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Combinatorial theory of orthogonal polynomials
and continued fractions

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Chapter 2

Moments and histories

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From Chapter 1 ...

Paths and moments

4 examples

orthogonal
polynomials

Tchebychev 1st kind $T_n(x)$
2nd kind $U_n(x)$

Hermite polynomial

$H_n(x)$

Laguerre polynomial

$L_n(x)$

combinatorial
interpretation

- coefficients
of polynomials
- moments
- linearization
coefficients

"direct" proof
of orthogonality

moments of
(Tchebychev) 1st kind
2nd kind

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

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

$$T_n(x) = \frac{1}{2} C_n(2x)$$

$$U_n(x) = S_n(2x)$$

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

Catalan
number

Hermite polynomial

(combinatorial)
Hermite polynomials

$H_n(x)$

Laguerre polynomial

$L_n(x)$

$L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$

$$\alpha = 0$$

moments of
Hermite
polynomial

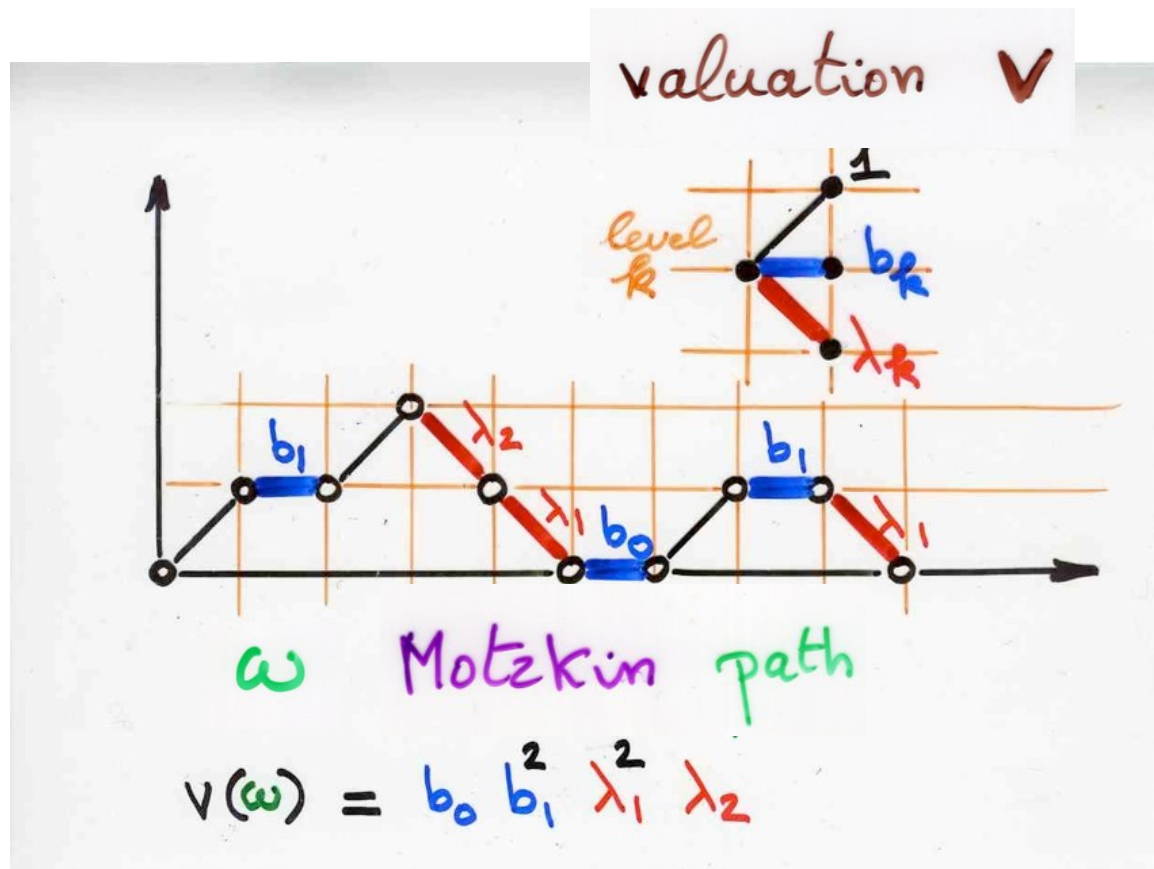
$$\mu_{2n+1} = 0$$

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

moments
Laguerre
polynomials

$$\mu_n = n!$$

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



moments

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

Motzkin path
 $|\omega| = n$

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

moments

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

Tchebychev 1st kind $T_n(x)$
 2nd kind $U_n(x)$

$$\lambda_n = 1 \quad (n \geq 1)$$

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 2 \\ \lambda_n = 1 \quad (n \geq 2) \end{cases}$$

Hermite polynomial

$$H_n(x)$$

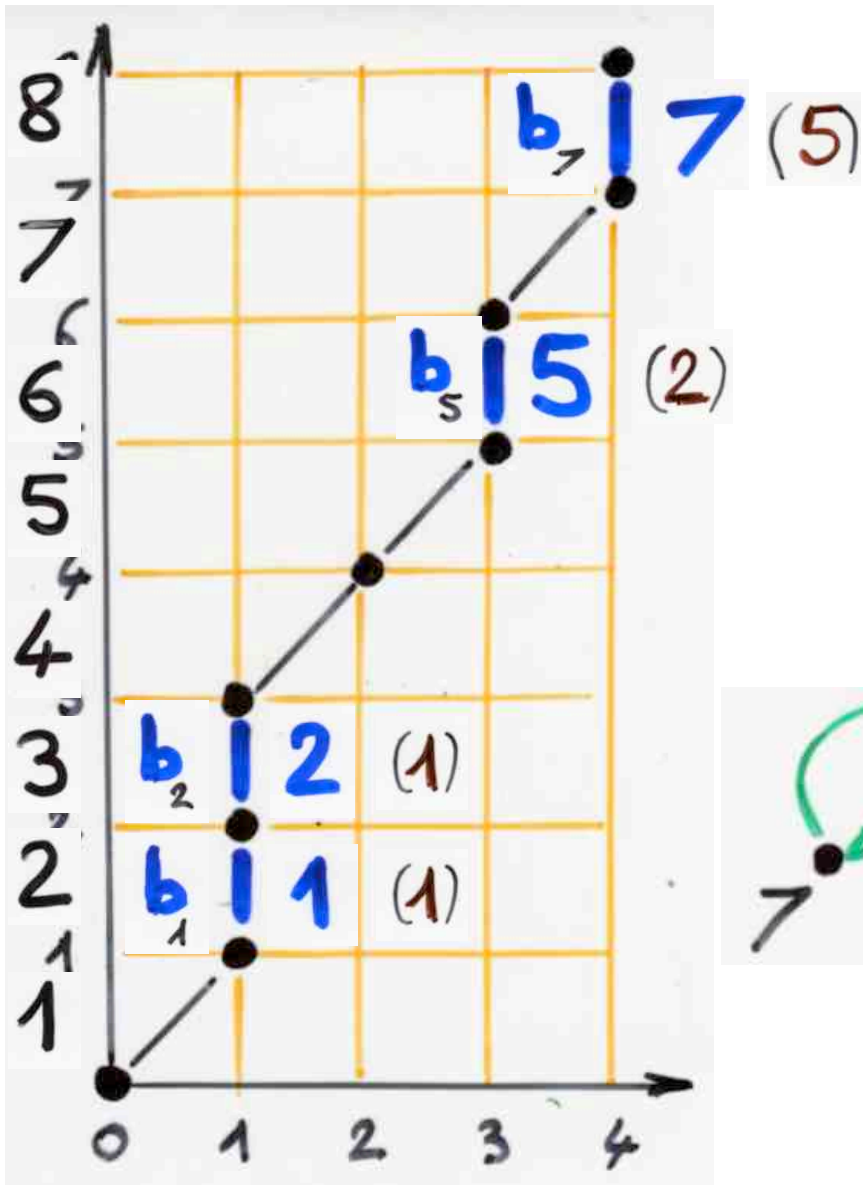
$$\begin{cases} b_k = 0 \\ \lambda_k = k \end{cases}$$

Laguerre polynomial
 $L_n(x)$

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

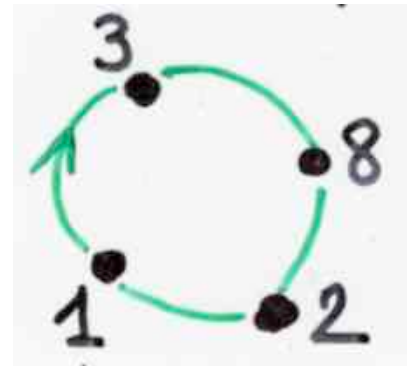
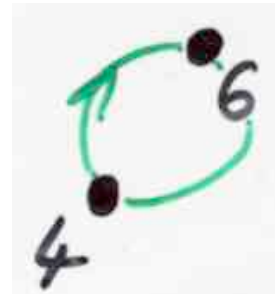
First steps

with the notion of histories

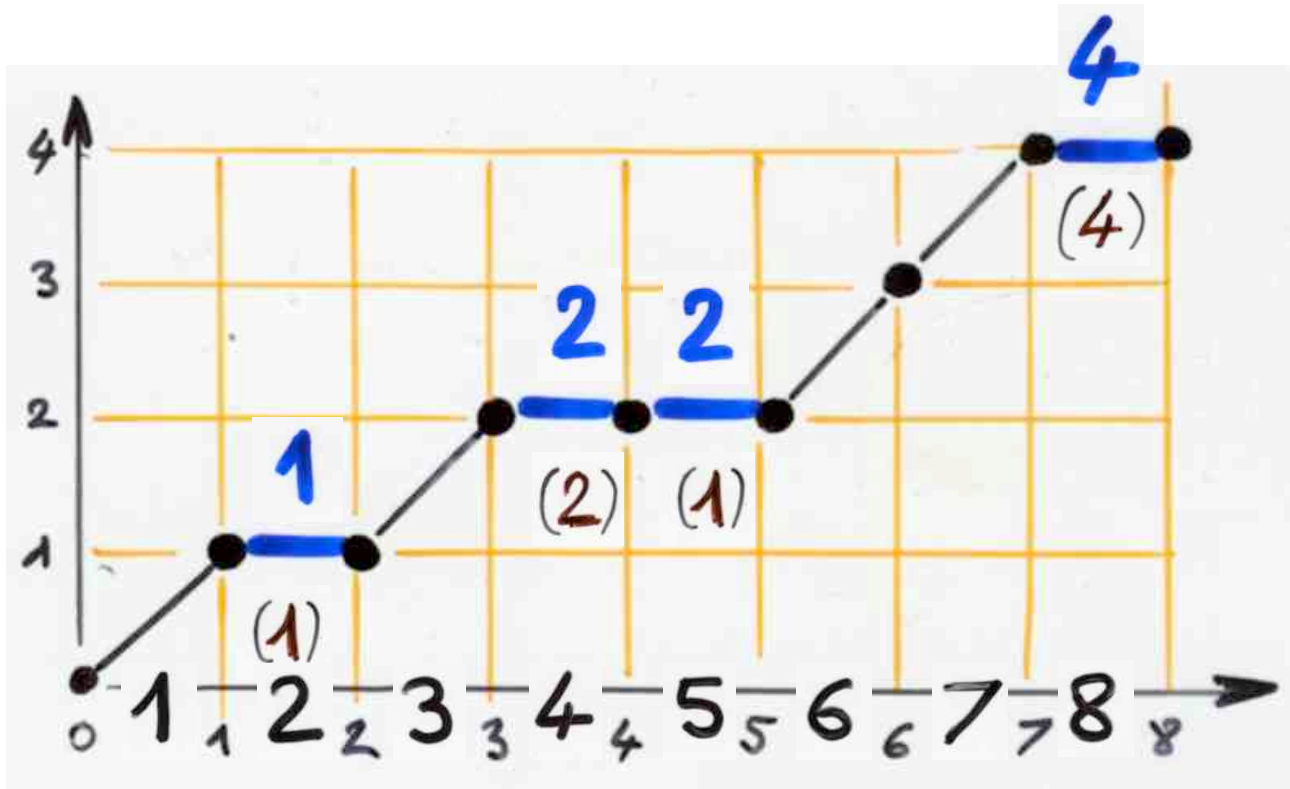


Stirling numbers

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



Stirling numbers



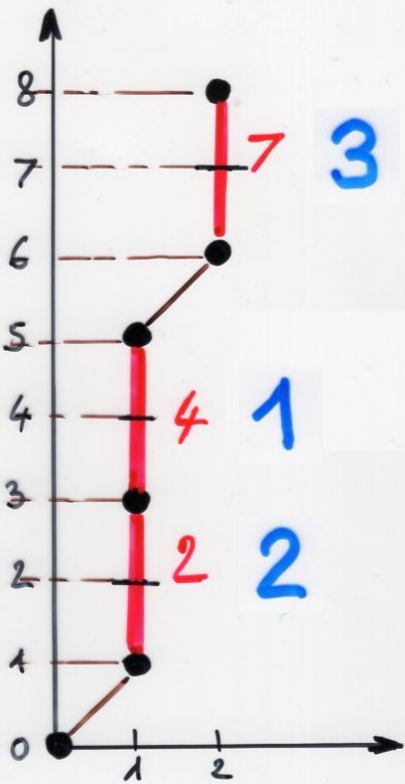
number of (set) partitions of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ into i blocks

