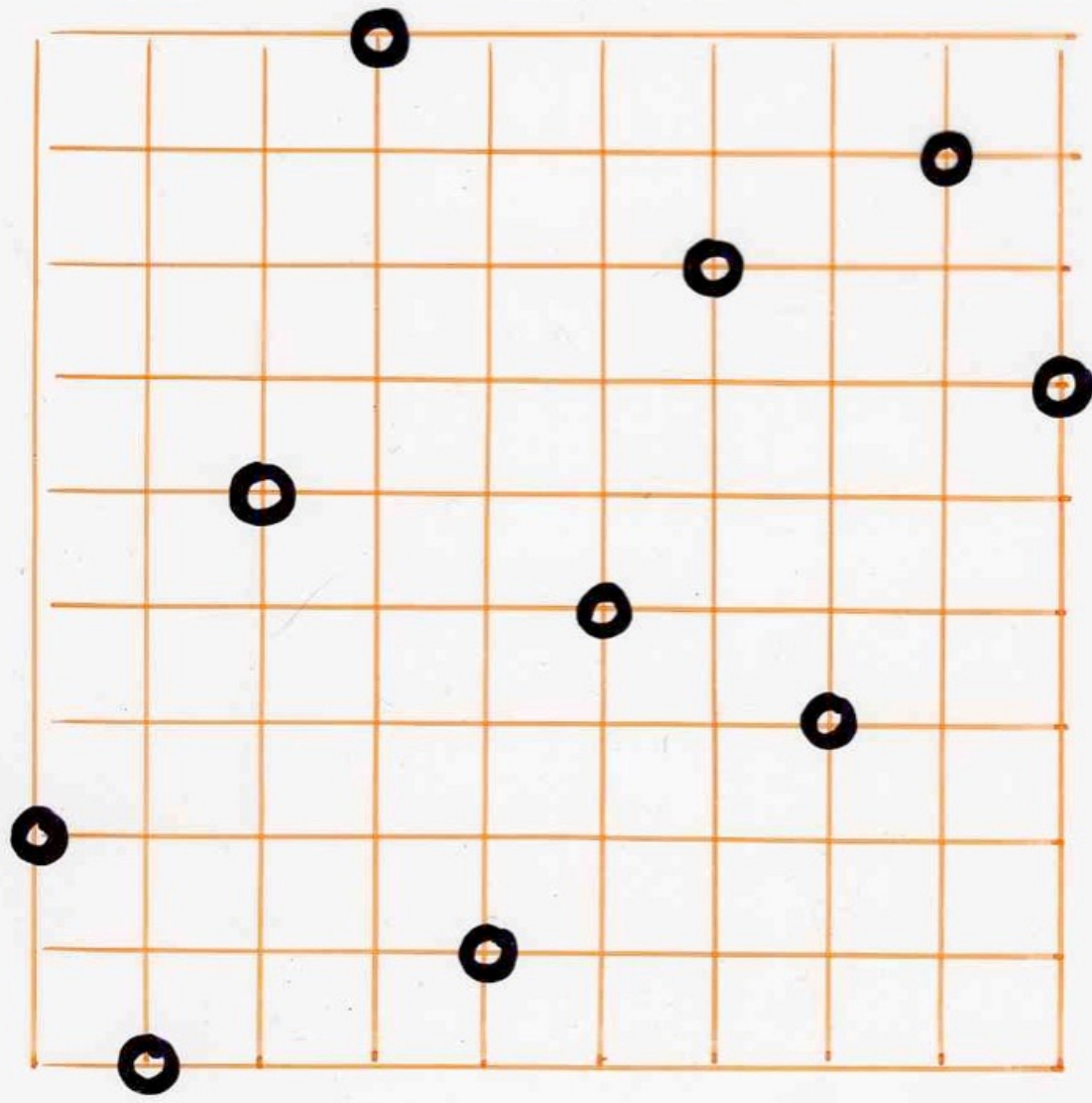
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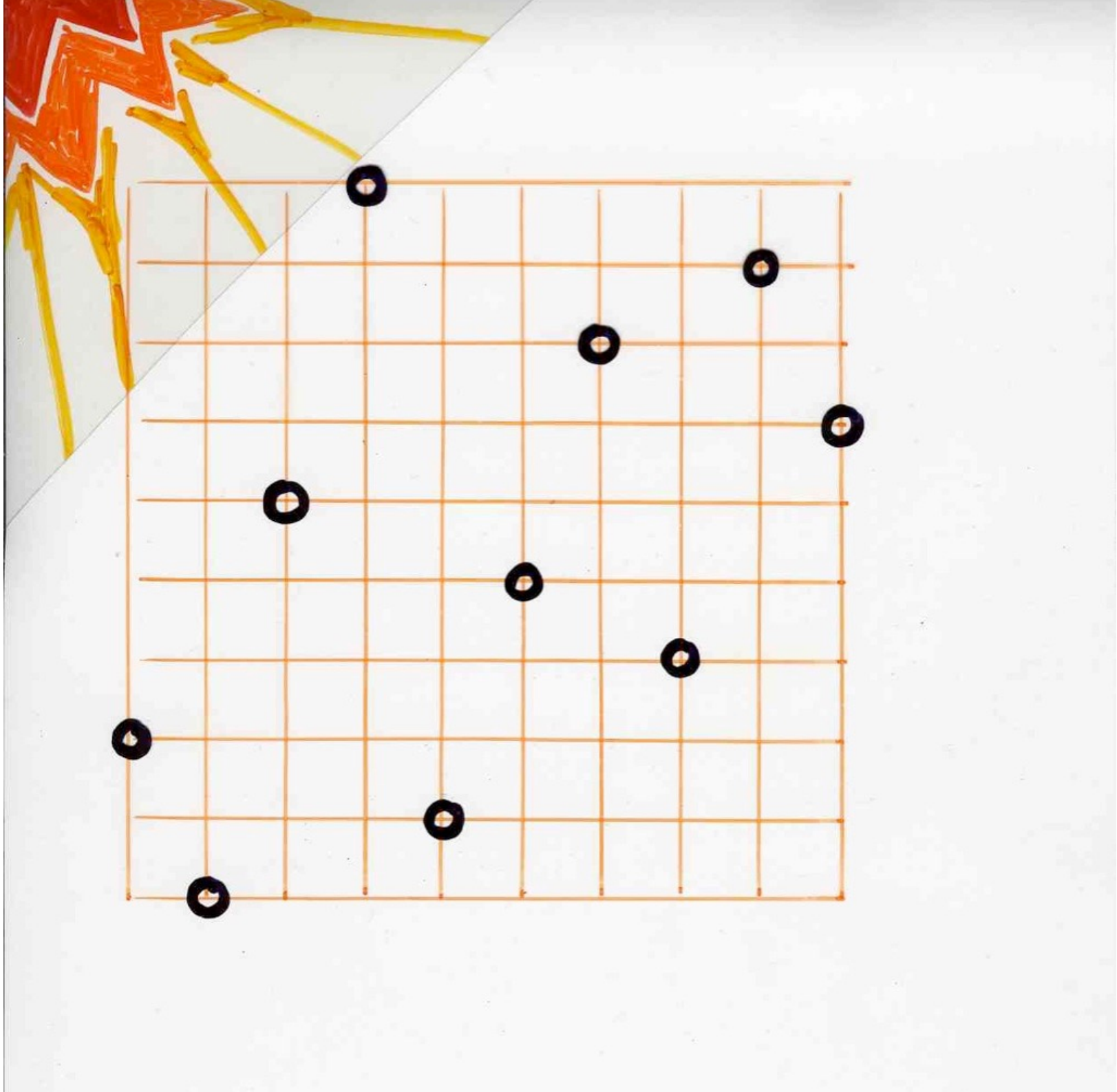
$\sigma^t$   $\xrightarrow{RS}$   $(P^t, (Q^*)^t)$   
(transpose)

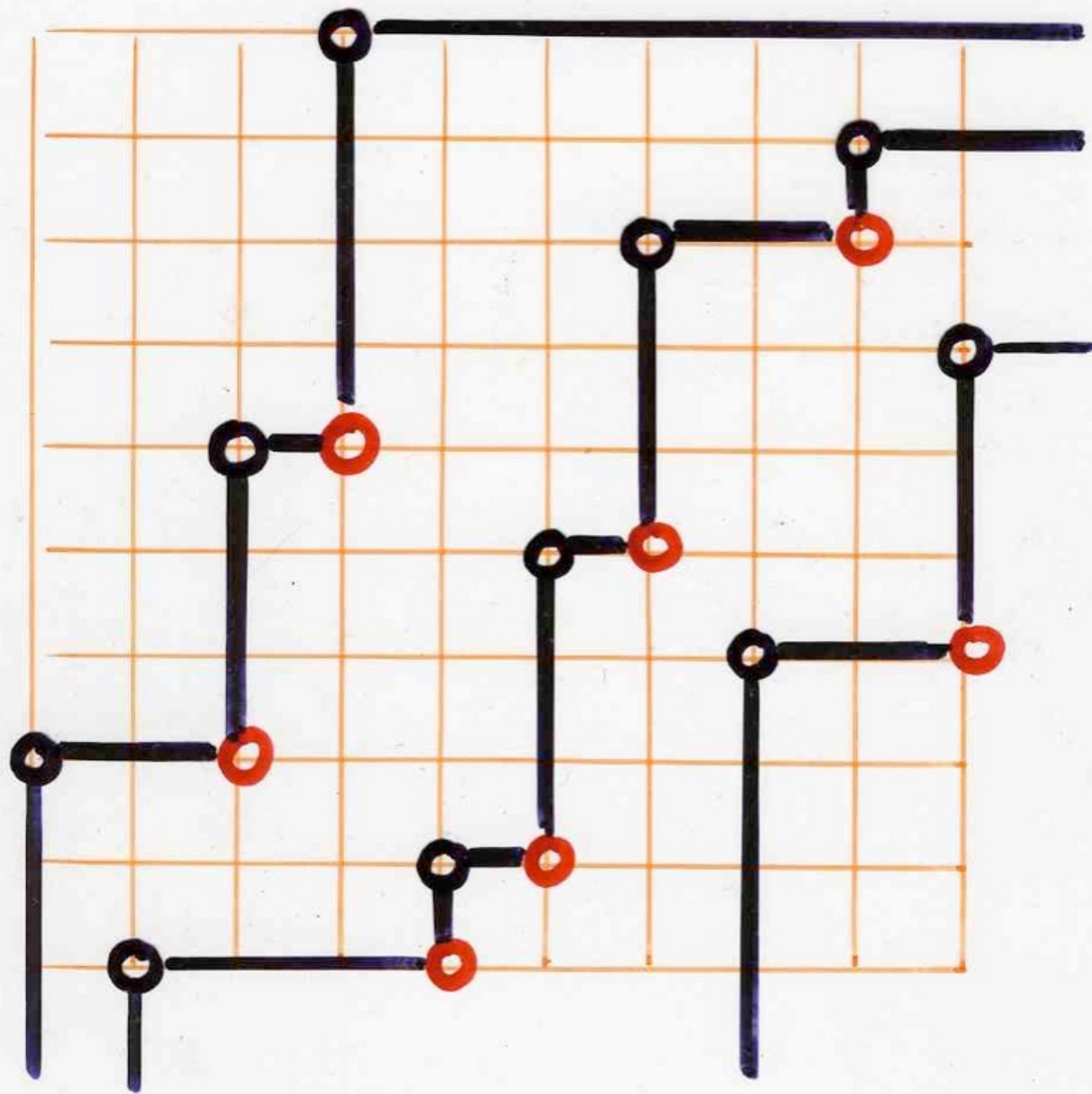
example

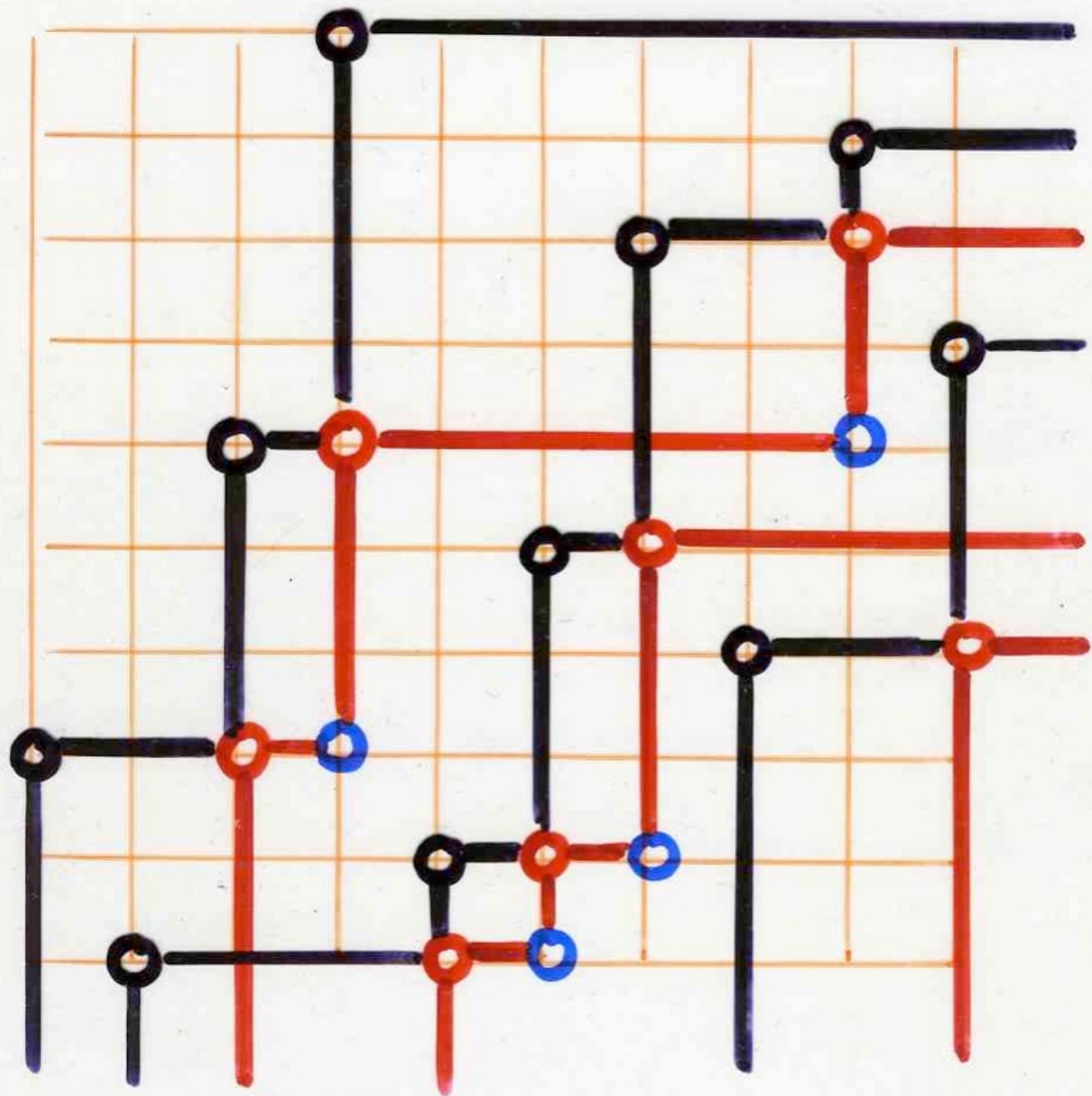
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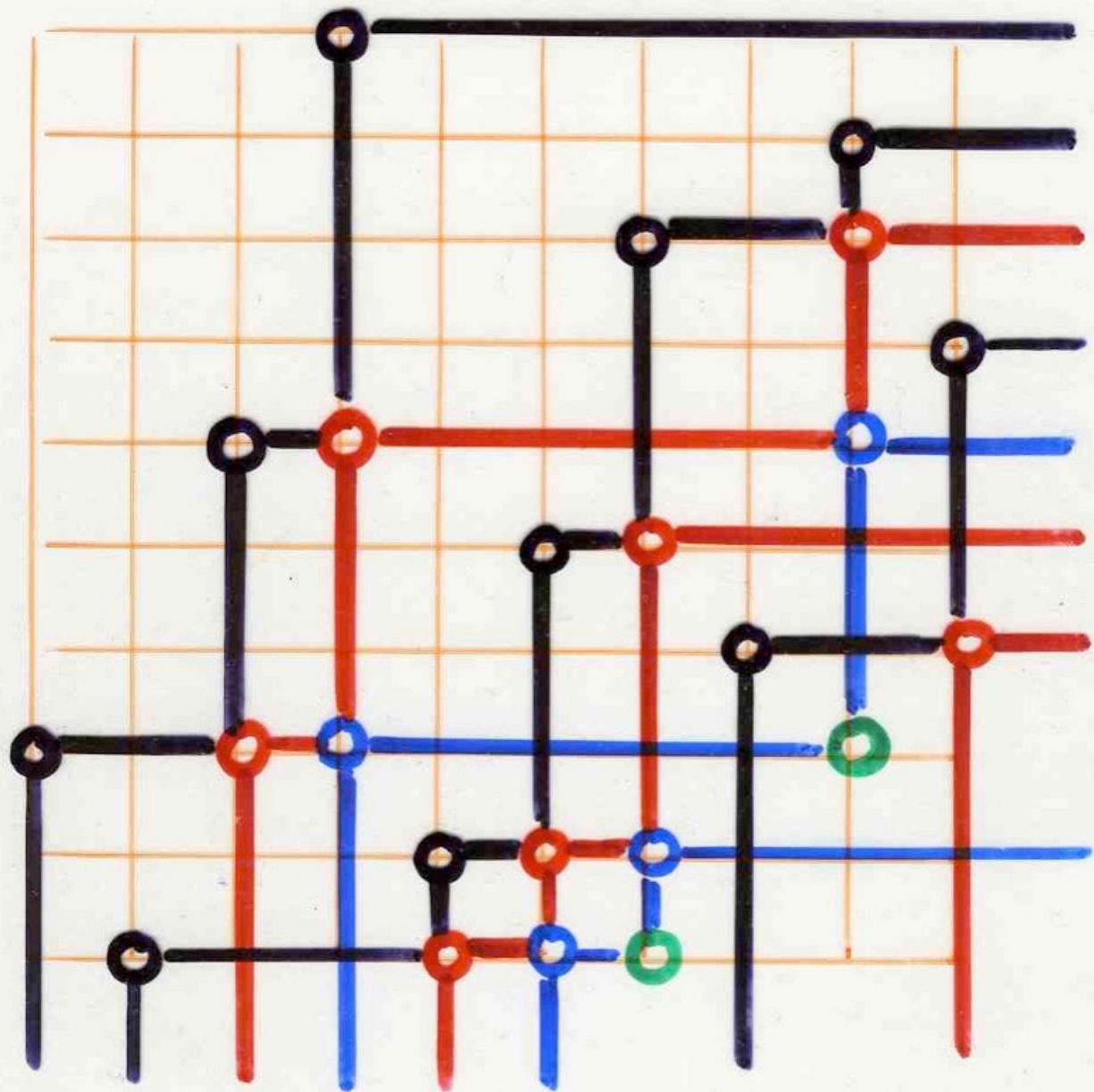


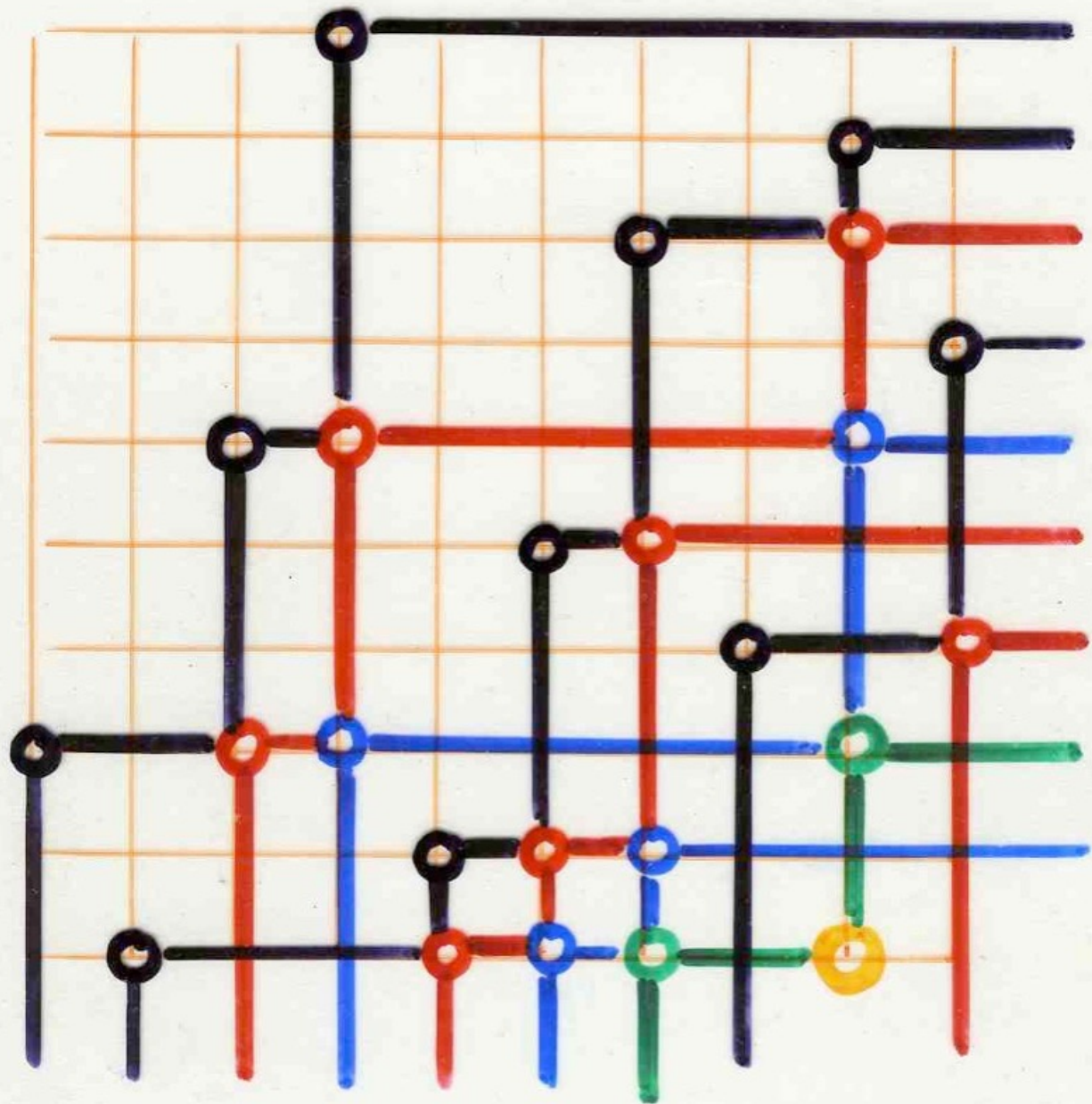


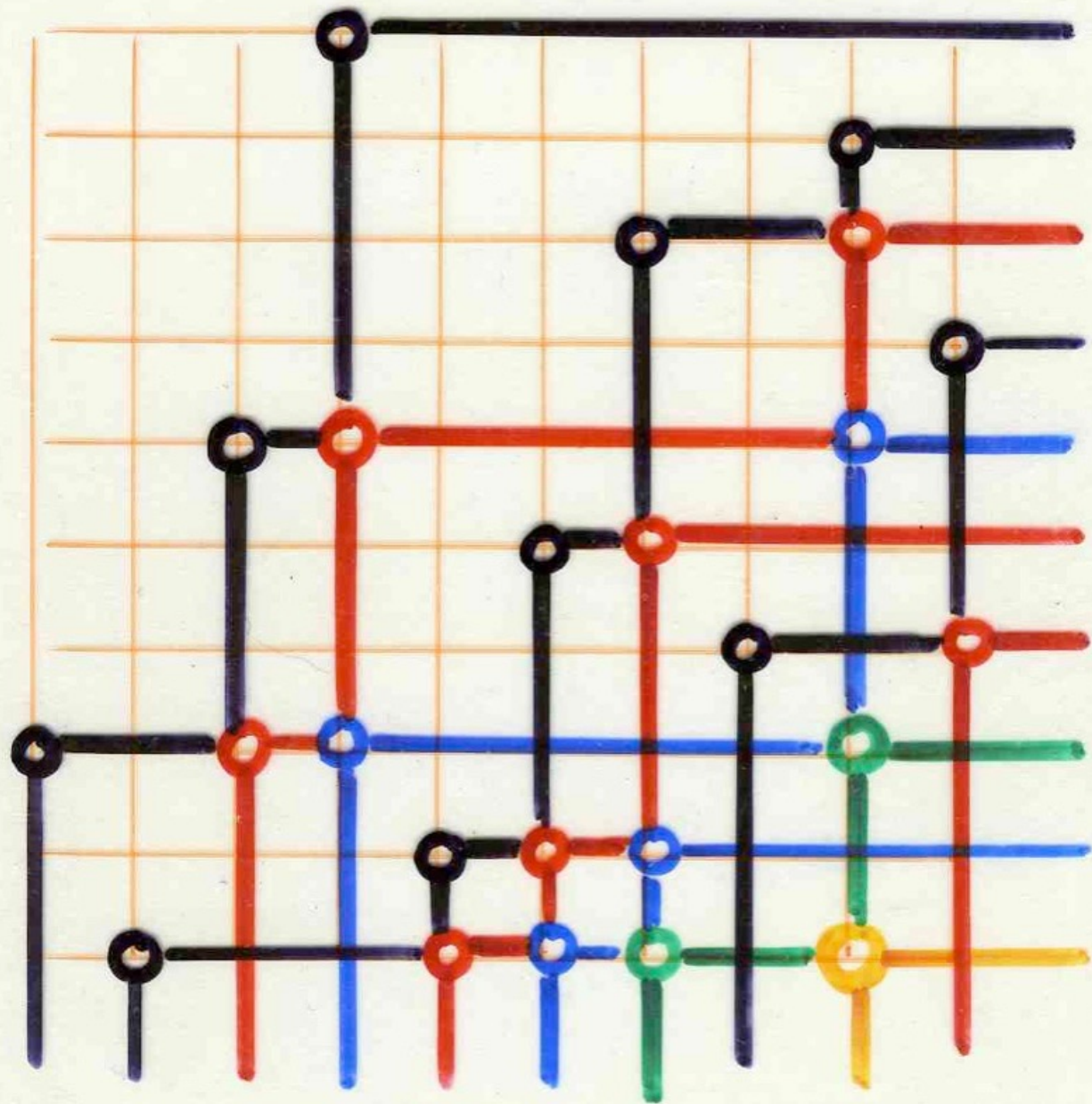


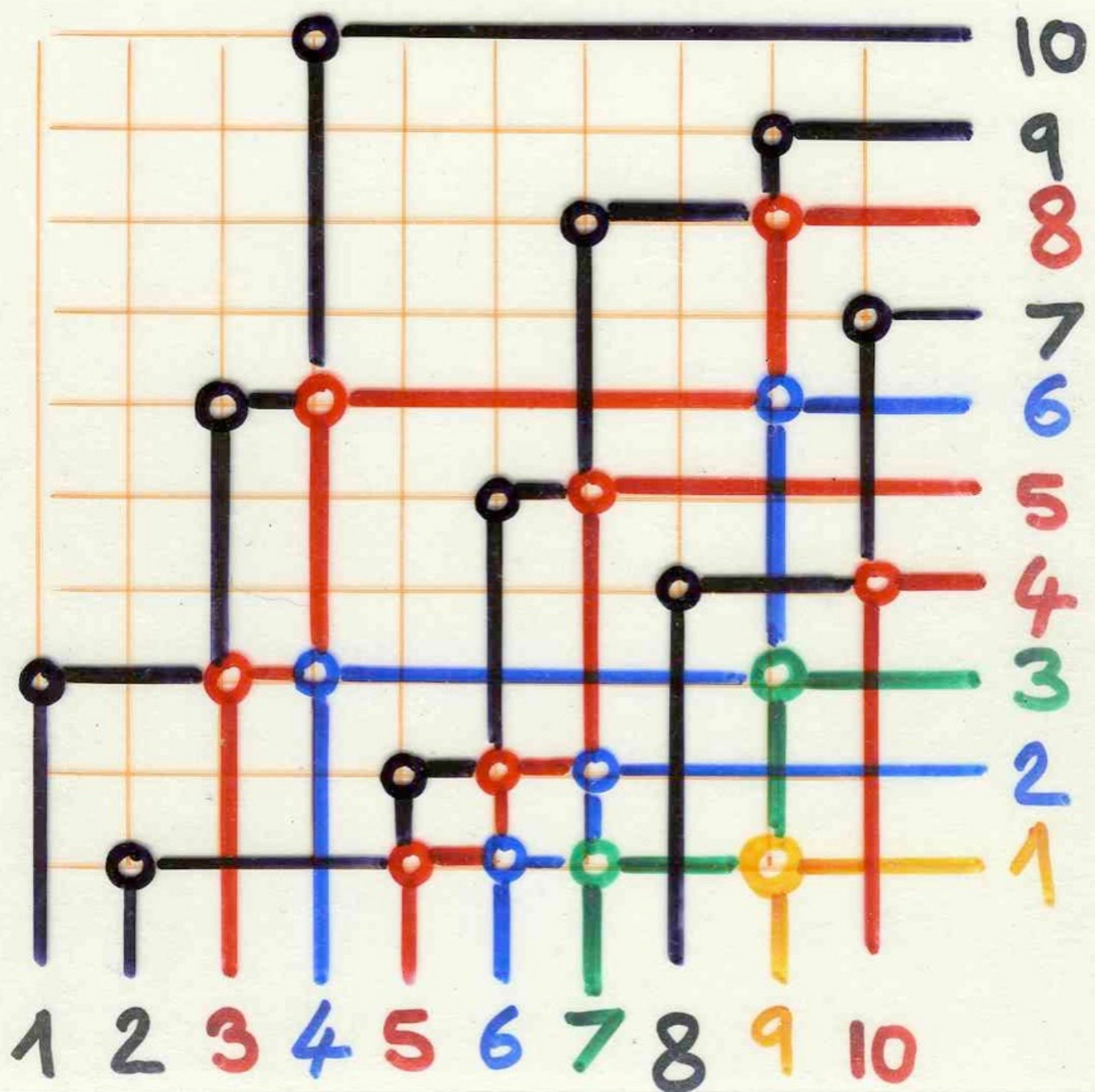












6	10				
3	5	8			
1	2	4	7	9	

P

8	10				
2	5	6			
1	3	4	7	9	

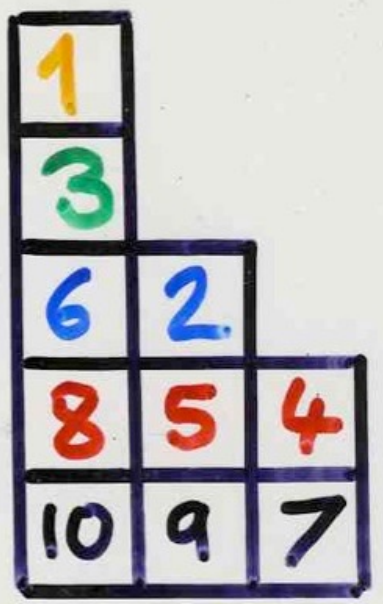
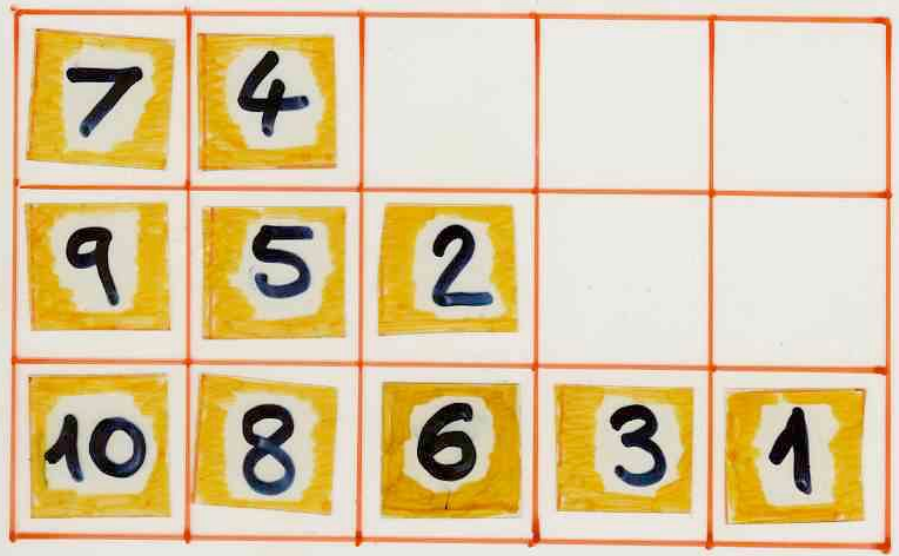
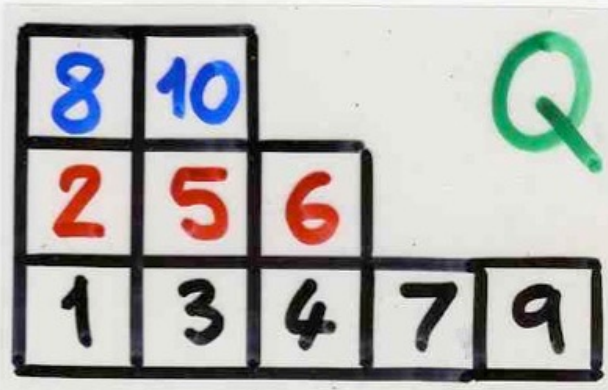
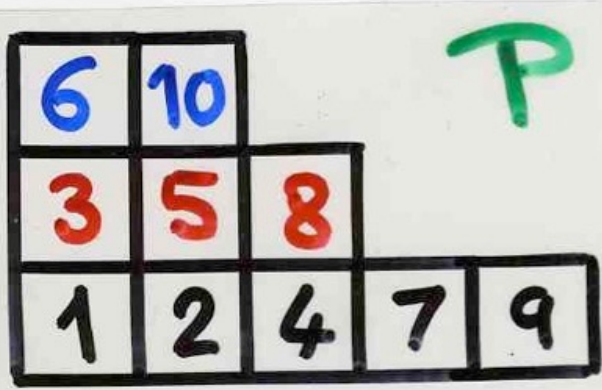
Q

