

# Chapter 4a

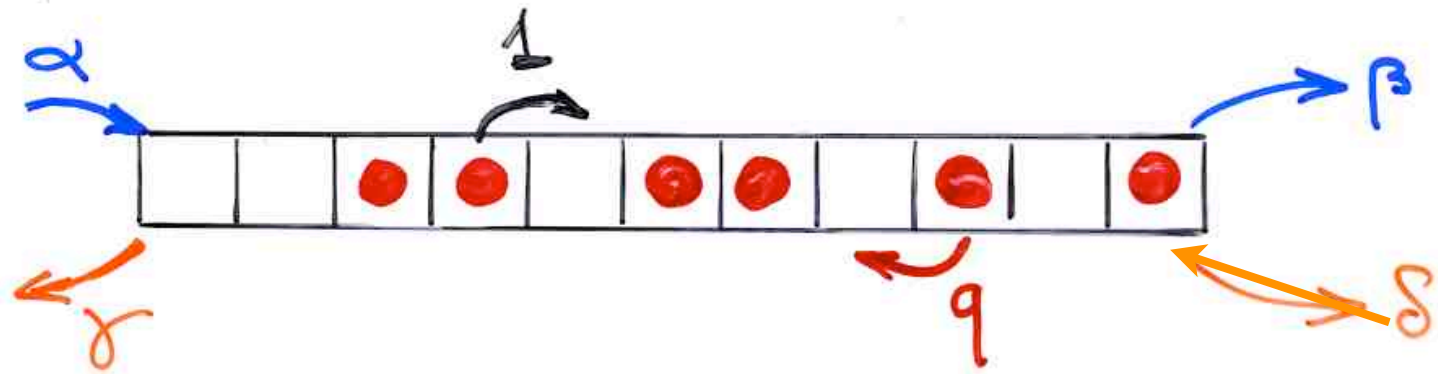
## Alternative tableaux and the PASEP

(Partially ASymmetric Exclusion Process)

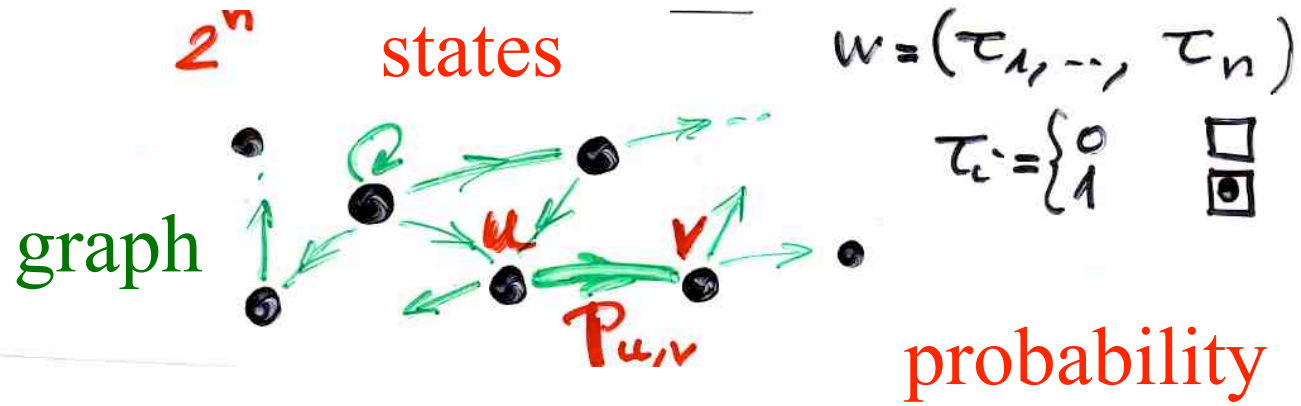
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The PASEP

ASEP  
TASEP  
PASEP



# Markov chains



S :

$$M = \left( P_{u,v} \right)_{u,v \in S}$$

$$\pi = (P_u, \dots)$$

$$\pi \cdot M$$

states

probabilities matrix  
(stochastic)

vector (time t)

vector (time t+1)



$$P_v^{(t+1)} = \sum_u P_u^{(t)} P_{u,v}$$

$t+1$ 
time t

# stationary probabilities

$$\pi \cdot M = \pi$$

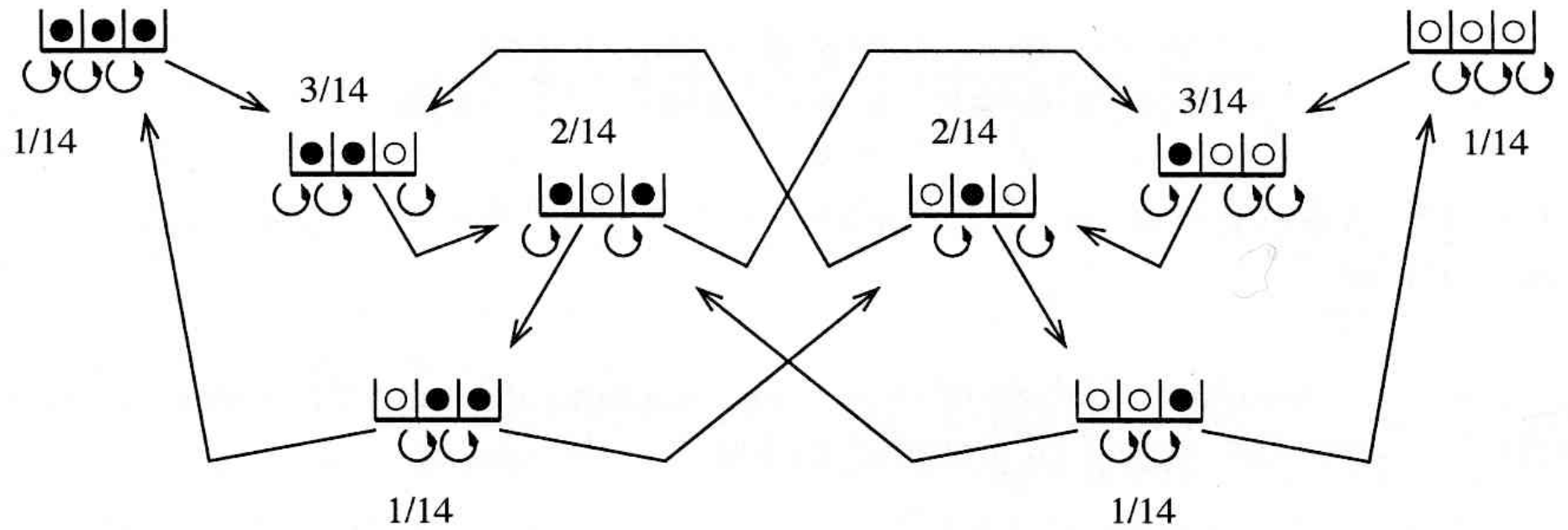
unicity  
eigenvector

$M^T$  eigenvalue 1

time  $\rightarrow \infty$



$$P_v = \sum_u P_u P_{u,v}$$



non-equilibrium

statistical  
mechanics

... relaxation  $\rightarrow$  stationary state

states

$$\tau = (\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_n)$$

$$\tau_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{site } i \text{ occupied} \\ 0 & \text{site } i \text{ empty} \end{cases}$$

unique  
stationary  
state

$$\frac{d}{dt} P_n(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) = 0$$

Derrida, Evans, Hakim, Pasquier (1993)

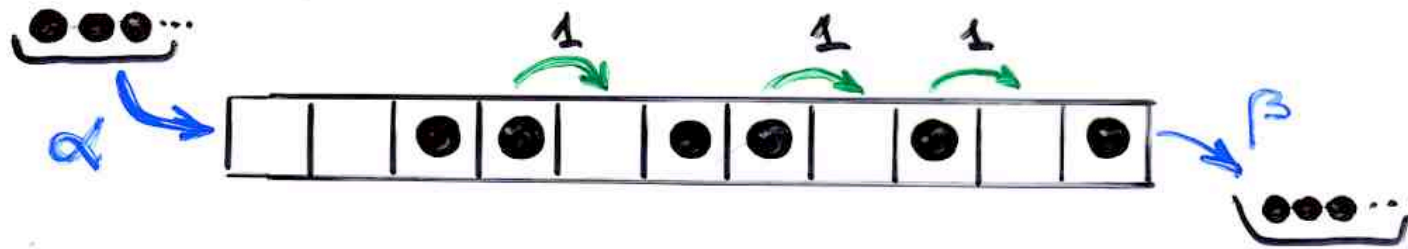


# boundary induced phase transitions

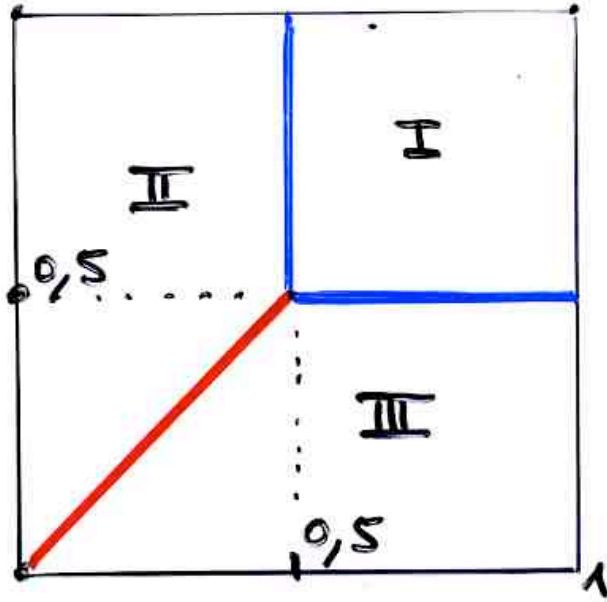
molecular diffusion  
linear array of enzymes  
biopolymers  
traffic flow  
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formation of shocks  
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# TASEP

"Totally asymmetric exclusion process"



$\beta$



$\alpha$

$$n \rightarrow \infty$$

$\rho = \langle \tau_i \rangle =$  <sup>taux moyen</sup> *d'occupation*  
i loin des bords

(H)

$$\rho = 1/2$$

(III)

$$\rho = \alpha$$

(III)

$$\rho = 1 - \beta$$

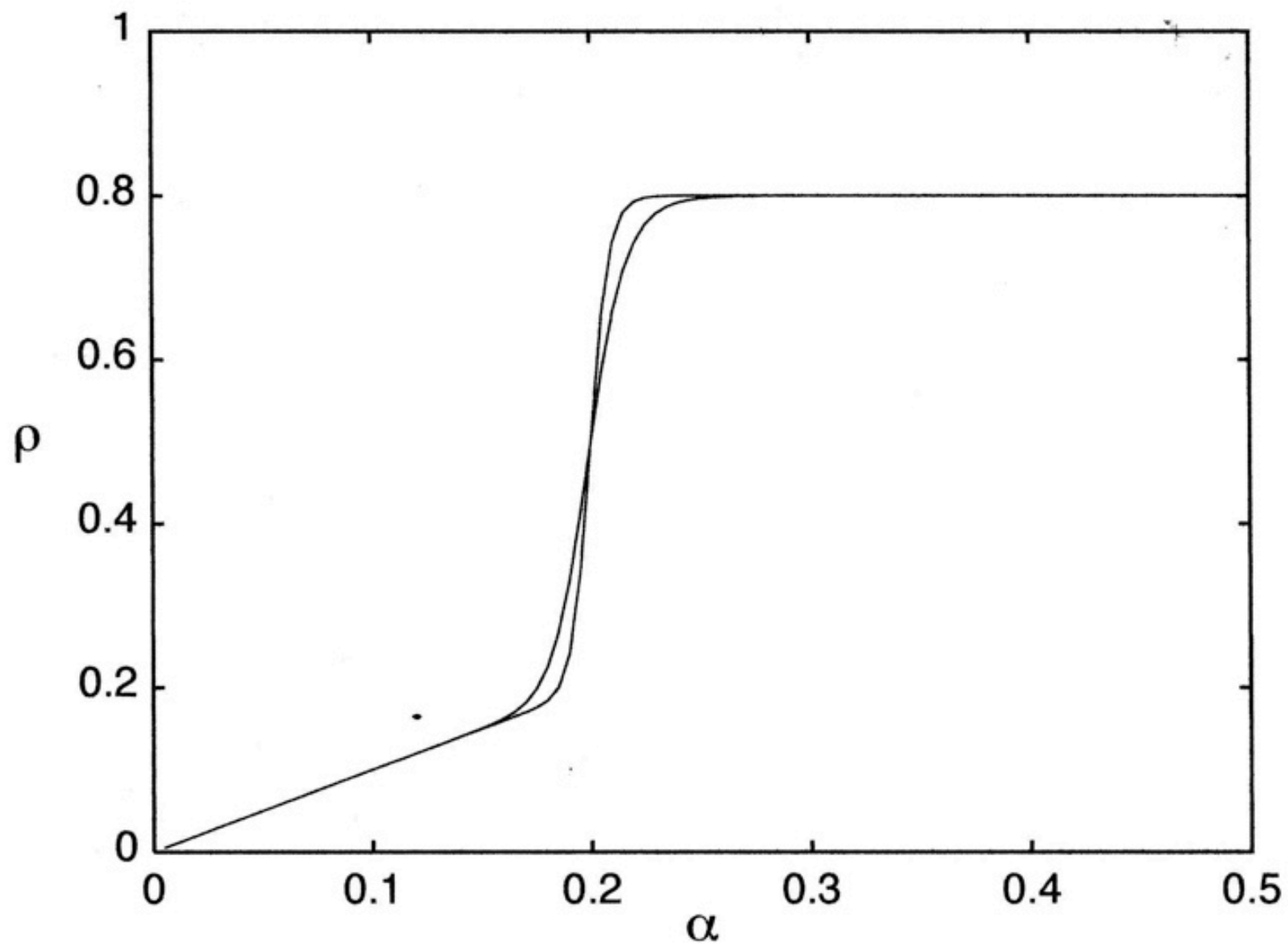
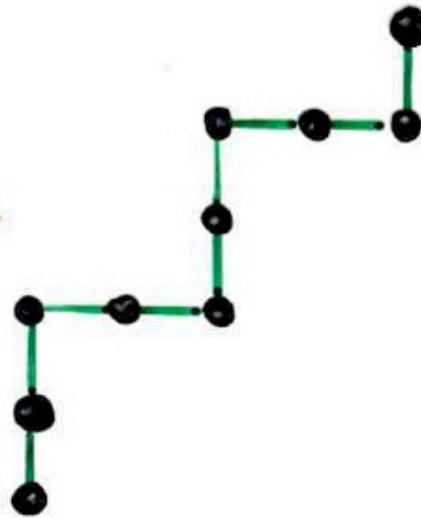
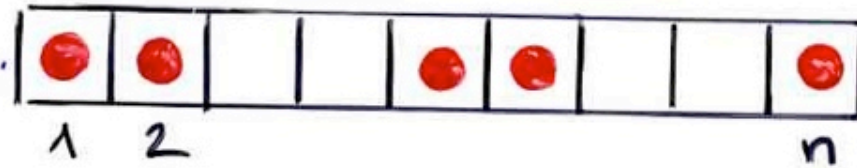


Figure 2: The average occupation  $\rho = \langle \tau_{(N+1)/2} \rangle$  of the central site versus  $\alpha$  for  $N = 61$  and  $N = 121$  when  $\beta = .2$ .

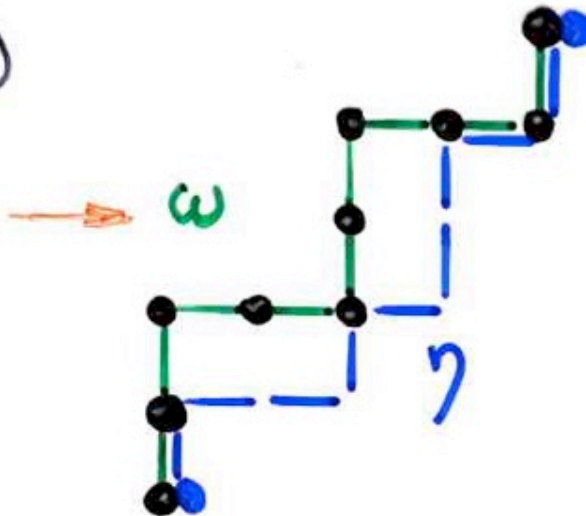
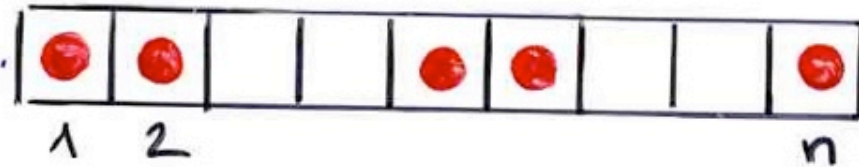
state  $s = (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$



$$P_n(s) =$$

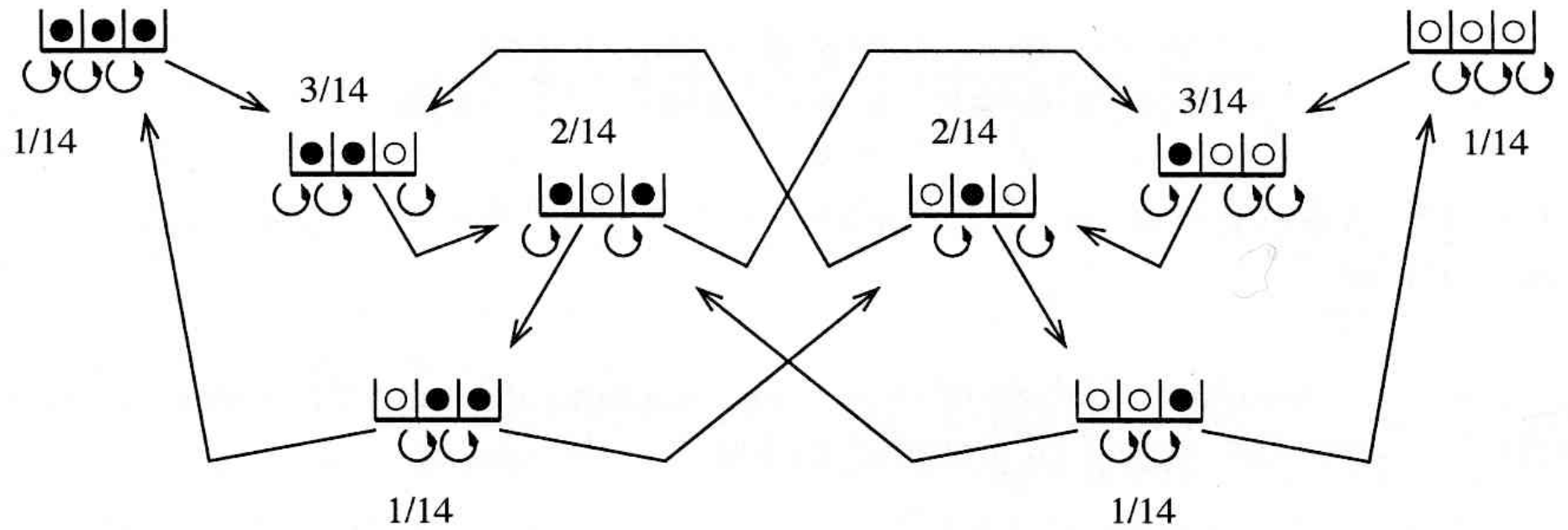
Shapiro, Zeilberger, 1982

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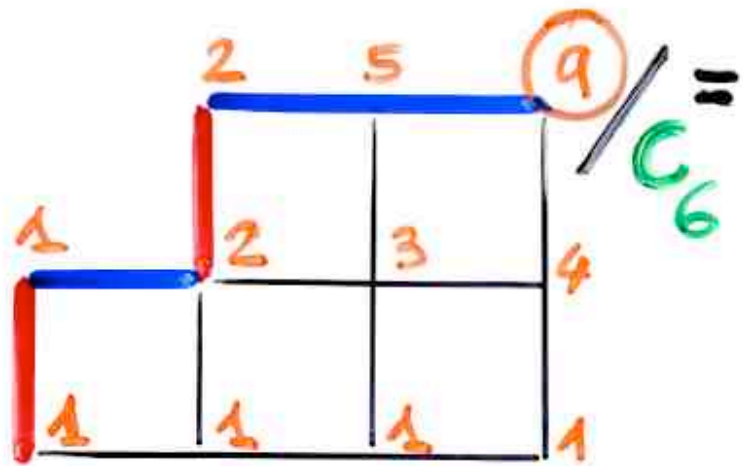


$$P_n(s) = \frac{1}{C_{n+1}} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{number of paths } \gamma \\ \text{below the path } \omega \\ \text{associated to } s \end{array} \right)$$

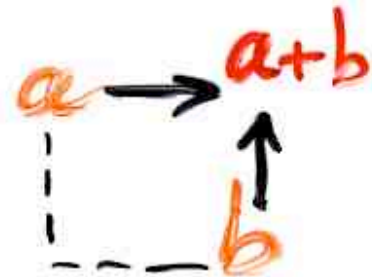
Shapiro, Zeilberger, 1982



$$\Delta = (1, 0, 1, 0, 0) \quad \lambda = (1, 2, 2)$$



$$P(1, 0, 1, 0, 0)$$





# Combinatorics of the PASEP

## TASEP

Brak, Essam (2003), Duchi, Schaeffer, (2004),  
Angel (2005), xgv, (2007)

## (P) ASEP

Brak, Corteel, Essam, Parviainen, Rechnitzer (2006)  
Corteel, Williams (2006) (2008) (2009) xgv, (2008)  
Corteel, Stanton, Stanley, Williams (2010)

Derrida, ...

