

Trees in various sciences

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The mathematical beauty of trees

The renaissance of combinatorics
and visual mathematics

From classical physics to quantum gravity

Trees in nature ...
trees everywhere





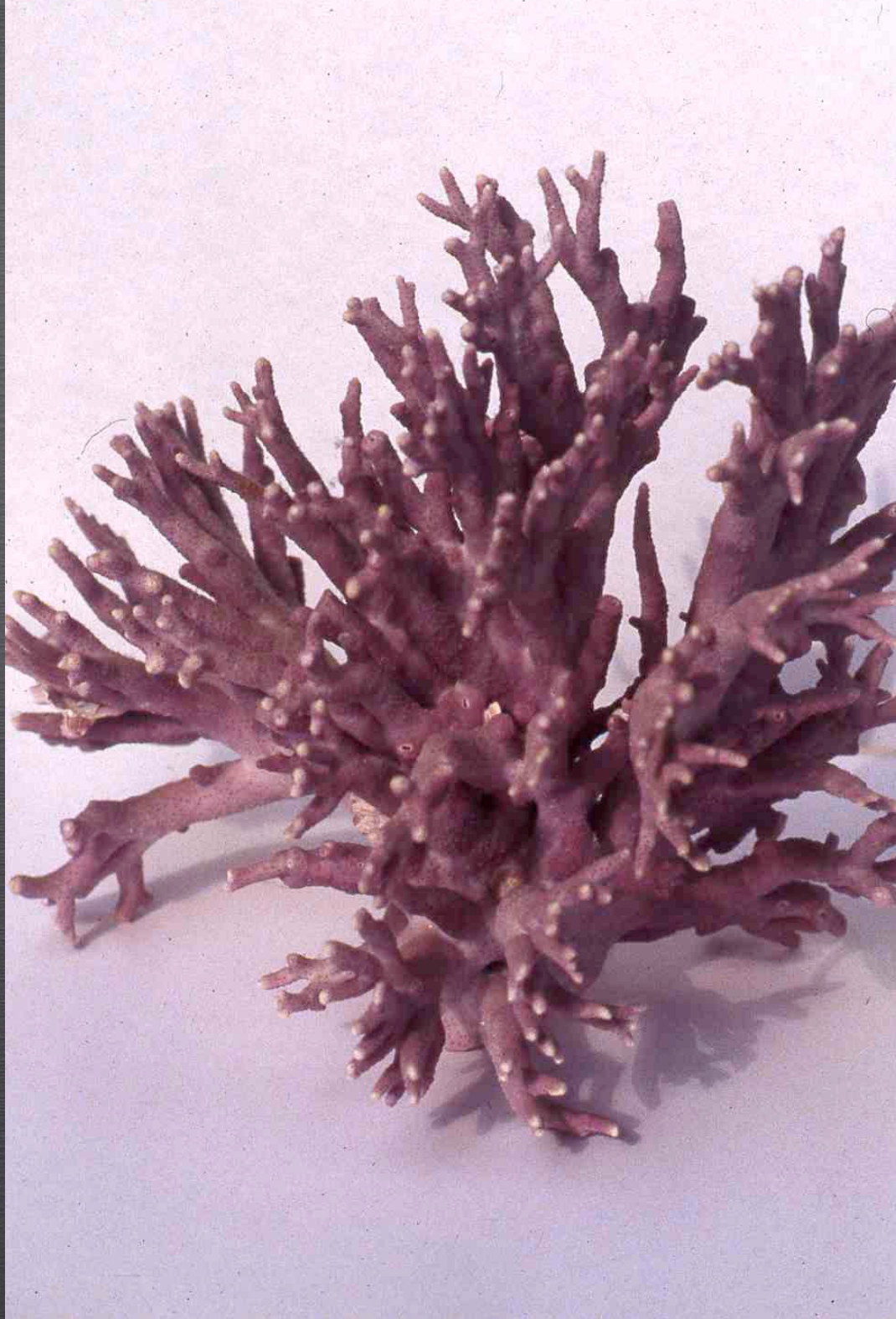












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ELECTROLYSIS DEPOSITS

VINCENT FLEURY



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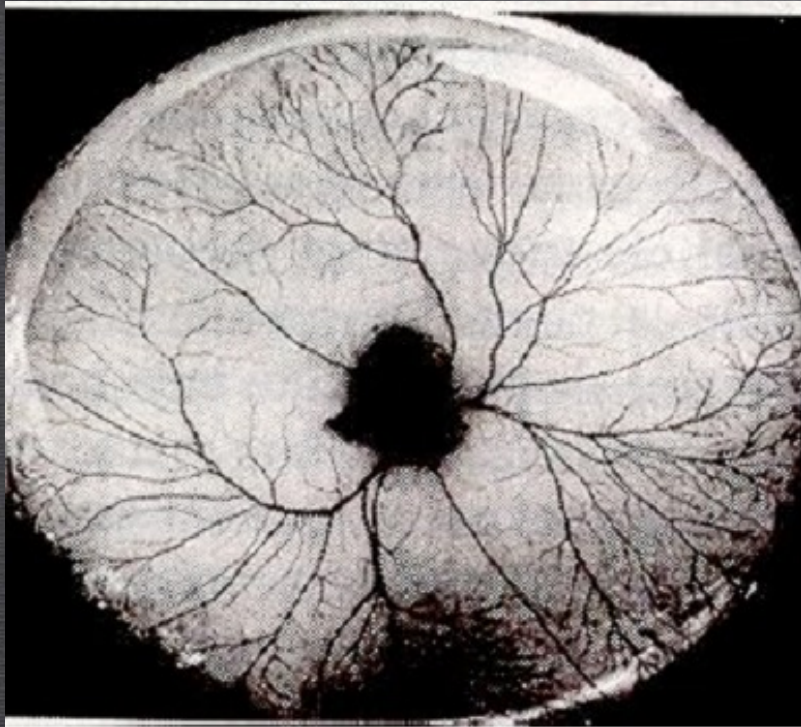
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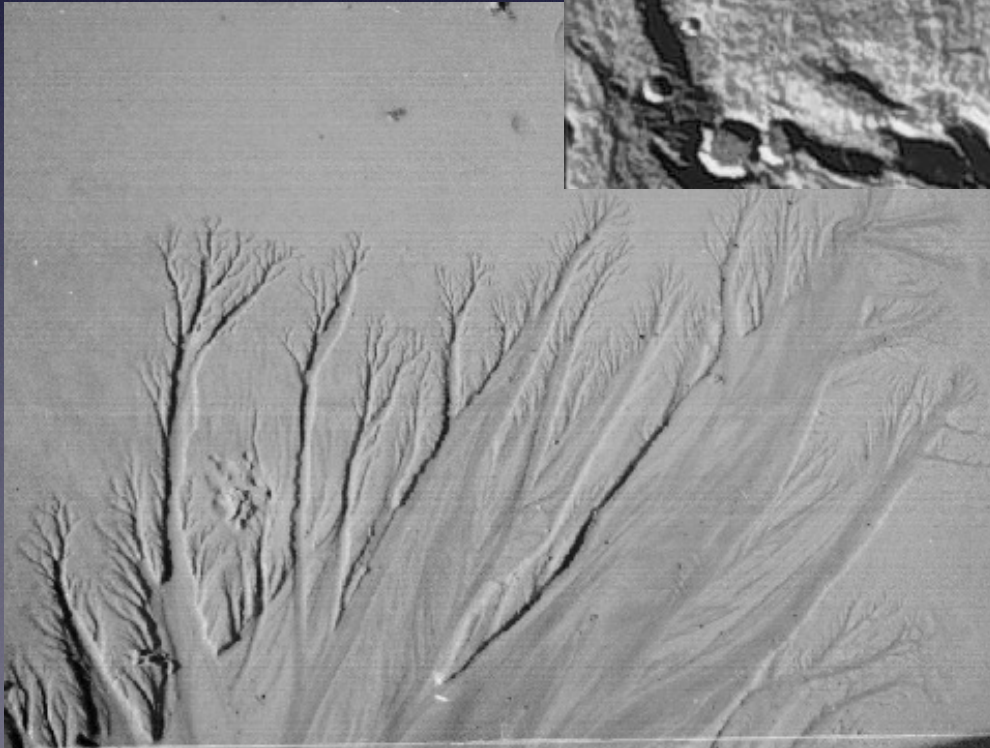
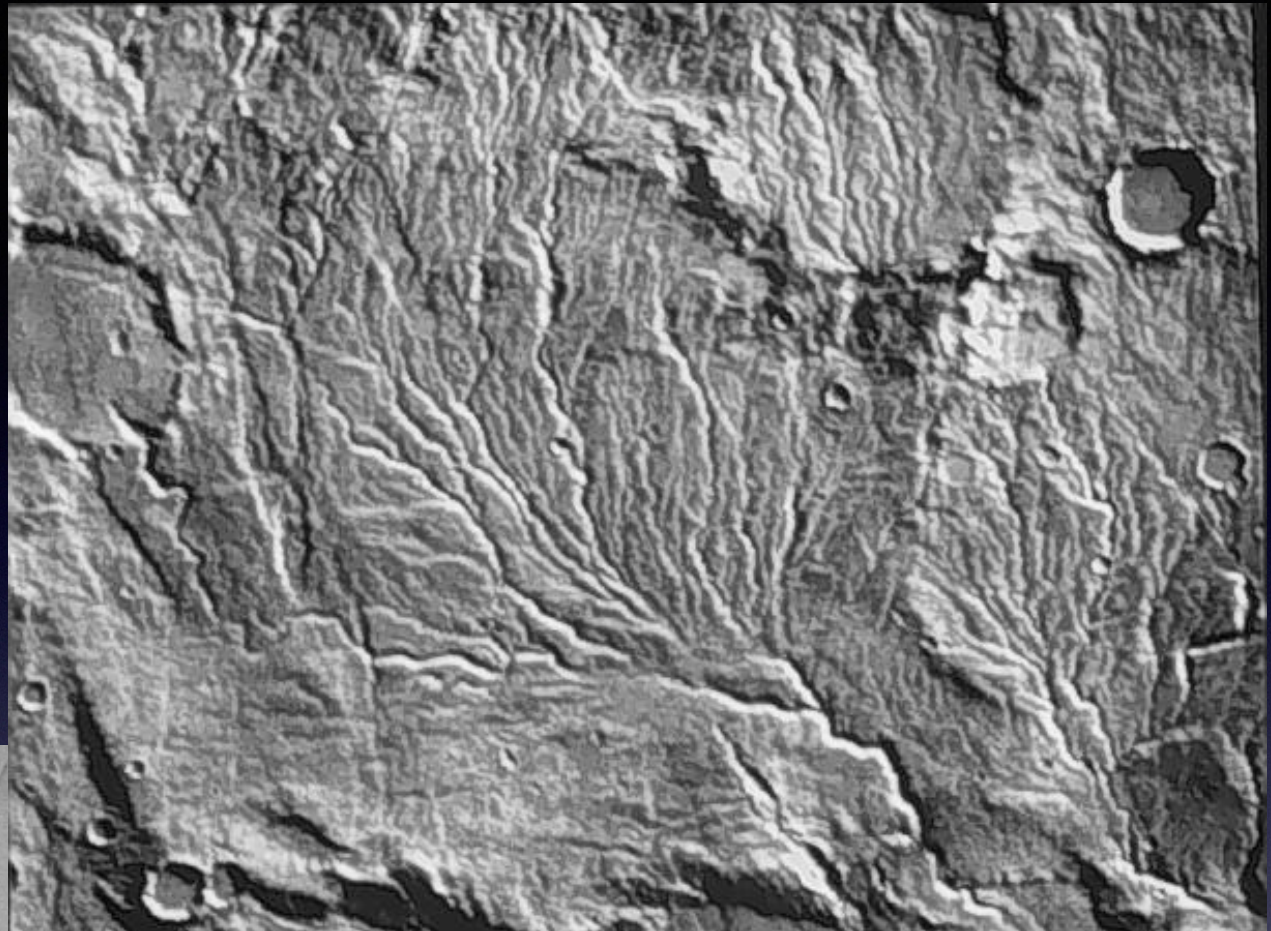
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ON MARS



ON EARTH
ON A BEACH



TREES
BRANCHING STRUCTURES
EVERYWHERE



THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE

IIT BOMBAY, POWAI, MUMBAI

Trees in the stars,

trees in the particles of light ...

Trees in the stars ?





The infinitely large ..

The stars, the planets, the galaxies,
the universe, its birth and history,
space, time, matter, ...

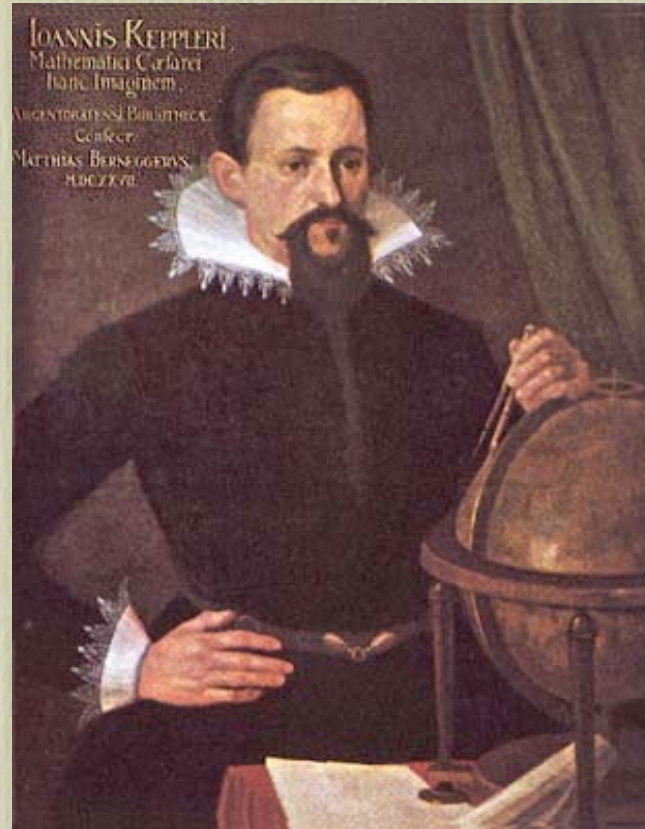
understanding the universe with mathematics



Galileo Galilei
1564-1642

classical
geometry

euclidian geometry



Johannes Kepler
1571 - 1630



Isaac Newton
1643-1727

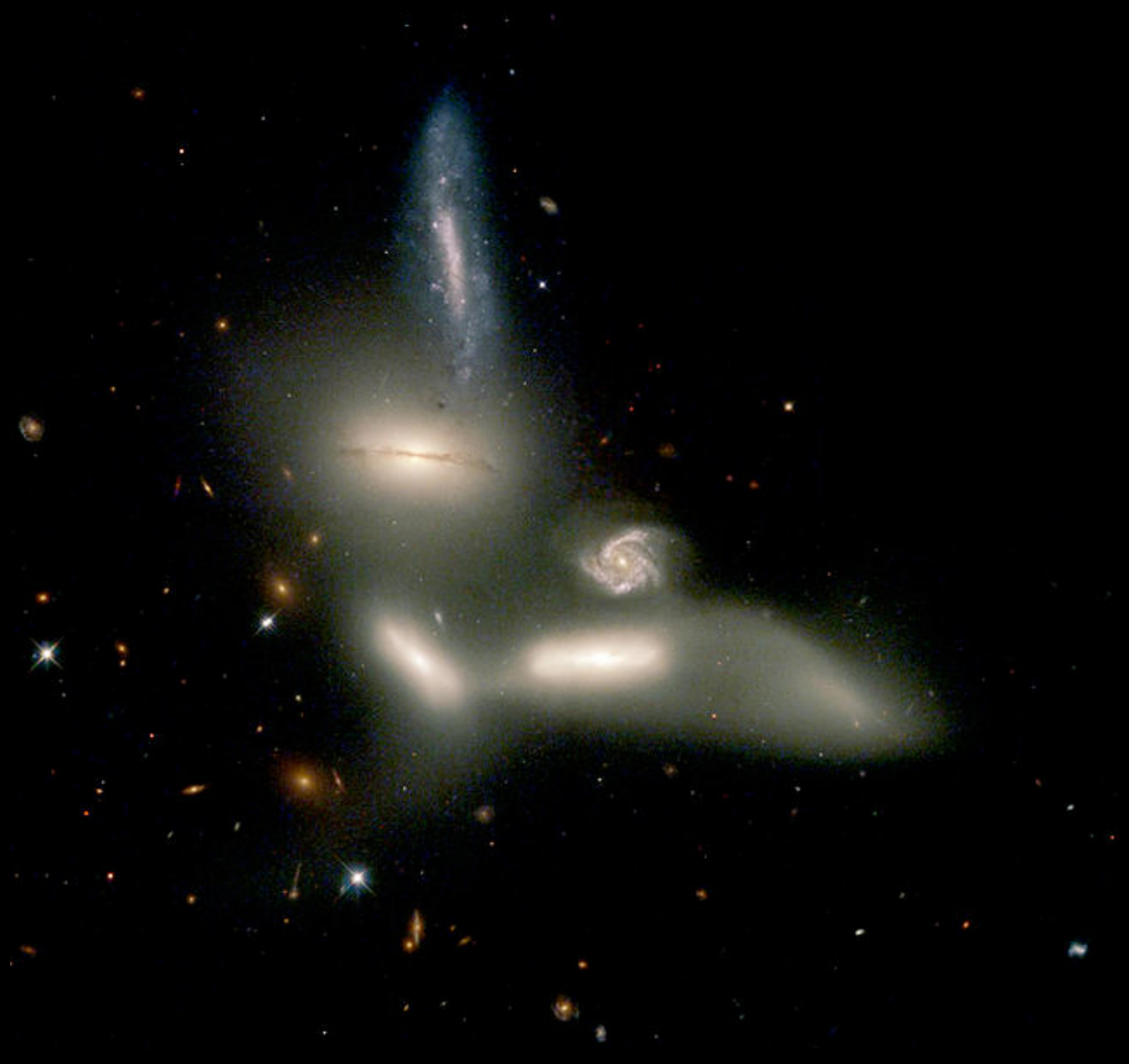
classical
mechanics



Albert Einstein
1879-1955

Relativity theory
restricted
general

gravitation





Trees in the particules of light ?





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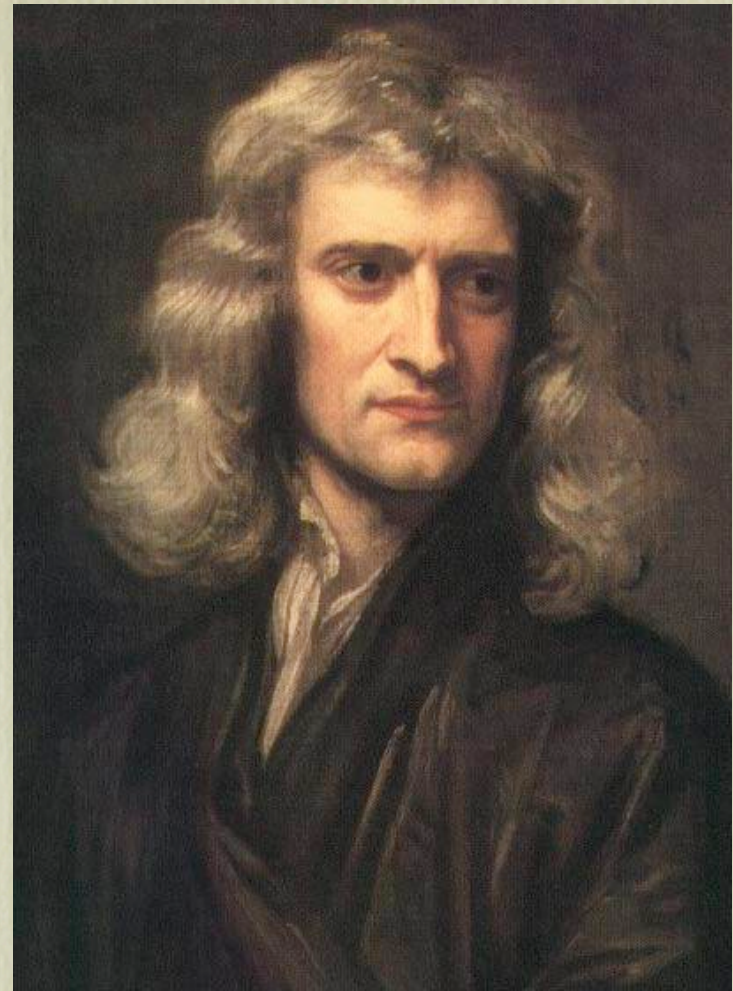
The infinity small ...

the atoms, the electrons
the particles of matter, of light,
the photons,





Christian Huygens
1629-1695

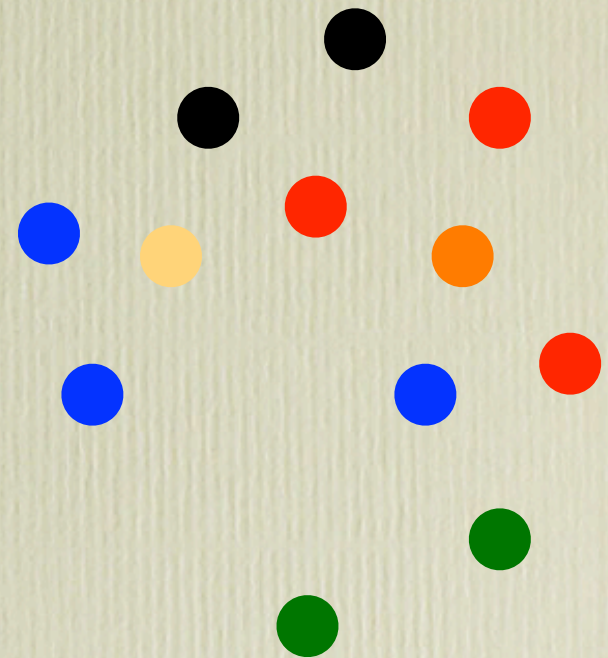


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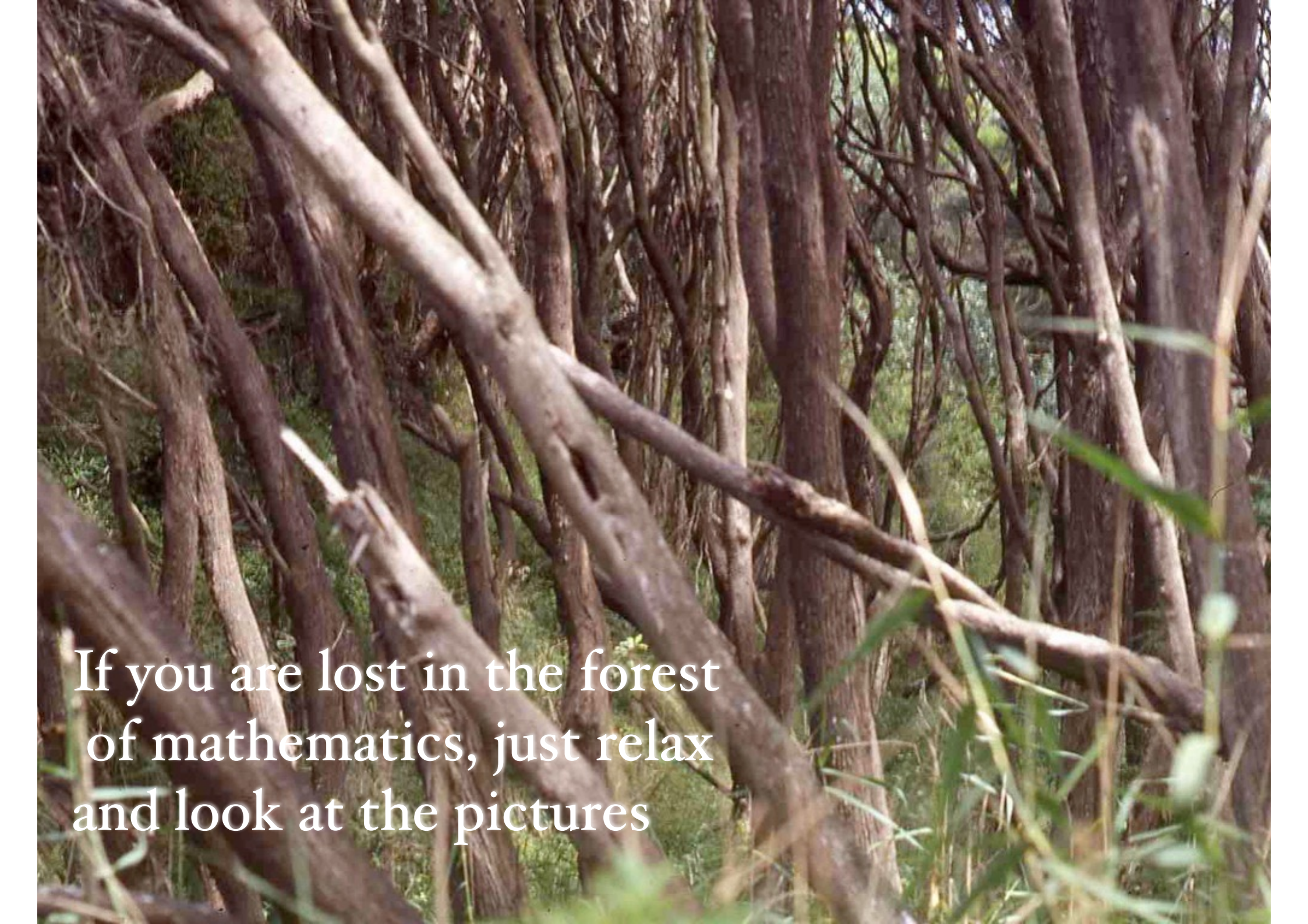
the light:

vibration ?

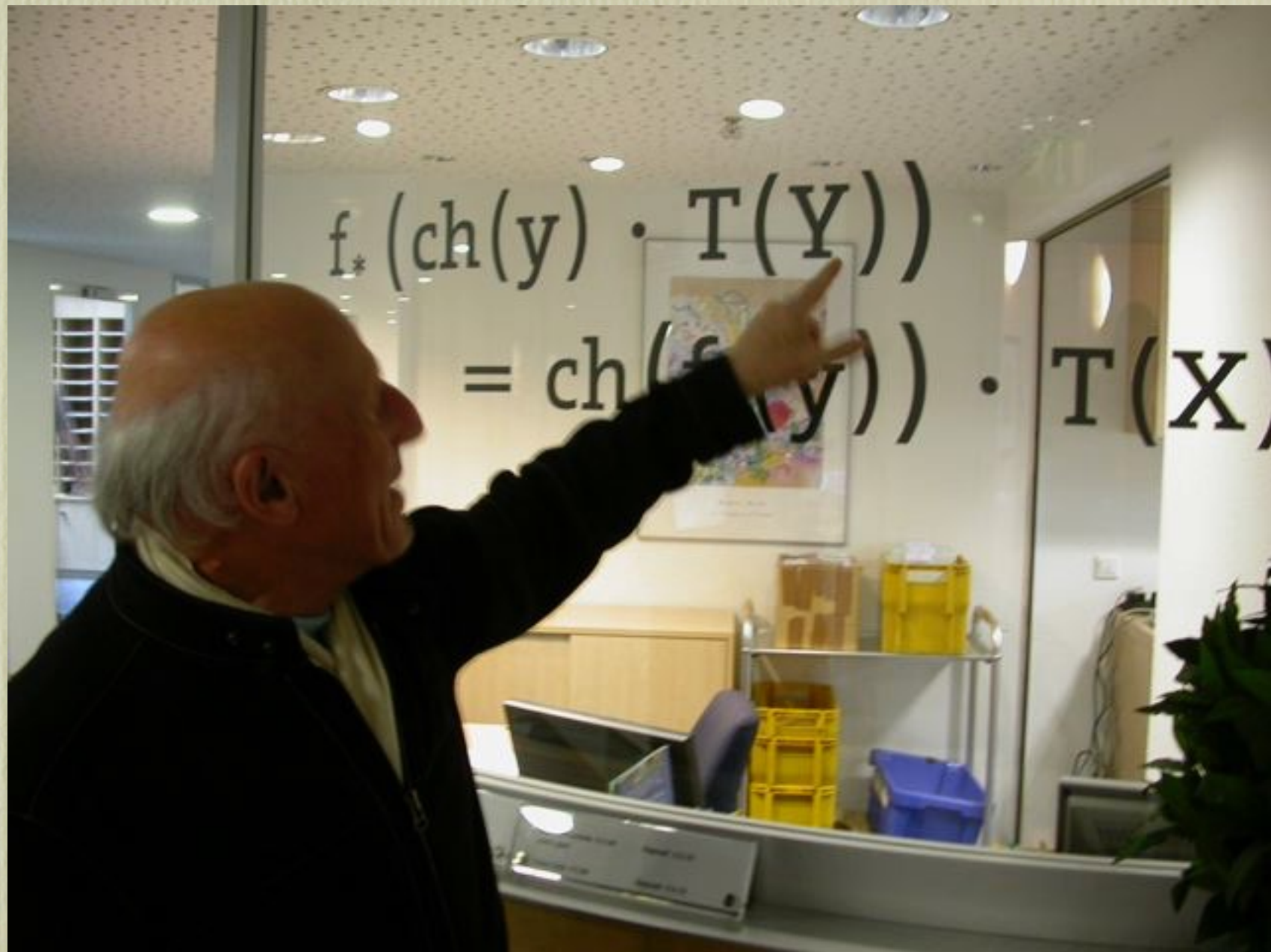
or particles of mater ?





A photograph of a dense forest with many thin, vertical tree trunks and some horizontal branches, creating a complex, maze-like structure. The trees are mostly brown and appear to be without leaves, with some green foliage visible in the background and foreground. The lighting is natural, suggesting daylight.

If you are lost in the forest
of mathematics, just relax
and look at the pictures



look at a mathematical formula
as some abstract art

Rogers - Ramanujan identities

$$R_I \quad \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(1-q)(1-q^2)\dots(1-q^n)} = \prod_{\substack{i \equiv 1, 4 \\ \text{mod } 5}} \frac{1}{(1-q^i)}$$

$$R_{II} \quad \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2 + n}}{(1-q)(1-q^2)\dots(1-q^n)} = \prod_{\substack{i \equiv 2, 3 \\ \text{mod } 5}} \frac{1}{(1-q^i)}$$

Srinivasan
Ramanujan
(1887-1920)



The language of mathematics
is like the language used to write music.

But mathematics are music !

Usually, in school you only learn how to write mathematics,
but it is difficult to hear the beauty of mathematics.

Subsublemma 1.1.3:

$$\sum_{\pi \in S_k} \text{sgn}(\pi) \cdot \pi \left[\frac{x_1 x_2^2 \dots x_k^k}{(1-x_k)(1-x_k x_{k-1}) \dots (1-x_k x_{k-1} \dots x_1)} \right] = \frac{x_1 \dots x_k \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (x_j - x_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^k (1-x_i) \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (1-x_i x_j)} \quad (\text{Issai})$$

[Type 'S113(k)'; in ROBBINS, for specific k]

Proof : See [PS], problem VII.47. Alternatively, (Issai) is easily seen to be equivalent to Schur's identity that sums all the Schur functions ([Ma], ex I.5.4, p. 45). This takes care of subsublemma 1.1.3. \square

Inserting (Issai) into (Stanley), expanding $\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (x_j - x_i)$ by Vandermonde's expansion,

$$\sum_{\pi \in S_k} \text{sgn}(\pi) \cdot \pi(x_1^0 x_2^1 \dots x_k^{k-1}) ,$$

using the antisymmetry of Δ_k once again, and employing crucial fact \aleph_4 , we get the following string of equalities:

$$\begin{aligned} b_k(n) &= \frac{1}{k!} CT_{x_1, \dots, x_k} \left\{ \frac{\Delta_k(x_1, \dots, x_k)}{\prod_{i=1}^k (\bar{x}_i)^{k+n} x_i^{n+k-1}} \left(\frac{x_1 \dots x_k \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (x_j - x_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^k (1-x_i) \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (1-x_i x_j)} \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} CT_{x_1, \dots, x_k} \left\{ \frac{\Delta_k(x_1, \dots, x_k)}{\prod_{i=1}^k (\bar{x}_i)^{k+n+1} x_i^{n+k-2} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (1-x_i x_j)} \left(\sum_{\pi \in S_k} \text{sgn}(\pi) \cdot \pi(x_1^0 x_2^1 \dots x_k^{k-1}) \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\pi \in S_k} CT_{x_1, \dots, x_k} \left\{ \pi \left[\frac{\Delta_k(x_1, \dots, x_k)}{\prod_{i=1}^k (\bar{x}_i)^{k+n+1} x_i^{n+k-2} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (1-x_i x_j)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^k x_i^{i-1} \right) \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\pi \in S_k} CT_{x_1, \dots, x_k} \left\{ \pi \left[\frac{\Delta_k(x_1, \dots, x_k)}{\prod_{i=1}^k (\bar{x}_i)^{k+n+1} x_i^{n+k-i-1} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (1-x_i x_j)} \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\pi \in S_k} CT_{x_1, \dots, x_k} \left\{ \frac{\Delta_k(x_1, \dots, x_k)}{\prod_{i=1}^k (\bar{x}_i)^{k+n+1} x_i^{n+k-i-1} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (1-x_i x_j)} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \left(\sum_{\pi \in S_k} 1 \right) CT_{x_1, \dots, x_k} \left\{ \frac{\Delta_k(x_1, \dots, x_k)}{\prod_{i=1}^k (\bar{x}_i)^{k+n+1} x_i^{n+k-i-1} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (1-x_i x_j)} \right\} \\ &= CT_{x_1, \dots, x_k} \left\{ \frac{\Delta_k(x_1, \dots, x_k)}{\prod_{i=1}^k (\bar{x}_i)^{k+n+1} x_i^{n+k-i-1} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (1-x_i x_j)} \right\}, \quad (\text{George''''}) \end{aligned}$$

where in the last equality we have used Levi Ben Gerson's celebrated result that the number of elements in S_k (the symmetric group on k elements,) equals $k!$. The extreme right of (George''') is exactly the right side of (MagogTotal). This completes the proof of sublemma 1.1. \square

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An example of mathematical object:
binary trees or mathematical trees

giving an abstraction of the trees
in the world around us

From trees in nature...
to mathematical trees

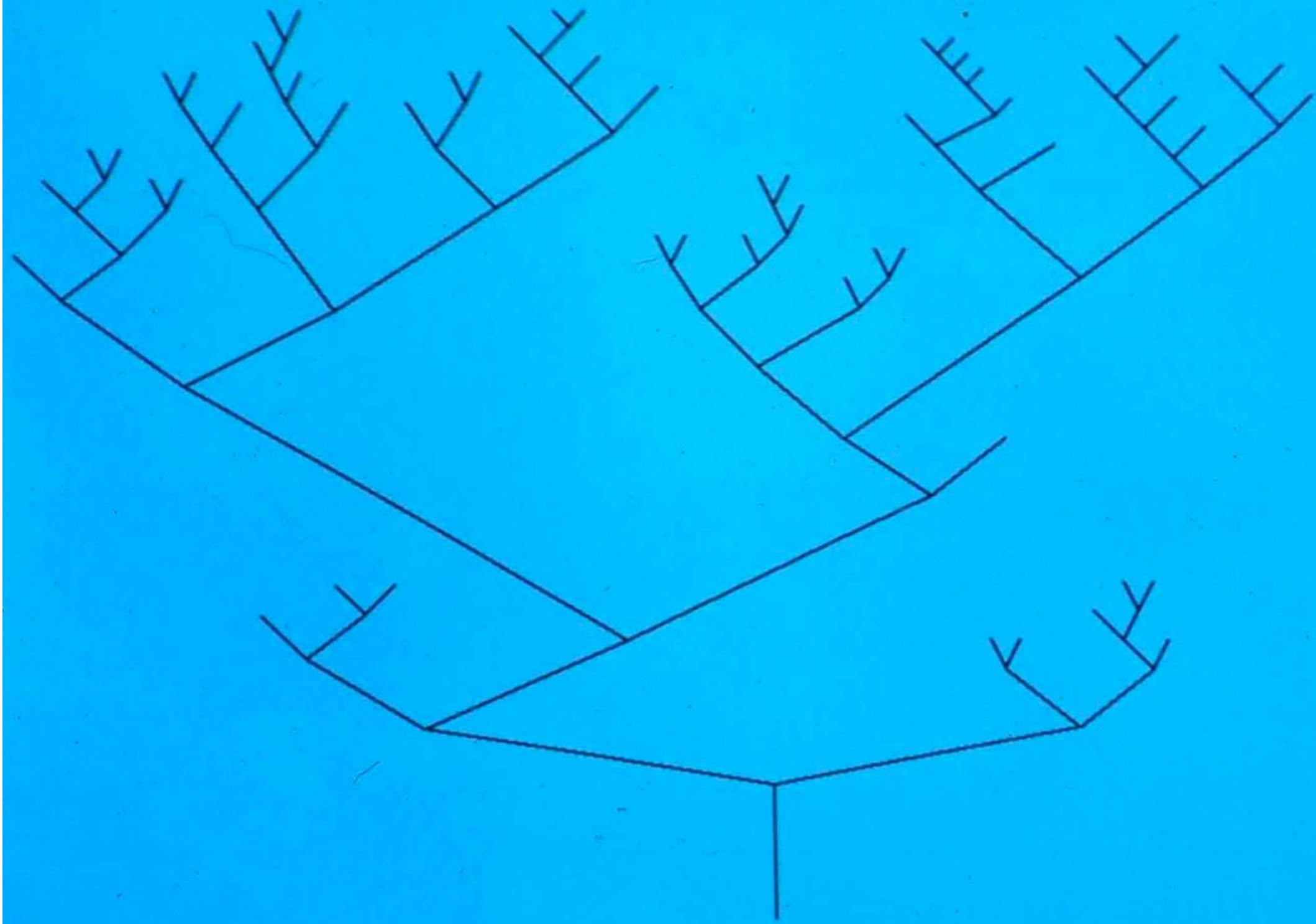


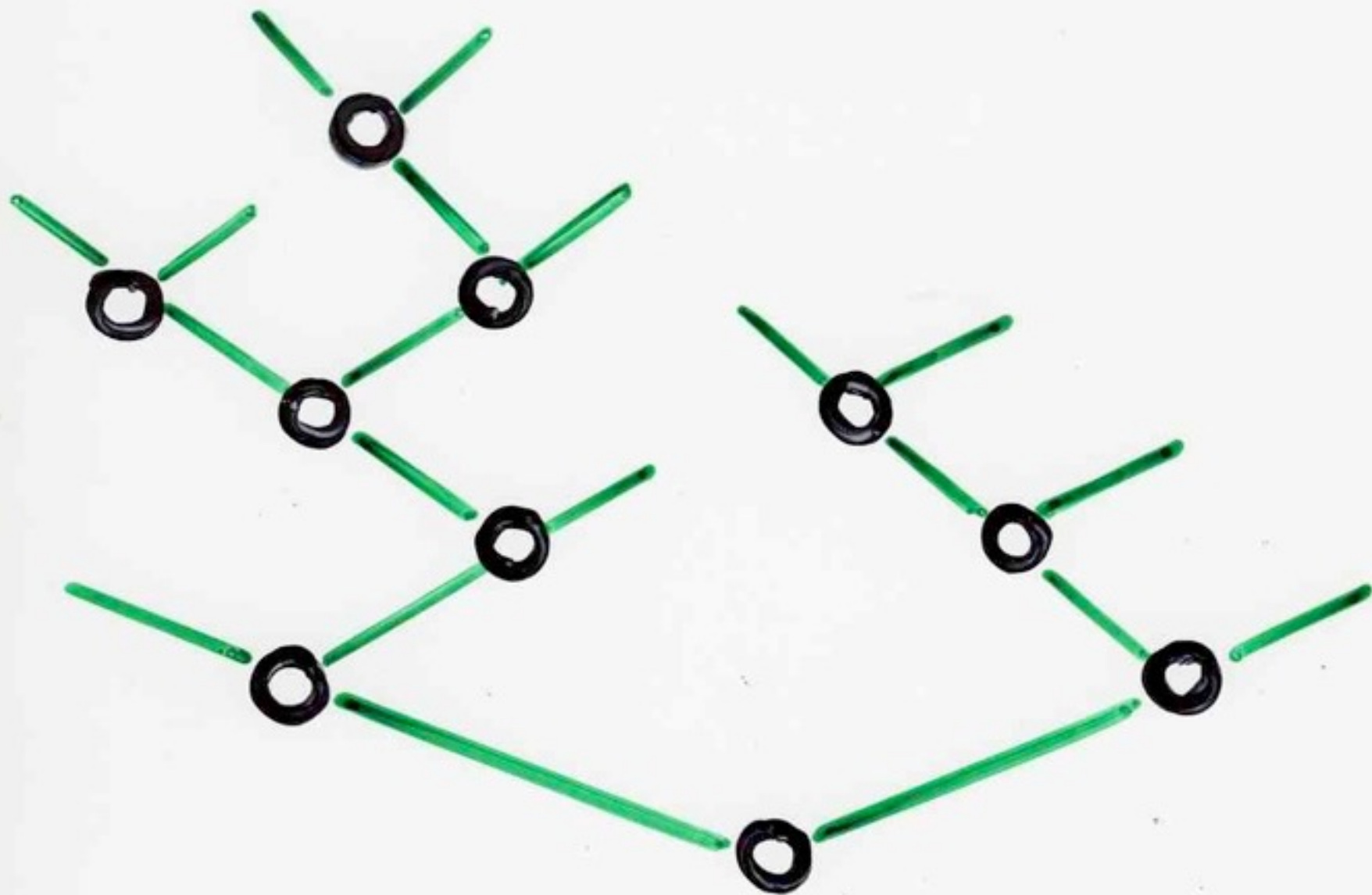












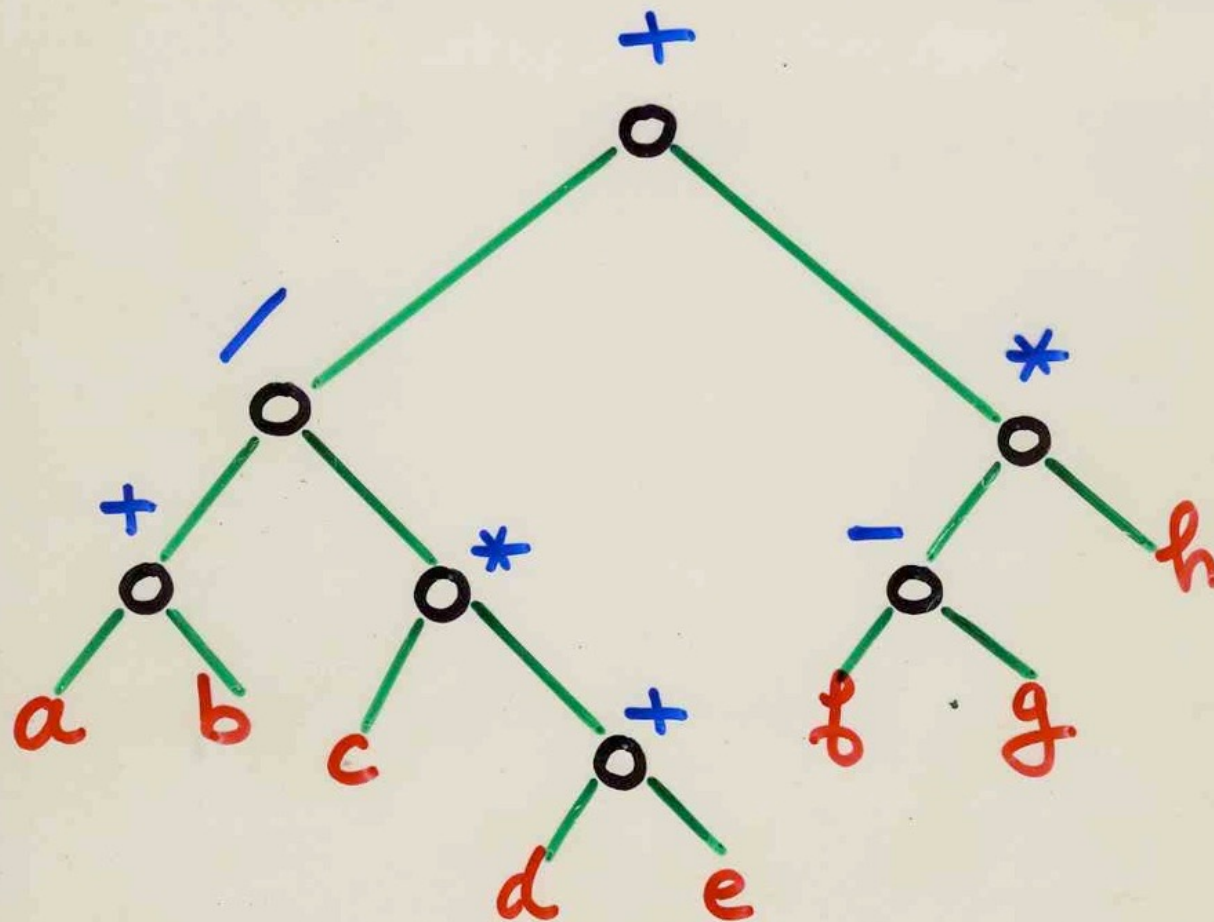
Trees in computers ...



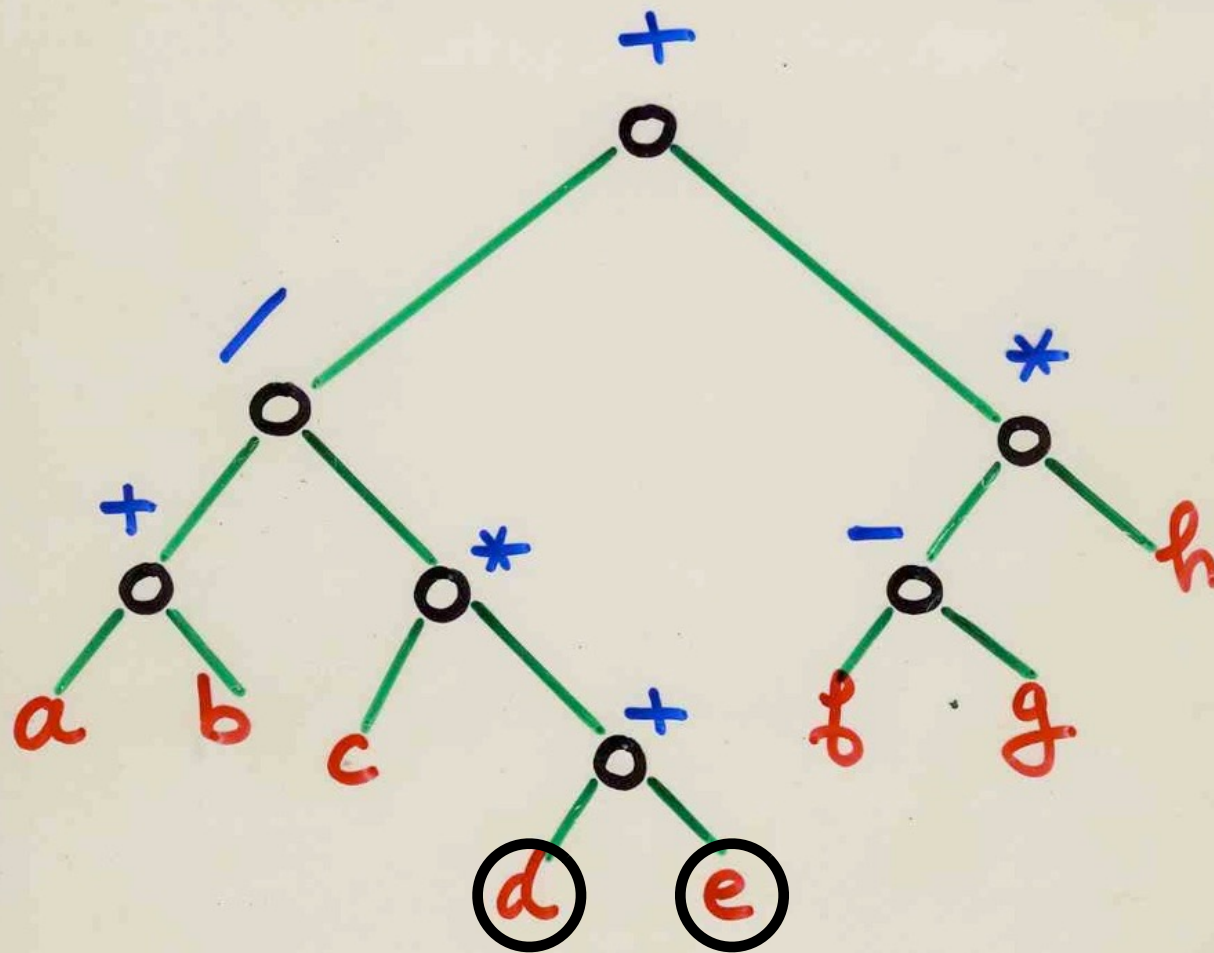
computing an arithmetical expression



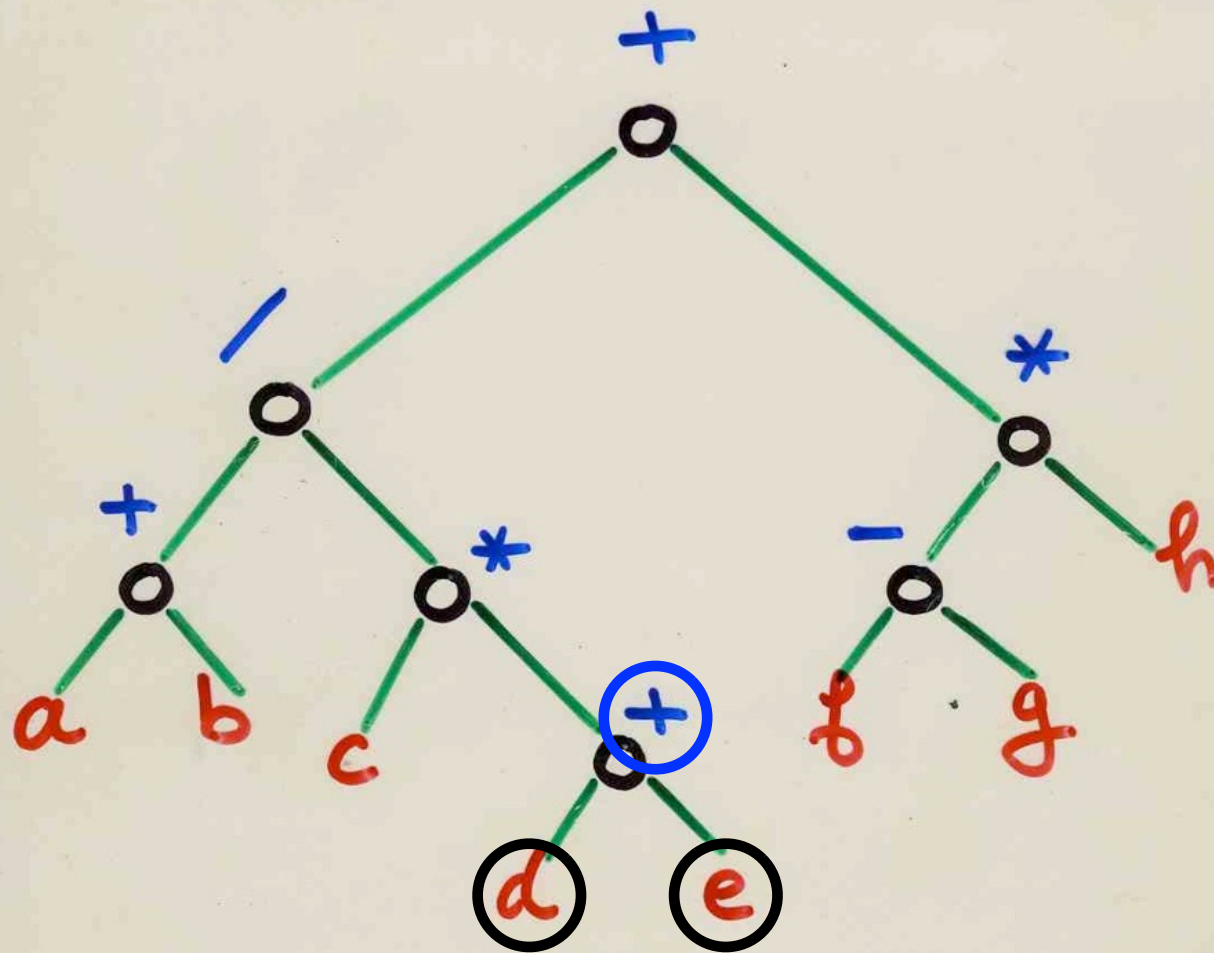
$$\frac{(a+b)}{c(d+e)} + (f-g)h$$



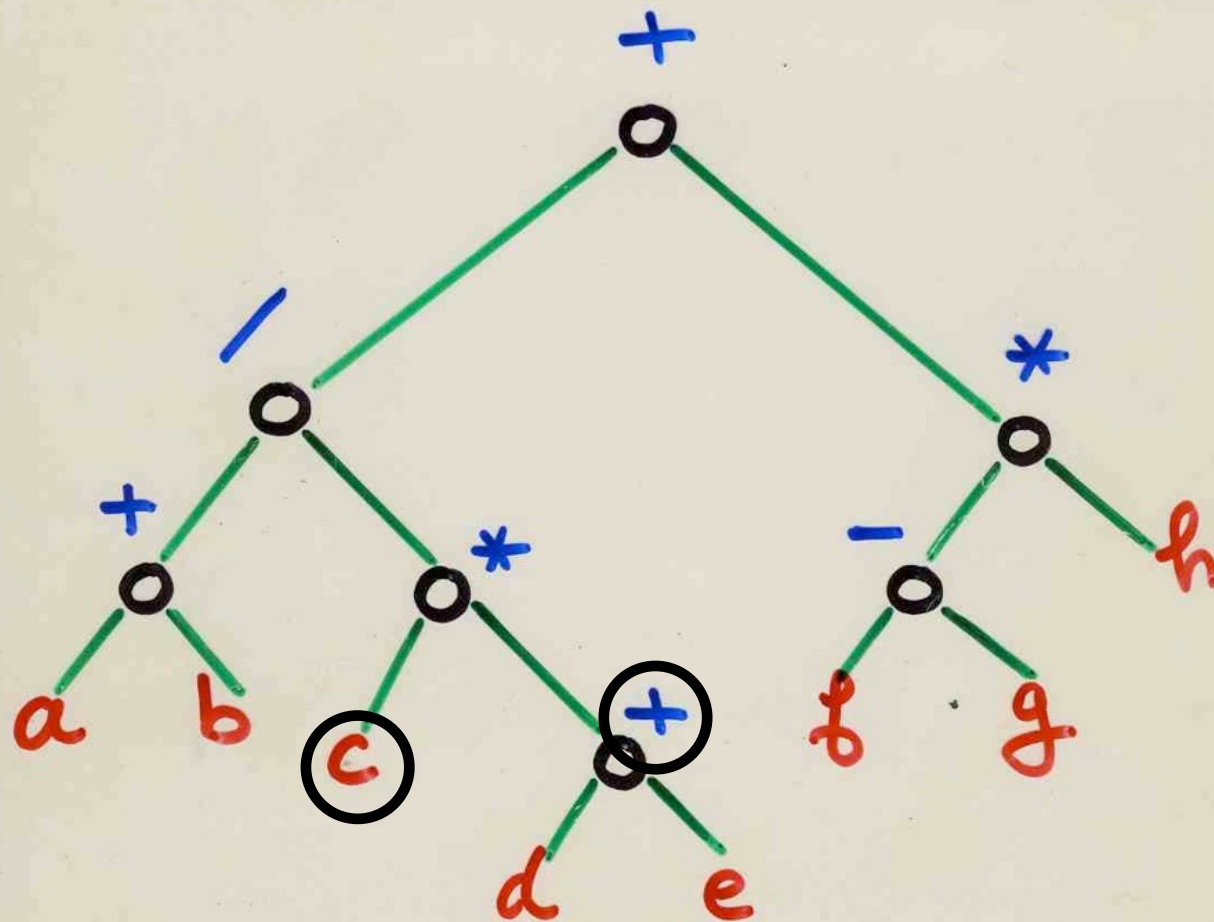
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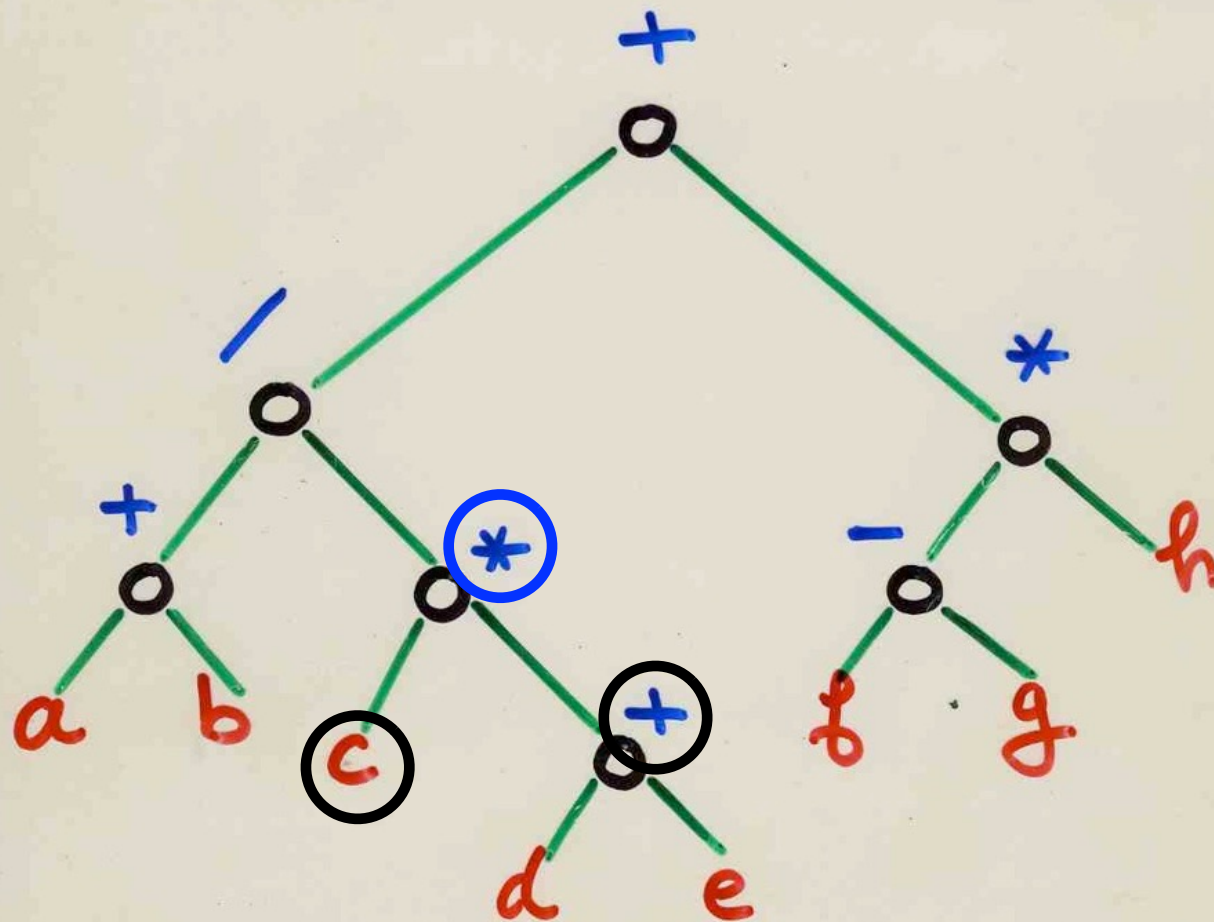
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$$\frac{(a+b)}{c(d+e)} + (f-g)h$$