9				
7				
4	6			
3	5	10		
1	2	8		

1				
3				
6	2			
8	5	4		
10	9	7		

10  
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2  
1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

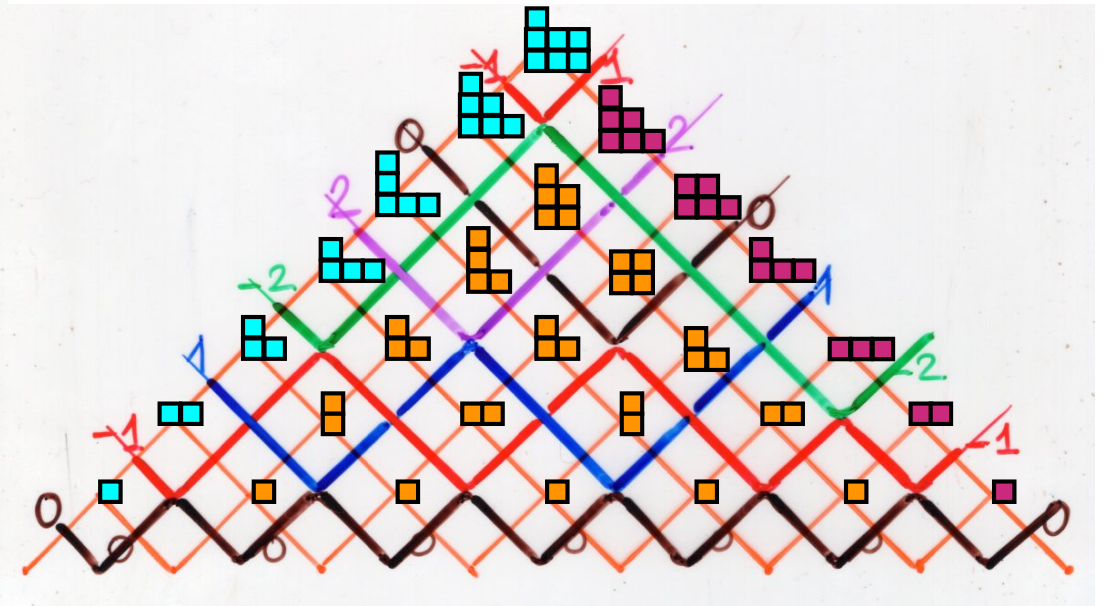
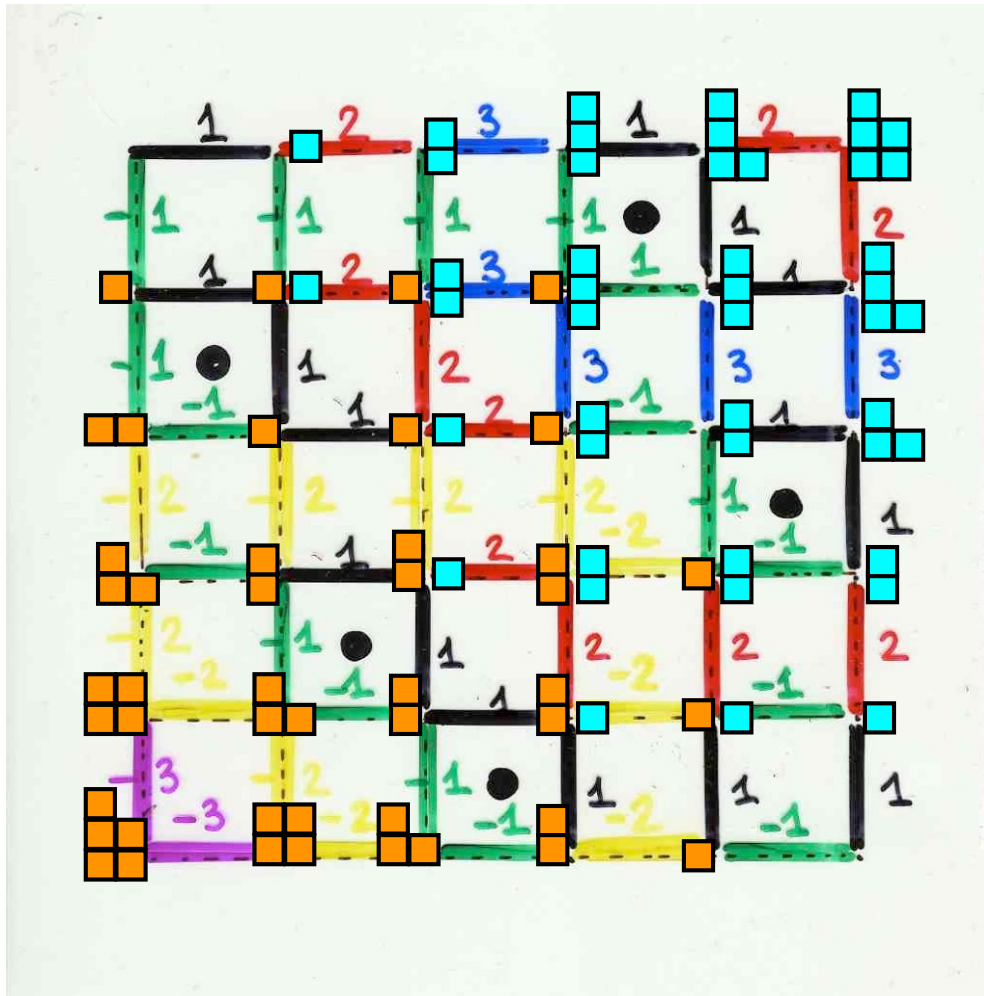


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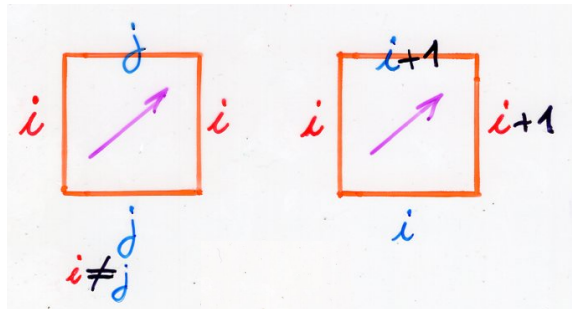
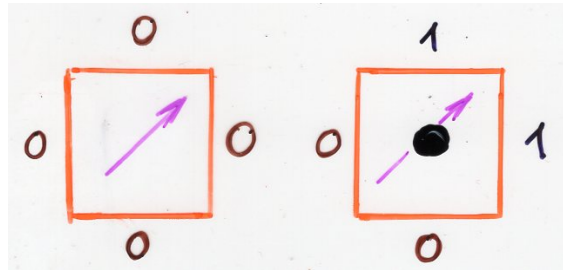
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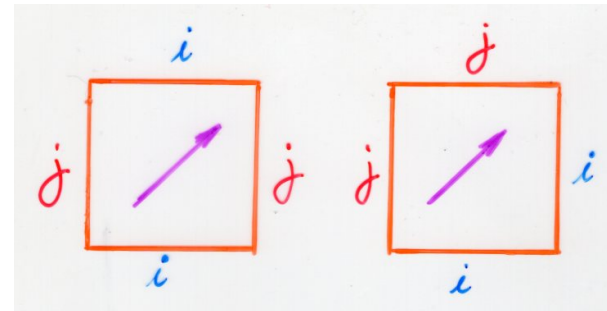
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# Research Problem



jeu de taquin  
local rules on edges



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

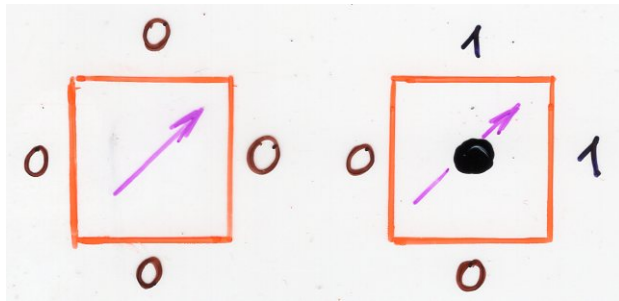
$$|i - j| \leq 1$$

$$i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$$

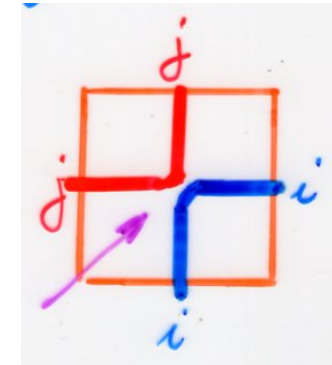
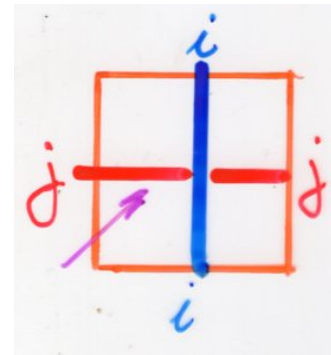
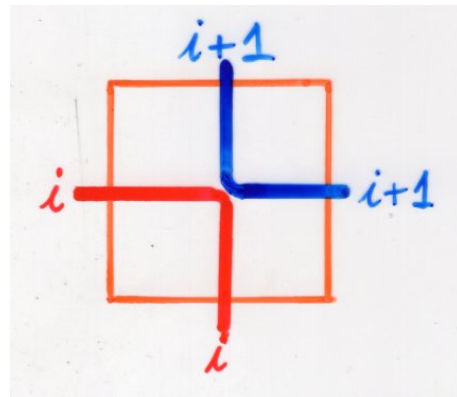
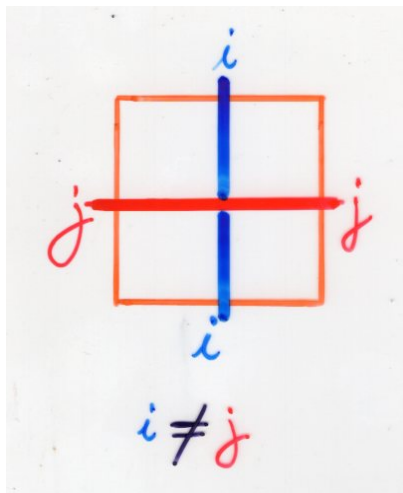
The RSK (reverse) planar automaton



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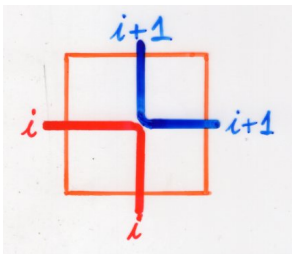
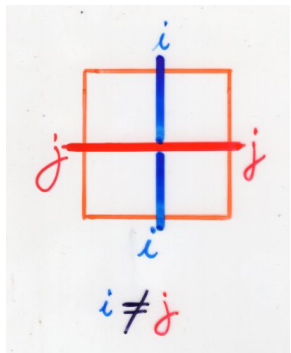


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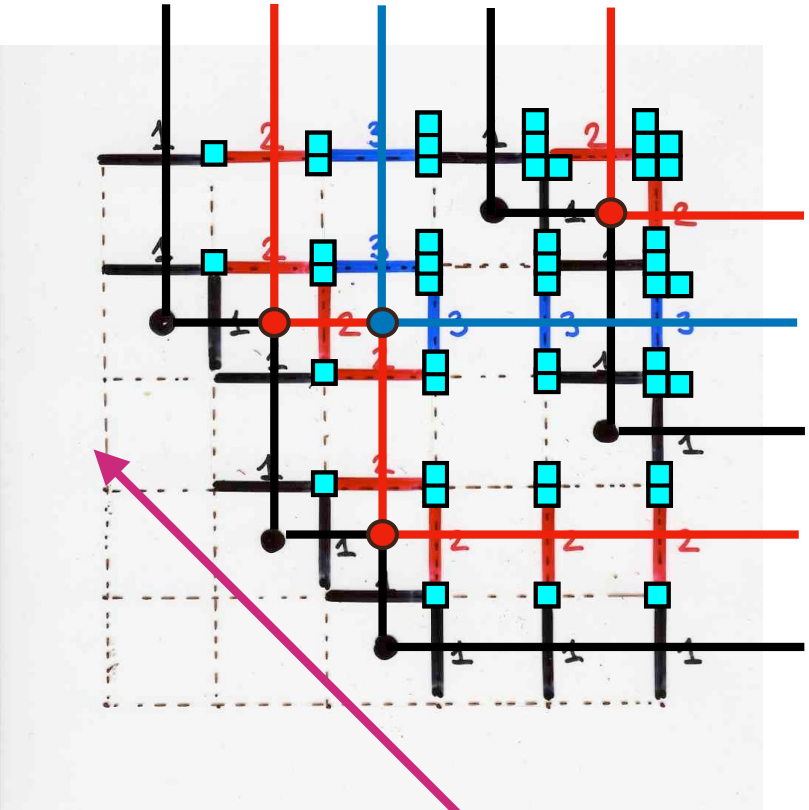
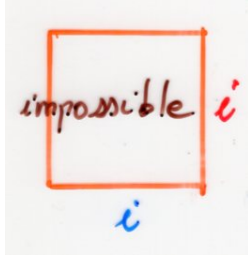
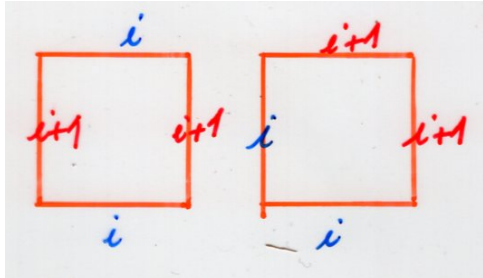
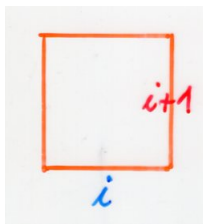
$$i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$$

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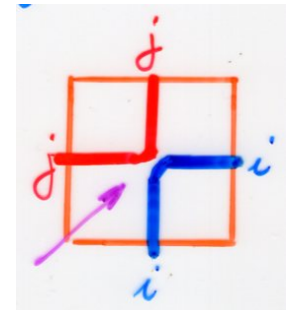
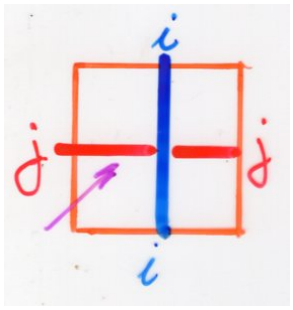


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 (transpose)

Direct proof?



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 local rules on edges



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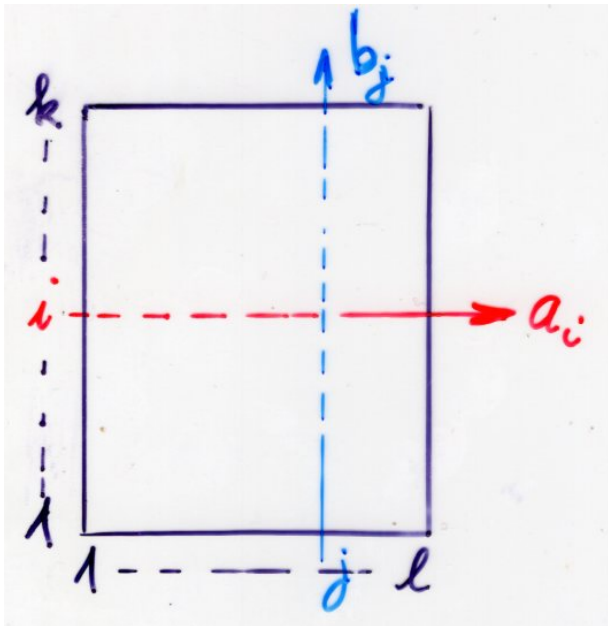
From RS to RSK

extension  
to matrices

D. Knuth, 1970



$$M = (a_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq k \\ 1 \leq j \leq l}}$$



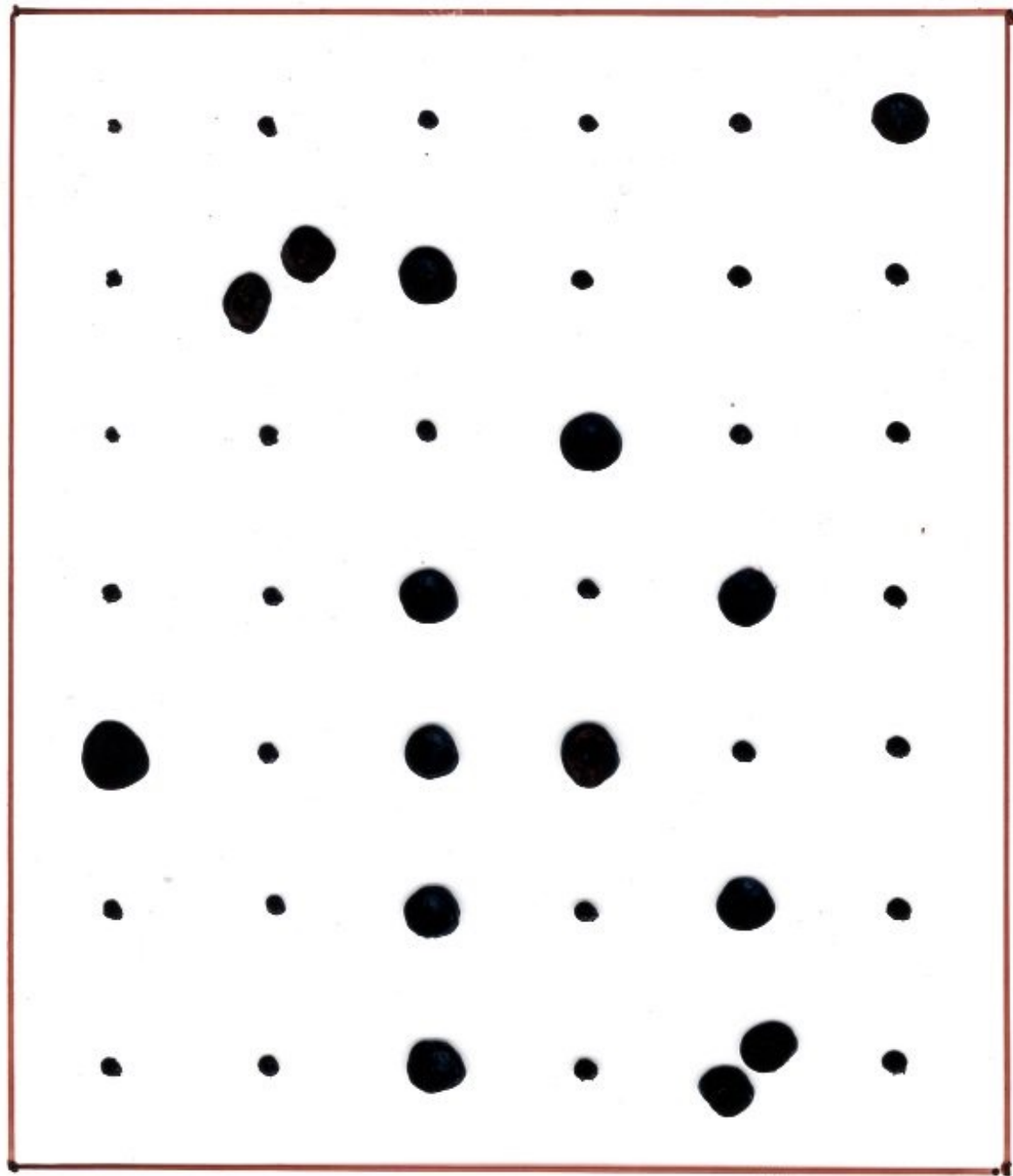
Type of  $M$

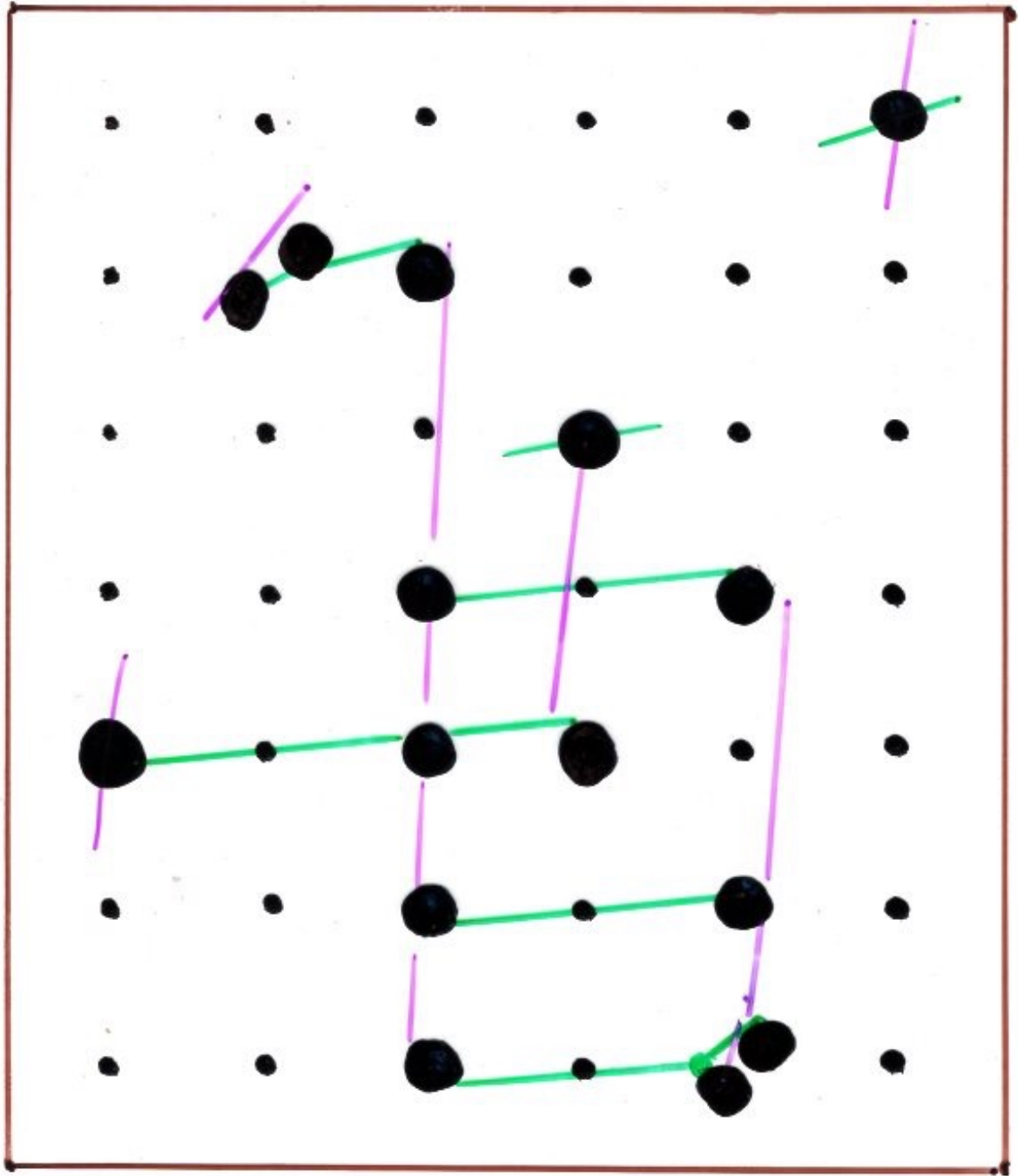
for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $a_i = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq l} a_{ij}$  (sum of entries in row  $i$ )

for  $j = 1, \dots, l$ ,  $b_j = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k} a_{ij}$  (sum of entries in column  $j$ )

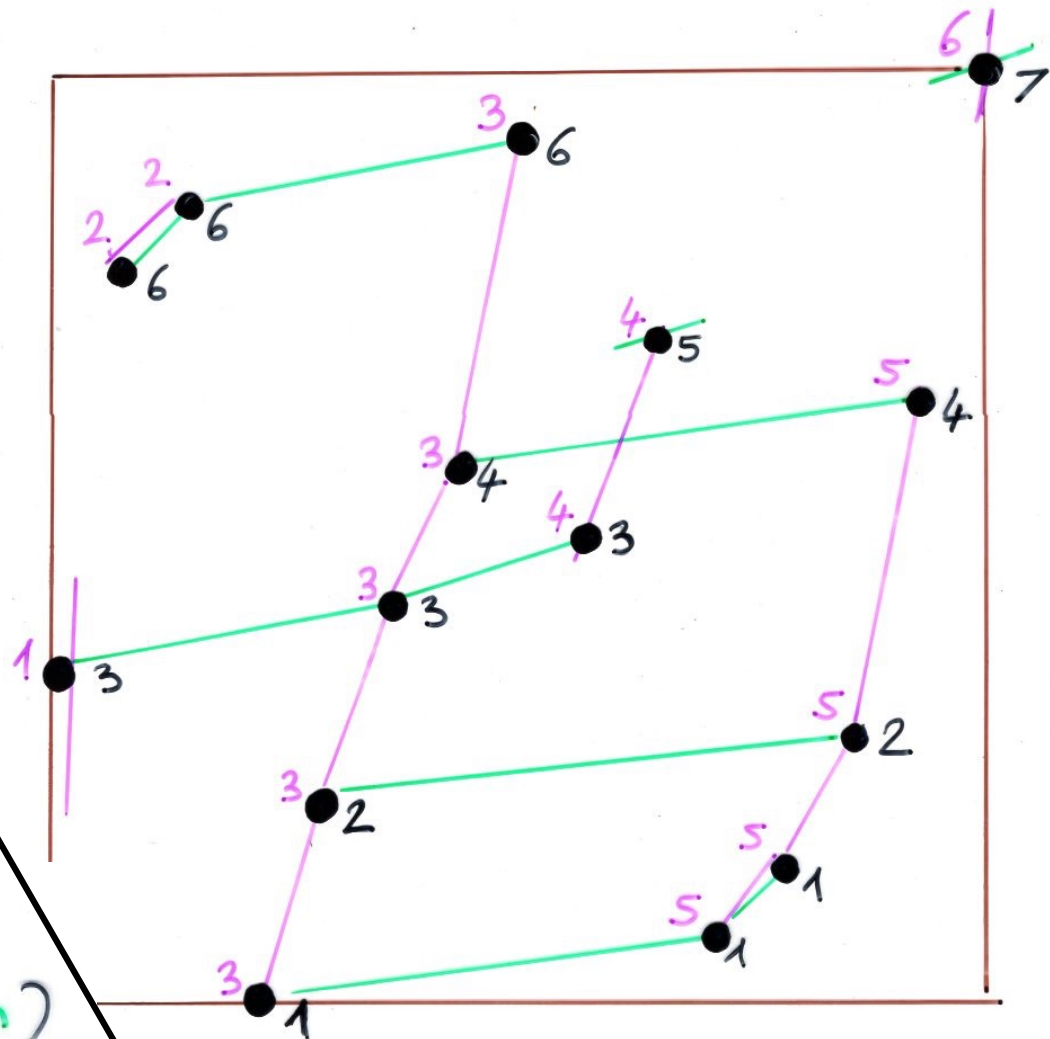
**M** =

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





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

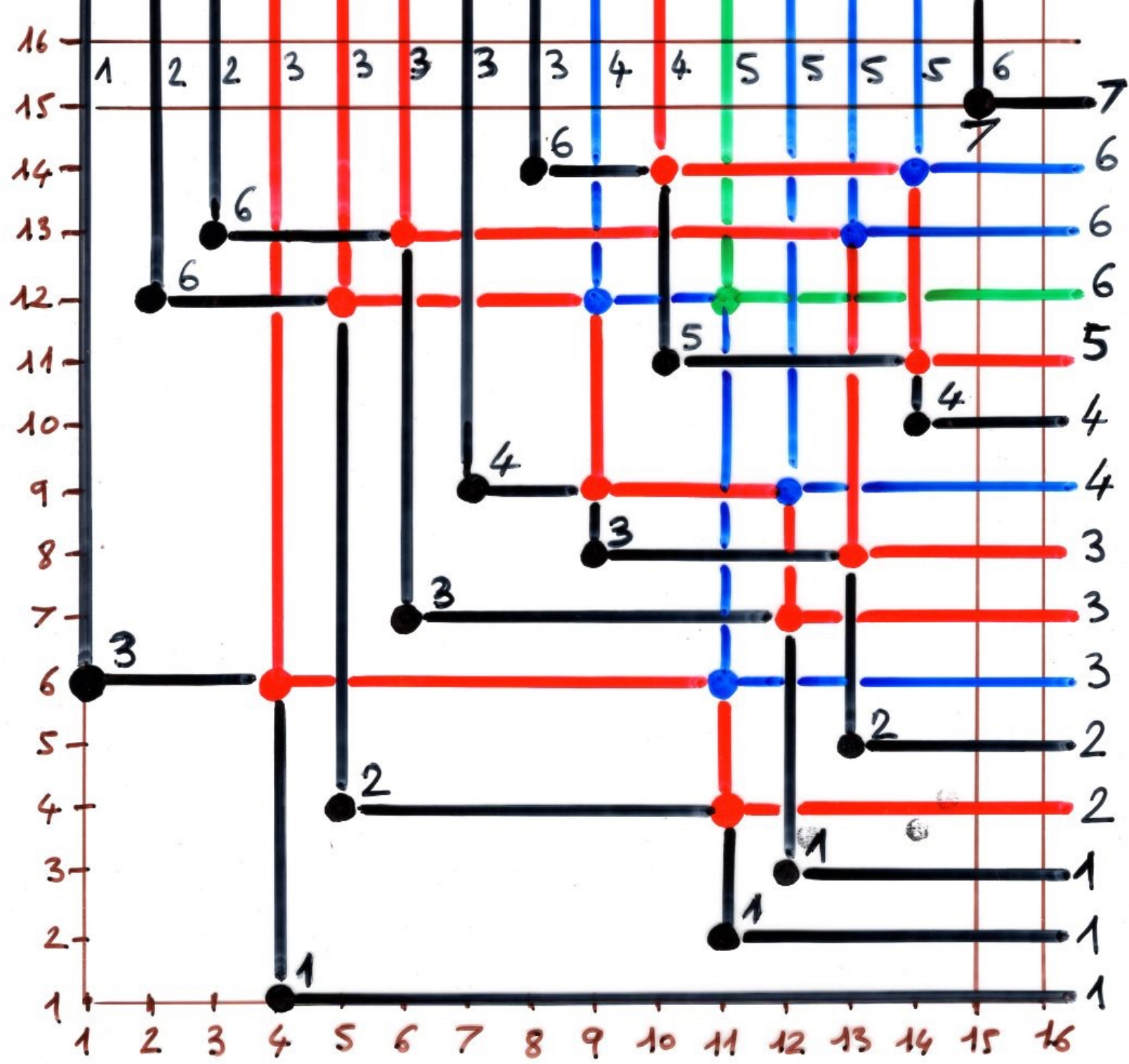


two-line array  
(or generalised permutation)

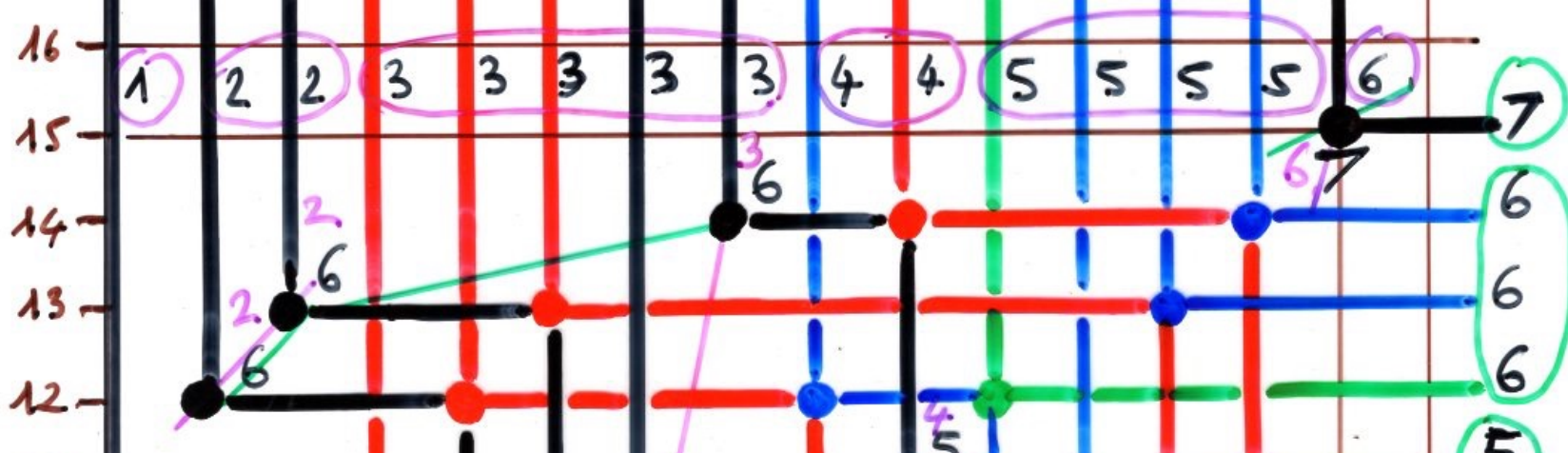
$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 4 & 4 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 6 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 7 \end{array} \right)$$