[1, 2, 5

[3, 4

[6

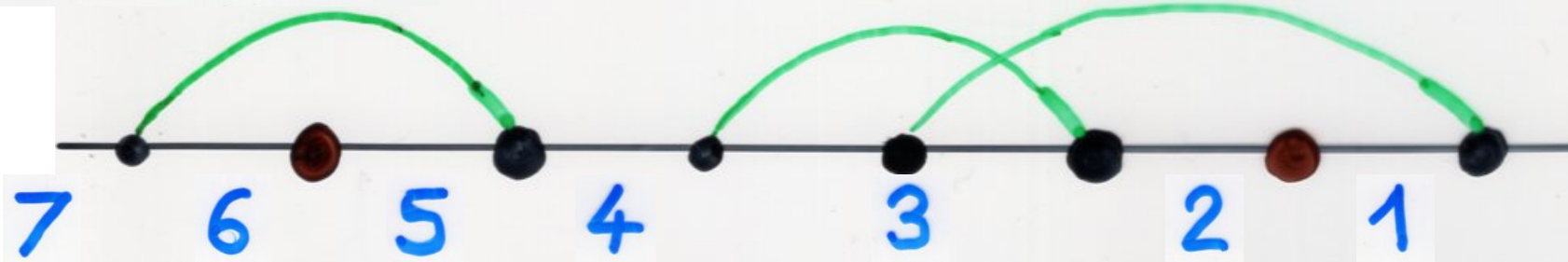
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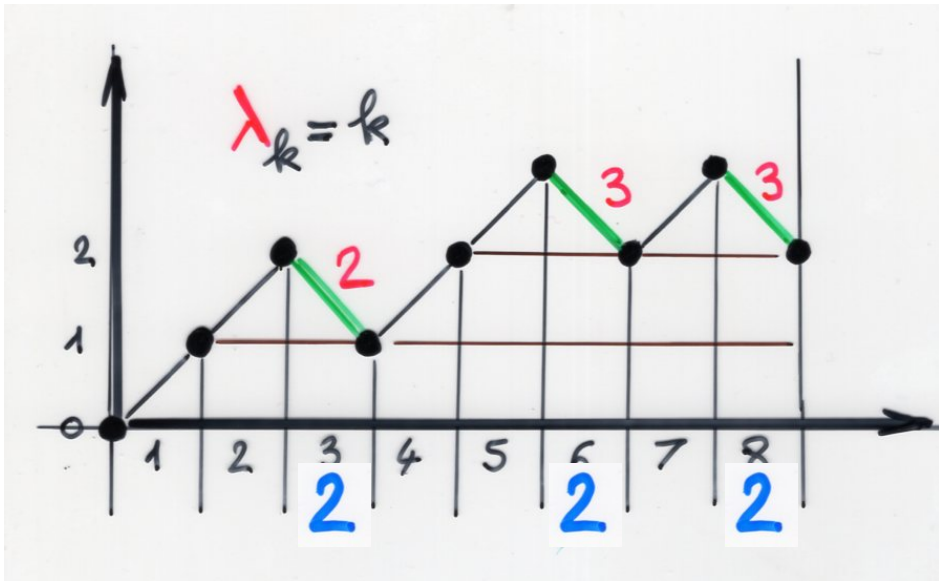
Hermite
 polynomials

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

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



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

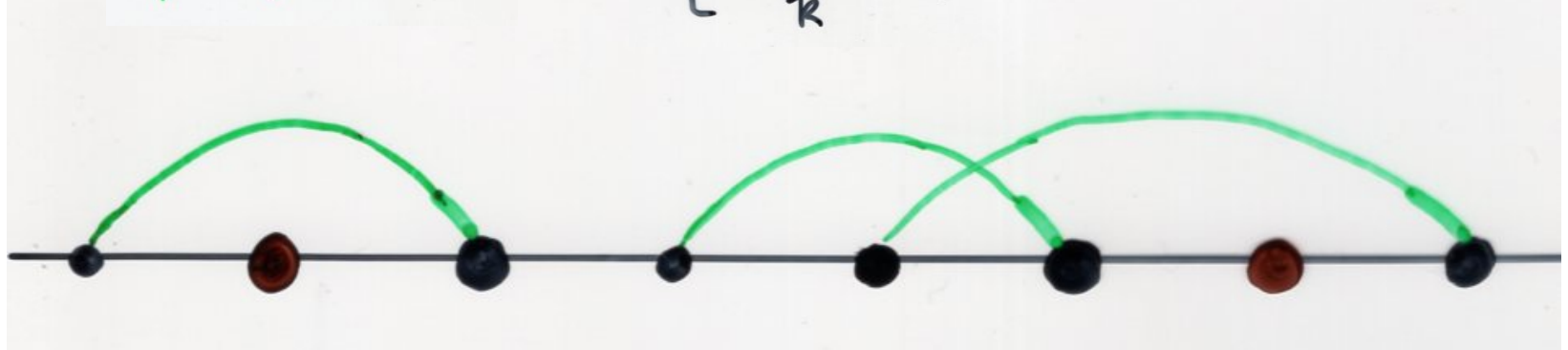


moments

$\mu_{2n+1} = 0$
 $\mu_{2n} = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)$
 number of involutions
 no fixed point
 on $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$

Hermite polynomials

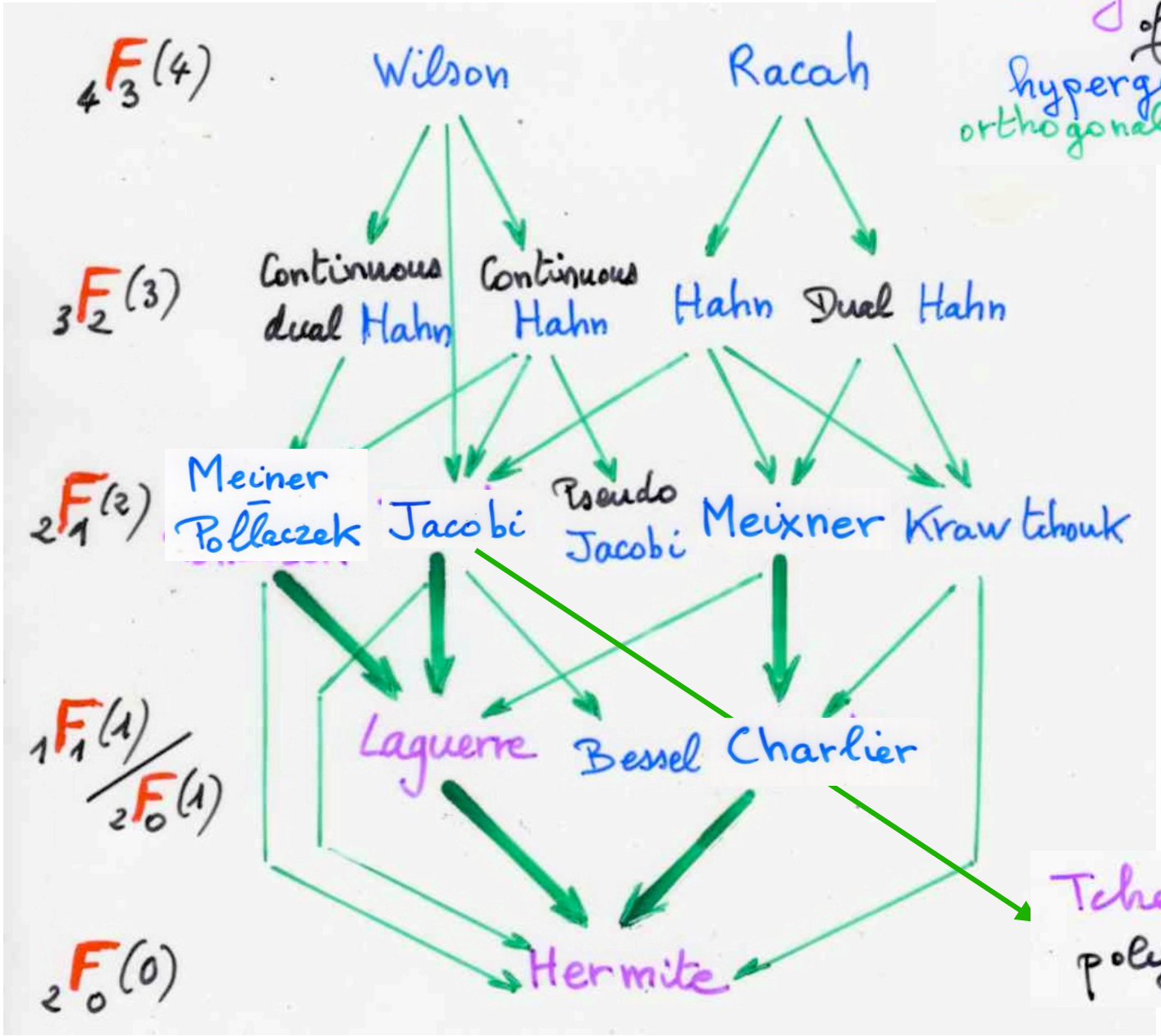
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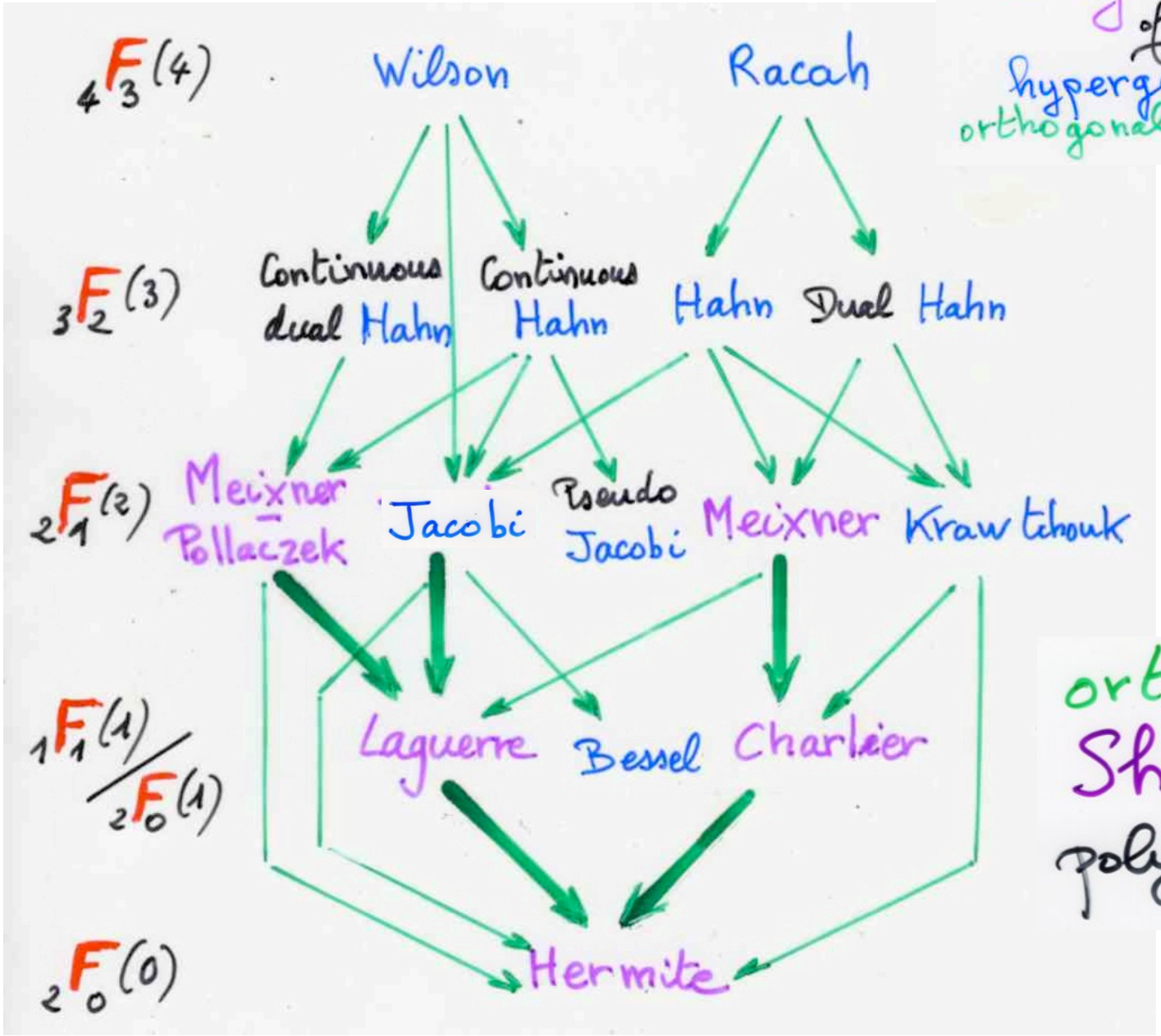
Hermite polynomials again !

