

# Growth diagrams and edge local rules

RSK revisited

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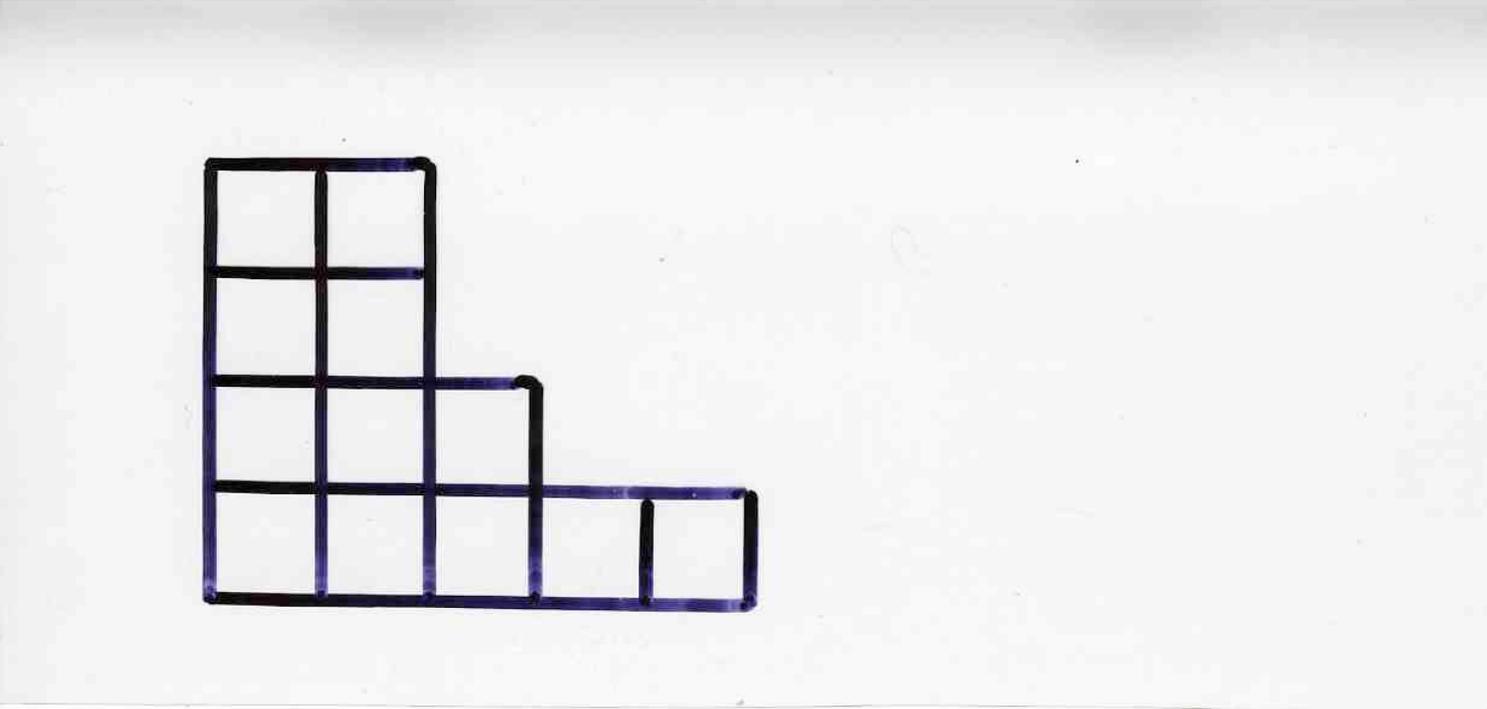
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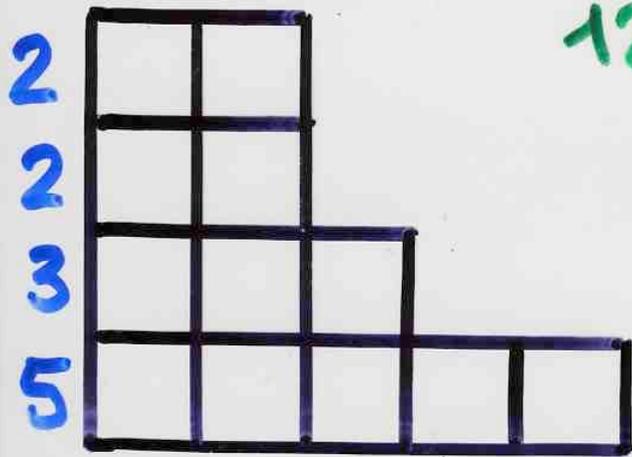
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RS

The Robinson-Schensted correspondence





12

$$12 = n = 5 + 3 + 2 + 2$$

Ferrers  
diagram

Partition of  $n$

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

Young  
tableau

shape



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

6	10			
3	5	8		
1	2	4	7	9

P



8	10			
2	5	6		
1	3	4	7	9

Q

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

$f_\lambda =$  number of  
Young tableaux  
with  
shape  $\lambda$

$$n! = \sum_{\lambda} (f_\lambda)^2$$

partition  
of  $n$

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

S. Fomin, 1986, 1994

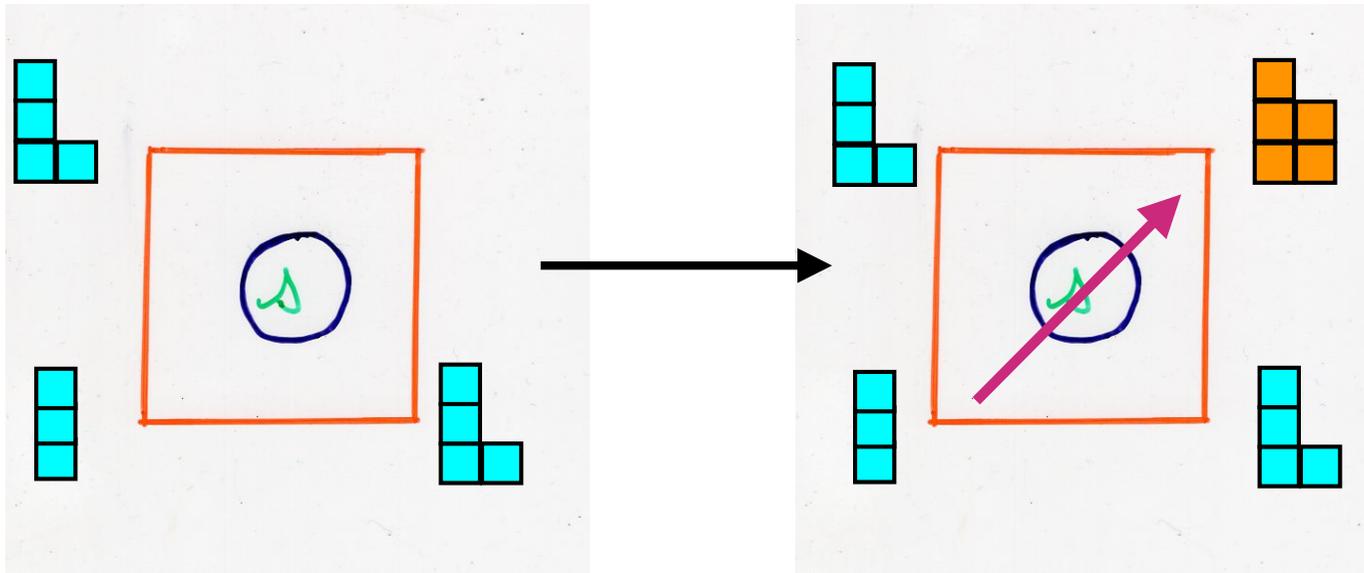


C. Krattenthaler

Fomin's

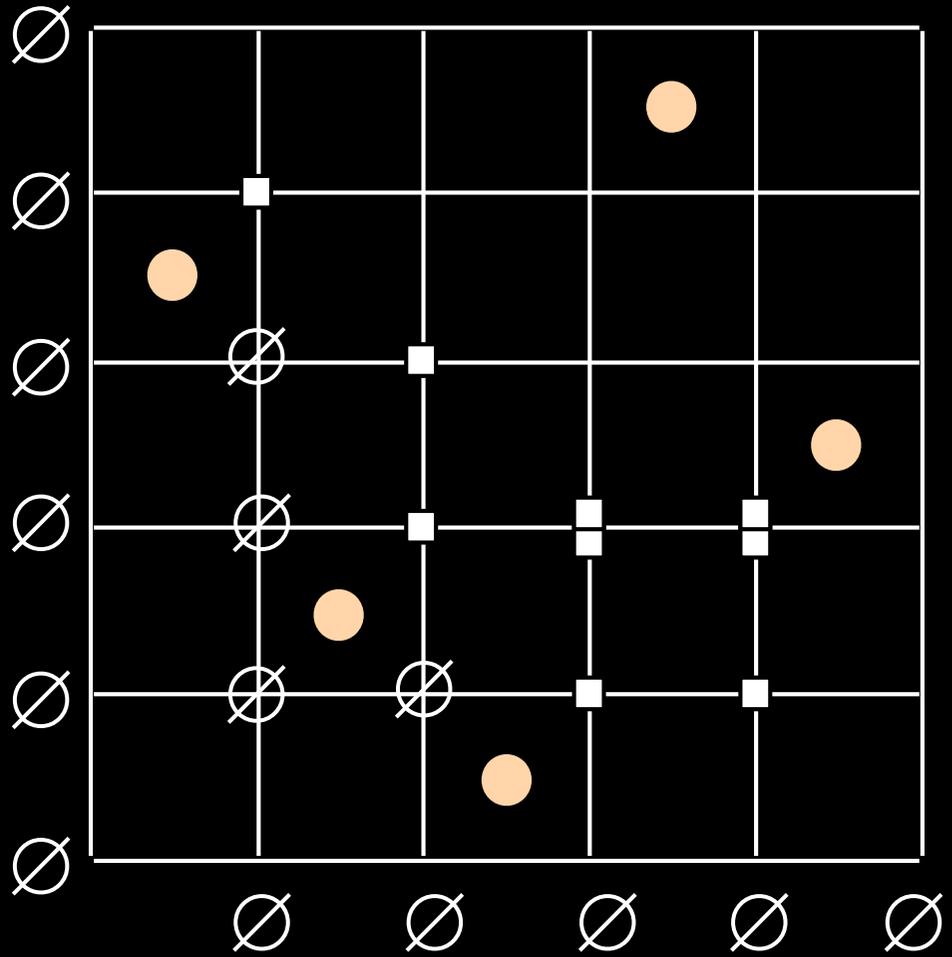
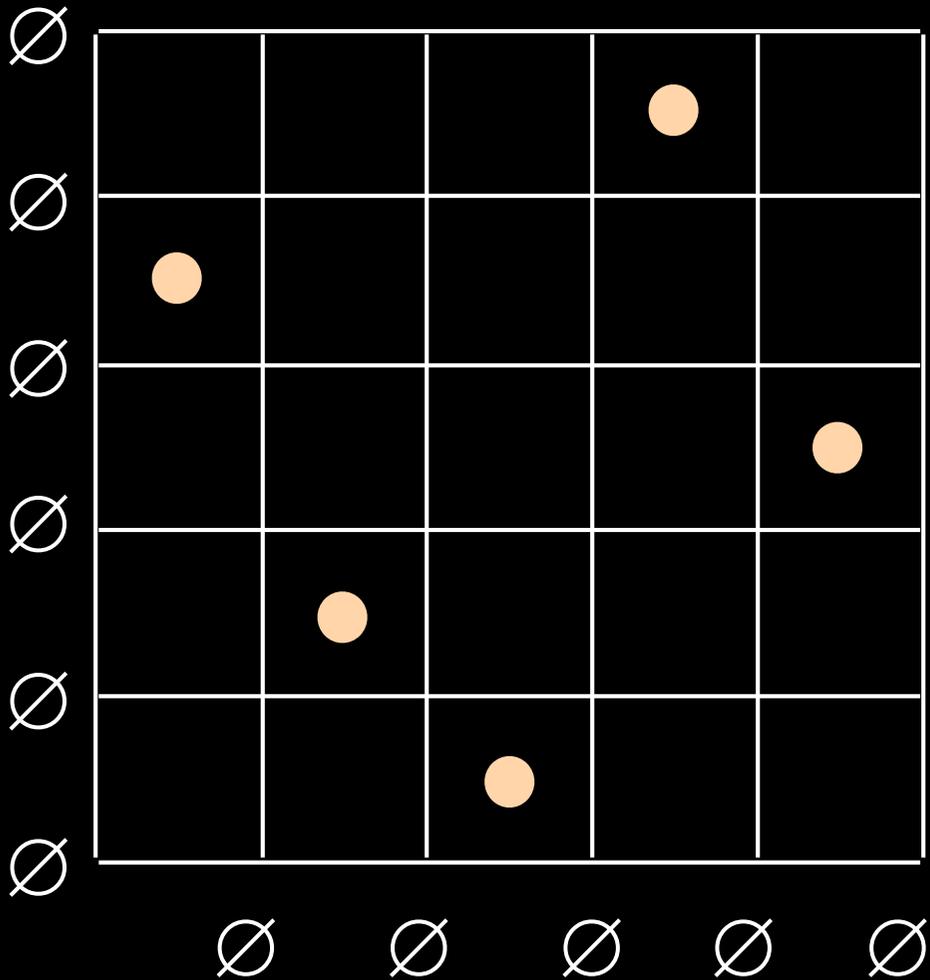
"local rules"

"growth diagrams"



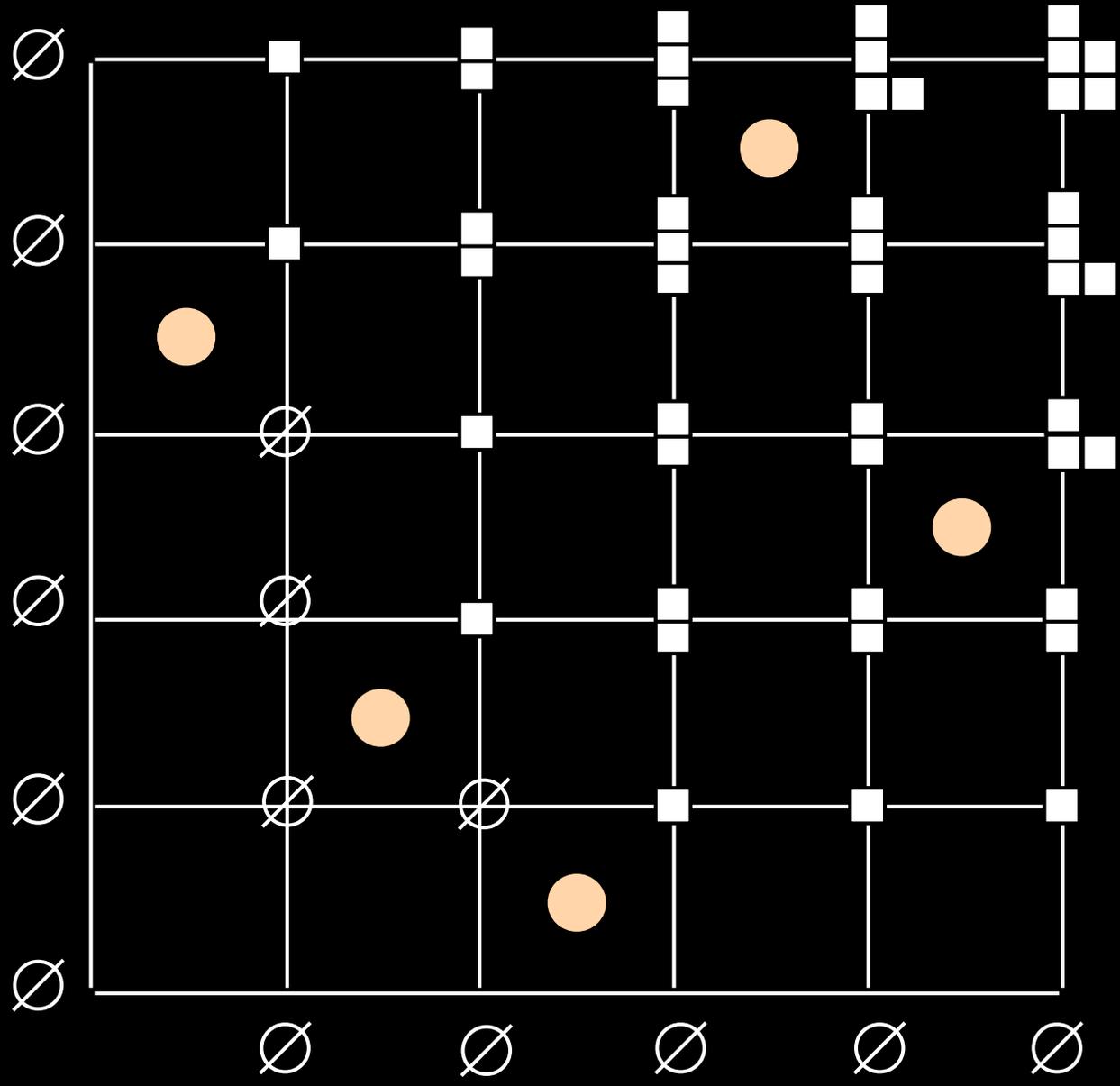
initial  
state

during the  
labeling process



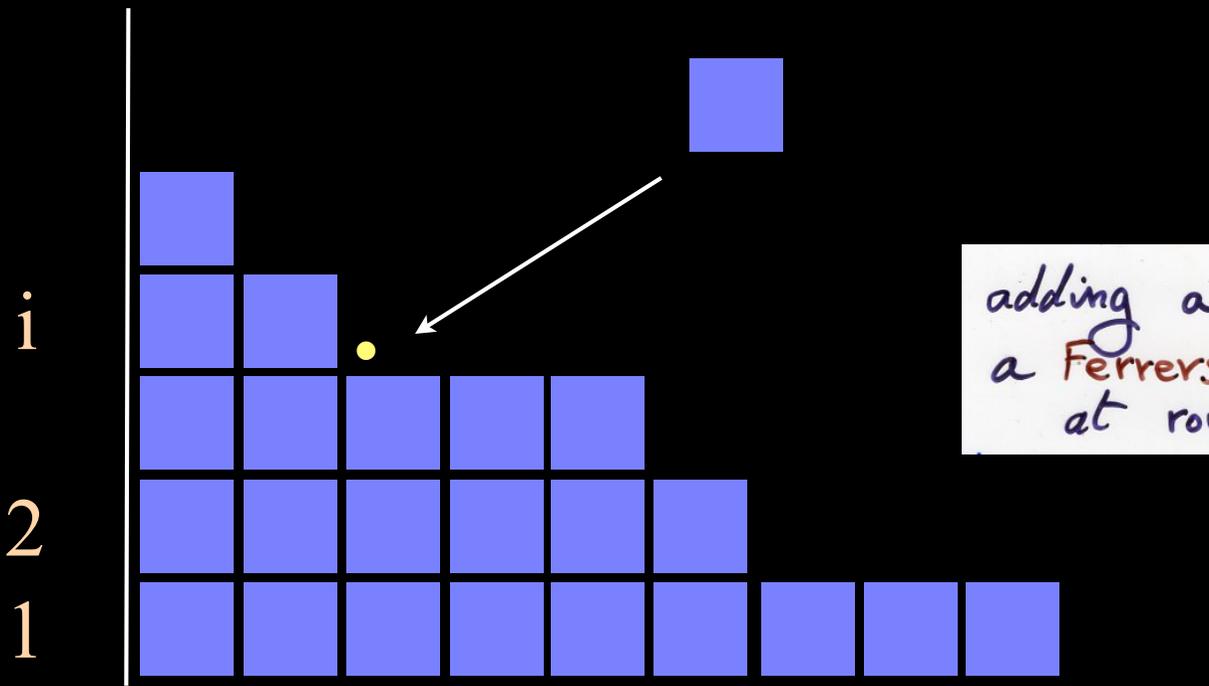
$\sigma = 4, 2, 1, 5, 3$

final  
state



notations

operator  $U_i$

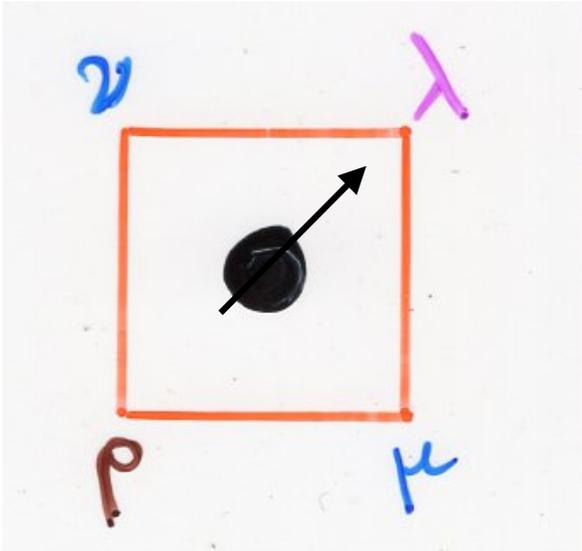
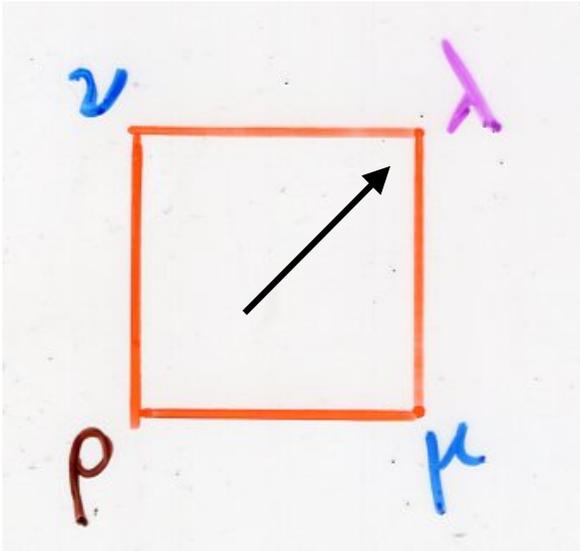


adding a cell in  
a Ferrers diagram  $\rho$   
at row  $i$

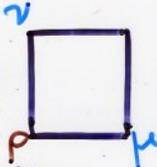
$$U_i(\rho) = \rho + (i)$$

"growth diagrams"

"local rules"



# "local rules"

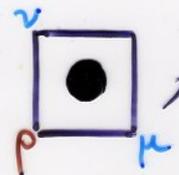
(i)  $\rho = \mu = \nu$  and  then  $\lambda = \rho$

(ii)  $\rho = \mu \neq \nu$ , then  $\lambda = \nu$

(iii)  $\rho = \nu \neq \mu$ , then  $\lambda = \mu$

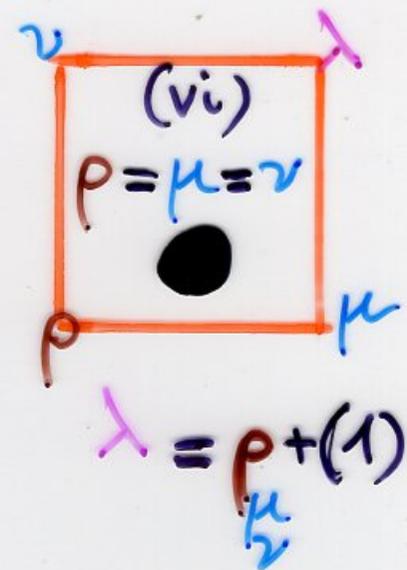
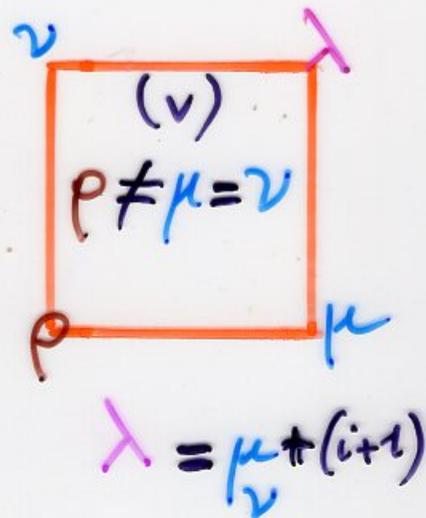
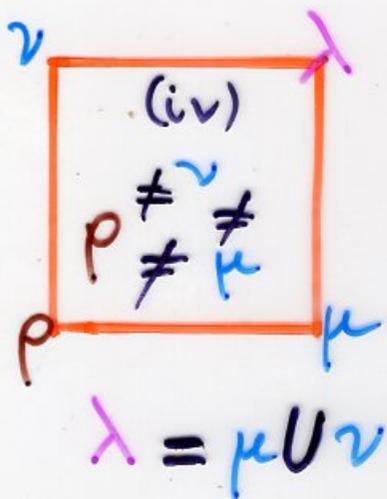
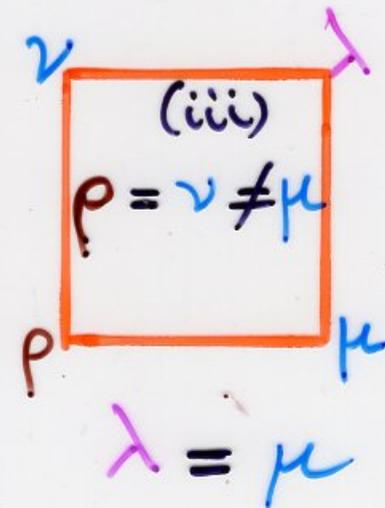
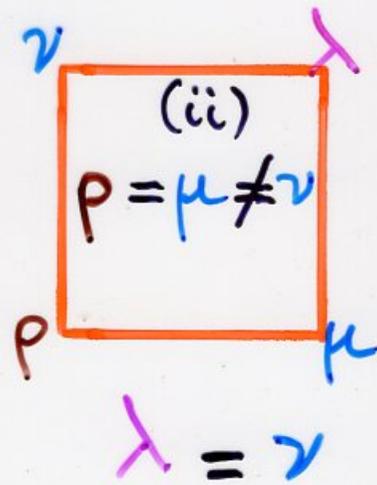
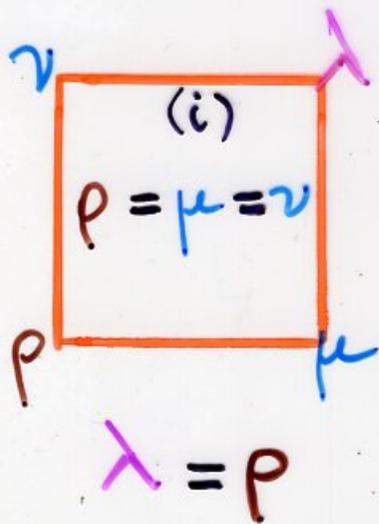
(iv)  $\rho, \mu, \nu$  pairwise  $\neq$ , then  $\lambda = \mu \cup \nu$

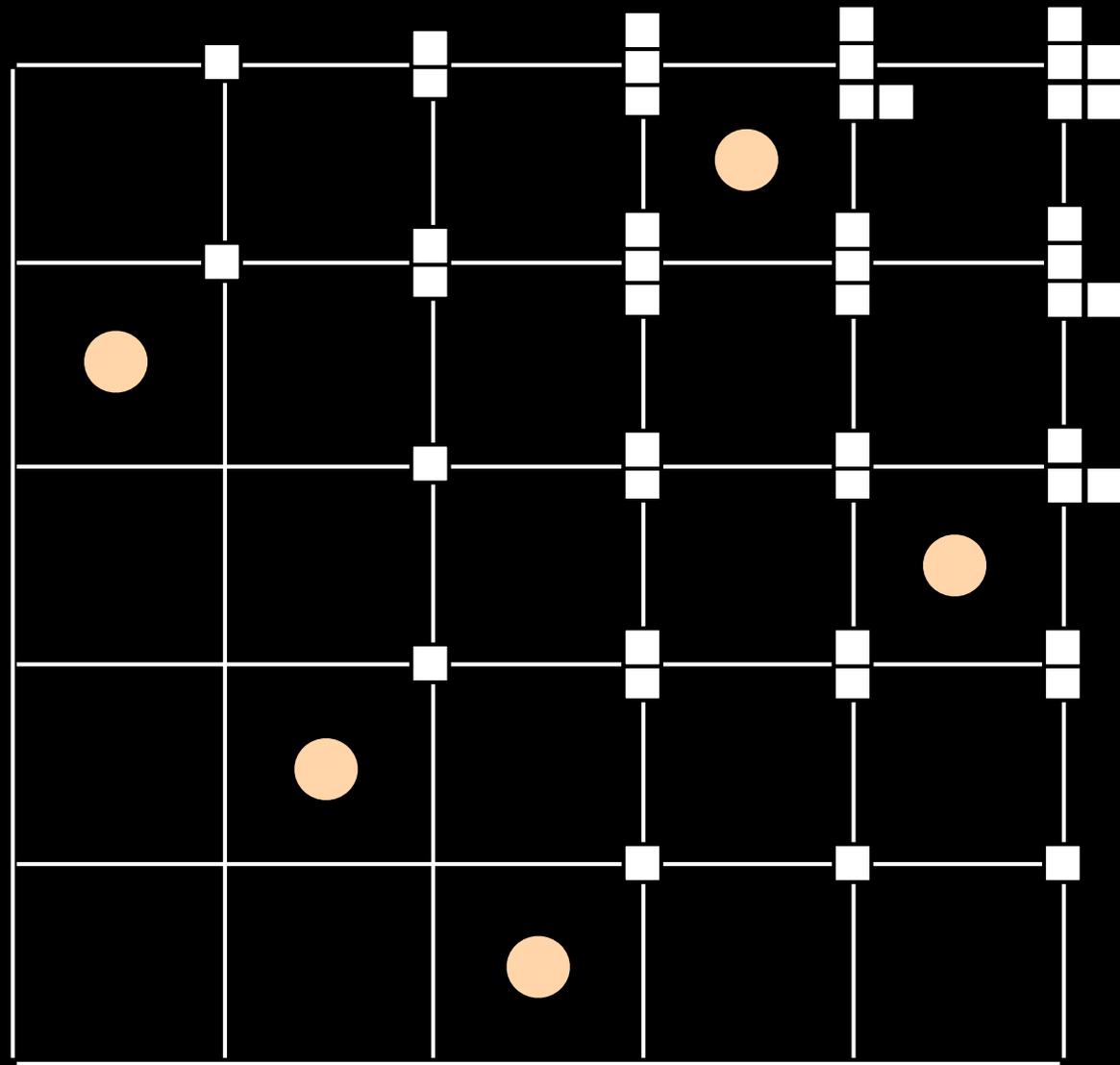
(v)  $\rho \neq \mu = \nu$ , then  $\lambda = \mu + (i+1)$   
 given that  $\mu = \nu$  and  $\rho$  differ in the  $i$ -th row  
 [in fact  $\mu = \nu = \rho + (i)$ ]

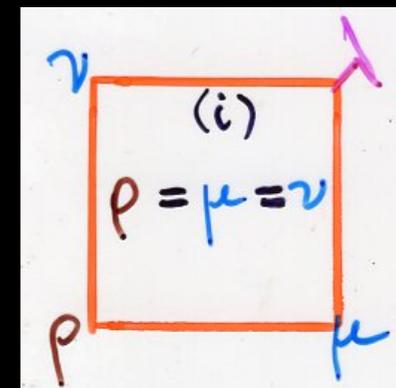
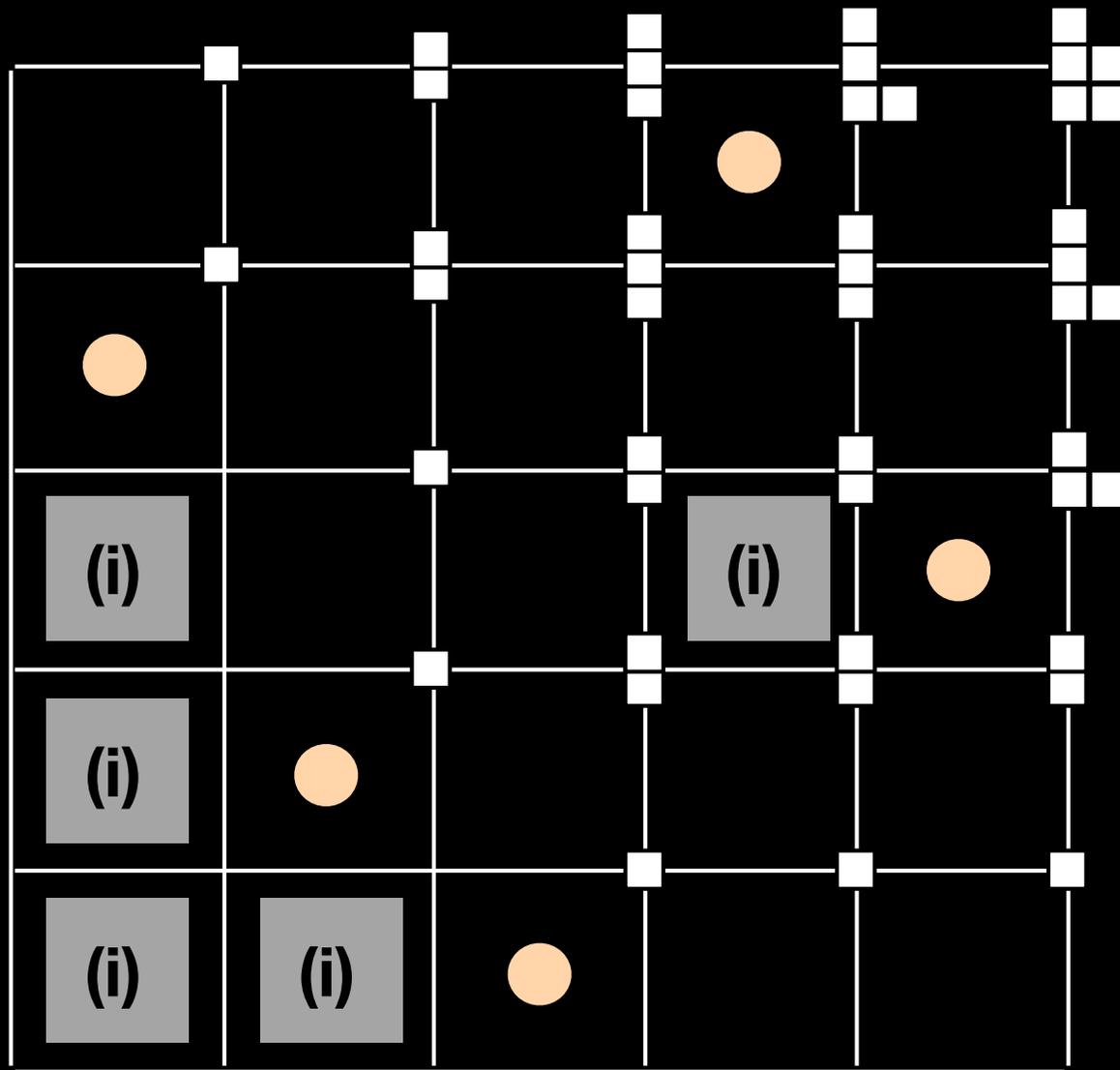
(vi)  $\rho = \mu = \nu$  and , then  $\lambda = \mu + (1)$

C.Krattenthaler, (2006).

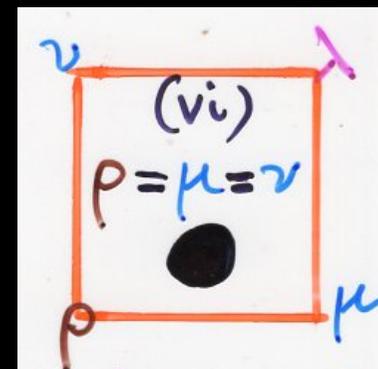
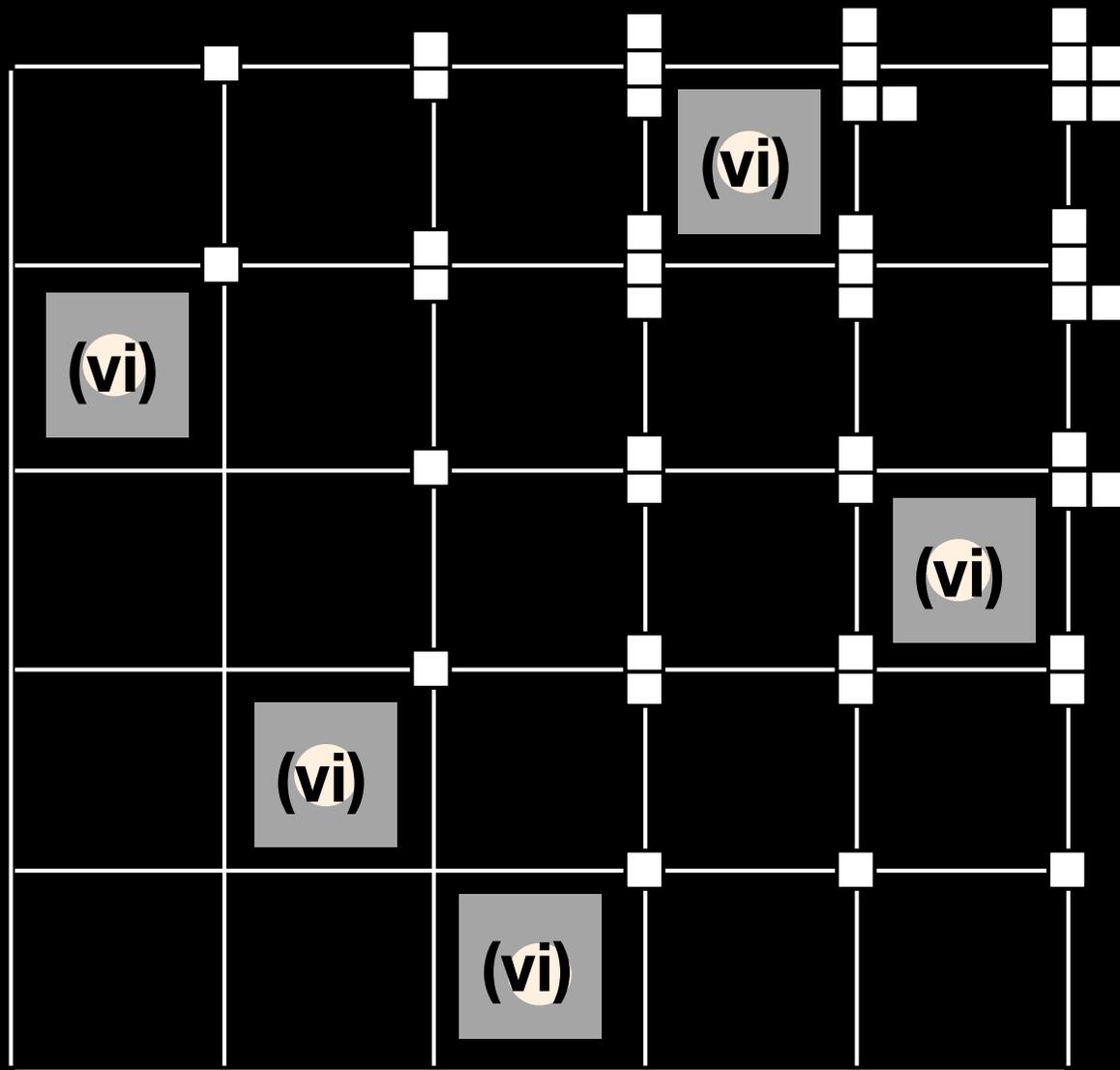
GROWTH DIAGRAMS, AND INCREASING AND DECREASING CHAINS IN FILLINGS OF FERRERS SHAPES



