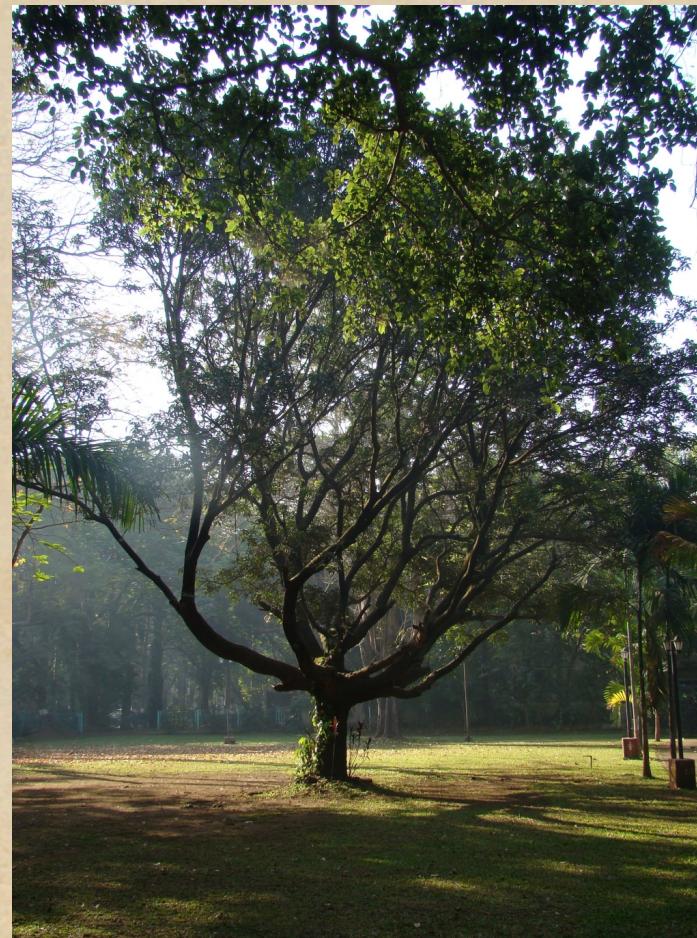


# Trees in Various Sciences

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Trees in nature ...  
trees everywhere







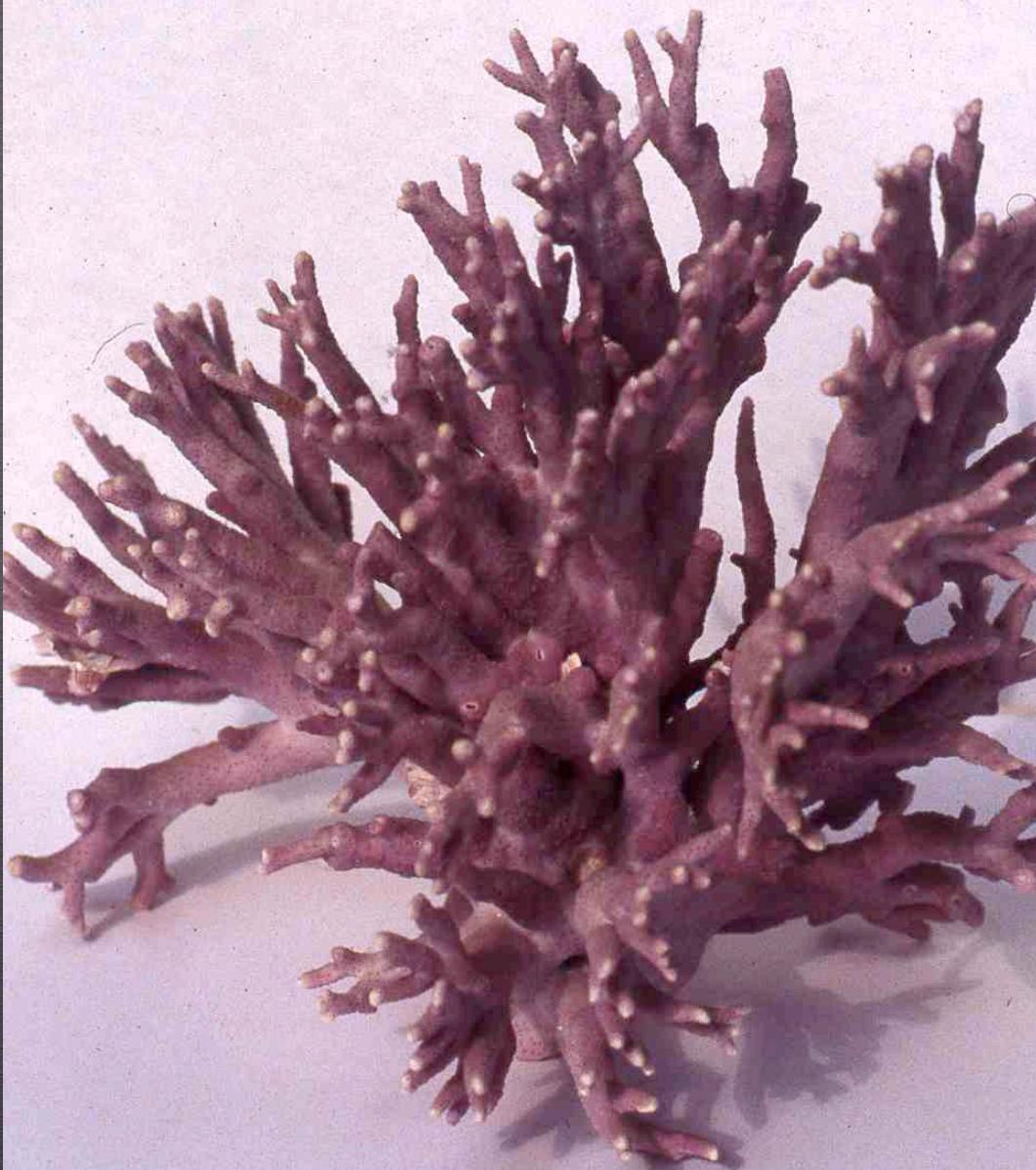








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ELECTRICAL

DISCHARGE



ELECTROLYSIS DEPOSITS

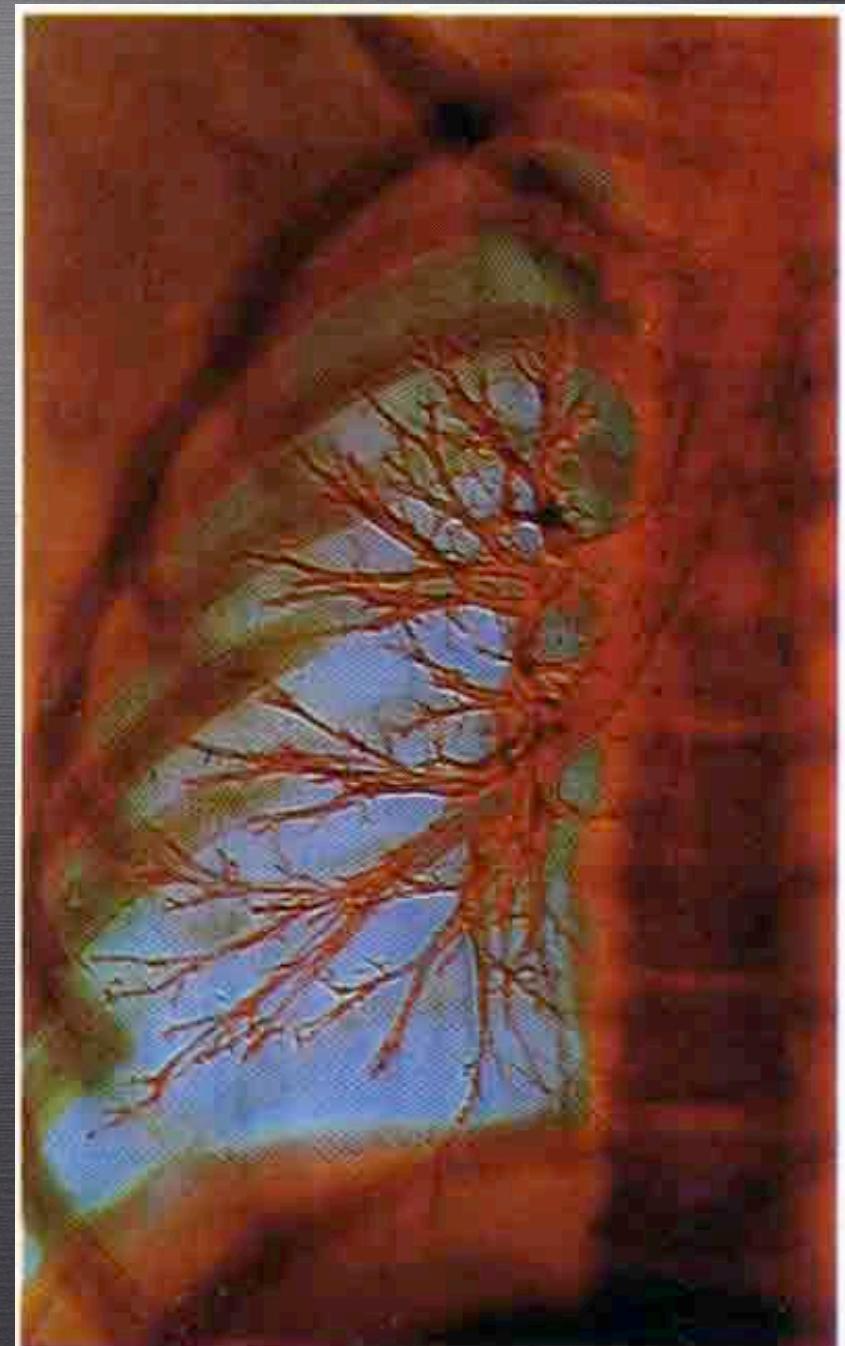
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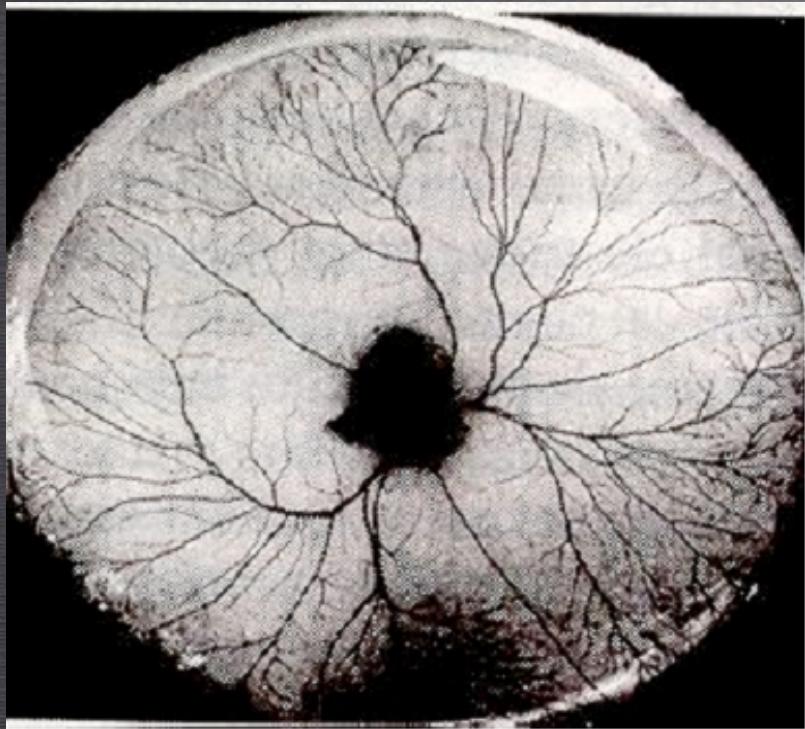
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INJECTING OIL BETWEEN  
TWO PLATES

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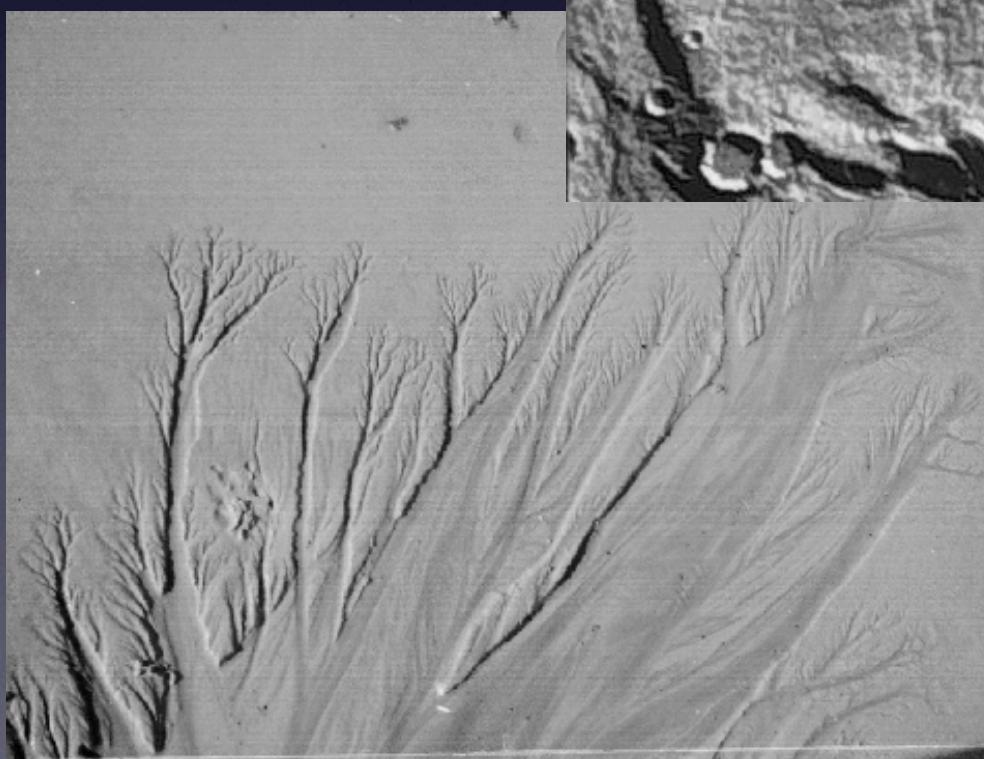
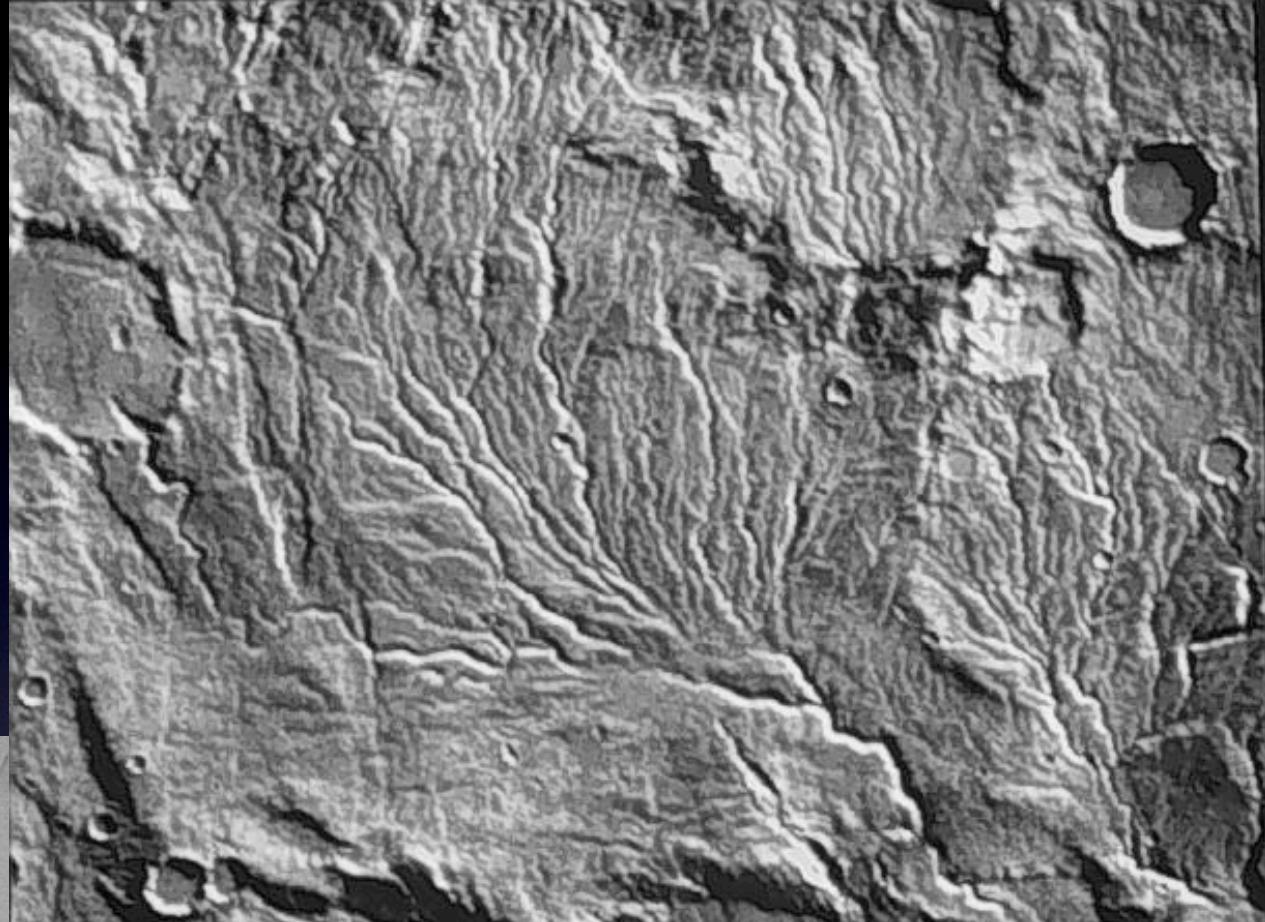
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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

ON MARS



ON EARTH  
ON A BEACH



TREES ....  
BRANCHING STRUCTURES .....  
EVERYWHERE



## THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE

IIT BOMBAY, POWAI, MUMBAI

Trees in the stars ?

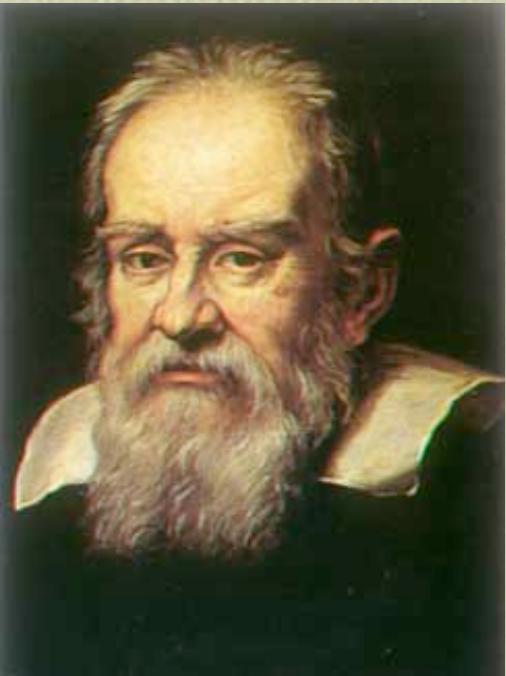




The infinitely large ..

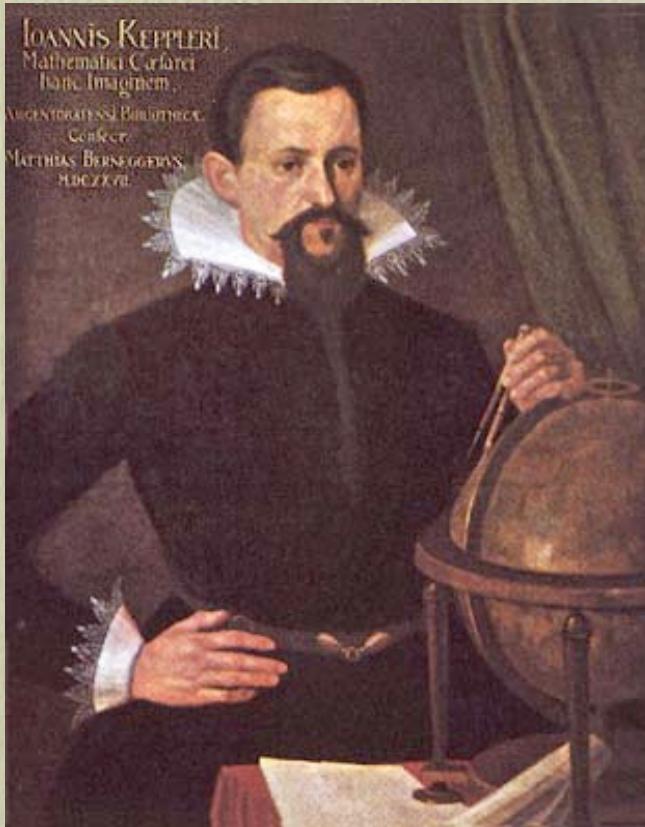
The stars, the planets, the galaxies,  
the universe, its birth and history,  
space, time, matter, ...

understanding the universe with mathematics



Galileo Galilei  
1564-1642

classical  
geometry  
euclidian geometry

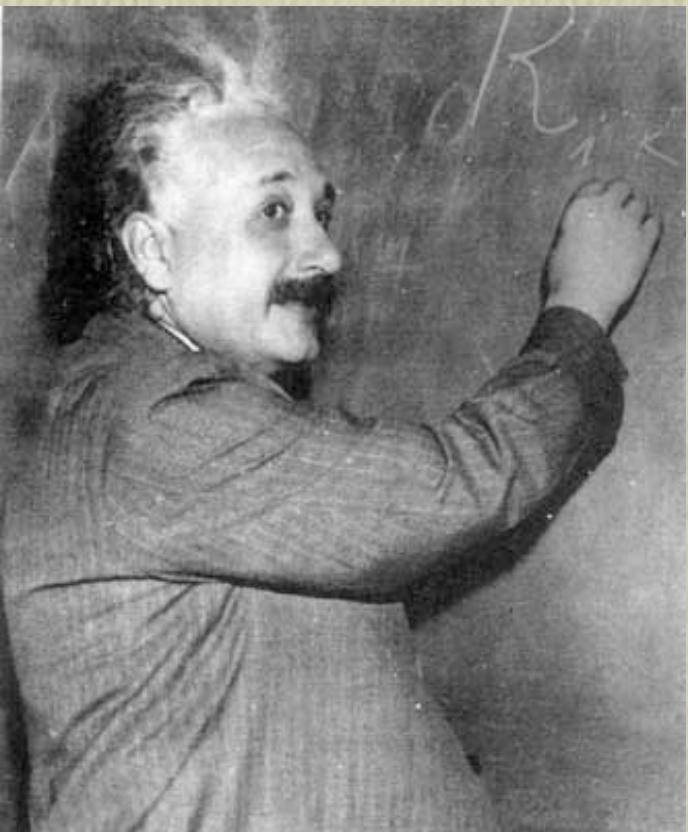


Johannes Kepler  
1571 - 1630



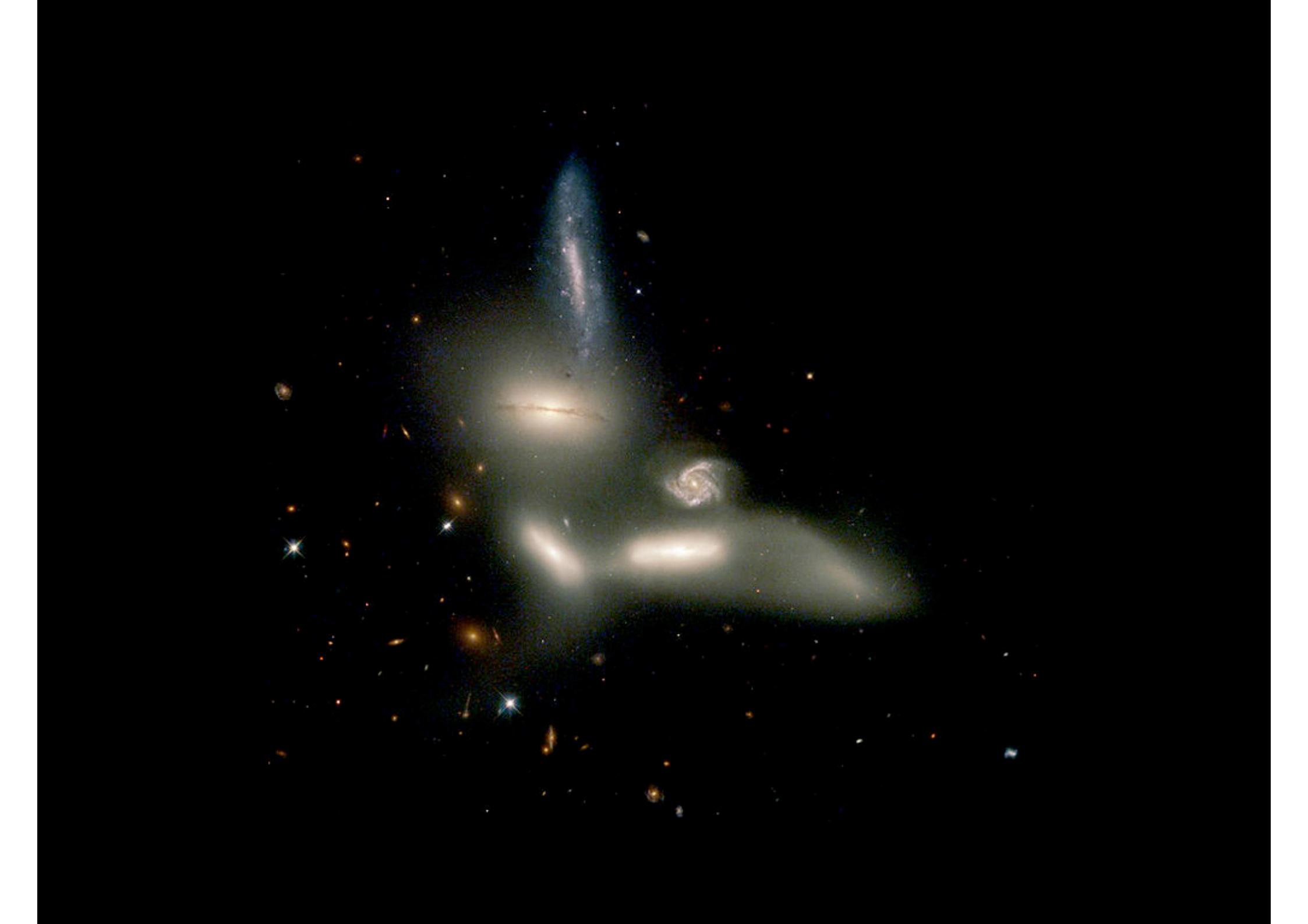
Isaac Newton  
1643-1727

classical  
mechanics



Albert Einstein  
1879-1955

Relativity theory  
restricted  
general  
  
gravitation





Trees in the particles of light ?





collégiale Notre-Dame Vernon



*Daniel B. Holeman*

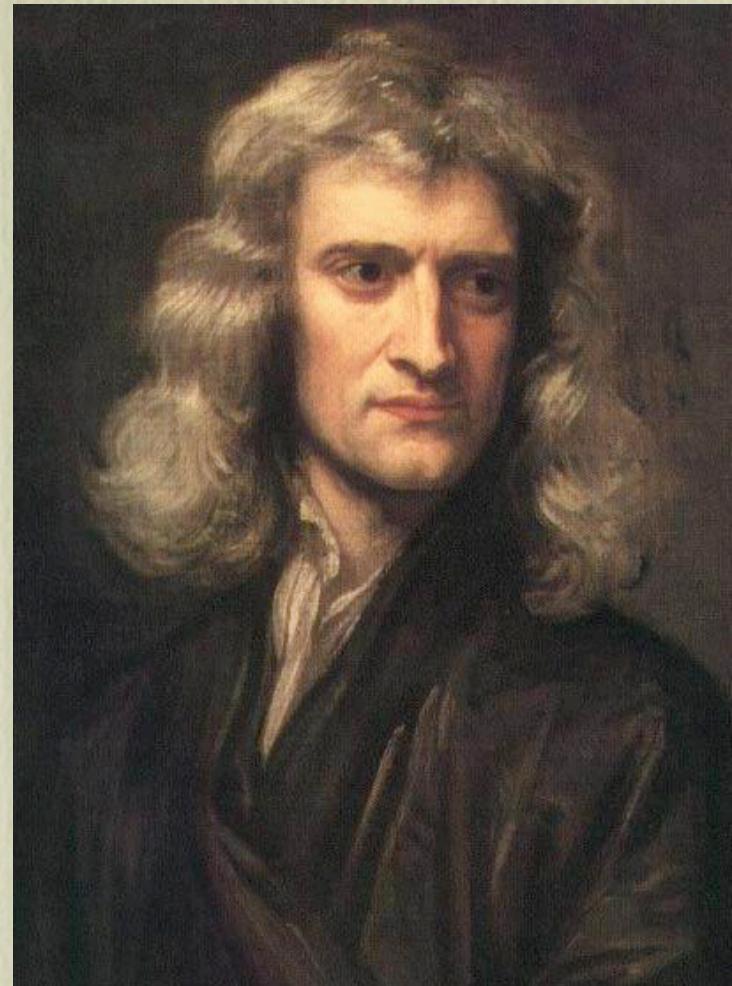
The infinity small ...

the atoms, the electrons  
the particles of mater, of light,  
the photons, ....





Christian Huygens  
1629-1695



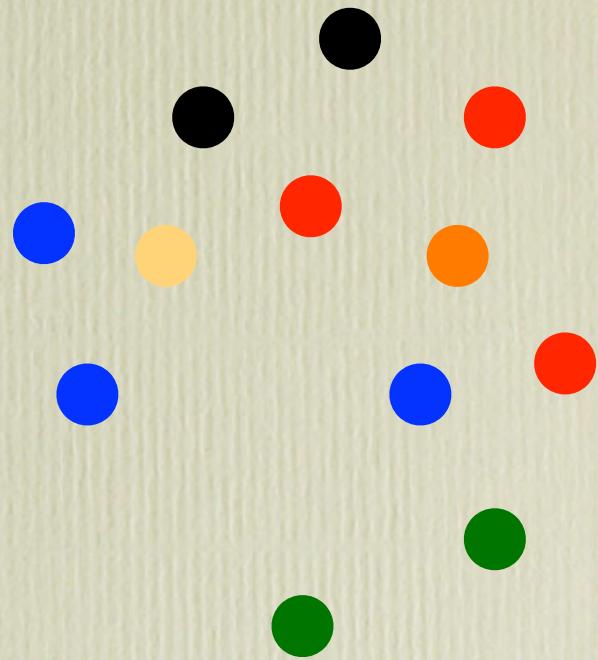
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the light:

vibration ?



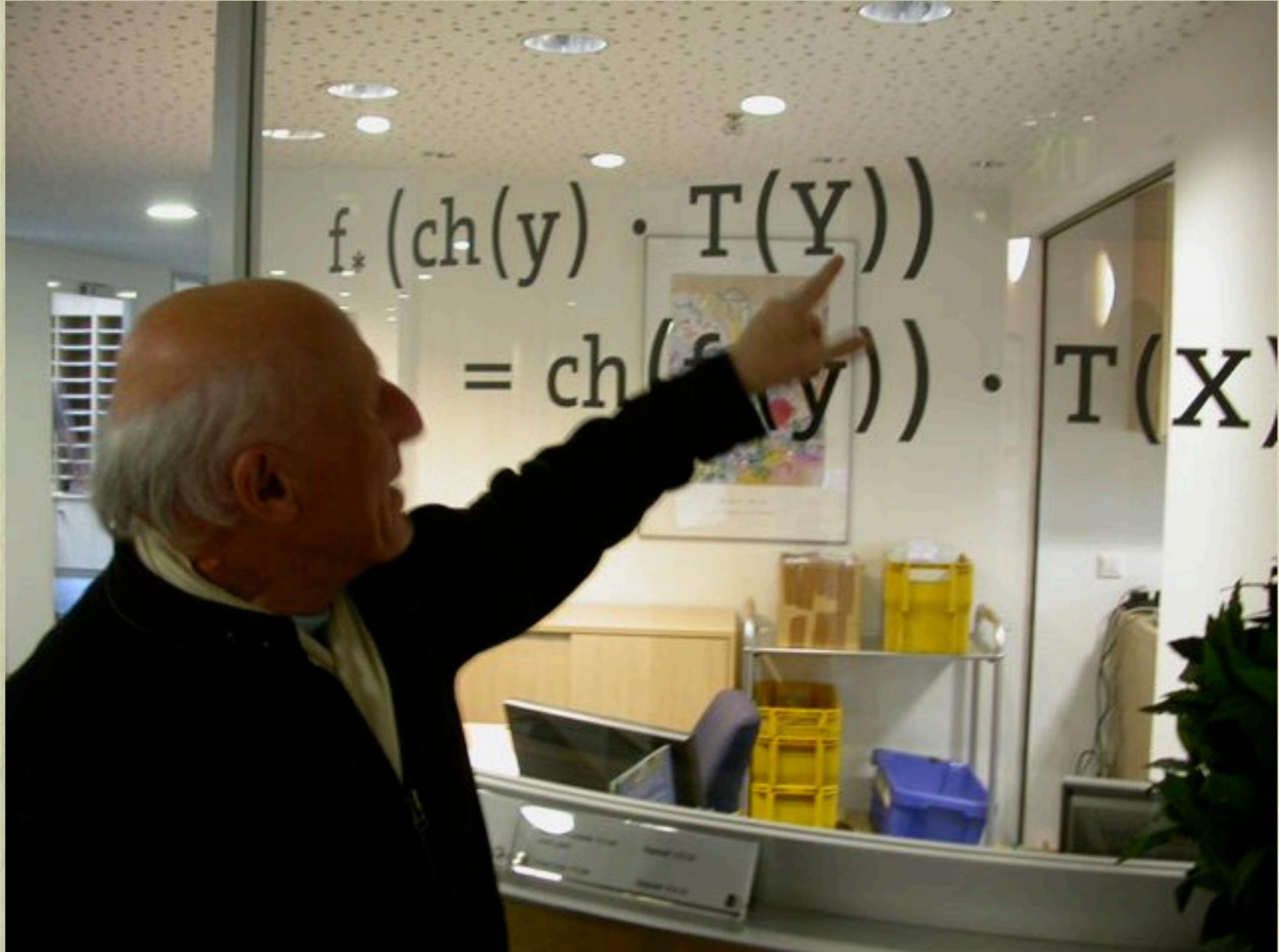
or particles of mater ?





A photograph of a dense forest. In the foreground, several tree trunks are visible, some with thick, light-colored bark and others with smoother, darker bark. Several long, thin vines hang down from the branches above, creating a complex network of lines against the green foliage. The background is filled with more trees and bushes, creating a sense of depth and density.

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



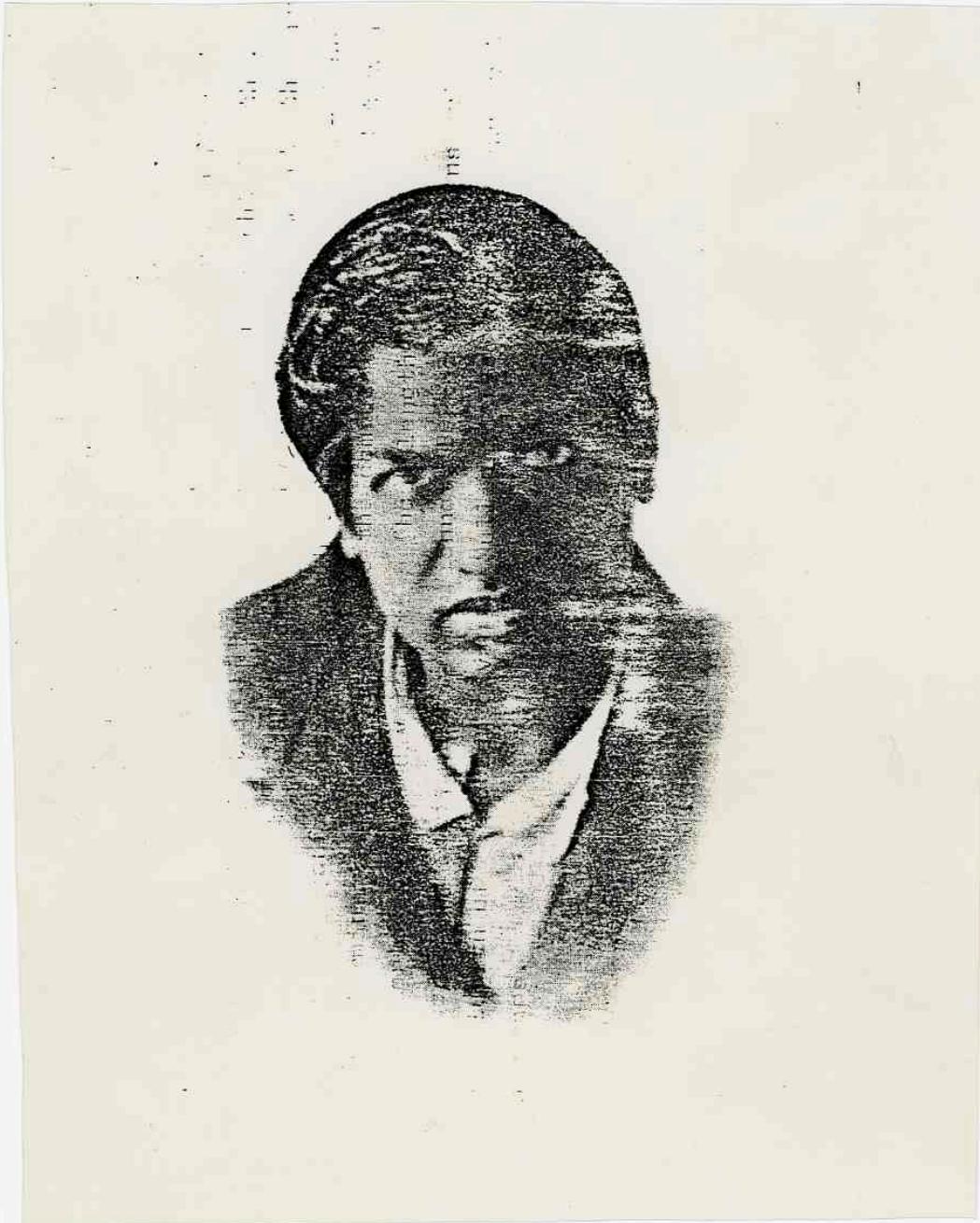
look at a mathematical formula  
as some abstract art

Rogers - Ramanujan identities

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

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

Srinivasan  
Ramanujan  
(1887-1920)



The langage of mathematics  
is like the langage used to write musics.

But mathematics are musics !

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

Paris



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

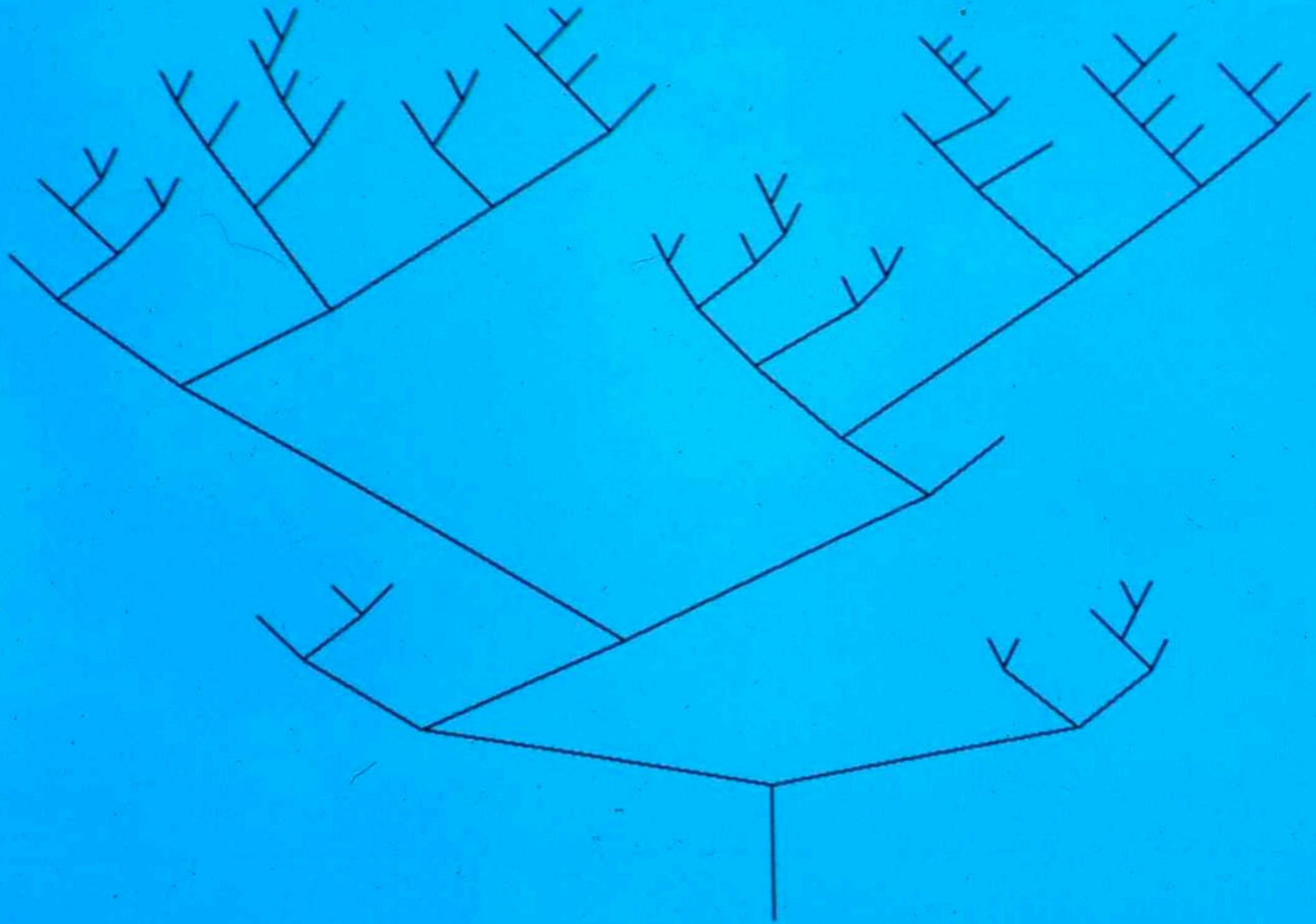


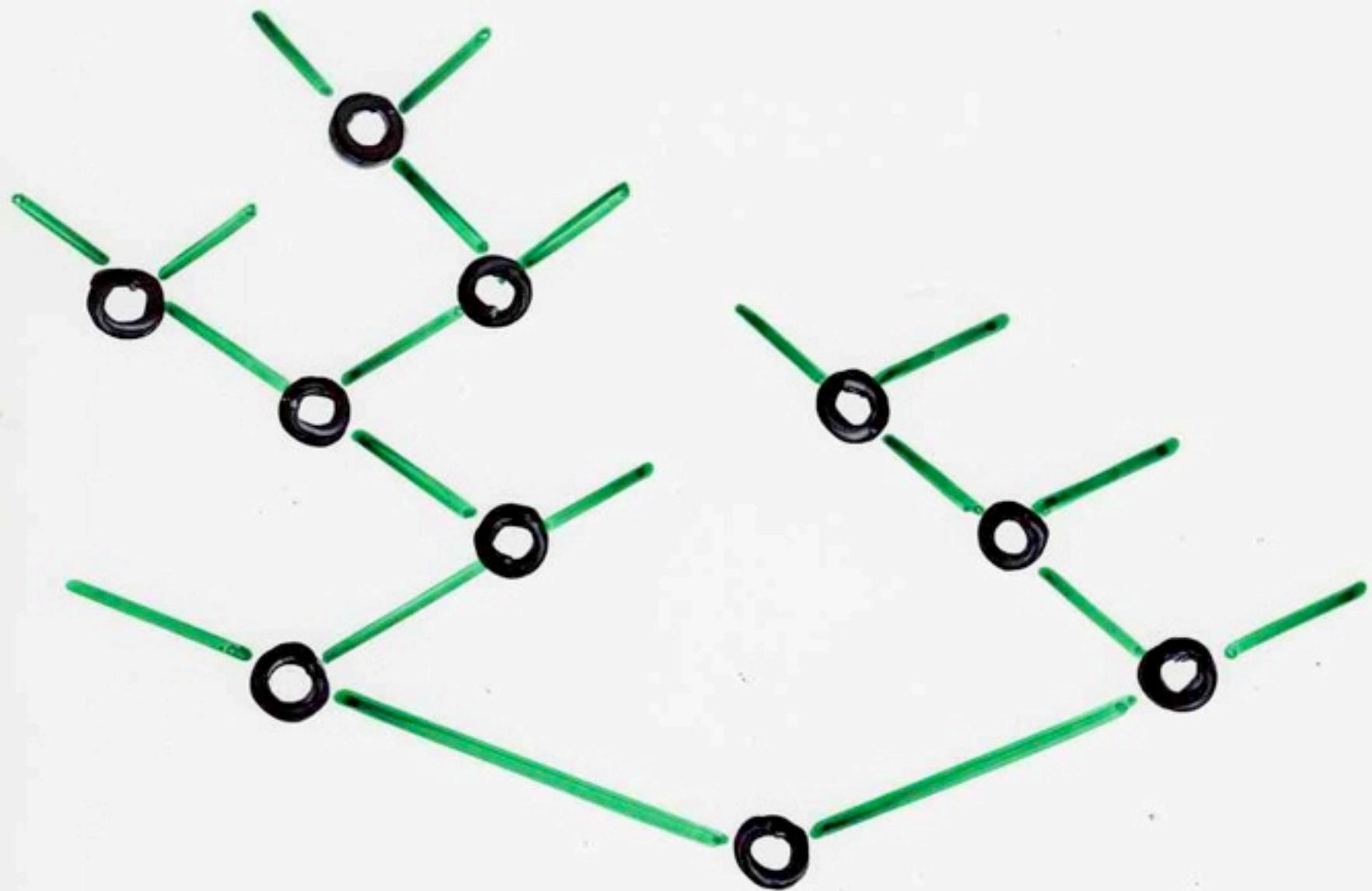












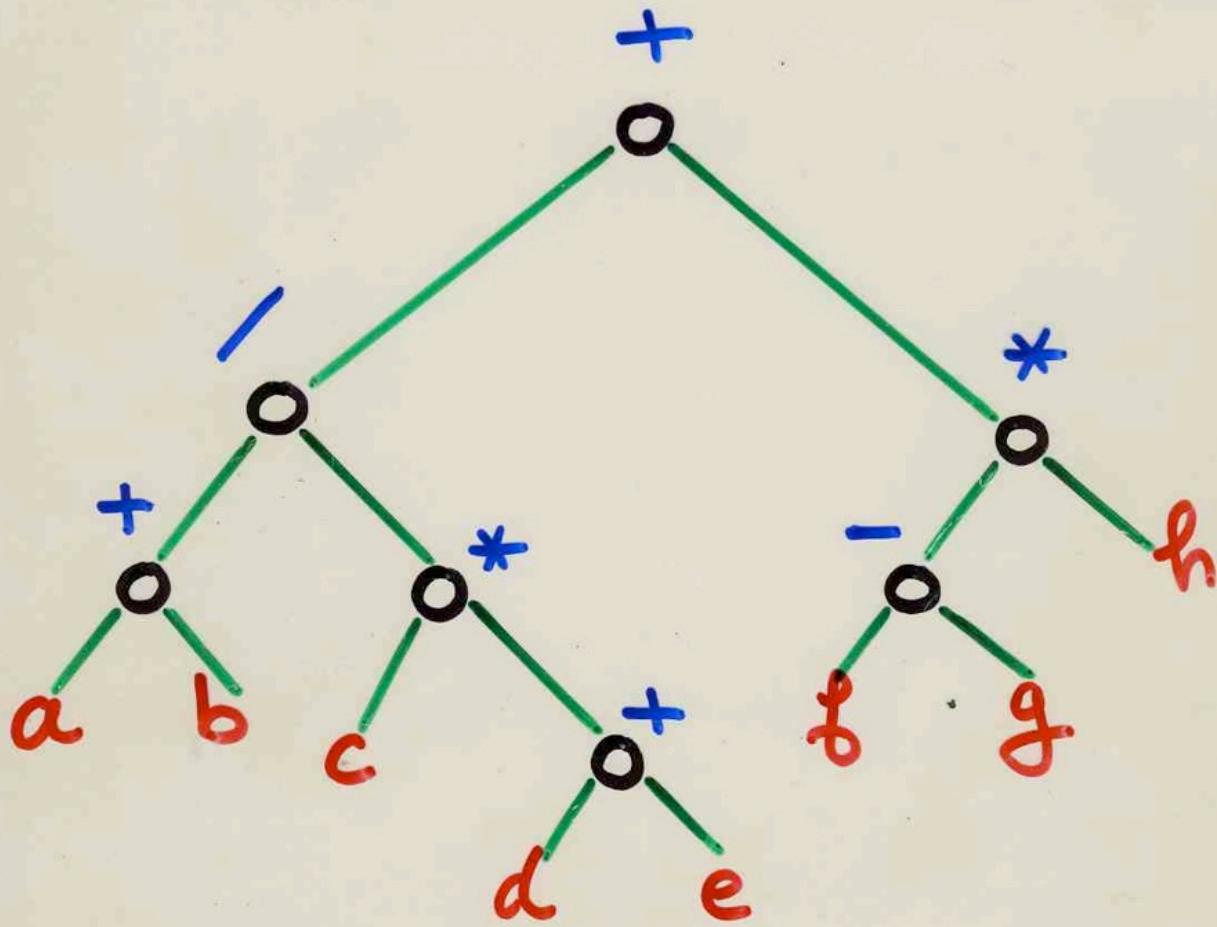
Trees in computers ...



