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Combinatorial theory of orthogonal polynomials  
and continued fractions

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# The Art of Bijective Combinatorics

Part I. An introduction to enumerative, algebraic  
and bijective combinatorics (2016)

Part II. Commutations and heaps of pieces  
with interaction in physics, mathematics and computer science. (2017)

Part III. The cellular ansatz:  
bijective combinatorics and quadratic algebra (2018)  
Robinson-Schensted-Knuth, PASEP, Tilings, Alternating Sign Matrices ...  
under the same roof

Part IV. Combinatorial theory of orthogonal polynomials  
and continued fractions (2019)

# The Art of Bijective Combinatorics

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Two levels:

- for master and graduate students

- for professors and more advanced students

under the name « complements »

sometimes no proof

# Chapter 0

## Overview of the course

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# Orthogonal Polynomials

classical analysis

special functions

trigonometric  
hypergeometric  
Bessel, elliptic ) functions

numerical analysis

interpolation  
mechanical quadrature  
differential and integral equations

Probabilities  
theory

quantum  
statistical mechanics

$$\sin((n+1)\theta) = \sin \theta U_n(\cos \theta)$$

$U_n(x)$

Tchebycheff  
polynomial 2<sup>nd</sup> kind



$$\int_{-1}^{+1} U_m(x) U_n(x) (1-x^2)^{1/2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_{m,n}$$

$$\cos(n\theta) = T_n(\cos \theta)$$

$T_n(x)$

Tchebycheff  
polynomial  
1<sup>st</sup> kind

$$\{P_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$$

sequence of  
polynomials

$$P_n(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$$

$$\deg(P_n(x)) = n$$

degree

$$\int (P(x) Q(x))$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} P(x) Q(x) d\mu(x)$$

measure  $\mu$   
on  $\mathbb{R}$



book  
G. Szegő  
(1938)

Orthogonal polynomials

reed. (1958, 1966, 1975)

book T. Chihara (1978) reed. 2011

origin: continued fractions

Euler

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§. 21. Datur vero alius modus in summam huius seriei inquirendi ex natura fractionum continuarum petitus, qui multo facilius et promptius negotium conficit: fit enim formulam generalius exprimendo:

$$A = 1 - 1x + 2x^2 - 6x^3 + 24x^4 - 120x^5 + 720x^6 - 5040x^7 + \text{etc.} = \frac{1}{1+B}$$

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§. 22. Quemadmodum autem huiusmodi fractio-

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**FRACTIONIBVS CONTINVIS.**  
 DISSERTATIO.

AVCTORE  
*Leonh. Euler.*

§. 1.

**V**arii in Analyſin recepti ſunt modi quantitates, quae alias difficulter assignari queant, commode exprimendi. Quantitates ſcilicet irrationales et transcendentes, cuiusmodi ſunt logarithmi, arcus circulares, aliarumque curvarum quadraturae, per ſeries infinitas exhiberi ſolent, quae, cum terminis conſtent cognitis, valores illarum quantitatũ ſatis diſtincte indicant. Series autem iſtae duplicis ſunt generis, ad quorum prius pertinent illae ſeries, quarum termini additione ſubtractioneue ſunt connexi; ad poſterius vero referri poſſunt eae, quarum termini multiplicatione coniunguntur. Sic utroque modo area circuli, cuius diameter eſt  $= 1$ , exprimi ſolet; priore nimirum area circuli aequalis dicitur  $1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \text{etc.}$  in infinitum; poſteriore vero modo eadem area aequatur huic expreſſioni  $\frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdot 10 \cdot 10}{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 9 \cdot 9 \cdot 11}$  etc. in infinitum. Quarum ſerierum illae reliquis merito praeferruntur, quae maxime conuergant, et pauciſſimis ſumendis terminis valorem quantitatũ quaefitae proxime praebent.

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# continued fractions

Stieltjes

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda_1 t}{1 - \frac{\lambda_2 t}{\dots \dots \dots \frac{\lambda_k t}{\dots \dots \dots}}}}$$

$S(t; \lambda)$





$$\frac{1}{1 - b_0 t - \frac{\lambda_1 t^2}{1 - b_1 t - \frac{\lambda_2 t^2}{\dots}}}$$
$$\frac{1}{1 - b_k t - \frac{\lambda_{k+1} t^2}{\dots}}$$

$$J(t; b, \lambda)$$

Jacobi

continued  
fraction

$$b = \{b_k\}_{k \geq 0}$$

$$\lambda = \{\lambda_k\}_{k \geq 1}$$

equivalence

orthogonal polynomials  $\longleftrightarrow$  continued fractions

$$\frac{1}{1 - b_0 t - \frac{\lambda_1 t^2}{1 - b_1 t - \frac{\lambda_2 t^2}{\dots}}}$$

$$\frac{1 - b_k t - \lambda_{k+1} t^2}{\dots}$$

convergents

$$J_k(t) = \frac{\delta P_k^*(z)}{P_{k+1}^*(z)}$$

reciprocal of orthogonal polynomials

$$P_k^*(z) = z^k P_k(1/z)$$



books:

G. Andrews, R. Askey, R. Roy (1999)

special functions

M. Ismail (2005)

classical  
orthogonal polynomials

S. Khrushchev (2008)

orthogonal polynomials  
and  
continued fractions  
from Euler's point of view

X.V., "Une théorie combinatoire des  
polynômes orthogonaux généraux"  
Lecture Note, UQAM, Montréal, (1983)

« Video-book »

Part IV. Combinatorial theory of orthogonal polynomials  
and continued fractions (2019)

W. Jones, W. Thron (1980, 1984)

continued fractions  
analytic theory and applications

R. Koekoek, P. Lesky, R. Swarttouw (2010)

Hypergeometric orthogonal polynomials  
and their  $q$ -analogues



late 70's , early 80's

combinatorial interpretations

of classical orthogonal polynomials

Hermite, Laguerre, Jacobi

combinatorial interpretations

of linearization coefficients

$$P_k(x) P_l(x) = \sum_n a_{kl}^n P_n(x)$$

positivity

Combinatorial interpretation  
of Hermite polynomials

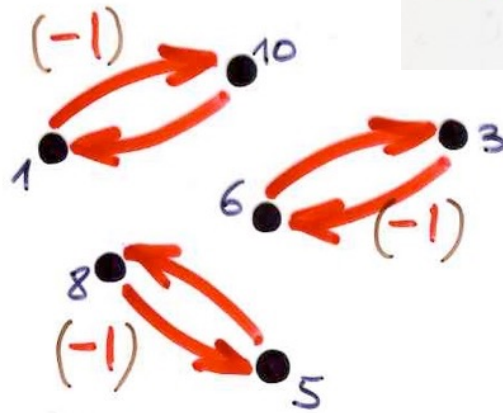
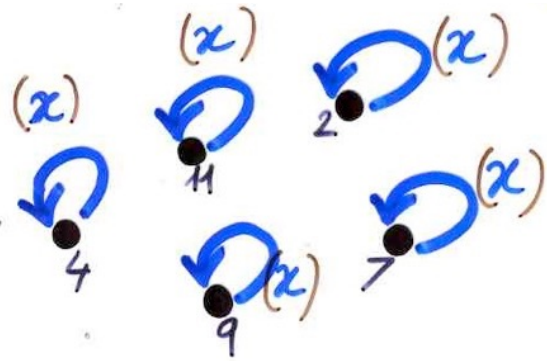


Hermite polynomial

$$H_n(x)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} H_n(x) H_m(x) e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi} 2^n n! \delta_{nm}$$

# Hermite configuration



weight  $(x)$   
 $(-1)$

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 10 & 2 & 6 & 4 & 8 & 3 & 7 & 5 & 9 & 1 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

(combinatorial)  
Hermite polynomials

$$H_n(x) = \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n \\ \text{involution}}} (-1)^{d(\sigma)} x^{\text{fix}(\sigma)}$$

$$H_n(x) = \sum_{0 \leq 2k \leq n} (-1)^k \frac{n!}{2^k k! (n-2k)!} x^{n-2k}$$

(combinatorial)  
Hermite polynomials

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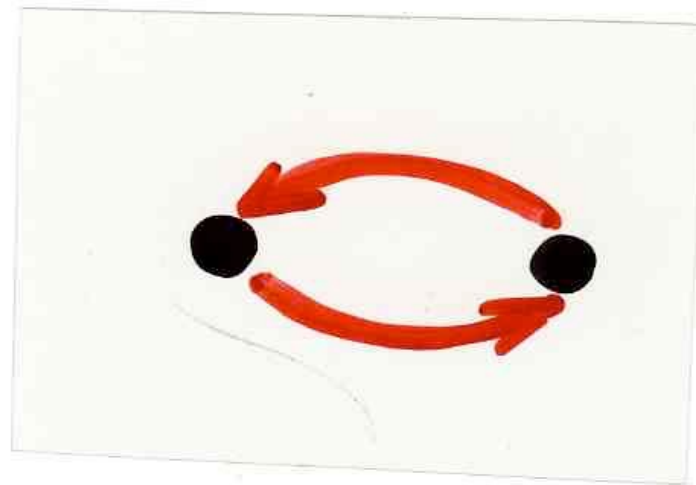
$$\sum_{n \geq 0} H_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \exp(2xt - t^2)$$

$$\exp \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{blue loop} \\ (x) \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{red loop} \\ (-1) \end{array} \right)$$

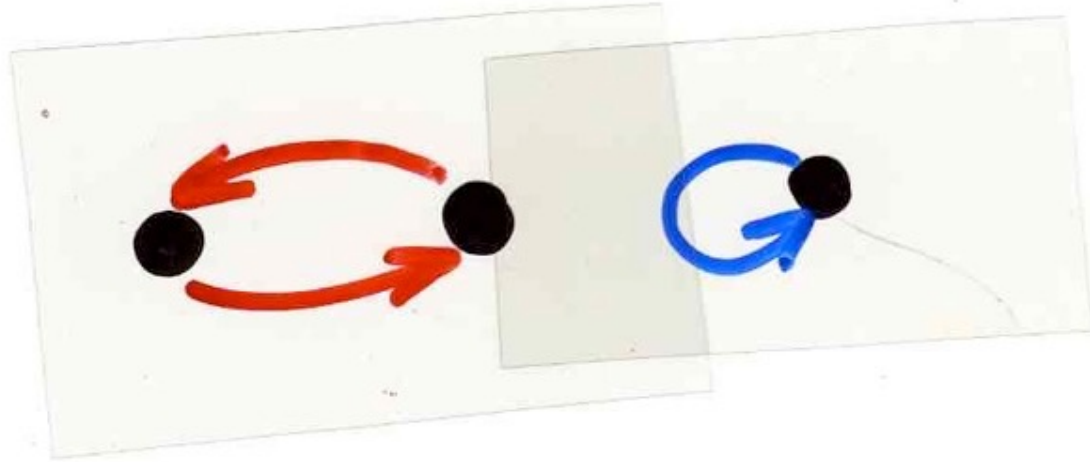
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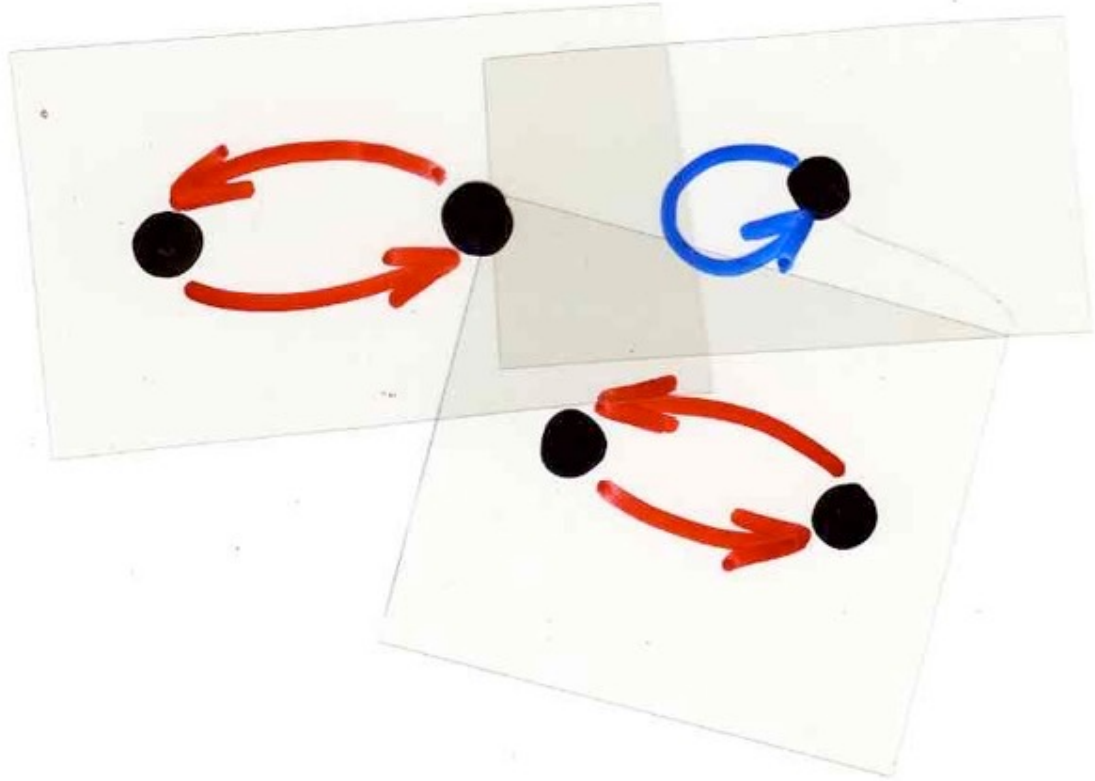
$$\sum_{n \geq 0} H_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \exp \left( xt - \frac{t^2}{2} \right)$$

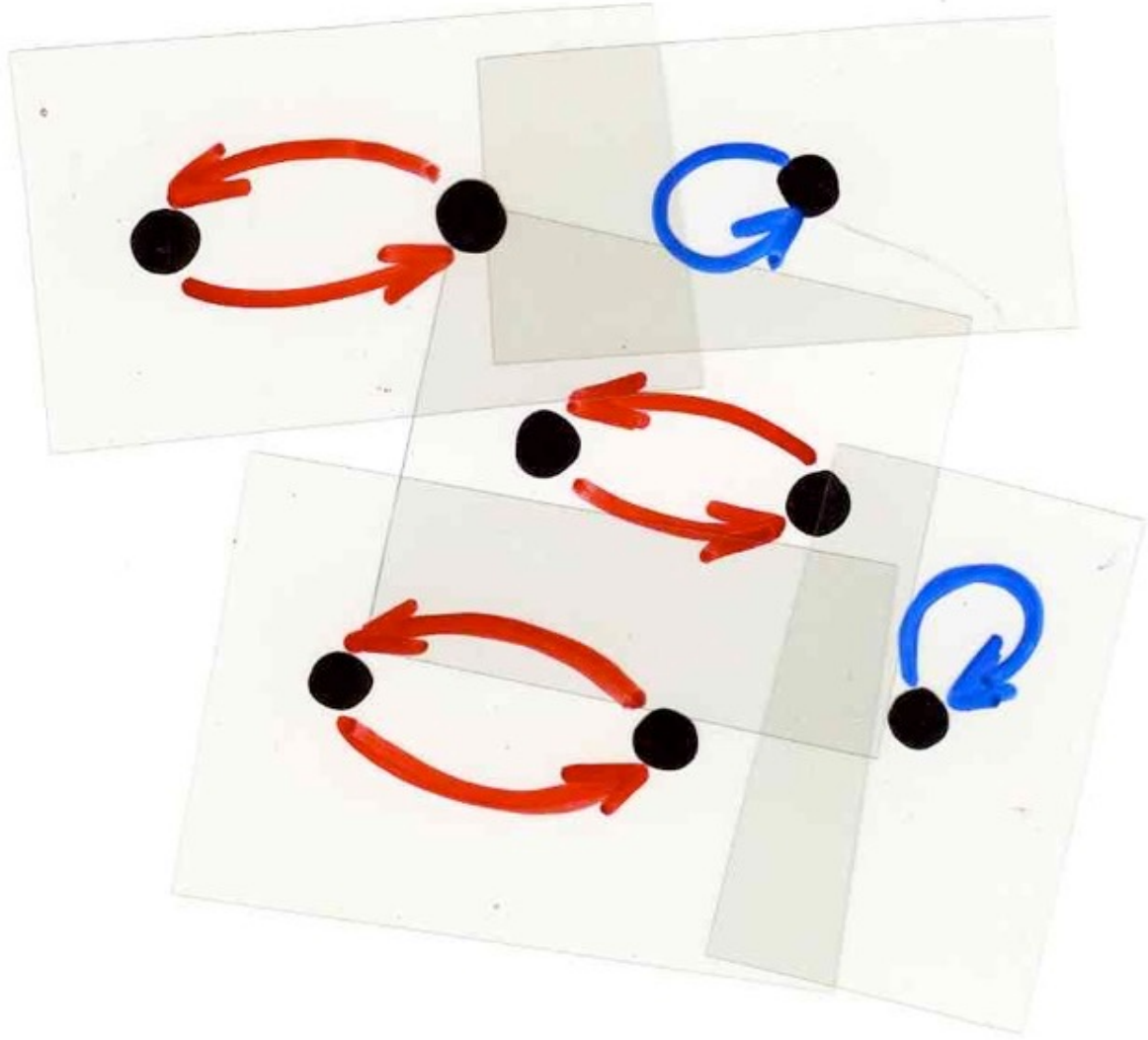
(combinatorial)  
Hermite polynomials

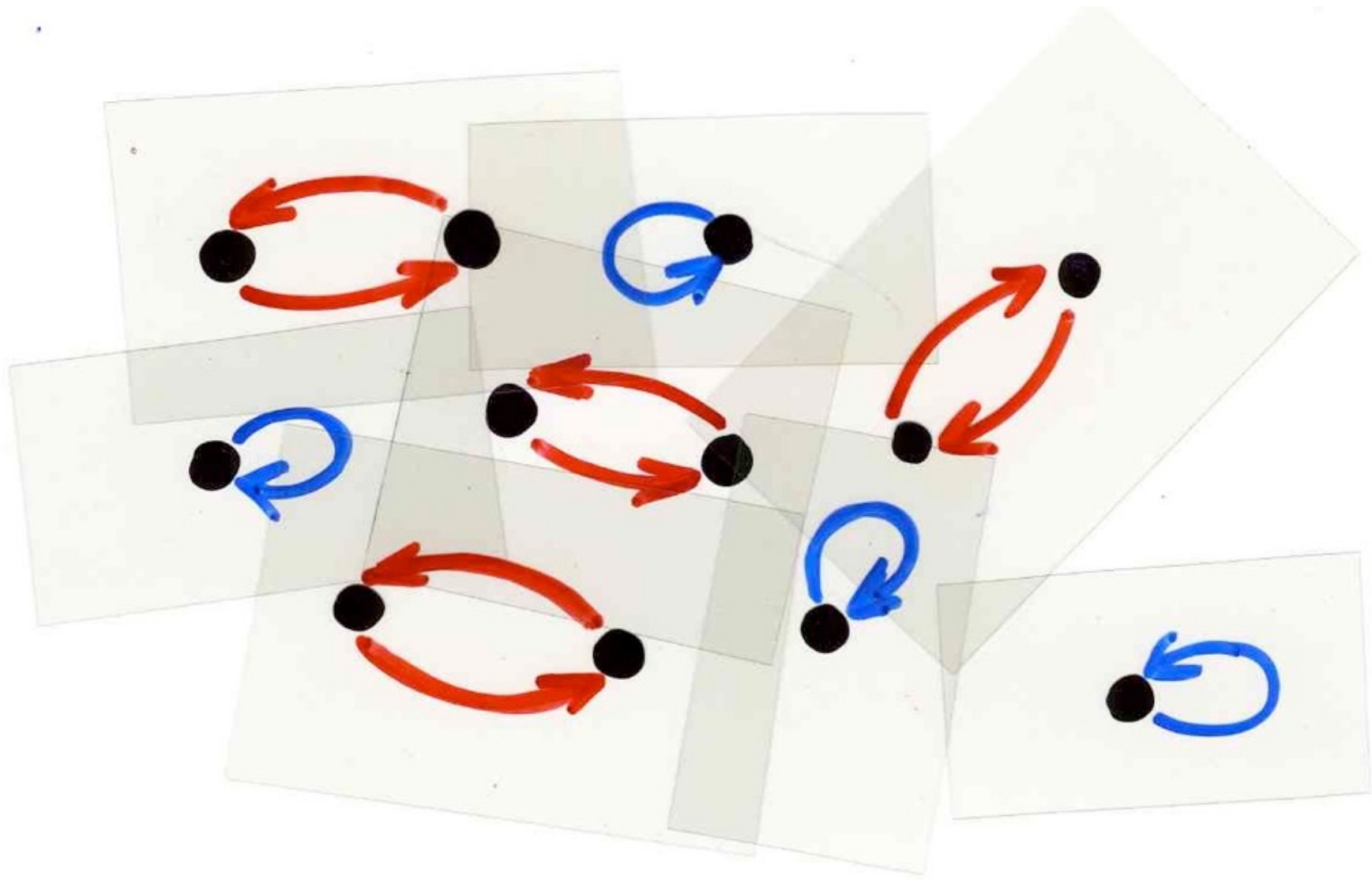


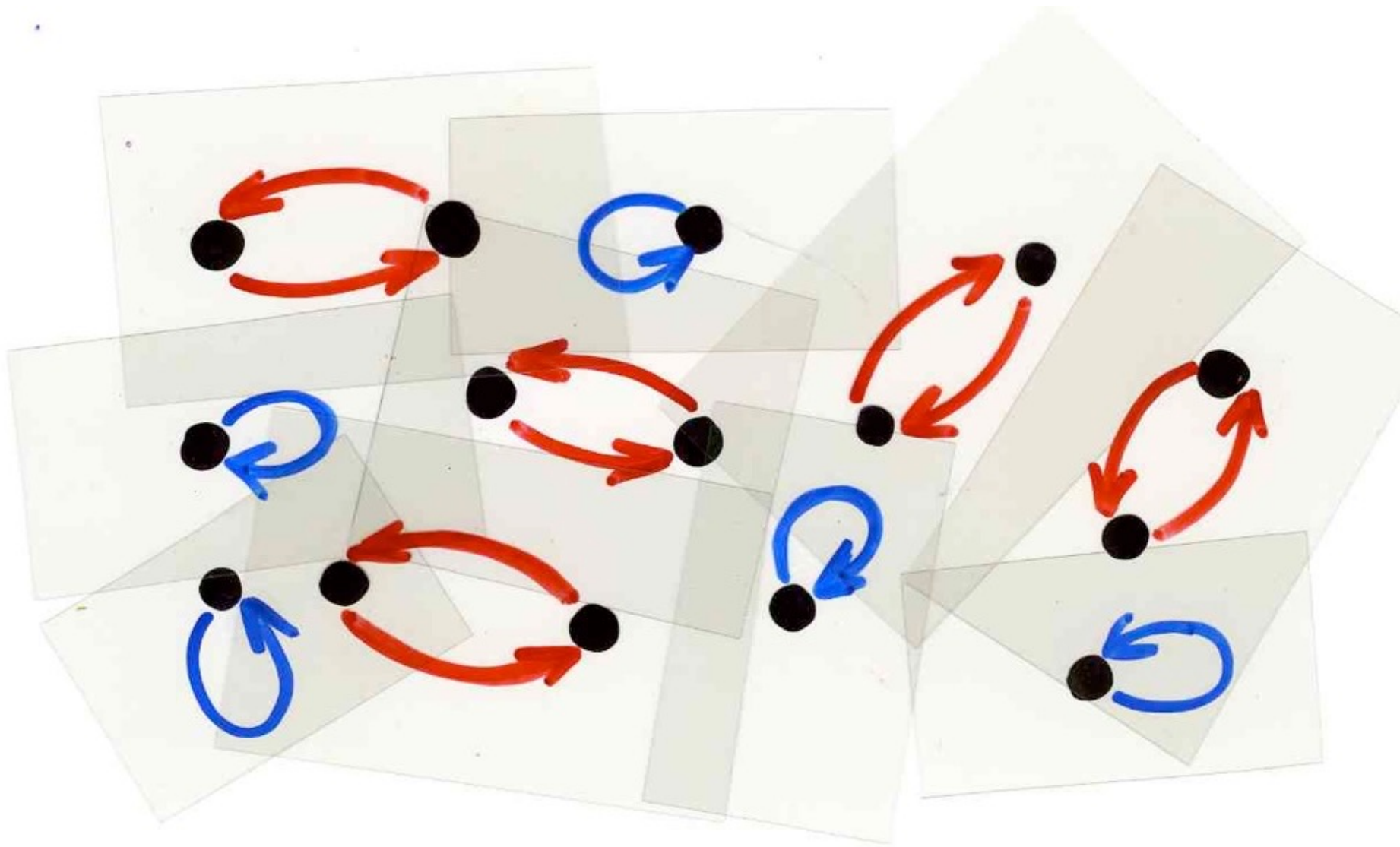




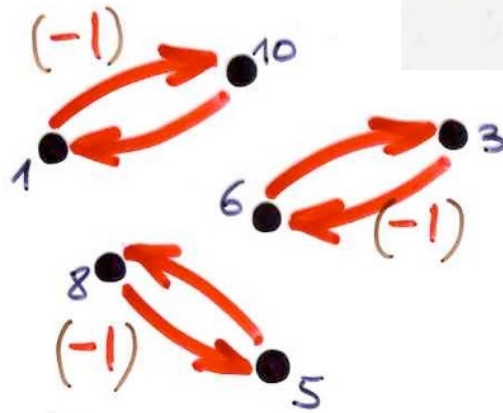
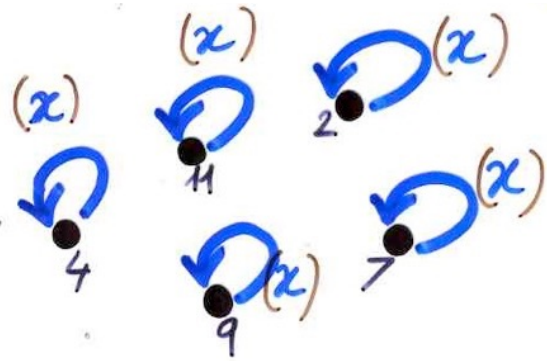








# Hermite configuration



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(combinatorial)  
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Combinatorial proof  
of formulae

Mehler identity

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} H_n(x) H_n(y) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

$$= (1 - 4t^2)^{-1/2} \exp \left[ \frac{4xyt - 4(x^2 + y^2)t^2}{1 - 4t^2} \right]$$

valued combinatorial  
objects



weight function

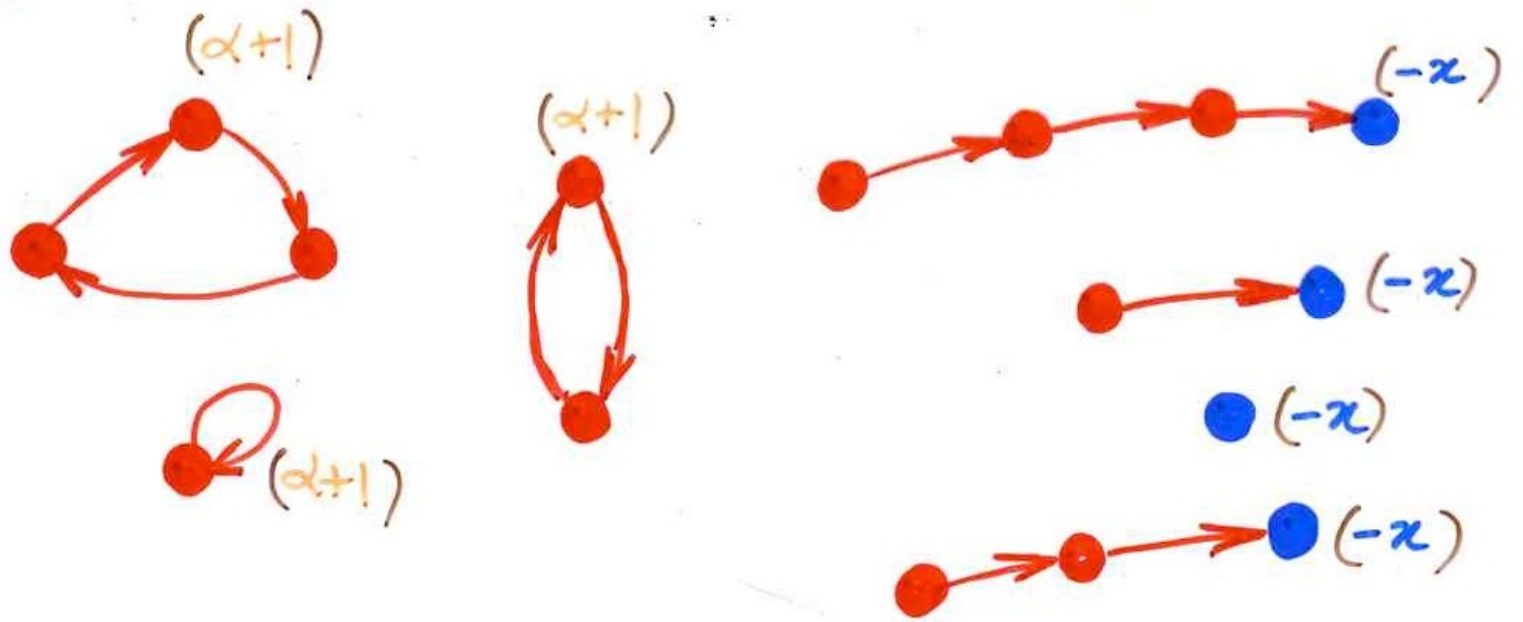
Laguerre  
polynomials

$$\int_0^{\infty} L_m^{(\alpha)}(x) L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) e^{-x} x^{\alpha} dx = \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)}{n!} \delta_{mn}$$



$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \tilde{L}_n^{(\alpha)}(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{1}{(1-t)^{\alpha+1}} \exp\left(\frac{-xt}{1-t}\right)$$