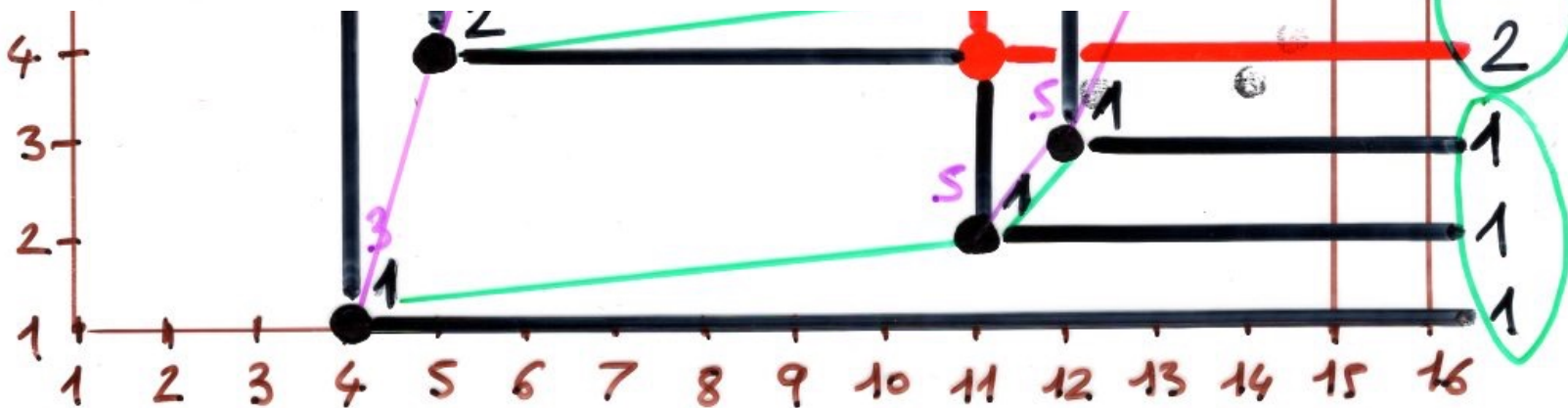
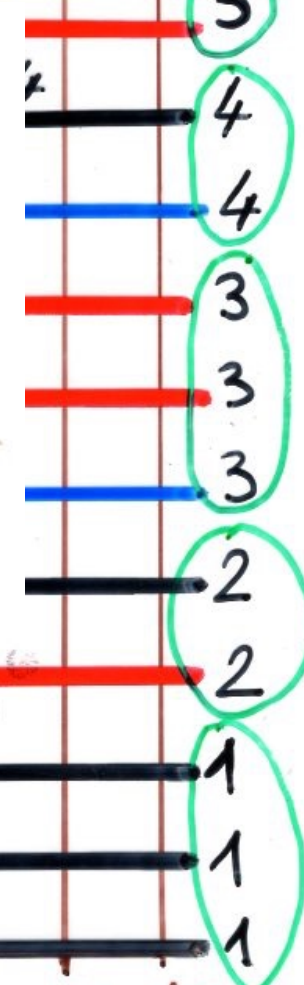


6						
3	4	6	6			
2	3	3	5			
1	1	1	2	4	7	

P(M)

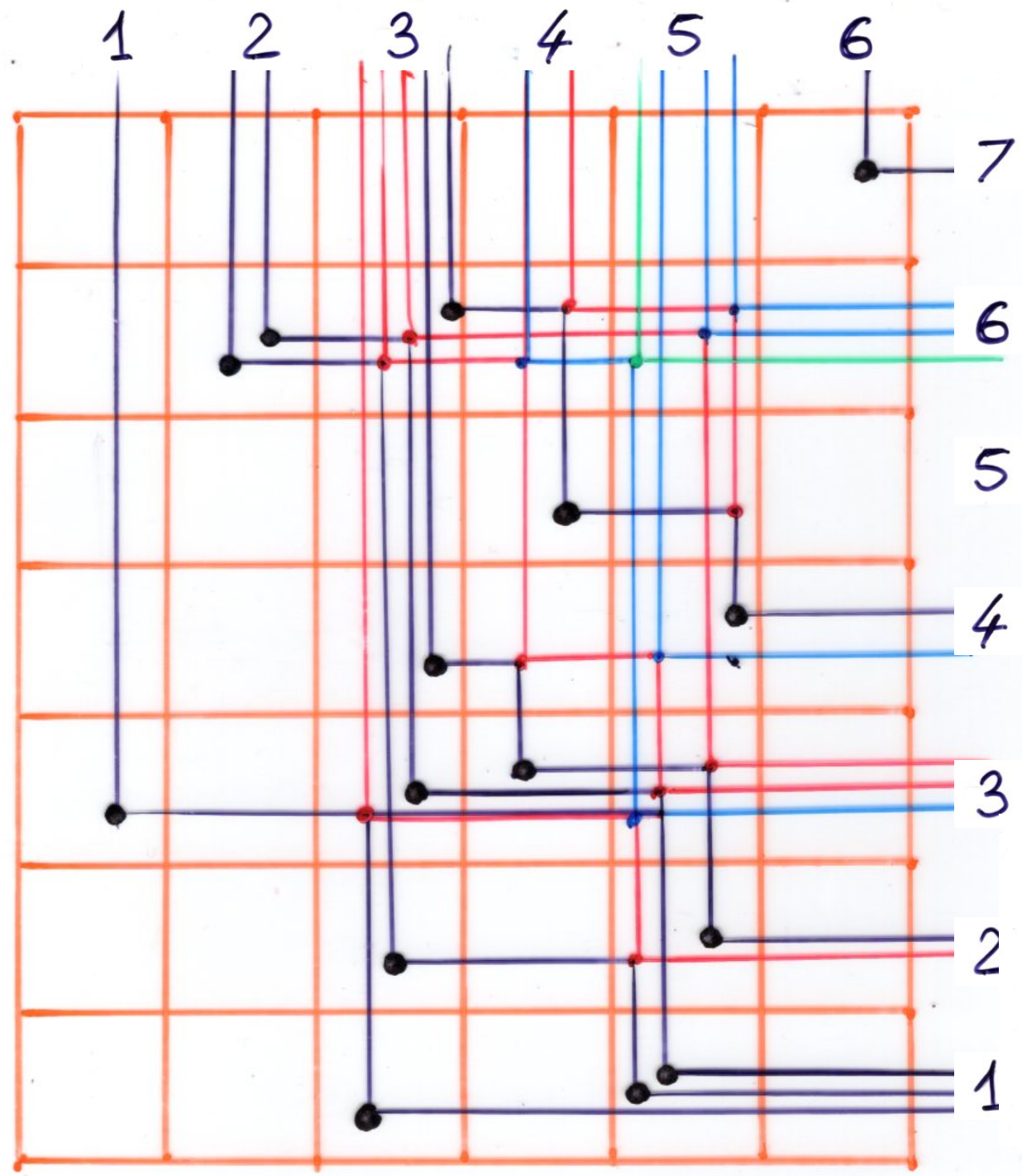
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Q(M)



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1	2	2	3	3	6	

Q(M)



6						
3	4	6	6			
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1	1	1	2	4	7	

P(M)

## Definition

semi-standard Young tableau (SSYT)  
with shape  $\lambda$  ( $\lambda$  partition of  $m$ )

is a filling of Ferrers diagram  $F(\lambda)$   
with integers  $\geq 1$  such that

- they go increasing weakly in rows (from left to right)
- they go strictly increasing in columns (from bottom to top)

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1	1	1	2	4	7	

# RSK Robinson-Schensted-Knuth correspondence

Proposition The map  $M \rightarrow (P, Q)$  is a bijection between  $k \times l$  matrices with integers entries  $\geq 0$  and pair  $(P, Q)$  or semi-standard Young tableaux having the same shape  $\lambda$ .

The "type" of  $P$  is  $(a_1, \dots, a_k)$   
 $Q$  is  $(b_1, \dots, b_l)$

$$M = (a_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq k \\ 1 \leq j \leq l}}$$

Type of  $M$

for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $a_i = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq l} a_{ij}$  (sum of entries in row  $i$ )

for  $j = 1, \dots, l$ ,  $b_j = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k} a_{ij}$  (sum of entries in column  $j$ )

Proof:

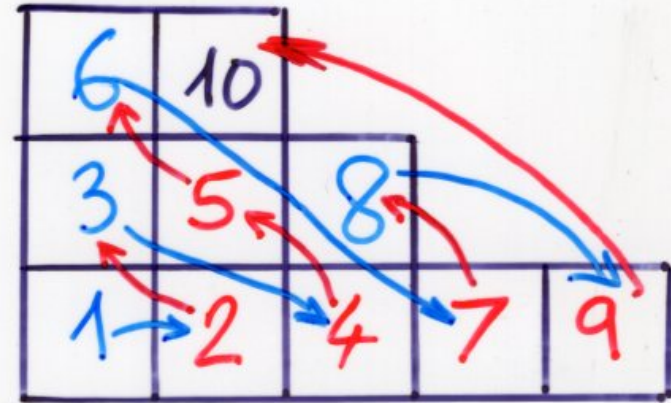


$x$  advance in a permutation  $\sigma$

$$\text{iff } x = \sigma(i), \quad x+1 = \sigma(j) \\ \text{with } i < j$$

Lemma  $\sigma \xrightarrow{RS} (P, Q)$

- $x$  is an advance of  $\sigma$  iff in the tableau  $P$  ( $x+1$ ) is located at the South-East of  $x$



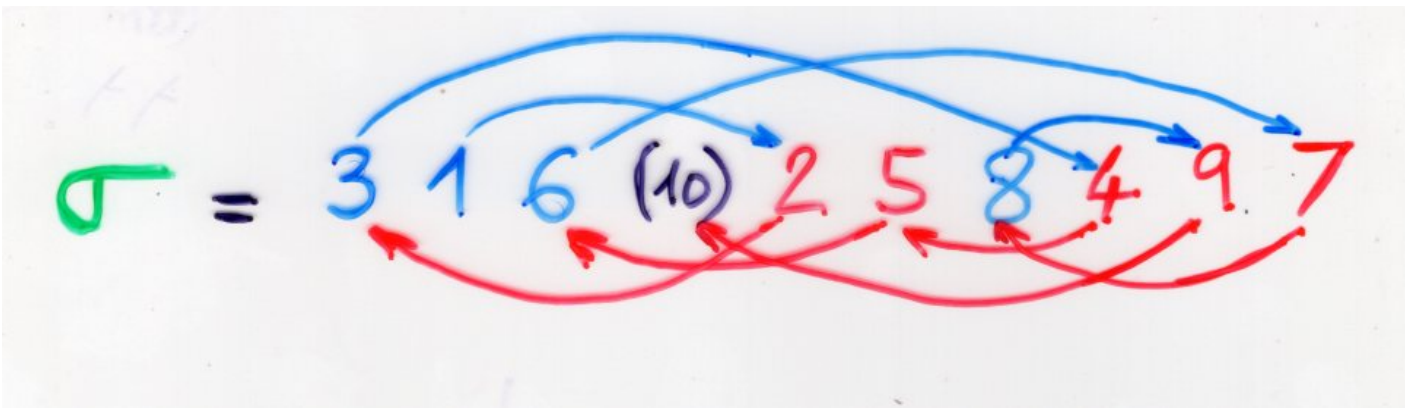
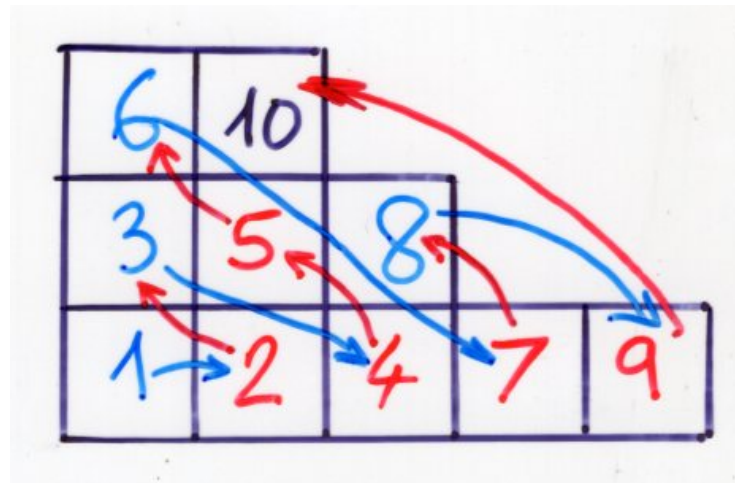
$$\sigma = 3 \ 1 \ 6 \ (10) \ 2 \ 5 \ 8 \ 4 \ 9 \ 7$$

"ligne de route"

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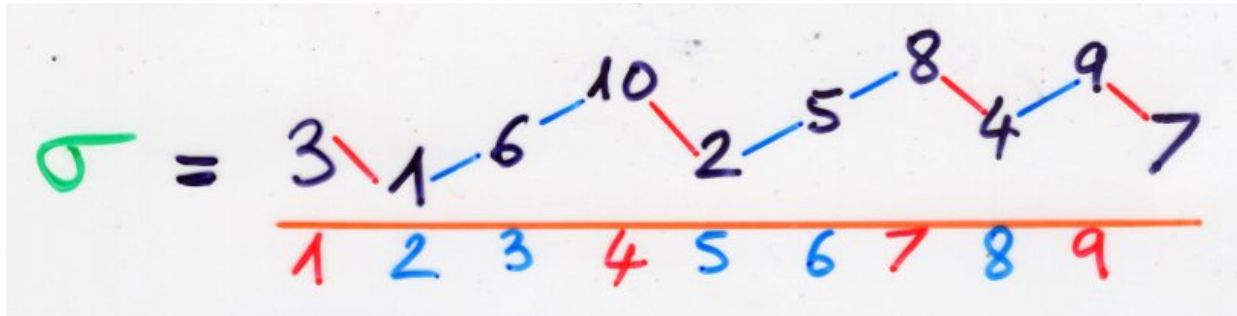
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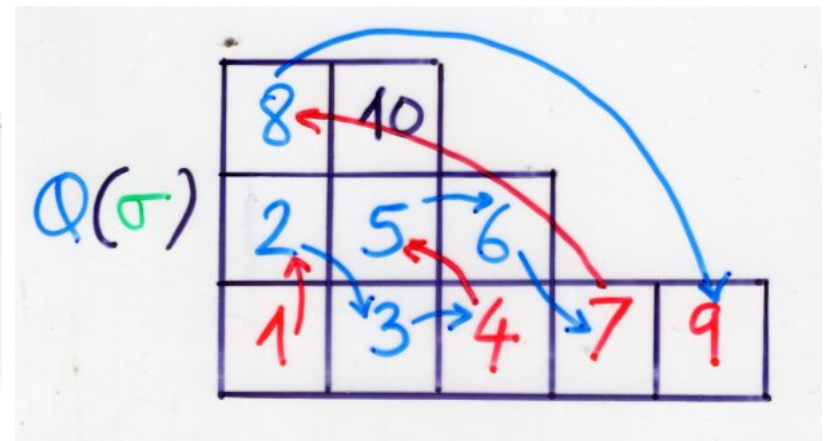
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 $\sigma(i) > \sigma(i+1)$   
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Lemma  $\sigma \xrightarrow{RS} (P, Q)$

• there is a rise at the index  $i$  of  $\sigma$  iff  $(i+1)$  is located at the South-East of  $i$  in the tableau  $Q$



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$M =$

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

Fulton  
"matrix balls"  
construction

Amri Prasad  
"VRSK algorithm"

6						
3	4	6	6			
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$P(M)$

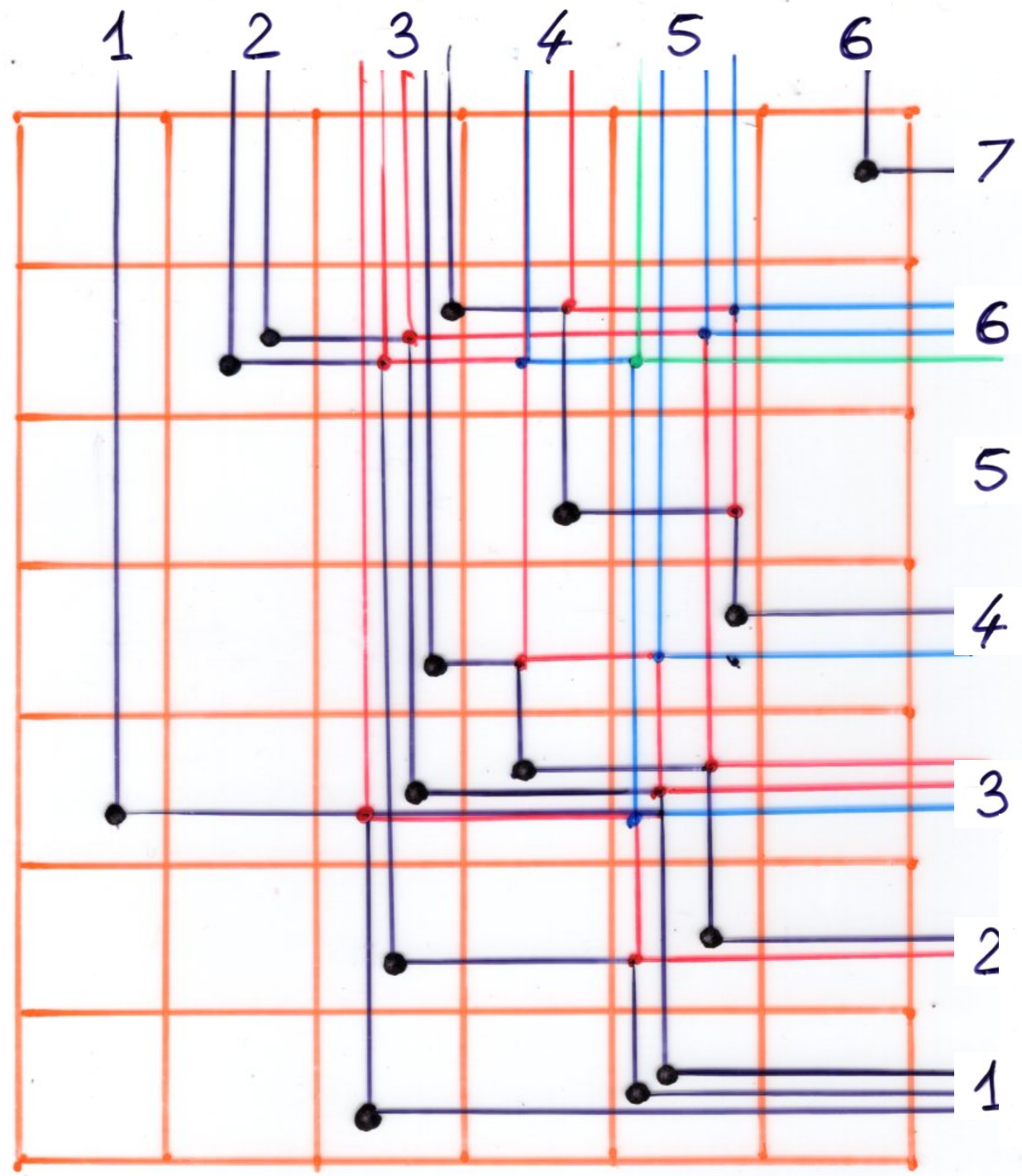
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$Q(M)$

Local rules ?

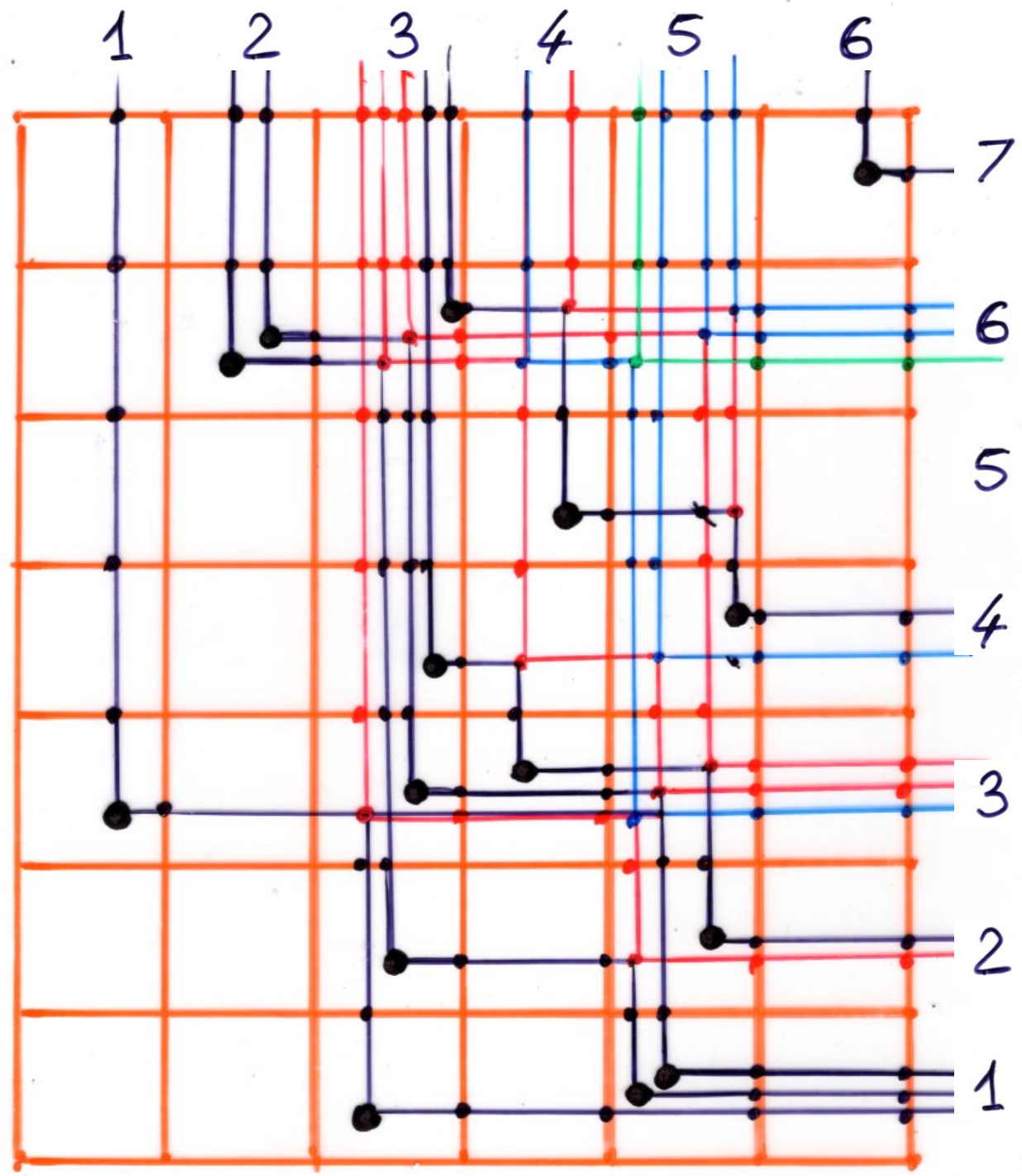
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Q(M)



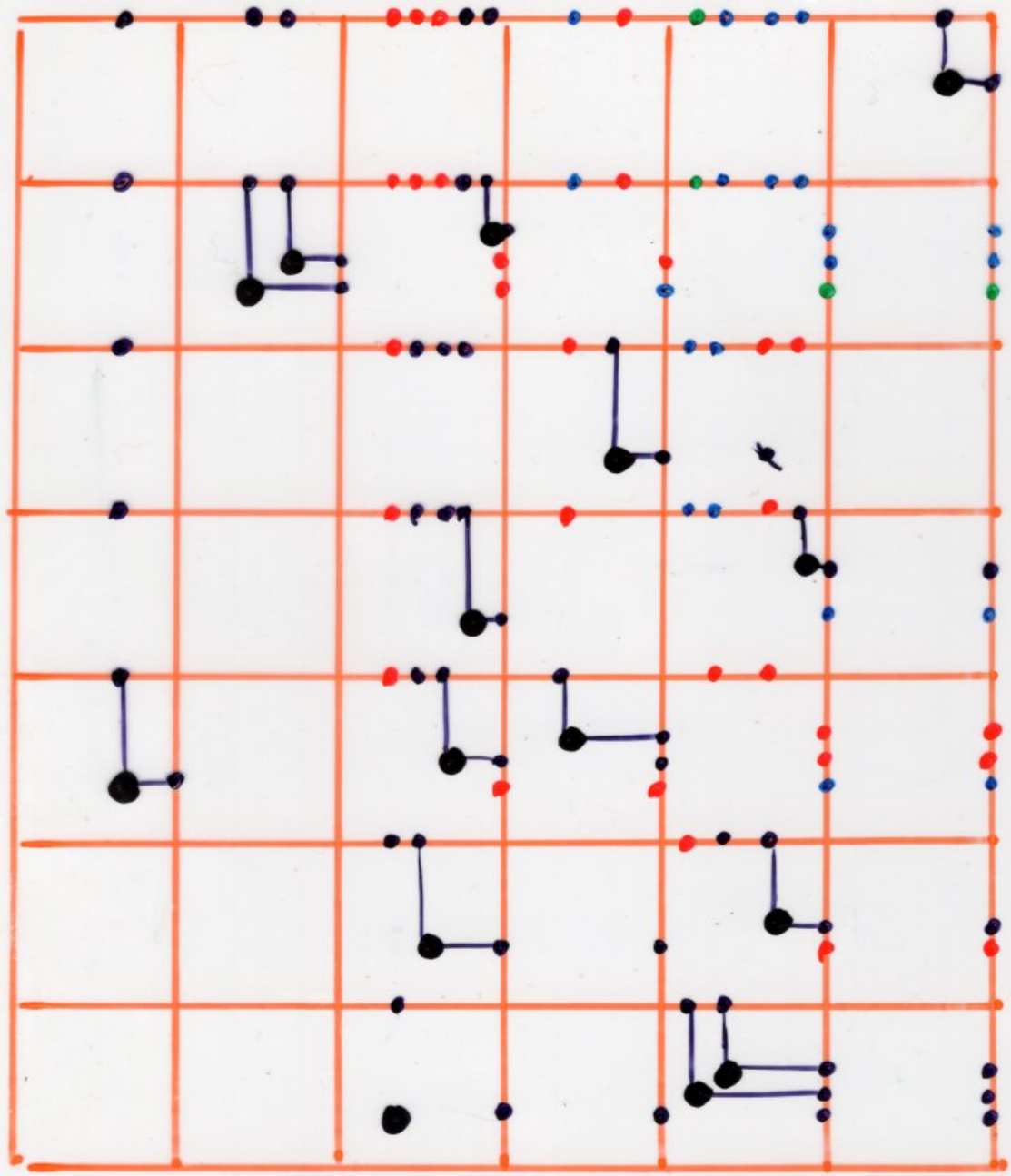
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P(M)





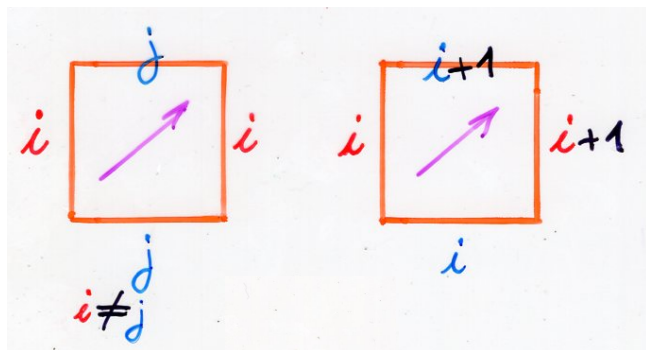
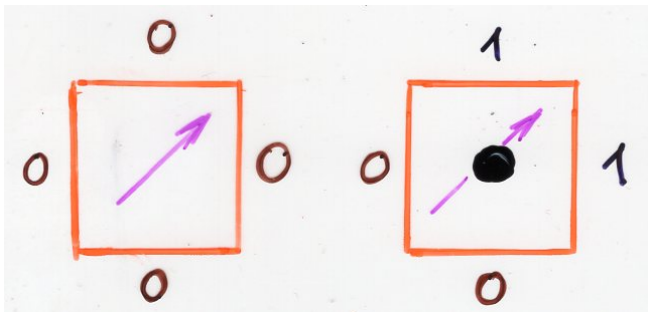
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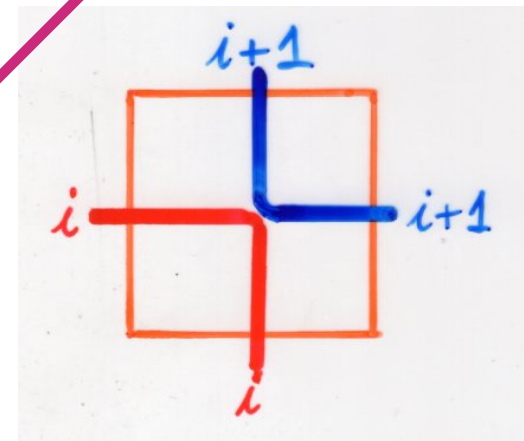
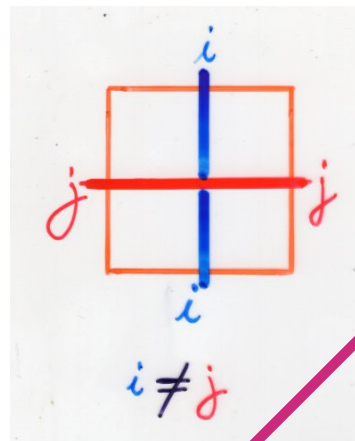
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# The RSK (reverse) planar automaton

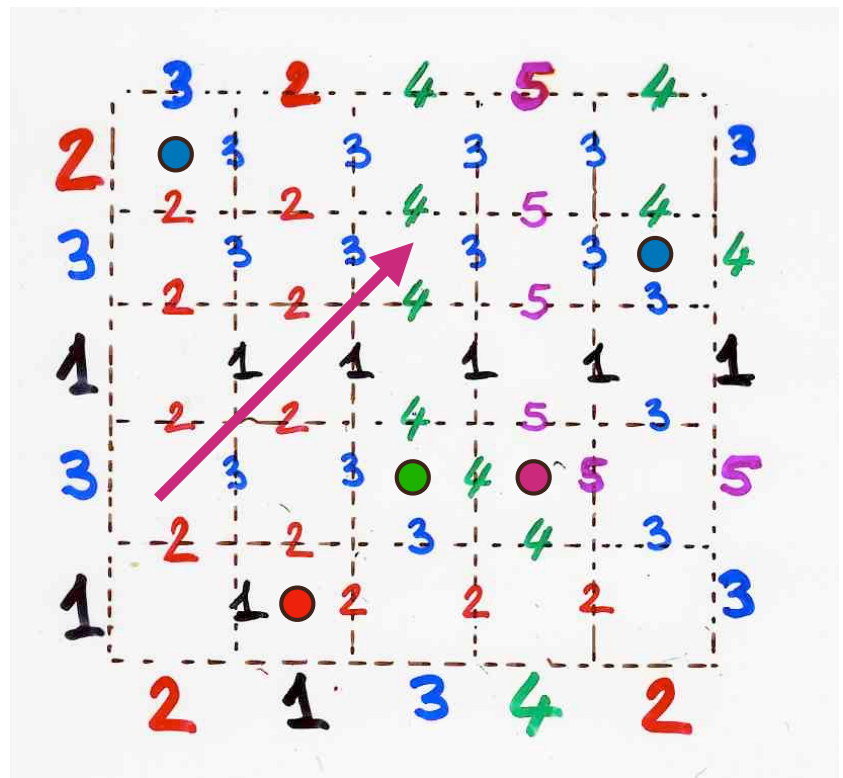
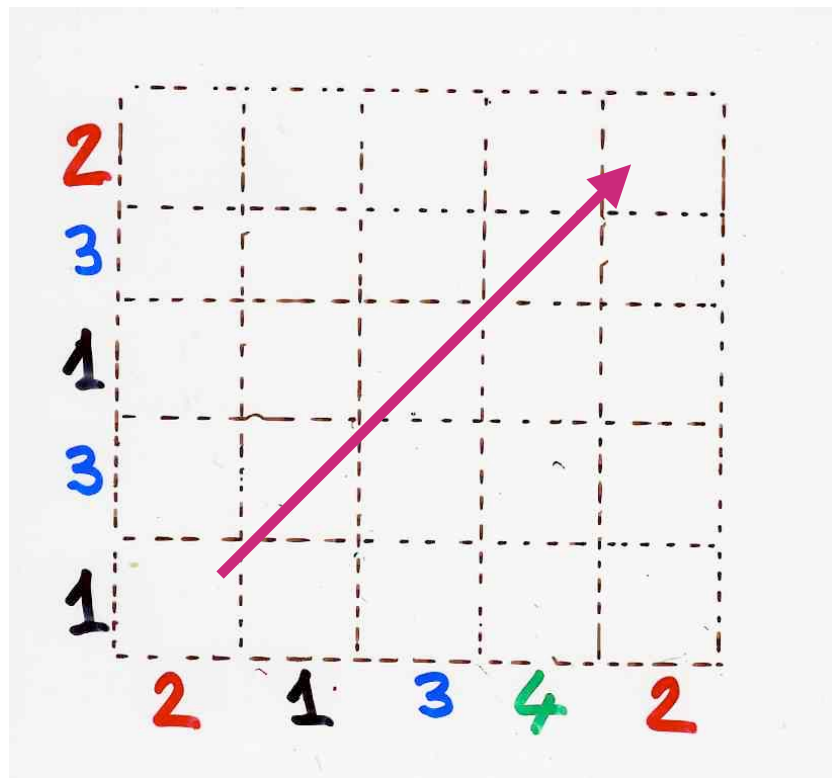
Ch1b, p91