$$\frac{(a+b)}{c(d+e)} + (f-g)h$$

minimum number

of

registers

needed

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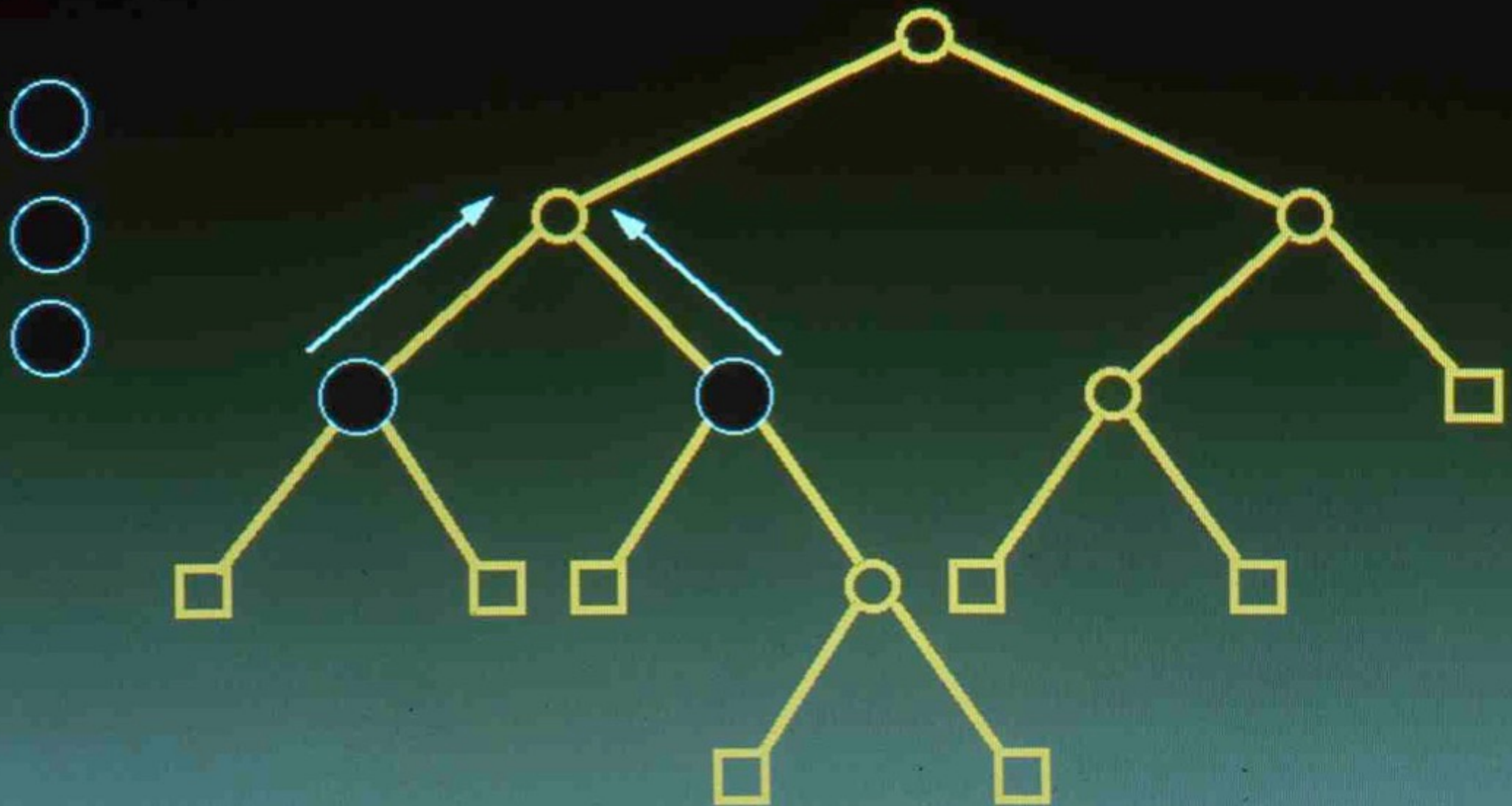
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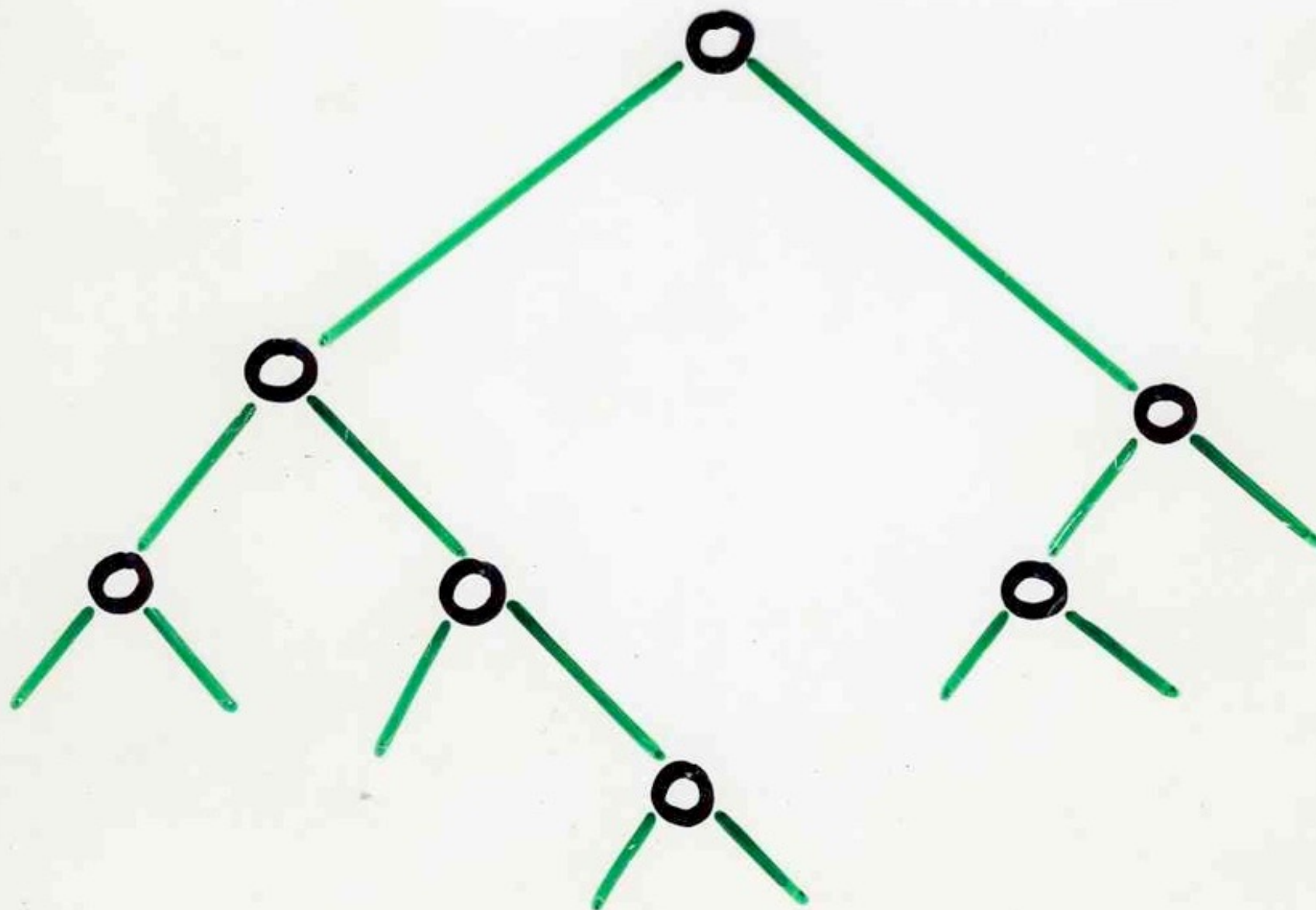
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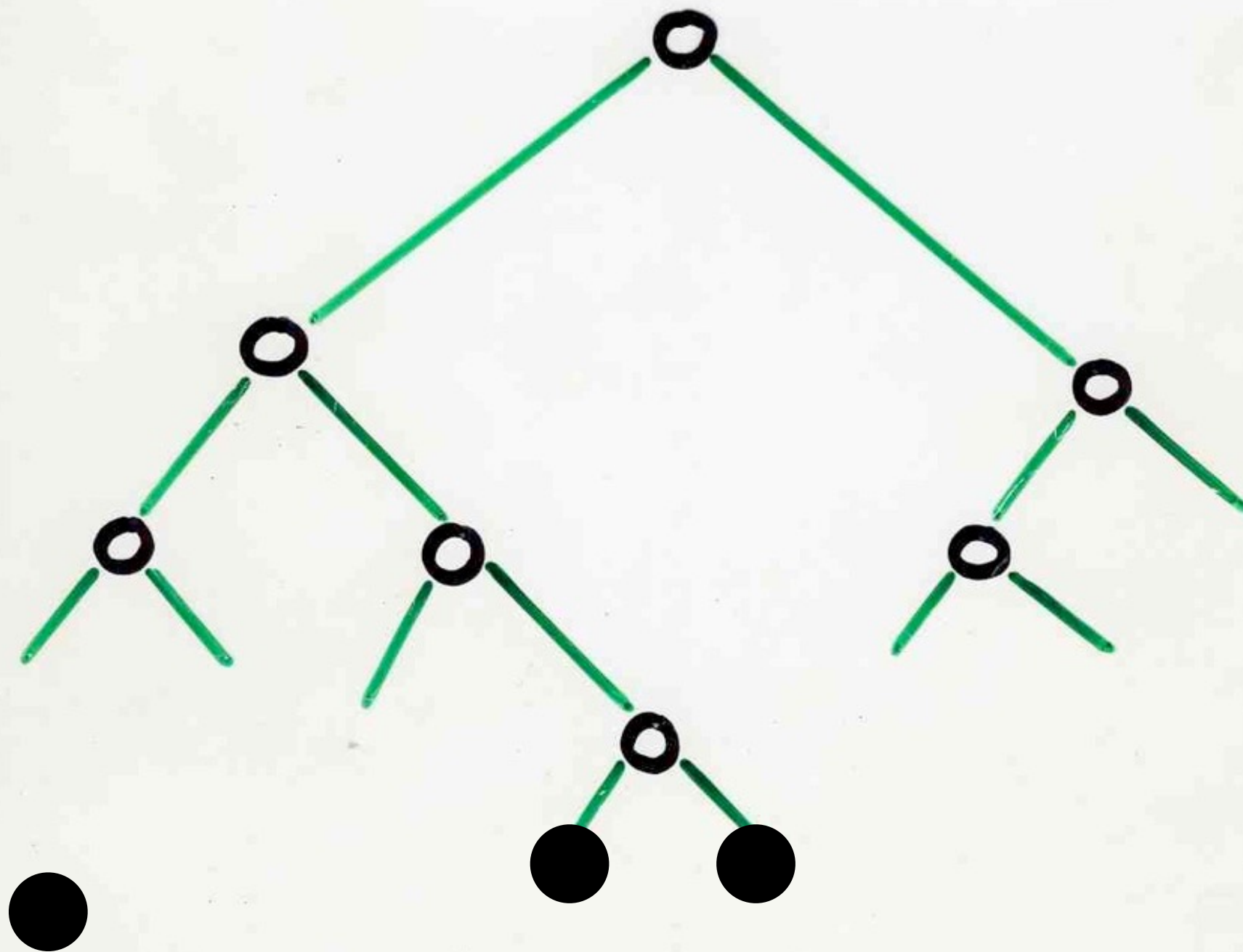
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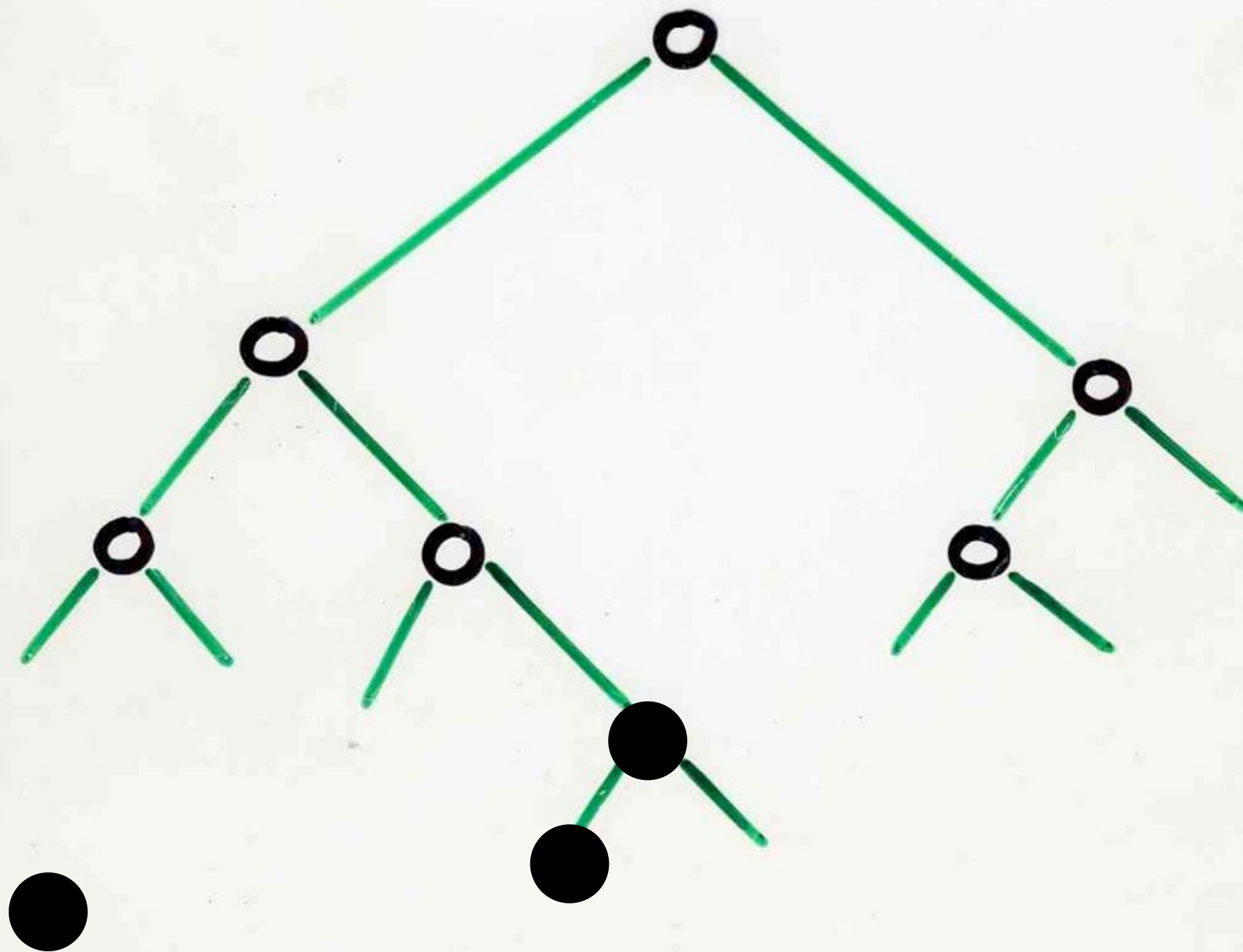
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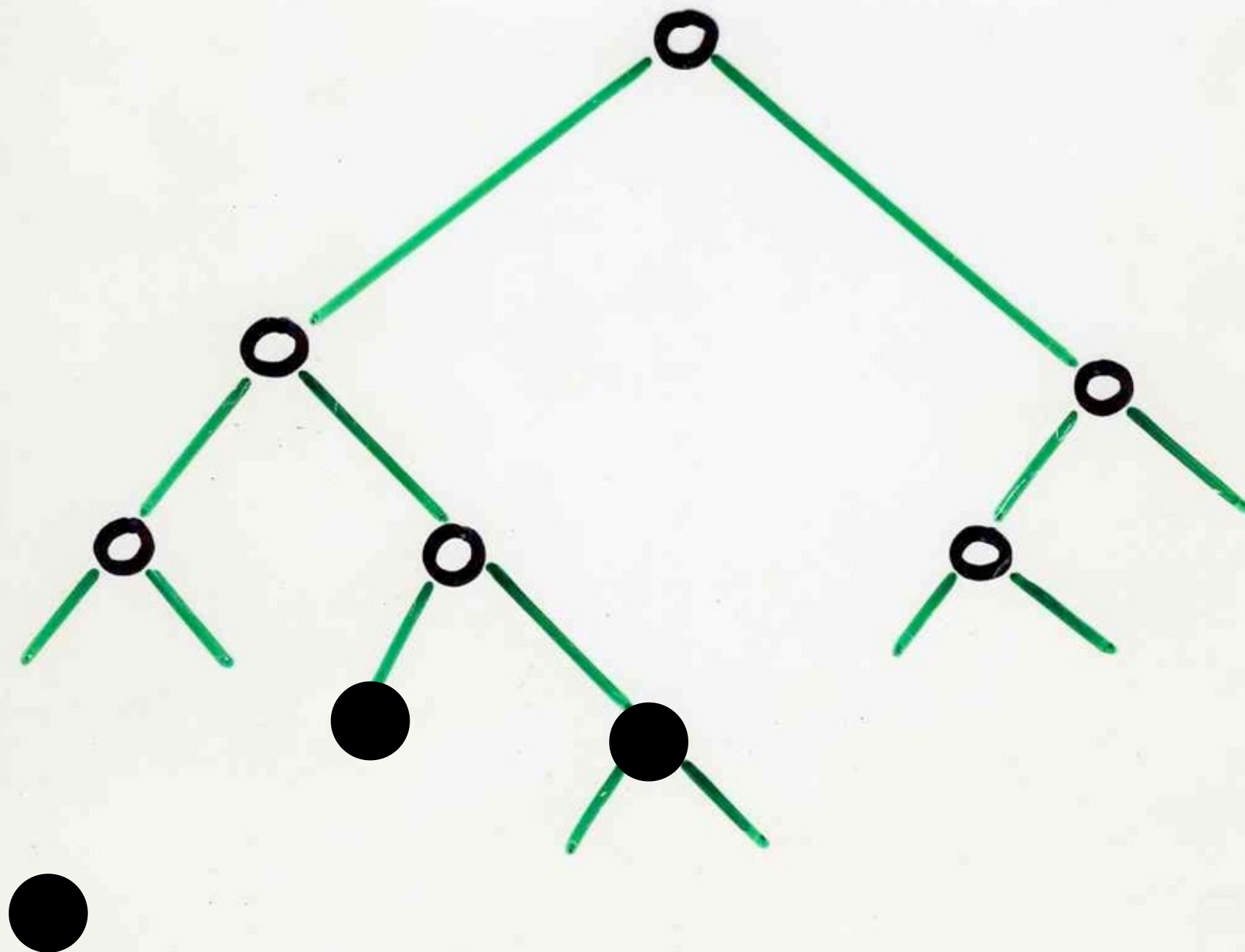
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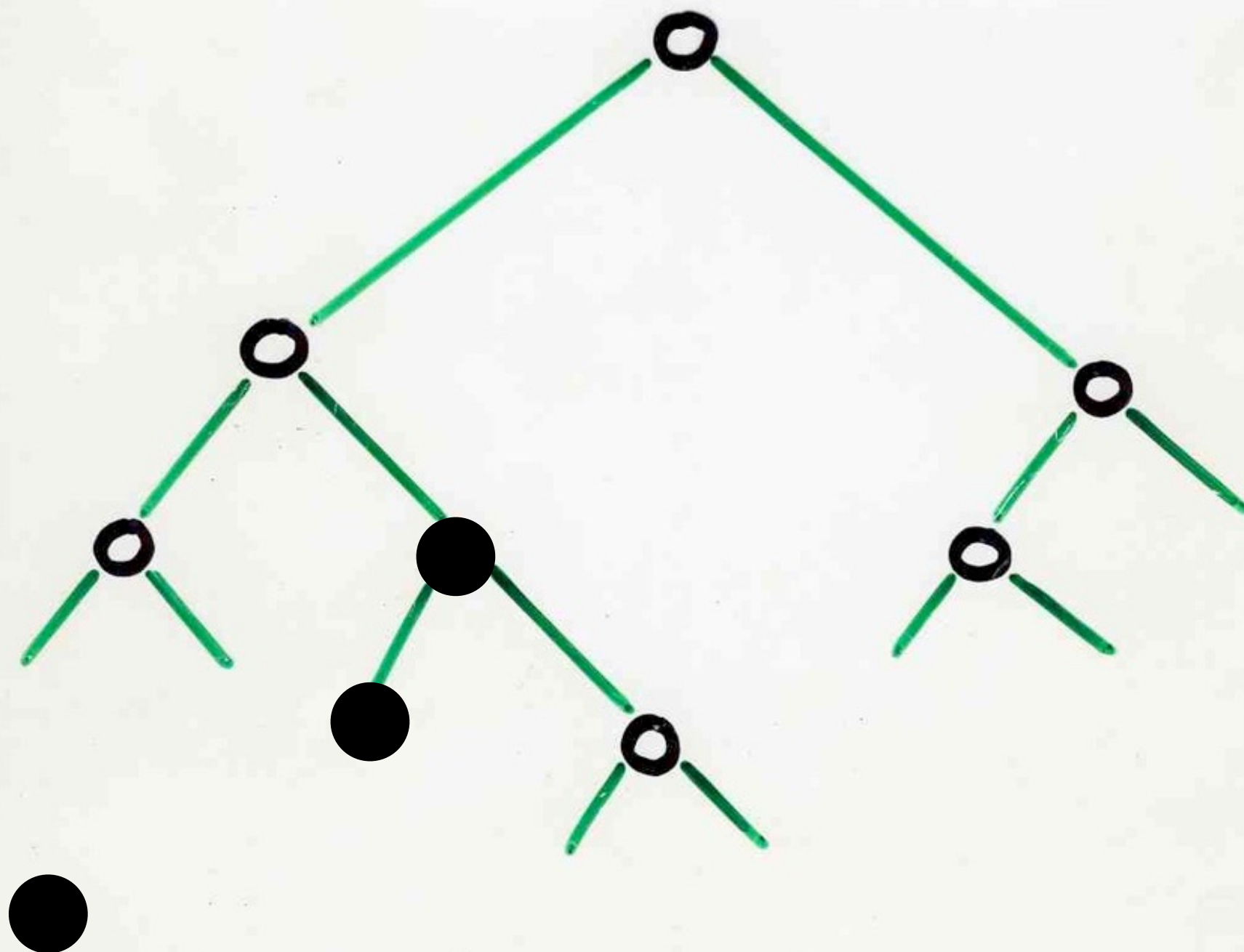