Mallick, ... Golinelli, Mallick (2006)

• Orthogonal polynomials

→ Sasamoto (1999)

→ Blythe, Evans, Colaiori, Essler (2000)

$q$ -Hermite polynomial  
 $\alpha, \beta, q$        $\gamma = \delta = 1$

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

→ Uchiyama, Sasamoto, Wadati (2003)

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

Askey-Wilson polynomials

# The Matrix Ansatz

Derrida, Evans, Hakim, Pasquier

$$P_n(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) = \mathcal{L}_n(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) / Z_n$$

$$Z_n = \sum_{\tau} \mathcal{L}_n(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \quad \text{partition function}$$

Derrida, Evans, Hakim, Pasquier (1993)

"matrix ansatz"

$D$   $E$  matrices,

$v$  column vector,

$w$  row vector

$$\begin{cases} DE = qED + D + E \\ (\beta D - \delta E)|v\rangle = |v\rangle \\ \langle w|(\alpha E - \gamma D) = \langle w| \end{cases}$$

Then

$$f_n(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$$

Derrida, Evans, Hakim, Pasquier (1993)

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TASEP

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} DE = \boxed{\phantom{0}} + D + E \\ (\beta D - \boxed{\phantom{0}}) |v\rangle = |v\rangle \\ \langle w| (\alpha E - \boxed{\phantom{0}}) = \langle w| \end{array} \right.$$

Then

$$Z_n(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) = \langle w | \prod_{i=1}^n (\tau_i D + (1 - \tau_i) E) | v \rangle$$

examples:

TASEP

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} DE = D + E \\ D|V\rangle = \bar{\beta}|V\rangle \\ \langle W|E = \bar{\alpha}\langle W| \end{array} \right.$$

examples:

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \circ & \bar{\beta} & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \alpha \beta & \beta & \circ & \circ \\ \alpha \beta^2 & \beta^2 & \beta & \circ \\ \alpha \beta^3 & \beta^3 & \beta^2 & \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

(infinite matrices)

$$\bar{\beta} = \frac{1}{\beta}, \quad \bar{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

$$\langle w | = (1, 0, \dots)$$

$$|v\rangle = (1, 1, \dots, 1, \dots)^T$$

TASEP

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \circ & 1 & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\beta} & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \bar{\beta} & 1 & \circ & \circ \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \bar{\beta} & \circ & \circ & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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examples:

TASEP

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\beta} & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(infinite matrices)

$$\langle w | = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$| v \rangle = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

$$\bar{\beta} = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

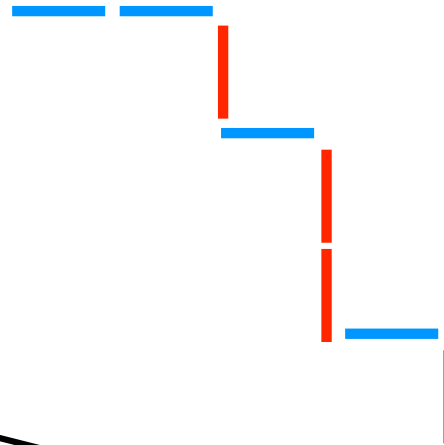
$$K^2 = \alpha + \bar{\beta} - \alpha \bar{\beta}$$

The PASEP algebra

$$DE = qED + E + D$$

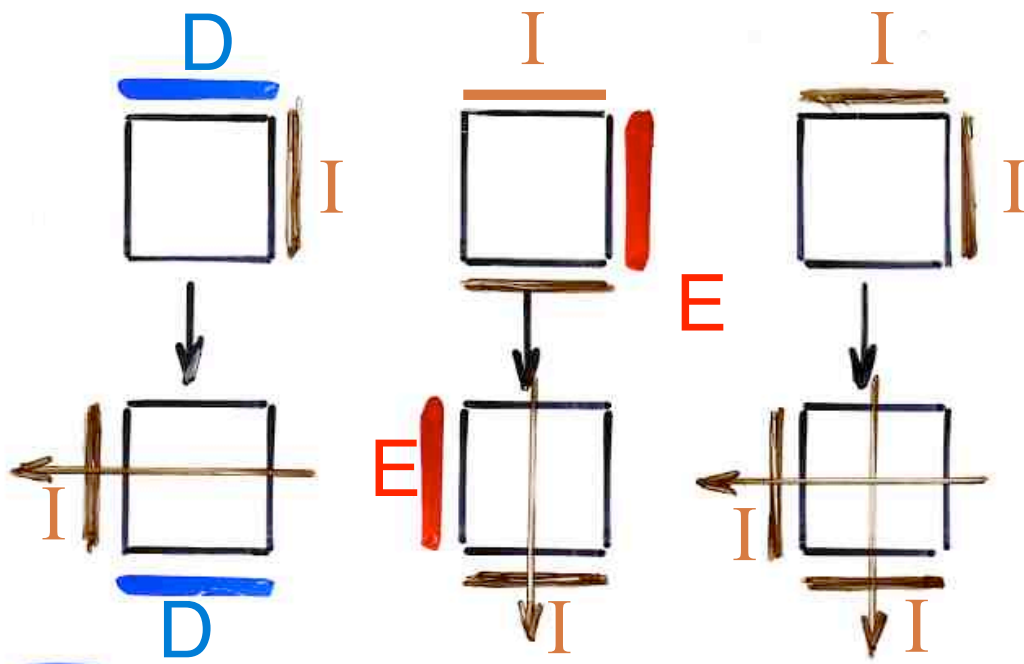
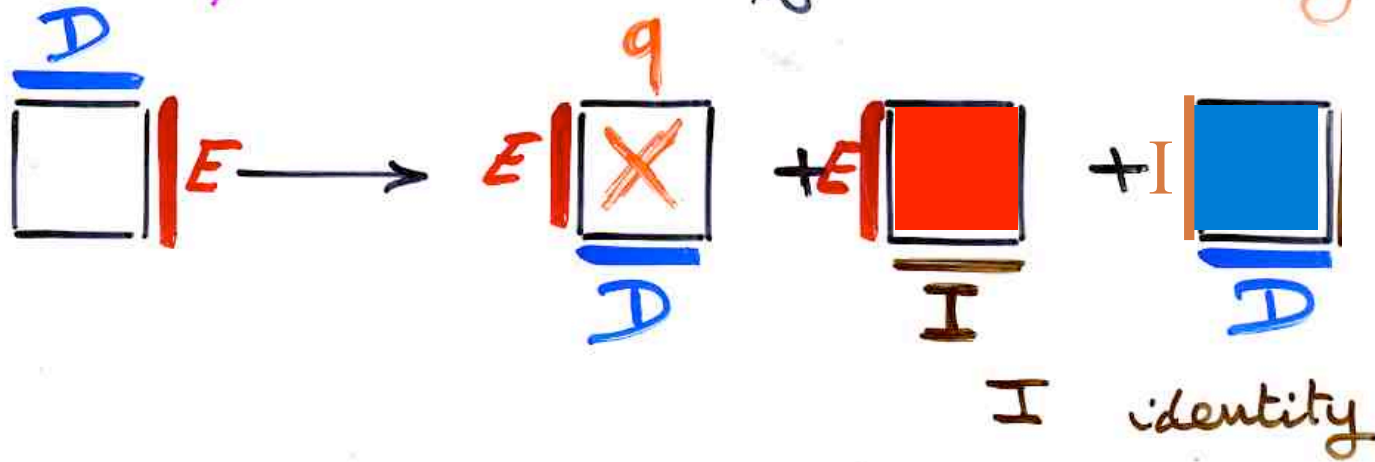
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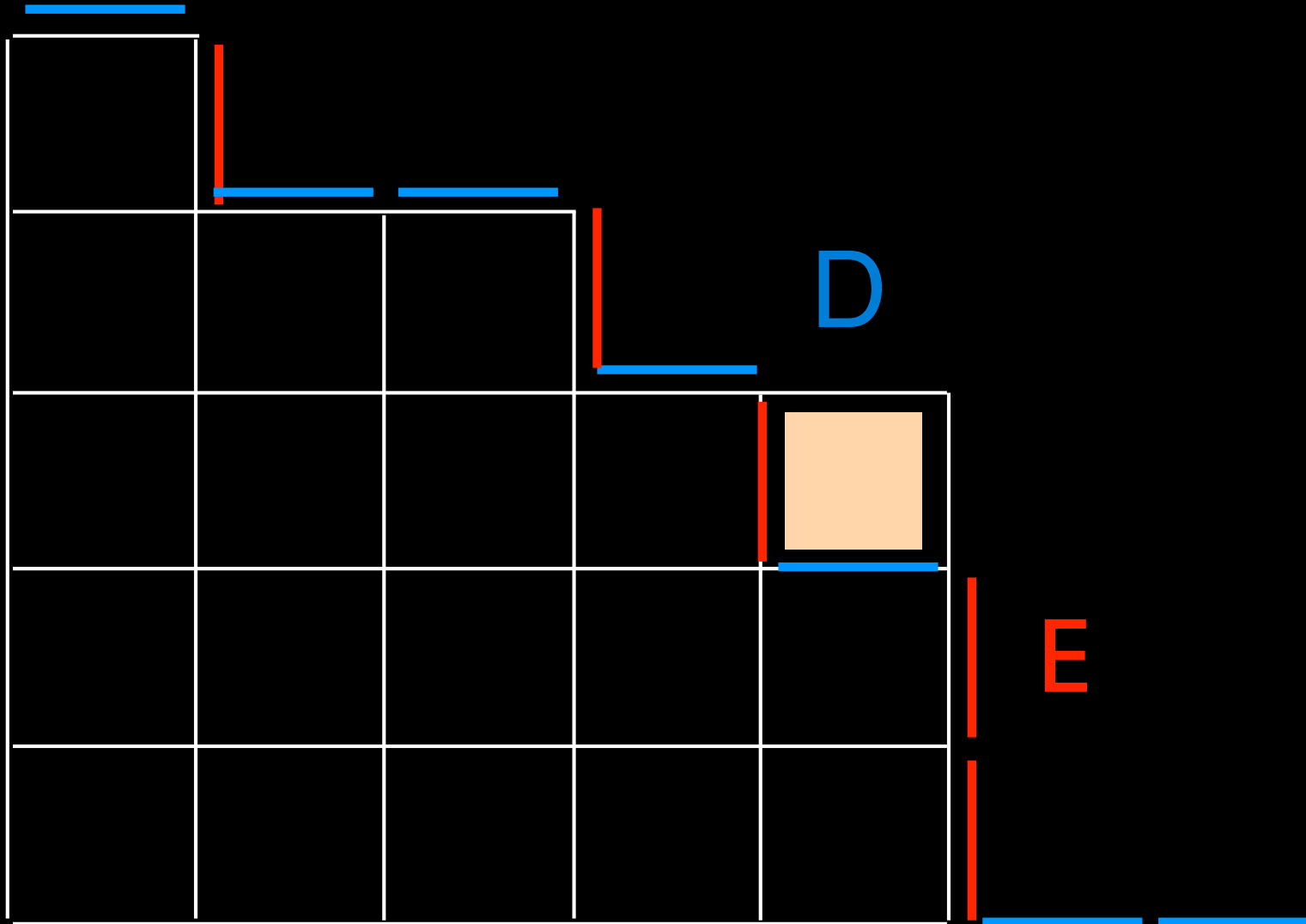


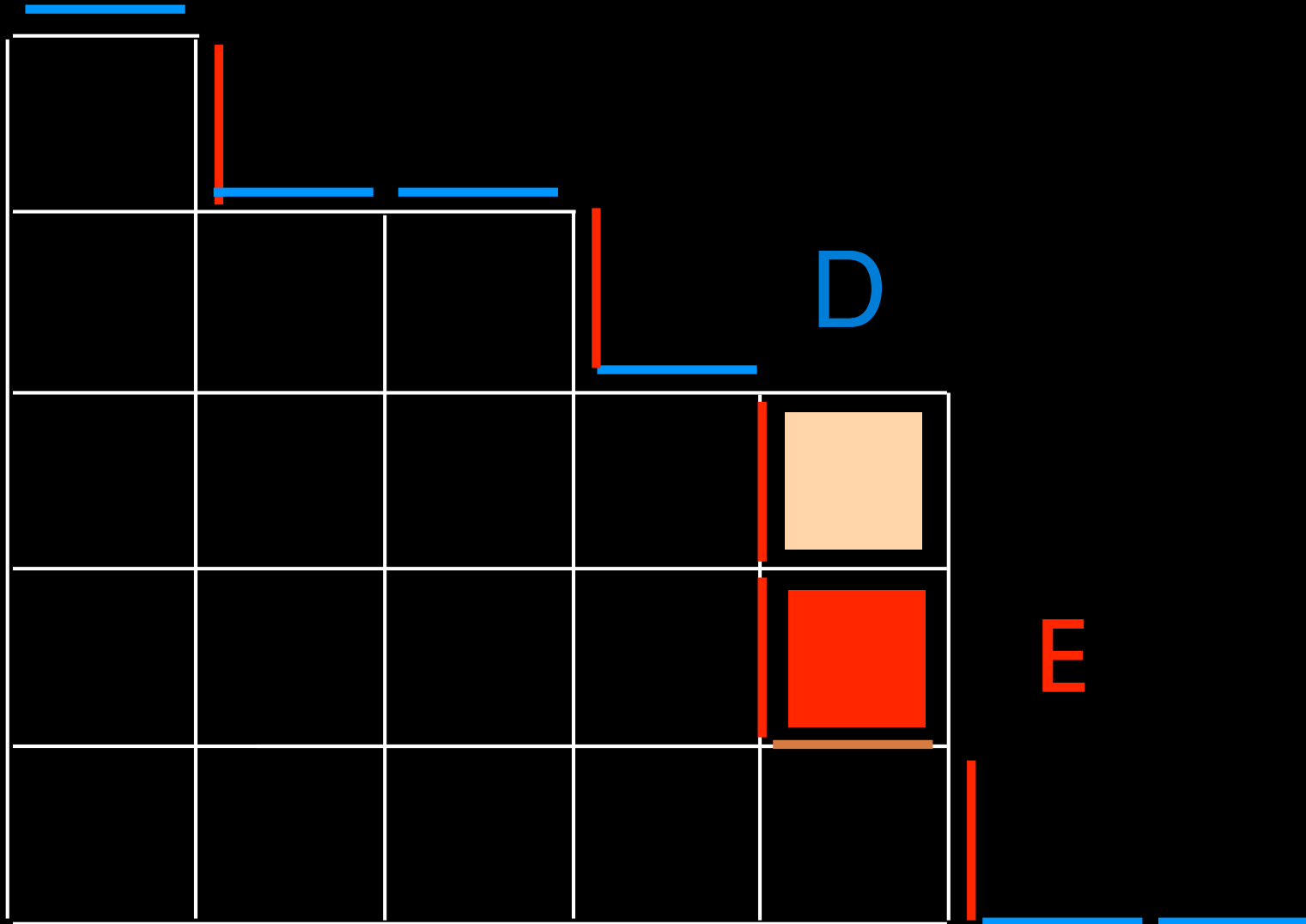
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Proof: "planarization" of the rewriting rules



