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Enumerative and algebraic combinatorics,  
a bijective approach:

# commutations and heaps of pieces

(with interactions in physics, mathematics and computer science)

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# Chapter 7

## Heaps in statistical mechanics

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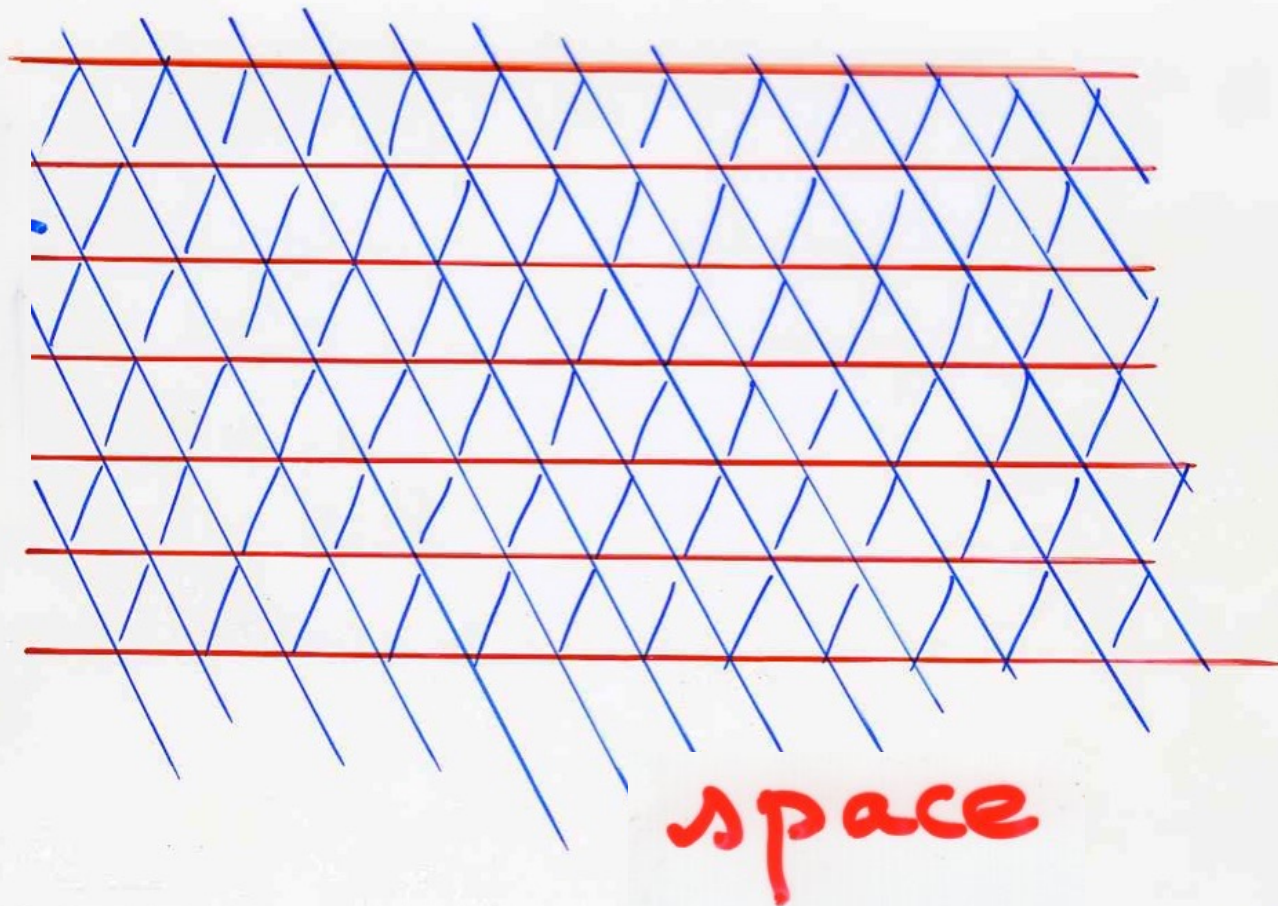
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2D Lorentzian triangulation

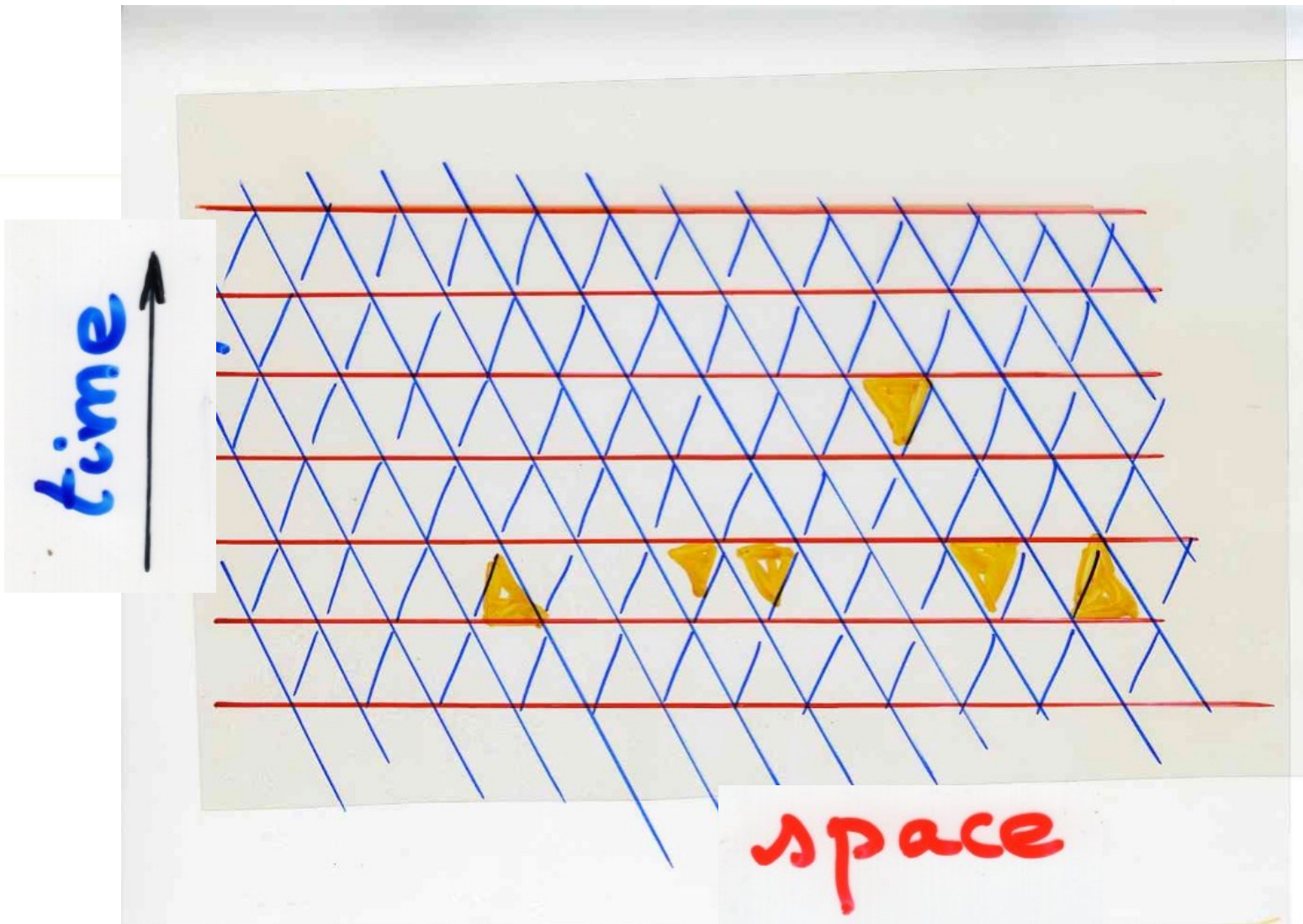
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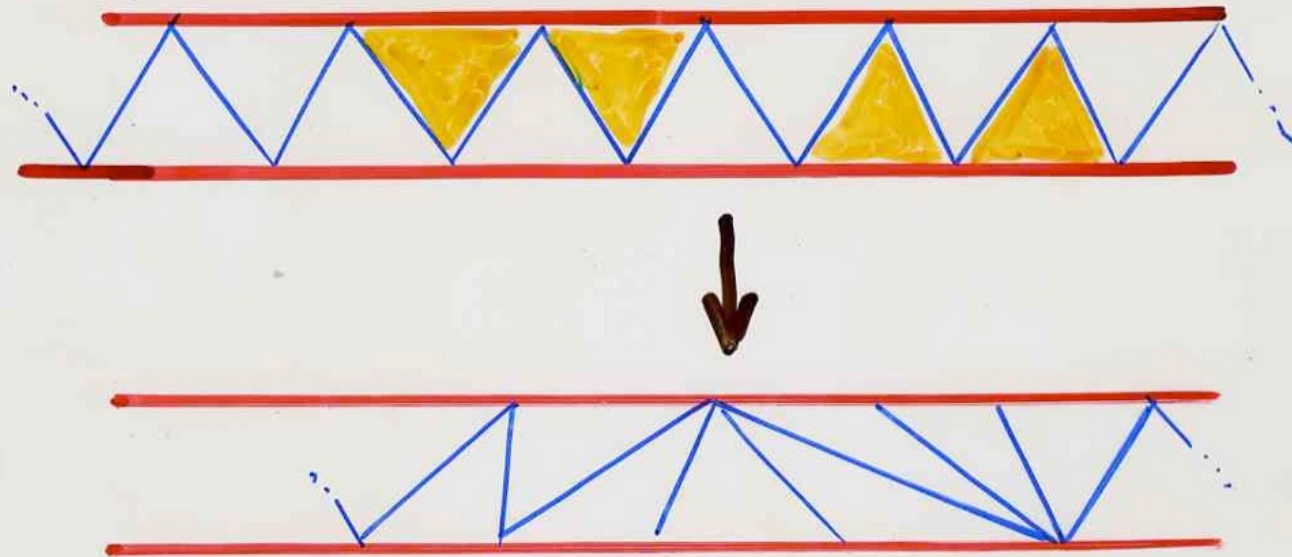
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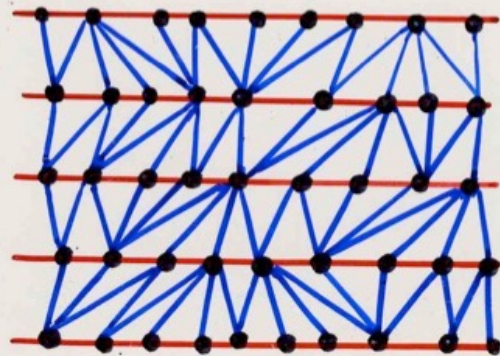


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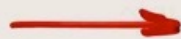
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Lorentzian  
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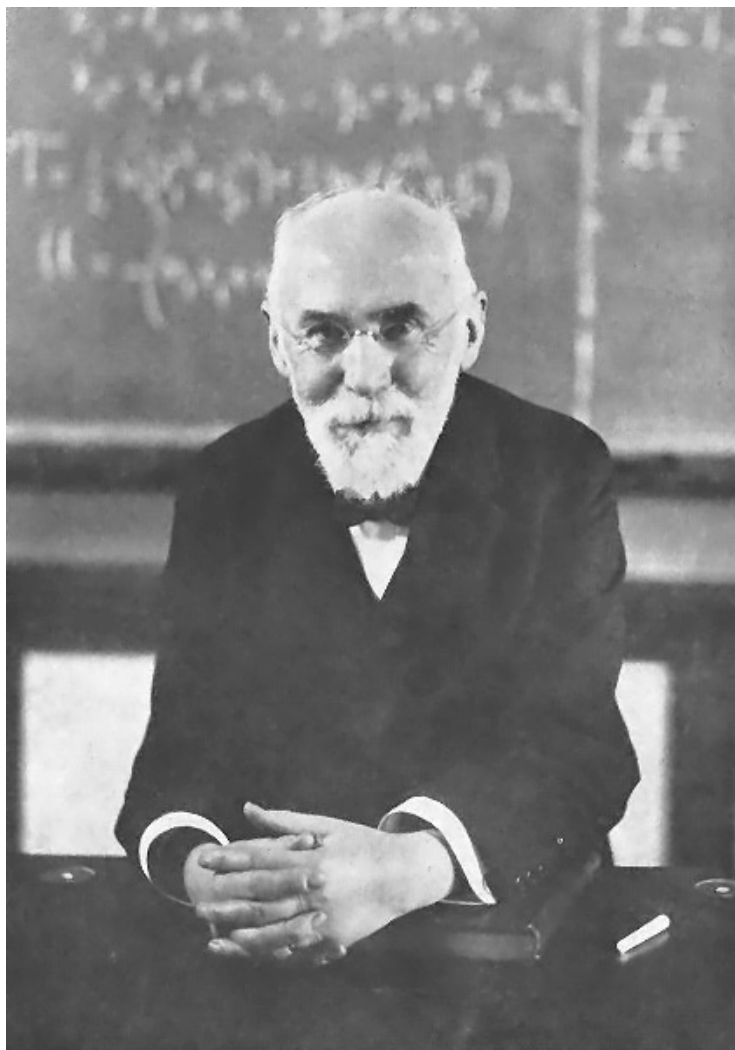


time



space

2D Lorentzian  
quantum gravity



Lorentzian  
quantum gravity

$\underbrace{+++}_{\text{space}} \underbrace{-}_{\text{time}}$

2D

1 + 1  
space time

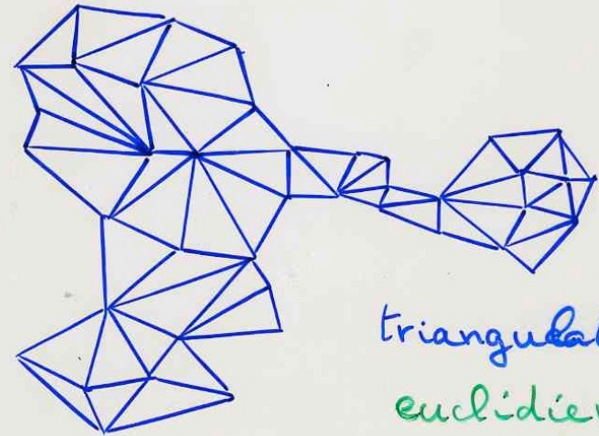


euclidian

+++ +  
space time

+++ -  
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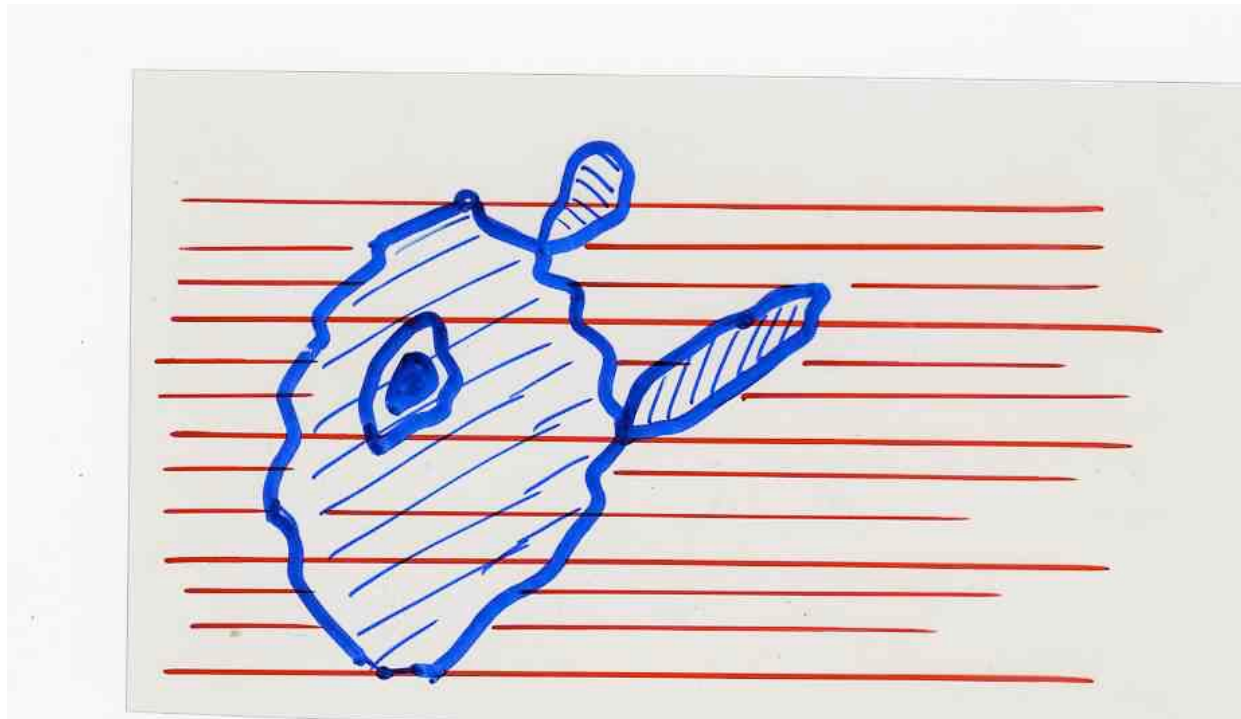
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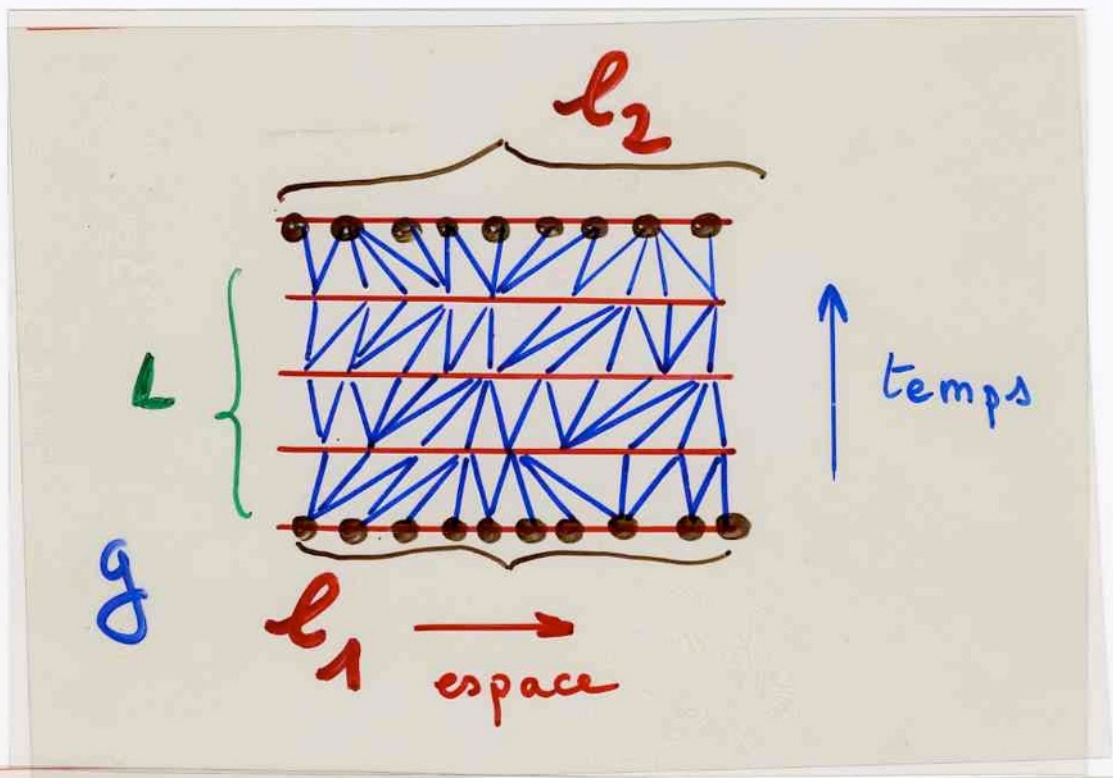
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2D

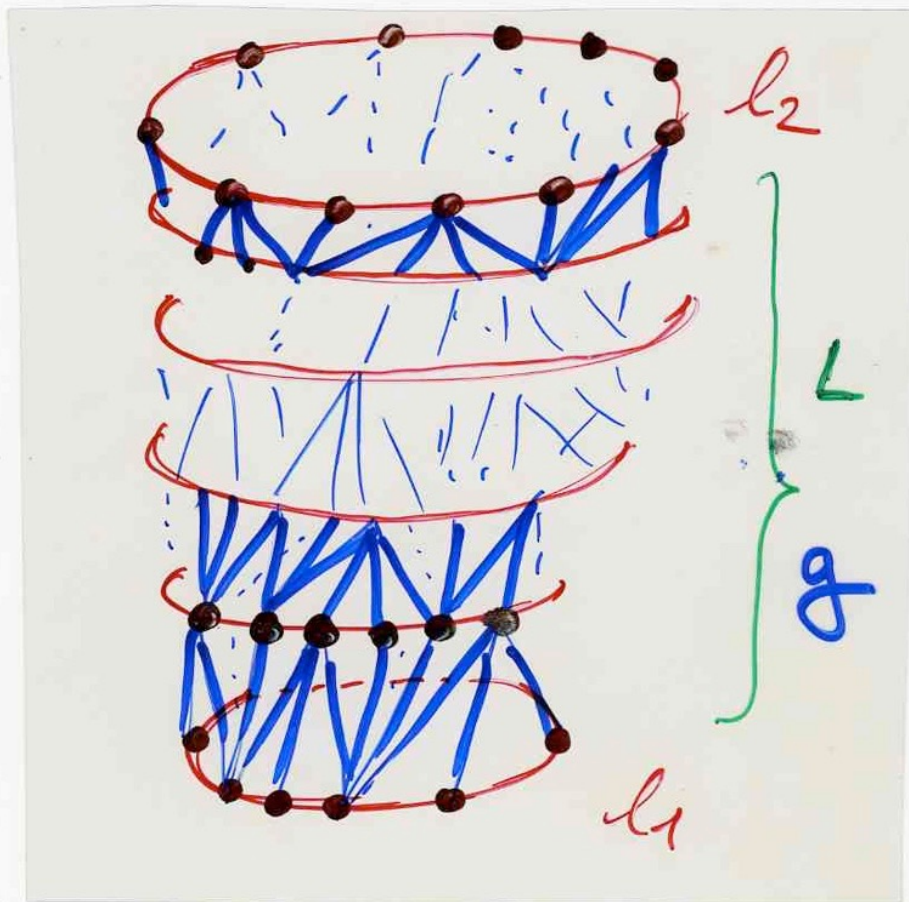
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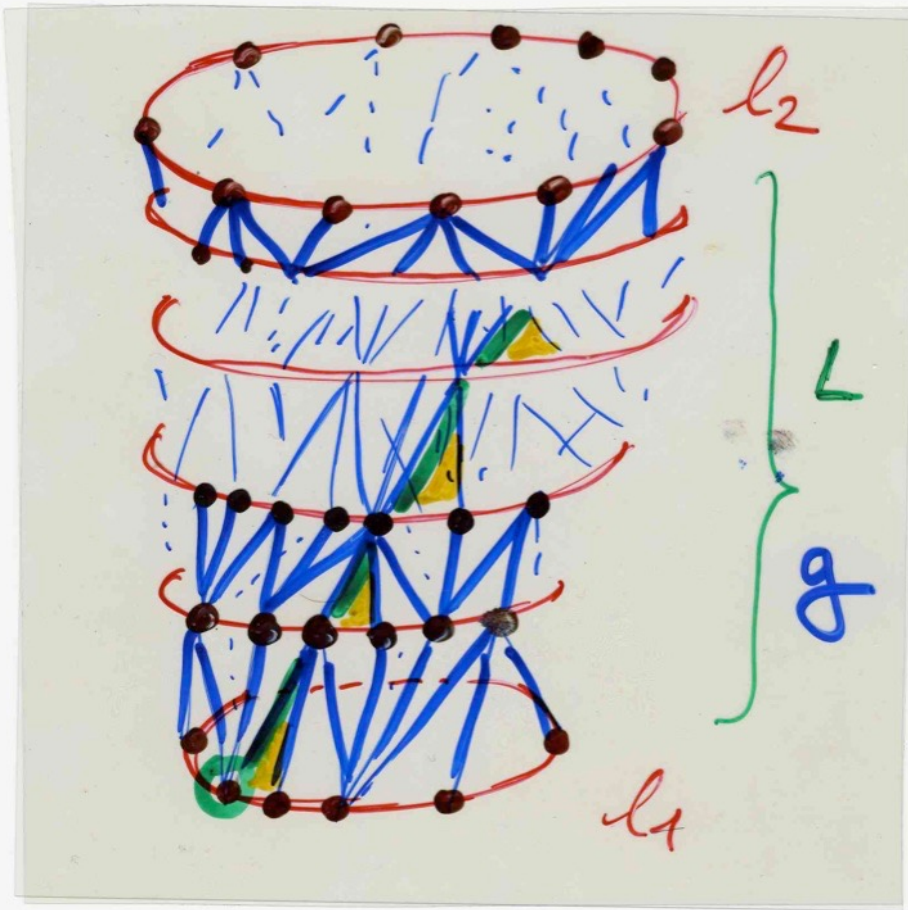