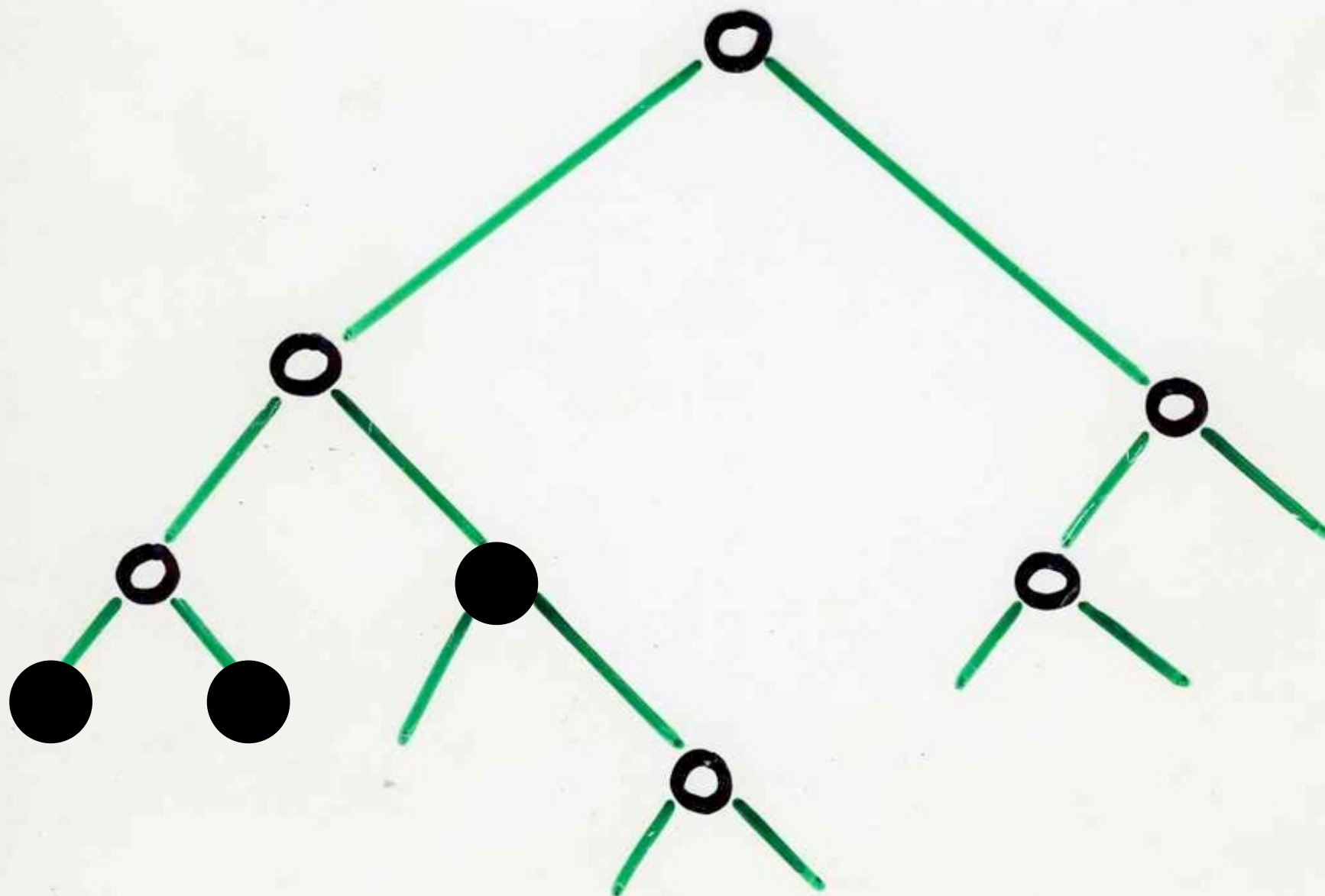


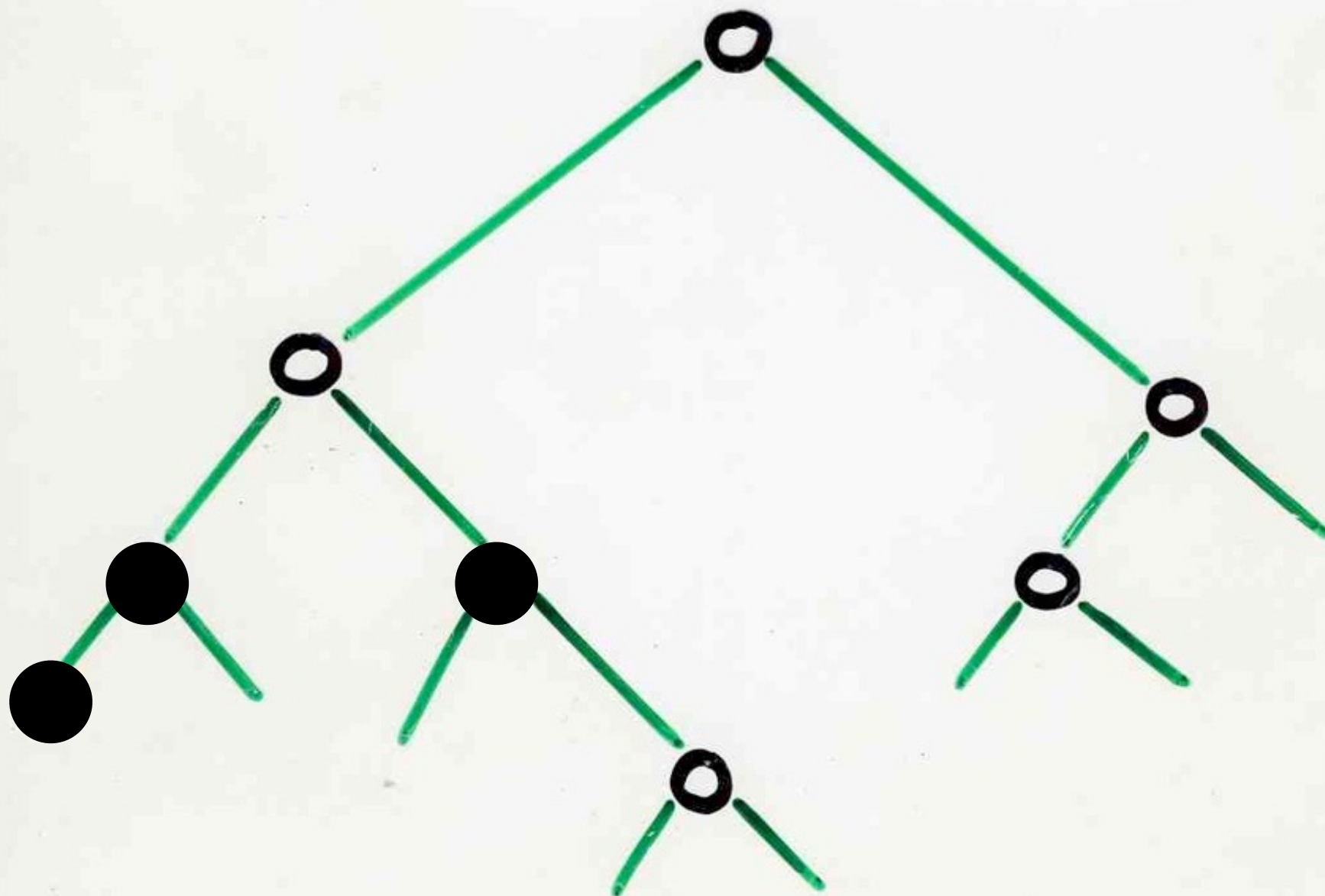


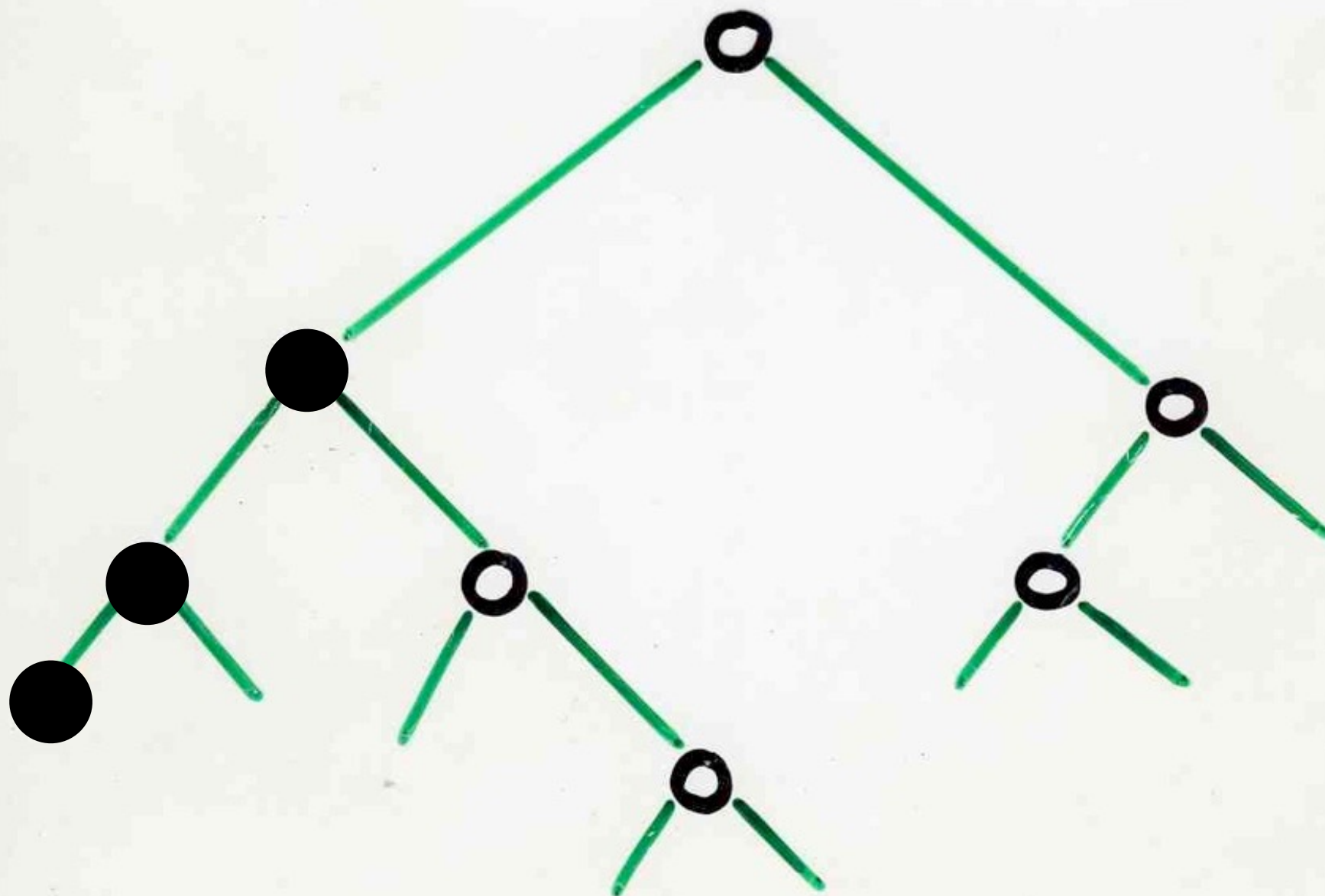


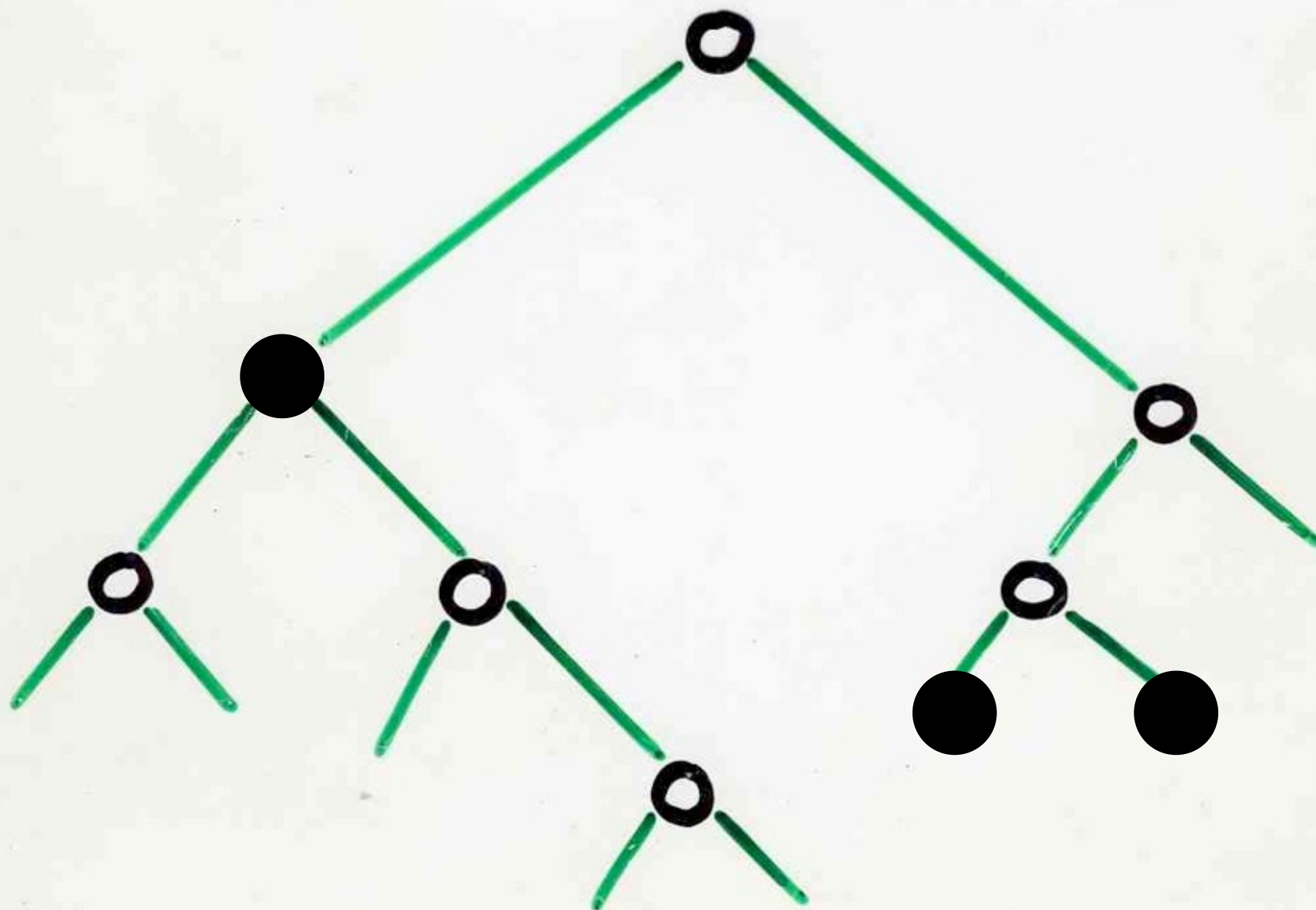


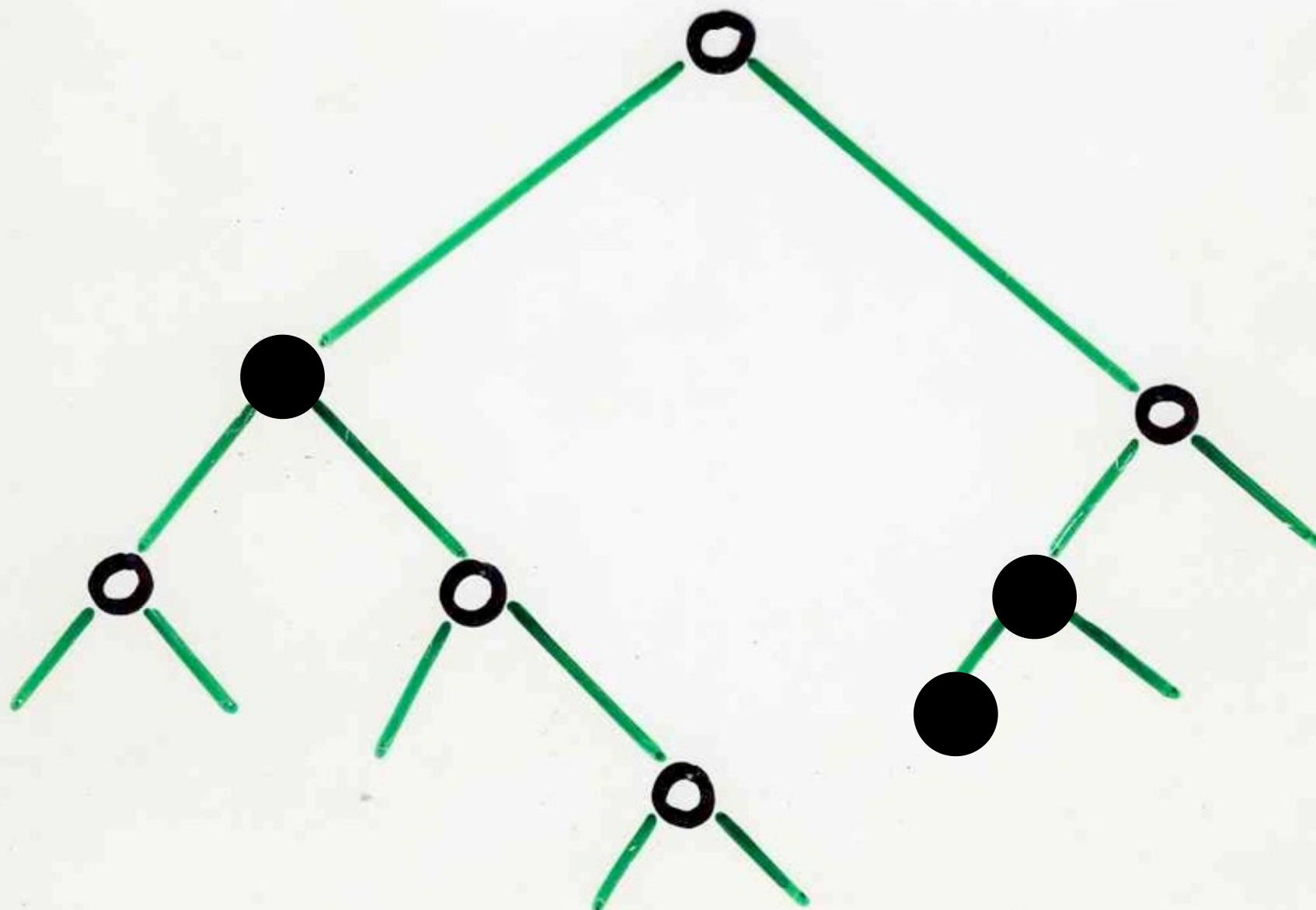


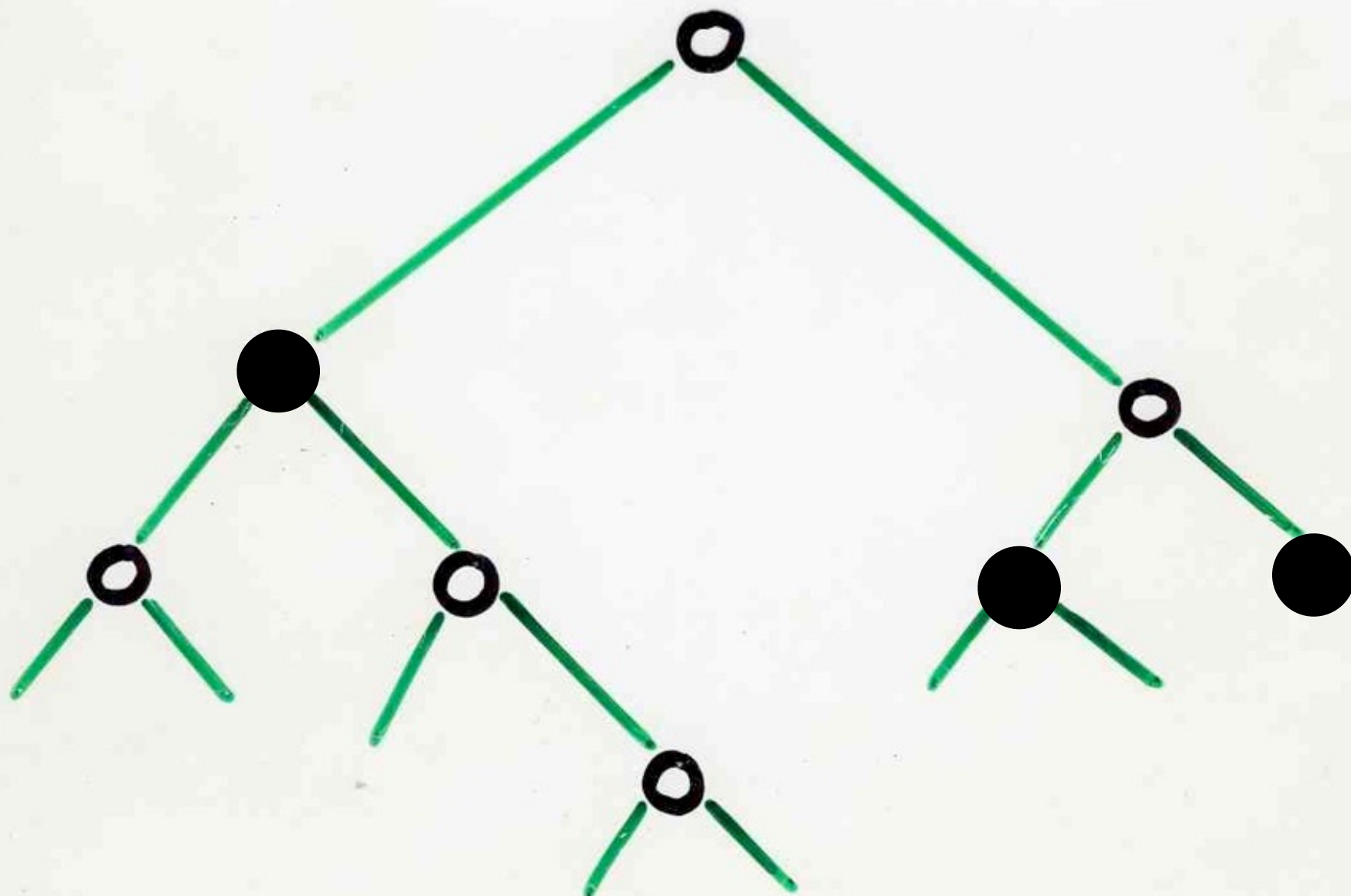


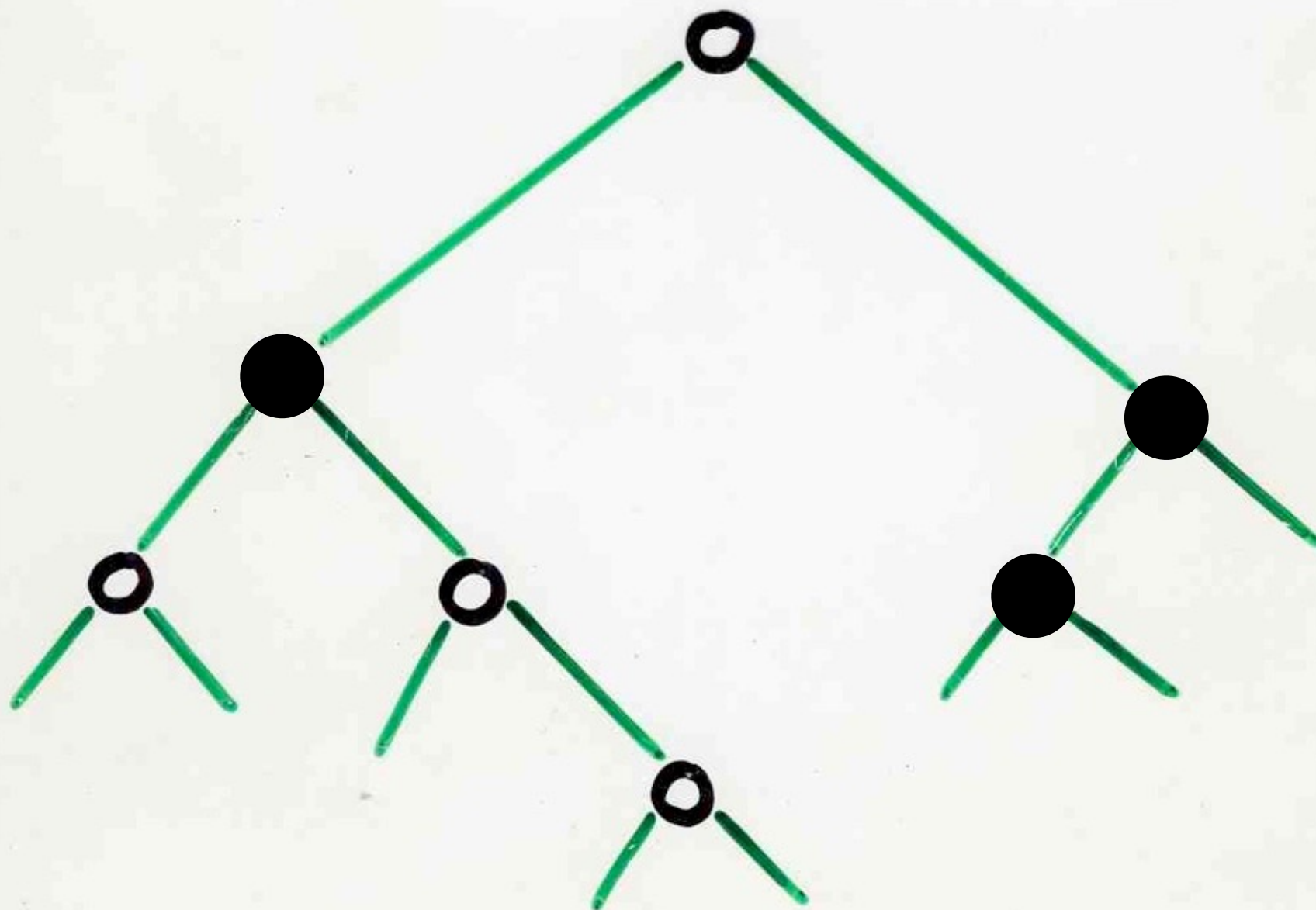


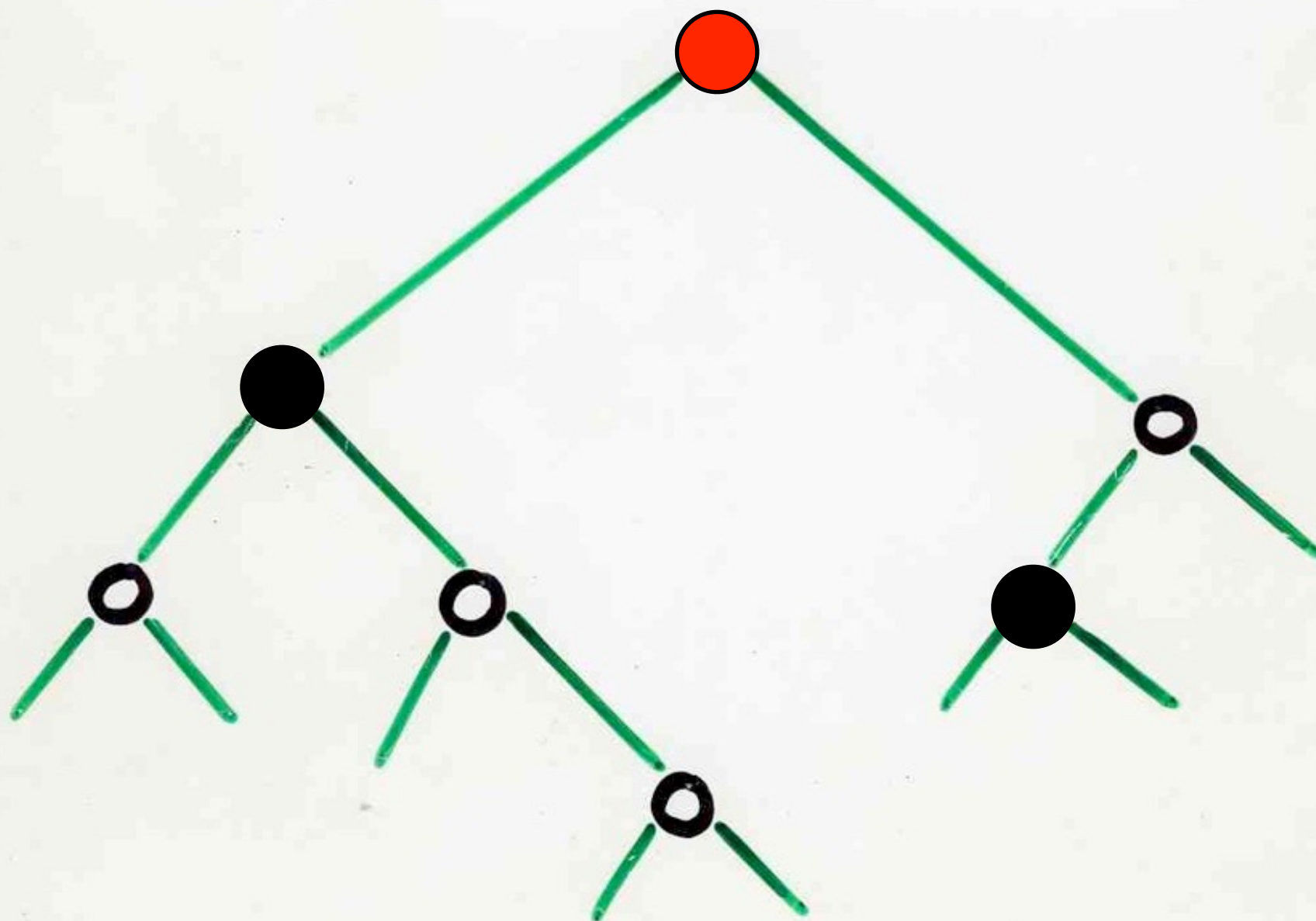












From trees to rivers



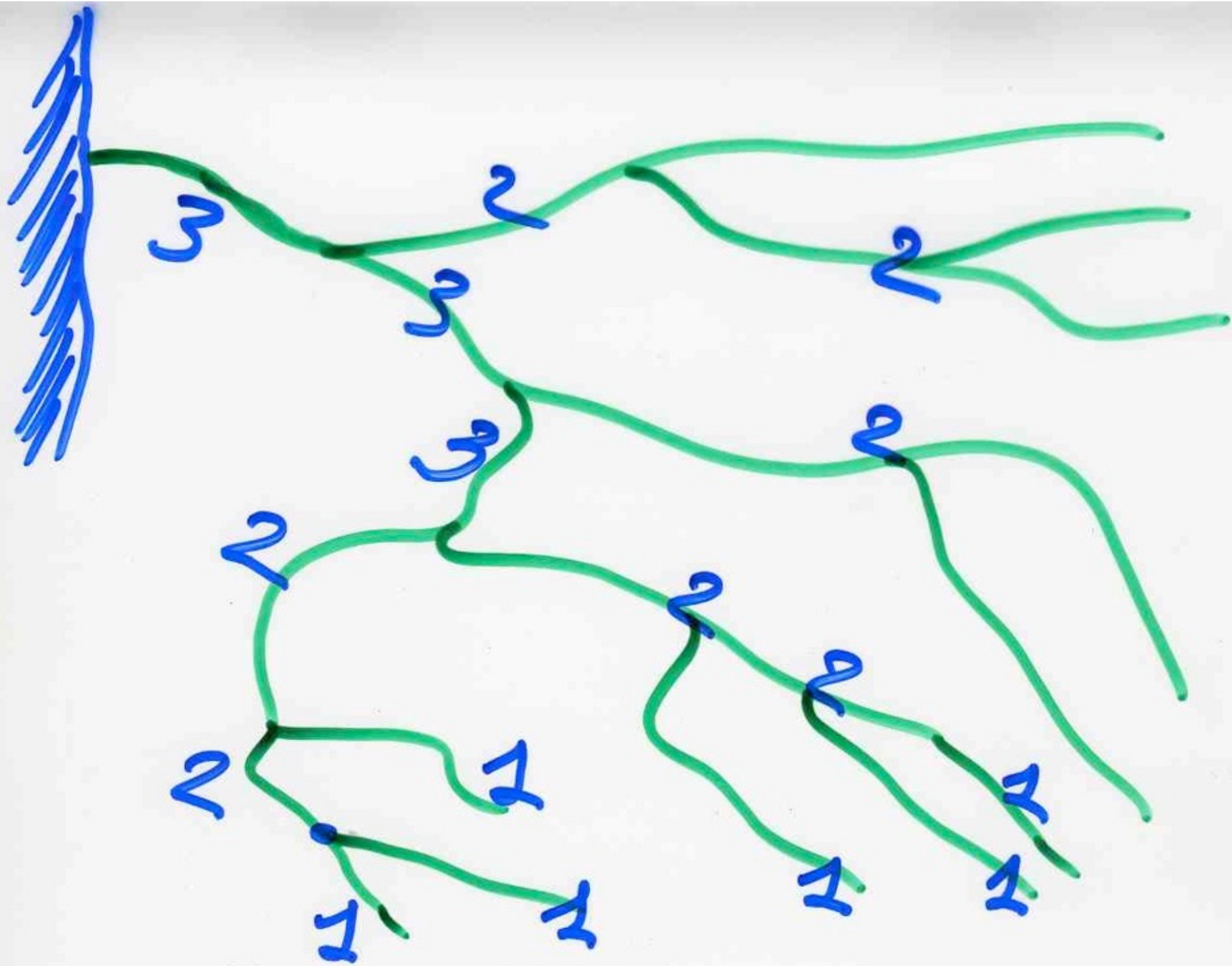


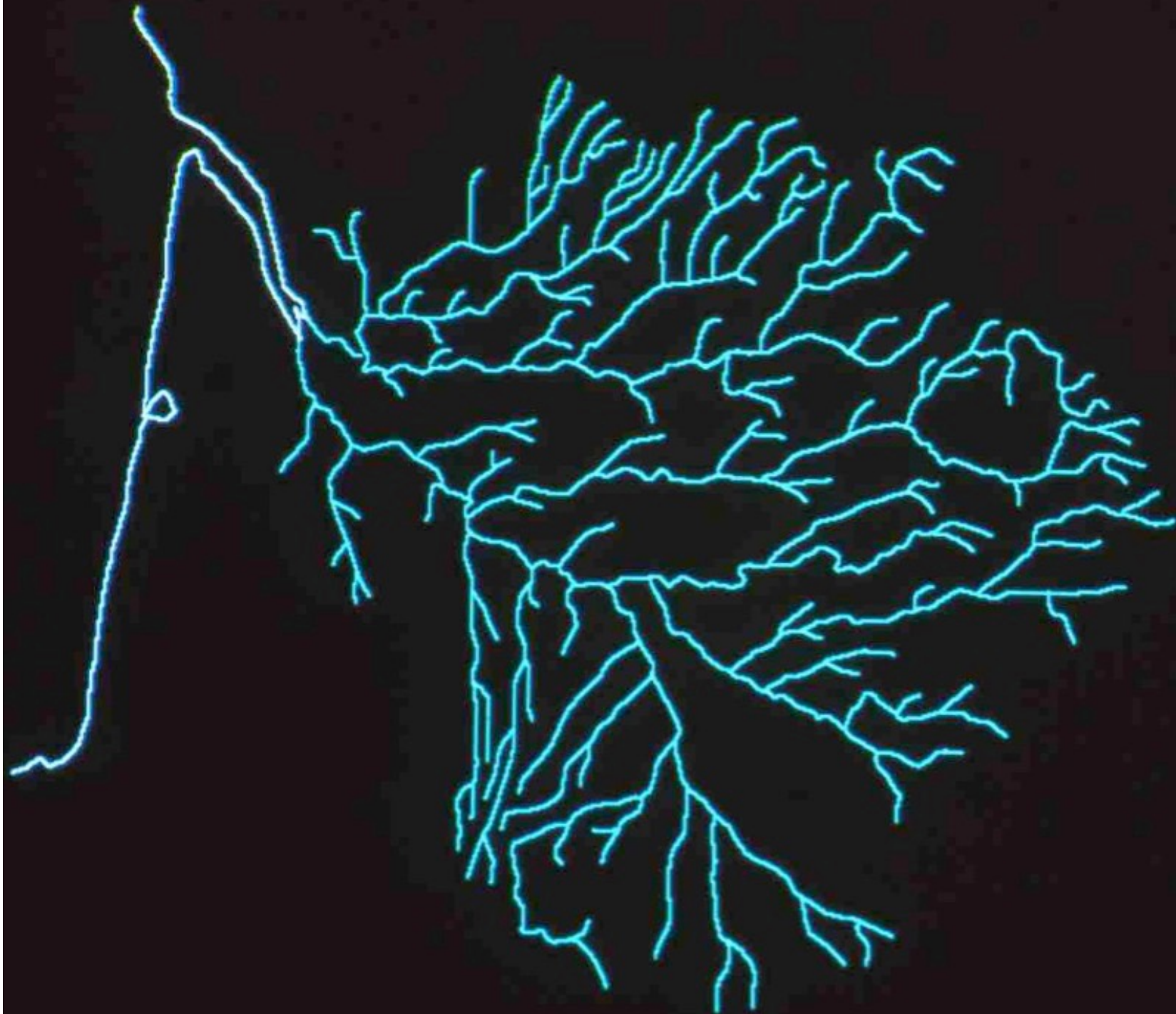
Horton (1945)

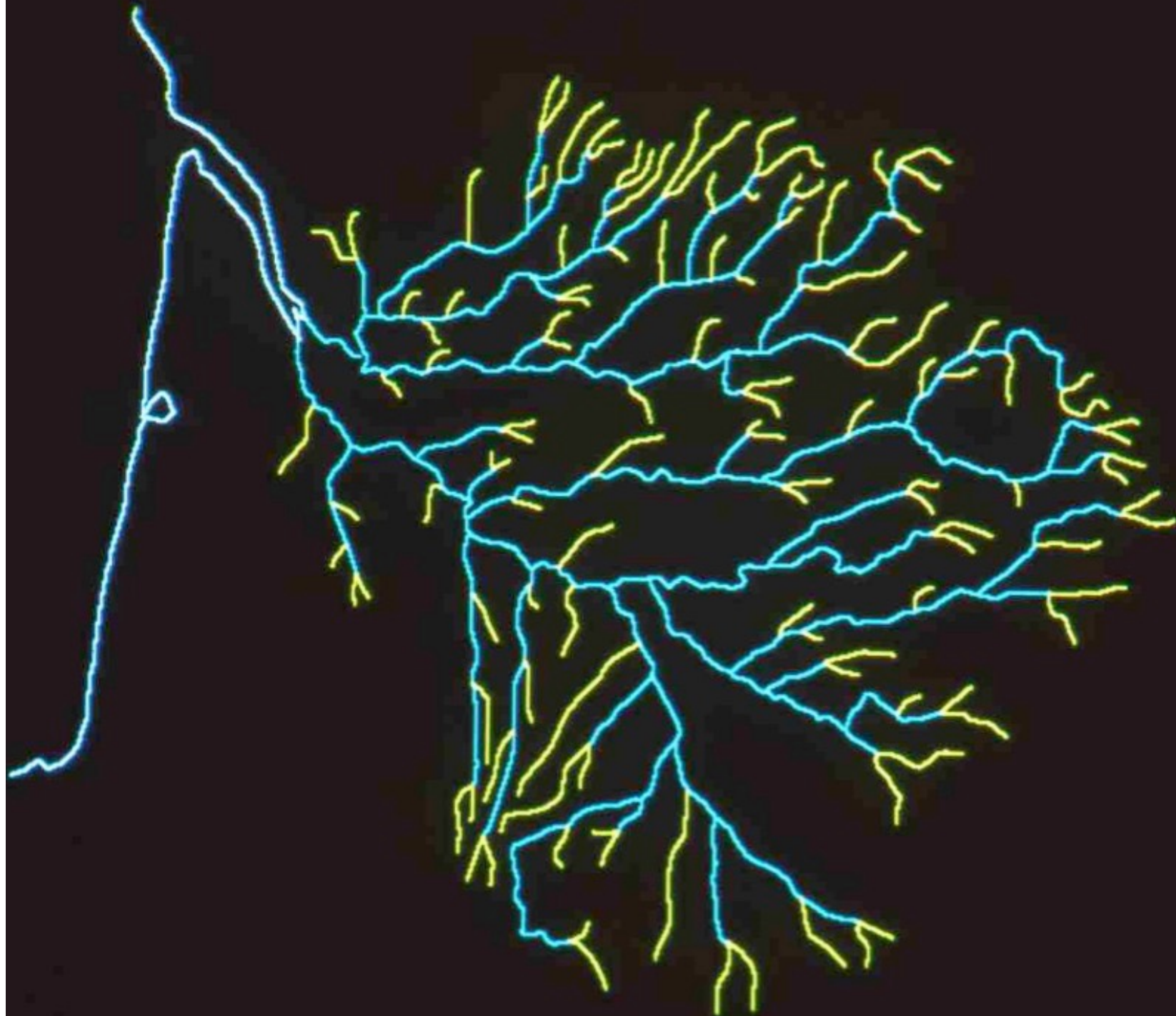
Strahler (1952)

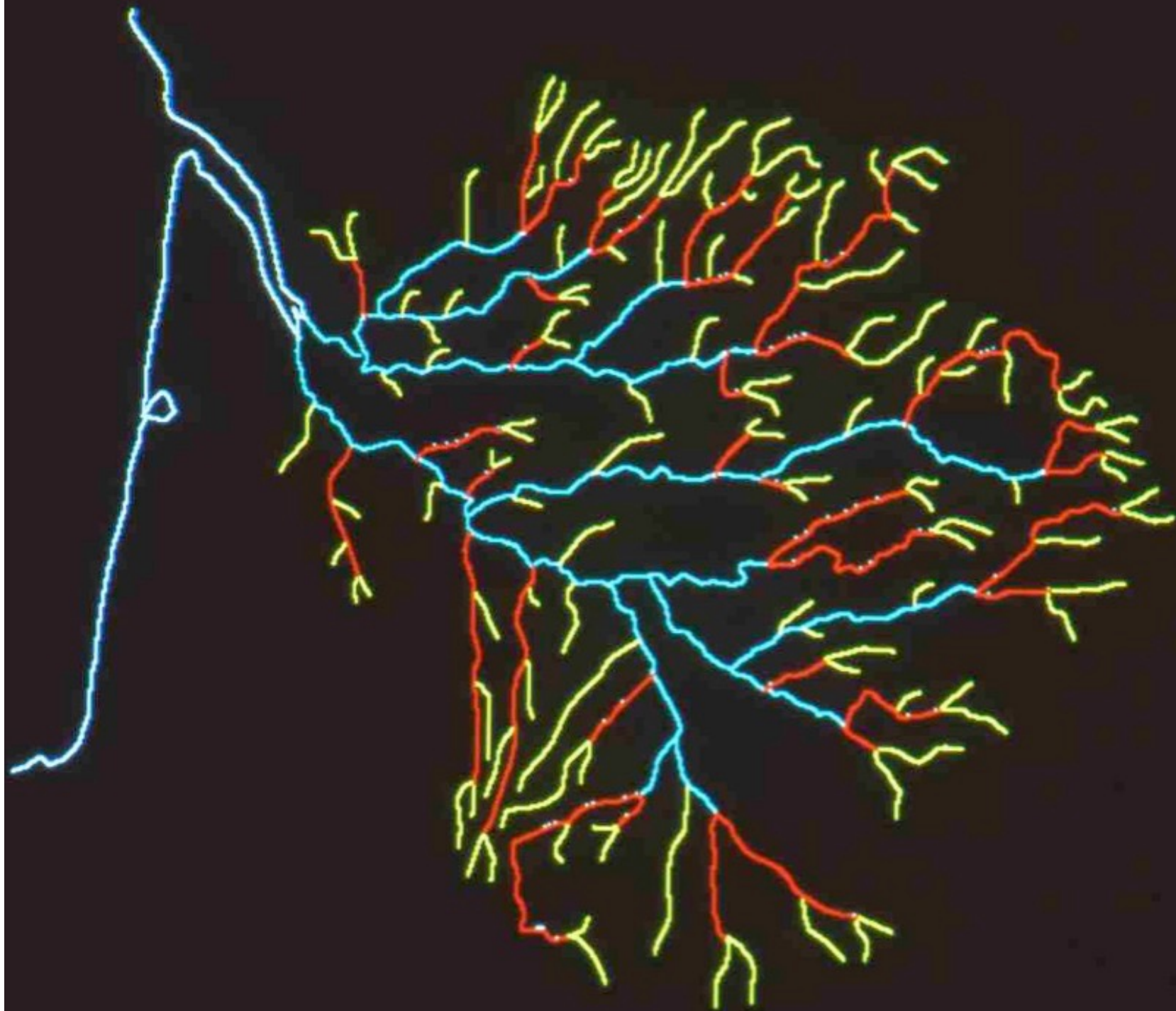
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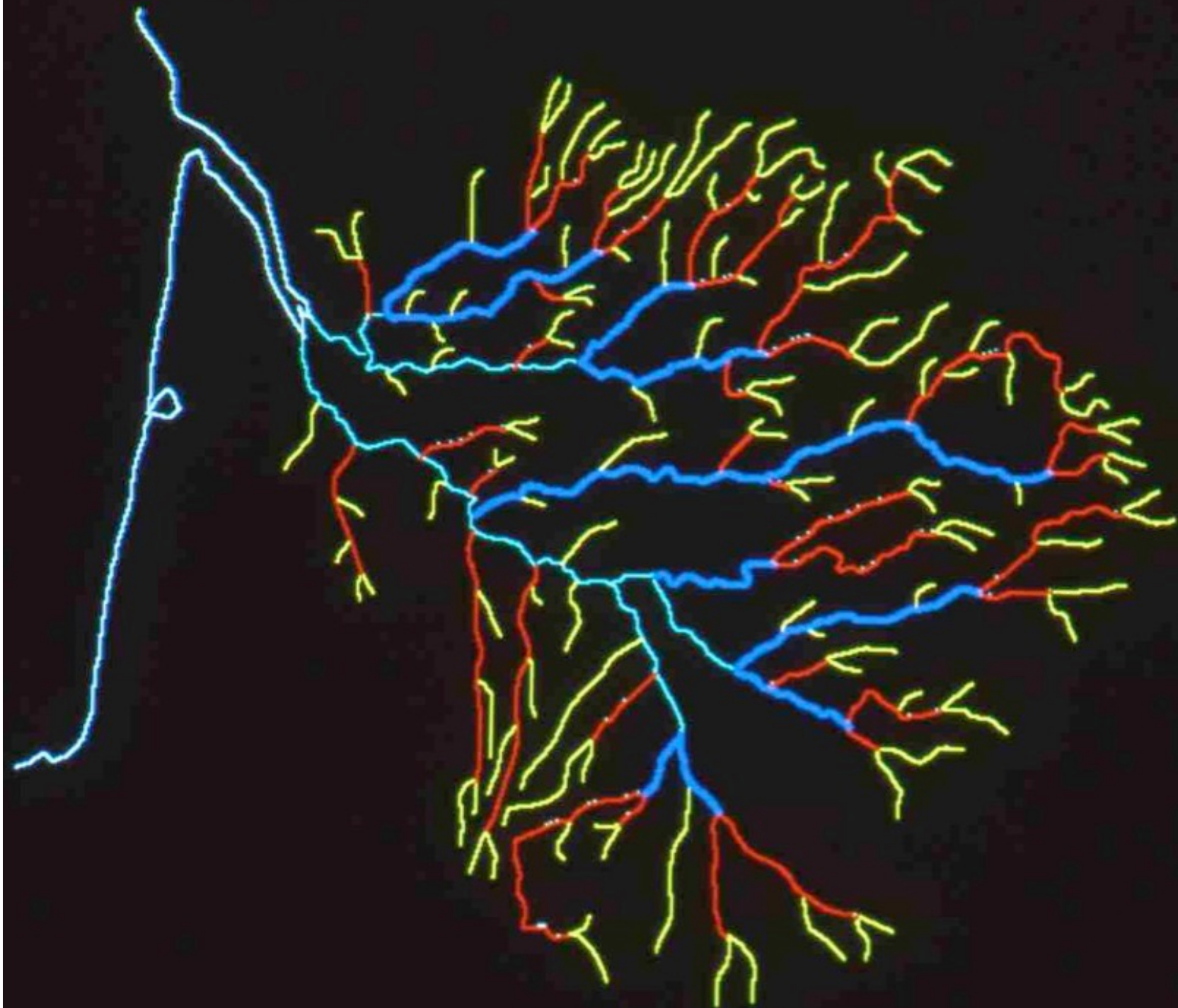
Order of a river morphology of network

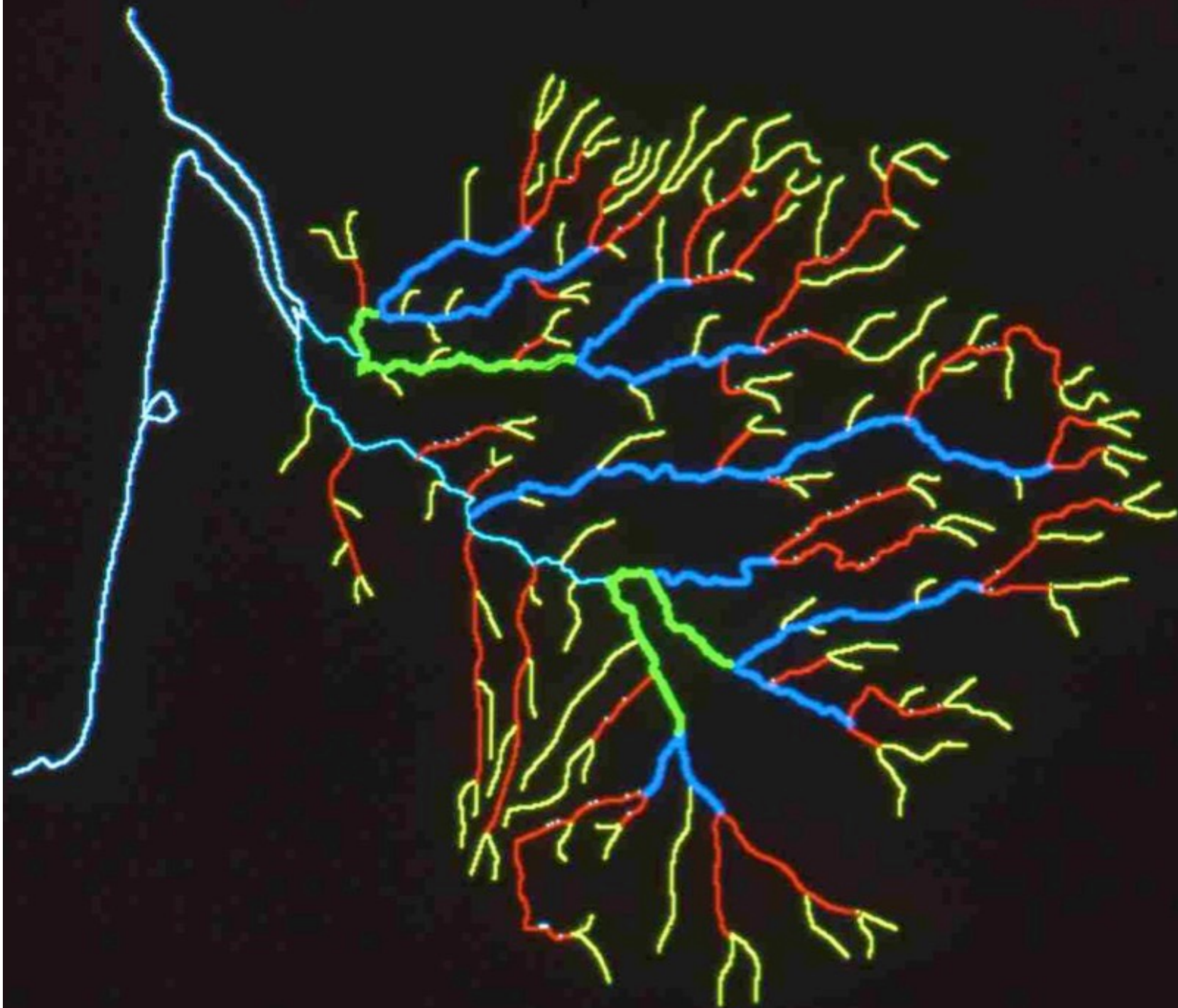


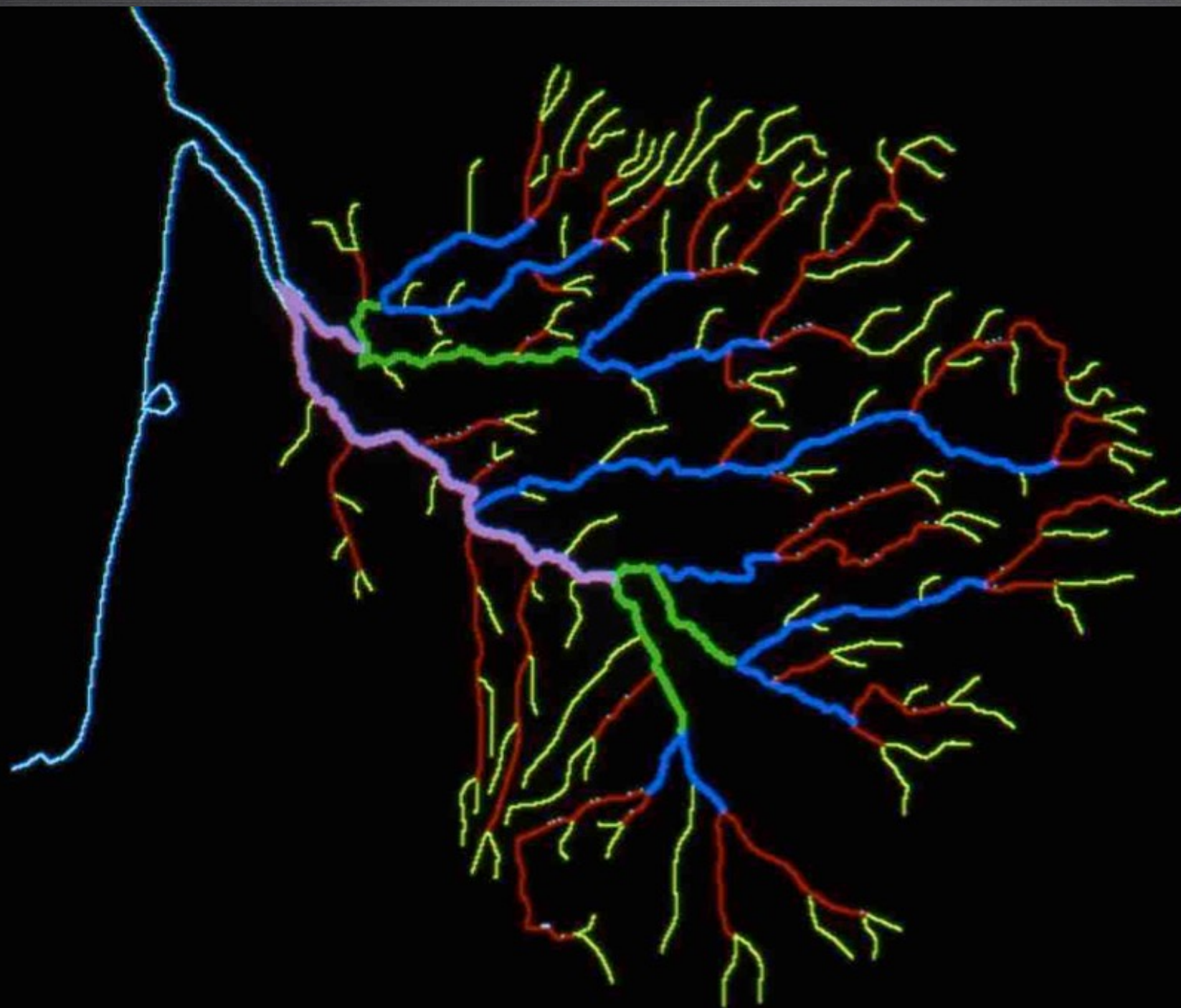


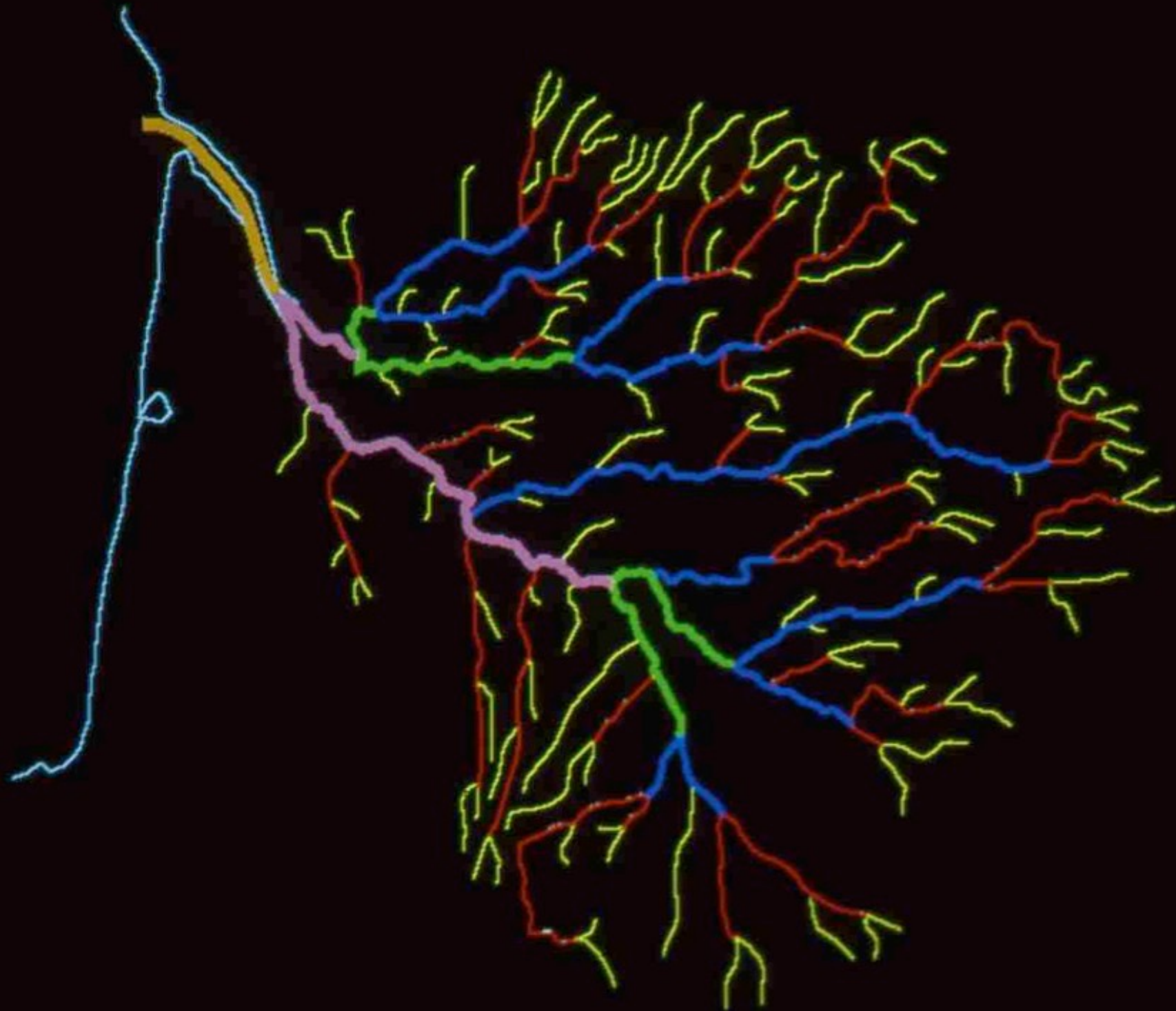


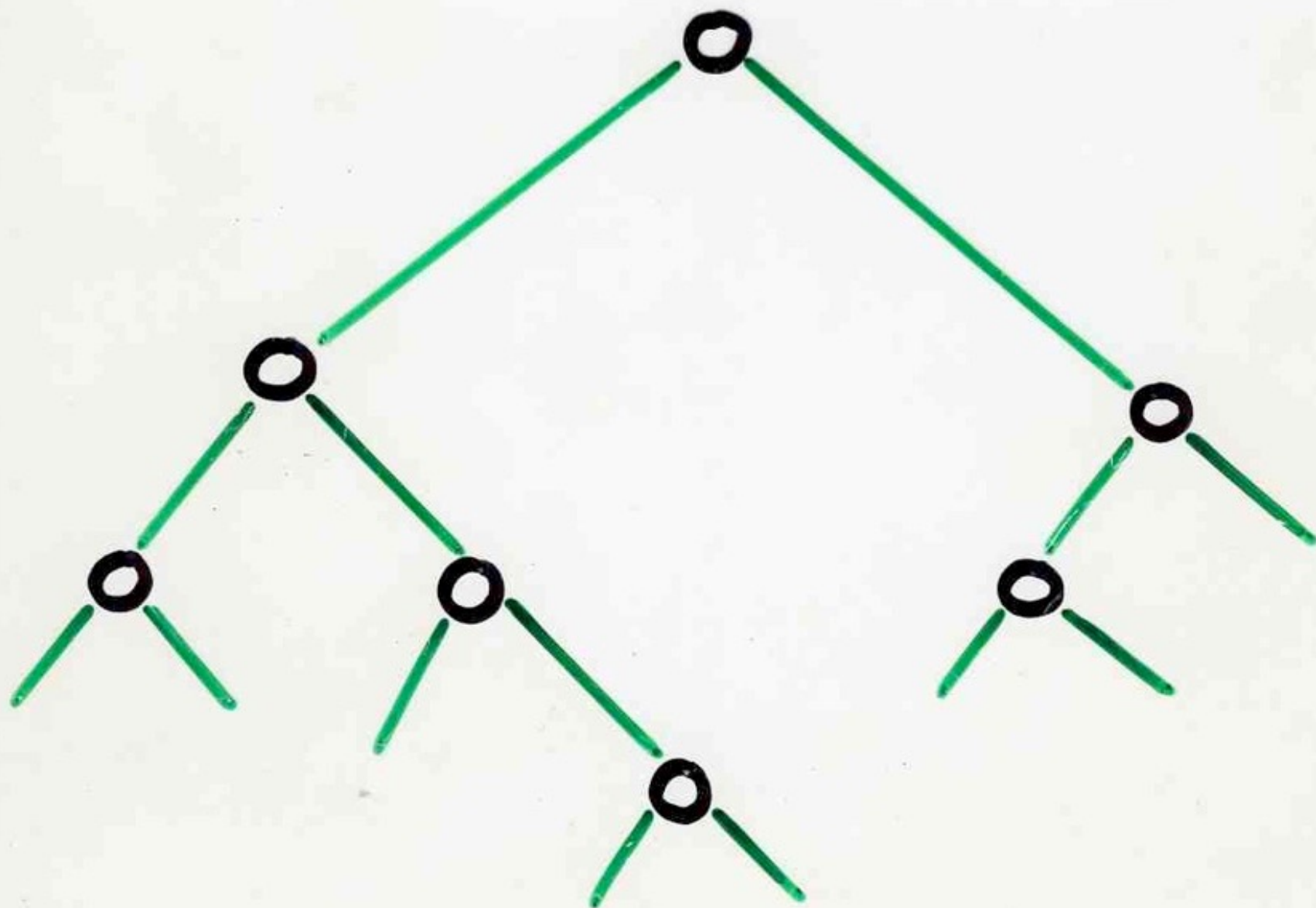




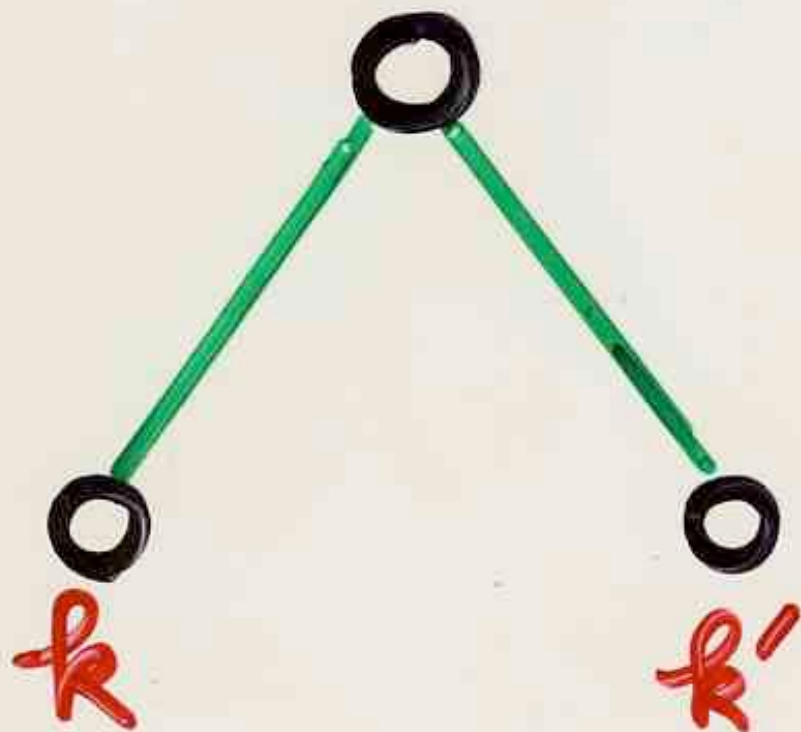




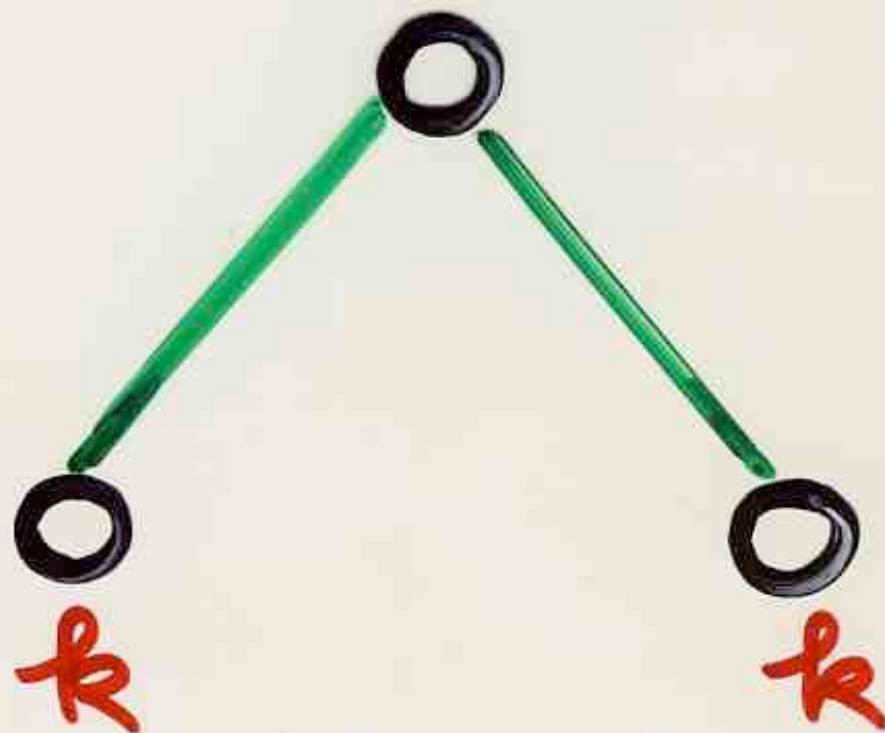




$\max(k, k')$



$k+1$



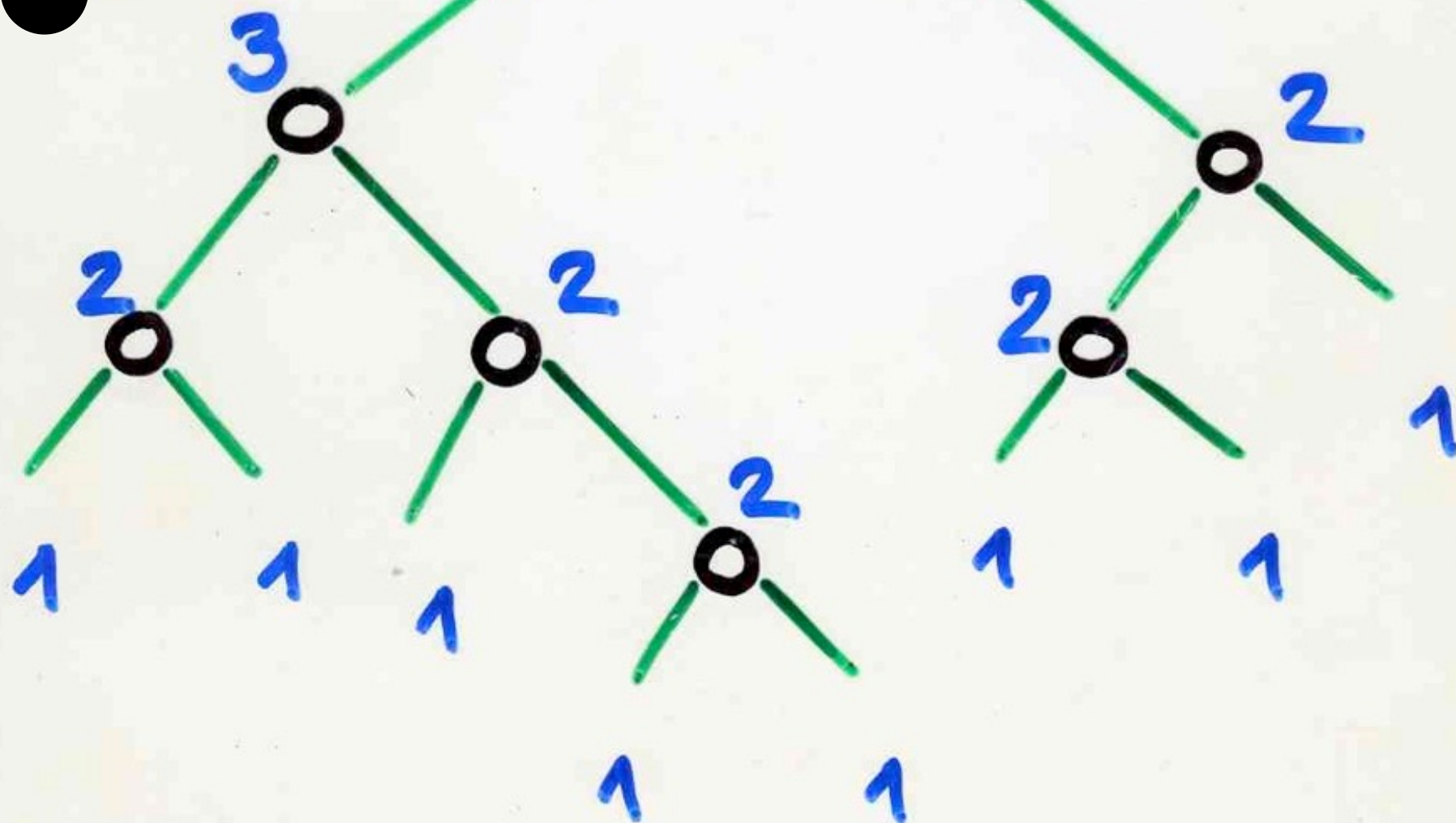


= minimum
number of
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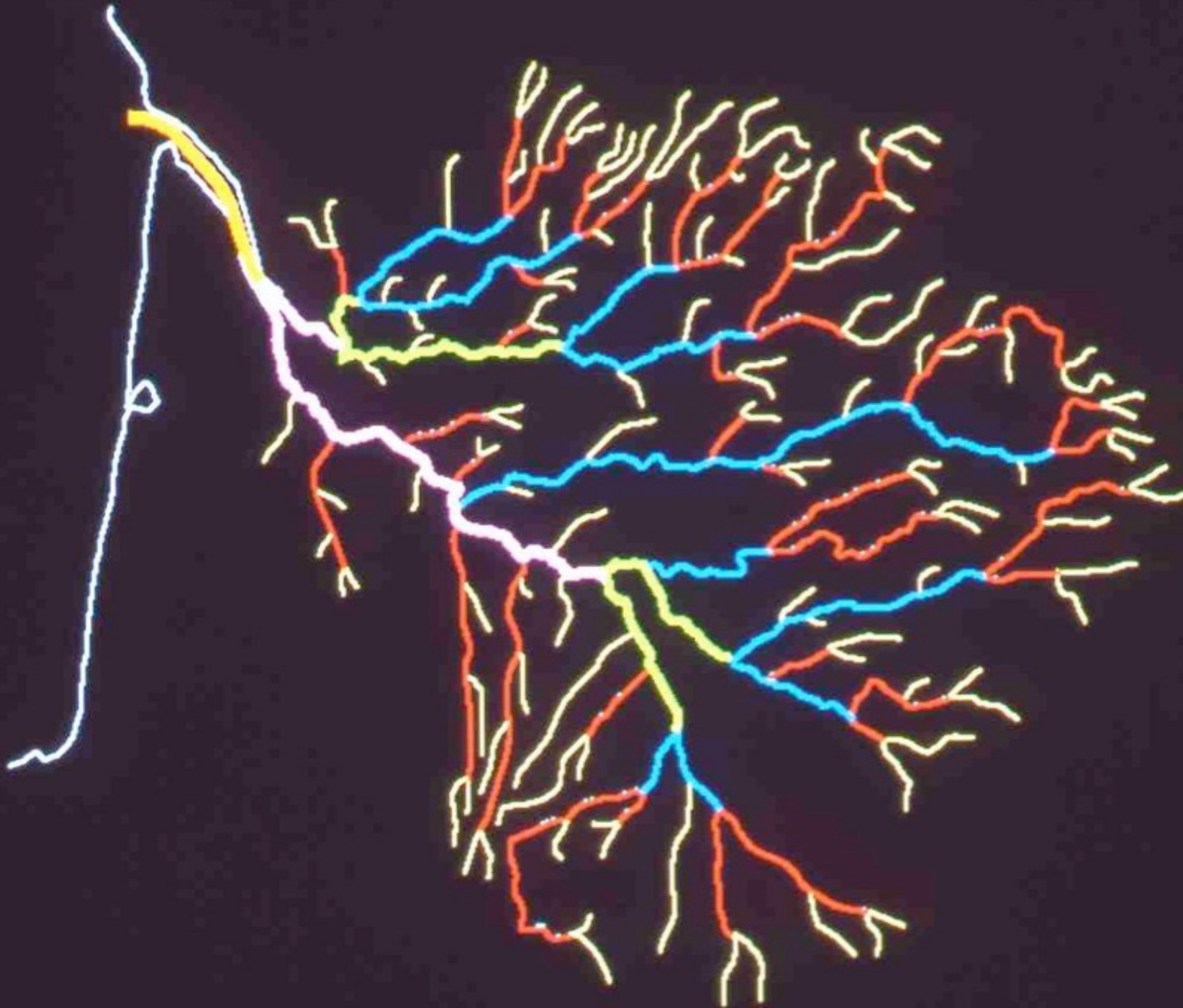
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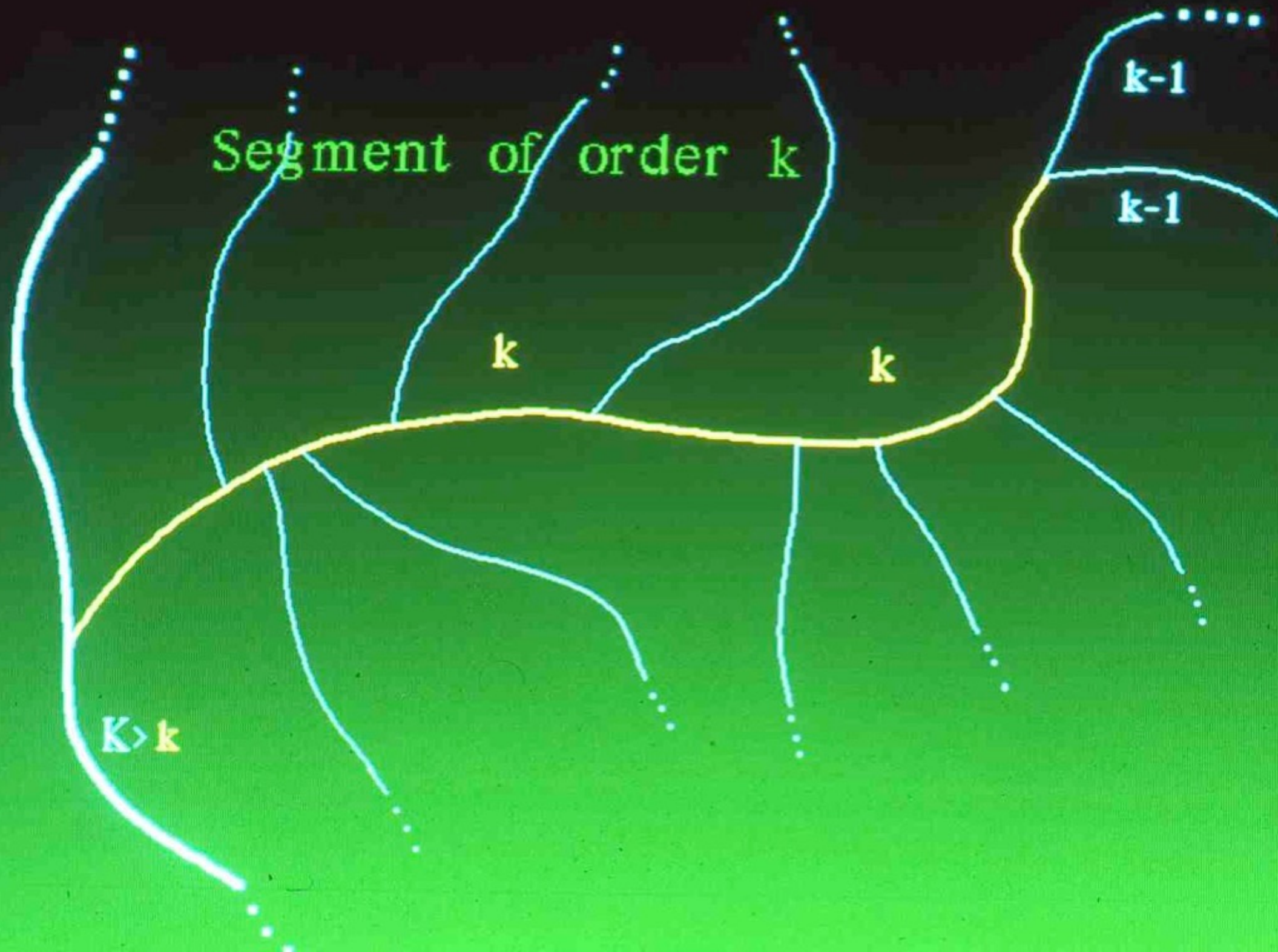
= $St(B)$

nombre de
Strahler



river or segment or order k



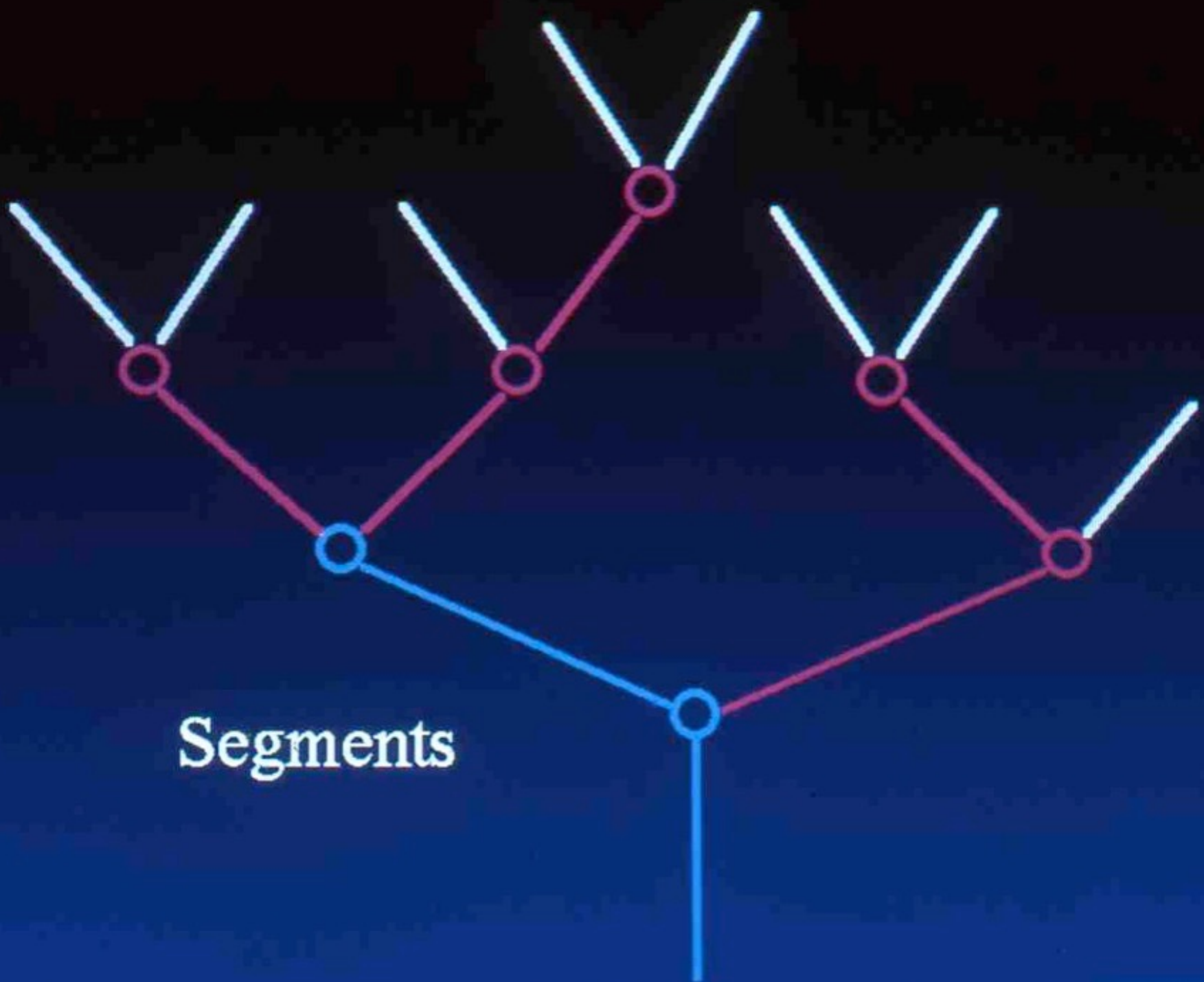


bifurcation ratio

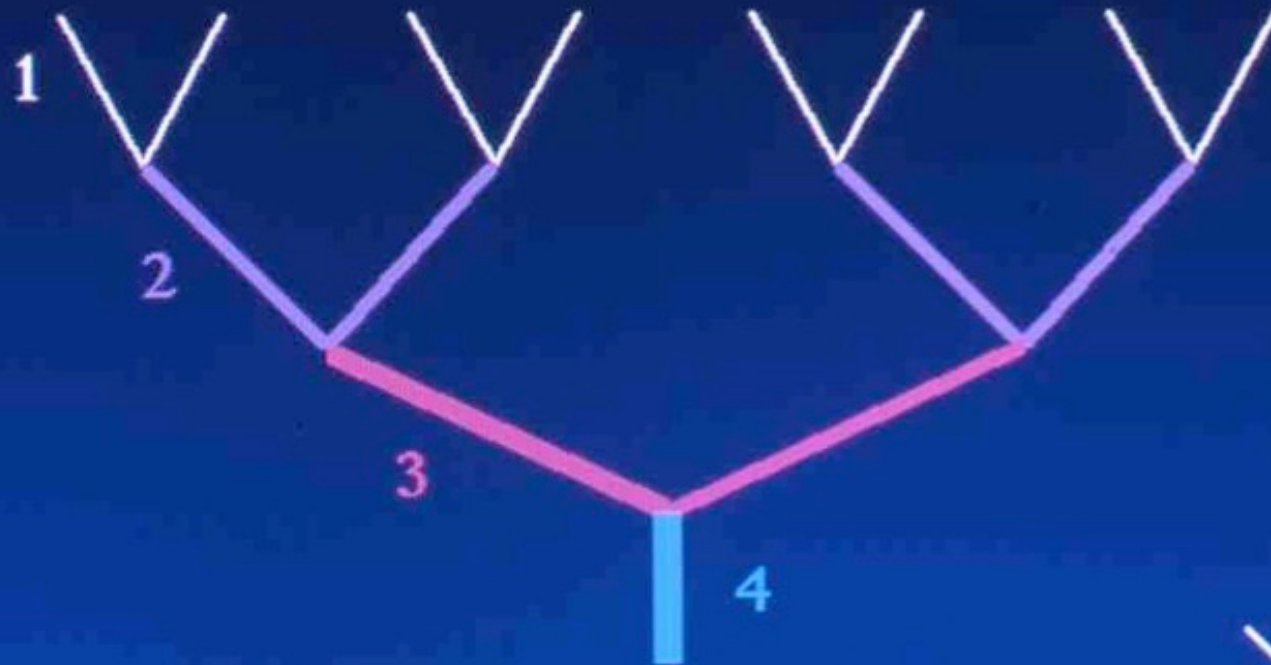
$$3 < \beta_k = \beta < 5$$

$$\beta_k = \frac{b_k}{b_{k+1}}$$

b_k = number of segments
of order k



Segments



perfect binary tree



«very thin»
binary tree

correlation between the «shape» of the river network
and
the structure of the deep underground

Prud'homme, Nadeau, Vigneaux, 1970, 1980

computer graphics

ramification matrix of
a binary tree

Arquès, Eyrolles, Janey, X.V.