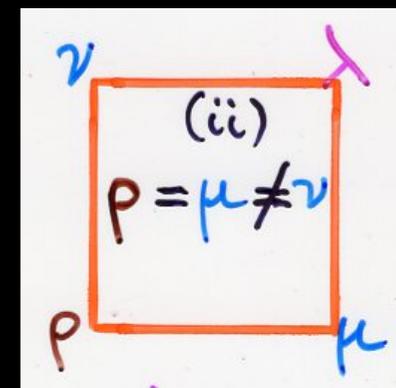
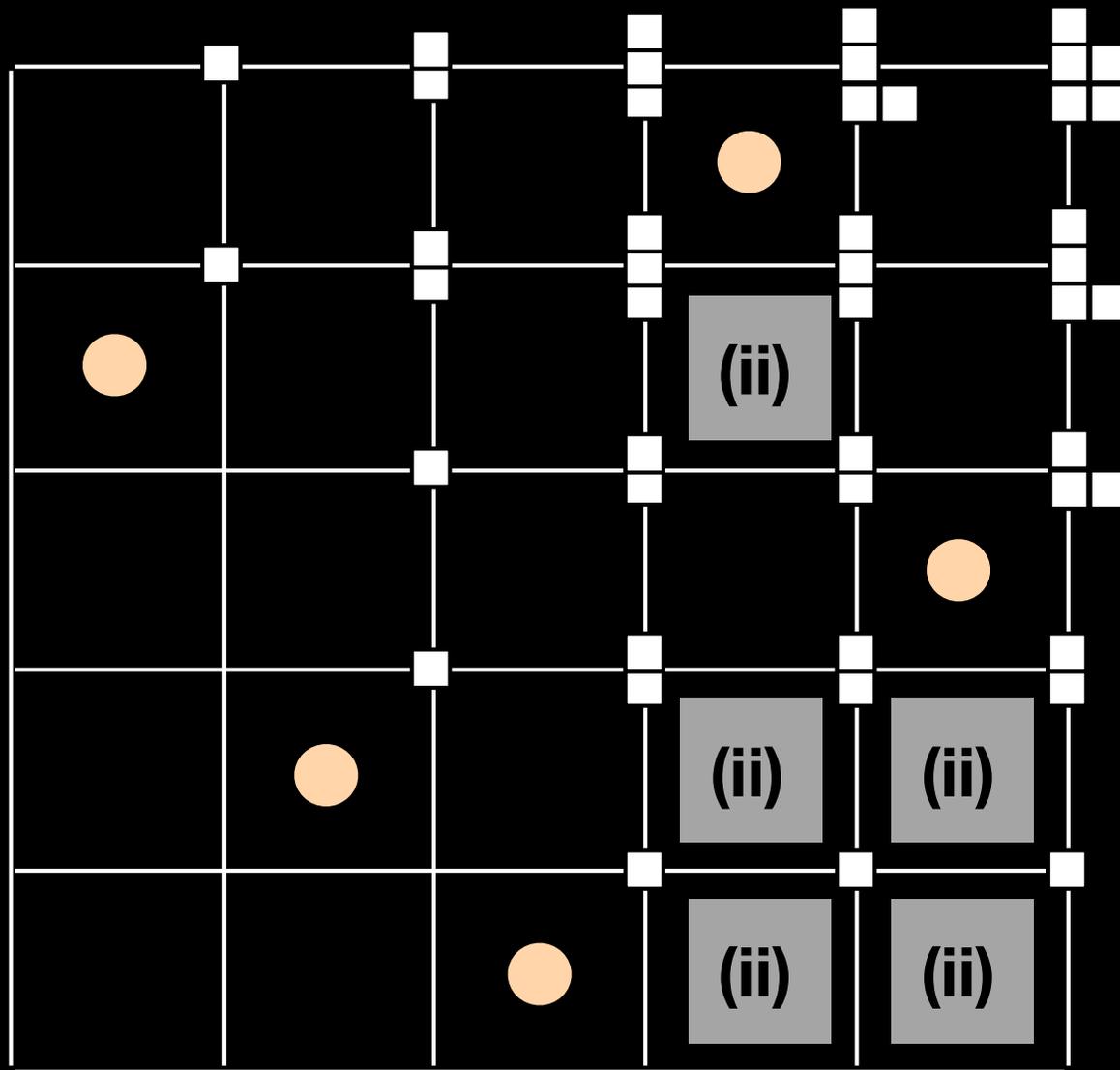




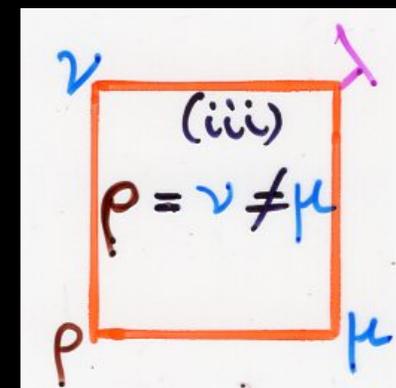
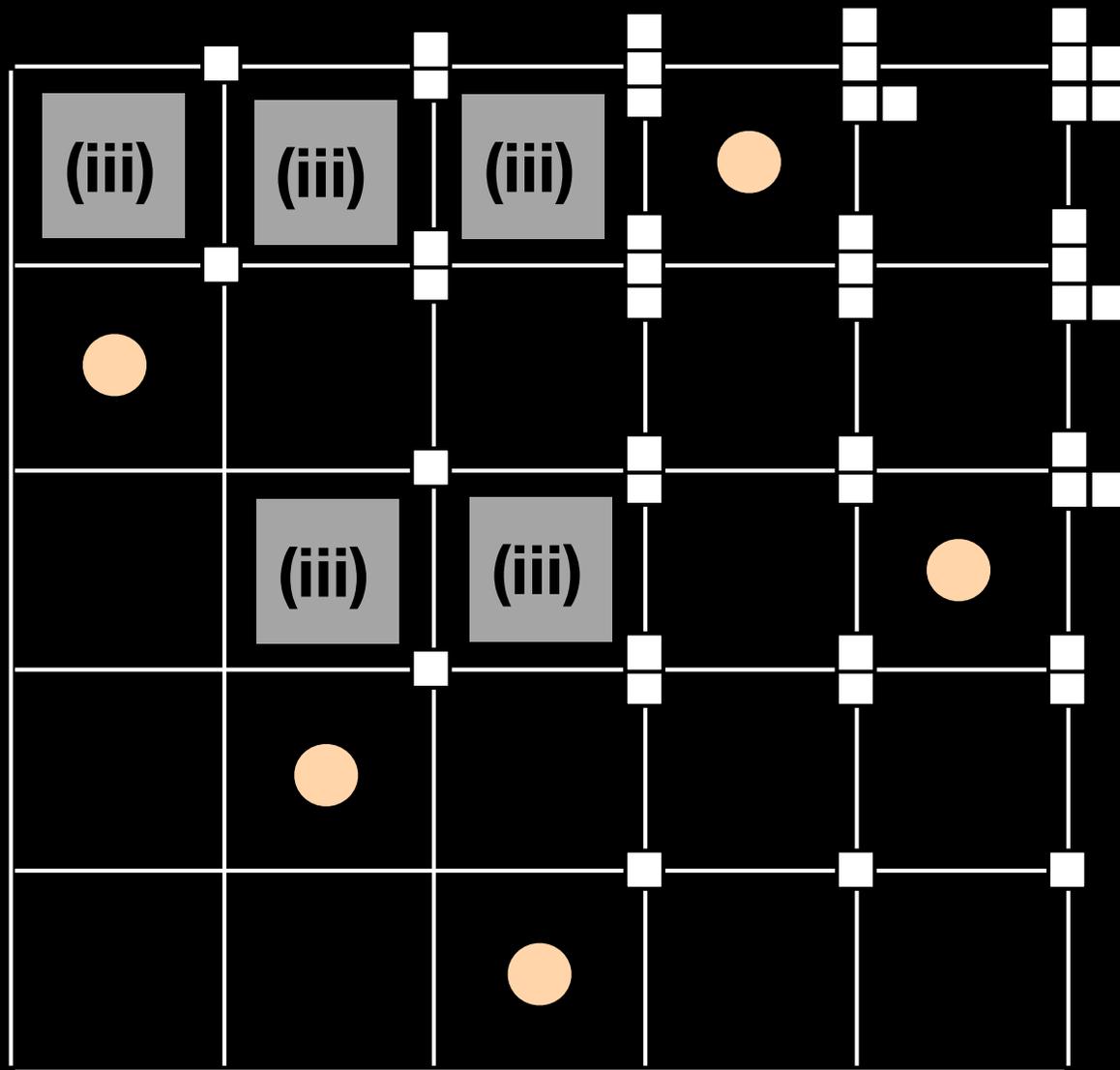
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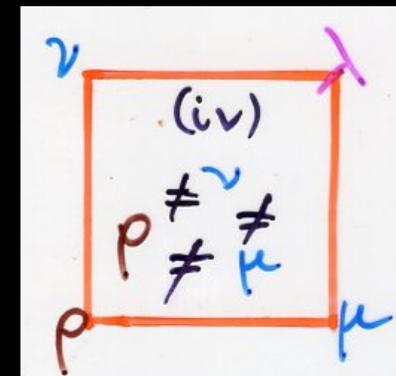
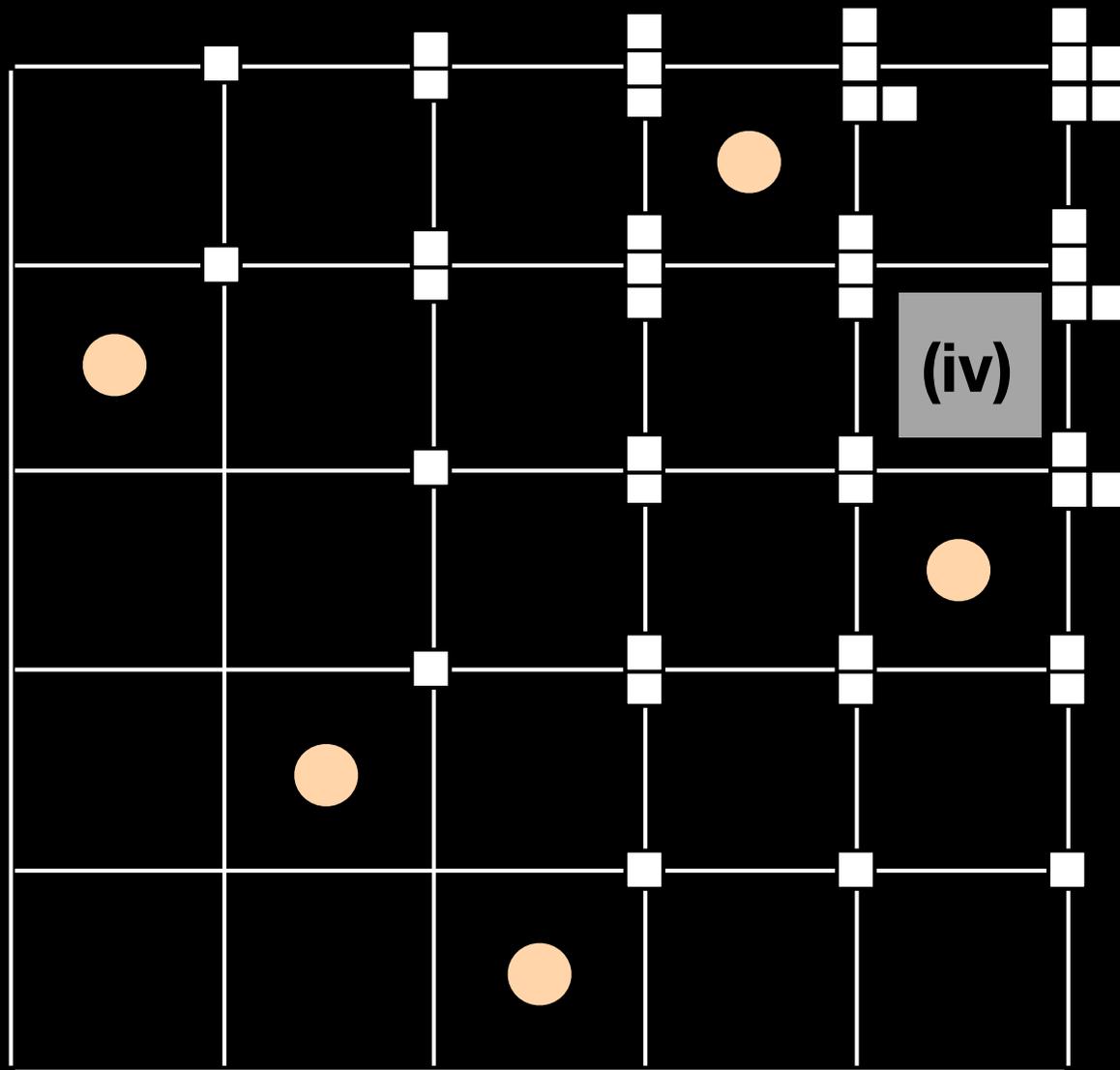
$$\lambda = \begin{cases} \rho \\ \mu \\ \nu \end{cases} + (1)$$



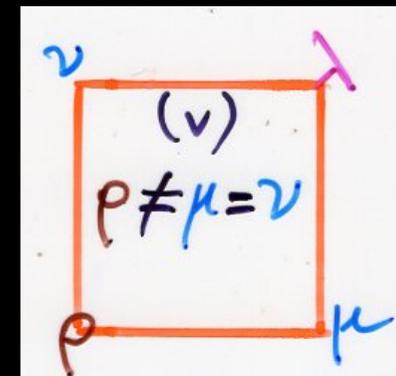
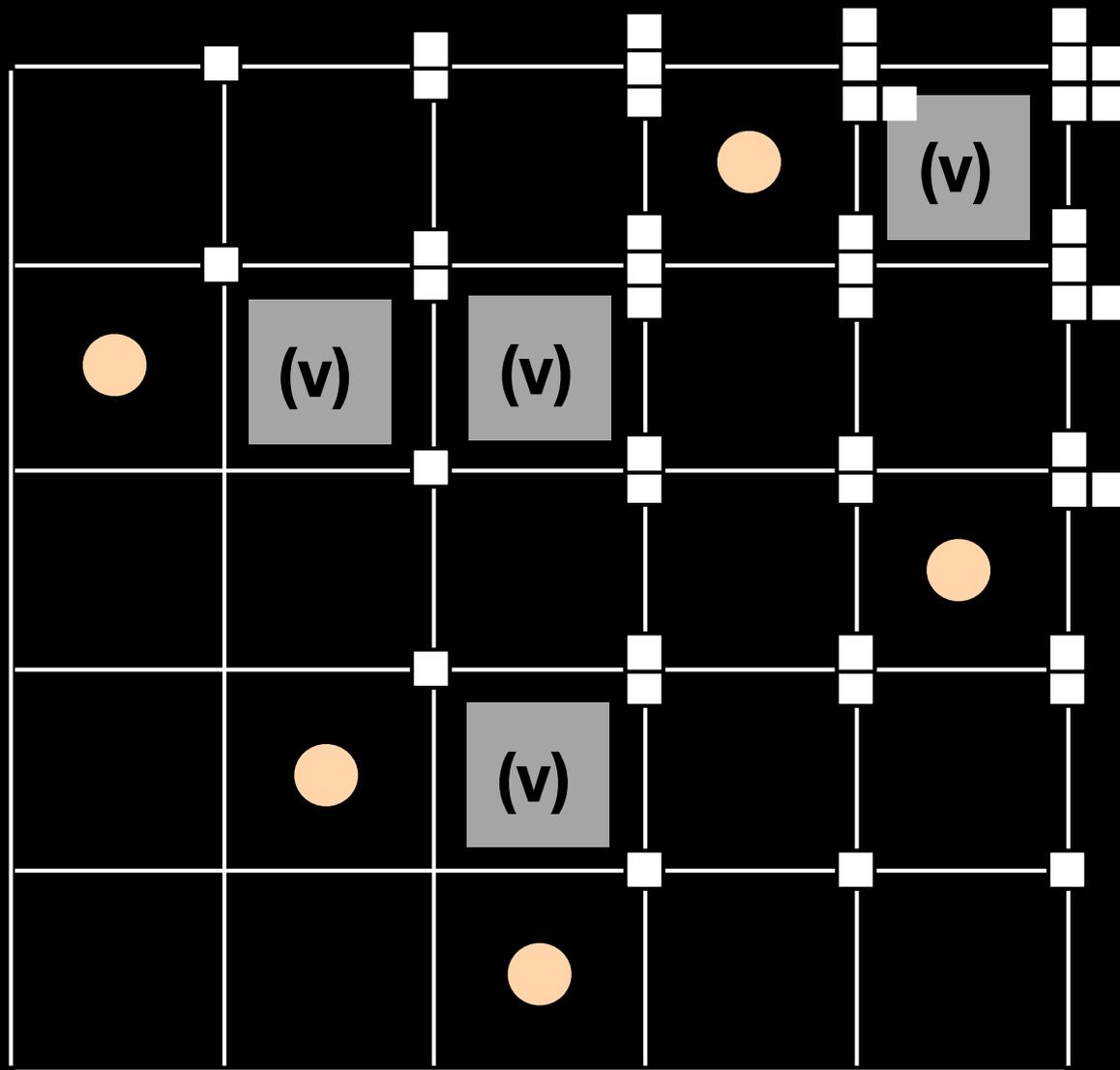
$$\lambda = v$$



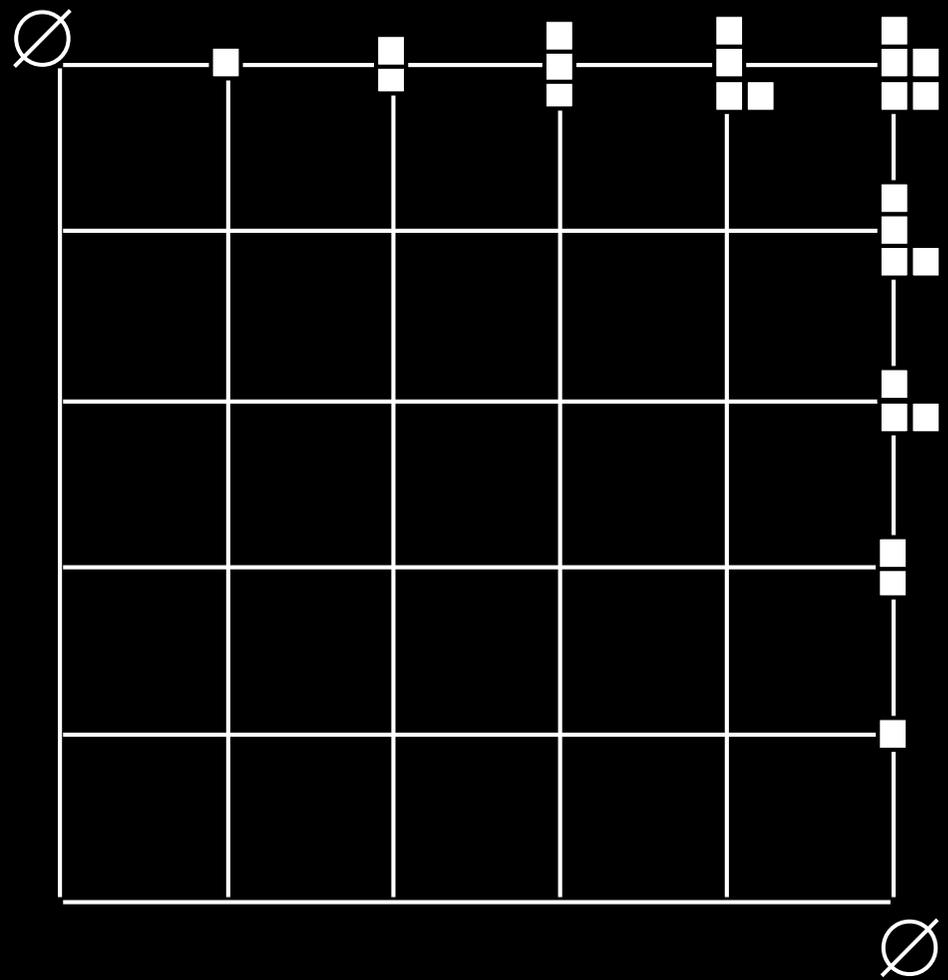
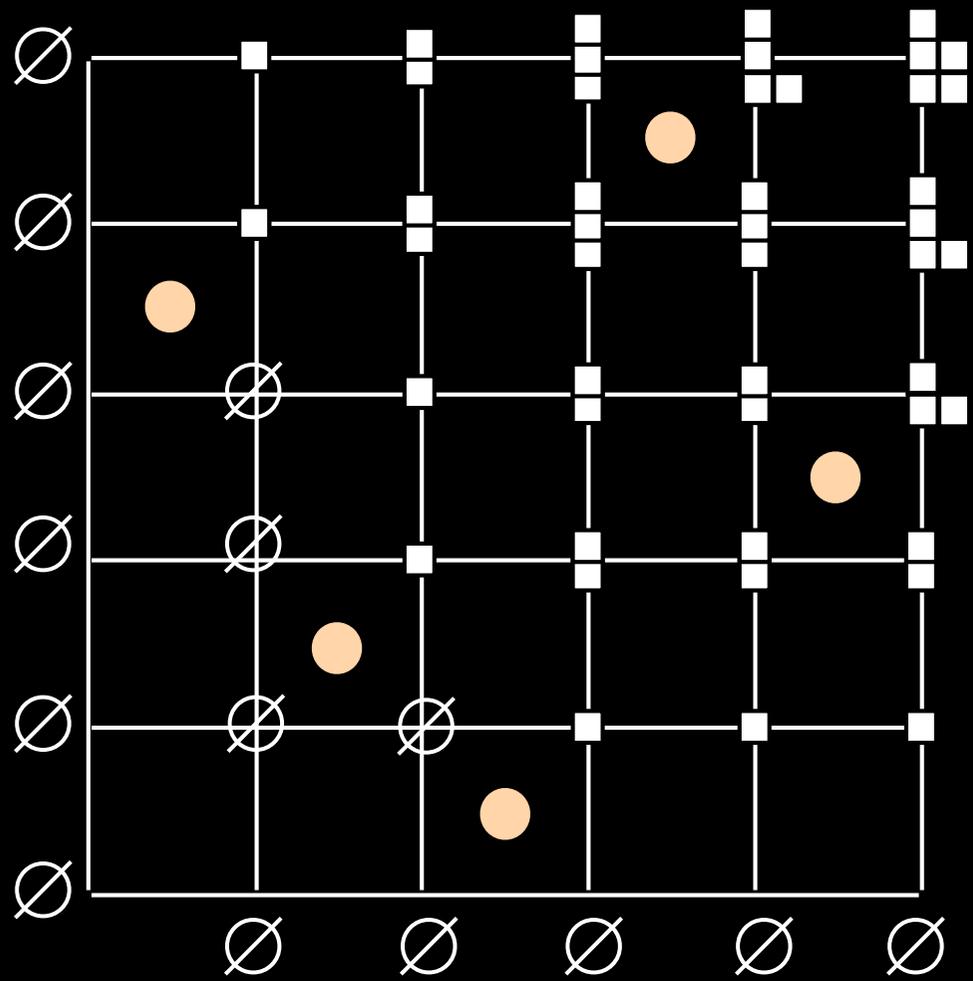
$$\lambda = \mu$$

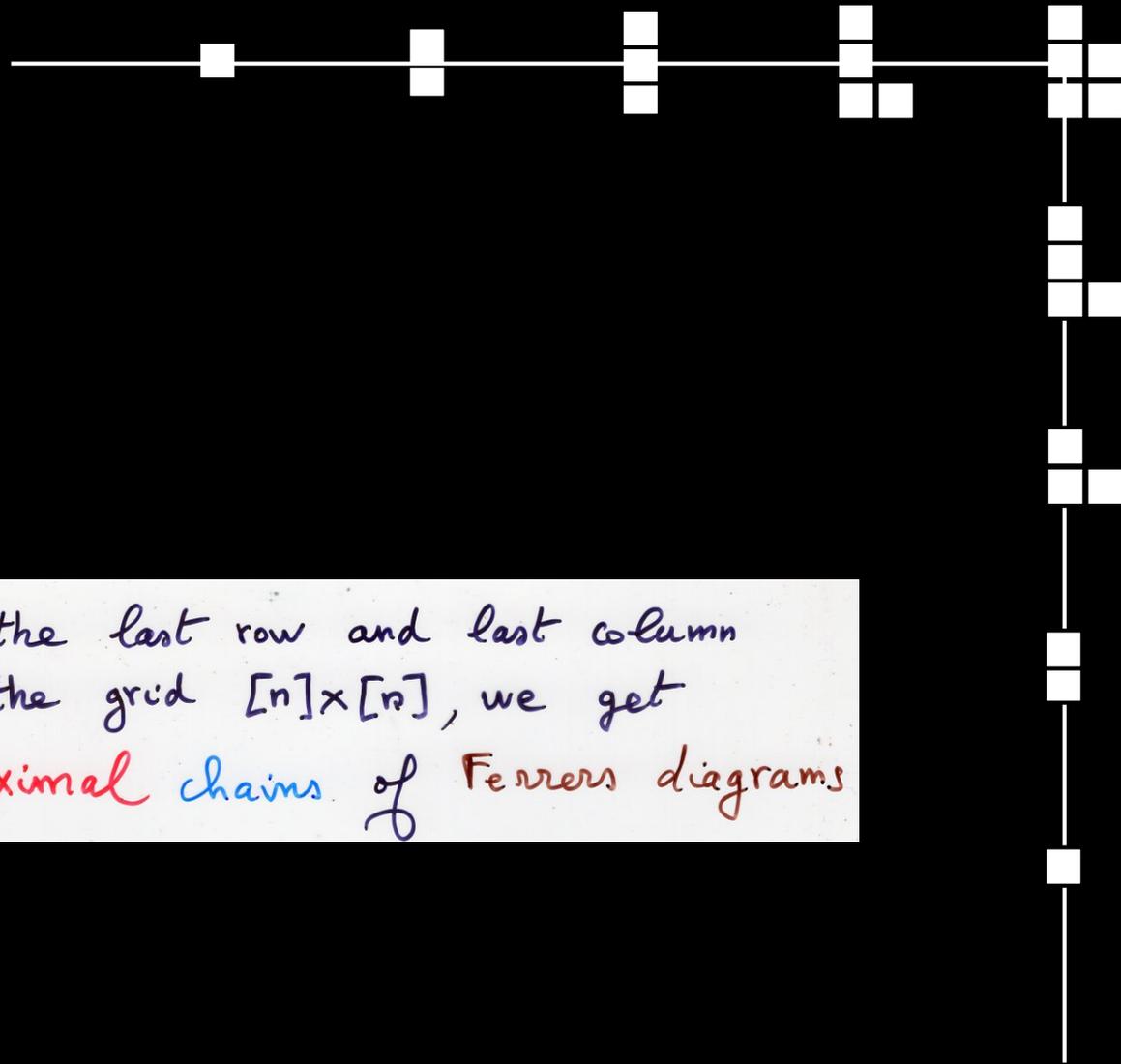


$$\lambda = \mu U \nu$$

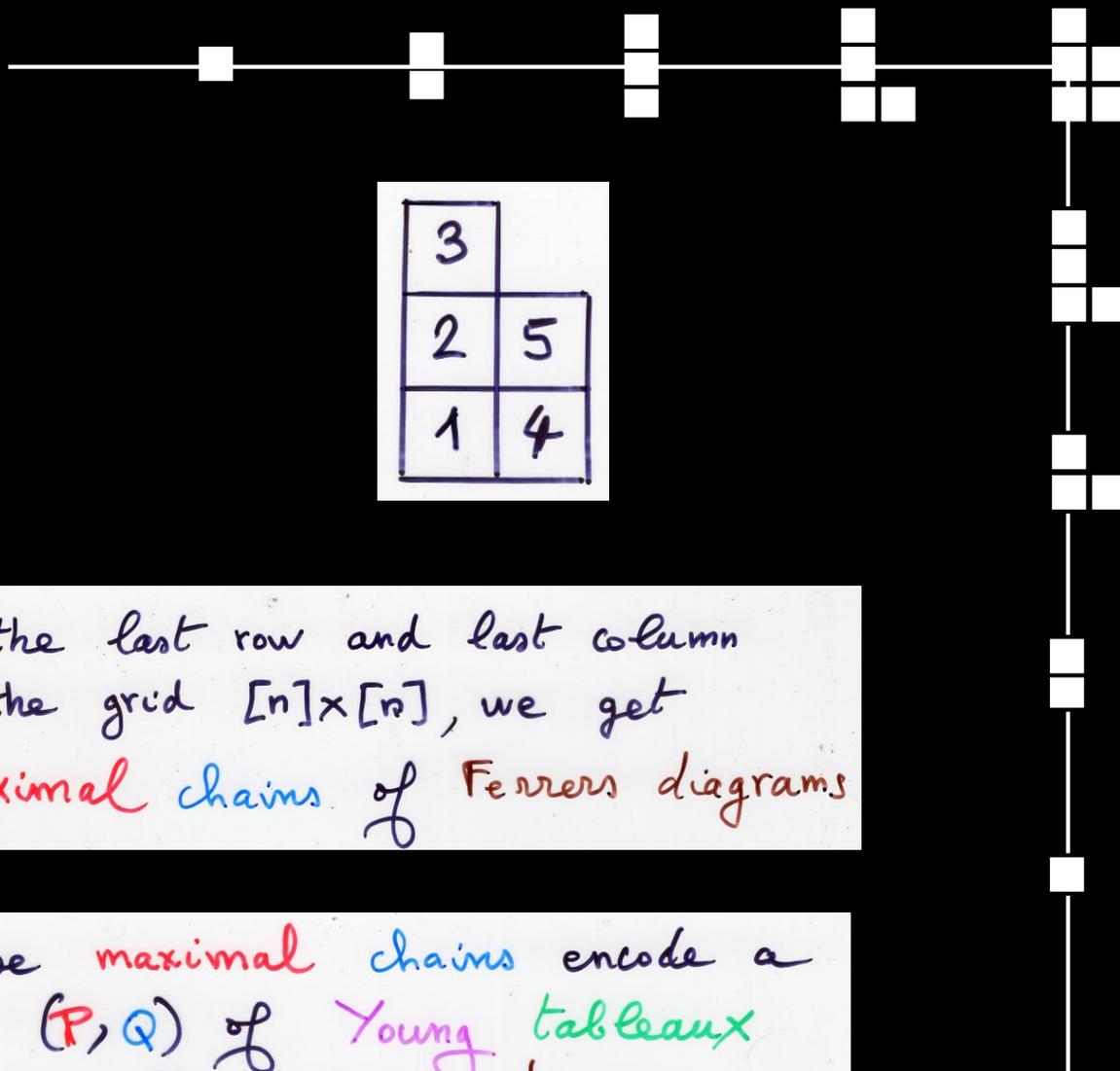


$$\lambda = \begin{cases} \mu \\ v \end{cases} + (i+1)$$





- in the last row and last column of the grid  $[n] \times [n]$ , we get maximal chains of Ferrers diagrams

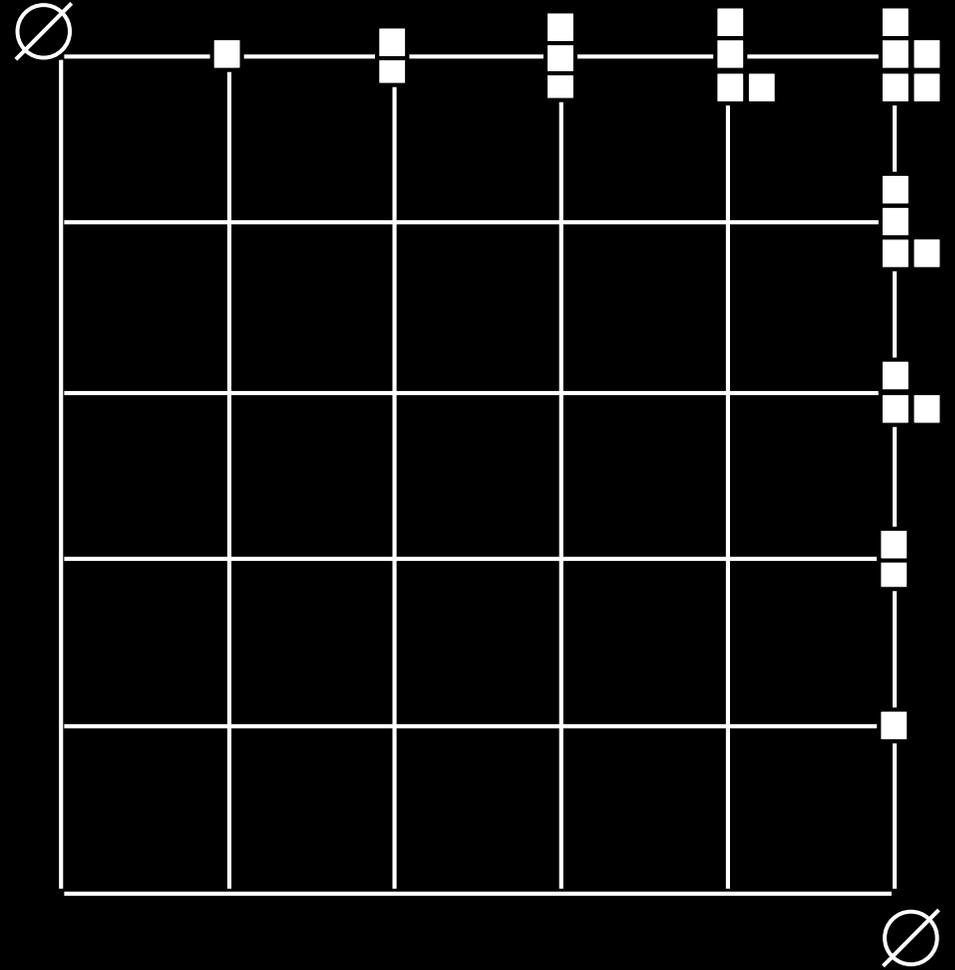
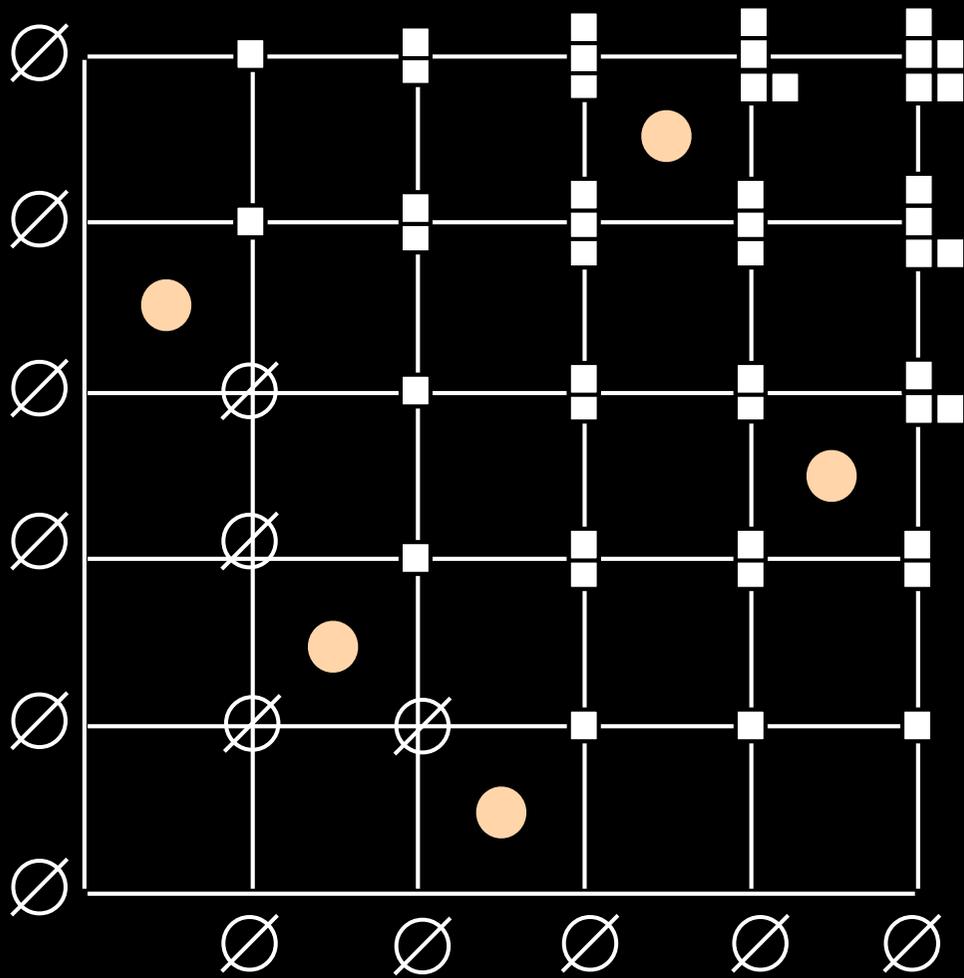


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2	5
1	4

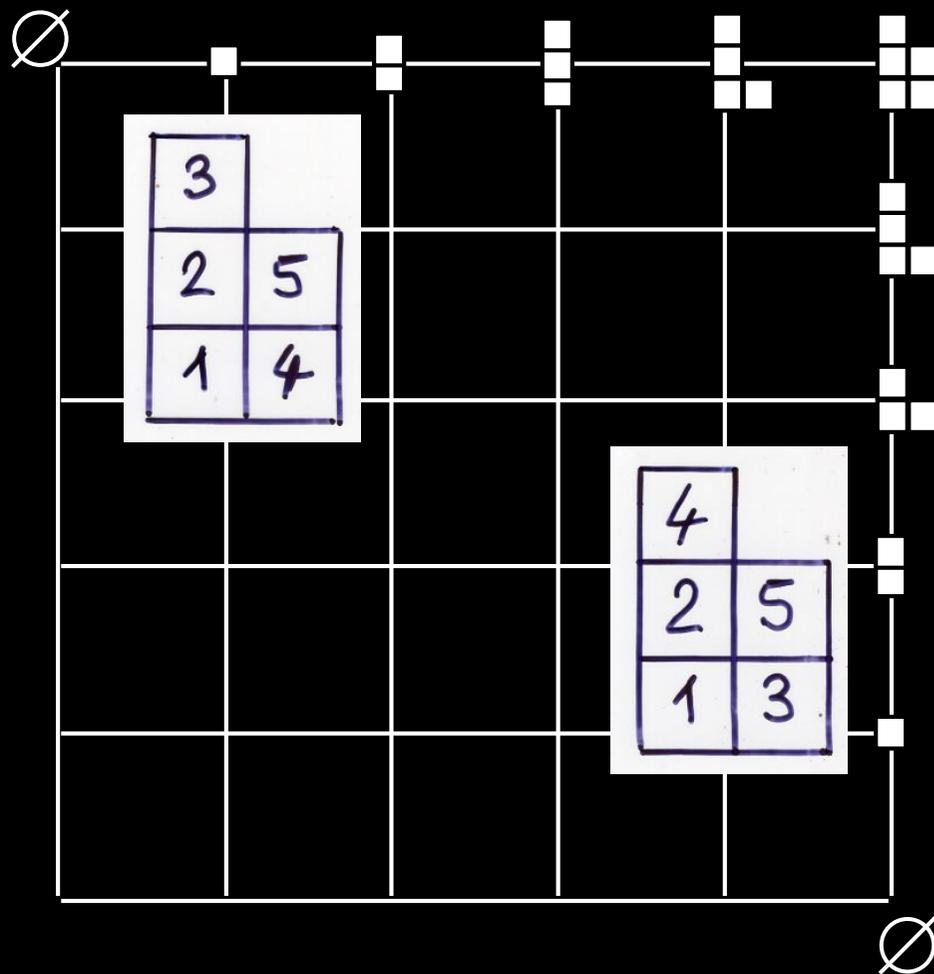
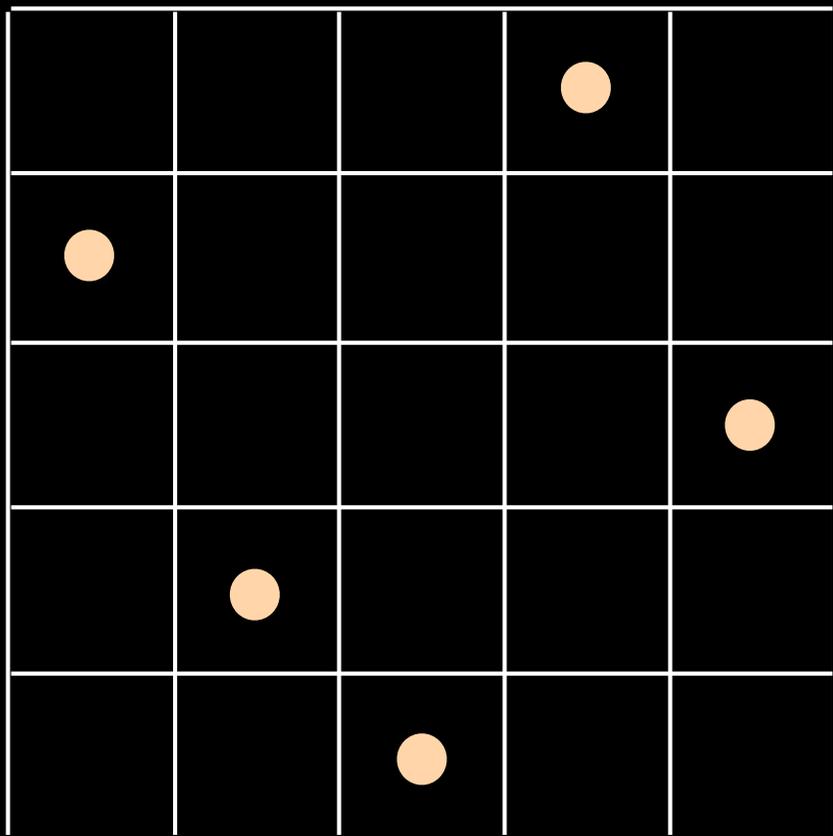
4	
2	5
1	3

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- these maximal chains encode a pair  $(P, Q)$  of Young tableaux having the same shape



● the algorithm can be reversed :  
 from the pair  $(P, Q)$  , get back  
 the permutation

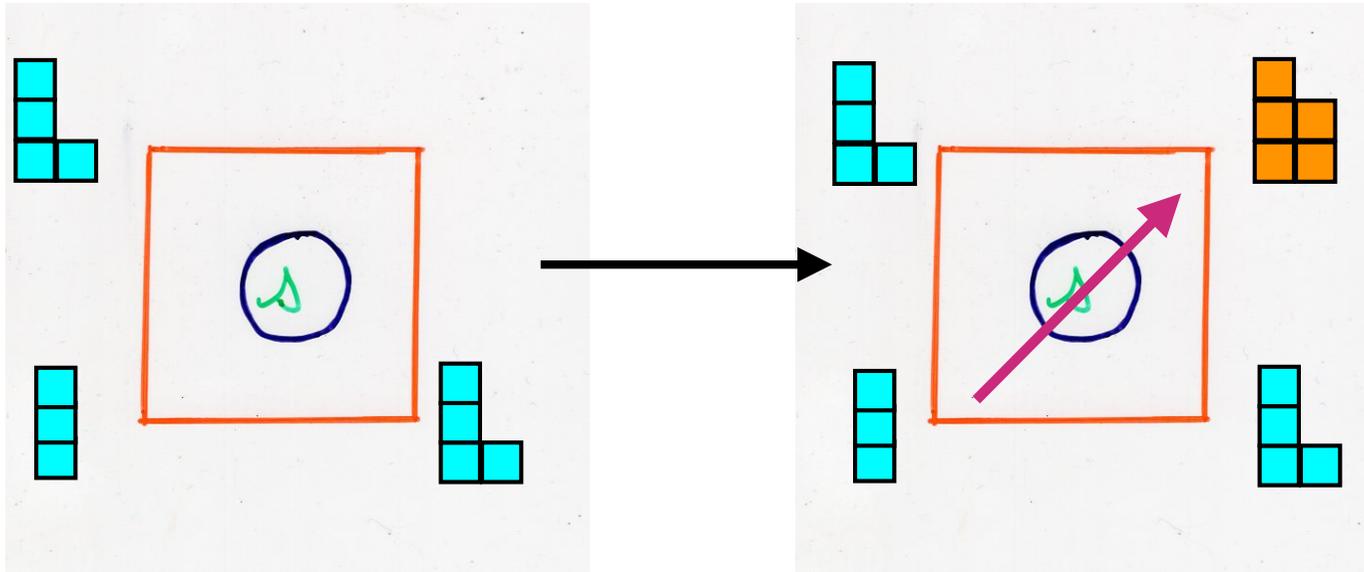


- this *bijection* is the same as the *Robinson-Schensted* correspondence

edge local rules

Fomin's

"local rules"  
"growth diagrams"