Orthogonal Sheffer polynomials

Askey scheme
of
hypergeometric
orthogonal polynomials



Askey scheme
of
hypergeometric
orthogonal polynomials



orthogonal
Sheffer
polynomials

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

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

are Sheffer polynomials

Meixner
(1934)



positive-definite OPS
Sheffer type $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b_k = ak + b \\ \lambda_k = k(ck + d) \end{cases}$

with $\begin{cases} a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \\ c \geq 0, c + d > 0 \end{cases}$

positive-definite OPS

Sheffer
type

\Leftrightarrow

$$\begin{cases} b_k = ak + b \\ \lambda_k = k(ck + d) \end{cases}$$

(1) $a = 0, c = 0$

Hermite
polynomials

$$H_n(x)$$

(2) $a \neq 0, a^2 - 4c = 0$

Laguerre
polynomials

$$L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$$

(3) $a \neq 0, c = 0$

Charlier
polynomials

$$C_n^{(a)}(x)$$

(4) $a^2 - 4c > 0$

Meixner
polynomials

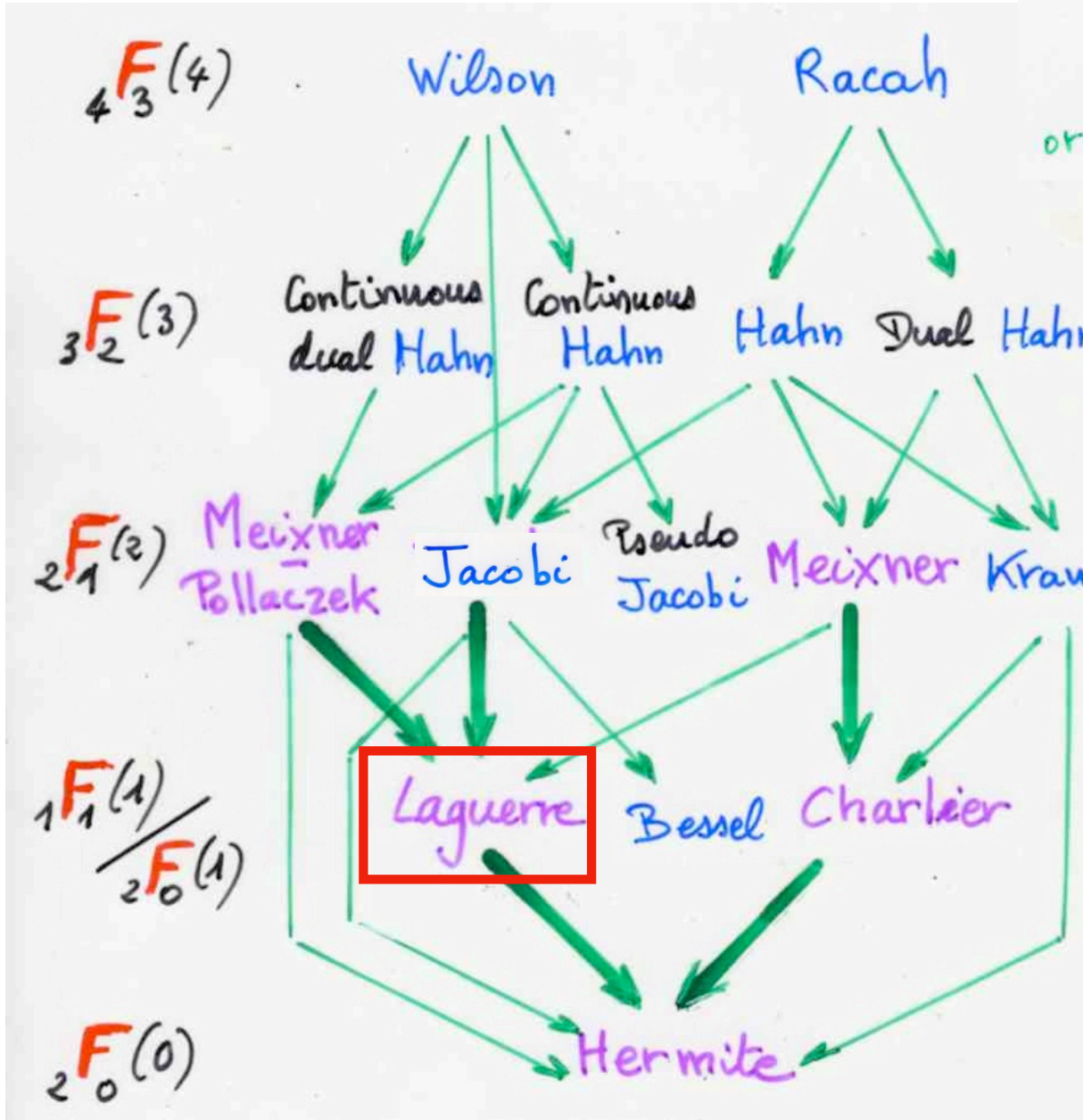
$$M_n^{(\beta, c)}(x)$$

(5) $a^2 - 4c < 0$

Meixner - Pollaczek
polynomials

$$C_n^{(a)}(x)$$

Askey scheme
of
hypergeometric
orthogonal polynomials



$${}_4F_3^{(4)}$$

$${}_3F_2^{(3)}$$

$${}_2F_1^{(2)}$$

$$\frac{{}_1F_1^{(1)}}{{}_2F_0^{(1)}}$$

$${}_2F_0^{(0)}$$

moments

orthogonal
Sheffer
polynomials

Laguerre polynomials



Laguerre
polynomials

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

Laguerre polynomials

$$L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = \frac{(\alpha+1)_n}{n!} {}_1F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -n \\ \alpha+1 \end{matrix} \middle| x\right) \quad (\alpha > -1)$$

$$n! L_n^{(\alpha)}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-n)_k}{k!} (k+\alpha+1)_{n-k} x^k$$

$$\tilde{L}_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$$

monic Laguerre
(combinatorial) polynomial

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

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

$$b_k = 2k + \alpha + 1$$

$$\lambda_k = k(k + \alpha)$$

monic Laguerre
(combinatorial) polynomial

$$\mu_n = (\alpha + 1)(\alpha + 2) \cdots (\alpha + n)$$

$$L_n^{(\alpha)}(x)$$

$$\alpha = 0$$

$$\mu_n = n!$$

$$L_n^{(1)}(x)$$

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

moments

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

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$$b_k = (2k+2)$$

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

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

$$\lambda_k = k^2$$

Laguerre
histories

restricted
Laguerre
histories

bijection

$$h = (\omega_c; \underbrace{(p_1, \dots, p_n)}_P)$$

$|\omega| = n$



permutations
 $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_{n+1}$

Laguerre
histories

$(n+1)!$

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

J. Françon, X.V. (1979)

Meixner
Pollaczek

Jacobi

Meixner

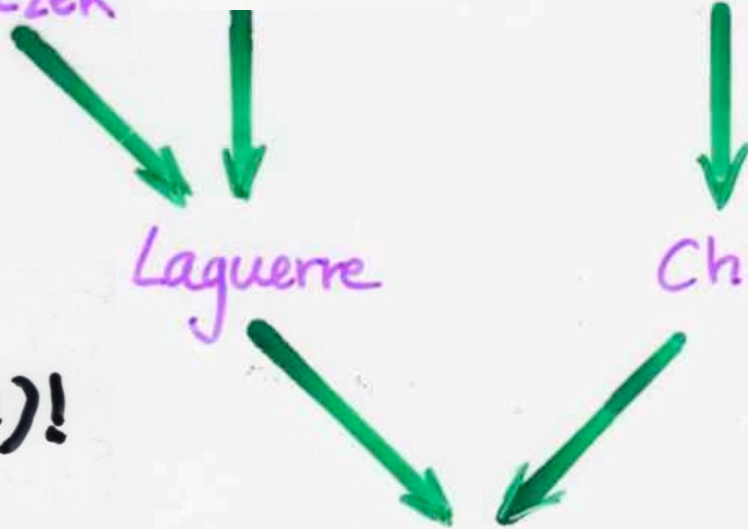
Laguerre

Charlier

Hermite

moments

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



$$E_{2n}$$

secant
number

Meixner
Pollaczek

Jacobi

Meixner

number of
ordered
partitions

moments

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

Laguerre

Charlier

$$B_n$$

Bell number

$$(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)\cdots(\alpha+n)$$

Hermite

number of
partitions

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

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

Sheffer orthogonal polynomials	b_k	λ_k	moments μ_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 $m_n(\beta, c; x)$	$\frac{(1+c)k + \beta c}{(1-c)}$	$\frac{c k(k-1 + \beta)}{(1-c)^2}$	$= (1-c)^\beta \sum_{k \geq 0} k^n c^k \frac{(\beta)_k}{k!}$
Meixner Pollaczek $P_n(\delta, \eta; x)$	$(2k + \eta) \delta$	$(\delta^2 + 1) k(k-1 + \eta)$	$\delta^n \sum_{\sigma \in G_n} \eta^{s(\sigma)} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\delta^2}\right)^{p(\sigma)}$

permutations

classic

permutations very classic

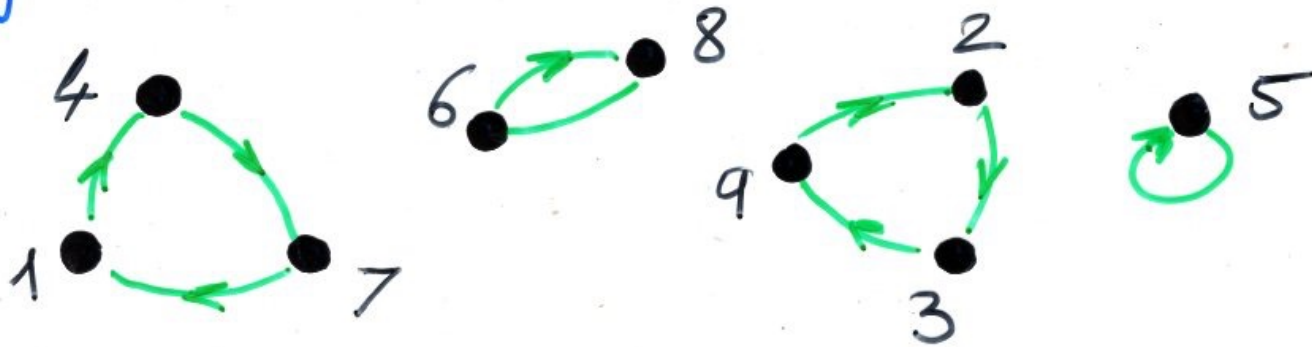
different representations

as a bijection

$$\{1, 2, \dots, n\} \xrightarrow{\sigma} \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

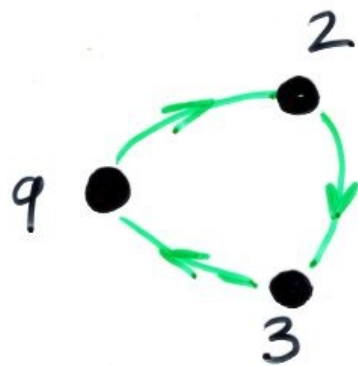
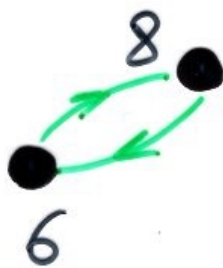
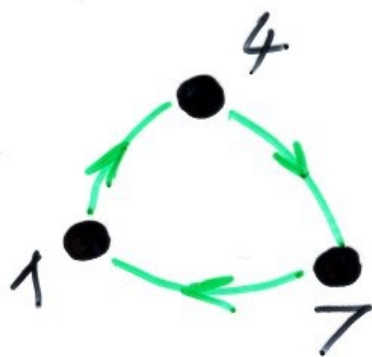
$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 4 & 3 & 9 & 7 & 5 & 8 & 1 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

cycles notation



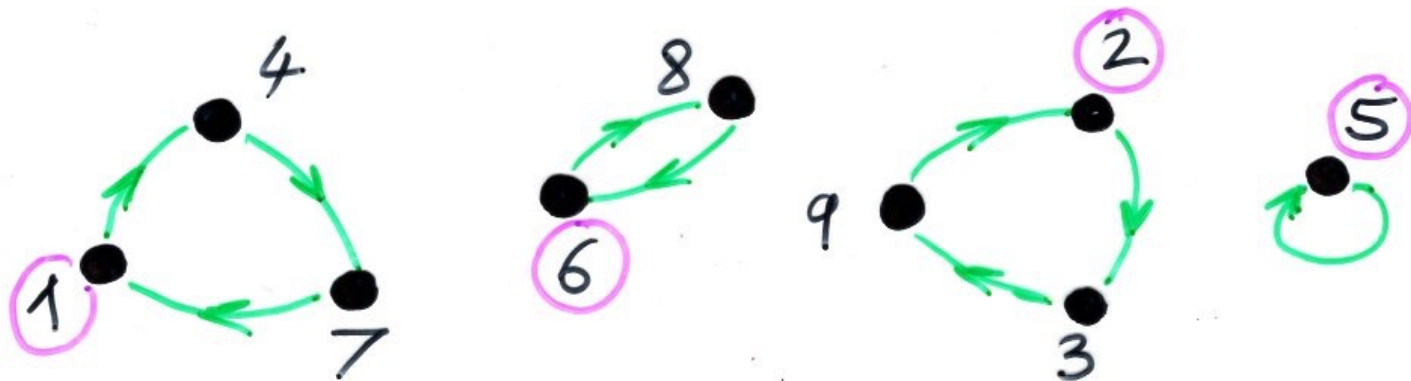
a classical bijection very classic!

σ cycles \xrightarrow{f} word $\tau = f(\sigma)$
notation



a classical bijection very classic!

σ cycles \xrightarrow{f} word $\tau = f(\sigma)$
no tation



$$\tau = / \textcircled{6} 8 / \textcircled{5} / \textcircled{2} 3 9 / \textcircled{1} 4 7$$

$$\tau = 6 \ 8 \ 5 \ 2 \ 3 \ 9 \ 1 \ 4 \ 7$$

lr-min

$w = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$
word with distinct letters

left to right minimum element

$$x_i = \min(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i)$$

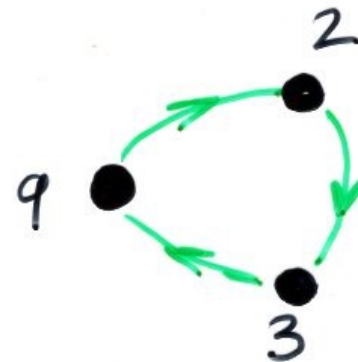
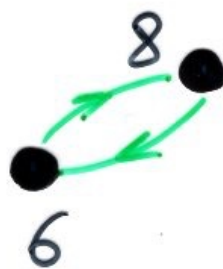
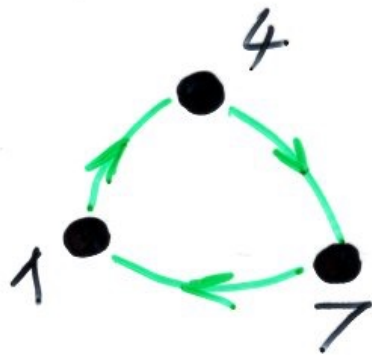
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$w = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$
word with distinct letters

lr-min

left to right minimum element

$$x_i = \min(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$



Foata (1968)

"transformation fondamentale"

rise

$$\sigma(i) < \sigma(i+1)$$

descent

$$\sigma(i) > \sigma(i+1)$$

4 \nearrow 7 \searrow 1 \nearrow 9 \searrow 2 \nearrow 3 \nearrow 5 \searrow 8 \searrow 6