SIGGRAPH'89, IMAGINA' 90

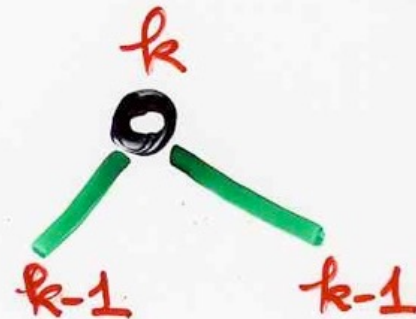
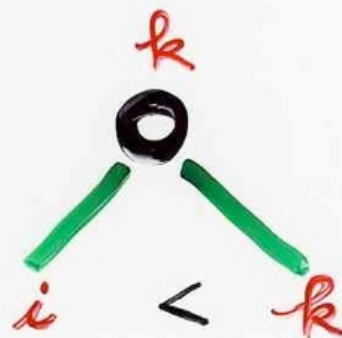


Synthetic images of
trees, leaves, landscapes ...

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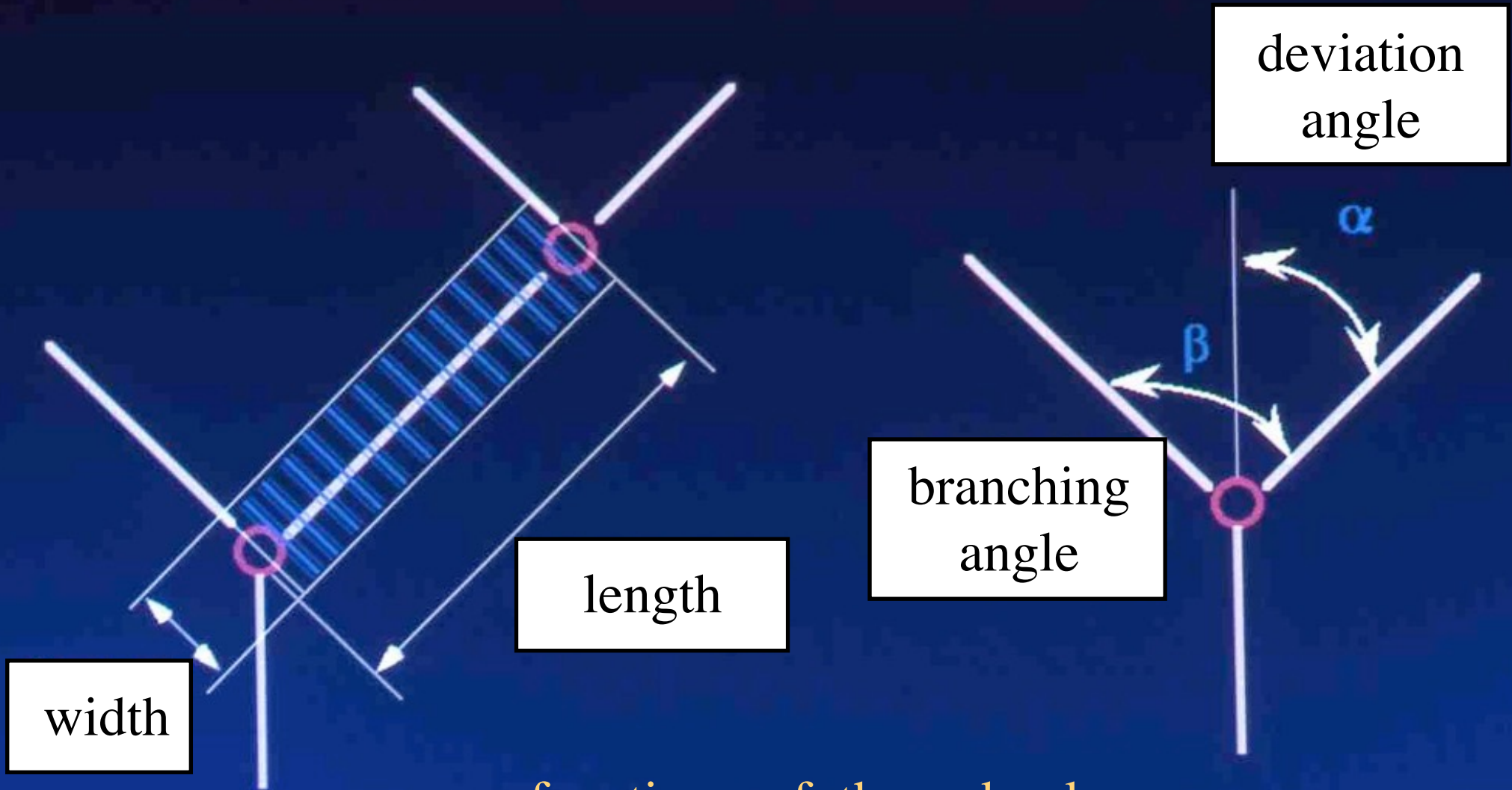
Ramification
matrix



$$P_{k,i} = \frac{b_{k,i}}{a_k}$$

biorder (k,i)

matrix of
probabilities



functions of the order k
and of the biorder (k,i)

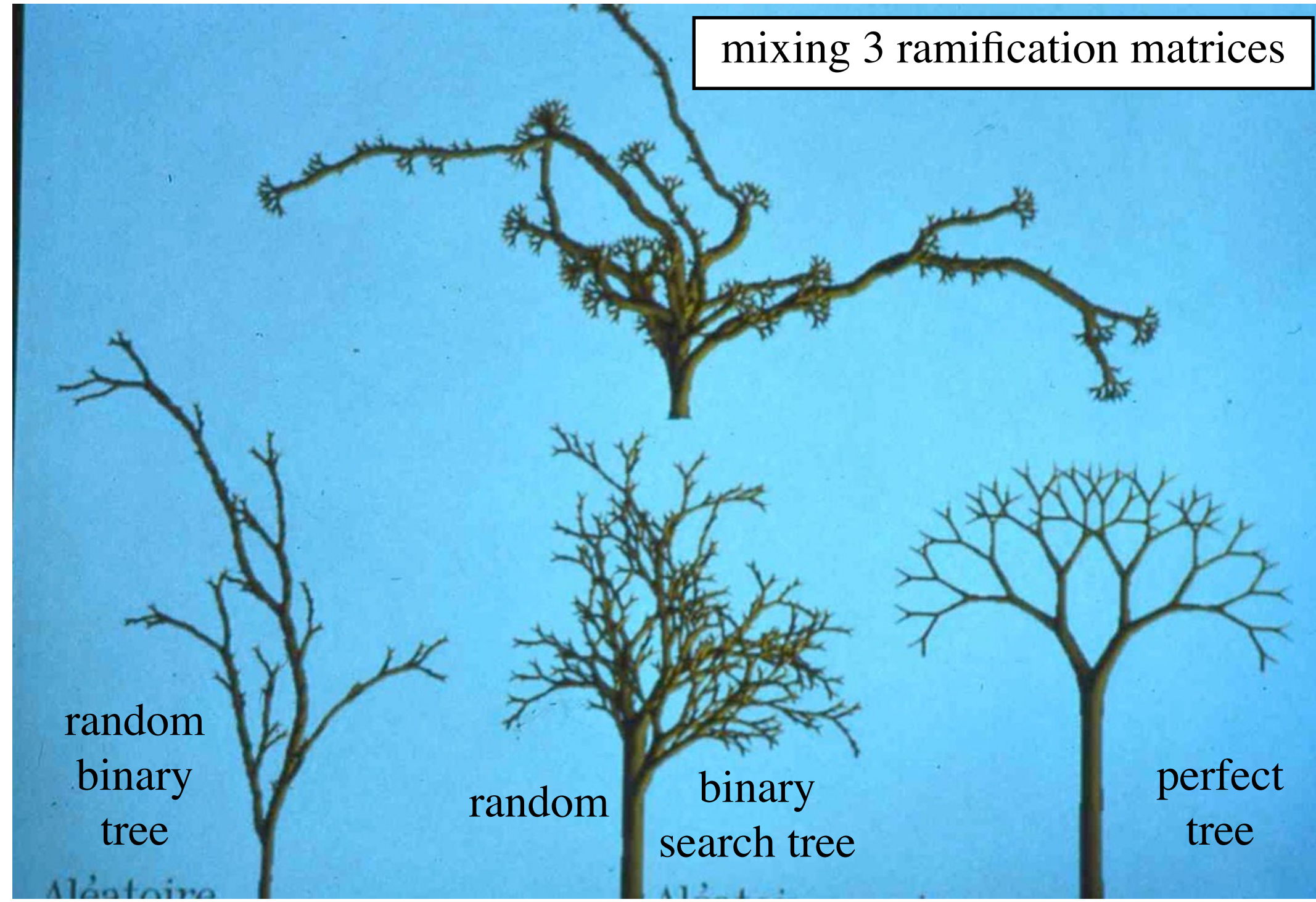






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mixing 3 ramification matrices



random
binary
tree

random

binary
search tree

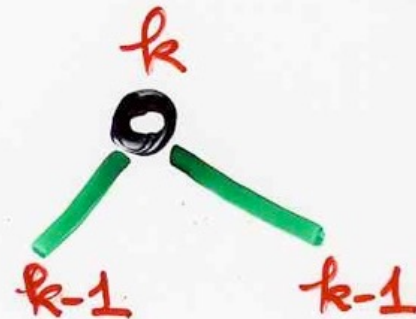
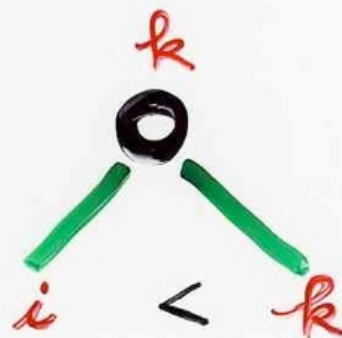
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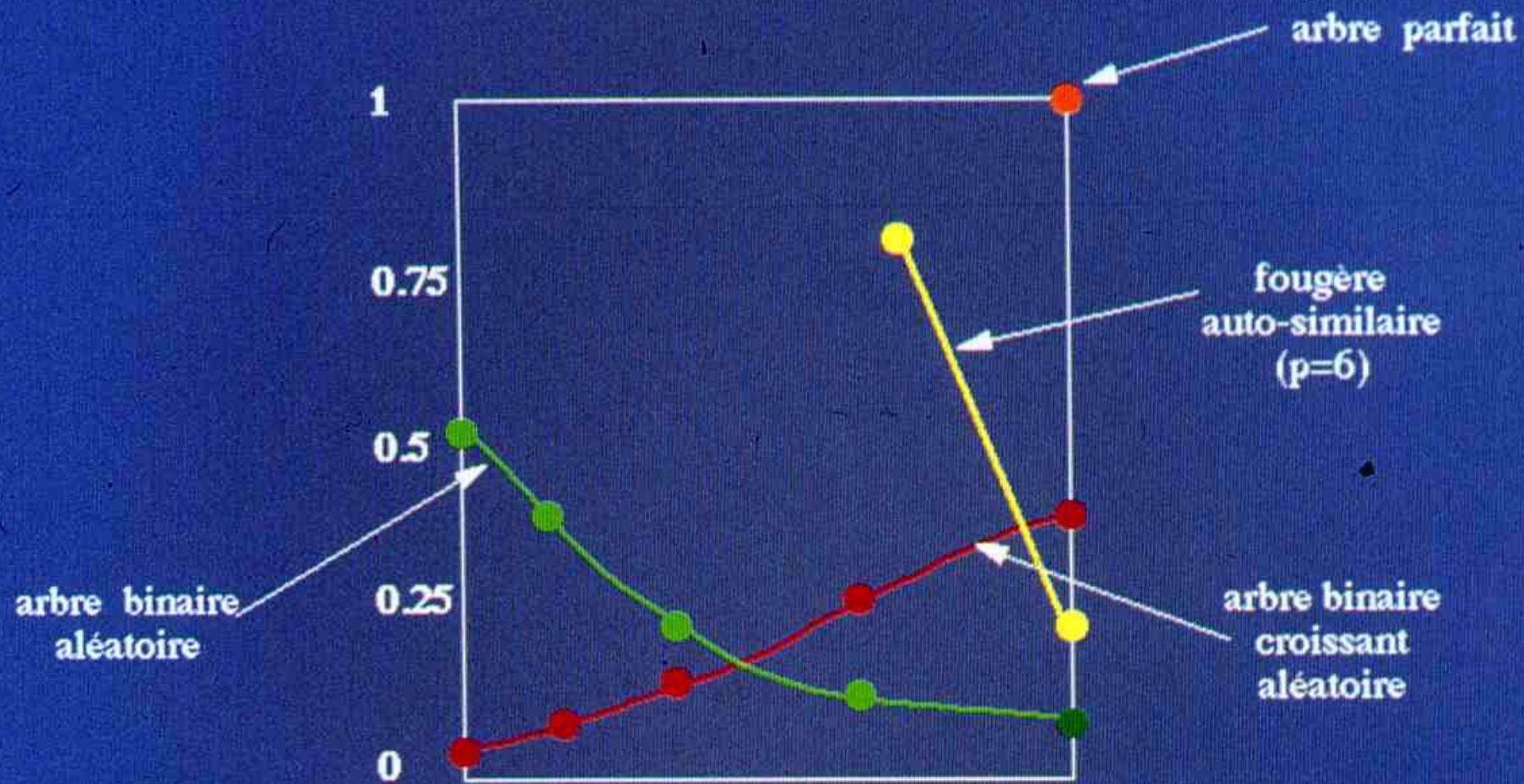
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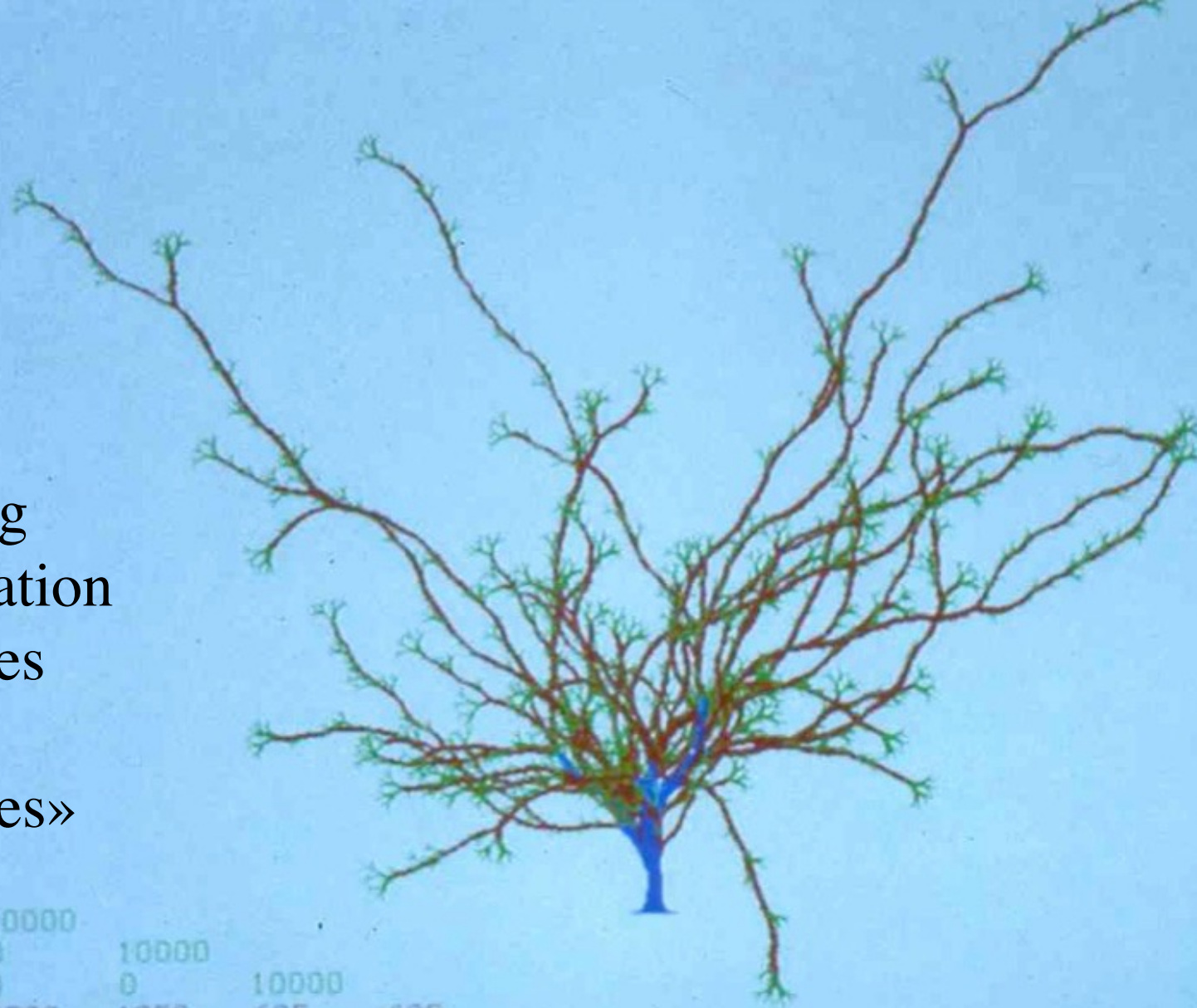
matrix of
probabilities



matrices de ramification auto-similaires

mixing
3 ramification
matrices

3 «shapes»



2 : 0	10000										
3 : 0	0	10000									
4 : 0	0	0	10000								
5 : 5000	2500	1250	625	625							
6 : 5000	2500	1250	625	313	312						
7 : 125	250	500	1000	2000	3000	3125					
8 : 63	125	250	500	1000	2000	3000	3062				
9 : 31	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	3000	3031			
10 : 15	31	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	3000	3016		
11 : 7	15	31	63	250	125	500	1000	2000	3000	3009	





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If there exist some beauty in these
synthetic images of trees,
it is only the pale reflection of the
extraordinary beauty of the
mathematics hidden behind the
algorithms generating these images

average Strahler number
over binary trees n vertices

$$St_n = \log_4 n + f(\log_4 n) + o(1)$$

Flajolet, Raoult, Vuillemin (1979) periodic

Numbers theory

$$T(n) = \text{number of 1's in the binary expansion of } 1, 2, \dots, (n-1)$$

generating function

$$S_{n,k} = \text{nb of (complete) binary trees } \mathcal{B} \\ \text{with } n \text{ (internal) vertices} \\ \text{Strahler nb } St(\mathcal{B}) = k$$

$$S_k(t) = \sum_{k \geq 0} S_{n,k} t^n$$

formal power series

$$S_1 = 1$$

$$S_2 = \frac{t}{1 - 2t}$$

$$S_3 = \frac{t^3}{1 - 6t + 10t^2 - 4t^3}$$

$$S_4 = \frac{t^7}{1 - 14t + 78t^2 - 220t^3 + 330t^4 - 252t^5 + 84t^6 - 8t^7}$$



Pafnuty Chebyshev
(1887-1920)

Chebyshev polynomials

trigonometry

$$\sin(n+1)\theta = (\sin\theta) \mathbf{U}_n(\cos\theta)$$

Counting trees ...



Binary tree

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graph TD; A(( )) --- B(( )); A --- C(( )); B --- D(( )); B --- E(( )); C --- F(( )); E --- G(( )); F --- H(( )); G --- I(( )); H --- J(( )); I --- K(( )); J --- L(( )); K --- M(( )); L --- N(( )); M --- O(( )); N --- P(( )); O --- Q(( )); P --- R(( )); Q --- S(( )); R --- T(( )); S --- U(( )); T --- V(( )); U --- W(( )); V --- X(( )); W --- Y(( )); X --- Z(( )); Y --- AA(( )); Z --- AB(( ));
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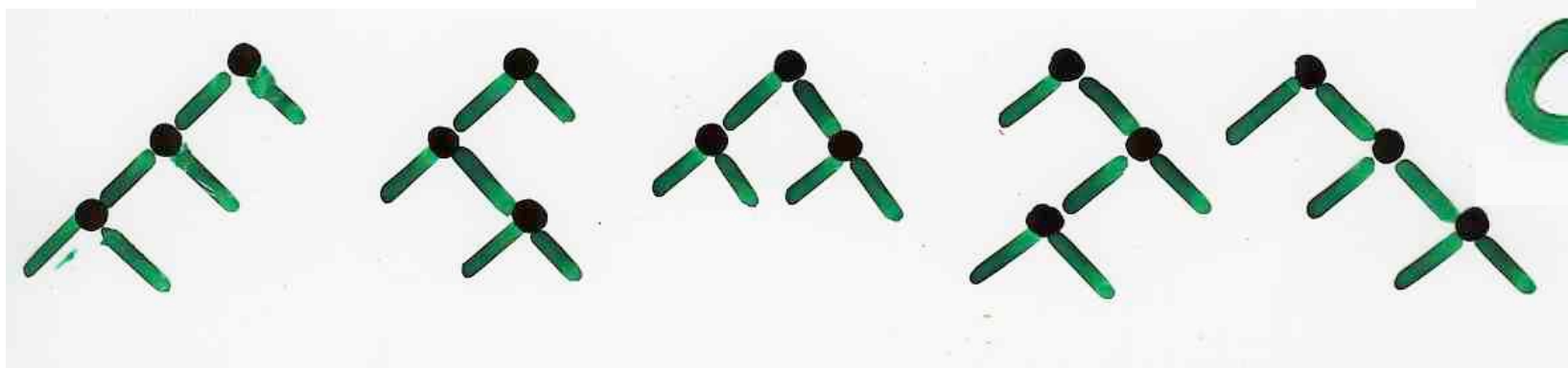




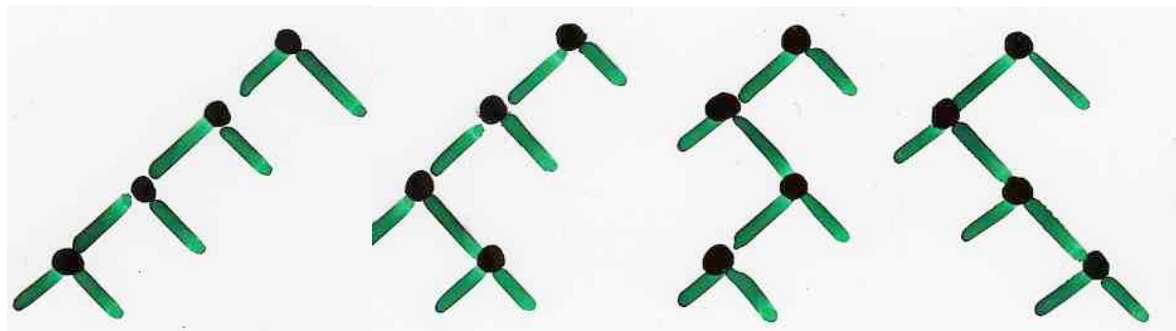
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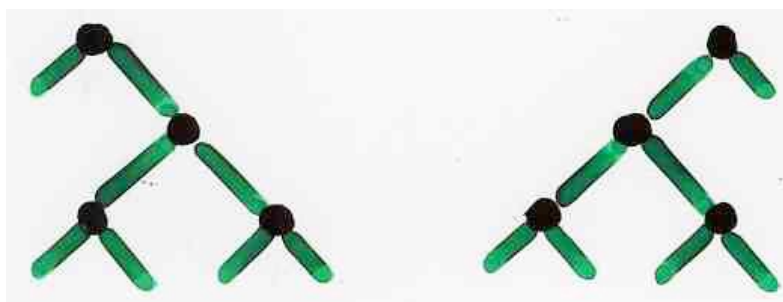
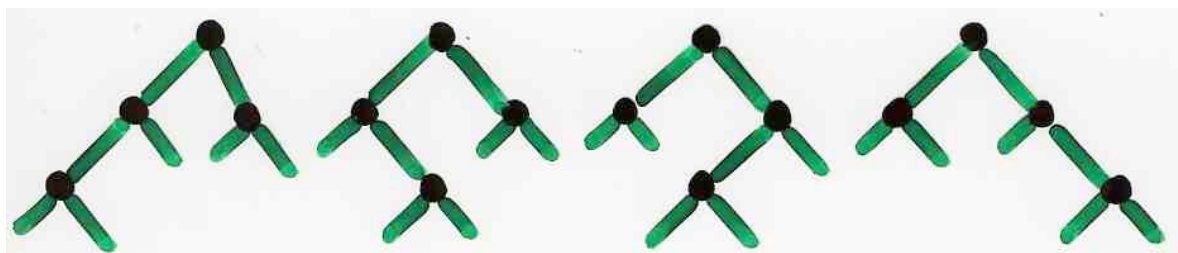
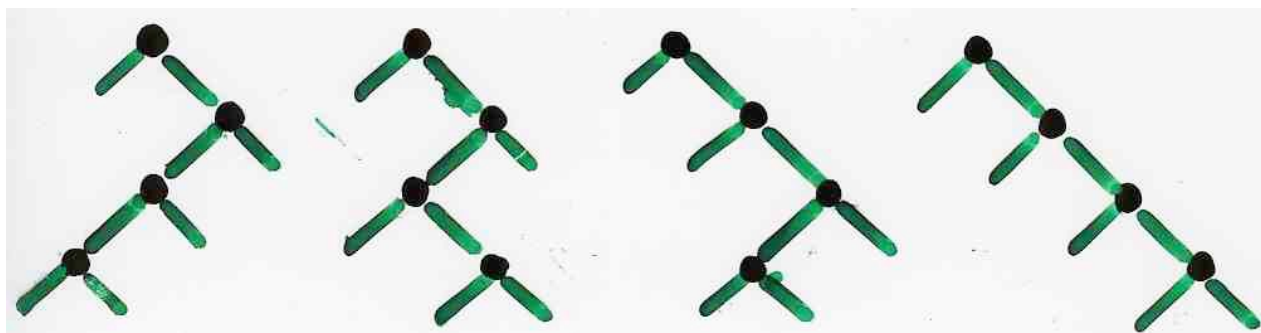
$$C_2 = 2$$



$$C_3 = 5$$



$$C_4 = 14$$



Catalan
number

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

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

$$n! = 1 \times 2 \times \dots \times n$$

1 1 2 5 14 42

Catalan numbers



E. Catalan
(1814-1894)

Geht, und steht hier auf 8 nicht liegenden Stellen geschrieben. Auf 8 Stellen
 sind die Diagonalen I. a_1^1 ; II. a_2^1, a_1^2 ; III. a_3^1, a_2^2, a_1^3 ; IV. $a_4^1, a_3^2, a_2^3, a_1^4$; V. $a_5^1, a_4^2, a_3^3, a_2^4, a_1^5$

Wenn hier ein Punkt sind 3 Diagonalen in 4 Triangula
 steht, und hier auf 14 liegenden Stellen geschrieben.

Man ist hier ganz Generaliter. In ein Polygon von n Seiten
 sind $n-3$ Diagonalen in $n-2$ Triangula zerlegt, und auf
 die $n-2$ liegenden Stellen geschrieben.

Es ist nun die Aufgabe diese liegenden Stellen = x

zu finden

Wenn $n = 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, 132, 429, 1430, \dots$

ist $x = 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, 132, 429, 1430, \dots$

Daraus sieht man den Zusammenhang. Generaliter
 ist

$$x = \frac{2 \cdot 6 \cdot 10 \cdot 14 \cdot 18 \cdot 22 \cdot \dots \cdot (4n-10)}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot \dots \cdot (n-1)} = \frac{(2n)!}{(n+1)!n!}$$

$$6 = 2 \cdot \frac{4 \cdot 2}{1}, 14 = 5 \cdot \frac{14}{3}, 42 = 14 \cdot \frac{4}{1}, 132 = 11 \cdot \frac{12}{1}$$

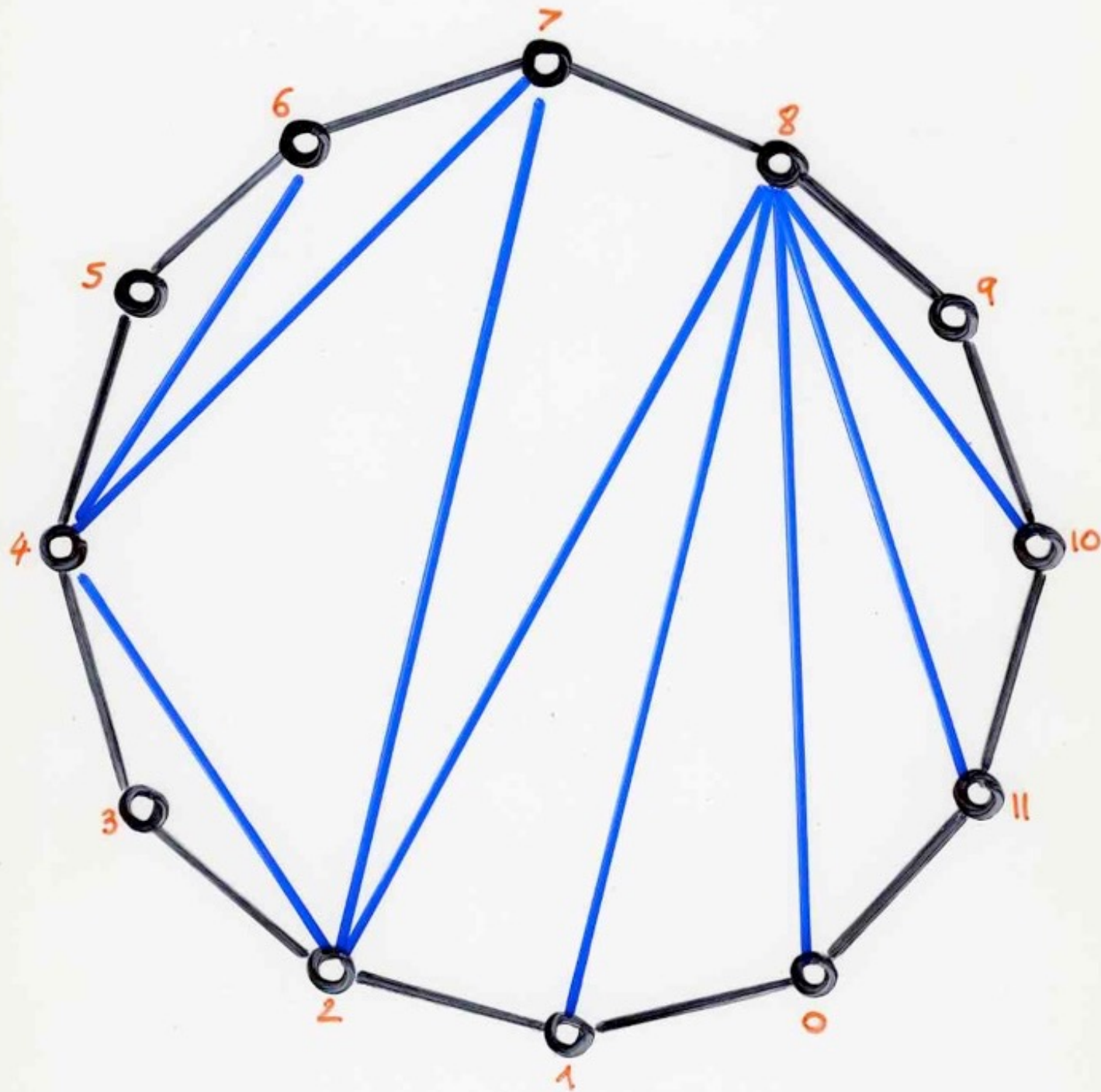
$$C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} \quad n! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times n$$

A letter from Leonhard Euler
to Christian Goldbach

Berlin, 4 September 1751

Leonhard
Euler
1707 - 1783





und. wenn
 die Reihe ist unend. Ist die Reihe
 die Proprietät

$$\frac{1 - 2a - \sqrt{1 - 4a^2}}{2a^2}$$

$$1 + 2a + 5a^2 + 14a^3 + 42a^4 + 132a^5 + \text{etc}$$

gemessen. Ist

$$1 + 2a + 5a^2 + 14a^3 + 42a^4 + 132a^5 + \text{etc} = \frac{1 - 2a - \sqrt{1 - 4a^2}}{2a^2}$$

alle. wenn $a = \frac{1}{4}$ ist $1 + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{5}{4^2} + \frac{14}{4^3} + \frac{42}{4^4} + \text{etc} = 4$

Die hier erwähnte Reihe ist für die Eigenschaften
 vollständig aufbewahrt geblieben, und
 es ist die Folge mit der richtigen Reihenfolge
 der Reihe zu bezeichnen
 von Joseph Euler

Paris 24^{te} Sept
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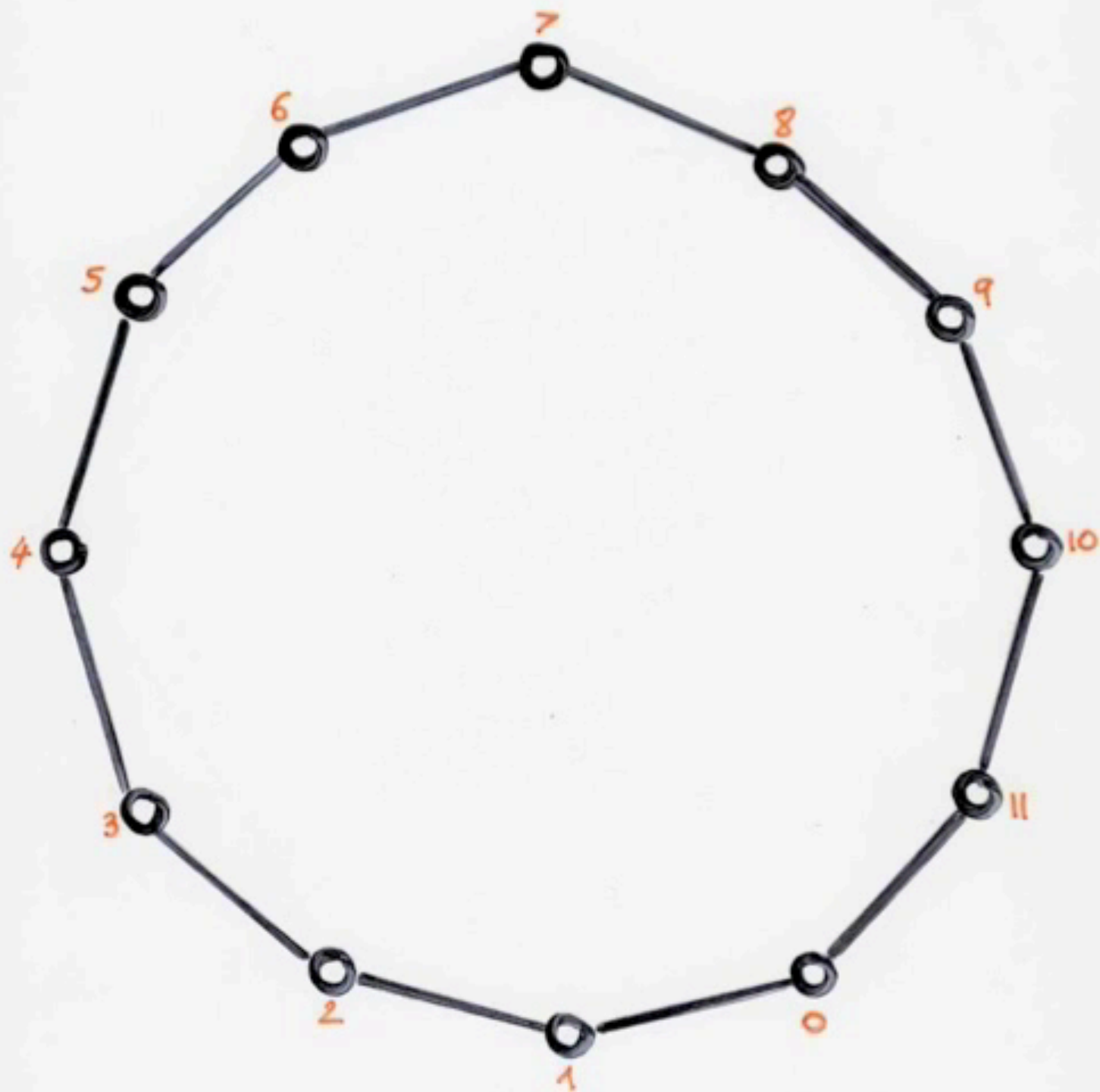
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 Berlin

gezeichnete Euler



from triangulations
to binary trees



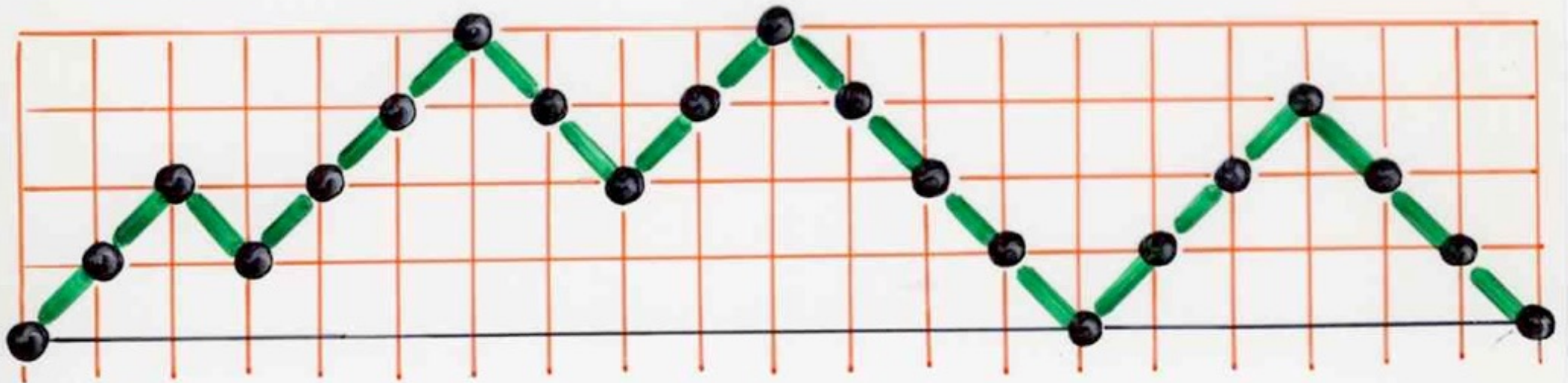


How to prove the relation
between the distribution of Strahler numbers
and Chebyshev polynomials?

$$S_k(t) = \sum_{k \geq 0} S_{n,k} t^n$$

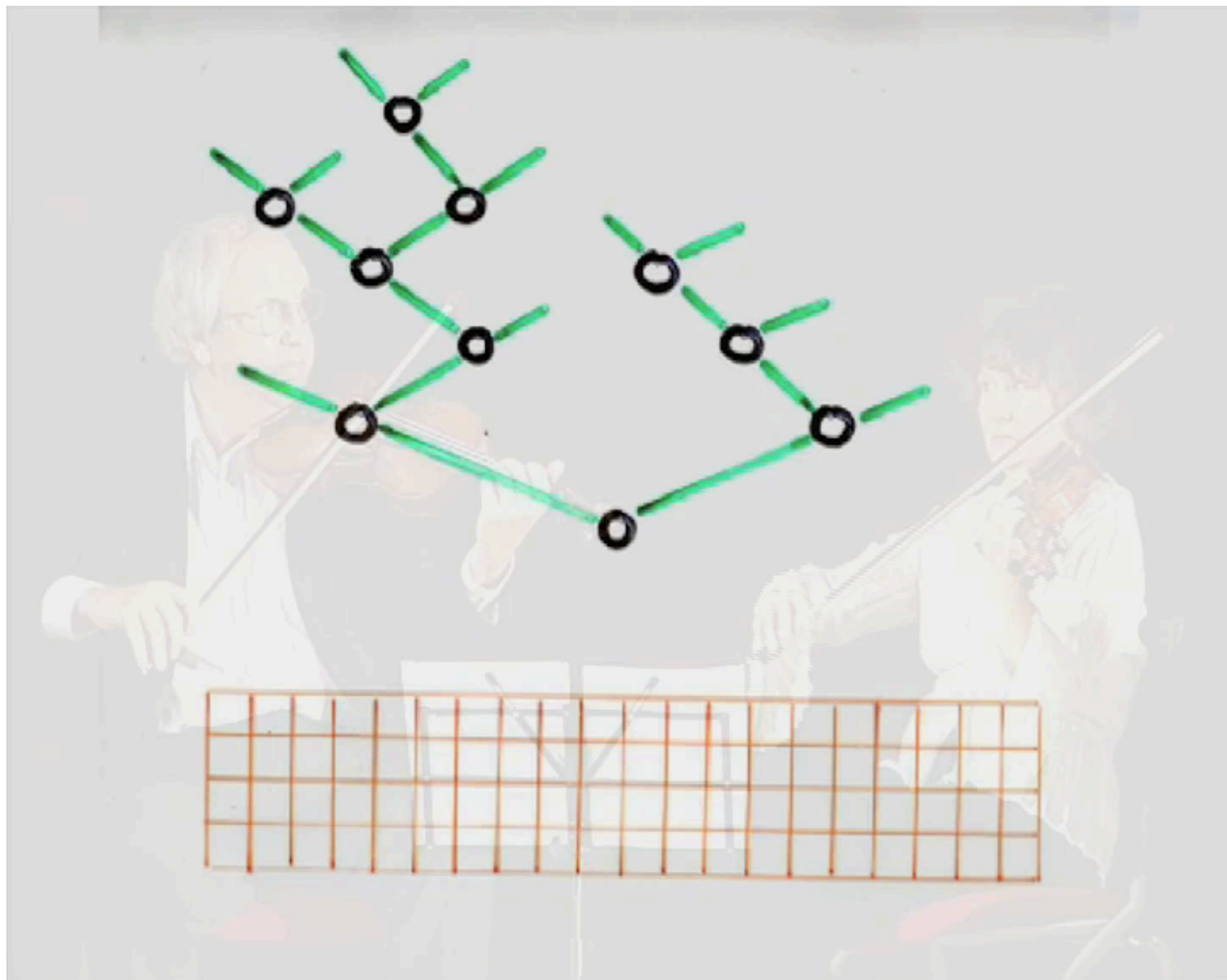
$$\sin(n+1)\theta = (\sin\theta) U_n(\cos\theta)$$

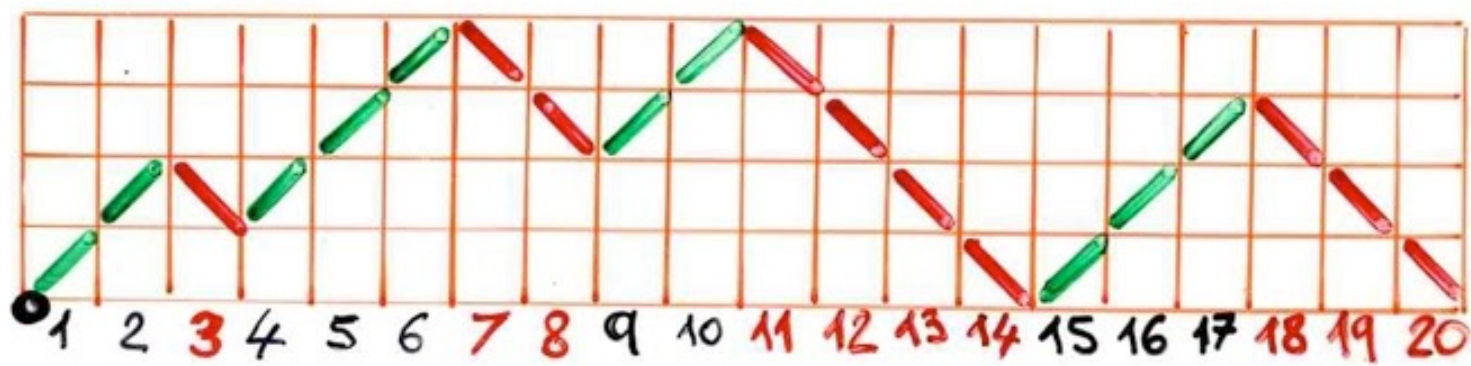
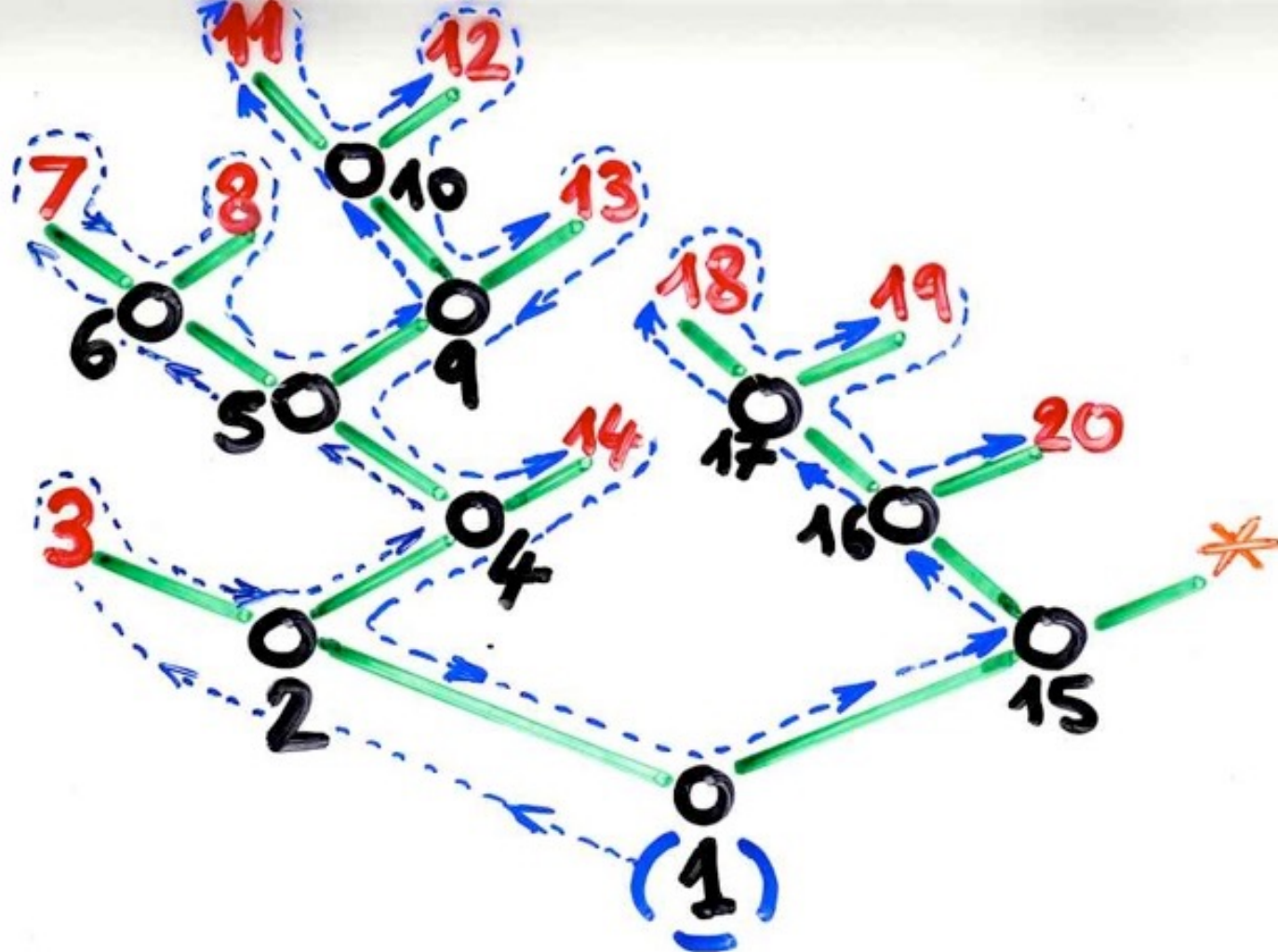
Dyck path



from binary trees
to Dyck paths

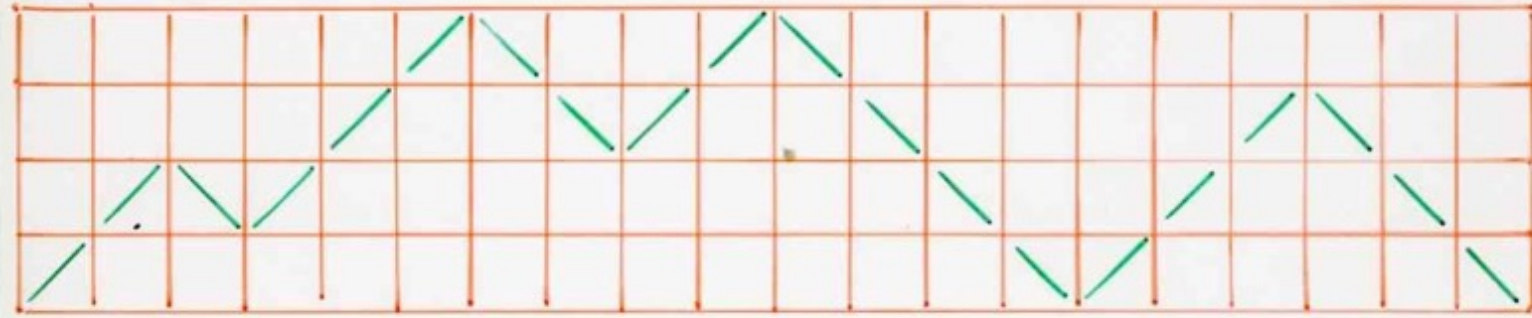


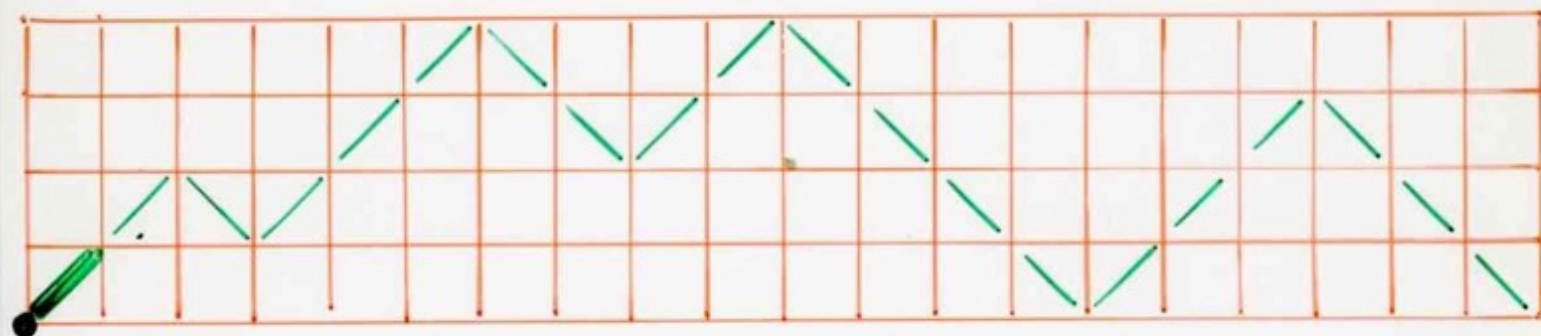


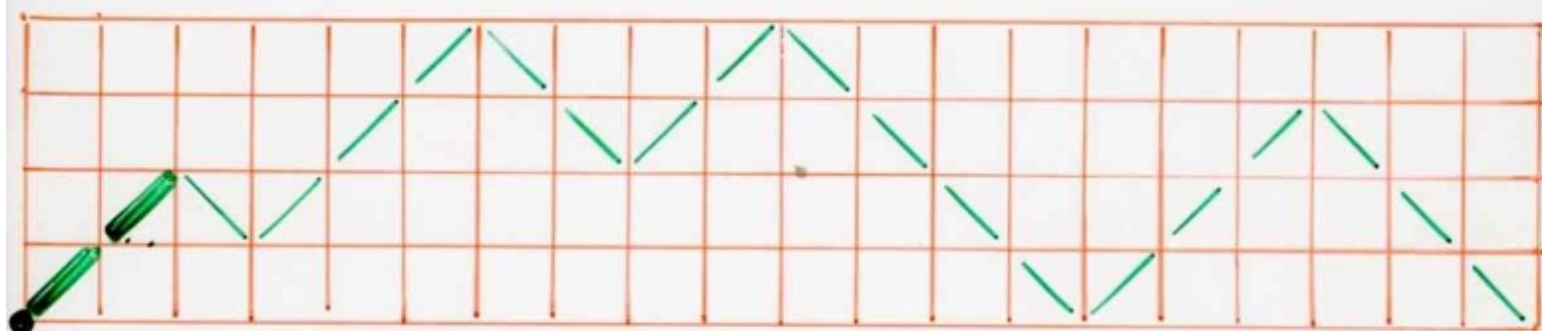


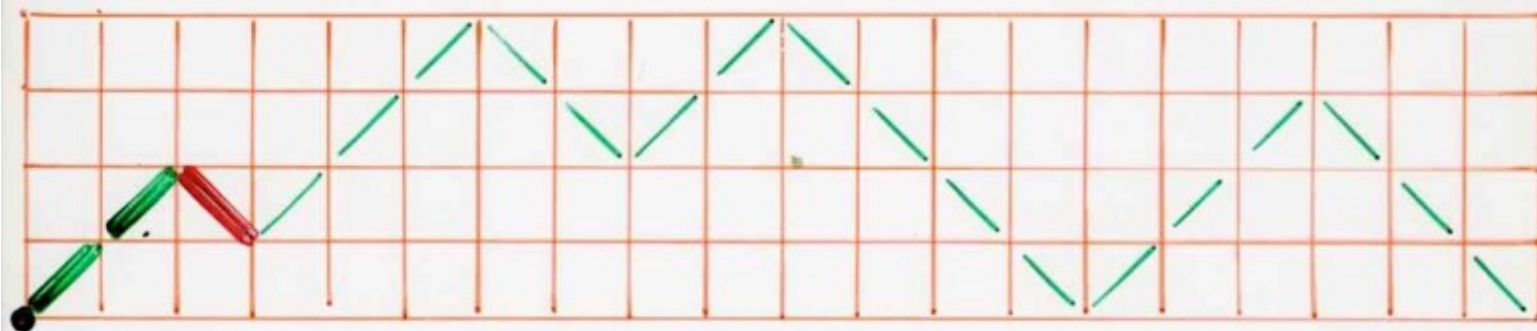
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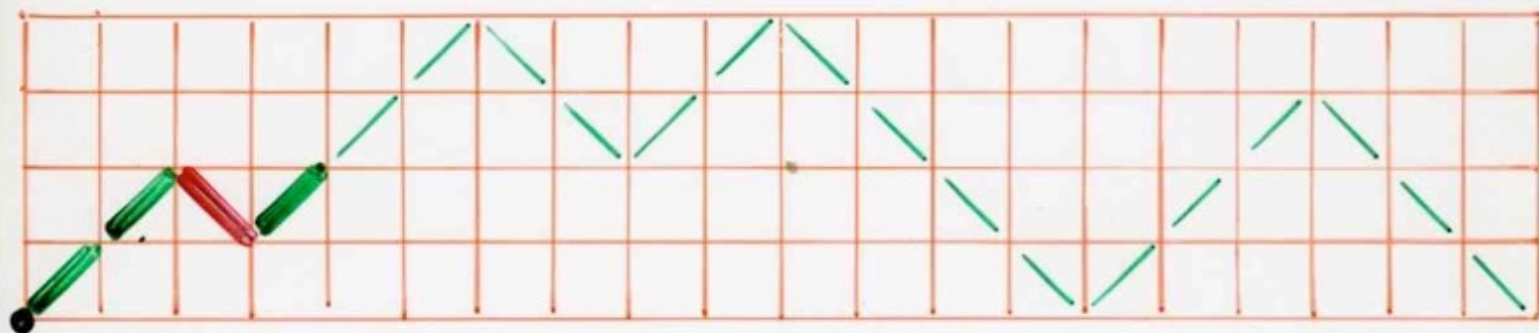