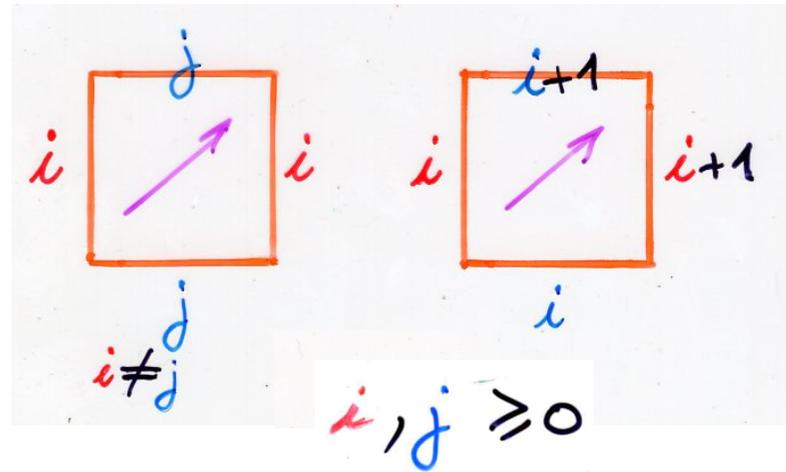
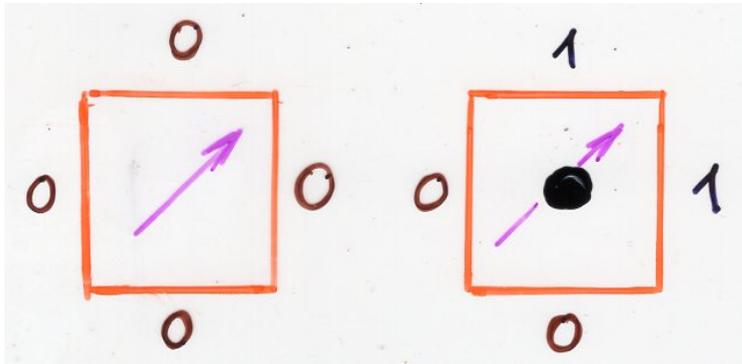


"local rules"  
on the vertices

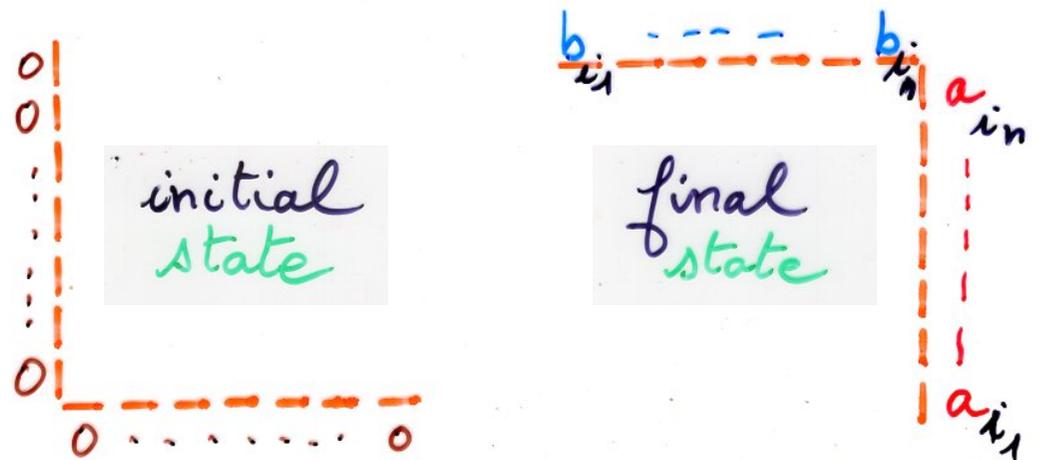
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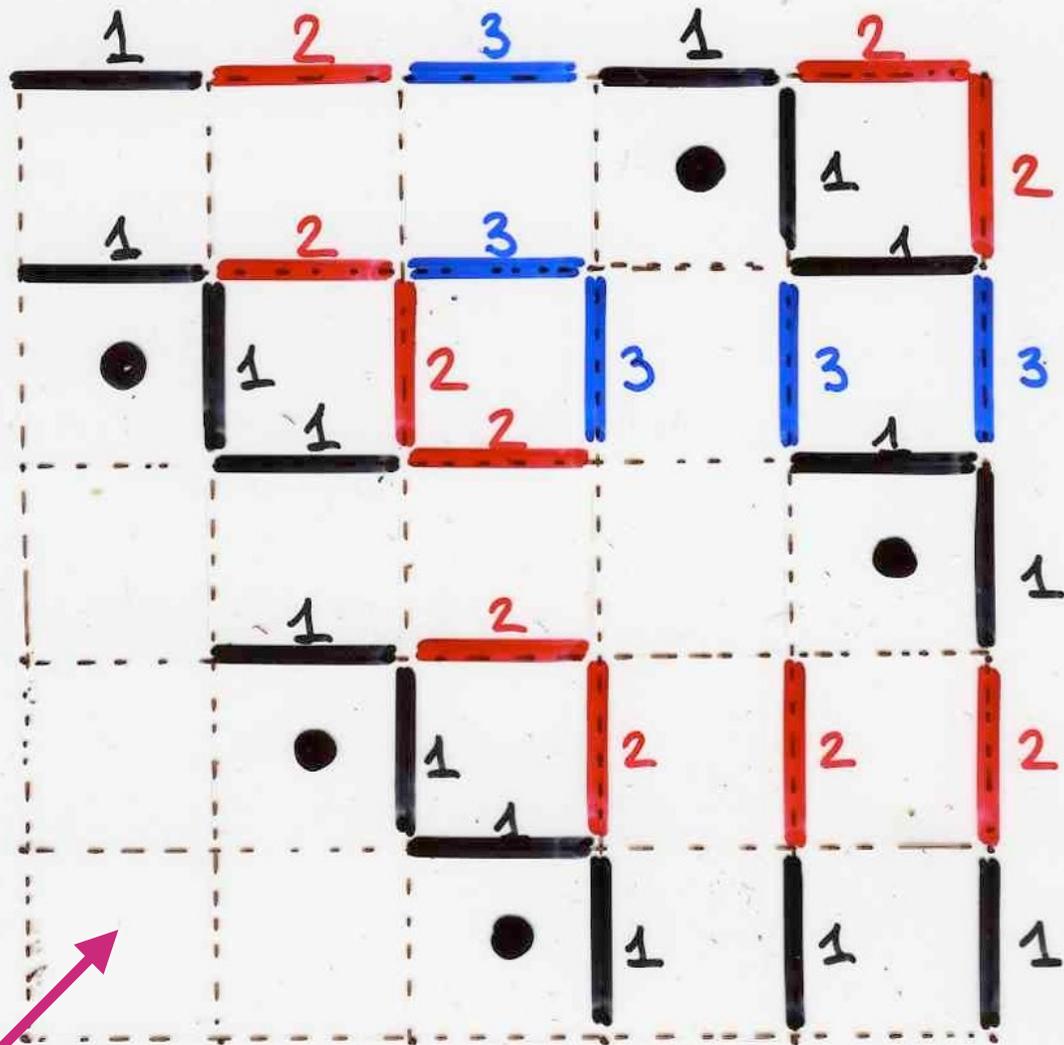
state  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$   
state |  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

set of labels  
 $L = \{\square, \blacksquare\}$



"planar  
rewriting"





Definition Yamanouchi word  $w$

$$w \in \{1, 2, \dots\}^*$$

free monoid generated by the  
alphabet  $1, 2, \dots,$

such that:

for every factorization  $w = uv$

$$|u|_1 \geq |u|_2 \geq \dots \geq |u|_i \geq \dots$$

↑  
number of occurrences  
of the letter  $i$  in  $u$

coding of a Young tableau  
with a Yamanouchi word

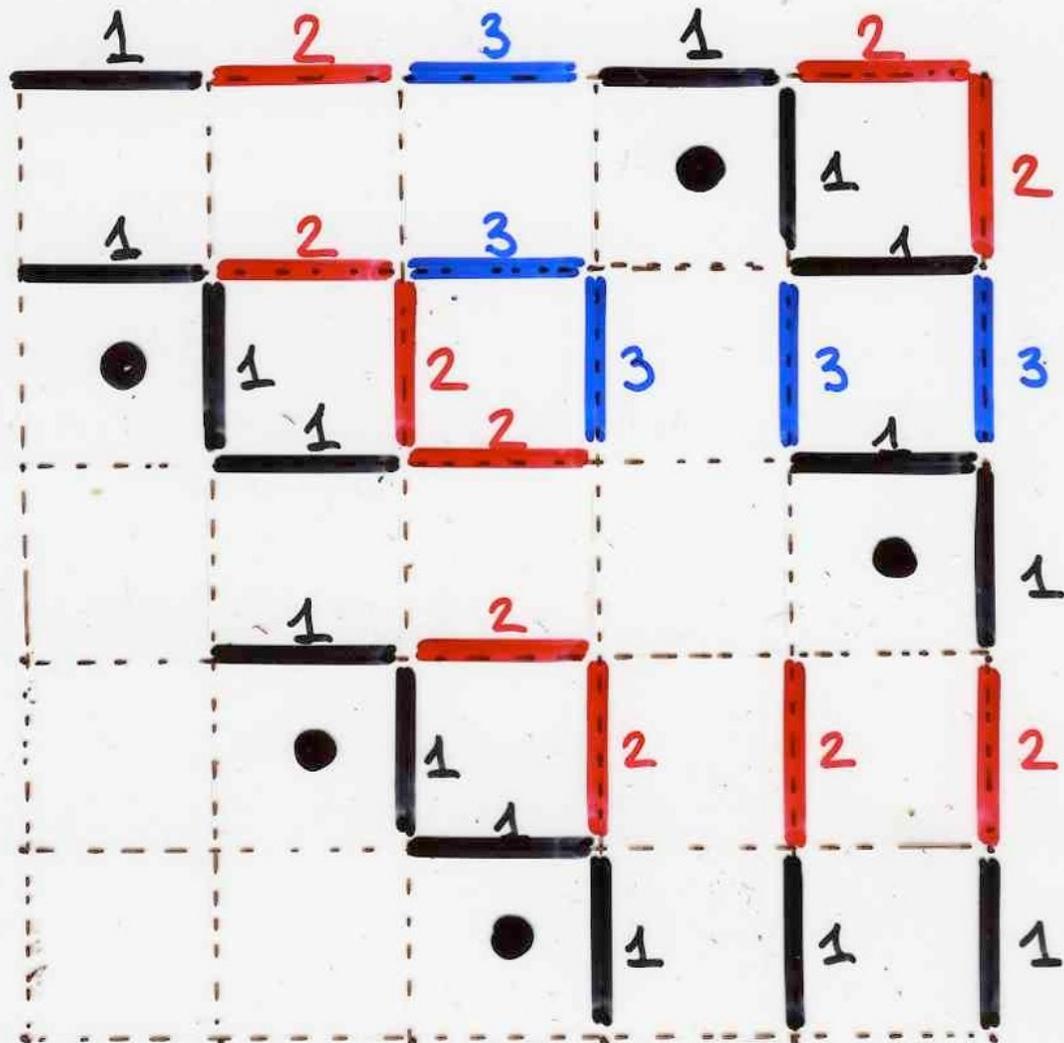
(also called  
lattice permutation)

$w = 1\ 2\ 1\ 1\ 2\ 2\ 1\ 3\ 1\ 3$   
 $w = \begin{array}{c} | \\ 1 \\ | \\ 2 \\ | \\ 3 \\ | \\ 4 \\ | \\ 5 \\ | \\ 6 \\ | \\ 7 \\ | \\ 8 \\ | \\ 9 \\ | \\ 10 \end{array}$

$Q =$

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2	5	6		
1	3	4	7	9

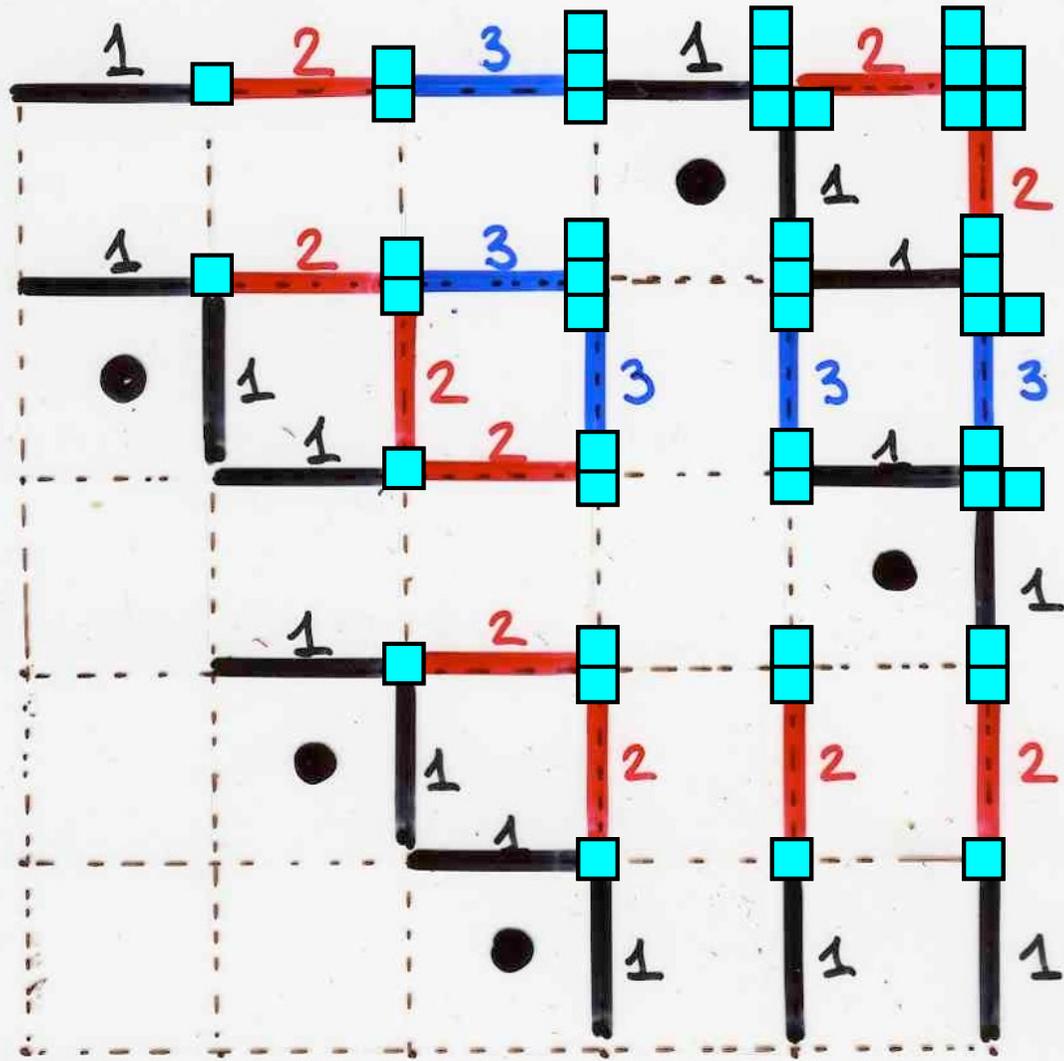
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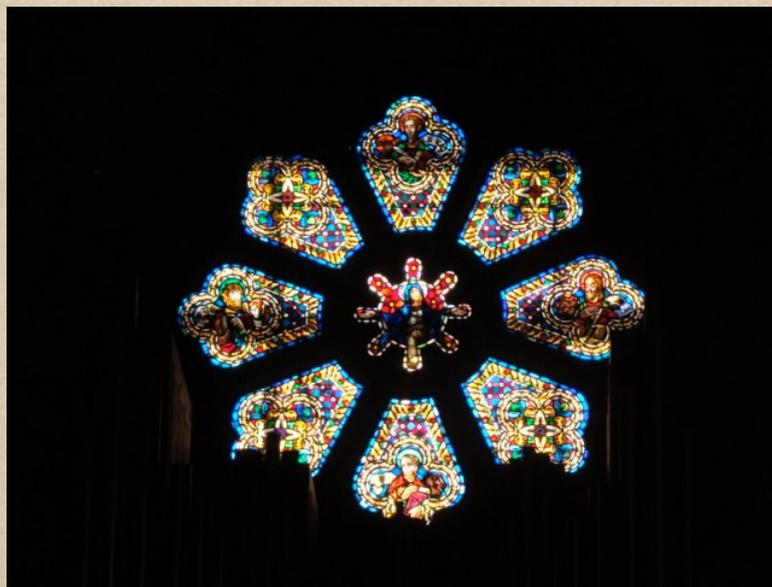
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Proposition

The two processes « growth diagrams » and « edge local rules » are equivalent

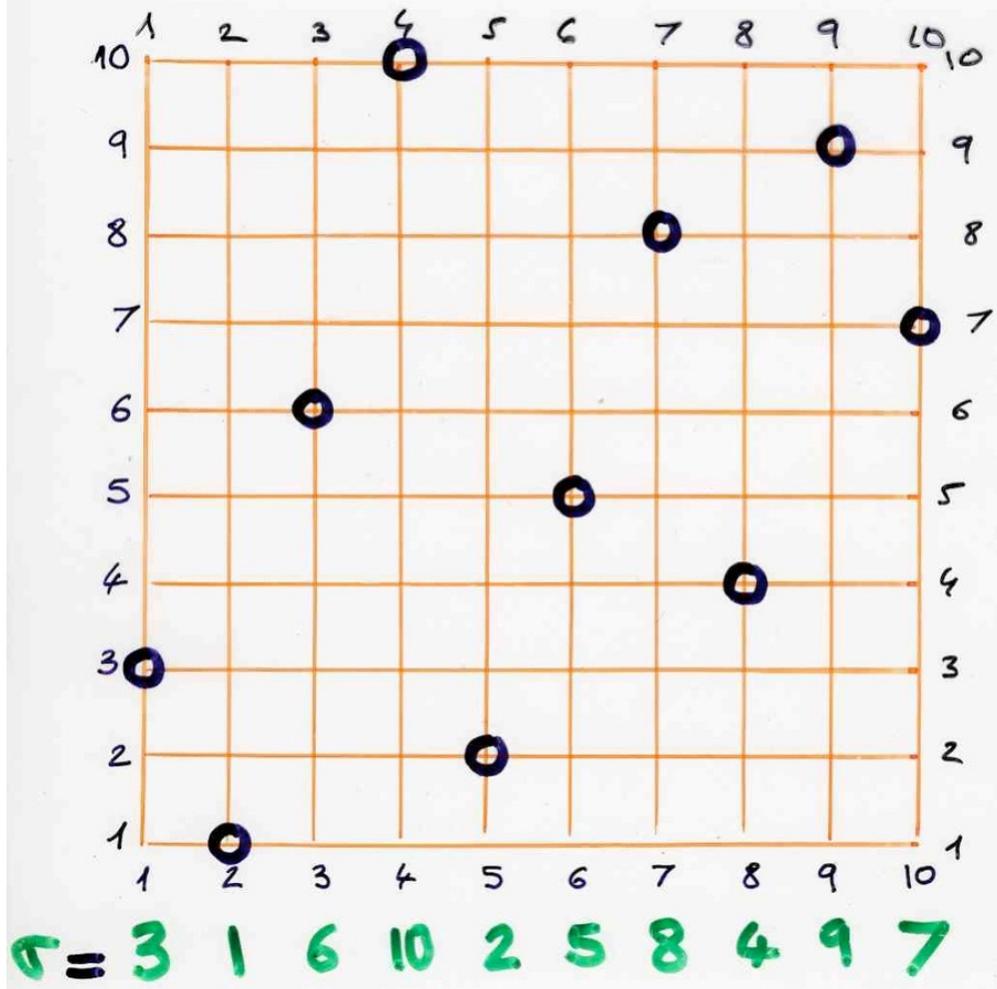


A geometric version of RSK  
with "light" and "shadow lines"