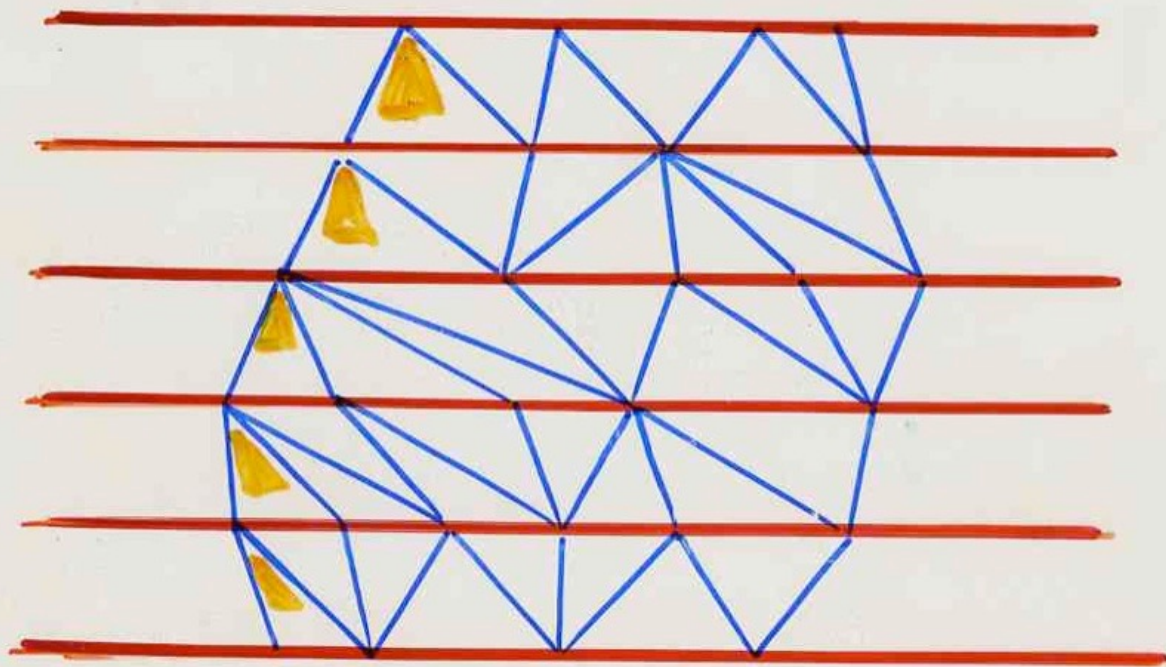
no baby  
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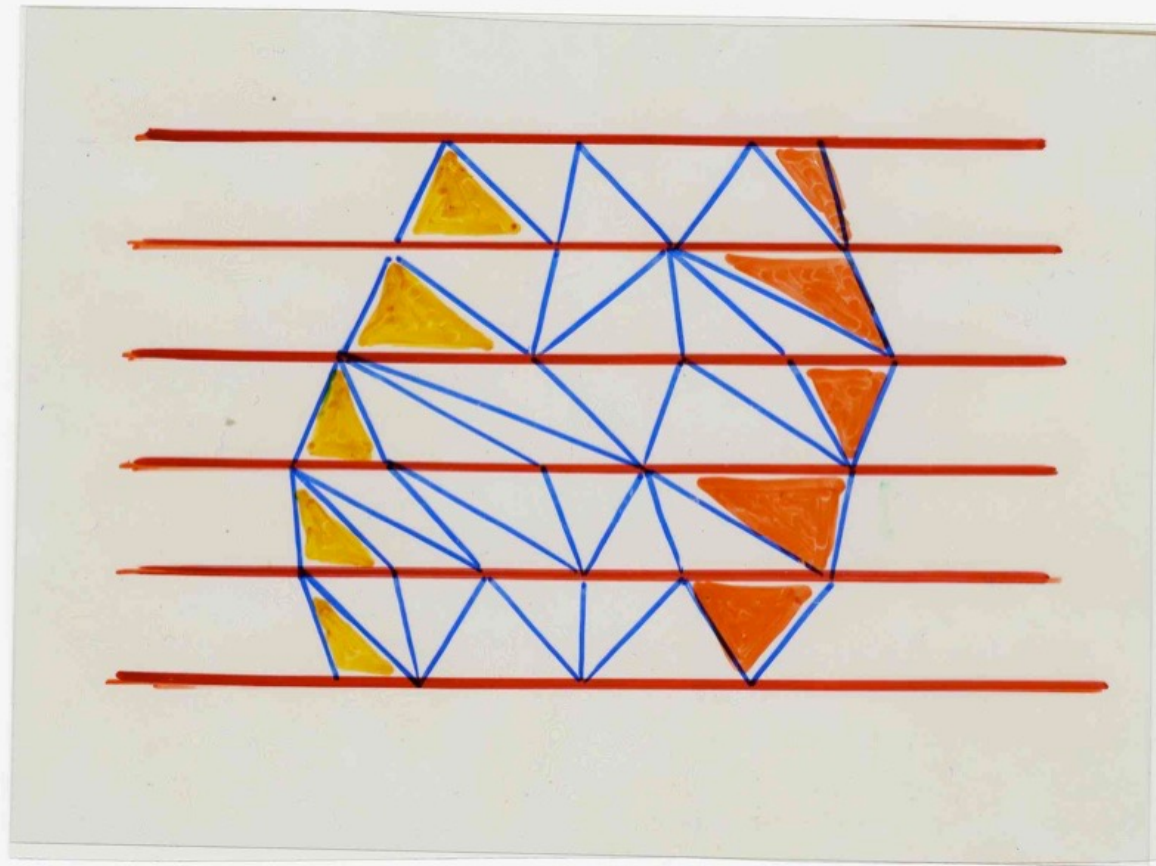


Path integral amplitude  
 for the propagation from  
 geometry  $l_1$  to  $l_2$









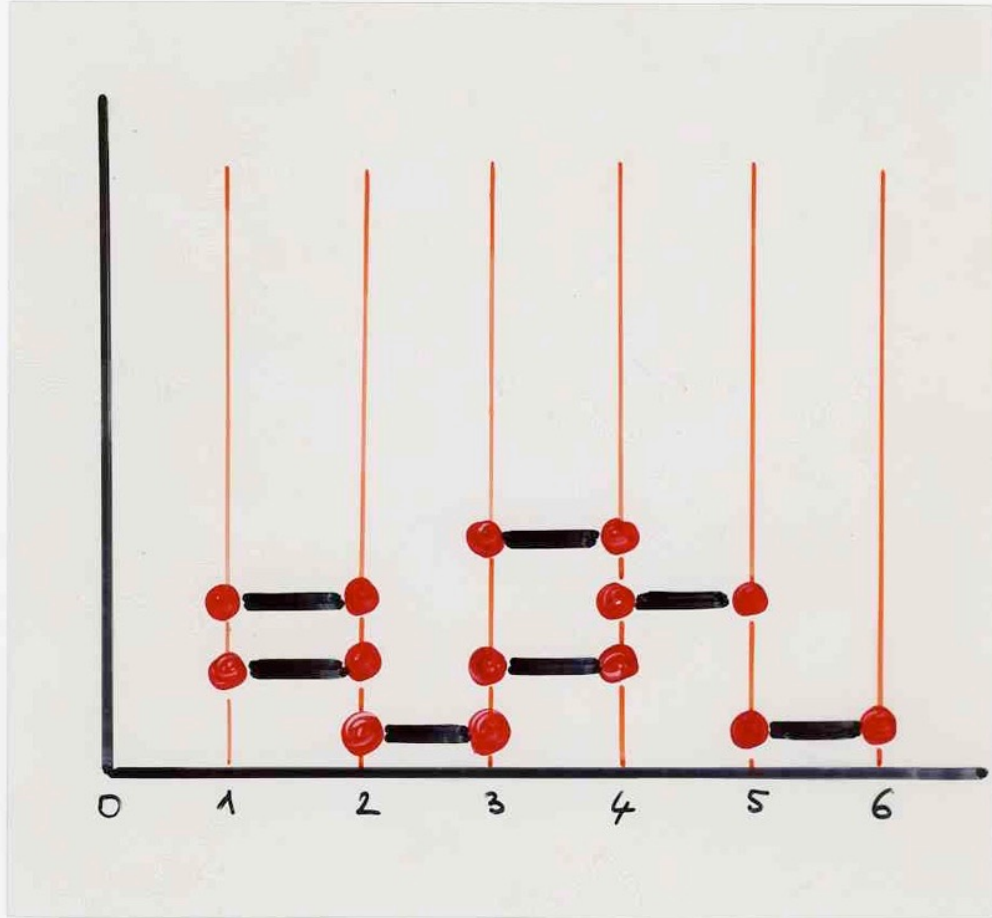
Heaps of dimers

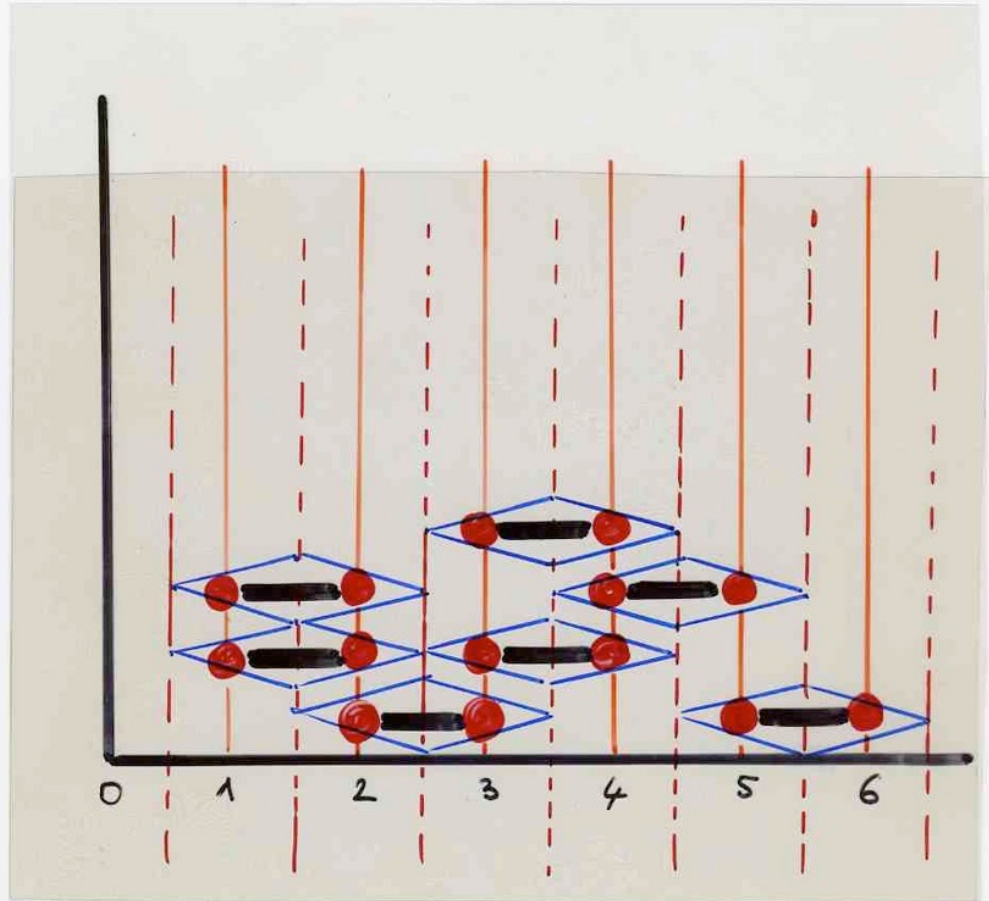


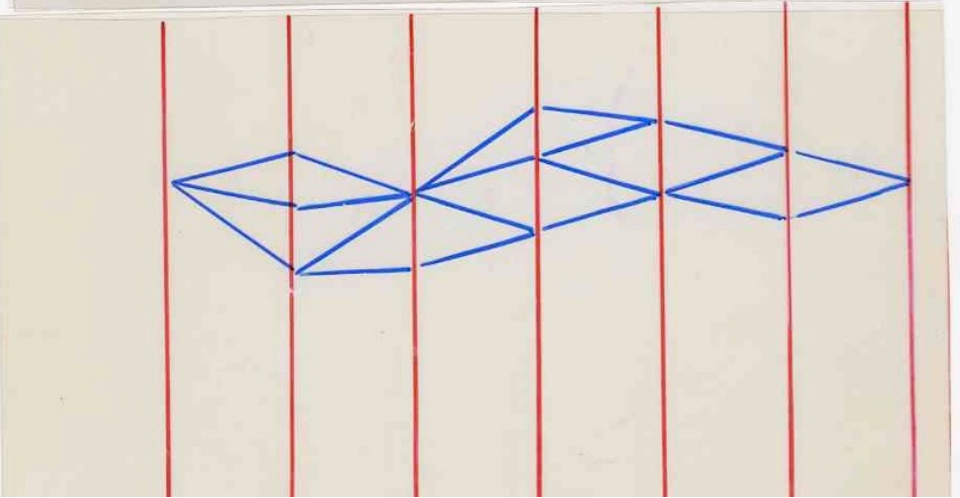
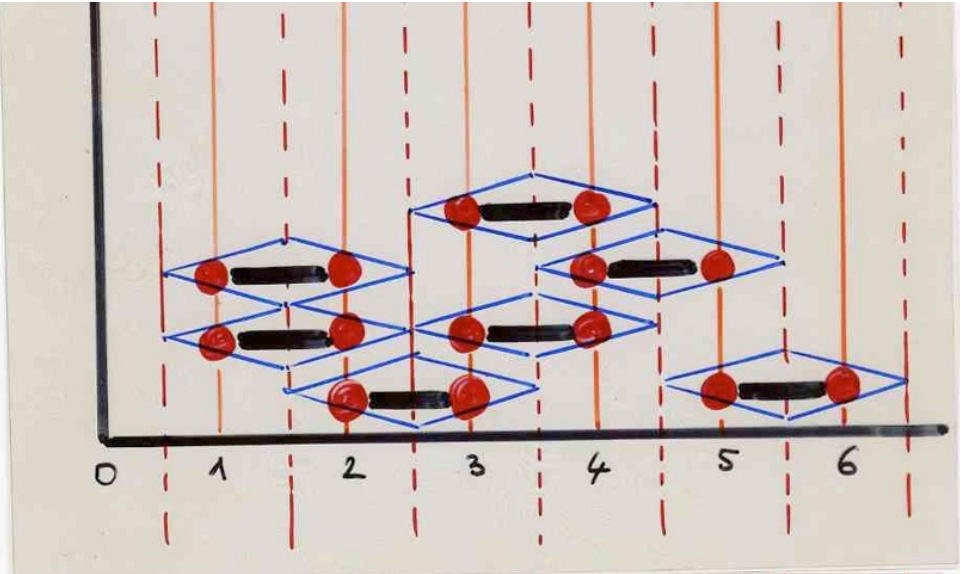
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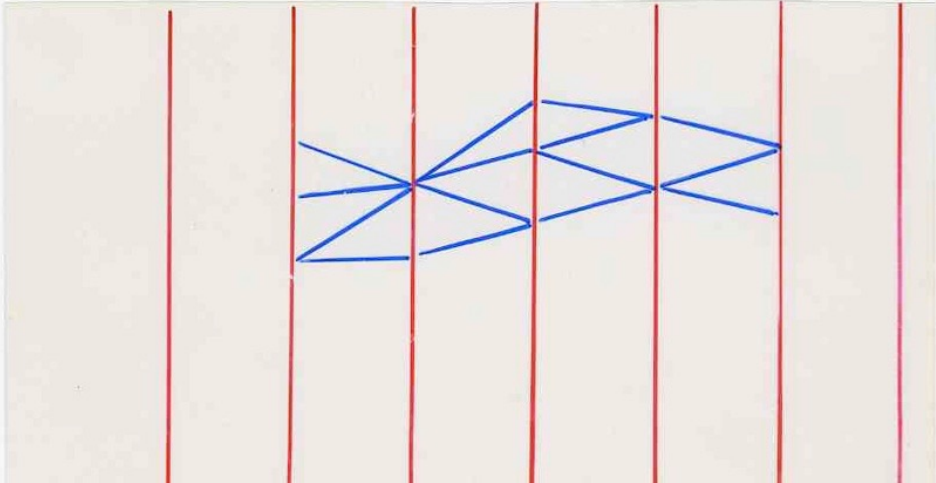
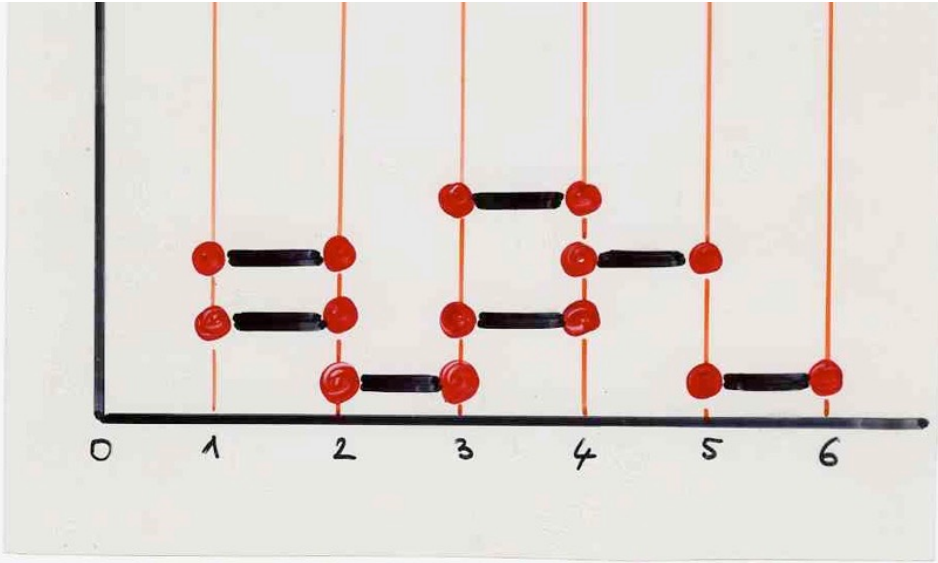
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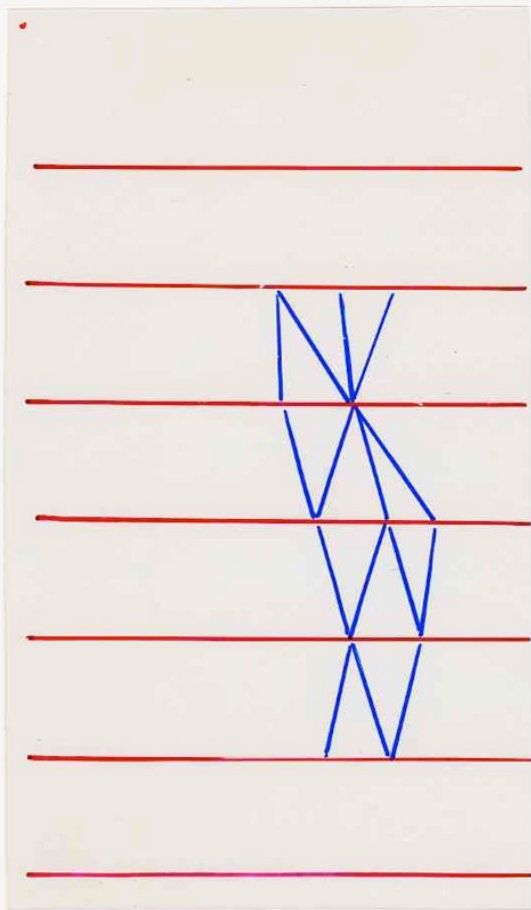