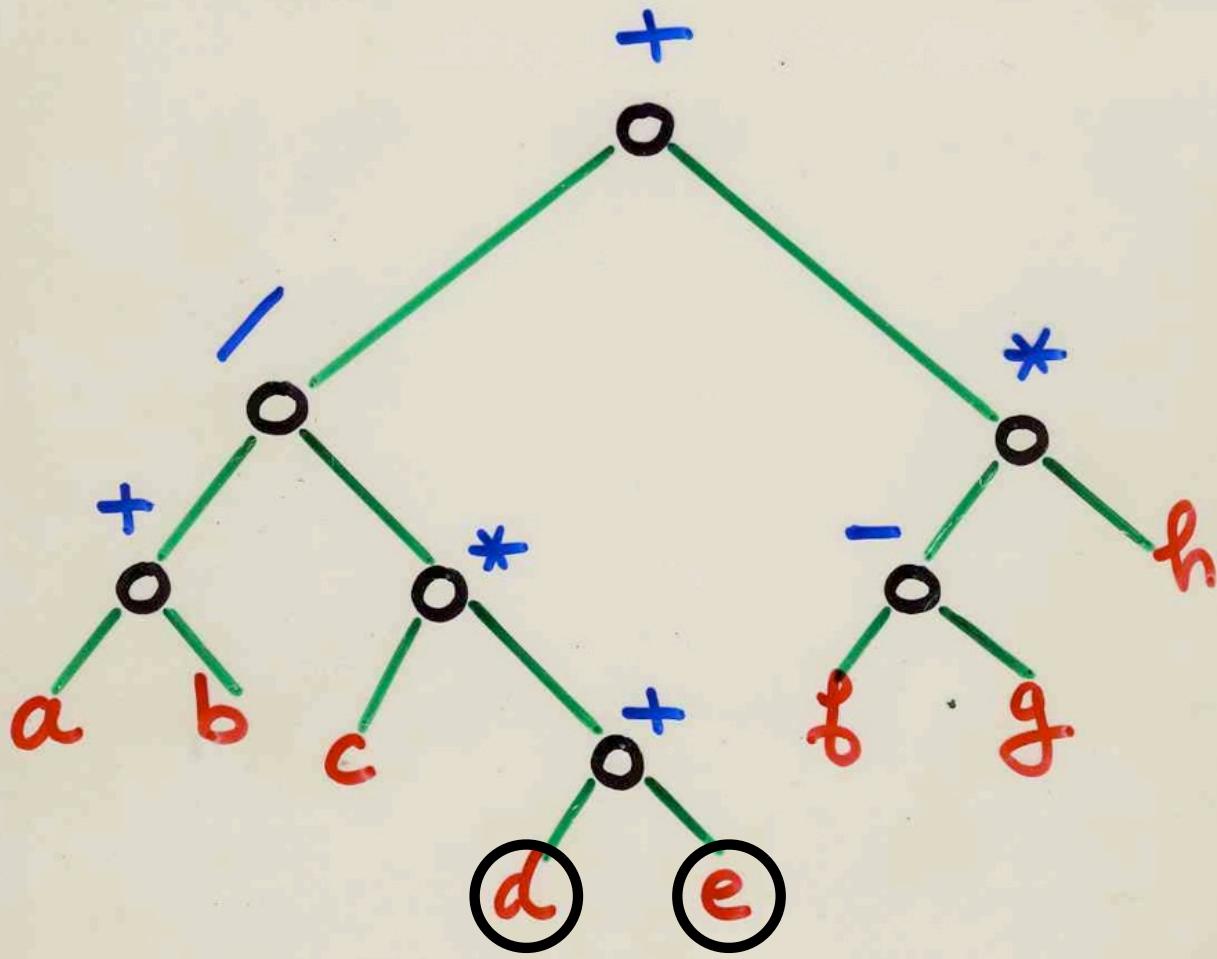
computing an arithmetical expression



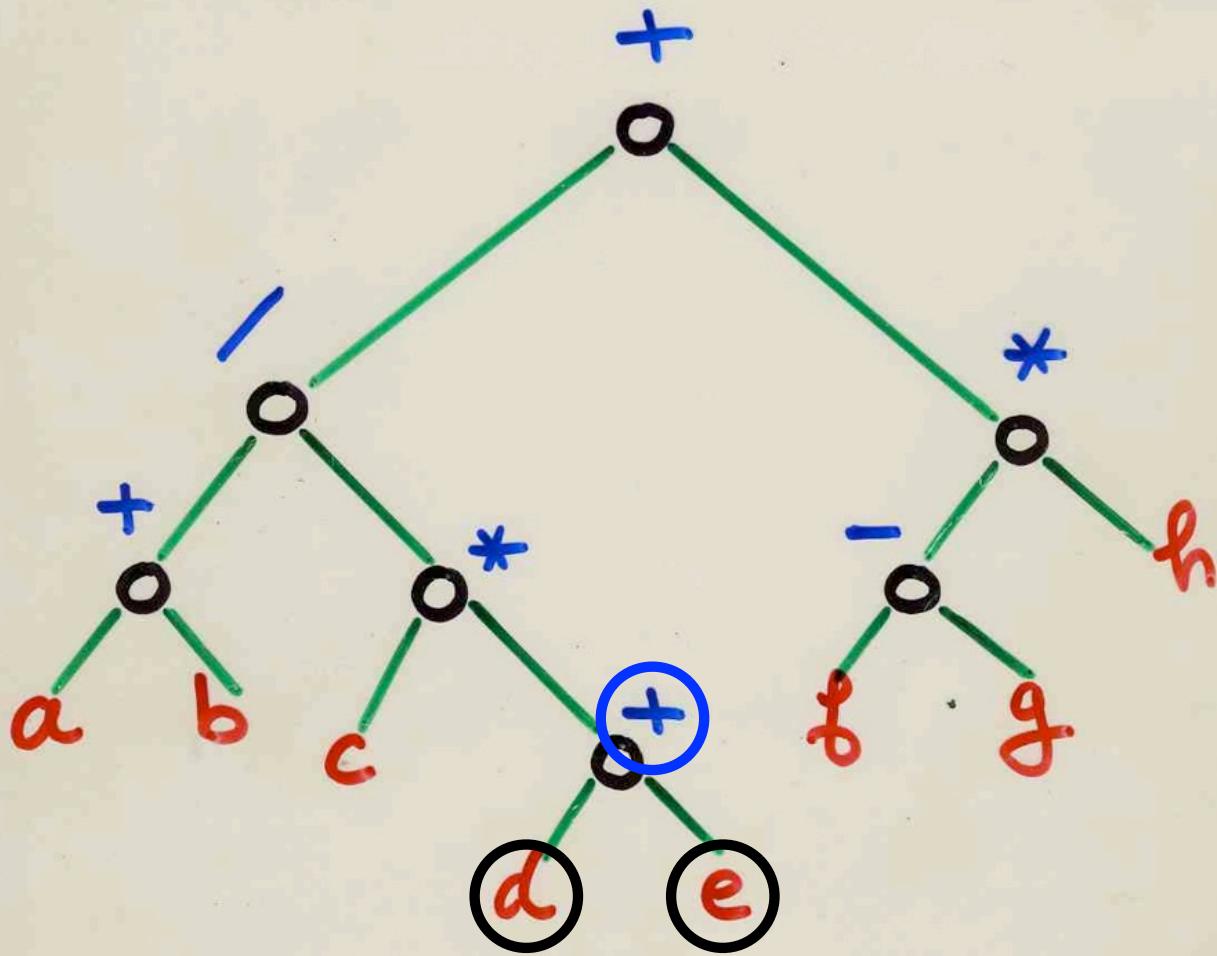
$$\frac{(a+b)}{c(d+e)} + (f-g)h$$



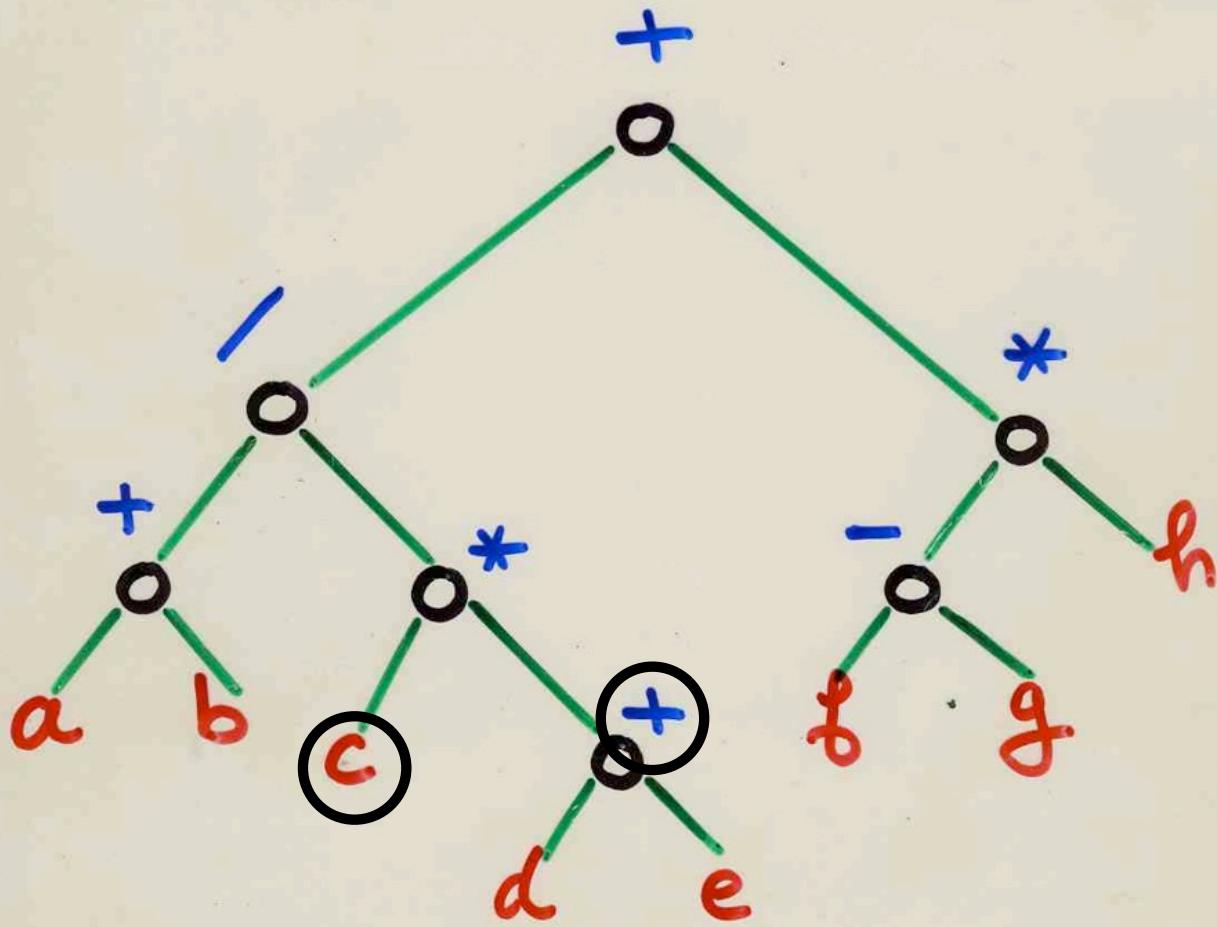
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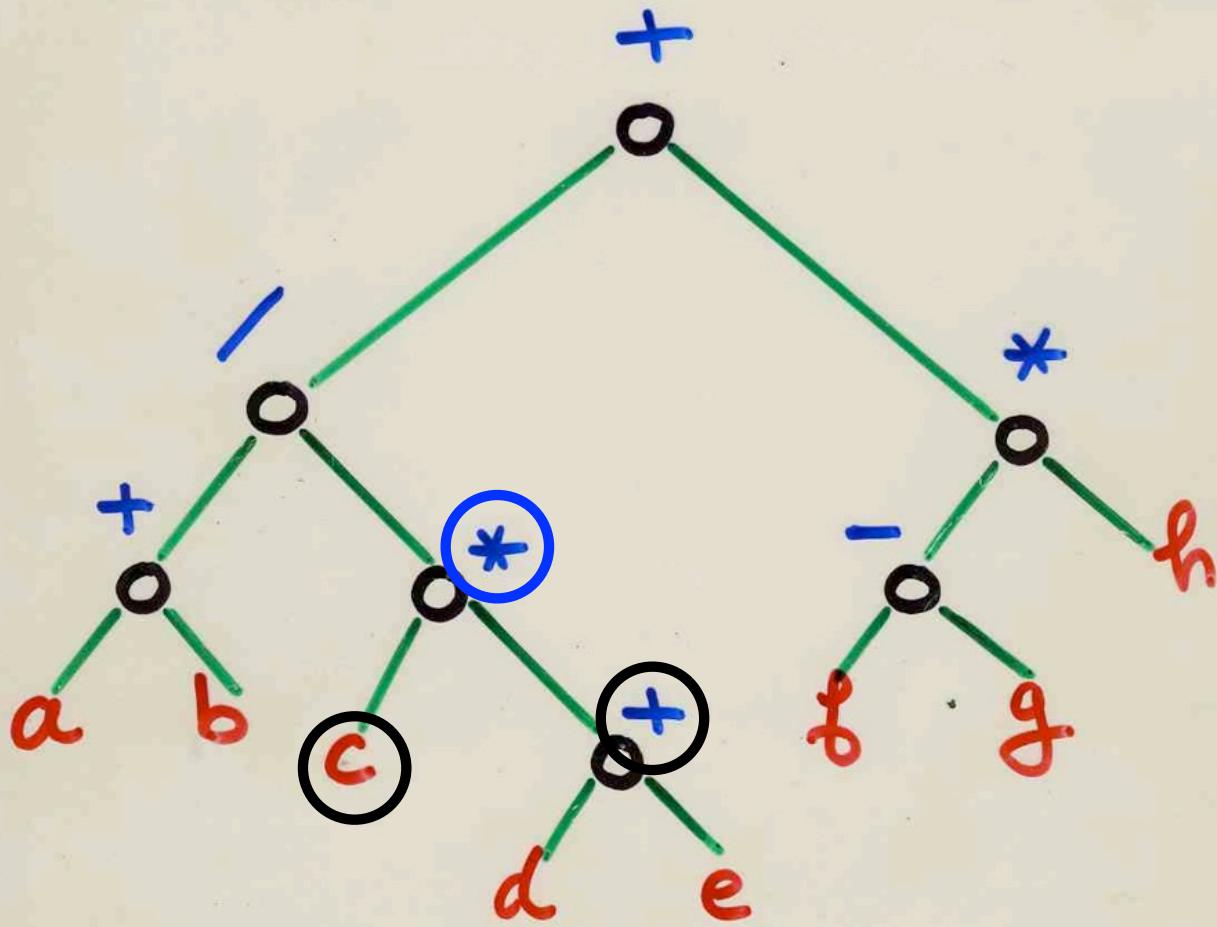
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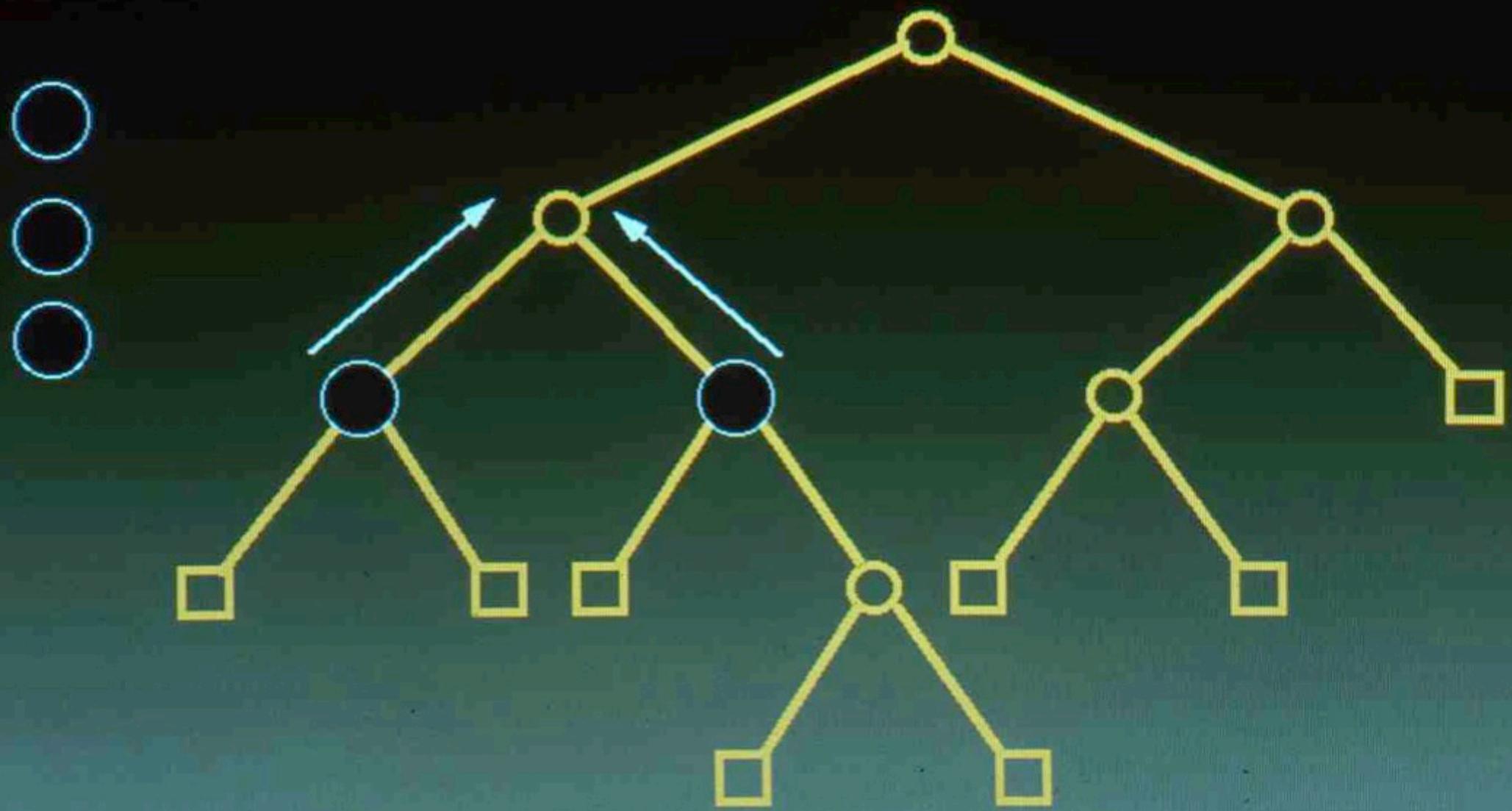
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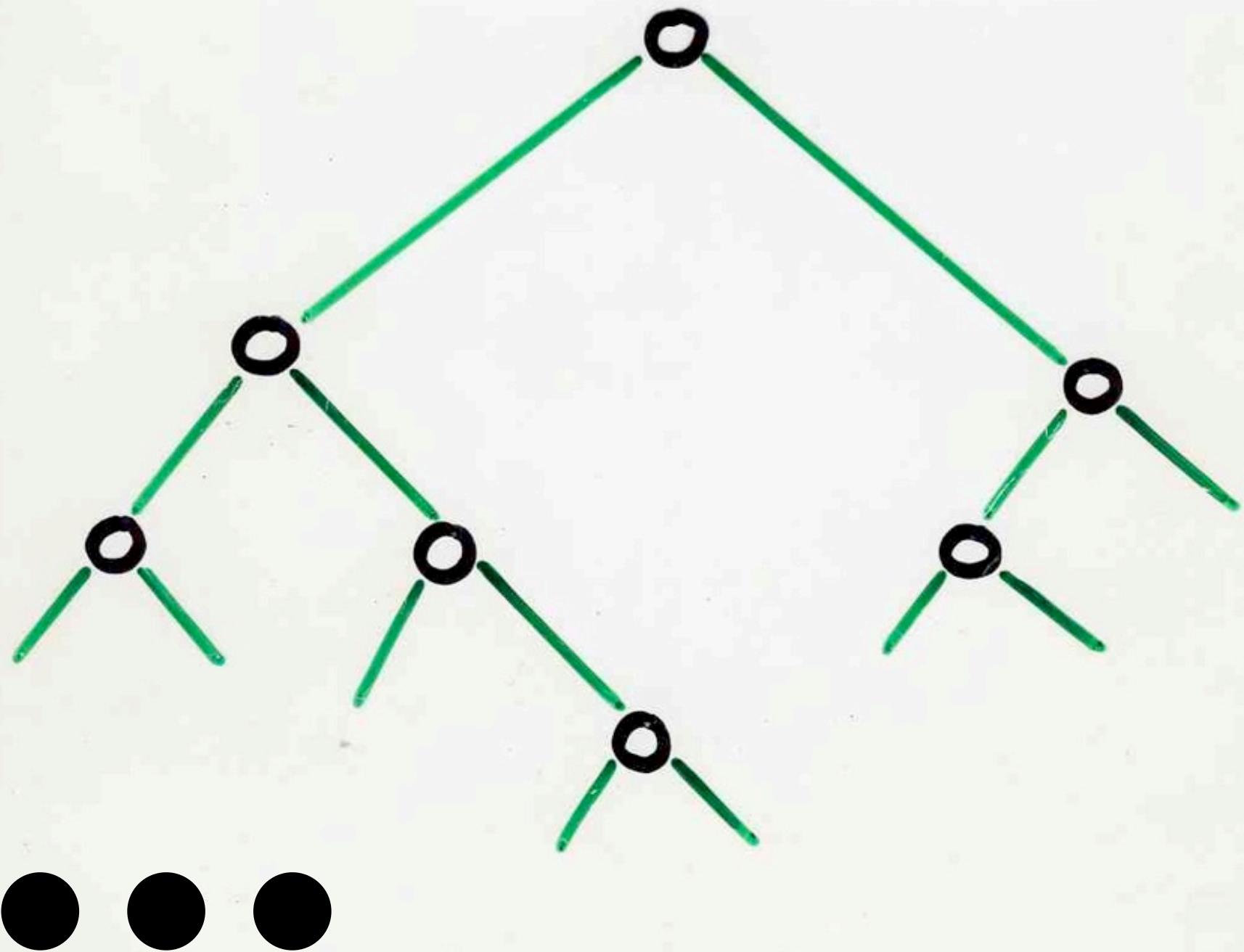


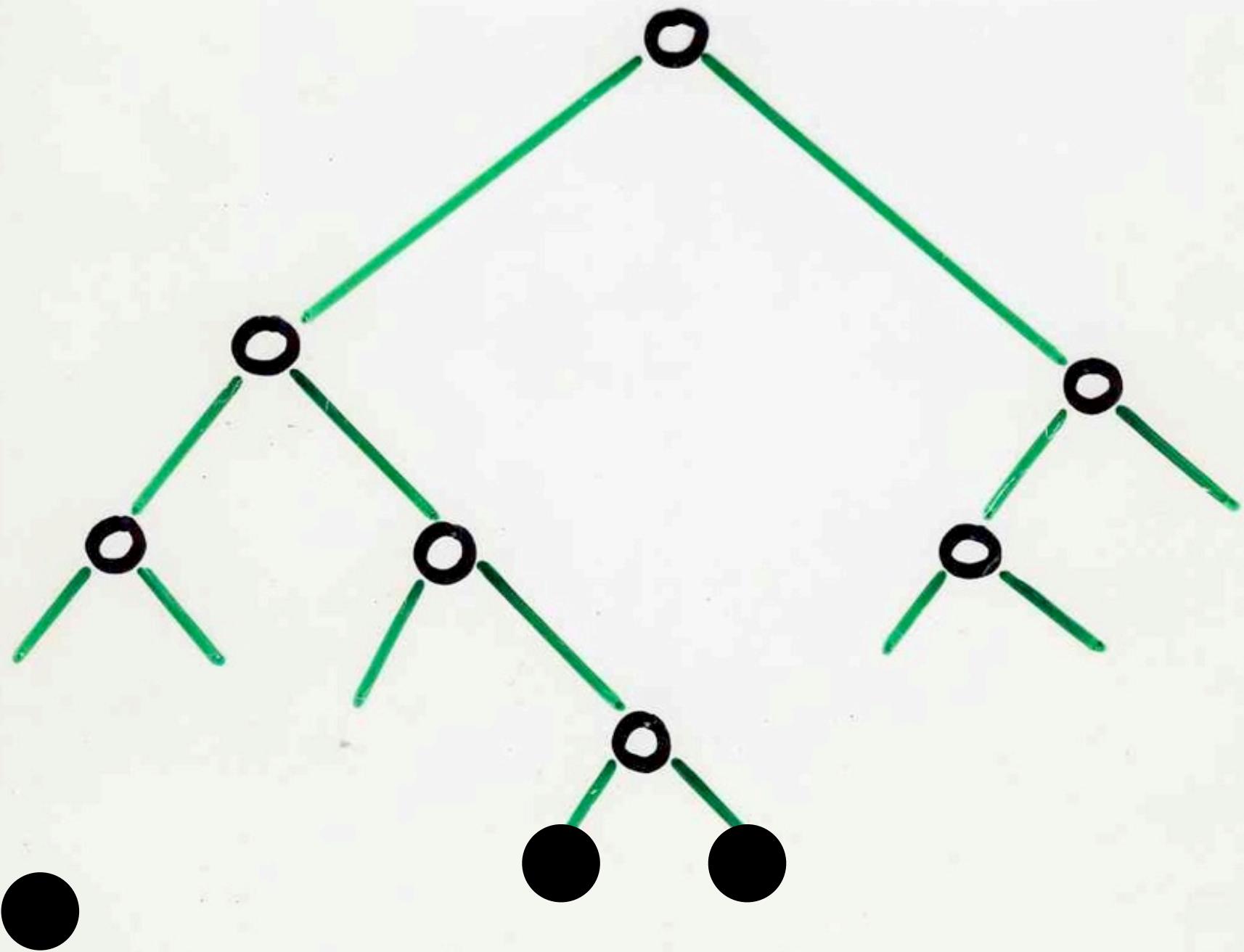
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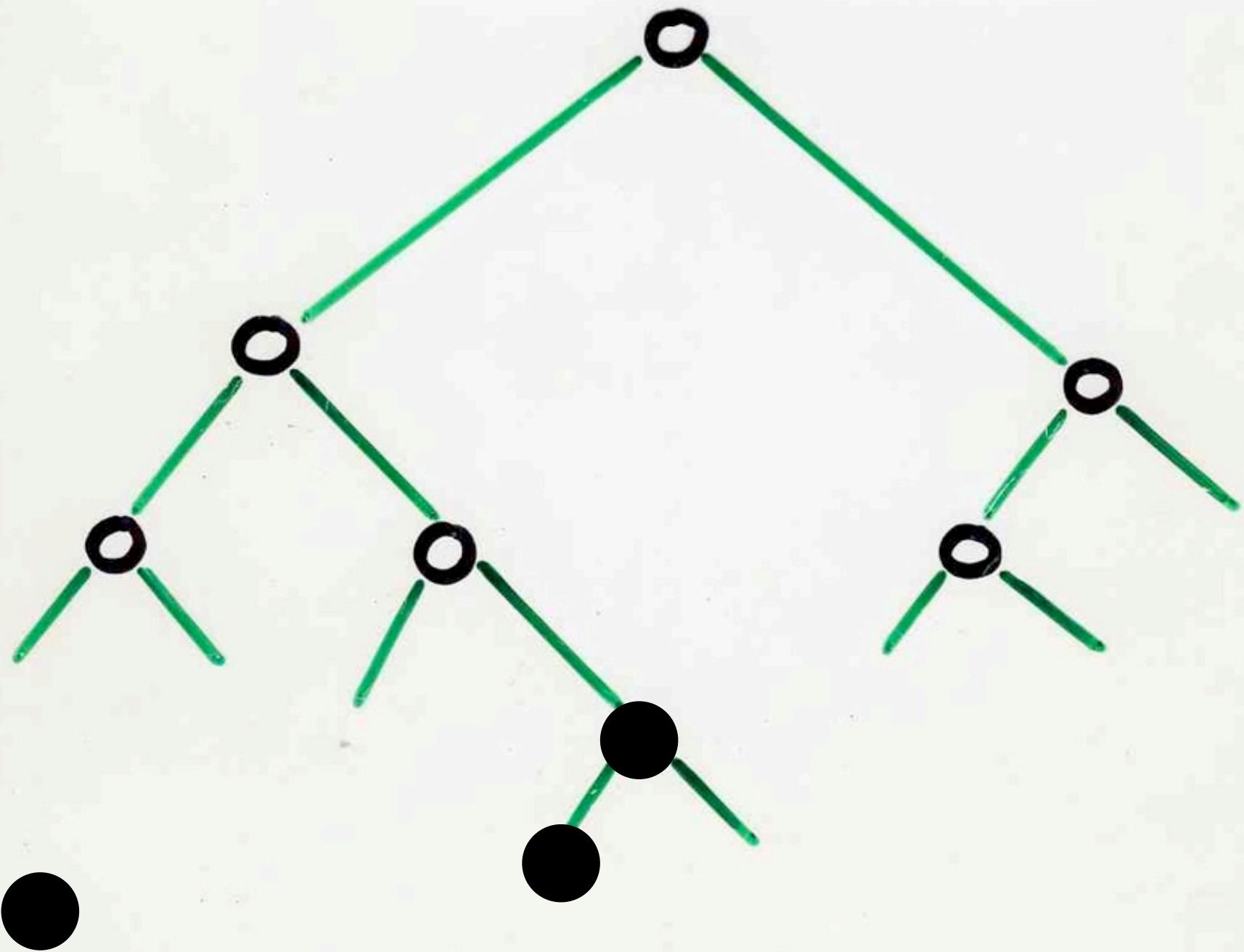
minimum number  
of registers  
needed to compute an  
arithmetical expression

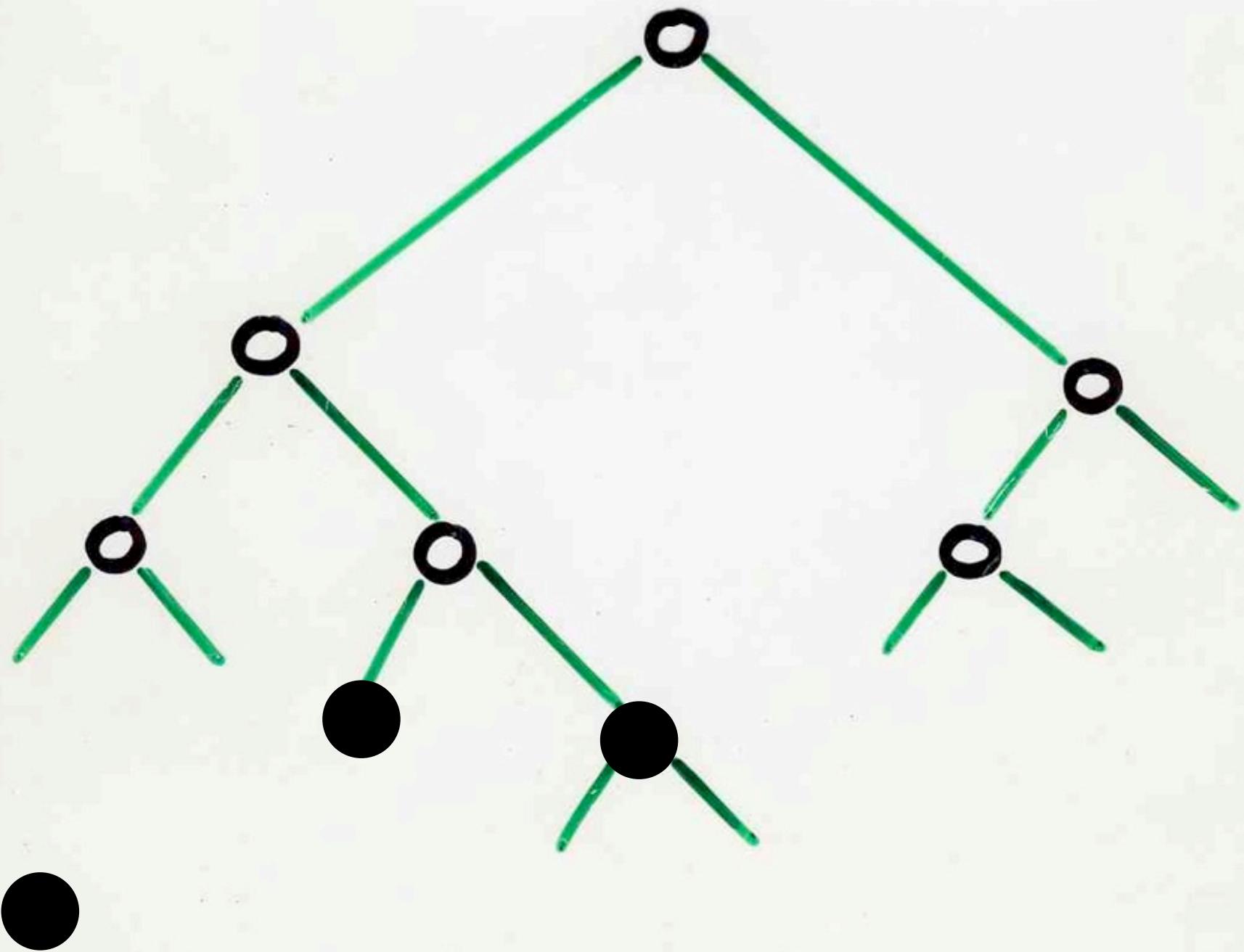
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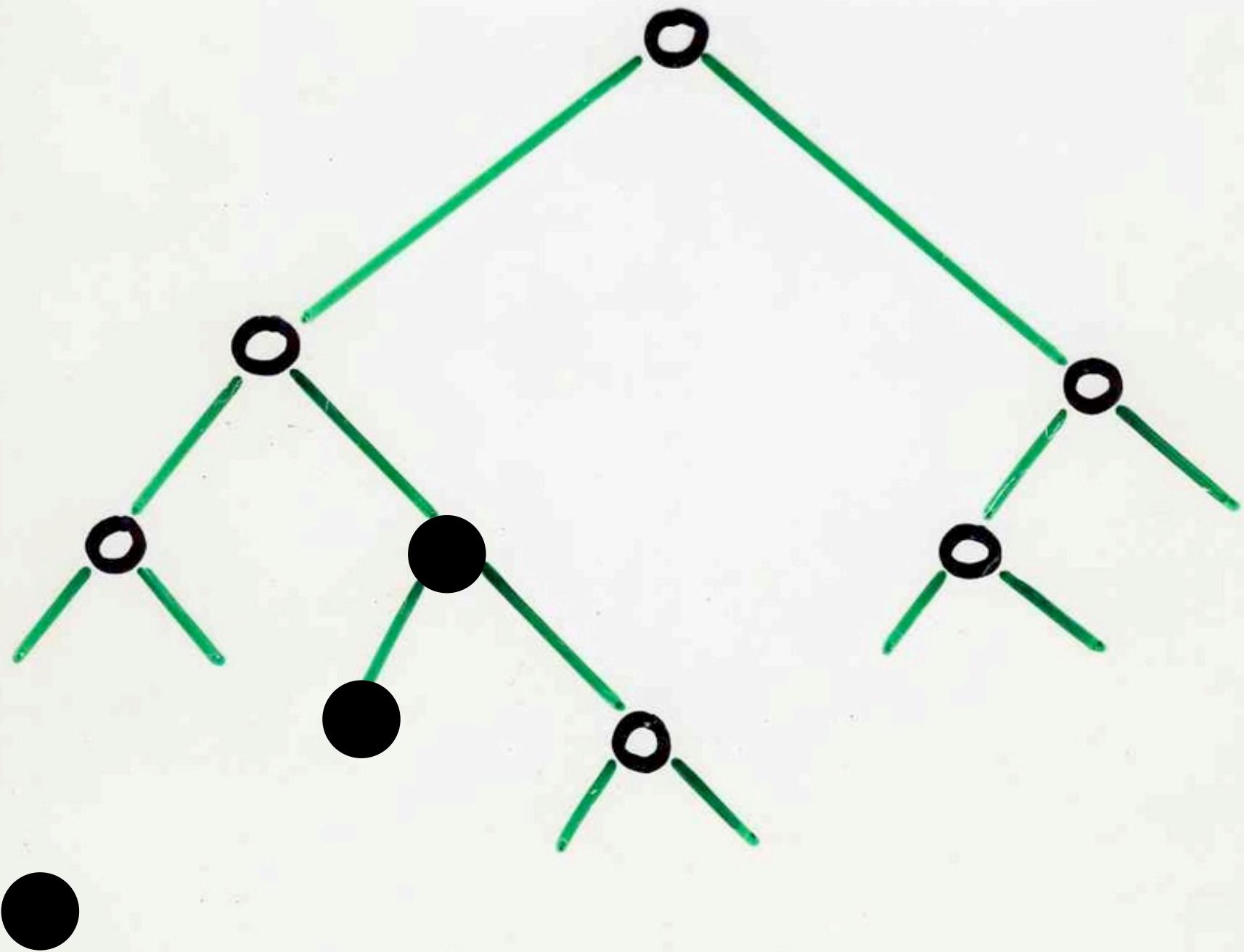


