

An alternative approach
to
alternating sign matrices

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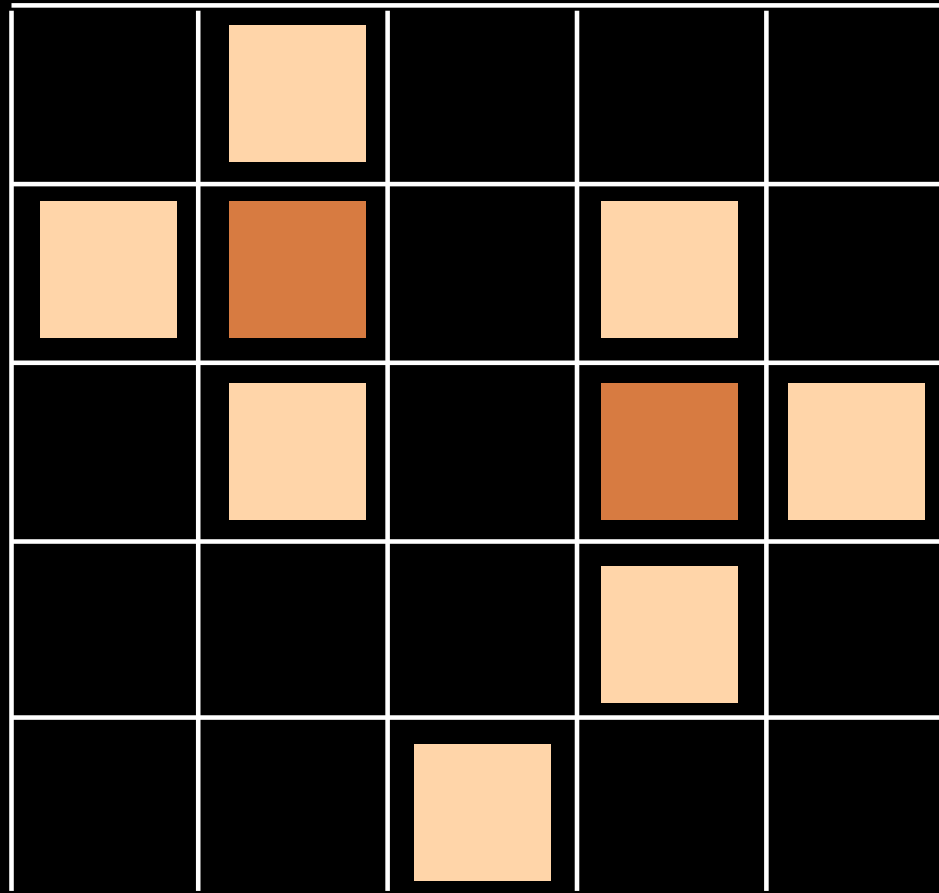
Def- **ASM** alternating sign matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(i) entries: 0, 1, -1

(ii) sum of entries
in each (row column) = 1

(iii) non-zero entries
alternate in
each $\begin{cases} \text{row} \\ \text{column} \end{cases}$



§1 Four operators A, A', B, B'

§2 Heisenberg operators U, D

§3 representation of operators U, D and “local rules” for RSK

§4 FPL and operators $A, \underline{A}, B, \underline{B}$

§5 FPL, Temperley-Lieb algebra, heaps of dimers
inspiration from some papers ?

§6 operators for the PASEP

Bijection Laguerre histories permutations

Conclusion: the “cellular ansatz” *xgv website*

Supplement: §7 Other examples of the “cellular ansatz”

Complements: local RSK and geometric RSK

Temperley-Lieb algebra “contraction” of heaps of dimers



§1 Four
operators
 A, A', B, B'

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$A, A', B, B',$

commutations

$$\begin{cases} BA = AB + A'B' \\ B'A' = A'B' + AB \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} B'A = AB' \\ BA' = A'B \end{cases}$$

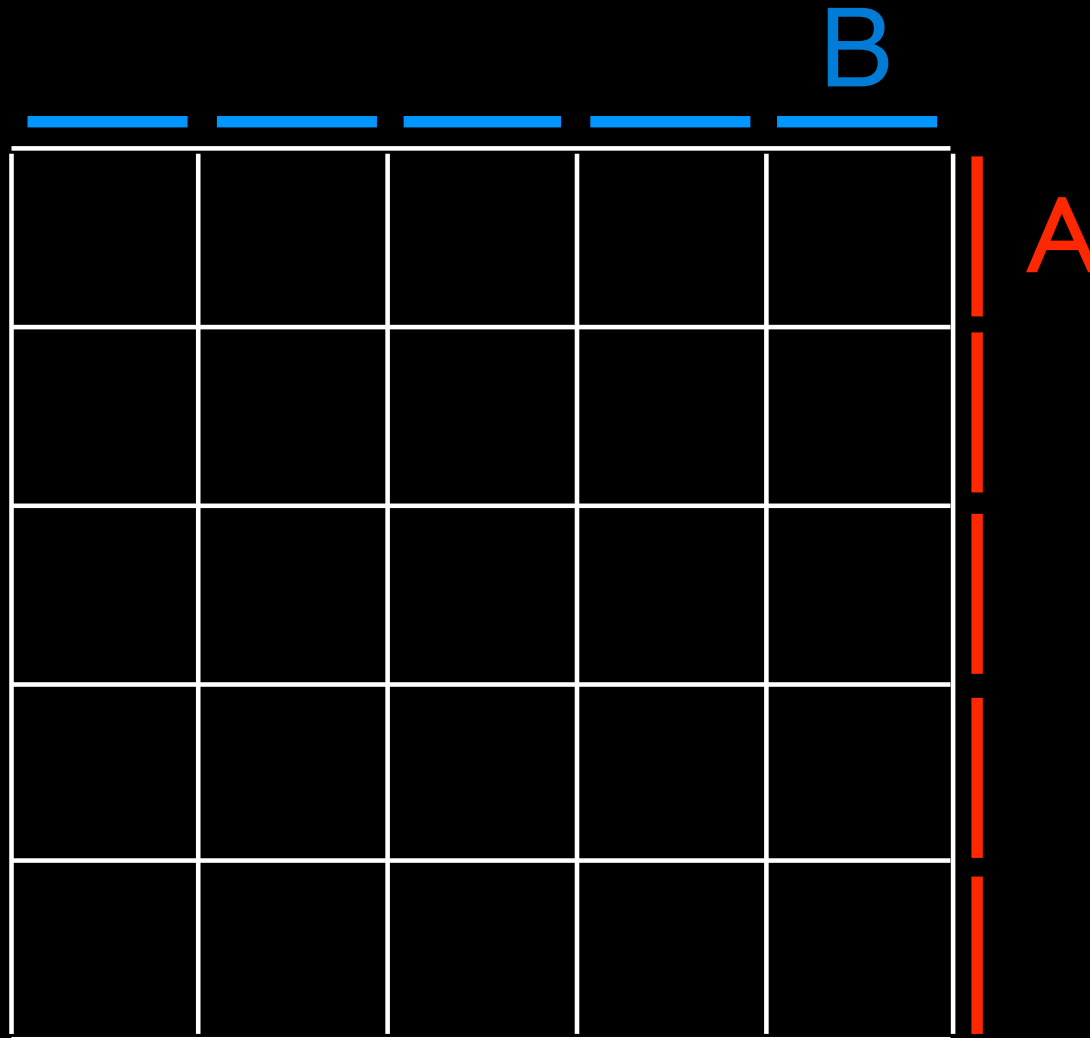
Lemma. Any word $w(A, A', B, B')$
in letters A, A', B, B' ,
can be uniquely written

$$\sum \mathbf{C}(u, v; w) \underbrace{u(A, A')}_{\substack{\text{word} \\ \text{in } A, A'}} \underbrace{v(B, B')}_{\substack{\text{word} \\ \text{in } B, B'}}$$