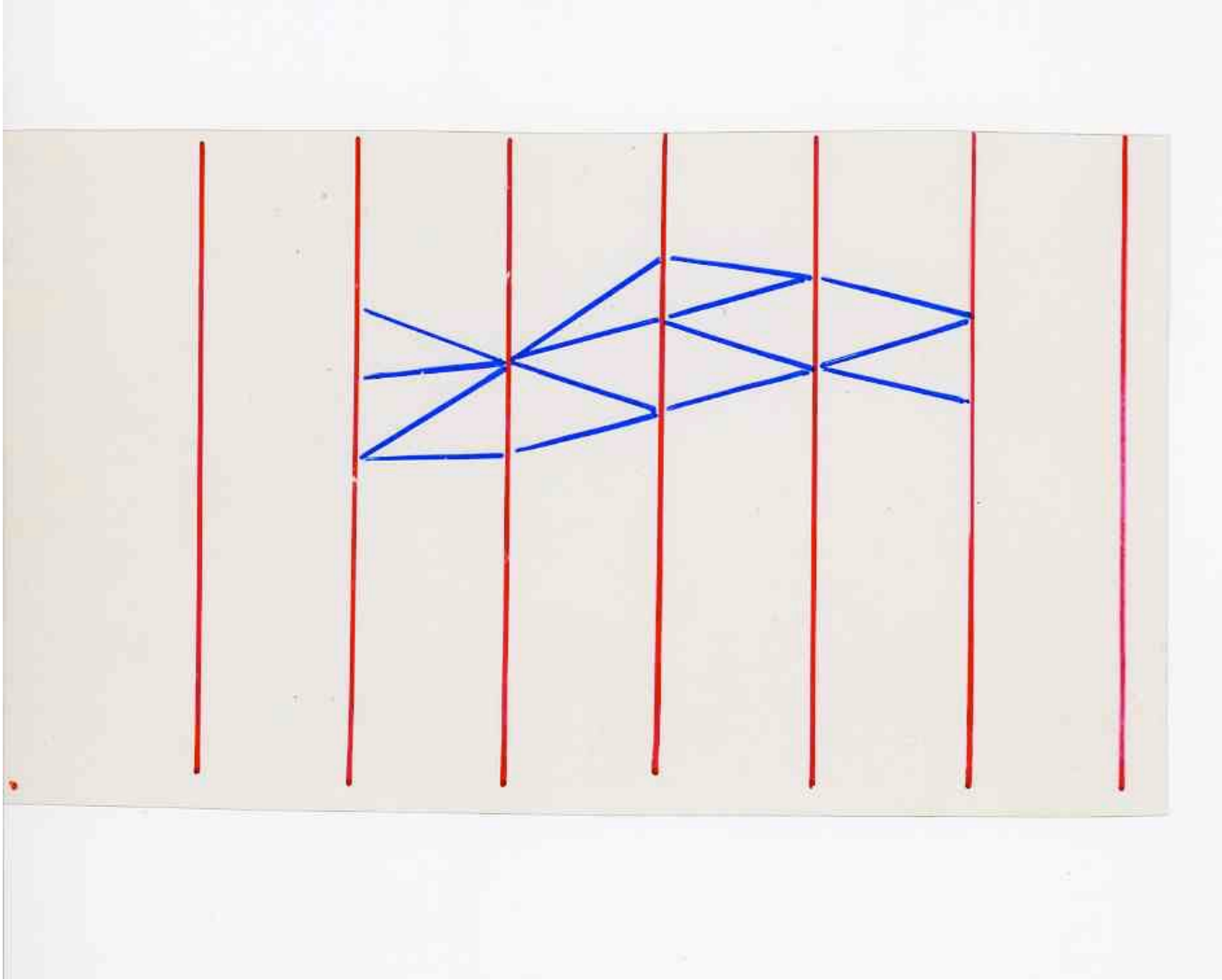


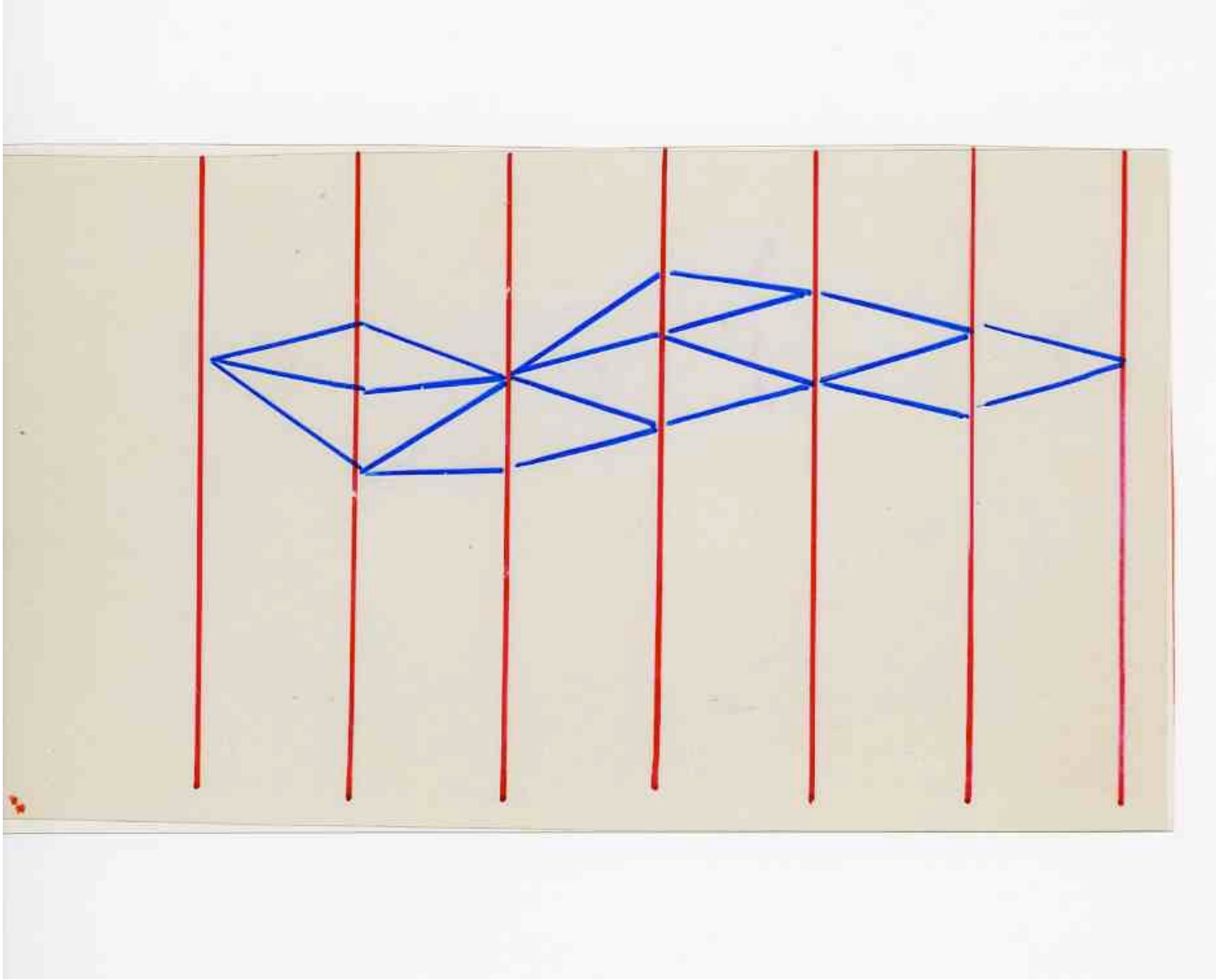


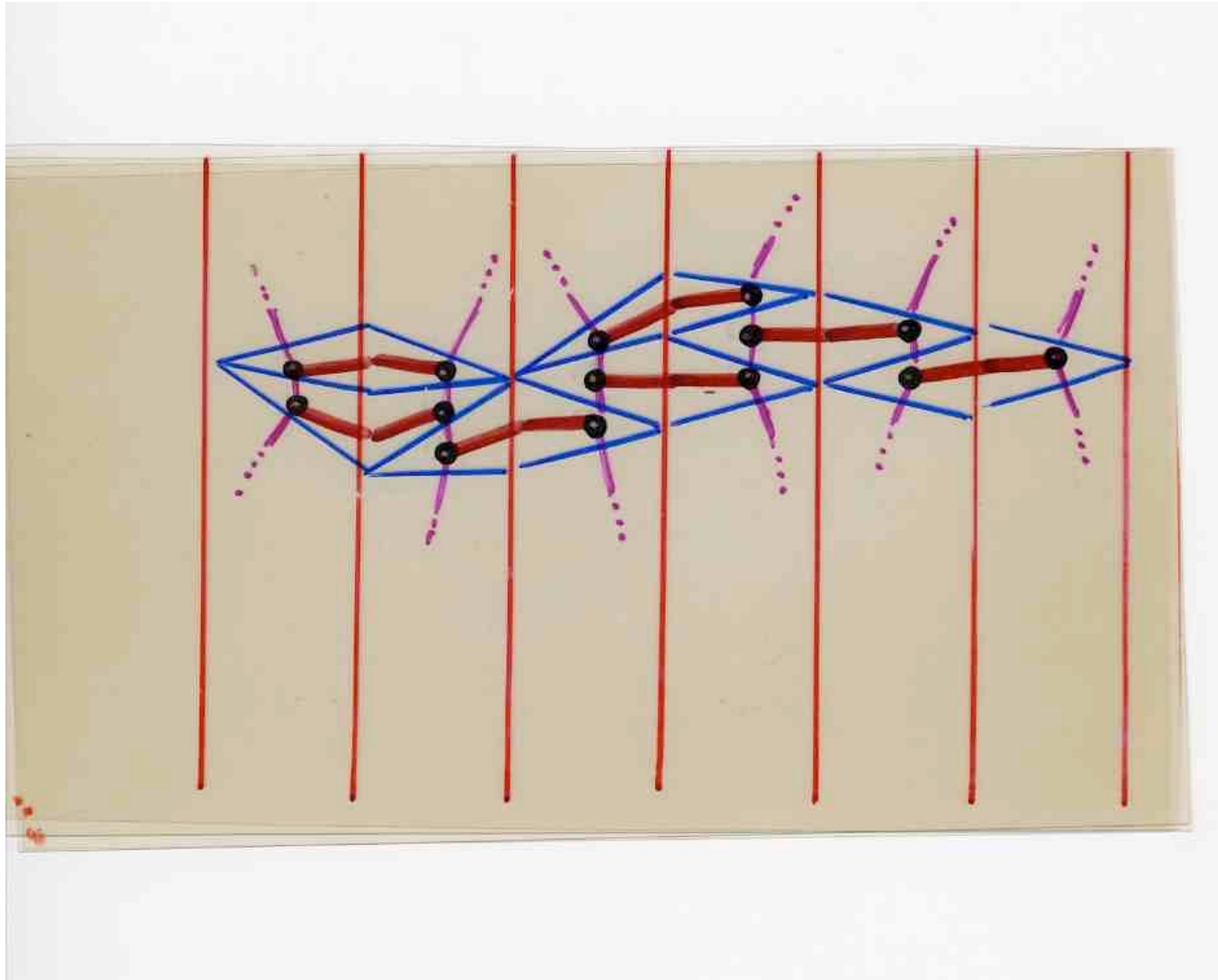




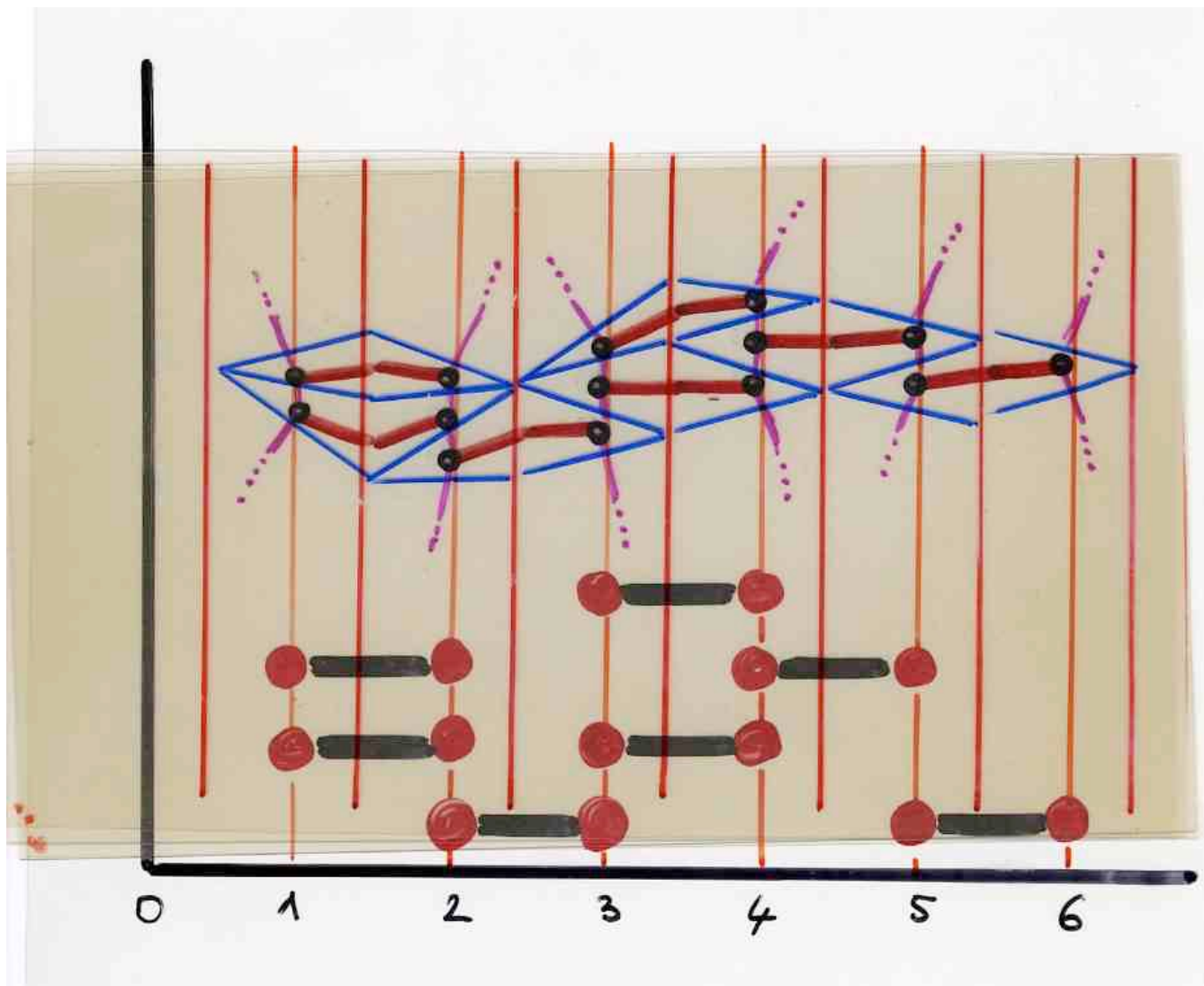






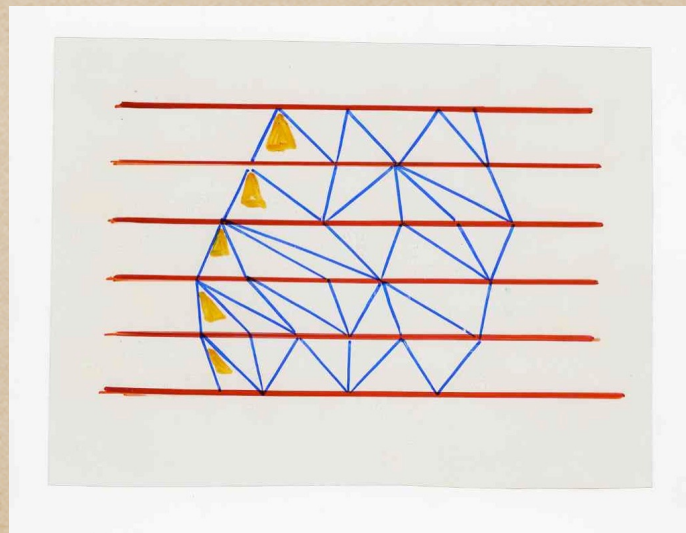


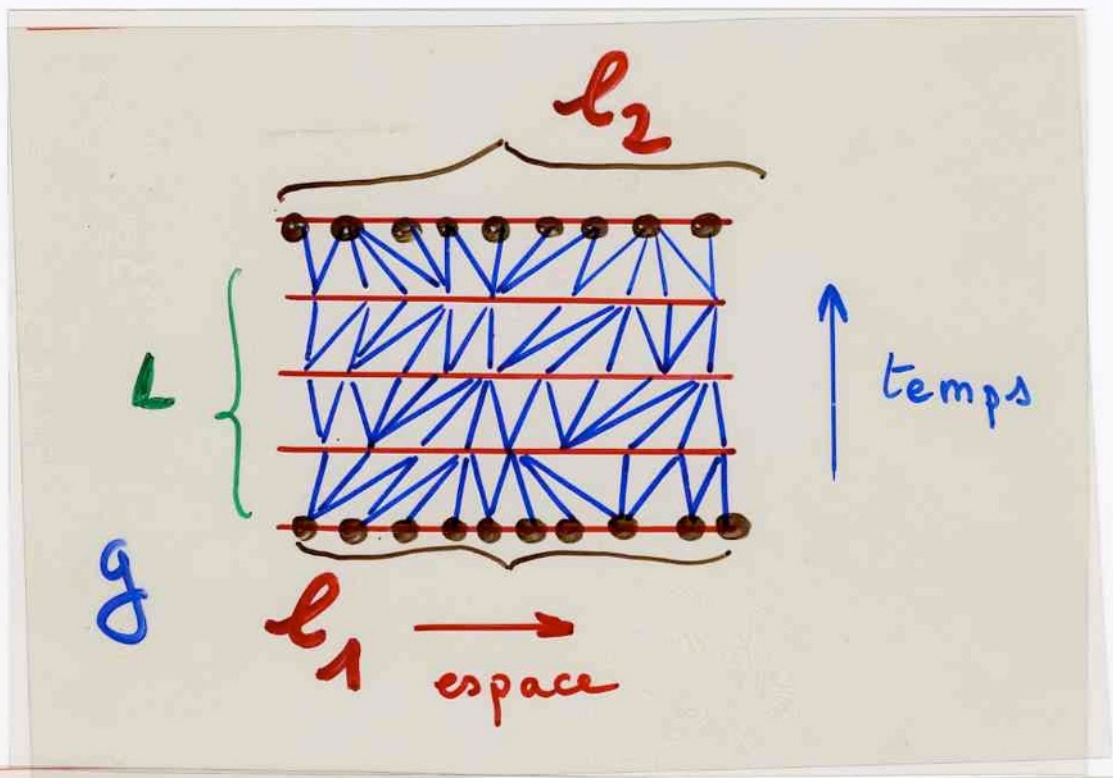




4 parameters

generating functions





Path integral amplitude  
 for the propagation from  
 geometry  $l_1$  to  $l_2$

Dyck paths

Heaps

of

dimers

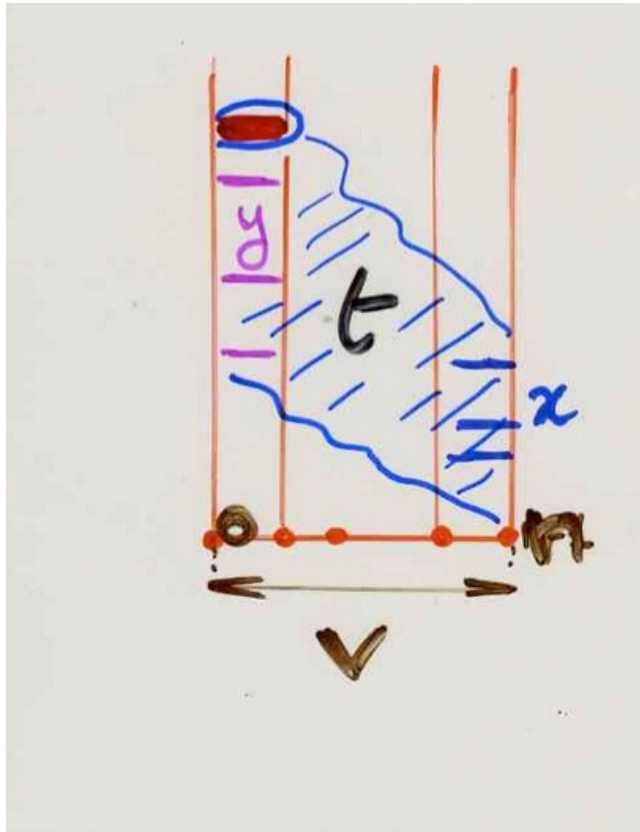
(Pyramids)

Lorentzian

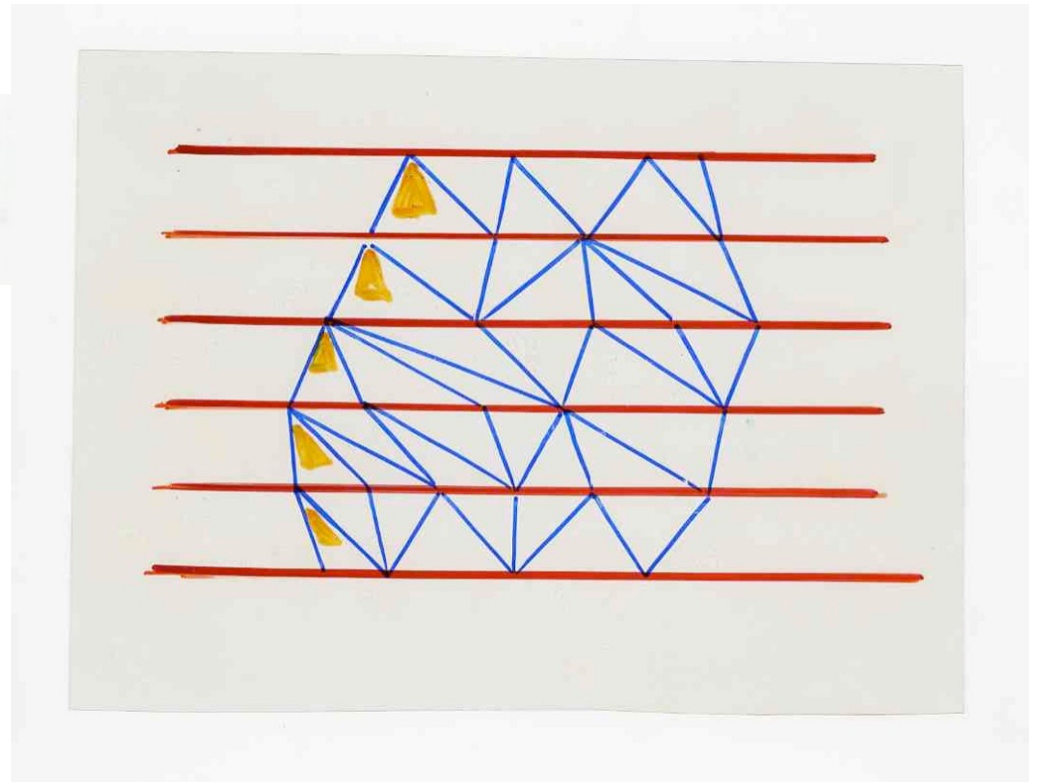
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(\*) border condition

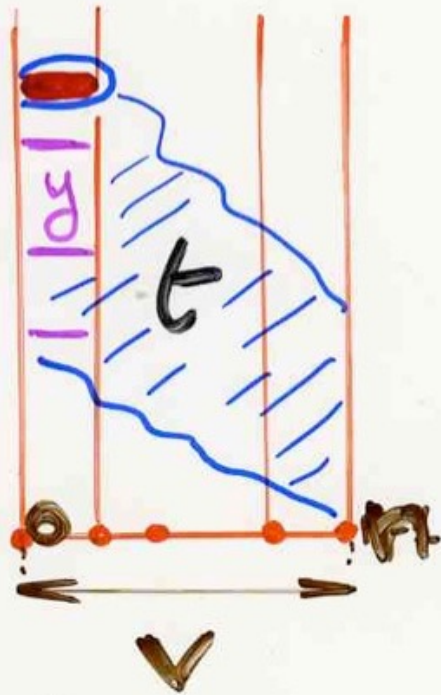
semi-pyramid



bijection



# exercise

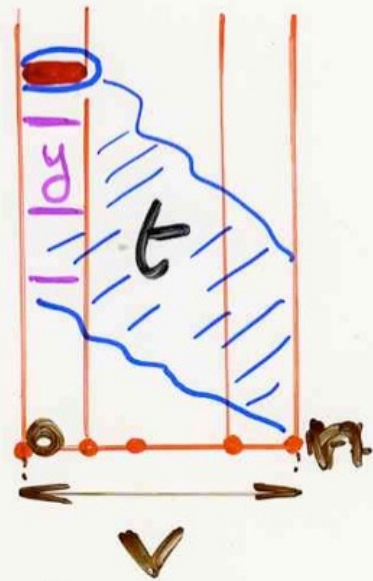


prove that the generating function  $Q(t, y, v)$  for pyramids with 3 parameters is given by:

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -t \text{ number of dimers} \\ -v \text{ width} \\ -y \text{ number of dimers in the first column} \end{array} \right.$

$$Q(t, y, v) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{y t^n v^n}{\tilde{F}_n \tilde{F}_{n+1}}$$

(Bousquet-Mélou, Rechnerizer)

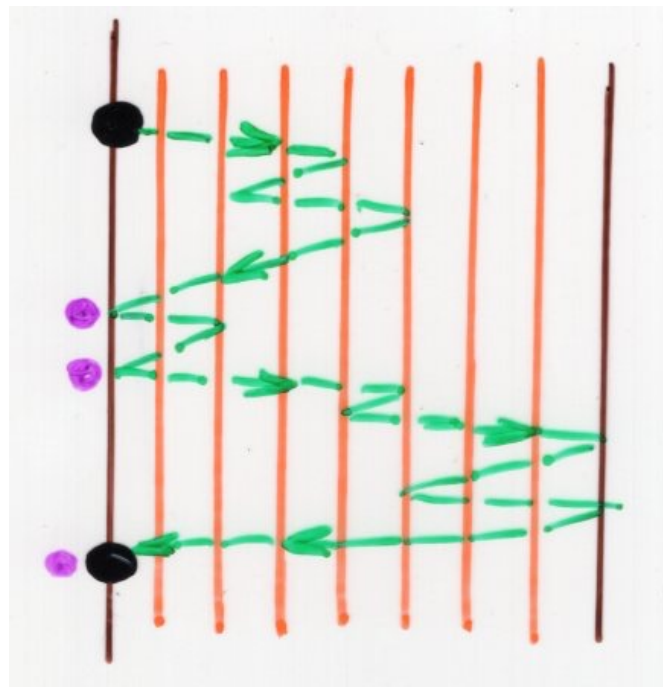
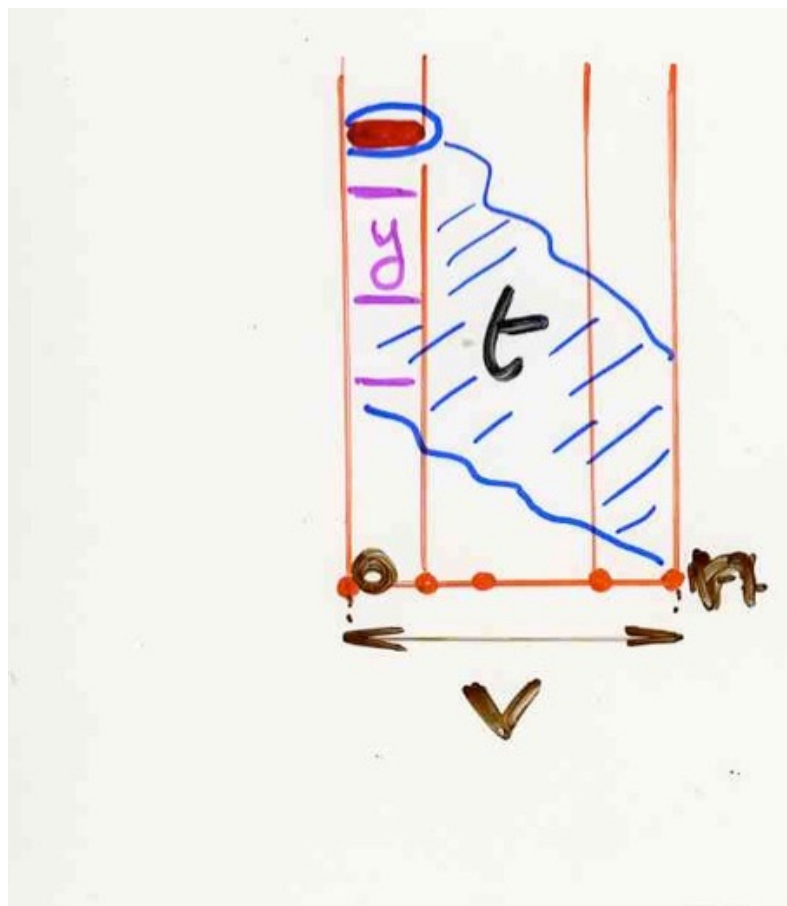


$\tilde{F}_n(t, y)$  defined by:

$$\tilde{F}_n(t, y) = F_{n-1}(t) y F_{n-2}(t)$$

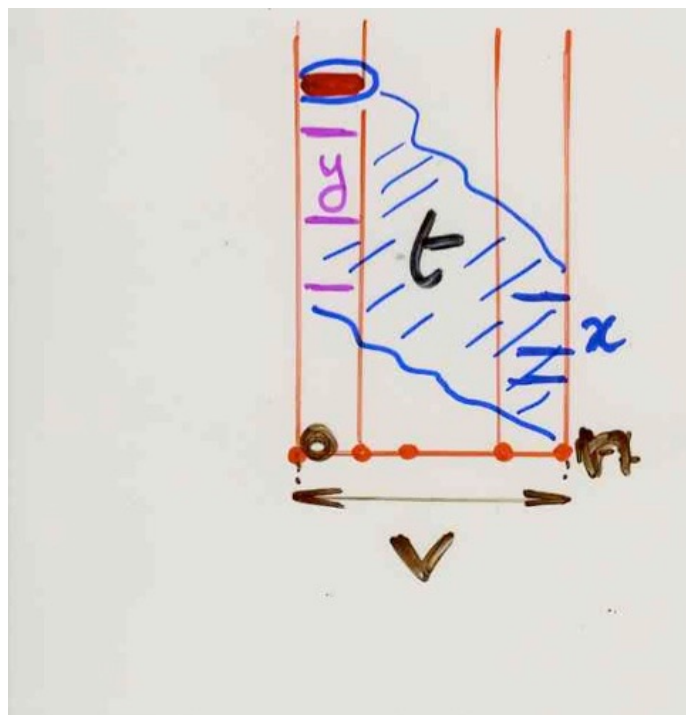
$F_n(t)$  Fibonacci polynomial

hint: use the bijection  
with Dyck paths





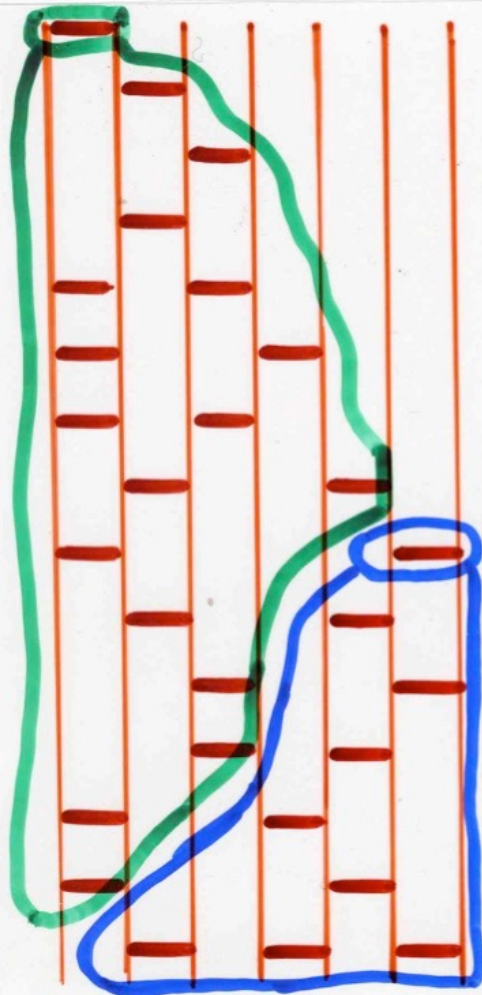
# Proposition



generating function  
for pyramids of  
dimers with 4  
parameters

- $t, v, y$
- $x$  number of dimers  
in the last column

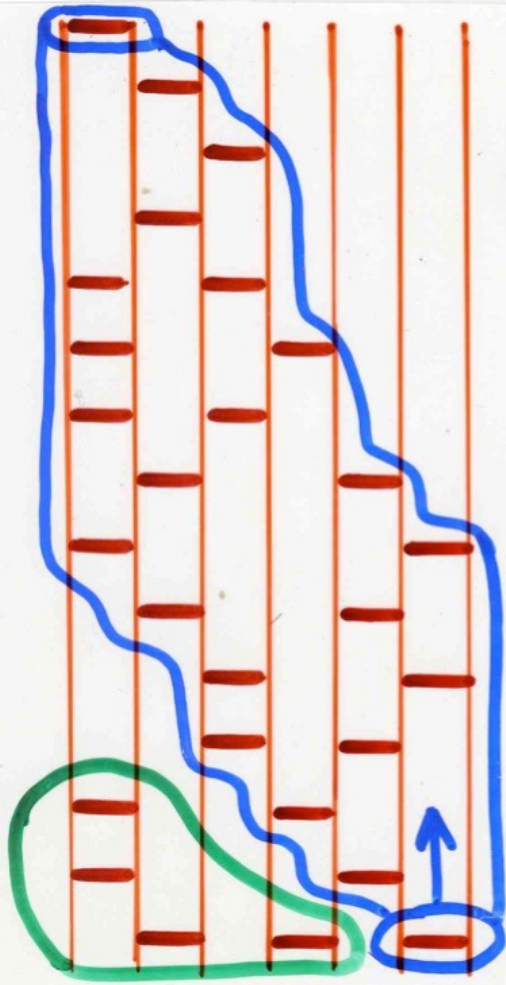
# Proposition



$$\begin{aligned}
 & y t^n v^n x \\
 & \hline
 & \tilde{F}_n(t, y, 1) \tilde{F}_{n+1}(t, y, x) \\
 & = \\
 & y t^{n-1} v^{n-1} x t v \tilde{F}_{n-1}(t, y, 1) \\
 & \hline
 & \tilde{F}_{n-1}(t, y, 1) \tilde{F}_n(t, y, 1) \tilde{F}_{n+1}(t, y, x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$n-1$