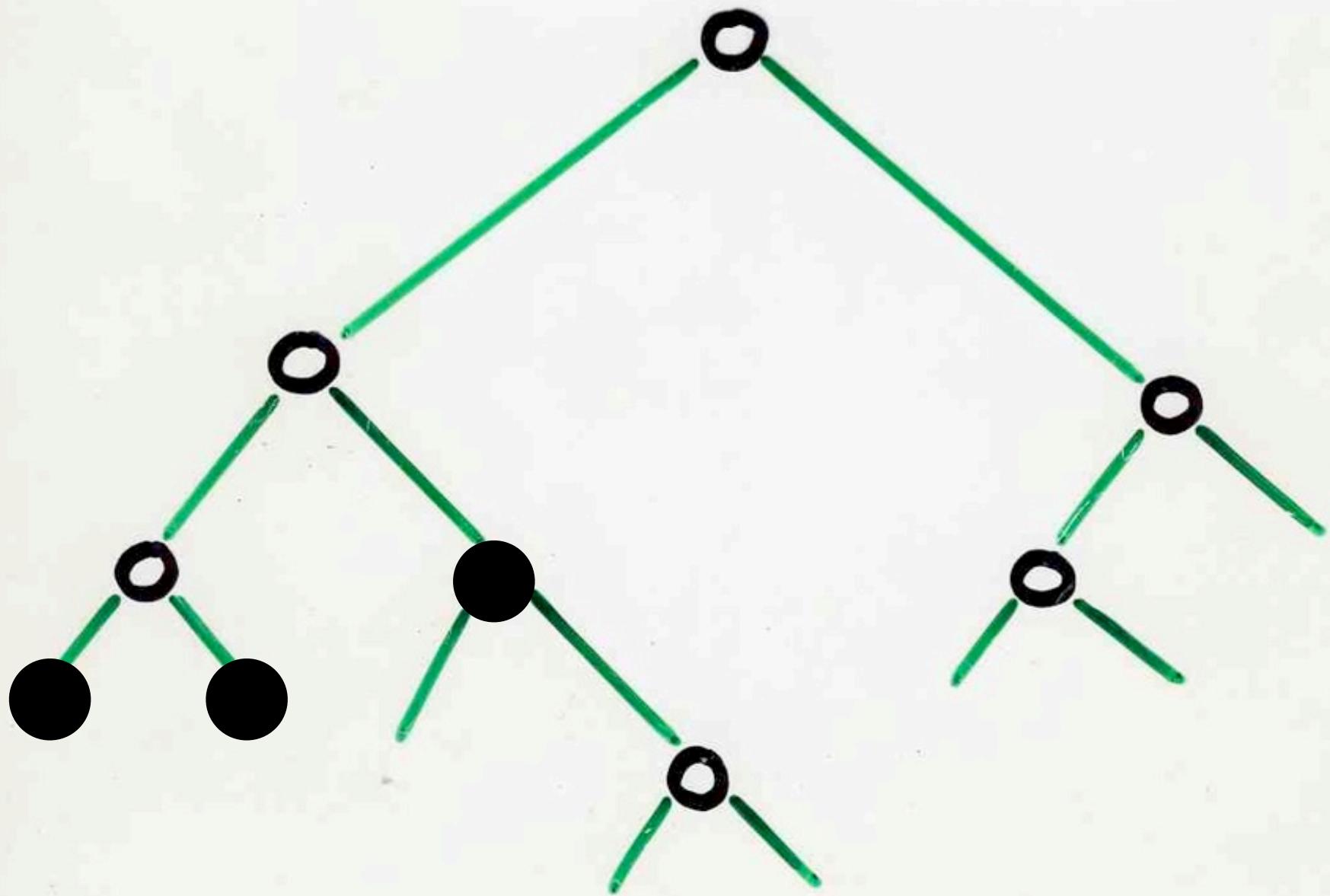


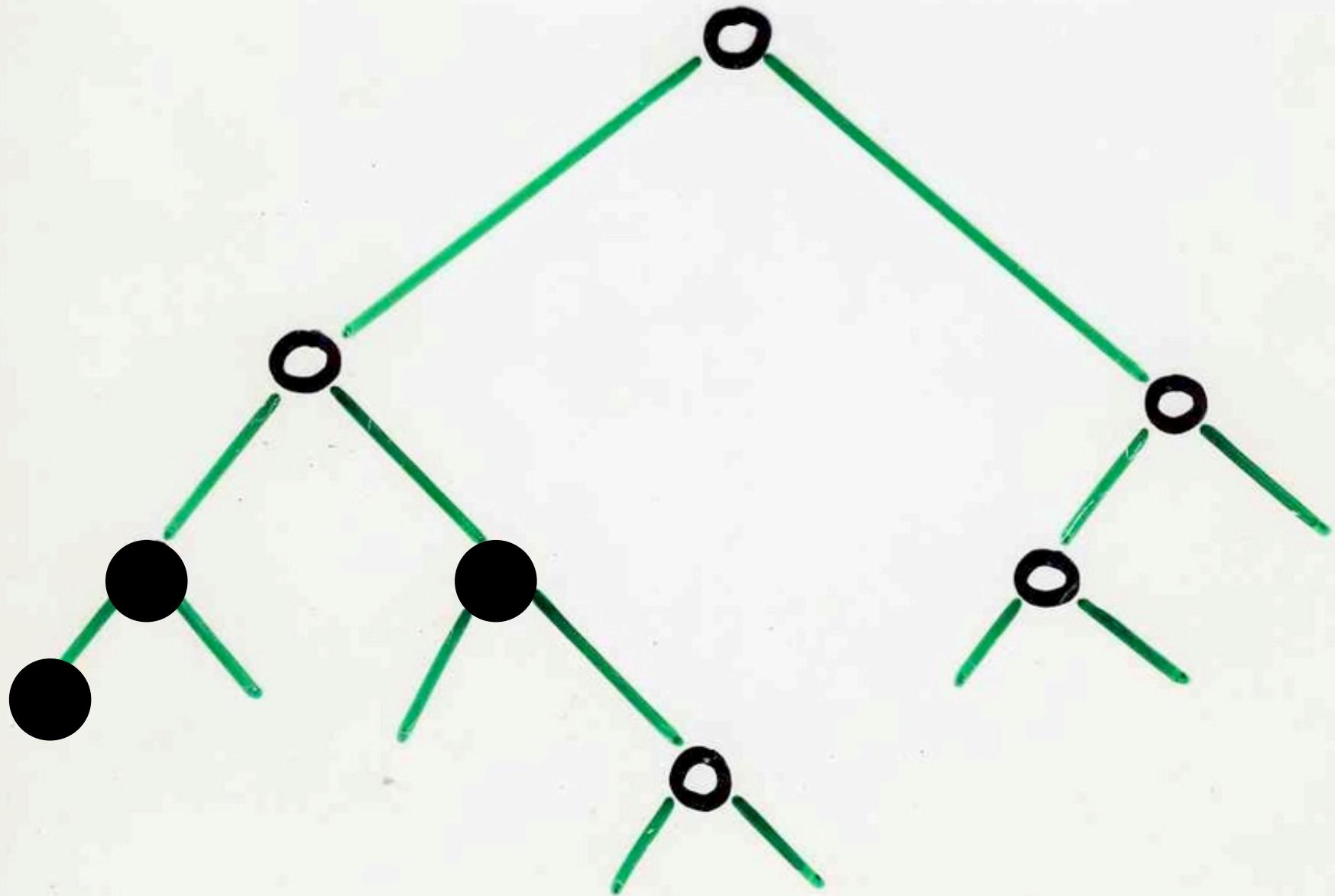


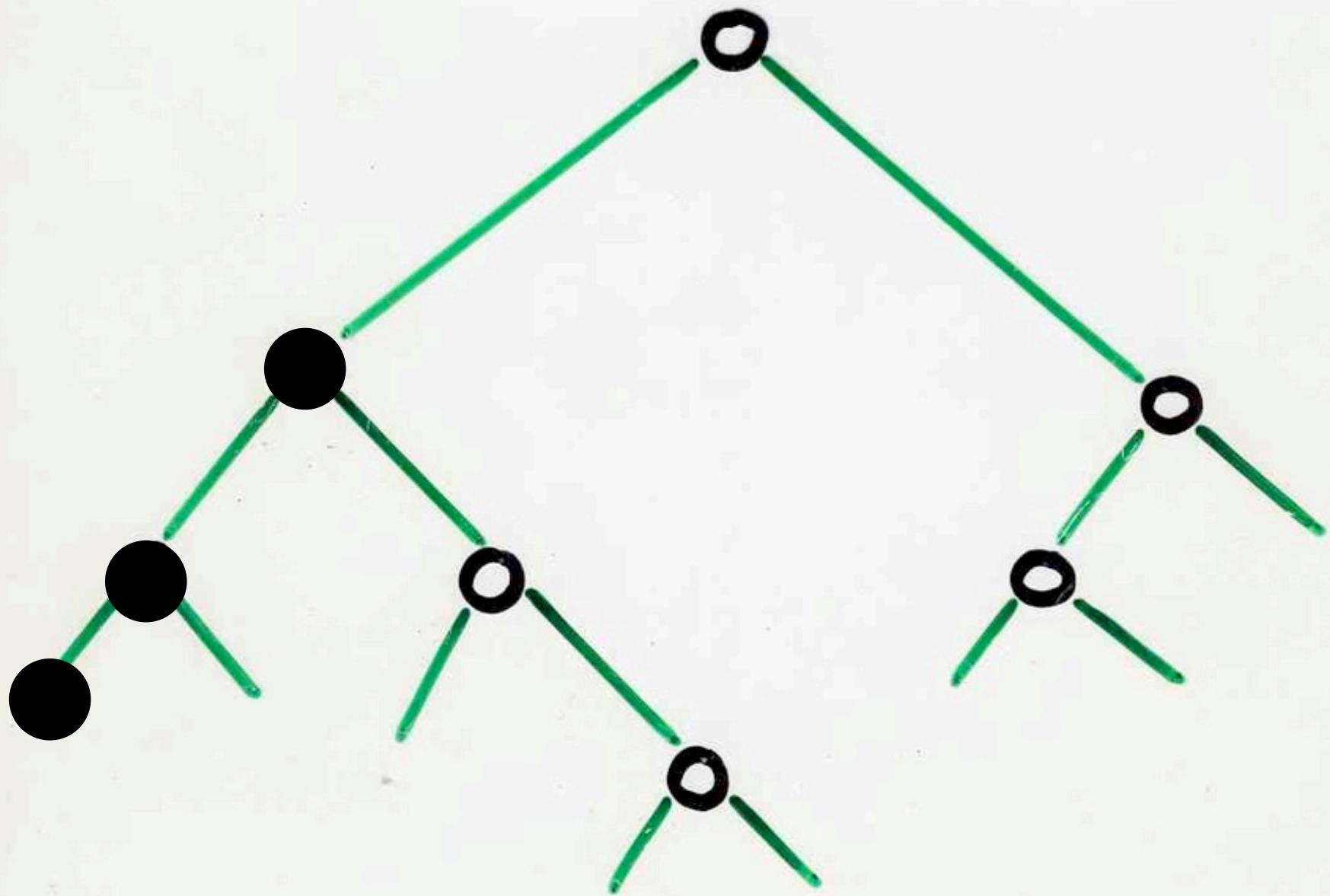


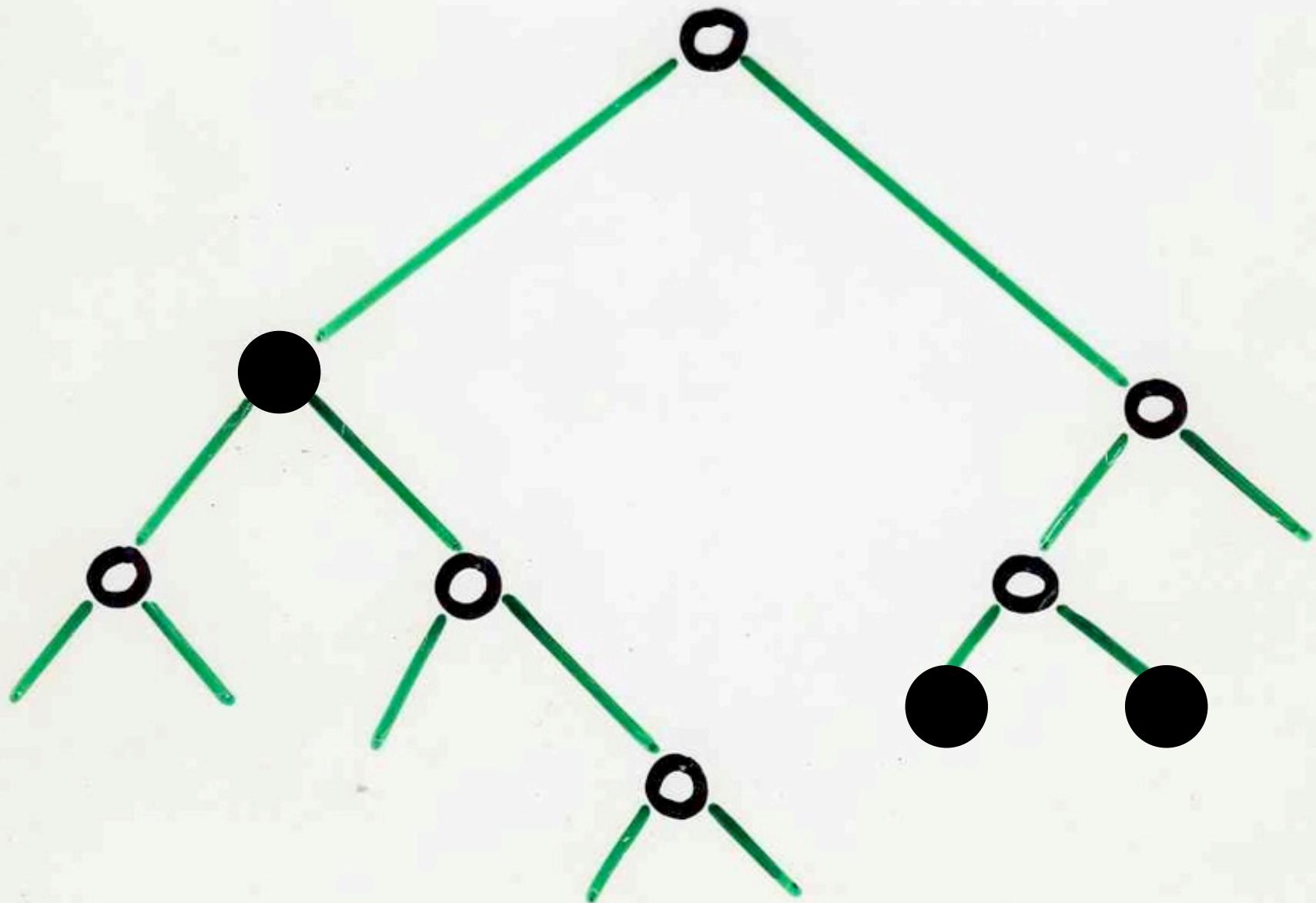


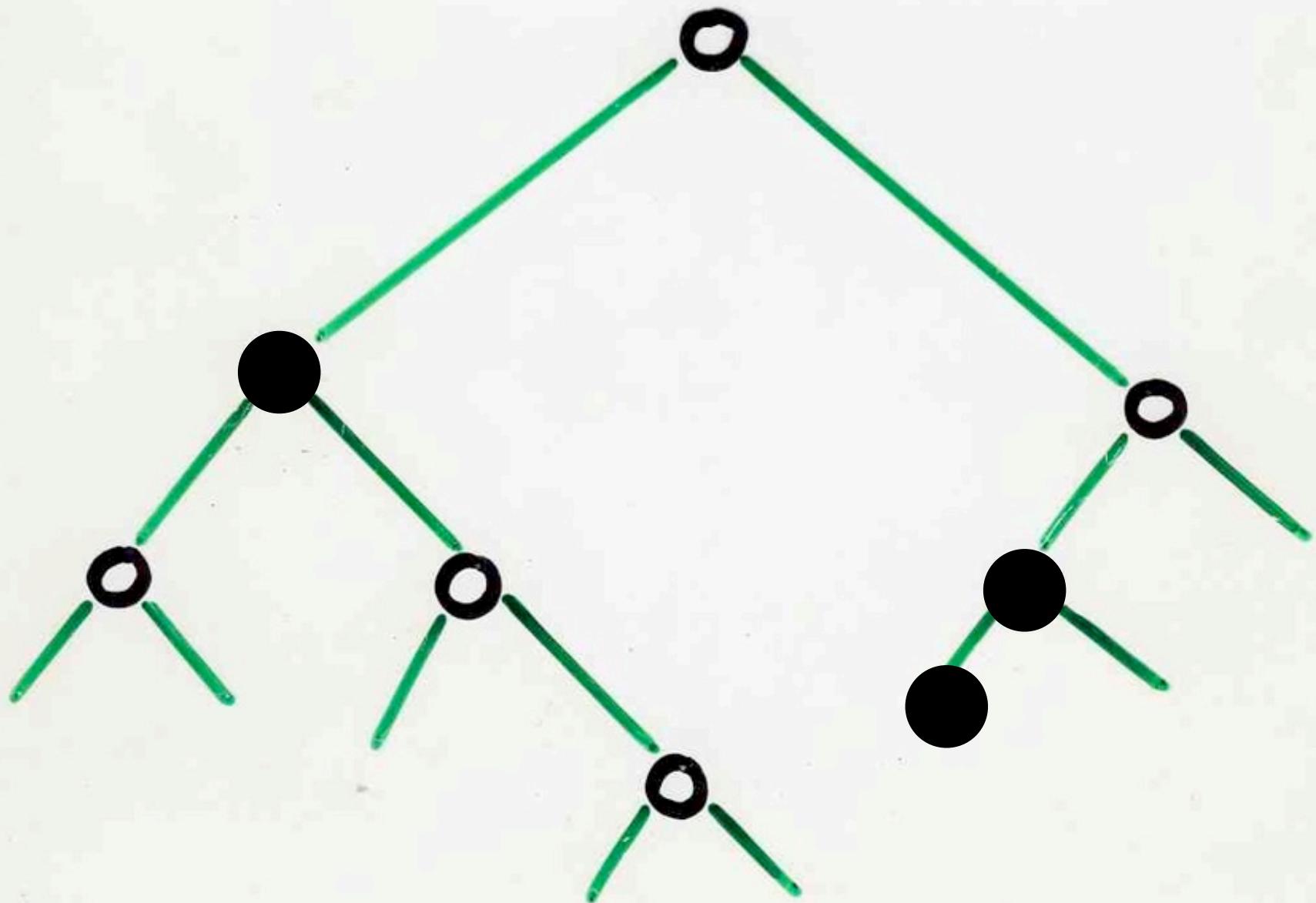


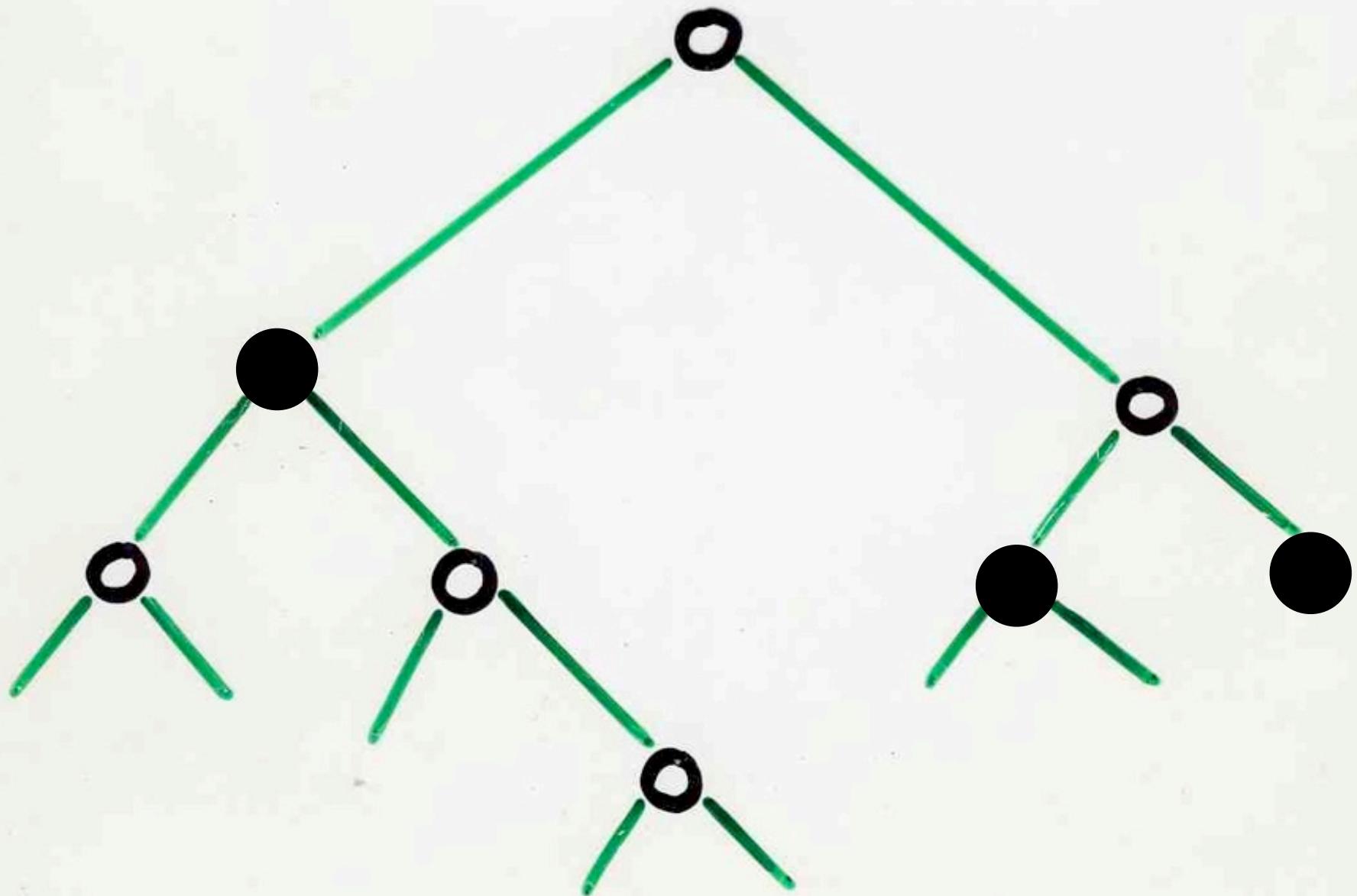


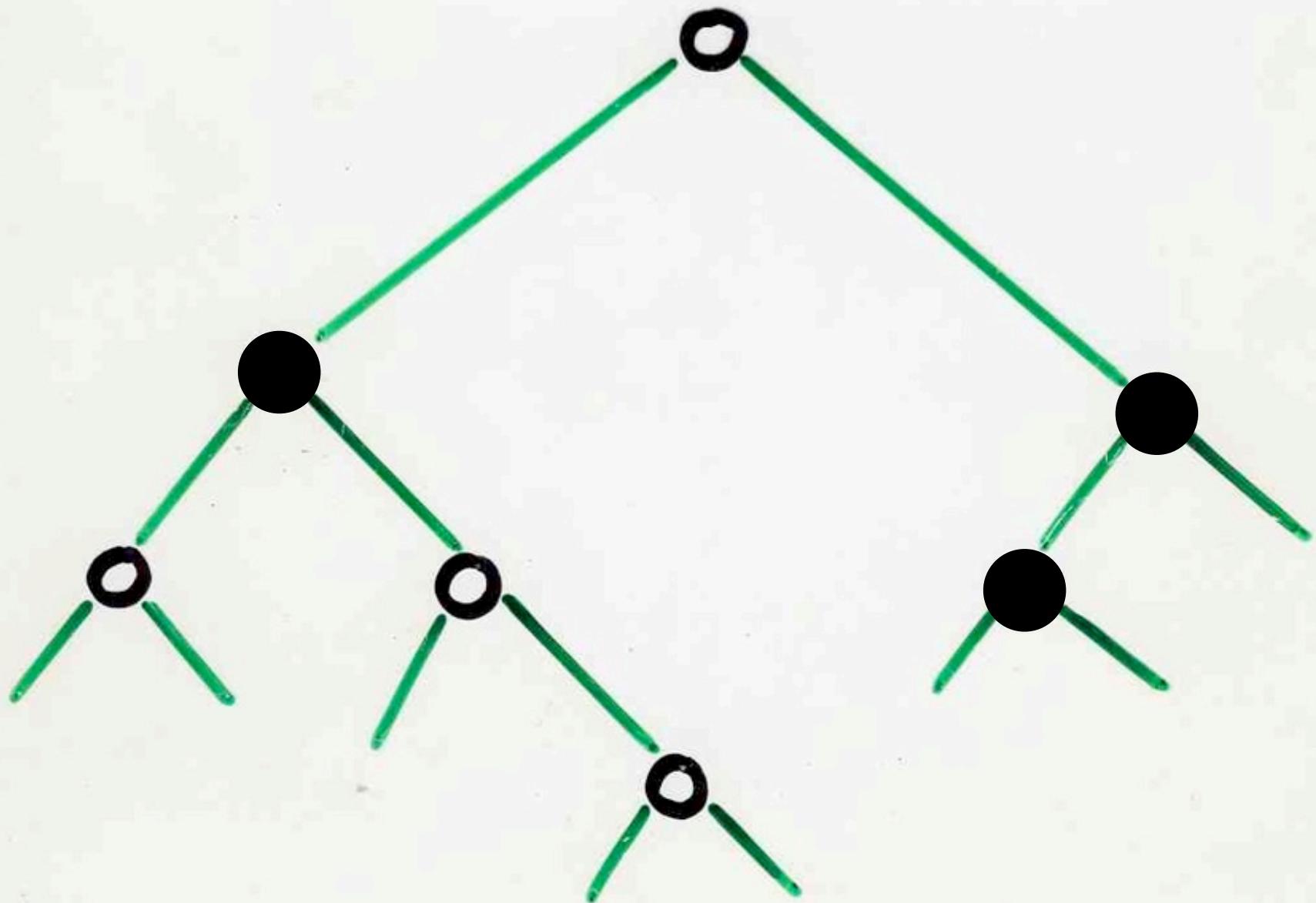


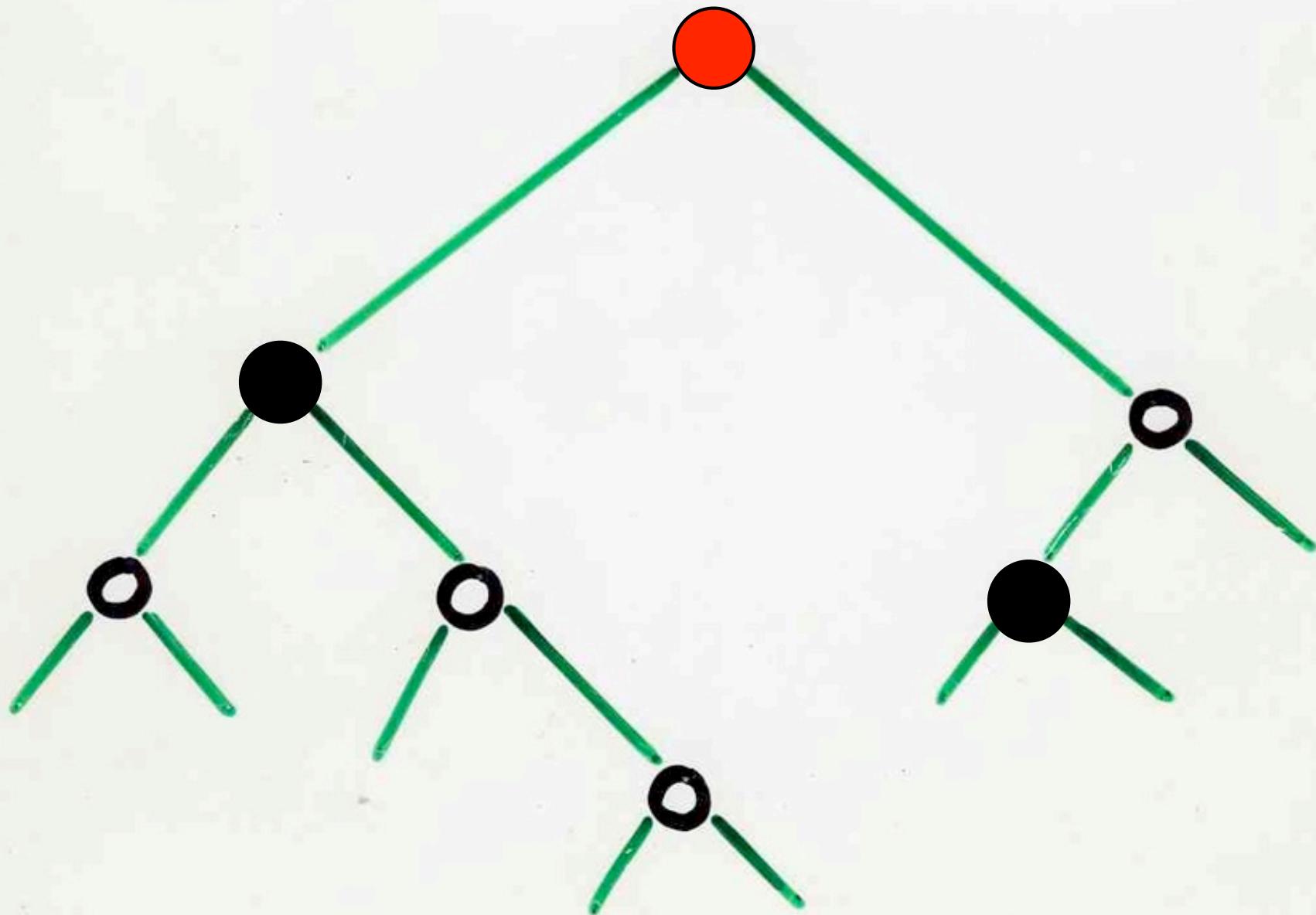












From trees to rivers ....



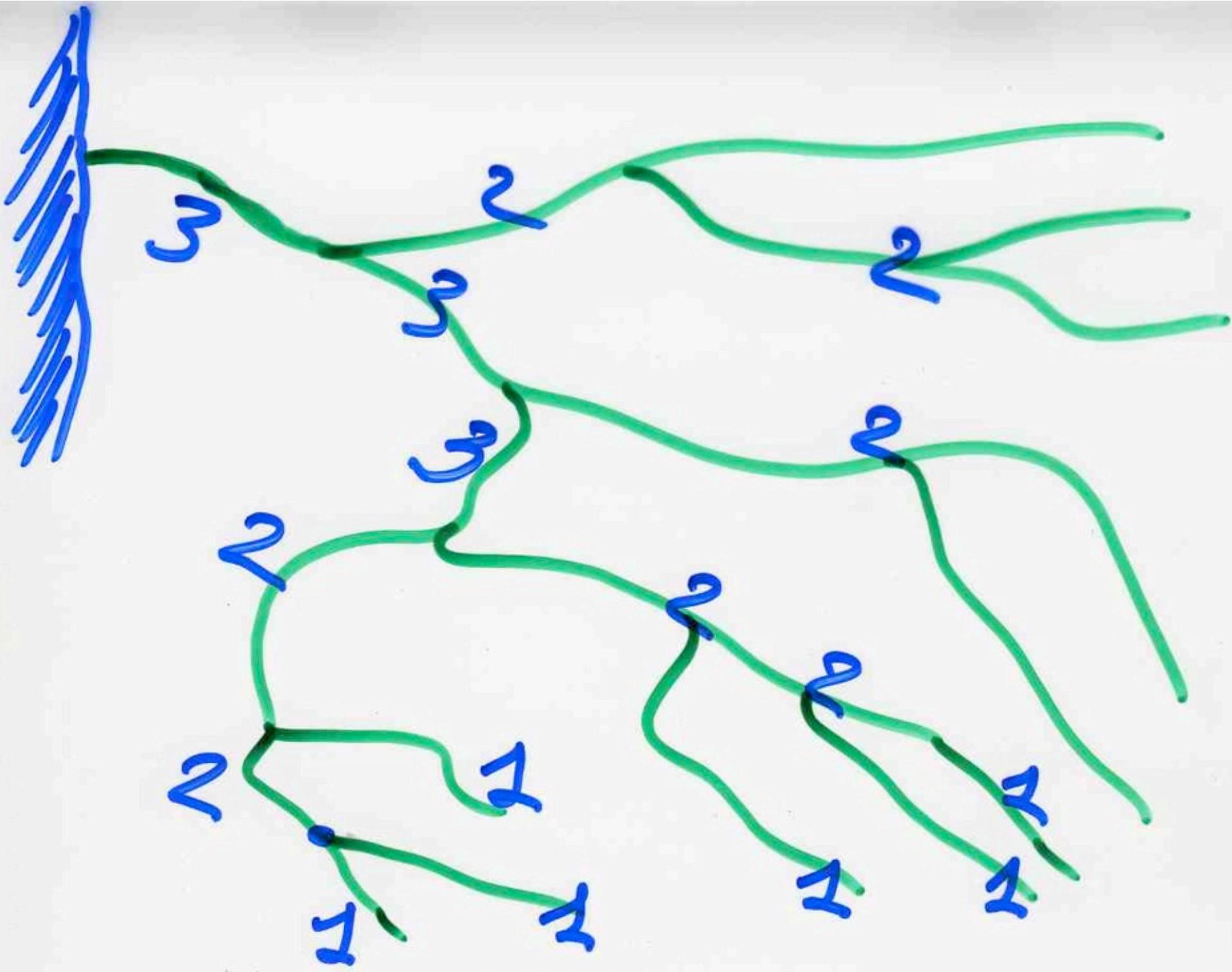


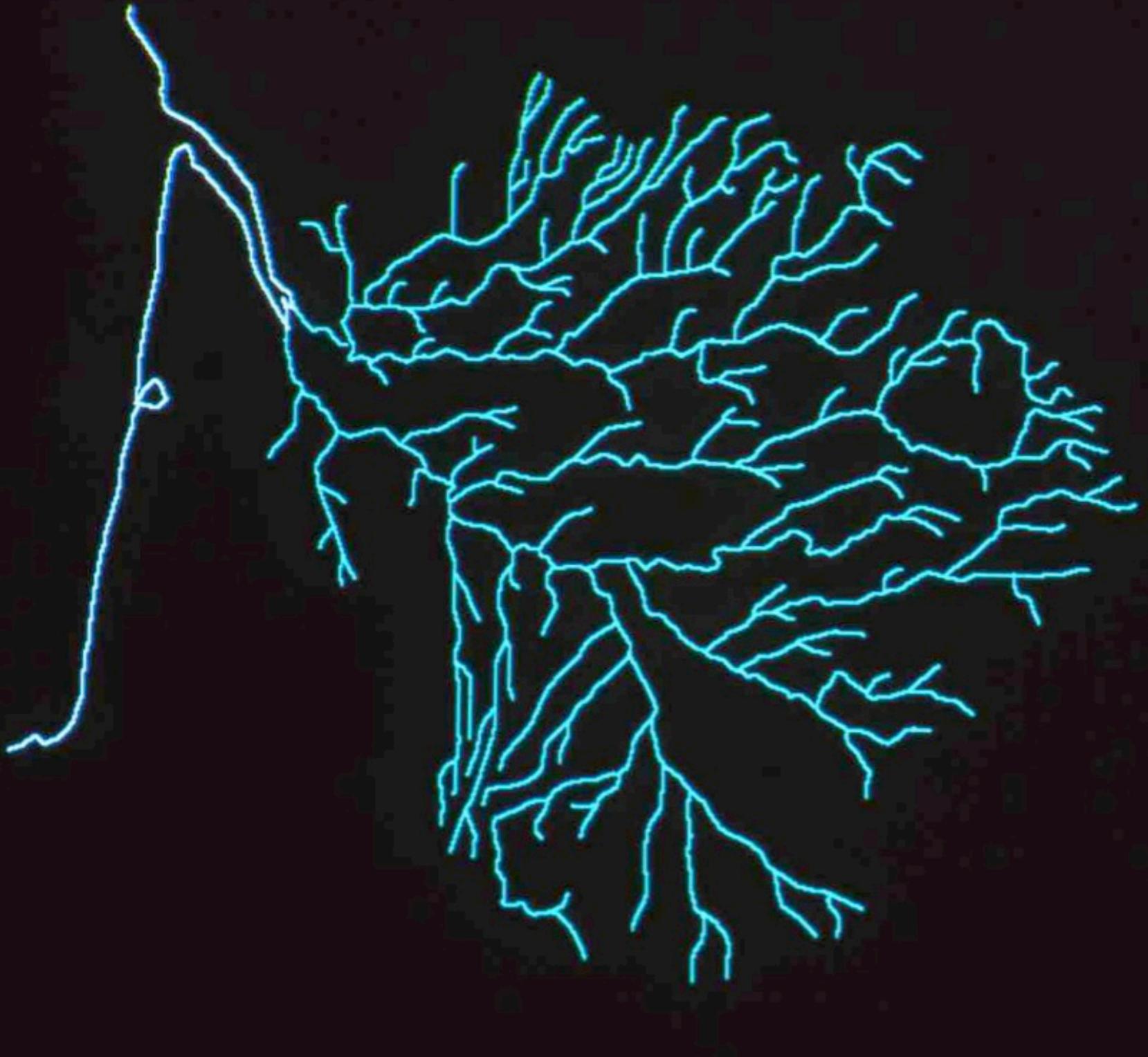
Horton (1945)  
Strahler (1952)

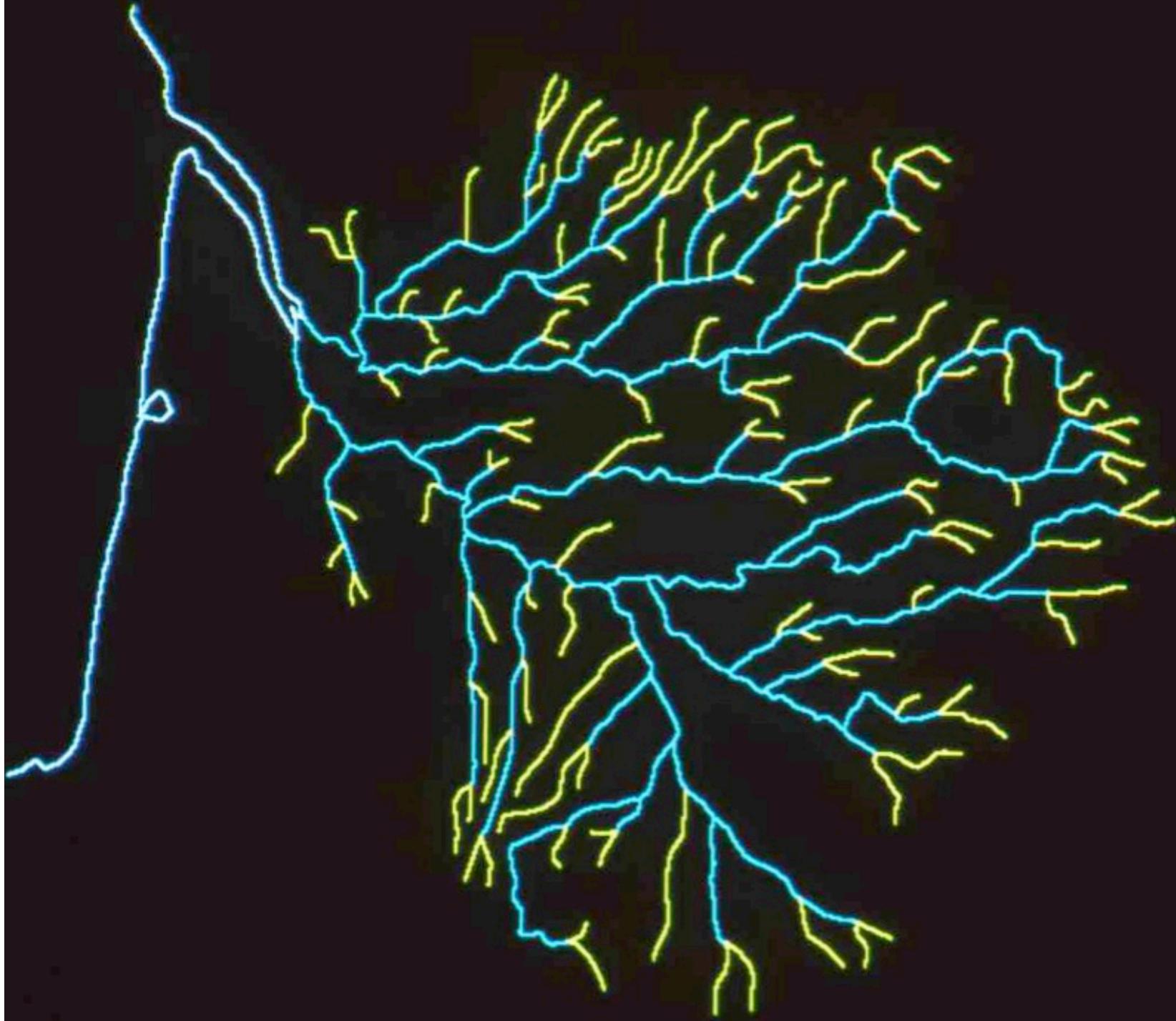
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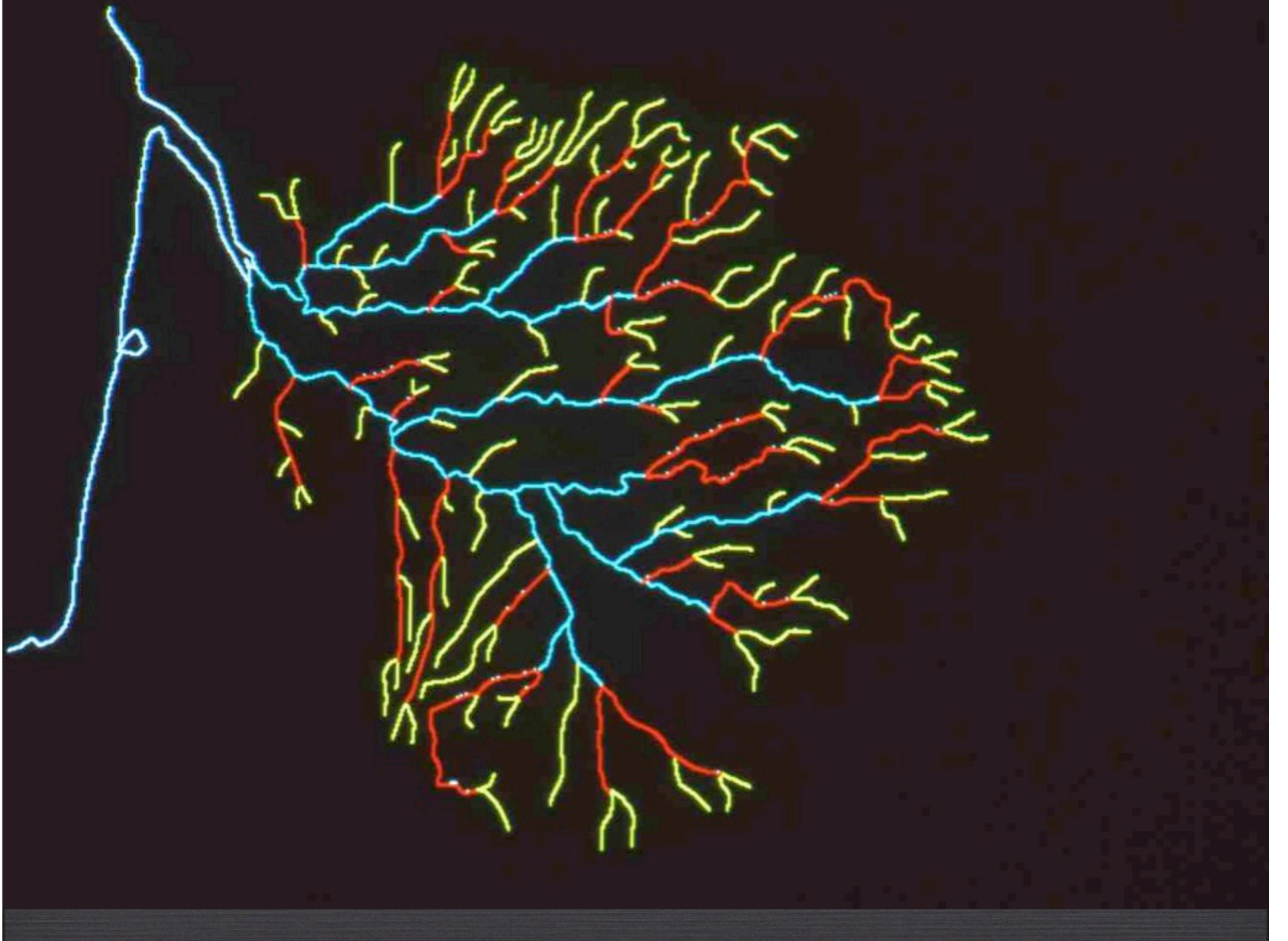
morphology of  
rivers network

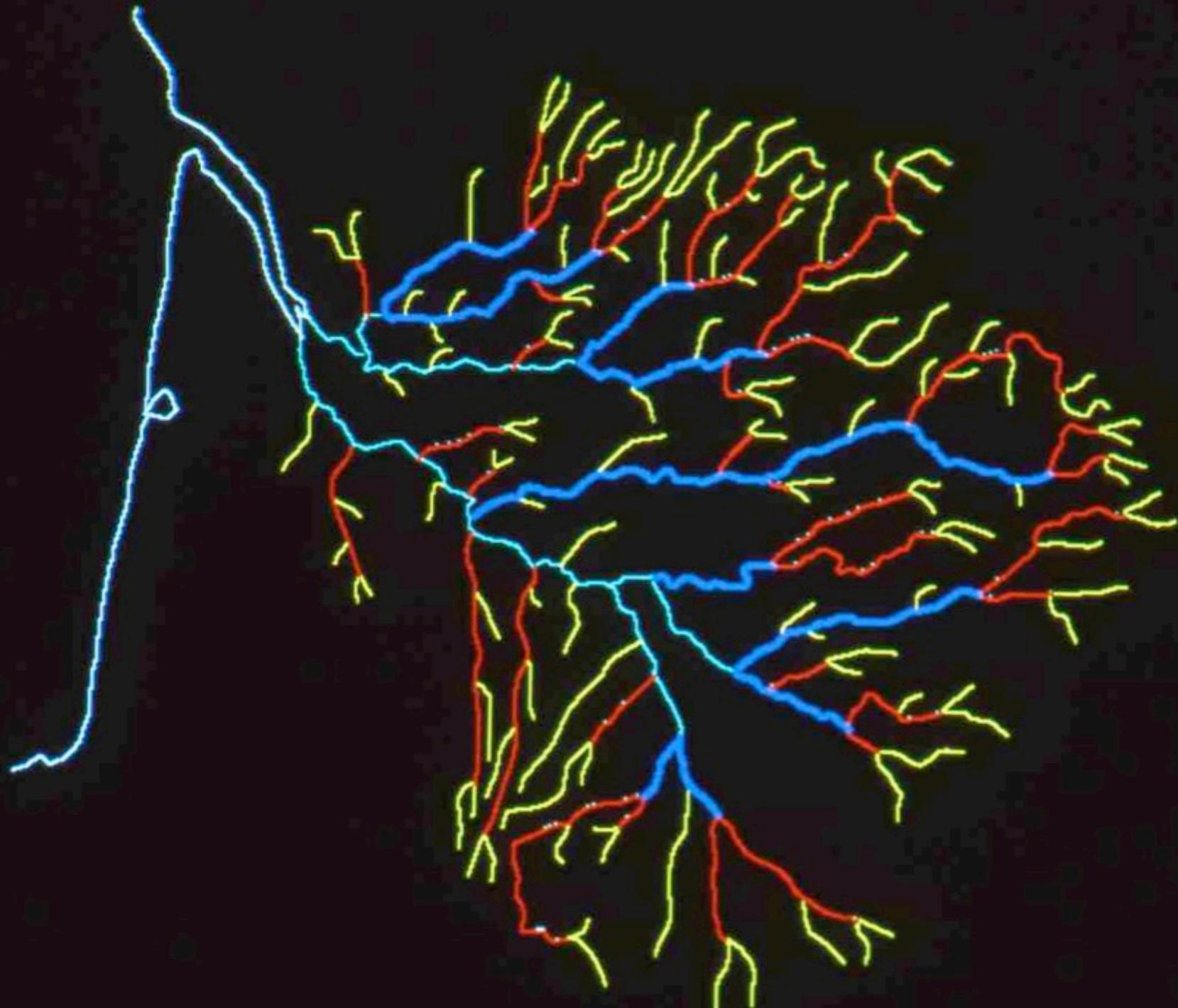
Order of a river

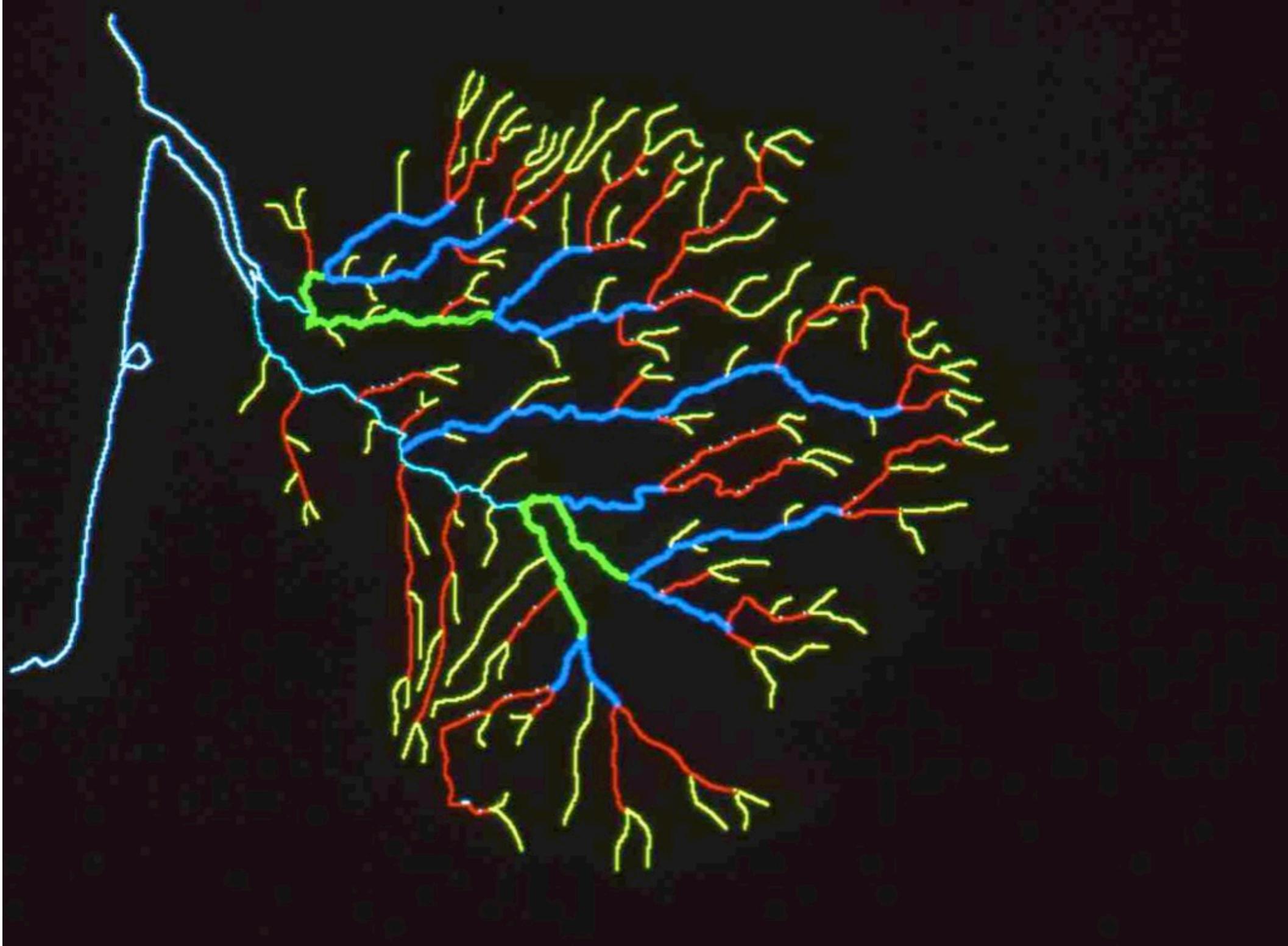


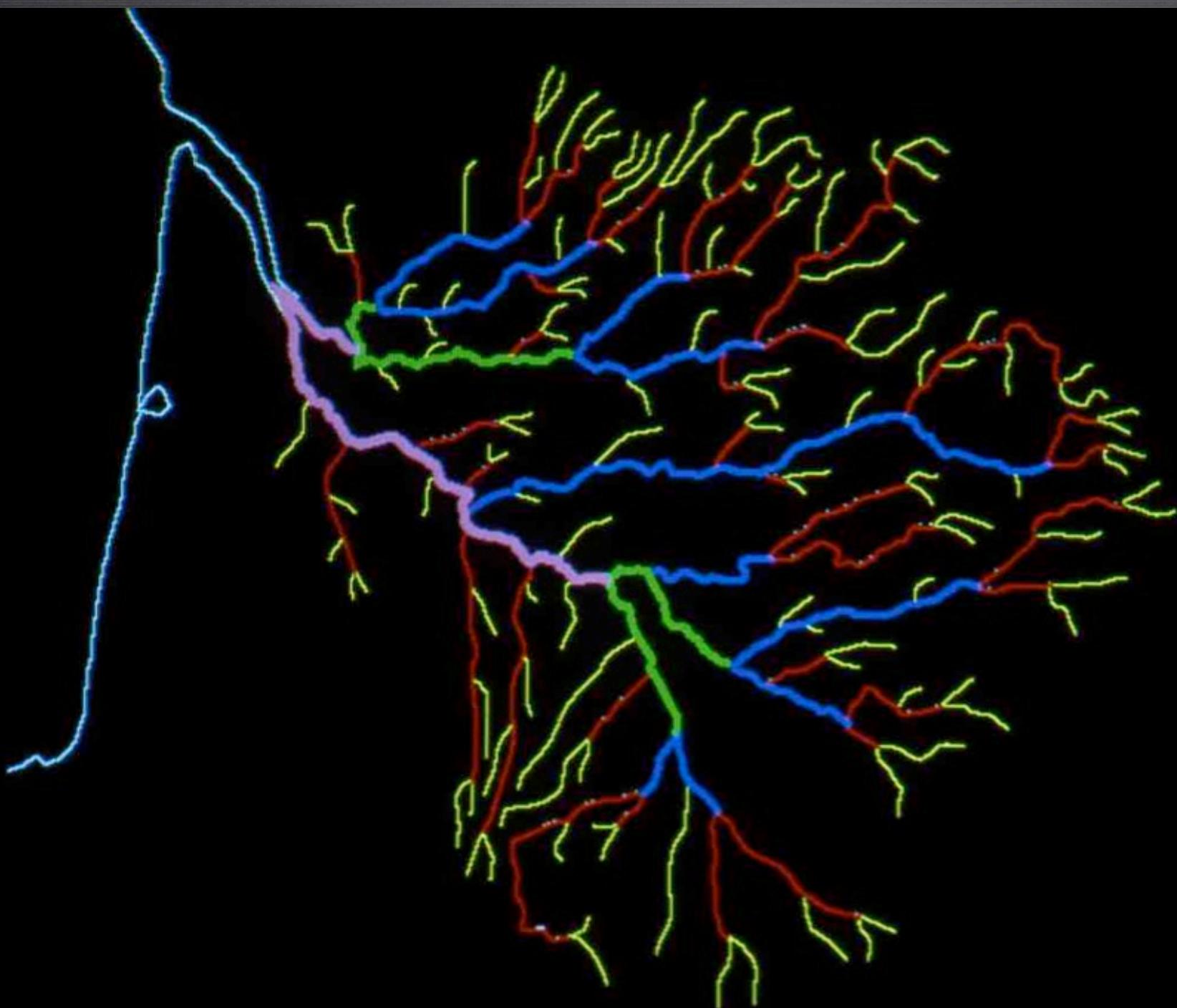


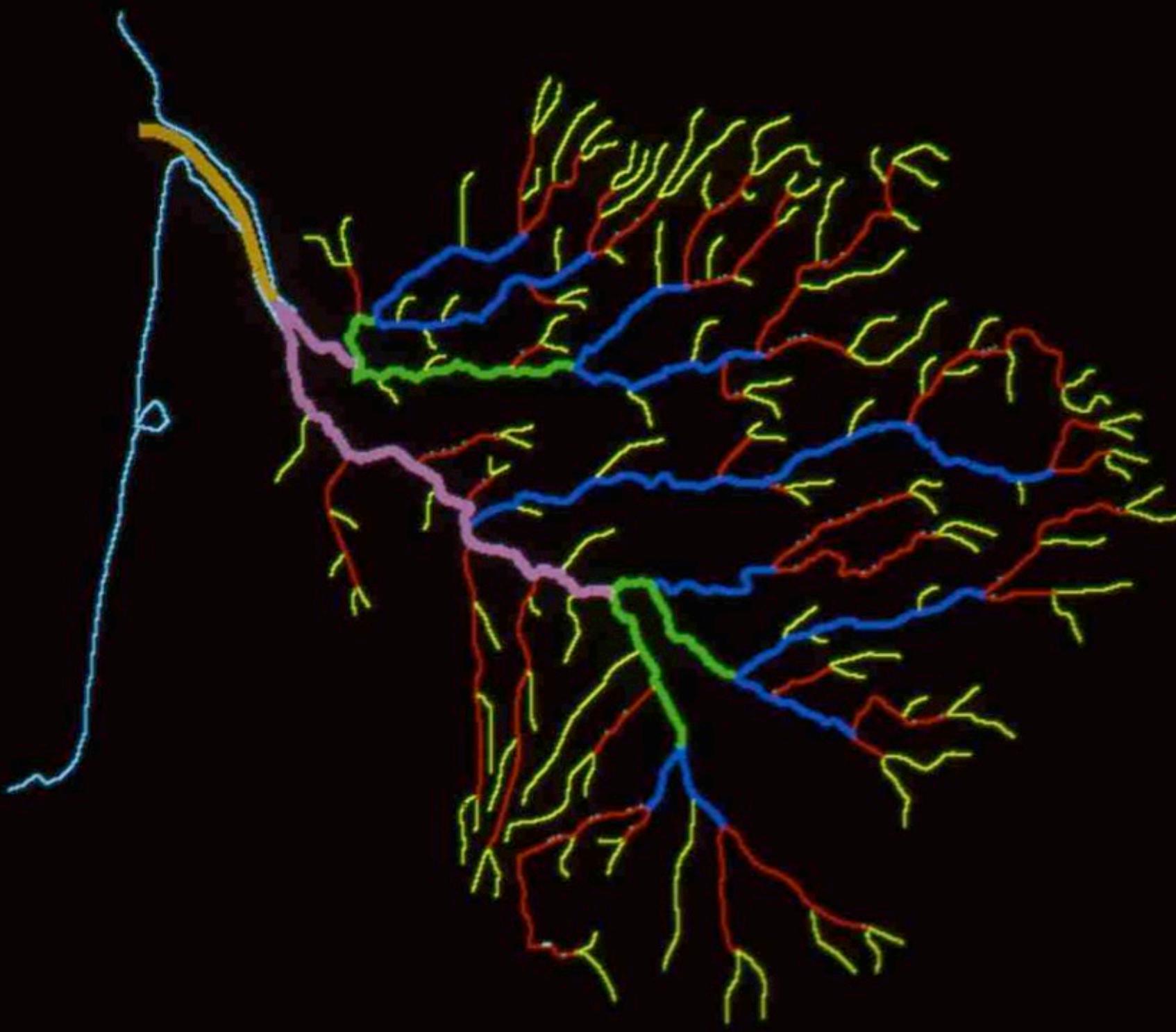


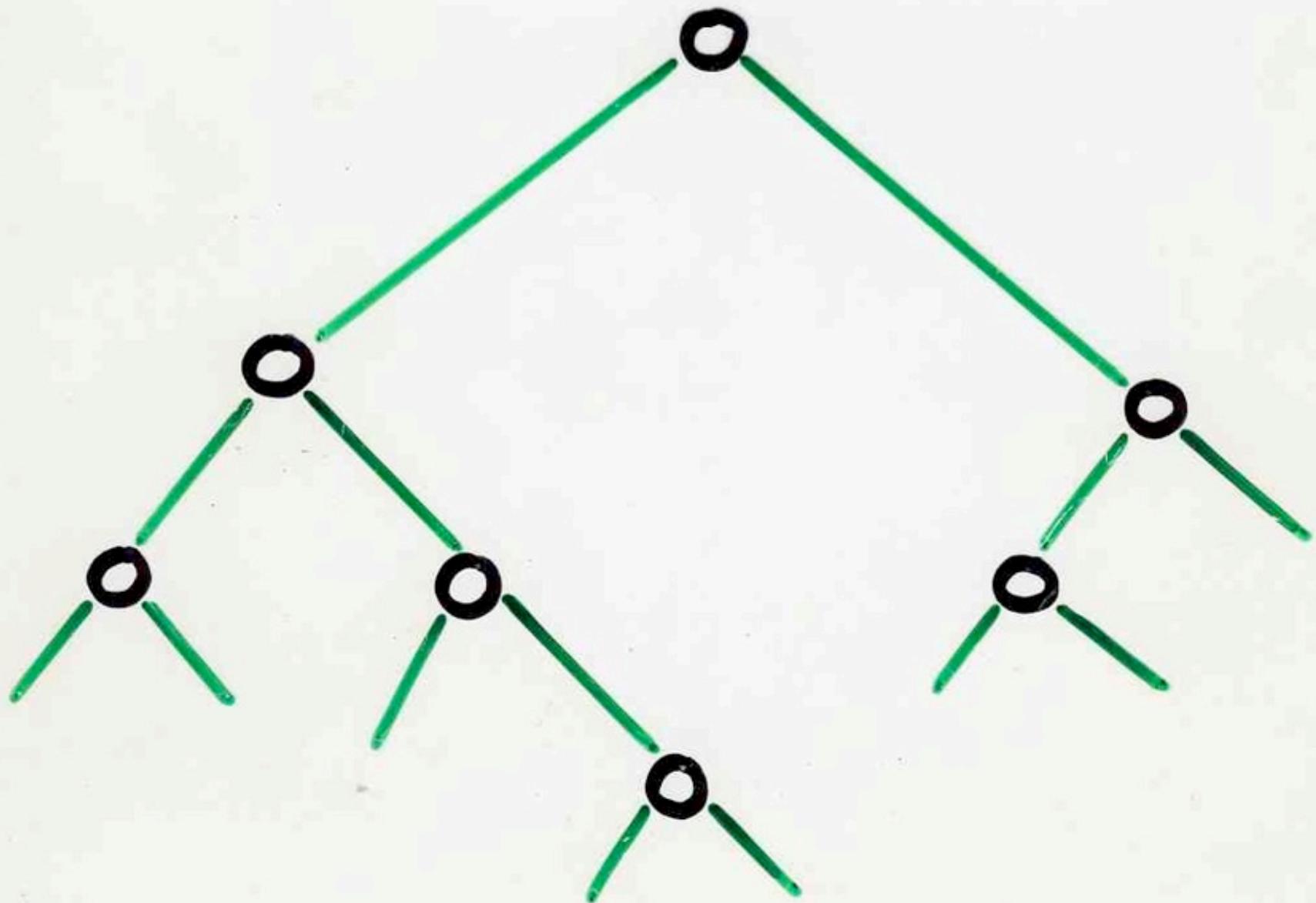


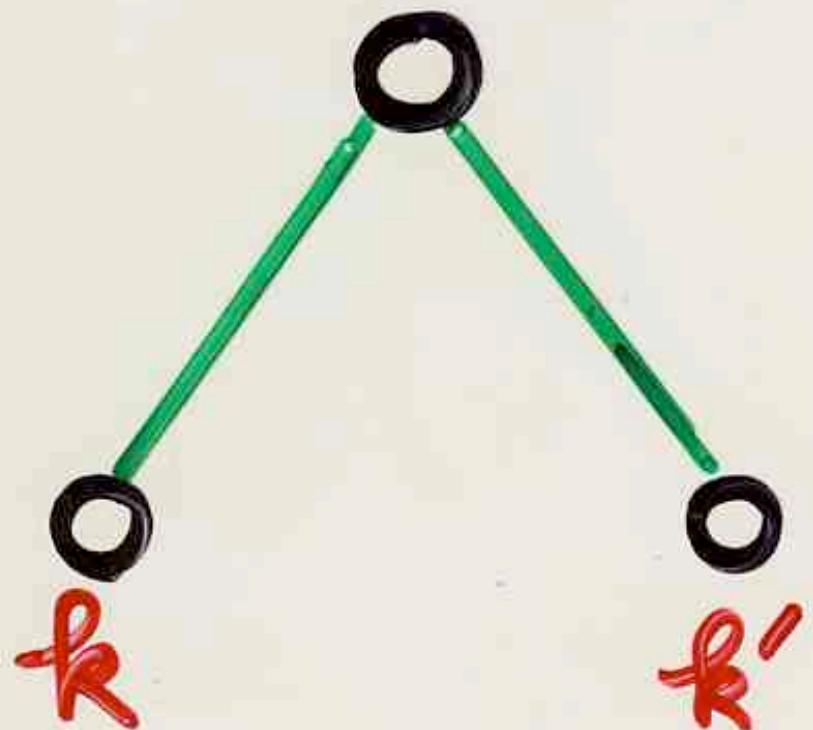
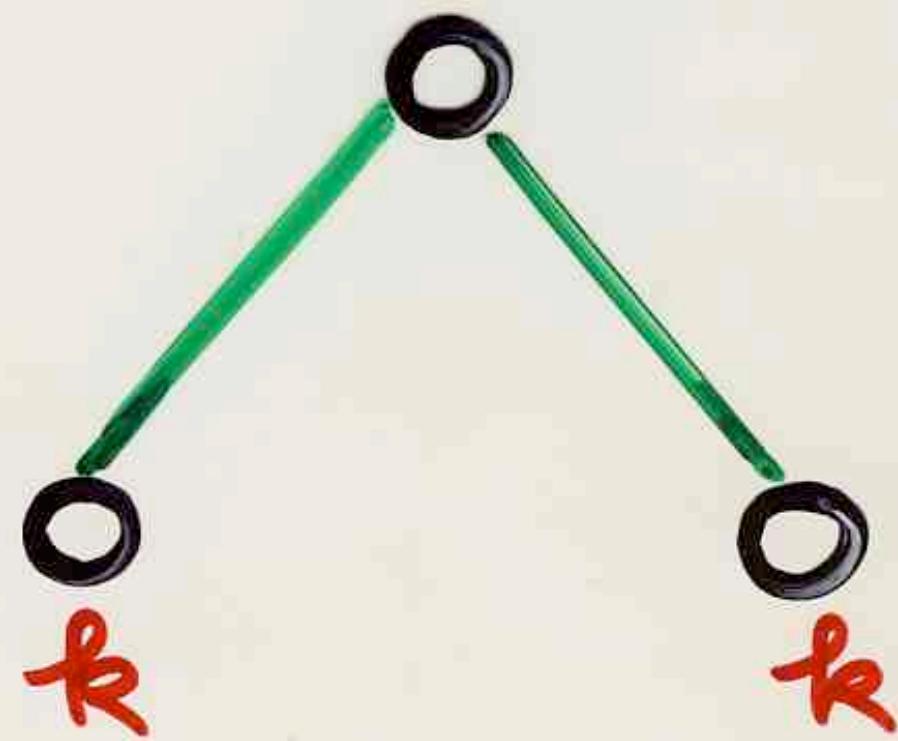