$a_{n,k}$ = number of $\sigma \in S_n$
having k rises

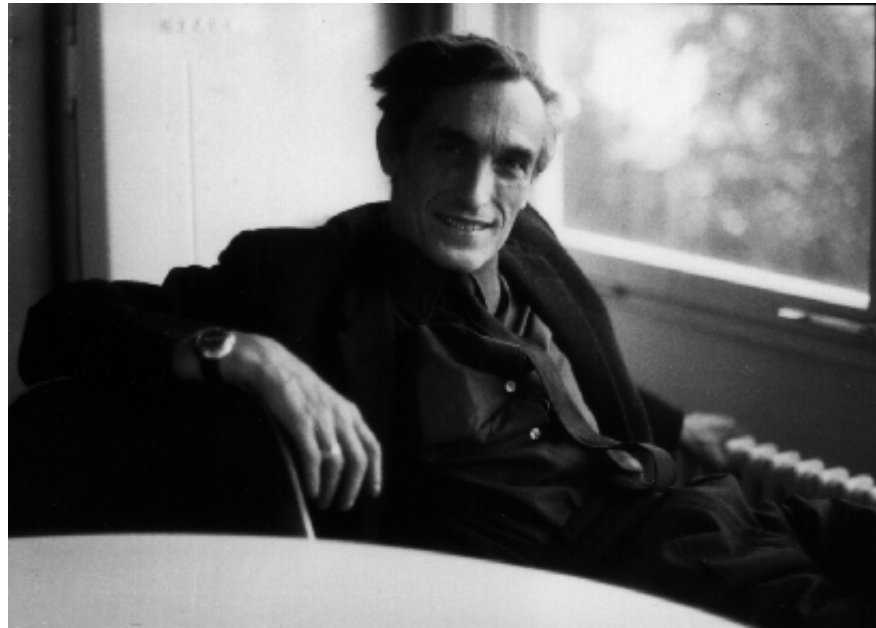
$$A_n(x) = \sum_k a_{n,k} x^k$$

Euler (1755)

eulerian polynomials



D. Foata
M.P. Schützenberger



"Théorie géométrique
des
polynômes Eulériens"
(1970)

excedance

$$i < \sigma(i)$$

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

excedance

$$i < \sigma(i)$$

$\text{exc}(\sigma) =$ number of excedances

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

$$\sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n} x^{\text{exc}(\sigma)} = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n} x^{\text{rise}(\sigma)}$$

$\text{rise}(\sigma) =$ number of rises of σ

eulerian distribution

$$A_n(x)$$

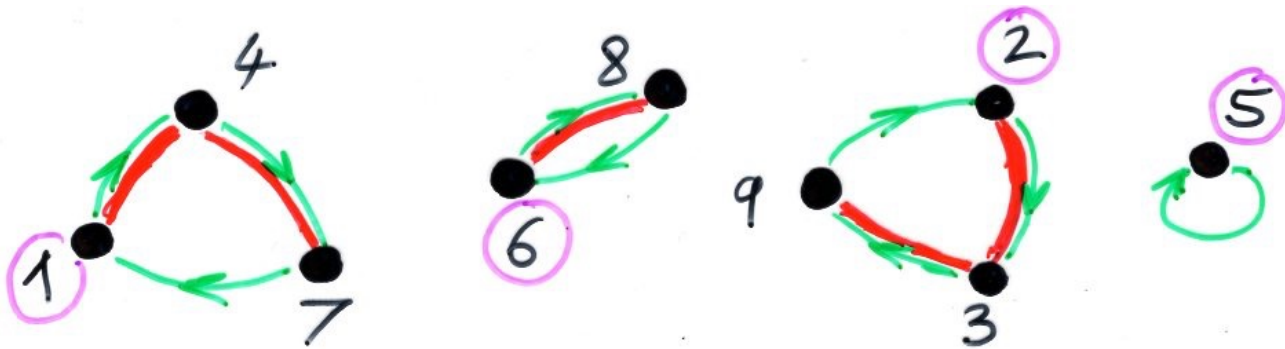
eulerian polynomial

excedance

$$i < \sigma(i)$$

$\text{exc}(\sigma) =$ number of excedances

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



$$\tau = / \overset{6}{\circlearrowleft} - 8 / \overset{5}{\circlearrowleft} / \overset{2}{\circlearrowleft} - 3 - 9 / \overset{1}{\circlearrowleft} - 4 - 7$$

up-down sequence of a permutation

4 — 7 \ 1 — 9 \ 2 — 3 — 5 — 8 \ 6

— \ — \ — \ — \ —

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

Definition

sub-excedante functions

$$f: [1, n] \rightarrow [0, n-1]$$

pour tout $1 \leq i \leq n$, $0 \leq f(i) < i$

\mathcal{F}_n set of sub-excedante functions

$$|\mathcal{F}_n| = n!$$

$$\sigma \in S_n \rightarrow f \in \mathbb{Z}_n$$

Inversion table

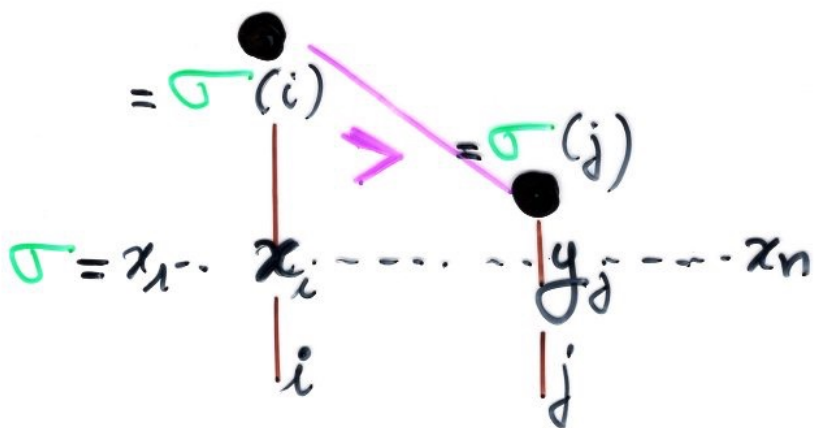
$$\sigma = \begin{array}{cccccccc} 7 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 8 & 5 & 1 & 4 \\ \hline 6 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$f(x)$	0	1	1	0	2	3	6	3

$$1 \leq x \leq n$$

$$x = \sigma(i)$$

$f(x) =$ number of j , $i < j \leq n$
with $\sigma(j) < \sigma(i)$



inversion of σ

(i, j)

$$1 \leq i < j \leq n$$

$$\sigma(i) > \sigma(j)$$

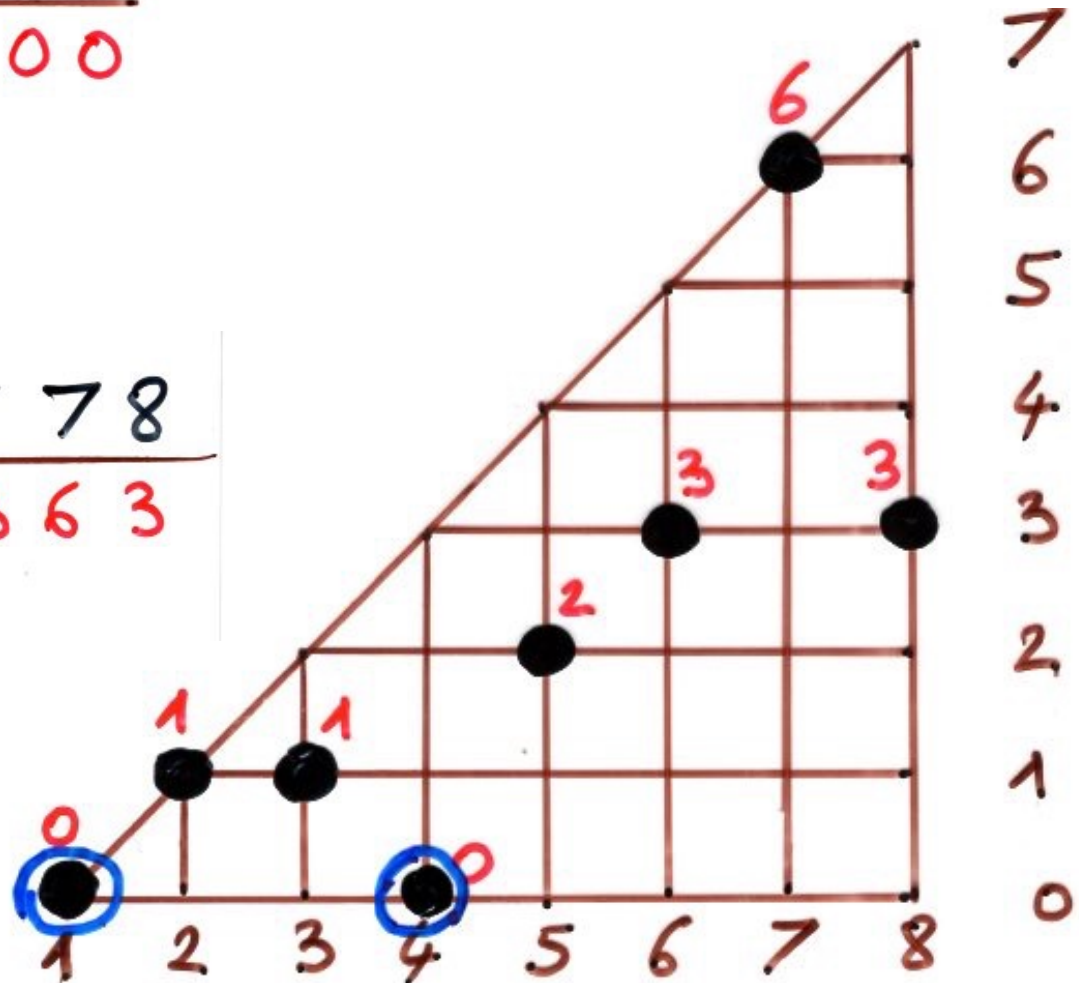
$inv(\sigma) =$ number of
inversions

Inversion table

$$\sigma = \frac{7 \ 2 \ 3 \ 6 \ 8 \ 5 \ 1 \ 4}{6 \ 1 \ 1 \ 3 \ 3 \ 2 \ 0 \ 0}$$

rl- min

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$f(x)$	0	1	1	0	2	3	6	3



number of inversions
 $inv(\sigma) = 19$

$0+0+1+3+1+3+3+3+5$

$0+0+1+3+1+3+3+3+5$
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Laguerre histories
and
moment of Laguerre polynomials

Laguerre
polynomials

$$L_n^{(1)}(x)$$

moments

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

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



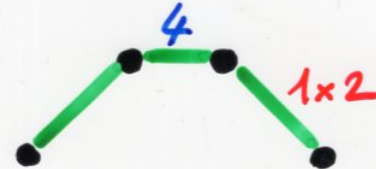
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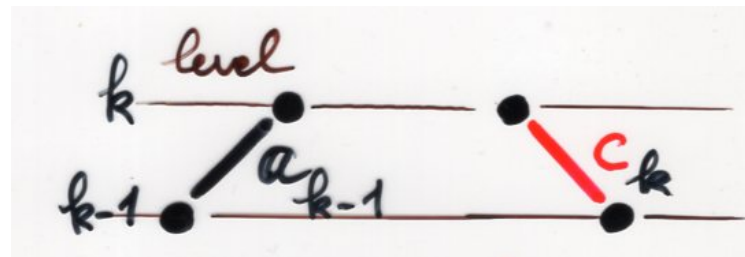
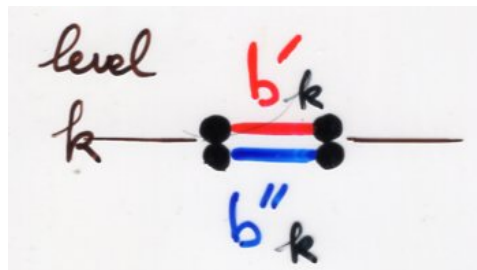
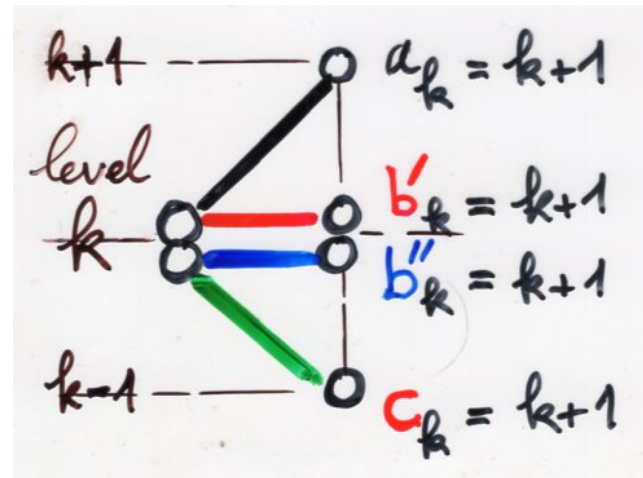
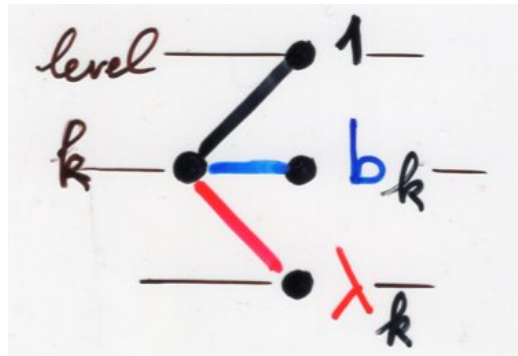