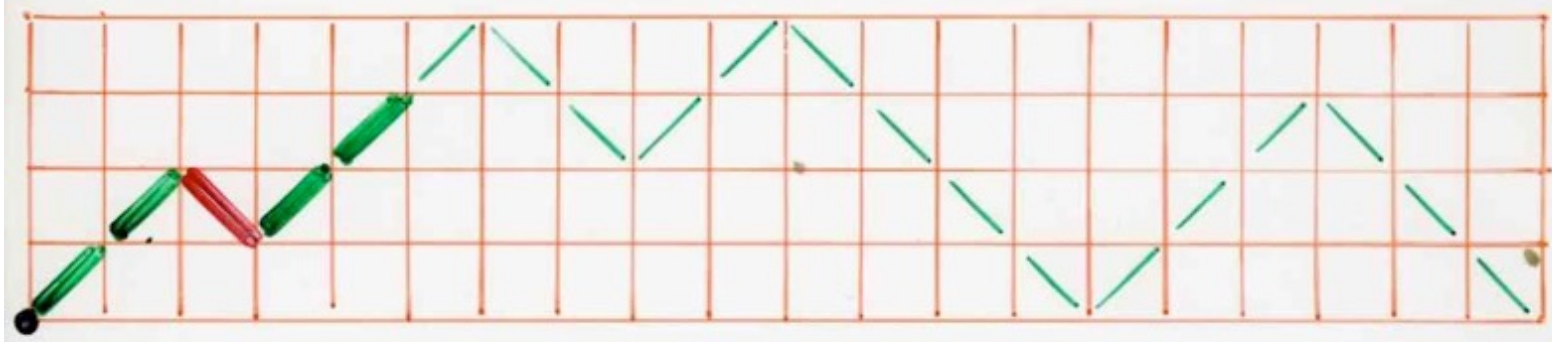
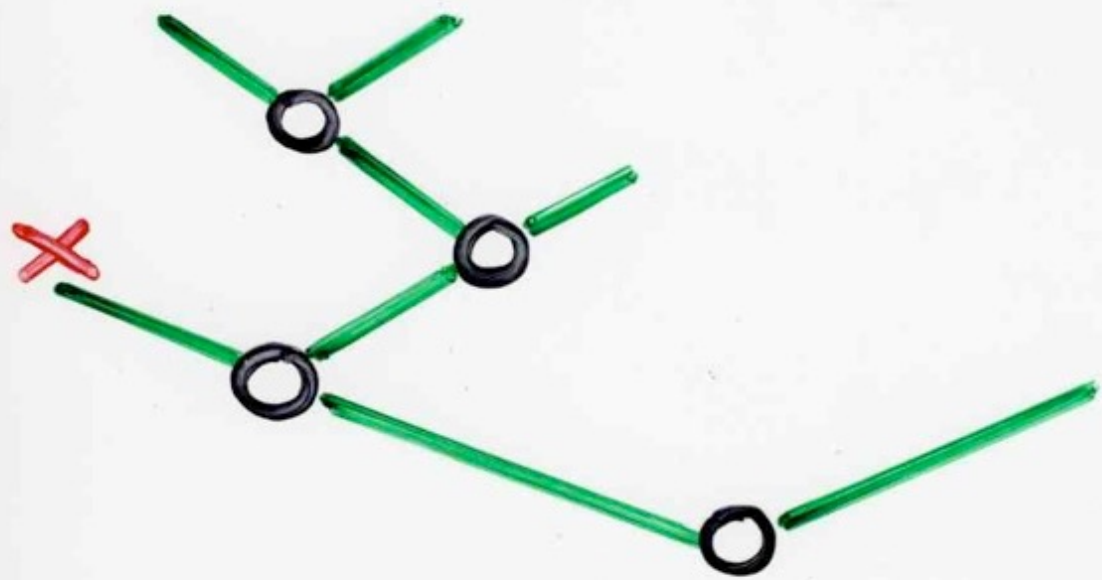


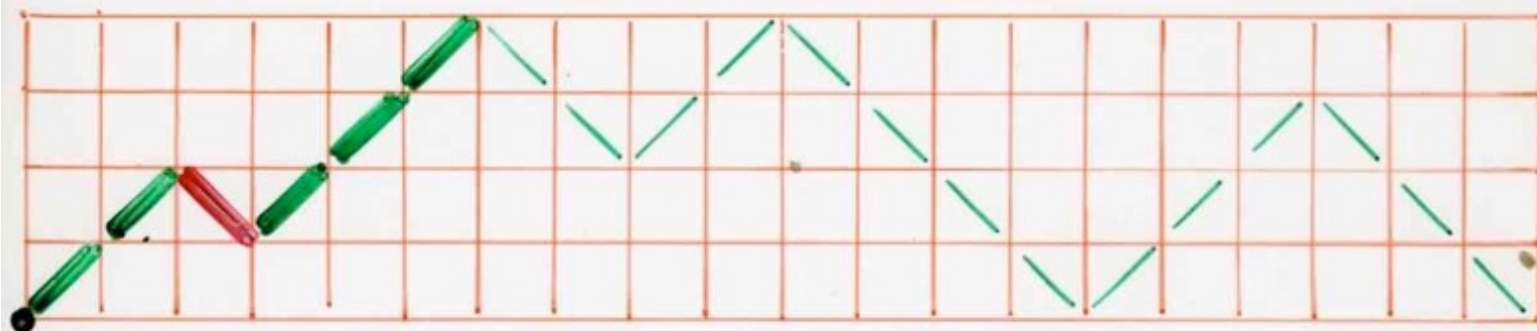
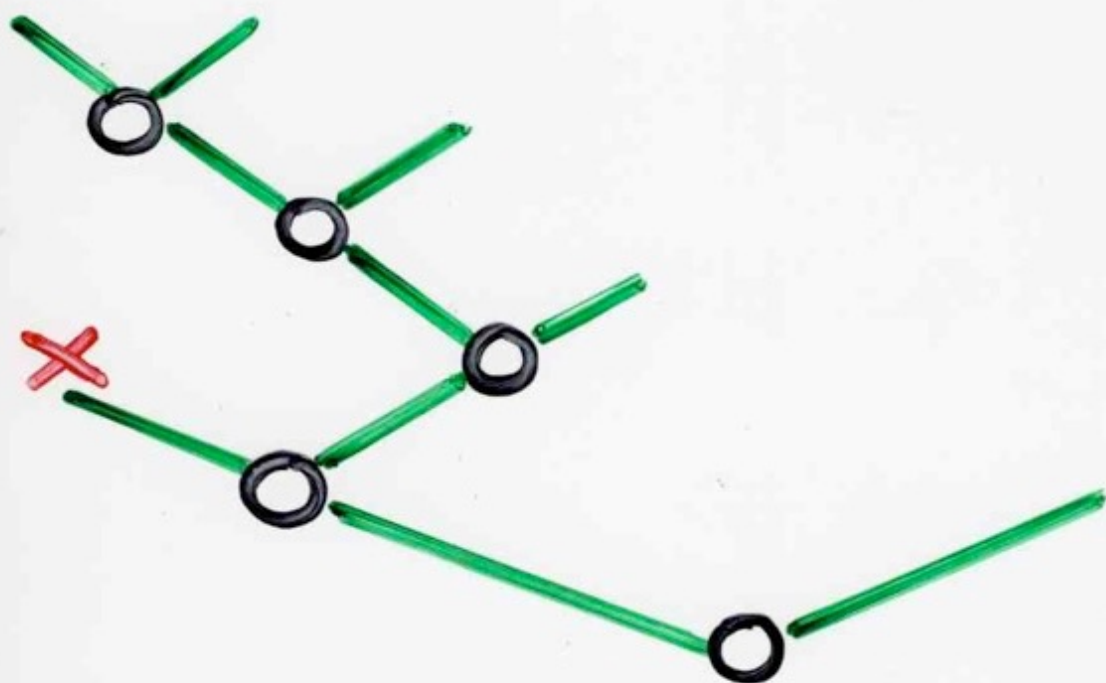


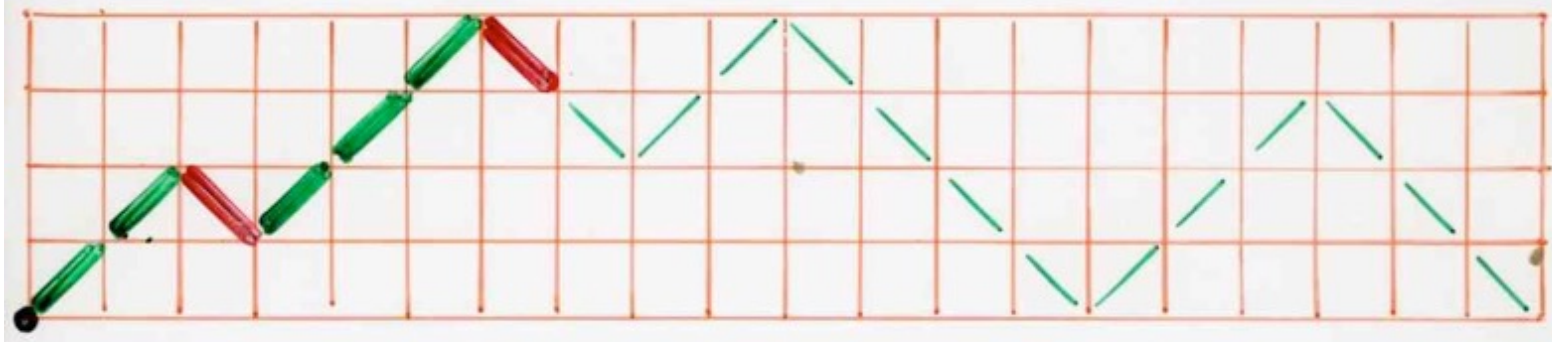
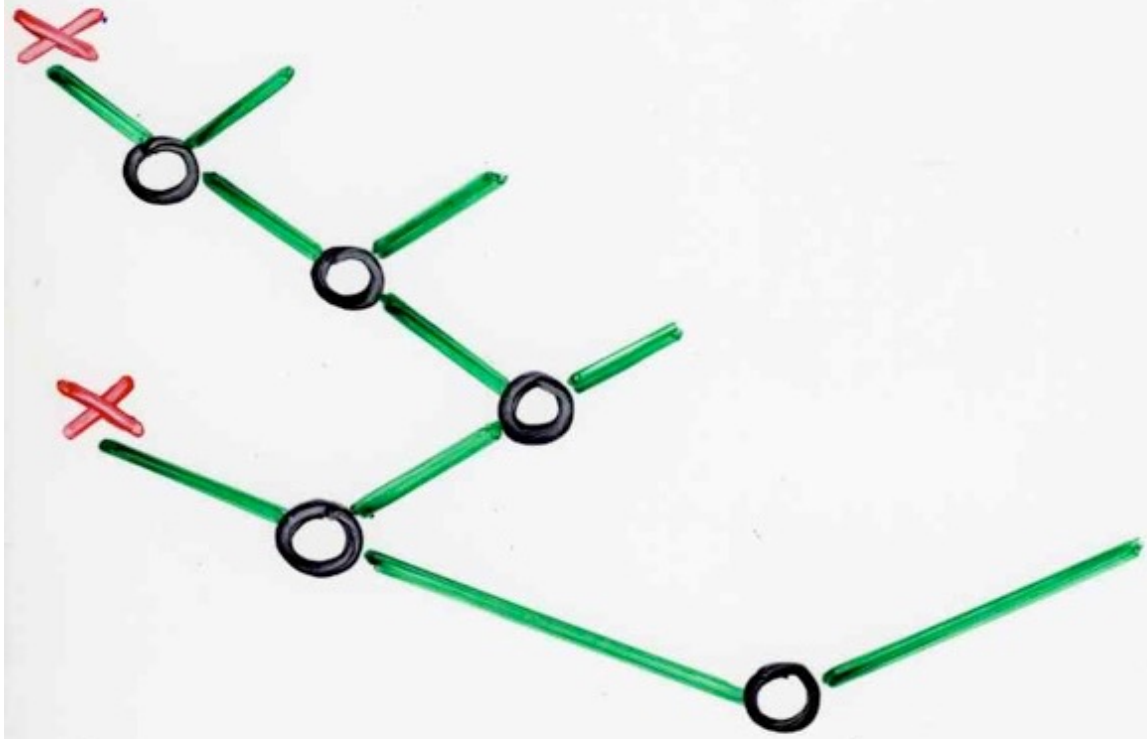


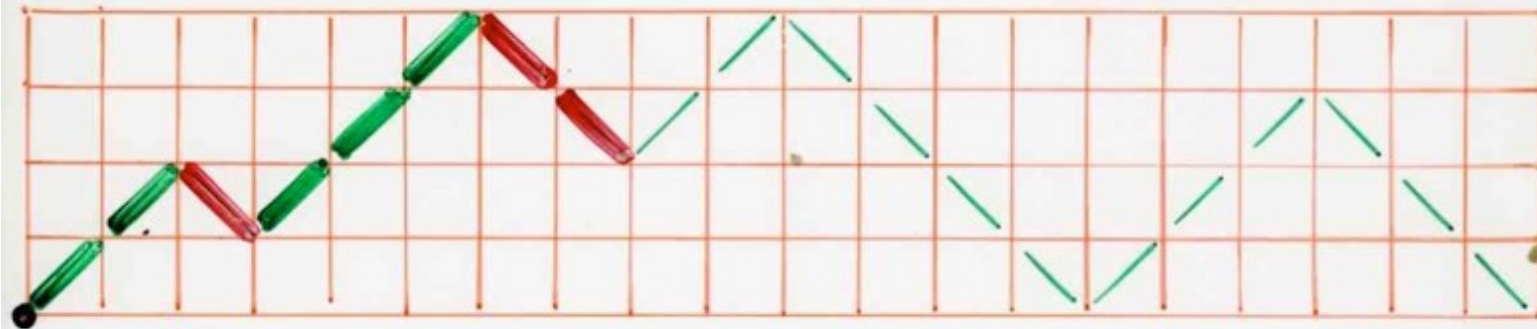
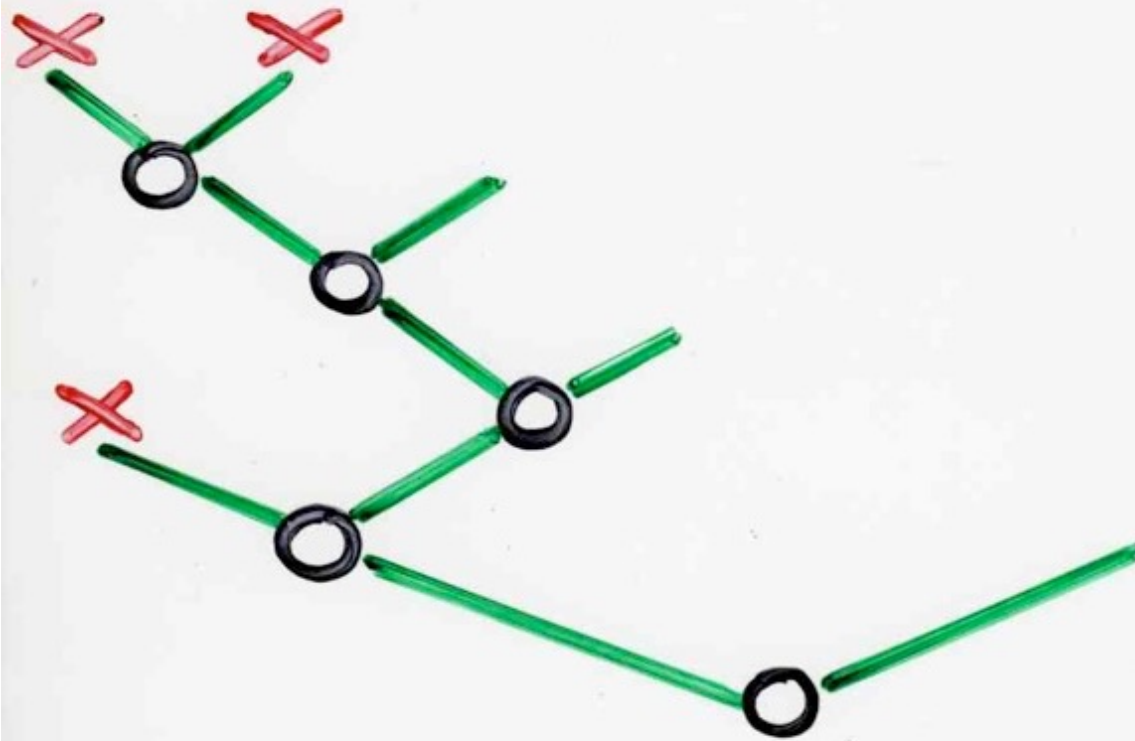


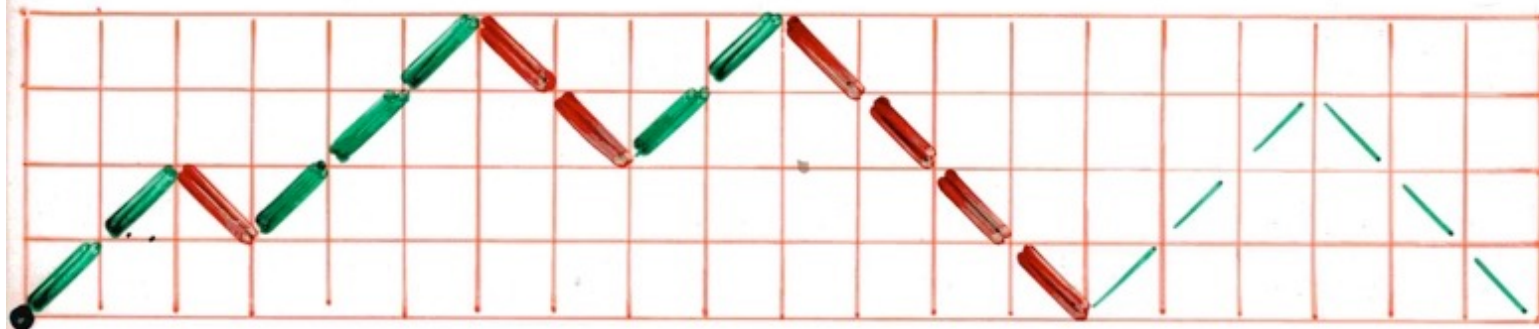
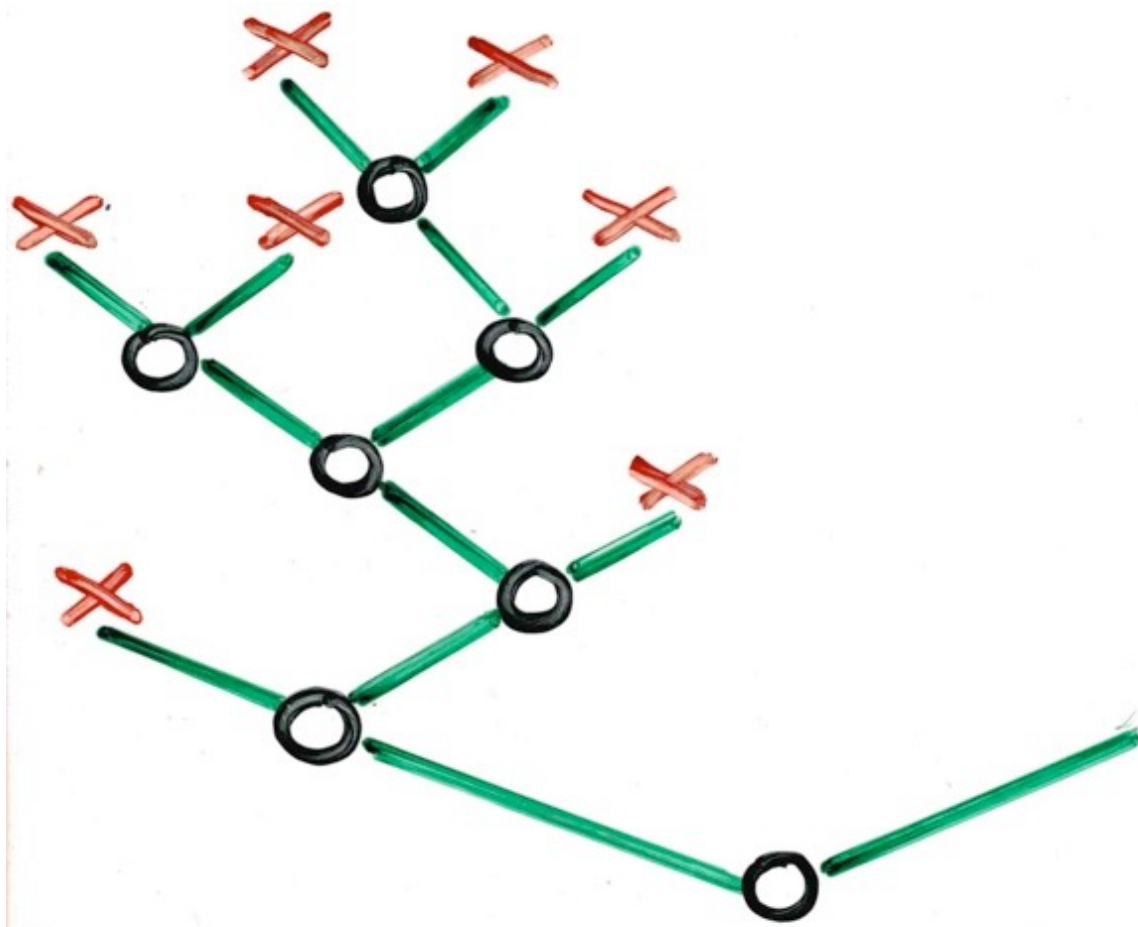


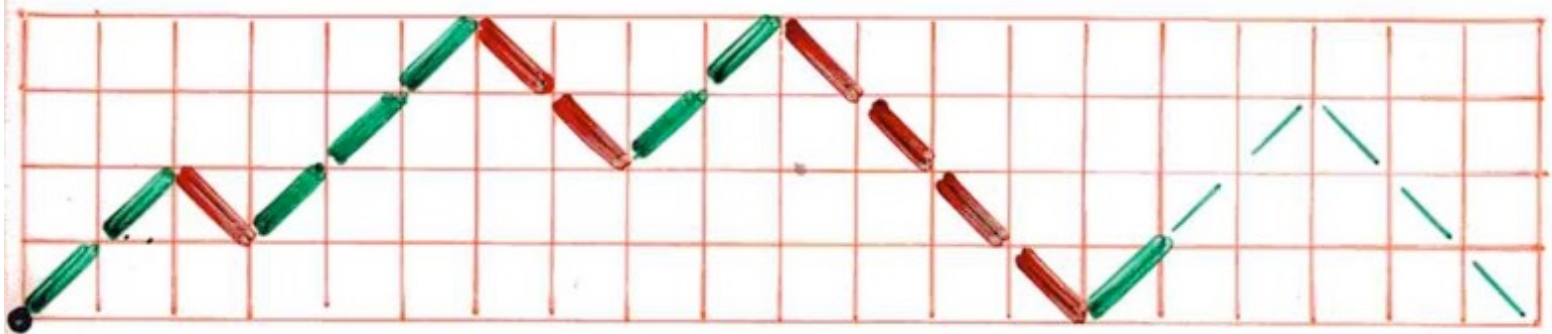
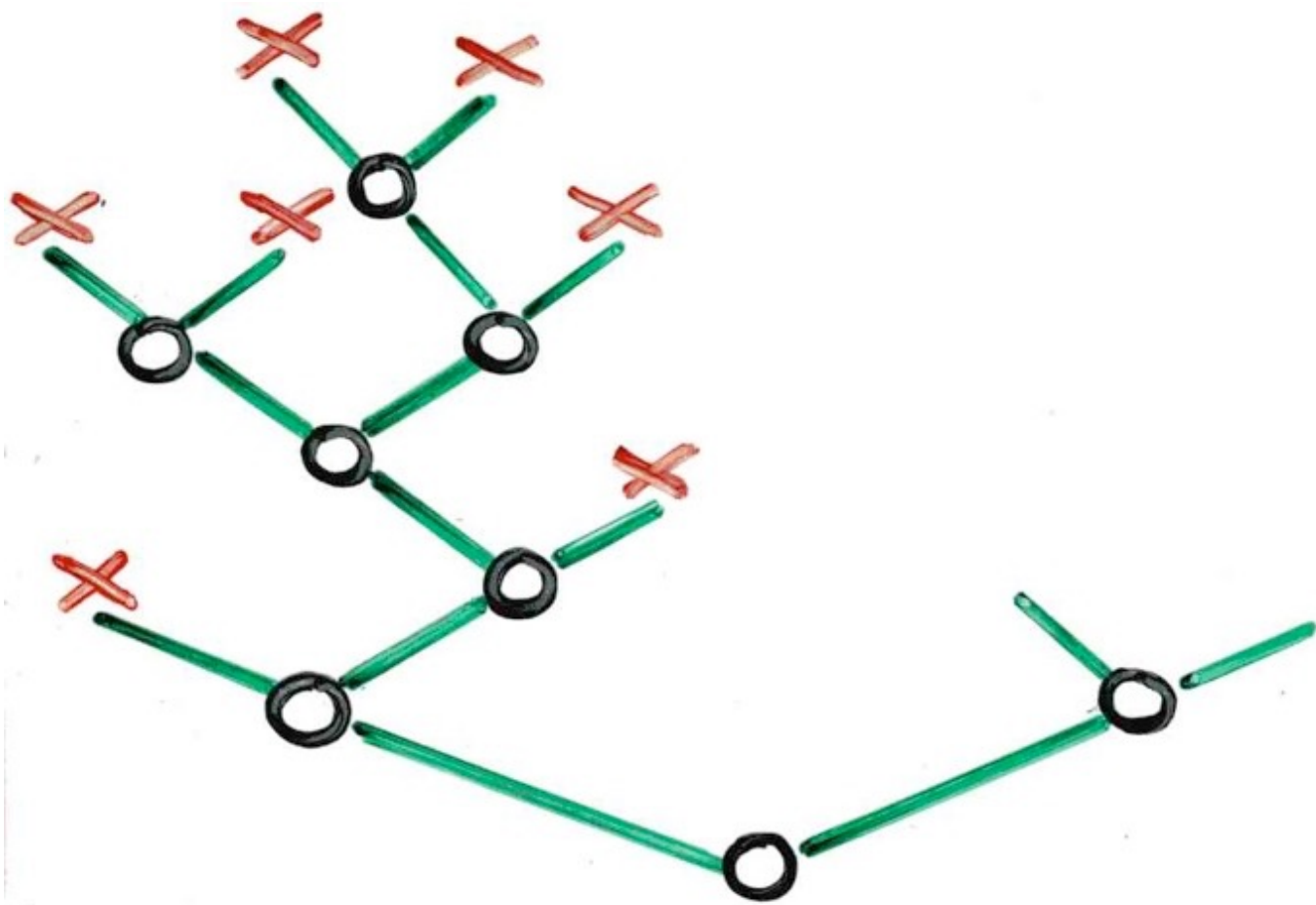


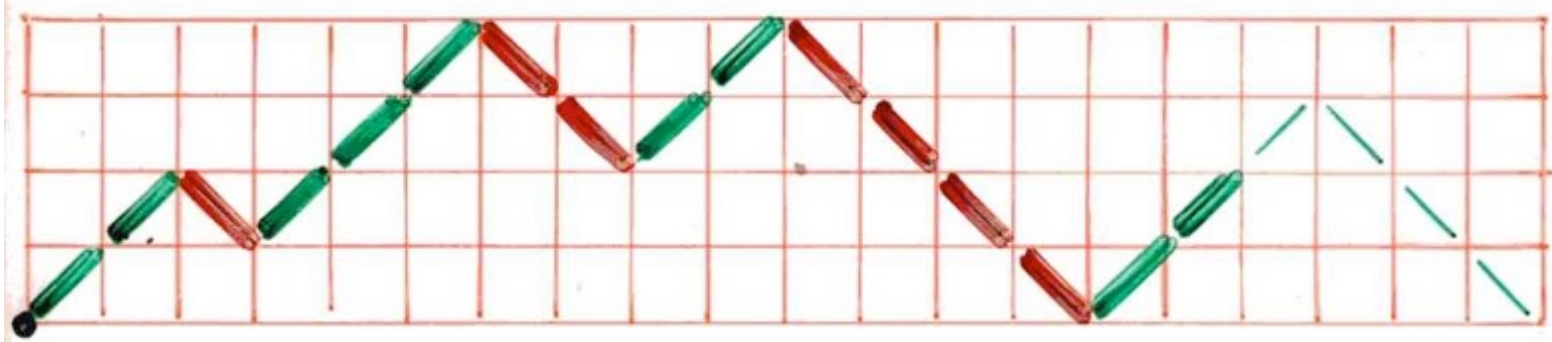
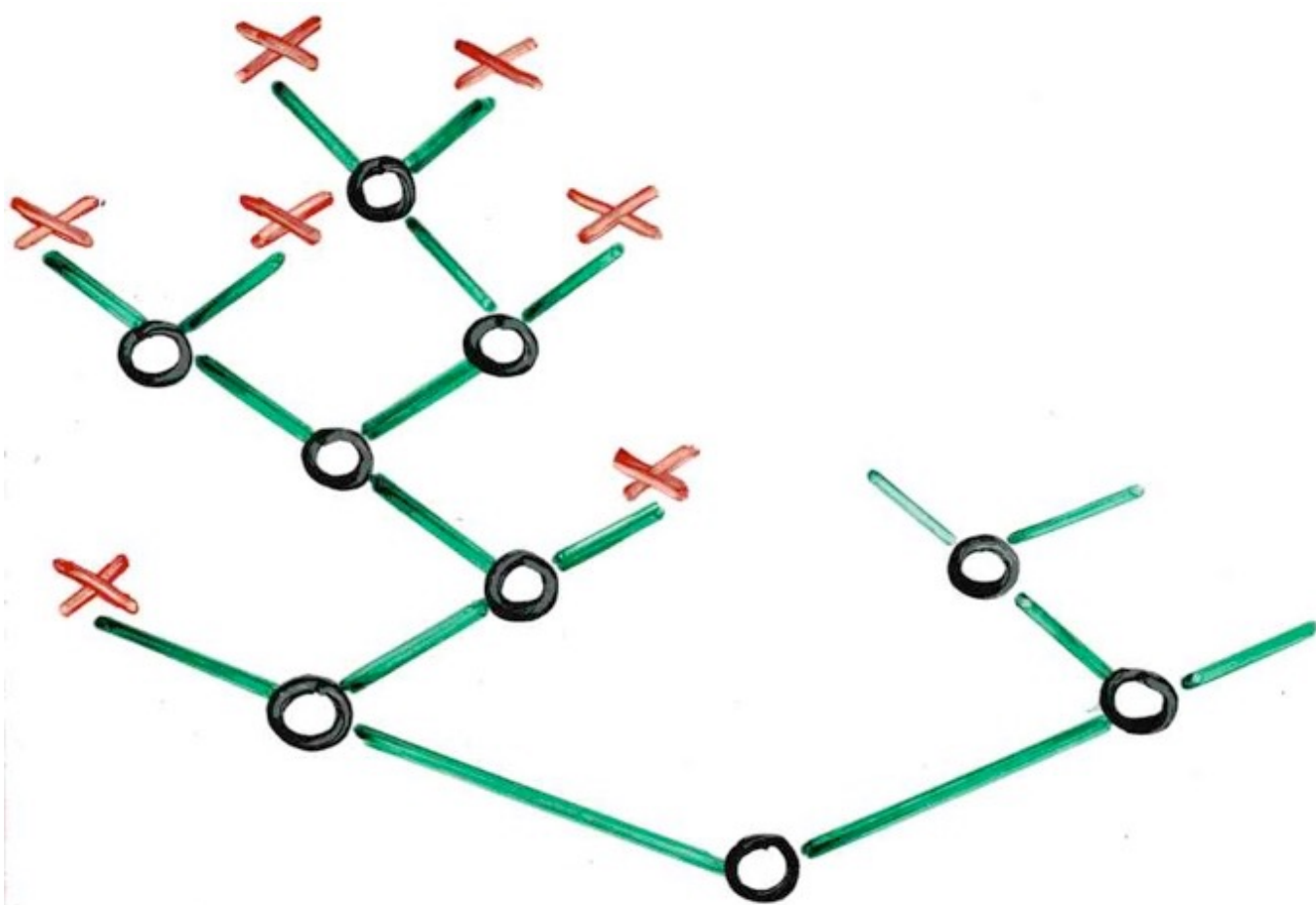


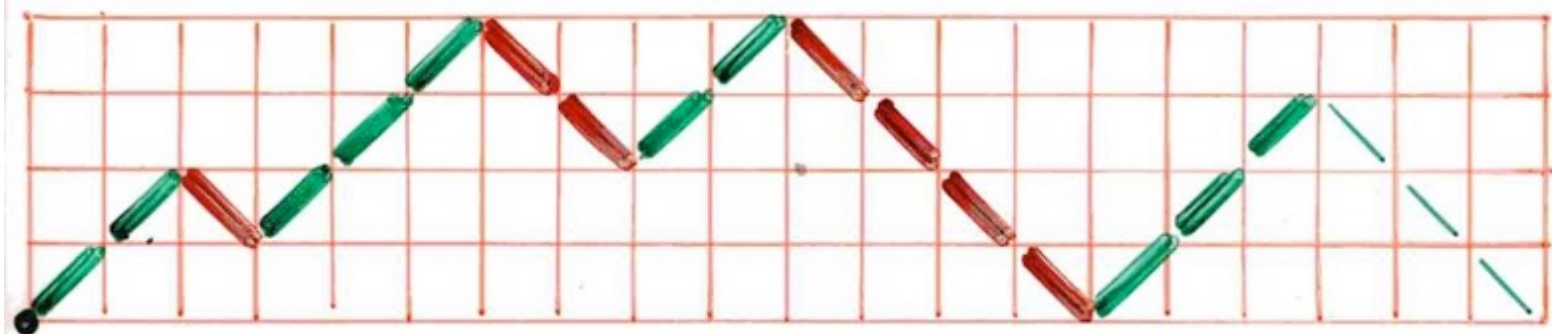
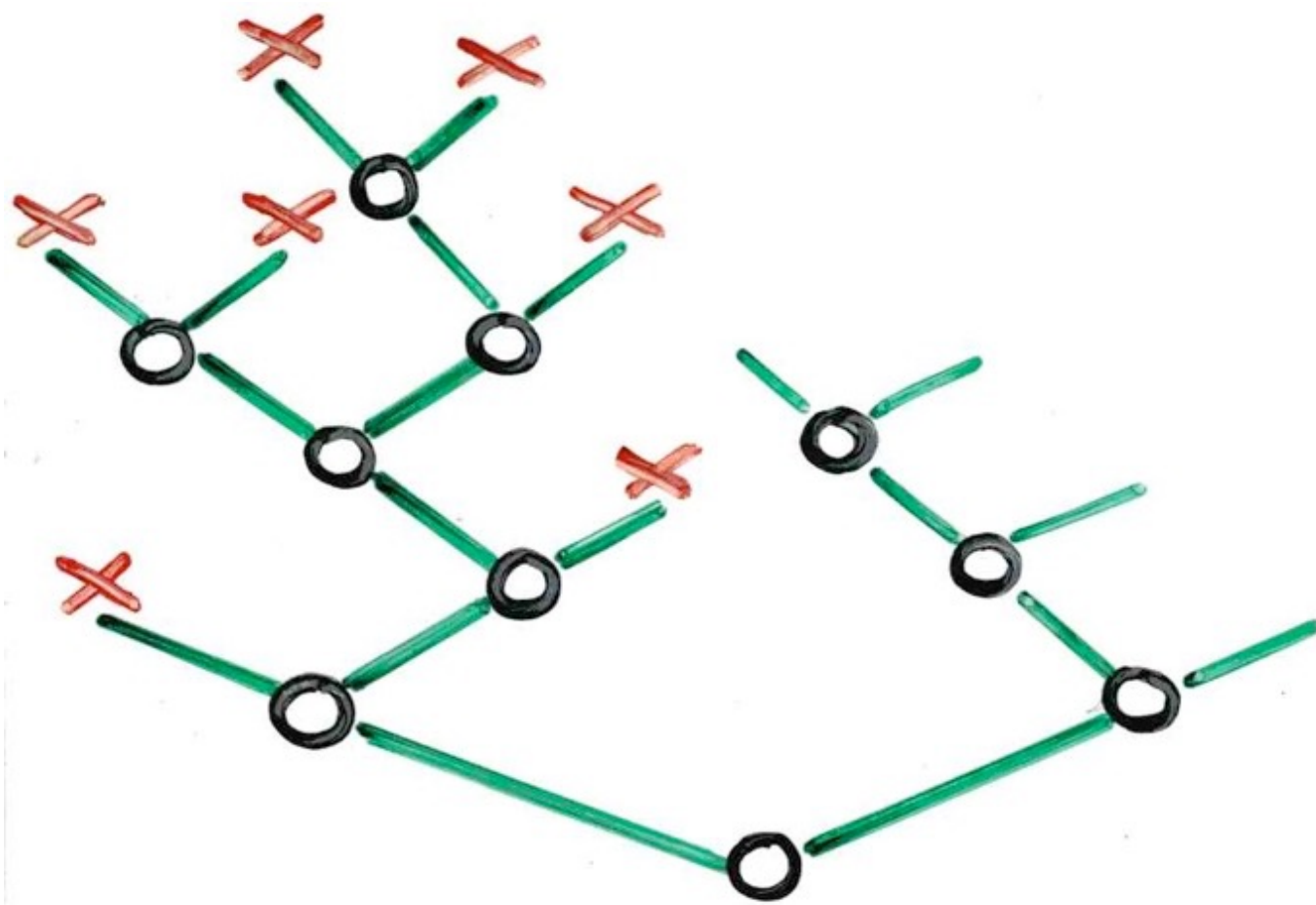


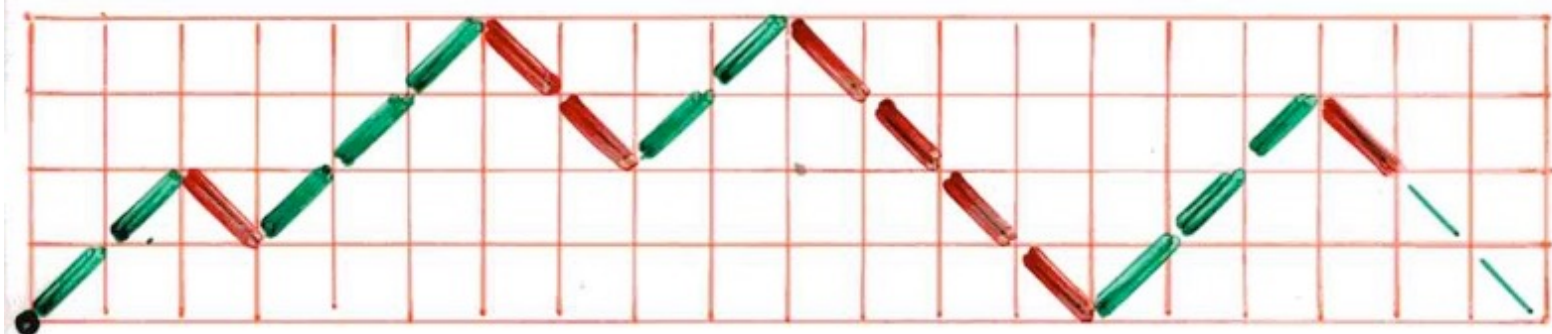
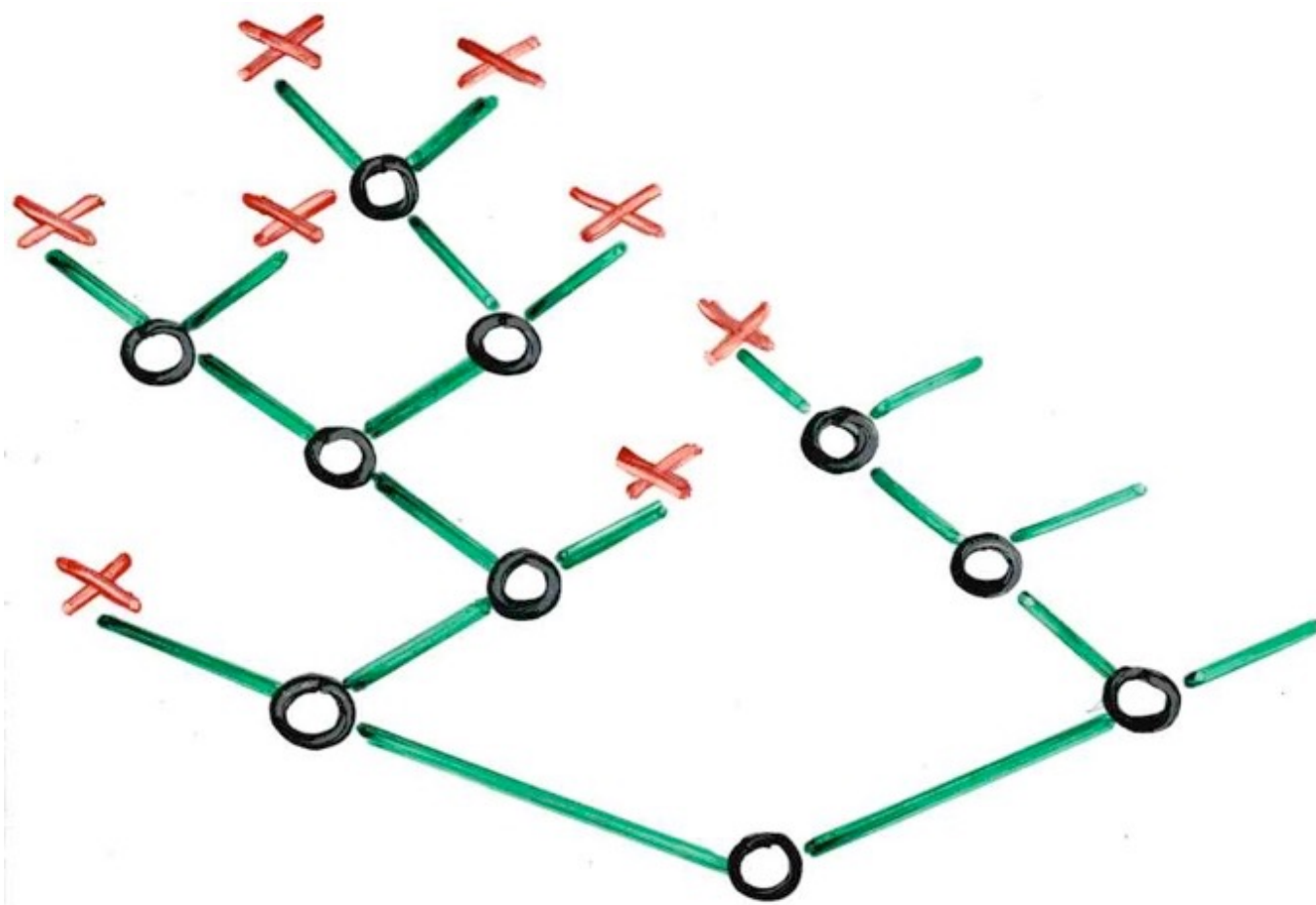


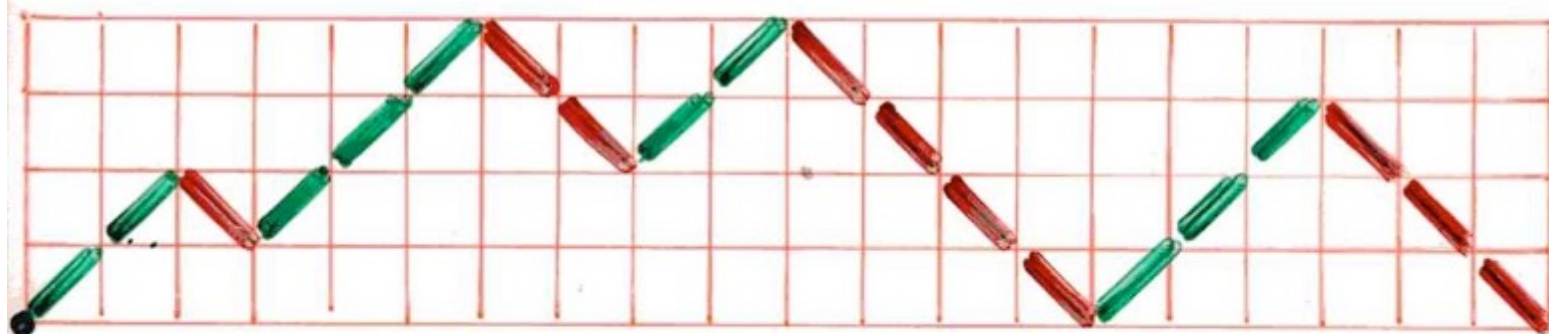
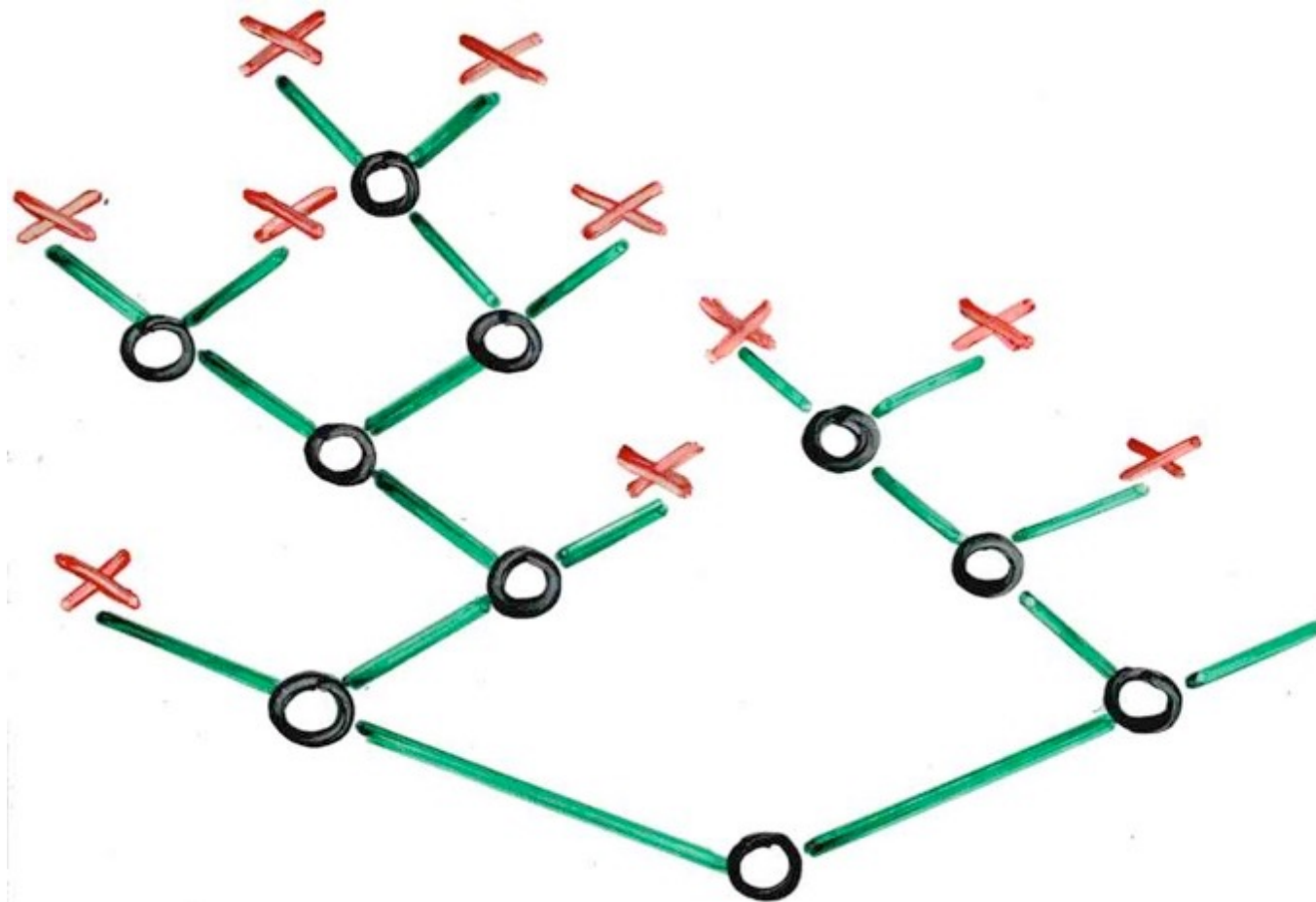


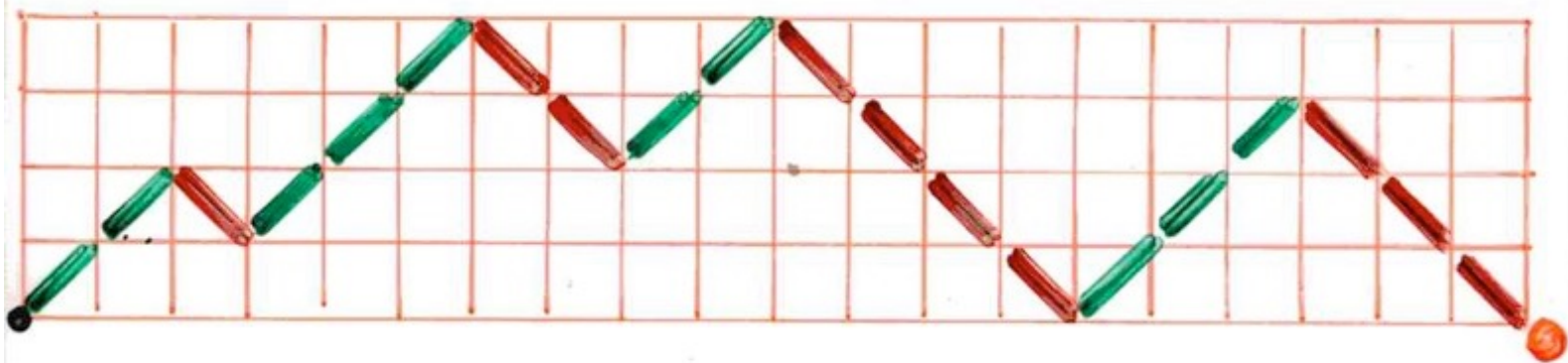
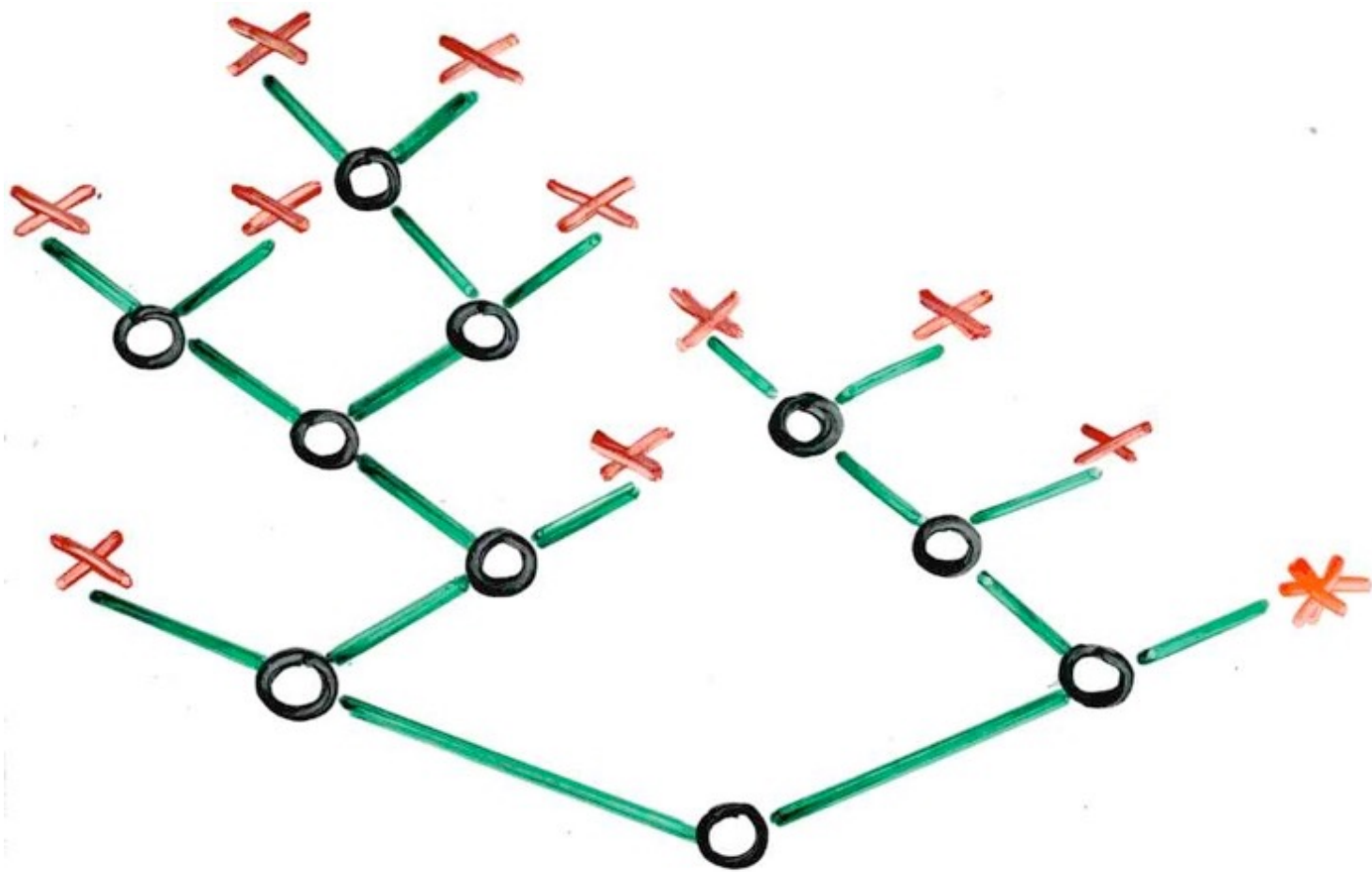