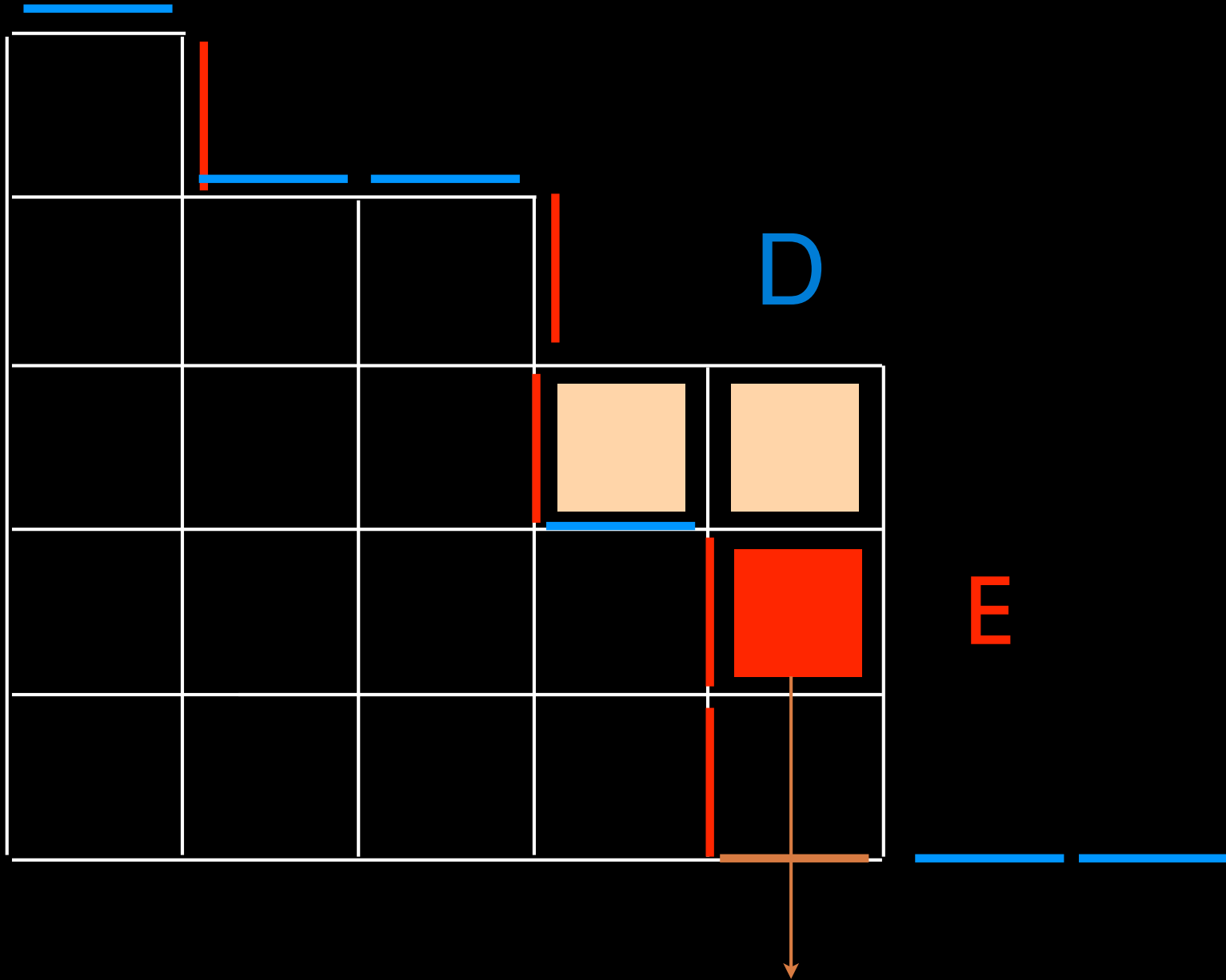


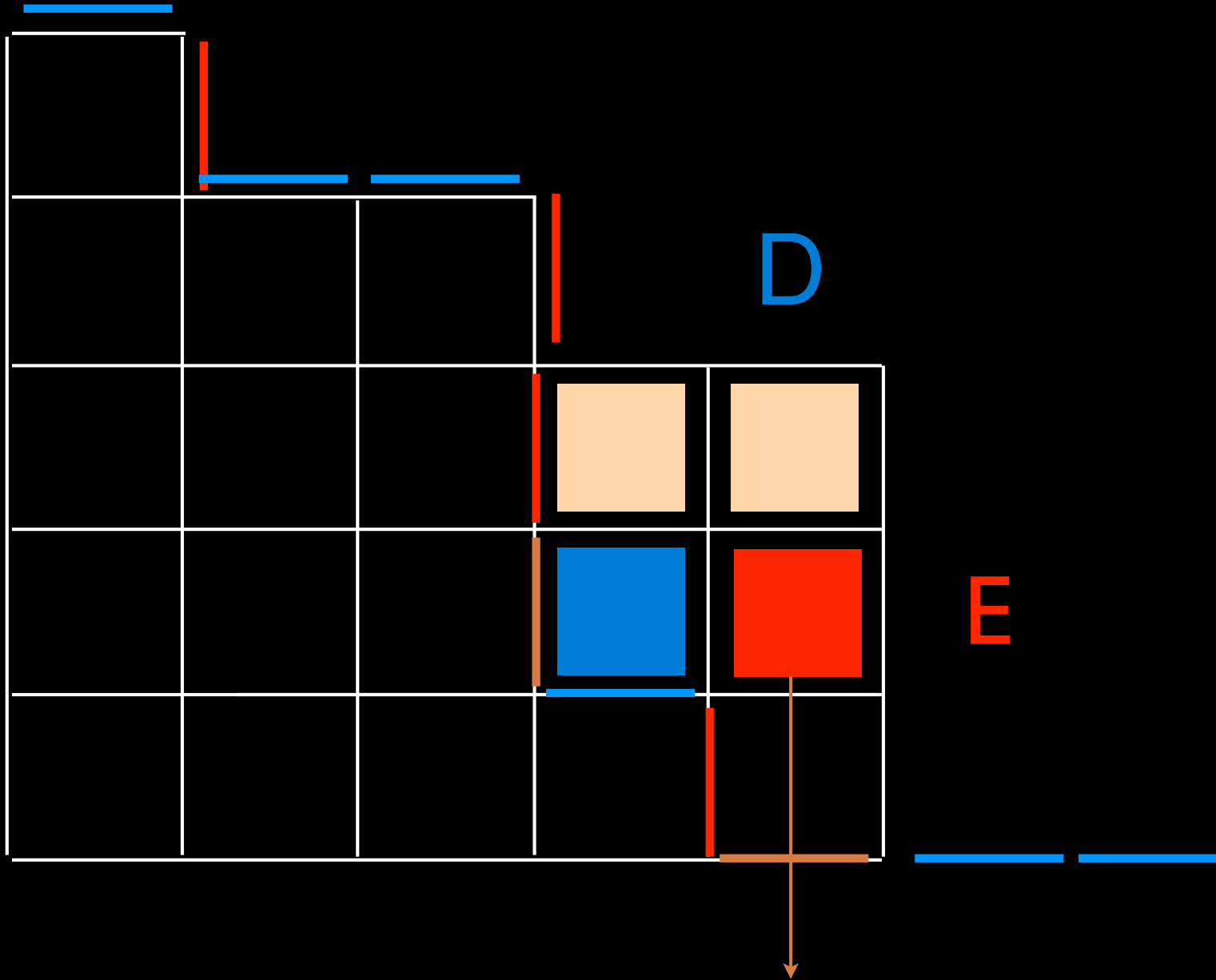


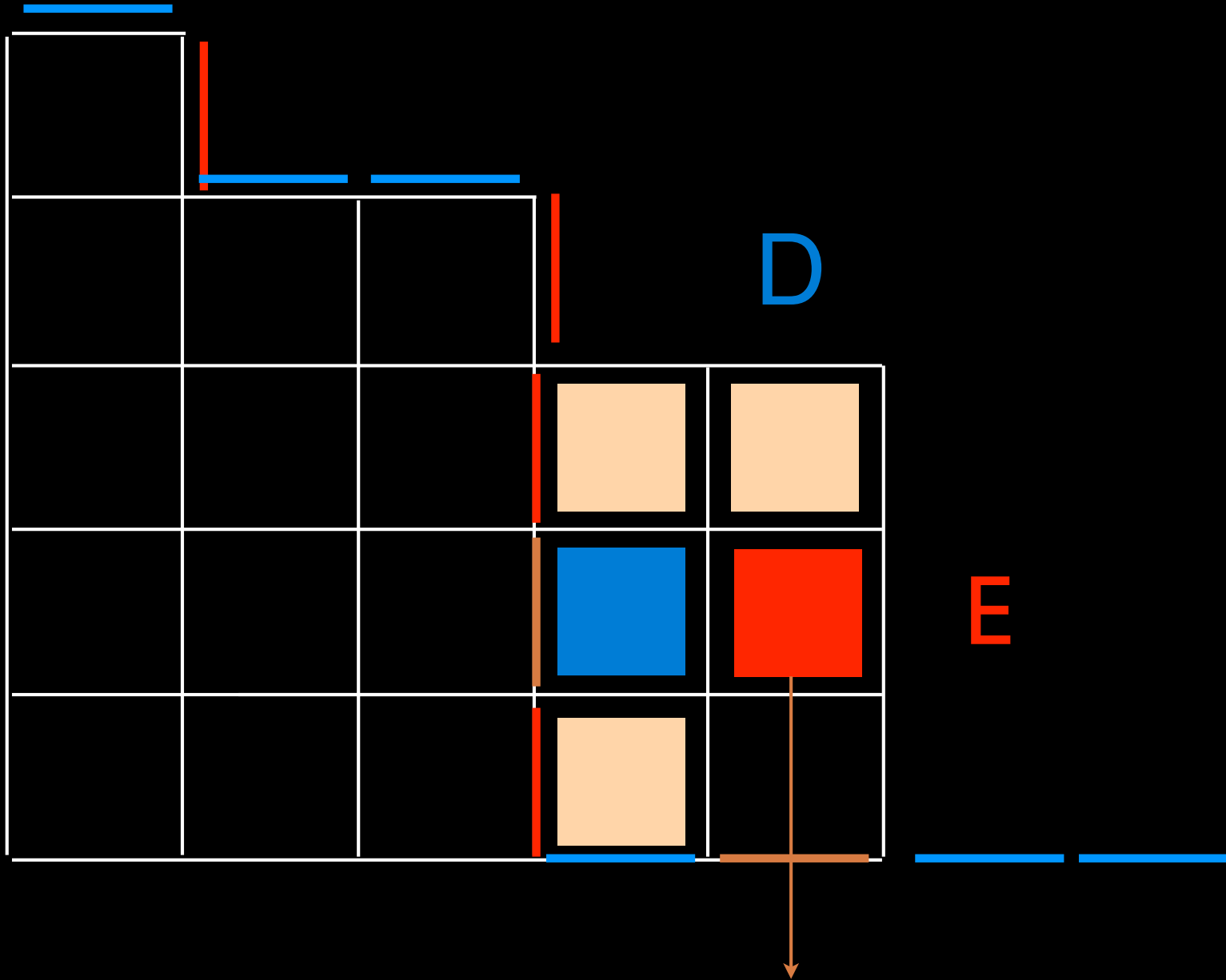


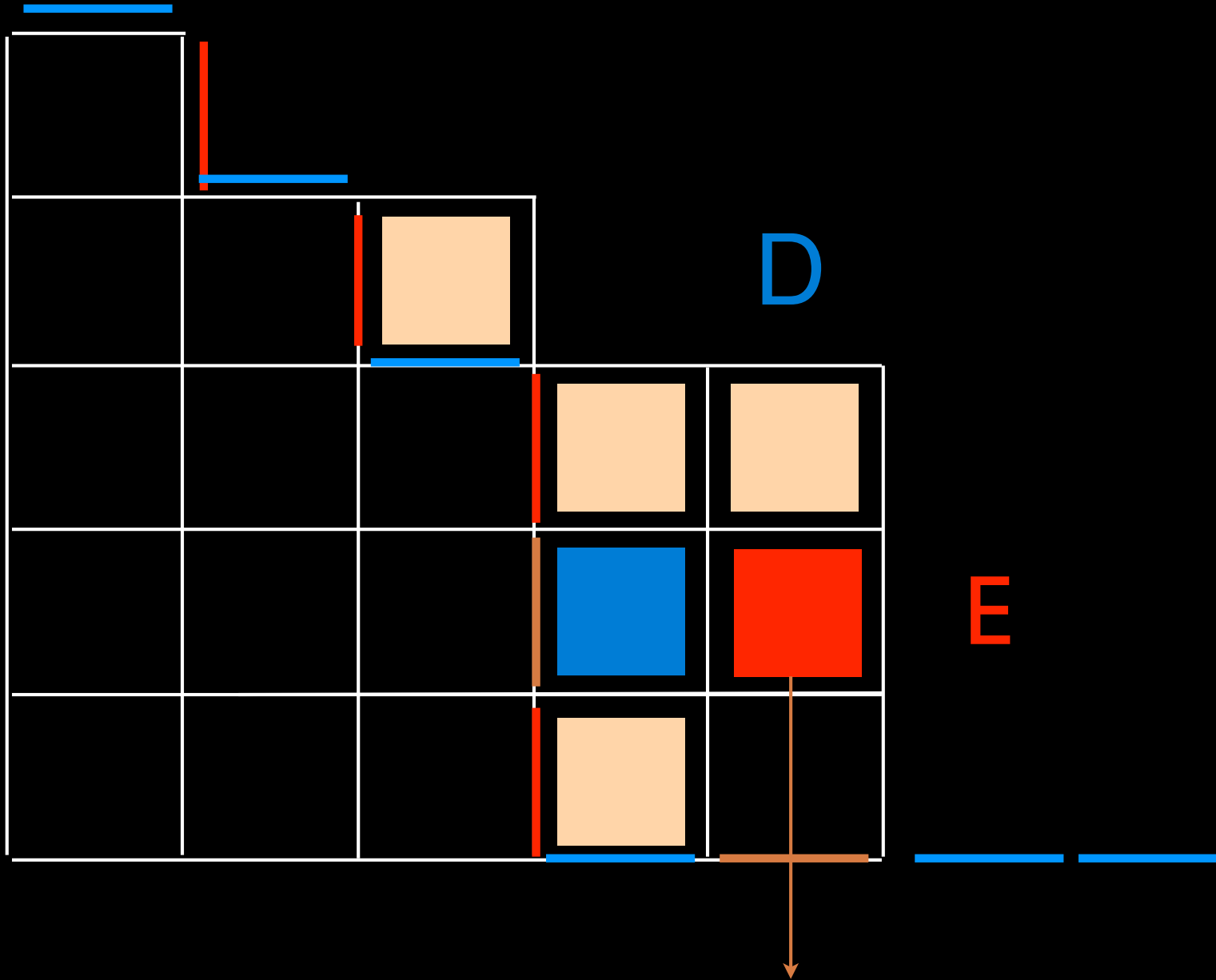


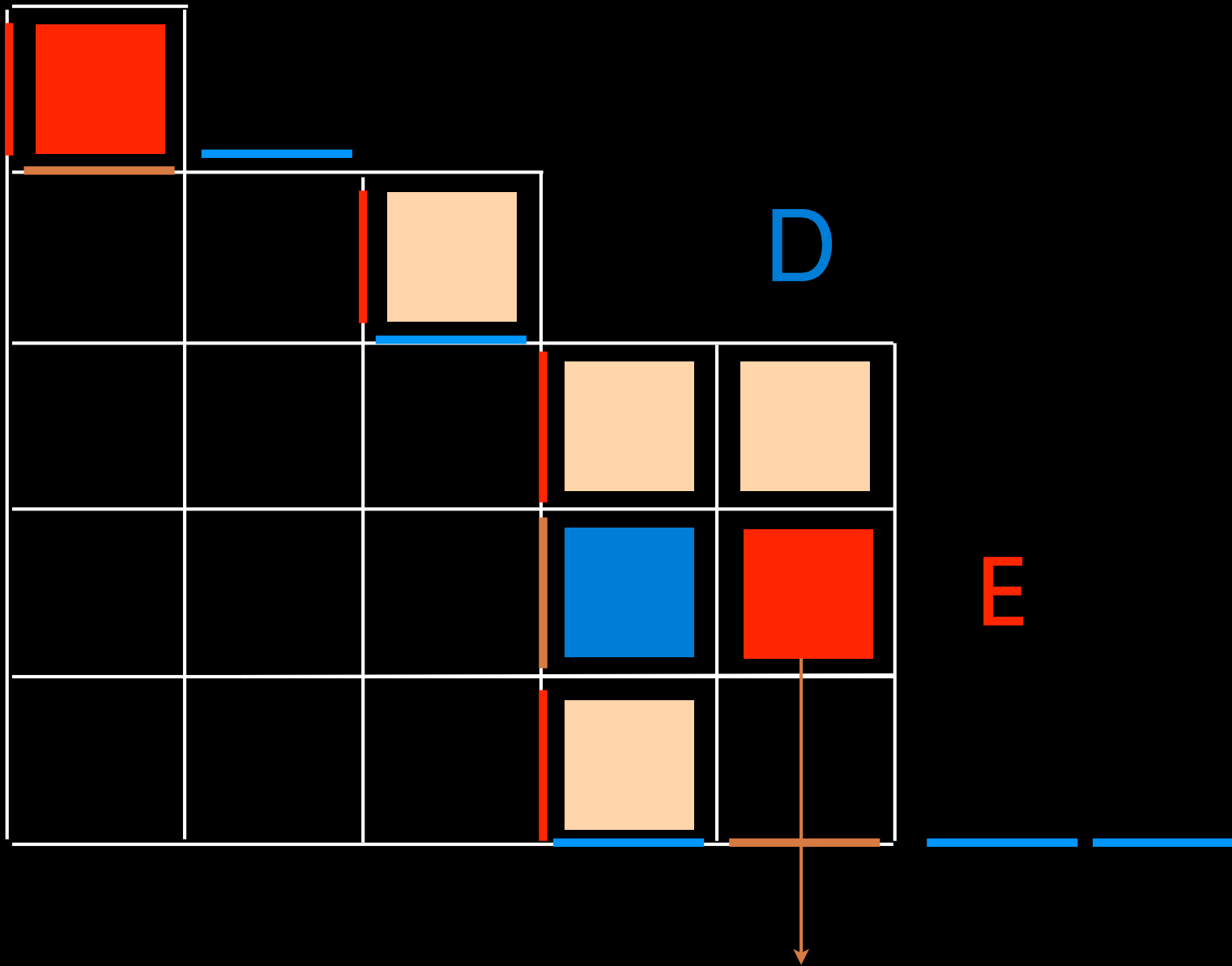




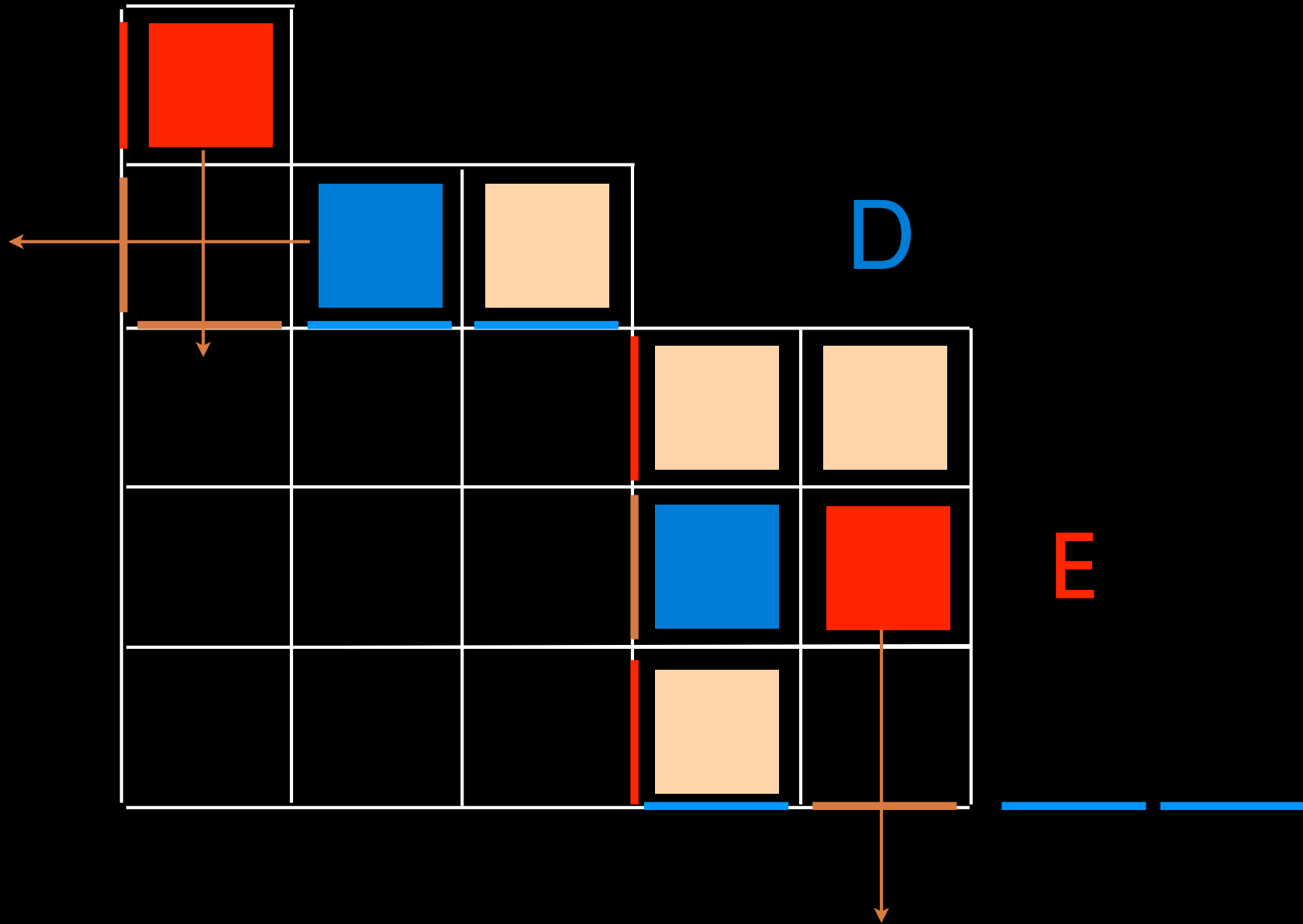


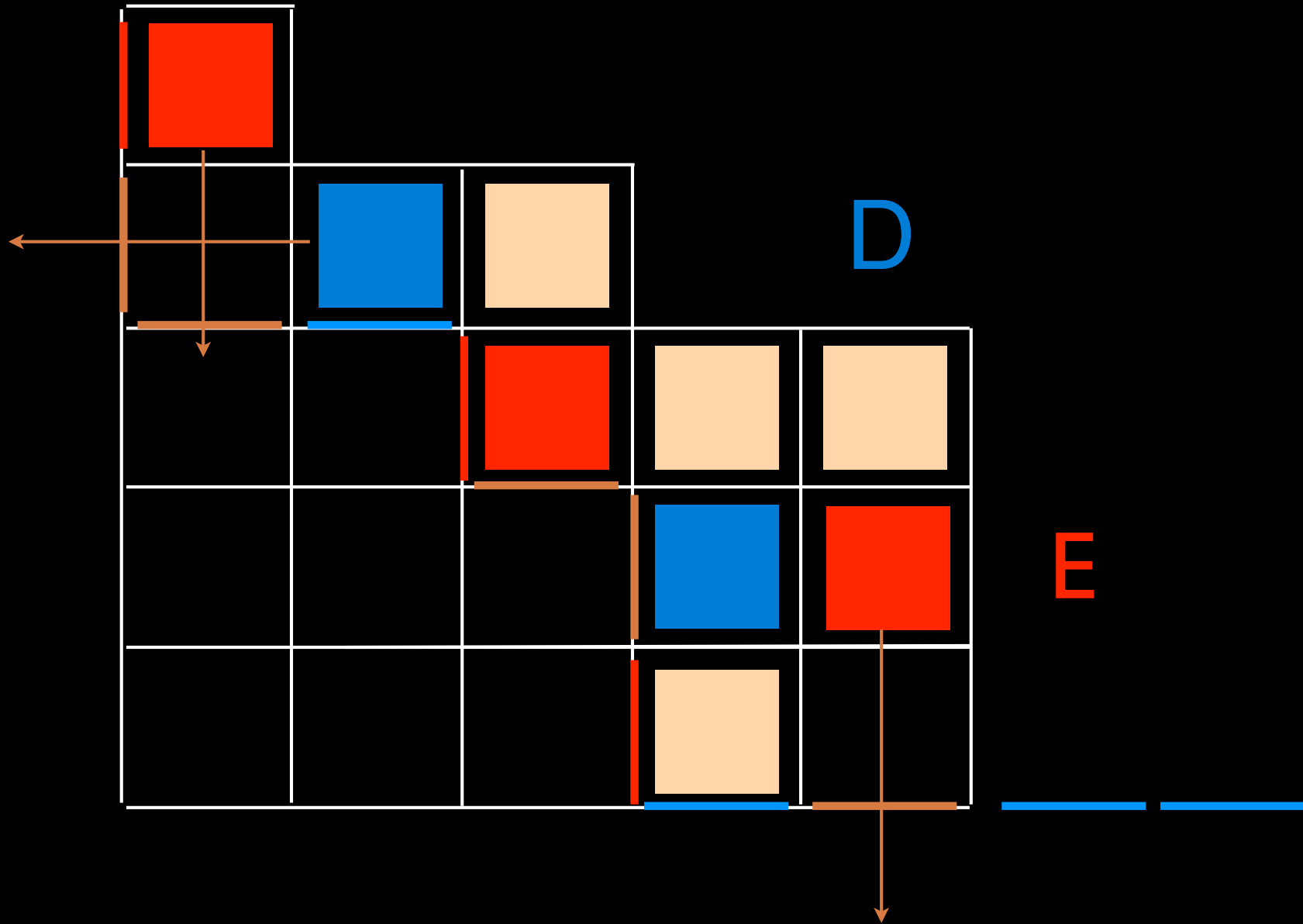




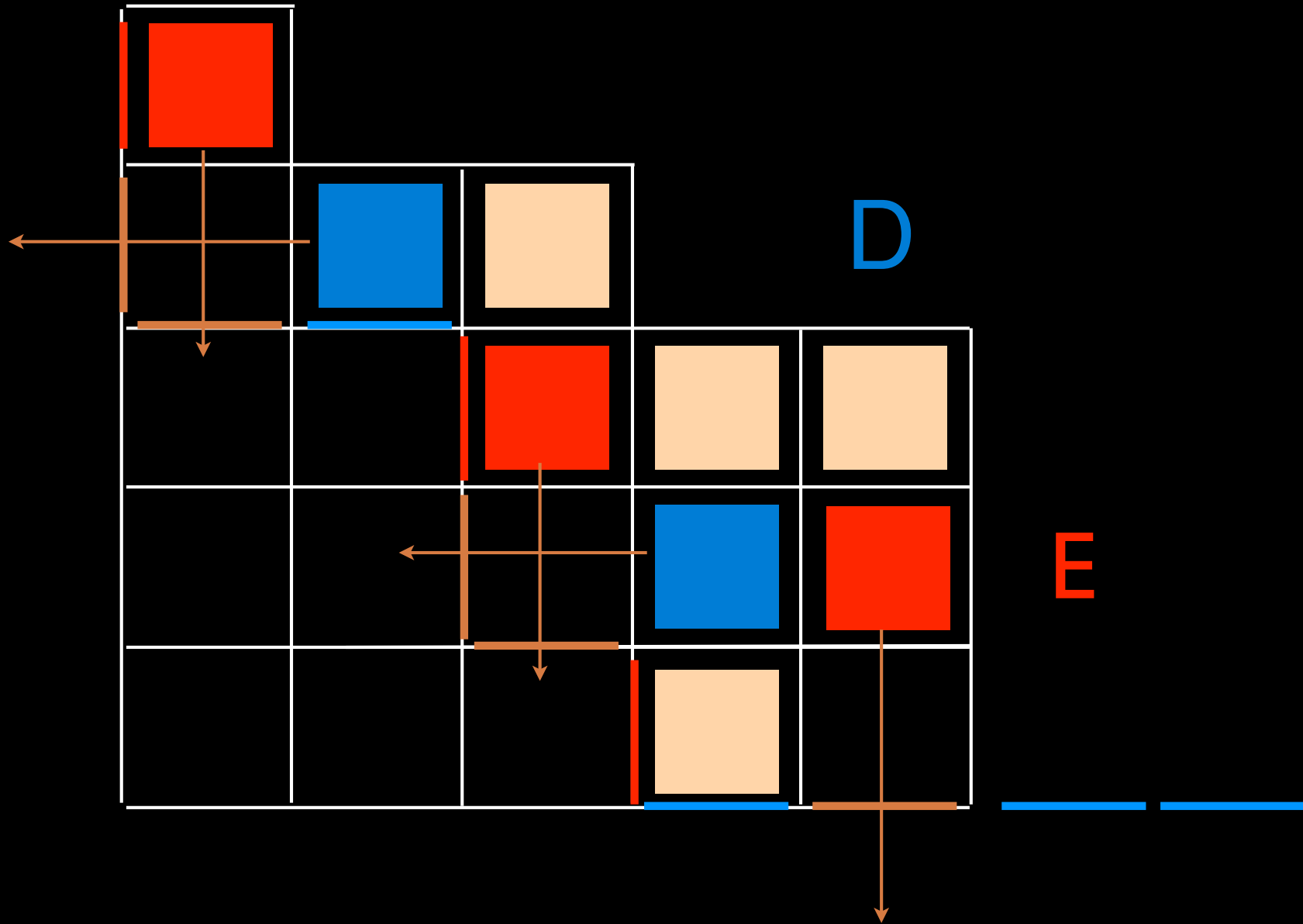


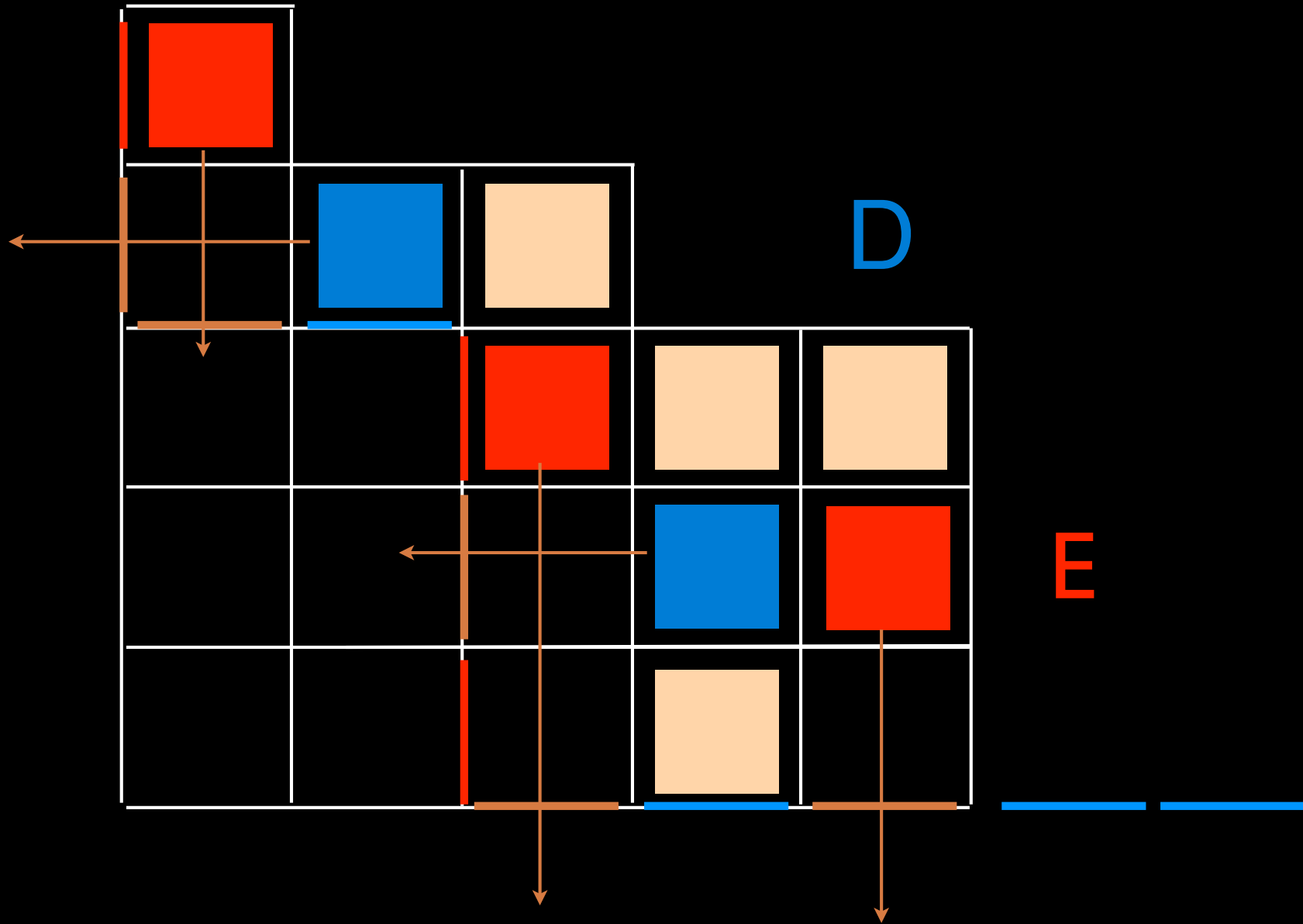




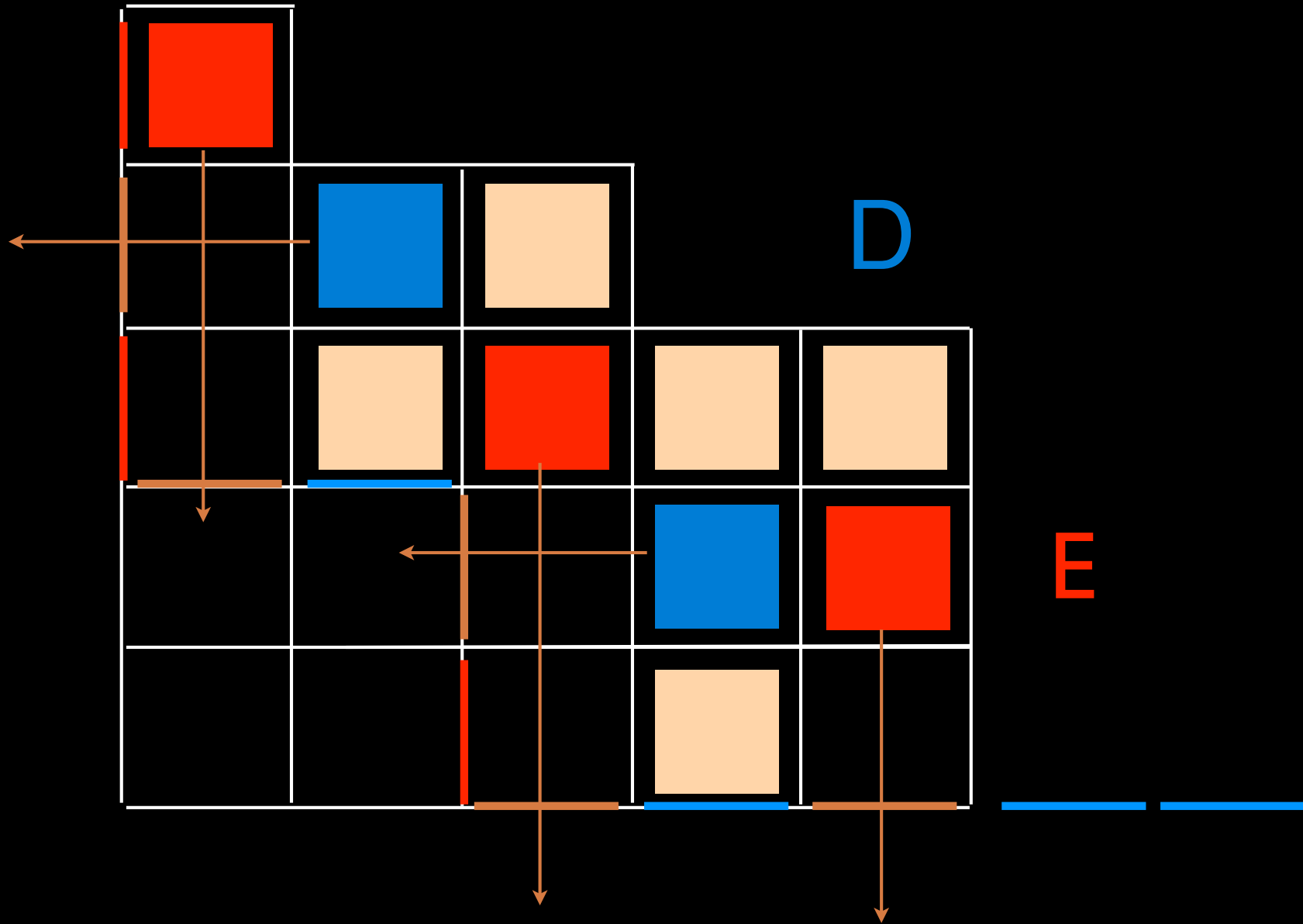


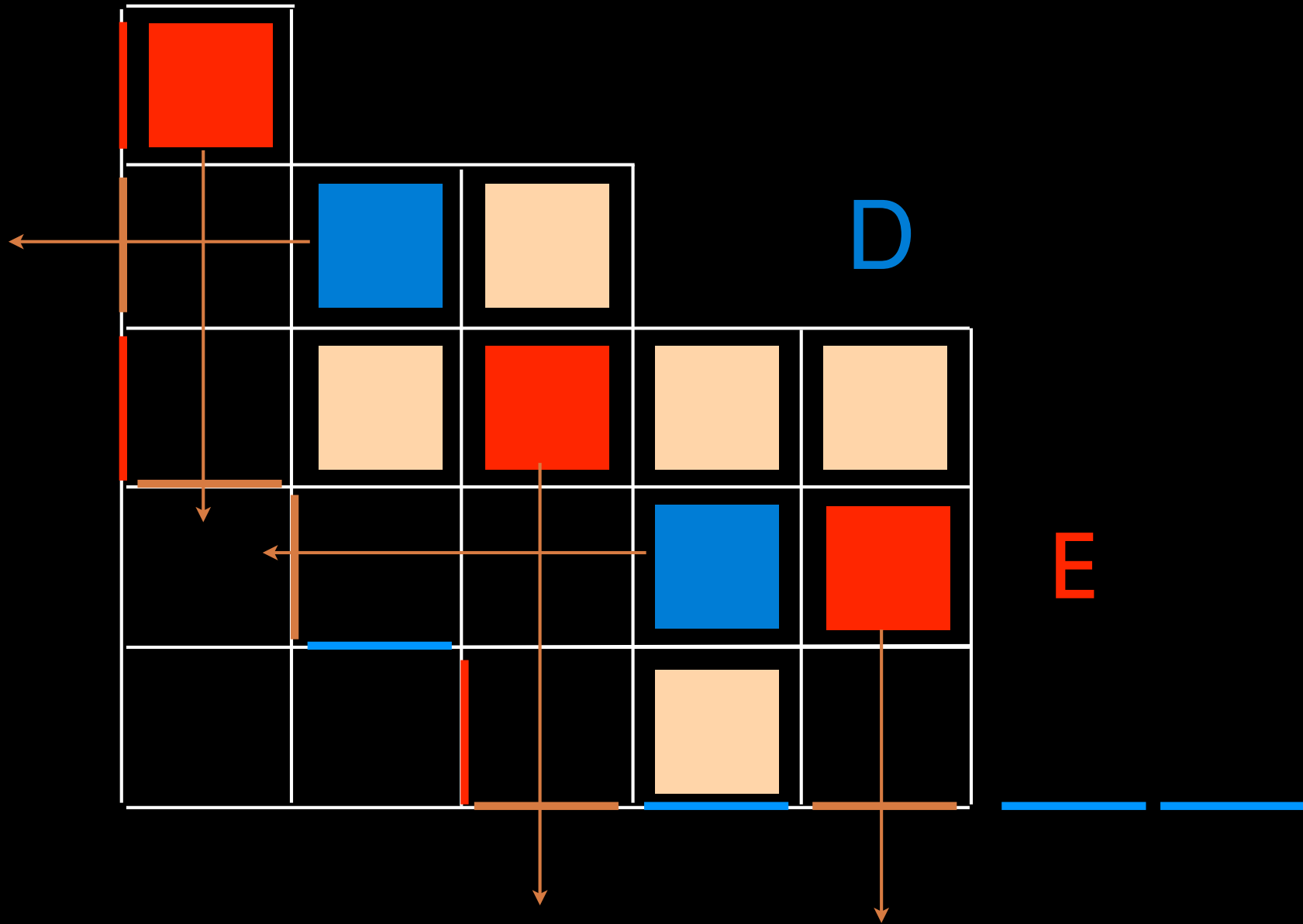


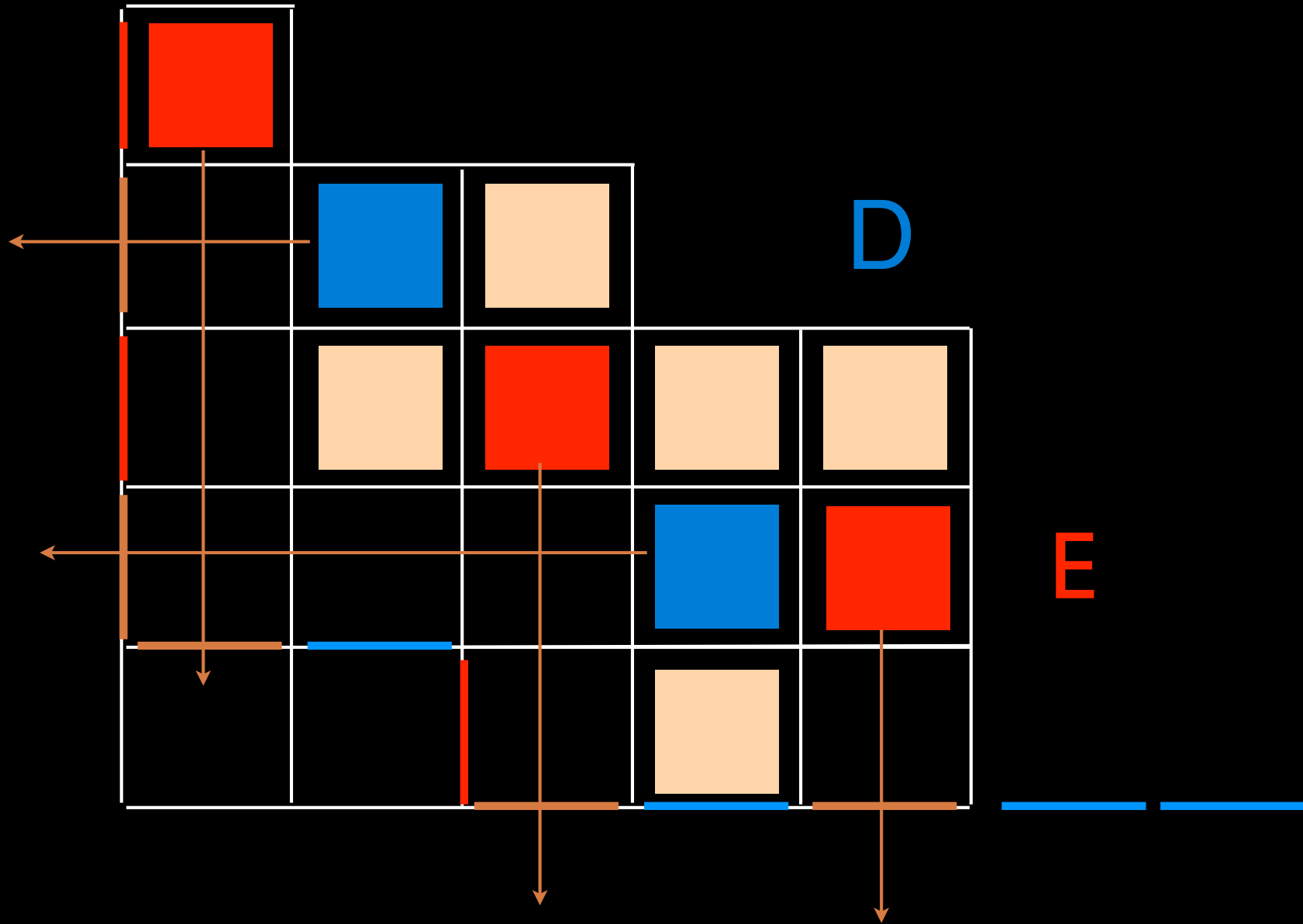


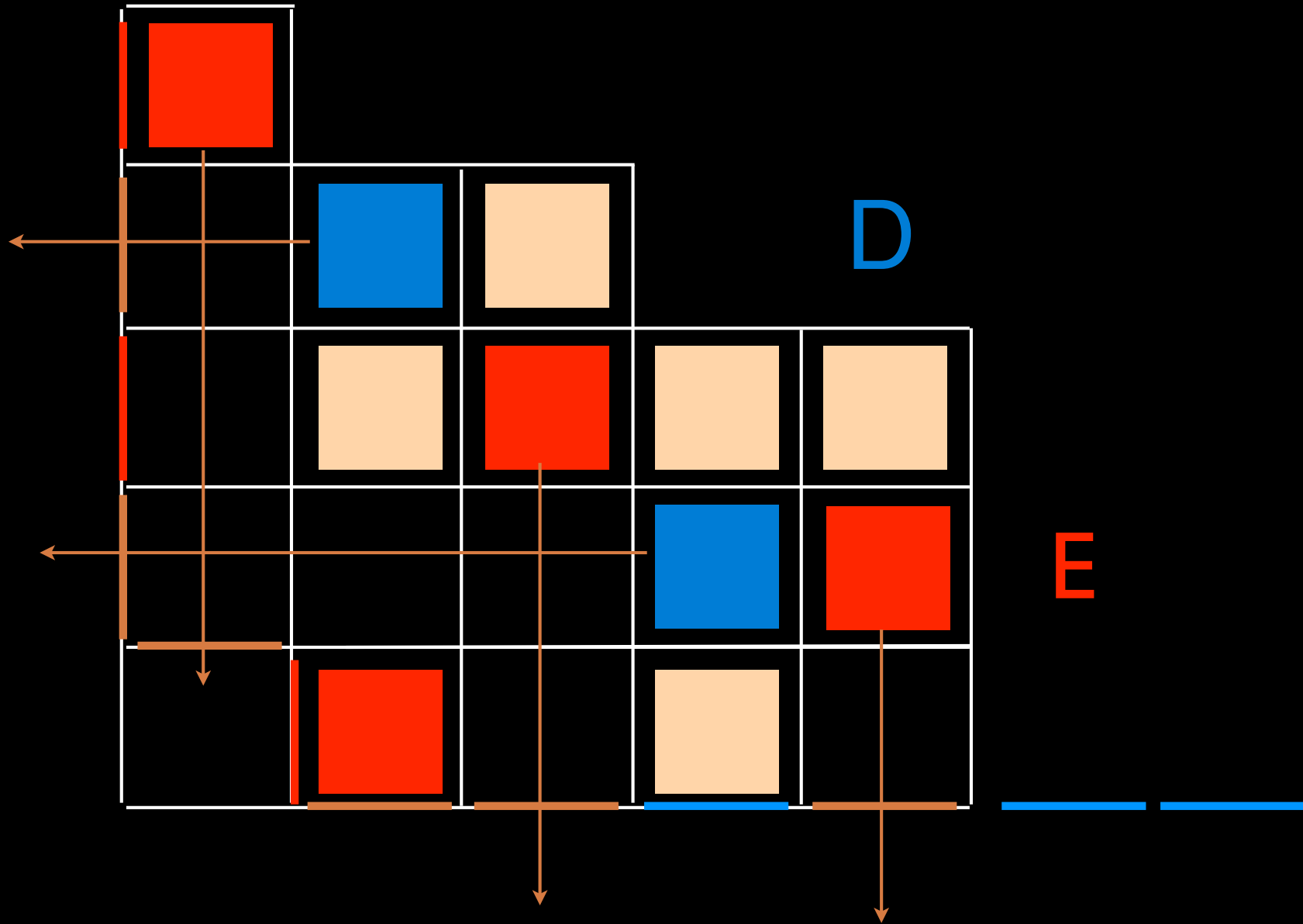


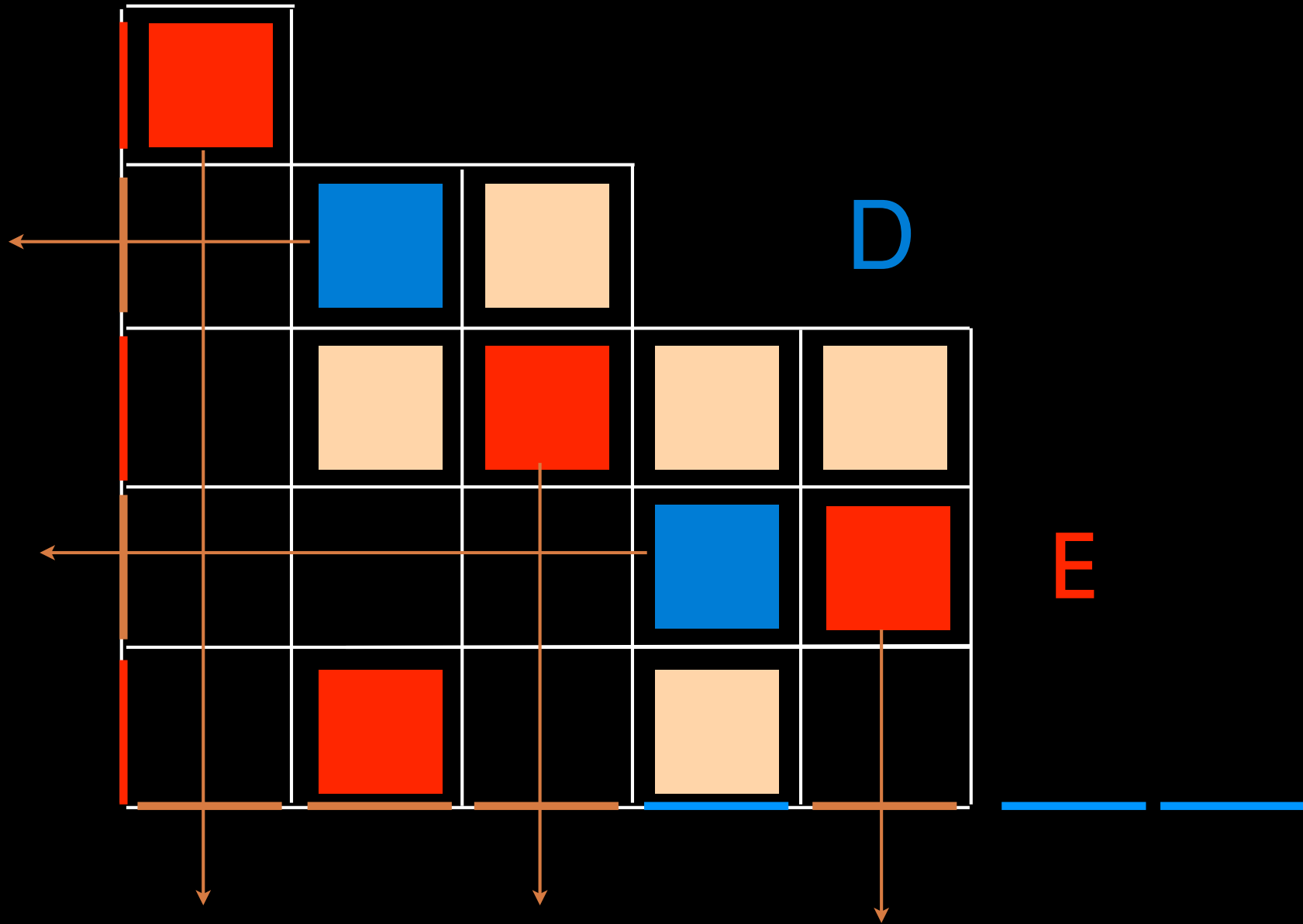




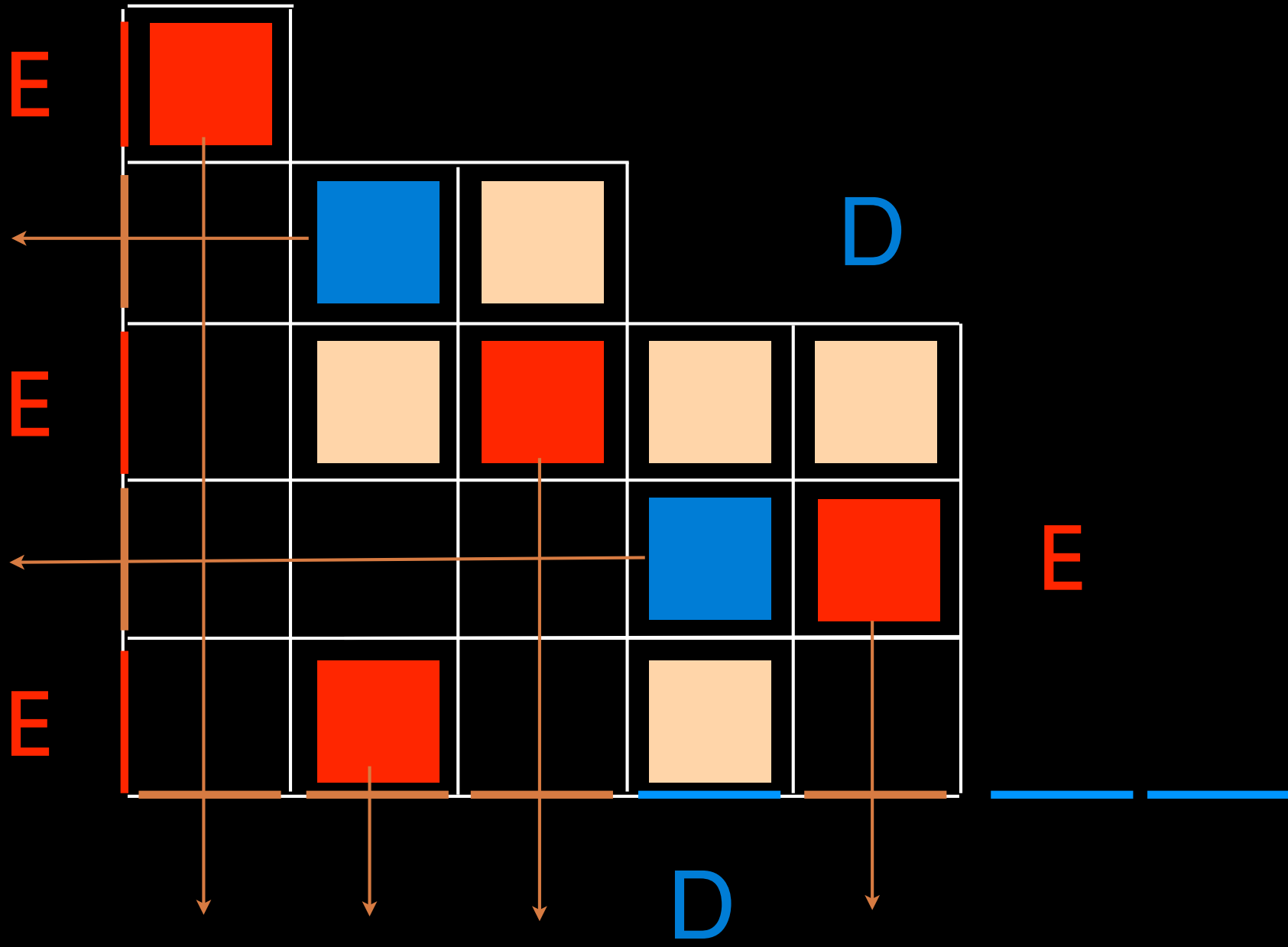








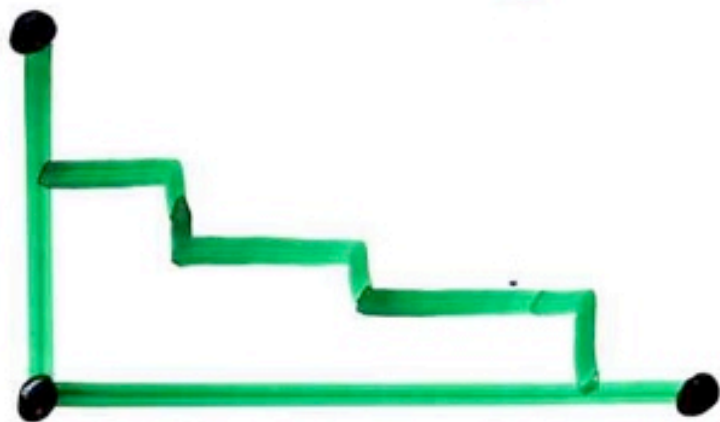




alternative tableaux

# alternative tableaux

- Ferrers diagram **F**

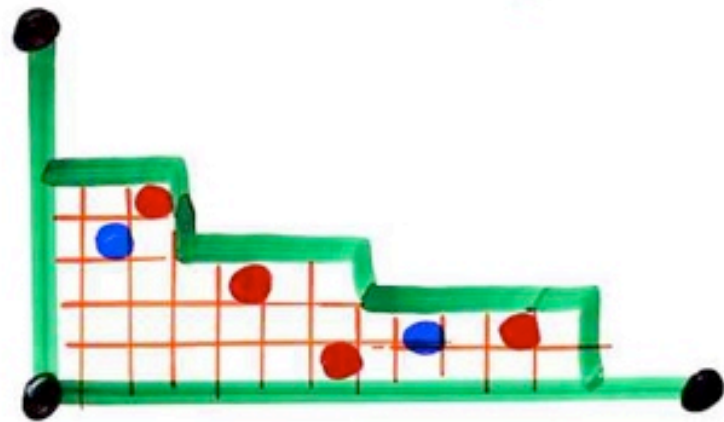


(possibly empty rows or columns)

$$\begin{aligned} &(\text{nb of rows}) + (\text{nb of columns}) \\ &= n \end{aligned}$$

# alternative tableau

- Ferrers diagram **F**



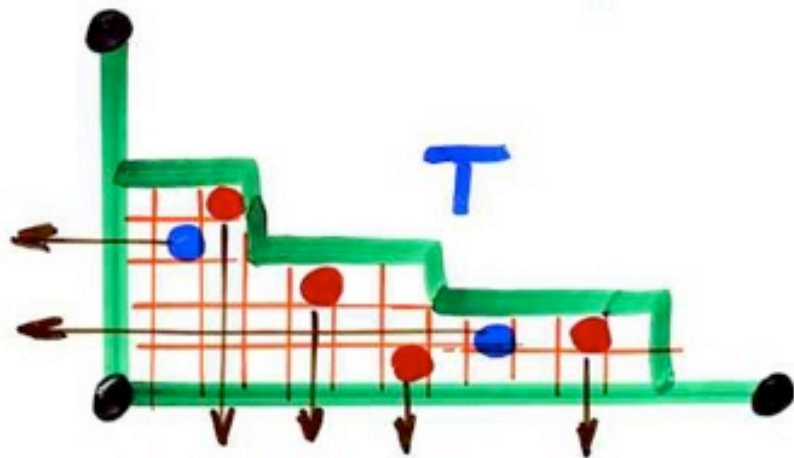
(possibly empty rows or columns)

$$(\text{nb of rows}) + (\text{nb of columns}) = n$$

