

# Lattice paths and heaps

Marches aléatoires, combinatoire et interactions

Lattice paths, combinatorics and interactions

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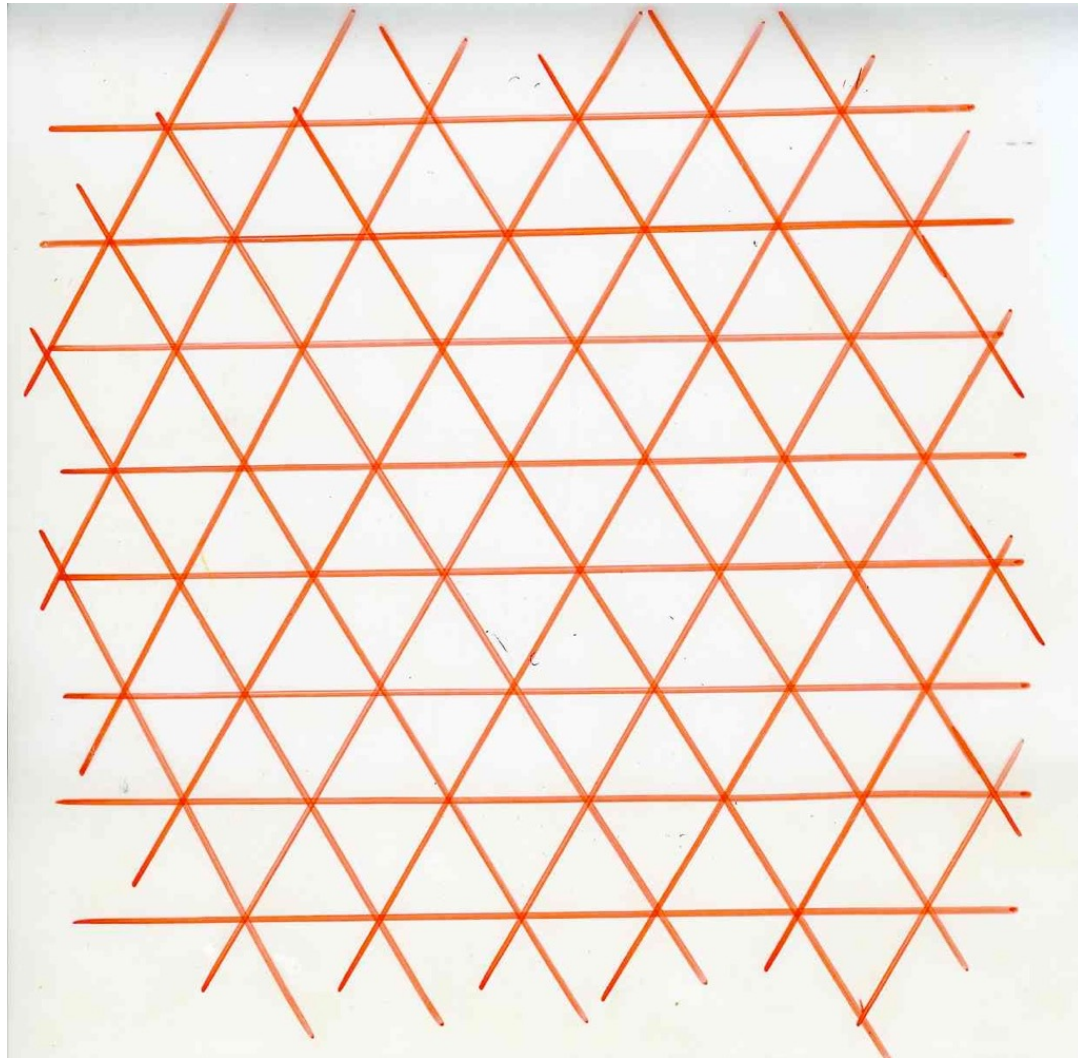
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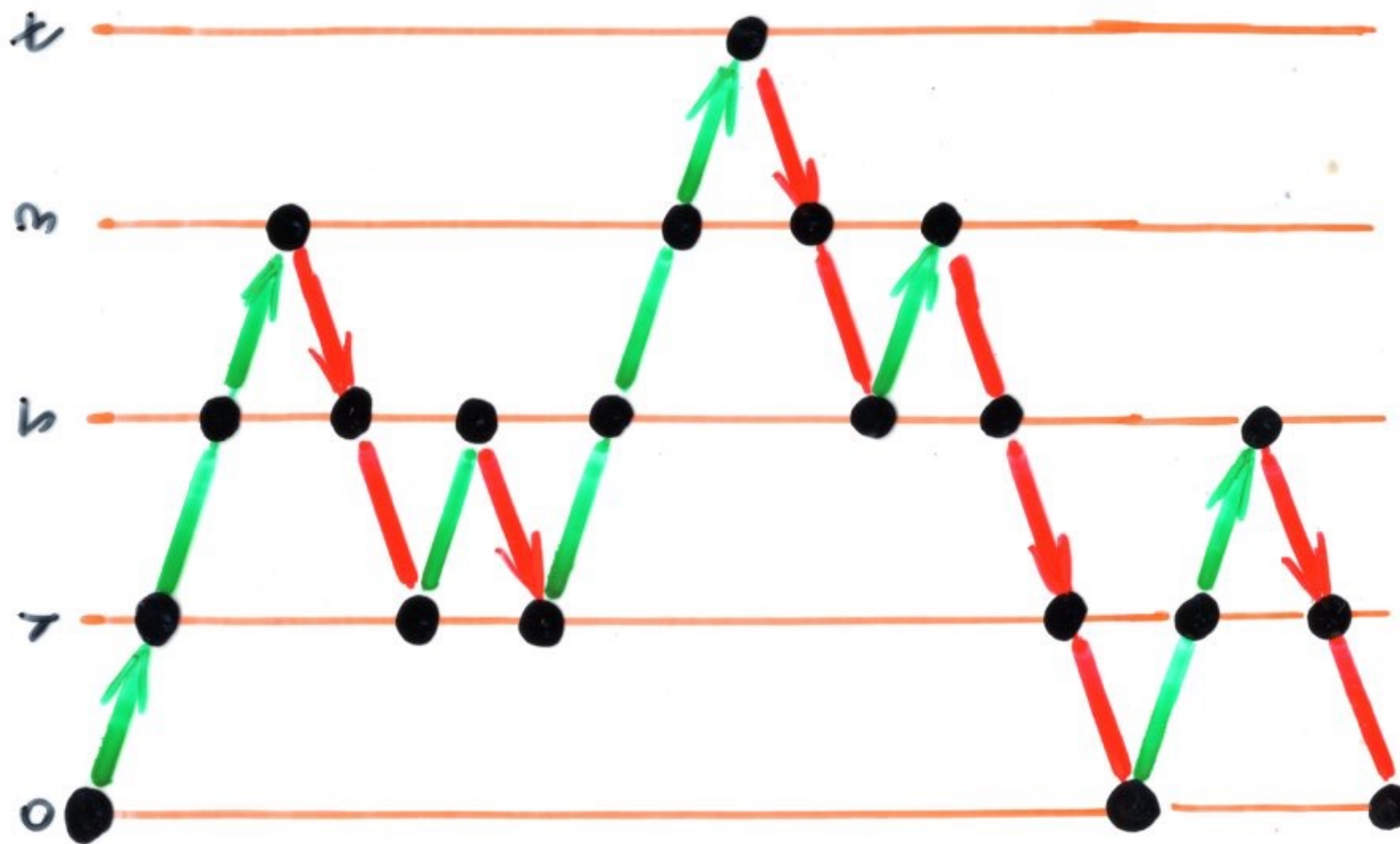
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*lattice*



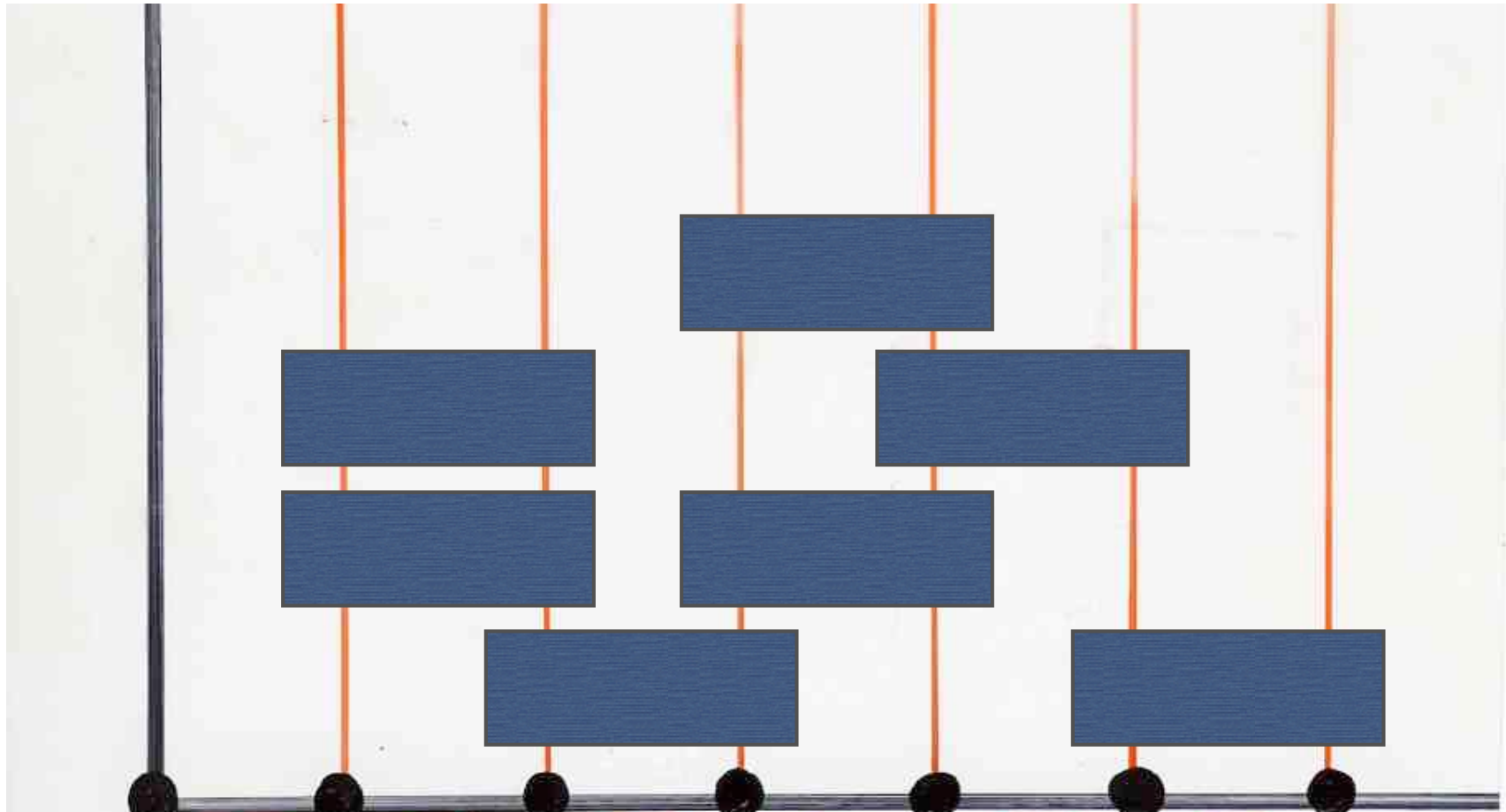




Dyck

path





heap of dimers



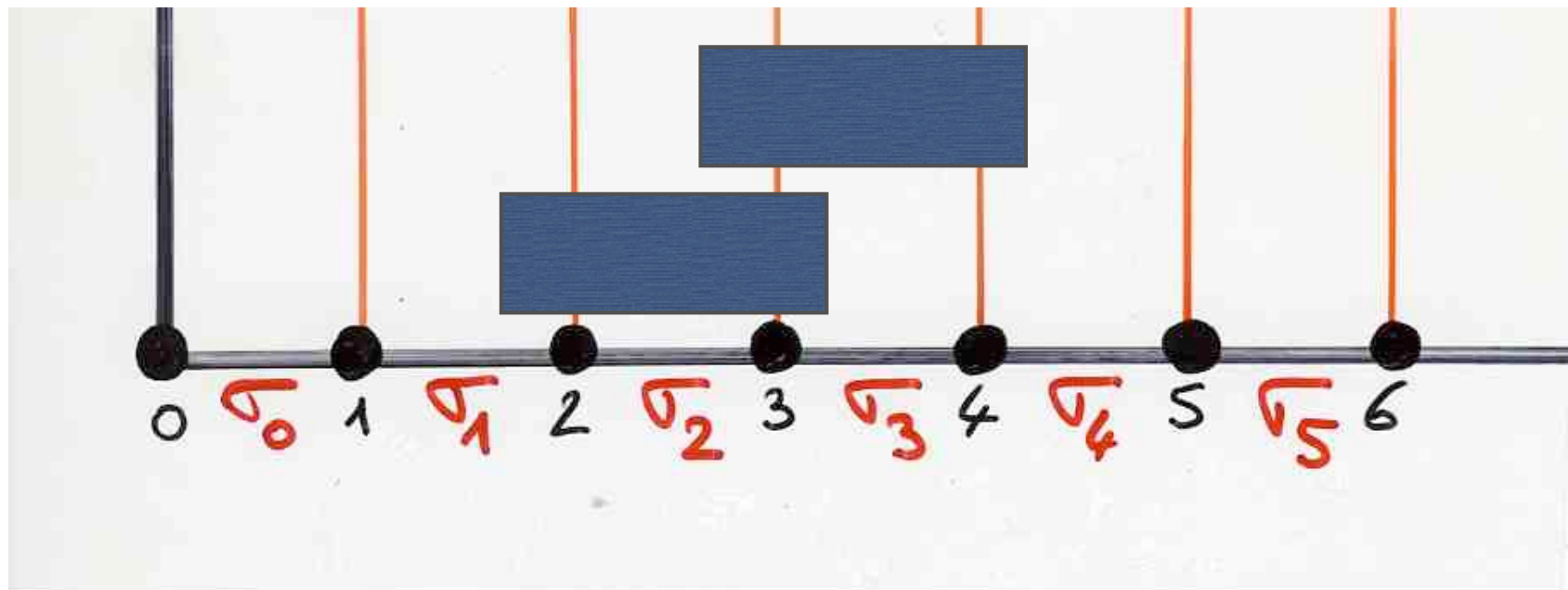
ex: heaps of dimers on  $\mathbb{N}$

$\mathcal{P} = \{ [i, i+1] = \sigma_i, i \geq 0 \}$  set of basic pieces

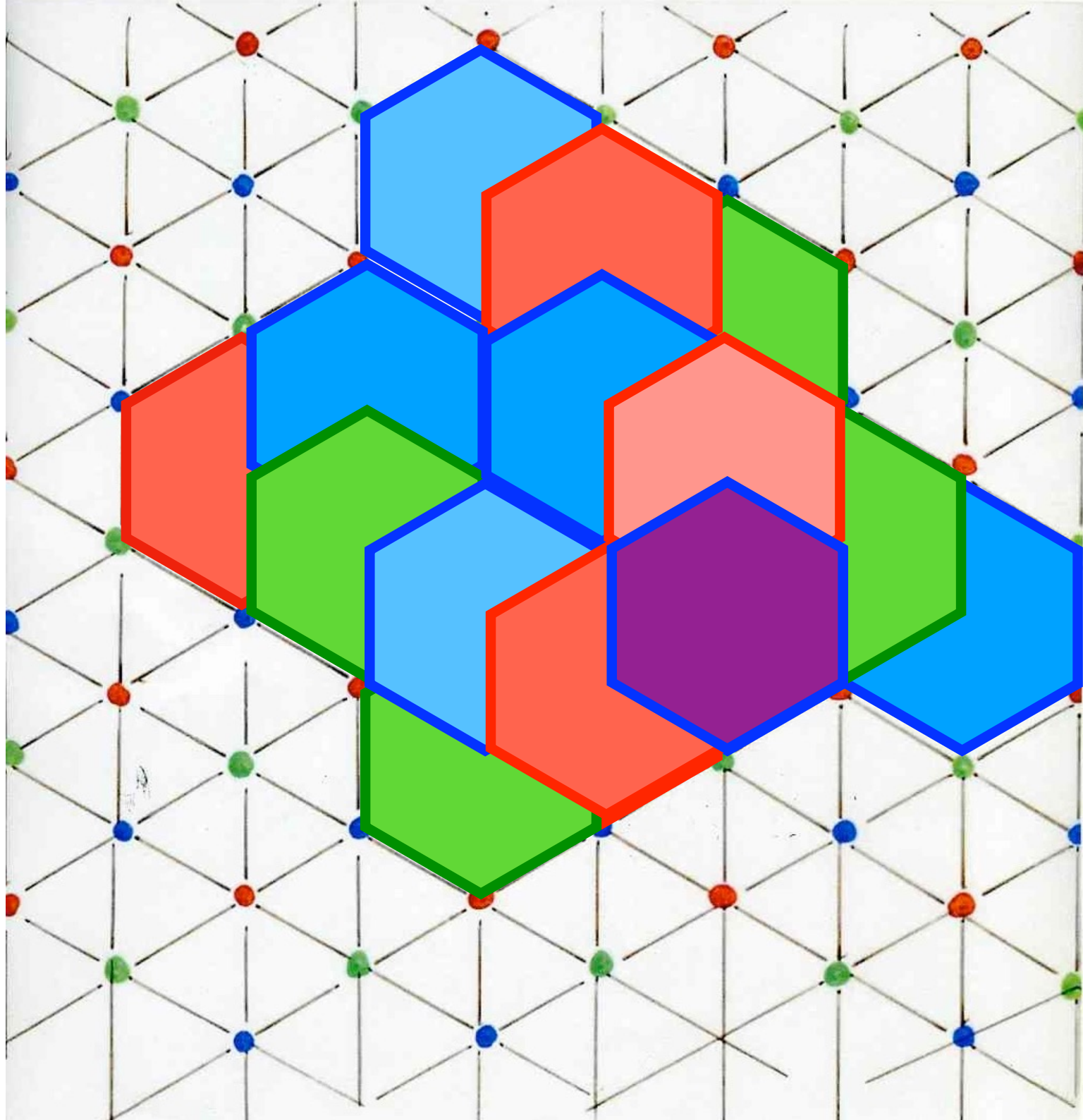
$\mathcal{E}$

dependency relation

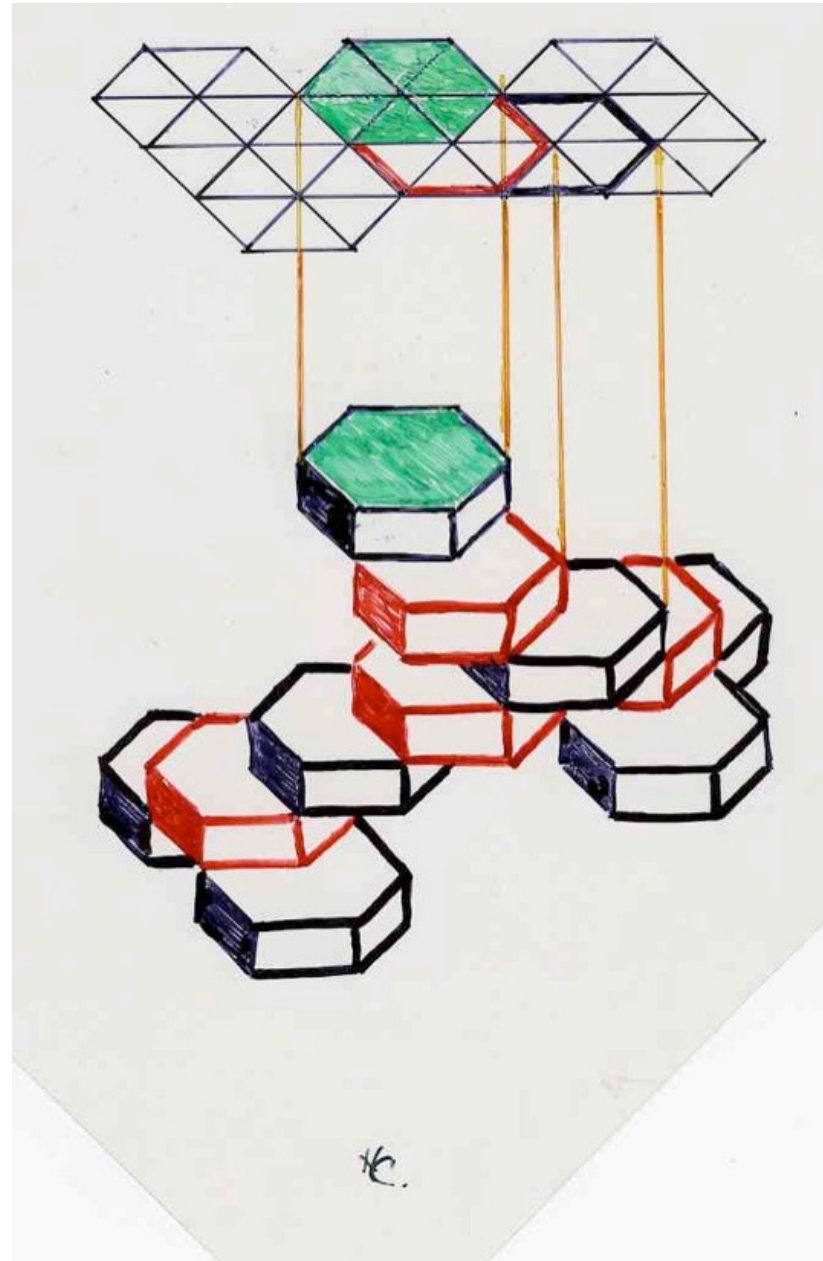
$$\sigma_i \cap \sigma_j \neq \emptyset$$











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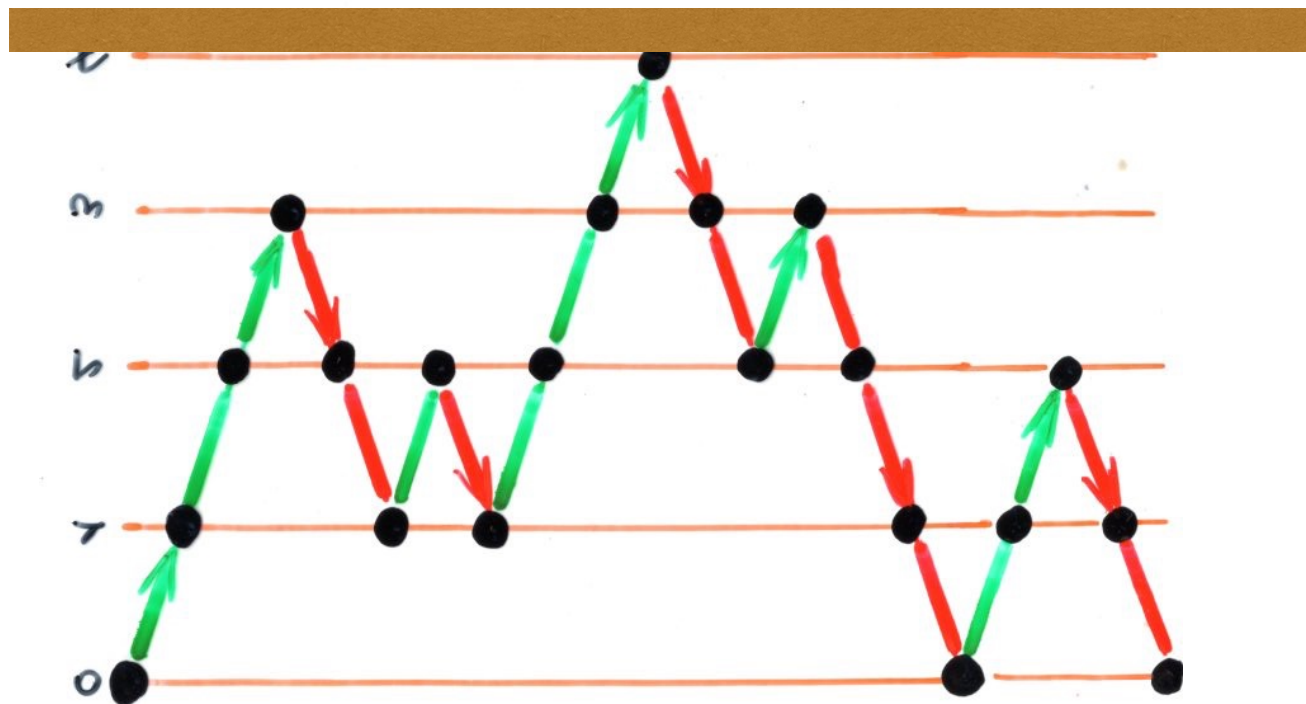
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Reciprocity





Dyck

path

$$C_{2n}^{(k)}$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} C_{2n}^{(k)} t^{2n}$$

Rational

$$(a_n)_{n \geq 0}$$

Rational

$$|a_n|_{n < 0}$$

combinatorial  
meaning?

combinatorial  
"reciprocity law"

E. Ehrhart

(1959, 1967, 68, 1973)

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

R. Stanley (1974)

$$-f(1/t) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_{-n} t^n$$

book

Beck - Sanyal (2018)

Math Overflow

Johann Cigler

26 Sept 2020  
28 Sept

$$c_{-2n}^{(2k+1)} = \det \left( c_{2n+2i+2j+2}^{(2k+1)} \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq k-1}$$

alternating sequence

$$a_1 \leq a_2 \geq a_3 \leq a_4 \geq \dots \geq a_{2n-1}$$

R. Stanley

5. Hopkins

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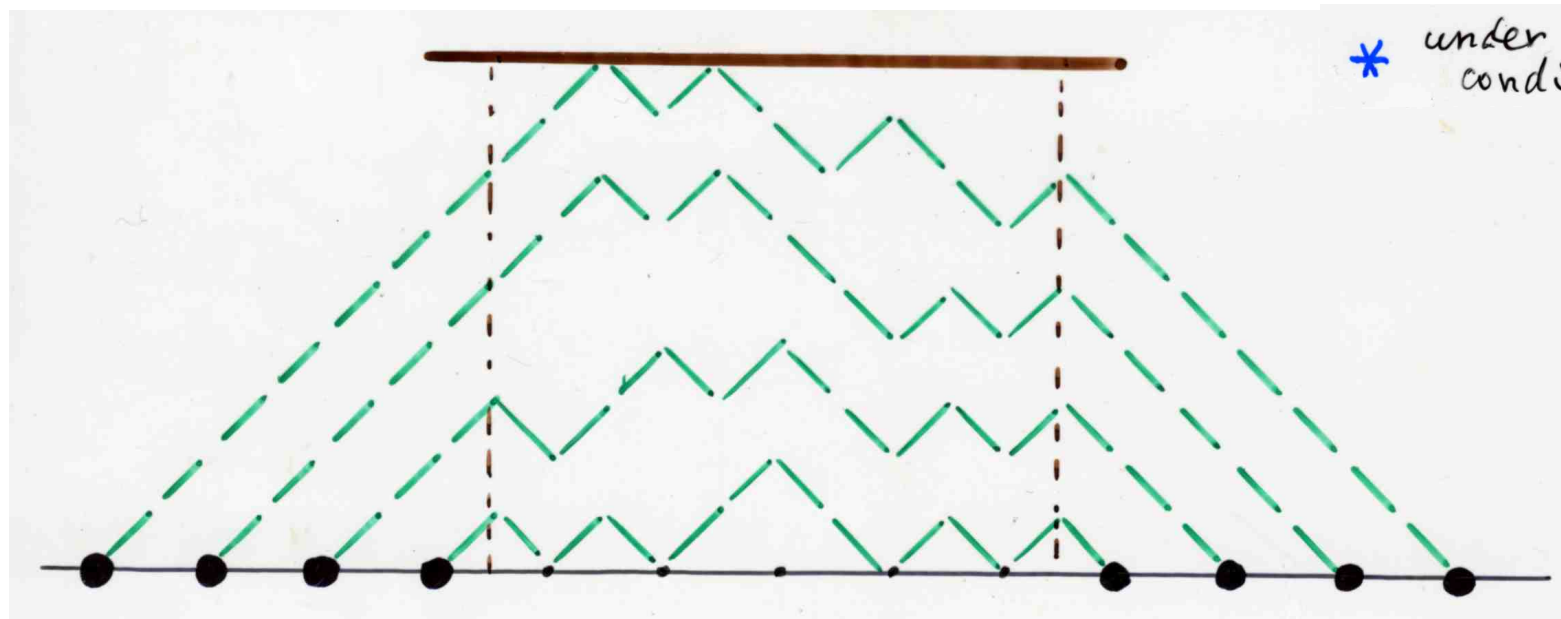
Hankel determinants



"LGV Lemma"

determinant  $\stackrel{*}{=}$

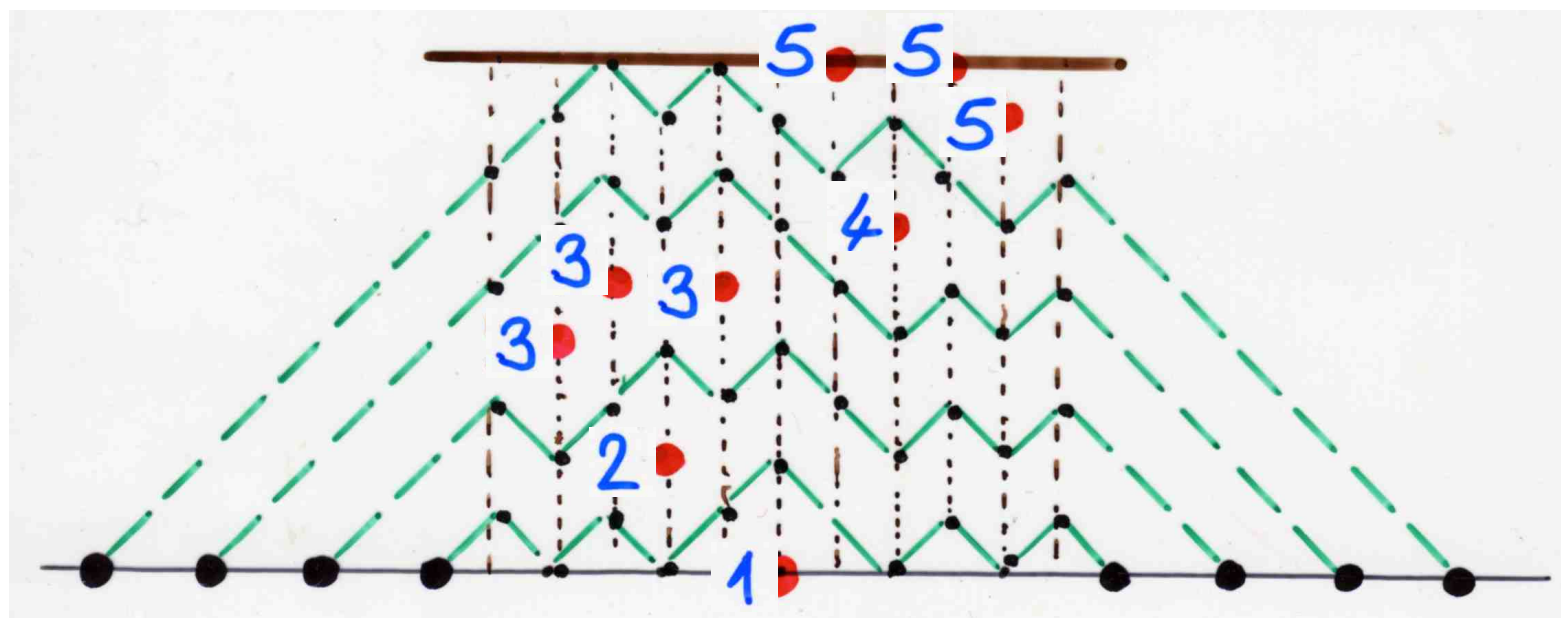
non-intersecting  
paths



\* under certain conditions

Hankel  
determinant

$$\det \left( c_{2n+2i+2j+2}^{(2k+1)} \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq k-1}$$



$$3 \leq 3 \geq 2 \leq 3 \geq 1 \leq 5 \geq 4 \leq 5 \geq 5$$

alternating sequence

$$1 \leq a_i \leq k$$

$$a_1 \leq a_2 \geq a_3 \leq a_4 \geq \dots \geq a_{2n-1}$$



?

=

$$\left| A_{2n}^{(k)} \right|$$

$$1 \leq a_i \leq k$$

$$a_1 \leq a_2 \geq a_3 \leq a_4 \geq \dots \leq a_{2n}$$

$$C_{-2n}^{(2k-1)}$$

=

$$\left| A_{2n-1}^{(k)} \right|$$

alternating sequence

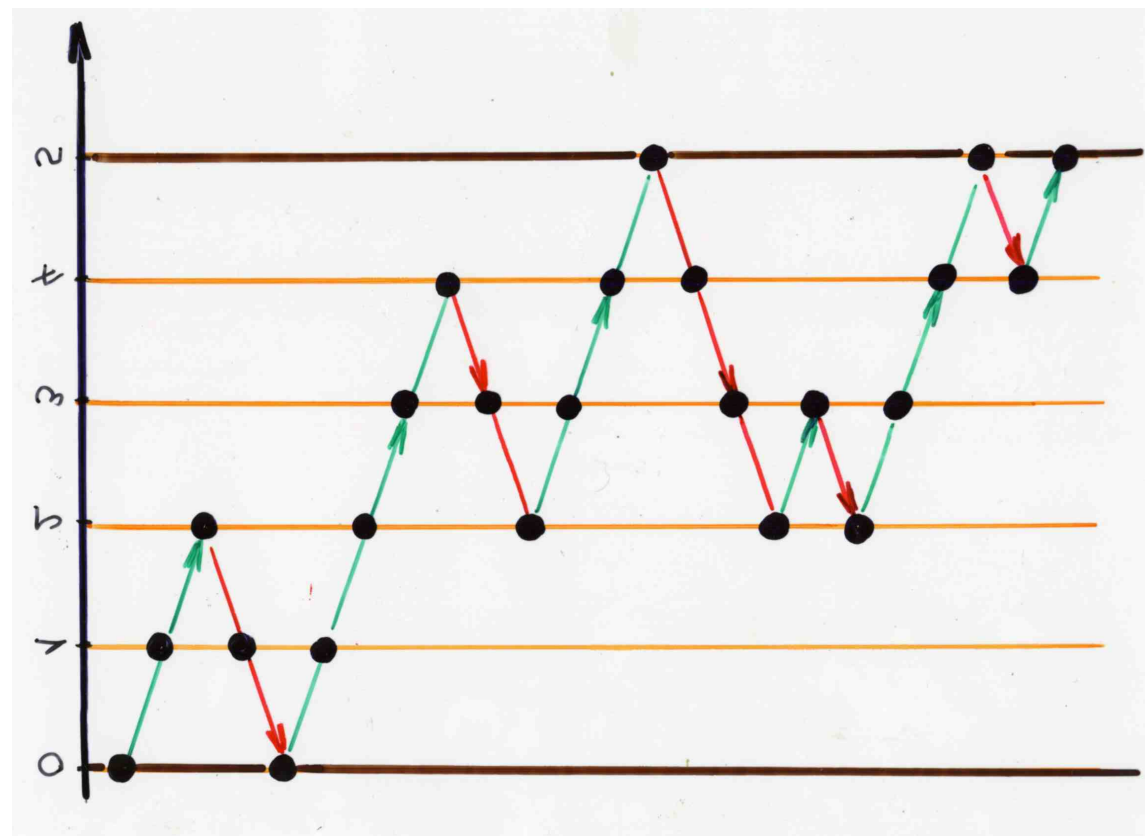
$$1 \leq a_i \leq k$$

$$a_1 \leq a_2 \geq a_3 \leq a_4 \geq \dots \geq a_{2n-1}$$

$$(-1)^{k+1} D_{-2n-2k}^{(2k-1)}$$

=

$$|A_{2n}^{(k)}|$$



$$D_{2n}^{(k)} = C_{2n+k}^{(k)} (0 \rightarrow k)$$

## About the « LGV Lemma »

See the video-book « ABjC »: *The Art of Bijective Combinatorics*,  
Part I, *An introduction to enumerative, algebraic and bijective combinatorics*  
IMSc, Chennai, 2016, Chapter 5a, pp 3-28

[www.viennot.org/abjc1-ch5.html](http://www.viennot.org/abjc1-ch5.html)

## About Hankel determinants

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orthogonal polynomials and continued fractions*

IMSc, Chennai, 2019, Chapter 4a, pp 39-56, pp 61-70

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generating function

for bounded Dyck paths

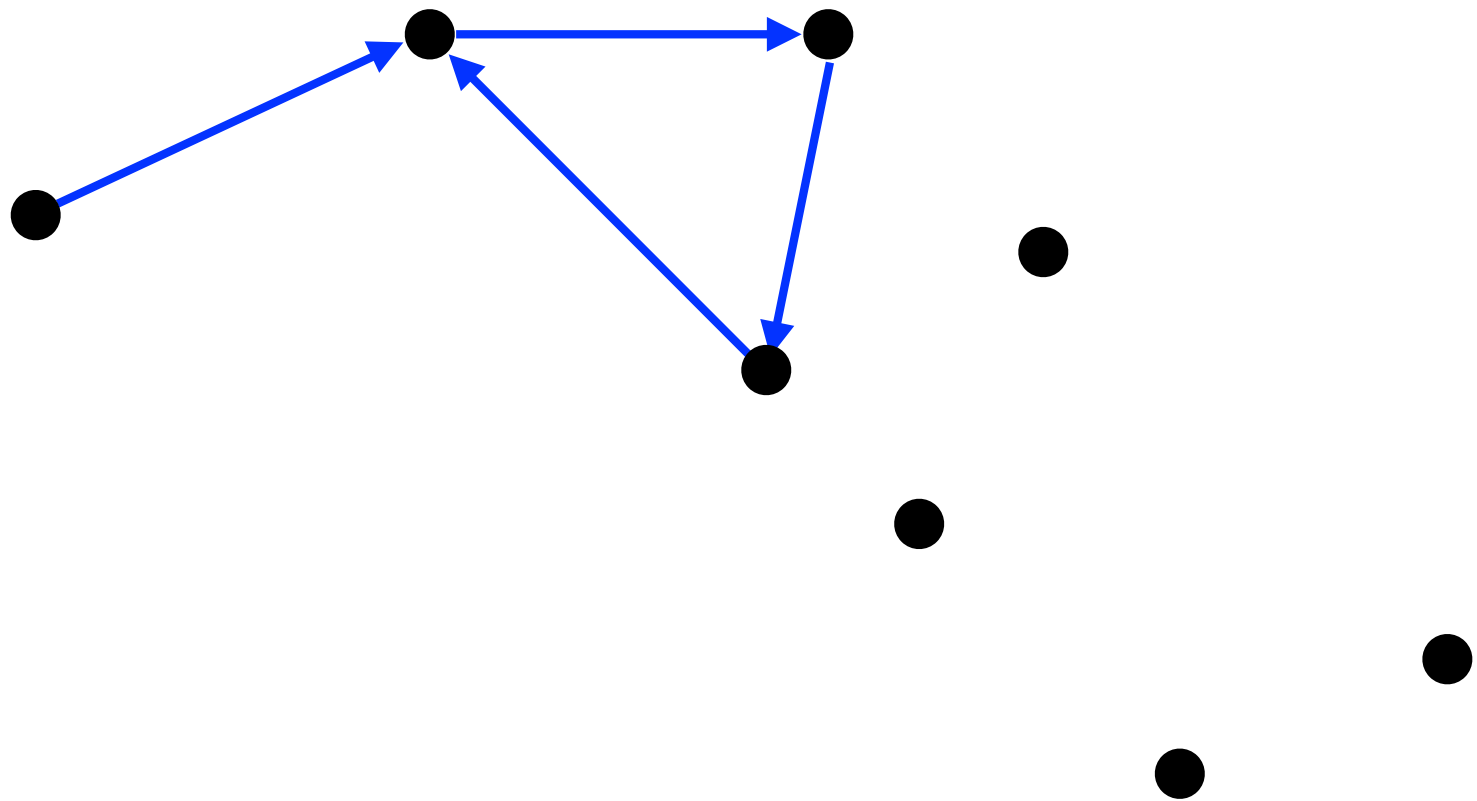
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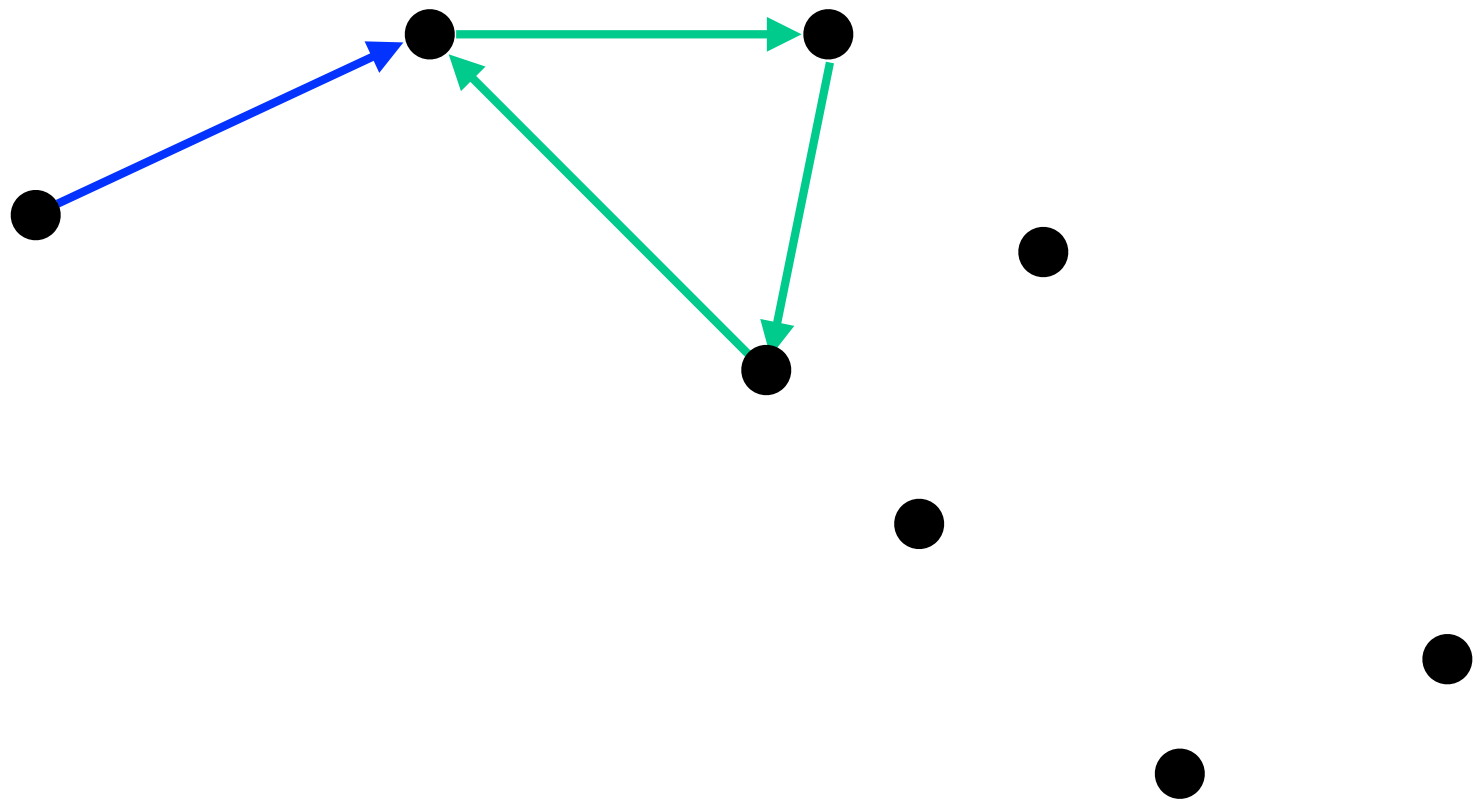
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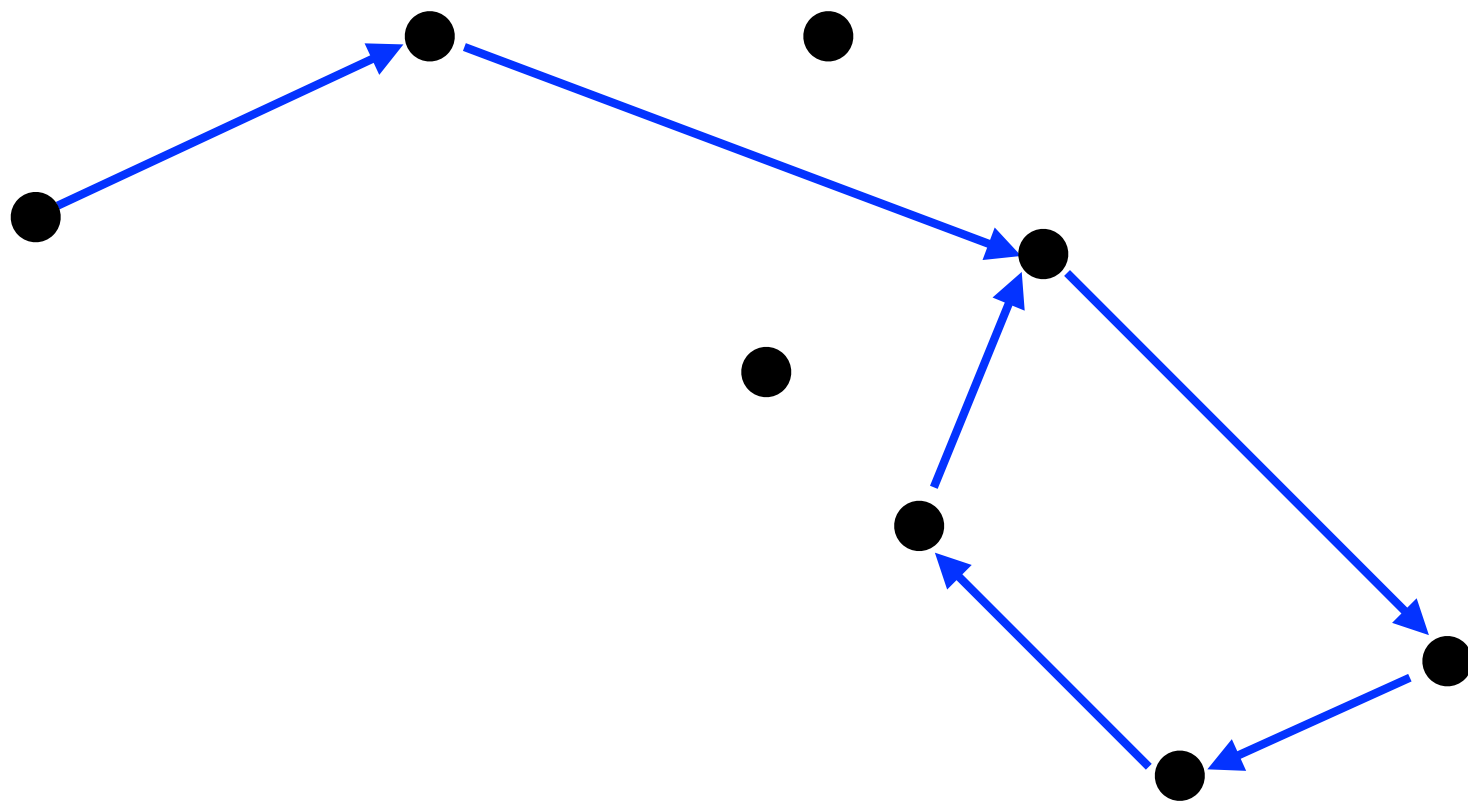
LERW

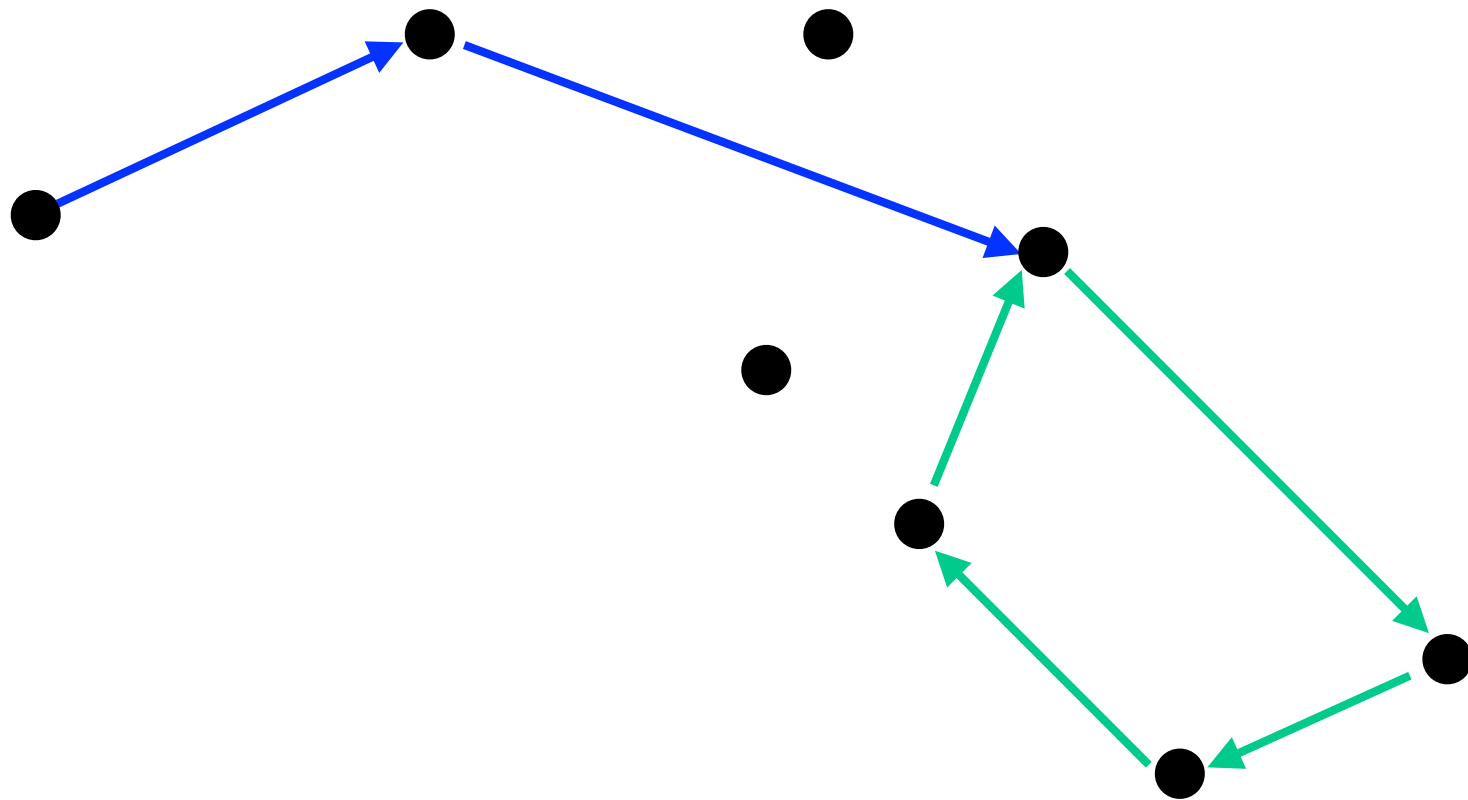
Loop erased random walk

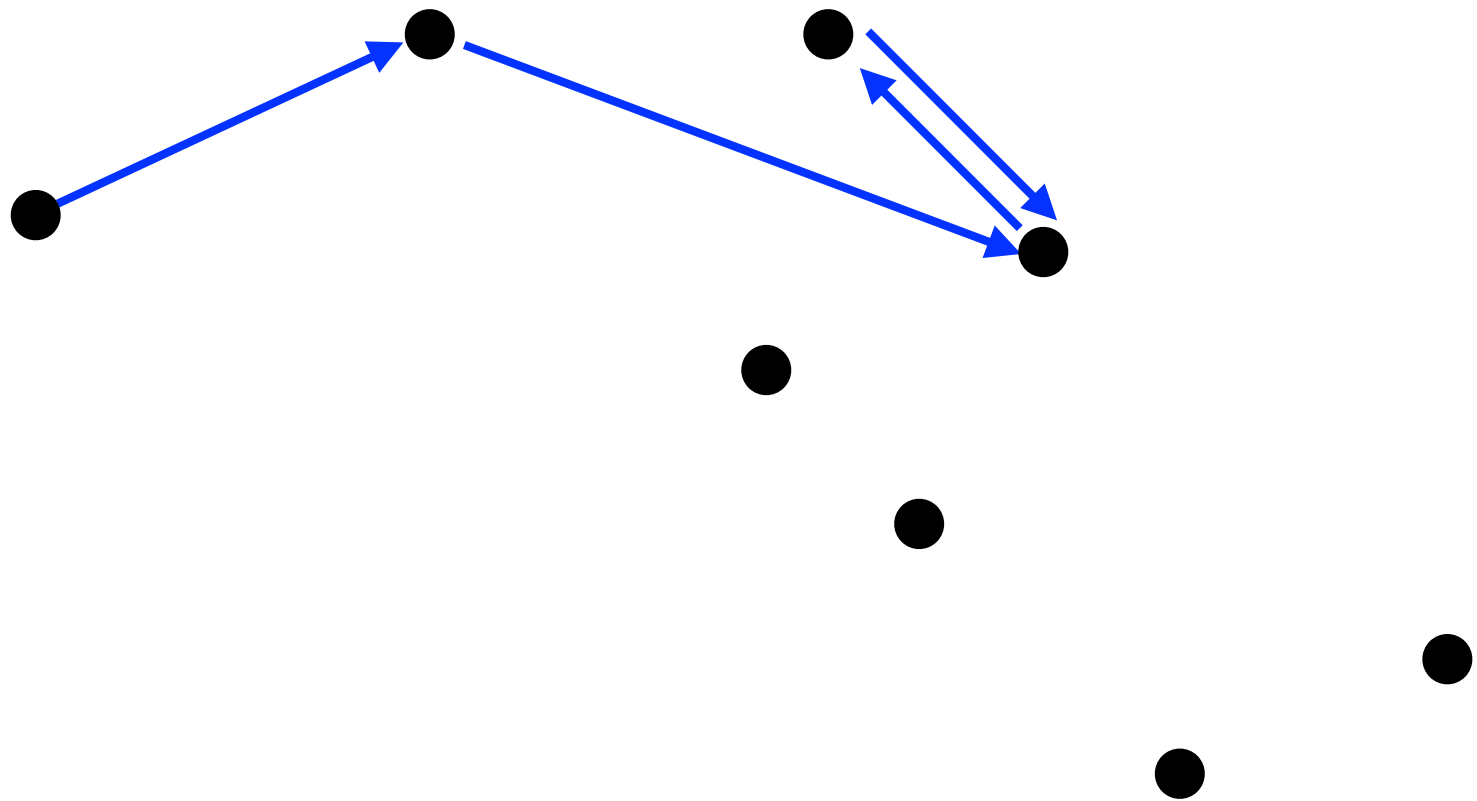




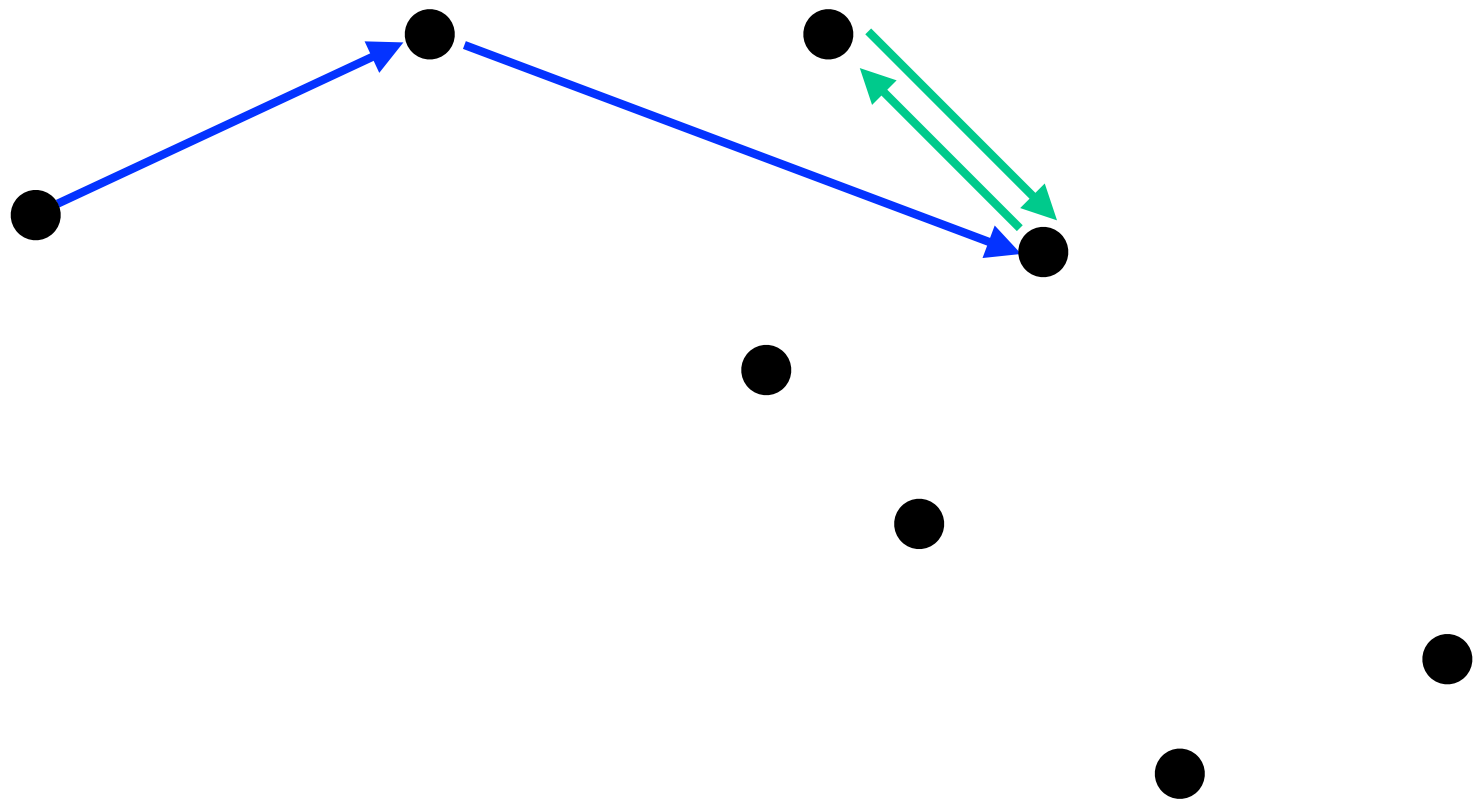


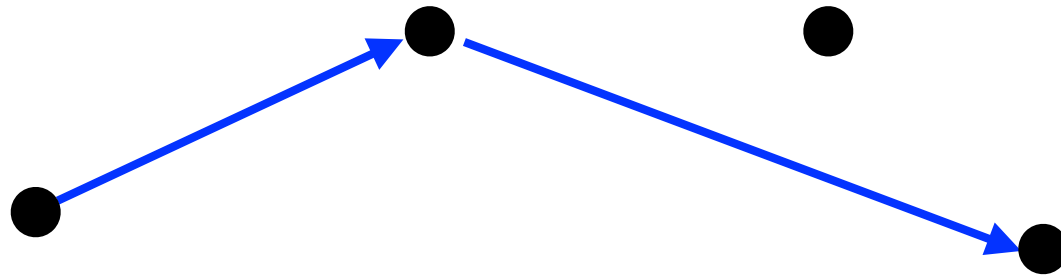










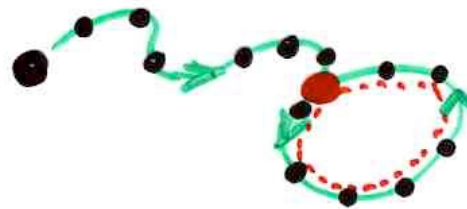


path  $\omega$   $u \rightsquigarrow v$   $\rightarrow$  self-avoiding path  $u \rightsquigarrow v$

# LERW

Loop-erased random walk

Lawler (1980)



$\omega$  random path on  $X$

path  $\omega$   $u \rightsquigarrow v$   $\rightarrow$  self-avoiding path  $u \rightsquigarrow v$

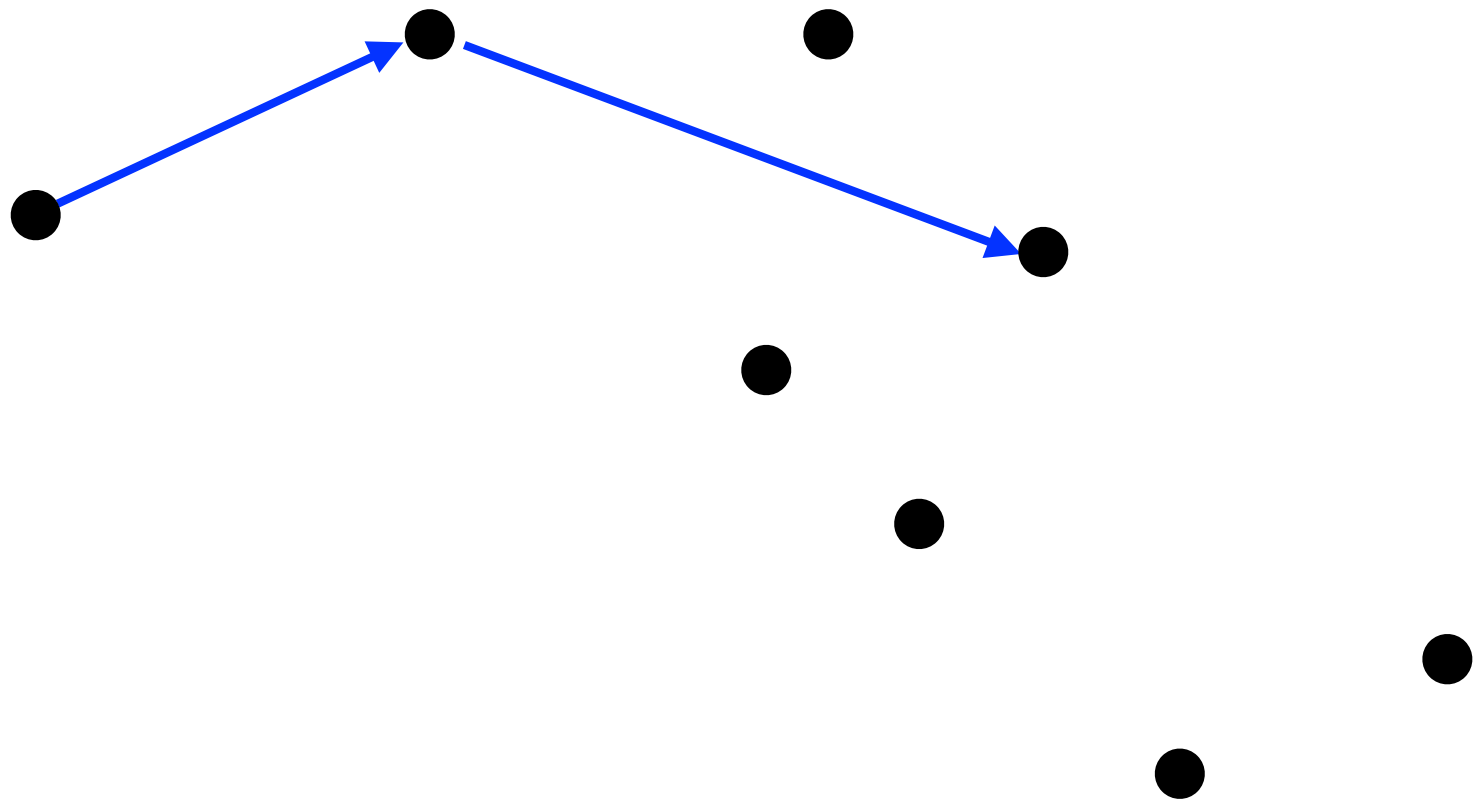
$LERW \rightarrow SLE_2$

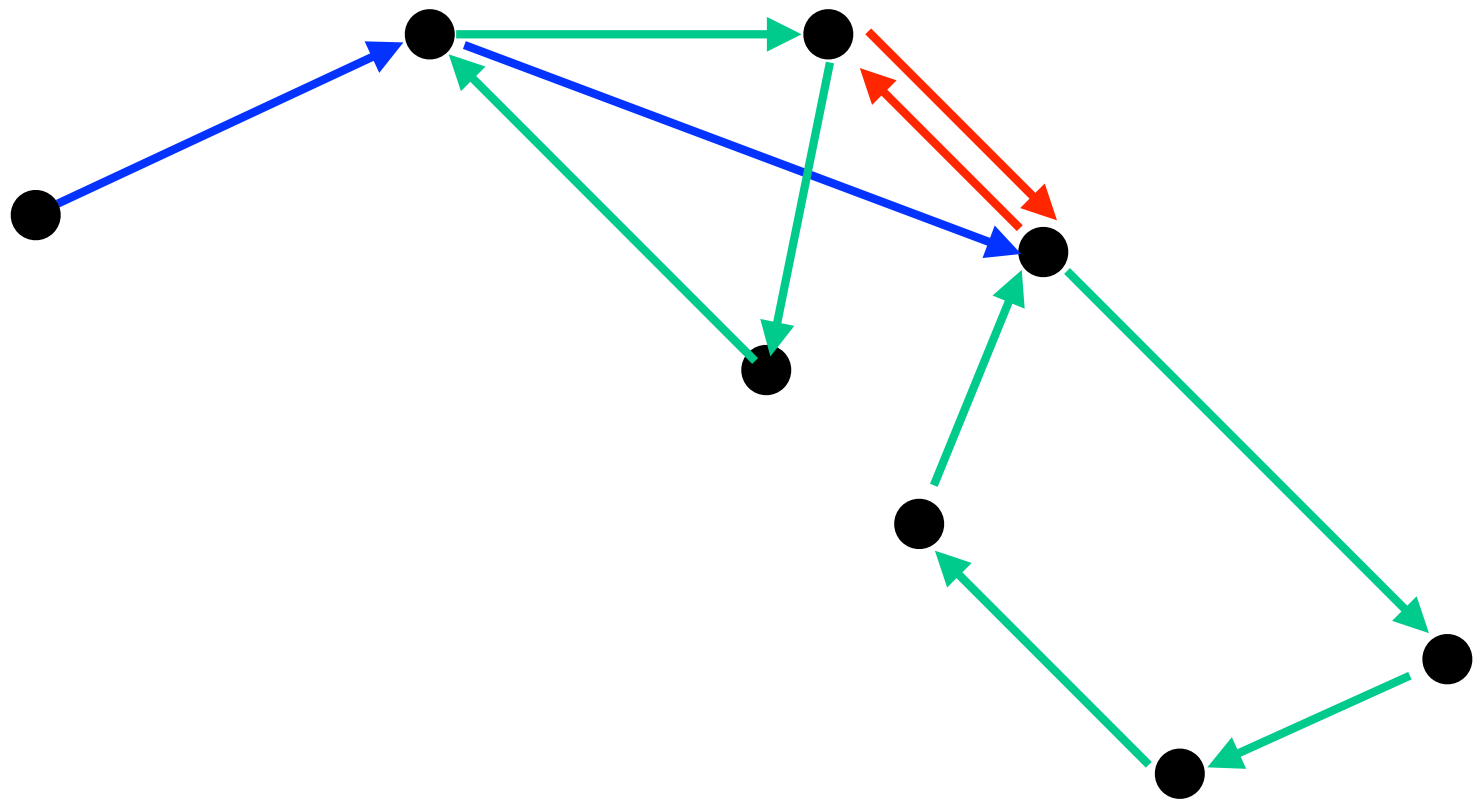
Schramm-Loewner  
evolution



the bijection paths — heaps







$$\omega \rightarrow (\eta; (\dot{\gamma}_1, \dots, \dot{\gamma}_n))$$

self-avoiding  
path  
 $u \rightsquigarrow v$

sequence of  
pointed cycles

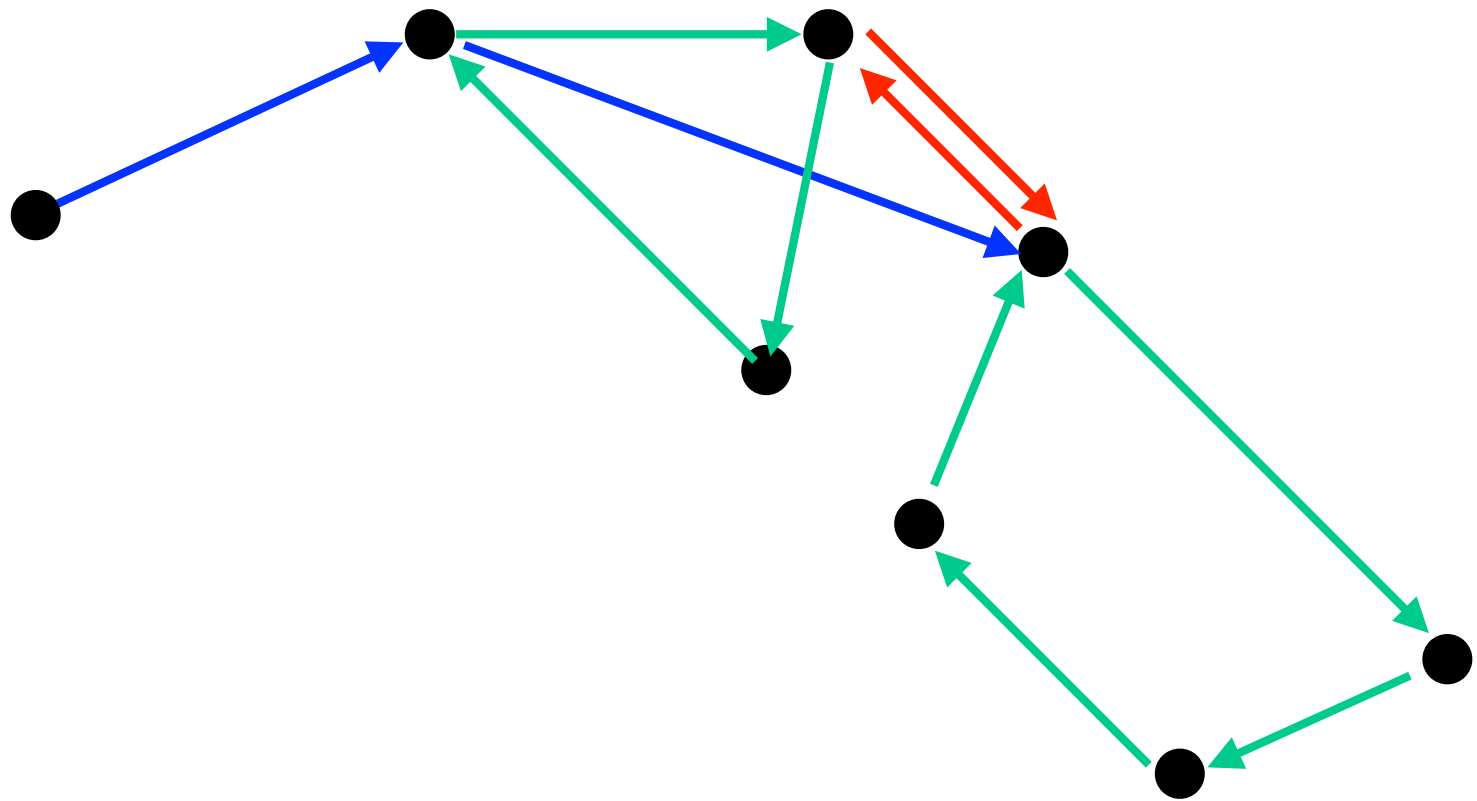
from the pair  $(\eta; (\dot{\gamma}_1, \dots, \dot{\gamma}_n))$   
we can reconstruct the path  $\omega$

$$(\dot{\gamma}_1, \dots, \dot{\gamma}_n) \rightarrow E = \dot{\gamma}_1 \odot \dots \odot \dot{\gamma}_n$$

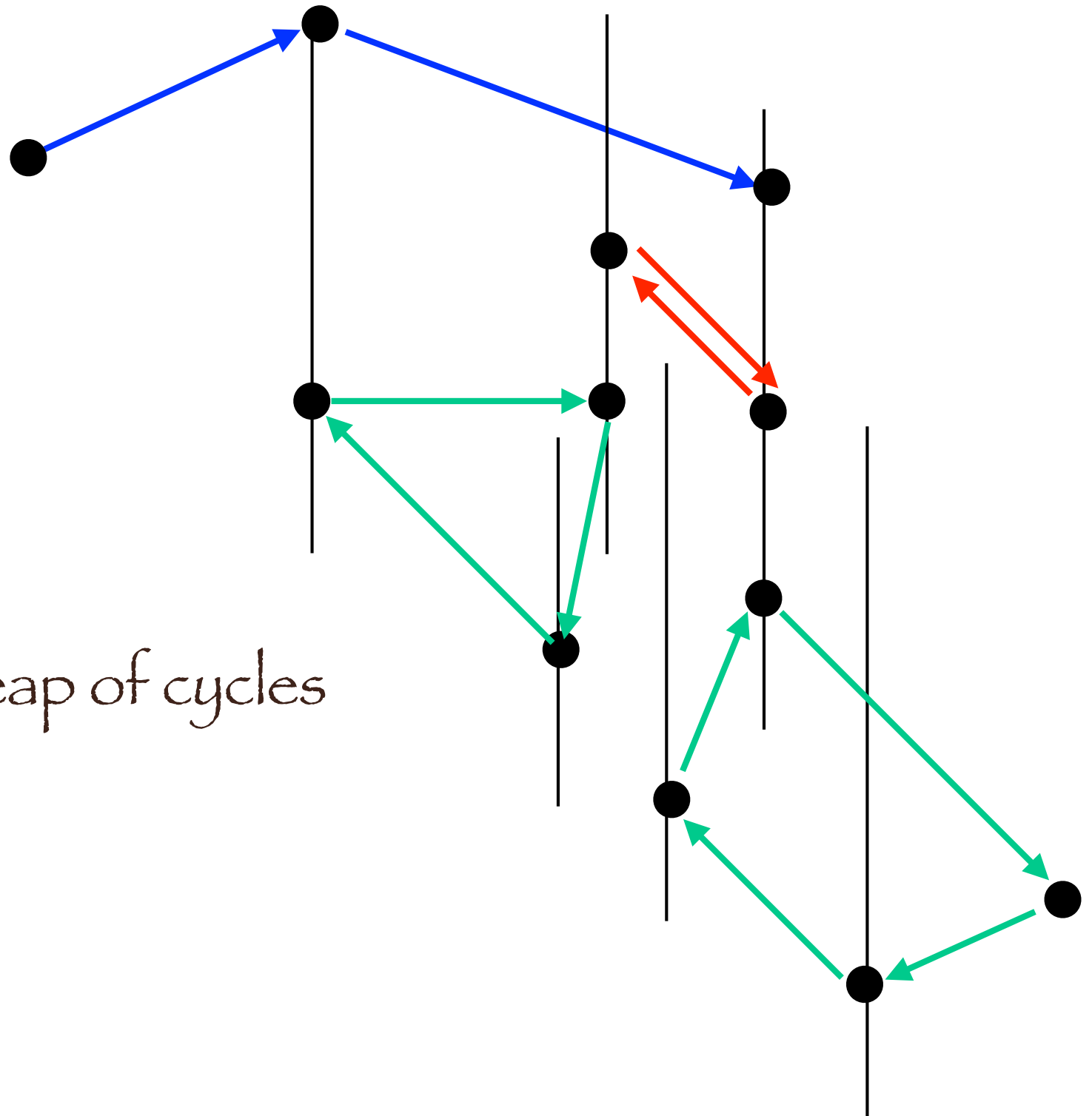
$$\omega \rightarrow (\eta, E)$$

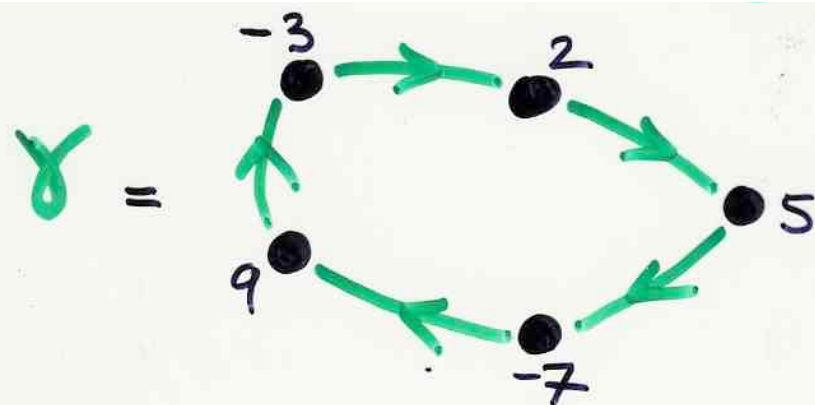
heaps of cycles on  $X$   
monoid





Heap of cycles



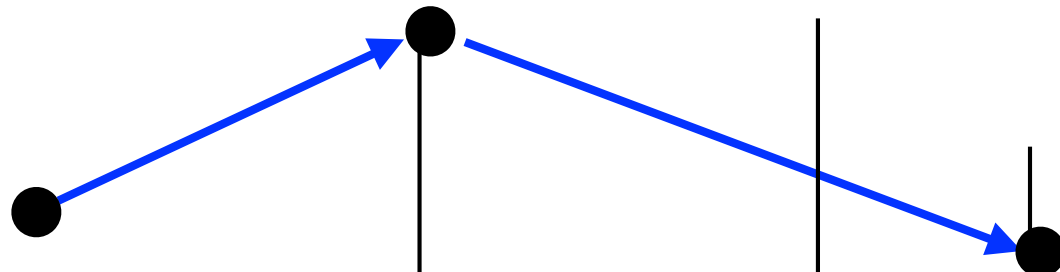


$$\text{Supp}(\gamma) = \{-7, -3, 2, 5, 9\}$$

Support

$\mathcal{C}$  dependency relation

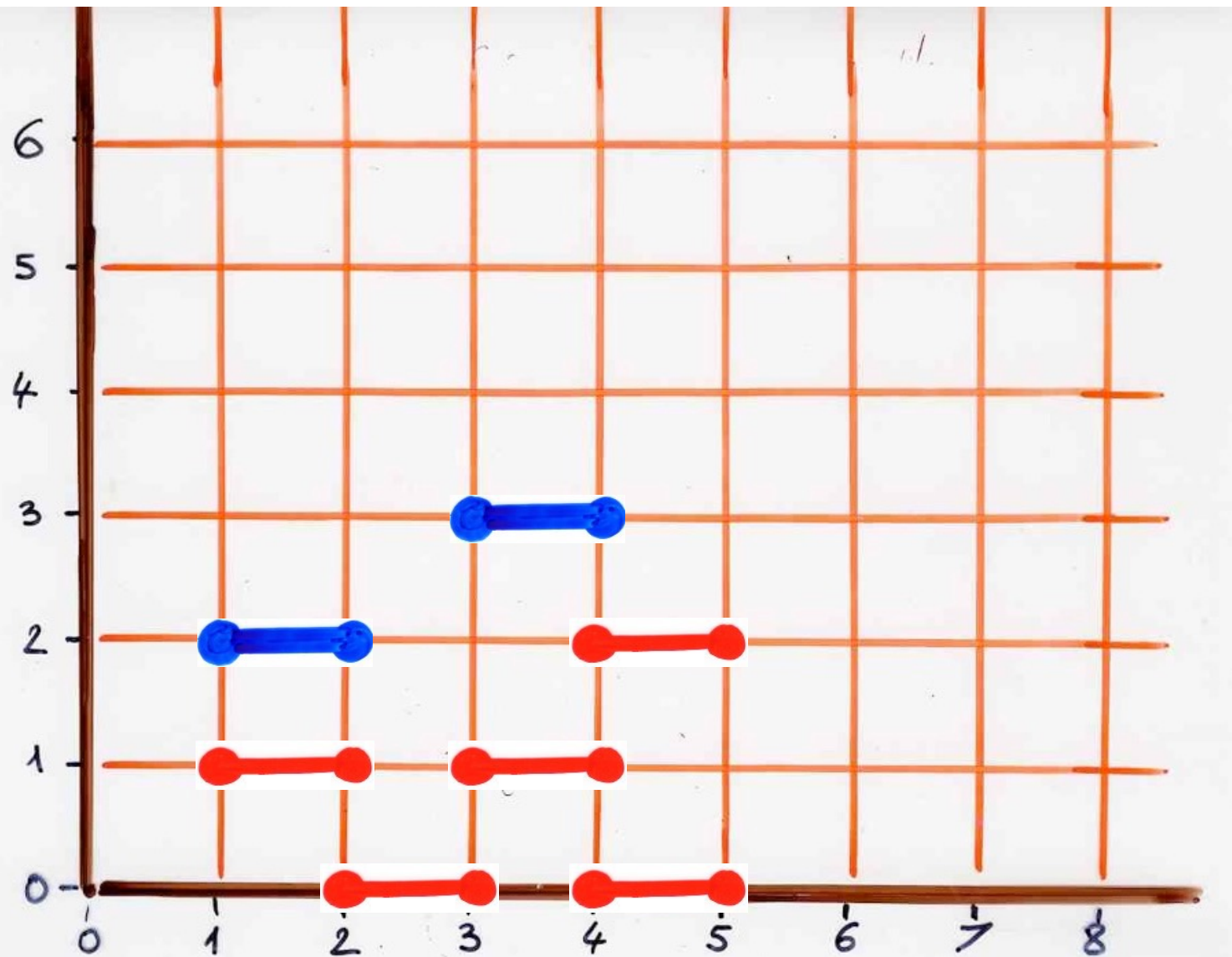
$$\gamma \mathcal{C} \delta \iff \text{Supp}(\gamma) \cap \text{Supp}(\delta) \neq \emptyset$$



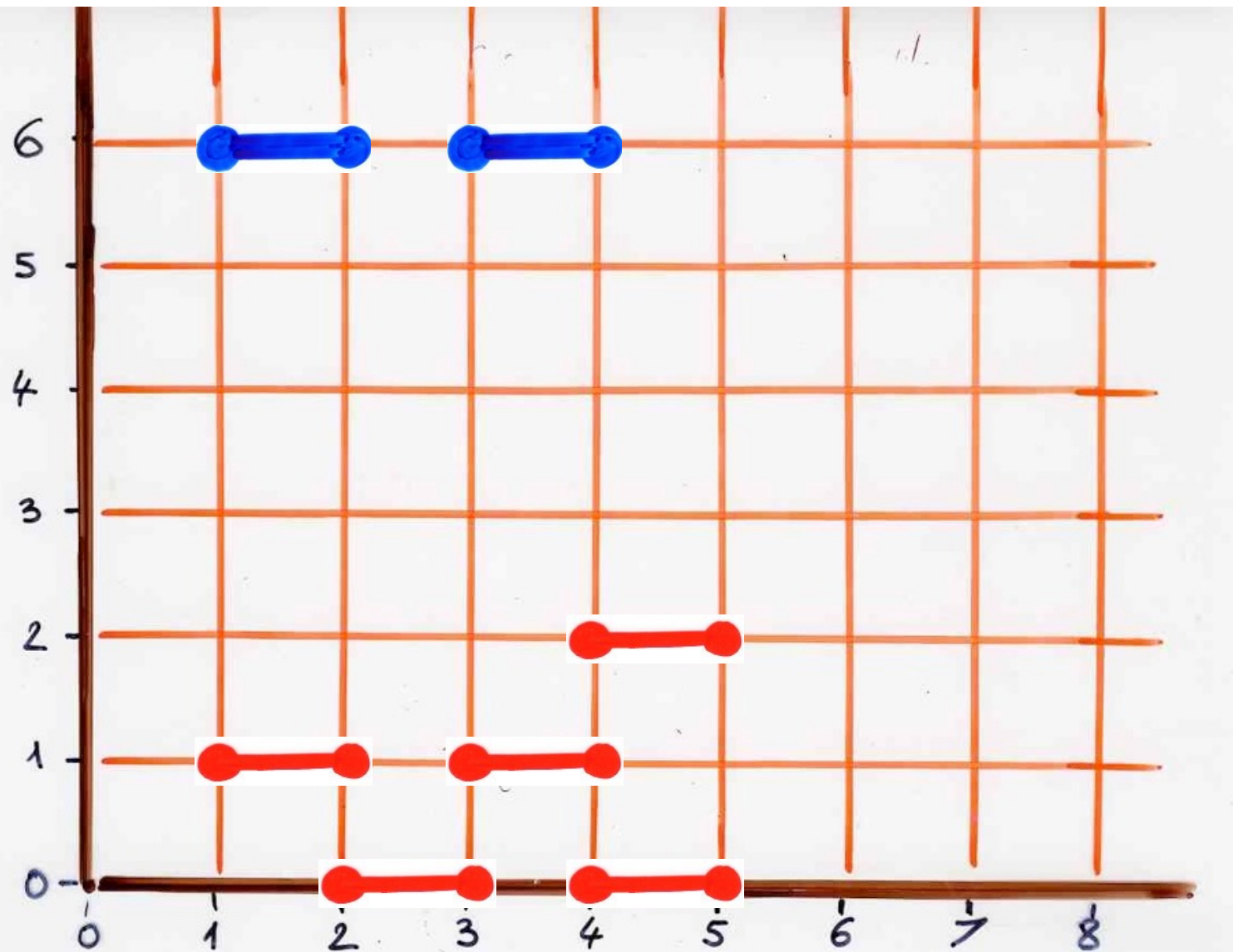
The diagram illustrates a network structure with nodes and edges. The nodes are represented by black circles, and the edges are represented by green and red arrows. The network is divided into two main sections by a vertical line. The left section contains a cycle of three nodes connected by green arrows. The right section contains a cycle of four nodes connected by green arrows. A red arrow points from a node in the right section to a node in the left section.



maximal pieces



maximal pieces



Bijection

$u, v \in X$

path  $\omega$   
on  $X$

$\longleftrightarrow (\eta, E)$

going from  $u$  to  $v$

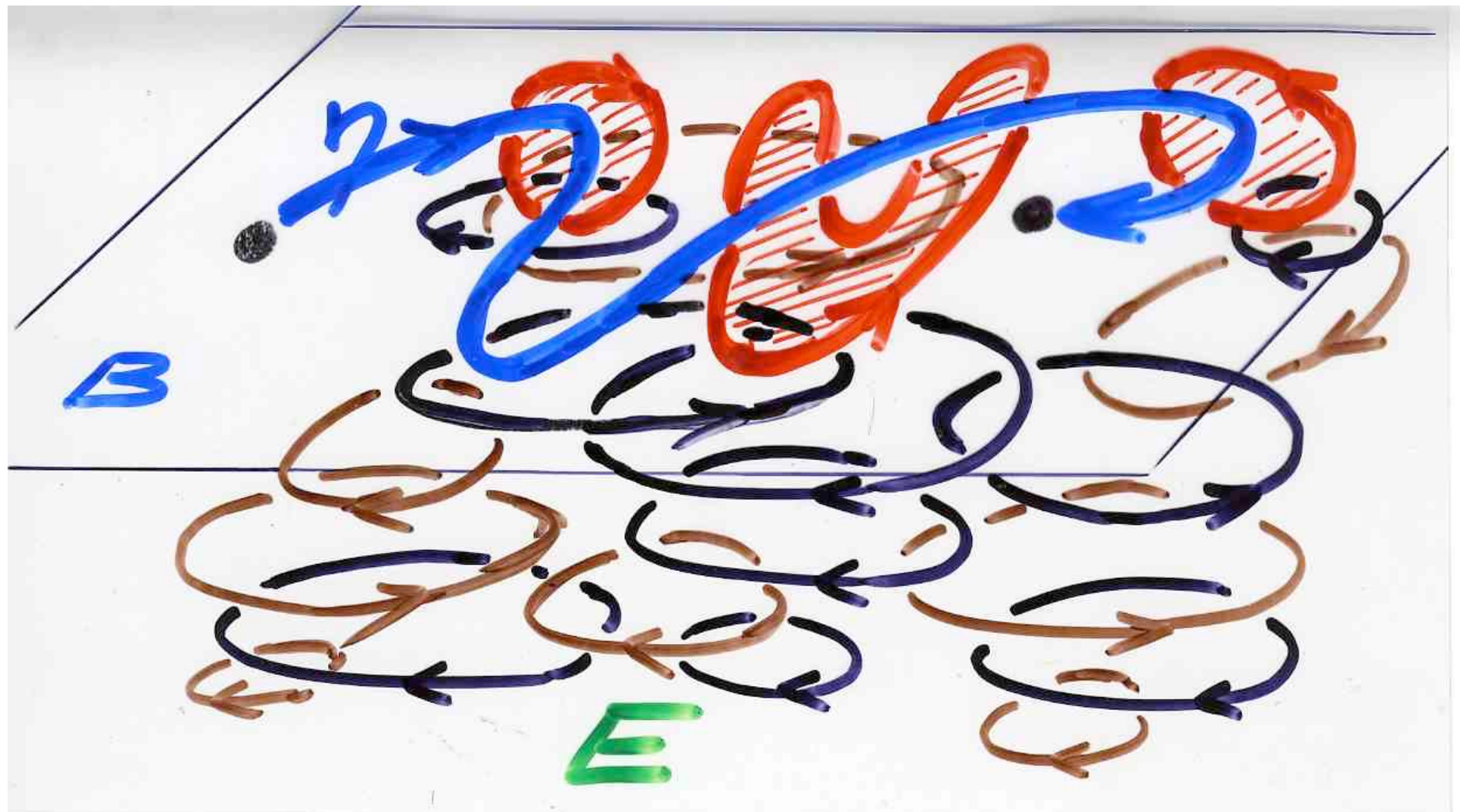
- $\eta$  self-avoiding path going from  $u$  to  $v$

- $E$  heap of cycles such that the projections  $\alpha = \pi(m)$  of the maximal pieces intersect  $\eta$

( $\alpha$  cycle and  $\eta$  path) has a common vertex



The bijection  $\chi$



Bijection

$$u, v \in X$$

path  $\omega$   
on  $X$

$$\longleftrightarrow (\eta, E)$$

going from  $u$  to  $v$

Weight on the edges of the path

for any  $s, t \in X$

the numbers of occurrences of  
the edge  $(s, t)$  in  $\omega$  and in  
 $(\eta, E)$  are the same.

$$\Rightarrow v(\omega) = v(\eta)v(E)$$

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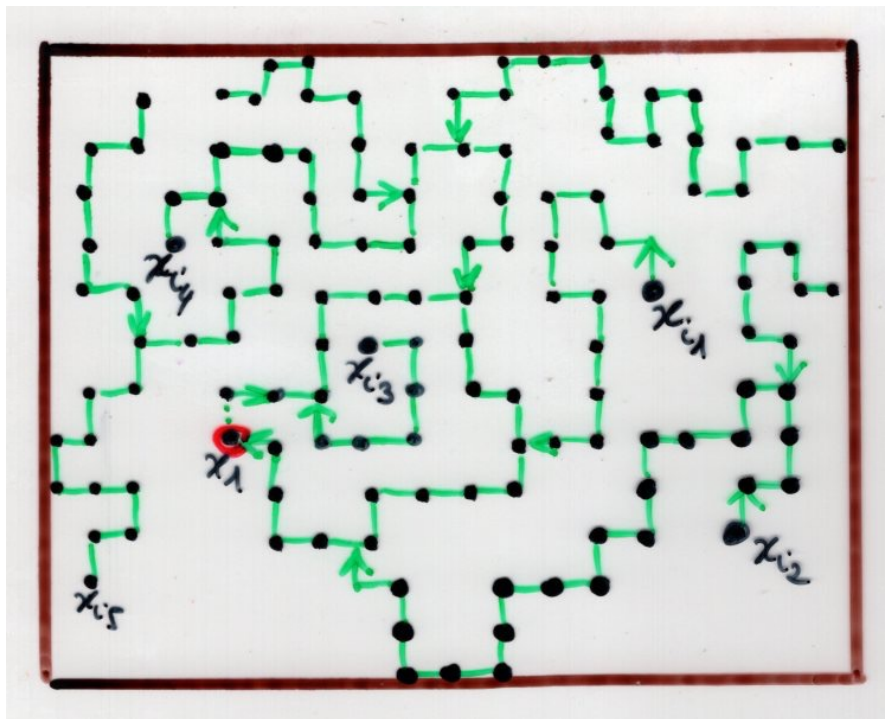
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spanning tree.

