

Chapter 4b

Alternative tableaux and the PASEP

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The “exchange-fusion” algorithm

Def- Permutation $\sigma = \sigma(1) \dots \sigma(n)$

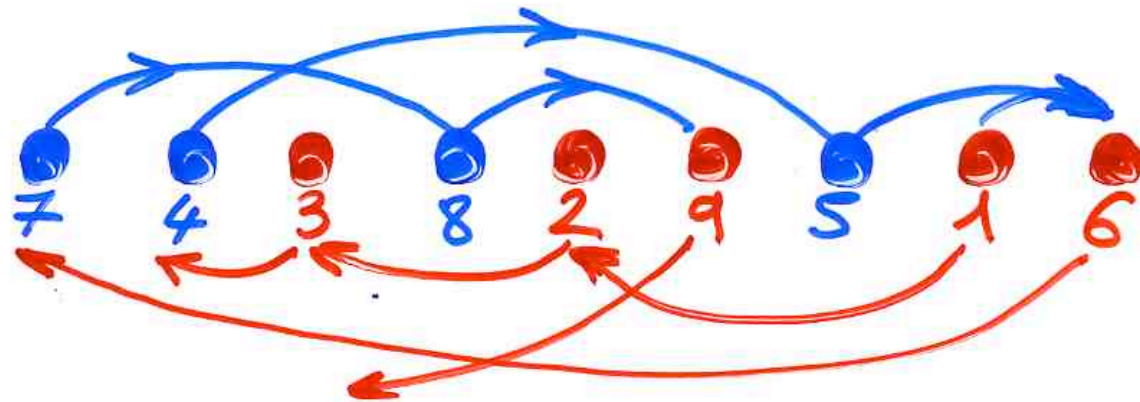
$x = \sigma(i)$, $1 \leq x < n$

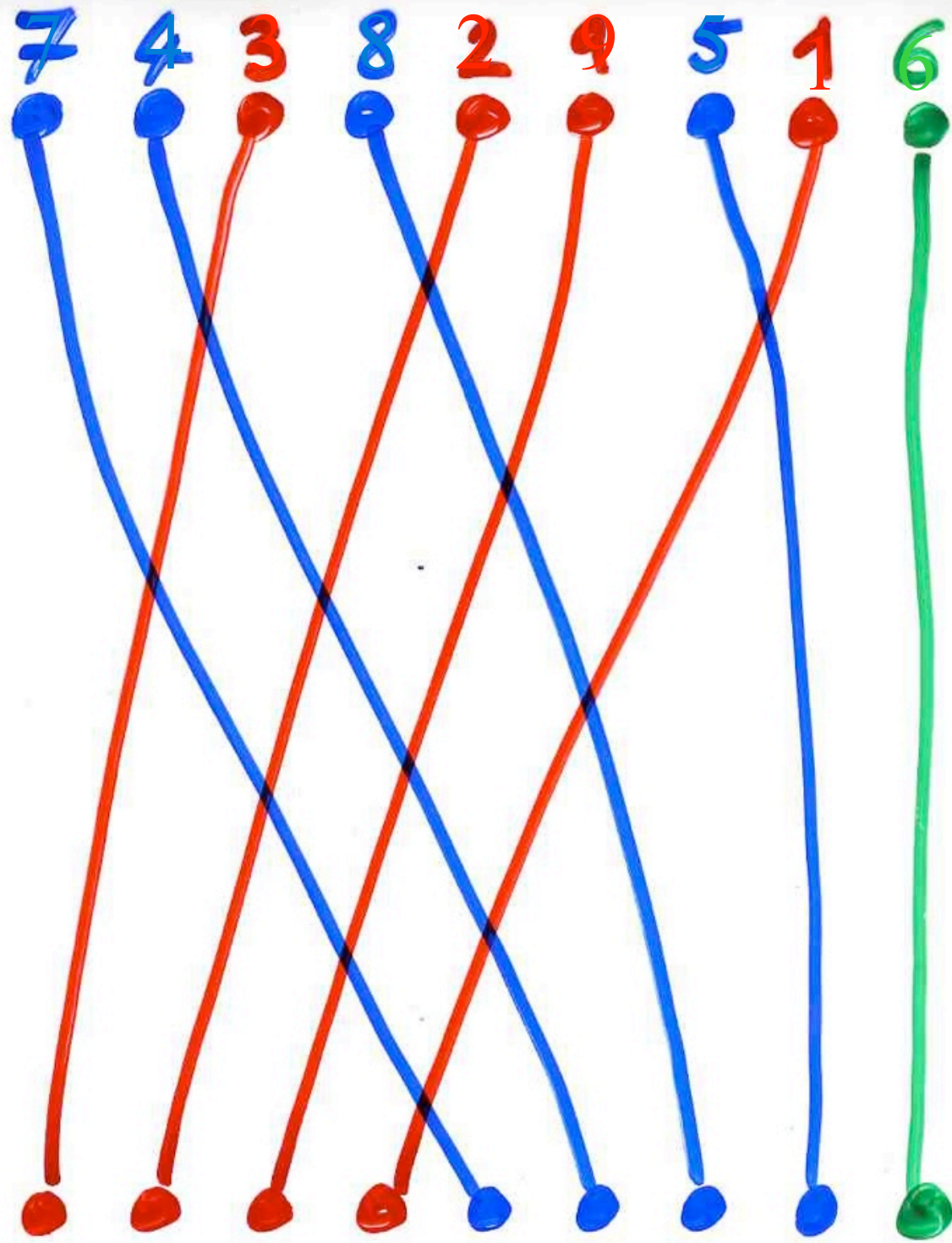
(valeur) x $\begin{cases} \text{avance} \\ \text{recul} \end{cases}$ $x+1 = \sigma(j)$, $\begin{cases} i < j \\ j < i \end{cases}$

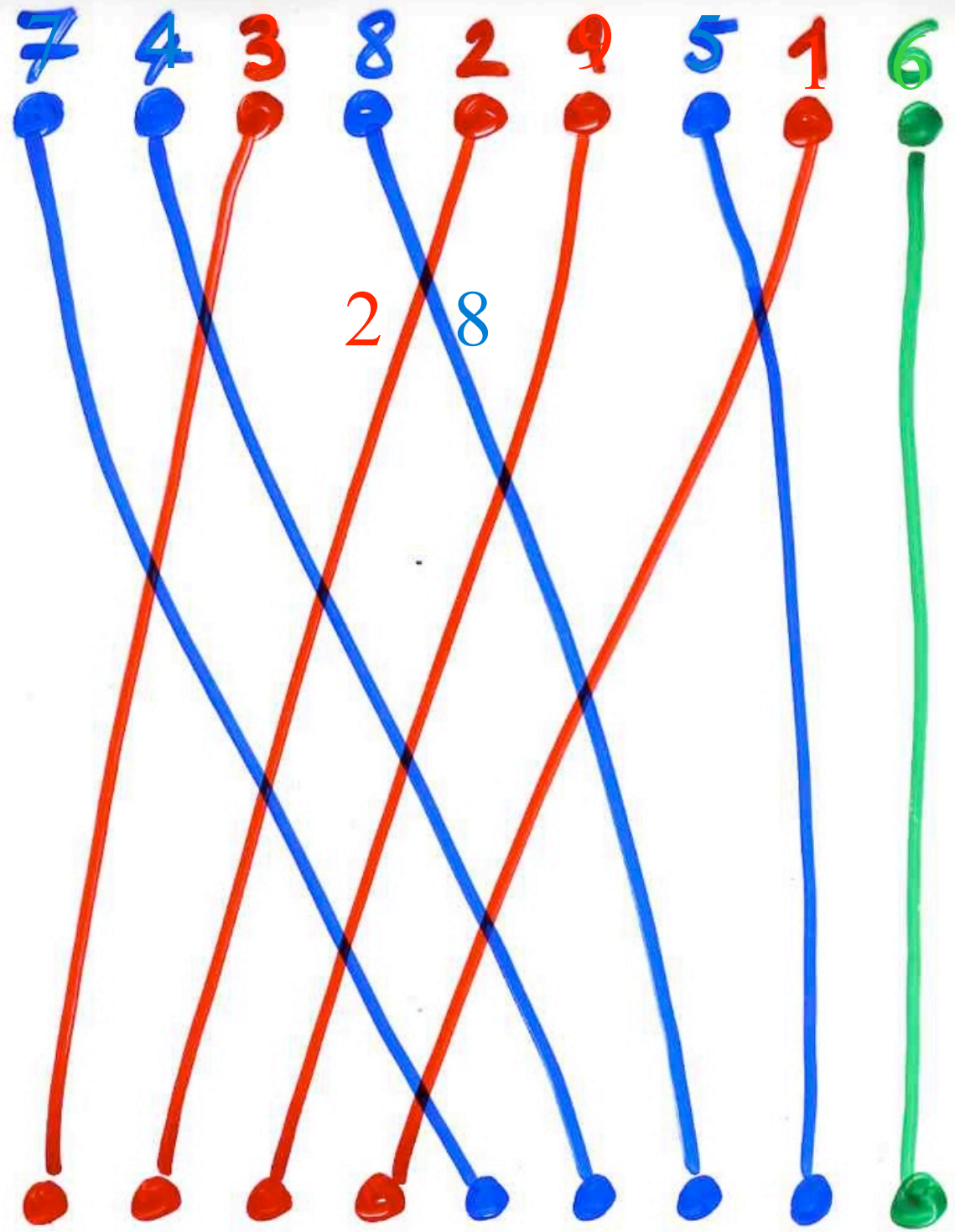
• convention $x=n$ est un recul

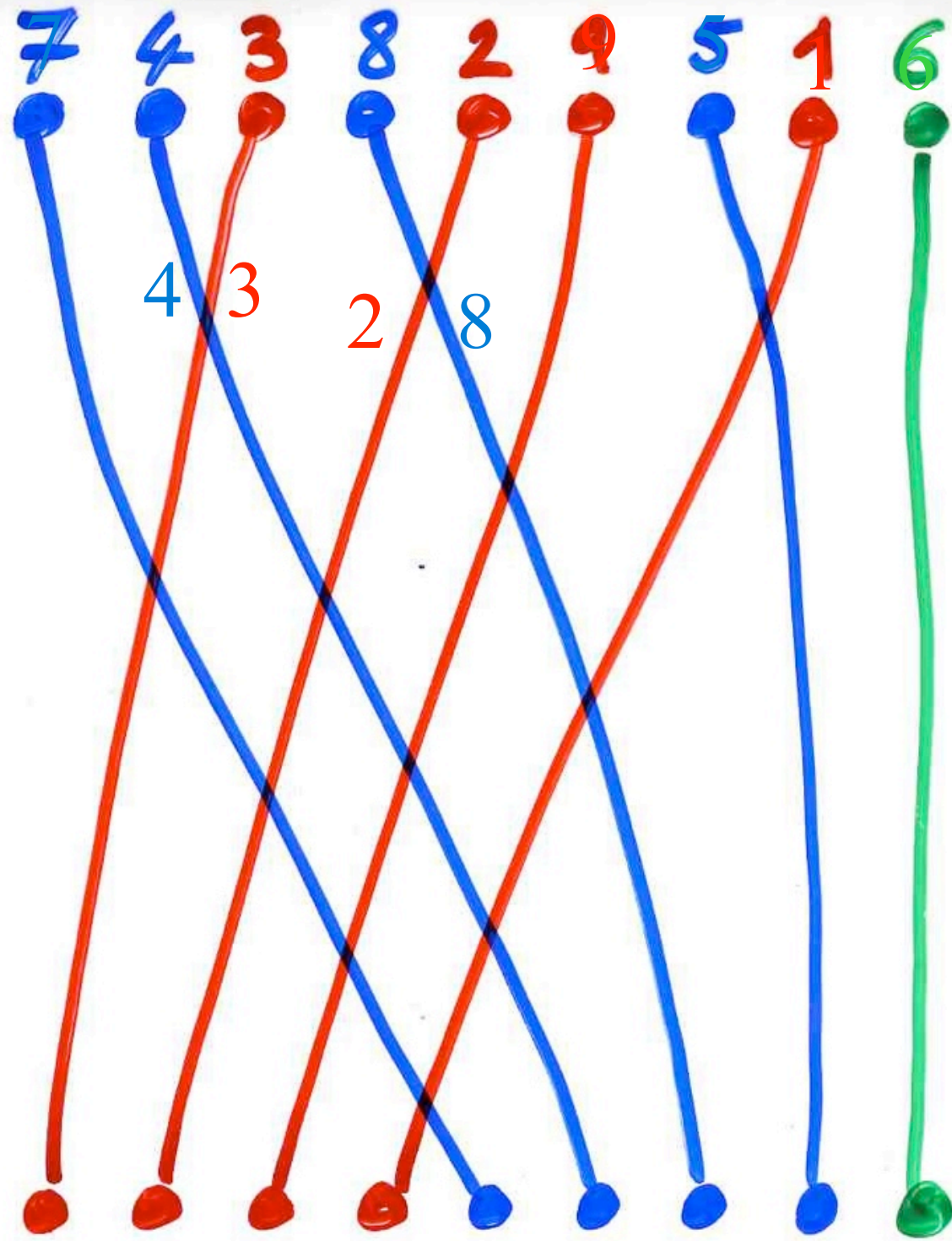


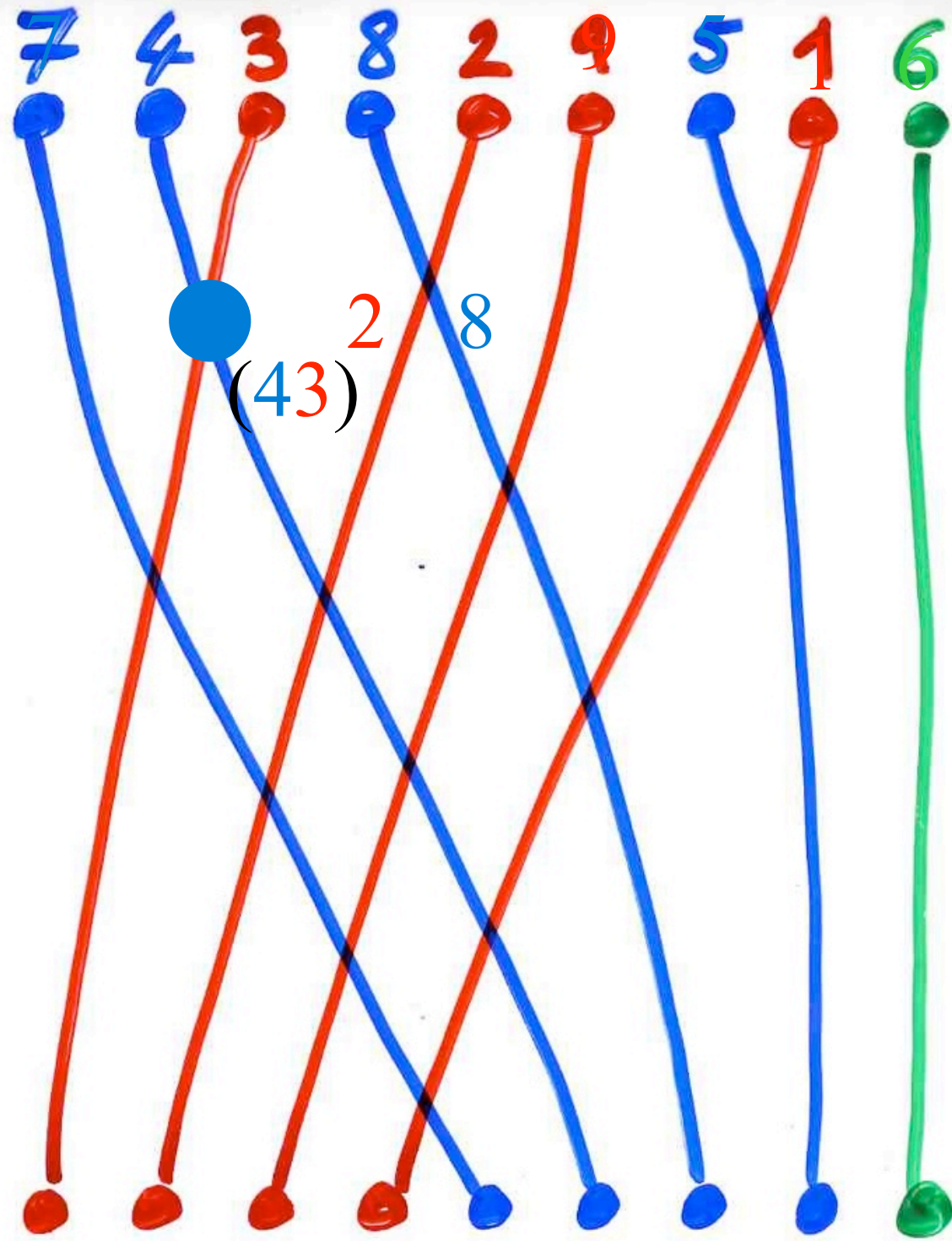
$\sigma = 7 \ 4 \ 3 \ 8 \ 2 \ 9 \ 5 \ 1 \ 6$