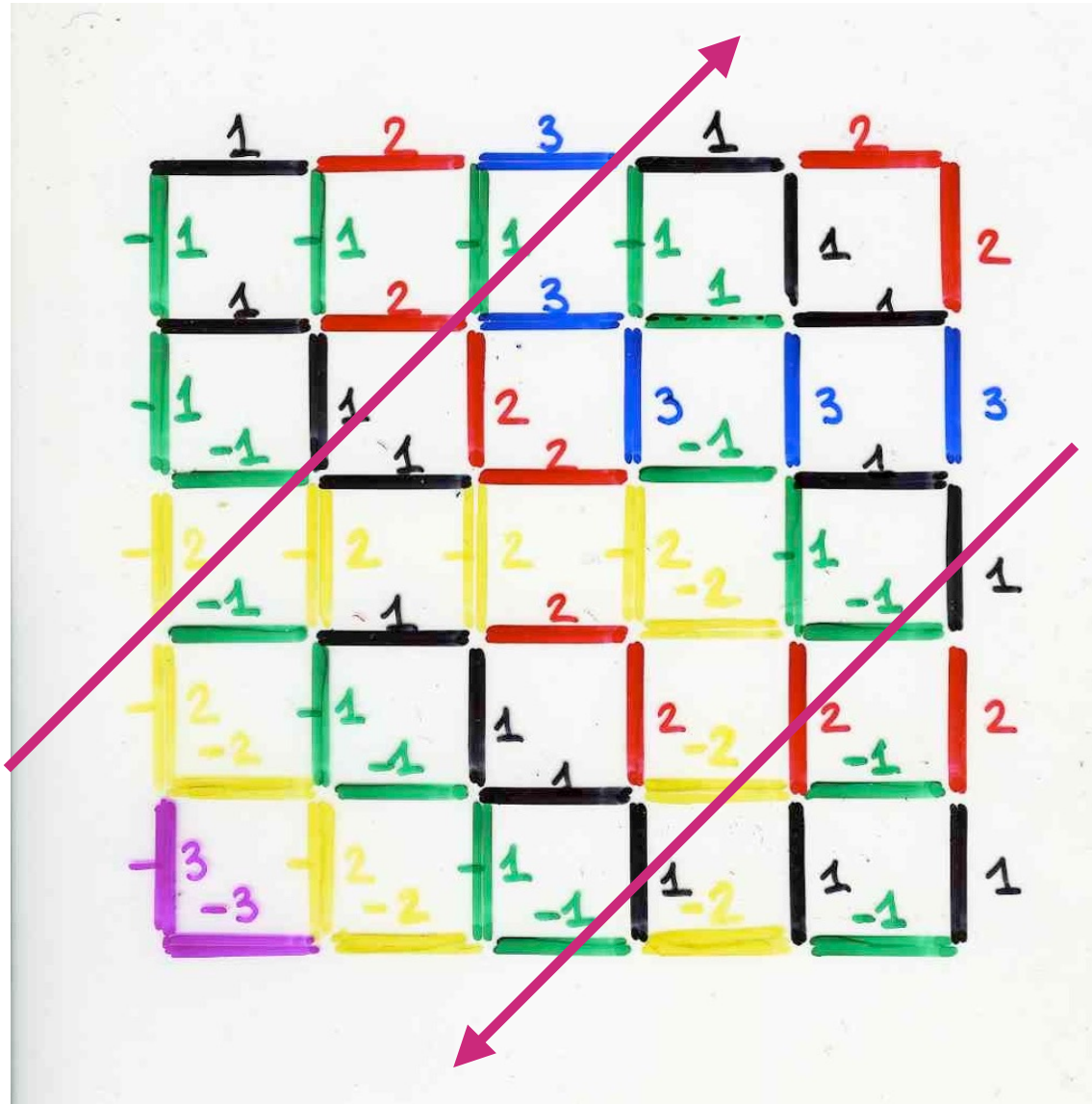
"local rules"  
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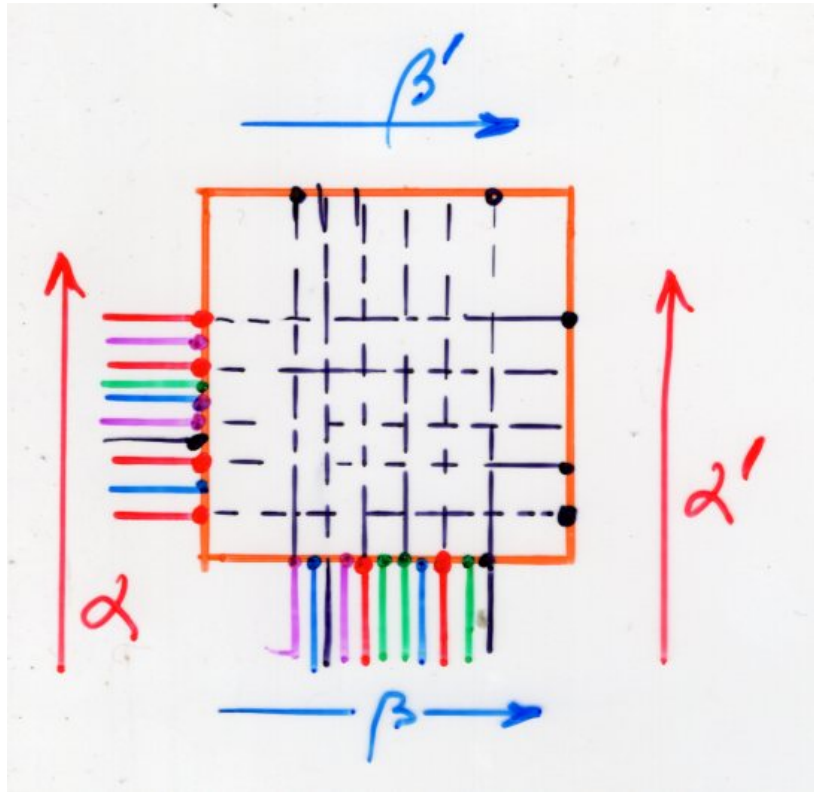


$(\alpha, \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha', \beta')$   
 RSK product  
 of two words (Ch 16, p 111)



bilateral  
planar automaton RSK

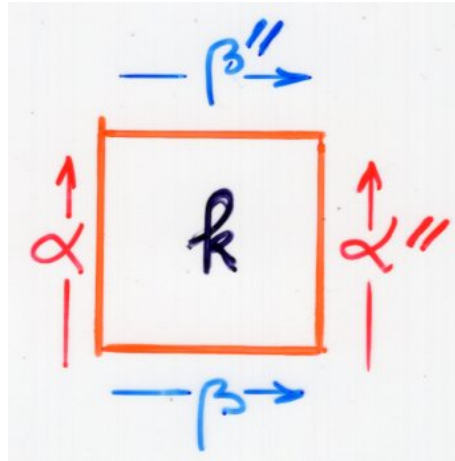




$(\alpha, \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha', \beta')$   
 RSK product  
 of two words (Ch 1b, p 111)

$$(\alpha', \beta') = RS(\alpha, \beta)$$

local rules on edges  
for RSK

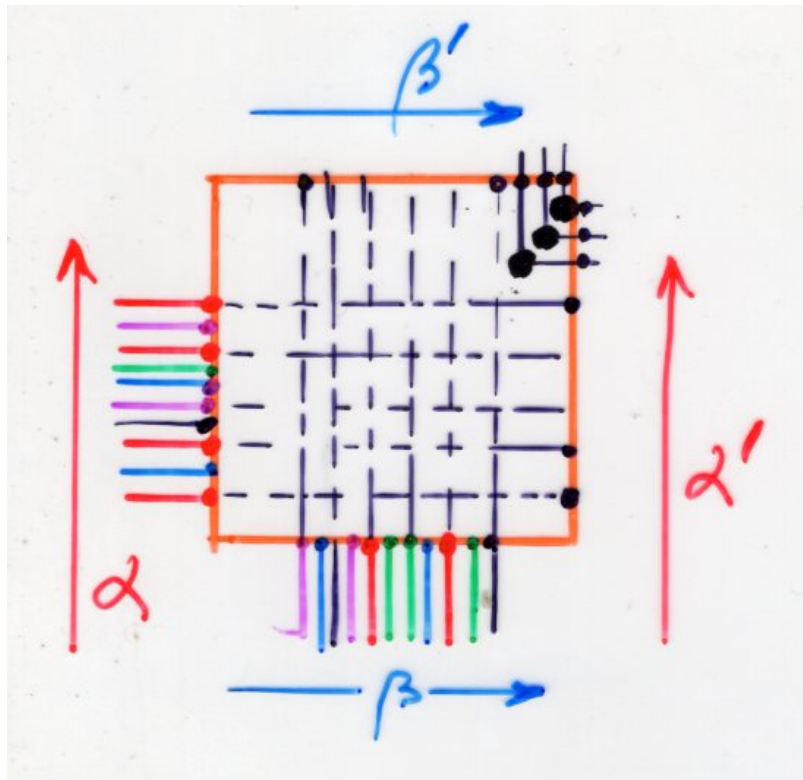


$\alpha, \alpha'', \beta, \beta''$  words  $\in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}^*$   
 $k \geq 0$  integer

$$(\alpha', \beta') = \text{RS}(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$\alpha'' = \alpha' \cdot \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{k \text{ times } 1}$$

$$\beta'' = \beta' \cdot \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{k \text{ times } 1}$$



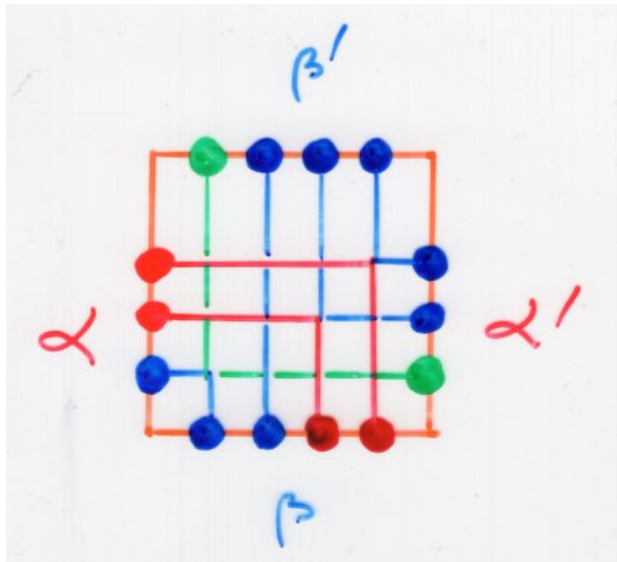
$$(\alpha', \beta') = RS(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$\alpha'' = \alpha' \cdot \begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

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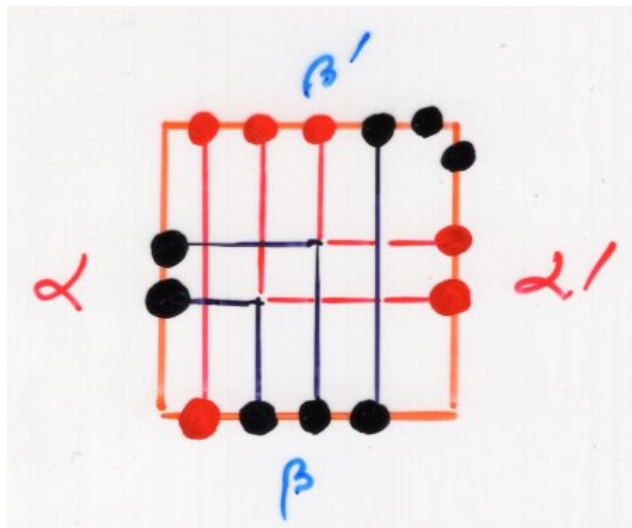
for times 1

# Example



$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= 3 \ 2 \ 2 \\ \alpha' &= 4 \ 3 \ 3 \\ \beta &= 3 \ 3 \ 2 \ 2 \\ \beta' &= 4 \ 3 \ 3 \ 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha'' &= \alpha' \\ \beta'' &= \beta' \end{aligned}$$

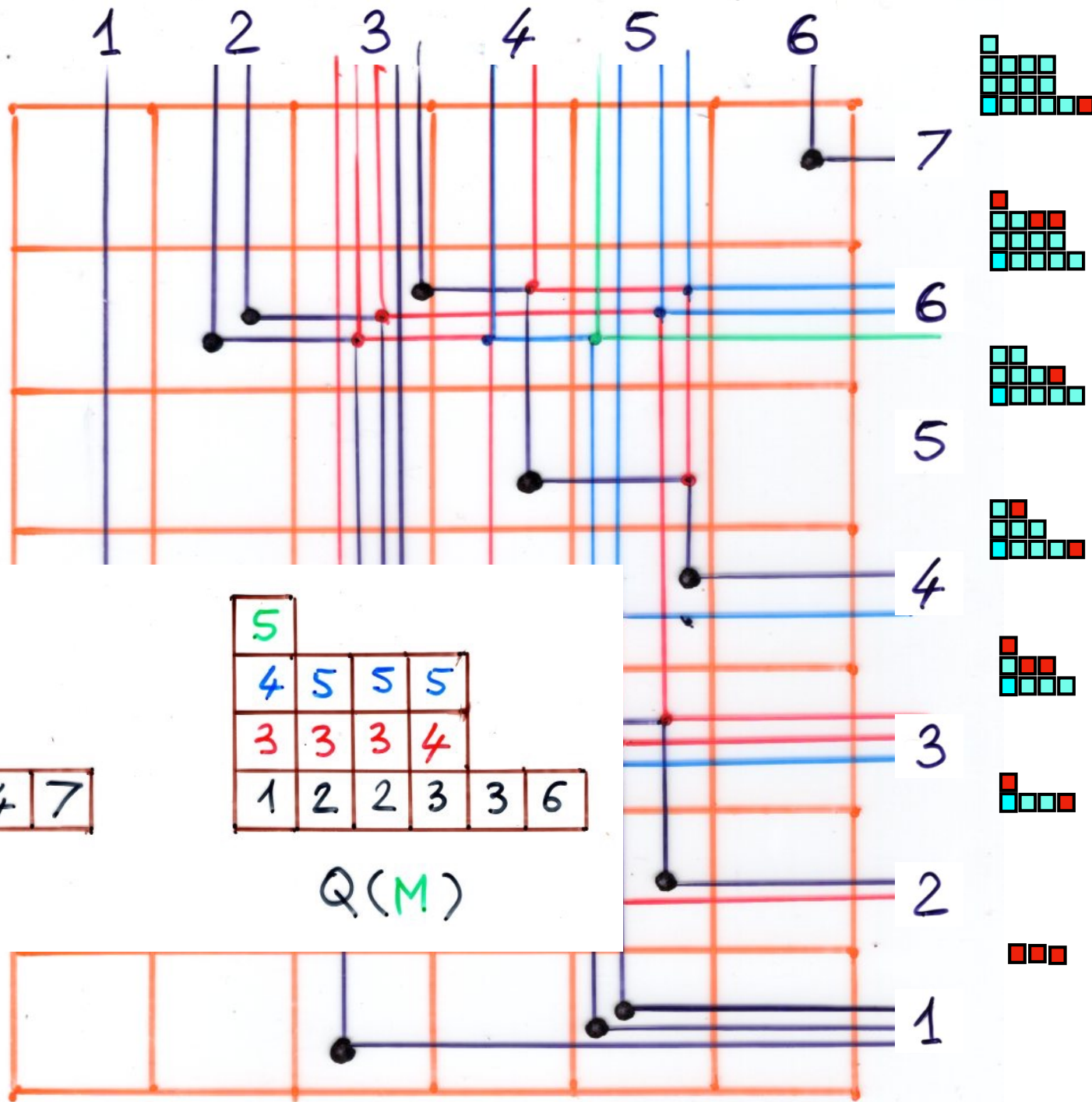


$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= 1 \ 1 \\ \alpha' &= 2 \ 2 \\ \beta &= 2 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \\ \beta' &= 2 \ 2 \ 2 \ 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha'' &= \alpha' \cdot 1 \\ \beta'' &= \beta' \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$$



# Growth Diagrams

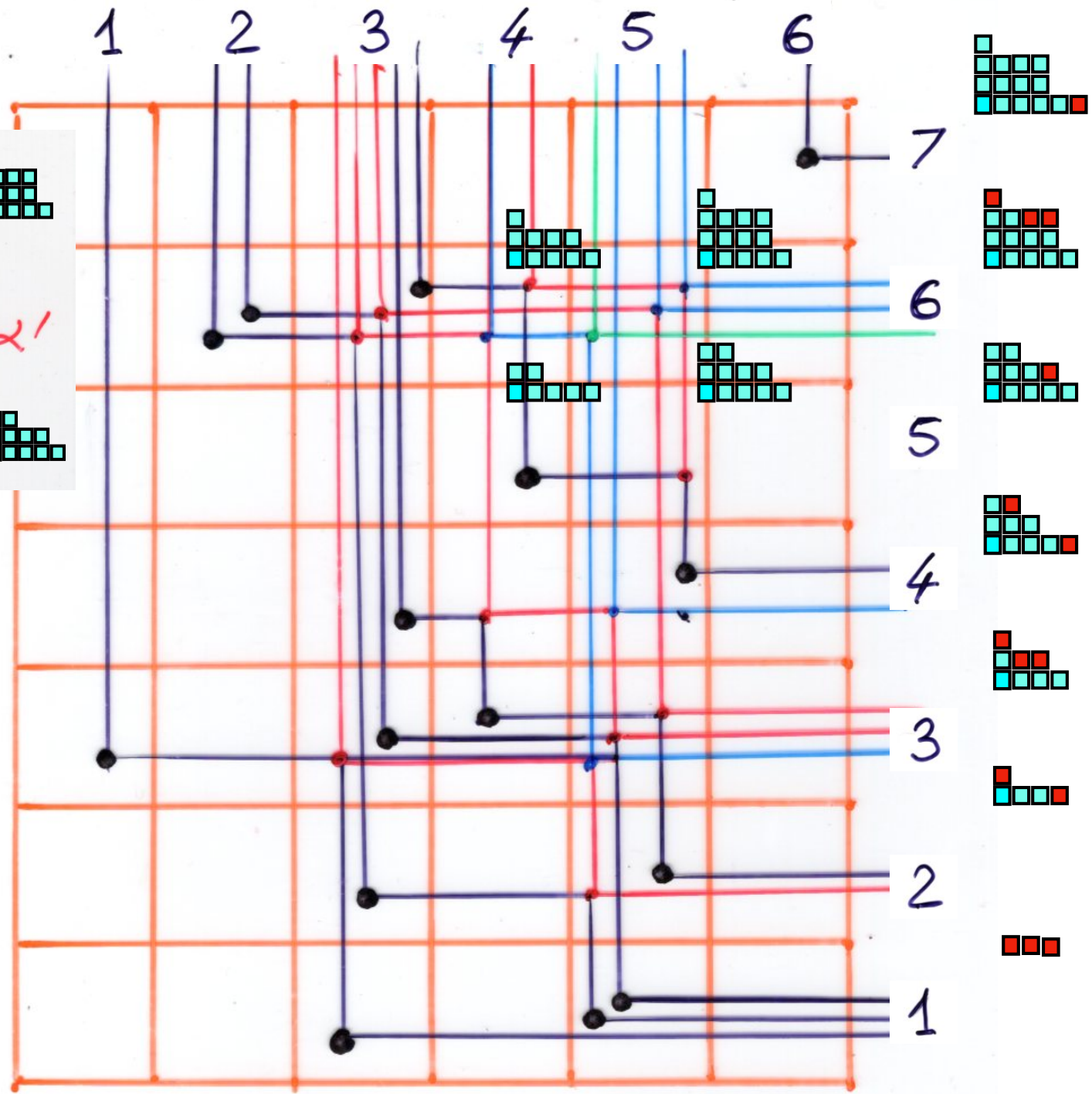
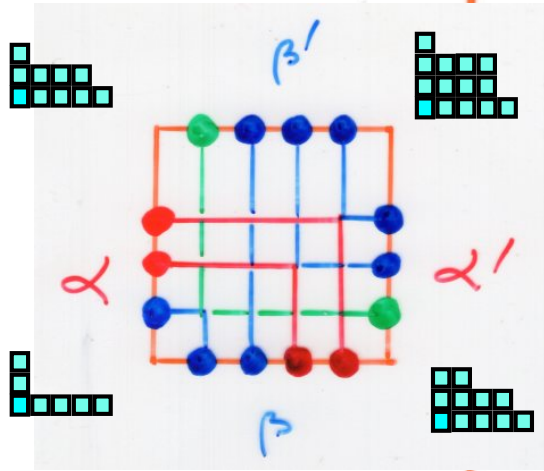


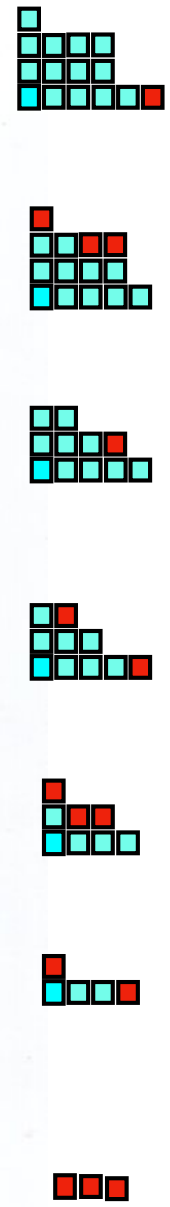
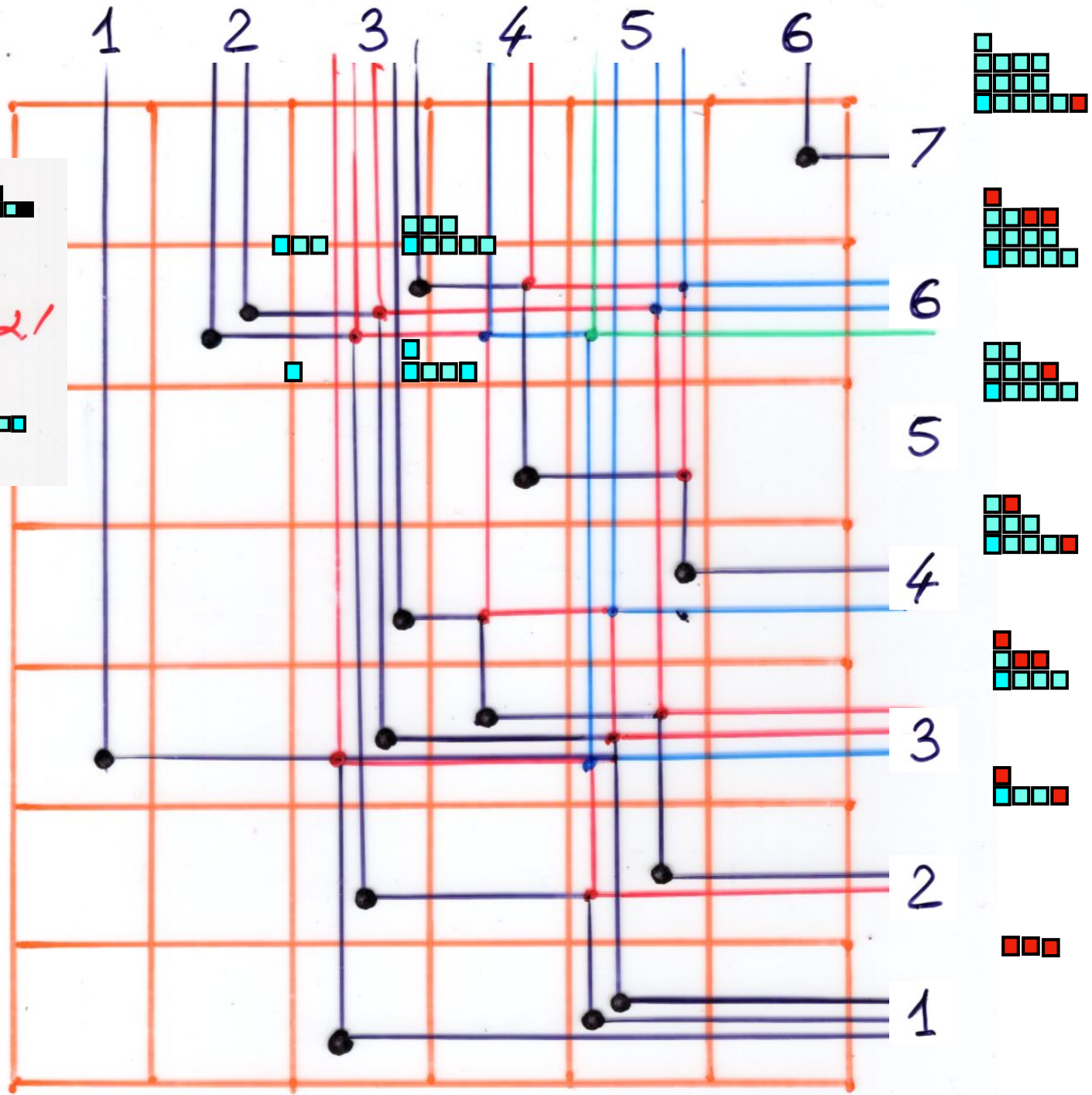
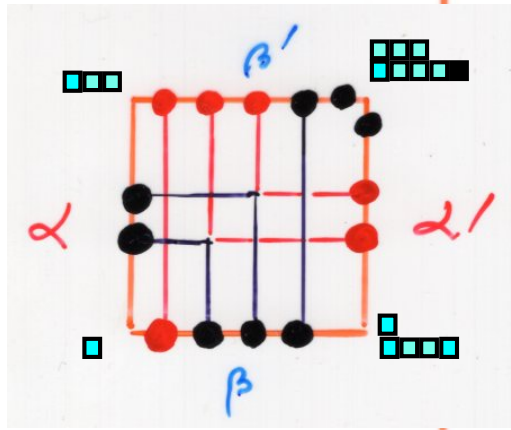
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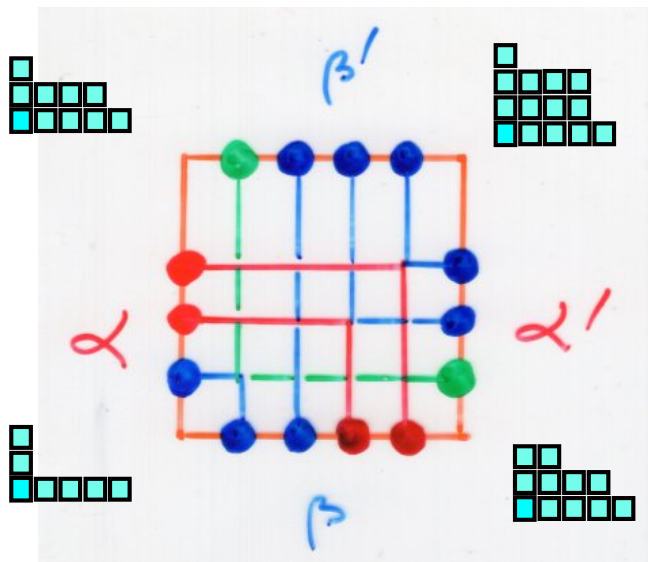
P(M)

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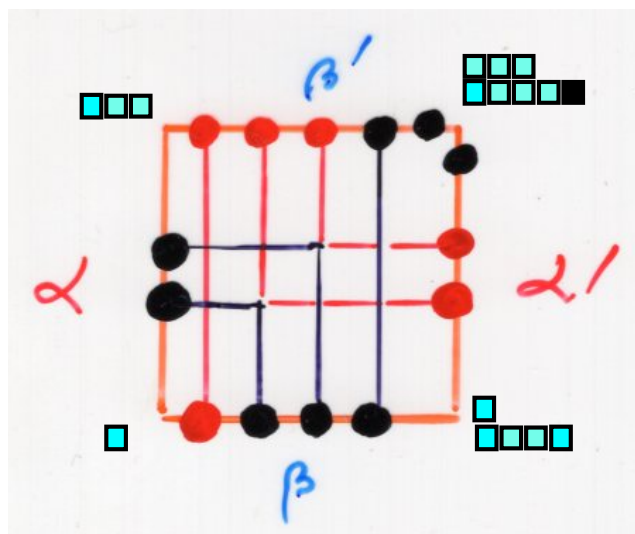
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Dual RSK

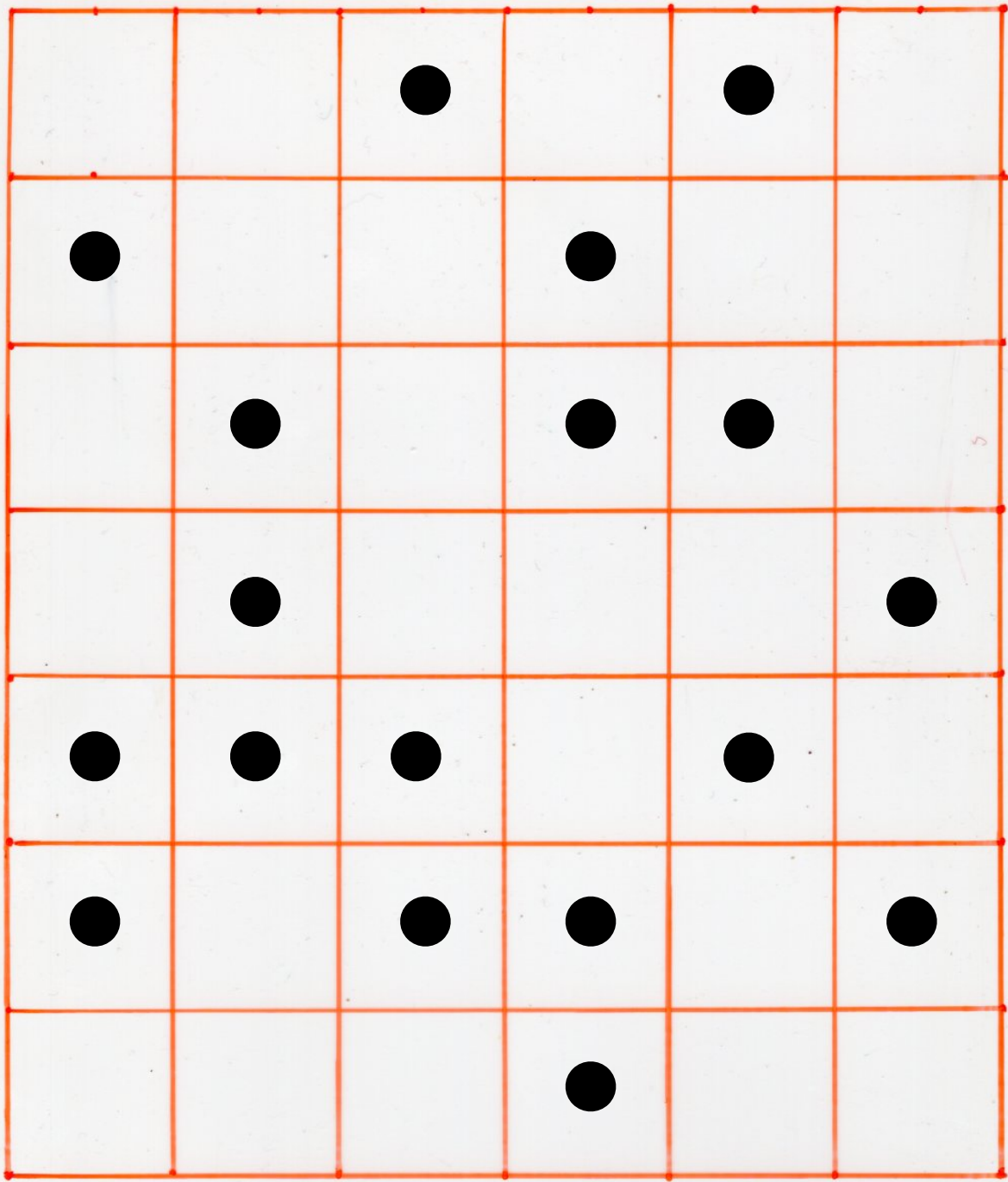
dual-RSK

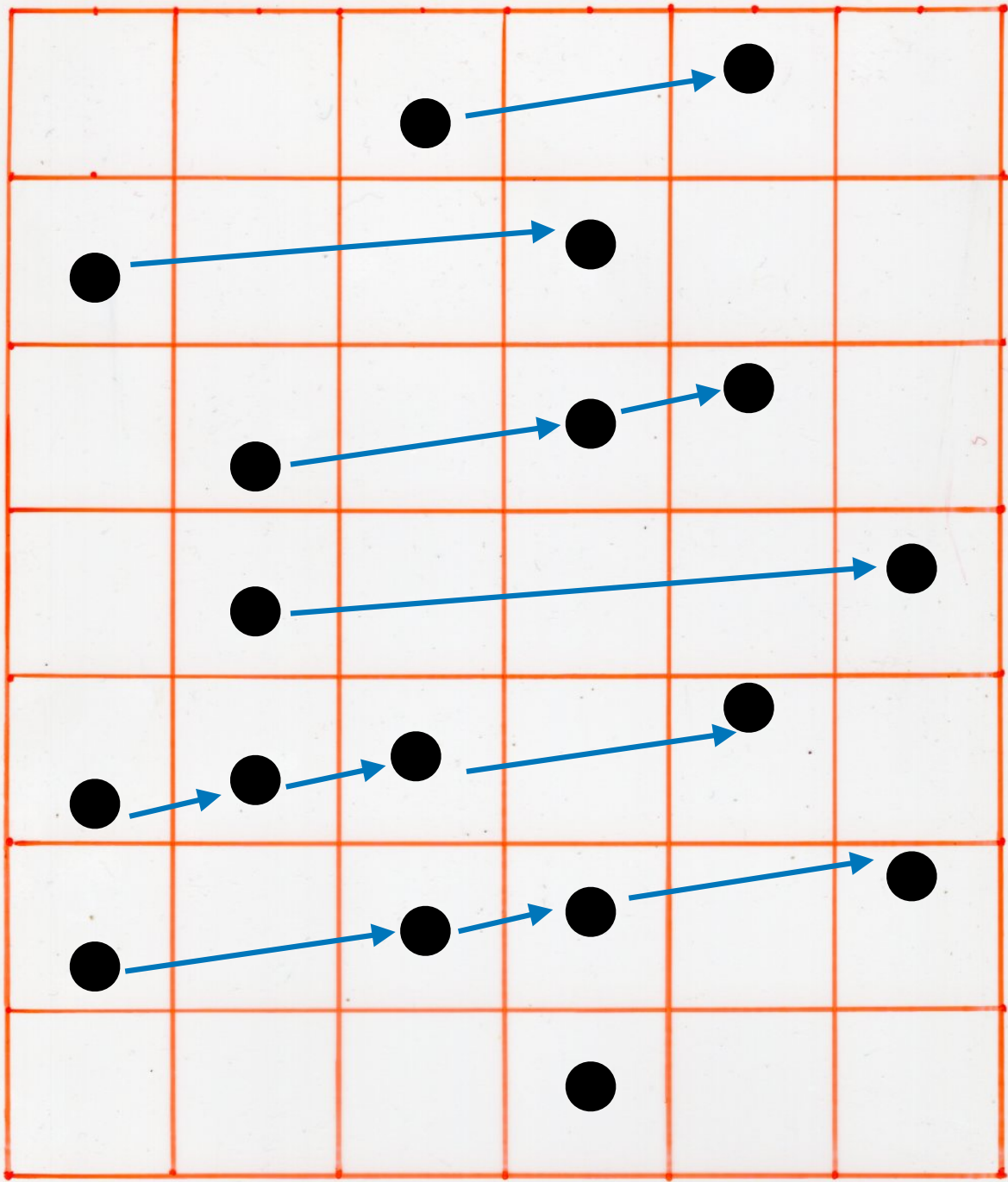
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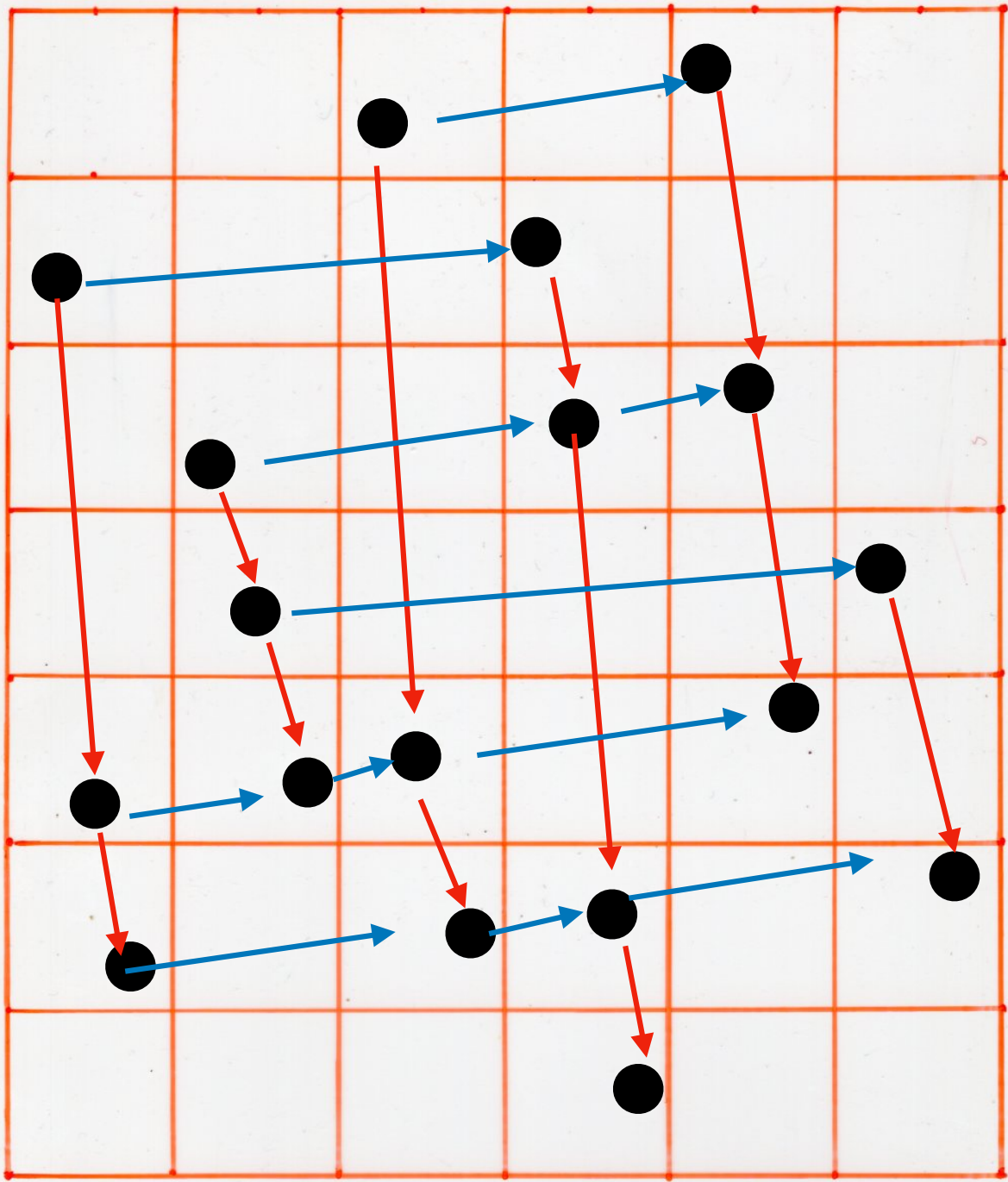
$$M \xrightarrow{\text{dual RSK}} (P, Q)$$