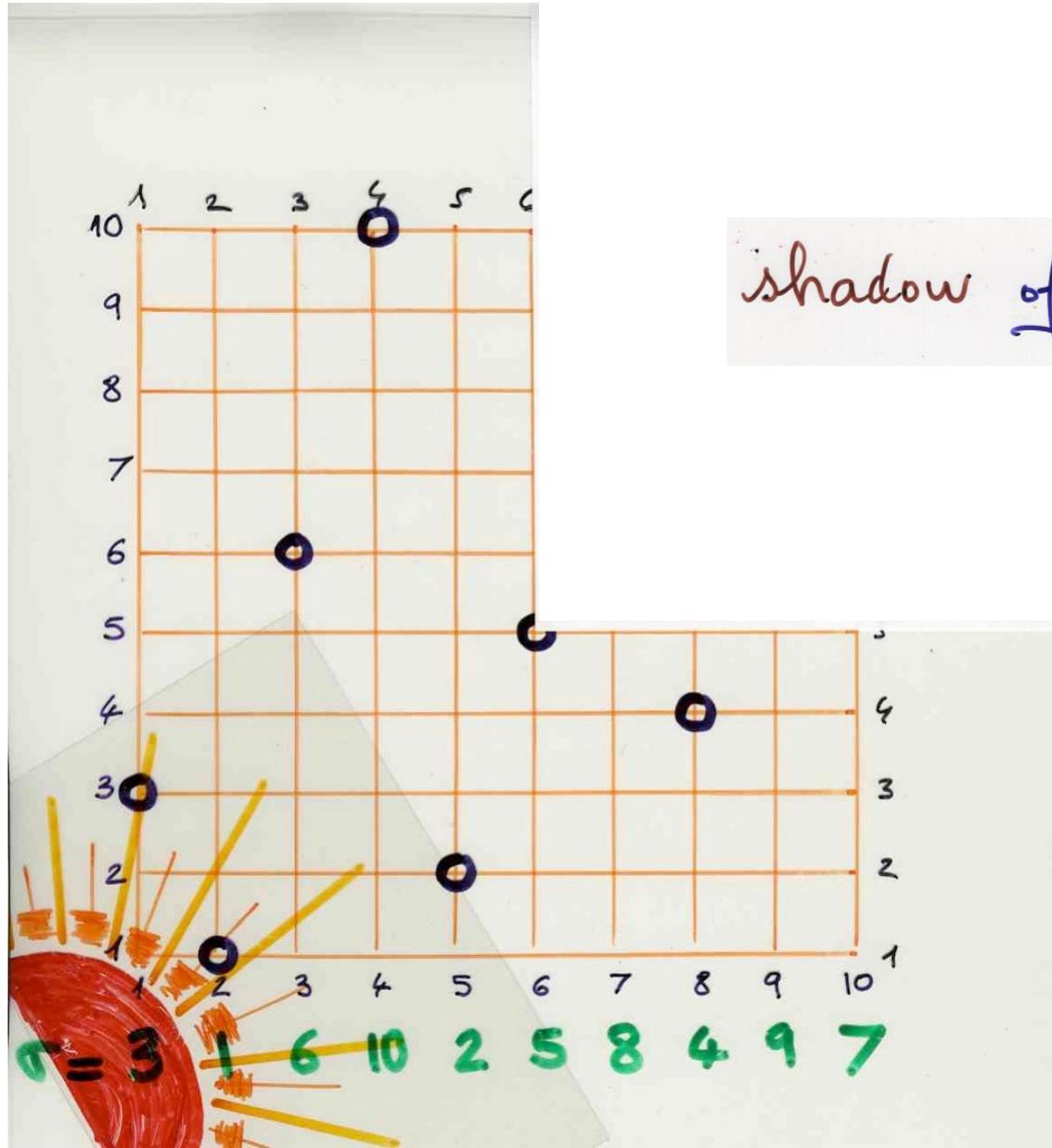


X.V. 1976

$$\{(i, \sigma(i))\}_{i=1, \dots, n} \subseteq [1, n] \times [1, n]$$

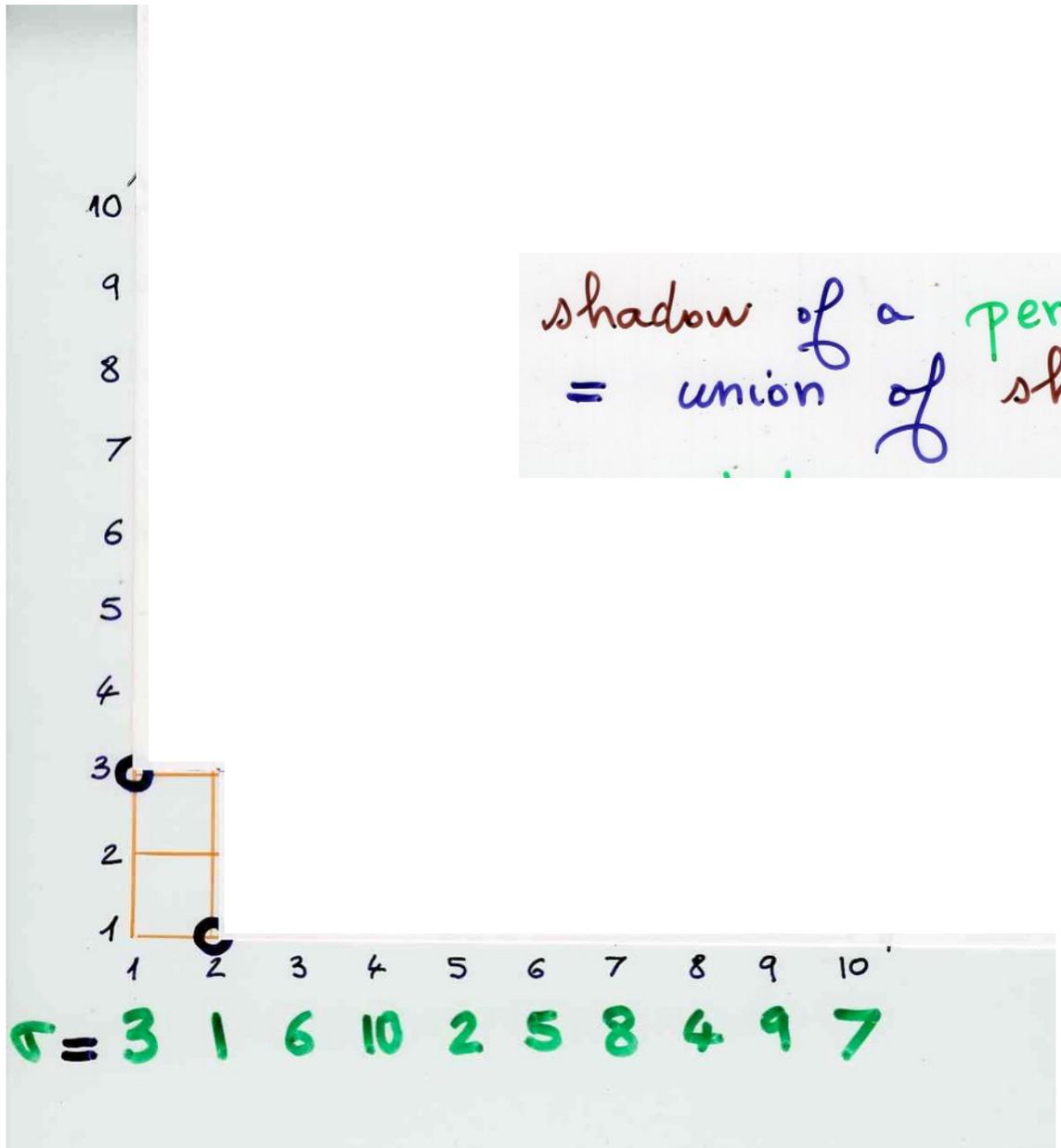


graph of a permutation  $\sigma$



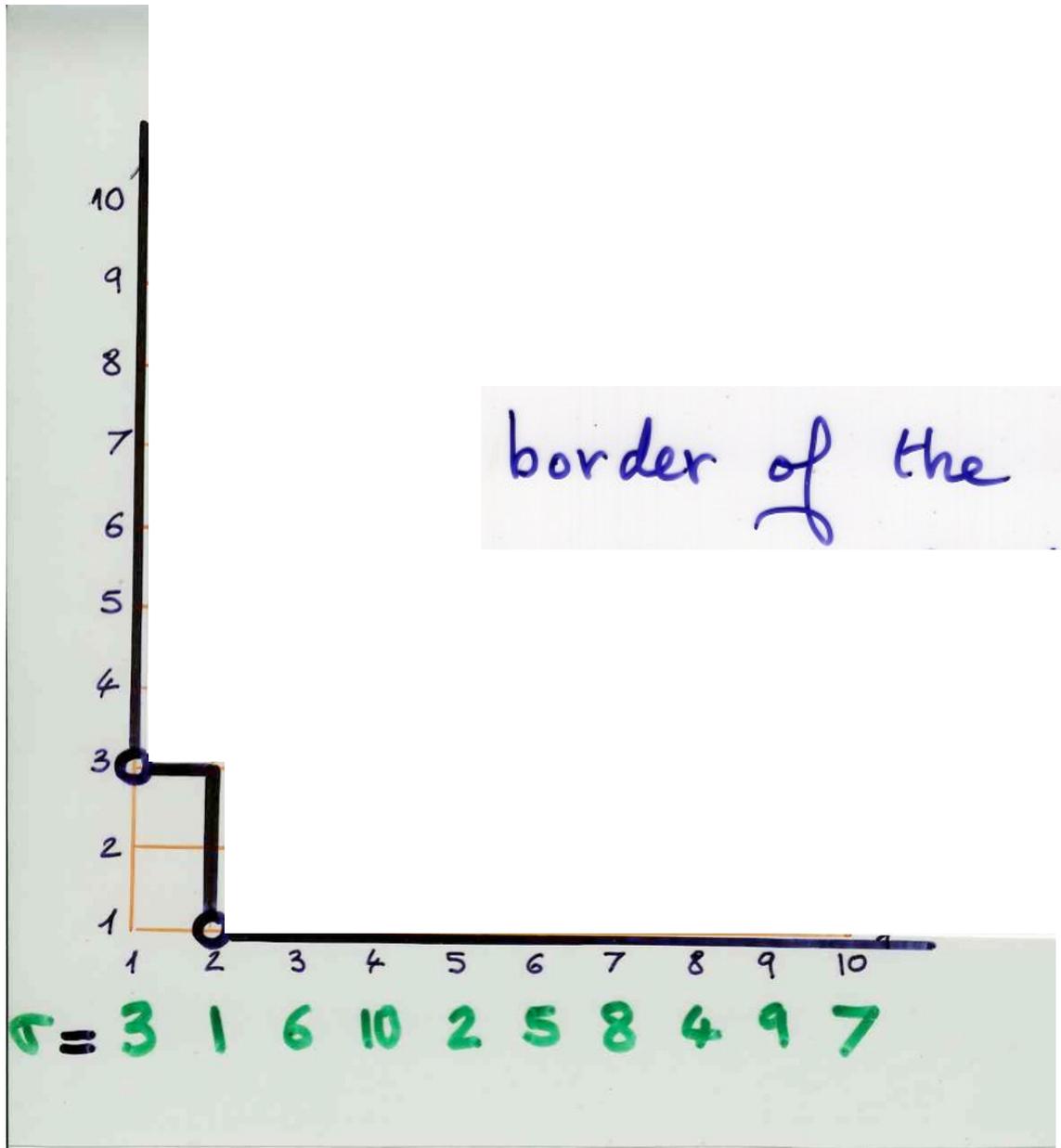
shadow of a point ●

shadow of a permutation  
= union of shadows

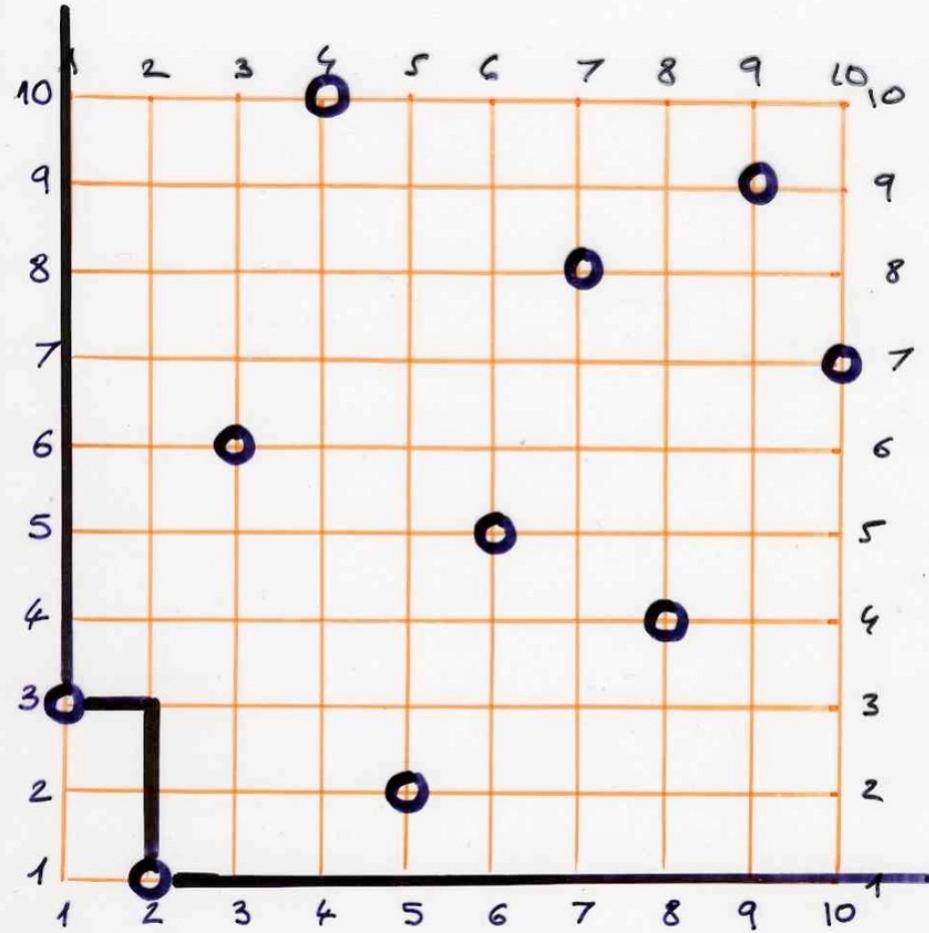


$\sigma = 3 \ 1 \ 6 \ 10 \ 2 \ 5 \ 8 \ 4 \ 9 \ 7$

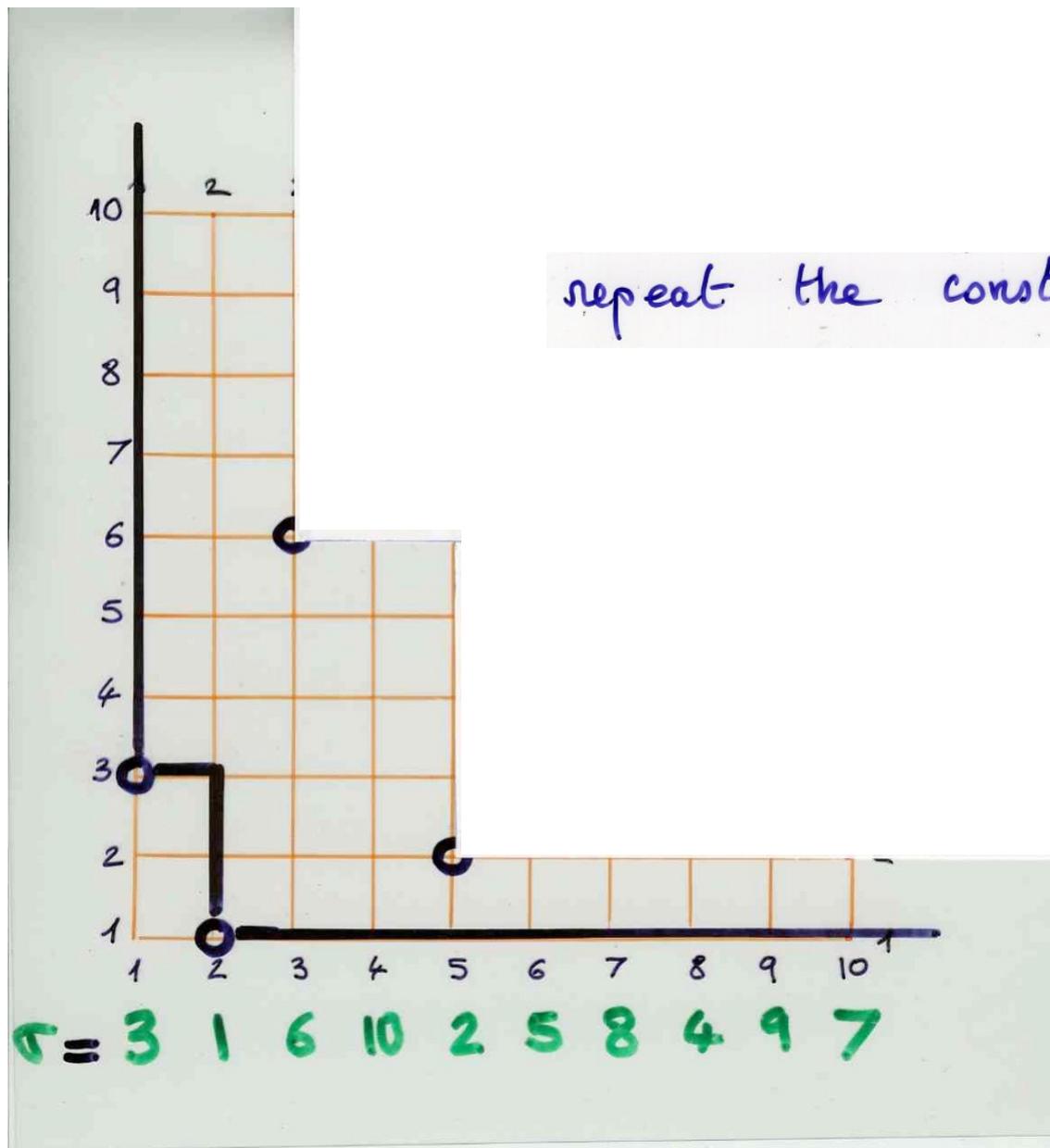
border of the shadow

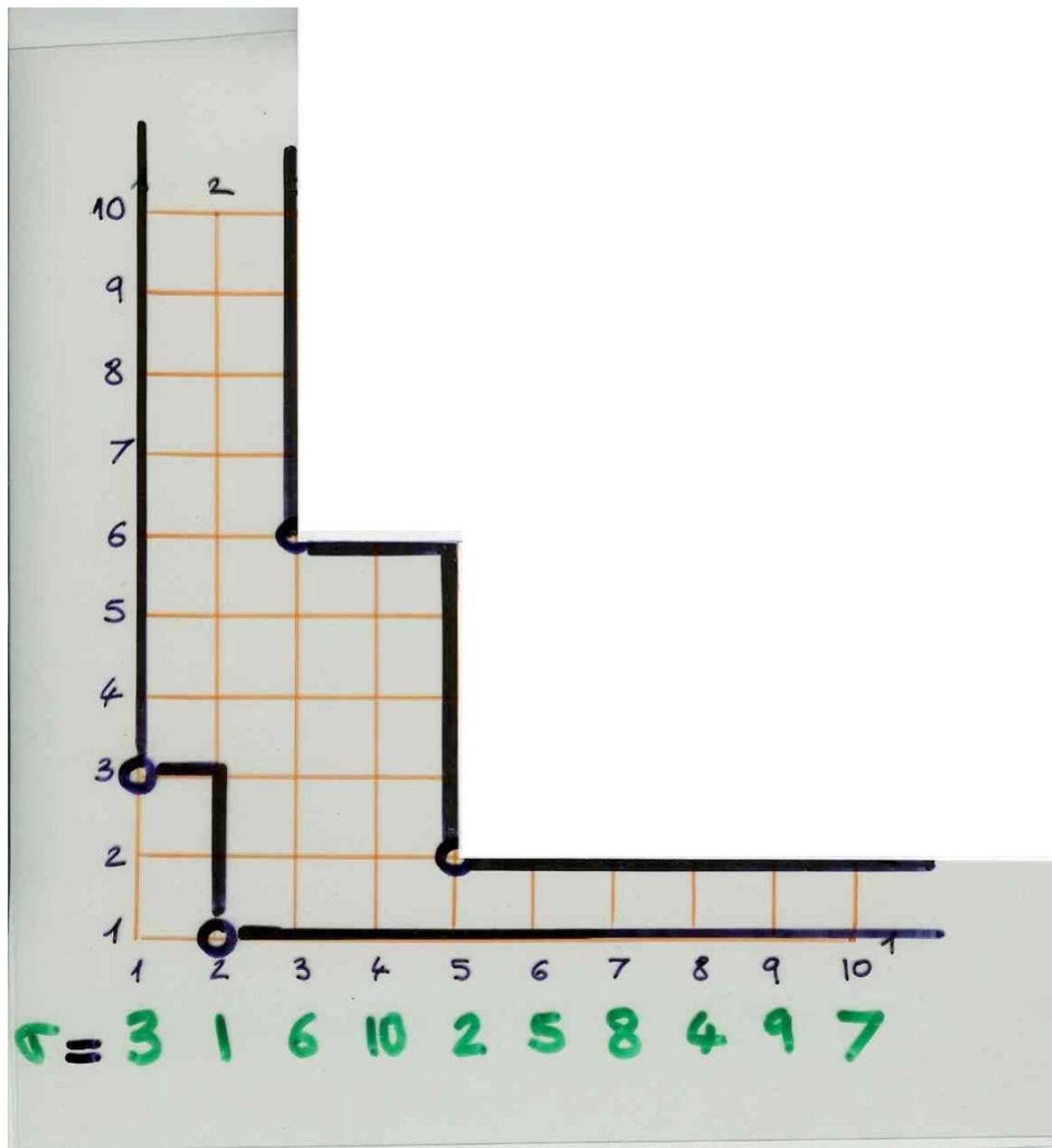


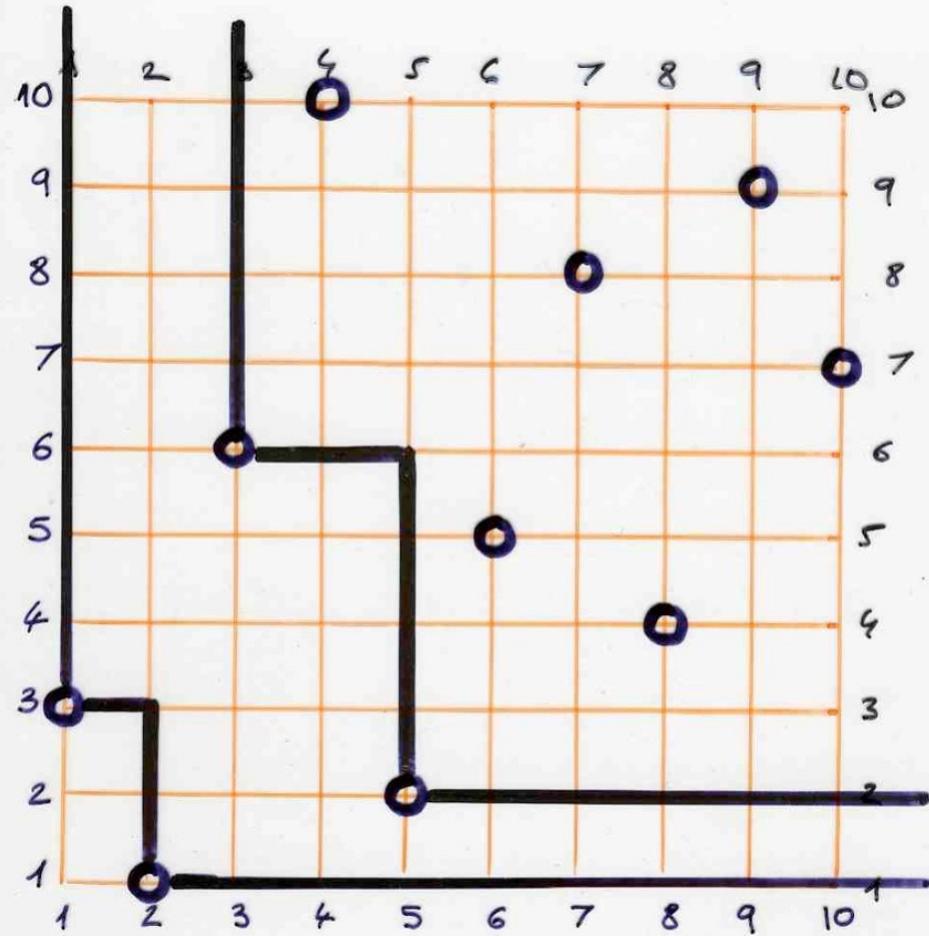
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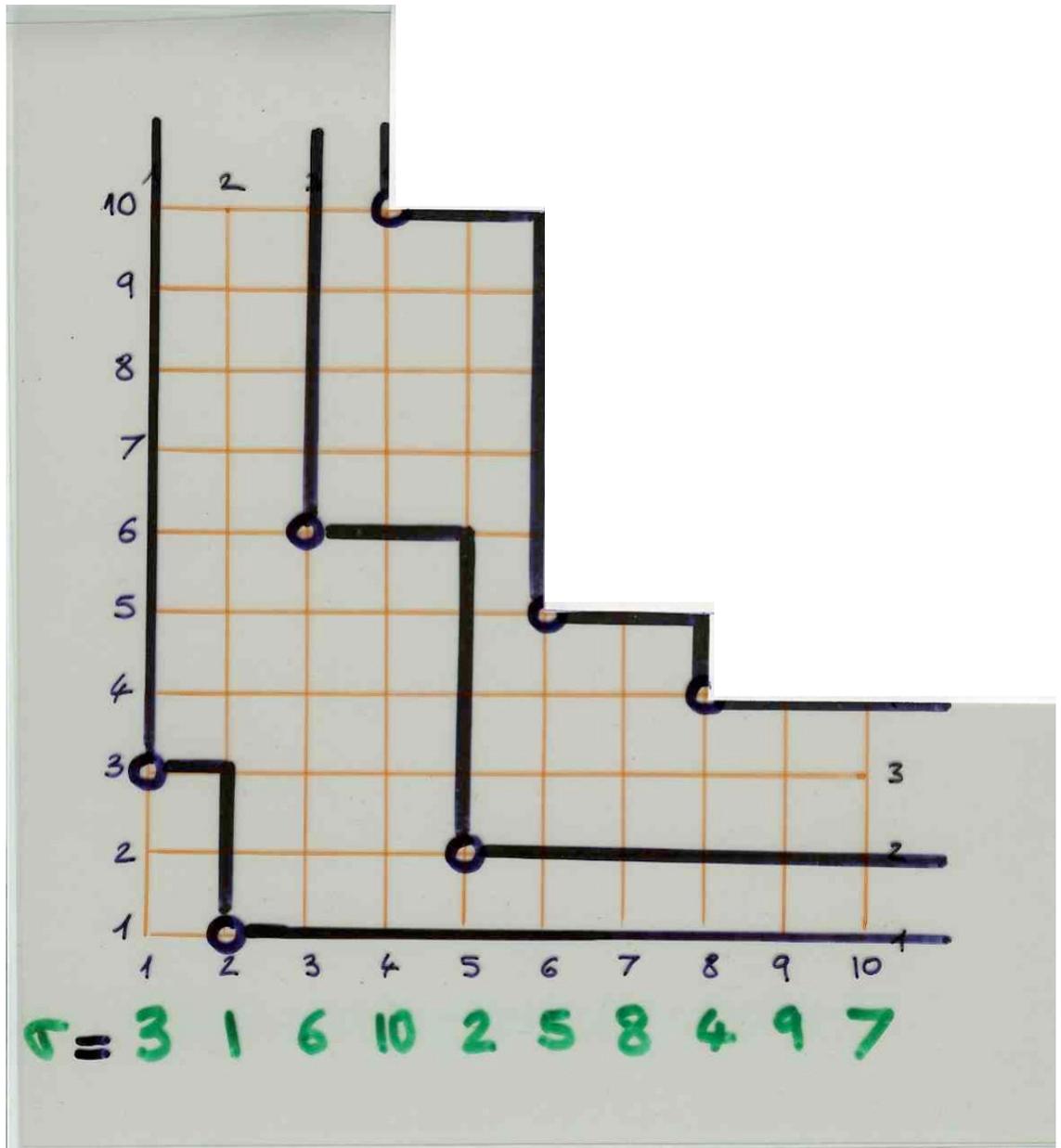
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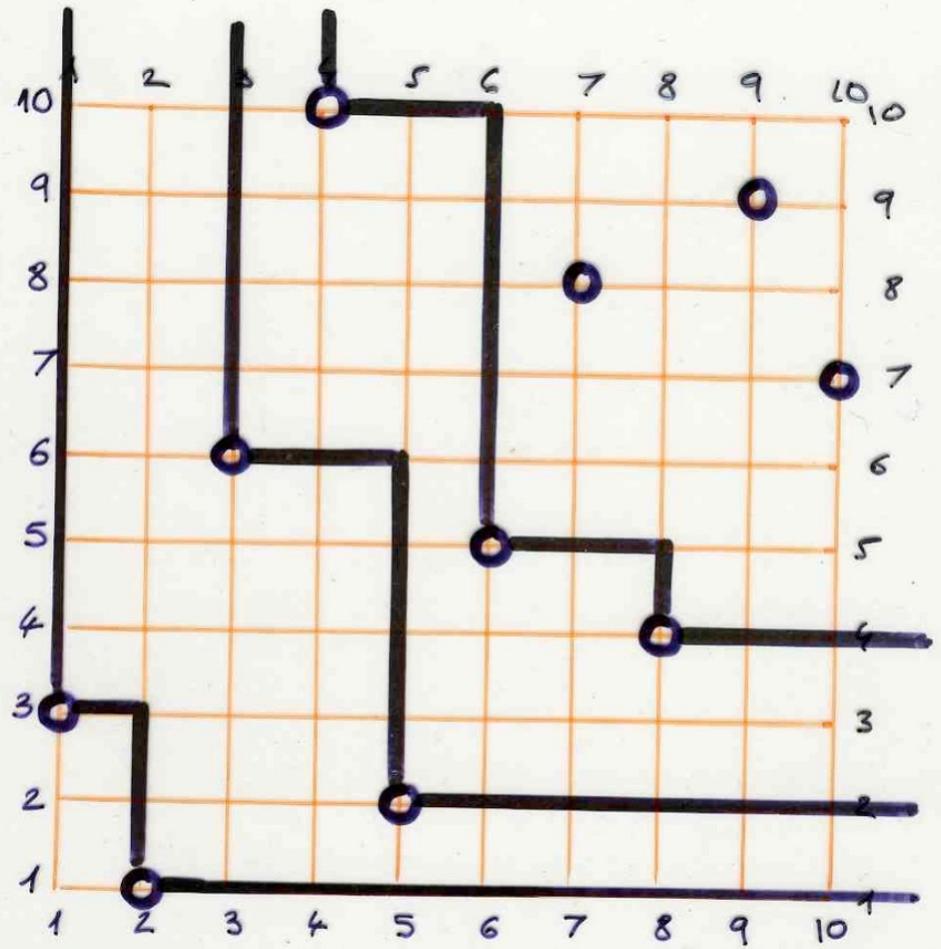




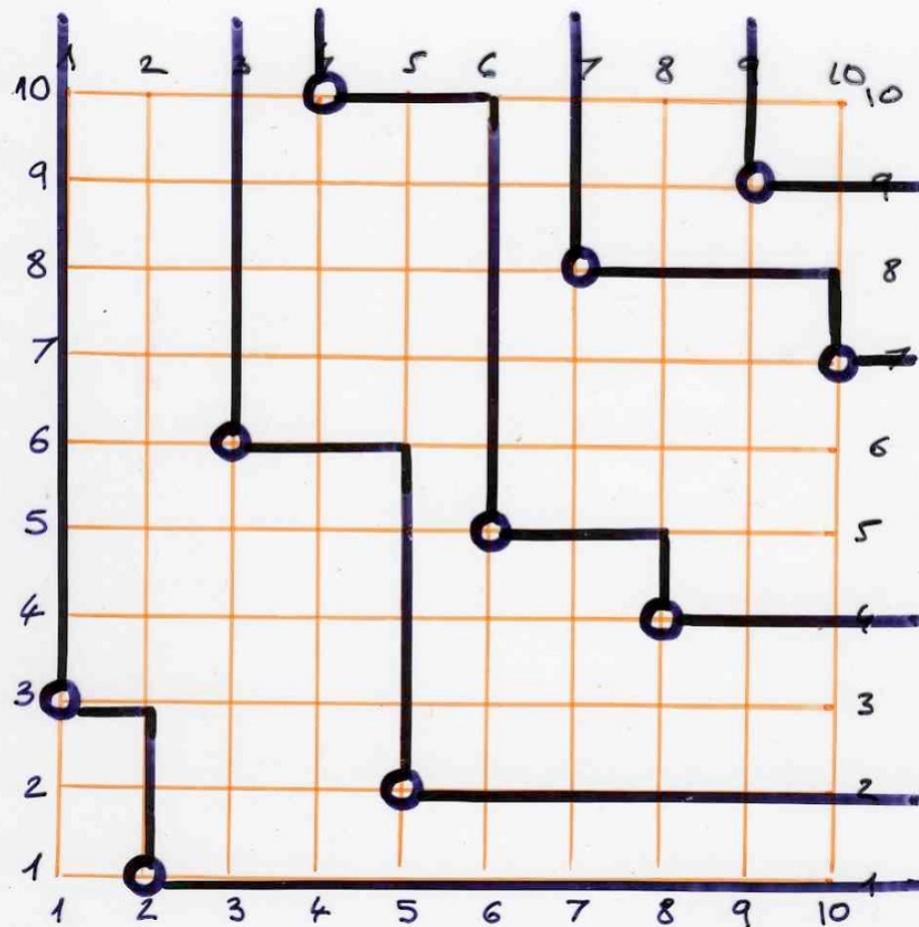
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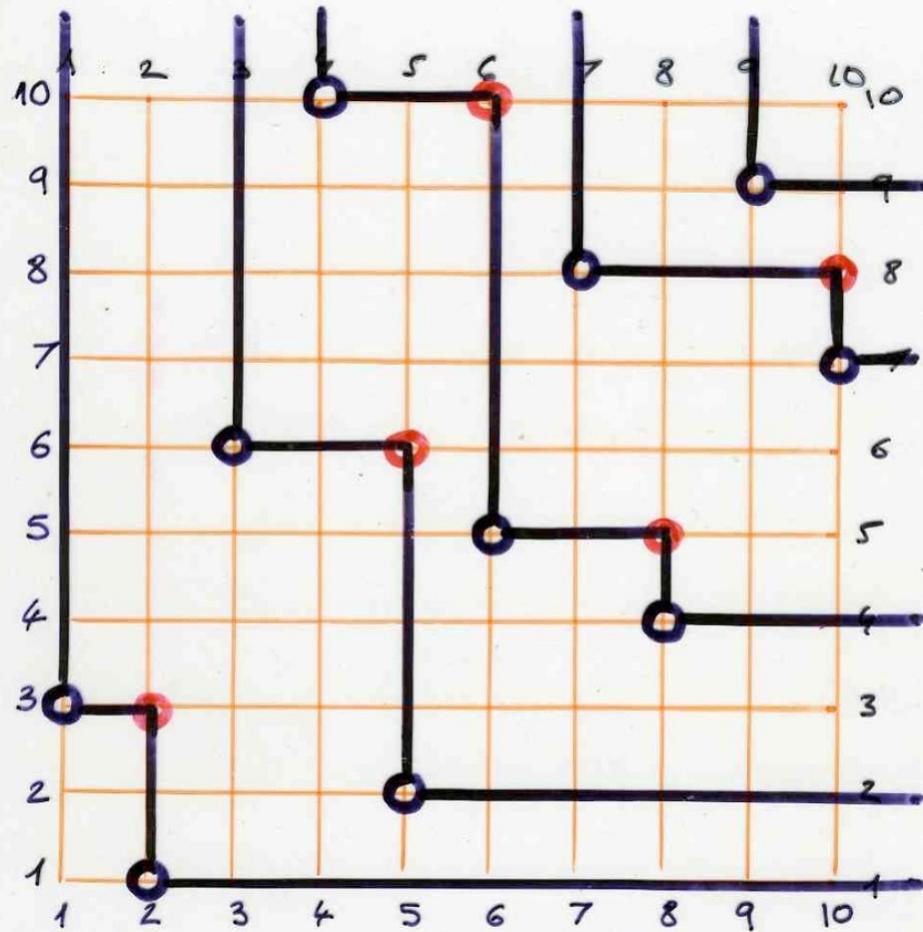


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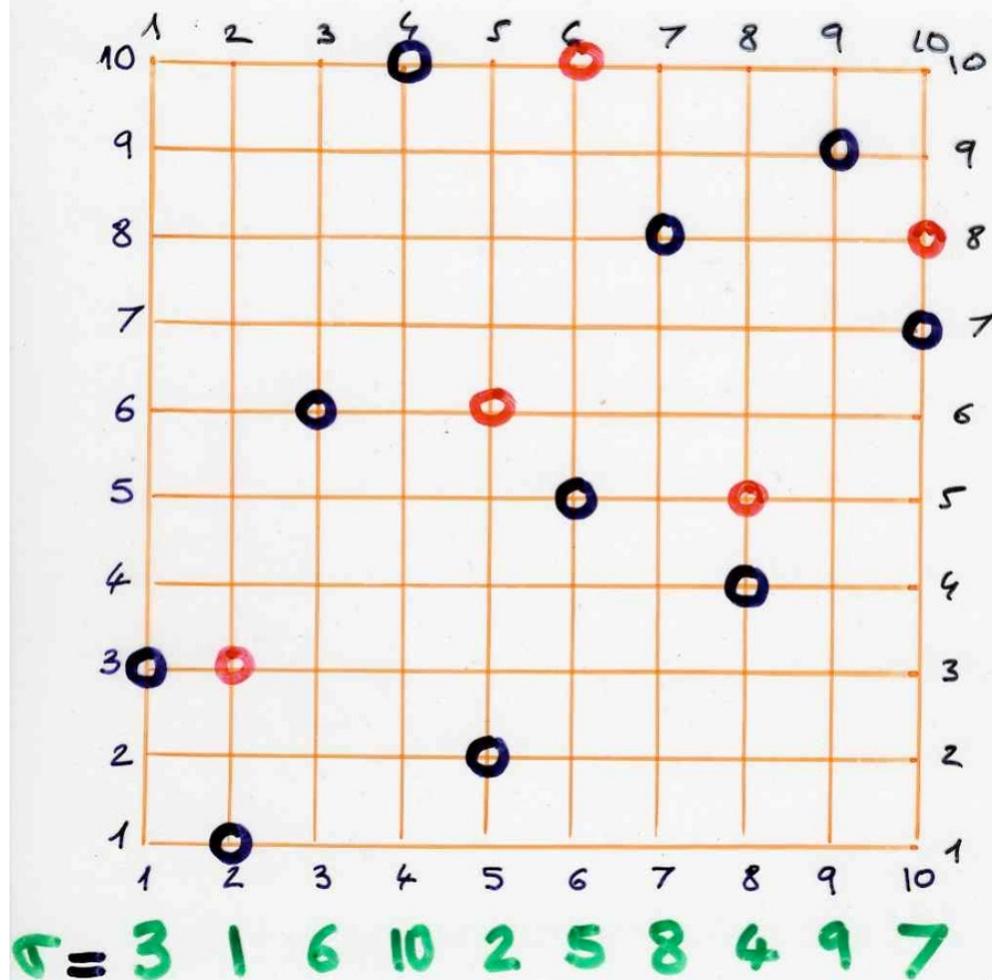
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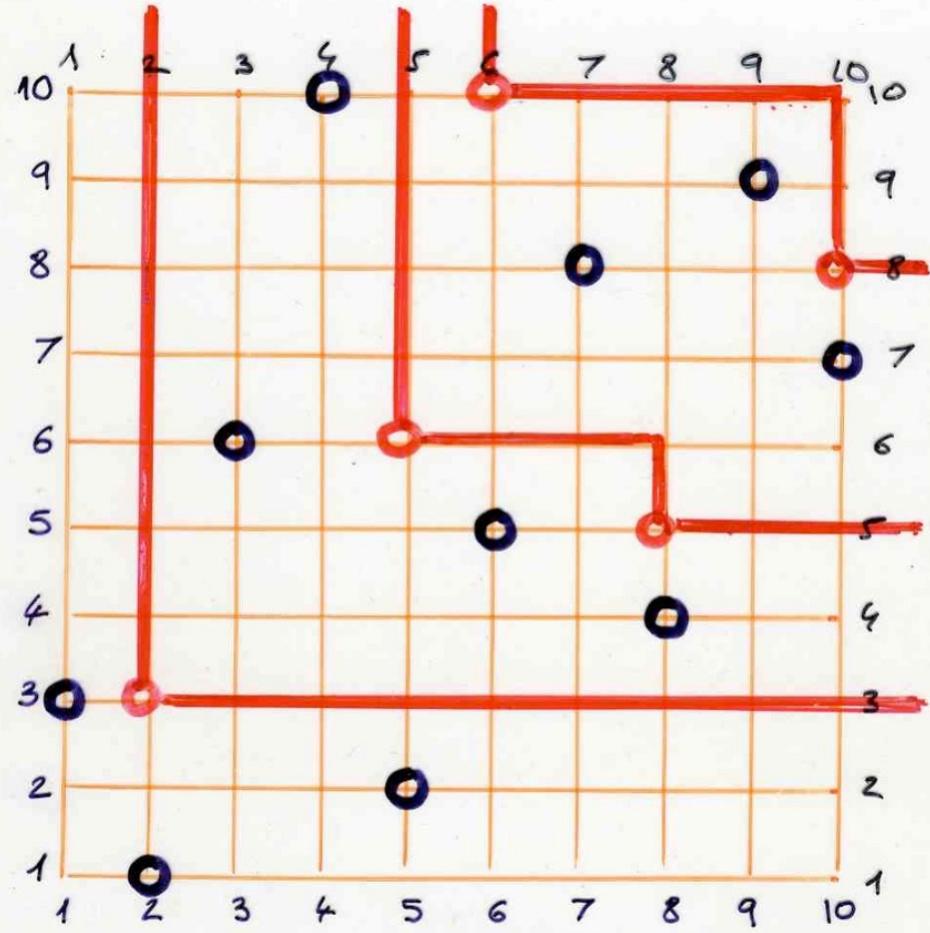
red points ●



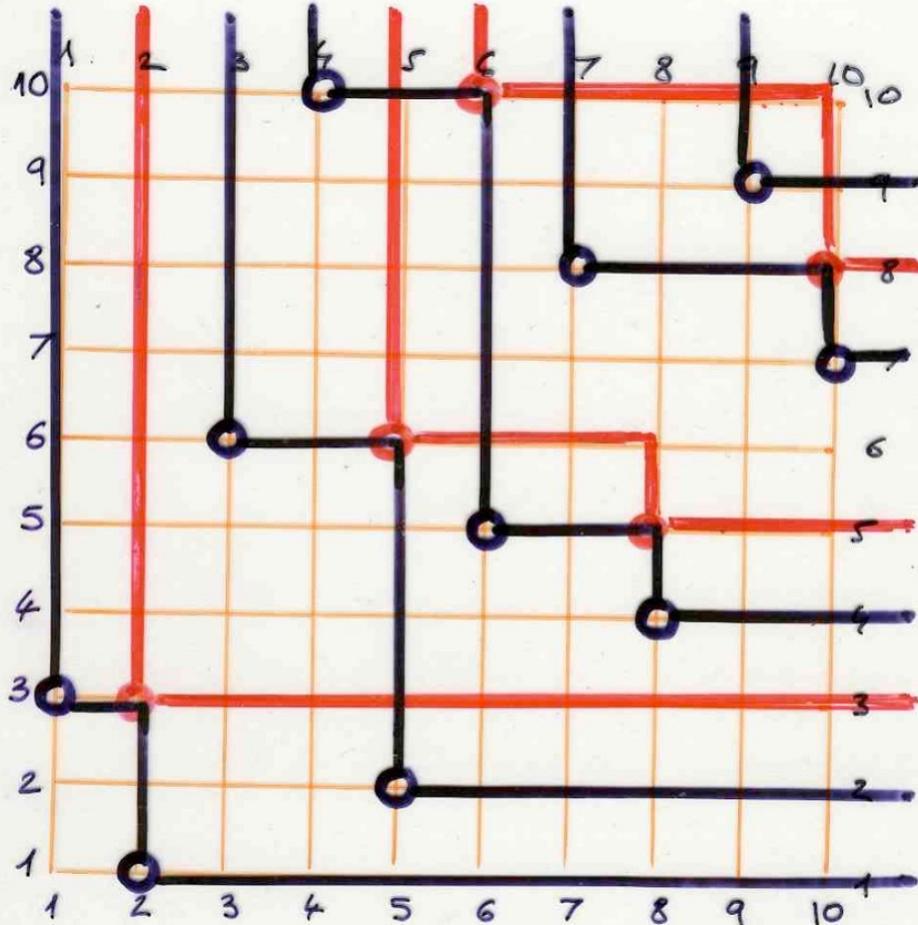
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repeat with the red points  
 the construction of successive shadows





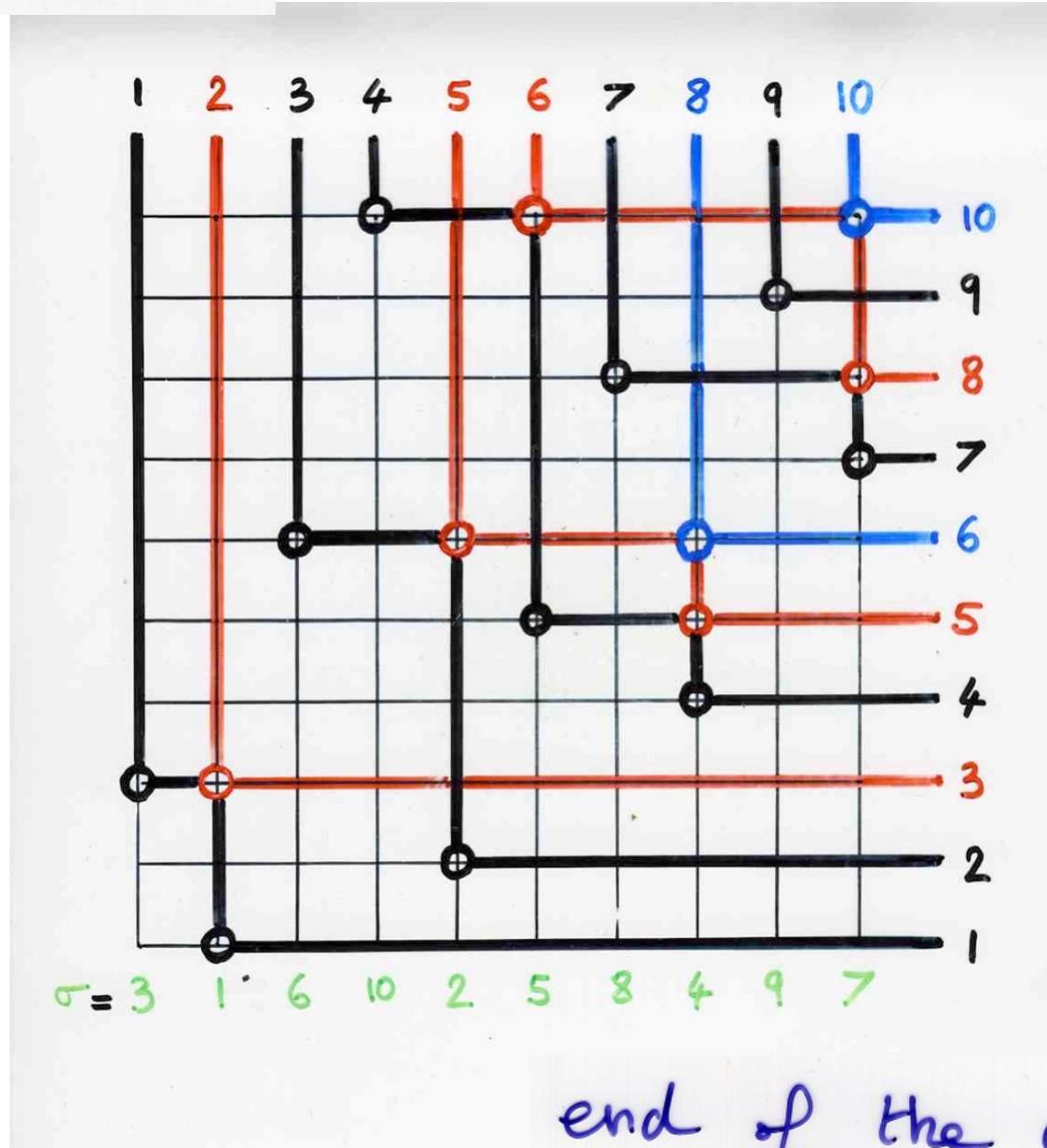
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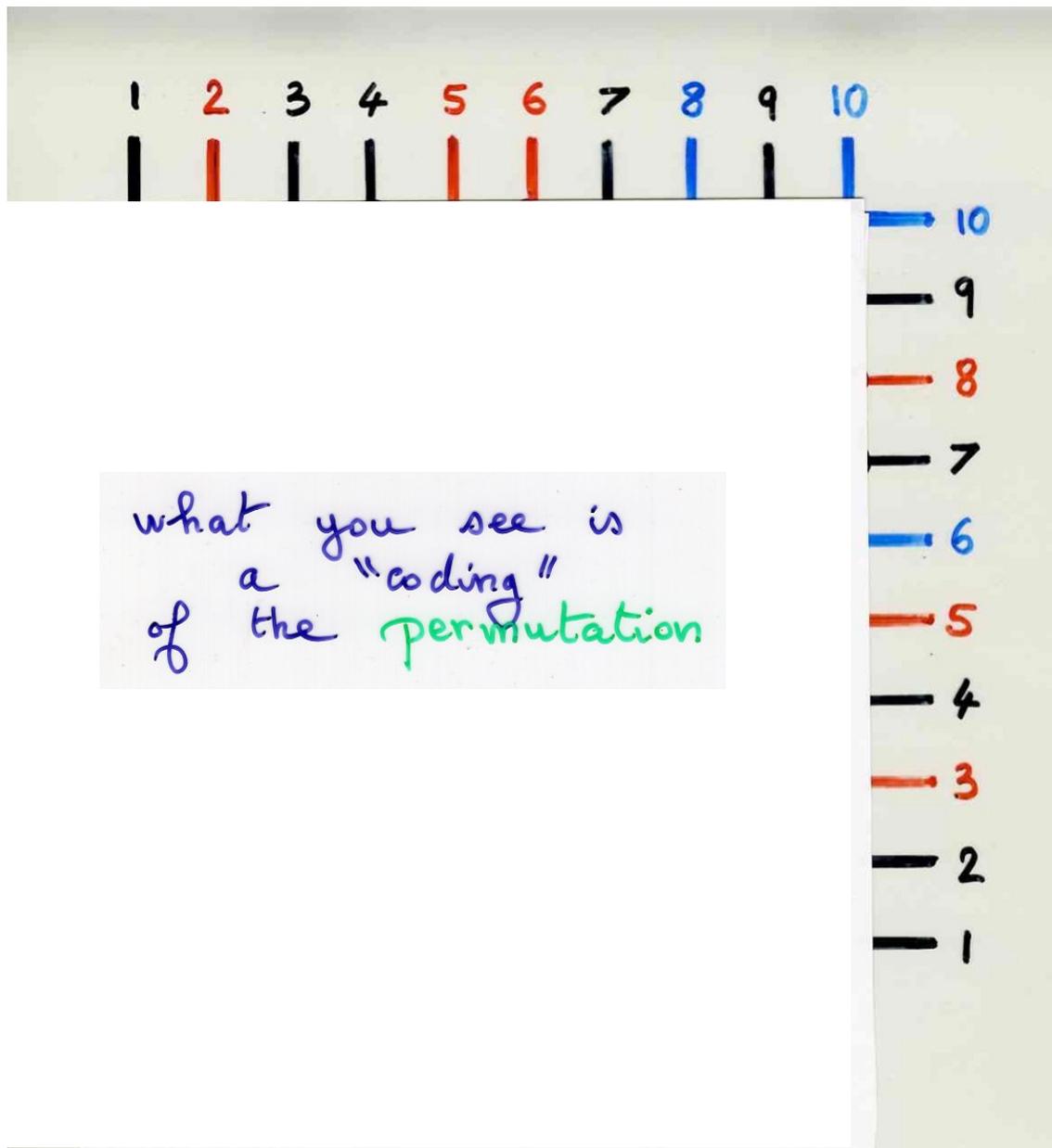
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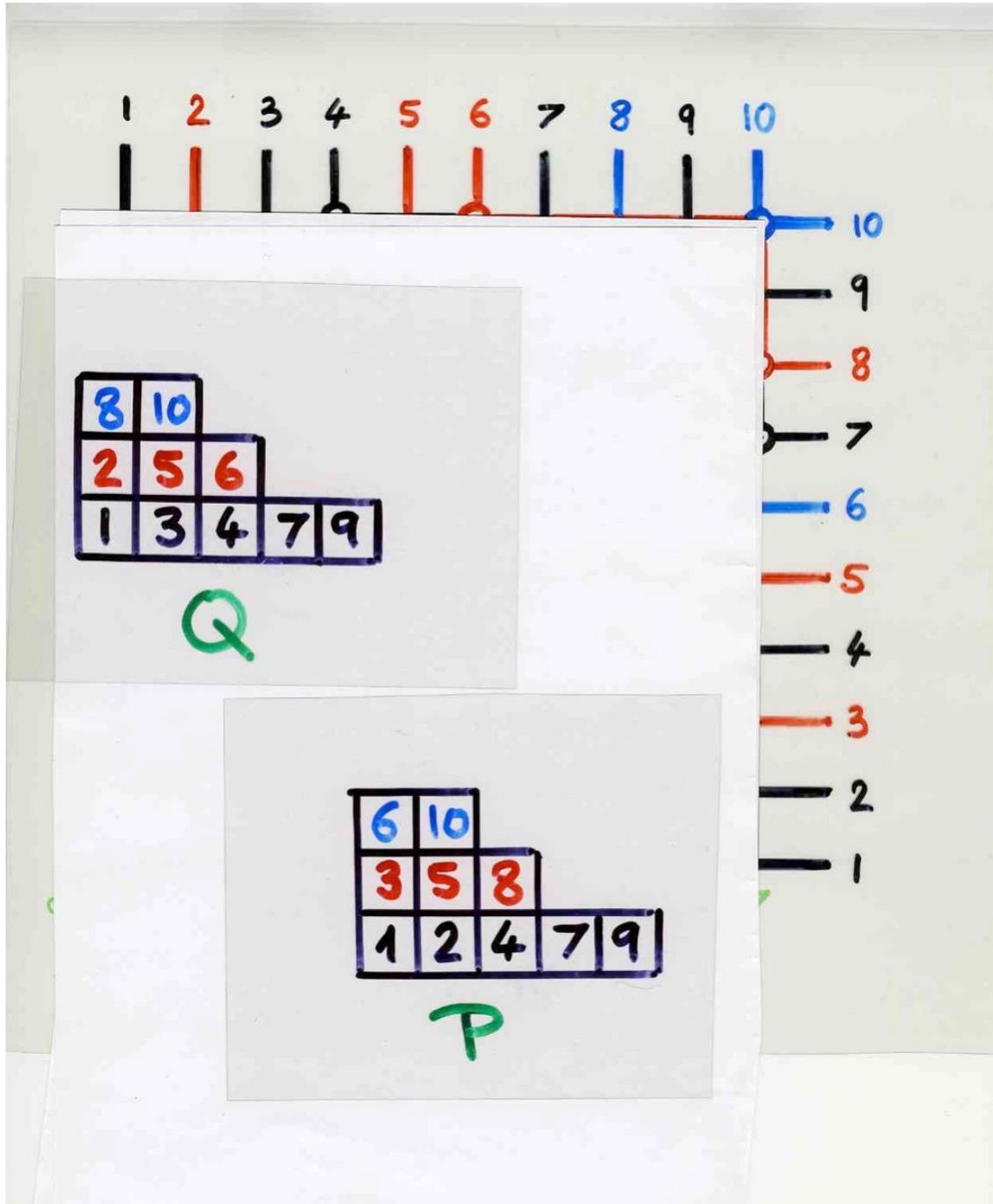


no green points ●



end of the construction





1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

8	10			
2	5	6		
1	3	4	7	9

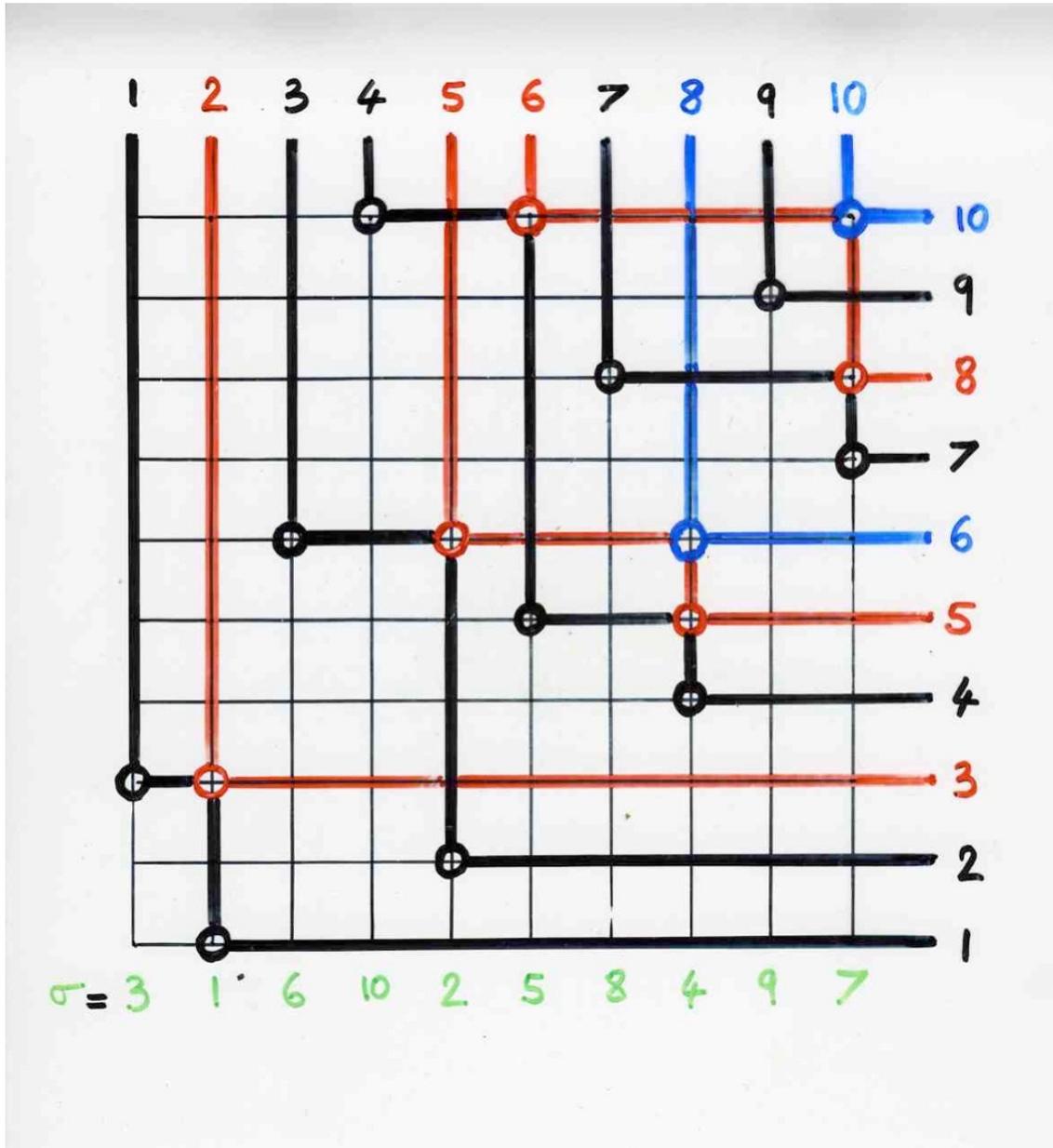
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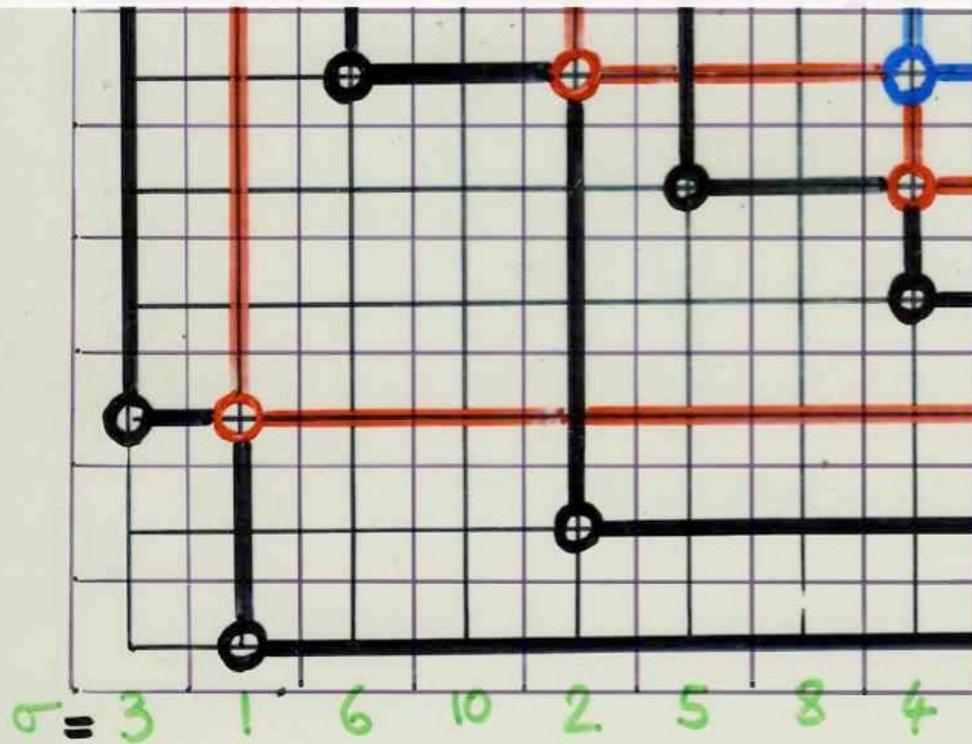
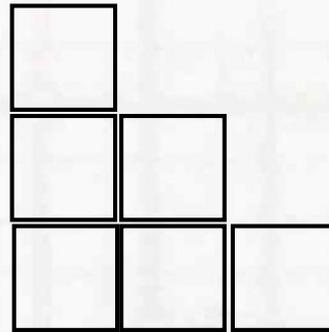
10  
9  
8  
7  
6  
5  
4  
3  
2  
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proof of the equivalence  
growth diagrams  
edge local rules