Wilson's algorithm

More details in the video-book « ABjC », Part II, *Commutations and heaps of pieces with interactions in physics, mathematics and computer science*

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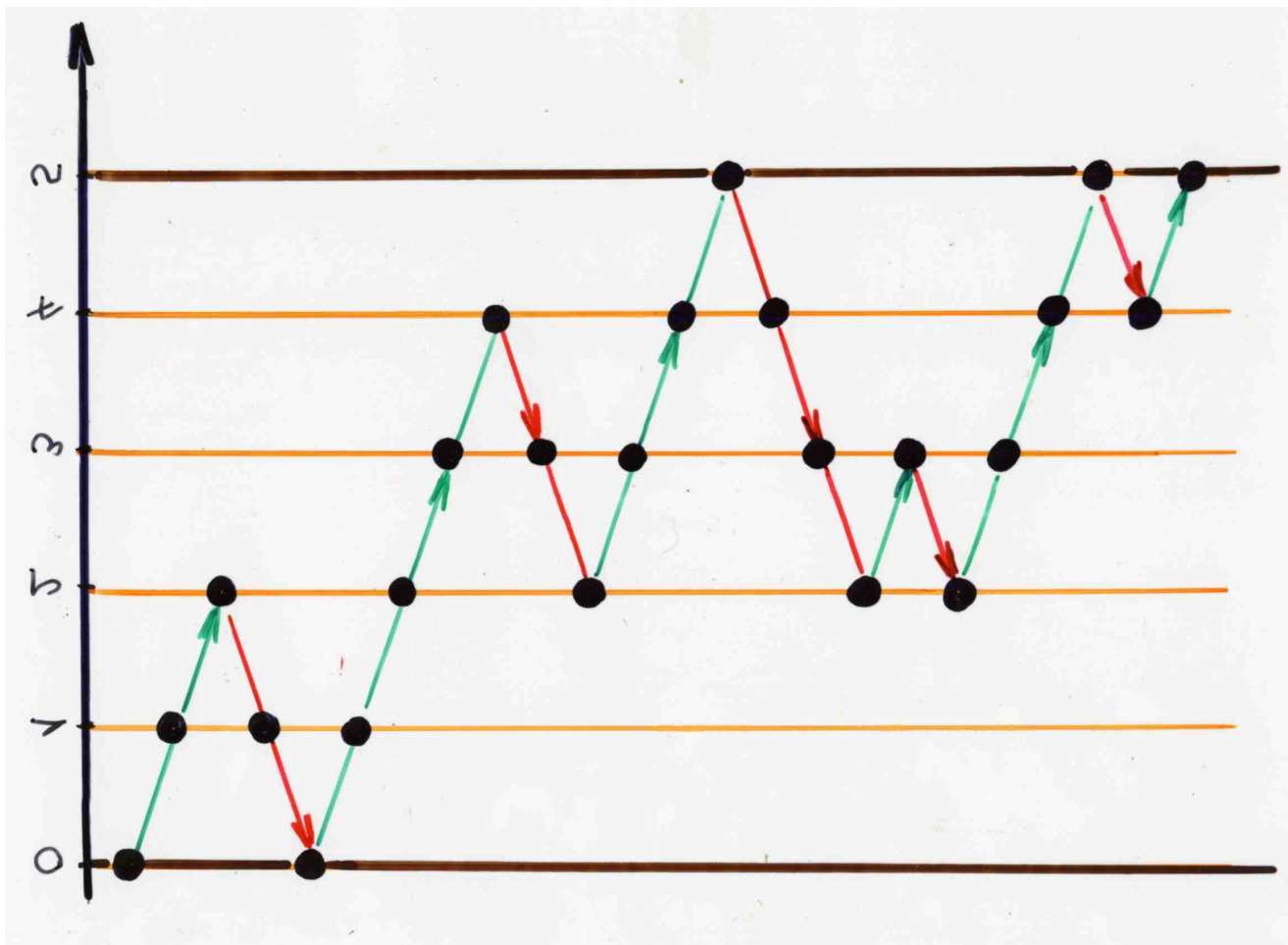
Chapter 3b, [www.viennot.org/abjc2-ch3.html](http://www.viennot.org/abjc2-ch3.html)

- Description of the bijection paths — heaps, pp 26-39
- LERW, pp 66-72
- Spanning trees, pp 73-79
- Wilson algorithm, pp 80-91 and Chapter 5b, pp 66-79



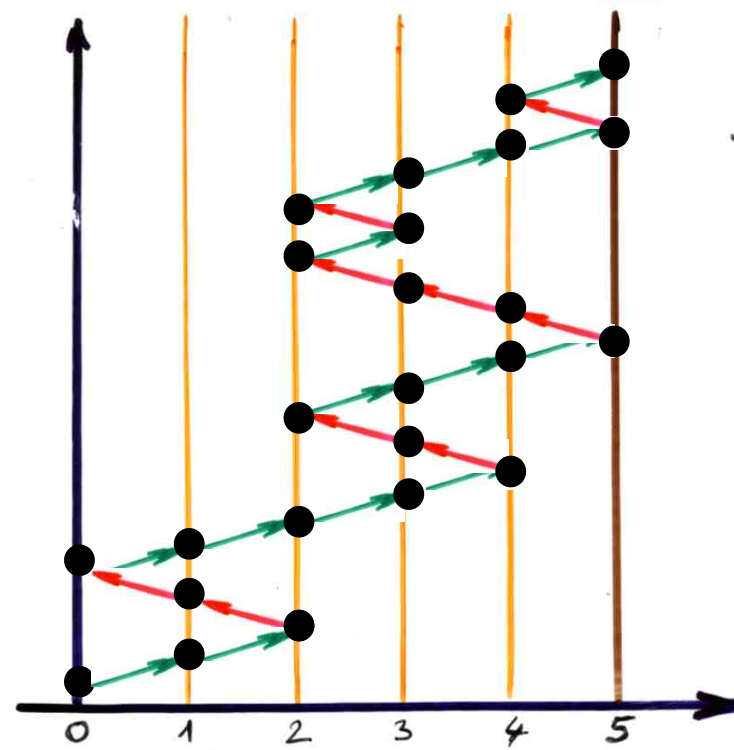
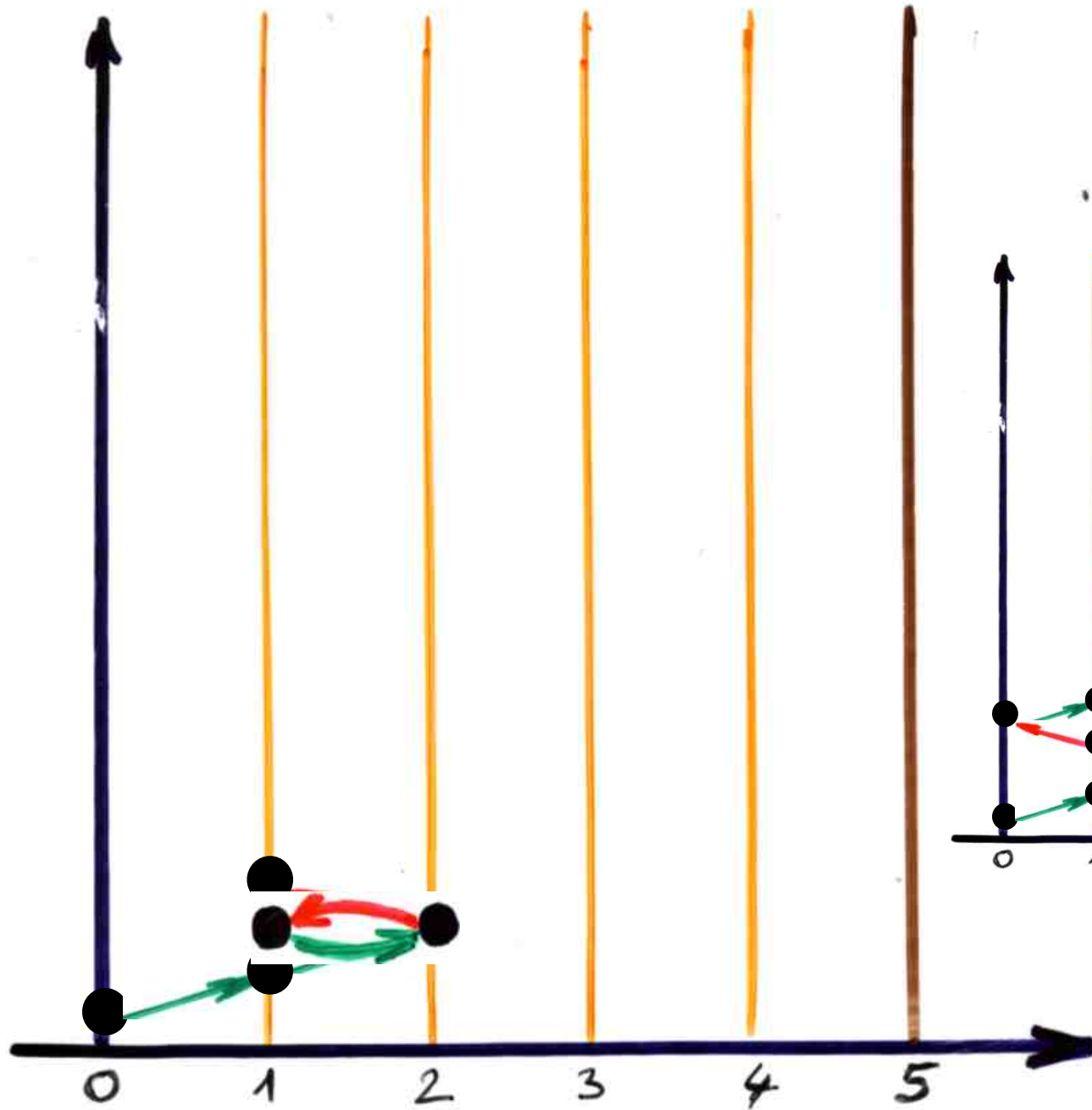
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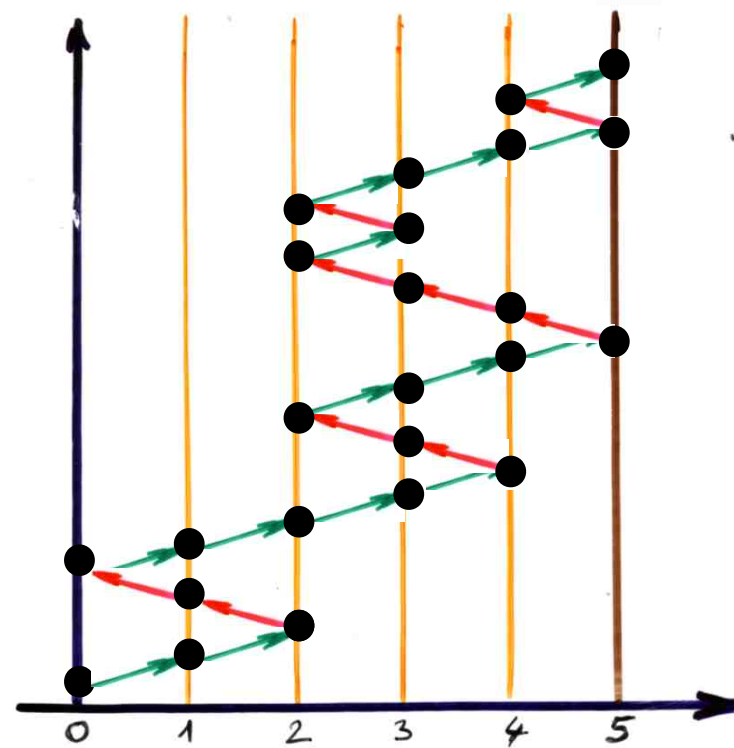
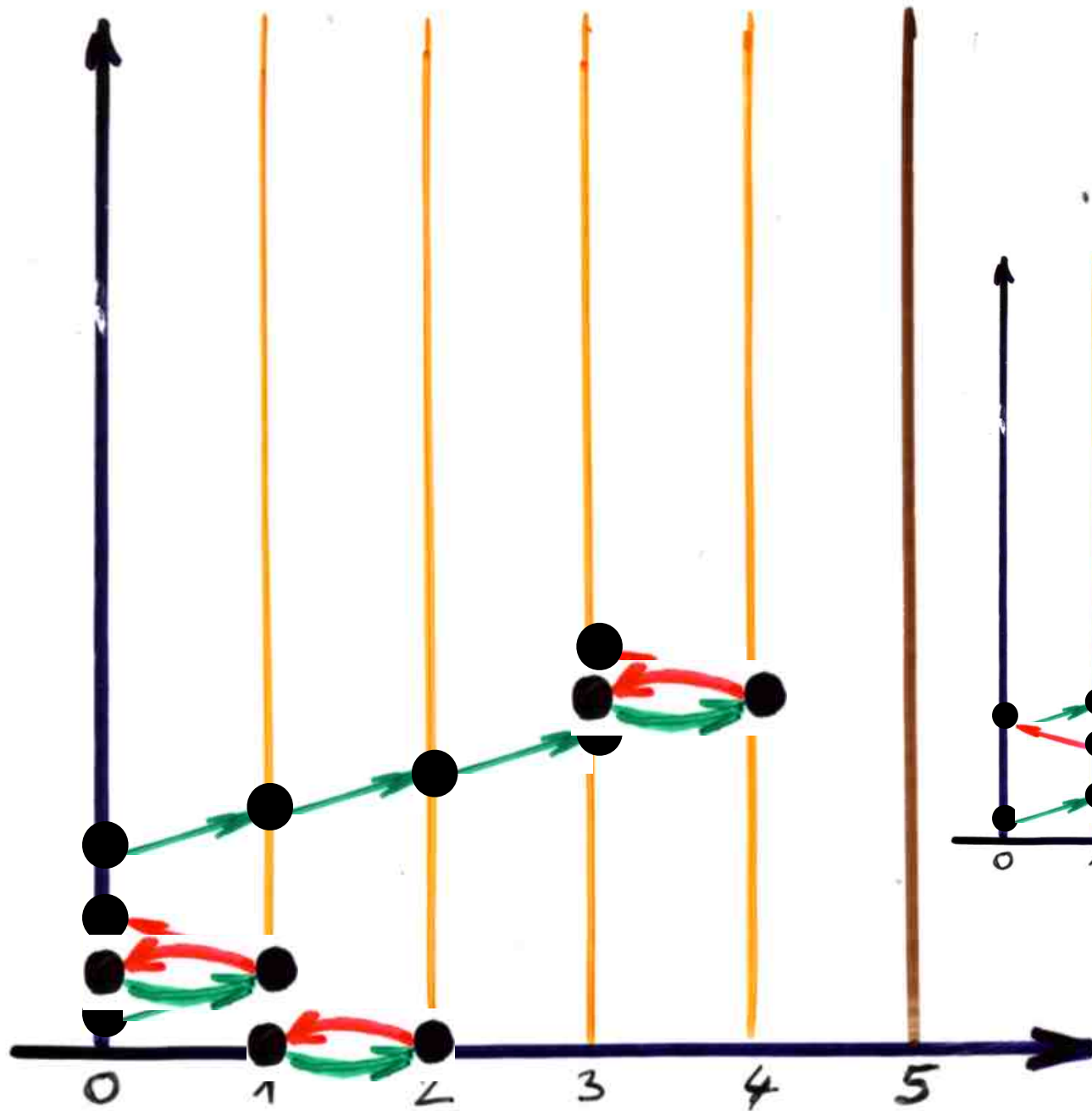


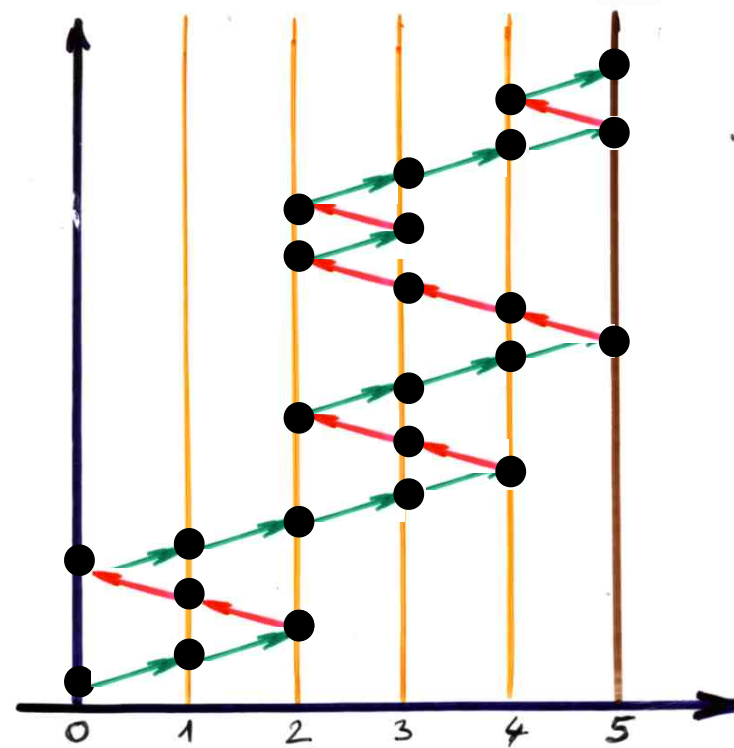
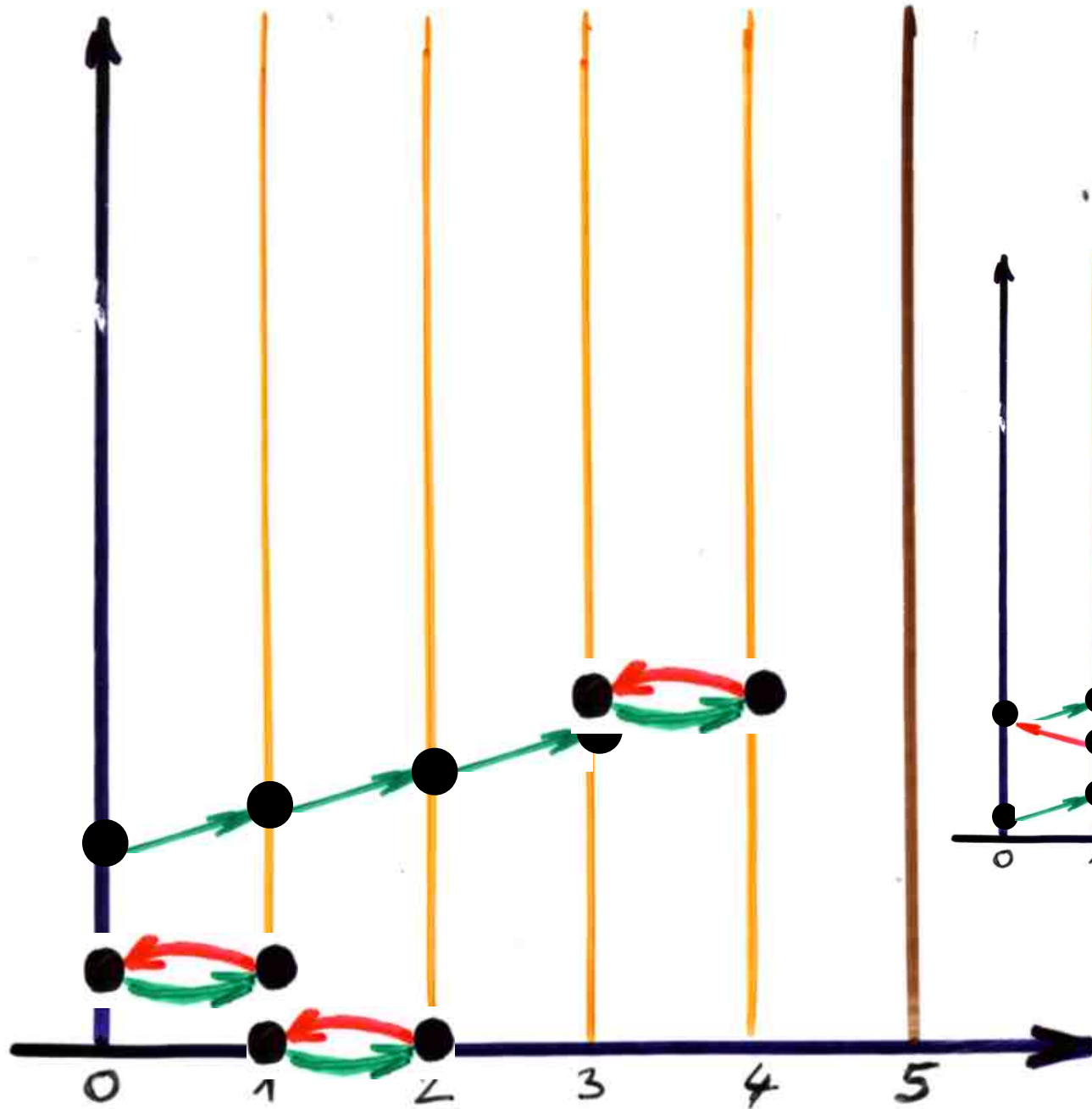


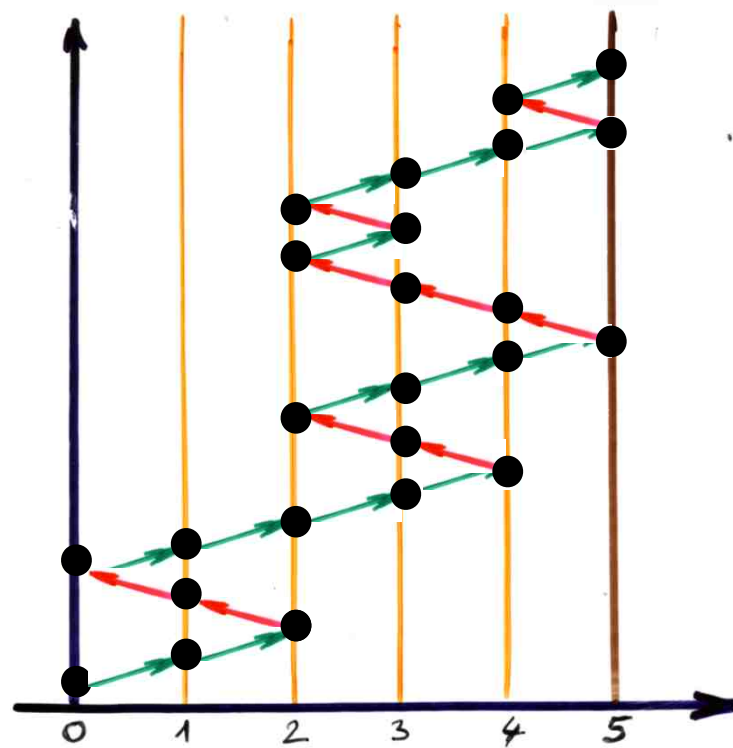
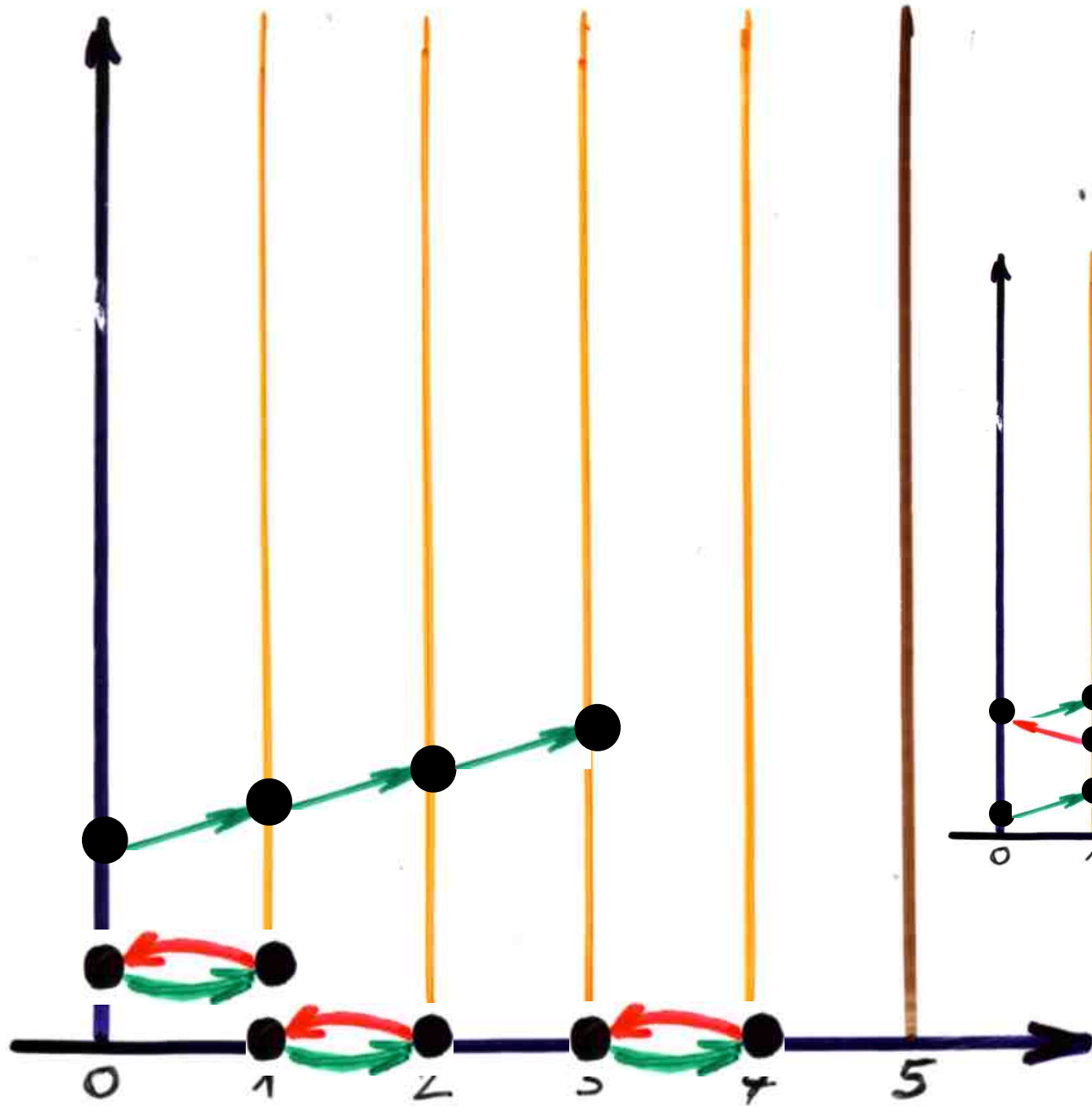
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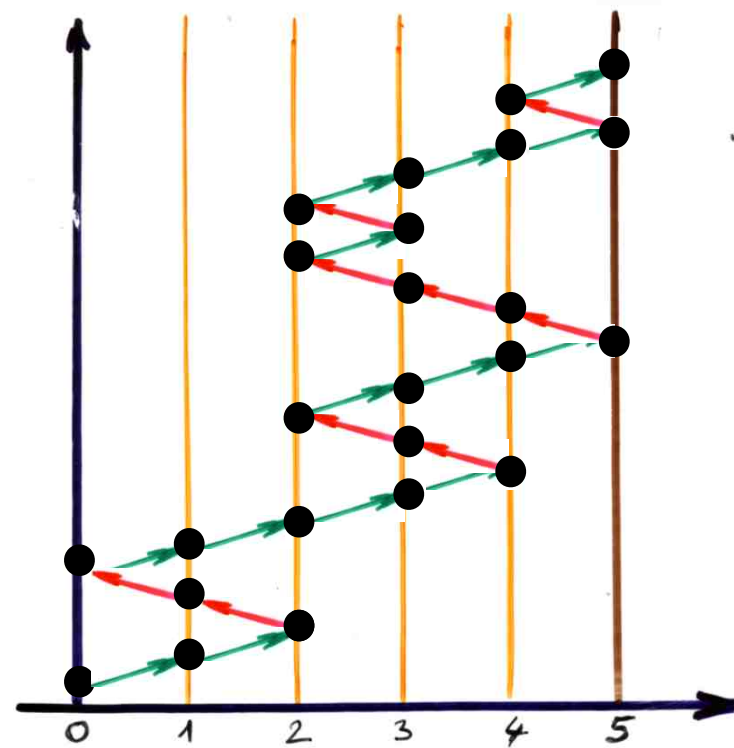


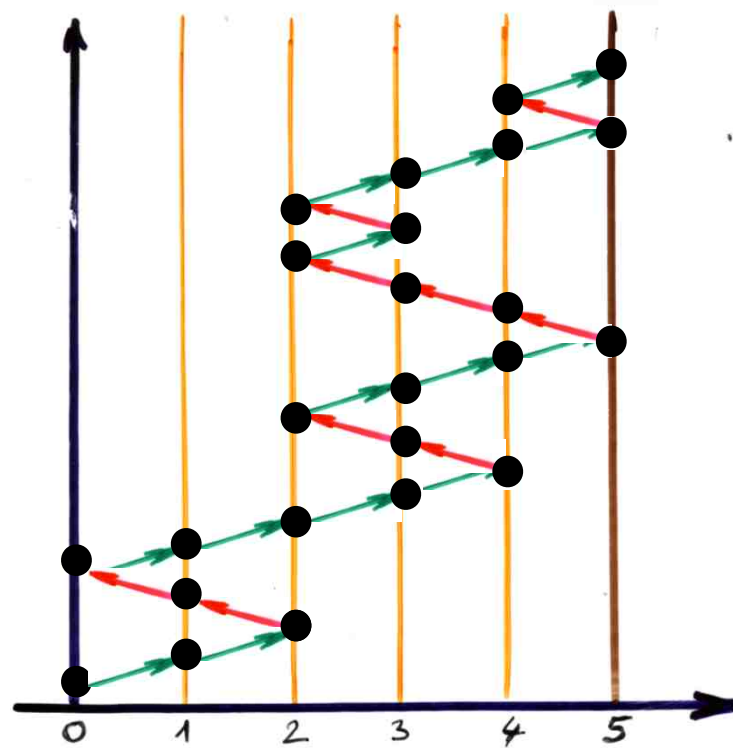
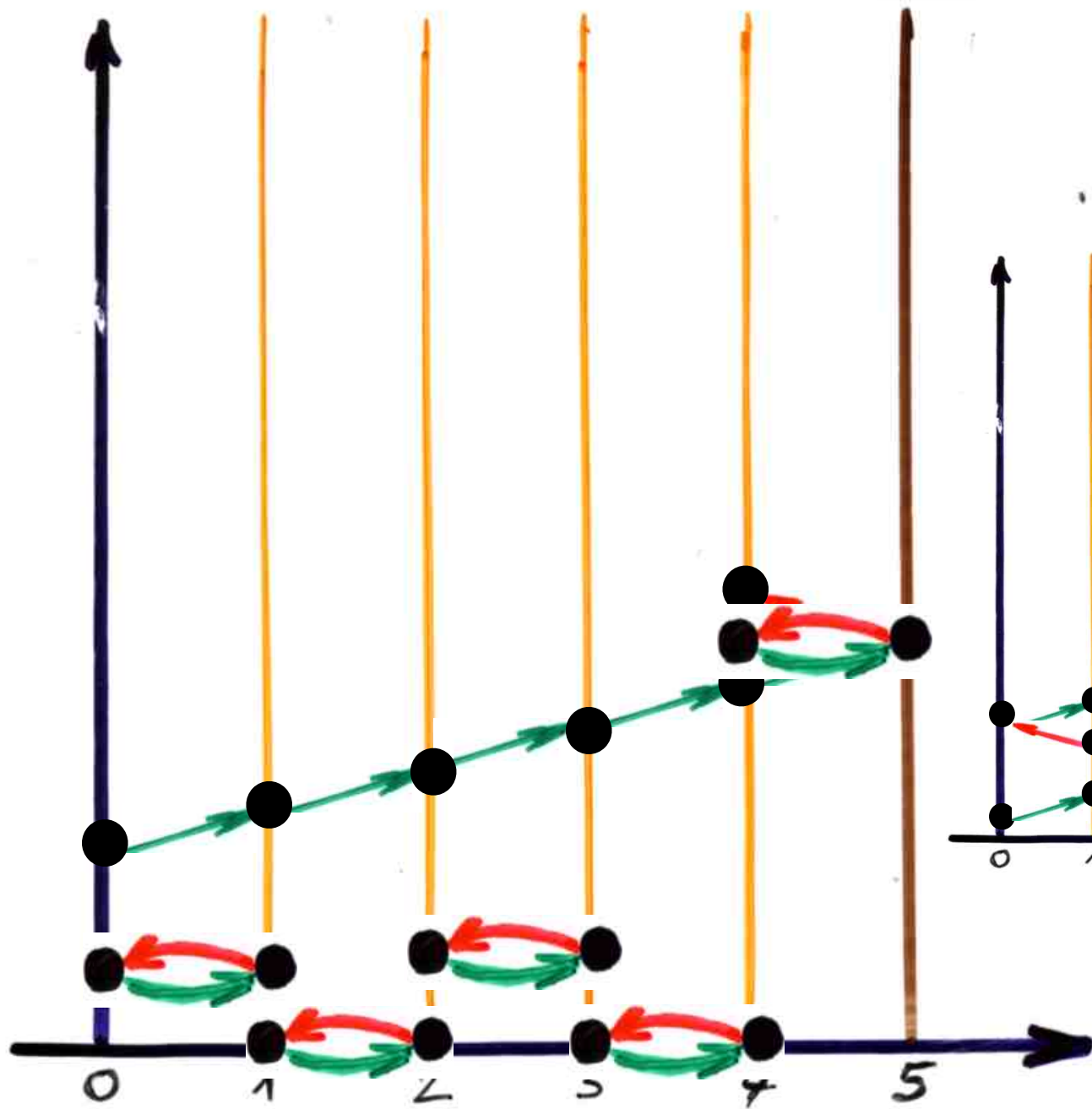


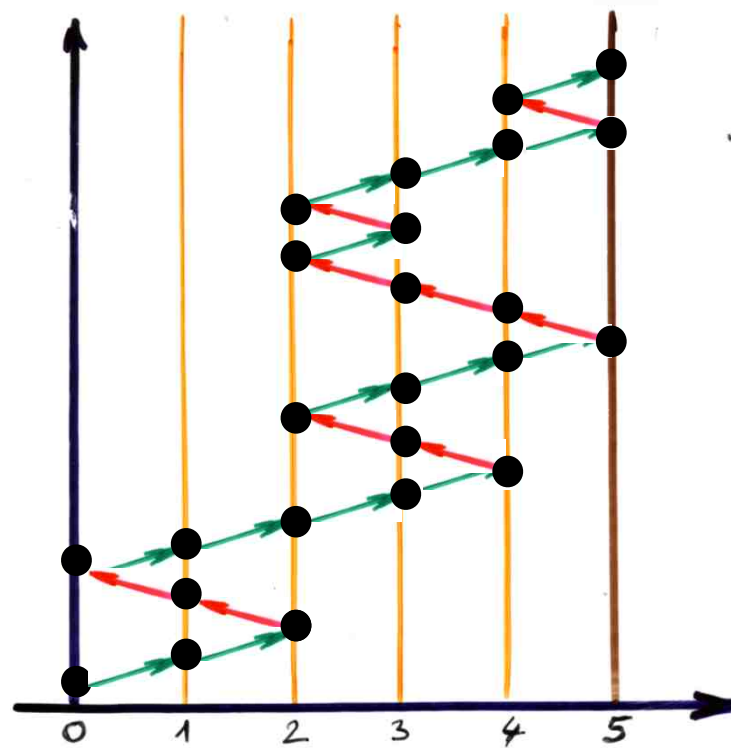
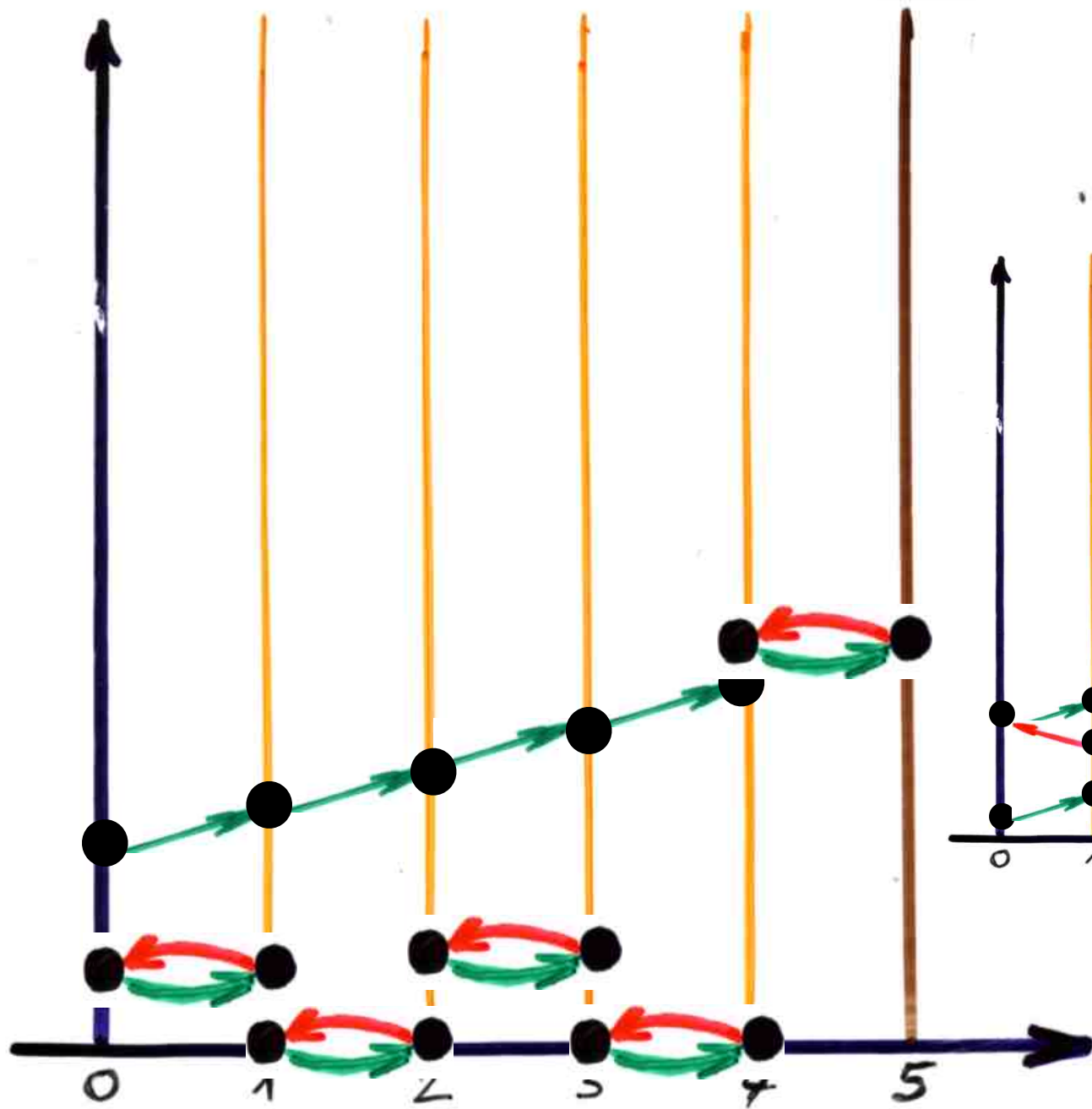




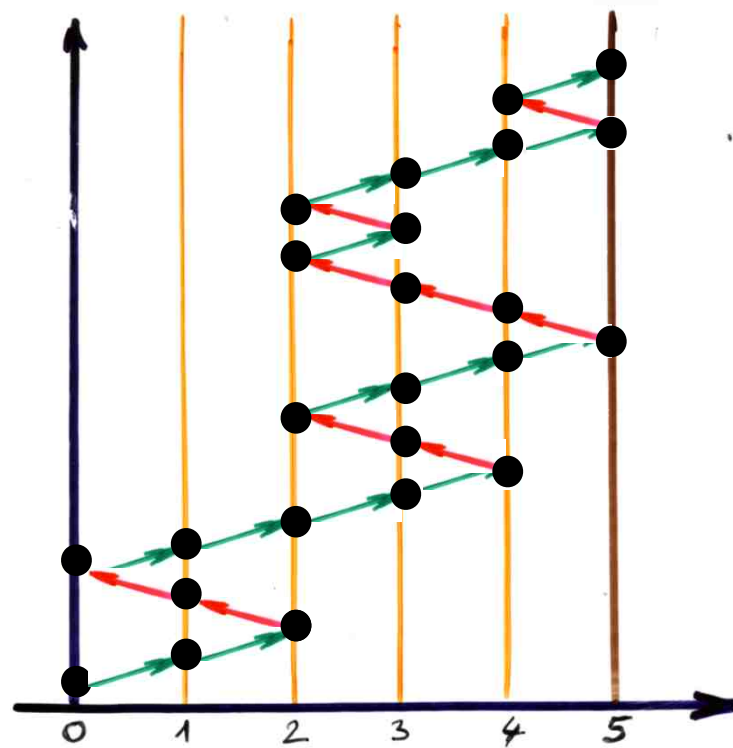
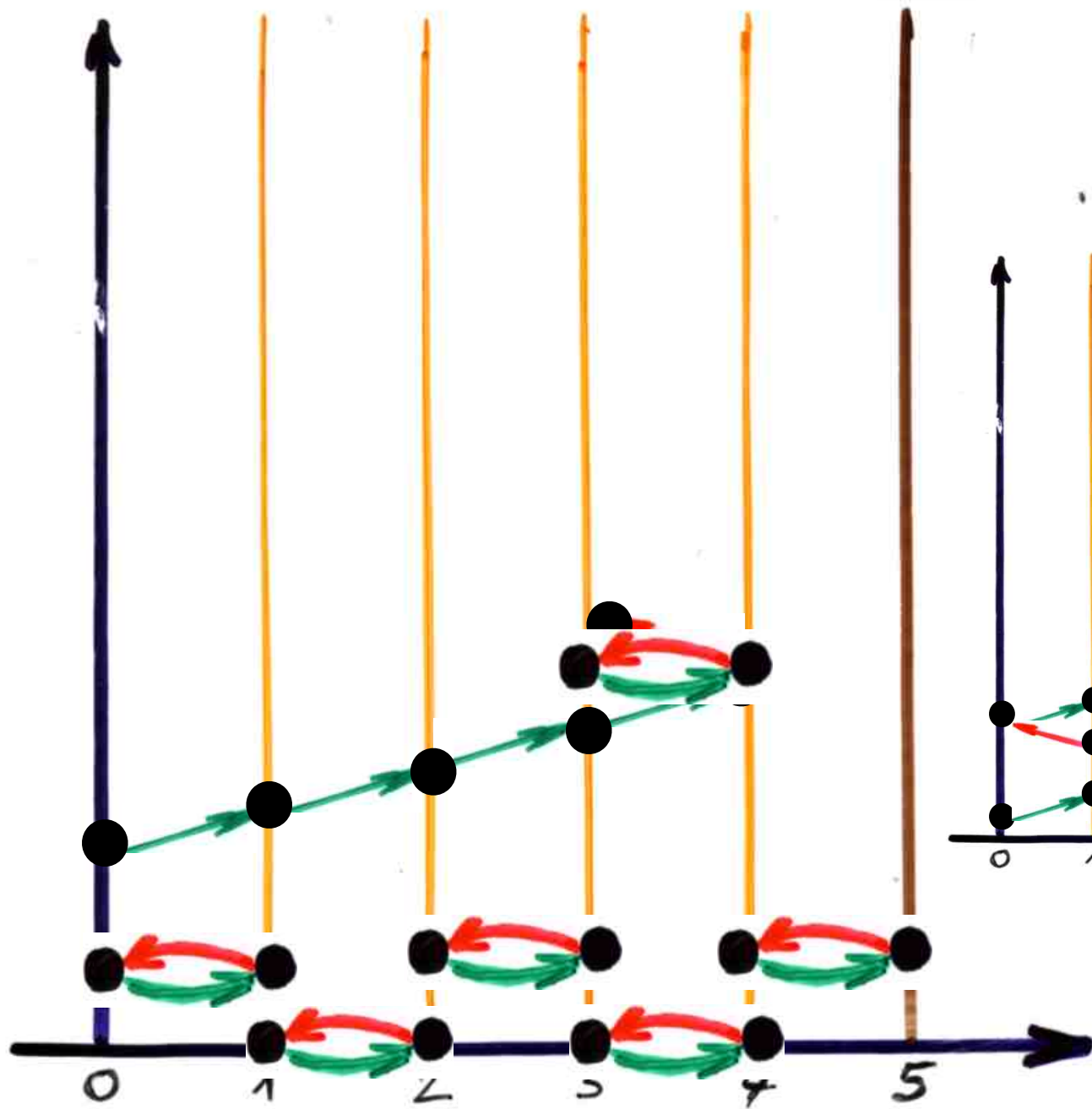


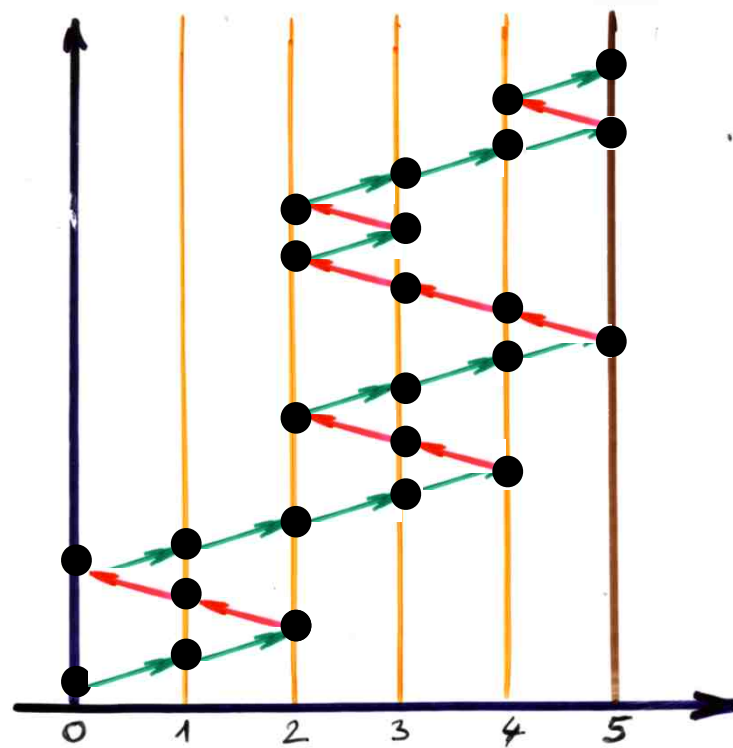
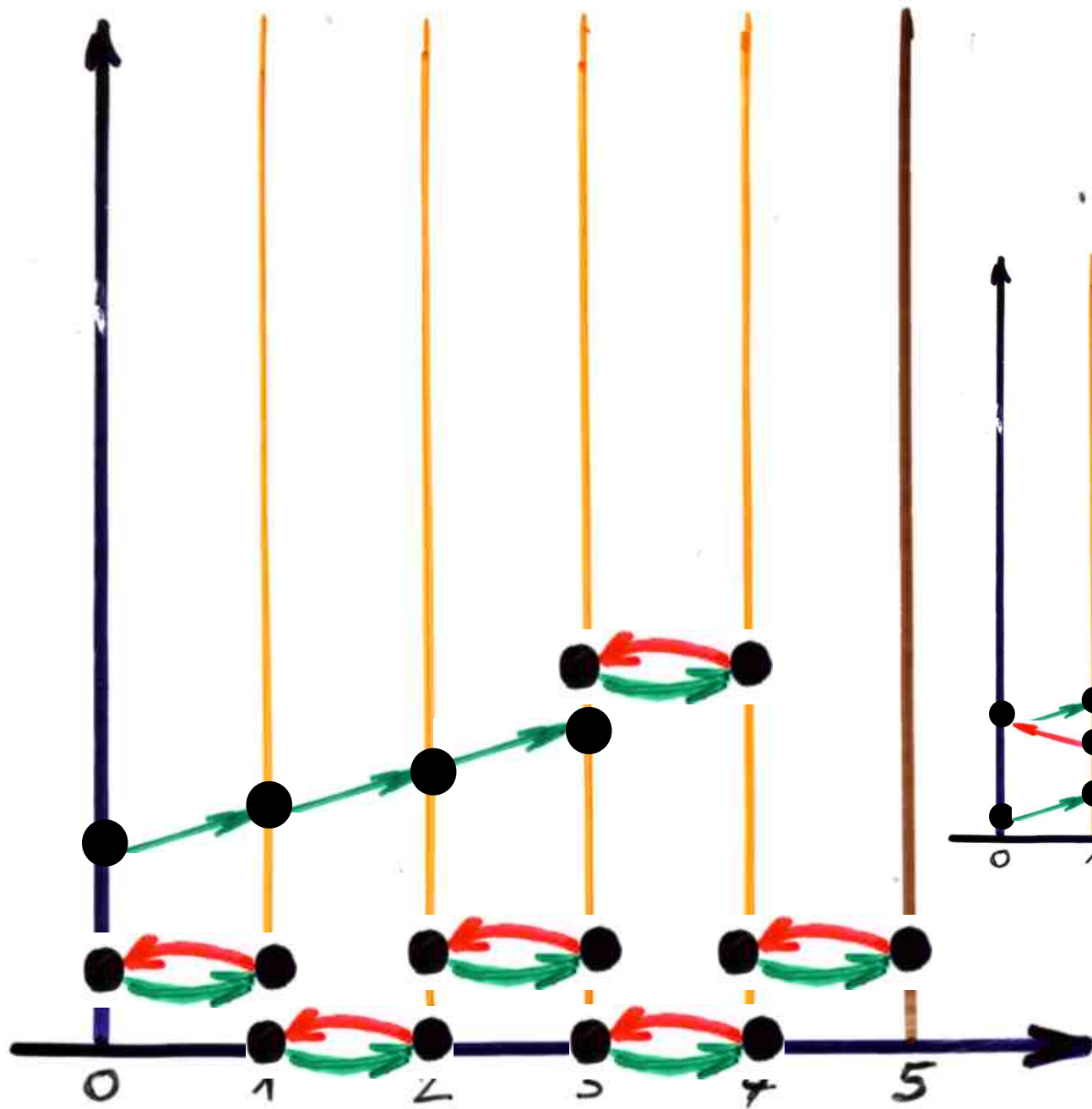


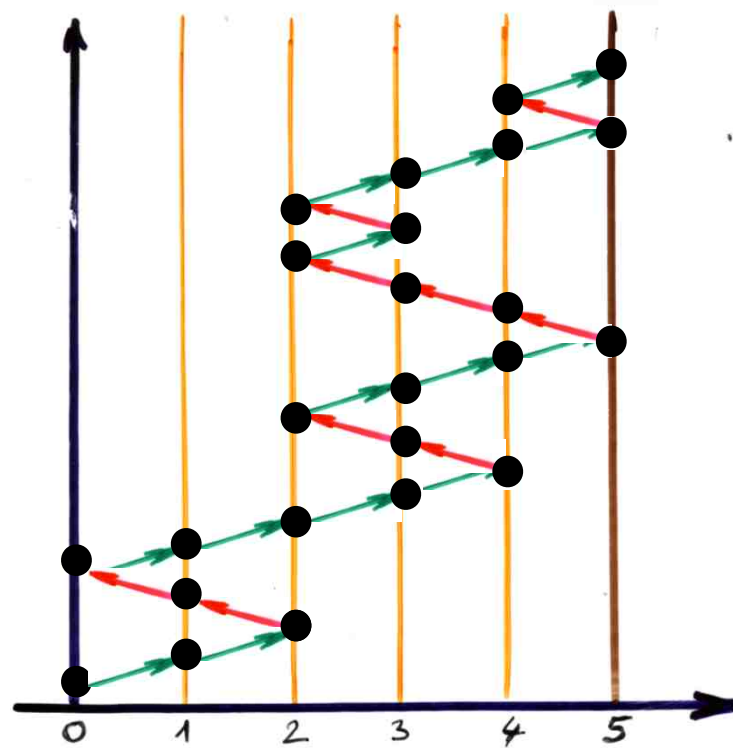
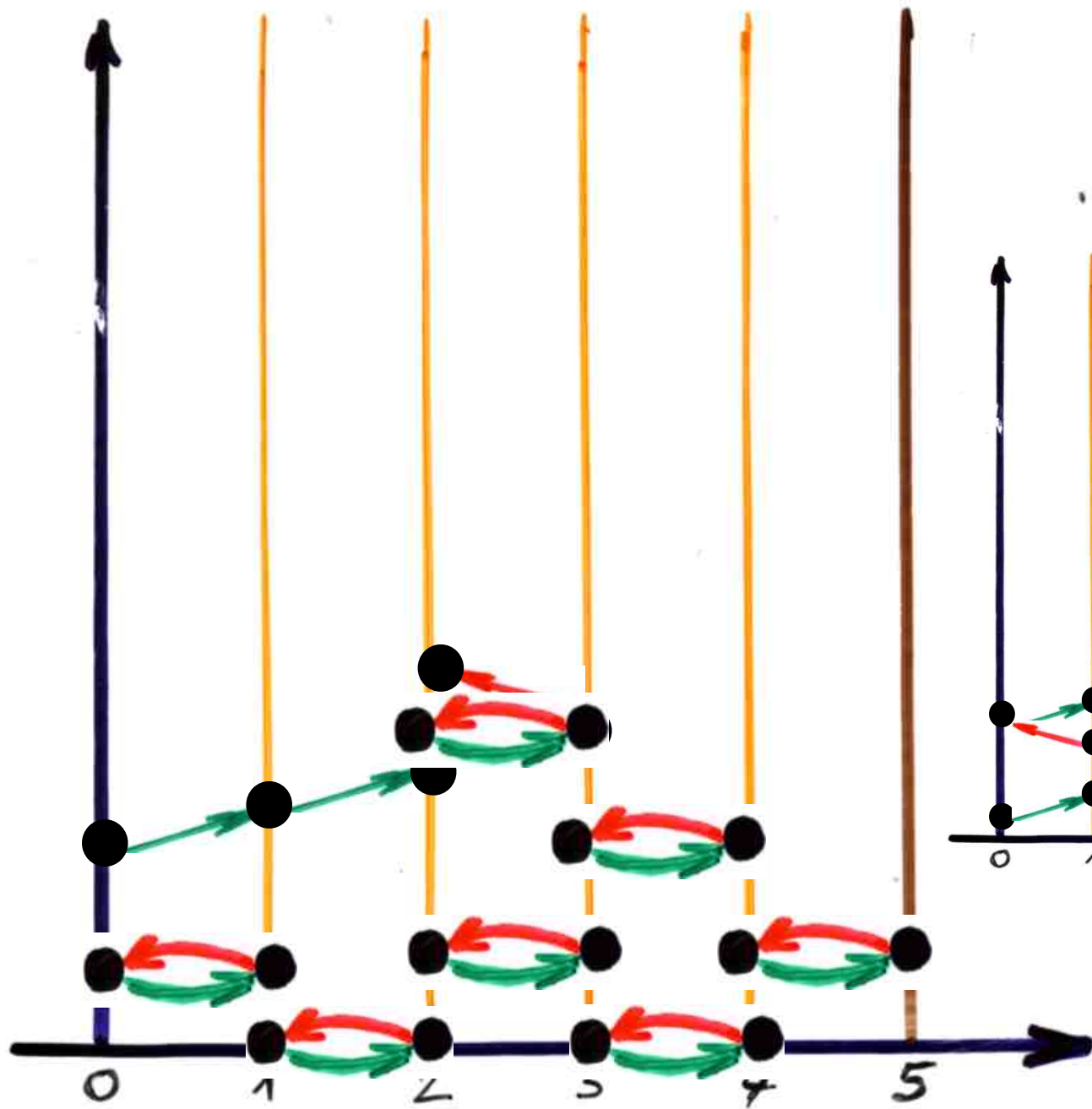


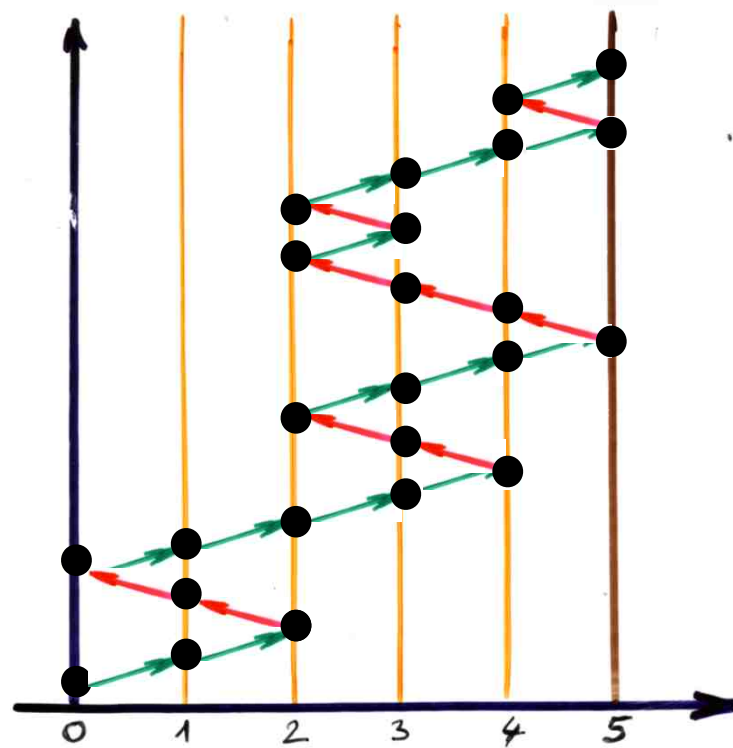
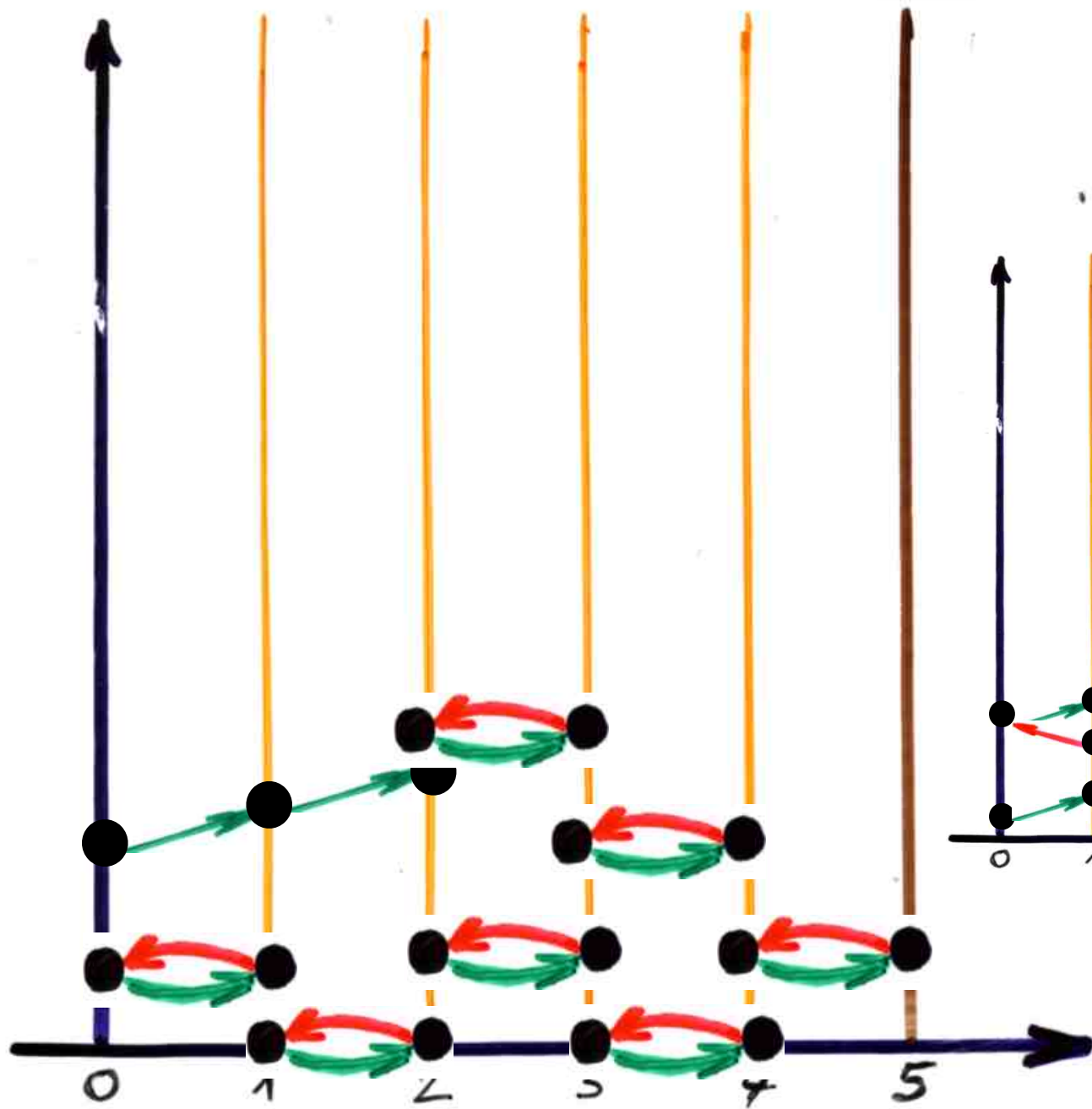




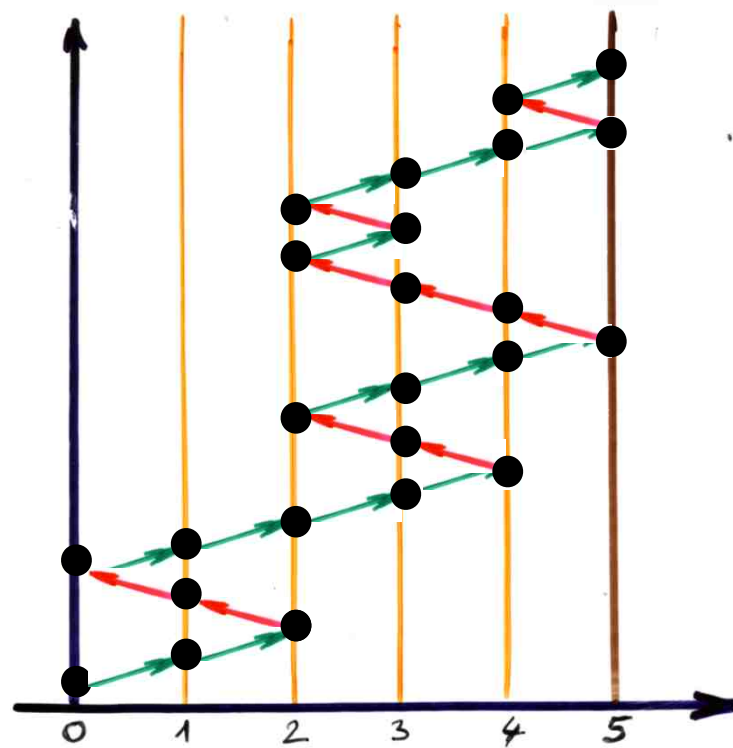
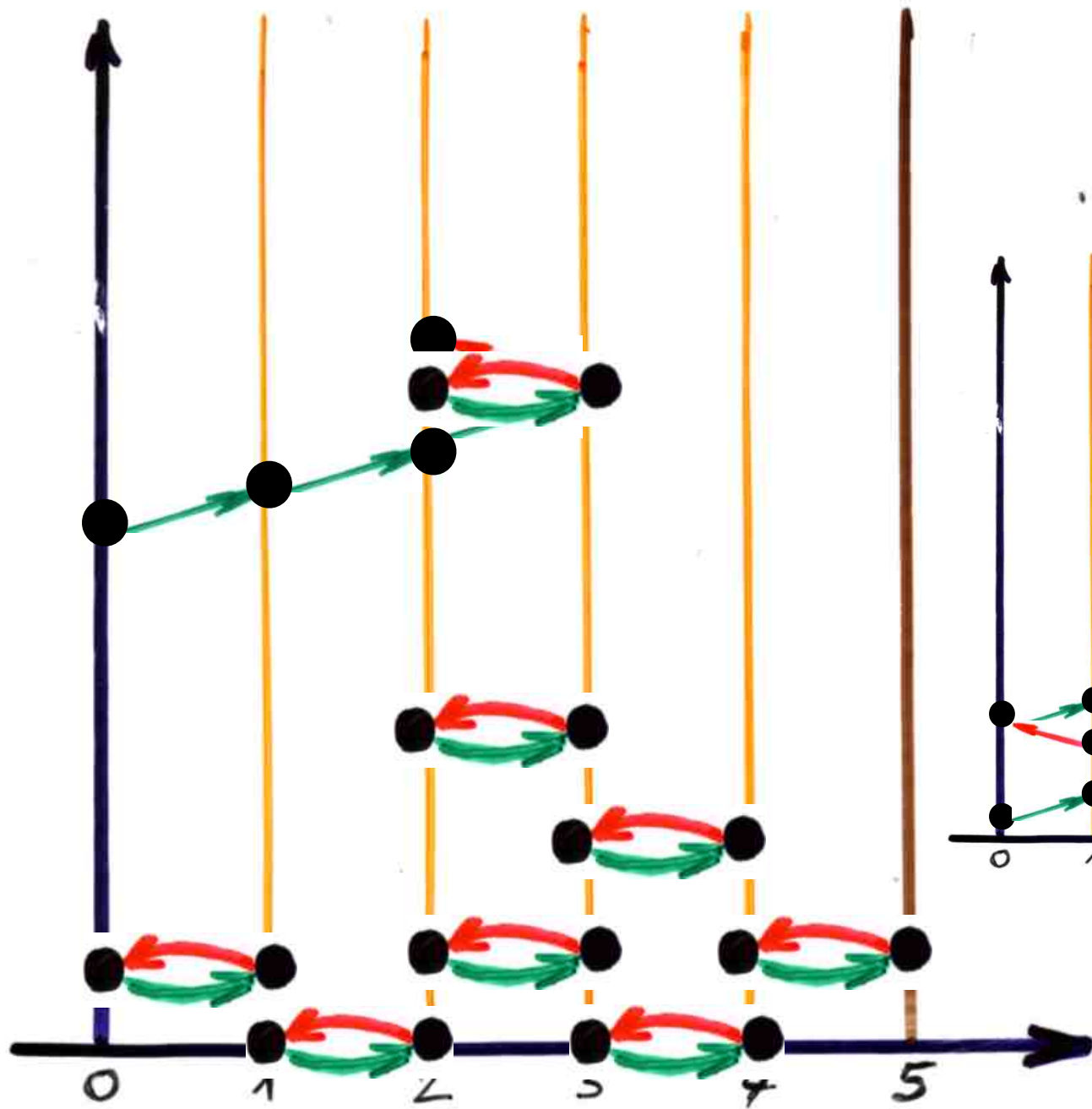


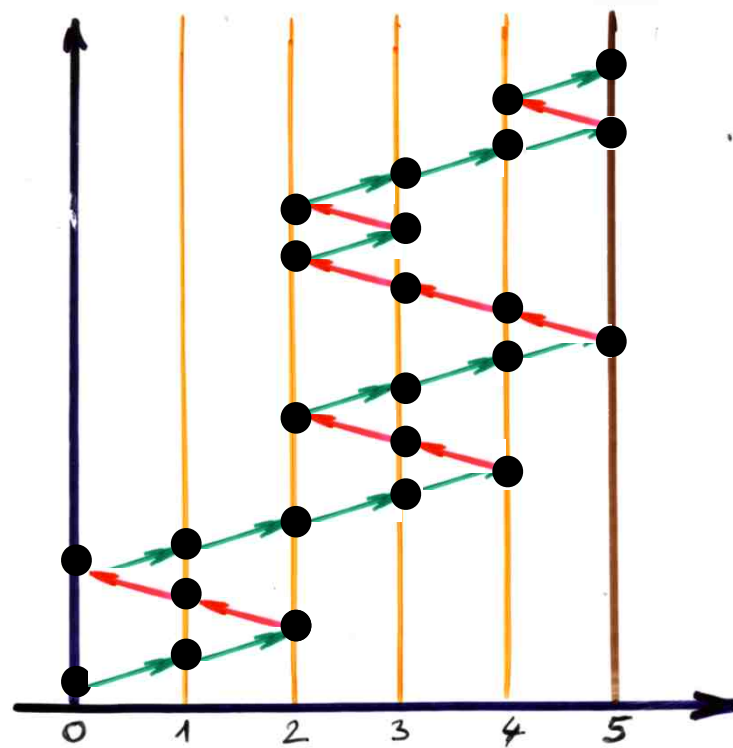
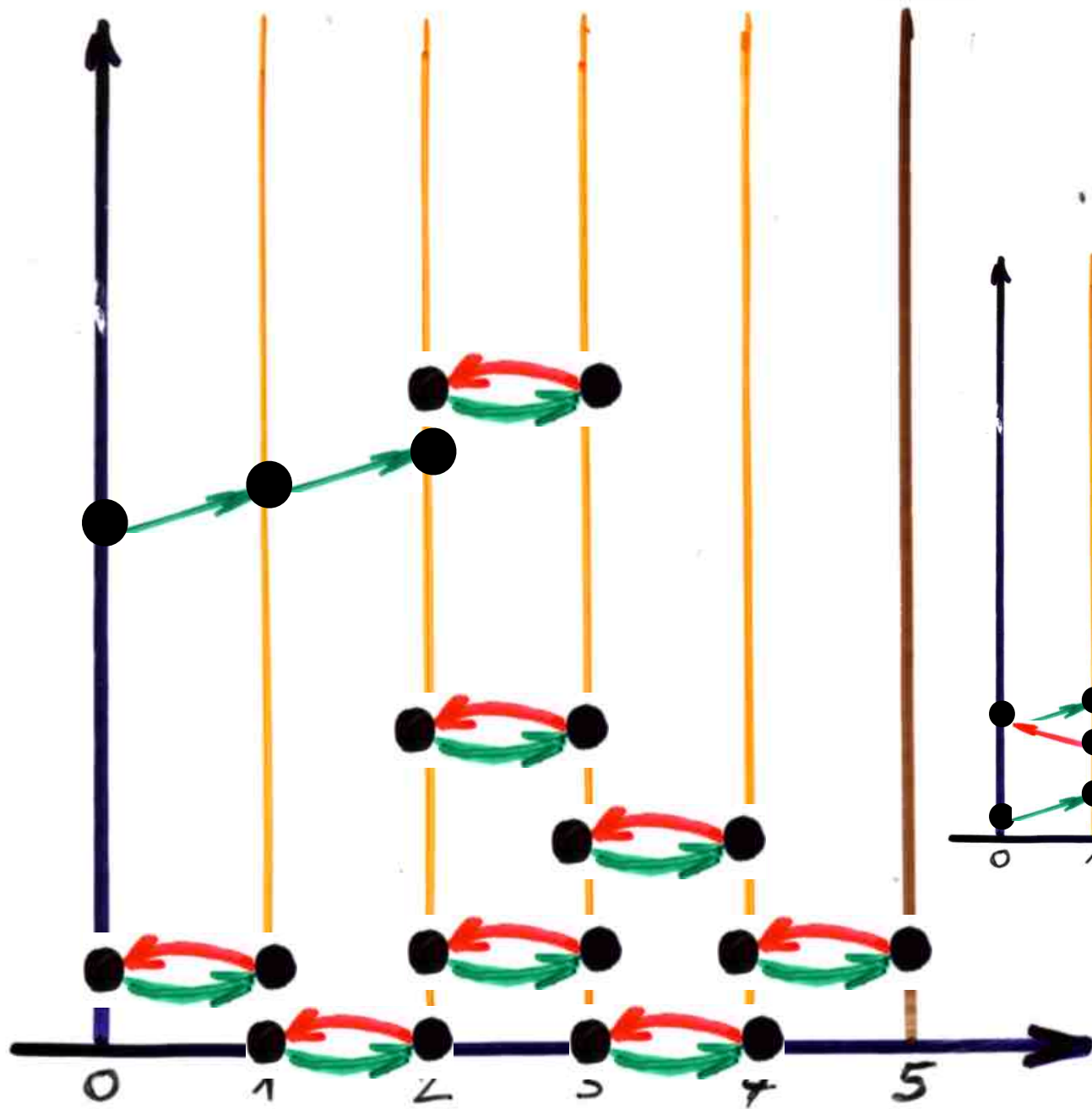