Laguerre configuration

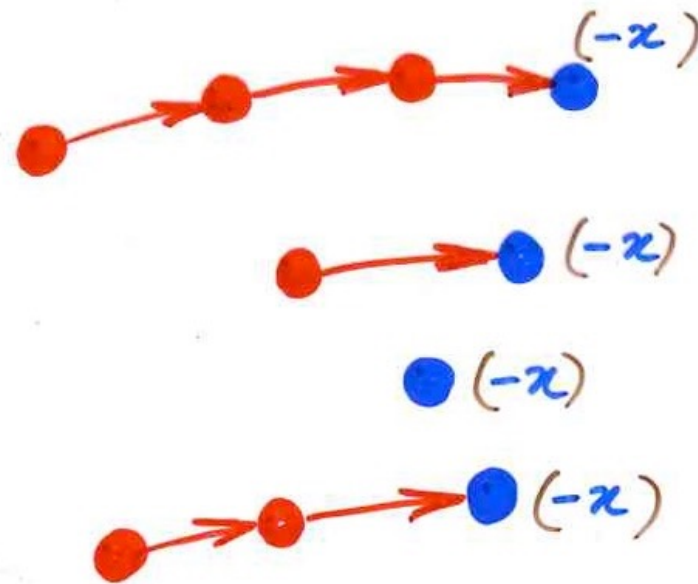
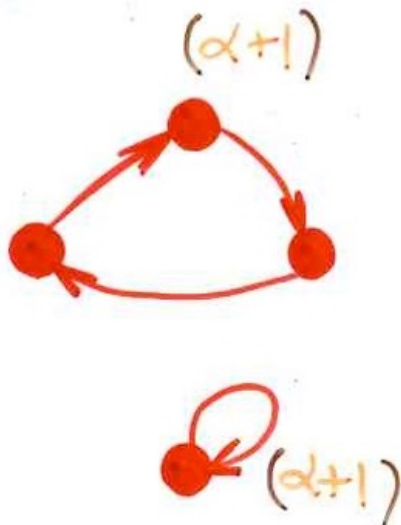


$$L_n^\alpha(x) = \sum_{LC} v(LC)$$

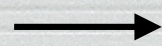
Laguerre configurations on  $[1, n]$

$$v(LC) = (\alpha + 1)^i (-x)^j$$

$i$  = number of cycles  
 $j$  = number of chains

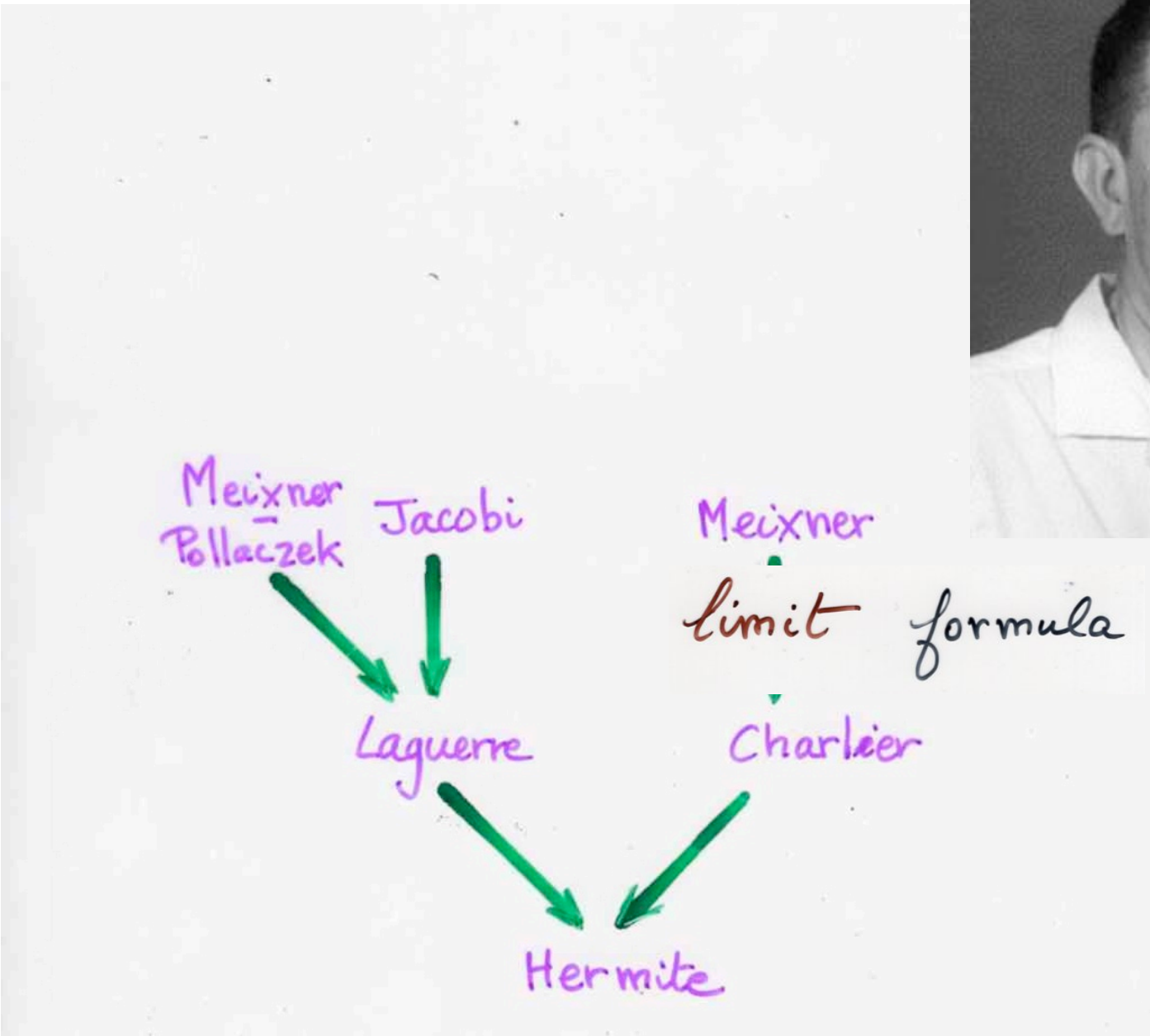


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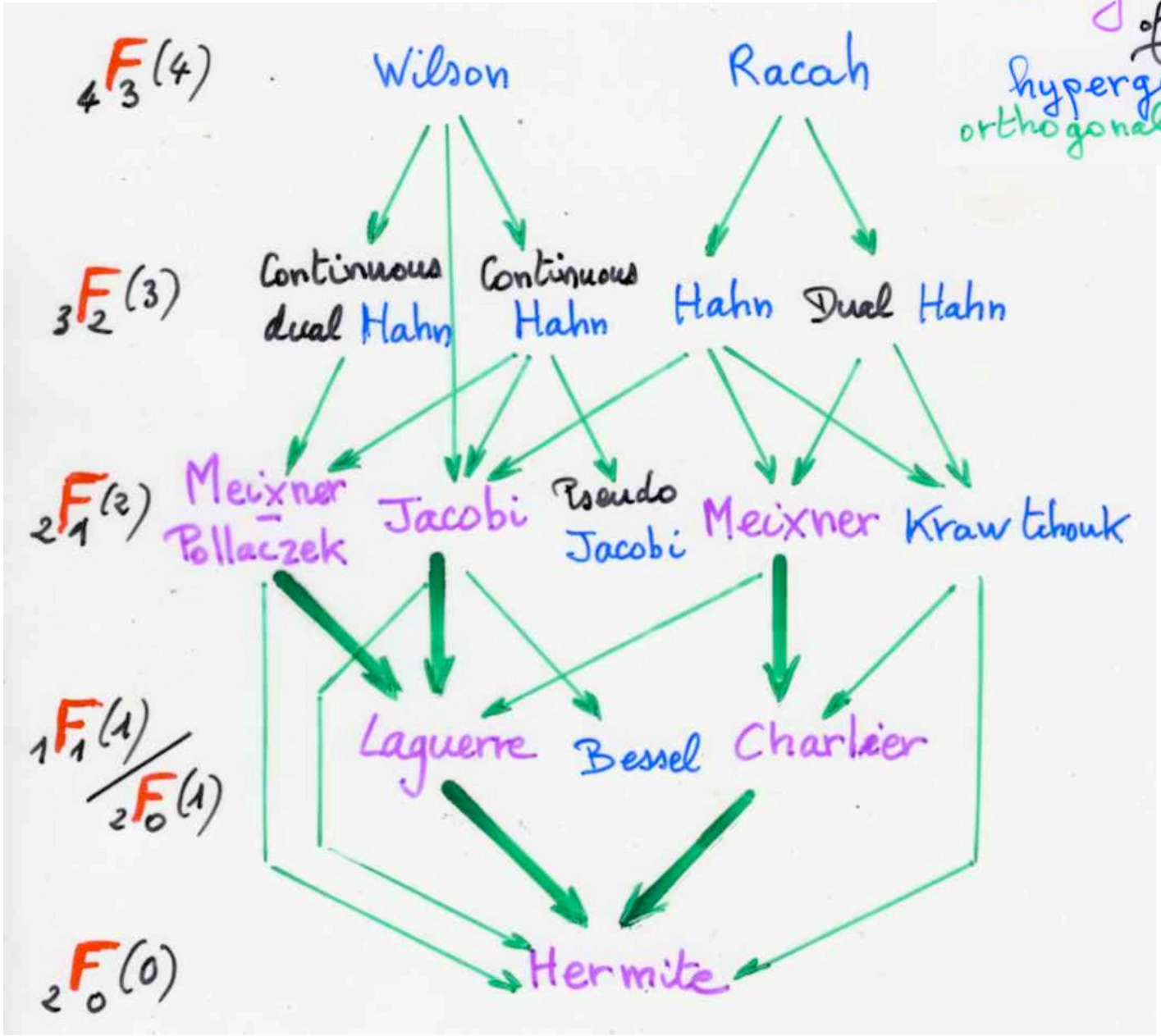


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# Askey scheme



Askey scheme  
of  
hypergeometric  
orthogonal polynomials



Jacobi  
polynomials

$$P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)$$

Tchebycheff  
polynomials

1st kind  $\alpha = \beta = -\frac{1}{2}$

(Chebyshev)

2nd kind  $\alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{2}$

Legendre  
polynomials

$$\alpha = \beta = 0$$

Gegenbauer  
(ultraspherical)  
polynomials

$$\alpha = \beta = \lambda - \frac{1}{2}$$

limit formula

example

Jacobi  $\longrightarrow$  Laguerre

$$\lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(1 - 2x\beta^{-1}) = L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$$

(formal) orthogonal polynomials



$$\int (P(x) Q(x)) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} P(x) Q(x) d\mu(x)$$

measure  $\mu$   
on  $\mathbb{R}$

$$\int (x^n) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^n d\mu(x)$$

moments  
problem

$$\int (x^n) = \mu_n$$

moments

$K$  ring

field  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$   
or  $\mathbb{Q}[\alpha, \beta, \dots]$

$K[x]$   
polynomials in  $x$

$\{P_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$   
sequence of  
polynomials

$P_n(x) \in K[x]$ .

## Definition

$\{P_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$   
sequence of  
polynomials

orthogonal iff  $\exists$

$f: \mathbb{K}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$   
linear functional

(i)  $\deg(P_n) = n$ , for  $n \geq 0$

degree

(ii)  $f(P_k P_l) = 0$ , for  $k \neq l \geq 0$

(iii)  $f(P_k^2) \neq 0$ , for  $k \geq 0$

$$f(x^n) = \mu_n$$

moments

moments of  
(Tchebychev) 1st kind  
2nd kind

$$\begin{cases} \mu_{2n} = \binom{2n}{n} \\ \mu_{2n+1} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \mu_{2n} = C_n \\ \mu_{2n+1} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Catalan  
number

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-1}^{+1} x^{2n} (1-x^2)^{1/2} dx = \frac{1}{4^n} C_n$$

Catalan

moments of  
Hermite  
polynomial

$$\mu_{2n+1} = 0$$

$$\mu_{2n} = 1 \times 3 \times \dots \times (2n-1)$$

number of  
involutions  
on  $\{1, \dots, 2n\}$   
with no fixed  
points

moments  
Laguerre  
polynomials

$$\mu_n = n!$$

Combinatorial theory  
of orthogonal polynomials

$\{P_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$  sequence of monic  
orthogonal polynomials

There exist  $\{b_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ ,  $\{\lambda_k\}_{k \geq 1}$   
coefficients in  $\mathbb{K}$  such that

$$P_{k+1}(x) = (x - b_k) P_k(x) - \lambda_k P_{k-1}(x)$$

for every  $k \geq 1$

(formal) Favard's Theorem

3-terms linear recurrence relation

$\Rightarrow$  orthogonality

$$\{b_k\}_{k \geq 0}$$

$$\{\lambda_k\}_{k \geq 1}$$

$$b_k, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{K}$$

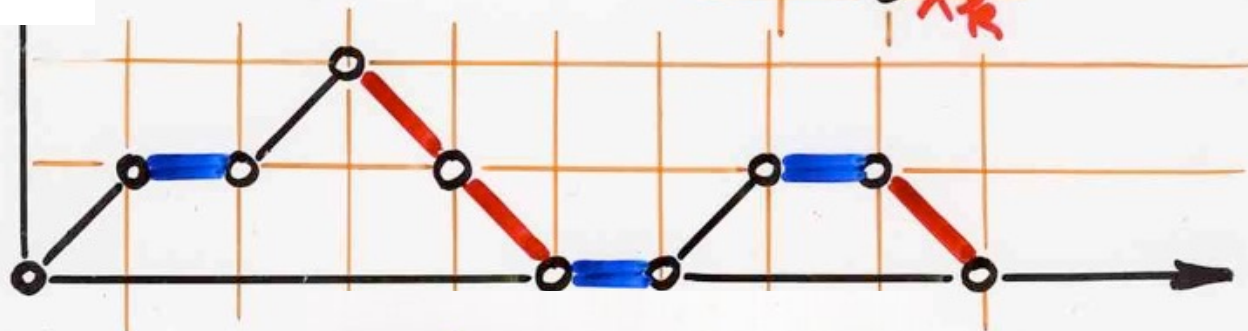
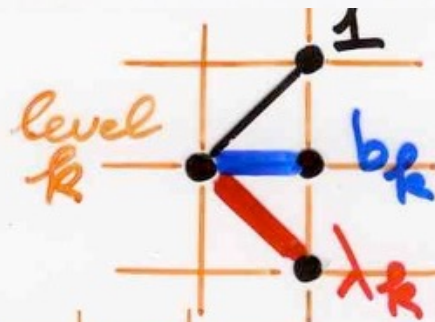
ring

$$\mu_n ?$$





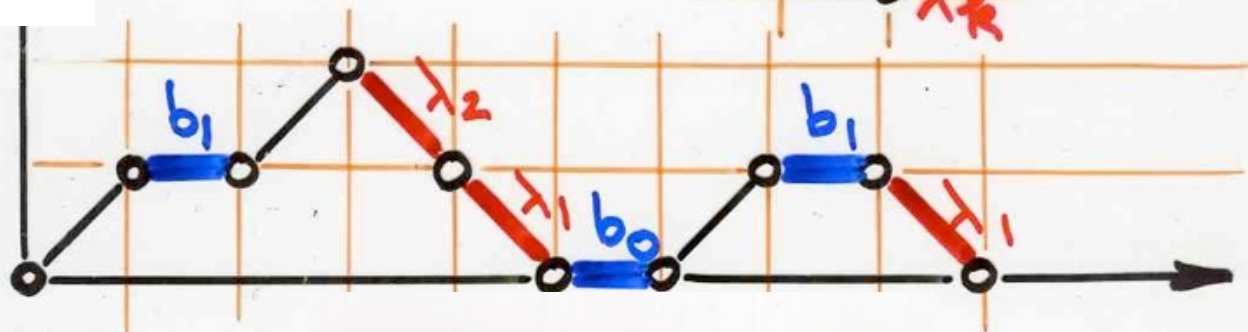
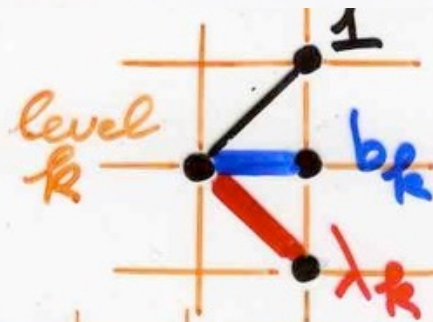
valuation  $v$



$\omega$  Motzkin path



valuation  $v$



$\omega$  Motzkin path

$$v(\omega) = b_0 b_1^2 \lambda_1^2 \lambda_2$$

$$P_{k+1}(z) = (z - b_k) P_k(z) - \lambda_k P_{k-1}(z)$$

for every  $k \geq 1$

moments

$$\mu_n = \sum_{\omega} v(\omega)$$

Motzkin path  
 $|\omega| = n$

$$\int (x^n) = \mu_n$$

length

# Chapter 1 Paths and moments

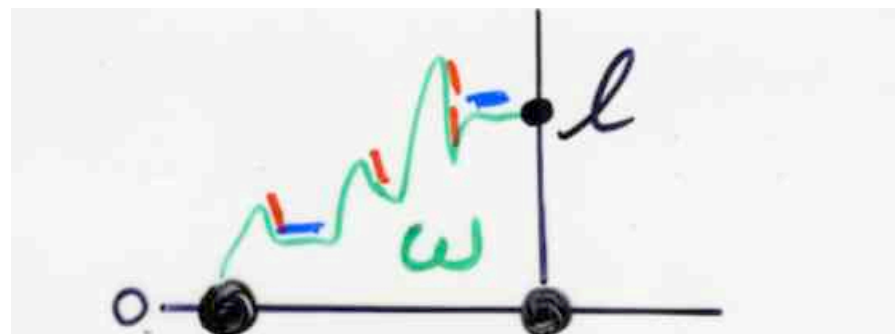
- Tchebychev, Hermite, Laguerre ( $\alpha=0$ )
- (formal) orthogonal polynomials
- moments  $\mu_n$  as weighted Motzkin paths

3 bijjective proofs:

- 3-term recurrence  $\Rightarrow$  orthogonality  
( Favard theorem )
- inverse polynomials
- positivity of some linearization coefficients

$$x^n = \sum_{i=0}^n q_{n,i} P_i(x)$$

$$Q_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n q_{n,i} x^i$$



inverse  
sequence

$$\{Q_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$$

# linearization coefficients

Lemma

$$P_k(x) P_l(x) = \sum_n a_{kl}^n P_n(x)$$

$$a_{kl}^n = \frac{\int (P_k P_n P_l)}{\int (P_n^2)}$$

positivity

The notion of histories

example: Hermite histories



Hermite  
polynomials

$$\begin{cases} b_k = 0 \\ \lambda_k = k \end{cases}$$



moments

Hermite  
polynomials

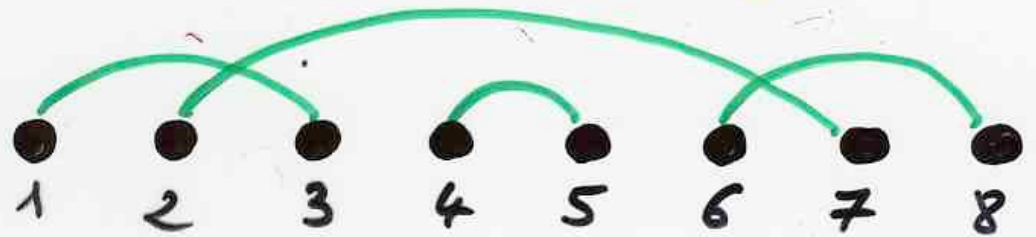
$$\begin{cases} b_k = 0 \\ \lambda_k = k \end{cases}$$

$$\mu_{2n+1} = 0$$

$$\mu_{2n} = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)$$

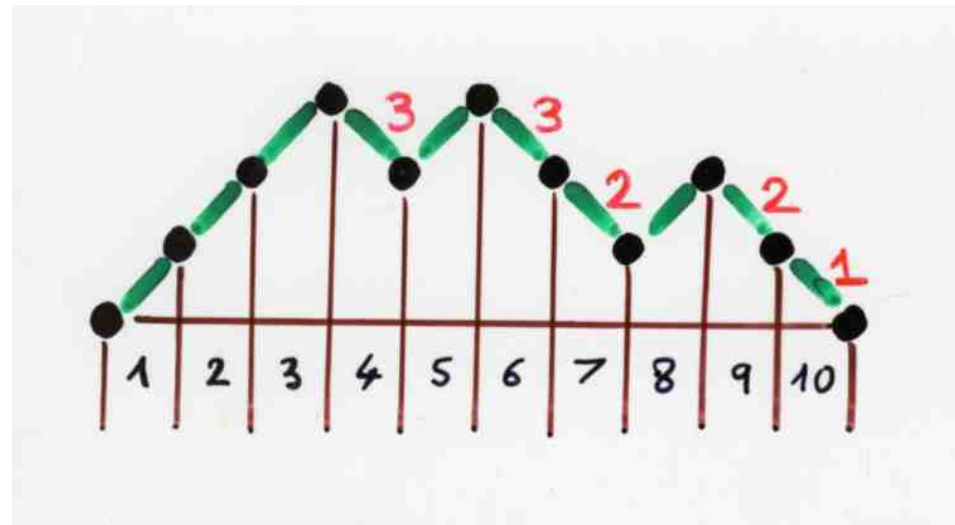
number of  
involutions  
no fixed point  
on  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$

chord diagrams  
perfect matching



moments

Hermite  
polynomials



$$\begin{cases} b_k = 0 \\ \lambda_k = k \end{cases}$$

$$H_{2n+1} = 0$$

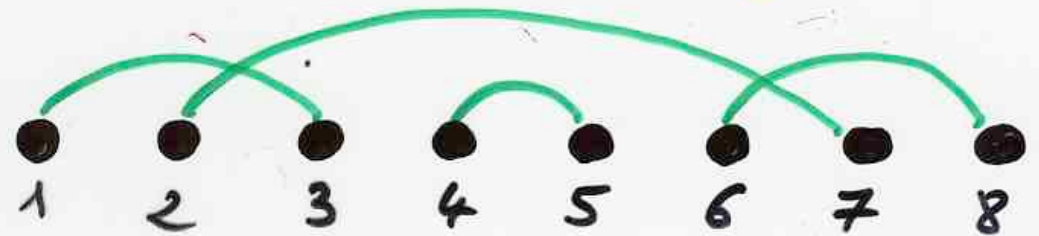
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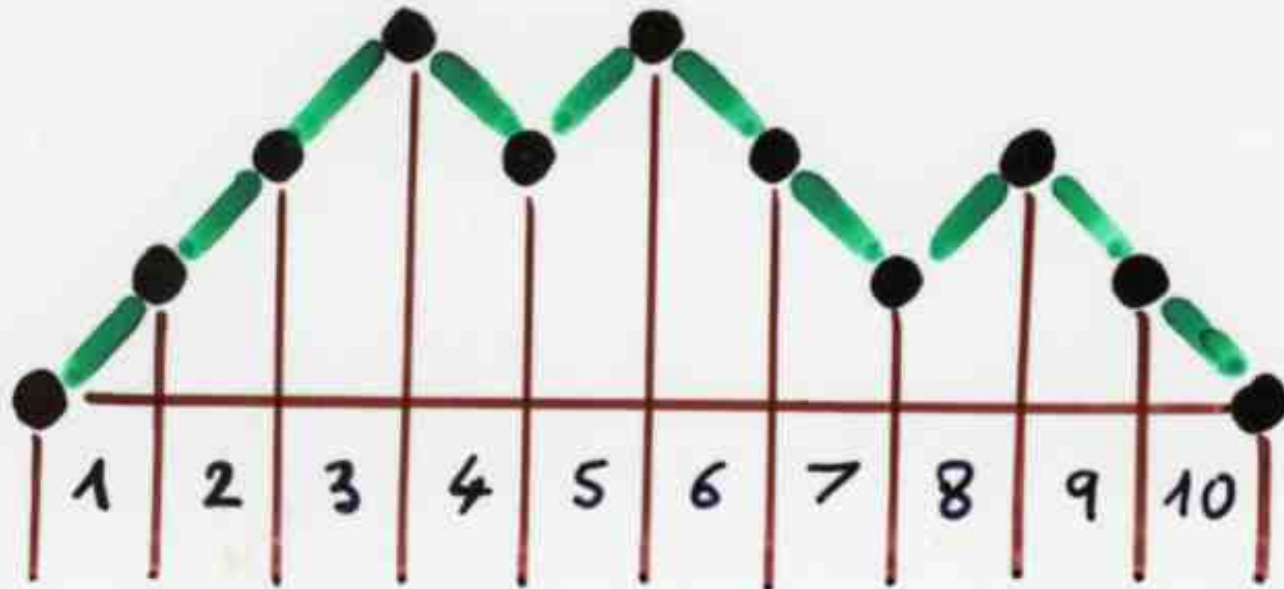
history

Françon (1978)

data structures  
in  
computer science

sequence  
of  
primitive  
operations

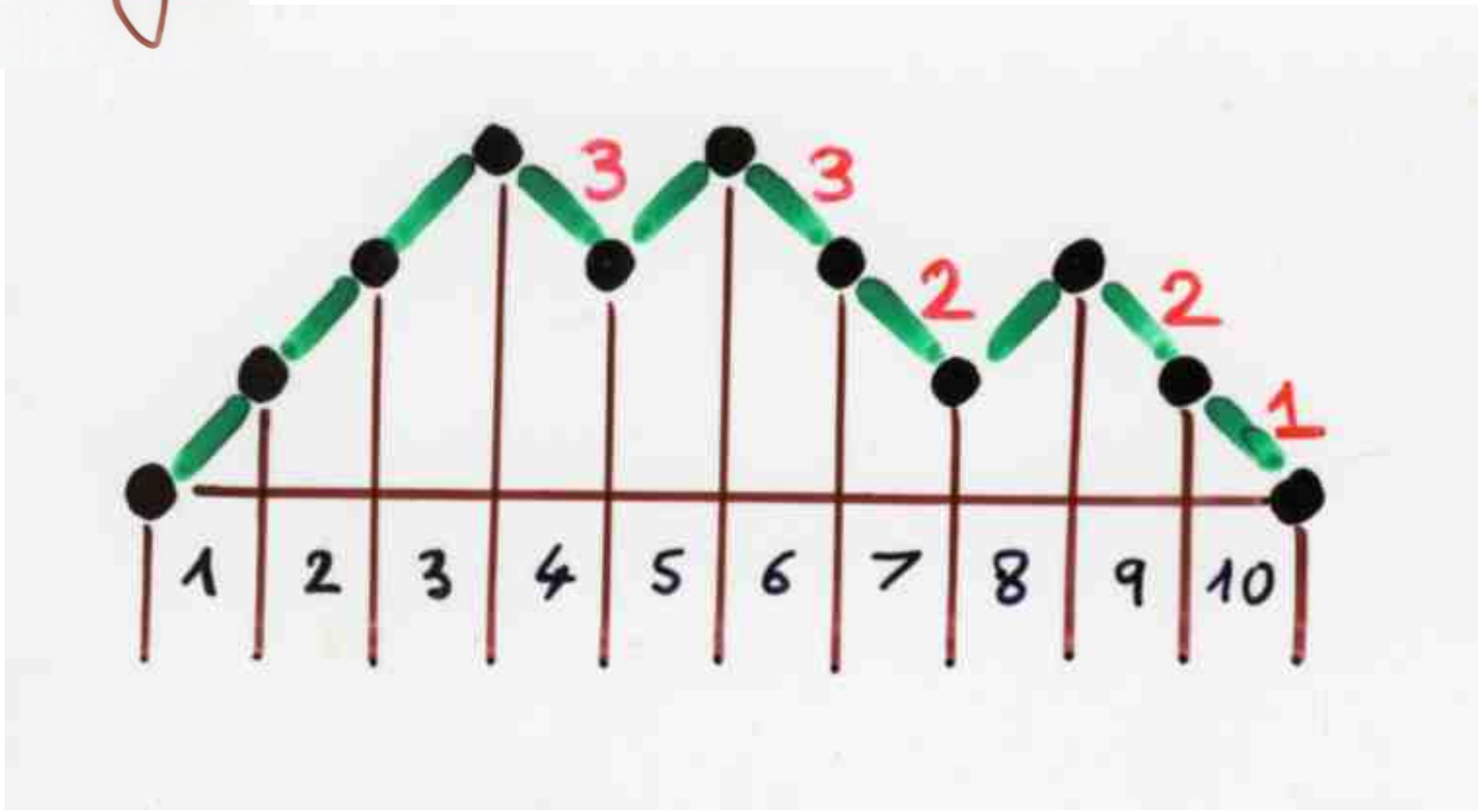
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Hermite  
polynomials

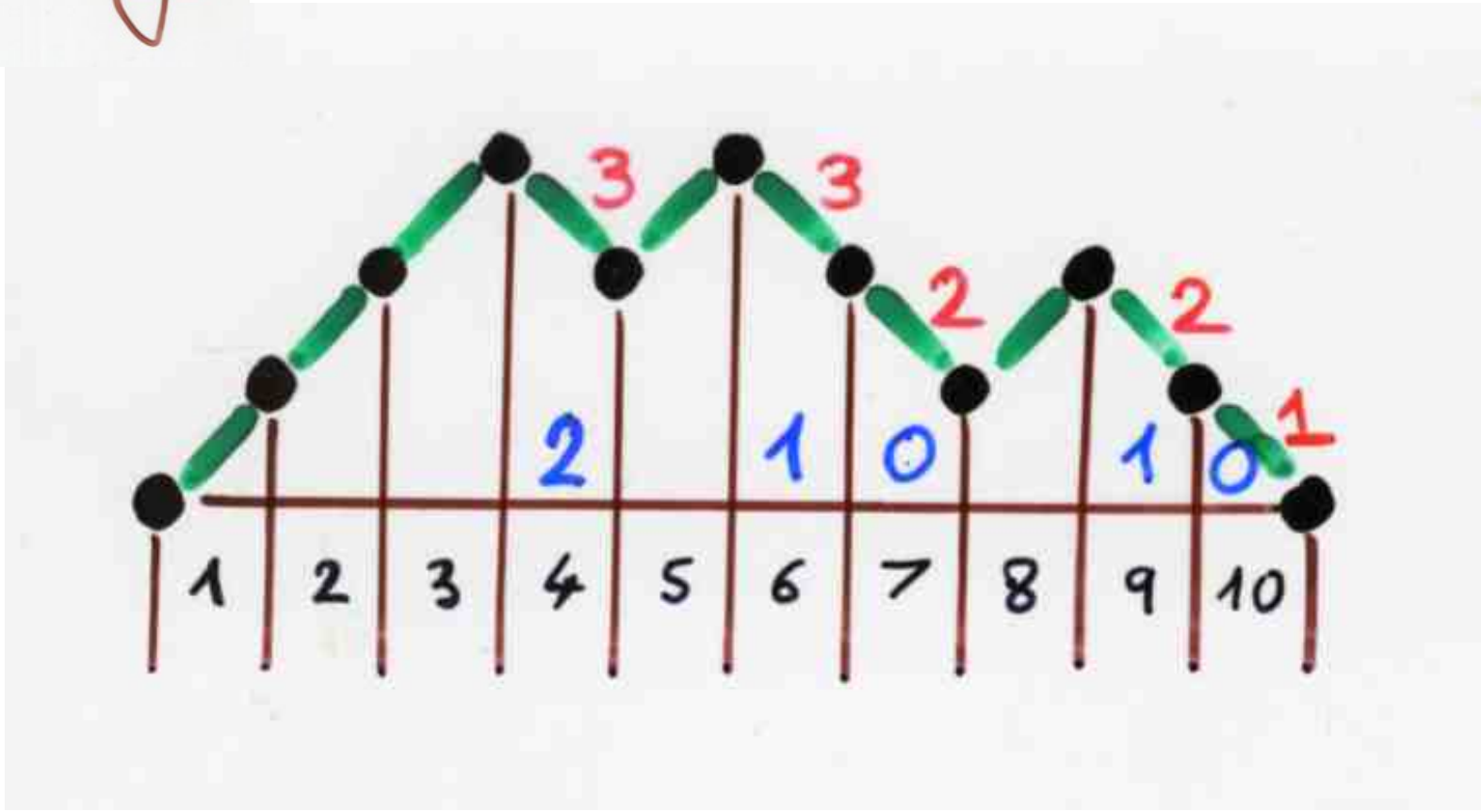
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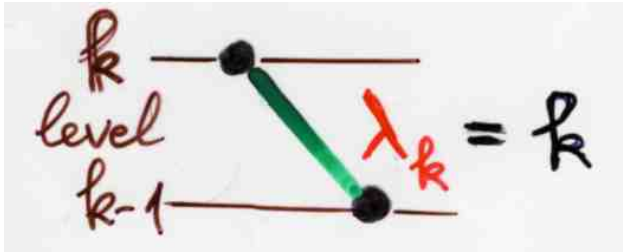
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$$0 \leq i < \lambda_k = k$$