$n$

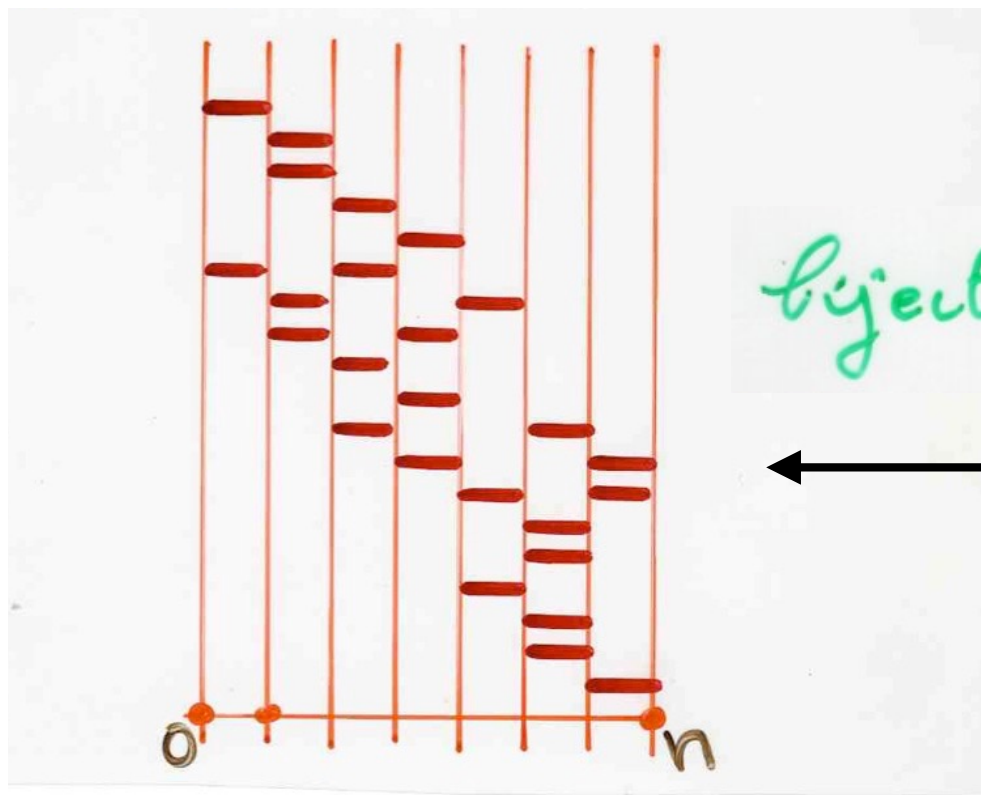


$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{y t^n v^n}{\tilde{F}_n(t, y, 1) \tilde{F}_{n+1}(t, y, z)} \\
 & = \\
 & \frac{1}{\tilde{F}_n(t, y, 1)} \times \frac{y t^n v^n}{\tilde{F}_{n+1}(t, y, z)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$n-1$

$n$

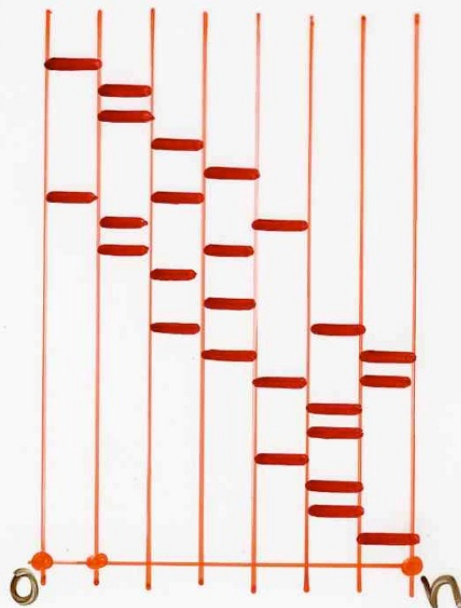
semi-double  
pyramid



bijection



exercise



semi-<sup>double</sup> pyramid

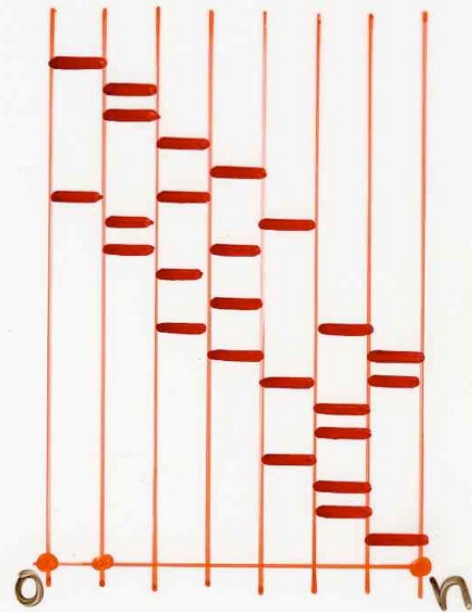
in bijection

$P \hookrightarrow^m$  with (general) heap on  $[0, n]$   
 $m$  dimers

$H \hookrightarrow^{m-n}$   
 $m-n$  dimers

preserve  $x^{i-1}$   $y^{j-1}$





semi-<sup>double</sup> pyramid

in bijection

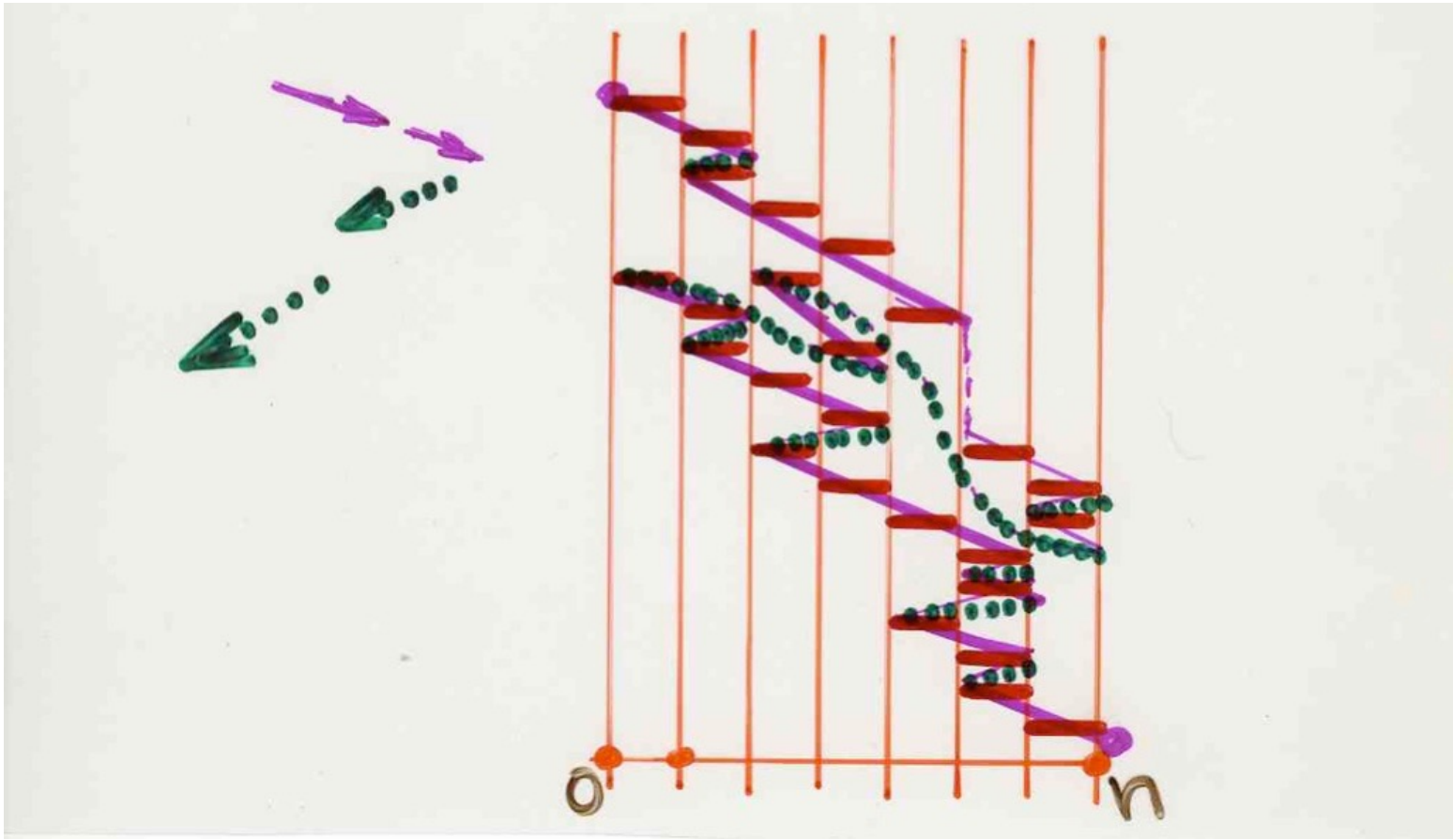
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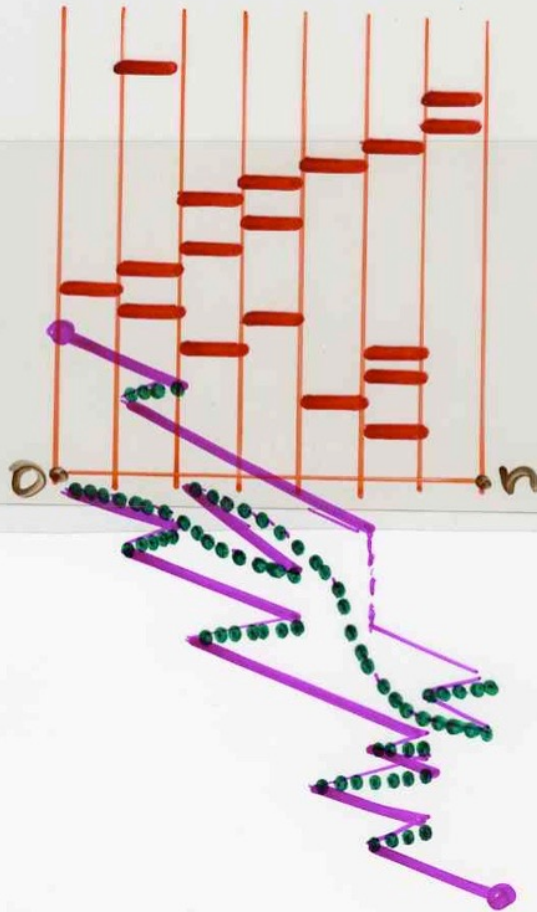
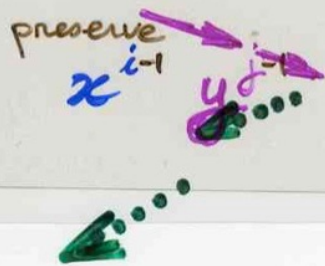
semi-double pyramid



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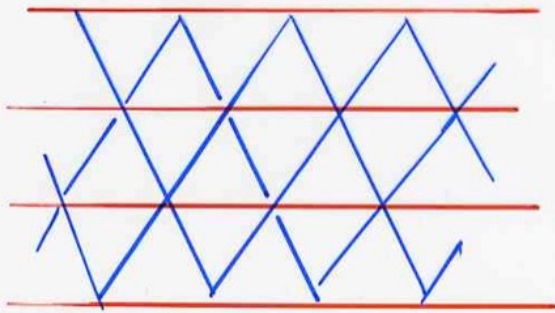




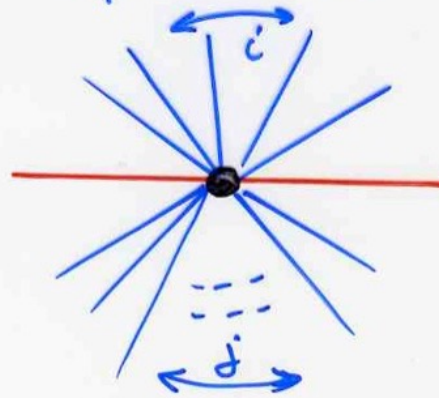
curvature

# curvature

of the space-time



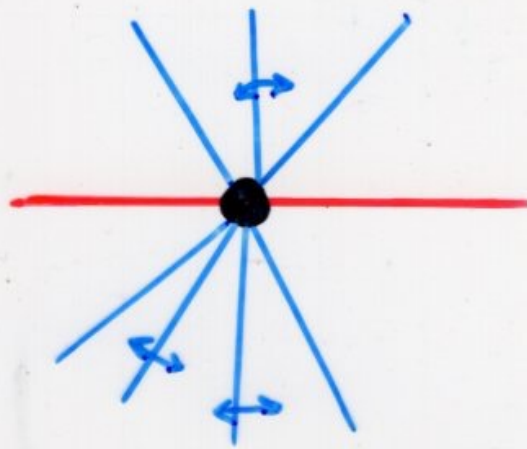
flat



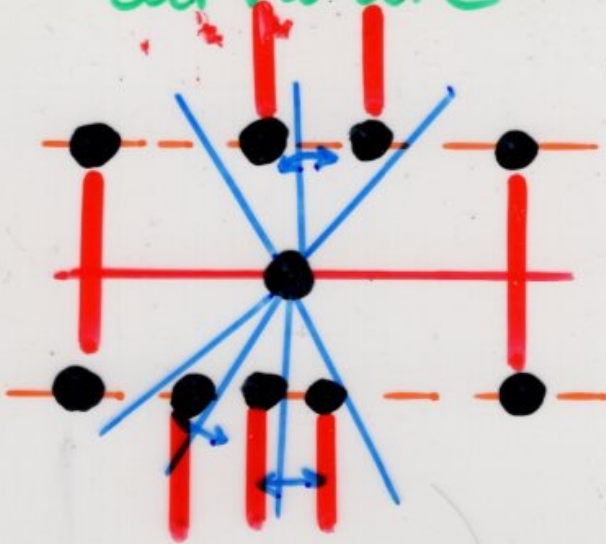
$$a^{|i-3|+|j-3|}$$

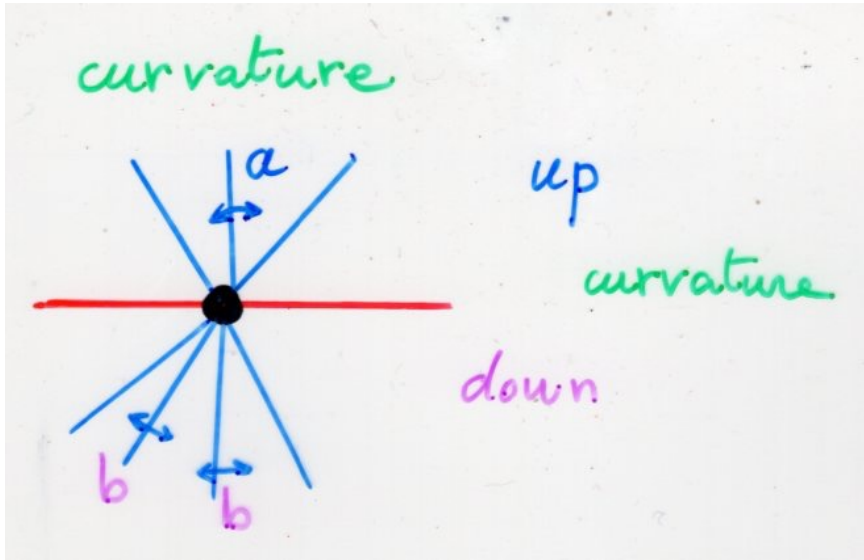
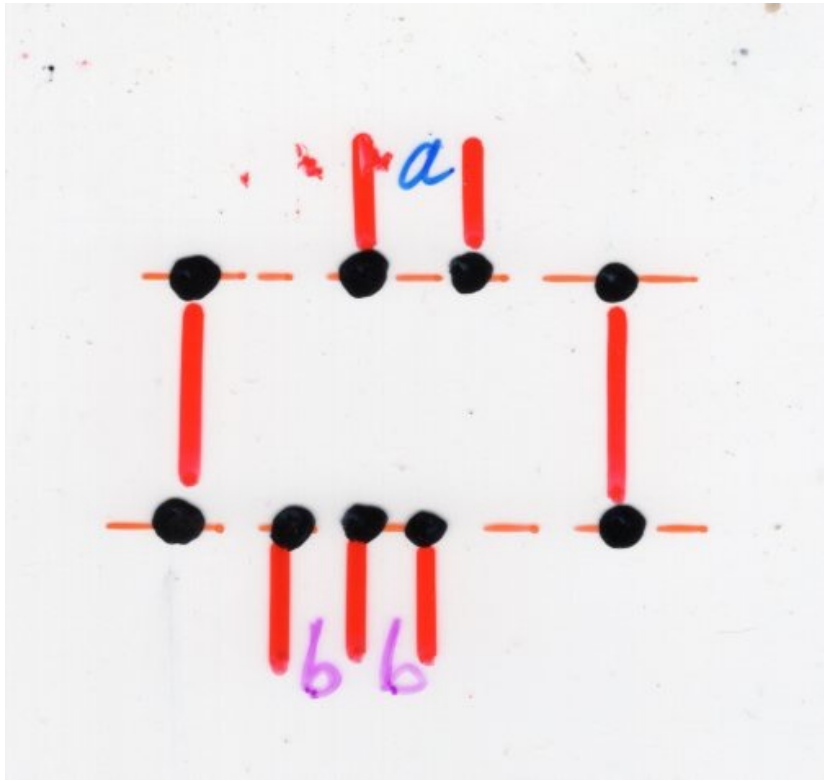
$$\text{total curvature} = \prod_{\text{all points}} a^{(\dots)}$$

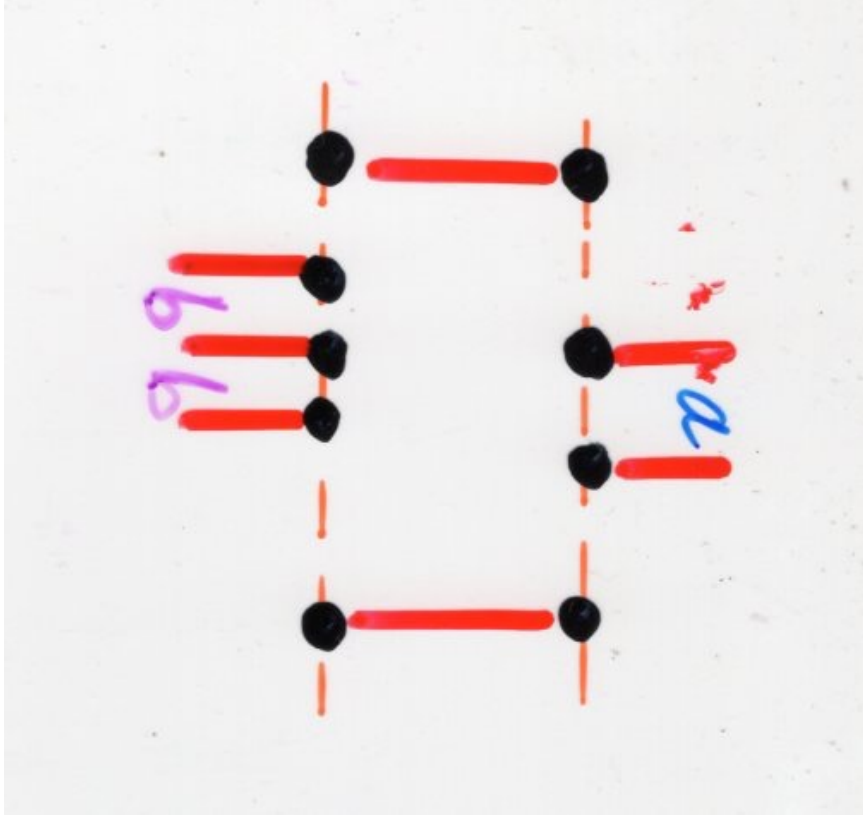
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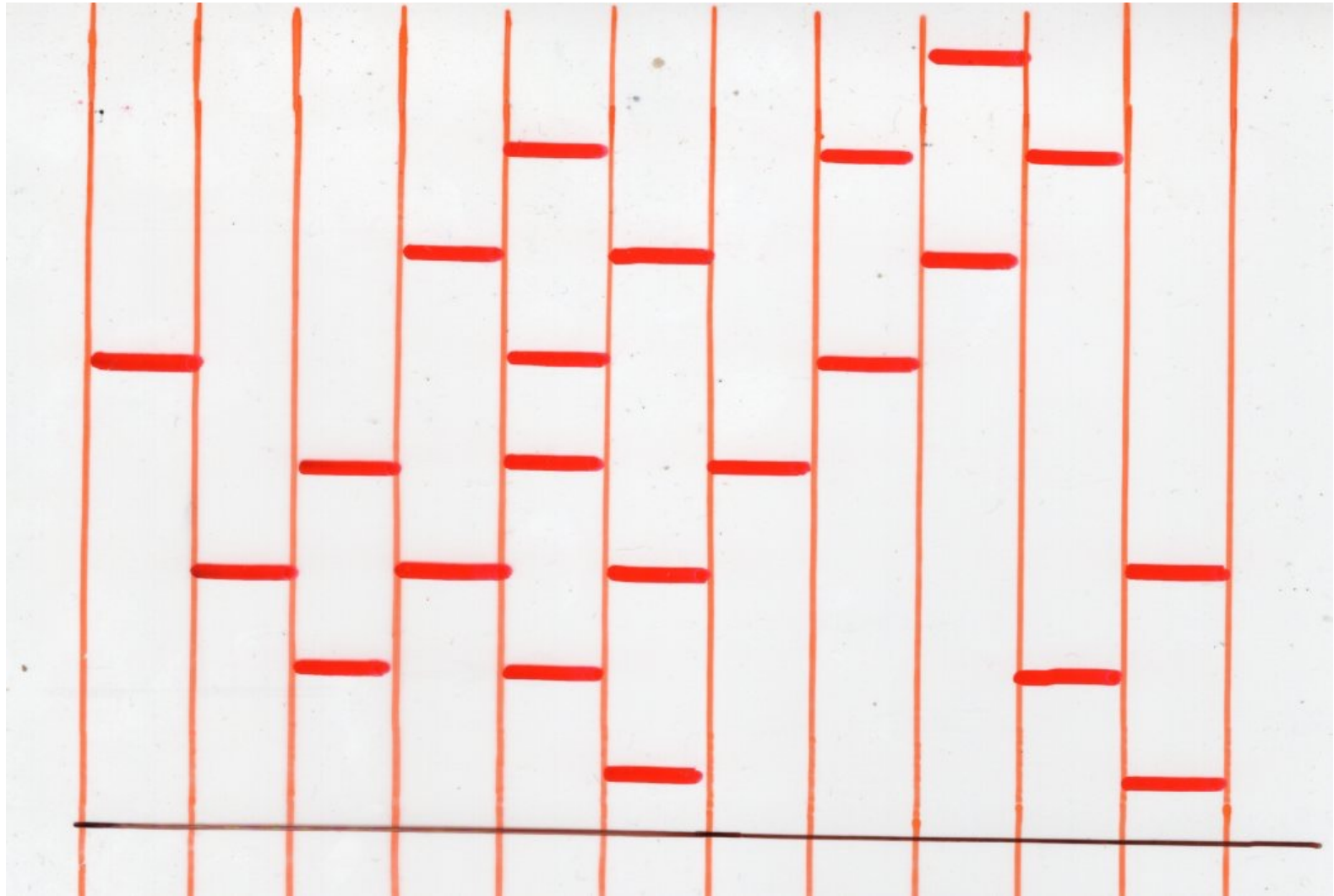