- some cells are coloured **red** or **blue**

# alternative tableau T



- Ferrers diagram F



(possibly empty rows or columns)

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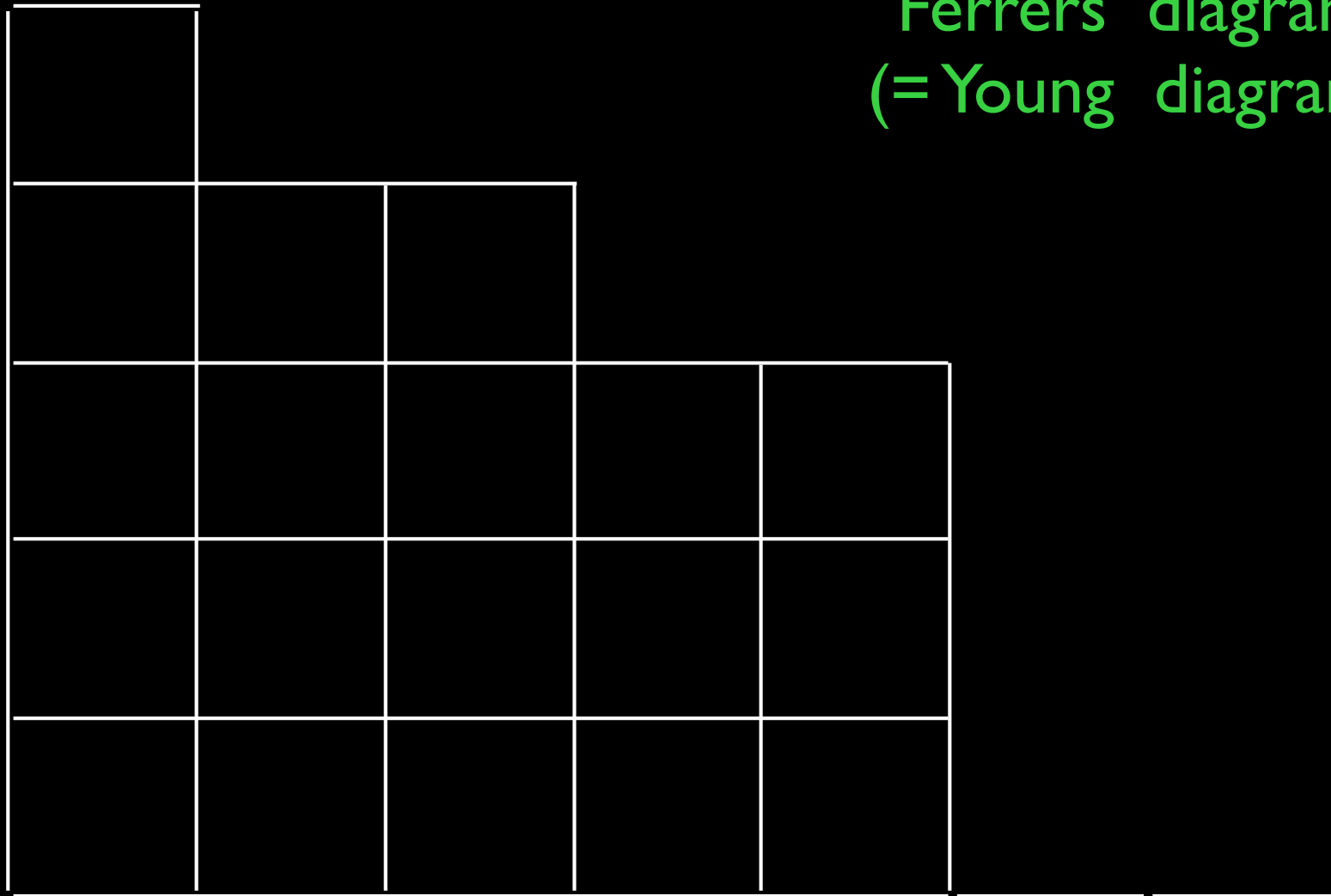
- some cells are coloured red or blue

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no coloured cell below 

n size of T

alternative tableau

Ferrers diagram  
(= Young diagram)

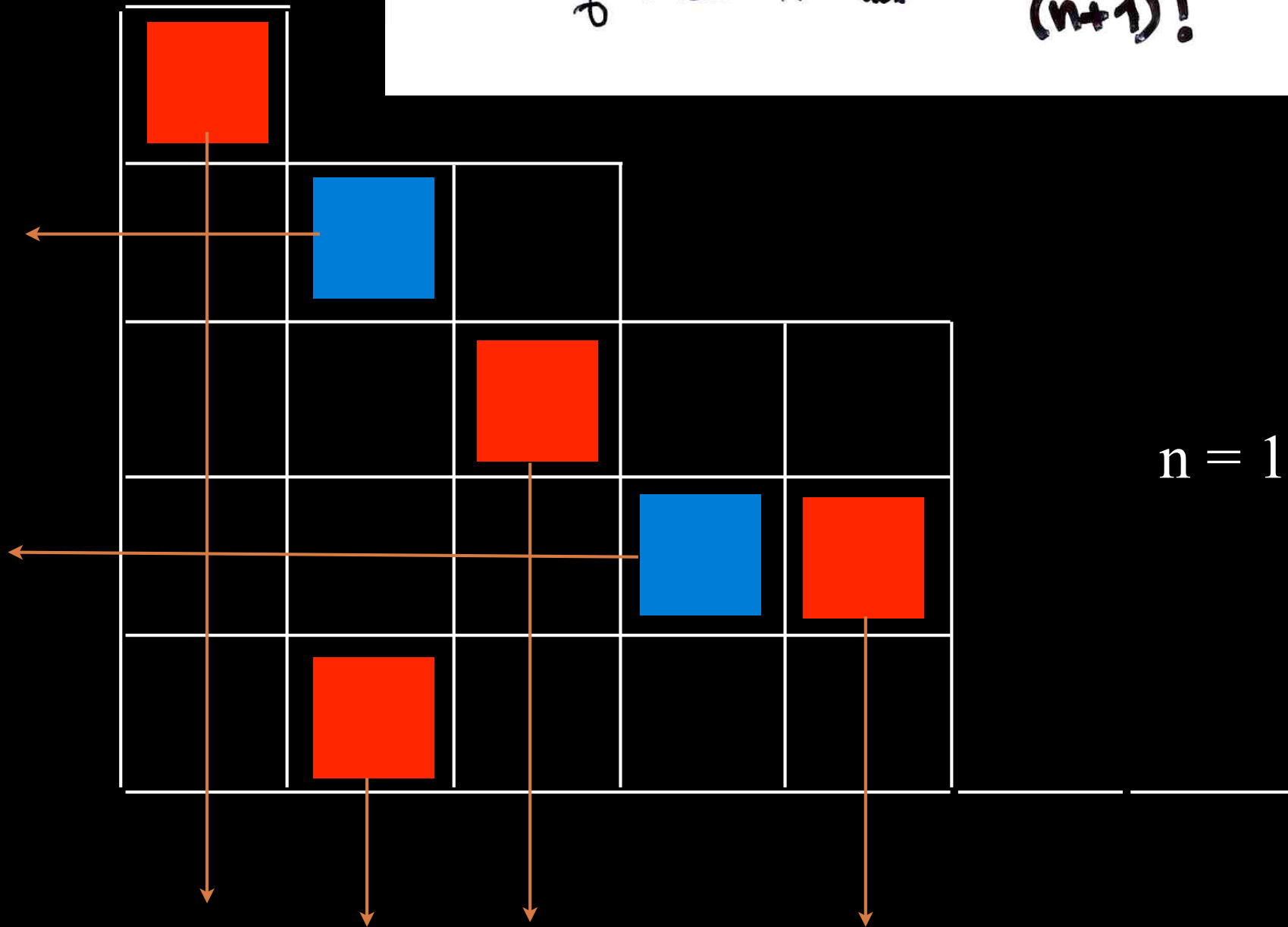


# alternative tableau

A 5x5 grid representing an alternative tableau. The grid is defined by white lines on a black background. The cells contain either a red square or a blue square. The red squares are located at (1,1), (3,3), (4,5), and (5,2). The blue squares are located at (2,2) and (4,4). The grid is 5 rows high and 5 columns wide. The first row has 1 cell, the second row has 2 cells, the third row has 3 cells, the fourth row has 4 cells, and the fifth row has 5 cells.

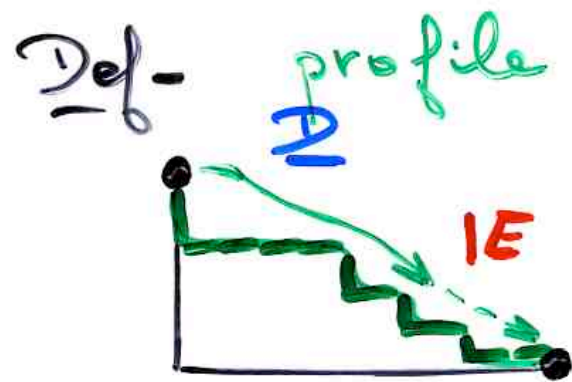
Red				
	Blue			
		Red		
			Blue	Red
	Red			

Prop. The number of alternative tableaux of size  $n$  is  $(n+1)!$



$n = 12$





of an  
word.

alternative tableau

$$w \in \{E, D\}^*$$