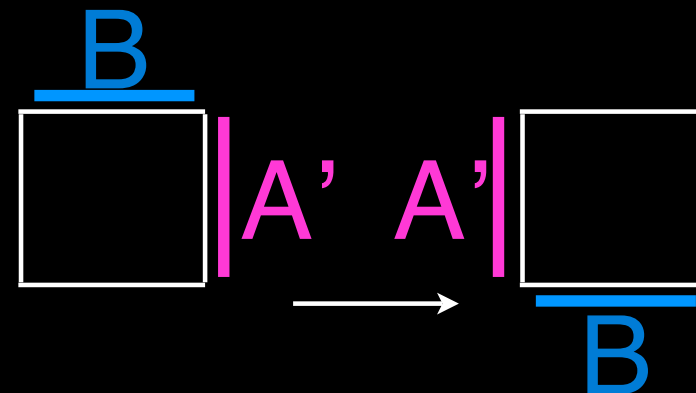
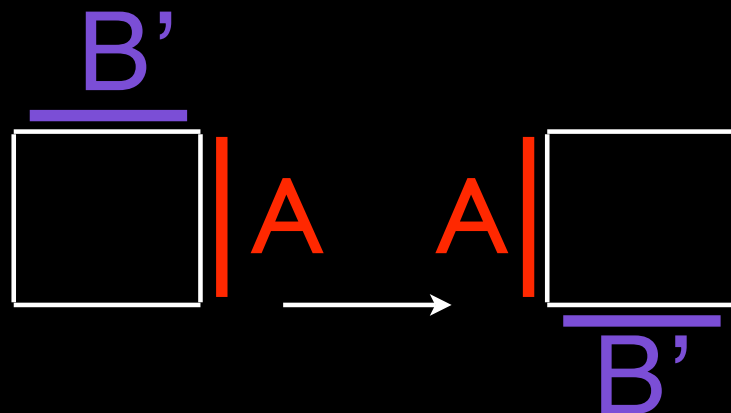
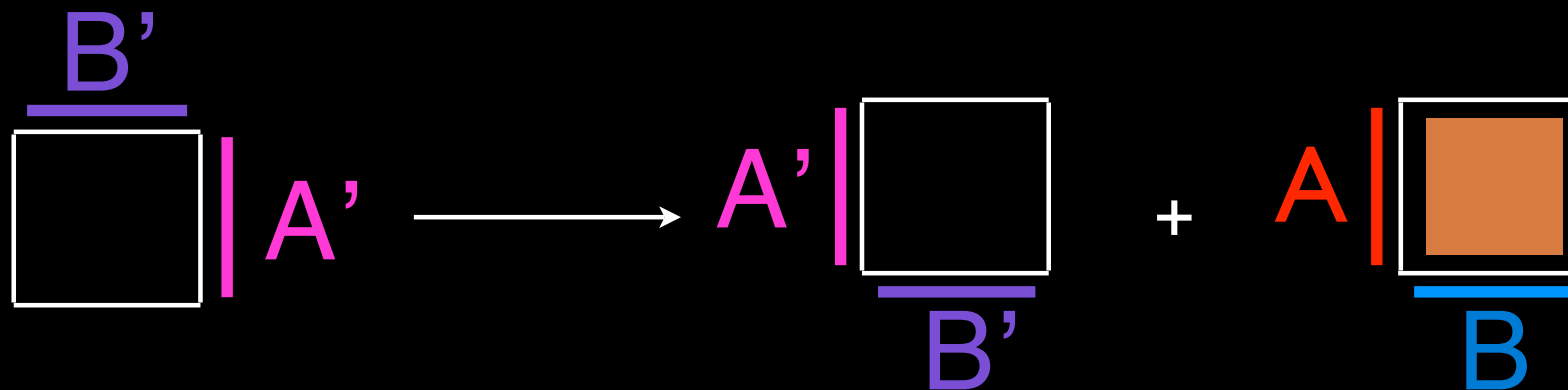
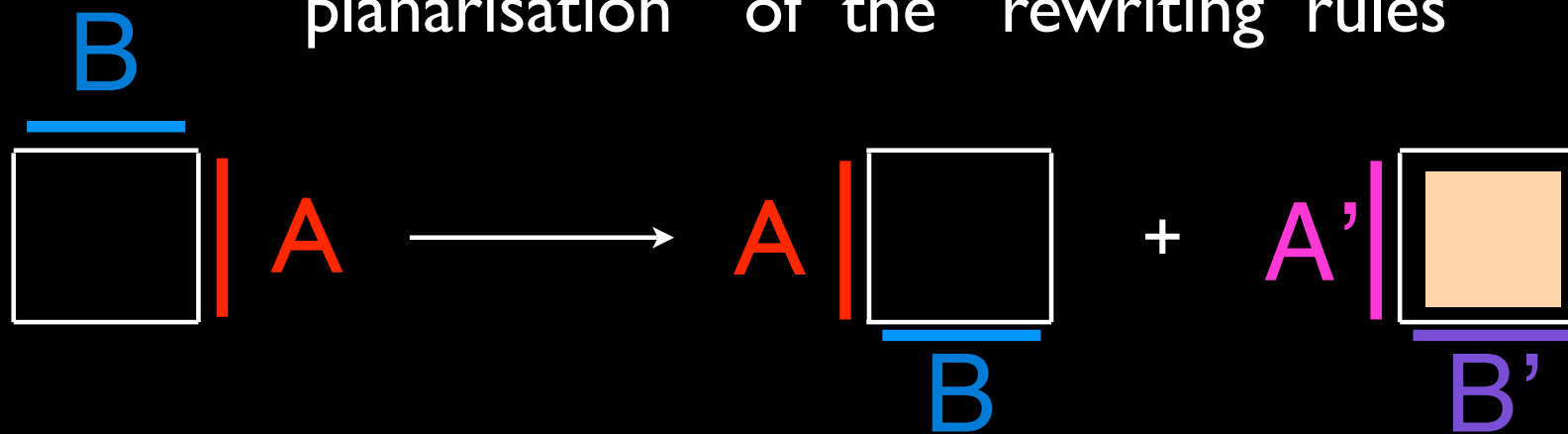
Prop. For $w = B^n A^n$
 $u = A'^n, v = B'^n$

$\mathbf{C}(u, v; w)$ = the number of
 $n \times n$ ASM (alternating sign matrices)

“planar”
proof:



“planarisation” of the “rewriting rules”



A 5x5 grid of white lines on a black background. Above the grid is a horizontal blue dashed line. To the right of the grid is a vertical orange dashed line.