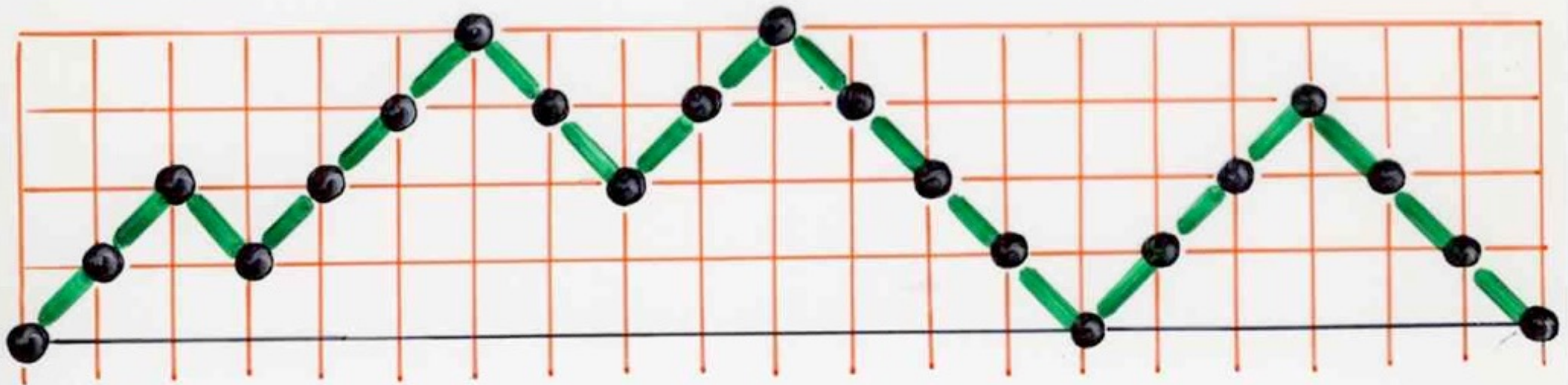


logarithmic height



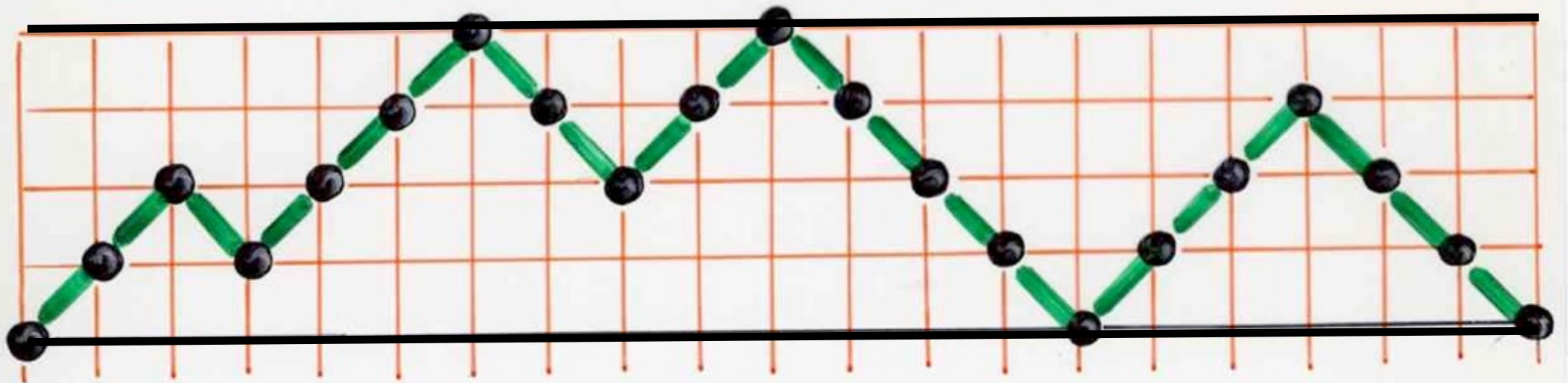
Dyck path
Height

w
 $h(w)$



Dyck path
Height

$$h(w) = 4$$



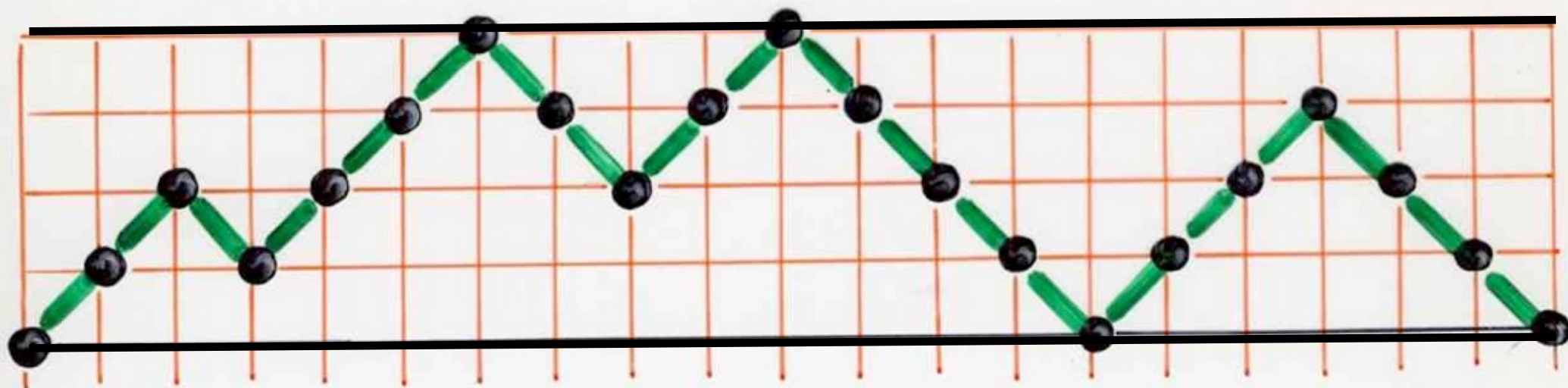
Dyck path

Height

w
 $h(w)$

logarithmic height $lh(w)$

$$= \lfloor \log_2(1+h(w)) \rfloor$$



(complete)
binary trees \longleftrightarrow Dyck paths
Franson (1984)
 n (internal) vertices \longleftrightarrow length $2n$
Strahler nb $= k$ \longleftrightarrow log. height
 $lh(w) = k$

same distribution !

average Strahler number
over binary trees n vertices

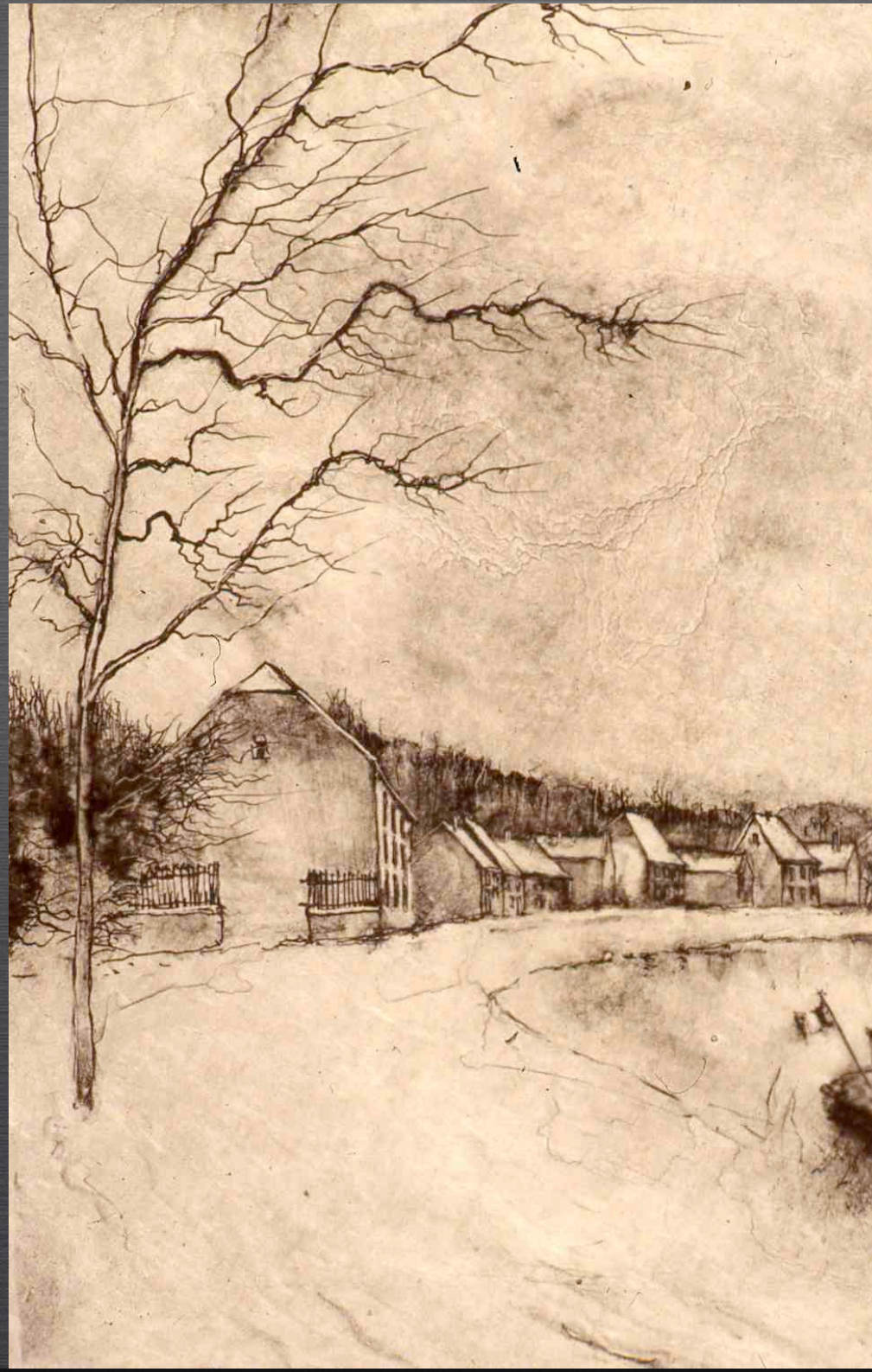
$$st_n = \log_4 n + f(\log_4 n) + o(1)$$

Flajolet, Raoult, Vuillemin
Kemp (1979) periodic

ramification matrices
or
mathematical analysis for the shape
of a branching structures

How to «measure» the shape of a tree ?

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ramification
matrices
in physics



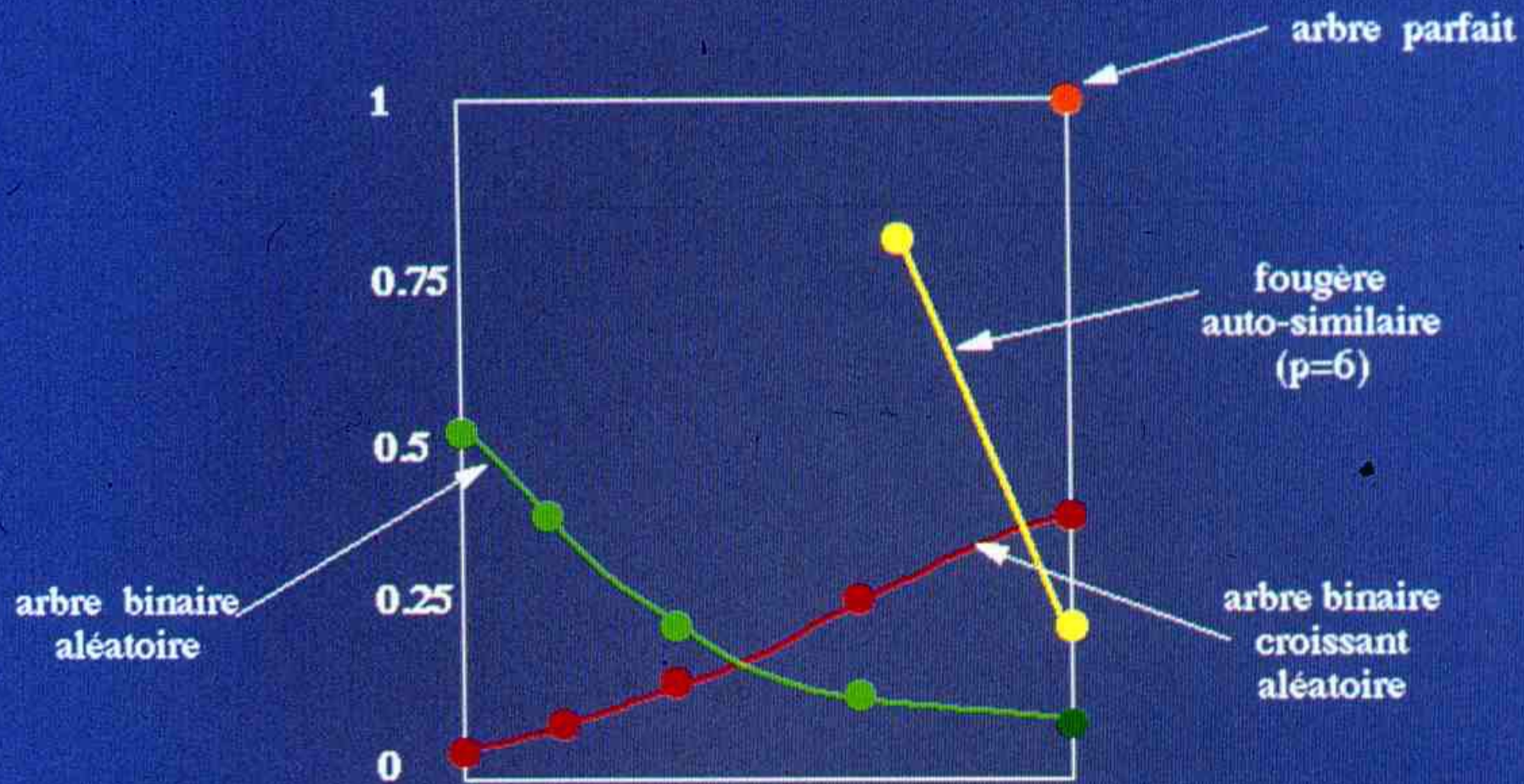
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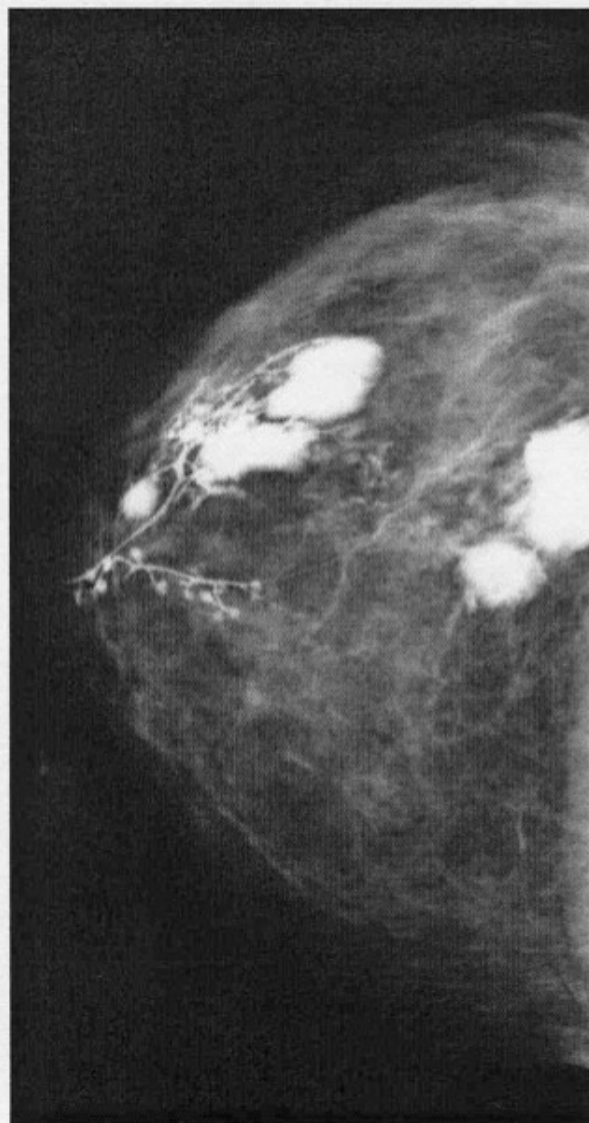


matrices de ramification auto-similaires

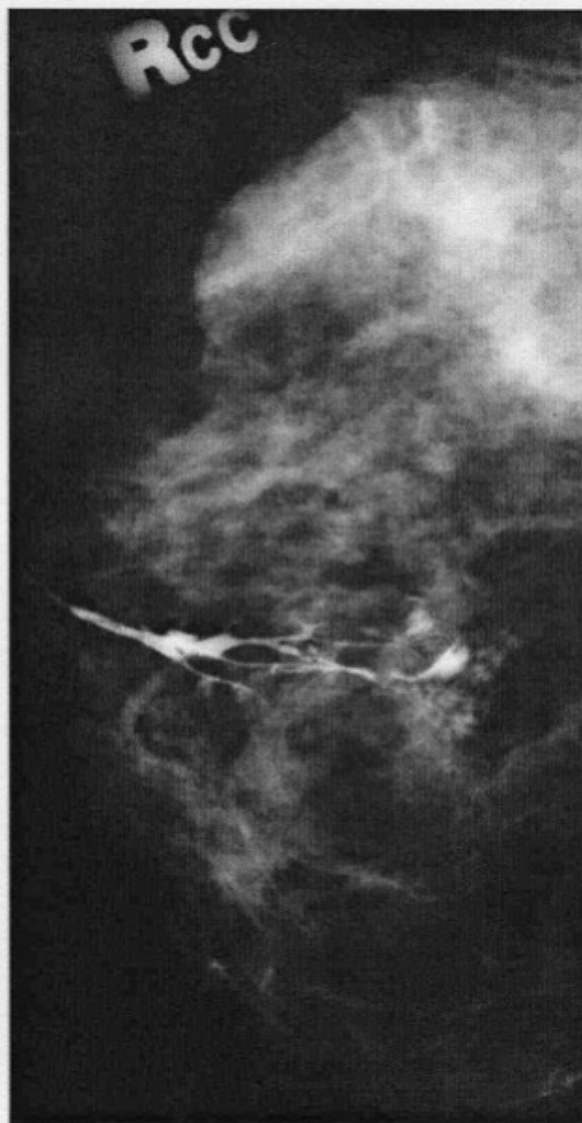
● Classification of Galactograms with ramification matrices

P. Bakic, M. Albert, A. Maidment
(2003)

Digital mammography



a.



b.

Figure 4. Two examples of galactograms that have been correctly classified by means of R matrices. **(a)** Galactogram with no reported findings (patient age, 45 years; right CC view; $r_{3,2} = 0.5$ and $r_{3,3} = 0.19$). (Large bright regions seen in this galactogram are due to extravasation, which did not affect the segmentation of the ductal tree.) **(b)** Galactogram with a reported finding of cysts (patient age, 55 years; right CC view; $r_{3,2} = 0.33$ and $r_{3,3} = 0.67$).

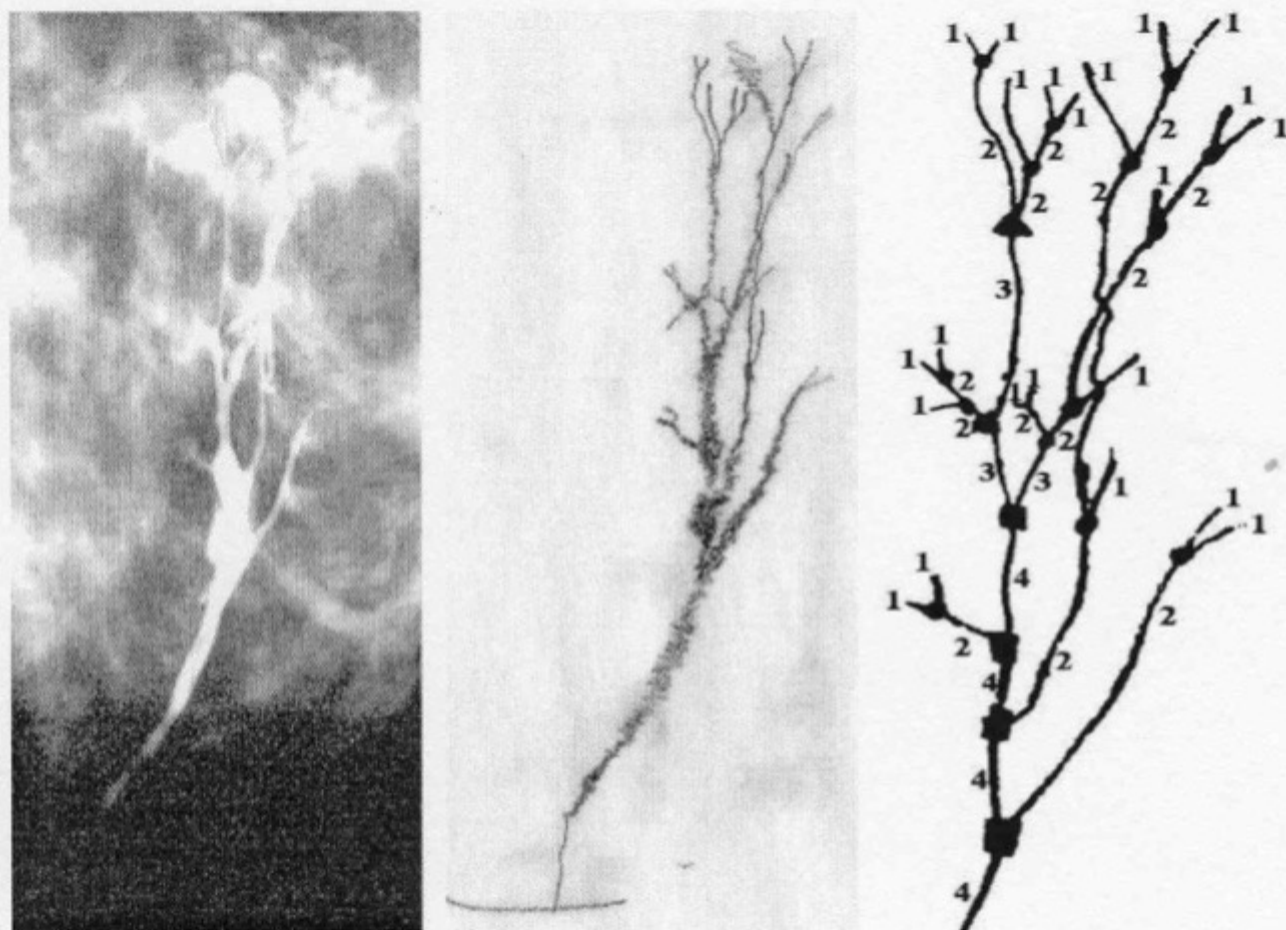


Figure 1. Segmentation of a ductal tree, showing (a) part of a galactogram with a contrast-enhanced ductal network, (b) the manually traced network of larger ducts from the contrast-enhanced portion of the galactogram, (c) numeric labeling of branches in the ductal network, and (d) the R matrix computed from the branching pattern. The dots, triangles, and squares denote branching points of different levels of the tree.

a.

b.

c.

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{2,1} & r_{2,2} & . & . \\ r_{3,1} & r_{3,2} & r_{3,3} & . \\ r_{4,1} & r_{4,2} & r_{4,3} & r_{4,4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.43 & 0.57 & . & . \\ 0 & 0.33 & 0.67 & . \\ 0 & 0.75 & 0 & 0.25 \end{bmatrix}$$

d.

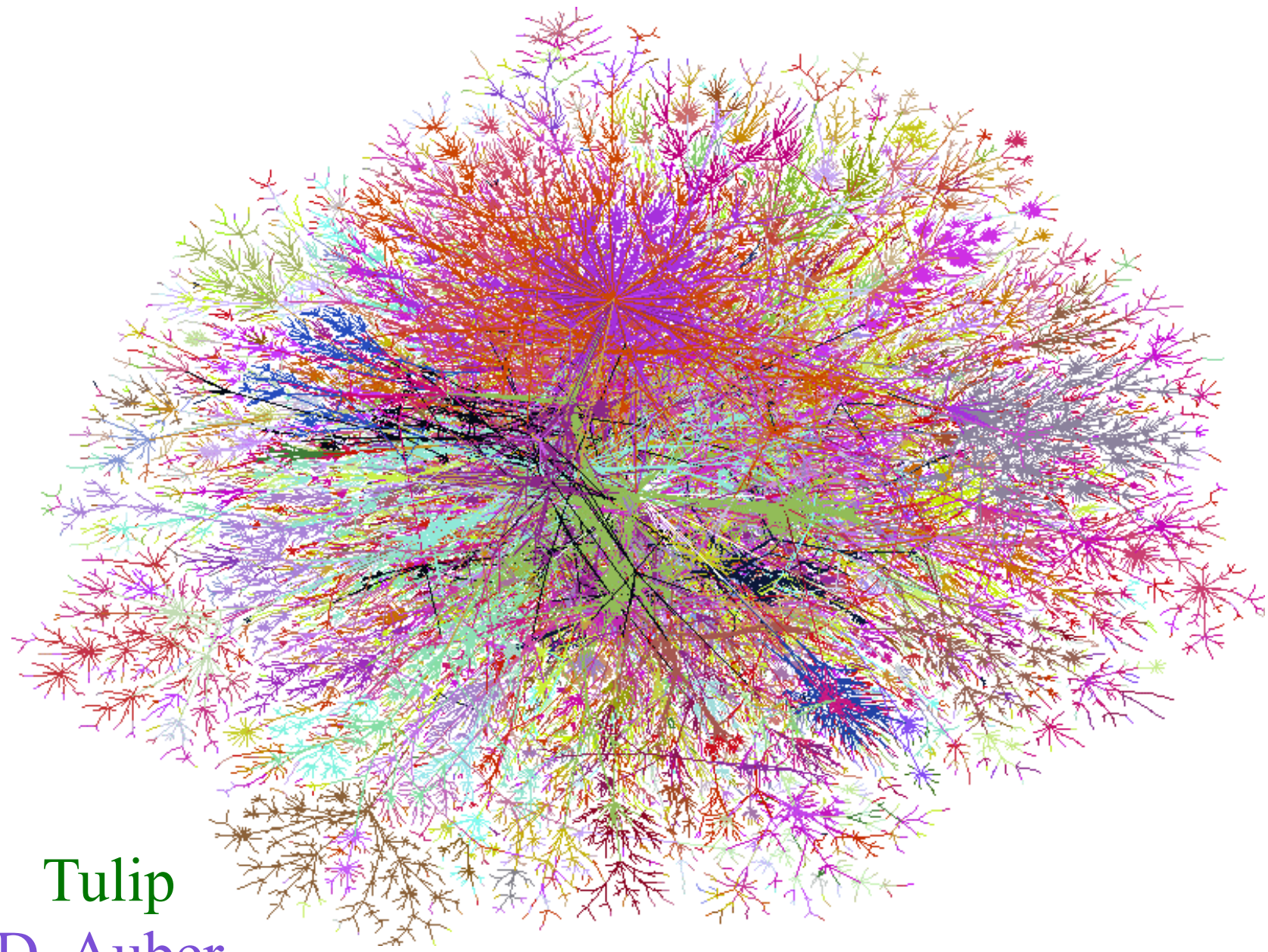
visualization of information



Visualization of information for very large graphs

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extension of Horton-Strahler analysis for graphs

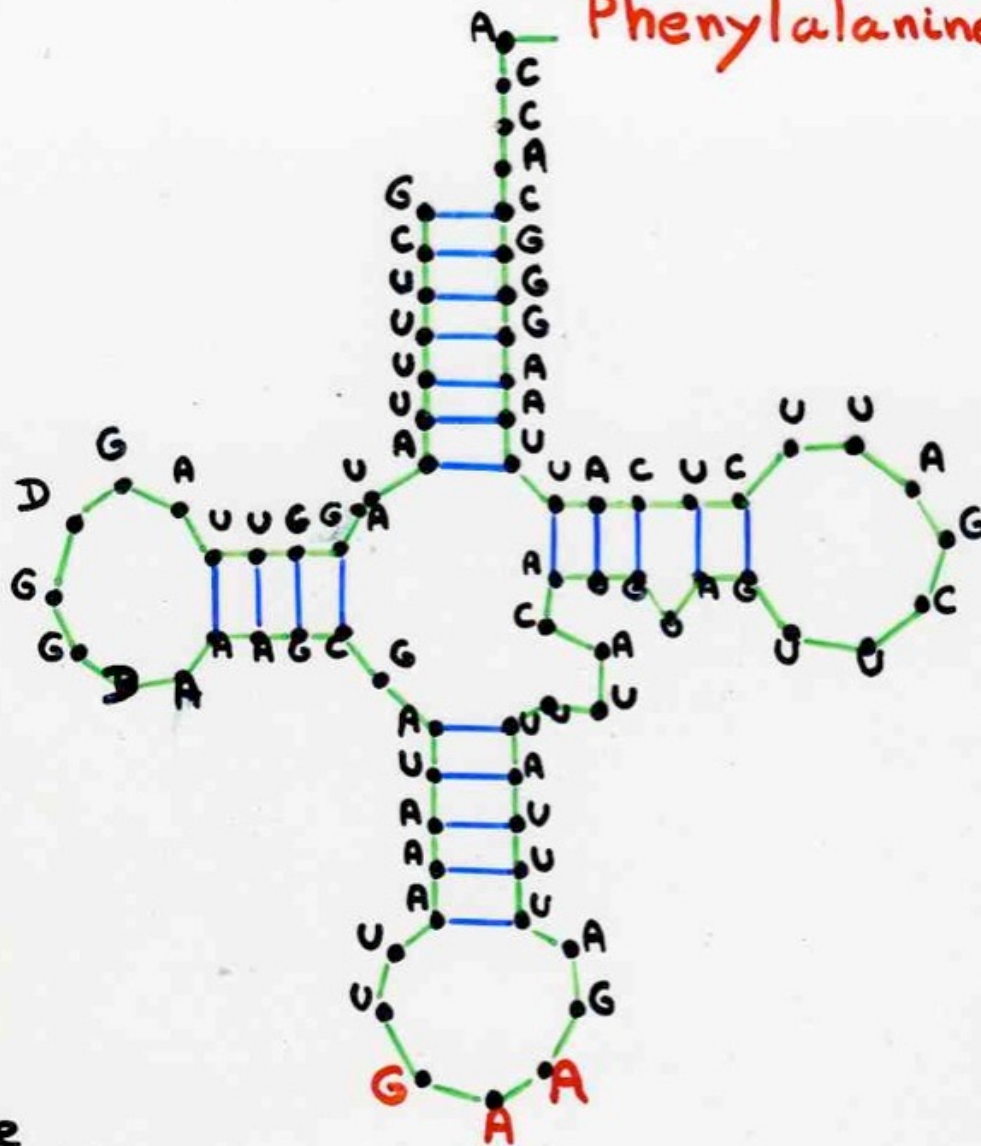


Tulip
D. Auber

trees in molecules

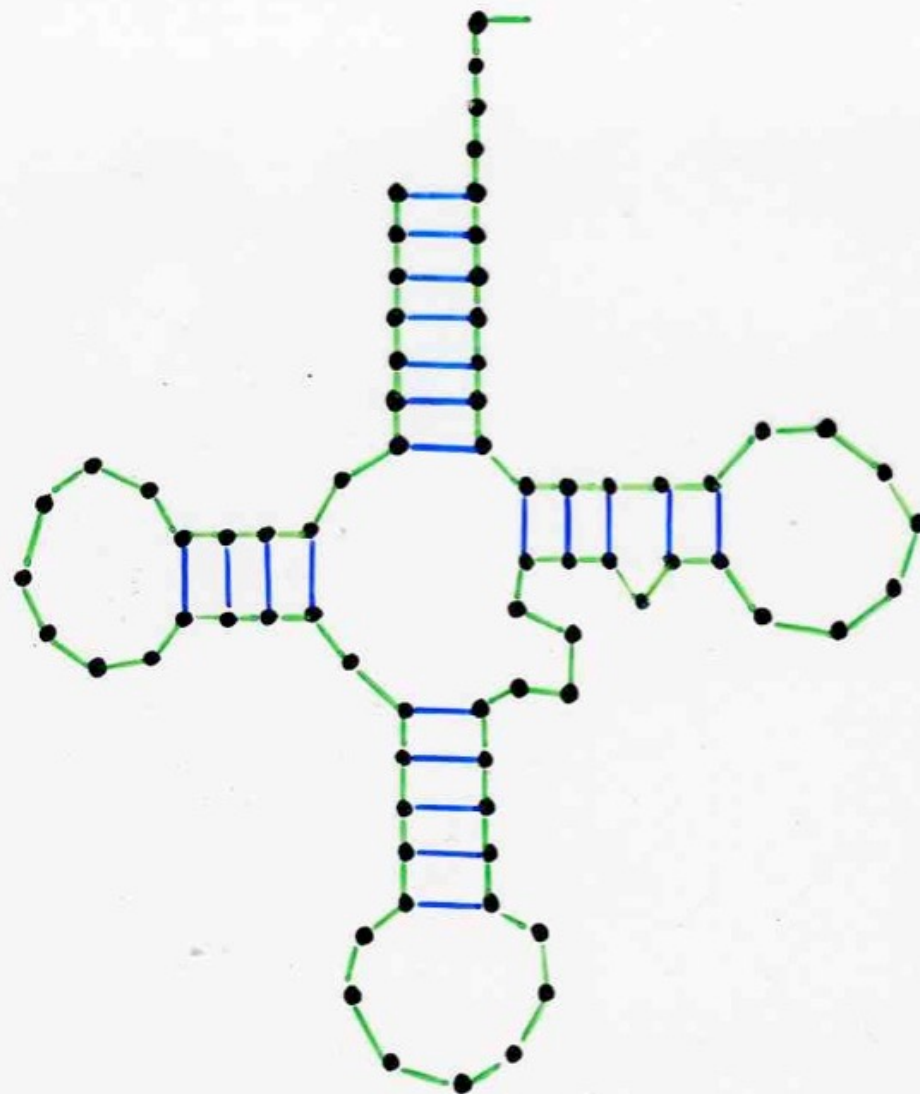


Phenylalanine

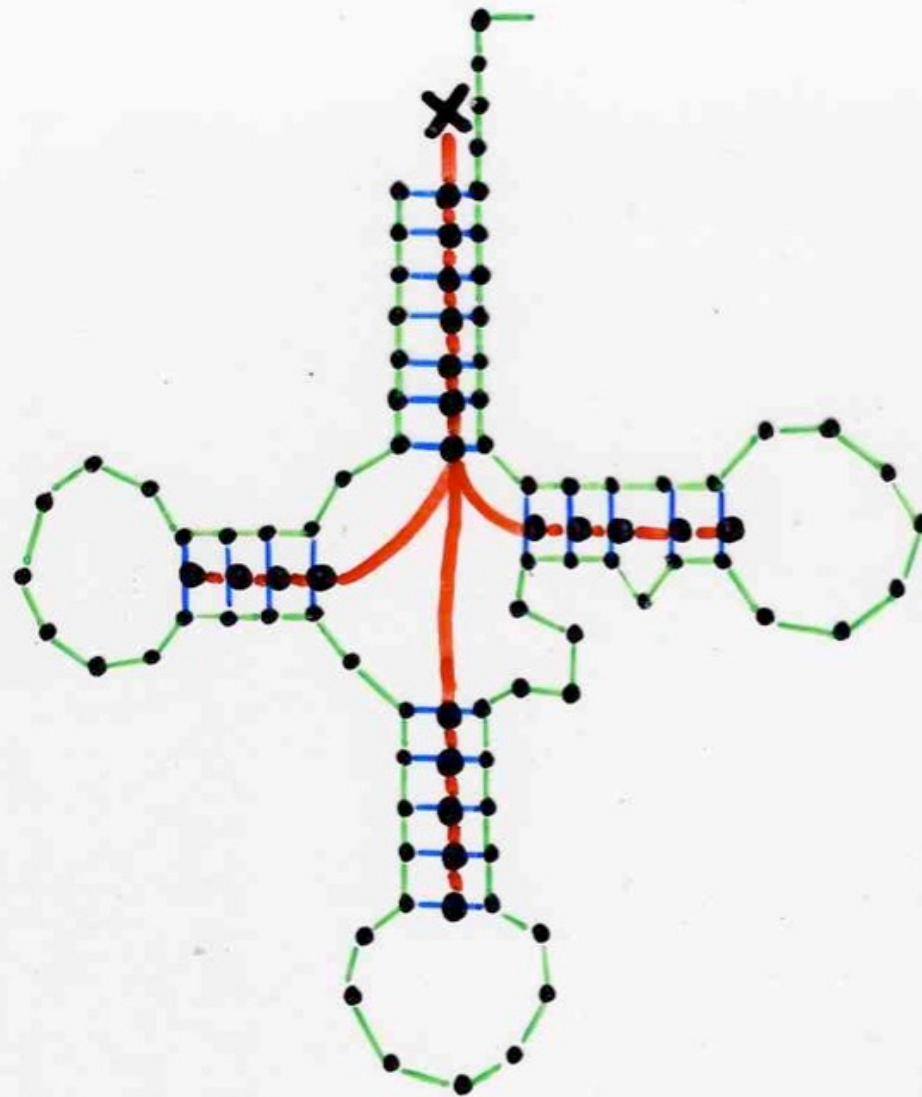


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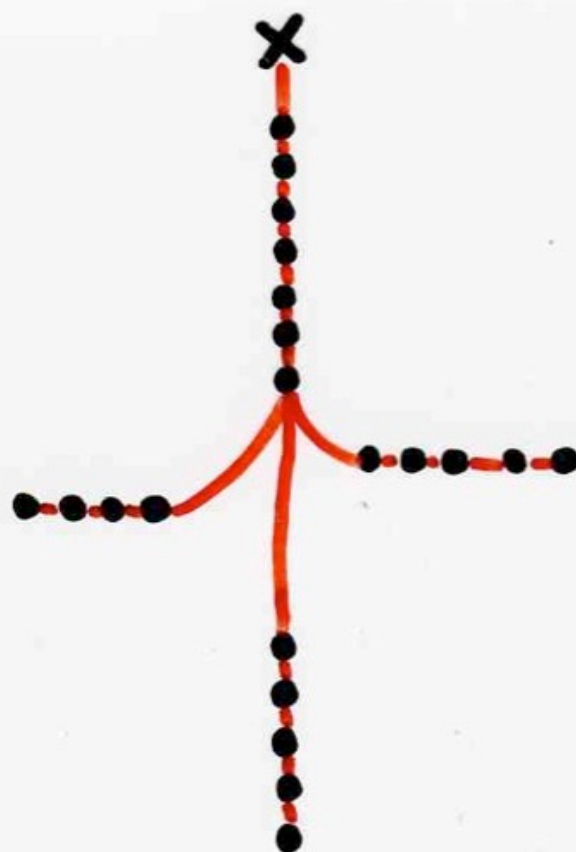
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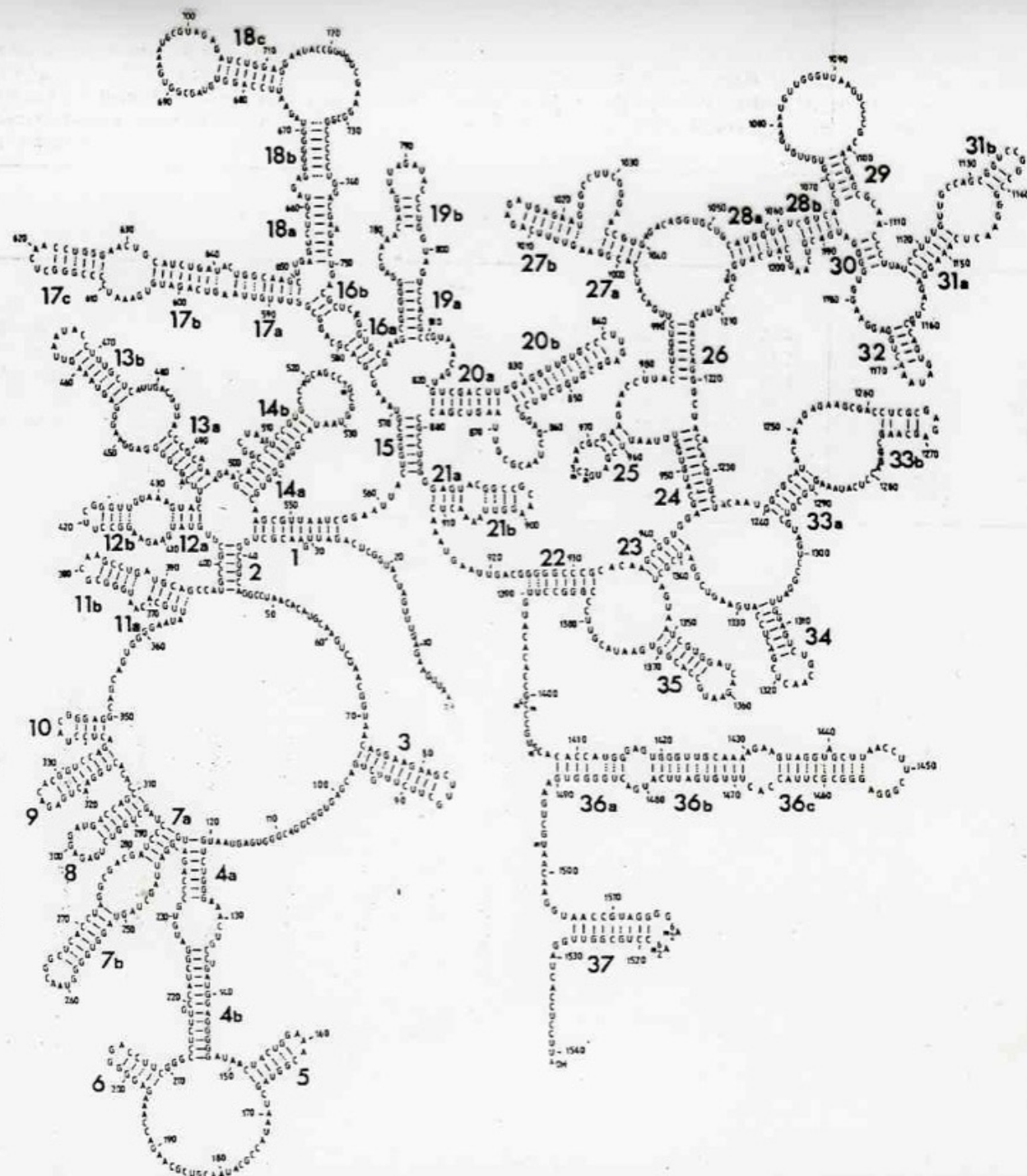


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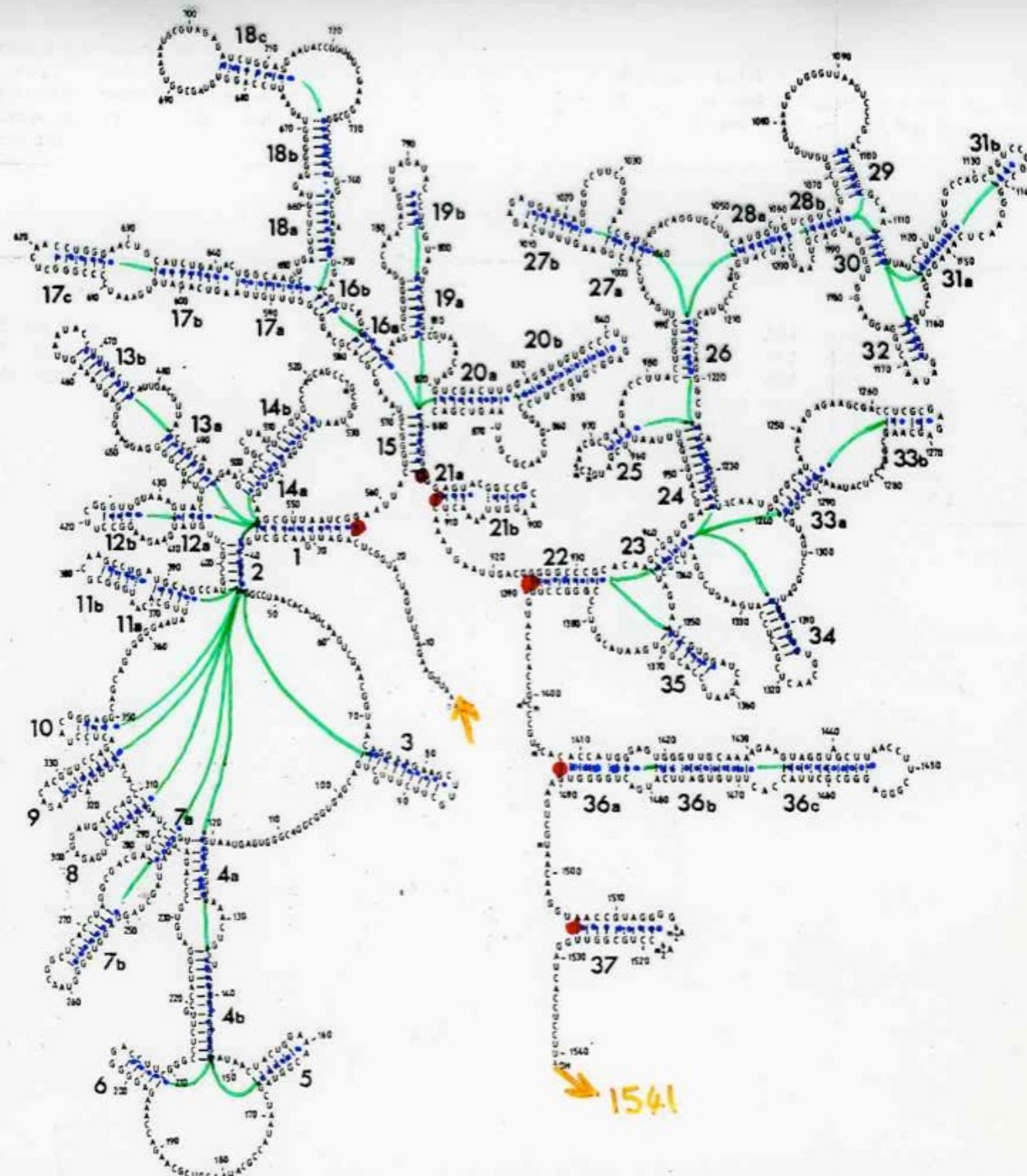
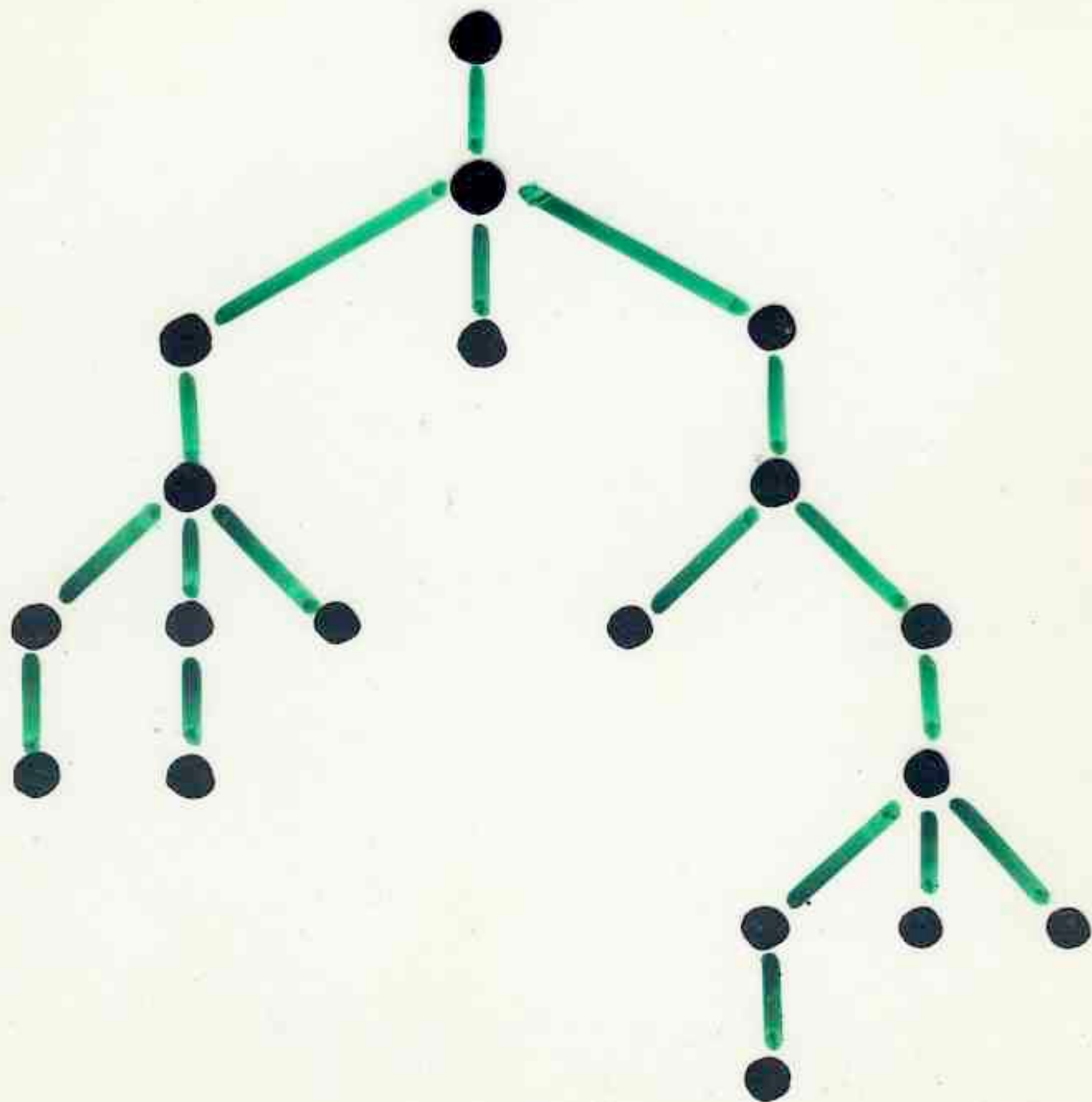


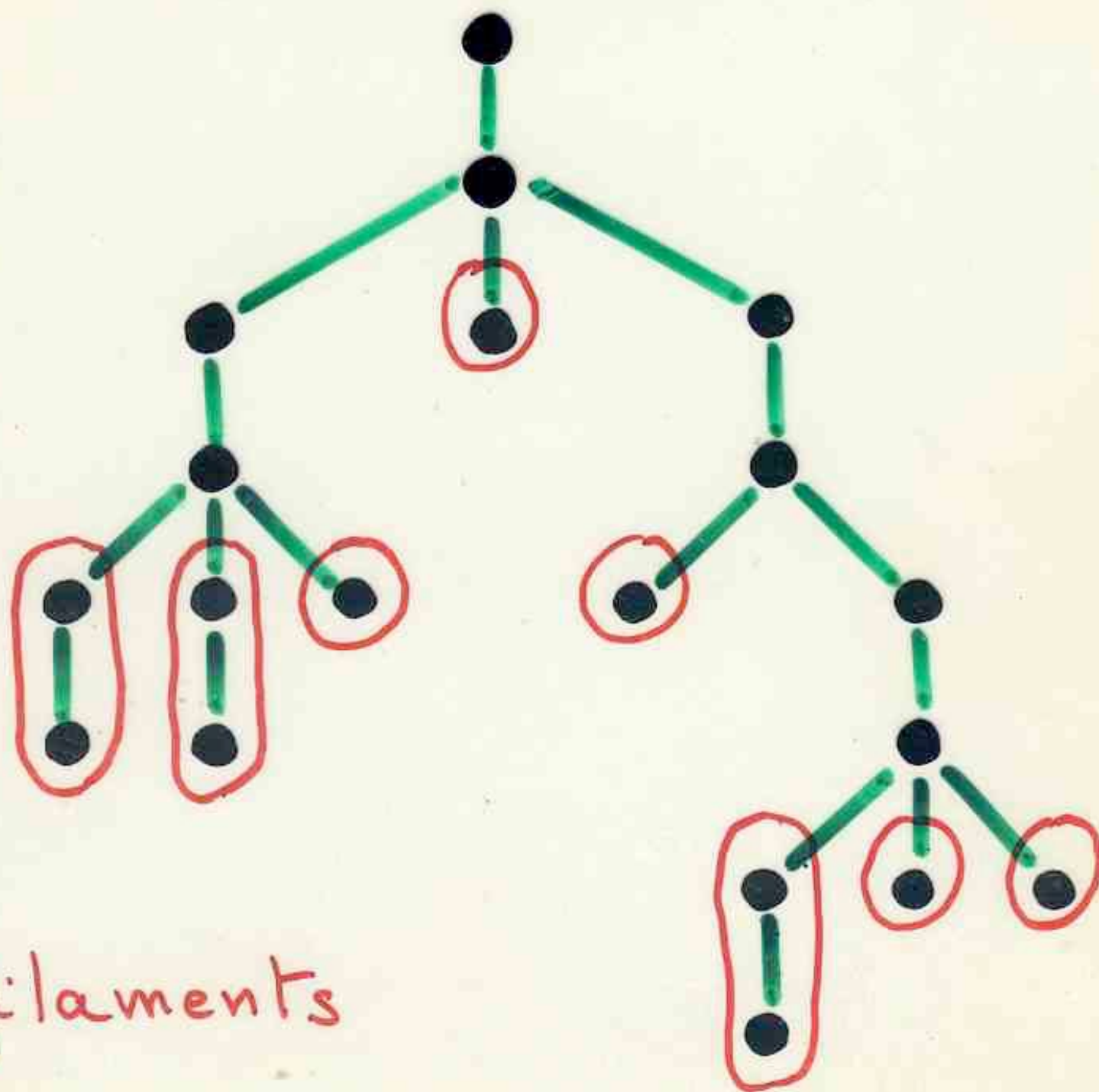
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«complexity» or «order» of a molecule