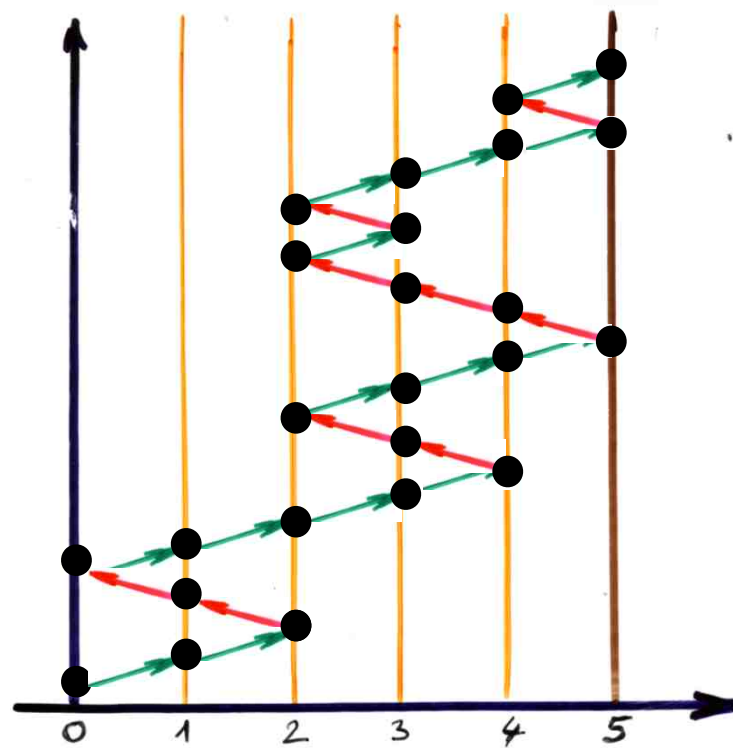
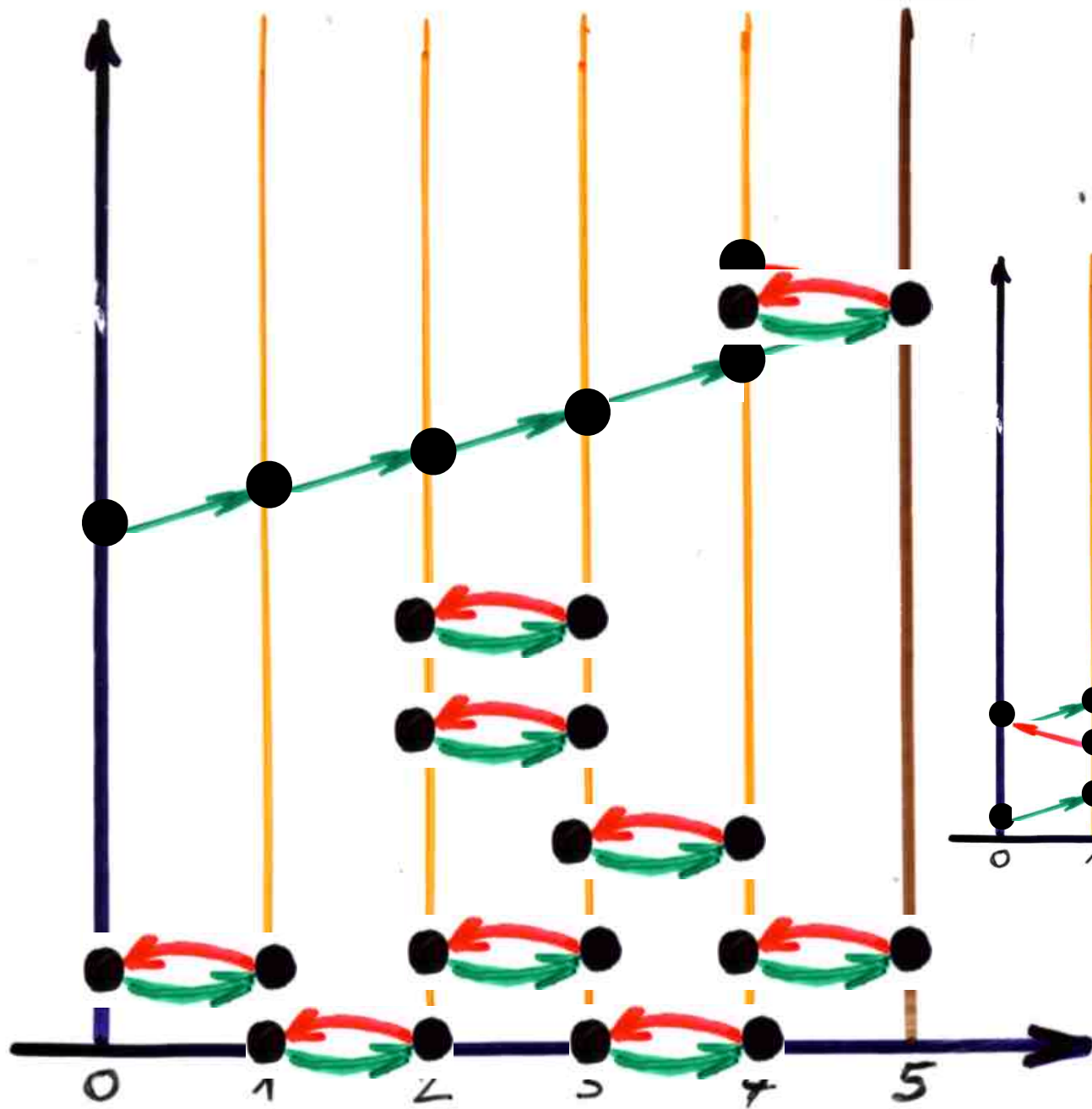


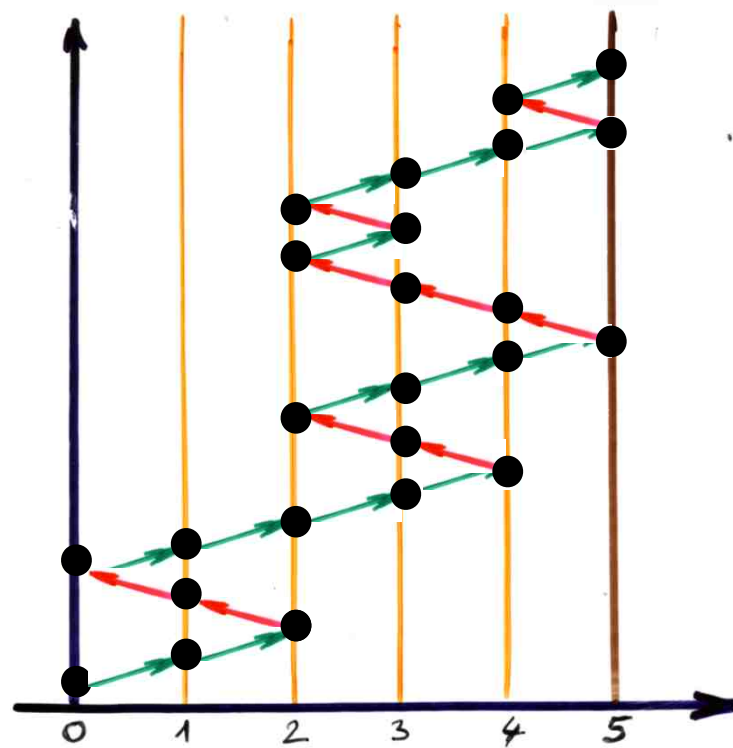
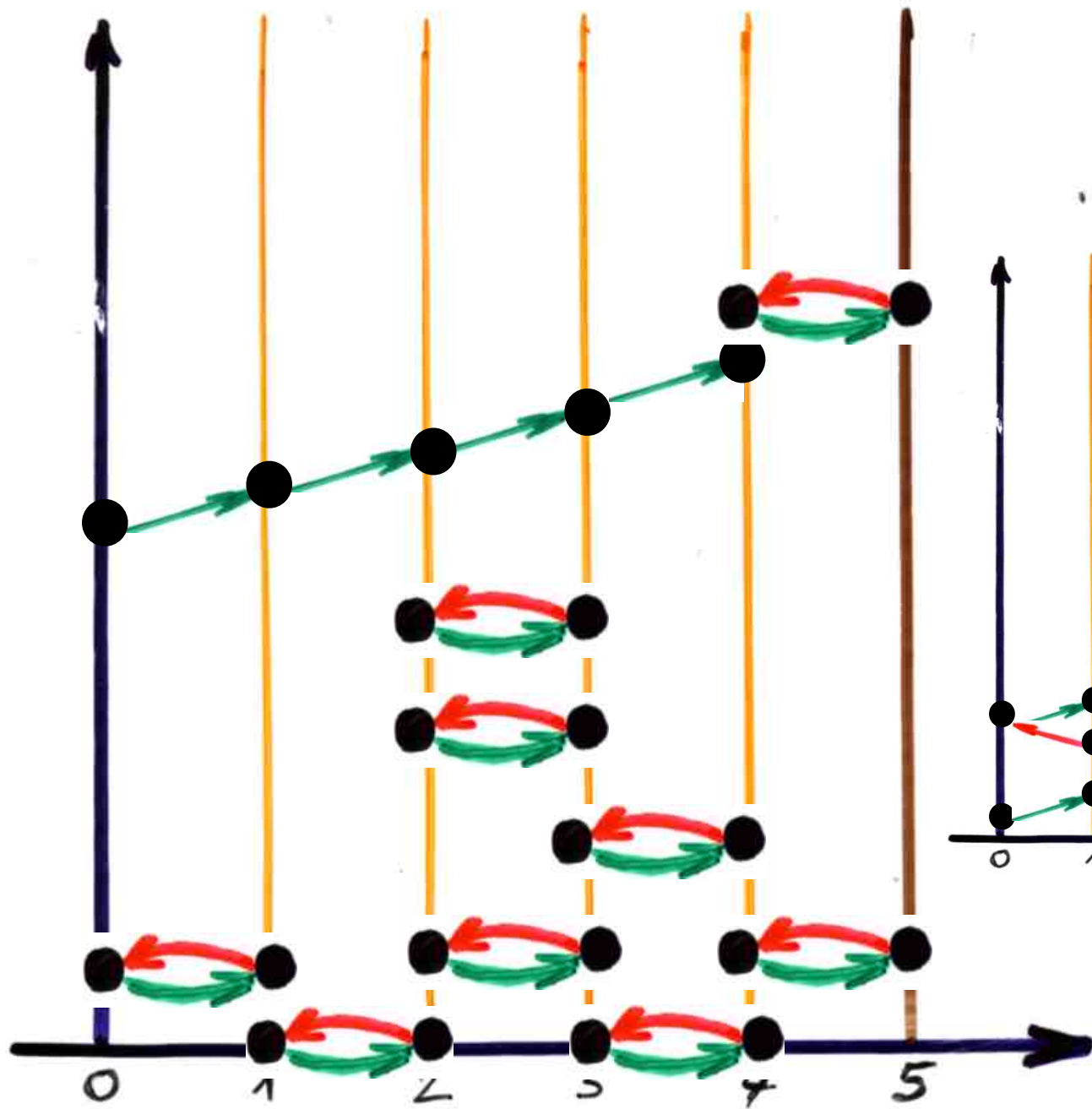




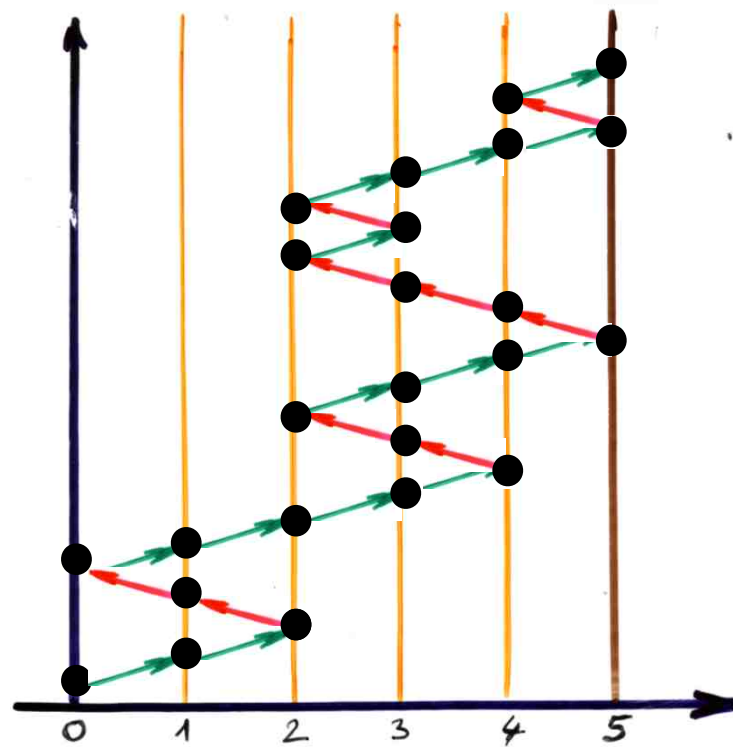
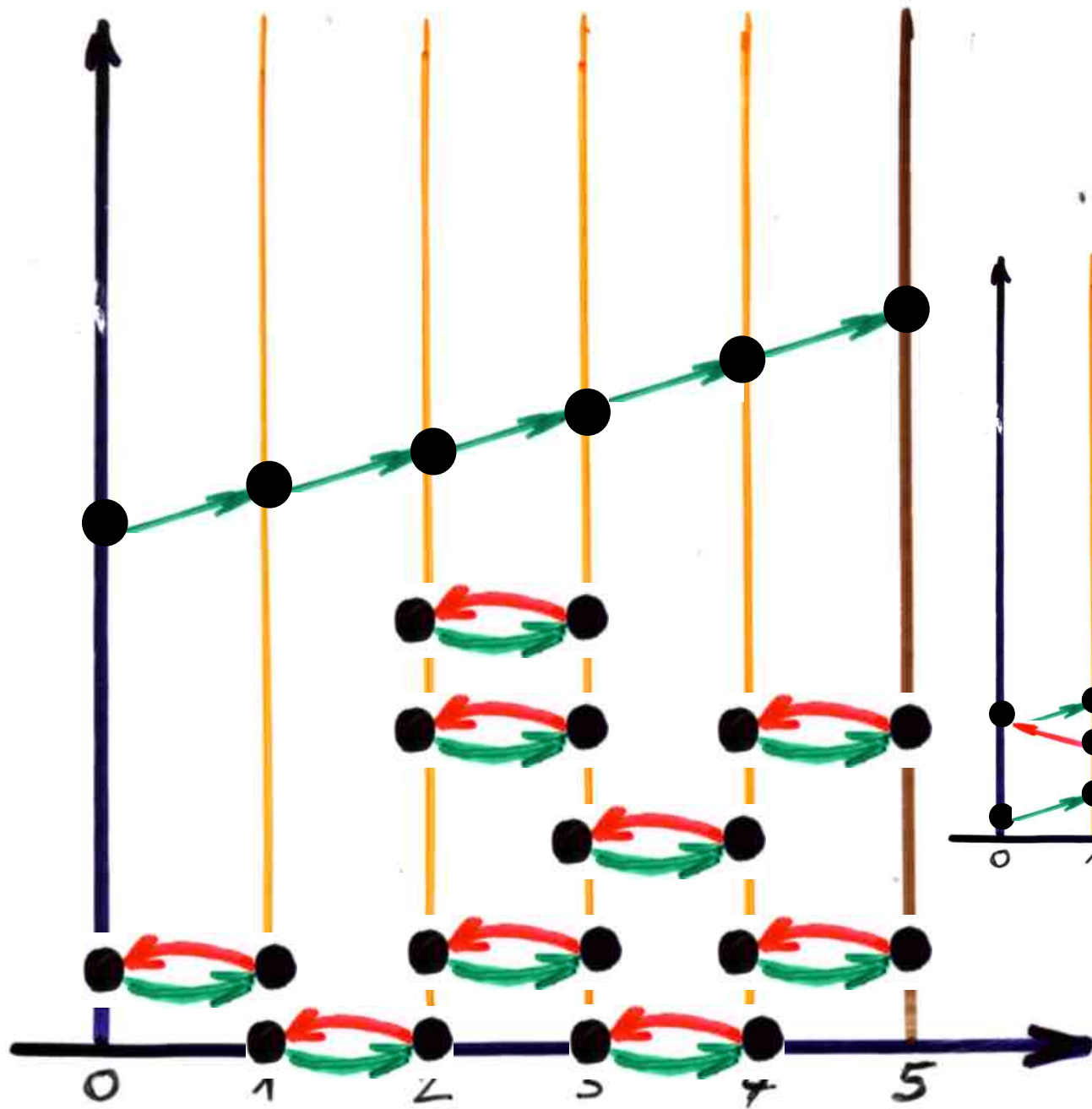


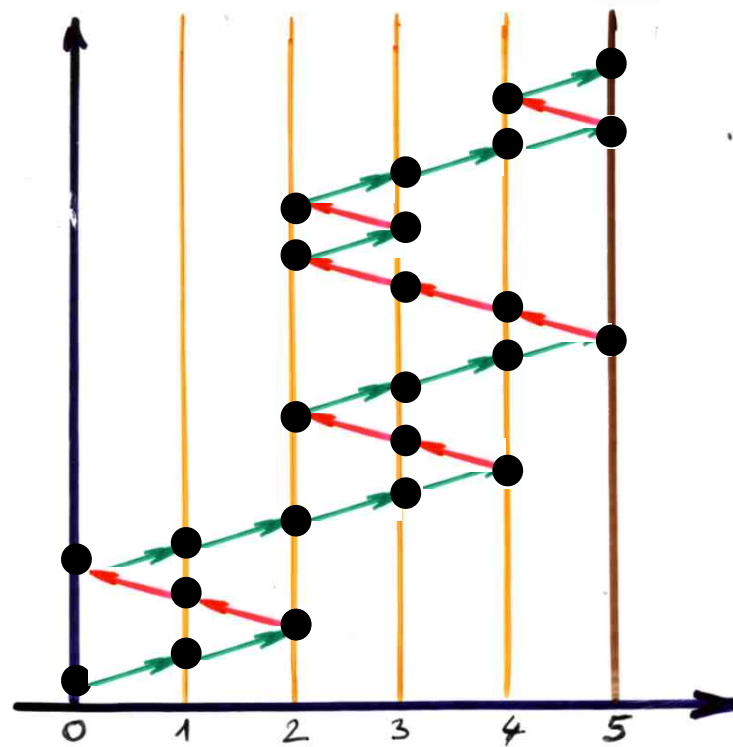
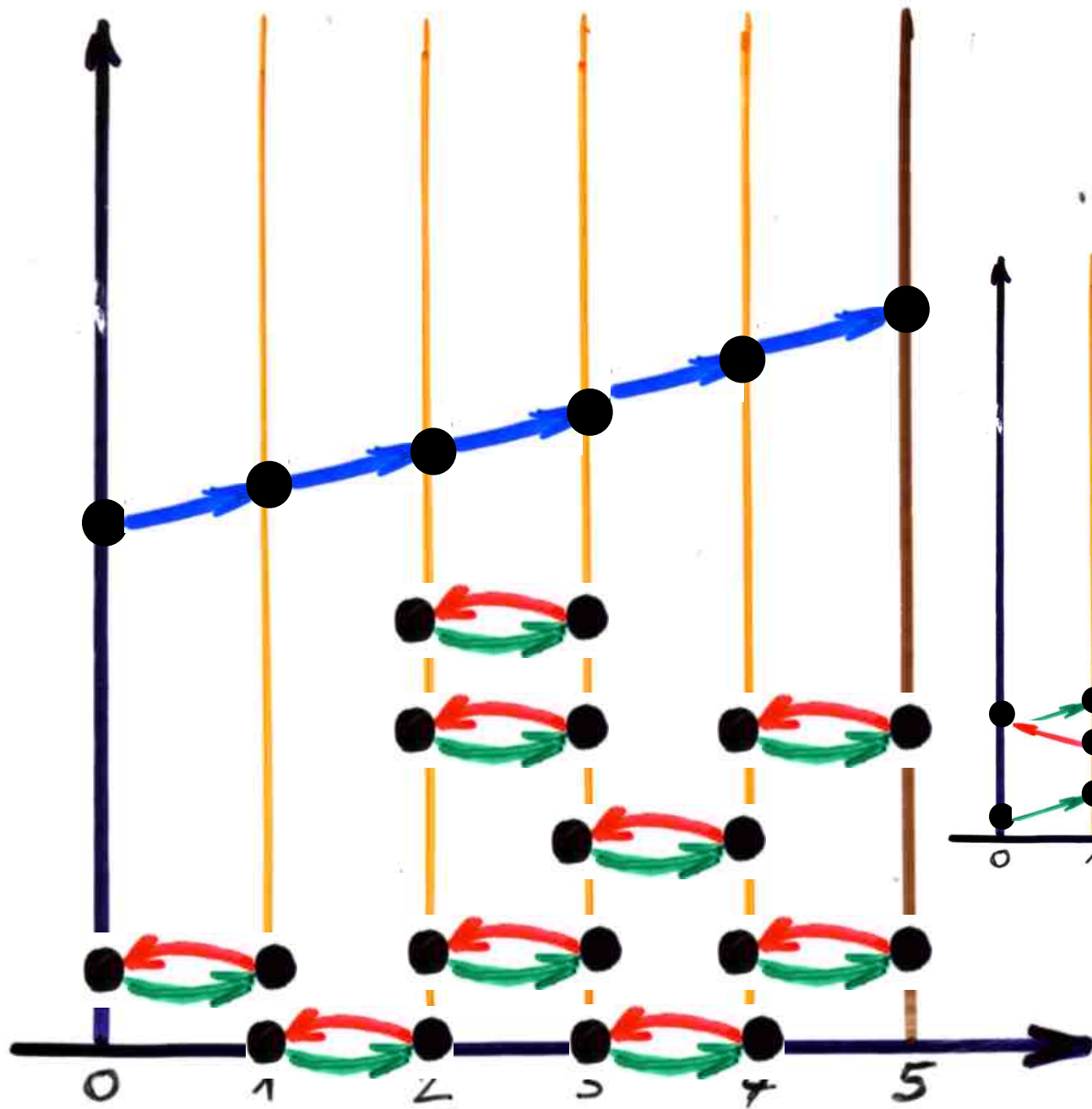


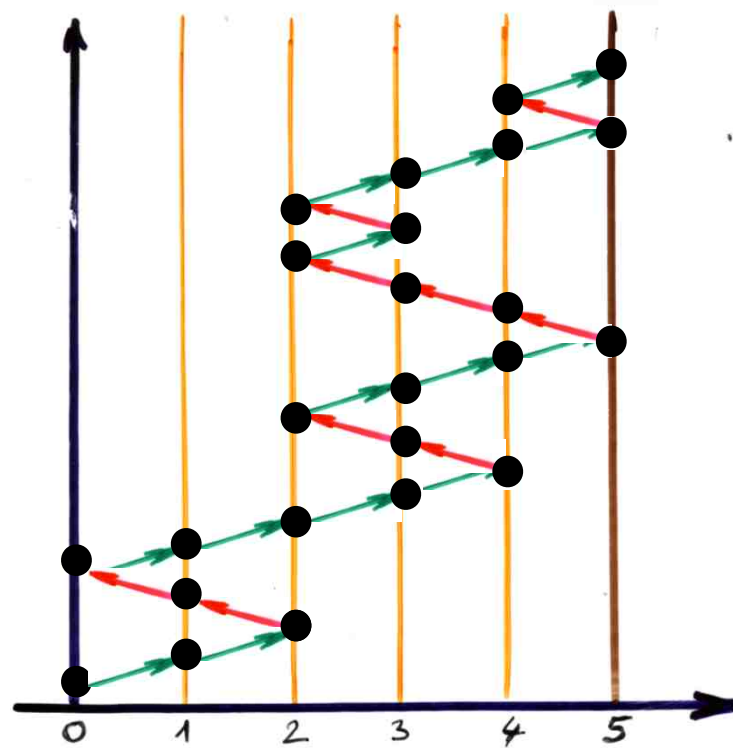
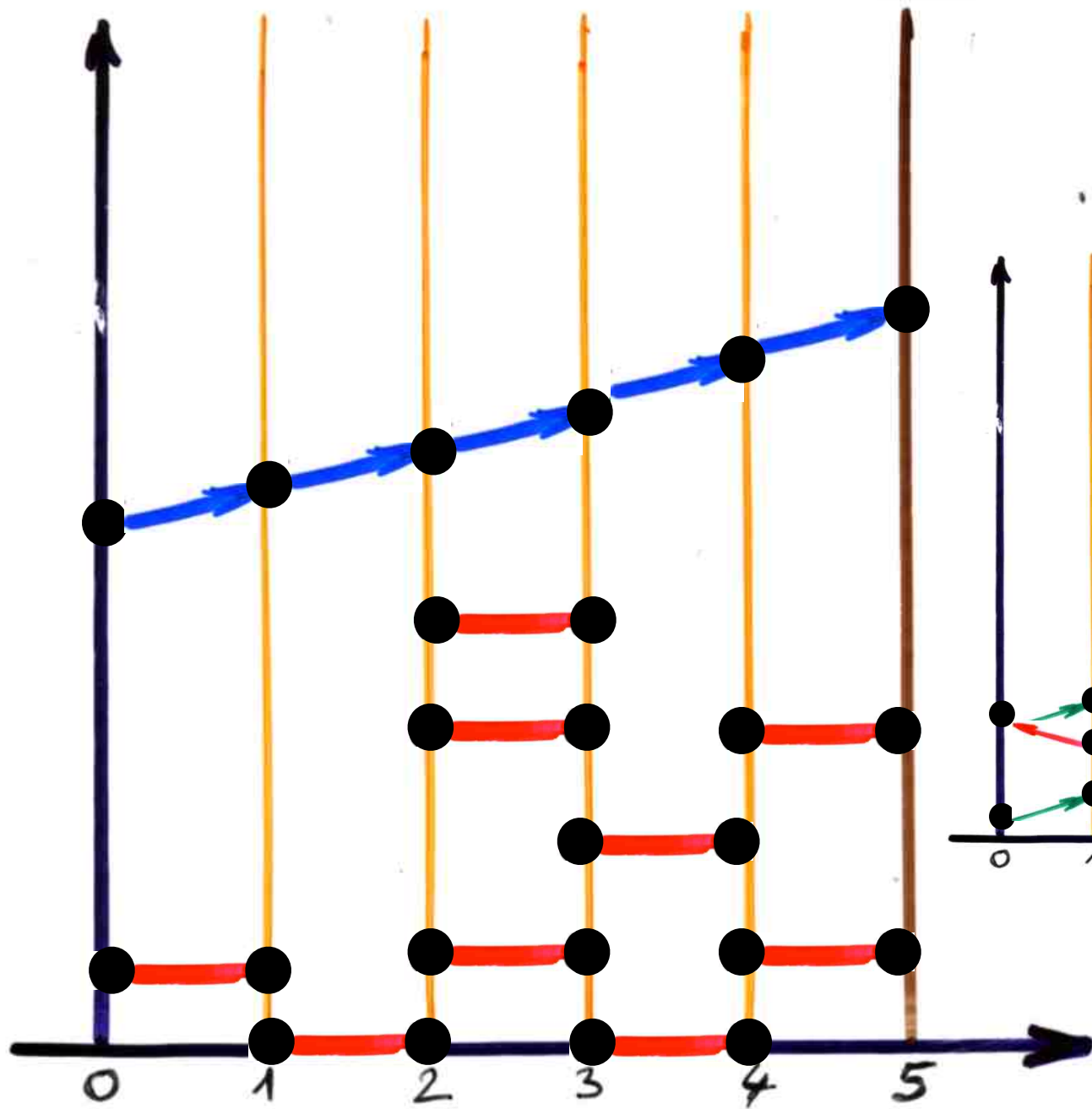


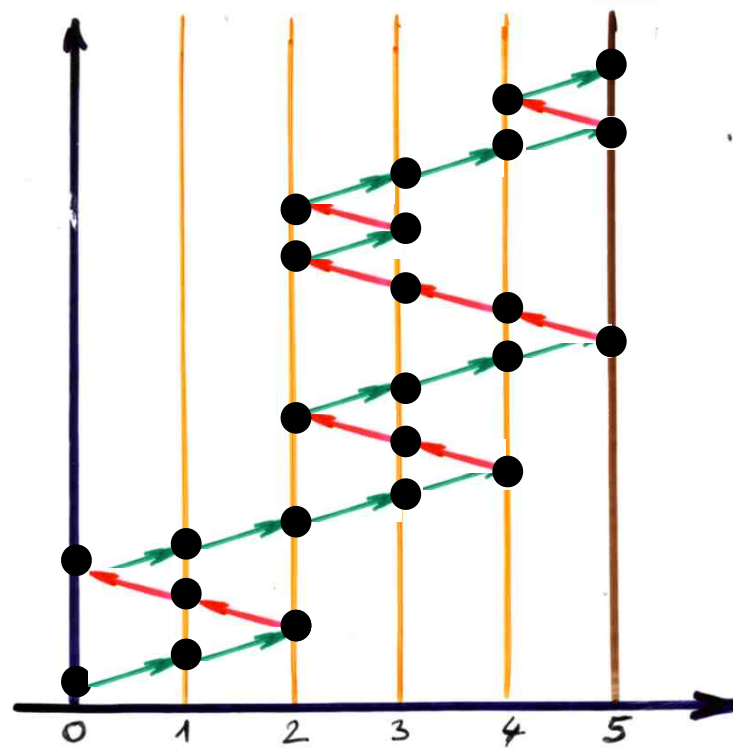
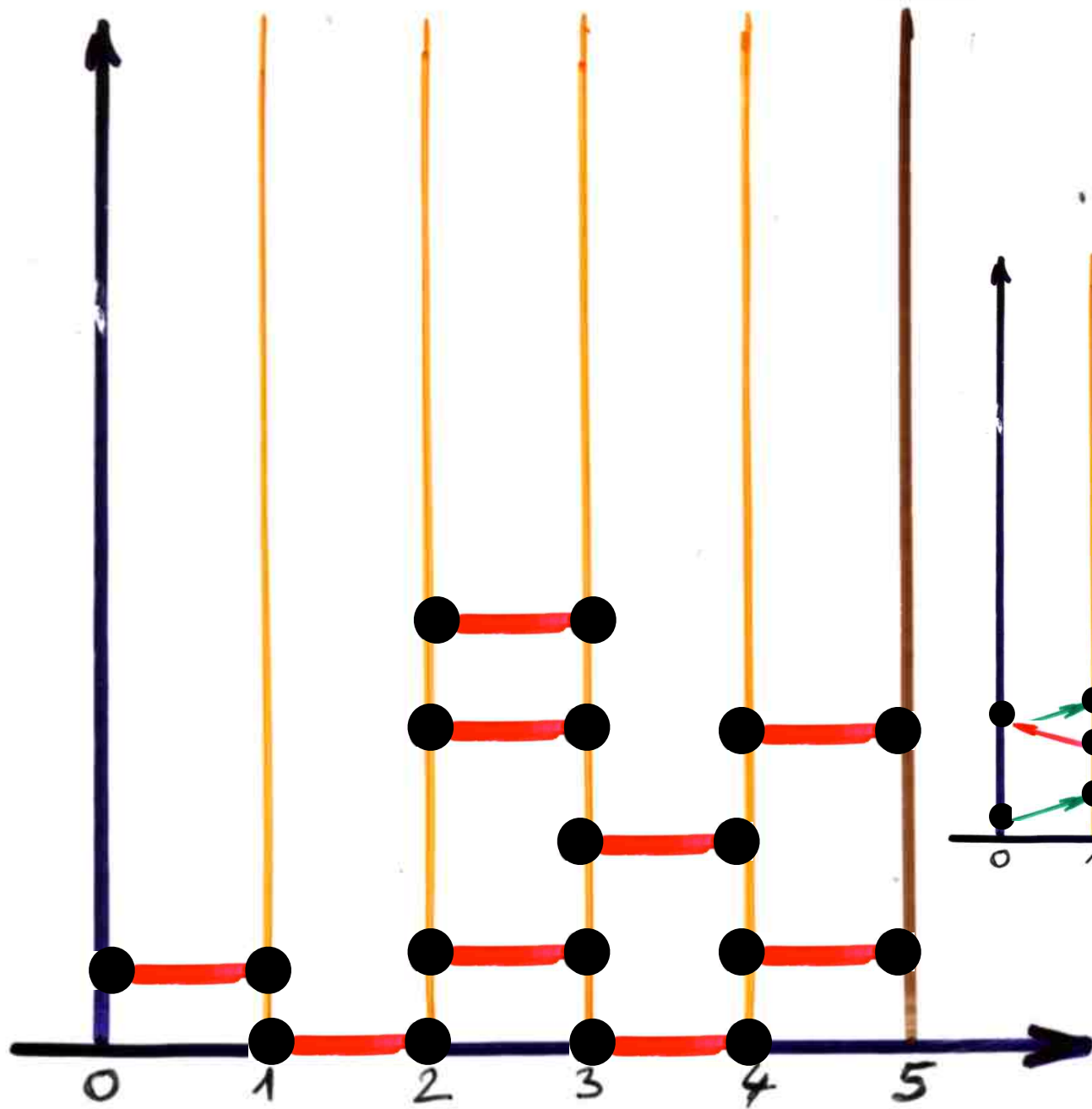






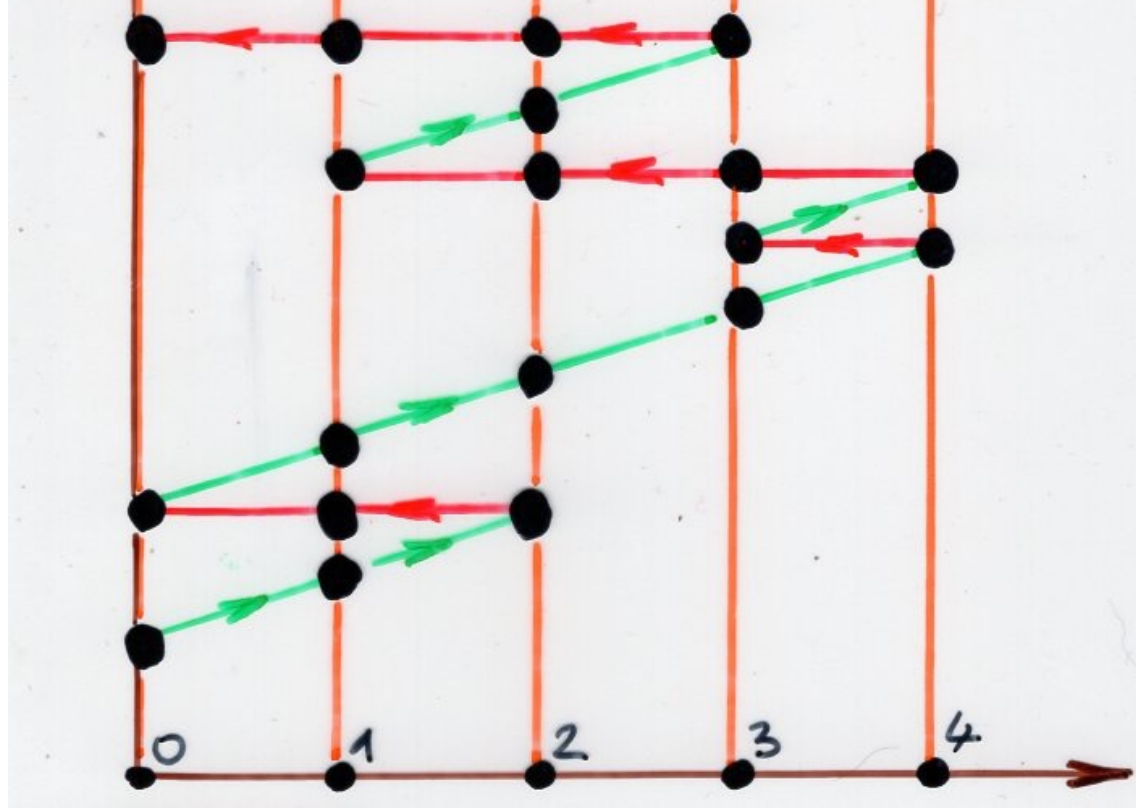




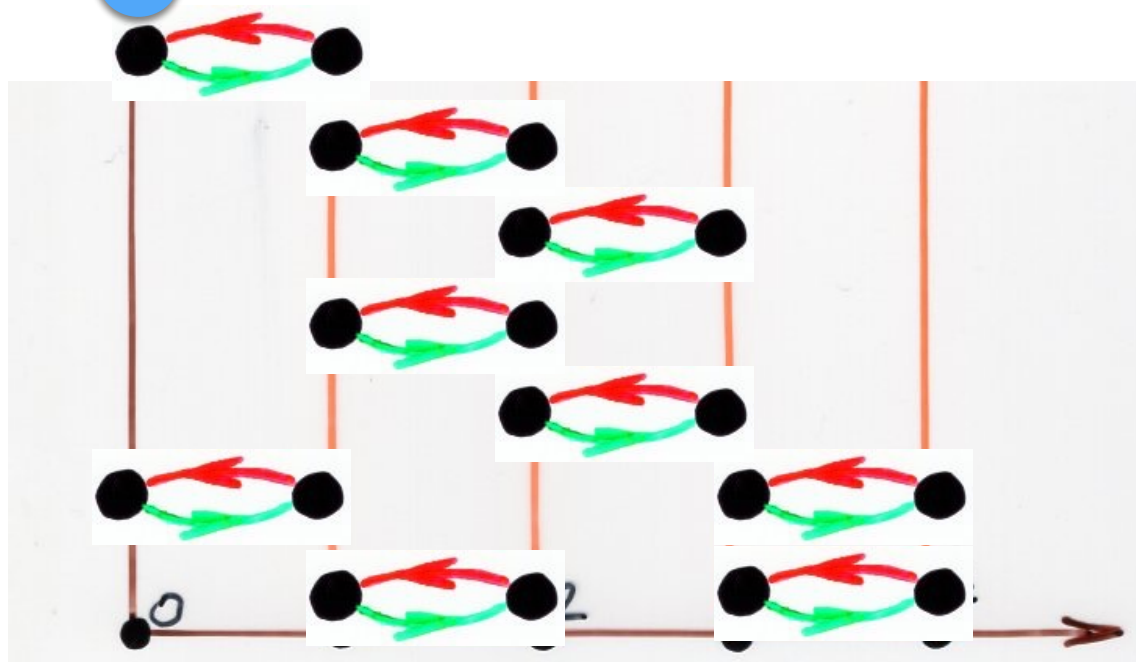
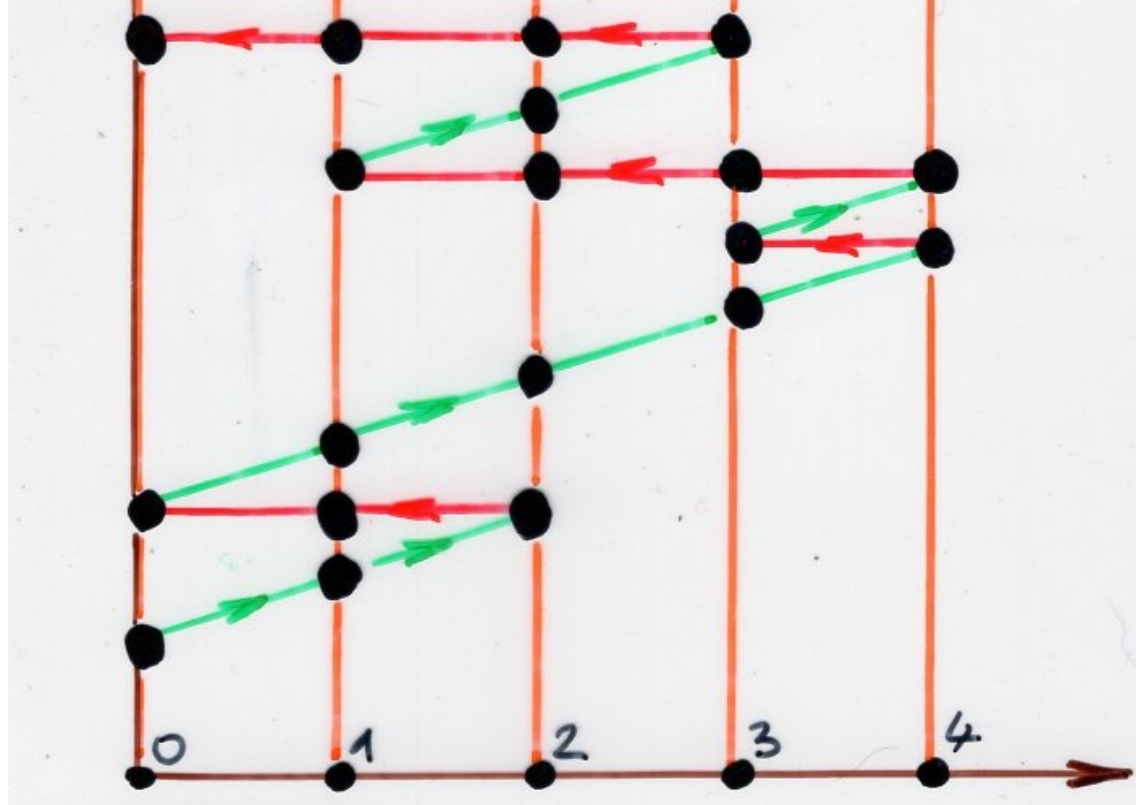


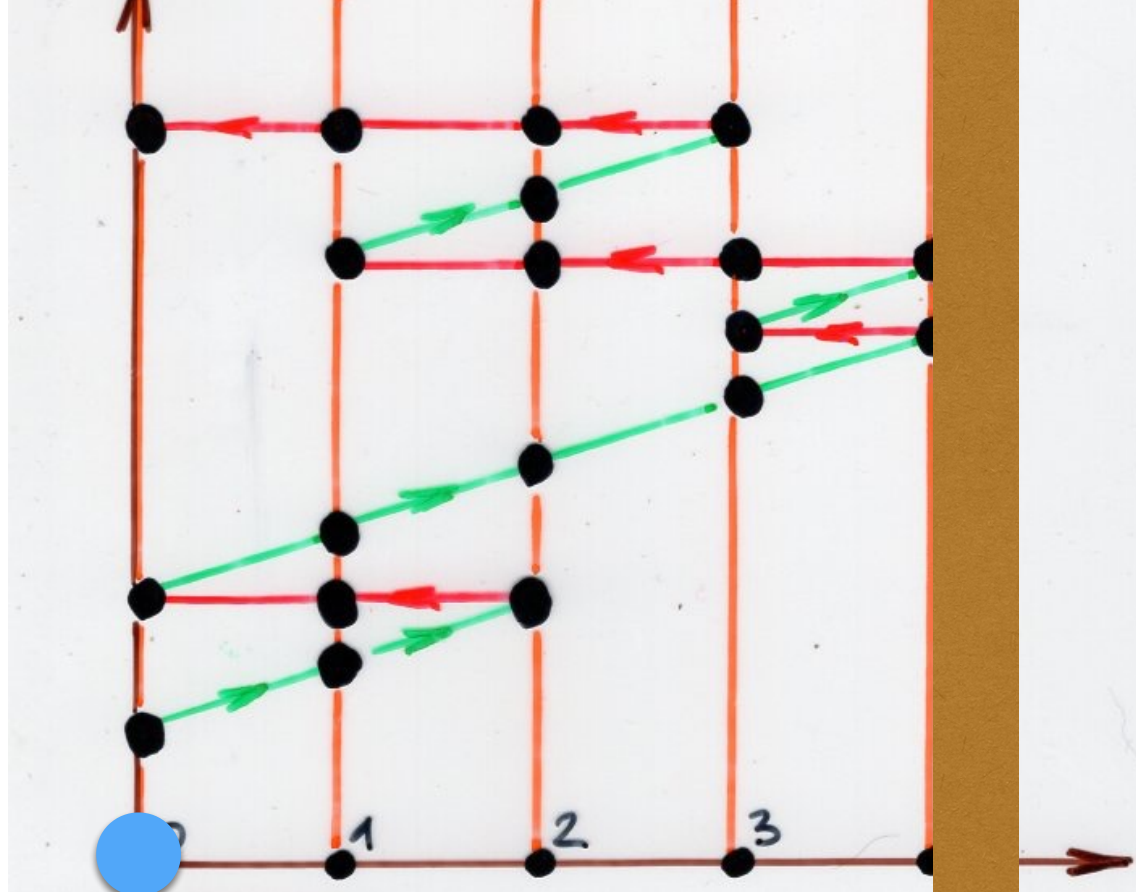


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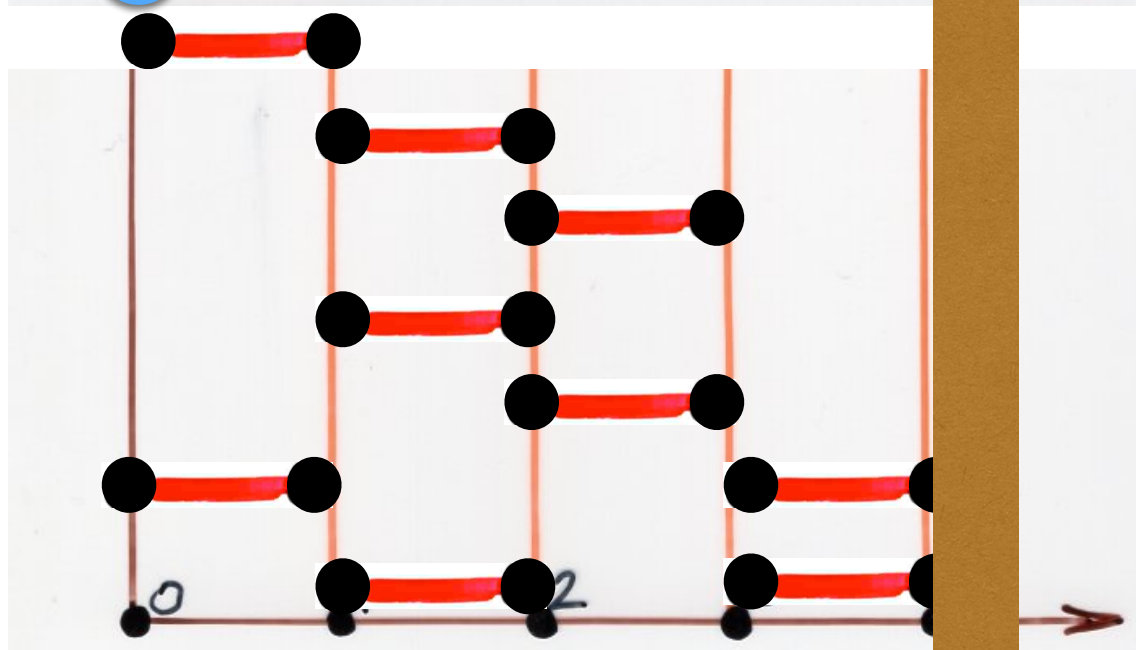






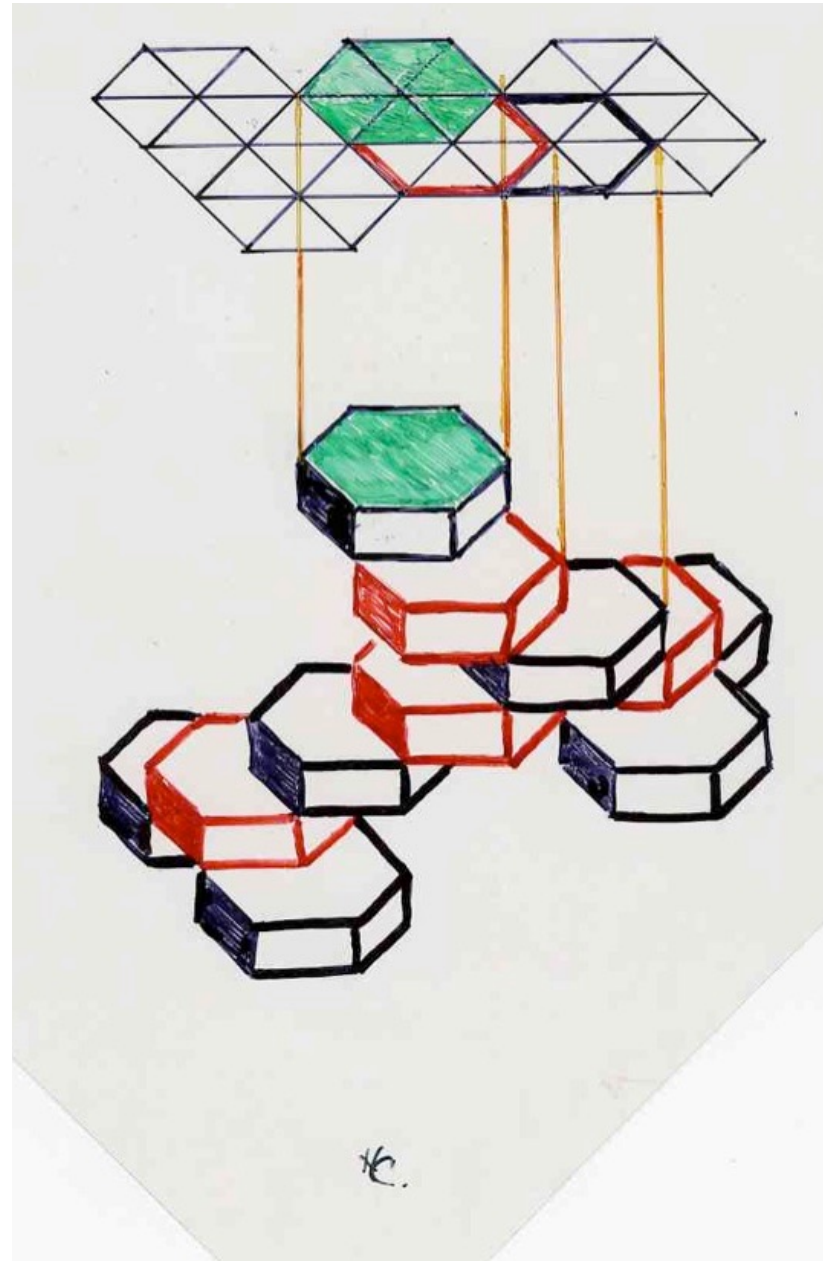


$C_{2n}^{(k)}$



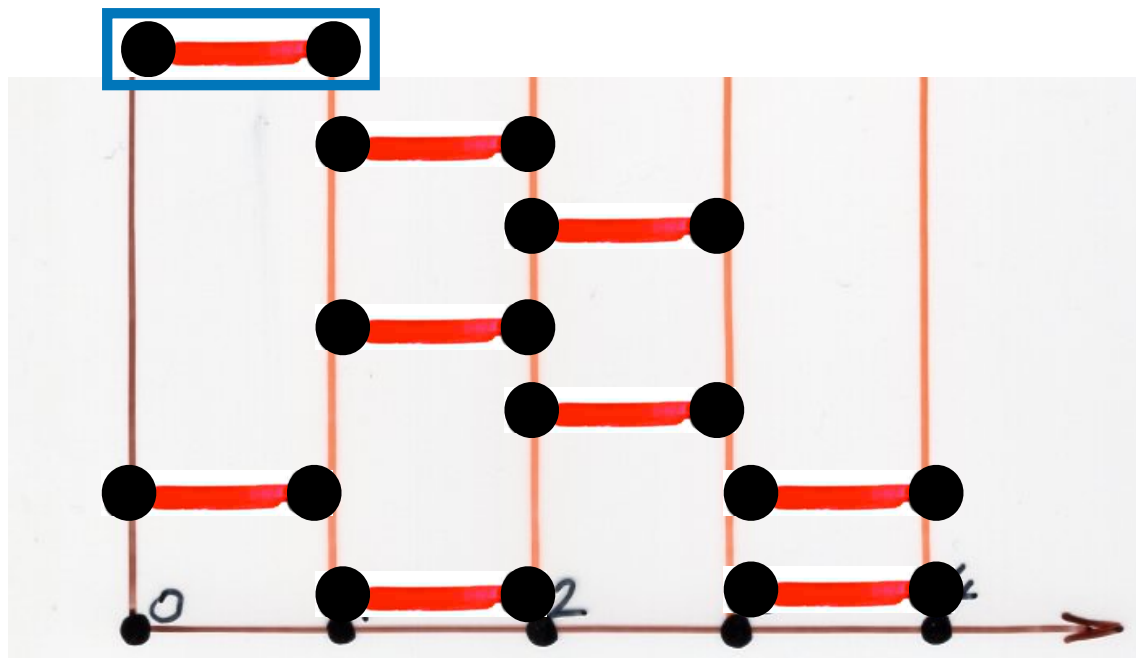
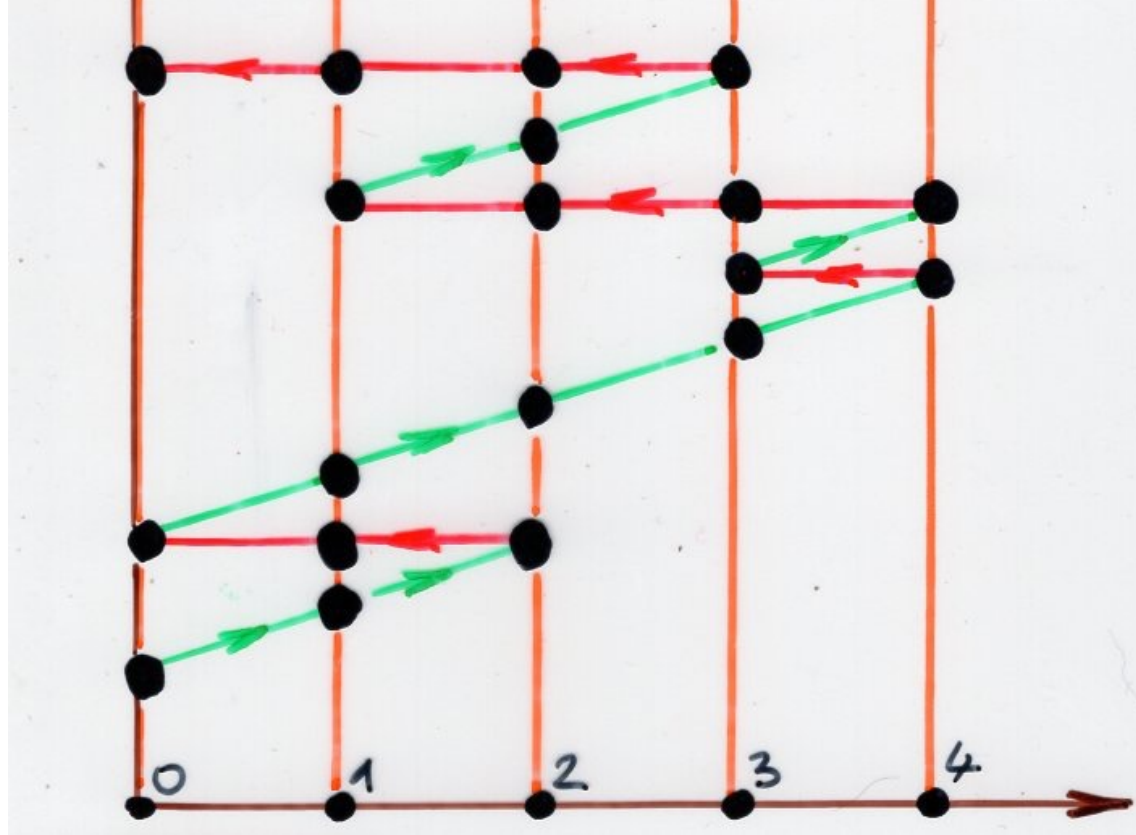


pyramid:  
only one  
maximal piece



pyramid:  
only one  
maximal piece

pyramid of dimers on  $\mathbb{Z}$   
(up to translation)  
having  $n$  dimers



semi-pyramid:  
 maximal piece  
 $\approx (0,1)$



Bijection alternating sequences  
heaps of segments

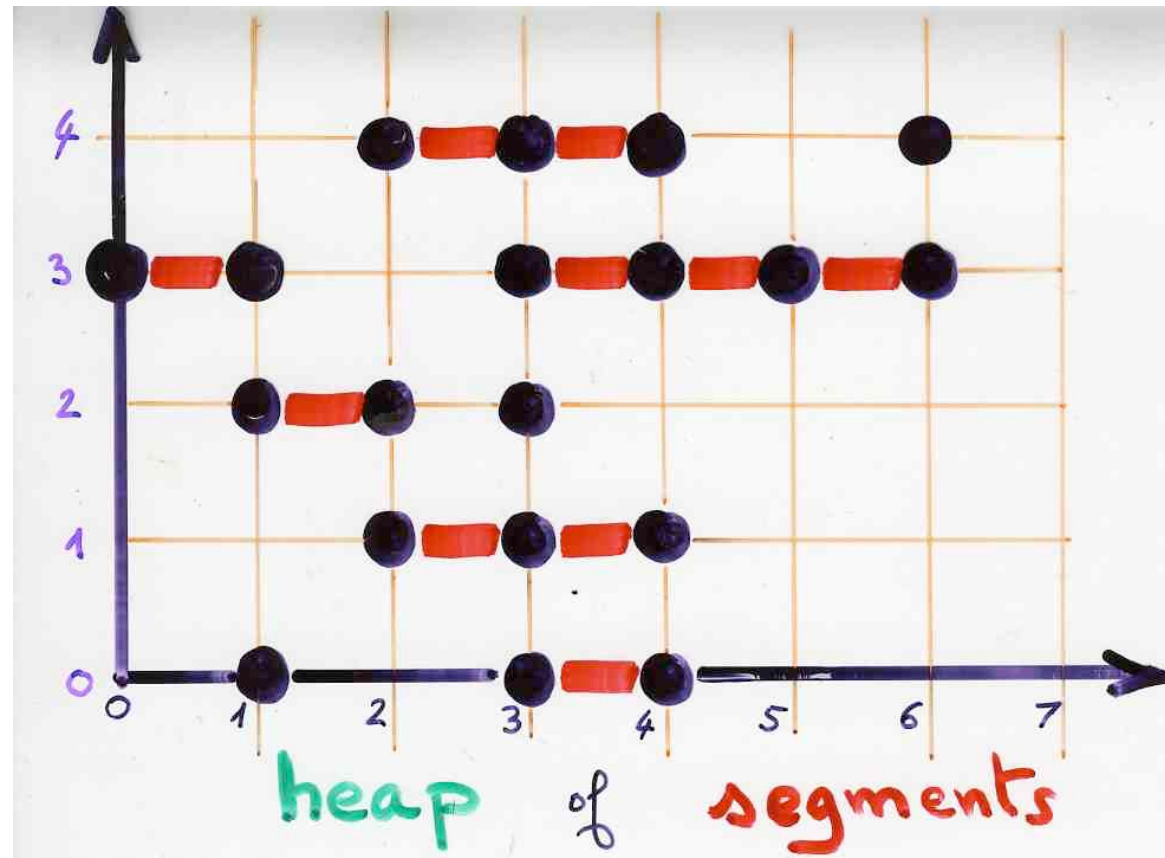
(even case)

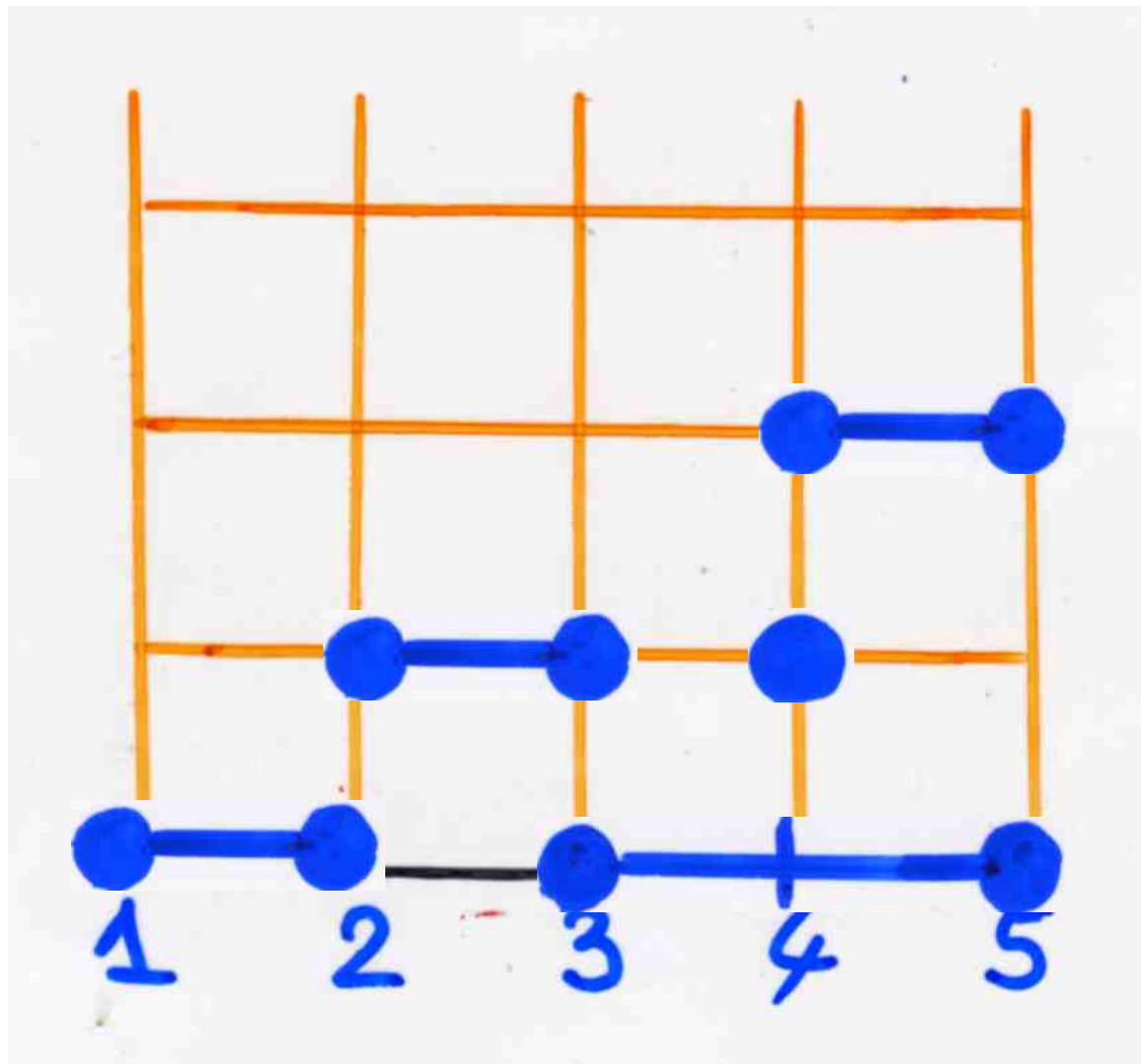


ex: heap of segments over  $\mathbb{N}$

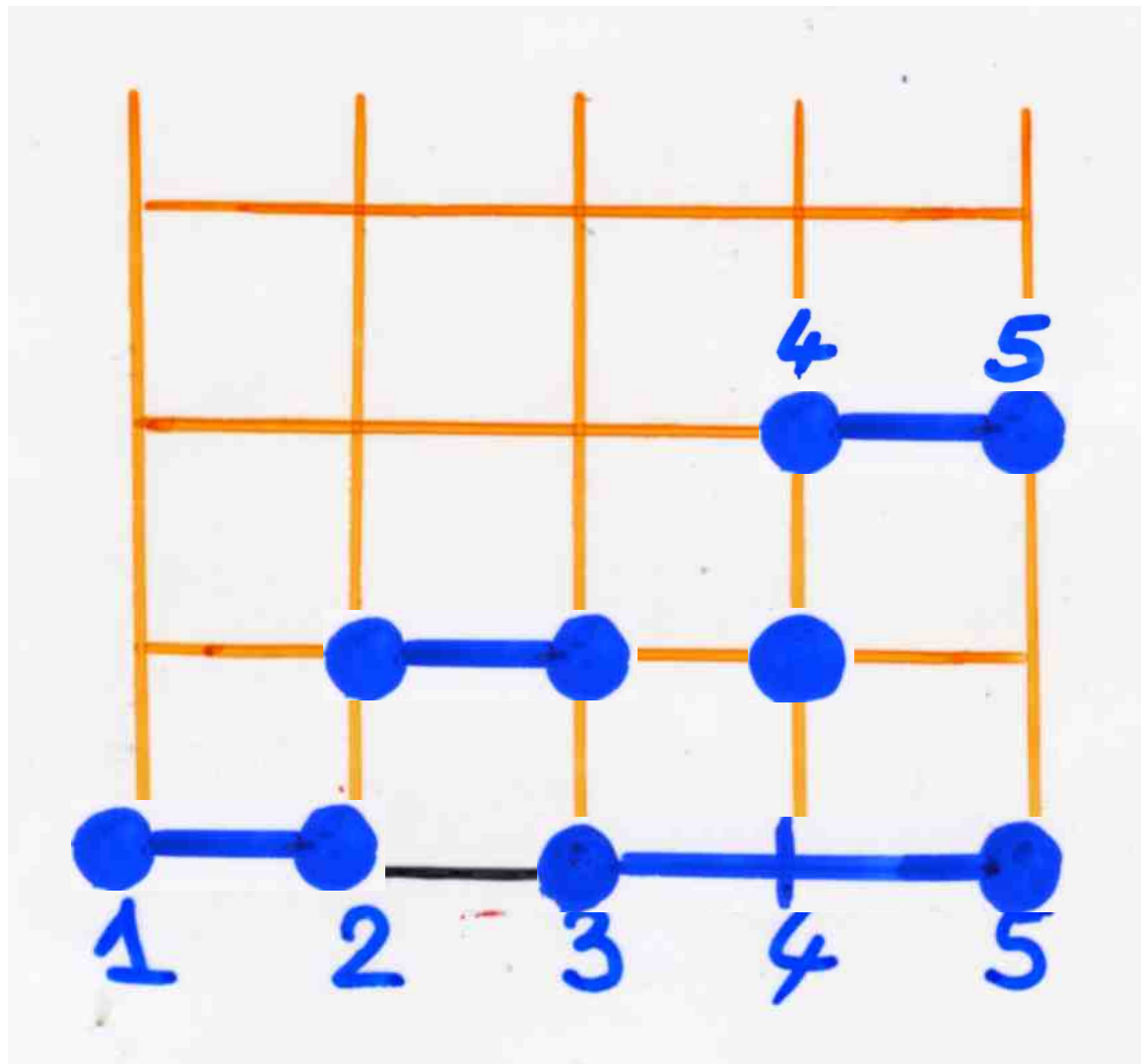
$$P = \{ [a, b] = \{a, a+1, \dots, b\}, 0 \leq a \leq b \}$$

$$[a, b] \cap [c, d] \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow [a, b] \cap [c, d] \neq \emptyset$$



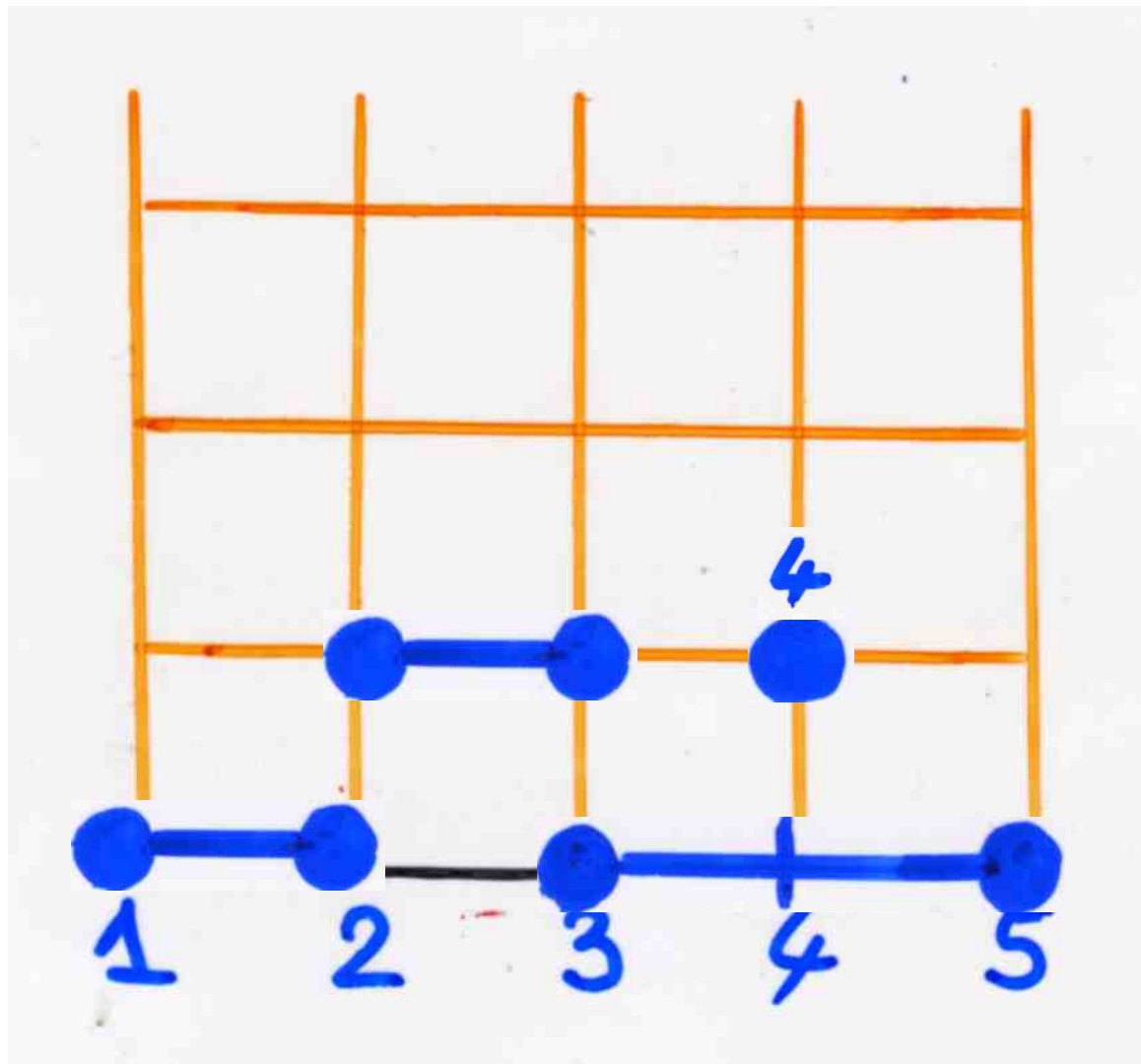


right most  
maximal piece



right most  
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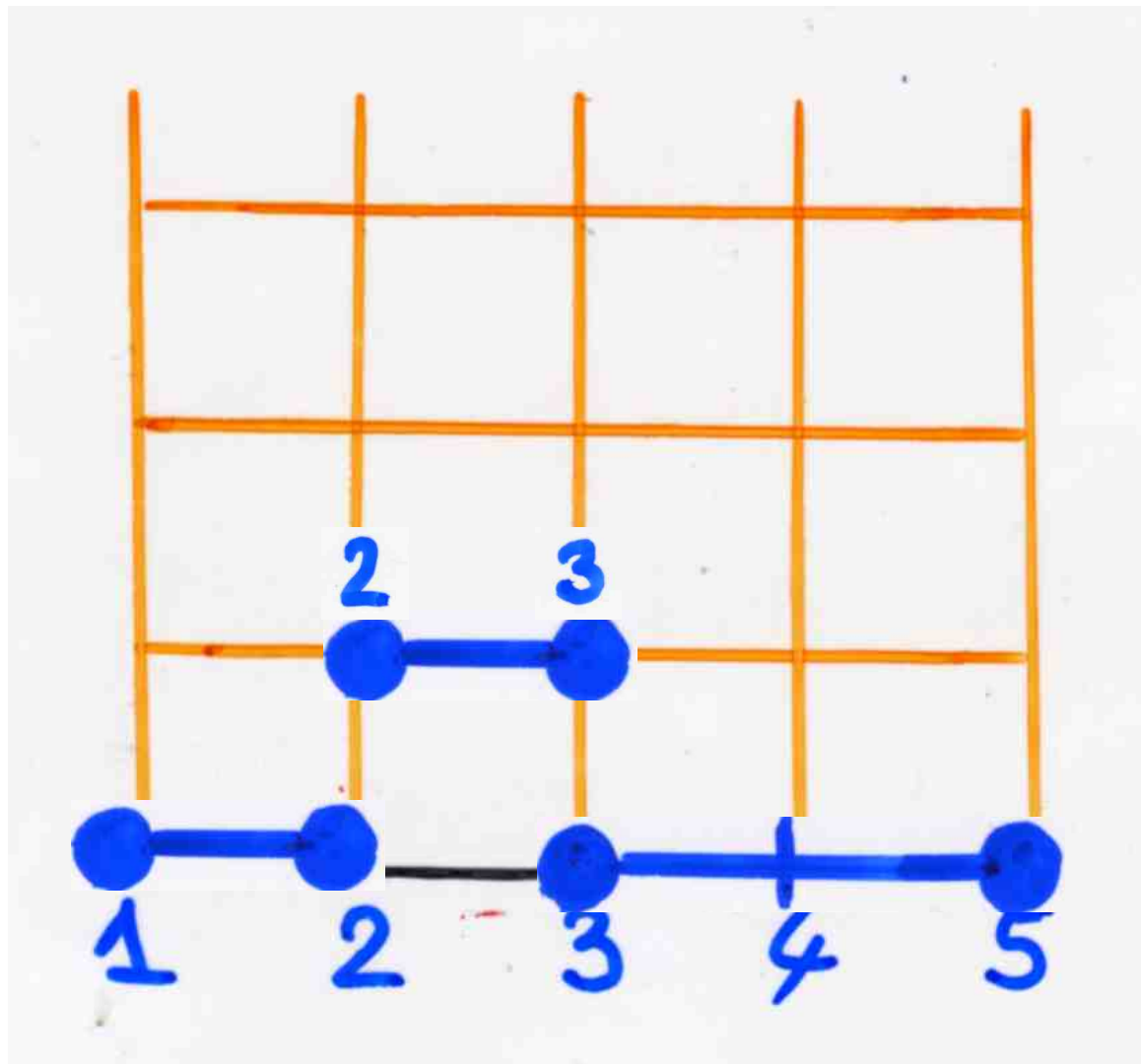
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right most  
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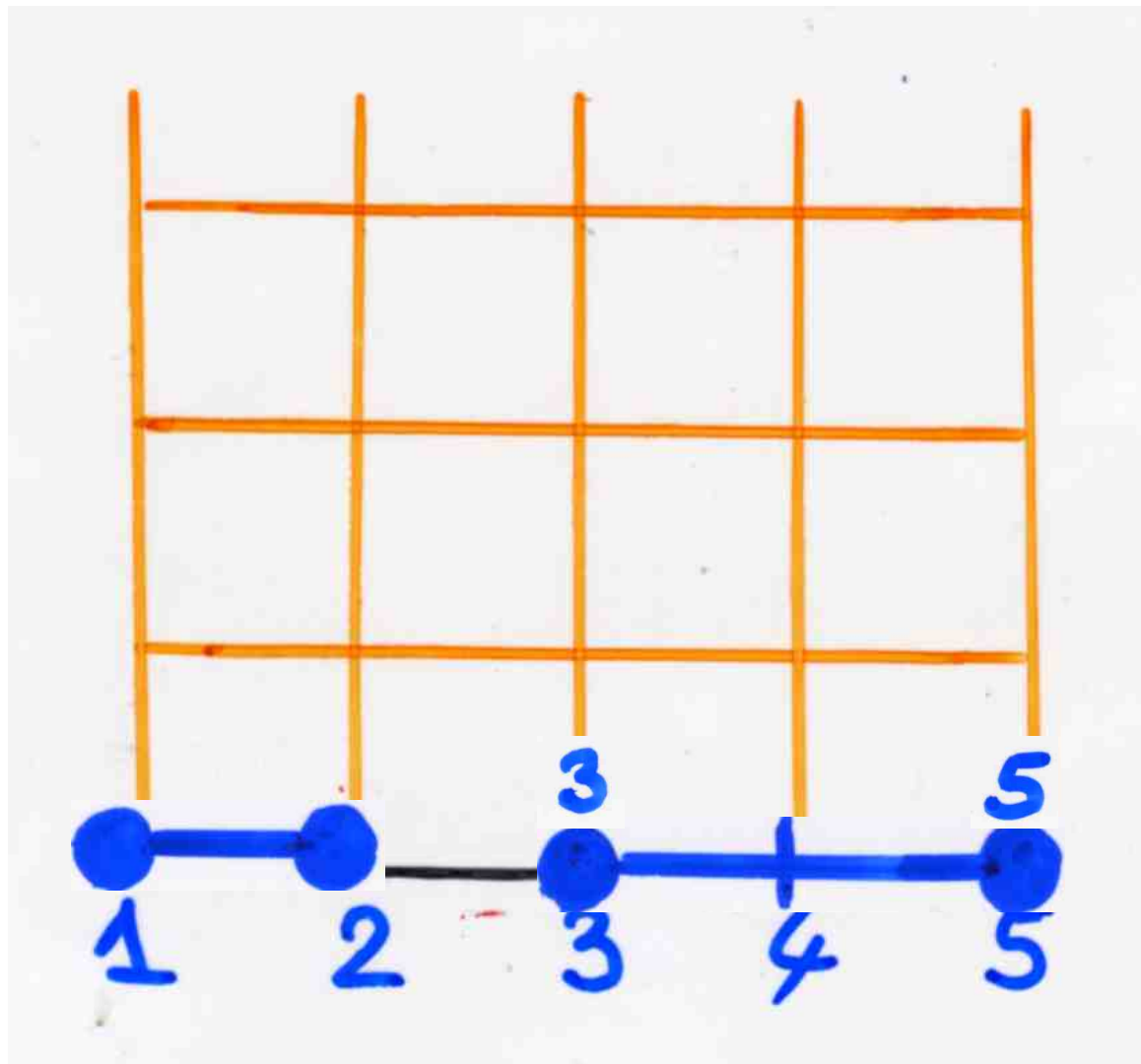
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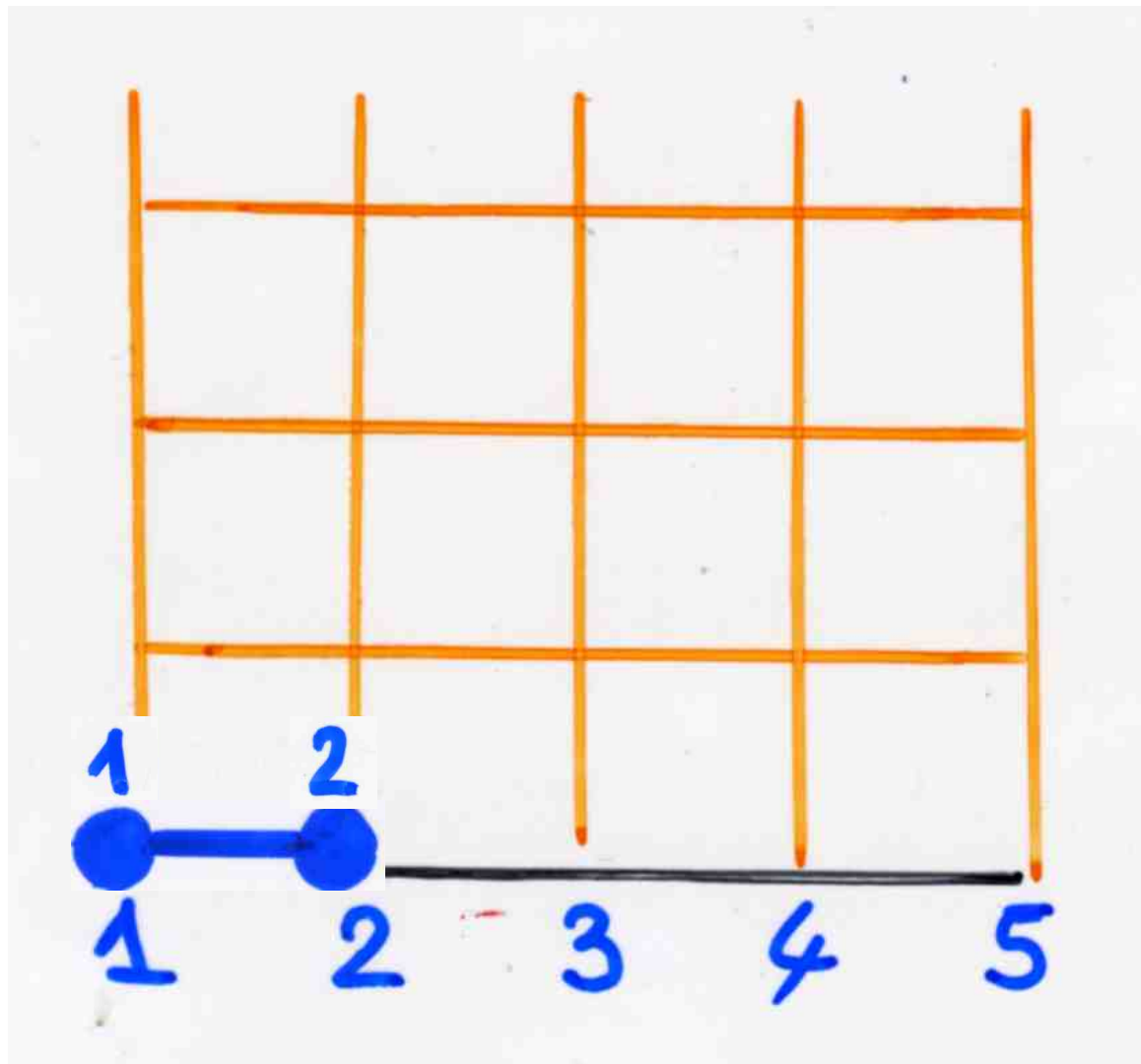
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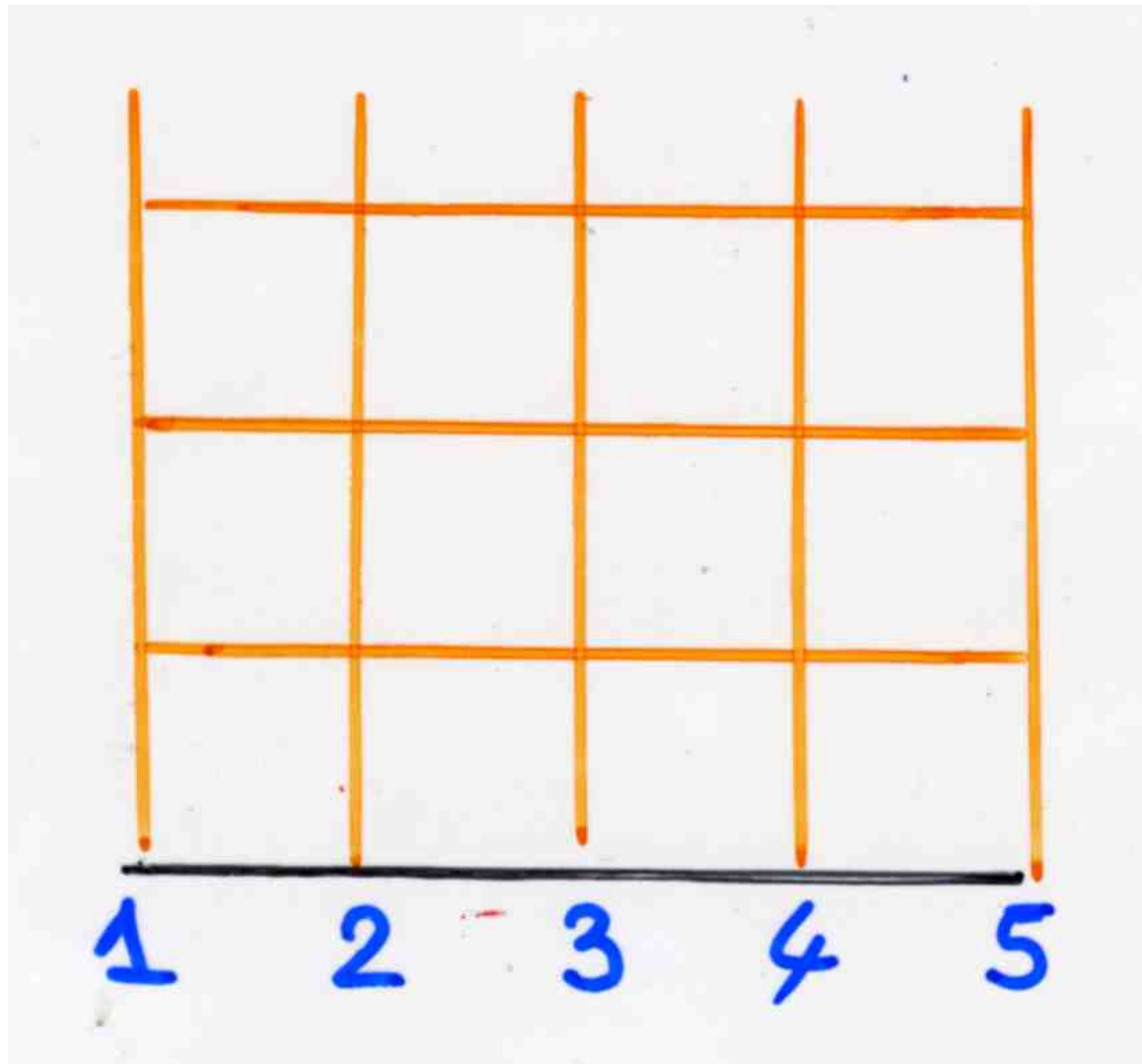
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right most  
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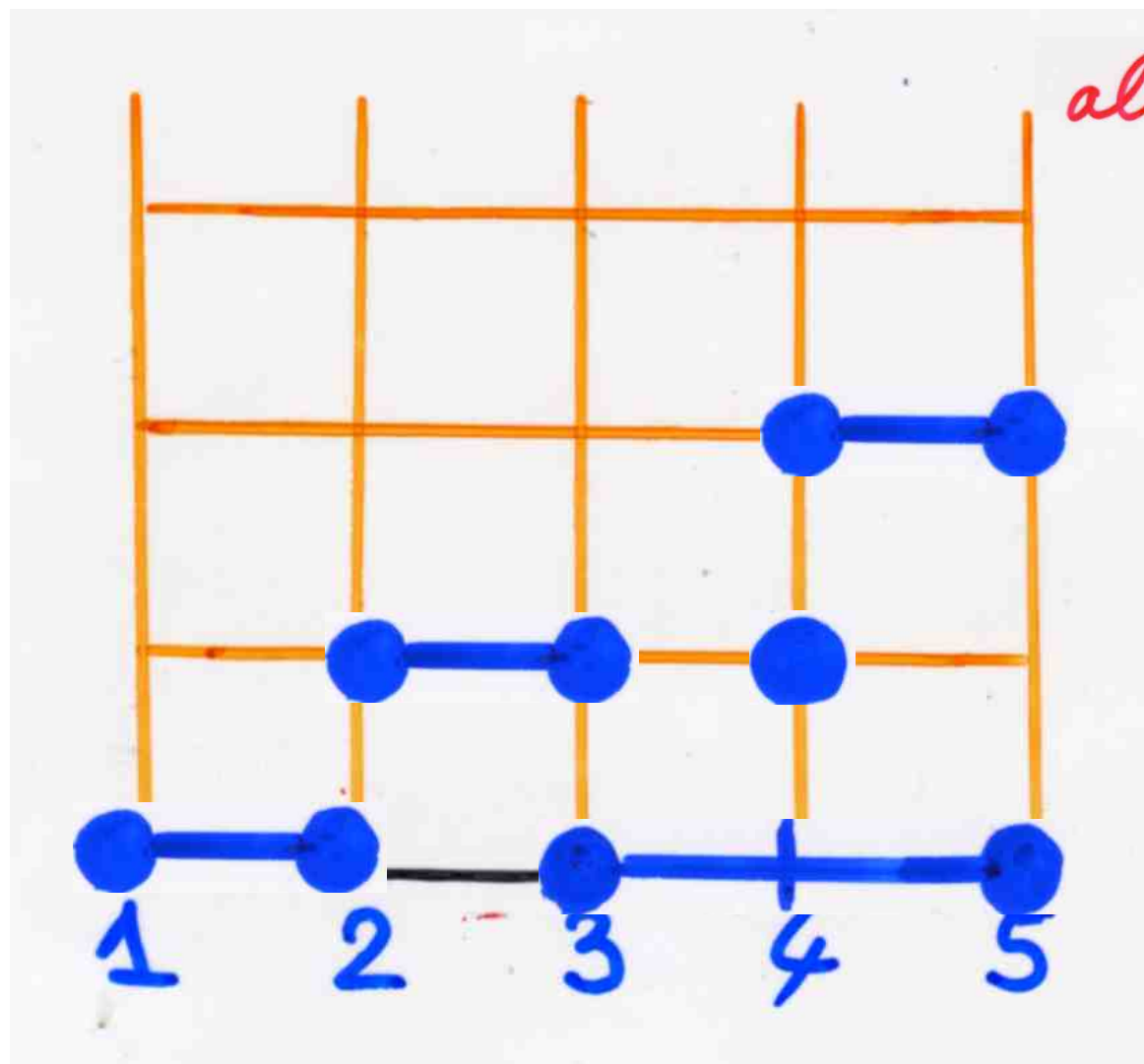
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right most  
maximal piece