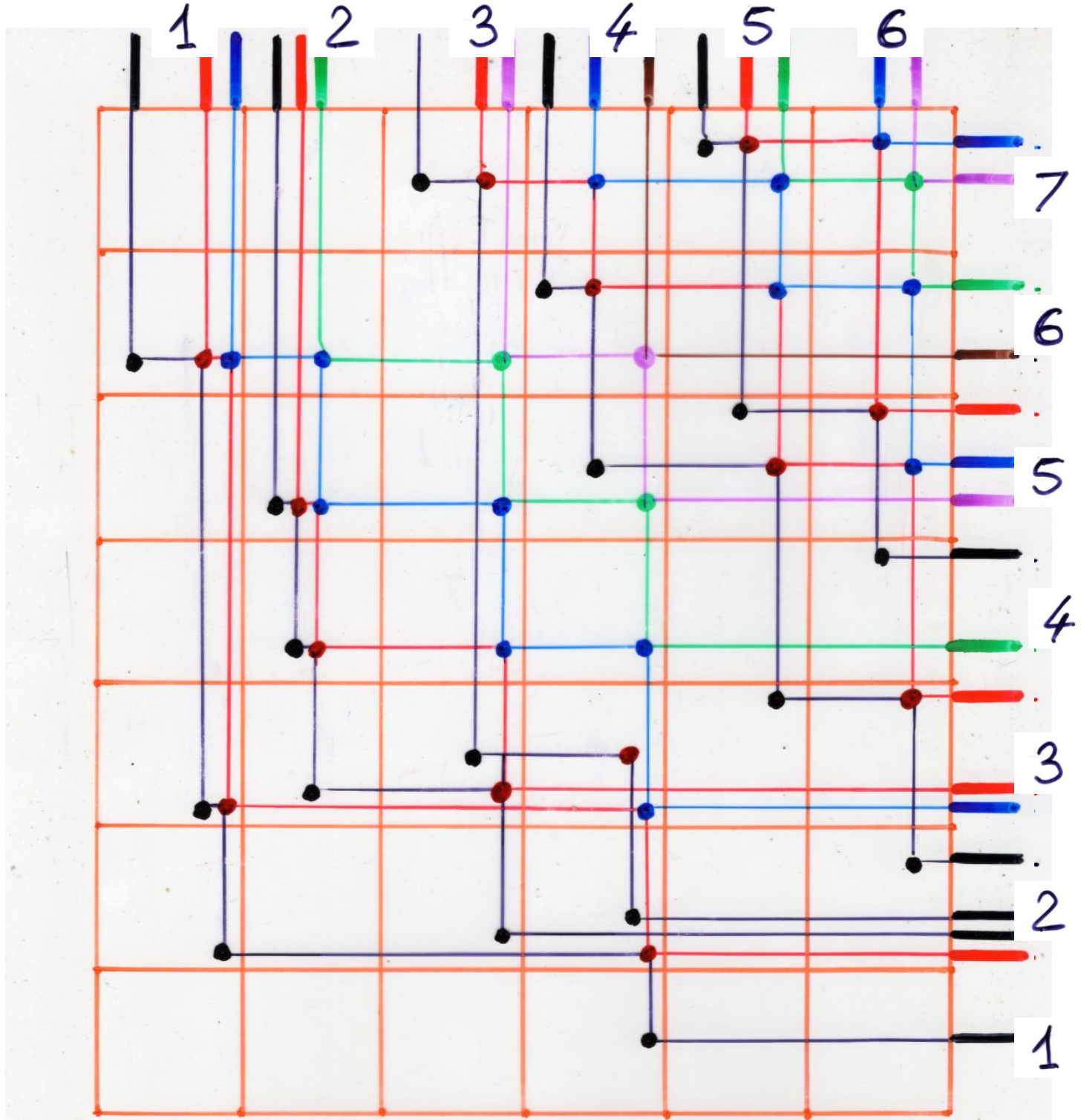
P shape  $\lambda$   
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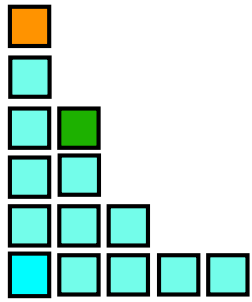
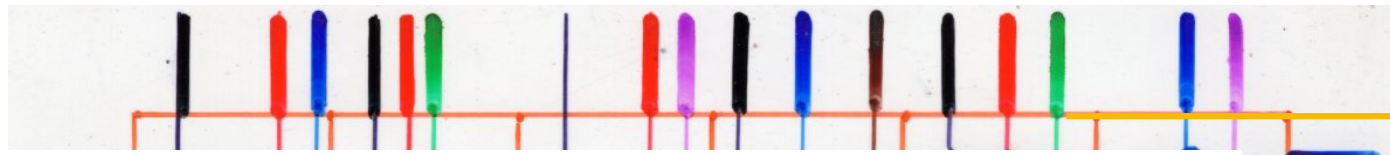




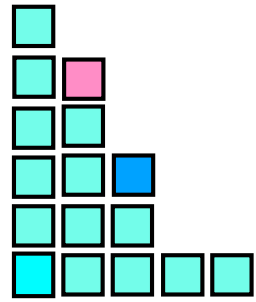




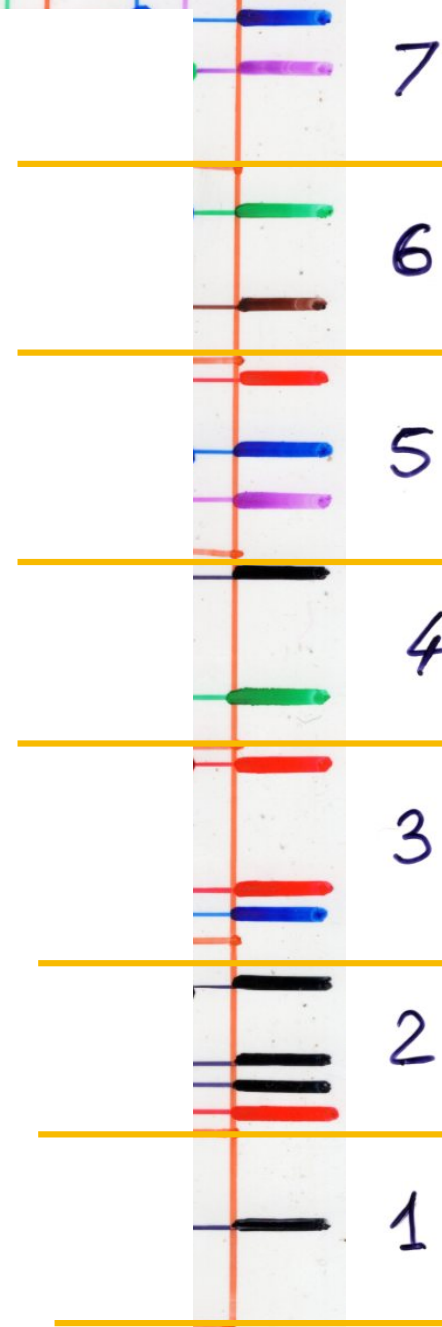
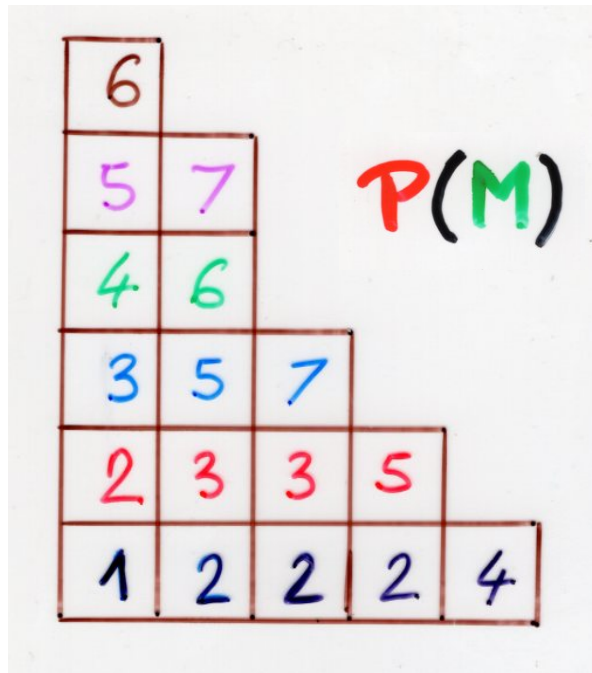




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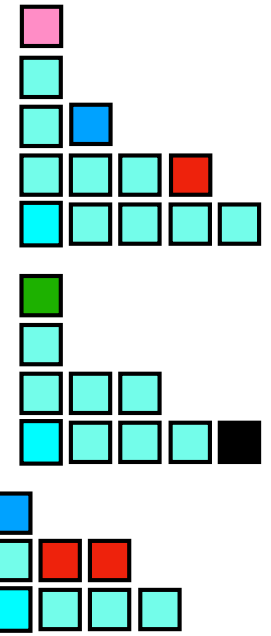
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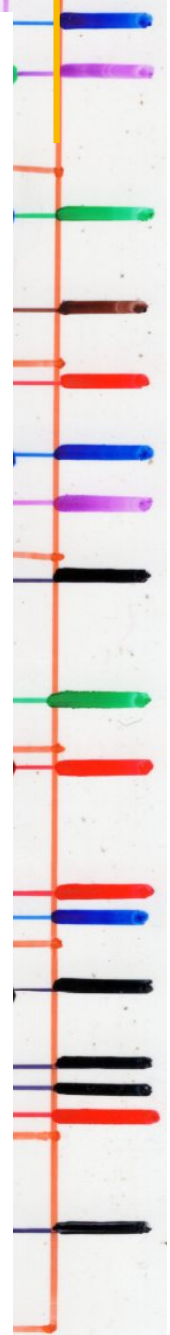
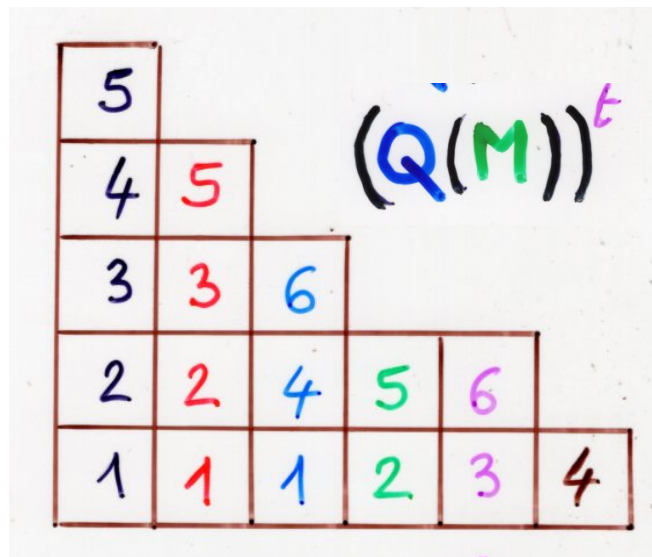
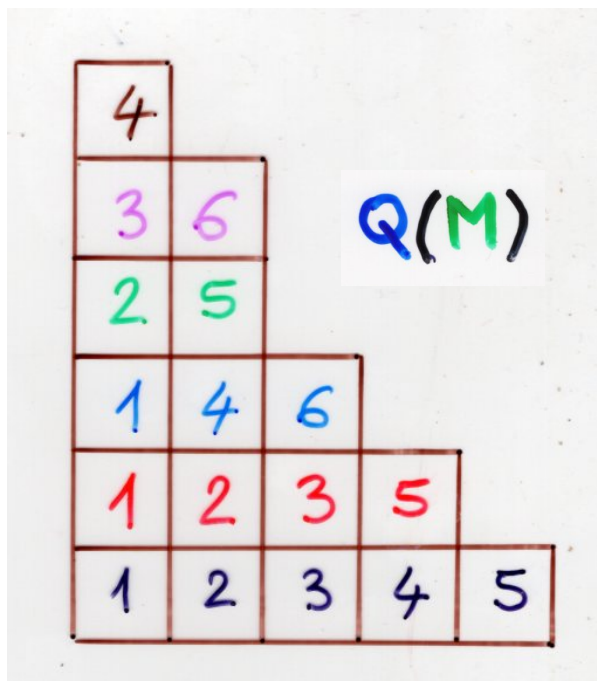
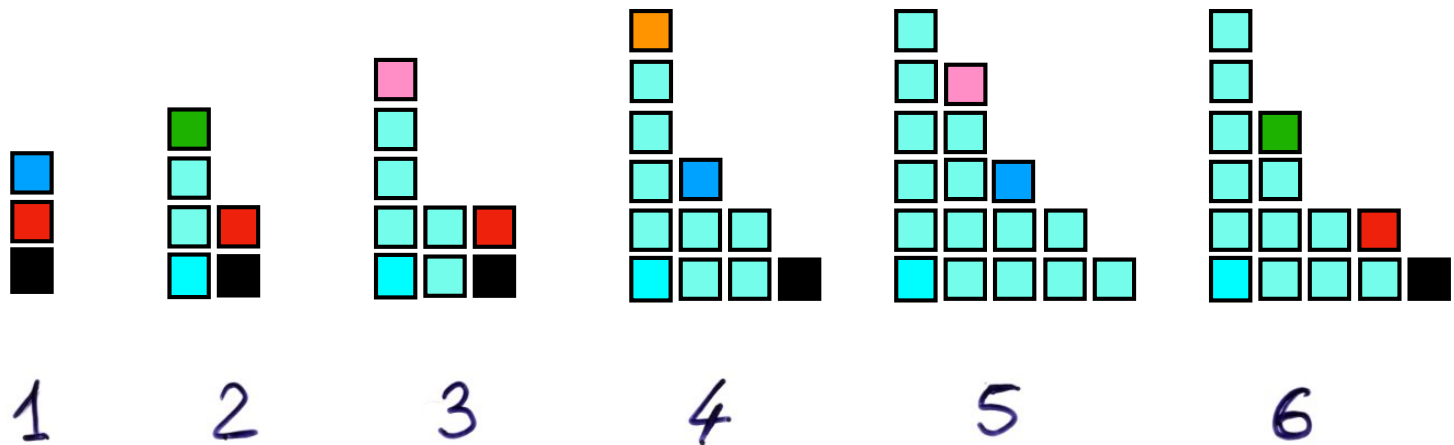
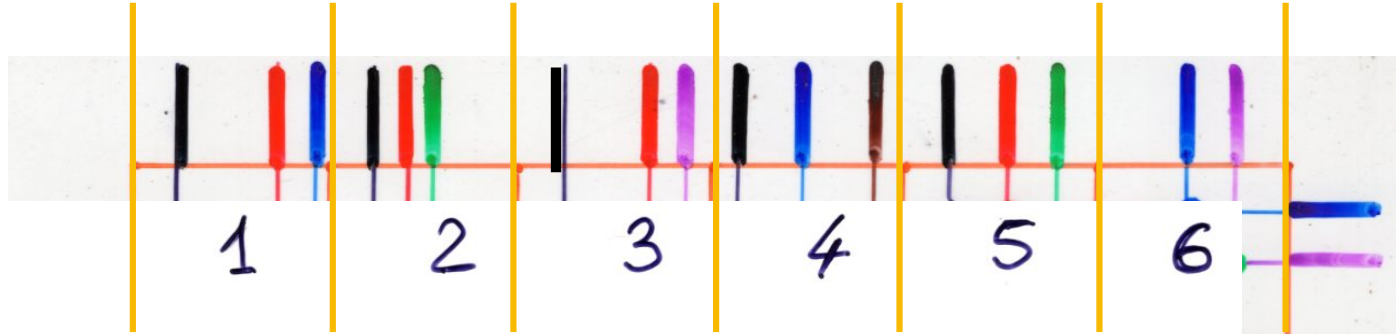
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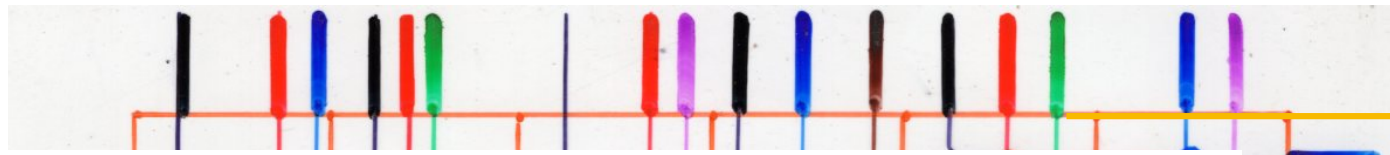
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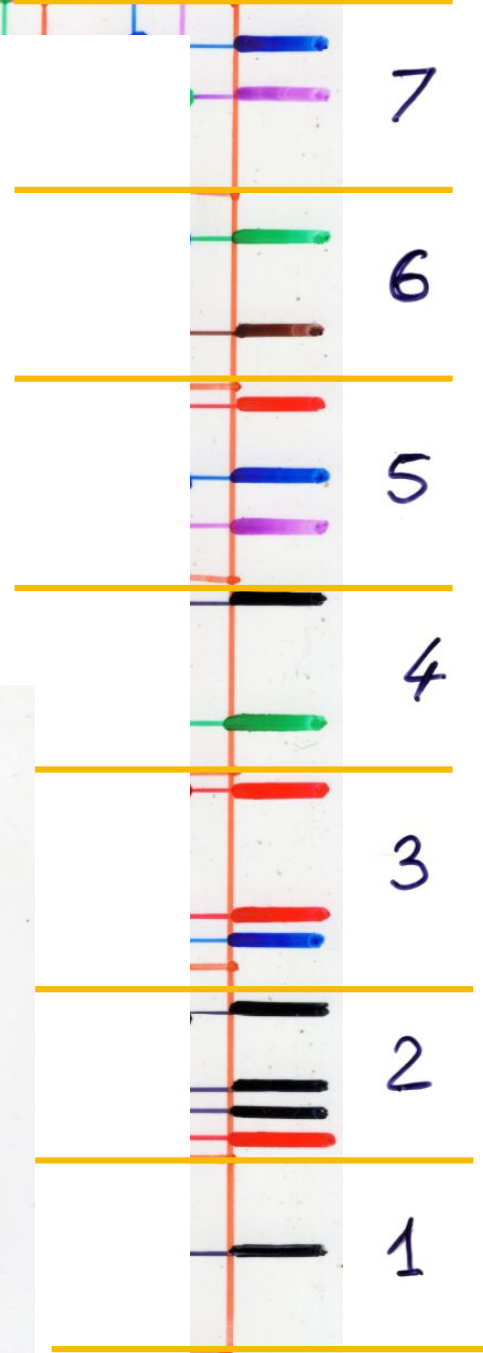


$(Q(M))^t$

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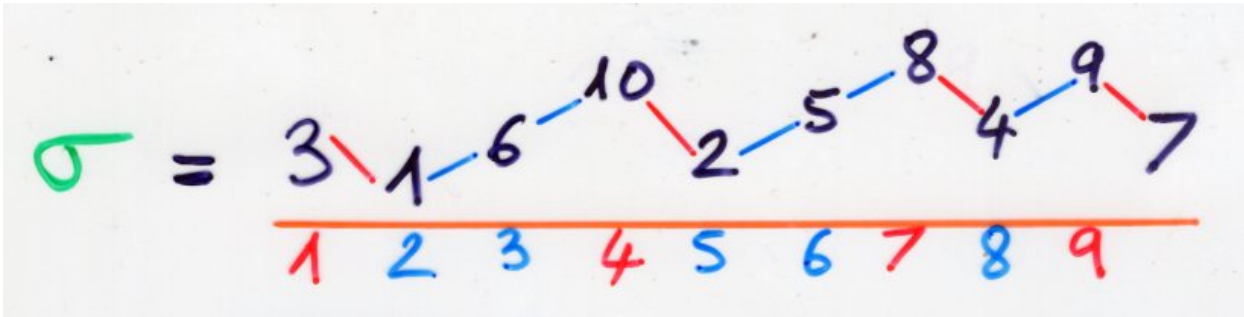
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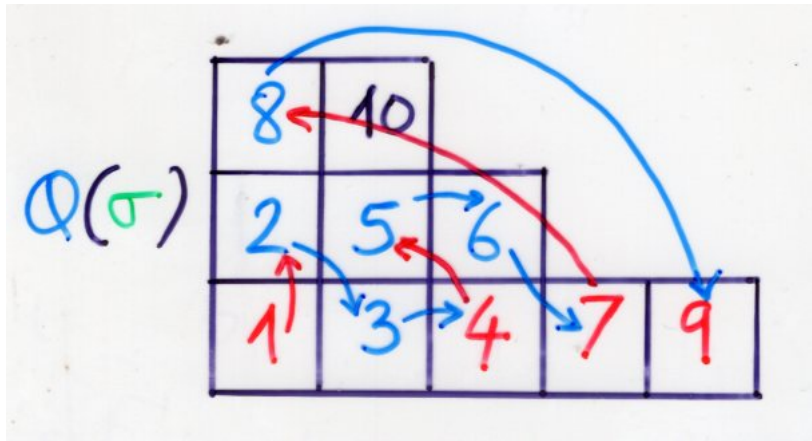
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dual-RSK

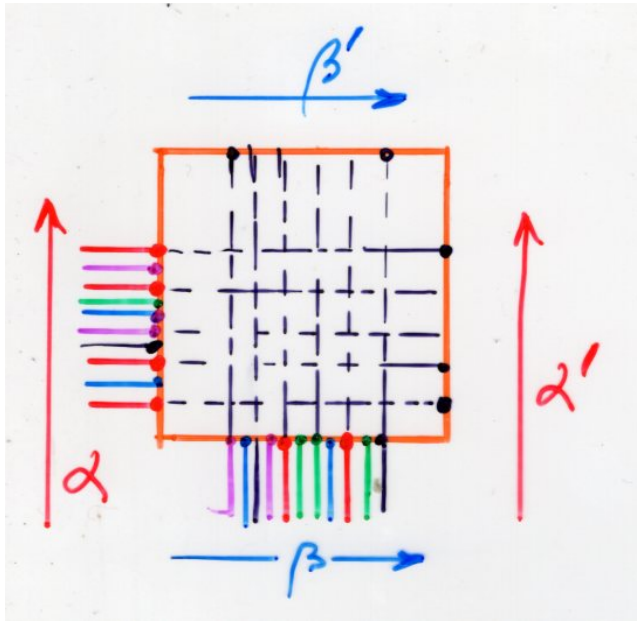
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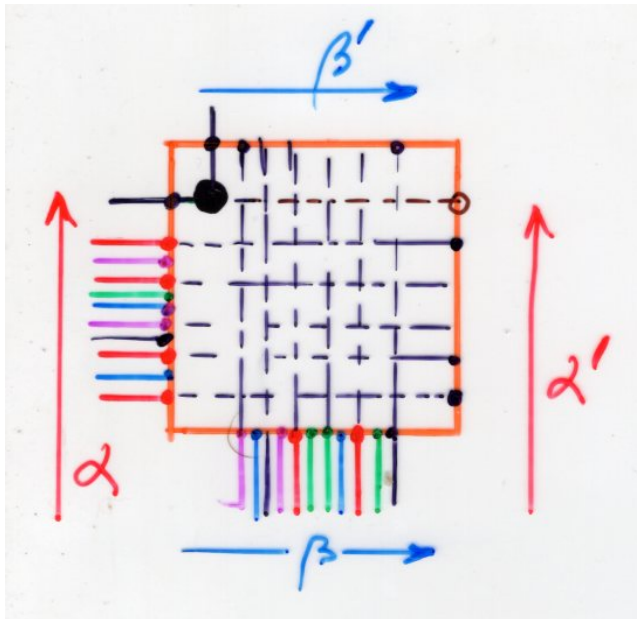
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# Dual local rules



$$\alpha'' = \alpha'$$

$$\beta'' = \beta'$$



$$(\alpha', \beta') = RS(\alpha \cdot 1, \beta)$$

$$\alpha'' = \alpha'$$

$$\beta'' = 1 \cdot \beta'$$



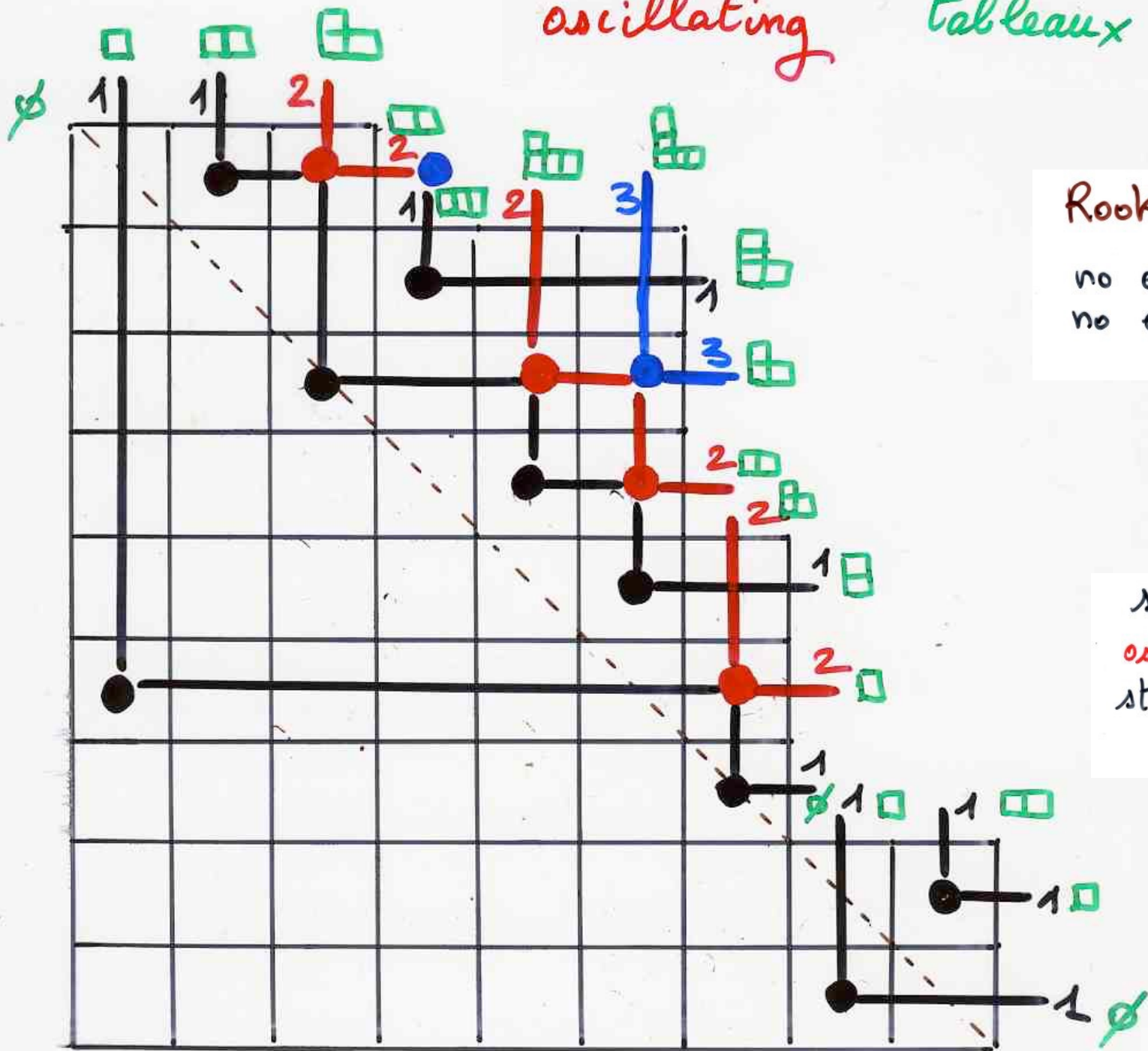
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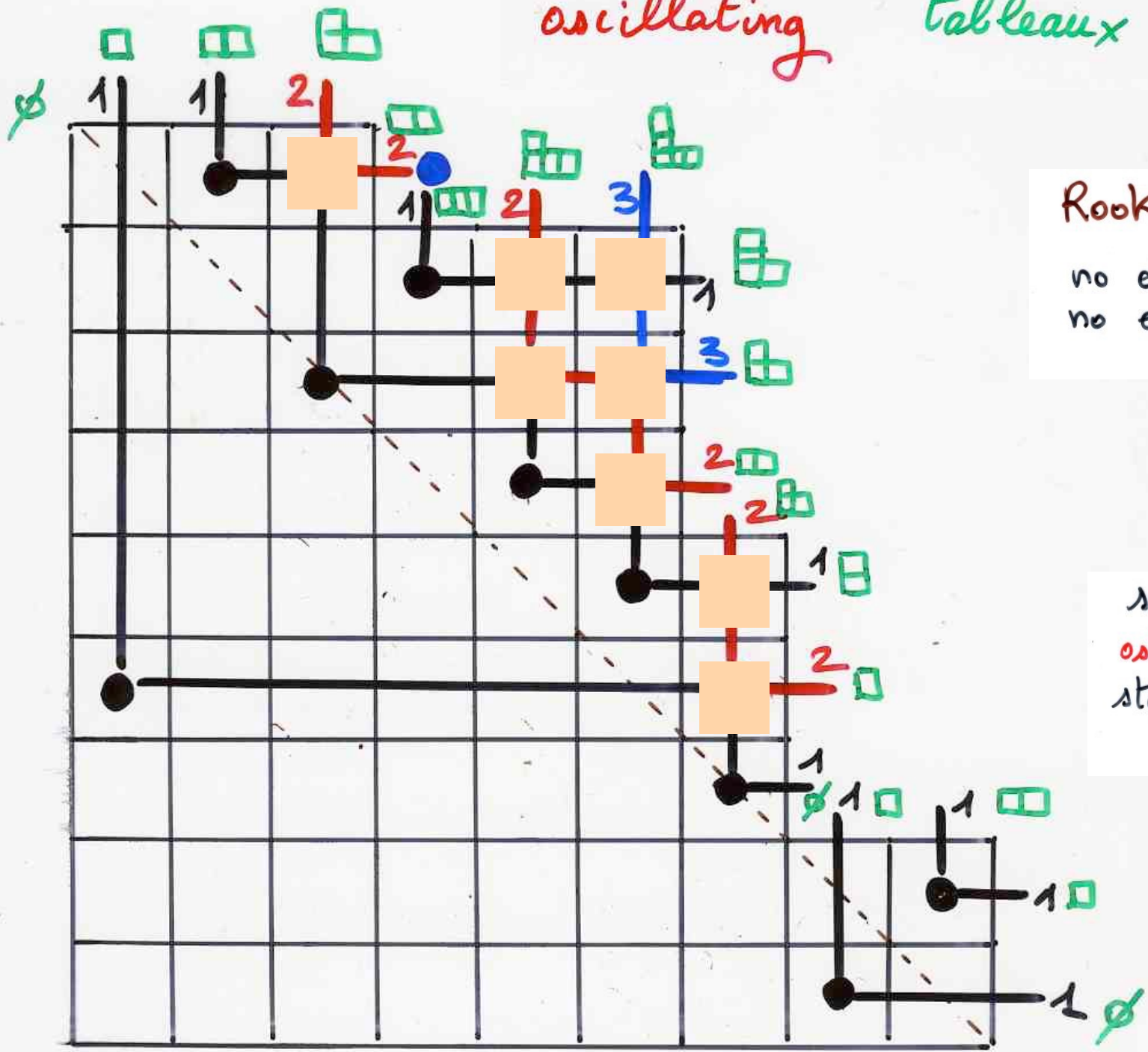