For any vertex of the grid translated by 1/2 we define a Ferrers diagram in the following way

We get a tableau of Ferrers diagrams



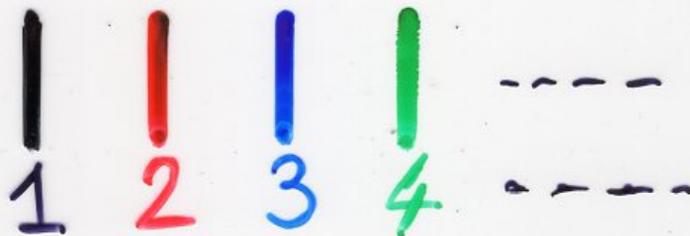
I claim that this tableau is the same as the one we get from Fomin growth diagrams

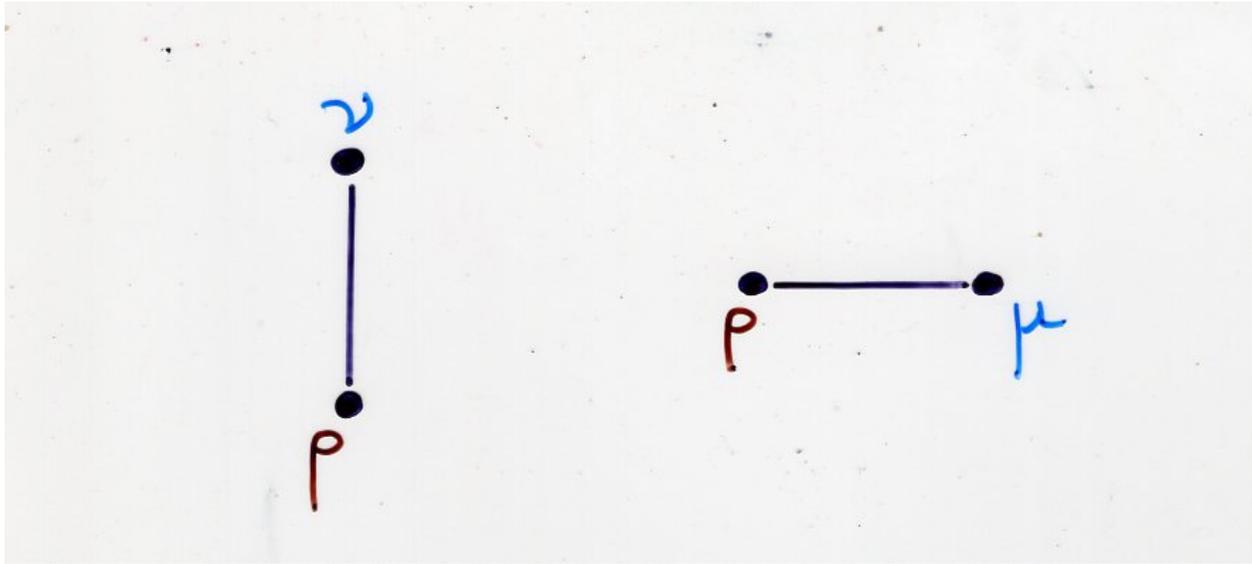
- label the first set of "shadow lines"  
of the permutation  $\sigma$  by ①  
(black lines on the figure)

- then by ② the second set,  
i.e. the "shadow lines" of the skeleton  
 $Sq(\sigma)$   
(the red lines)

- etc, - ③ the blue lines  
of  $Sq(Sq(\sigma))$

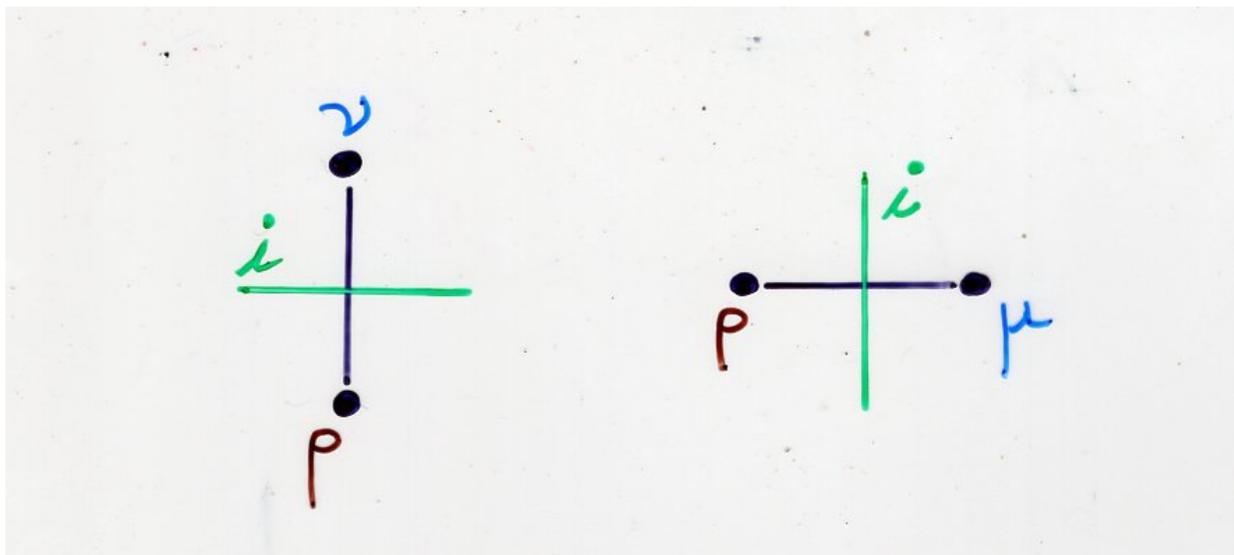
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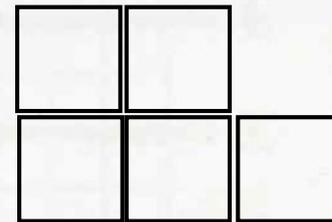
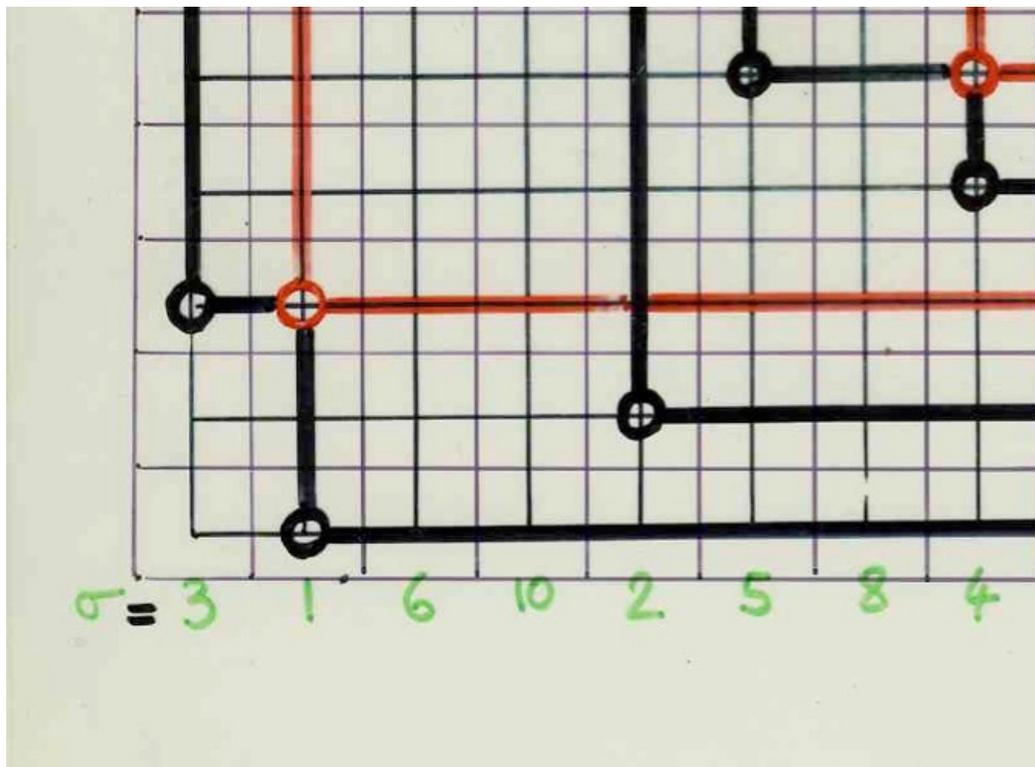
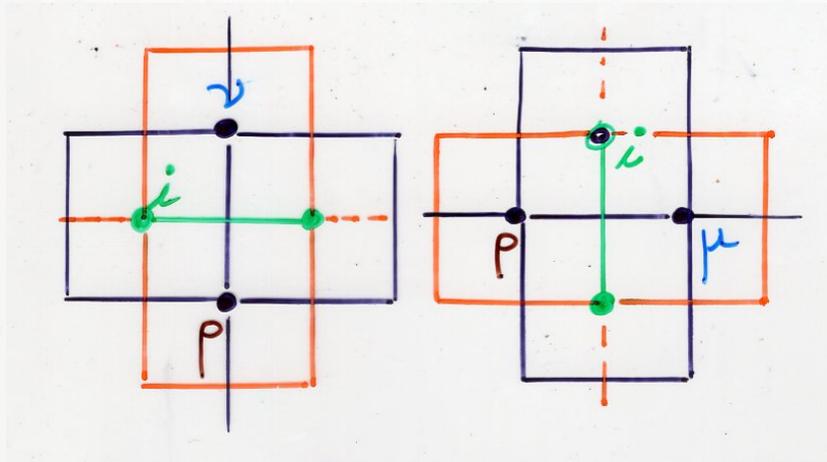
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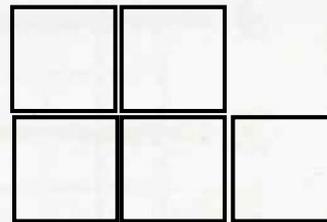
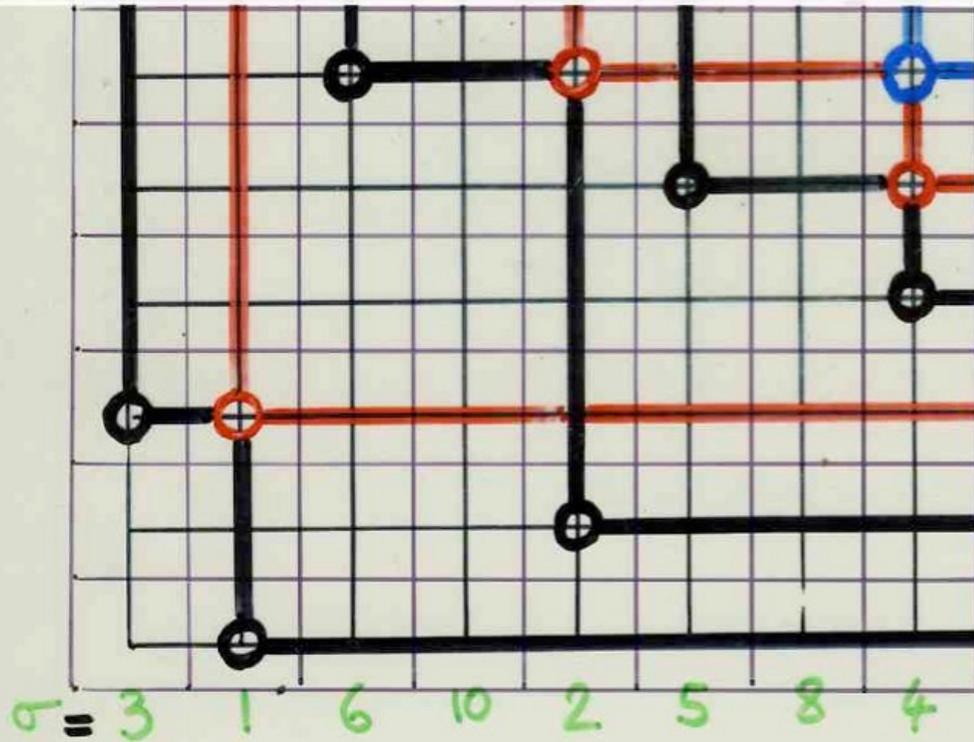
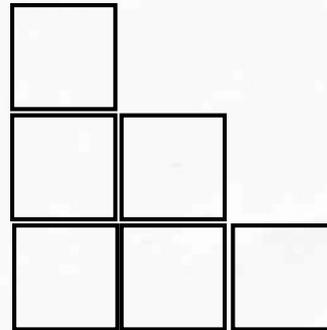
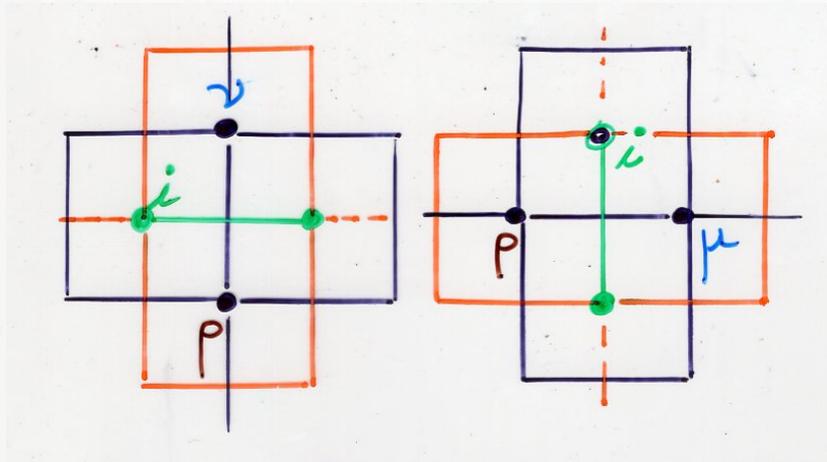
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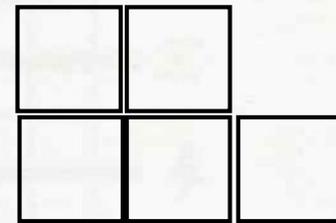
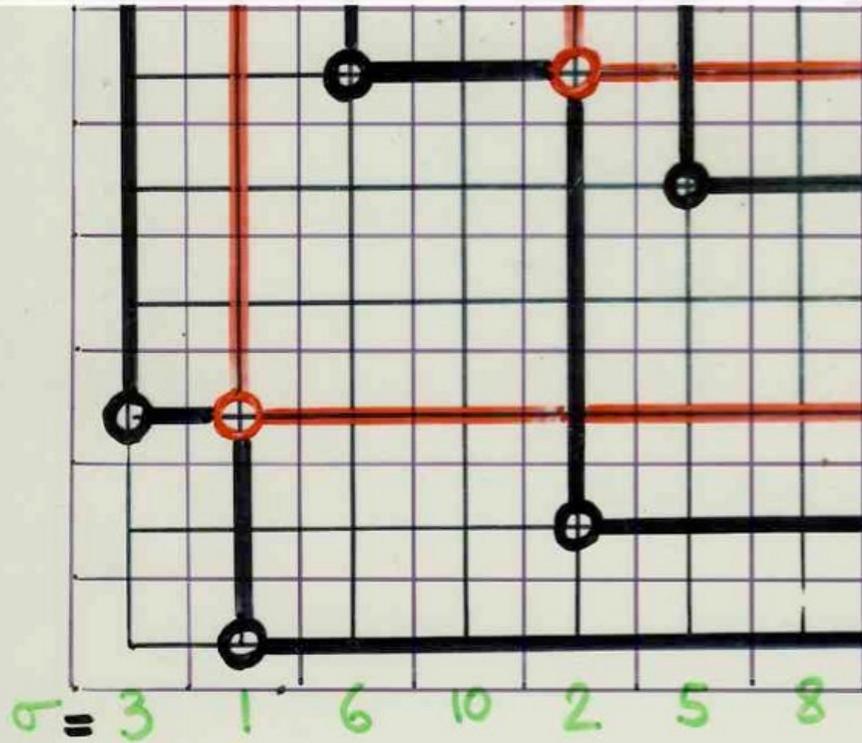
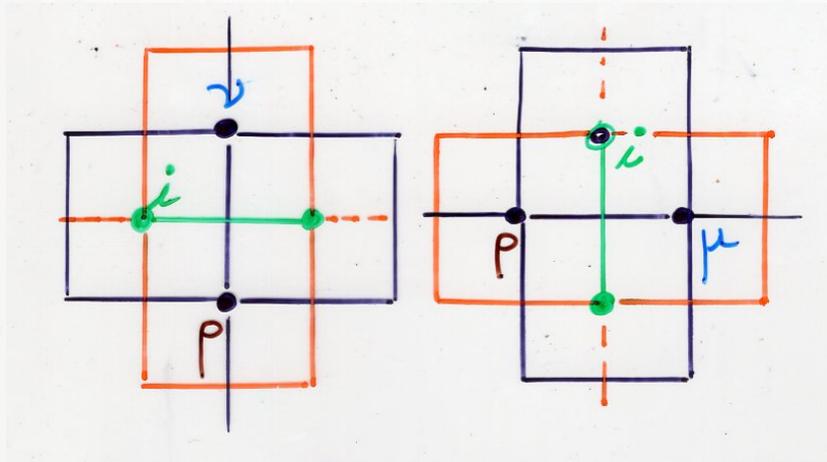
if a shadow line  
with label  $i$  is crossing, then

$$\mu \downarrow = \rho + (i)$$

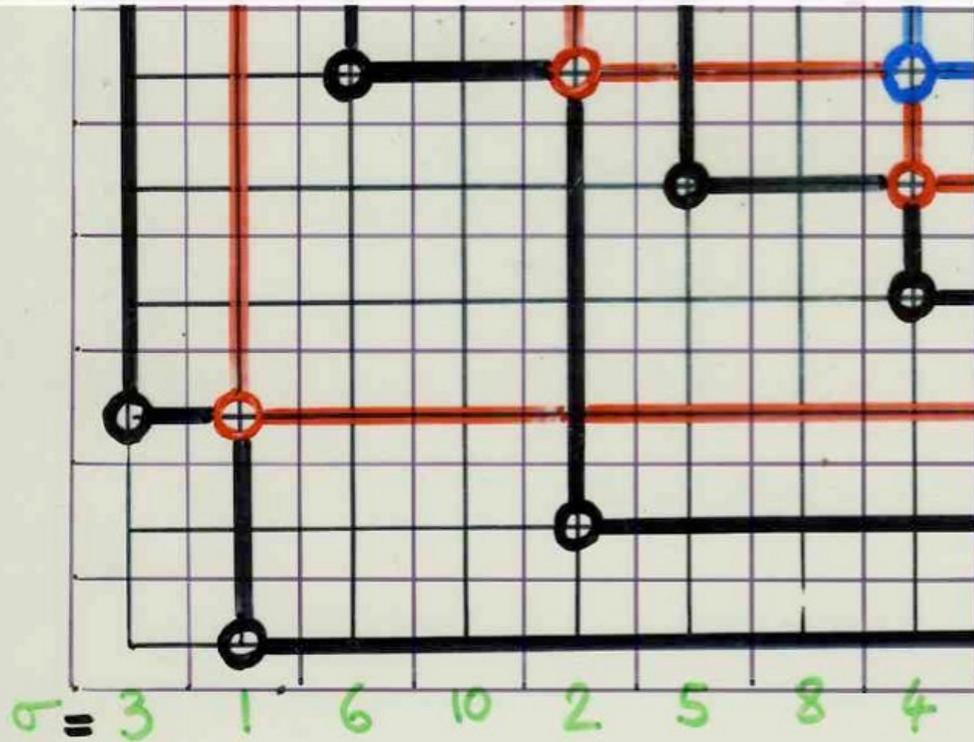
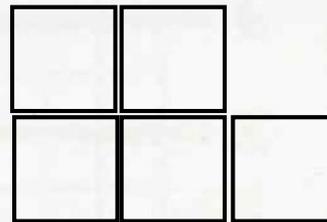
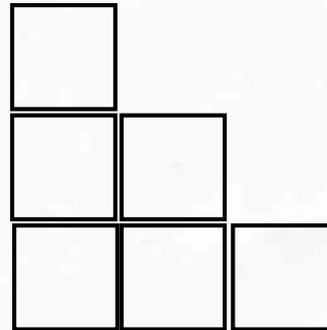
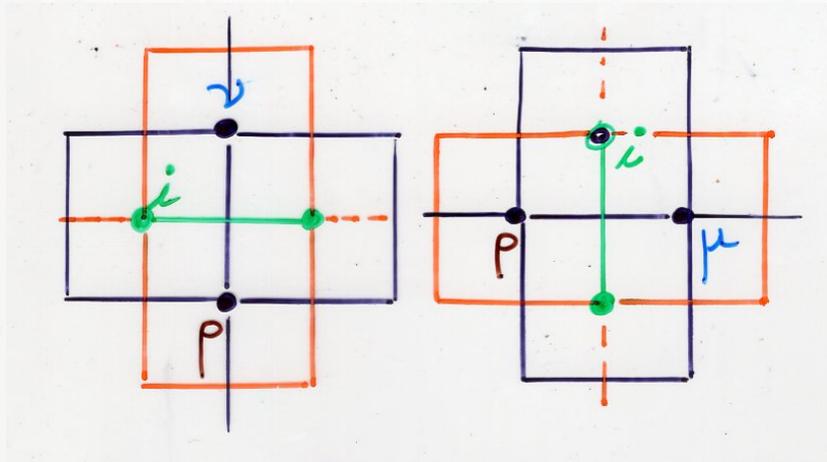




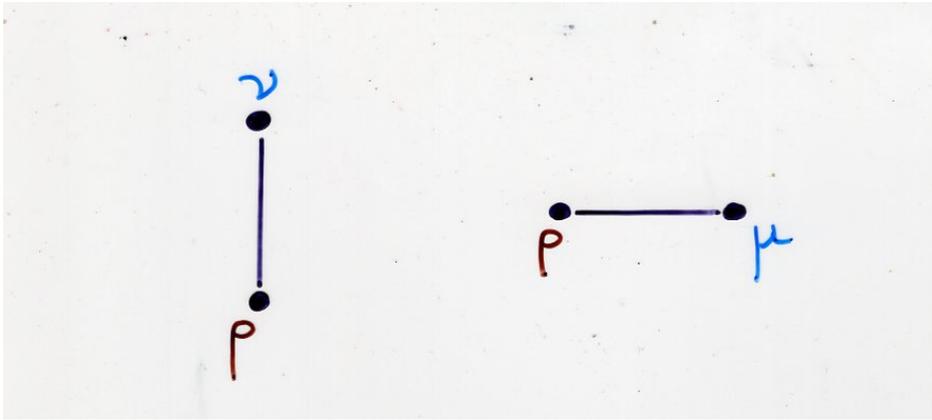
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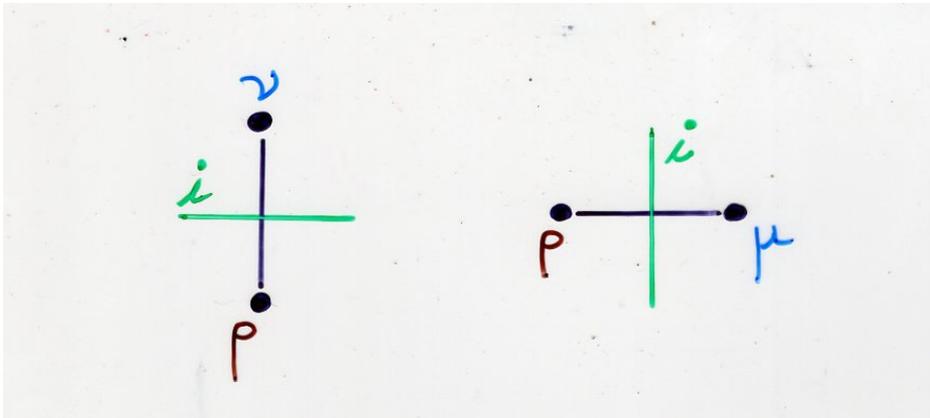
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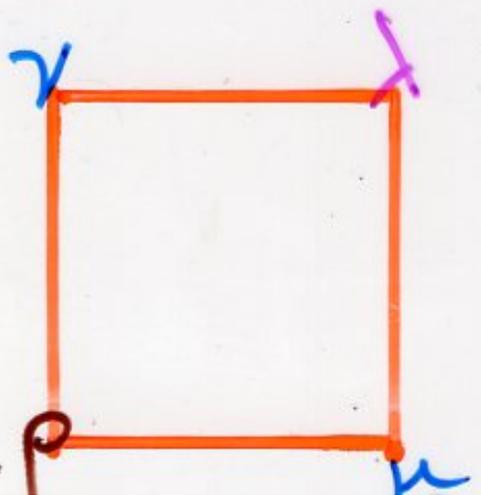
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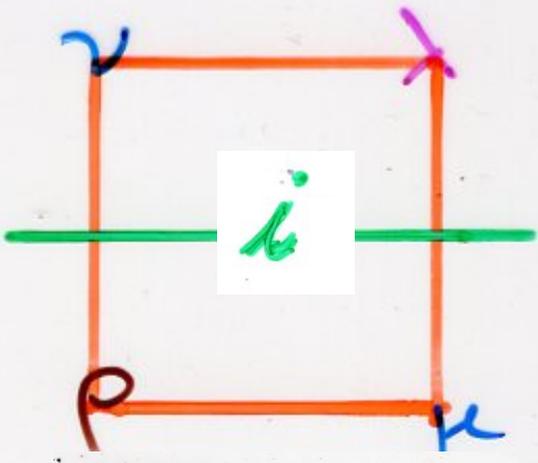
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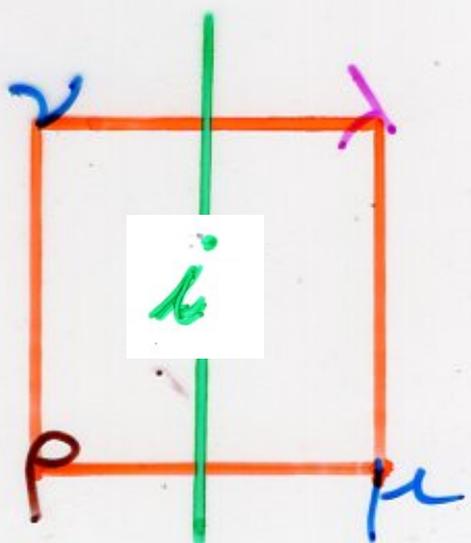


$$\lambda = \rho = \mu = \nu$$



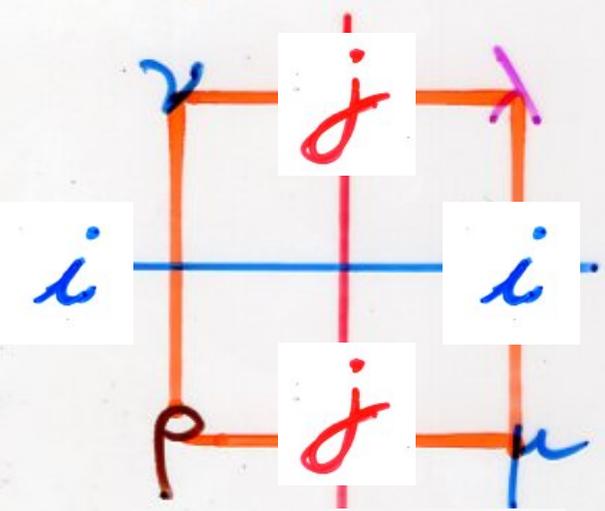
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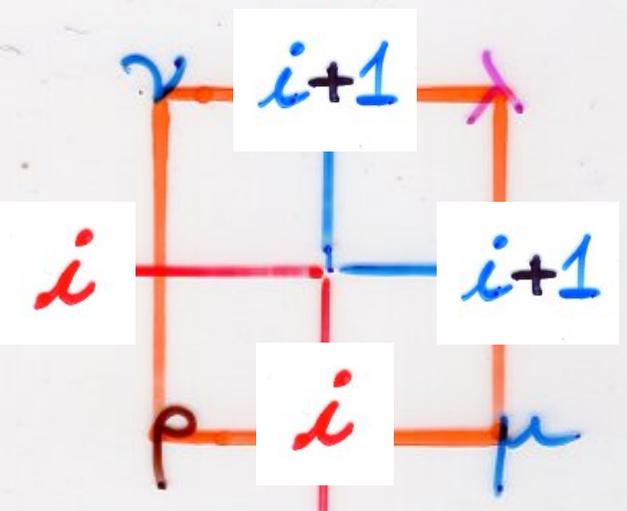
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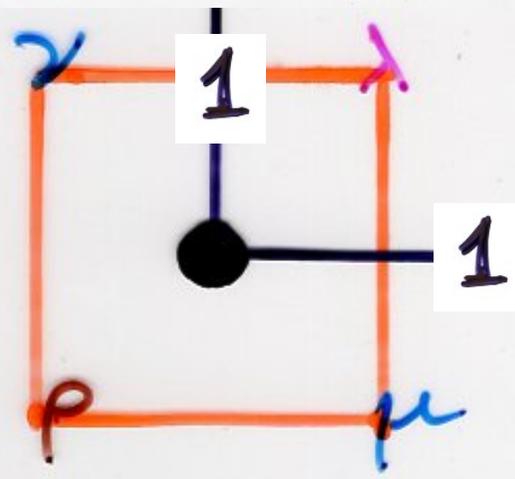
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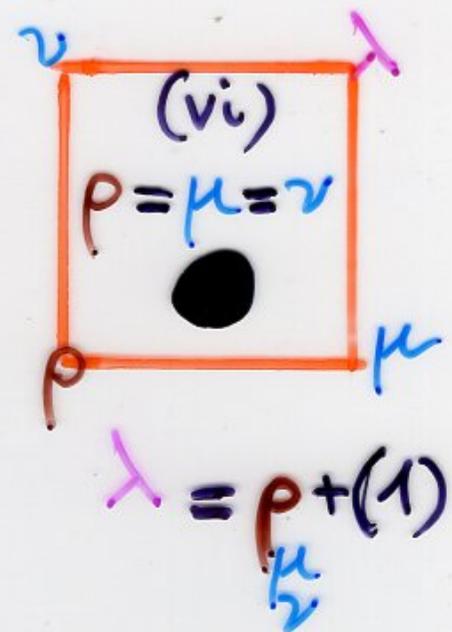
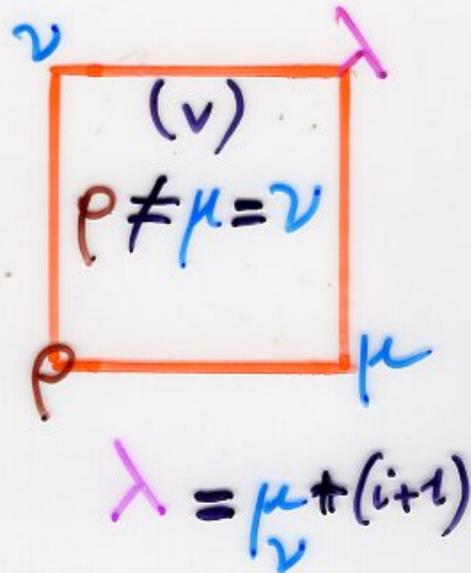
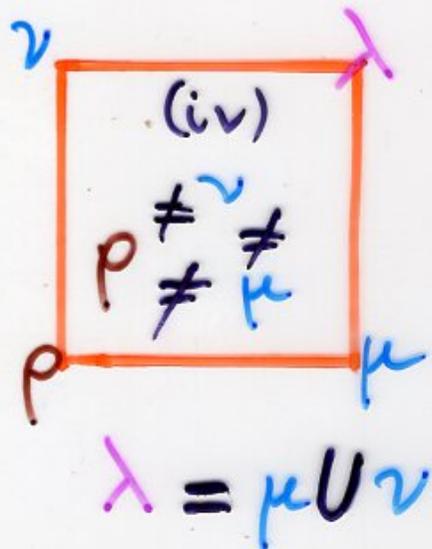
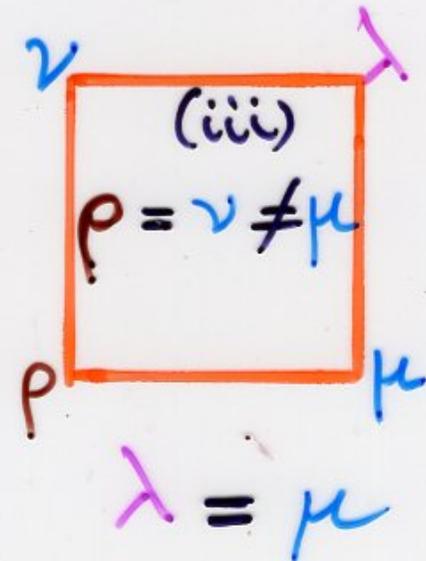
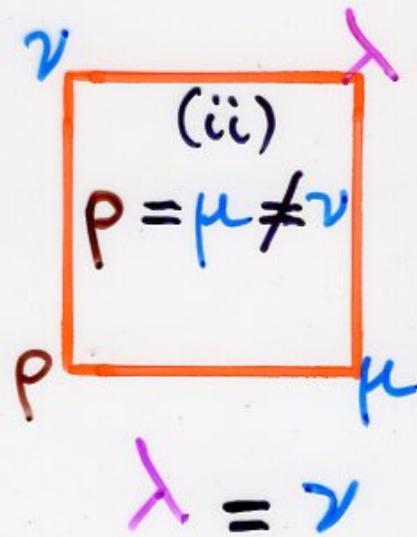
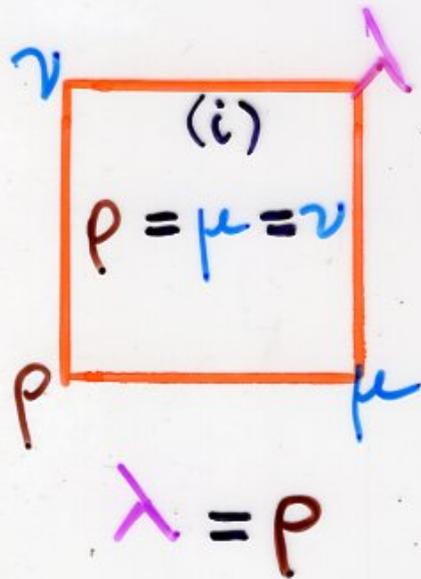


$$\mu = \nu = \rho + (i)$$

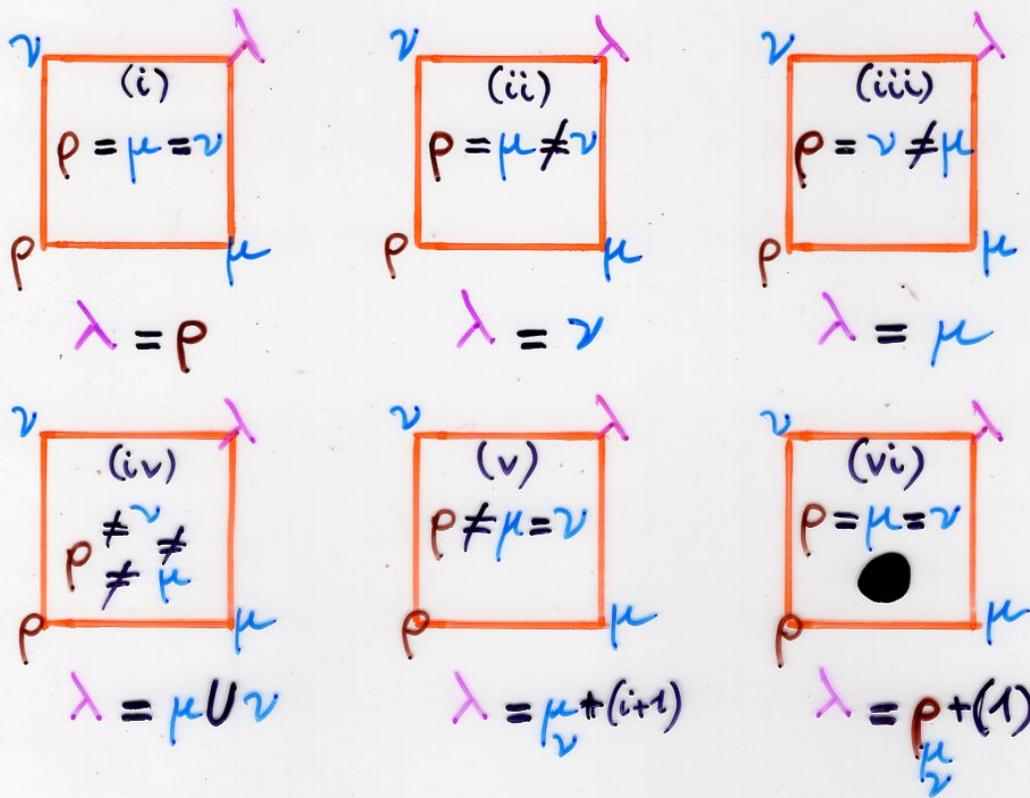
$$\lambda = \mu + (i+1)$$



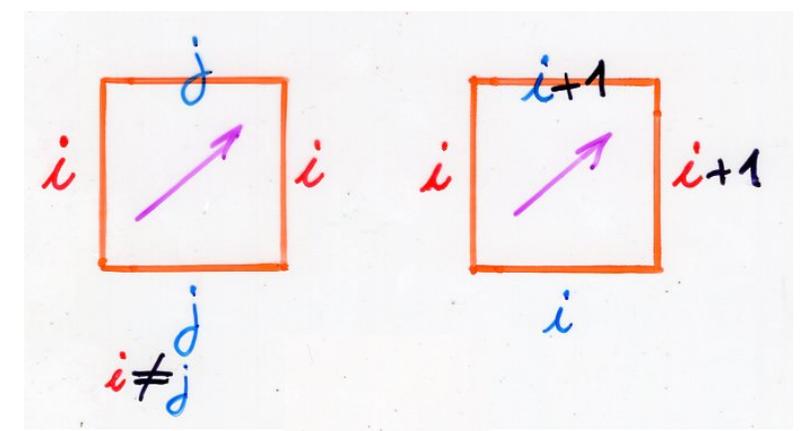
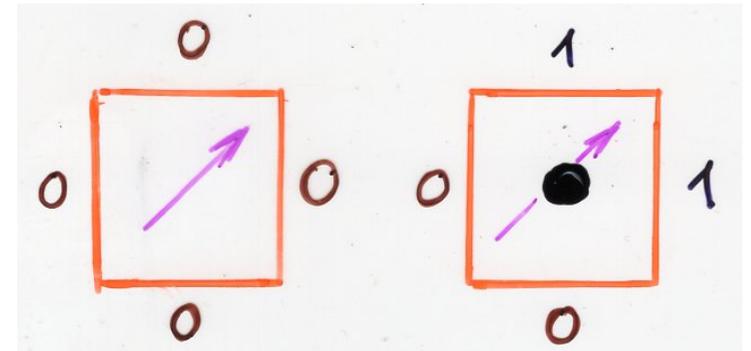
$$\lambda = \begin{cases} \rho \\ \mu + (1) \\ \nu \end{cases}$$



"local rules"  
on the vertices



"local rules"  
on the edges



# « local rules on vertices »

Marc A. A. van Leeuwen (1996)

The Robinson-Schensted and Schützenberger algorithms, an elementary approach

C.Krattenthaler, (2006).