$$4 \leq 5 \geq 4 \leq 4 \geq 2 \leq 3 \geq 3 \leq 5 \geq 1 \leq 2$$

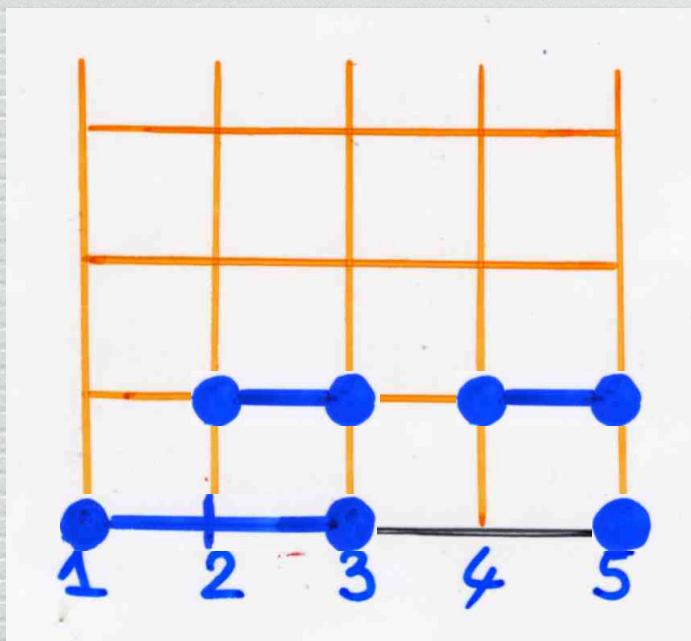




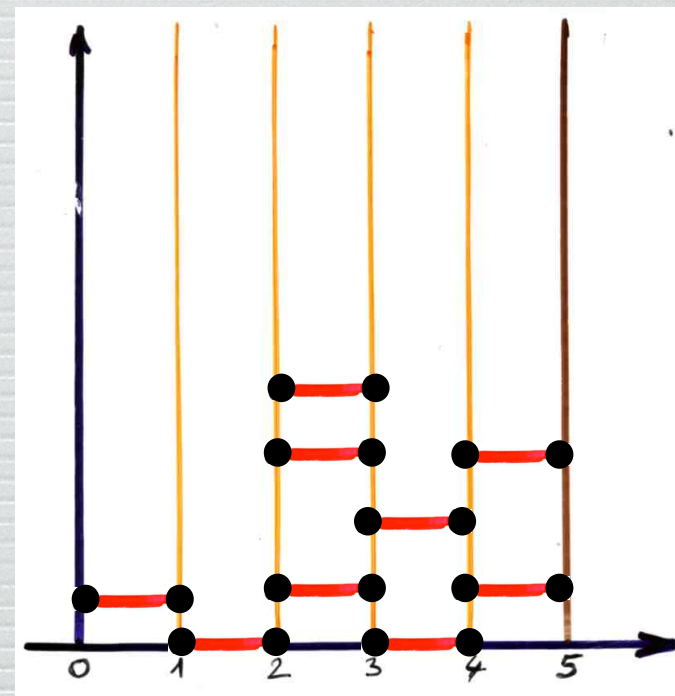
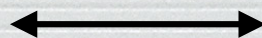
alternating sequence

$$1 \leq a_i \leq k$$

$$4 \leq 5 \geq 4 \leq 4 \geq 2 \leq 3 \geq 3 \leq 5 \geq 1 \leq 2$$



reciprocity



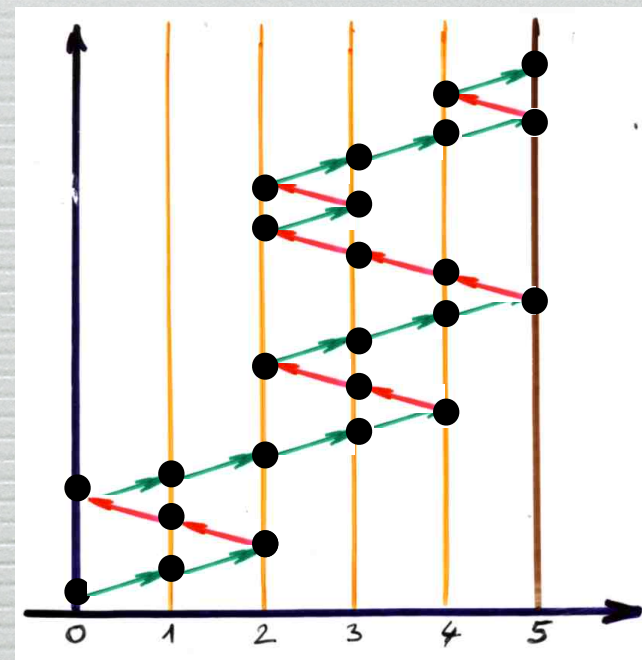
alternating sequence

duality

$$a_1 \leq a_2 \geq a_3 \leq a_4 \geq \dots \leq a_{2n}$$

(even case)

$$D_{2n}^{(k)} = C_{2n+k}^{(k)} (0 \rightarrow k)$$





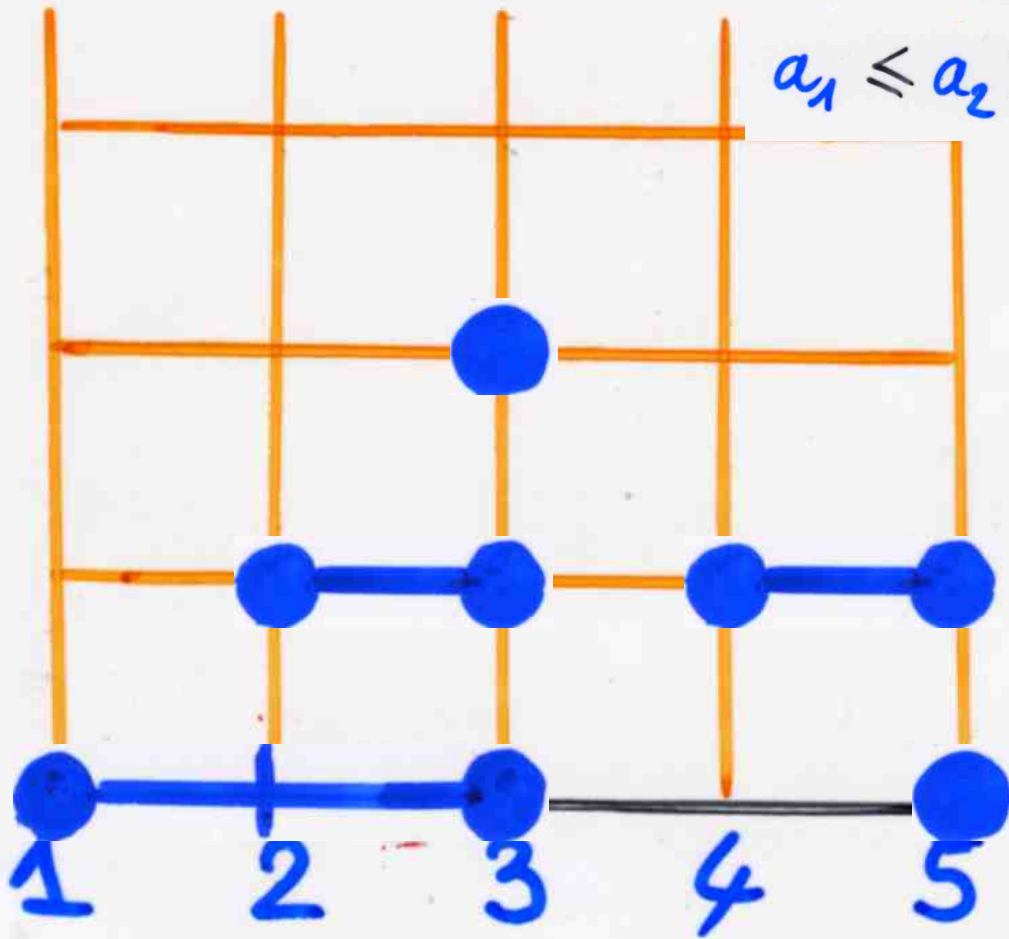
Bijection alternating sequences  
heaps of segments

(odd case)



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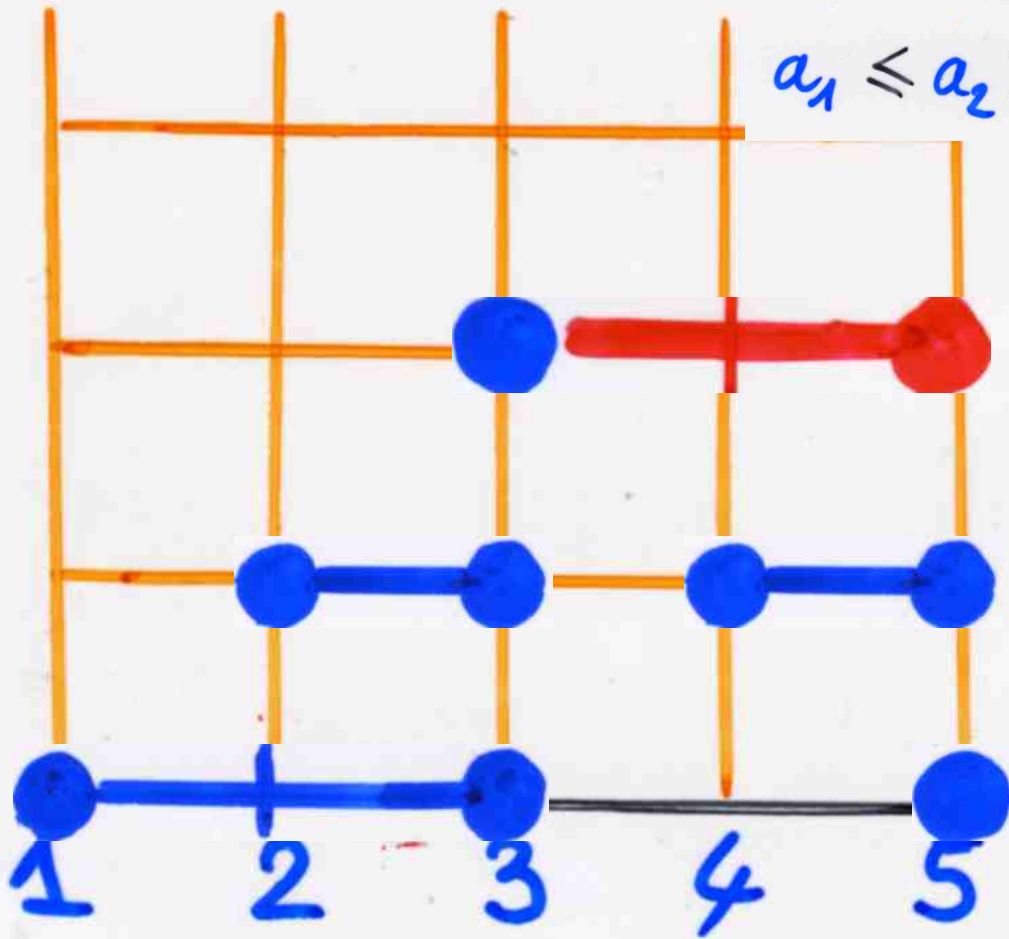
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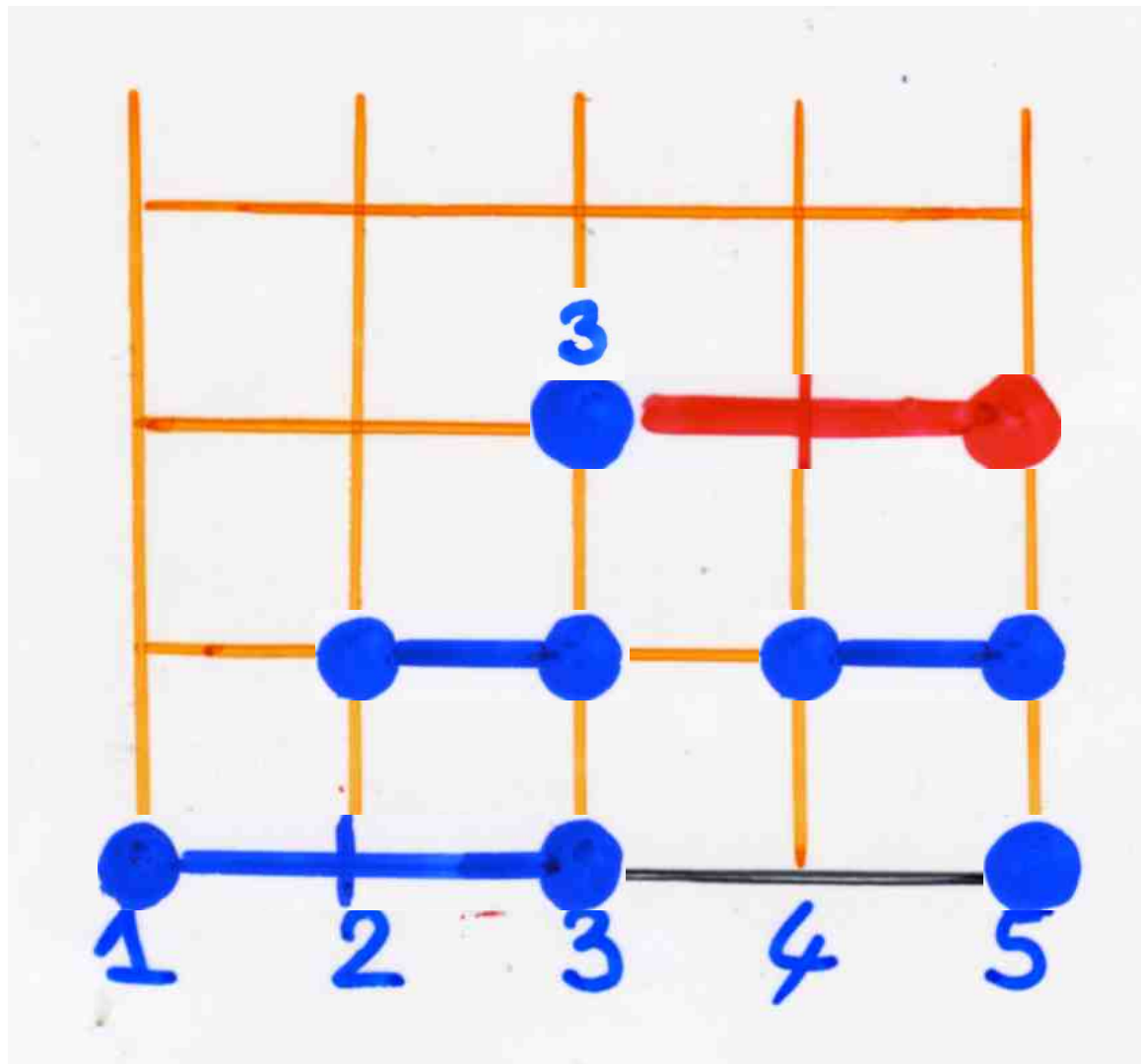




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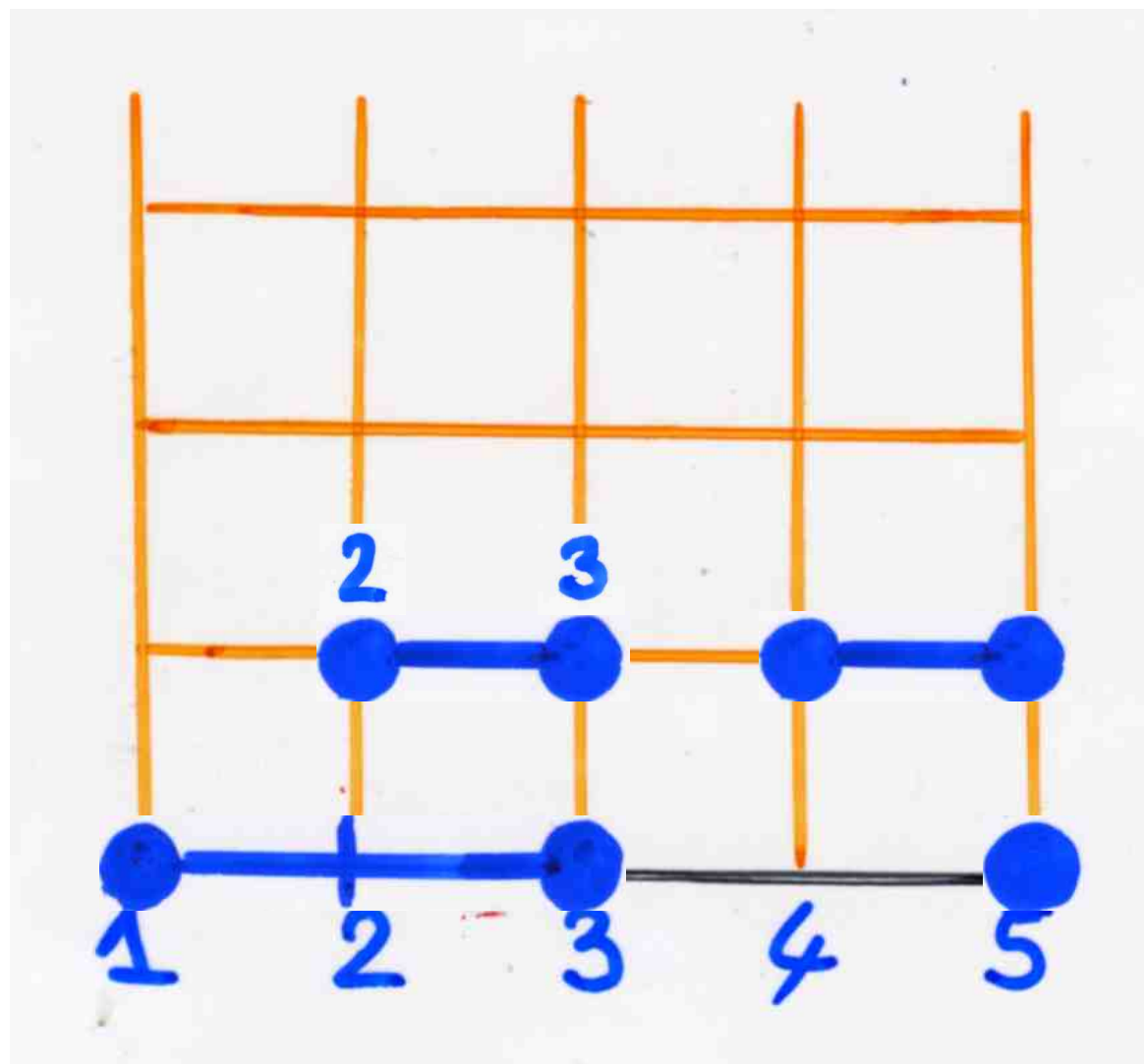
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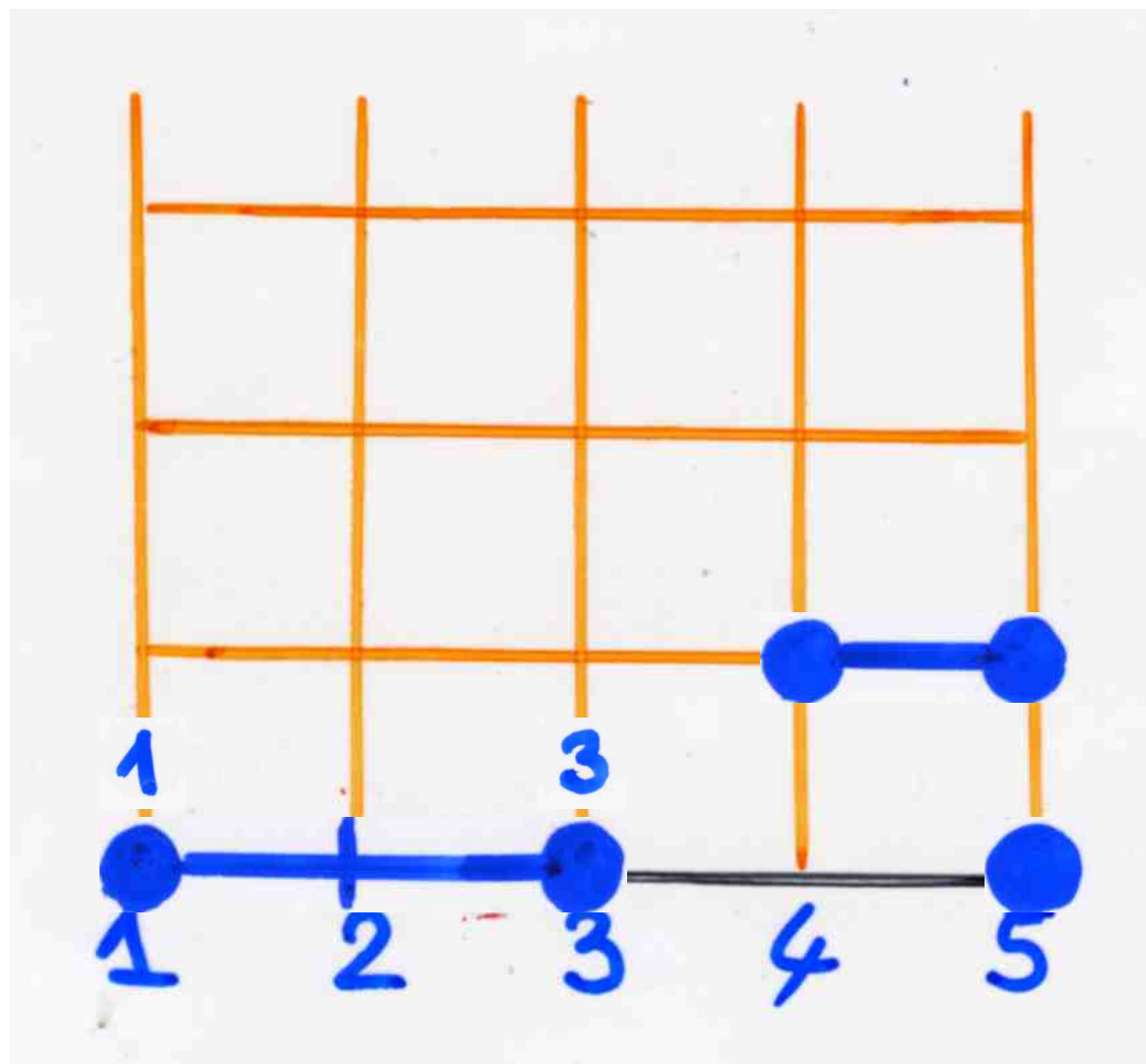


Left most  
maximal piece

3

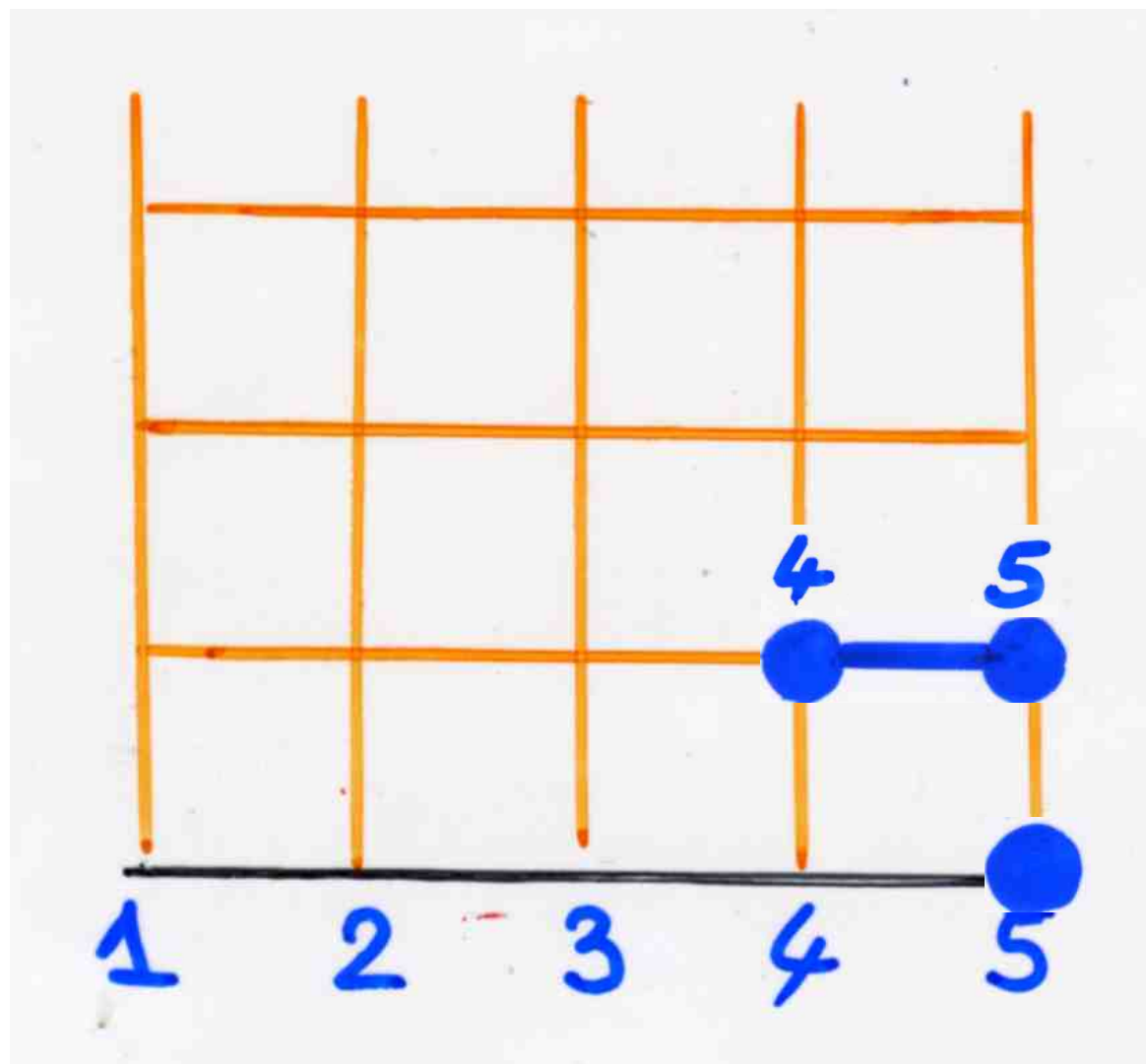


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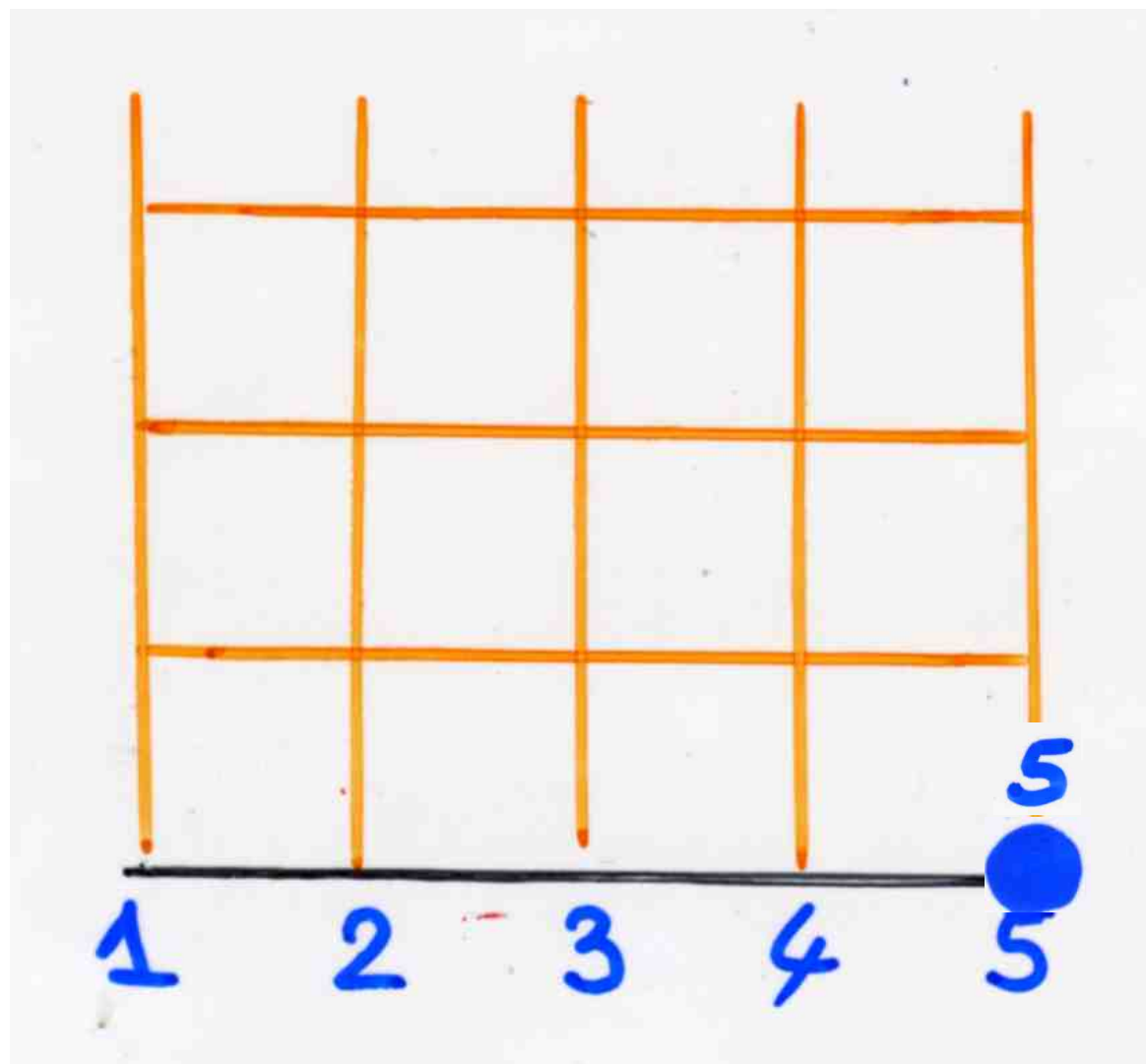


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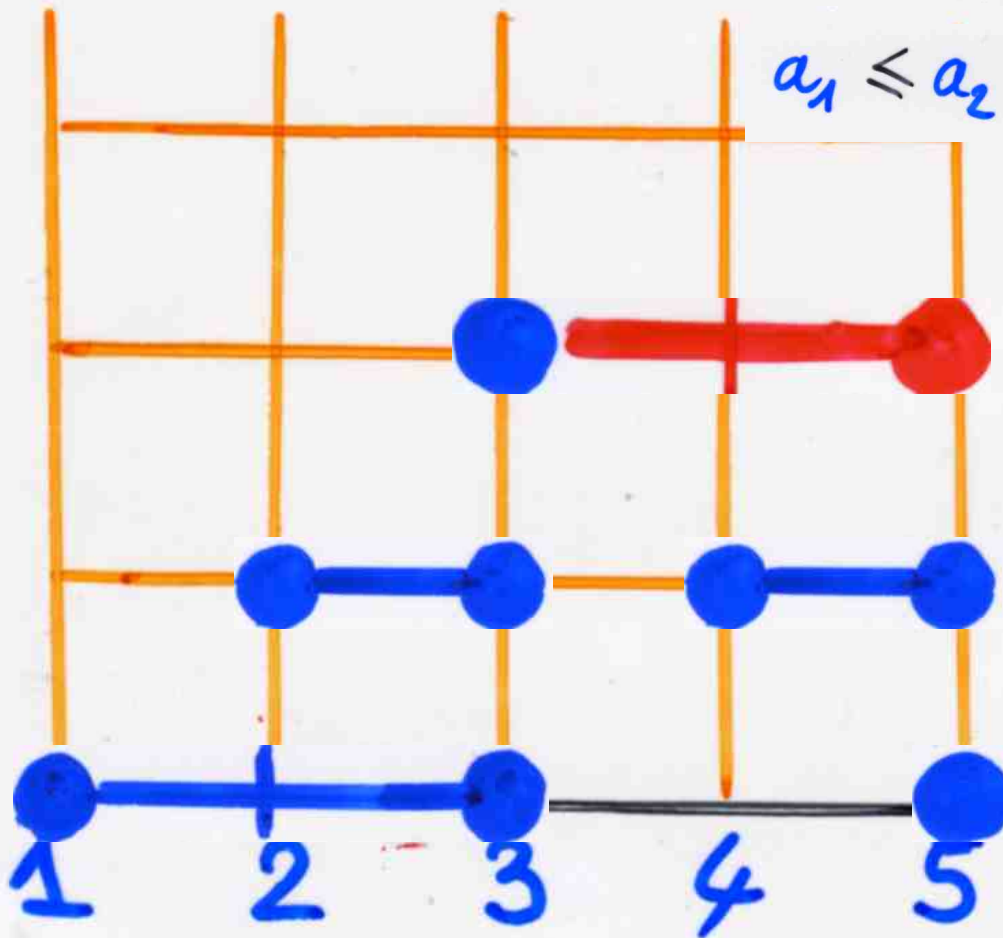
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alternating sequence

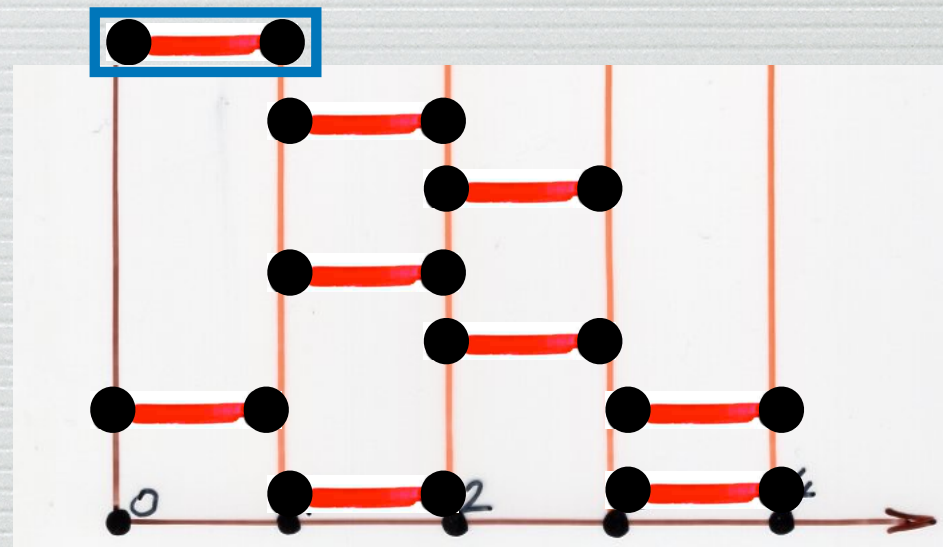
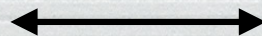
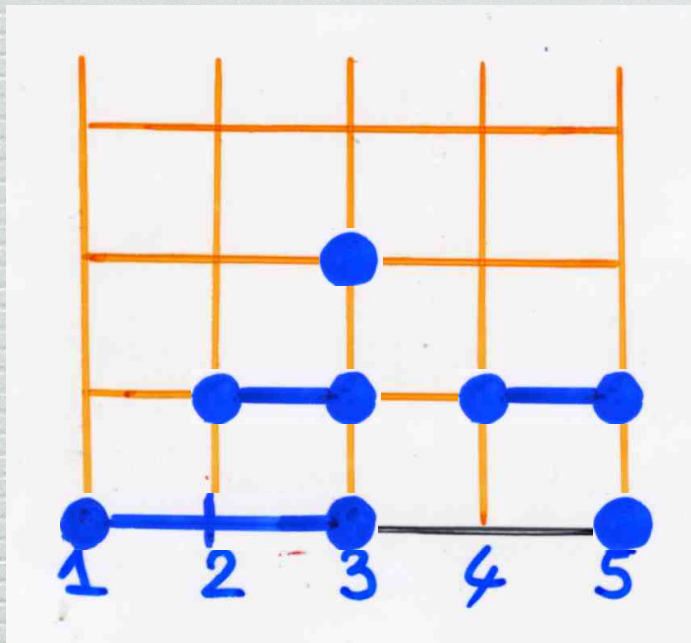
$$a_1 \leq a_2 \geq a_3 \leq a_4 \geq \dots \geq a_{2n-1}$$



$$1 \leq a_i \leq k$$

$$3 \leq 3 \geq 2 \leq 3 \geq 1 \leq 5 \geq 4 \leq 5 \geq 5$$

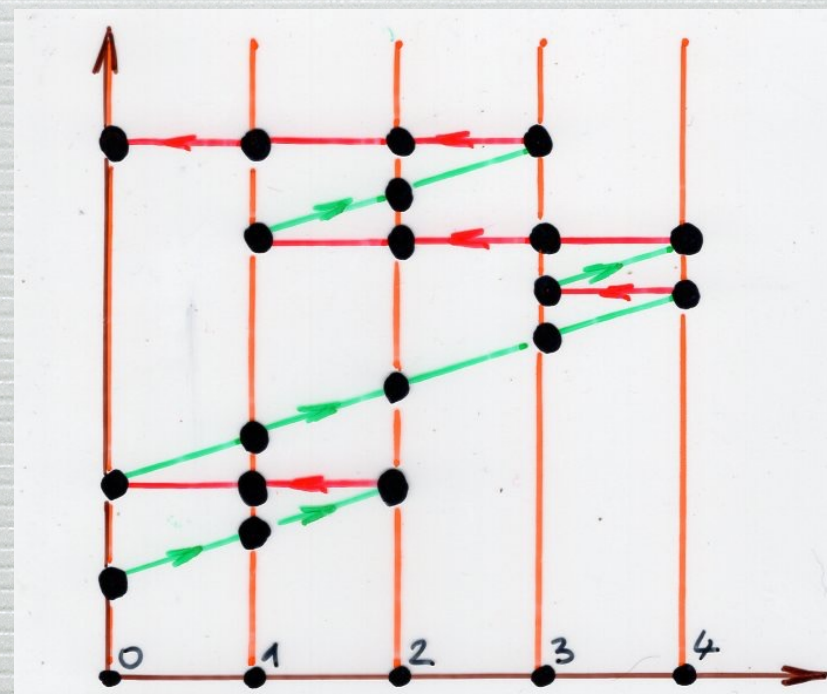
# reciprocity



$$a_1 \leq a_2 \geq a_3 \leq a_4 \geq \dots \geq a_{2n-1}$$

$$C^{(k)}_{2n}$$

## duality (odd case)

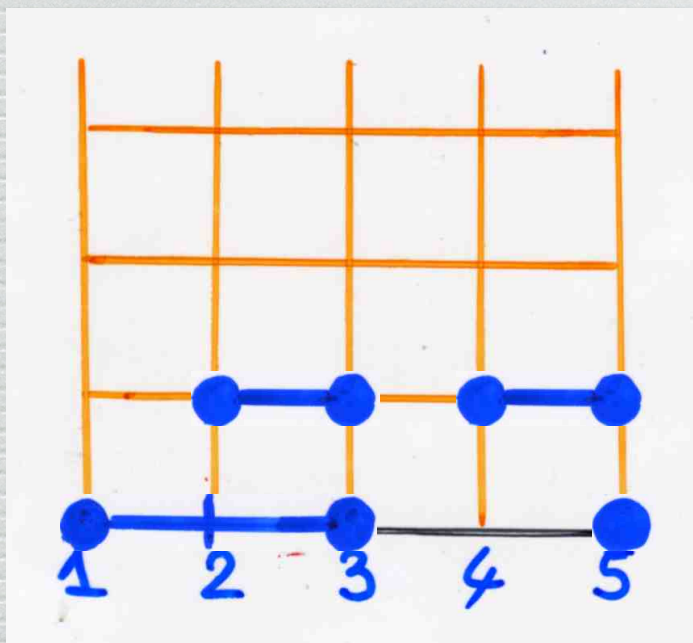




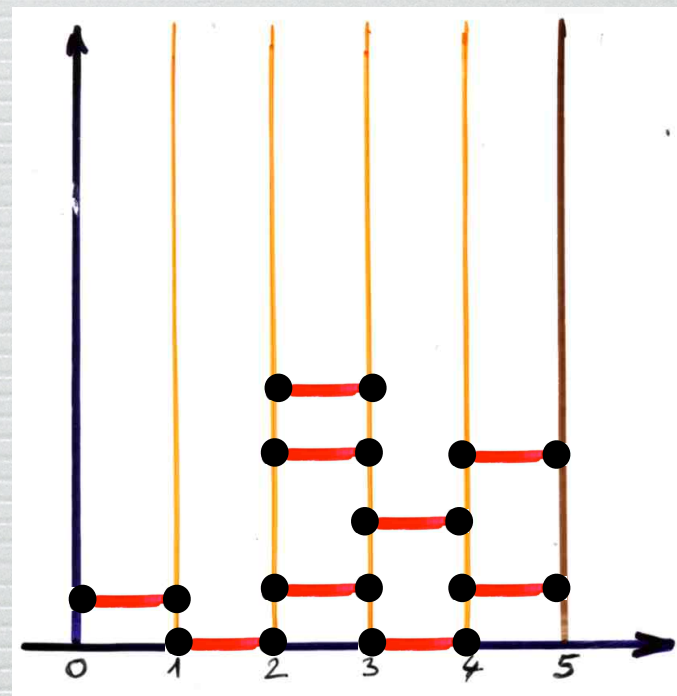
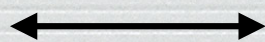
Taking the left most or  
right most maximal piece. ....

Use it later ...





reciprocity



duality

(even case)

$$-f(1/t) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_{-n} t^n$$

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



Second basic lemma on heaps:  
the inversion lemma

$1/D$



the inversion lemma

$$(\text{Heaps}) = \frac{1}{(\text{Trivial heaps})}$$

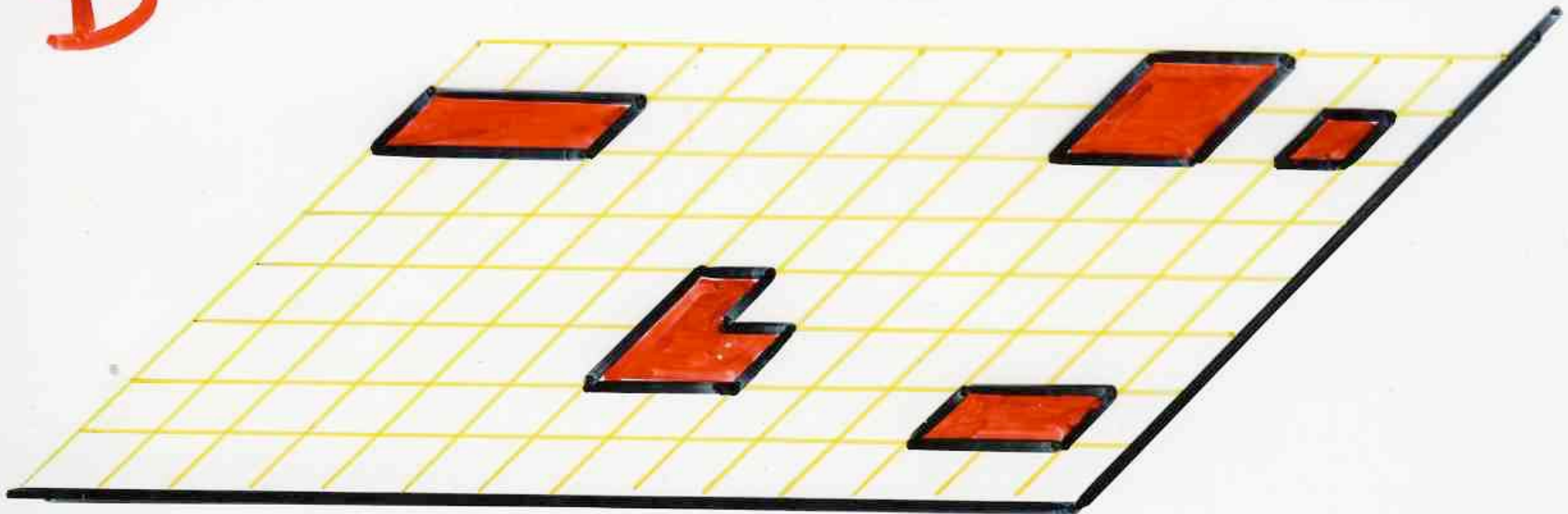


trivial  
heap

F

all pieces  $(\alpha, i)$   
at level  $\circ$

D



weight  
valuation

$v(E)$

- $v : \mathcal{P} \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}[x, y, \dots]$   
basic  
piece

- $v(\alpha, i) = v(\alpha)$   
piece

- $v(E) = \prod_{(\alpha, i) \in E} v(\alpha, i)$   
heap

the inversion lemma

$$\left( \sum_{\substack{E \\ \text{heaps}}} v(E) \right)$$

=

1

$$\left( \sum_{\substack{F \\ \text{trivial} \\ \text{heaps}}} (-1)^{|F|} v(F) \right)$$

the inversion lemma

$$\left( \sum_{\substack{E \\ \text{heaps}}} v(E) \right)$$

=

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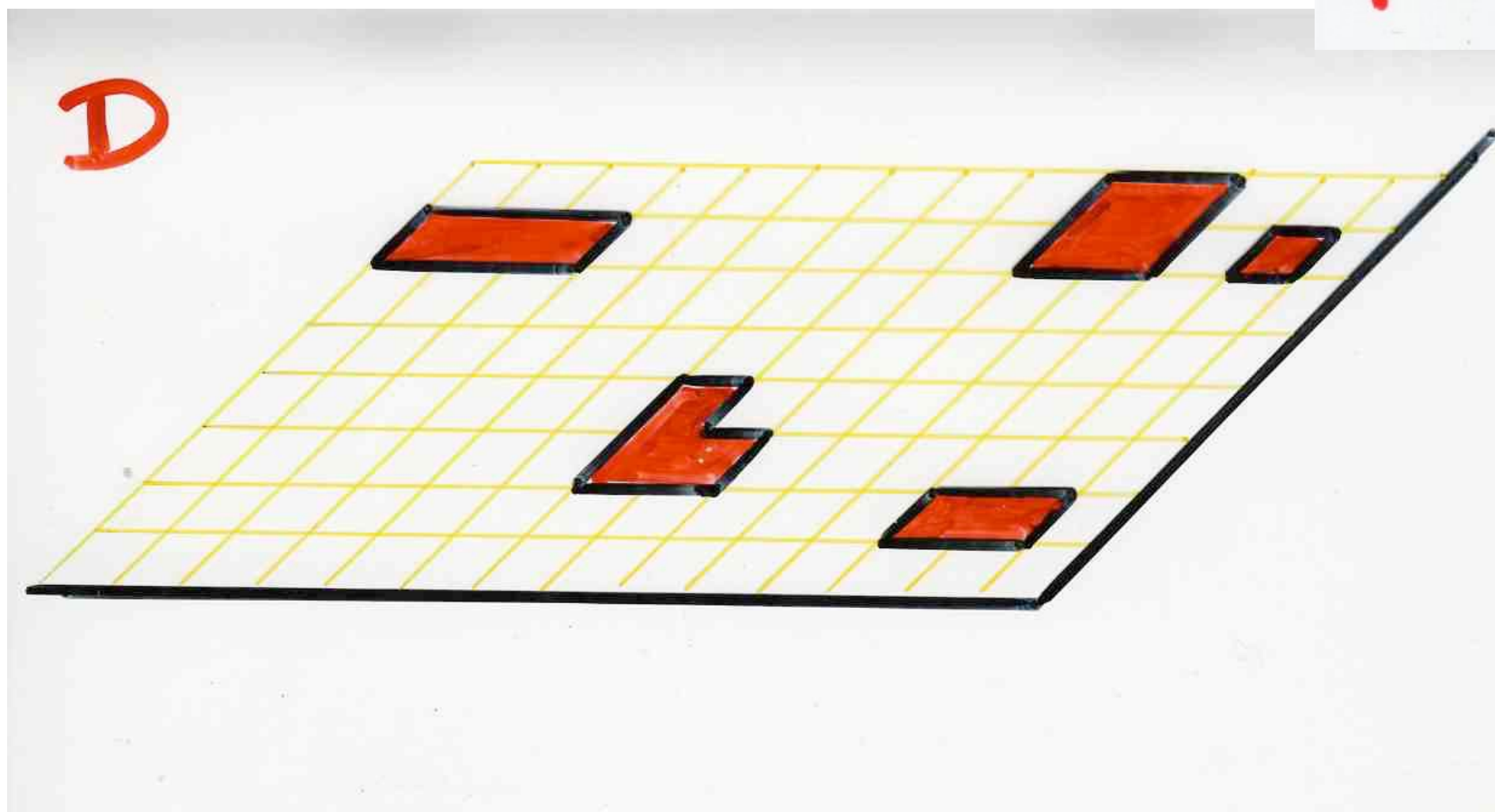
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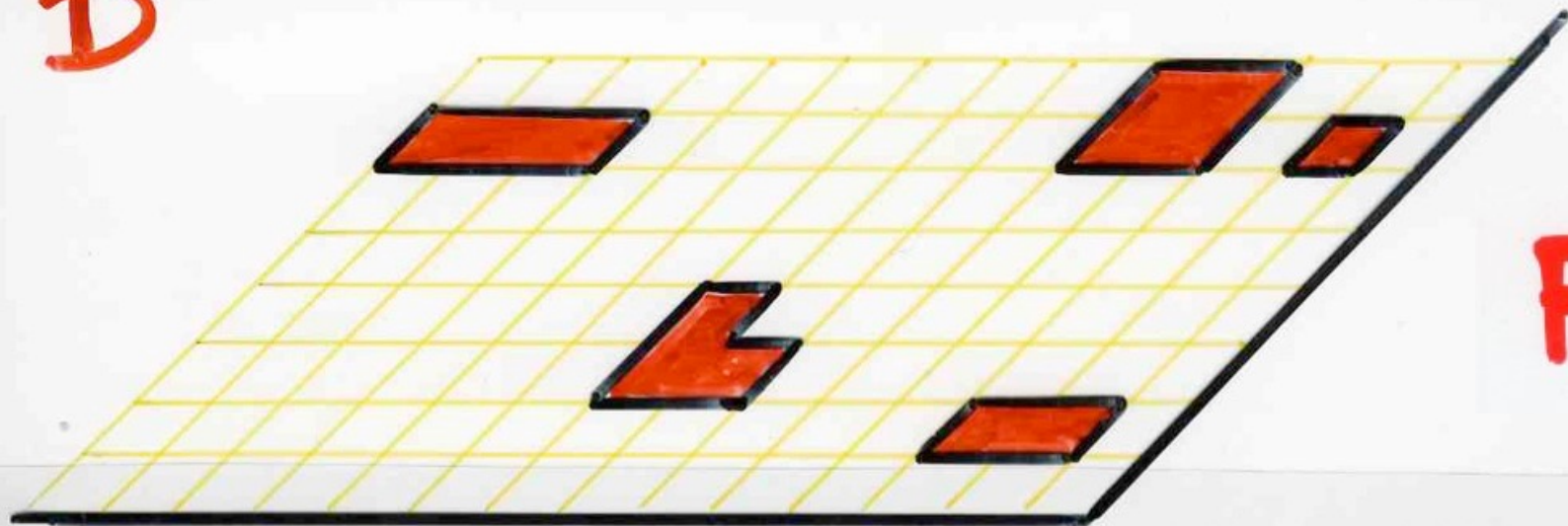


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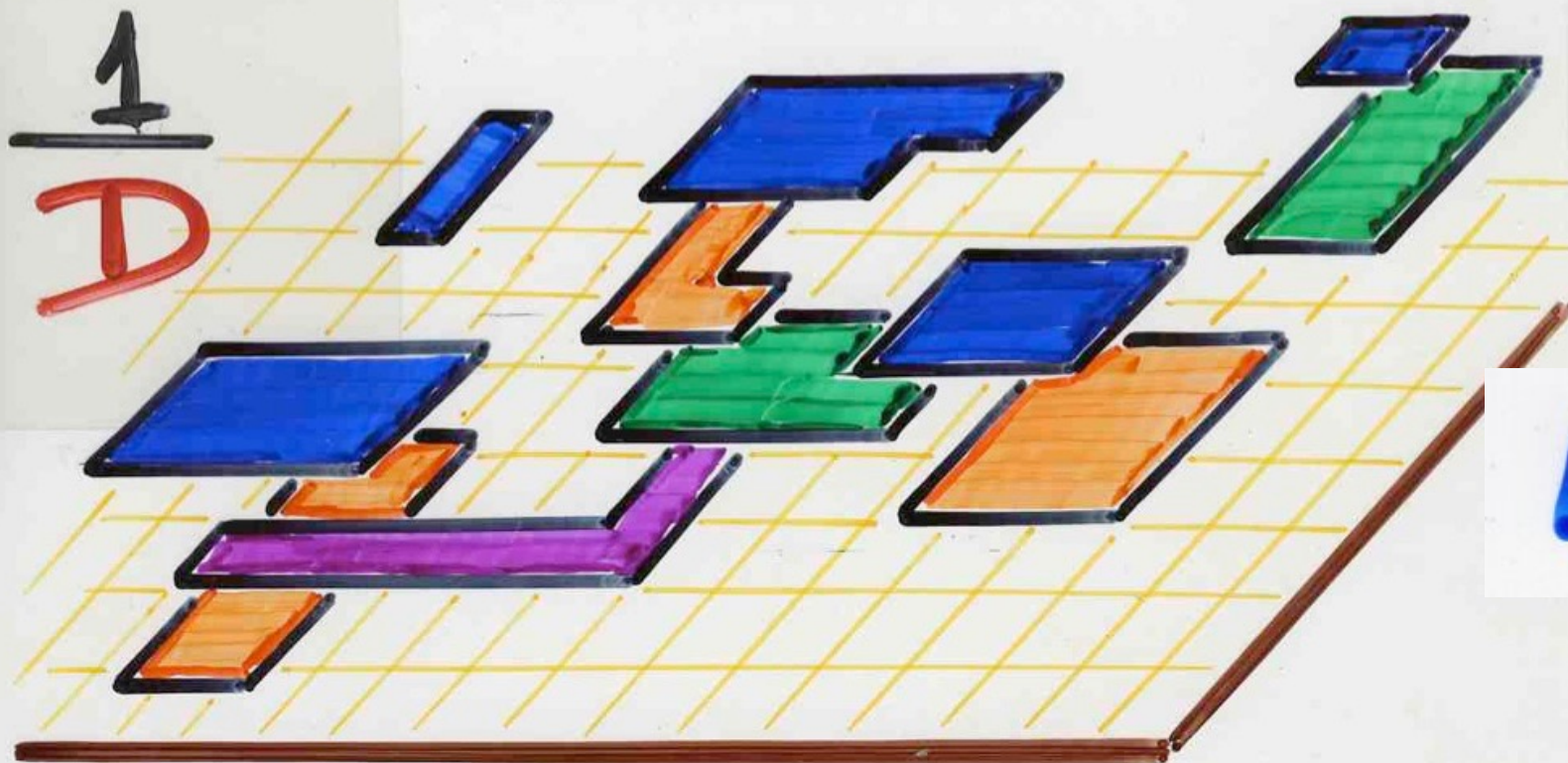
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$\frac{1}{D}$

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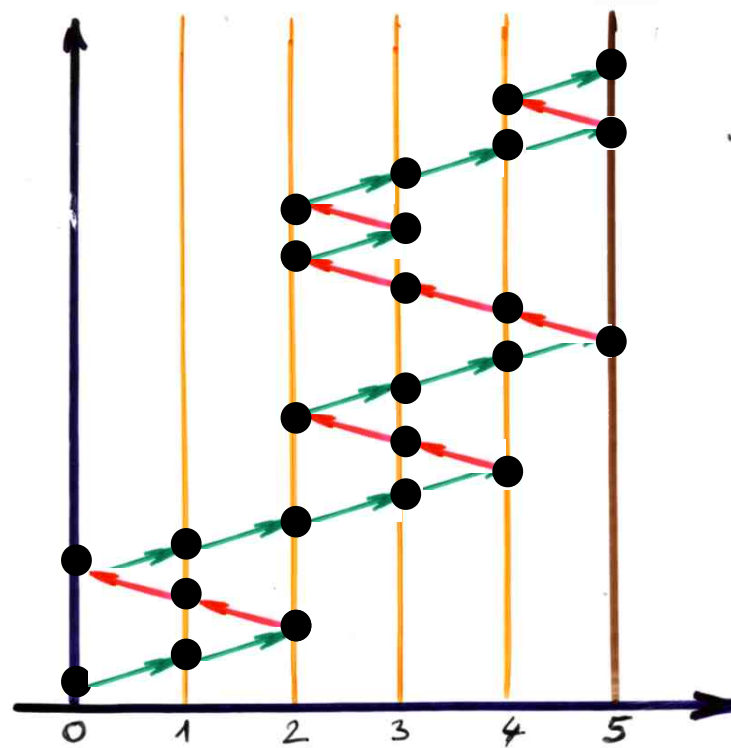
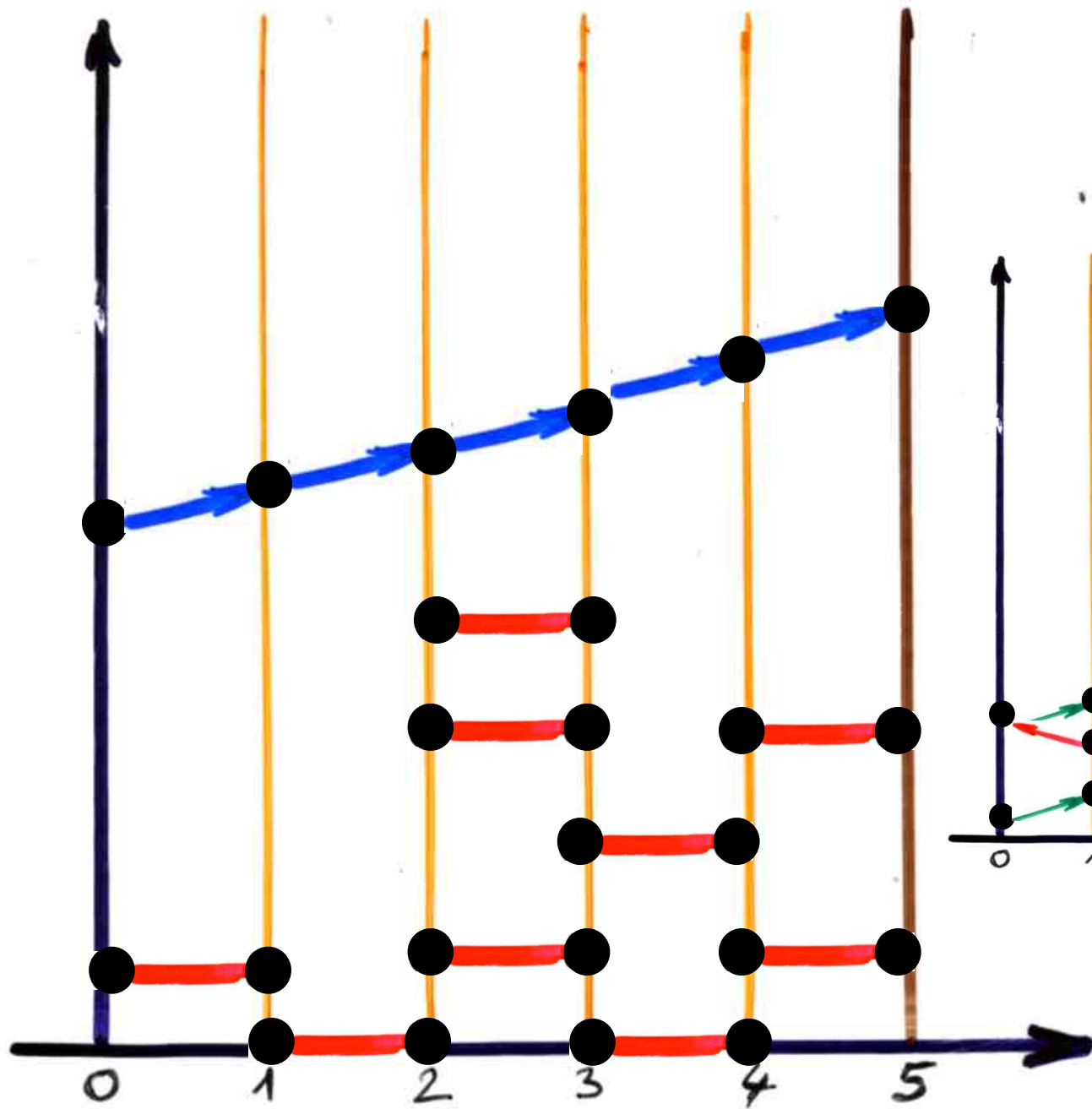


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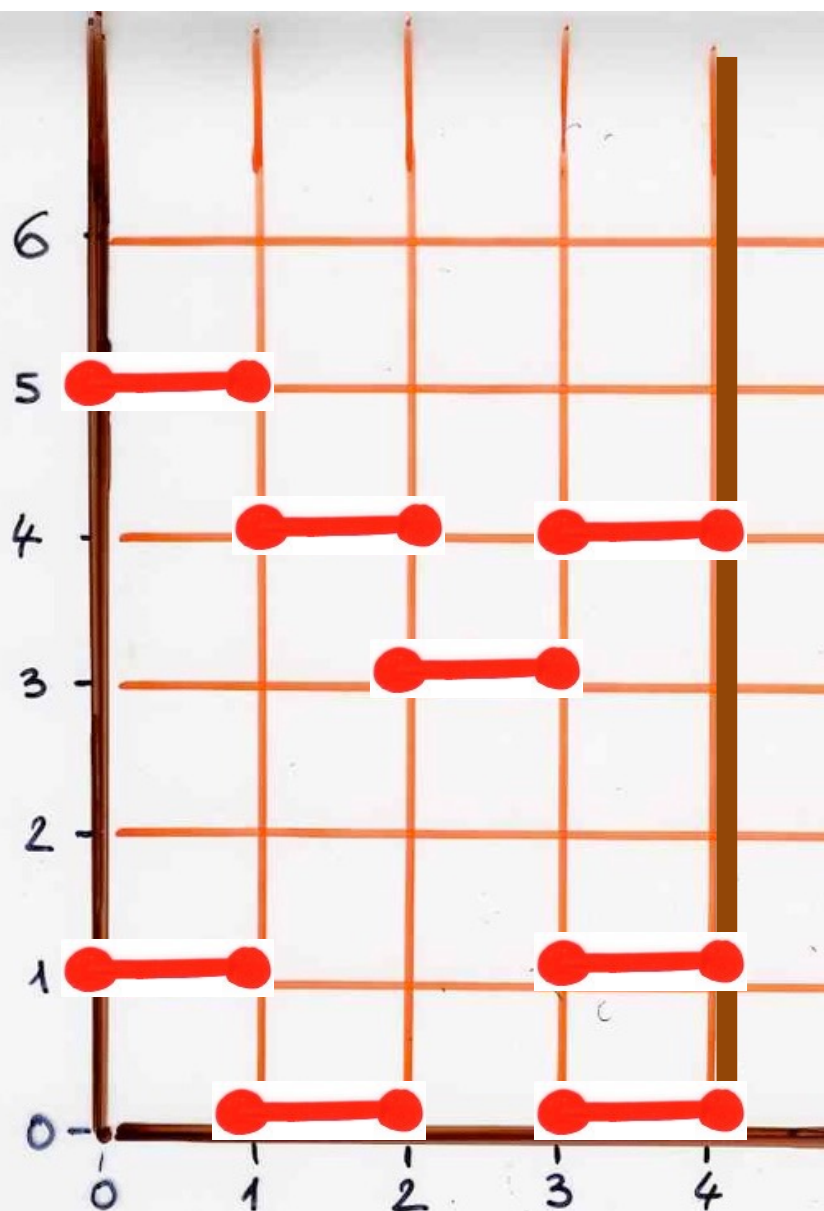


examples:

heaps of dimers  
on a segment

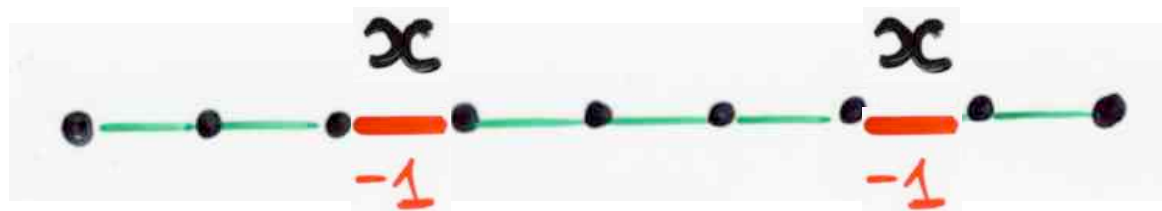






generating function  
of **heaps** of **dimers**  
on the segment  $[0, k]$   
(enumerated by the  
number of **dimers**)

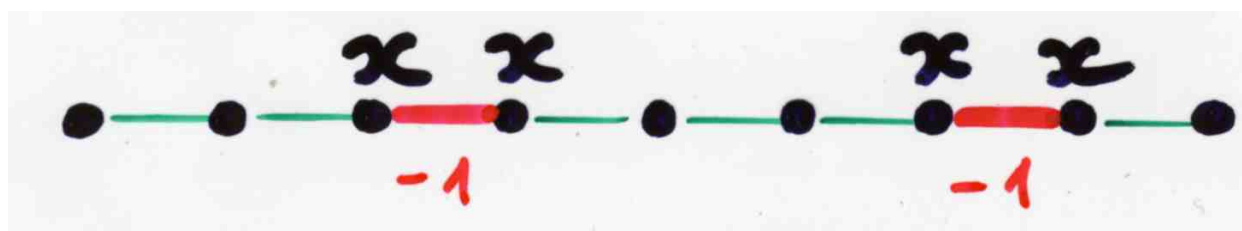
$$\frac{1}{F_{k+1}(t)}$$



$$F_n(x) = \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^k a_{n,k} x^k$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha} (-x)^{|\alpha|}$$

$\alpha$   
 matching  
 of  $[0, n-1]$



$$F_n(x^2)$$



Reciprocity



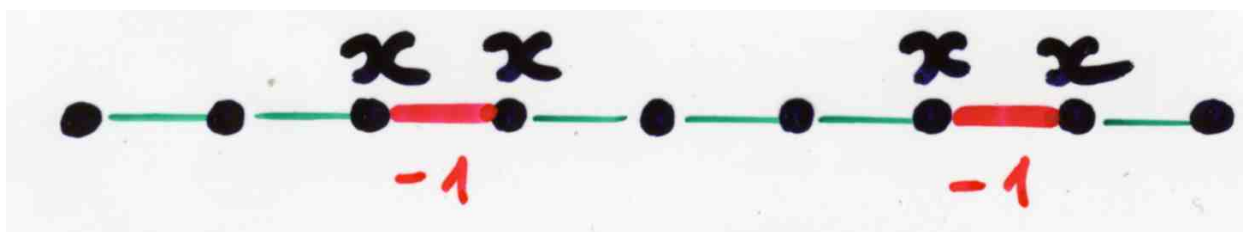
reciprocity

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

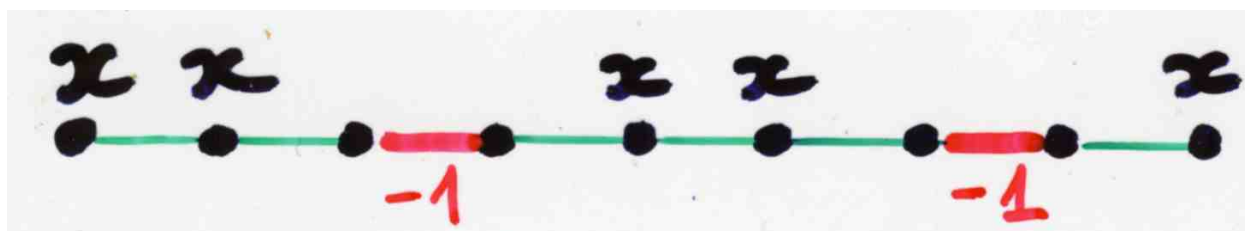
$$\frac{1}{F_n(z^2)}$$

$$-f(1/t) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_{-n} t^n$$





$$F_n(x^2)$$



$$S_n(x)$$

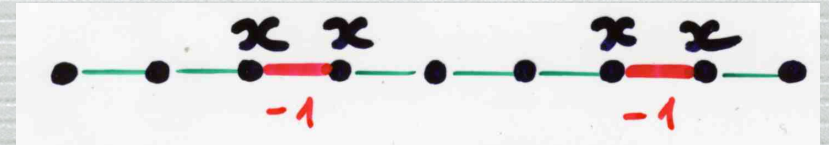
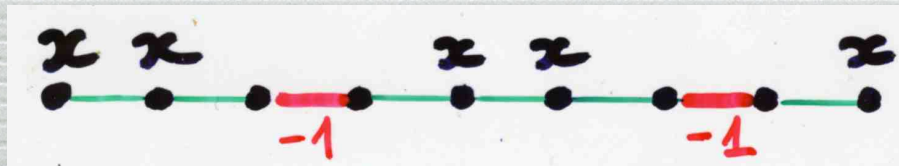
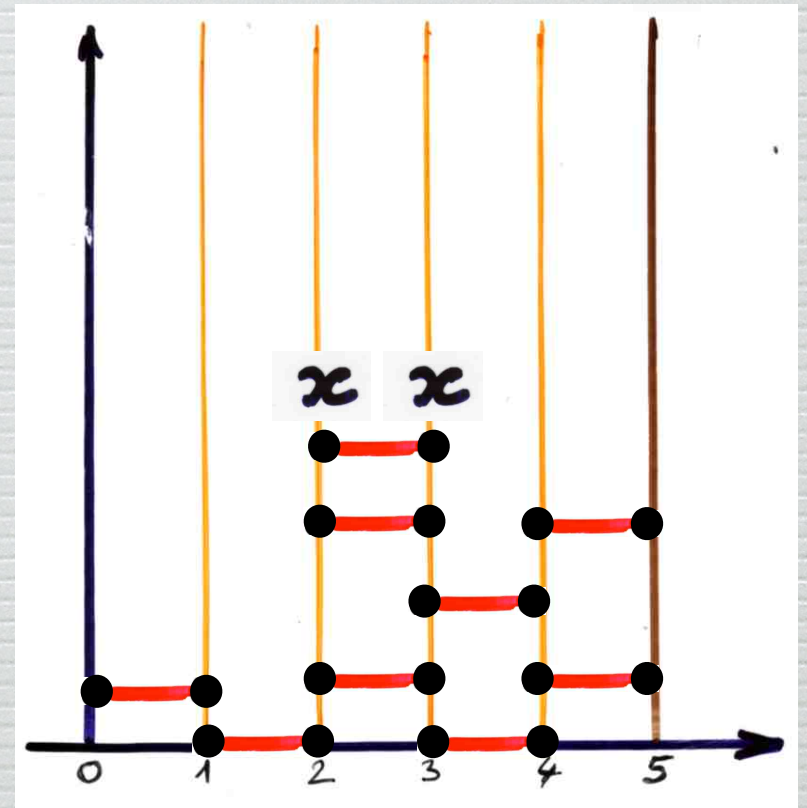
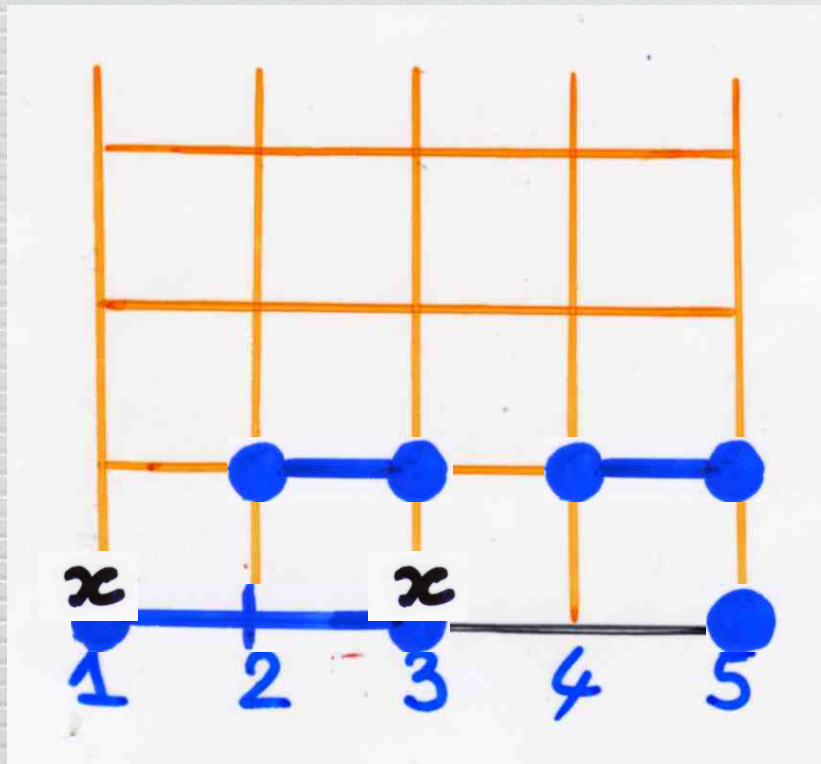
$$S_n^*(x) = x^n S_n(1/x)$$

reciprocal  
polynomial

$$= \sum_{\substack{\alpha \\ \text{matching} \\ \text{of } [0, \dots, n-1]}} (-x^2)^{|\alpha|}$$

$$= F_n(x^2)$$

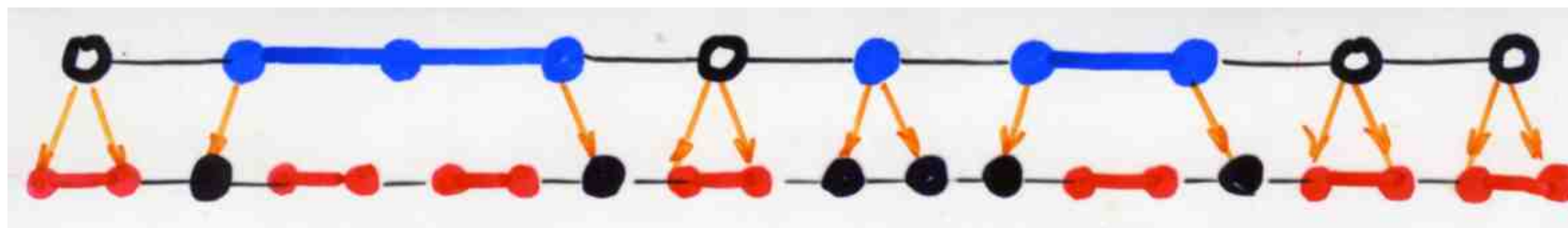
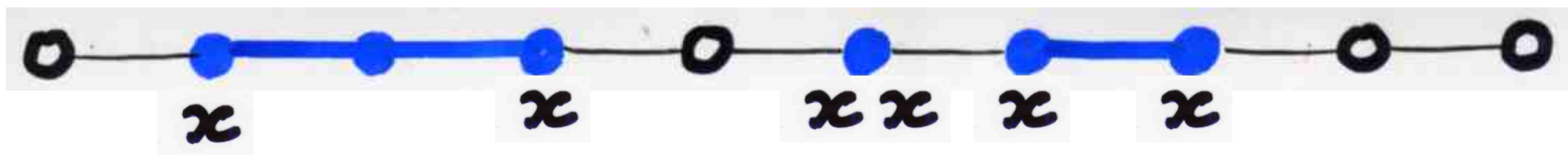
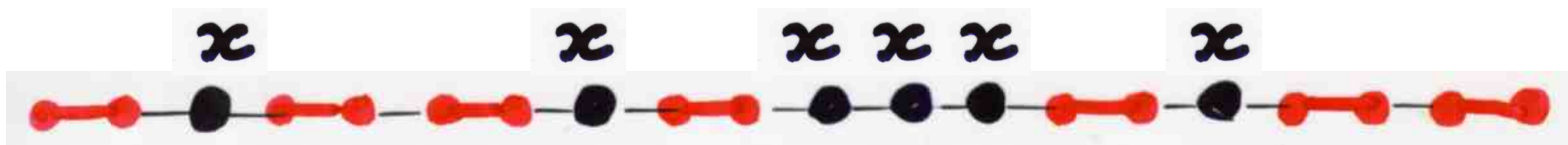
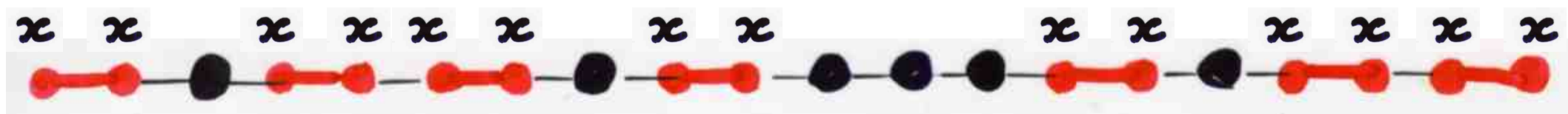
# reciprocity (even case)