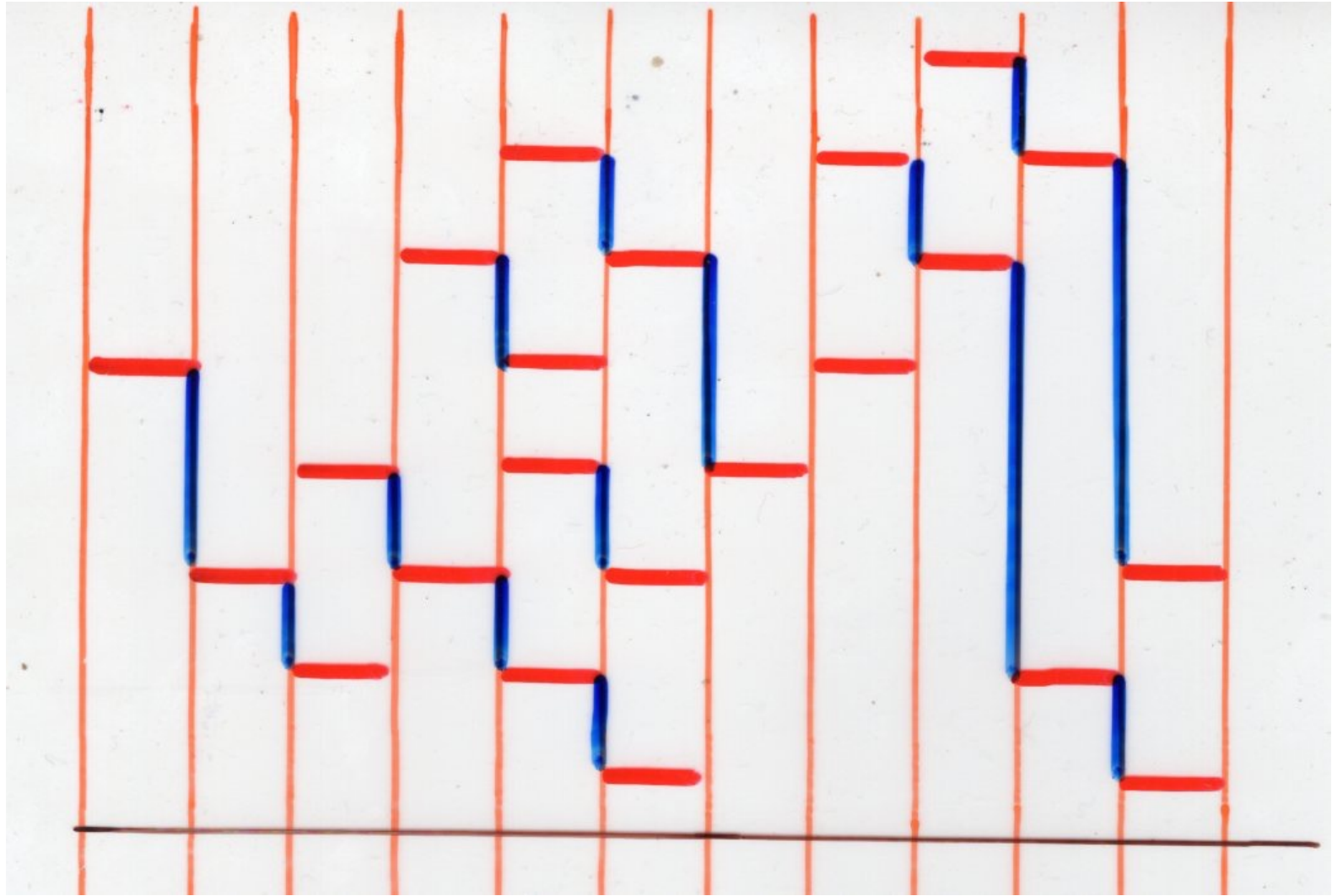
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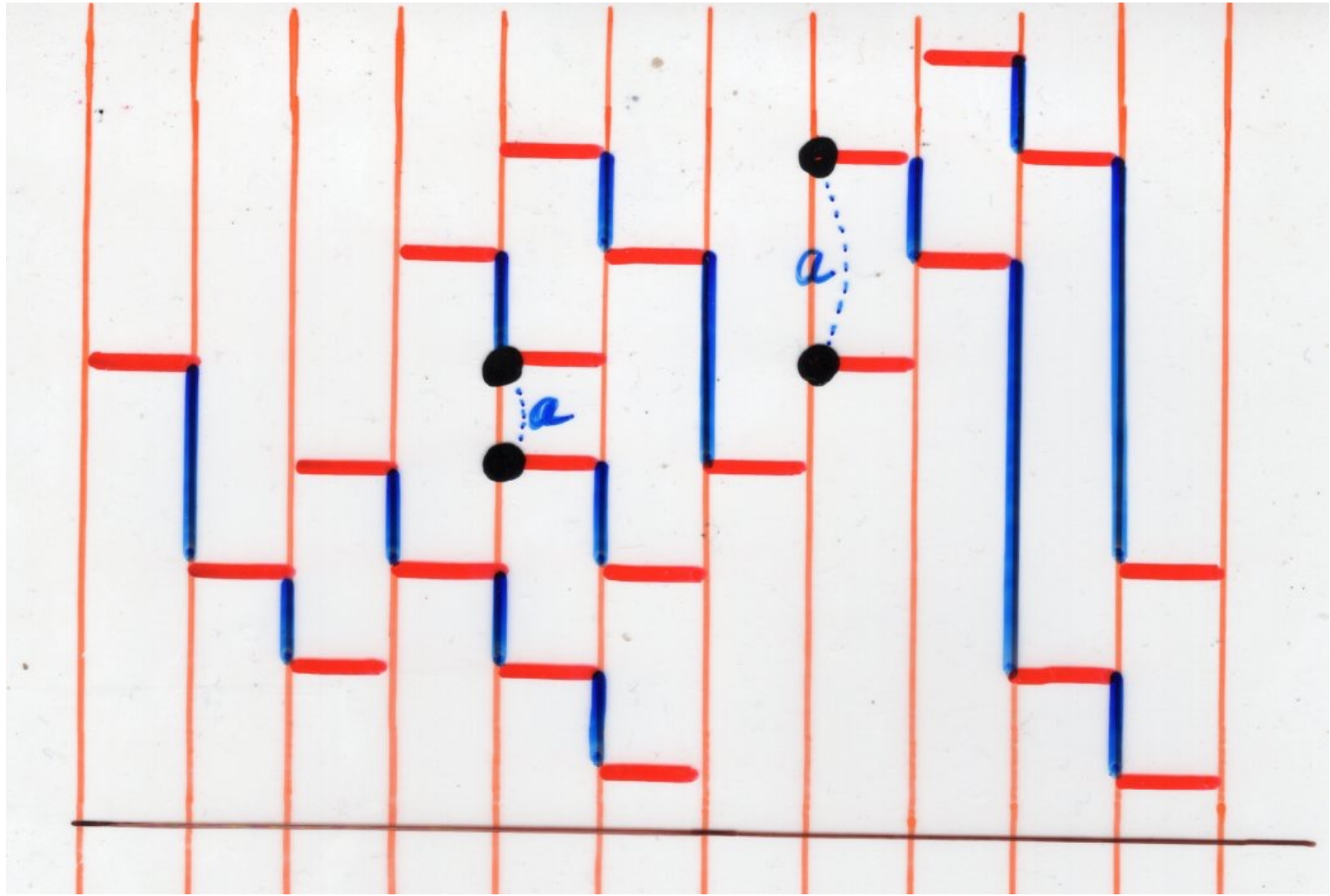


