

# Zeta function on graphs revisited with the theory of heaps of pieces

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zeta function of a graph

Ihara-Selberg zeta function  
of a graph

$$\zeta_G(t)$$

Riemann zeta  
function

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^s}$$

for  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$   
 prime numbers  
 decomposition

$$n^{-s} = p_1^{-s\alpha_1} \dots p_k^{-s\alpha_k}$$

Euler identity

$$\zeta(s)$$

$$= \prod_{p \text{ prime number}} \left( \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} \right)$$

$$\zeta_G(t) =$$

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

Ihara-Selberg zeta function  
 of a graph

some "prime"  
 over the graph  $G$

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

some "prime"  
over the graph  $G$

equivalence  
class  
of a circuit  $C$

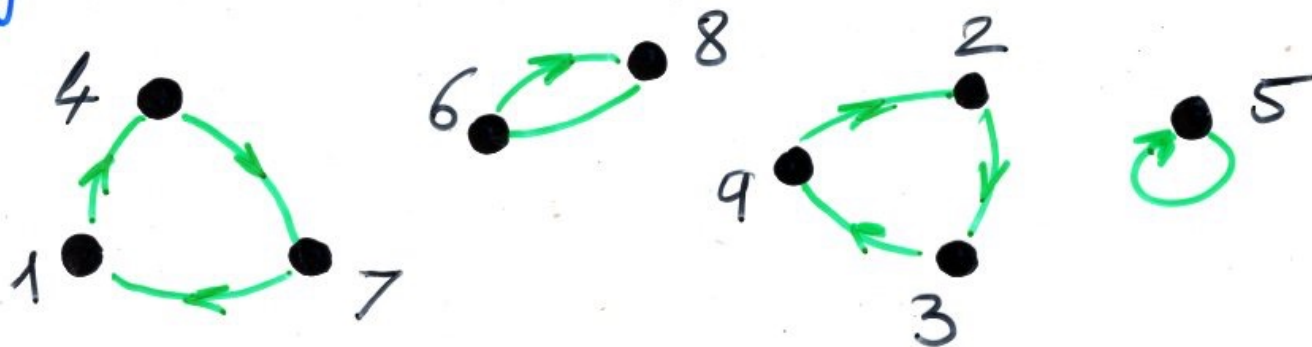
prime  
circuit

path on  $X$

# permutations

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

cycles notation



path on  $X$

$$\omega = (s_0, \dots, s_i, s_{i+1}, \dots, s_n)$$

$$s_i \in X \quad i=0, \dots, n$$

$\omega$  goes from  $s_0$  to  $s_n$

path on a  
graph  $G$   
(oriented or not)

notation



$(s_i, s_{i+1})$   
edge of  $G$

$s_0$  starting vertex

$s_n$  ending vertex

$(s_i, s_{i+1})$  elementary  
step

length  $|\omega| = n$

(number of elementary steps)

$n+1$  vertices

circuit

= path  $\omega$   
 $u \rightsquigarrow u$

$\omega' \cdot \omega''$   
 $u \rightsquigarrow s \rightsquigarrow t$

product  
of two paths  
circuit

prime  
circuit

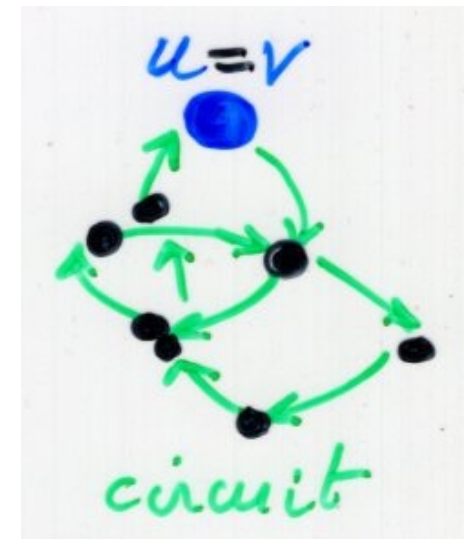
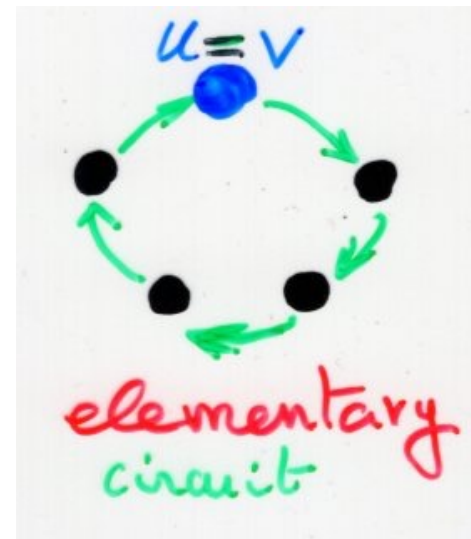
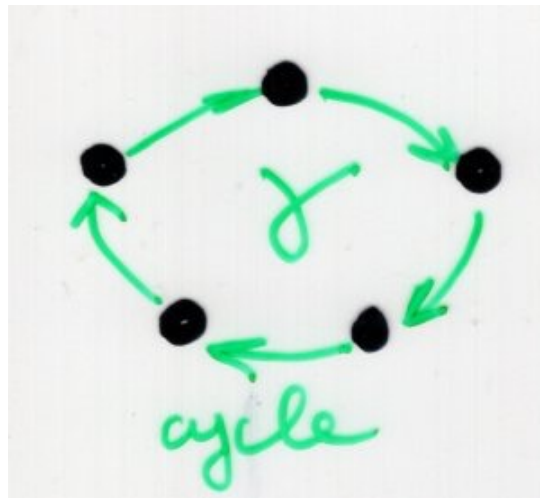
$$C = \omega^P$$

$$\Rightarrow P = 1$$

equivalence  
class  
of a circuit  $C$

$[C]$

$C$  as a word  
of edges  
up to a circular permutation



$$\text{cycle} = [c]$$

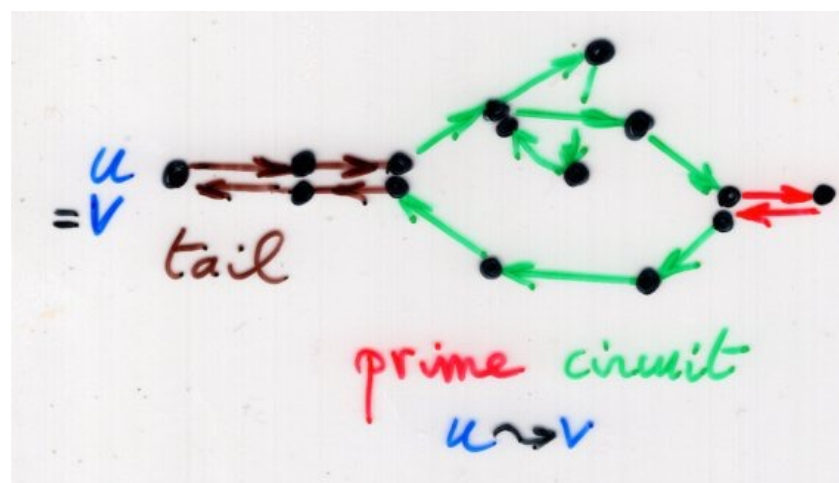
Ihara-Selberg  $\zeta$  function  
of a graph

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

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

Bass formula

Bass (1992) Hashimoto (1989)

Venkoy, Nikitin (1994)

Sunada (1986, 88)

Stark, Terras (1996, 2000)  
book

Northshield (1999)

Foata, Zeilberger (1999)

bijective proof

Bartholdi (1999)

Mizuno, Sato (2000, ..., 2009)

...  
many others

→ quantum  
walks

Giscard, Rochet (2016)  
extending number theory  
to paths on graphs

(i)

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

$$\log \zeta_G(t) = \sum_{[C]} \sum_{p \geq 1} \frac{1}{p} t^{p|C|}$$

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

$$= \sum_{[C]} \sum_{p \geq 1} |C| t^{p|C|}$$

equivalence class  
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$$= \sum_{[C]} |C| t^{|w|}$$

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$$w_{\text{circuit}} = C^P$$

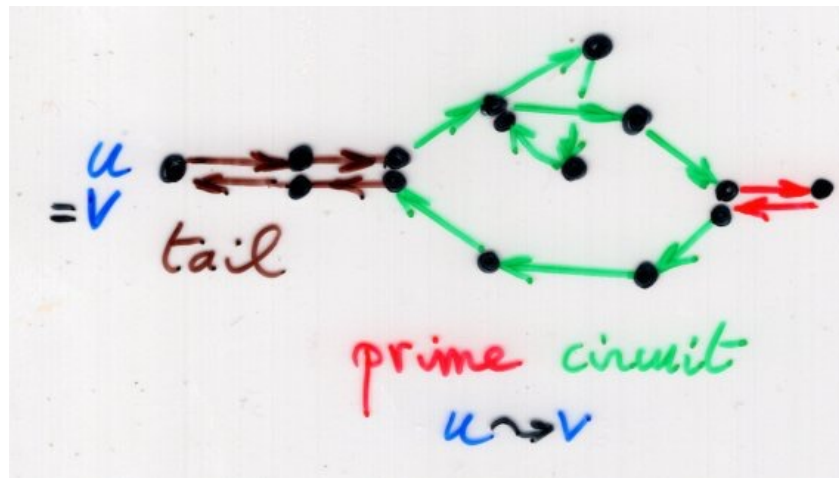
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Ramanujan graphs

spectrum of a graph  $G$

multiset of eigenvalues  
of  $A$  of adjacency matrix

spectrum of  $A$  related to the poles  
of the zeta function  $\zeta_G(t)$

$G$  is Ramanujan  $\Leftrightarrow$  the poles of  $\zeta_G(q^{-s})$   
occur only on  $\{ \Re(s) = 1/2 \}$  and at  $\pm 1$

# Ramanujan graph

$G$   $(q+1)$ -regular  $\Rightarrow (q+1)$  is an eigenvalue

$G$  bipartite  $\Rightarrow -(q+1)$  is also an eigenvalue

$G$  connected, these are the unique largest eigenvalue

(Alon - Boppana) as  $|V|$  increases,  
all the other <sup>vertices</sup> eigenvalues tend to be  
constrained in  $[-2\sqrt{q}, 2\sqrt{q}]$ .

A  $(q+1)$ -regular graph is called Ramanujan  
if all its eigenvalues lie in the interval  
 $[-2\sqrt{q}, 2\sqrt{q}]$ , except possibly  $\pm(q+1)$



first infinite family (Lubotzky, Phillips, Sarnak) was constructed using Ramanujan's conjecture on coefficients of the Dedekind  $\eta$ -function

$$\eta(\tau) = q^{1/24} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)$$
$$q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$$

Dedekind  
eta function

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Dedekind  
eta function

$$\Delta(\tau) = (2\pi)^{12} (\eta(\tau))^{24}$$

modular  
discriminant

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{12}} \Delta(\tau) = q \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)^{24}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tau(n) q^n$$

Weil's conjectures  $\Rightarrow$

Ramanujan's conjecture  
 $|\tau(n)| \leq 2 n^{11/2}$

(i)

$\sum G(t)$

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

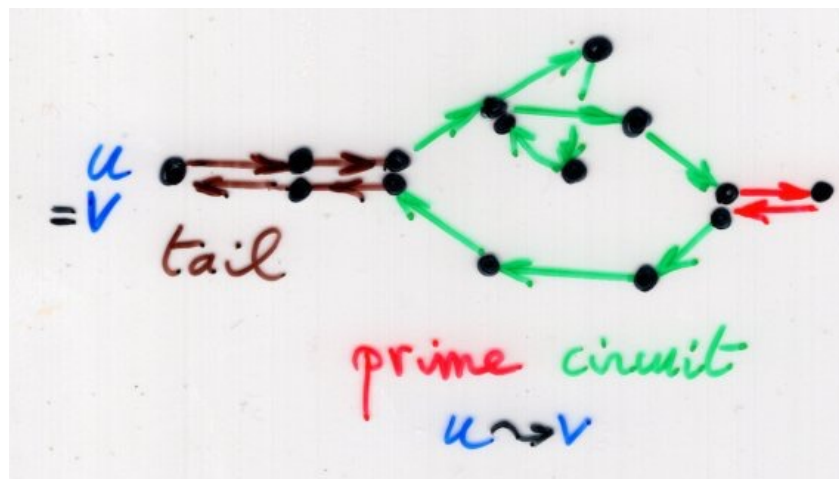
equivalence class  
prime  
circuit

no backtracking

$t \frac{d}{dt} \log \sum G(t)$

$$= \sum_{\omega \text{ circuit}} t^{|\omega|}$$

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backtracking

Paths in graphs  
and  
linear algebra

Lemma

$$X = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$$

$$A = (a_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq k}$$

matrix

$$(I - A)^{-1}_{ij} = \sum_{\substack{\omega \\ \text{path on } S \\ i \rightarrow j}} v(\omega)$$

$$\text{with } v(i, j) = a_{ij}$$

$$(I - A)^{-1} = I + A + \dots + A^n + \dots$$

$$\sum_{\substack{\omega \\ i \rightarrow j}} v(\omega) =$$

$$\text{cof}_{ji}(I_k - A)$$

$$\det(I_k - A)$$

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$$\frac{1}{\det(I-A)}$$

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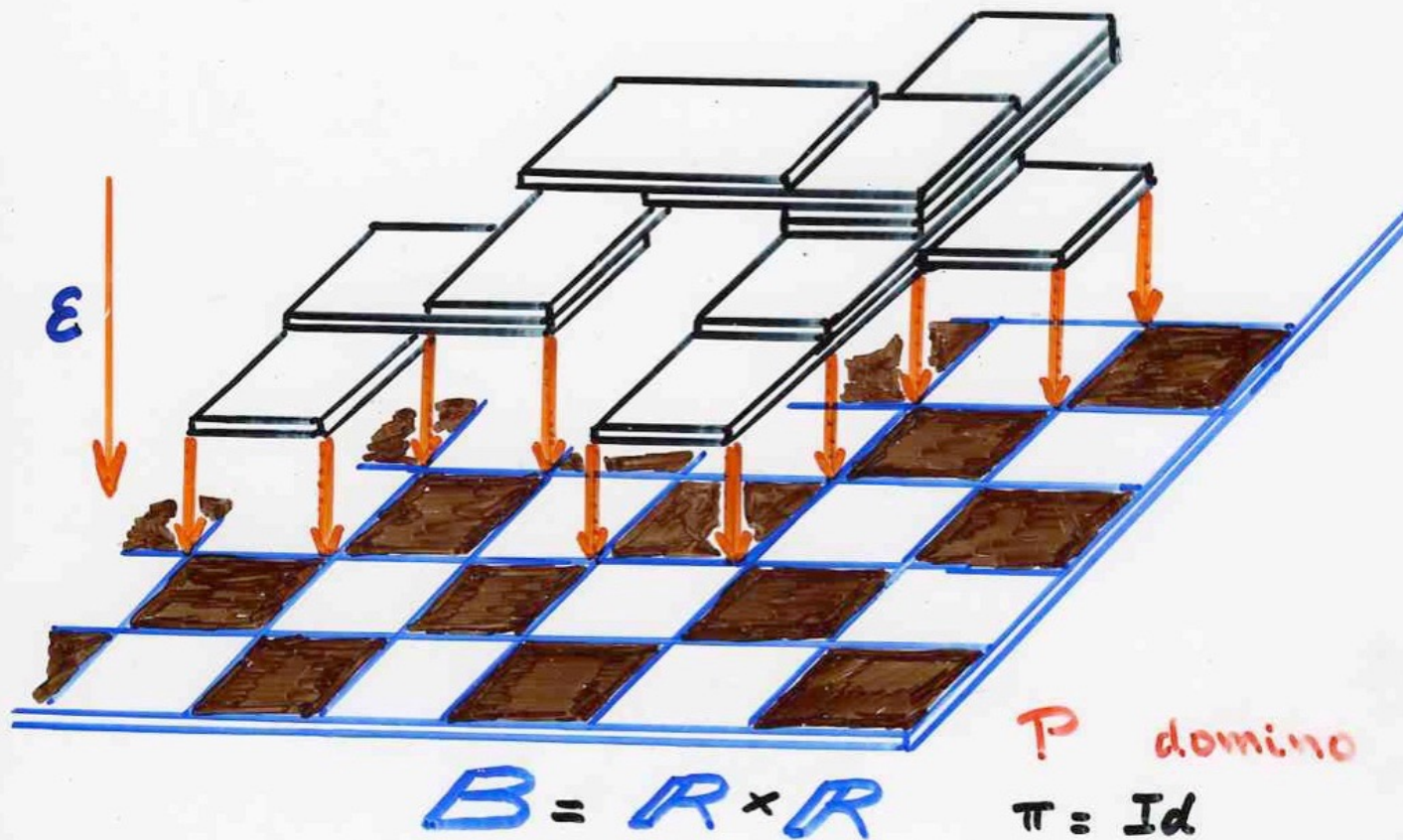
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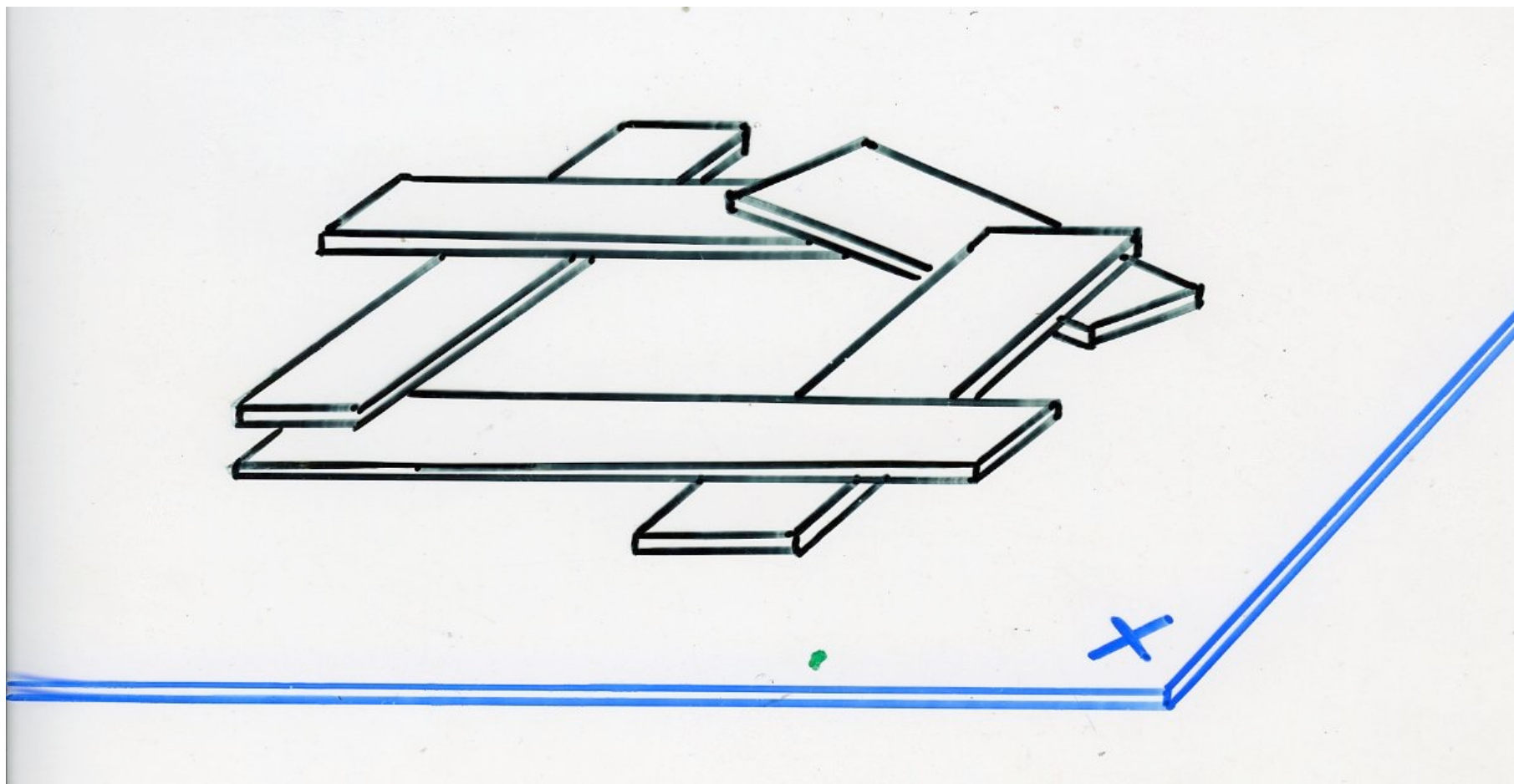
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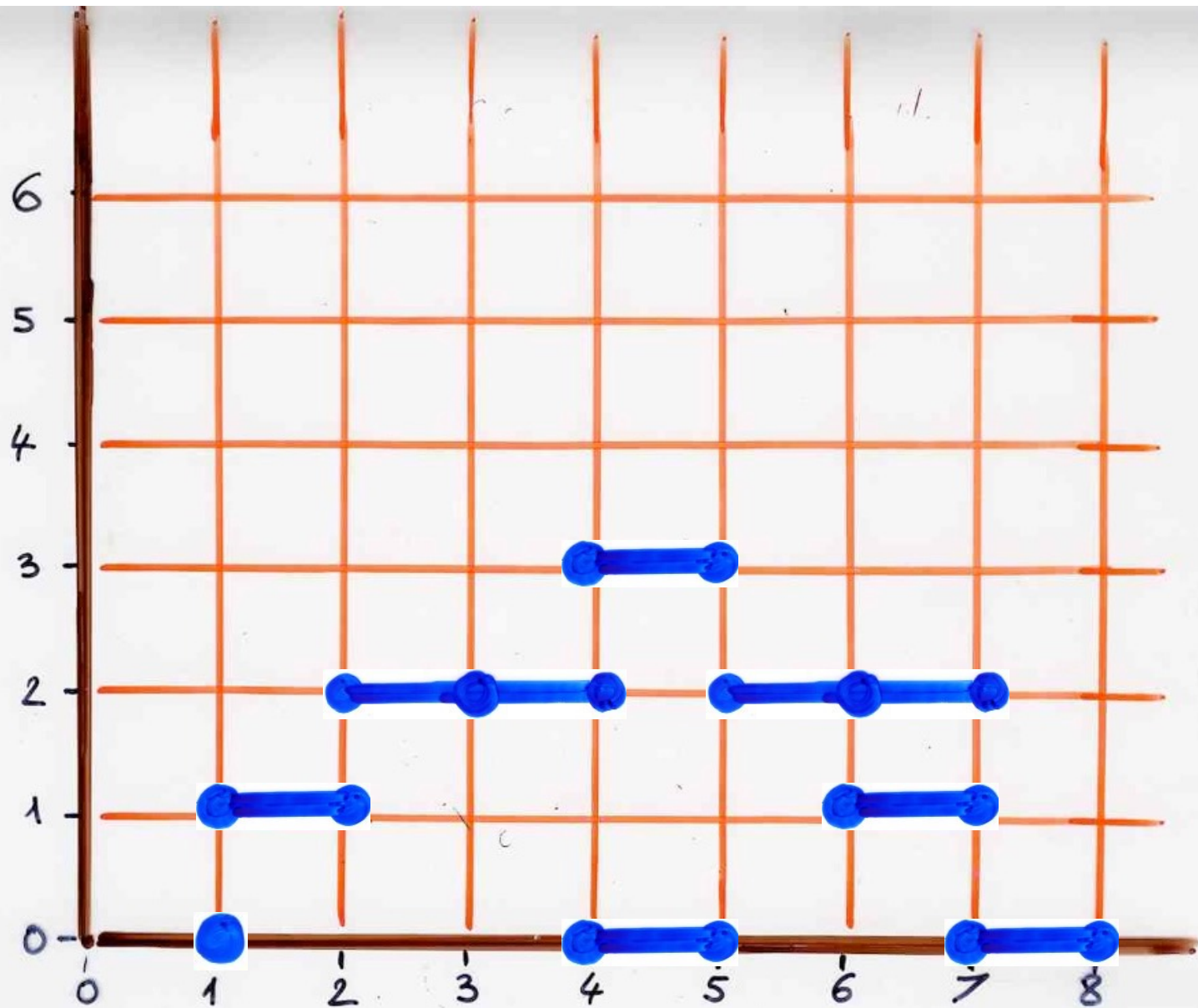
Heaps of pieces:  
definition with levels

# Introduction

## Heaps







# heap

## definition

- $\mathcal{P}$  set (of basic pieces)
- $\mathcal{E}$  binary relation on  $\mathcal{P}$   $\begin{cases} \text{symmetric} \\ \text{reflexive} \end{cases}$   
(dependency relation)
- heap  $E$ , finite set of pairs  
 $(\alpha, i)$   $\alpha \in \mathcal{P}, i \in \mathbb{N}$  (called pieces)  
 $\swarrow \quad \nwarrow$   
projection      level

(i)

(ii)

## heap

### definition

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$\nearrow$   
projection

$\nwarrow$   
level

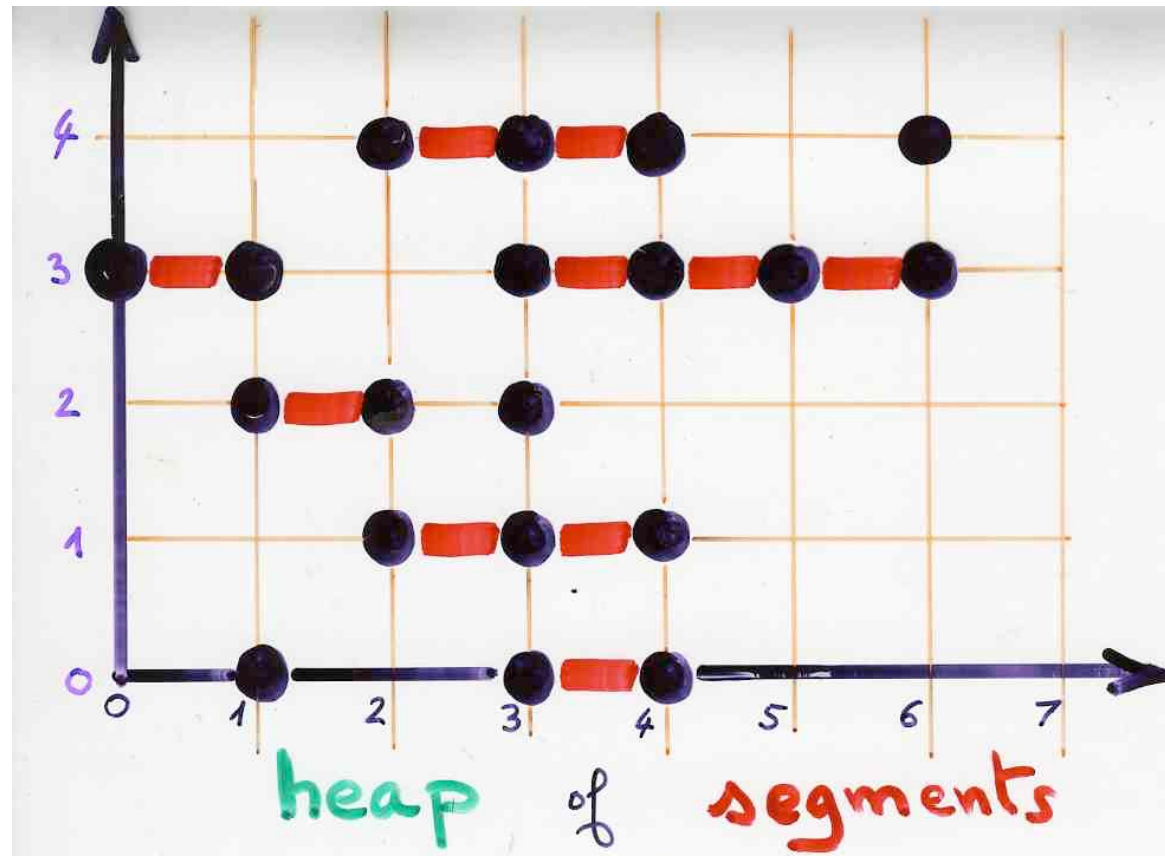
$$(i) \quad (\alpha, i), (\beta, j) \in E, \alpha \mathcal{C} \beta \Rightarrow i \neq j$$

$$(ii) \quad (\alpha, i) \in E, i > 0 \Rightarrow \exists \beta \in \mathcal{P}, \alpha \mathcal{C} \beta, \\ (\beta, i-1) \in E$$

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

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

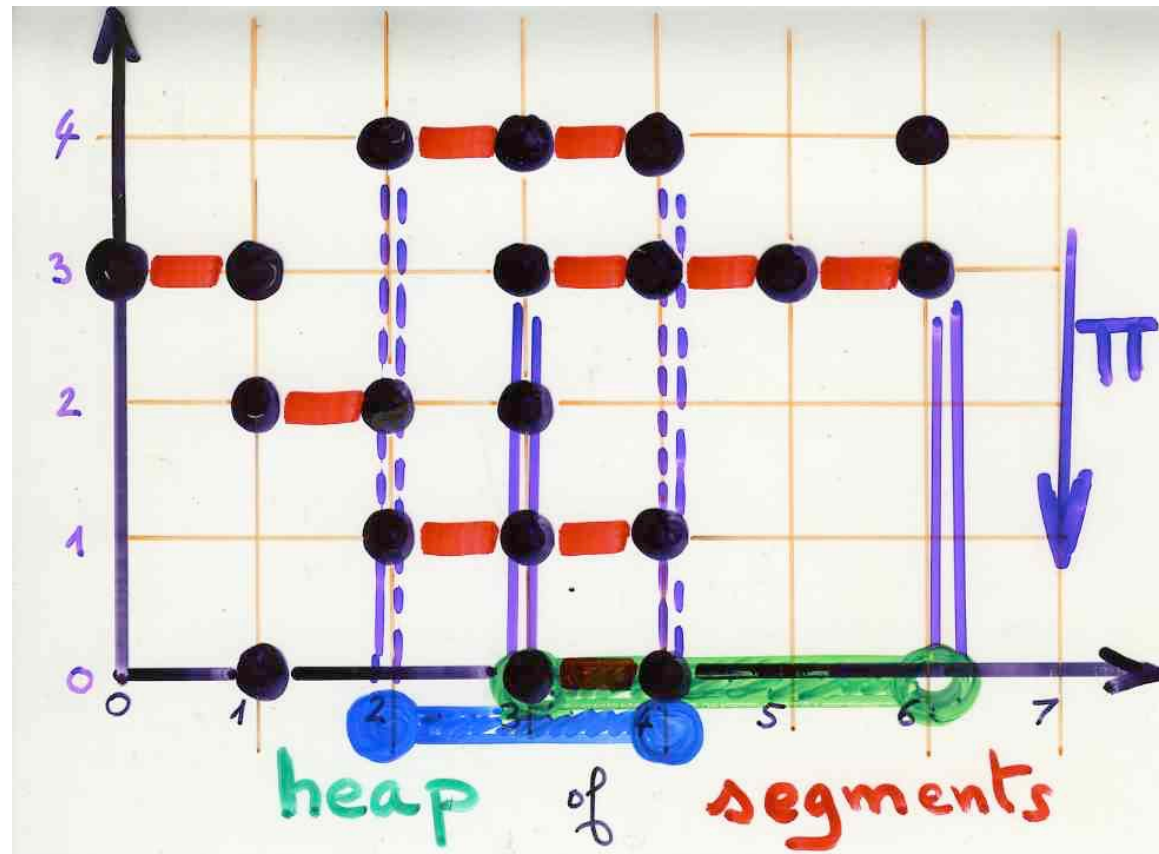
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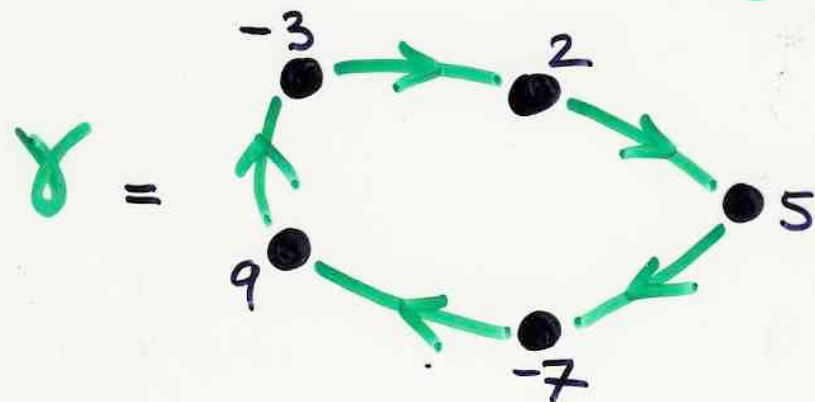
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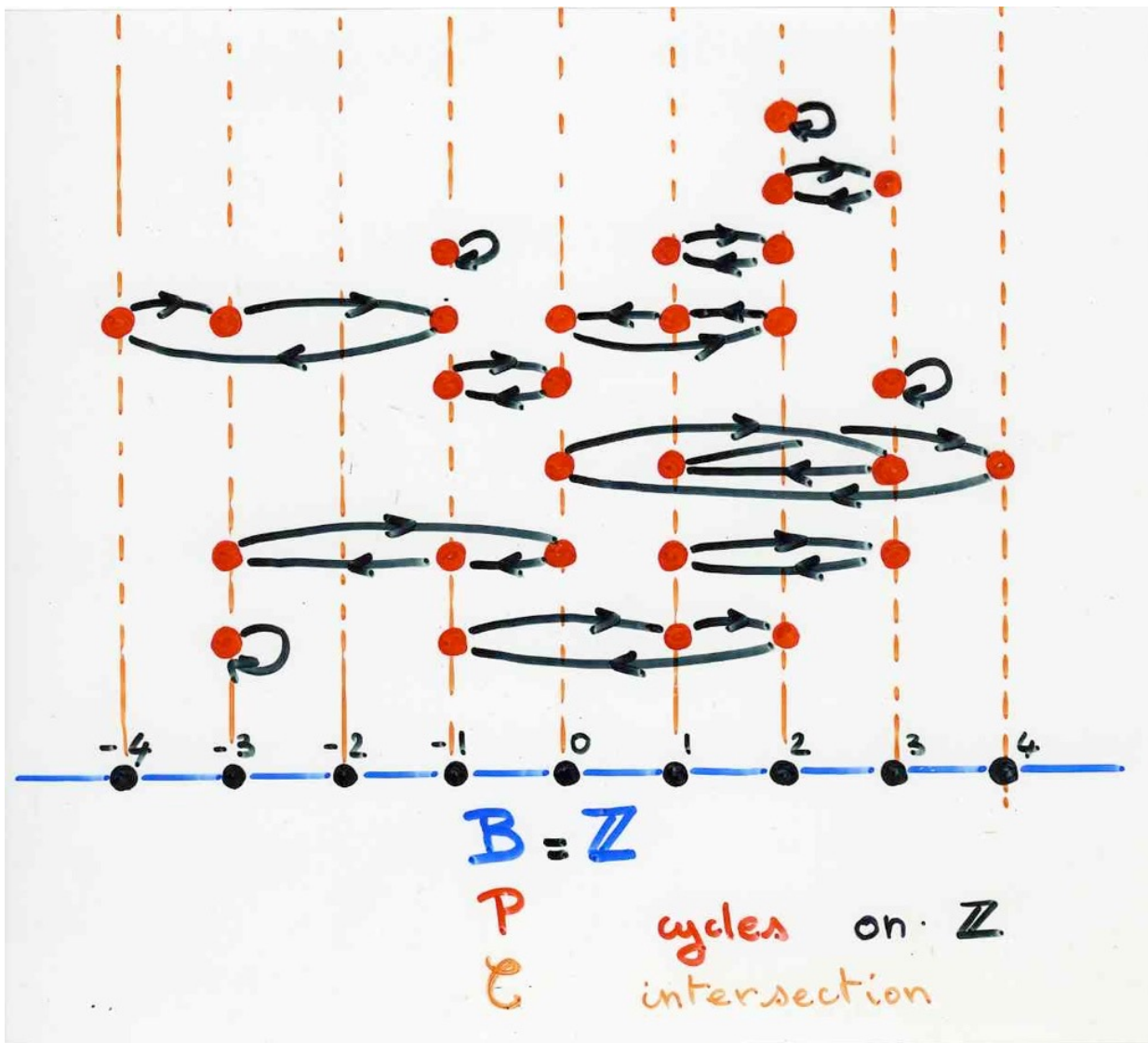
basic pieces  $P = \{ \text{cycles on } \mathbb{Z} \}$