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$$4! =$$

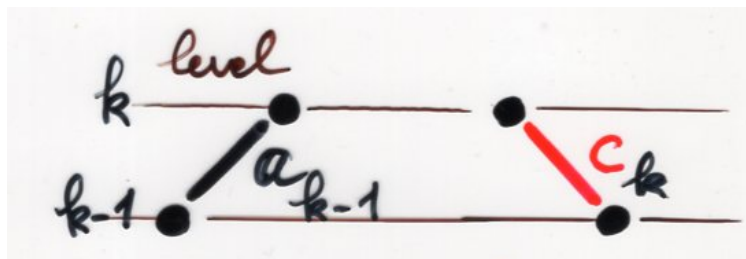
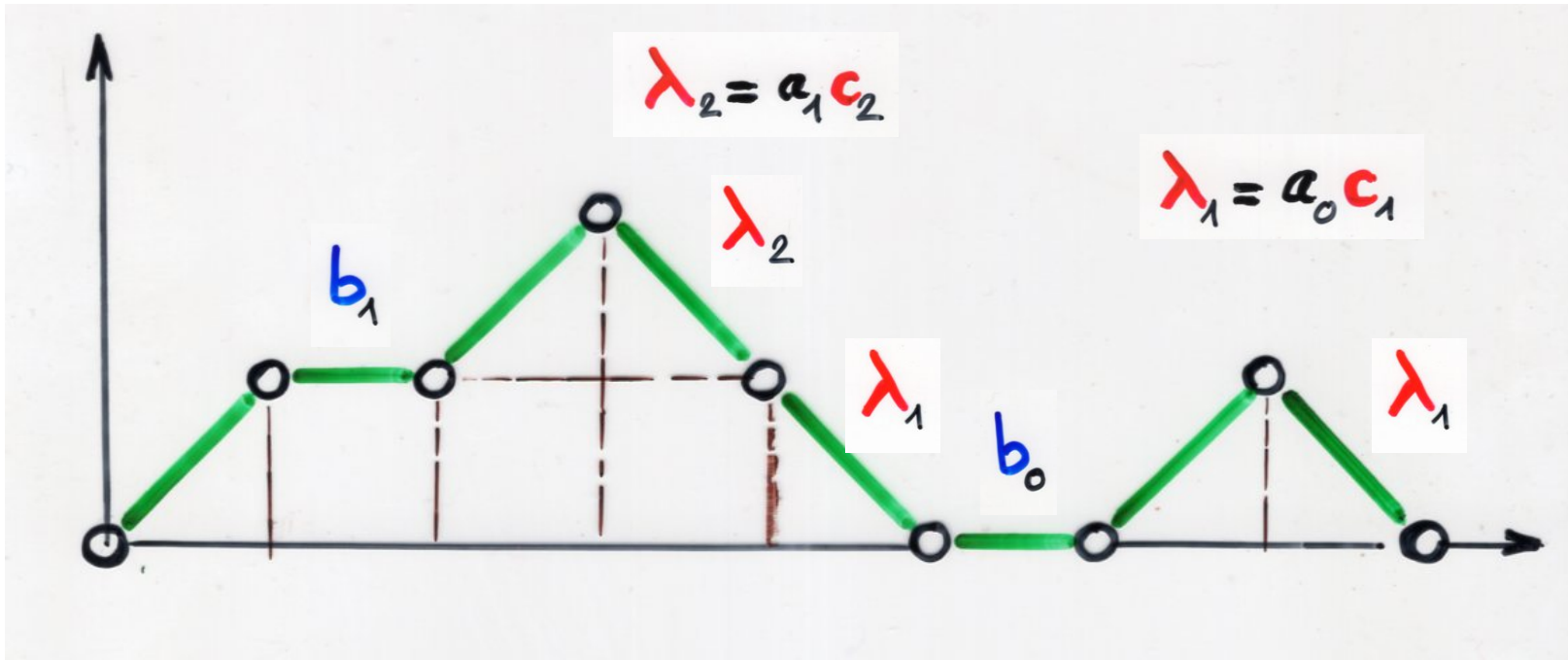
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$$\begin{cases} b_k = 2k+2 \\ \lambda_k = k(k+1) \end{cases}$$

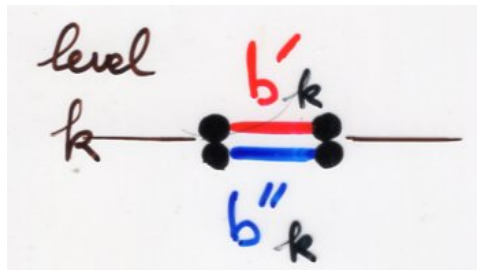


$$b_k = b'_k + b''_k$$

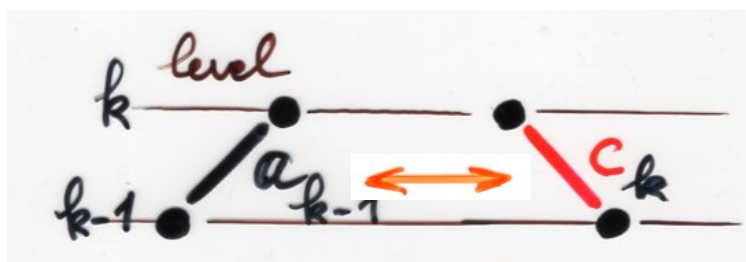
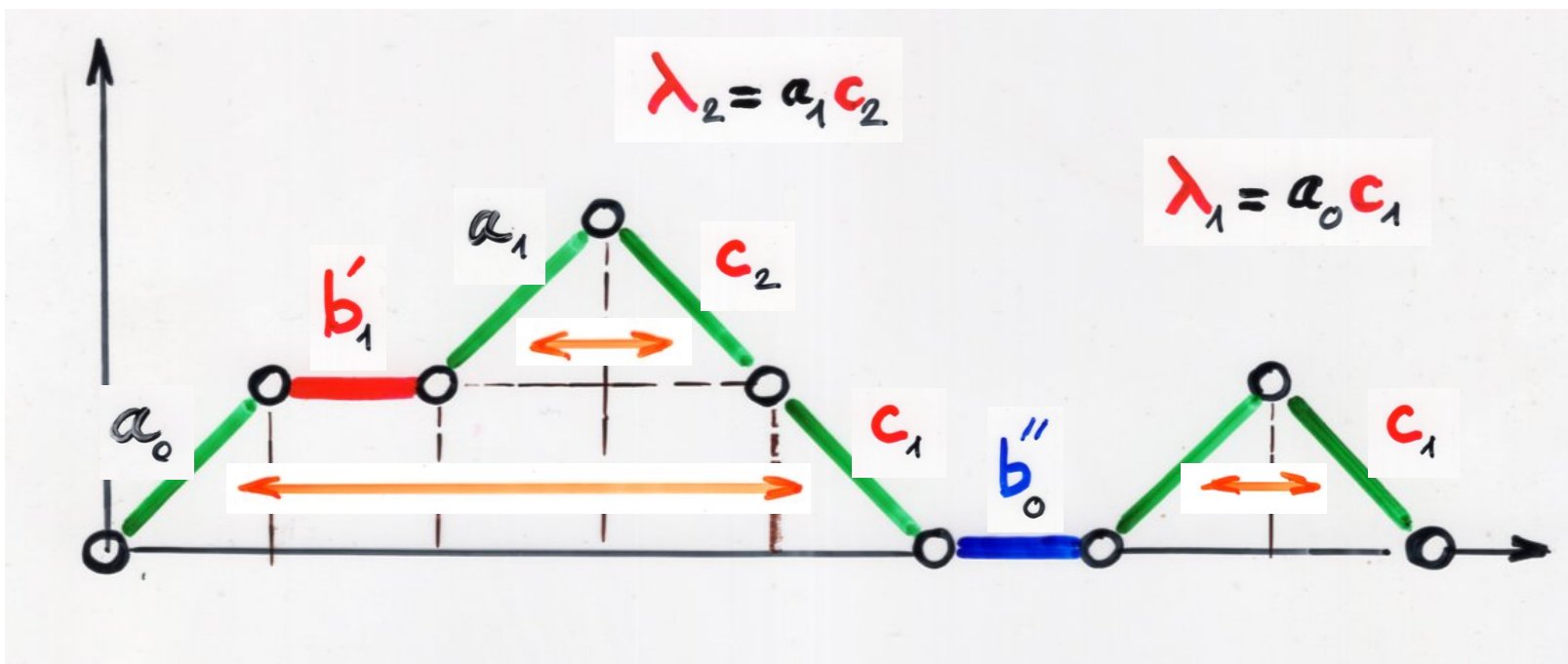
$$a_{k-1} c_k = \lambda_k$$



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$$b_k = b'_k + b''_k$$



$$a_{k-1} c_k = \lambda_k$$

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

=

$$\sum_{\substack{|\omega|=n \\ \text{2-colored} \\ \text{Motzkin} \\ \text{path}}} v^*(\omega)$$

=

$$(n+1)!$$

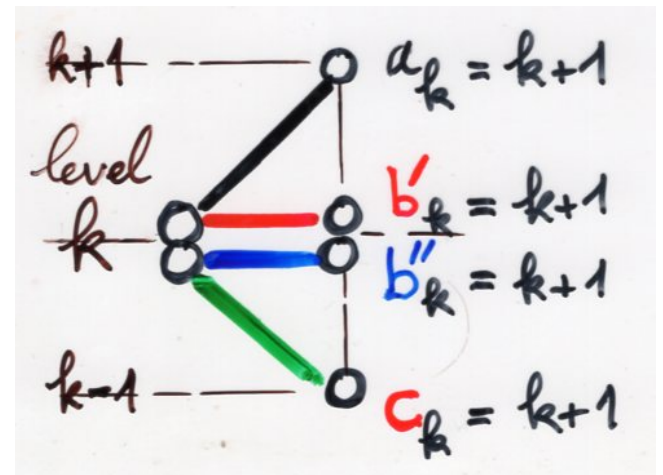
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$$\begin{cases} b'_k = k+1 \\ b''_k = k+1 \\ a_k = k+1 \\ c_k = k+1 \end{cases}$$

$$b_k = b'_k + b''_k$$

$$a_{k-1} c_k = \lambda_k$$

$$v^*(\omega)$$



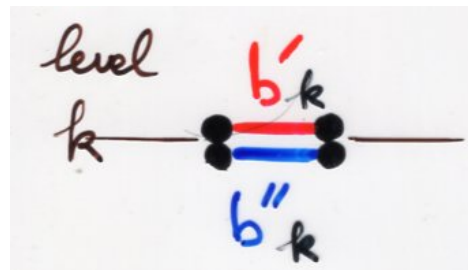
positive-definite OPS

Sheffer
type

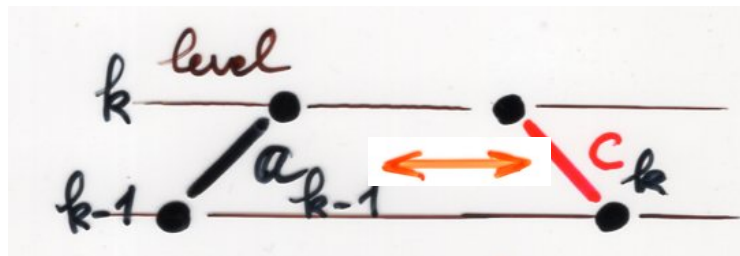
$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b_k = ak + b \\ \lambda_k = k(ck + d) \end{cases}$$

with $\begin{cases} a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \\ c \geq 0, c + d > 0 \end{cases}$