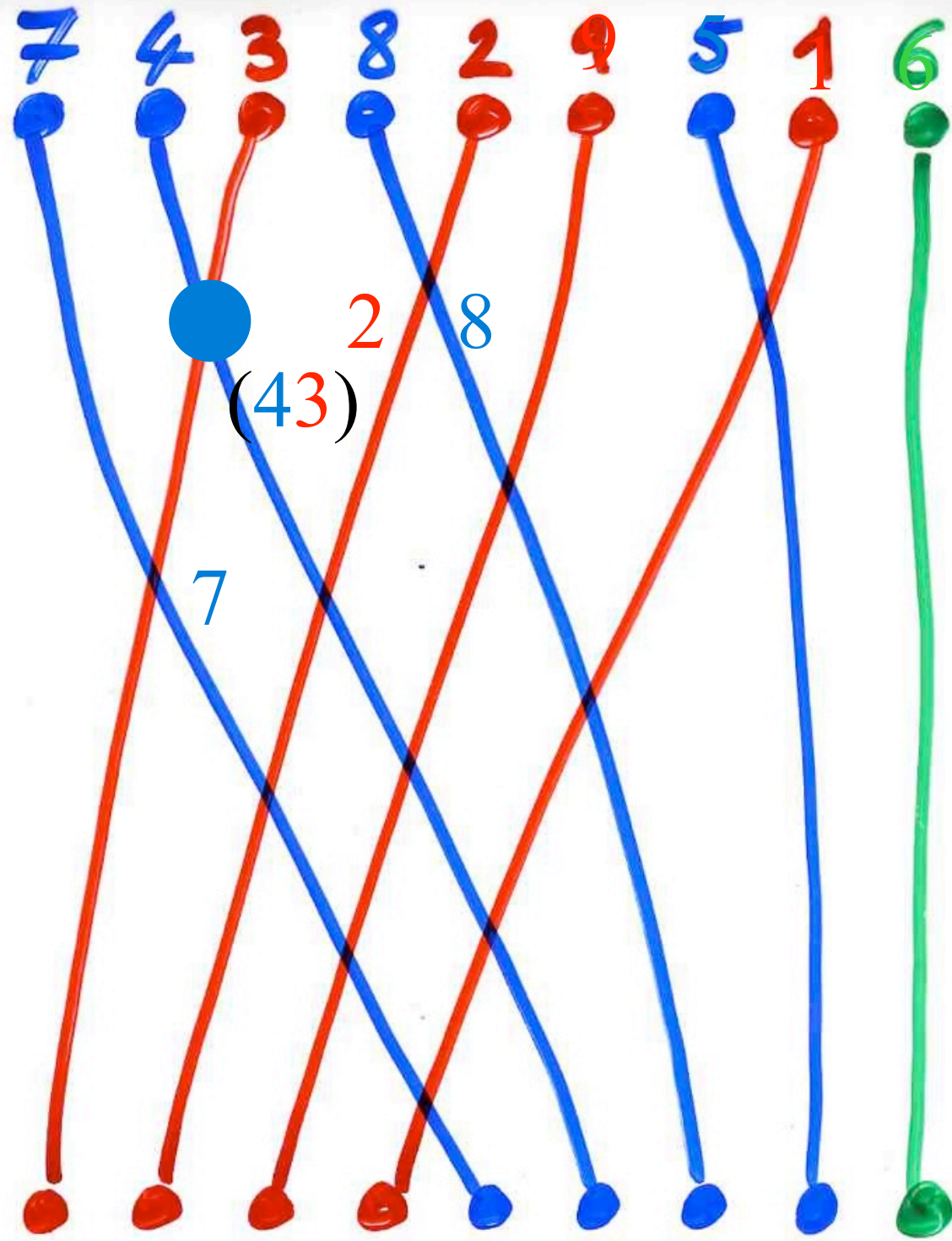


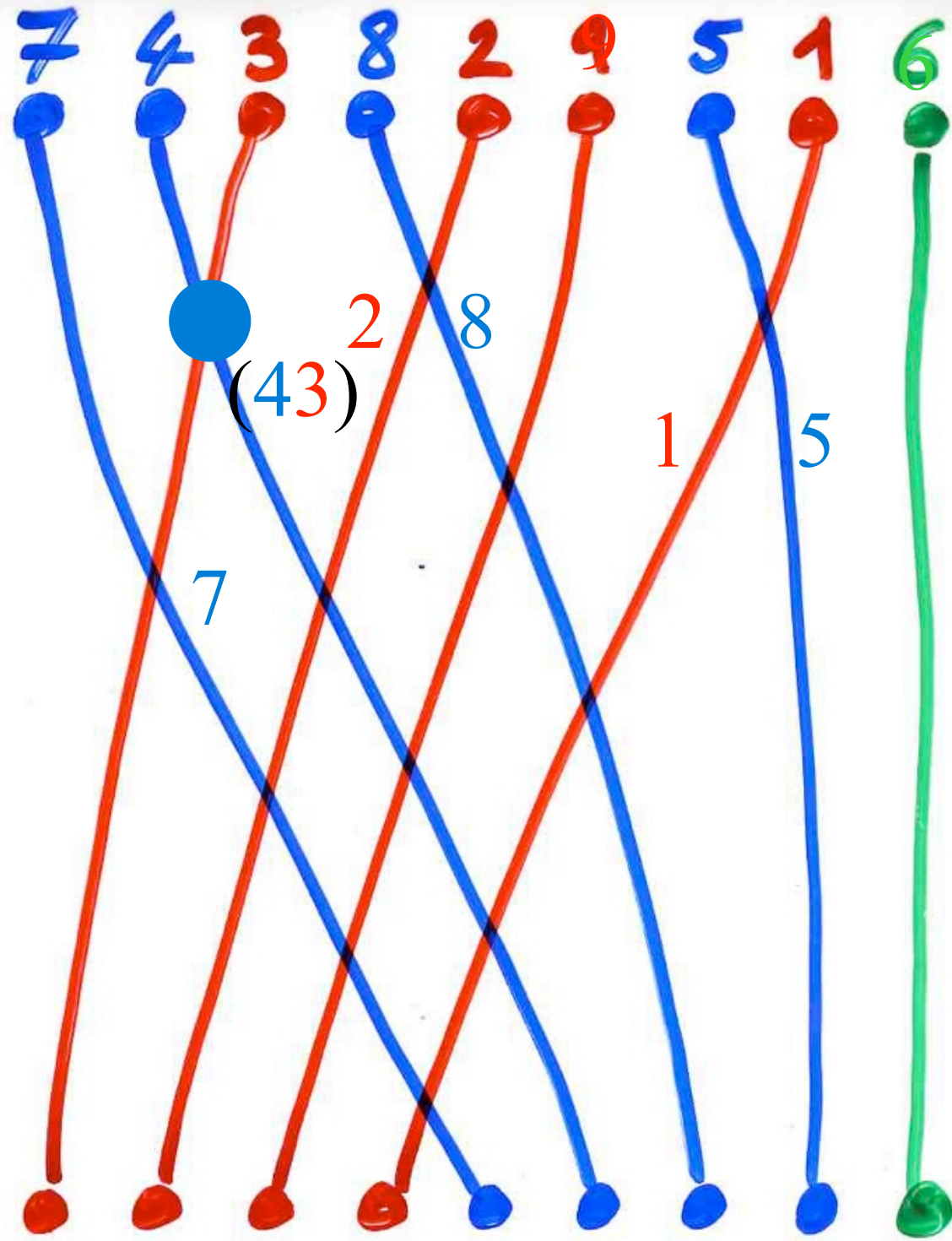


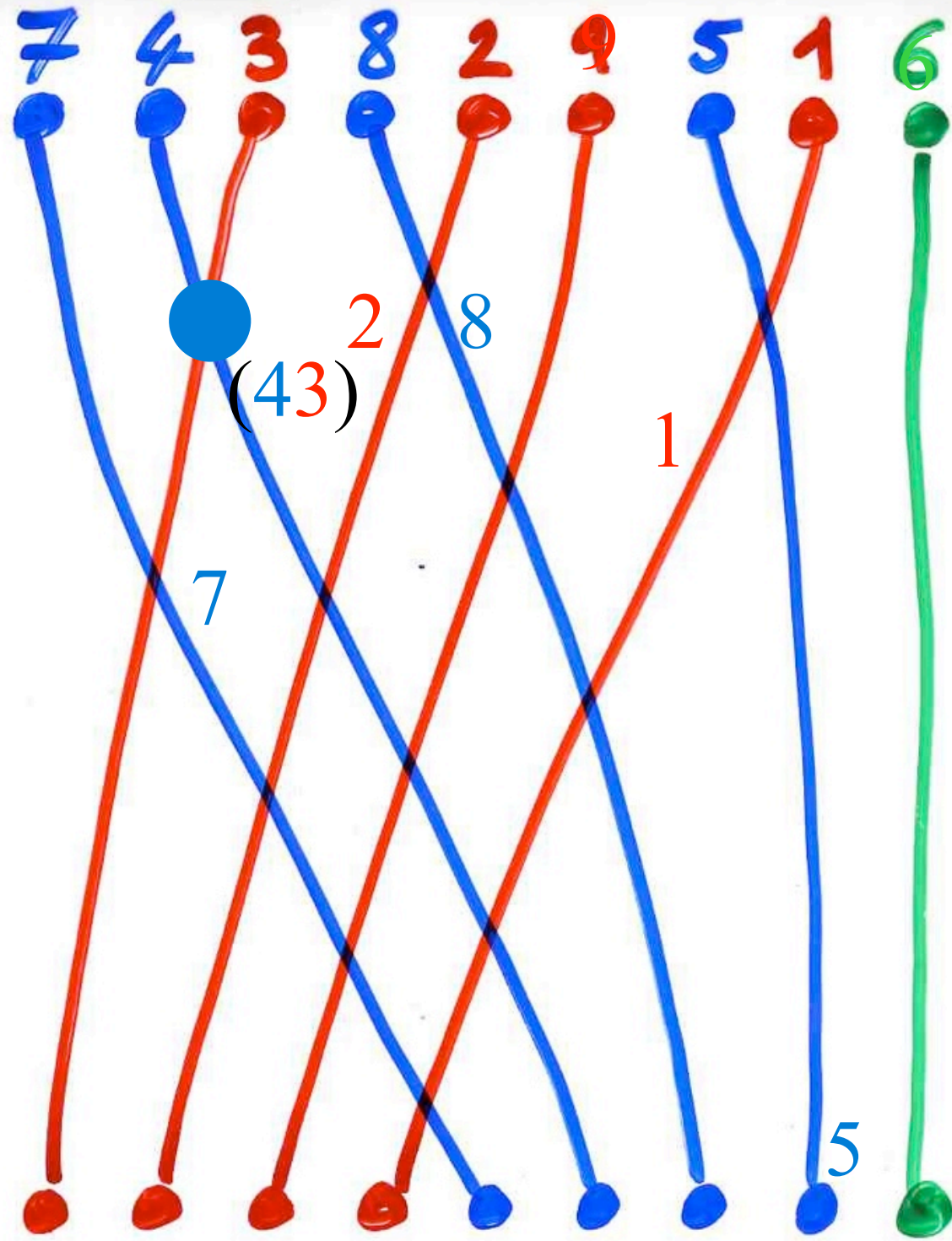


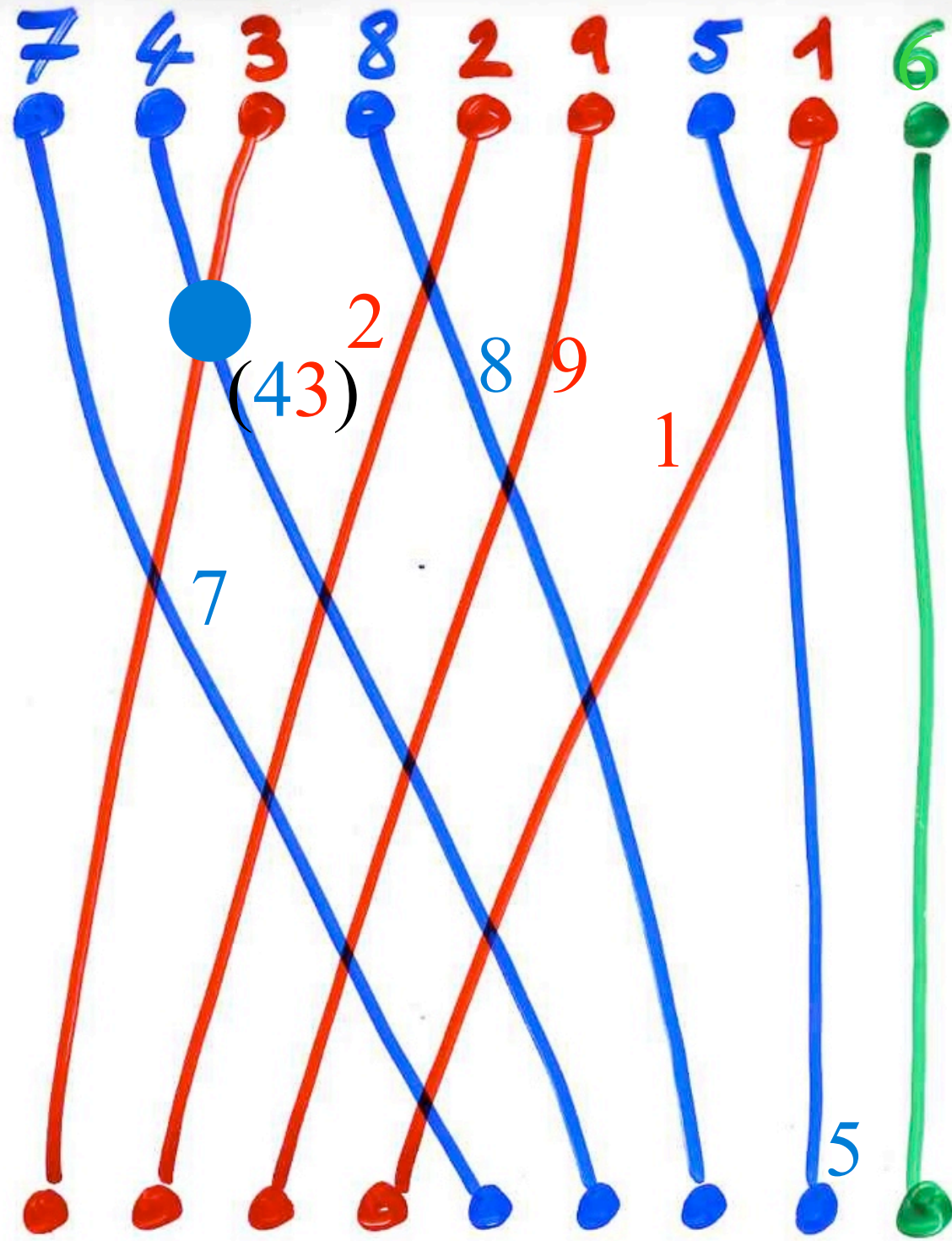


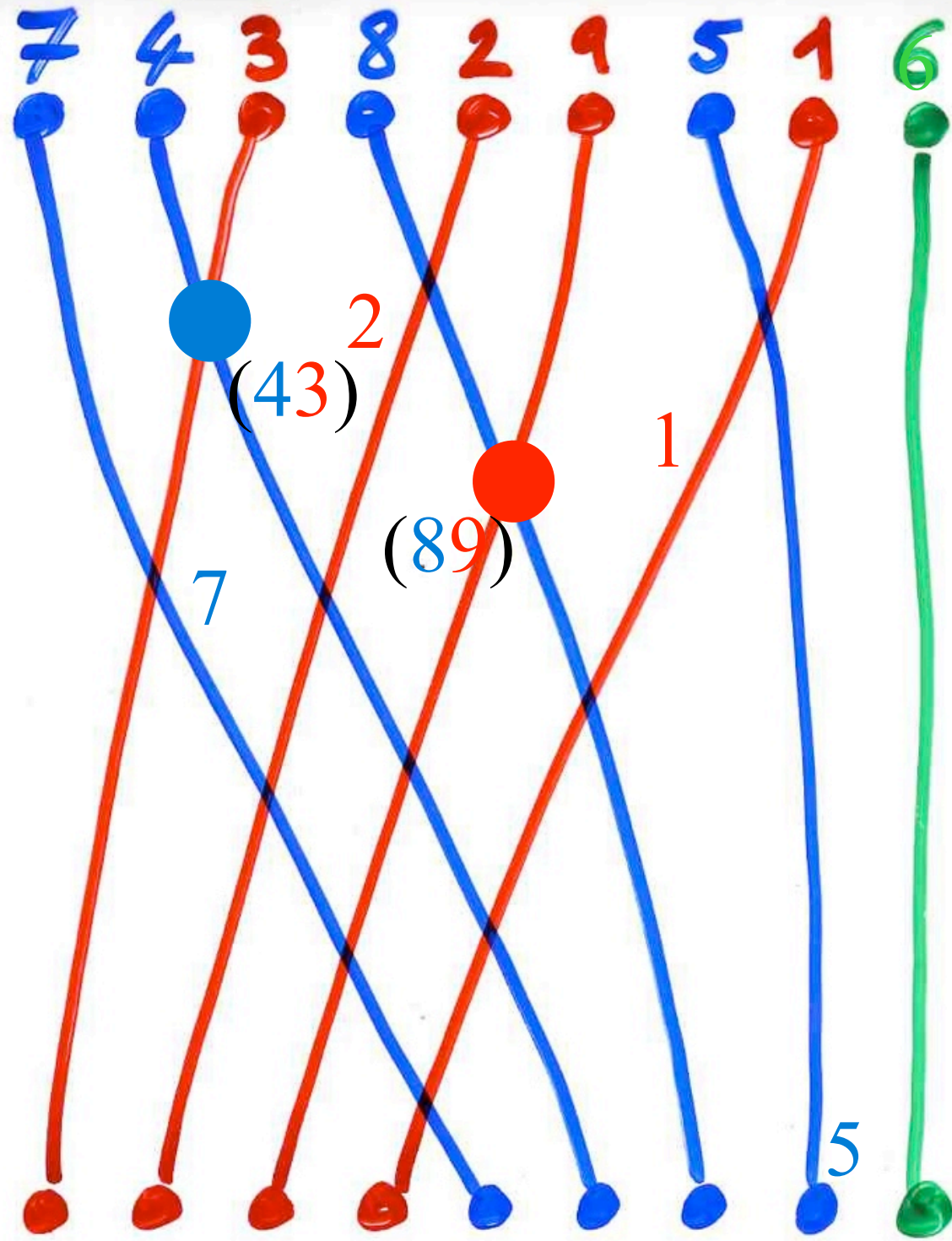


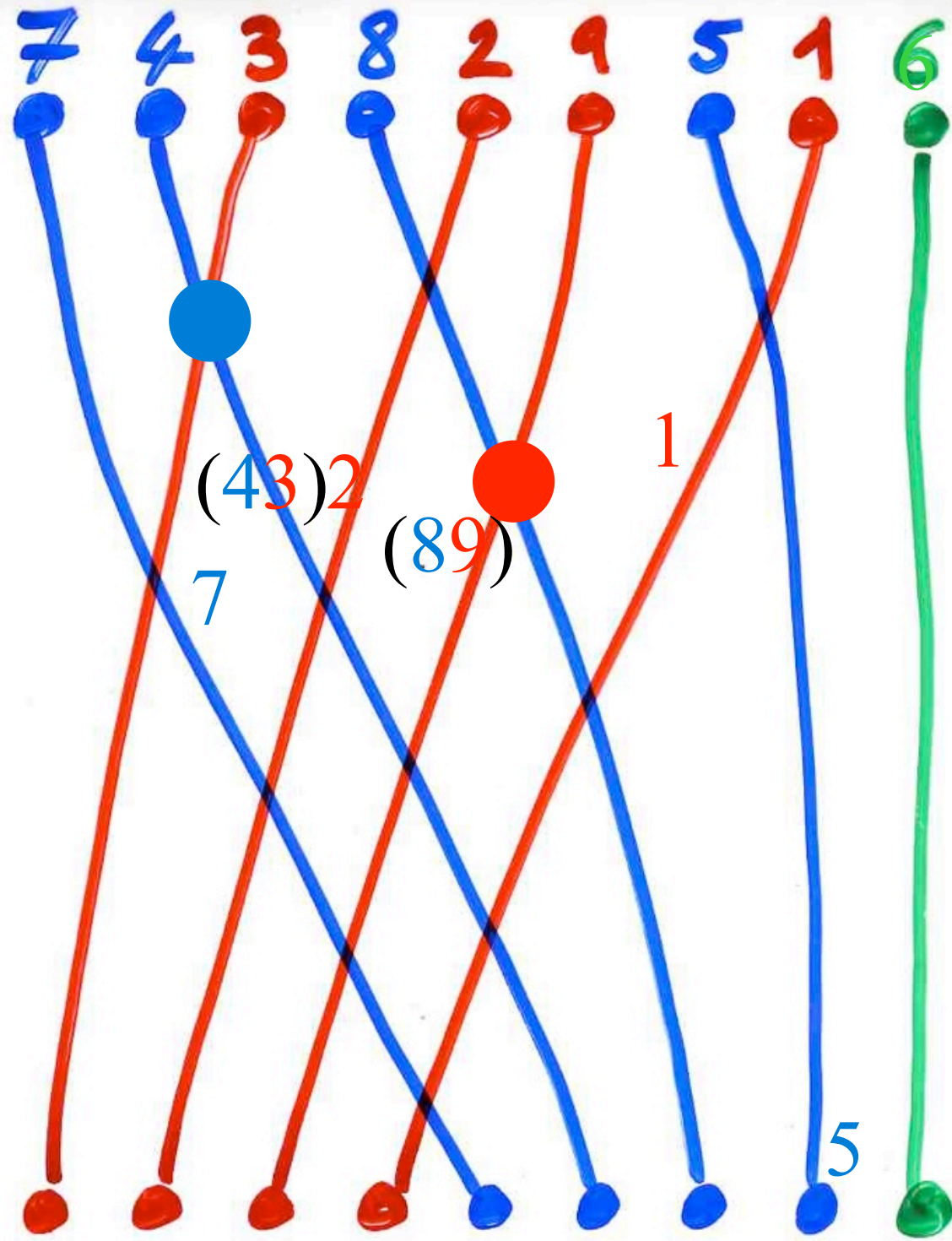


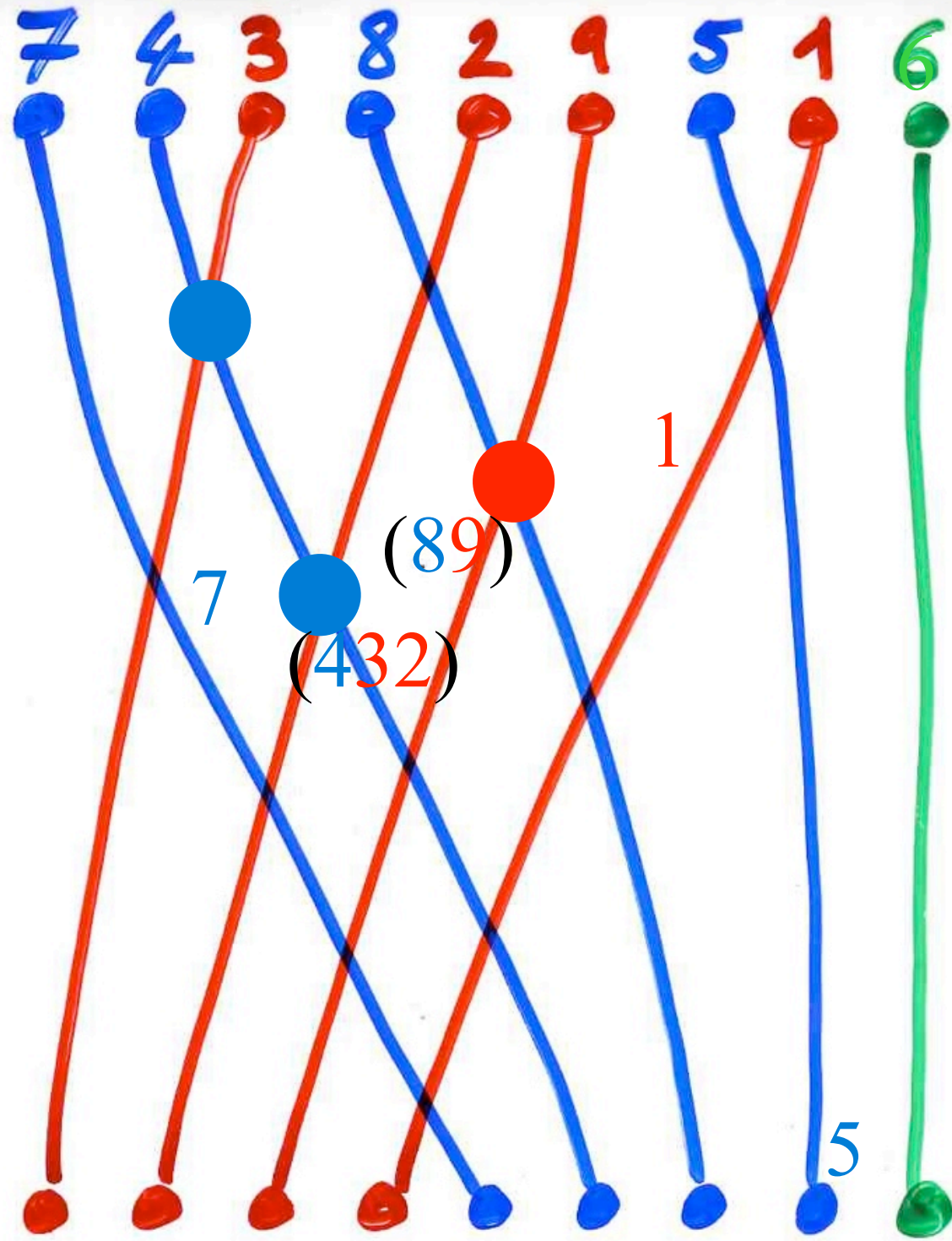


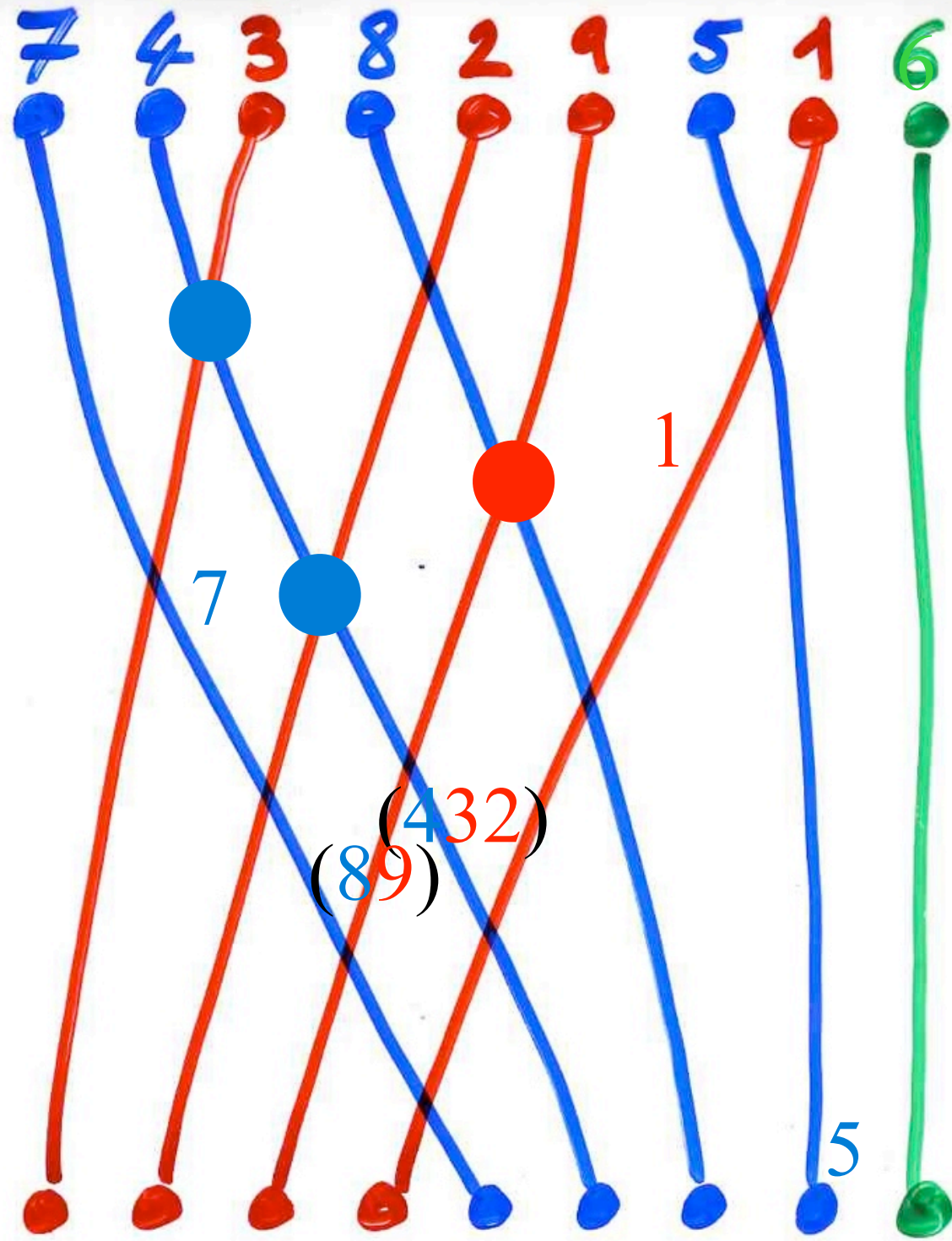


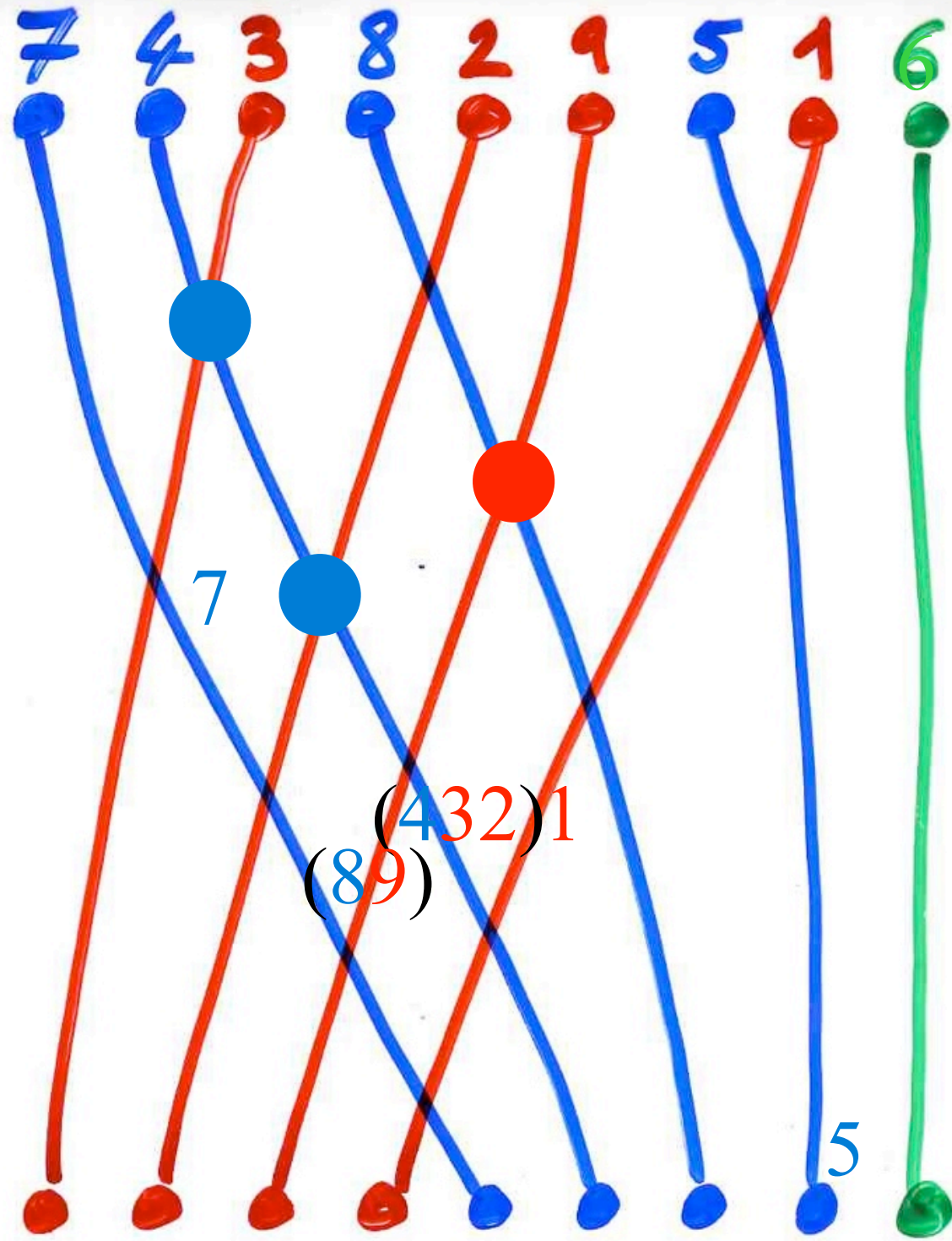


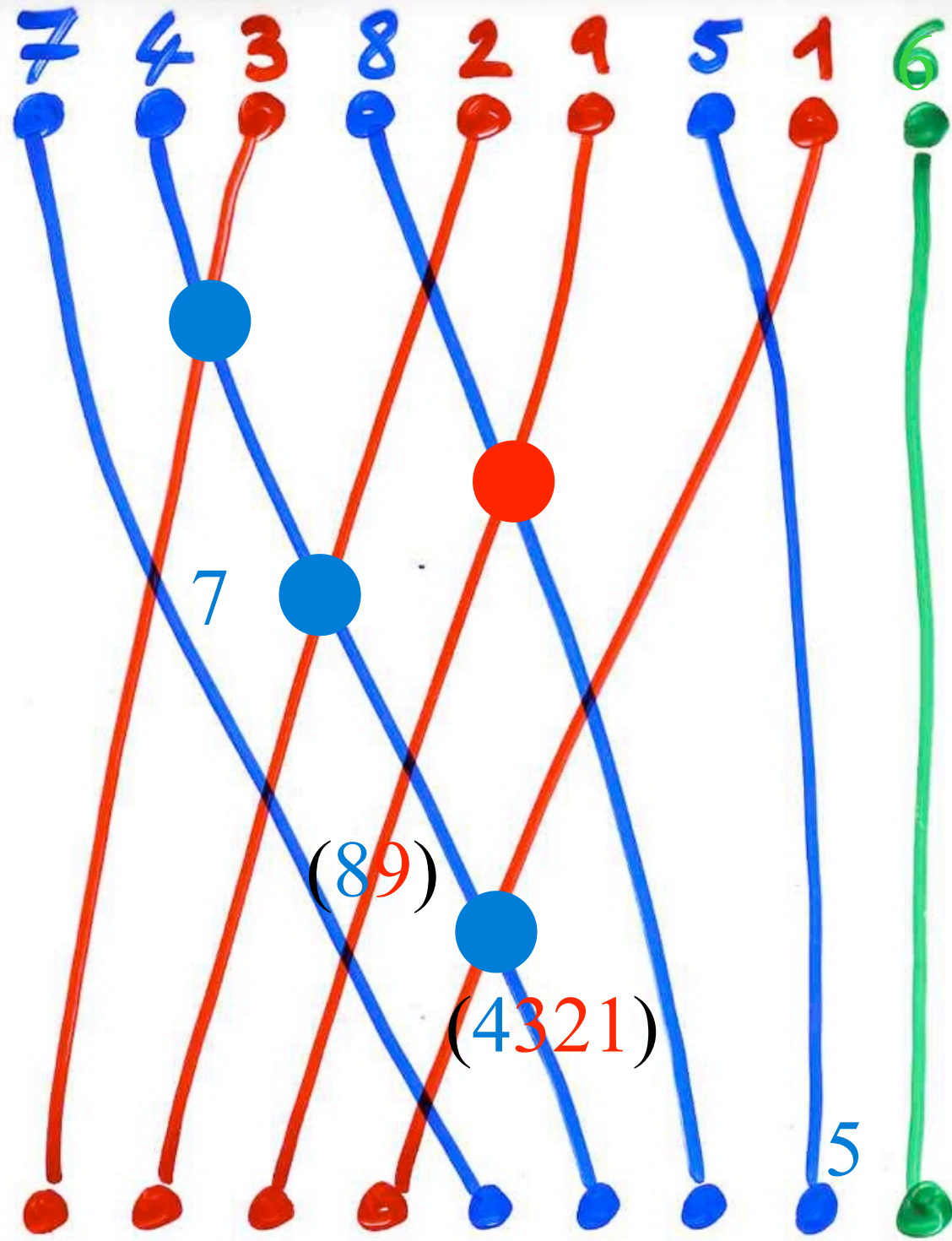


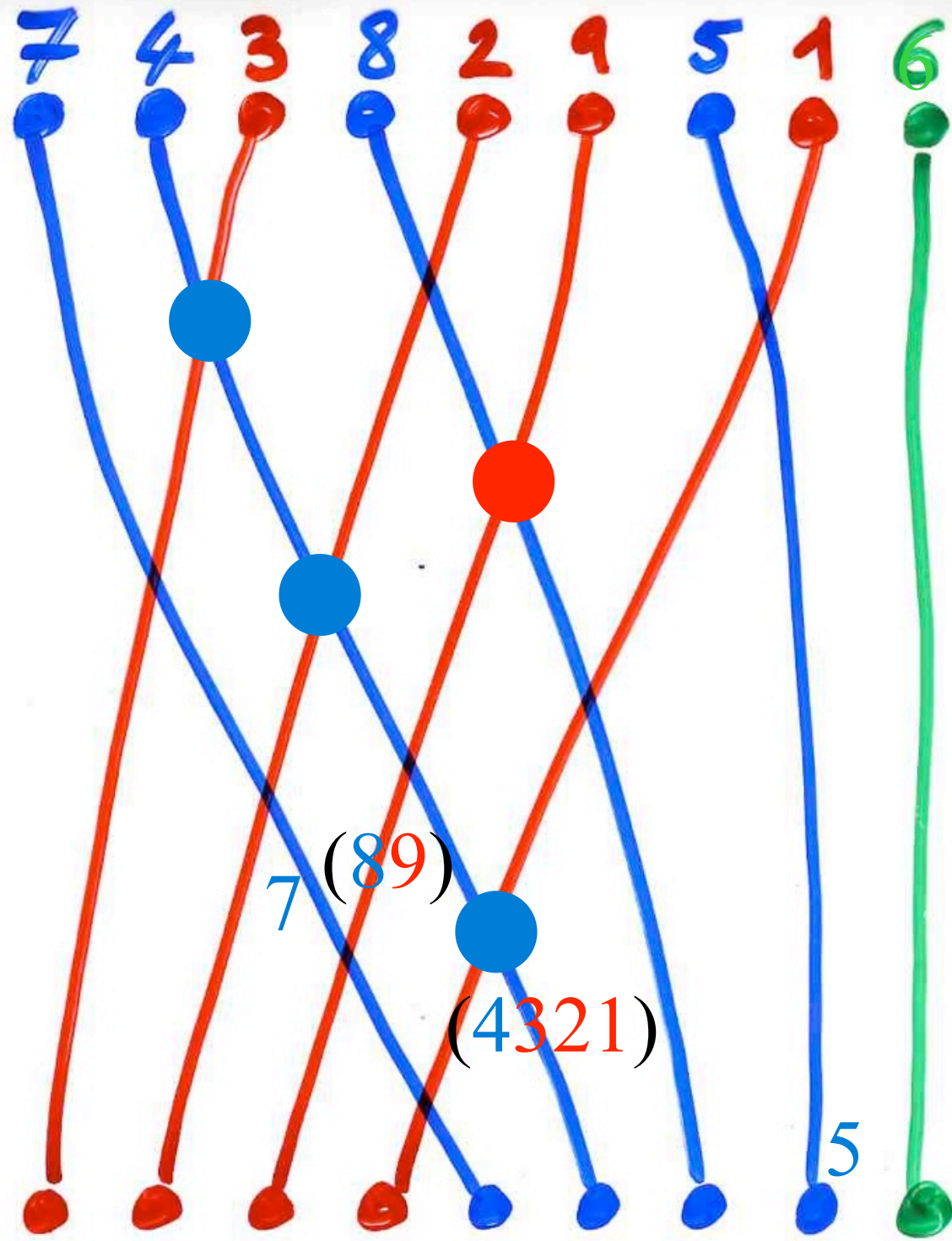


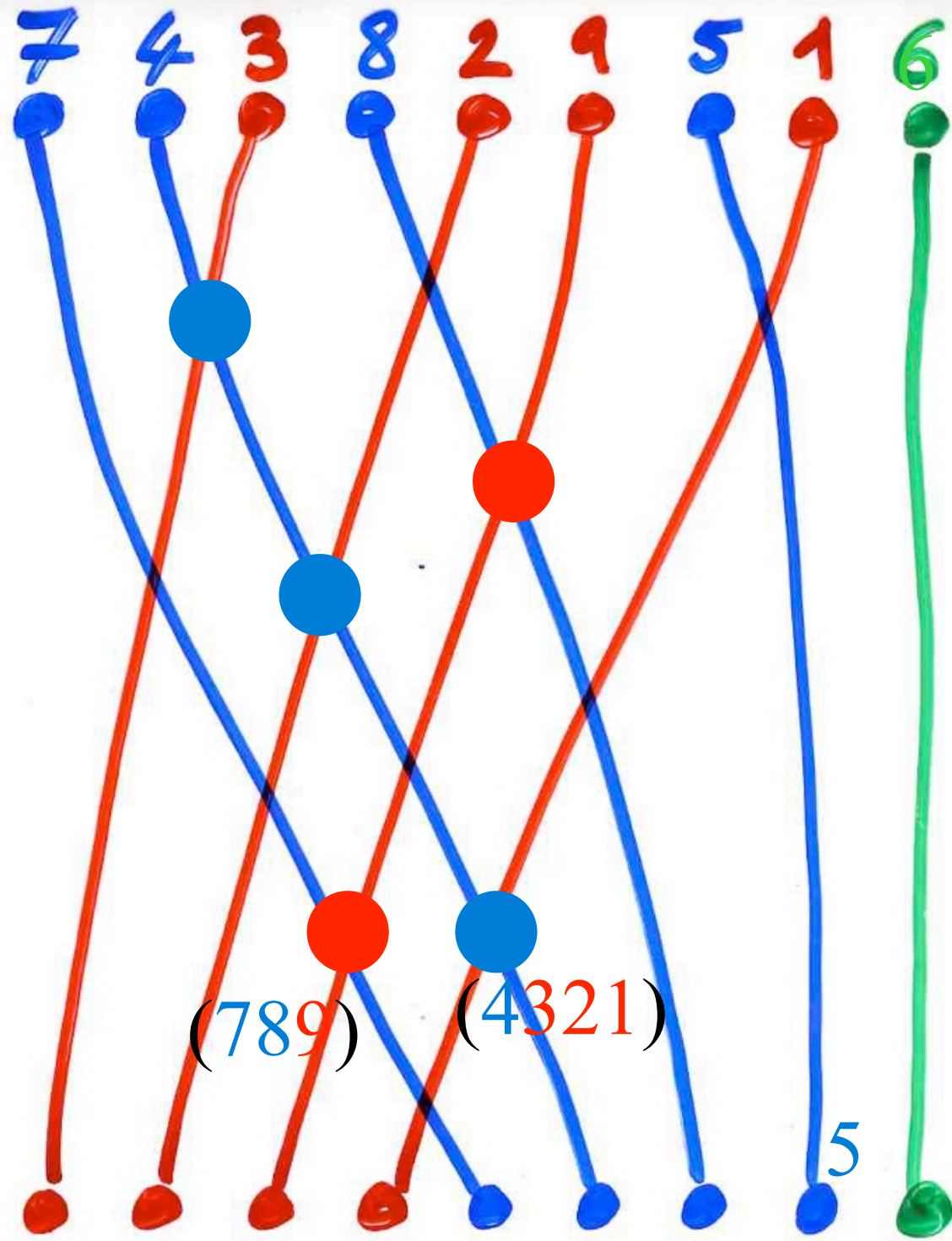








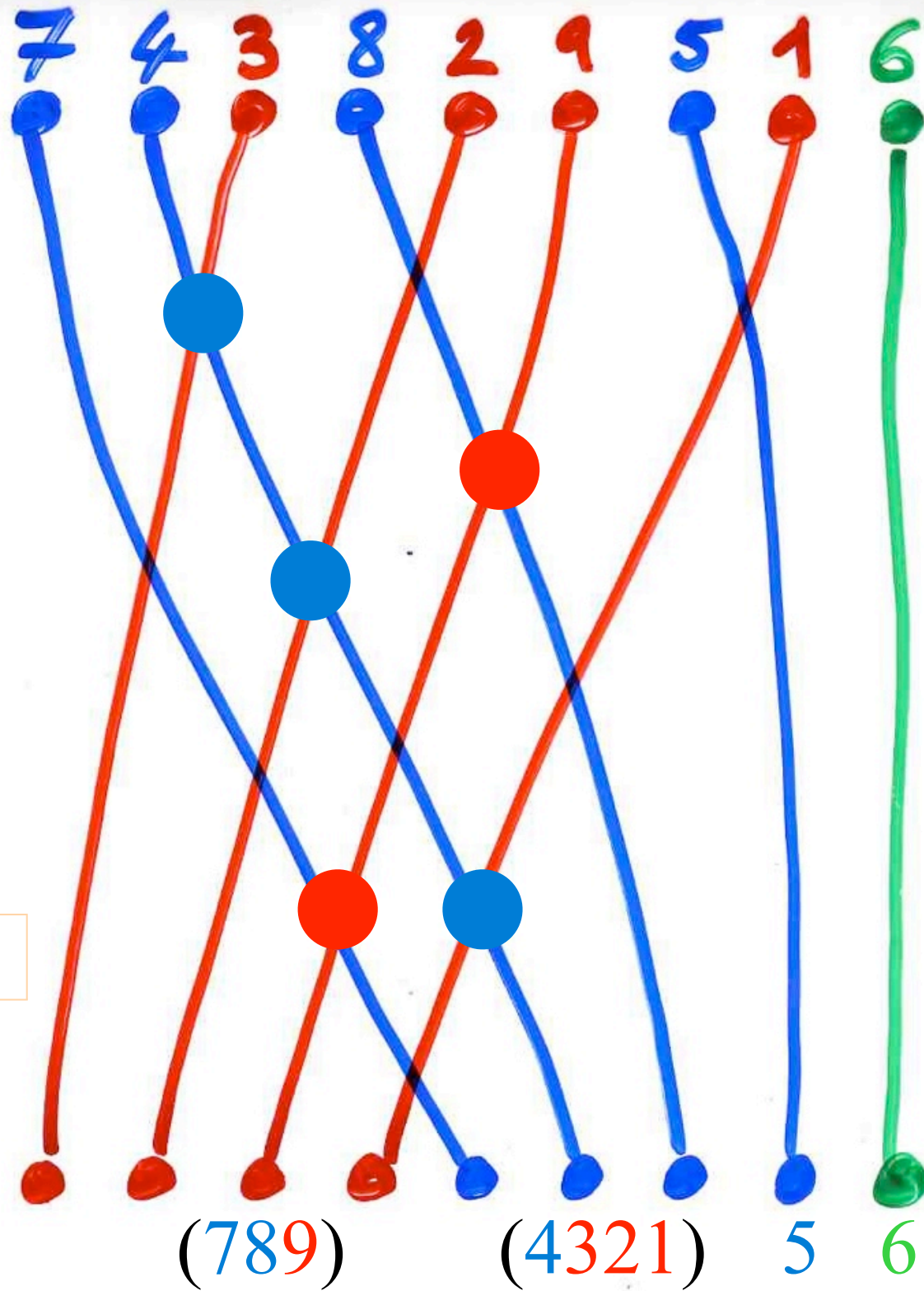
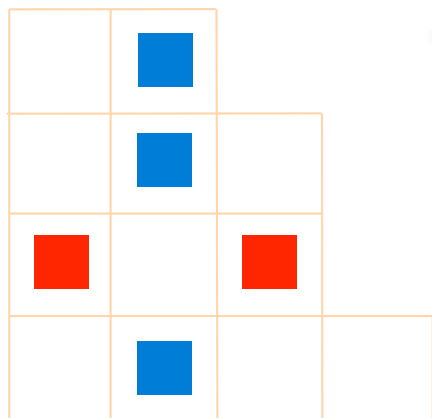