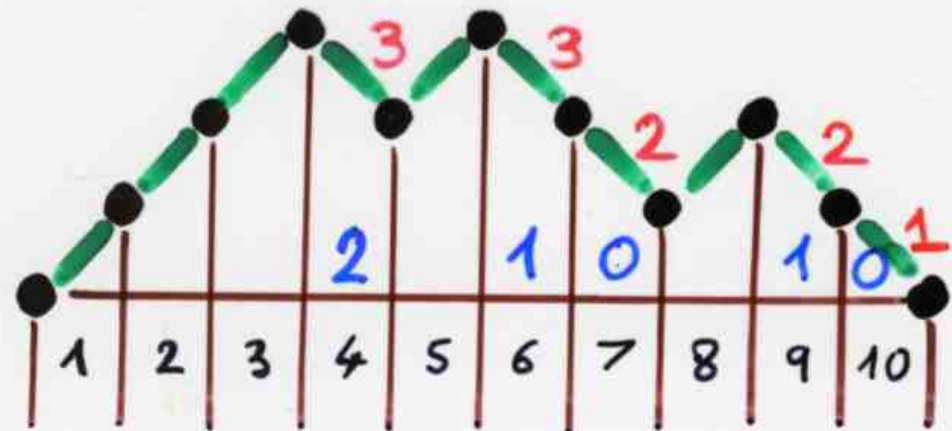
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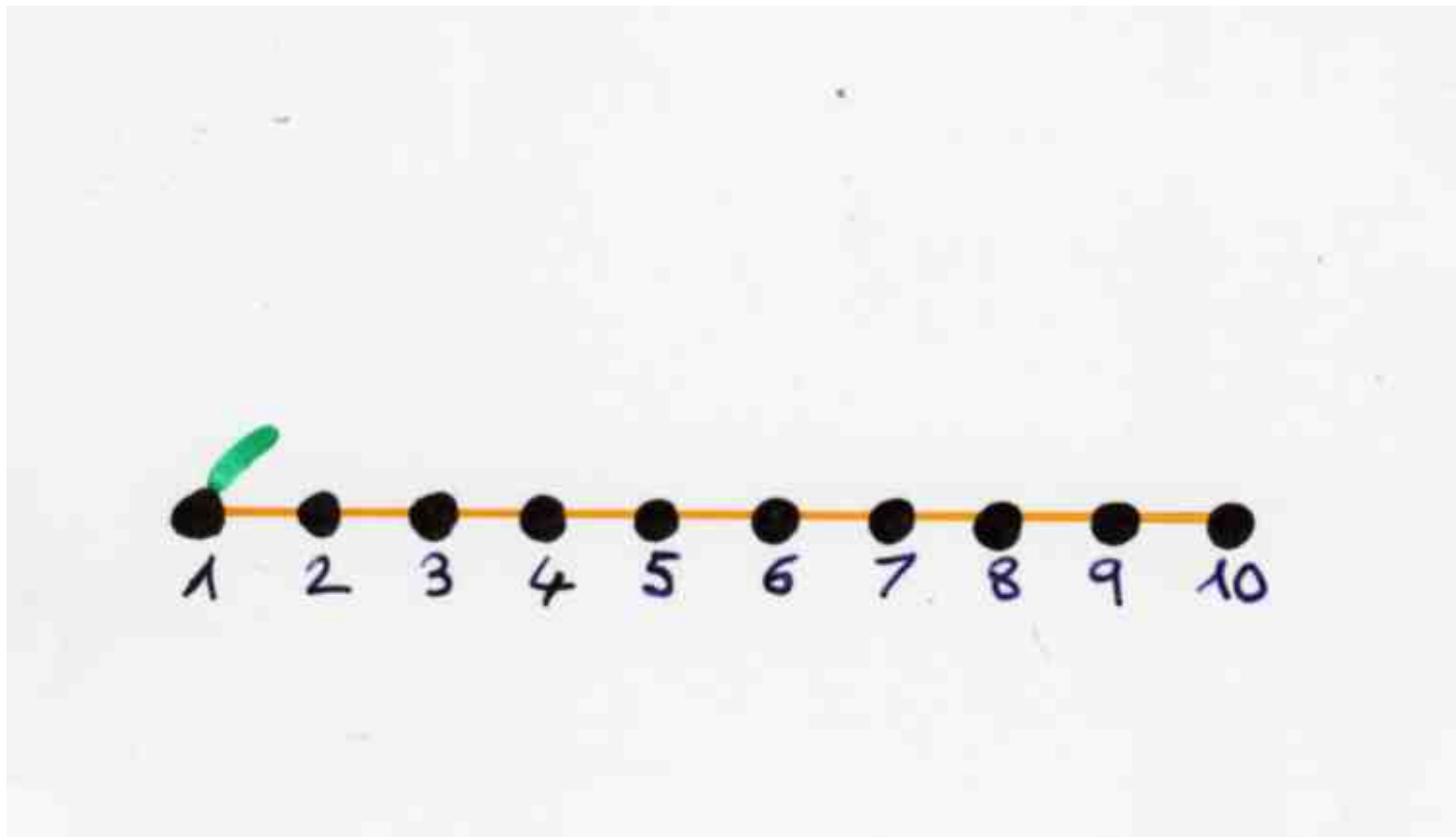
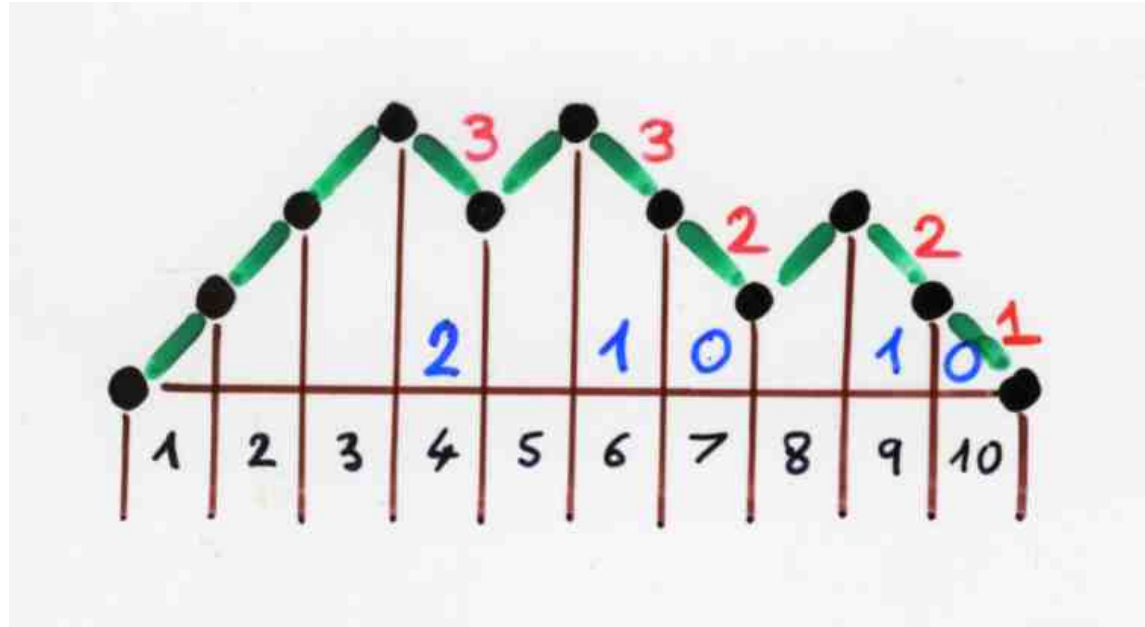


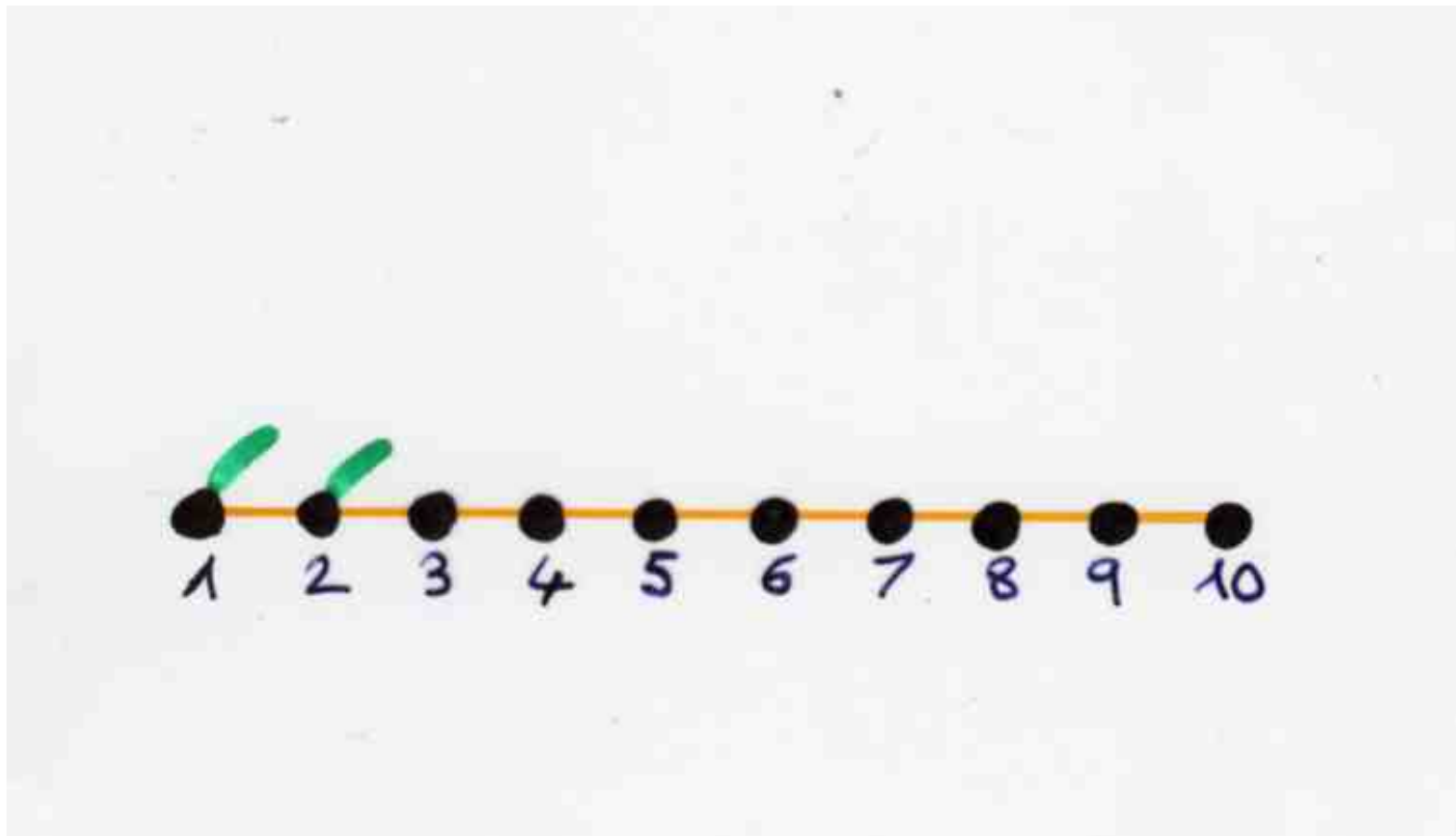
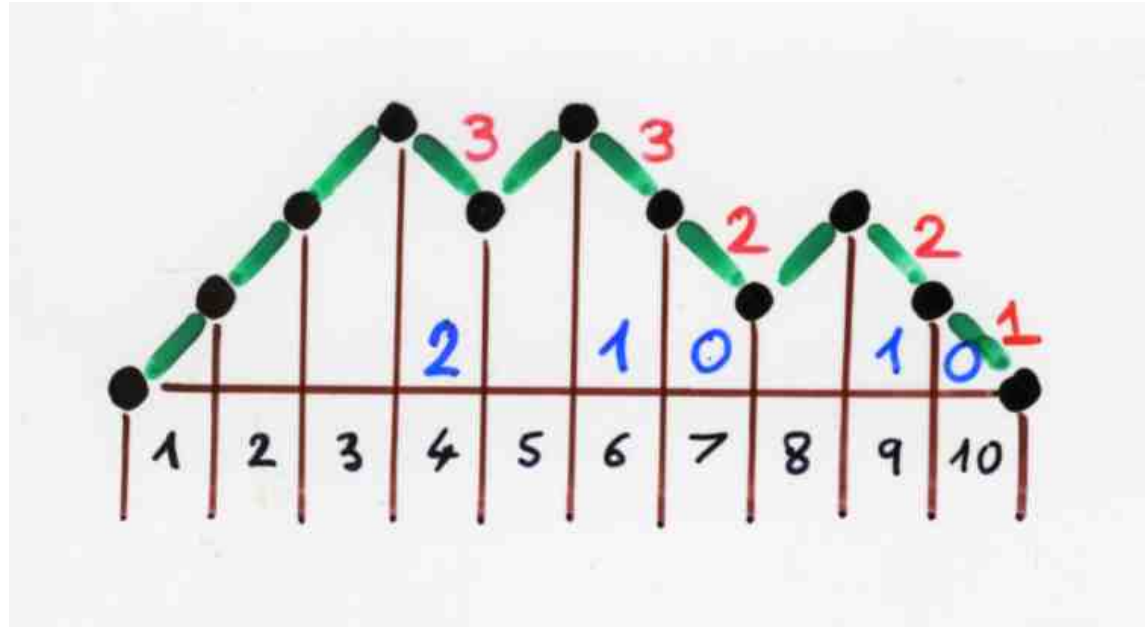
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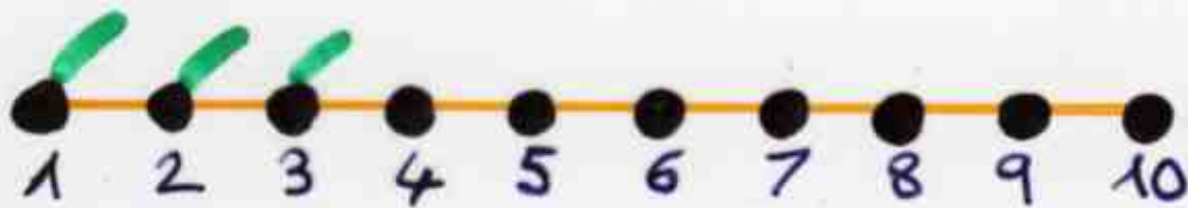
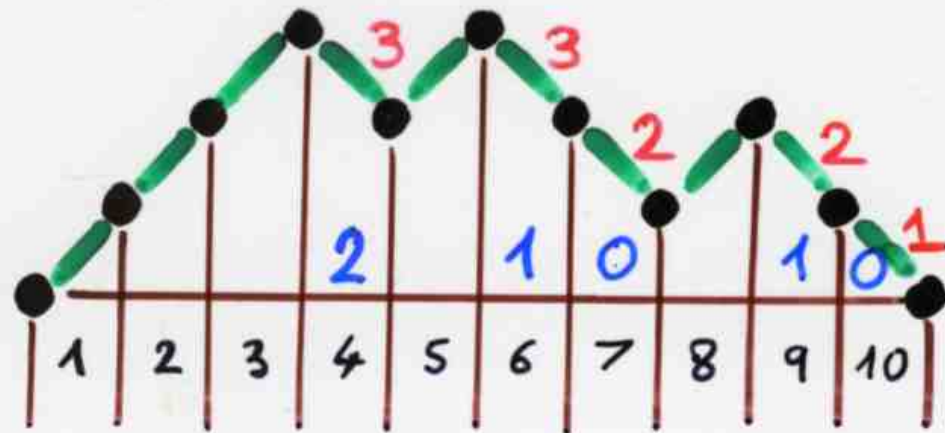


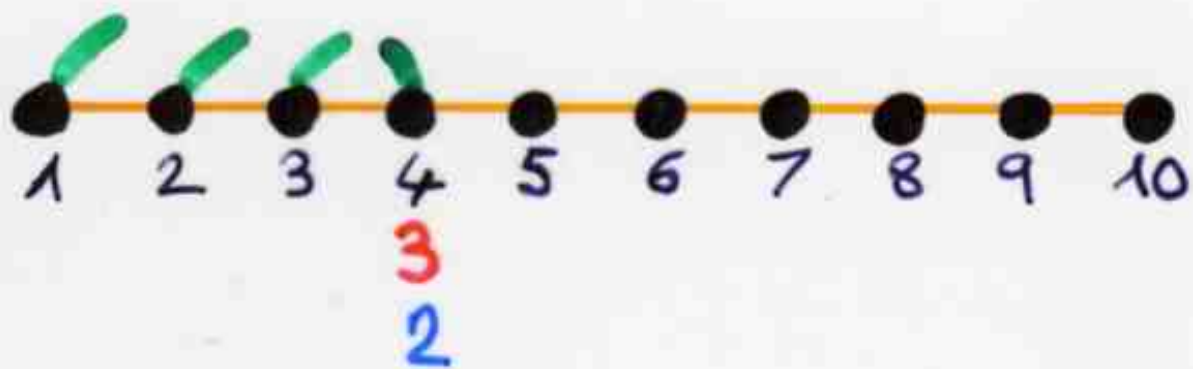
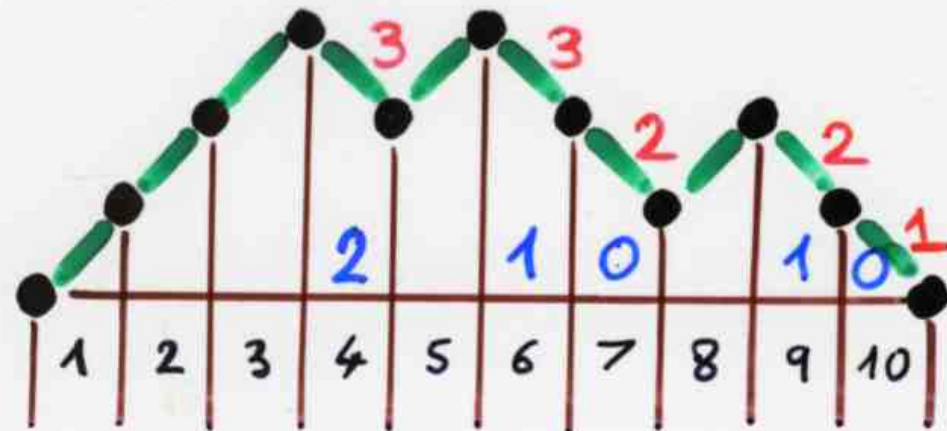


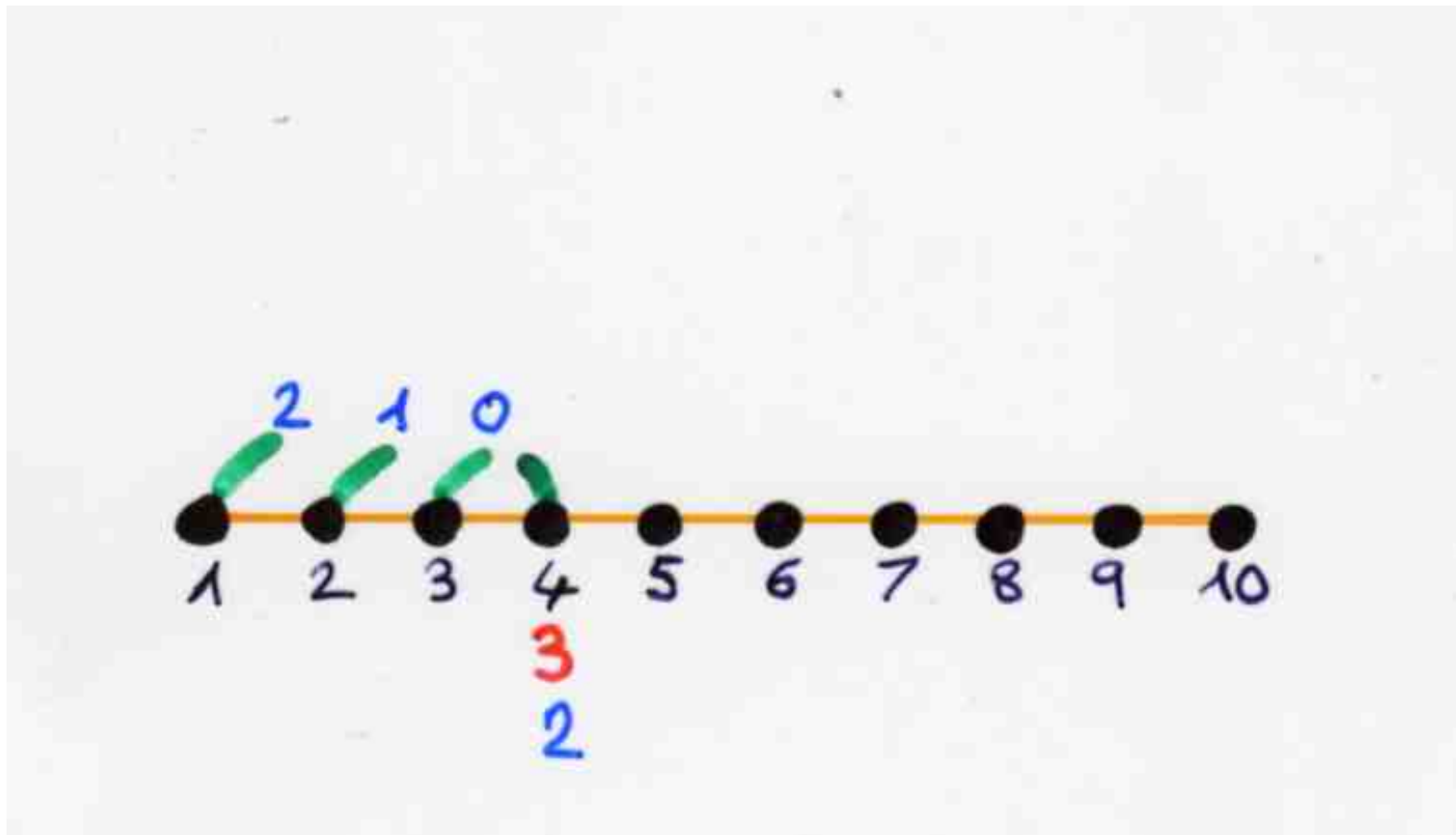
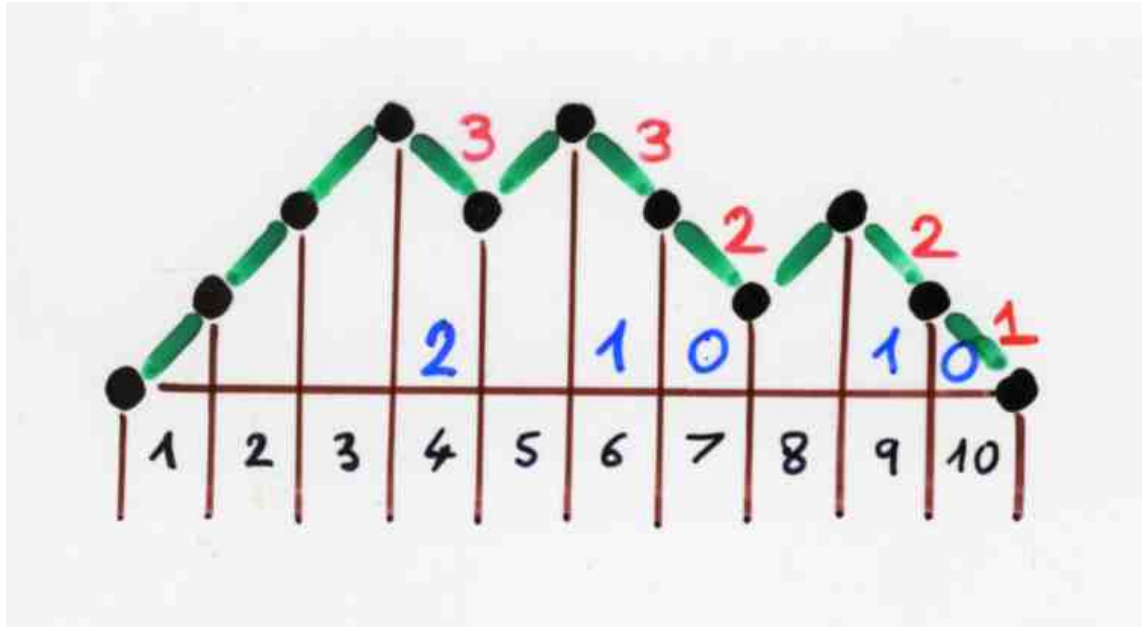


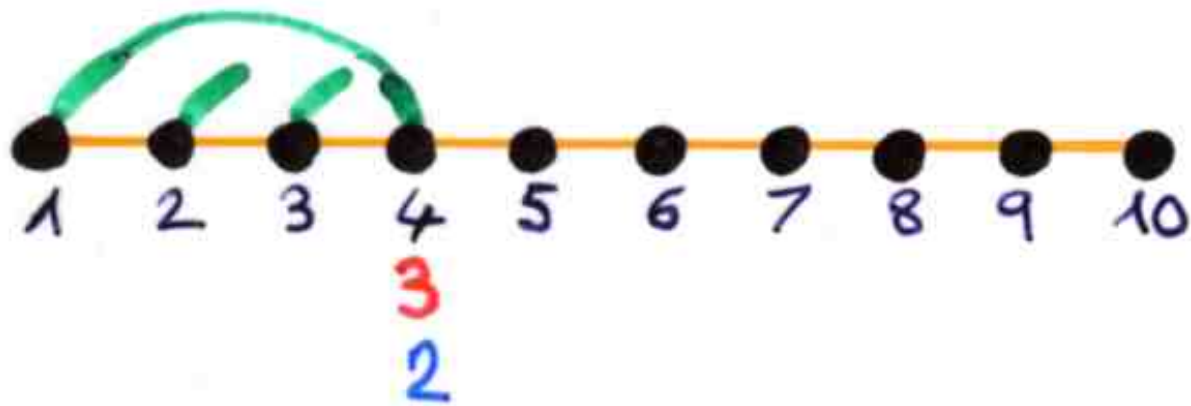
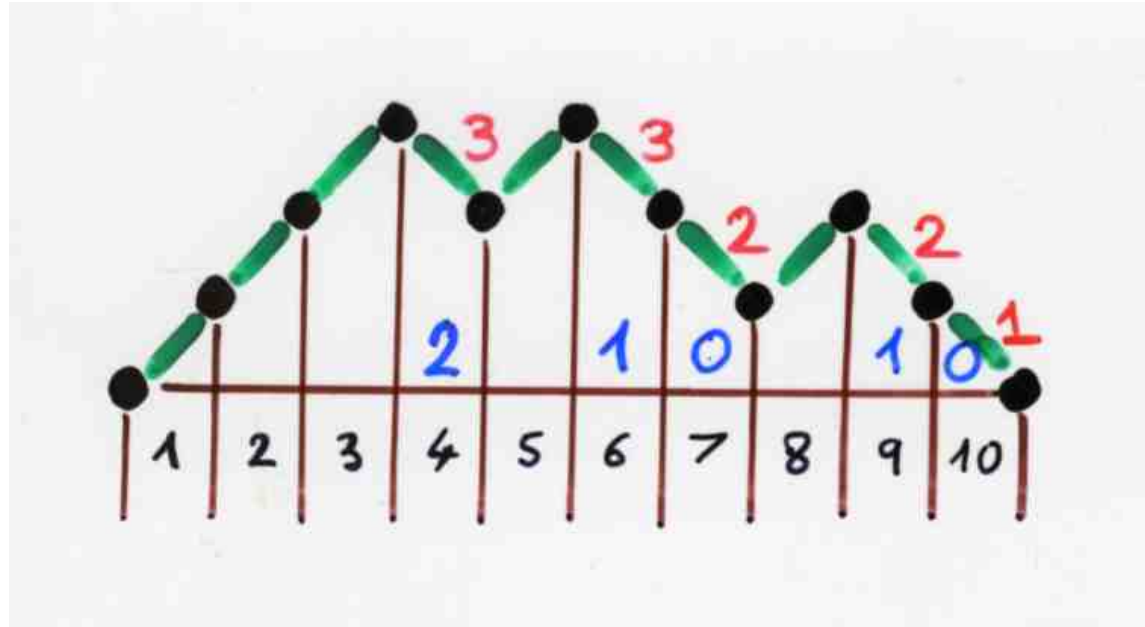


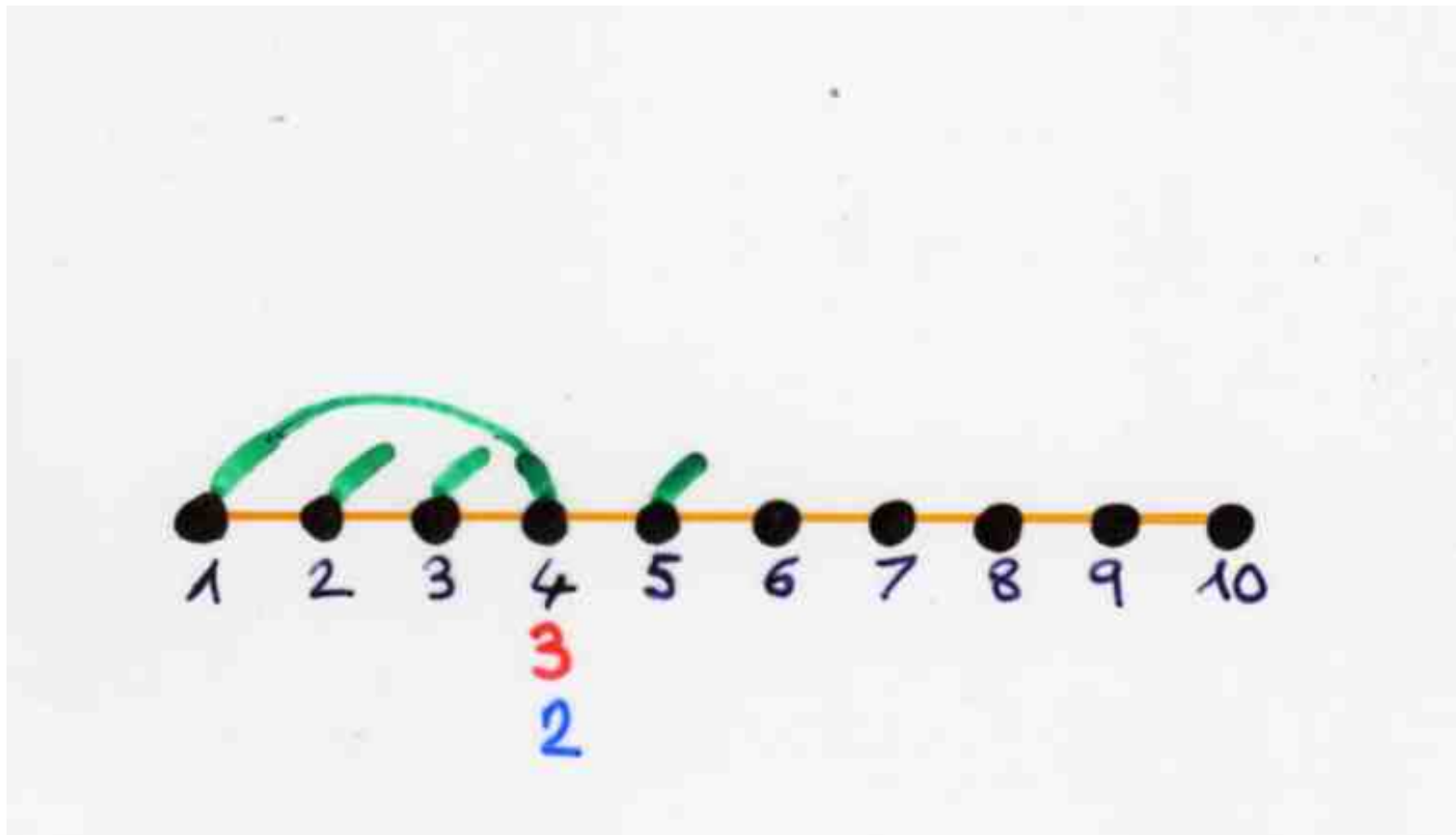
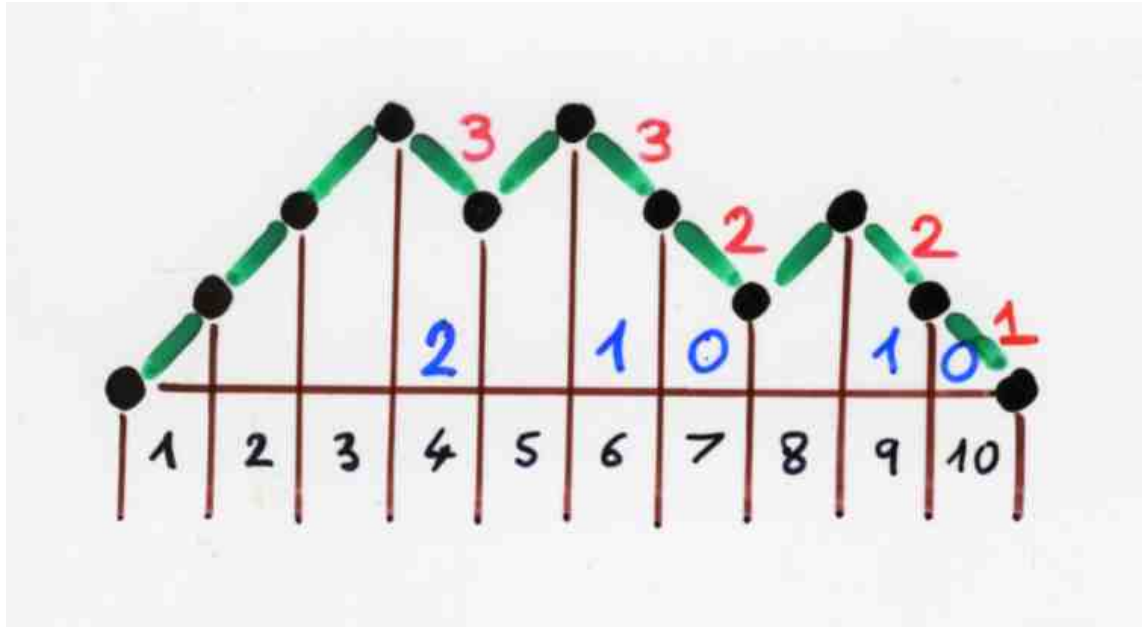