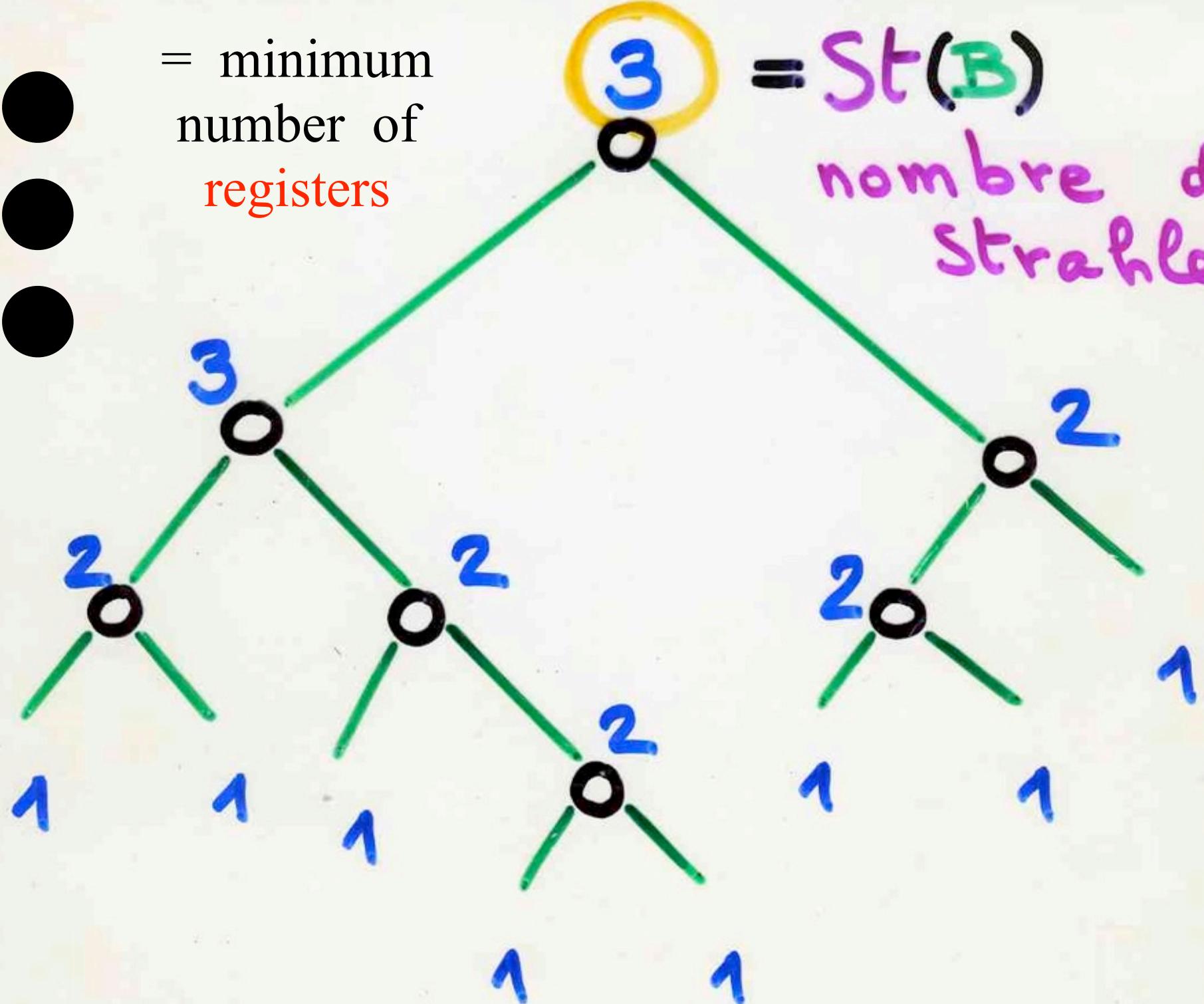




$\max(k, k')$  $k+1$ 

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•  
•

= minimum  
number of  
registers

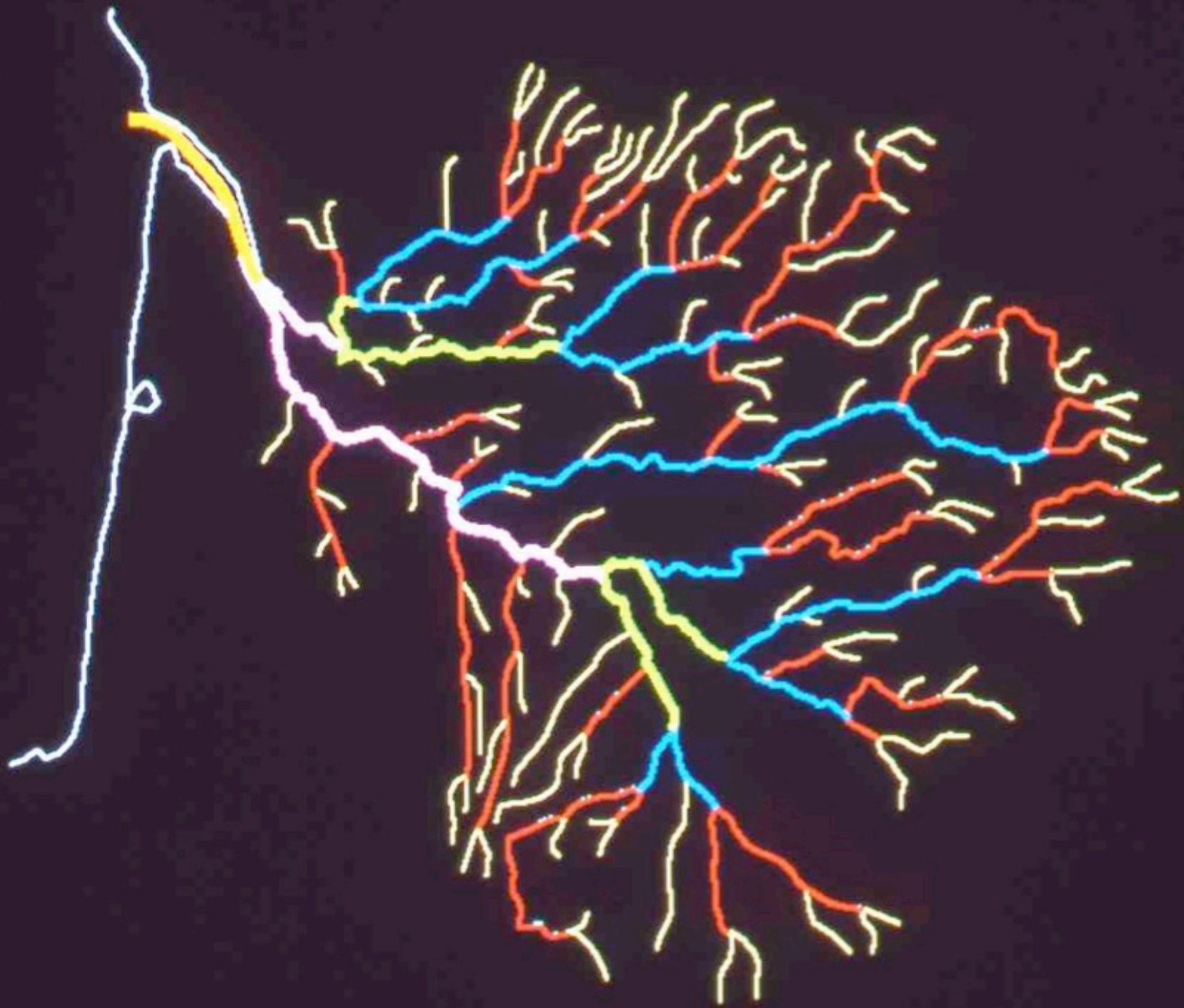


3

=  $St(B)$

nombre de  
Strahler

river or segment or order k



Segment of order  $k$

$k$

$k$

$k-1$

$k-1$

$K > k$

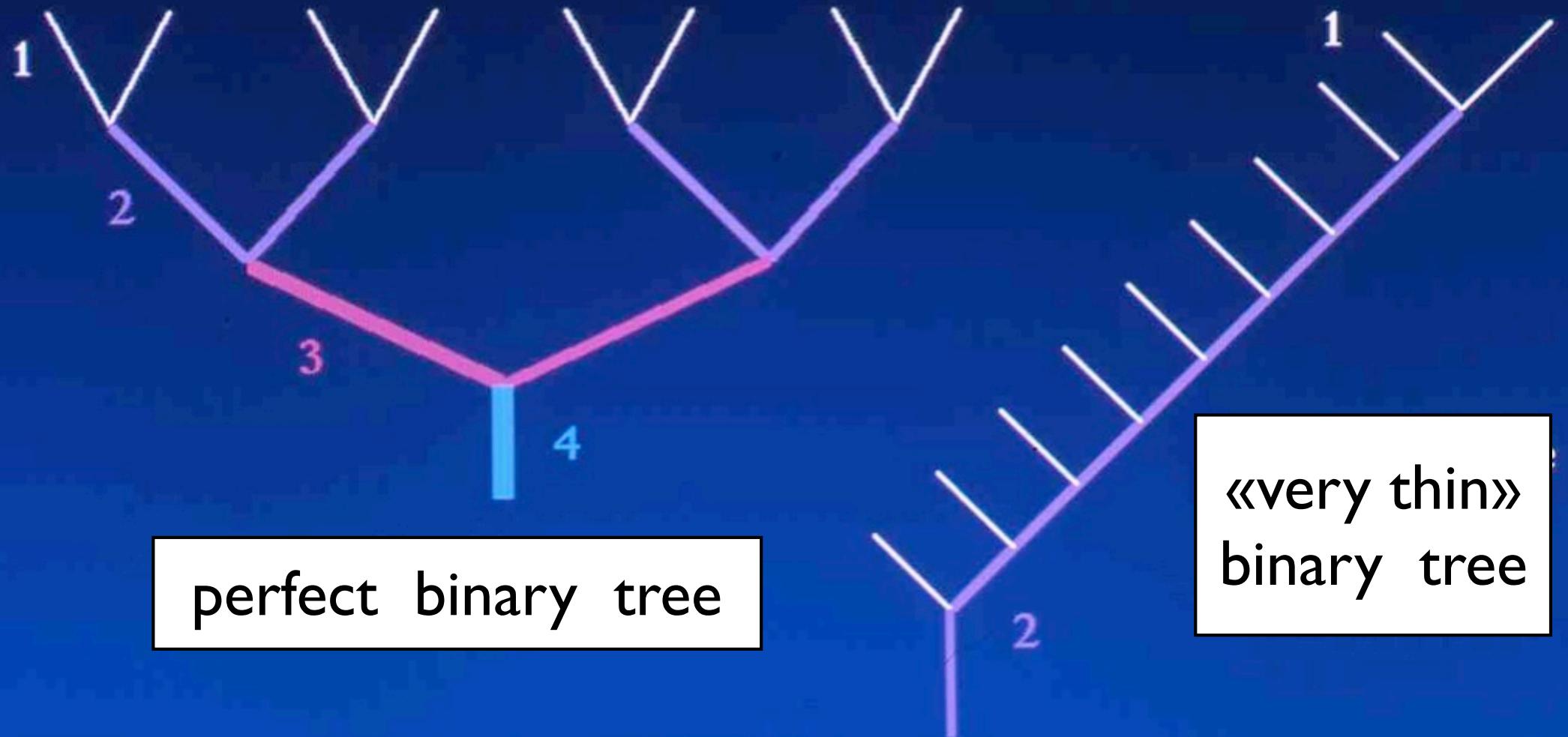
bifurcation ratio

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

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

$b_k$  = number of segments  
of order k

## Segments



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

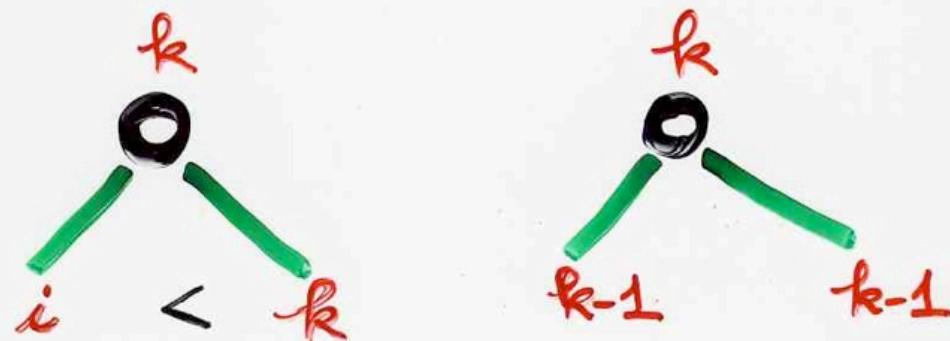


Synthetic images of  
trees, leaves, landscapes ...

Arguès, Eyrolles, Janey, X.V.

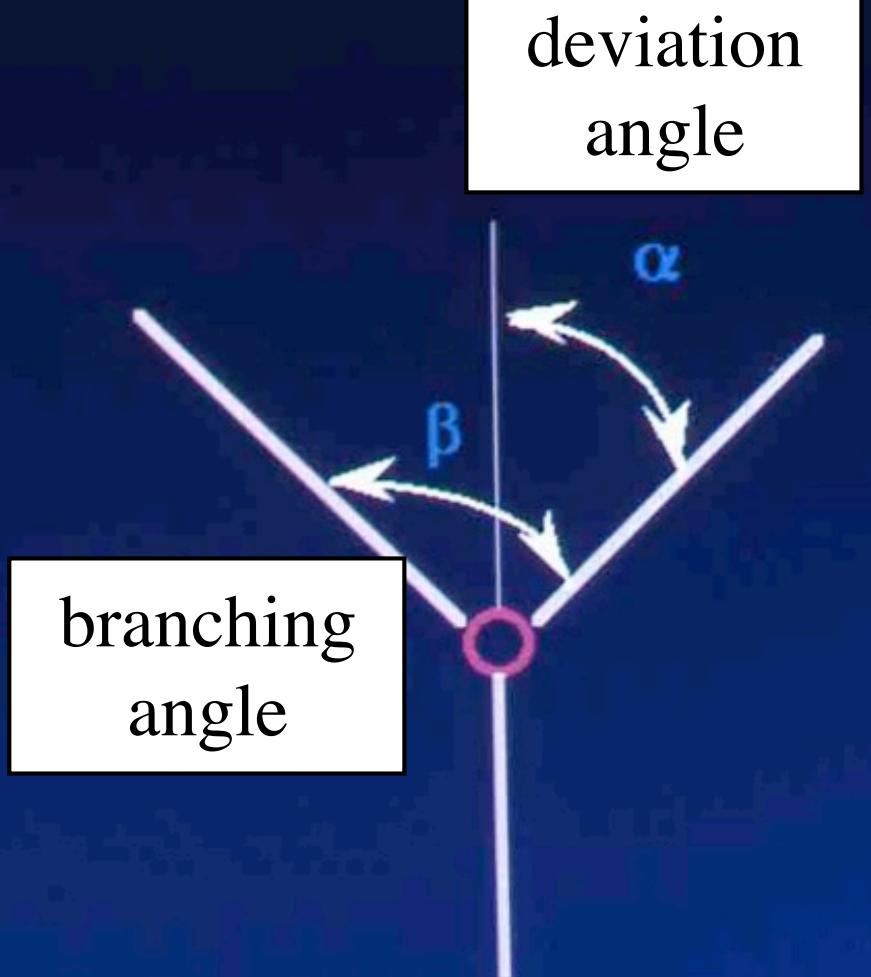
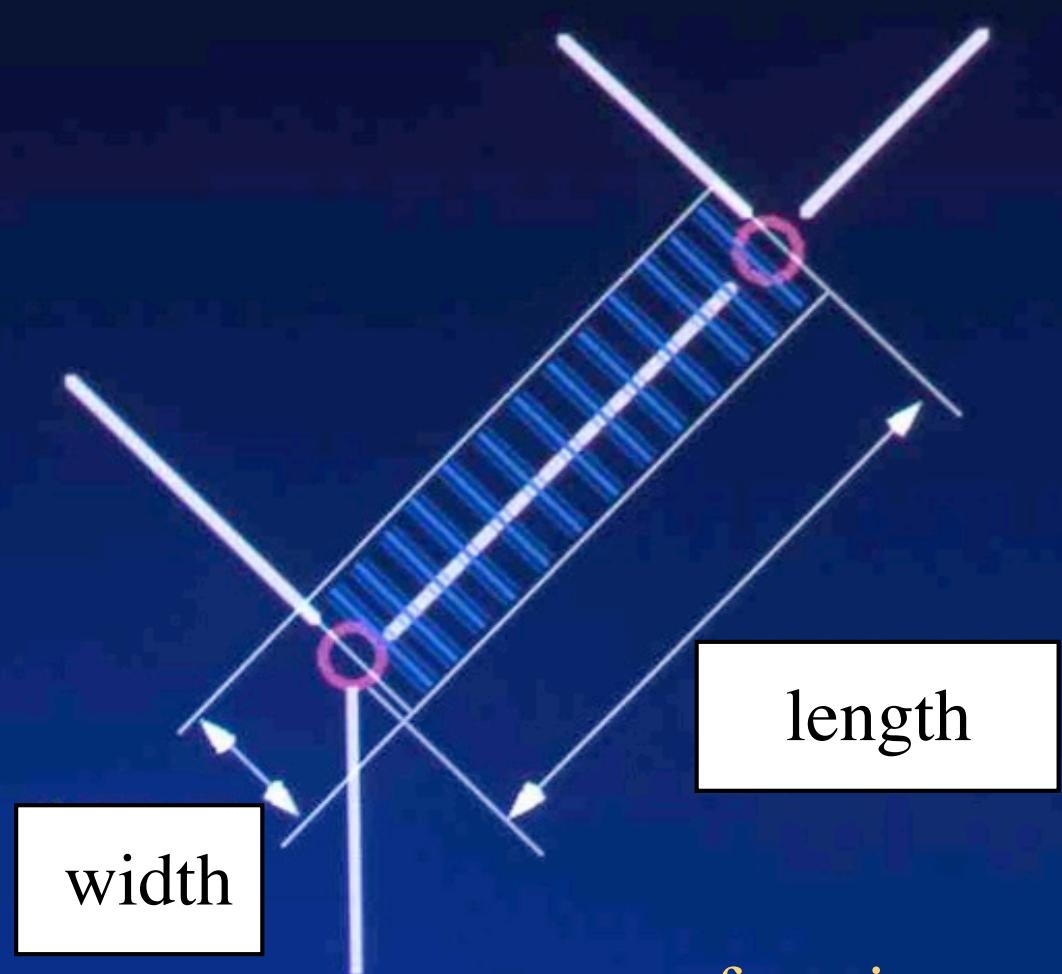
A  $\tilde{A}$

## Ramification matrix



matrix of  
probabilities

$$P_{k,i} = \frac{b_{k,i}}{a_k} \quad \text{biorder } (k,i)$$



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

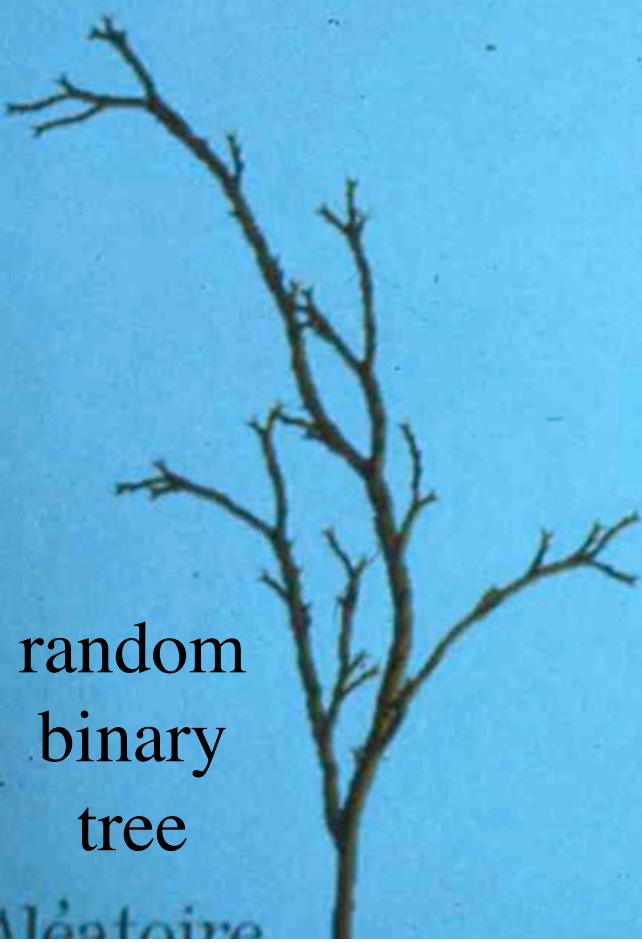




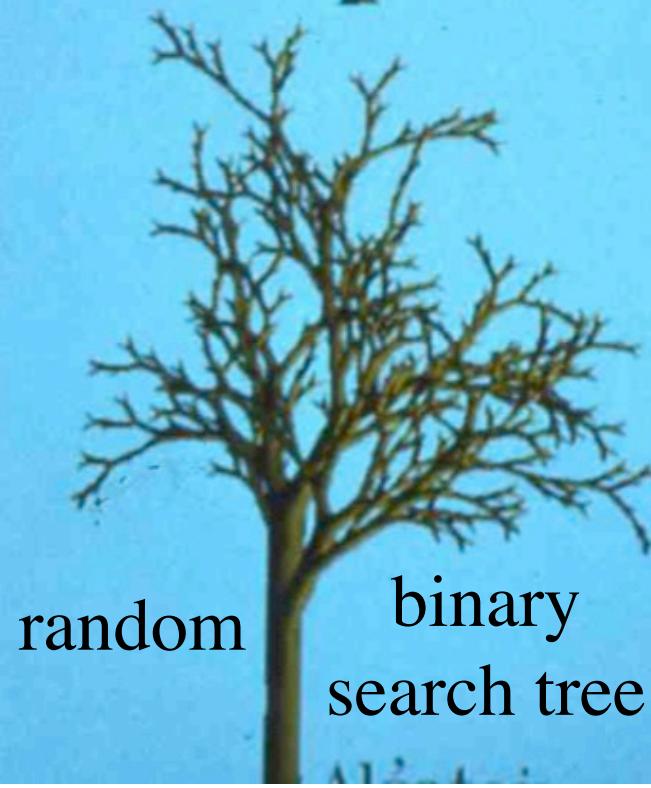


ASA

mixing 3 ramification matrices



random  
binary  
tree



random  
search tree



perfect  
tree

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    | 125  | 250  | 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  
Kemp (1979) periodic

## Numbers theory

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

# generating function

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

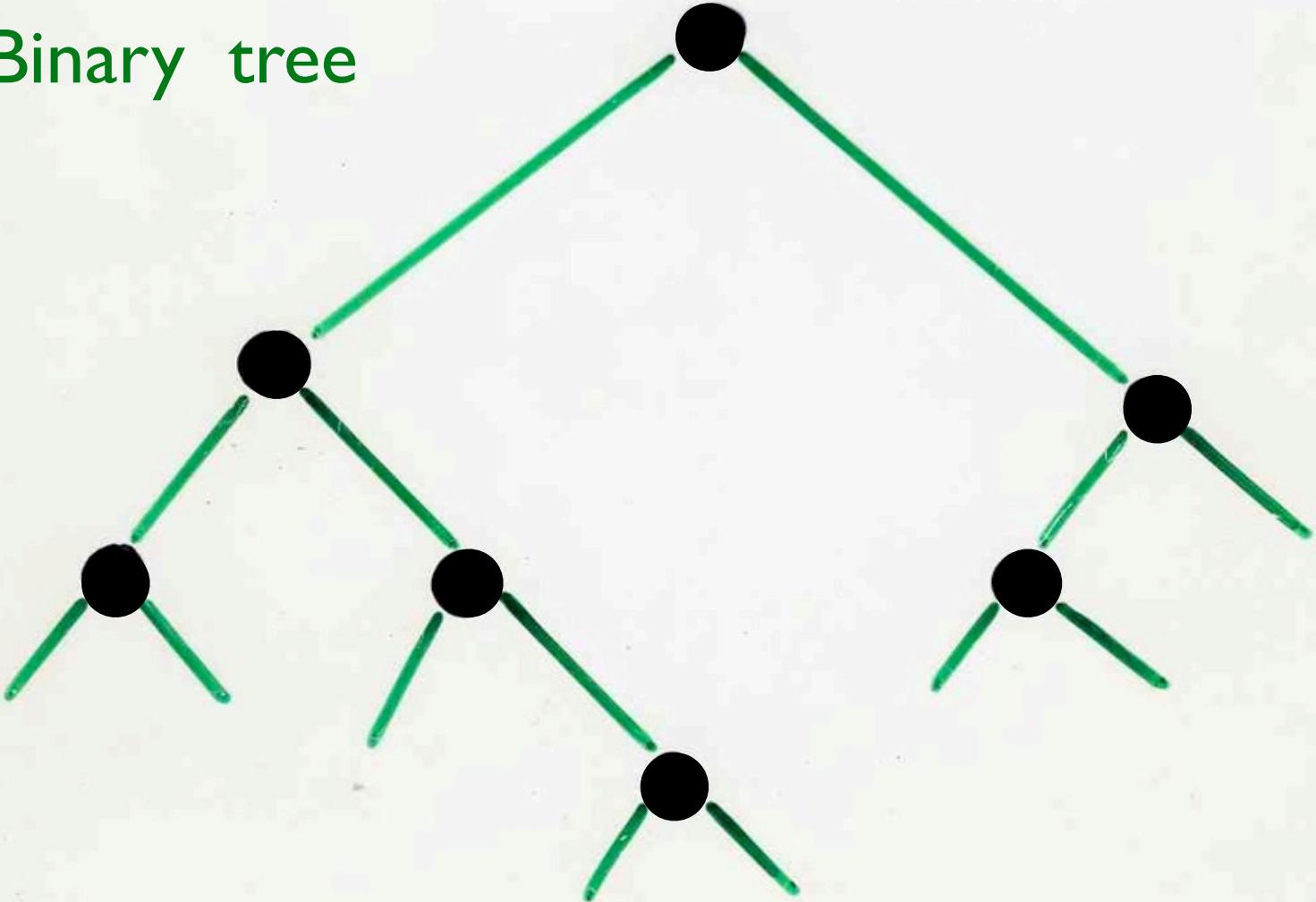
trigonometry

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

Counting trees ...



Binary tree



number of binary trees  
having  $n$  internal vertices



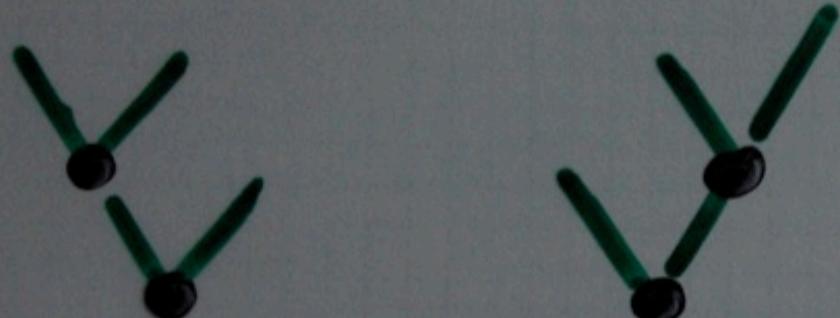
$n=7$

(or  $n+1$ ) leaves (external vertices)

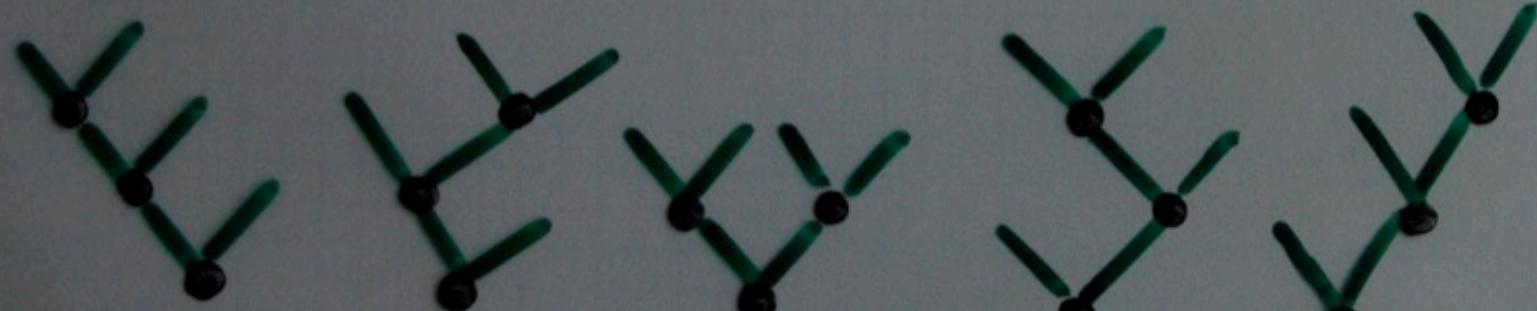
$C_1 = 1$

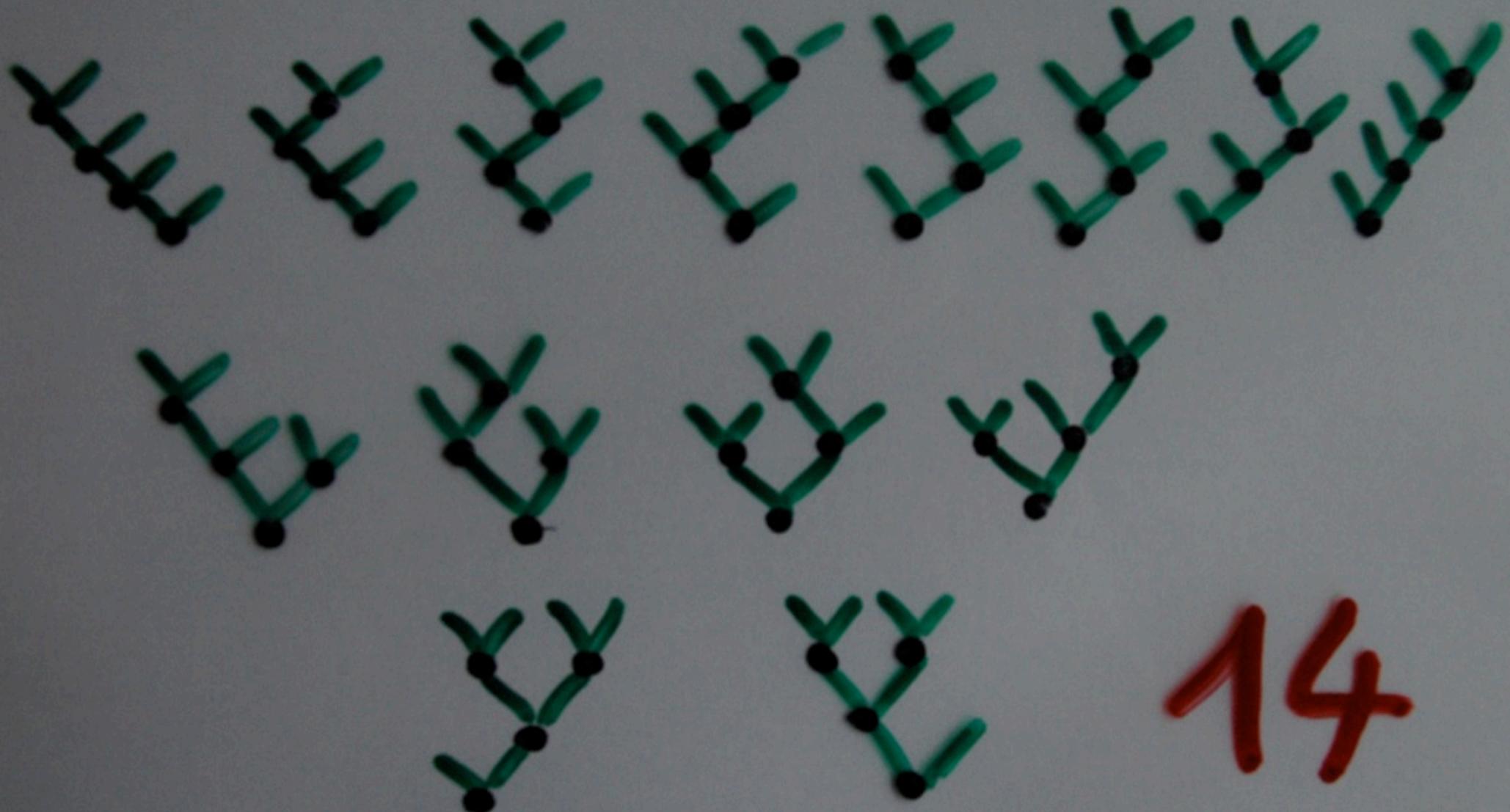


$C_2 = 2$



$C_3 = 5$





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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)

Gesucht sind die Anzahl der auf  $n$  eingeschriebenen Polygonen mit  
drei Diagonalen. I.  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ ; II.  $\frac{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{6}$ ; III.  $\frac{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)}{24}$ ; IV.  $\frac{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)(n-5)}{120}$

Zunächst wird ein Dreieck mit 3 Diagonalen in 4 Triangula  
gespalten und zeigt ein auf 14 eingeschriebenes Polygon gezeichnet.

Dies ist die 3. Regelmäßigkeit. Da ein Polygonaon von  $n$  Ecken  
durch  $n-3$  Diagonalen in  $n-2$  Triangula gespalten hat, auf  
der entsprechenden eingeschriebenen Polygon folgt nun:

Anzahl der auf  $n$  eingeschriebenen Polygonen =  $x$

Wann  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, \dots$

ist  $x = 1, 2, 6, 14, 42, 152, 429, 1430, \dots$

Die Anzahl ist aus der Regel abgeleitet. Die generalisierende  
Formel ist:

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

$$6 = 2 \cdot 3, 14 = 5 \cdot \frac{14}{3}, 42 = 14 \cdot \frac{21}{6}, 152 = 14 \cdot \frac{152}{12} \text{ usw.}$$

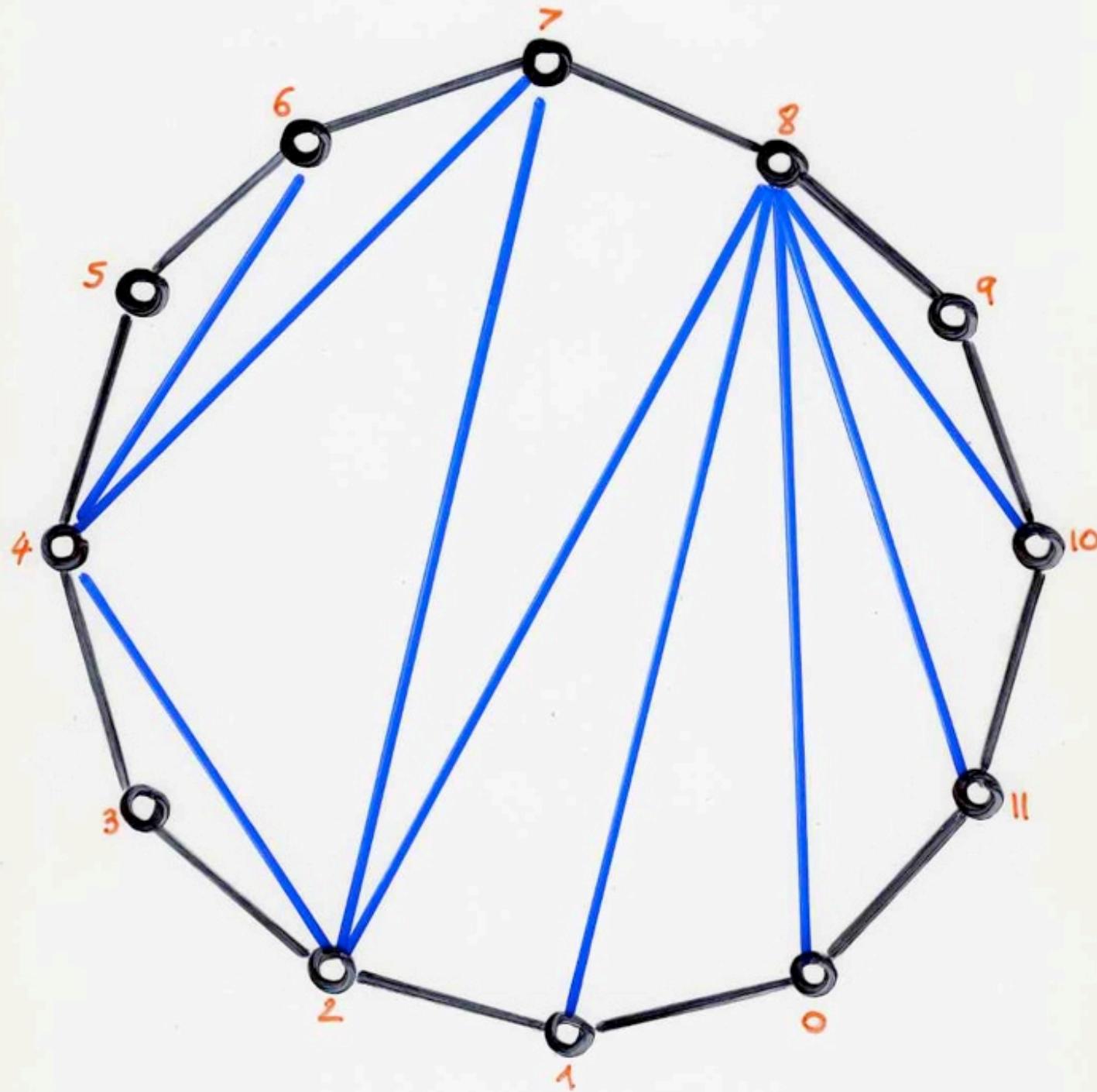
$$C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} \text{ längst } \frac{1}{n+1} \text{ zu } n! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times n$$

A letter from Leonhard Euler  
to Christian Goldbach ....

Berlin, 4 September 1751

Leonhard  
Euler  
1707 - 1783





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

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

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

alle  $a = \frac{1}{4}$  ist  $1 + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{5}{16} + \frac{14}{64} + \frac{42}{256} + \frac{132}{1024} + \text{etc} = 1$ .

Die Division lassen wir für die Zerlegung

zur Analyse aufgezeichnet haben und

wir das Ergebnis der Reihe der Zerlegung

haben hier für Subtrahend

der Zerlegung

oder 4 Sept

1751

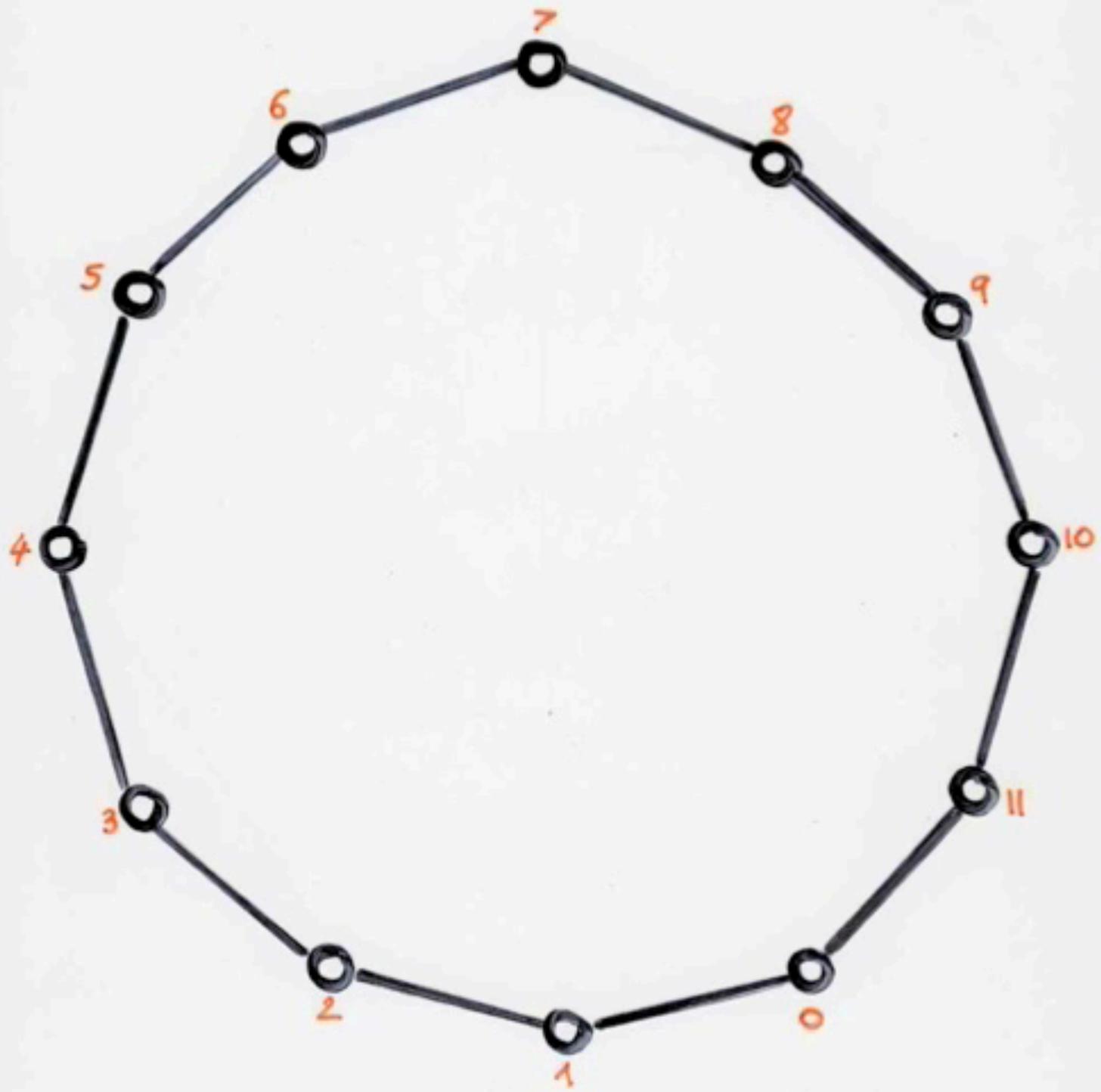
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gezeichnete Zerlegung  
Euler



from triangulations  
to binary trees



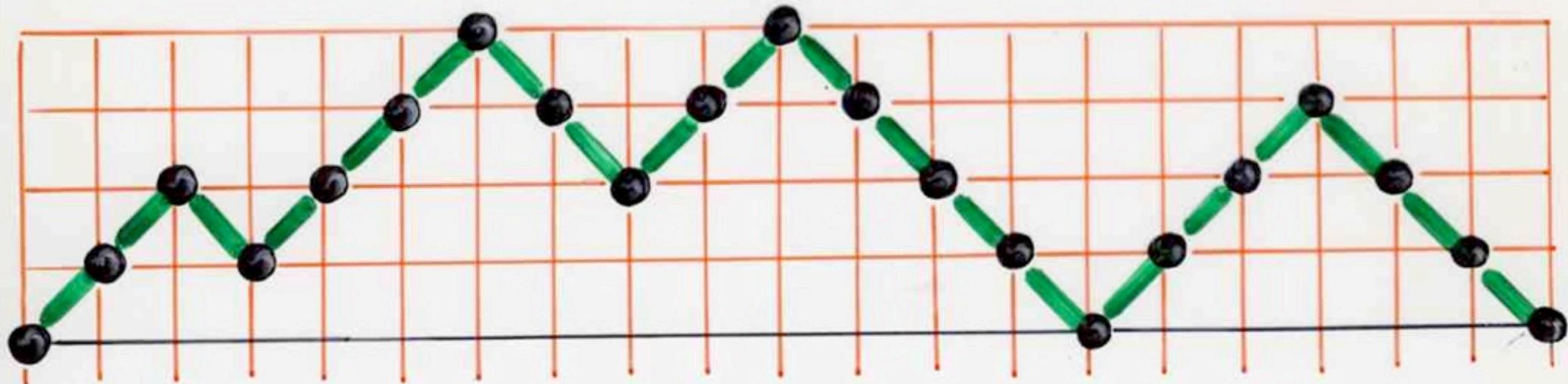


How to prove the relation  
between the distribution of Strahler numbers  
and Chebyshev polynomials ?

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

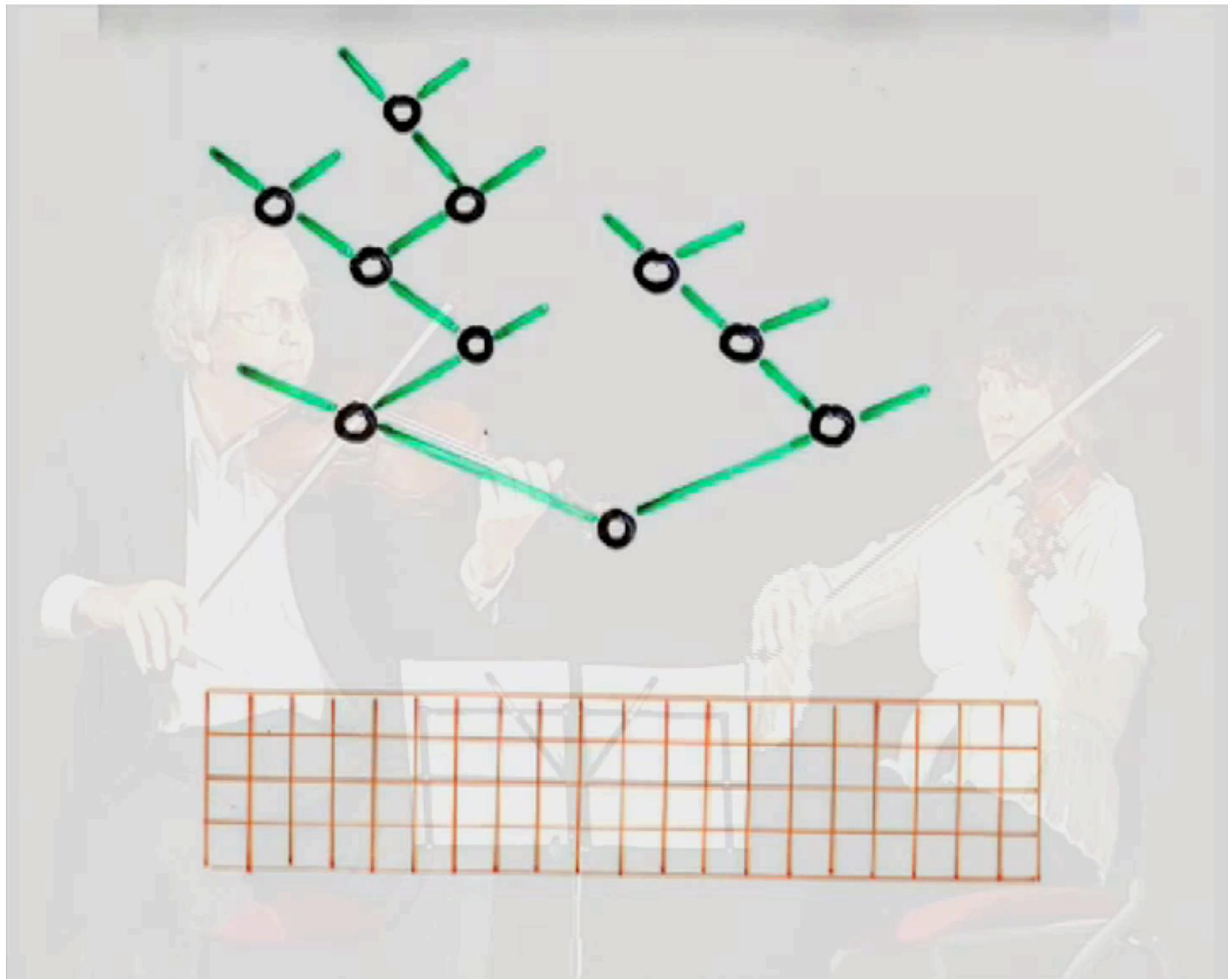
$$\sin(n+1)\theta = (\sin\theta) U_n (\cos\theta)$$

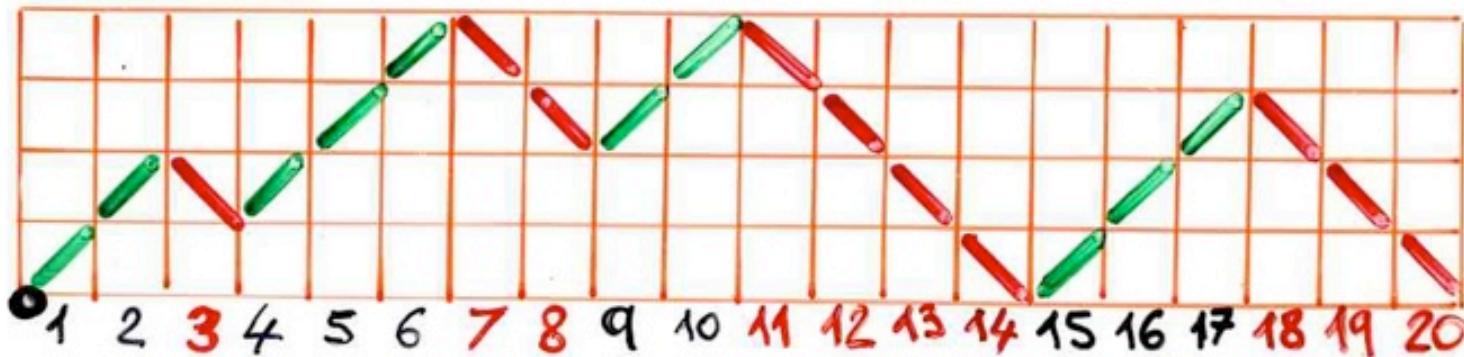
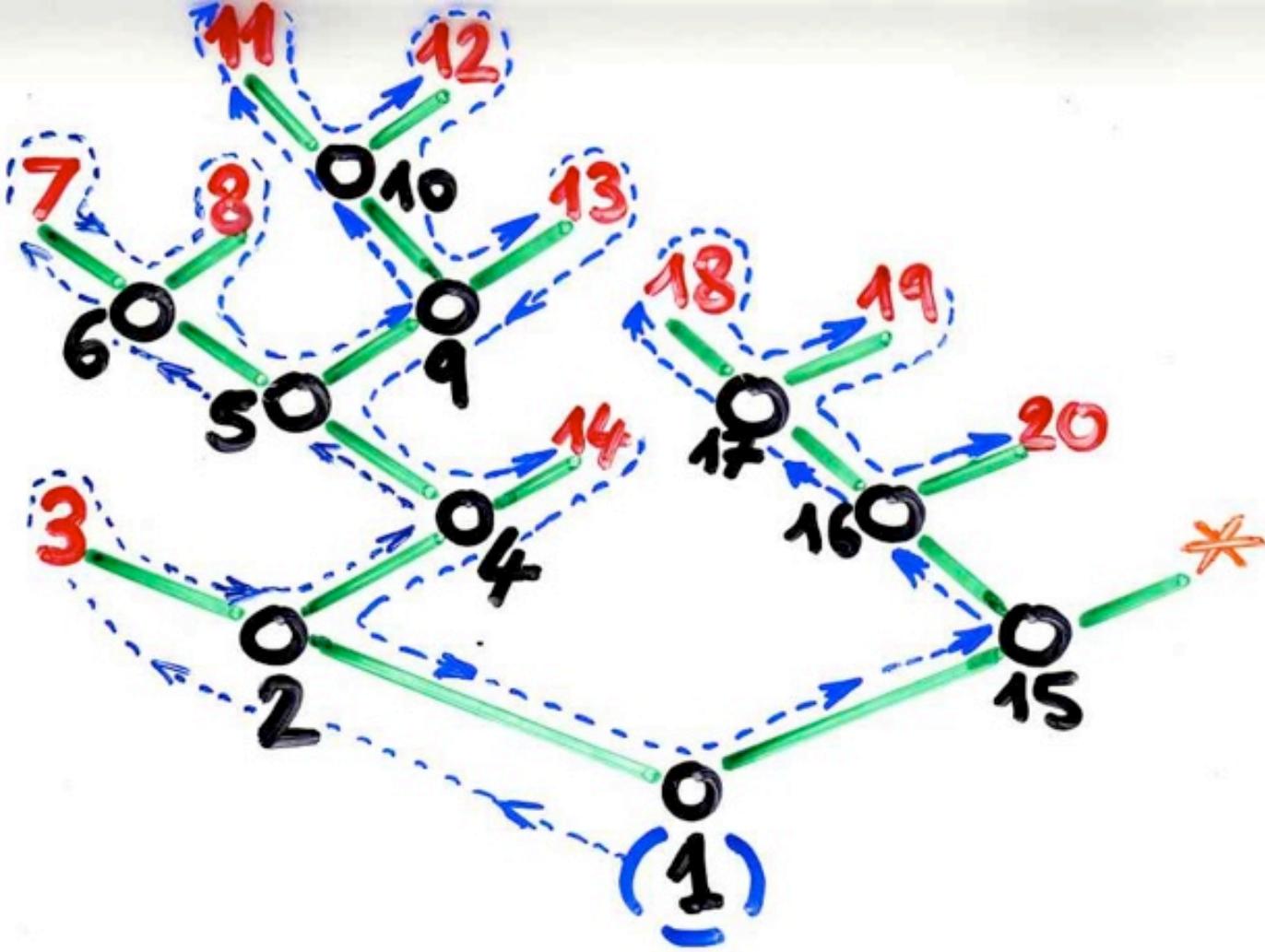
## Dyck path



from binary trees  
to Dyck paths ....