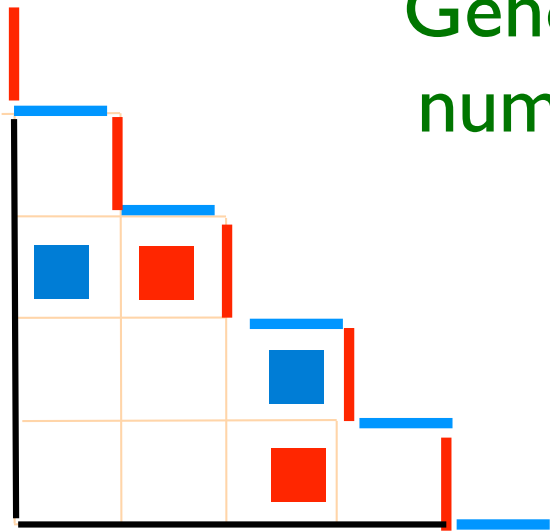
nombre de Genocchi

$$G_{2n} = 2(2^{2n} - 1) B_{2n}$$

Bernoulli

$$2^{2n} G_{2n+2} = (n+1) T_{2n+1}$$

Genocchi numbers



alternating profile



Angelo Genocchi  
1817 - 1889

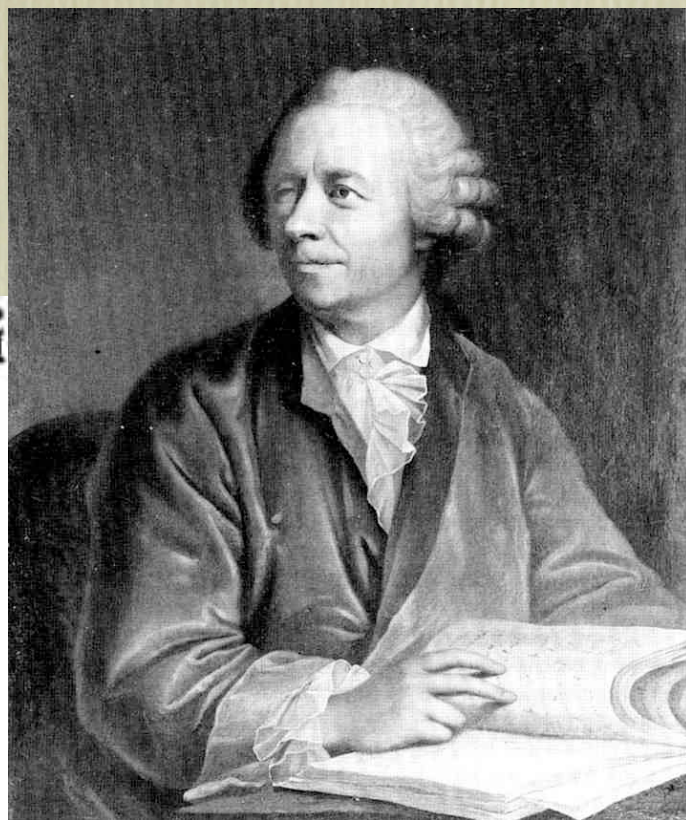
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$$\begin{aligned} A &= 1 \\ B &= 1 \\ C &= 3 \\ D &= 17 \\ E &= 155 &= 5.31 \\ F &= 2073 &= 691.3 \end{aligned}$$

$$G = 38227 = 7.5461 = 7. \frac{127.129}{3}.$$

$$H = 929569 = 3617.257$$

$$I = 28820619 = 43867.9.73 \quad \&c.$$



**BORDEAUX 1.** Le professeur Donald Knuth consacre sa vie à la programmation informatique, considérée comme un art. Il vient d'être sacré docteur honoris causa à Bordeaux

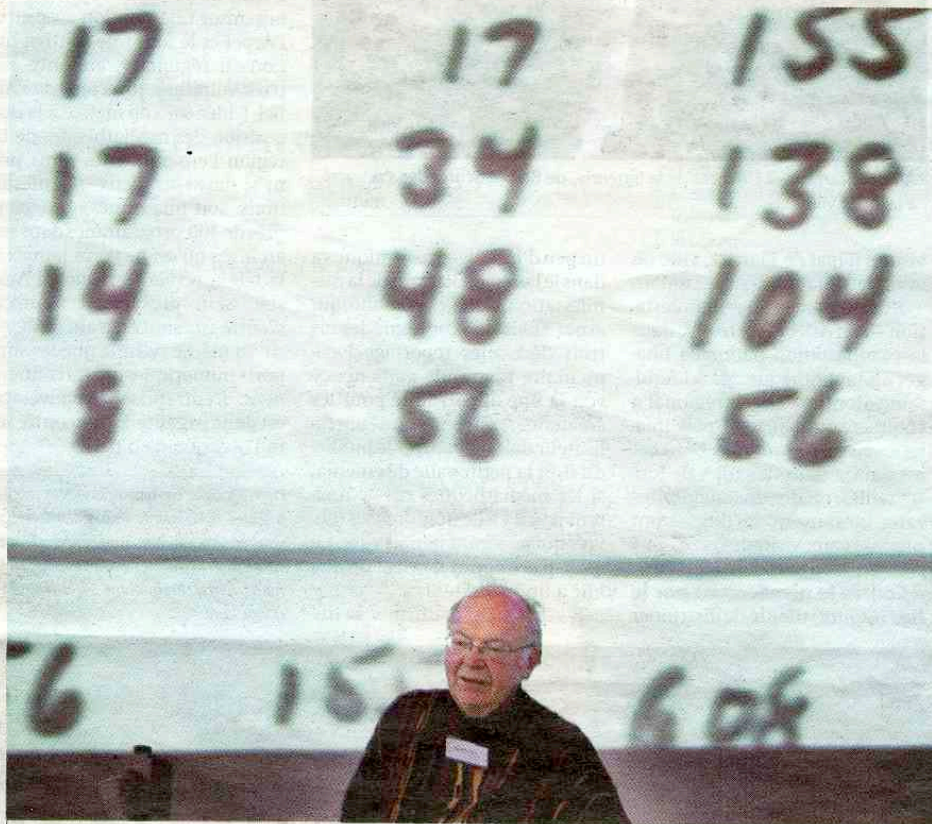
# L'ermite de l'informatique

de Bernard Broustet

Une sommité de l'informatique mondiale a séjourné en Gironde ces derniers jours. Donald Knuth, 69 ans, a été sacré mardi docteur honoris causa de l'université Bordeaux 1, après avoir été lundi au centre d'une journée d'échanges qui réunissait une bonne partie du gratin français et européen de la recherche en informatique (1).