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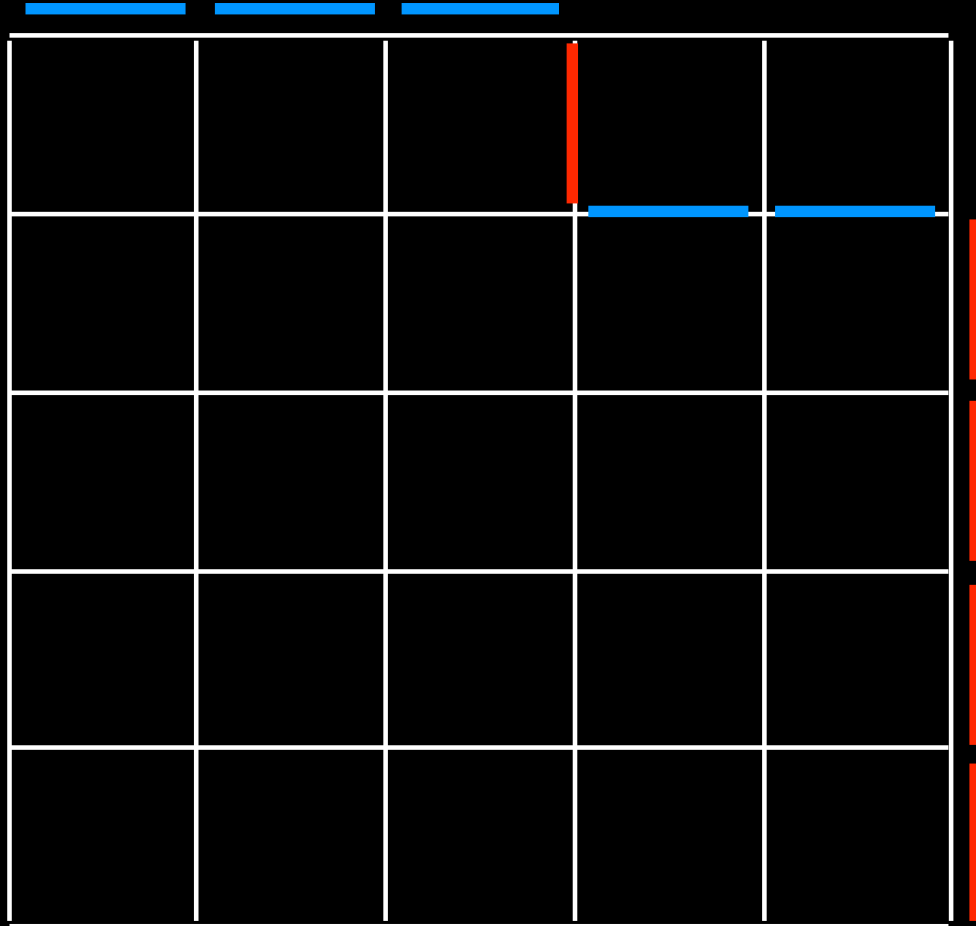
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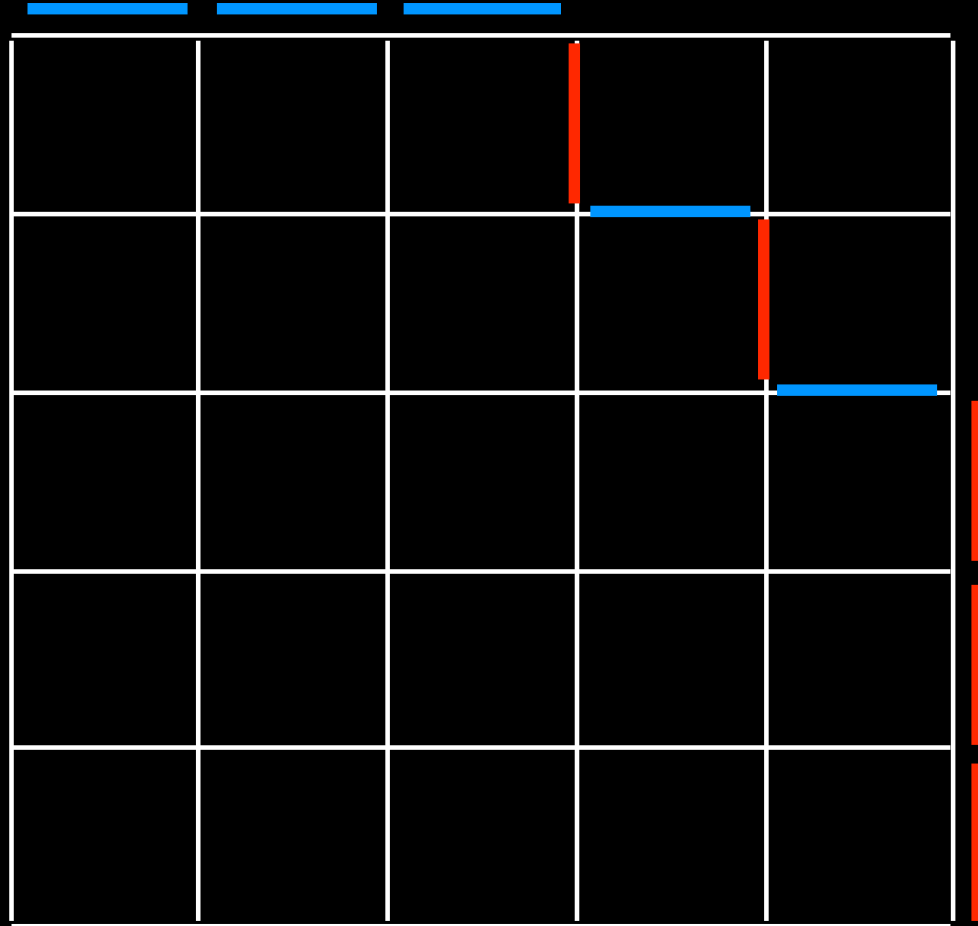
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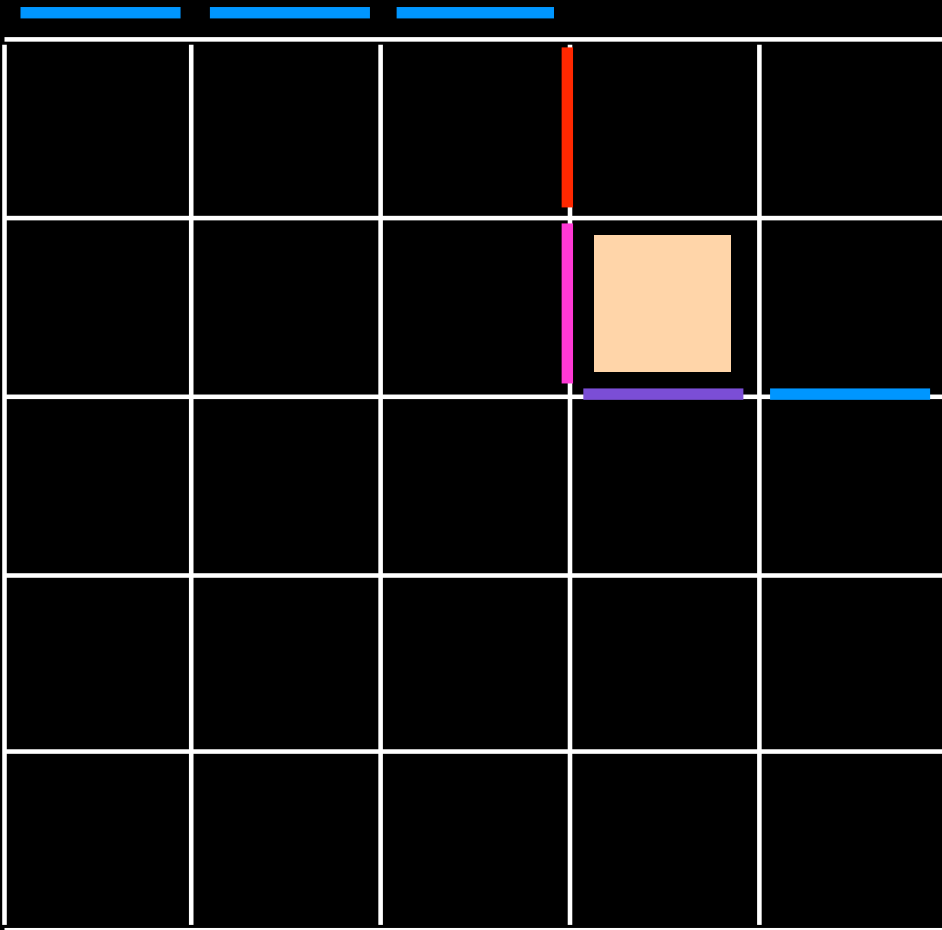