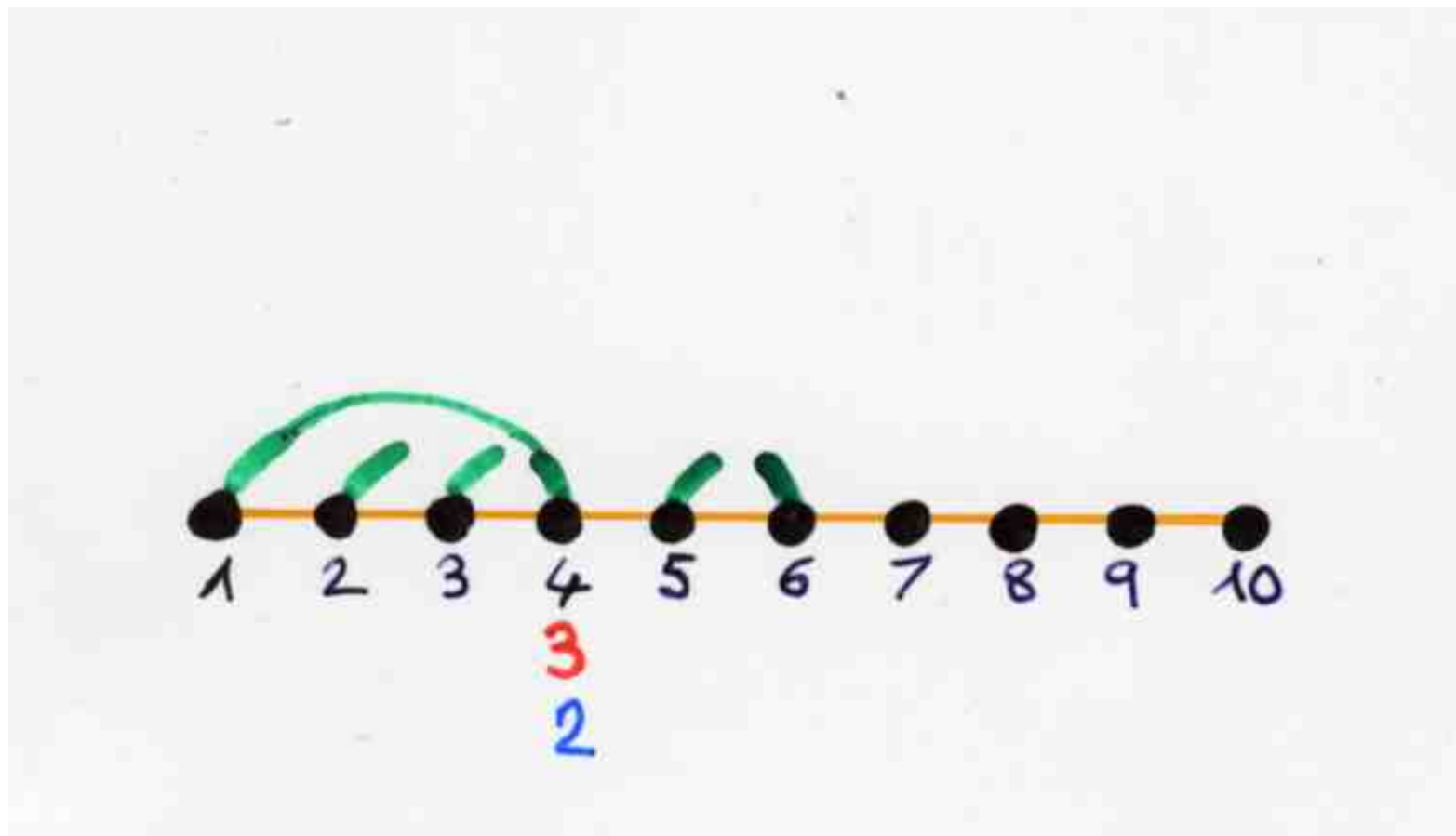
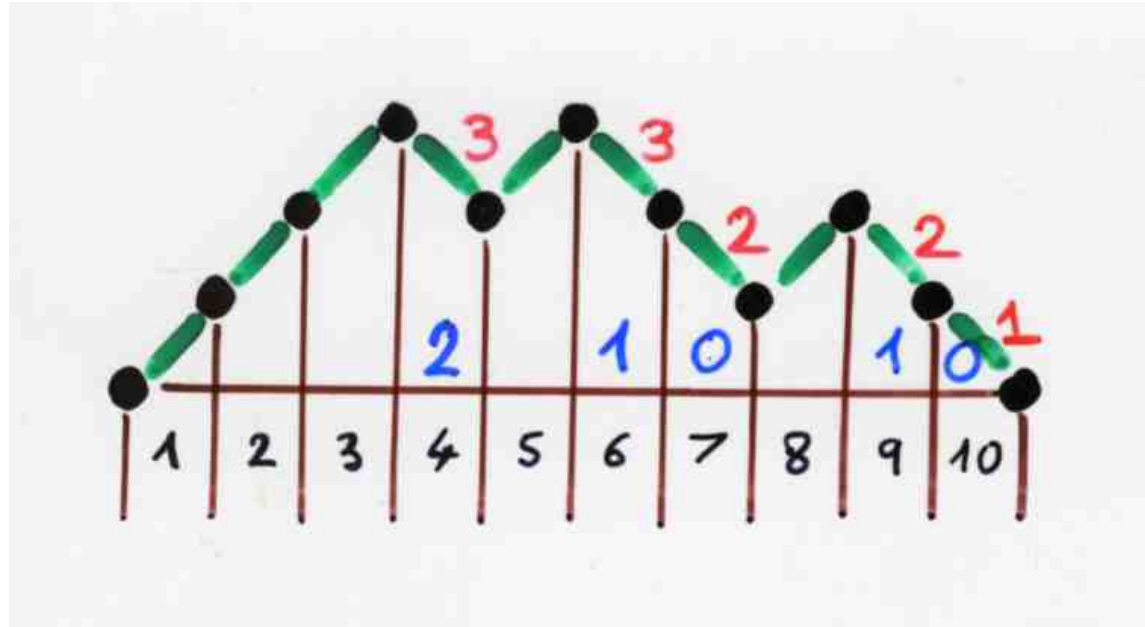




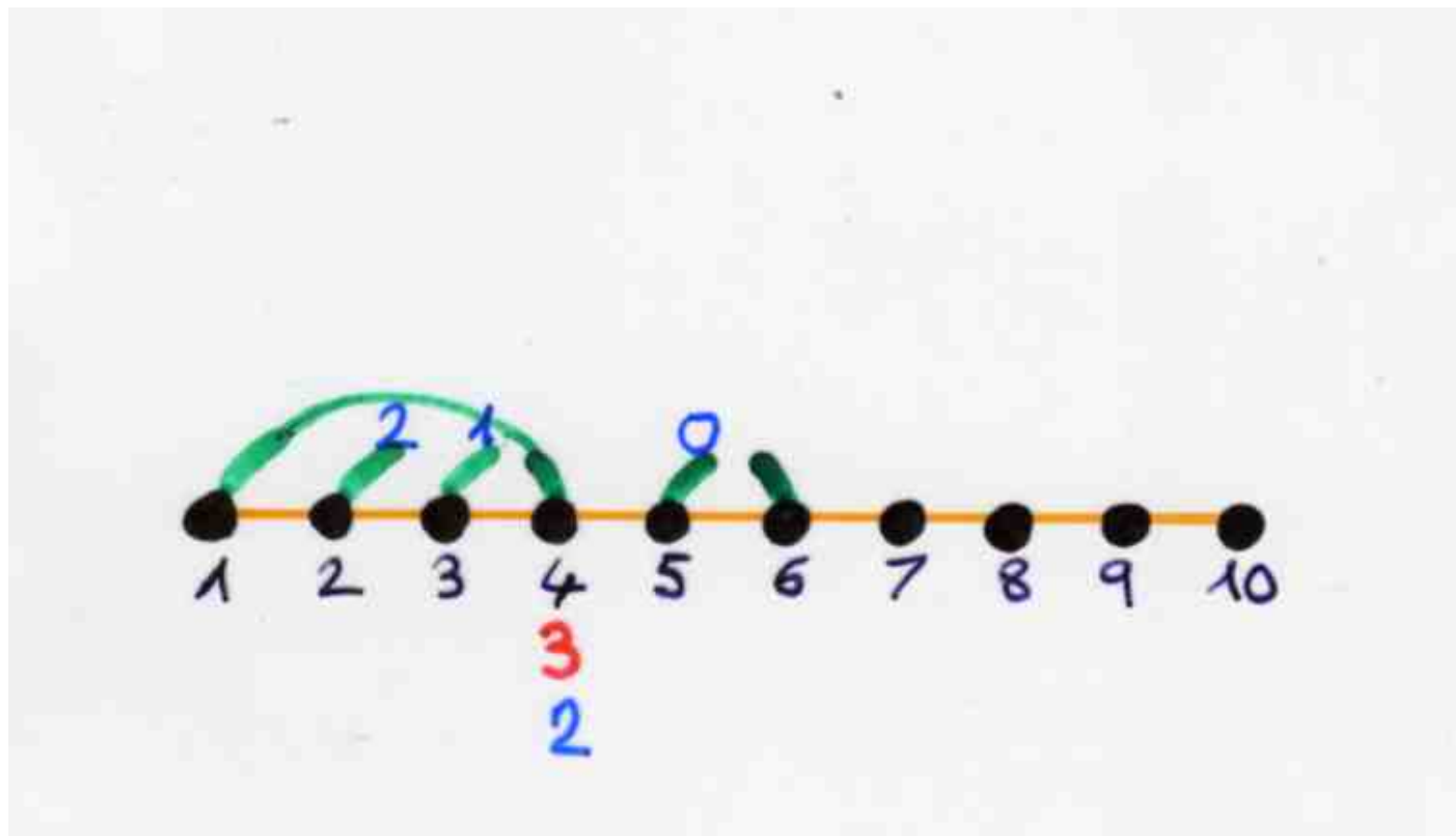
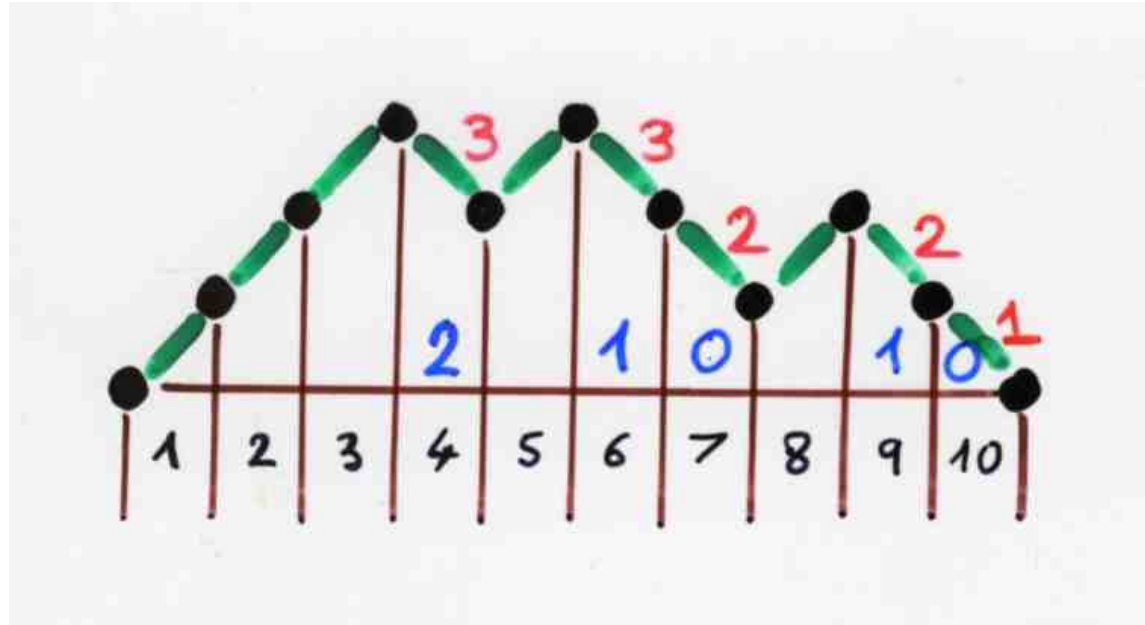


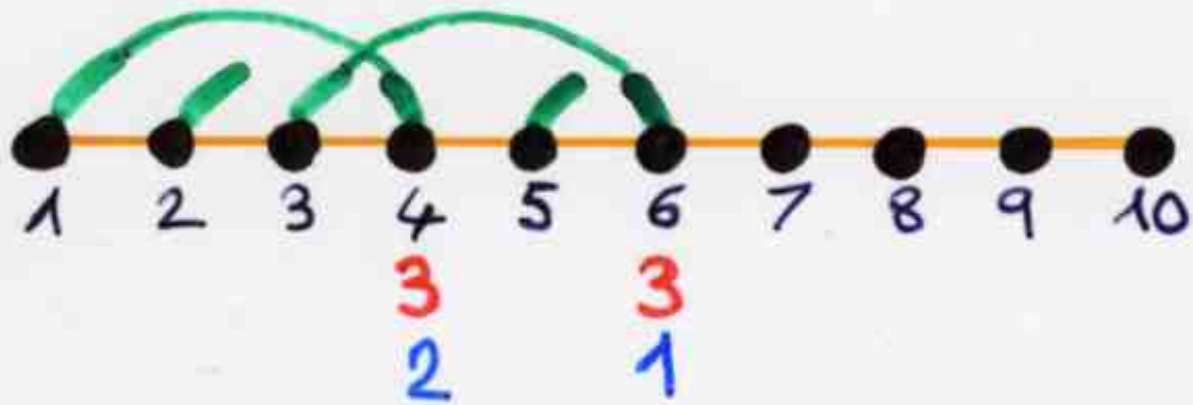
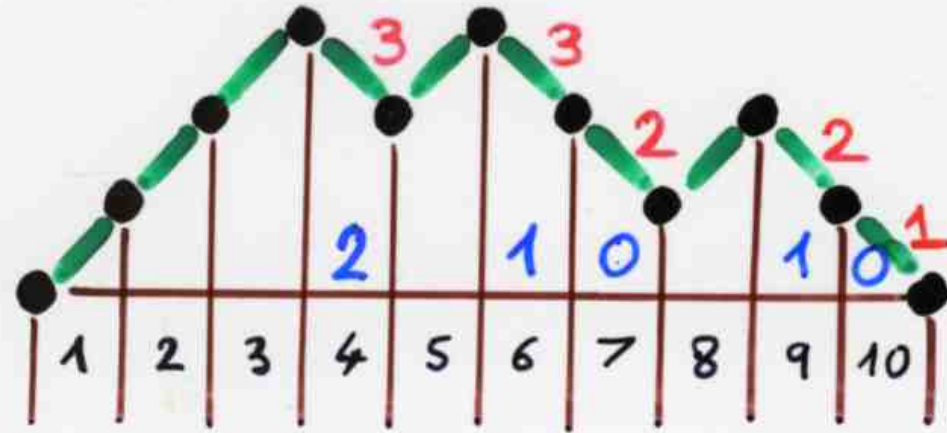


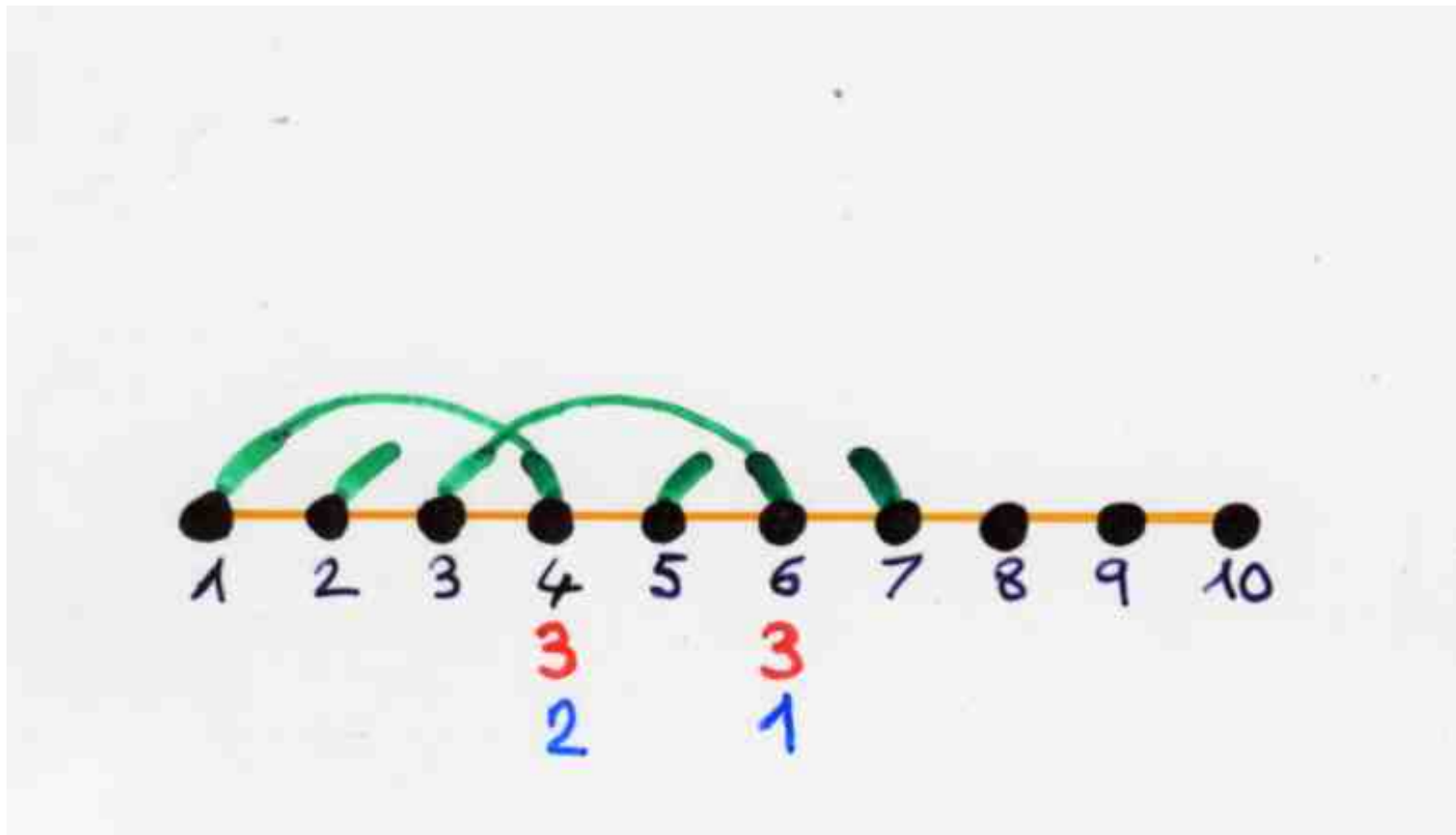
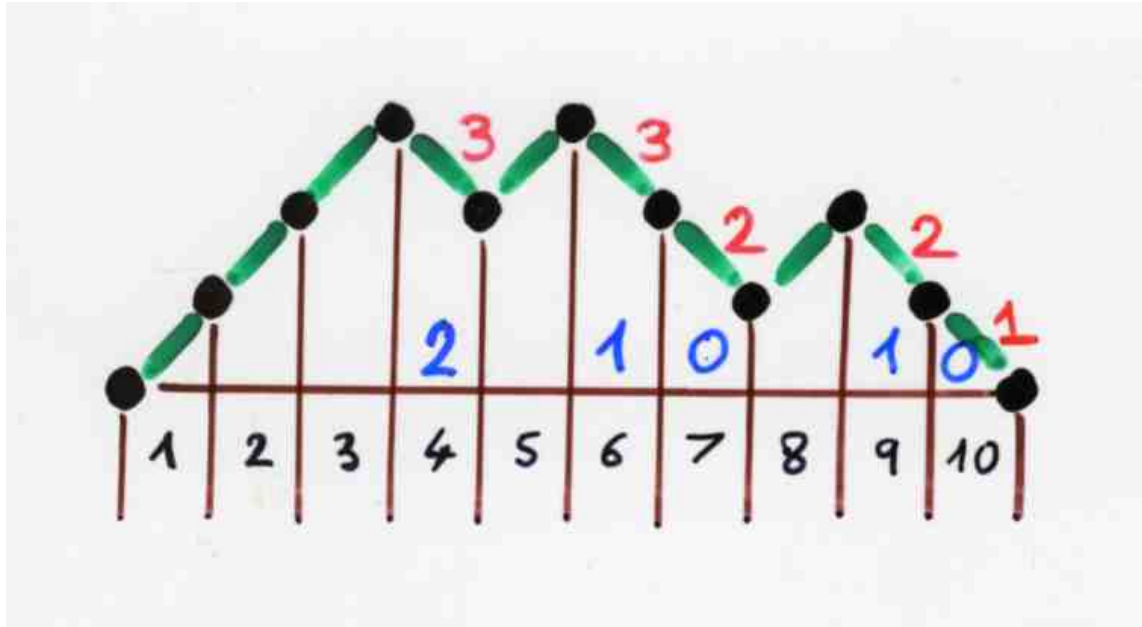


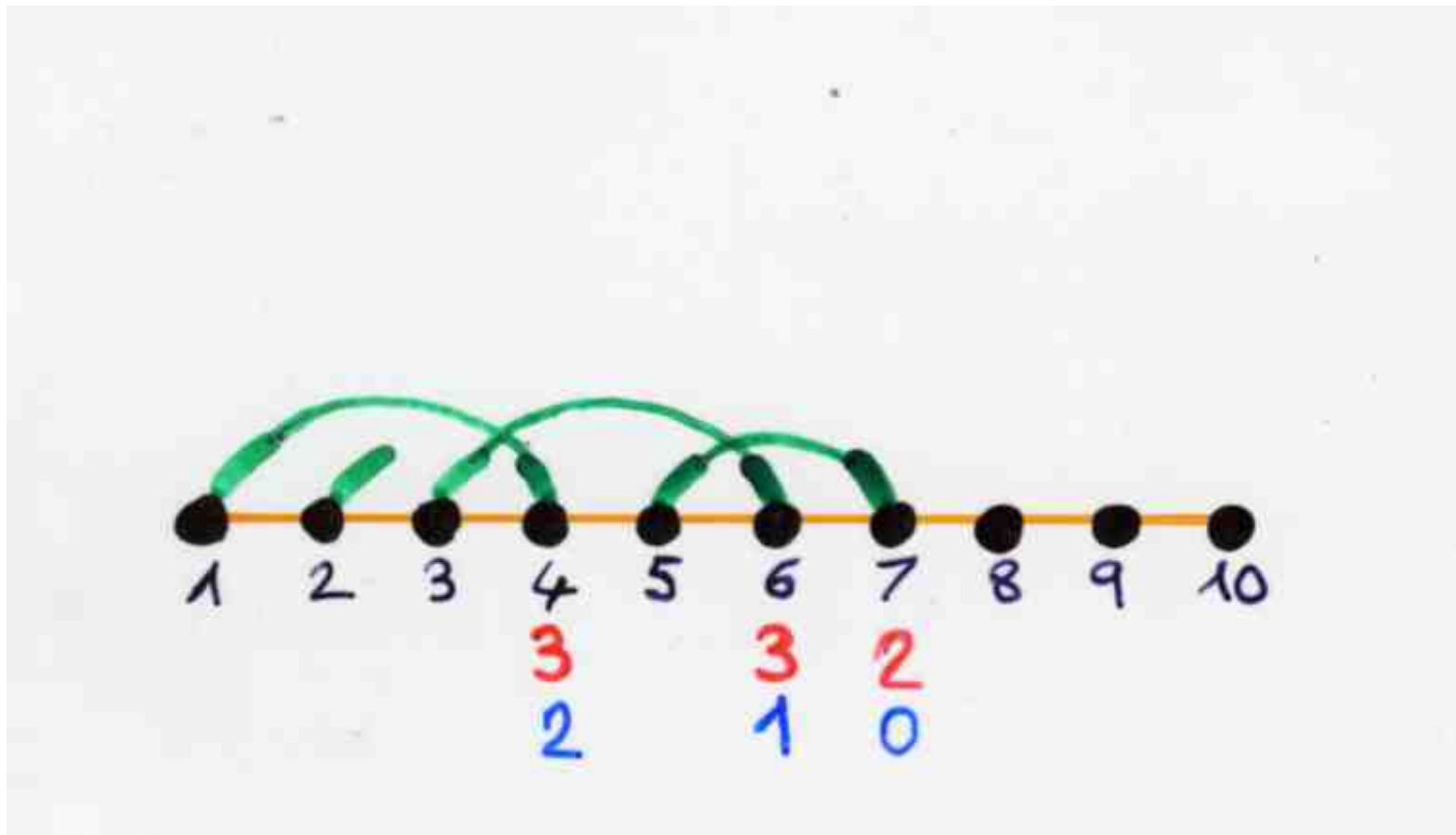
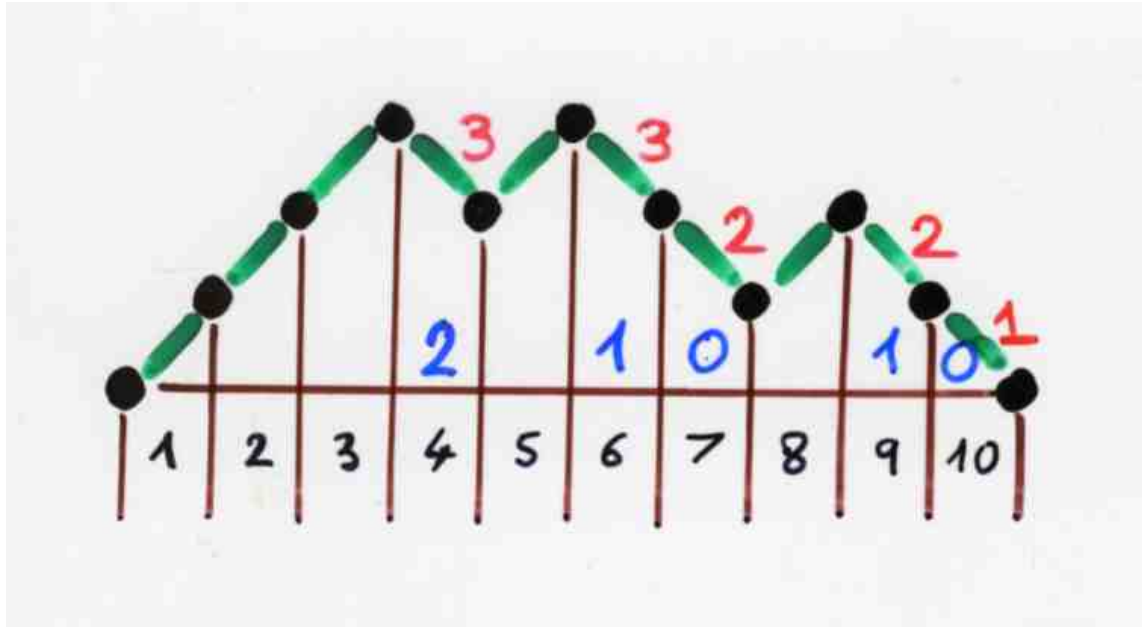


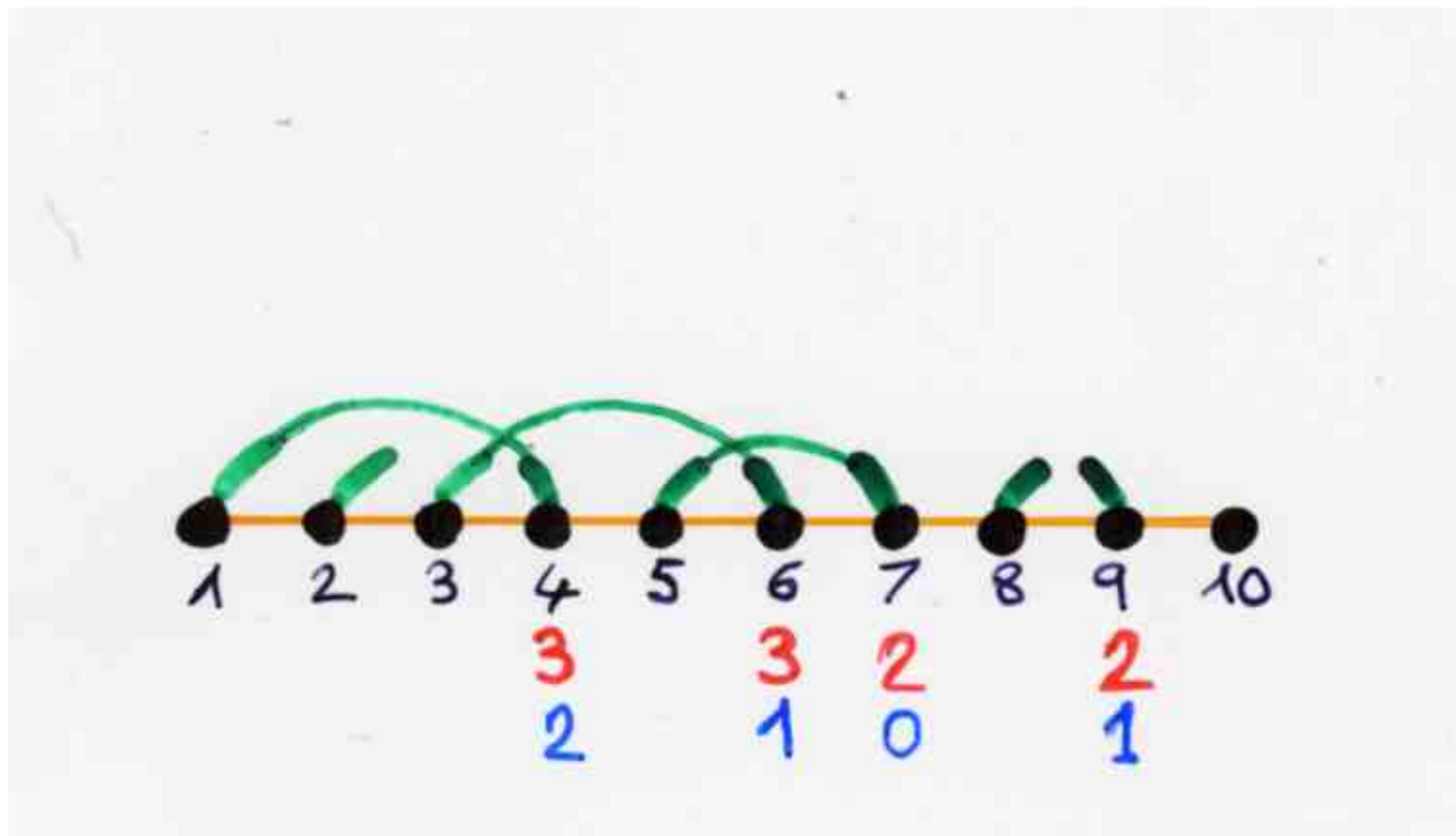
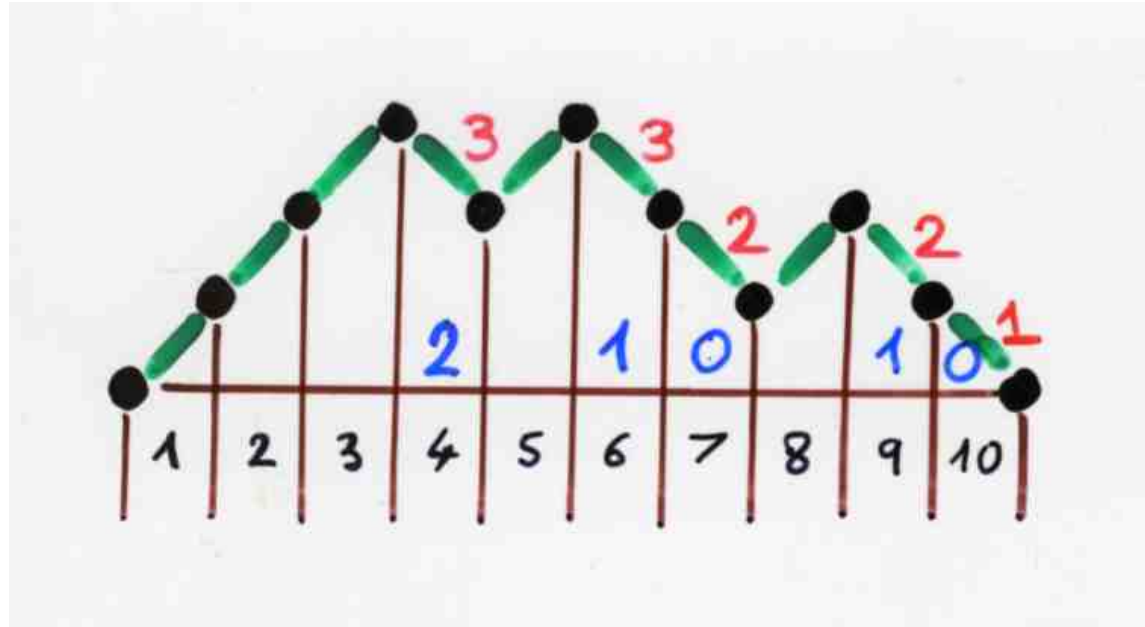