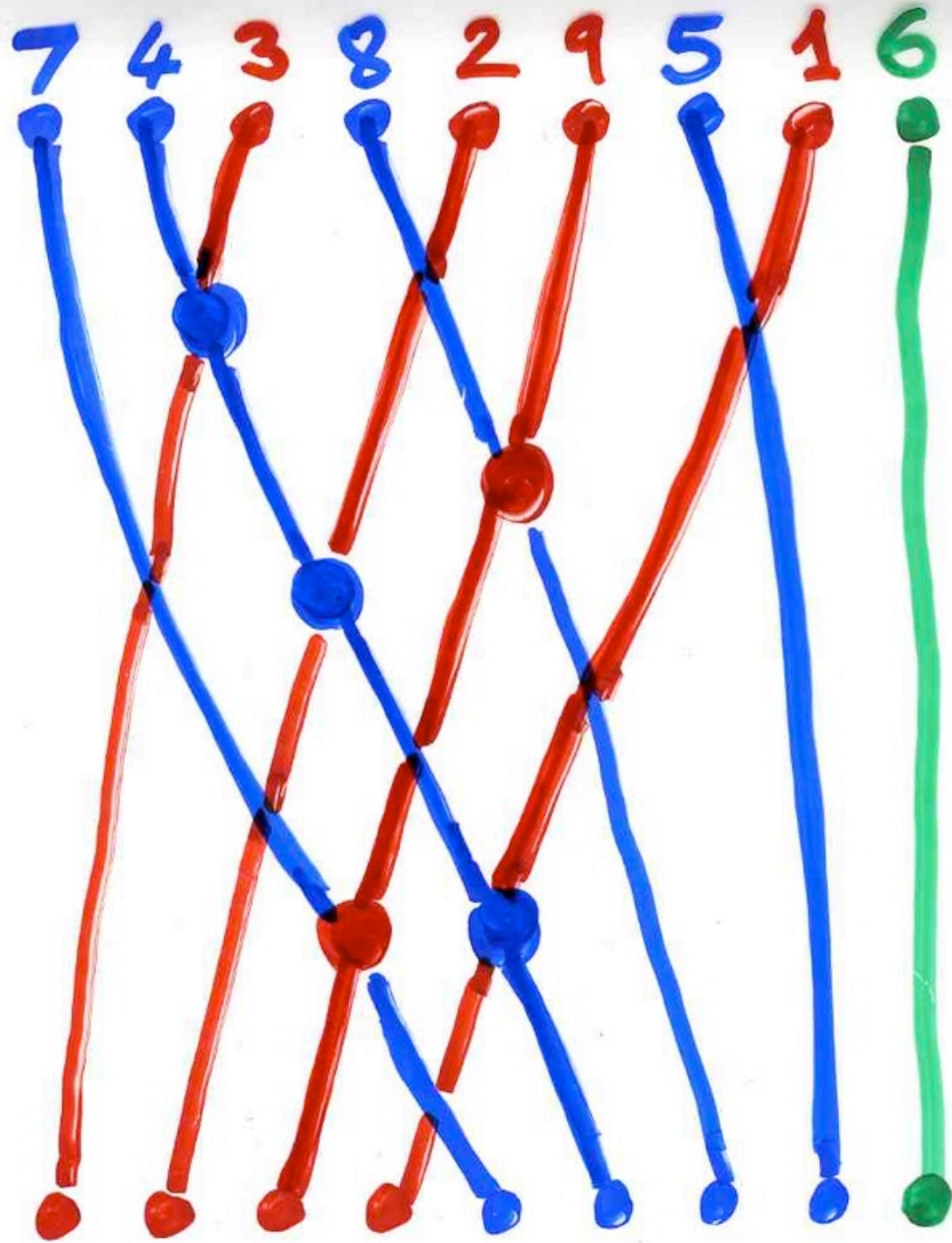
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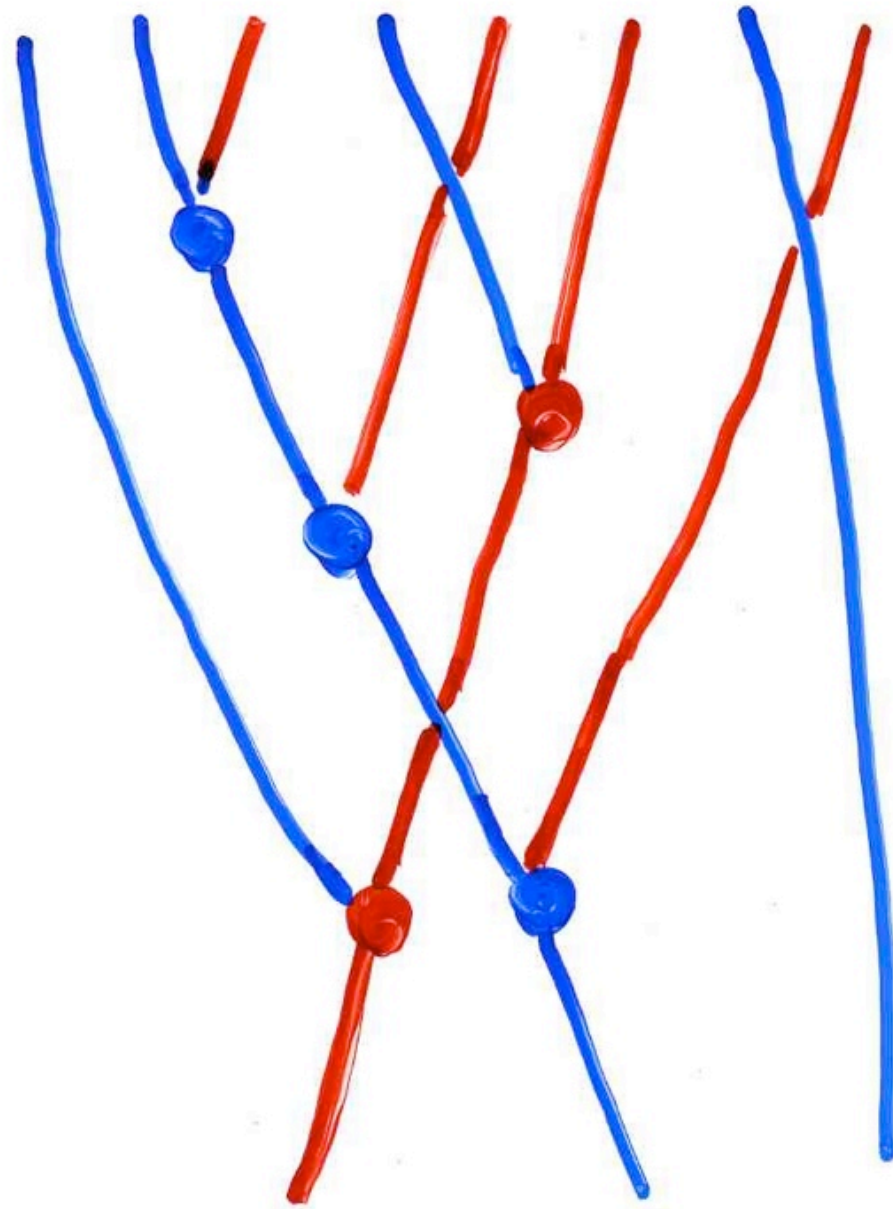
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“exchange-
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algorithm

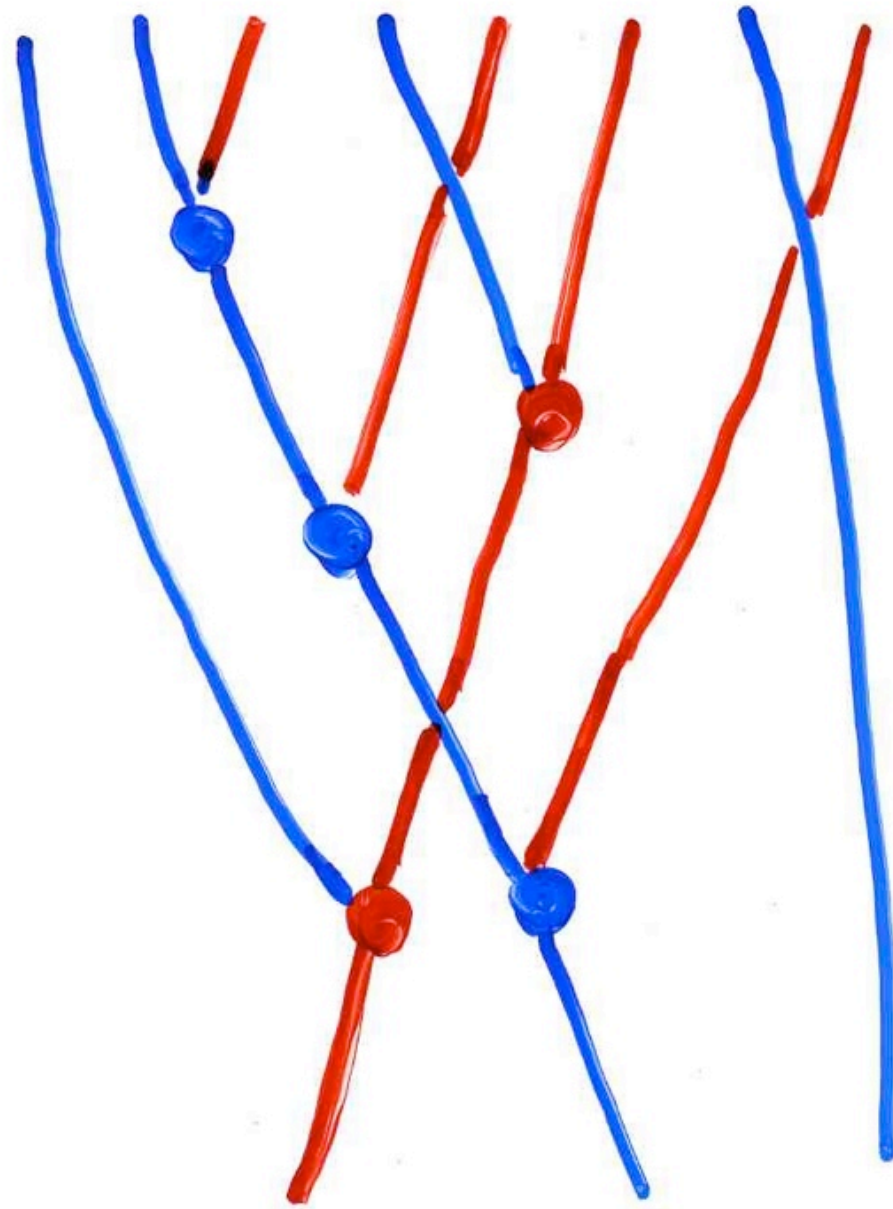


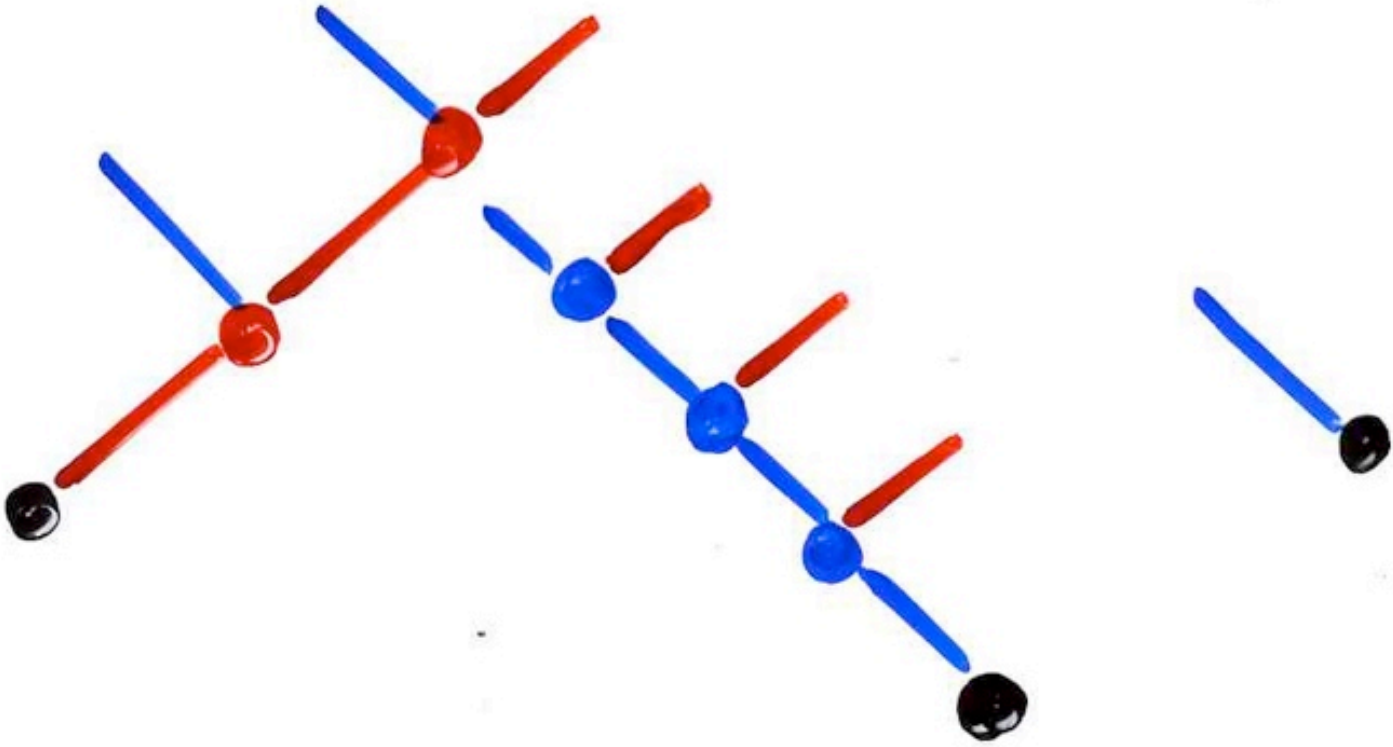
The inverse
“exchange-
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algorithm