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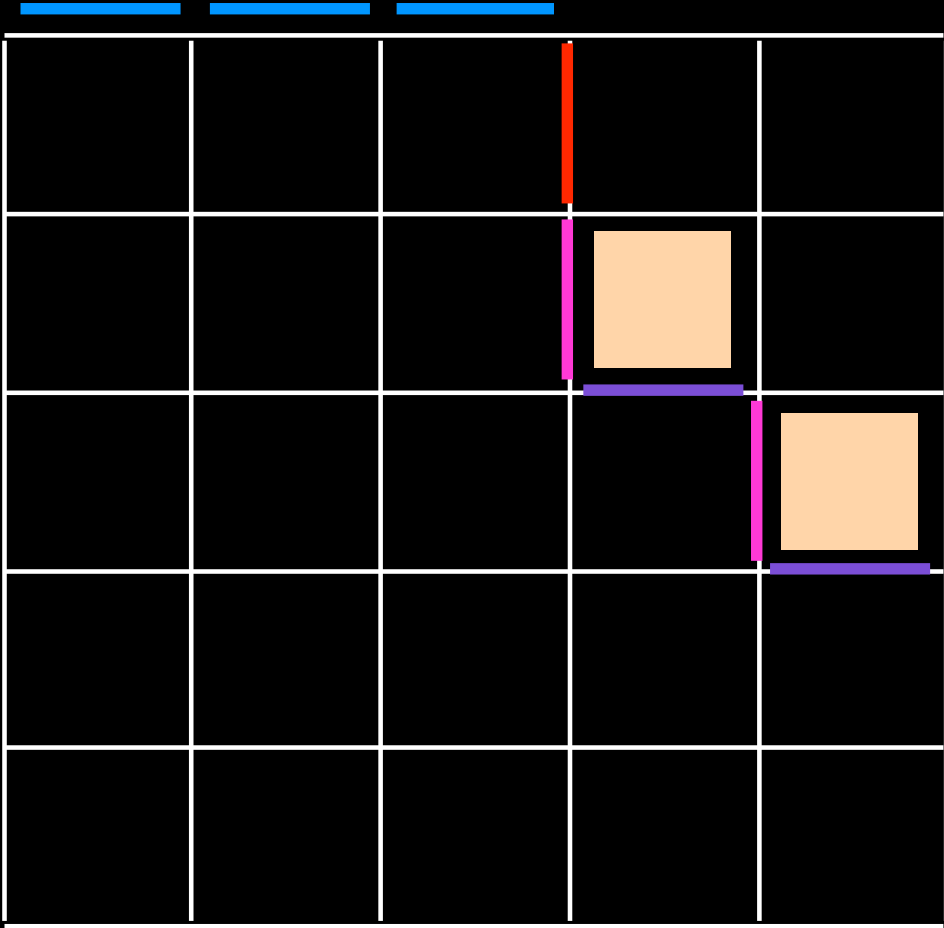