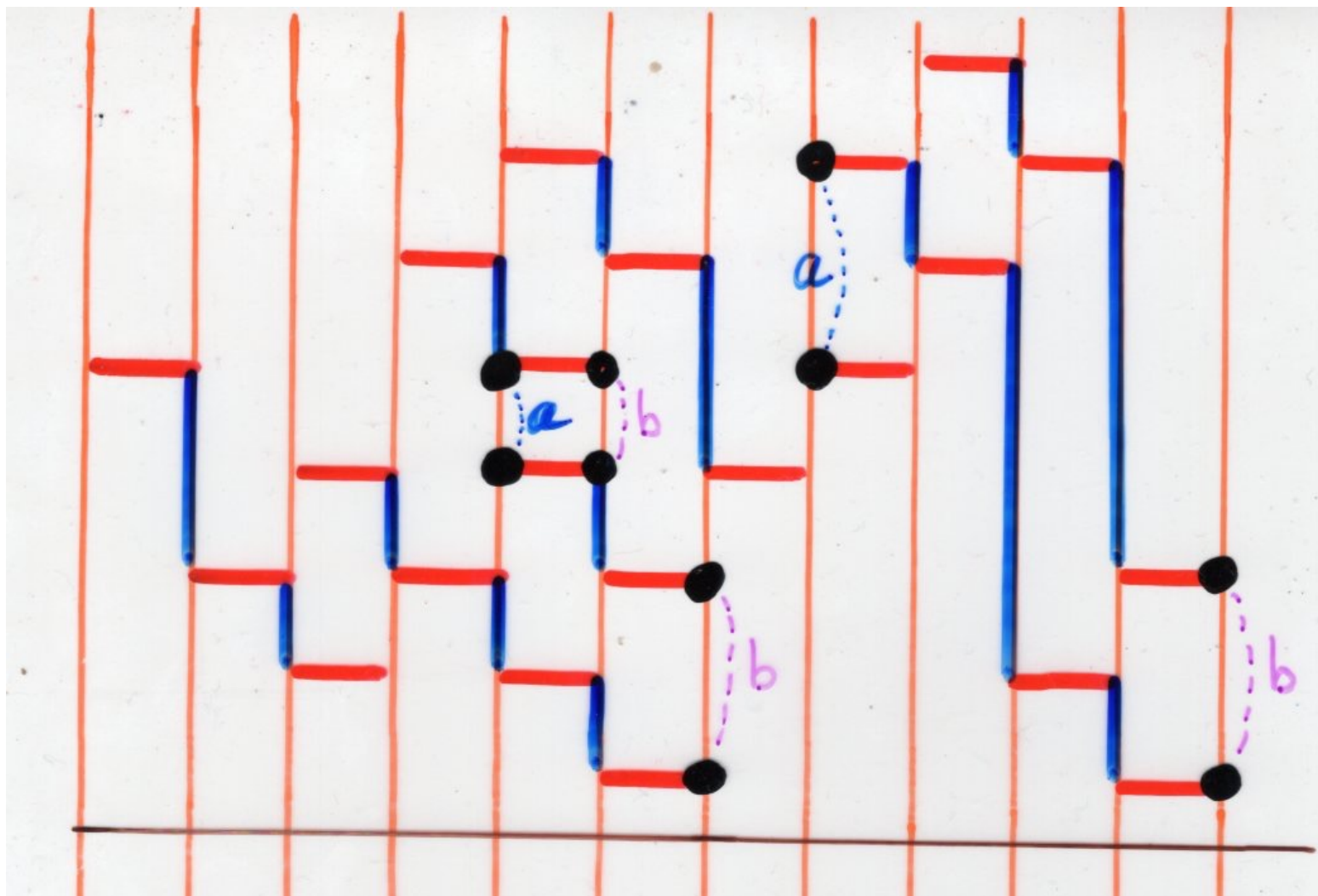


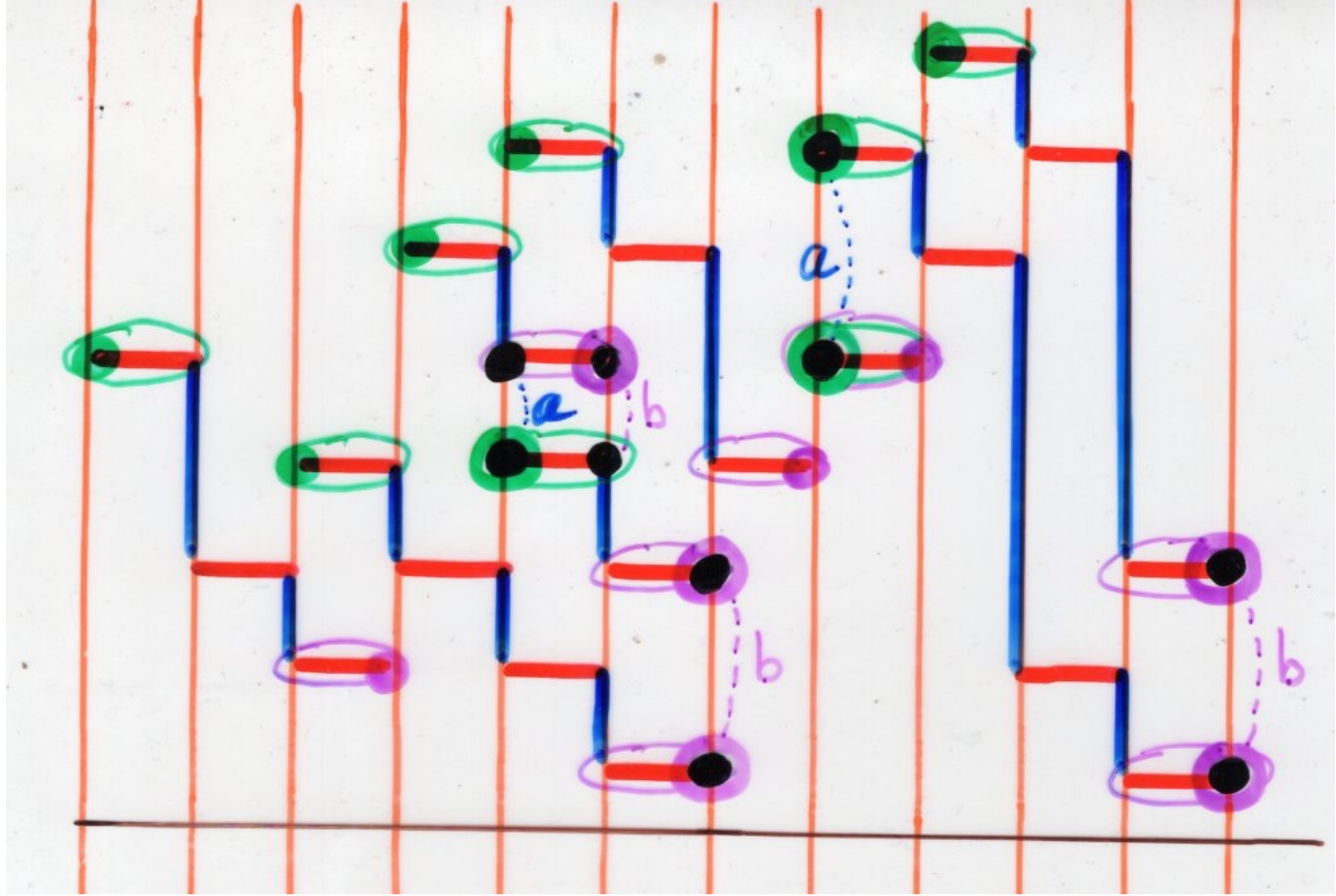


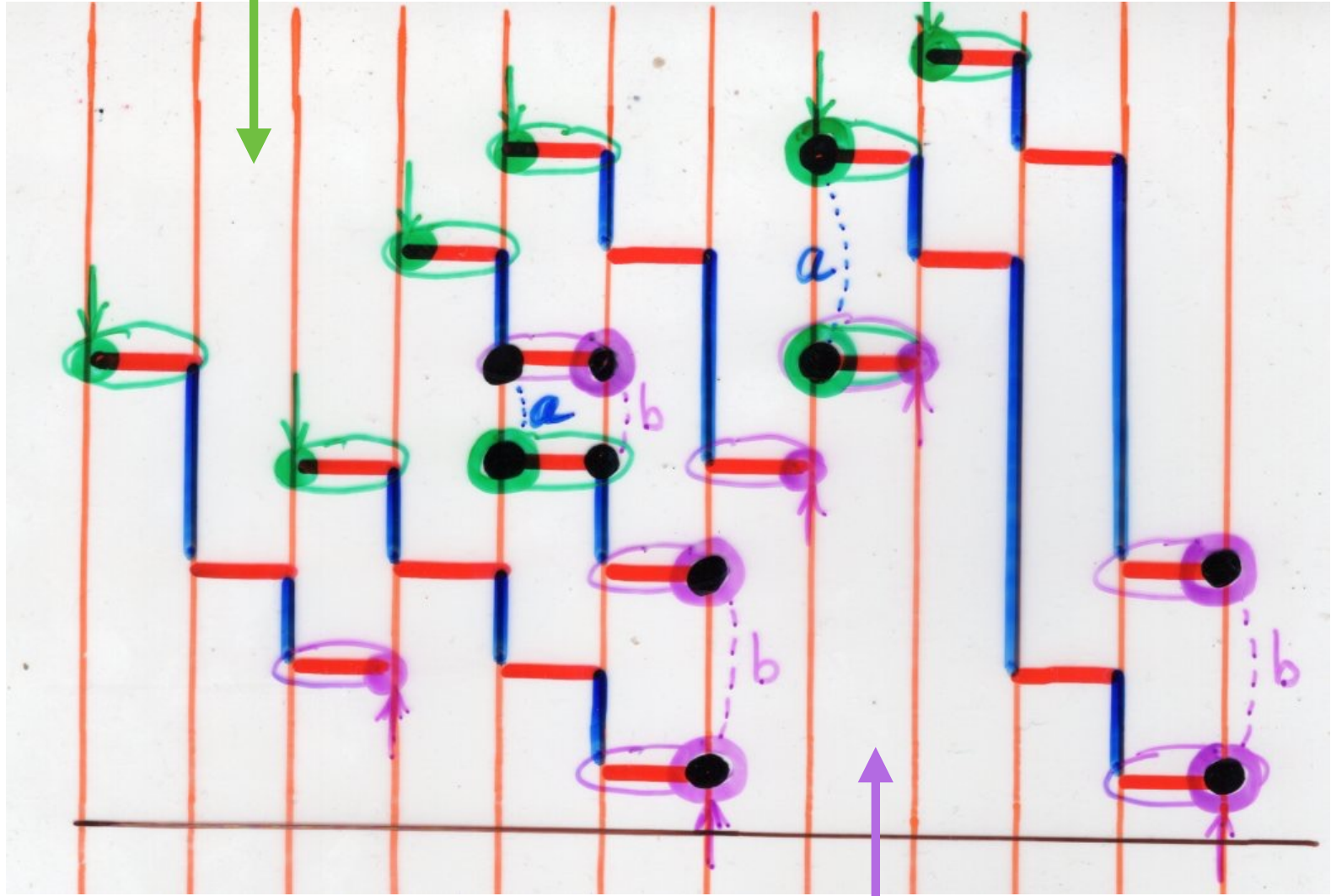


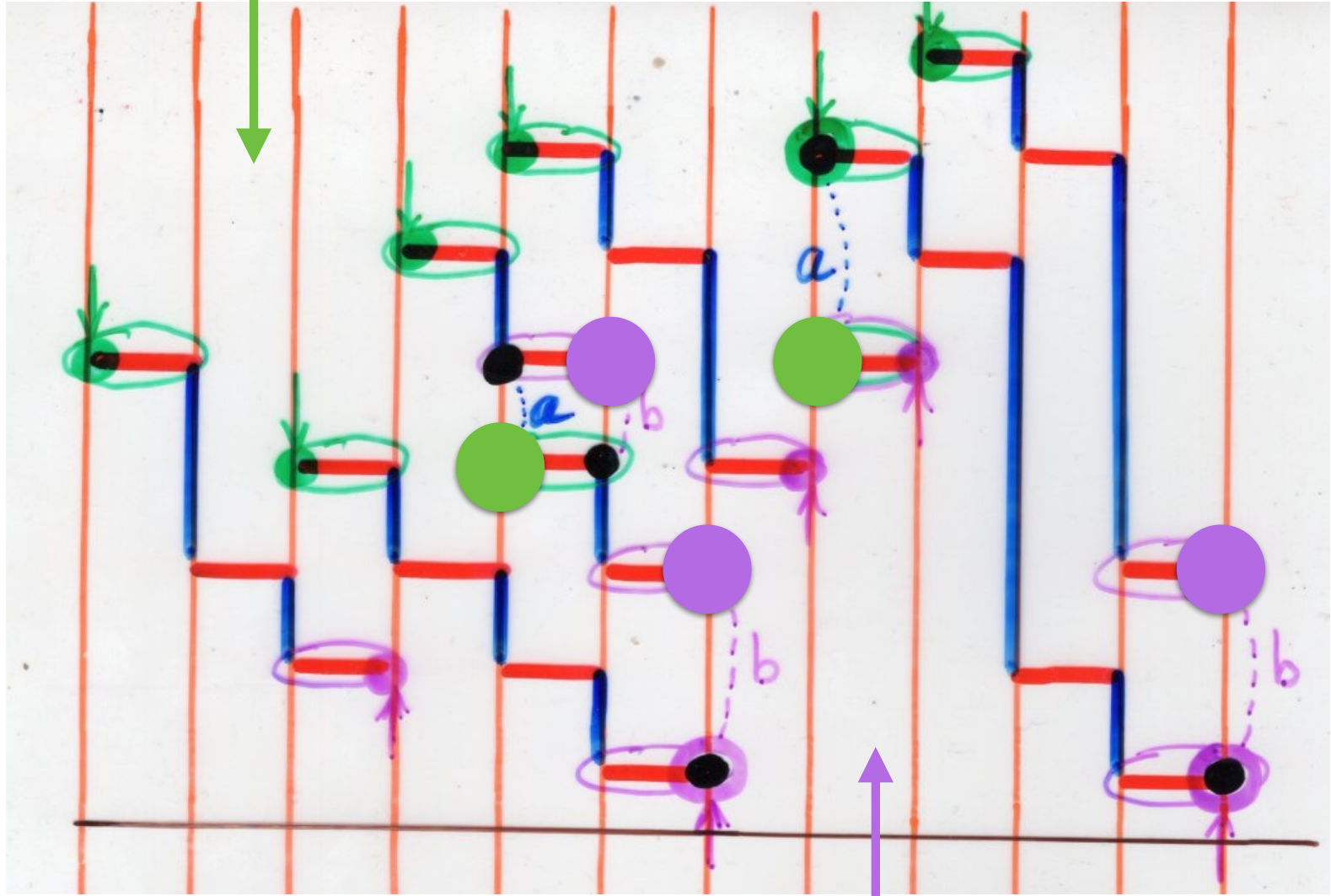


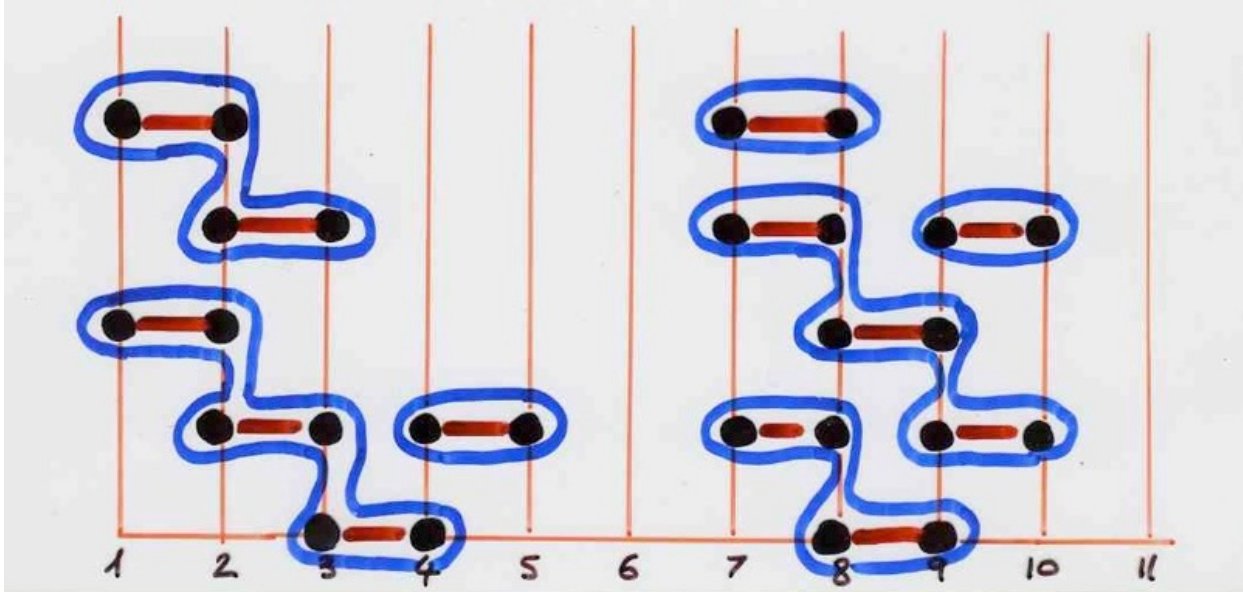




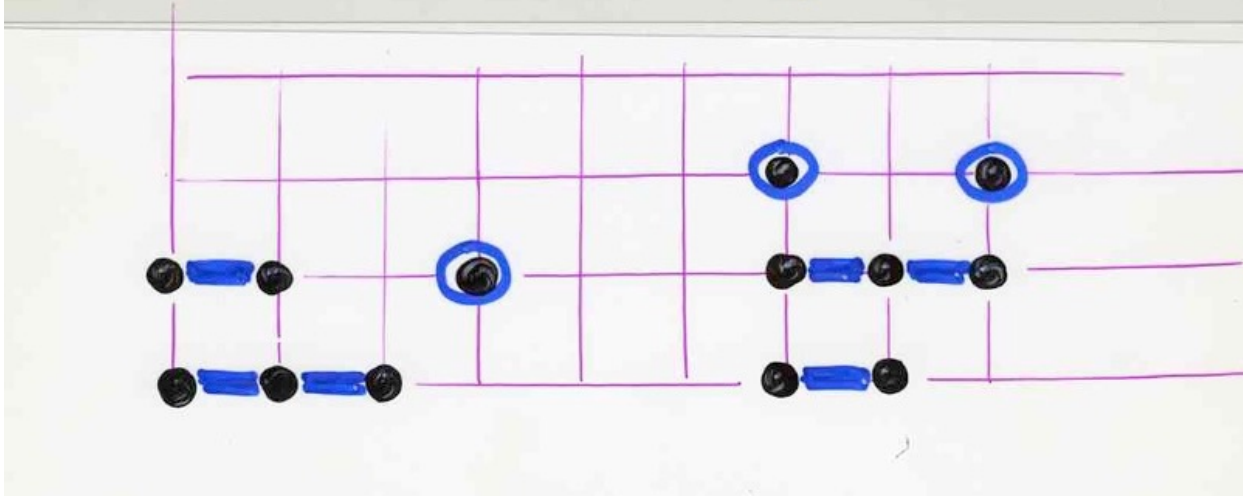


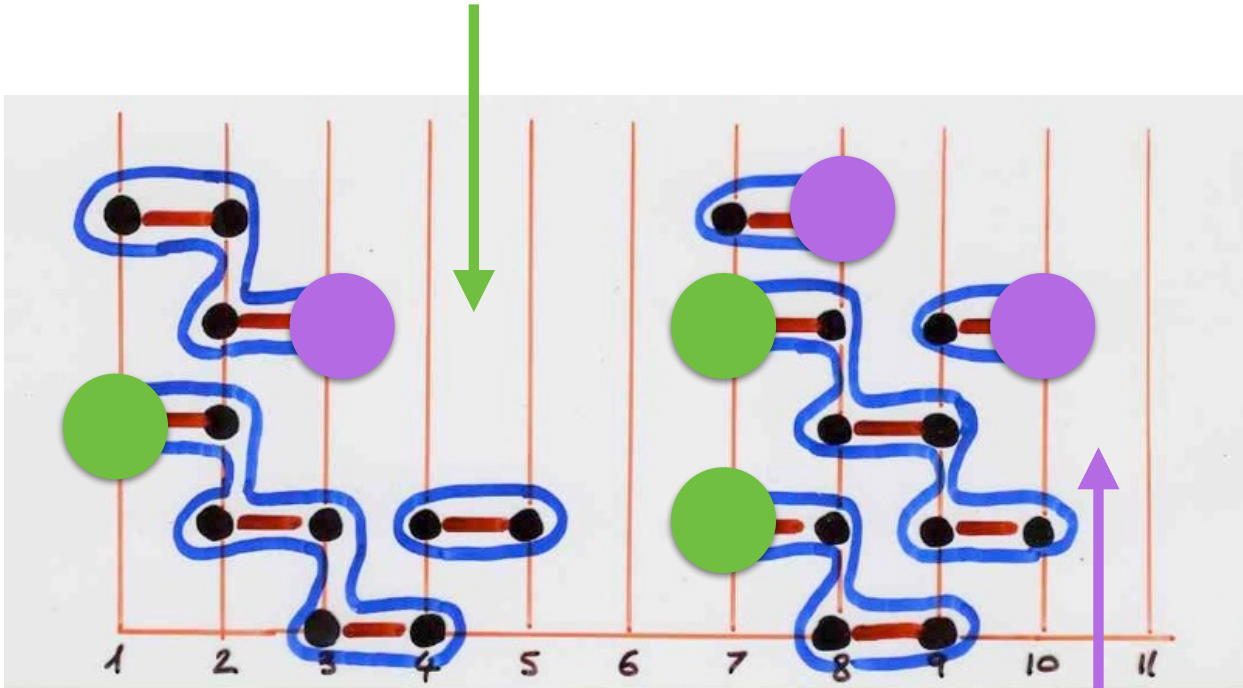




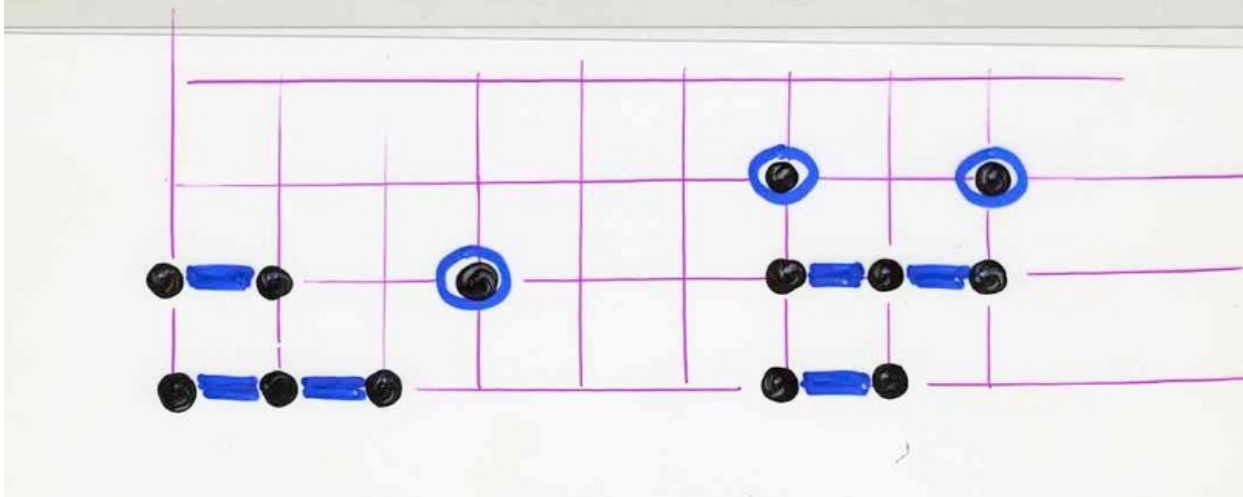


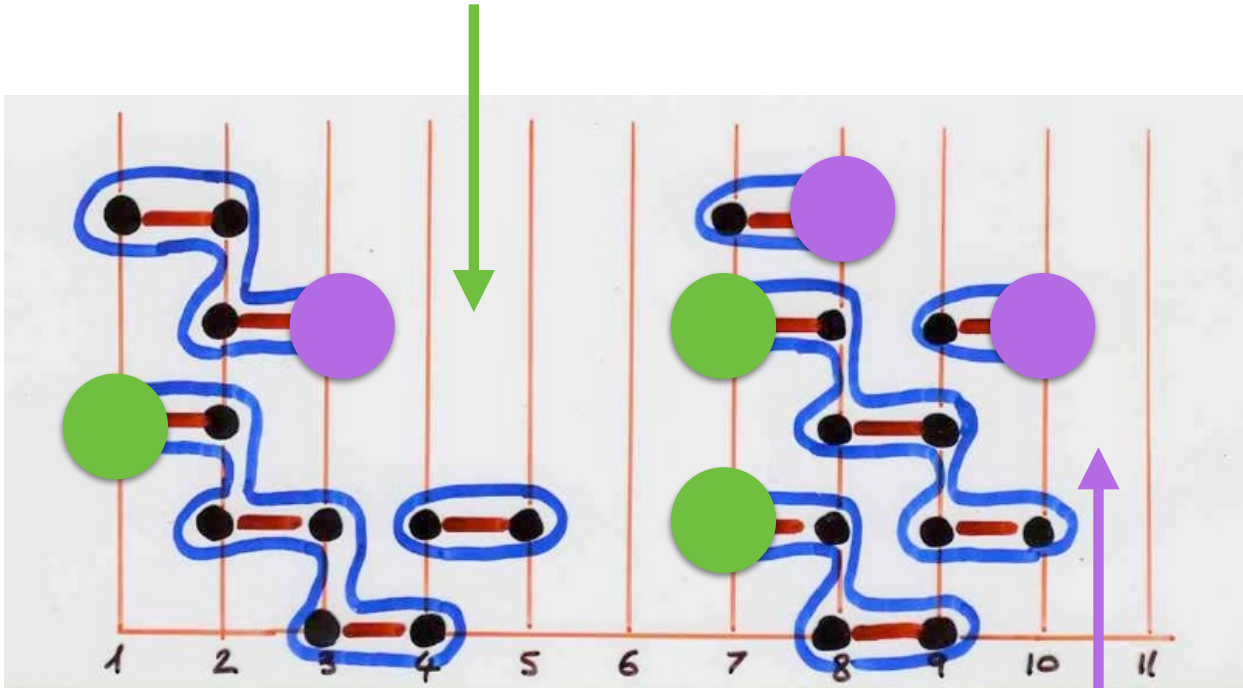
stairs decomposition



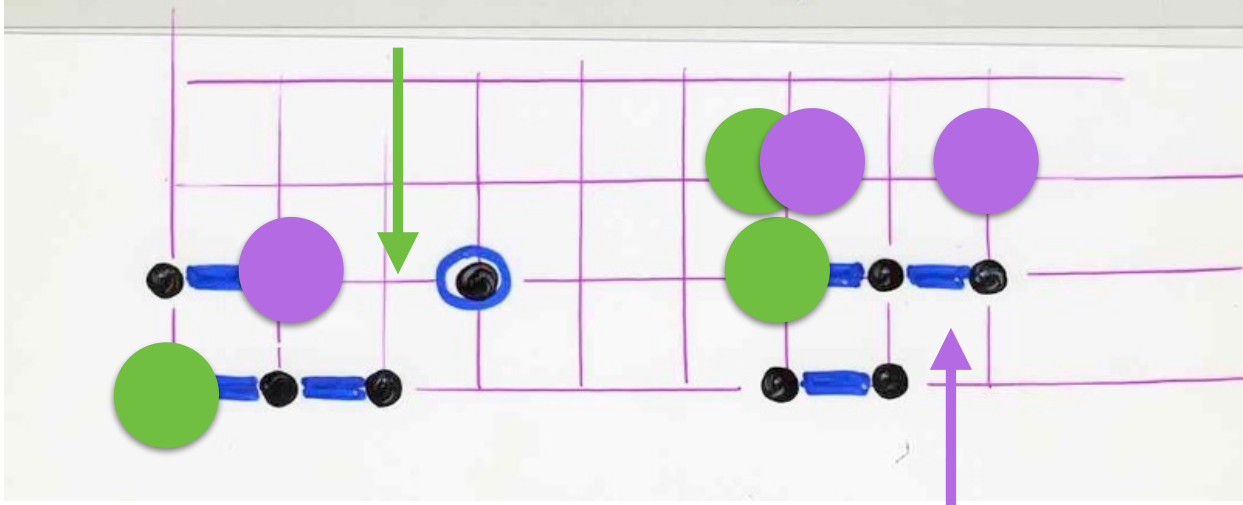


stairs decomposition





stairs decomposition





heaps of dimers  
on  $[0, n]$  with

$$\text{total curvature} = 0$$

$$\text{up-curvature} = 0$$

(or down-)

?

heaps of dimers  
on  $[0, n]$  with

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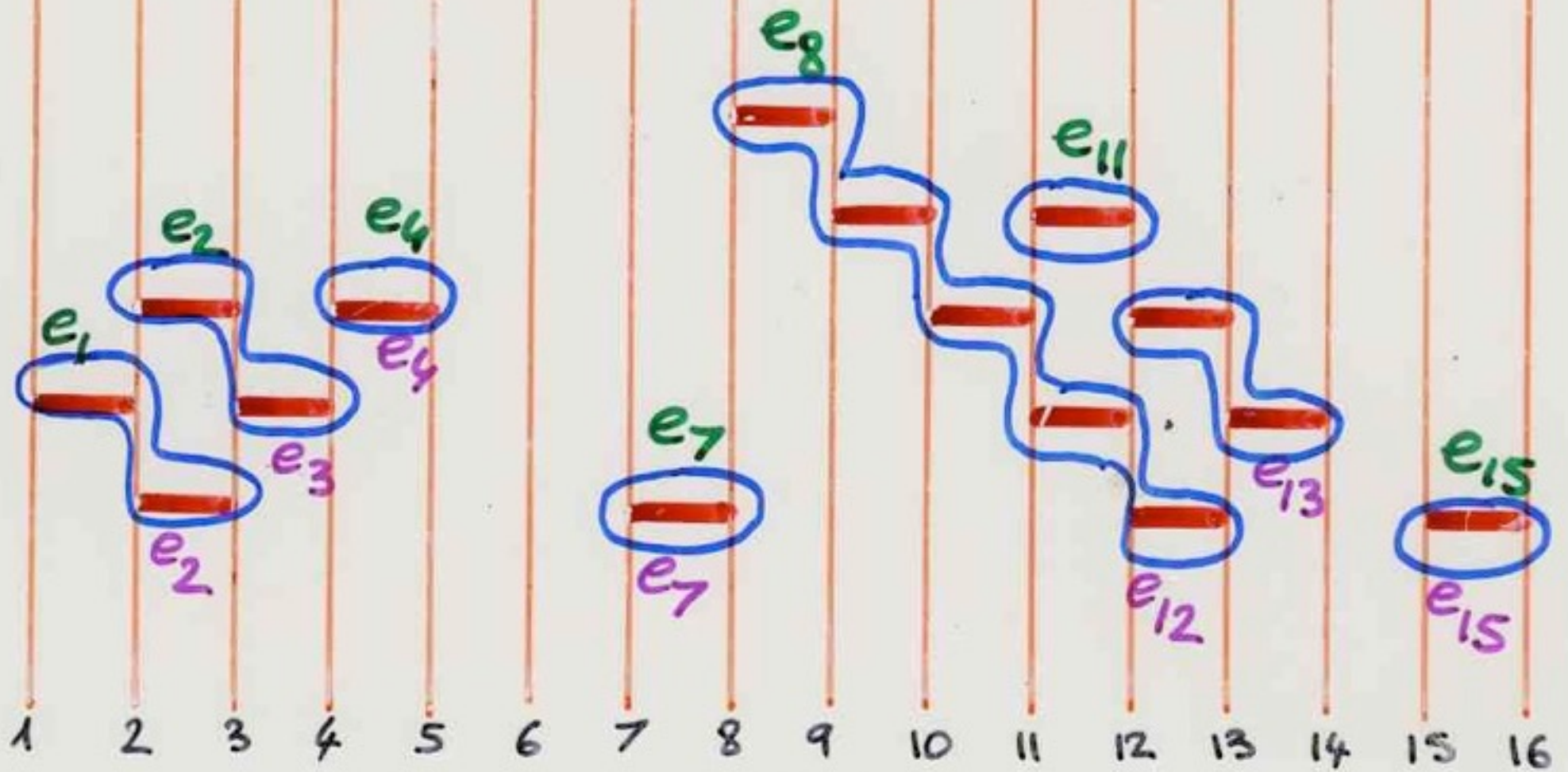
$$\text{up-curvature} = 0$$

(or down-)

number

$C_n$  Catalan  
number

$n!$



from Chapter 6a

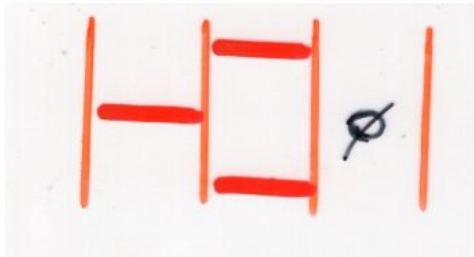
$$1 \leq \underset{\vee}{2} < \underset{\vee}{3} < \underset{\vee}{4} < \underset{\vee}{7} < \underset{\vee}{12} < \underset{\vee}{13} < \underset{\vee}{15} \leq n$$

$$1 < \underset{\vee}{2} < \underset{\vee}{4} < \underset{\vee}{7} < \underset{\vee}{8} < \underset{\vee}{11} < \underset{\vee}{15} \leq n$$

exercise

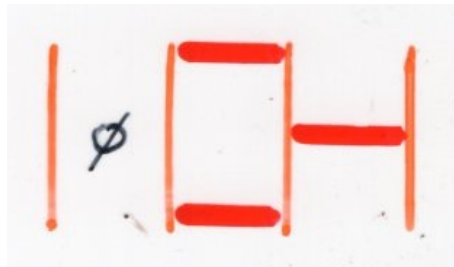
from Chapter 6a, p86

The number of **strict** **heaps** satisfying the condition:



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

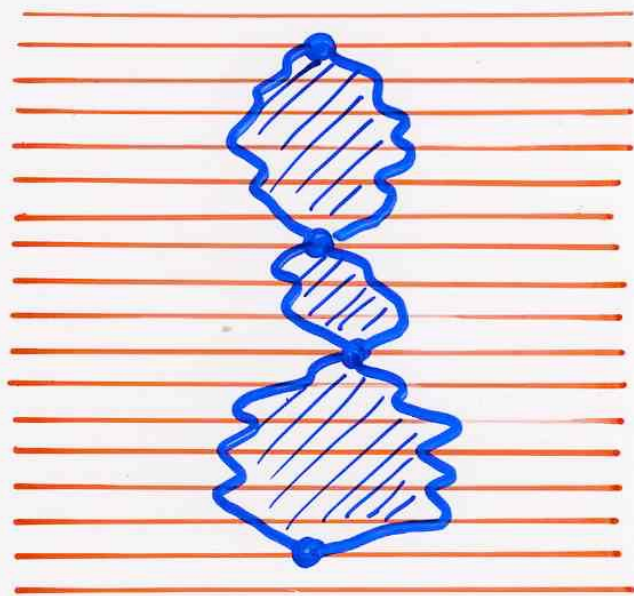
is  $n!$



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

Lorentzian triangulations  
in 2D quantum gravity

the nordic decomposition  
of a heap of dimers

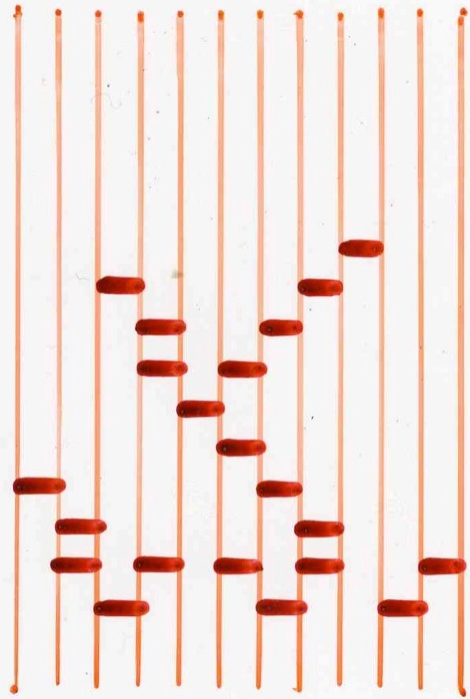


(general)  
Lorenzian  
triangulation

Lorentzian  
triangulation  
with no  
articulation  
points

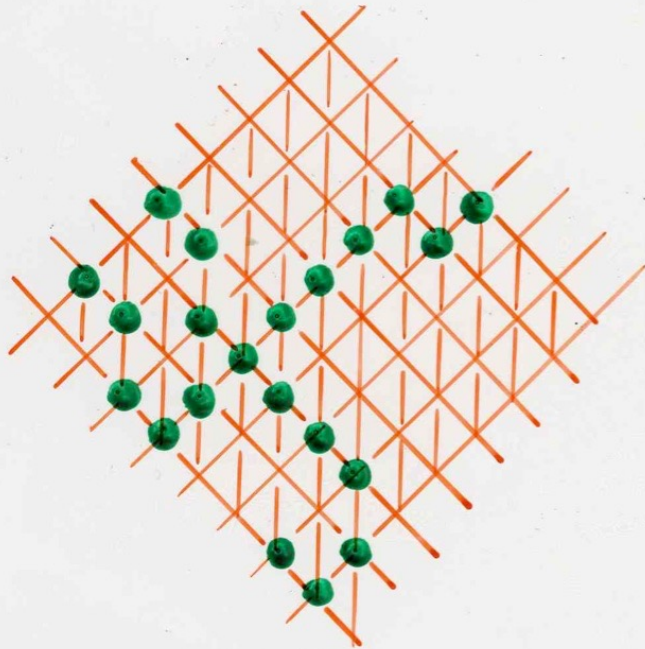


connected  
heap  
of  
dimers



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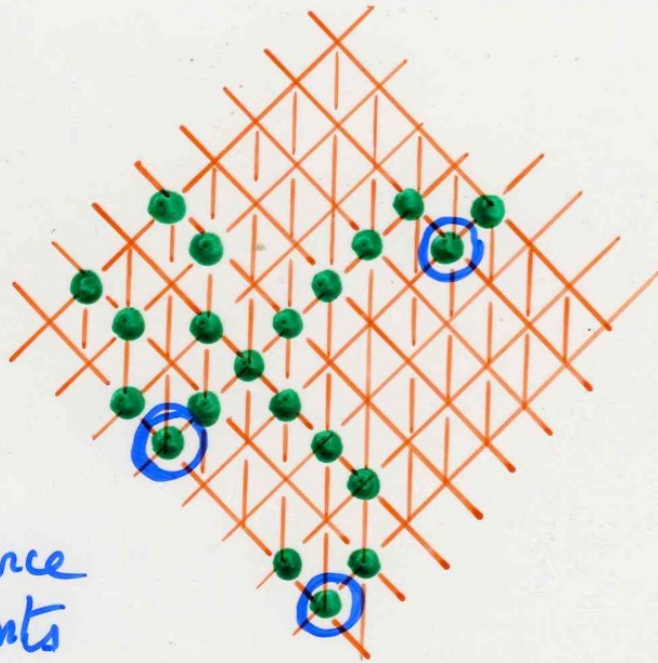




multidirected  
animal

(triangular  
lattice)

(Bousquet-Mélou,  
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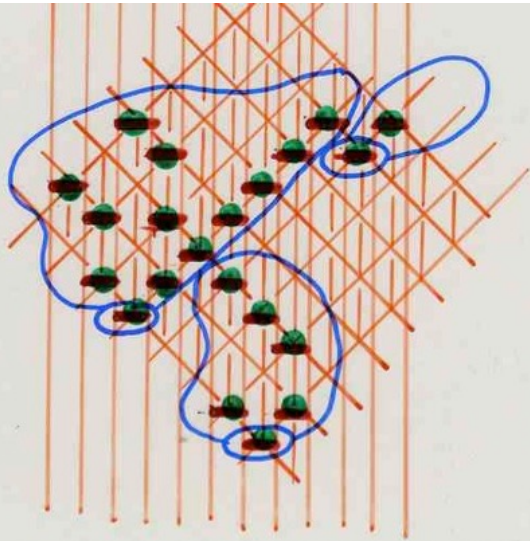


source  
points

# multidirected animal

(triangular  
lattice)

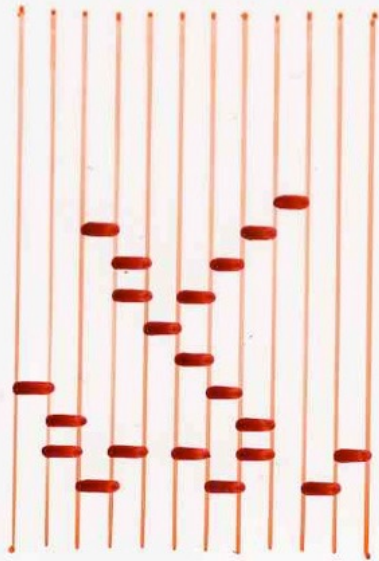
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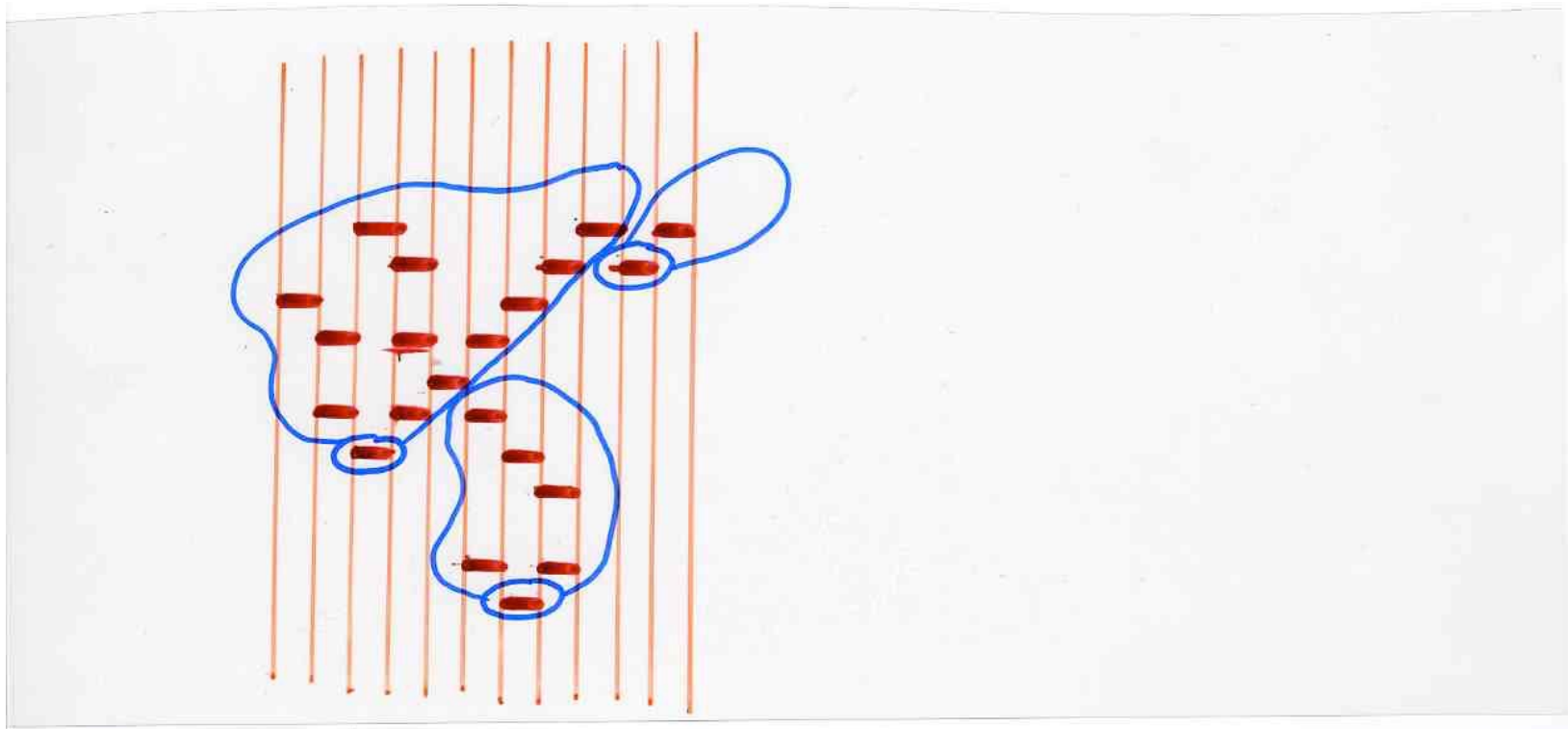
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connected  
heap  
of  
dimers



$$Q(t) = \frac{1 - 2t - \sqrt{1 - 4t}}{2t}$$

generating function for  
half-pyramid  $(\neq \emptyset)$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 1} C_n t^n$$

Catalan

$C(t)$

g.f.