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

$\mathcal{C}$  dependency  
 relation

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

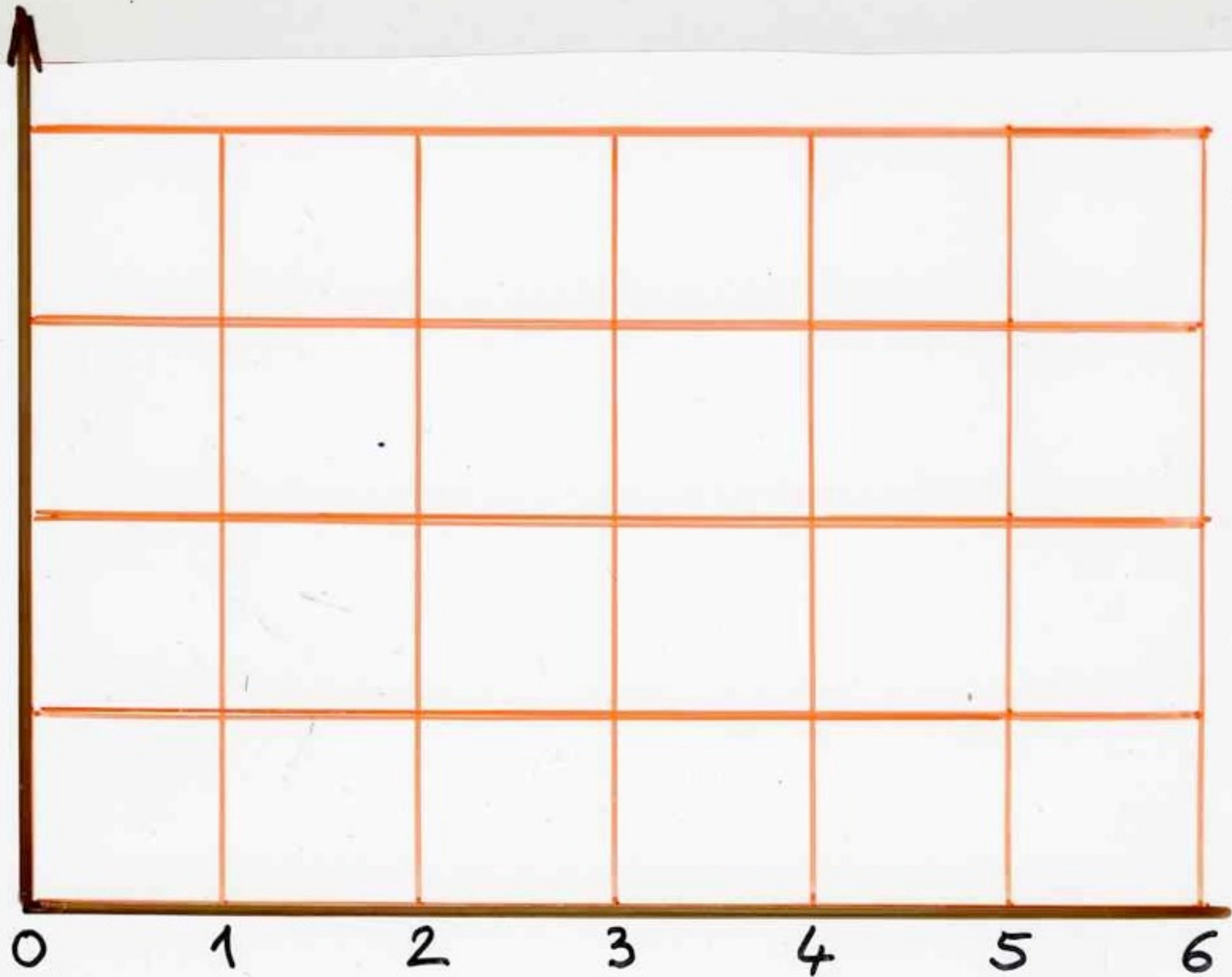


Heaps of pieces  
and  
commutation monoids

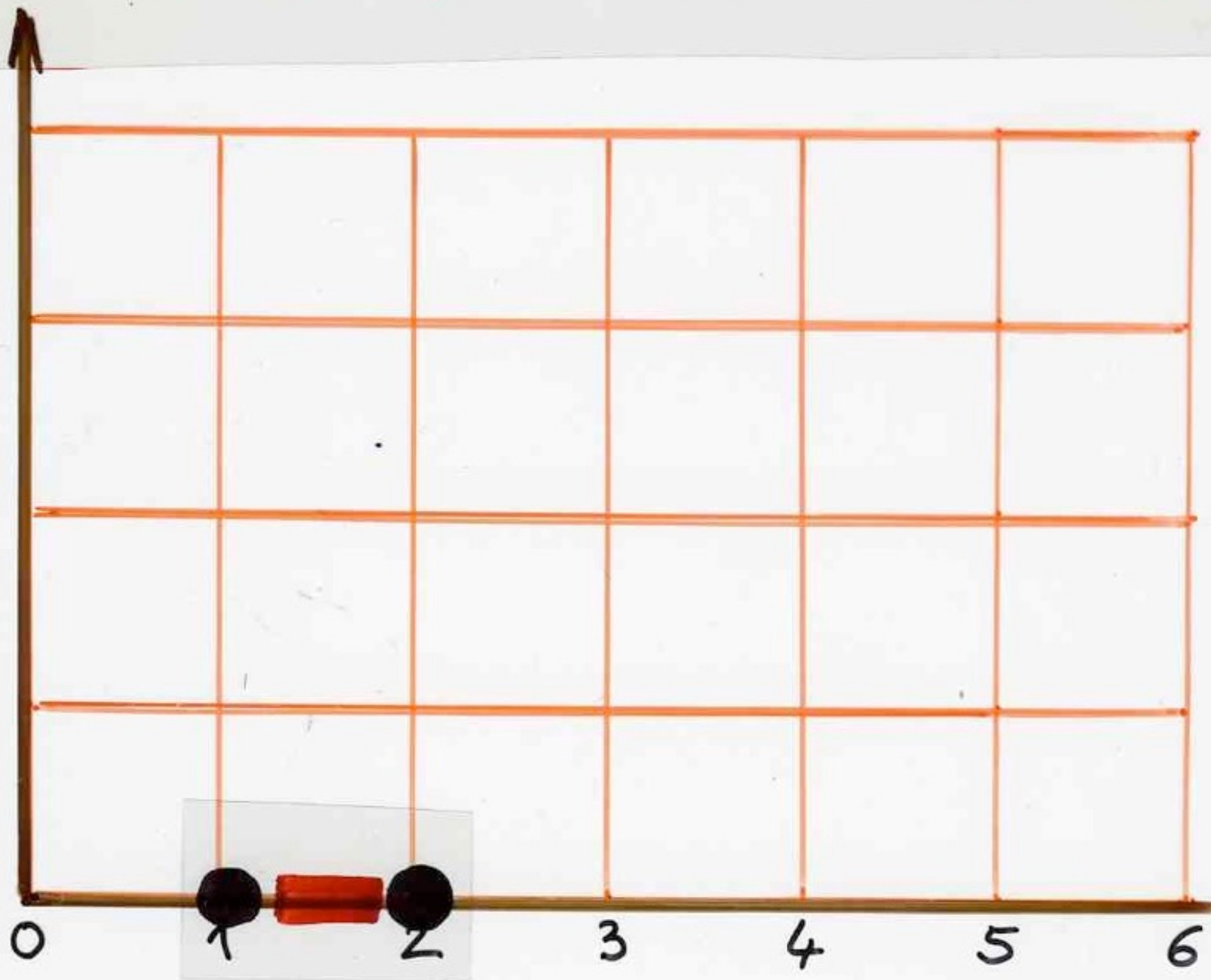
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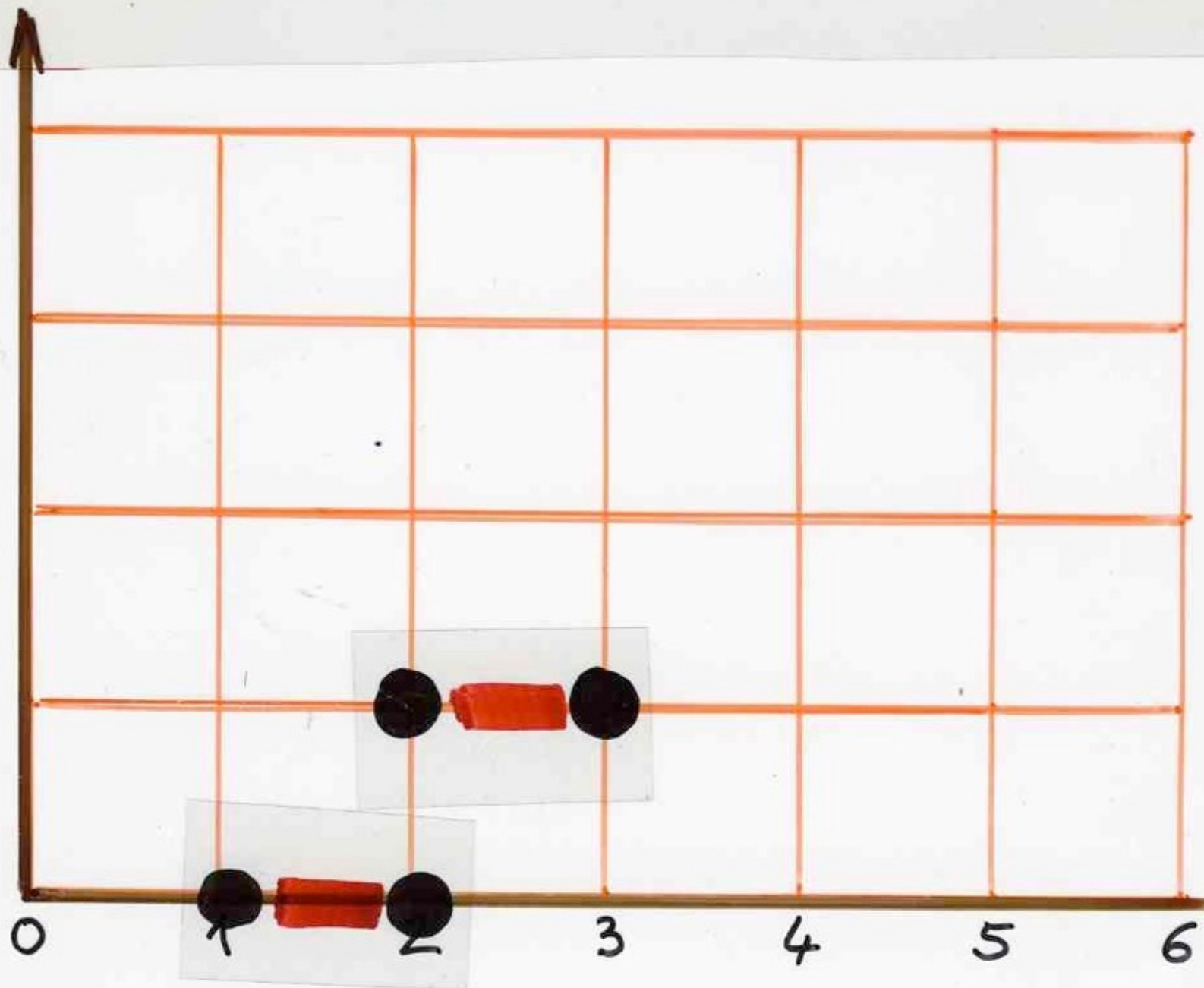
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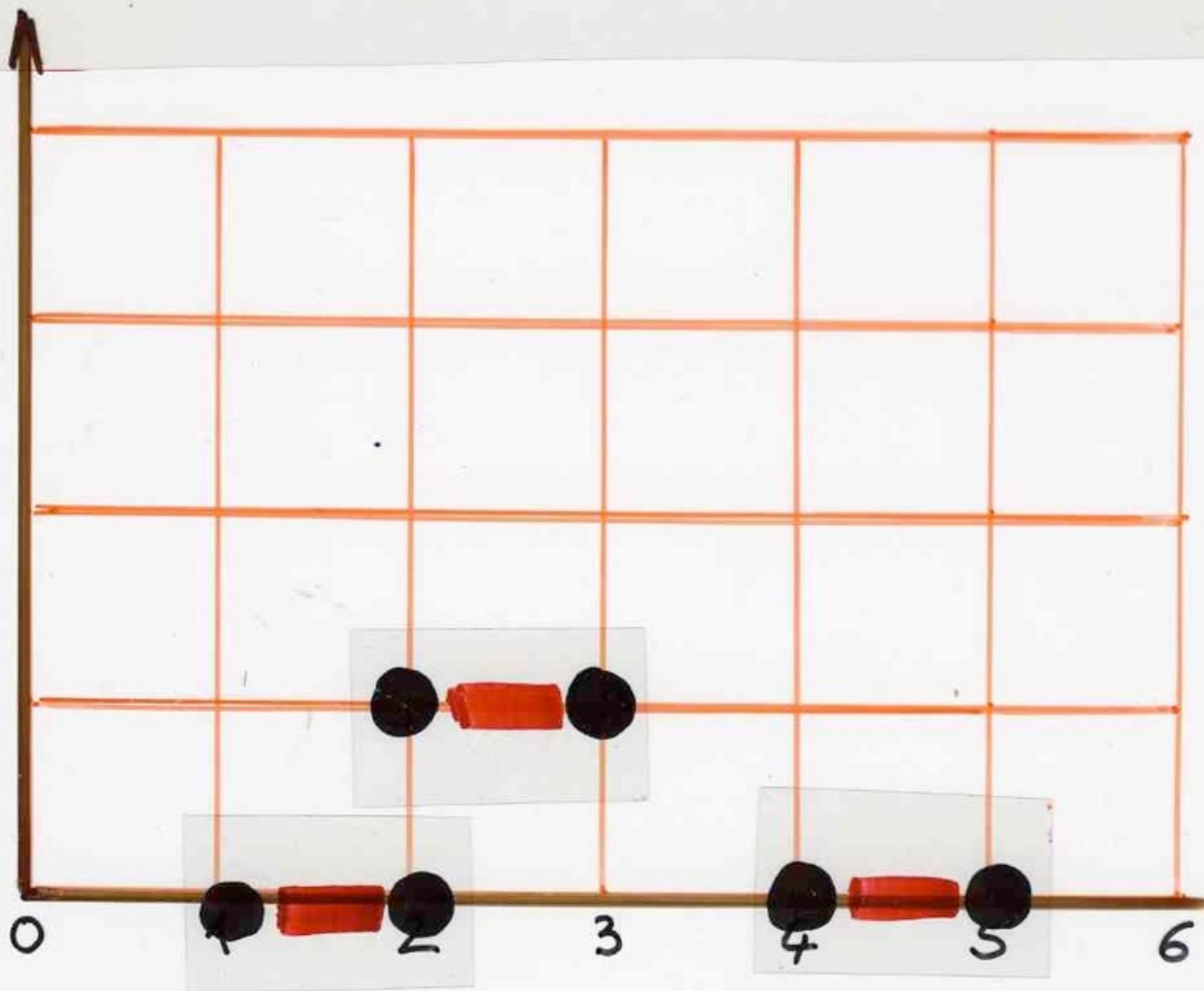
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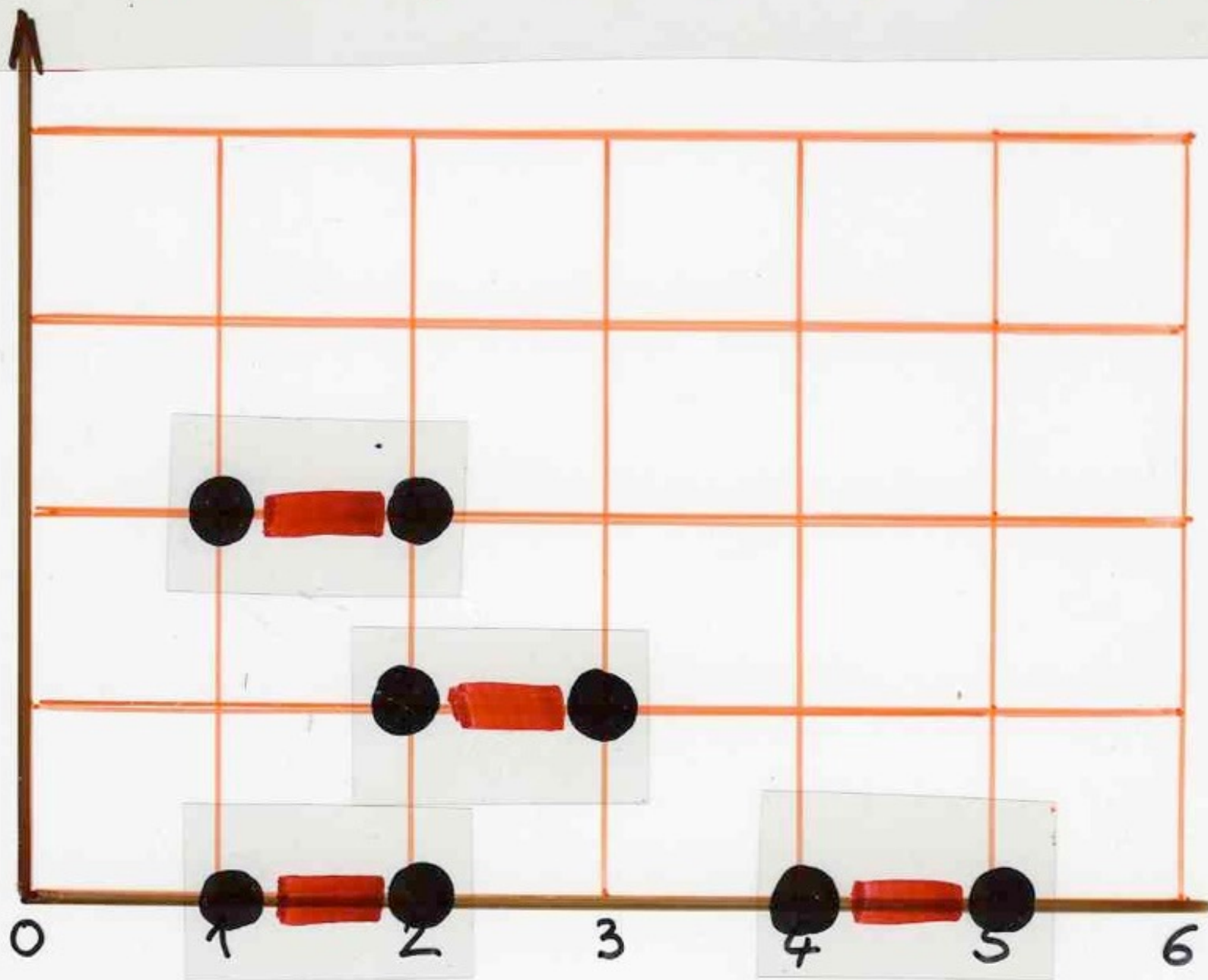
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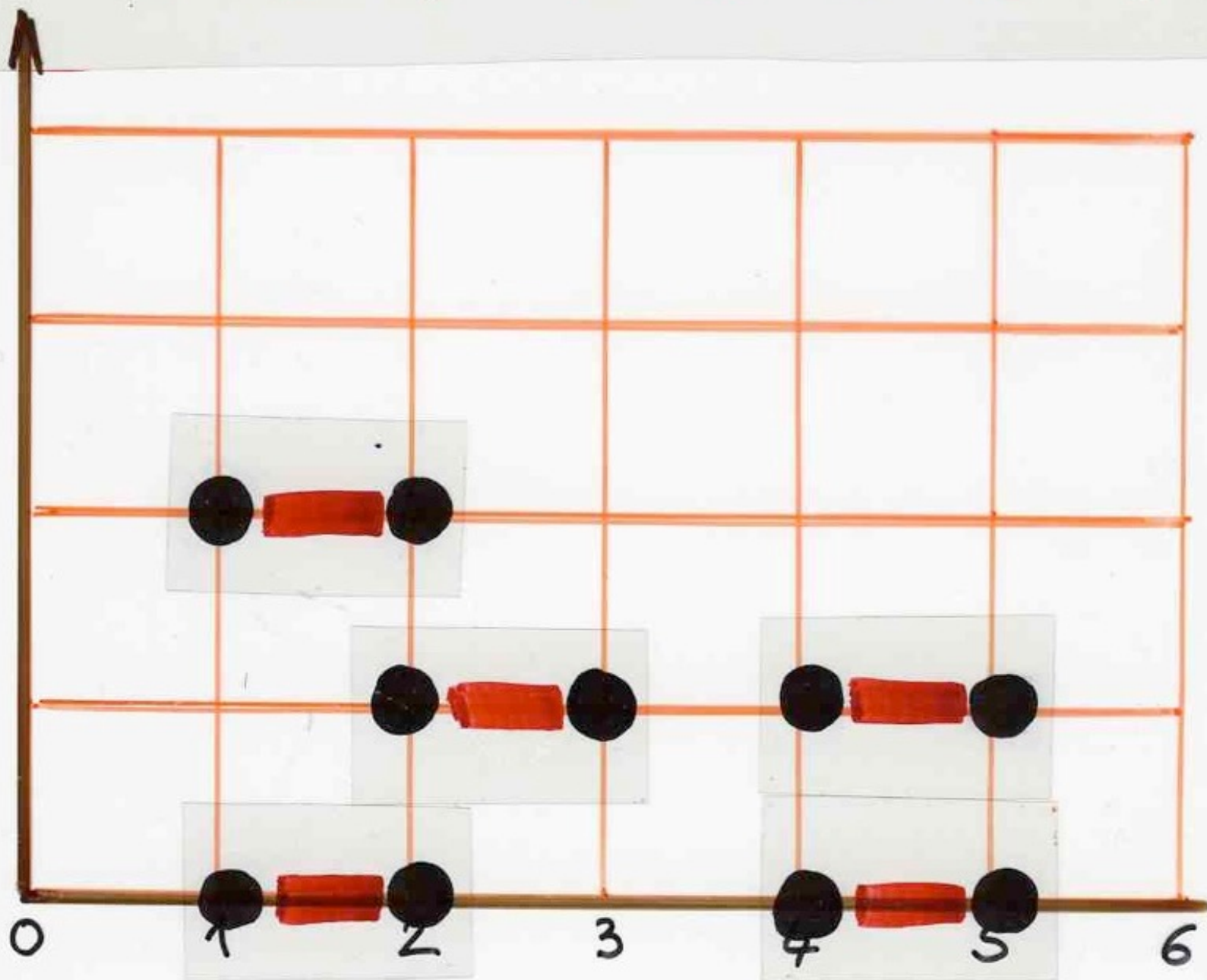
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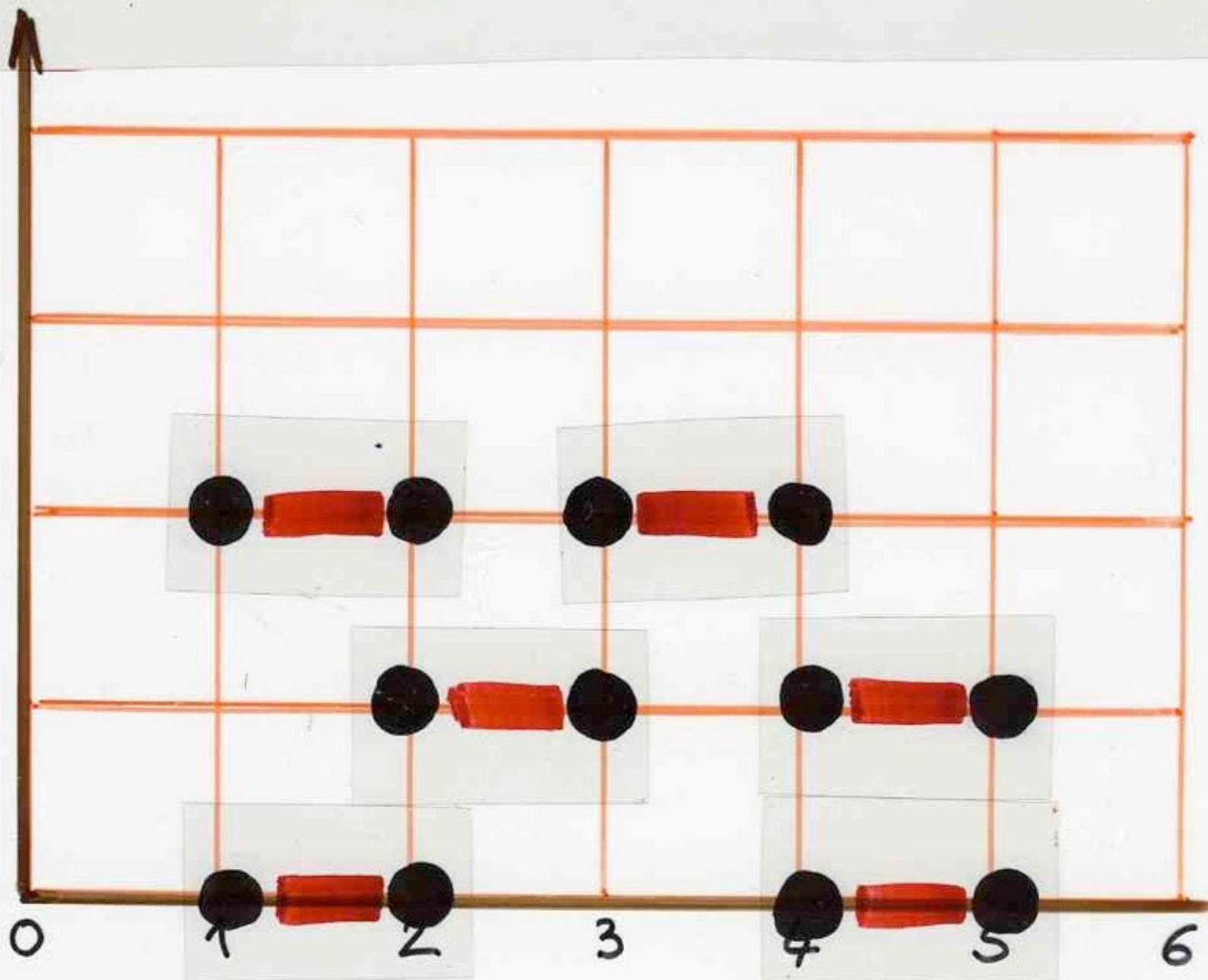
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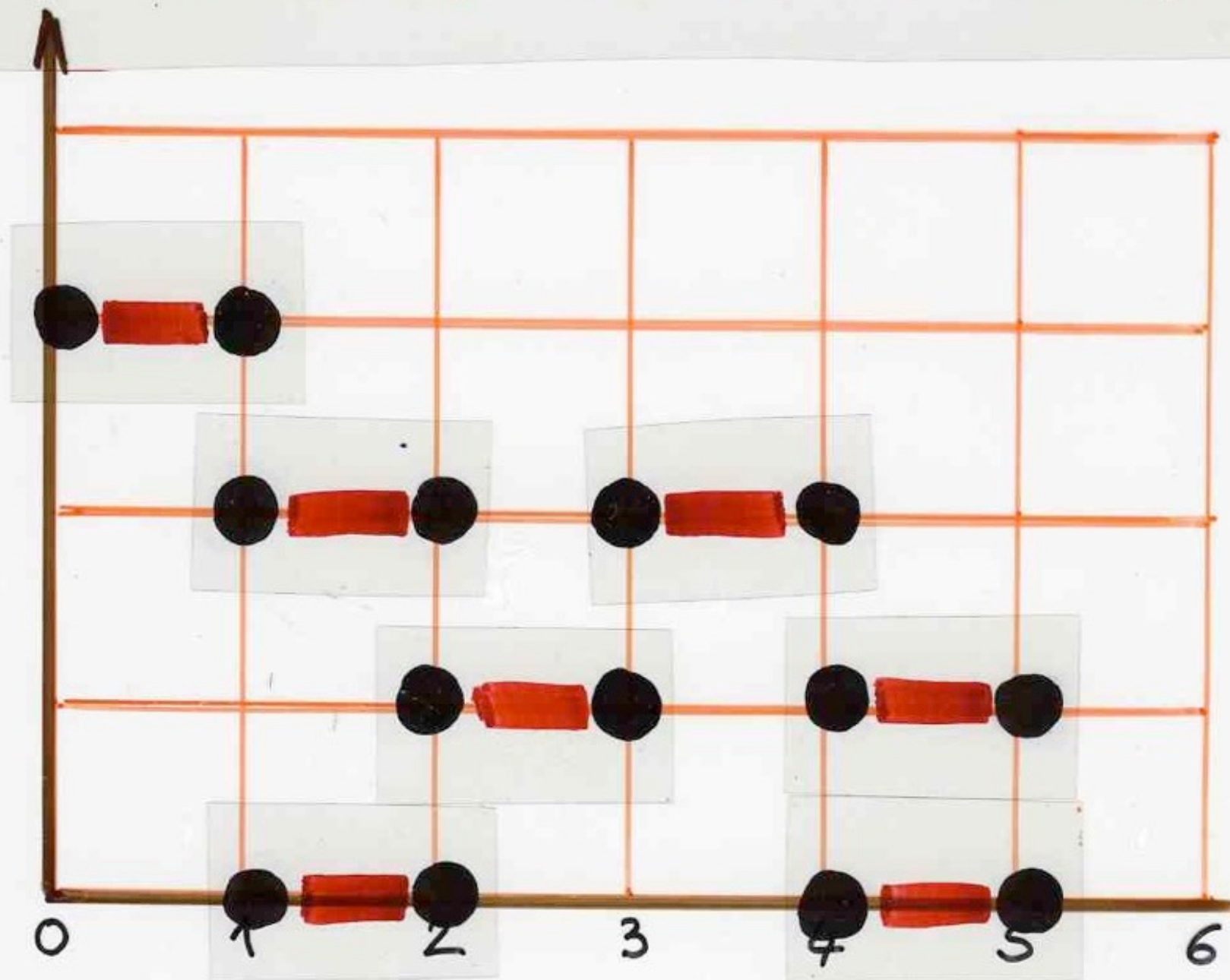
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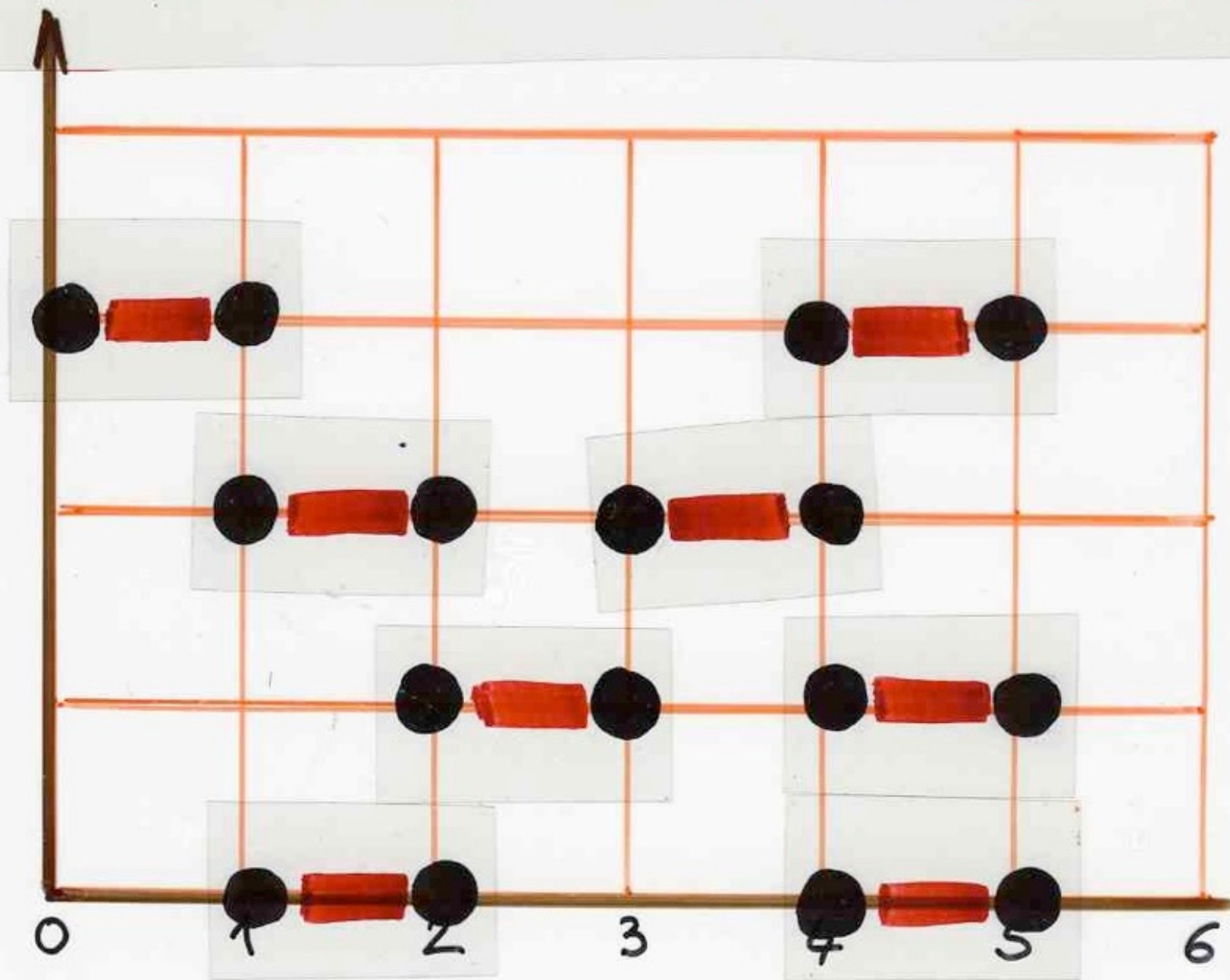
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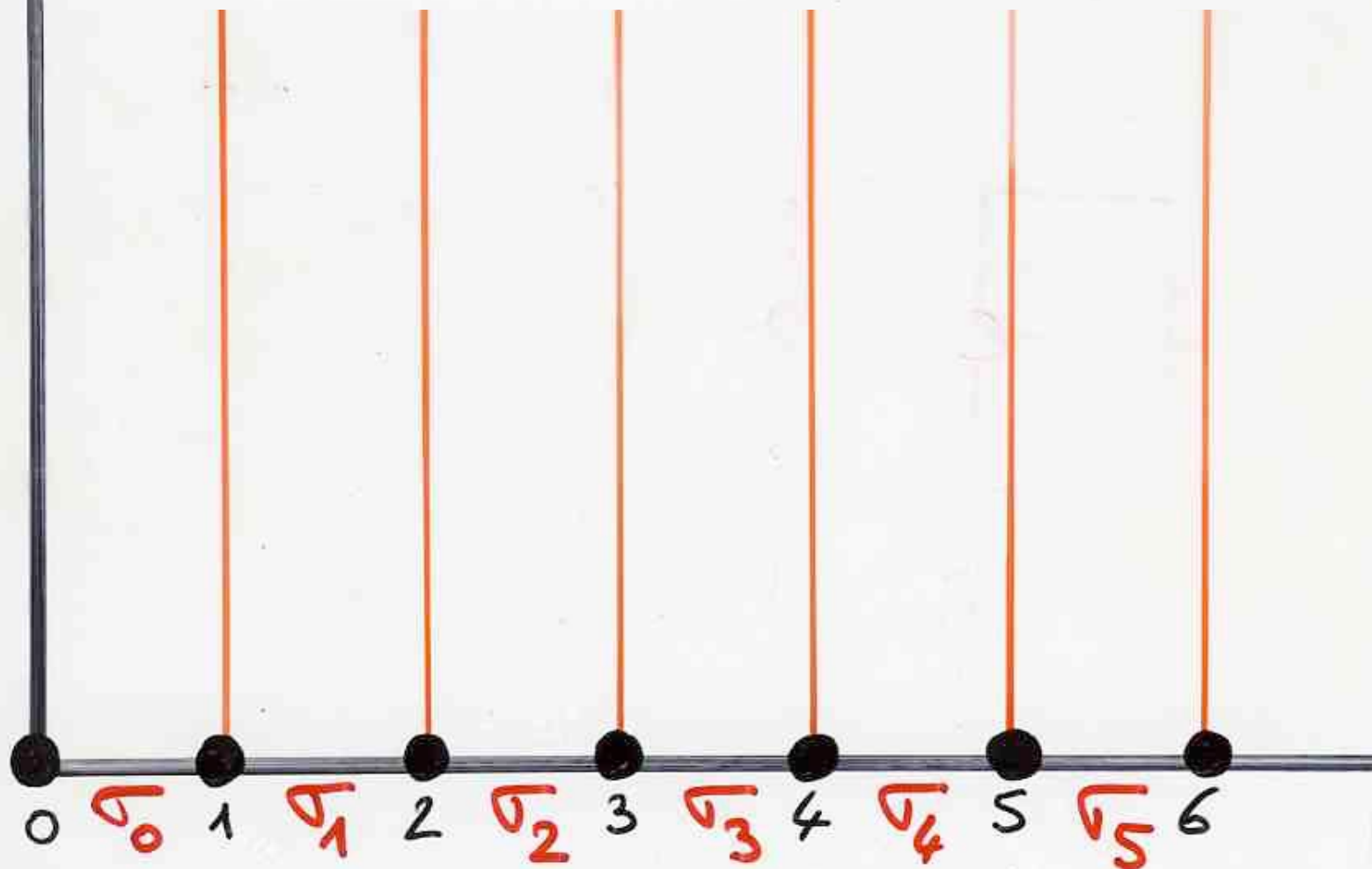