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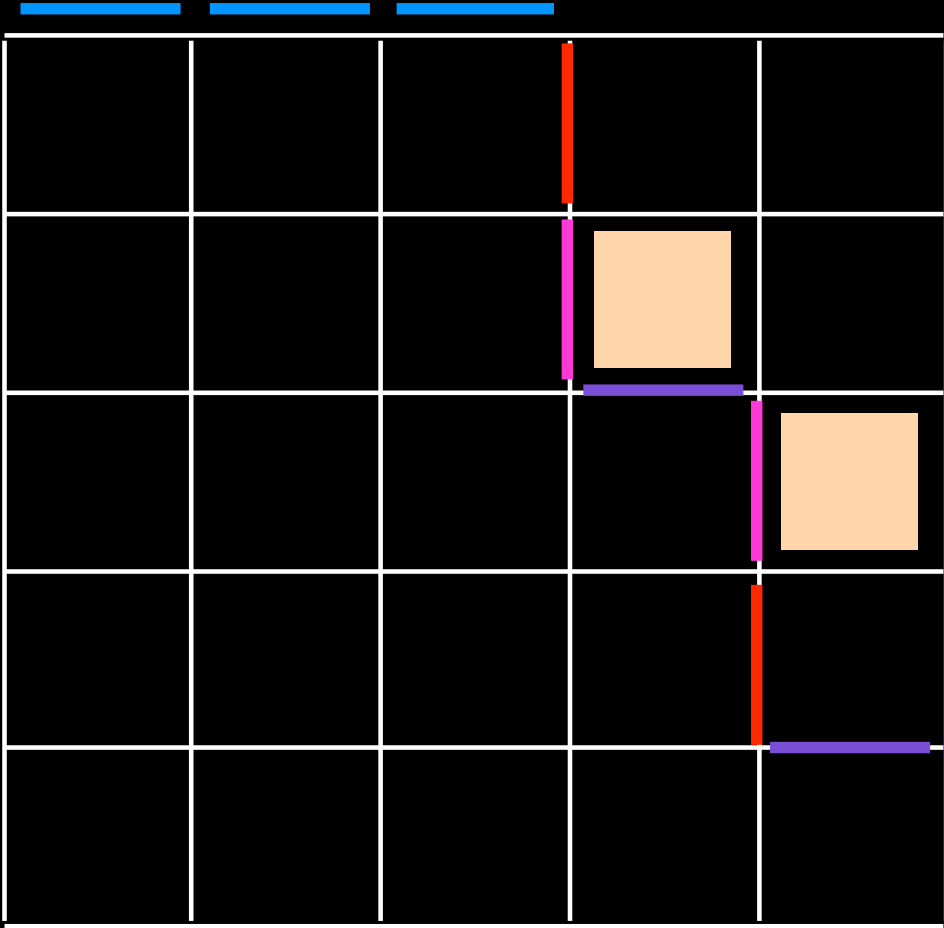
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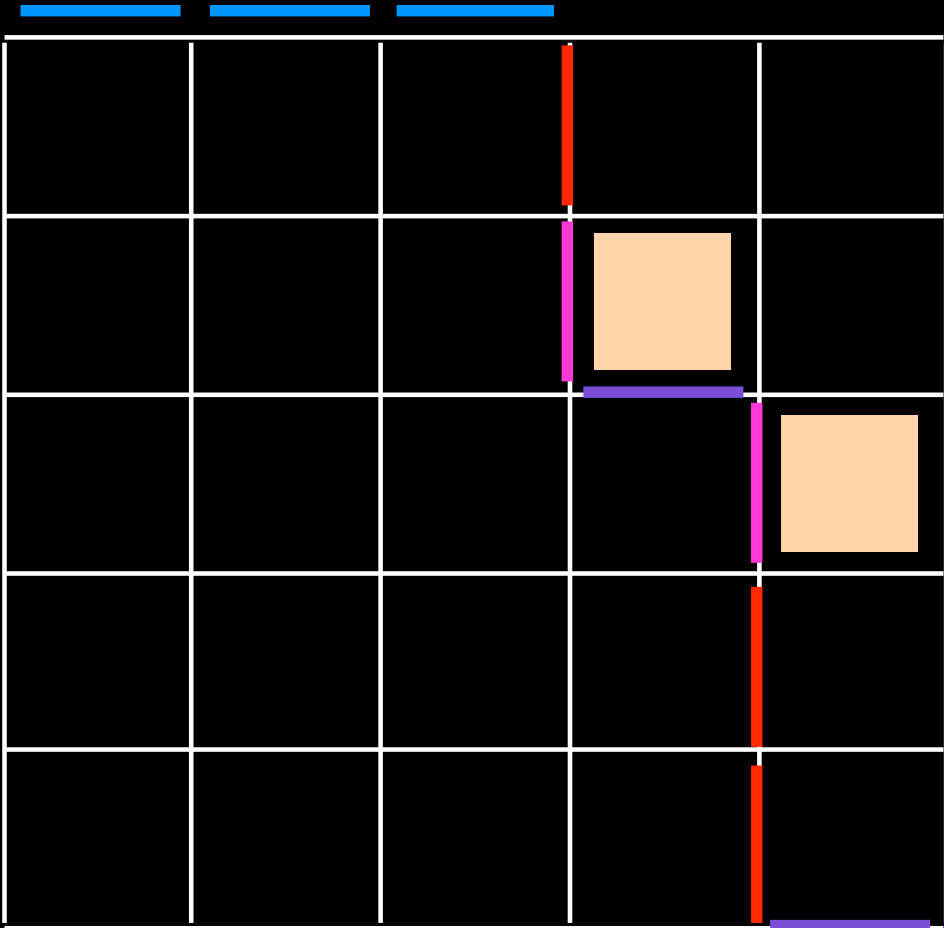
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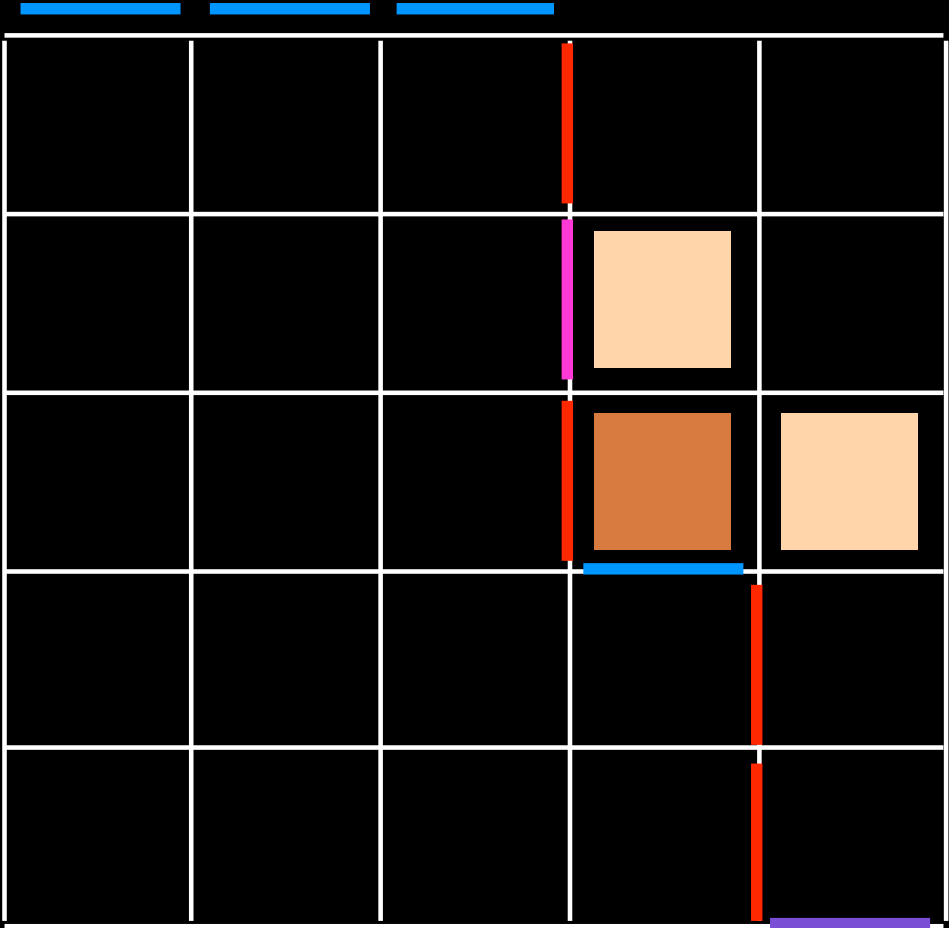