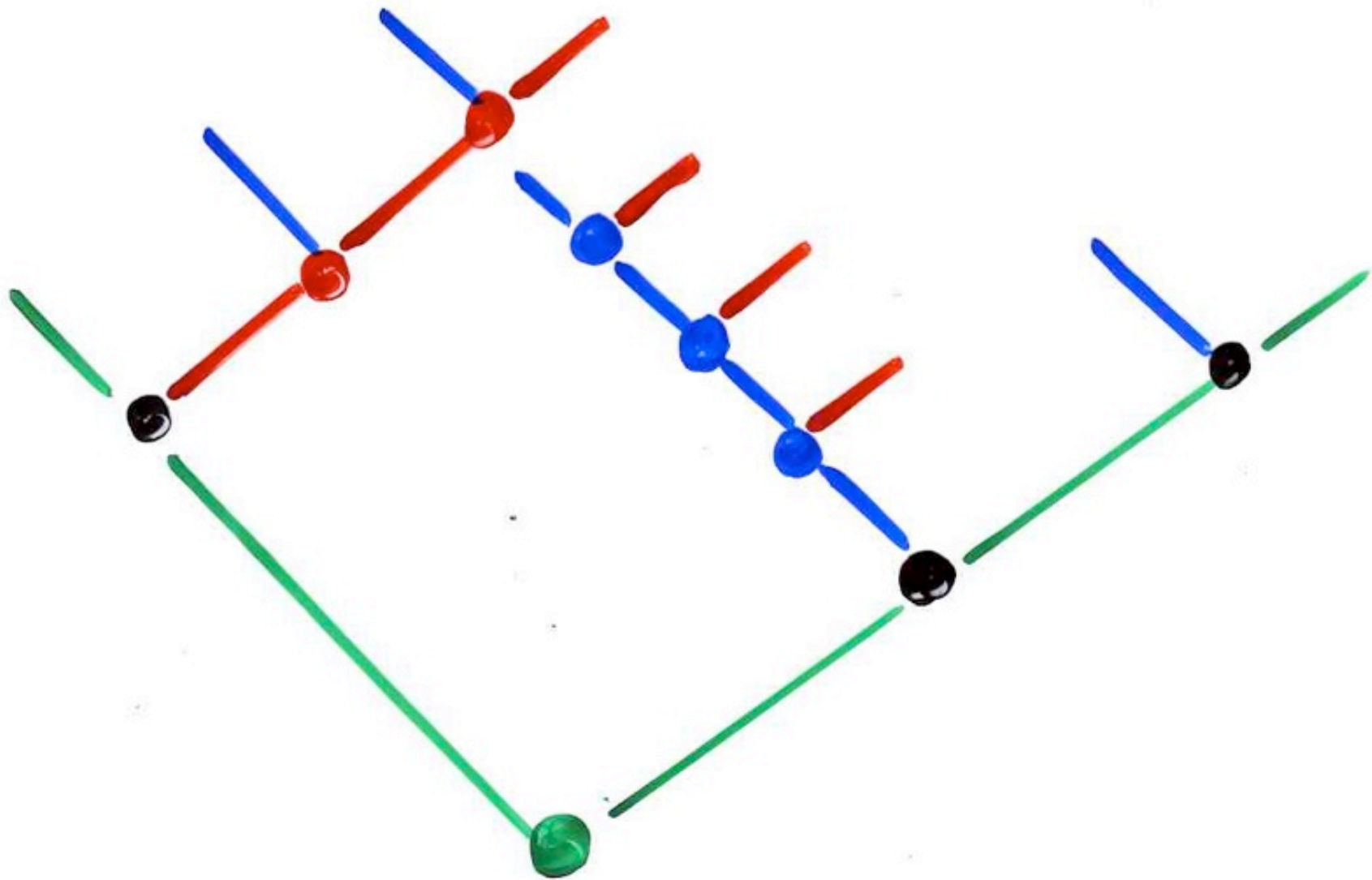


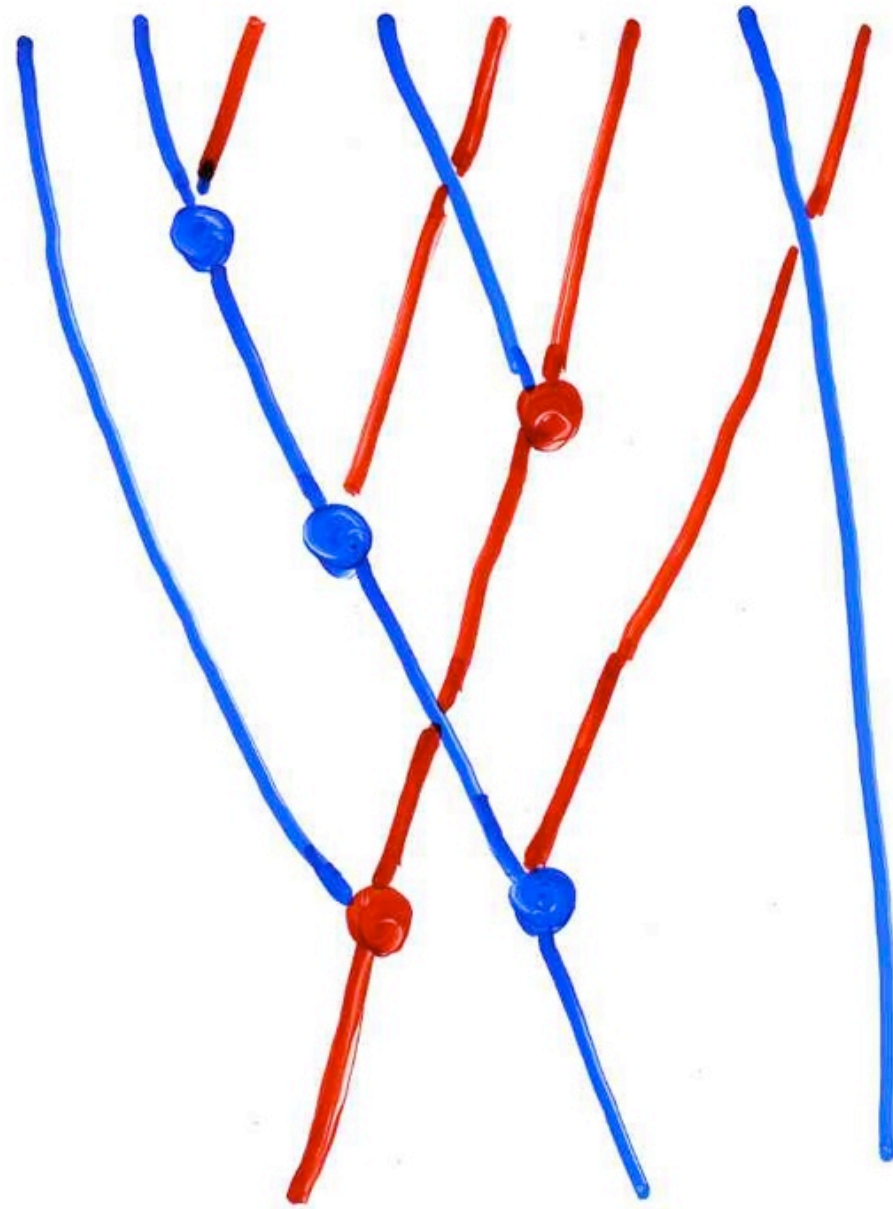


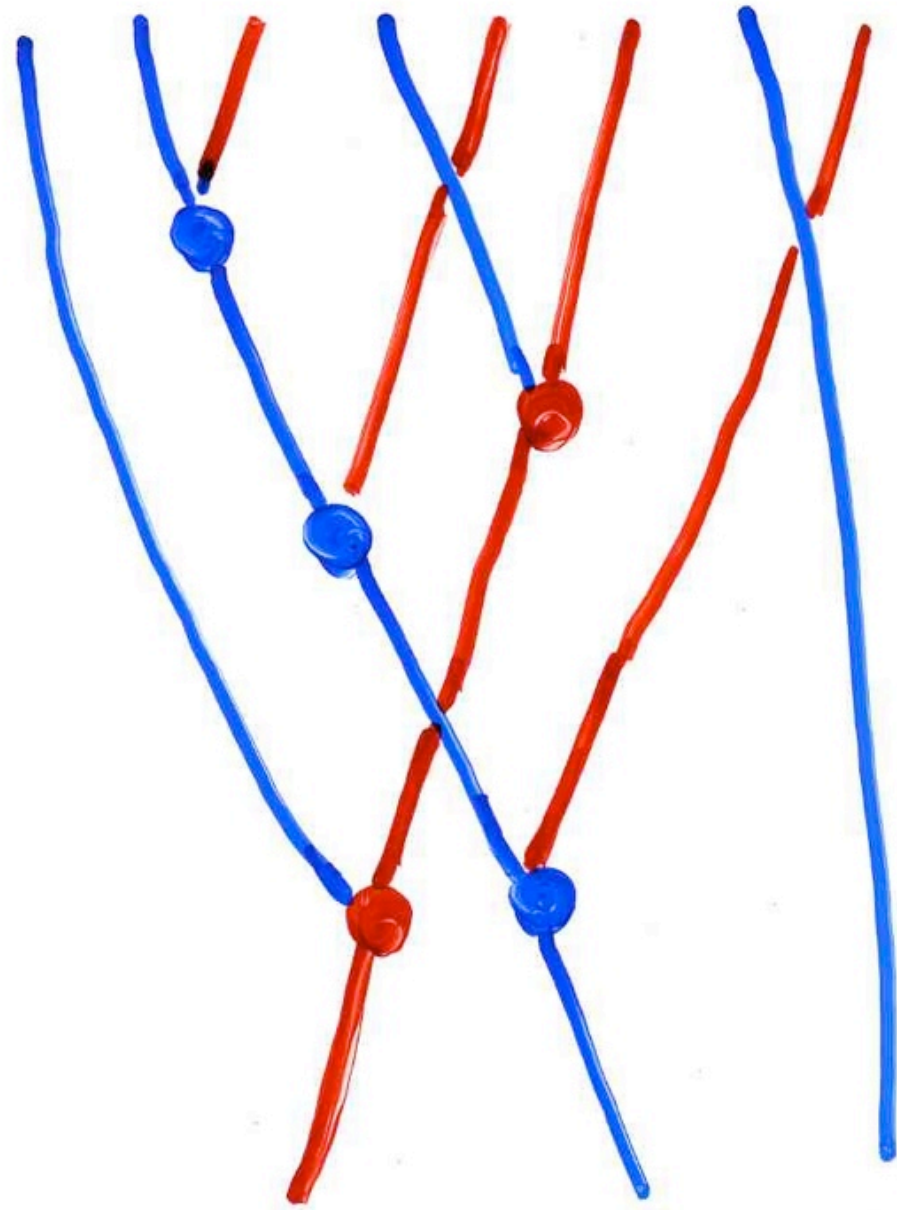










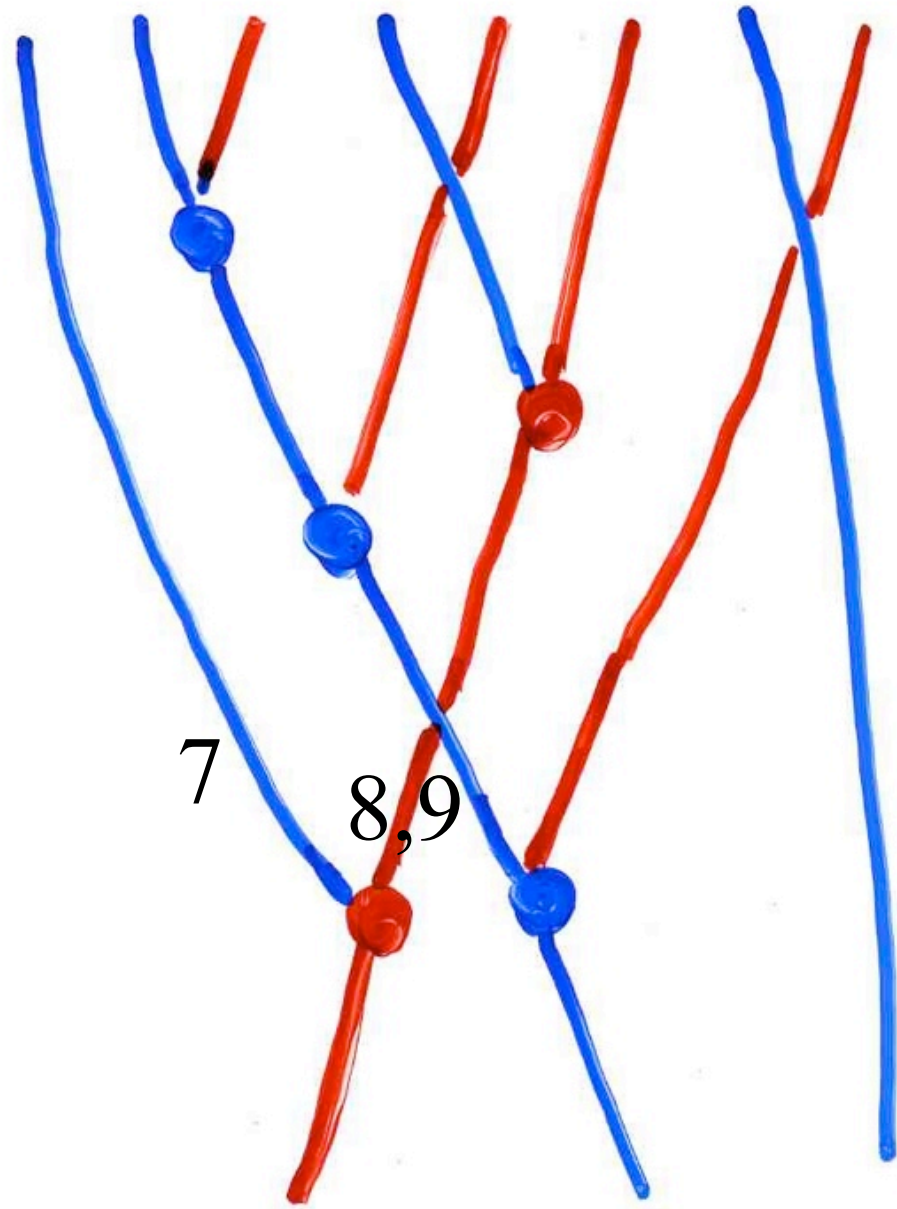


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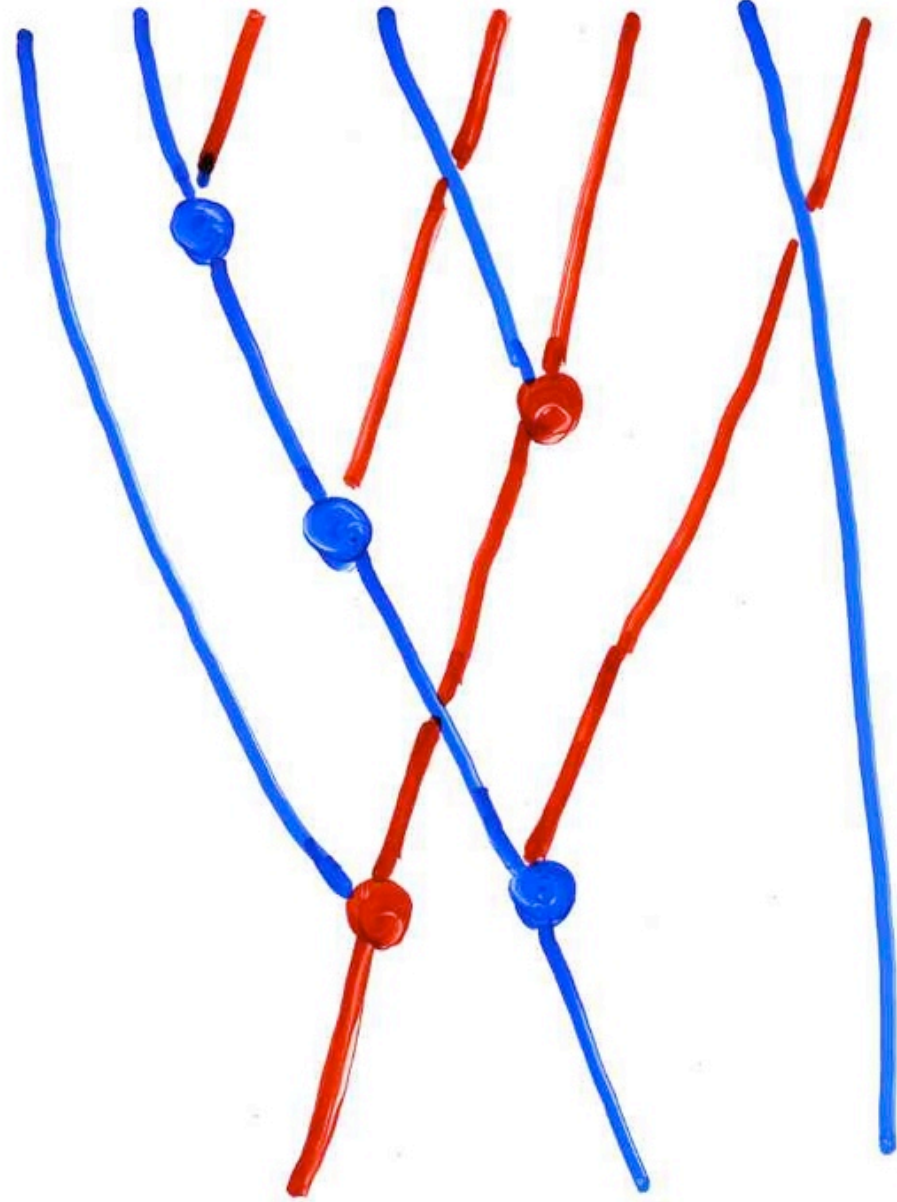
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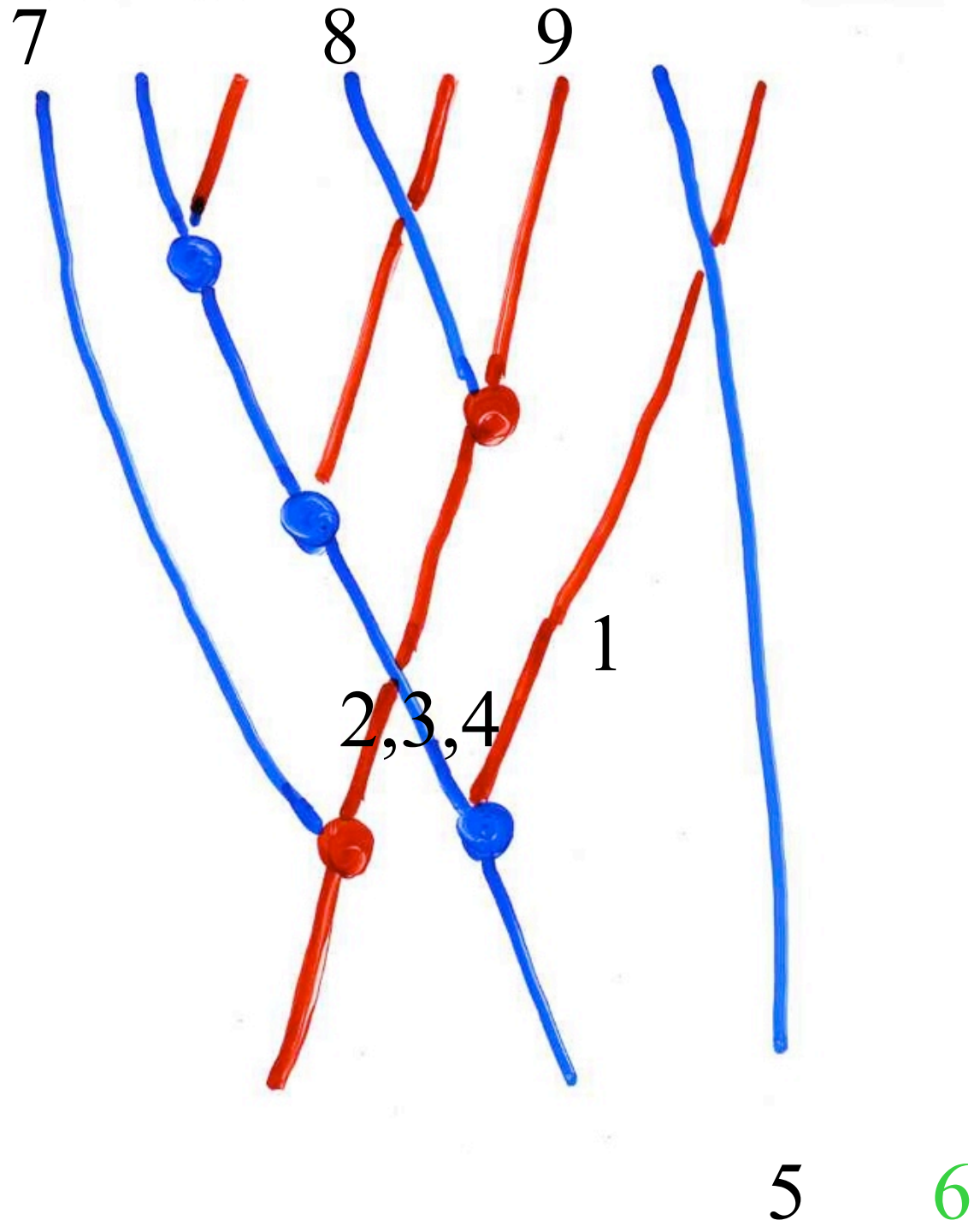
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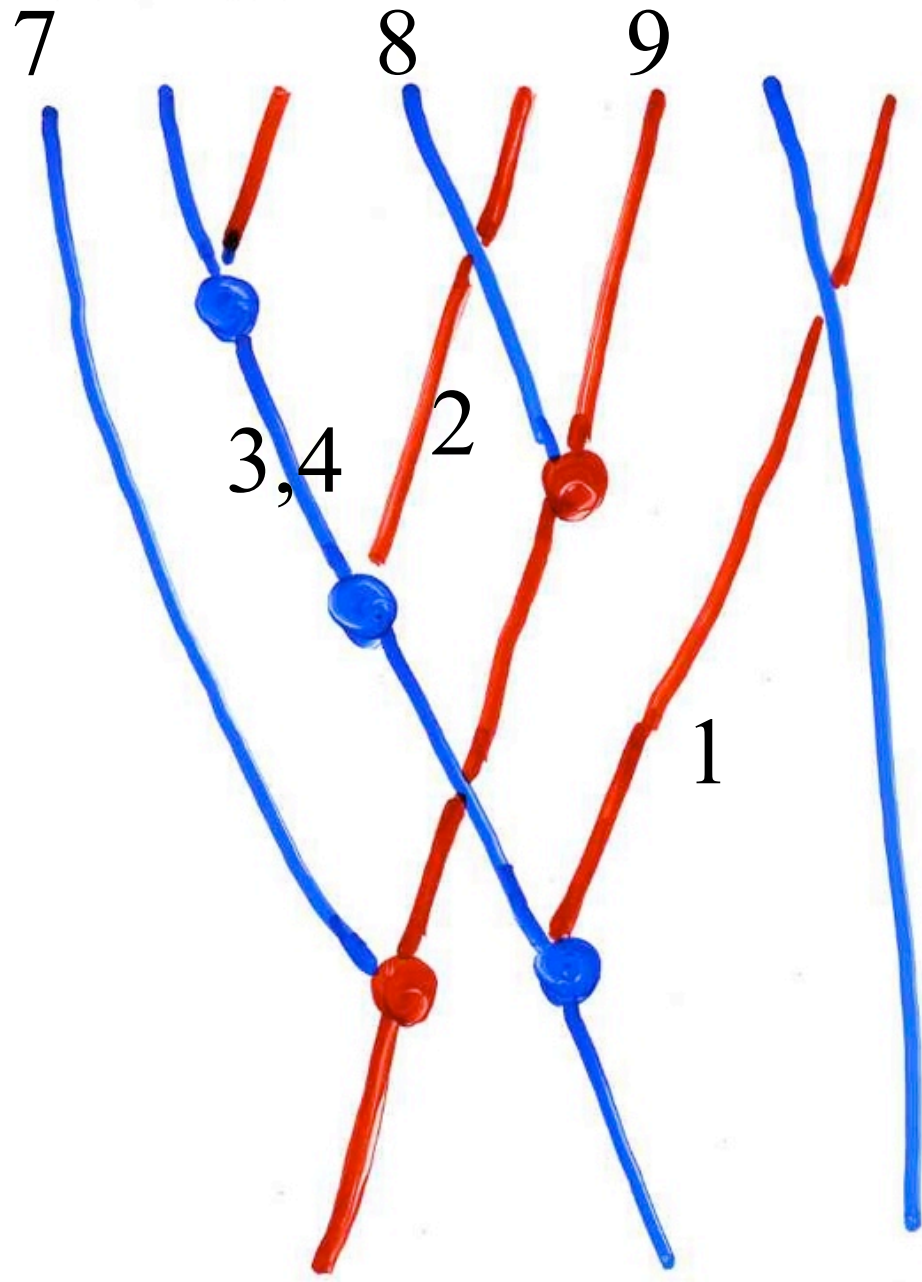


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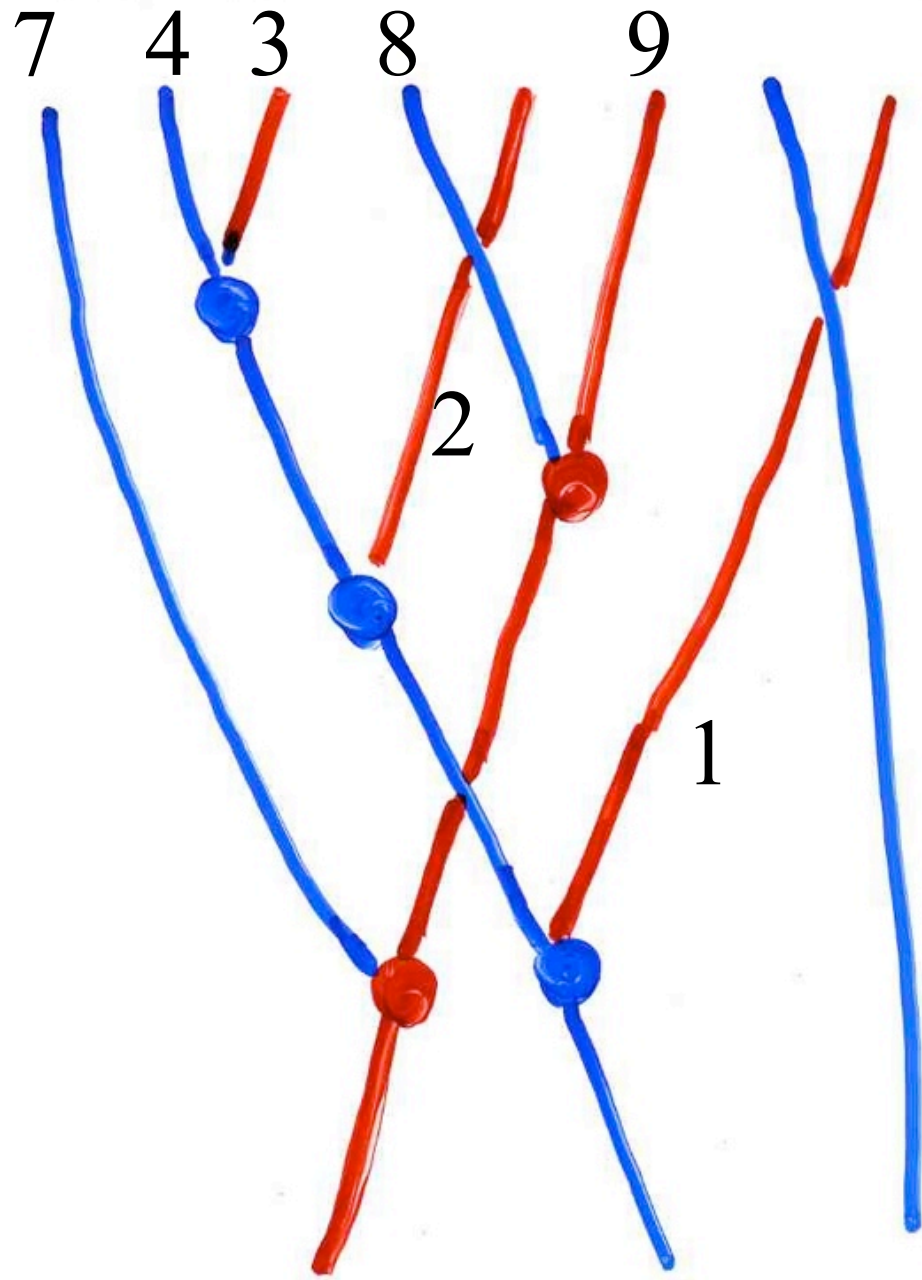
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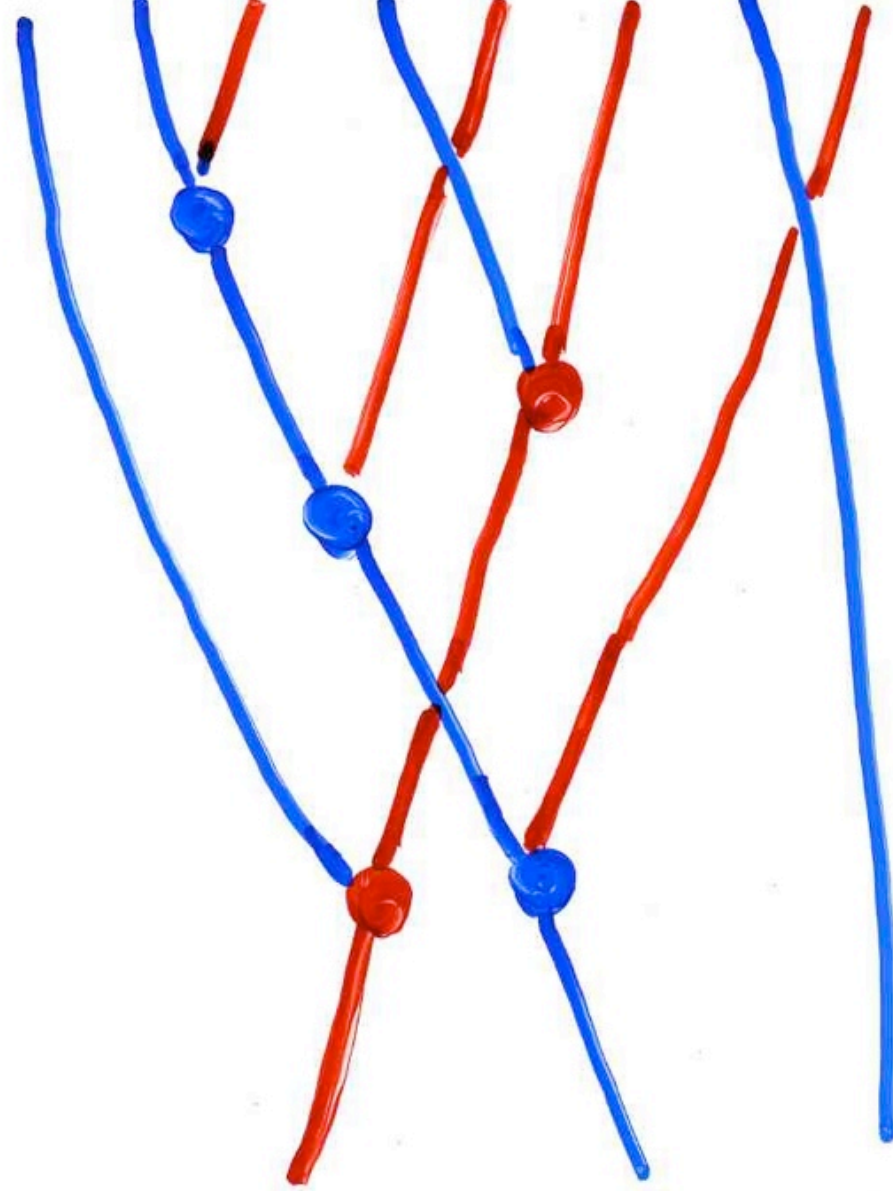
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Genocchi sequence
of a permutation

Def. Genocchi sequence of a permutation

$$\sigma = \sigma(1) \quad \sigma(n)$$

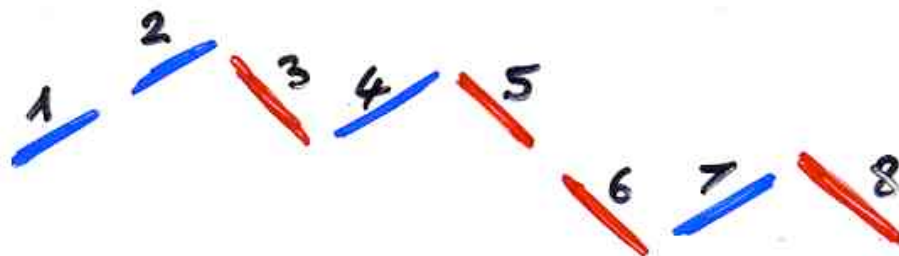
$$G(\sigma) = z_1 \dots z_{n-1}$$

$$z_x = \begin{cases} a & (\text{ascent}) \\ d & (\text{descent}) \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} x = \sigma(i) < \sigma(i+1) \\ \text{"value"} \quad \text{"index"} > \sigma(i+1) \end{matrix}$$

$1 \leq x \leq n-1$

convention: $\sigma(n+1) = 0$ ($\sigma(n)$ is a descent)

ex: $\sigma = (8 \ 5 \ 3 \ 2 \ 7 \ 9 \ 1 \ 4 \ 6)$



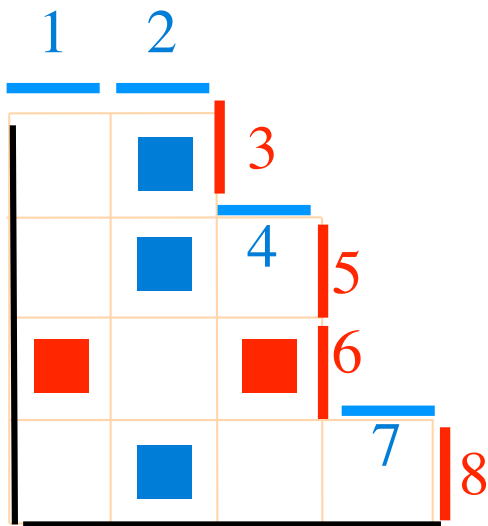
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σ permutation

(valeur) x $\begin{cases} \text{avance} \\ \text{recul} \end{cases}$ ssi (indice) x $\begin{cases} \text{montée} \\ \text{descente} \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(x) &< \sigma(x+1) \\ \sigma(x) &> \sigma(x+1) \end{aligned}$$

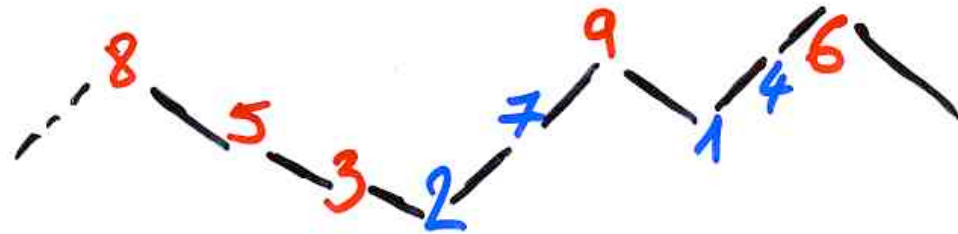
convention: $\sigma(n)$ descente



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

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



“Genocchi shape” of a permutation

alternating sequence $d a d a d \dots a d a$

Prop. - (Dumont, 1974)

The nb of permutations on $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$ having an alternating Genocchi sequence is the Genocchi numbers G_{2n+2}

nombres de Genocchi

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

Bernoulli

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

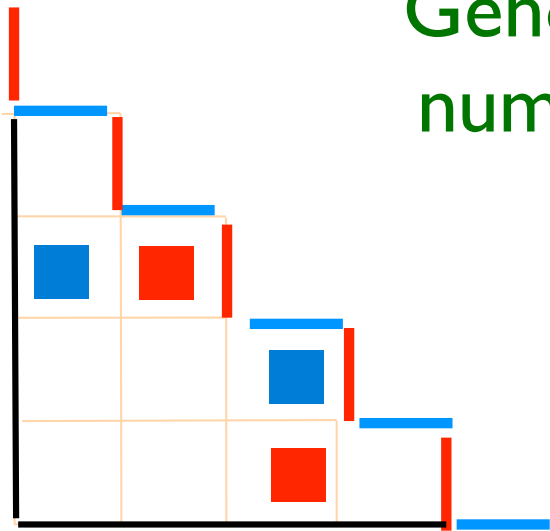
nombre de Genocchi

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Genocchi numbers



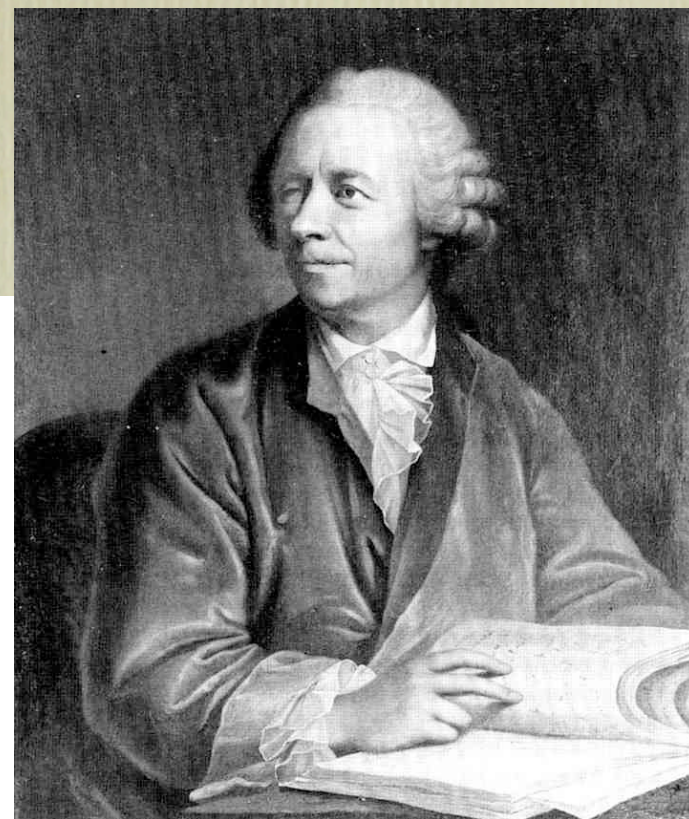
alternating shape



Angelo Genocchi
1817 - 1889

Hinc igitur calculo instituto reperietur :

A	=	1			
B	=	1			
C	=	3			
D	=	17			
E	=	155	=	5.31	
F	=	2073	=	691.3	
G	=	38227	=	7.5461	=
					$7. \frac{127.129}{3}$
H	=	929569	=	3617.257	
I	=	28820619	=	43867.9.73	&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

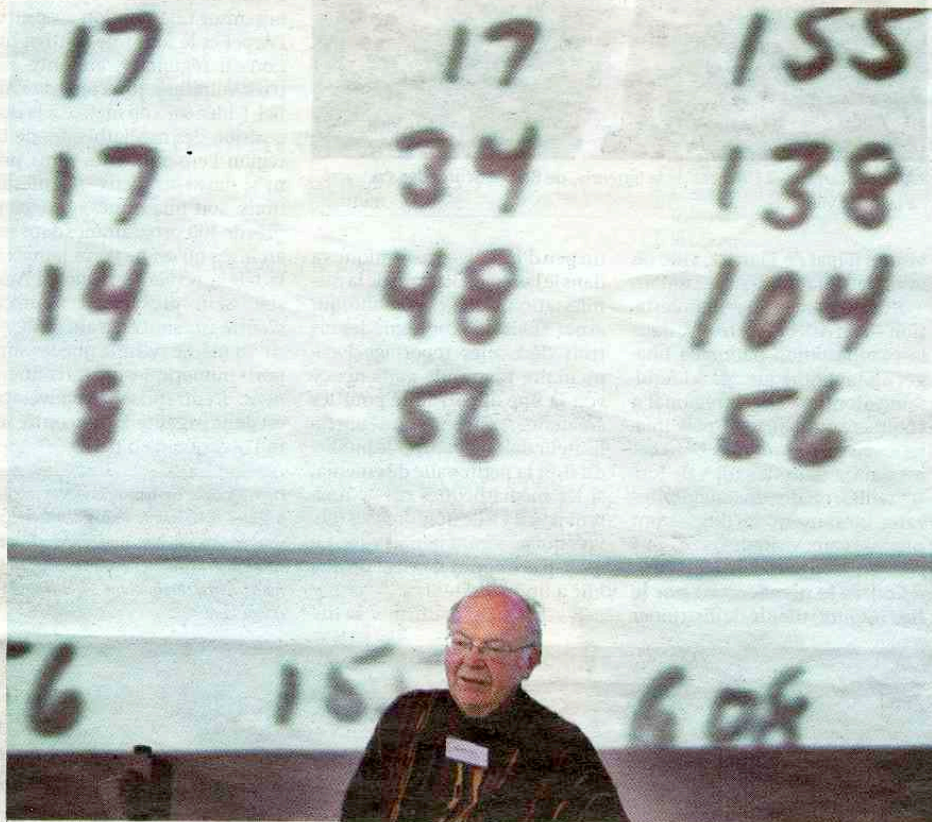
L'ermite de l'informatique

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 y a 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 Semenou, professeur d'orgue au conservatoire de Bordeaux, a joué dans ce domaine un rôle de cicérone auprès de Donald Knuth.

some parameters

The maximum letter of the blocks of letters reaching the ground level are:

- for the **columns** of T (**red threads**), the **left-to-right maximum elements** of the values of the **permutation s** less than the last letter $s(n+1)$,
 - for the **rows** of T (**blue threads**), the **right-to-left maximum elements** of the values of the **permutation s** bigger than the last letter
- (3 proofs coming 3 different methodologies: by P. Nadeau , O.Bernardi and xgv)

This gives an interpretation of the two parameters on **alternative tableaux**:

- number of “**open**” **columns** (i.e. columns without a red cell)
- number of “**open**” **rows** (i.e. rows without a blue cell)

total order

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

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

left-to-right
right-to-left

minimum elements

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

left-to-right
right-to-left

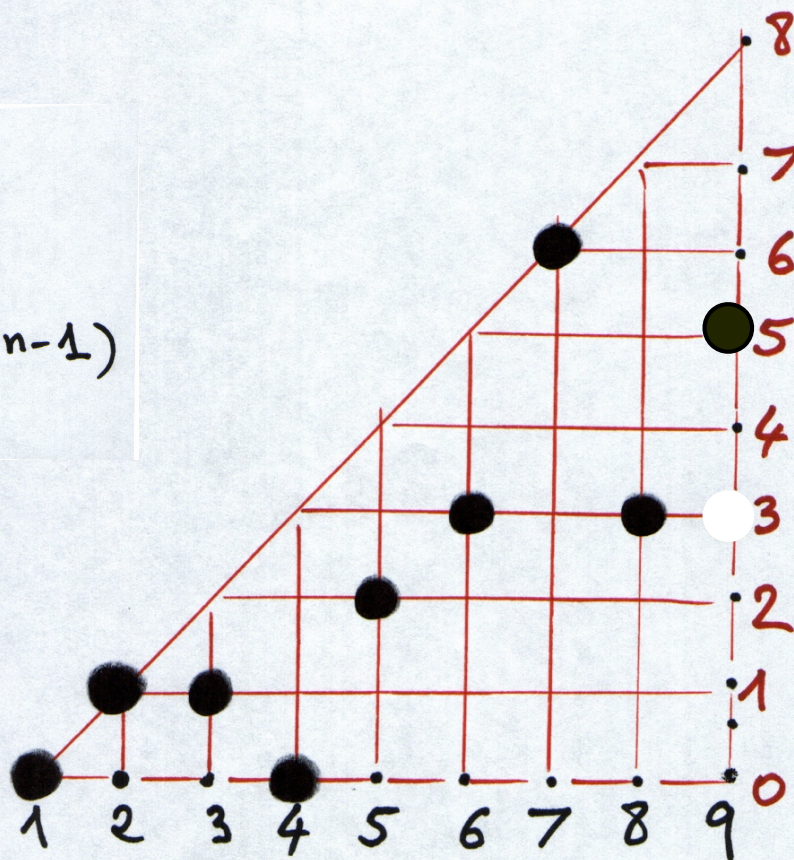
minimum elements

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

Stirling numbers $S_{n,k}$

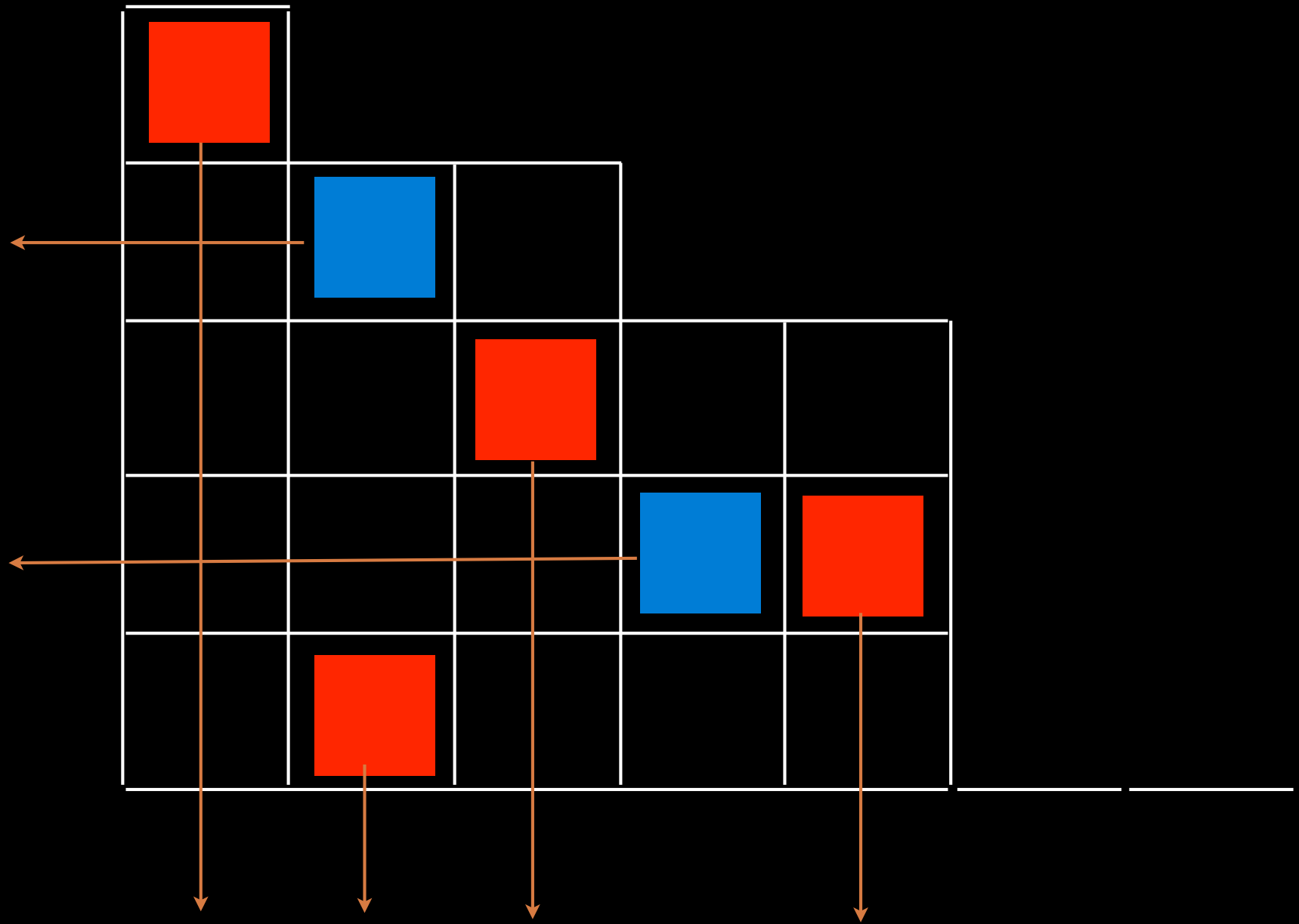
$$\sum_{k=1}^n S_{n,k} x^k = x(x+1)\dots(x+n-1)$$

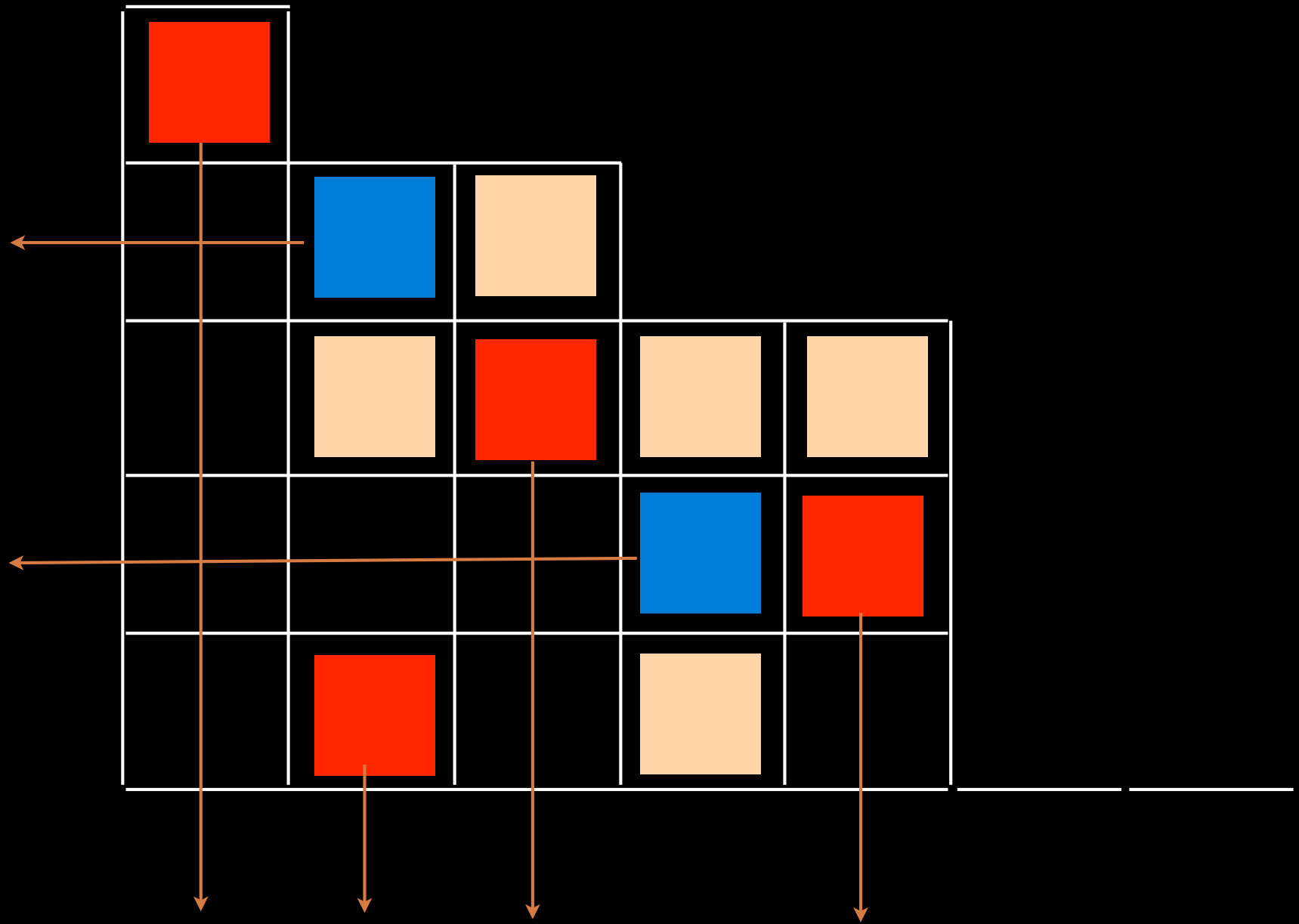
$$xy(x+y)(x+1+y)\dots(x+n-2+y)$$



Def- **Crossing** of an alternative tableau:
a non-colored cell which is
neither at the left of a blue cell
neither below a red cell

crossing of alternating tableau
exchange in the "exchange-fusion" algorithm





The number of **crossings** of the **alternative tableau** has been characterized by O. Bernardi on the corresponding **permutation** s .

It is the number of pairs (x, y) , $x = s(i)$, $y = s(j)$, $1 \leq i < j \leq n+1$, such that there exist two integers $k, l \geq 0$ such that: the set of the values $x+1, x+2, \dots, x+k, y+1, \dots, y+l$ are located between x and y (in the word s), and $x+k+1$ is located (in s) at the right of y and $y+l+1$ is located (in s) at the left of x (with the convention of $n+2$ at the left of all the values).

Permutations

with no subsequence of the type

... $(y+1)$... x ... y ... $(x+1)$...

ex: $\sigma = 6 4 5 3 9 7 8 (10) 1 2$

Prop. (O. Bernardi, 2008)

The number of such permutations on n elements is C_n

permutations
Catalan
number

From work of Corteel, Nadeau,
Steingrimsón, Williams
we know that parameter
"number of crossing" in alternating
tableaux :

same distribution as
"q-analog" of Laguerre histories"

Laguerre histories

Combinatorial theory
of orthogonal polynomials

Bijection

Permutations

$n+1$

Histoires

de Laguerre

(γ_c, \mathcal{f})

n

Bijection

Permutations

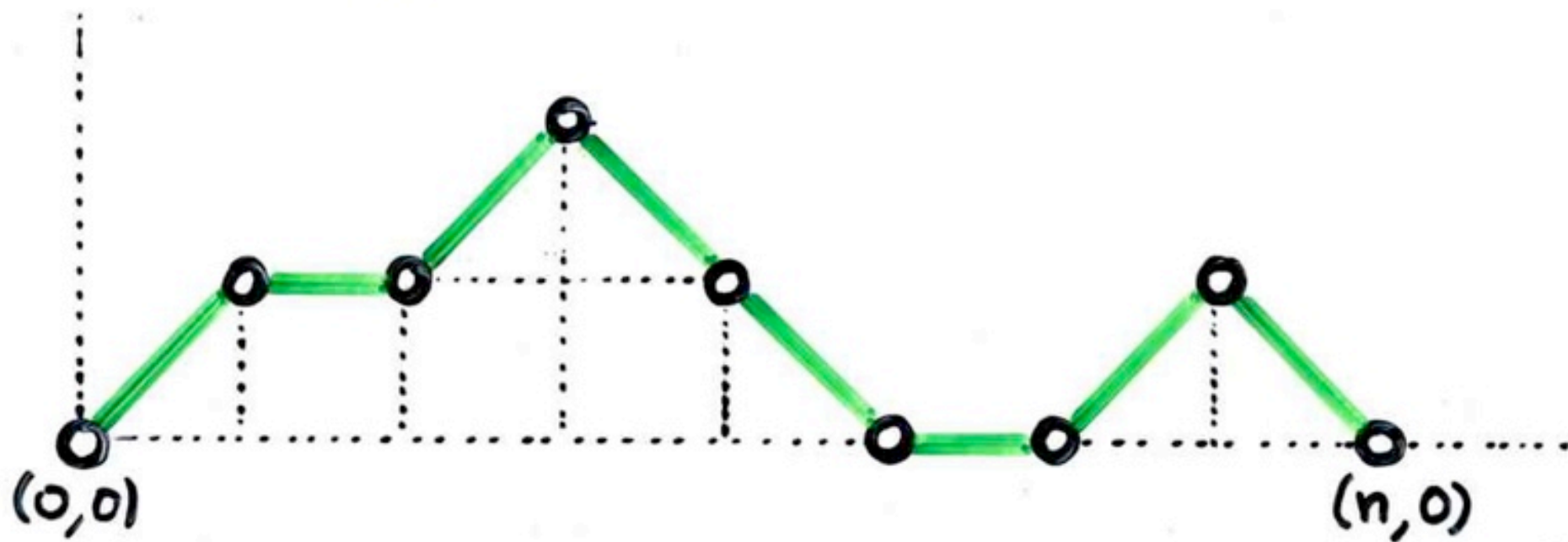
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Histoires de Laguerre

(γ_c, f)

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Chemin de Motzkin
 n



Bijection

Permutations

$n+1$

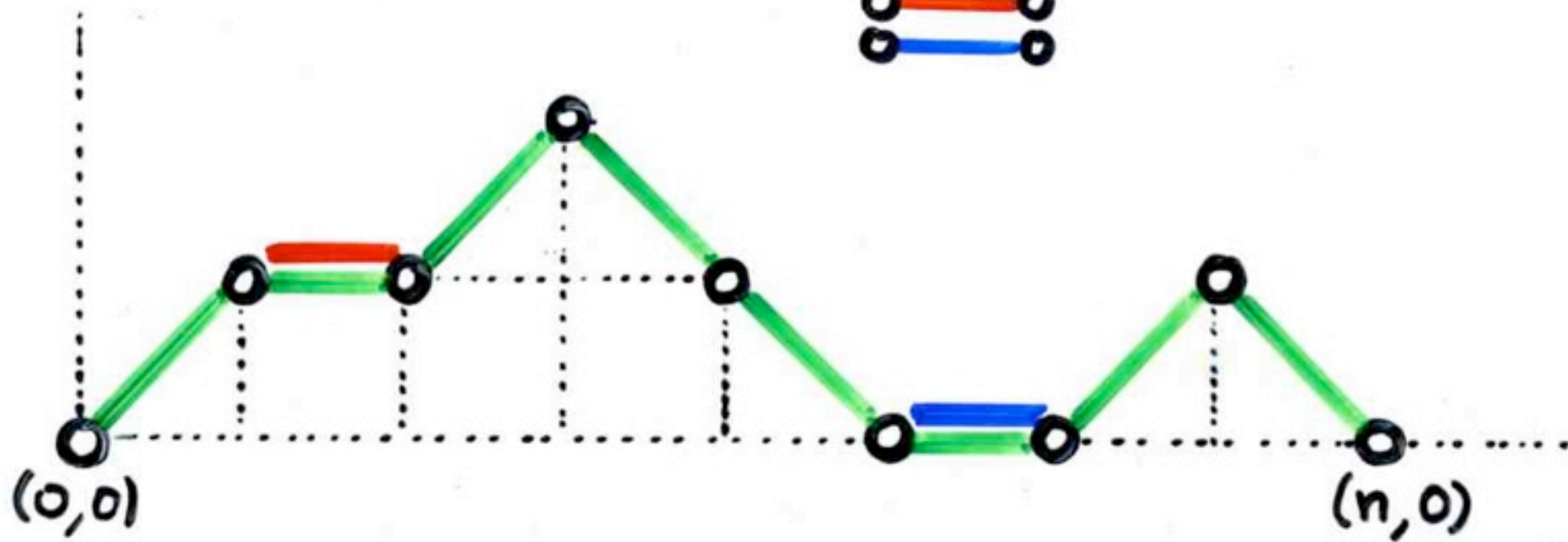
Histoires de Laguerre

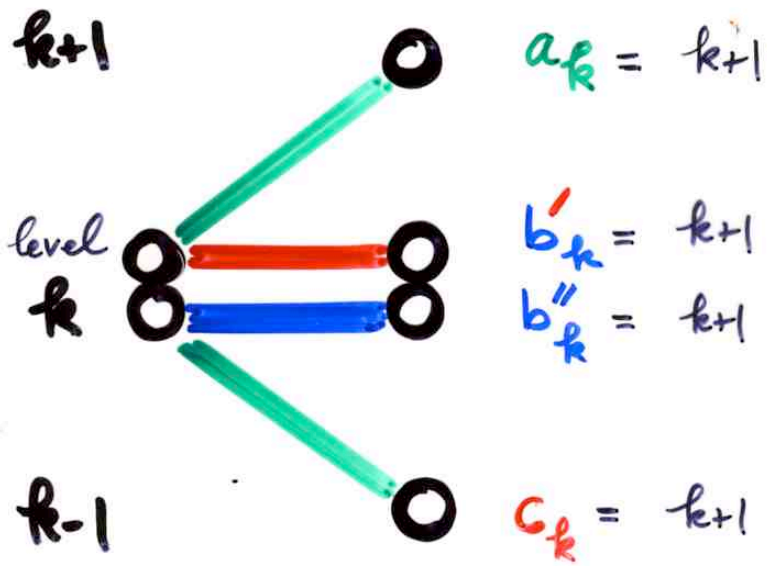
(γ, c, δ)

n

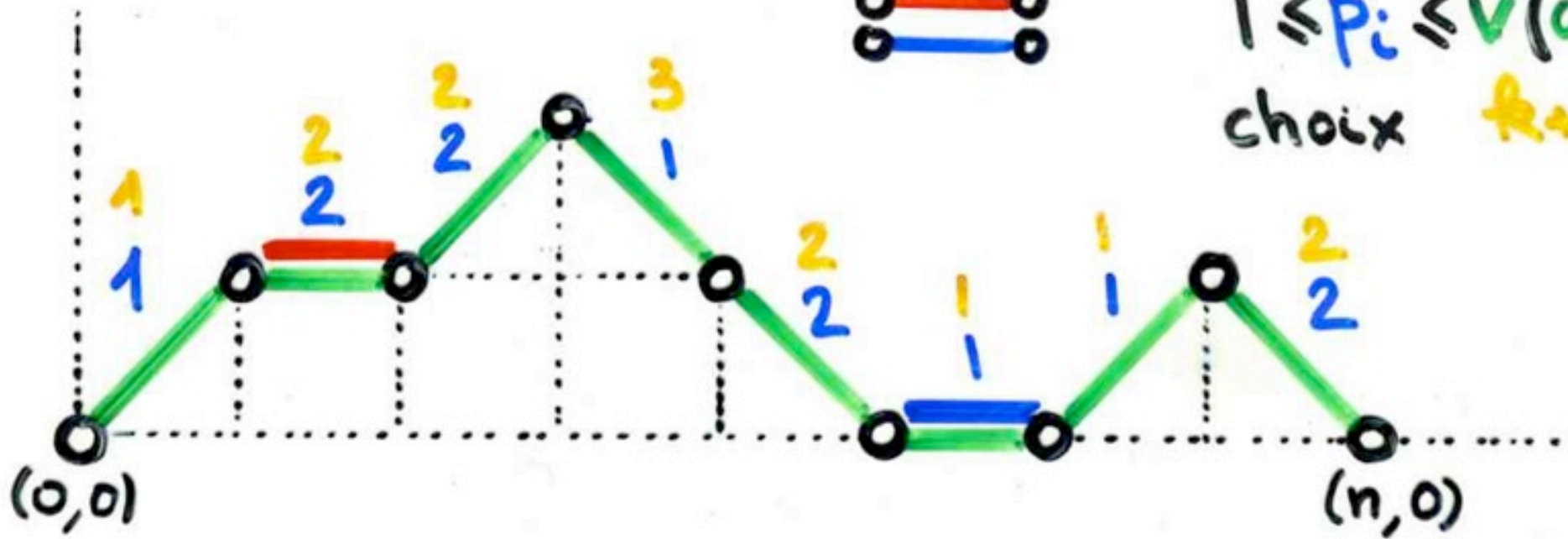
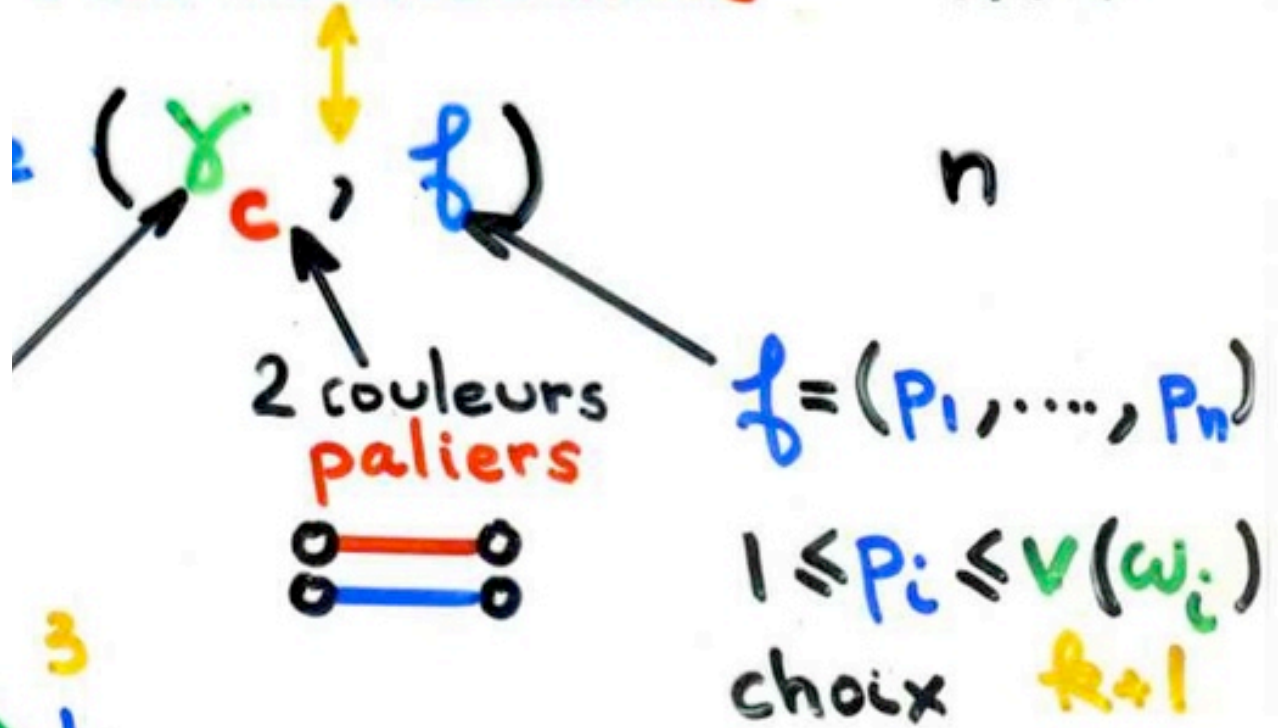
Chemin de Motzkin
 n

2 couleurs
paliers

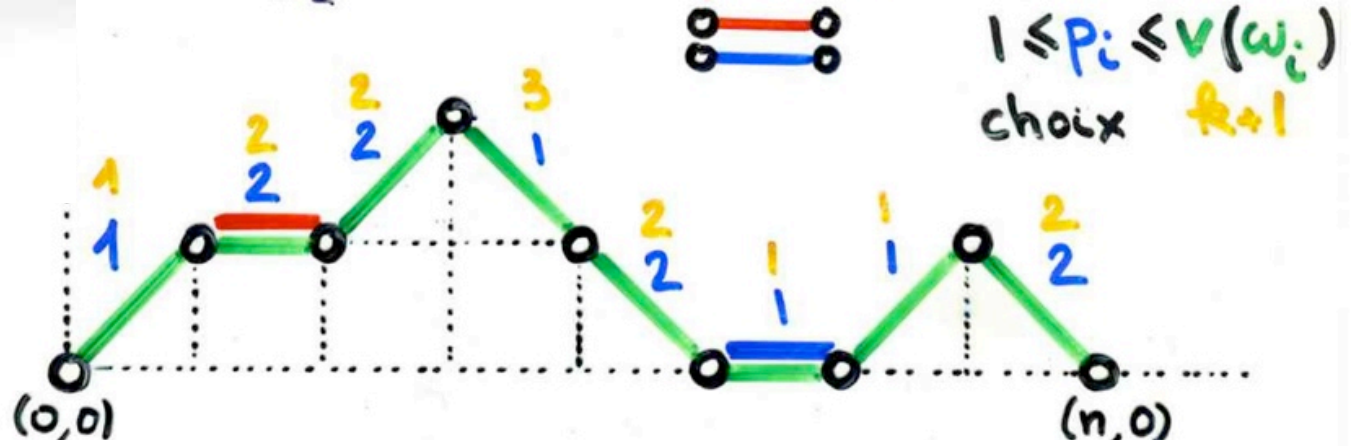




Permutations



$$h = (\omega_c; (p_1, \dots, p_n))$$



x	ω_c	pos	v
1		1	1
2		2	2
3		2	2
4		1	3
5		2	2
6		1	1
7		1	1
$n=$ 8		2	2
9			

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 1 2

 1 3 2

 4 1 3 2

 4 1 3 5 2

 4 1 6 3 5 2

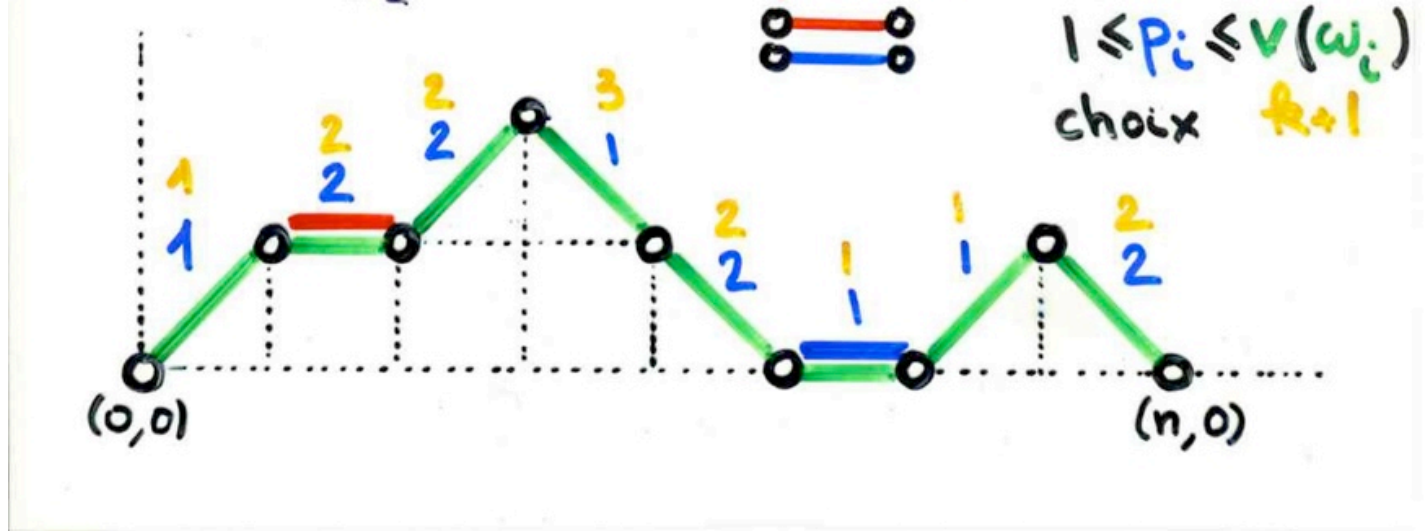
 4 1 6 7 3 5 2

 4 1 6 7 8 3 5 2

 4 1 6 9 7 8 3 5 2

$= \text{GG}$
 $\in \text{GG}_{n+1}$

“q-analogue”
of Laguerre
histories



choices function

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 1 2 2 1 2 1 1 2
 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 1

q-Laguerre : q^4

\sqcup
 \sqcup 1 \sqcup
 \sqcup 1 \sqcup 2
 \sqcup 1 \sqcup 3 \sqcup 2
 4 1 \sqcup 3 \sqcup 2
 4 1 \sqcup 3 5 2
 4 1 6 \sqcup 3 5 2
 4 1 6 \sqcup 7 \sqcup 3 5 2
 4 1 6 \sqcup 7 8 3 5 2
 4 1 6 9 7 8 3 5 2 = $\frac{6!}{n+1}$

Laguerre history

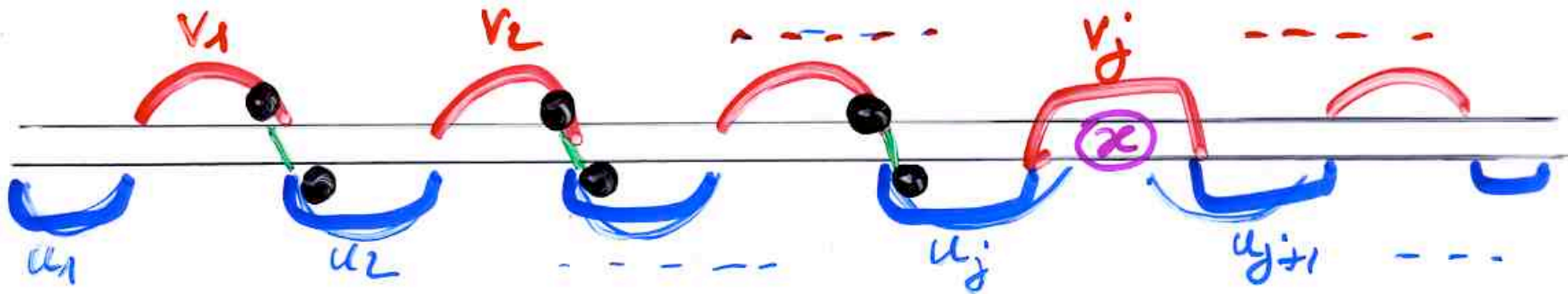
Lemme $\pi \circ \theta$ $h = (\omega_c ; (p_1, \dots, p_n)) \in \mathcal{L}_n$
 permutation $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_{n+1}$

$P_x = j$ est aussi :

$j = 1 + \text{nb}$ de triplets (a, b, x)
 ayant le "motif" $(31-2)$ c.à.d. :

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

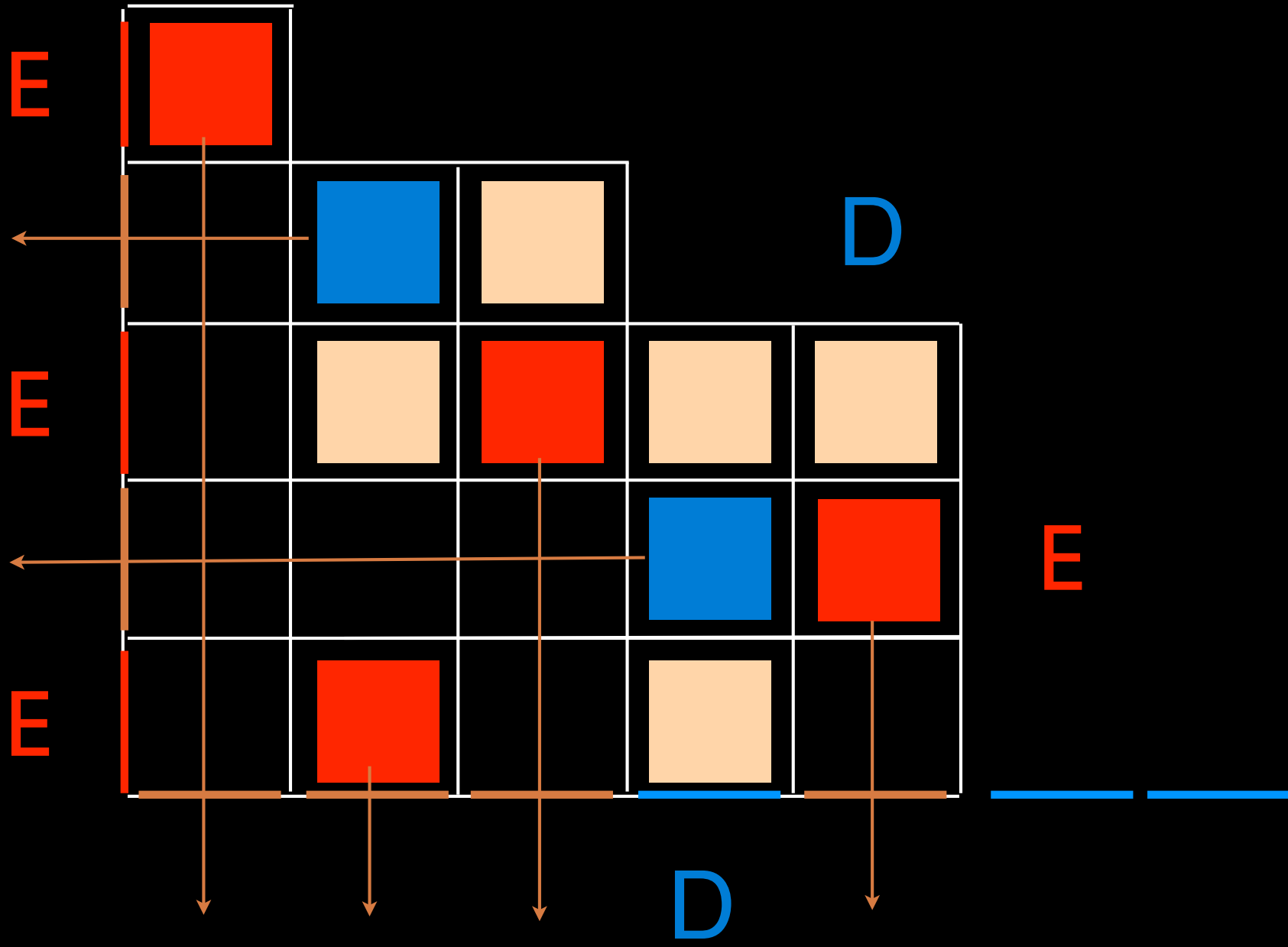
$$i < i+1 < l \quad b < x < a$$



“q-analogue” of Laguerre histories

The cellular Ansatz

From algebra $DE = ED + D + E$
to bijections



representation
of the
operators
E and D

$$DE = ED + E + D$$

V vector space generated by B basis
B alternating words two letters $\{0, \bullet\}$
(no occurrences of 00 or $\bullet\bullet$)