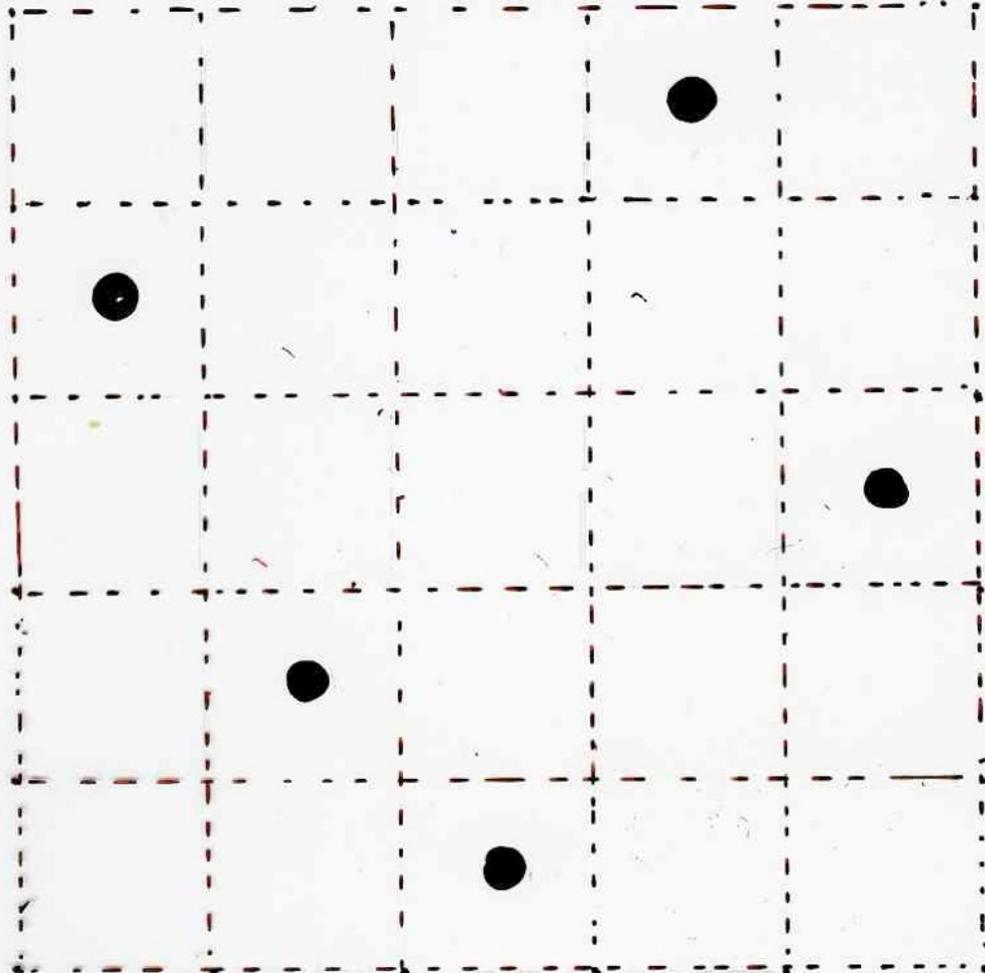
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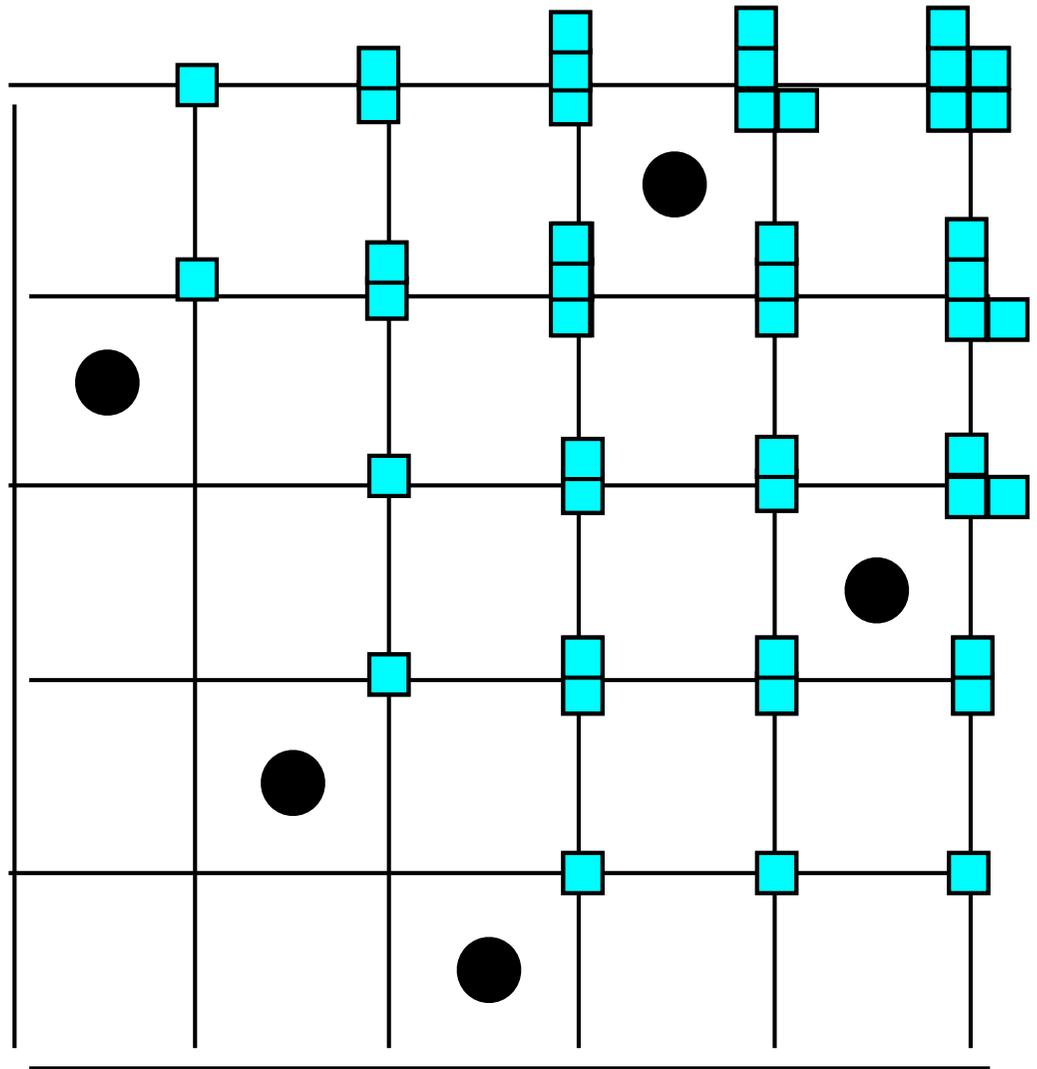
M.Rubey. (2007)

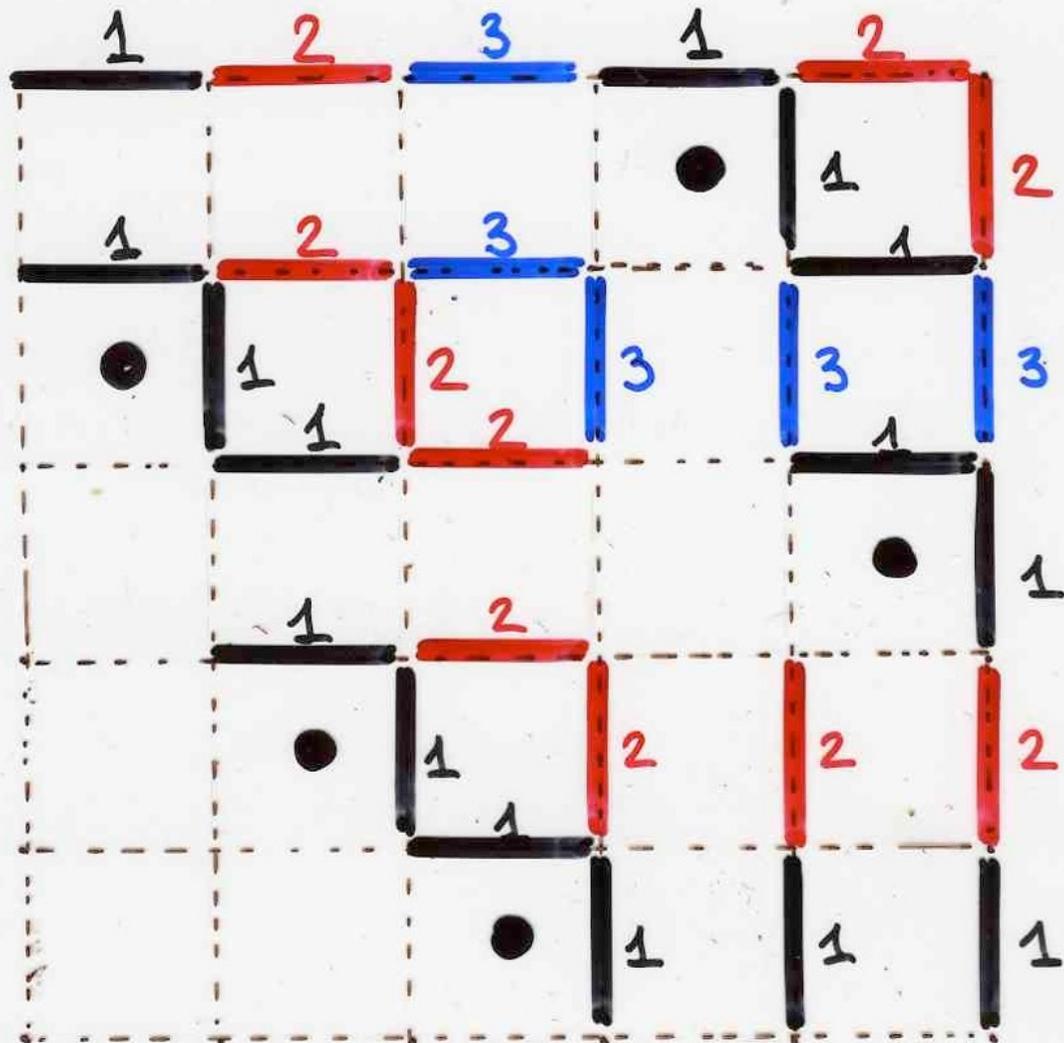
Increasing and Decreasing Sequences in Fillings of Moon Polyominoes

I claim that much attention should be given to the « local rules on edges » rather than « local rules on vertices ».

This is part of the philosophy of the « cellular ansatz »





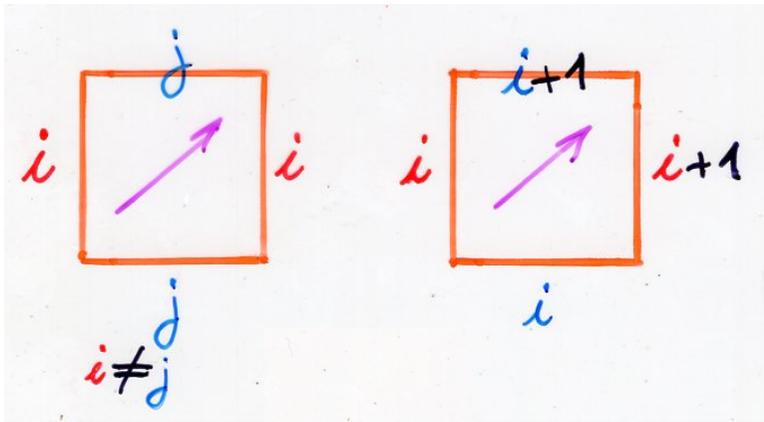
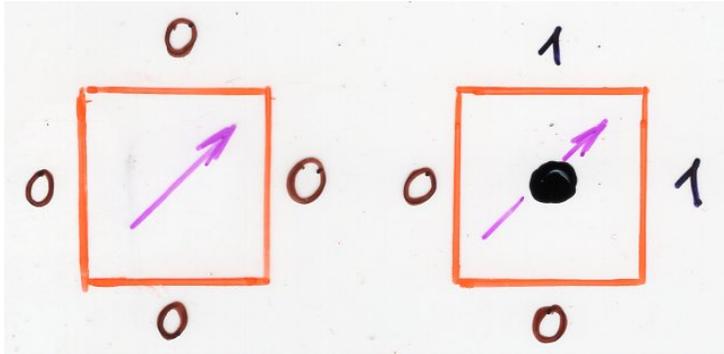






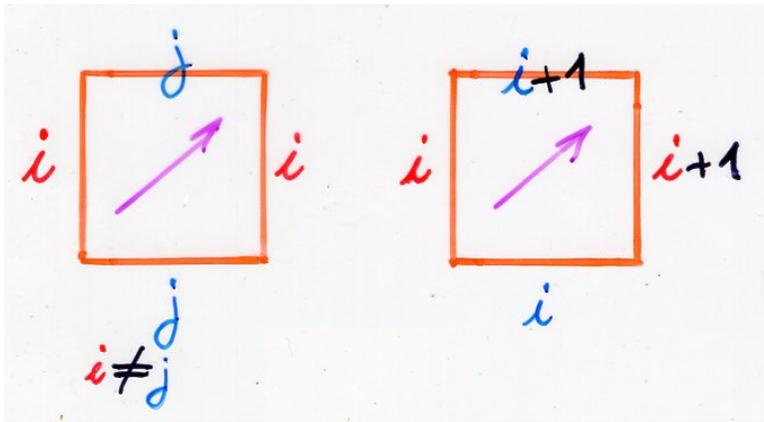


The RSK bilateral edge local rules



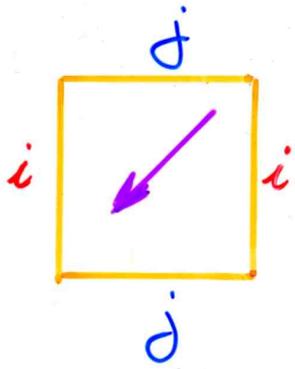
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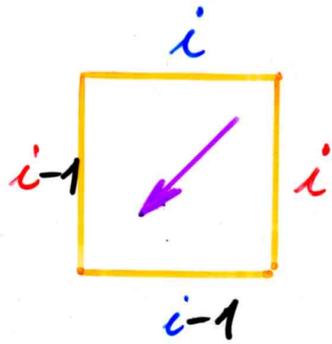


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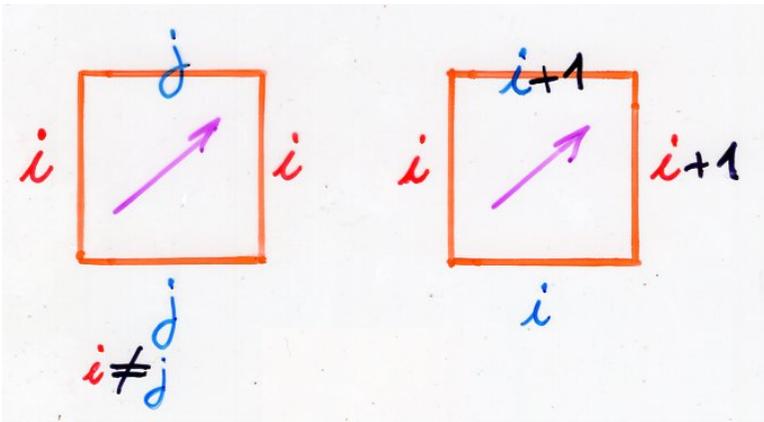


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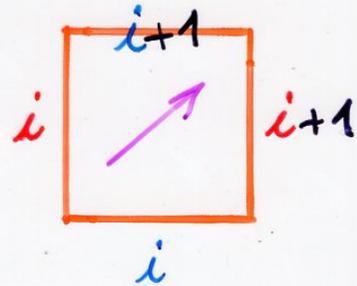


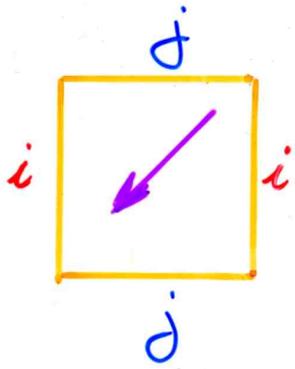
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bilateral  
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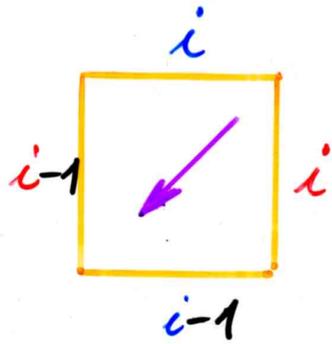


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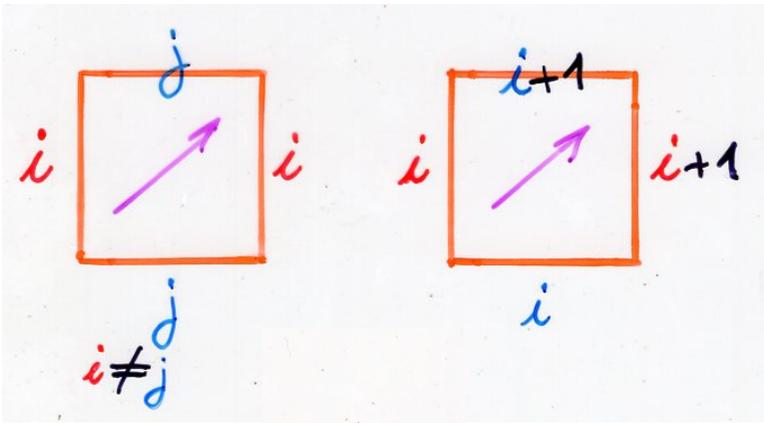


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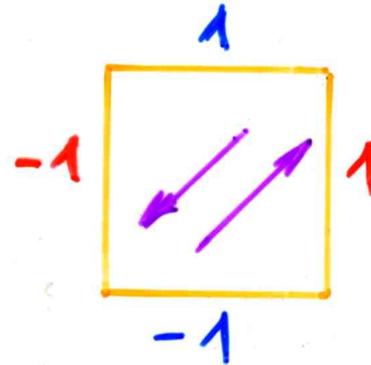


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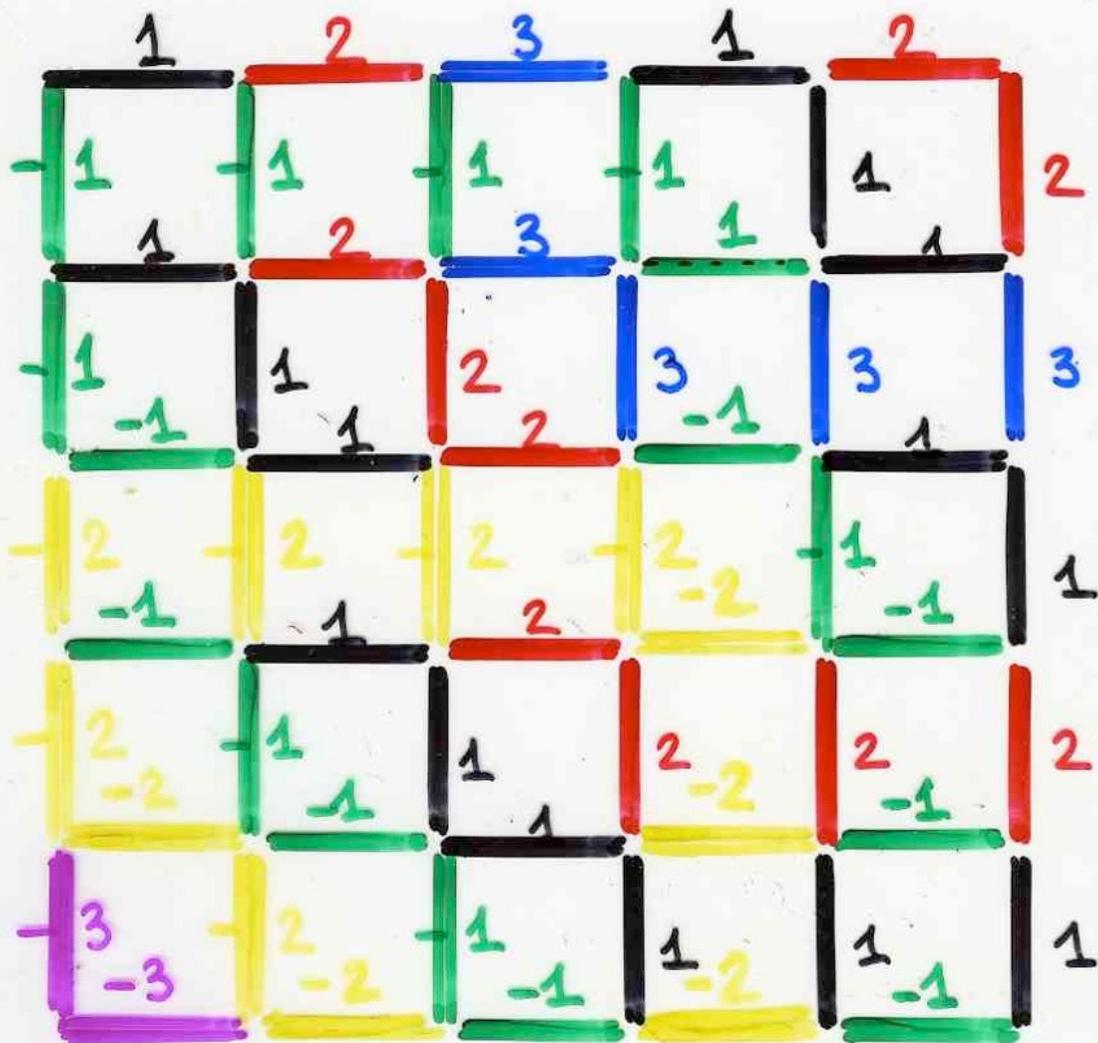
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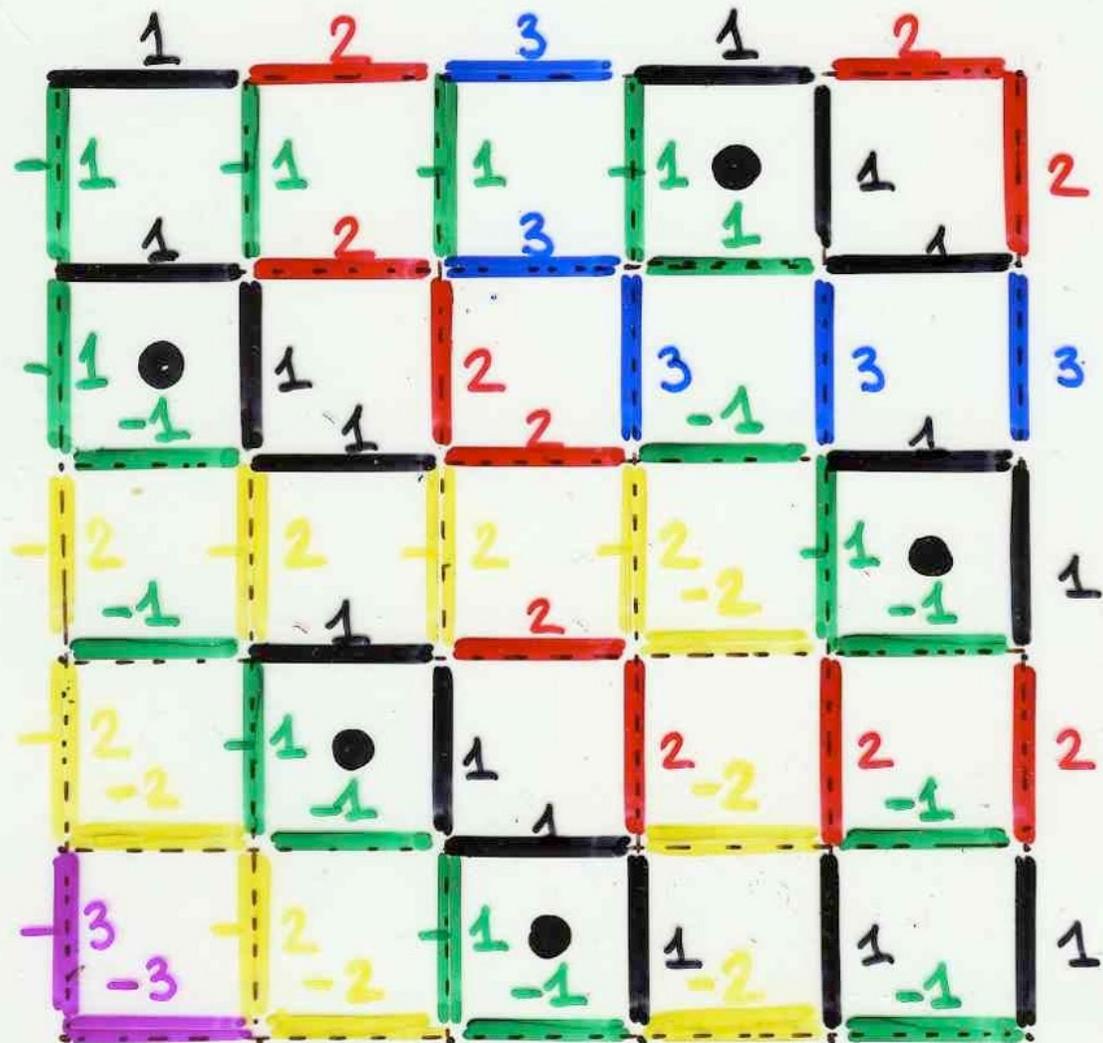


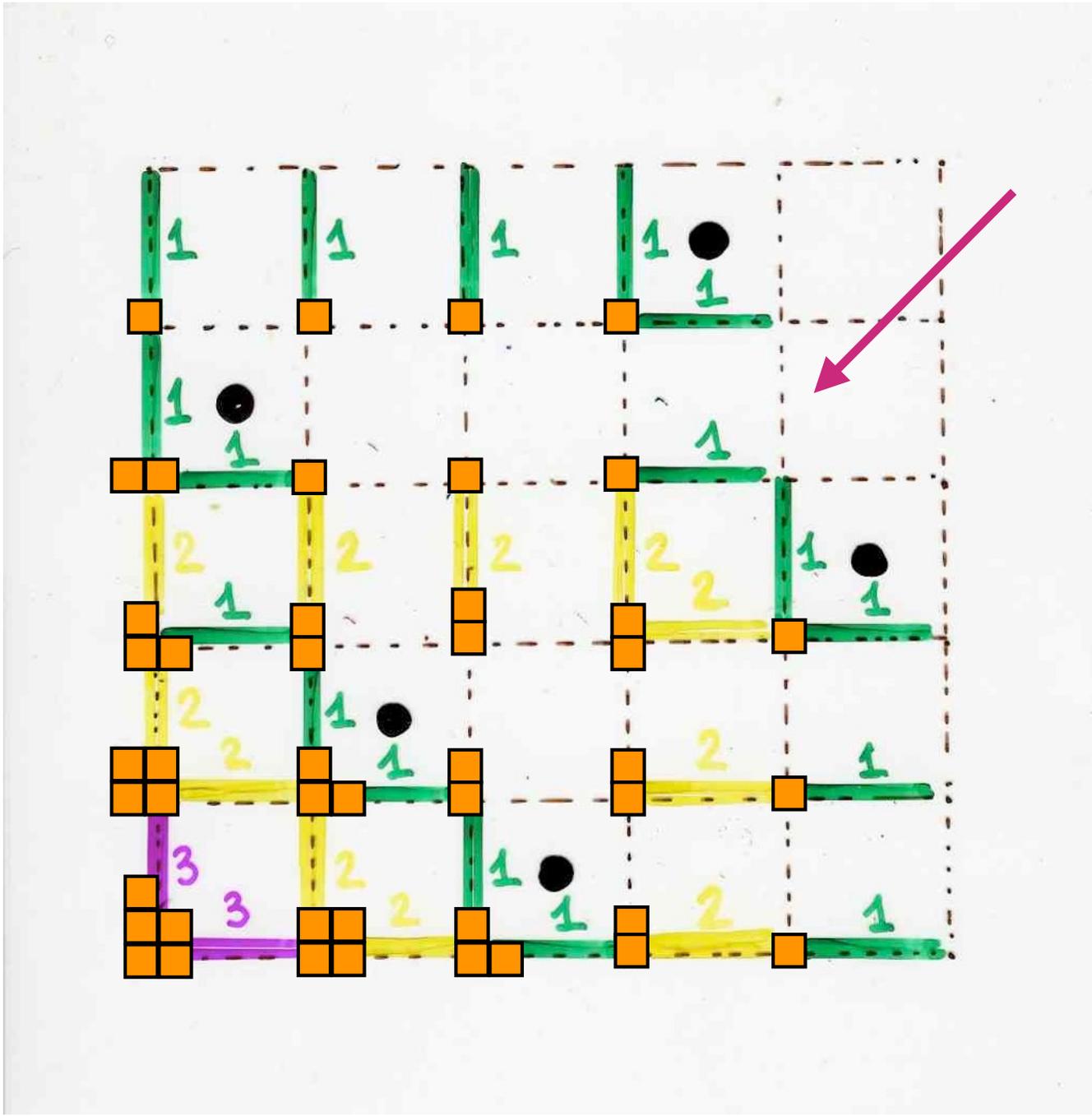
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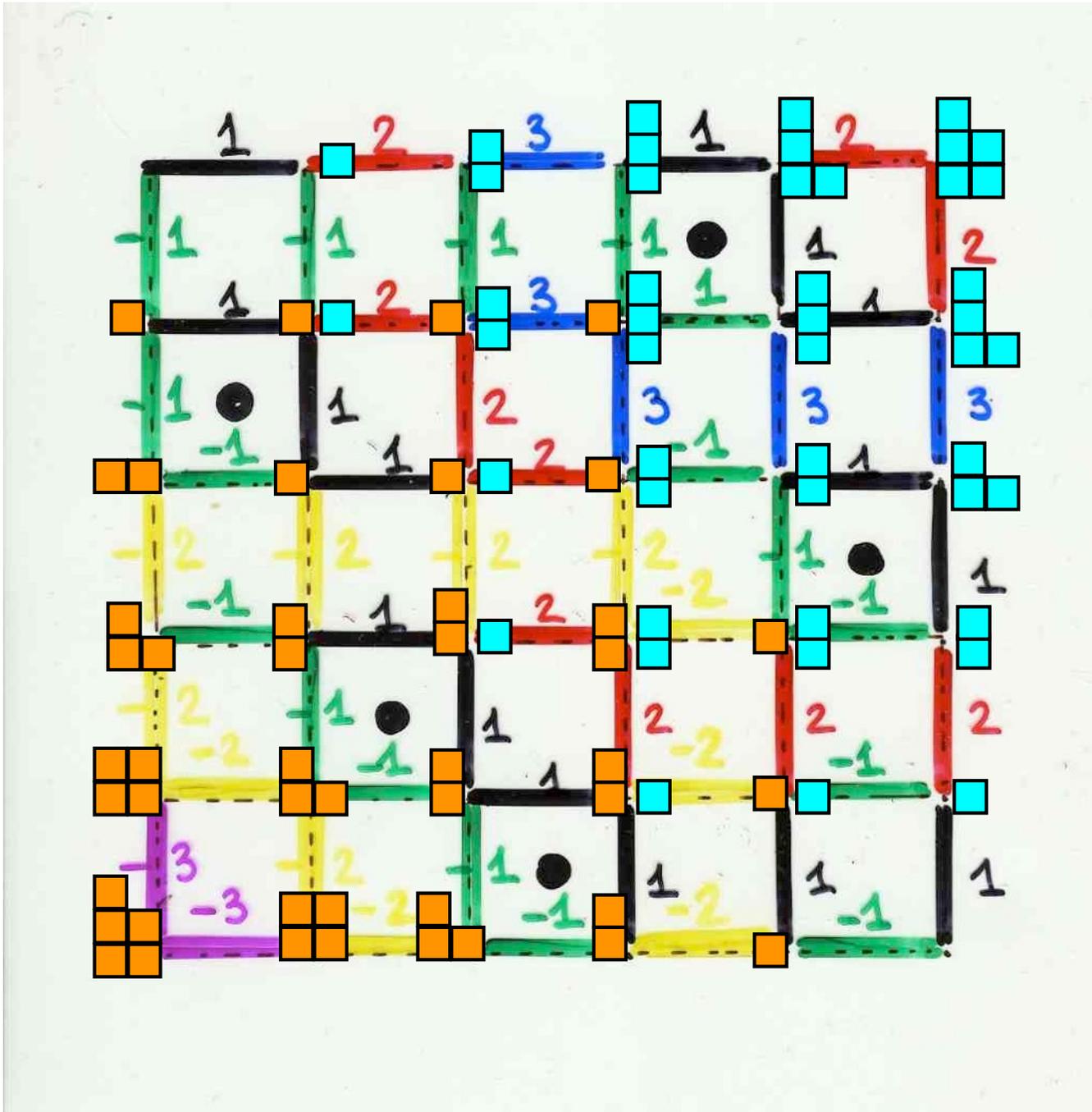










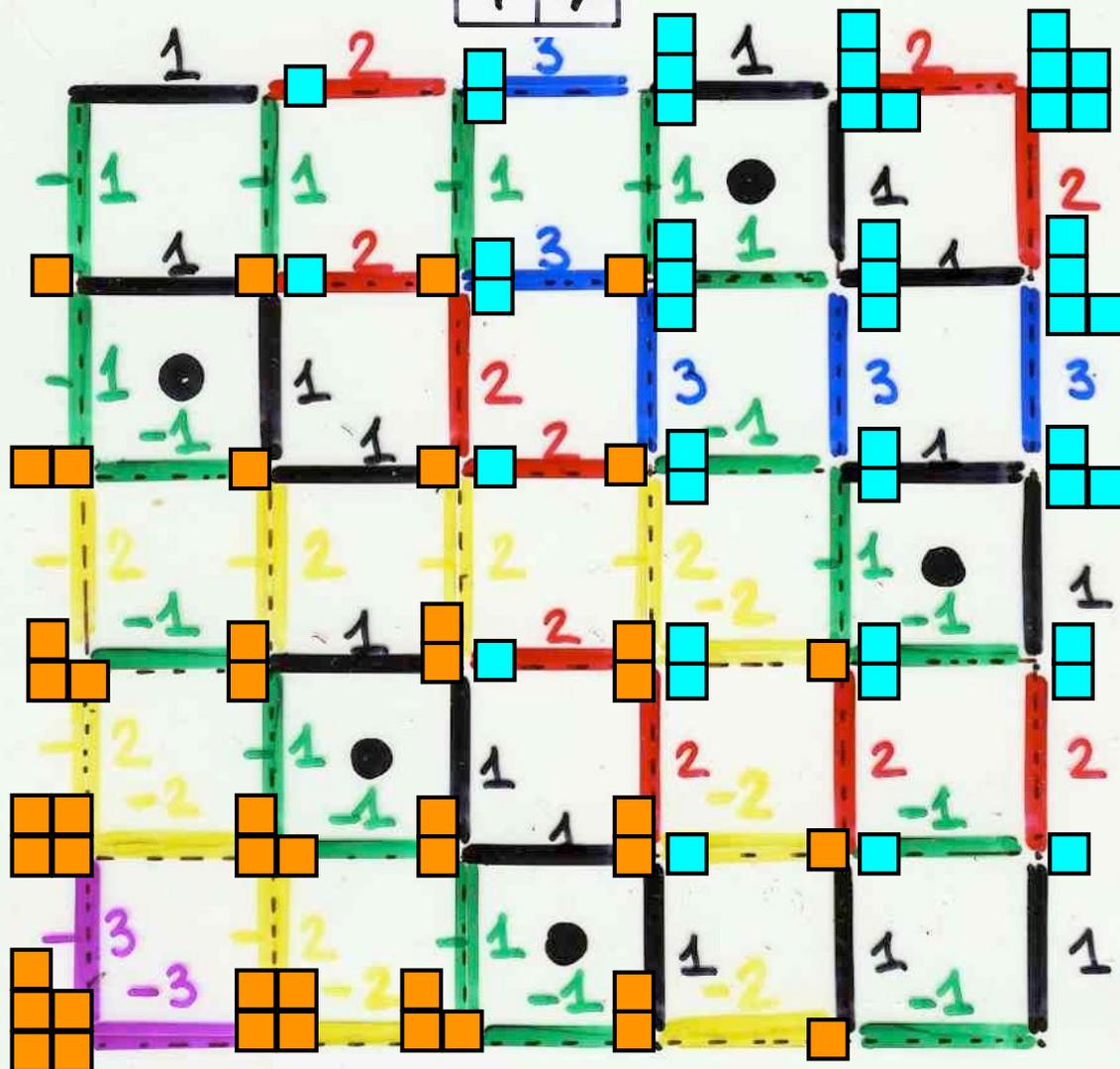


# Schützenberger

Duality!