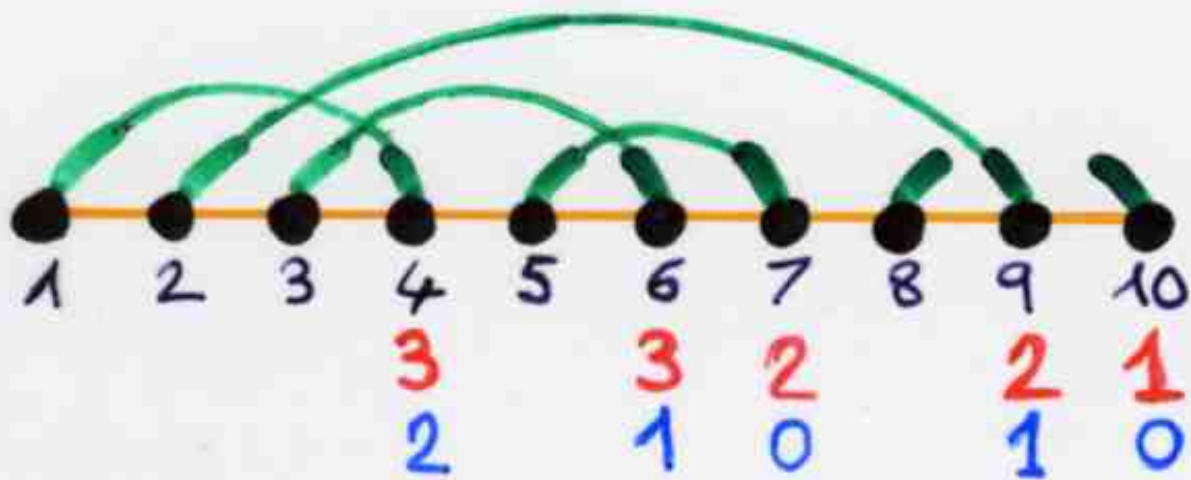
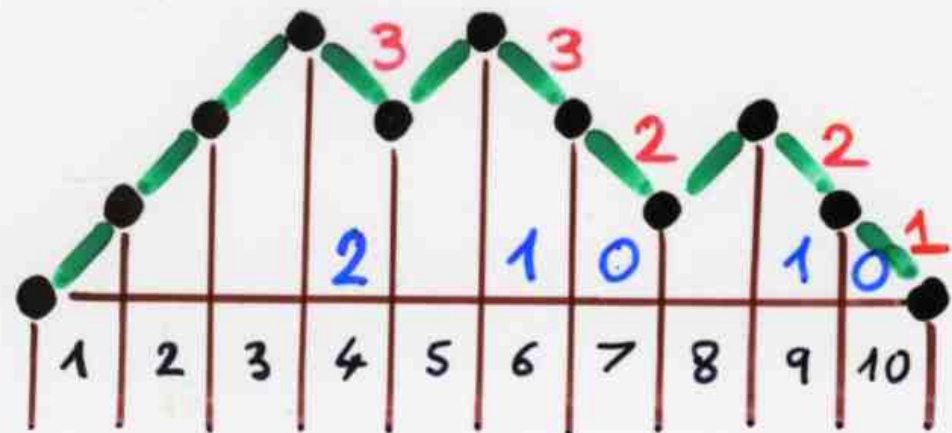


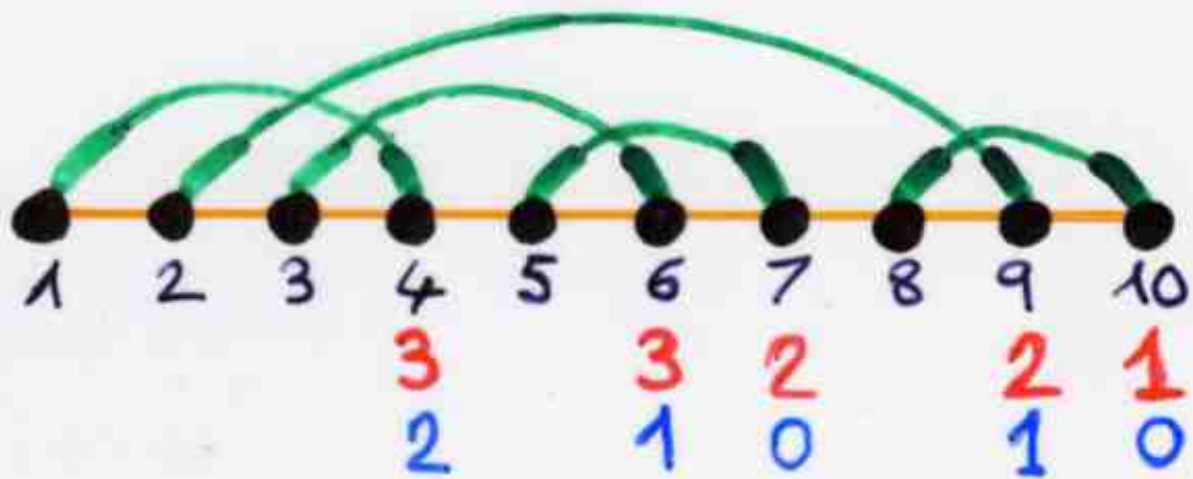
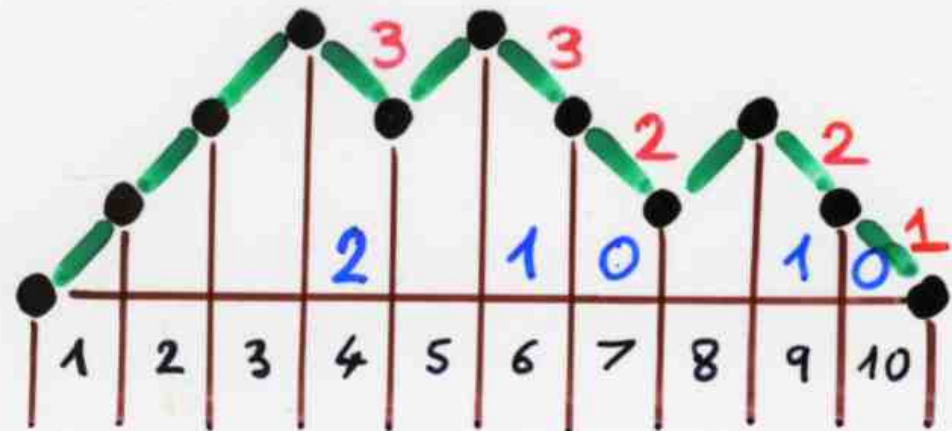












Laguerre histories

The FV bijection

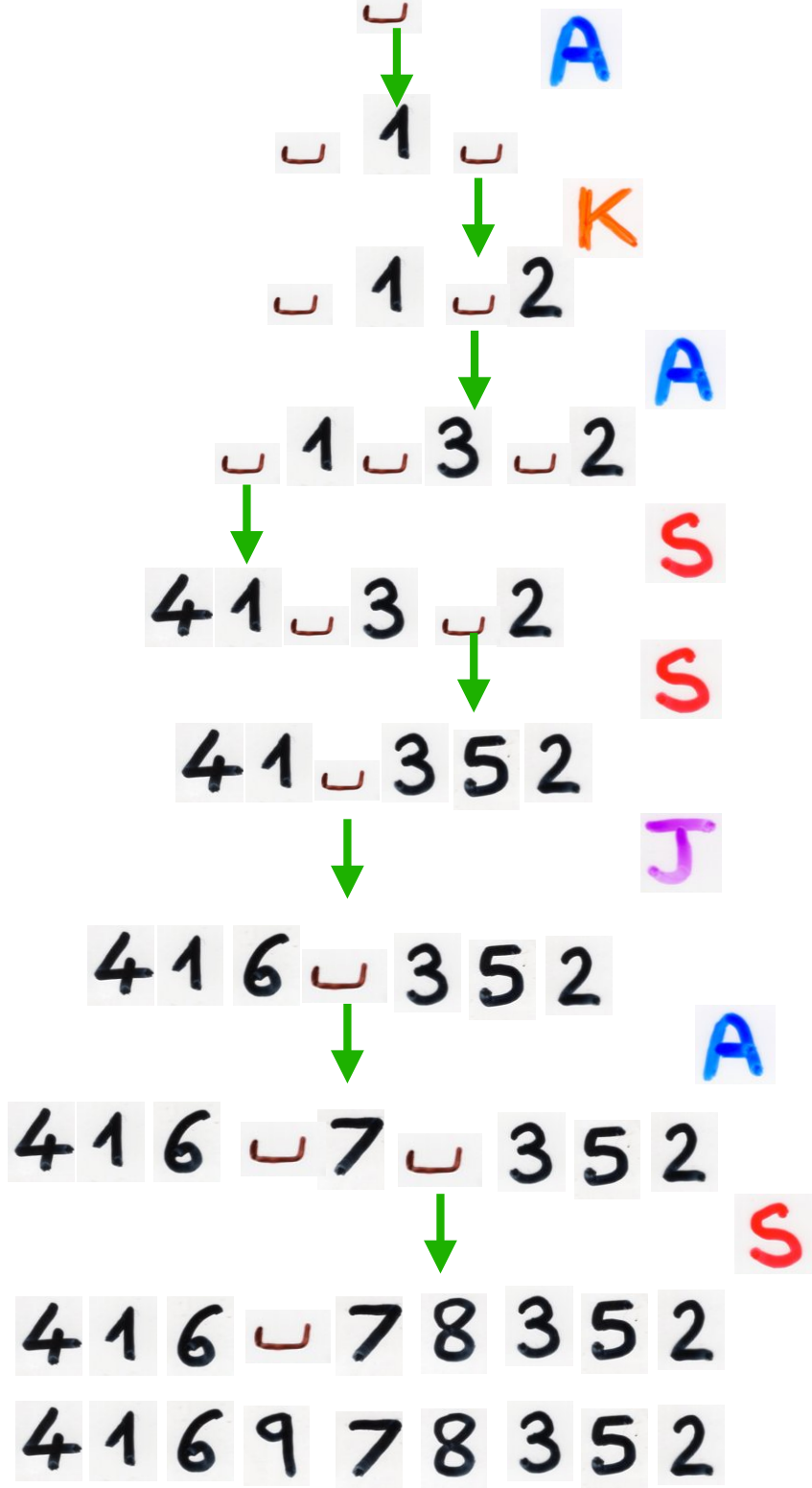




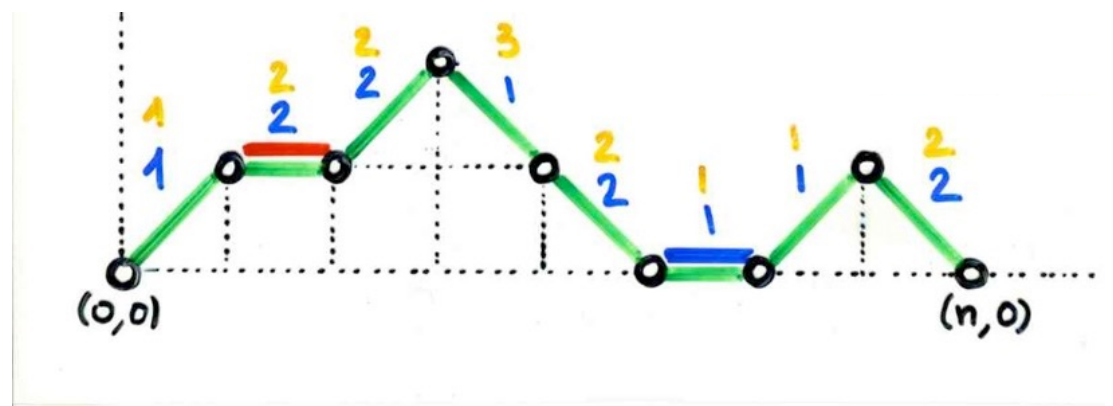
Laguerre  
polynomials

$$b_k = (2k+2)$$
$$\lambda_k = k(k+1)$$

$$\mu_n = (n+1)!$$



Laguerre history



Frangon, X.V. (1979)

ABjC, Part I, Ch4  
 ABjC, Part III, Ch5

Sheffer polynomials

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} P_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} = g(t) \exp(x f(t))$$

Rota  
umbral calculus

delta operator  $\mathcal{Q}$

$$\mathcal{D} x^n = n x^{(n-1)}$$

$\{P_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$  orthogonal polynomials

Meixner  
(1934)

are Sheffer polynomials

$\Leftrightarrow \{P_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$  are one of the 5 possible types:

Hermite

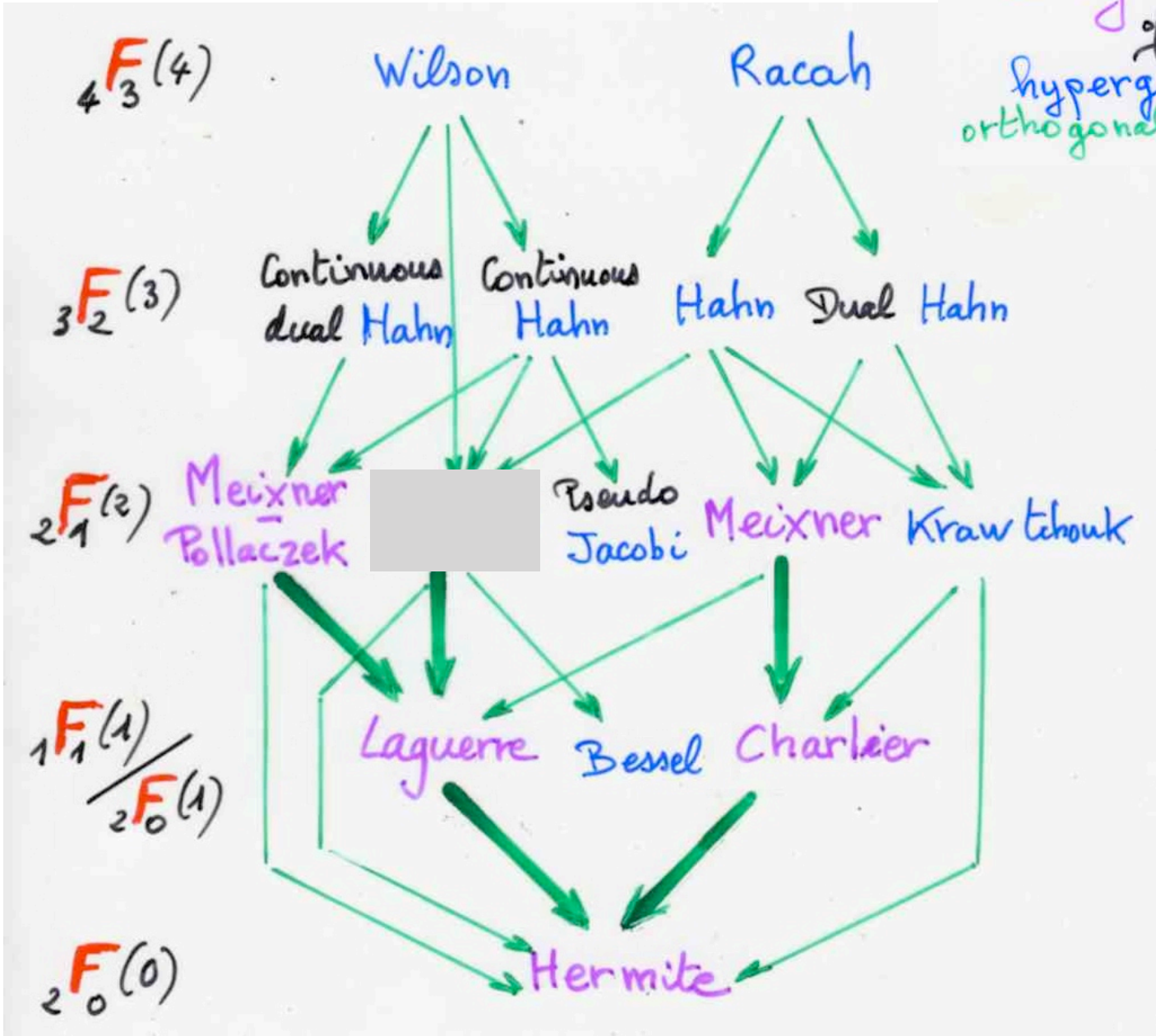
Laguerre

Charlier

Meixner

Meixner  
Pollaczek

Askey scheme  
of  
hypergeometric  
orthogonal polynomials



Sheffer orthogonal polynomials	$b_k$	$\lambda_k$	moments $\mu_n$
Laguerre $L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$	$2k + \alpha + 1$	$k(k + \alpha)$	$(\alpha + 1)_n = (\alpha + 1) \dots (\alpha + n)$
Hermite $H_n(x)$	0	$k$	$\mu_{2n} = 1 \times 3 \times \dots \times (2n - 1)$ $\mu_{2n+1} = 0$
Charlier $C_n^{(a)}(x)$	$k + a$	$a k$	$\sum_{k=1}^n S_{n,k} a^k$
Meixner $m_n(\beta, c; x)$	$\frac{(1+c)k + \beta c}{(1-c)}$	$\frac{c k(k-1 + \beta)}{(1-c)^2}$	$\sum_{\sigma \in G_n} \frac{\beta^{\lambda(\sigma)} c^{1+d(\sigma)}}{(1-c)^n}$
Meixner Pollaczek $P_n(\delta, \eta; x)$	$(2k + \eta) \delta$	$(\delta^2 + 1) k(k-1 + \eta)$	$\delta^n \sum_{\sigma \in G_n} \eta^{\lambda(\sigma)} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\delta^2}\right)^{p(\sigma)}$

## Chapter 5 Orthogonality and exponential structures

- the 5 orthogonal Sheffer polynomials
- introduction to Rota umbral calculus
- 5 interpretations of the  $S$  and  $Q$  delta operators

Duality



orthogonal  
polynomial

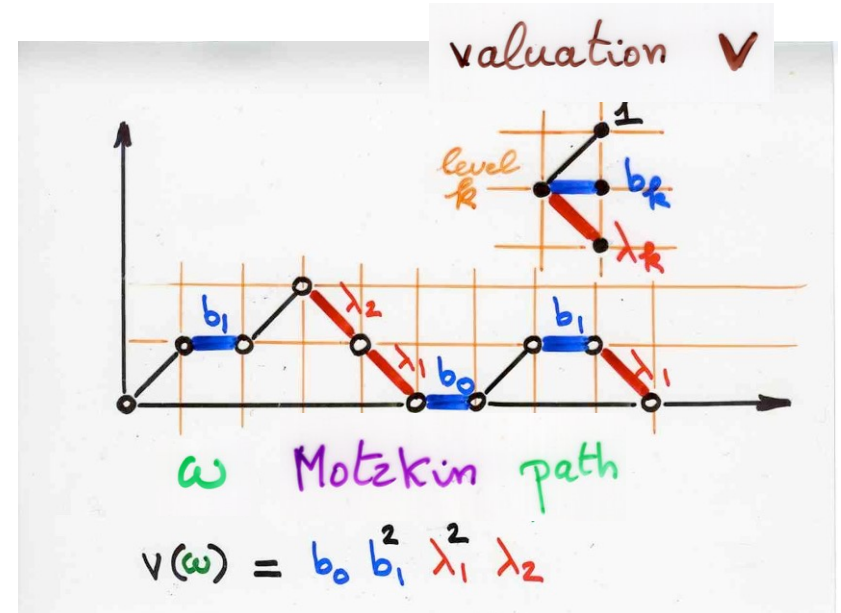
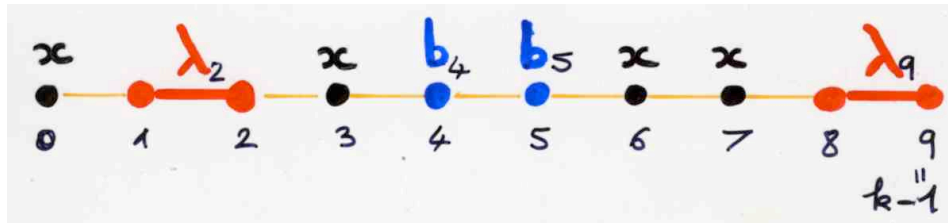
duality



moments  
 $\mu_n$

$\{P_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$

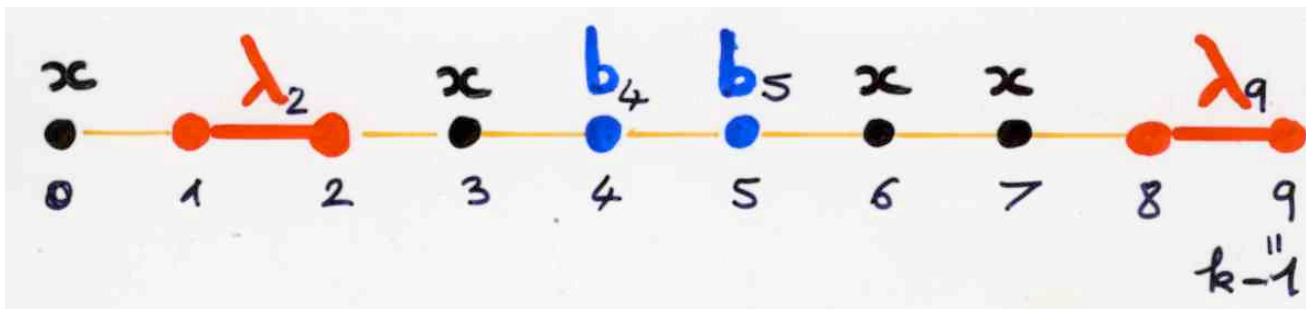
weighted  
Motzkin  
paths



3-terms linear recurrence relation

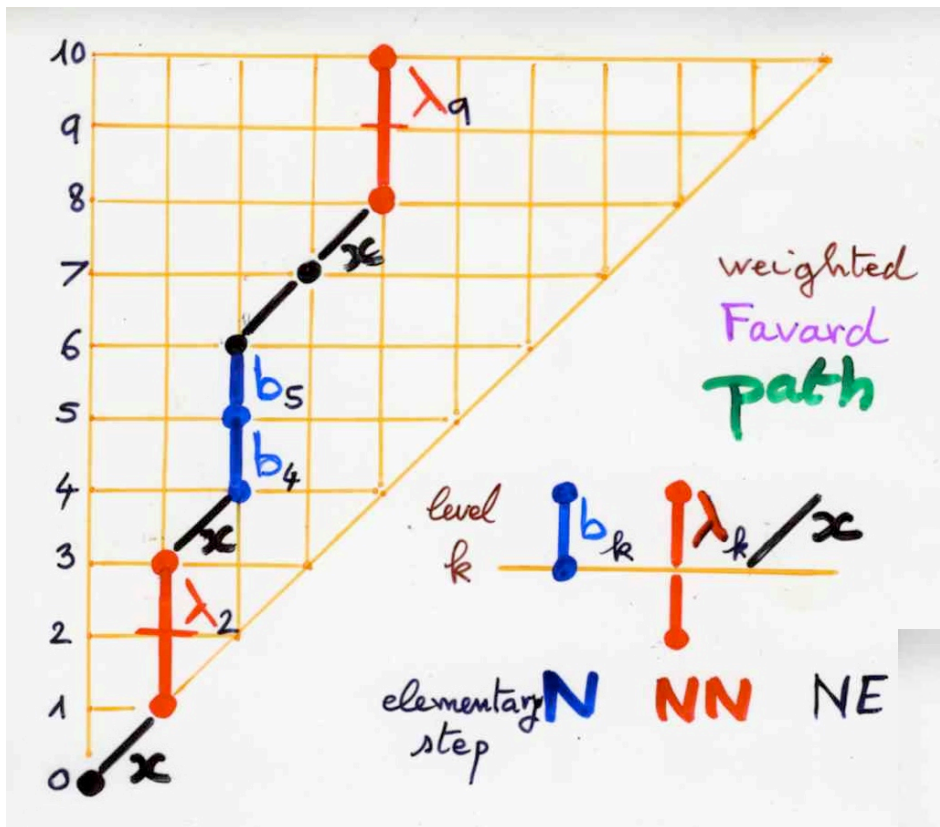
$$P_{k+1}(x) = (x - b_k) P_k(x) - \lambda_k P_{k-1}(x)$$

for every  $k \geq 1$



$$(-1)^4 b_4 b_5 \lambda_2 \lambda_9 x^4$$

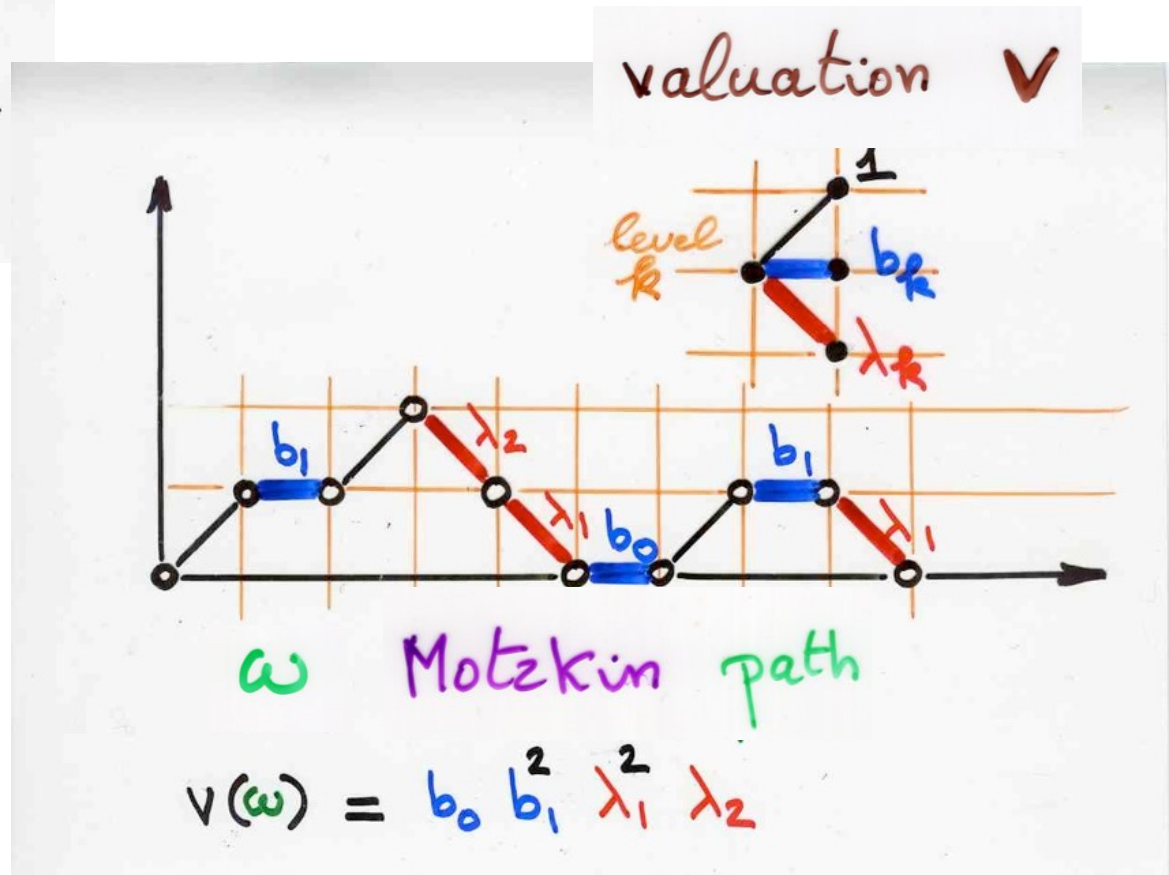
"pavage"  
monomer, dimer

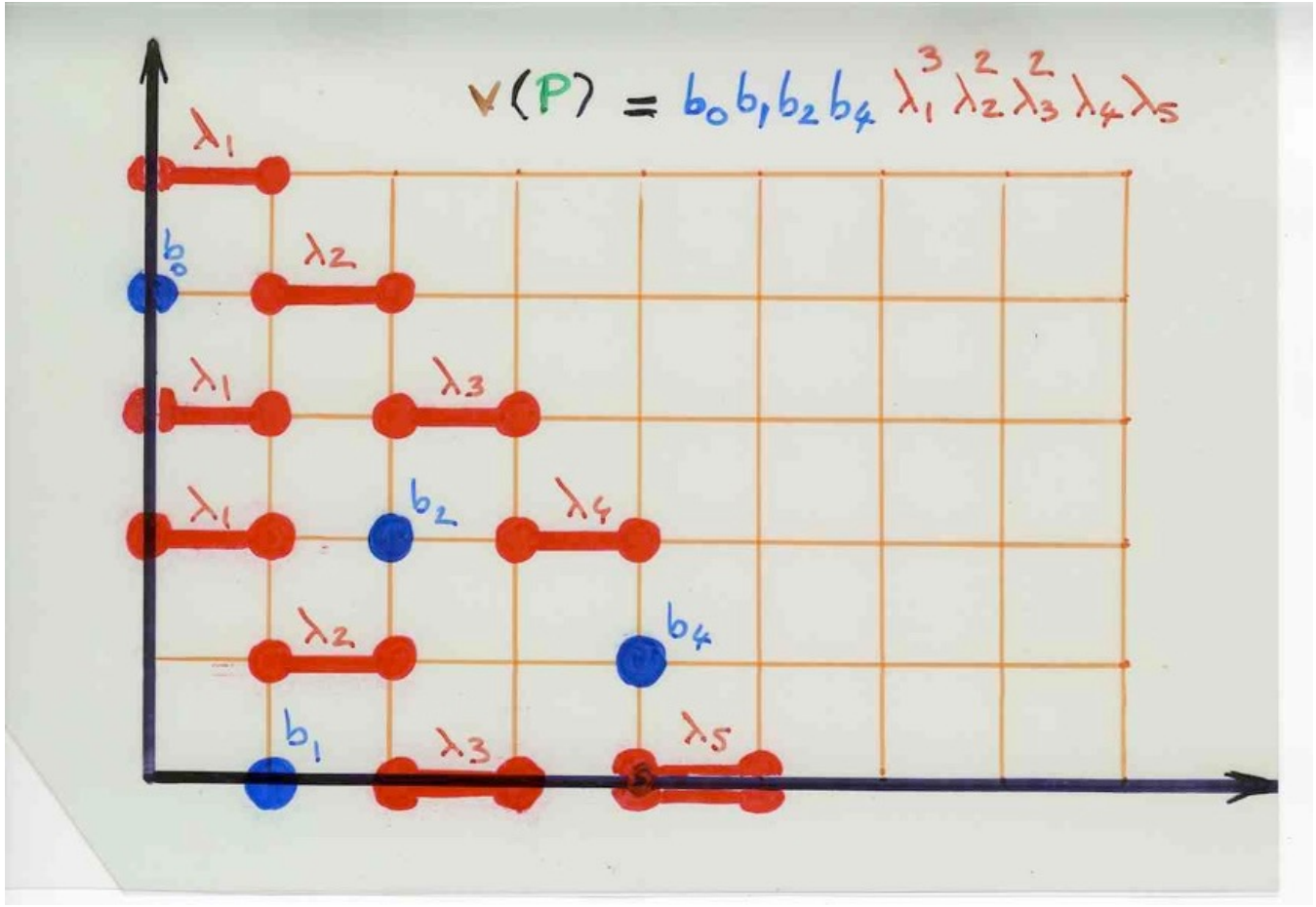


duality

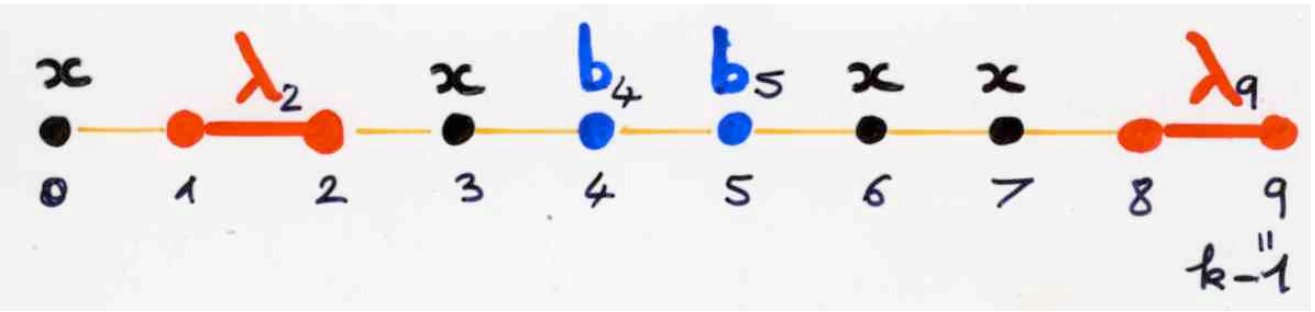
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Favard paths