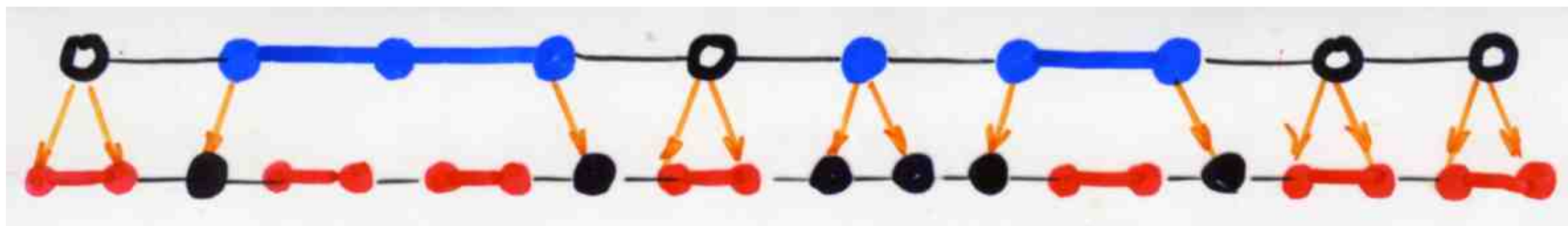


$$S_n(x)$$

$$F_n(x^2)$$

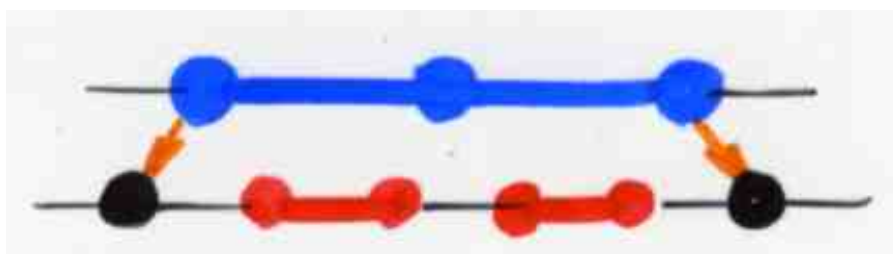
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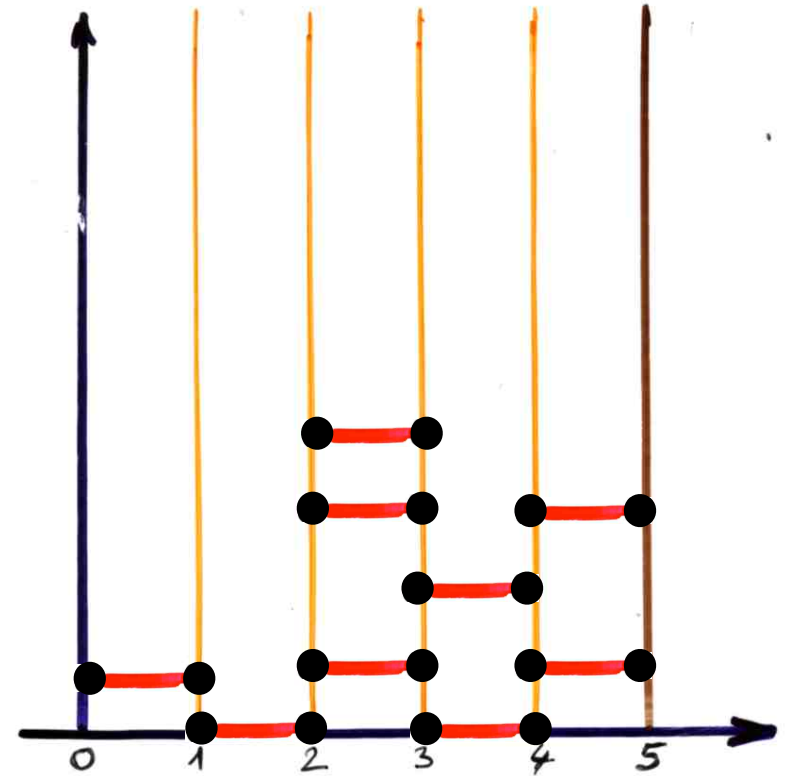
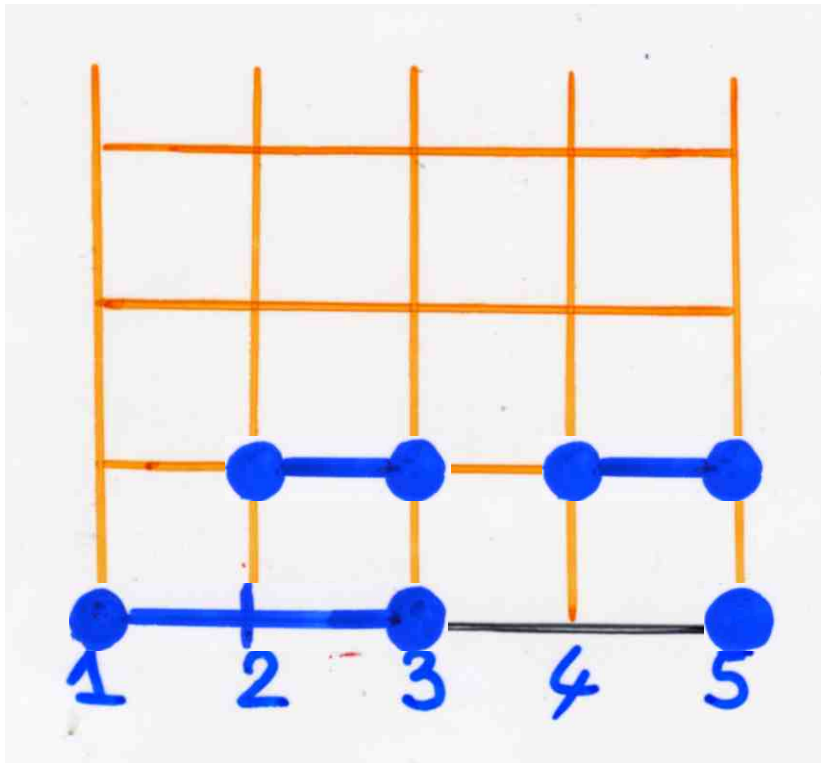
$$k = 10$$

$$2k = 20$$





# reciprocity



$$\left| \mathcal{A}_{2n}^{(k)} \right|$$

=

$$(-1)^{k+1} \mathcal{D}_{-2n-2k}^{(2k-1)}$$



Fibonacci  
and  
Tchebychev polynomials

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

$U_n(x)$       Chebyshev  
polynomial 2<sup>nd</sup> kind

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

$$S_n^*(x) = x^n S_n(1/x)$$

$$= F_n(x^2)$$



## About Tchebychev and Fibonacci polynomials

More details in the video-book « ABjC », Part I,

*An introduction to enumerative, algebraic and bijective combinatorics*

IMSc, Chennai, 2016, Chapter 1c, pp 30-49

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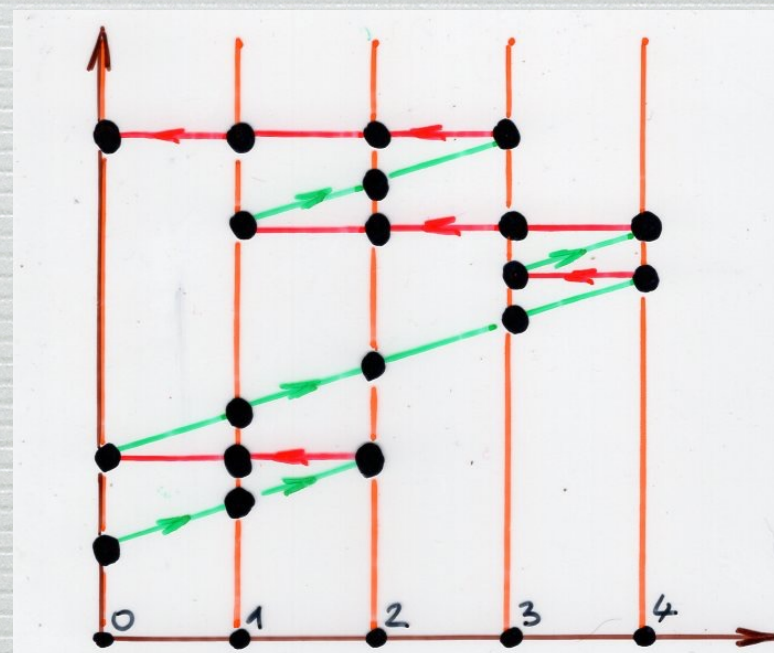
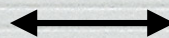
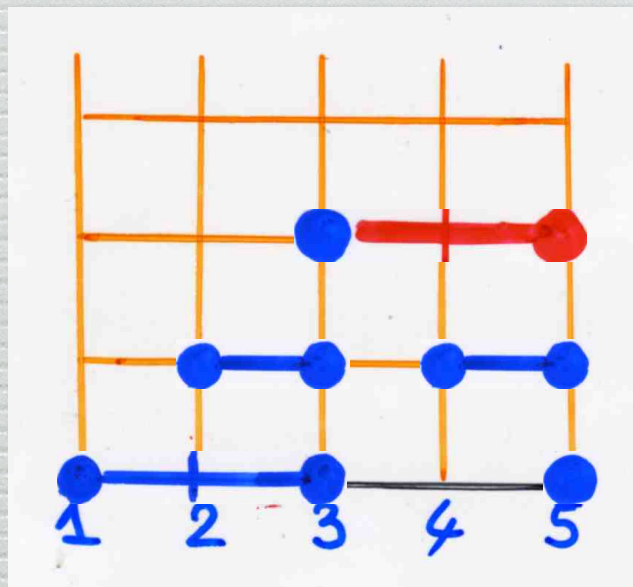


# reciprocity (even case)

$$\left| \begin{matrix} A \\ 2n-1 \end{matrix} \right|^{(k)}$$

$$=$$

$$C_{-2n}^{(2k-1)}$$





reciprocity (odd case)

extension of the inversion lemma

N/D



extension of the inversion lemma

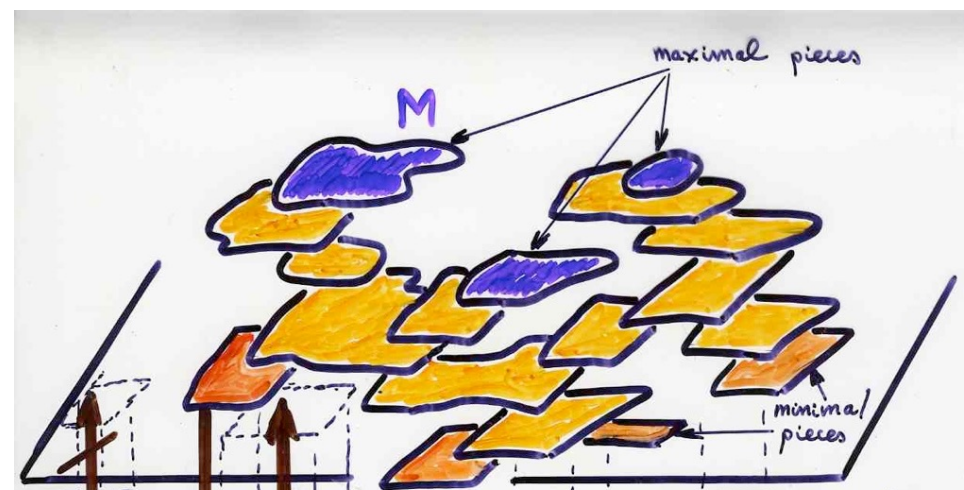
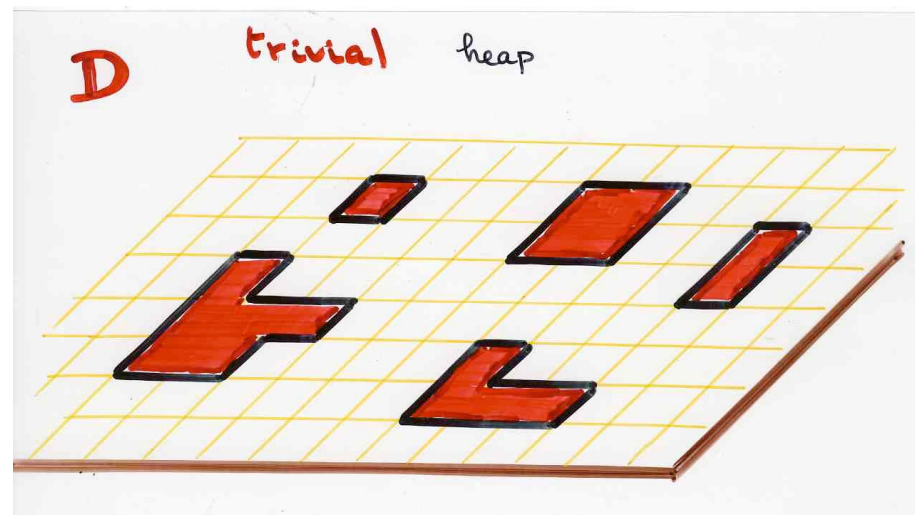
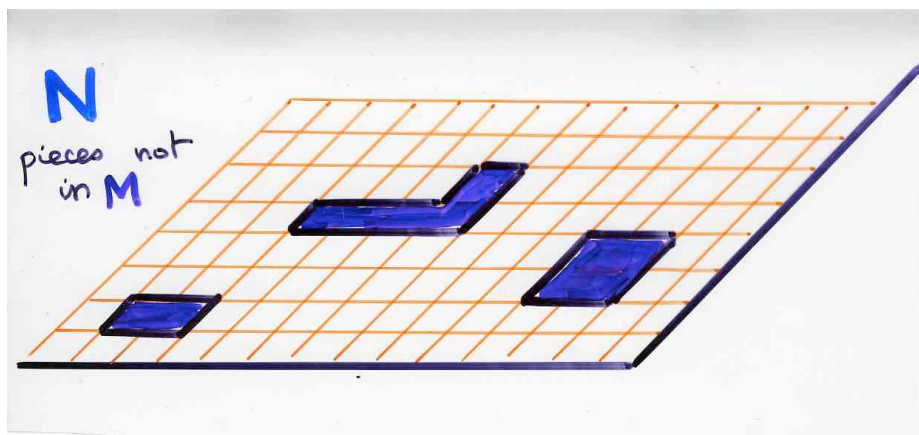
$$M \subseteq P$$

$$\sum_E v(E) = \frac{N}{D}$$

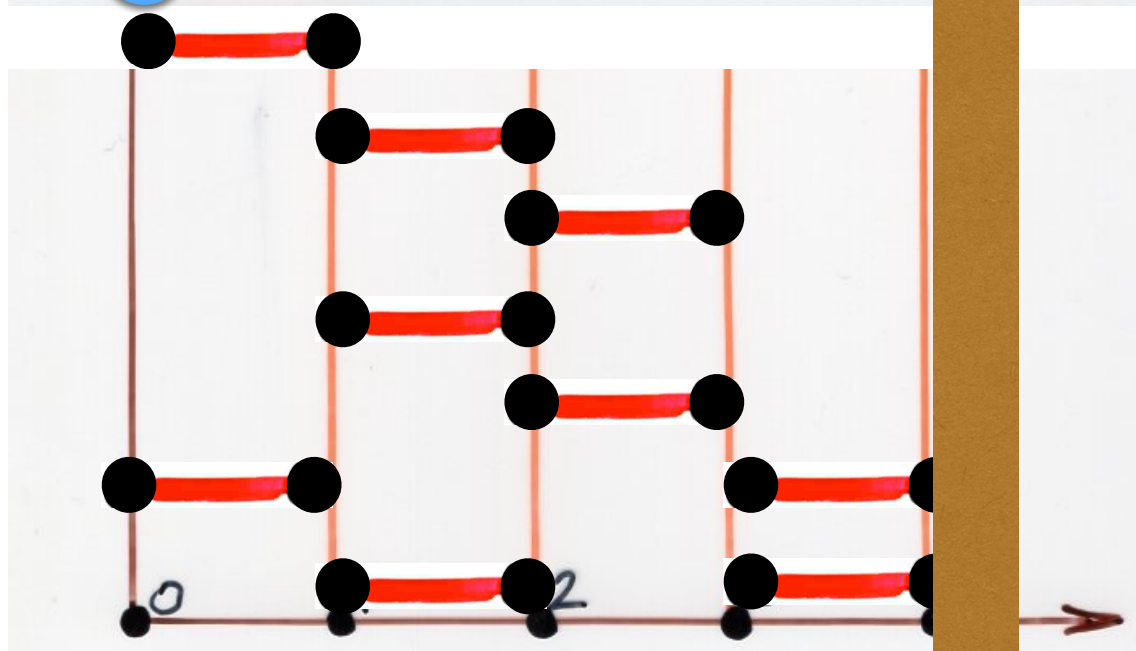
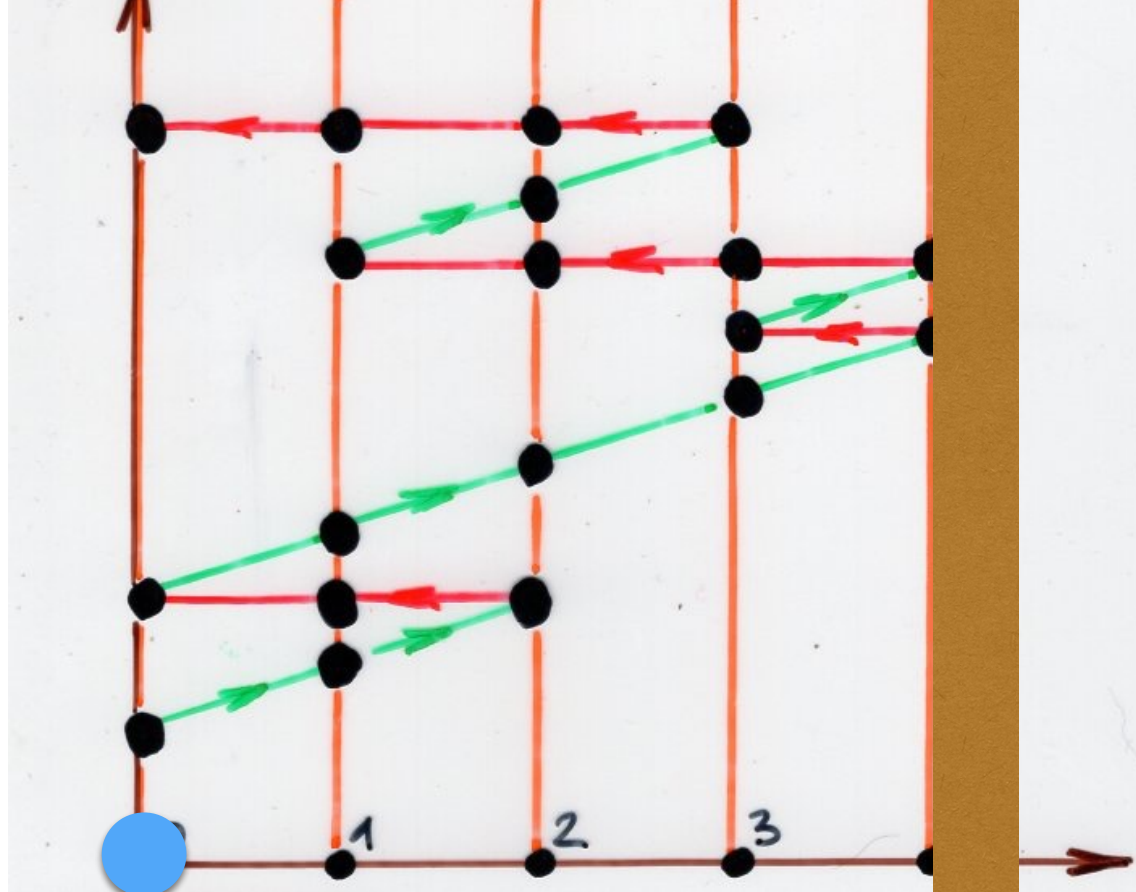
$$\pi(\text{maximal pieces}) \in M$$

$$D = \sum_{\substack{F \\ \text{trivial heaps}}} (-1)^{|F|} v(F)$$

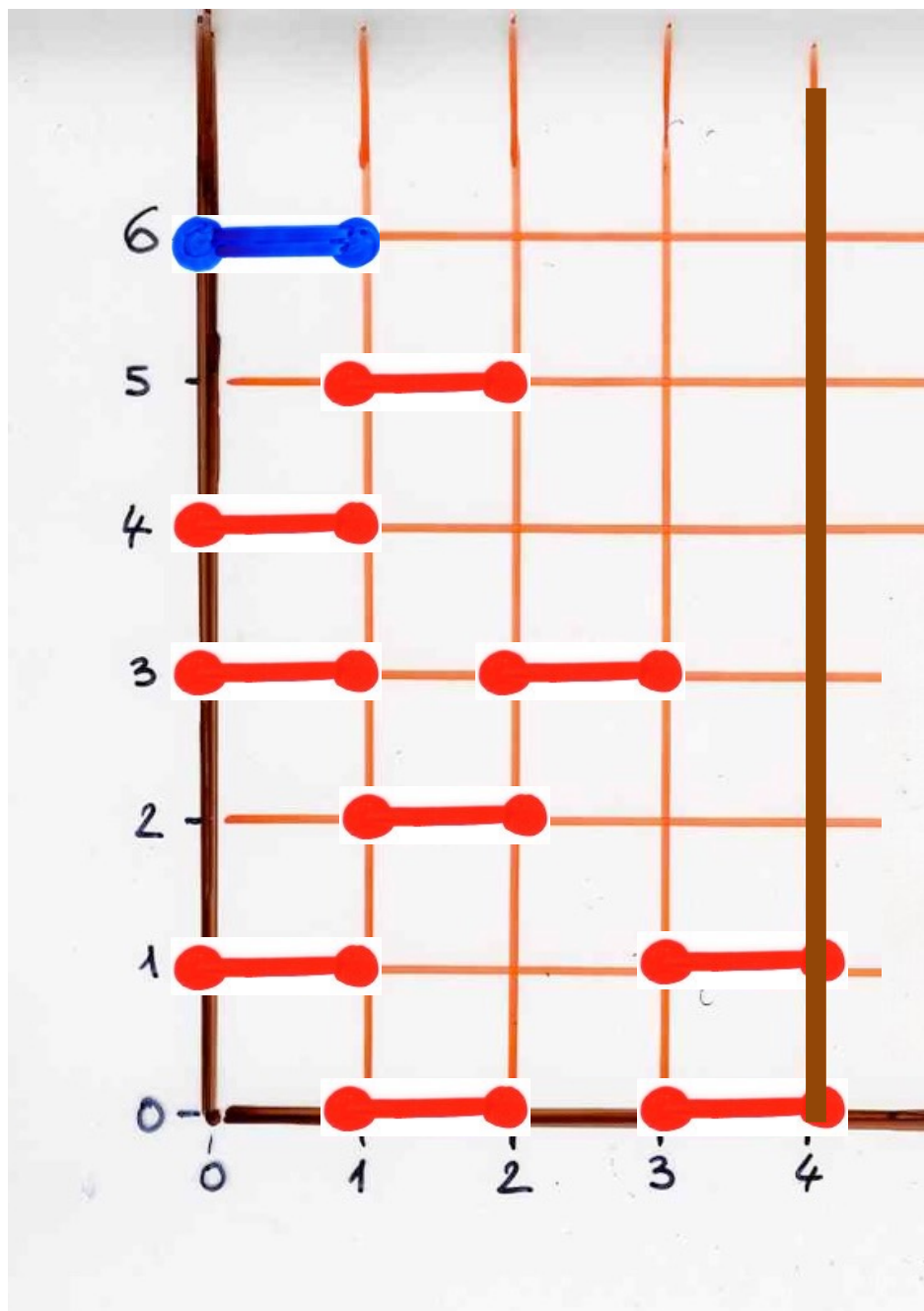
$$N = \sum_{\substack{F \\ \text{trivial heaps} \\ \text{pieces} \notin M}} (-1)^{|F|} v(F)$$







$$C_{2n}^{(k)}$$



$$\frac{F_k(t)}{F_{k+1}(t)}$$

generating function  
of semi-pyramids of dimers  
on the segment  $[0, k]$   
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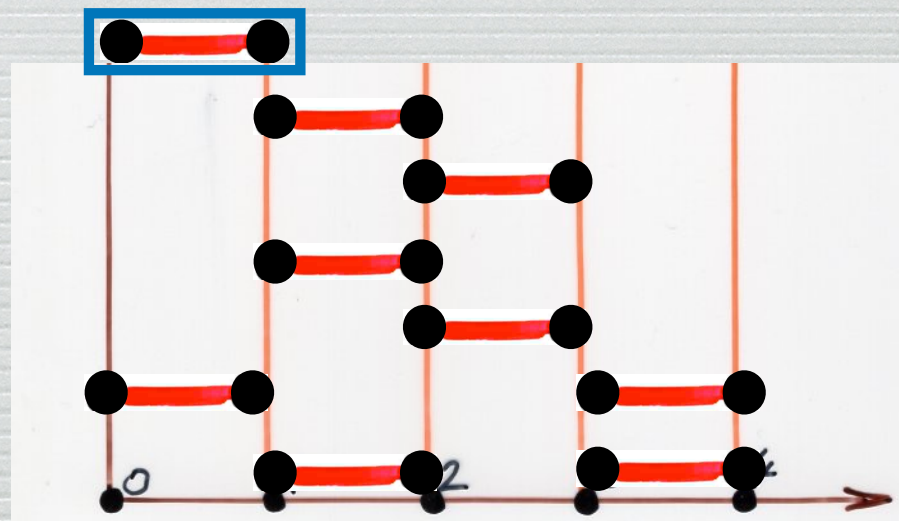
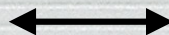
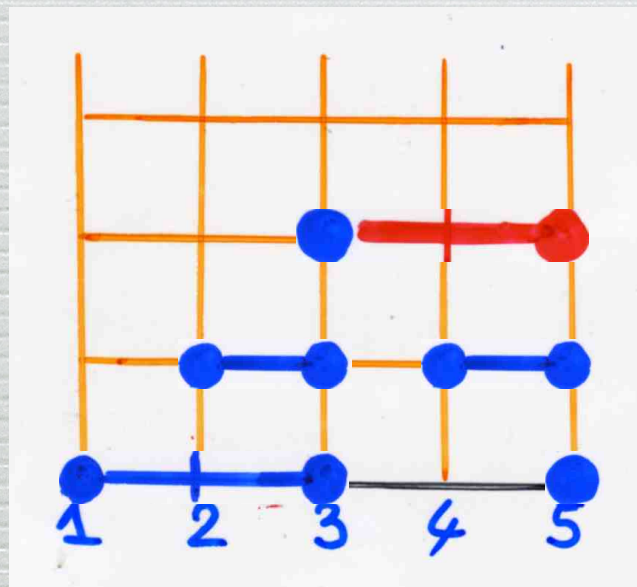
reciprocity

odd case

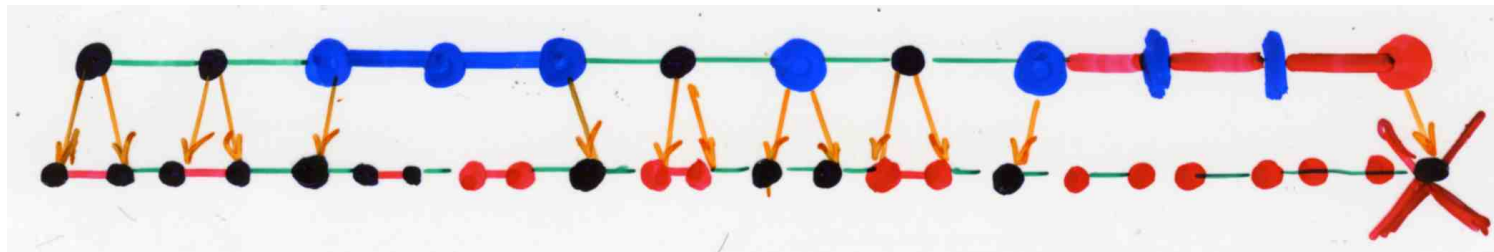
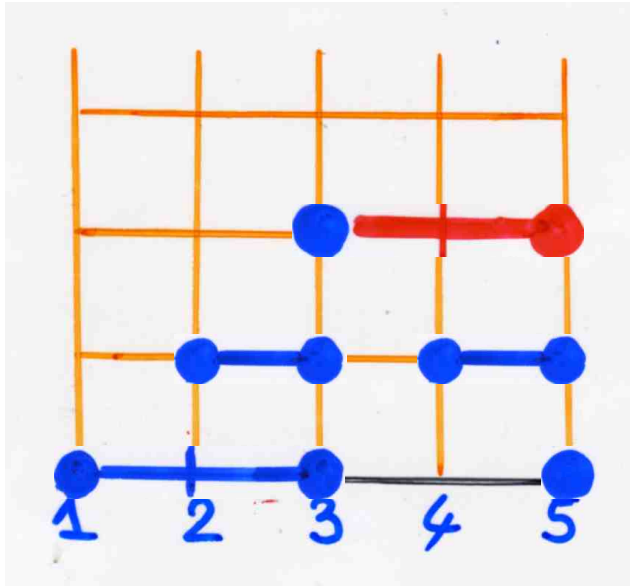
$$\left| A_{2n-1}^{(k)} \right|$$

=

$$C_{-2n}^{(2k-1)}$$



$$\frac{F_k(t)}{F_{k+1}(t)}$$

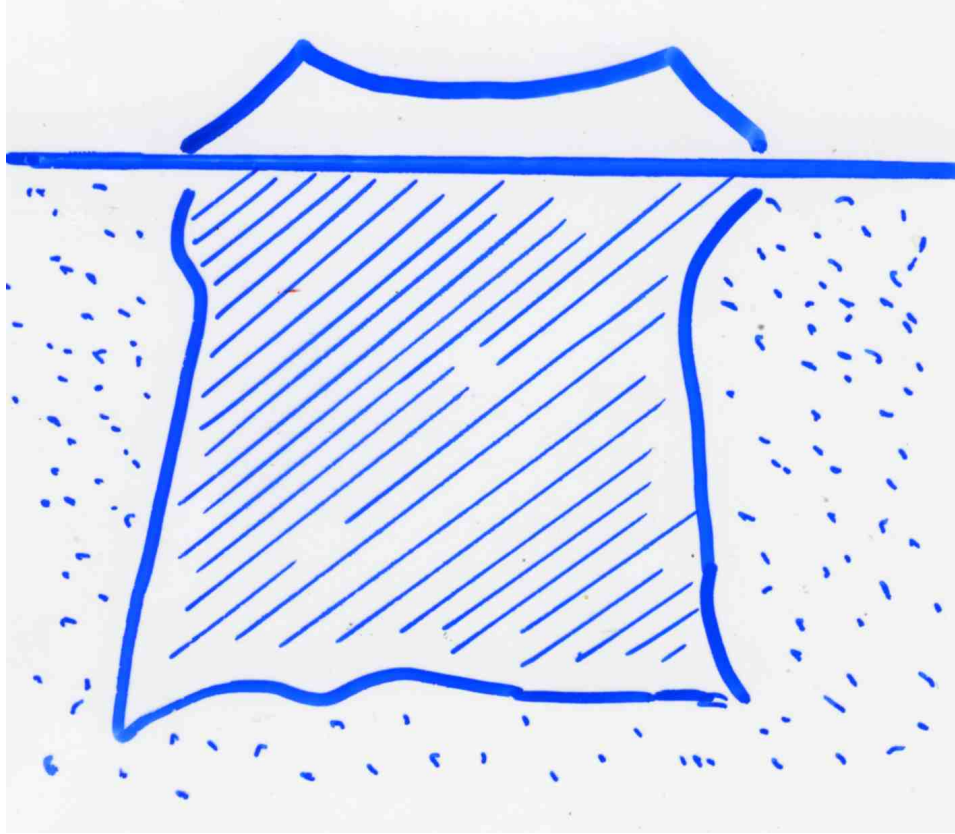


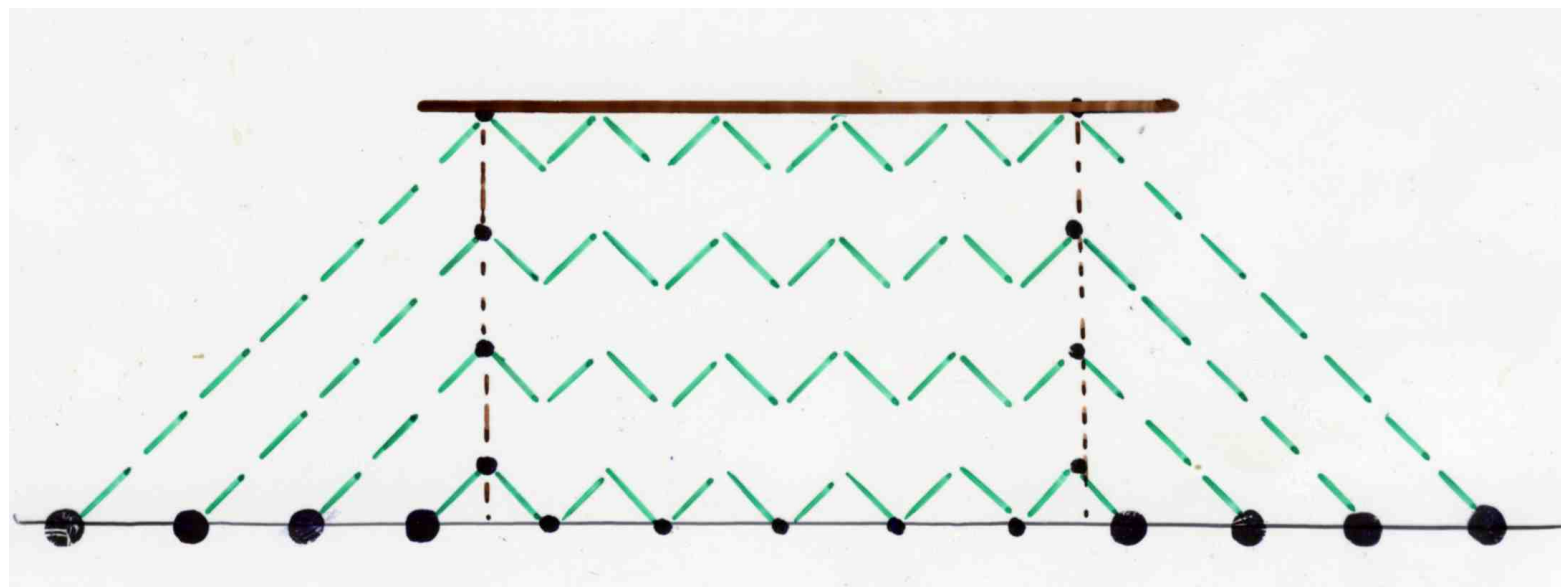


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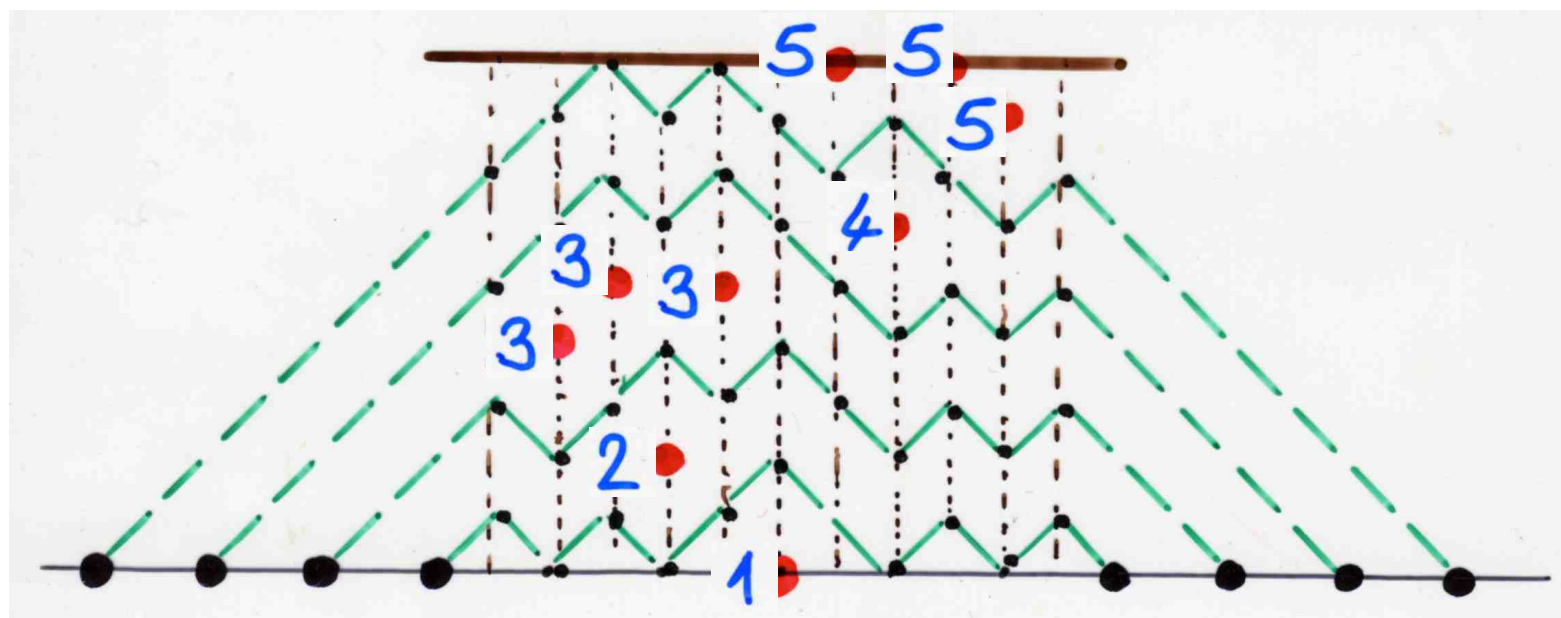


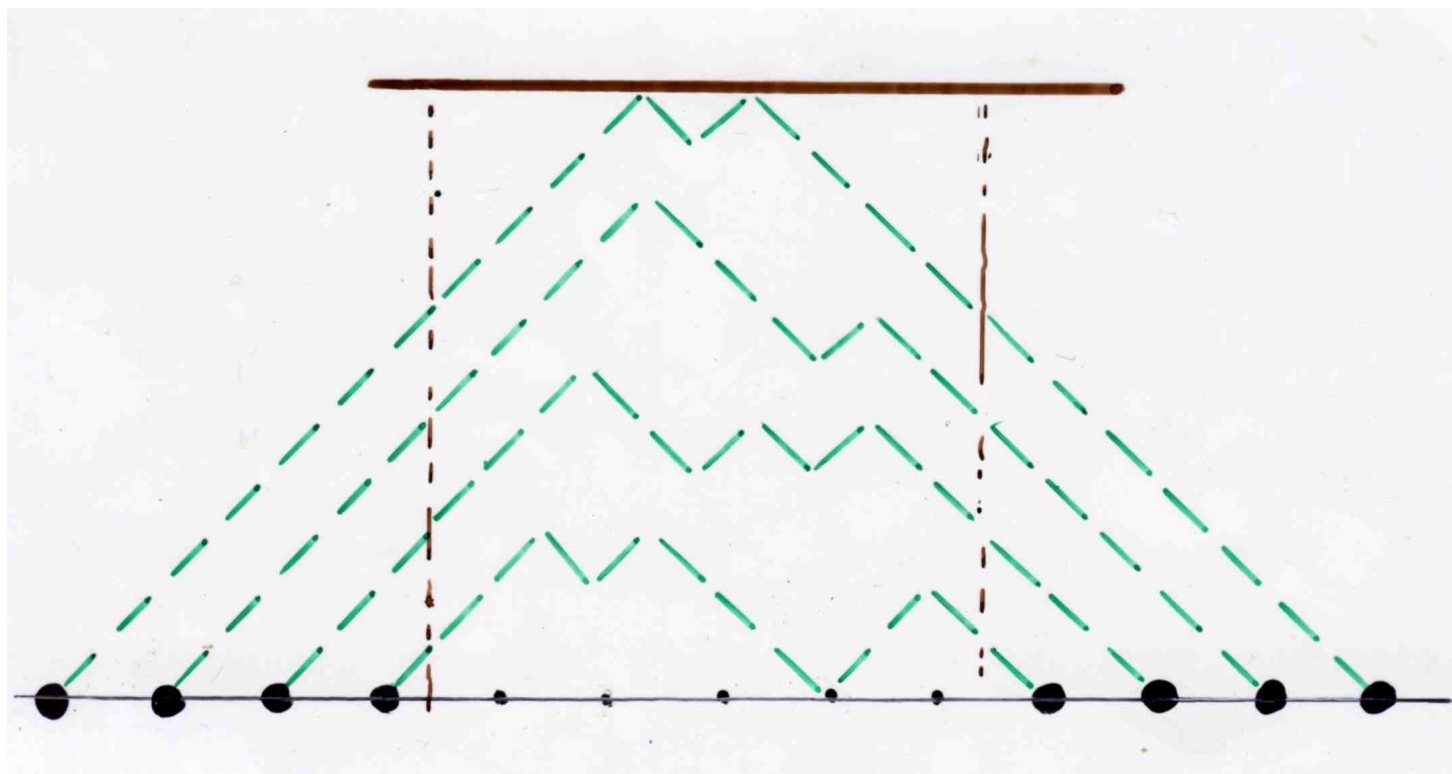


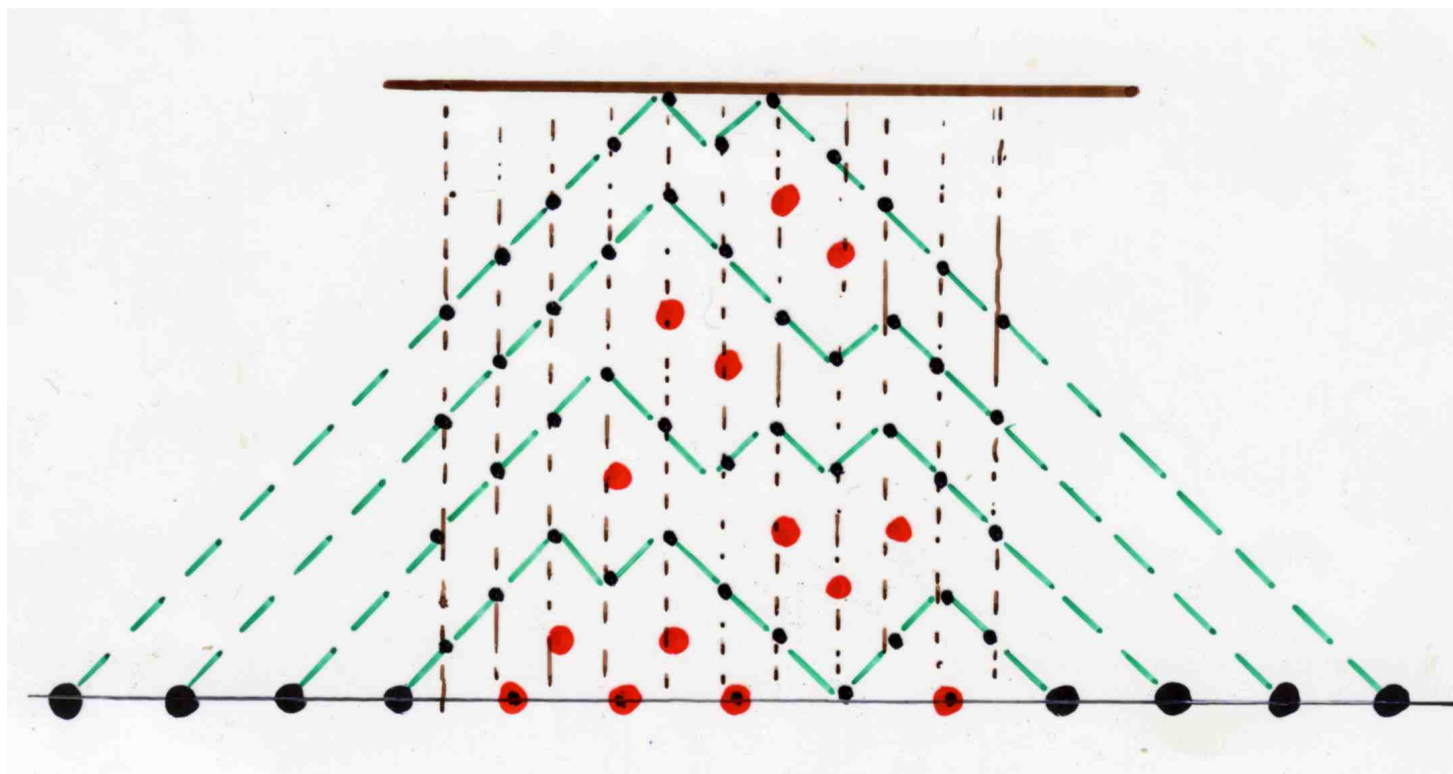


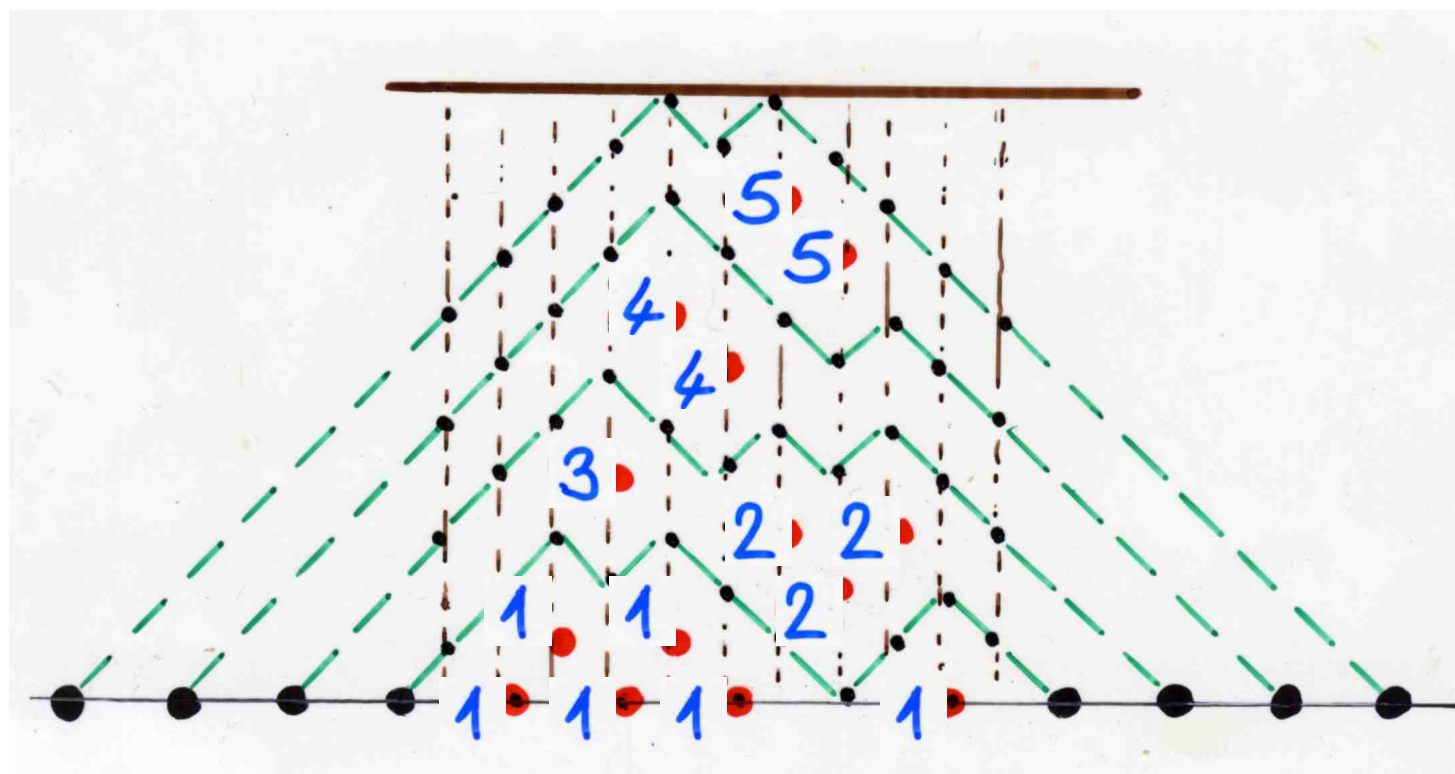












3 4 4 5 5  
1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1



# Orthogonal polynomials continued fractions

A.M. Garsia, Ö. Eğecioğlu (2020)  
Lecture in algebraic combinatorics

M.E.H. Ismail

talk this meeting  
Monday 21

More details in the video-book « ABjC », Part IV, *A combinatorial theory of orthogonal polynomials and continued fractions*

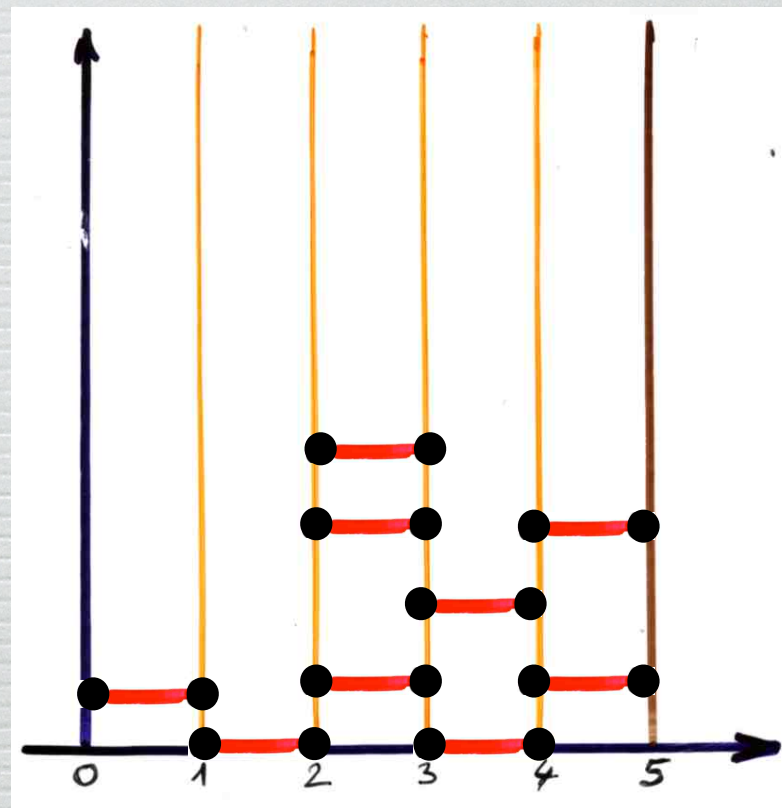
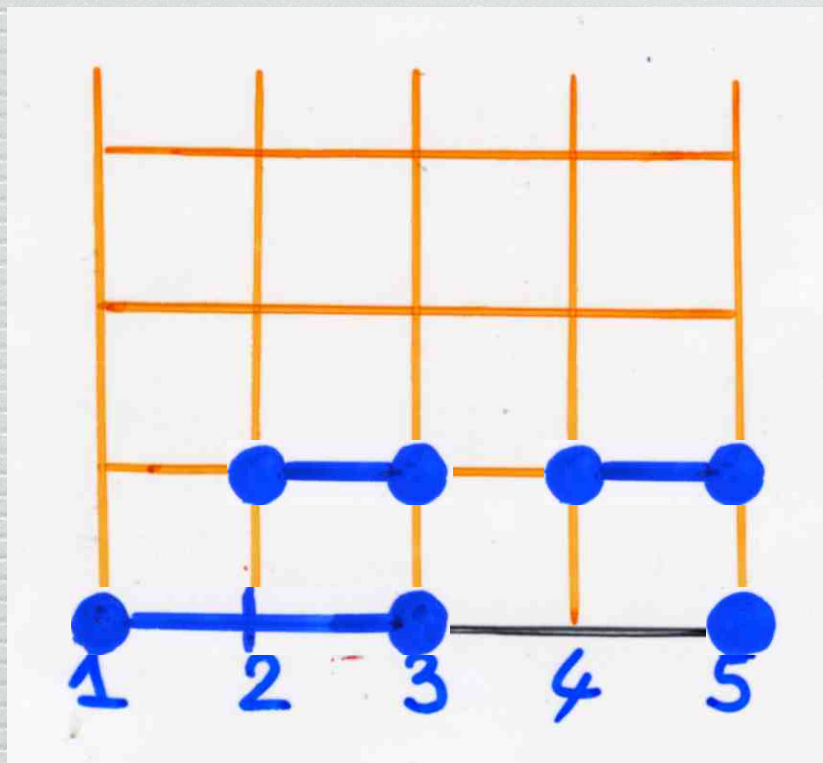
IMSc, Chennai, 2019 [www.viennot.org/abjc4.html](http://www.viennot.org/abjc4.html)

Interpretation of continued fractions and moments of orthogonal polynomials with semi-pyramids of dimers and monomers

Chapter 3b, pp 137-147

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# The duality



In the context of  
fully commutative elements  
in Coxeter groups



before that:

taking the rightmost maximal picece

remind something related to ....

Ramanujan



Andrews theorem  
about the «reciprocal» of  
Ramanujan continued fraction



quasi-partitions  
of  $n$

G. Andrews (1981)

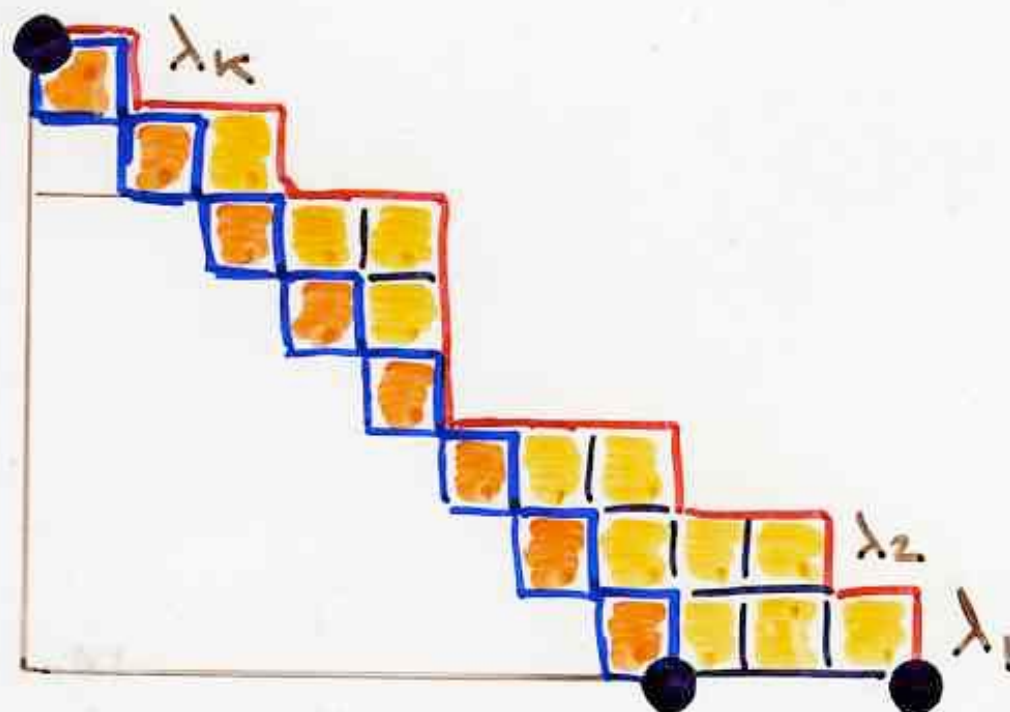
reciprocal of  
Rogers-Ramanujan  
identities

$$n = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_k$$

$$1 + \lambda_i \geq \lambda_{i+1}$$

$$i = 1, \dots, k-1$$

$$\lambda = (4, 4, 3, 1, 2, 3, 2, 1)$$





$$\frac{1}{R_I} = \sum_{\lambda} (-1)^{l(\lambda)} q^{|\lambda|}$$

quasi-partitions

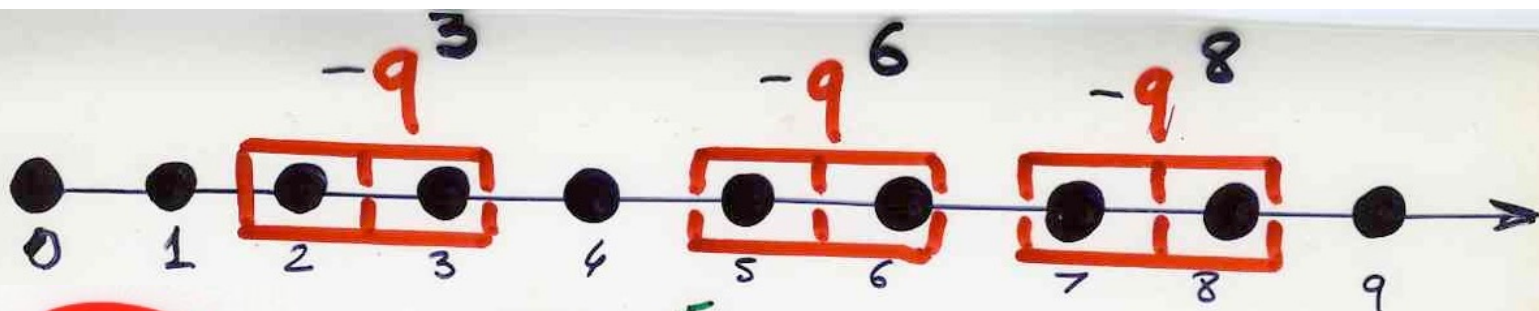
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reciprocal of  
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identities

# Rogers-Ramanujan

1<sup>st</sup> identity

$$D = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(1-q)(1-q^2)\dots(1-q^n)}$$



$$D = \sum_{E \text{ trivial heaps of dimers on } \mathbb{N}} (-1)^{|E|} v(E)$$

trivial heaps  
of  
dimers on  $\mathbb{N}$

$$v([k-1, k]) = -q^k$$

weighted heap  $v(E)$

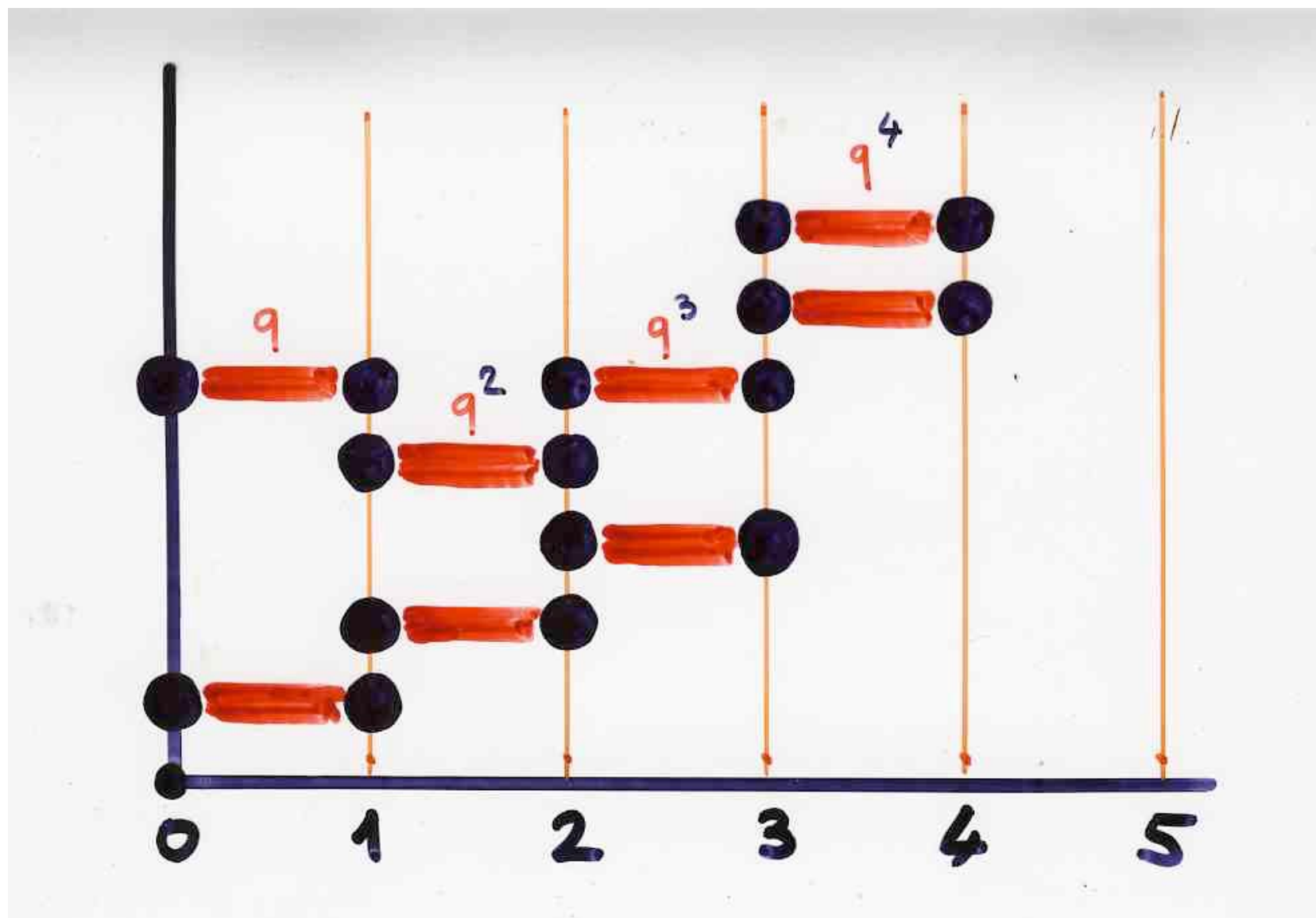
$$v(E) = \prod_{\alpha \in E} v(\alpha)$$

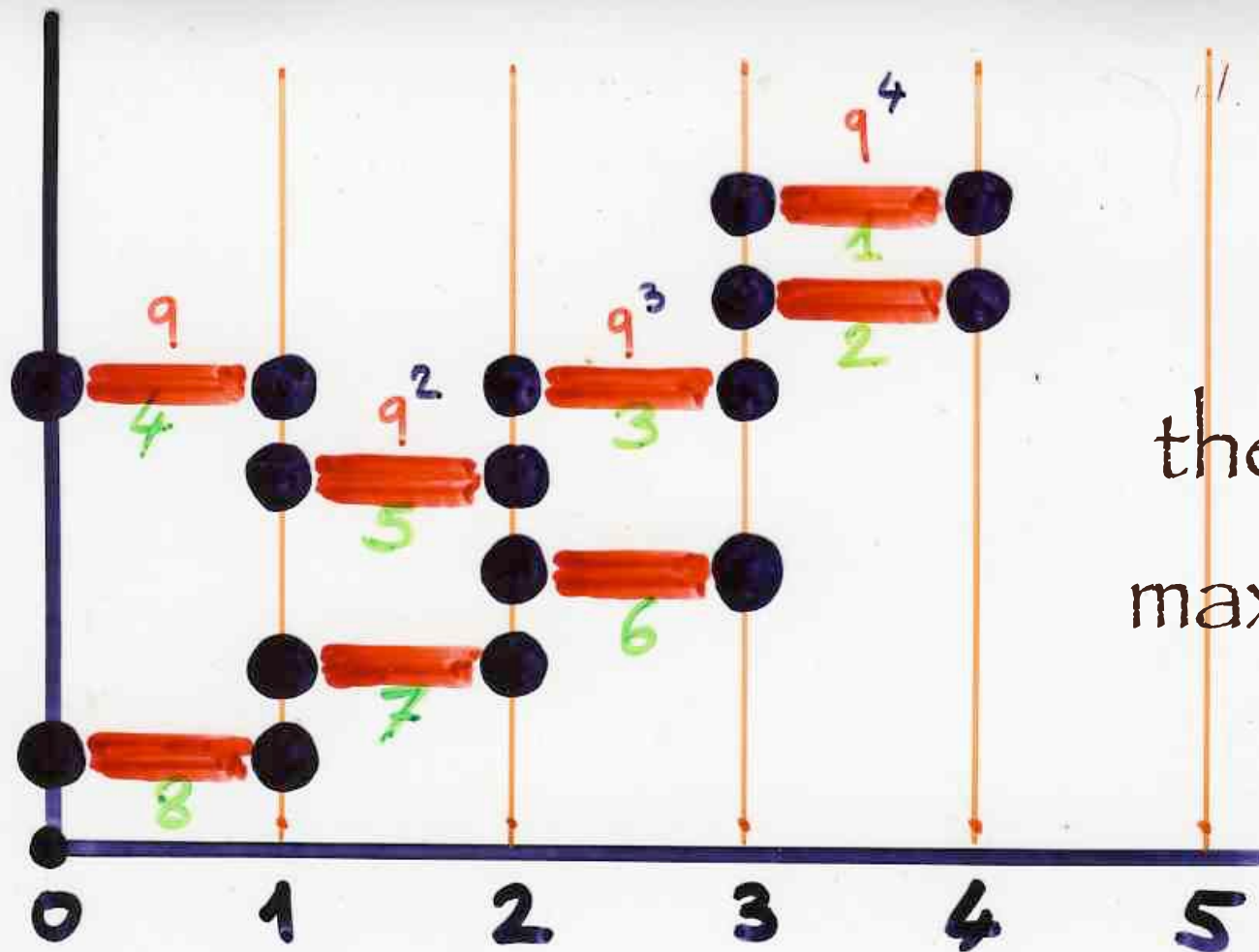
$$v(\alpha) = v(\pi(\alpha)) \quad \pi \text{ "projection"}$$

$$v([i-1, i]) = -q^i$$



$$\frac{1}{D} = \sum_{\substack{E \\ \text{heaps} \\ \text{of} \\ \text{dimers}}} v(E)$$





taking  
the rightmost  
maximal picece

$$H \rightarrow \lambda = (4, 4, 3, 1, 2, 3, 2, 1)$$

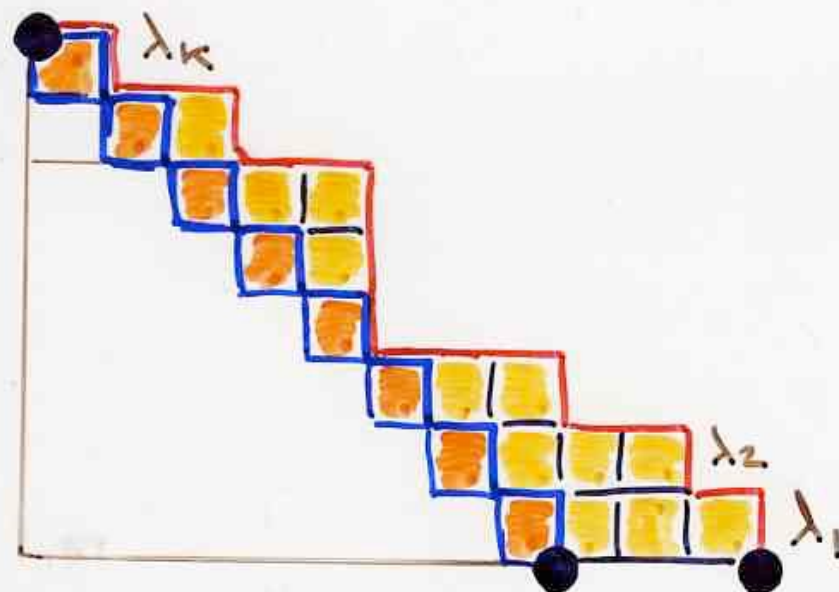
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quasi-partition



$\lambda = (4, 4, 3, 1, 2, 3, 2, 1)$

A Young diagram for the partition  $\lambda = (4, 4, 3, 1, 2, 3, 2, 1)$ . The diagram consists of 8 rows of boxes. The first row has 4 boxes, the second has 4, the third has 3, the fourth has 1, the fifth has 2, the sixth has 3, the seventh has 2, and the eighth has 1. The boxes are colored: the first column of boxes in each row is orange, and the remaining boxes are yellow. A blue border outlines the entire shape, and a red border outlines the yellow boxes. A black dot is at the top-left corner. At the bottom-right, there are two black dots on the horizontal axis, labeled  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  respectively. The label  $\lambda_k$  is placed above the top-left orange box.



More details in the video-book « ABjC »

« Proofs without words: the exemple of the Ramanujan continued fraction »  
colloquium IMSc, Chennai, February 21, 2019

slides and video available at Part II of ABjC,

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[www.viennot.org/abjc2-lectures.html](http://www.viennot.org/abjc2-lectures.html)

or at Part IV of ABjC, Chapter 3,

[www.viennot.org/abjc4-ch3.html](http://www.viennot.org/abjc4-ch3.html)

paper:

X.V., bijections for the Rogers-Ramanujan reciprocal, J. Indian Math. Soc., 52  
(1987) 171-183

slide added after the talk



Some history ...



ballot problem

I. Pak "Catalan Page"

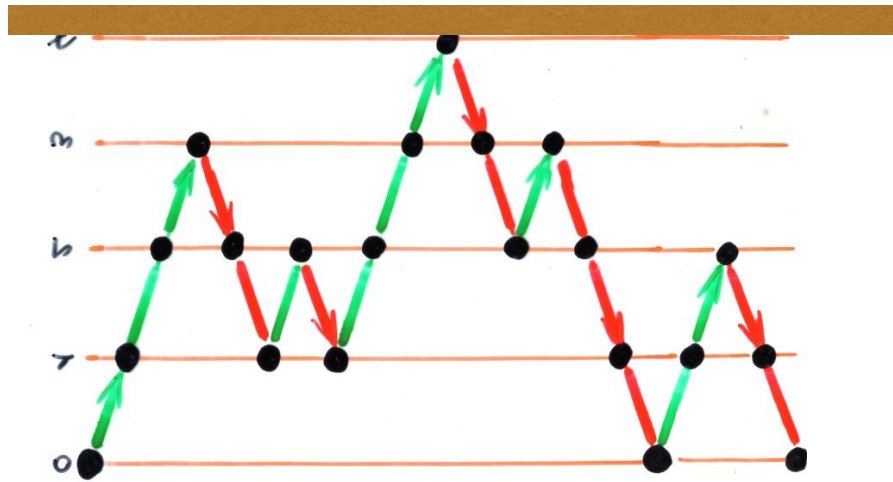
H. Delannoy (1886)

J. Bertrand (1887)

D. André (1887)

W.A. Whitworth (1879)





$$\sum_{n \geq 0} C_{2n}^{(k)} t^{2n}$$

Rational

N.G. de Bruijn, D.E. Knuth, S.O. Rice (1972)

H. Delannoy  
(1888)



$$\frac{(-1)^{m-n}}{n} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} (-1)^{k-1} \sin\left(\frac{(2k-1)\pi}{2n}\right) \cos^{m-1}\left(\frac{(2k-1)\pi}{2n}\right) =$$

E. Rouché

(1888)

H. Delannoy  
(1888)

$$\frac{n}{2^{m-1}} \sum_{0 \leq k \leq q/n} (-1)^k \frac{2k+1}{\frac{m+n}{2} + kn} \binom{m-1}{q-kn}$$

C. Banderier, S. Schwer

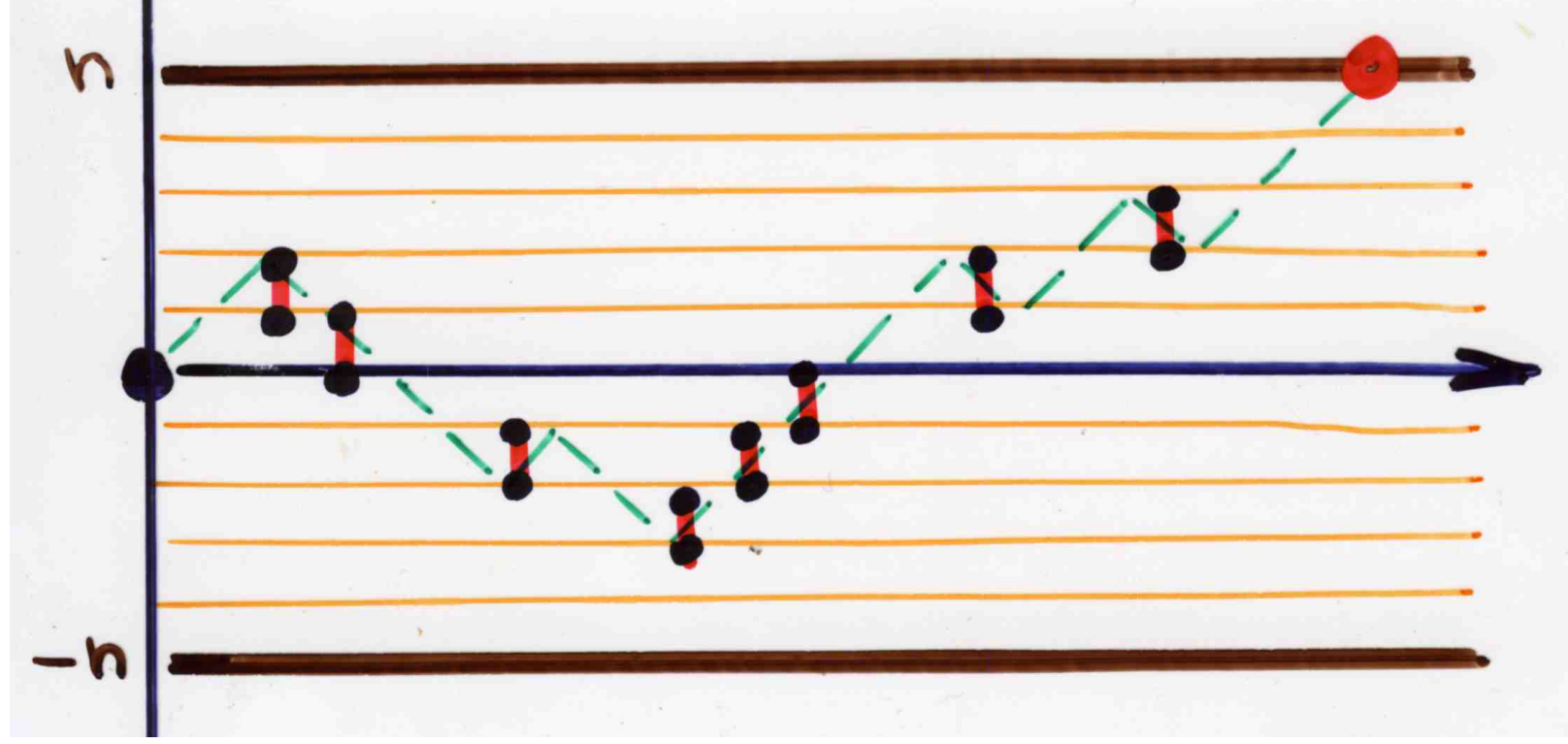
5th lattice paths... Athens (2002)

colloque Guéret (2015)

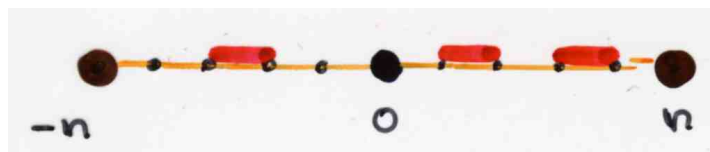
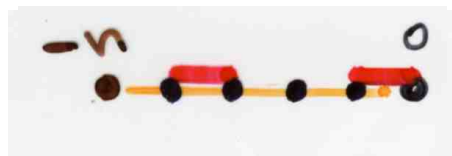
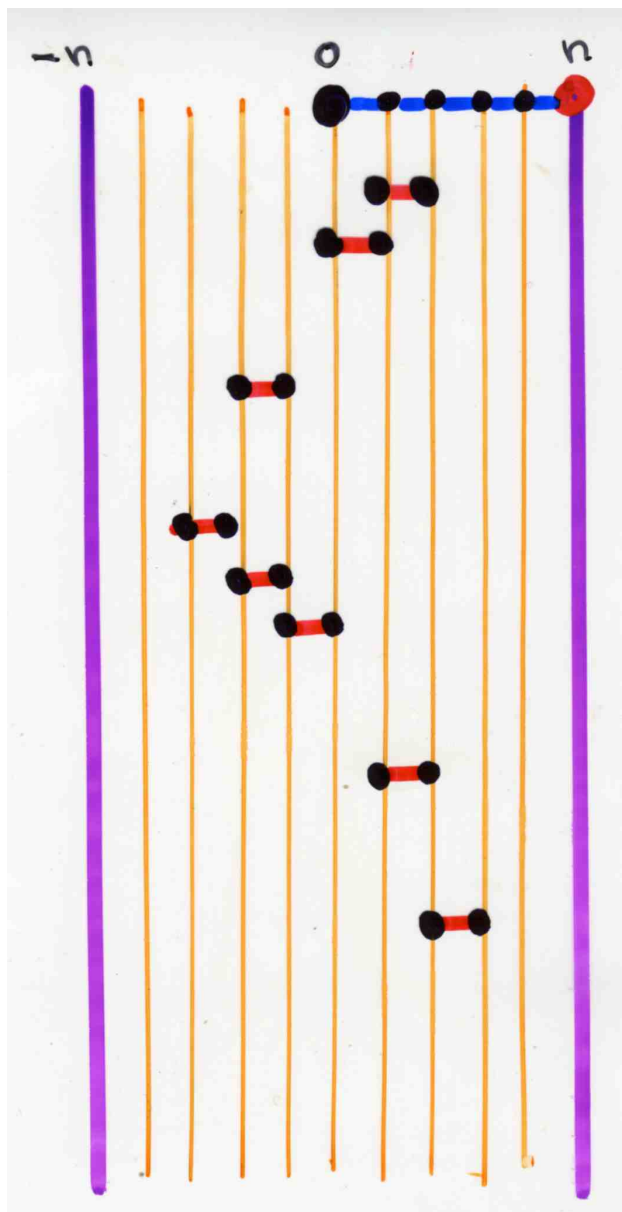
C. Goldstein

"Catalan et les Effa-Rouchés"



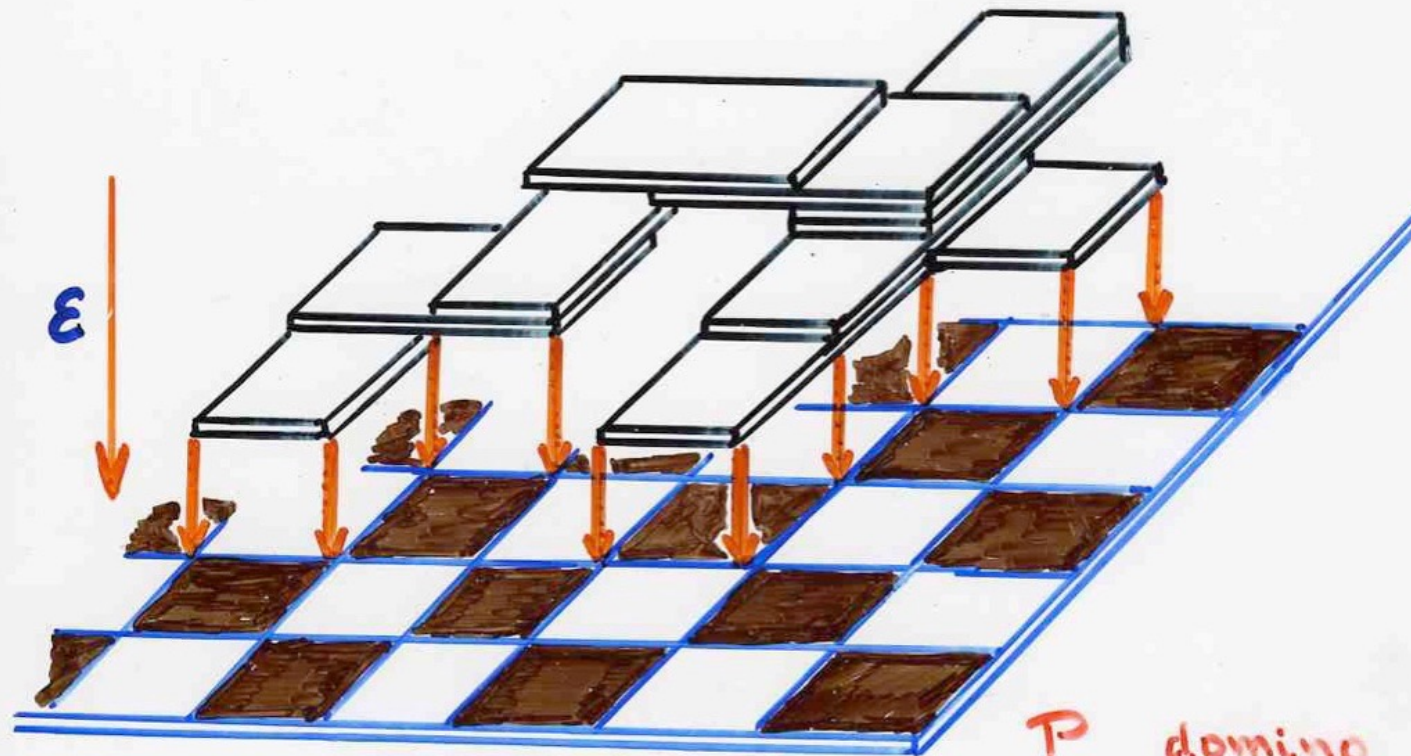






H. Delannoy

"méthode de l'échiquier"



$$B = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$$

$P$  domino

$$\pi = \text{Id}$$

heap of dimers



Donc on a enfin

$$A_{m,n} = \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

$$\pm \zeta^{l-m} \{ A_{0,n} \cdot \gamma^l + A_{0,n+1} \cdot m \gamma^{l-m-1} \zeta + A_{0,n+2} \cdot \frac{m \cdot m-1}{1 \cdot 2} \gamma^{l-m-2} \zeta^2$$

$$+ \text{etc.} + A_{0,n+m-1} \cdot m \gamma^l \zeta^{m-1} + A_{0,n+m} \cdot \zeta^m \},$$

le signe supérieur ou inférieur ayant lieu suivant que  $m$  est pair ou impair. Ce résultat s'accorde avec celui que l'on peut déduire d'une solution différente du même exemple, donnée par LAPLACE dans les mémoires de Paris, année 1779, n.º XVII, page 267.

Si l'on fait  $n$  négatif dans la formule (1) ci-dessus, on trouve, en rejetant les termes et celles de leurs parties où les indices de  $n$  sont négatifs et ceux de  $n'$  négatifs ou positifs  $> 0$ , que cette formule se réduit à la suivante :

$$A_{m,-n} = \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

$$\pm \zeta^l \{ A_{0,0} p^m \cdot (\alpha^n \cdot \zeta^{l-n-1}) - A_{0,1} p^m \cdot (\alpha^{n+1} \cdot \zeta^{l-n-2}) + A_{0,2} p^m \cdot (\alpha^{n+2} \cdot \zeta^{l-n-3}) - \text{etc.} \}$$

laquelle, à cause que  $\alpha = 0$  et que sa seule dérivée  $n$  est  $\zeta$ , devient

$$A_{m,-n} = \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

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D'où il suit que  $A_{m,-n}$  n'est zéro qu'autant que  $m$  est  $< n$ . Ainsi la série récurrente s'étend, sous forme de triangle, dans la quatrième région.

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2	5	9	14	20	etc.
5	14	28	48	75	etc.
14	42	90	165	275	etc.
etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.

L'équation de relation est  $A_{m,n} = A_{m-1,n} + A_{m+1,n-1}$  ; j'y mets  $m-1$  au lieu de  $m$ , et elle devient



$\pm \zeta^l \{ A_{0,0} p^m \cdot (\alpha^n \cdot \zeta^{l-n-1}) - A_{0,1} p^m \cdot (\alpha^{n-1} \cdot \zeta^{l-n-1}) + \dots \}$   
 laquelle, à cause que  $\alpha = 0$  et que sa seule dérivée  $p$  est  $\zeta$ , devient

L.F.A. Arbogast

$$A_{m,-n} = \zeta^{n+1} p^{m-n-1} \cdot \zeta^{l-n-2} + A_{0,2} \cdot \zeta^{n+2} p^{m-n-2} \cdot \zeta^{l-n-3} - \text{etc.} \} \dots (5)$$

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(1800)

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DU CALCUL  
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PAR L. F. A. ARBOGAST,

De l'Institut national de France , Professeur de  
Mathématiques à Strasbourg.