$$b_k = b'_k + b''_k$$



$$a_{k-1} c_k = \lambda_k$$



Hermite

Laguerre

Charlier

Meixner

Meixner
Pollaczek

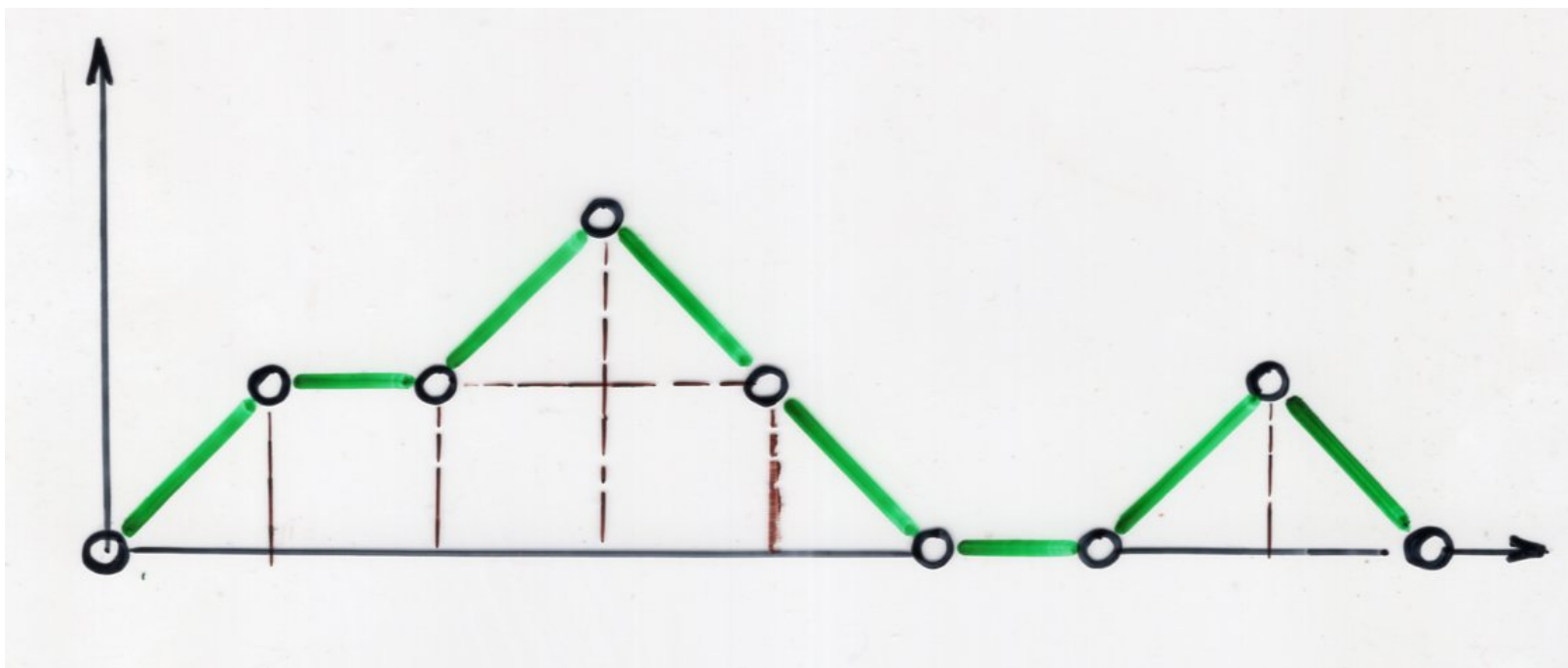
Laguerre histories

definition

Laguerre
history

$$h = (\omega_c, P)$$

Motzkin
path

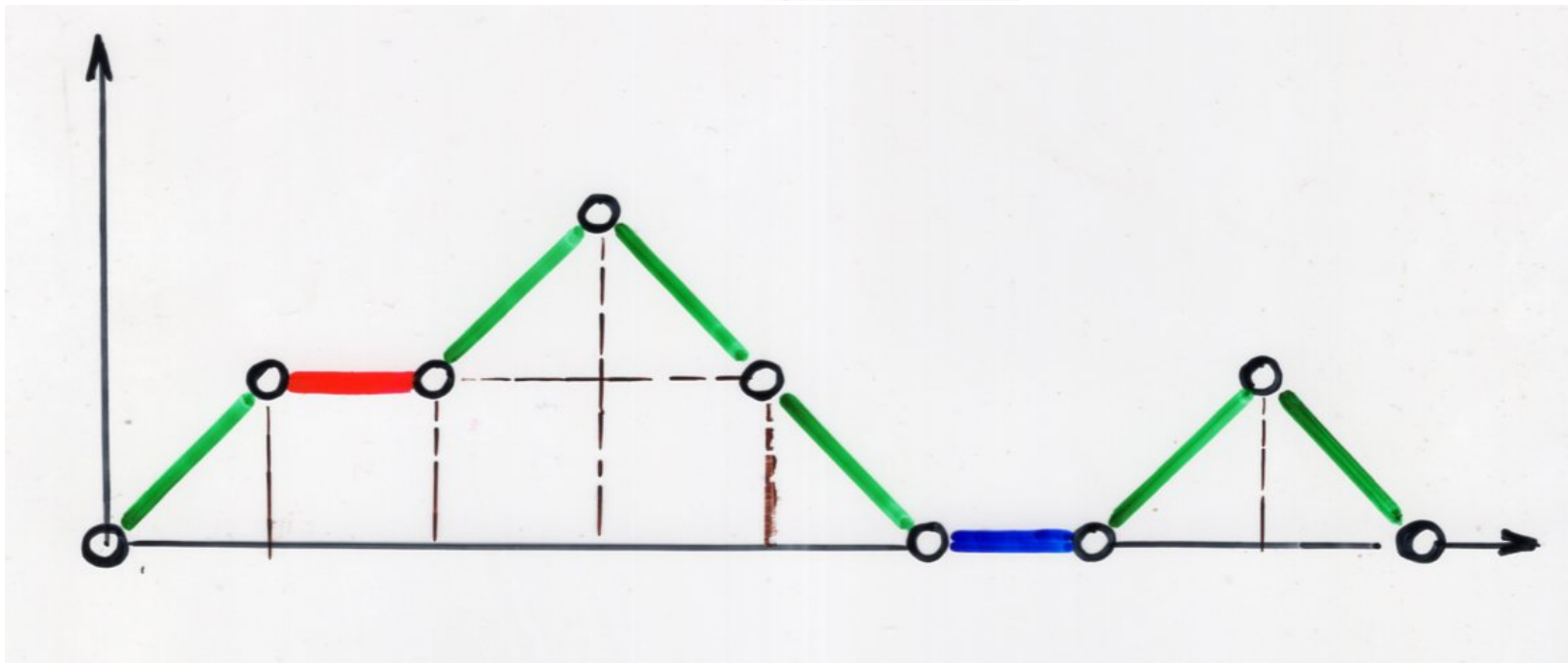


Laguerre
history

$$h = (\omega_c, P)$$

Motzkin
path

2 colors
East steps

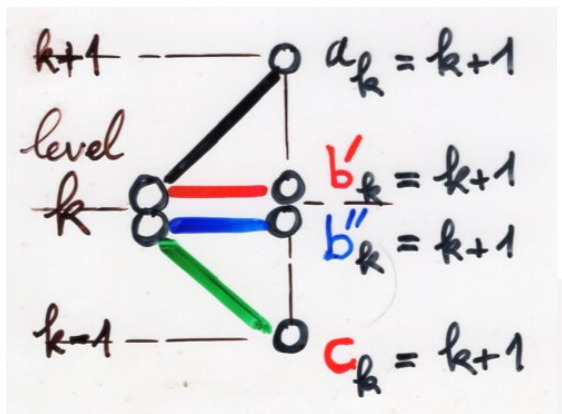


Laguerre history

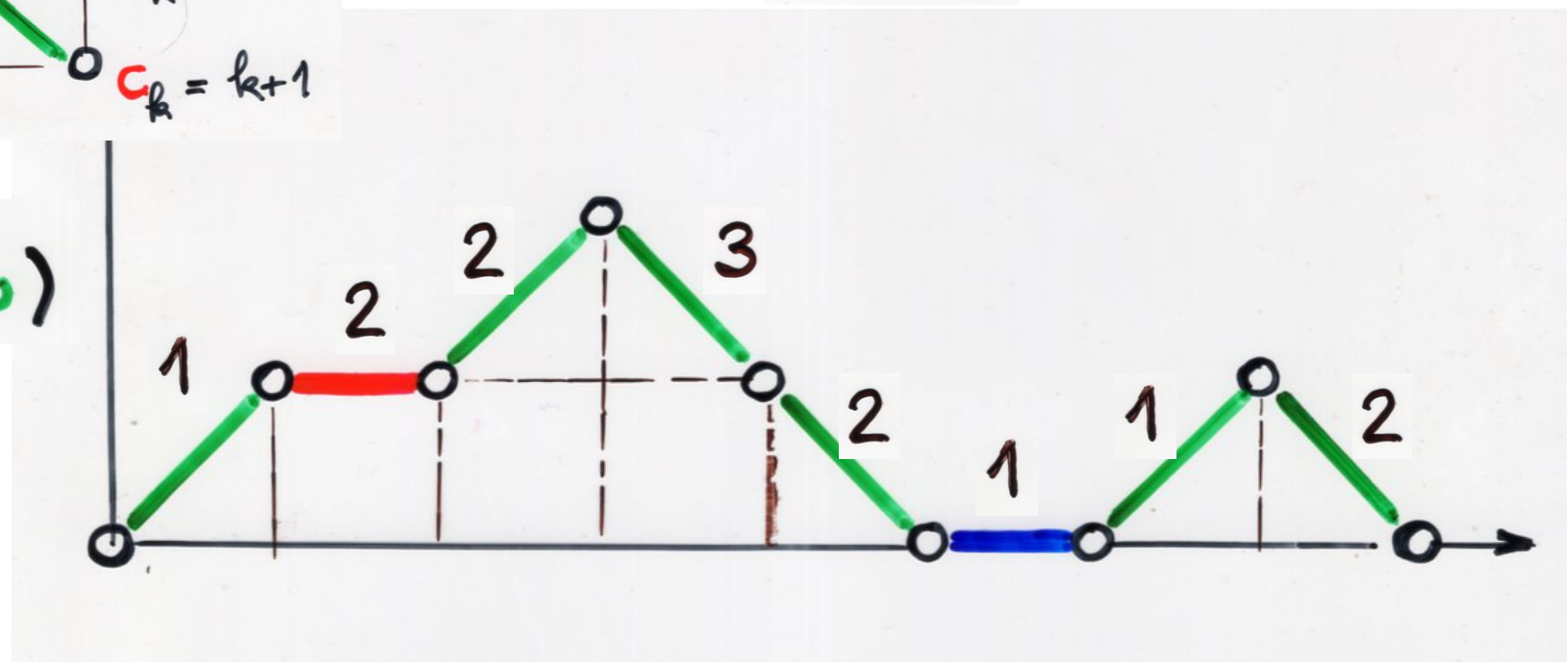
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$v^*(\omega)$



Laguerre history

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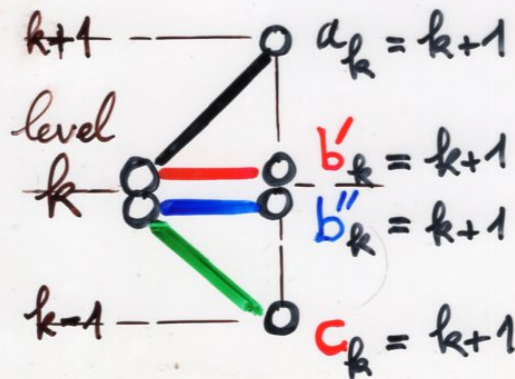
$$P = (P_1, \dots, P_n)$$

$$1 \leq P_i \leq v(\omega_i)$$

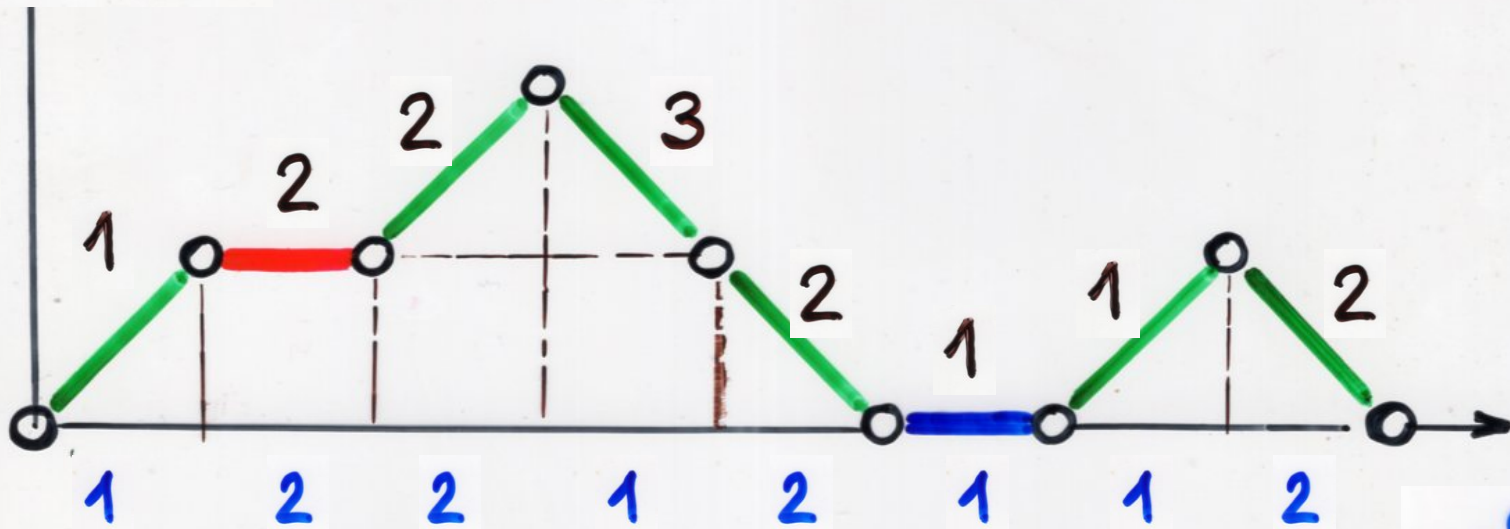
$$\omega = (\omega_1 \dots \omega_n)$$

Motzkin path

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East steps



$v^*(\omega)$



choice function

bijection

$$h = (\omega_c; \underbrace{(p_1, \dots, p_n)}_P)$$

$|\omega| = n$



permutations
 $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_{n+1}$

Laguerre
histories

$(n+1)!$

$|h| = |\omega|$
length of
the history

J. Françon, X.V. (1979)

bijection

Laguerre histories \longrightarrow permutations

description with words

The FV bijection

(Françon-XV 1978)