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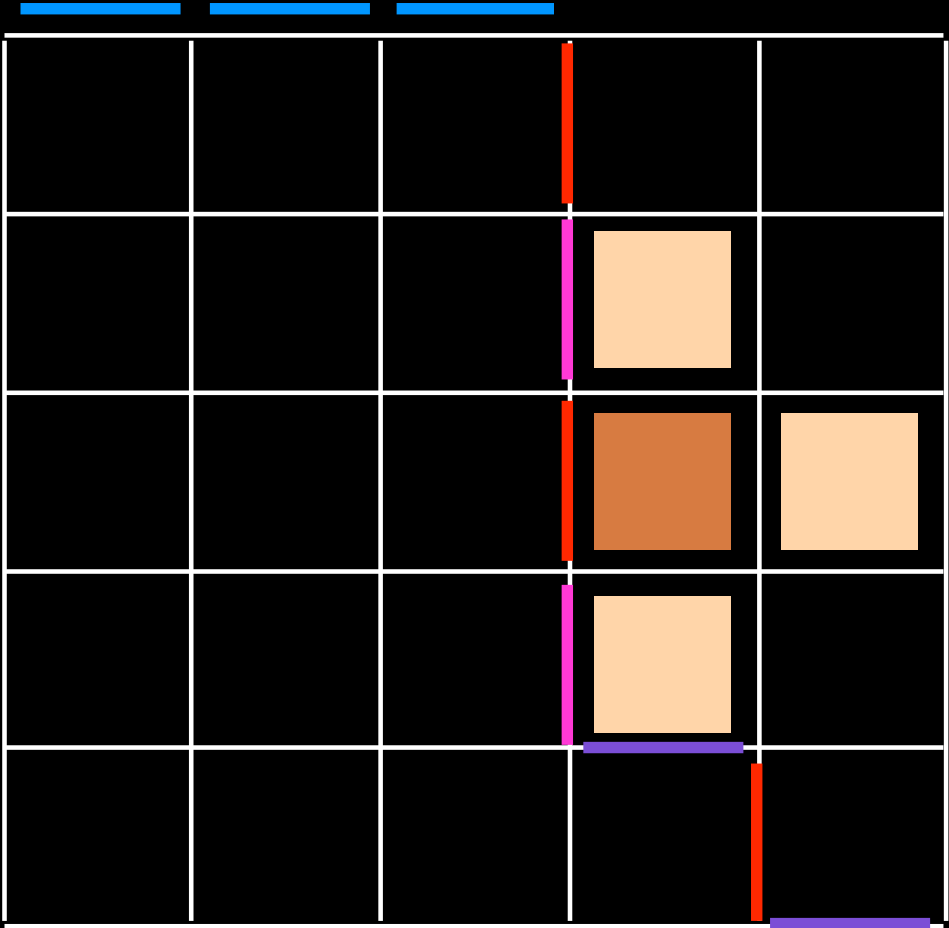


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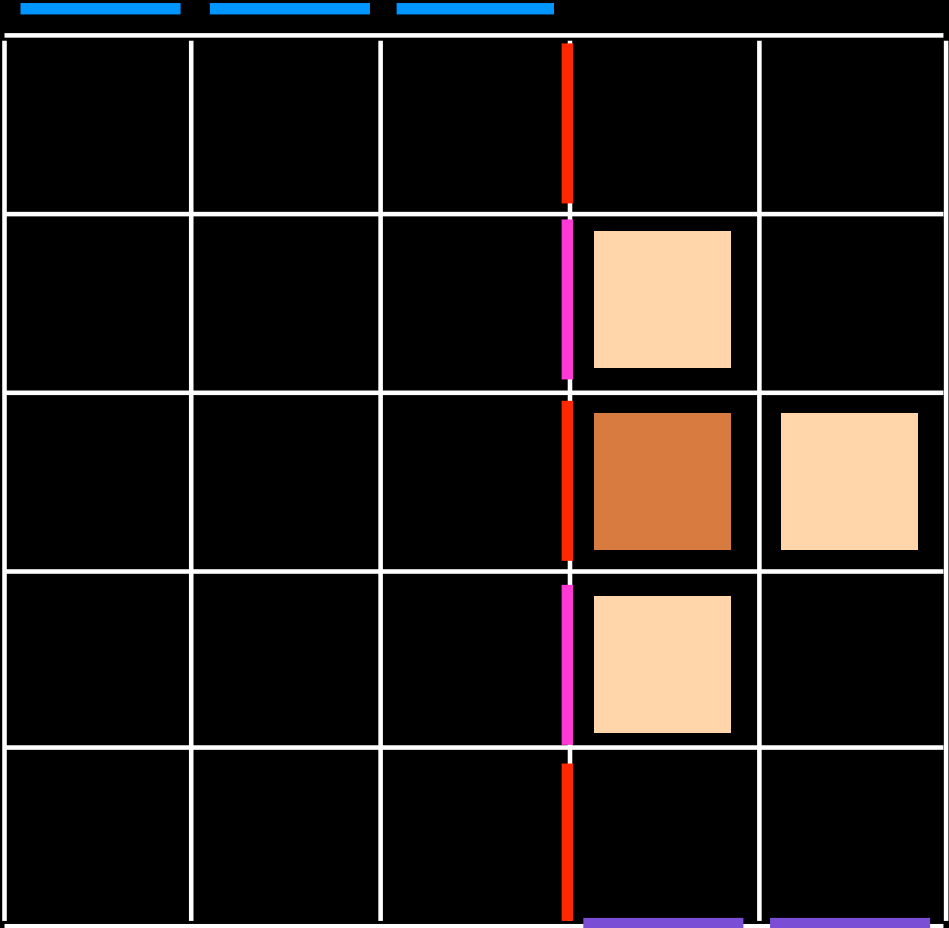


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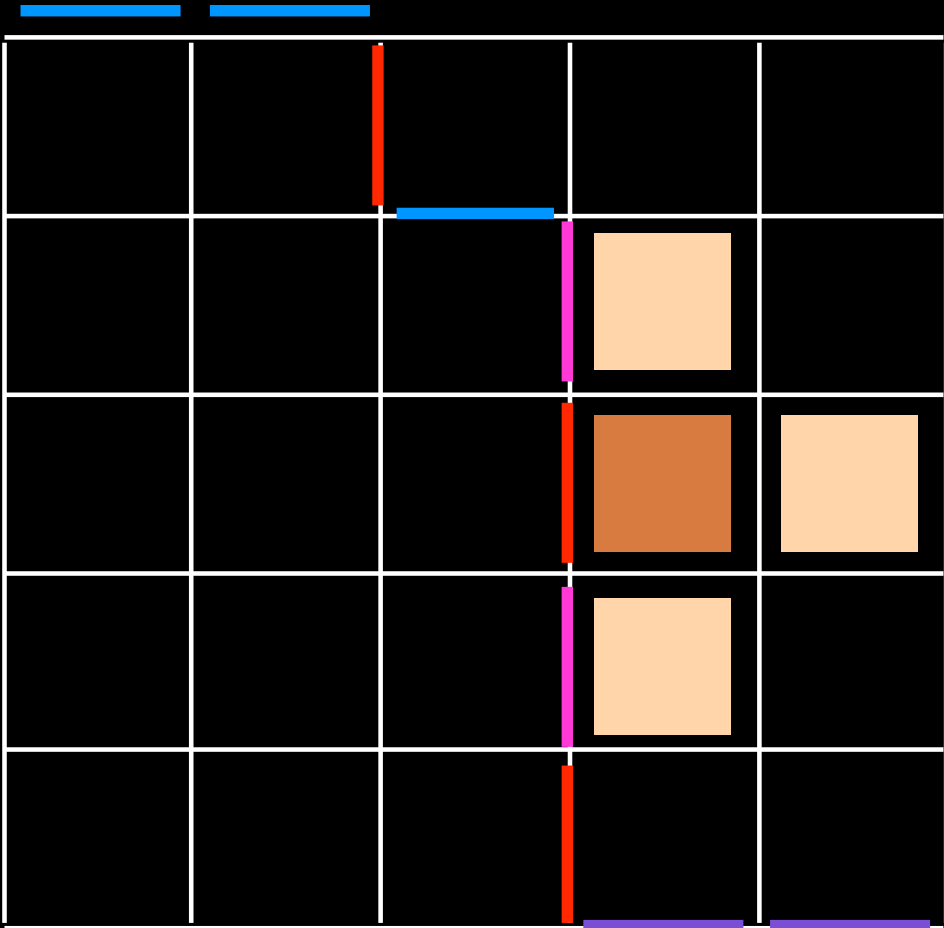