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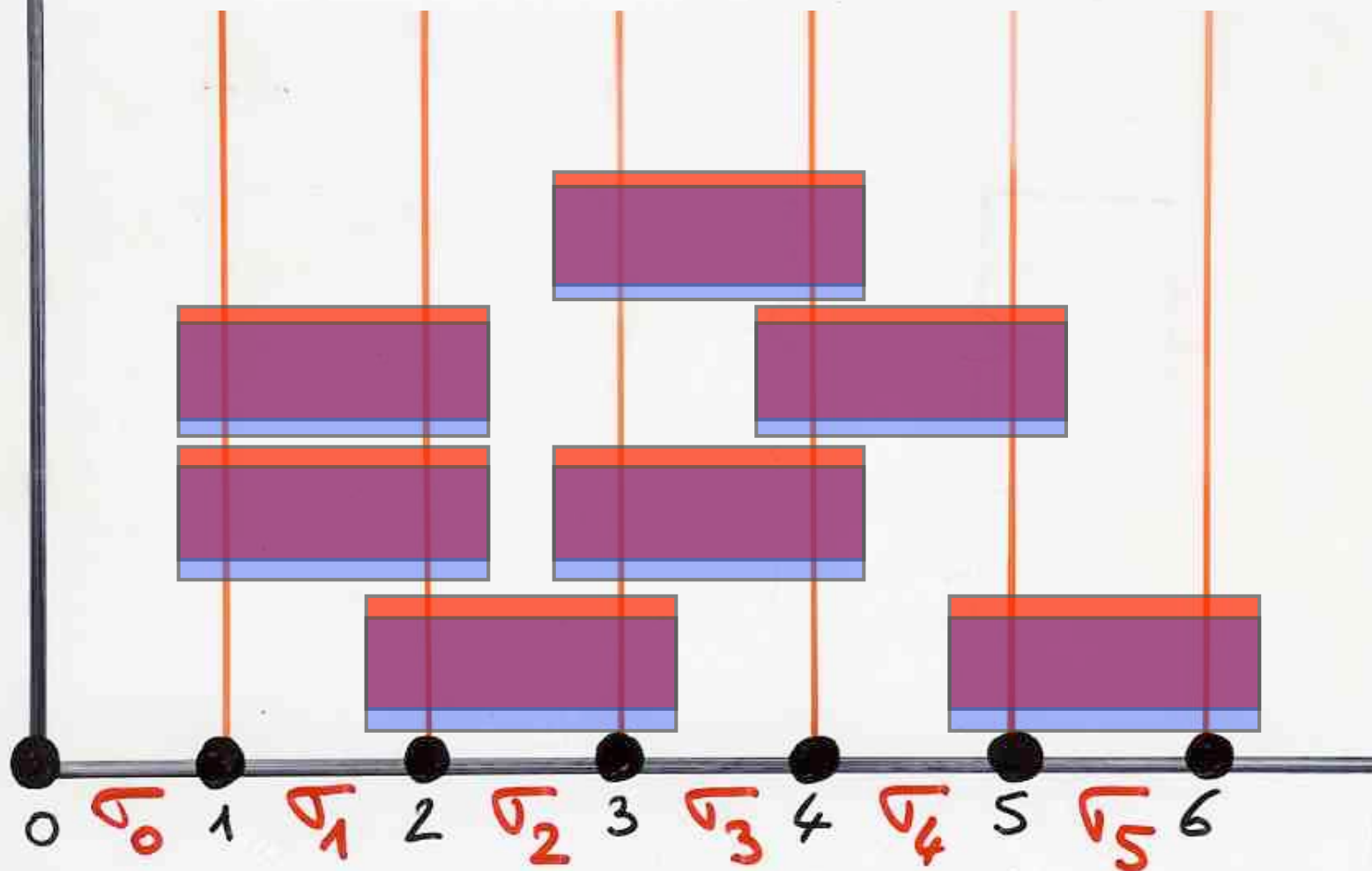
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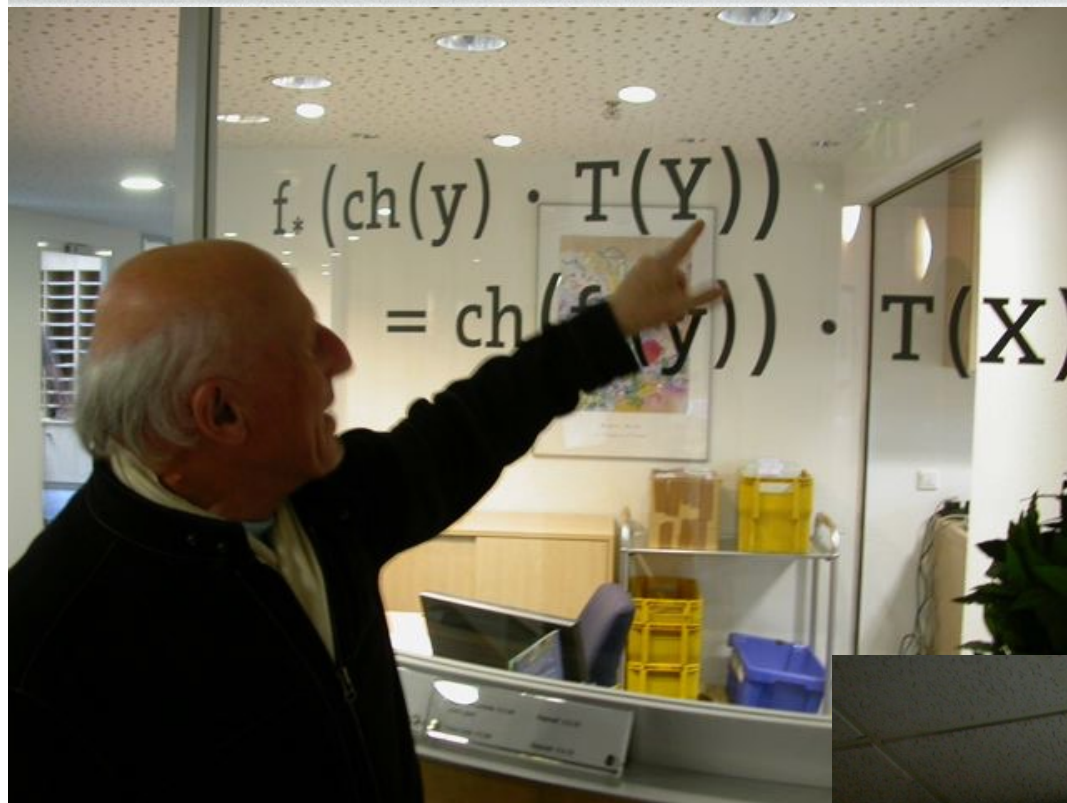
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$\mathcal{C}$

$\mathcal{C}$

commutations

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



# Cartier- Foata commutation Monoids (1969)

Heaps of pieces  
(X.V. 1985)



Trace monoids

Computer Science

model for parallelism

concurrency access to  
data structures

Trace

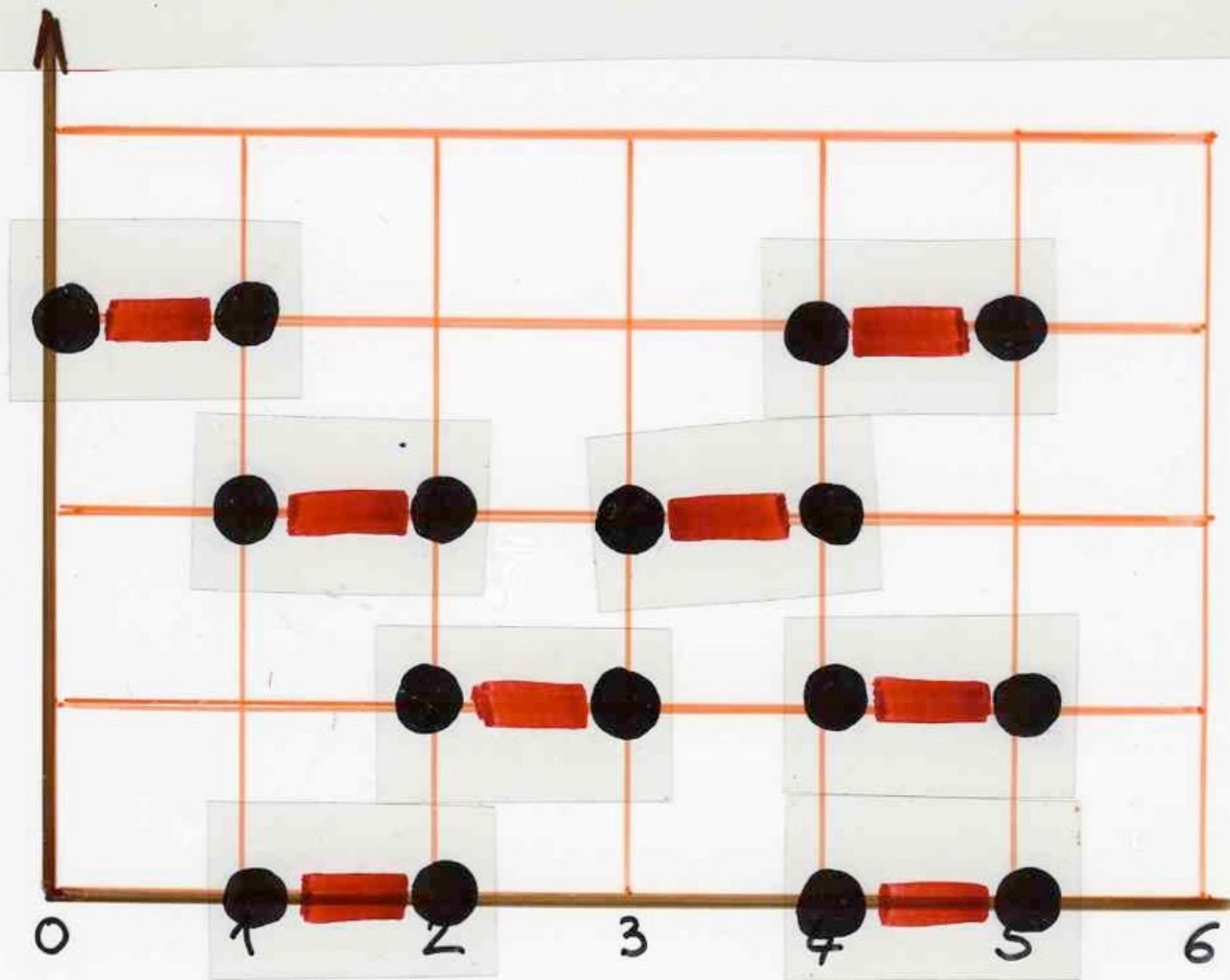
Mazurkiewicz (1977)

model of the logical behavior  
of safe Petri nets

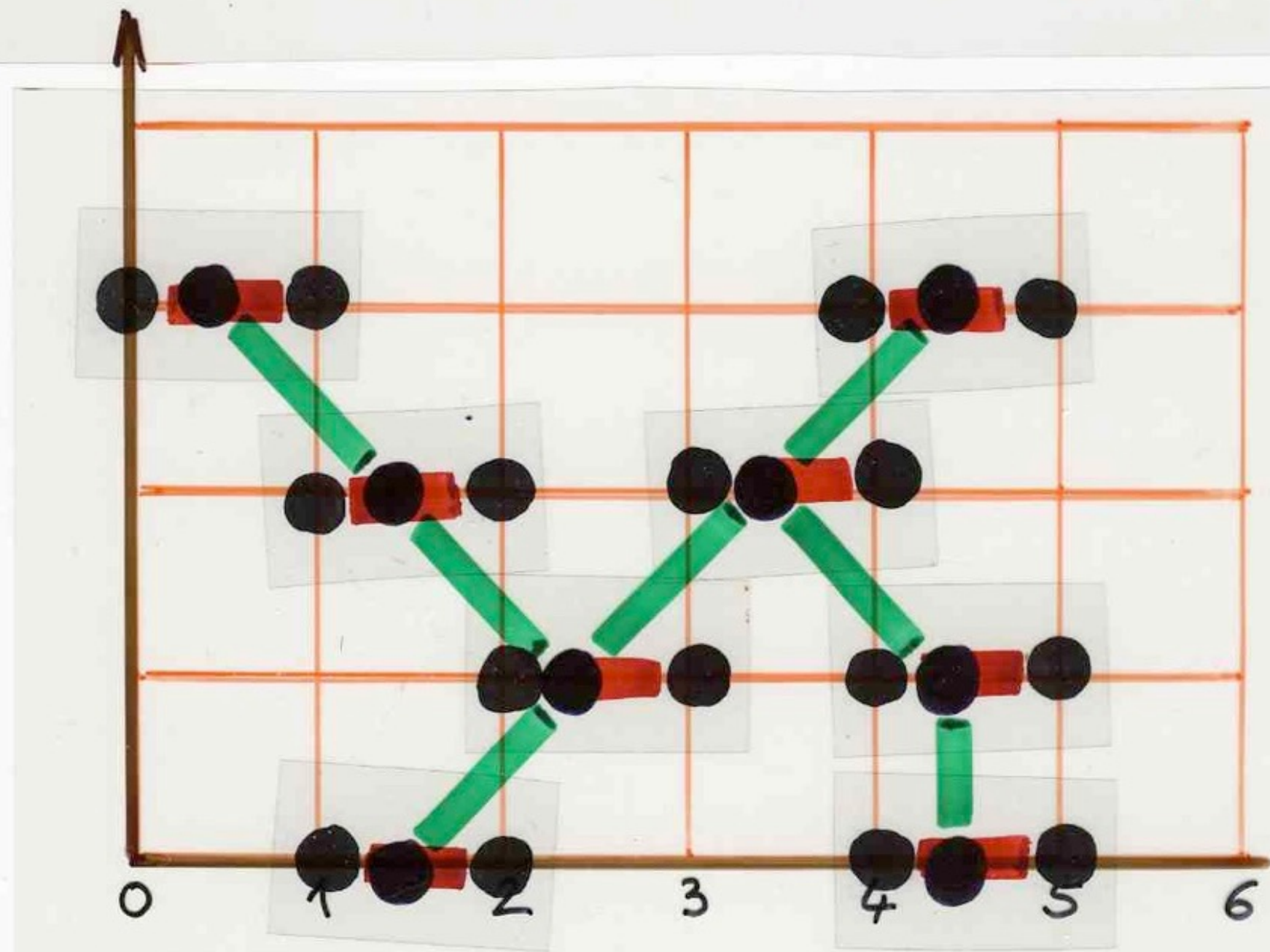
Diekert, Rosenberg ed. (1995)  
The book of traces

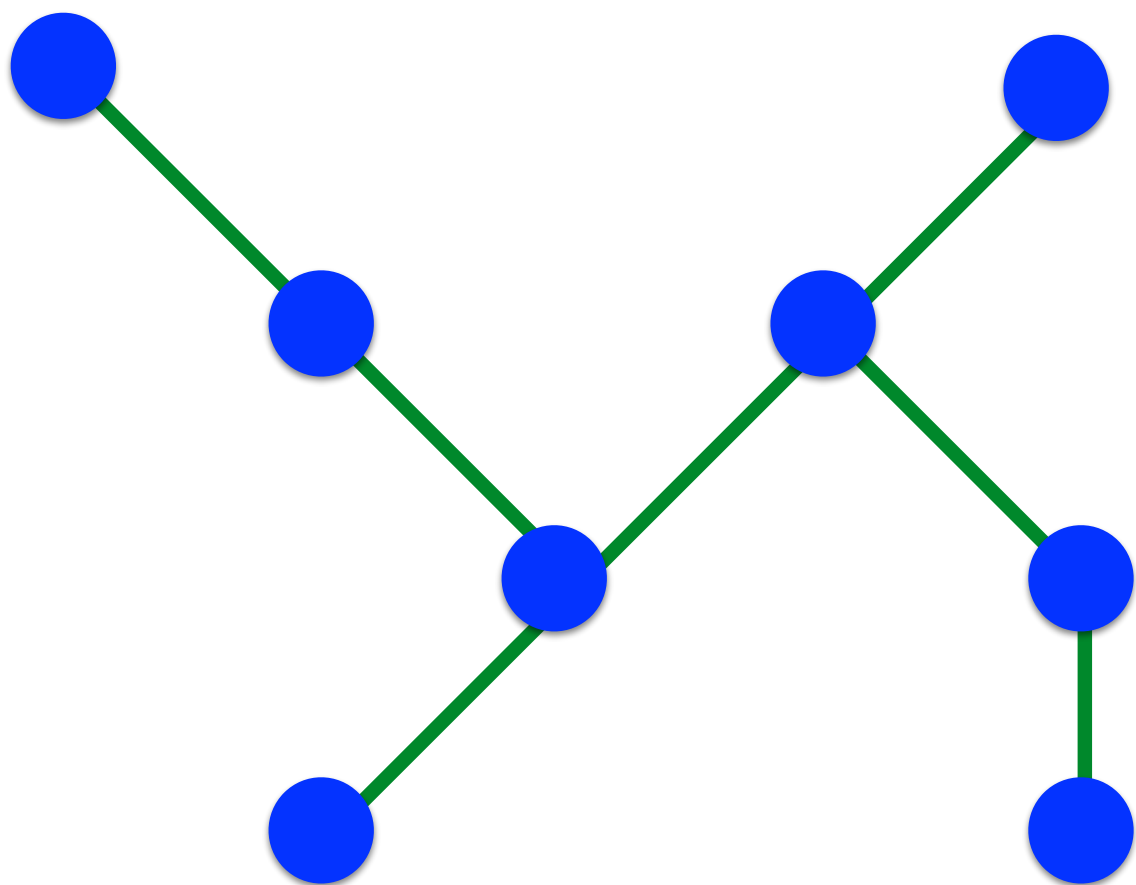
Heaps of pieces  
as a poset

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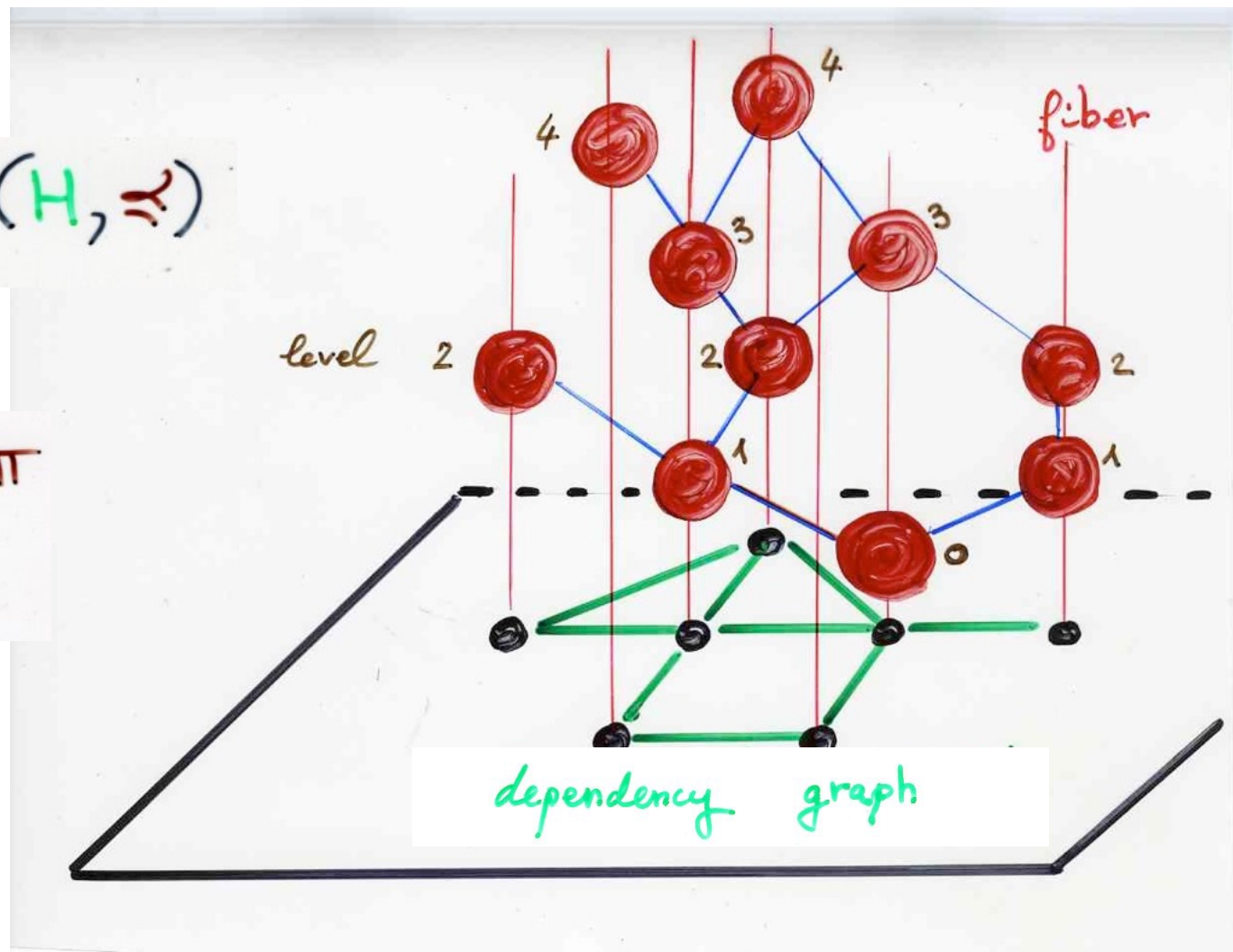
Second definition:  
heaps as a poset on a graph

$$\Gamma = (S, E)$$

$\Gamma$  is the dependency graph

finite poset  $(H, \preceq)$

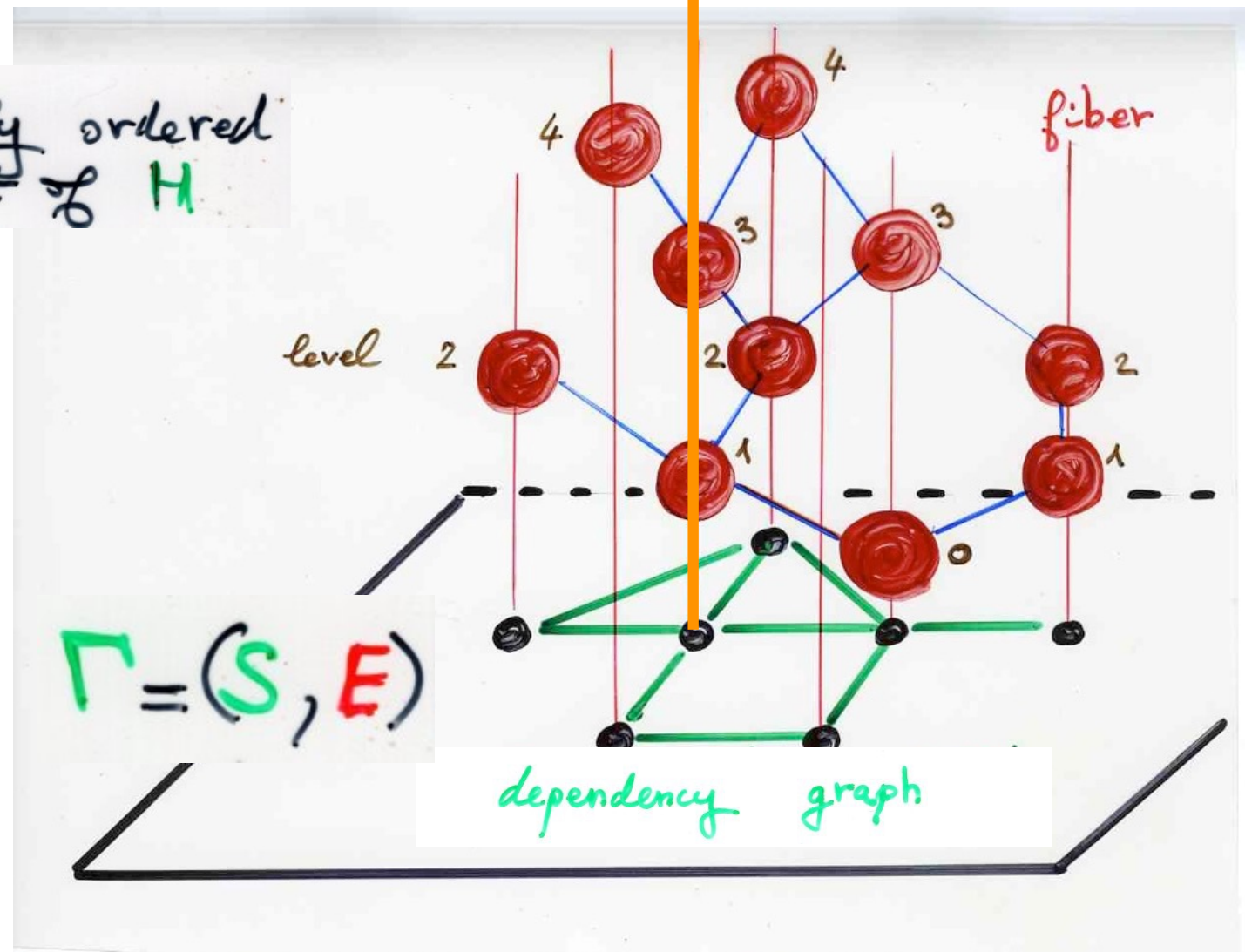
labeling map  $\pi$   
 $H \xrightarrow{\pi} \Gamma$



for every vertex  $s \in S$   
 $H_s = \pi^{-1}(\{s\})$  is a chain

fiber over  $s \in S$

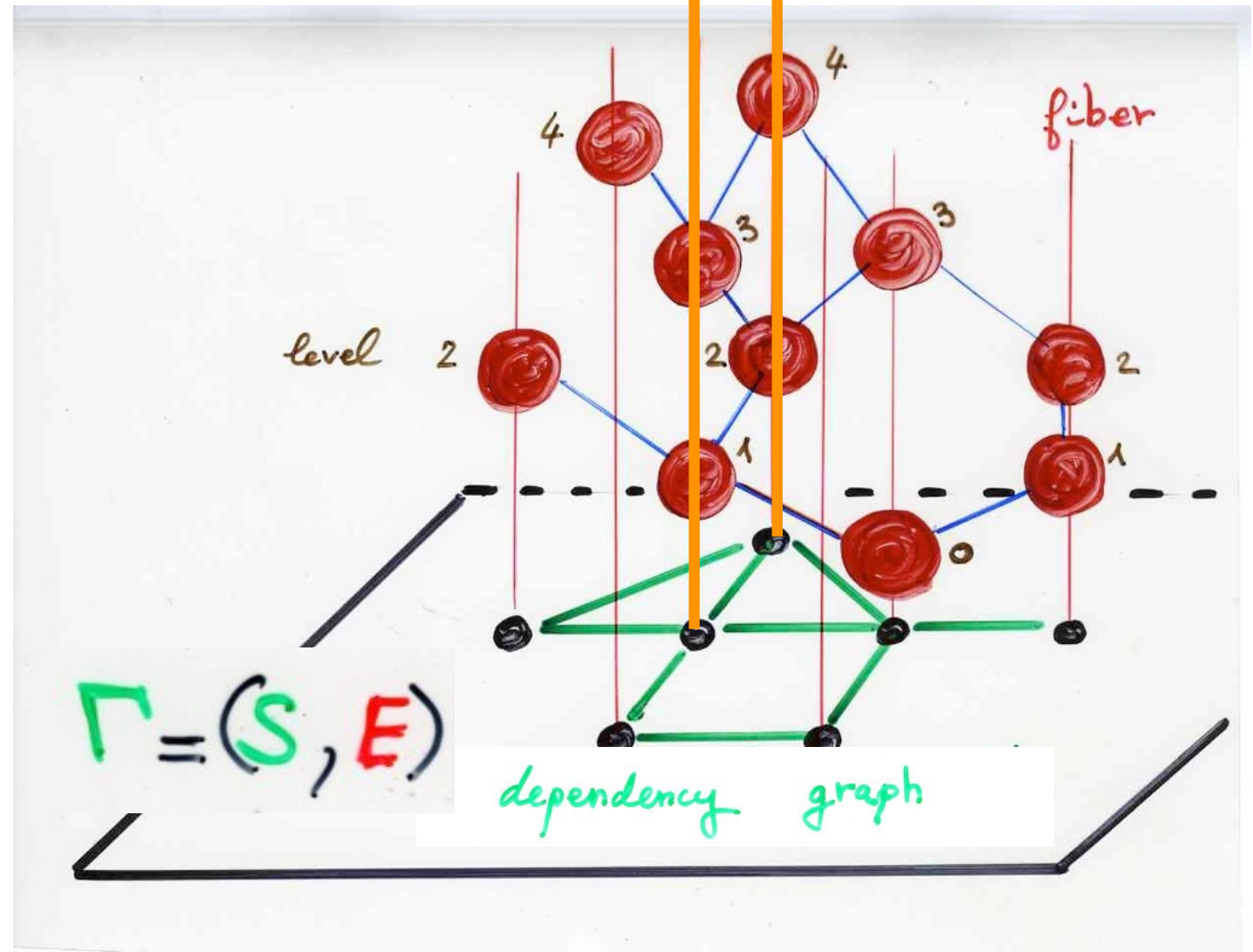
chain = totally ordered subset of  $H$



$$\Gamma = (S, E)$$

for any edges  $\{s, t\}$  of  $\Gamma$   
 $H_{s,t} = \pi^{-1}(\{s, t\})$  is a chain

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



The order relation  $\preceq$   
is the **transitive closure** of the relations  
given by all chains of (i)'  
 $H_s$   $H_{s,t}$

(i.e. the smallest partial ordering  
containing these chains)

# Algebraic graph theory revisited with heaps of pieces

an example:

chromatic polynomial  
and  
acyclic orientations of a graph

graph  $G = (V, E)$

$\chi_G(\lambda)$

chromatic polynomial

number of (proper) coloring of the graph  $G$  with  $\lambda$  colors



$a(G)$

number of acyclic orientations of  $G$

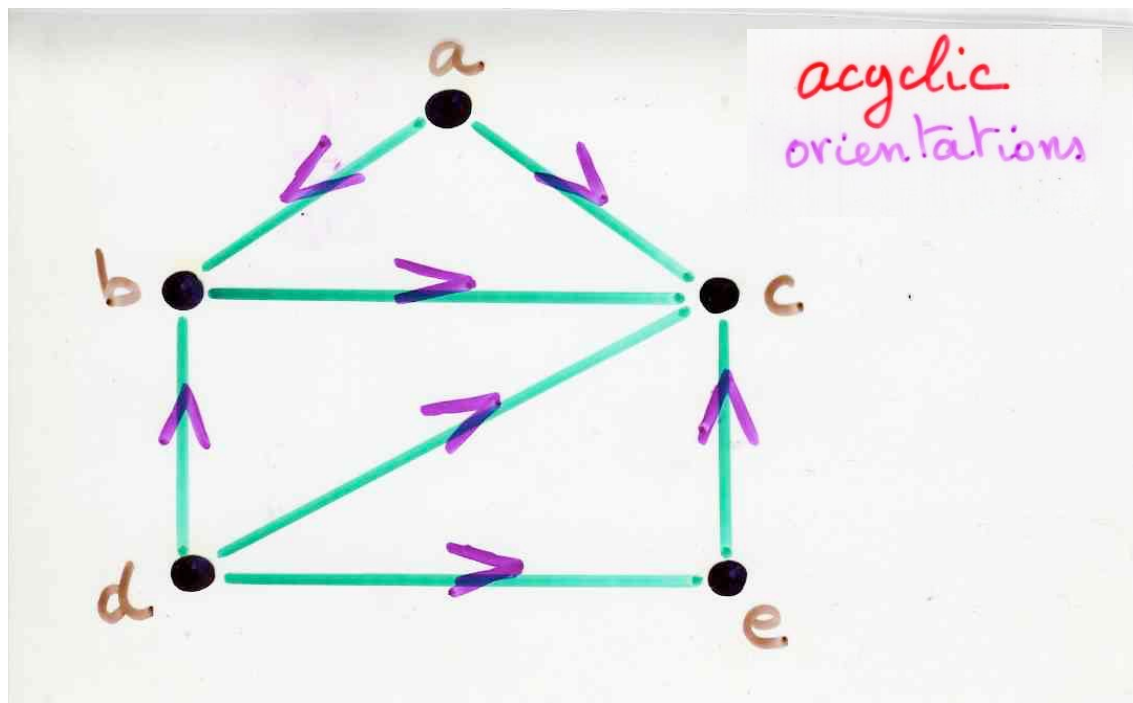
$n(G) = |V|$   
number of vertices

Proposition (Stanley, 1973)

$$a(G) = (-1)^{n(G)} \chi_G(-1)$$

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proof using  
commutation  
(Cartier-Foata)  
monoid

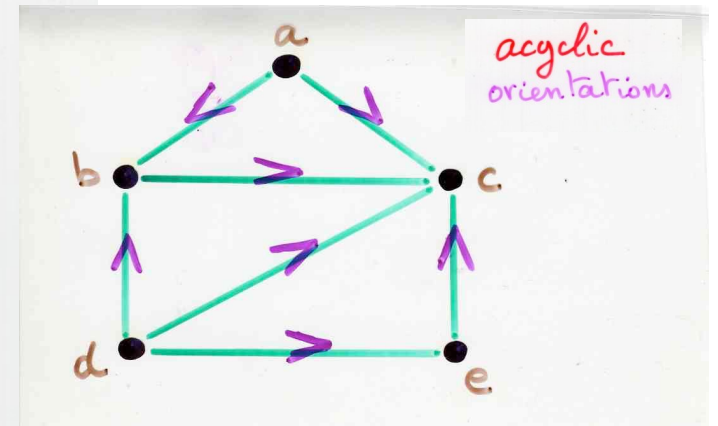
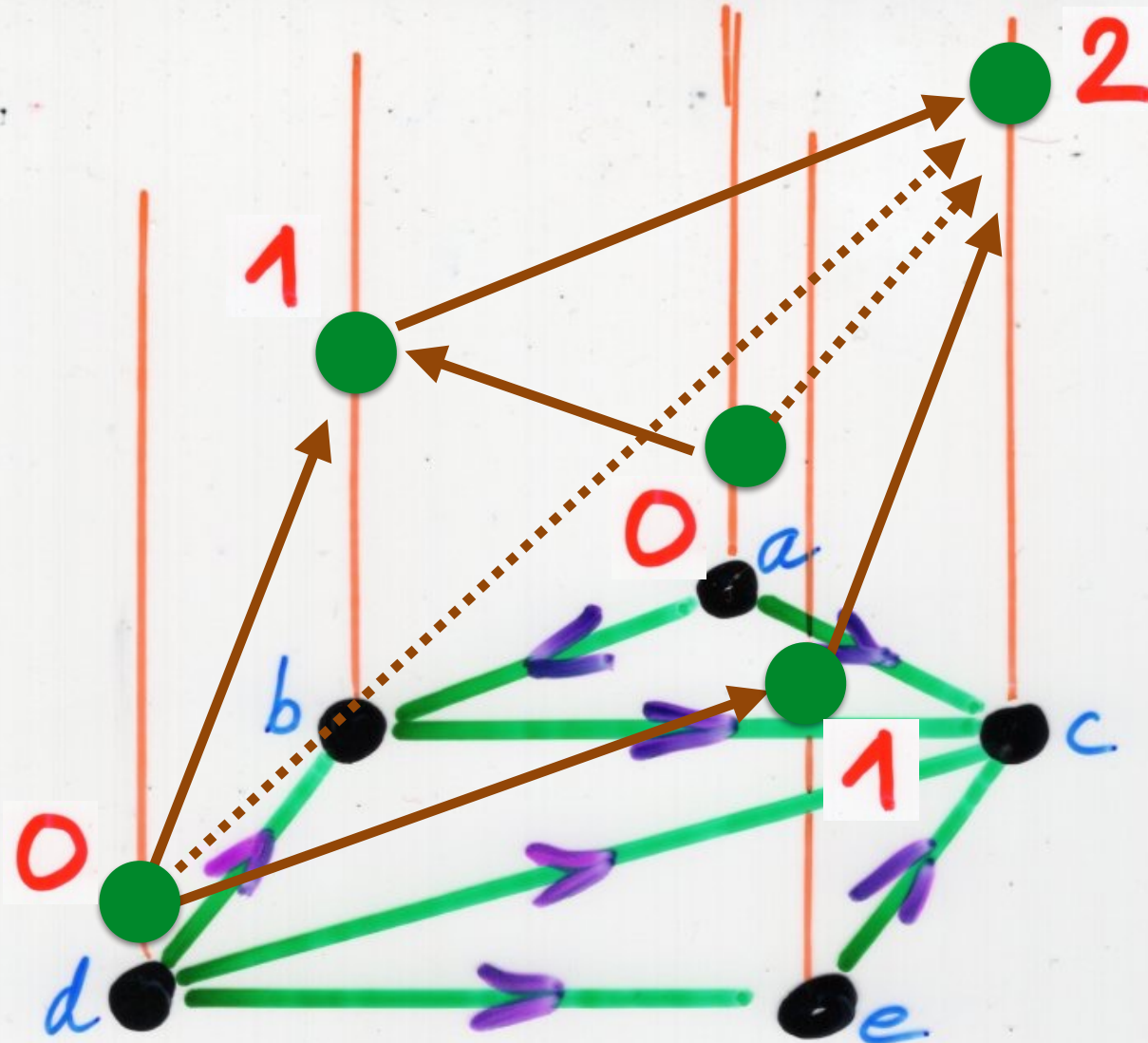
from Gessel  
(1985)?