$$\omega = (\omega_1 \dots \omega_n)$$

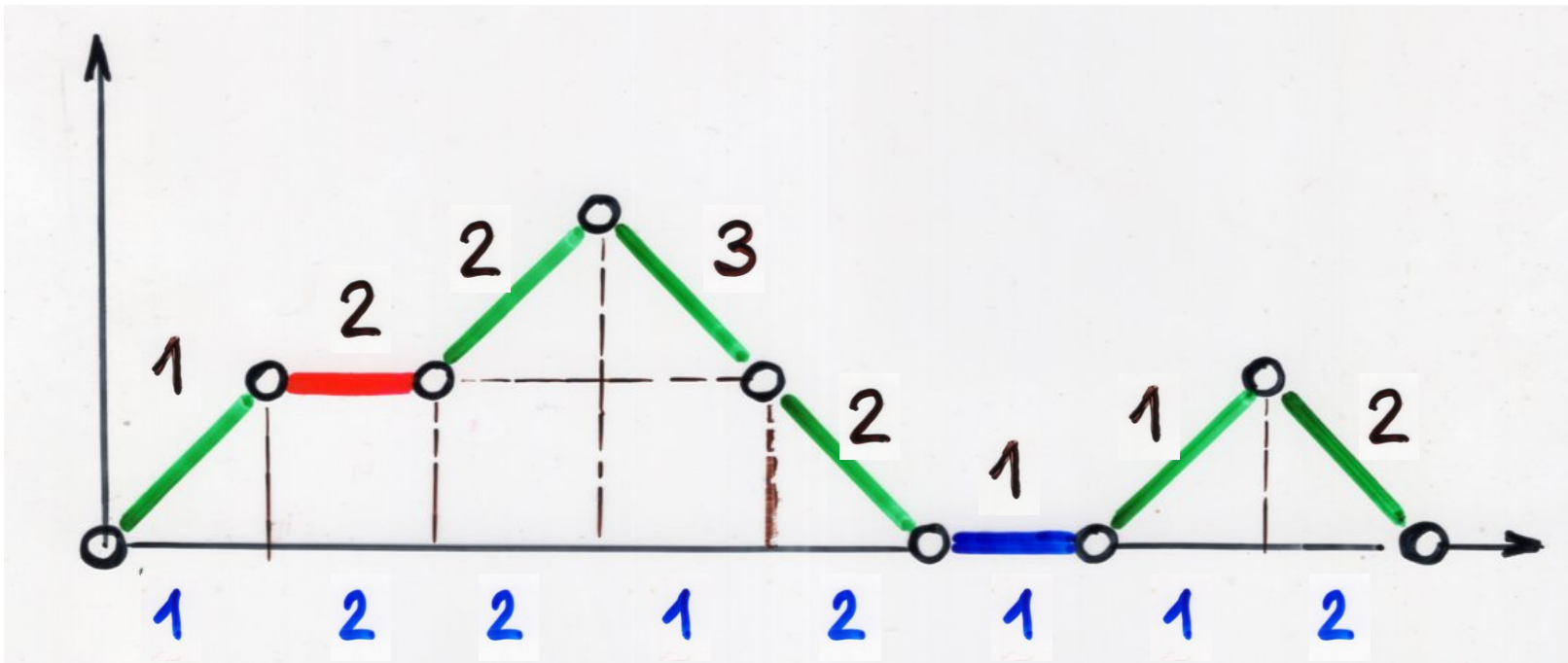
choice
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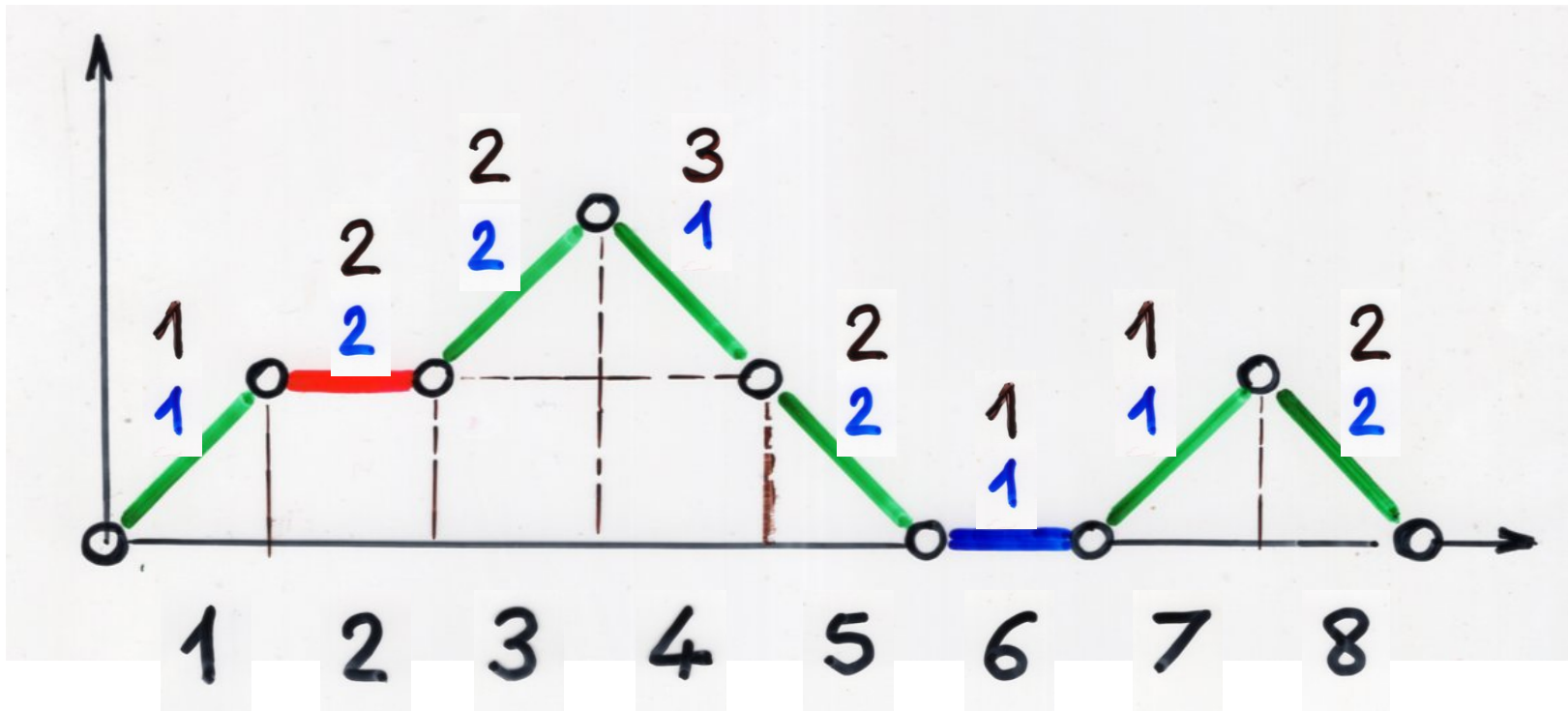
sequence of

primitive
operations

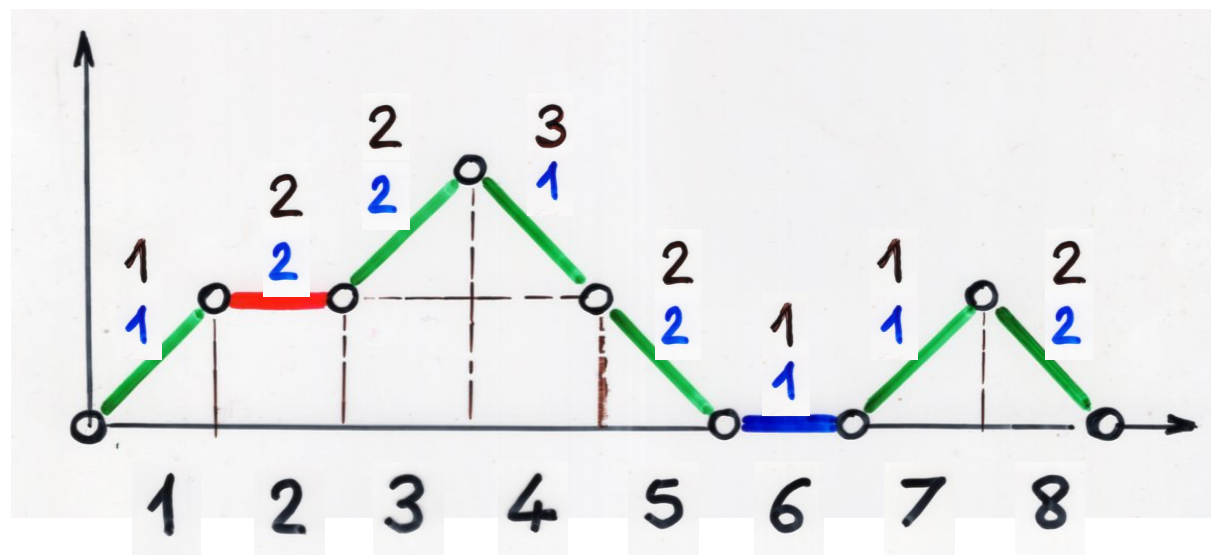
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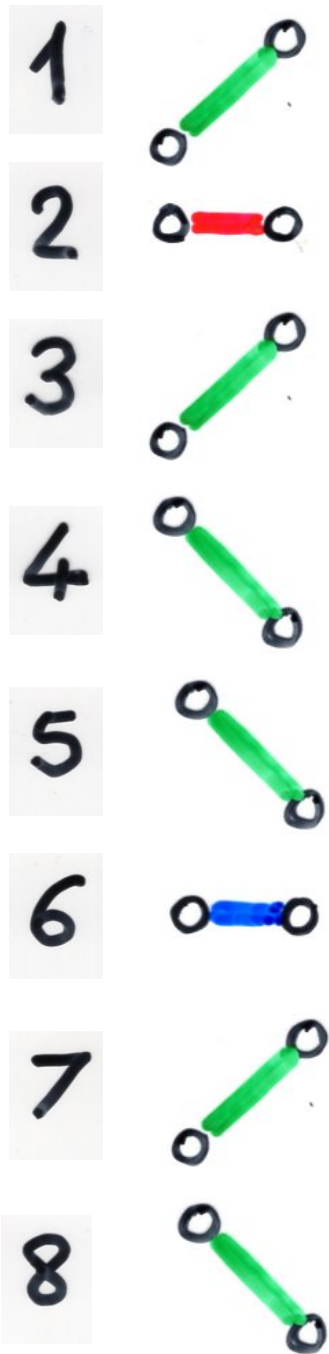
number of
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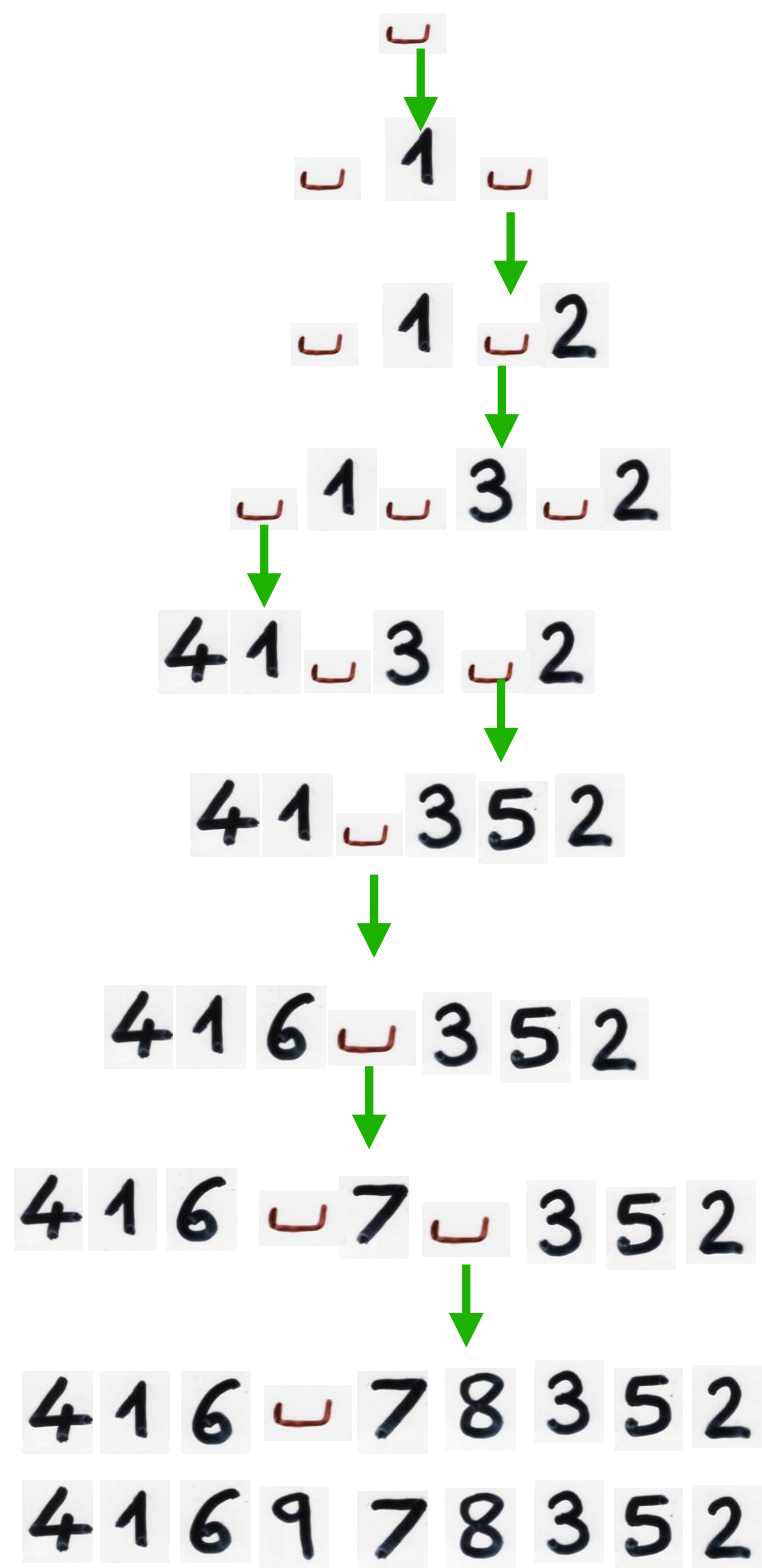


1		1	1
2		2	2
3		2	2
4		3	1
5		2	2
6		1	1
7		1	1
8		2	2



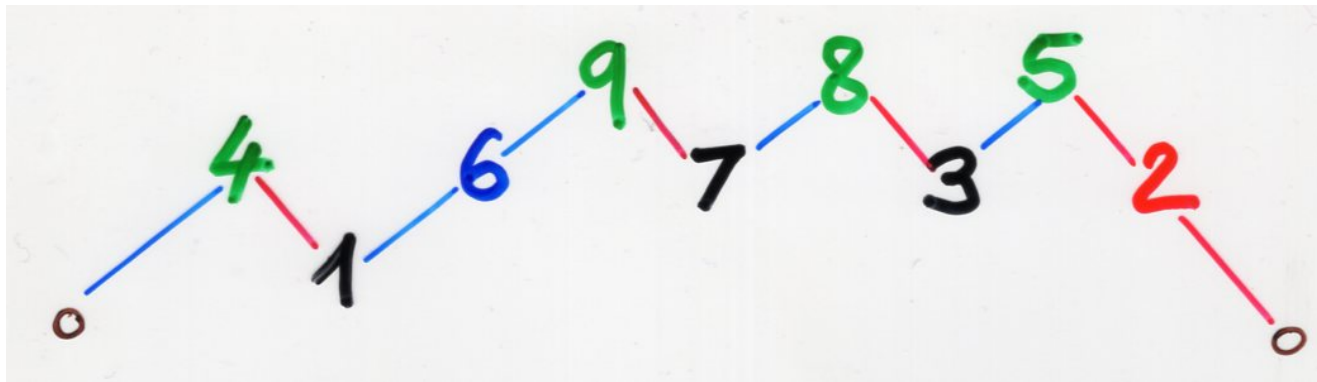


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8	2



reciprocal bijection

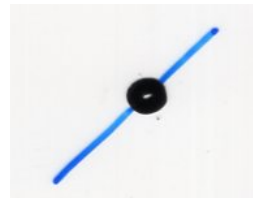
permutations \longrightarrow Laguerre histories



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



valley
(through)