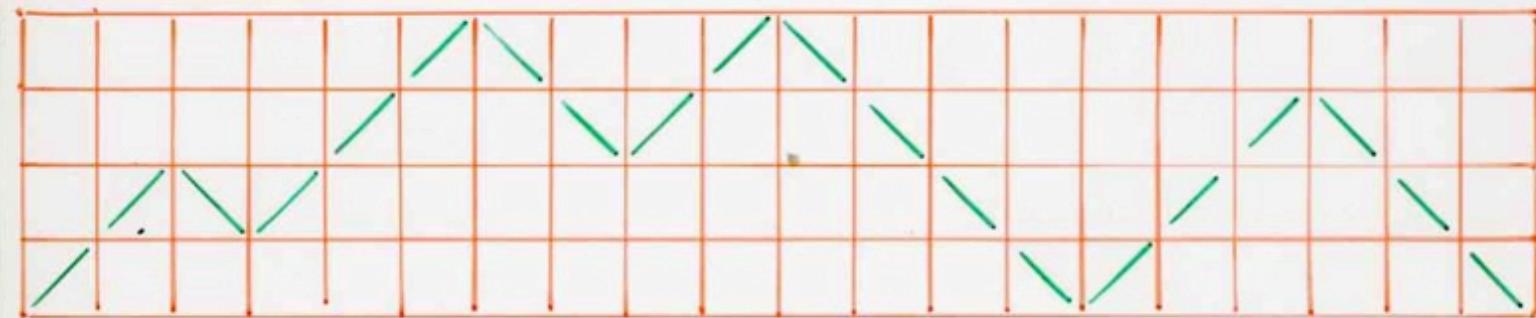


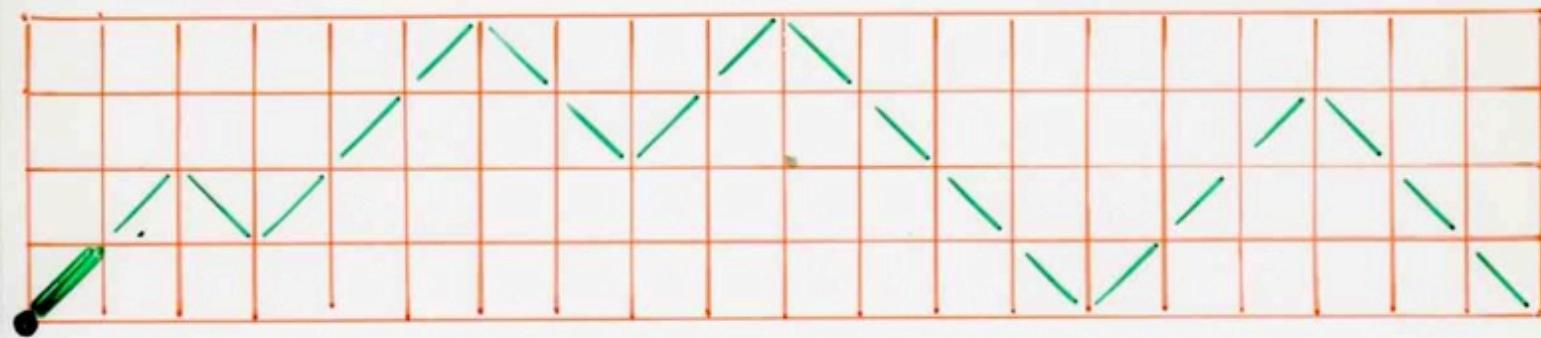


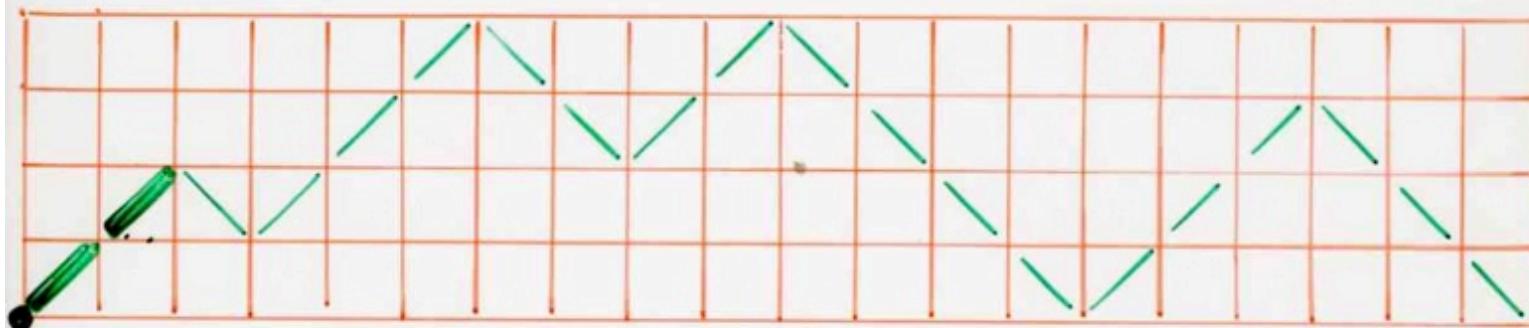
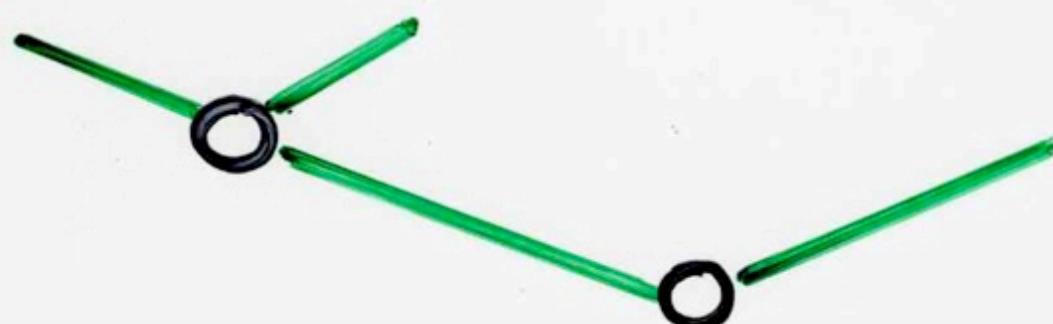


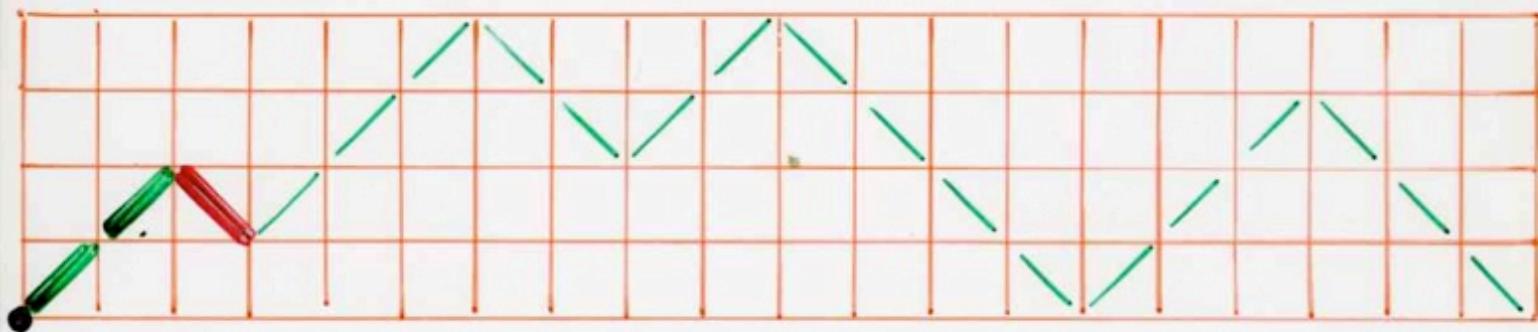
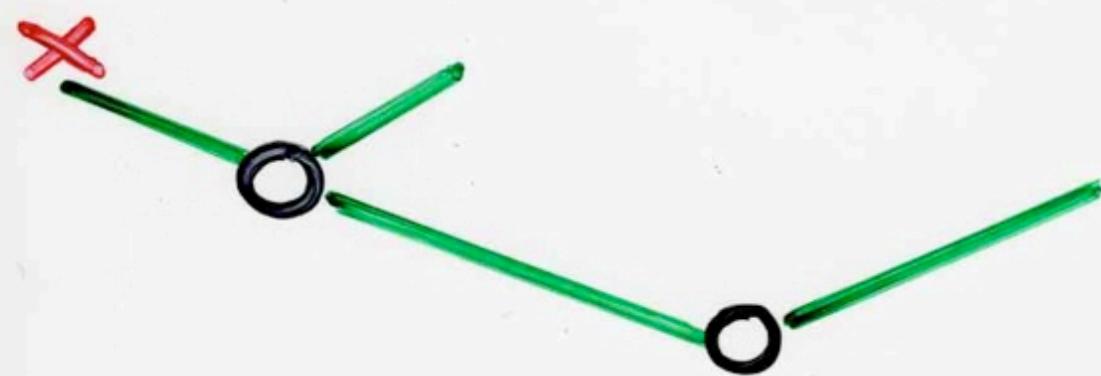
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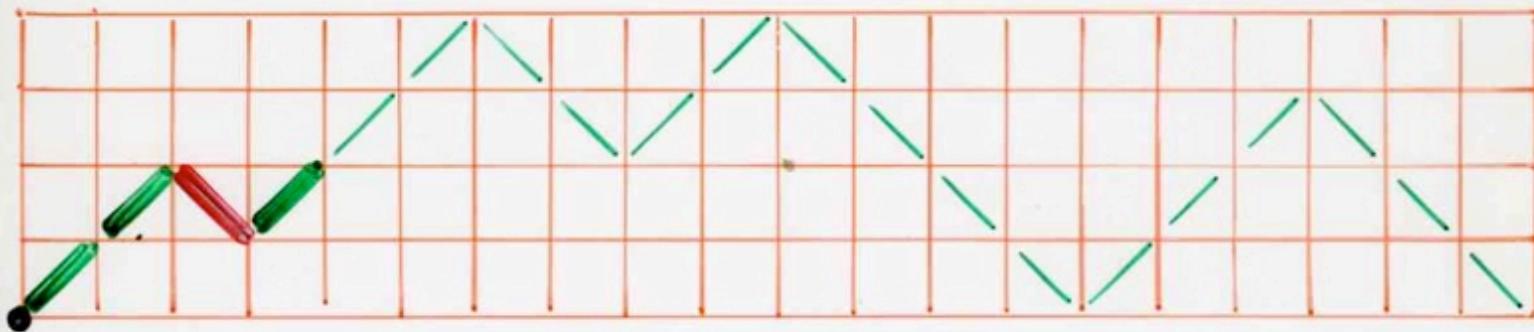
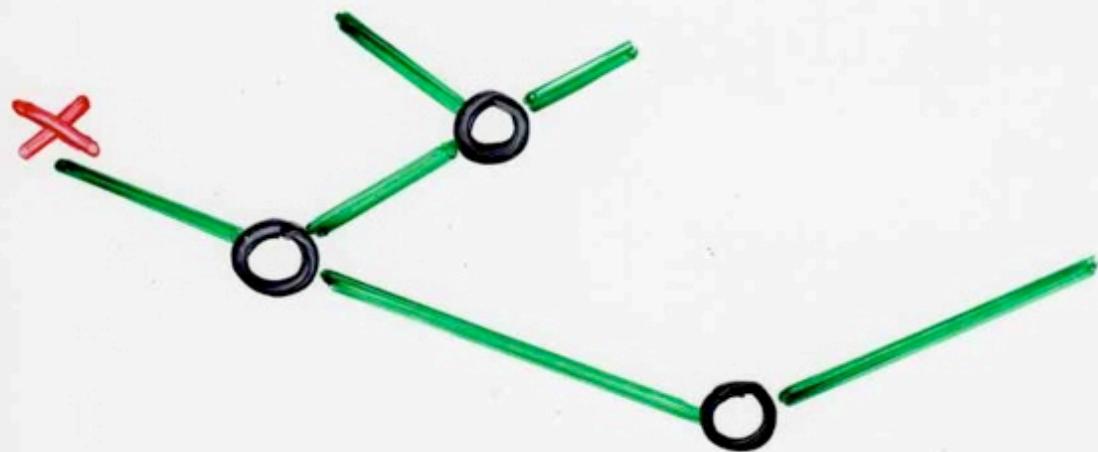


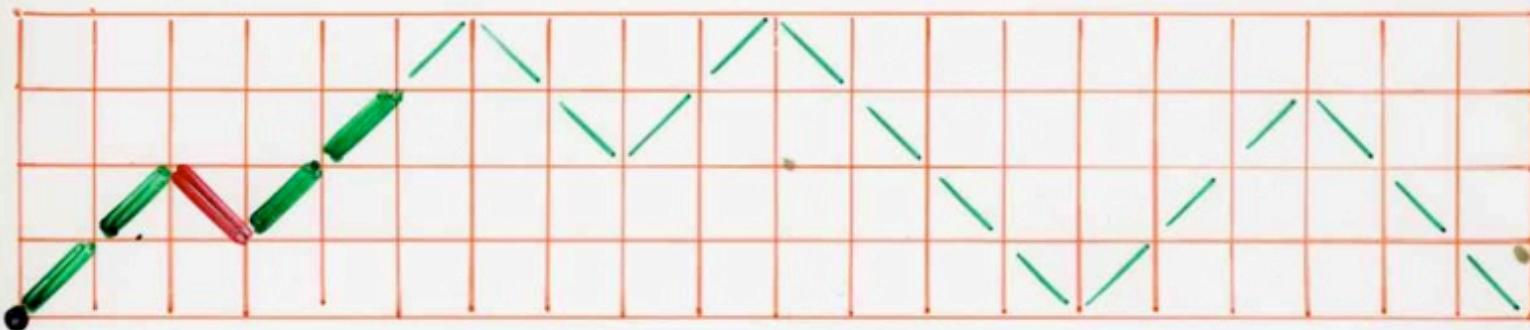
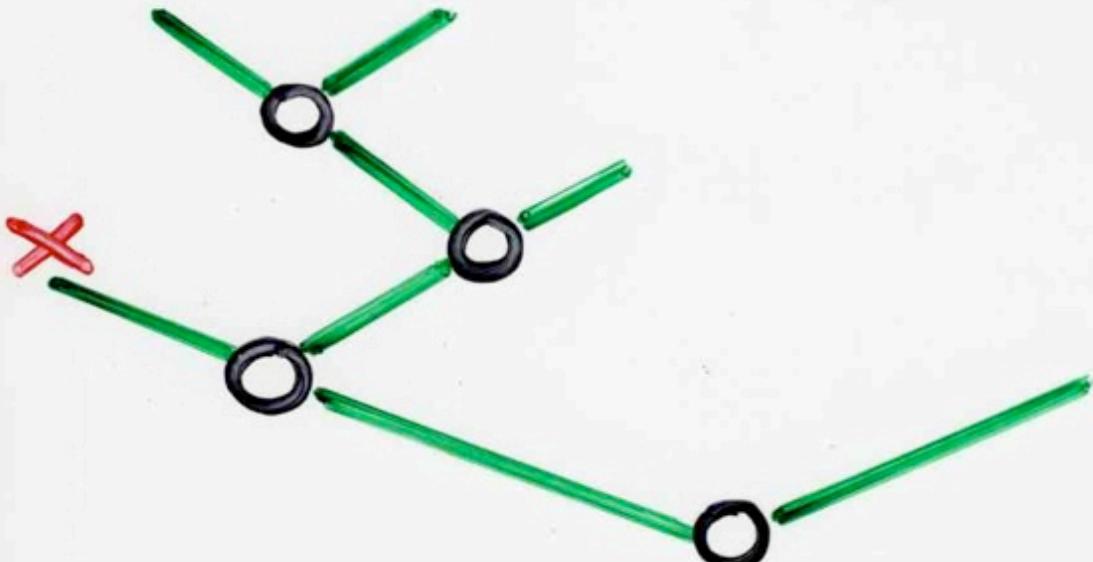


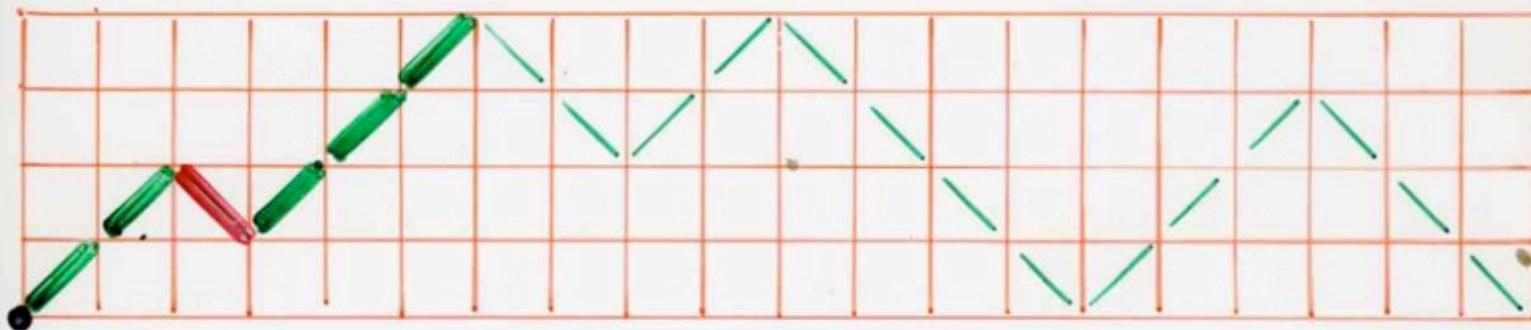
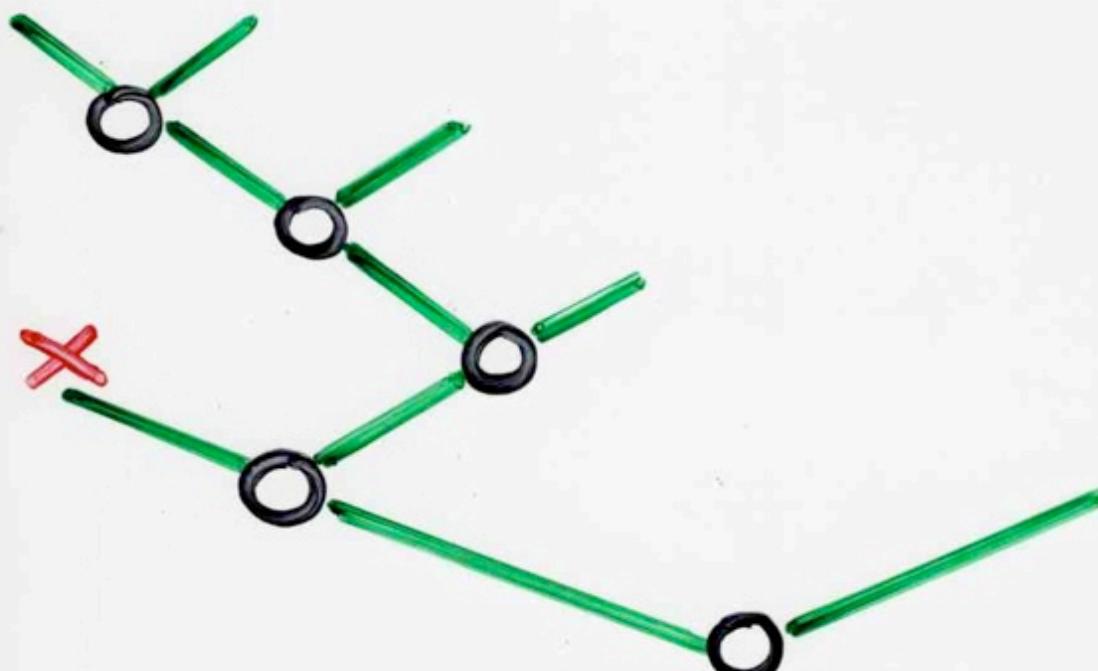


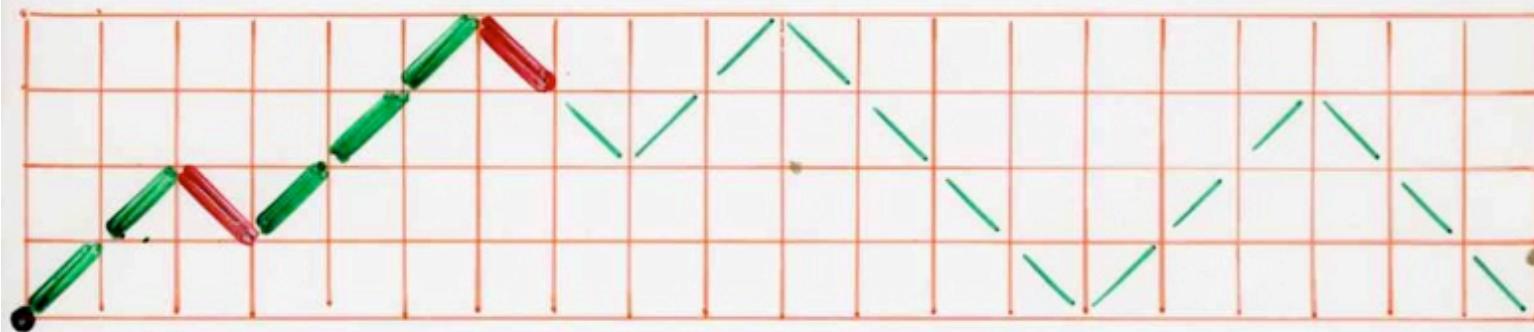
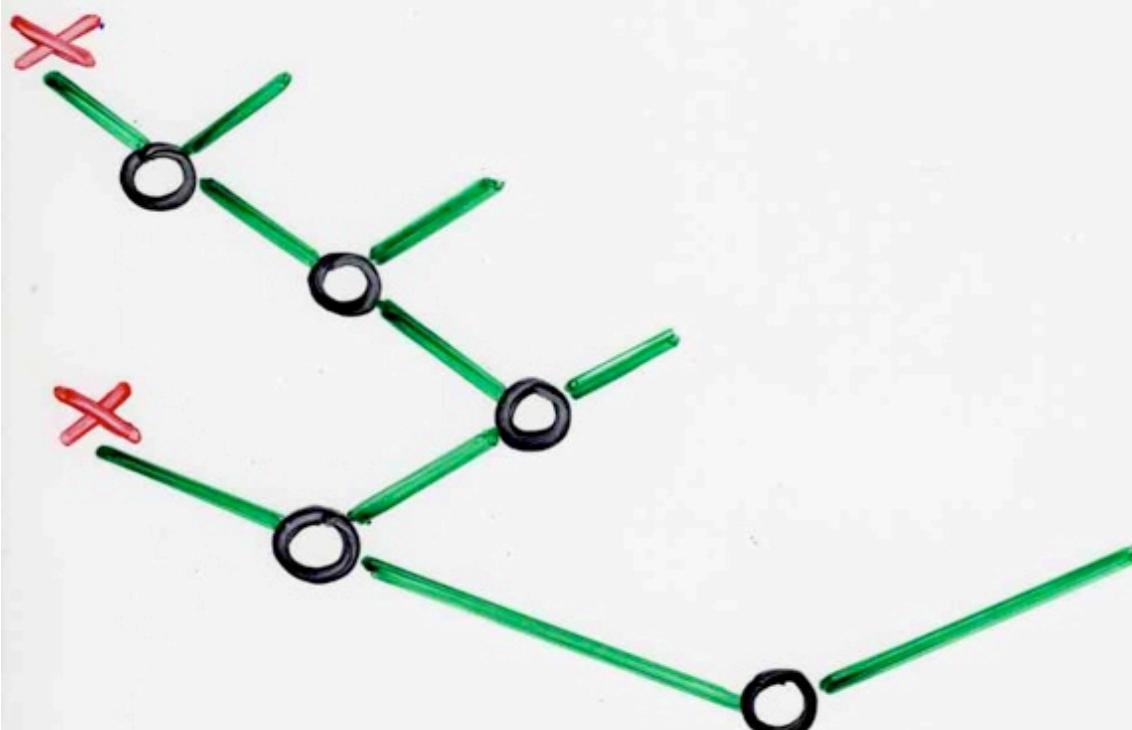


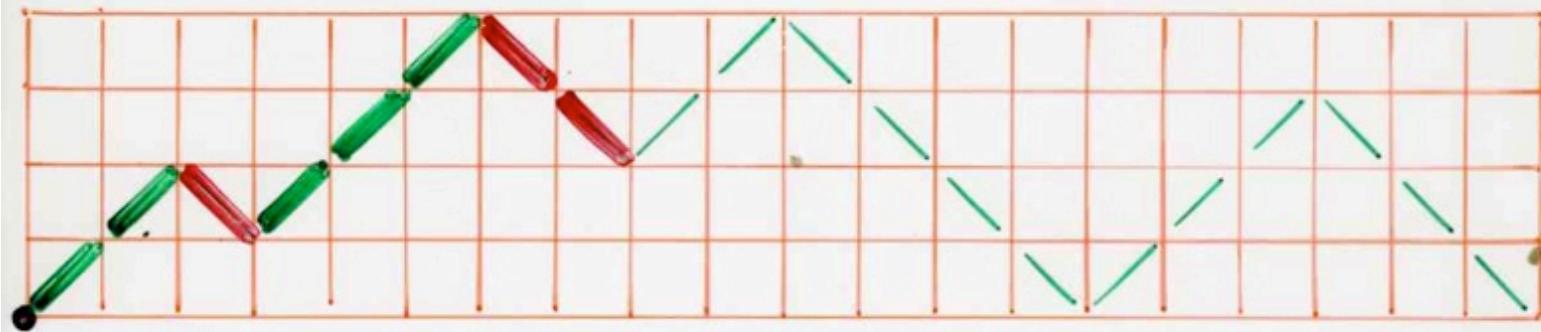
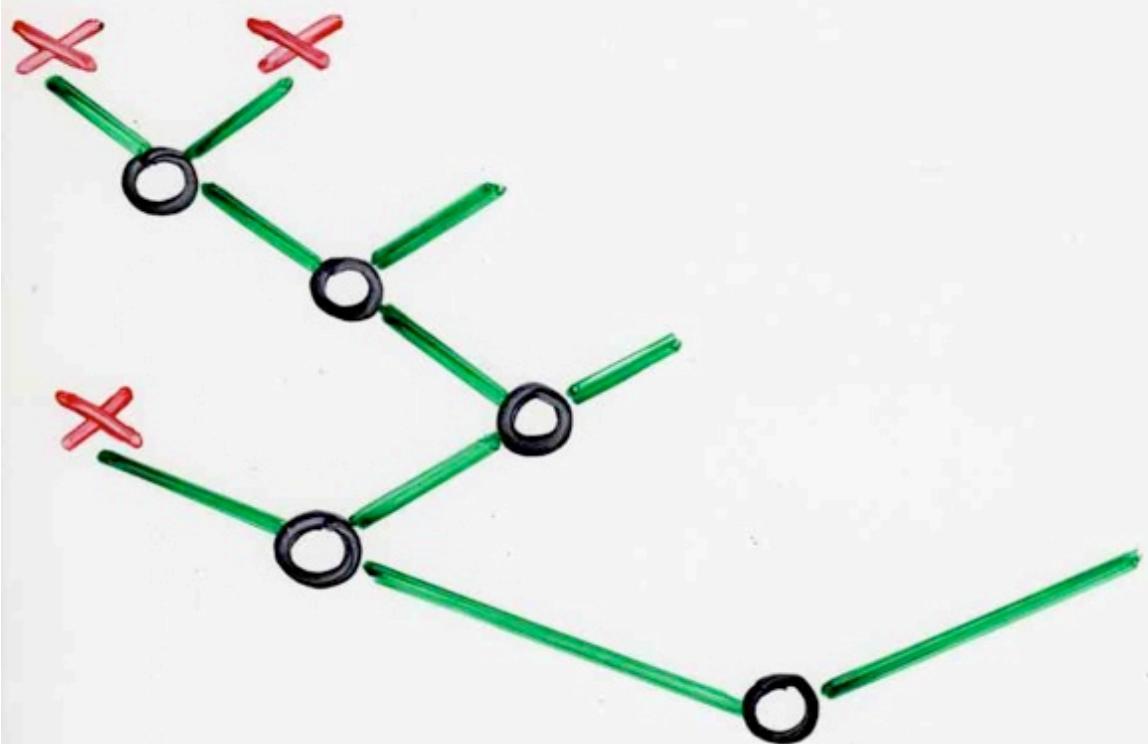


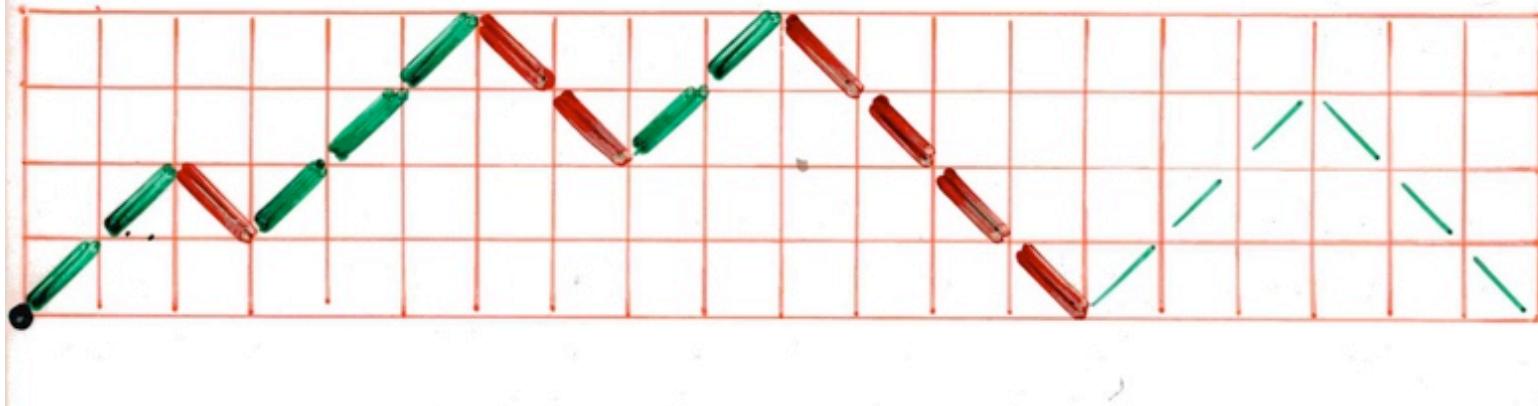
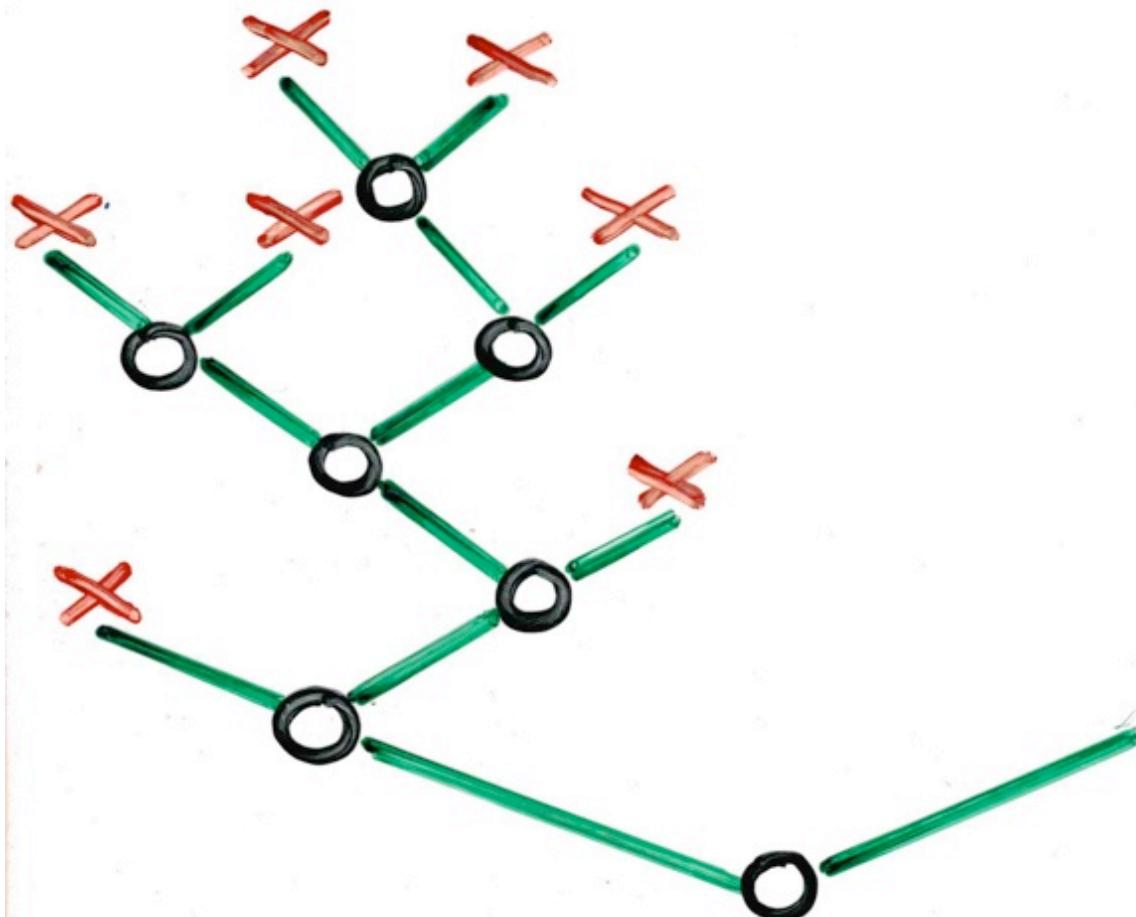


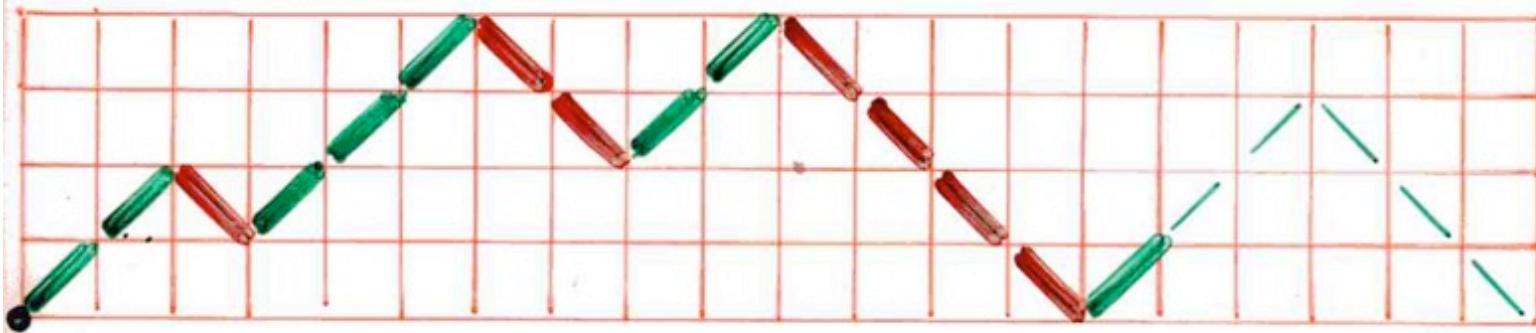
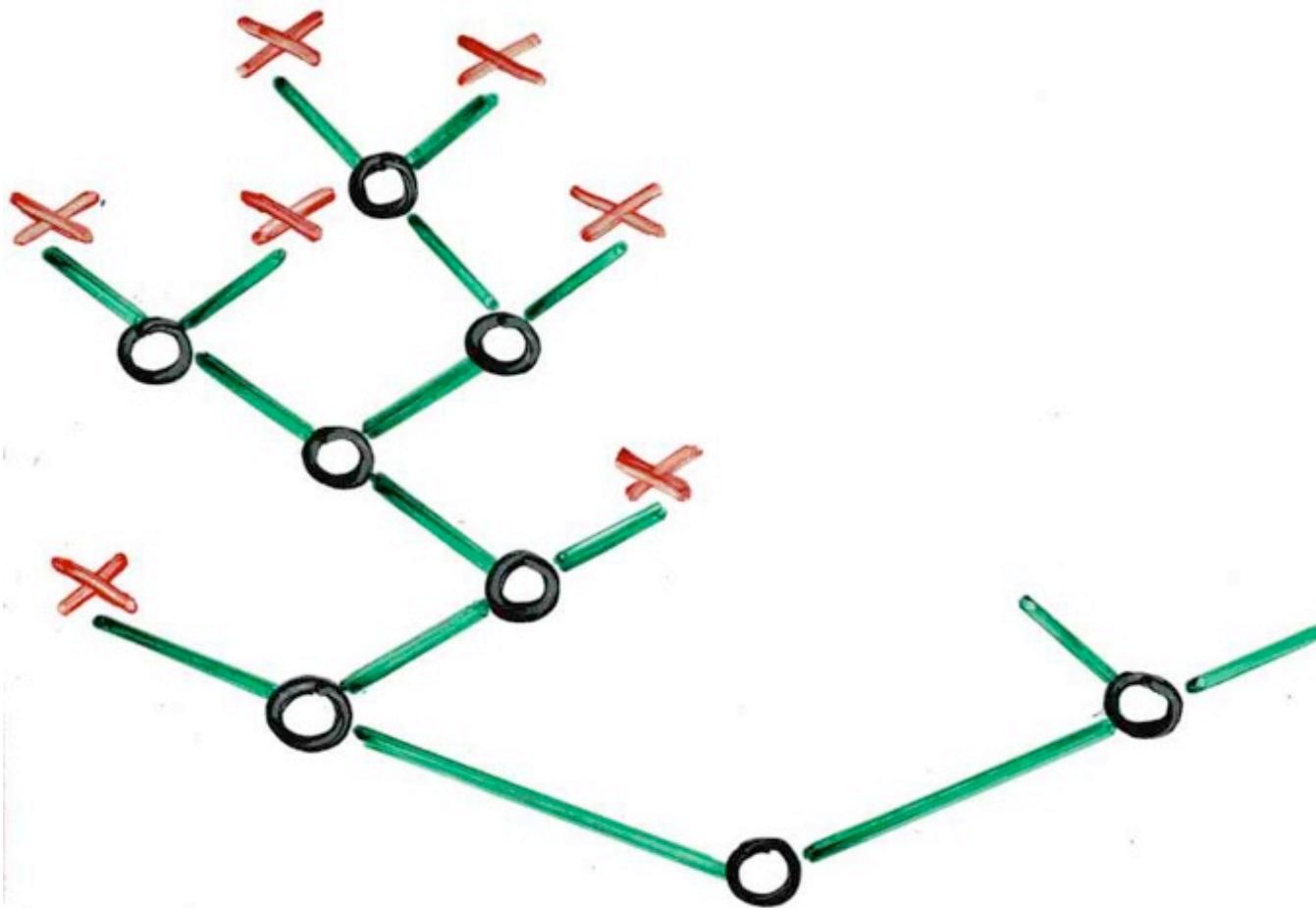


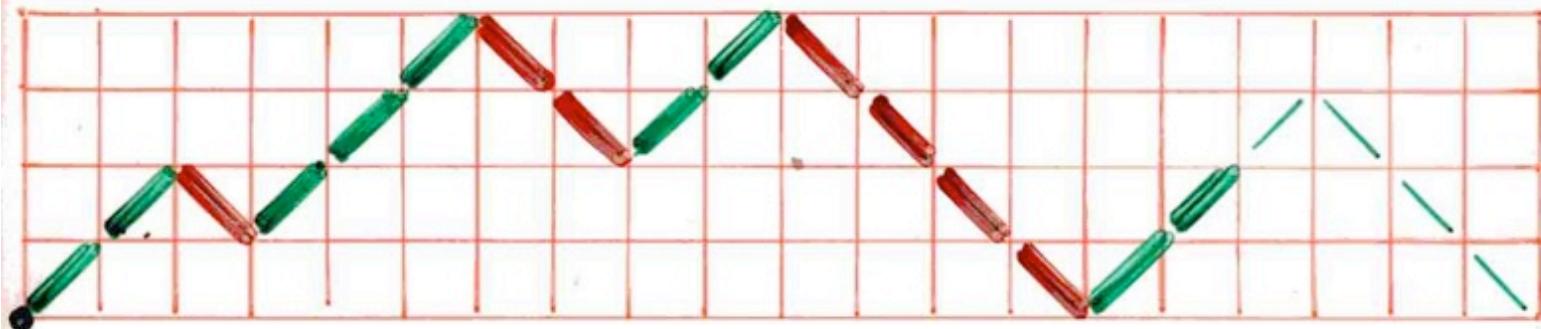
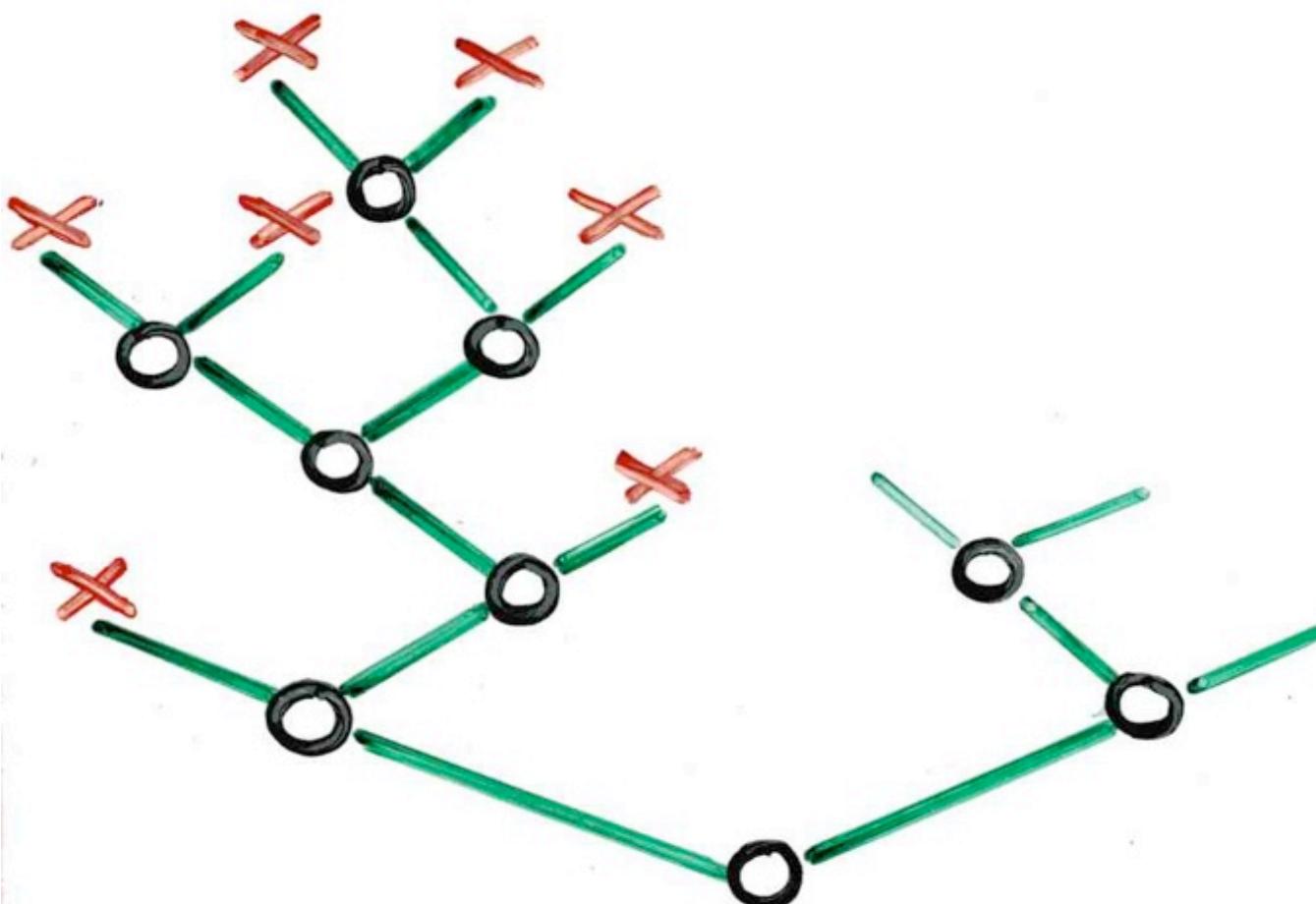


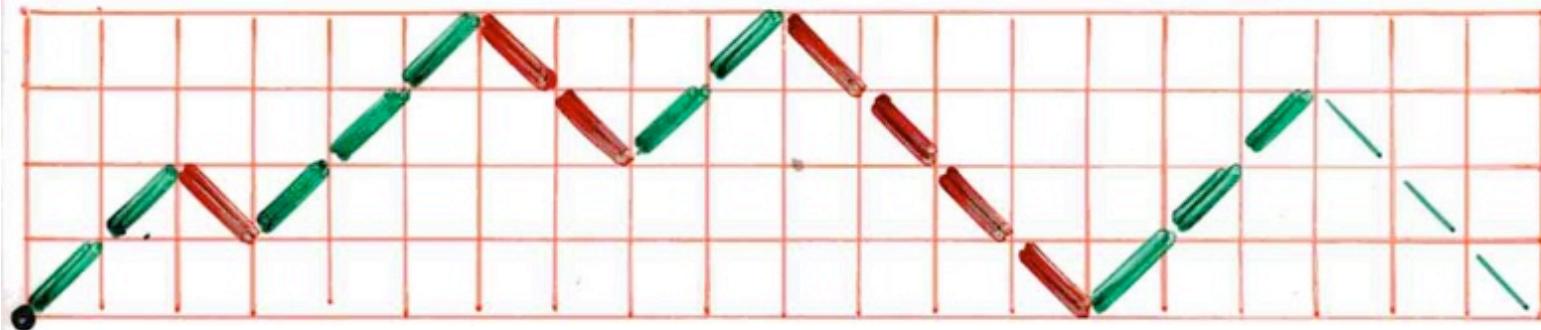
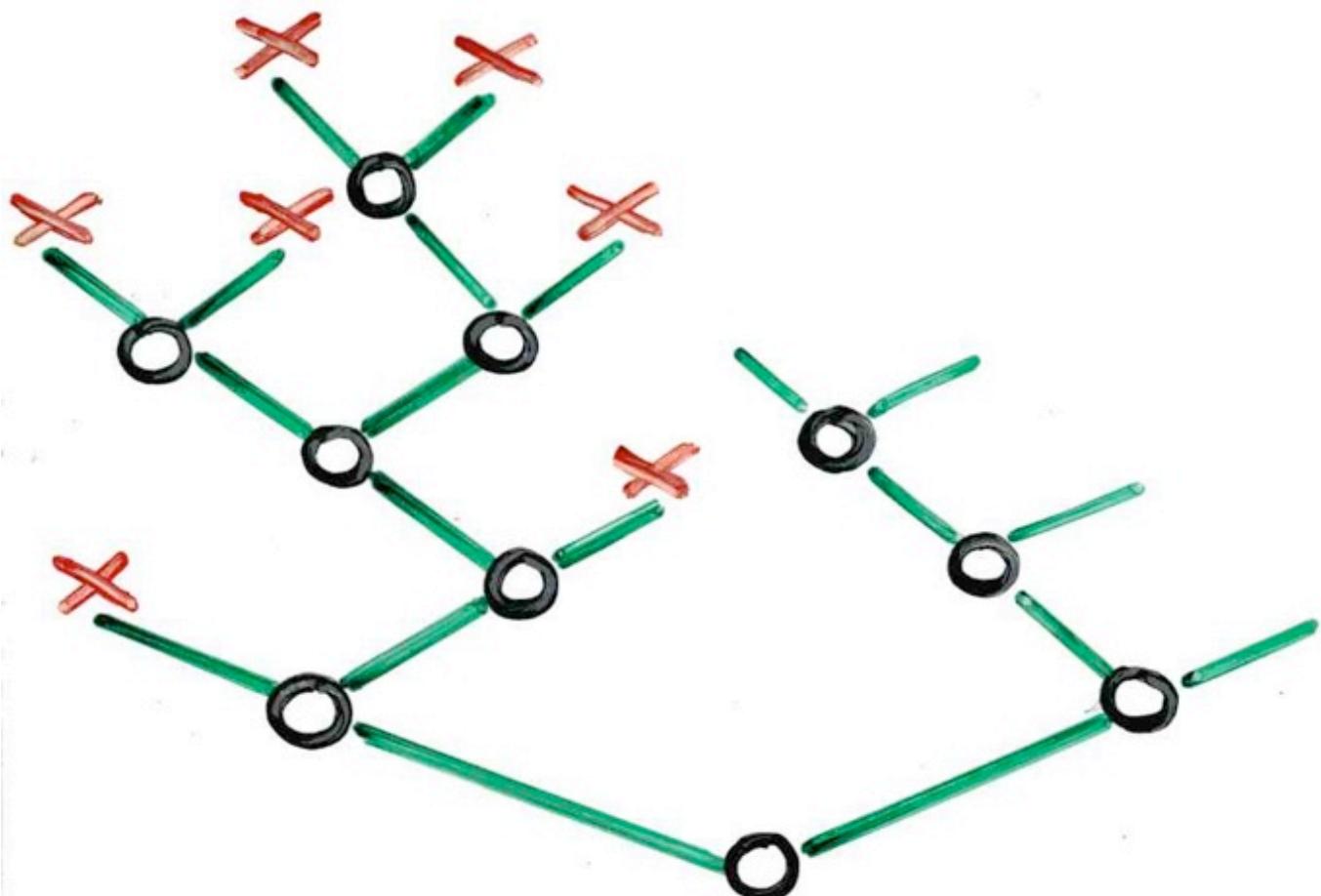