Bijection

multilinear  
on  
heaps  
of  $G$



acyclic  
orientations  
of  $G$

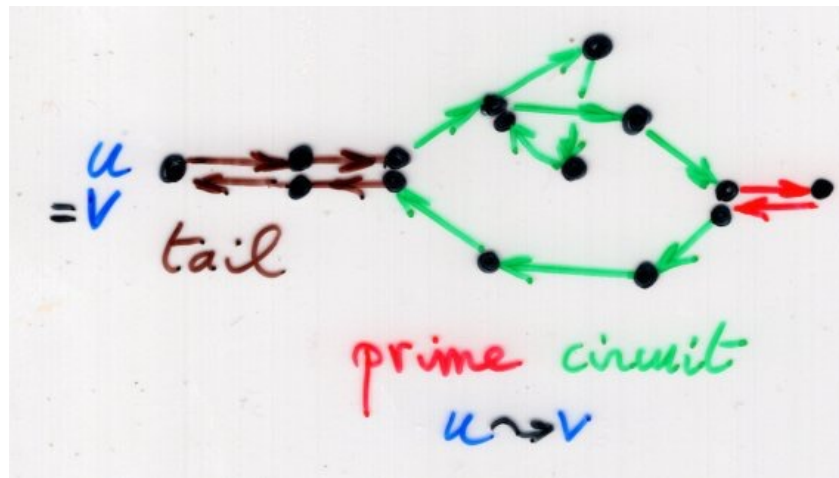


3 basic lemma on heaps

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

$$= \sum_{\substack{\omega \\ \text{circuit}}} t^{|\omega|}$$

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3 basic lemma:

- Inversion lemma
- Logarithmic lemma
- circuit = heap of cycles

First basic lemma on heaps:  
the inversion lemma

$1/D$

the inversion lemma

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

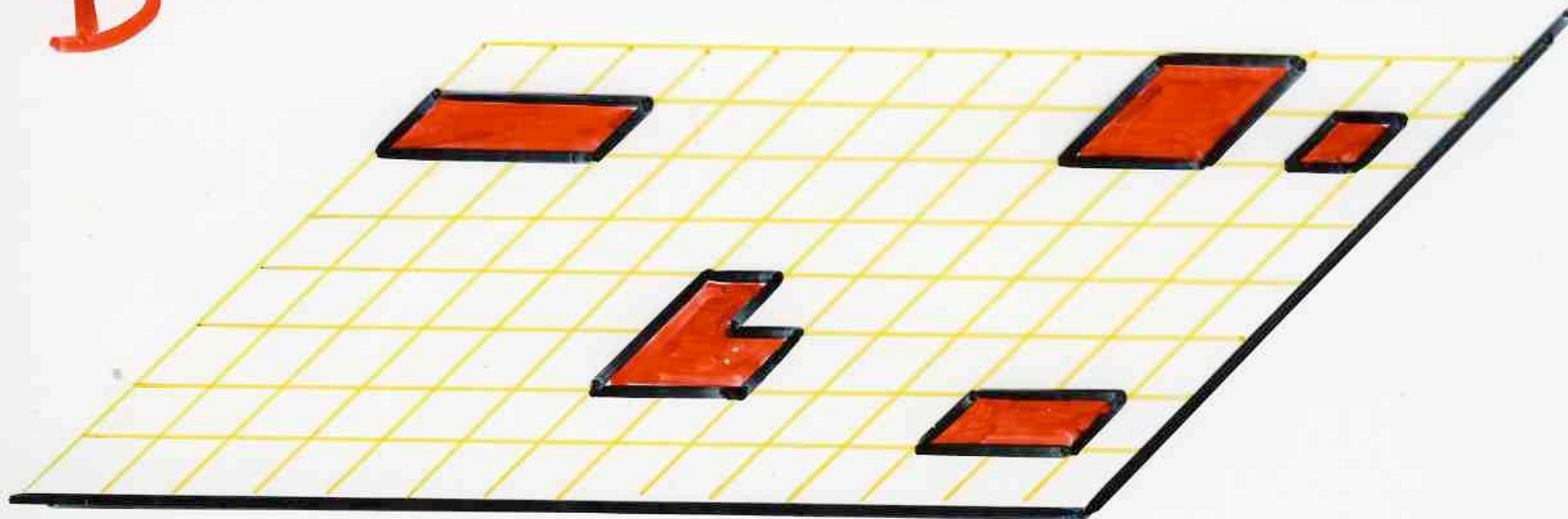
all pieces  $(\alpha, i)$   
at level  $\circ$

trivial  
heap

F

all pieces  $(\alpha, i)$   
at level 0

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

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

=

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

the inversion lemma

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

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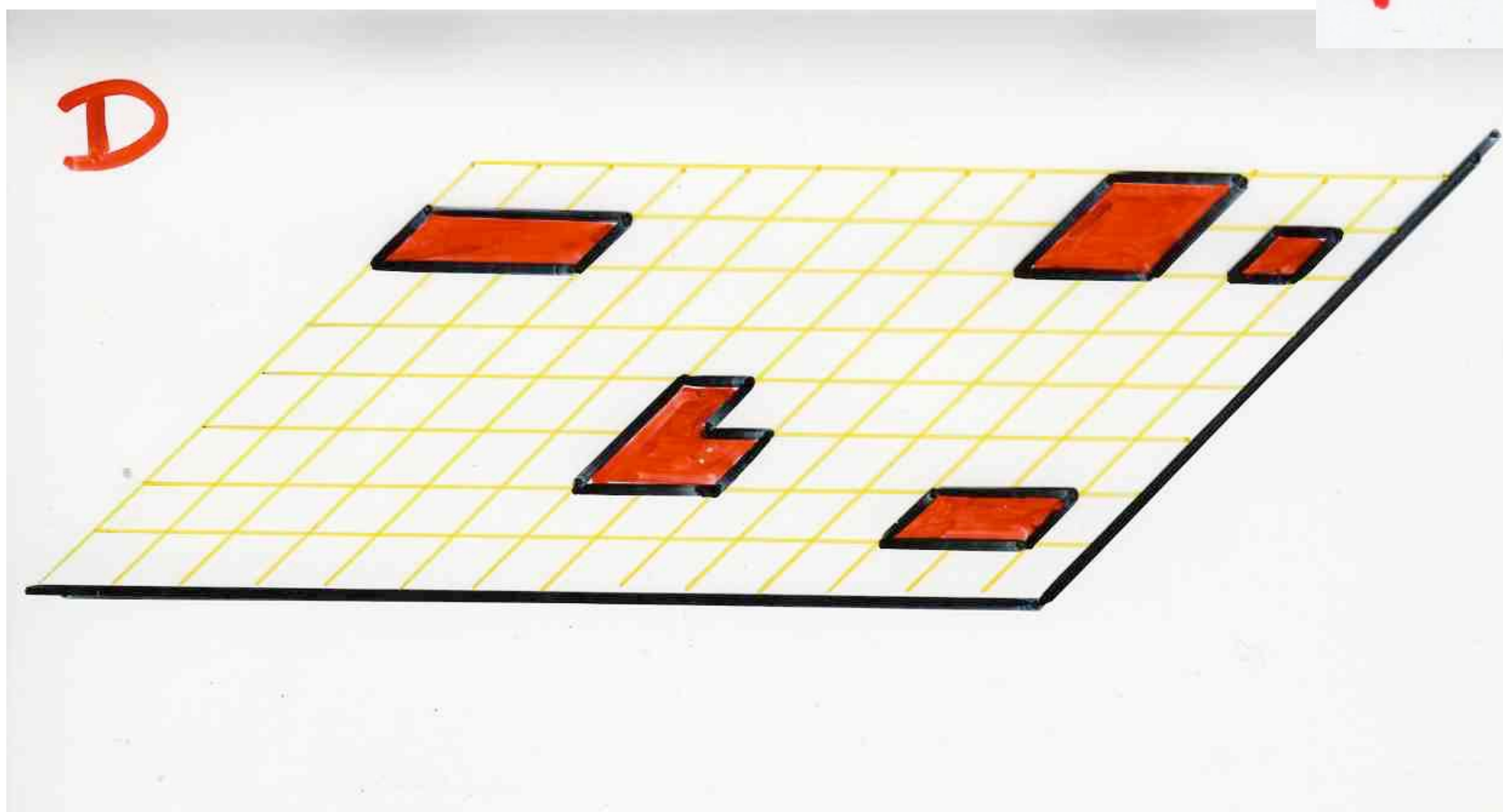
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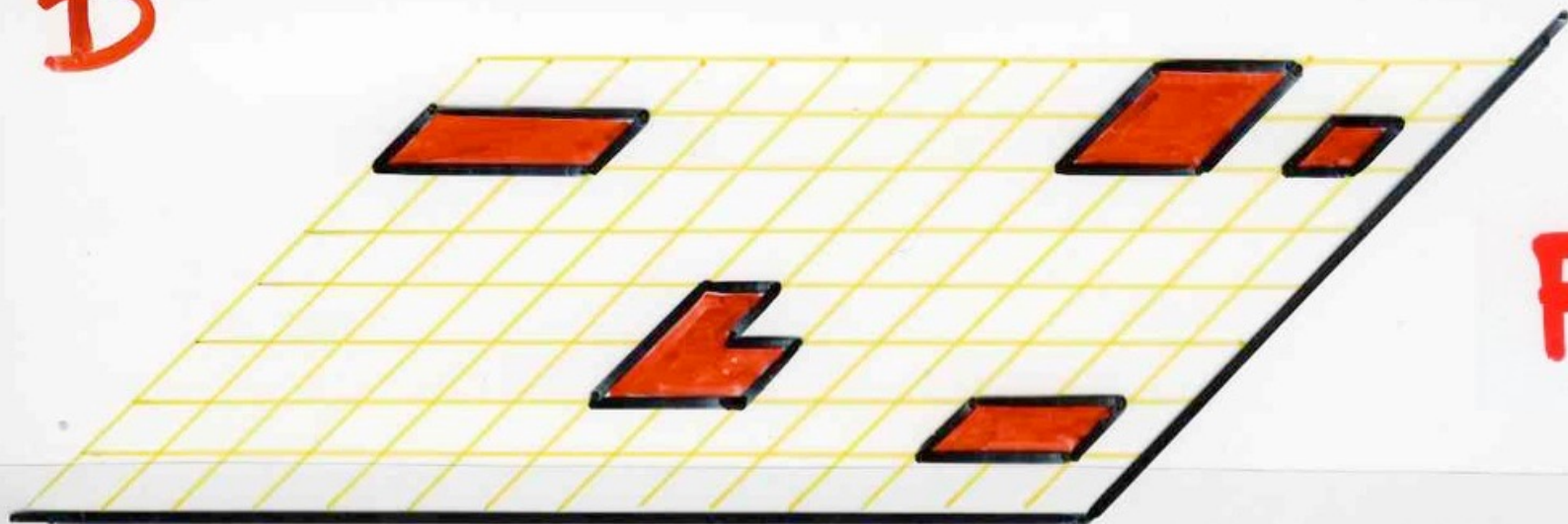
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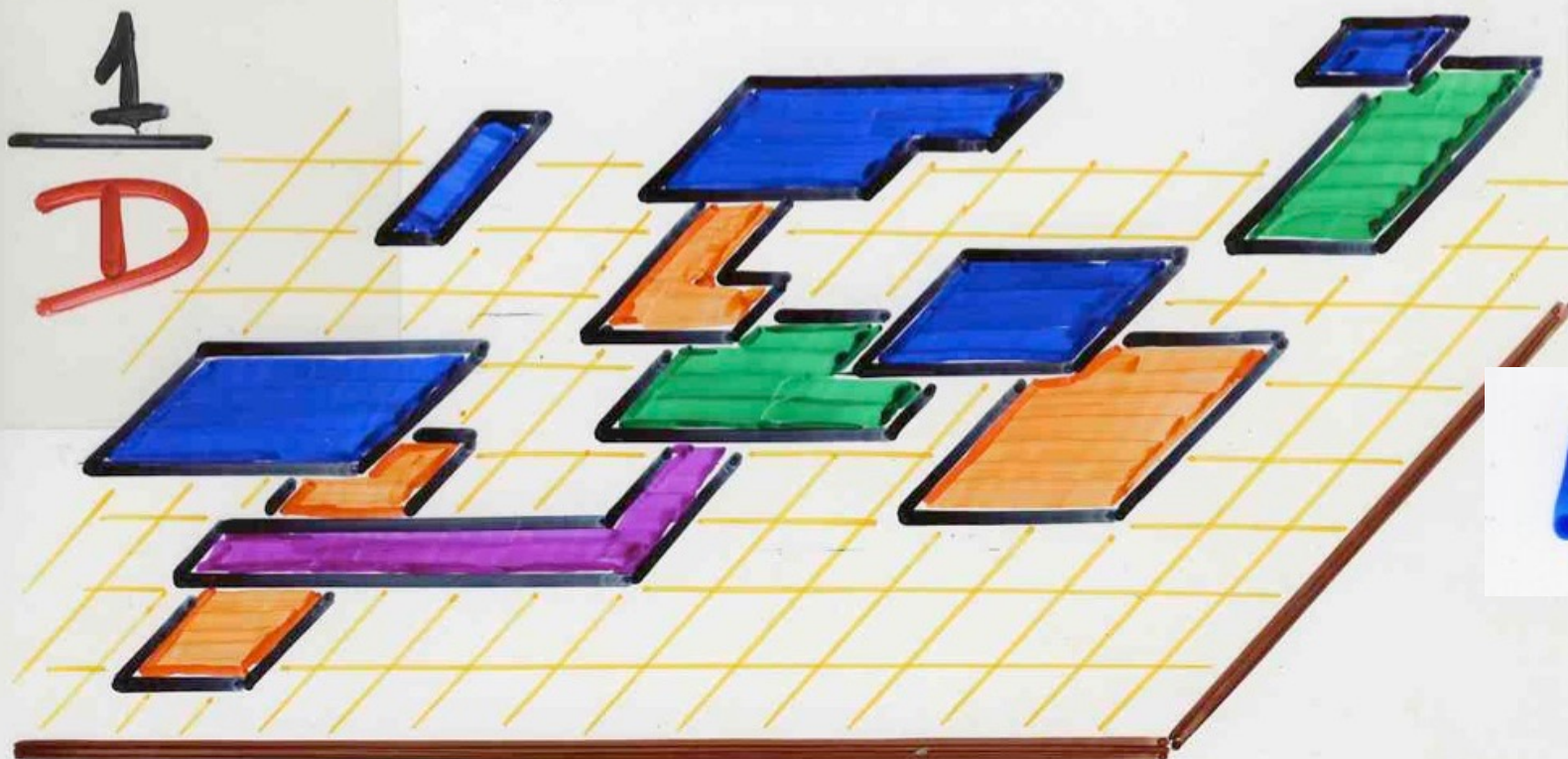
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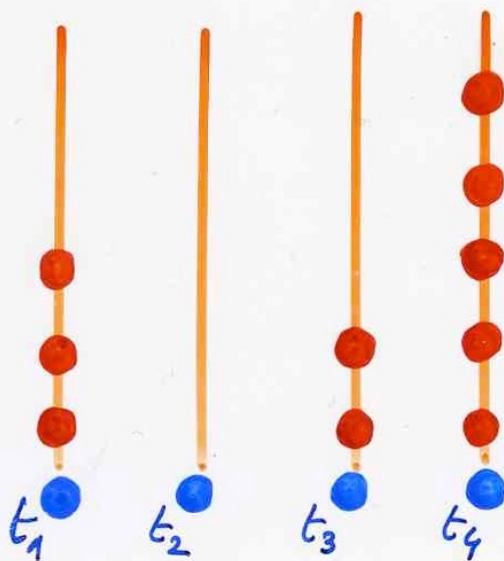
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E



$$\frac{1}{1-t} = 1 + t + t^2 + \dots + t^n + \dots$$



$$\frac{1}{(1-t_1)(1-t_2)(1-t_3)(1-t_4)} = \sum_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4 \geq 0} t_1^{\alpha_1} t_2^{\alpha_2} t_3^{\alpha_3} t_4^{\alpha_4}$$

the logarithmic lemma

weight  
valuation

$v(E)$

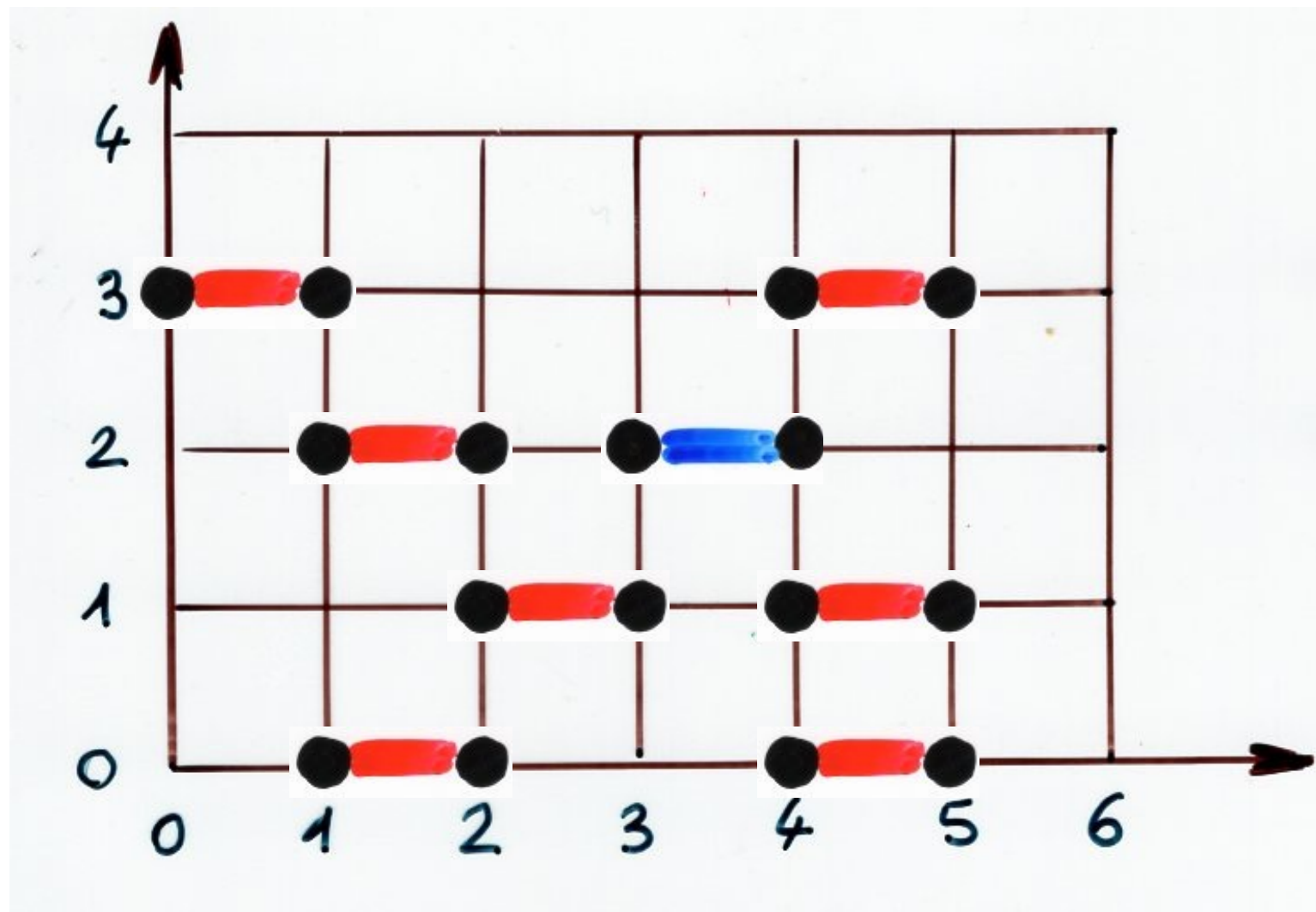
- $v : \underset{\text{basic piece}}{P} \longrightarrow K[x, y, \dots]$

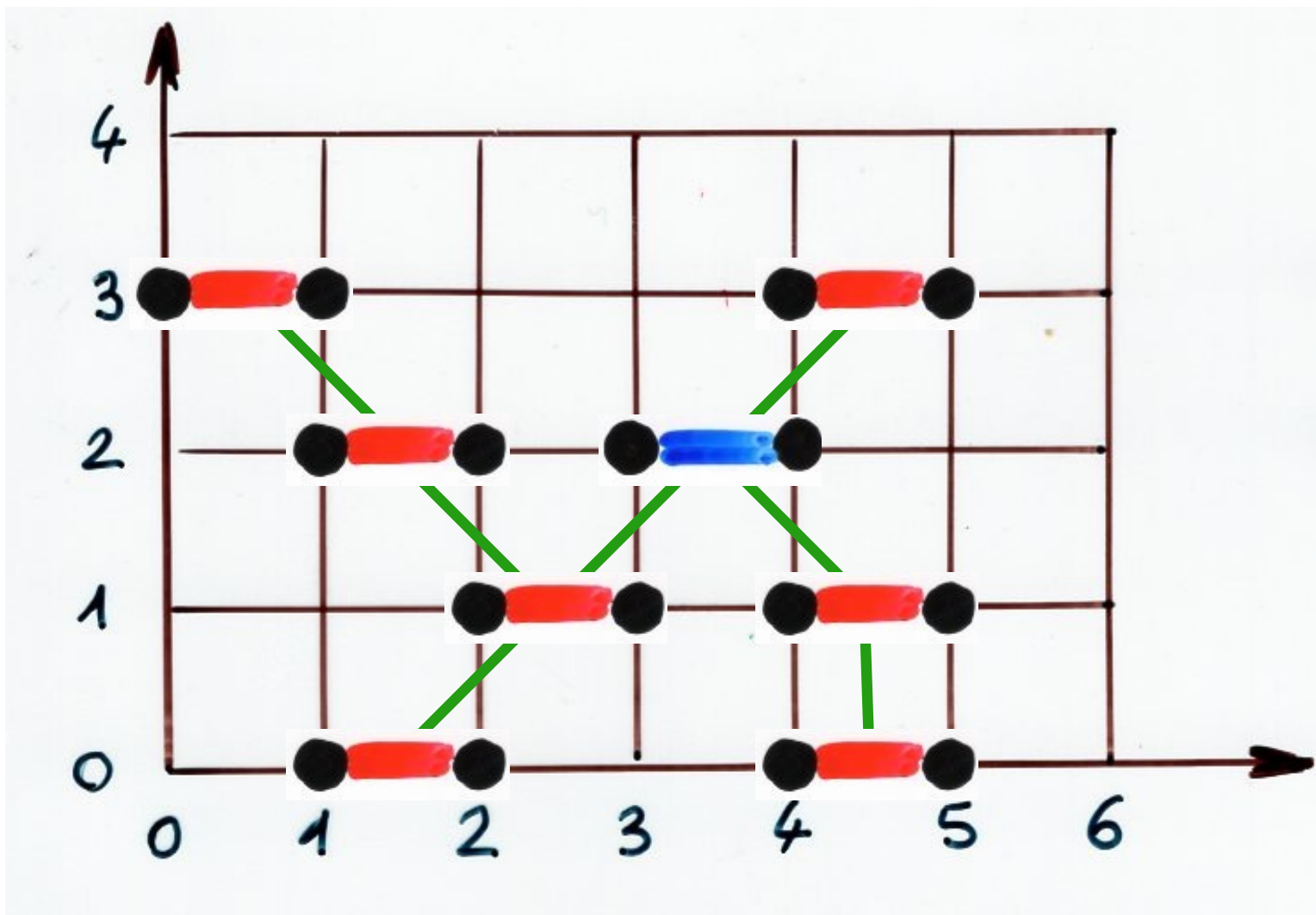
- $v(\underset{\text{piece}}{\alpha, i}) = v(\alpha) \cdot t$

- $v(\underset{\text{heap}}{E}) = \prod_{(\alpha, i) \in E} v(\alpha, i) \cdot t^{|E|}$