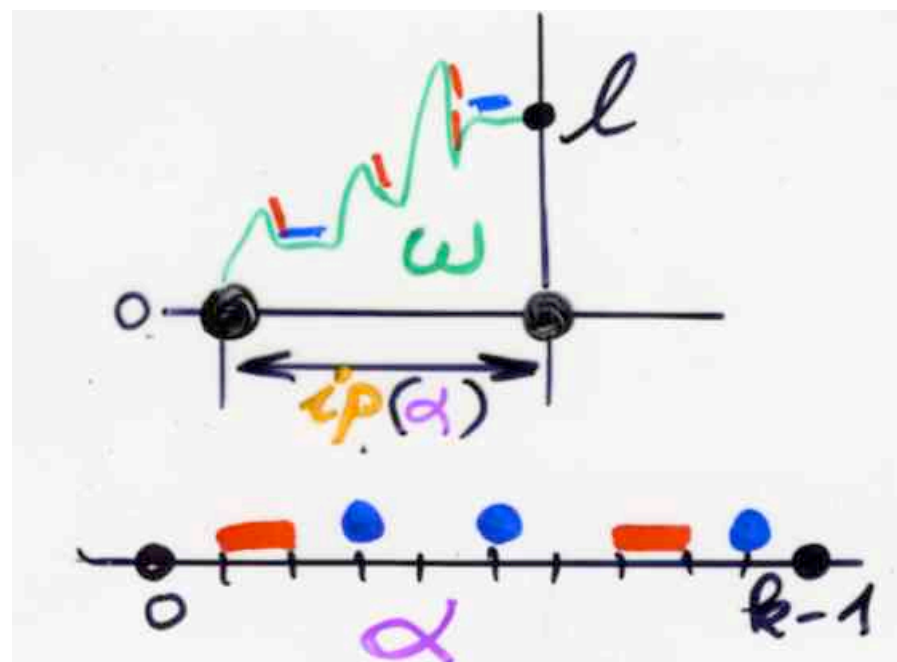


Pavage = trivial heap ( $\rightarrow$  Part II)  
of monomers, dimers



$$x^n = \sum_{i=0}^n q_{n,i} P_i(x)$$

$$Q_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n q_{n,i} x^i$$



inverse  
sequence

$$\{Q_n(x)\}_{n \geq 0}$$

duality

$$\lambda_k = 0$$

$$b_k = k$$

$$k \geq 0$$

$$\mu_{n,i} = \Delta_{n,i}$$

Stirling  
numbers

1st kind

duality

=

number of (set)  
partitions of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$   
into  $i$  blocks

$$P_{n,i} = (-1)^i S_{n,i}$$

Stirling  
numbers

2nd kind

=

number of permutations  
of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  having  
 $i$  cycles

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda_k = 0, \quad k \geq 1 \\ b_k = x_k, \quad k \geq 0 \end{array} \right.$$

duality

homogeneous  
(or complete)  
elementary

$h_p(x_1, \dots, x_m)$   
 $e_p(x_1, \dots, x_m)$

symmetric  
functions

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} P_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} = g(t) \exp(x f(t))$$

Lagrange inversion



duality

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} P_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{1}{\lambda(q^{\langle -1 \rangle}(t))} \exp(x q^{\langle -1 \rangle}(t))$$

Rota  
umbral calculus

S, Q

delta  
operators



analytic continued fractions

# continued fractions

Stieltjes

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda_1 t}{1 - \frac{\lambda_2 t}{\dots \dots \dots \frac{\lambda_k t}{\dots \dots \dots}}}}$$

$S(t; \lambda)$





$$\frac{1}{1 - b_0 t - \frac{\lambda_1 t^2}{1 - b_1 t - \frac{\lambda_2 t^2}{\dots}}}$$
$$\frac{1}{1 - b_k t - \frac{\lambda_{k+1} t^2}{\dots}}$$

$$J(t; b, \lambda)$$

Jacobi

continued  
fraction

$$b = \{b_k\}_{k \geq 0}$$

$$\lambda = \{\lambda_k\}_{k \geq 1}$$

classical theory

continued fractions

J-fraction

$$J(t) = \frac{1}{1 - b_0 t - \frac{\lambda_1 t^2}{\dots \frac{1 - b_k t - \lambda_{k+1} t^2}{\dots}}}$$

orthogonal polynomials

$$P_{k+1}(x) =$$

$$(x - b_k) P_k(x) - \lambda_k P_{k-1}(x)$$

$$\int (x^n) = \mu_n$$

moments

convergent

$$J_k(t) = \frac{\delta P_k^*(z)}{P_{k+1}^*(z)}$$

classical

theory

continued fractions

orthogonal polynomials

J-fraction

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$$(x - b_k) P_k(x) - \lambda_k P_{k-1}(x)$$

$$f(x^n) = \mu_n$$

moments

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \mu_n t^n$$

moments  
generating  
function

$$= \frac{1}{1 - b_0 t - \frac{\lambda_1 t^2}{\dots \dots \dots \frac{1 - b_k t - \lambda_{k+1} t^2}{\dots \dots \dots}}}$$

convergent

$$J_k(t) = \frac{\delta P_k^*(z)}{P_{k+1}^*(z)}$$

# classical theory

## continued fractions

## orthogonal polynomials

### J-fraction

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moments

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moments  
generating  
function

$$= \frac{1}{1 - b_0 t - \frac{\lambda_1 t^2}{1 - b_1 t - \frac{\lambda_2 t^2}{\dots}}}$$

$$\mu_n = \sum_{\omega} v(\omega)$$

convergent

$$J_k(t) = \frac{\delta P_k^*(z)}{P_{k+1}^*(z)}$$

Motzkin path  
 $|\omega| = n$

classical

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$$1 - b_k t - \frac{\lambda_{k+1} t^2}{\dots}$$

Motzkin path  
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Motzkin path  
 $|\omega| = n$

# The fundamental Flajolet Lemma



combinatorial interpretation of a  
continued fraction with weighted paths



## continued fractions

### J-fraction

$$\mu_n = \sum_{\omega} v(\omega) = \frac{1}{1 - b_0 t - \frac{\lambda_1 t^2}{\dots}}$$

Motzkin path  
 $|\omega| = n$

$$1 - b_k t - \frac{\lambda_{k+1} t^2}{\dots}$$

convergents

$$J_k(t) = \frac{\delta P_k^*(z)}{P_{k+1}^*(z)}$$

DE  
**FRACTIONIBVS CONTINVIS.**  
 DISSERTATIO.

AVCTORE  
*Leonh. Euler.*

§. 1.

**V**arii in Analyſin recepti ſunt modi quantitates, quae alias difficulter assignari queant, commode exprimendi. Quantitates ſcilicet irrationales et transcendentes, cuiusmodi ſunt logarithmi, arcus circulares, aliarumque curvarum quadraturae, per ſeries infinitas exhiberi ſolent, quae, cum terminis conſtent cognitis, valores illarum quantitatũ ſatis diſtincte indicant. Series autem iſtae duplicis ſunt generis, ad quorum prius pertinent illae ſeries, quarum termini additione ſubtractioneue ſunt connexi; ad poſterius vero referri poſſunt eae, quarum termini multiplicatione coniunguntur. Sic utroque modo area circuli, cuius diameter eſt  $= 1$ , exprimi ſolet; priore nimirum area circuli aequalis dicitur  $1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \text{etc.}$  in infinitum; poſteriore vero modo eadem area aequatur huic expreſſioni  $\frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdot 10 \cdot 12}{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 9 \cdot 9 \cdot 11}$  etc. in infinitum. Quarum ſerierum illae reliquis merito praeferruntur, quae maxime conuergant, et pauciſſimis ſumendis terminis valorem quantitatũ quaeritae proxime praebent.

§. 2. His duobus ſerierum generibus non immerito ſuperaddendum videtur tertium, cuius termini continua diui-



# Hermite histories

## moments

atque series infinita ita se habebit::

$$z = x - \frac{1 \cdot x^3}{1} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot x^5}{1} - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot x^7}{1} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot x^9}{1} - \dots$$

quae aequalis est huic fractioni continuae::

$$z = \frac{x}{1 - \frac{1 \cdot x \cdot x}{1 - \frac{2 \cdot x \cdot x}{1 - \frac{3 \cdot x \cdot x}{1 - \frac{4 \cdot x \cdot x}{1 - \frac{5 \cdot x \cdot x}{1 - \frac{6 \cdot x \cdot x}{1 - \dots}}}}}}}$$

Hermite polynomials

$$H_{2n+1} = 0$$

$$H_{2n} = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)$$

number of involutions

no fixed point on  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$

$$\begin{cases} b_k = 0 \\ \lambda_k = k \end{cases}$$

Si itaque ponatur  $x = 1$ , vt fiat::

combinatorial  
theory of  
orthogonal polynomials

moments X.V. (1983)  
Frangon, X.V. (1978)

and  
continued fractions  
Flajdét (1980)

## Chapter 3

## Continued fractions

- Jacobi, Stieltjes continued fractions
- Flajolet seminal Lemma
- convergents and orthogonal polynomials
- contractions of continued fractions  
example with subdivided Laguerre histories  
(Euler continued fraction)

§. 21. Datur vero alius modus in summam huius seriei inquirendi ex natura fractionum continuarum petitus, qui multo facilius et promptius negotium conficit: sit enim formulam generalius exprimendo:

$$A = 1 - 1x + 2x^2 - 6x^3 + 24x^4 - 120x^5 + 720x^6 - 5040x^7 + \text{etc.} = \frac{1}{1+B}$$

Euler

$$A = \frac{1}{1+x} \frac{1}{1+x} \frac{1}{1+2x} \frac{1}{1+2x} \frac{1}{1+3x} \frac{1}{1+3x} \frac{1}{1+4x} \frac{1}{1+4x} \frac{1}{1+5x} \frac{1}{1+5x} \frac{1}{1+6x} \frac{1}{1+6x} \frac{1}{1+7x} \text{etc.}$$

§. 22. Quemadmodum autem huiusmodi fractio-



Laguerre  
polynomials

Laguerre  
history

$$\begin{cases} b_k = (2k+2) \\ \lambda_k = k(k+1) \end{cases}$$

$$\mu_n = (n+1)!$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} n! t^n =$$

$$\frac{1}{1 - 1t - 1^2 t^2} = \frac{1}{1 - 3t - 2^2 t^2} = \frac{1}{1 - 5t - 3^2 t^2} = \dots$$

$$\begin{cases} b_k = (2k+1) \\ \lambda_k = k^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\mu_n = n!$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} n! t^n =$$

Euler

$$\frac{1}{1 - 1t} \\ \frac{1}{1 - 1t} \\ \frac{1}{1 - 2t} \\ \frac{1}{1 - 2t} \\ \frac{1}{1 - 3t} \\ \dots$$

subdivided Laguerre history  
A. de Médicis, X.V. (1994)



• contractions of continued fractions  
example with subdivided Laguerre  
histories  
(Euler continued fraction)

q-d algorithm

combinatorial  
proof

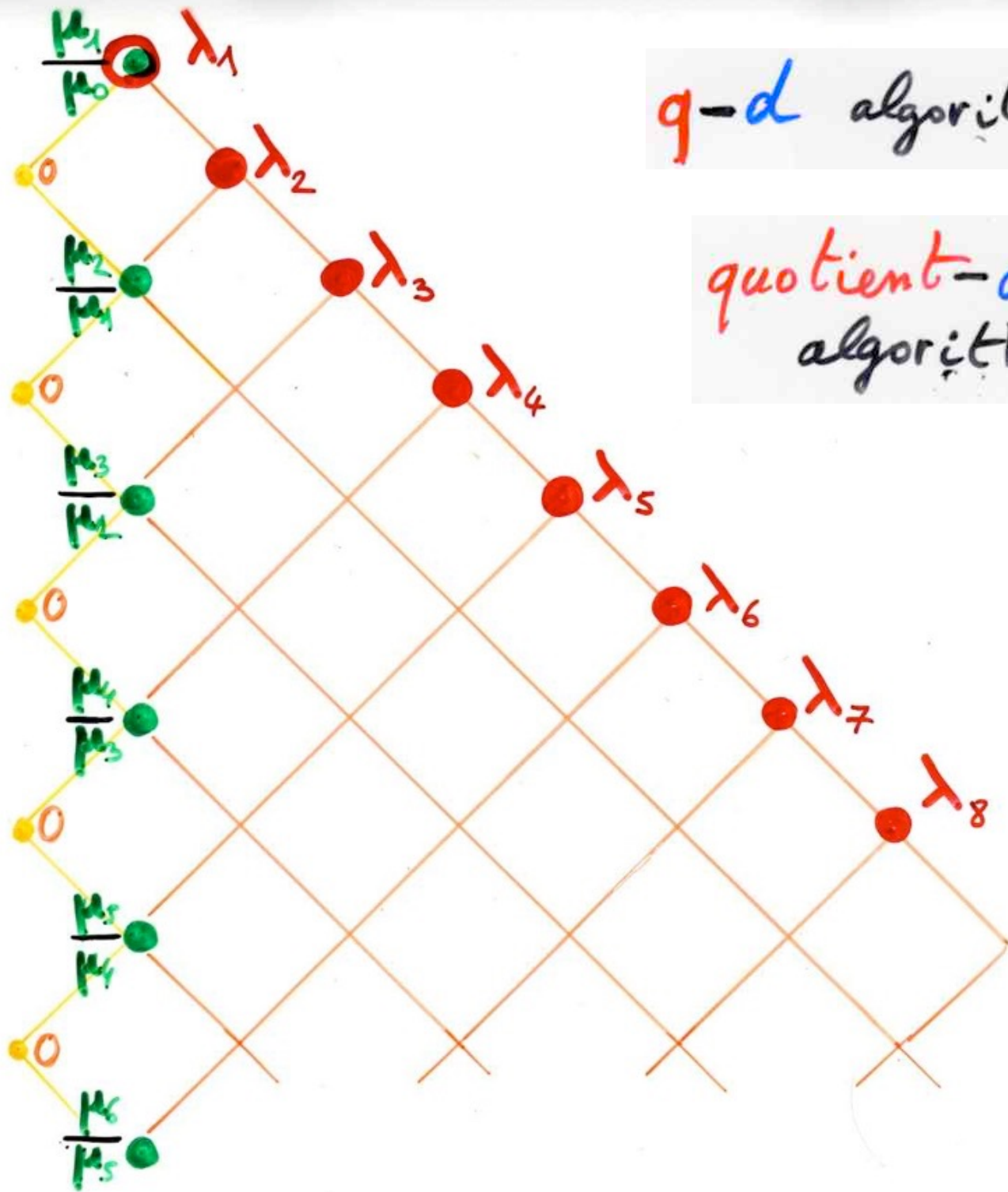
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Chapter 4 Computation of  $\{b_k\}_{k \geq 0}$   $\{ \lambda_k \}_{k \geq 1}$   
(expanding a power series into  
Jacobi continued fraction)

q-d algorithm

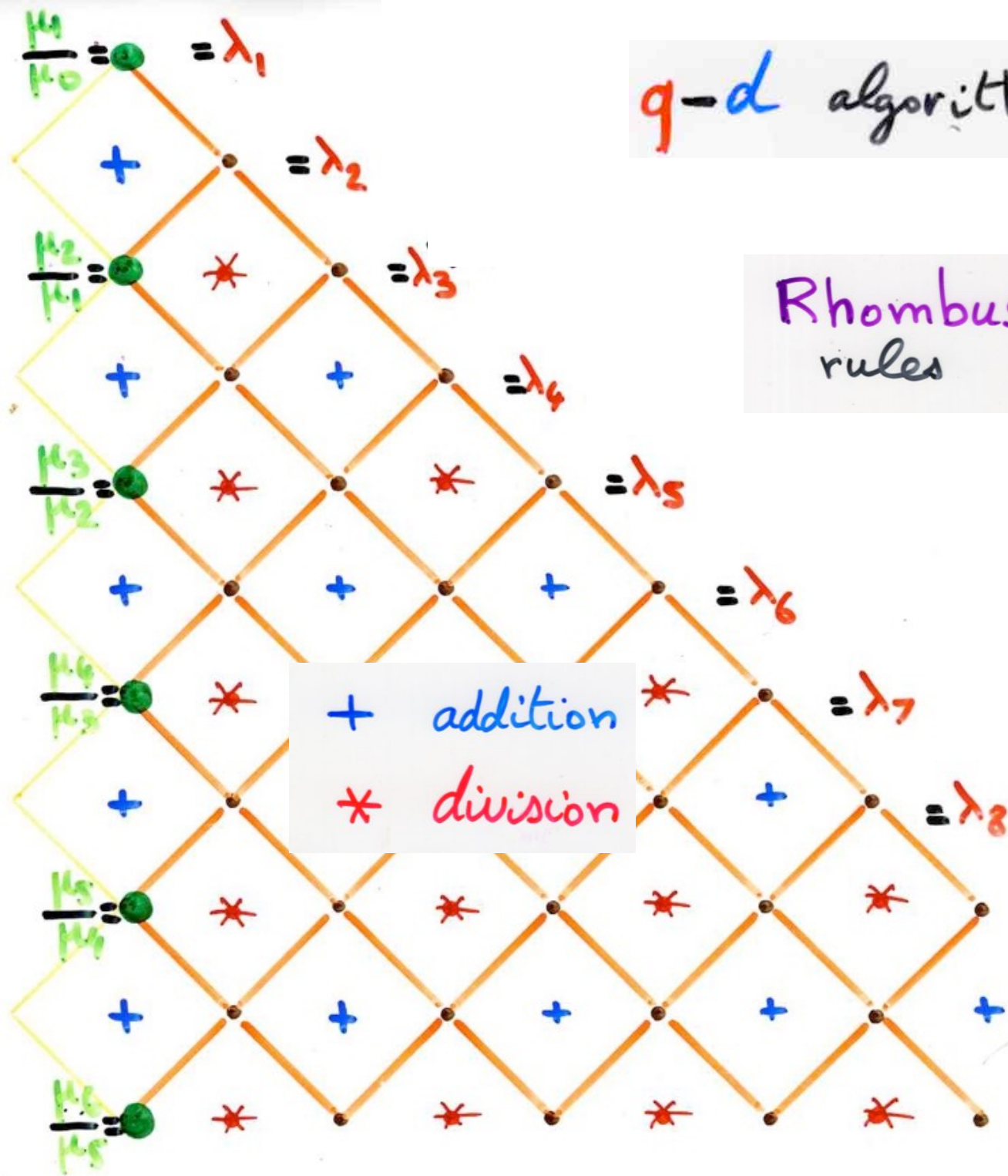
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q-d algorithm

Rhombus rules



Hankel determinants

Hankel determinant

any minor of the matrix

$$H(\{\mu_n\}_{n \geq 0})$$

LGV Lemma

determinant



configuration  
of  
non-intersecting  
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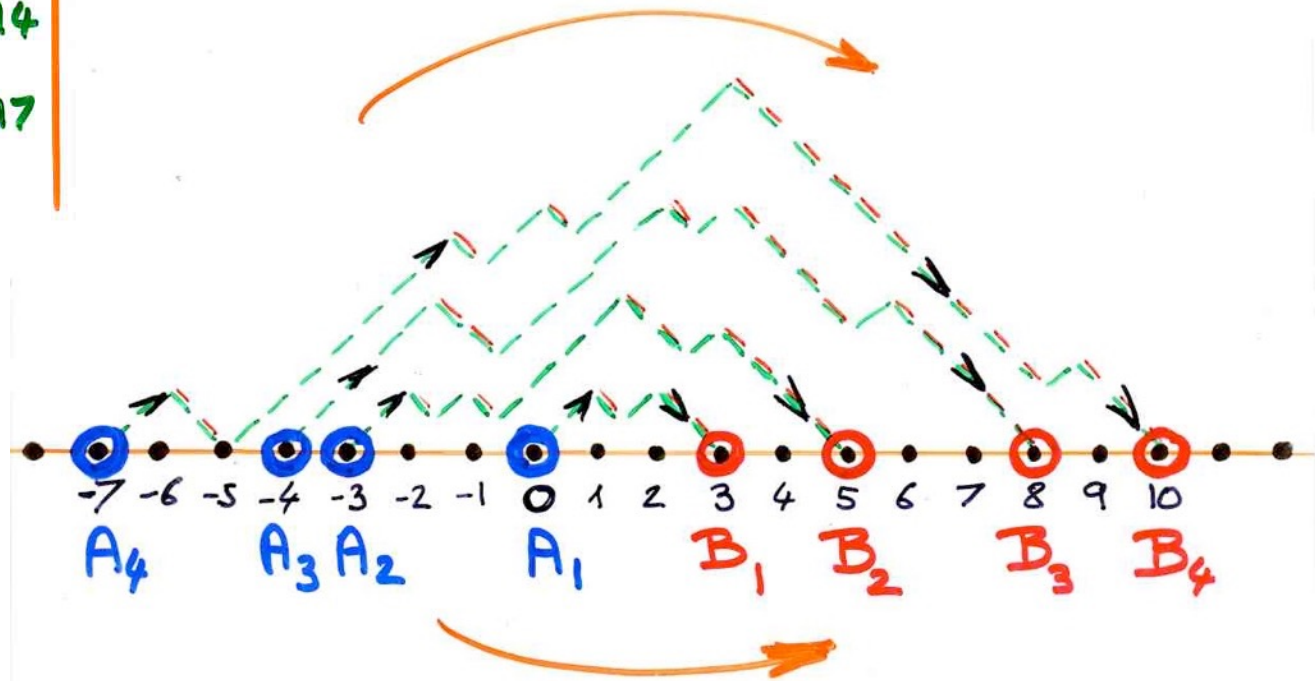
					$j$
	$\mu_0$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_3$	$\dots$
	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_3$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
	$\mu_2$	$\mu_3$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
	$\mu_3$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$i$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\mu_{i+j}$	$\vdots$
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

$\mu_3$   $\mu_5$   $\mu_8$   $\mu_{10}$

$\mu_6$   $\mu_8$   $\mu_{11}$   $\mu_{13}$

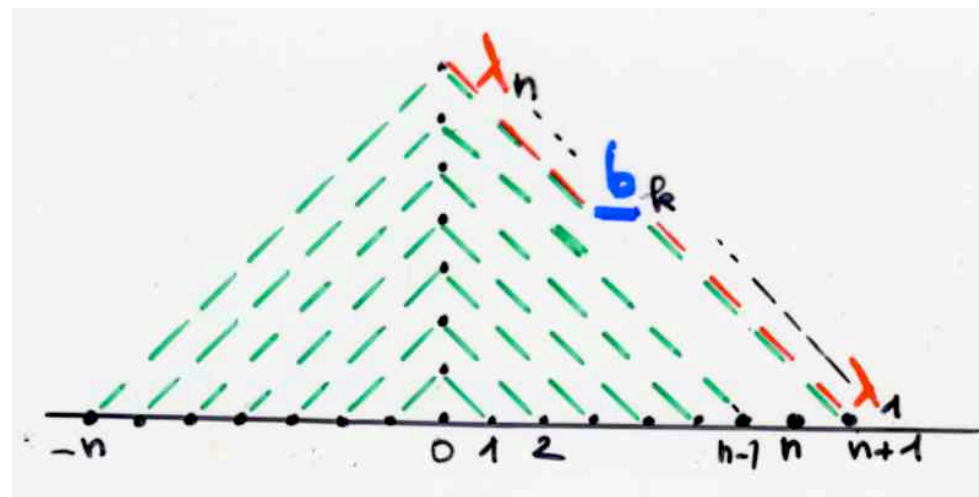
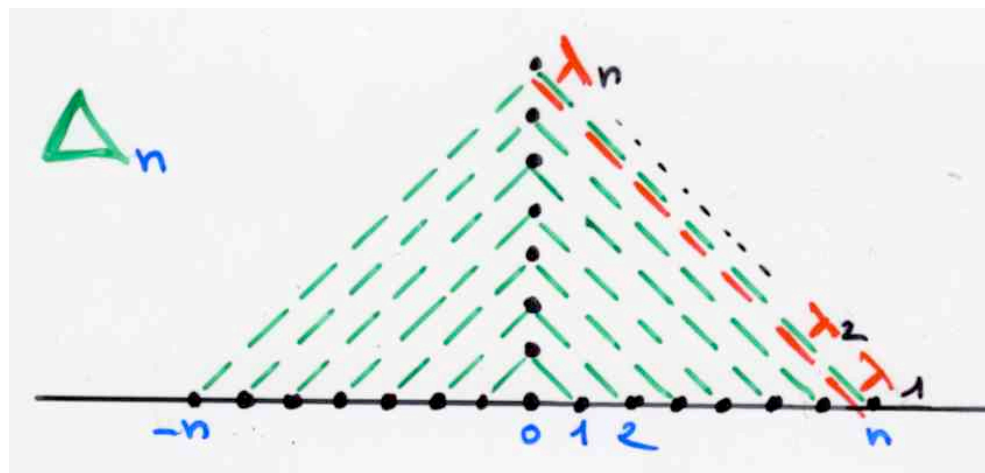
$\mu_7$   $\mu_9$   $\mu_{12}$   $\mu_{14}$

$\mu_{10}$   $\mu_{12}$   $\mu_{15}$   $\mu_{17}$



$$\Delta_n = \det \begin{bmatrix} \mu_0 & \mu_1 & \dots & \mu_n \\ \mu_1 & \mu_2 & \dots & \mu_{n+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mu_n & \mu_{n+1} & \dots & \mu_{2n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\chi_n = \det \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 & \mu_2 & \dots & \mu_{n-1} & \mu_{n+1} \\ \mu_2 & \mu_3 & \dots & \mu_n & \mu_{n+2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mu_n & \mu_{n+1} & \dots & \mu_{2n-1} & \mu_{2n+1} \end{bmatrix}$$





Chapter 4 Computation of  $\{b_k\}_{k \geq 0}$   ~~$\{a_k\}_{k \geq 1}$~~   
(expanding a power series into continued fraction)  
Jacobi

- Hankel determinant, LGV Lemma
- $qd$ -algorithm (quotient-difference)
- Ramanujan's algorithm