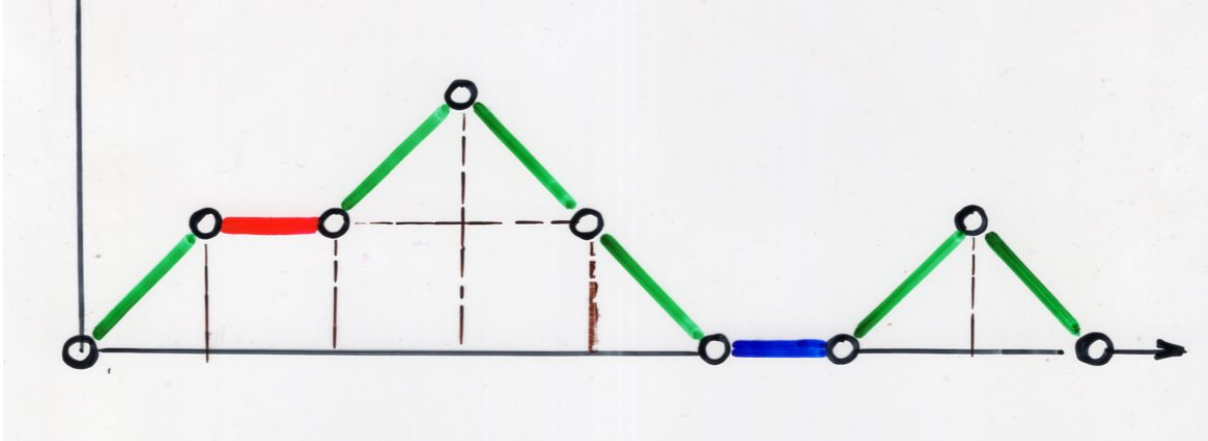
double
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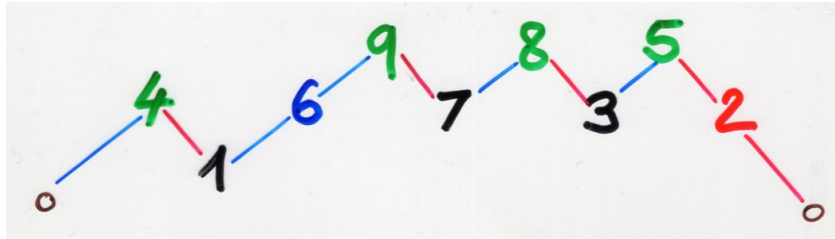
peak



double
descent



permutation σ



ω_c



Valleys

peaks

double descents

double rise

- 1, 3, 7
- 4, 5, 8, 9
- 2
- 6

2-colored Motzkin path

Definition

$$\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n, x \in [1, n]$$

x -decomposition

• $\sigma = u_1 v_1 \cdots u_k v_k u_{k+1}$

• letters $(u_i) < x$

• letters $(v_j) \geq x$

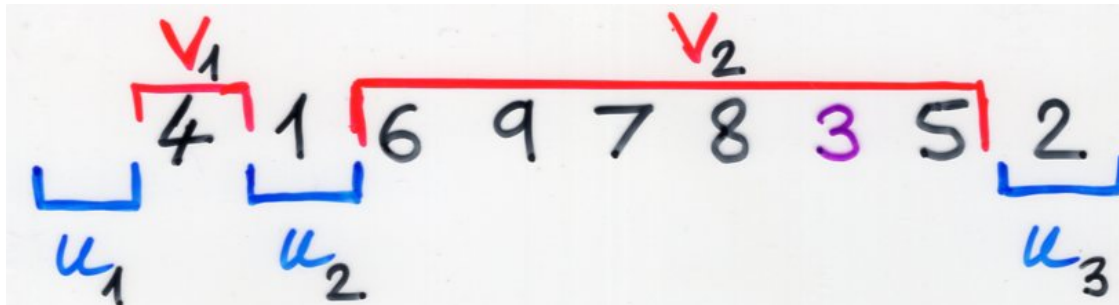
• words $v_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, v_k$

non-empty

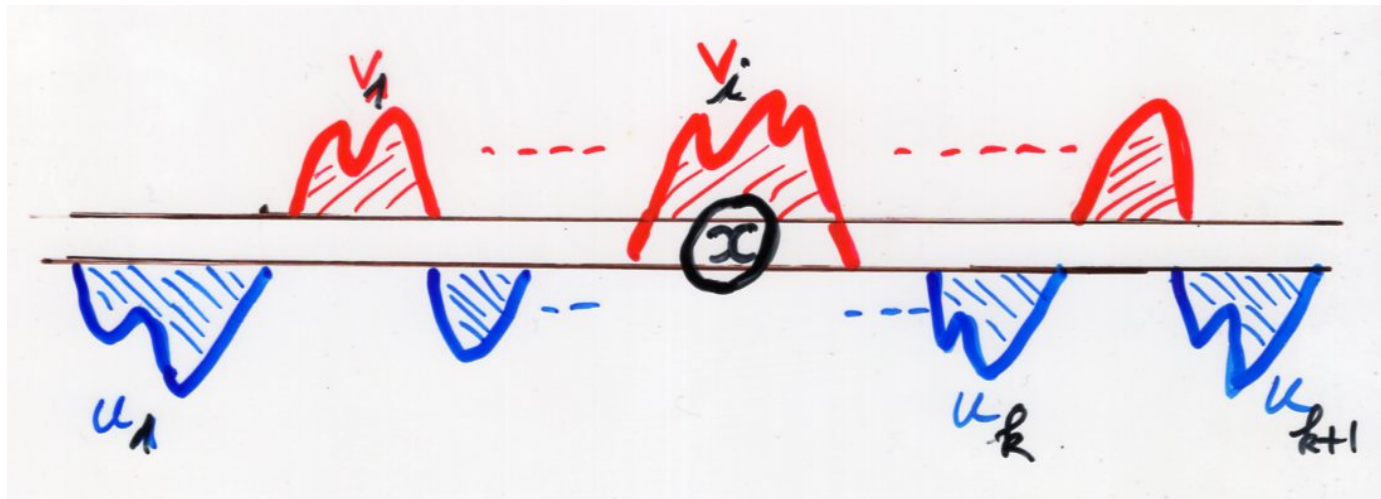
example

$$\sigma = 4\ 1\ 6\ 9\ 7\ 8\ \textcircled{3}\ 5\ 2$$

$$x = 3$$



- $\sigma = u_1 v_1 \dots u_k v_k u_{k+1}$
- letters $(u_i) < x$
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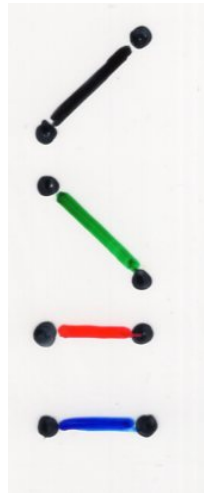
reciprocal bijection

$$\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_{n+1} \longrightarrow (\omega_c; (P_1, \dots, P_n))$$

$$\omega_c = \omega_1 \cdots \omega_n$$

(i)

ω_i is
 i^{th} step



valley
peak
double descent
double rise

(ii)

$$P_i = j \iff$$

i is a letter of the word V_j
in the i -decomposition of σ

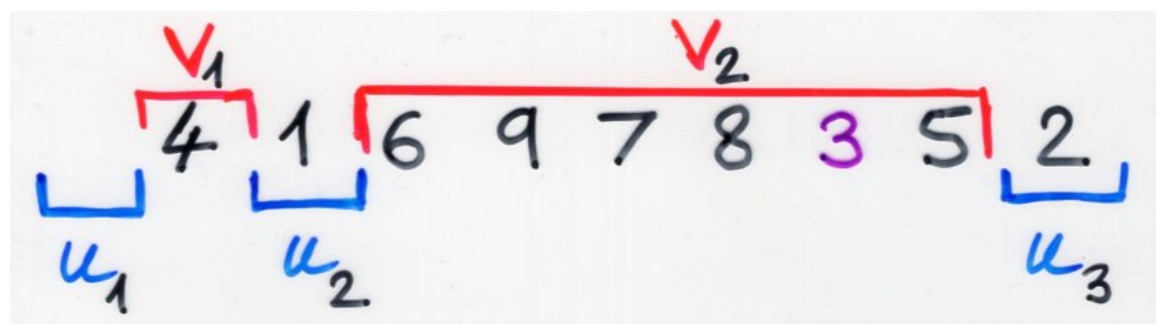
$$\sigma = u_1 v_1 \cdots v_j \cdots u_k v_k u_{k+1}$$

example

$$P_i = j \iff$$

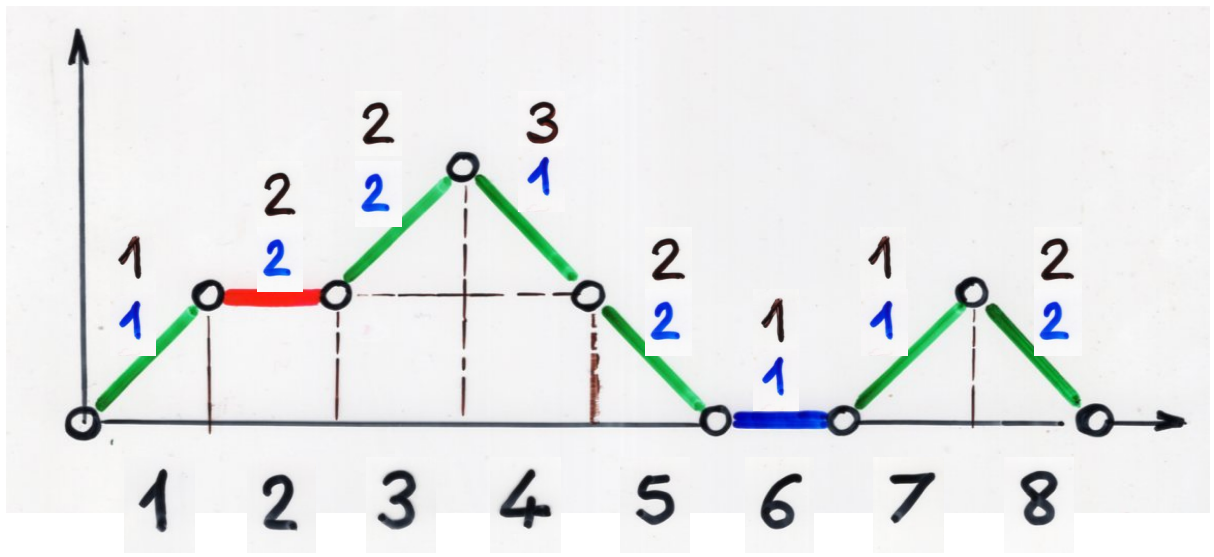
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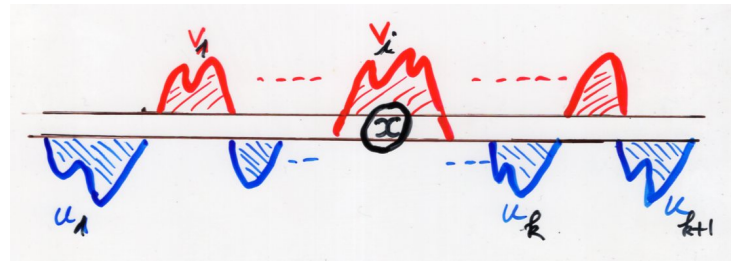
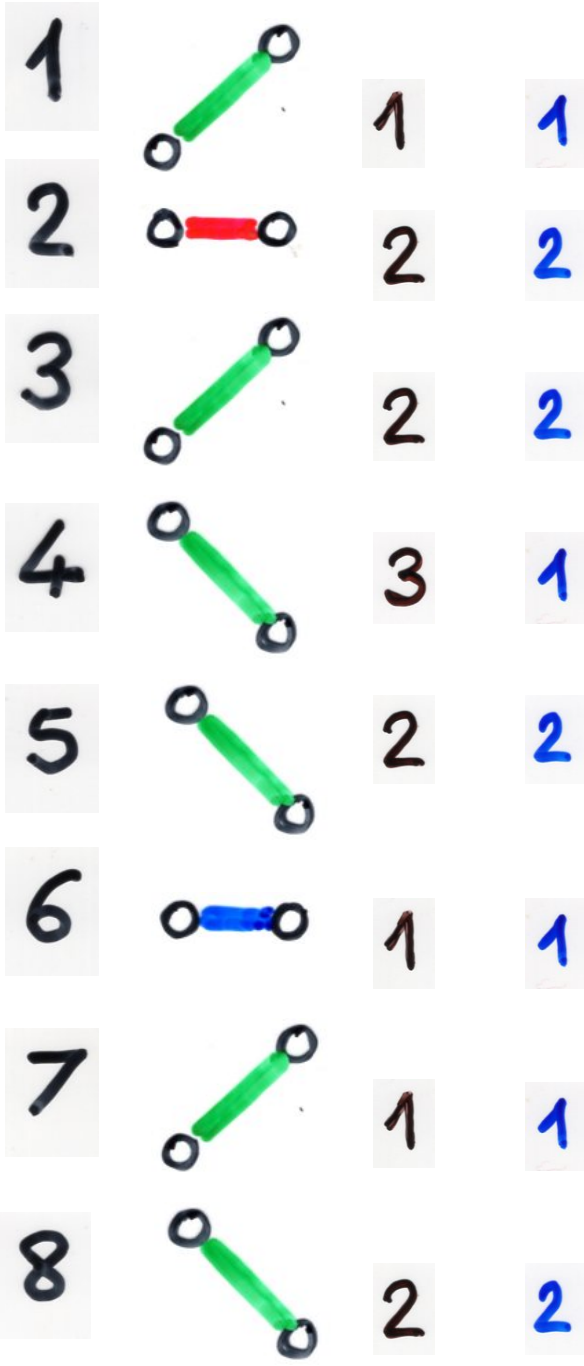
$$\sigma = 4 1 6 9 7 8 \textcircled{3} 5 2$$



$$i = 3$$

$$j = 2$$





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

Lemma

$P_i = j$ is also defined by:

$j = 1 +$ number of triples (a, b, i) having the pattern $(31-2)$, that is:

$$a = \sigma(k), \quad b = \sigma(k+1), \quad i = \sigma(l)$$

with $k < k+1 < l$ and $b < i < a$