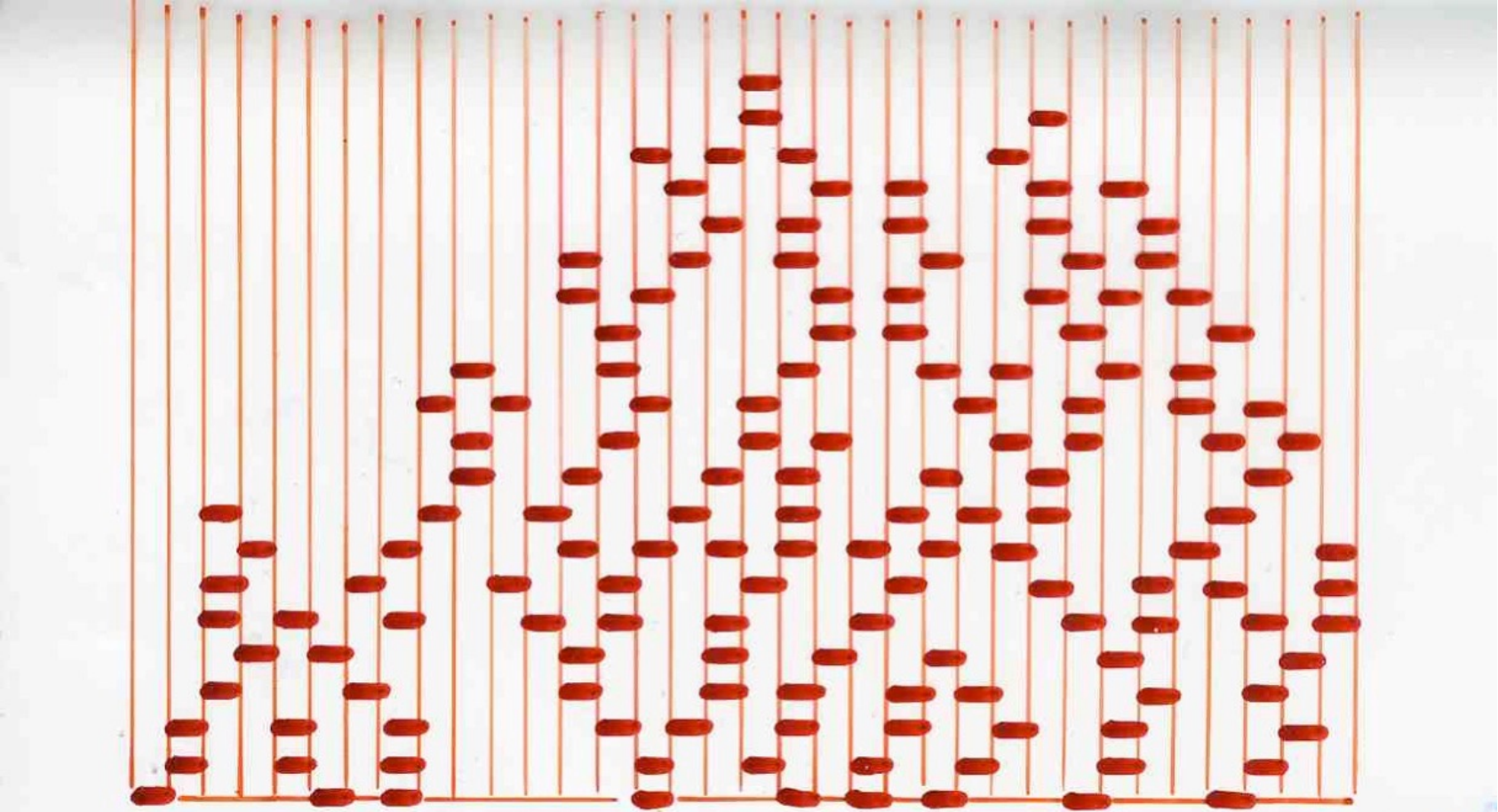
connected  
heap

Bousquet-Mélou, Rechnitzer (2002)

$$C(t) = \frac{Q}{(1-Q) \left[ 1 - \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{Q^{k+1}}{1 - Q^k (1+Q)} \right]}$$

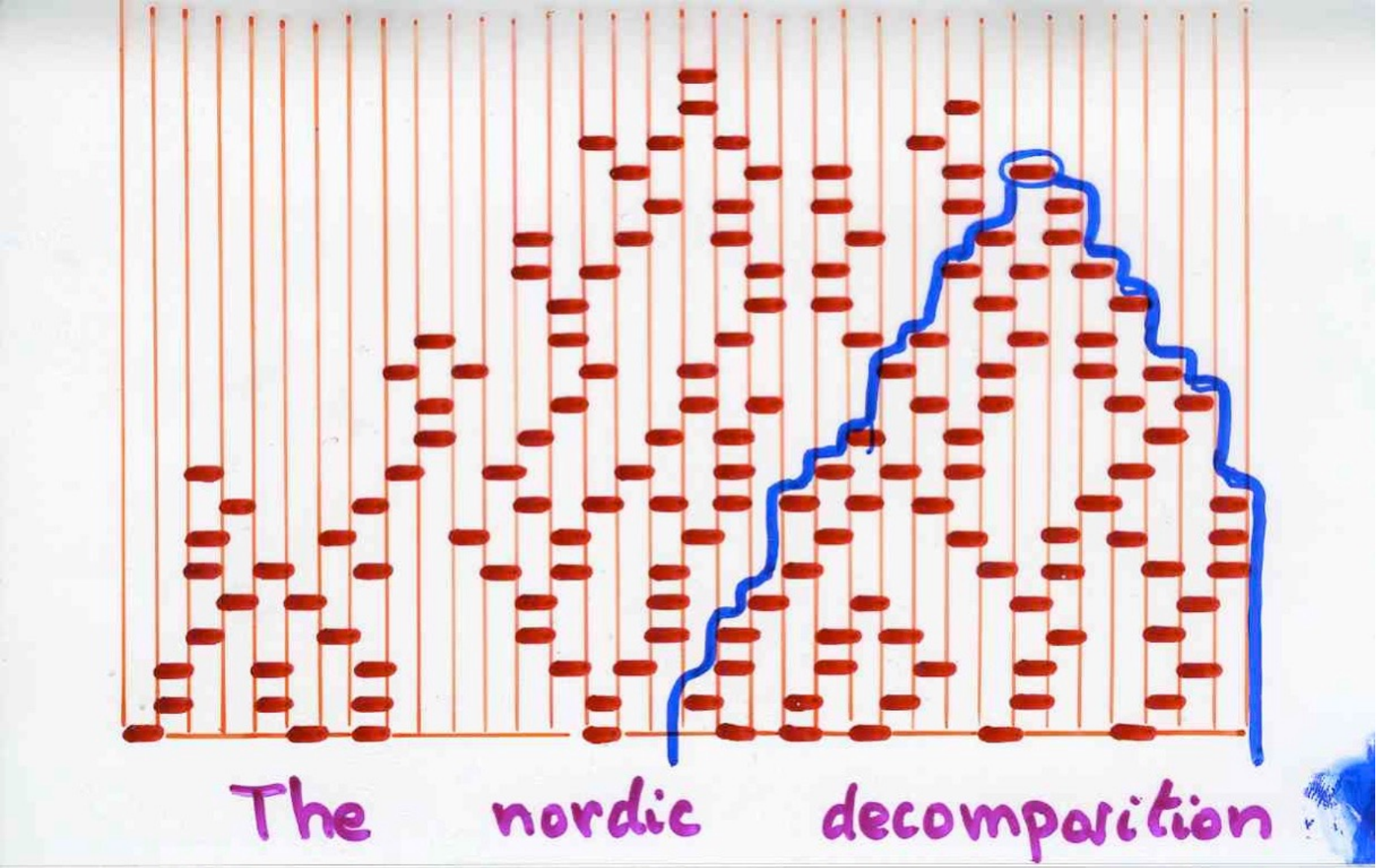
$$\begin{aligned}
 C &= \frac{Q}{(1-Q) \left[ 1 - \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{Q^{k+1} (1+Q)^{-k-1}}{1-Q^k} \right]} \\
 &= \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{Q^{k+1}}{1-Q^k (1+Q)}
 \end{aligned}$$

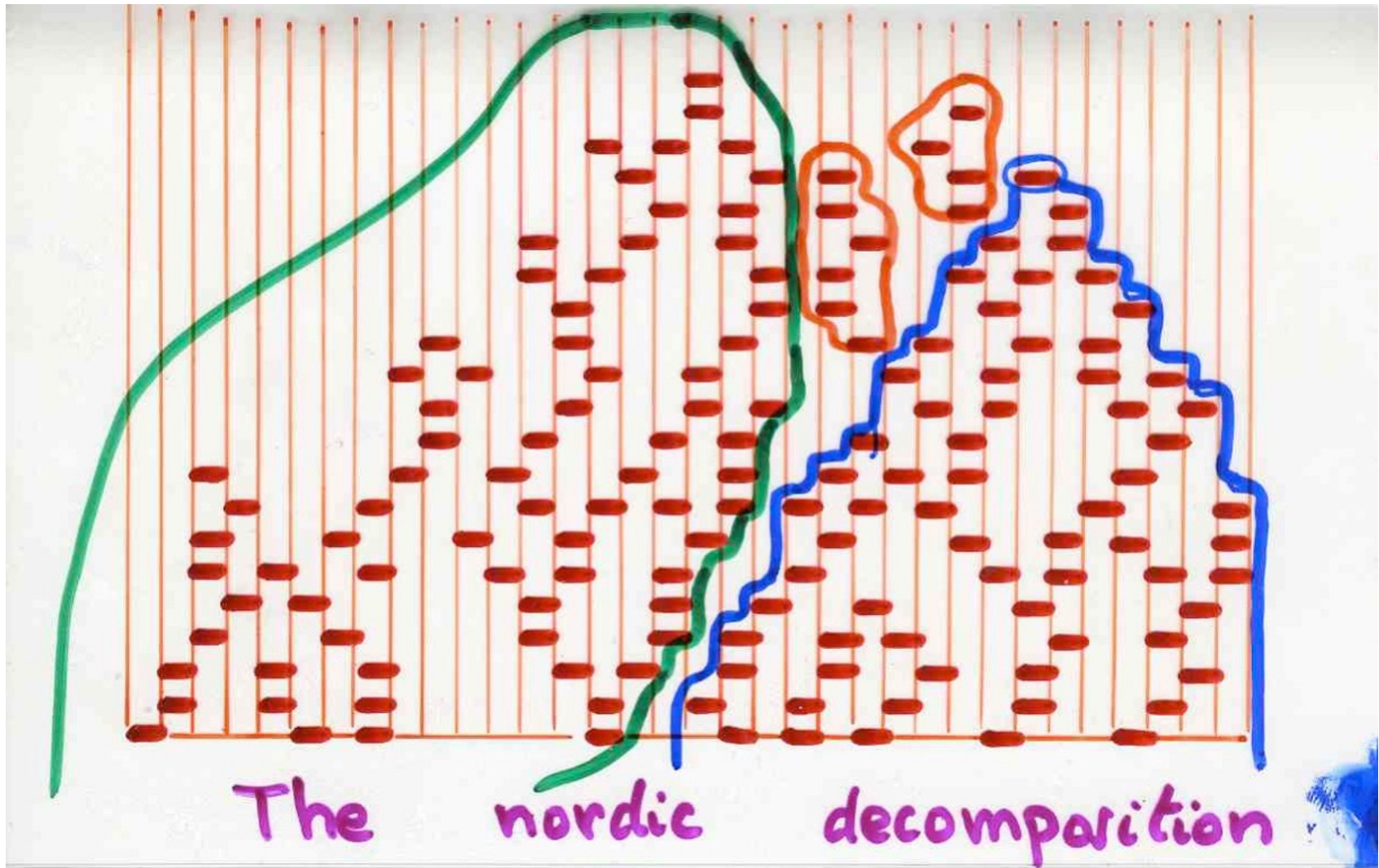
bijective proof  
 X.v. (2005)

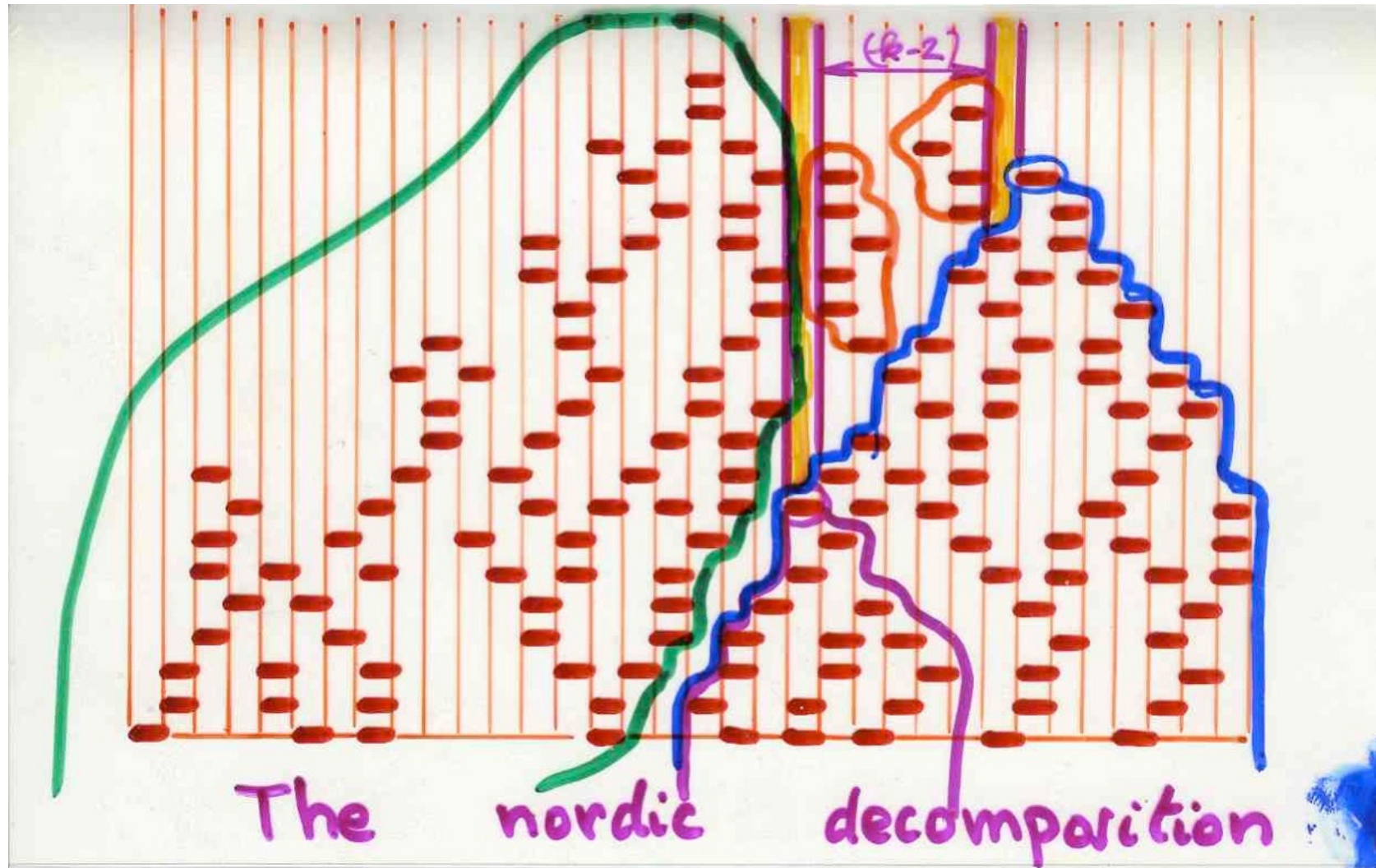


The nordic decomposition

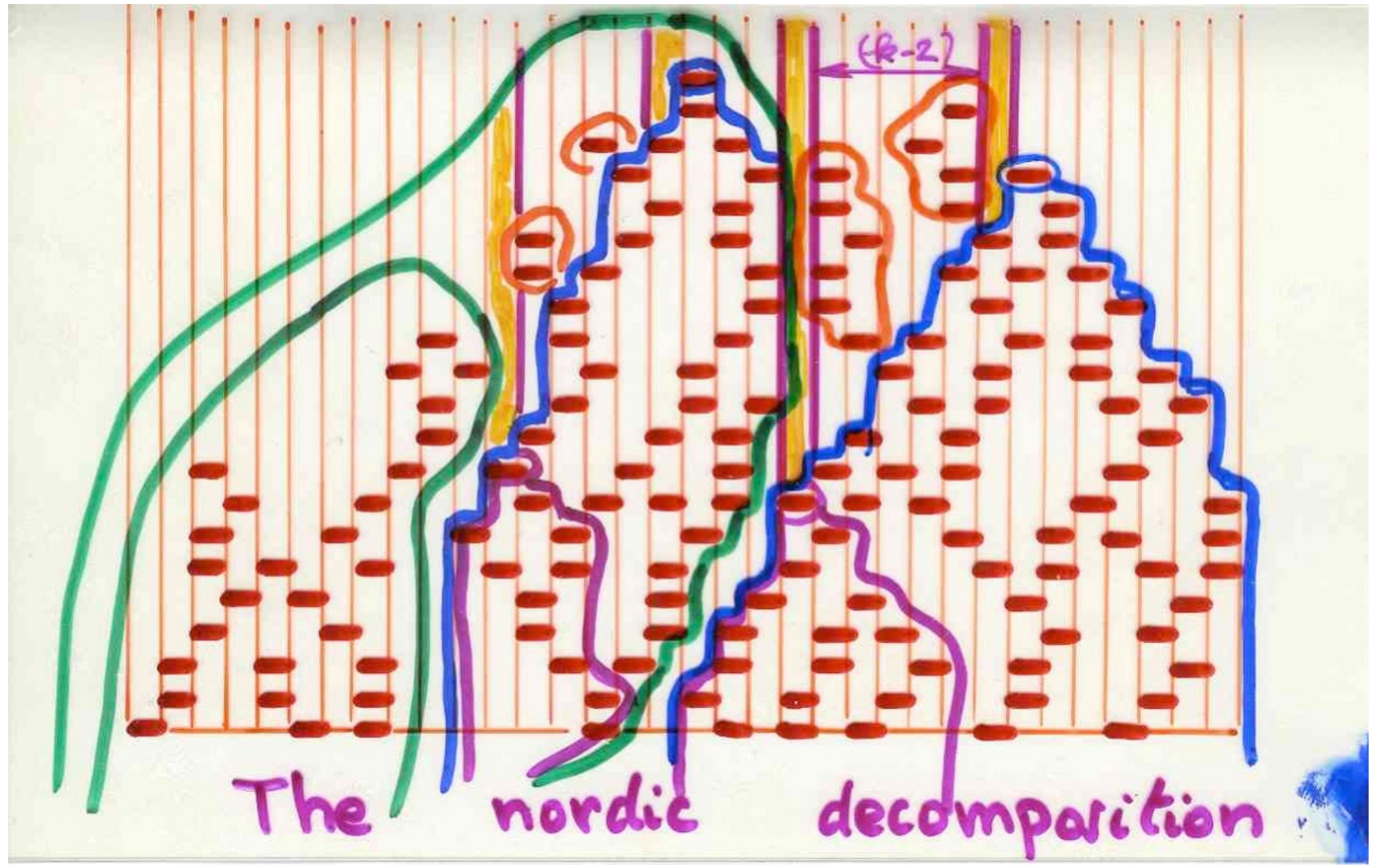


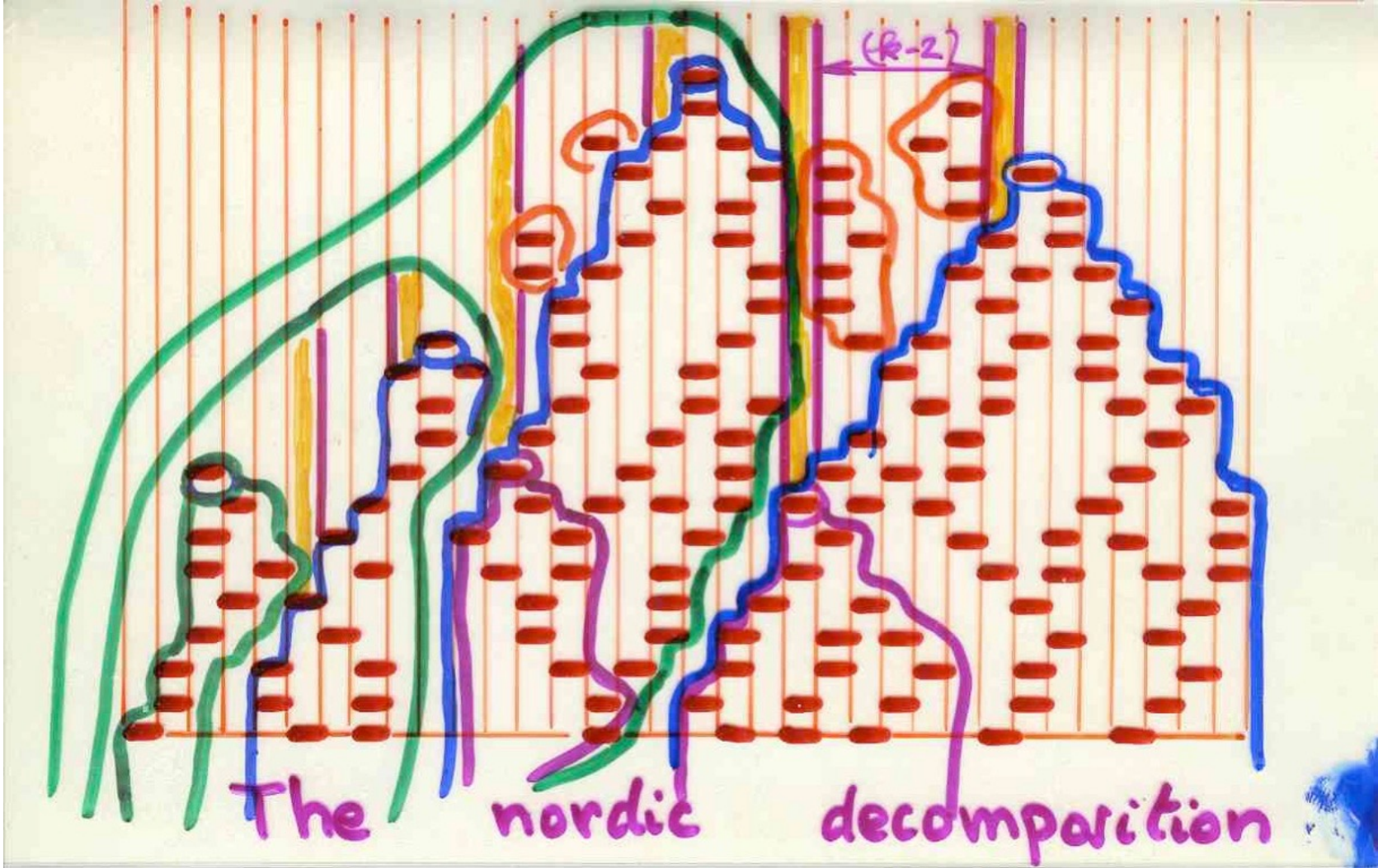






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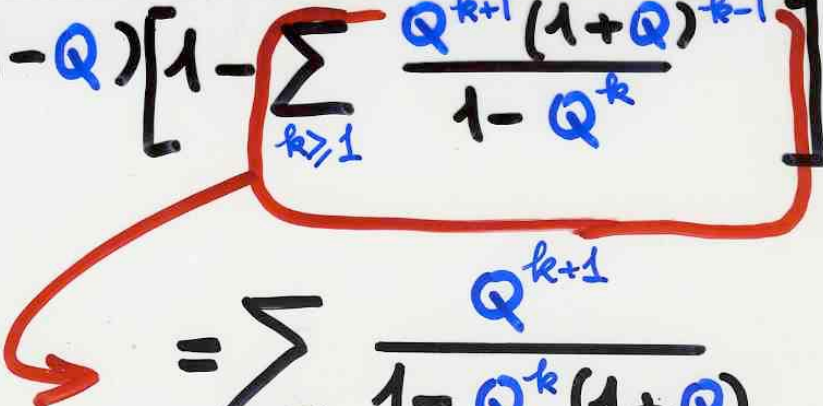
$$C = \frac{Q}{1-Q} \times \frac{1}{\left[ 1 - \left( \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{Q}{1-Q} \times Q^k \times \frac{1}{F_{k-1}} \right) \right]}$$

connected heap

$$F_n = \frac{(1-Q^{n+1})}{(1-Q)(1+Q)^n}$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{(1-Q) \left[ 1 - \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{Q^{k+1} (1+Q)^{k-1}}{1-Q^k} \right]}$$



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$$= \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{Q^{k+1}}{1-Q^k (1+Q)}$$





solution exercise Ch2b, p103

Fibonacci polynomials  
and

generating function of Catalan numbers

notations

$$D = 1 + Q$$

generating function of Catalan numbers

$$Q(t) = \frac{1 - 2t - \sqrt{1 - 4t}}{2t}$$

generating function for  
half-pyramid ( $\neq \emptyset$ )

$$= \sum_{n \geq 1} C_n t^n$$

Catalan

$F_n(t)$

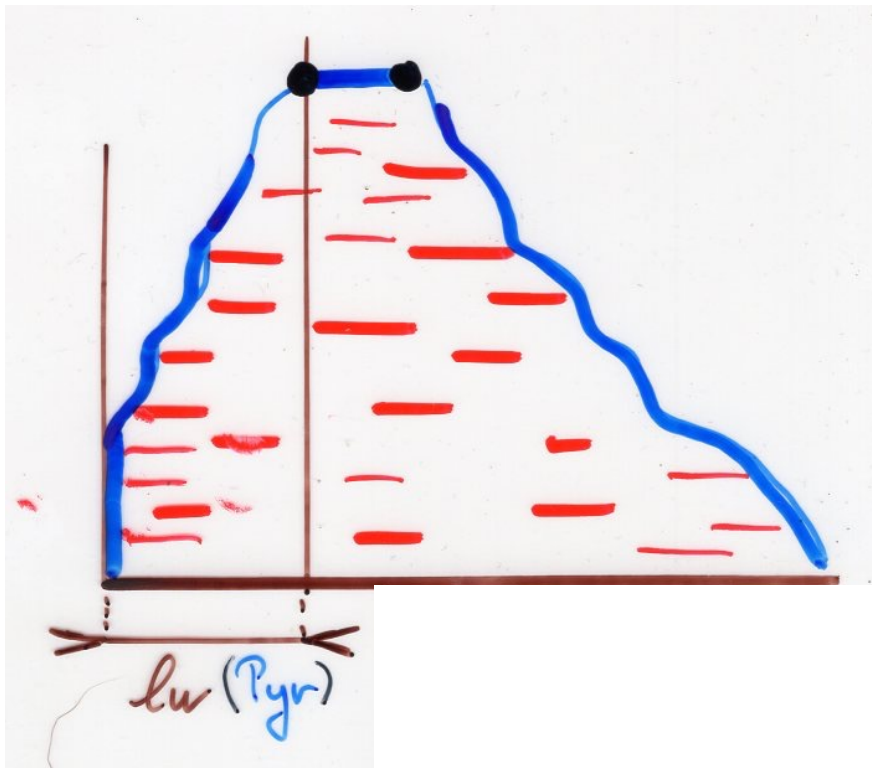
$n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci polynomial

we want to prove  
the following identity.