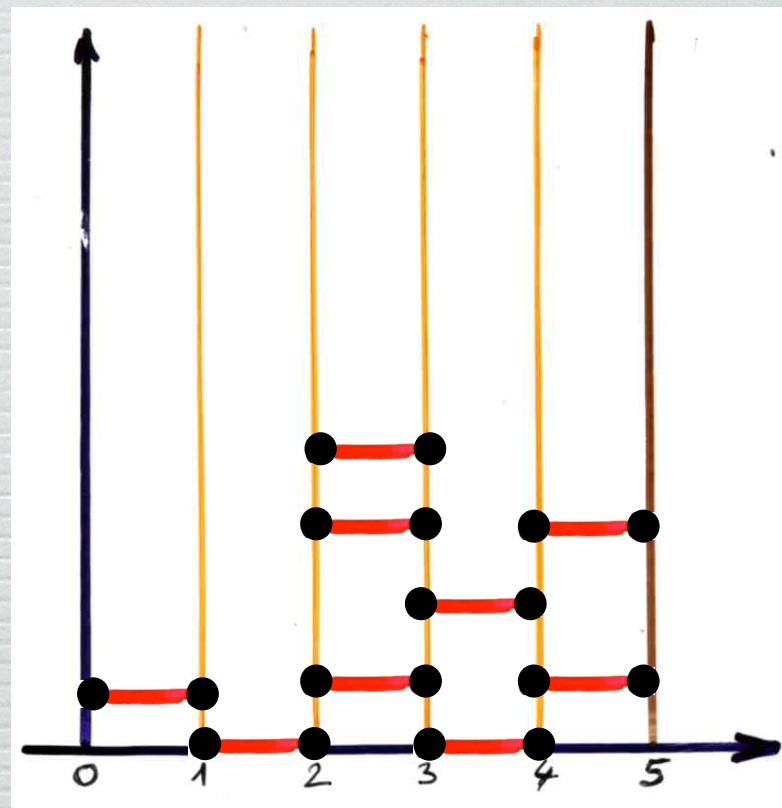
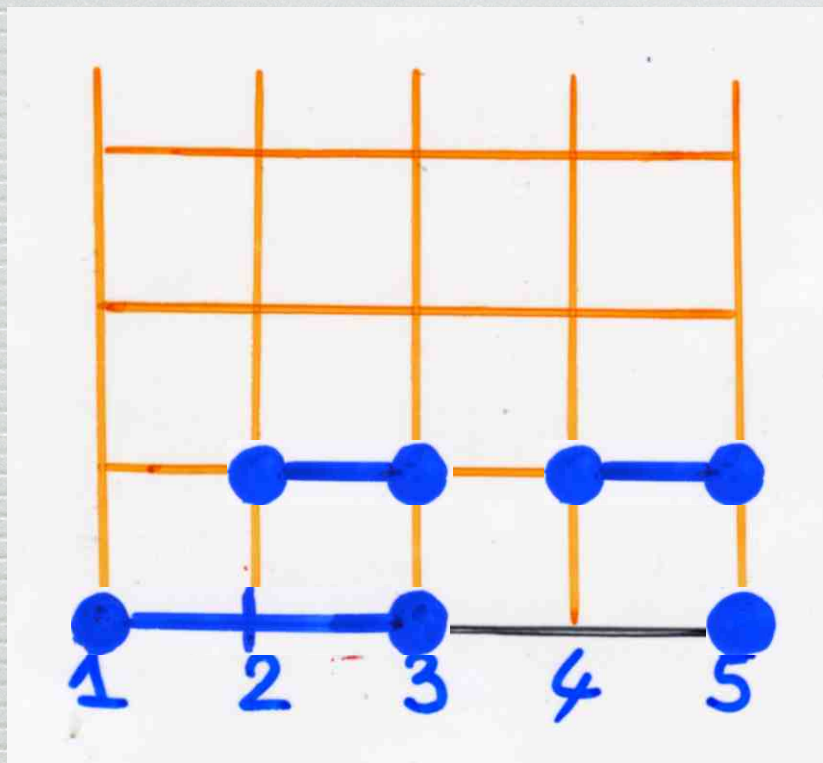
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A STRASBOURG,  
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AN VIII (1800).



# The duality

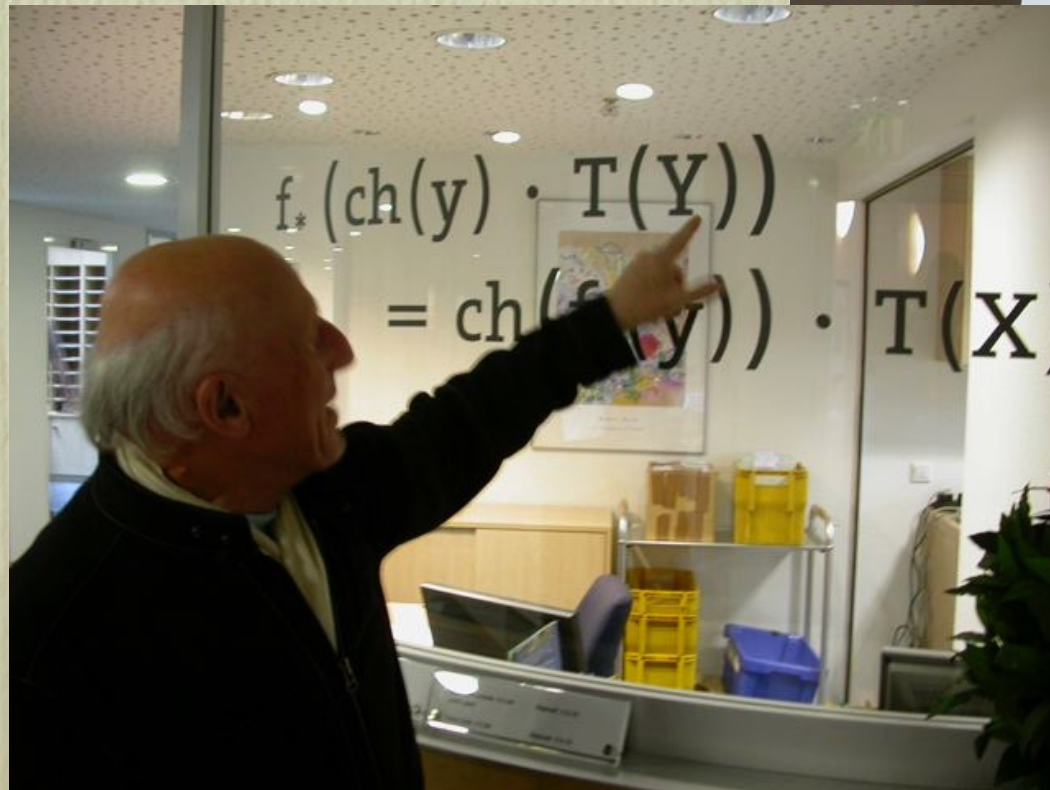


In the context of  
fully commutative elements  
in Coxeter groups



Heaps of pieces  
and  
commutations





D. Foata, (1965)

thesis Doct. Etat  
"Etude algébrique de certains problèmes  
d'Analyse Combinatoire et du Calcul des Probabilités"

In 1969 P. Cartier and D. Foata introduced the "**commutation monoids**", that is monoids of words defined up to a certain commutation of letters, in the monograph:

P. Cartier and D. Foata, *Problèmes combinatoires de commutation et réarrangements*, Lecture Notes in Mathematics, no. 85, Springer–Verlag, Berlin, New York, 1969.

<http://www.mat.univie.ac.at/~slc/>

with an appendix  
by C. Krattenthaler



"**heaps of pieces**", as a geometric interpretation of these "commutation monoids"

G.X.V., *Heaps of pieces. I. Basic definitions and combinatorial lemmas*,  
in *Combinatoire énumérative* (Montréal, Québec, 1985), vol. 1234 of  
*Lecture Notes in Math.*, pp321–350, Springer, Berlin, 1986.

**A companion paper:**

G.X.V., *Problèmes combinatoires posés par la physique statistique*, *Astérisque*,  
SMF, tome 121–122 (1985), **Séminaire Bourbaki**, 36ème année 1983/84, exposé  
626, Feb 1984, p225–246

# « Video-book » The Art of bijective combinatorics

Part II, Comutations and heaps of pieces  
with interactions  
in physics, mathematics and computer science

IMSc, Chennai, 2007

[www.viennot.org/abjc2.html](http://www.viennot.org/abjc2.html)





- $aCb \Leftrightarrow bCa$
- ~~$aCa$~~

commutation relation  $C$  antireflexive  
symmetric

$\equiv_C$  congruence of  $A^*$  generated  
by the commutations

$$ab \equiv ba \text{ iff } aCb$$



ex: heaps of dimers on  $\mathbb{N}$

$$P = \{ [i, i+1] = \sigma_i, i \geq 0 \}$$

$\mathcal{C}$

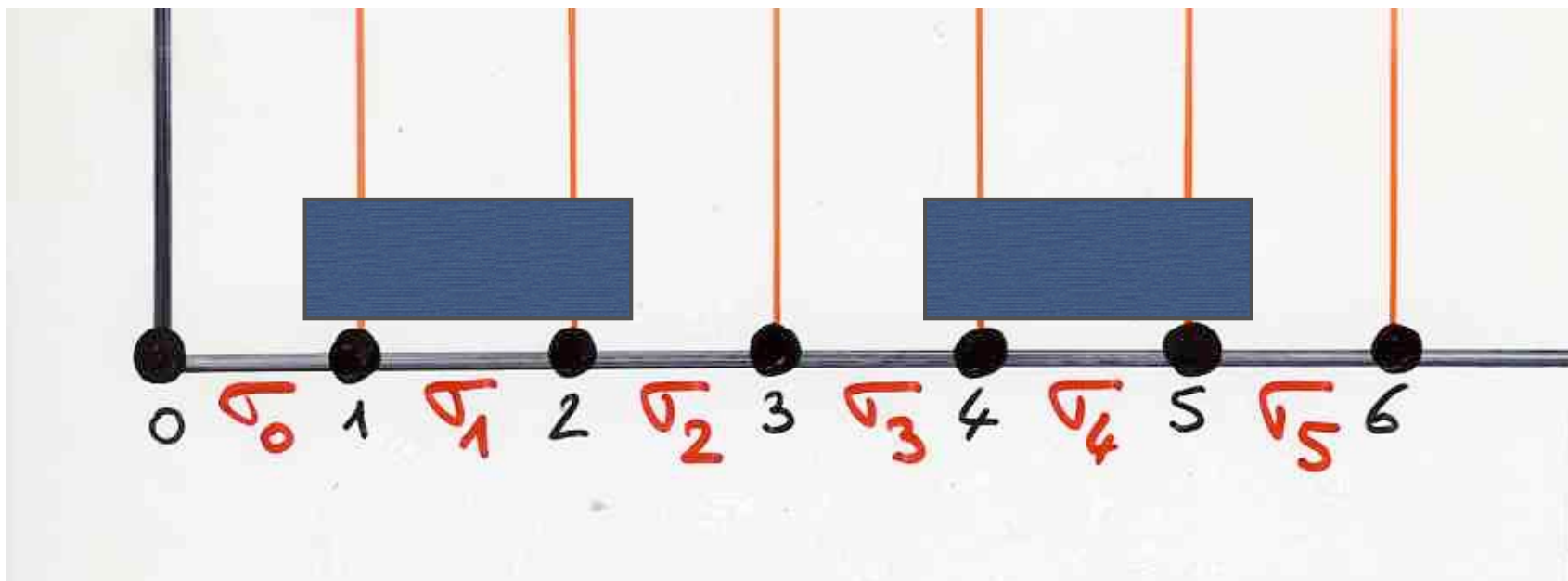
$\subset$

commutations

$$\sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i \text{ iff } |i-j| \geq 2$$

commutation class

$$\sigma_i \cup \sigma_j = \emptyset$$



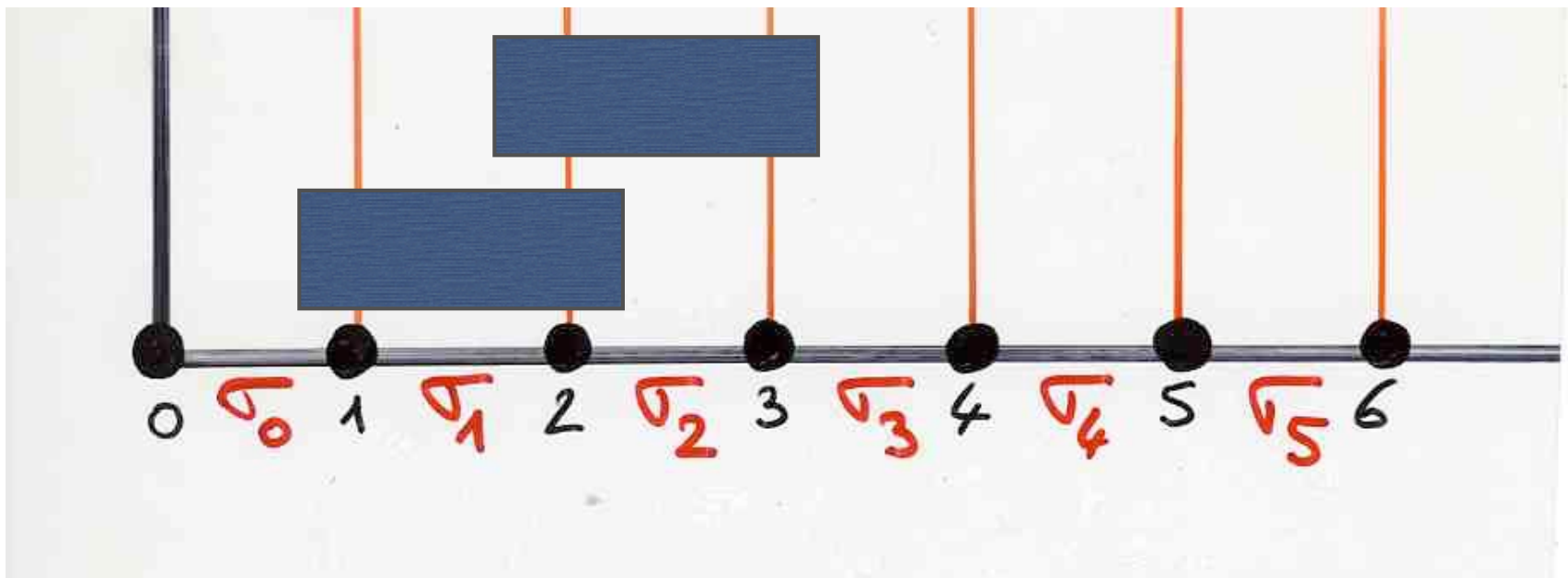
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dependency relation

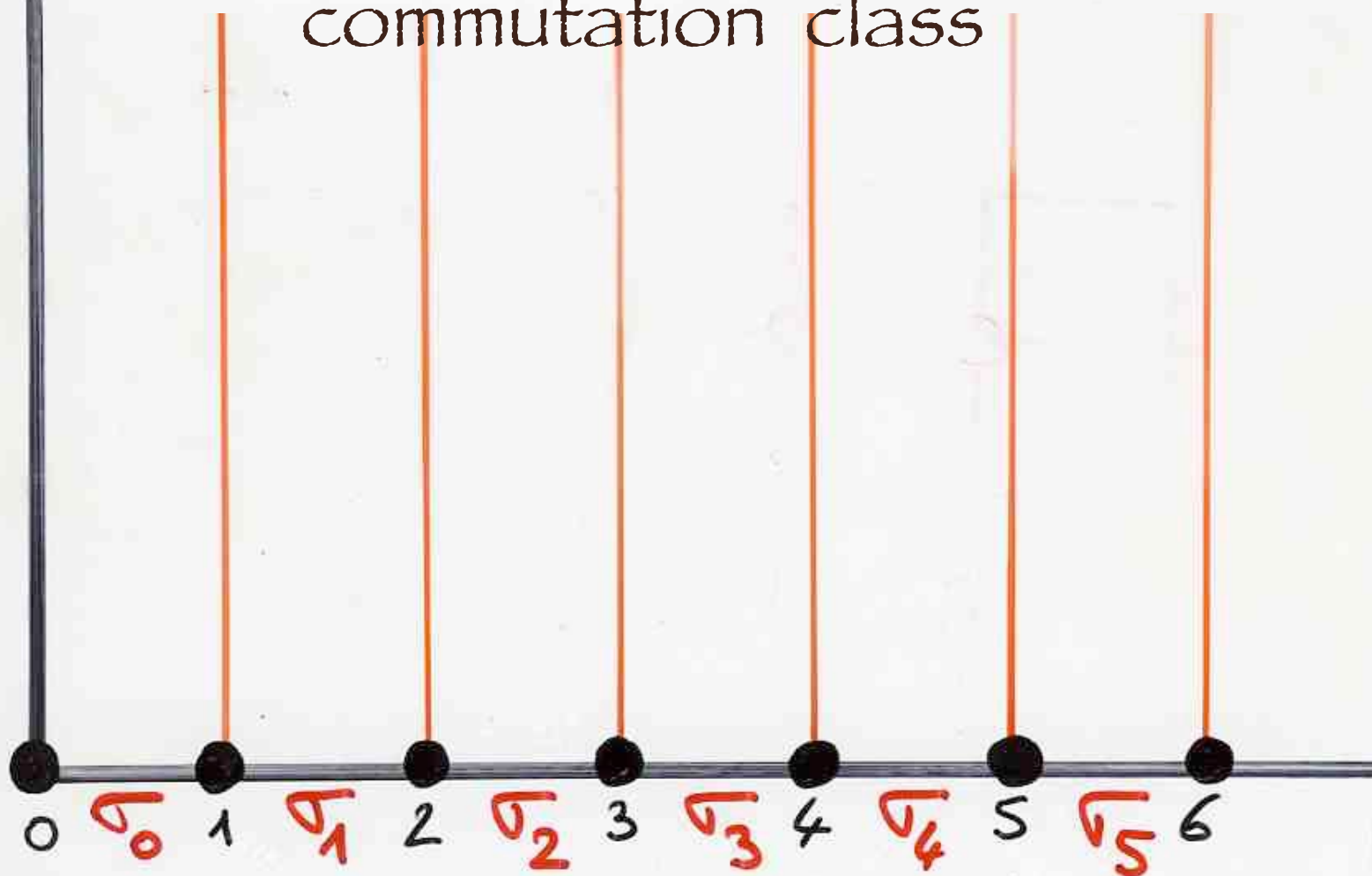
$$\sigma_i \cap \sigma_j \neq \emptyset$$



$$W = \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \sigma_5 \sigma_1 \sigma_4 \sigma_1 \sigma_3$$

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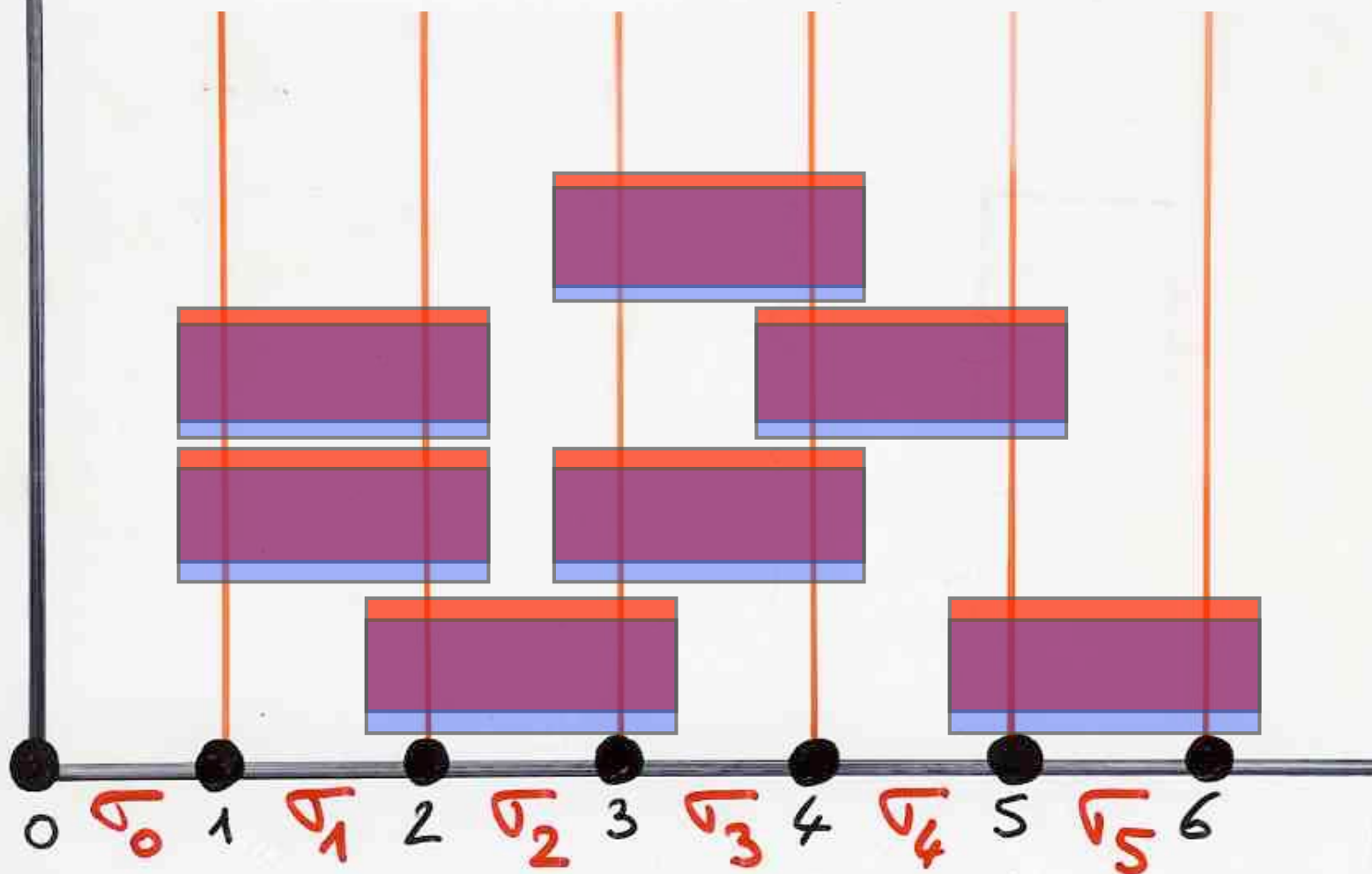
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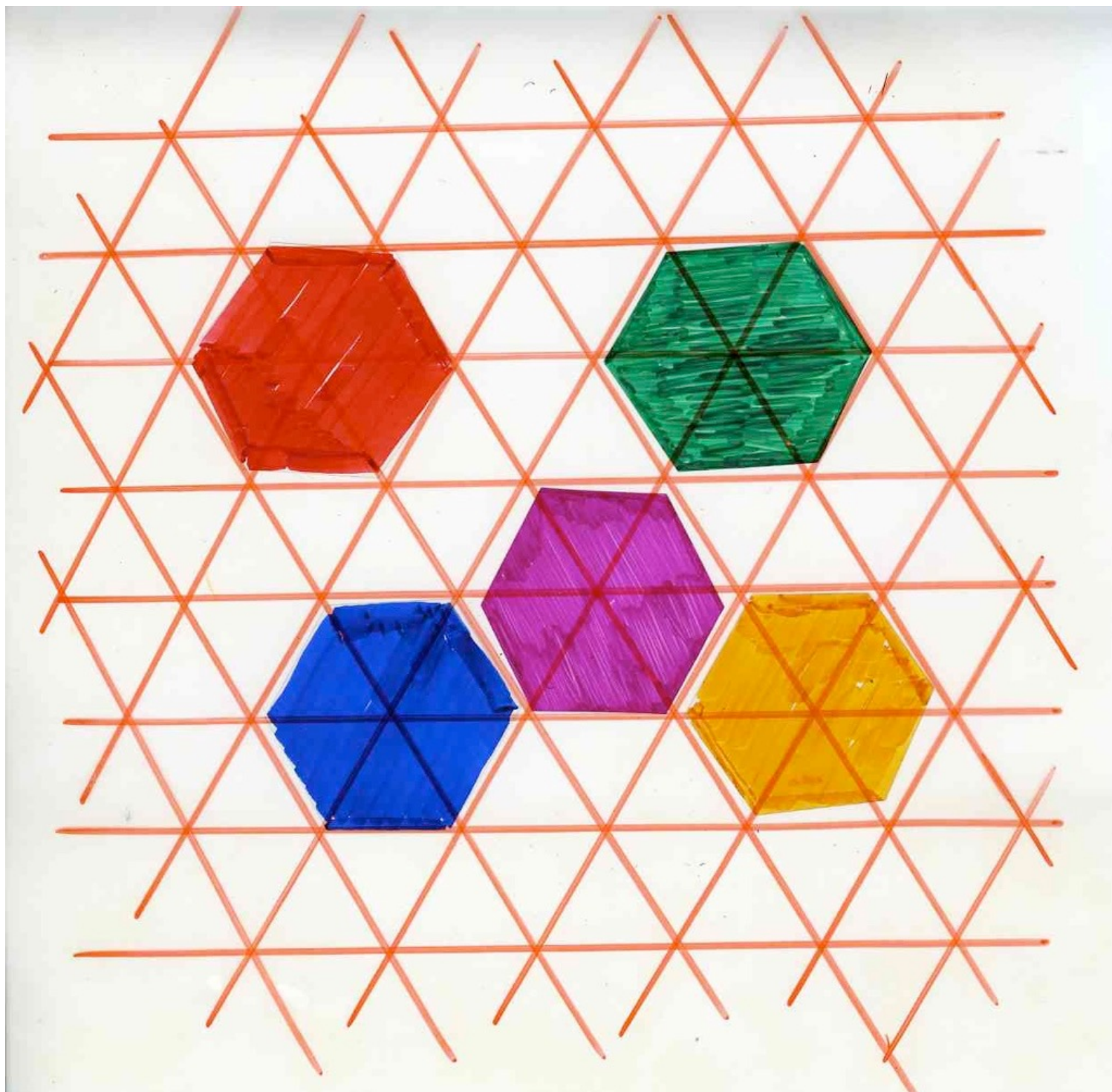




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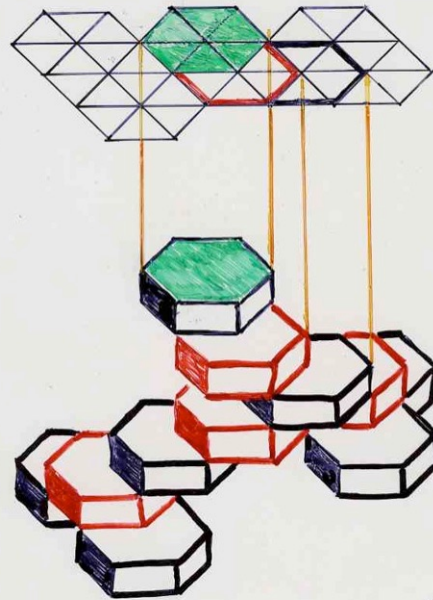
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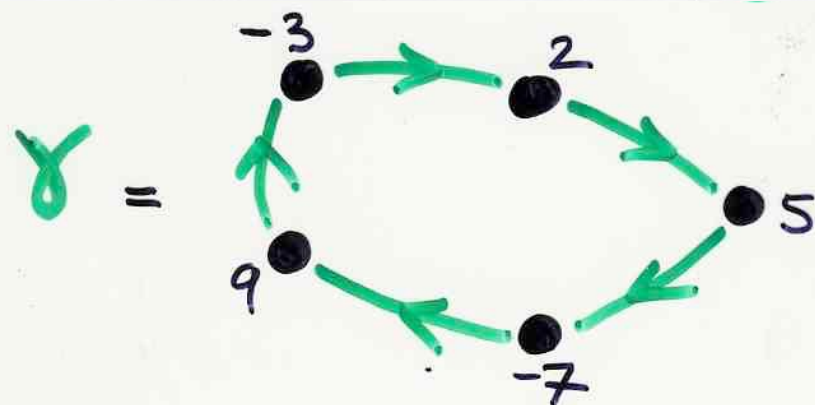
Heaps of "hard hexagons"

$$-p(-t) = y$$





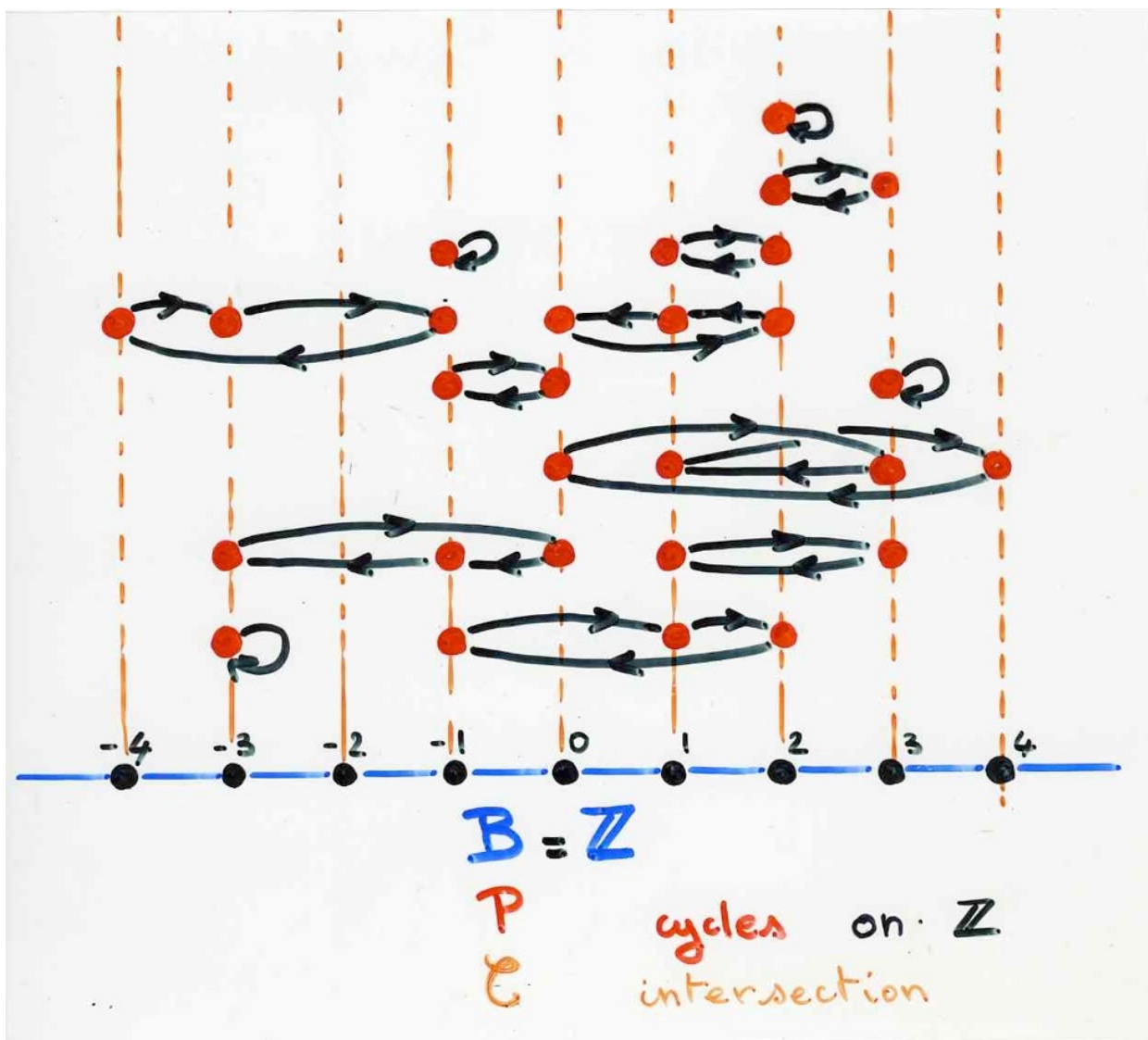
basic pieces  $P = \{ \text{cycles on } \mathbb{Z} \}$



$\text{Supp}(\gamma)$   
 $= \{-7, -3, 2, 5, 9\}$   
 Support

$\mathcal{C}$  dependency  
 relation

$$\gamma \mathcal{C} \delta \iff \text{Supp}(\gamma) \cap \text{Supp}(\delta) \neq \emptyset$$



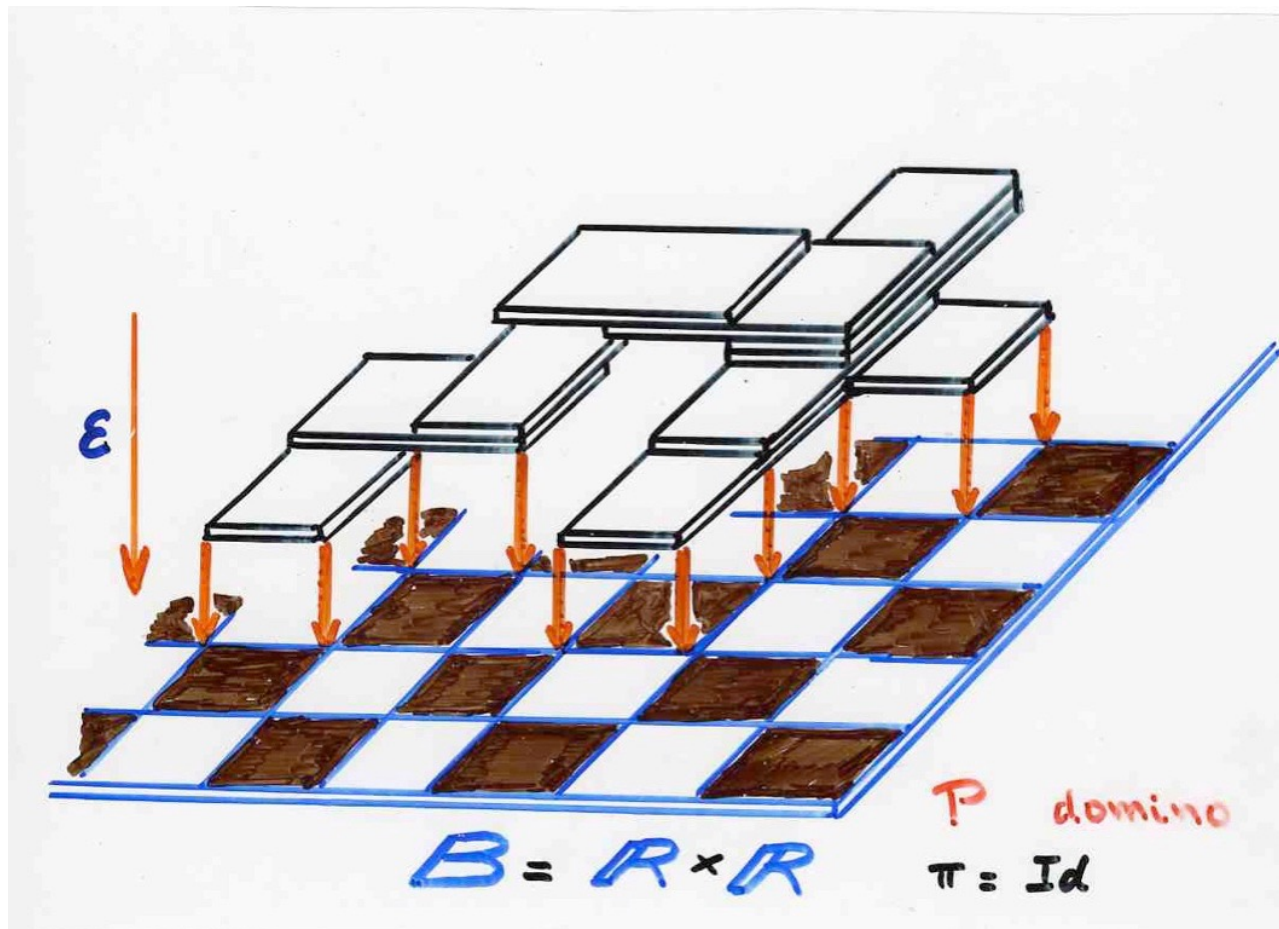


- definition by level

- definition with poset over a graph



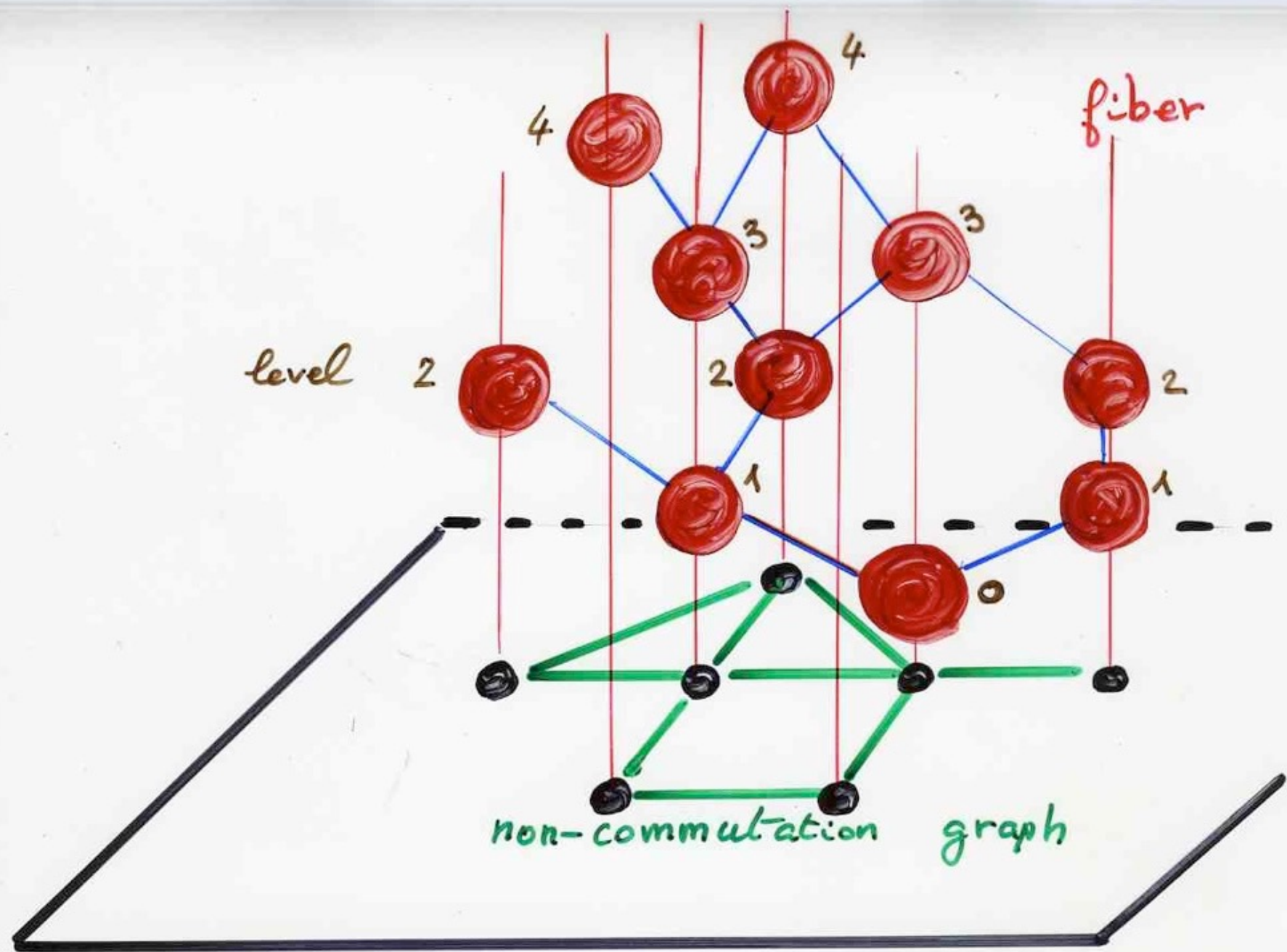
Heaps of "hard dimers"  
on a chessboard





fully commutative elements  
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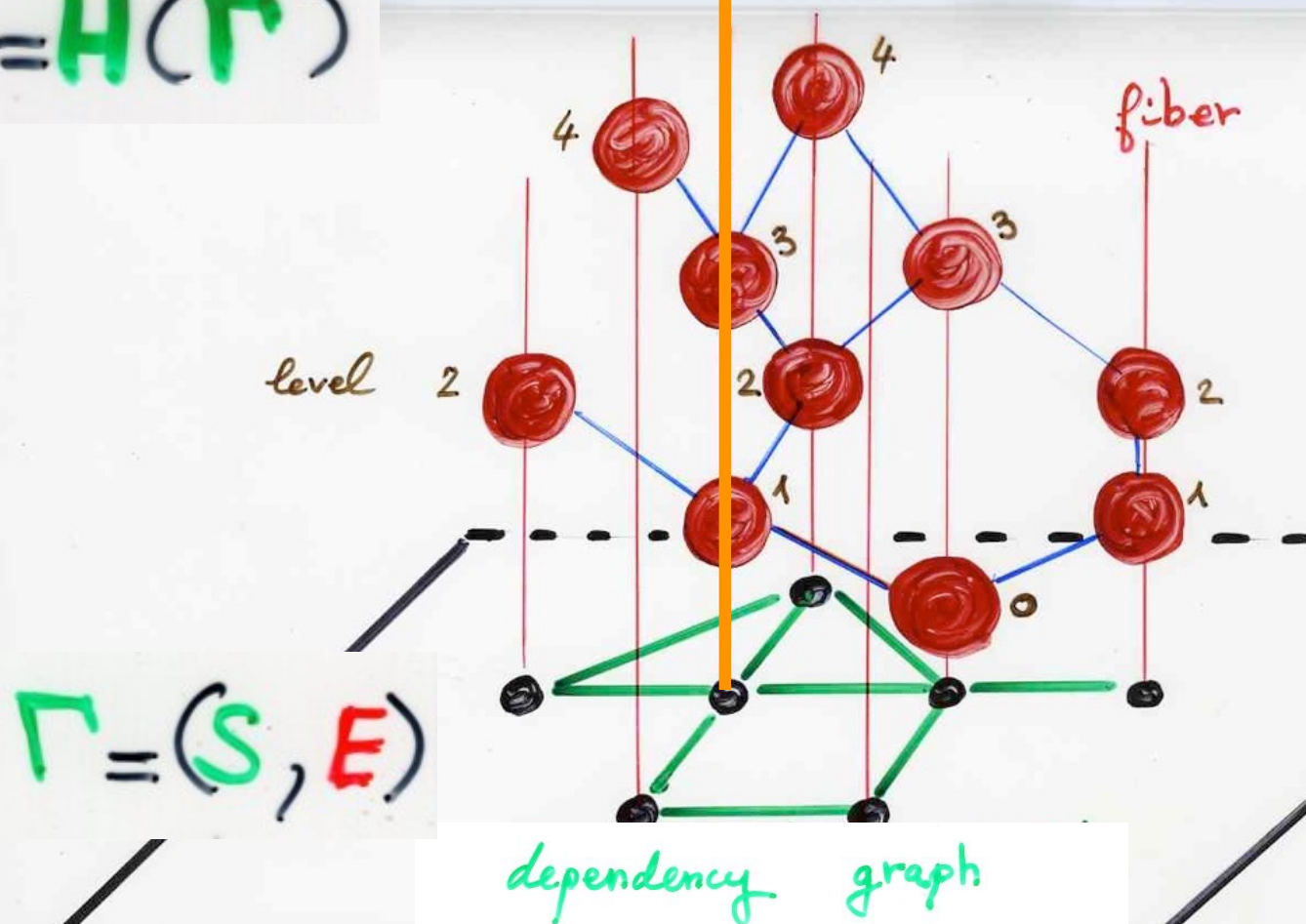


Coxeter graph

$\Gamma$

fiber over  $\lambda \in S$

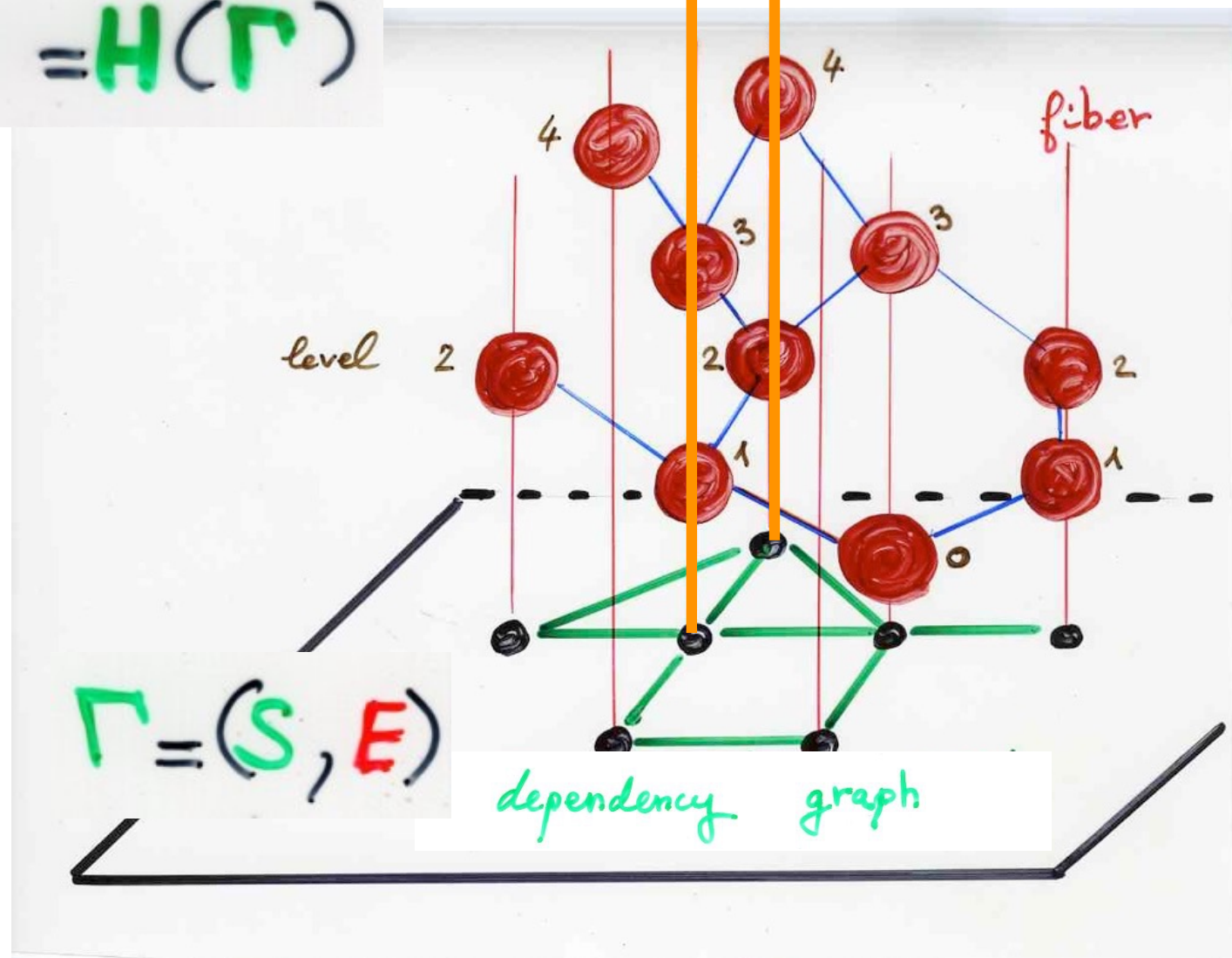
$$H(W, S) = H(\Gamma)$$



Coxeter graph  $\Gamma$

$$H(W, S) = H(\Gamma)$$

fiber over  $\{s, t\}$   
edge of  $\Gamma$



Symmetric group  $S_n$

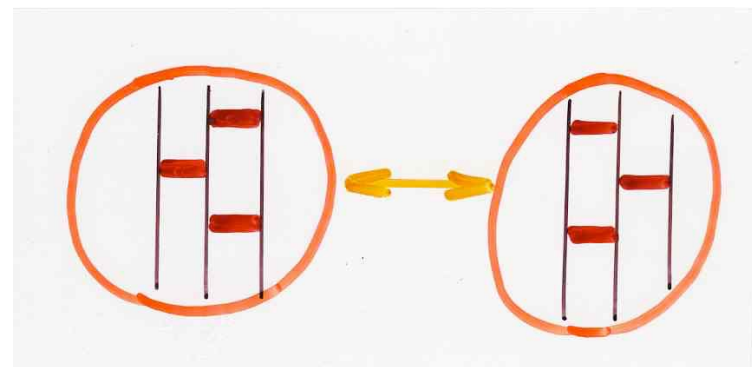
$n!$  permutations

$$\sigma_i = (i, i+1) \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

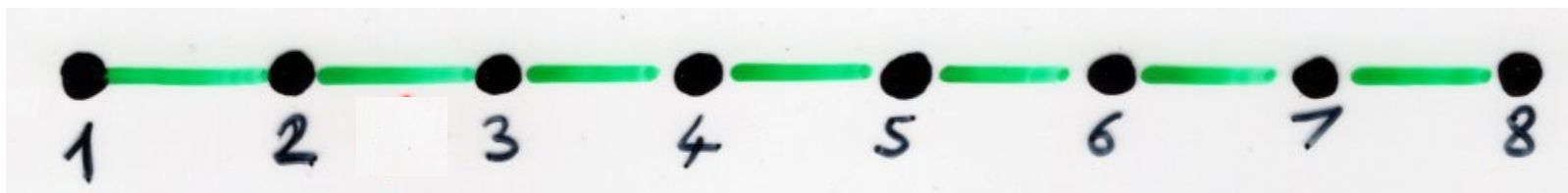
transposition of two consecutive elements

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (i) \quad \sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i, \quad |i-j| \geq 2 \\ (ii) \quad \sigma_i^2 = 1, \\ (iii) \quad \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \end{array} \right.$$

Moore-Gesler  
Yang-Baxter



Coxeter graph



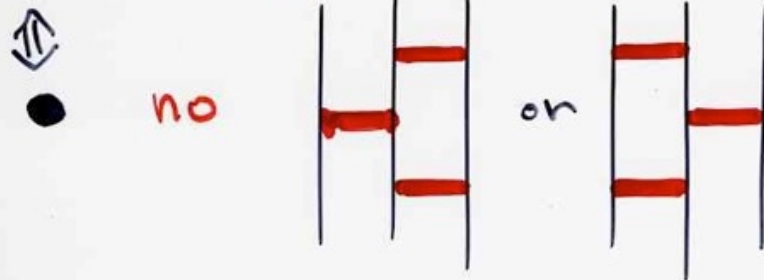


Definition An element  $w$  of the Coxeter group  $W$  is fully commutative iff  $R(w)$  is reduced to one commutation class.

The corresponding heap  $H(w)$  will also be called fully commutative (FC)

Prop  $\sigma \in S_n$  permutation

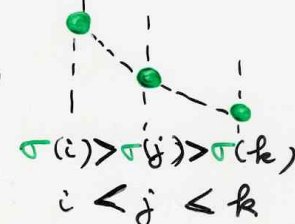
- (321) - avoiding
  - $\Leftrightarrow$  • only one commutation class
- (Billey, Jockusch, Stanley) (1993)



(counted by  $C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$ )  
Catalan numbers

(321) - avoiding permutations

no occurrence of



- E. Bagno, R. Biagioli, F. Touhet, Y. Roichman  
Dec 2020

*Block number, descents and Schur positivity of fully commutative elements in  $B_n$*

affine Coxeter groups

Biagioli, Touhet, Nadeau (2014, 2015)

" " " , Bousquet-Mélou  
(2016)

Hanusa, Jones (2010)



seminal papers

→ Stembridge (1996, 98)

- classification of Coxeter groups with a finite number of FC elements
- enumeration in each of these cases  
→ always algebraic generating functions

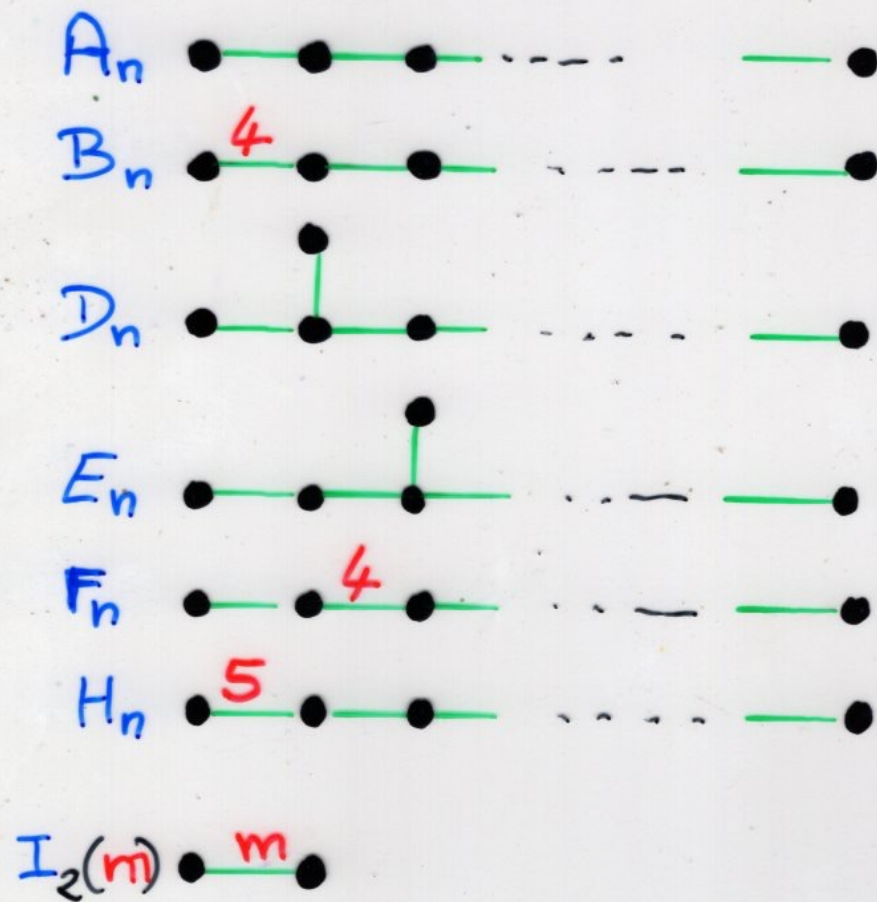
→ Fan (1995)

for  $m_{s,t} \leq 3$  (simply laced)

→ Graham (1995)

FC elements in any Coxeter group  $W$   
naturally index a basis of the  
generalized Temperley-Lieb algebra  
of  $W$

# finite Coxeter groups



$A_n$   
 $B_n$   
 $D_n$

$E_6$   $E_7$   $E_8$

$F_4$

$H_3$   $H_4$

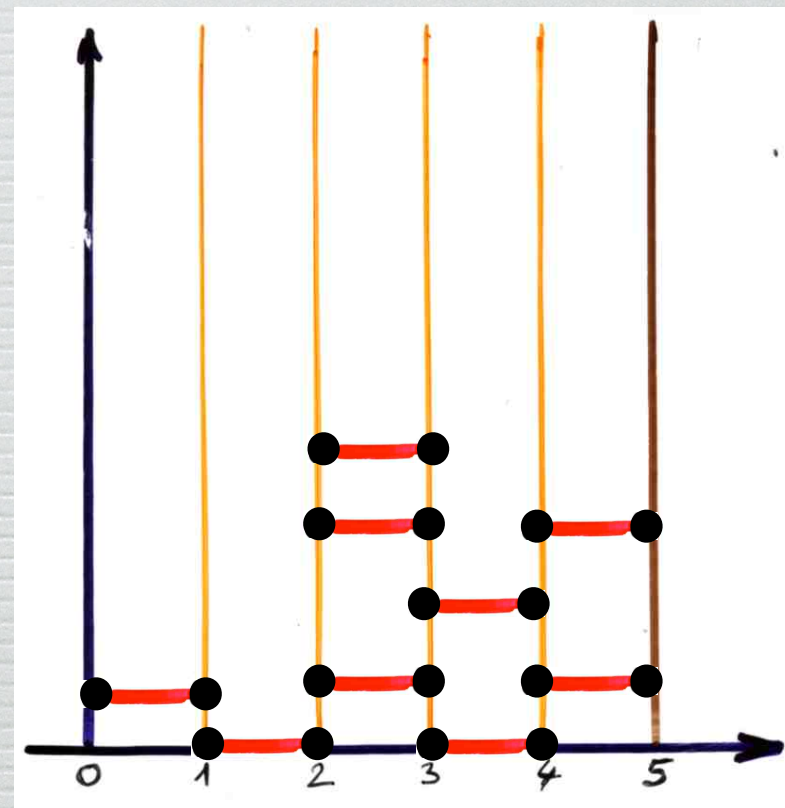
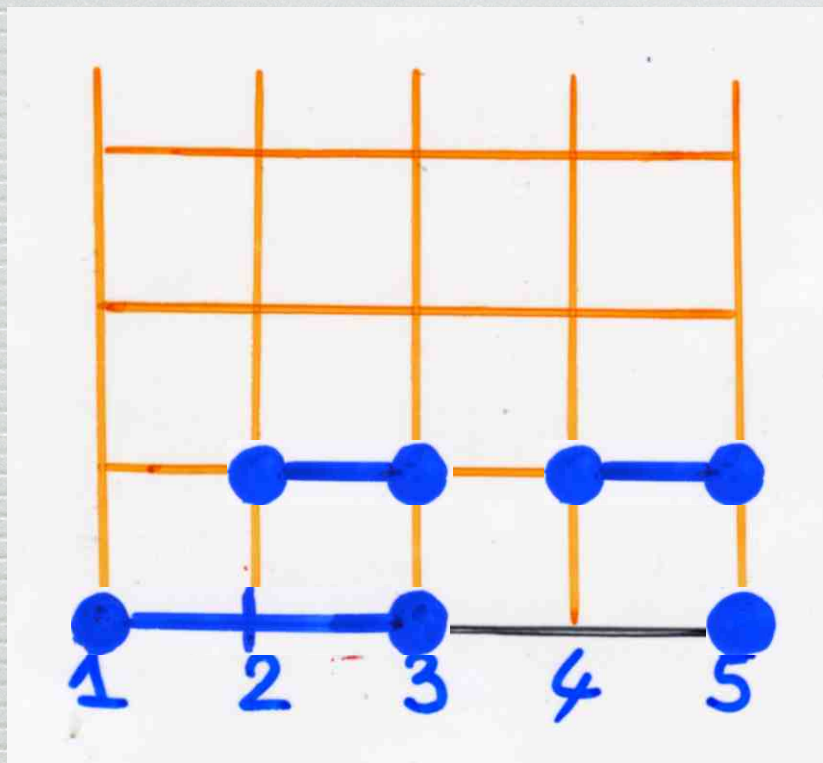
$I_2(m)$

The list of FC-finite Coxeter groups

$I_2(5) = H_2$   
 $I_2(6) = G_2$



# The duality



In the context of  
fully commutative elements  
in the symmetric group



# « Video-book » The Art of bijective combinatorics

Part II, Comutations and heaps of pieces  
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in physics, mathematics and computer science

IMSc, Chennai, 2007

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Chapter 6a, Heaps and Coxeter group

Fully commutative elements (FC) in Coxeter groups, definition slide 31



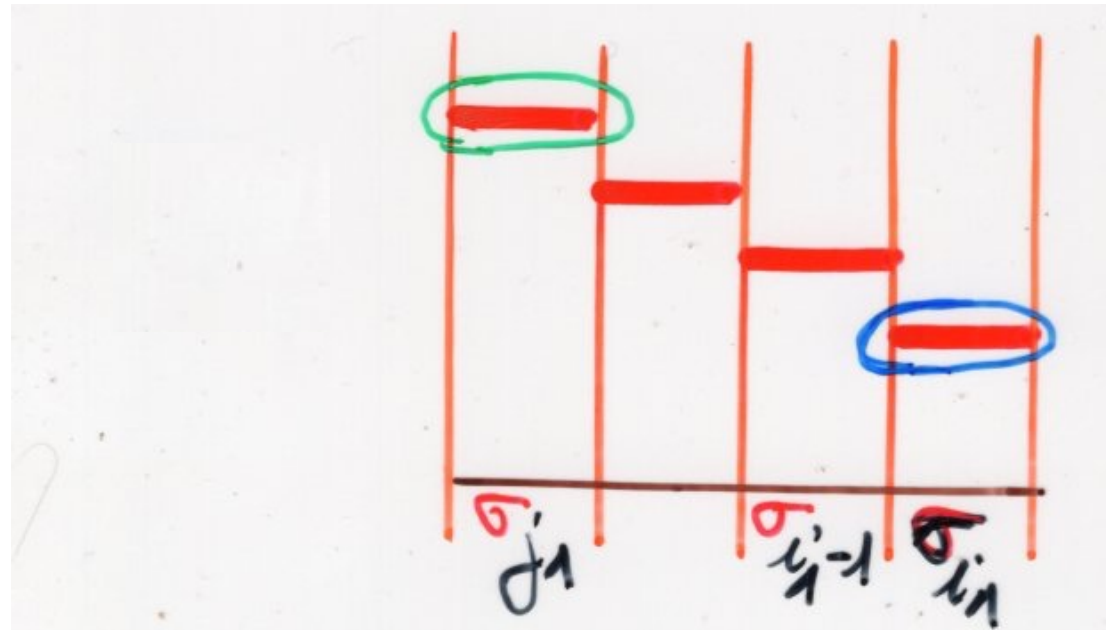


the stairs decomposition  
of a heap of dimers

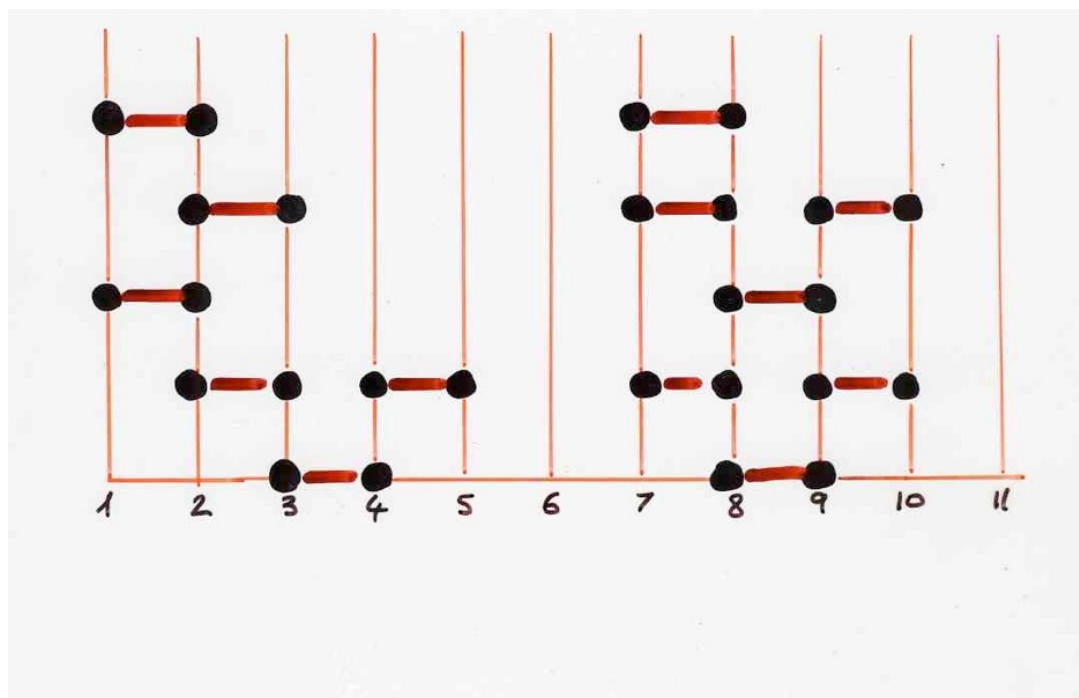


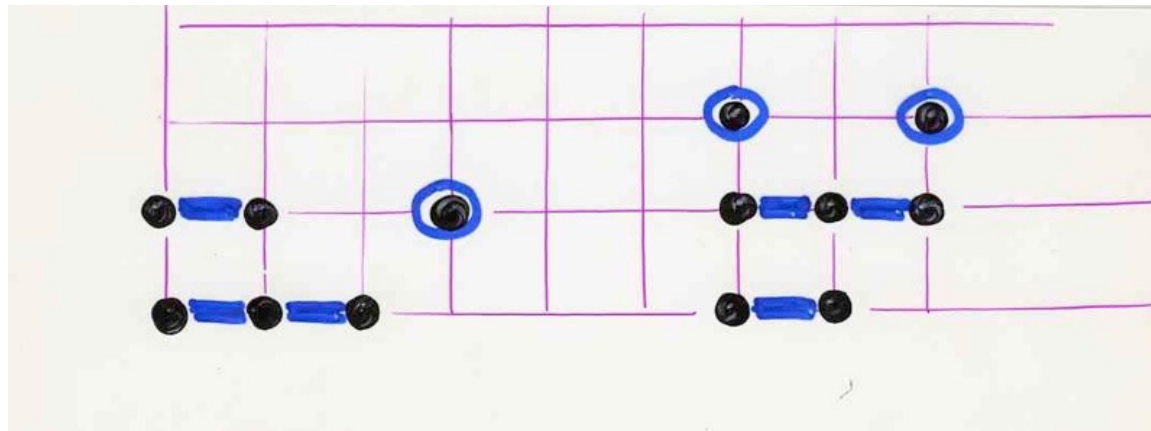
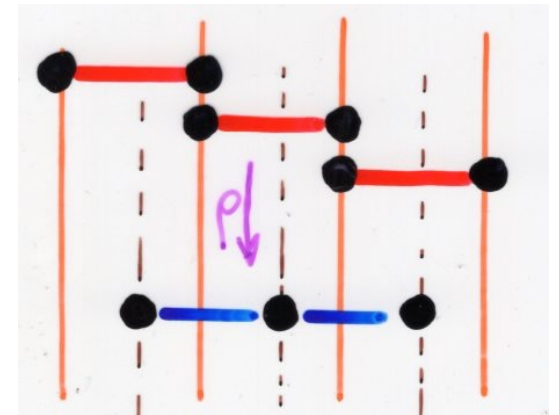
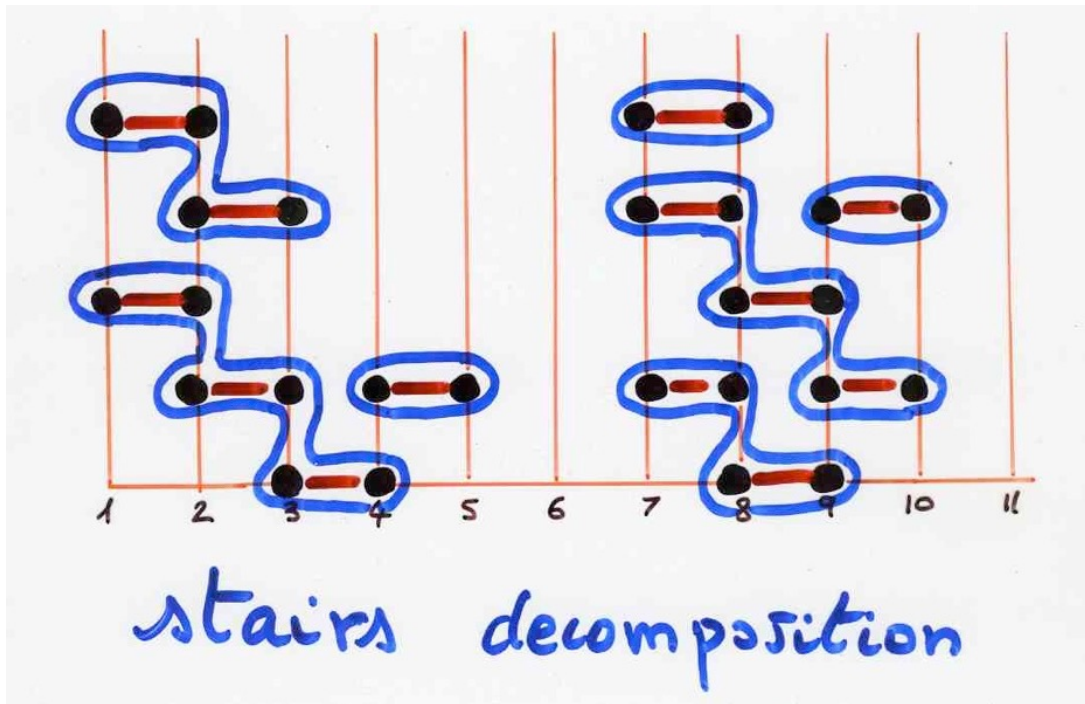
a stair is  
a convex chain of dimers

$$\sigma_i < \sigma_{i-1} < \dots < \sigma_k$$





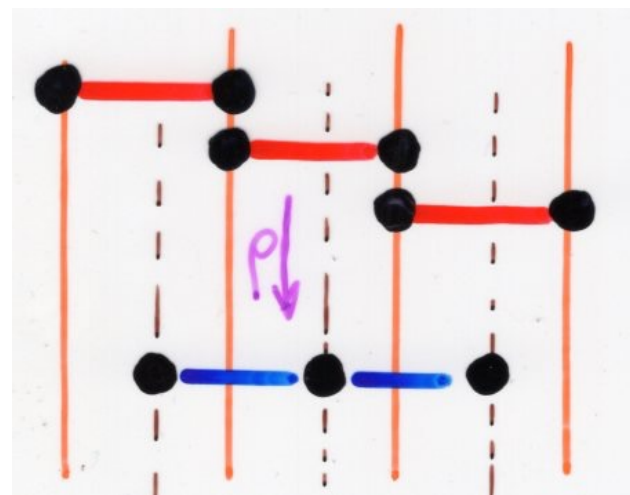




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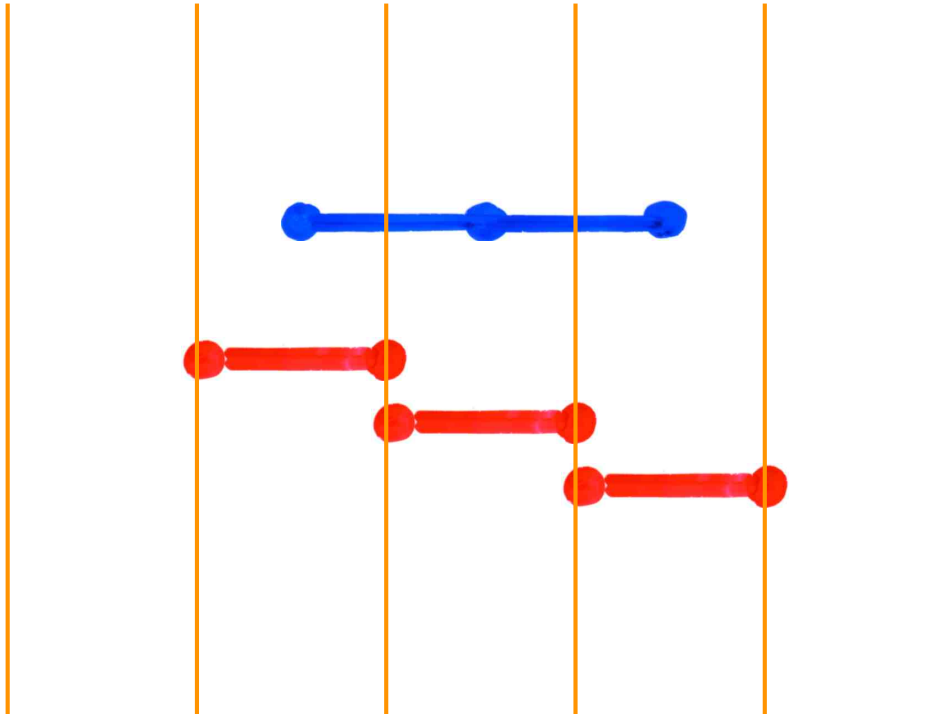
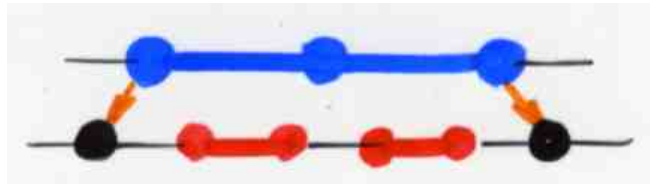
Proposition The stairs decomposition  
 of a heap of dimers on  $\mathbb{N}$  gives  
 a bijection  $\rho$   
 heap of dimers on  $\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{\rho}$  heap of segments on  $\mathbb{N}$

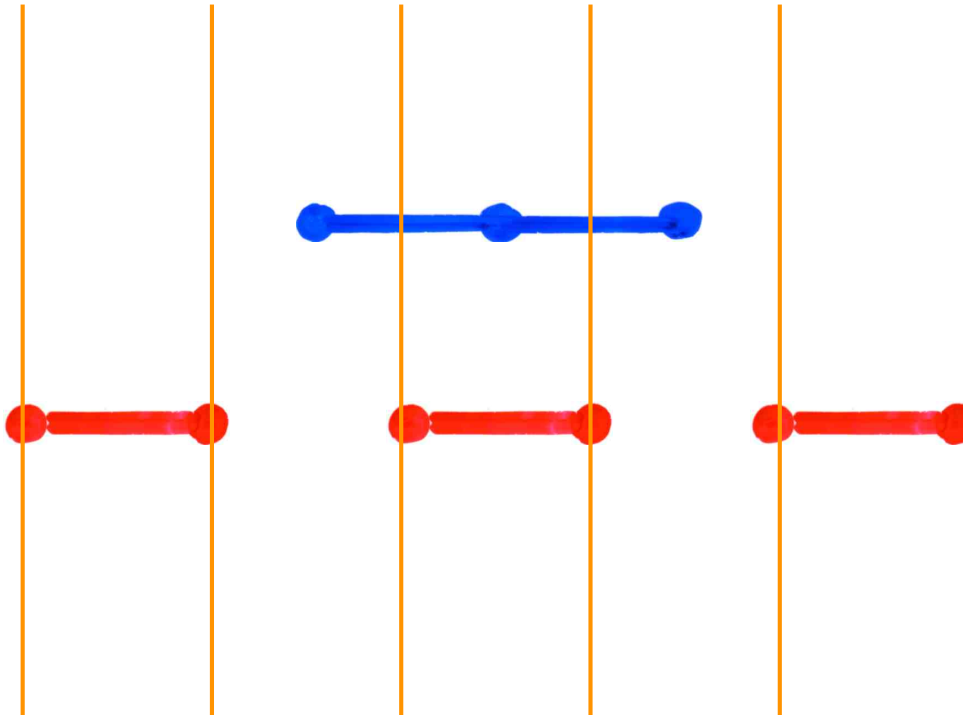
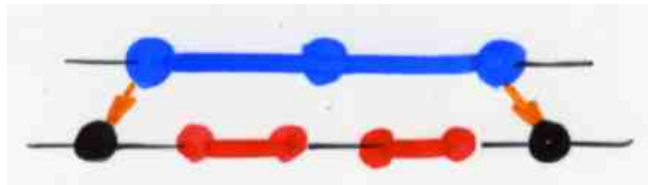
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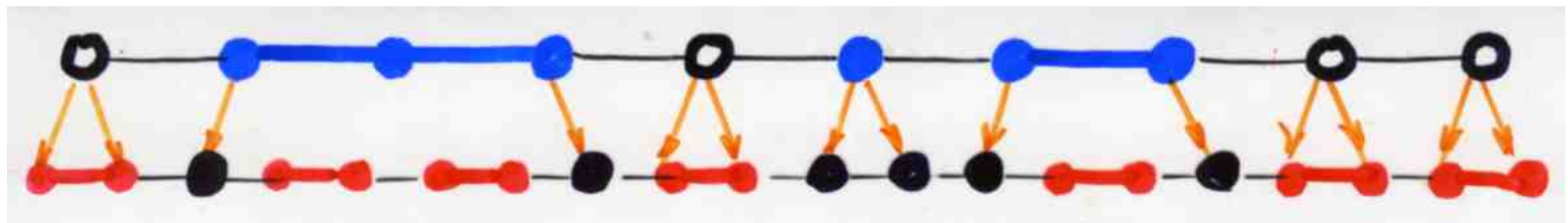
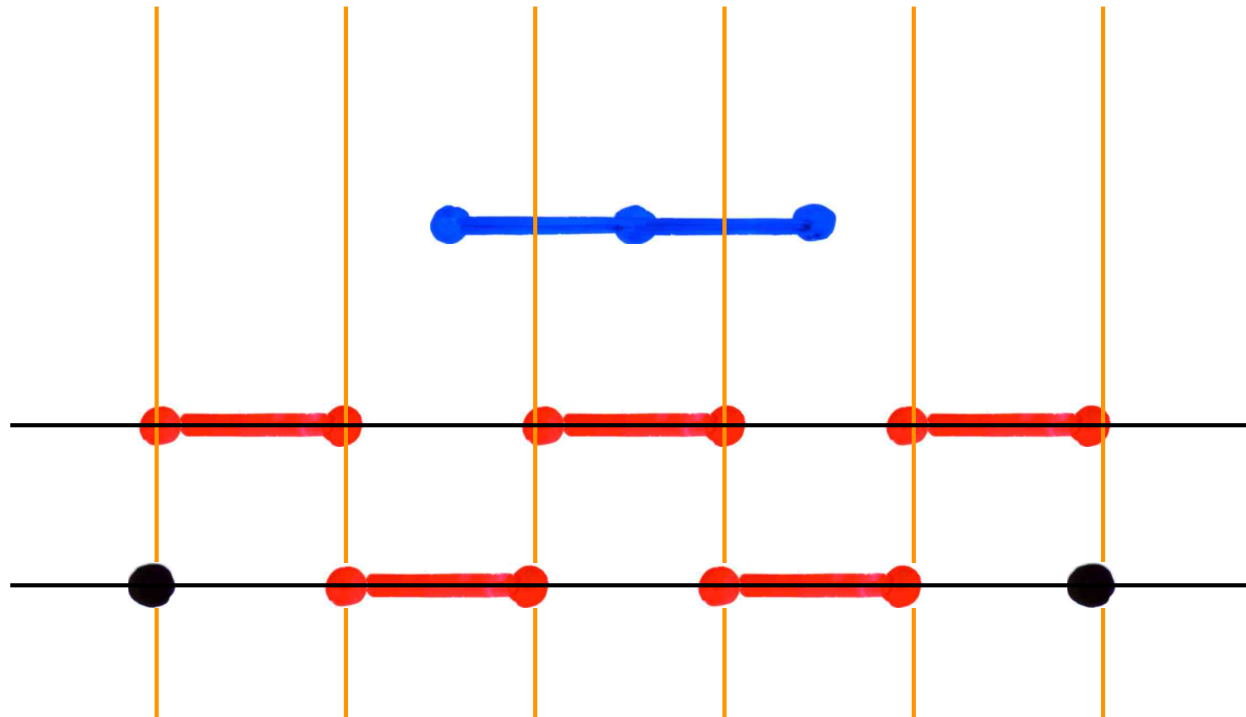
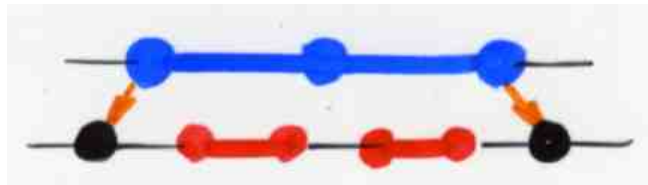


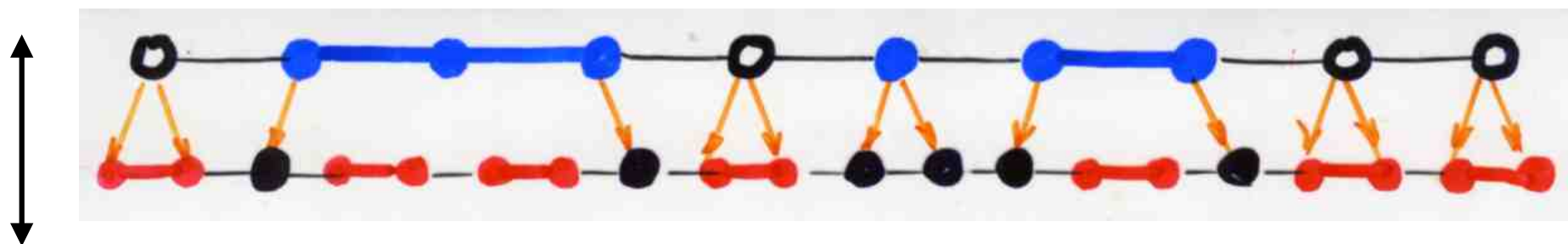
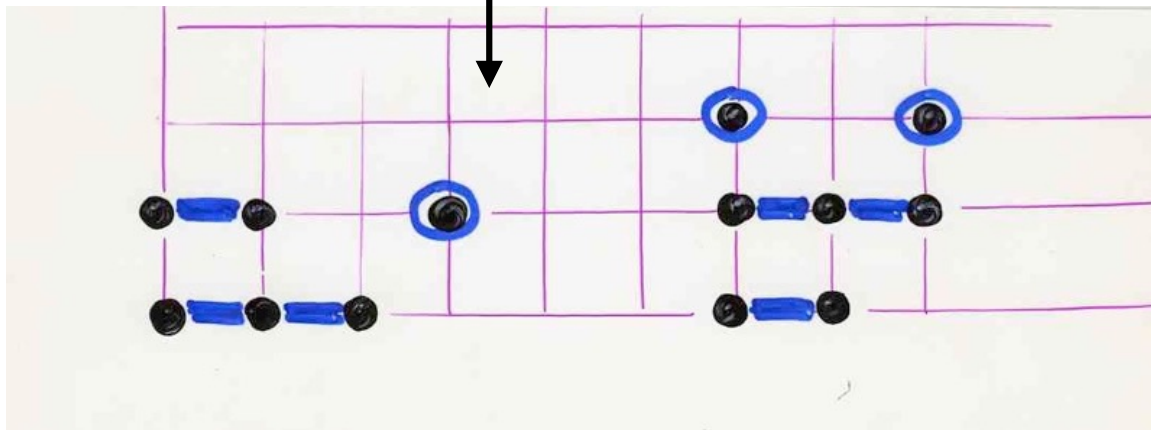
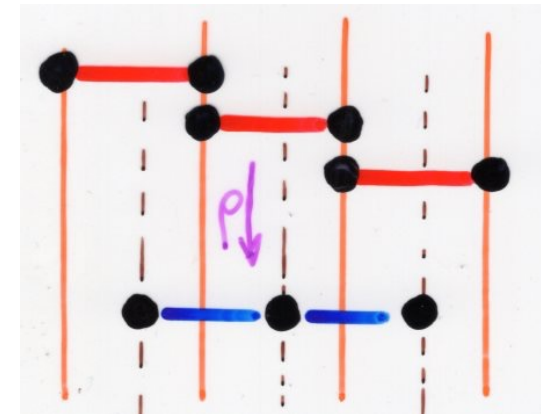
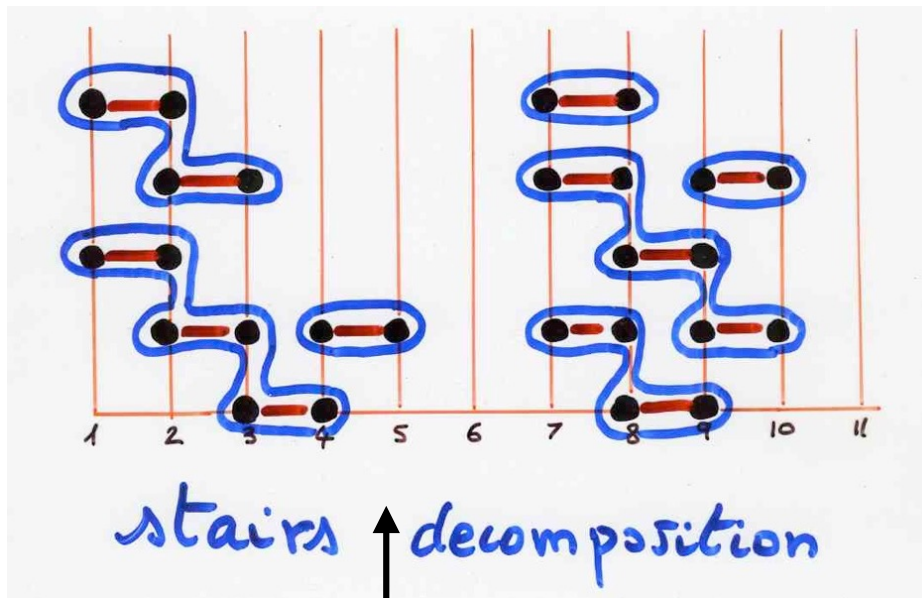
A funny remark .....













total order  
of the stairs  
in a heap  
of dimers



# Normal form of a commutation class

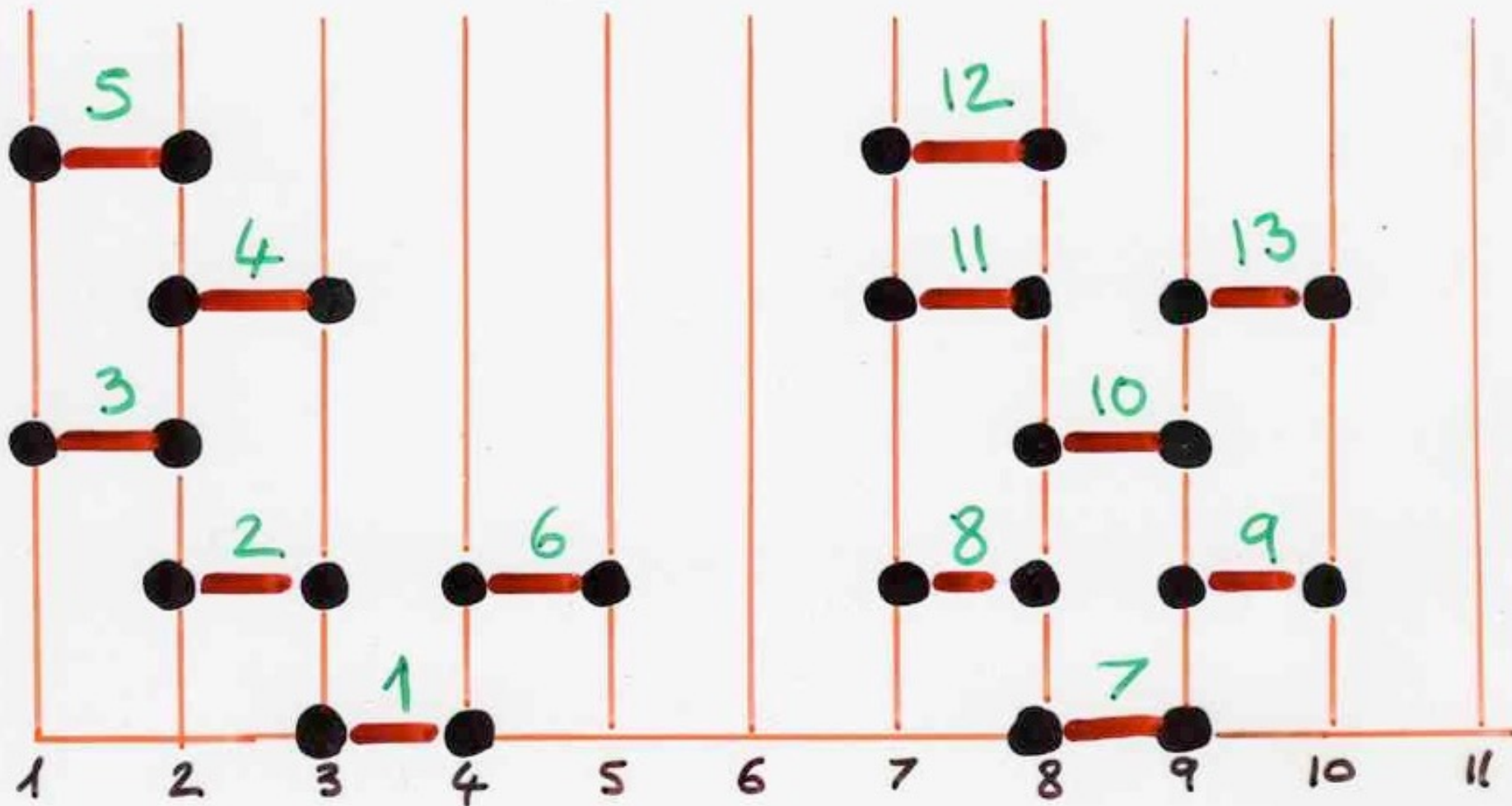
- Cartier-Foata normal form
- lexicographic normal form  
[« Knuth normal form »]



Taking the left most or  
right most maximal piece. ....