Rook placements  
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sequences of  
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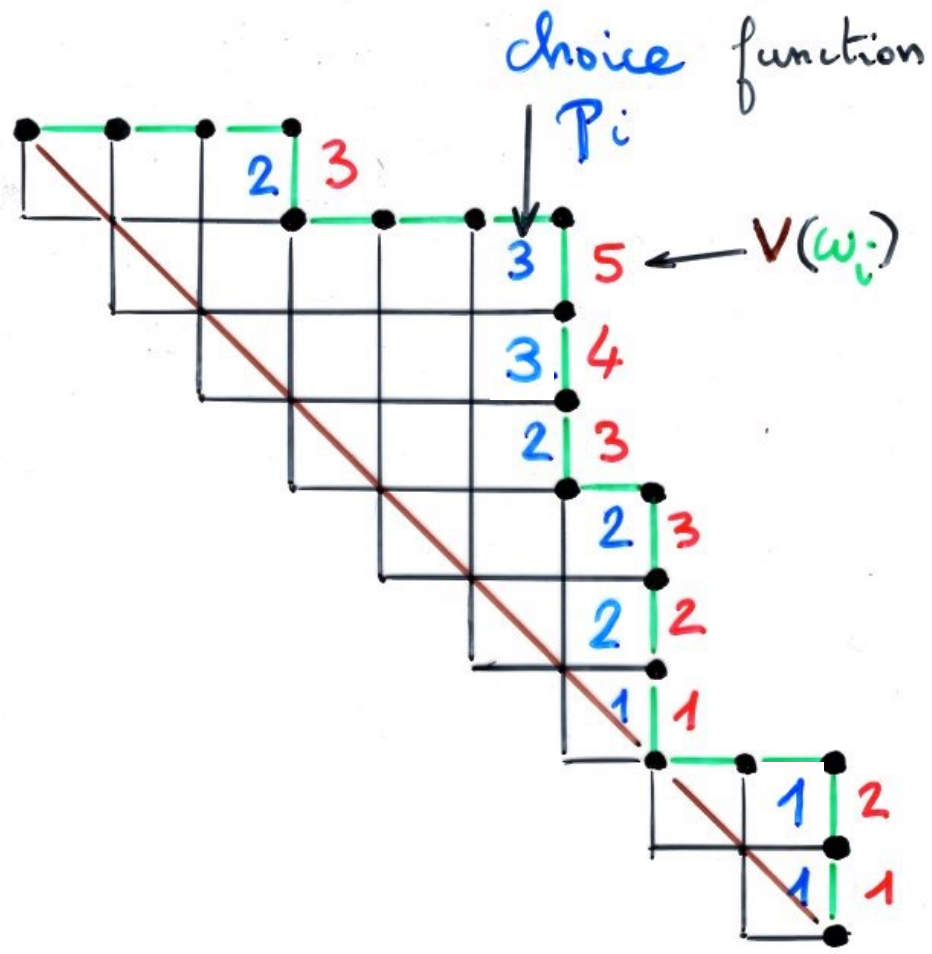
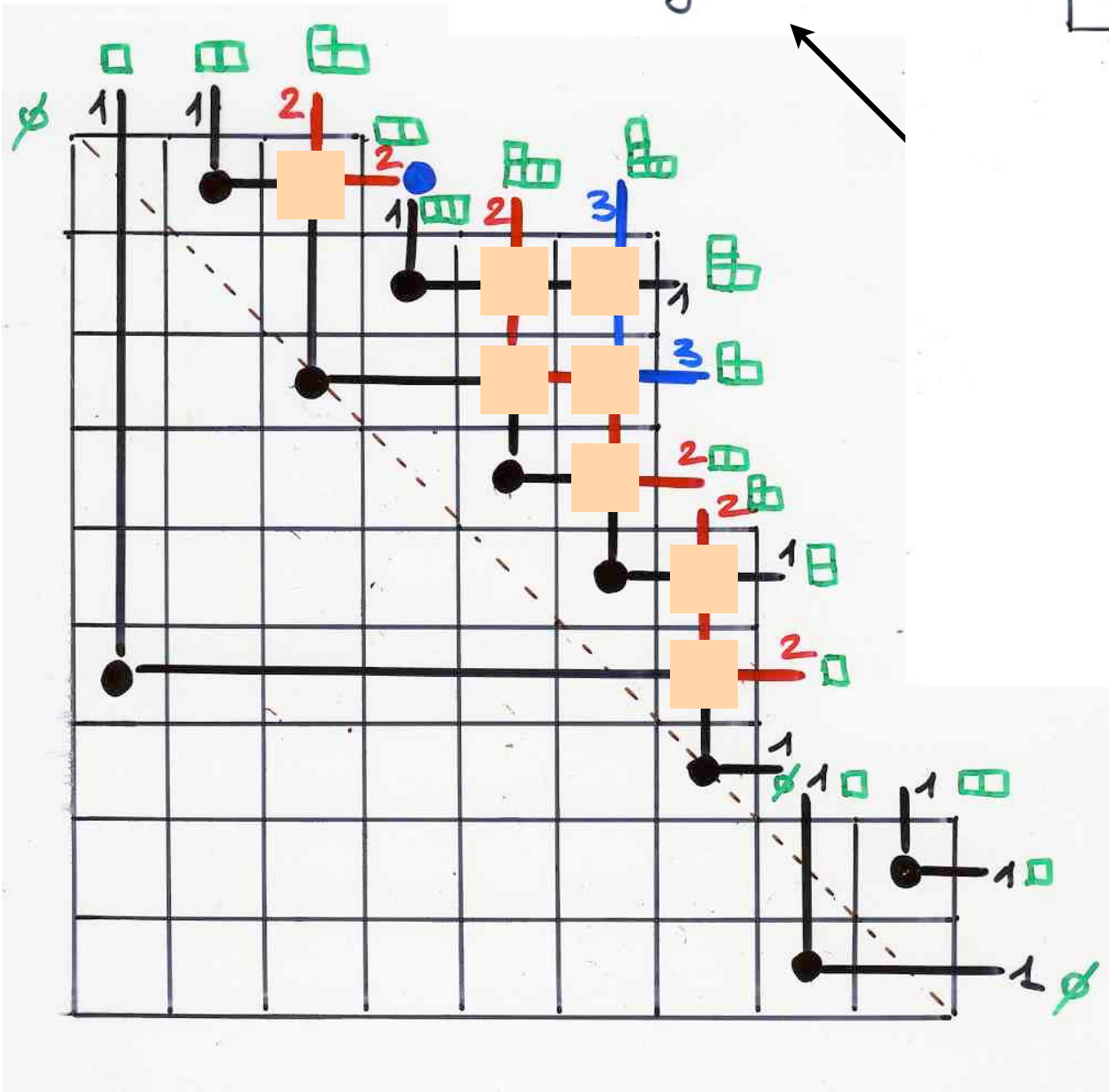


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see Ch4b, Part I

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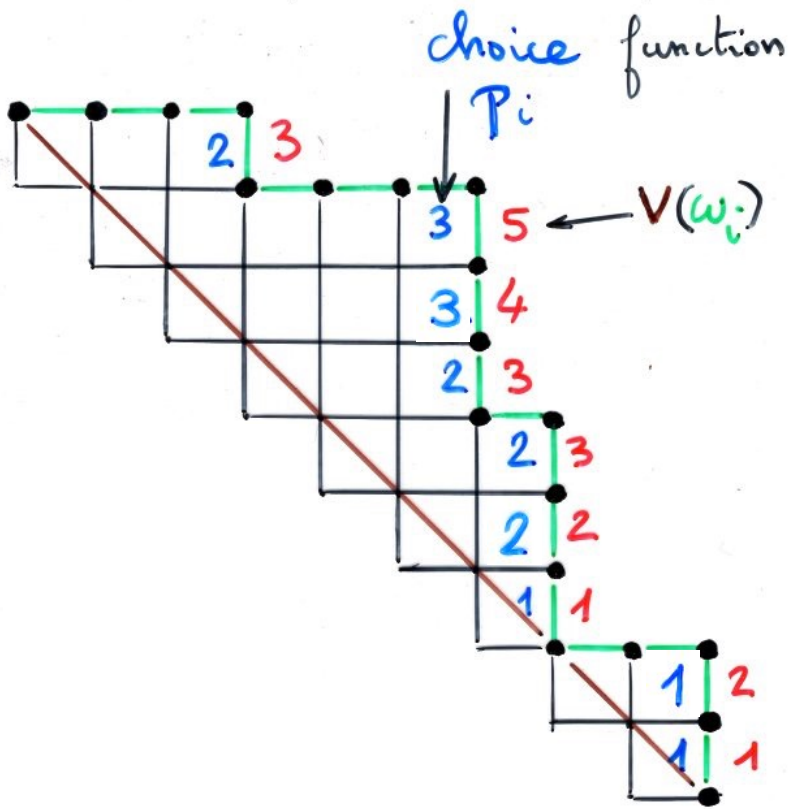
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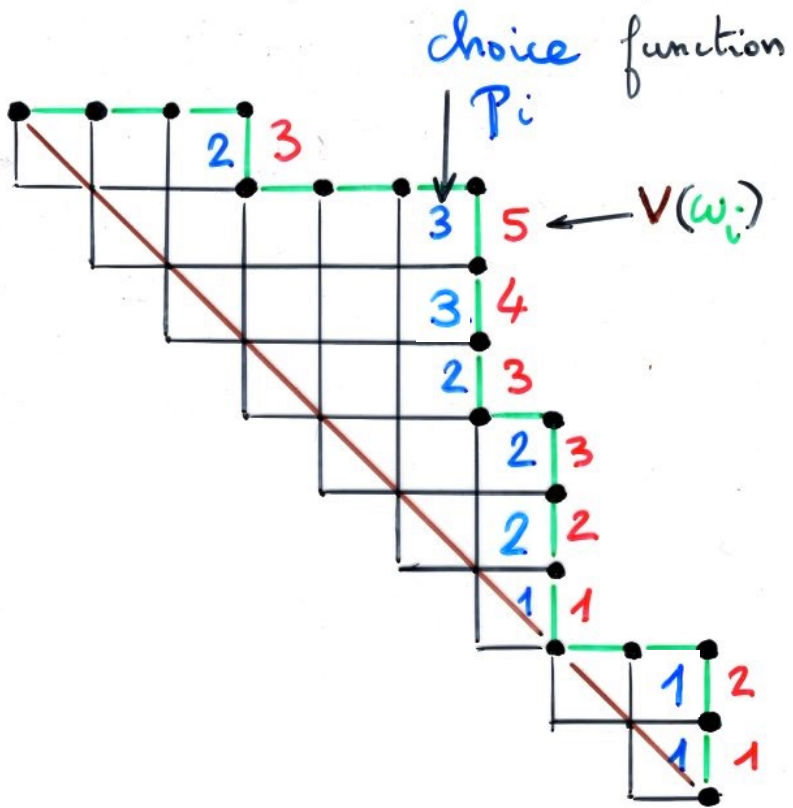
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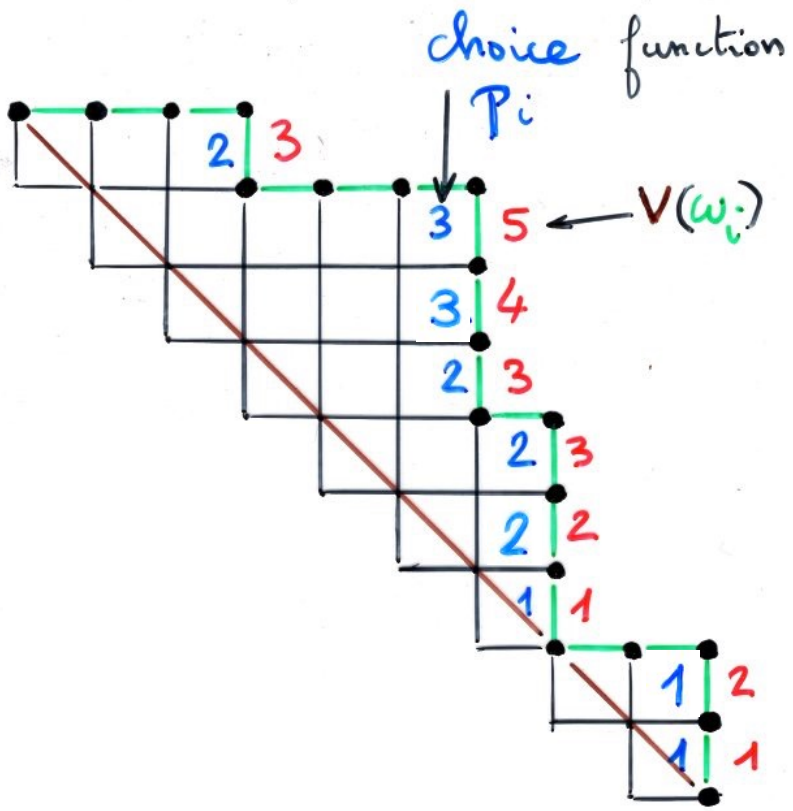


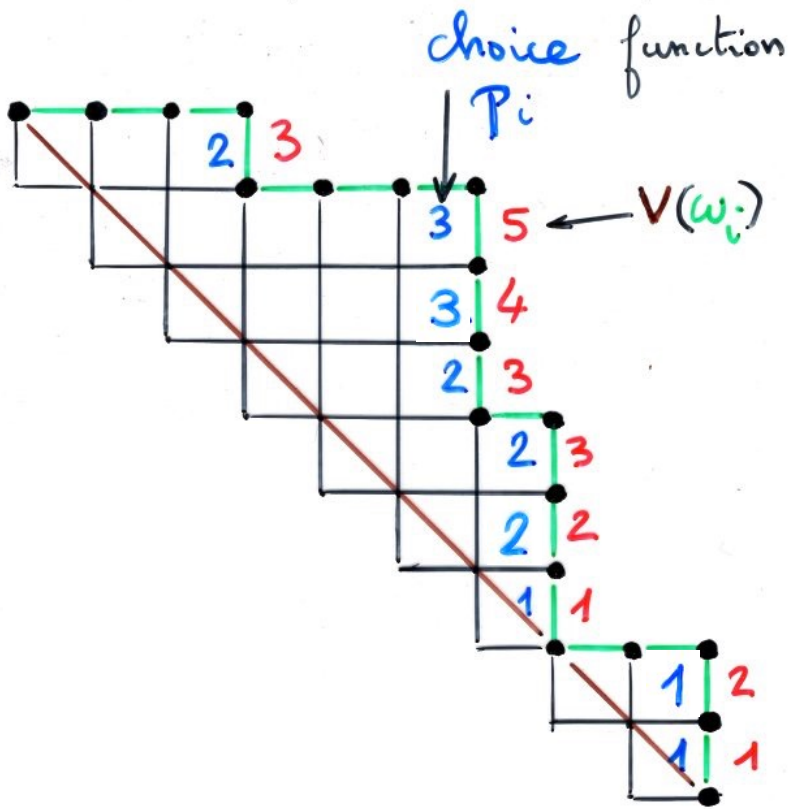
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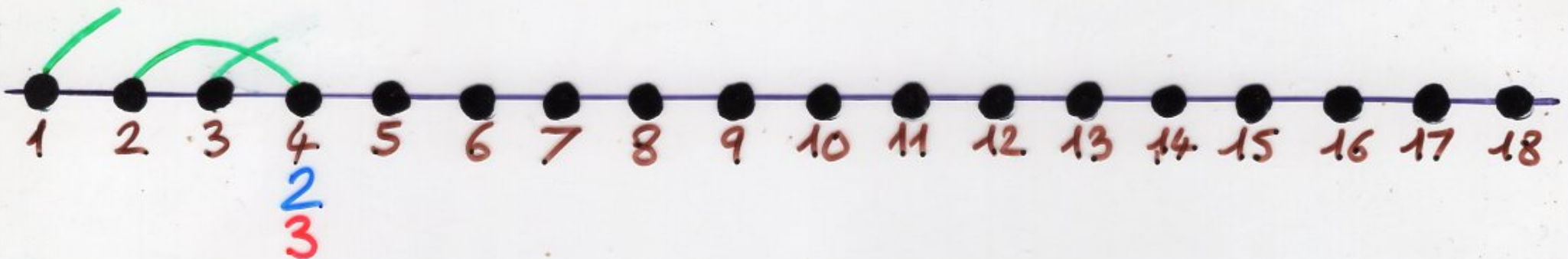
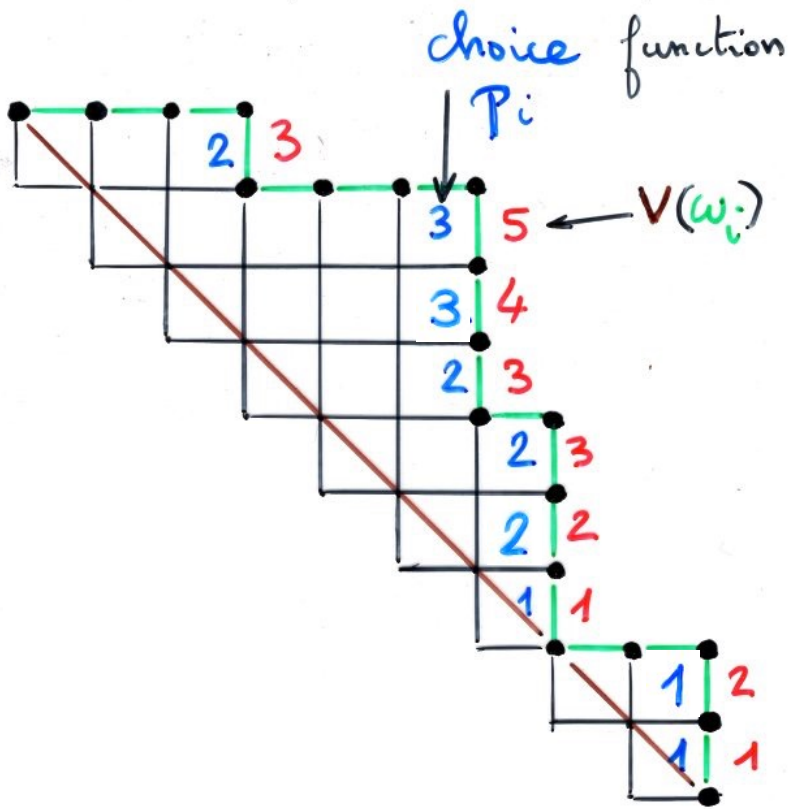


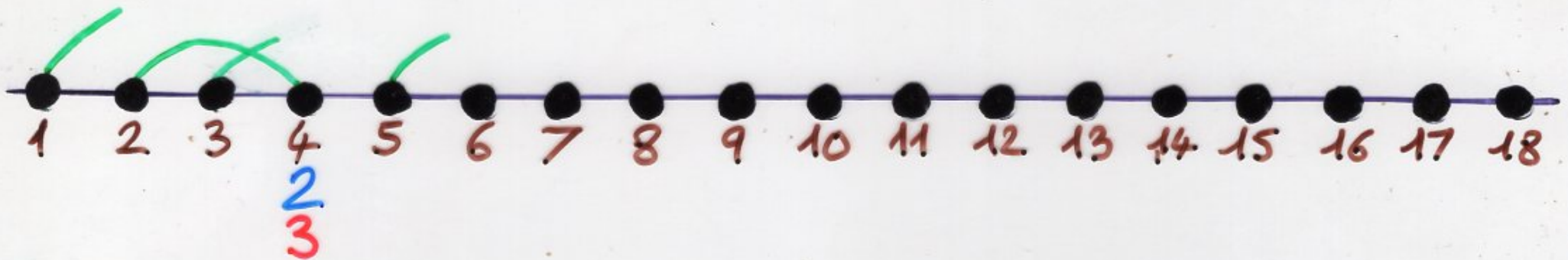
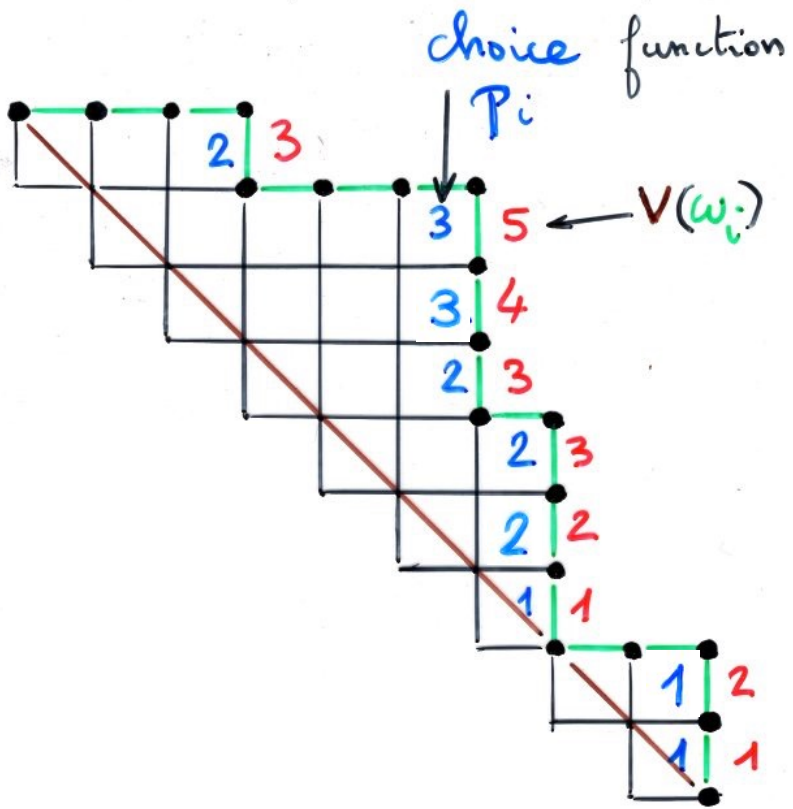


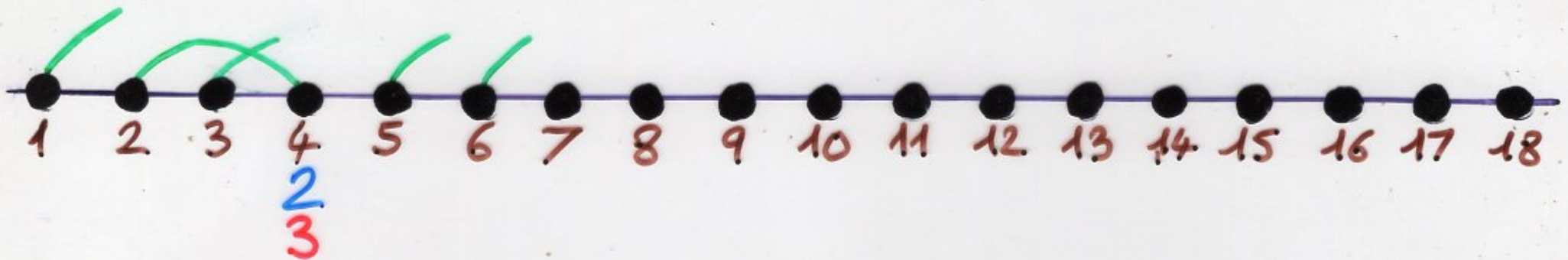
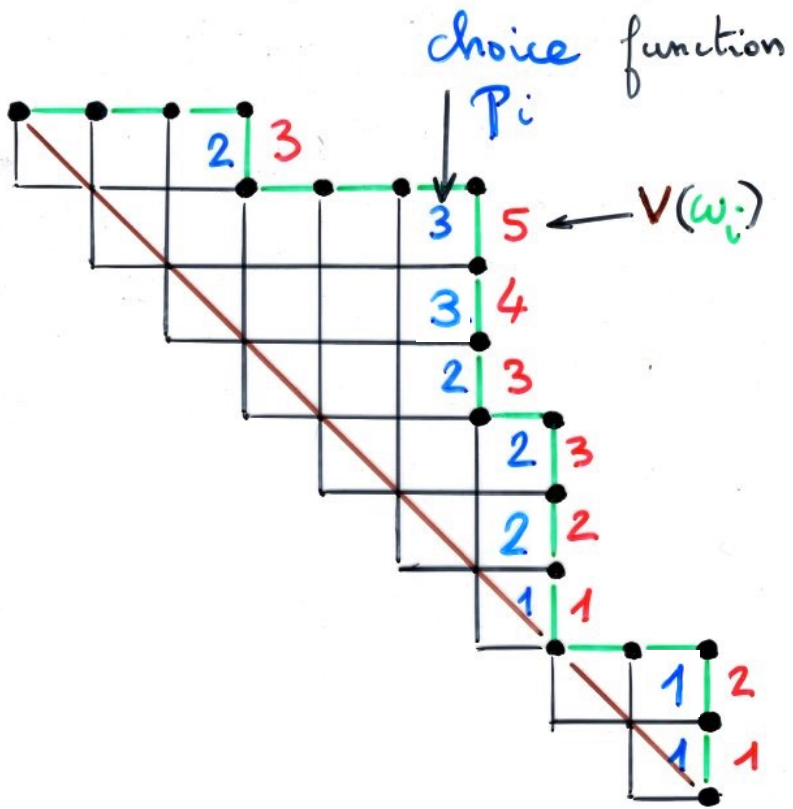


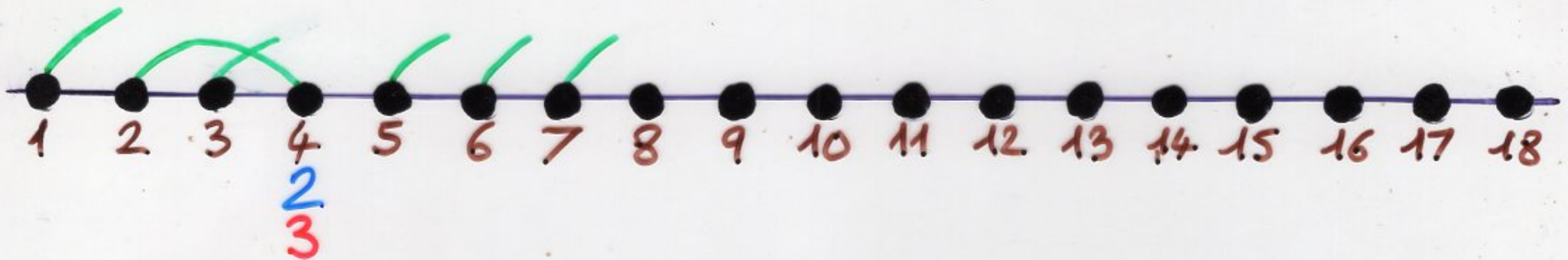
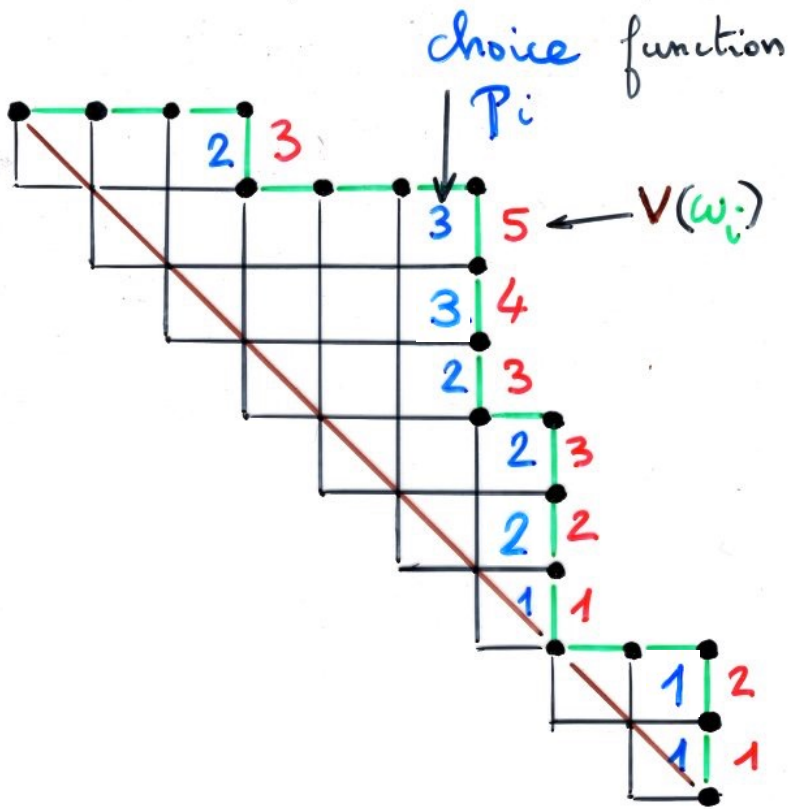


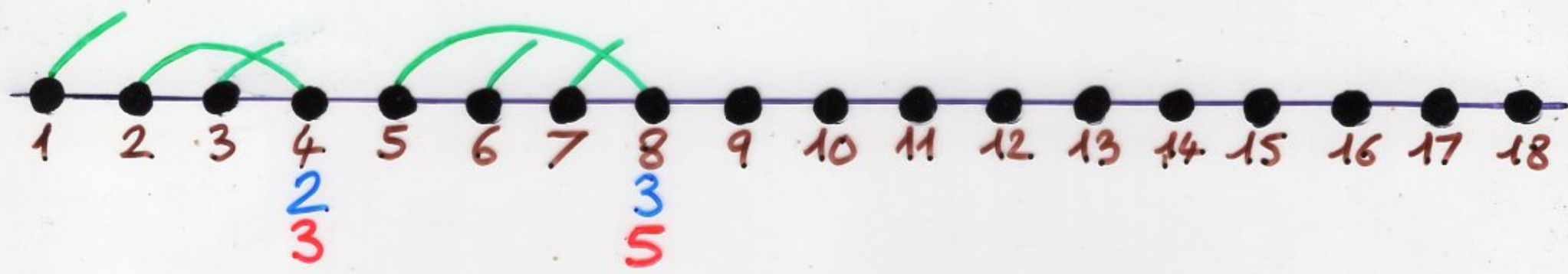
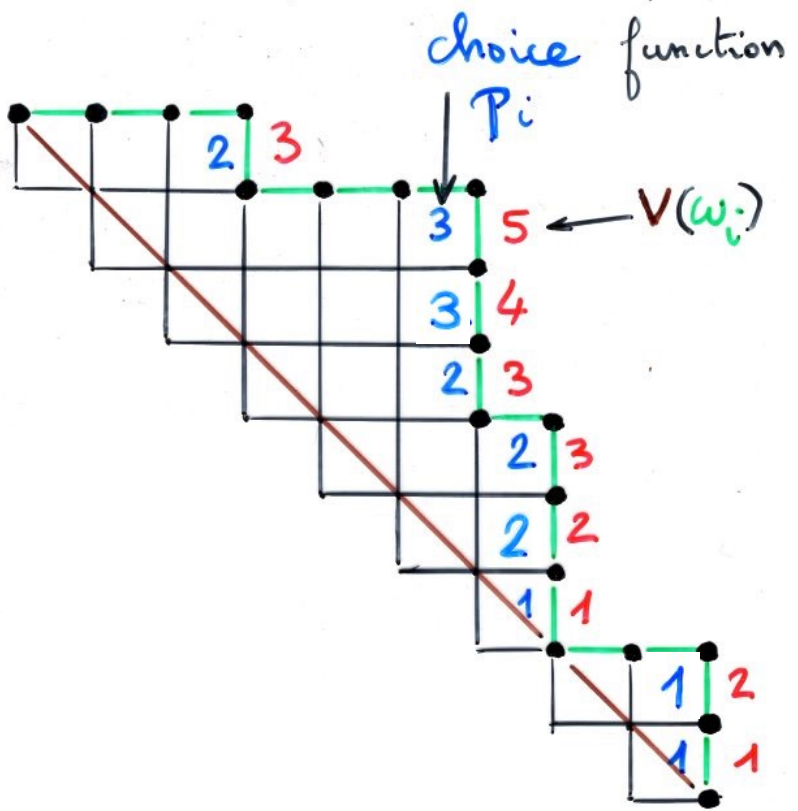