Depuis son premier contact, il ya un demi-siècle, avec un monumental et dinosaurien IBM 650, Donald Knuth n'a cessé d'être habité par la passion de l'informatique. Physicien, puis mathématicien de formation, ce géant affable et modeste a voué sa vie à ce qu'il appelle « l'art de la programmation informatique ». Car, à ses yeux, plus qu'une technique, c'est une forme d'activité qui requiert à la fois rigueur, intuition et sens esthétique. Les programmes informatiques réussis ont une sorte de beauté à laquelle même les non-spécialistes peuvent être sensibles.

**Une encyclopédie.** Au long de sa carrière académique (pour l'essentiel à l'université californienne de Stanford), Donald Knuth a fait preuve d'une grande fécondité, en jouant notamment un rôle essentiel dans le développement de langages toujours utilisés par la communauté des mathématiciens. Mais, à 55 ans, le professeur Knuth a décidé de prendre sa retraite de Stanford. Il trouve que les fonctions administratives sont trop absorbantes pour lui permettre de mener à bien l'œuvre entamée à la fin des années 60 sous le titre de « Art of computer programming », sorte d'encyclopédie de l'algorithmique et de la programmation informati-



Donald Knuth, à Bordeaux, le 29 octobre. À 69 ans, il aimait une journée d'échanges avec le gratin européen de la recherche en informatique

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que. Donald Knuth a publié, il y a quelque temps déjà, les trois premiers volumes de cette gigantesque somme, traduite en russe, en japonais, en polonais, etc. mais pas en français. Le quatrième tome est pour bientôt. Et Donald Knuth se dit décidé à poursuivre sa tâche tant qu'il en aura la force. Ses ouvrages, dont les ventes cumulées au fil des ans approchent le million d'exemplaires, visent essentiellement les informaticiens et créateurs de programmes. Une communauté cer-

tes minoritaire à travers le monde, mais qui se trouve investie d'une mission considérable. En quelques décennies, l'écriture informatique a aidé à résoudre d'innombrables problèmes. « Mais il y en a tant d'autres qui attendent des solutions, notamment dans le domaine médical », affirme le professeur émérite de Stanford.

**Un chèque de 2,56 dollars.** Pour mener à bien sa tâche, Donald Knuth s'est imposé une vie

d'ermite. D'ordinaire, sa journée débute par la bibliothèque ou la piscine. Après quoi, il passe tout le reste de son temps à sa table de travail, dimanche compris. Il n'a plus d'e-mail depuis le début des années 90, considérant que le courrier électronique représente une perte de temps, dès lors qu'on veut aller au fond des choses et non pas rester à leur surface. Une secrétaire lui fait passer les messages considérés comme les plus urgents. Pour le reste, Donald Knuth demande qu'on lui

écrive par courrier ordinaire ou par fax, dont il prend parfois connaissance avec des mois de retard. Il s'oblige, en revanche, à tenir aussi scrupuleusement que possible sa promesse d'envoyer un chèque de 2,56 dollars à tout lecteur ayant détecté une erreur dans un de ses livres. Par ailleurs, pour se détendre, il pratique l'orgue, appris dans sa prime jeunesse auprès de son père qui partagea sa vie entre la musique et l'enseignement.

**L'orgue de Sainte-Croix.** Donald Knuth n'est pas fermé aux choses de ce monde. Sur son site Internet, à la rubrique « Questions qui ne me sont pas fréquemment posées », il demande entre autres : « Pourquoi mon pays a-t-il le droit d'occuper l'Irak ? », « Pourquoi mon pays ne soutient-il pas une Cour internationale de justice ? » Mais cet homme de conscience ne se veut pas militant, pas plus qu'il n'aspire au vedettariat et à la richesse. « Beaucoup de gens, dit-il, ont tendance à considérer que l'informatique, c'est surtout des histoires de business, d'entreprise. Ce n'est pas mon cas. » Sortant de sa semi-réclusion, Donald Knuth s'est donc laissé convaincre d'accepter les hommages de l'université de Bordeaux, après celles de Harvard, d'Oxford, de Tübingen. Il a eu le coup de foudre pour la beauté et l'agrément de la ville. Et il n'oubliera sans doute pas de sitôt l'orgue illustre de l'église Sainte-Croix (2), sur lequel il a eu le bonheur d'exercer son talent.

(1) Ces journées étaient organisées par le Laboratoire bordelais de recherche en informatique (Labri).


(2) Thierry Semenoux, professeur d'orgue au conservatoire de Bordeaux, a joué dans ce domaine un rôle de cicérone auprès de Donald Knuth.

stationary probabilities  
for the PASEP

$$DE = qED + E + D$$

$$w(E, D) = \sum_T q^{k(T)} E^{i(T)} D^{j(T)}$$

alternative tableau with profile  $w$

$k(T)$  = nb of 

$i(T)$  = nb of rows without blue cell

$j(T)$  = nb of columns without red cell

stationary  
probabilities

permutation tableau

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} DE = qED + D + E \\ DV = \bar{\beta}V \quad \bar{\beta} = 1/\beta \\ WE = \bar{\alpha}W \quad \bar{\alpha} = 1/\alpha \end{array} \right.$$

$$WE^i D^j V = \bar{\alpha}^i \bar{\beta}^j \underbrace{WV}_1$$

Cor. The stationary probability associated to the state  $\tau = (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$  (PASEP)

is  $\text{proba}_{\tau}(q; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{\sum_n} \sum_{\tau} q^{L(\tau)} \alpha^{-f(\tau)} \beta^{-u(\tau)}$

alternative tableaux  
profile  $\tau$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(\tau) \\ u(\tau) \\ L(\tau) \end{array} \right.$ 
 nb of  $\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{rows} \\ \text{columns} \end{array} \right)$  without  $\left( \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \right)$  cell  
 nb of cells  $\boxed{\times}$

permutation  
tableaux



Permutation

Tableau

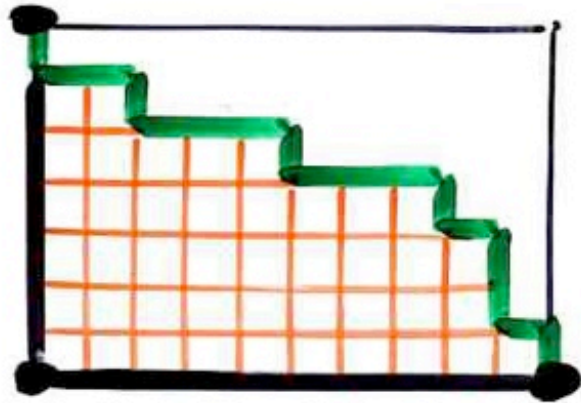
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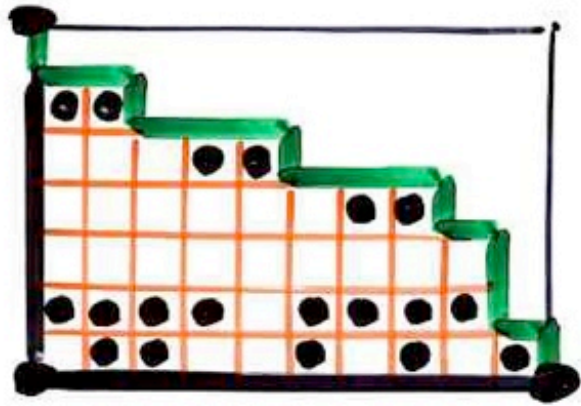
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$k \times (n-k)$   
rectangle



# Permutation Tableau

Ferrers diagram  $F \subseteq k \times (n-k)$   
rectangle



filling with 0 of the cells and 1

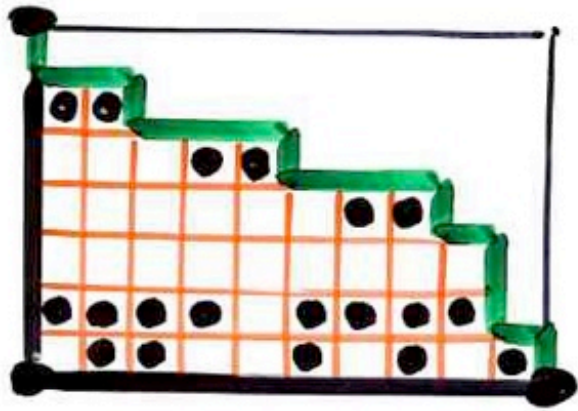
(i)

$\square = 0$      $\square \bullet = 1$

(ii)

# Permutation Tableau

Ferrers diagram  $F \subseteq k \times (n-k)$   
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$\square = 0$      $\blacksquare = 1$

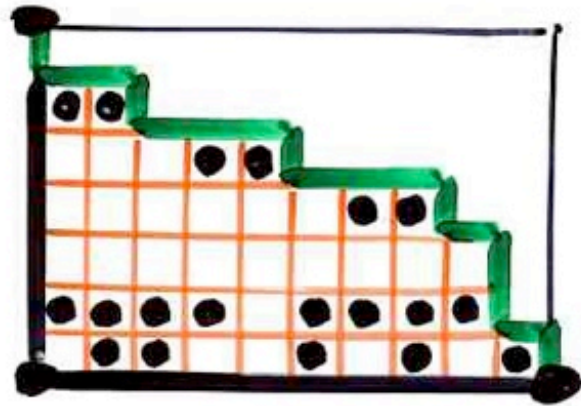
filling of the cells  
with 0 and 1

(i) in each column:  
at least one 1

(ii)

# Permutation Tableau

Ferrers diagram  $F \subseteq k \times (n-k)$   
rectangle



$\square = 0$      $\square \bullet = 1$

filling of the cells  
with 0 and 1

(i) in each column:  
at least one 1

(ii)  $1 \dashrightarrow 0$   
 $\phantom{1} \phantom{\dashrightarrow} \downarrow$   
 $\phantom{1} \phantom{\dashrightarrow} 1$  forbidden

# permutation tableaux

A. Postnikov (2001, ...)

totally nonnegative part of the Grassmannian

E. Steingrímsson, L. Williams (2005)

Corteel, Williams (2006) PASEP

Partially Asymmetric Exclusion Process

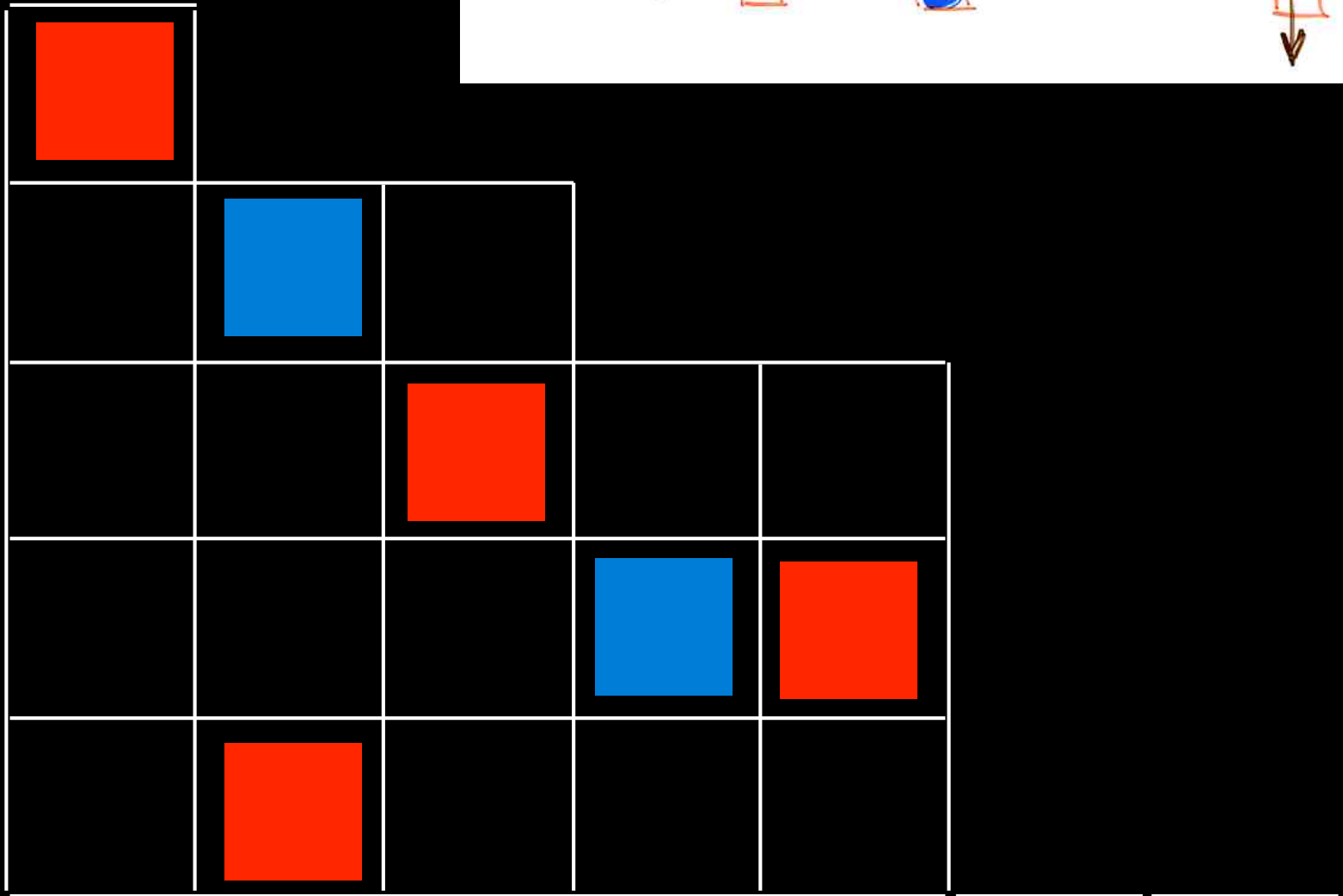
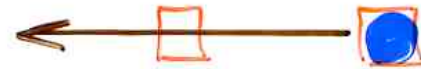
The total number of permutation tableaux (n fixed,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ ) is  $n!$

bijection permutations  $\longleftrightarrow$  permutation tableaux







- Postnikov, Steingrimsón, Williams (2005)
- Corteel (2006)
- Corteel, Nadeau (2007)

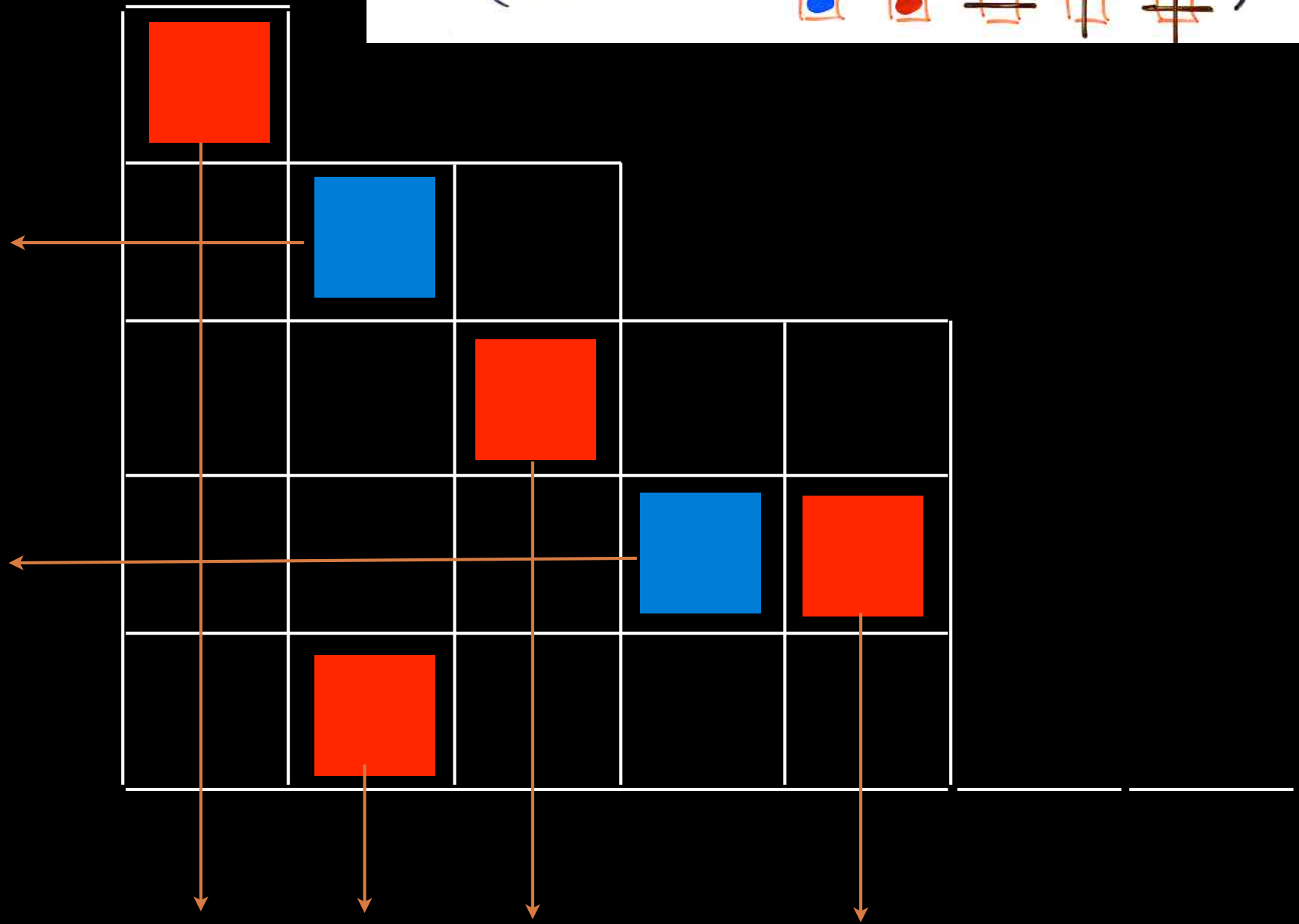
bijection  $\longleftrightarrow$  alternative tableaux size  $n$   
permutation tableaux size  $(n+1)$