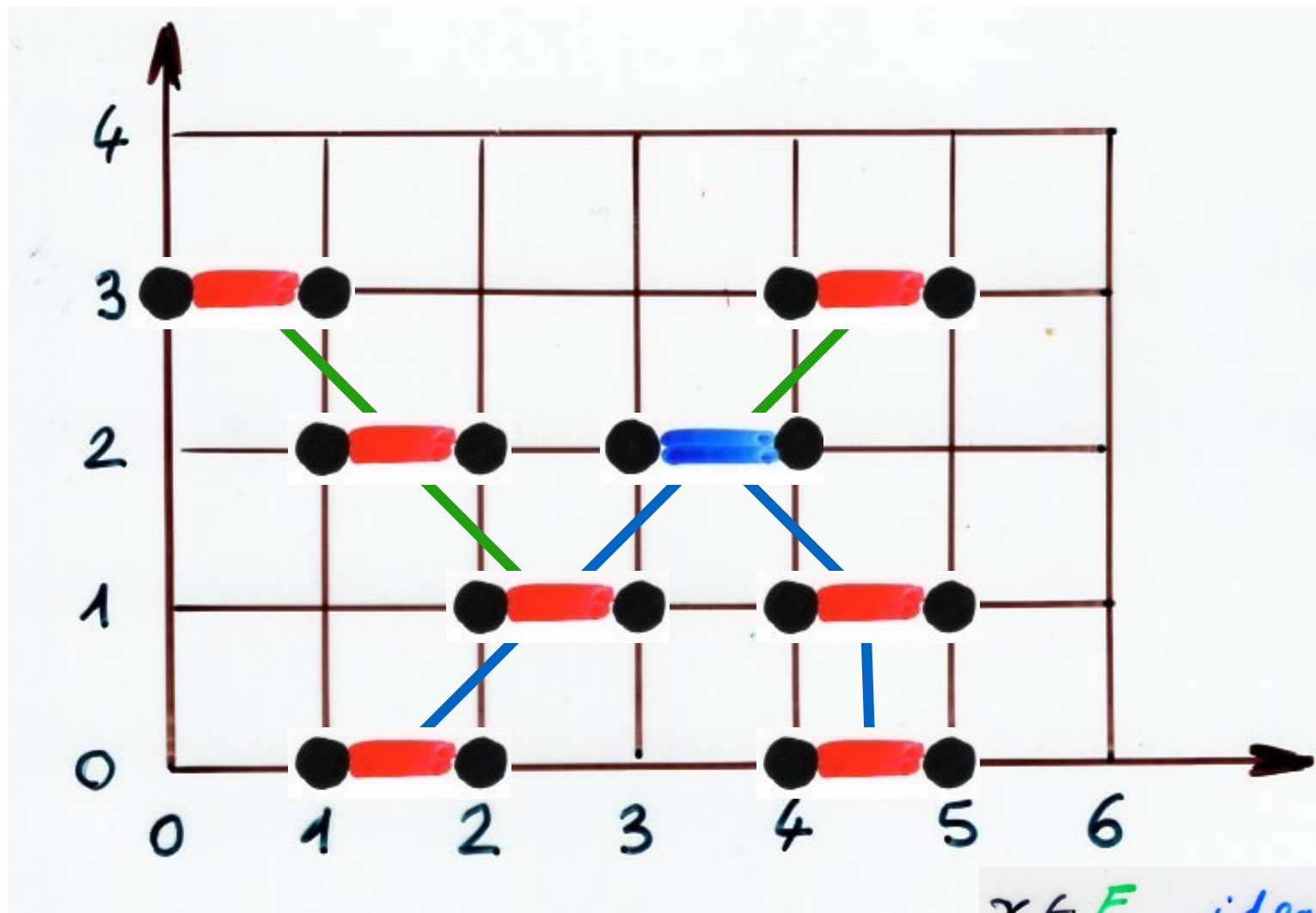
# The logarithmic Lemma

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





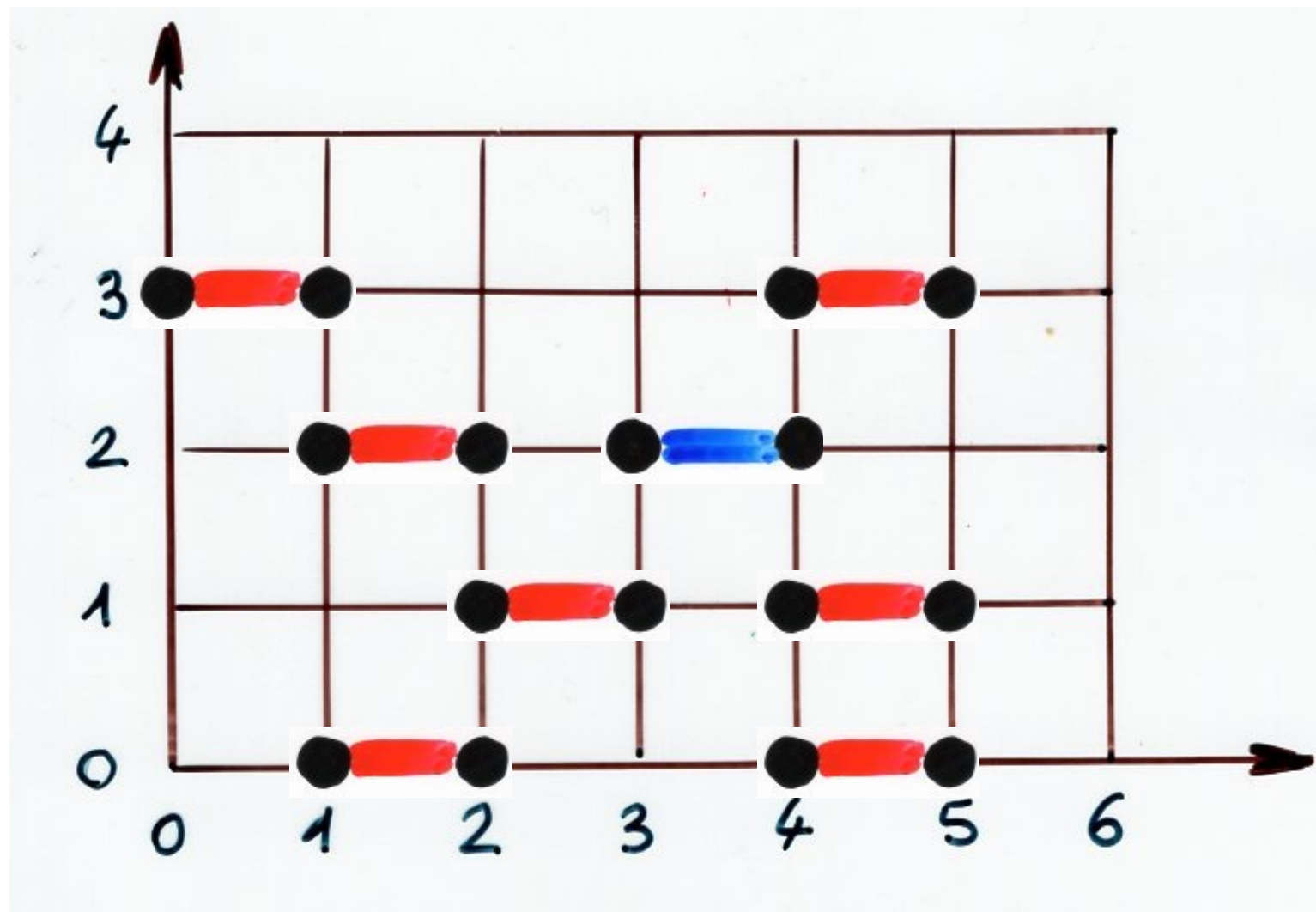
poset  $\leq$  underlying the heap  $E$

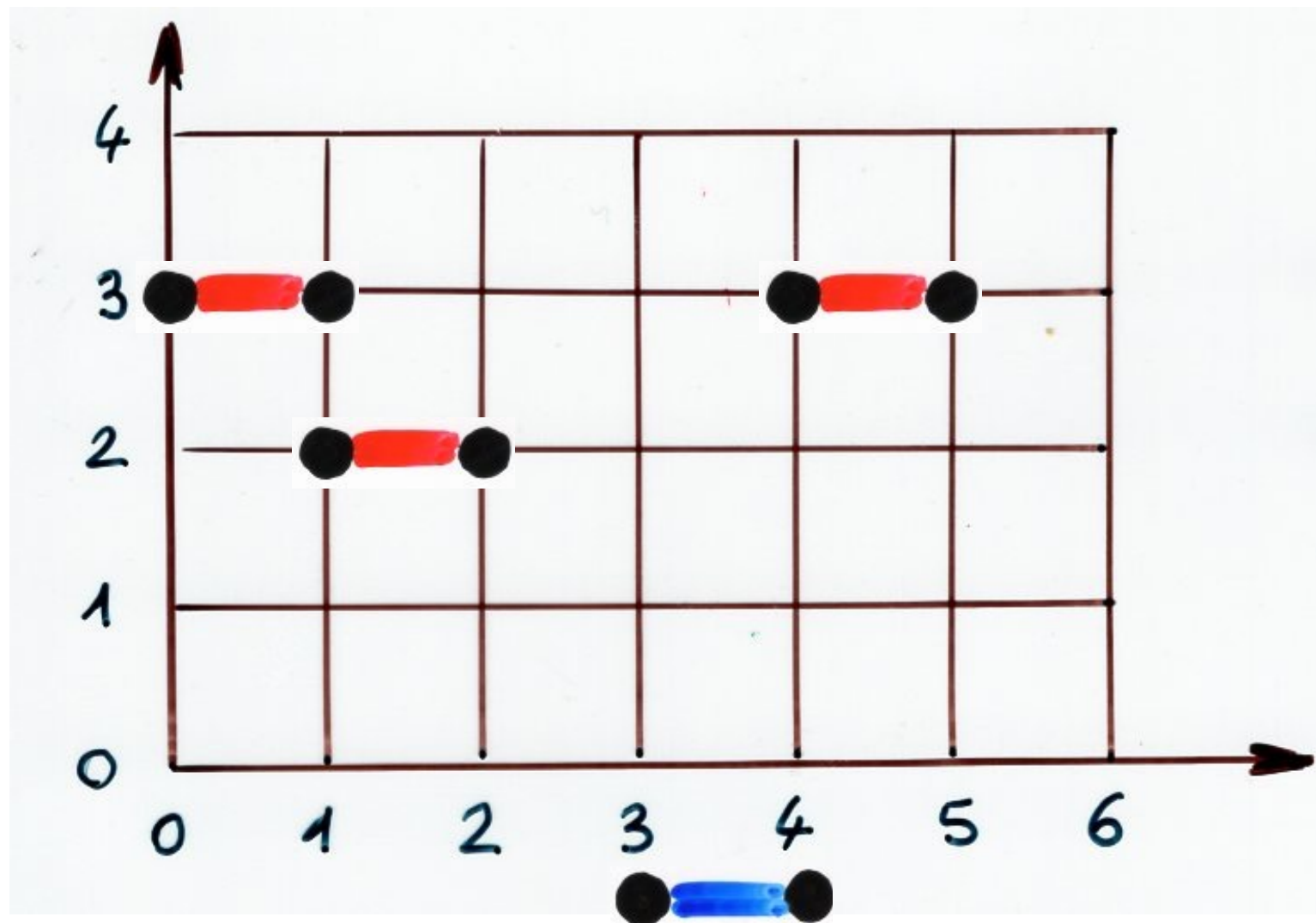


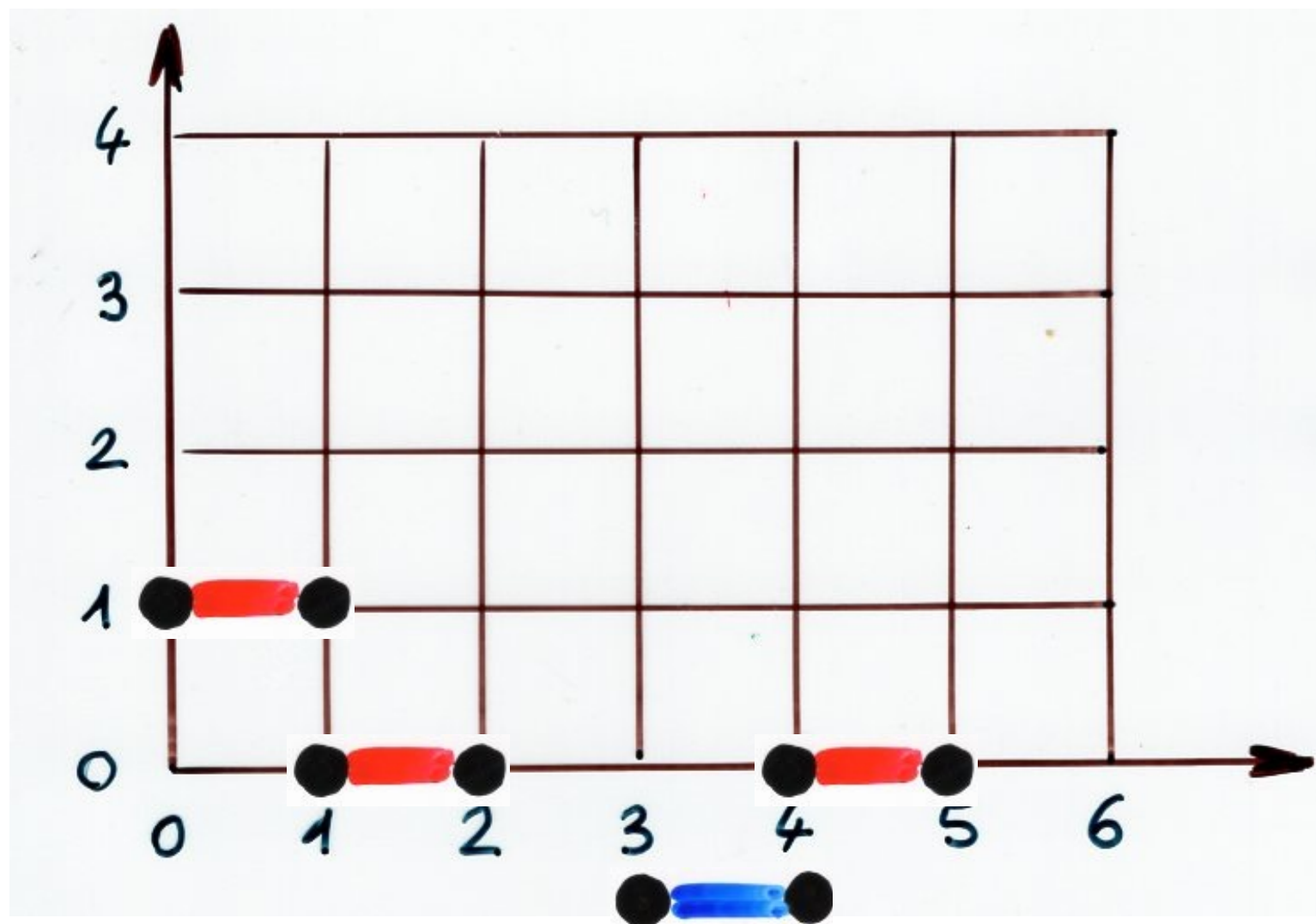
$x \in E$  ideal generated by  $x$

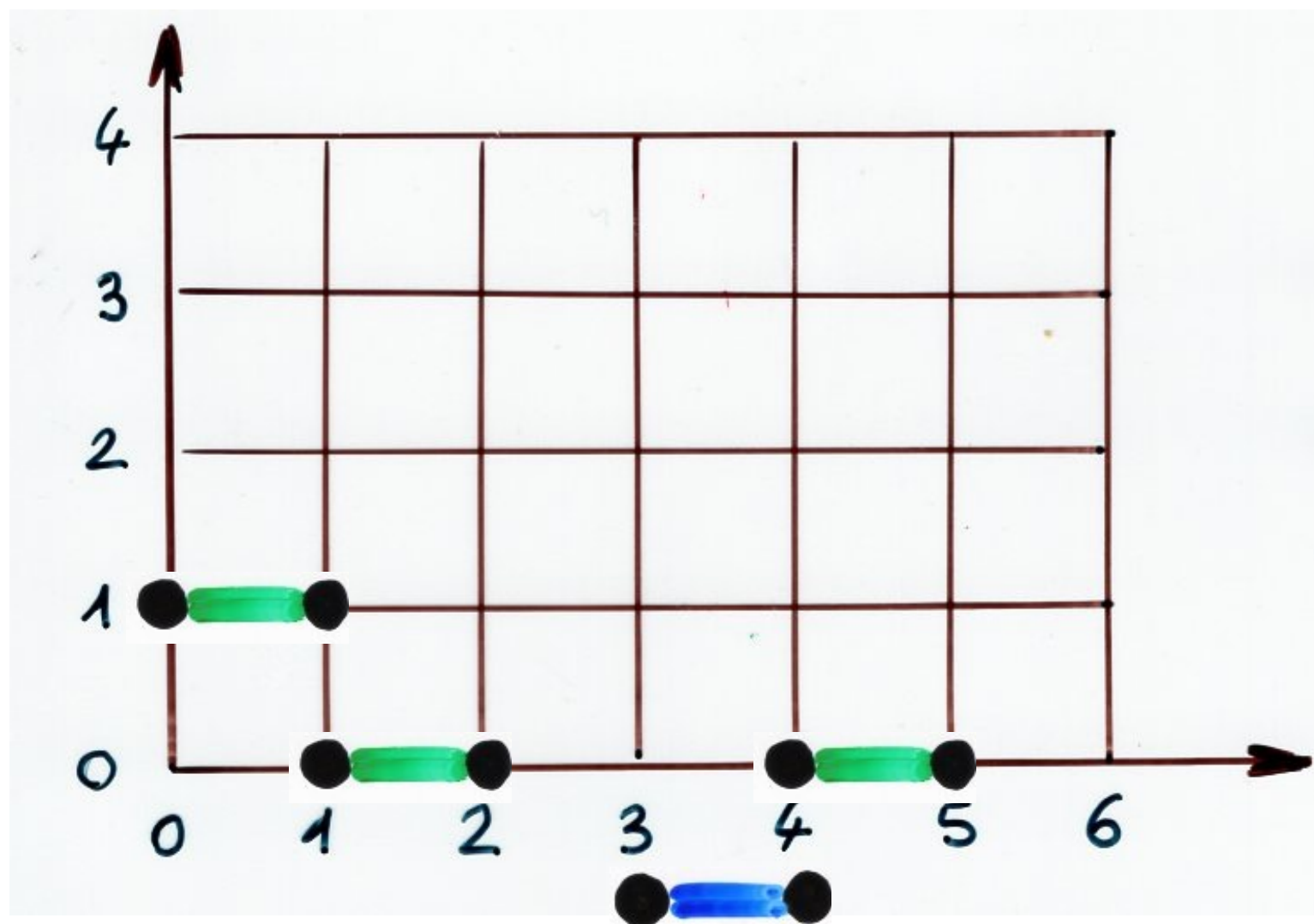
pyramid

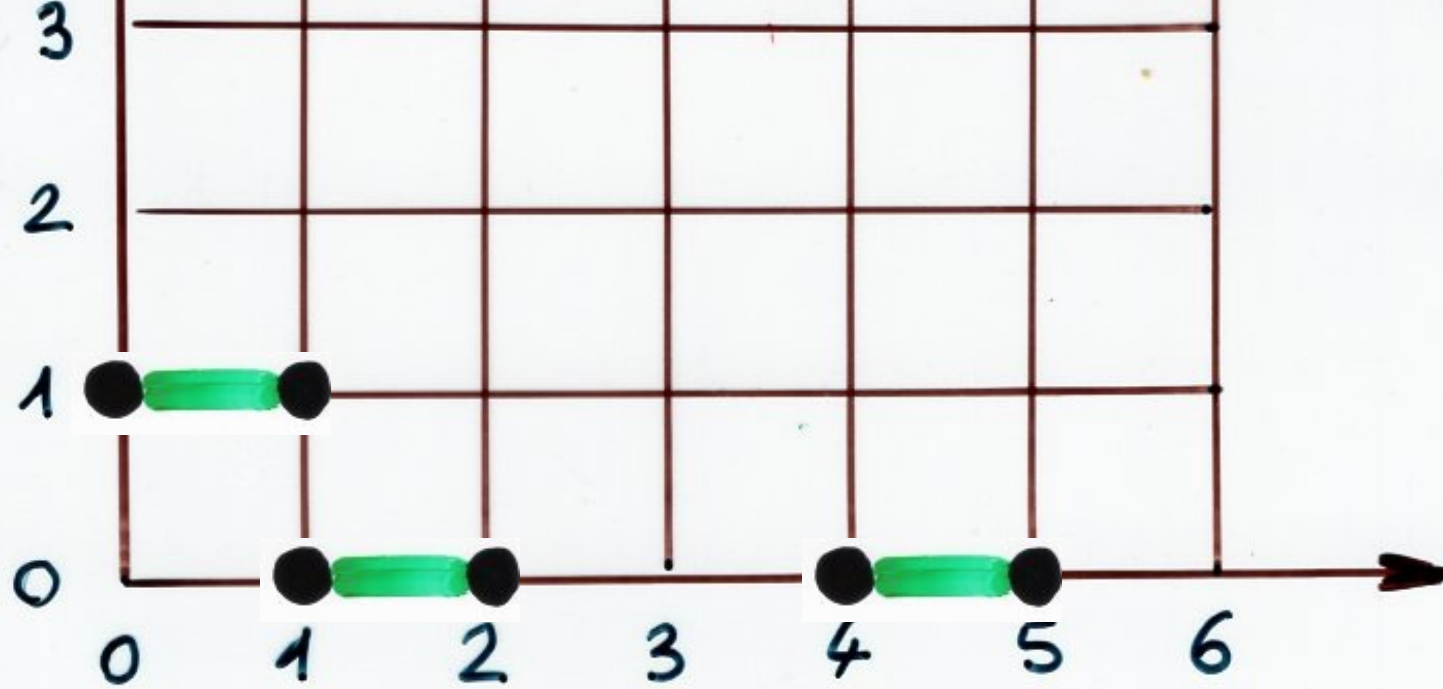
$$P_x = \{y \in E, y \leq x\}$$



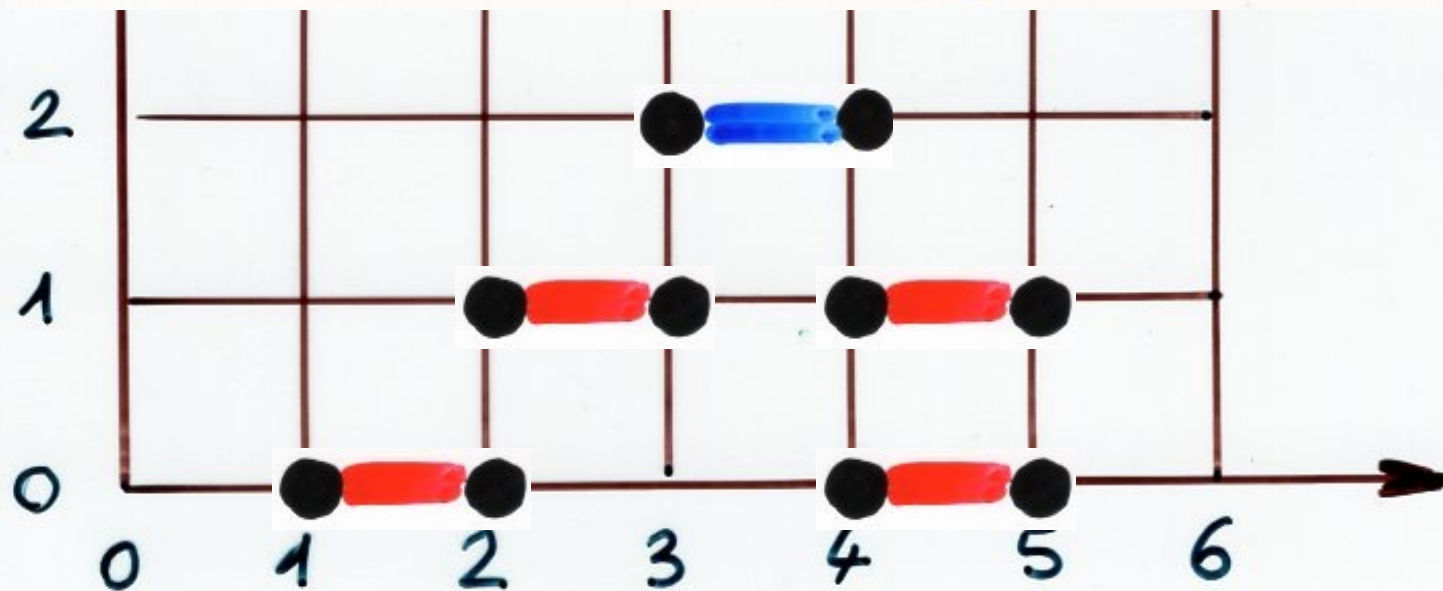








Pointed heap = Pyramid  $\times$  heap



$$ty' = zy$$

Pointed heap = Pyramid  $\times$  heap

$$z = \sum_{\substack{P \\ \text{pyramid}}} v(P)$$

$$\frac{t y'}{y} = z$$

$|E|$   
number  
of elements

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

$$= \sum_{\substack{P \\ \text{pyramid}}} v(P) t^{|P|}$$

The logarithmic  
Lemma



# The logarithmic Lemma

equivalent form

$$\log \left( \sum_{E \text{ heap}} v(E) t^{|E|} \right)$$

also :

$$- \log \left( \sum_{E \text{ trivial heap}} v(E) (-t)^{|E|} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{P \text{ pyramid}} v(P) \frac{t^{|P|}}{|P|}$$

Interpretation of

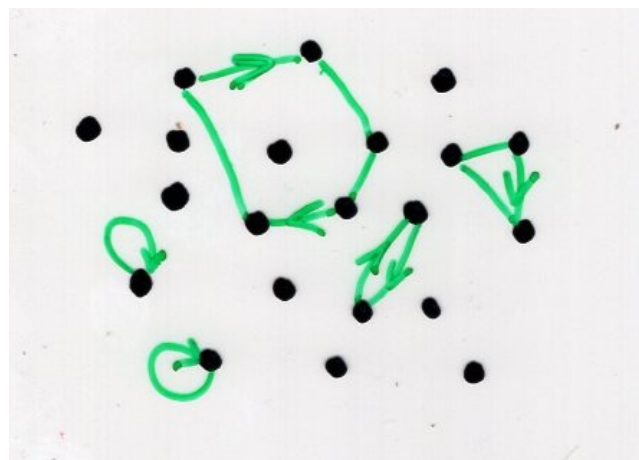
$$t \frac{d}{dt} \log \zeta_G(t)$$

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

$$A = (a_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq k}$$

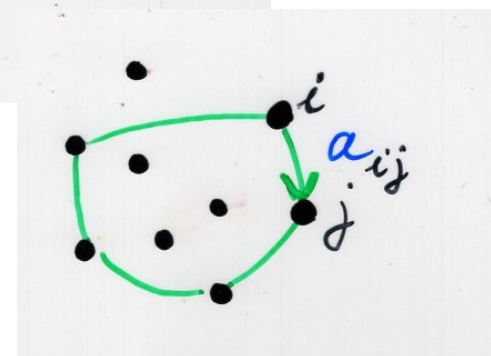
$$\det(I - A) =$$

$$\sum_{\substack{\sigma \in S_k \\ \text{permutation}}} (-1)^{\text{inv}(\sigma)} a_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{k\sigma(k)}$$



$$\sum_{\substack{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r \\ \text{2 by 2 disjoint cycles}}} (-1)^r v(\gamma_1) \cdots v(\gamma_r)$$

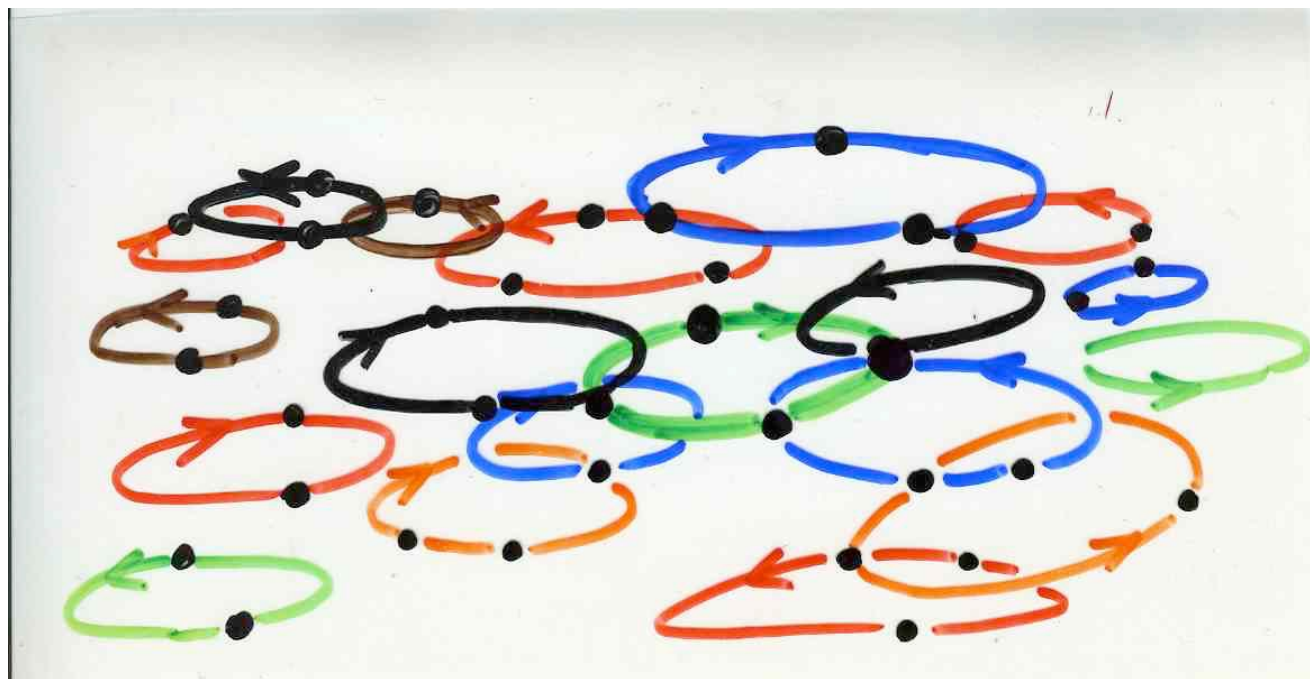
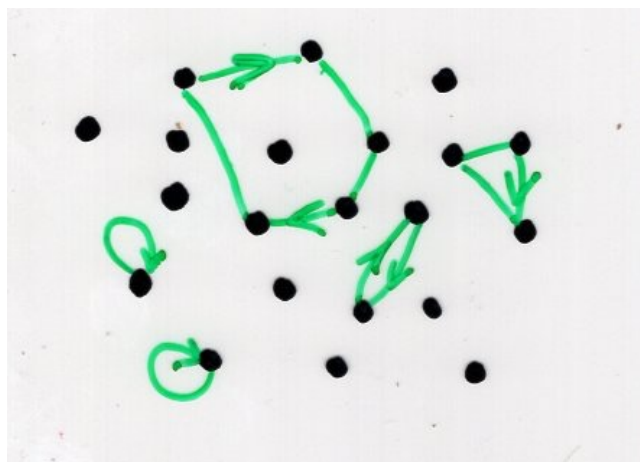
$$X = [1, k]$$



inversion  
lemma

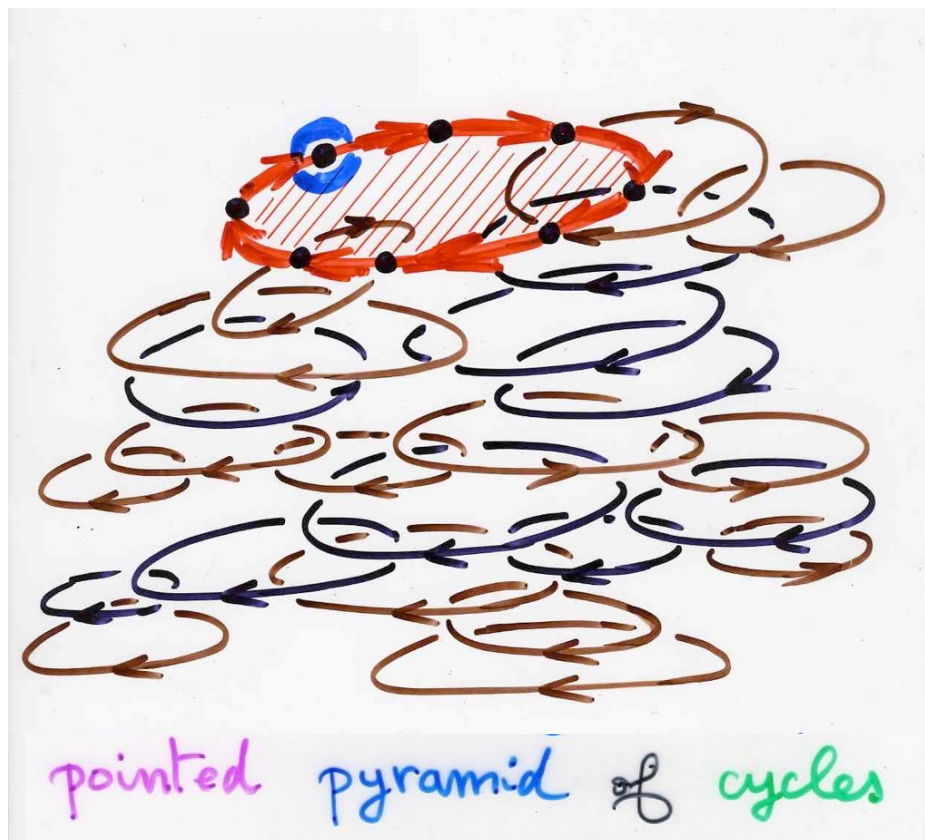
$$\frac{1}{\det(I-A)}$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{E \\ \text{heap} \\ \text{of} \\ \text{cycles} \\ \text{on } [1, k]}} v(E)$$



$$\log \frac{1}{\det(I-A)}$$

$$=$$



$$\sum_P v(P) \frac{e^{l(P)}}{l(P)}$$

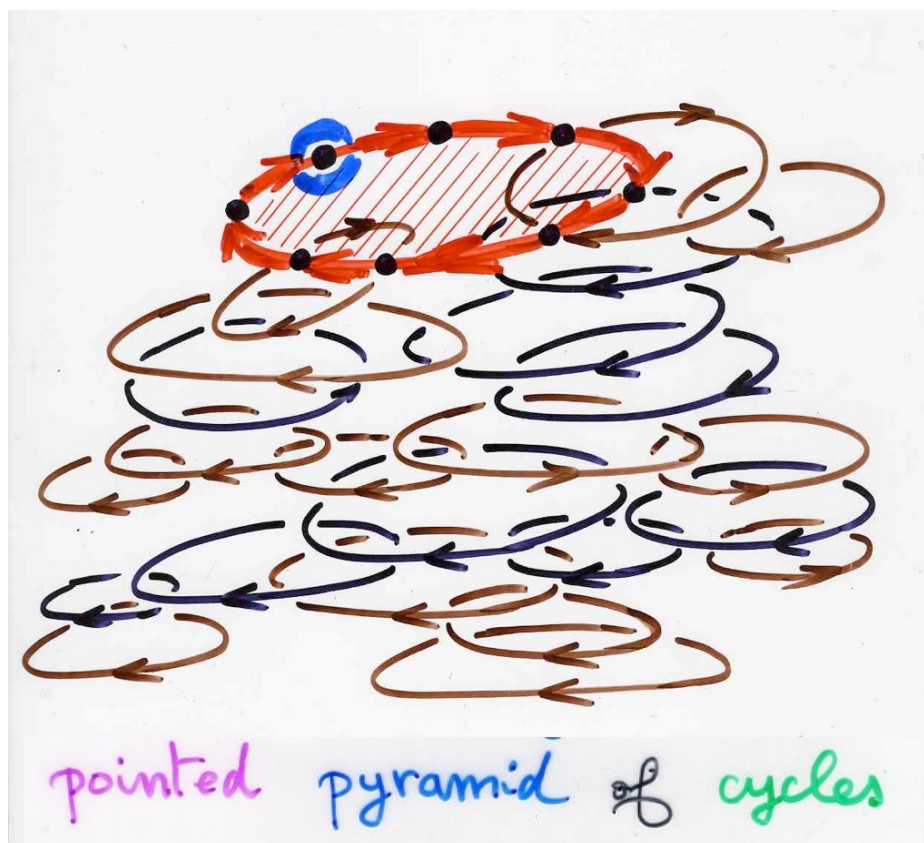
pointed  
pyramid  
of cycles  
(P, x)

$$x \in \gamma_{\max}$$

= the unique cycle maximal piece  
has a distinguished vertex  
(or edge)

$$t \frac{d}{dt} \log \frac{1}{\det(I-A)}$$

$$=$$



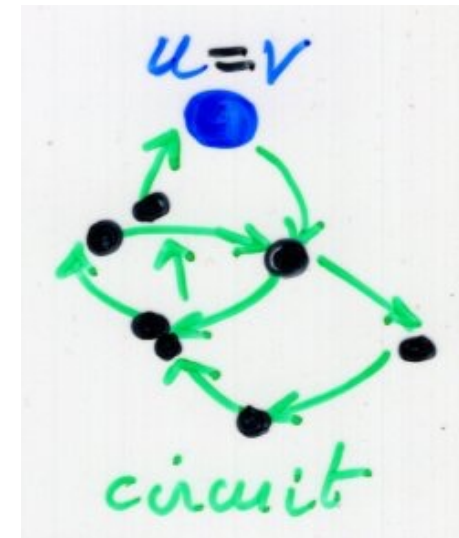
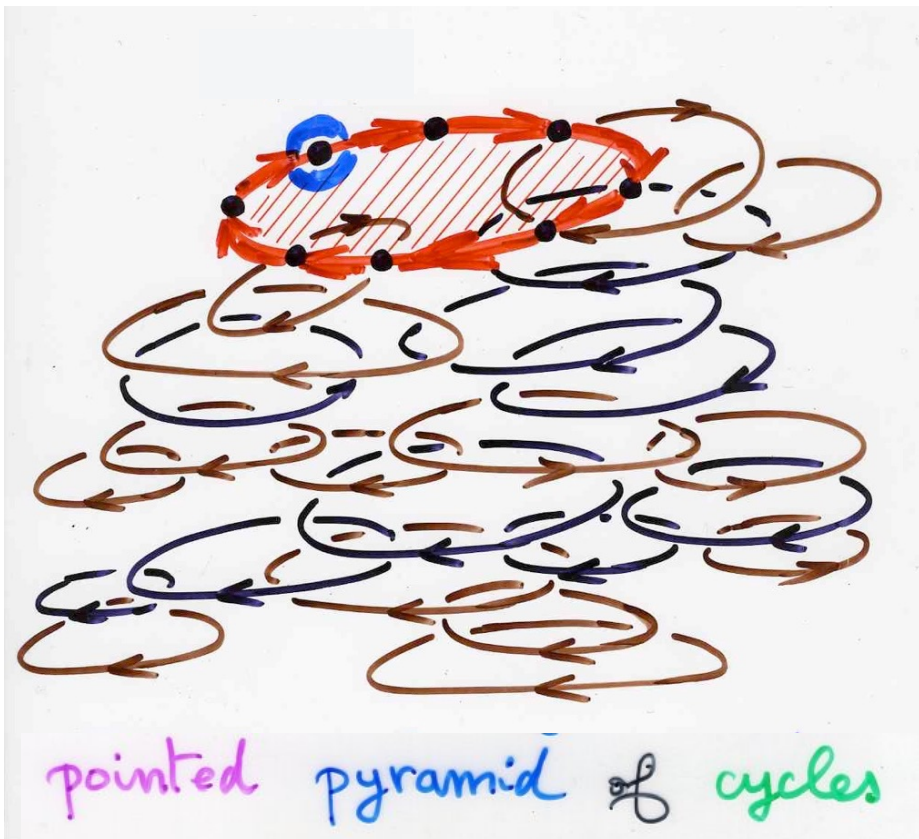
$$\sum_P v(P) e^{l(P)}$$

pointed  
pyramid  
of cycles  
(P, x)

$$x \in \gamma_{\max}$$

From the third lemma:

Circuit  
path  $w = (s_0, \dots, s_n)$  with  $s_n = s_0$



are in bijection with  
pointed pyramids of cycles

The third lemma:

Paths and heaps of *cycles*

# Bijection

$$u, v \in X$$

$$\text{path } \omega \text{ on } X \longleftrightarrow (\eta, E)$$

going from  $u$  to  $v$

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

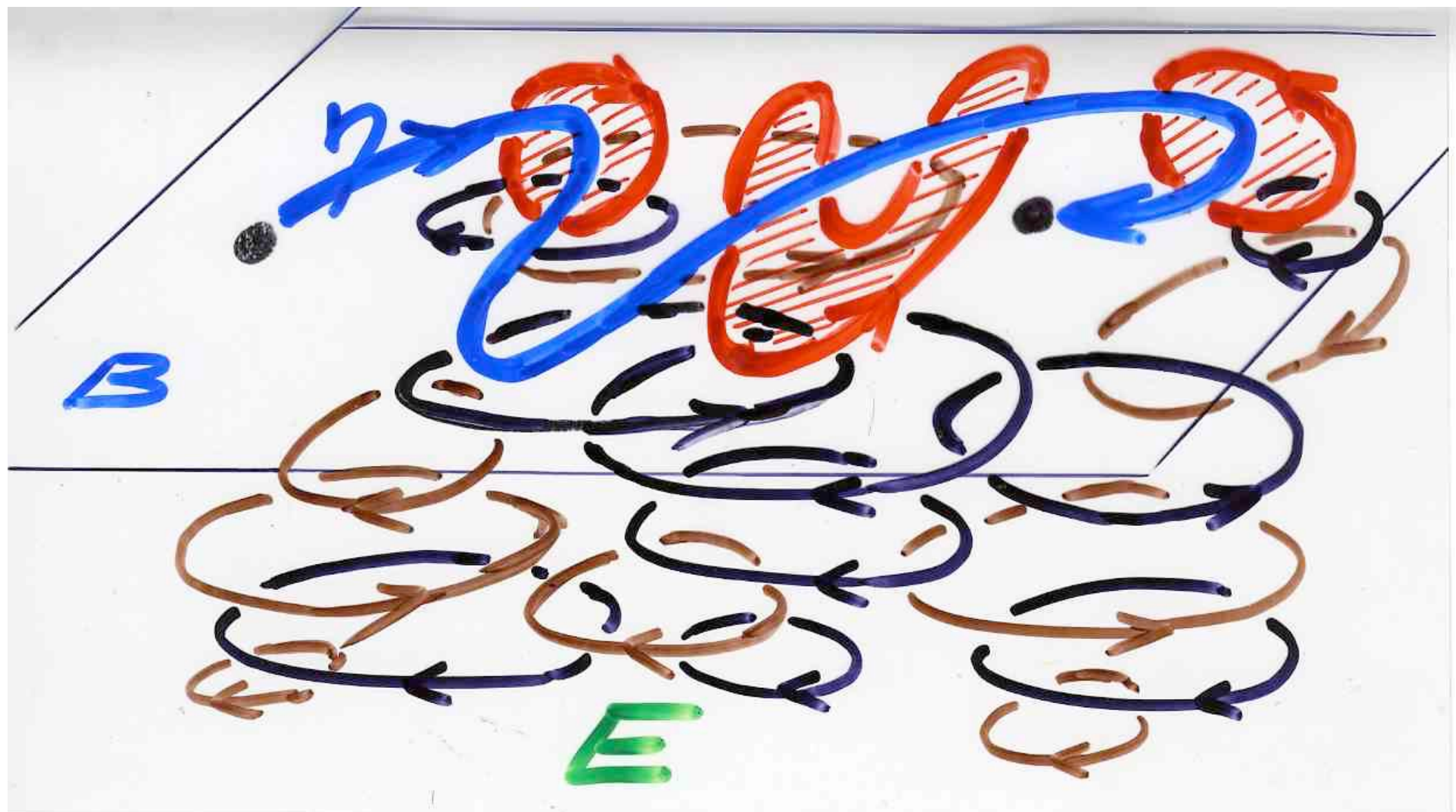
- $E$  heap of cycles such that the projections  $\alpha = \pi(m)$  of the maximal pieces intersect  $\eta$  ( $\alpha$  and  $\eta$  has a common vertex)  
cycle path

for any  $s, t \in X$

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

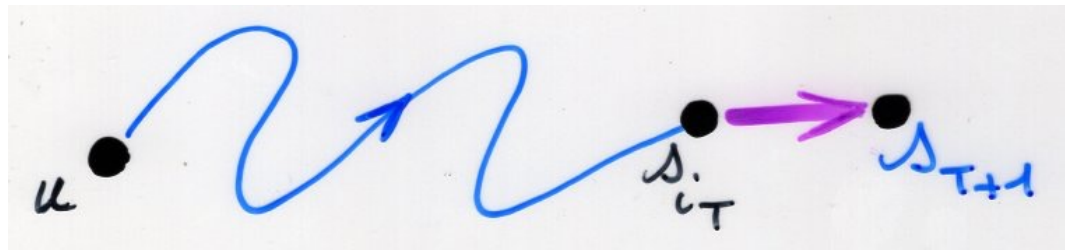
$$\Rightarrow v(\omega) = v(\eta)v(E)$$

The bijection  $\chi$



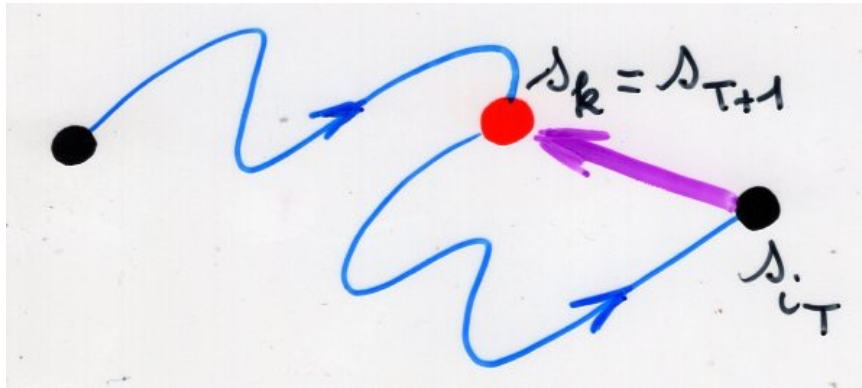
• suppose  $\begin{cases} \text{Cut}_T(\omega) = (s_0=u, \dots, s_{i_T}) \\ E_T(\omega) \text{ heap of cycles} \end{cases}$

(i) if  $s_{T+1} \notin \text{Cut}_T(\omega)$



$\begin{cases} \text{Cut}_{T+1}(\omega) = (s_0=u, \dots, s_{i_T}, s_{T+1}) \\ E_{T+1}(\omega) = E_T(\omega) \end{cases}$

(ii) if  $s_{T+1} \in \text{Cut}_T(\omega)$ ,  $s_{T+1} = s_k$



$$\begin{cases} \text{Cut}_{T+1}(\omega) = (s_0 = u, \dots, s_k) \\ E_{T+1}(\omega) = E_T(\omega) \odot \gamma \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma = (s_k, \dots, s_{i_T}, s_{T+1} = s_k)$$

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

$$\eta = \text{Cut}_n(\omega)$$

$$E = E_n(\omega)$$

loop-erased  
process  
LERW

Lawler, 1987

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

self-avoiding  
path  
 $u \rightsquigarrow v$

sequence of  
pointed cycles

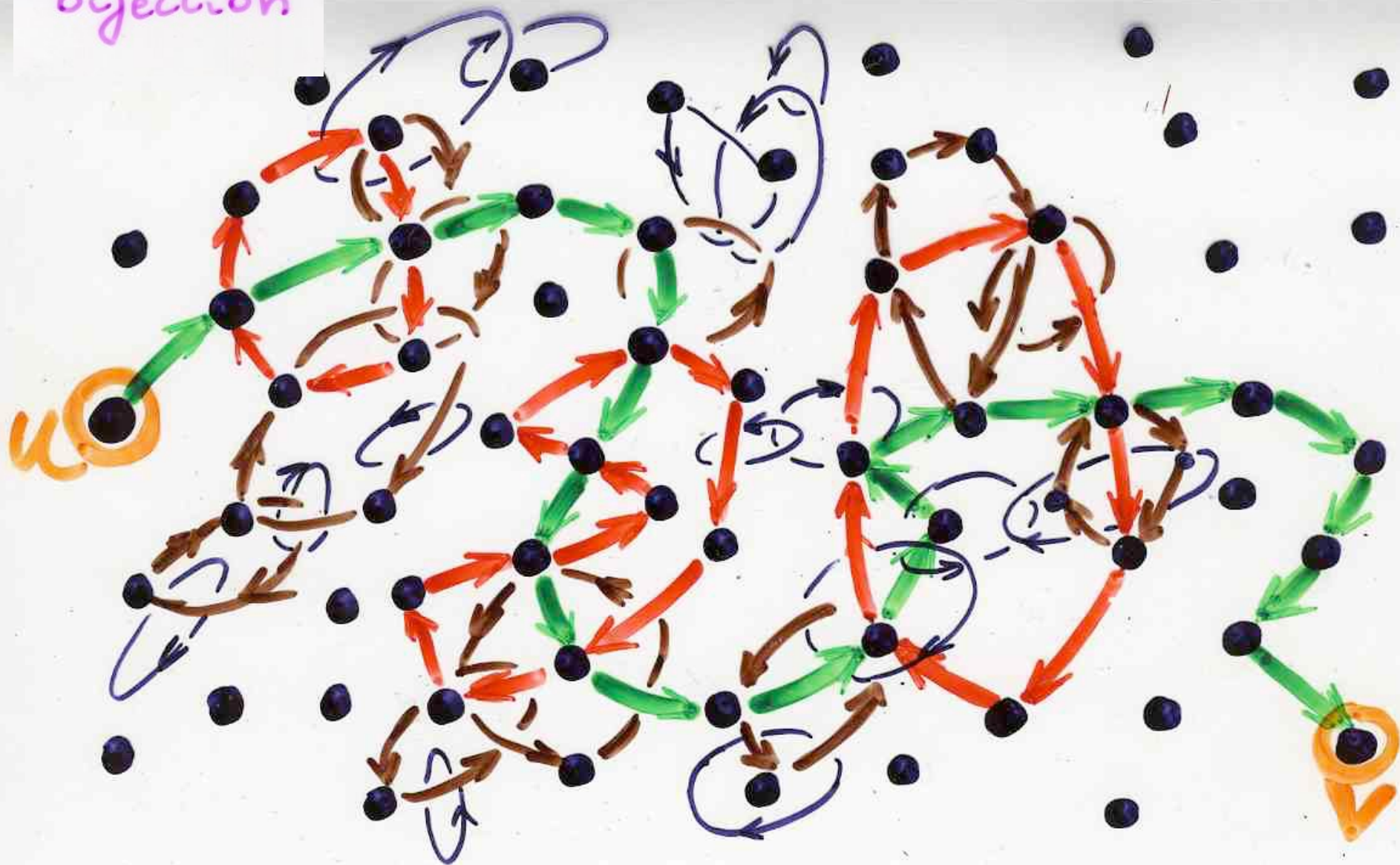
from the pair  $(\eta; (\dot{\gamma}_1, \dots, \dot{\gamma}_n))$   
we can reconstruct the path  $\omega$

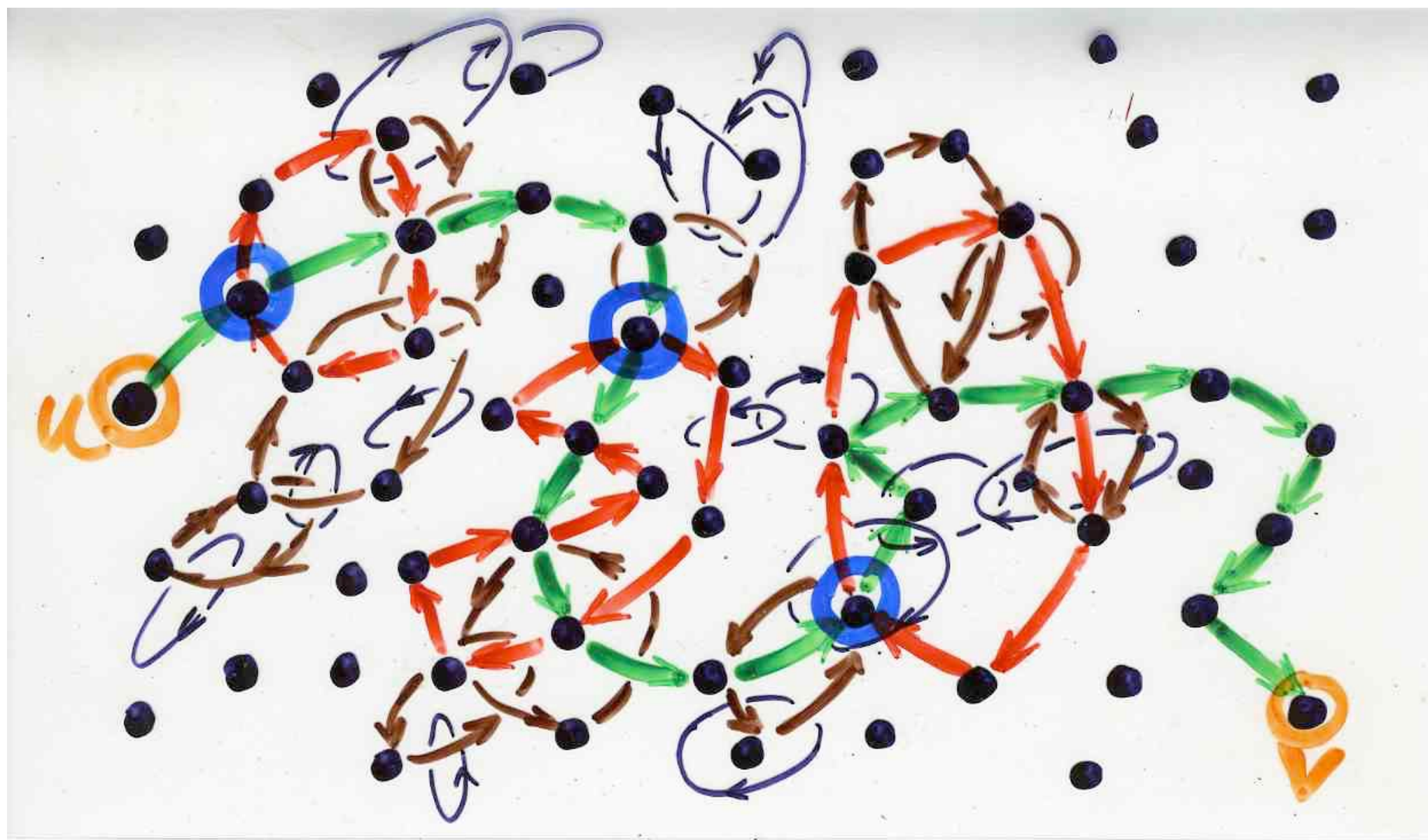
$$(\dot{\gamma}_1, \dots, \dot{\gamma}_n) \rightarrow E = \dot{\gamma}_1 \odot \dots \odot \dot{\gamma}_n$$