4 operators A, S, J, K

4 operators $A, S, J, K,$ $u \in B$

$$\langle u | A = \sum_{\substack{\text{letter } \circ \\ \text{of } u}} v, \quad v \text{ obtained by:}$$

$\circ \rightarrow \circ \circ \circ$

$$\langle u | S = \sum_{\substack{\circ \\ \text{of } u}} v \quad v \text{ obtained by:}$$

$\circ \rightarrow \bullet$
(and $\bullet \bullet \rightarrow \bullet$ $\bullet \bullet \bullet \rightarrow \bullet$)

$$\langle u | J = \sum_{\substack{\circ \\ \text{of } u}} v, \quad \circ \rightarrow \bullet \circ$$

(and $\bullet \bullet \rightarrow \bullet$)

$$\langle u | K = \sum_{\substack{\circ \\ \text{of } u}} v, \quad \circ \rightarrow \circ \bullet$$

(and $\bullet \bullet \rightarrow \bullet$)

$$\circ \bullet \circ \bullet | S = \bullet \circ \bullet + \circ \bullet$$

Lemma.

$$A S = S A + J + K$$

$$A K = K A + A$$

$$J S = S J + S$$

$$J K = K J$$

AS

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 u o o v o w

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SA

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J

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K

A K

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u	o	v

S J + S

J K

u	o	v
u	o	v
u	o	v

K J

u	o	v
u	o	v
u	o	v

Lemma.

$$AS = SA + J + K$$

$$AK = KA + A$$

$$JS = SJ + S$$

$$JK = KJ$$

$$D = A + J$$

$$E = S + K$$

$$D = A + J$$

$$E = S + K$$

$$DE = (A+J)(S+K)$$

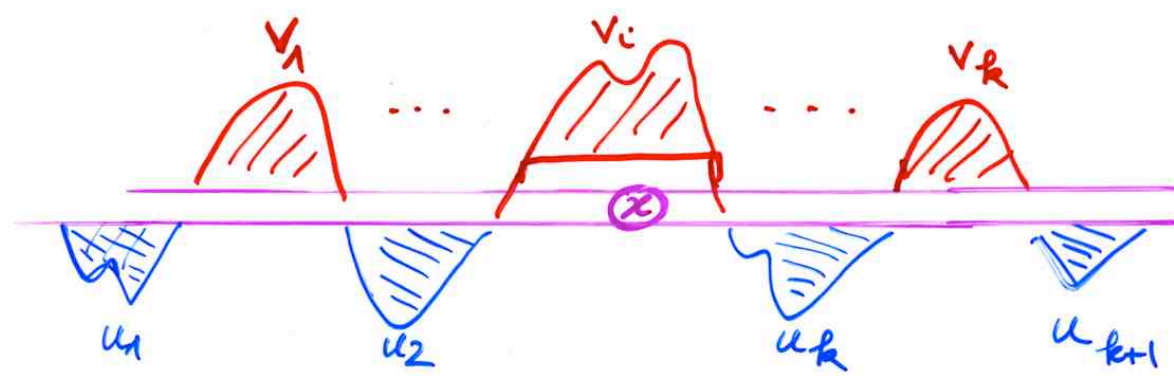
$$= AS + AK + JS + JK$$

$$= (SA + KA + SJ + KJ) + J + K + A + S$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{(S+K)(A+J)}$$

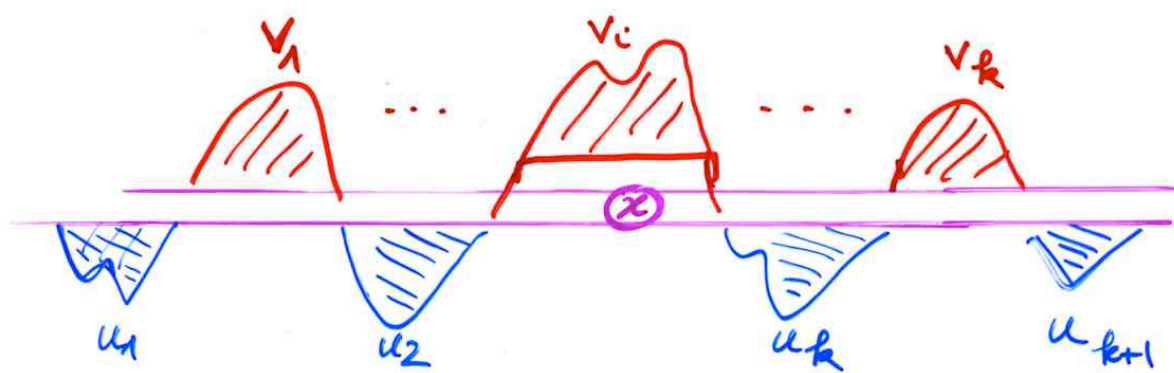
$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{E+D}$$

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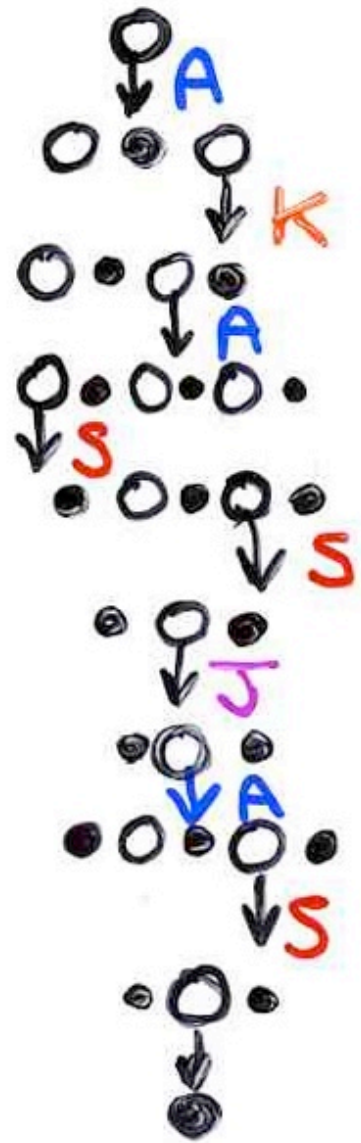


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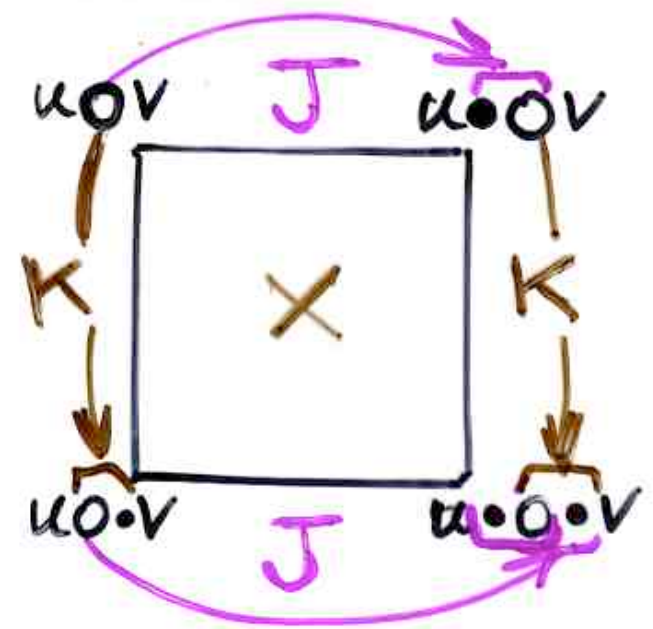
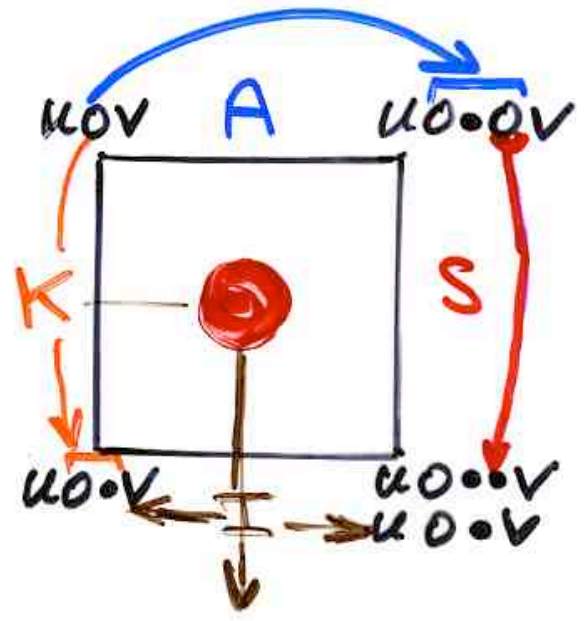
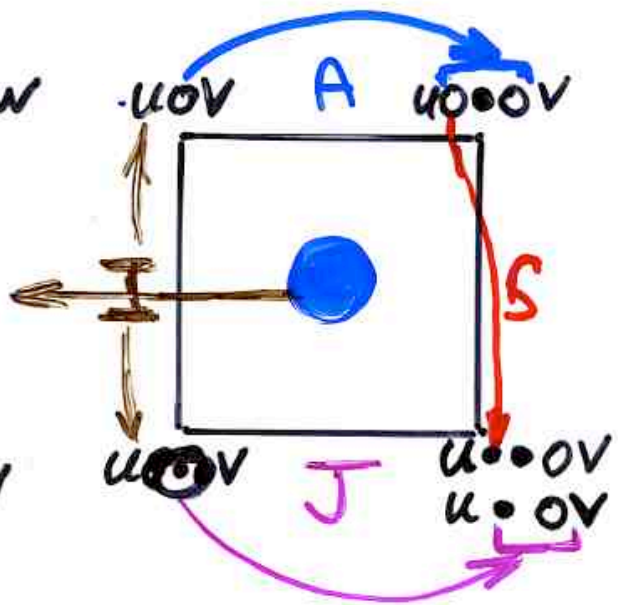
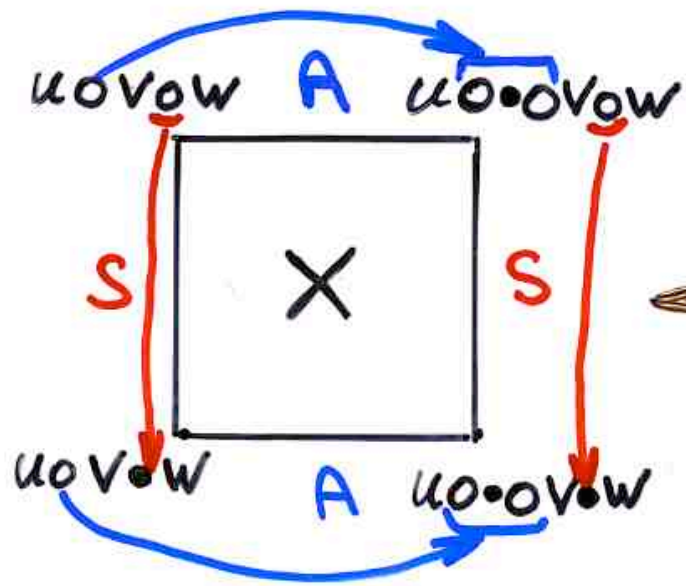


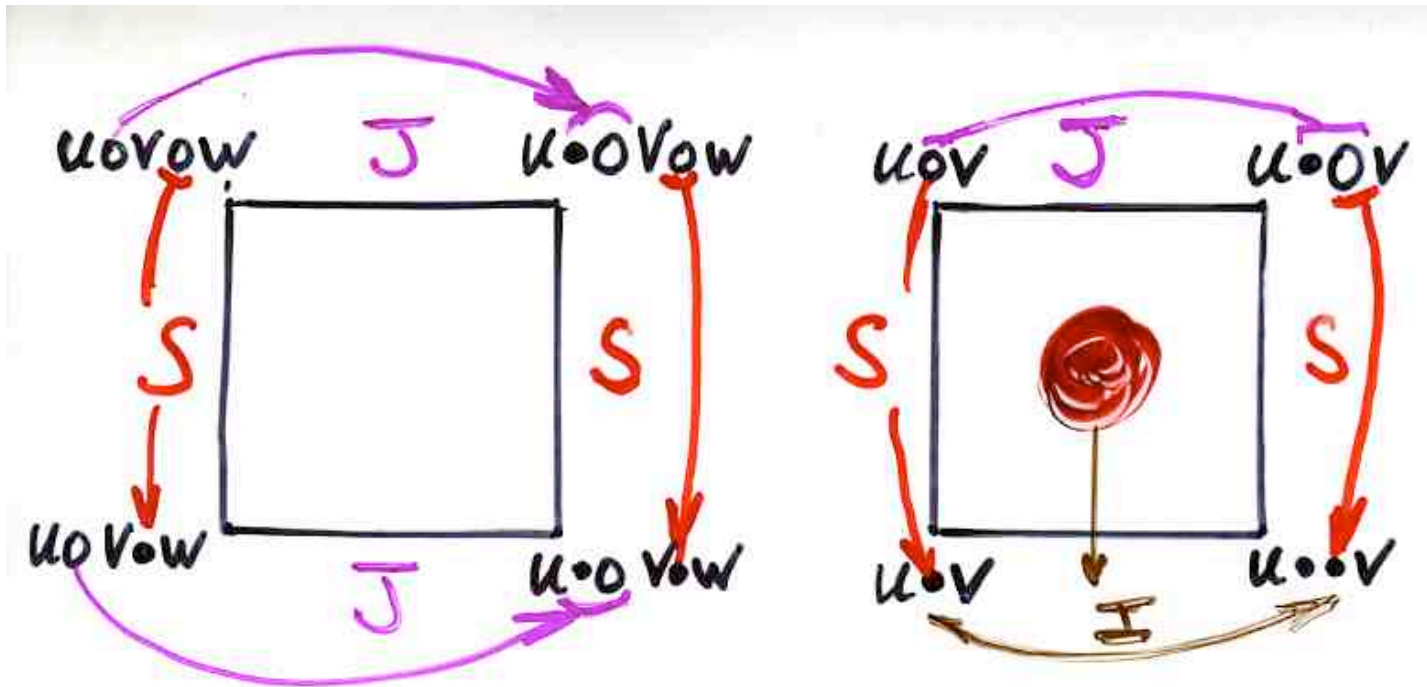
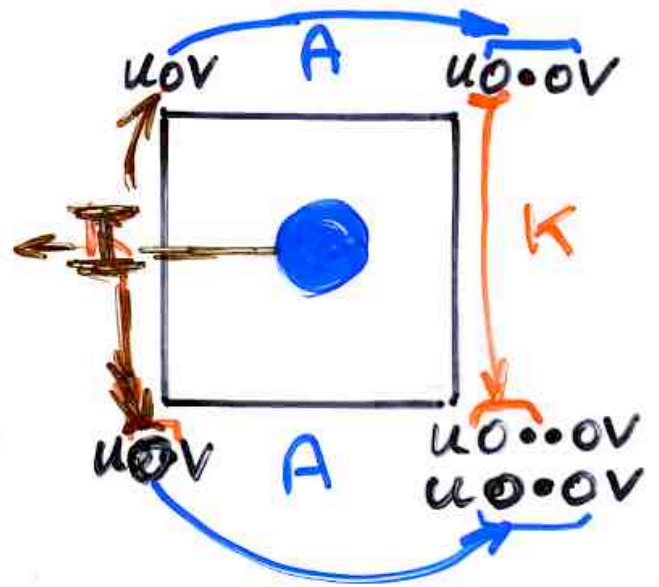
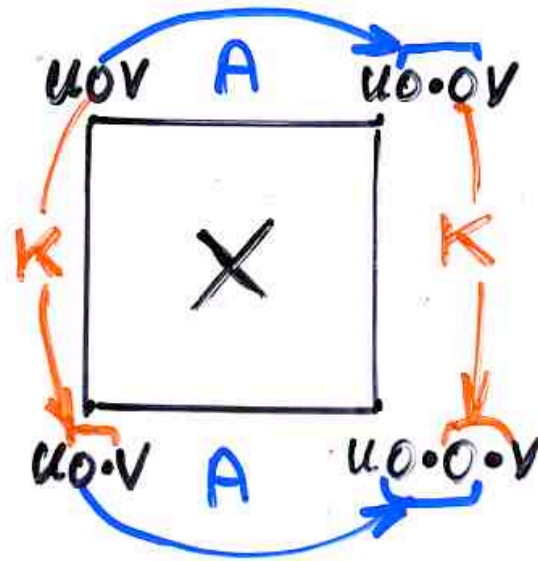
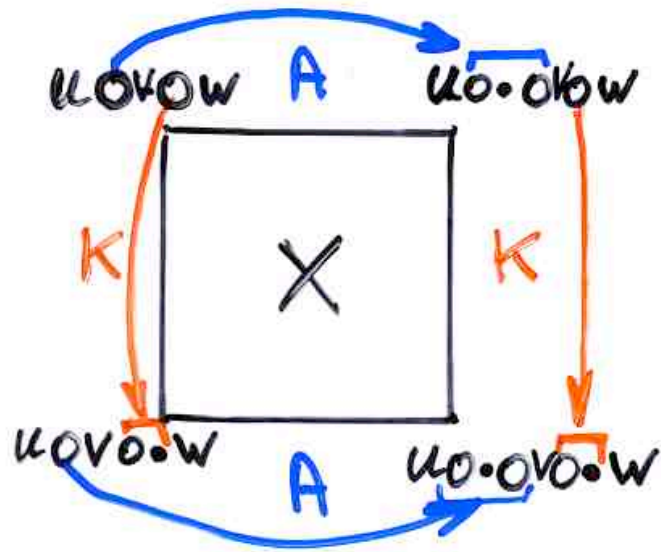
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Cellular Ansatz

bijection

permutations --- alternative tableaux

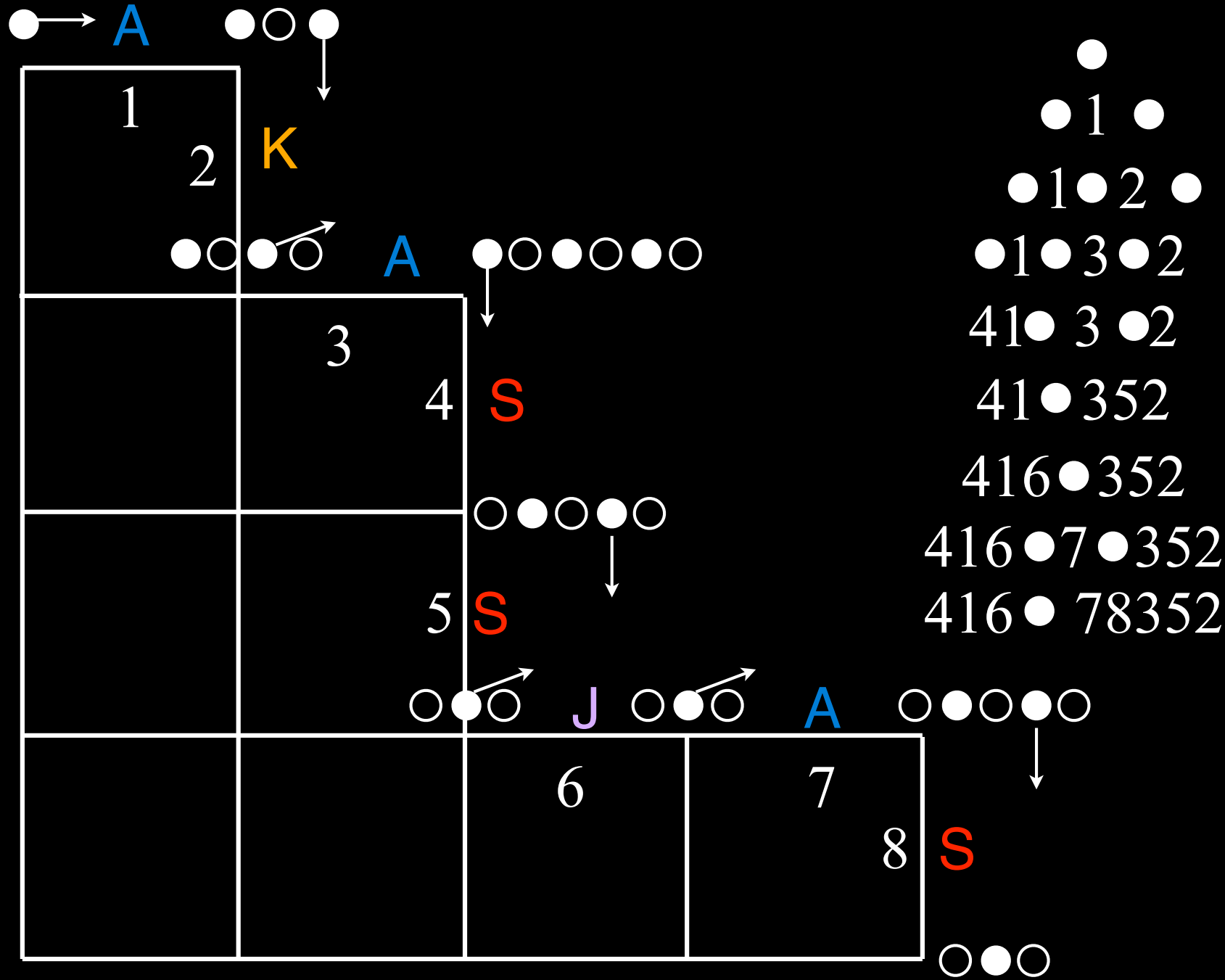




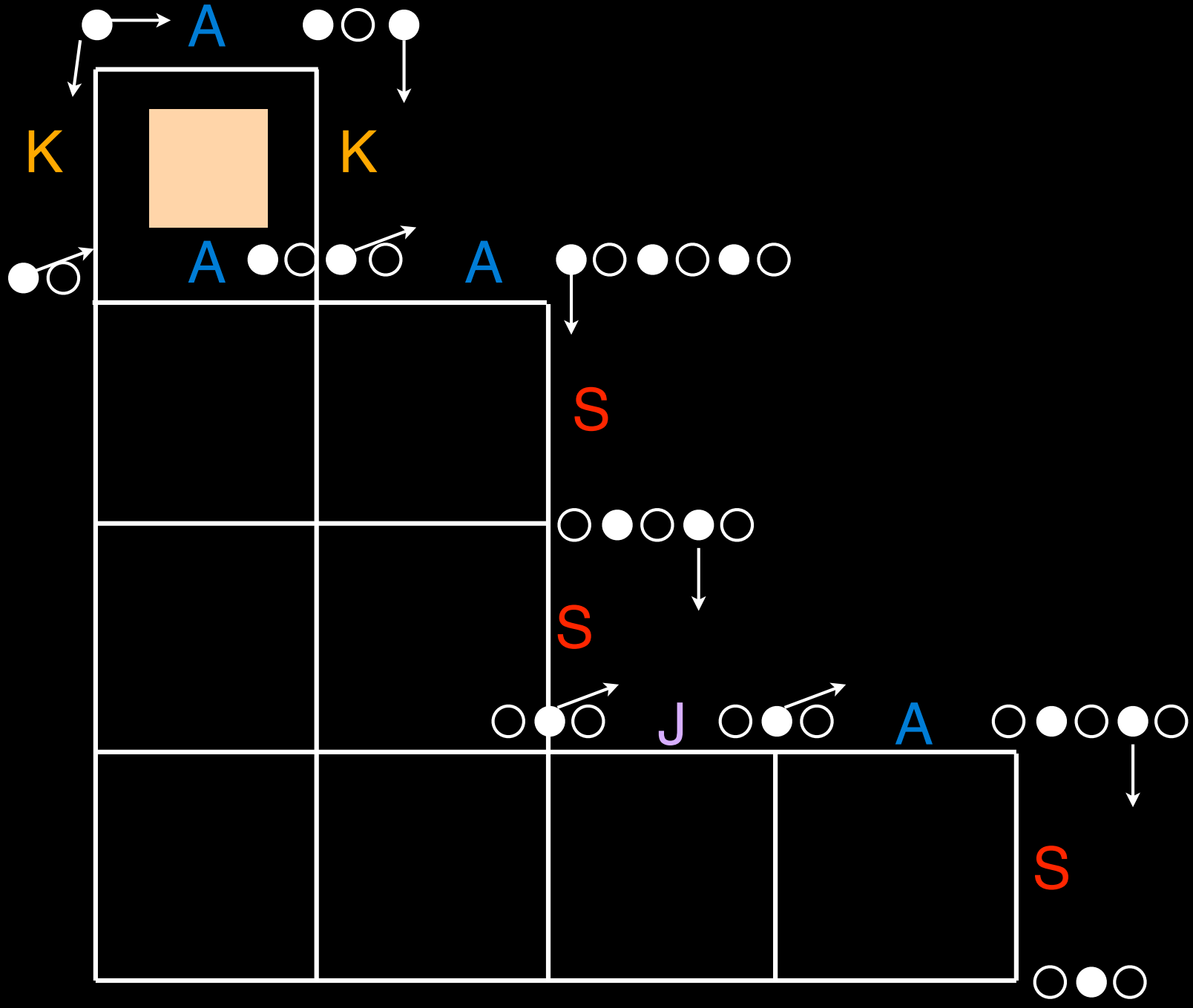
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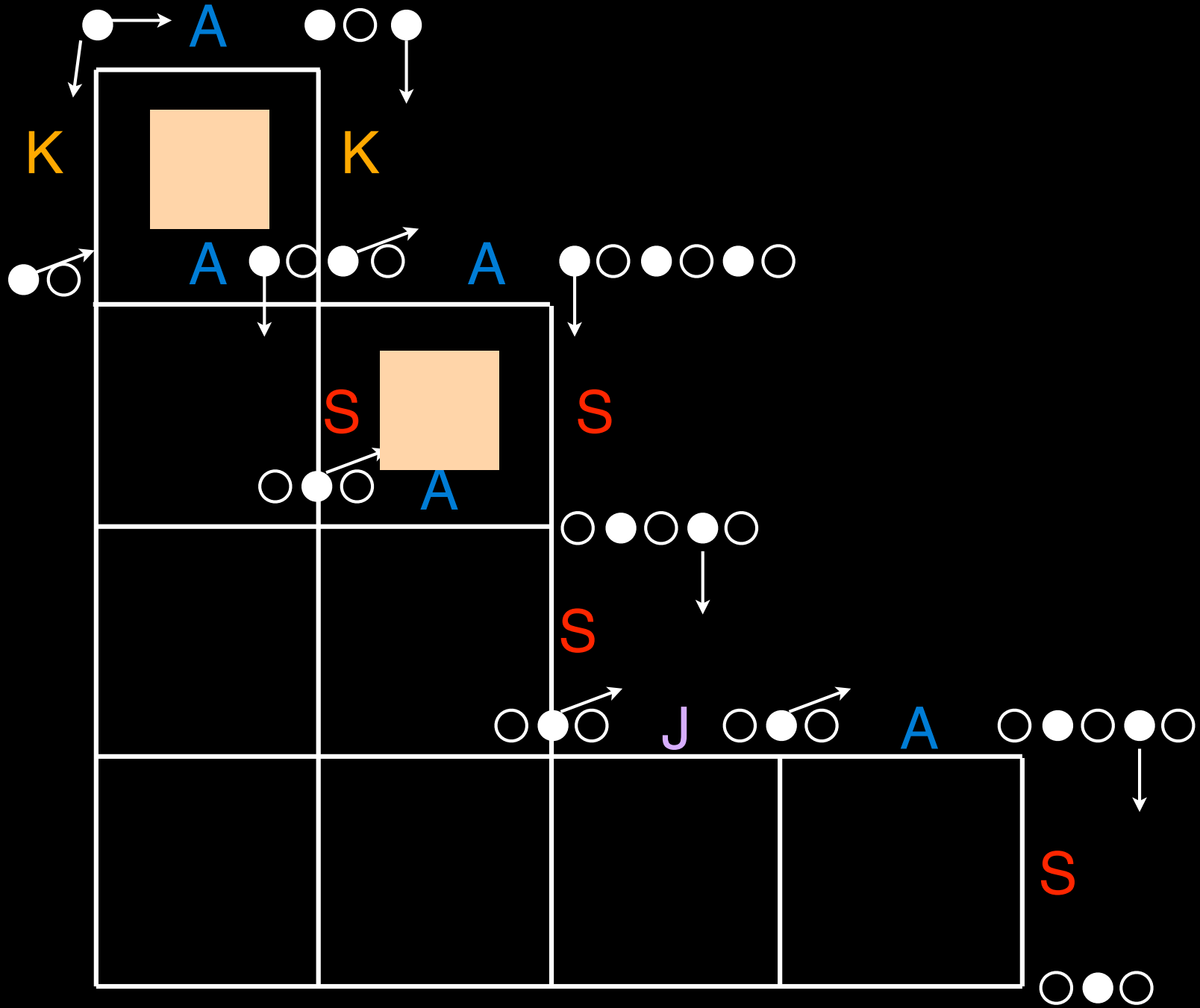
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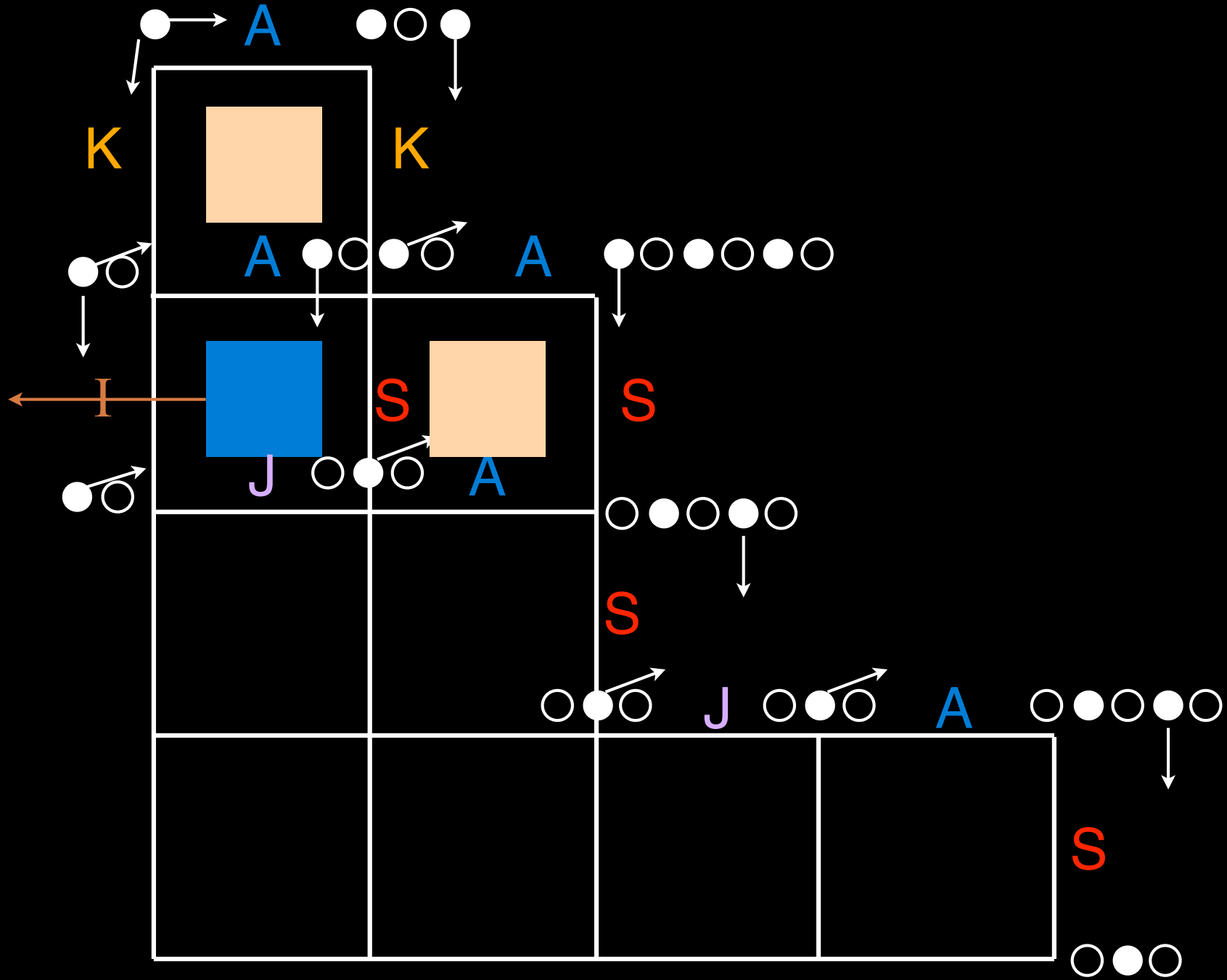
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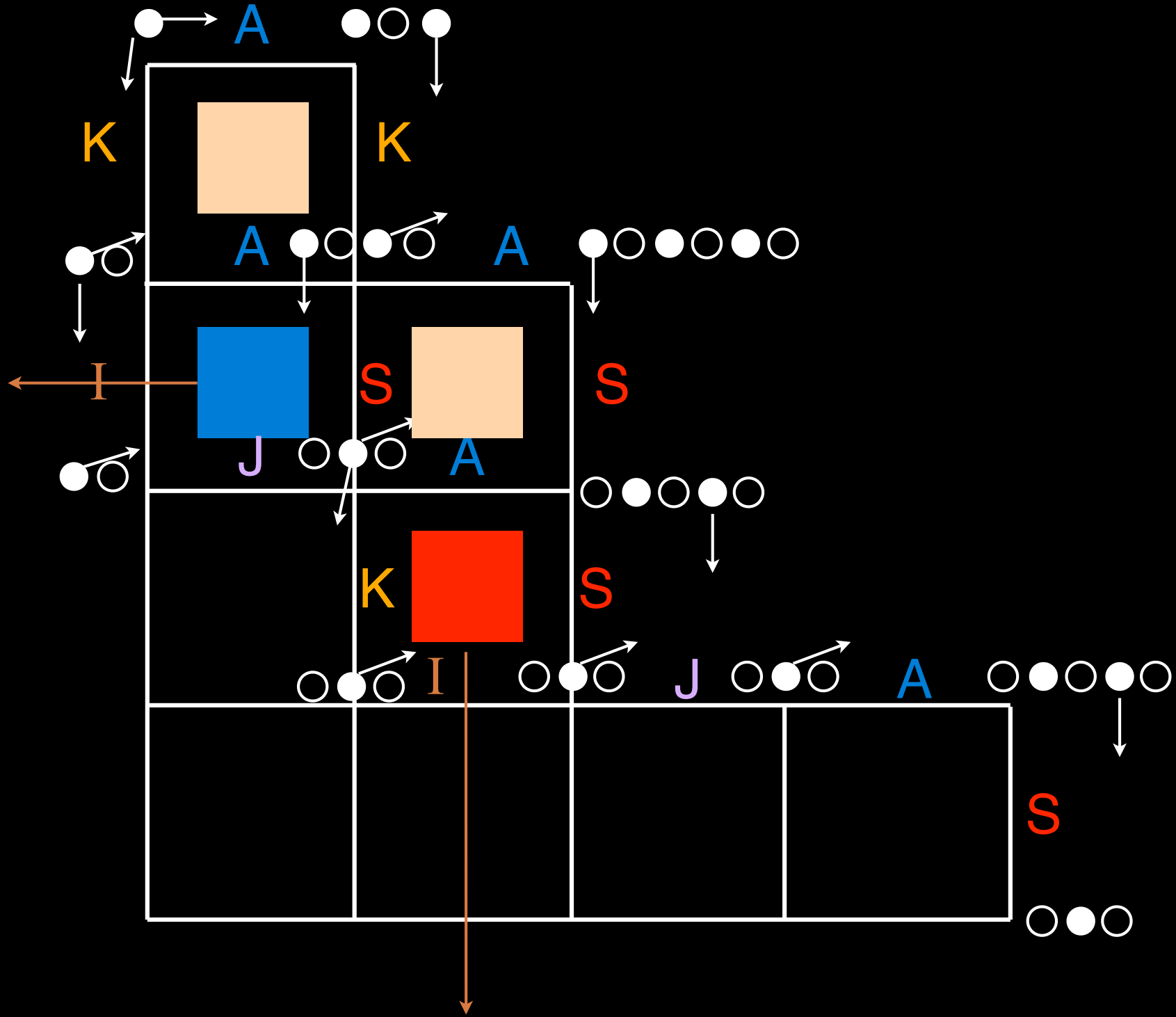