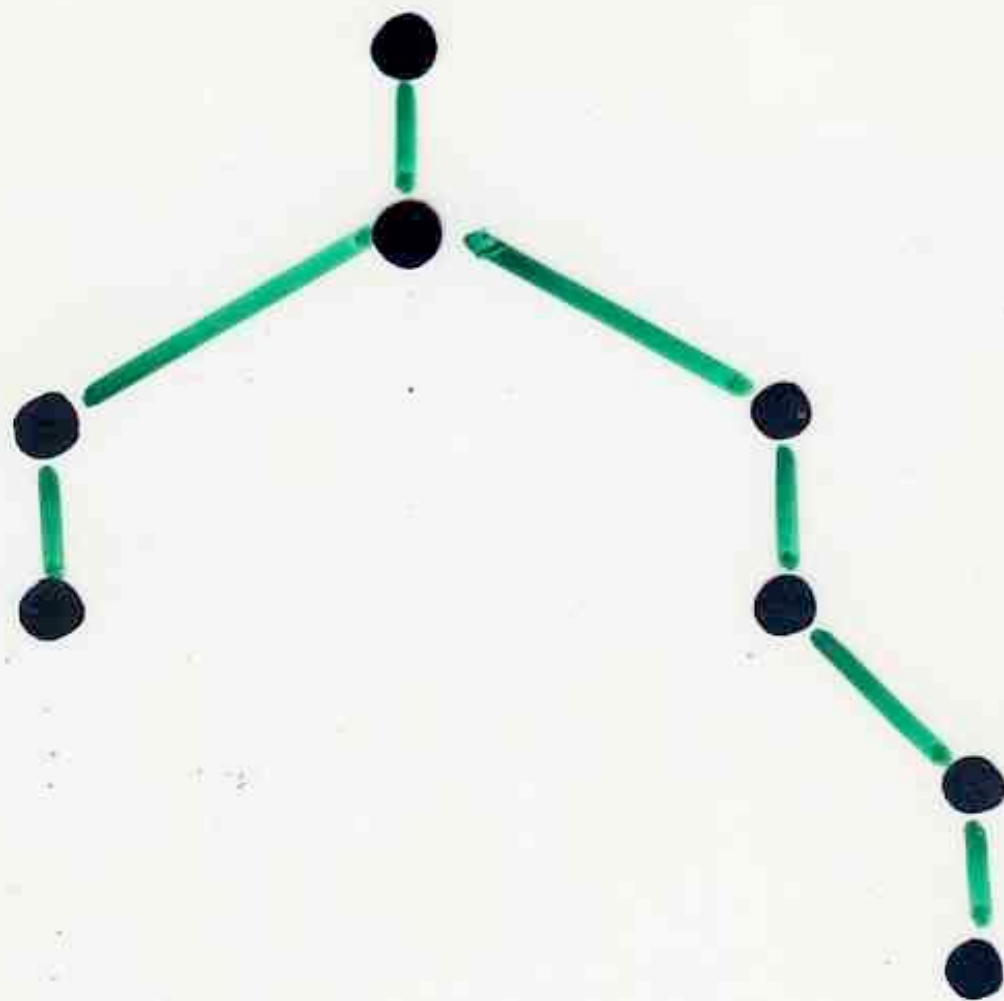
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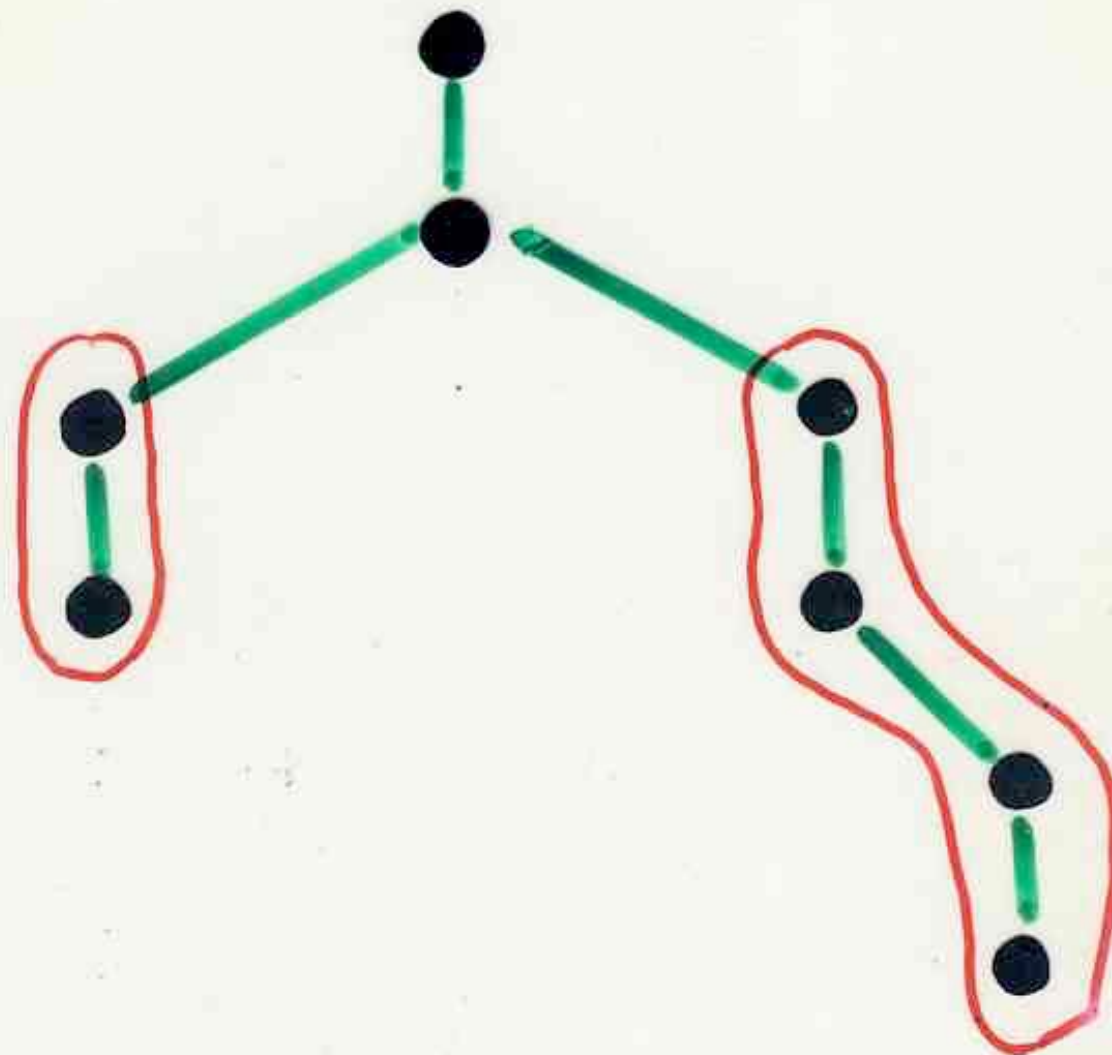


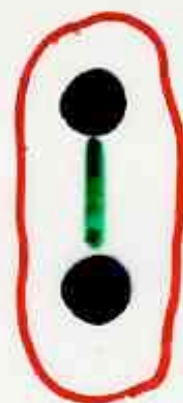




filaments











$$F_{n,k} =$$

number of forest of trees
with n vertices
and order k

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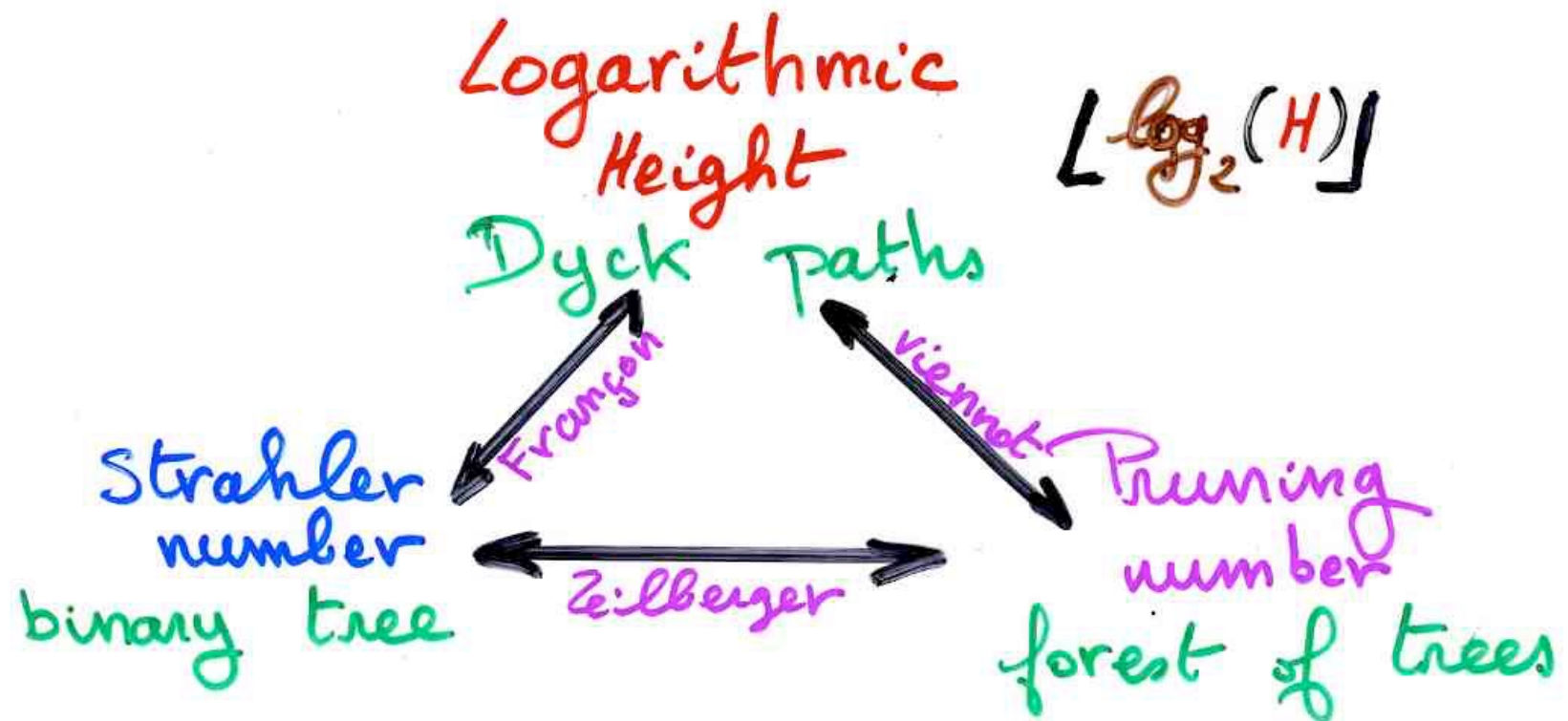
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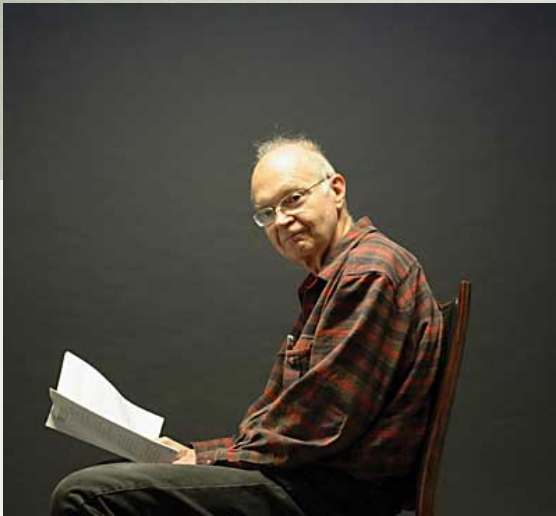
$$= S_{n,k}$$

again
same
distribution !

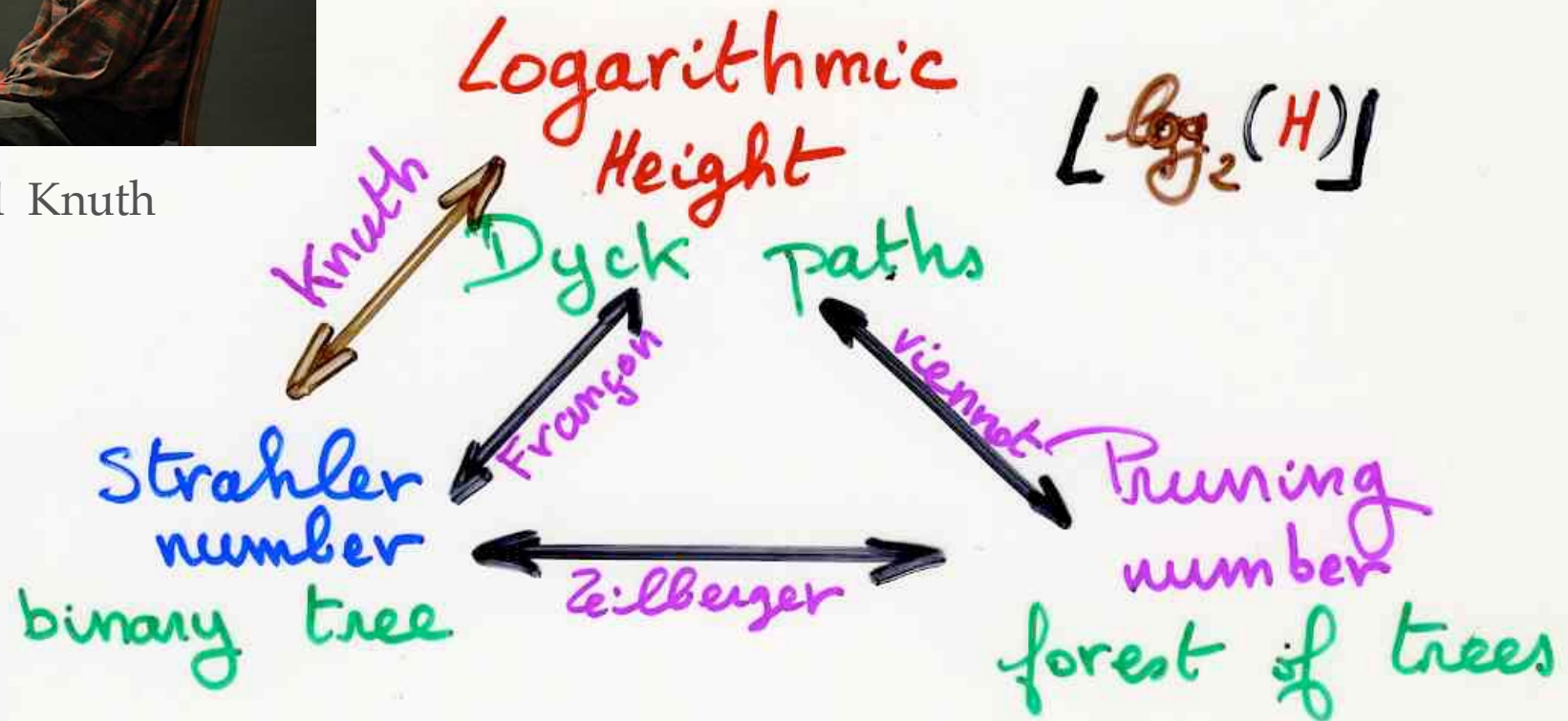
Vauchassade de Chaumont
X. V. (1985) (2001)

D. Zeilberger (1985)





Donald Knuth



The infinitely small

trees in the particles of light ?



the quantum world

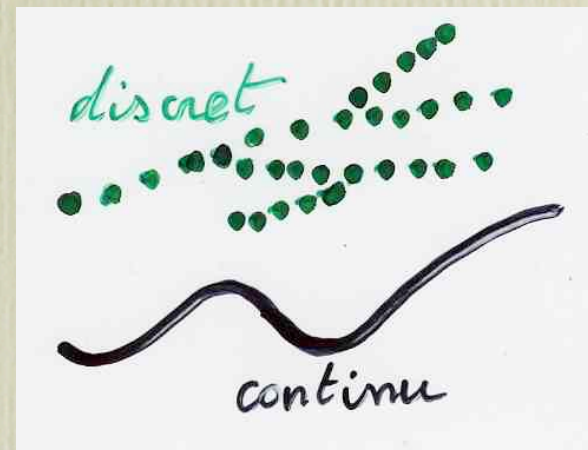


quantum mechanics
very far from common intuition

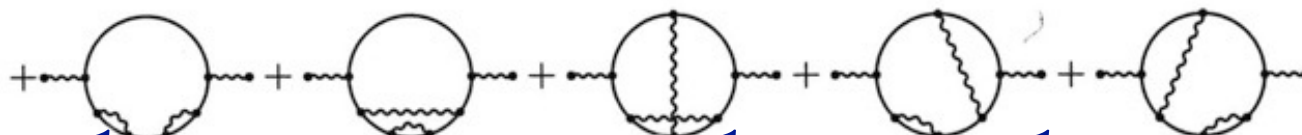
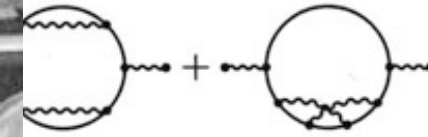
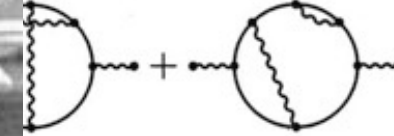
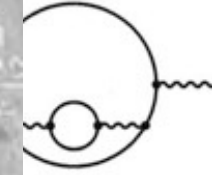
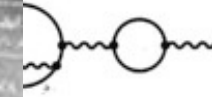
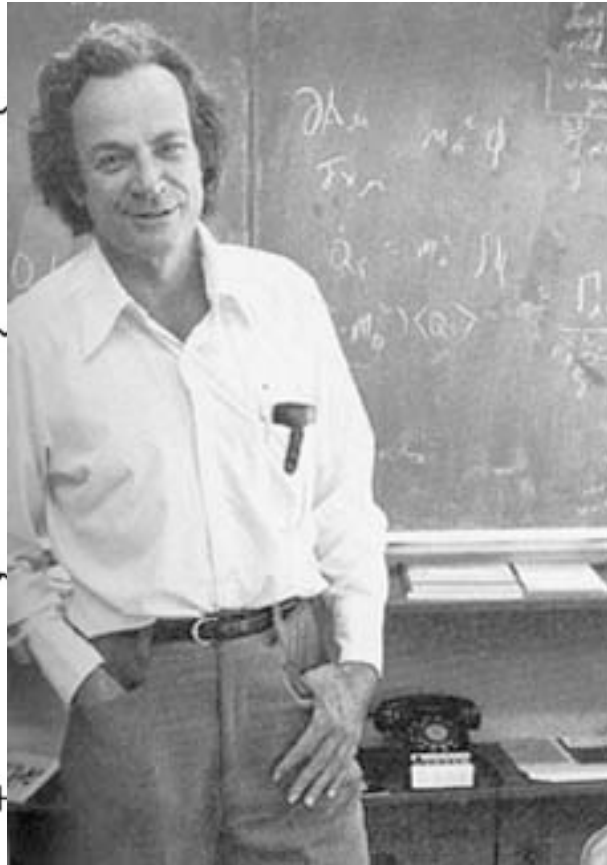
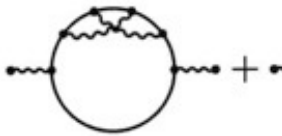
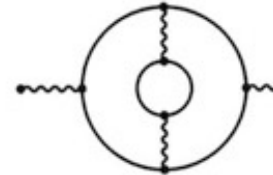
particle: tendency to exist ...

the famous Schrödinger cat, dead and alive at the same time

space, time, matter, energy: continuous or discrete ?



Feynman diagrams



interactions between particles, photons


infinite sums of infinite quantities ?!?

deleting the double infinite ...

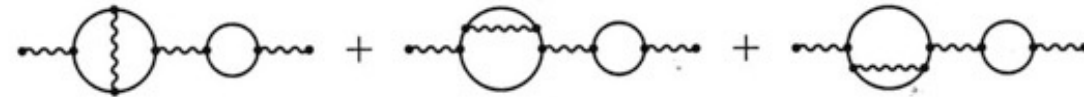
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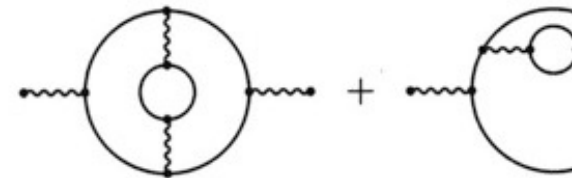
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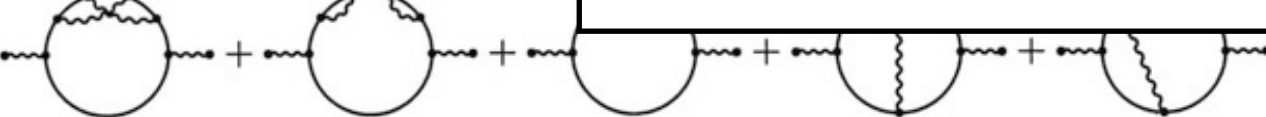
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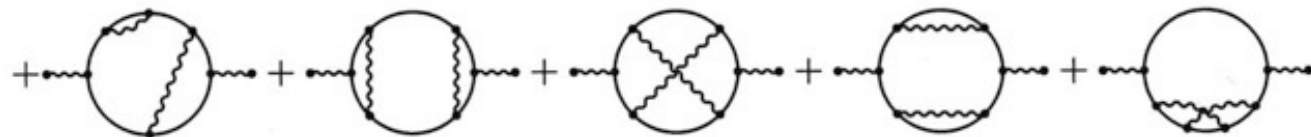
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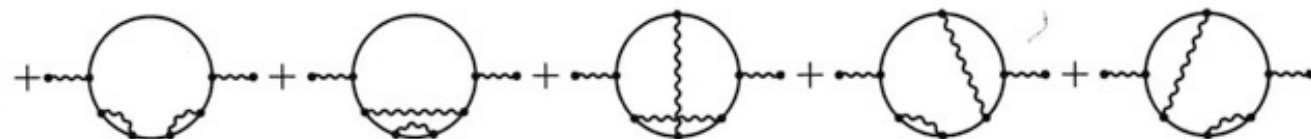
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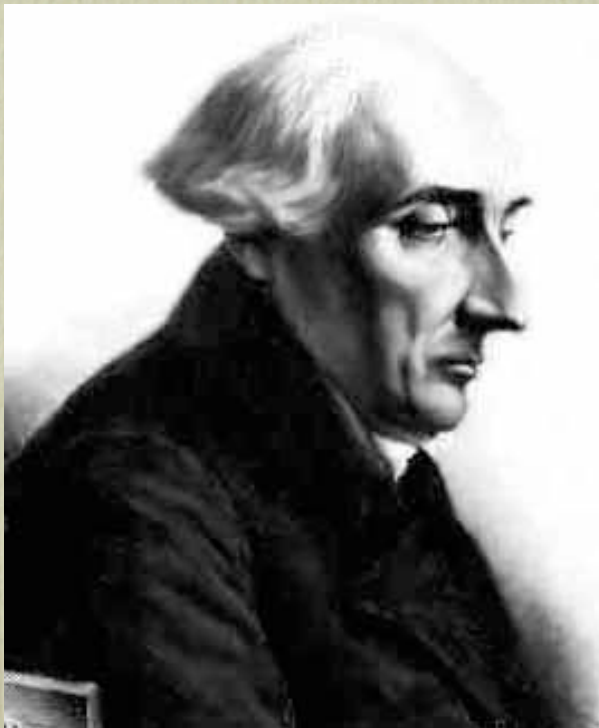
explanation with
the **mathematics**
of **trees**

A photograph of Alain Connes, an elderly man with a grey beard, wearing a white shirt and dark trousers. He is standing in a lecture hall, gesturing with his hands while speaking. Behind him is a large arched window with a brick wall visible outside. To the right, there is a chalkboard with mathematical diagrams and equations, including a circle with 'x' and 'D' inside, and the text 'D. KRUMHOLTZ'. A green exit sign is mounted on the wall above a doorway. A wooden podium is in the foreground.

Alain Connes

Euclide mathematics, many figures until Newton
after, elimination of figures

Lagrange, treatise on mechanics: not a single figure
equations, identities, pure abstraction



Joseph-Louis Lagrange
1736 - 1813

AVERTISSEMENT

DE LA DEUXIÈME ÉDITION.

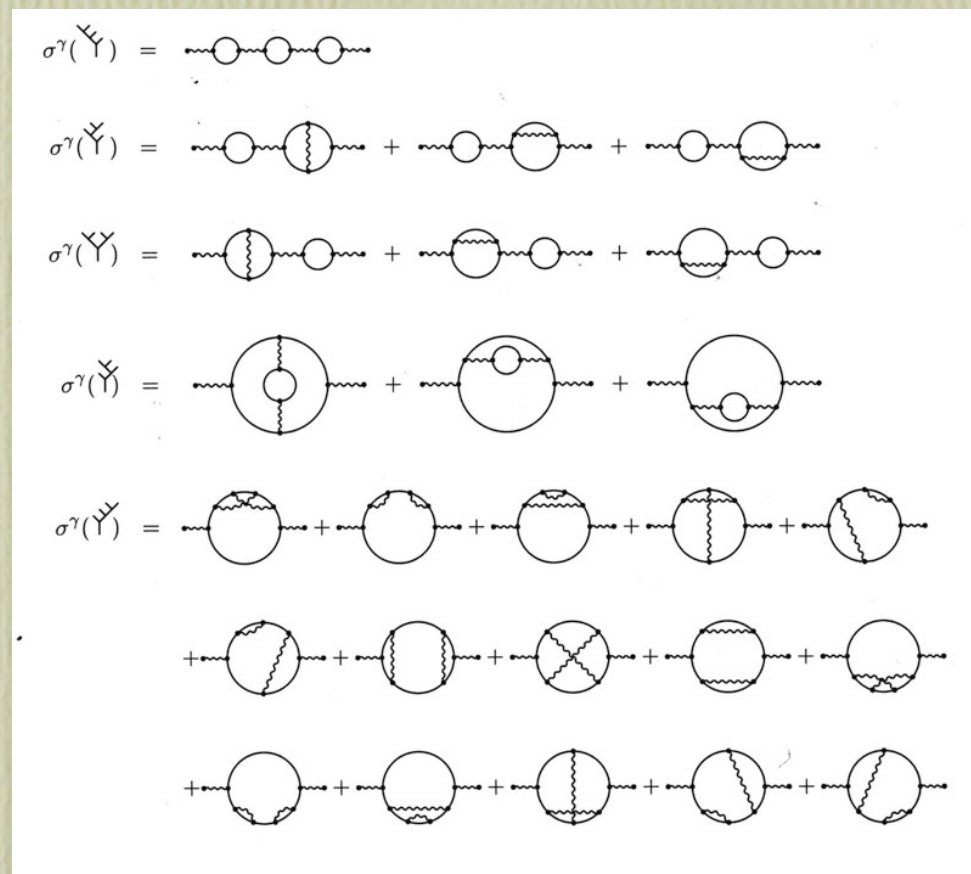
On a déjà plusieurs Traités de Mécanique, mais le plan de celui-ci est entièrement neuf. Je me suis proposé de réduire la théorie de cette Science, et l'art de résoudre les problèmes qui s'y rapportent, à des formules générales, dont le simple développement donne toutes les équations nécessaires pour la solution de chaque problème.

Cet Ouvrage aura d'ailleurs une autre utilité : il réunira et présentera sous un même point de vue les différents principes trouvés jusqu'ici pour faciliter la solution des questions de Mécanique, en montrera la liaison et la dépendance mutuelle, et mettra à portée de juger de leur justesse et de leur étendue.

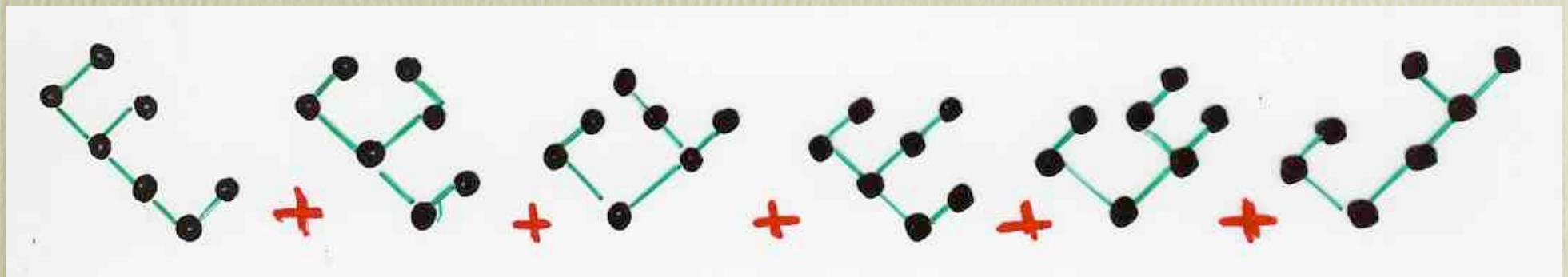
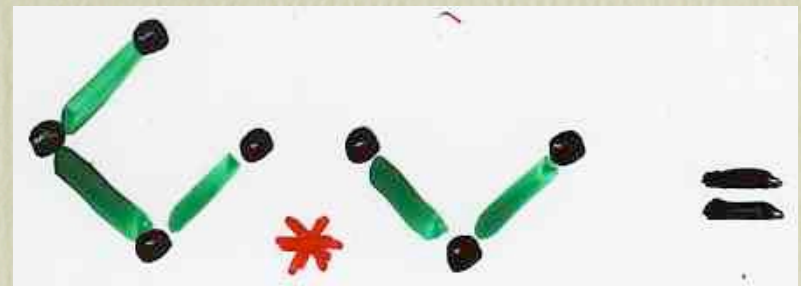
Je le divise en deux Parties : la Statique ou la Théorie de l'Équilibre, et la Dynamique ou la Théorie du Mouvement ; et, dans chacune de ces Parties, je traite séparément des corps solides et des fluides.

On ne trouvera point de Figures dans cet Ouvrage. Les méthodes que j'y expose ne demandent ni constructions, ni raisonnements géométriques ou mécaniques, mais seulement des opérations algébriques, assujetties à une marche régulière et uniforme. Ceux qui aiment l'Analyse verront avec plaisir la Mécanique en devenir une nouvelle branche, et me sauront gré d'en avoir étendu ainsi le domaine.

today, apparition of «figures», but on another level



product of two binary trees

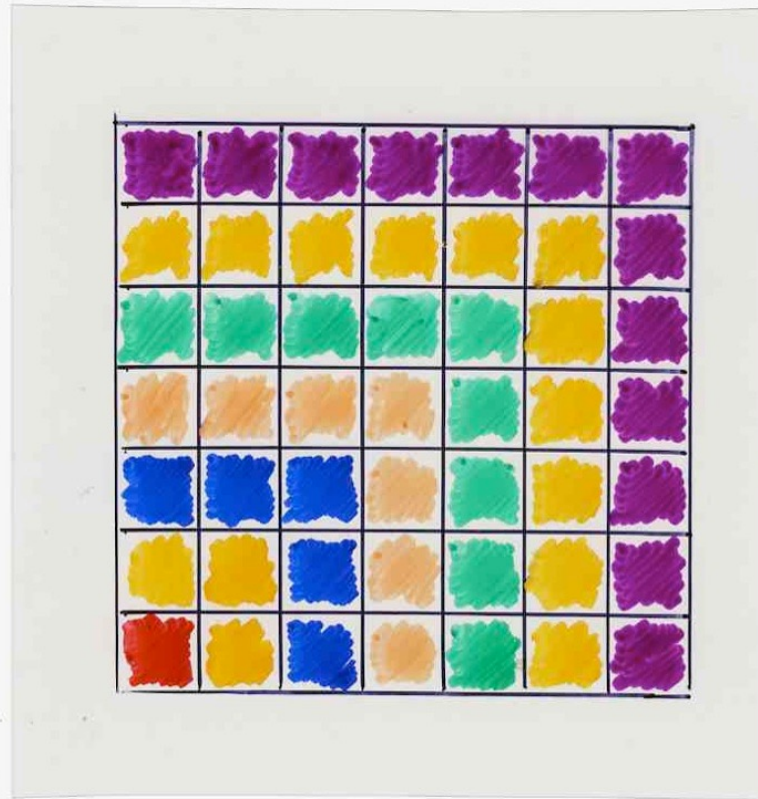


proofs with «figures»

Combinatorial
proofs



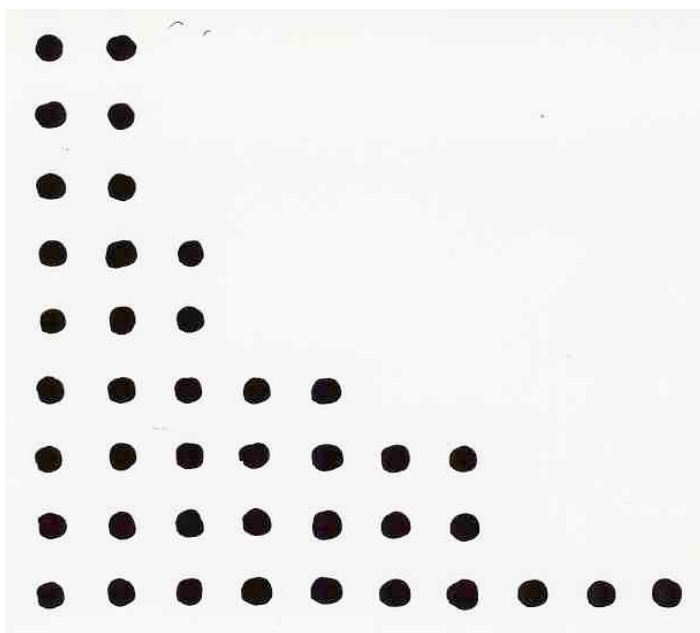
«combinatorial proof» of some identities
with bijections, correspondences
combinatorial interpretations



$$n^2 = 1 + 3 + \dots + (2n-1)$$

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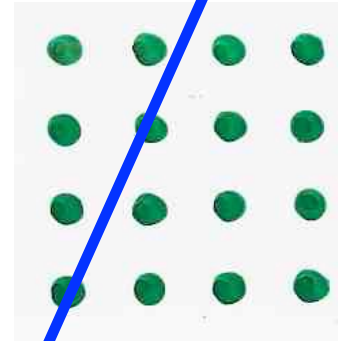
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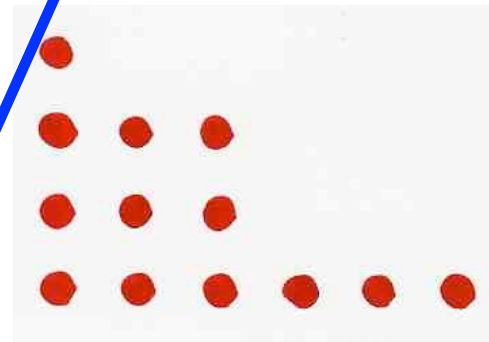
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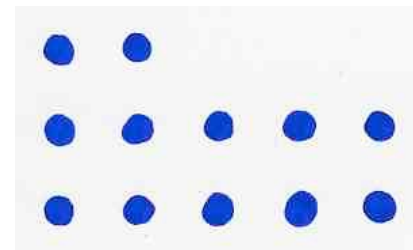
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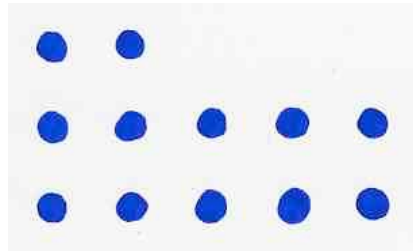
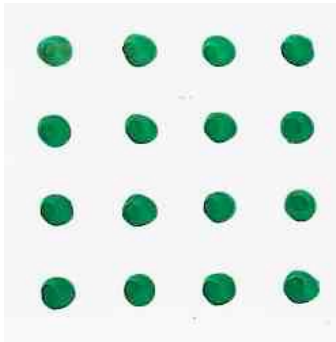
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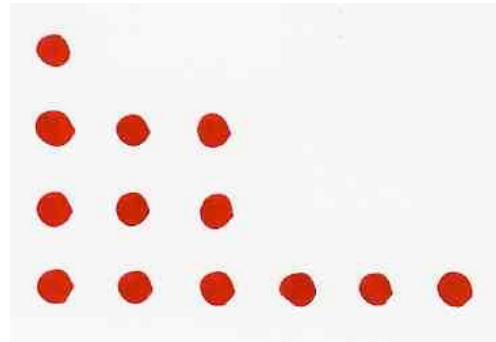


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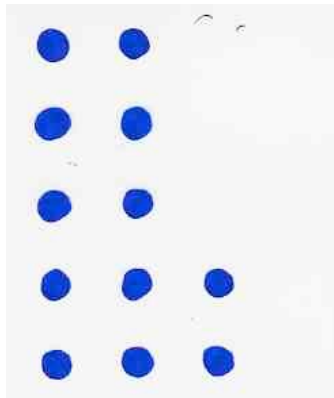


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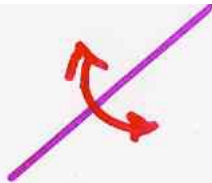


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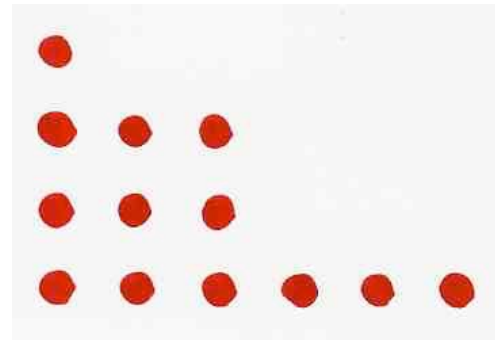
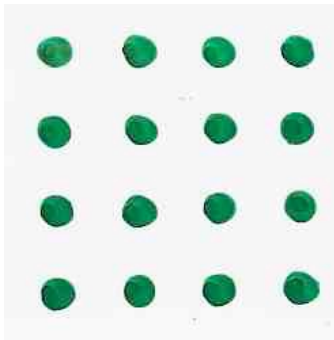
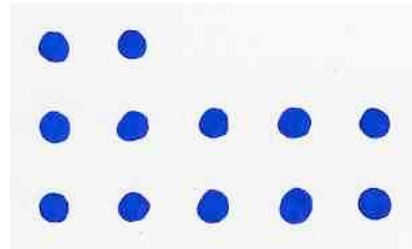
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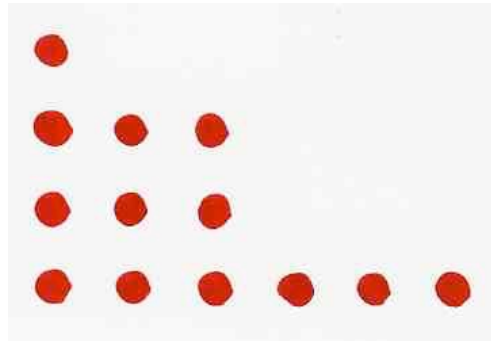
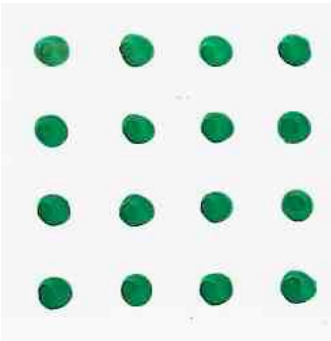
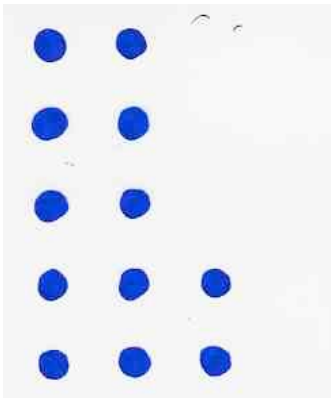


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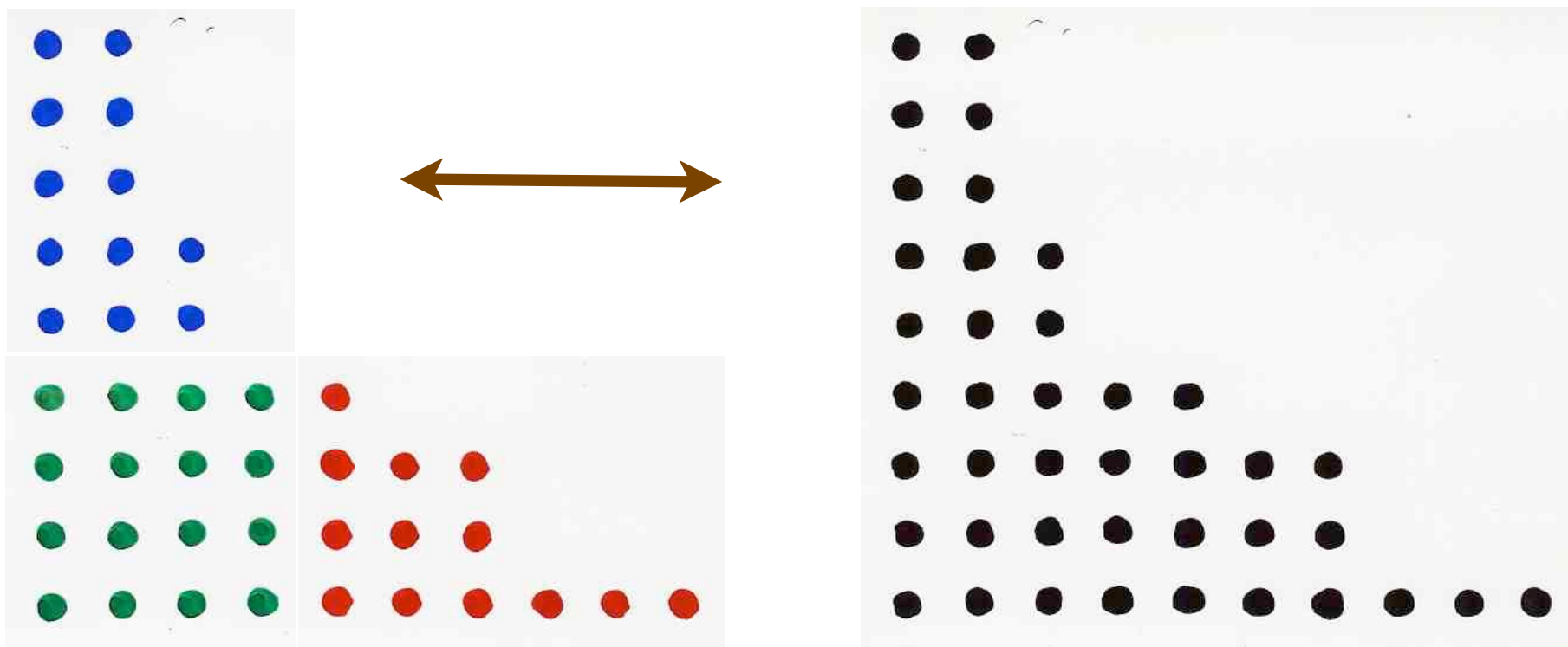


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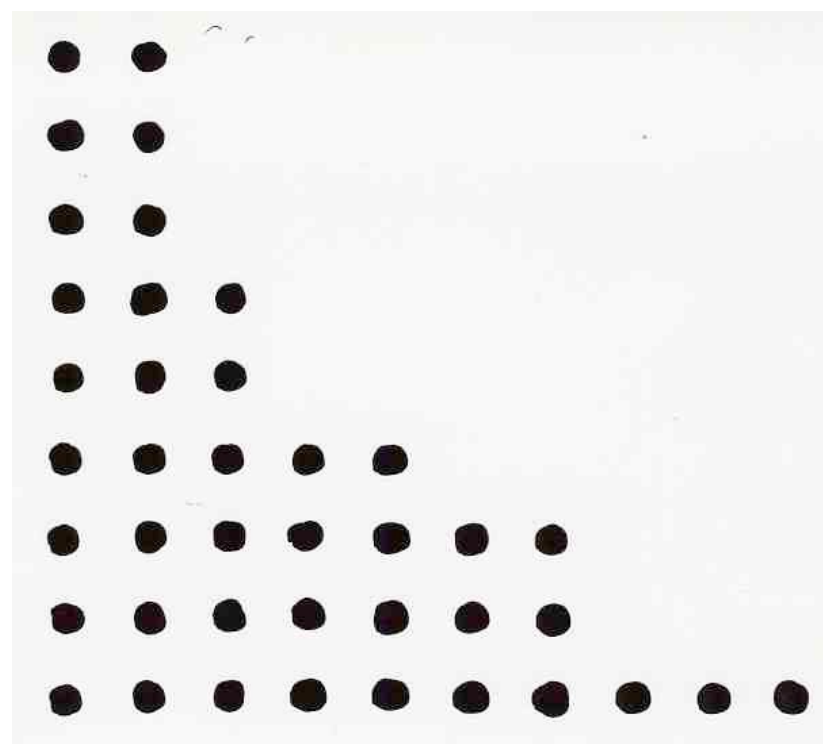
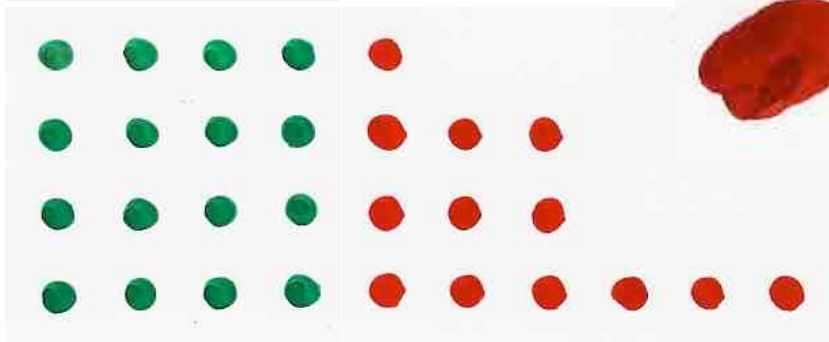
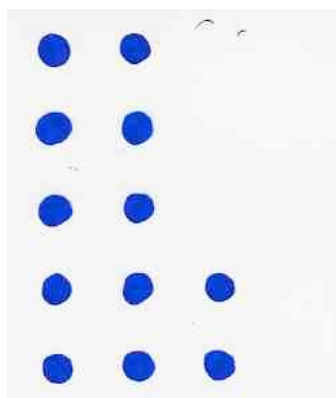
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drawing calculus

...

computing drawings



better understanding



Rogers - Ramanujan identities

$$R_I \quad \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(1-q)(1-q^2)\dots(1-q^n)} = \prod_{\substack{i \equiv 1, 4 \\ \text{mod } 5}} \frac{1}{(1-q^i)}$$

$$R_{II} \quad \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2 + n}}{(1-q)(1-q^2)\dots(1-q^n)} = \prod_{\substack{i \equiv 2, 3 \\ \text{mod } 5}} \frac{1}{(1-q^i)}$$

Srinivasan
Ramanujan
(1887-1920)



"La fraction continue" de Ramanujan

$$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{q}{1 + \frac{q^2}{1 + \frac{q^3}{\ddots \frac{1 + q^k}{\dots}}}}}$$

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

$$R(q) = \prod_{n \geq 0} \frac{(1 - q^{5n+1})(1 - q^{5n+4})}{(1 - q^{5n+3})(1 - q^{5n+2})} = \frac{R_{II}}{R_I}$$

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$$Z(t) = \gamma(q(t))$$

$$y(1 + 14t + 97t^2 + 415t^3 + 1180t^4 + 2321t^5 + 3247t^6 + 3300t^7 + 2475t^8 + 1375t^9 + 550t^{10} + 143t^{11} + 18t^{12}) +$$

$$y^2(1 + 17t + 83t^2 + 601t^3 + 1647t^4 + 4606t^5 + 7809t^6 + 710t^7 + 124t^8 - 608t^9 - 440t^{10} - 92t^{11} - 36t^{12}) +$$

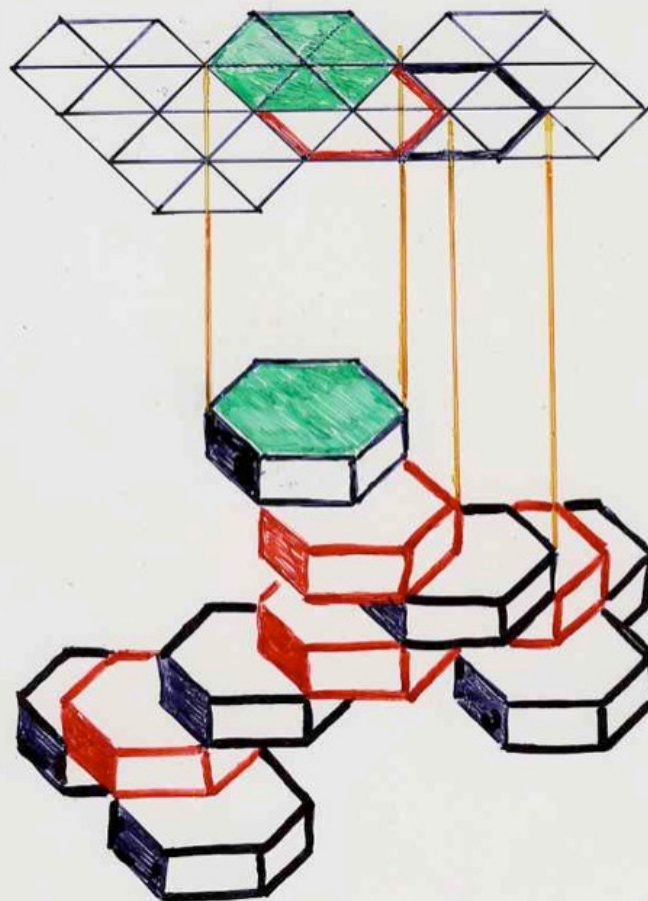
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$$y^4(1 + 17t + 131t^2 + 595t^3 + 1765t^4 + 3574t^5 + 4939t^6 + 4356t^7 + 1815t^8 - 605t^9 - 1210t^{10} - 616t^{11} - 126t^{12})$$

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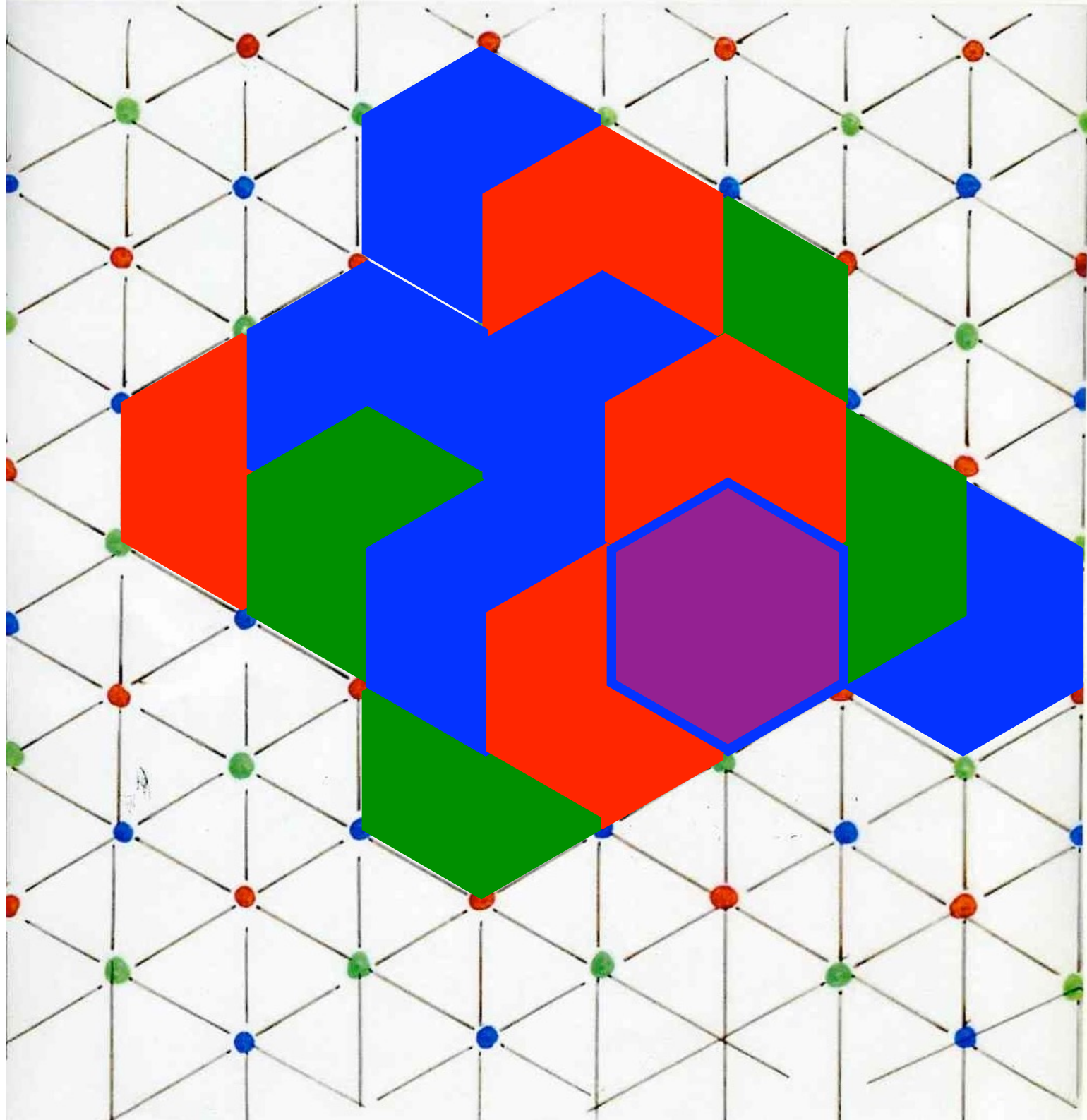
$$(t + 11t^2 + 55t^3 + 165t^4 + 330t^5 + 462t^6 + 462t^7 + 330t^8 + 165t^9 + 55t^{10} + 11t^{11} + t^{12})$$

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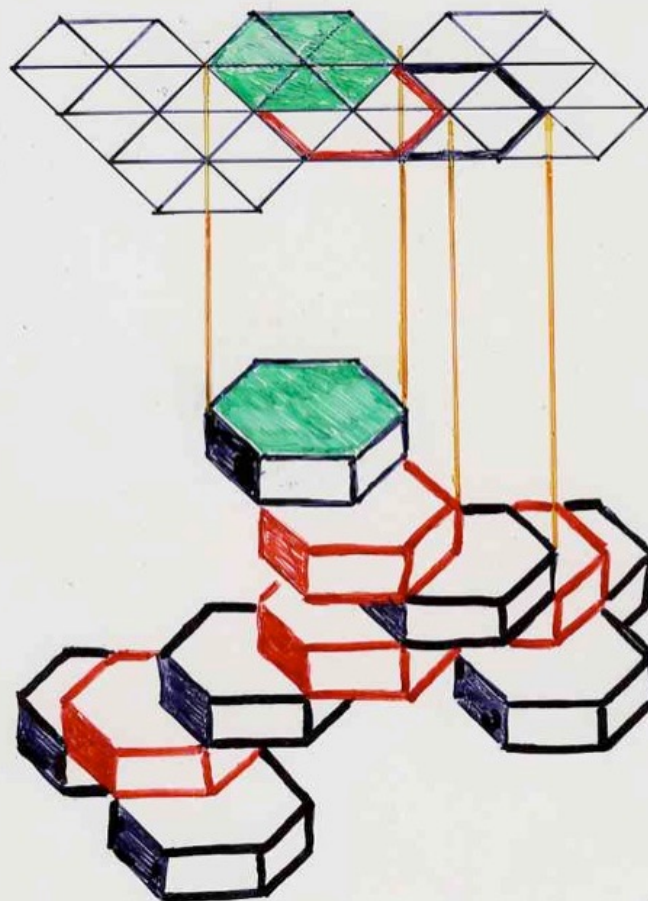


The idea of heaps of pieces





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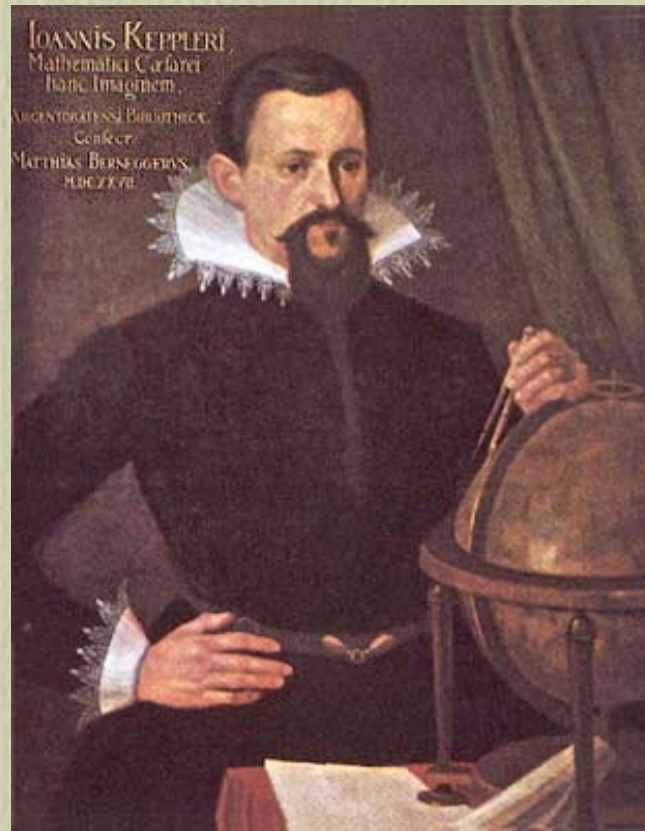


Combinatorial Physics

The infinitely large

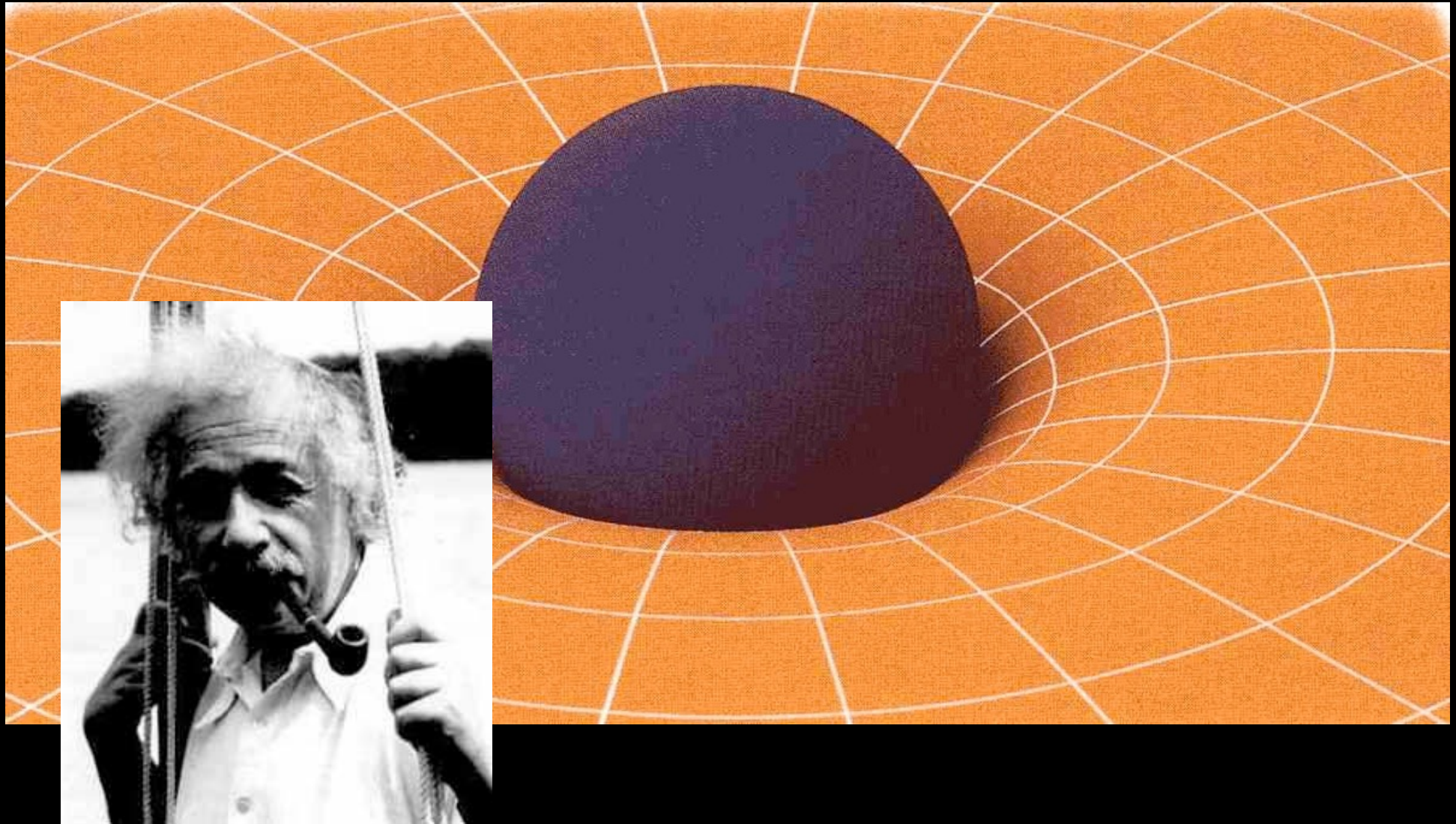
Trees in the stars ?





classical geometry and mechanics
Galileo, Kepler, Newton,...