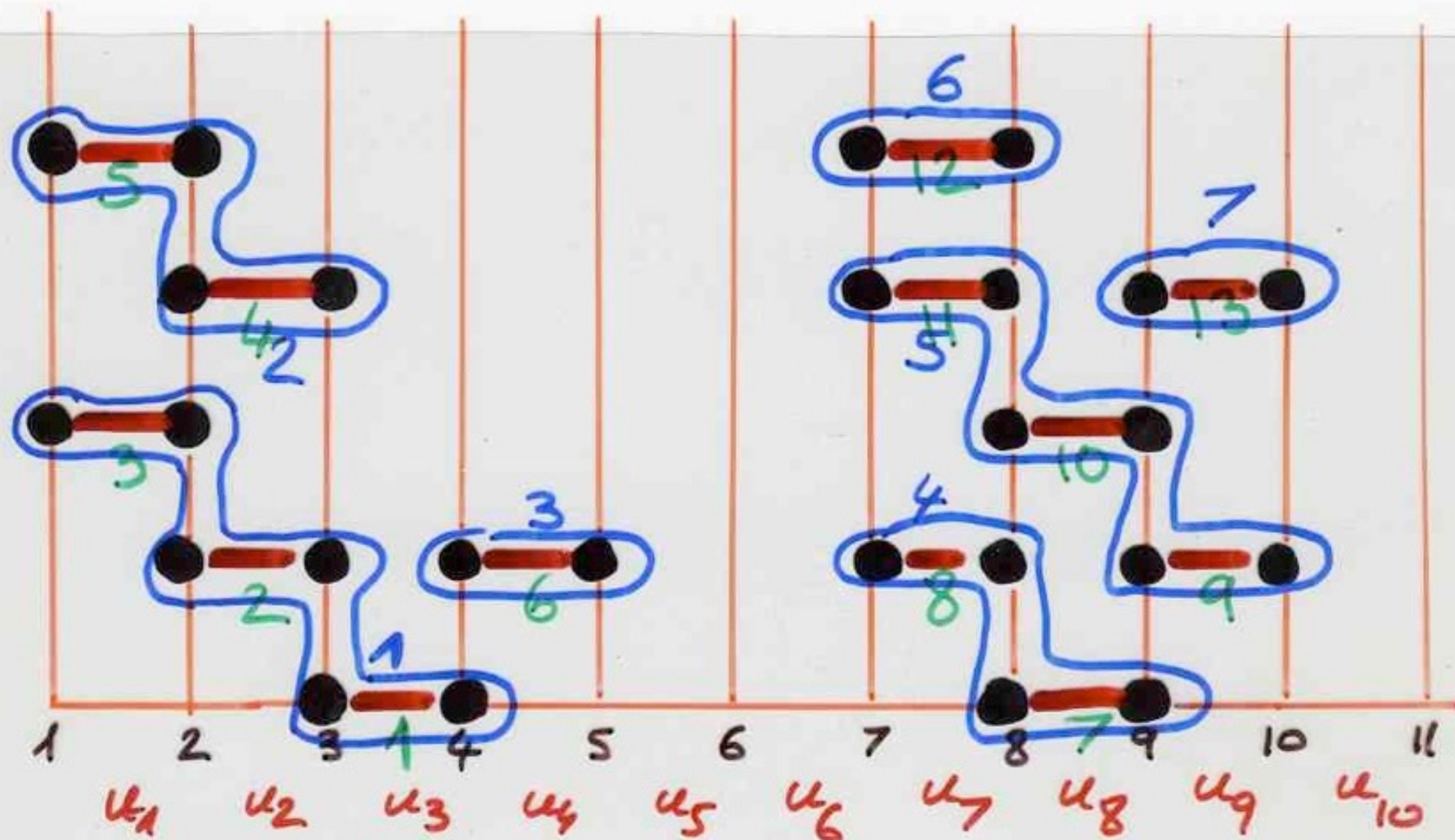
equivalent to the so-called  
Lexicographic normal form



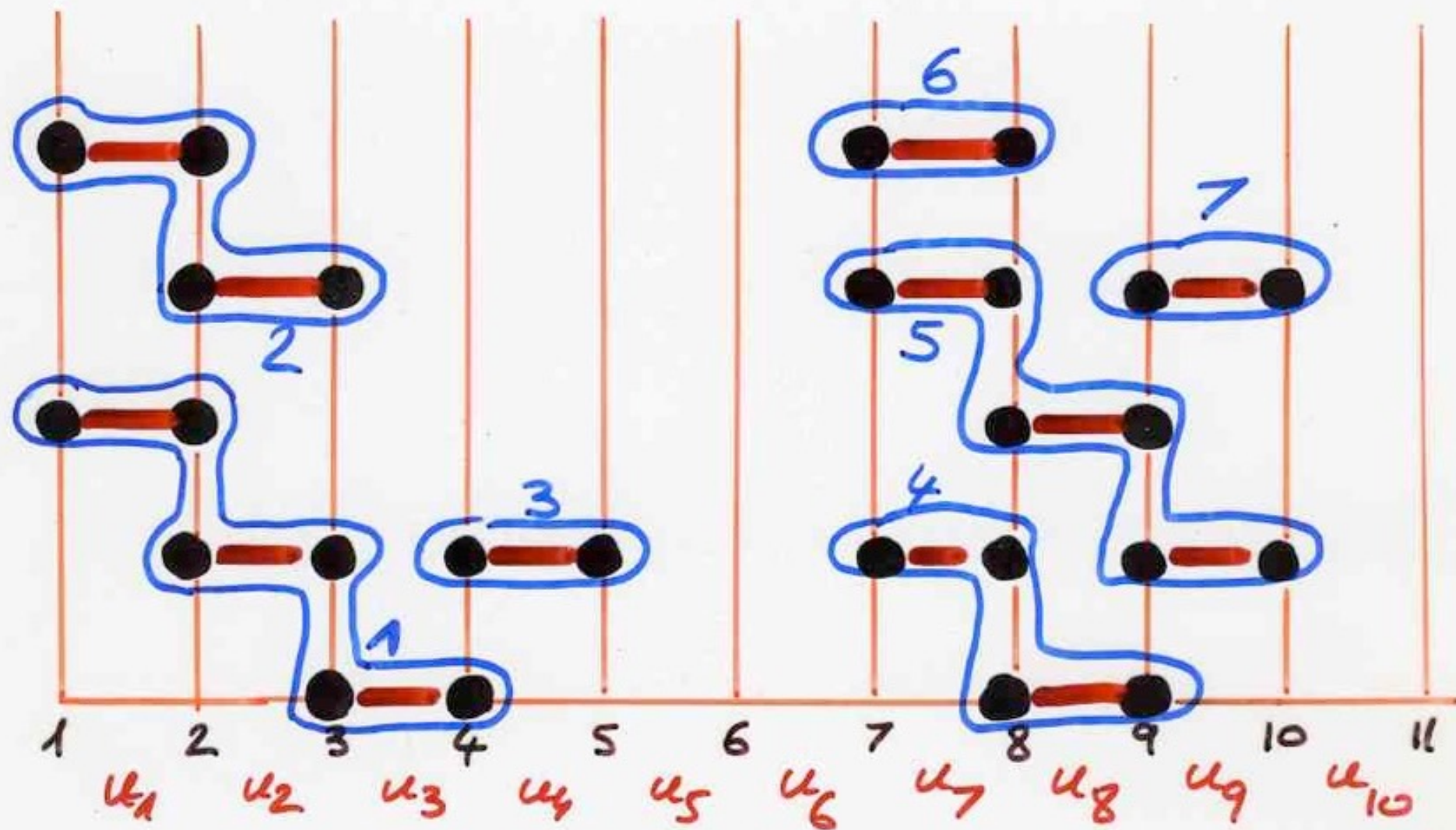


lexicographic normal form






lexicographic normal form



ordering the segments



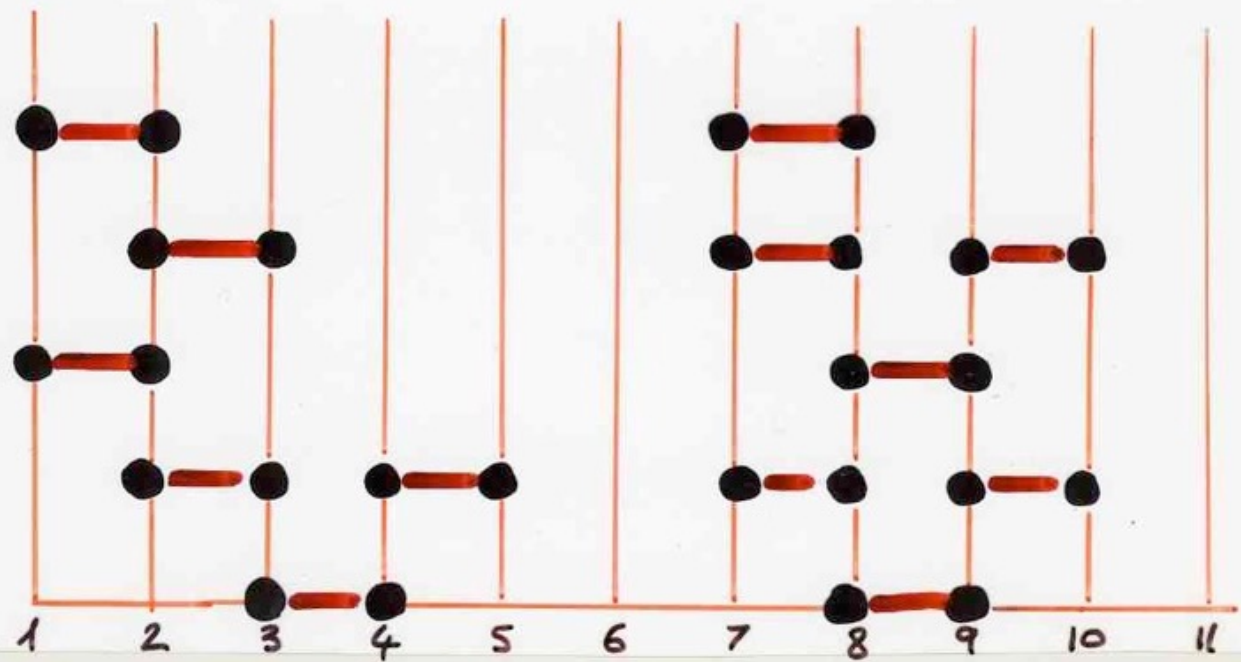
The diagram illustrates two segments, each consisting of four black dots connected by a blue line. A red less-than sign (<) is positioned between the two segments, indicating a comparison or ordering.

total order of the  
segments in a  
heap of segments

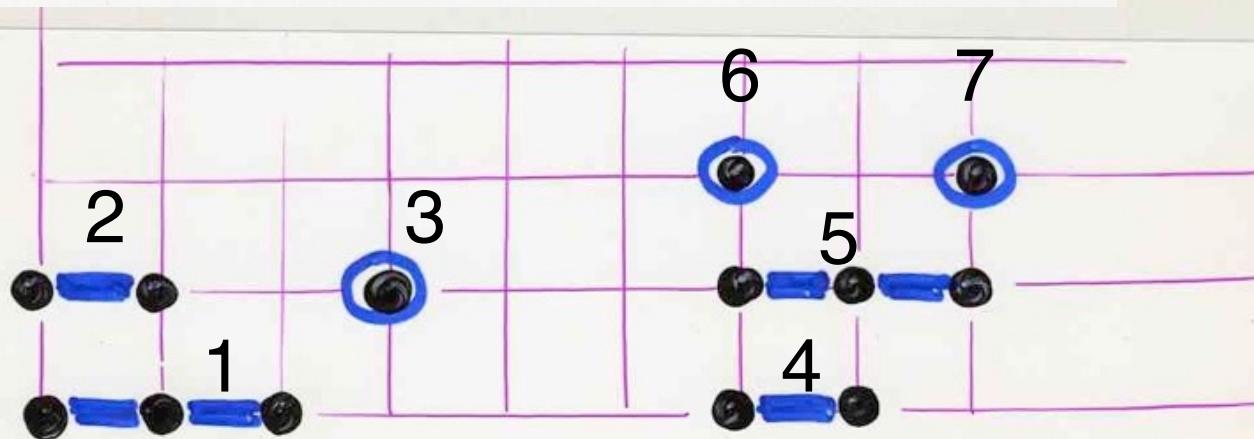


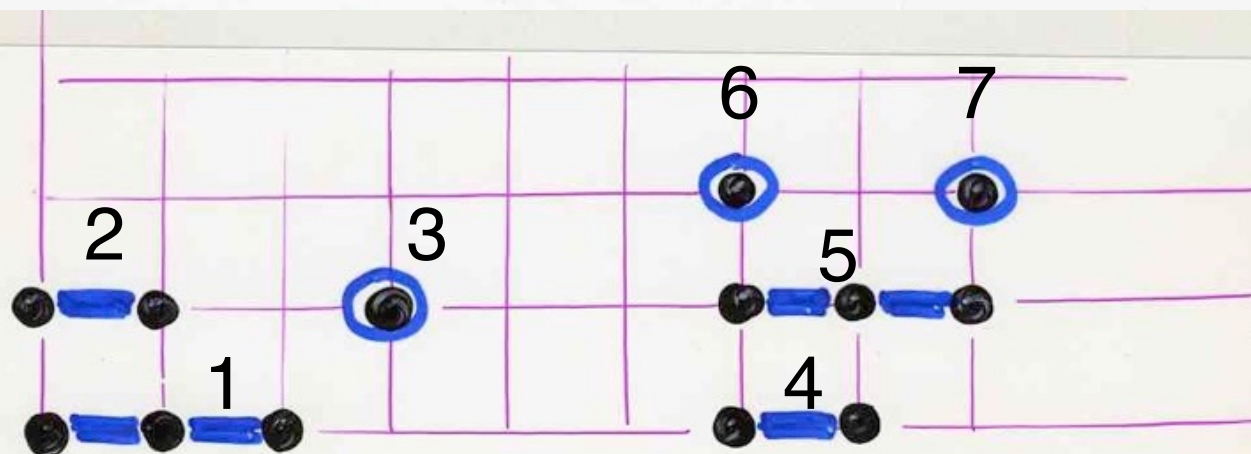
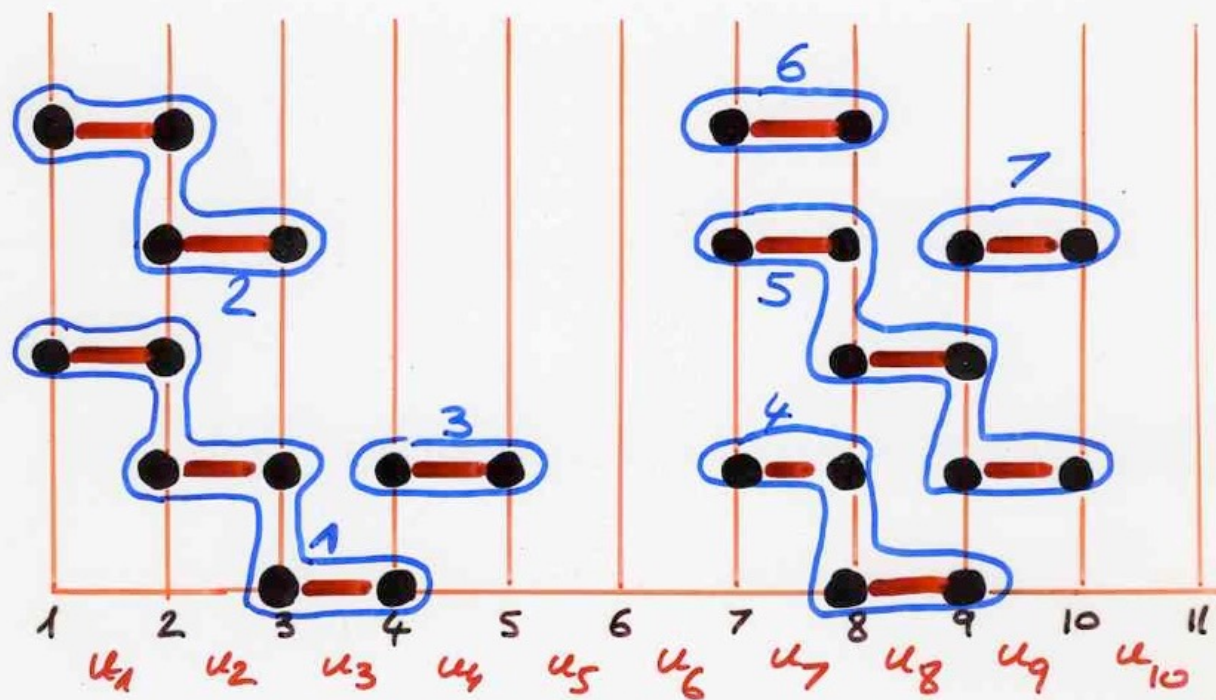
total order  
of the stairs  
in a heap  
of dimers





lexicographic normal form





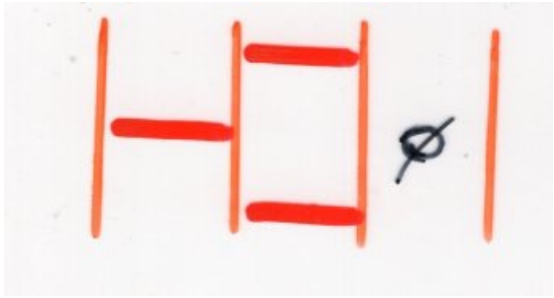


the stair lemma



## The stair lemma

no occurrences of



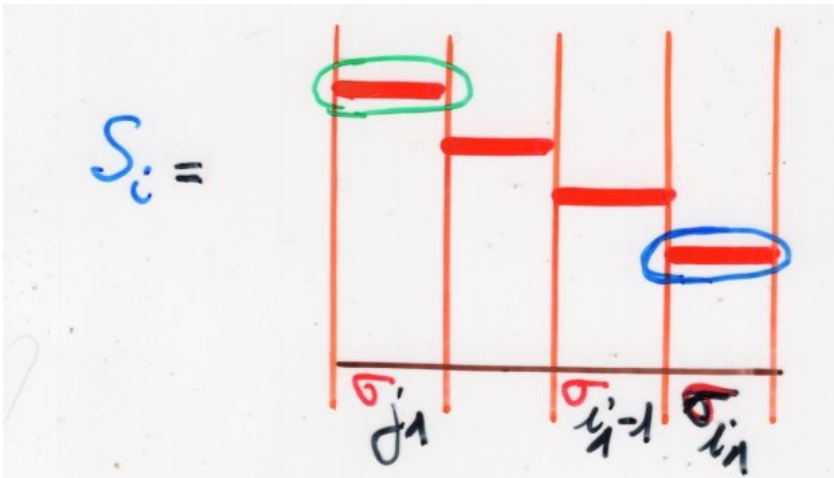
$$\min(S_1) < \dots < \min(S_k)$$

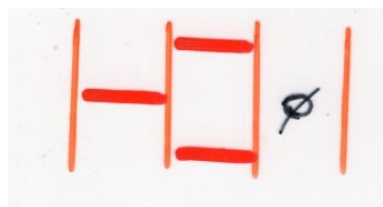
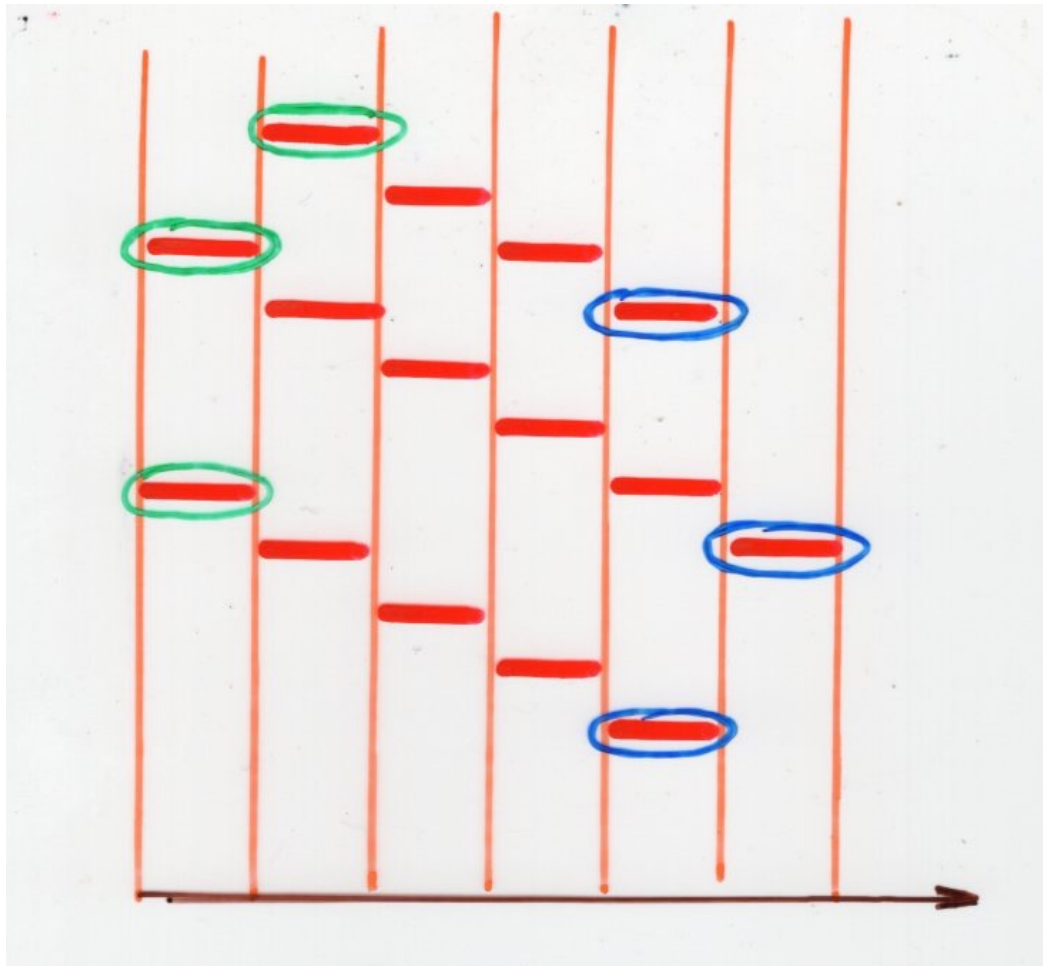


$$\max(S_1) < \dots < \max(S_k)$$

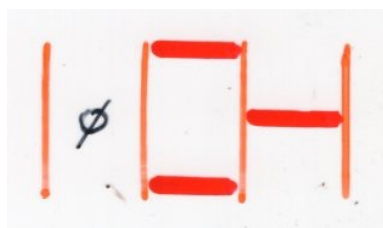
$S_i =$

The diagram illustrates a sequence of red horizontal bars of varying heights between vertical orange lines. The first bar is circled in green, and the last bar is circled in blue. Below the bars, a horizontal line has labels  $\sigma_{j_1}$ ,  $\sigma_{j_1-1}$ , and  $\sigma_{j_n}$  with arrows pointing to the vertical lines.





$$\min(S_1) < \dots < \min(S_k)$$

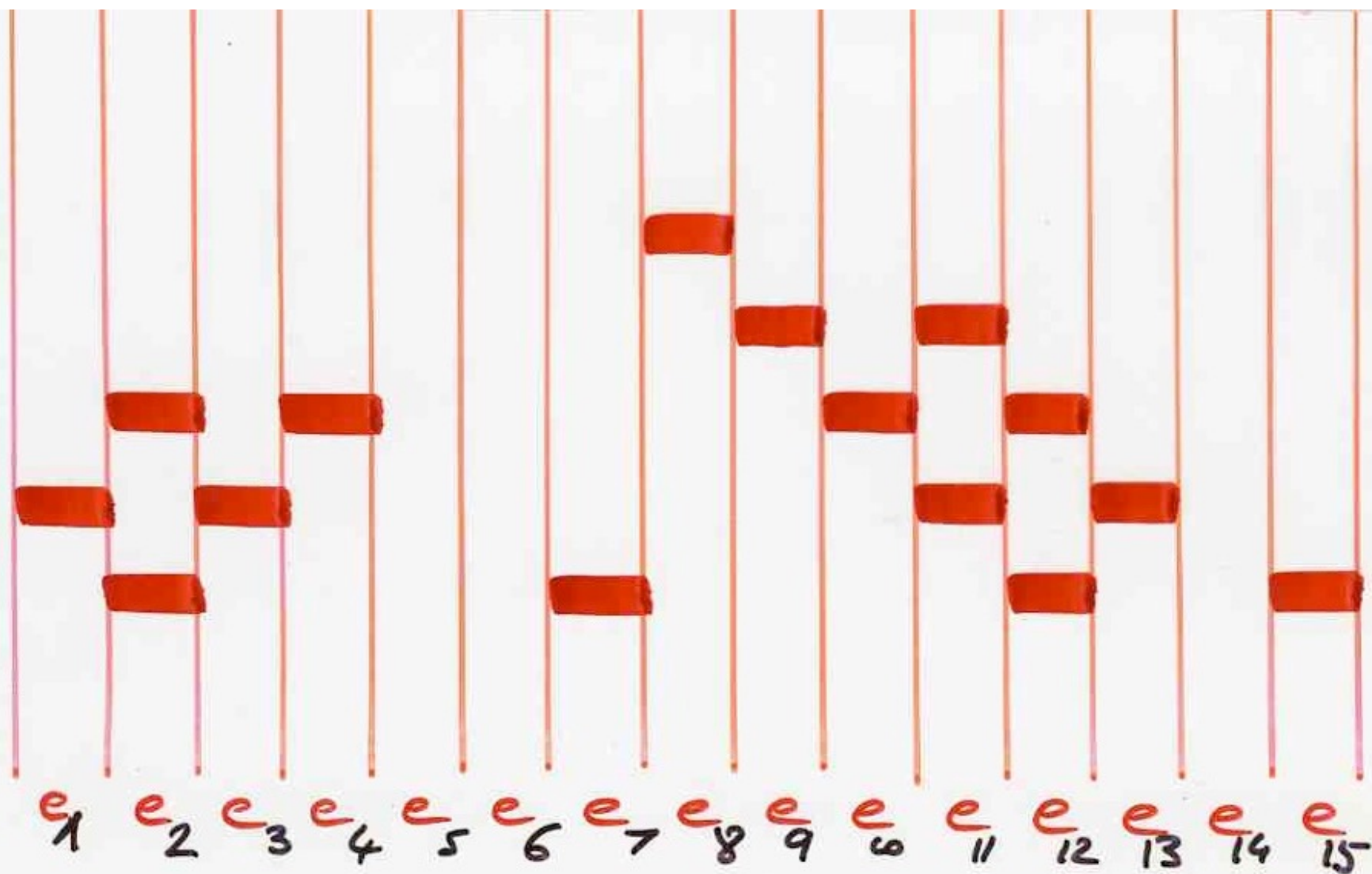


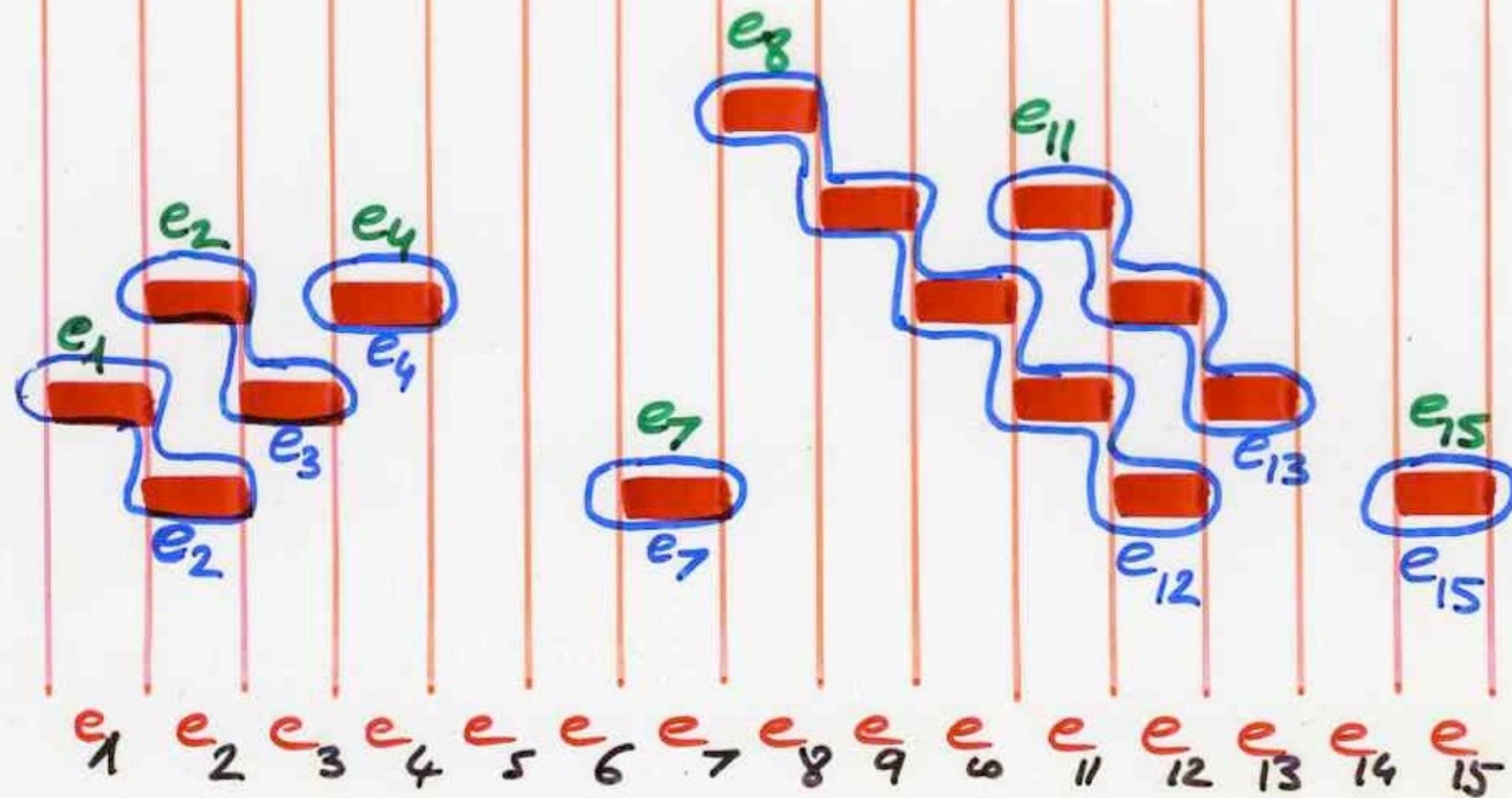
$$\max(S_1) < \dots < \max(S_k)$$



fully commutative heaps  
(of dimers)









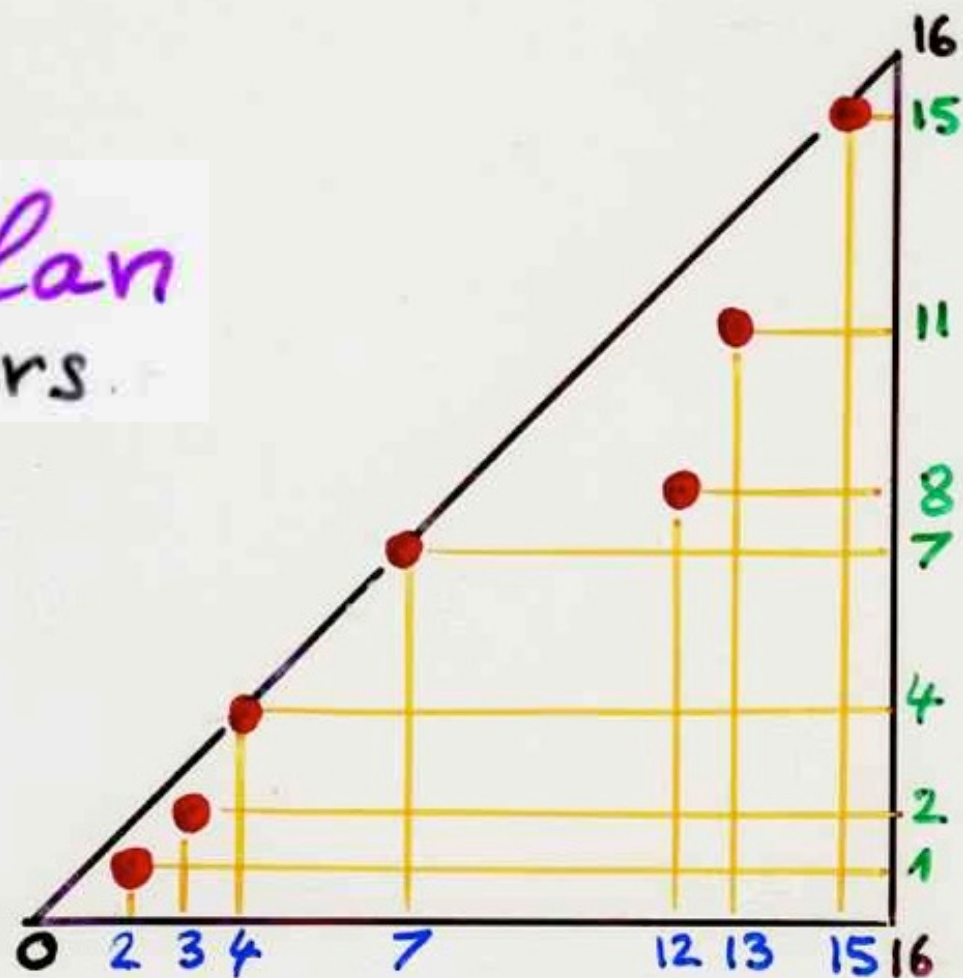
Catalan  
numbers.

$$1 \leq \underbrace{2}_{\checkmark} < \underbrace{3}_{\checkmark} < \underbrace{4}_{\checkmark} < \underbrace{7}_{\checkmark} < \underbrace{12}_{\checkmark} < \underbrace{13}_{\checkmark} < \underbrace{15}_{\checkmark} \leq n$$

$$1 < \underbrace{2}_{\checkmark} < \underbrace{4}_{\checkmark} < \underbrace{7}_{\checkmark} < \underbrace{8}_{\checkmark} < \underbrace{11}_{\checkmark} < \underbrace{15}_{\checkmark}$$



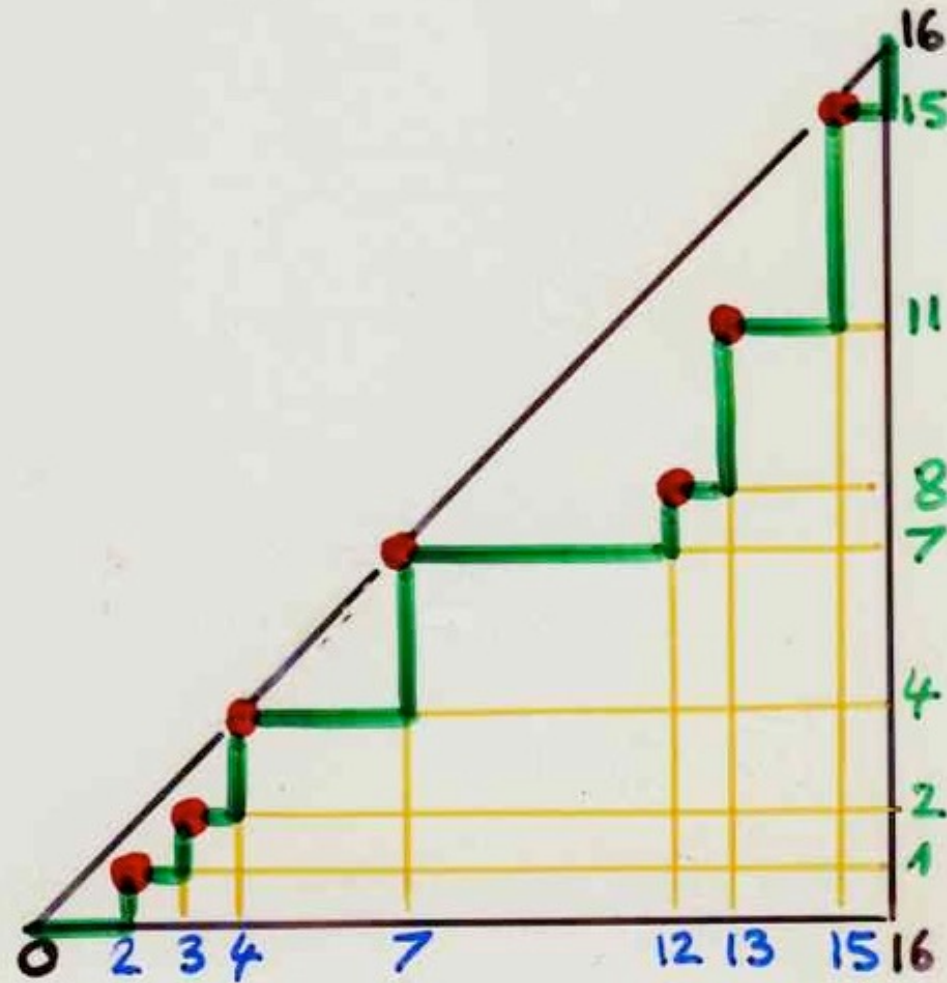
# Catalan numbers



$$1 \leq \underbrace{2}_{\underbrace{1}} < \underbrace{3}_{\underbrace{2}} < \underbrace{4}_{\underbrace{4}} < \underbrace{7}_{\underbrace{7}} < \underbrace{12}_{\underbrace{8}} < \underbrace{13}_{\underbrace{11}} < \underbrace{15}_{\underbrace{15}} \leq n$$

Dyck

path



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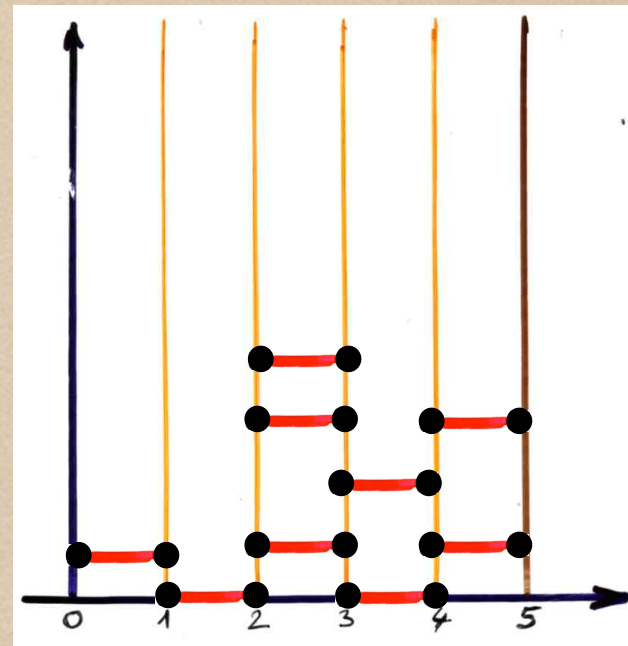
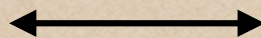
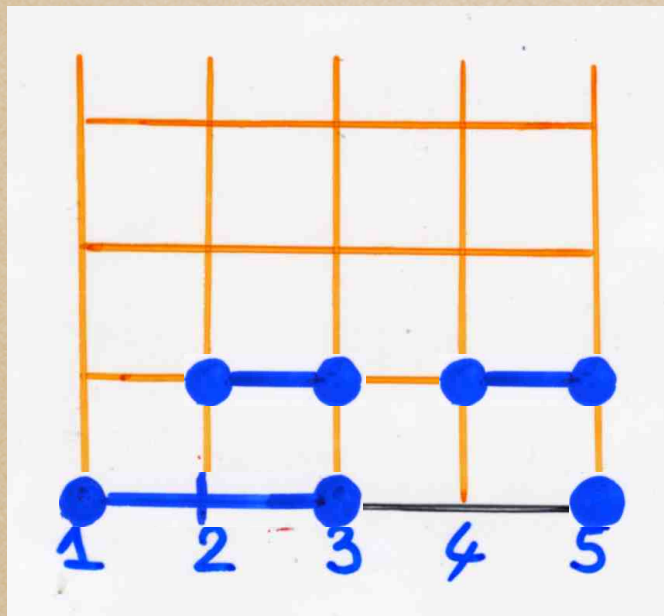
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Ch 6a, the heap monoid of a Coxeter group, reduced decomposition, fully commutative elements of Coxeter group, stair decomposition of a heap of dimers, fully commutative heaps of dimers, relation with parallelogram polyominoes, bijection FC elements — (321) avoiding permutations

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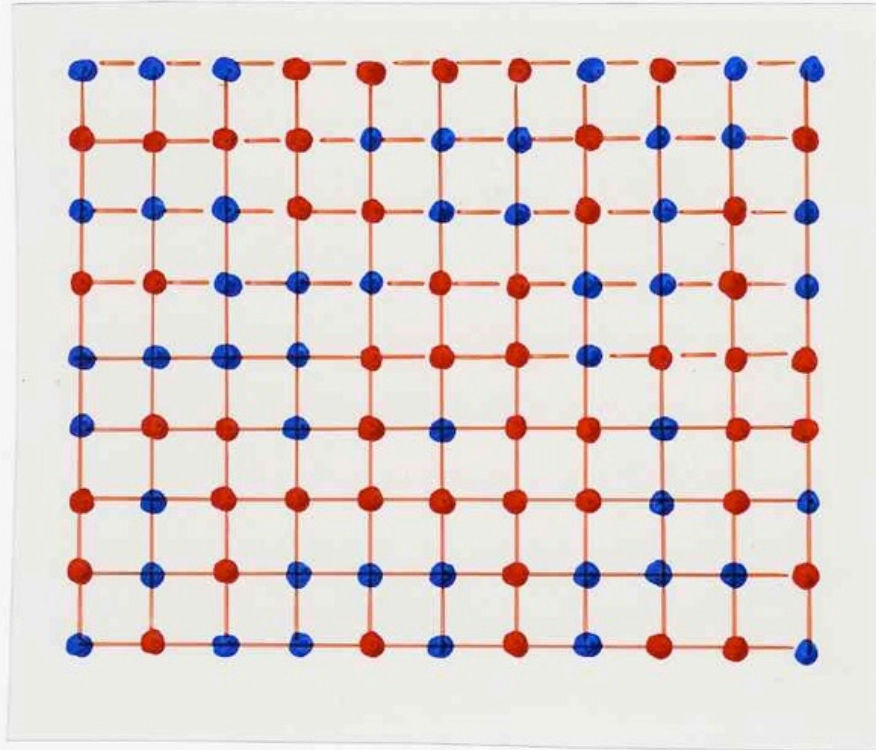
# The duality



In the context of  
The first and second bijection paths-heaps



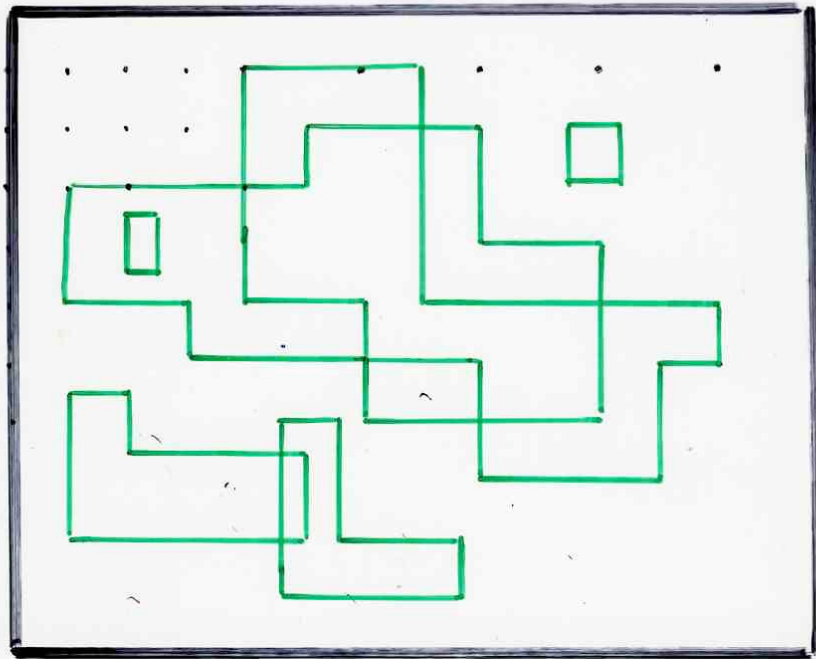
Onsager (1944)



Ising  
model

Kasteleyn (1961)

Fisher - Temperley (1961)



"closed" graph

Ising  
model

Kac-Ward (1952)

Sherman (1960)

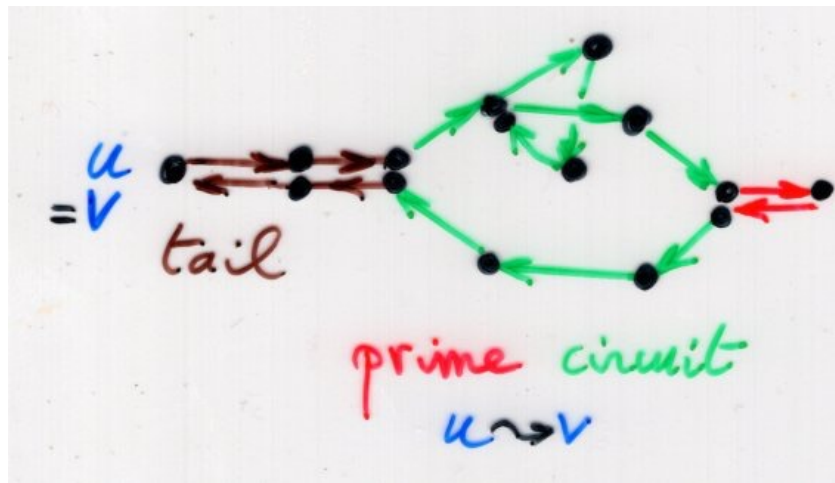
Helmuth (2012)

● T. Helmuth, A. Shapira

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- Loop-erased random walk as a spin system observable,

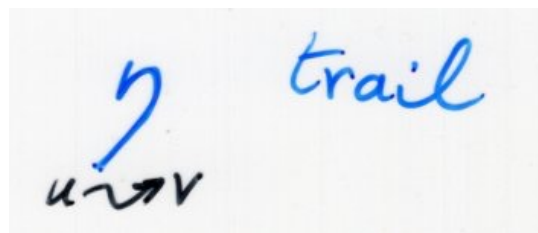
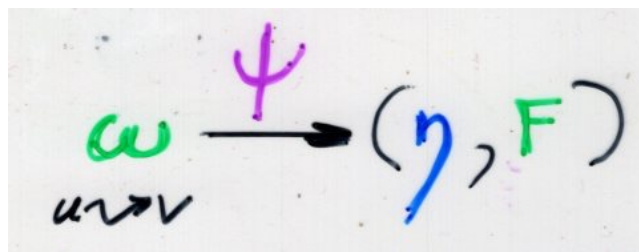




back tracking

( - no tail  
 - no back tracking

second  
bijection  $\psi$



trail = path having all  
oriented edges distinct

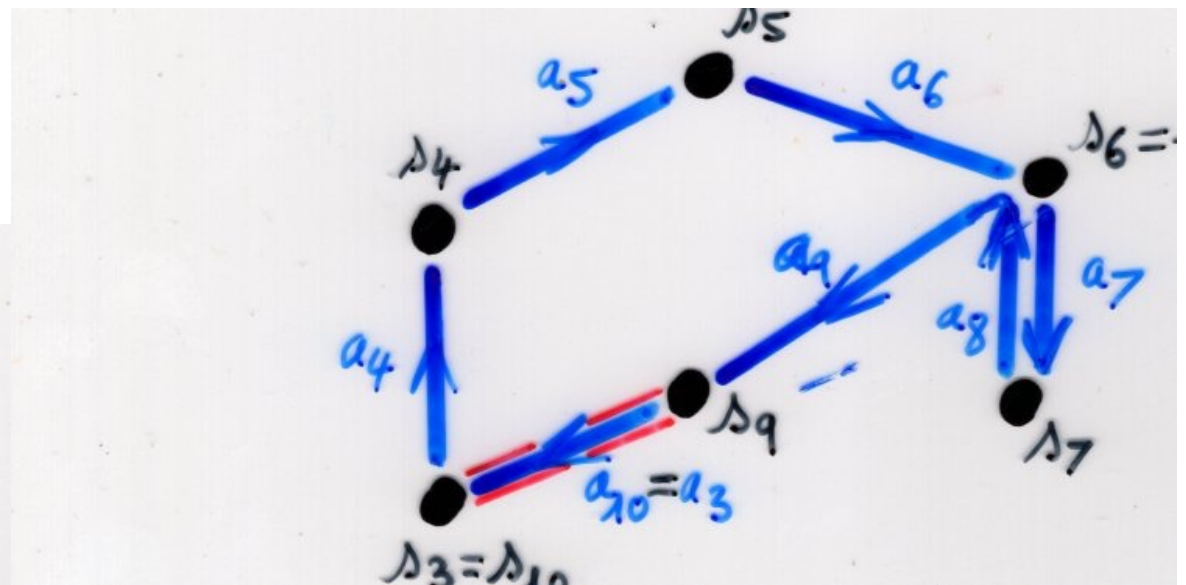
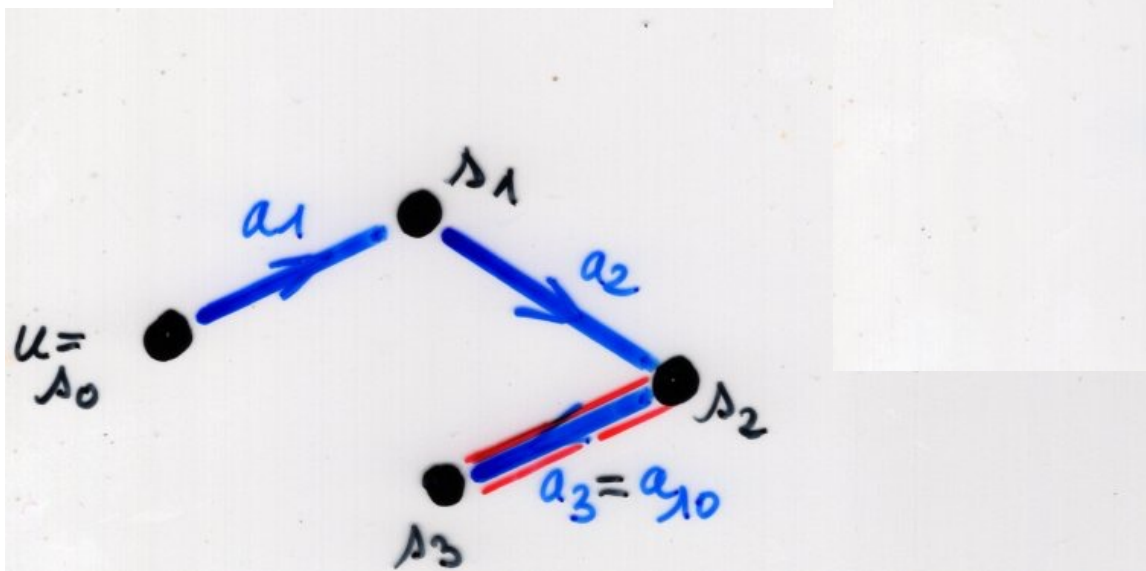
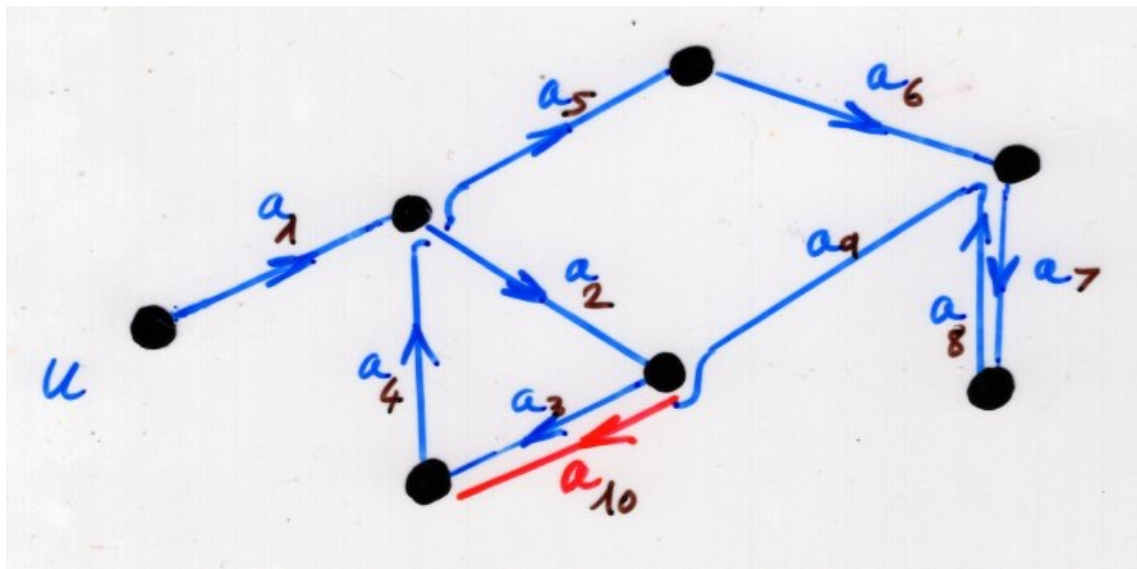
$F$  heap of  
"oriented loops"

oriented  
loop

equivalence  
class  
of trail

trail  $\eta$  up to a  
circular  
permutation  
of its edges

A diagram showing a trail. A blue  $\eta$  is written above a blue  $u \rightsquigarrow u$ .





Proposition

$$\omega_{\text{path}} \xrightarrow{\psi} (\gamma, F)$$

$\omega$  (no <sup>tail</sup> non backtracking)



}

is non backtracking, no tail  
each oriented loops of  $F$   
is non backtracking

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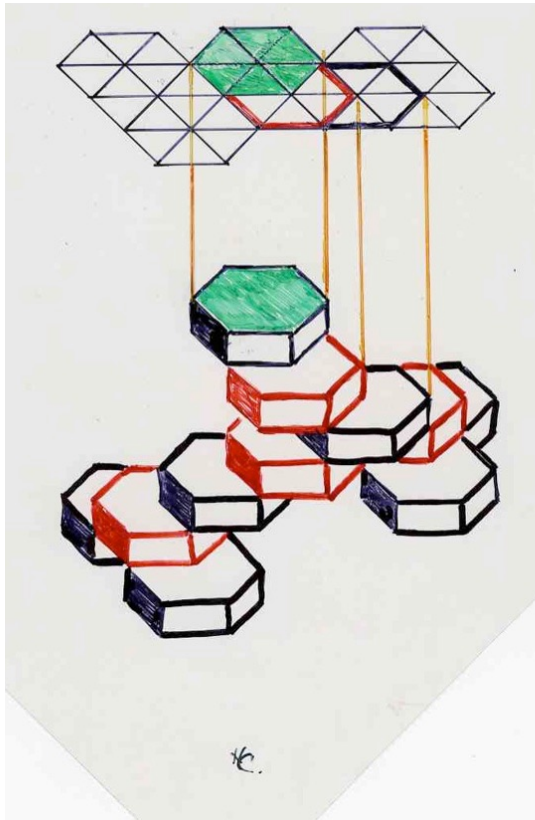
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Ch 5b, the second bijection paths — heaps of oriented loops, pp 21-31

T. Helmut, « Ising model observables and non-backtracking walks »,  
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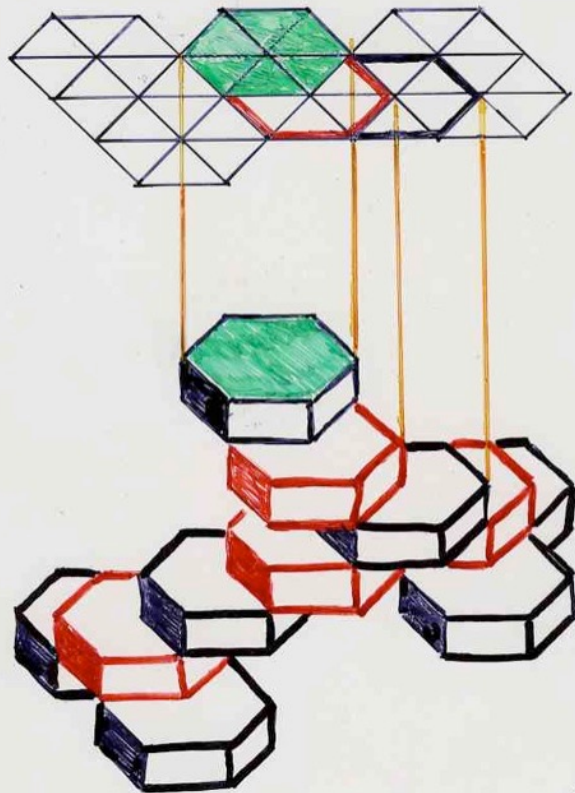
# The logarithmic Lemma

$$t \frac{d}{dt} \log \left( \sum_{E \text{ heap}} v(E) t^{|E|} \right) = \sum_{P \text{ pyramid}} v(P) t^{|P|}$$





$$-p(-t) = y$$



generating function  
for the **density**  
of **Baxter** hard hexagons  
**gas** model

**algebraic** equation  
degree **12**

pyramid of hexagons

hand made slide: H. Crapo



Zeta function of a graph



$$\zeta(s)$$

$$= \prod_p \left( \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} \right)$$

$p$   
 prime  
 number

Euler identity

$$\zeta_G(t)$$

$$= \prod_{[C]} \frac{1}{(1 - t^{|C|})}$$

some "prime"  
over the graph  $G$

Ihara-Selberg zeta  
of a graph

$$\zeta_G(t)$$



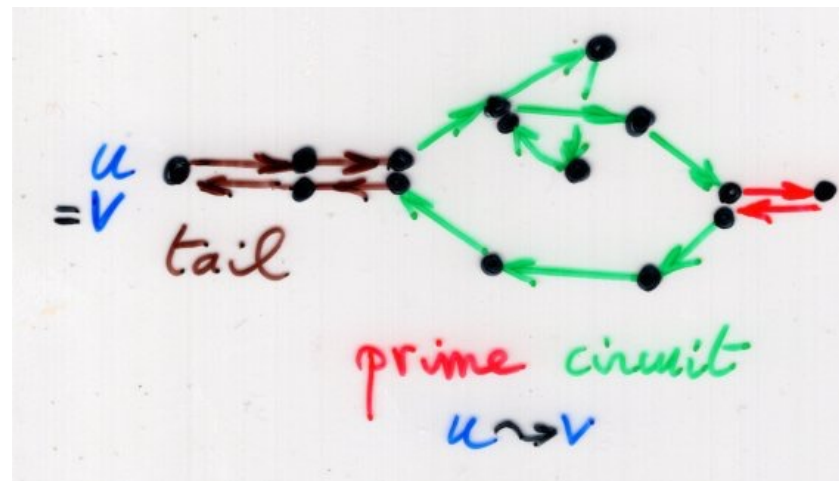
Ihara-Selberg  $\zeta$  function  
of a graph

Ihara (1966)

$$(i) \quad \zeta_G(t) = \prod_{[C]} \frac{1}{(1 - t^{|C|})}$$

equivalence class  
prime circuit

no backtracking



backtracking

( - no tail  
- no backtracking

Ihara-Selberg zeta function  
of a graph

$$(i) \quad \zeta_G(t) = \prod_{[C]} \frac{1}{(1 - t^{|C|})}$$

$$(ii) \quad \zeta_G(t) = \frac{1}{\det(1 - Ht)}$$

$$(iii) \quad \zeta_G(t) = \frac{1}{(1 - t^2)^{m-n}} \frac{1}{\det(I - tA + t^2(D - I))}$$

$$t \frac{d}{dt} \log \zeta_G(t)$$

Bass formula

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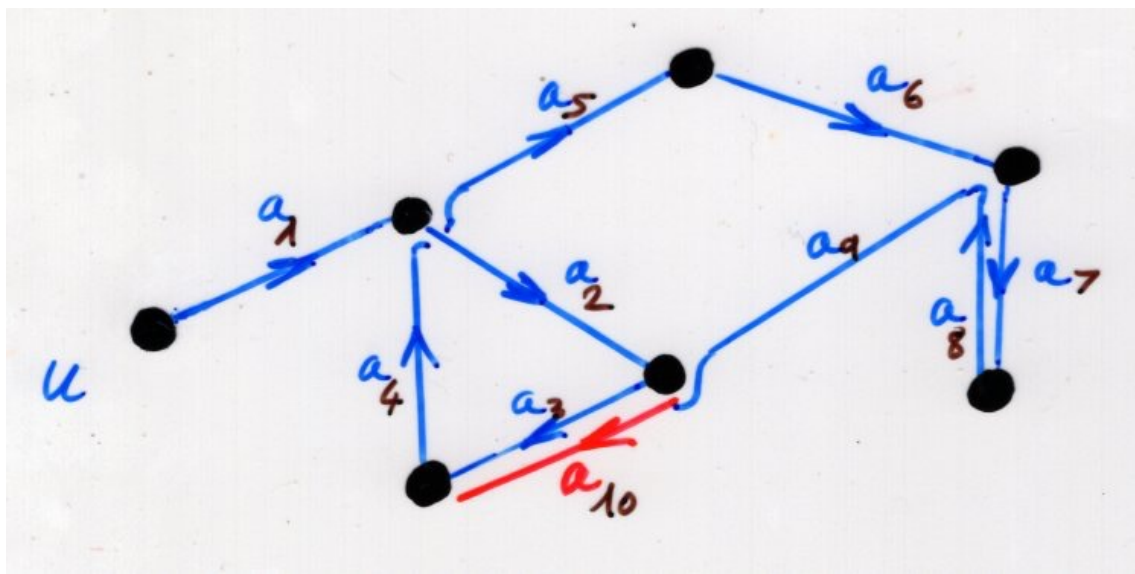
bijections

Dyck paths

A hand-drawn diagram on a piece of paper. On the left, a green Greek letter  $\omega$  is written. Below it, the letters 'u' and 'v' are written with a double-headed arrow between them. A black arrow points from  $\omega$  to the right. Above this arrow is a purple Greek letter  $\psi$ . The arrow points to a pair of objects in parentheses: a blue Greek letter  $\eta$  and a green letter 'F'.

heaps of oriented loops

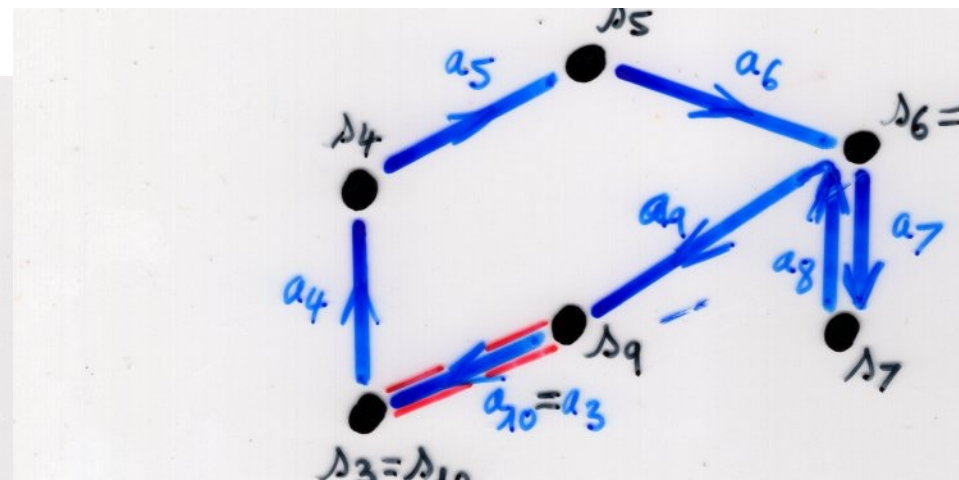
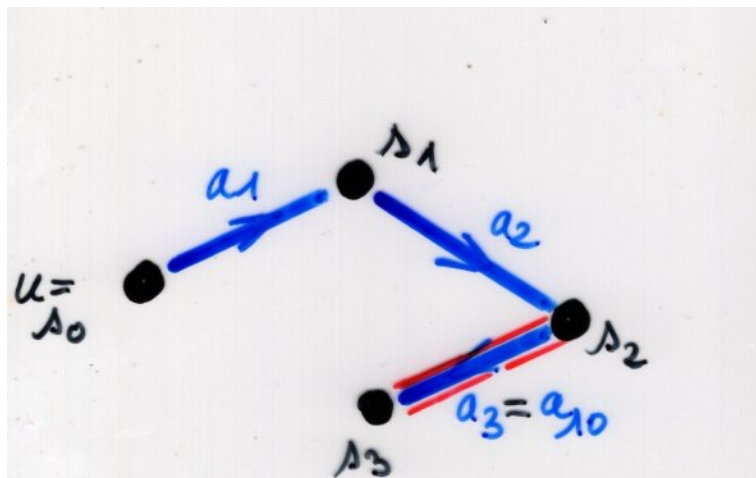


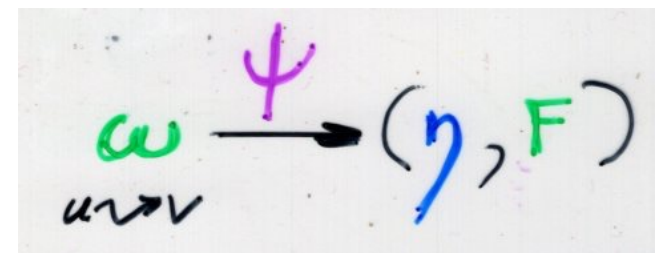
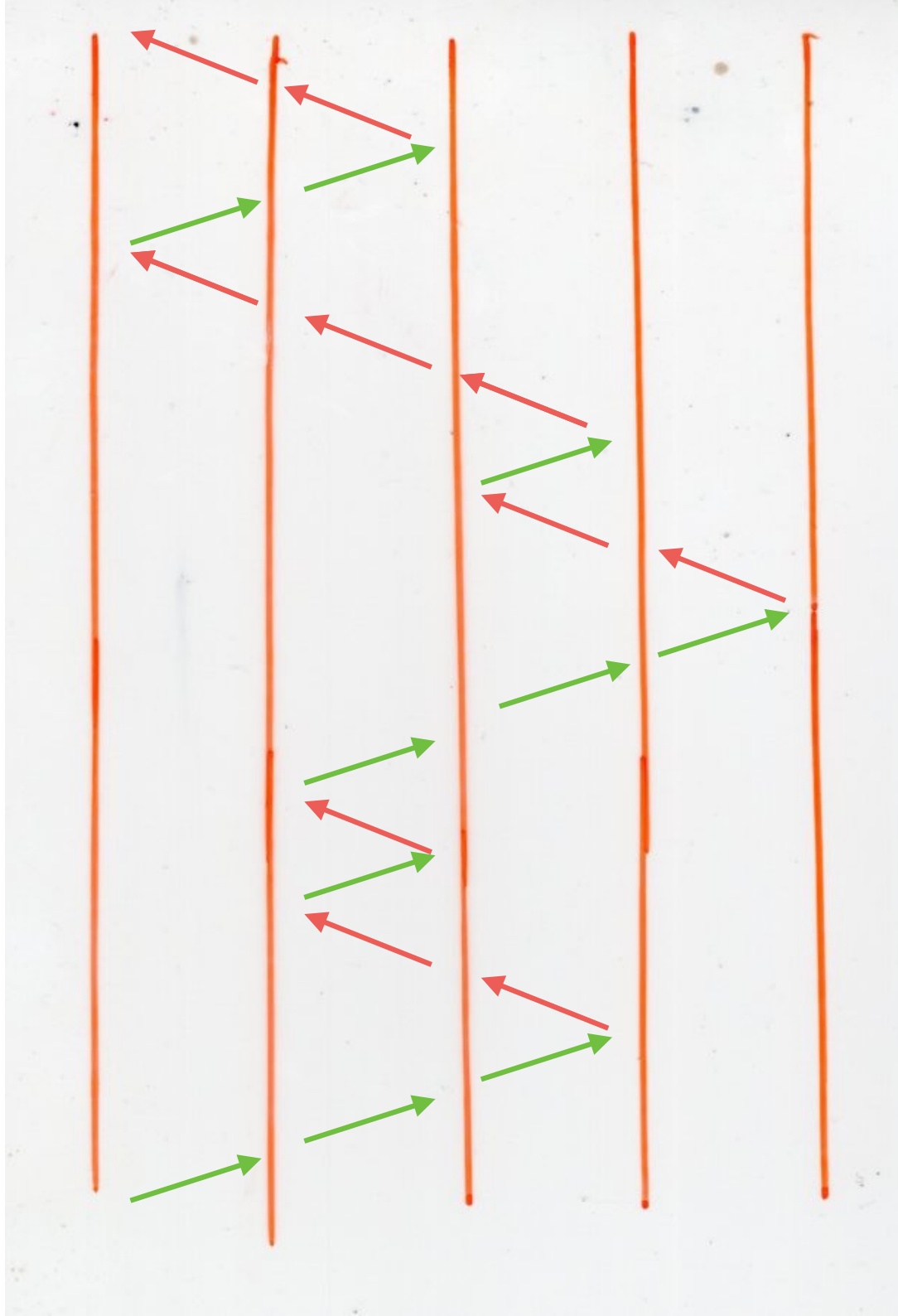


$$\omega \xrightarrow{\psi} (\eta, F)$$

$u \rightsquigarrow v$

Ch 5b, p21-29

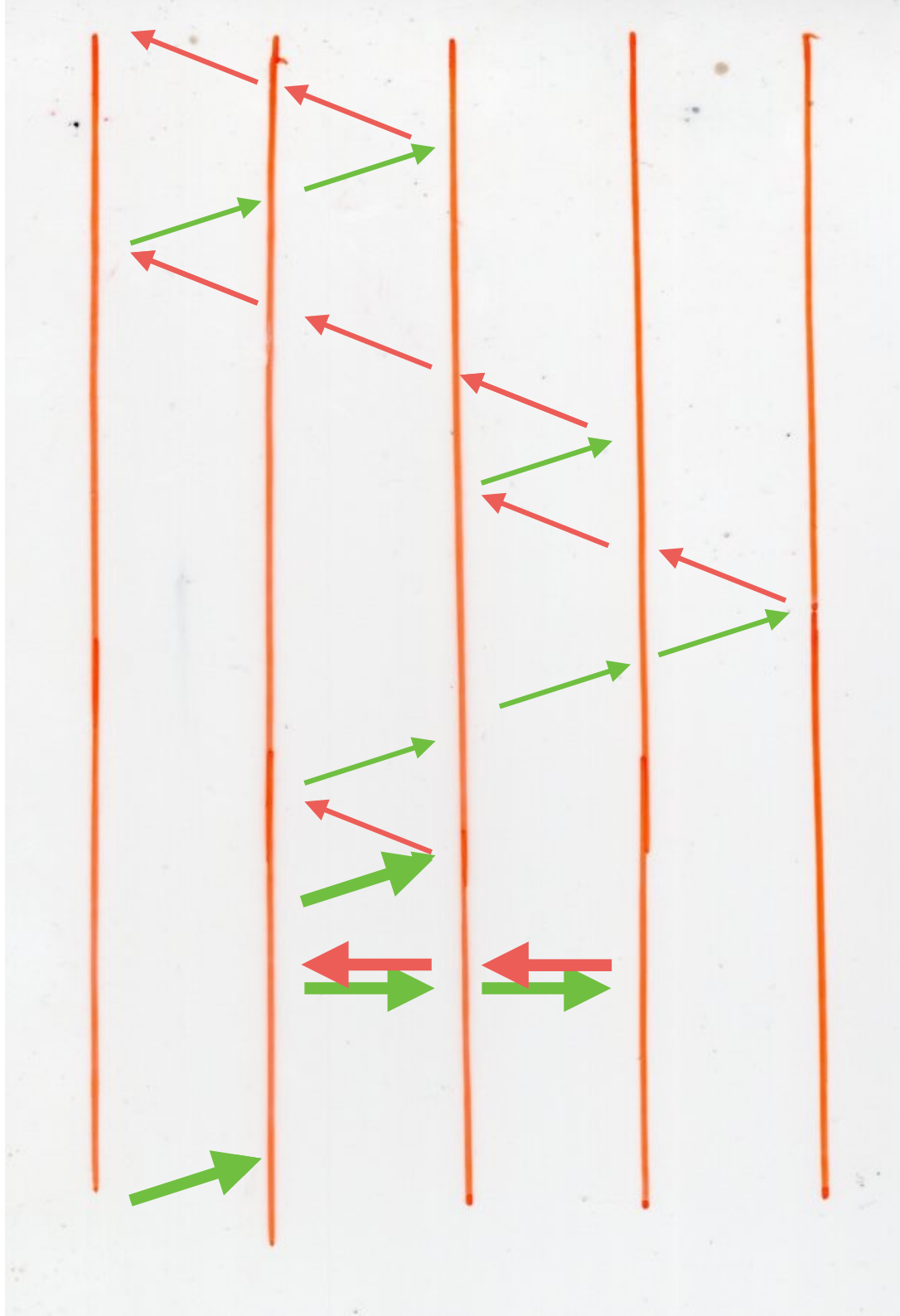








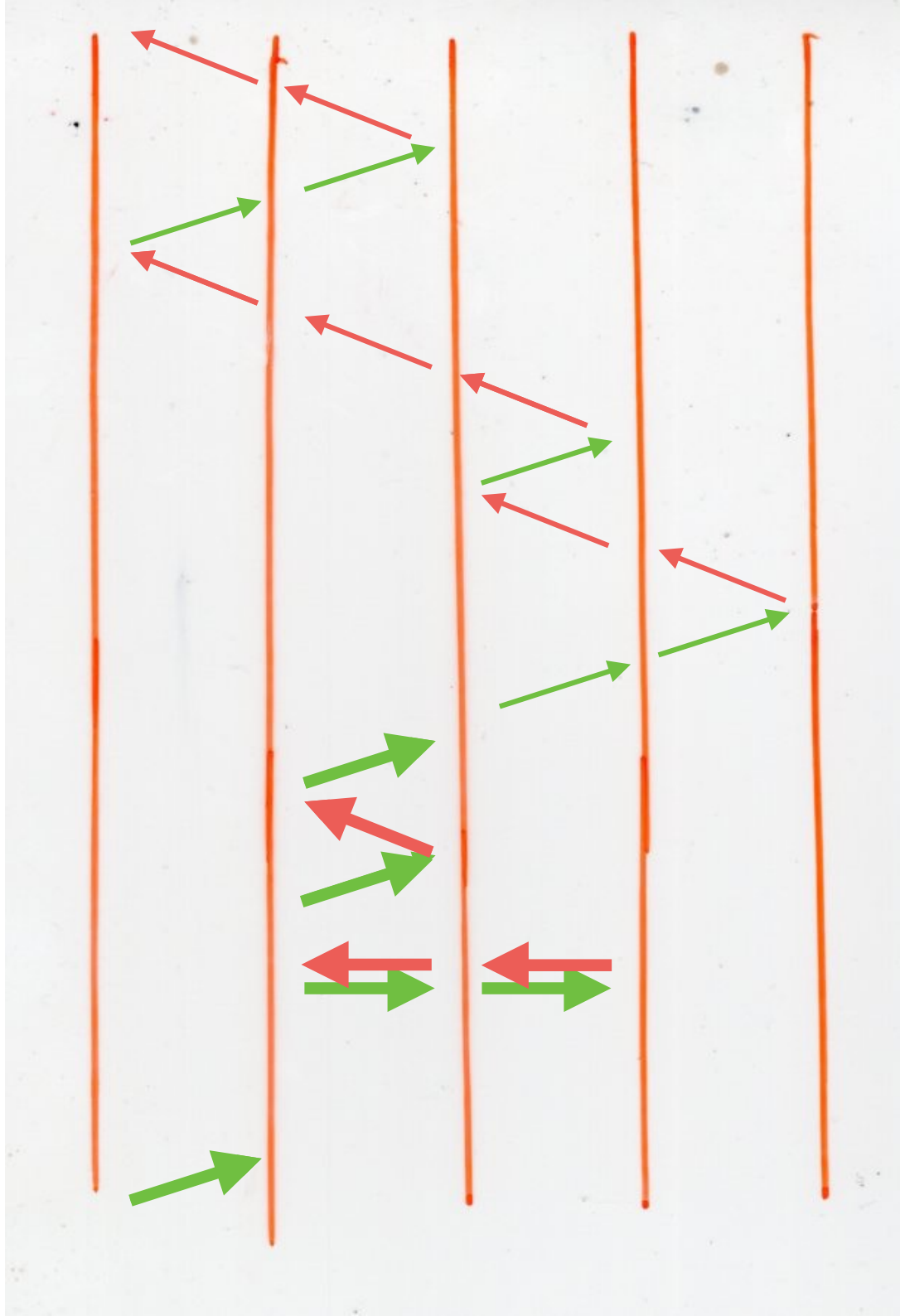




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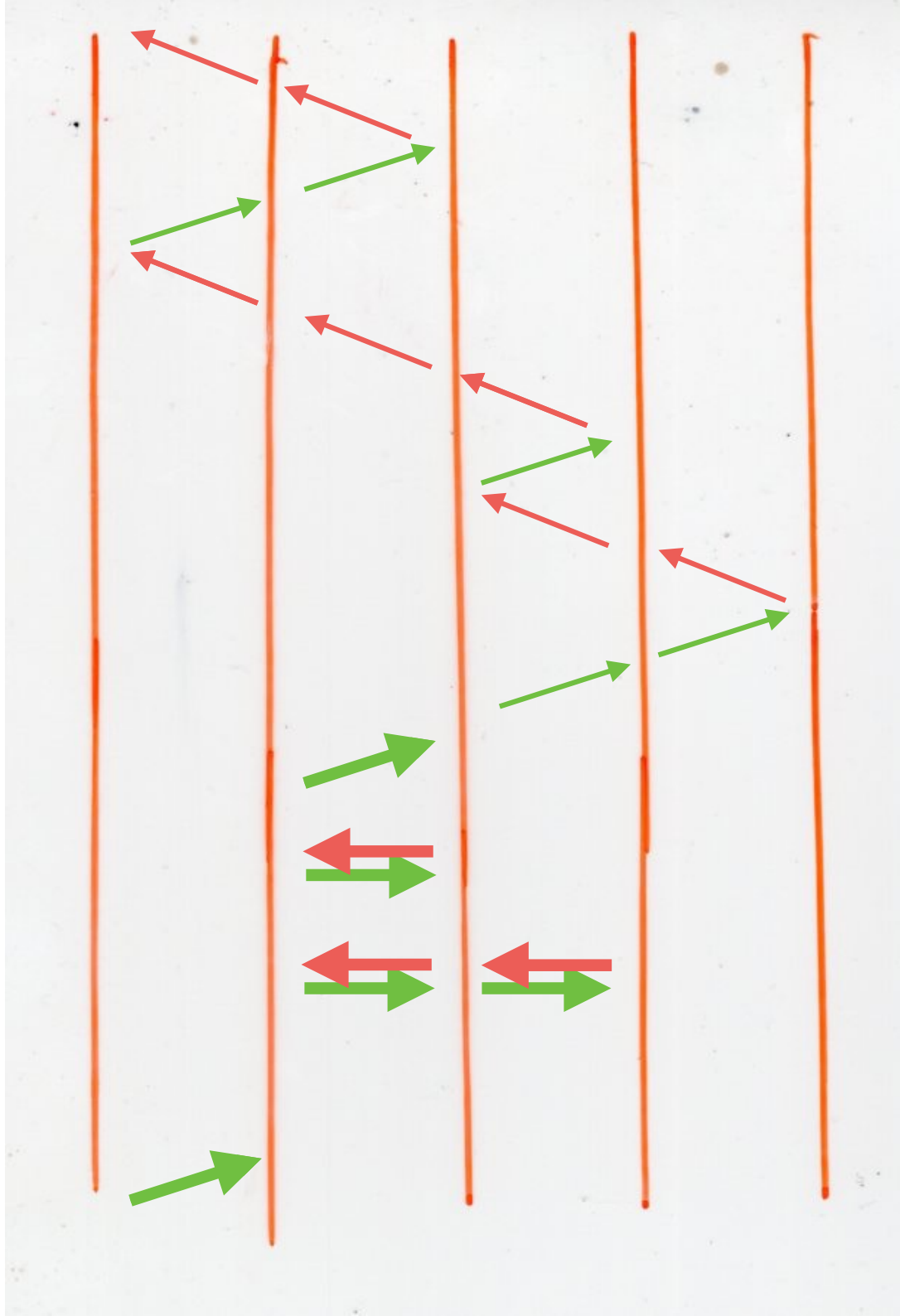
$u \rightsquigarrow v$