(i) mark the cells

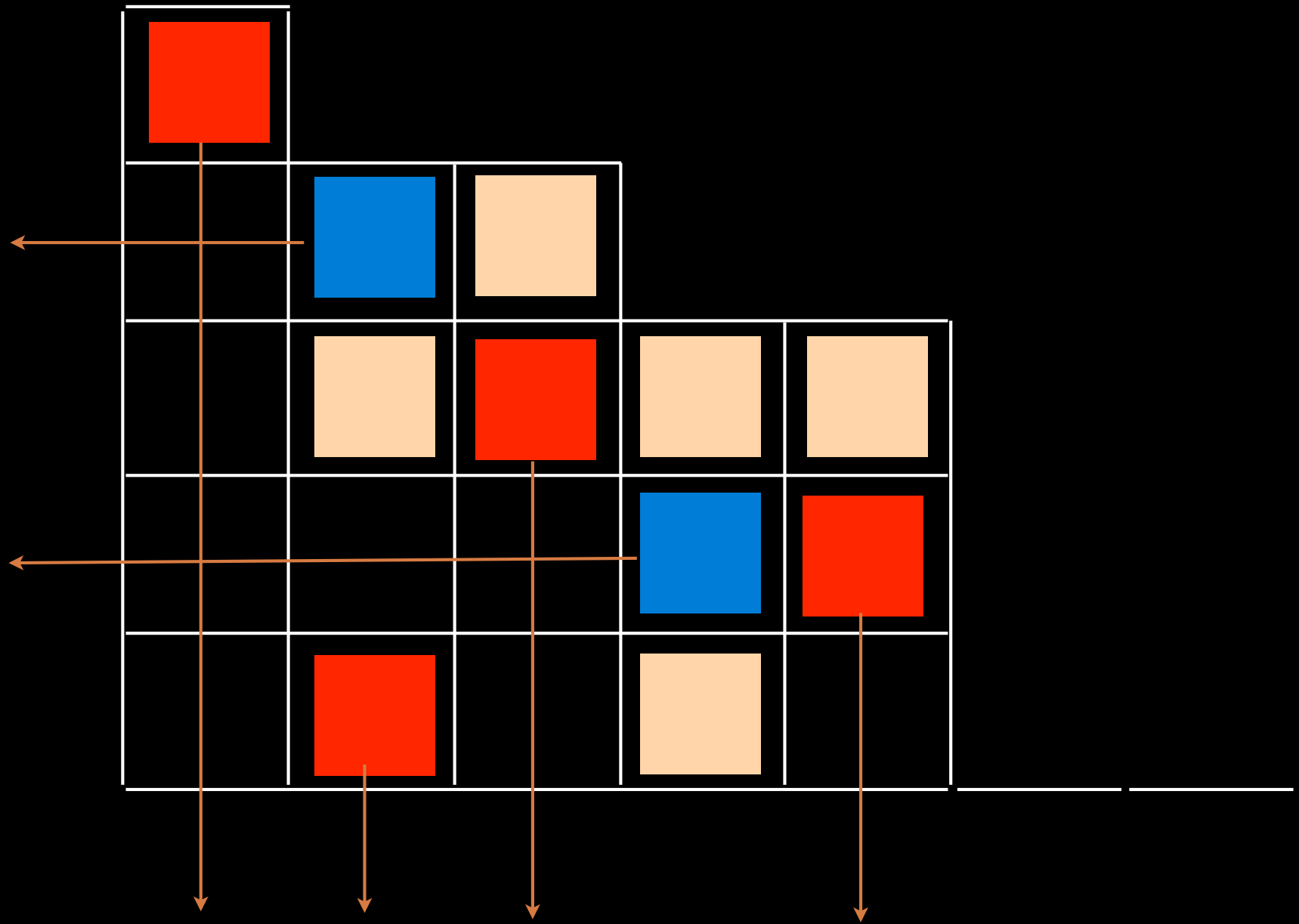


alternative tableau







(ii) mark the empty cells by   
(other than      )