$$F_n = \frac{(1 - Q^{n+1})}{(1 - Q)(1 + Q)^n}$$



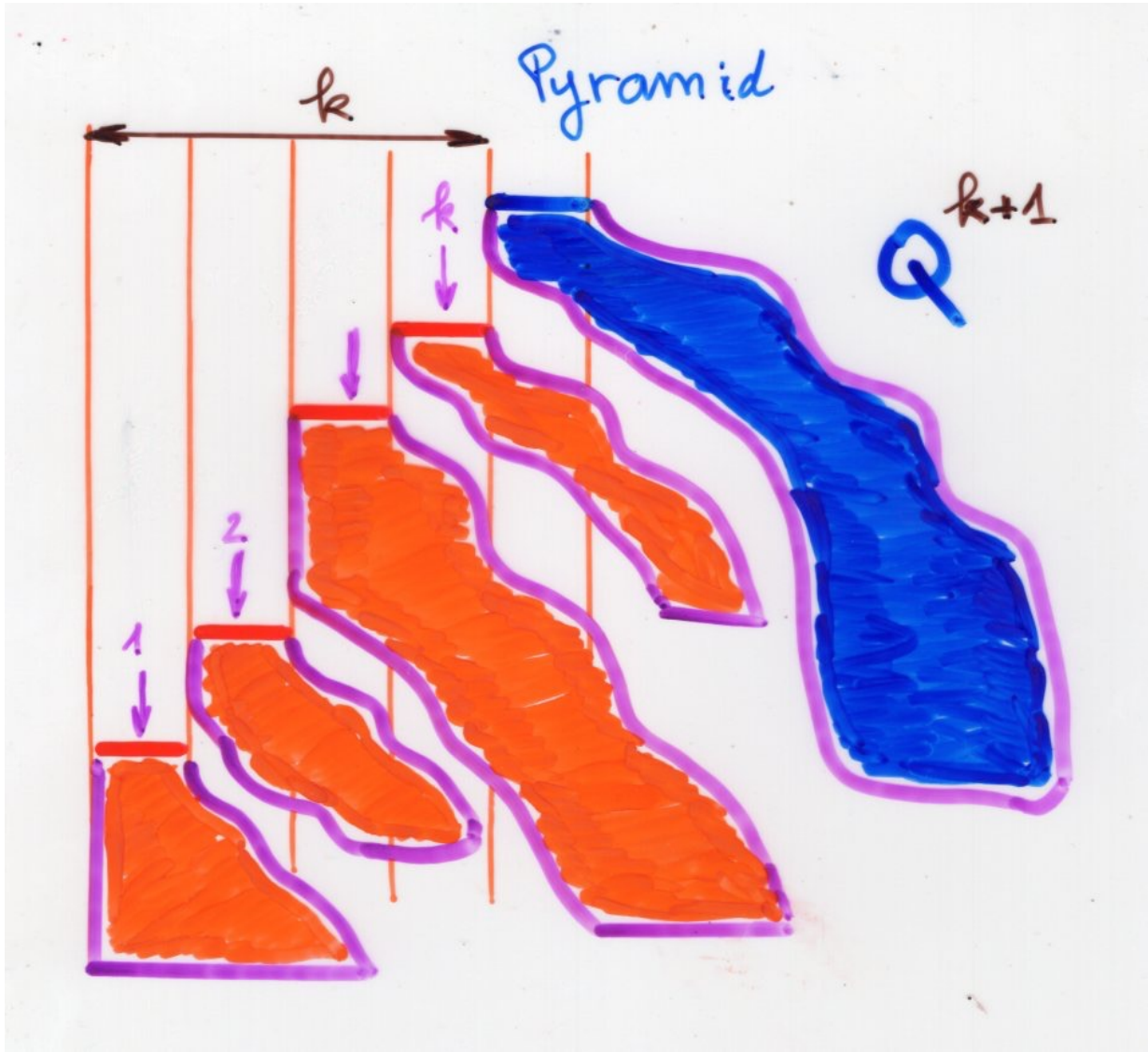
$$\underbrace{(1 + Q)^n}_{D_n} = \frac{1}{F_n} \times (1 + Q + \dots + Q^n)$$



semi-pyramid:  
 $lw(Pyr) = 0$

left-width  
of a  
pyramid  
of dimers  
 $lw(Pyr)$

a) Prove that the generating function  
of (non-empty) pyramids of dimers  $Pyr$   
with left-width  $lw(Pyr) = k$ , is equal to  
 $Q^{k+1}$



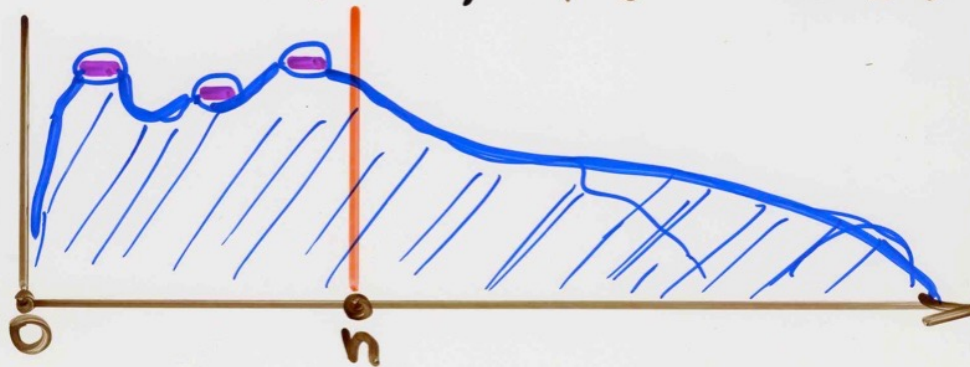


b)

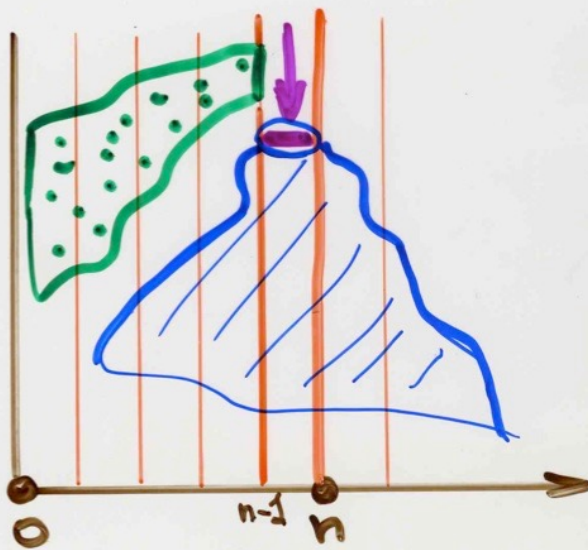
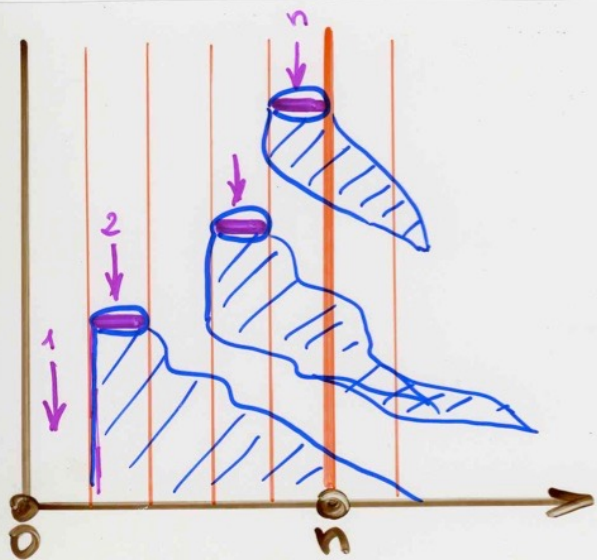
Prove that both sides of the  
*identity* are the *generating function*  
of :

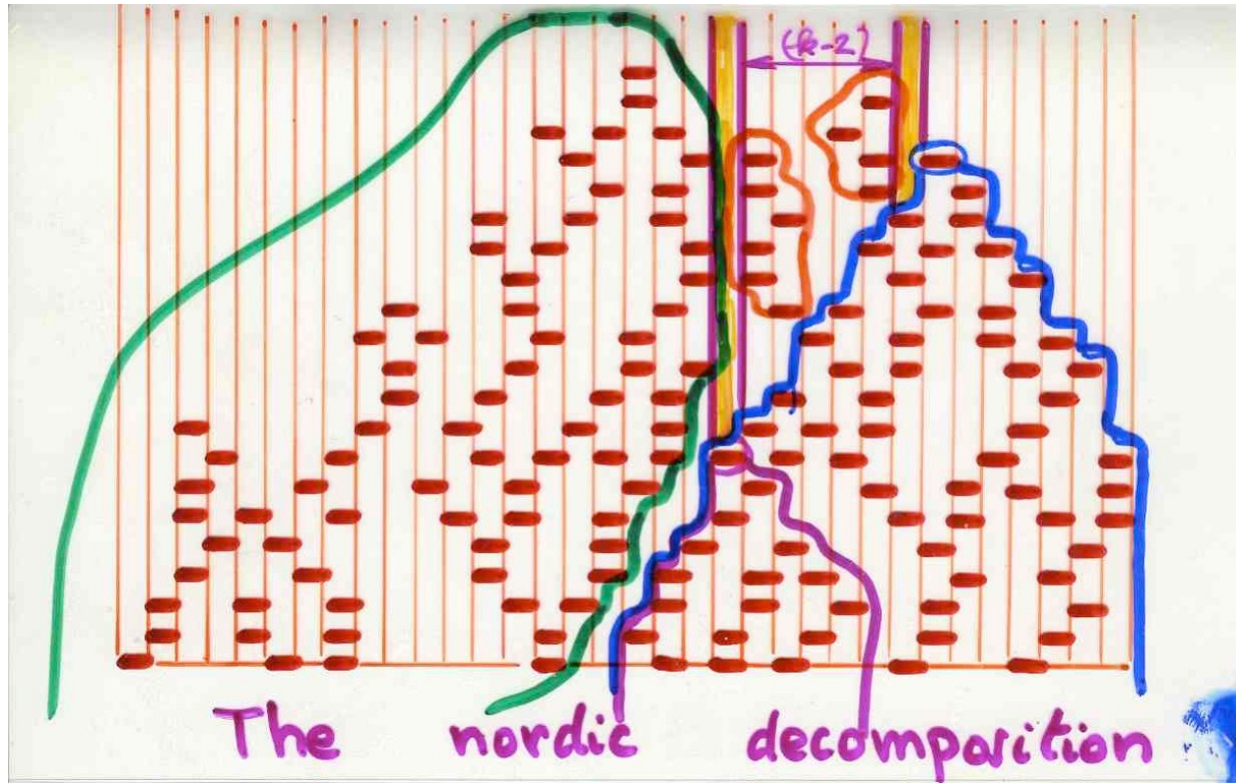
$$\underbrace{(1+Q)^n}_{D^n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}} \times (1+Q+\dots+Q^n)$$

heaps of dimers on  $[0, \infty[$   
maximal pieces, projection  $\subseteq [0, n]$

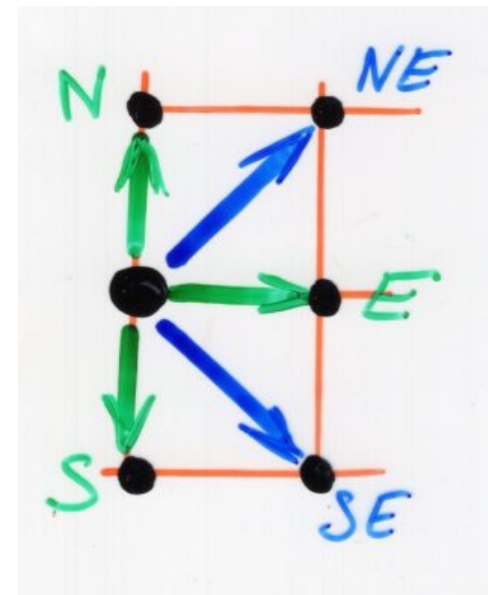


$$\underbrace{(1+Q)^n}_{D^n} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \times (1+Q+\dots+Q^n)$$



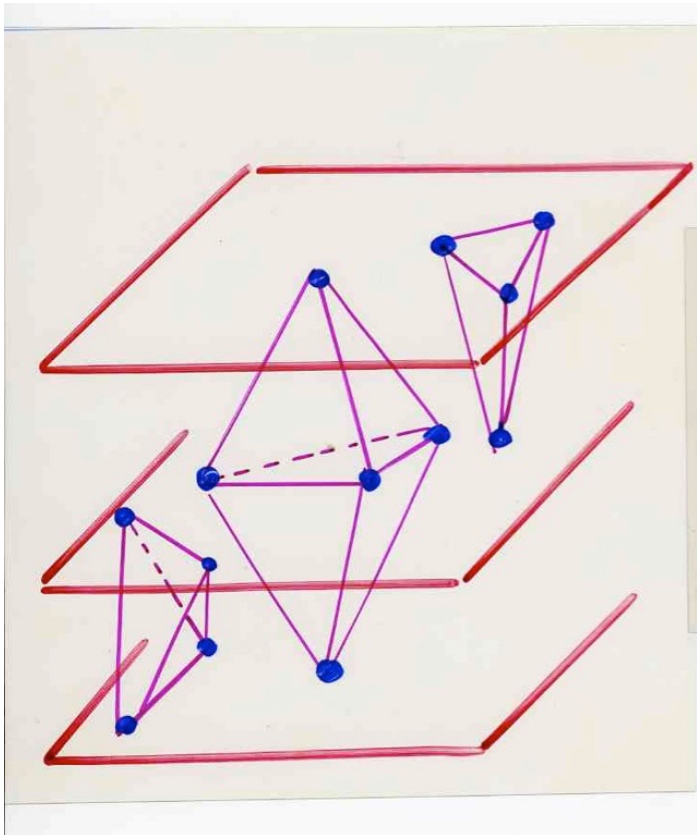


A. Bacher (2016)  
 partially directed animals



Lorentzian quantum gravity

$(1+1) + 1$  dimension



3d

4d

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Benedetti, Loll, Zamponi (2007)

arXiv: 0704.3214

Benedetti, thesis (2007)

arXiv: 0707.3070

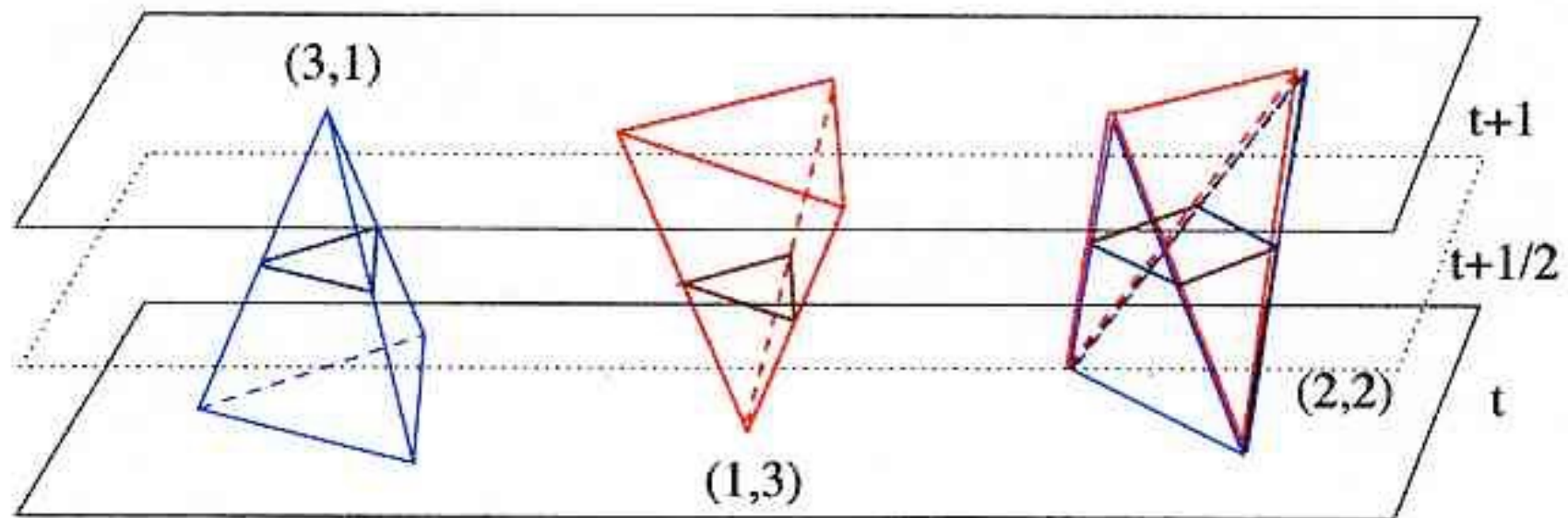
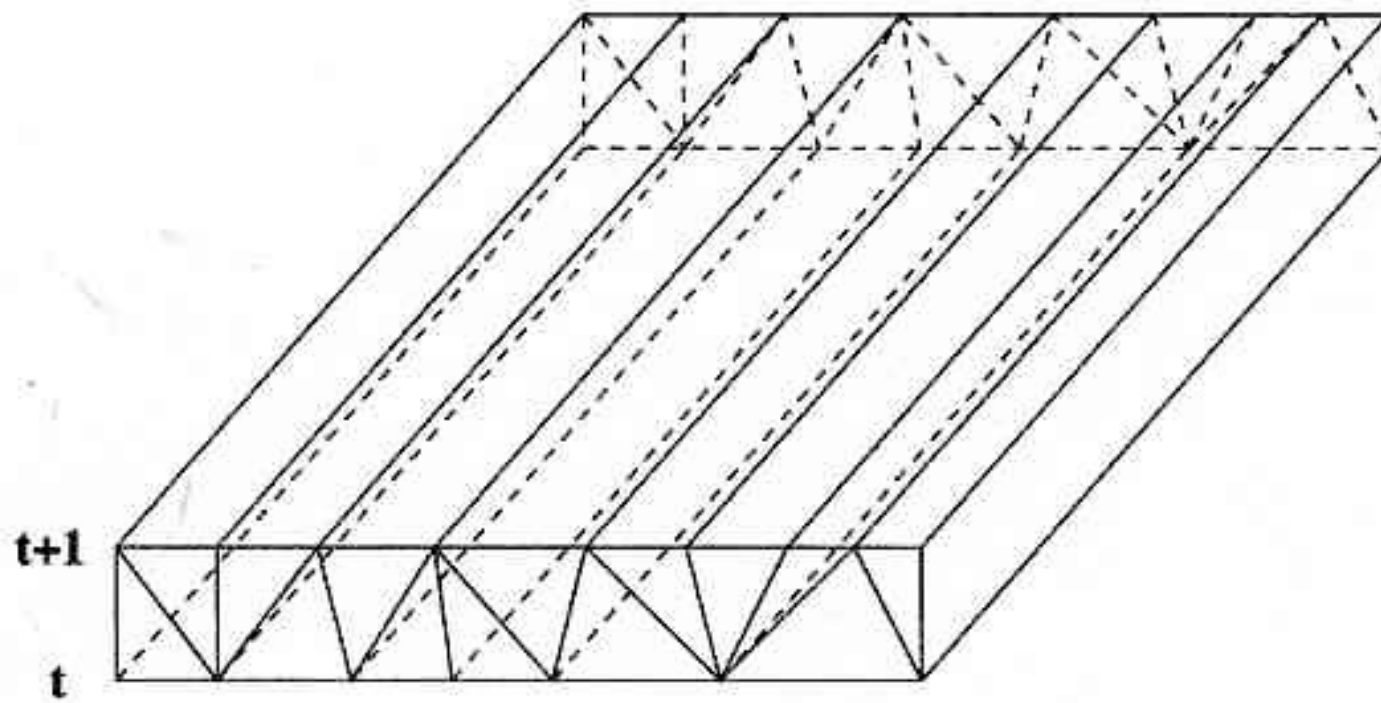


Figure 4: The three types of tetrahedral building blocks and their intersections at time  $t + 1/2$ .





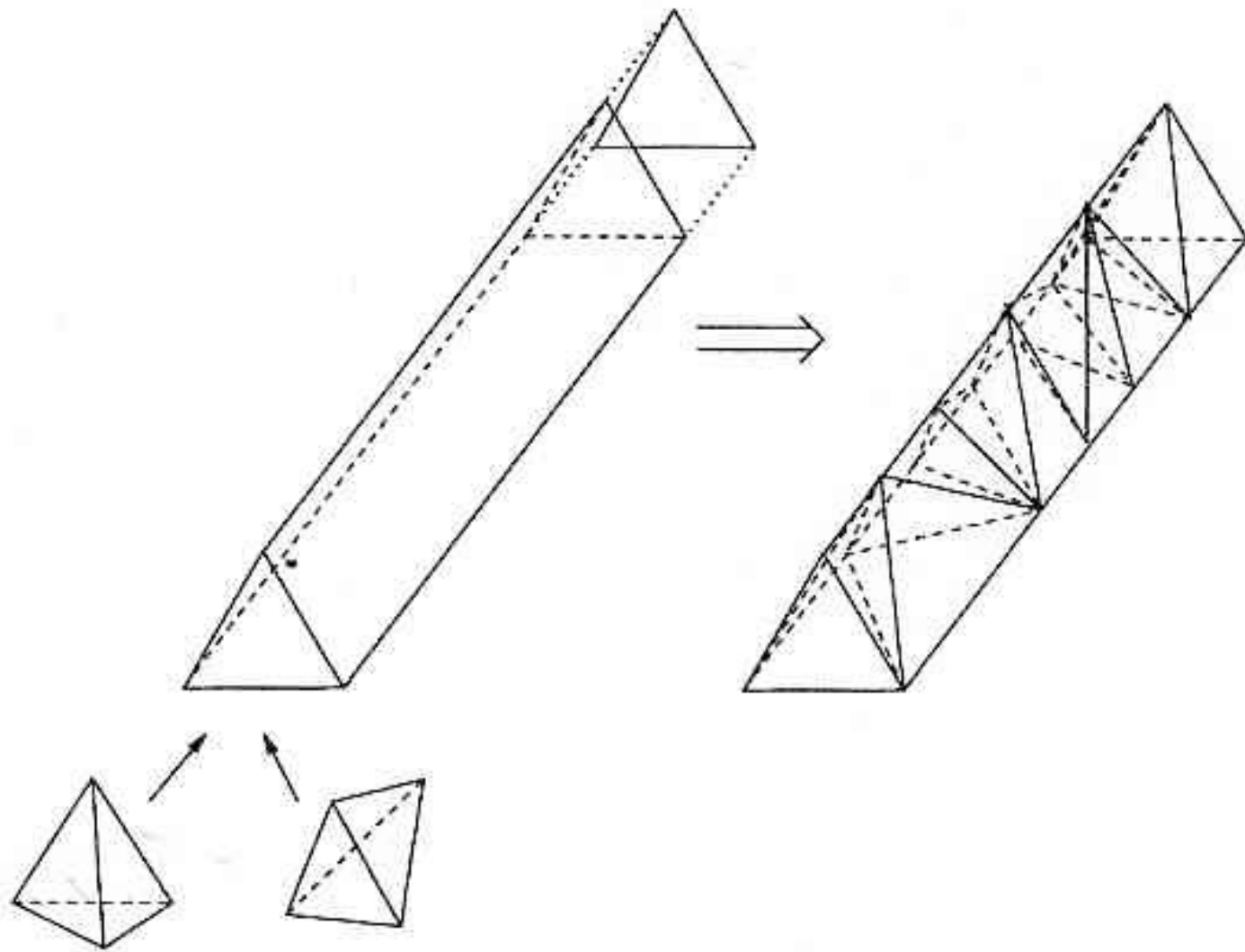
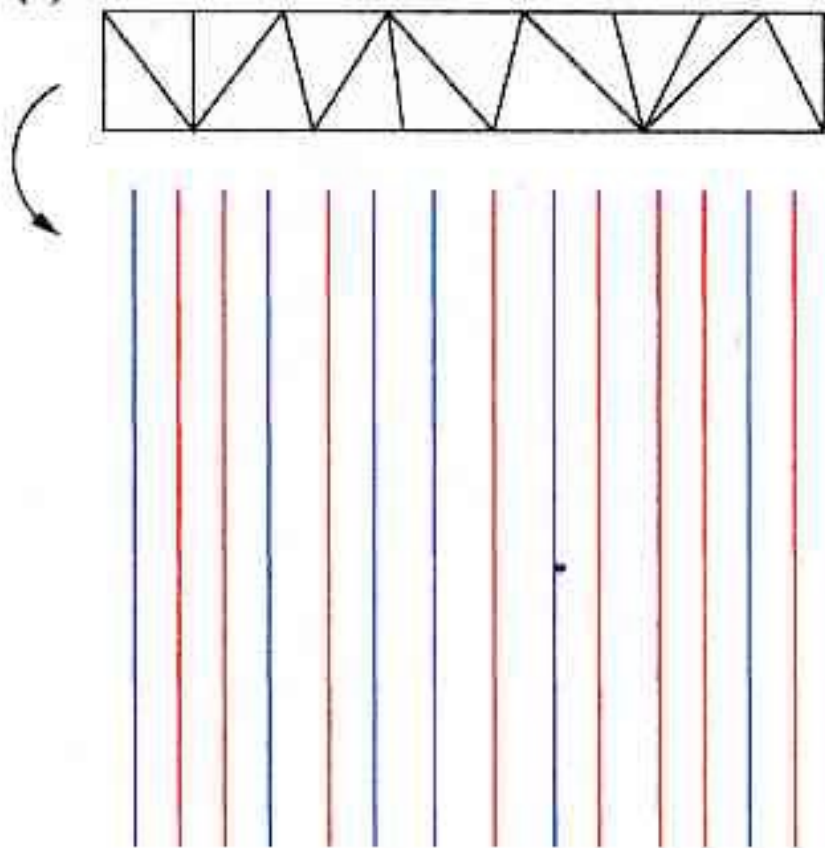
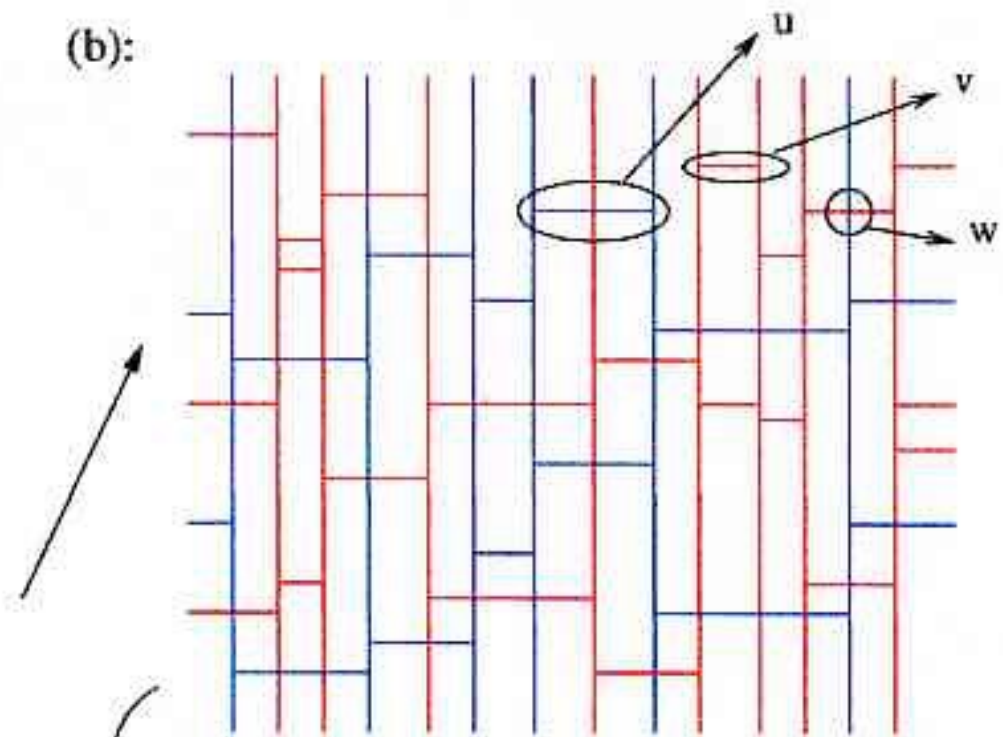


Figure 2: A triangulated prism constructed as a tower over a two-dimensional triangle.

(a):



(b):



(c):