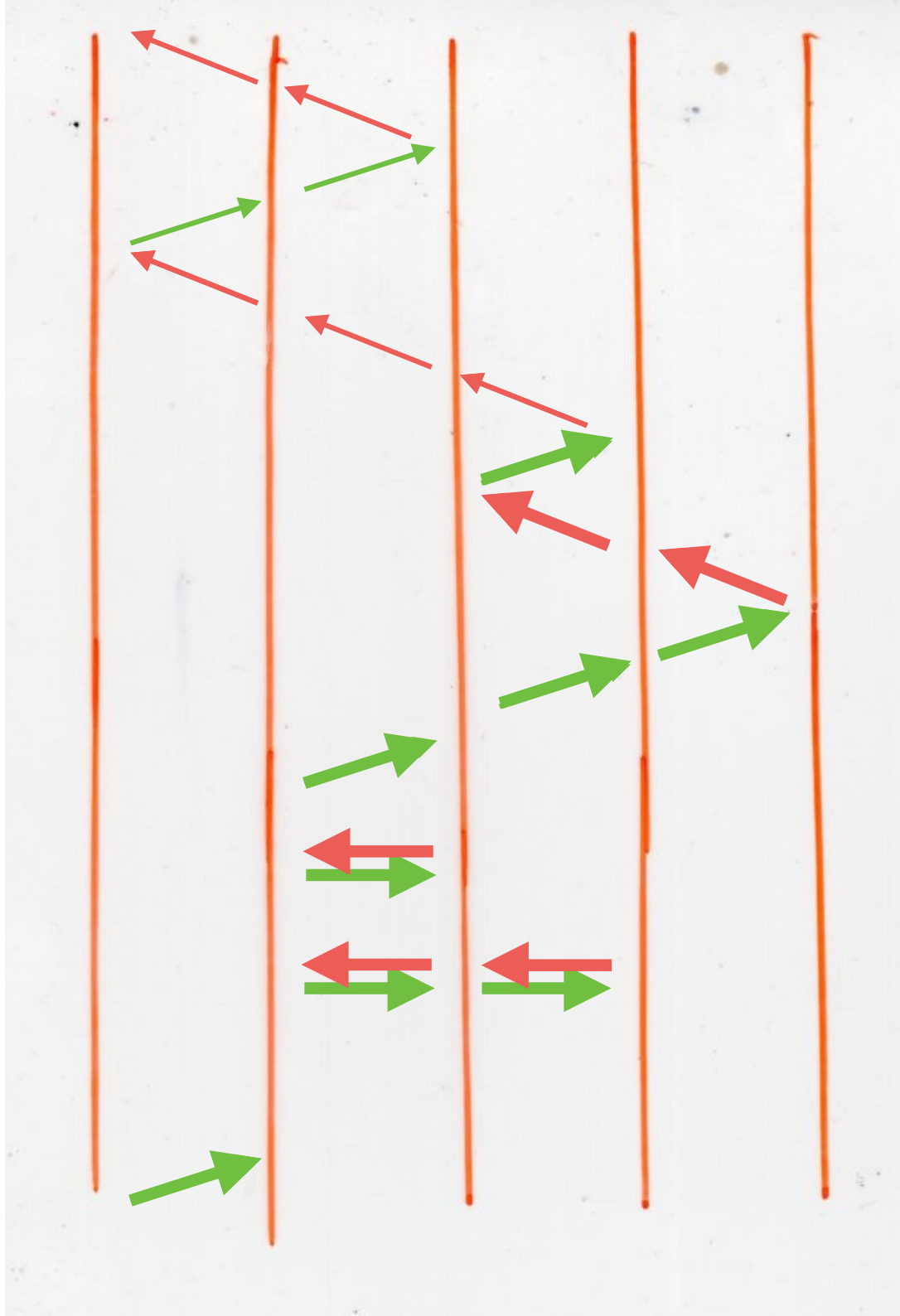
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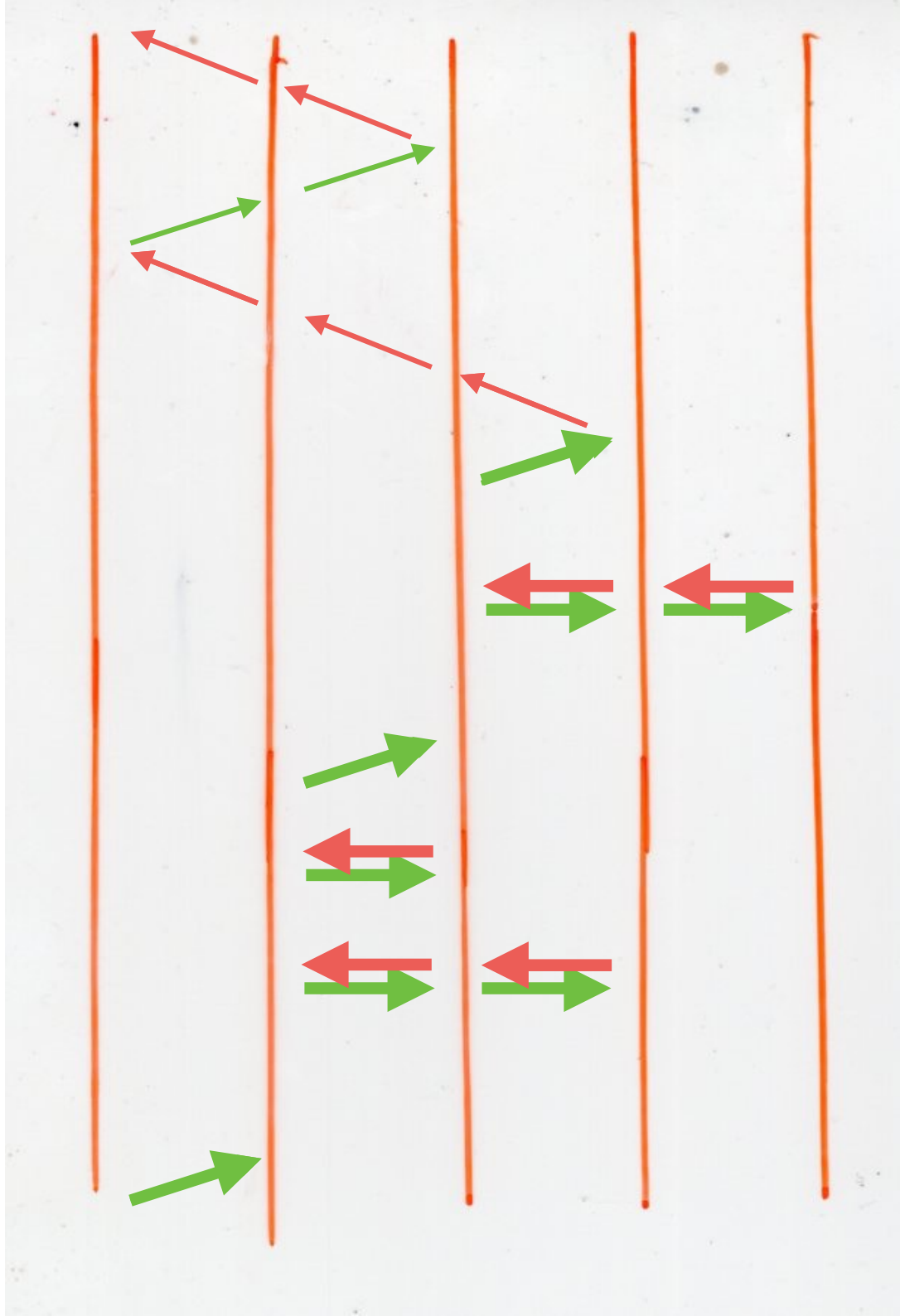
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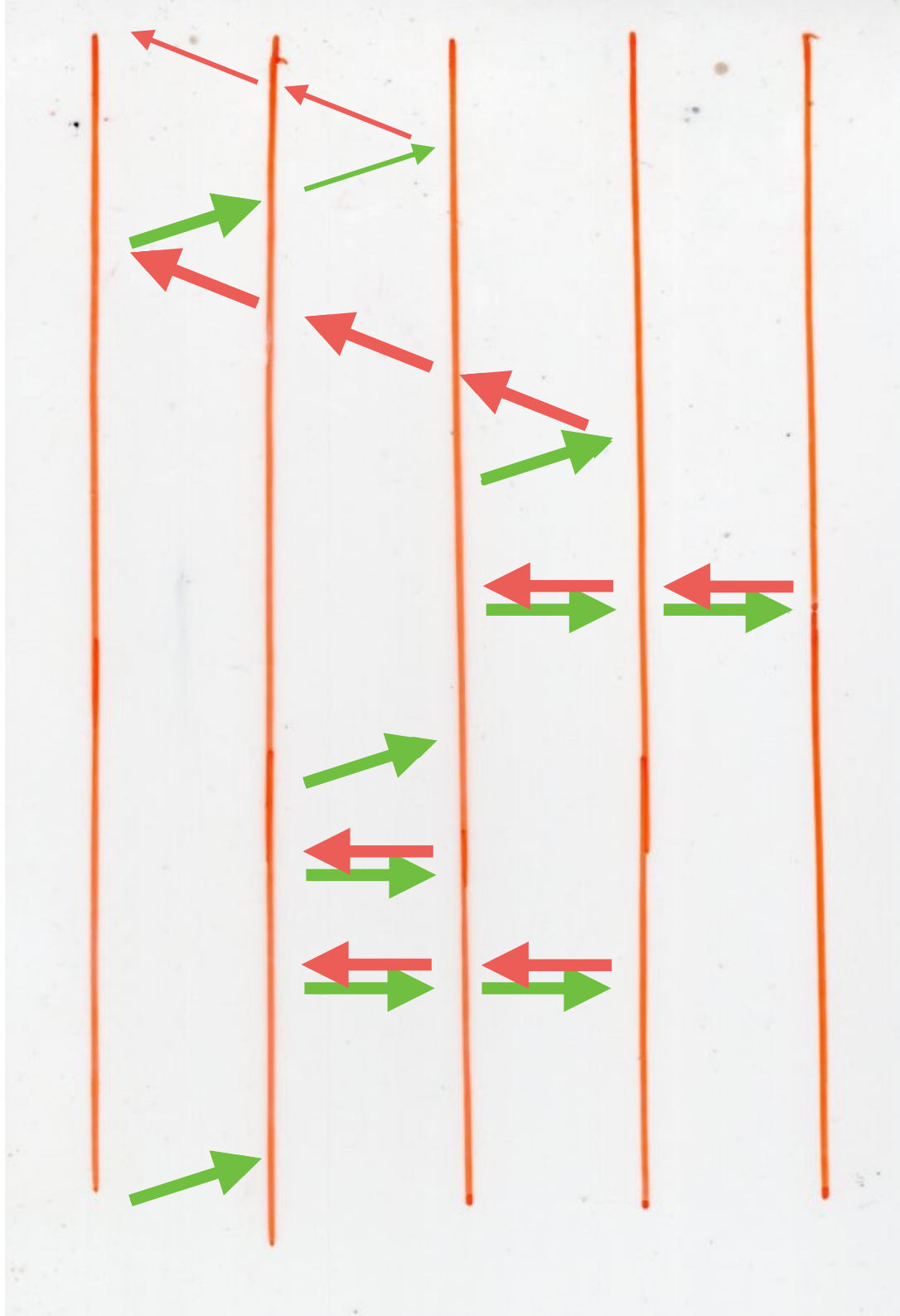
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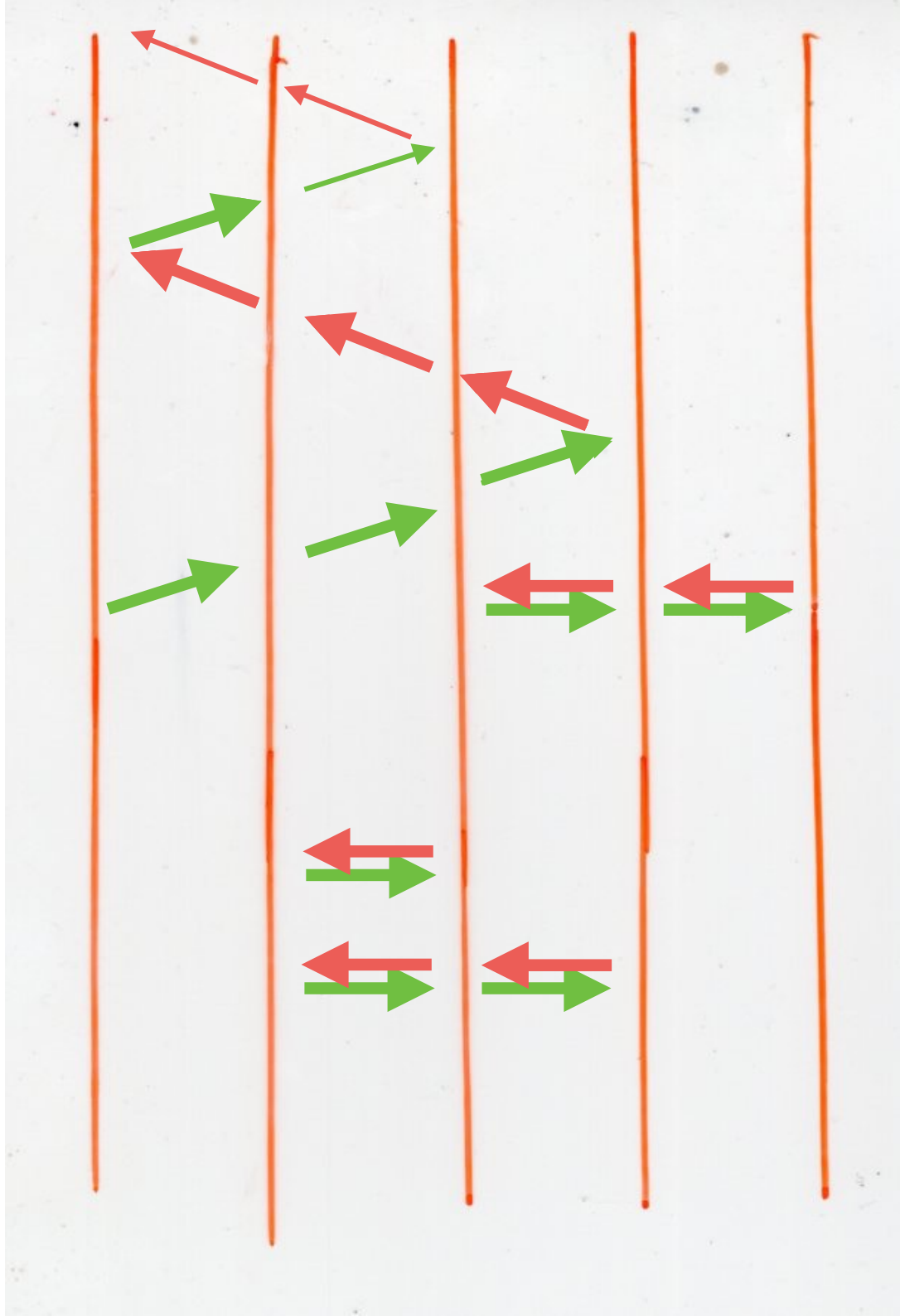
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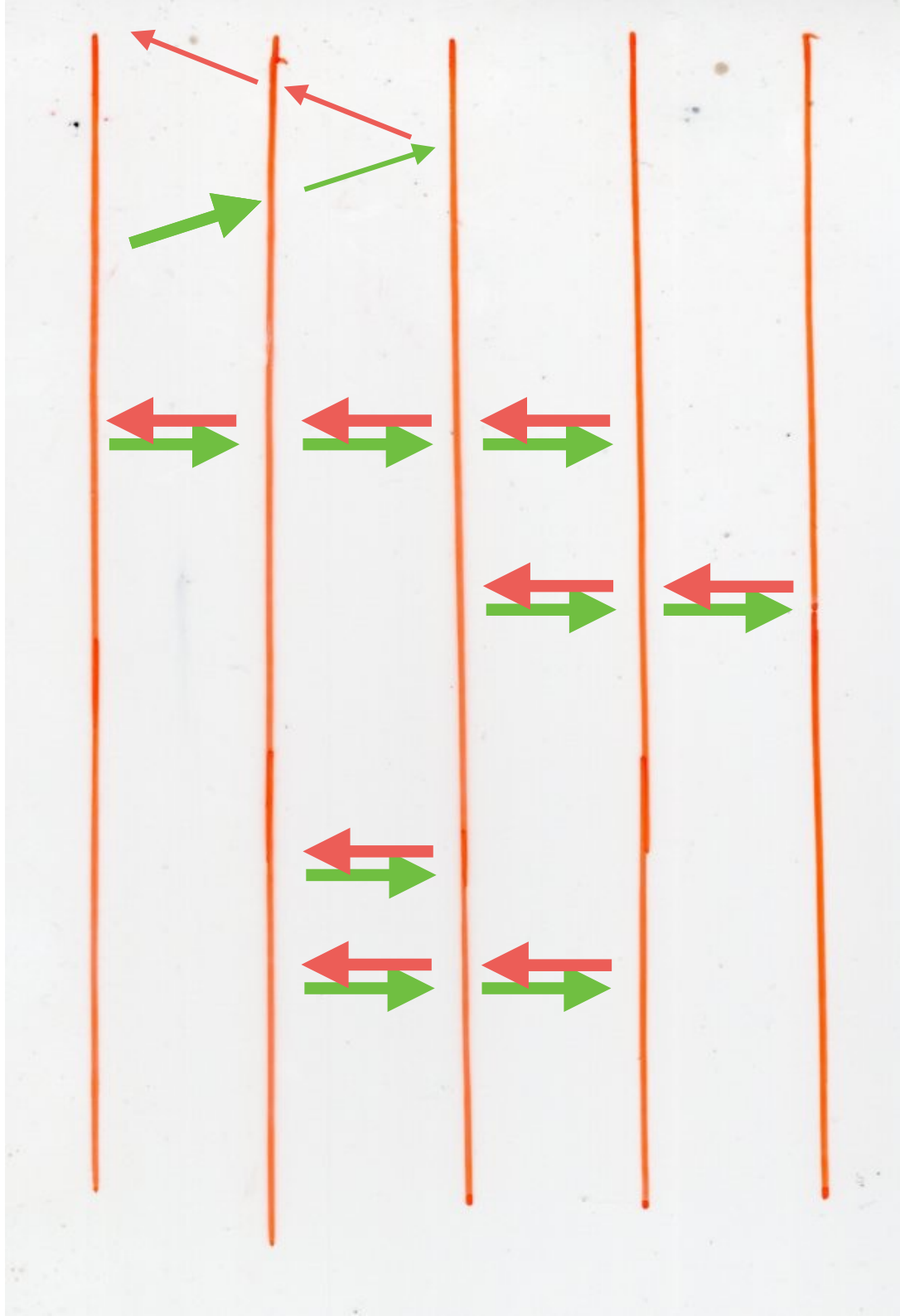
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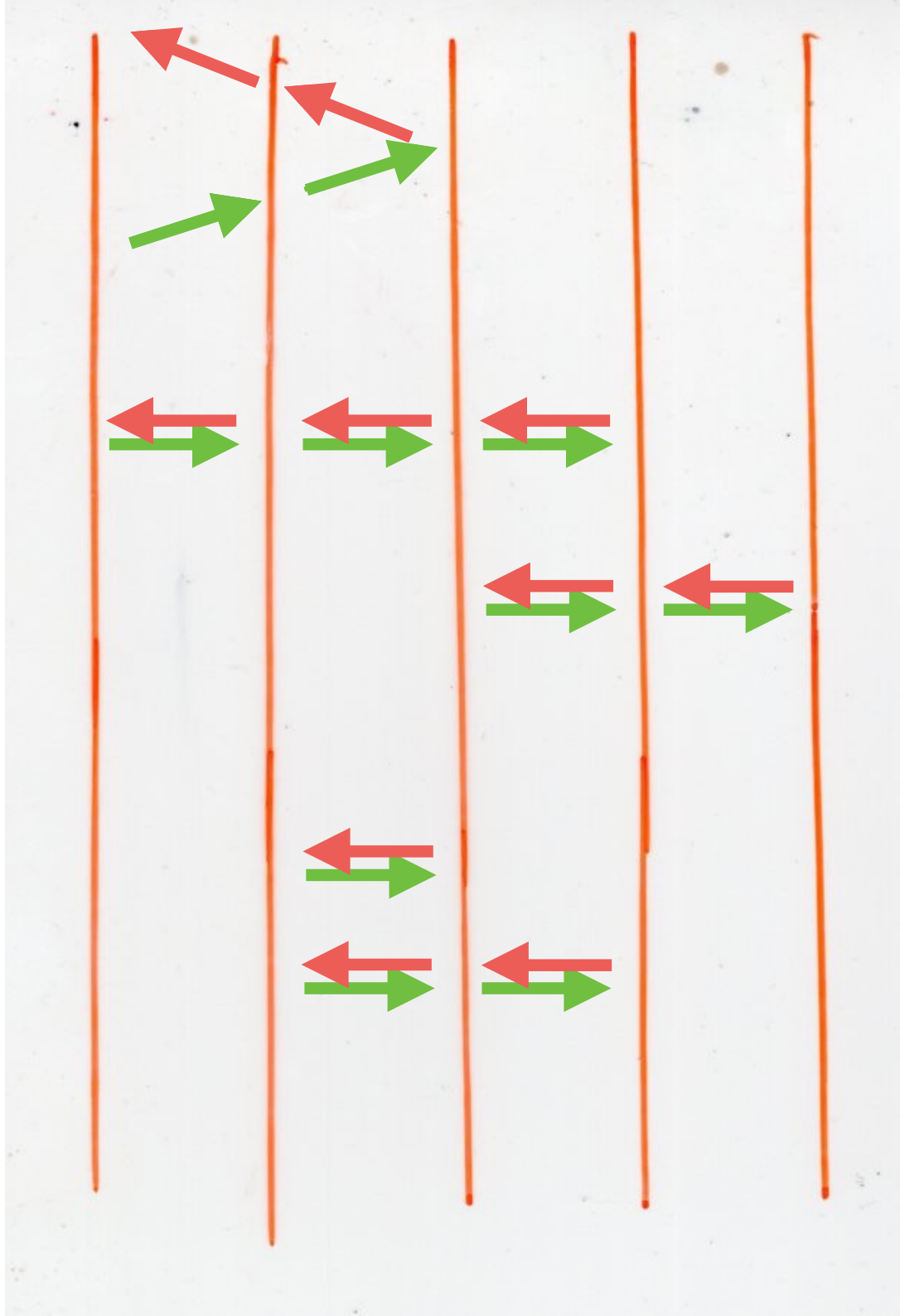
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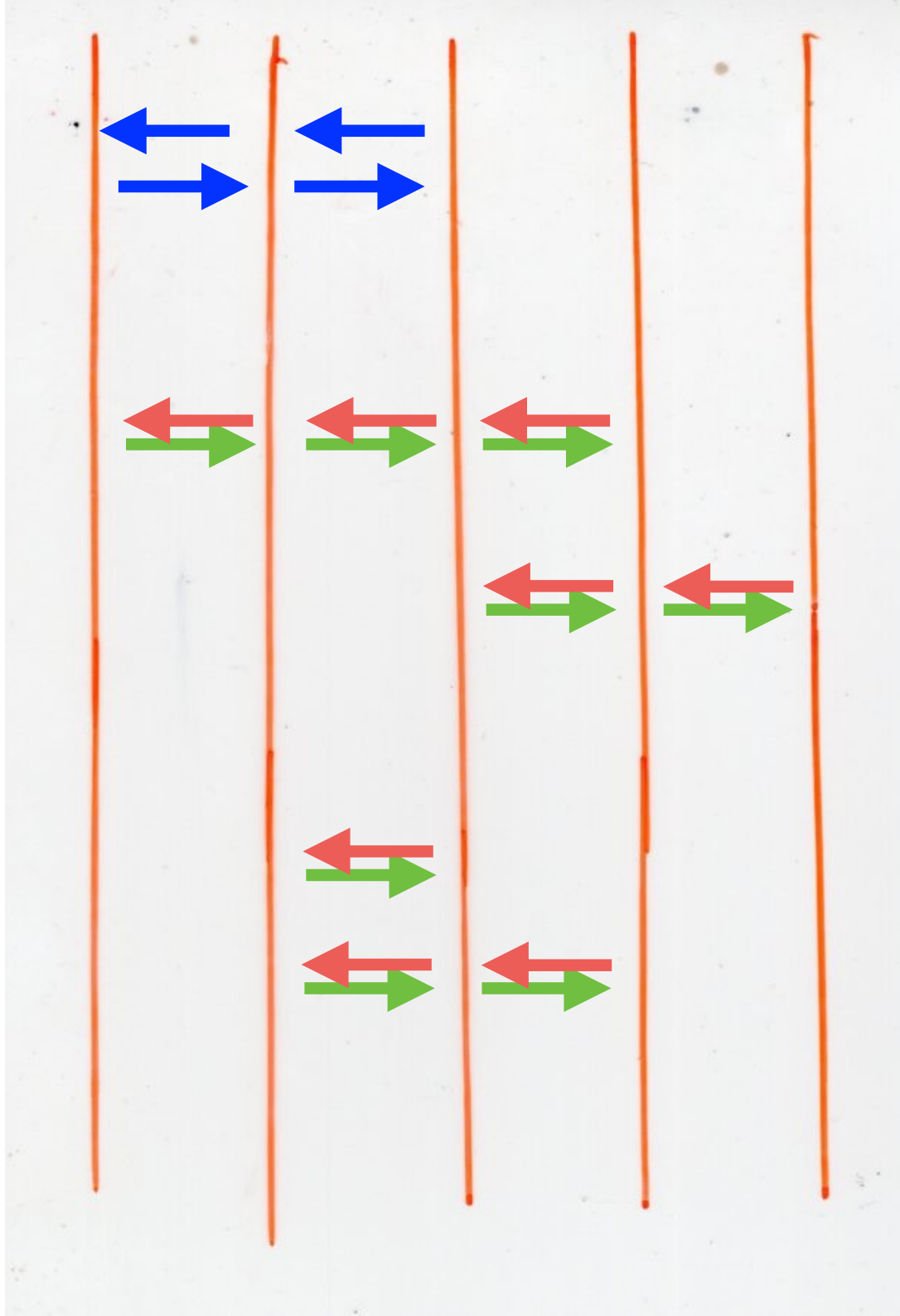
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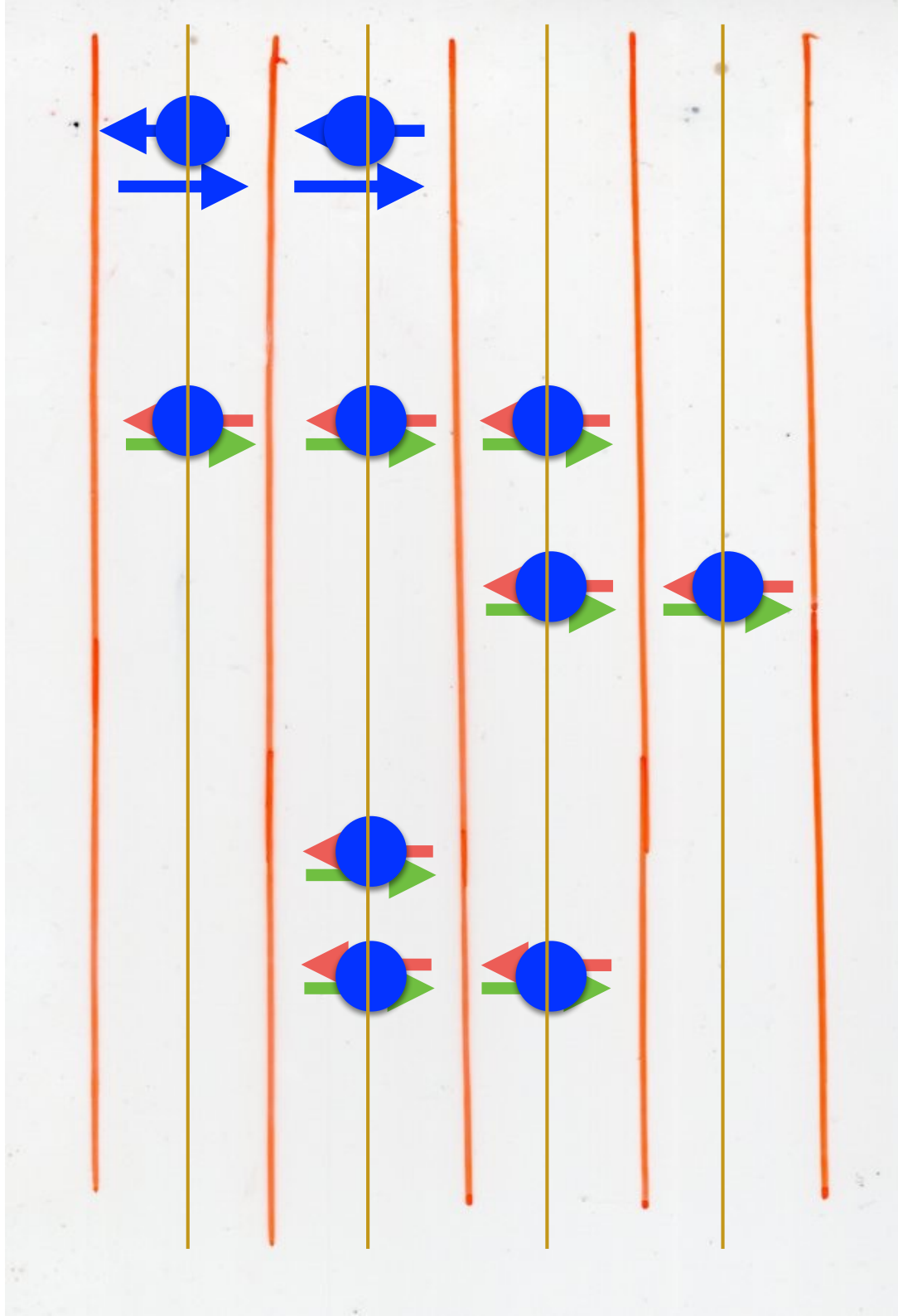
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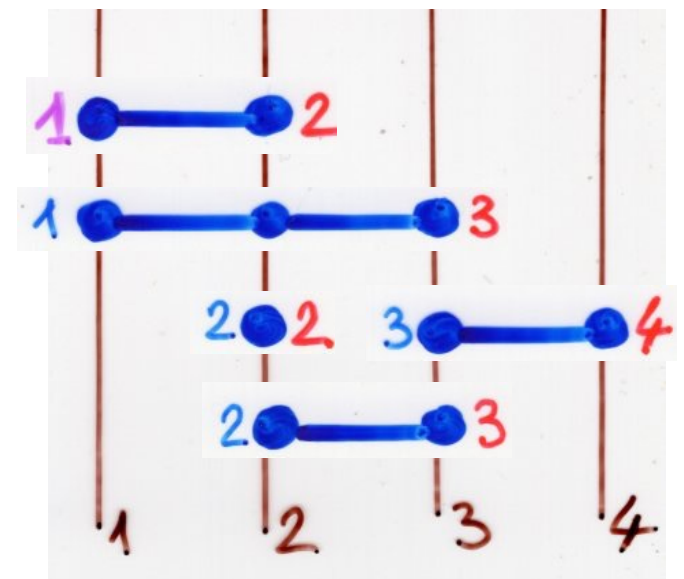
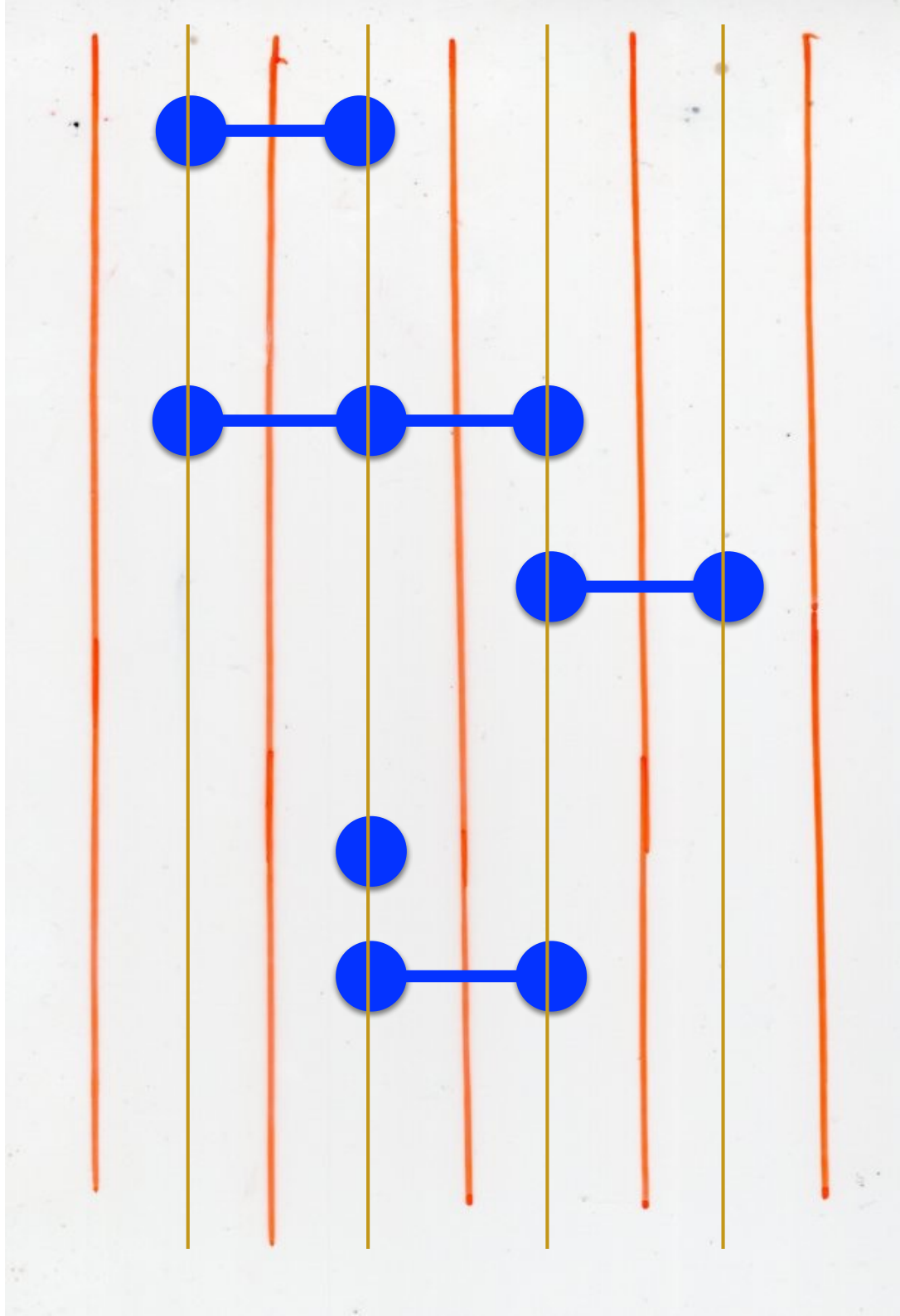
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# A festival of bijections ....

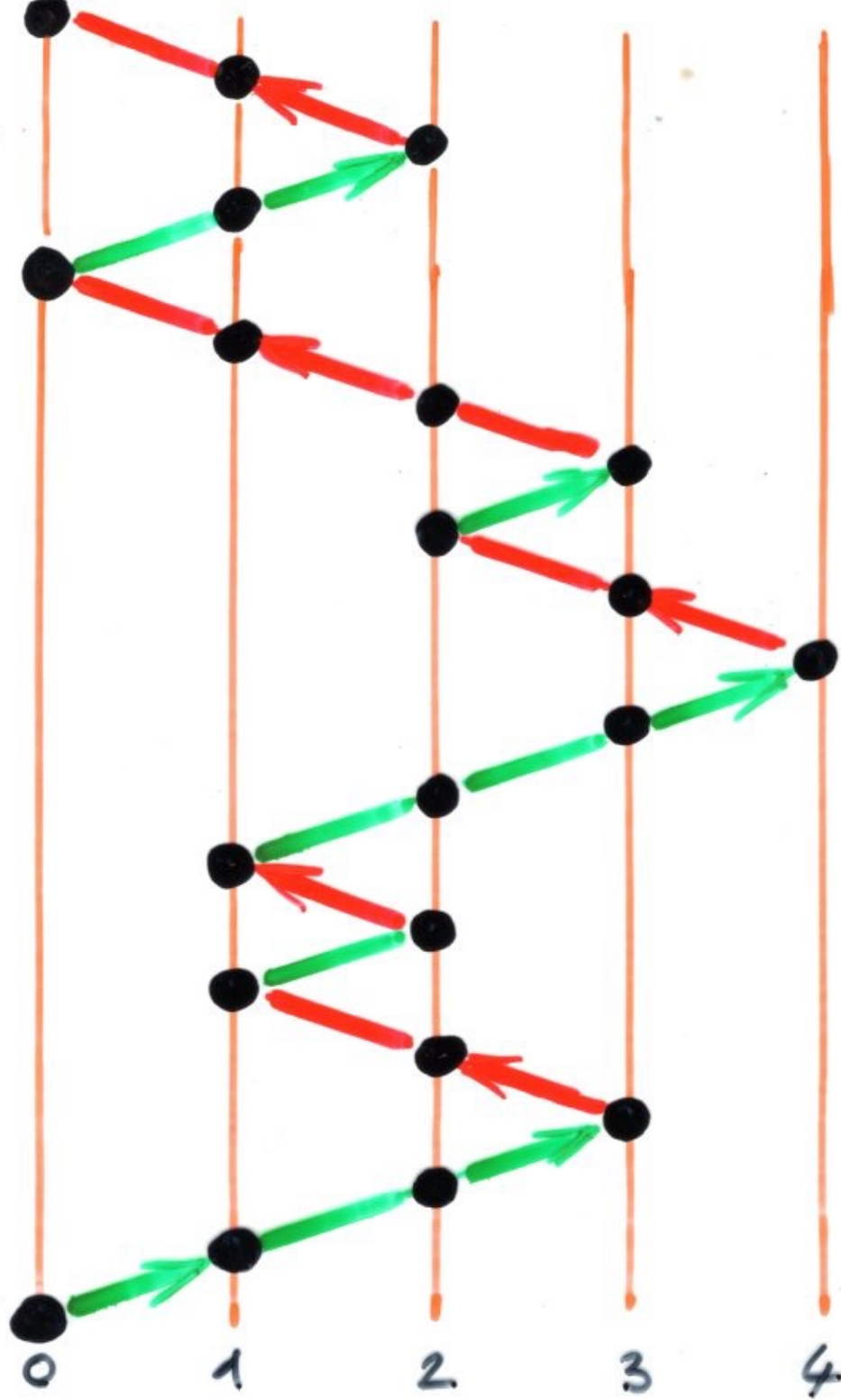
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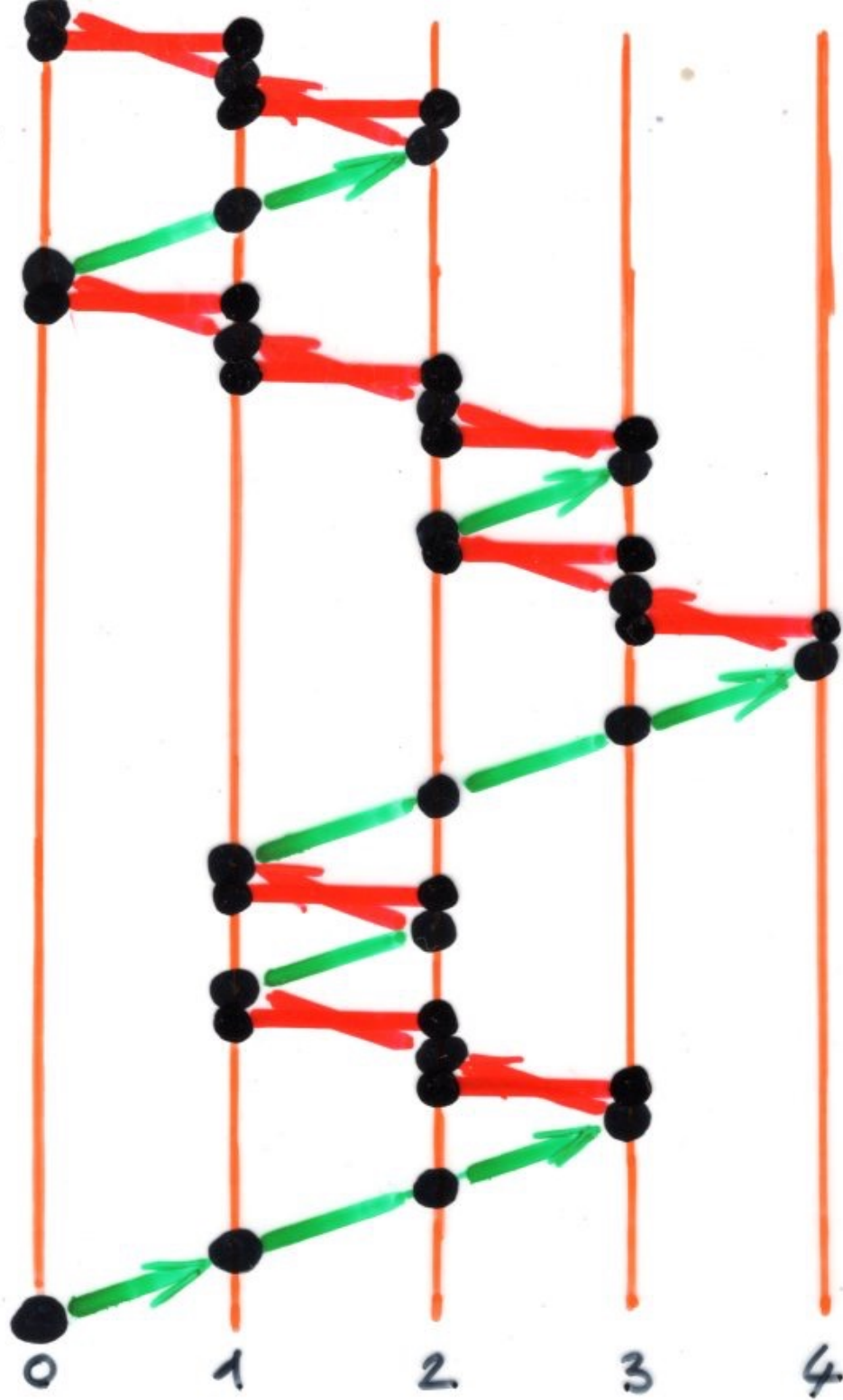
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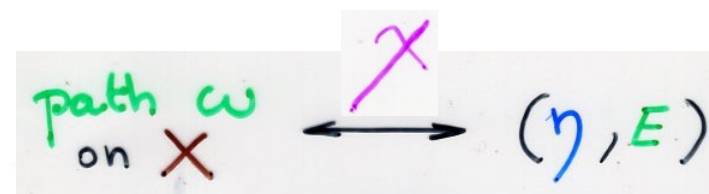




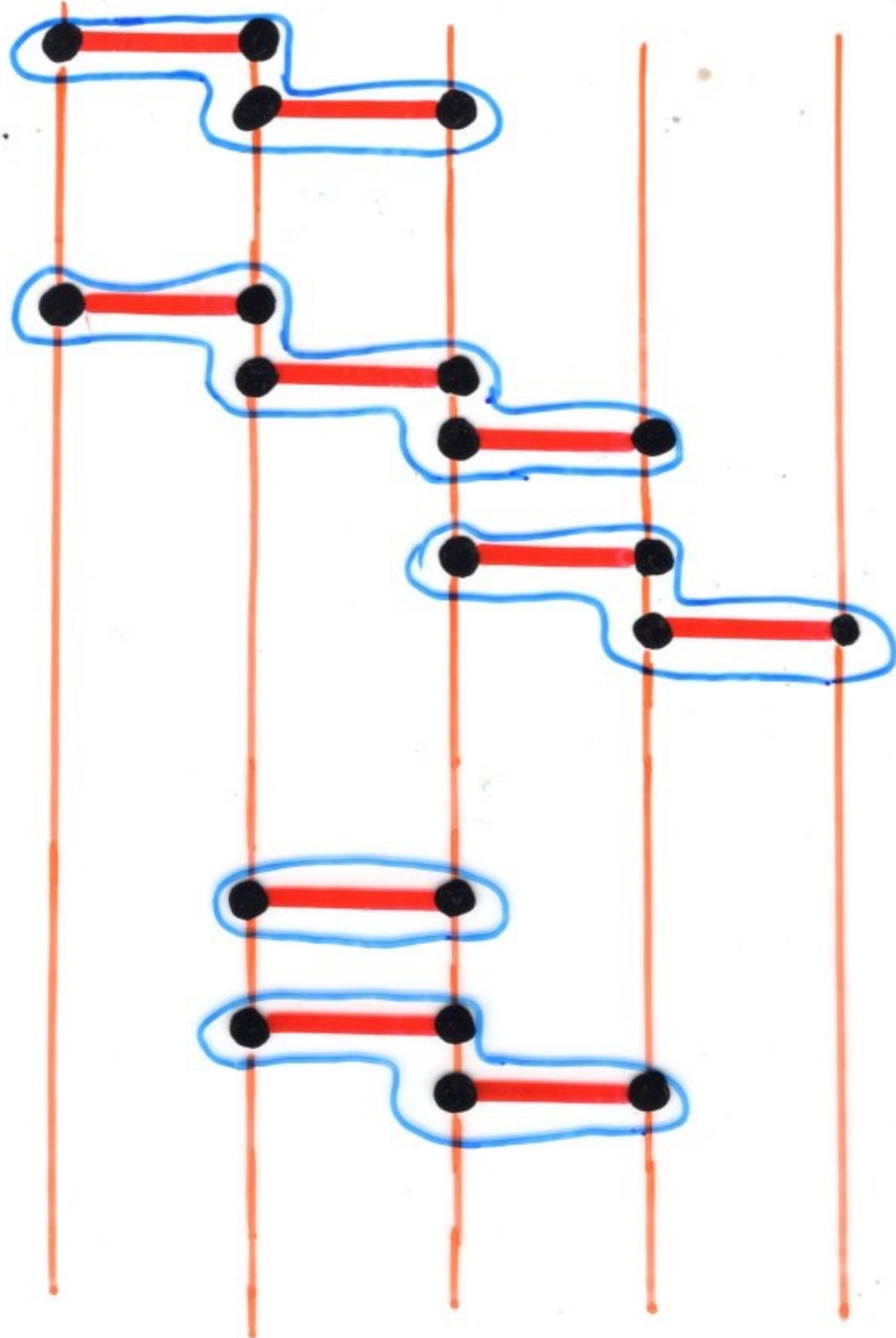
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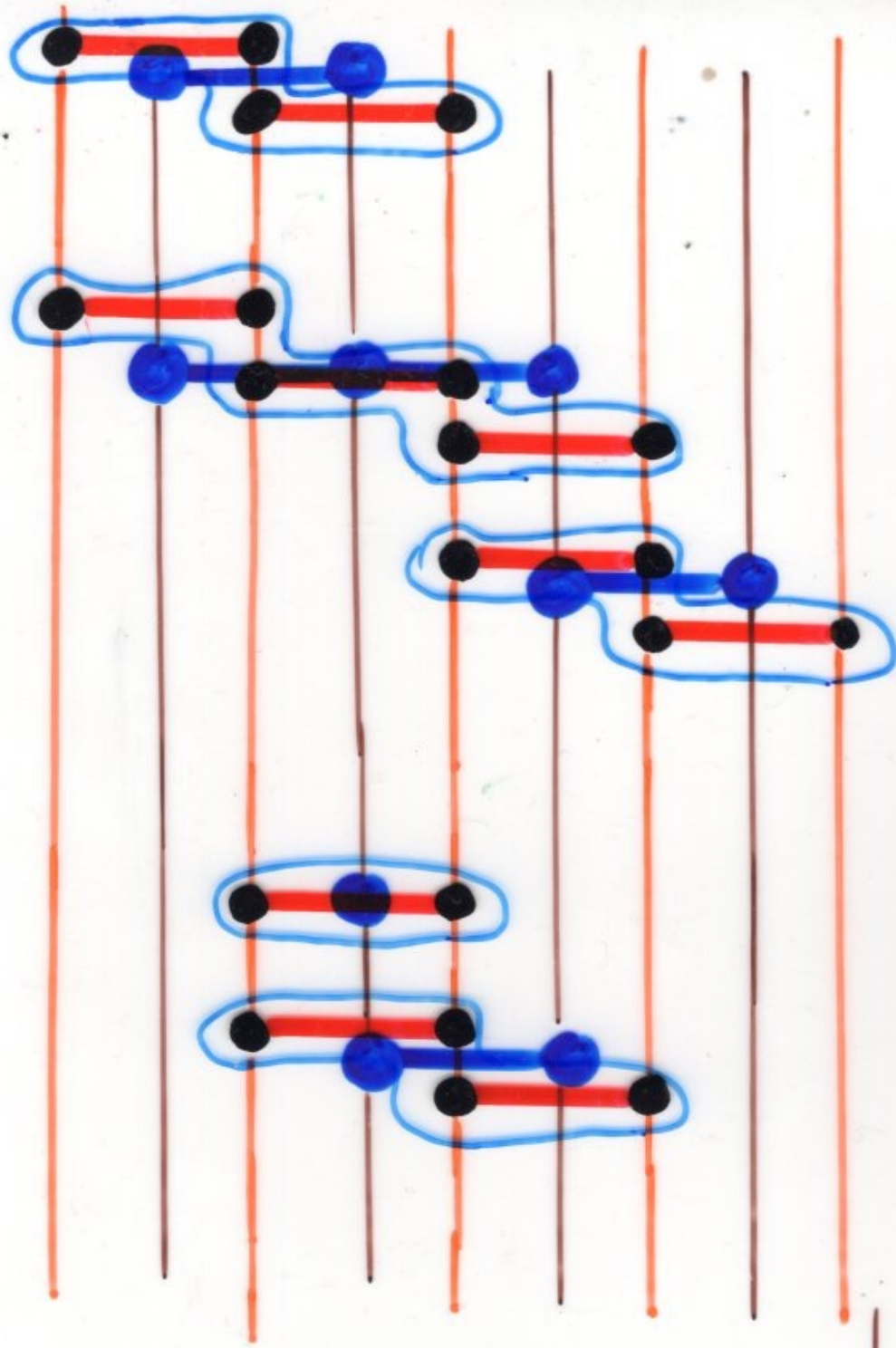


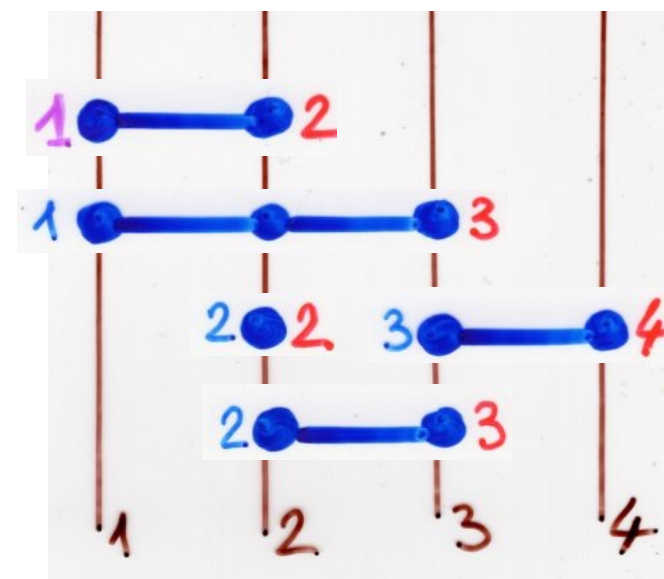
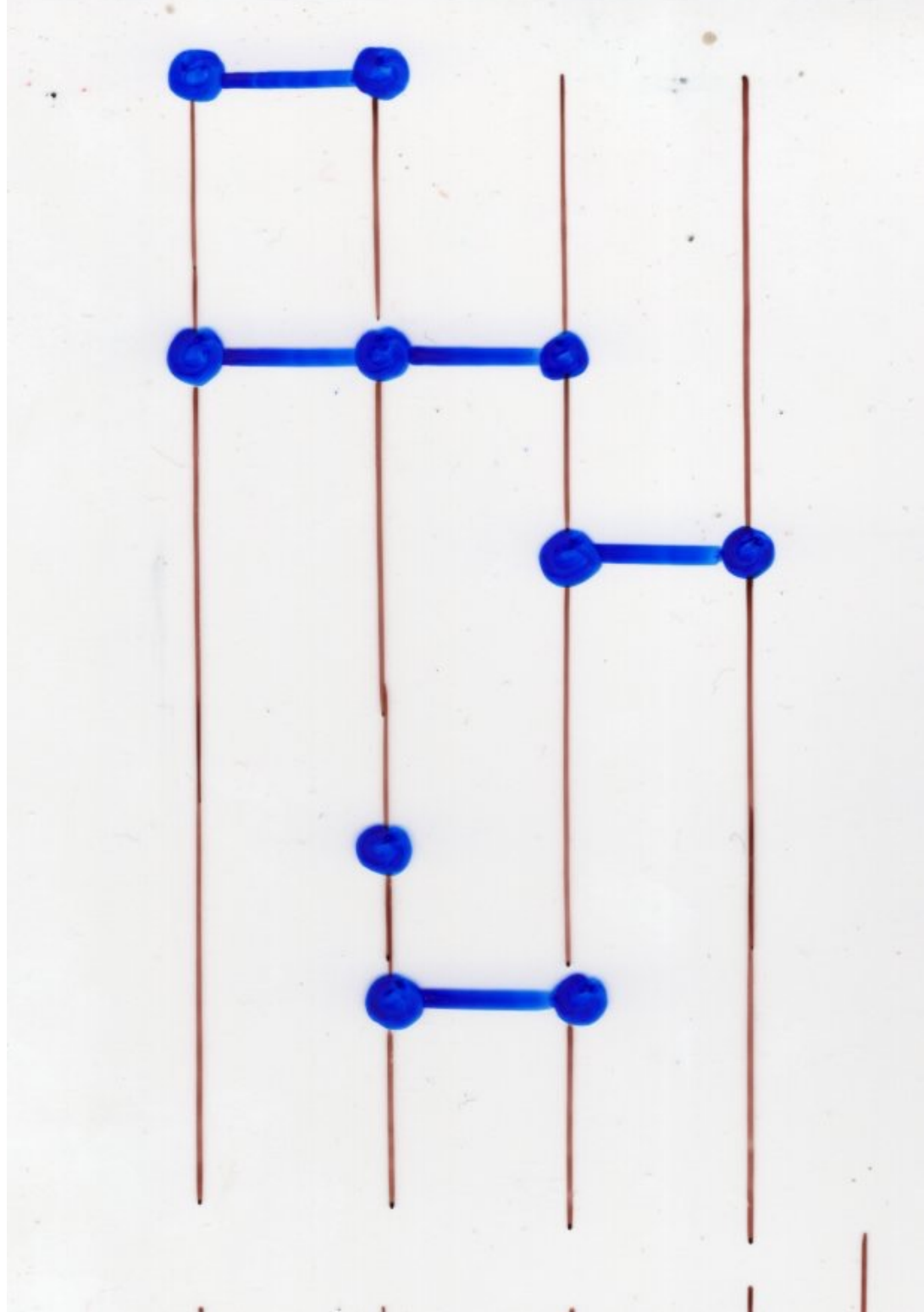
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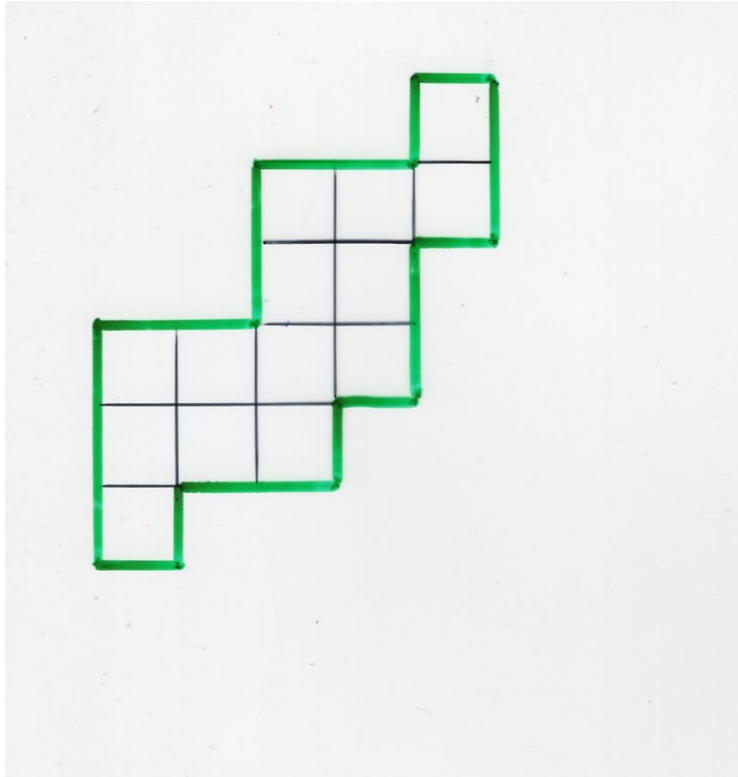
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parallelogram polyominoes

staircase polygons

M. Bousquet-Mélou, X.V. (1992)

$q$ -Bessel functions



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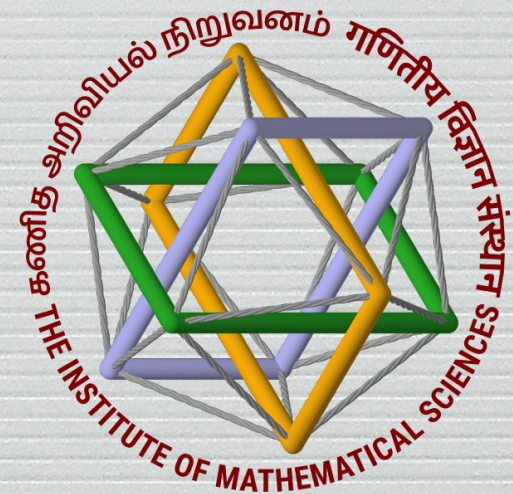
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« Video-book » The Art of bijective combinatorics

Part II, Comutations and heaps of pieces  
with interactions  
in physics, mathematics and computer science

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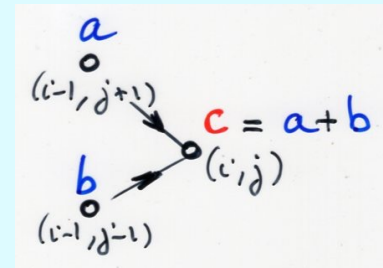
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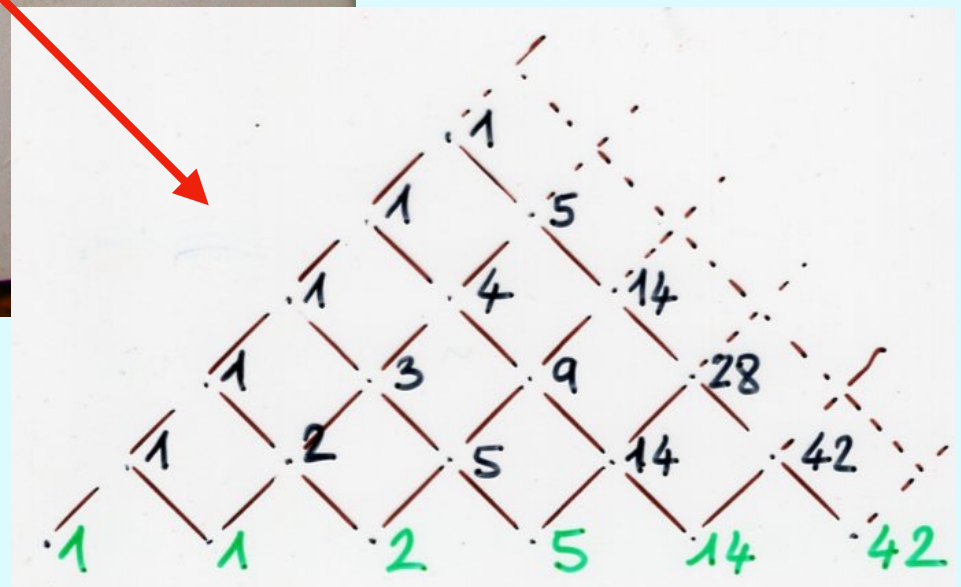
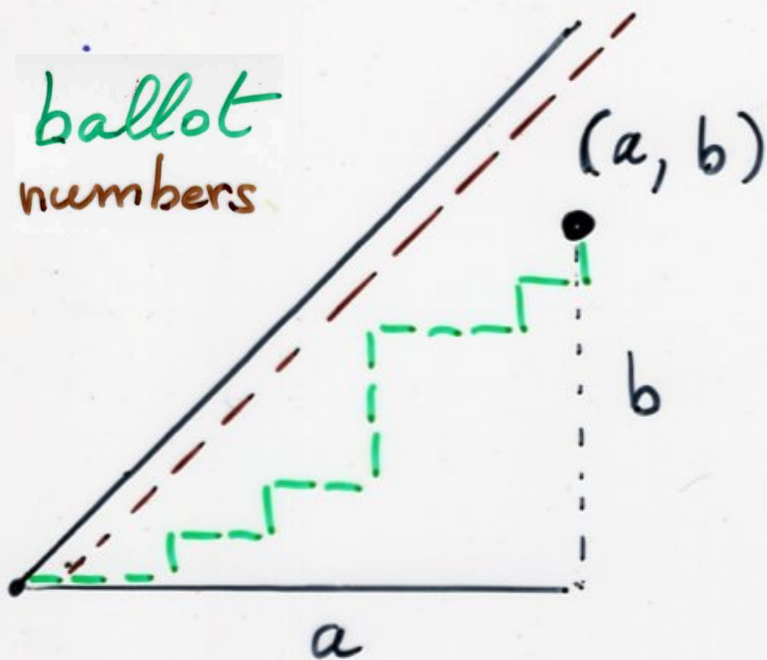
est une forme de triangle, dans la quatrième région.  
EXEMPLE V I.  
On donne le commencement de la table suivante, où chaque terme est la somme de celui qui le précède dans la même ligne horizontale et de celui qui le suit d'un rang dans la ligne horizontale immédiatement supérieure, avec la condition que chacun des termes de la première ligne horizontale soit égal à l'unité : on demande le terme général de cette table :

1	1	1	1	1	etc.
1	2	3	4	5	etc.
2	5	9	14	20	etc.
5	14	28	48	75	etc.
14	42	90	165	275	etc.
etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.

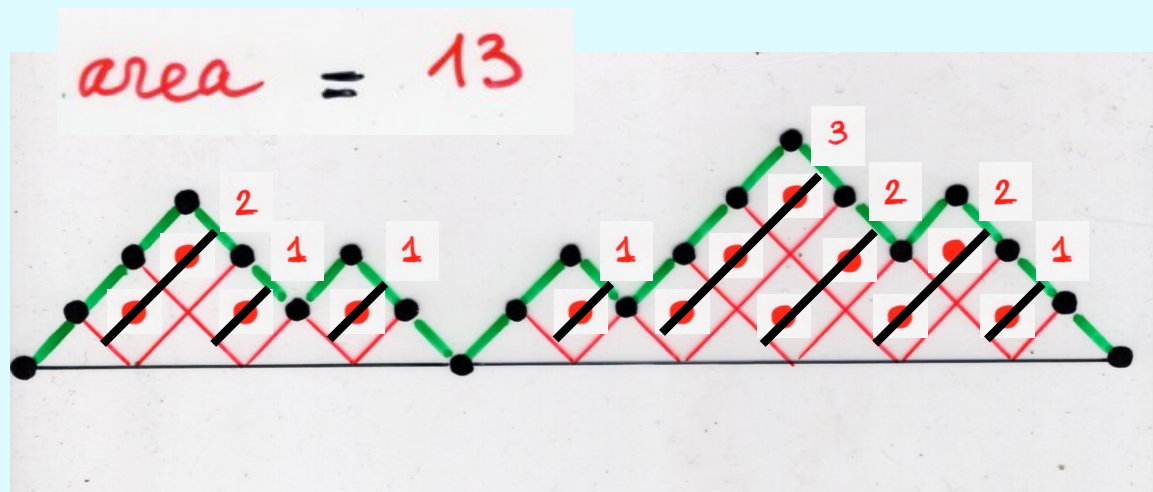
L'équation de relation est  $A_{m,n} = A_{m-1,n} + A_{m,n-1}$ ; j'y mets  $m-1$  au lieu de  $m$ , et elle devient



ballot numbers

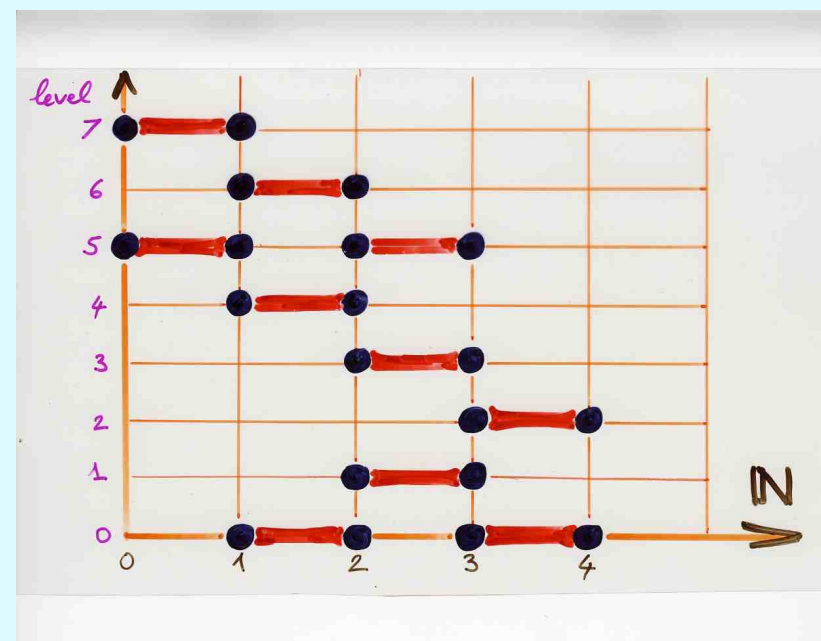


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$\omega$  Dyck path  $\rightarrow P$  semi-pyramid of dimers on  $\mathbb{N}$

$$v([k-1, k]) = q^{k-1} t$$

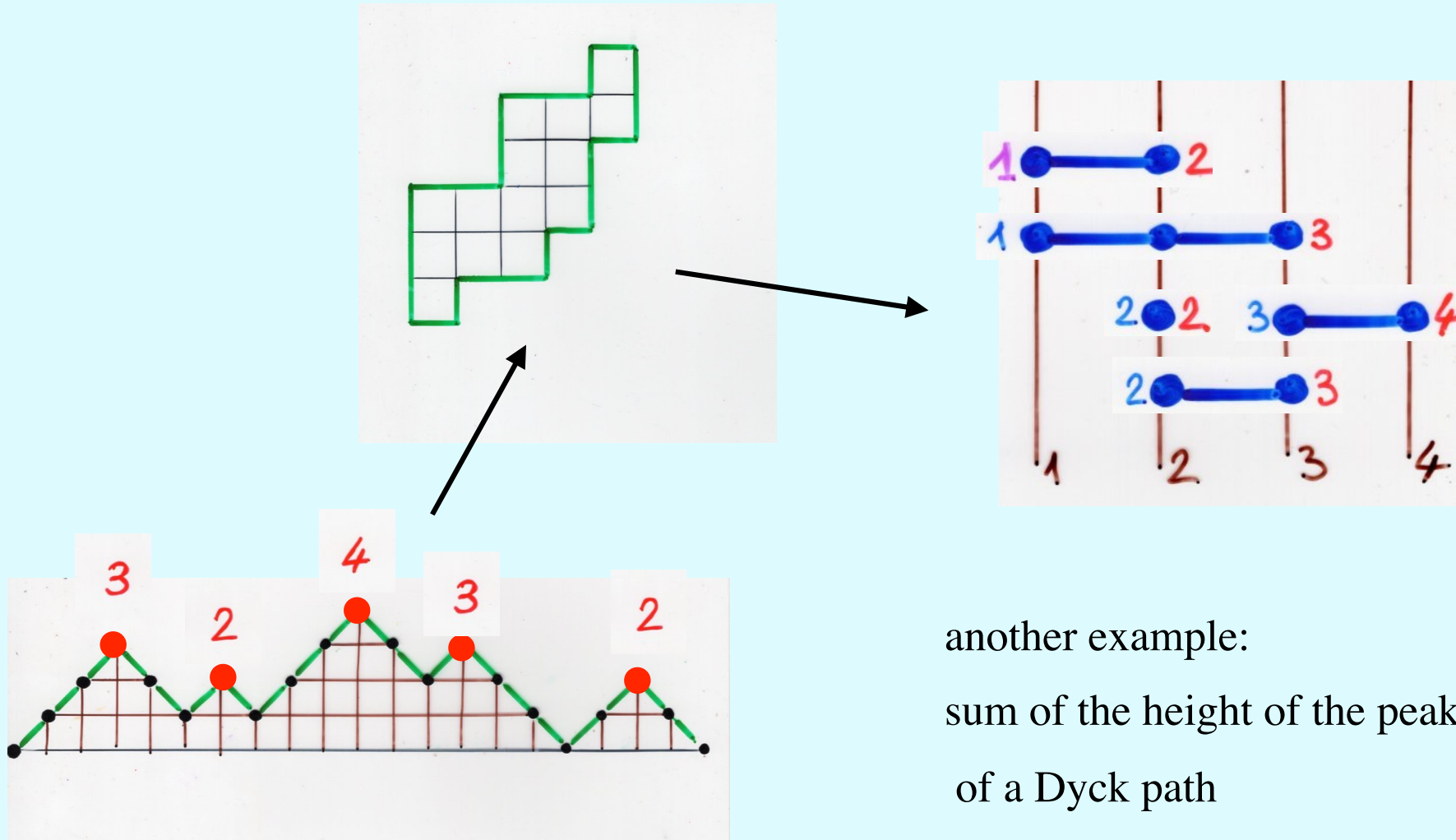


$$v(P) = q^{\text{area}(\omega)} t^{|\omega|/2}$$



In response to the question of Philippe Di Francesco

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another example:

sum of the height of the peaks  
of a Dyck path

see Chapter 7c, ABjC, Part II

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About the « LGV Lemma »

See the video-book « ABjC »

*The Art of Bijective Combinatorics*, Part I,

*An introduction to enumerative, algebraic and bijective combinatorics*

IMSc, Chennai, 2016, Chapter 5a, pp 3-28

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## « LGV Lemma »

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from Christian Krattenthaler:

« Watermelon configurations with wall interaction: exact and asymptotic results »

J. Physics Conf. Series 42 (2006), 179--212,

<sup>4</sup>Lindström used the term “pairwise node disjoint paths”. The term “non-intersecting,” which is most often used nowadays in combinatorial literature, was coined by Gessel and Viennot [24].

<sup>5</sup>By a curious coincidence, Lindström’s result (the motivation of which was matroid theory!) was rediscovered in the 1980s at about the same time in three different communities, not knowing from each other at that time: in statistical physics by Fisher [17, Sec. 5.3] in order to apply it to the analysis of vicious walkers as a model of wetting and melting, in combinatorial chemistry by John and Sachs [30] and Gronau, Just, Schade, Scheffler and Wojciechowski [28] in order to compute Pauling’s bond order in benzenoid hydrocarbon molecules, and in enumerative combinatorics by Gessel and Viennot [24, 25] in order to count tableaux and plane partitions. Since only Gessel and Viennot rediscovered it in its most general form, I propose to call this theorem the “Lindström–Gessel–Viennot theorem.” It must however be mentioned that in fact the same idea appeared even earlier in work by Karlin and McGregor [32, 33] in a probabilistic framework, as well as that the so-called “Slater determinant” in quantum mechanics (cf. [48] and [49, Ch. 11]) may qualify as an “ancestor” of the Lindström–Gessel–Viennot determinant.

<sup>6</sup>There exist however also several interesting applications of the general form of the Lindström–Gessel–Viennot theorem in the literature, see [10, 16, 51].



In response to the question of Philippe Biane

Reciprocity with Rieman zeta function ?

Ch 5b, zeta function of a graph, pp 7-20

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In my answer I mentioned P.-L. Giscard relating number theory and heaps.

See for example: P.-L. Giscard and P. Rochet Algebraic Combinatorics on Trace Monoids: Extending Number Theory to Walks on Graphs, *SIAM J. Discrete Math.*, 2017, 31(2), 1428–1453.

Remarks on some question of vocabulary

Trace monoids were introduced by Mazurkiewicz in computer science as model for concurrency. These monoids are the same as the Cartier-Foata monoids. Unaware of the heaps interpretation of commutation monoids, the authors introduced the term « hikes » for an equivalence class of cycles, which is equivalent to « heaps of cycles », themselves in bijection with the so-called « rearrangements » in Cartier-Foata monography.

## In response to the question of Joones Turunen

In the question of P. Di Francesco, I was talking about Lorentzian quantum gravity in 2 dimension, where the theory of heaps can plays a very useful role. There is a bijection between semi-pyramids of dimers (enumerated by Catalan numbers) and certain Lorentzian triangulations. (P. Di Francesco, E. Guitter, C. Kristjansen, X.V., following some work of J. Ambjorn and R. Loll).

See the video-book « ABjC », part II, Chapter 7c, Lorentzian triangulations in 2D quantum gravity, the curvature parameter of the 2D space-time, connected heaps of dimers. [www.viennot.org/abjc2-ch7.html](http://www.viennot.org/abjc2-ch7.html) (pp 47-84).

Taking in account the parameter « curvature » of the space-time, curiously, appears the stair decomposition of heaps of dimers introduced in the talk (pp 85-104)

General Lorentzian triangulations are in bijection with connected heaps of dimers (or multidirected animals). The generating function is not D-finite, formula given by M. Bousquet-Mélou and A. Rechnitzer. A bijective proof is given by X.V. with the introduction of the « Nordic decomposition » of heap of dimers. (pp 105-127)

In response to the second question of Bishal Deb

There are extensions of the LGV Lemma to paths in a graph making cycles.

See the works of P. Lalonde, S. Fomin, Talaska, Carrozza, Krajewski, Tanasa, ....

The interpretation of P.Lalonde with heaps of cycles is the most elegant. A bijective proof can be given, simplifying Lalonde's proof, using the interpretation of S. Fomin which uses LERW.

Talaska proof is a consequence of Lalonde interpretation and the second basic Lemma of heaps theory N/D.

Carrozza, Krajewski, Tanasa proof make use of Grassmann algebra and integral related to physics.

See the video-book « ABjC » *The Art of Bijective Combinatorics*, Part II, *Commutations and heaps of pieces*, IMSc, Chennai, 2017,

Chapter 4c, Jacobi dual identity, extension of LGV Lemma with heaps, relation with Fomin's theorem on LERW. [www.viennot.org/abjc2-ch4.html](http://www.viennot.org/abjc2-ch4.html)

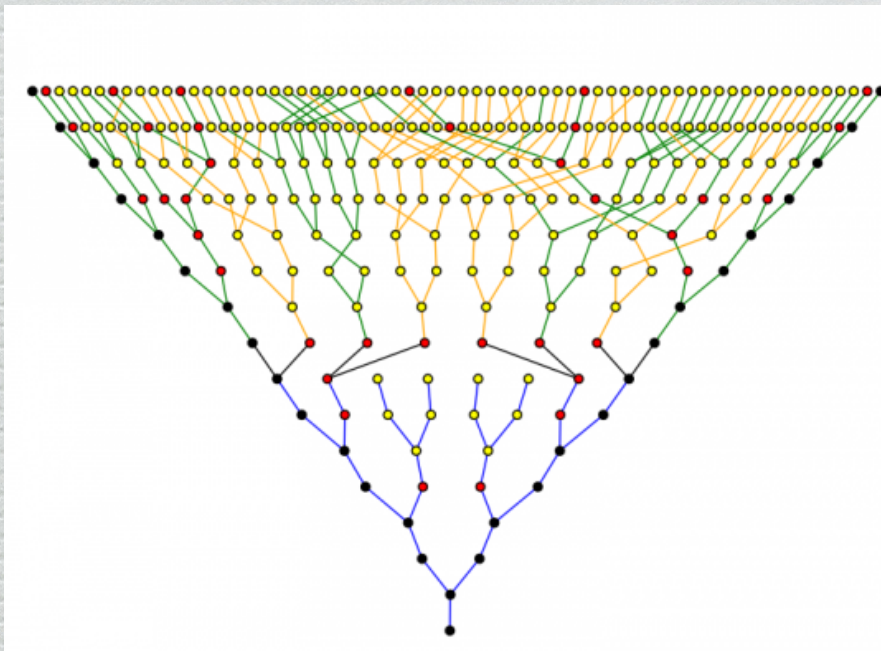




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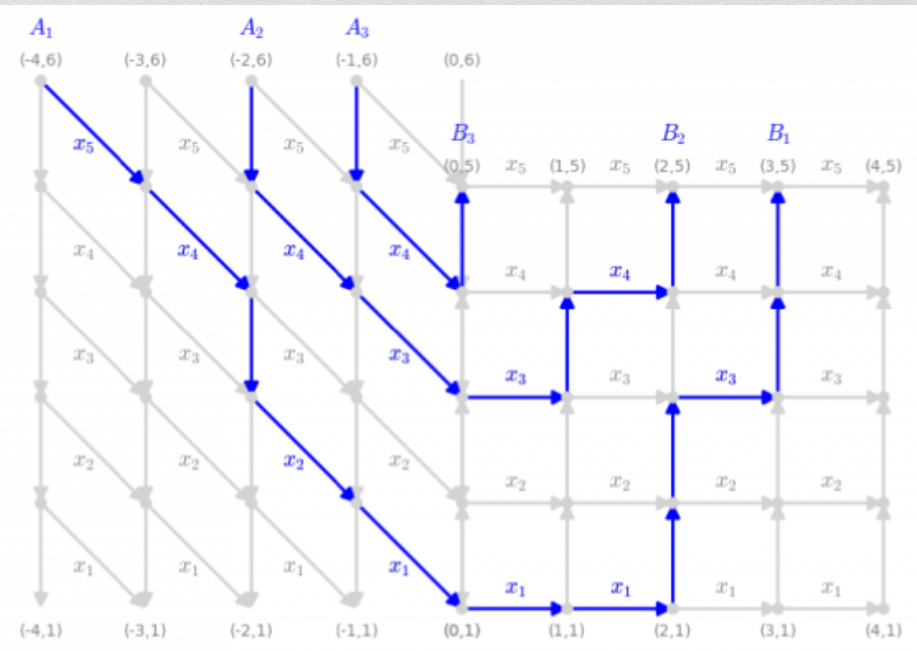
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Macdonald tree in  
Young graph

(A. Ayyer, A. Prasad, S. Spallone, 2016)



Bijective proof of Giambelli identity  
with lattice paths and LGV Lemma

(J. Stembridge, 1990)



Thank you !