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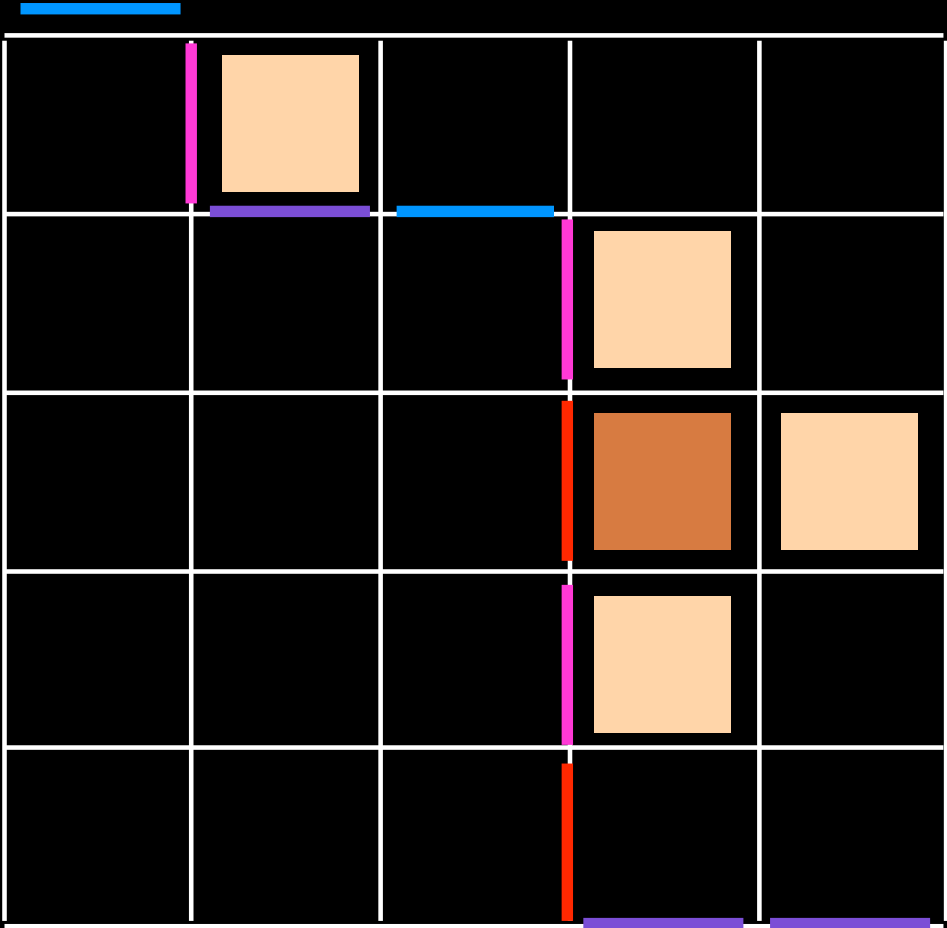


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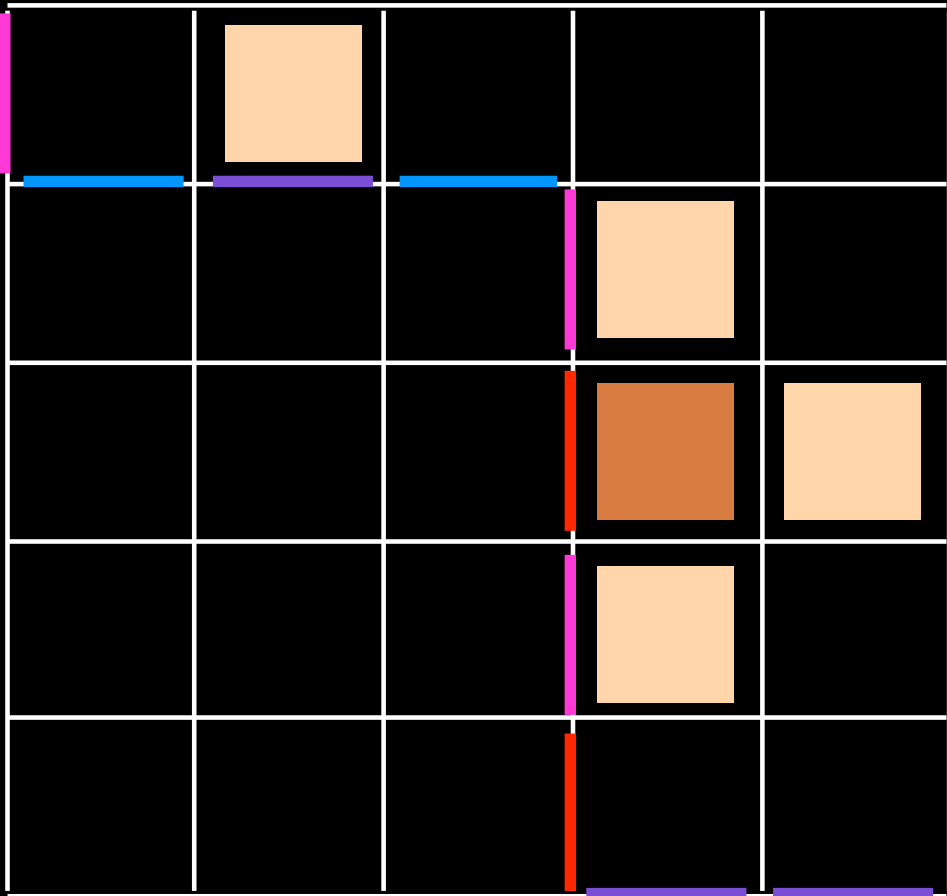