Ramanujan's  
algorithm

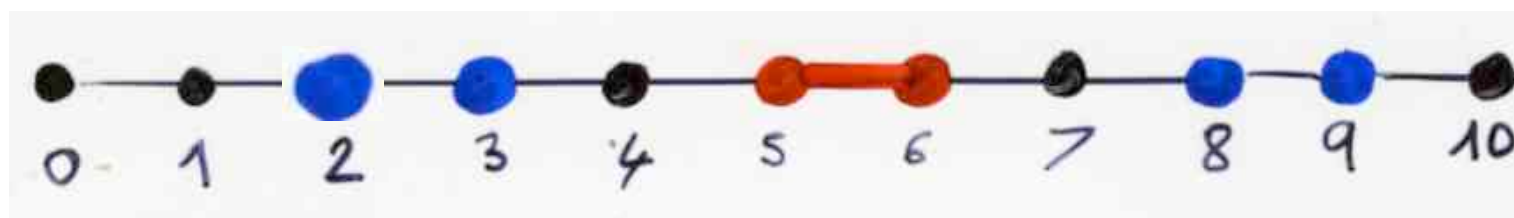
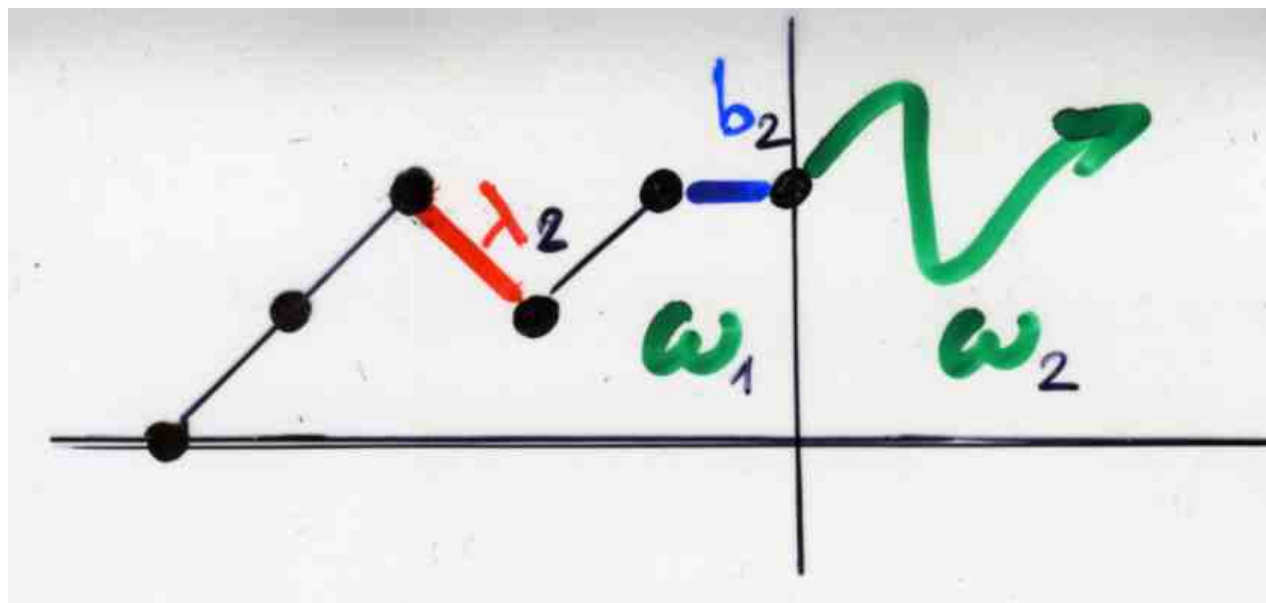
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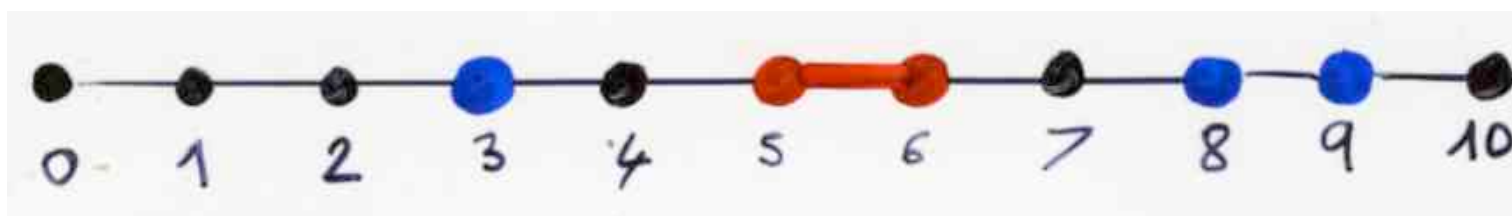
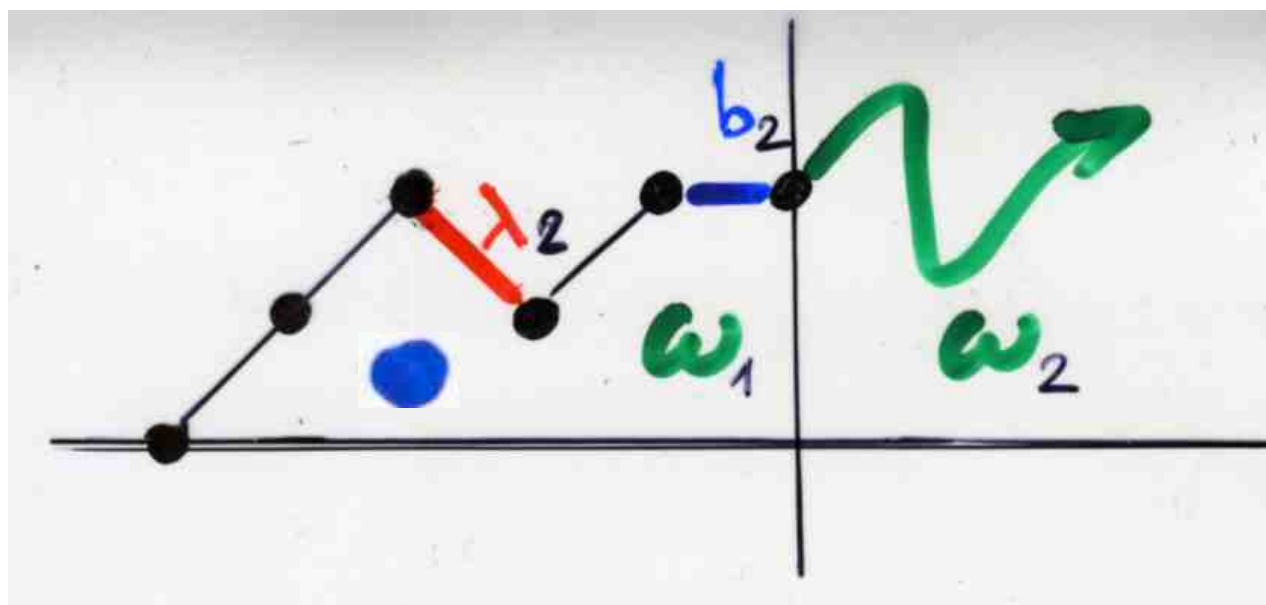
same ("essence" of) bijection

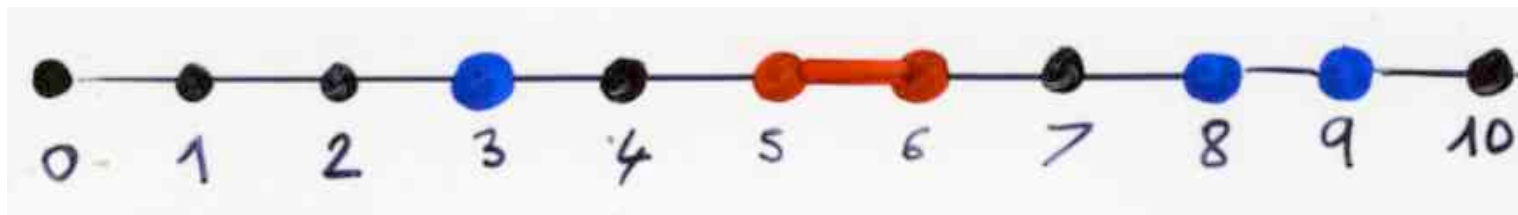
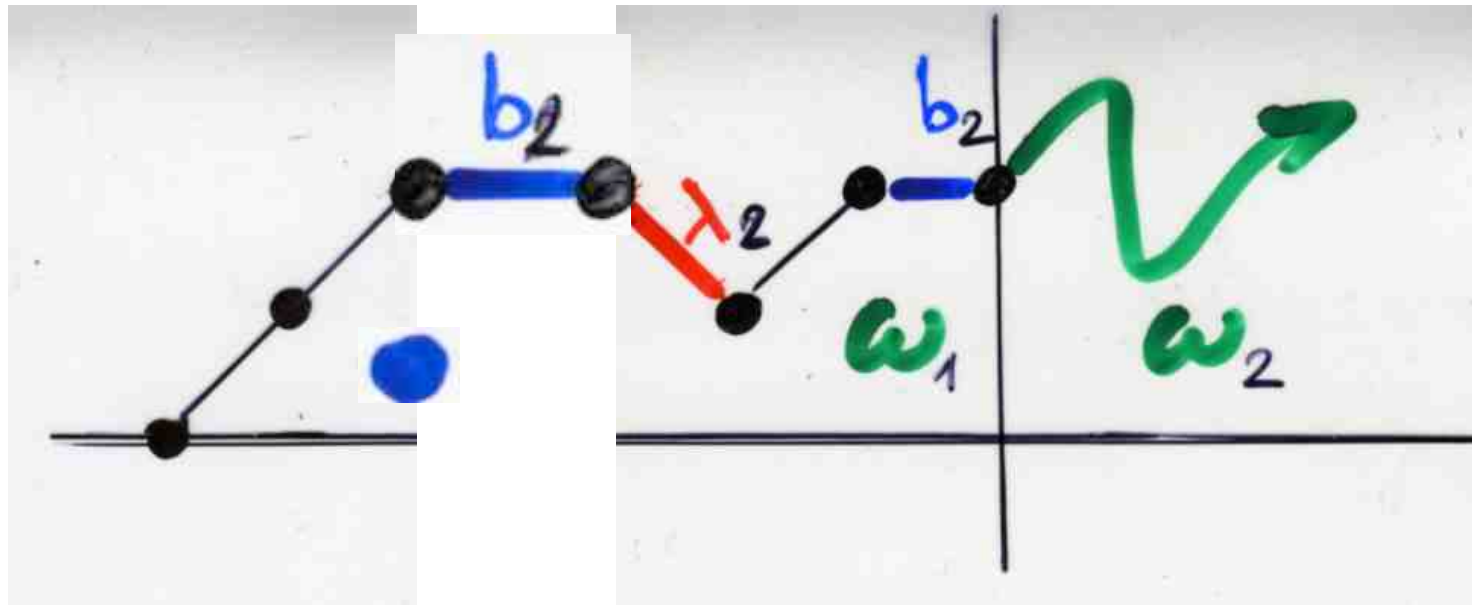
- 3 bijective proofs Ch 1
- convergents of continued fractions and orthogonal polynomials
- Ramanujan algorithm

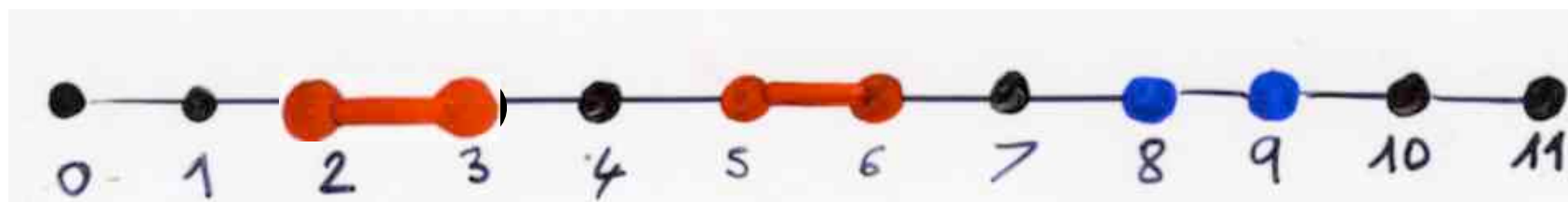
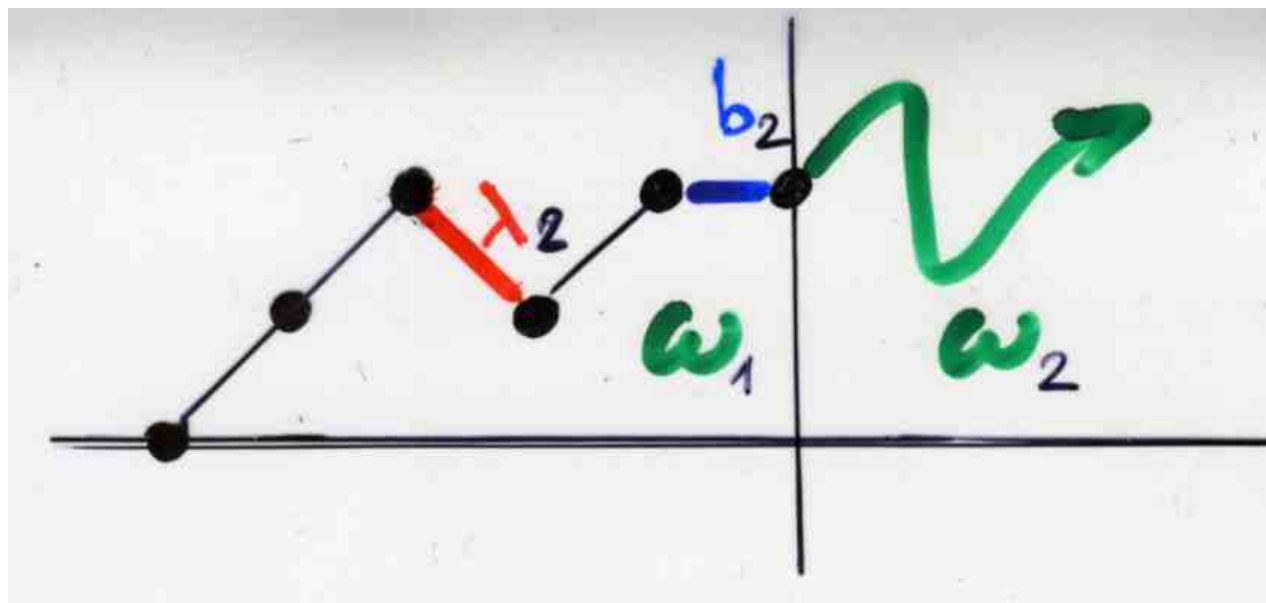
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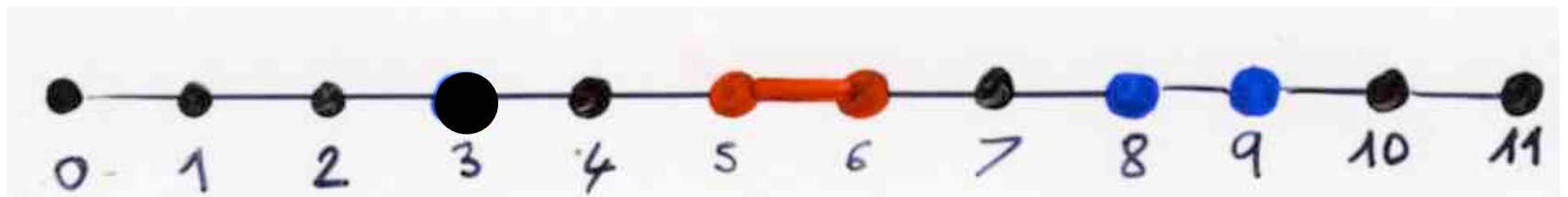
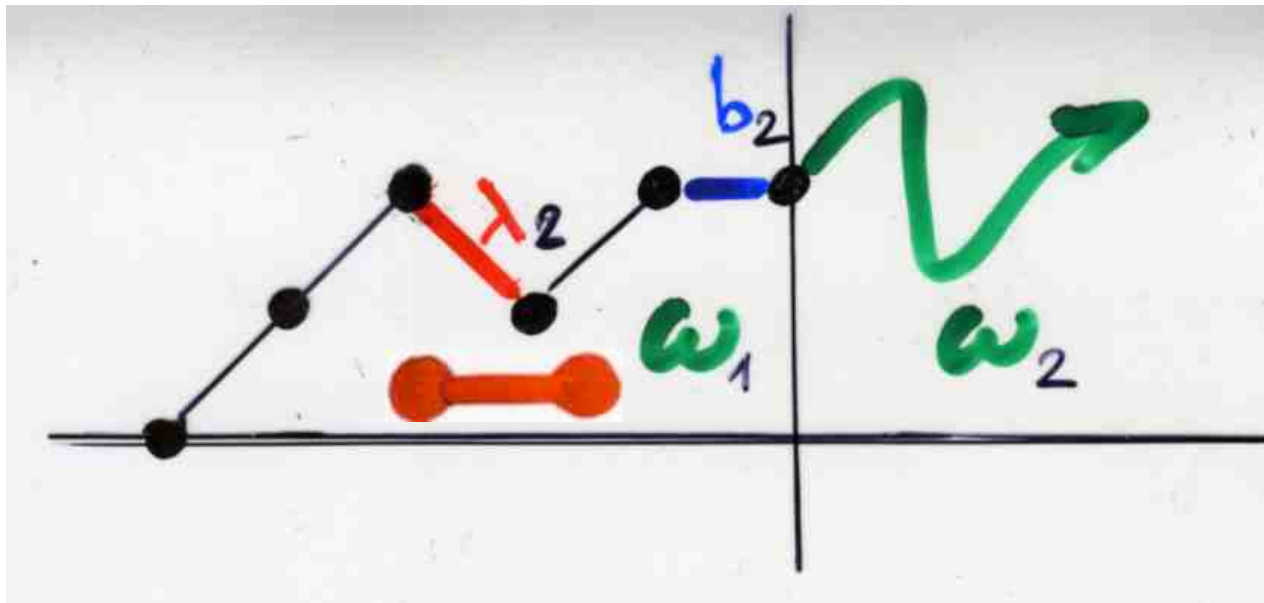
- 3-term recurrence  $\Rightarrow$  orthogonality (Favard theorem)
- inverse polynomials
- positivity of some linearization coefficients

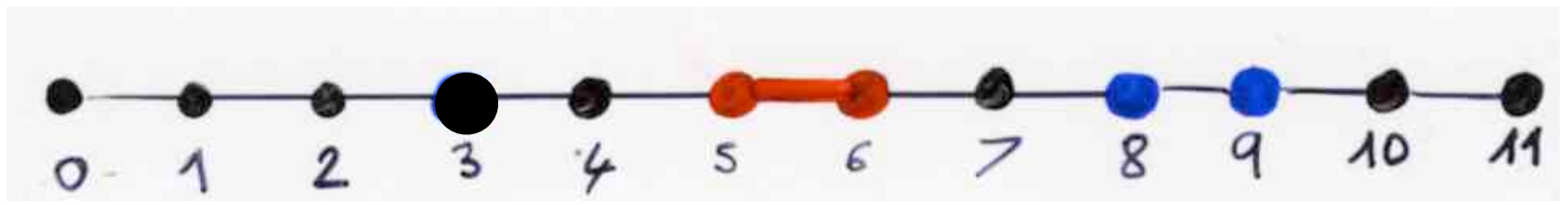
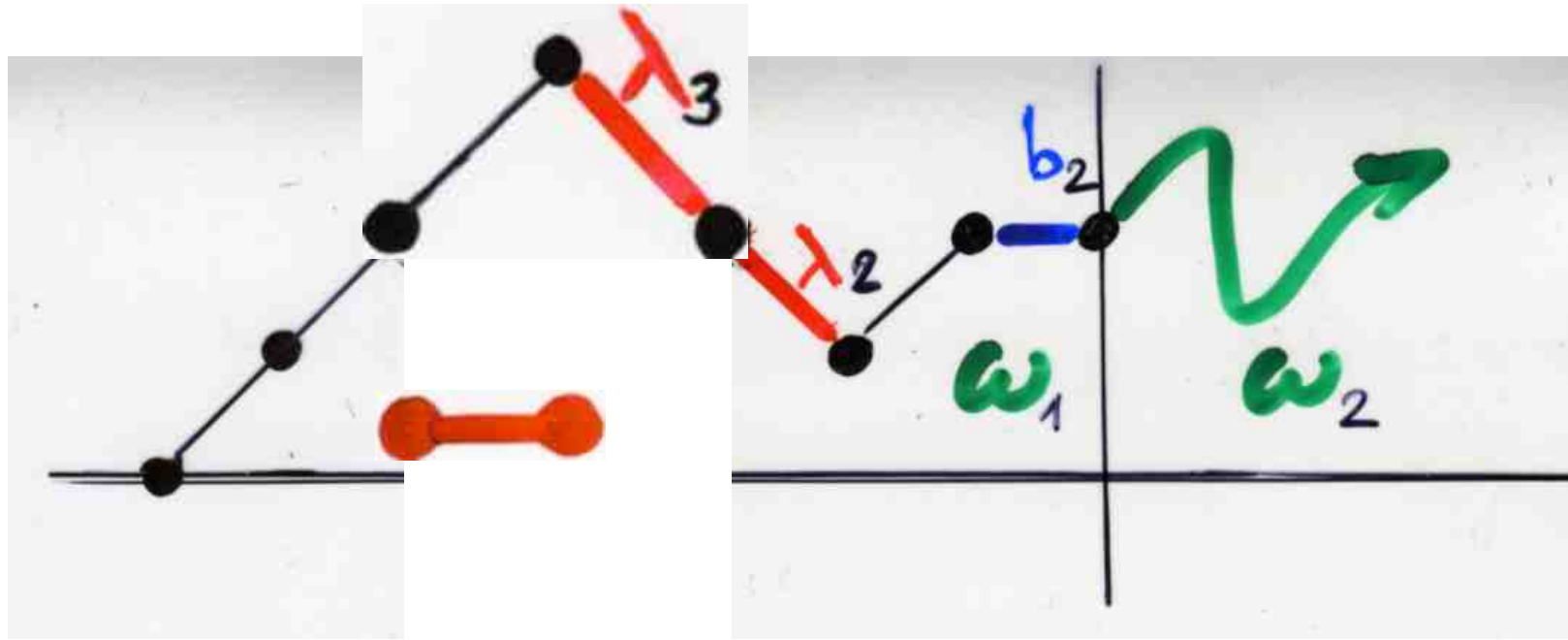










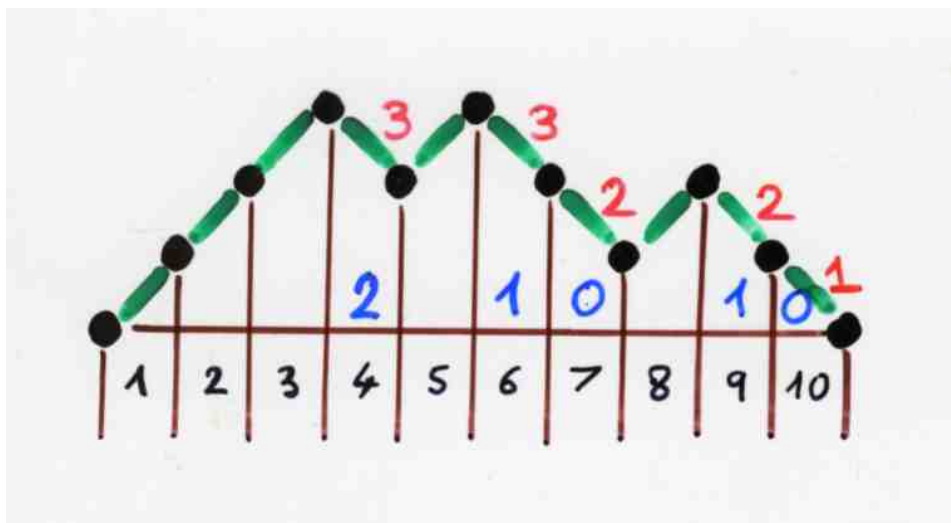




Some  $q$ -analogues of  
orthogonal polynomials

$$\lambda_k = [k]_q$$

$$[k]_q = 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^{k-1}$$



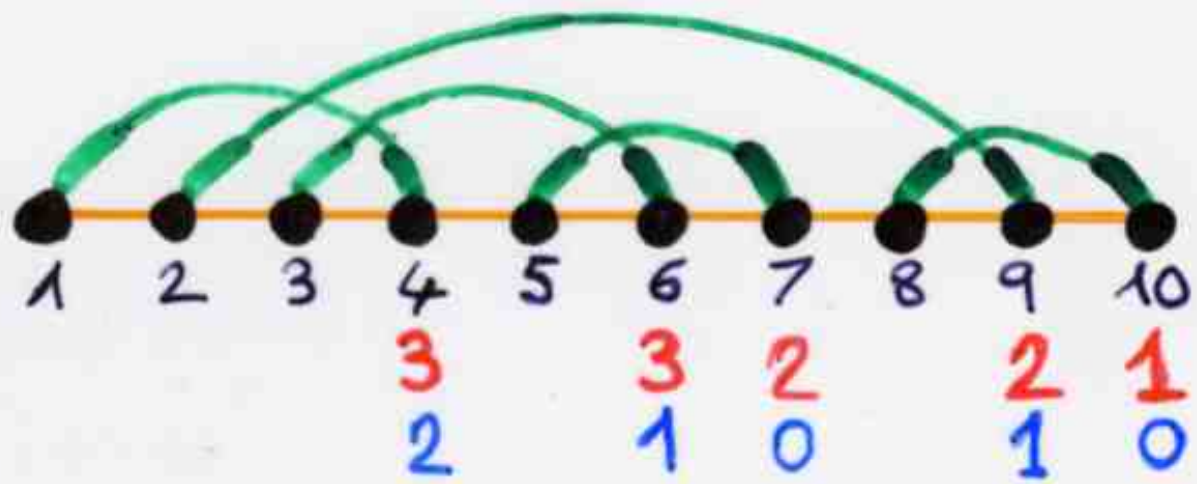
Hermite history related to  $\omega$   
history

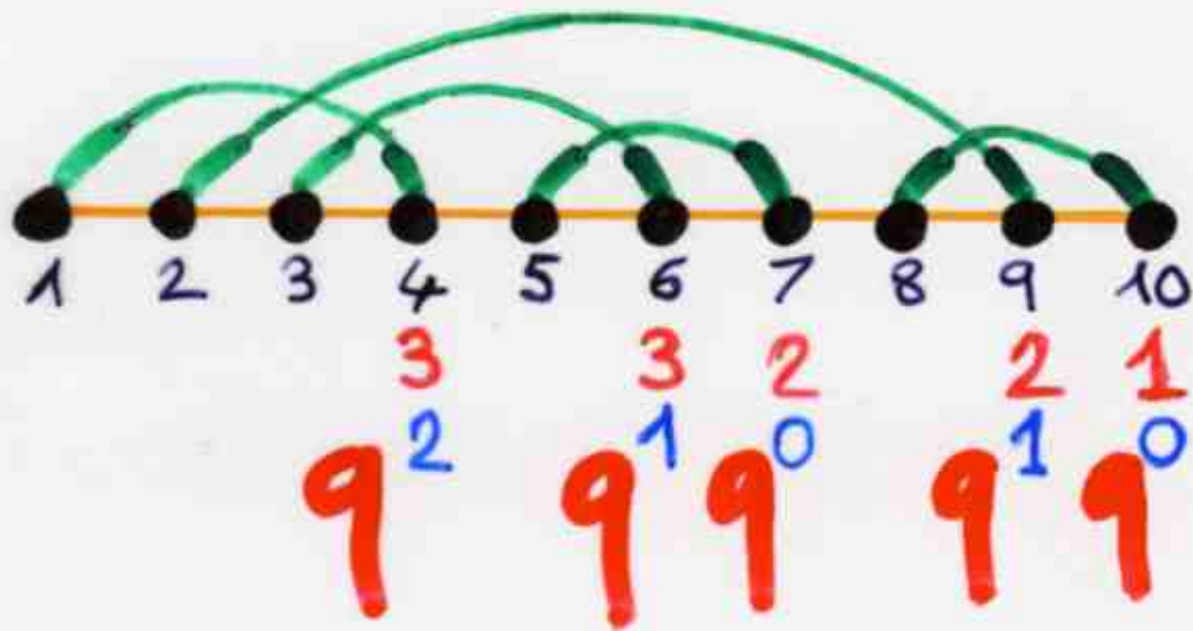
$\omega$   
Dyck path

$$v_q(h)$$

$$q^{2+1+0+1+0}$$

$$= q^4$$

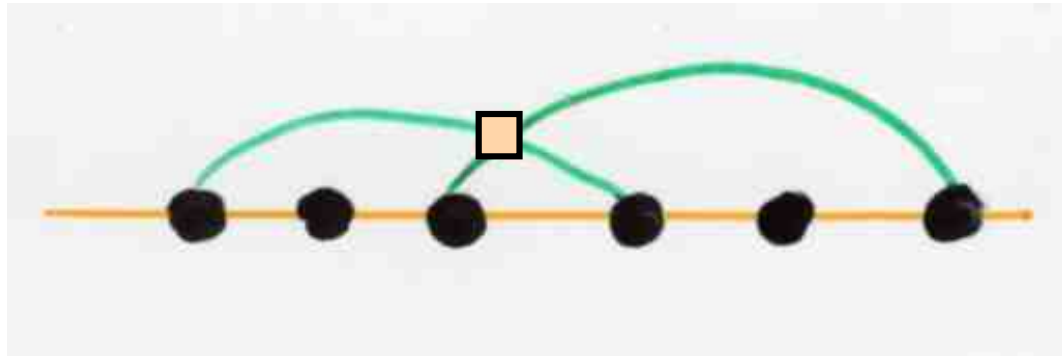




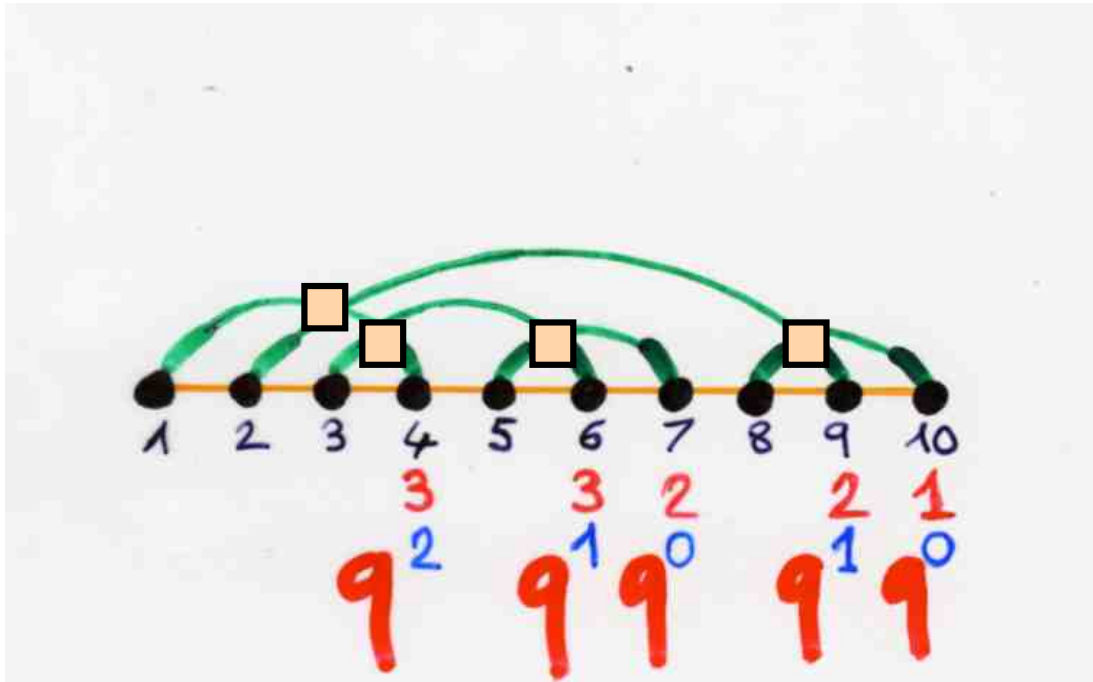
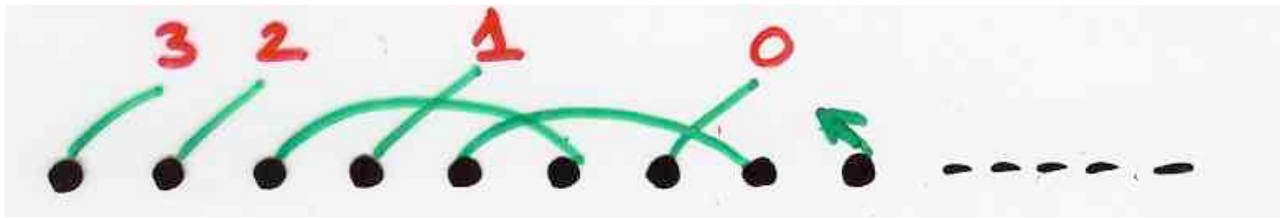
$$9^{2+1+0+1+0}$$

$$= 9^4$$

$$V_9(h)$$



crossing



$$V_q(h)$$

$$9^{2+1+0+1+0}$$

$$= 9^4$$

## $q$ -Hermite II

$$\begin{cases} \mu_{2n+1}^{\text{II}}, q = 0 \\ \mu_{2n}^{\text{II}}, q = [1]_q \cdot [3]_q \cdots [2n-1]_q \end{cases}$$

$$H_n^{\text{II}}(z; q) \quad b_k = 0 \quad \lambda_k = q^{k-1} [k]_q$$

$q$ -Laguerre I

$$\begin{cases} b_k = [k+1]_q + [k+1]_q \\ \lambda_k = [k]_q \times [k+1]_q \end{cases}$$

$q$ -Laguerre  
restricted  
histories

$$\begin{cases} b_k = [k]_q + [k+1]_q \\ \lambda_k = [k]_q \times [k]_q \end{cases}$$

$q$ -Laguerre II

$$\mu_n = [n!]_q$$

$$\begin{cases} b_k = q^k ([k]_q + [k+1]_q) \\ \lambda_k = q^{2k-1} [k]_q \times [k]_q \end{cases}$$

subdivided Laguerre history  
A. de Médiçis, X.V. (1994)



§. 21. Datur vero alius modus in summam huius seriei inquirendi ex natura fractionum continuarum petitus, qui multo facilius et promptius negotium conficit: sit enim formulam generalius exprimendo:

$$A = 1 - 1x + 2x^2 - 6x^3 + 24x^4 - 120x^5 + 720x^6 - 5040x^7 + \text{etc.} = \frac{1}{1+B}$$