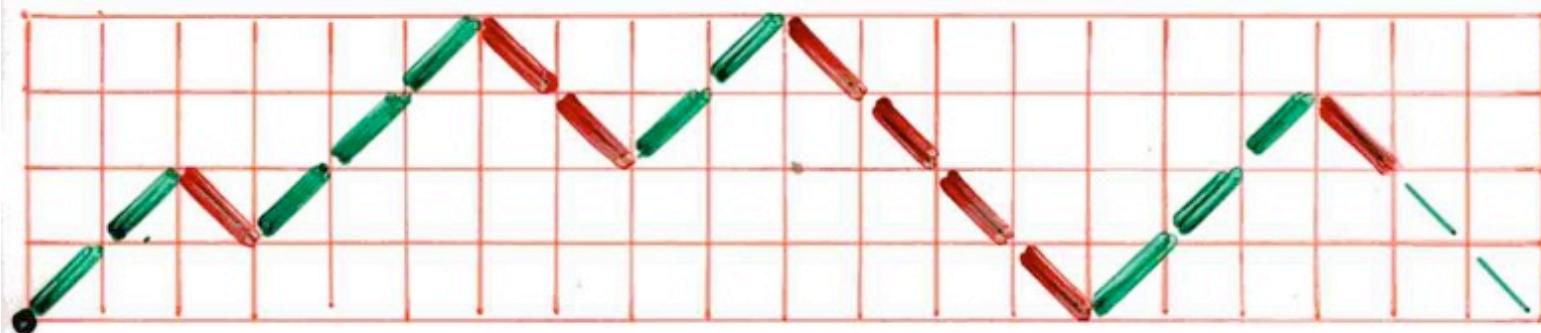
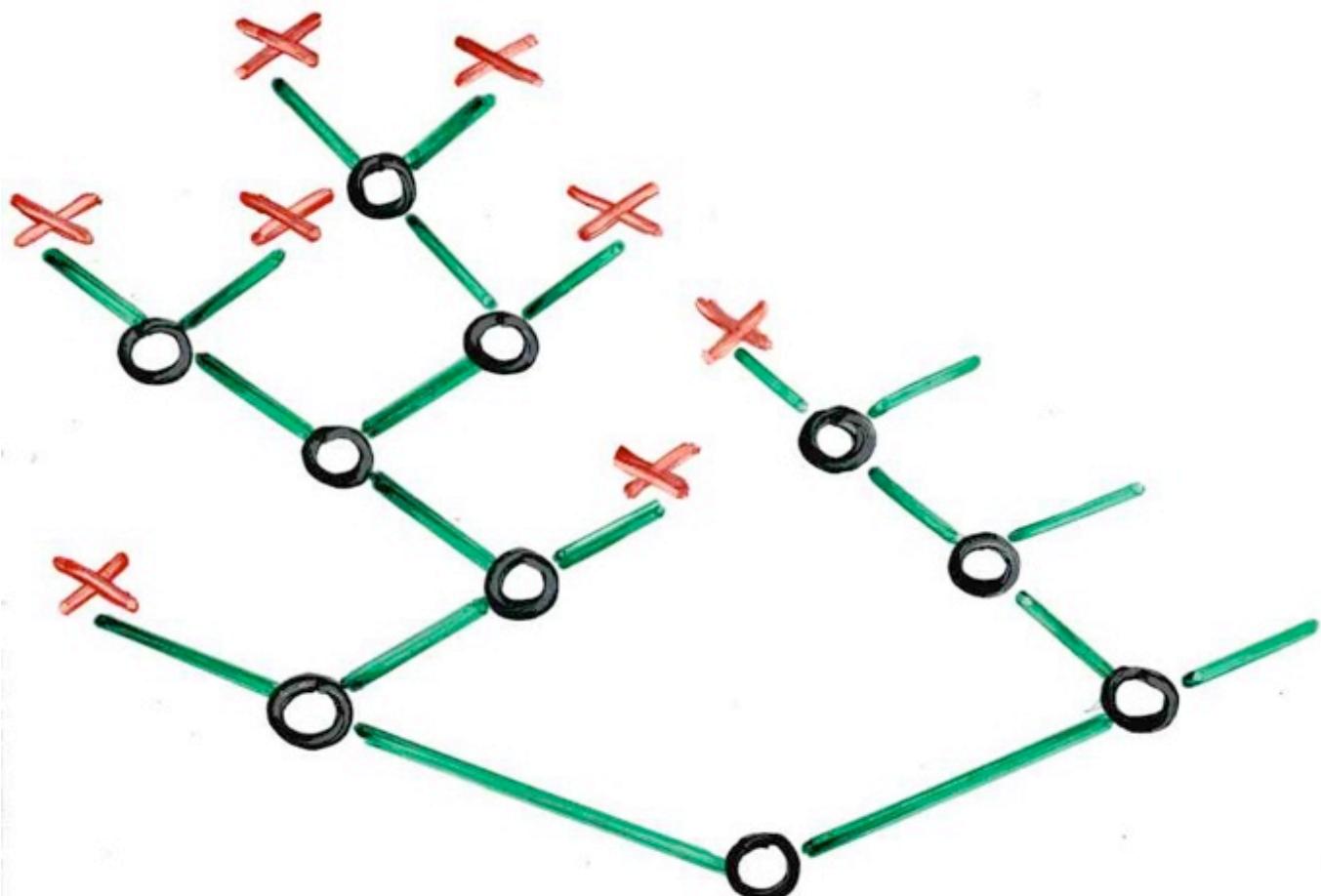


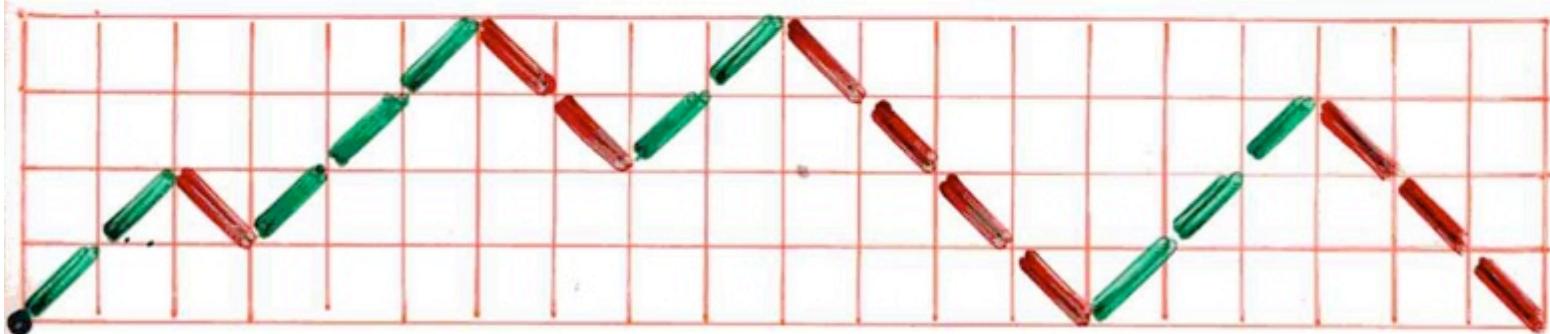
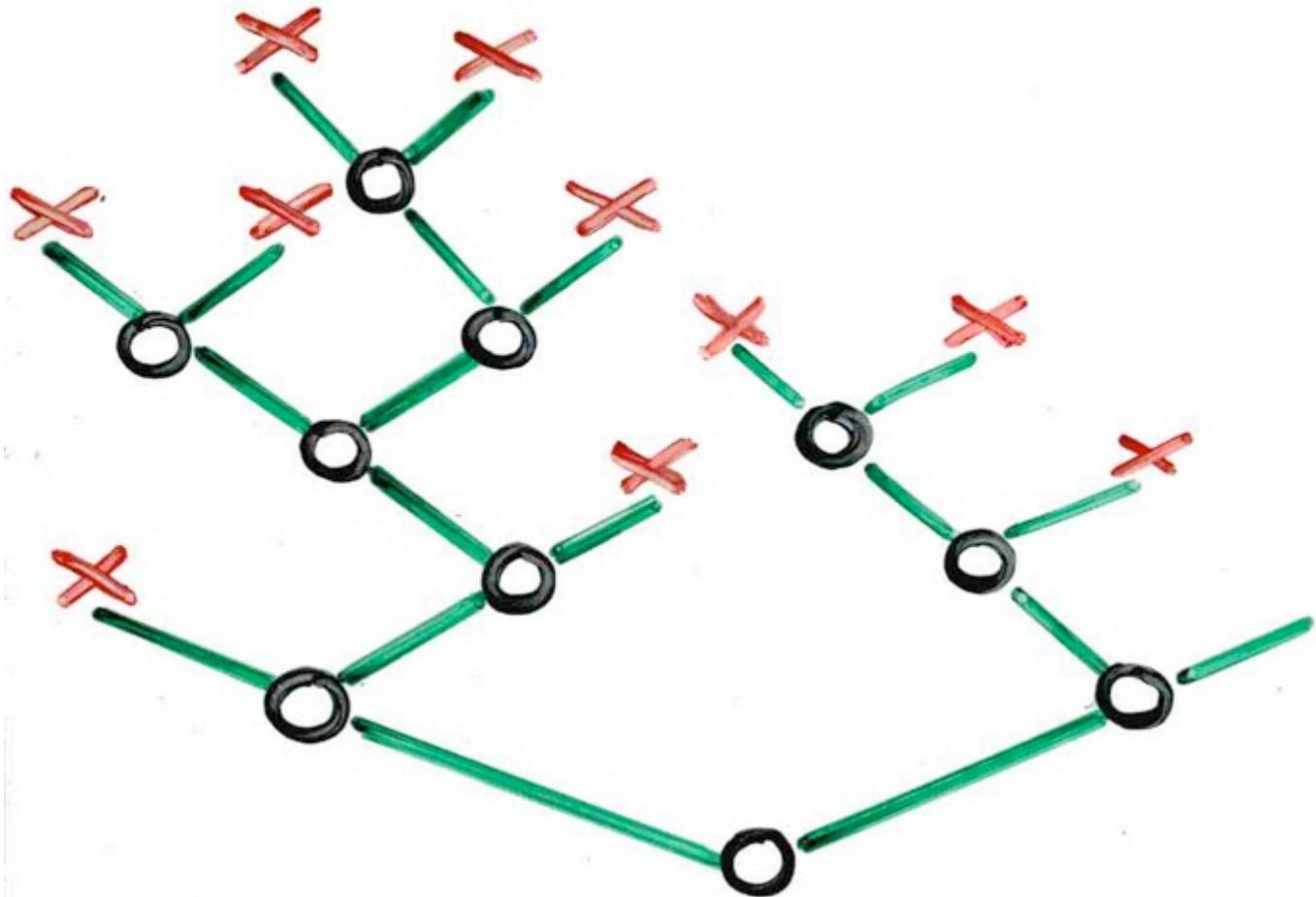


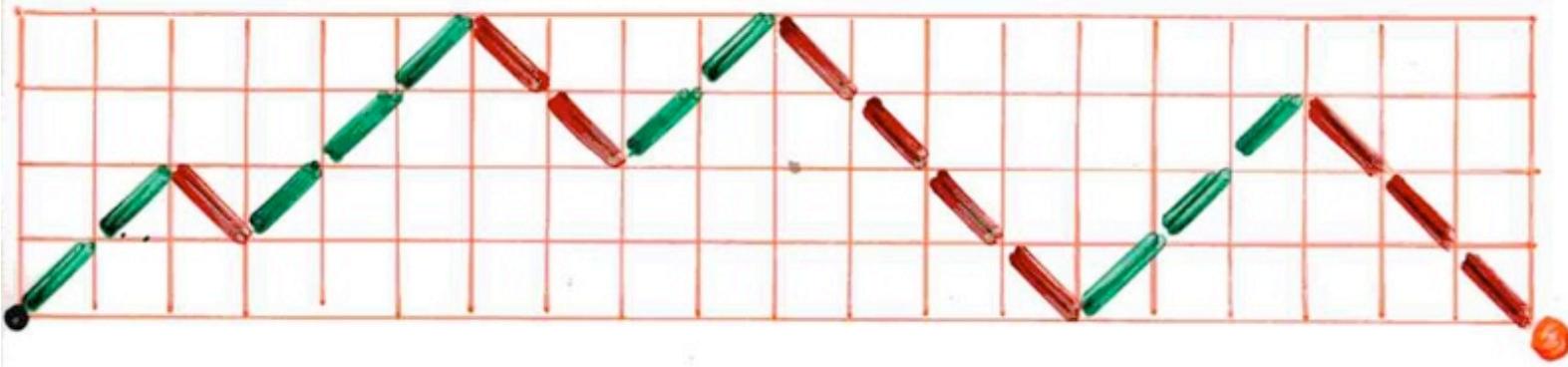
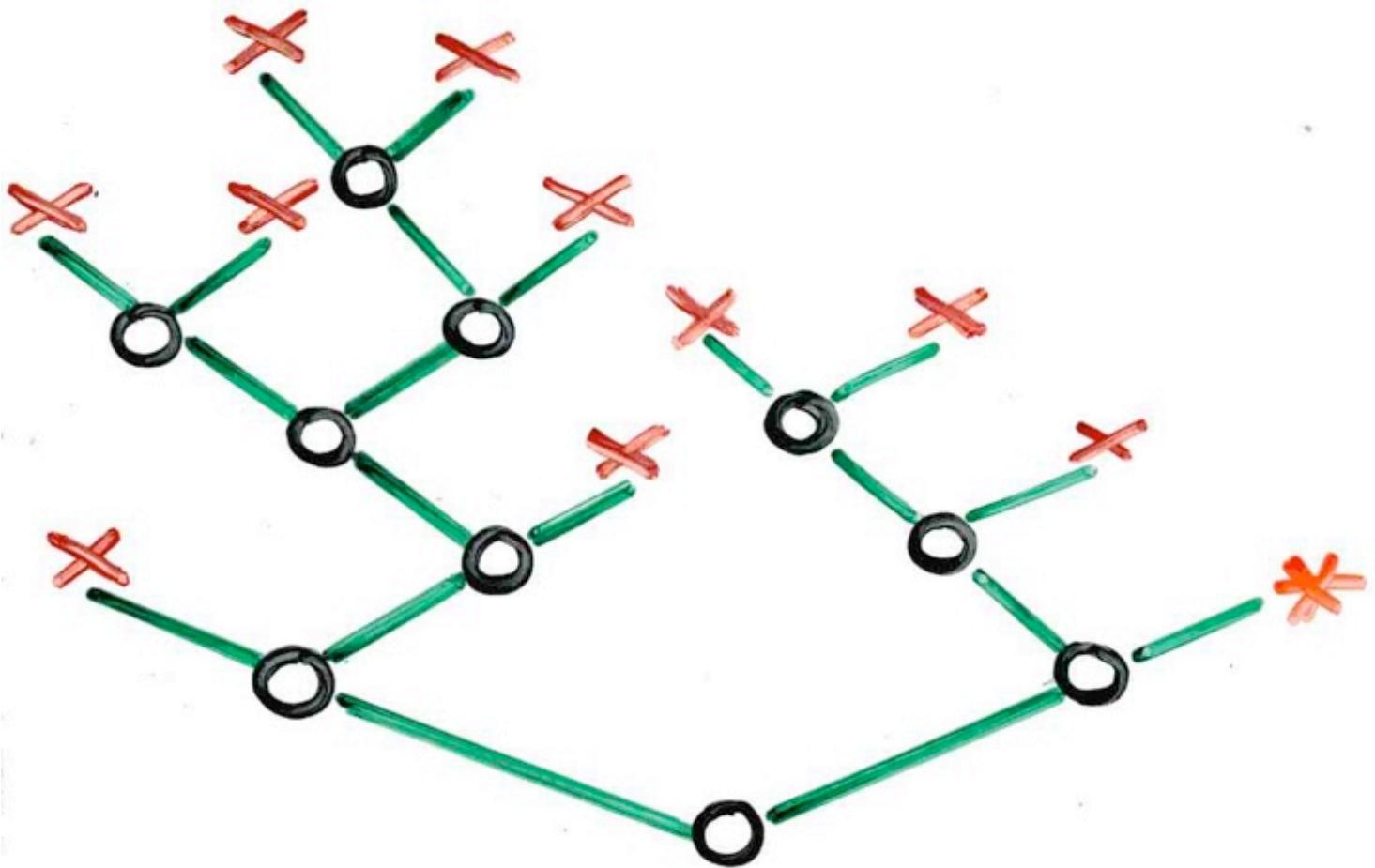










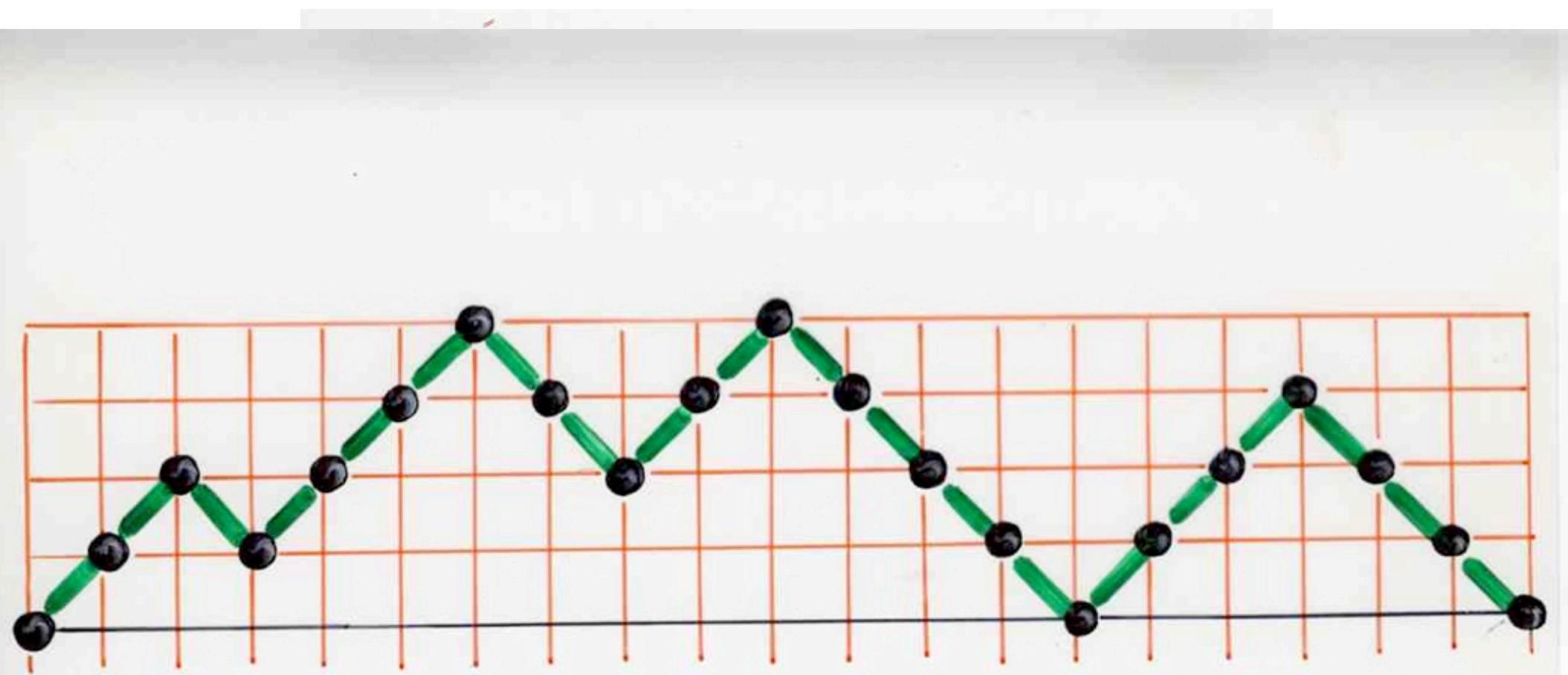


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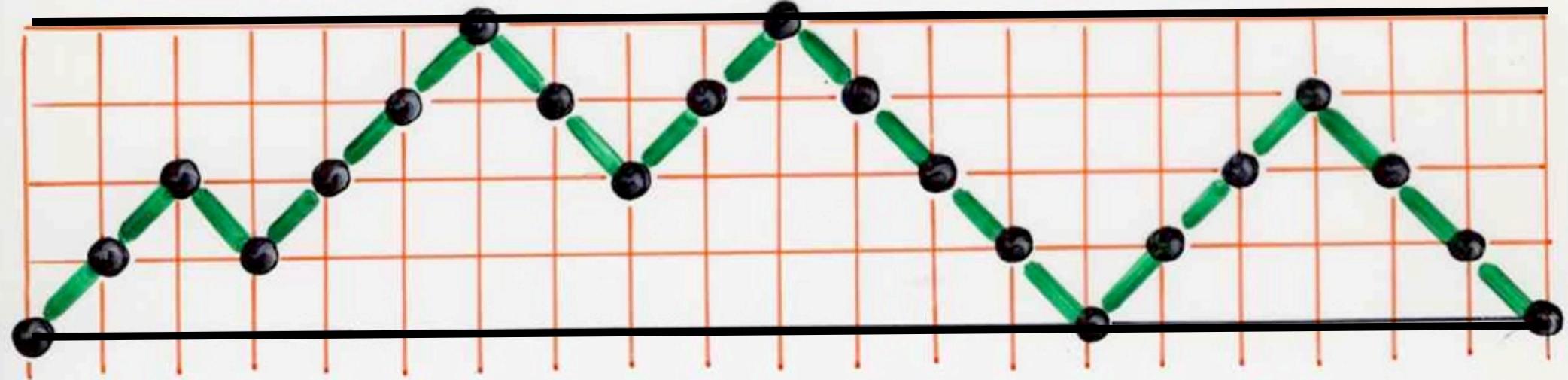
Dyck path  
Height

w  
 $h(w)$



Dyck path  
Height

$$w \\ h(w) = 4$$



Dyck path

Height

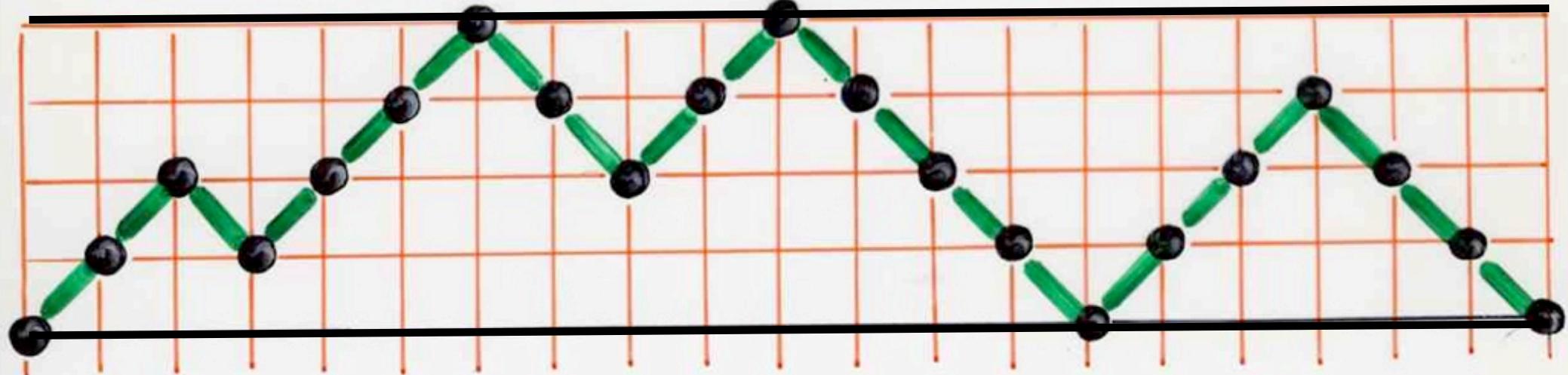
w

h(w)

logarithmic height

lh(w)

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



(complete)

binary trees

$n$  (internal) vertices

Strahler nb =  $k$

Françon

(1984)

Dyck paths

length  $2n$

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 ?

BERNARD  
GANTNER





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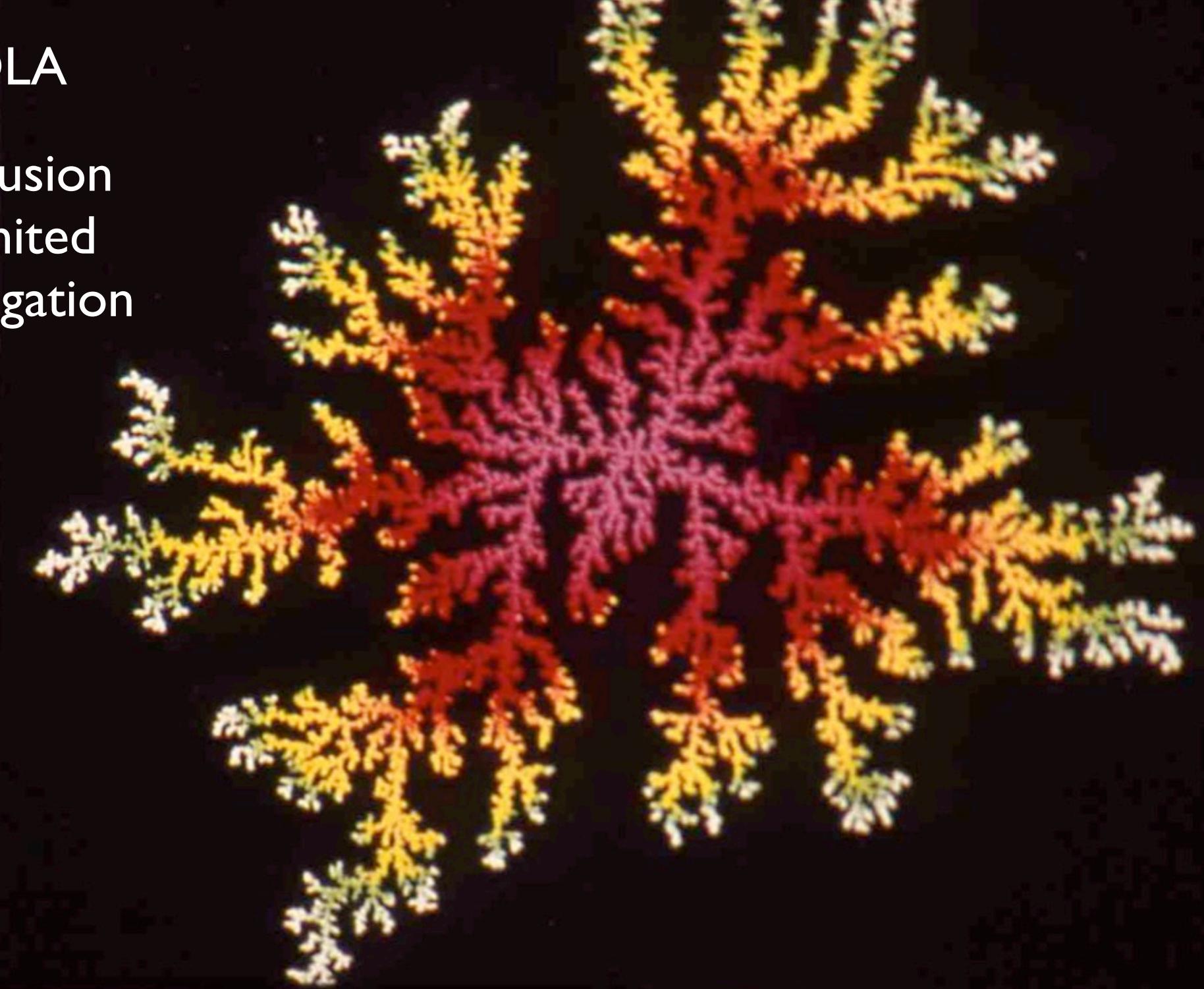
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matrices  
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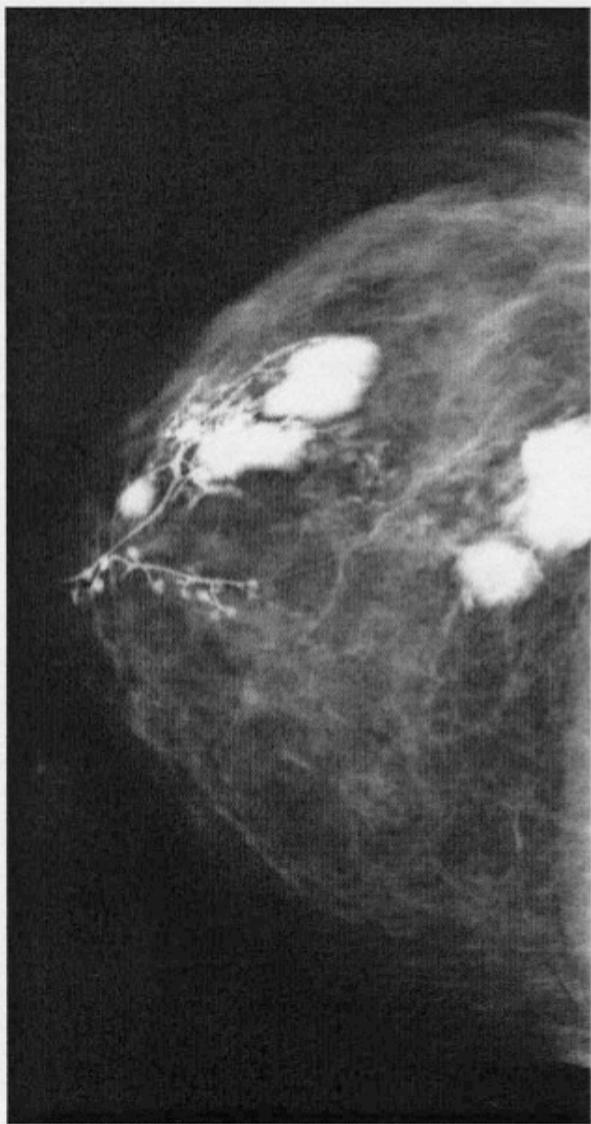
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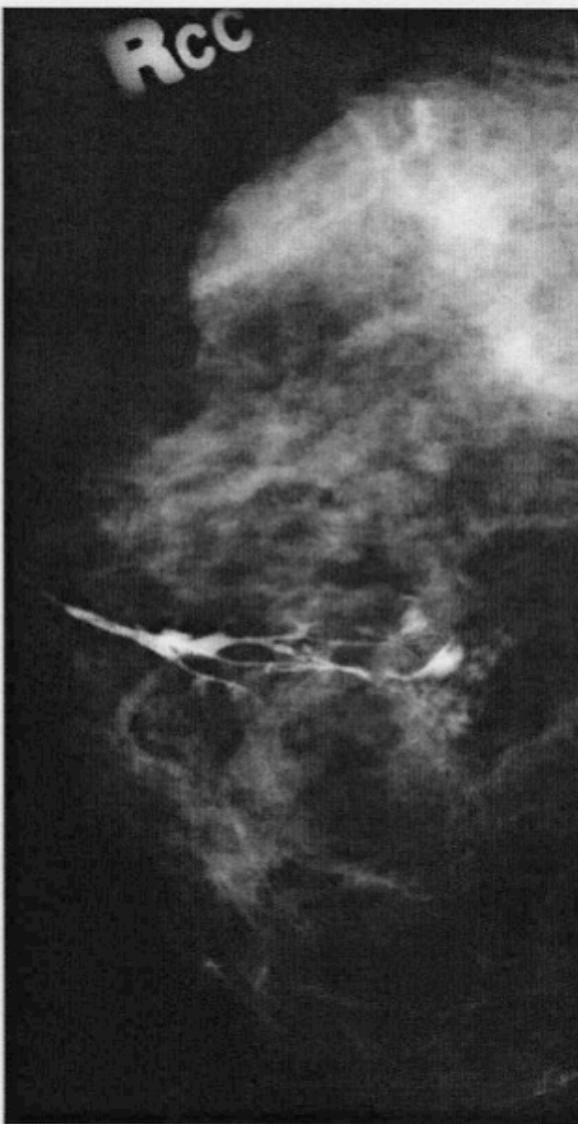
Classification of Galactograms  
with ramification matrices

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

Digital mammography



a.

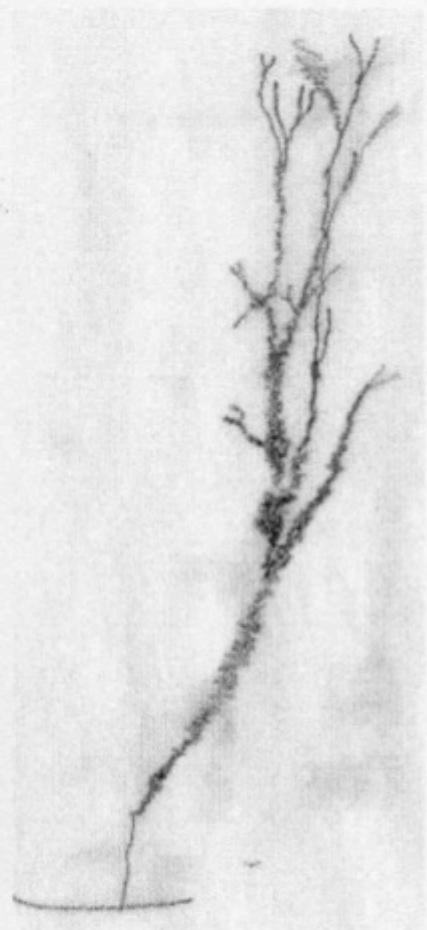


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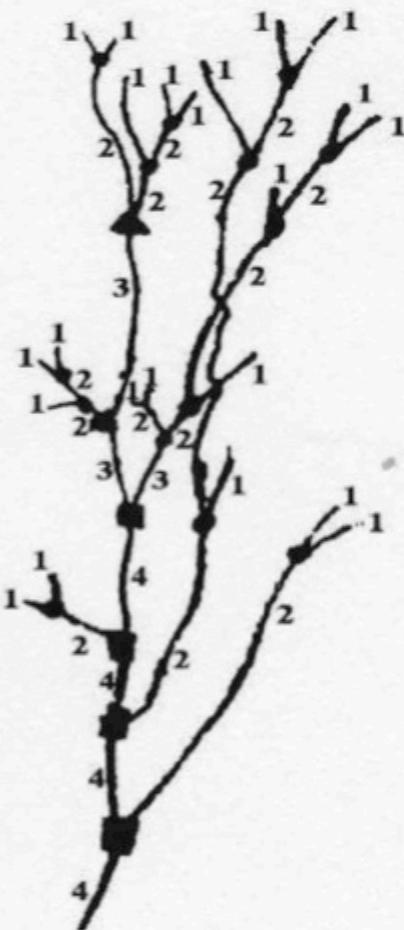
**Figure 4.** Two examples of galactograms that have been correctly classified by means of R matrices. **(a)** Galactogram with no reported findings (patient age, 45 years; right CC view;  $r_{3,2} = 0.5$  and  $r_{3,3} = 0.19$ ). (Large bright regions seen in this galactogram are due to extravasation, 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  $r_{3,3} = 0.67$ ).



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.

**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.

# visualization of information

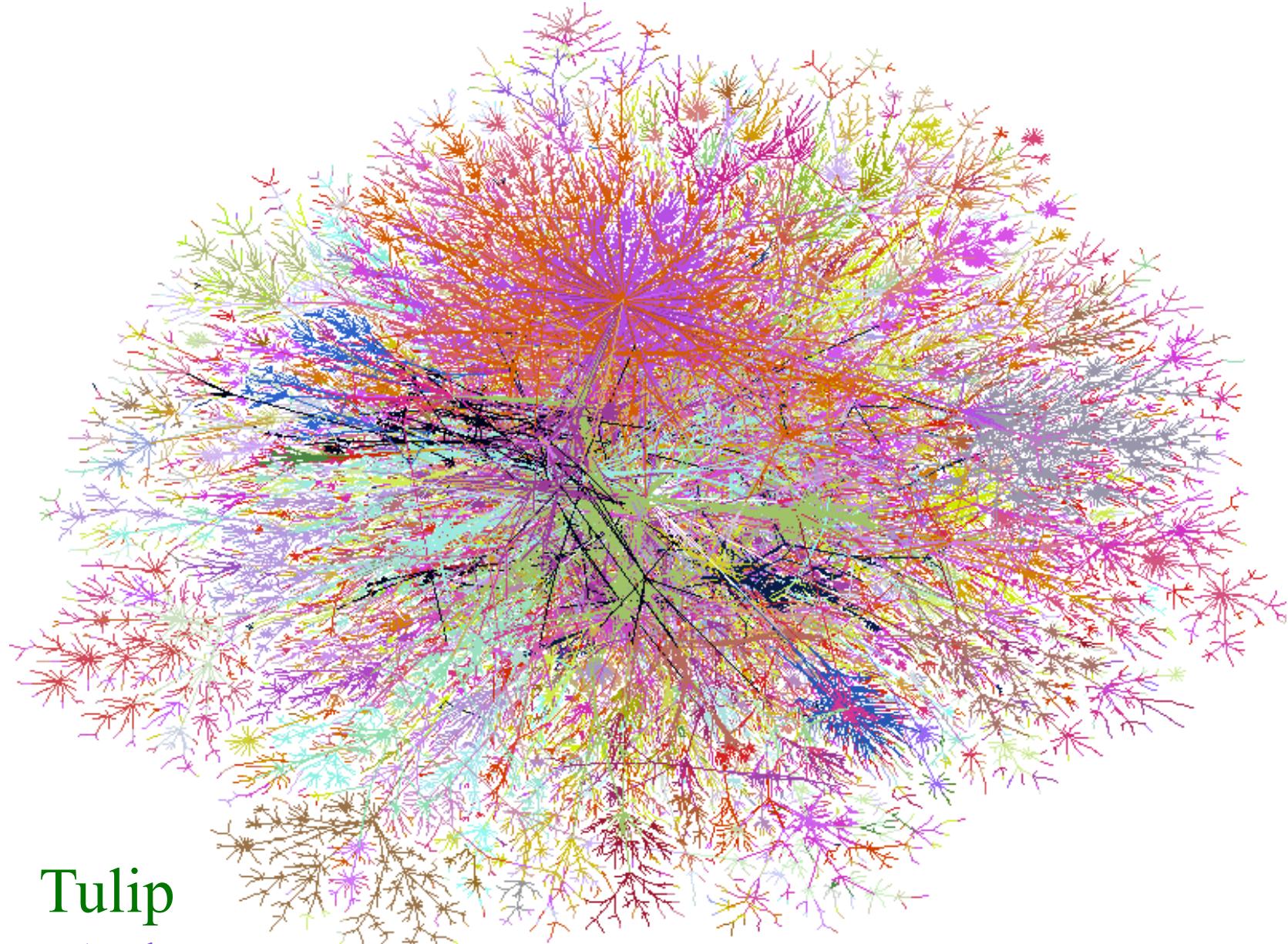


# Visualization of information for very large graphs

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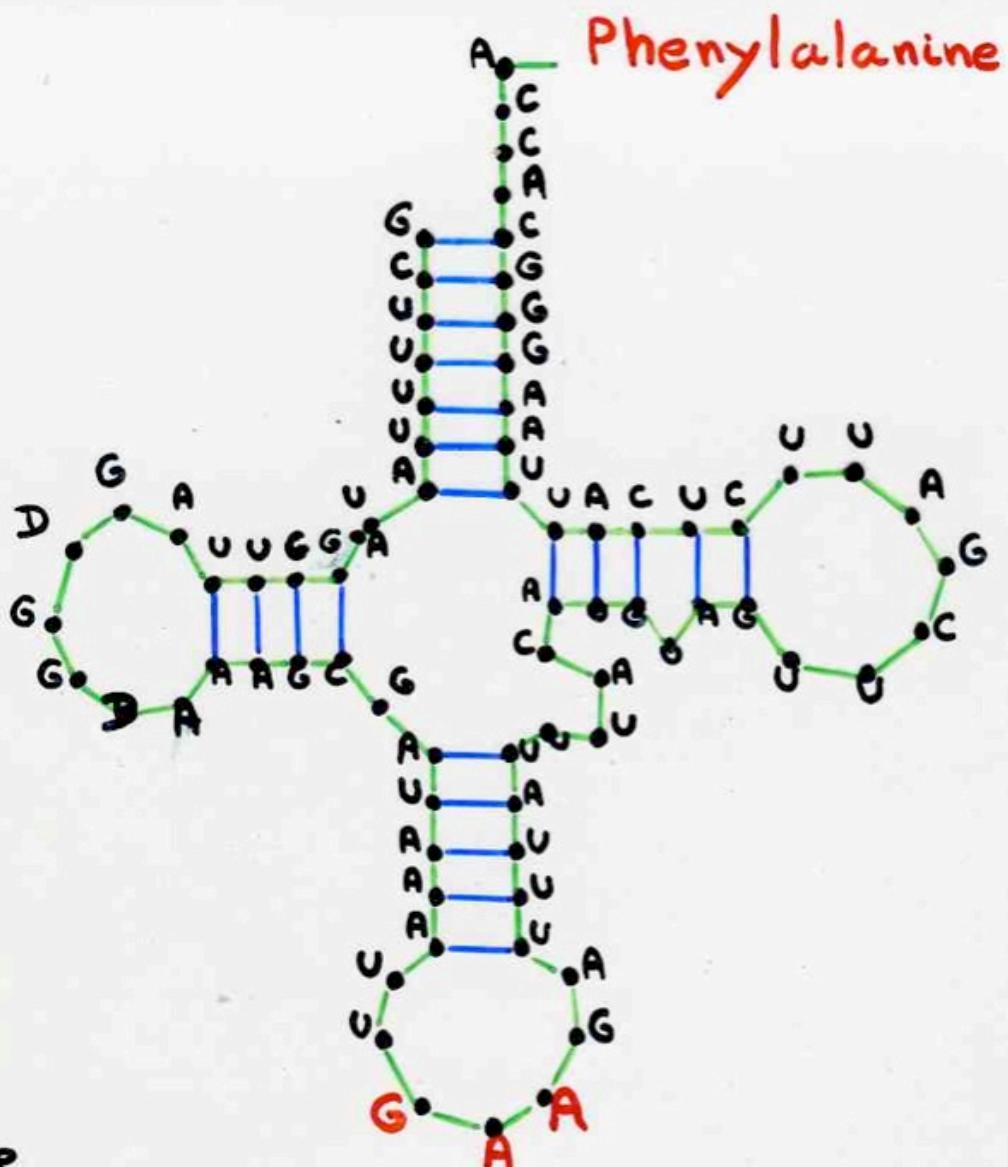
extension of Horton-Strahler analysis for graphs



Tulip  
D. Auber

trees in molecules ....





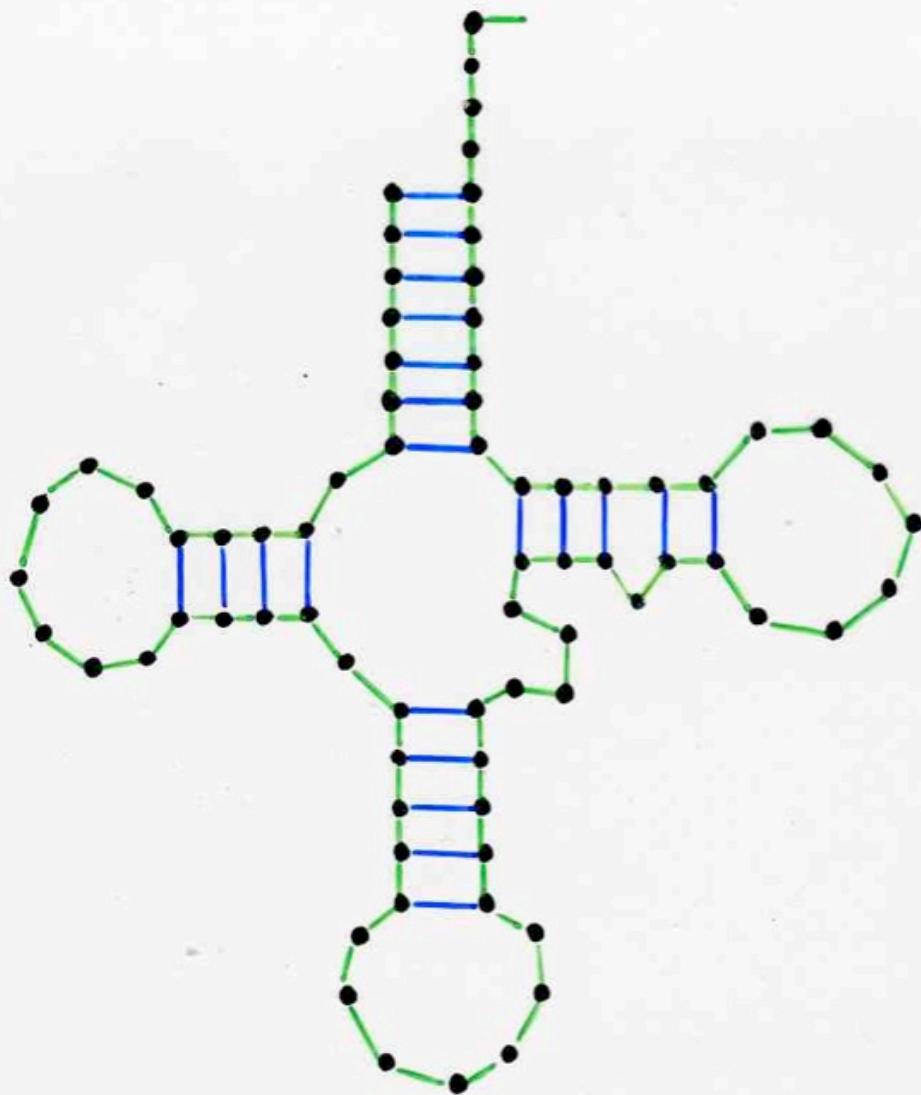
A adenine

# Uracyle

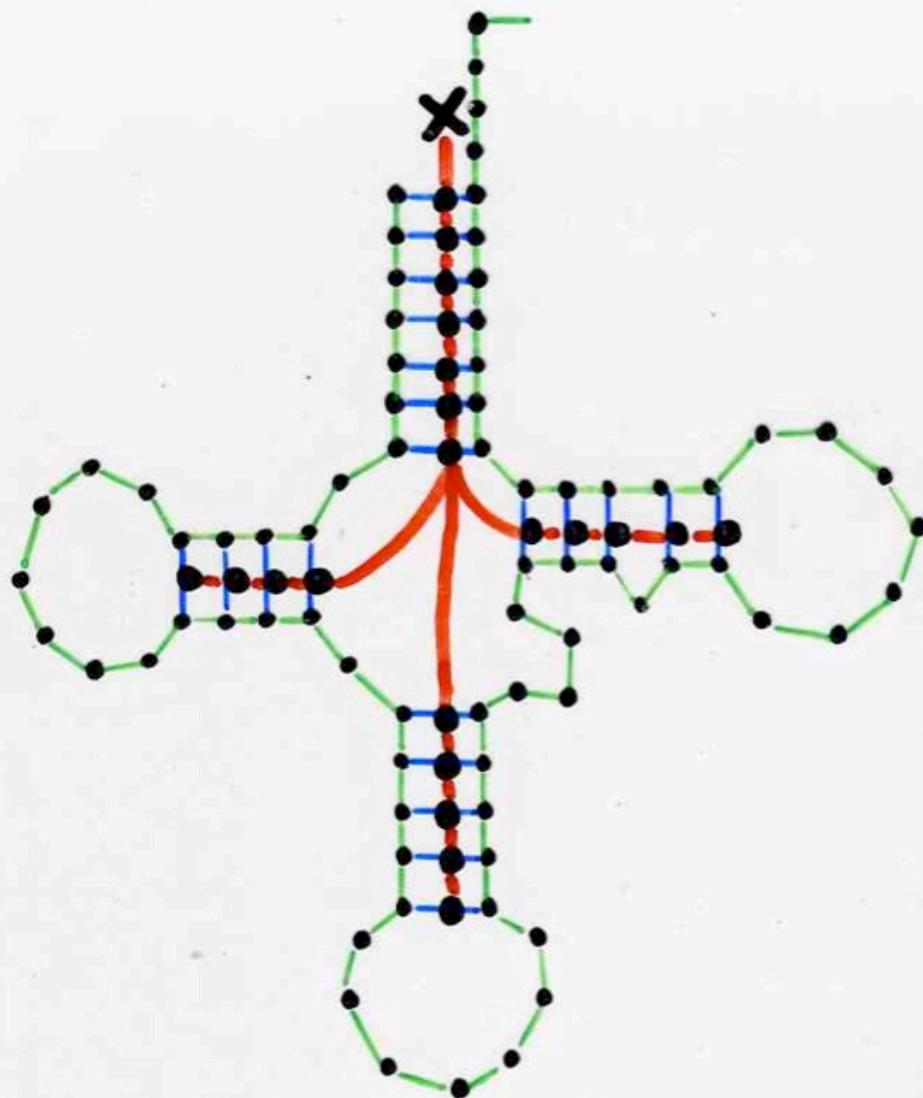
## Guanine

## Cytosine

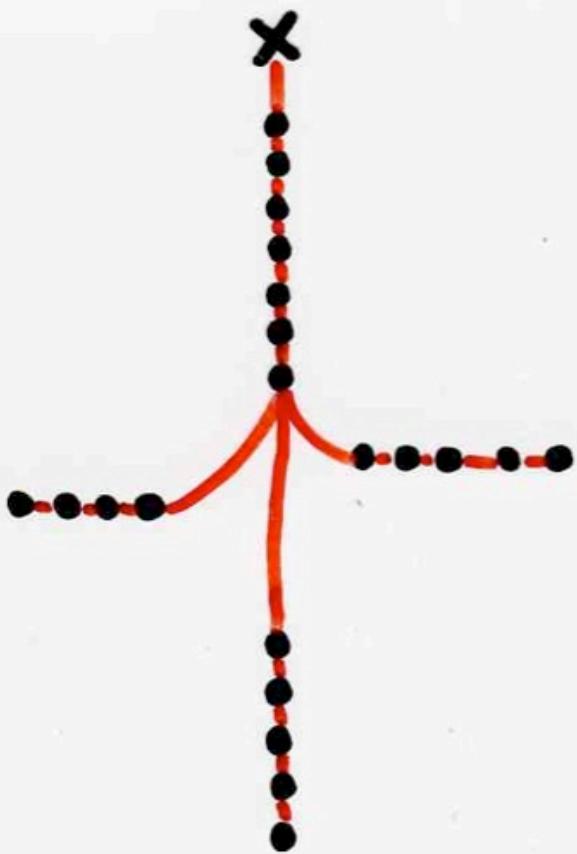
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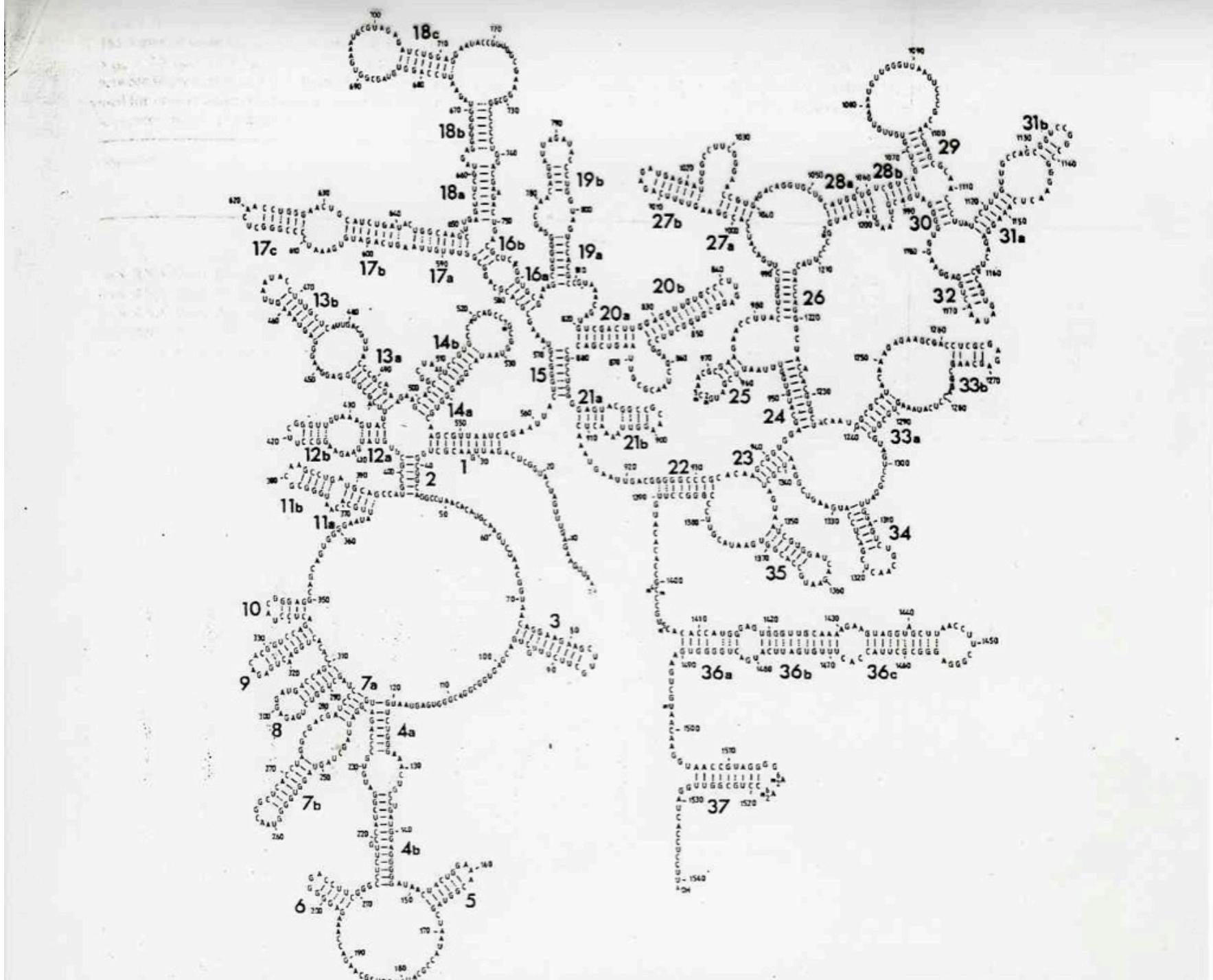