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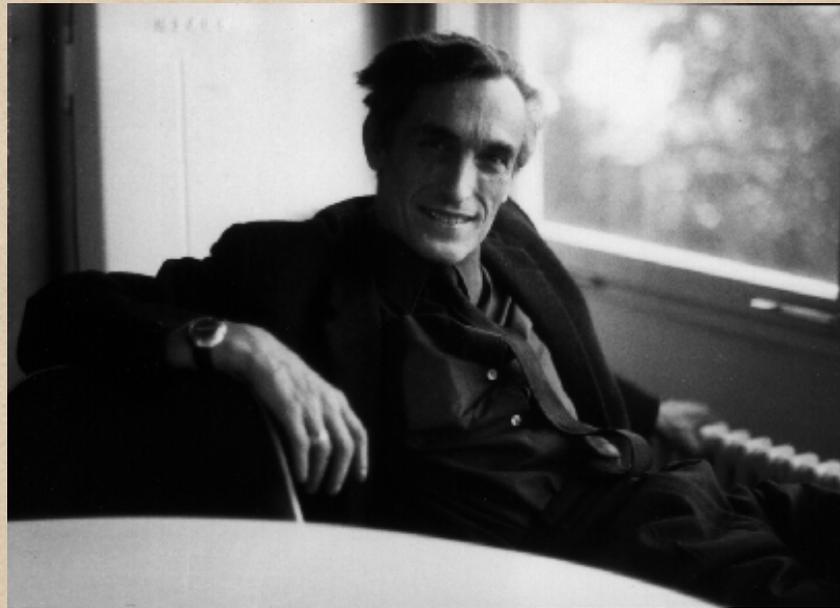
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dual of a Young tableau



M.P. Schützenberger

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complement

$$(i)^c = n+1-i$$

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$P^*$   
= dual

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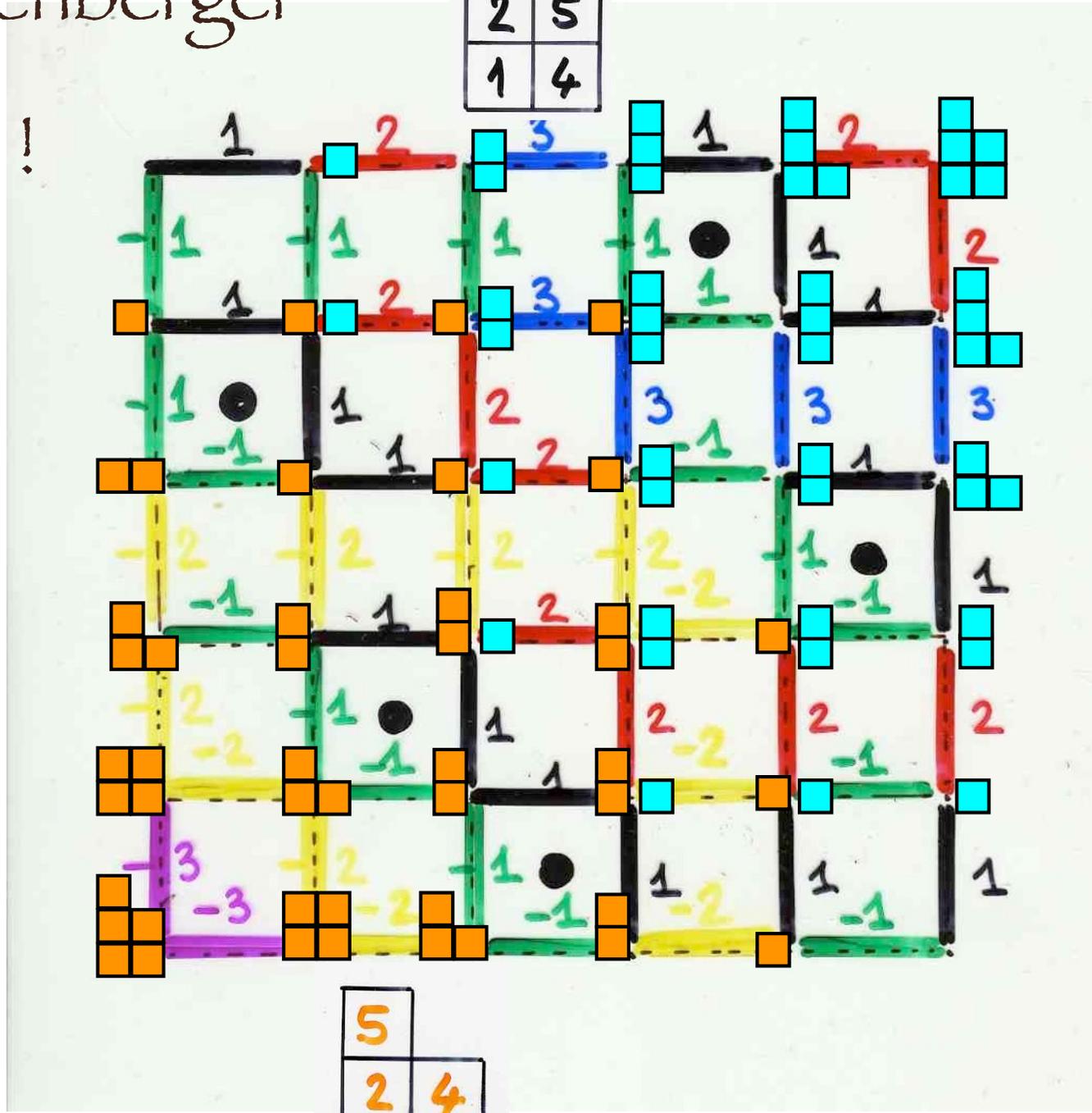
# Schützenberger

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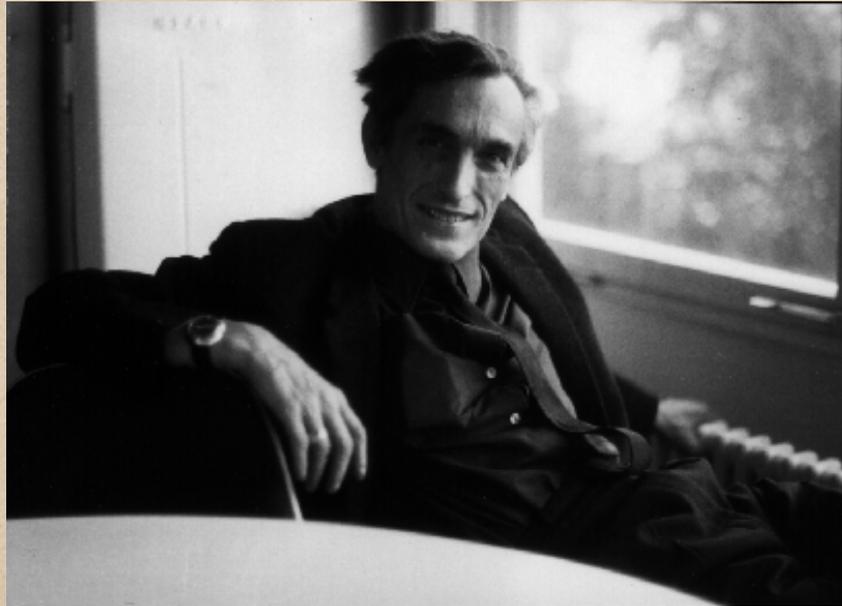
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# Jeu de taquin

M.P. Schützenberger

(1976)



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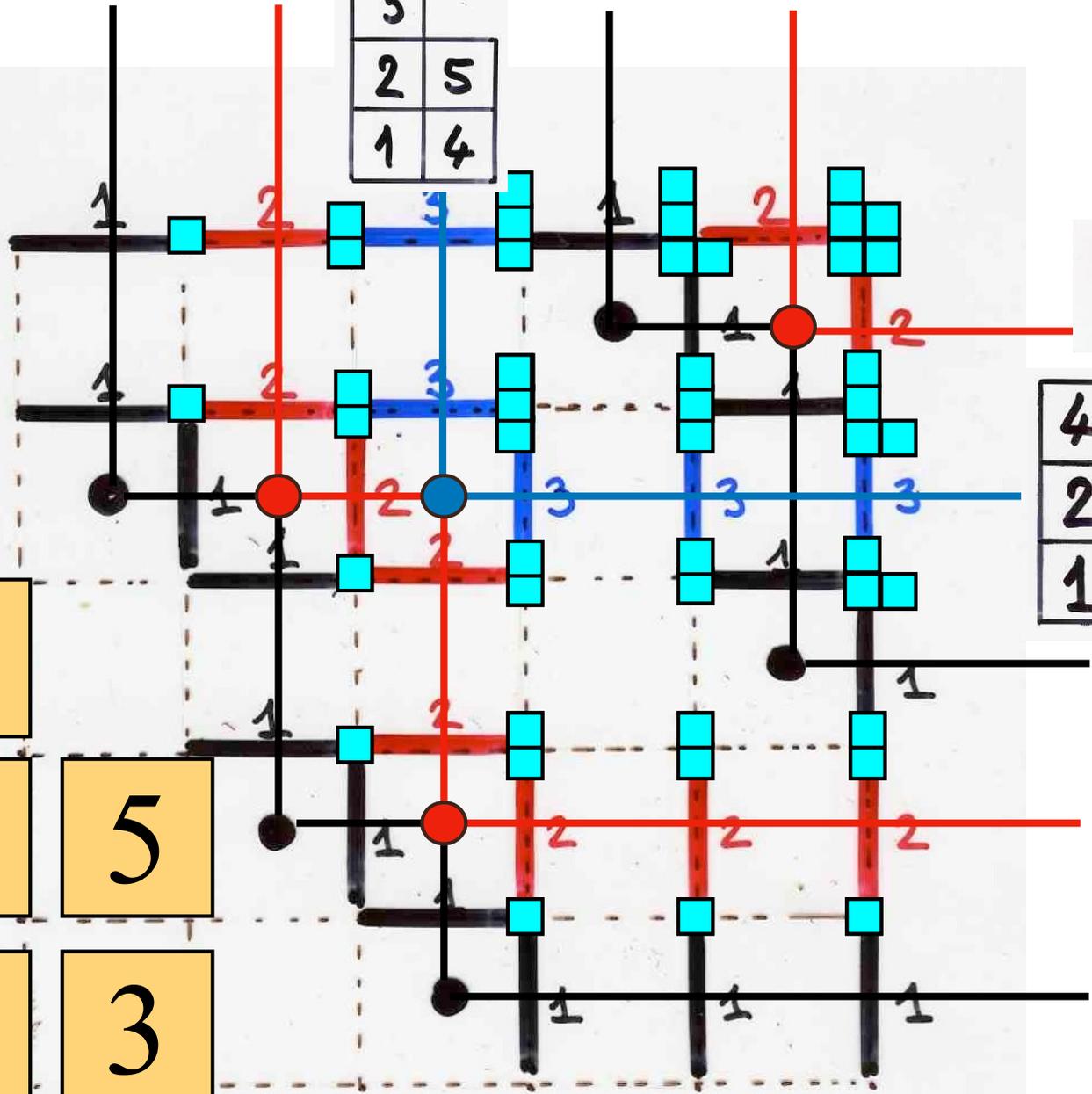
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$P =$

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$P =$

Jeu de taquin  
with growth diagrams

S. Fomin, 1986, 1994



Сергей Владимирович Фомин

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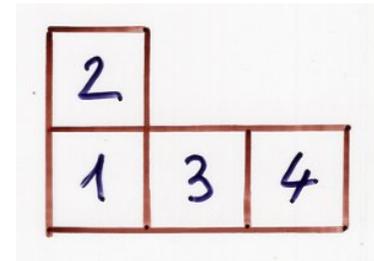
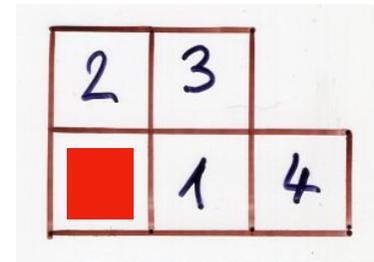
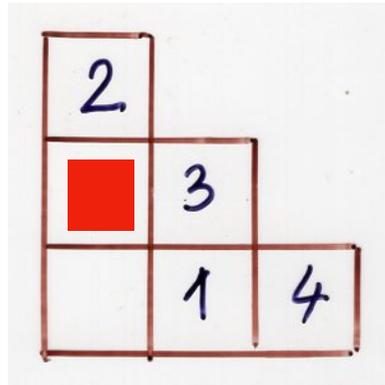
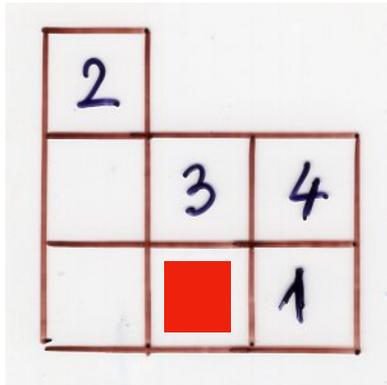
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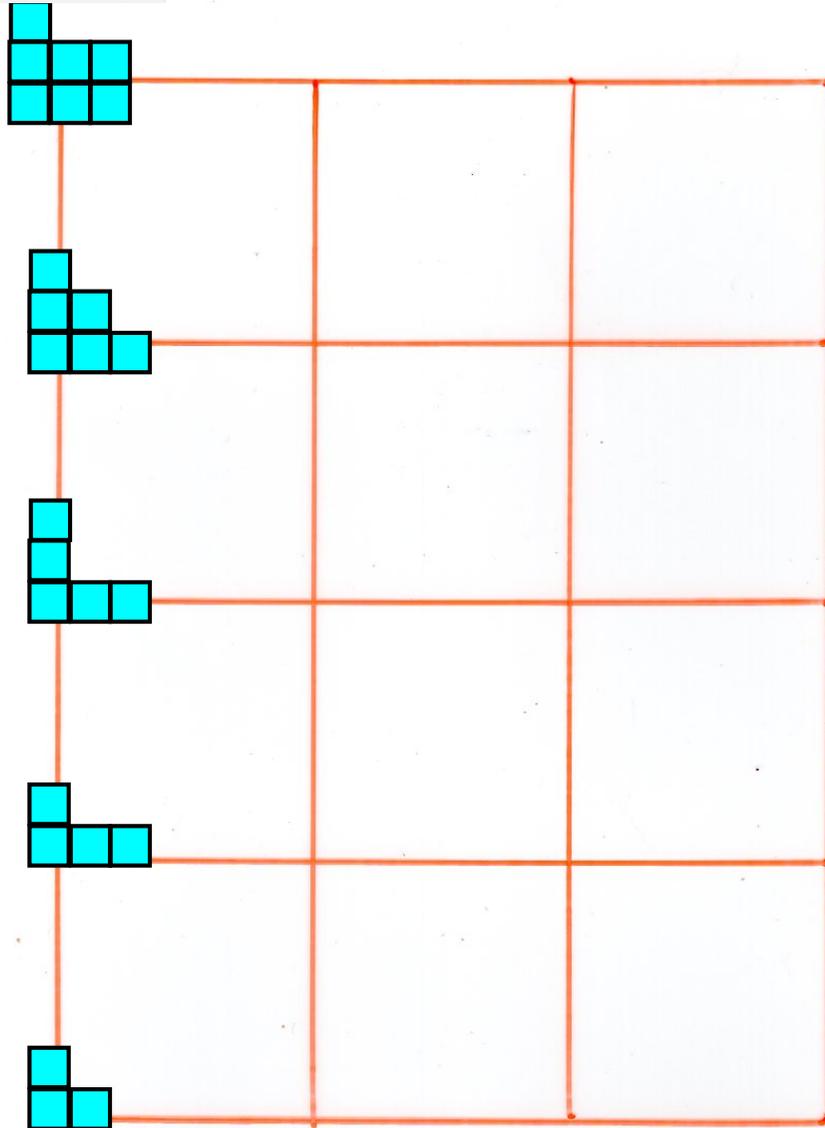
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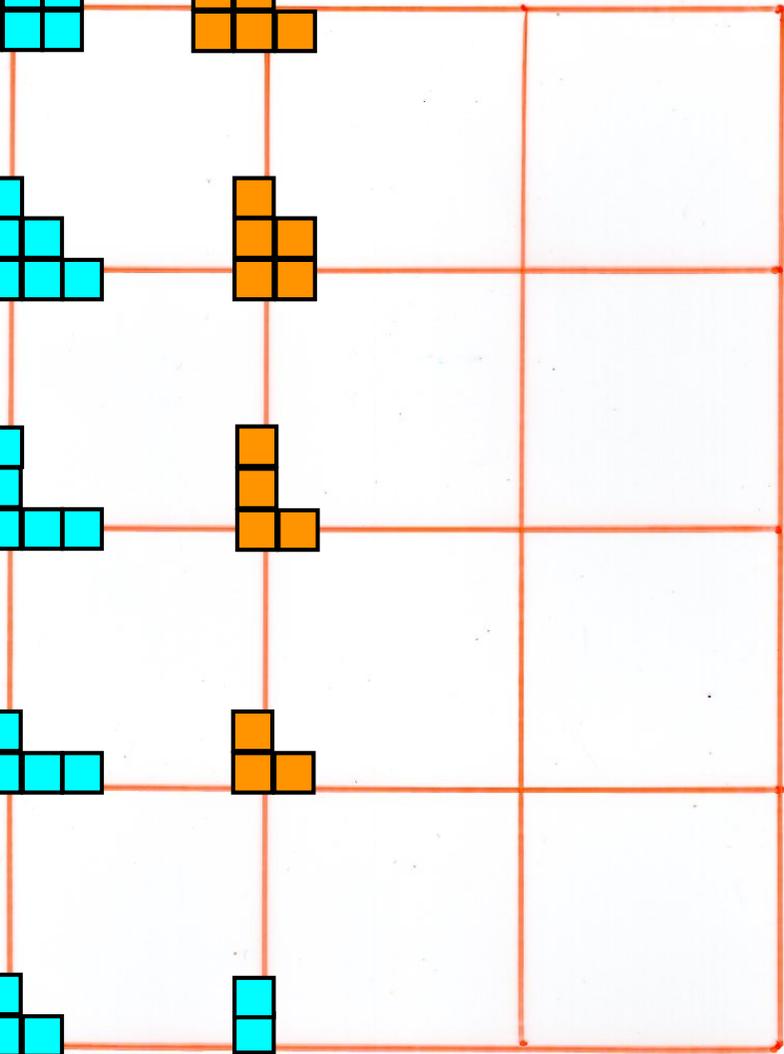
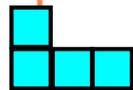
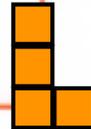
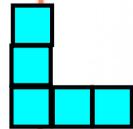
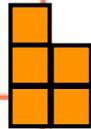
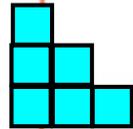
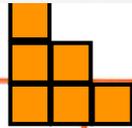
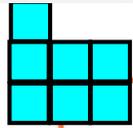


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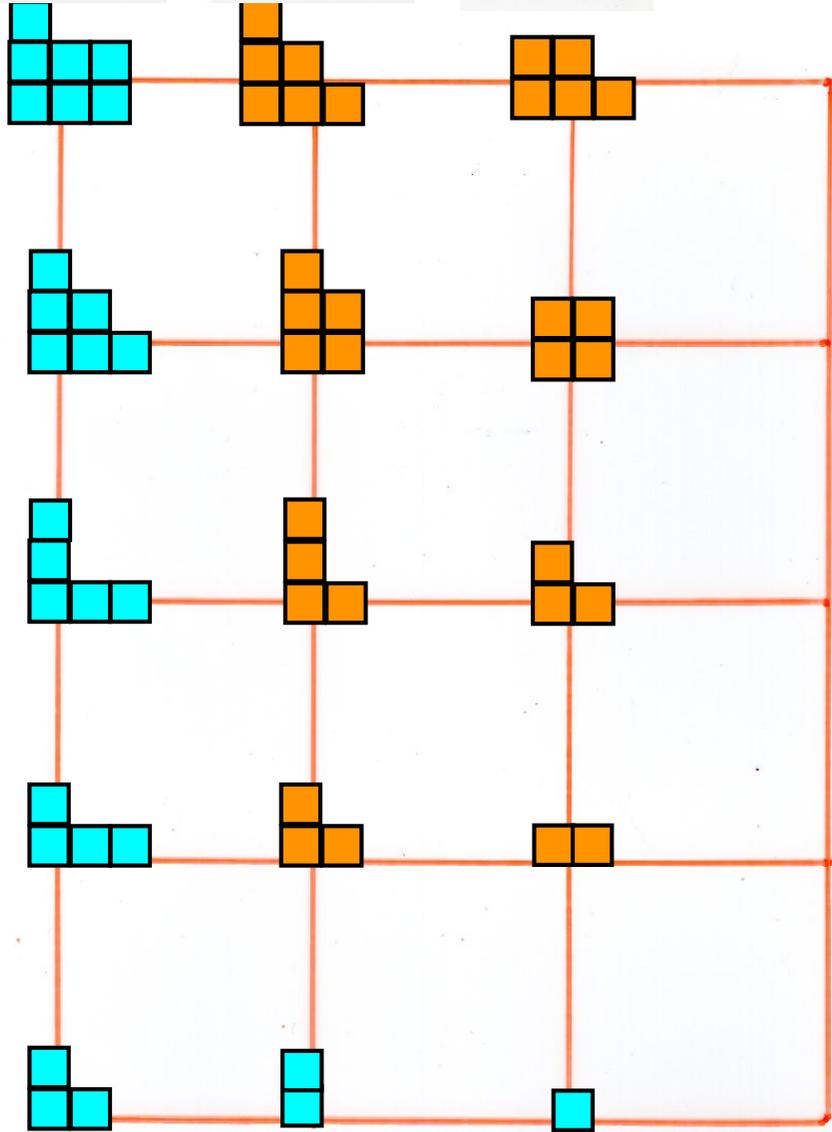
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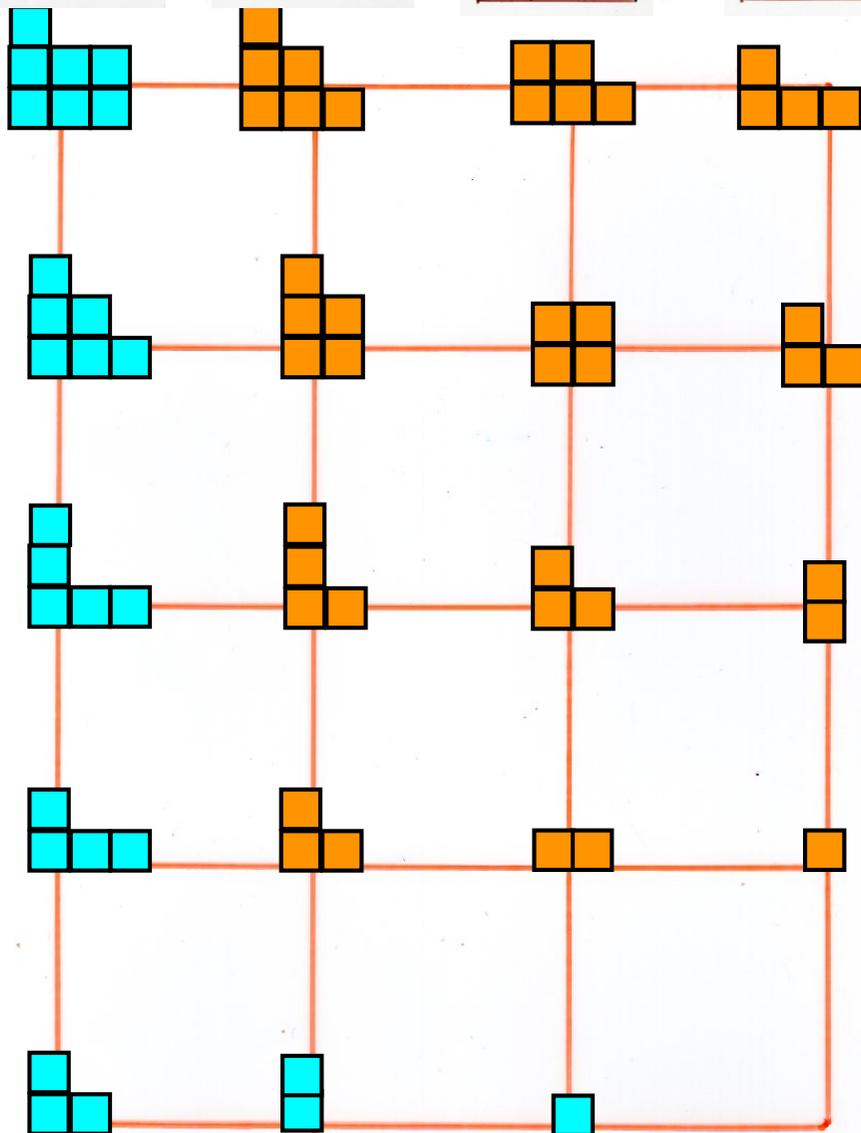


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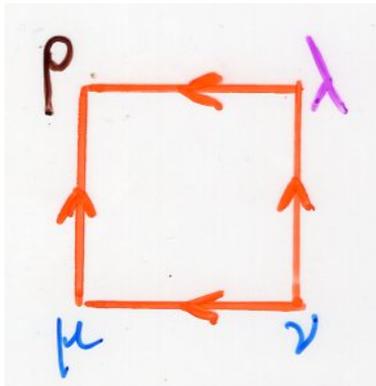


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# Proposition

jeu de taquin  
local rules

(Fomin)



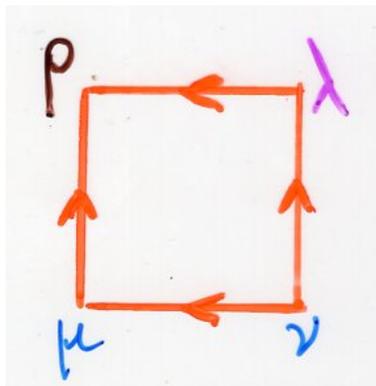
cell of the jeu de taquin  
growth diagram

( $\rho$  covers  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ ,  
 $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  cover  $\nu$ )

Then  $\lambda$  is uniquely determined from  $\mu, \nu, \rho$  by the following "local rule":

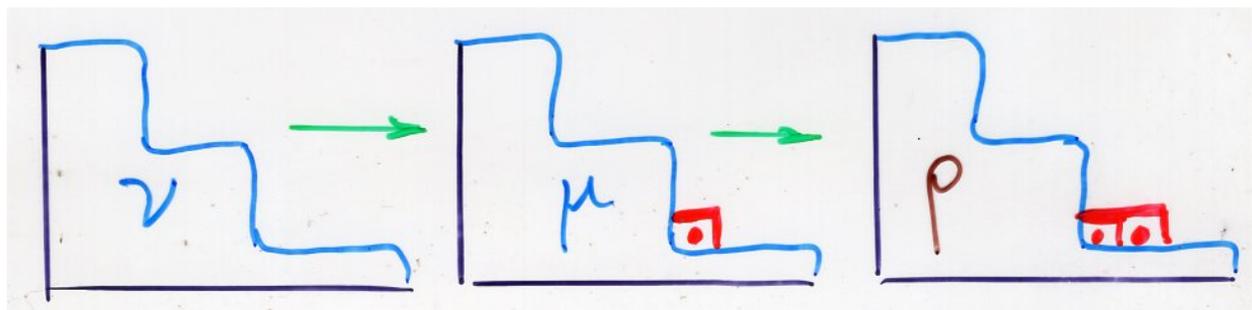
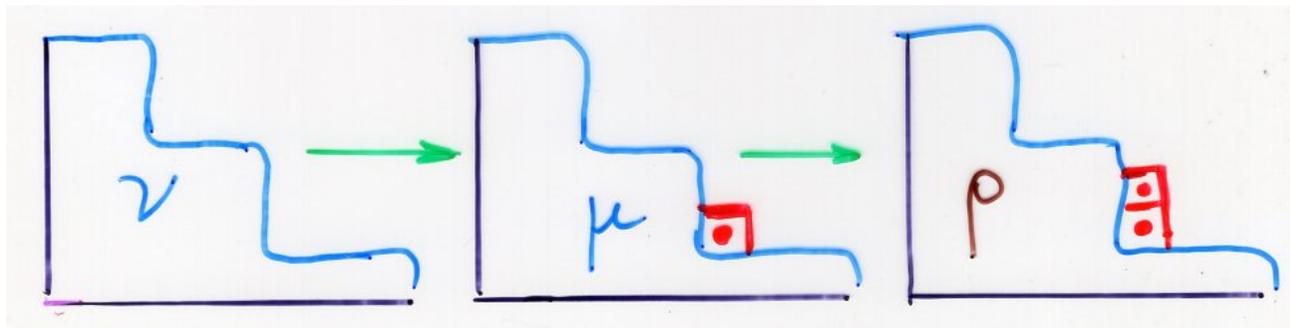
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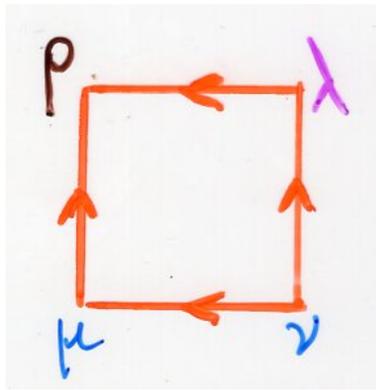
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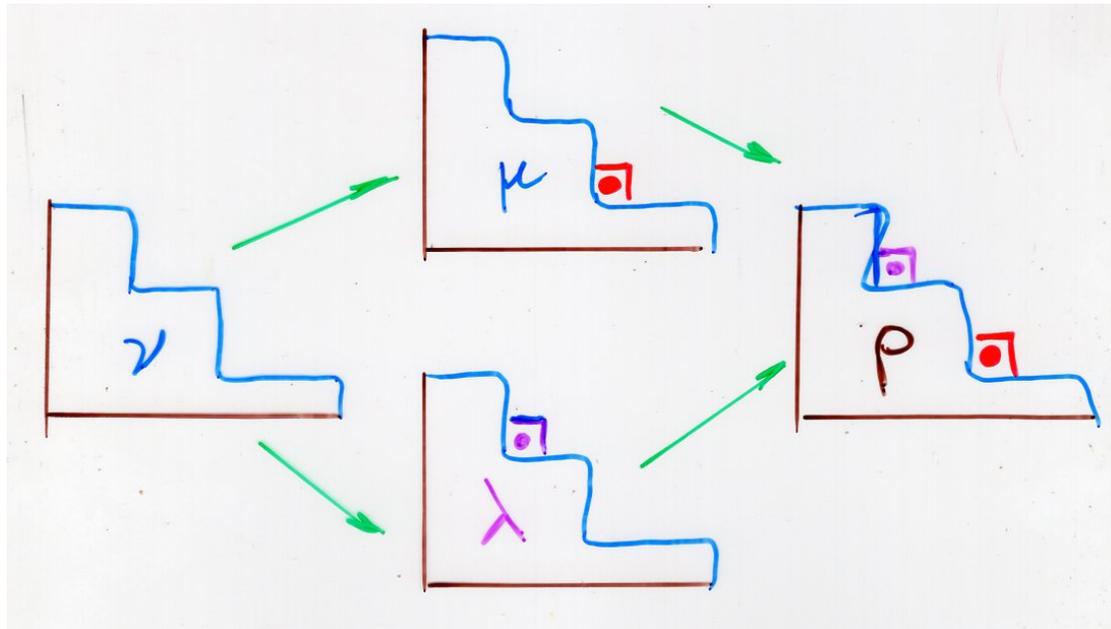
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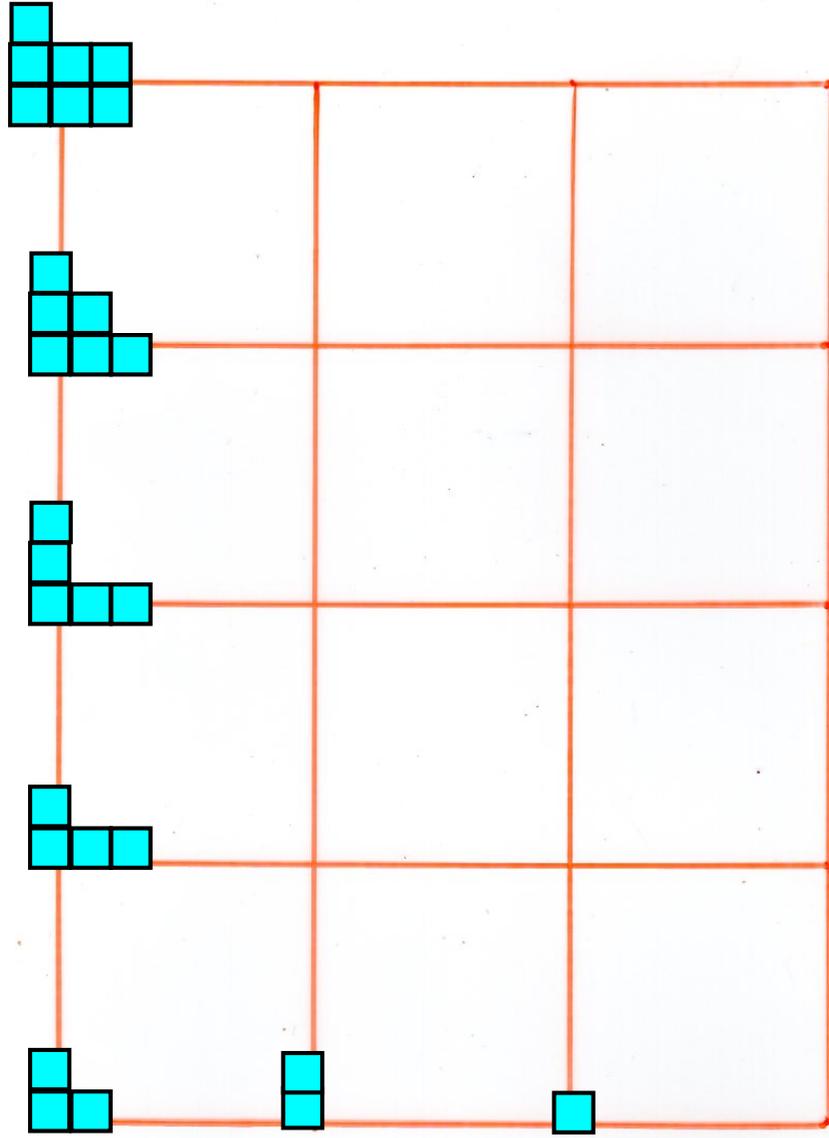


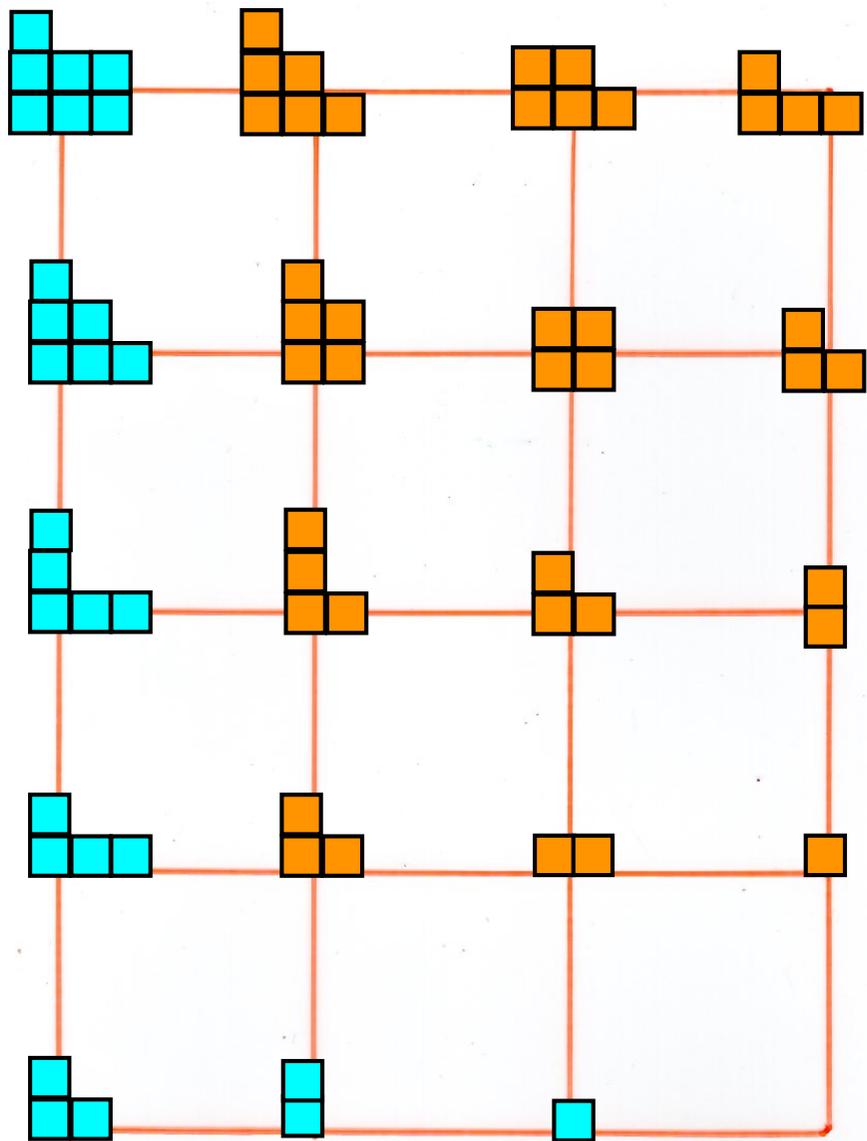


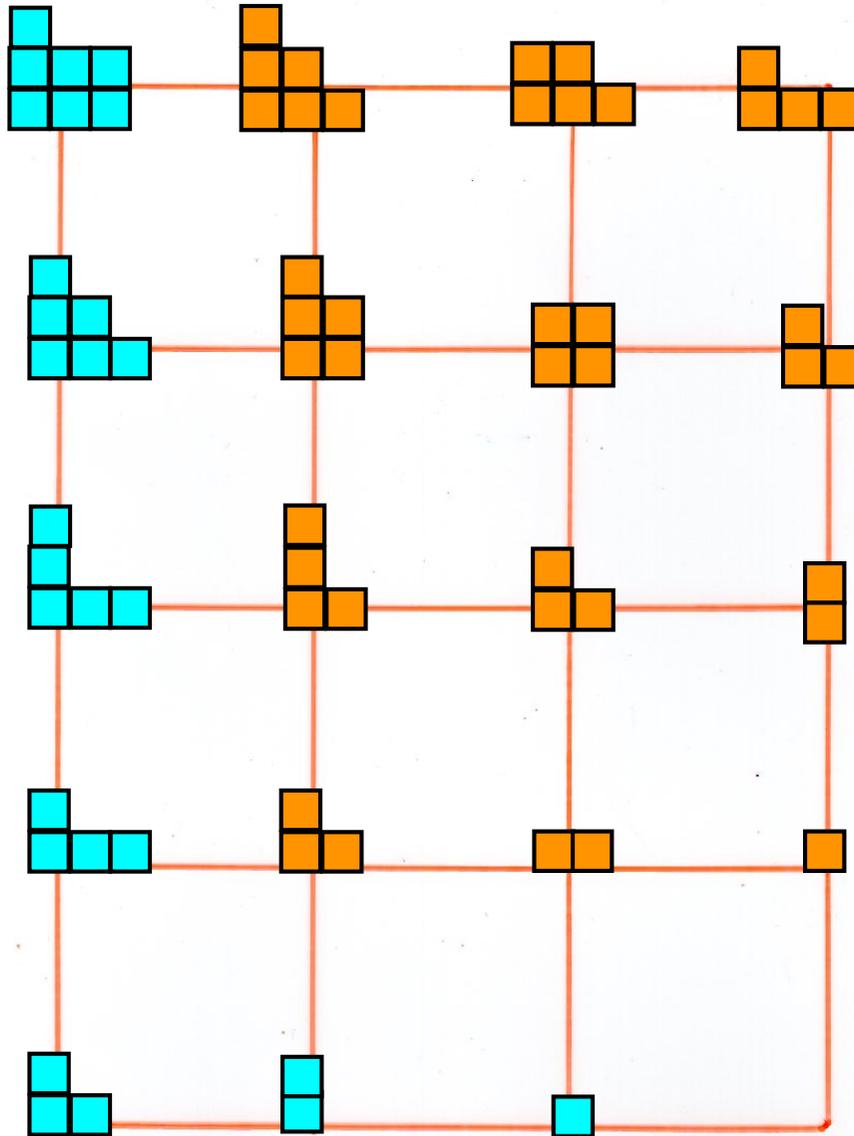
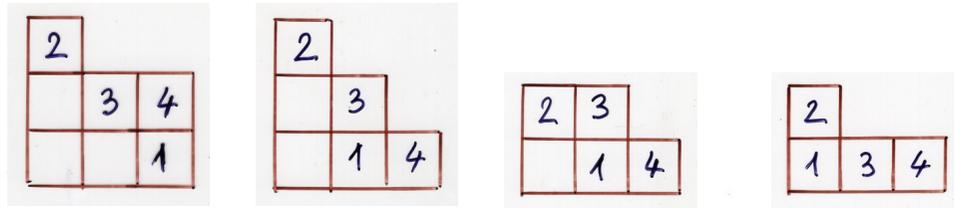
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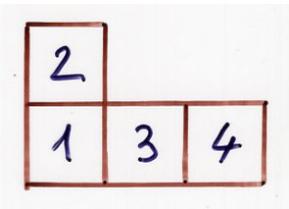




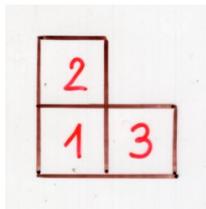




the tableau



is independant of the  
choice of the tableau



symmetry of  
the jeu de taquin

S

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	1	3

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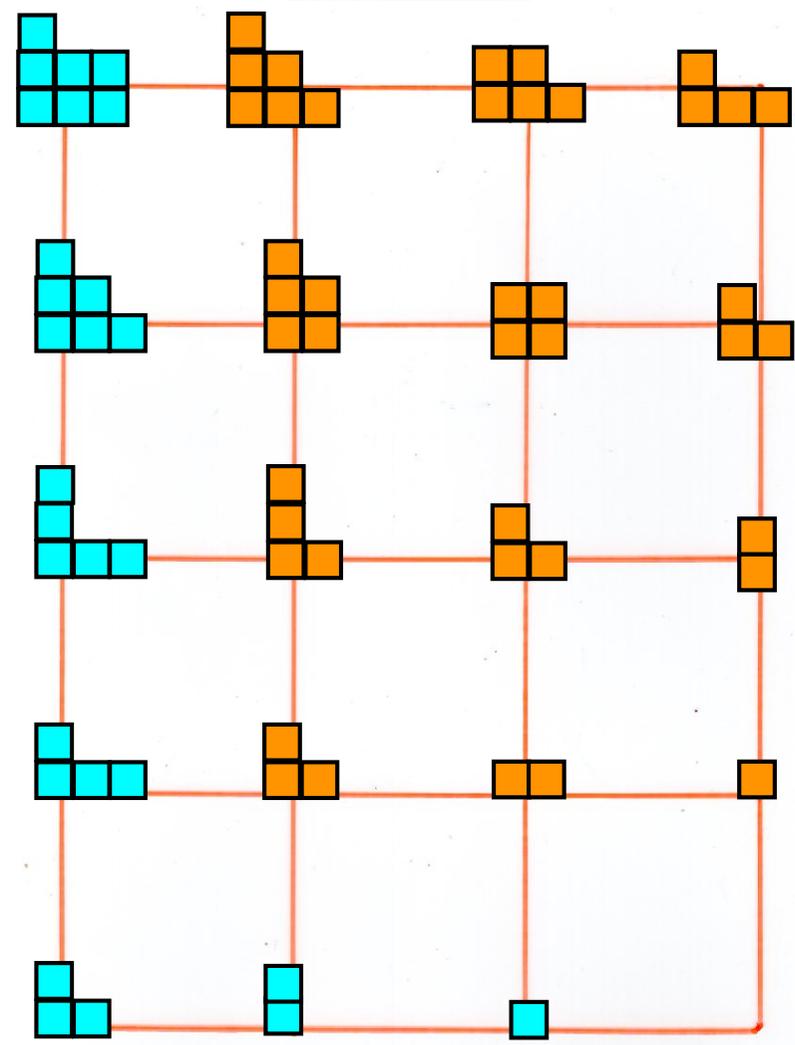
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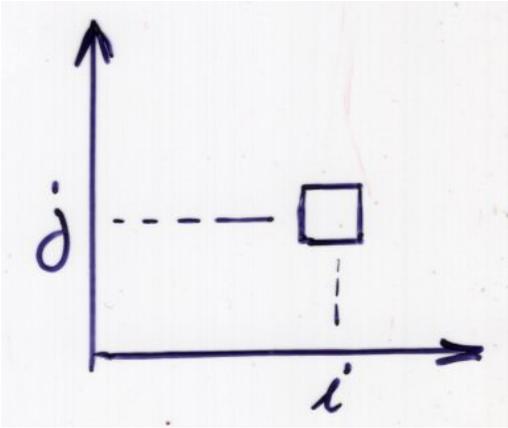
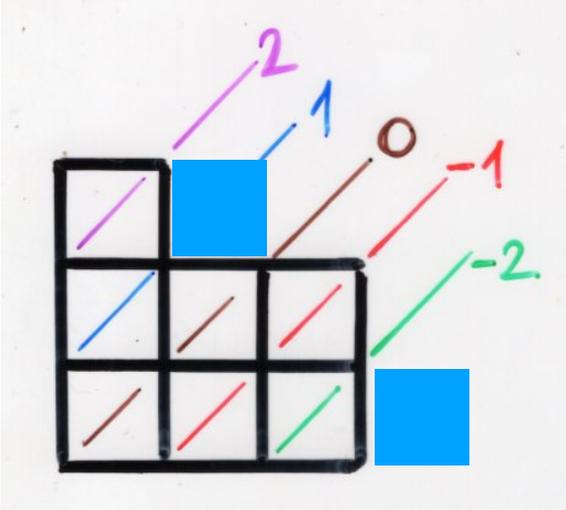
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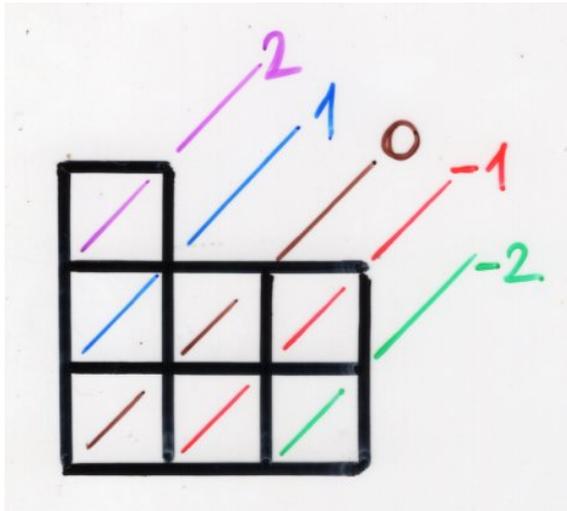
Jeu de taquin

with local rules on edges ?