Euler

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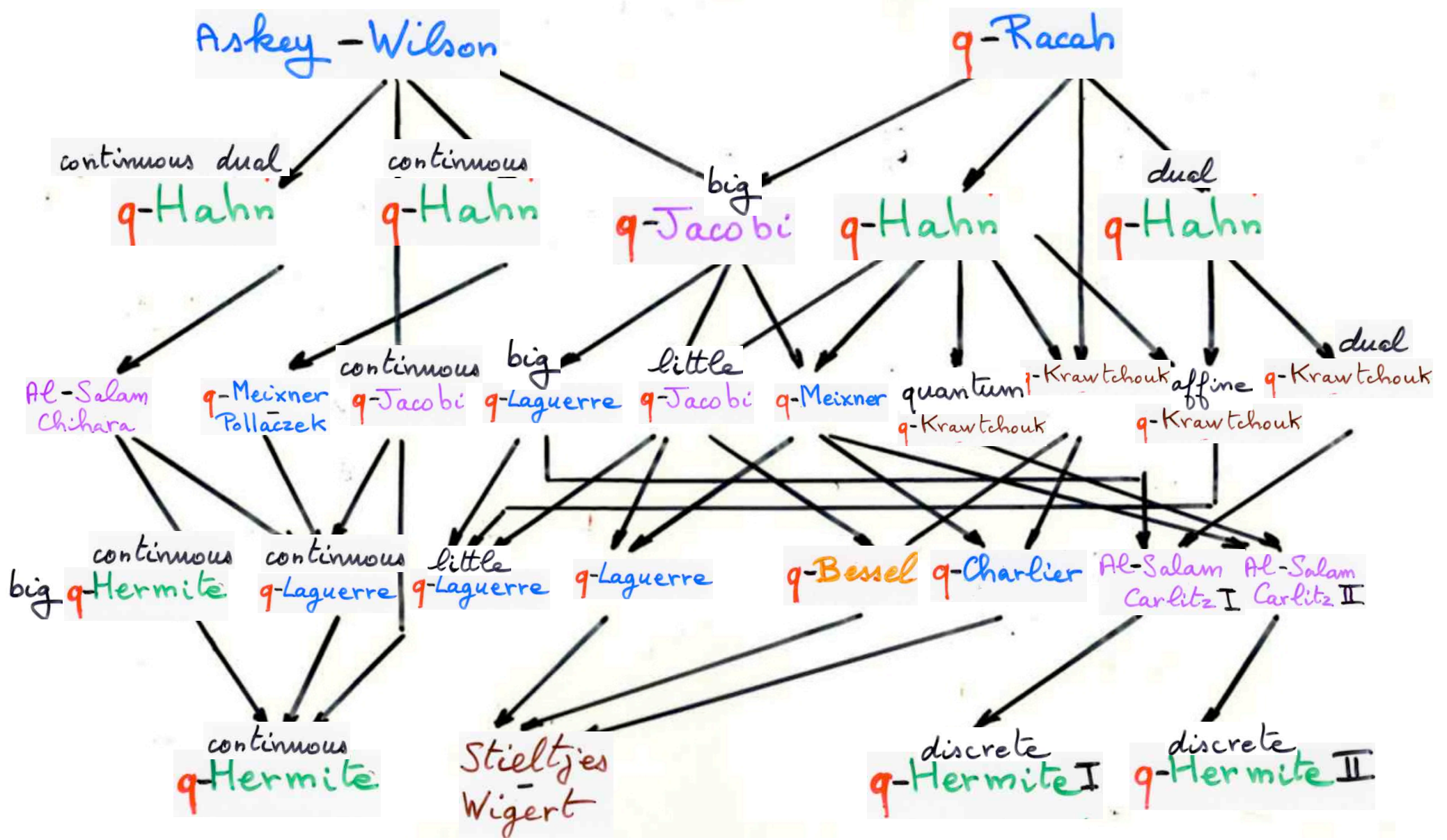
$$A = \frac{1}{1+x} \frac{1}{1+x} \frac{1}{1+2x} \frac{1}{1+2x} \frac{1}{1+3x} \frac{1}{1+3x} \frac{1}{1+4x} \frac{1}{1+4x} \frac{1}{1+5x} \frac{1}{1+5x} \frac{1}{1+6x} \frac{1}{1+6x} \frac{1}{1+7x} \text{etc.}$$

§. 22. Quemadmodum autem huiusmodi fractio-

## Chapter 6 $q$ -analogues

- Two  $q$ -Hermite and two  $q$ -Laguerre with their  $q$ -histories
  - $q$ -Charlier, Al-Salam-Chihara, polynomials
  - Askey-Wilson polynomials
- $$P_n(a, b, c, d; q | x)$$

scheme  
of  
basic hypergeometric  
orthogonal polynomials



## Chapter 1 Paths and moments

$$P_{k+1}(x) = (x - b_k) P_k(x) - \lambda_k P_{k-1}(x)$$

$$\mu_n = \sum_{\substack{\omega \\ \text{Motzkin path} \\ |\omega| = n}} v(\omega)$$

## Chapter 2 Moments and histories

$$\mu_n = n!$$

moments  
Laguerre  
polynomials

Laguerre  
polynomials

Hermite  
polynomials

Meixner  
polynomials

Charlier  
polynomials

Meixner - Pollaczek  
polynomials

## Chapter 3 Continued fractions

Chapter 4 Computation of  $\{b_k\}_{k \geq 0}$   $\{\lambda_k\}_{k \geq 1}$   
(expanding a power series into continued fraction)  
Jacobi

## Chapter 5 Orthogonality and exponential structures

## Chapter 6 $q$ -analogues

Linearization coefficients

Further chapters .....

Chapter 7    Linearization coefficients

Chapter 8    Operators, quadratic algebra  
and orthogonal polynomials

Chapter 9    Applications and interactions

Chapter 10    Extensions

## Chapter 7

## Linearization coefficients

combinatorial interpretation of the  
linearization coefficients of:

- the 5 orthogonal Sheffer polynomials
- $q$ -Hermite,  $q$ -Laguerre,  $q$ -Charlier polynomials
- combinatorial proof of the Askey-Wilson integral with a product of 4  $q$ -Hermite polynomials

# linearization coefficients

Lemma

$$P_k(x) P_l(x) = \sum_n a_{kl}^n P_n(x)$$

positivity

$$a_{kl}^n = \frac{\int (P_k P_n P_l)}{\int (P_n^2)}$$

orthogonality

$$\int (H_m(x) H_n(x)) = n! \delta_{m,n}$$



# The Askey-Wilson integral

$$w(\cos\theta, a, b, c, d | q) = \frac{(e^{2i\theta})_{\infty} (e^{-2i\theta})_{\infty}}{(ae^{i\theta})_{\infty} (ae^{-i\theta})_{\infty} (be^{i\theta})_{\infty} (be^{-i\theta})_{\infty} (ce^{i\theta})_{\infty} (ce^{-i\theta})_{\infty} (de^{i\theta})_{\infty} (de^{-i\theta})_{\infty}}$$

$$(a)_{\infty} = \prod_{i>0} (1 - aq^i)$$

$$\frac{(q)_{\infty}}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} w(\cos\theta, a, b, c, d | q) d\theta =$$

$$\frac{(abcd)_{\infty}}{(ab)_{\infty} (ac)_{\infty} (ad)_{\infty} (bc)_{\infty} (bd)_{\infty} (cd)_{\infty}}$$

# The Askey-Wilson integral

integral of the product  
of 4  $q$ -Hermite polynomials  
(type II)

Ismail, Stanton, X.V. (1986)

$$\frac{(q)_{\infty}}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} H_k(\cos\theta|q) H_l(\cos\theta|q) (e^{2i\theta})_{\infty} (e^{-2i\theta})_{\infty} = (q)_{k+l} \delta_{kl}$$

Chapter 8 Operators, quadratic algebra  
and orthogonal polynomials

- $q$ - Hermite and (Weyl-Heisenberg) algebra  
defined by  $UD = qDU + Id$
- Rook placements,  $q$ -Hermite, operators  $U, D$ ,  
and Al-Salam-Chihara polynomials
- $q$ -Laguerre and the (TASEP) quadratic  
algebra  $DE = qED + E + D$

quantum  
mechanics

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

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

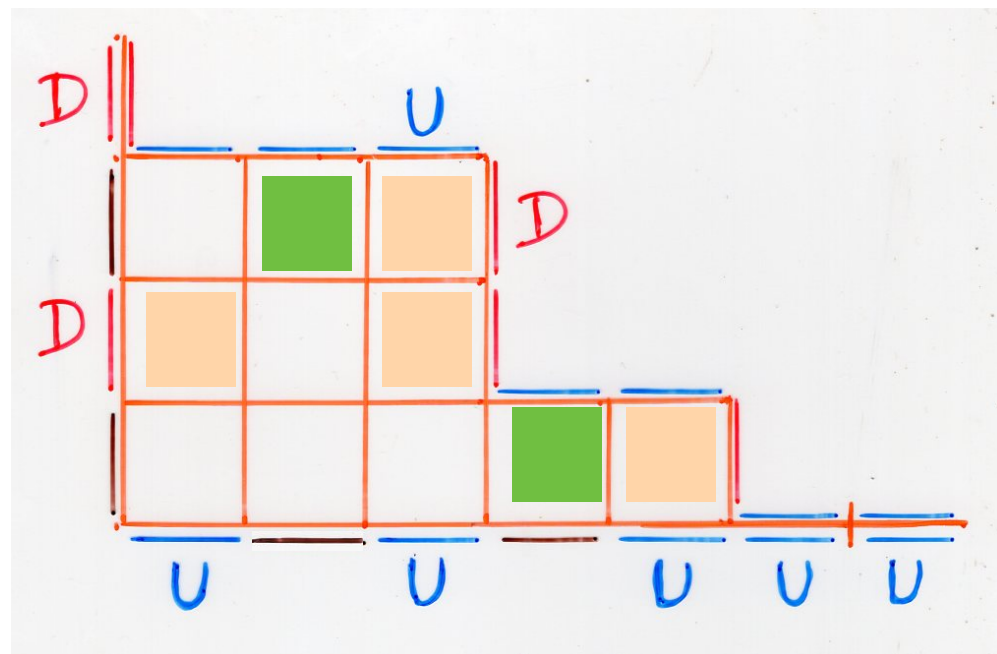
←

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

$$UD = qDU + Id$$

$$UD = qDU + Id$$

Rooks  
placement



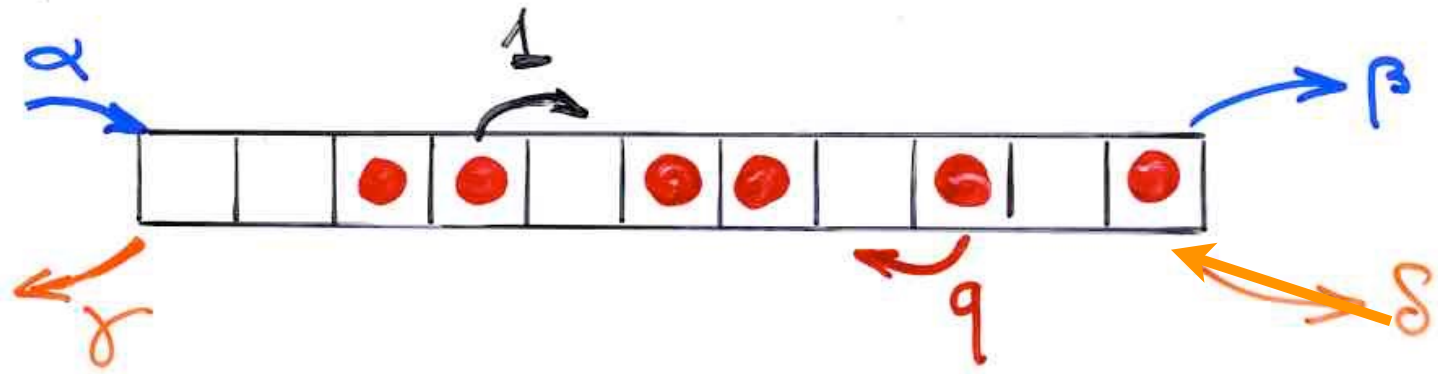
Josuat-Vergès (2011)

PASEP

Partially asymmetric exclusion process

toy model in the physics of dynamical systems far from equilibrium

ASEP  
TASEP  
PASEP



computation of the "stationary probabilities"

• Orthogonal Polynomials

→ Sasamoto (1999)

→ Blythe, Evans, Colaiori, Essler (2000)

q-Hermite Polynomial

$\alpha, \beta, q$

$$\gamma = 8 = 1$$

$$D = \frac{1}{1-q} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-q}} \hat{a}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{1-q} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-q}} \hat{a}^\dagger$$

$$\hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger - q \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} = 1$$



pairs of Hermite histories



subdivided Laguerre histories

$$UD = qDU + I$$

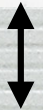
Hermite polynomials



restricted Laguerre histories

$$DE = qED + E + D$$

Laguerre polynomials



permutations



Laguerre histories

→ Uchiyama, Sasamoto, Wadati (2003)

$\alpha, \beta, \delta, \delta, q$

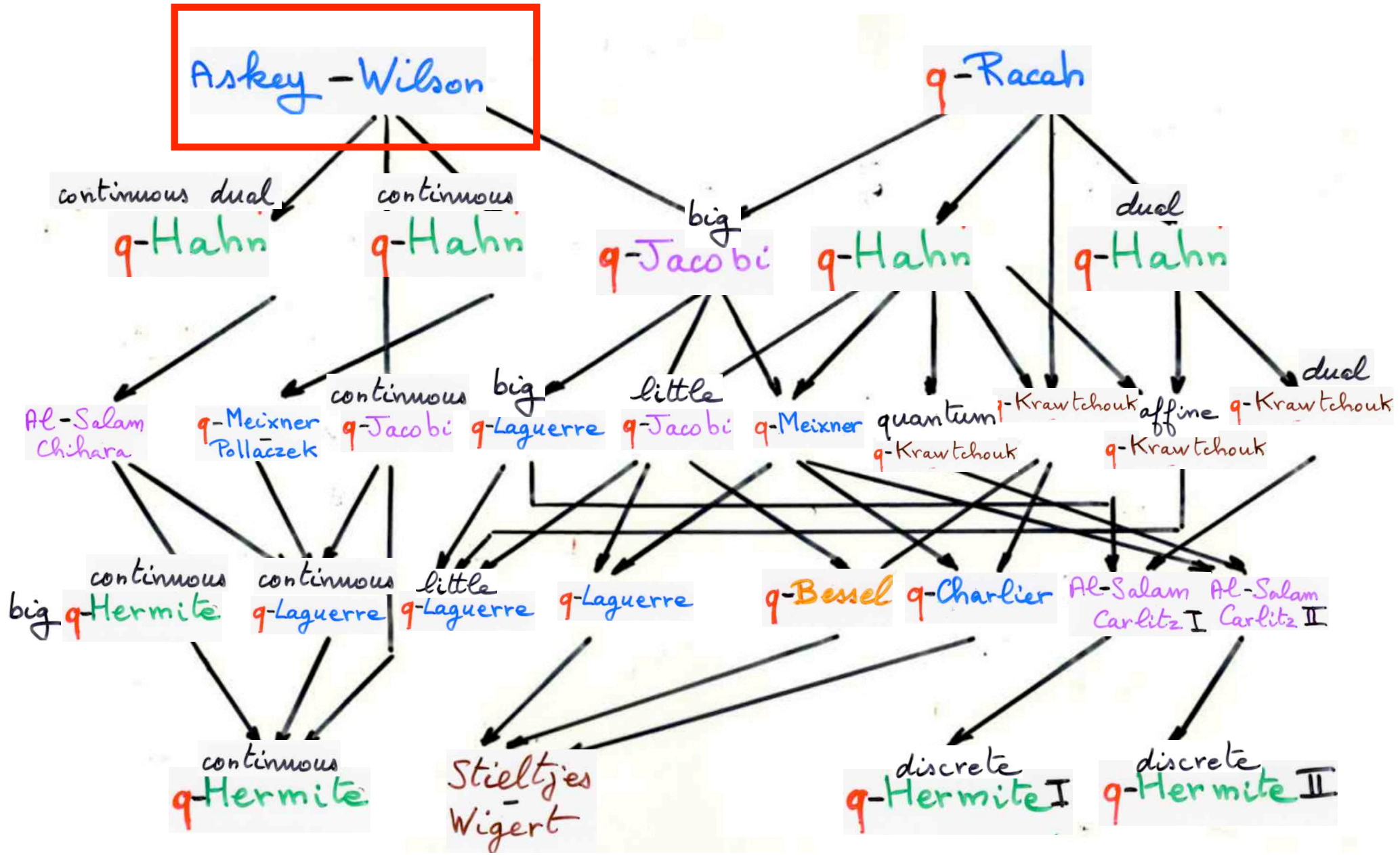
Askey-Wilson polynomials

$Z_n$  partition function

S. Corteel, L. Williams (2009)

staircase tableaux

scheme of basic hypergeometric orthogonal polynomials



## Chapter 9 Applications and interactions

- birth and death process in probability theory  
(Karlin, Mc Gregor)
- Computing integrated cost for data structures in computer science
- Polya urns in probability theory
- the TASEP model in physics
- orthogonal polynomials and Smith normal form

Data structures

Integrated cost

computer science

data structure

integrated cost

Priority queue

data structure

history

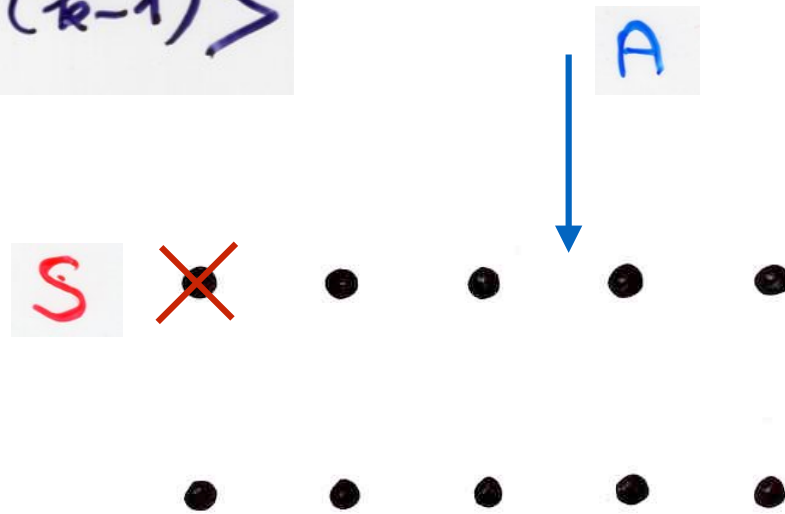
Françon (1976)

Françon, Flejole, Vuillemin,  
(1980)

# Priority queue

$$A | k \rangle = (k+1) | (k+1) \rangle$$

$$S | k \rangle = | (k-1) \rangle$$



data structures

Computer Science

$$A S - S A = I$$

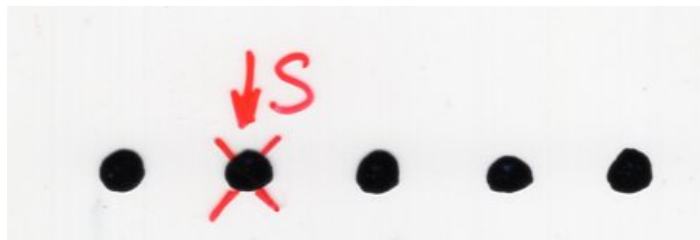
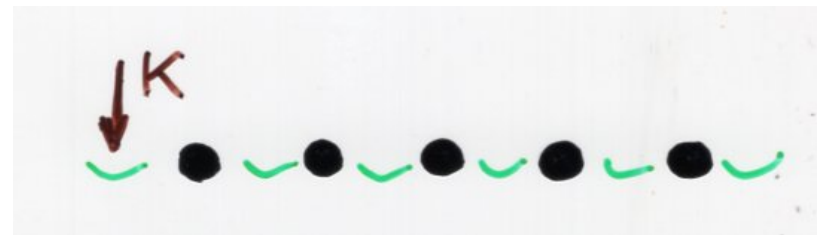
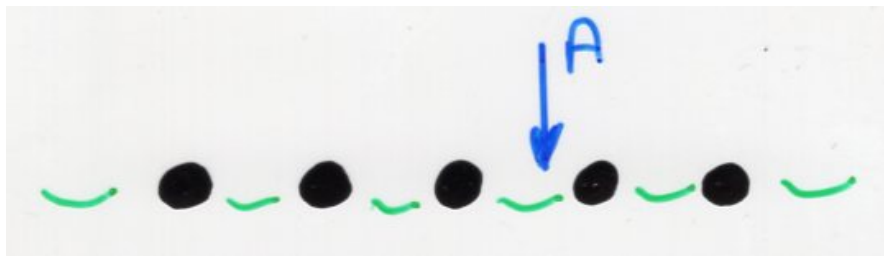
# dictionary data structure

add or delete any element

ask questions

J positive

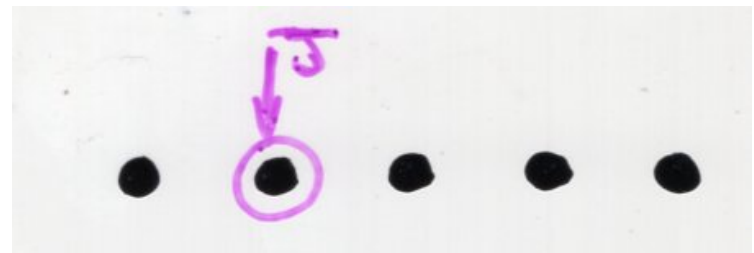
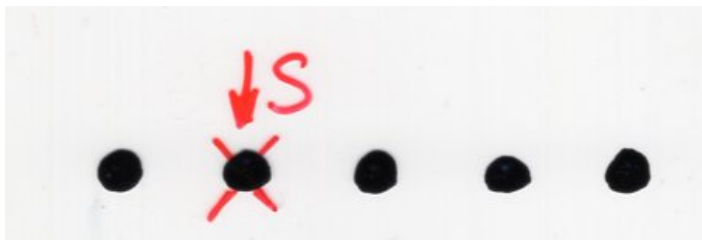
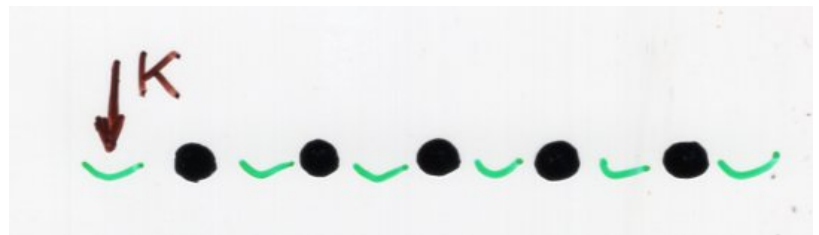
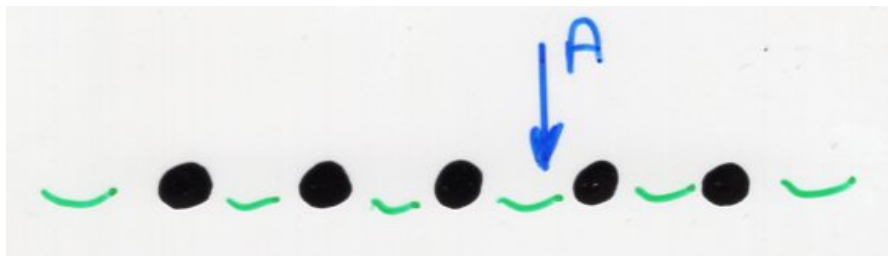
K negative





$$\begin{cases} D = A + K \\ E = S + J \end{cases}$$

$$DE = ED + E + D$$



computation of the integrated cost  
of a data structure  
for a random sequence  
of primitive operations,  
knowing the average cost  
of a single primitive operation

Framgon, Flajolet, Vuillemin (1980, ...)

("abstract") data structures	Possibility functions			number of histories (moments)	orthogonal polynomials
	$a_k$	$q_k$	$\lambda_k$		
stack	1	0	1	$C_n$ Catalan number	
Priority queue	$k+1$	0	1	$1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)$ involutions no fixed points	
Dictionary	$k+1$	$2^{k+1}$	$k$	$n!$ permutations	
linear list	$k+1$	0	$k$	$E_{2n}$ alternating permutations	
symbols Table	$k+1$	$k$	1	$B_n^{(2)}$ partitions	

("abstract") data structures	Possibility functions			number of histories (moments)	orthogonal polynomials
	$a_k$	$q_k$	$s_k$		
stack	1	0	1	$C_n$ Catalan number	Tchebychev 2nd kind $\tilde{U}_n(x)$
Priority queue	$k+1$	0	1	$1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)$ involutions no fixed points	Hermite $H_n(x)$
Dictionary	$k+1$	$2^{k+1}$	$k$	$n!$ permutations	Laguerre $L_n^{(0)}(x)$
linear list	$k+1$	0	$k$	$E_{2n}$ alternating permutations	Meixner-Pollaczek $P_n(0, 1; x)$
symbols Table	$k+1$	$k$	1	$B_n^{(2)}$ partitions	Charlier $C_n^{(1)}(x)$

## Chapter 10      Extensions

- **Biorthogonality**
- **L-fractions**, extension of the **matrix inversion** theorem (Ch 1)
- **multicontinued** fractions, **T-fractions**,  
**tree-like** fractions, examples
- **combinatorial** theory of **Padé** approximants  
and **P-fraction**

Padé approximants



Padé  
(1863 - 1953)

Padé approximants

type  $[P/Q]$

$$f(t) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n t^n$$

$$\approx \frac{N_p(t)}{D_q(t)}$$

$$f(t) = \frac{N_p(t)}{D_q(t)} + o(t^{p+q})$$

$$\deg(N_p(t)) \leq p$$

$$\deg(D_q(t)) \leq q$$

Taylor expansion of  $N_p/D_q$  coincides with  $f$  until the degree  $p+q$

Roblet (1994)

# Padé Table

$[0/0]$	$[0/1]$	$[0/2]$	$[0/3]$	$[0/4]$	$[0/5]$	$[0/6]$	$[0/7]$	$[0/8]$
$[1/0]$	$[1/1]$	$[1/2]$	$[1/3]$	$[1/4]$	$[1/5]$	$[1/6]$	$[1/7]$	$[1/8]$
$[2/0]$	$[2/1]$	$[2/2]$	$[2/3]$	$[2/4]$	$[2/5]$	$[2/6]$	$[2/7]$	$[2/8]$
$[3/0]$	$[3/1]$	$[3/2]$	$[3/3]$	$[3/4]$	$[3/5]$	$[3/6]$	$[3/7]$	$[3/8]$
$[4/0]$	$[4/1]$	$[4/2]$	$[4/3]$	$[4/4]$	$[4/5]$	$[4/6]$	$[4/7]$	$[4/8]$
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# Padé Table

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[2/0]	[2/1]	[2/2]	[2/3]	[2/4]	[2/5]	[2/6]	[2/7]	[2/8]
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$$J^{\leq k}(\{b_k\}, \{\lambda_k\}; t) = \frac{N_k(t)}{D_{k+1}(t)}$$

convergent of a  
Jacobi continued fraction  
order  $k$

= Padé approximant  
order  $[k/k+1]$



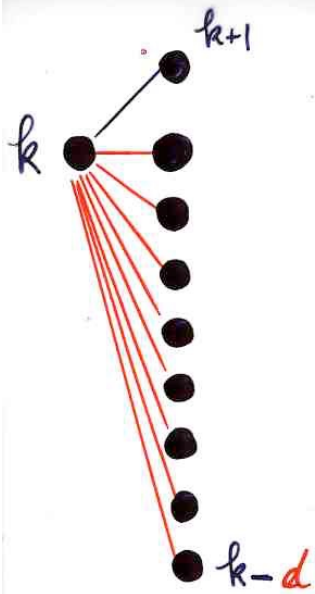
$$H_{n,k} = \det$$

Hankel  
determinant

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mu_n & \mu_{n+1} & \dots & \mu_{n+k-1} \\ \mu_n & \mu_{n+2} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \mu_{n+k-1} & \dots & \dots & \mu_{n+2k-2} \end{bmatrix}$$

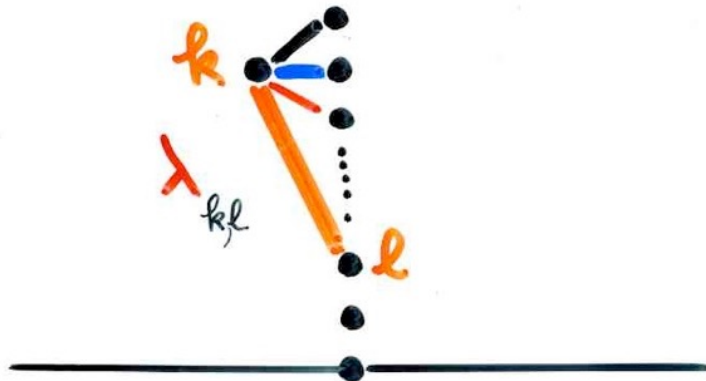
$$[P/q] \text{ exists} \iff H_{p-q+1, q} \neq 0$$

L - fractions, T - fractions, ...



$d$  - orthogonality  
Maroni

Lukasiewicz paths



$$P_k(x) = x^k + \dots$$

any sequence

Pade' approximants

C-, P-, L-;

T-

continued  
fractions

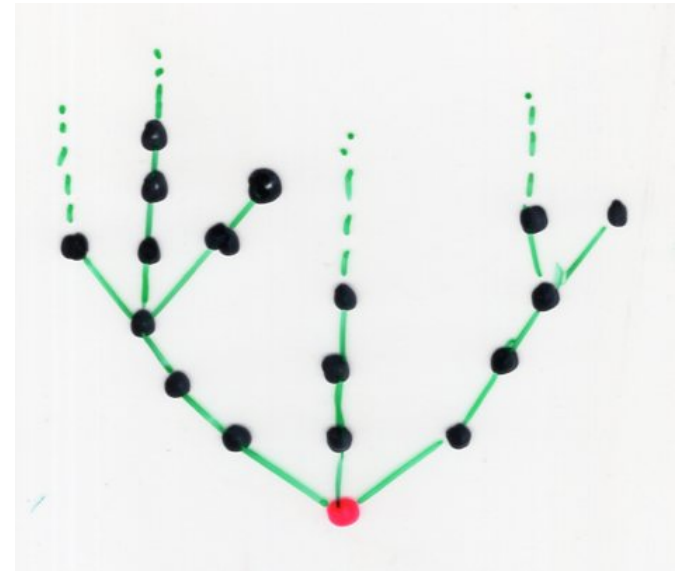
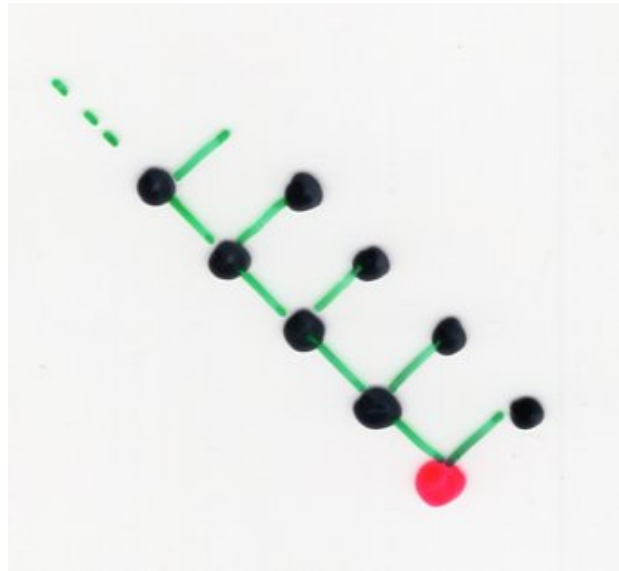
Roblet (1994)

J- continued  
S- fraction

T-fraction

Tree-like  
continued fraction

Jacobi  
Stieljes



W. Jones, W. Thron (1980, 1984)

continued fractions  
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# The Art of Bijective Combinatorics

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