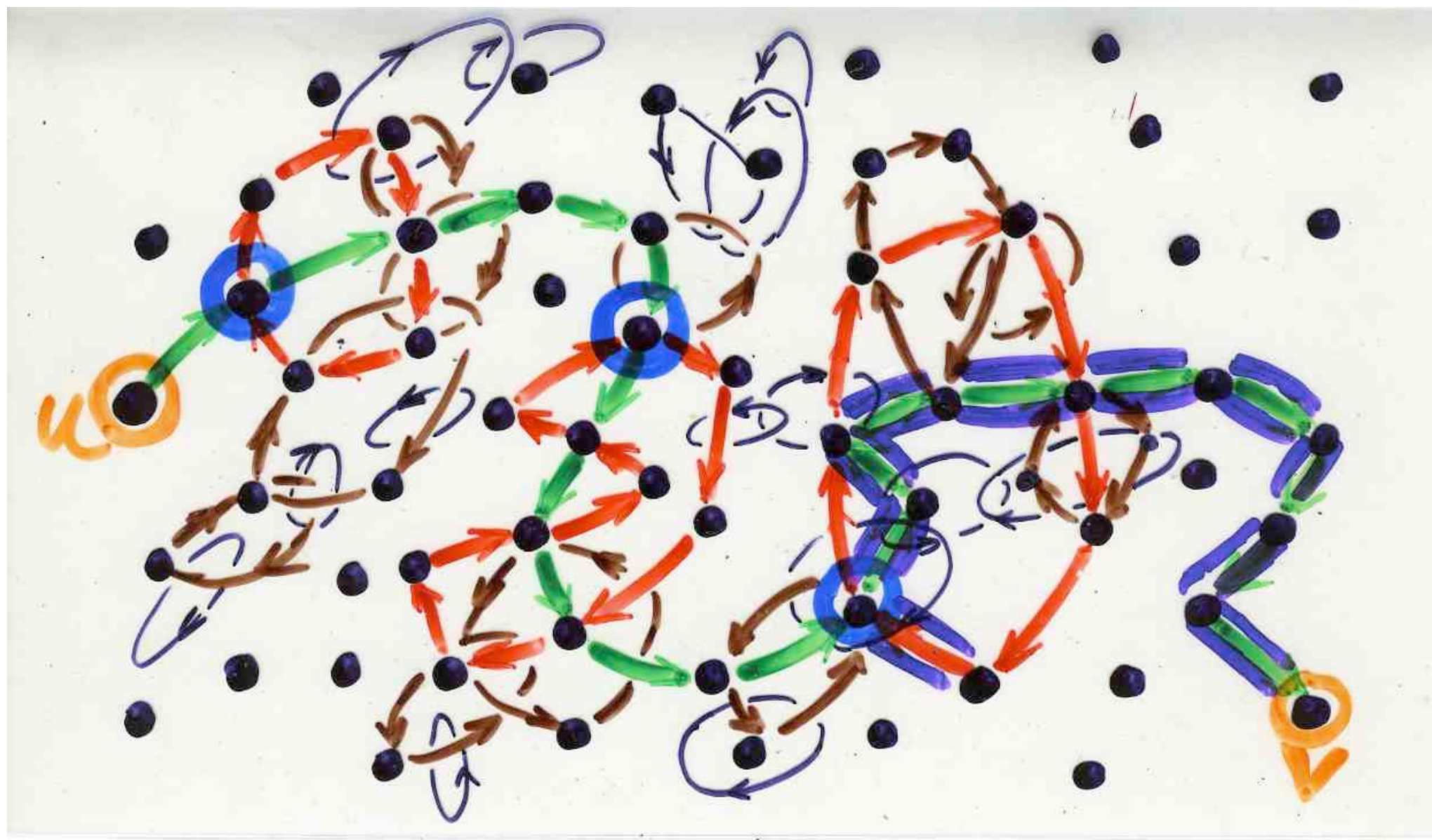
$$\omega \rightarrow (\eta, E)$$

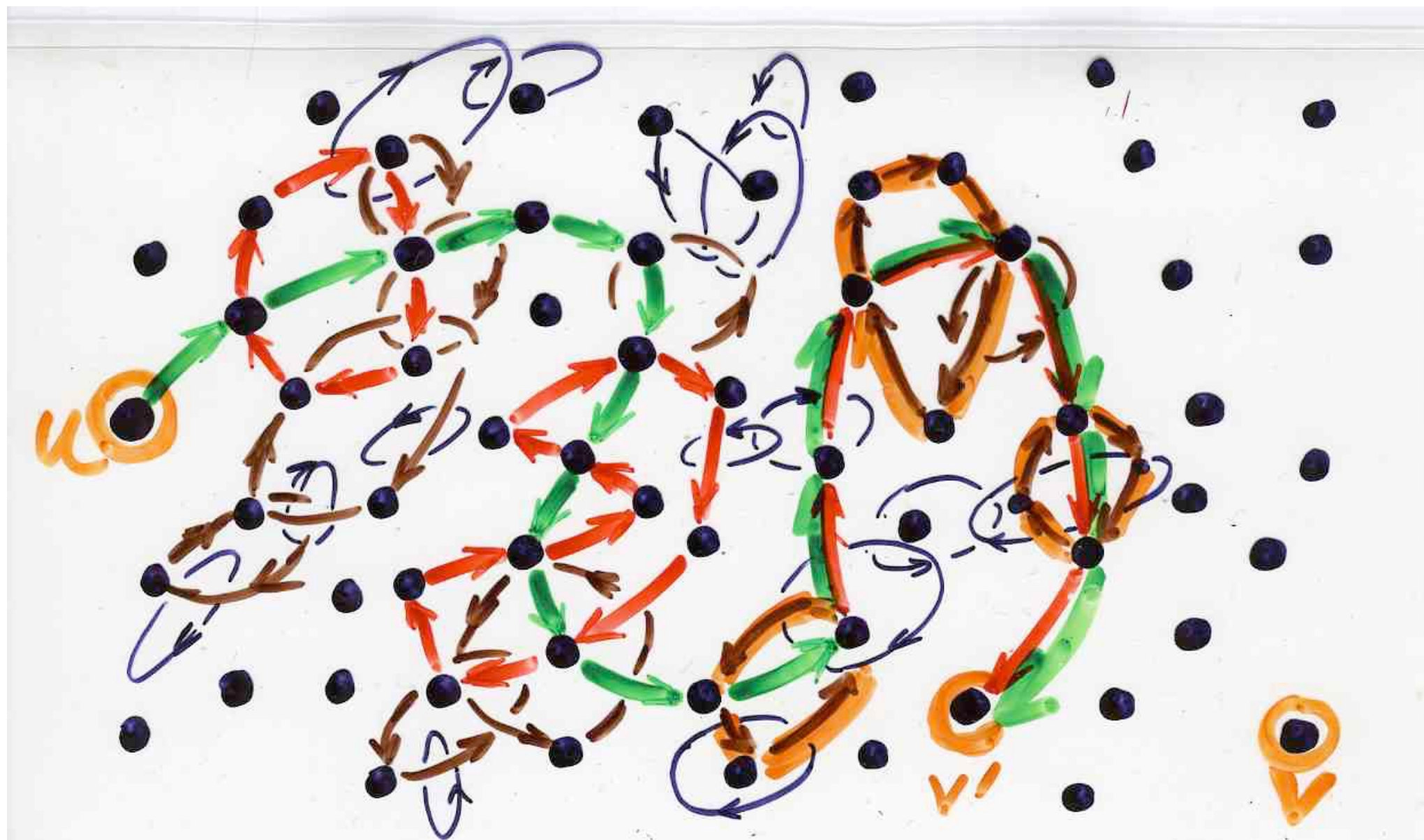
heaps of cycles on  $X$   
monoid

reverse  
bijection





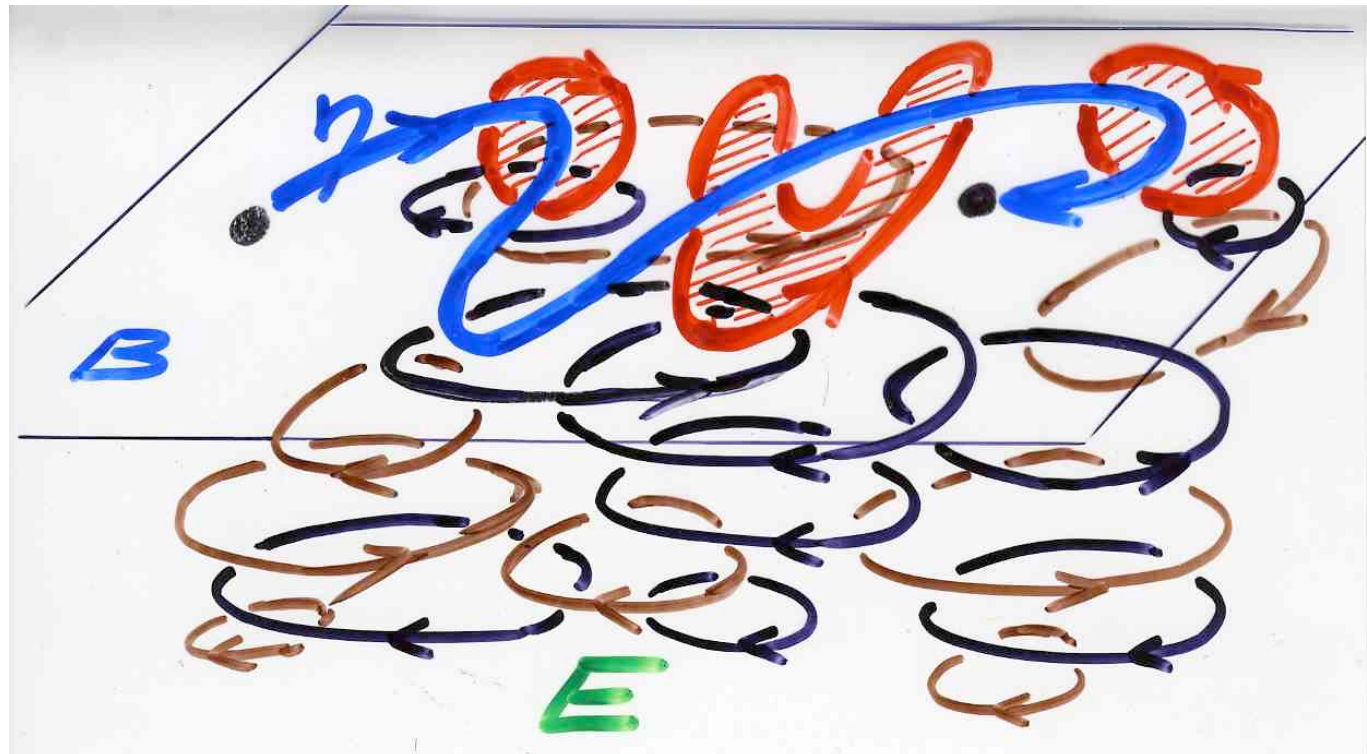




The bijection ~~X~~

for circuits  
 $u=v$

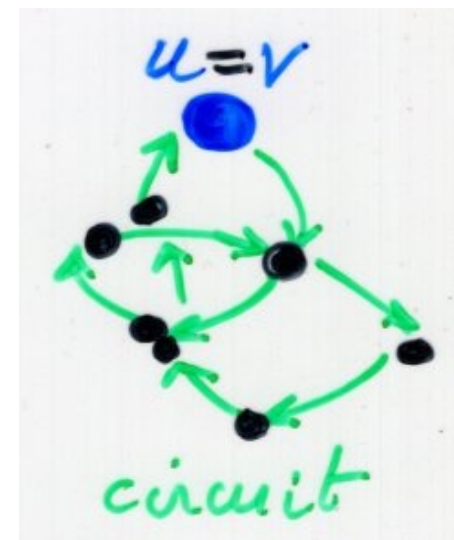
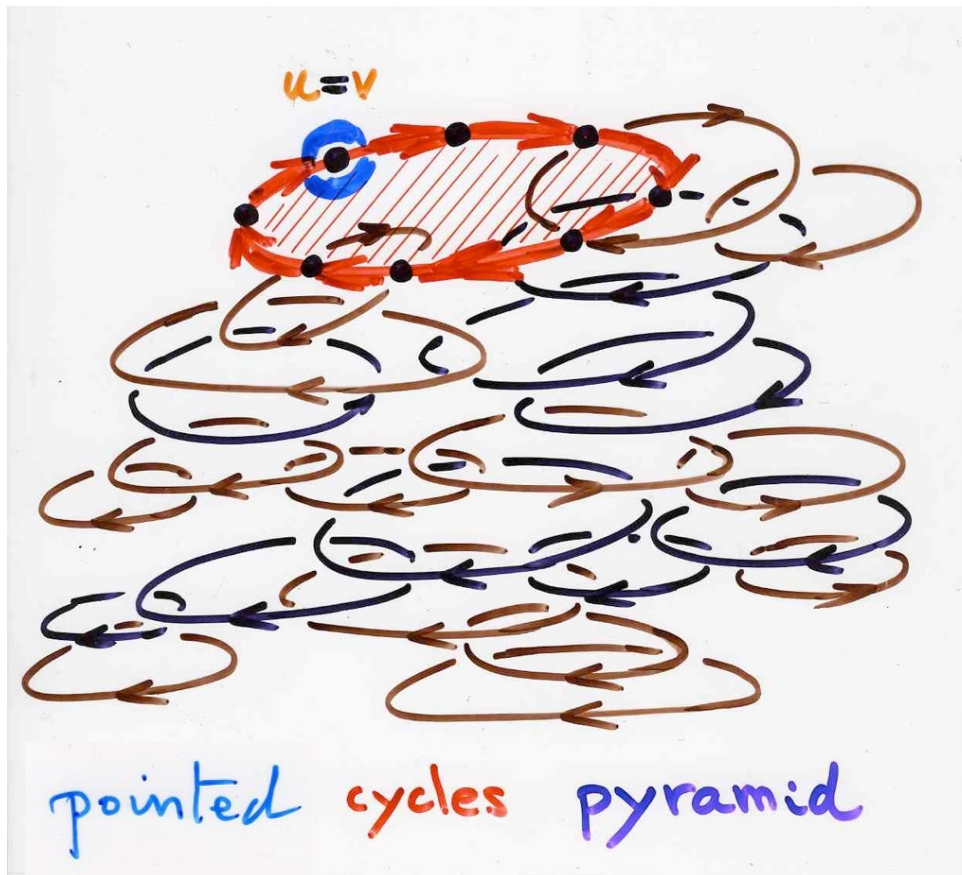
$\eta$  is reduced to the  
vertex  $u=v$



The bijection ~~X~~

for circuits  
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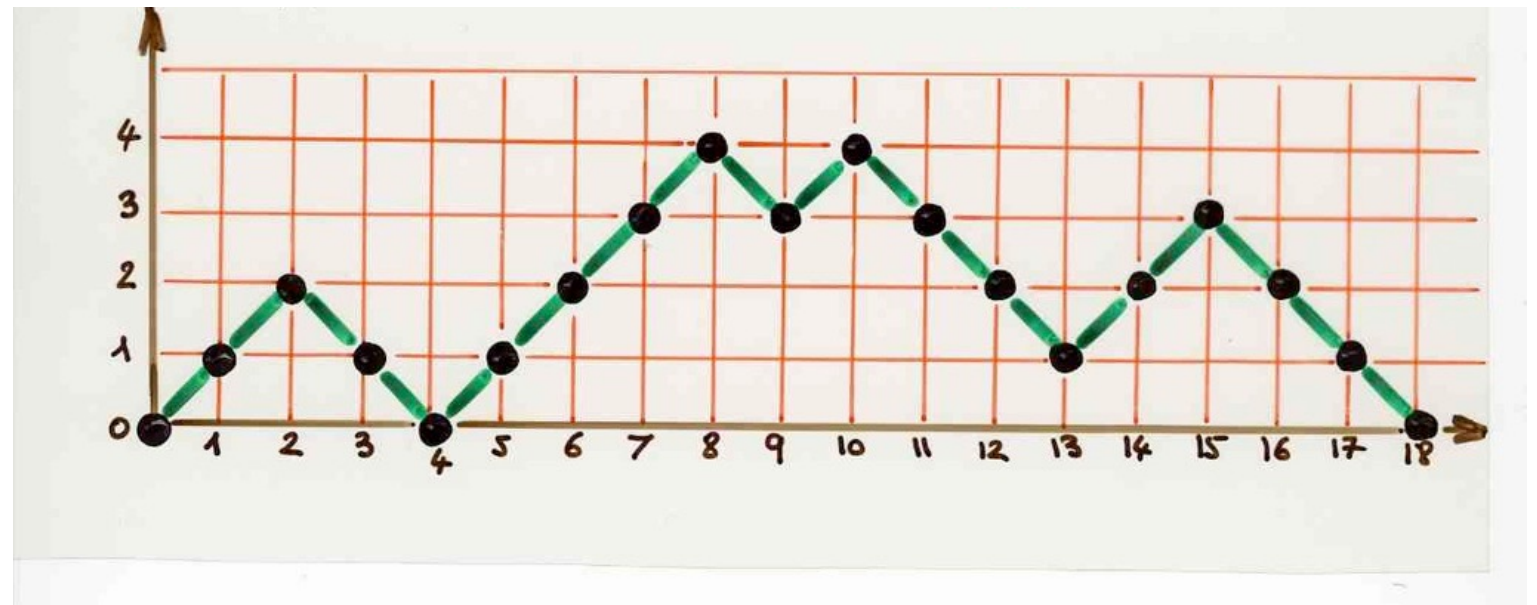
Corollary are in pointed circuits on ~~X~~ with  
bijection pyramids of cycles



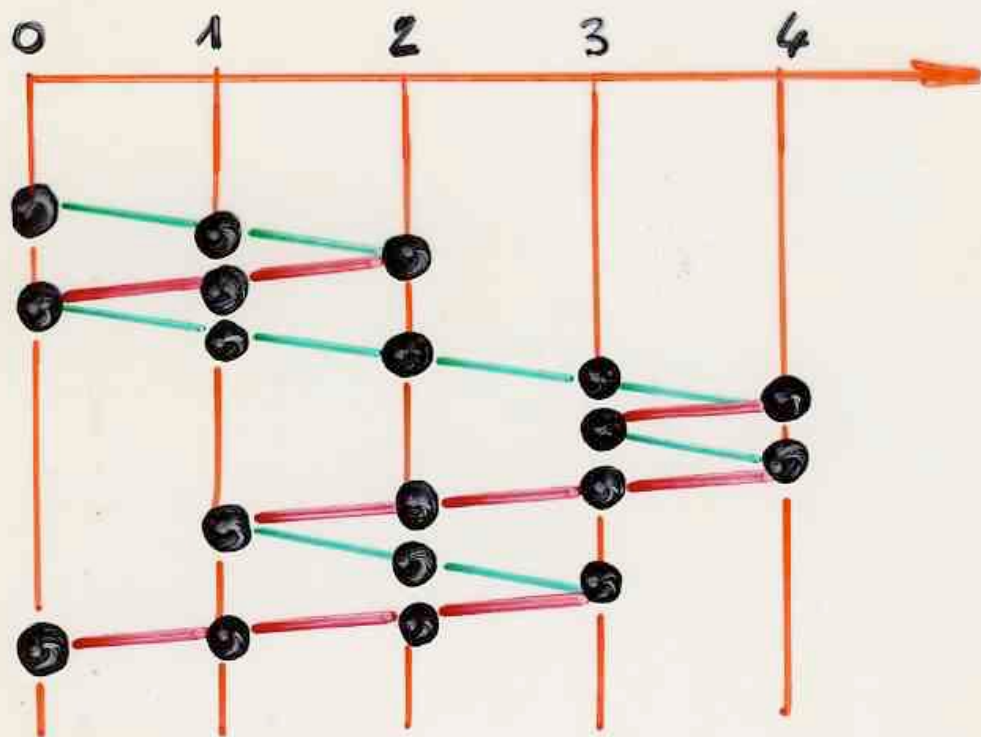
an example with Dyck paths

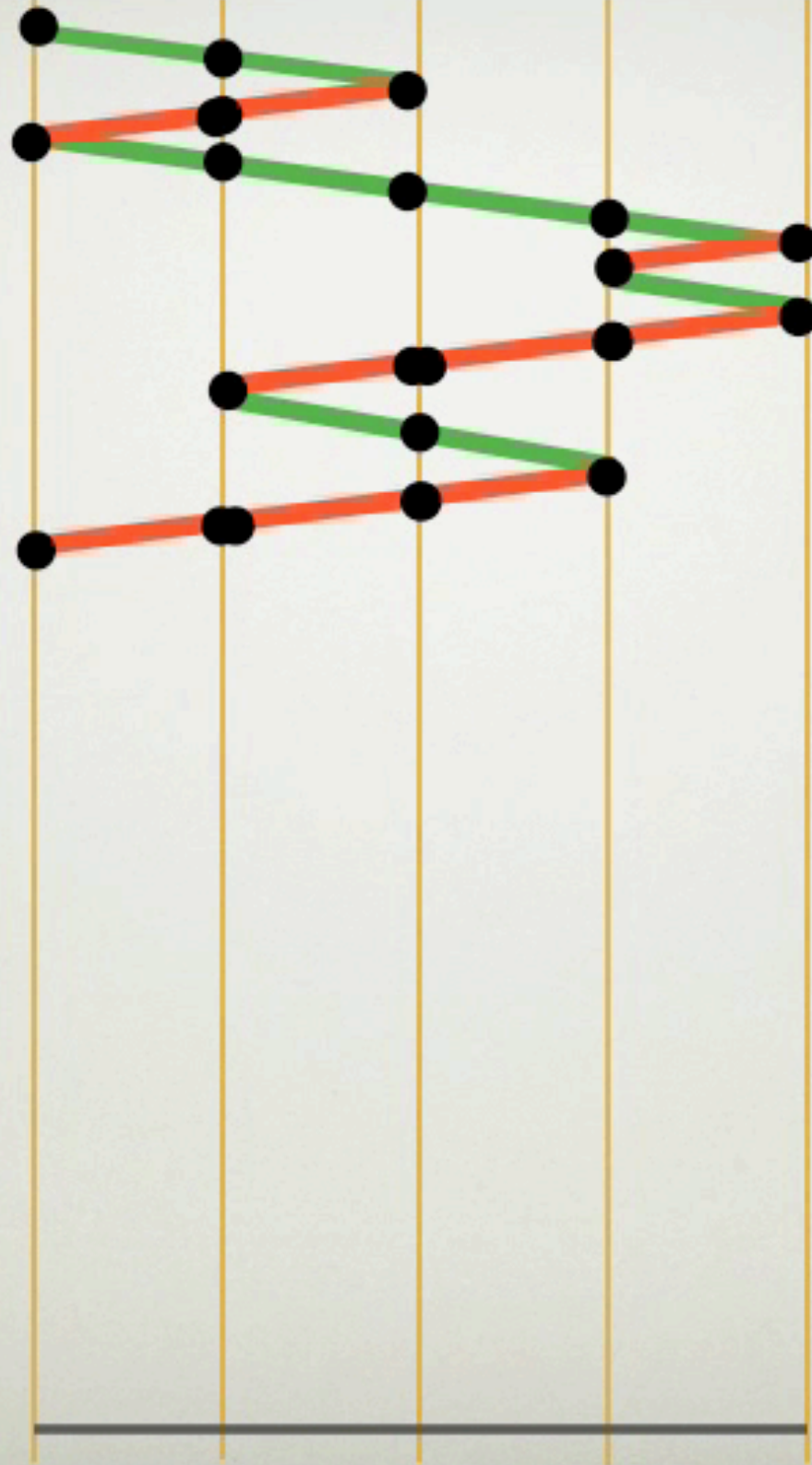


# Dyck path

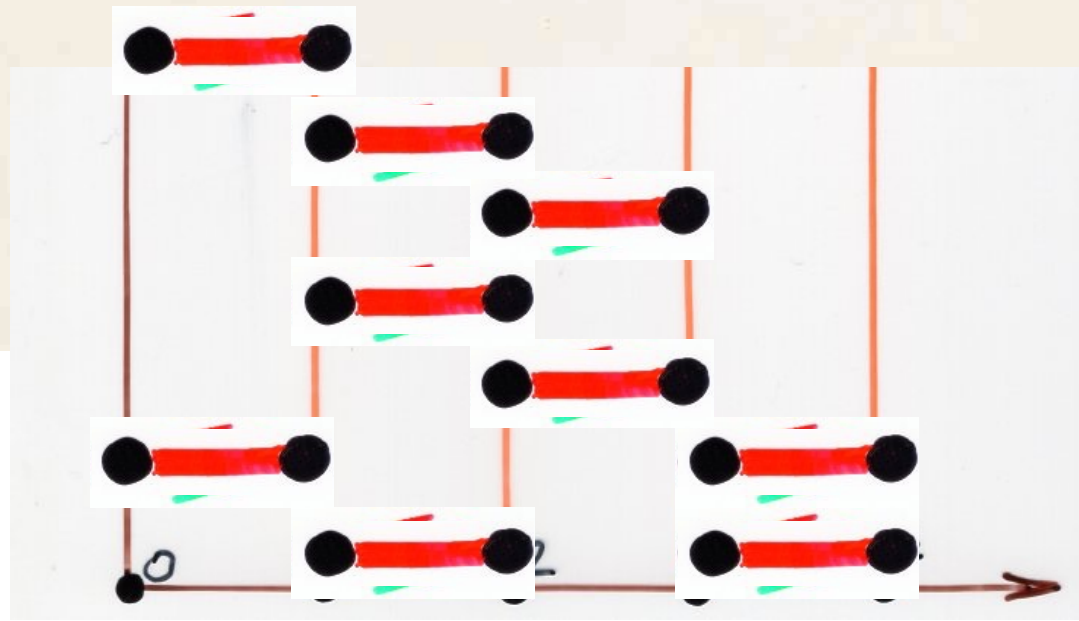
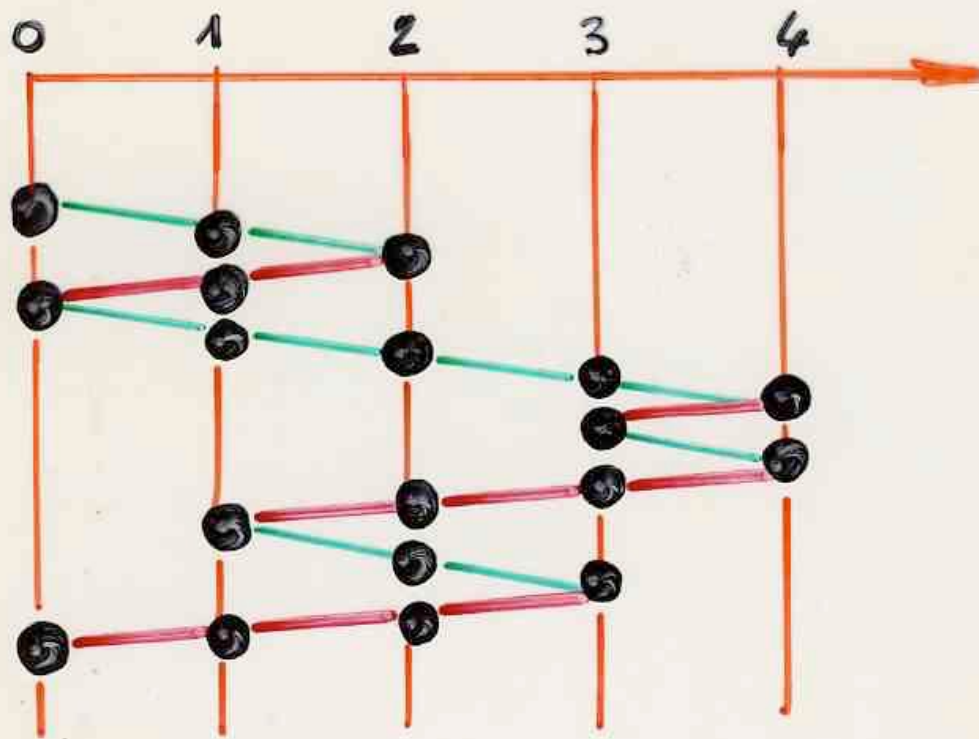


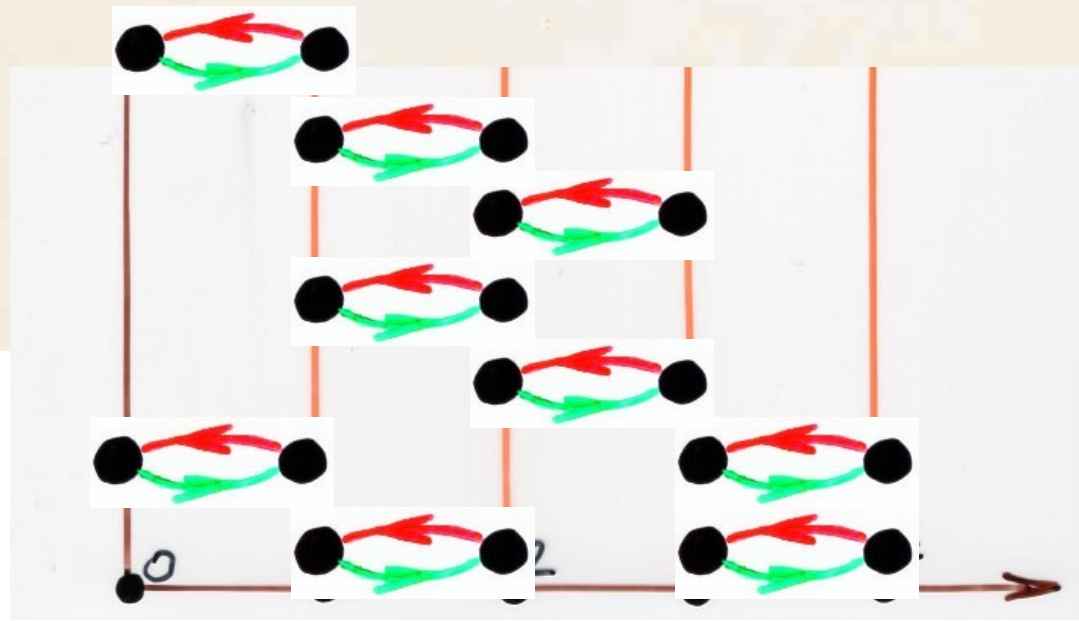
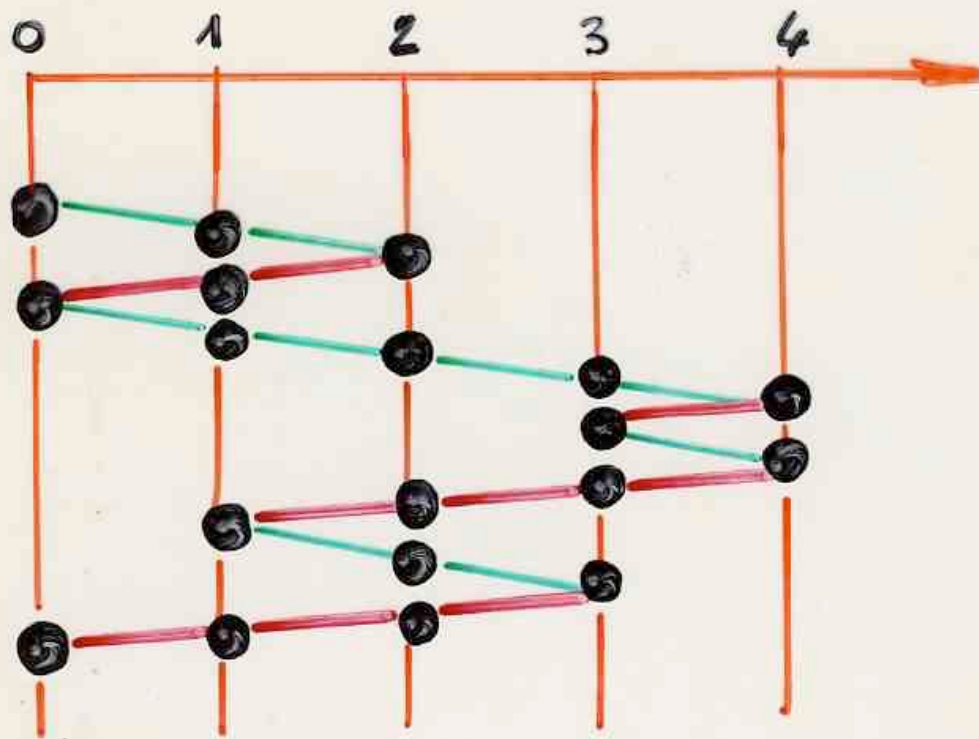
$$C_n = \frac{1}{(2n+1)} \binom{2n+1}{n}$$





violin:  
G. Duchamp



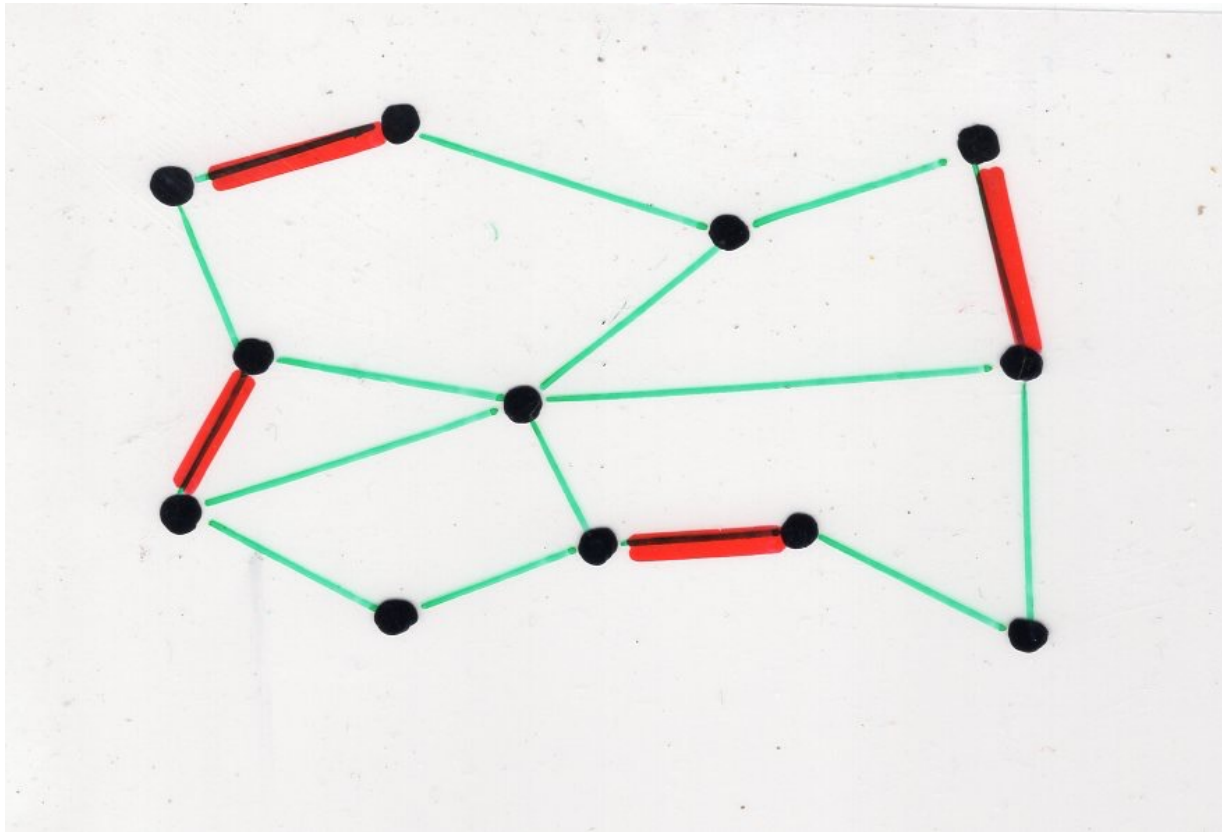


paths on a tree

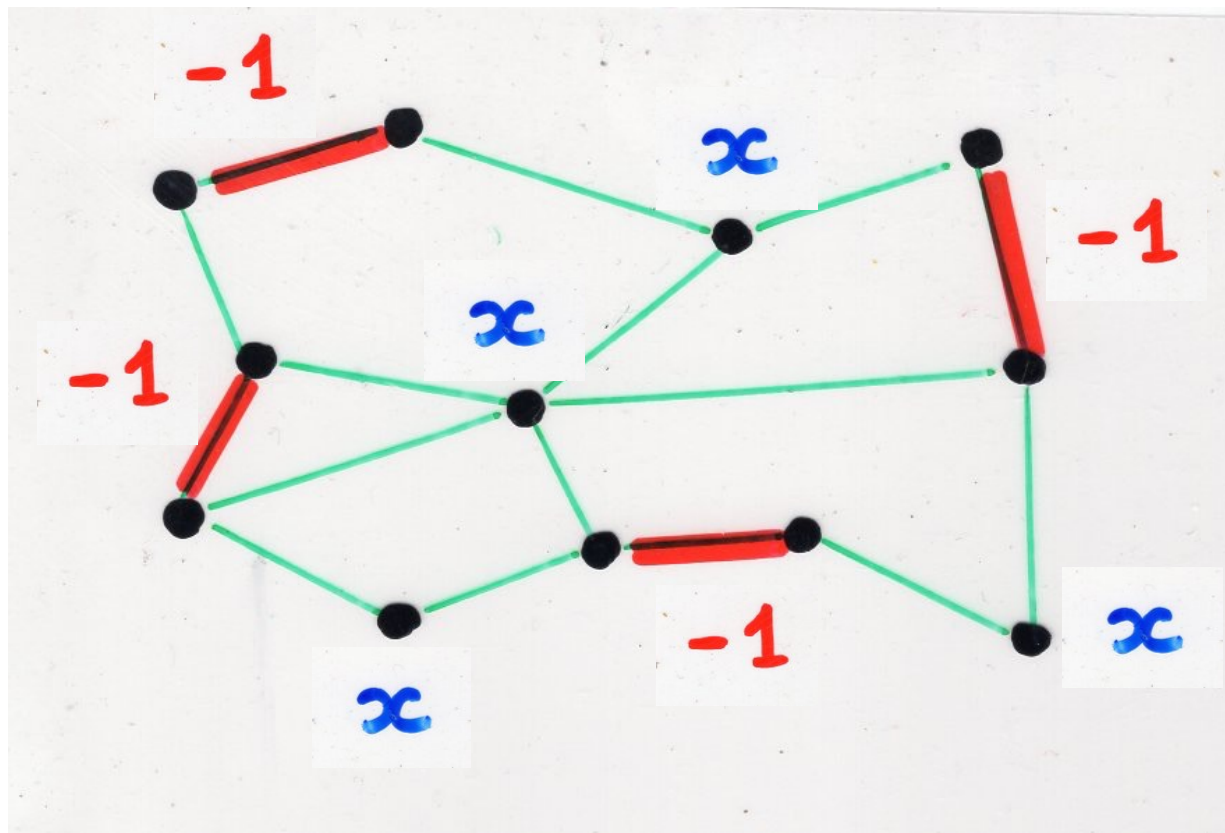
Godsil (1981)

tree-like paths

$G$  graph,  $\chi$   
 $\omega$  path on  $G$  with  $\omega \rightarrow (\eta, E)$ .  
 $\omega$  is tree-like iff the heap  $E$   
contains only cycles of length 2.