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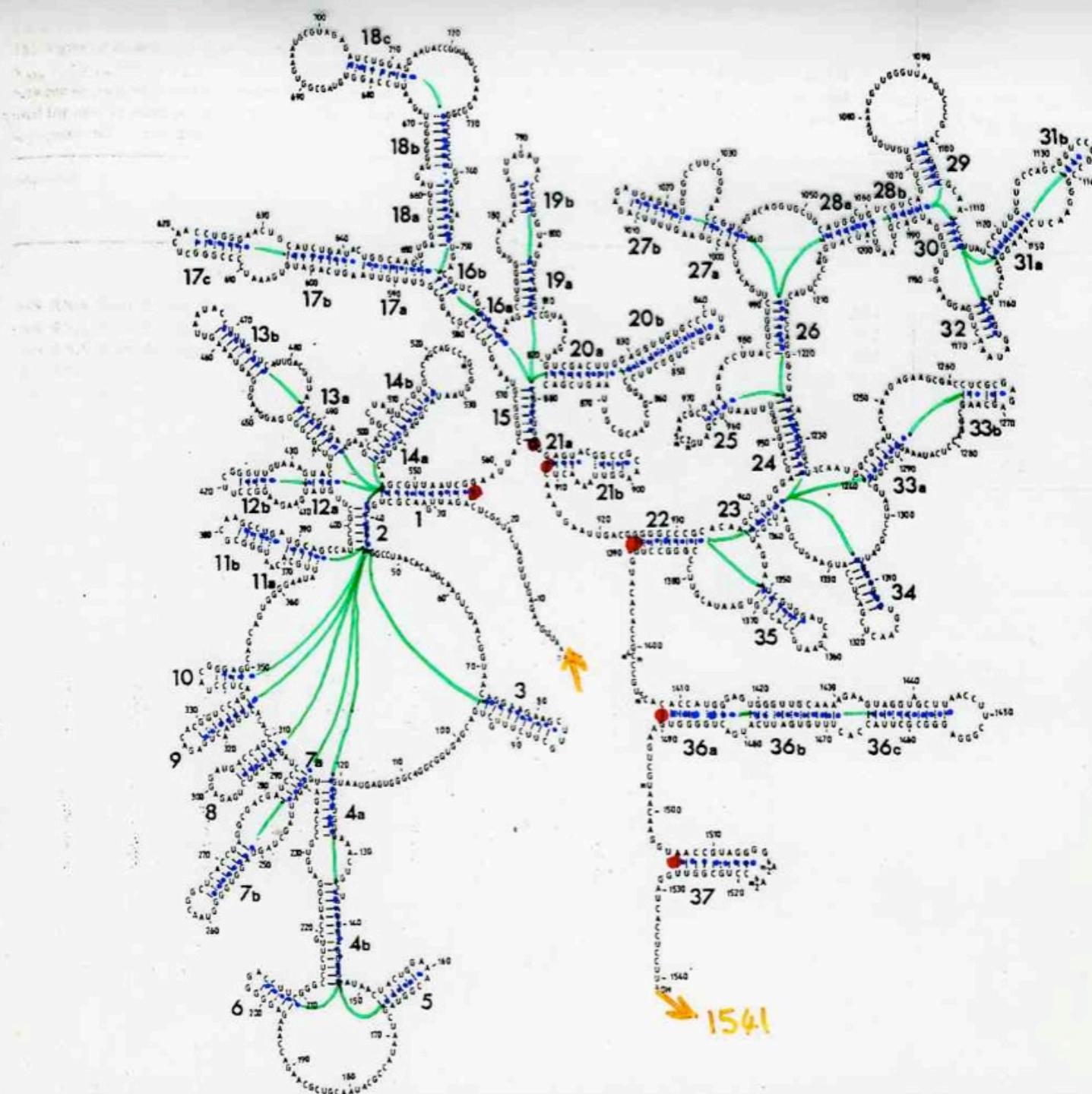
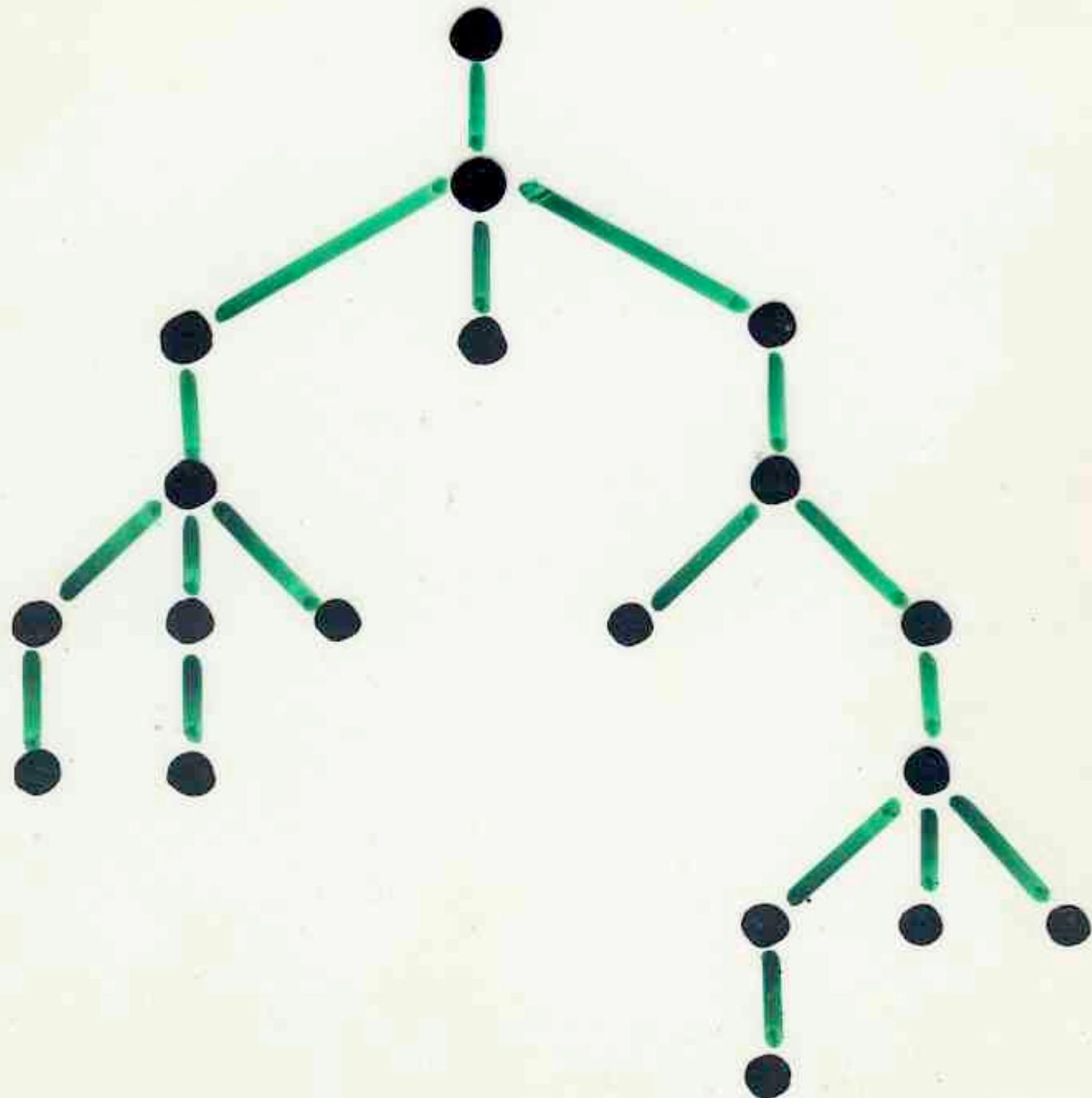


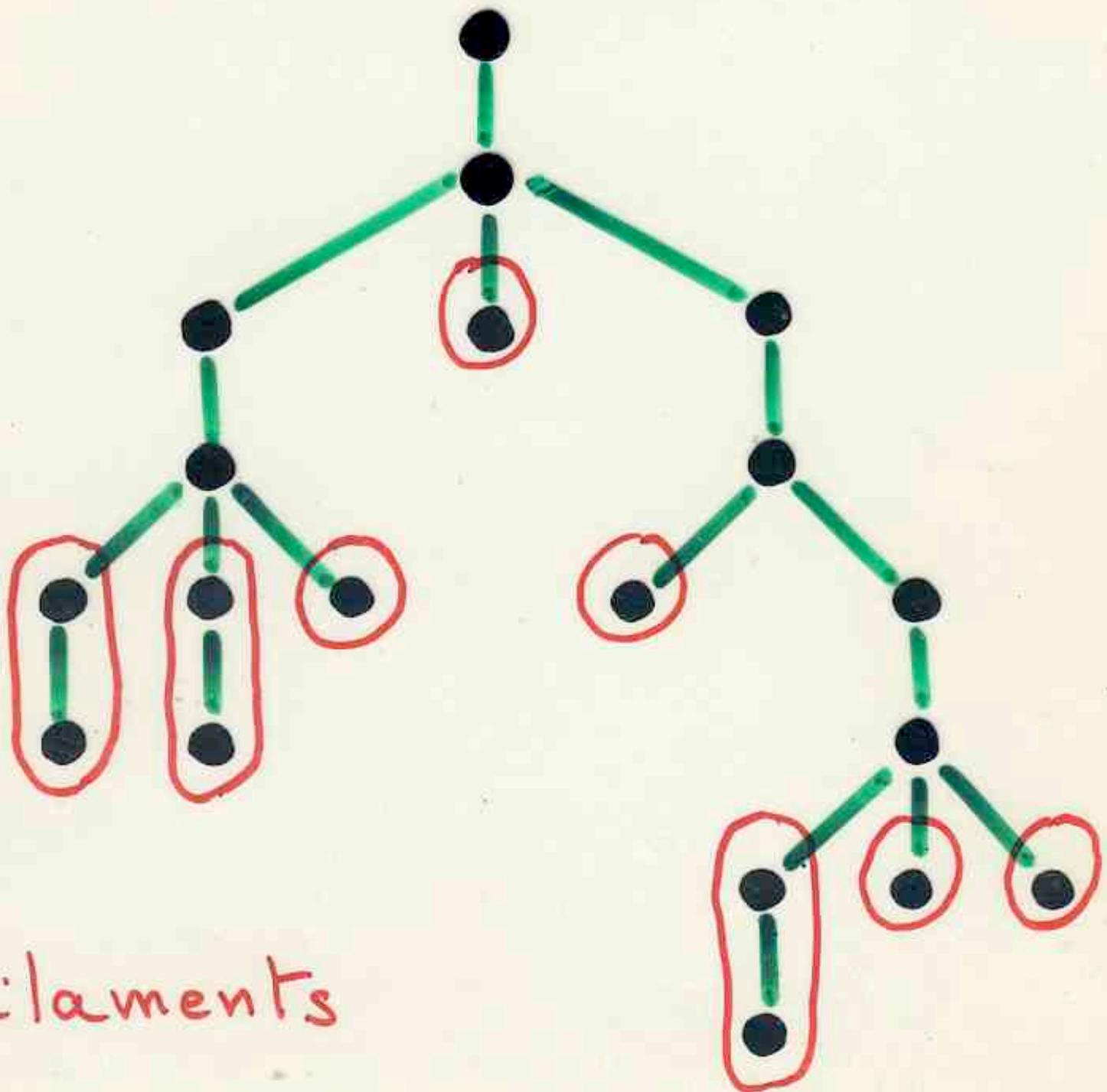
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# «complexity» or «order» of a molecule

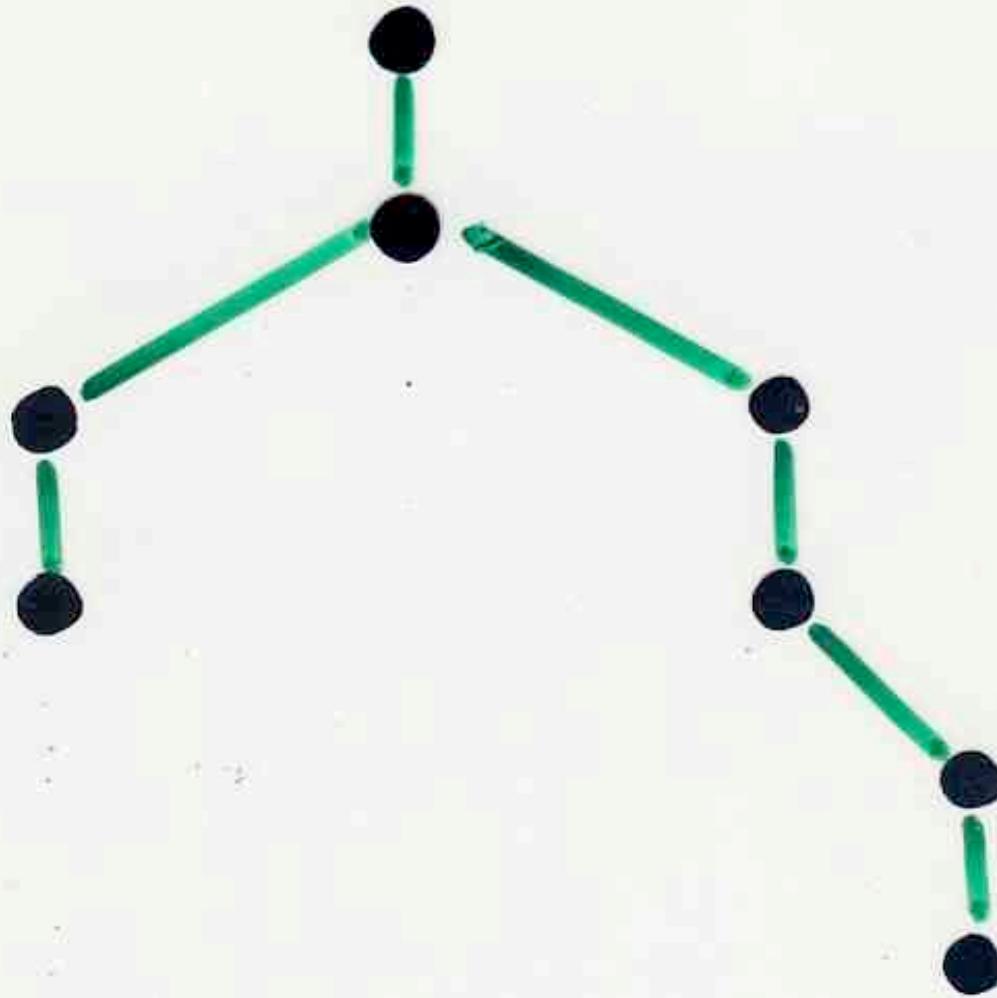
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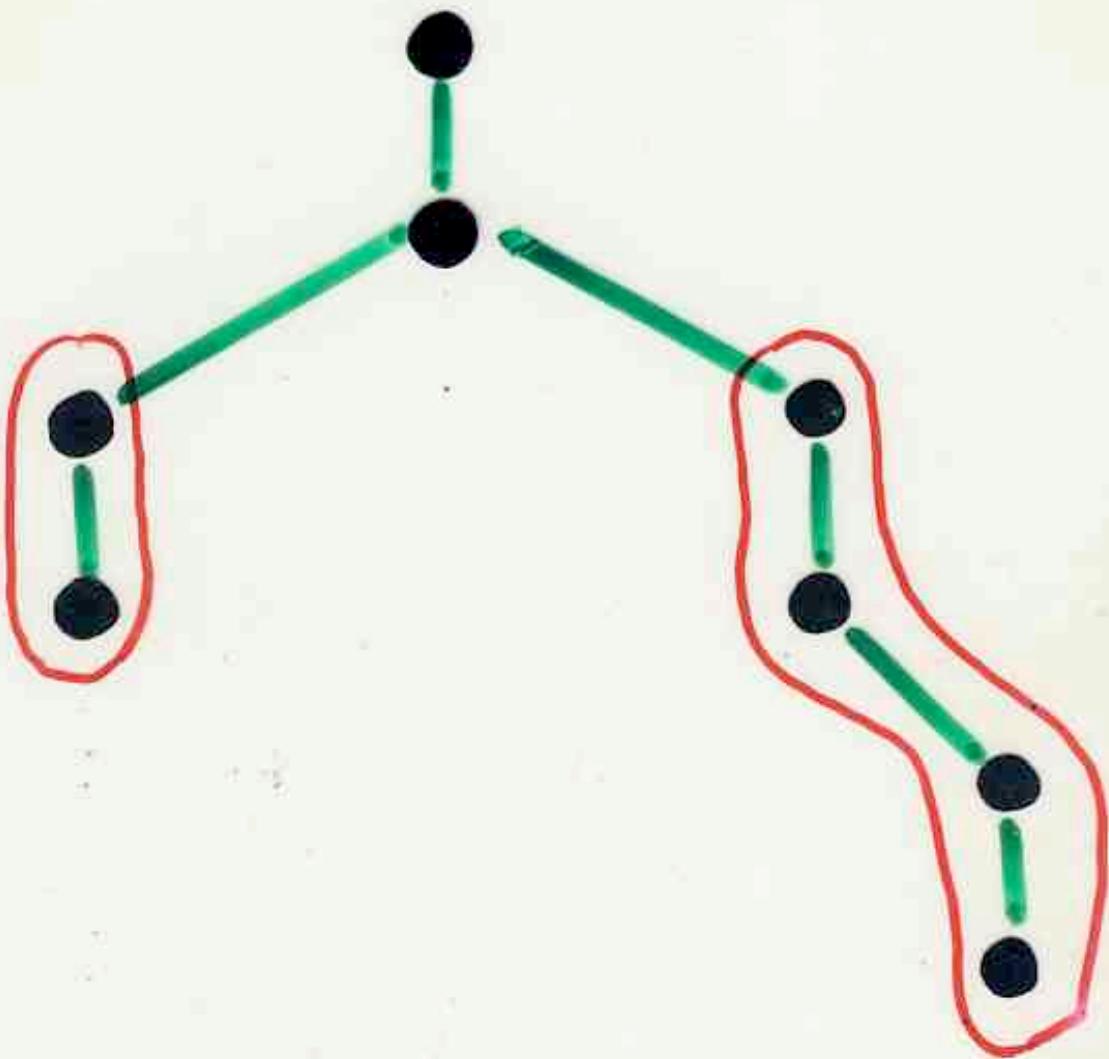


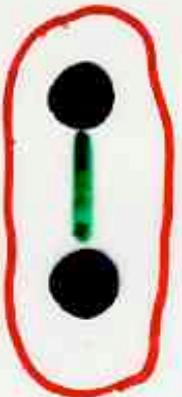




filaments











$F_{n,k} =$

number of forest of trees  
with  $n$  vertices  
and order  $k$

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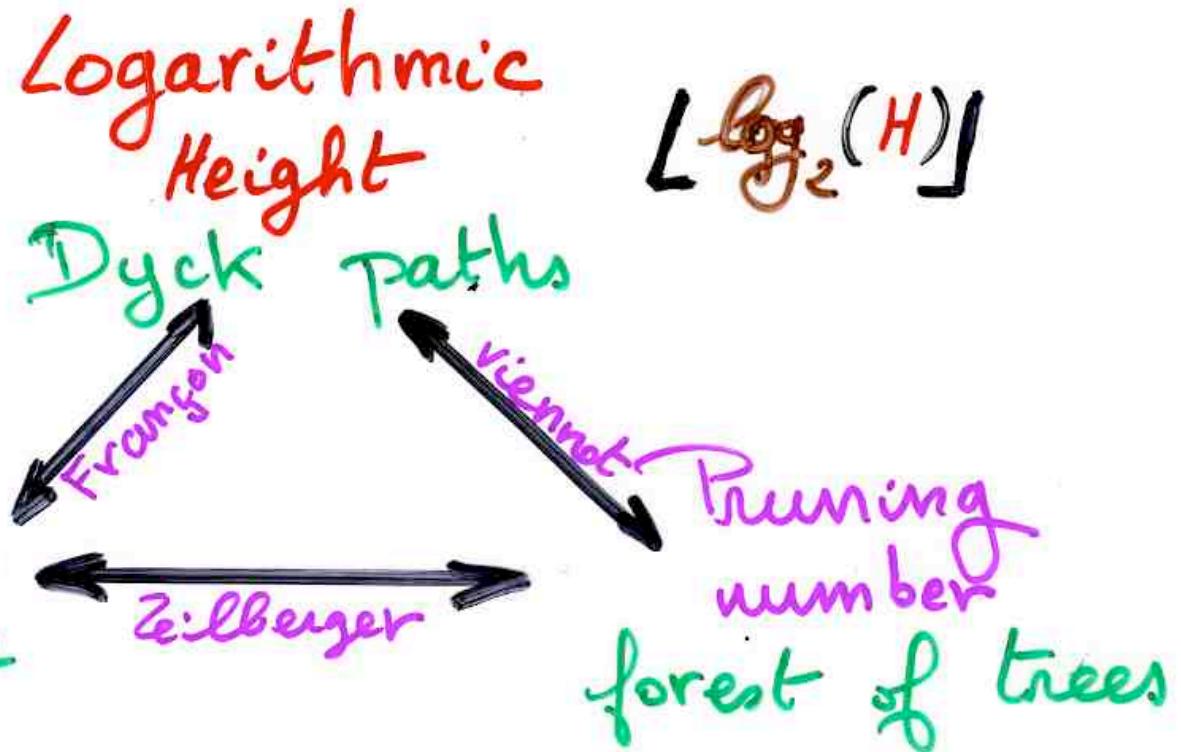
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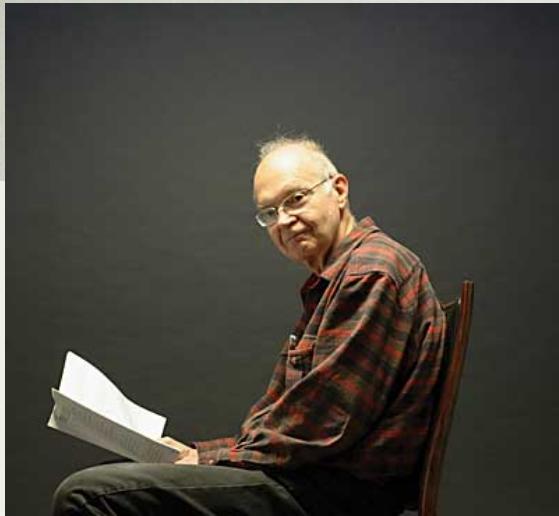
$$= S_{n,k}$$

again  
same  
distribution !

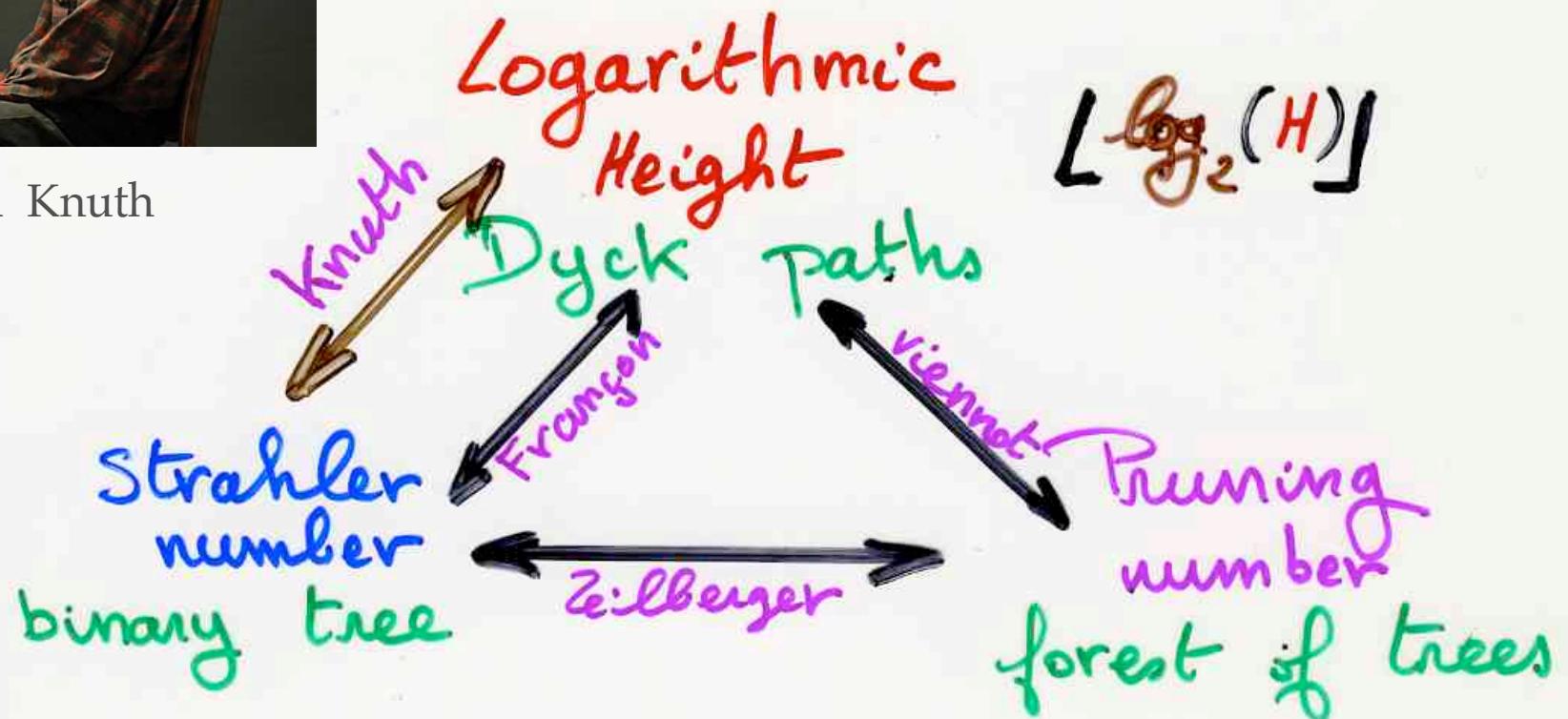
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D. Zeilberger (1985)





Donald Knuth

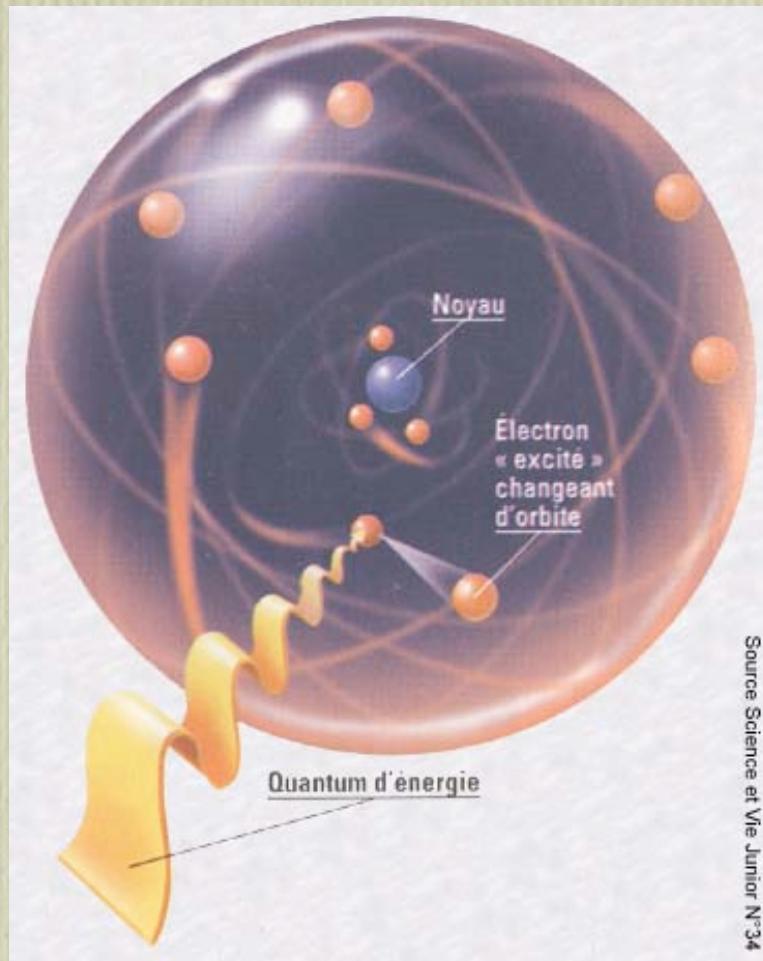


The infinitely small

trees in the particles of light ?



# the quantum world



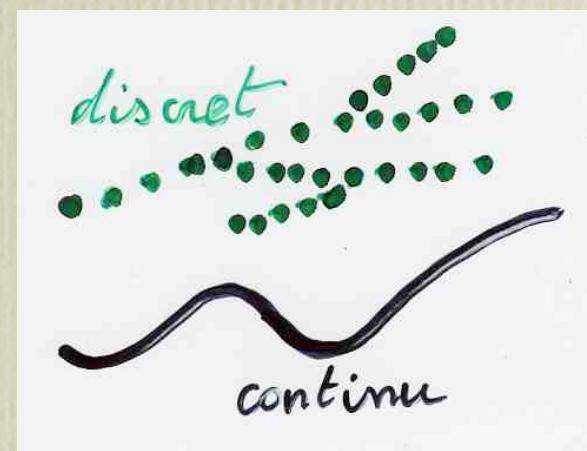
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quantum mechanics  
very far from common intuition

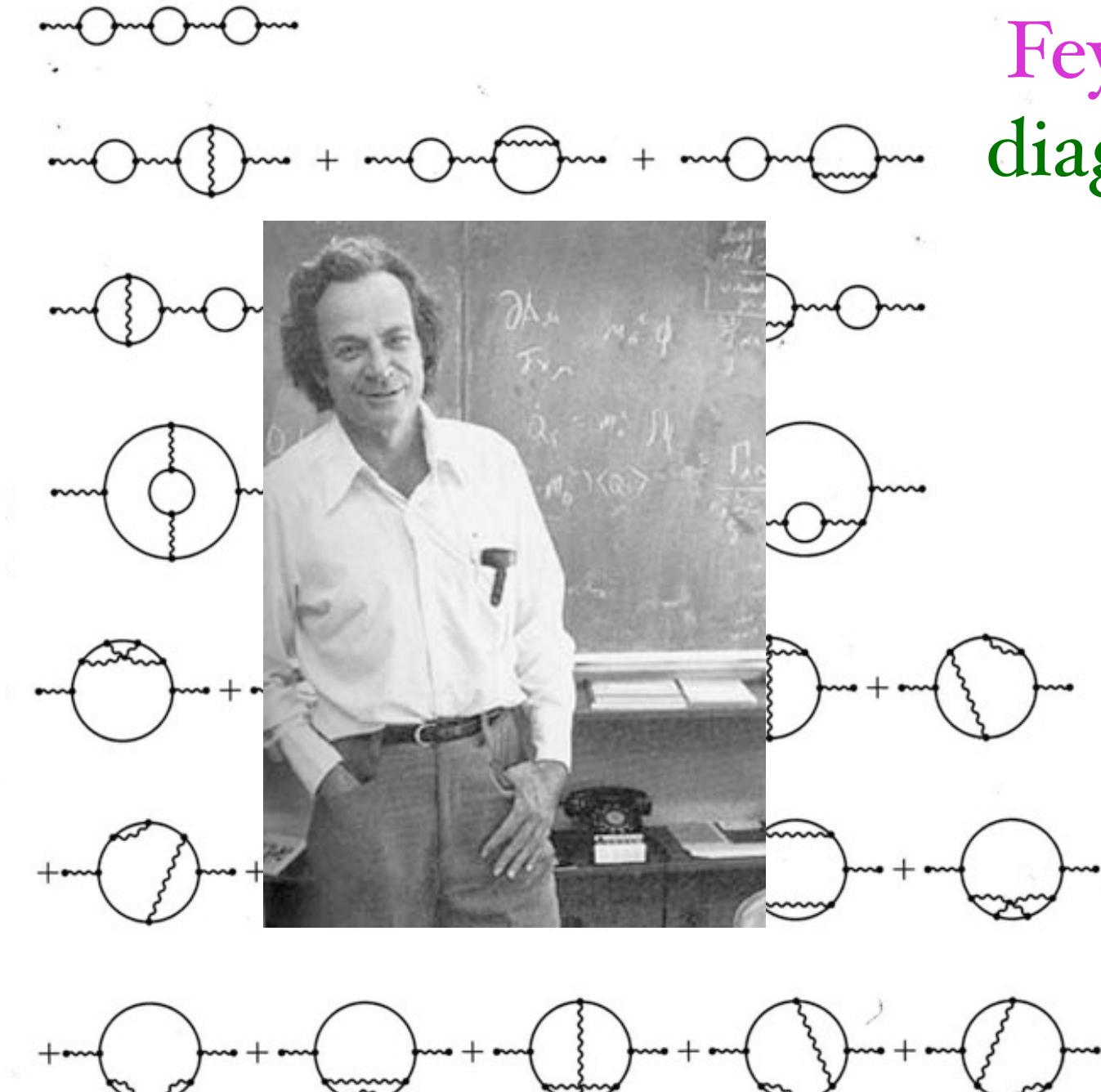
particle: tendency to exist ...

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 ...

quantum renormalization

recipe for cooking

# Diagrammes de Feynman

$$\sigma^\gamma(\text{Y}) = \text{---} \circlearrowleft \circlearrowright \text{---}$$

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explanation with  
the mathematics  
of trees

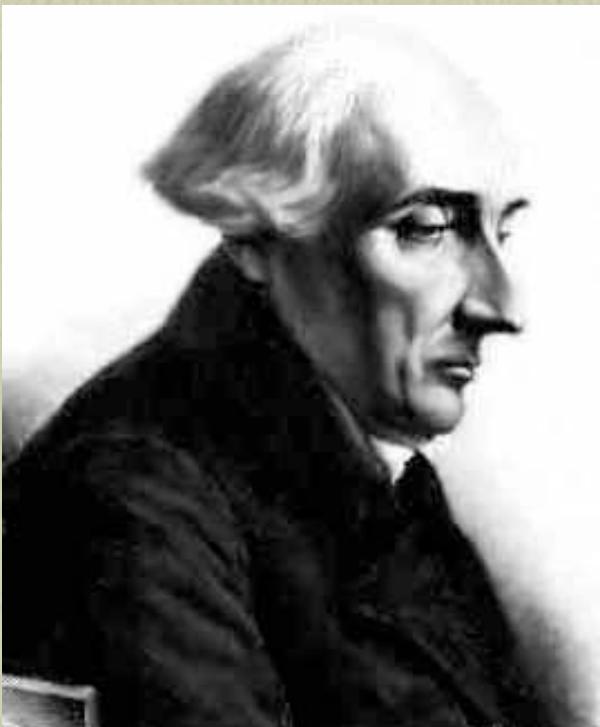
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Alain Connes

Euclidean 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.

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On a déjà plusieurs Traité 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.

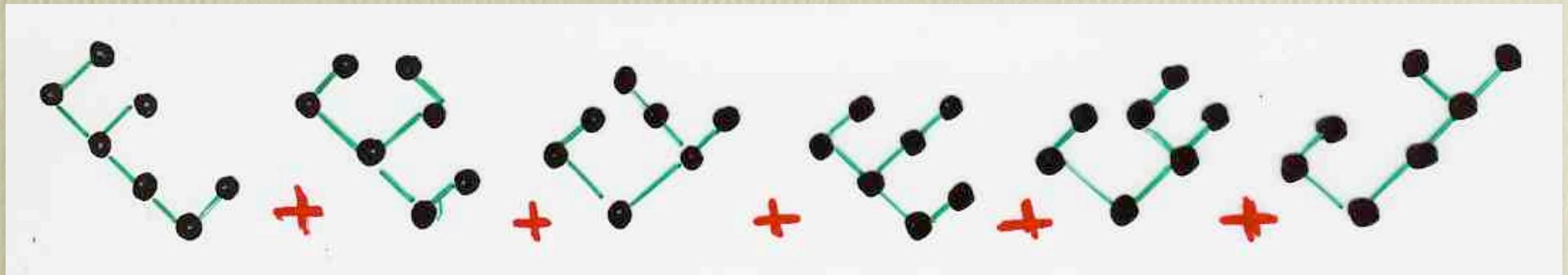
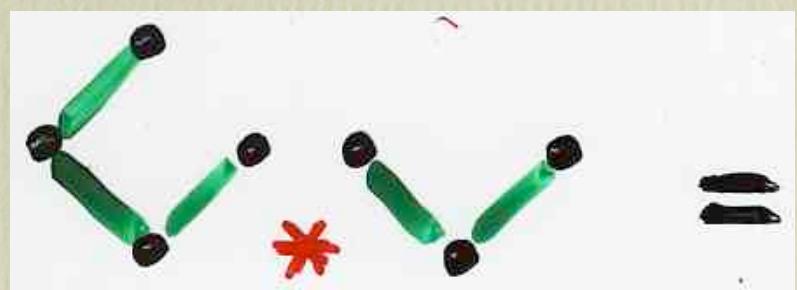
Je le divise en deux Parties : la Statique ou la Théorie de l'Équilibre, et la Dynamique ou la Théorie du Mouvement; et, dans chacune de ces Parties, je traite séparément des corps solides et des fluides.

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

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product of two binary trees

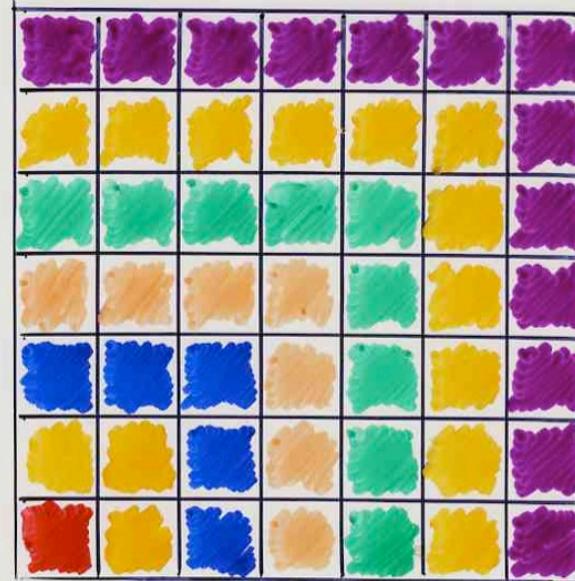


proofs with «figures»

Combinatorial  
proofs



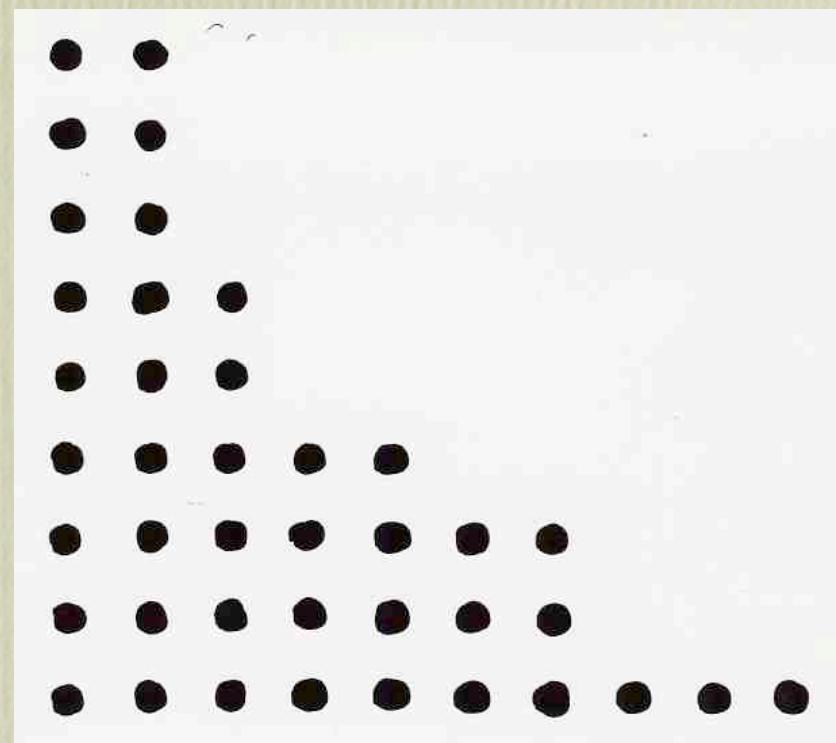
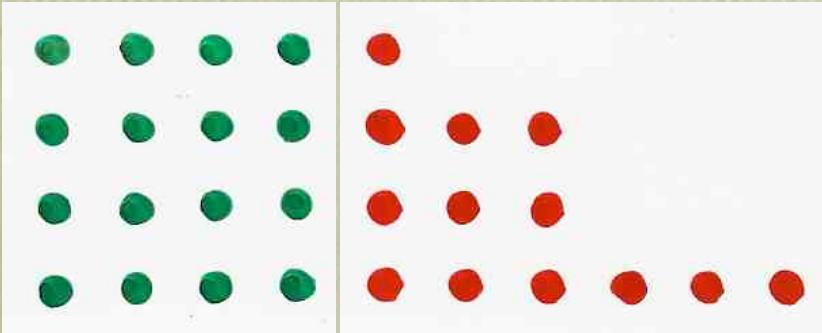
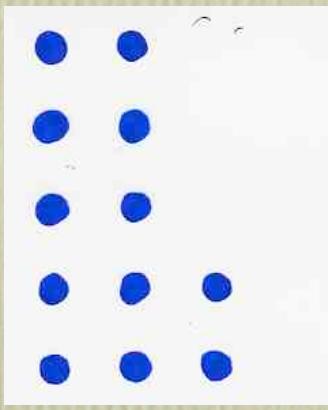
«combinatorial proof» of some identities  
with bijections, correspondences  
combinatorial interpretations



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

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$$\sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{q^{m^2}}{[(1-q)(1-q^2) \dots (1-q^m)]^2} = \prod_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{(1-q^i)}$$



Rogers - Ramanujan identities

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

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

Srinivasan  
Ramanujan  
(1887-1920)



"La fraction continue" de Ramanujan

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

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$$Z(t) = Y(q(t))$$

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

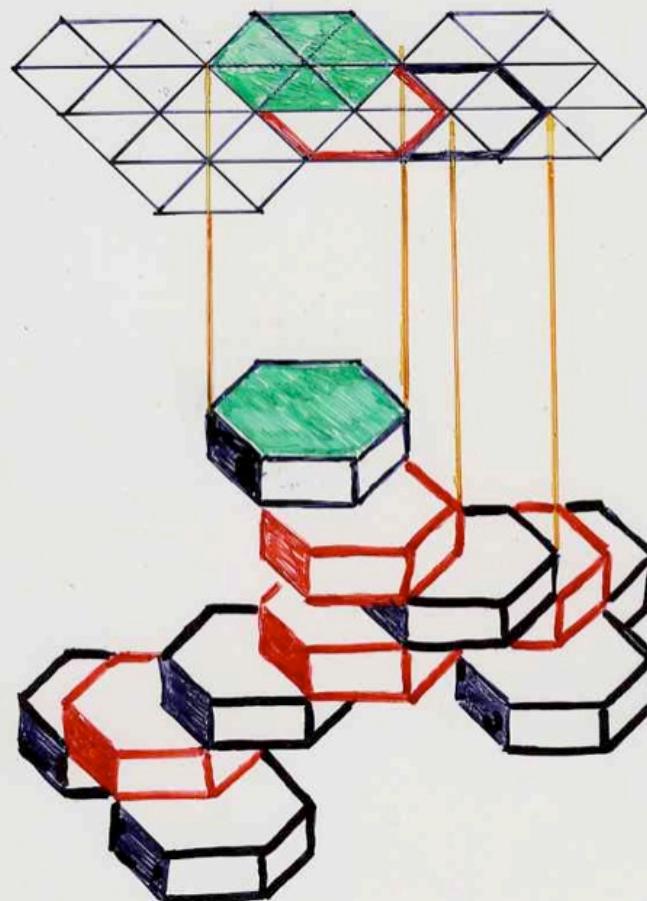
$$y^2(1 + 17t + 83t^2 + 601t^3 + 1647t^4 + 4606t^5 + 7809t^6 + 710t^7 + 124t^8 - 608t^9 - 440t^{10} - 92t^{11} - 36t^{12}) +$$

$$y^3(3 + 50t + 381t^2 + 1715t^3 + 5040t^4 + 10130t^5 + 14062t^6 + 13062t^7 + 6930t^8 + 715t^9 - 1595t^{10} - 488t^{11} - 198t^{12}) +$$

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

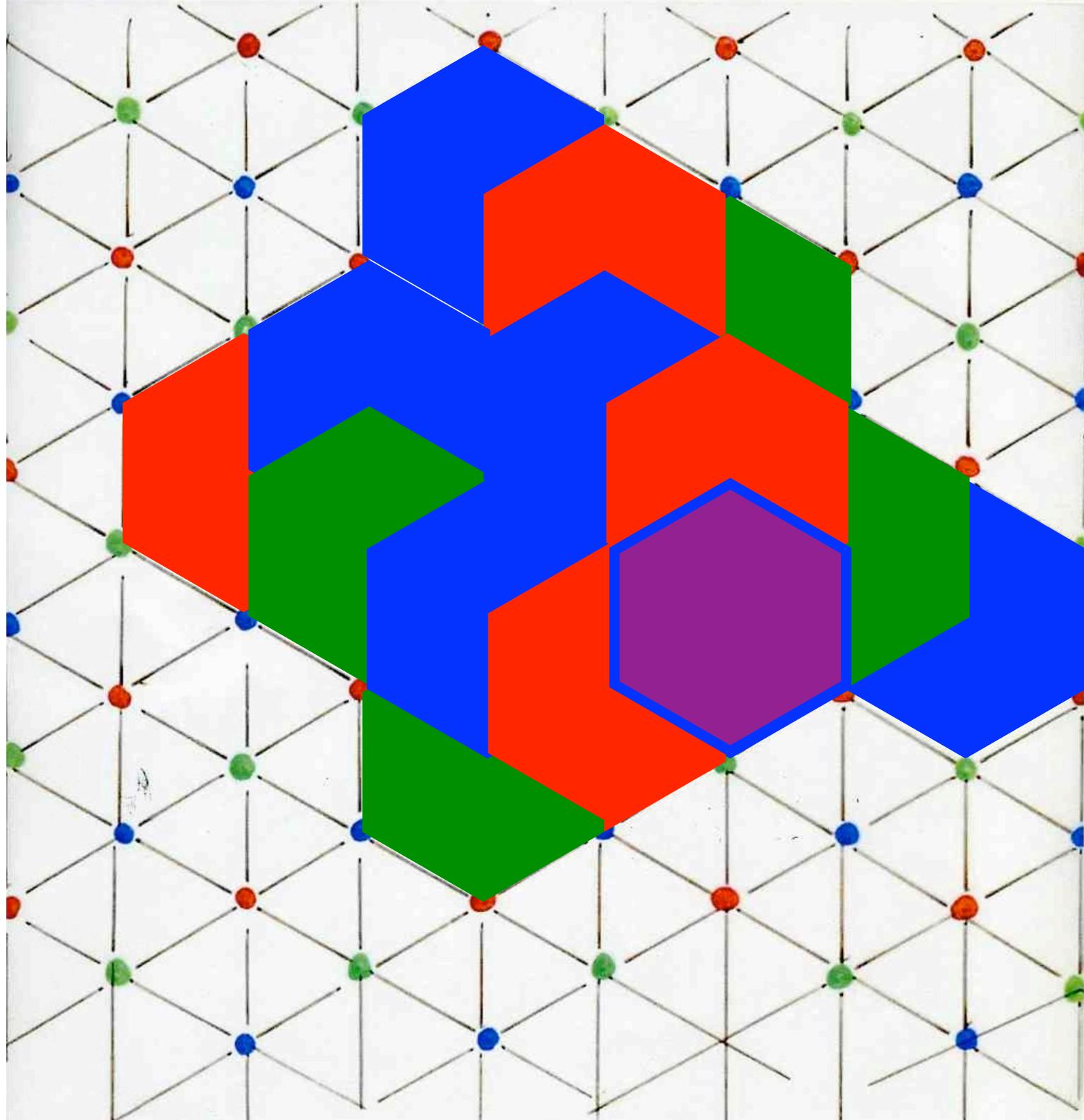
$$= (t + 11t^2 + 55t^3 + 165t^4 + 330t^5 + 462t^6 + 462t^7 + 330t^8 + 165t^9 + 55t^{10} + 11t^{11} + t^{12})$$

$$-p(-t) = y$$

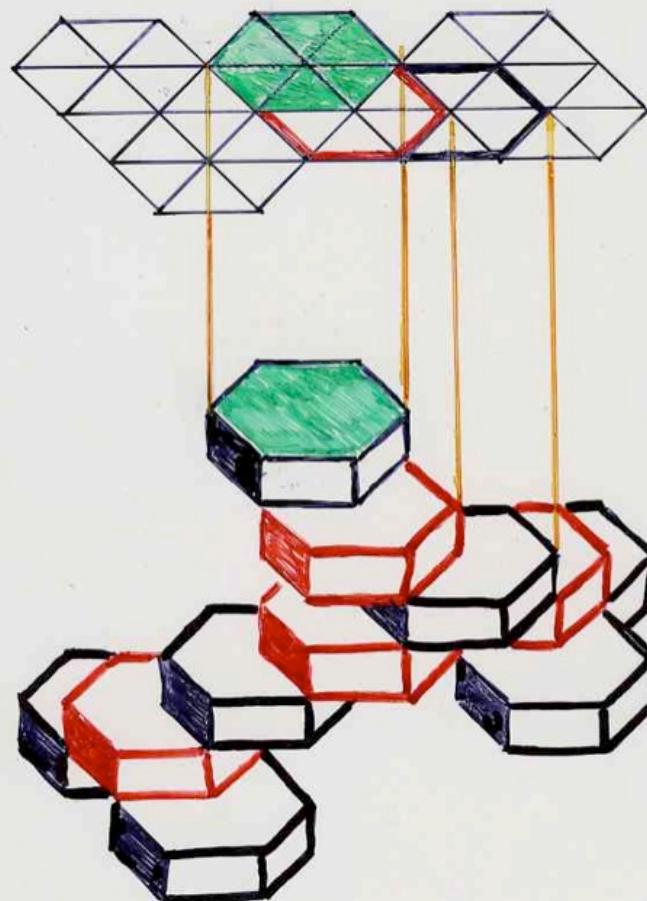


The idea of heaps of pieces





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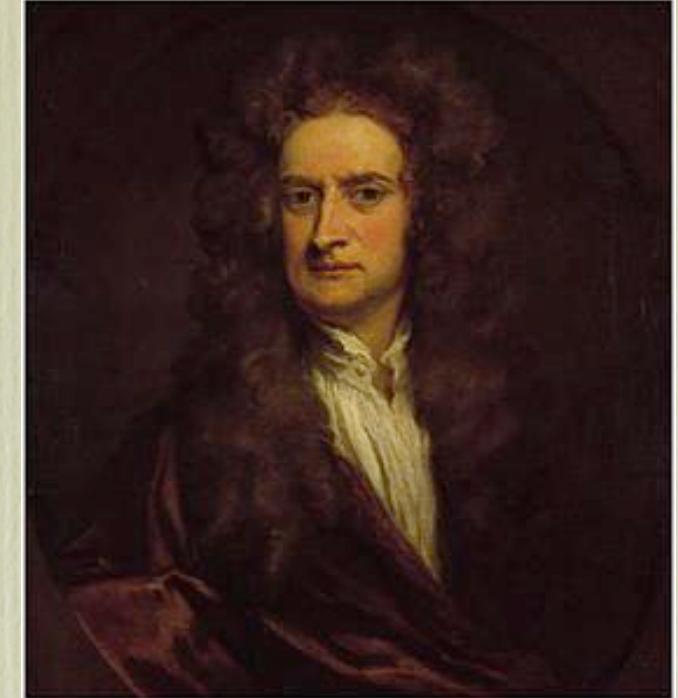
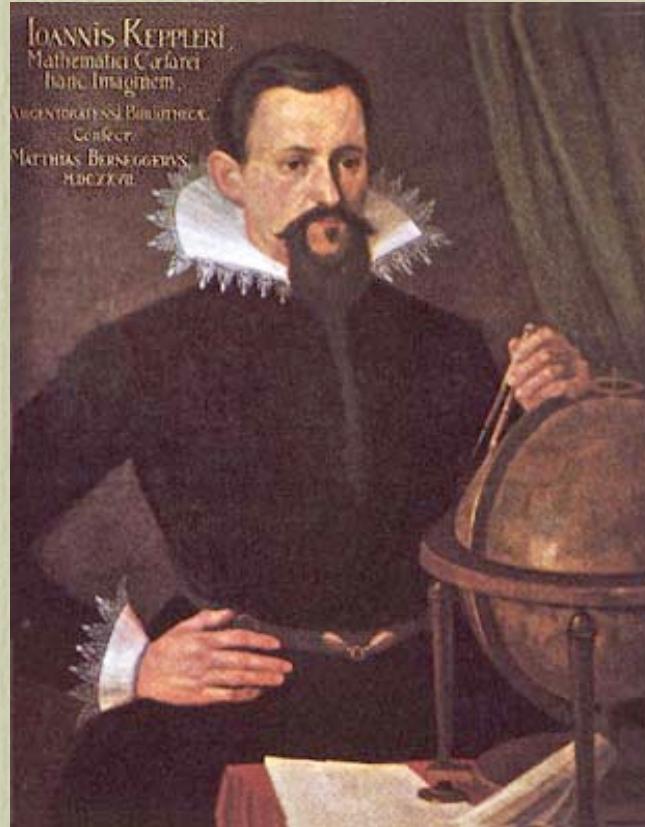


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The infinitely large

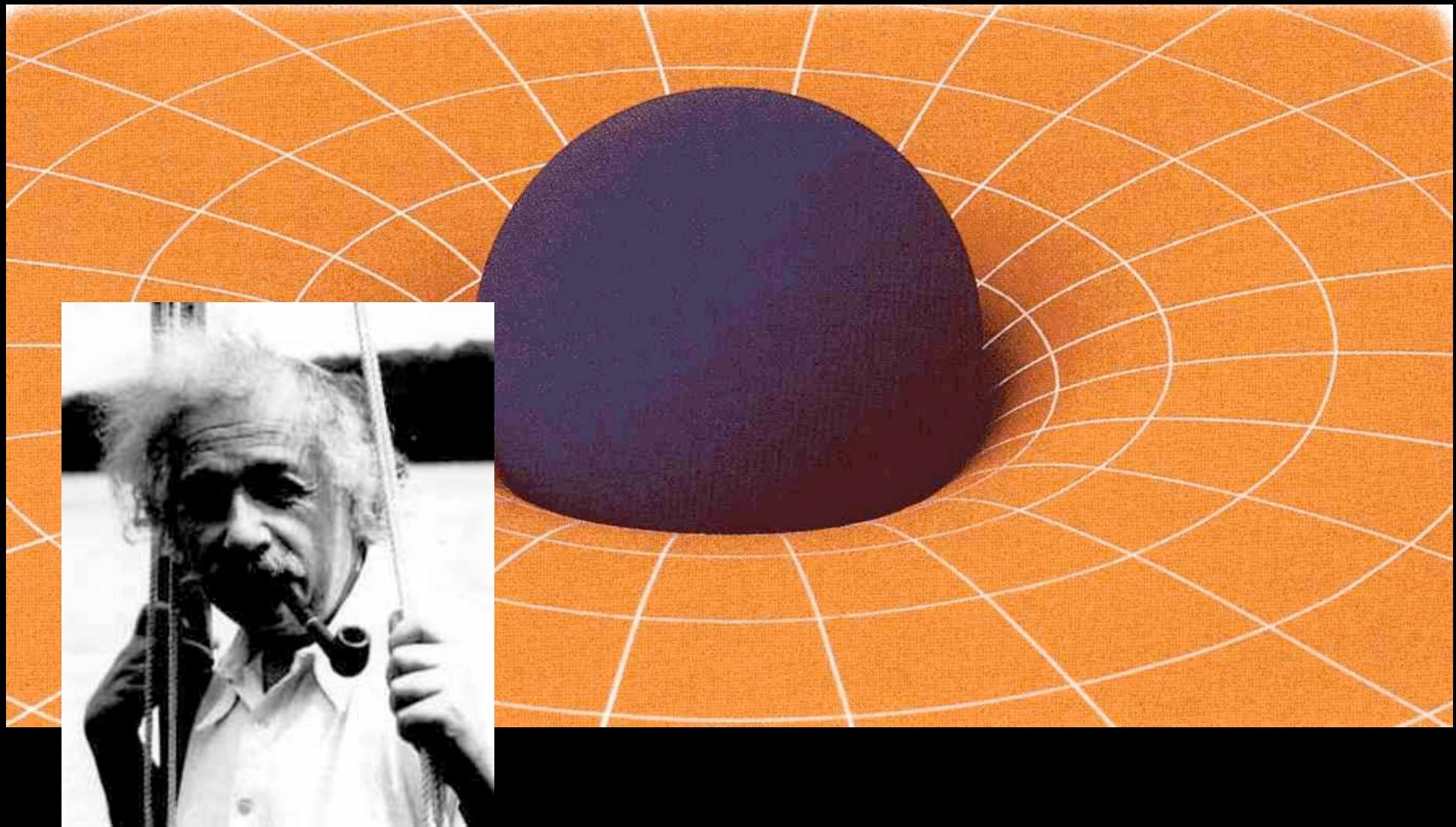
Trees in the stars ?