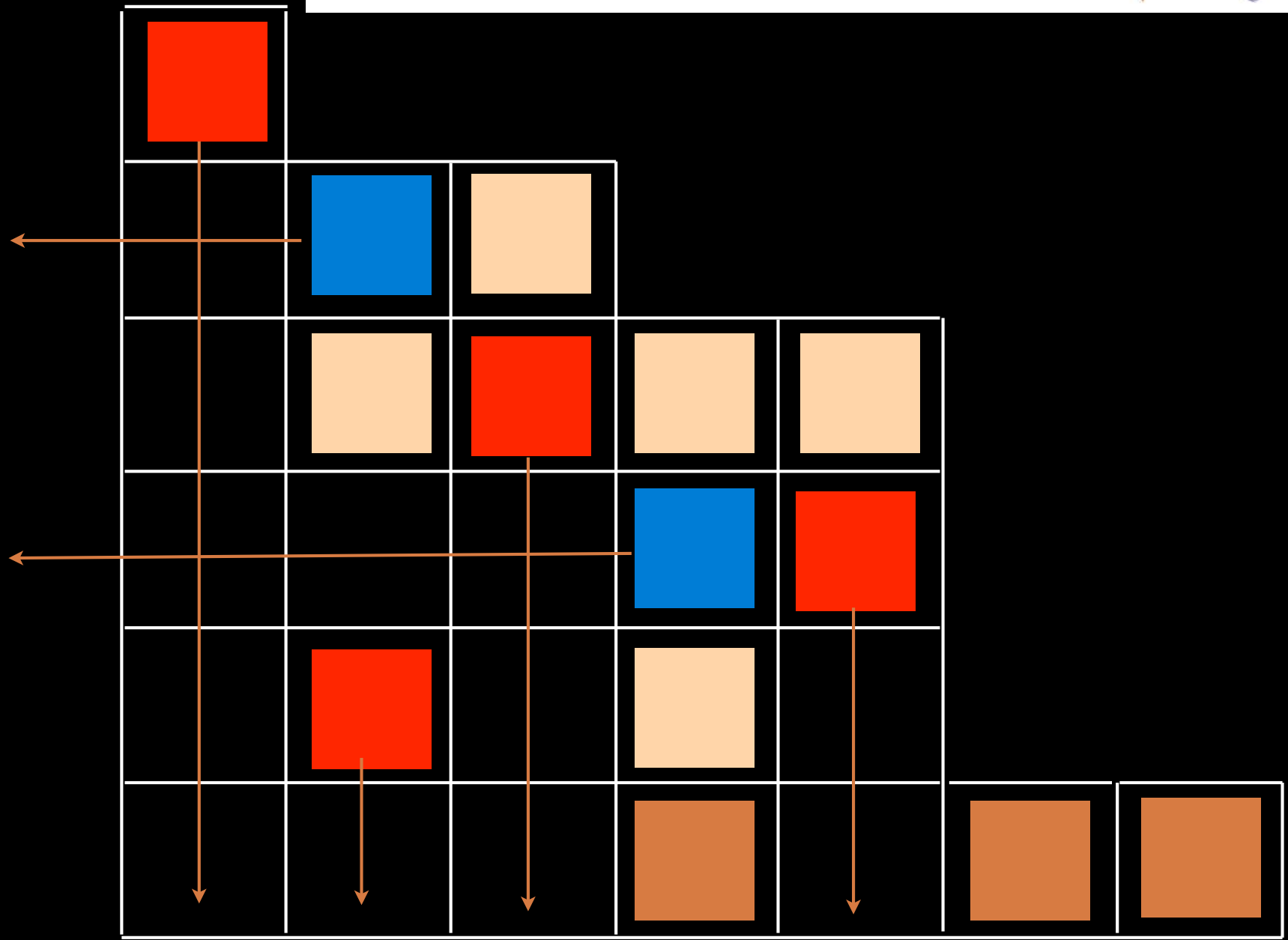




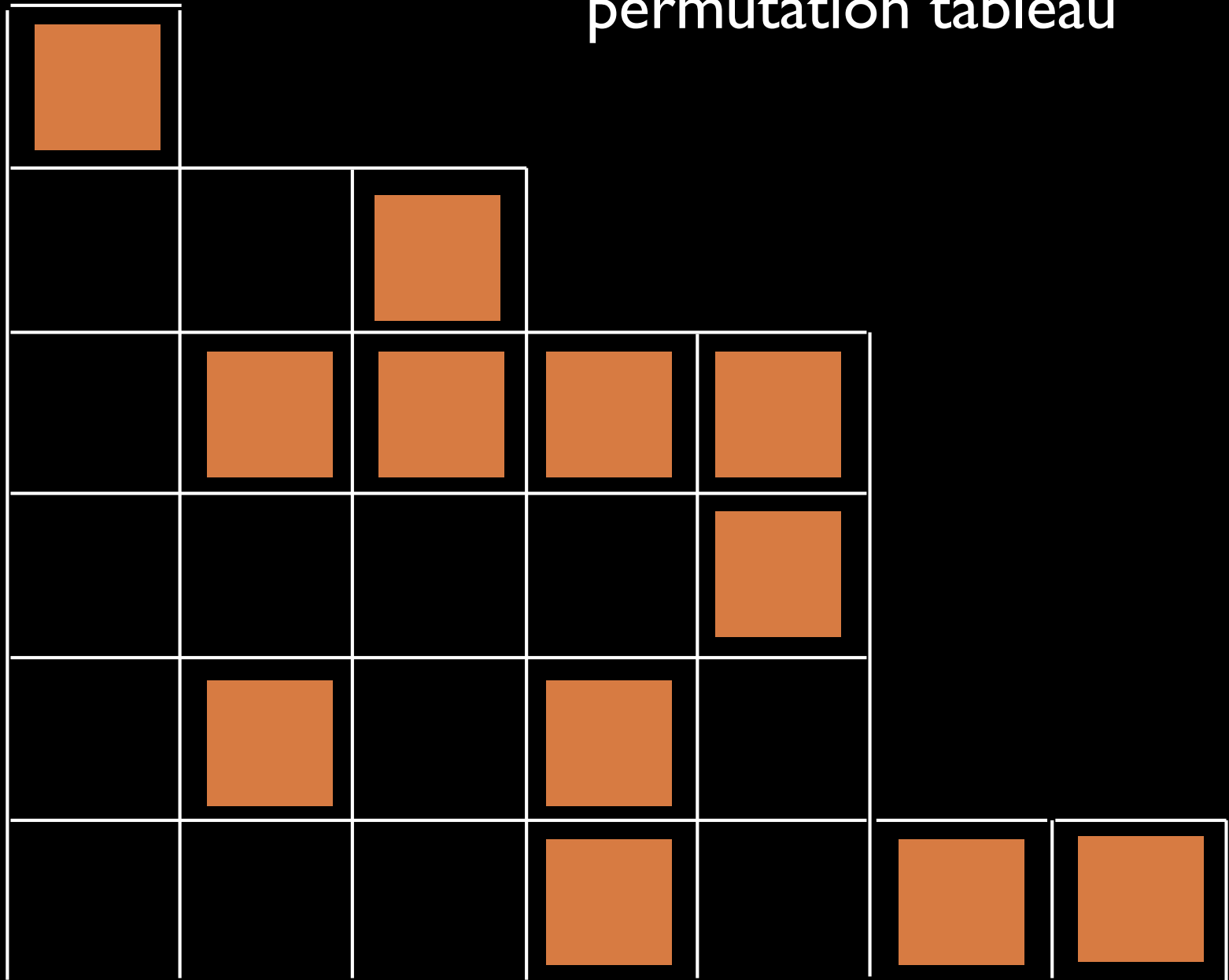




(iii) • replace the cells  or  by **1**  
 • replace the cells     by **0**

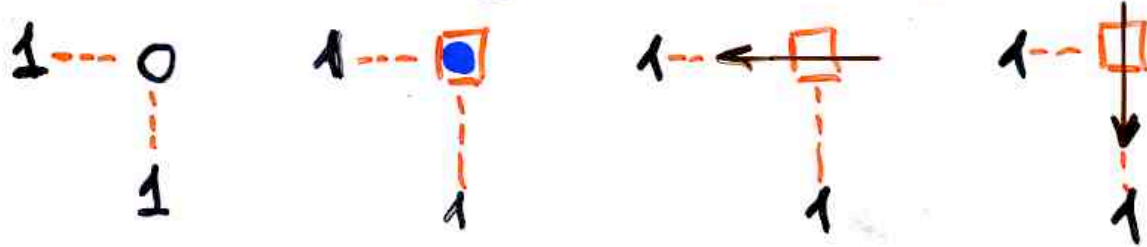


# permutation tableau



check:  $AT \xrightarrow{\varphi} PT$  size  $(n+1)$

- there exist at least a 1 in each column of  $PT = \varphi(AT)$



impossible

inverse bijection  $\psi = \varphi^{-1}$

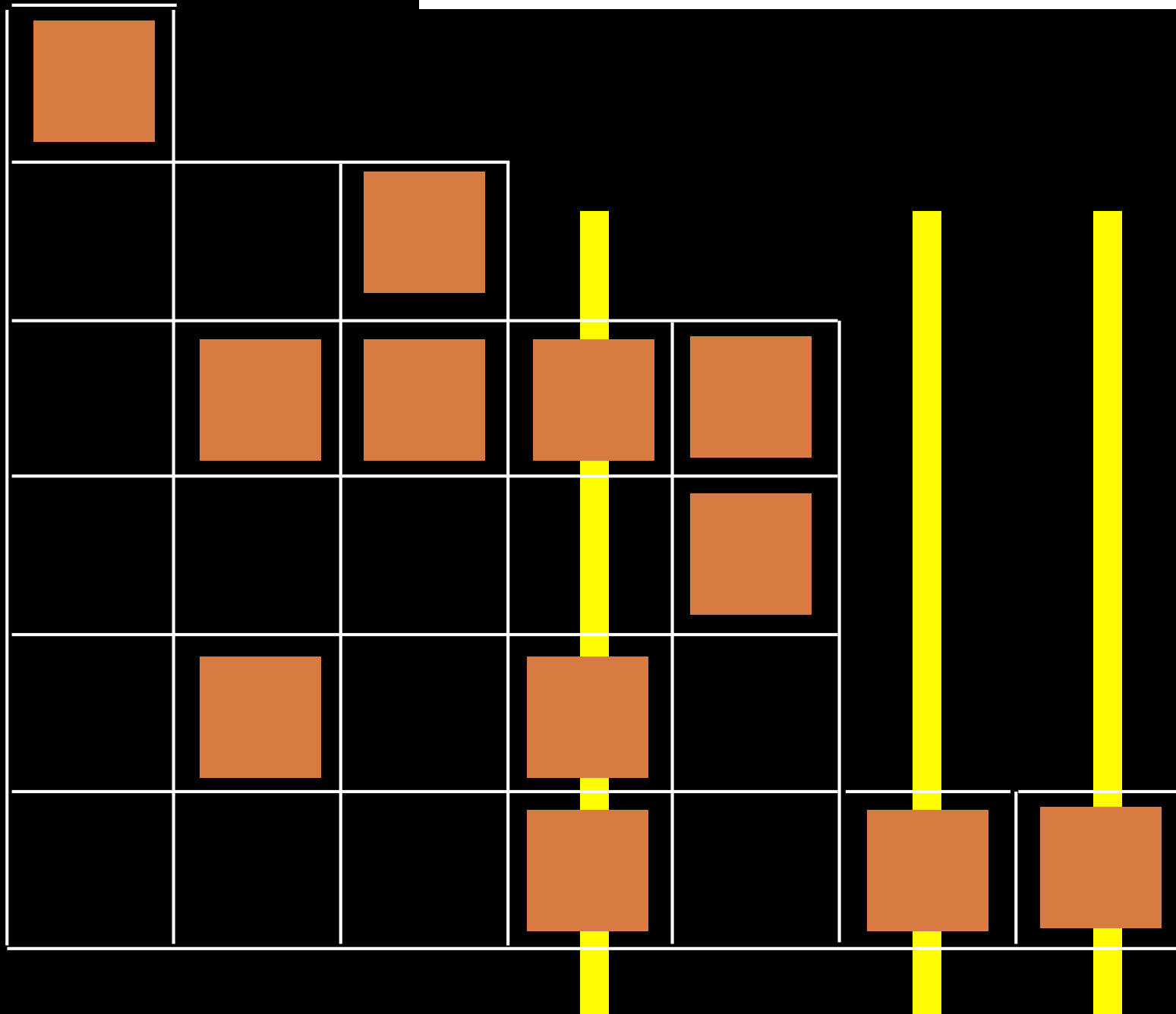


(i) mark the columns with  
a 1 in the first row

1						
		1				
	1	1	1	1		
					1	
	1		1			
			1		1	1

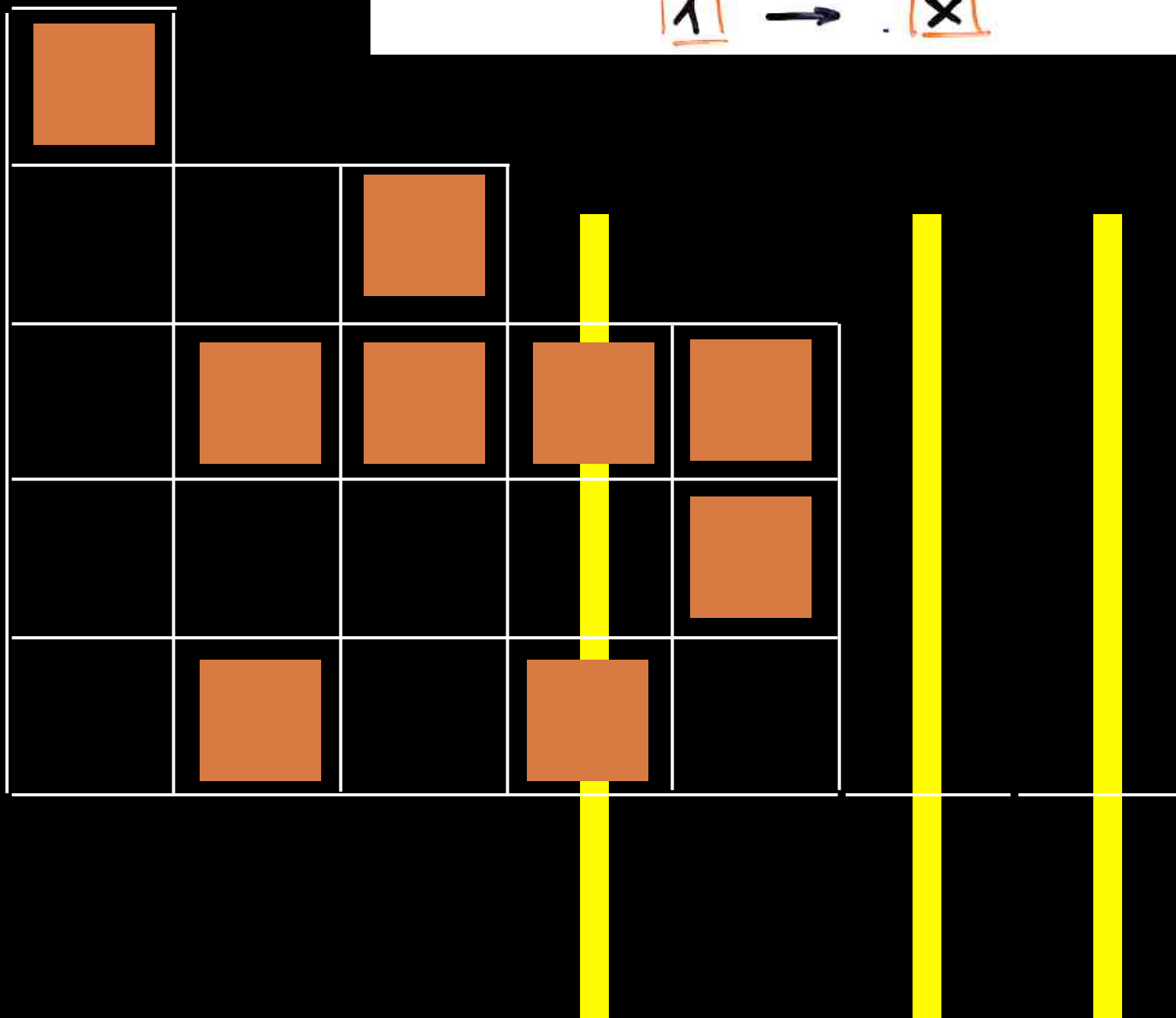
permutation tableau

(ii) delete the first row



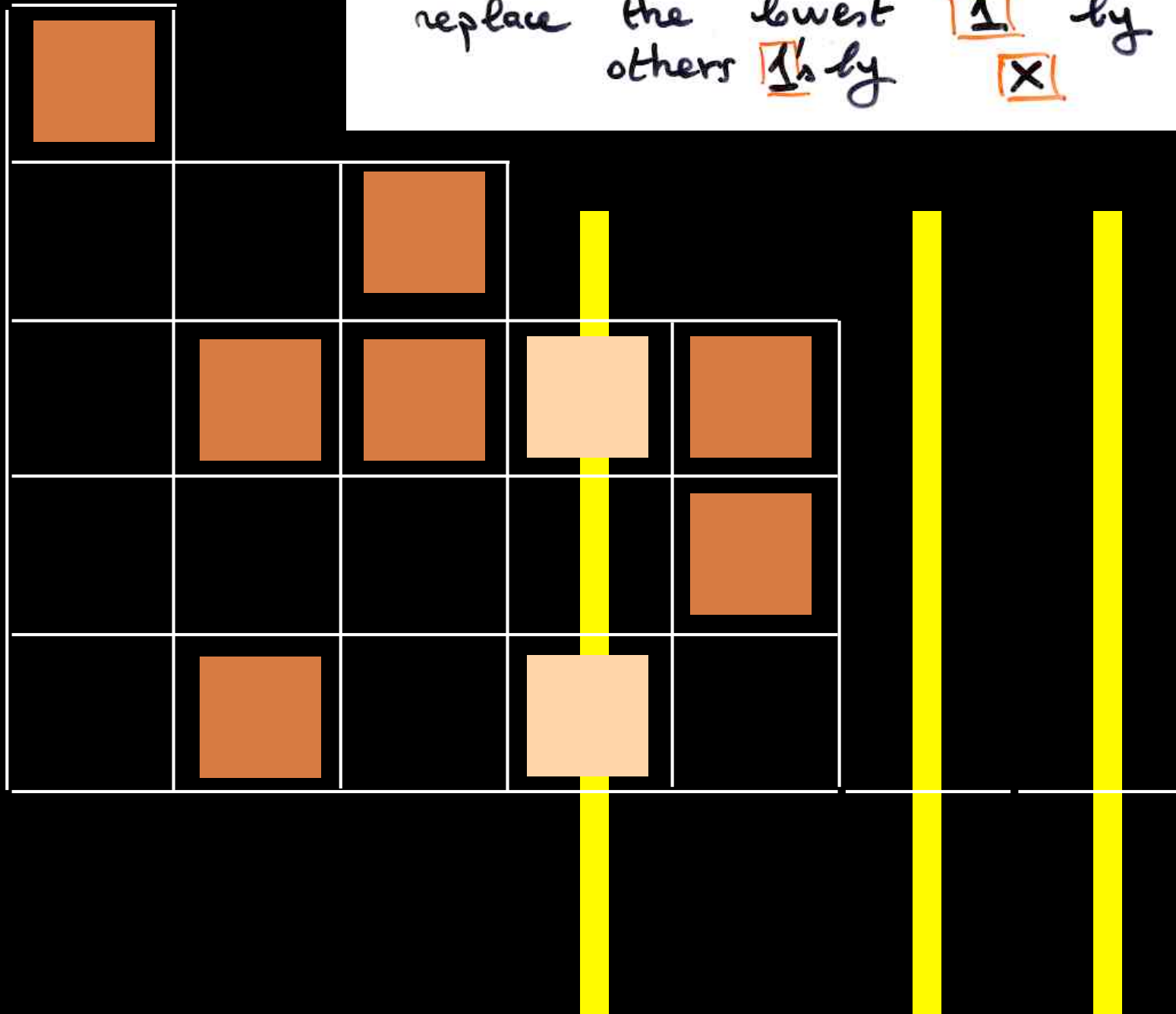
(iii) in each marked column

$\boxed{1} \rightarrow \boxed{X}$

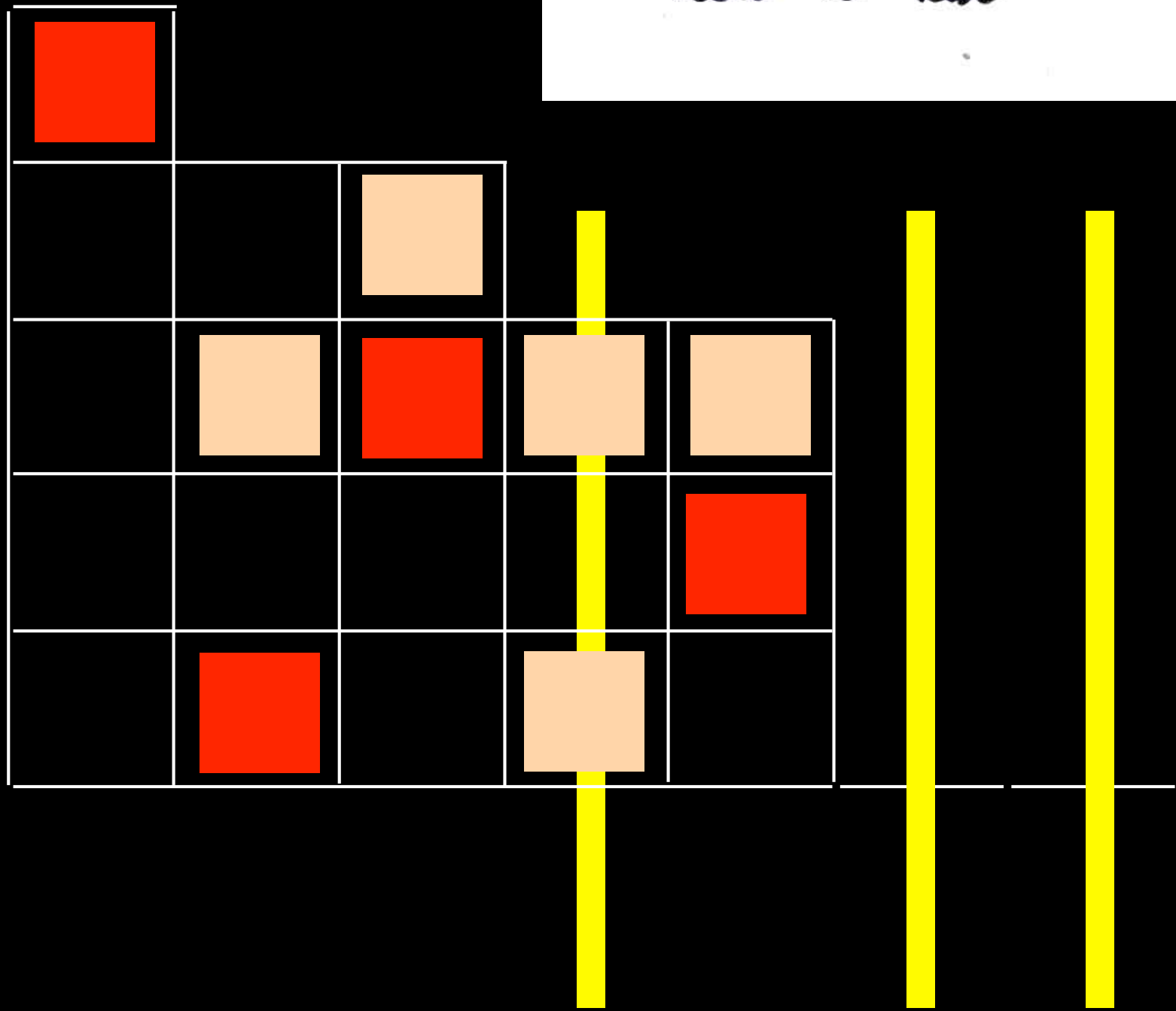





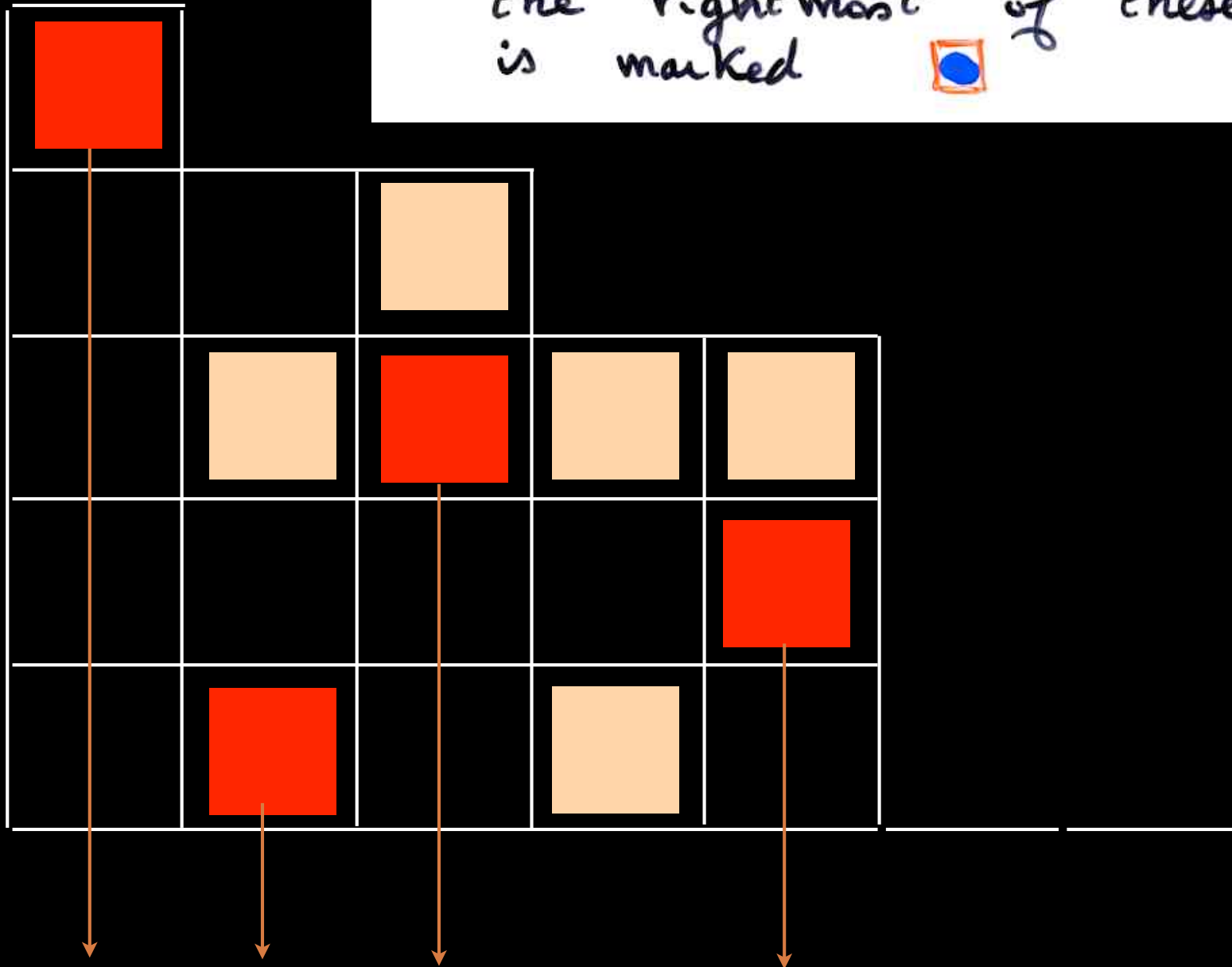
(iv) in each non marked column  
( $\exists$  some cells with 1)  
replace the lowest 1 by 0  
others 1s by X



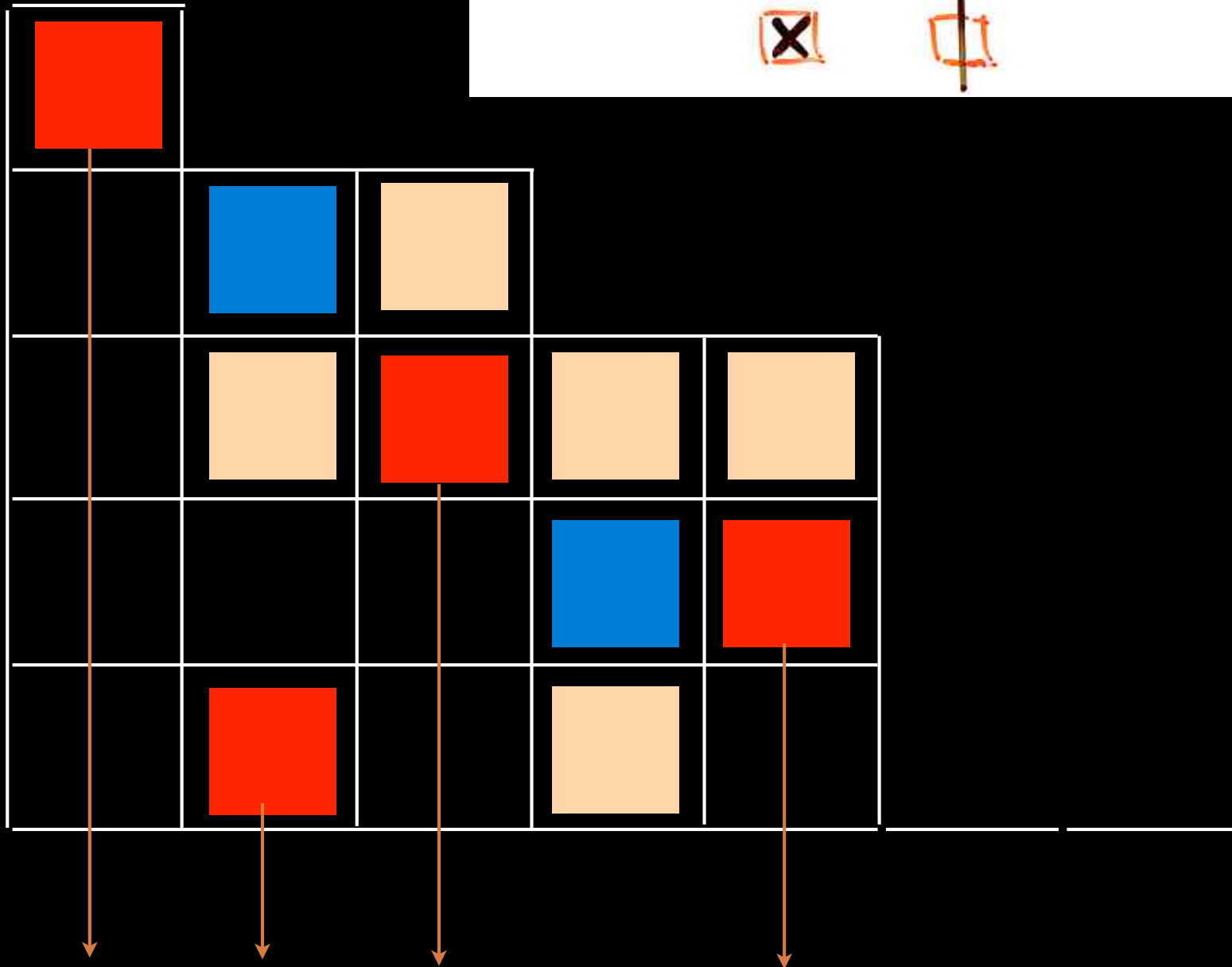
(v) mark the cells below a red



(vi) in each row where there exist empty cells, the rightmost of these cells is marked 



(vii) delete the marks



alternative tableau

■					
	■				
		■			
			■	■	
	■				

check

- $\psi$  (PT) is an alternative tableau
- $\psi = \varphi^{-1}$



notations.  $T$  tableau de permutations

- $wt(T) = (\text{nb total de } 1) - (\text{nb de colonnes})$
- $f(T) = (\text{nb de } 1 \text{ sur la } 1^{\text{ère}} \text{ ligne})$
- $u(T) = (\text{nb de lignes non restreintes})$

Def - ligne **restreinte** : si elle a une case **restreinte**, c.à.d. une case contenant un 0 et située au dessus d'un 1.

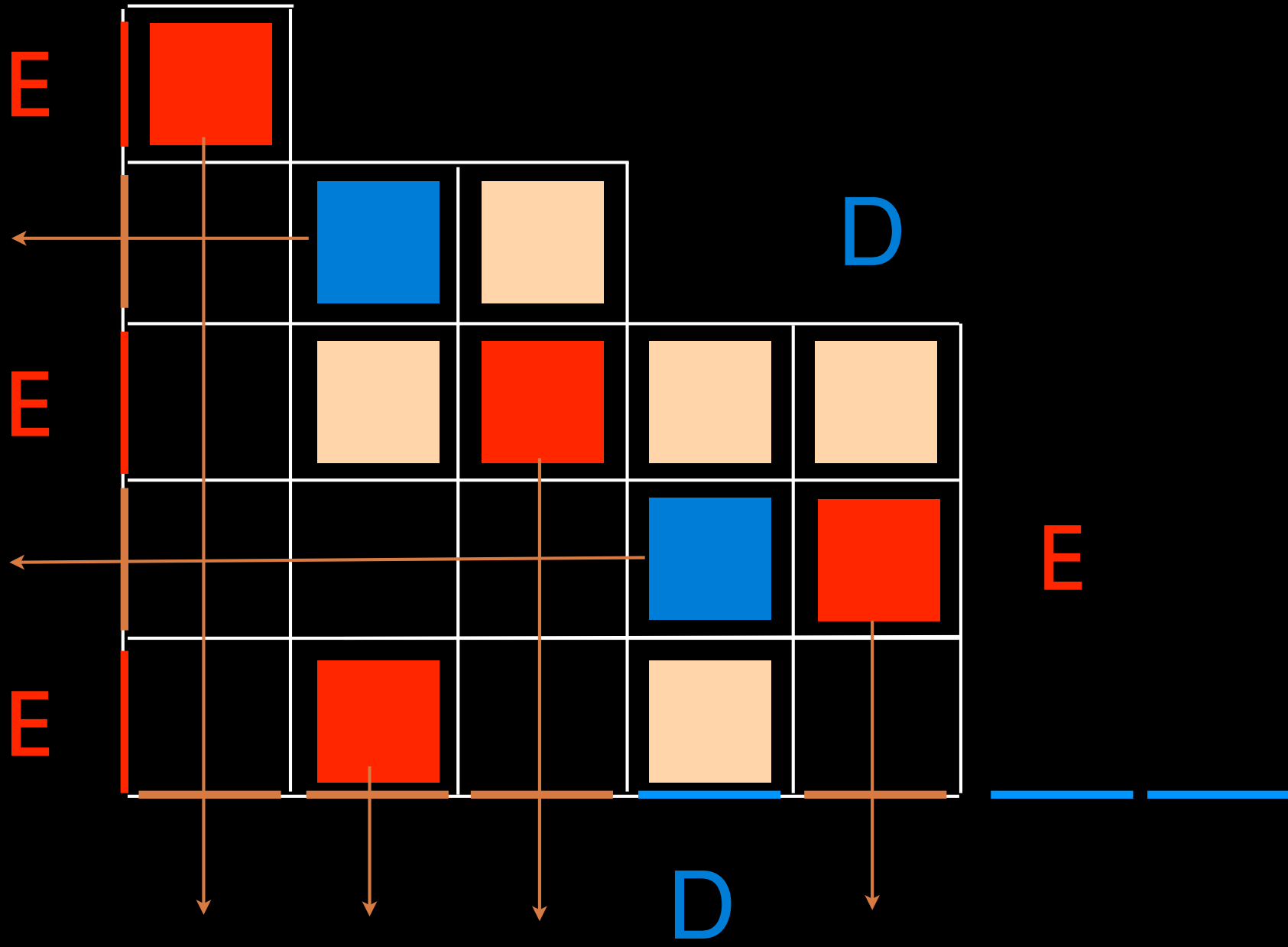
Cor. La probabilité stationnaire associée à l'état  $\tau = (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$  (PASEP)

est

$$P_{\tau}(q) = \frac{1}{Z_n} \sum_T q^{wt(T)} \alpha^{-f(T)} \beta^{-u(T)}$$

Tableau de permutation  
forme  $F$  associé à  $\tau$

S. Corteel, L. Williams  
(2007) (2008) (2009)





orthogonal polynomials

• Orthogonal polynomials

→ Sasamoto (1999)

→ Blythe, Evans, Colaiori, Essler (2000)

$q$ -Hermite polynomial  
 $\alpha, \beta, q$        $\gamma = \delta = 1$

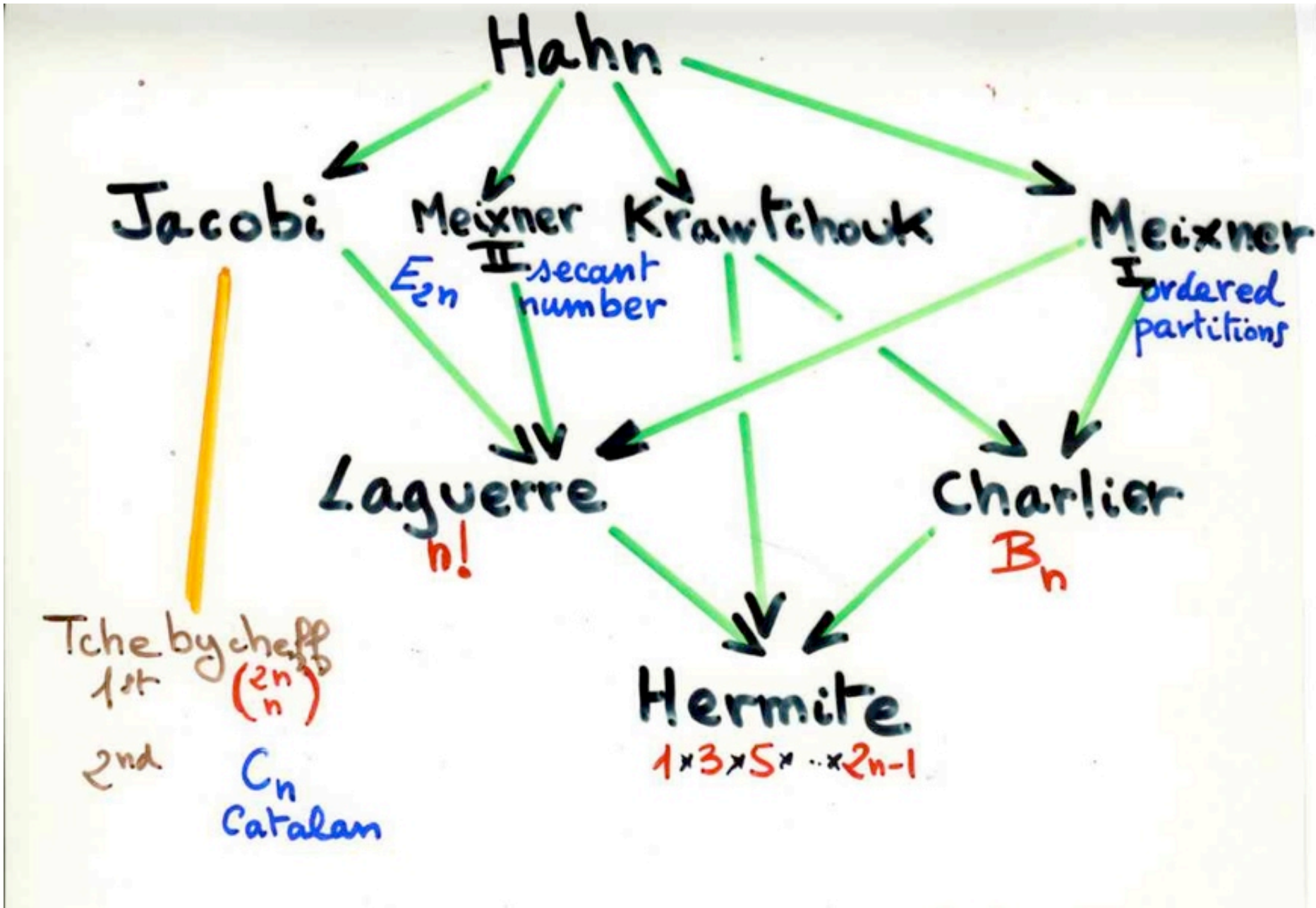
$$D = \frac{1}{1-q} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-q}} \hat{a}$$
$$E = \frac{1}{1-q} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-q}} \hat{a}^\dagger$$
$$\hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger - q \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} = 1$$

→ Uchiyama, Sasamoto, Wadati (2003)

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

Askey-Wilson polynomials

# Askey-Wilson



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