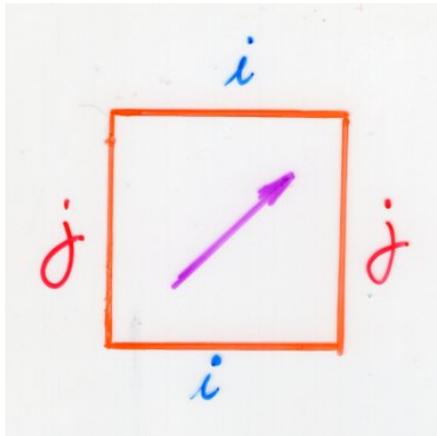
diagonal operators  
 $\Delta_i \quad i \in \mathbb{Z}$



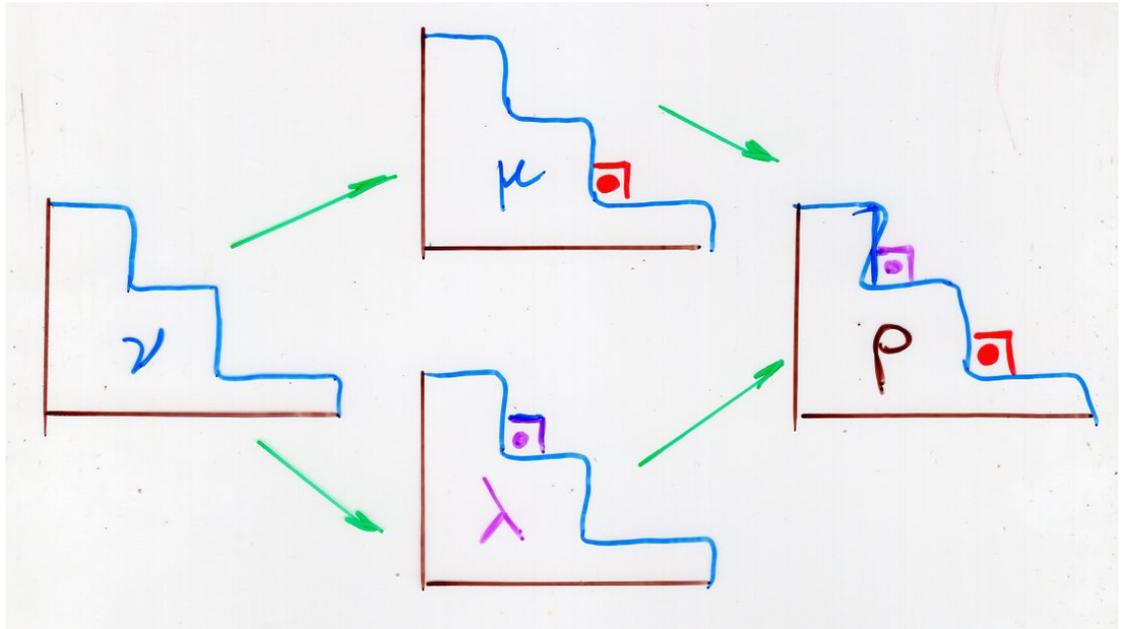
$(i, j) \rightarrow j - i$   
content

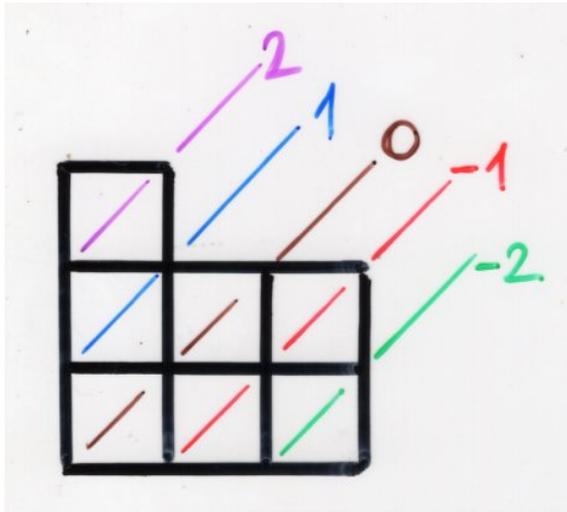


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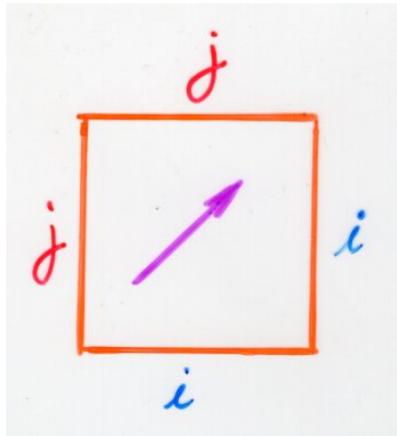


$$|i - j| \geq 2$$



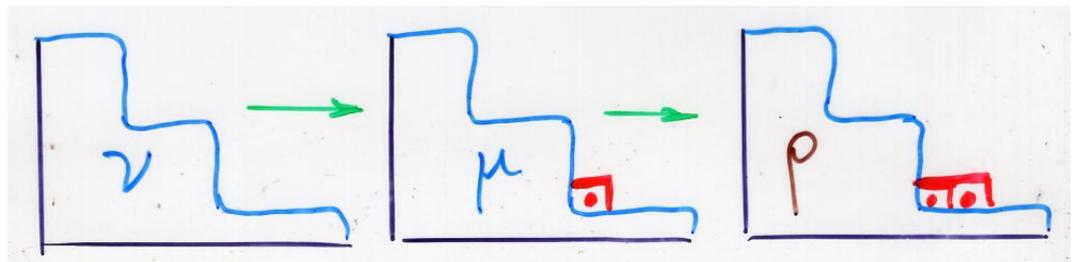
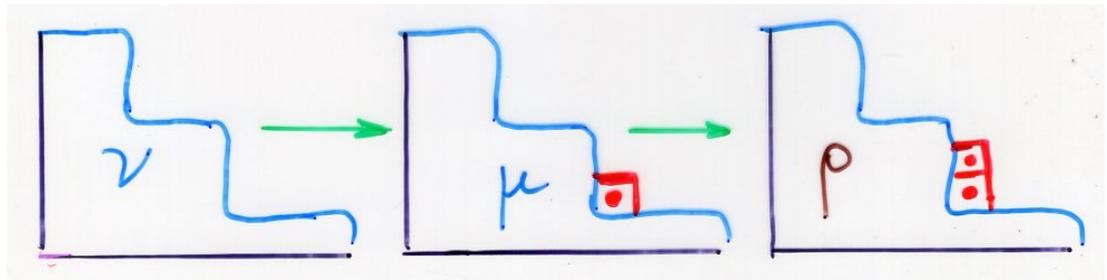


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$$|i - j| \leq 1$$

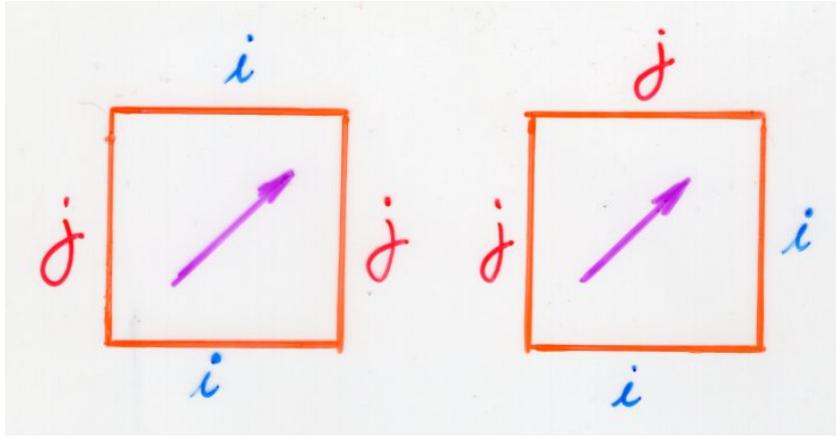
or





	-1	2	0	
-1	-2	-2	-2	-2
-2	2	0		
0	0	0		-1
-2	2	-1		
2	2	1		1
-2	1	-1		
-2	-1	-1		0
-1	1	0		

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local rules on edges



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

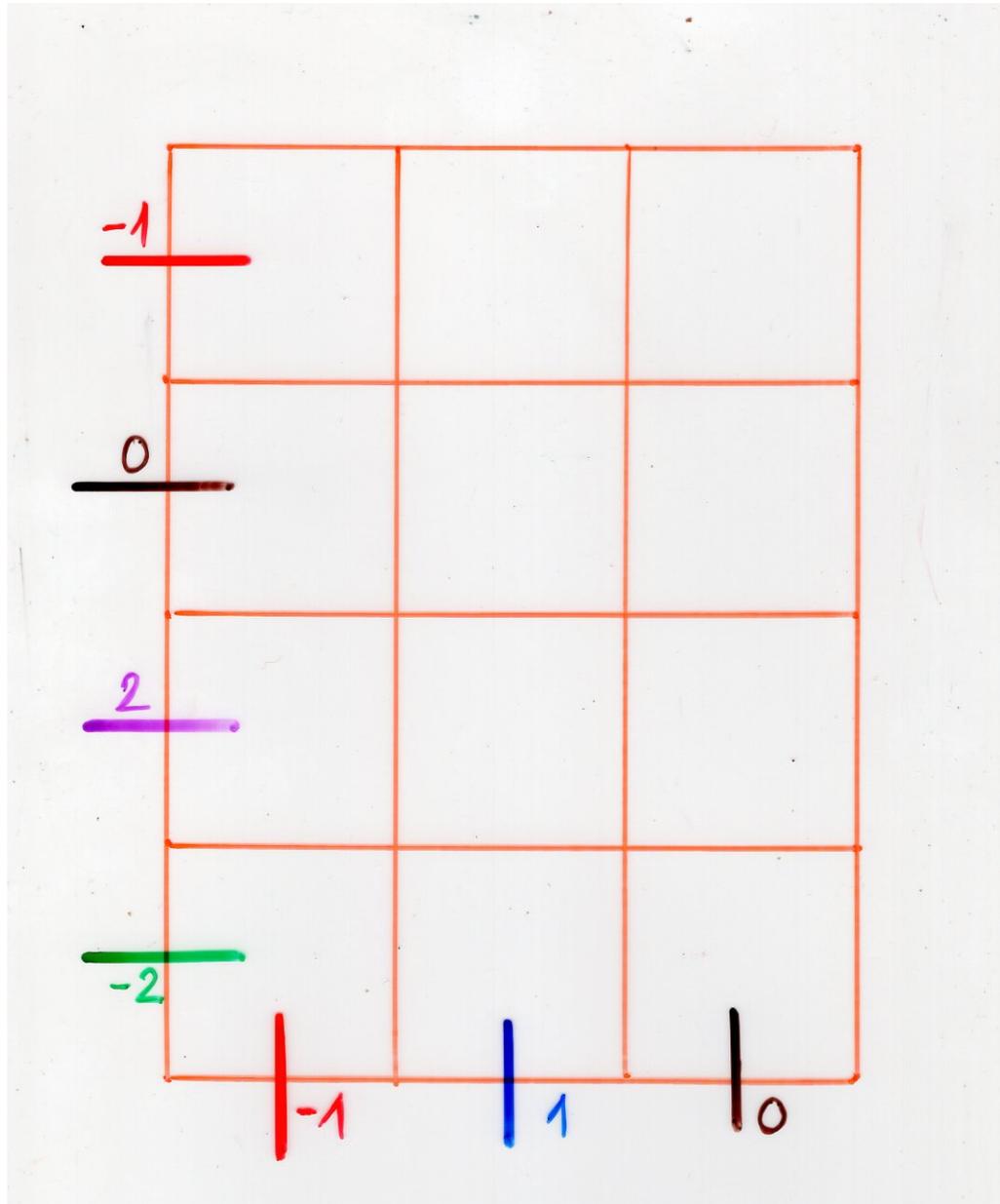
$$|i - j| \geq 2$$

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in fact here  $i = j$  impossible

nil-Temperley-Lieb  
planar automaton







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		1

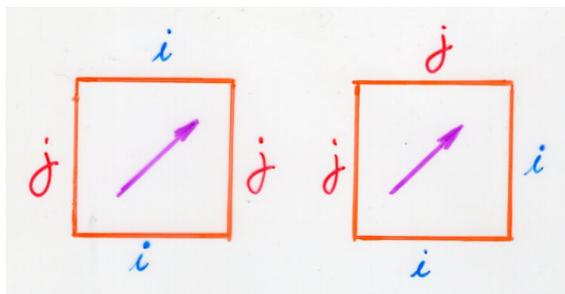
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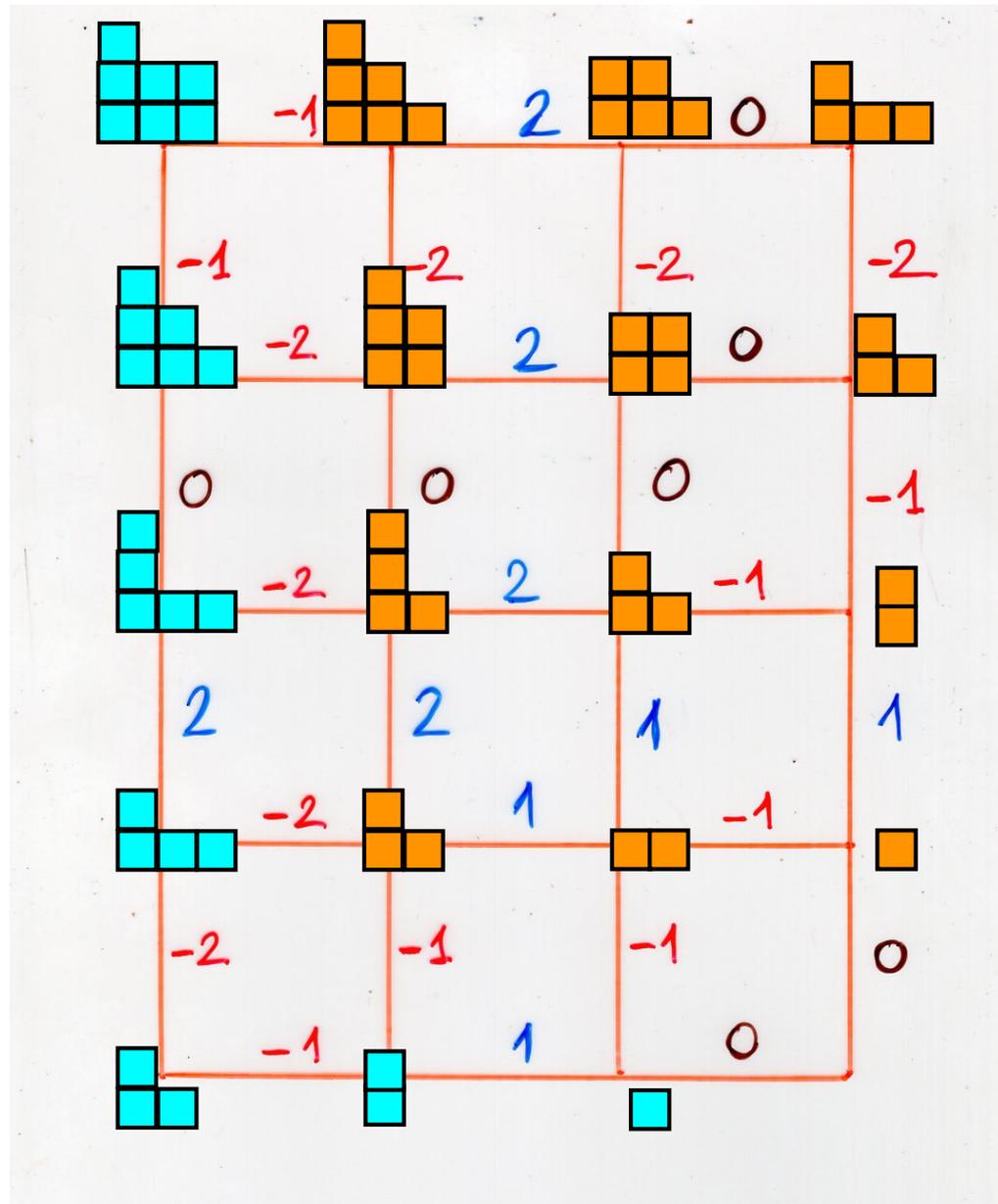
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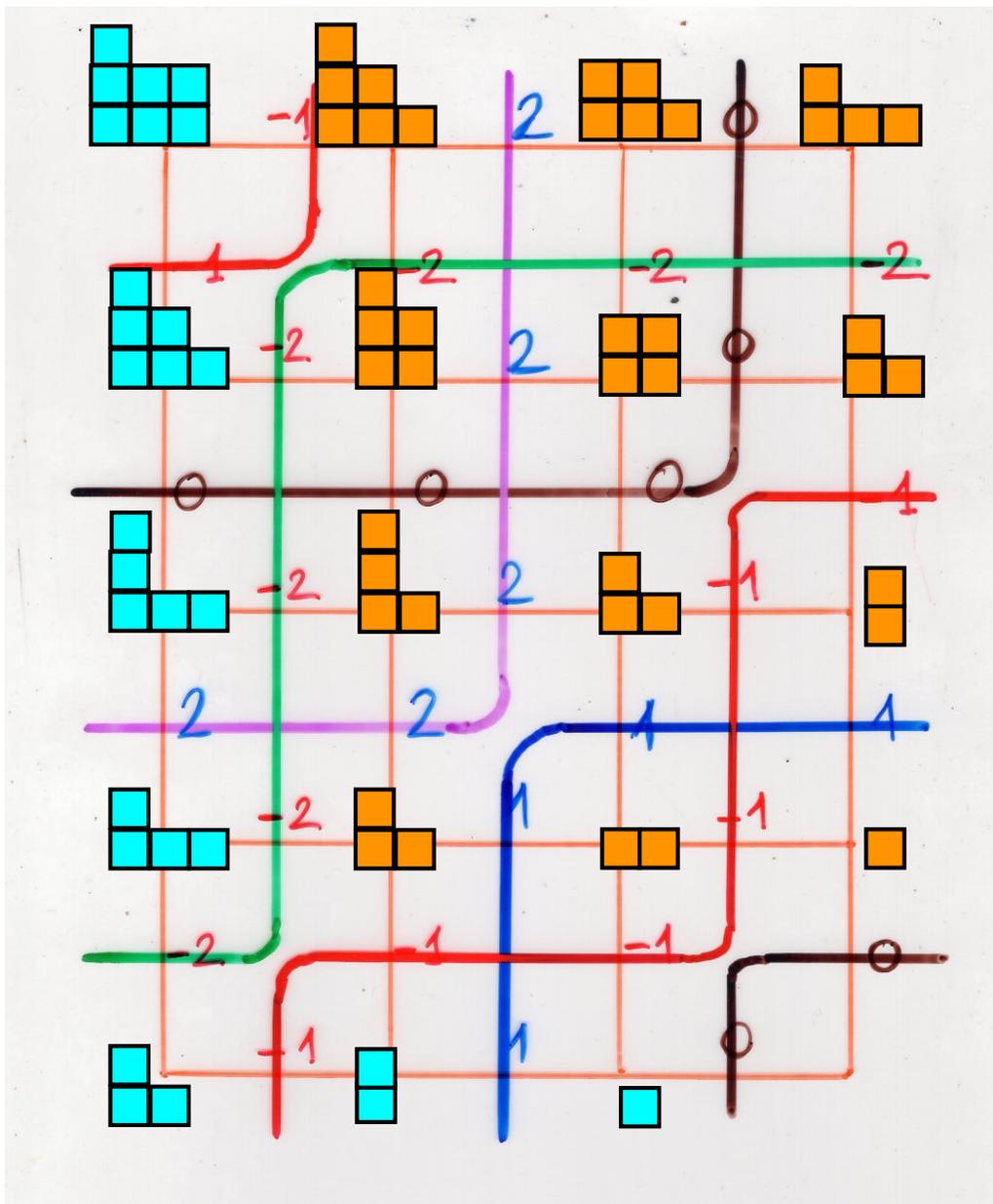
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Jeu de taquin  
with growth diagrams

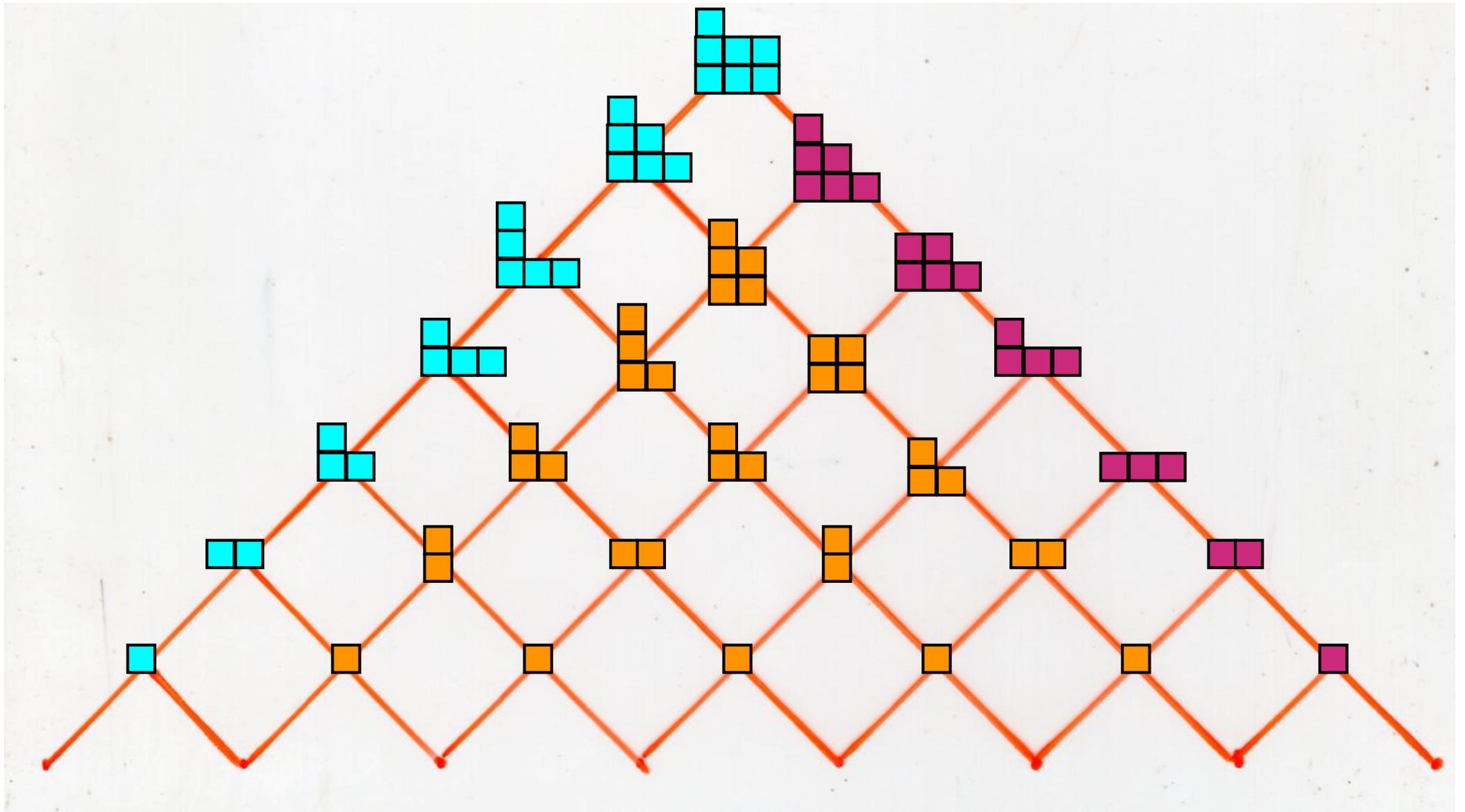
S. Fomin, 1986, 1994



for the dual of a  
Young tableaux

Сергей Владимирович Фомин

dual of a tableau



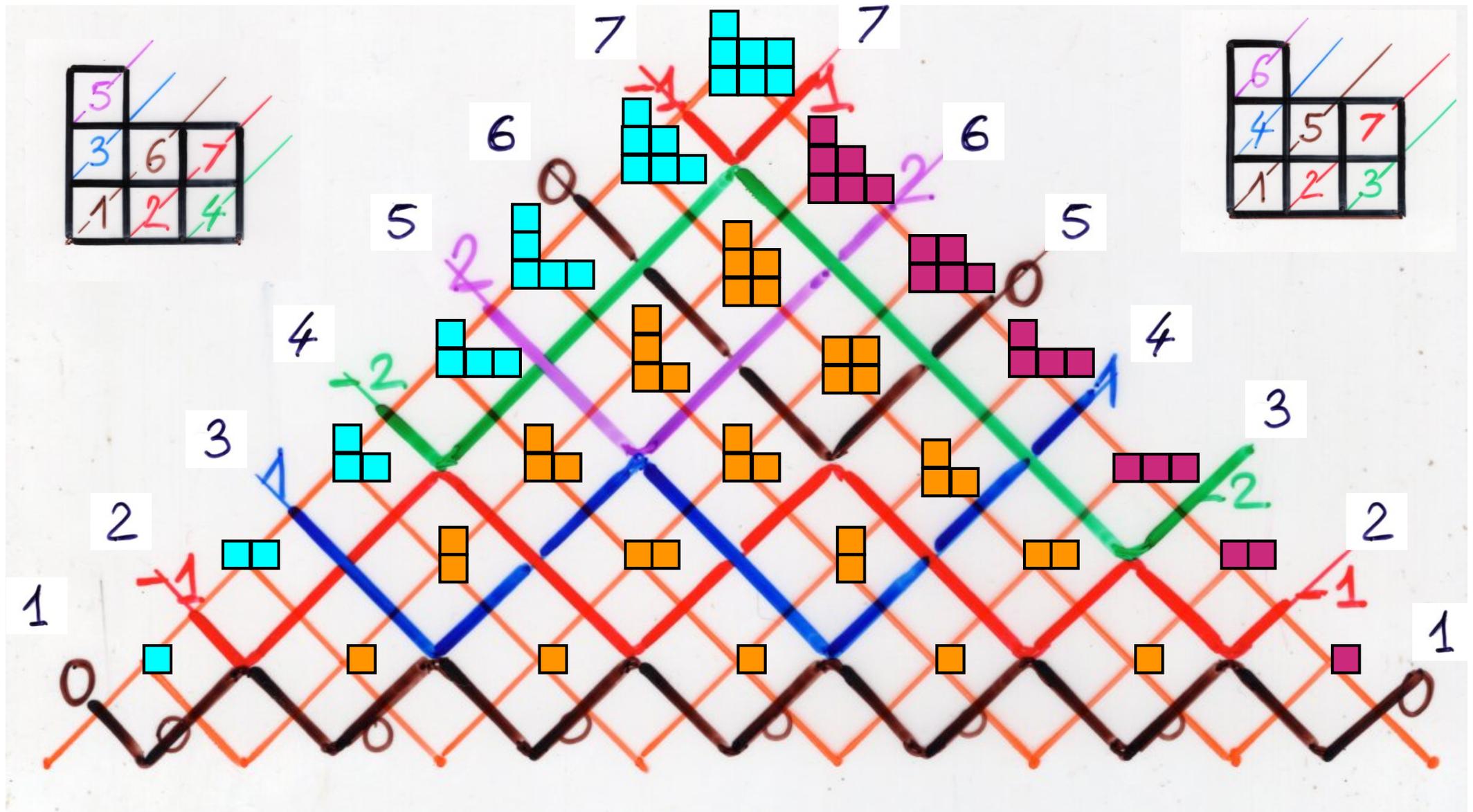
Schützenberger involution

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Schützenberger involution

Proposition

is an

The map  
involution

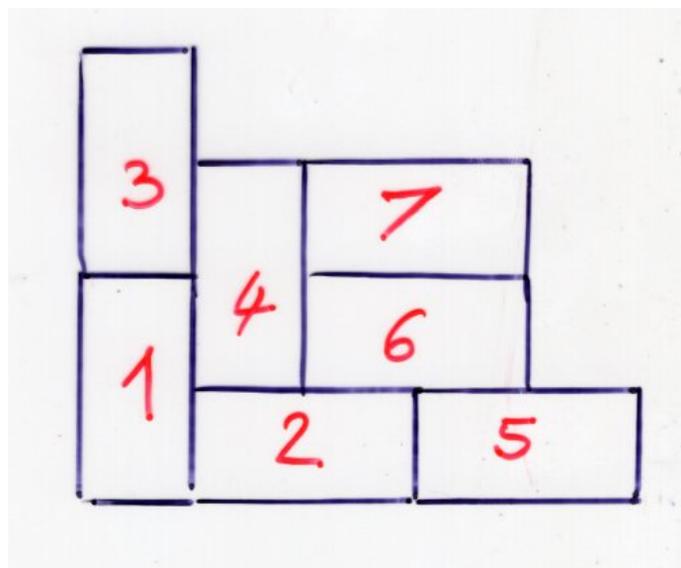
$$T \rightarrow T^*$$
$$(T^*)^* = T$$

$T$  Young tableau  
 $T^*$  dual tableau

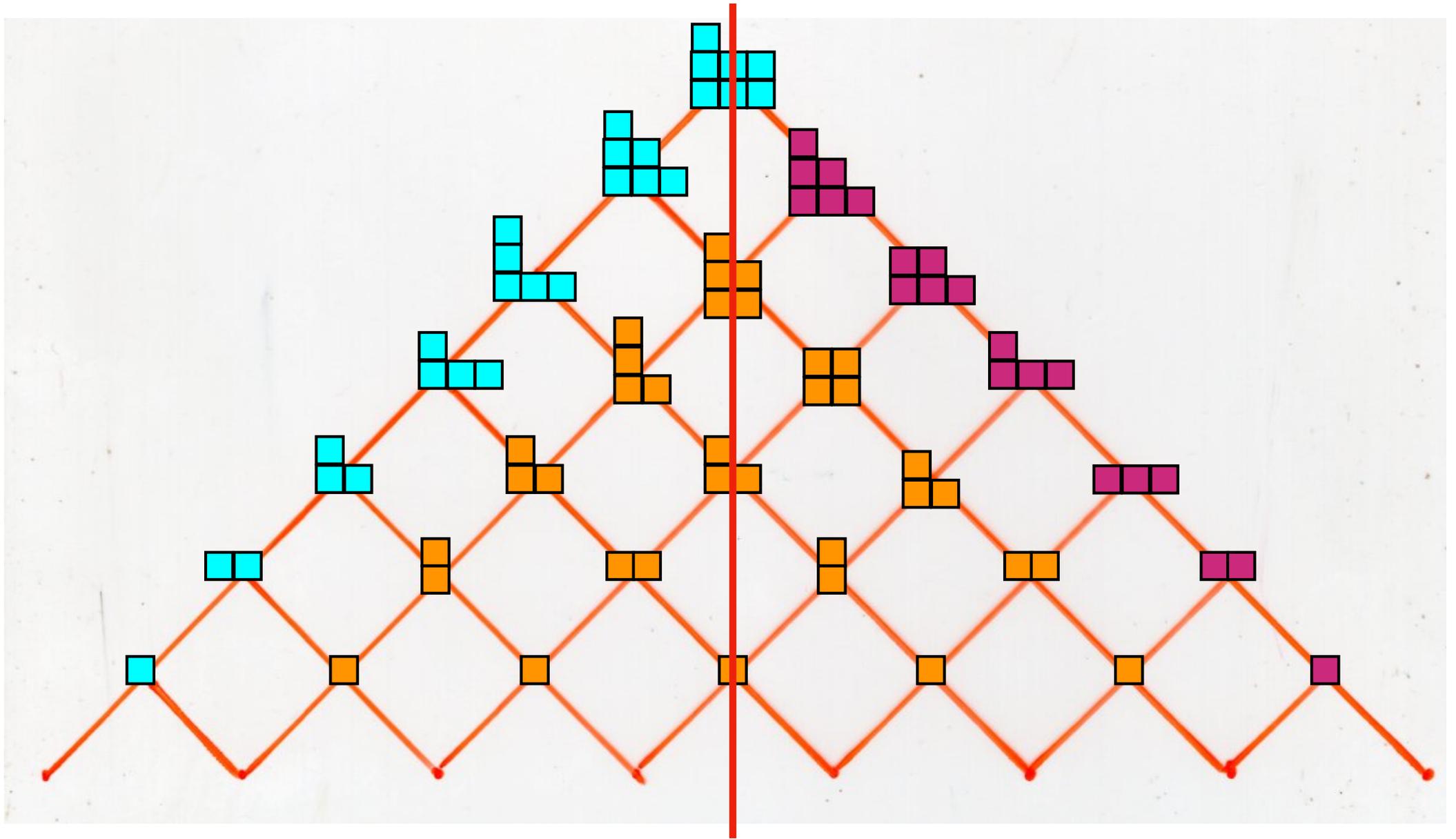
evac. ( $T$ )  
other notation

## Proposition

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



dual of a tableau



Schützenberger involution

Belreema

website "Tableaux"  
blog "ASM & Co"

blue cells:

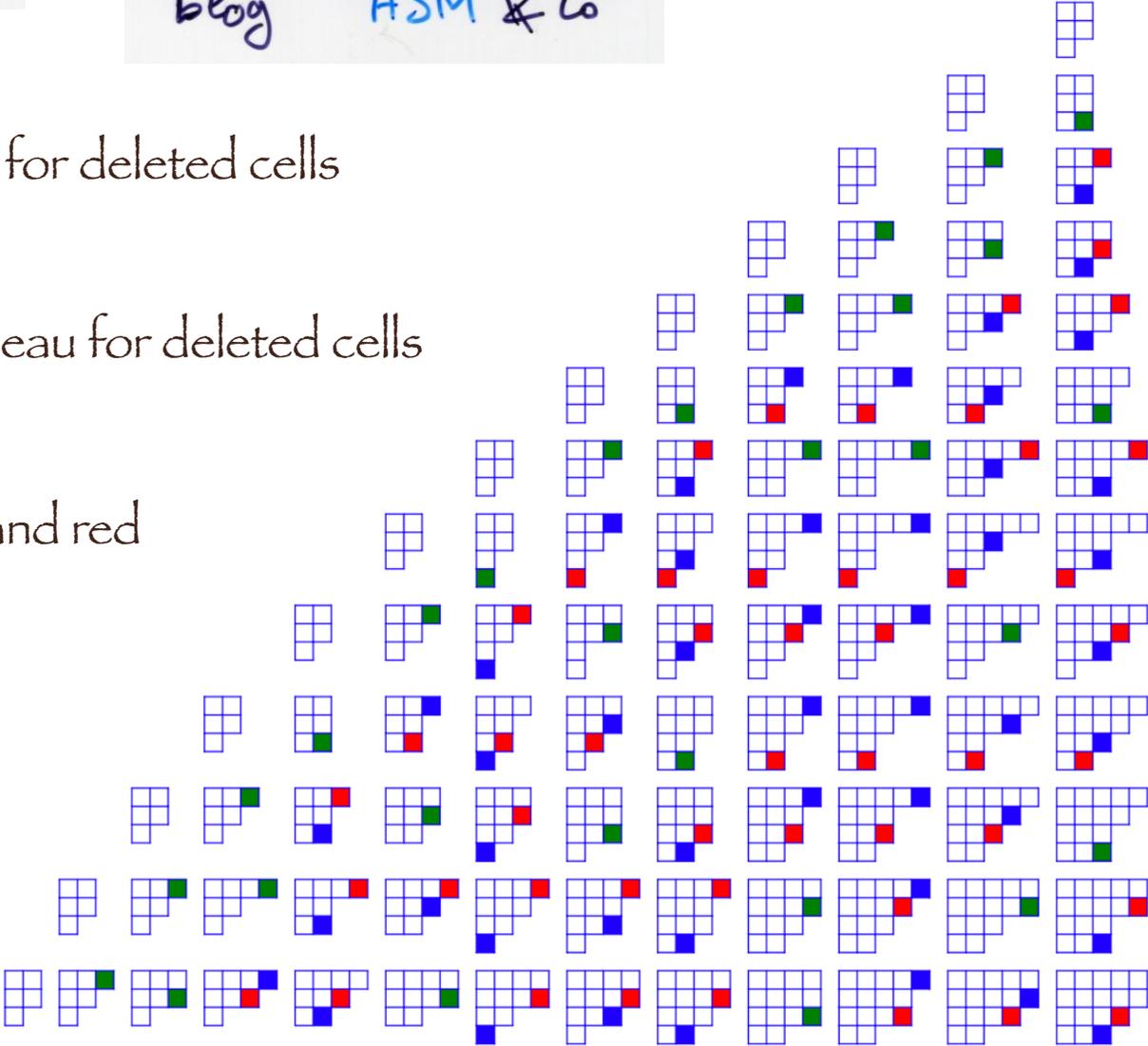
in each row of the tableau for deleted cells

red cells:

in each column of the tableau for deleted cells

green cells:

cells which are both blue and red



Schur functions

and

jeu de taquin

# Schur Functions

$$S_{\lambda}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = \sum_{T} v(T)$$

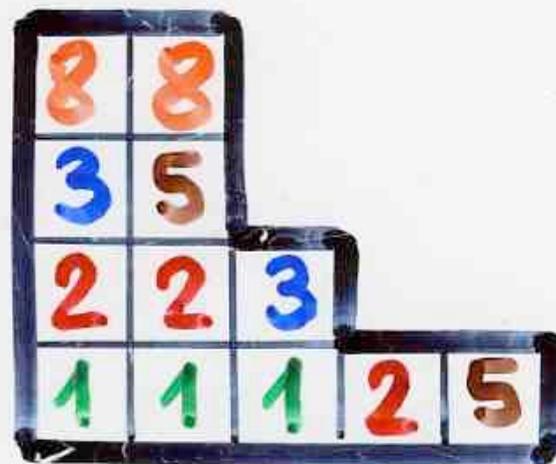
Young tableau  
shape  $\lambda$   
entries  $1, 2, \dots, m$

Jacobi (1841)

Schur (1901)

Littlewood-Richardson (1934)

basis of symmetric functions



# Schur functions

$$s_\lambda s_\mu = \sum_\nu g_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} s_\nu$$

$$s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_m)$$

Littlewood-  
Richardson

8	8		
3	5		
2	2	3	
1	1	1	2



4	5	7		
2	4	4		
1	1	2	2	5

Jeu de taquin

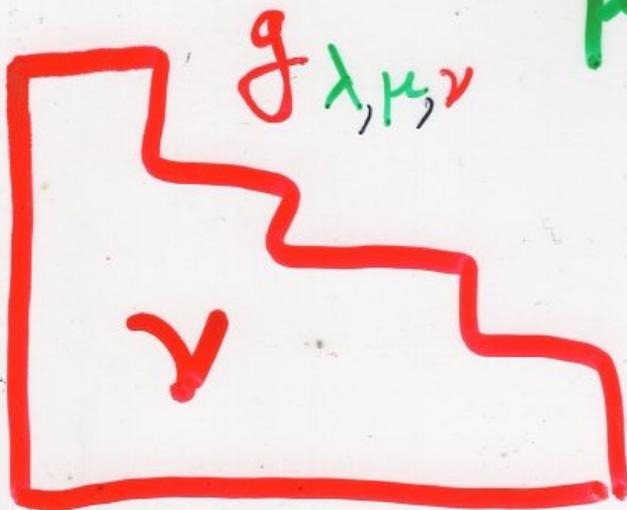
8	8		
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$\lambda$

4	5	7		
2	4	4		
1	1	2	2	5



$\mu$



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Littlewood-Richardson  
 rule (1934)  
 for computing the  
 coefficients  $g_{\lambda, \mu, \nu}$

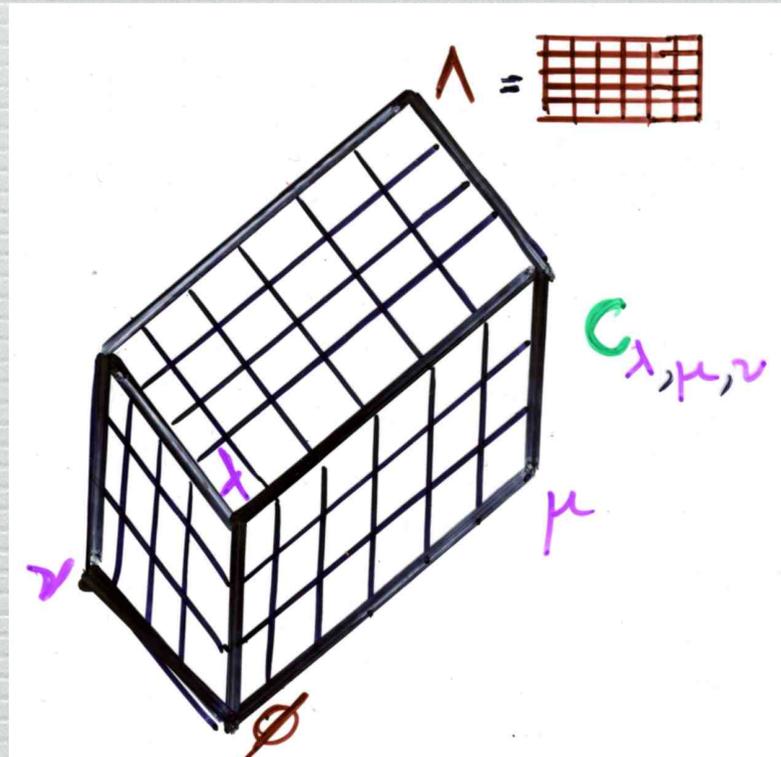
jeu de taquin in recent research work

- algebraic combinatorics

Pechenik, Yong (2015)

analogue of Littlewood-Richardson coefficients  
in the "equivariant K-theory"  
of the Grassmannian

Thomas, Yong (2007), cartons  
3D symmetries for Littlewood-Richardson coefficients



- bijective combinatorics

Fang (2015)

- bijective proof of a character identity  
(Frobenius, Murnaghan-Nakayama)

Krattenthaler (2016)

- bijection between oscillating tableaux  
(Burrill conjecture)

- probabilistic combinatorics

Romik, Śniady (2015)

random infinite tableaux

Thank you!