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

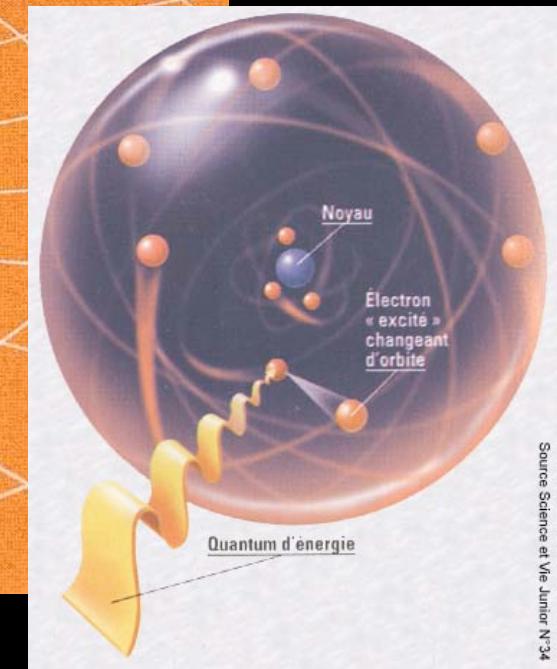
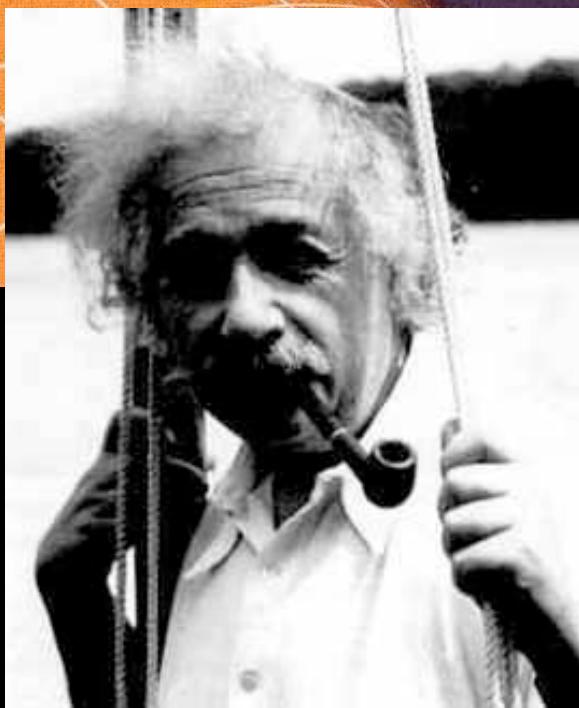
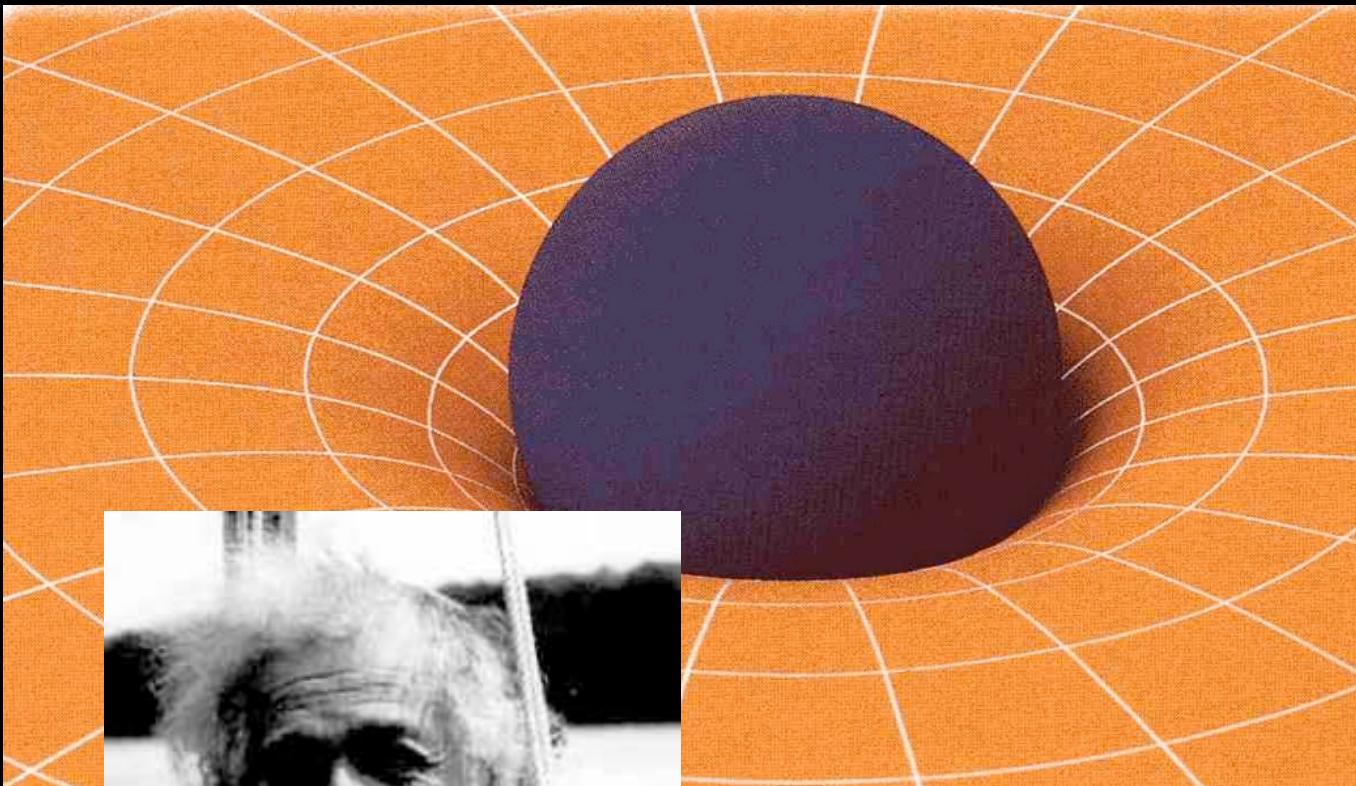
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## general relativity

## quantum mechanics



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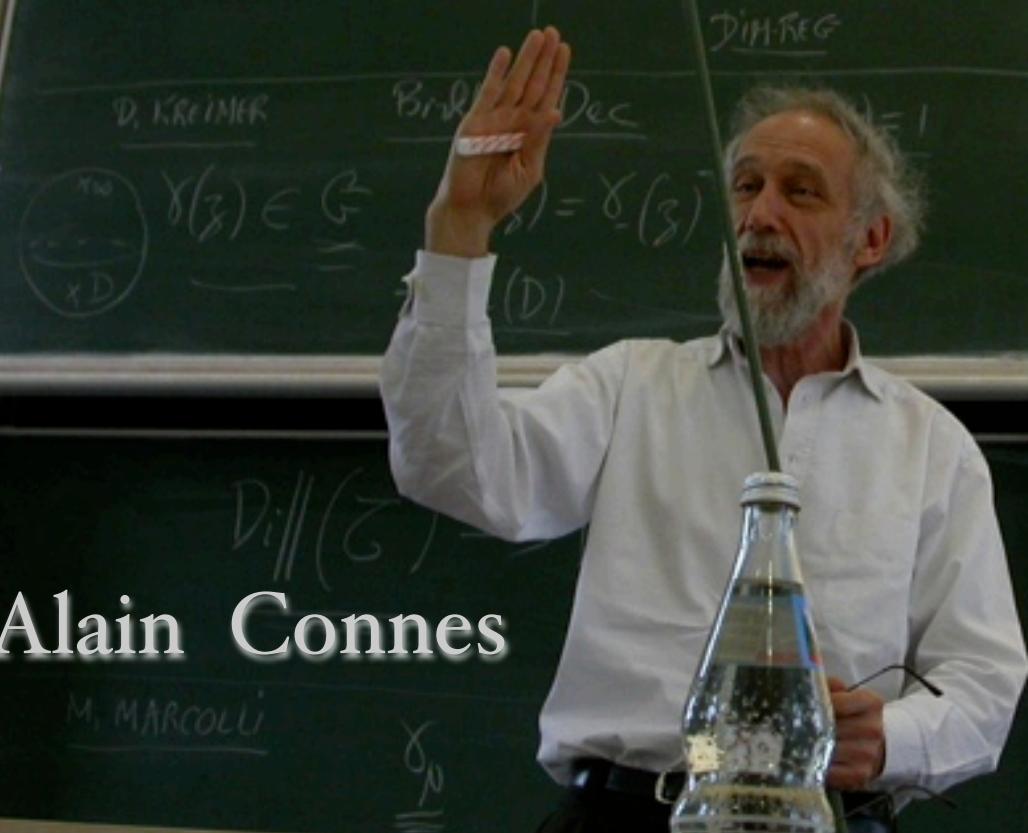
# strings theory

particle as a violin chord ... ?  
each frequency corresponds to a particle... ?

Catalan numbers



# non-commutative geometry



Alain Connes

Universal Singular Frac

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

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

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

Same coefficients as

Local Index Formula in NCG

# loop quantum gravity



Carlo Rovelli

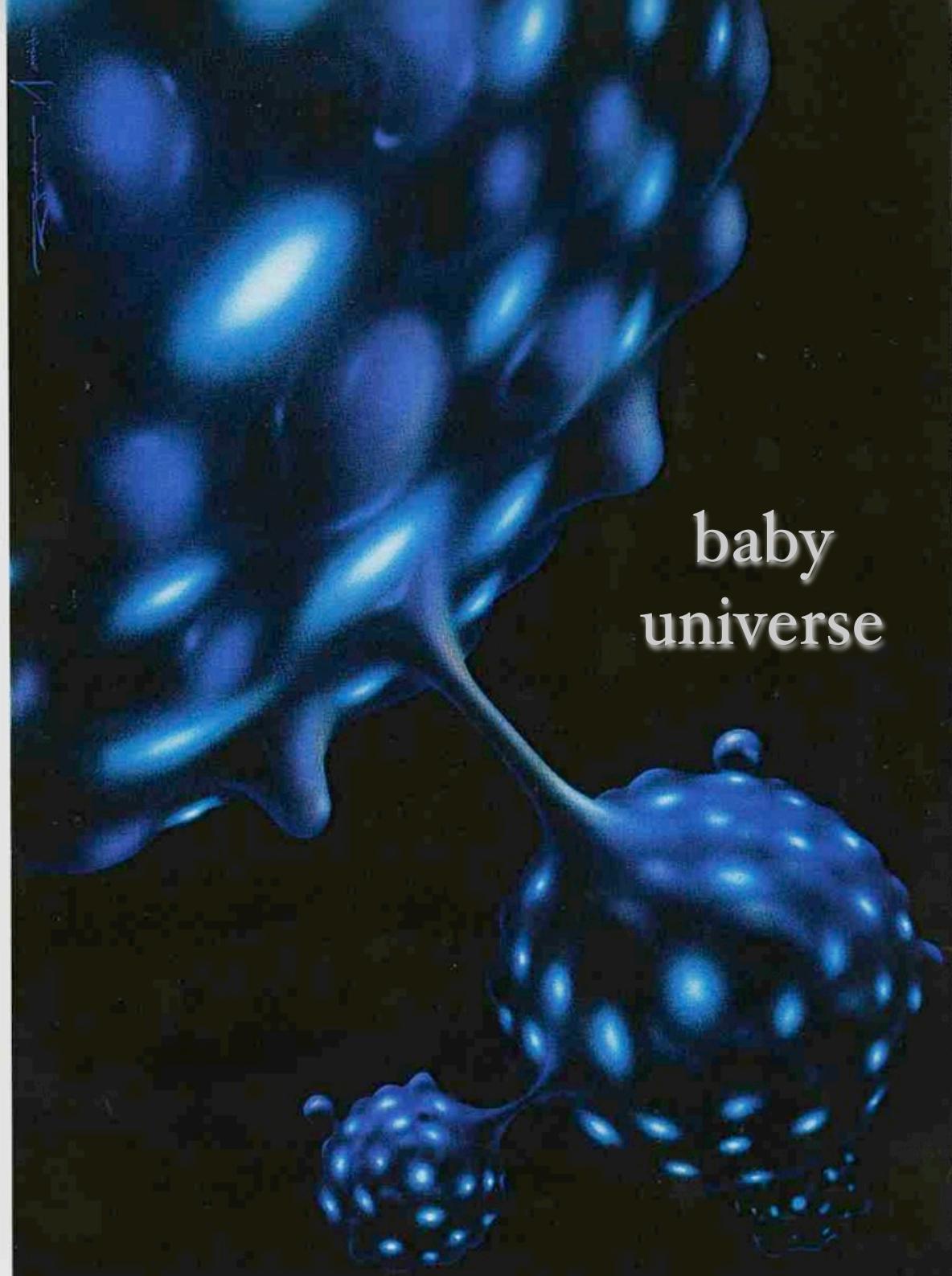
May be time does not exists ?

foam of the  
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Drawing  
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baby  
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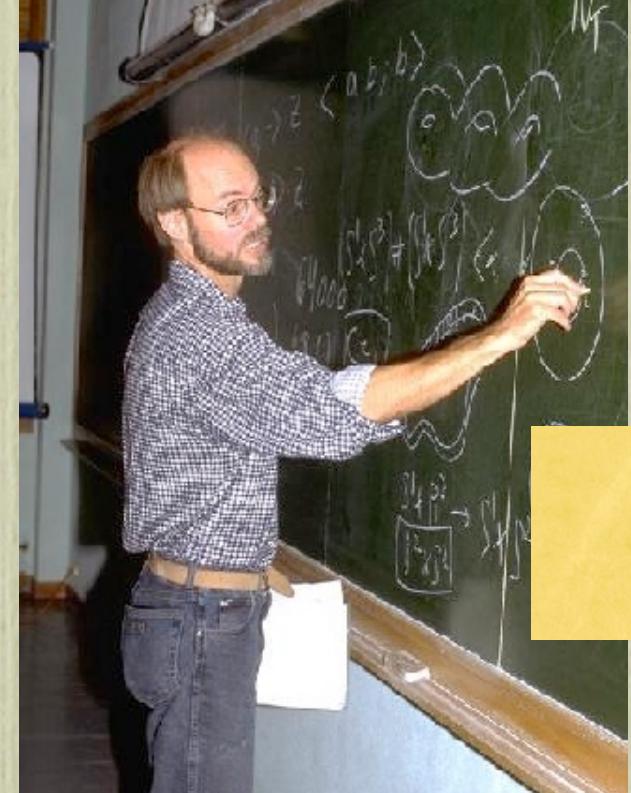


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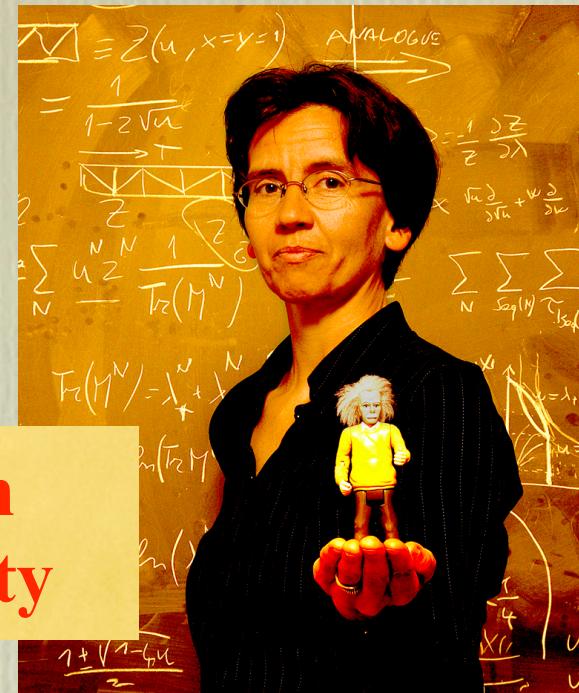
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gravitation quantique



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## 2D Lorentzian quantum gravity



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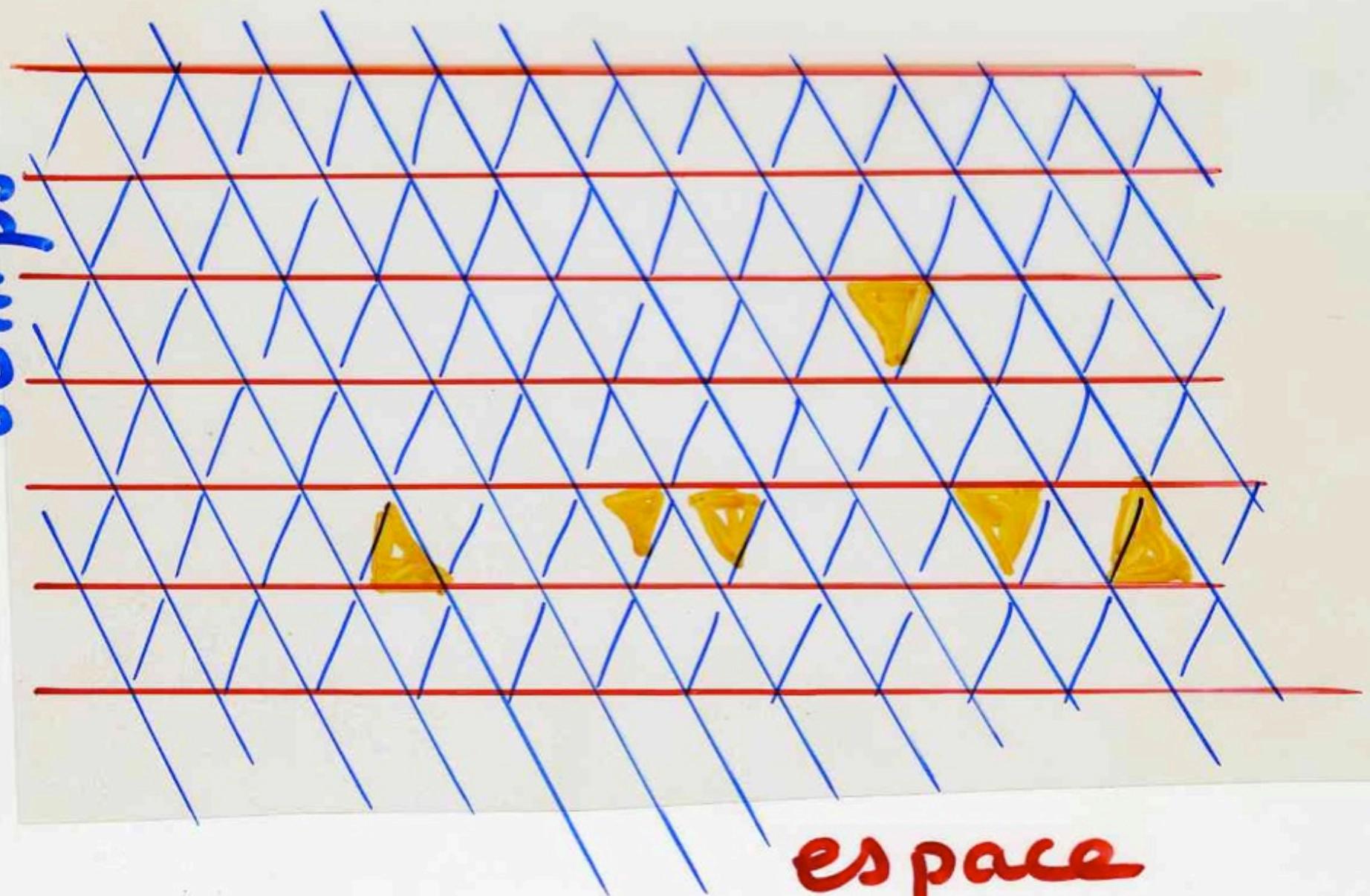
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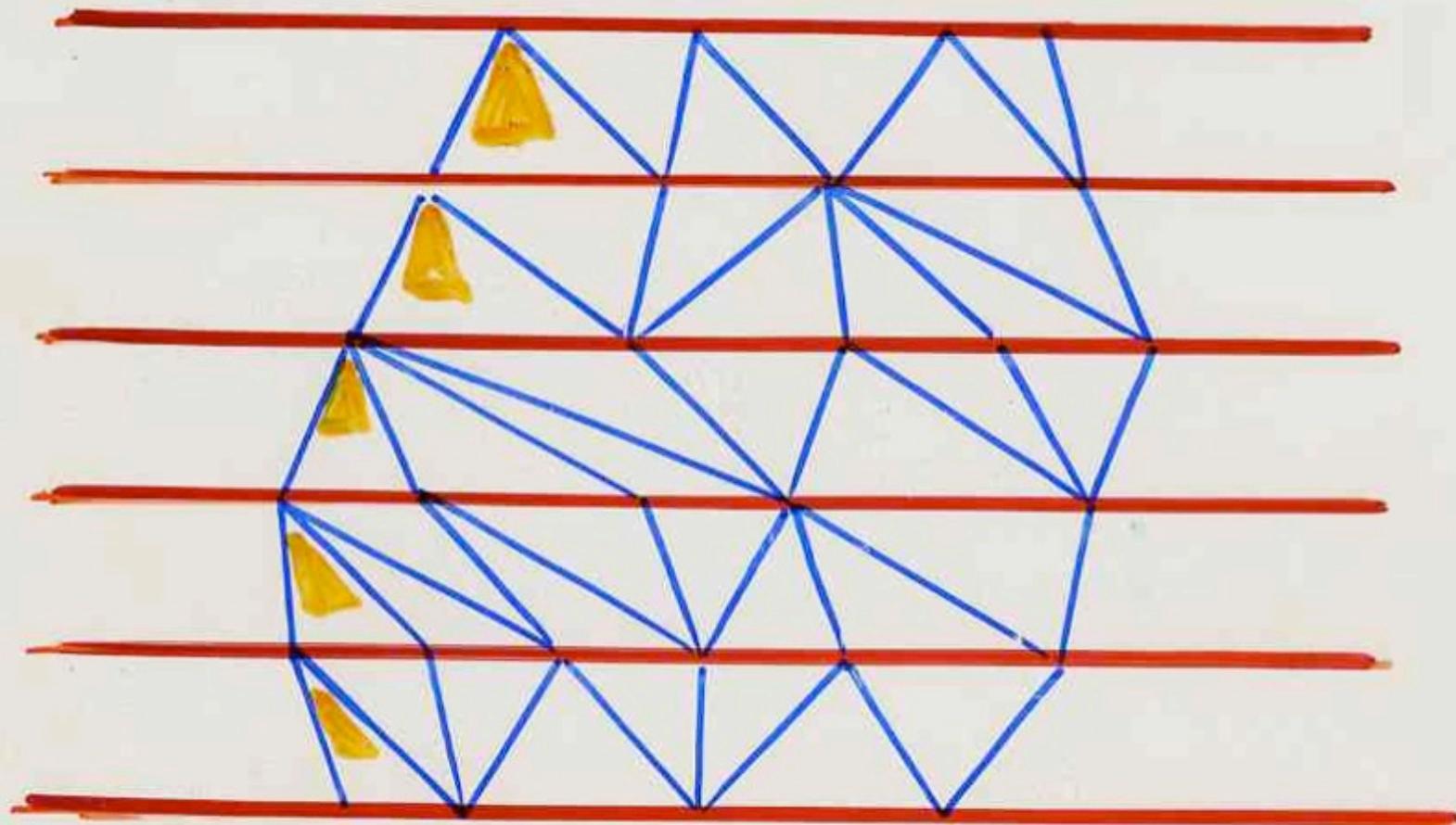
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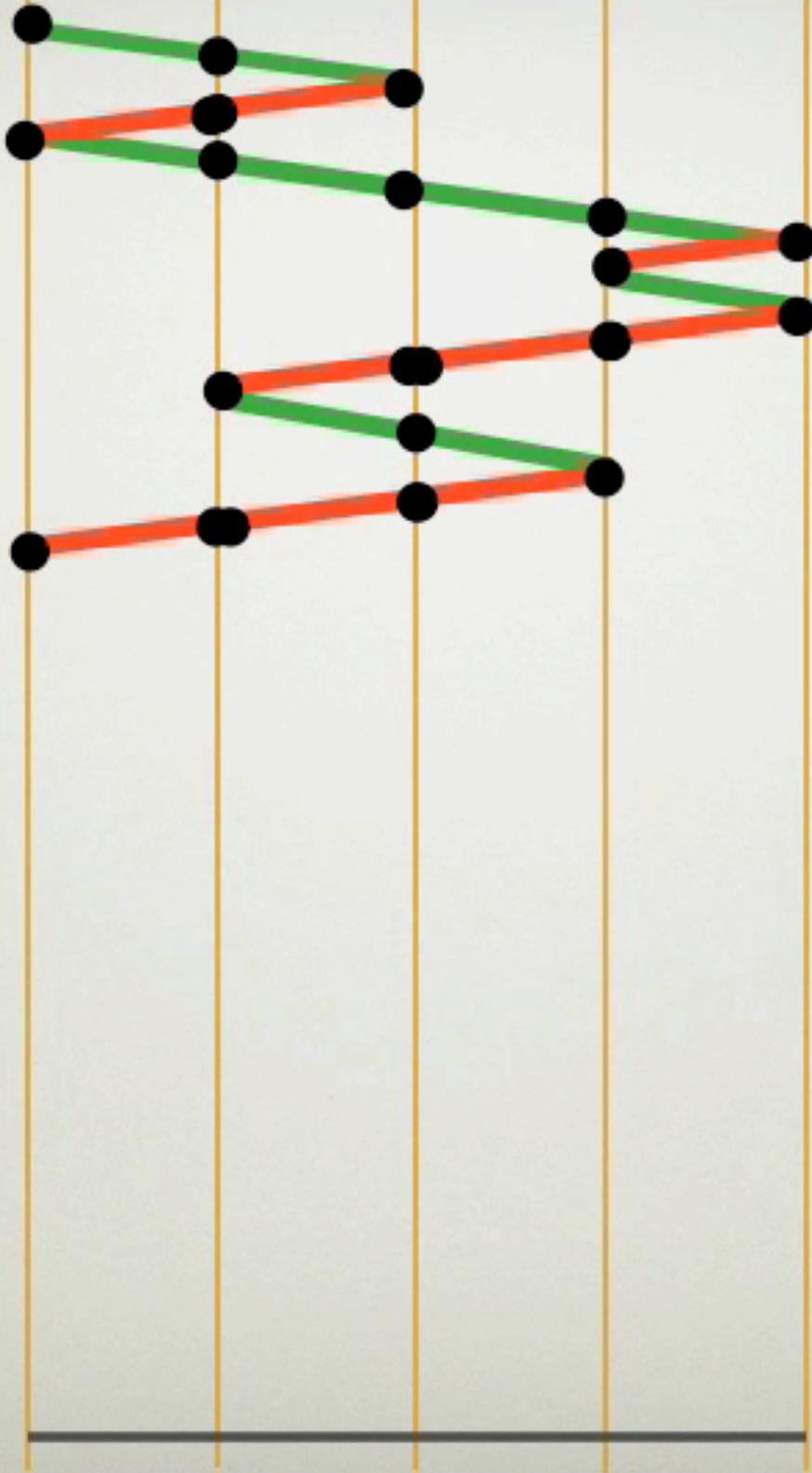
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$$C_n = \frac{1}{(n+1)} \binom{2n}{n}$$

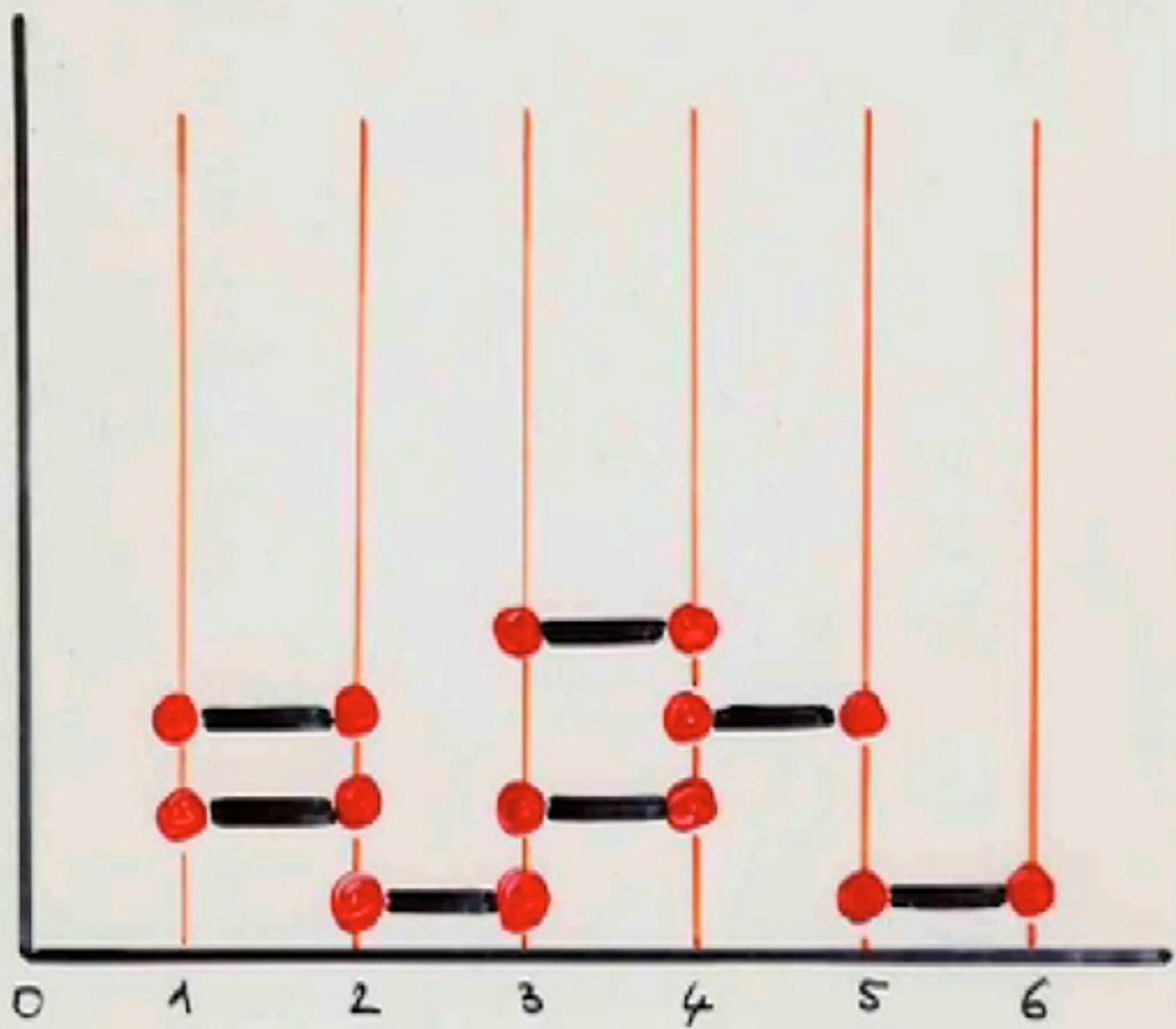
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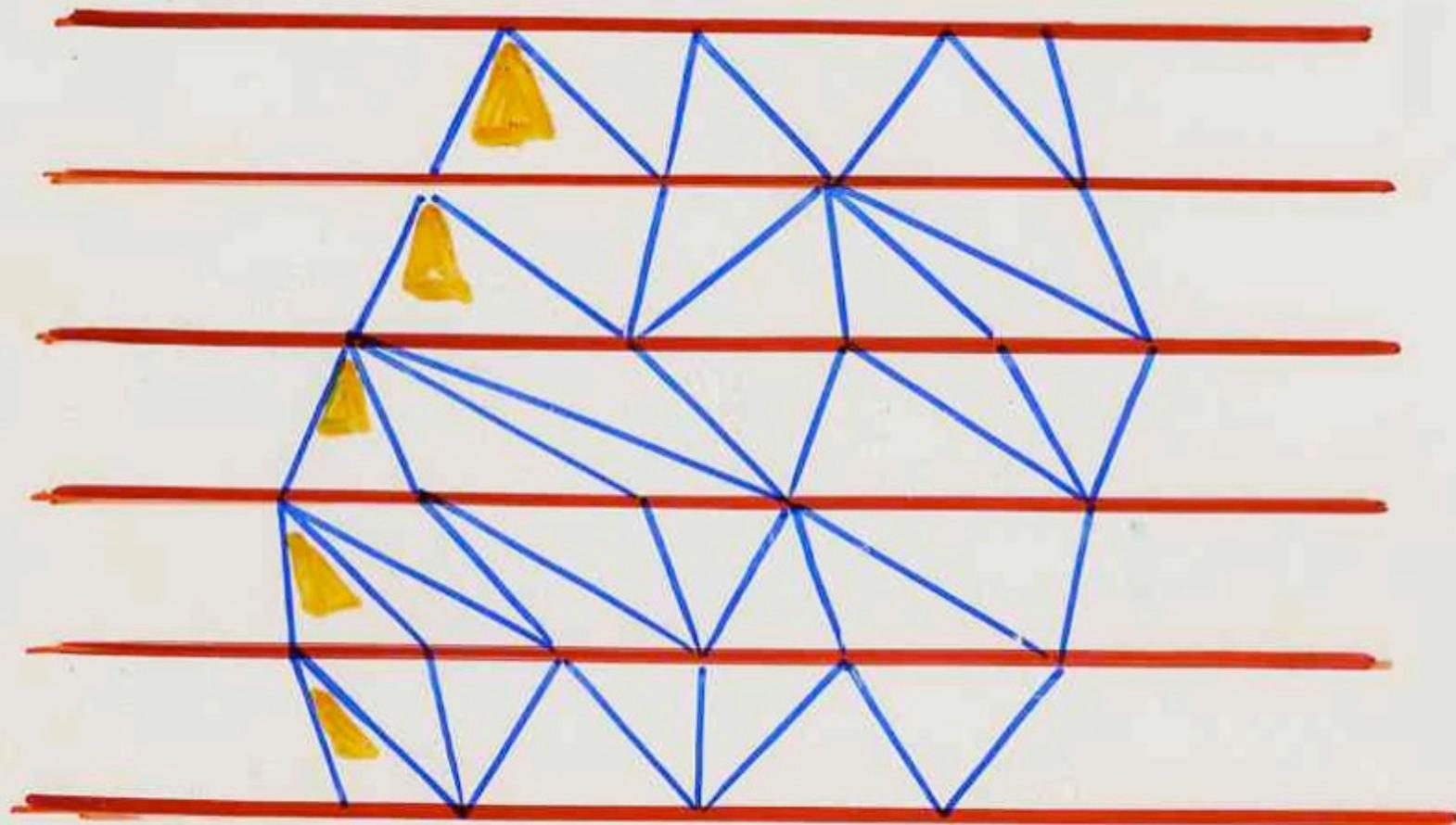




From heaps of dimers  
to Lorentzian triangulations







metamorphosis:

Euler triangulations

binary trees

Dyck paths

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# Epilogue









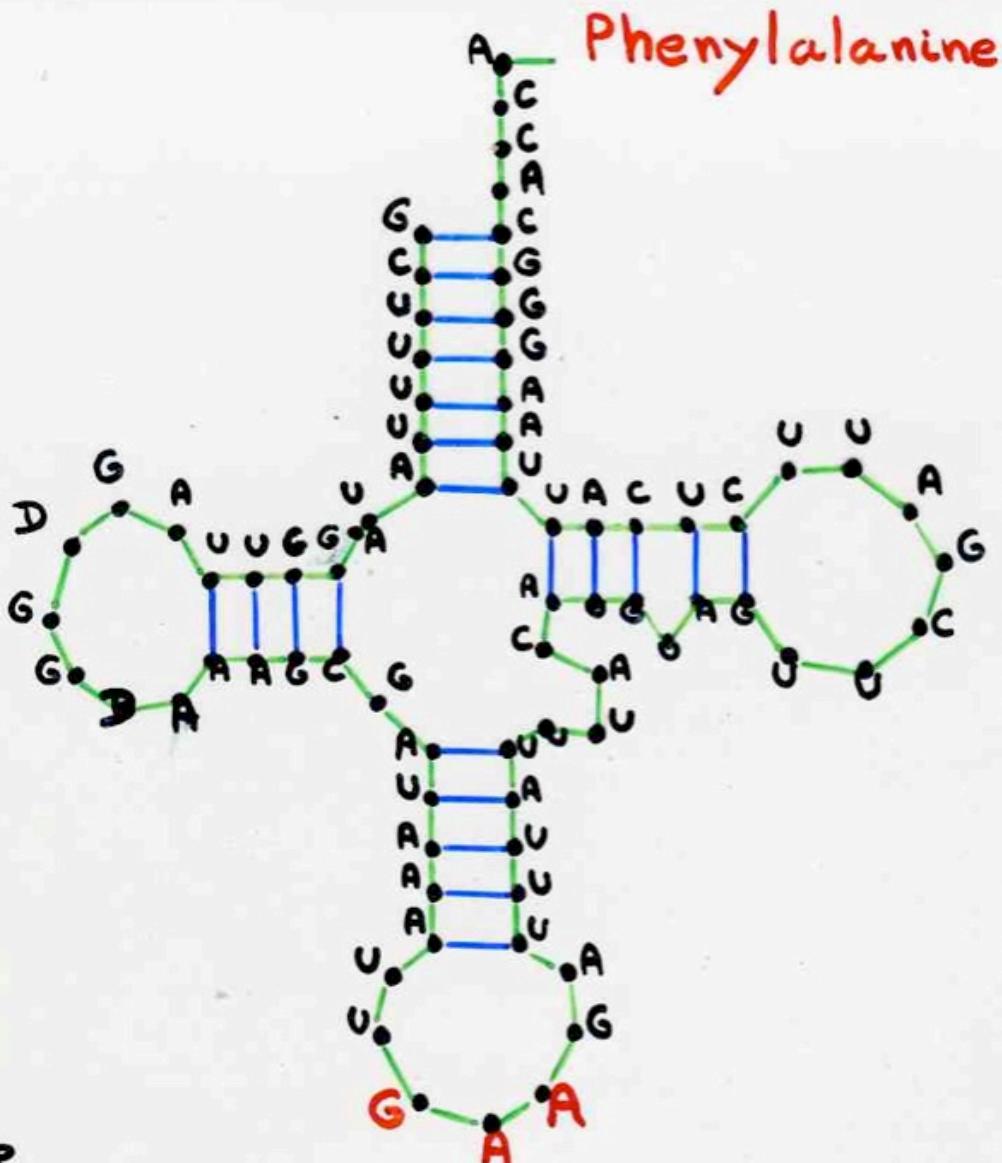


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Trees everywhere



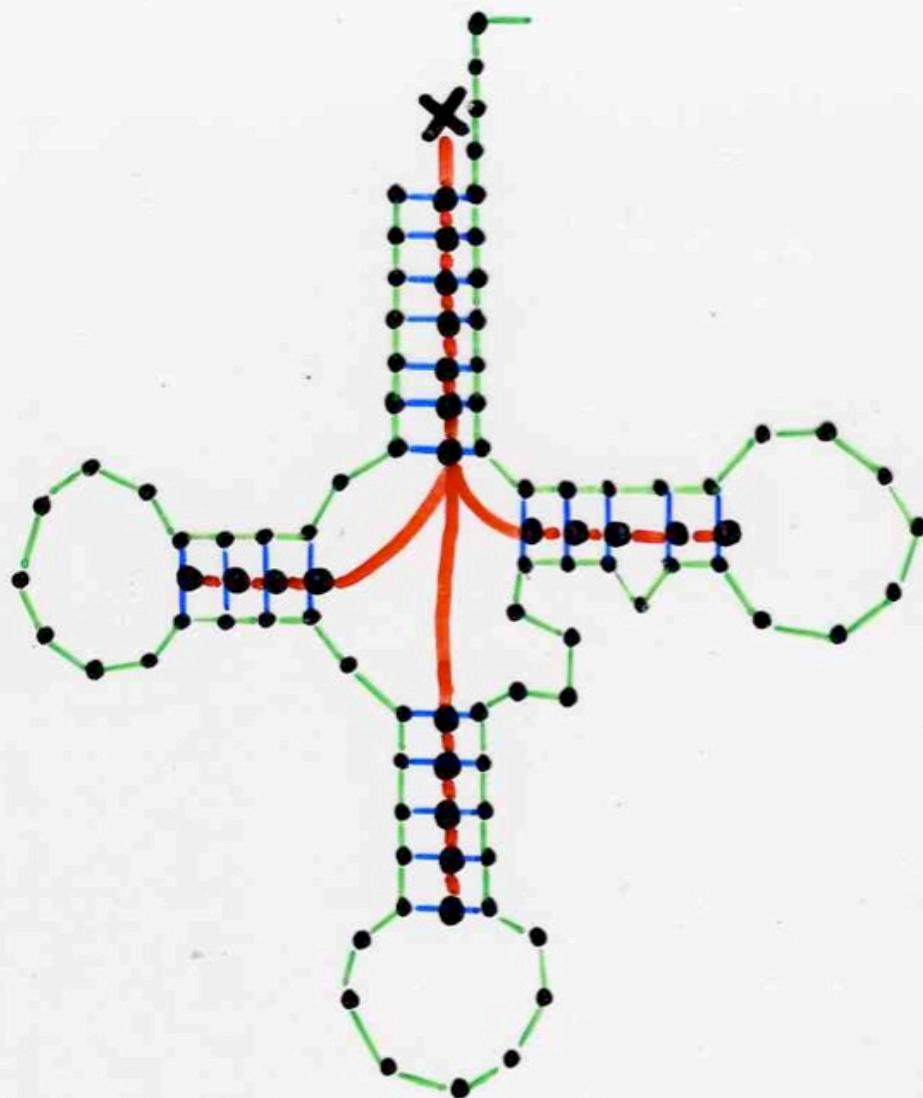
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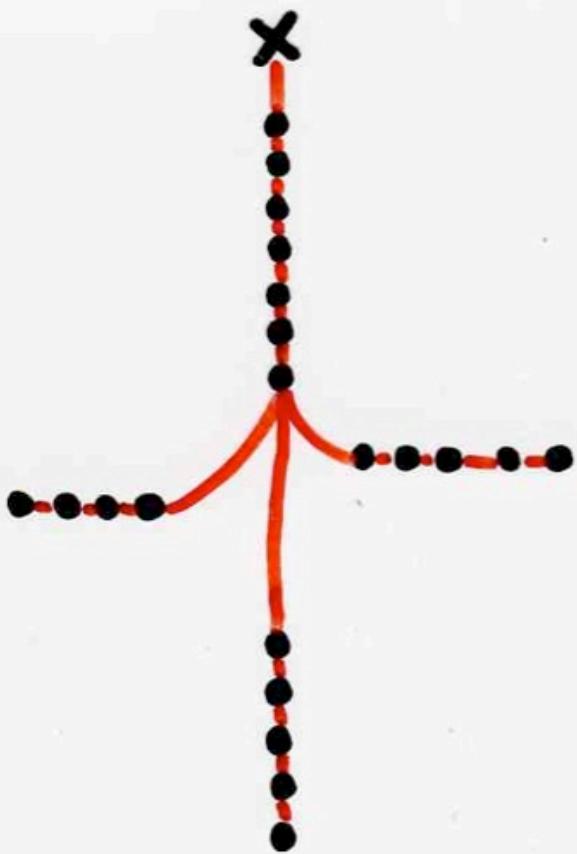
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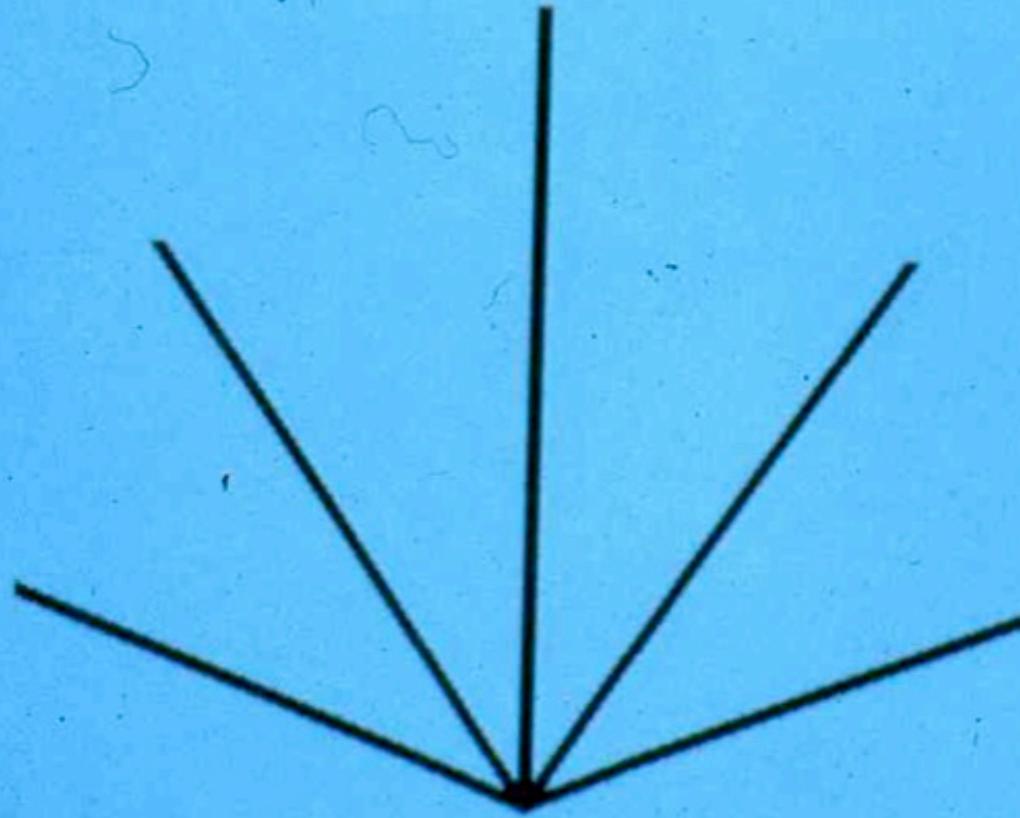
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Il y a des arbres dans les étoiles,  
des arbres dans les grains de lumière.

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.



The end  
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