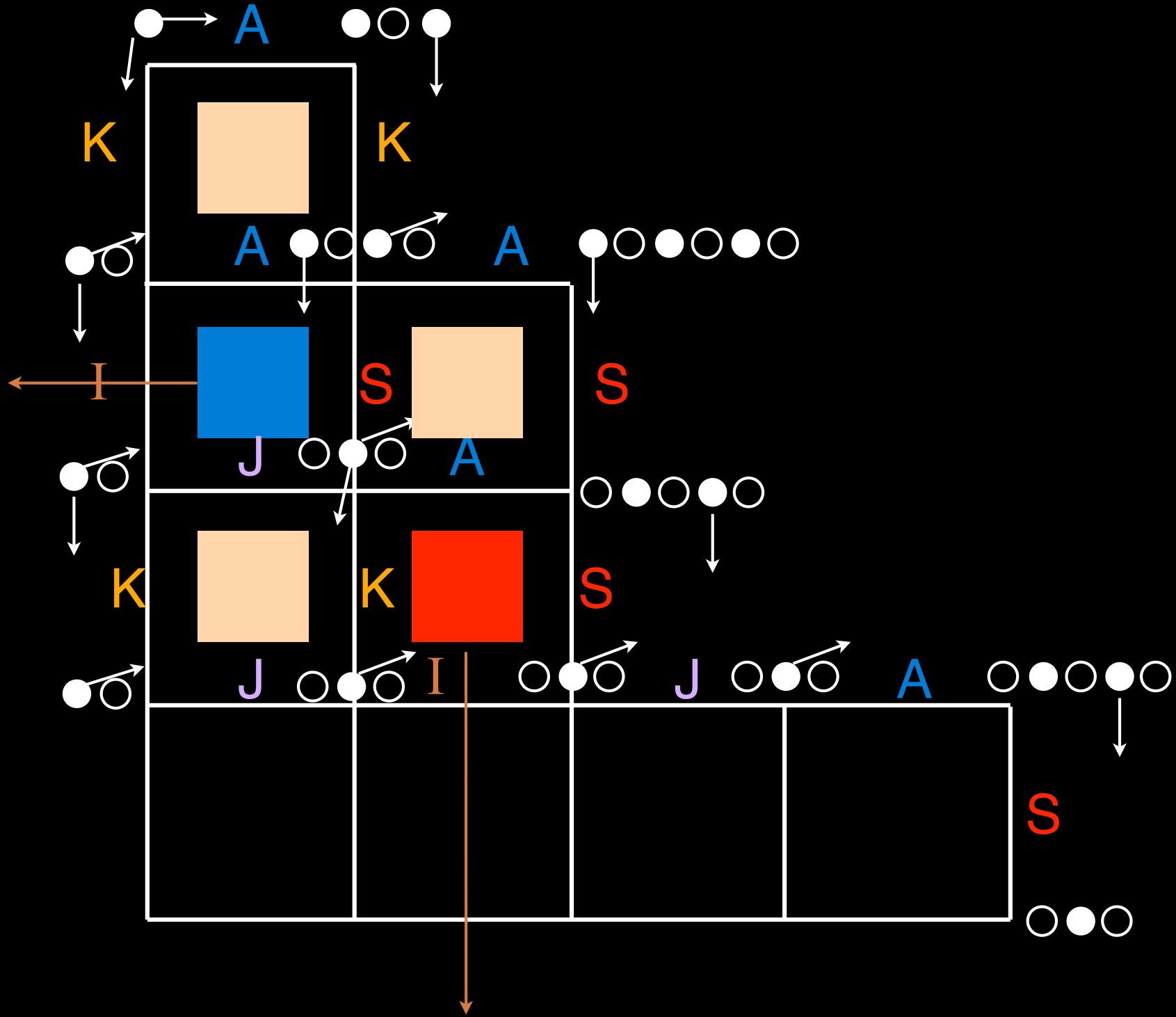
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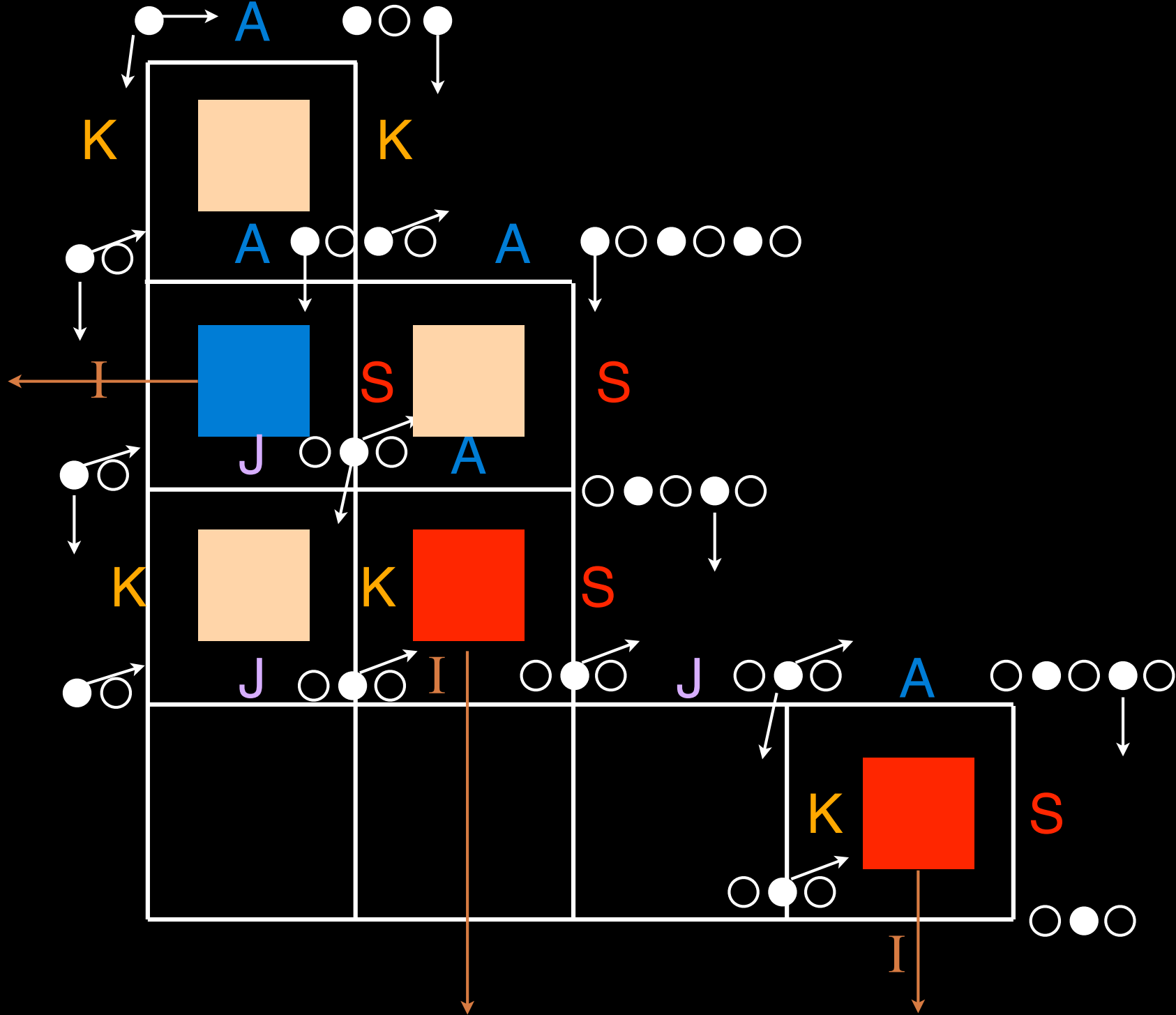