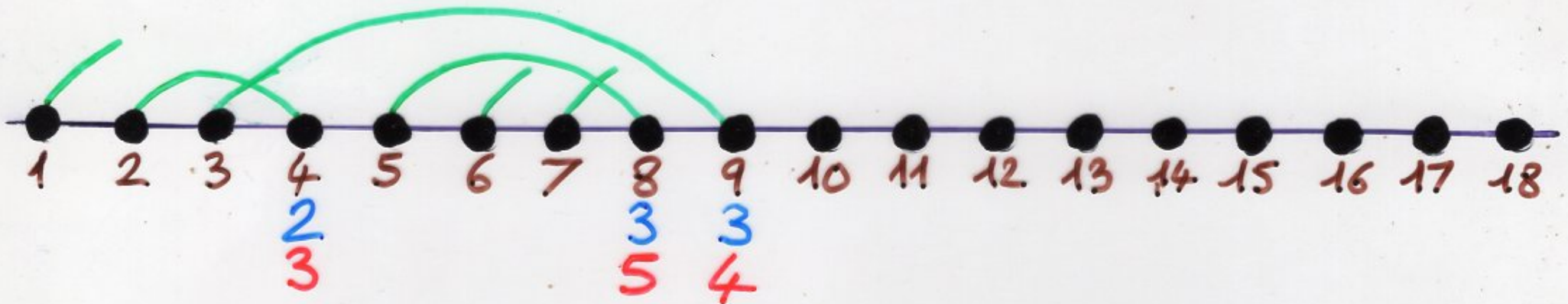
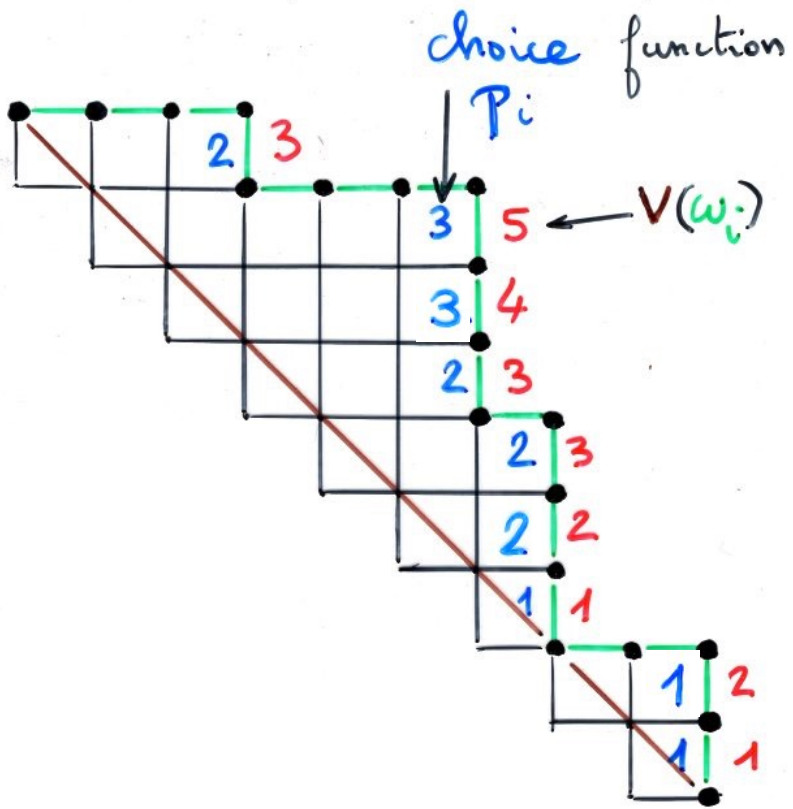


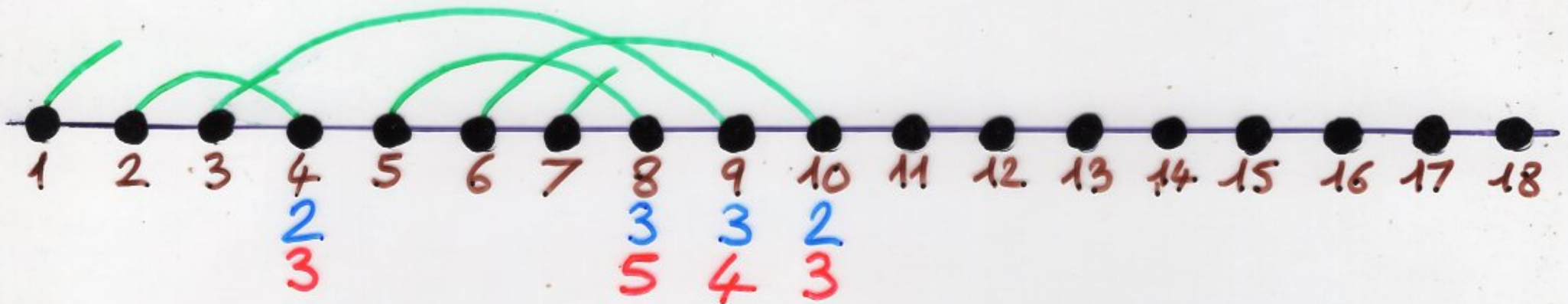
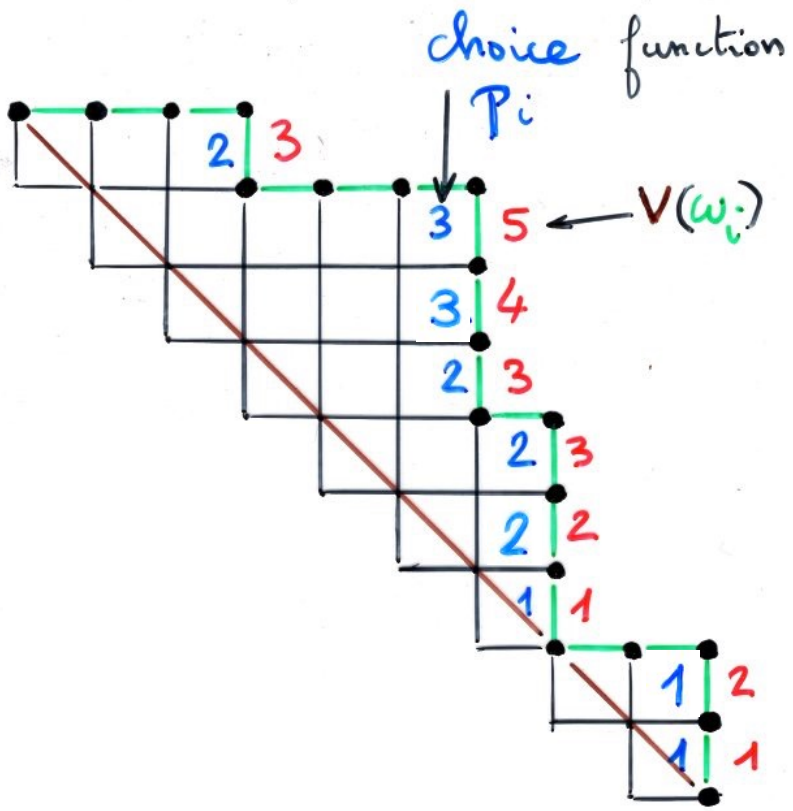


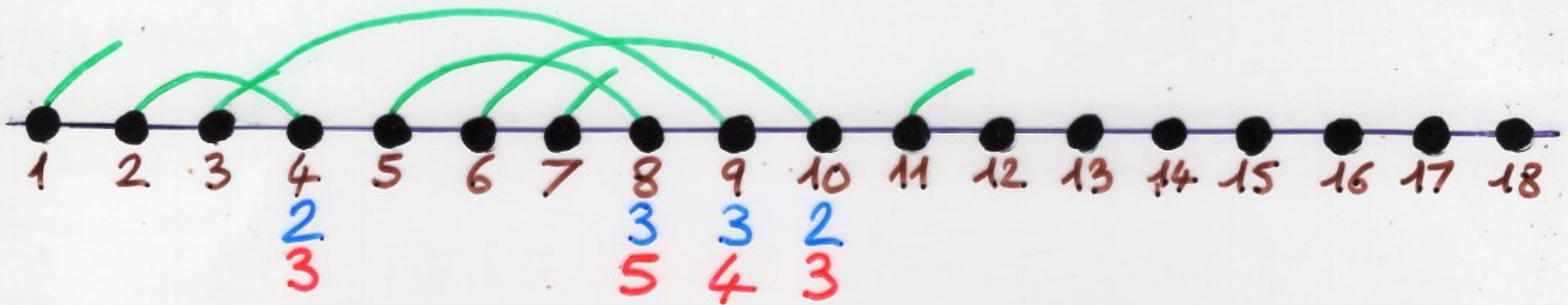
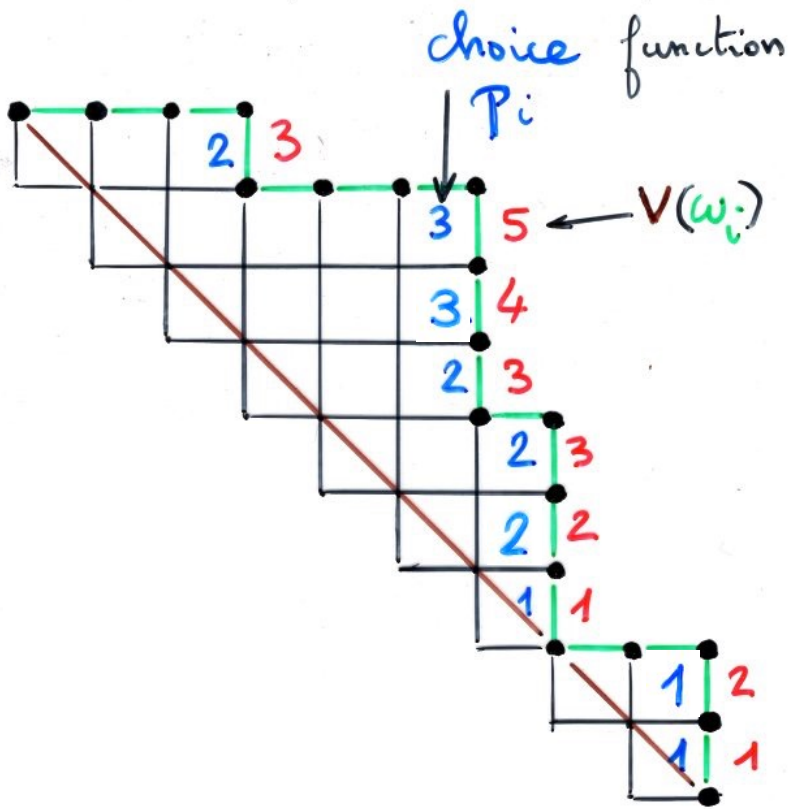


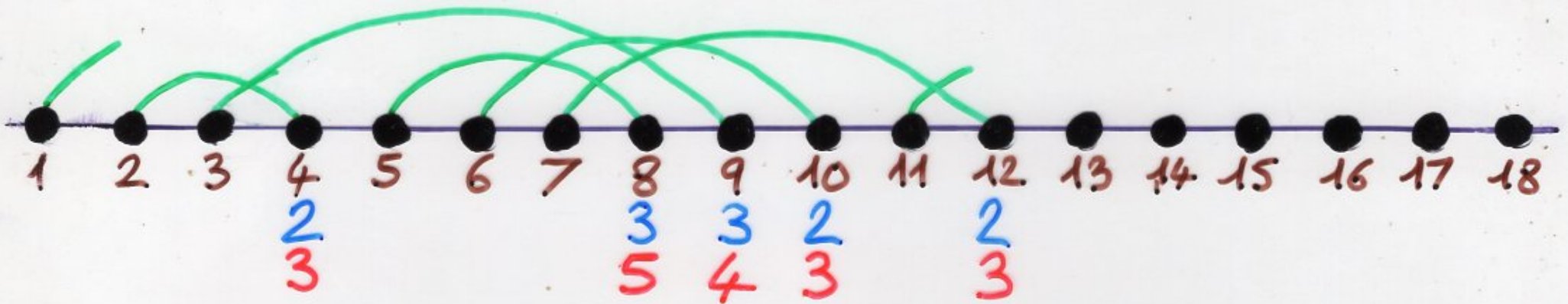
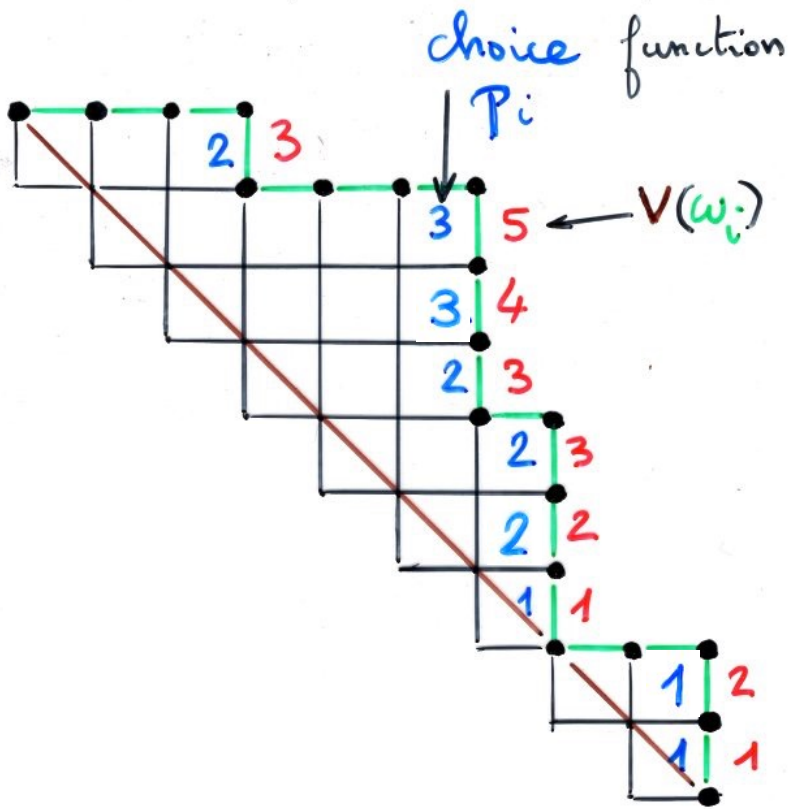


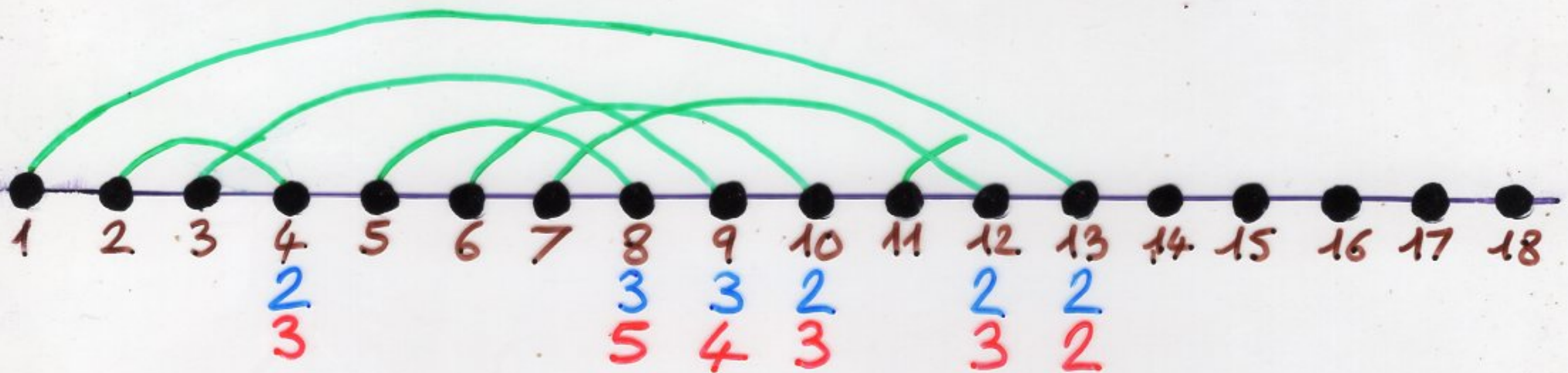
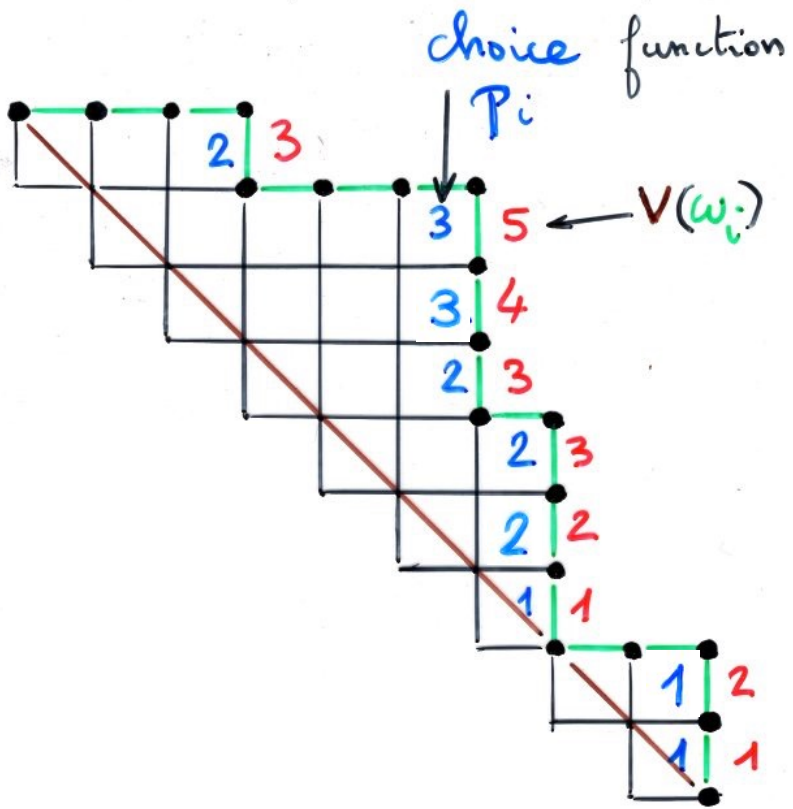


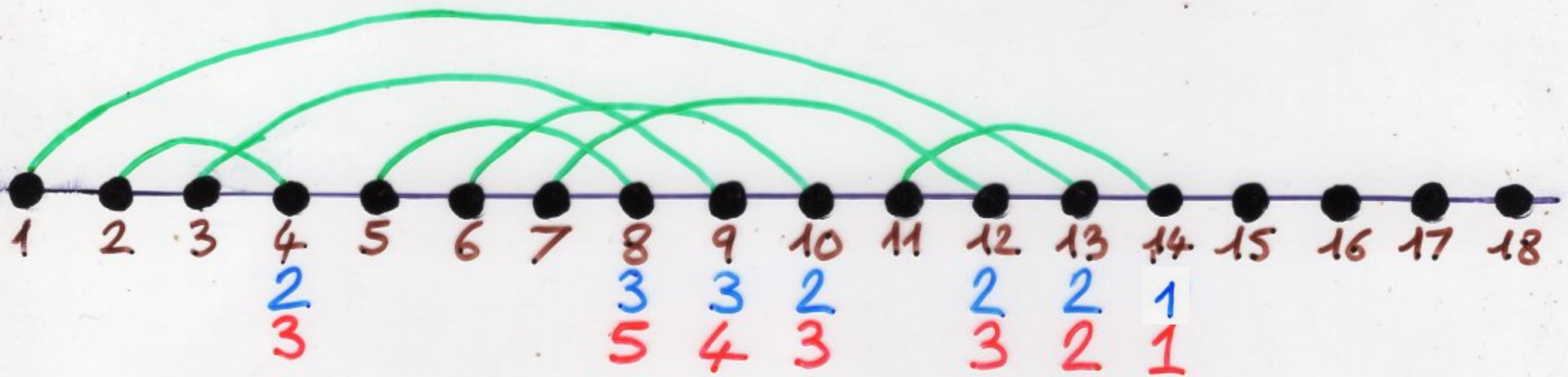
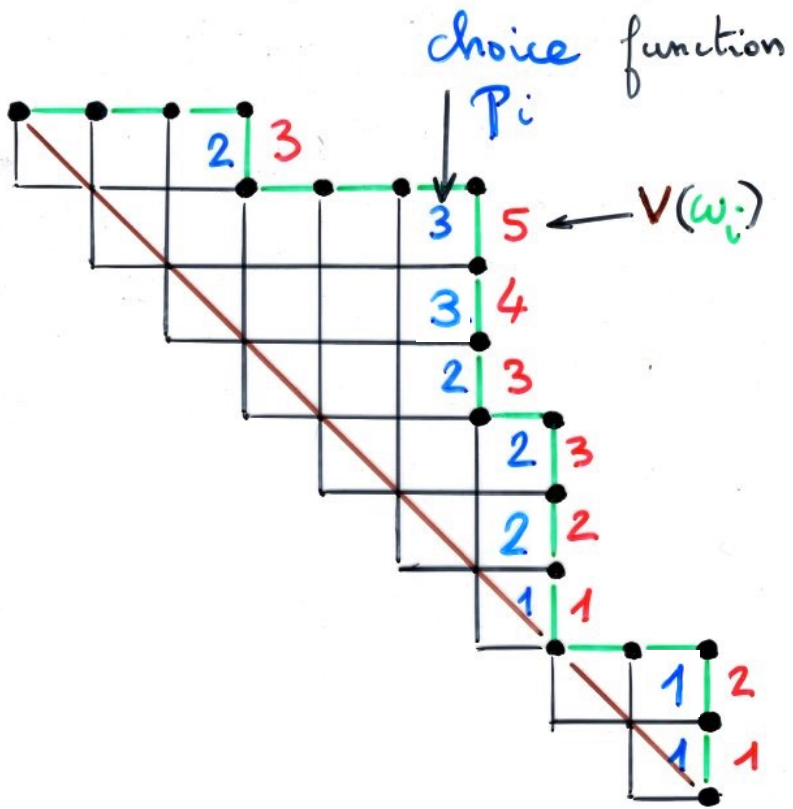


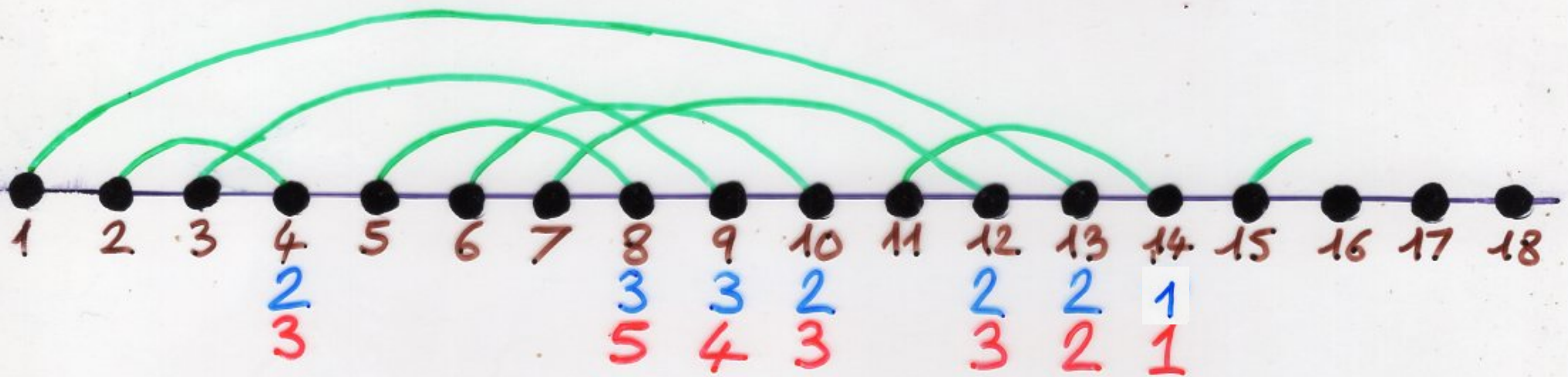
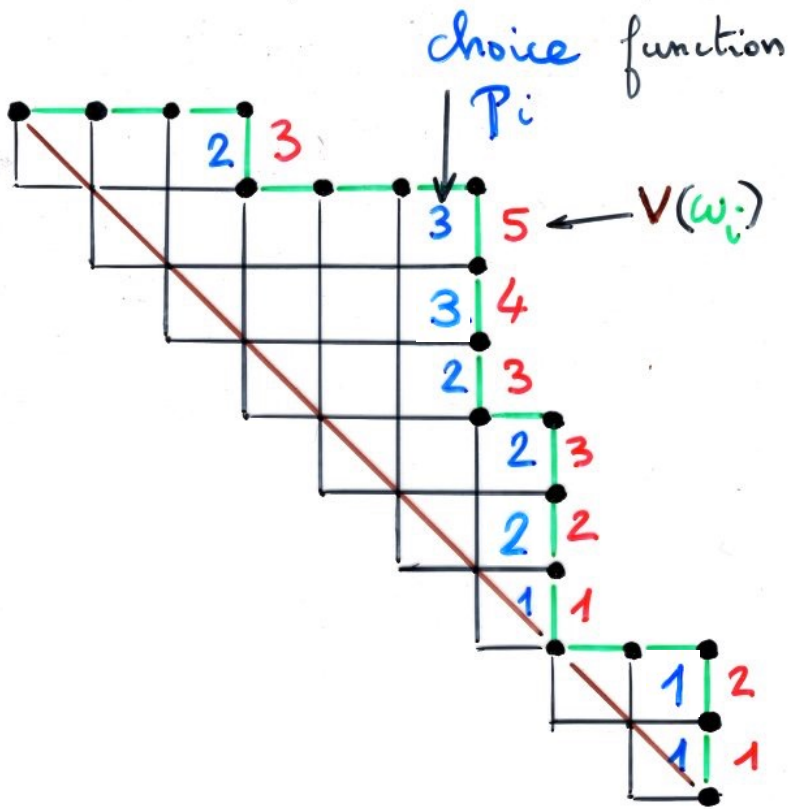


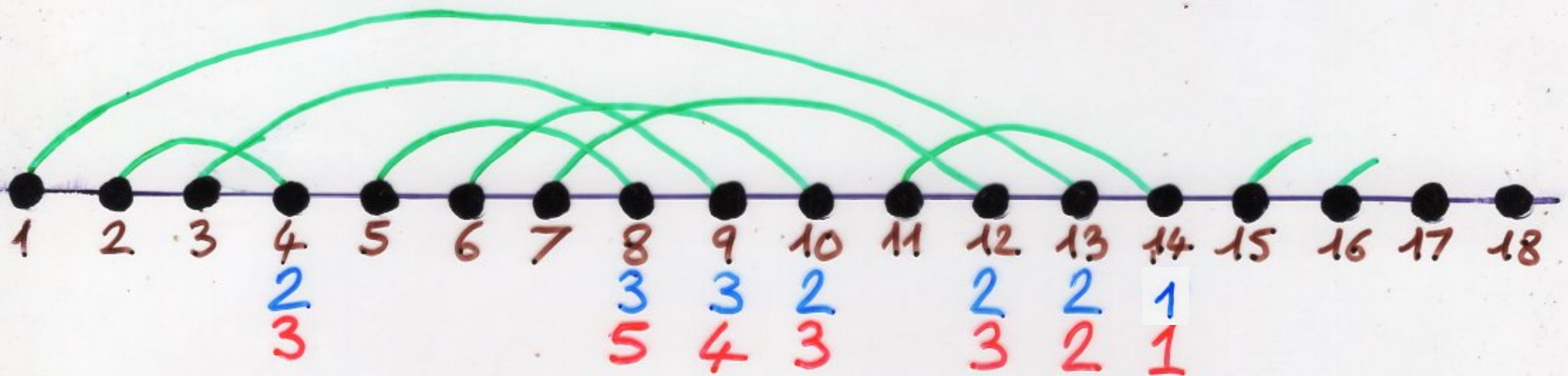
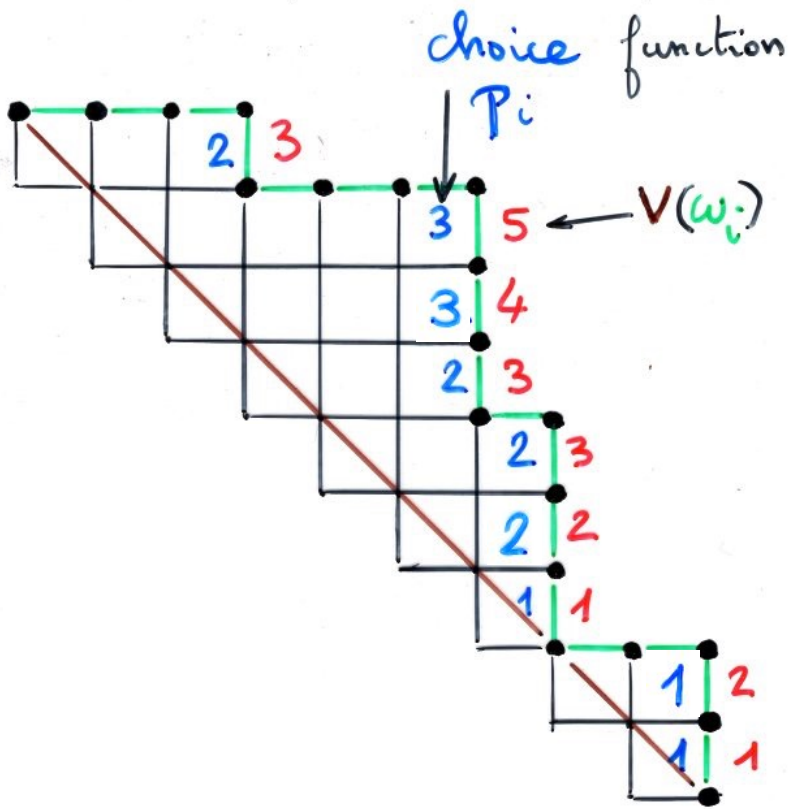




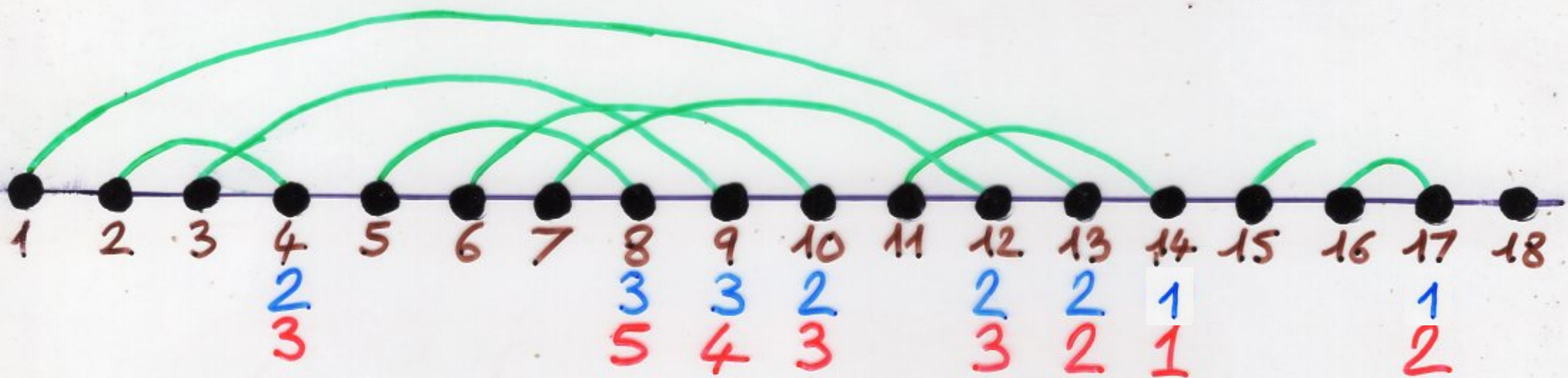
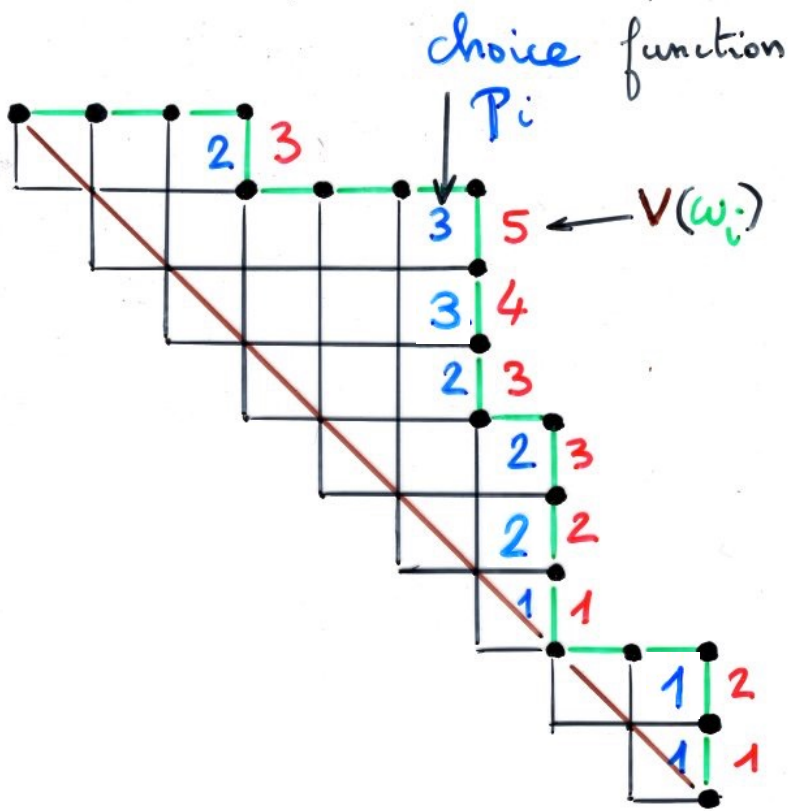