matching  
of a graph  $G$  = set of  $\leq$  by 2  
disjoint edges



matching  
polynomial  
of a graph  $G$

Proposition The zeros of the characteristic  
polynomial of a graph  $G$  are  
real numbers

$$\chi(x) = \det(Ix - A)$$

Linear algebra  
revisited with heaps of pieces

combinatorial  
(bijective) proofs  
of classical theorem  
in linear algebra

with the 3 basic lemma:

- Inversion lemma
- Logarithmic lemma
- circuit = heap of cycles

- MacMahon "master theorem"  
Cartier-Foata (1969)
- Matrix inversion  
Foata (1979)
- Jacobi identity  
(log det)  
Jackson (1977)  
Foata (1980)

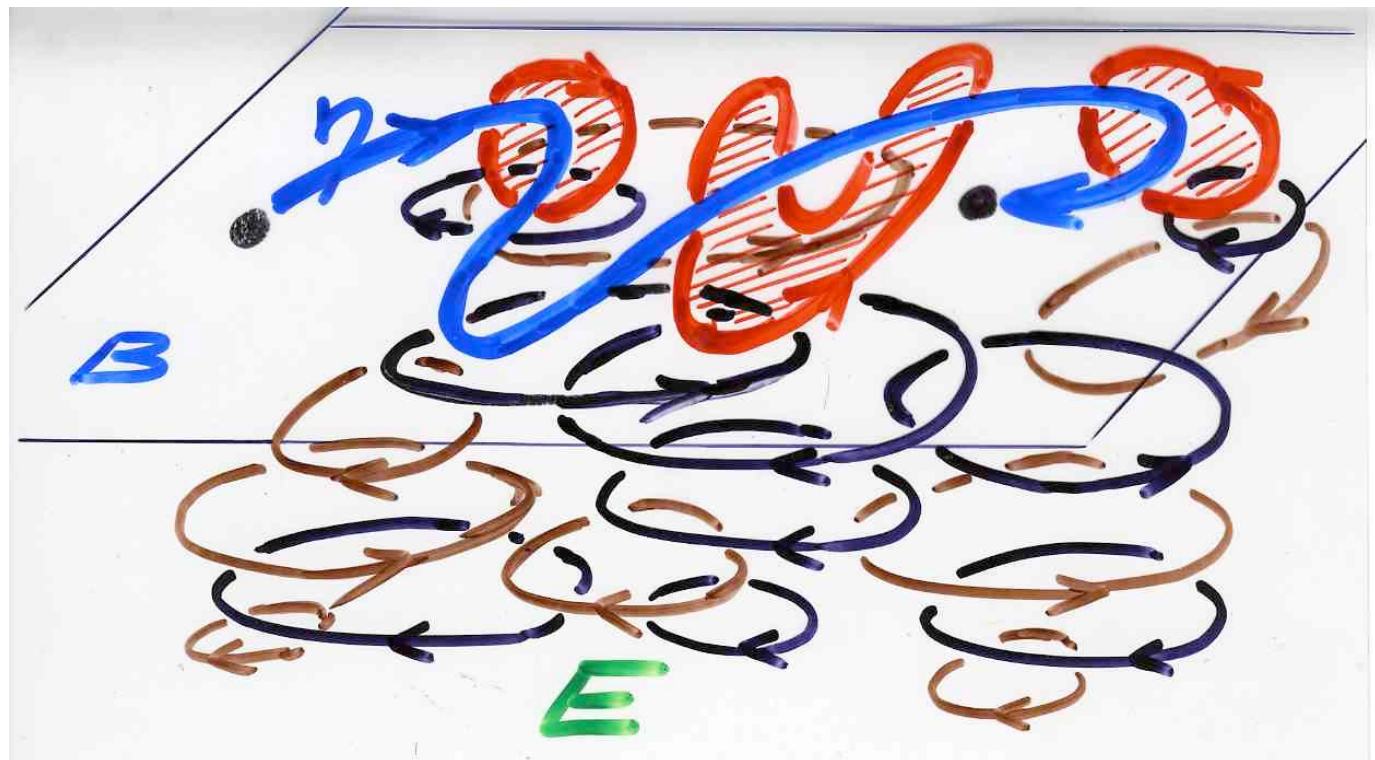
- Cayley-Hamilton theorem  
Straubing (1983)  
Zeilberger (1985)
- Jacobi identity (duality)  
Lalonde (1990, 1996)  
Fomin (2001), Talaska (2012)

$$\sum_{\substack{\omega \\ i \rightarrow j}} v(\omega) =$$

$$\text{cof}_{ji}(\mathbf{I}_k - \mathbf{A})$$

$$\det(\mathbf{I}_k - \mathbf{A})$$

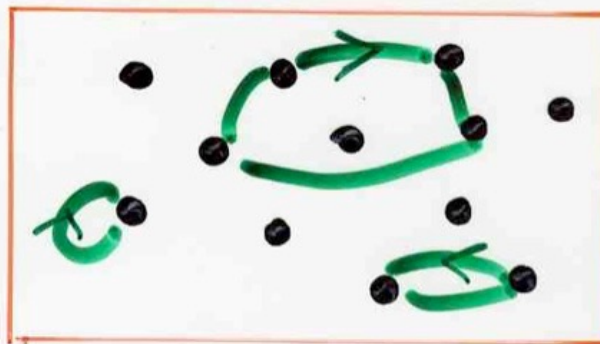
$$(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}$$



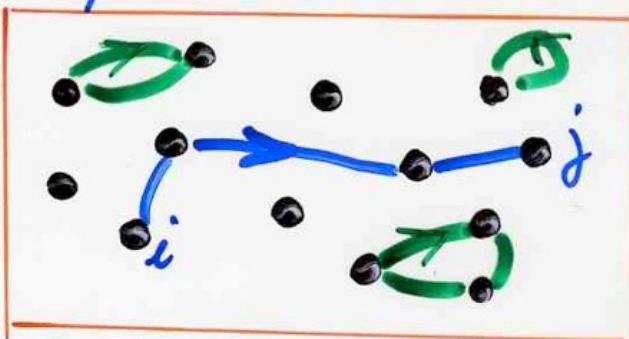
Prop.  $\sum_{\omega \text{ i to j}} v(\omega) = \frac{N_{ij}}{D}$

$N_{ij} = \sum_{\eta} v(\eta) N_{\eta}$   
*self-avoiding path i to j*

$D = \sum_{\{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r\} \text{ 2 by 2 disjoint cycles}} (-1)^r v(\gamma_1) \dots v(\gamma_r)$



$N_{ij} = \sum_{\{\eta; \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_r\}} (-1)^r v(\eta) v(\gamma_1) \dots v(\gamma_r)$



Jacobi identity

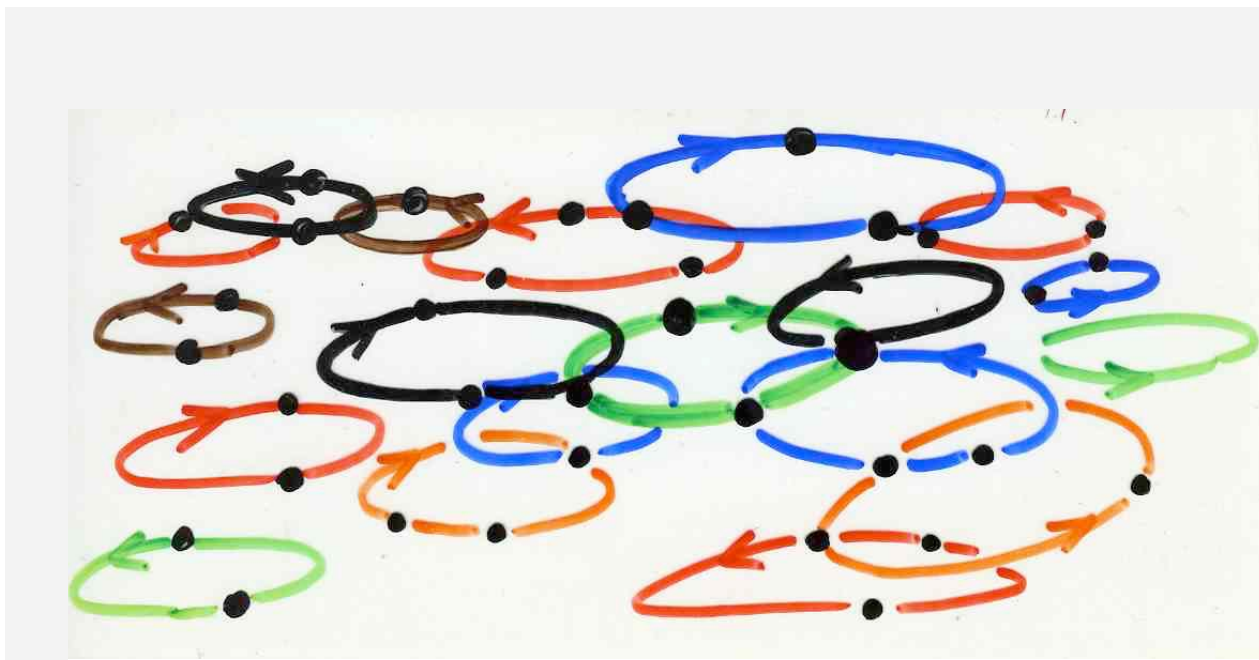
$$\log(\det(B)) = \text{Tr}(\log(B))$$

$$B = (I - A)^{-1}$$

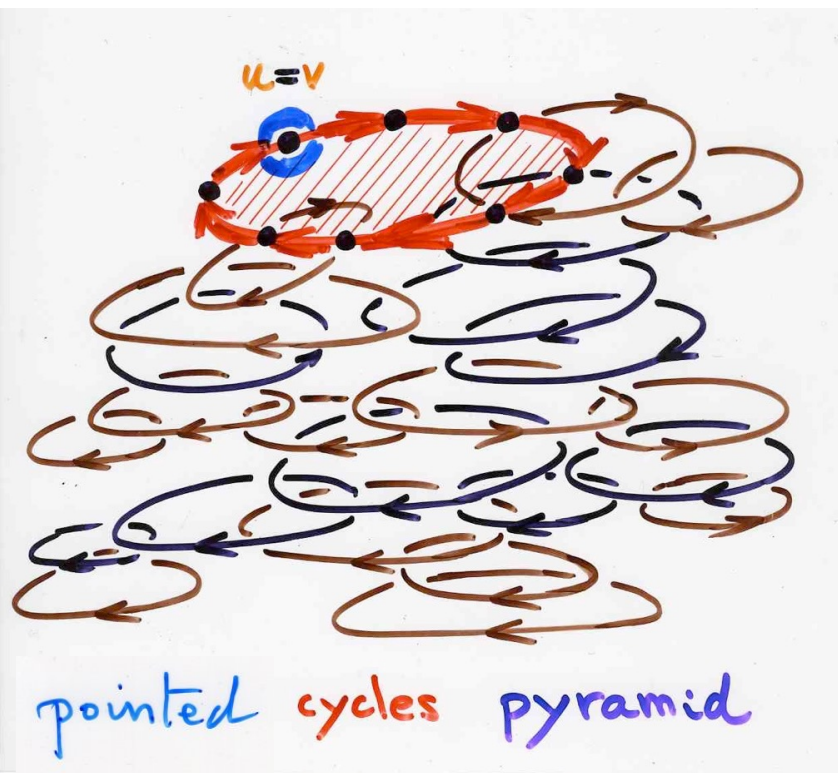
$$\frac{1}{\det(I - A)}$$

$$= \sum_E v(E)$$

heap  
of cycles  
on  $[1, k]$



Paths with no backtracking



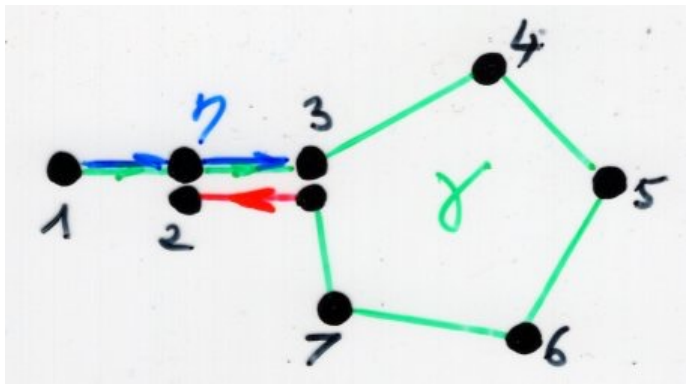
$$= \sum_{\substack{\omega \\ \text{circuit}}} t^{|\omega|}$$

( - no tail  
- no back tracking

no back tracking  
for  $\omega$



no cycle  
length 2  
in  $E$



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

$$\omega \rightarrow (\overset{\eta}{\bullet \rightarrow \bullet}, \underset{E}{d \odot \gamma})$$

$$d = [2, 3, 2] \text{ cycle } |d| = 2$$

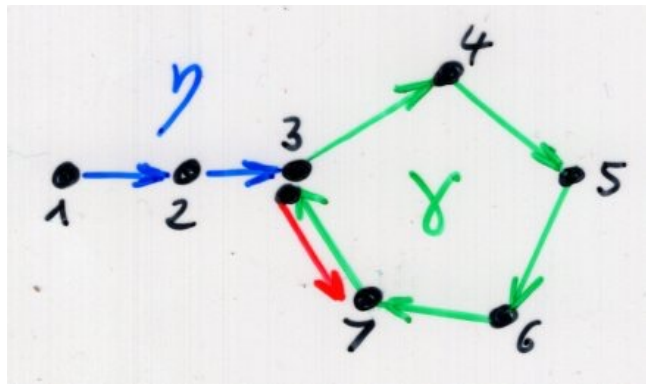
$$\omega = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 3, 2)$$

$$\eta = (1, 2)$$

$$\gamma = [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 3]$$

no backtracking  
for  $\omega$

$d$  cycle  
length 2  
in  $E$



$$\omega \xrightarrow{\gamma} (\eta, E)$$

$$\omega = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 3, 7)$$

$$E = (\gamma)$$

$$\eta = (1, 2, 3, 7)$$

$$\gamma = [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 3]$$

$\alpha$  backtracking  
for  $\omega$

no cycle  
length 2  
in  $E$

second bijection

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

$u \rightsquigarrow v$

$$\omega = (s_0, s_1, \dots, s_i, s_n)$$

$\omega$  path of  $G$

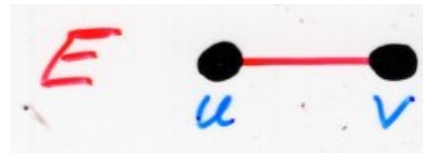
$\omega$  path on  $V$

$$\longrightarrow \vec{L}(\omega)$$

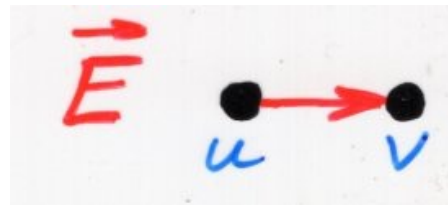
$$((s_0, s_1), (s_1, s_2), \dots, (s_i, s_{i+1}), \dots, (s_{n-1}, s_n))$$

path of  $\vec{L}G$

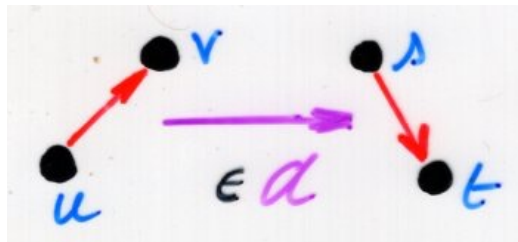
$$G = (V, E)$$



$$\vec{L}G = (\vec{E}, d)$$



oriented line graph



$$\Leftrightarrow v = s$$

second  
bijection  $\psi$

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

$u \rightsquigarrow v$

$\eta$  trail  
 $u \rightsquigarrow v$

trail = path having all  
oriented edges distinct

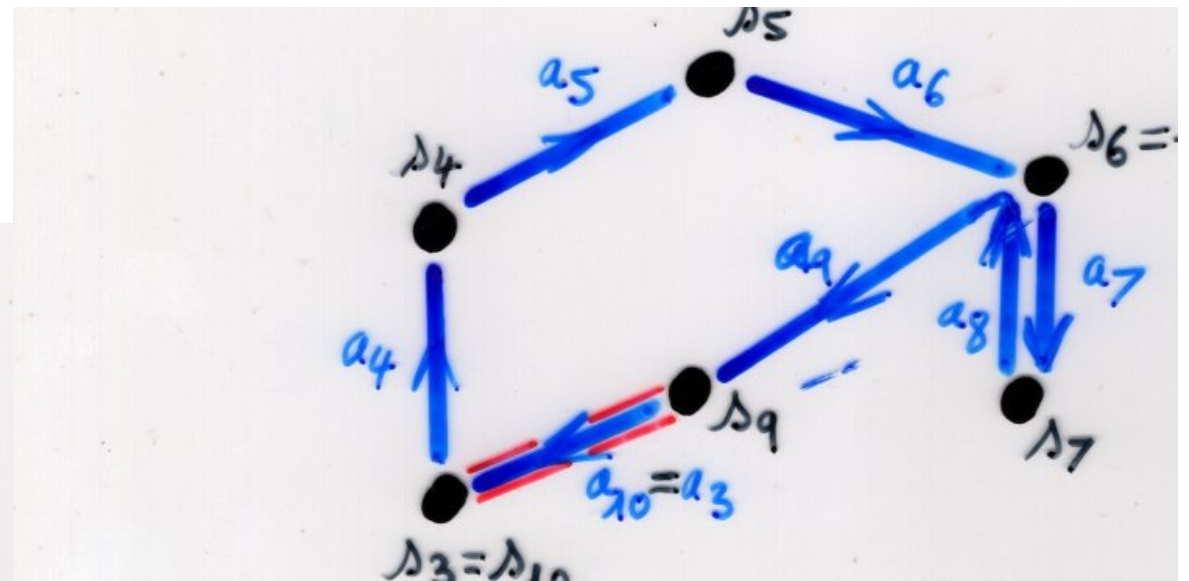
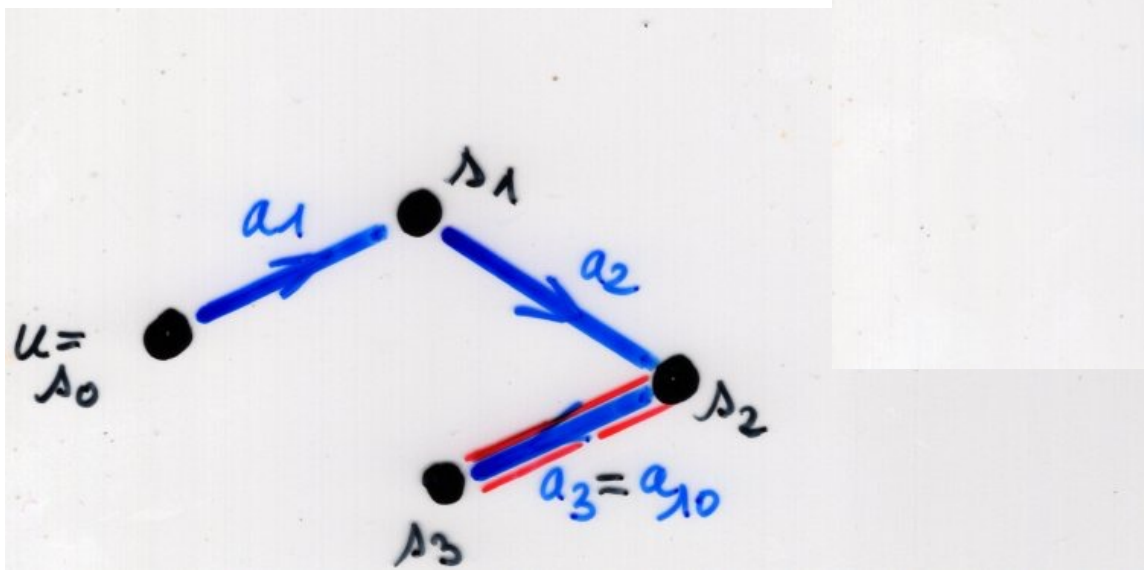
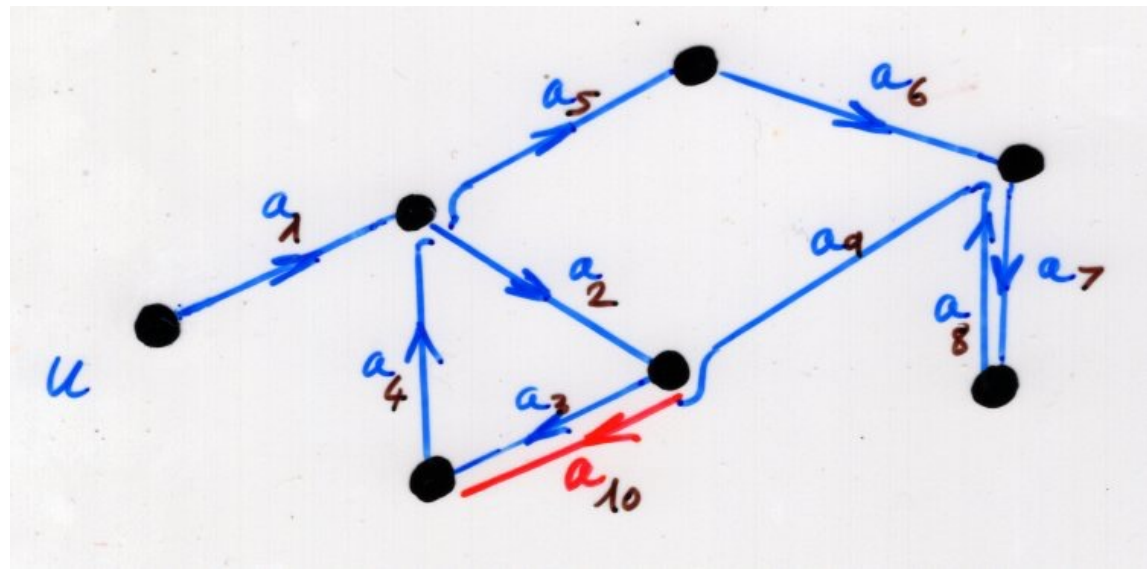
$F$  heap of  
"oriented loops"

oriented  
loop

equivalence  
class  
of trail

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

description of  
the *bijection*  $\psi$ .



description of  
the bijection  $\psi$

$\omega$  path on  $V$

$$\omega = (s_0, \dots, s_n)$$

$$u = s_0 \\ v = s_n$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{L}(\omega)$$

$$((s_0, s_1), (s_1, s_2), \dots, (s_i, s_{i+1}), \dots, (s_{n-1}, s_n))$$

$$\vec{L}(\omega) = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$$

$$e_i = (s_{i-1}, s_i) \quad \text{oriented edges}$$

at time  $T=0$

$$- \eta_0 = \emptyset \quad F = \emptyset$$

- suppose  $w_T = (s_0, \dots, s_T) \rightarrow (\eta_T, F_T)$

$$\eta_T = (a_1, \dots, a_{i_T})$$

trail  $a_1 = (u, s_{j_T})$  going from  $s_0$  to  $s_T$

$F_T =$  heap oriented loops

$\pi(\max(\text{pieces}))$   
intersect  $\eta$

at time  $T+1$ , two cases

(i)  $(s_T, s_{T+1})$  does not appear in  $\gamma_T$

then  $\gamma_{T+1} = (a_1, \dots, a_{i_T}, (s_T, s_{T+1}))$

$$F_{T+1} = F_T$$

at time  $T+1$ , two cases

else  
(ii)  $\exists (s_T, s_{T+1}) = a_j$  edge of  $\gamma_T$

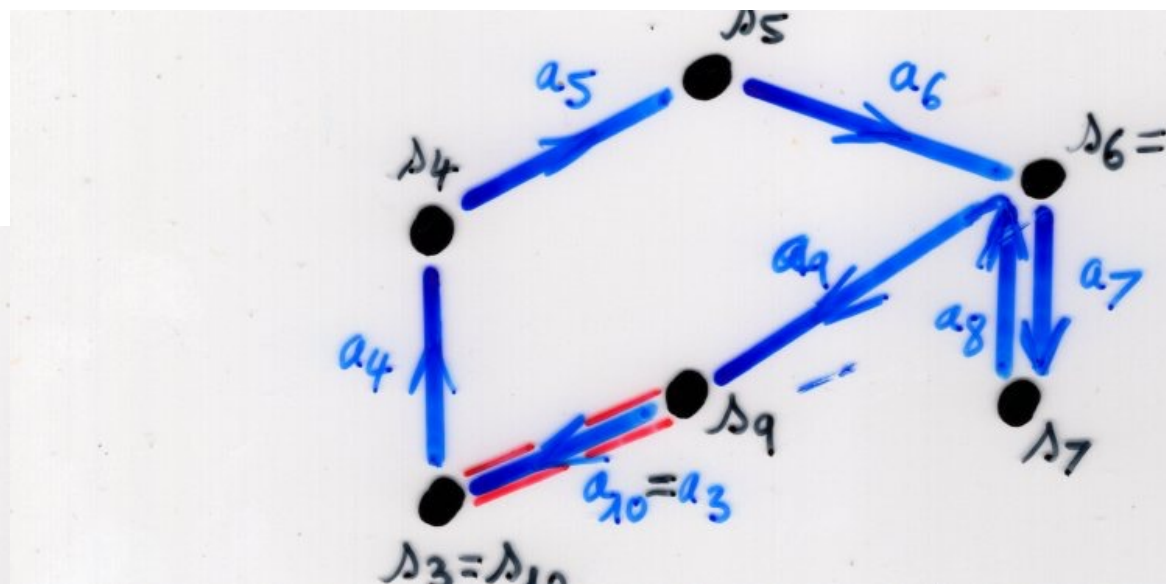
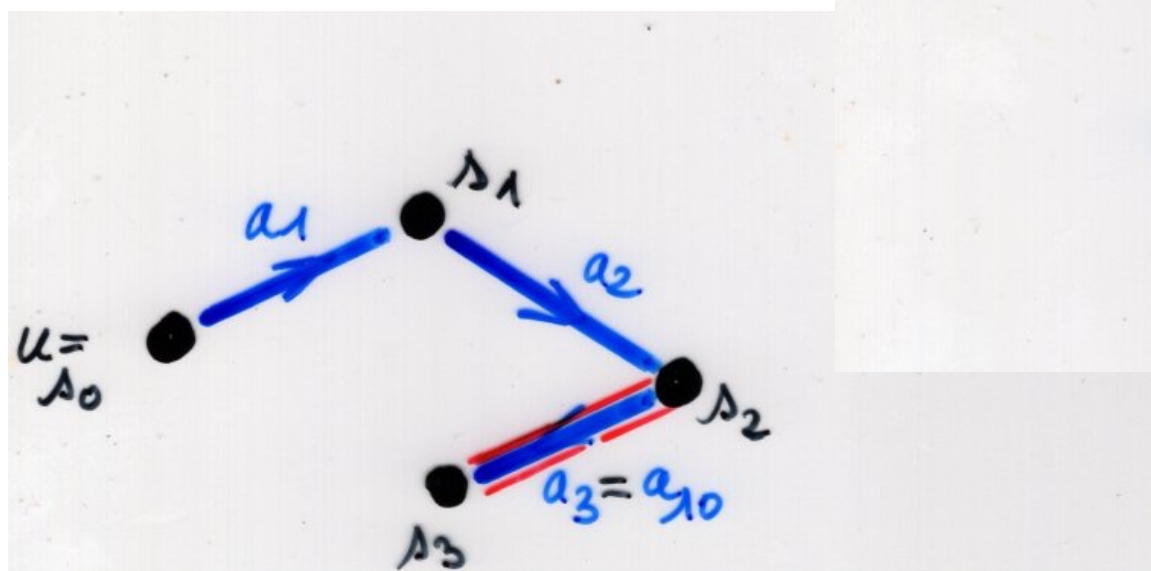
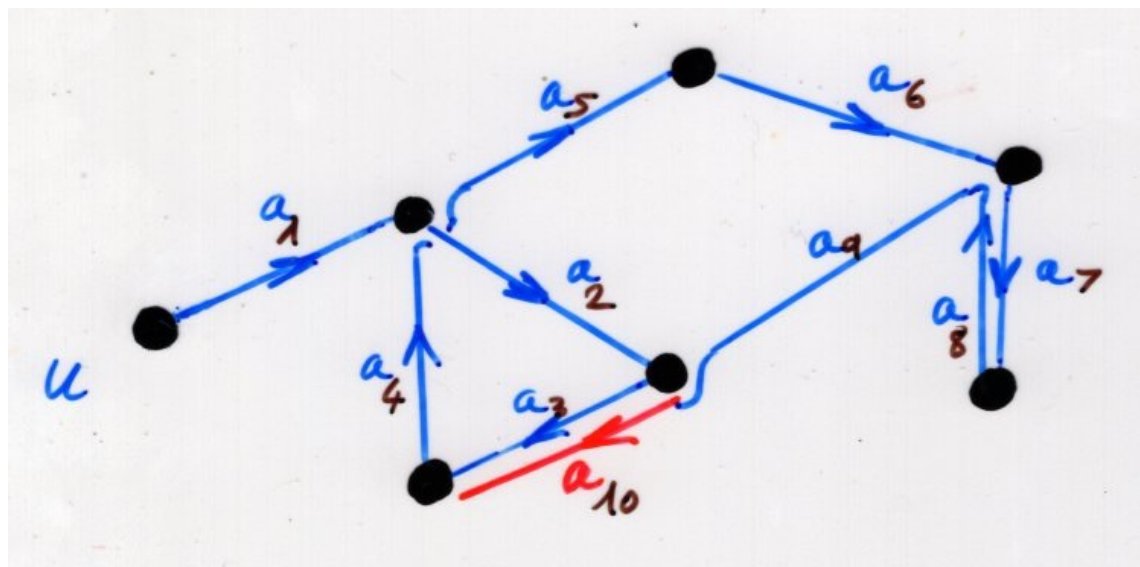
then  $\gamma_{T+1} = (a_1, \dots, a_j)$

let  $\Gamma_{T+1} = [a_j, \dots, a_{i_T}]$

$$F_{T+1} = \Gamma_{T+1} \odot F_T$$

$$\psi(\omega) = (\gamma_n, F_n)$$

$T=n$



Proposition

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

$\omega$  (no non tail backtracking)



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

Proof of the second formula  
for the zeta function of a graph

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

$$H = T - B$$

$T$  = adjacency matrix  
of the oriented line graph  
 $\vec{L}G = (\vec{E}, \alpha)$

$$T = (t_{(i,j),(k,l)})$$

$$t_{(i,j),(k,l)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j \neq k \\ 1 & \text{if } j = k \end{cases}$$

$B$  submatrix of  $T$

$$B = (b_{(i,j),(k,l)})$$

$$b_{(i,j),(j,i)} = \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \text{ else} \end{cases}$$

backtracking

$$t \frac{d}{dt} \log \frac{1}{\det(1 - Ht)}$$

= generating function

(by number of edges)

pointed pyramids  
of non backtracking  
oriented loops

pointed = one of the  
edge of  
the maximal  
piece is pointed

$$= \sum_{\omega \text{ circuit}} t^{|\omega|}$$

( - no tail  
- no backtracking

$$t \frac{d}{dt} \log \frac{1}{\det(1 - Ht)}$$

$$= \sum_{\omega \text{ circuit}} t^{|\omega|}$$

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

( - no tail  
- no backtracking

The third formula for zeta

(iii)

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

$$G = (V, E)$$

$$m = |E| \quad \text{number of edges}$$

$$n = |V| \quad \text{number of vertices}$$

$$A = (a_{ij})$$

incidence  
matrix of  $G$

$D$  diagonal matrix

$$V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$$

$$D = (d_{ii})$$

$$d_{ii} = \deg v_i$$

$$t \frac{d}{dt} \log$$

$$\frac{1}{\det(I - tA + t^2(D - I))}$$

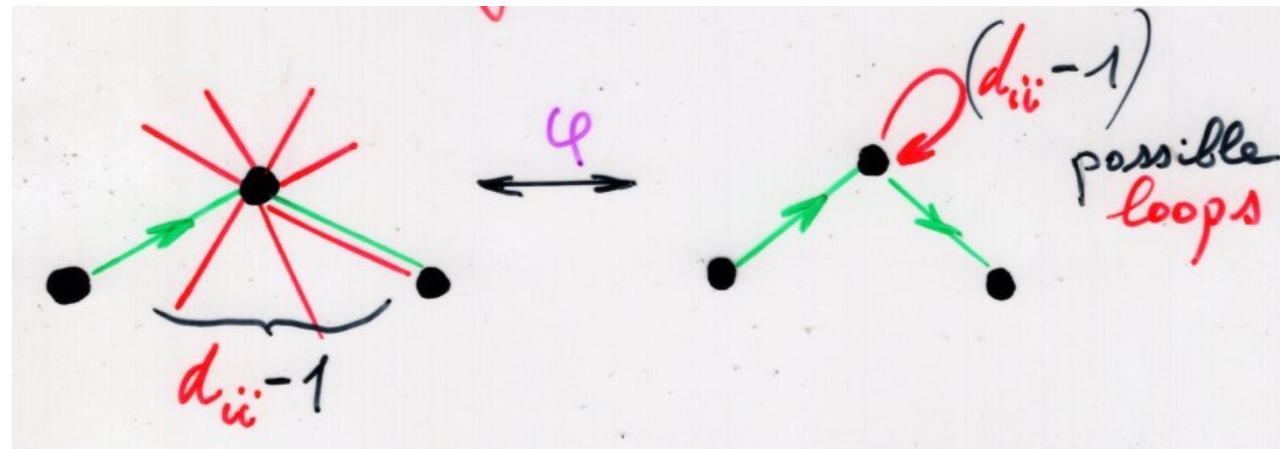
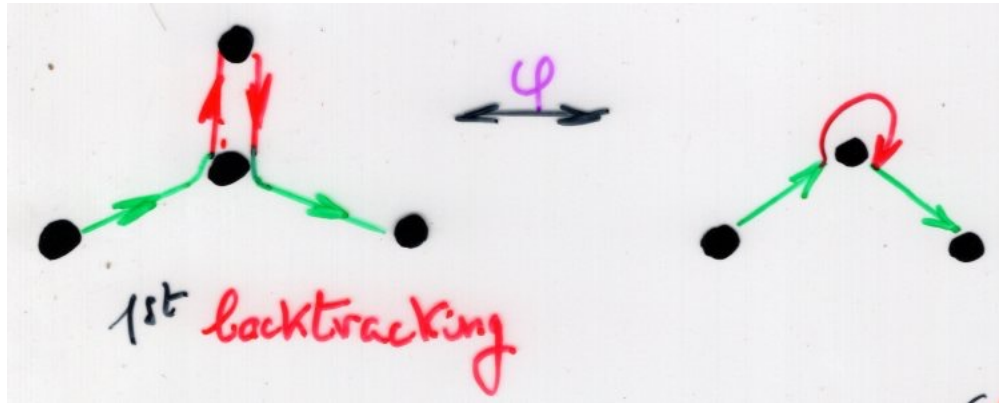
$$=$$

$$\sum_{\omega \text{ circuit}} v(\omega)$$

$$V = \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$\begin{cases} v(i, j) = t \\ v(i, i) = -t^2 ((\text{deg } i) - 1) \end{cases}$$

# The idea ...



Back to number theory

$$\zeta(s)$$

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

$p$   
 prime  
 number

$$\zeta_G(t)$$

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

some "prime"  
over the graph  $G$

$$\zeta(s)$$

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

prime  
number

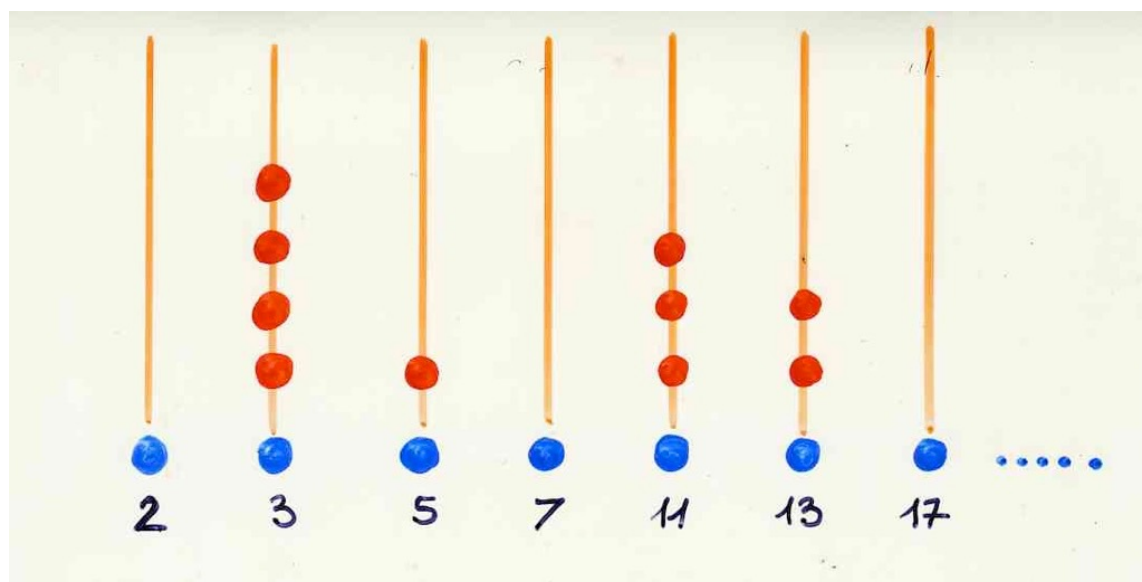
$$\zeta_G(t)$$

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

equivalence class  
prime  
circuit

no backtracking

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} n^{-s} = \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \mu(n) n^{-s} \right)^{-1}$$