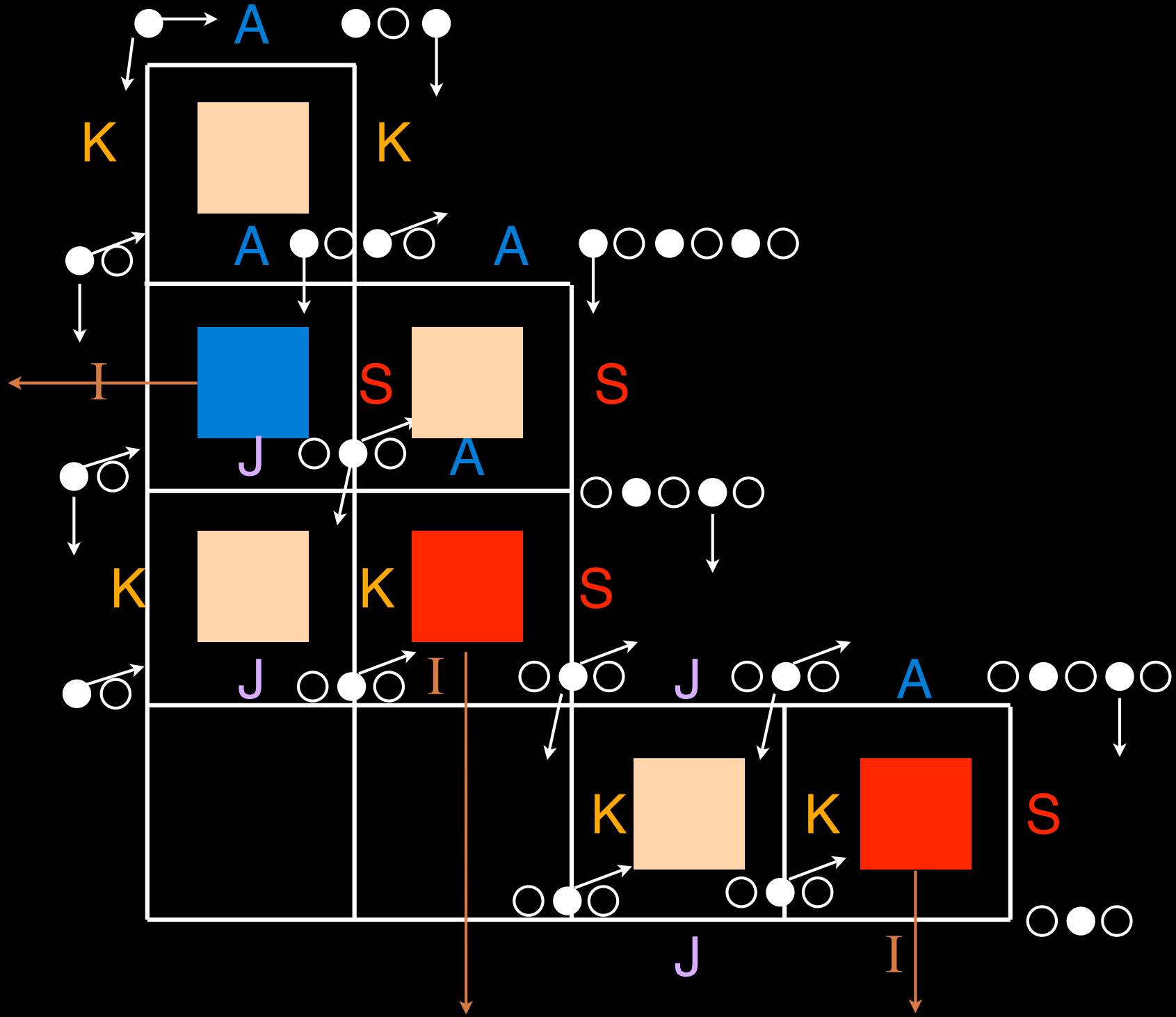


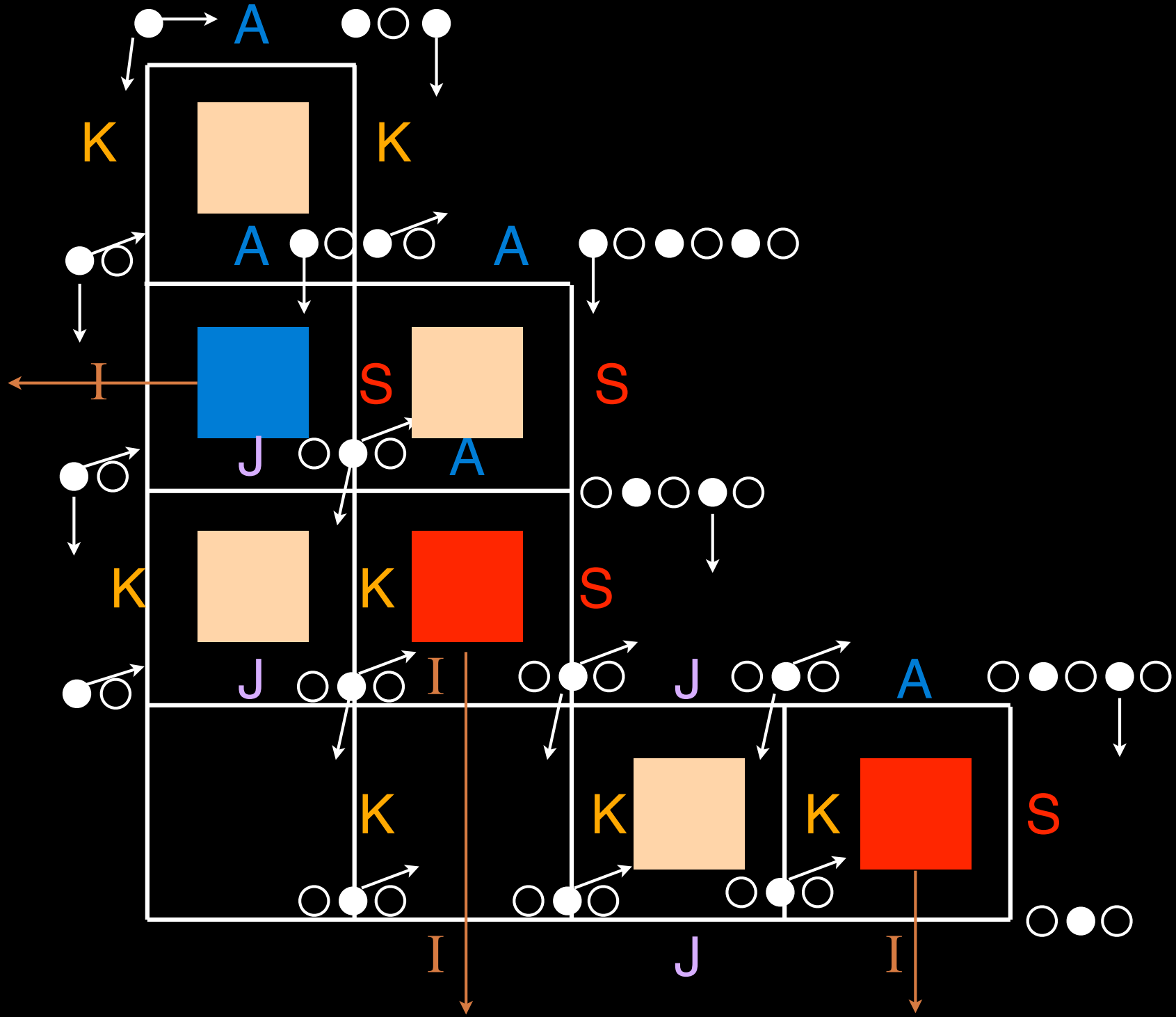


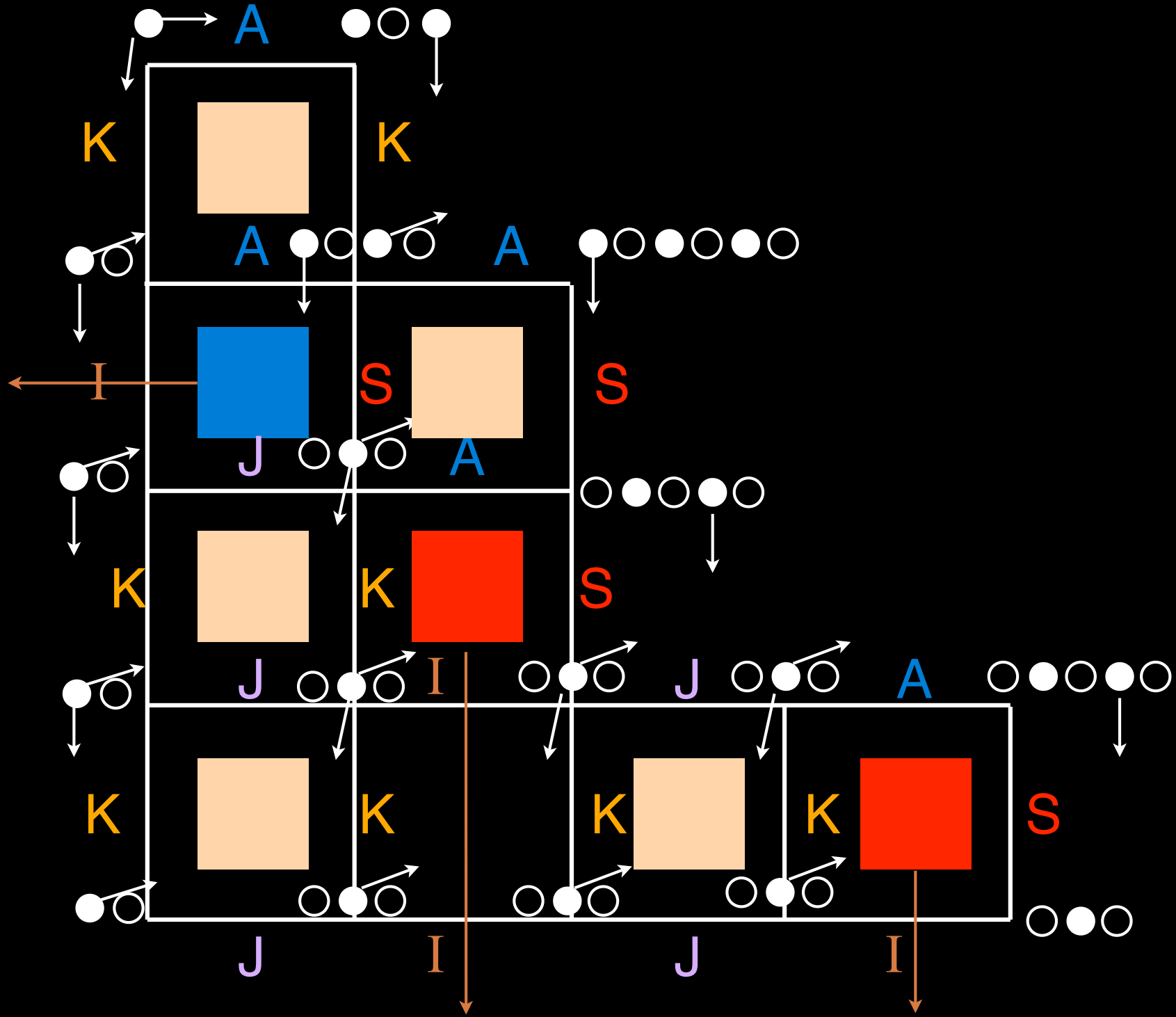


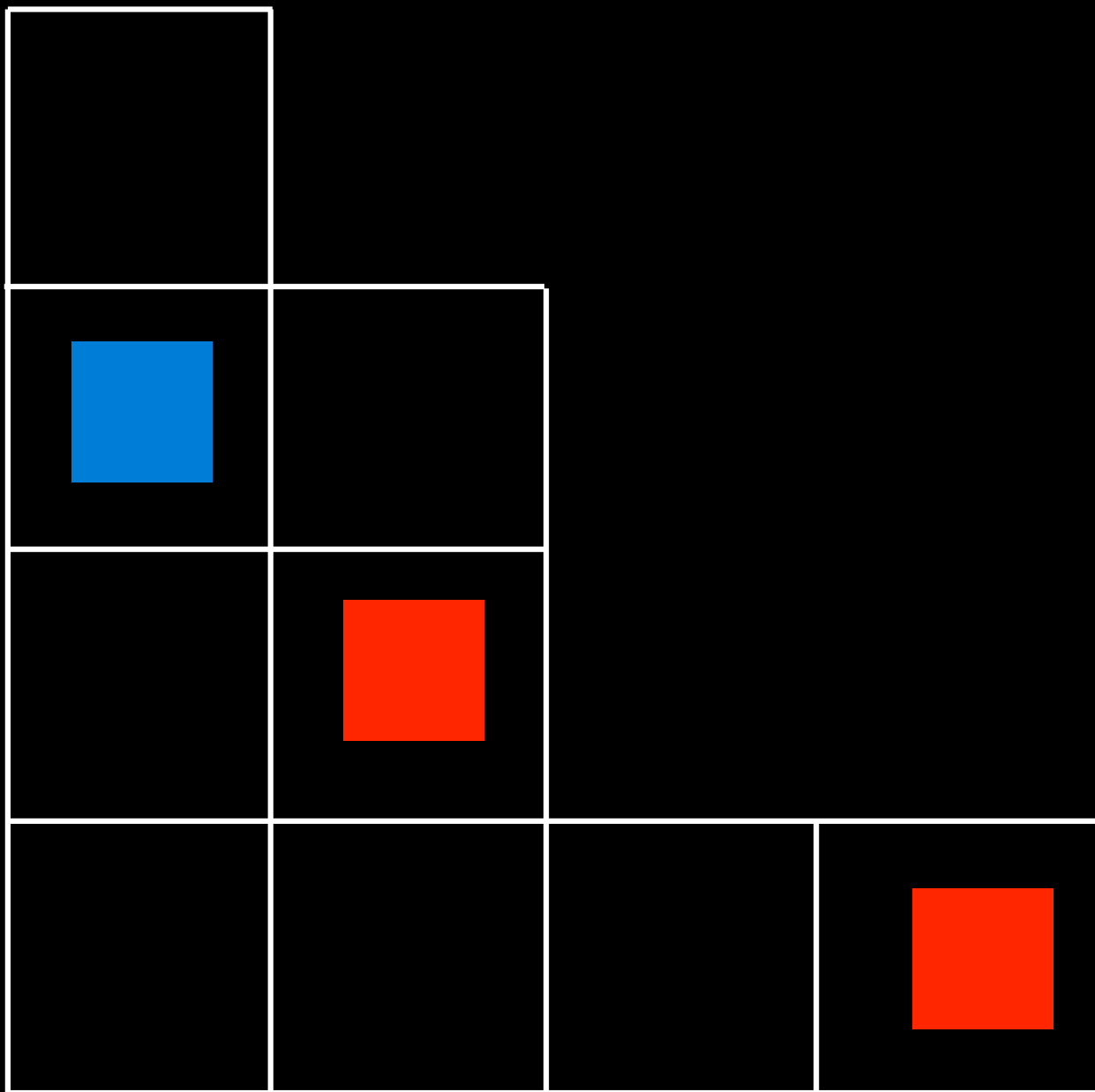






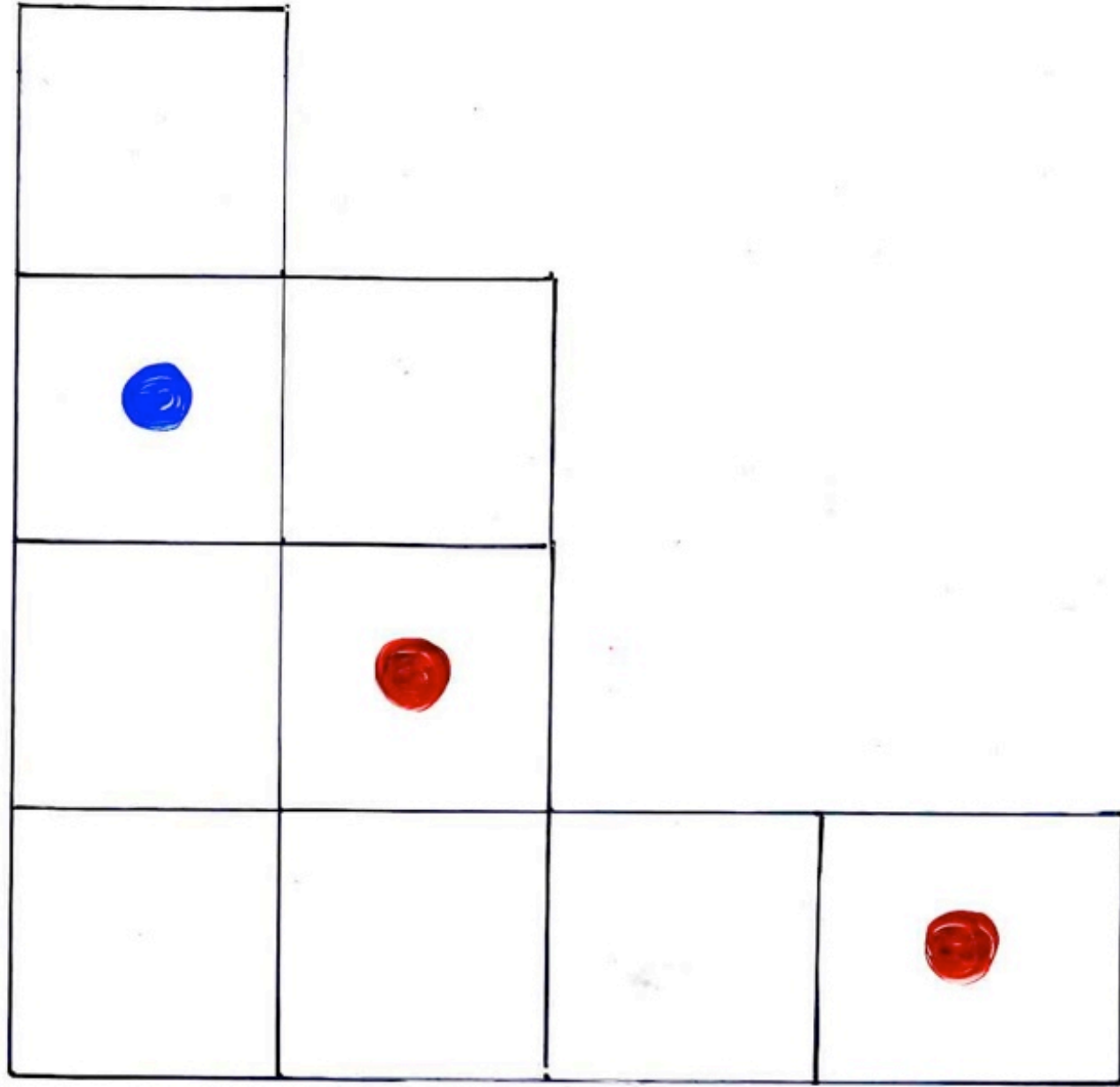


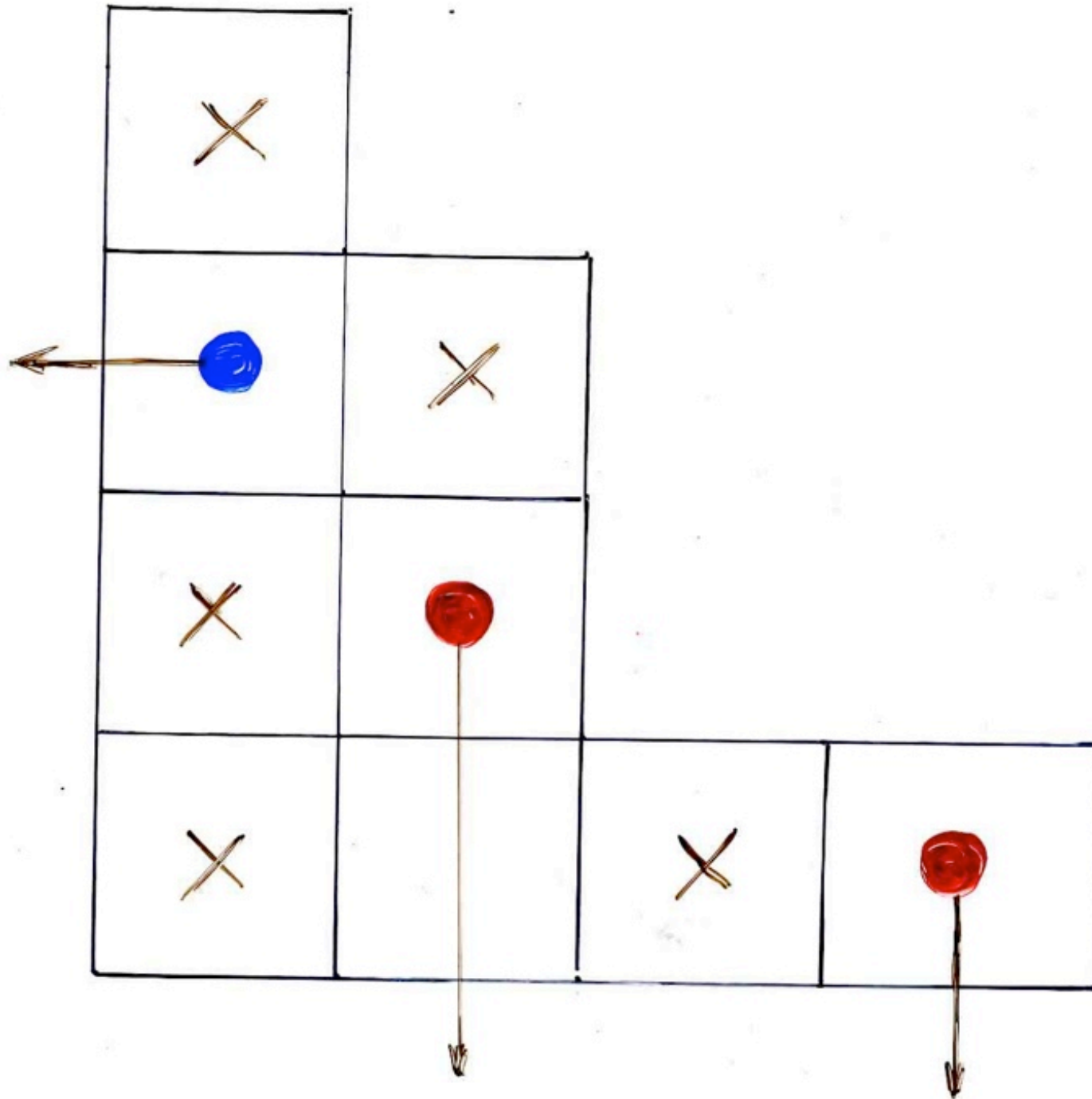


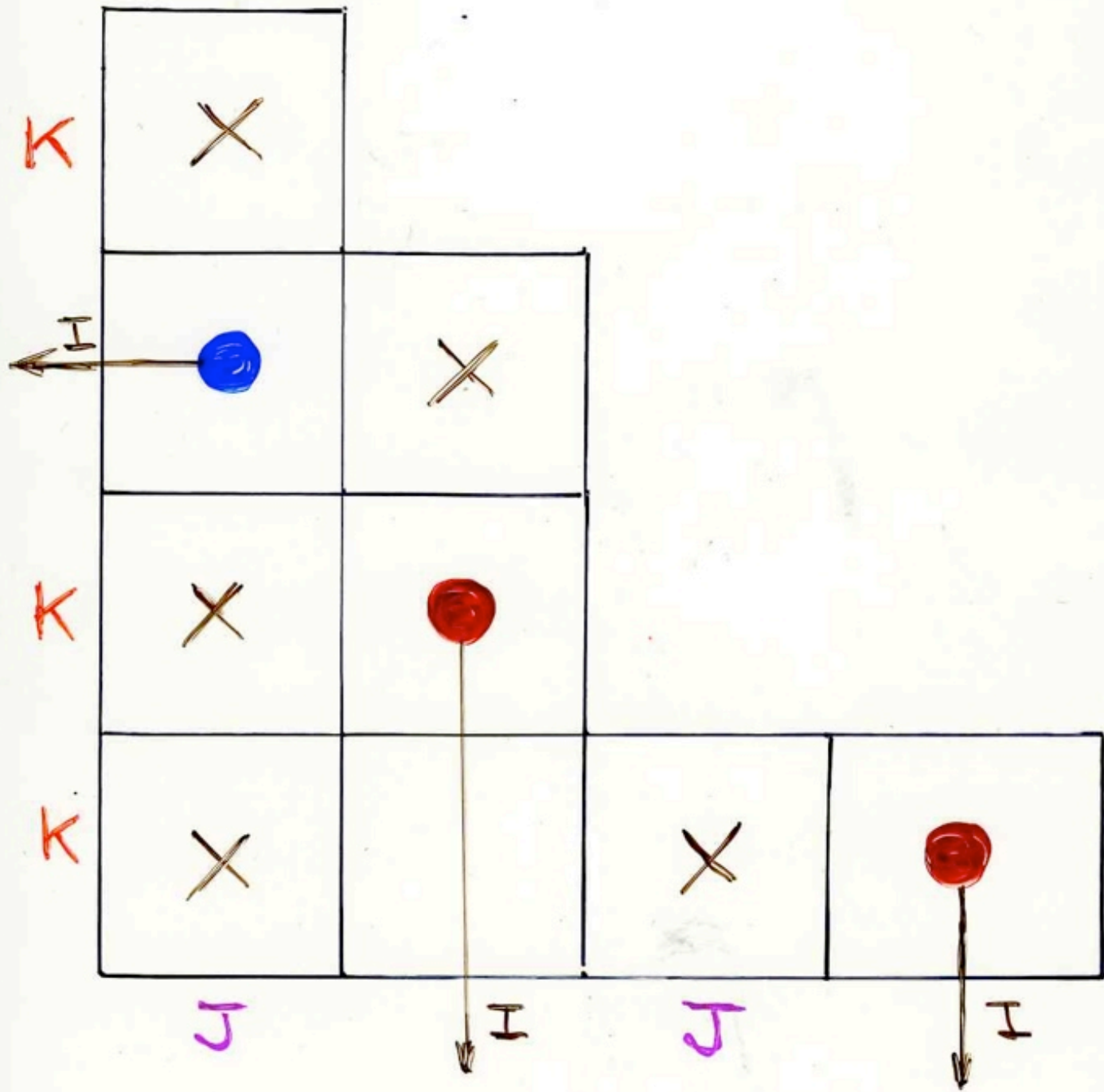


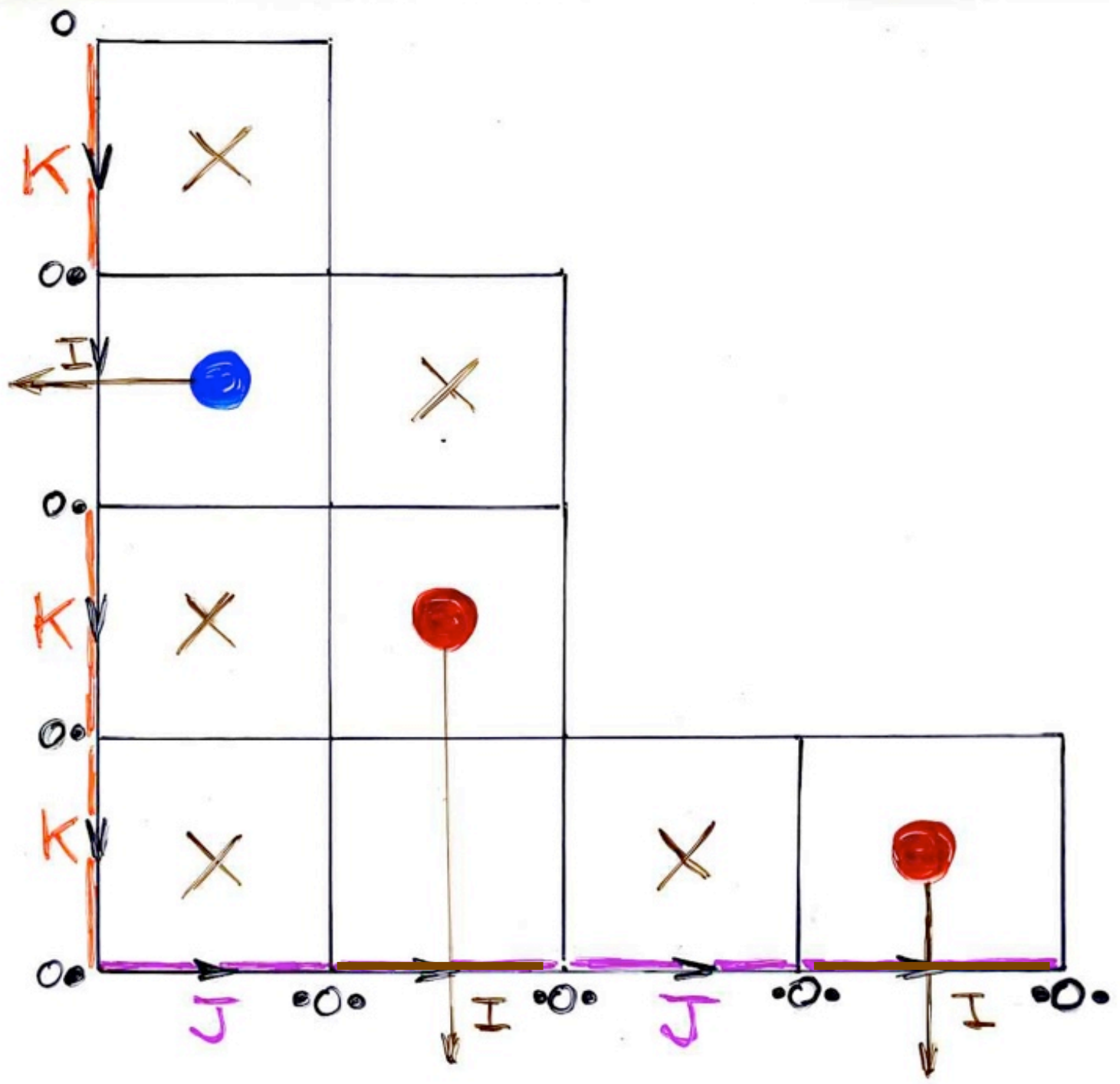
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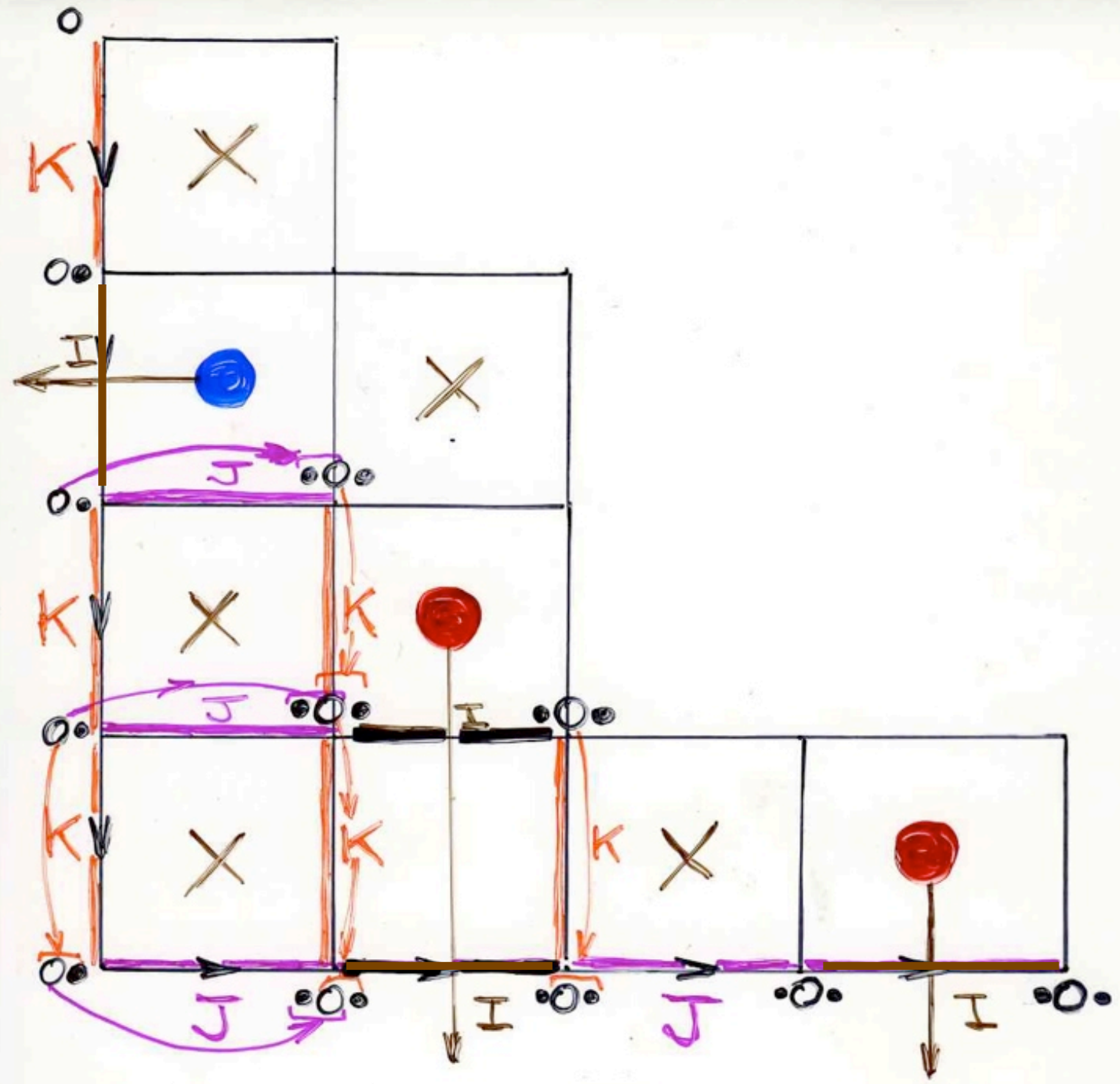
the inverse bijection
permutations --- alternative tableaux

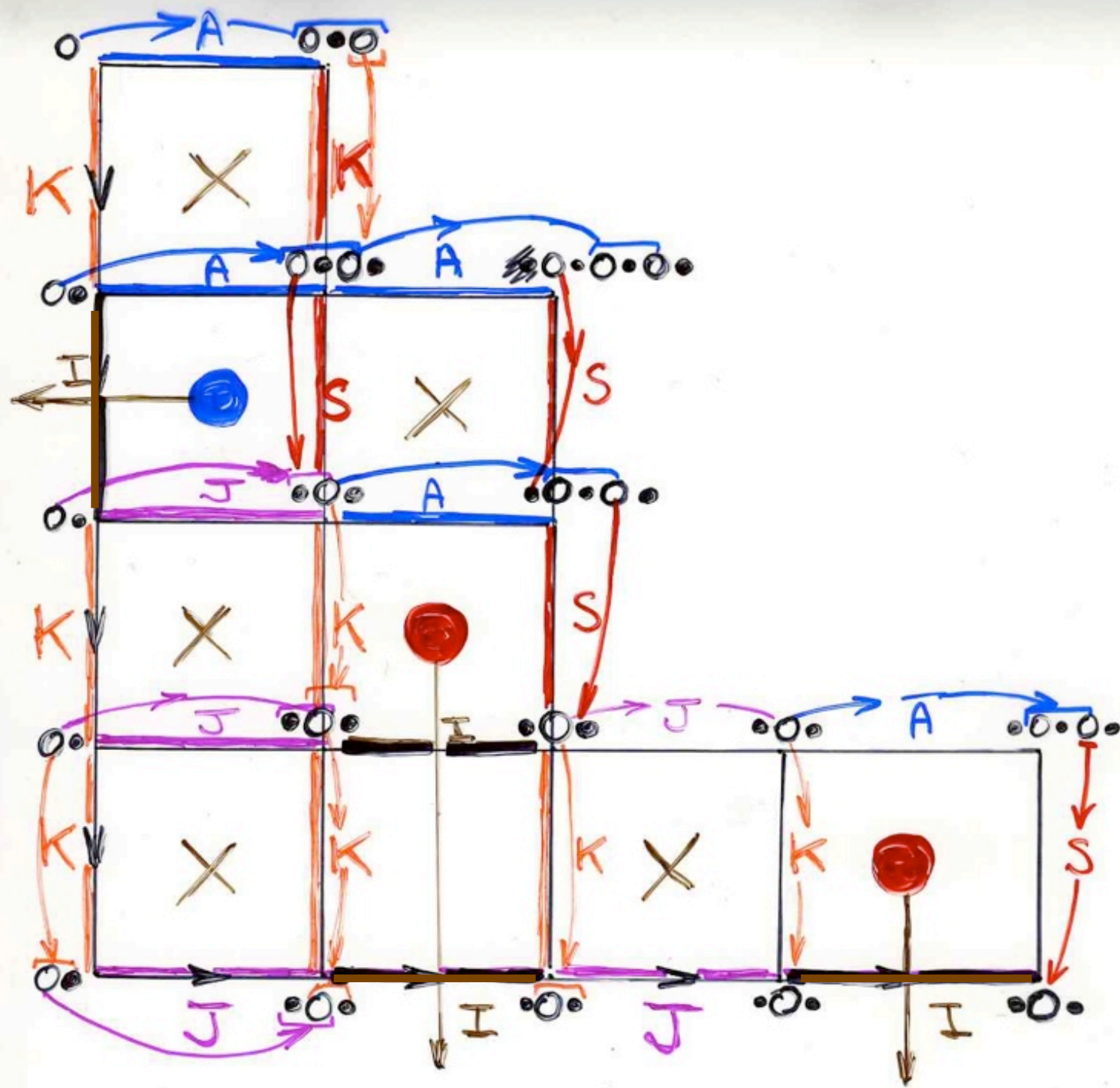


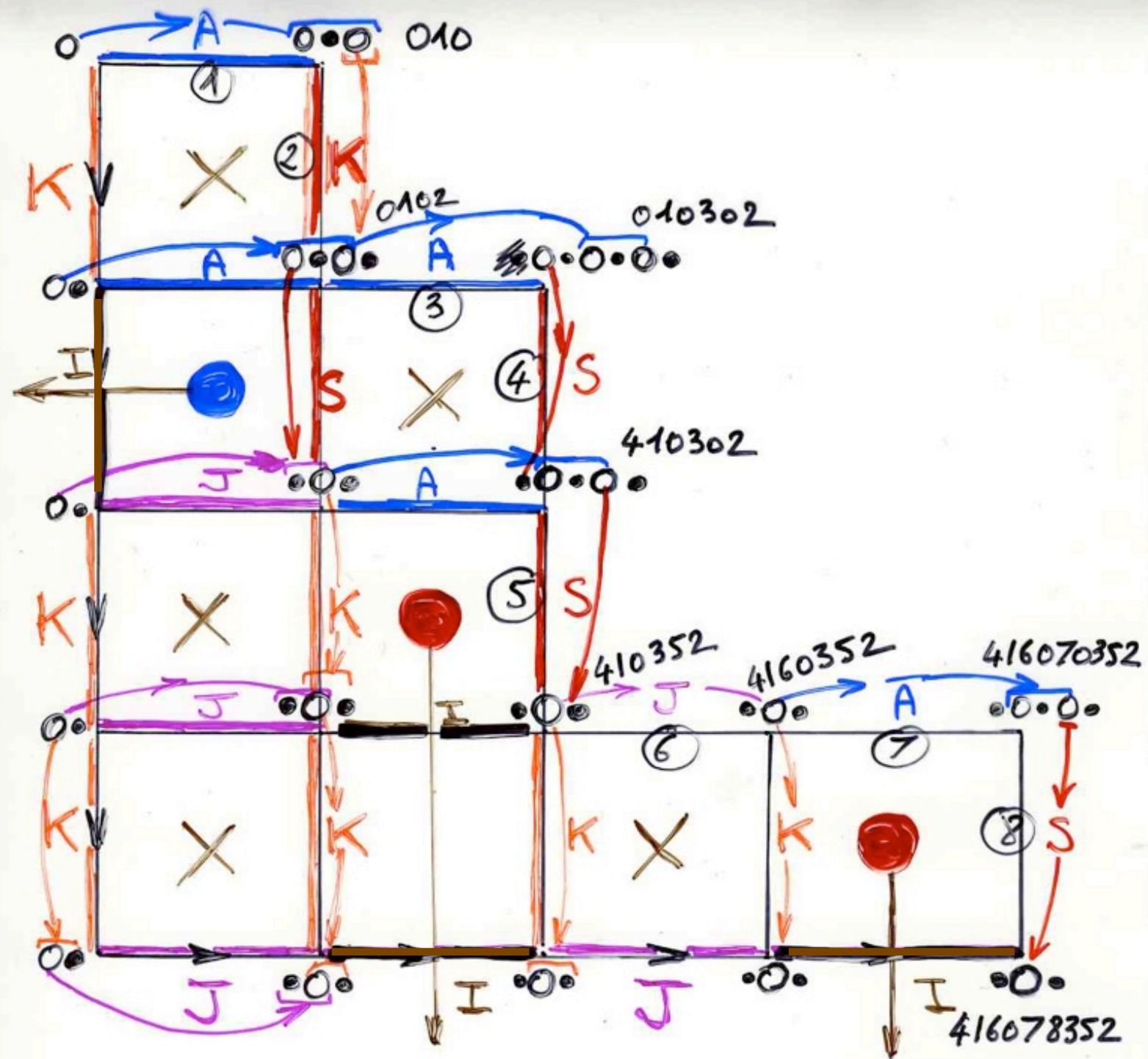












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"exchange-fusion"
inverse algorithm

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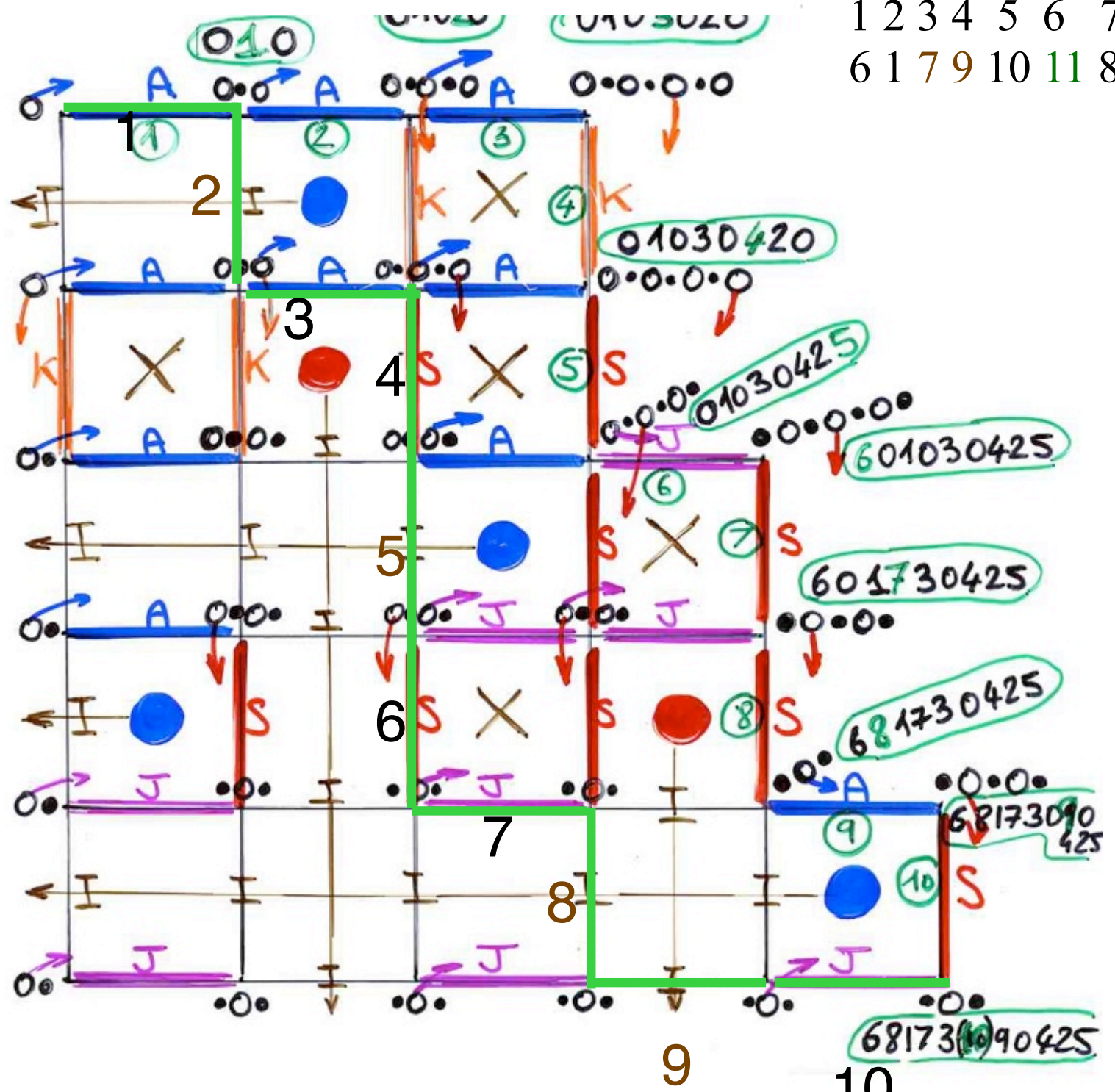
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from $DE = ED + E + D$

$$\sigma = \tau^{-1}$$

$\sigma = 6\ 8\ 1\ 7\ 3\ (10)\ 9\ (11)\ 4\ 2\ 5$

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Conclusion: In this talk I have presented a sort of "cellular ansatz"

- Some (formal) **operators** satisfying some **commutation relations** are given and generate a certain **quadratic algebra**.
- The computations in this algebra are made by some **(oriented) rewriting rules** which are visualized in a **planar way** on a (square) **elementary cell** of a **grid**. May be the operator identity **I** has to be introduced as another formal operator.
- The **rewriting of a word** of the algebra is visualized by a kind of a **2D cellular oriented expansion**. The **edges** of the grid are labeled by the **operators**, the **cells** are labeled by each of the possible **rewriting rules**.
- The **grid** with the final labeling of the cells is in bijection with a class **P** of combinatorial objects (**Permutations, Alternative tableaux, ASM, FPL, Tilings, etc ...**).
- If the **operators** can be represented as **combinatorial operators** acting on a certain class **F** of **combinatorial objects**, then a simple combinatorial explanation of the **commutation rules** can be "attached" to each **labeled cell** of the **grid**. The vertices of the **grid** becomes labeled by the **objects** of **F** and "local rules" should be defined. In the case (as in the two examples of **RSK** and **Alternating tableaux**) when only the labels of the **cells**, and not those of the **edges**, are needed for defining the **local rules**, then from the **cellular propagation** of these **local rules** across the **grid**, one obtain a **bijection** between the **objects** of **P** and some other **objects** coded by the sequence of the **F-labels** on the border of the **grid**.

The “exchange-fusion” algorithm

The inverse “exchange-fusion” algorithm

Genocchi sequence of a permutation

some parameters

Laguerre histories

The cellular Ansatz

$$DE = ED + E + D$$

representation of the operators E and D

Cellular Ansatz: bijection permutations - alternative tableaux

the inverse bijection permutations - alternative tableaux

two bijections, one theorem

complements

the exchange deletion algorithm

Postnikov bijection