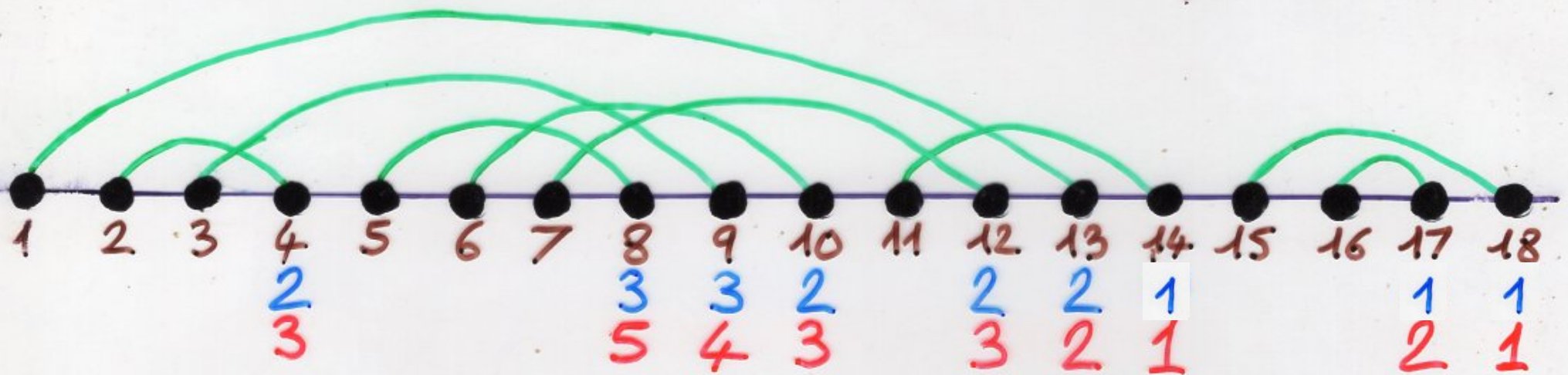
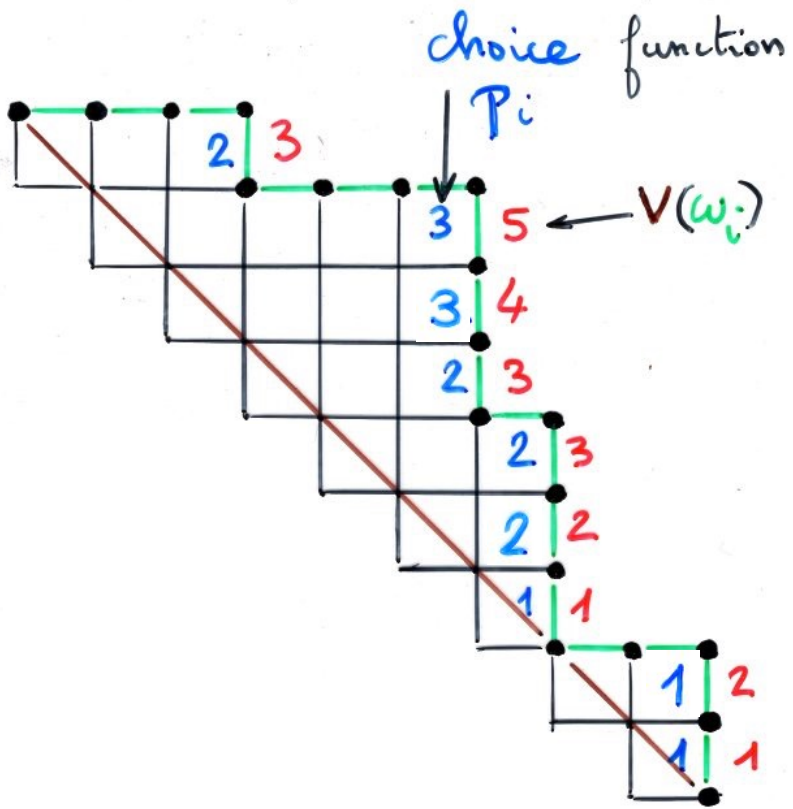






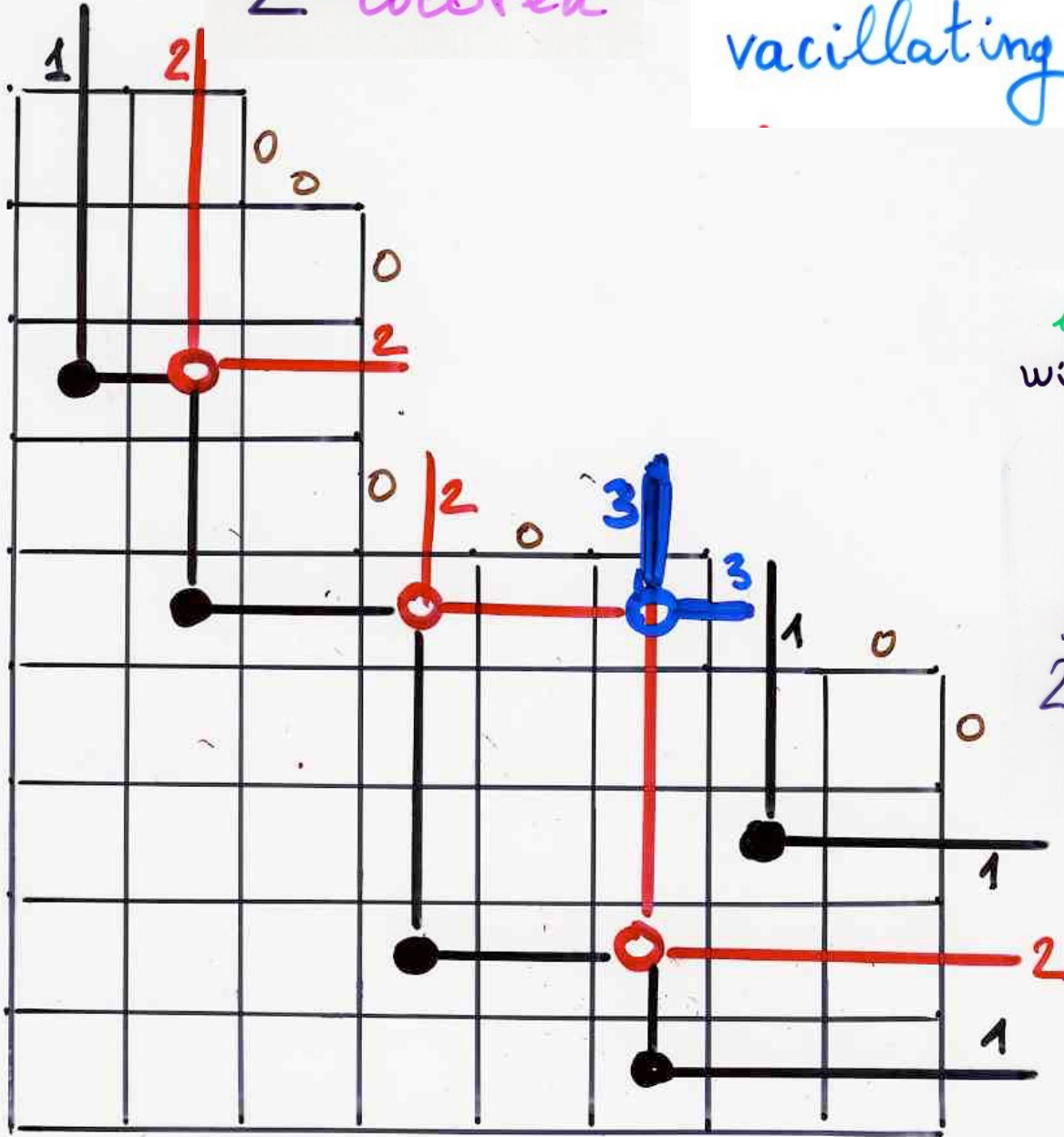






2-colored

oscillating tableaux  
vacillating tableaux



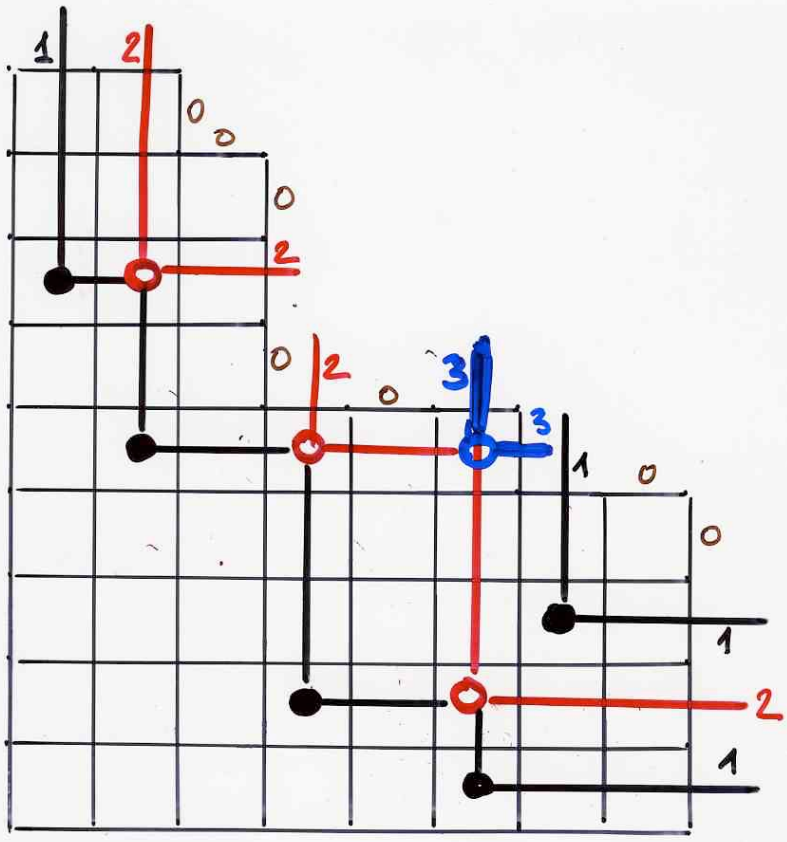
involutions on  $2n$   
with 2-colored fixed points

↕

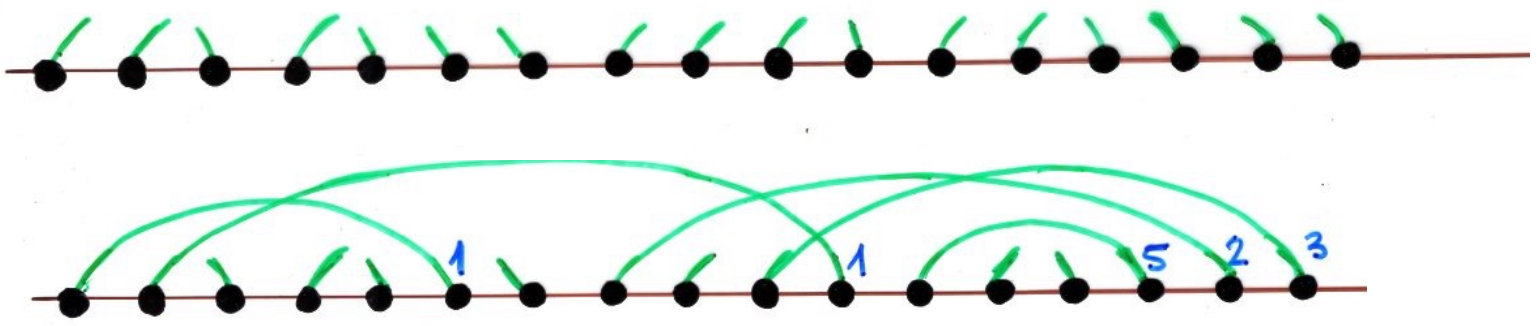
Rook placements

↕

sequence of  $2n$   
2-colored vacillating tableaux  
starting and ending at  $\emptyset$



involutions on  $2n$   
 with 2-colored fixed points  
 $\leftrightarrow$   
 Rook placements  
 $\leftrightarrow$   
 sequence of  $2n$   
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oscillating tableaux

vacillating tableaux

hesitating tableaux

Chen, Deng, Du, Stanley, Yan (2005)

stammering tableaux

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Blasiak, Horzela, Person  
Solomon, Duchamp (2007)...

rooks placements  
and  
set partitions

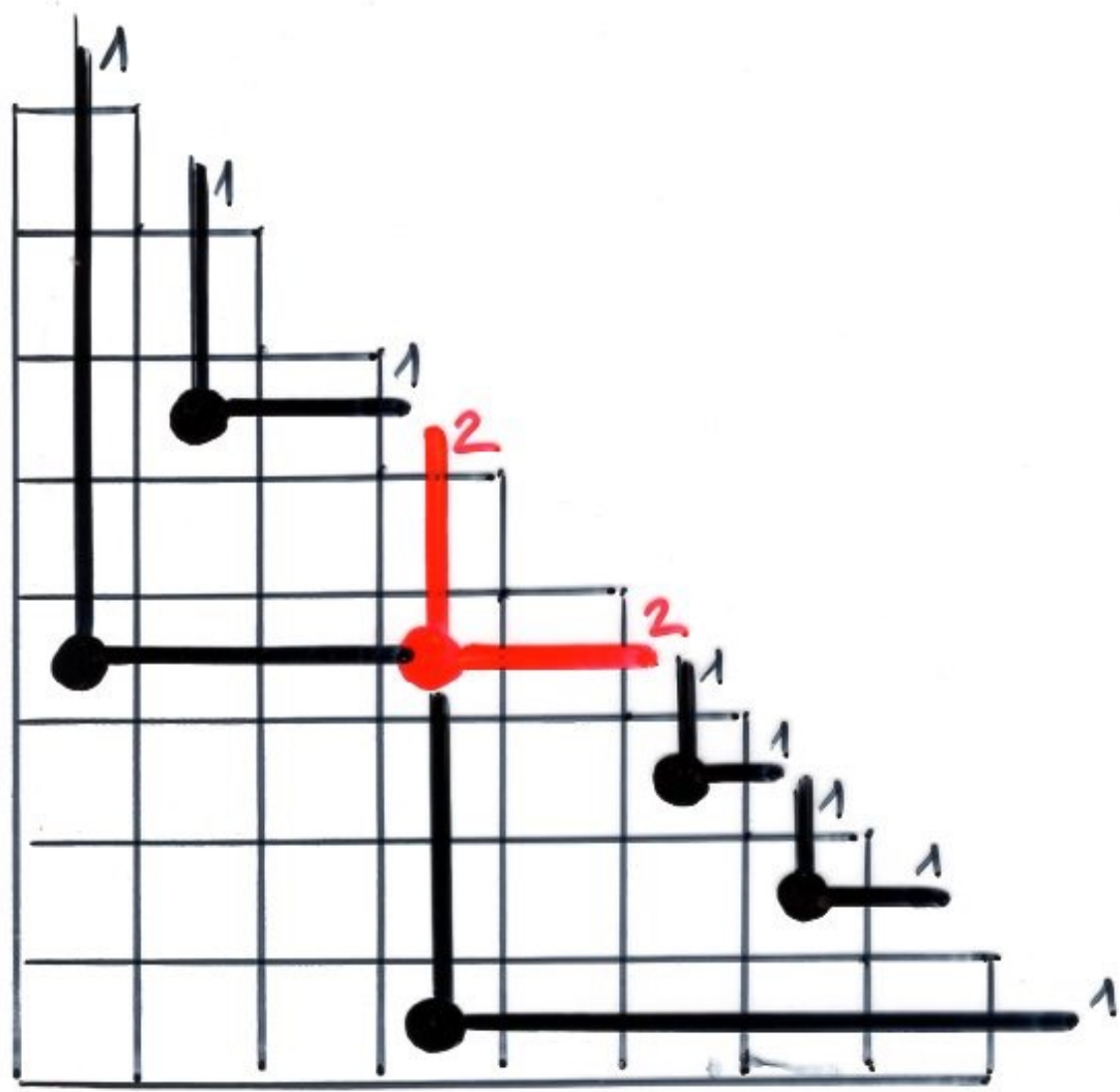


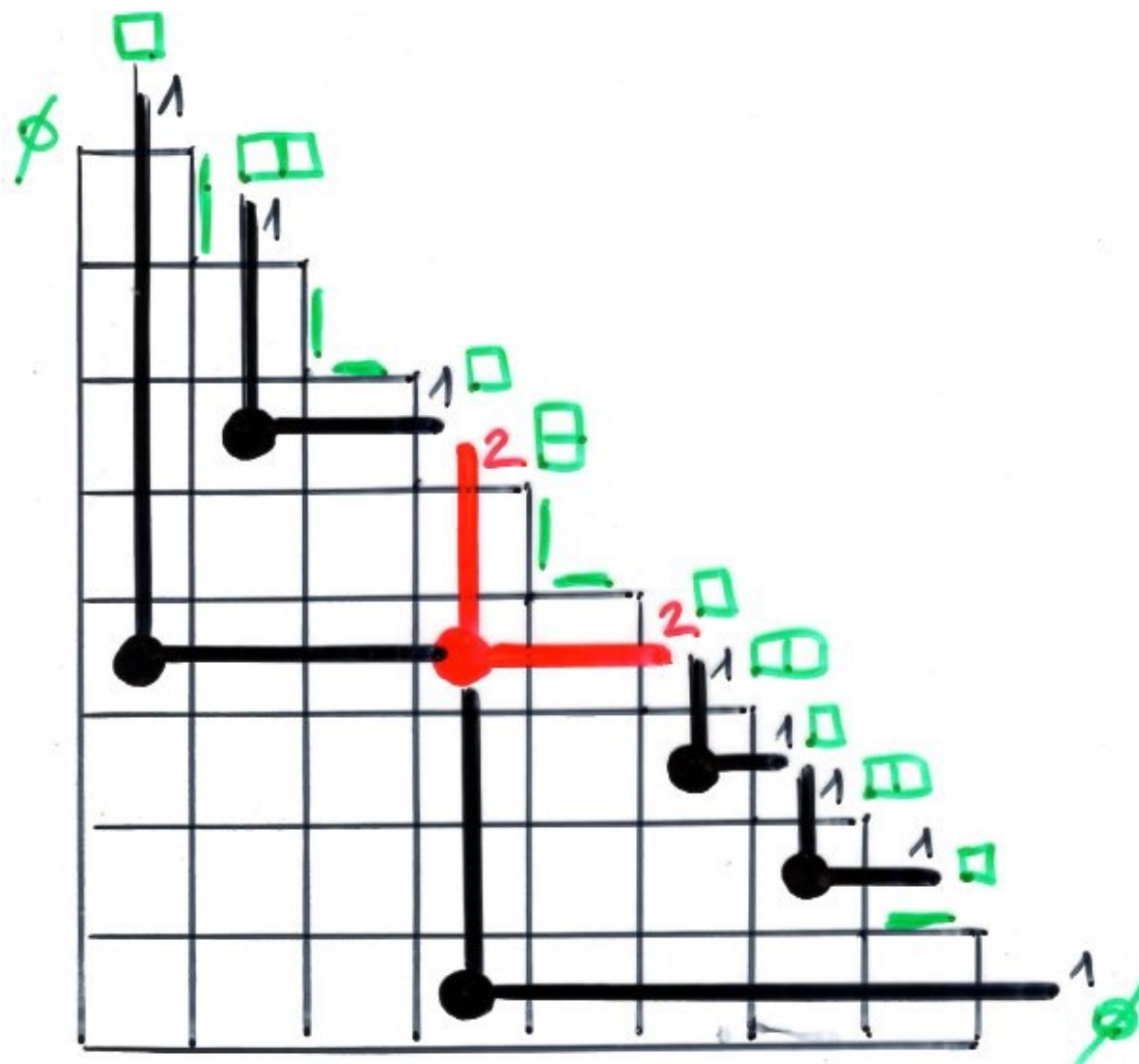
exercise Find a bijection  
between Rook placements in a  
staircase shape  
and partitions (of sets)

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

Blasiak, Horzela, Penson  
Solomon, Duchamp (2007)...







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

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arXiv:1601.02212  
[math.CO]

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Wick's theorem  
In  
quantum mechanics

# quantum mechanics

$a$  annihilation  $D$   
 $a^\dagger$  creation  $U$

$$[a, a^\dagger] = 1$$

←

$n$  number of particles  
 $\mathcal{H}$  Hilbert space  
 $\{n\}$  basis of  $\mathcal{H}$   
Fock space

$$\langle m|n \rangle = \delta_{m,n}$$

bosons

$$a|n\rangle = \sqrt{n}|n-1\rangle$$
$$a^\dagger|n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1}|n+1\rangle$$

$$N|n\rangle = n|n\rangle$$

$$N = a^\dagger a$$

←

double dot operation  $::w::$

Wick's theorem  $w$  word  $\in \{U, D\}$   
the polynomial  $w = \sum_{i, j \geq 0} c_{ij}(w) D^i U^j$

is obtained by applying the double dot operation to the sum of all possible expressions obtained by removing pairs  $U \dots D$  in the word  $w$

U D U U D U

$$D^2 U^4 + 4 D U^3 + 2 U^2$$

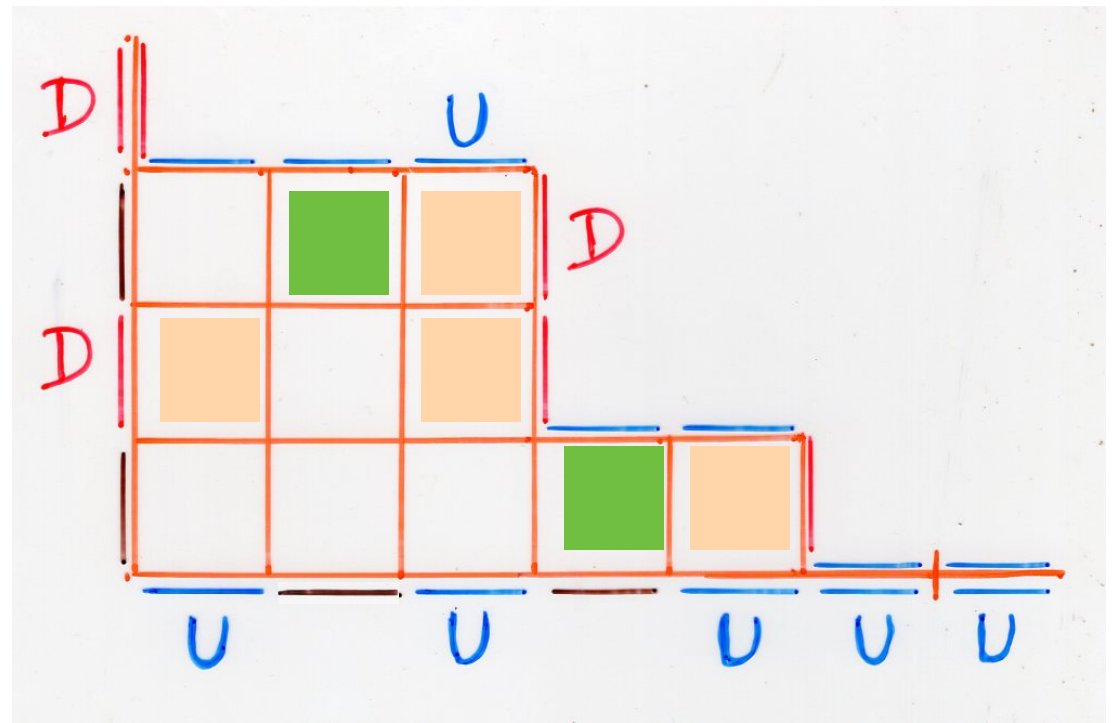
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$$w = DU^3D^2U^2DU^2$$

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

F Ferrers diagram

Rooks placement

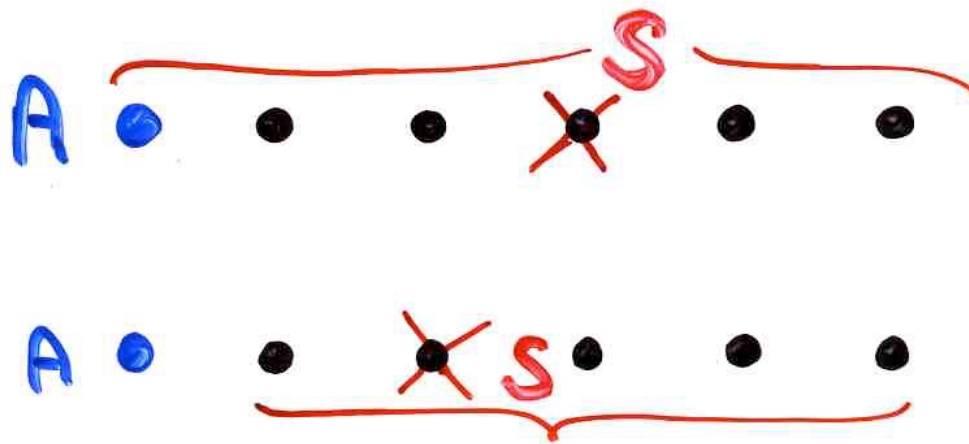


$K[x]$   
polynomials

A  $\rightarrow$  product by  $x$   $x \cdot P$   
S  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{d}{dx}(P)$

$$x \cdot x^k = x^{k+1}$$
$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^k) = kx^{k-1}$$

Polya urn





bosons

fermions  
 $q = -1$

$$U\mathcal{D} + \mathcal{D}U = I$$

bosons

fermions

$$[a_i, a_j^\dagger] = \delta_{ij}$$

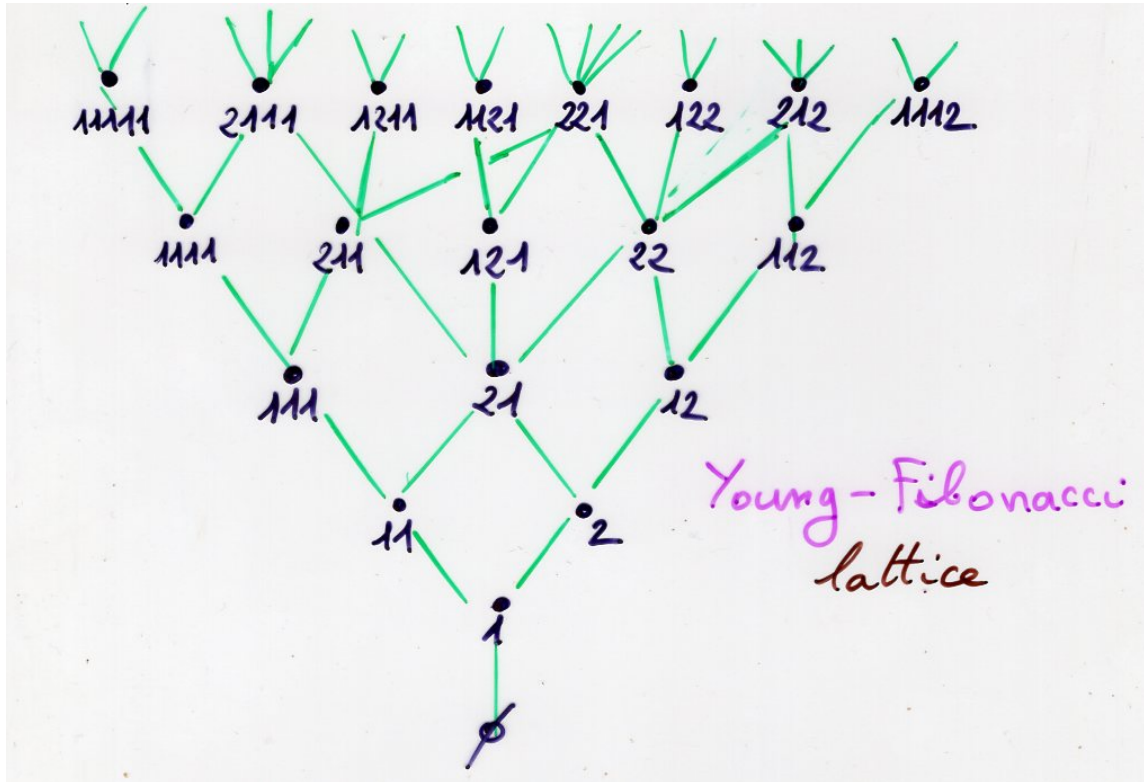
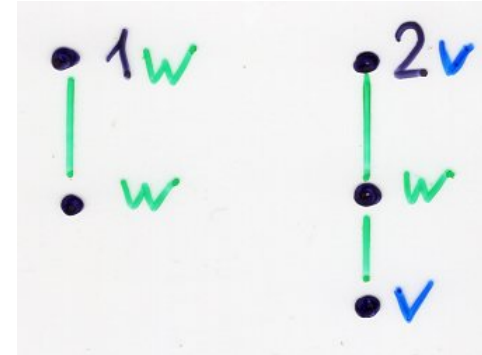
$$\{f_i, f_j^\dagger\} = \delta_{ij}$$

$$[a_i, f_j^\dagger] = 0$$

Differential posets

Definition Young-Fibonacci poset YF

- word  $w \in \{1, 2\}^*$  are the vertices
- $w'$  covers  $w$  iff  $\begin{cases} w' = 1w \text{ (concatenation)} \\ w' = 2v \text{ where } w \text{ covers } v \end{cases}$



exercise

- $YF$  is a graded poset  
rank function  $r(x) = \text{sum of its "digits"}$

- number of elements  $r(x) = n$   
is the Fibonacci number  $F_n$

- find a bijection  
involutions on  $[n] \leftrightarrow$  maximal chains  $\emptyset \rightarrow x$   $r(x) = n$   
permutations  $\leftrightarrow$  pairs of maximal chains  $\emptyset \rightarrow x$   $r(x) = n$

Roby (1991)

- $YF$  is a differential poset

## Definition $\mathcal{P}$ differential poset

$\mathcal{P}$  is a graded poset with a minimum  $\hat{0}$   
- finite number of elements for each rank  
 $r(x) = k$

- for any  $x \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $C^+(x)$  and  $C^-(x)$  are finite

with

$$C^+(x) = \{y \in \mathcal{P}, y \text{ covers } x\}$$

$$C^-(x) = \{y \in \mathcal{P}, x \text{ covers } y\}$$

(i) If  $x \neq y$  in  $\mathcal{P}$ , there are exactly  $k$  elements of  $\mathcal{P}$  which are covered by both  $x$  and  $y$ , then there are exactly  $k$  elements of  $\mathcal{P}$  which cover both  $x$  and  $y$

$$(ii) \quad |C^+(x)| = |C^-(x)| + 1$$

differential poset

Fomin (1992, 1995)

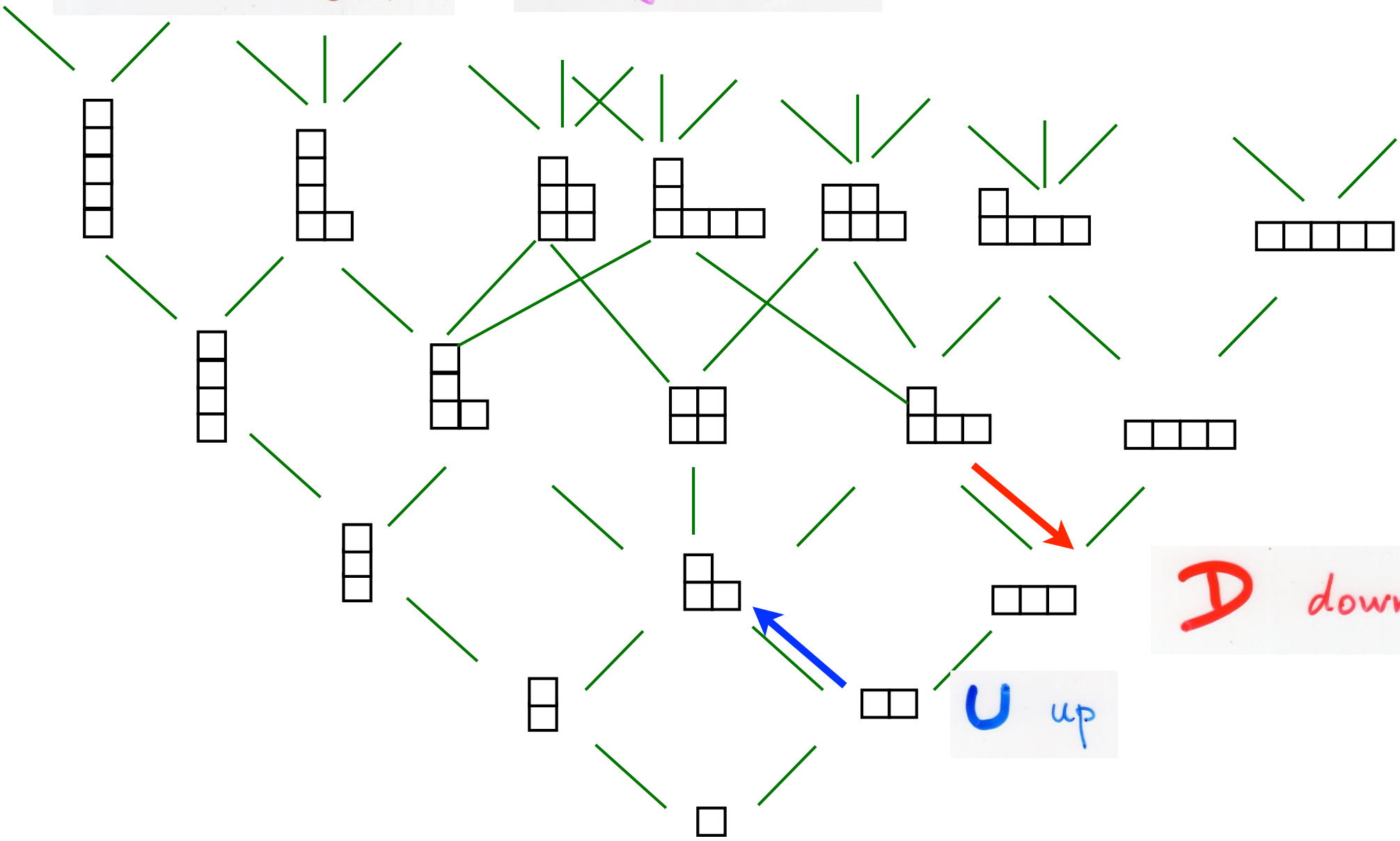
Stanley (1988, 1990)

Roby (1991)

$$(i) \implies k = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

Hasse diagram

Young lattice



**D** down

**U** up

$$U(x) = \sum_{y \in C^+(x)} y$$

$$D(x) = \sum_{y \in C^-(x)} y$$

Proposition

$\mathcal{P}$  differential poset



$$UD - DU = I$$

Proposition  $\mathcal{P}$  differential poset

- number of maximal chains  $\phi \rightarrow x, r(x)=n$   
= number of involutions  
exponential generating function  $\exp\left(t + \frac{t^2}{2}\right)$

- $\sum_{\substack{x \\ r(x)=n}} (\text{number of maximal chains } \phi \rightarrow x)^2 = n!$