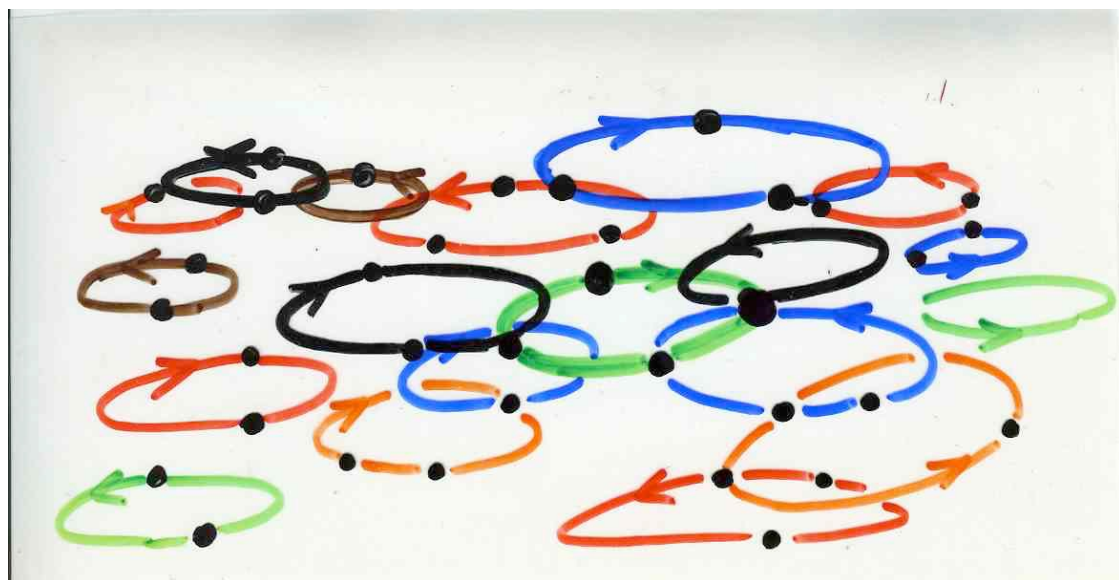
$$n^{-s} = p_1^{-s\alpha_1} \dots p_k^{-s\alpha_k}$$

Euler identity

$$\zeta(s)$$

$$= \prod_{\substack{p \\ \text{prime} \\ \text{number}}} \left( \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} \right)$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} n^{-s} = \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \mu(n) n^{-s} \right)^{-1}$$



$$n^{-s} = p_1^{-s\alpha_1} \dots p_k^{-s\alpha_k}$$

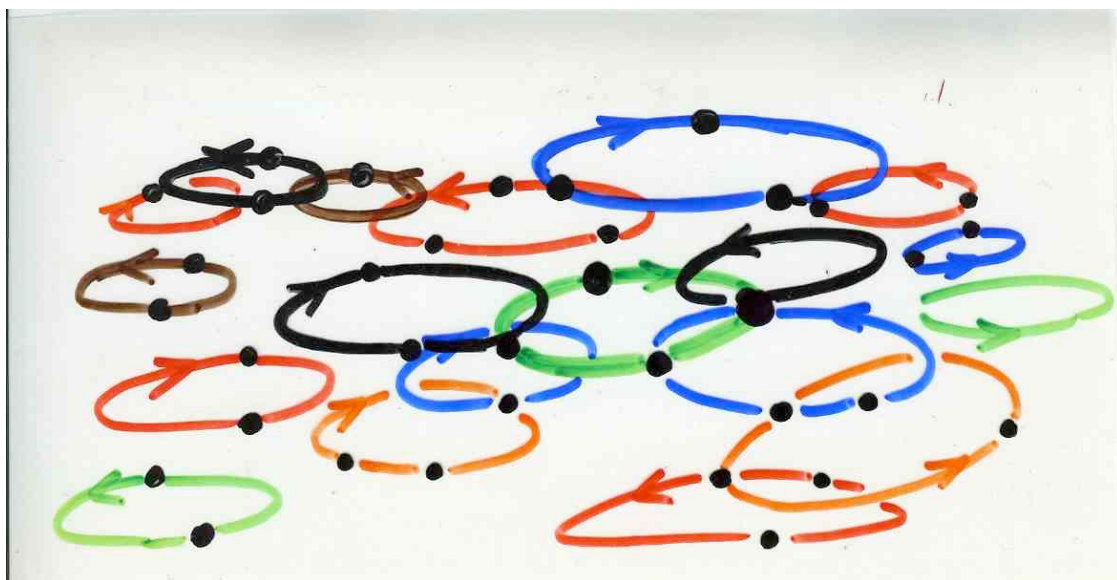
$$Z_G(t) =$$

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

equivalence class  
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$$\zeta_G(t) = \frac{1}{\det(I-A)}$$

Giscard, Rochet (2016)  
extending number theory  
to paths on Graphs



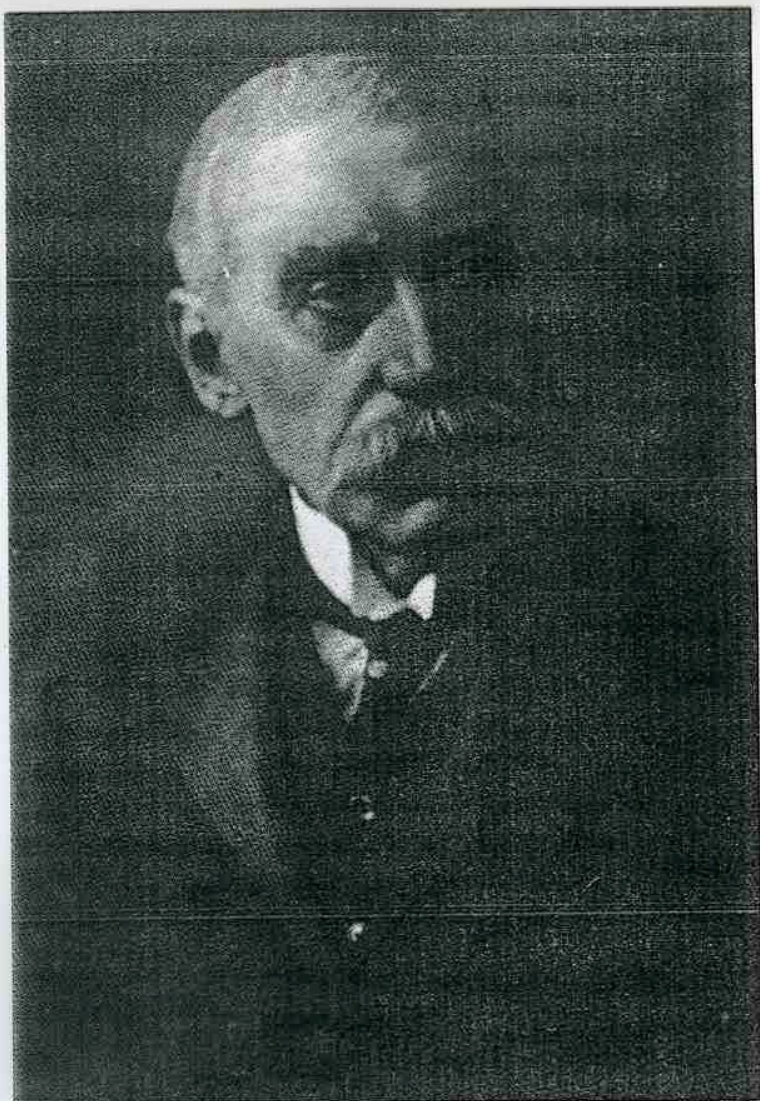
$$n^{-1} = P_1^{-1\alpha_1} \dots P_k^{-1\alpha_k}$$

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MacMahon Master theorem



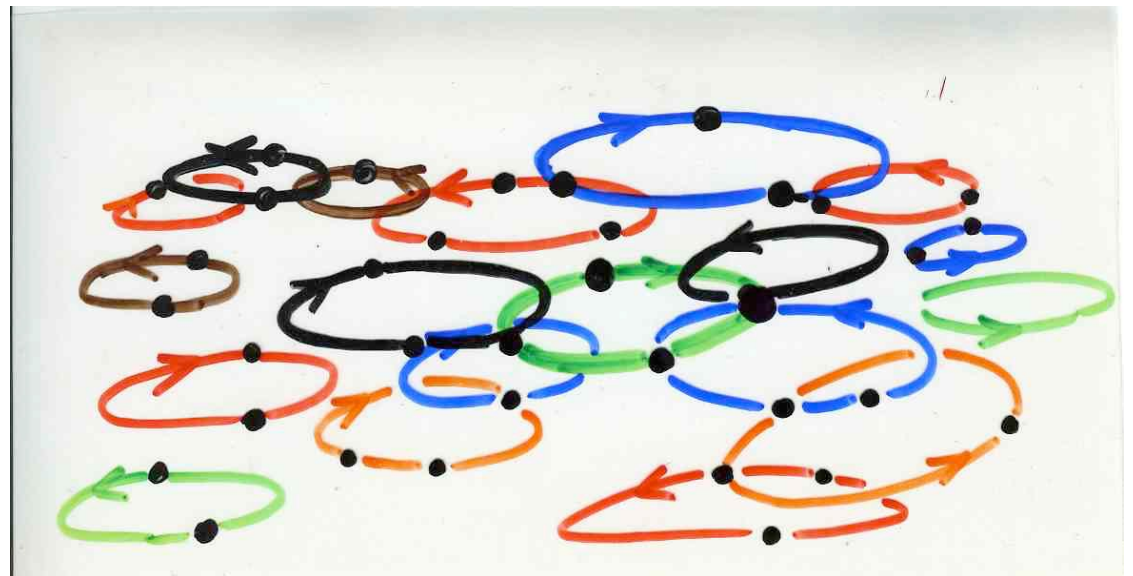
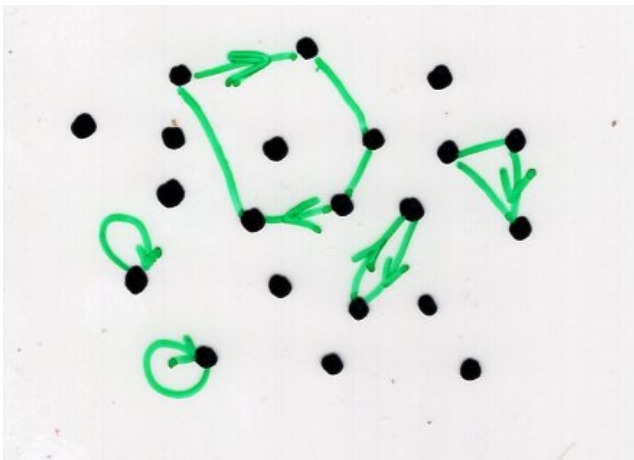
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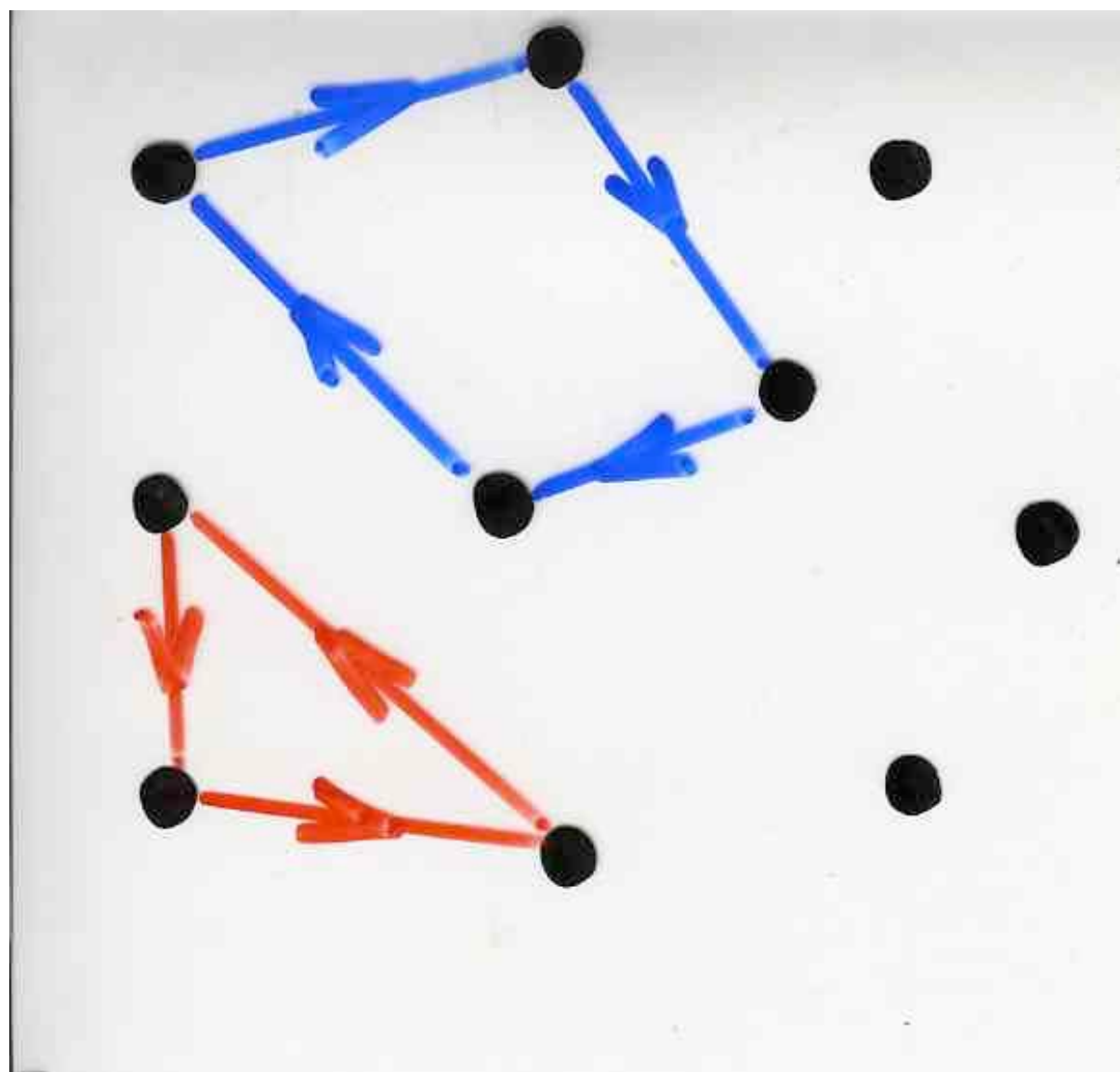
$$\frac{1}{\det(I-A)}$$

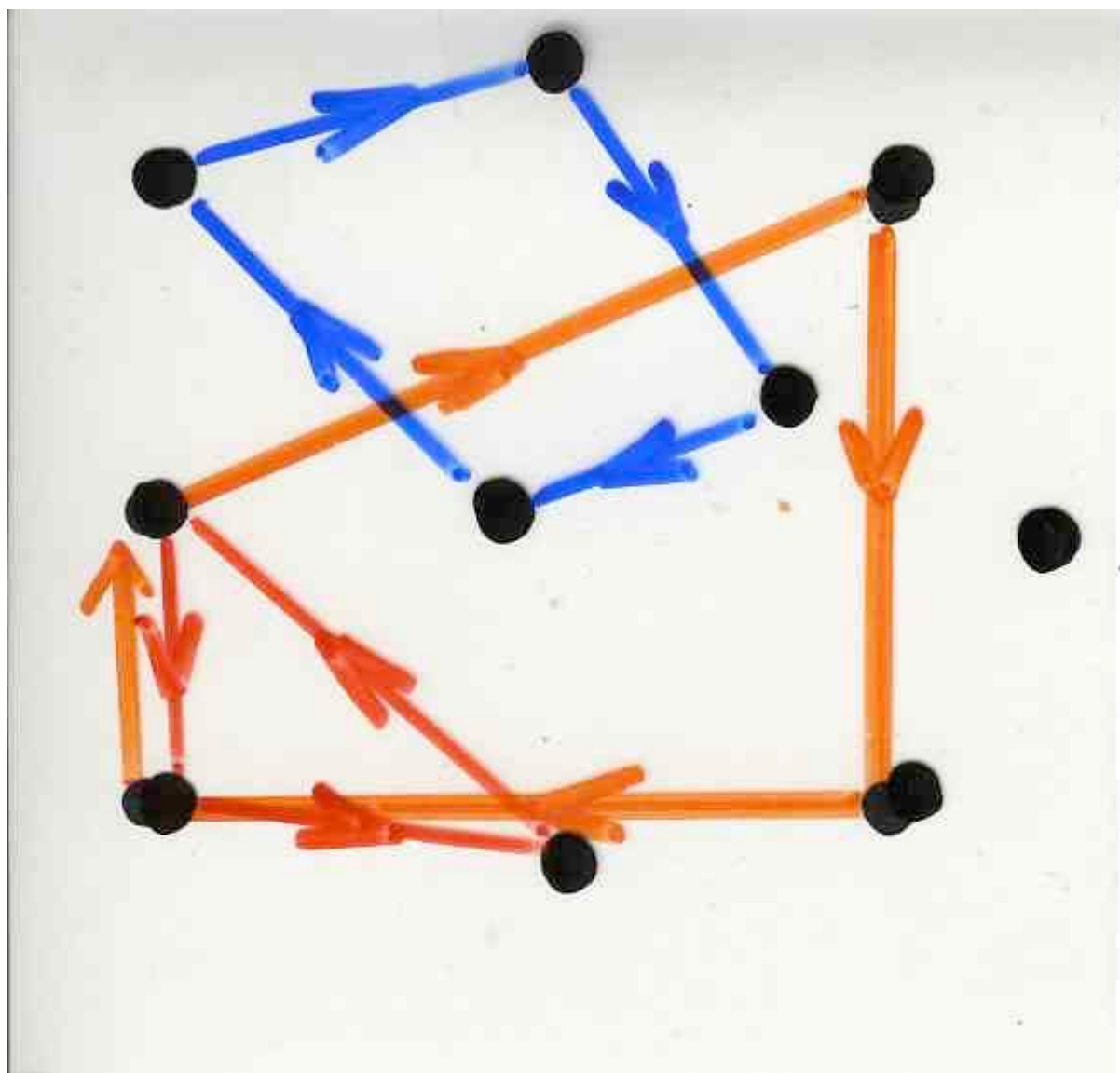
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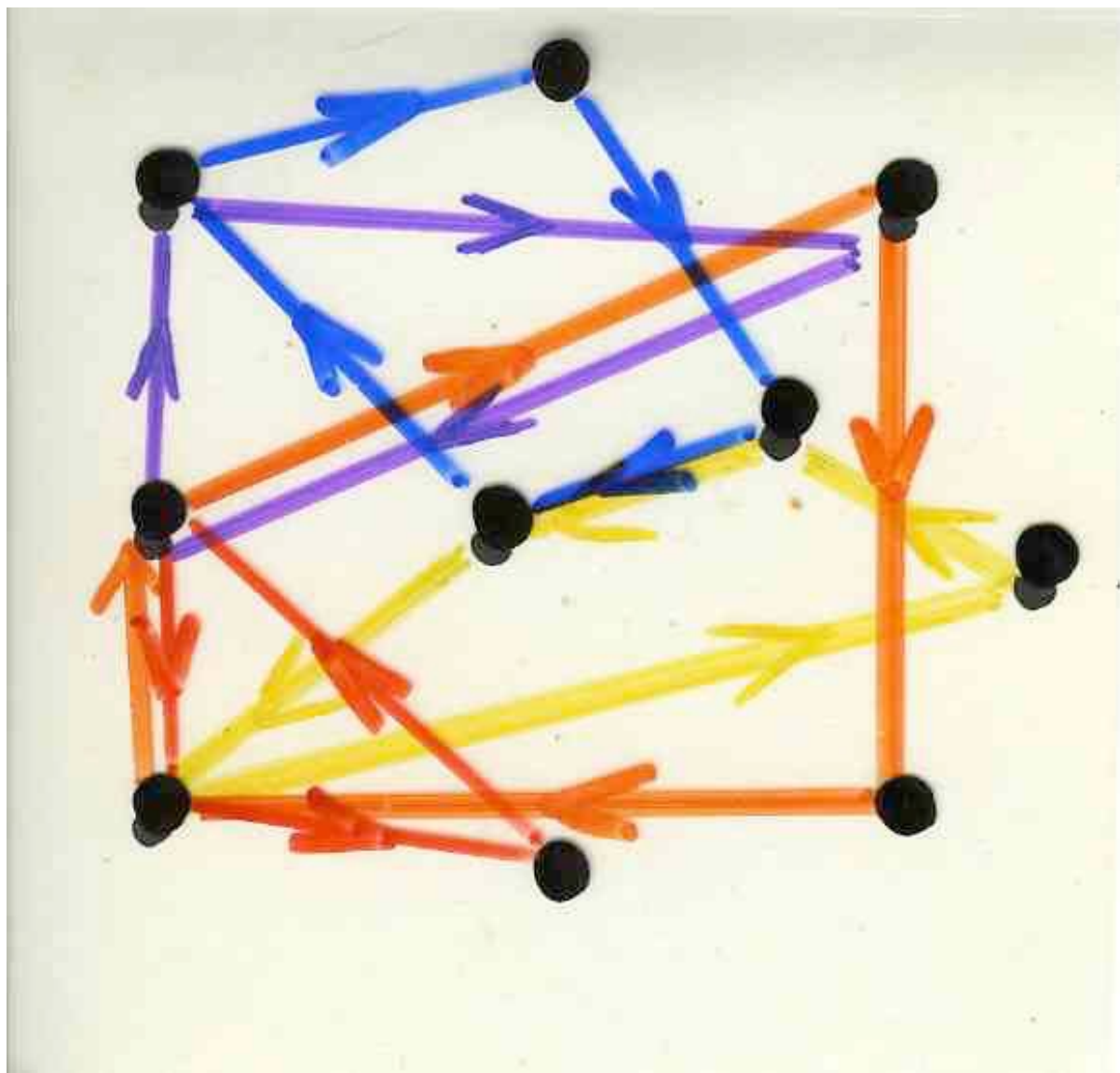
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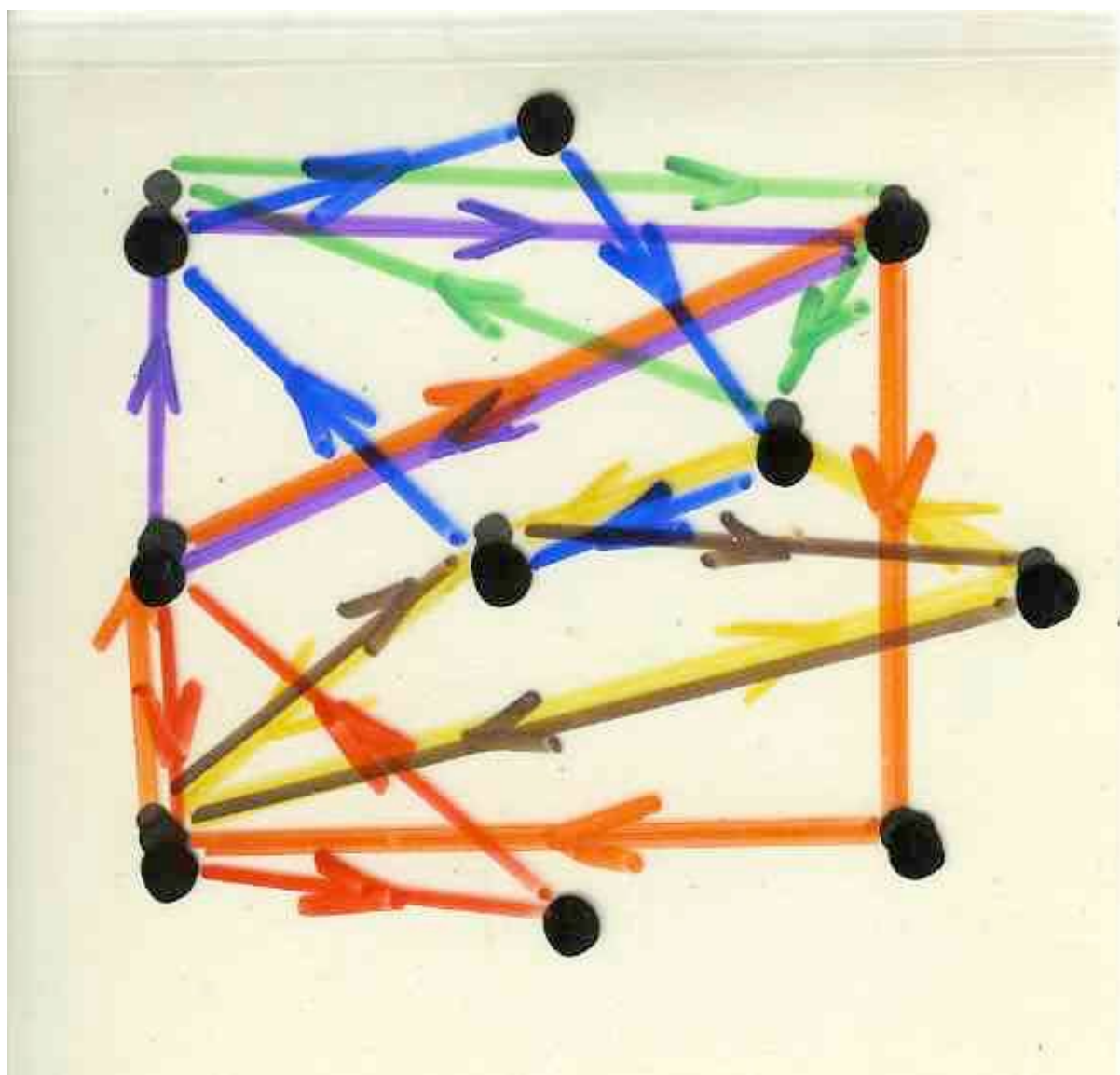
$$= \sum_{\substack{E \\ \text{heap} \\ \text{of cycles} \\ \text{on } [1, k]}} v(E)$$

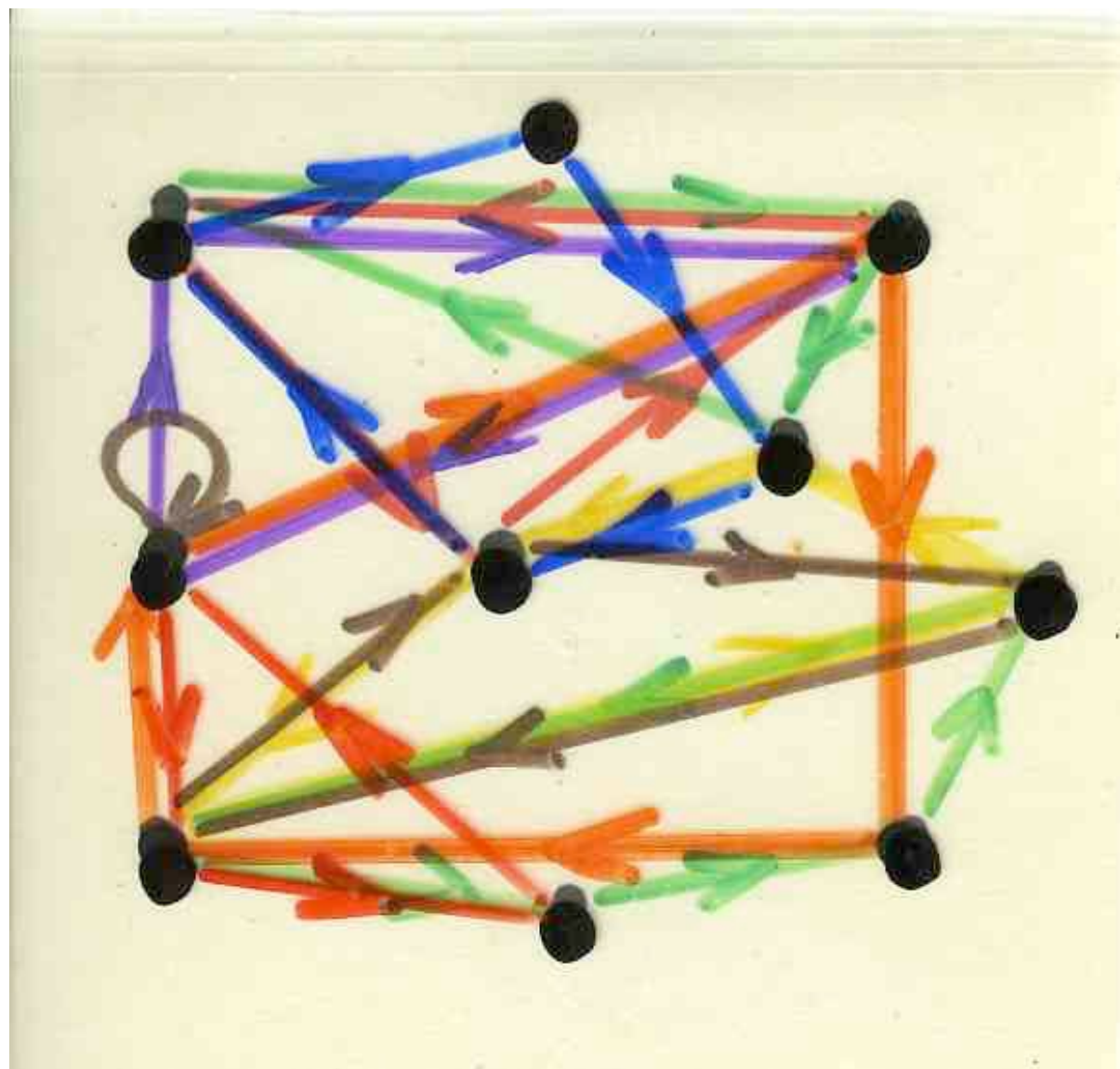








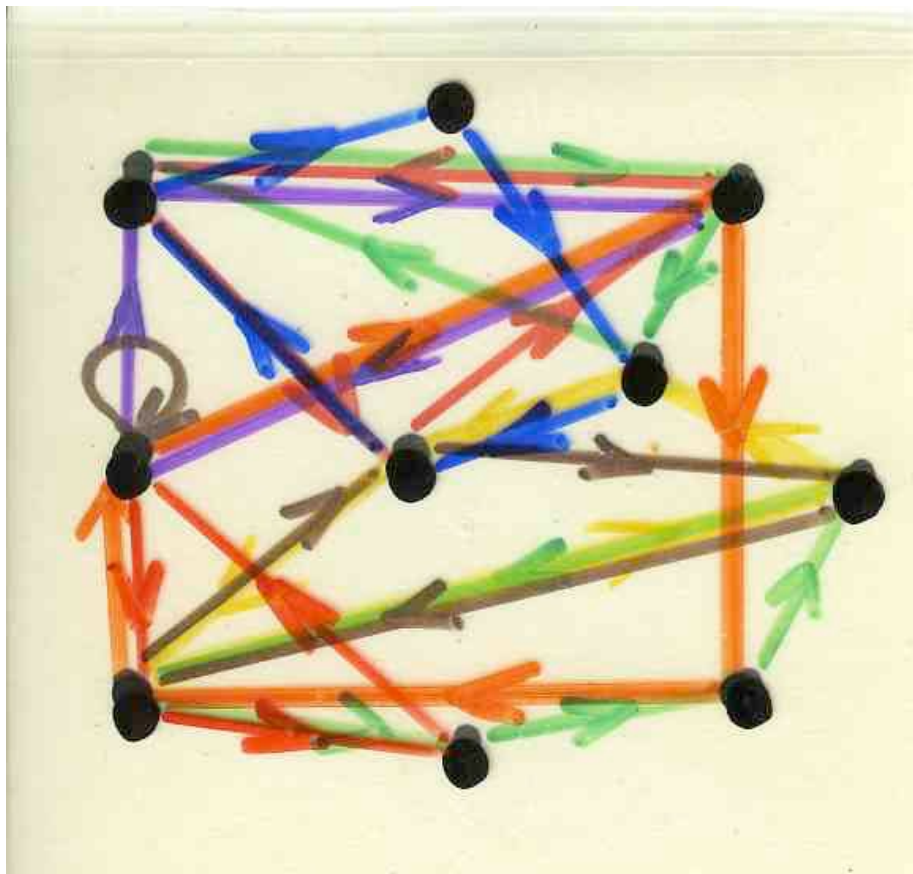




$$\frac{1}{\det(I-A)}$$

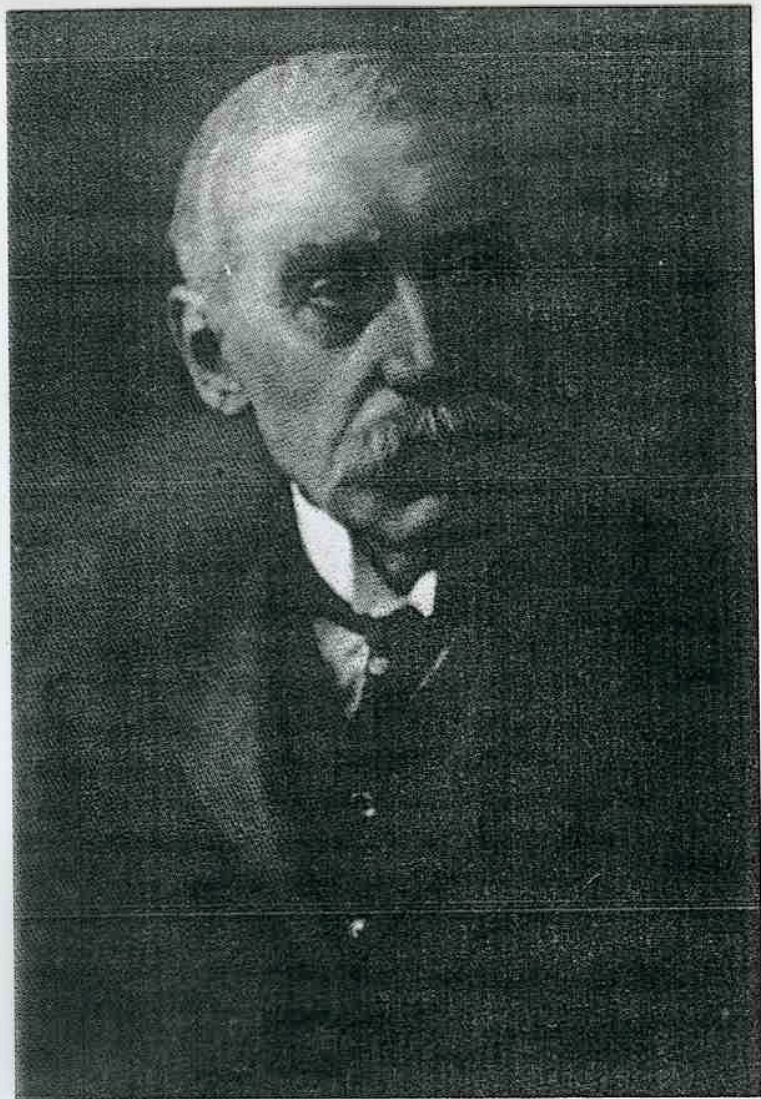
$$= \sum_E v(E)$$

heap  
of cycles  
on  $[1, k]$



$$= \sum_{\Phi} v(\Phi)$$

rearrangements  
on  $[1, k]$



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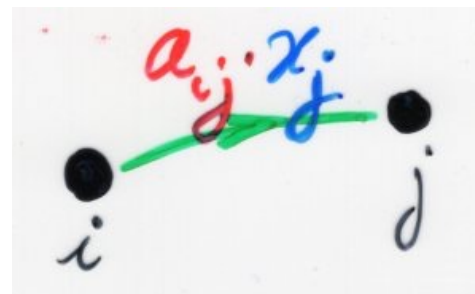
$$\frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{I}-\mathbf{A})}$$

$$= \sum_{\Phi} v(\Phi)$$

rearrangements  
on  $[1, k]$

Where is my  
MASTER THEOREM ?

# MacMahon master theorem



$$A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{\det(I - AX)}$$

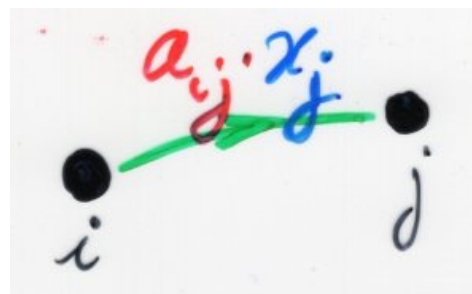
$$y_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots y_n^{\alpha_n}$$

$$AX = (a_{ij} x_j)_{n \times n}$$

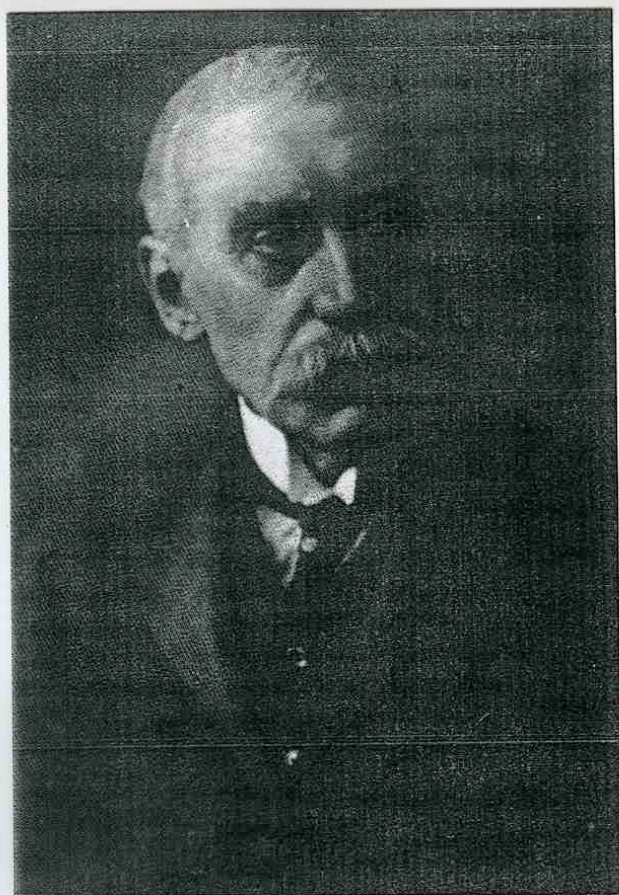
$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j$$

$$\text{coeff. de } x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n}$$

# MacMahon master theorem



The coefficient of  $x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n}$  in  $\frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X})}$   
is the same as  
the coefficient of  $x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n}$   
in  $y_1^{\alpha_1} \dots y_n^{\alpha_n}$



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