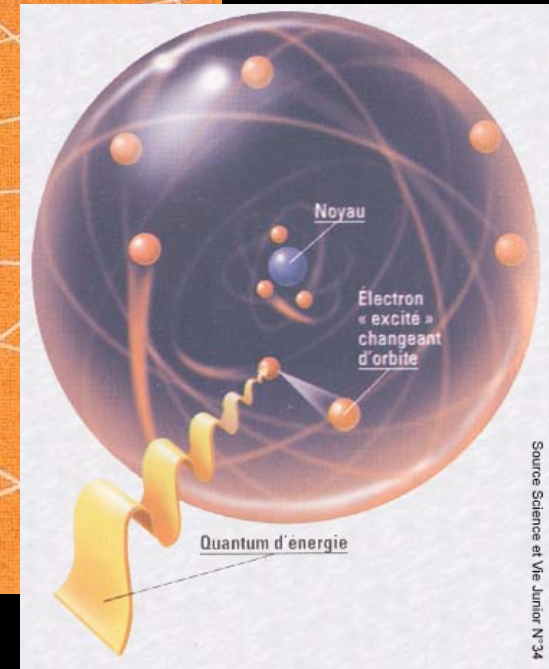
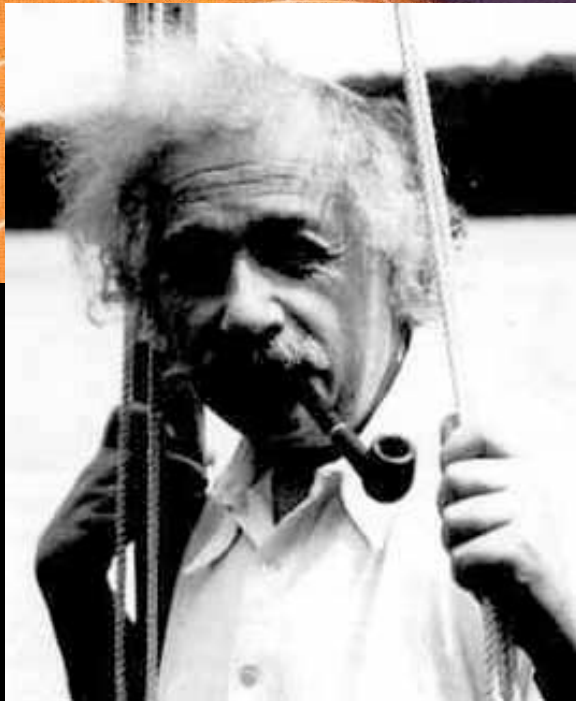
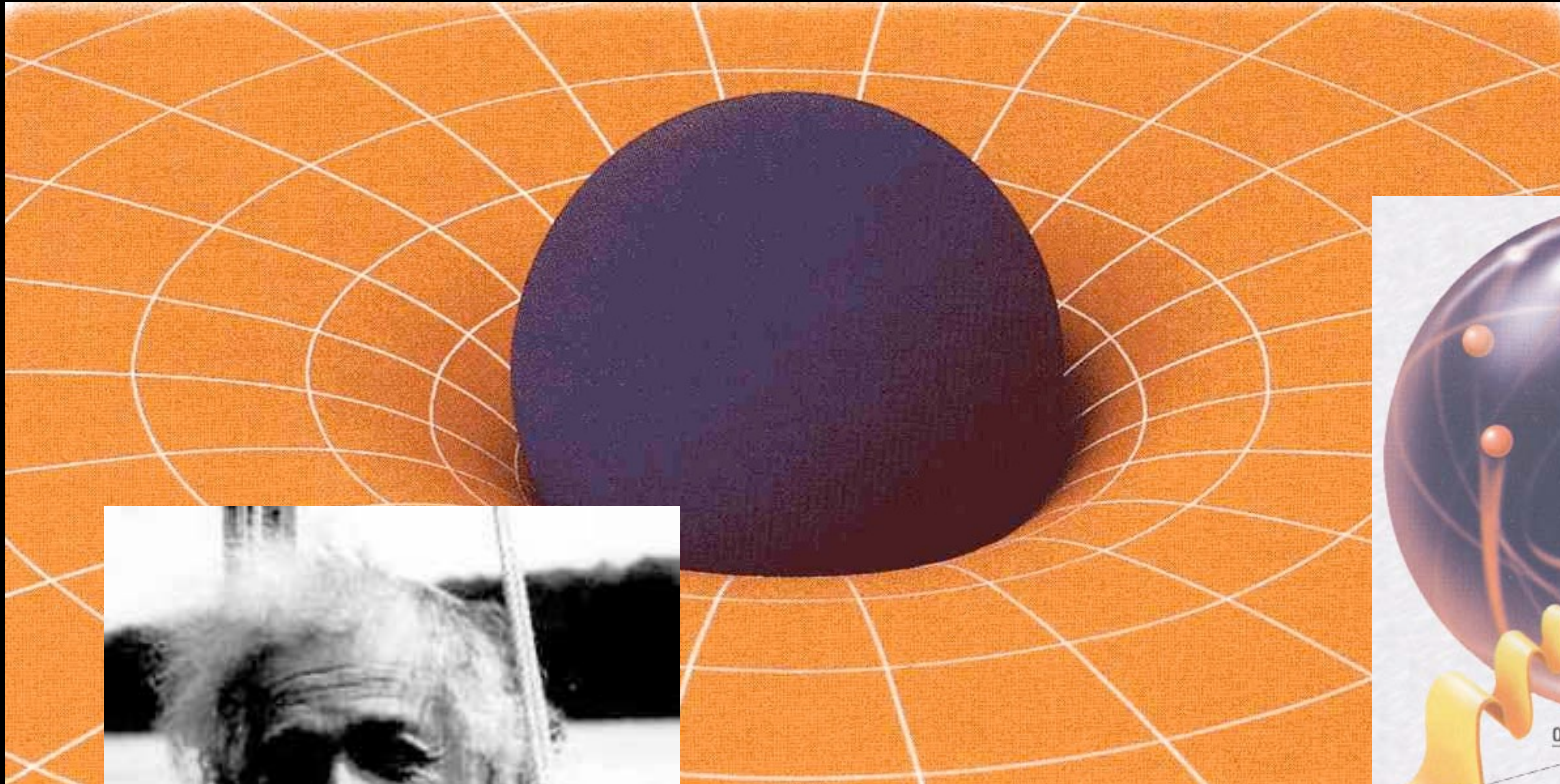
general relativity





general relativity

quantum mechanics



quantum gravity ?

strings theory

particle as a violin chord ... ?

each frequency corresponds to a particle.... ?

Catalan numbers



non-commutative geometry

Alain Connes

Universal Singular Frac

$$\gamma_U(z, v) = \text{Te}^{-\frac{1}{z}} \int_0^v u^Y(e) \frac{du}{u}$$

$$\gamma_U(-z, v) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{k_j > 0}$$

$$\frac{e(-k_1)e(-k_2) \cdots e(-k_n)}{k_1(k_1 + k_2) \cdots (k_1 + k_2 + \cdots + k_n)}$$

Same coefficients as

Local Index Formula in NCC

loop quantum gravity



Carlo Rovelli

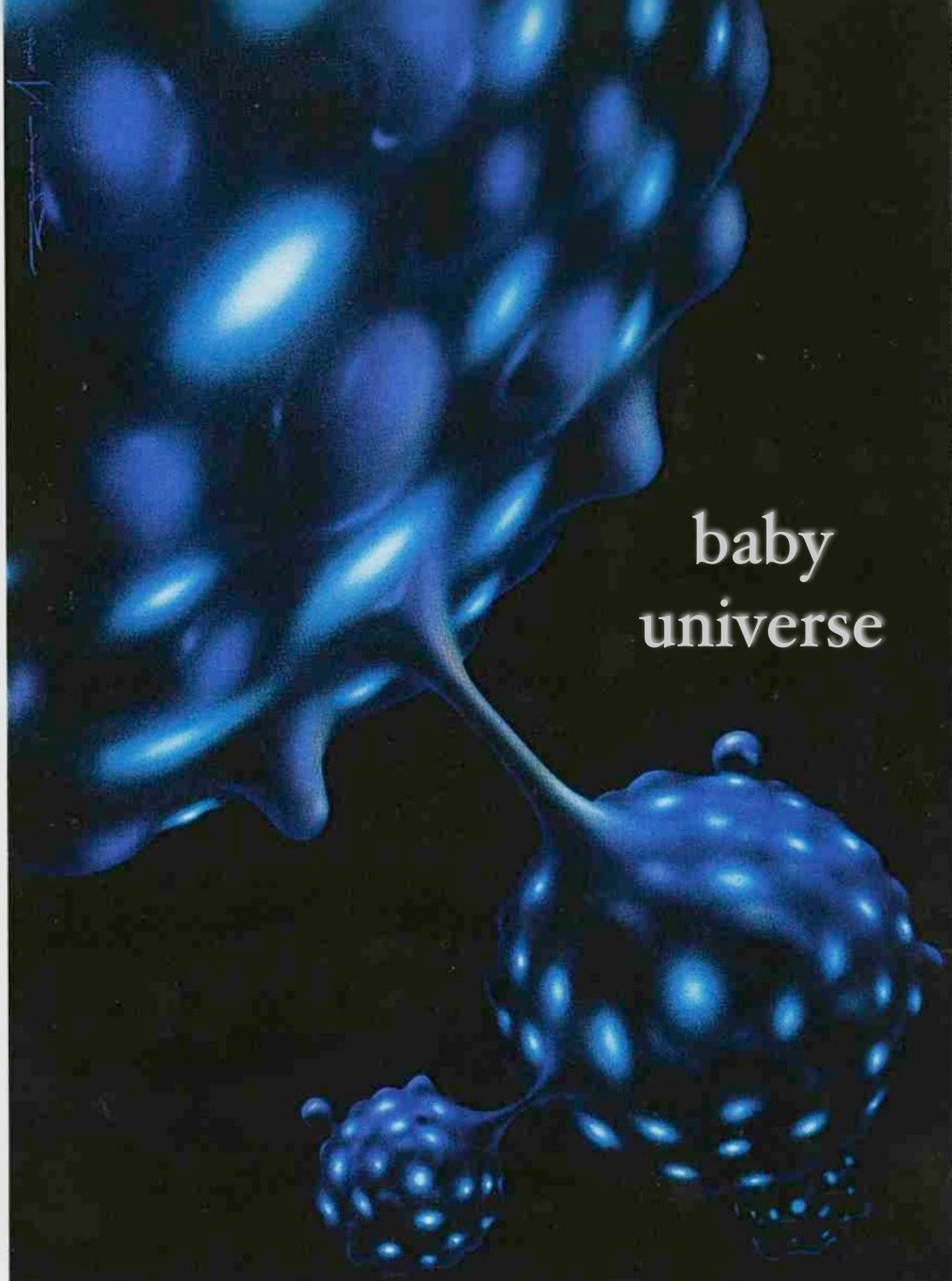
May be time does not exists ?

foam of the
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Drawing
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baby
universe



quantum gravity

causal dynamical triangulations





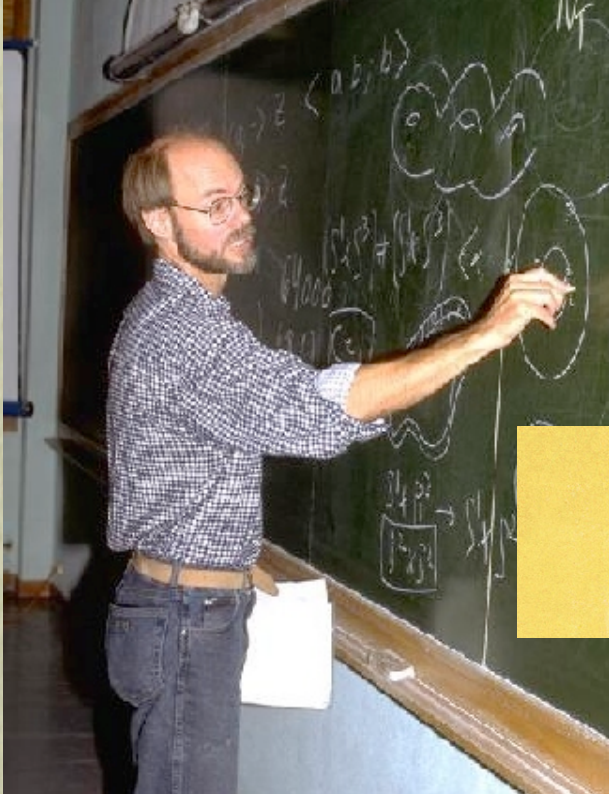
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Xavier, you should have
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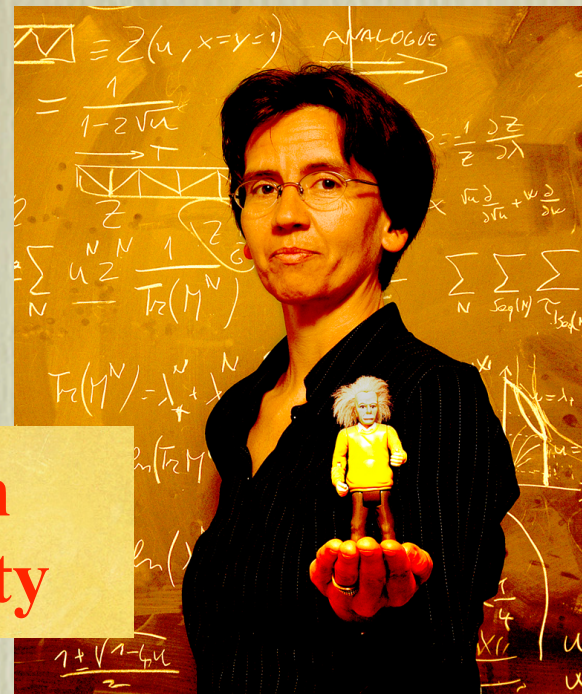
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gravitation quantique



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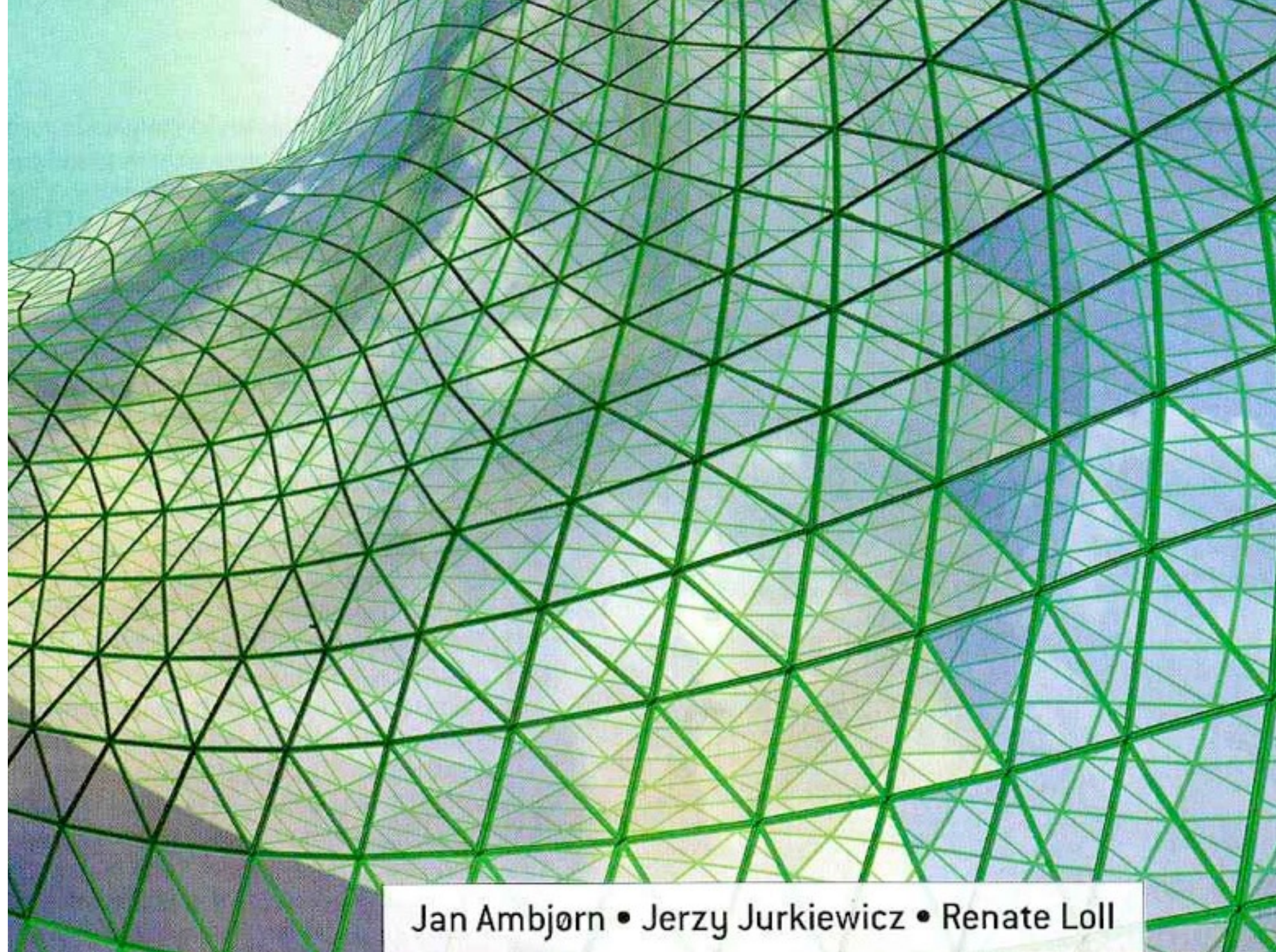
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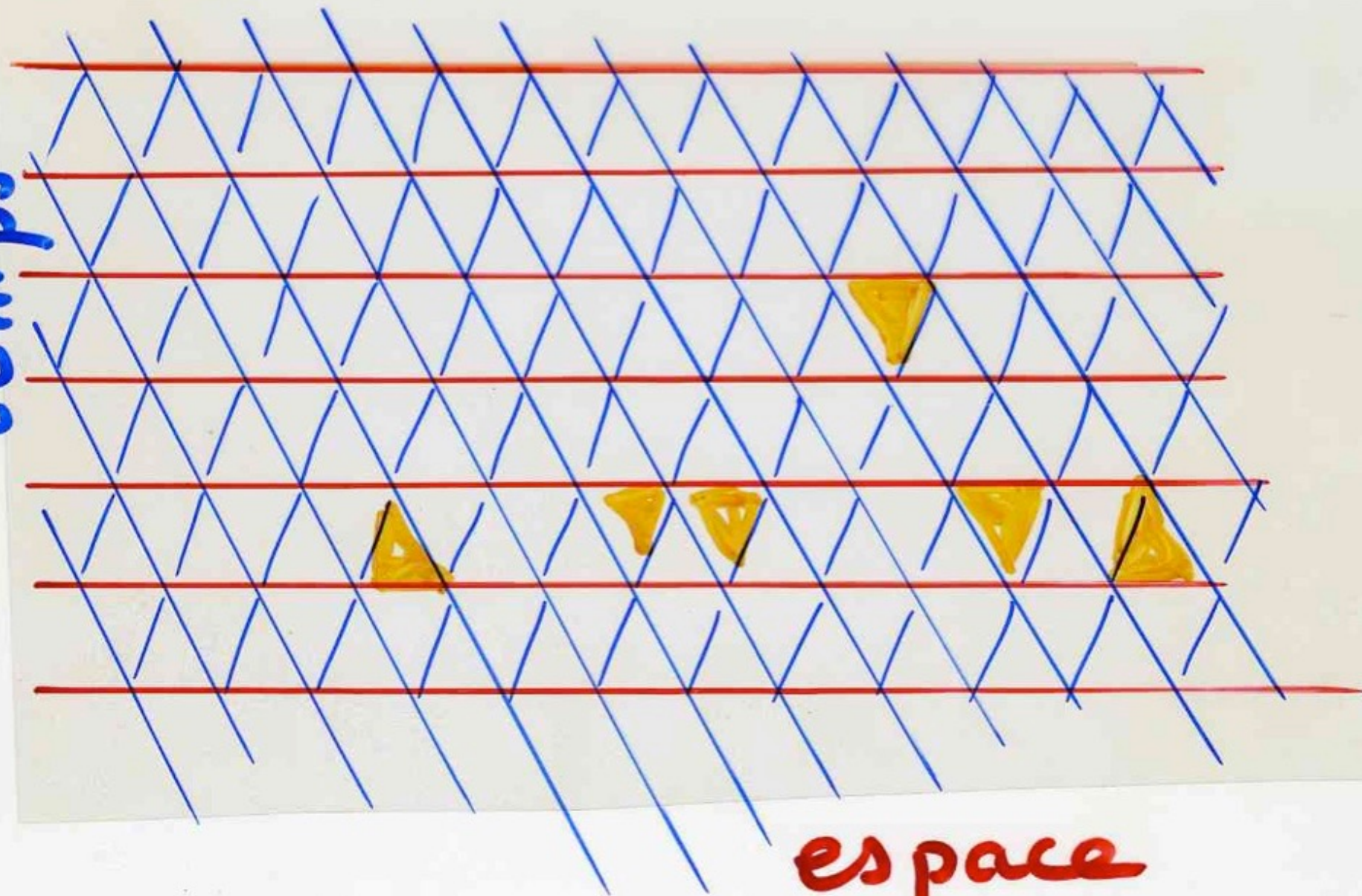


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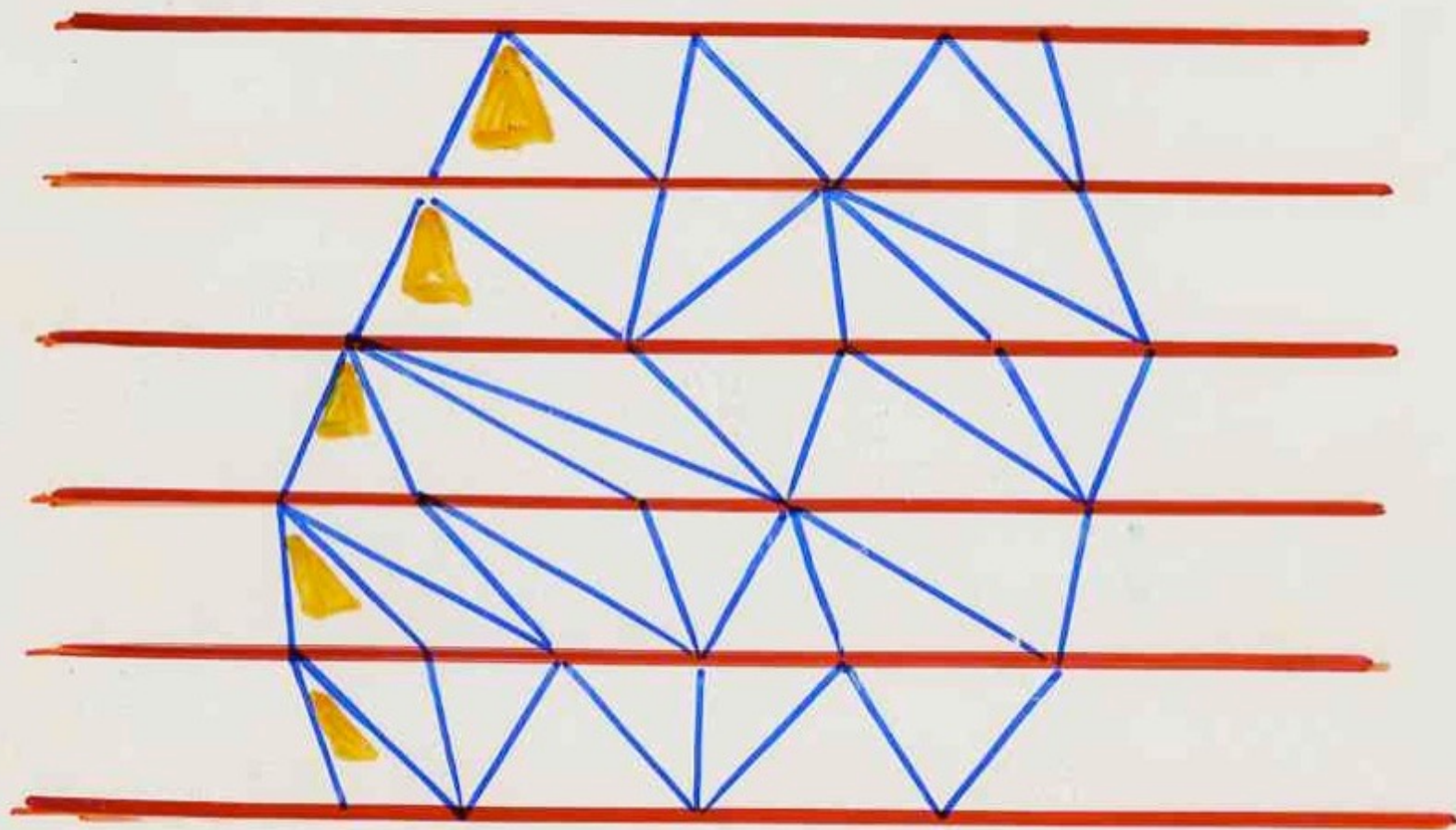


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Catalan

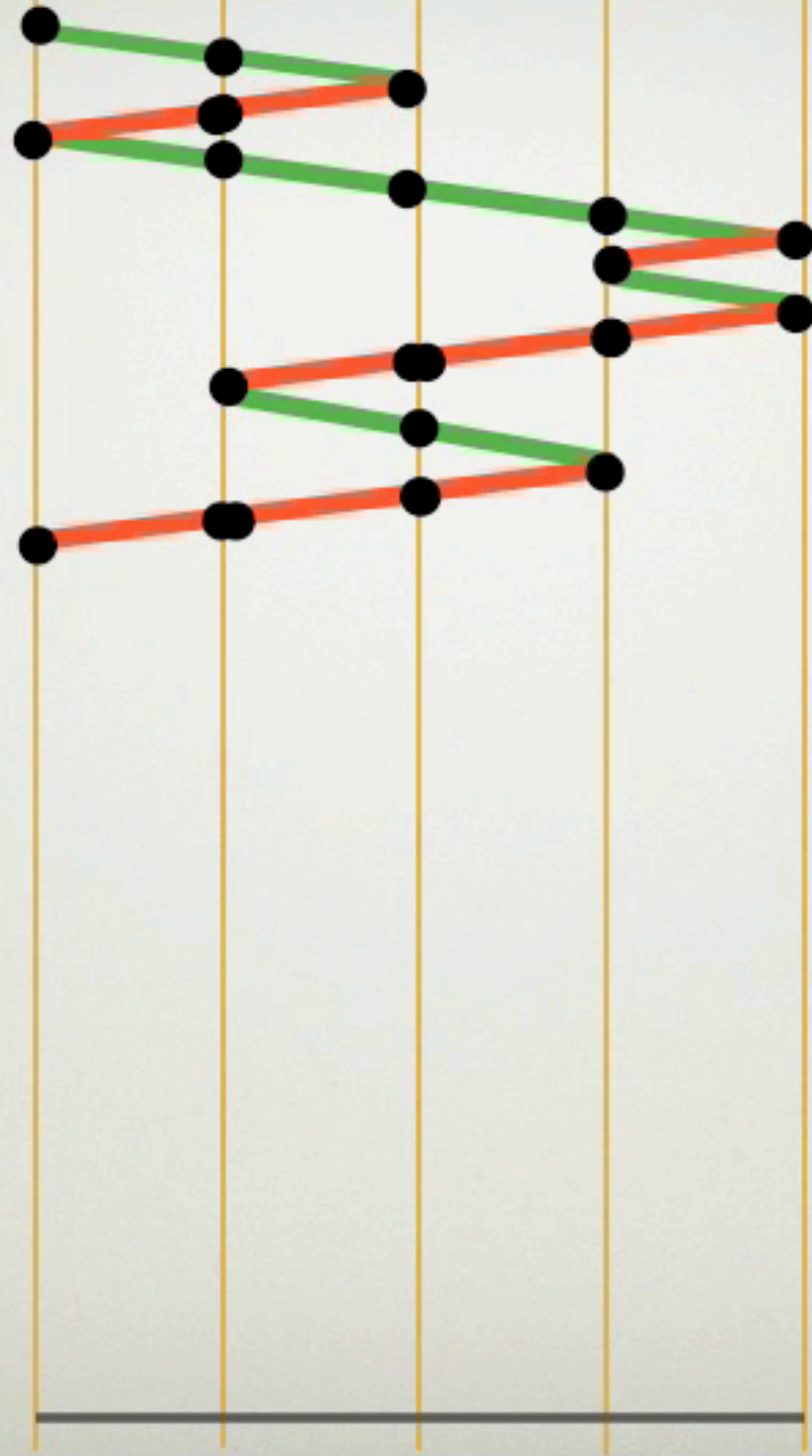
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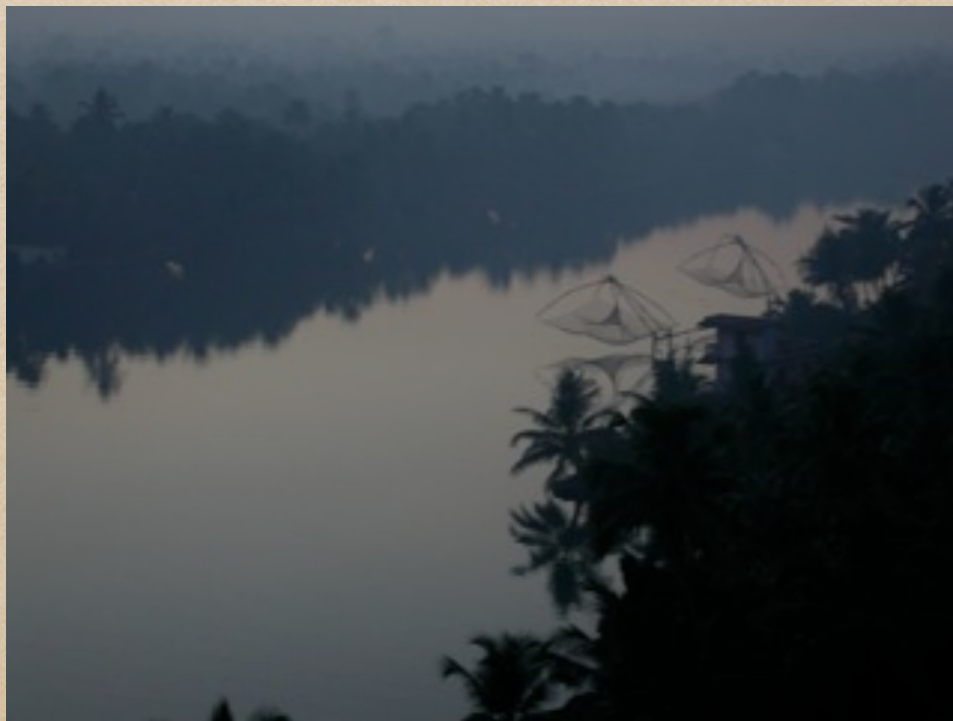
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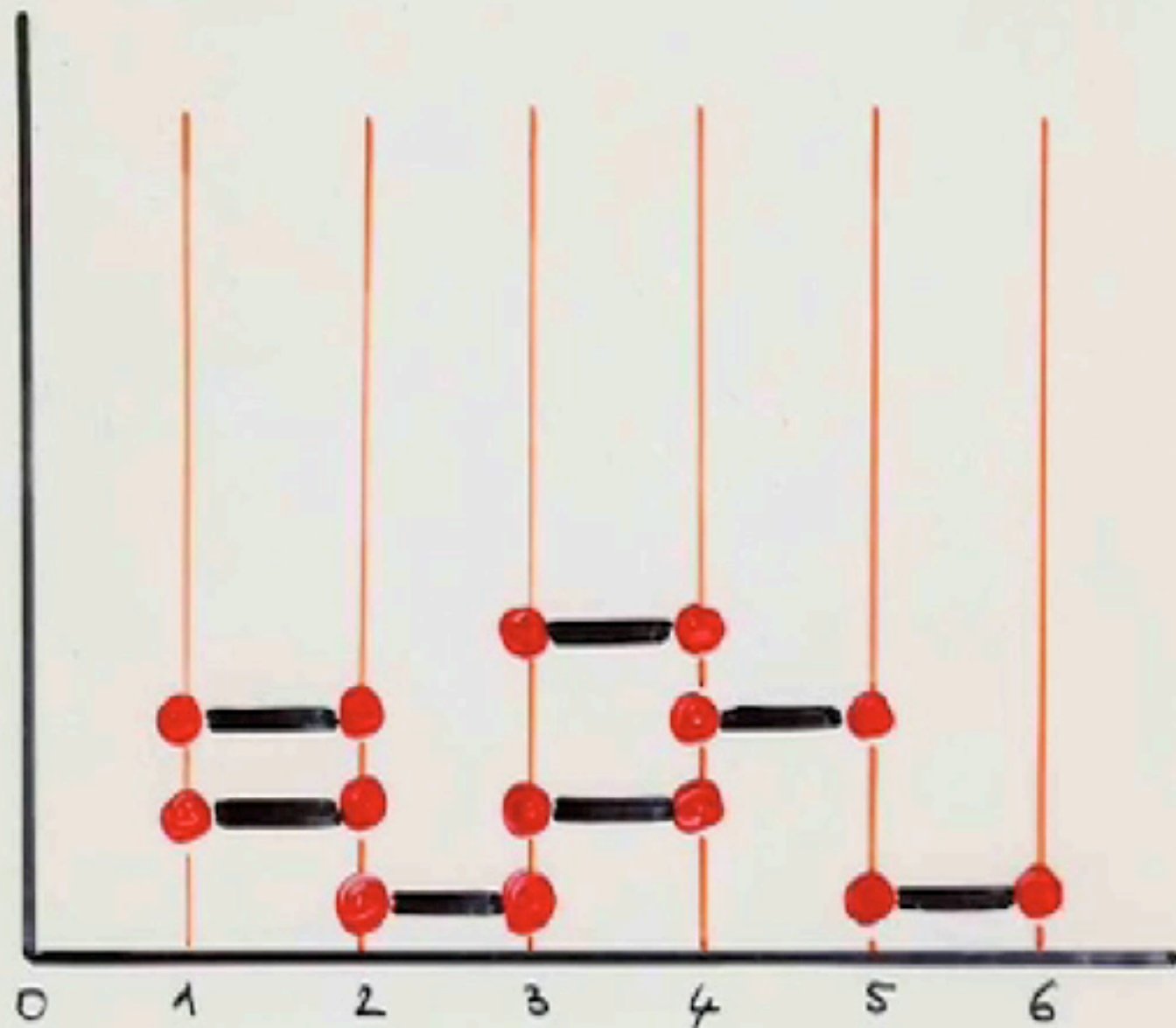
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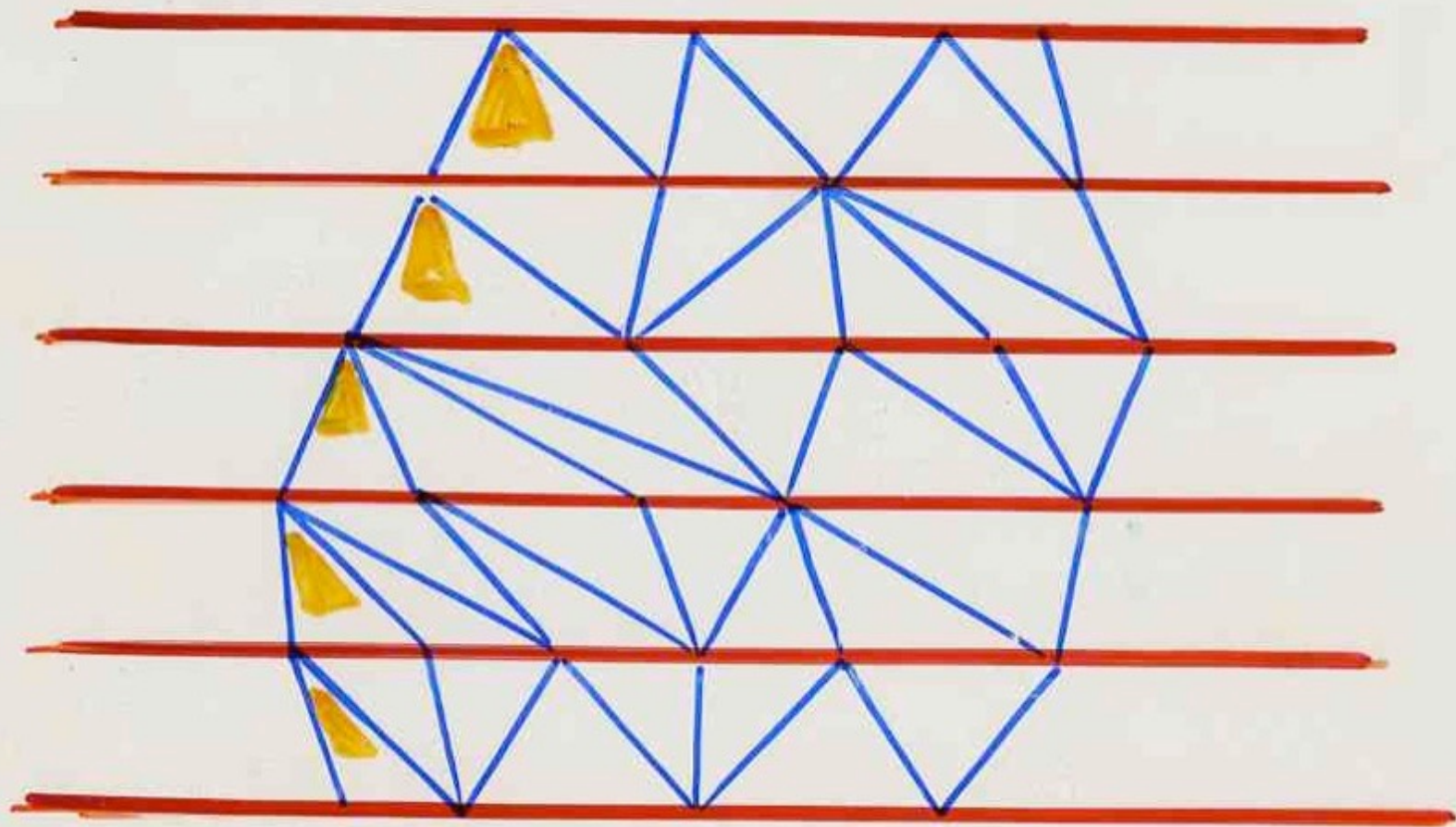




From heaps of dimers
to Lorentzian triangulations







metamorphosis:

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binary trees

Dyck paths

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Epilogue











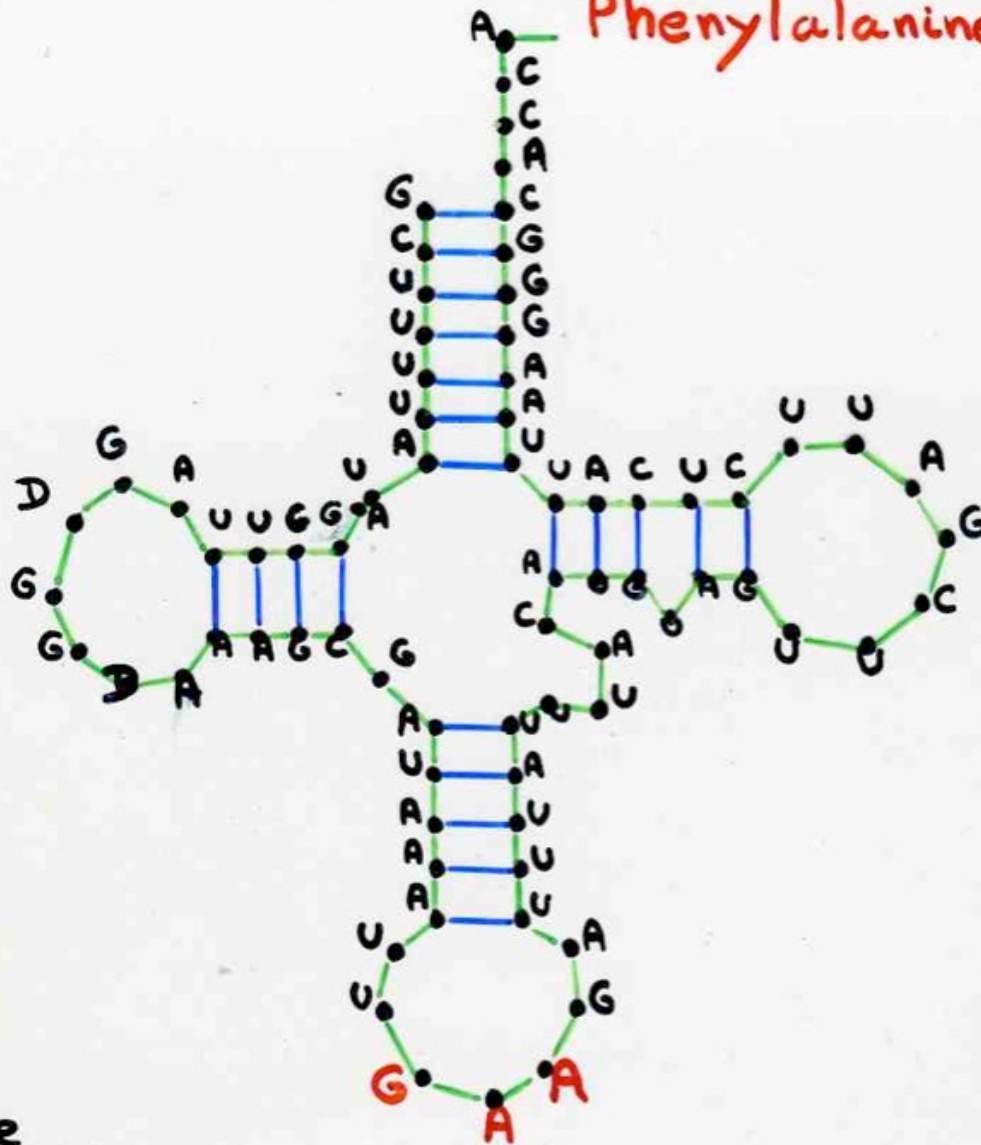
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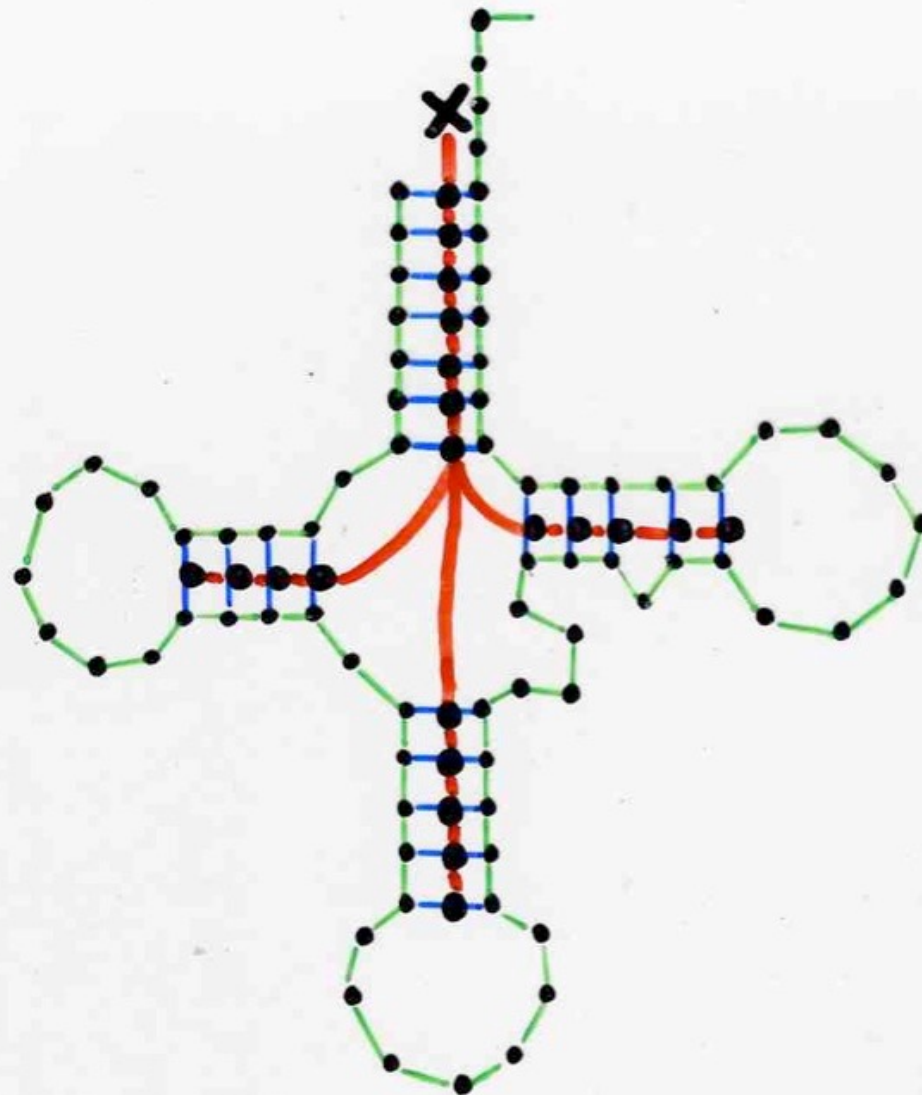
Trees everywhere

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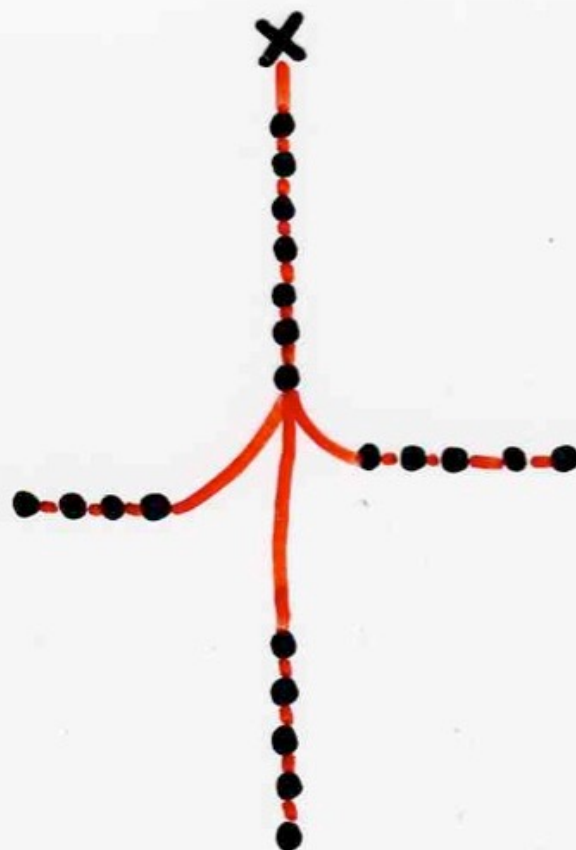


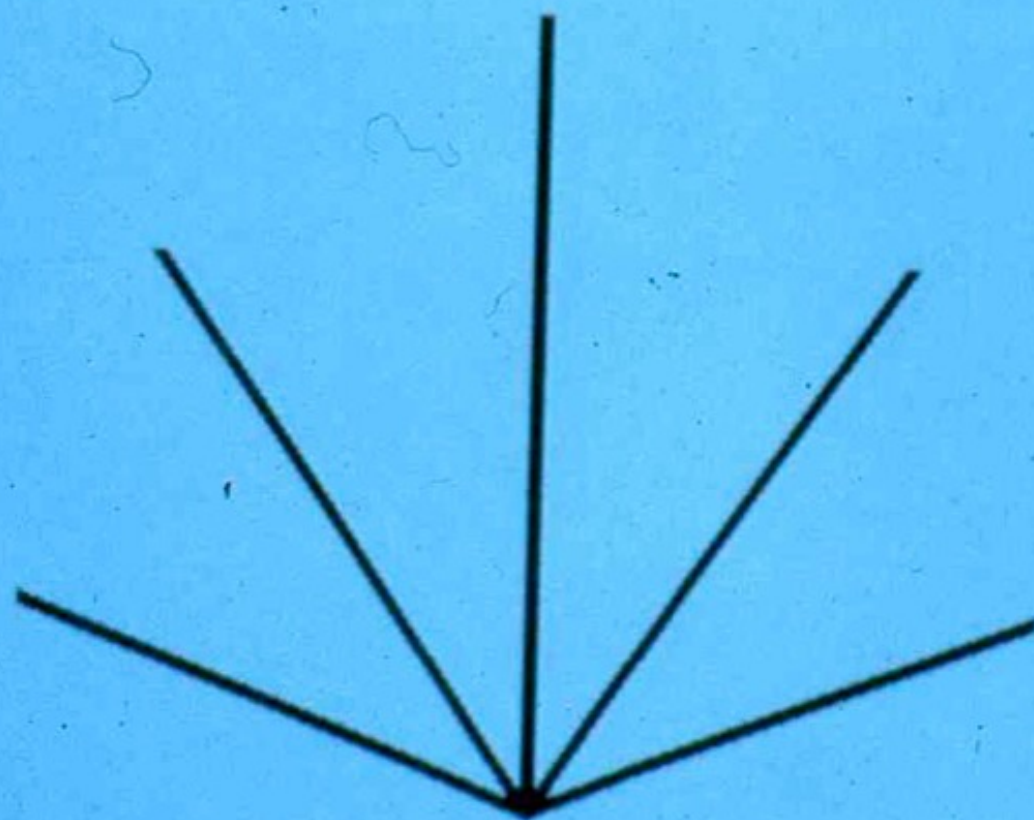
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Il y a des arbres dans les étoiles,
des arbres dans les grains de lumière.


There are trees in the stars
trees in the particles of lights.

Les théories mathématiques s'interpellent,
s'entrecroisent, renaissent, se fondent entre elles.

Mathematical theories call each other,
intercross, are born again, merge in themselves.

Les grands Maîtres se parlent à travers les siècles
dans le jardin merveilleux des Mathématiques.

The great Masters talk each other through
centuries in the wonderful garden of mathematics.

A low-angle shot of a dark, leafless tree against a deep blue night sky. The sky is filled with numerous bright, glowing light particles that appear to be falling or floating, creating a magical atmosphere. The bottom of the frame shows the dark, textured surface of a rocky ledge or cliff.

The end
thank you everyone !

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