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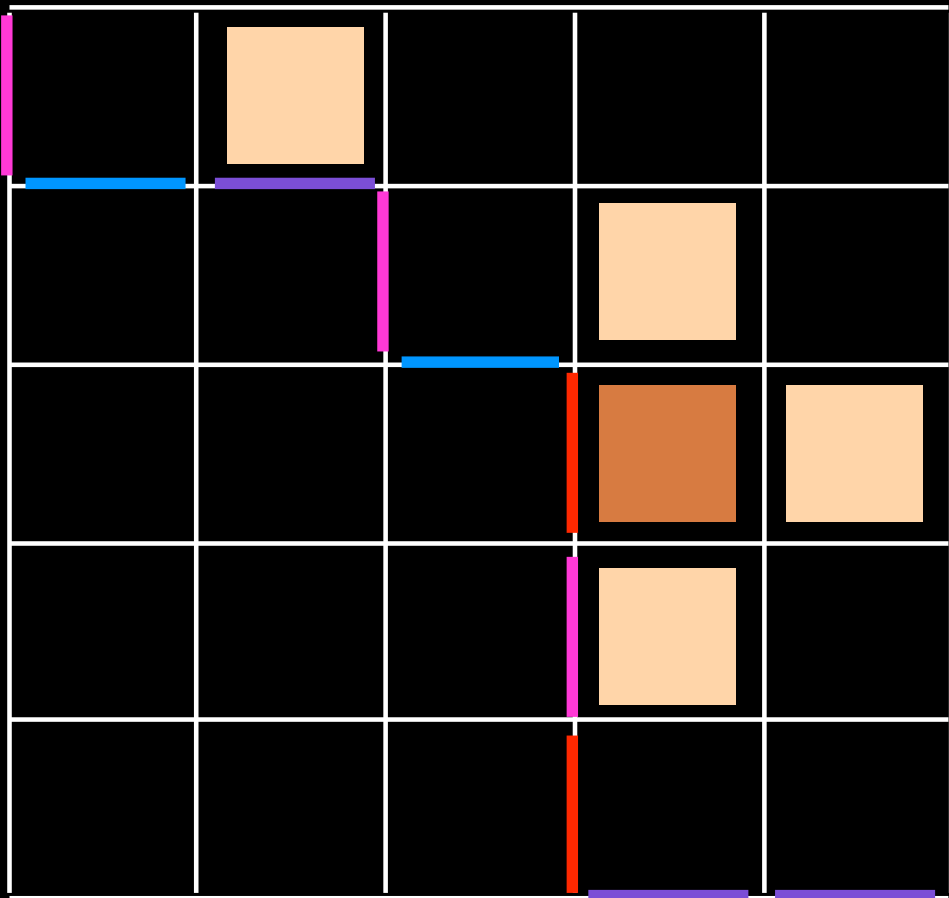


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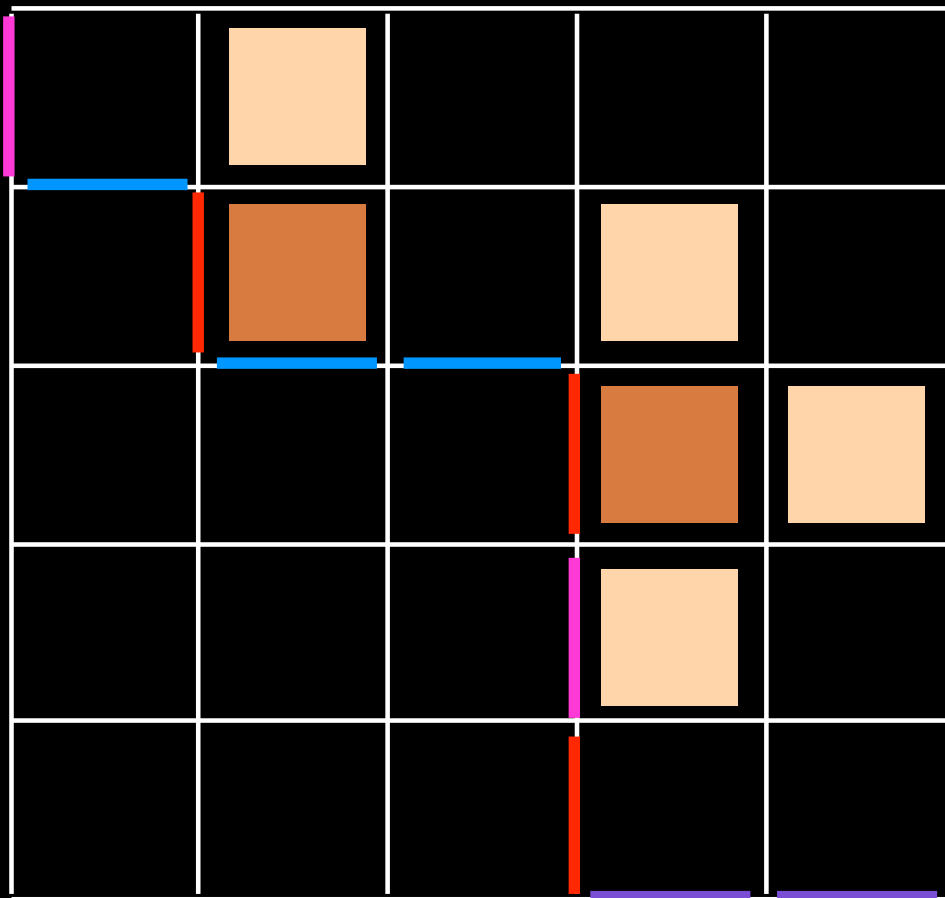
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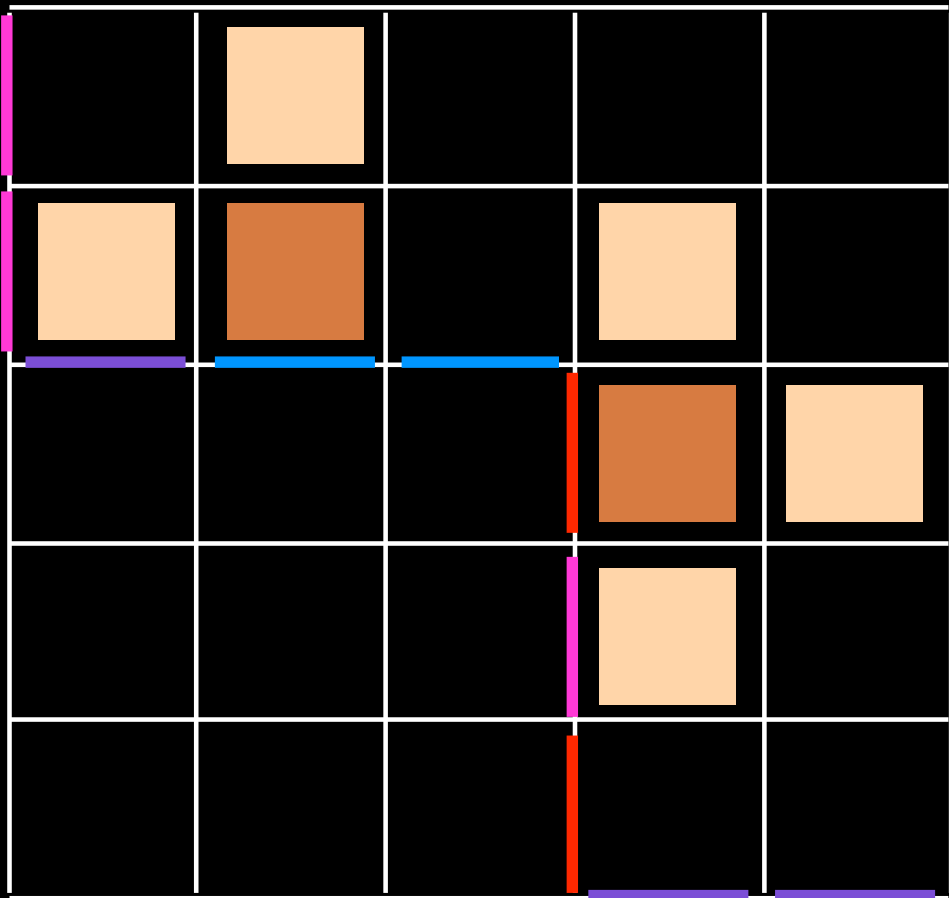
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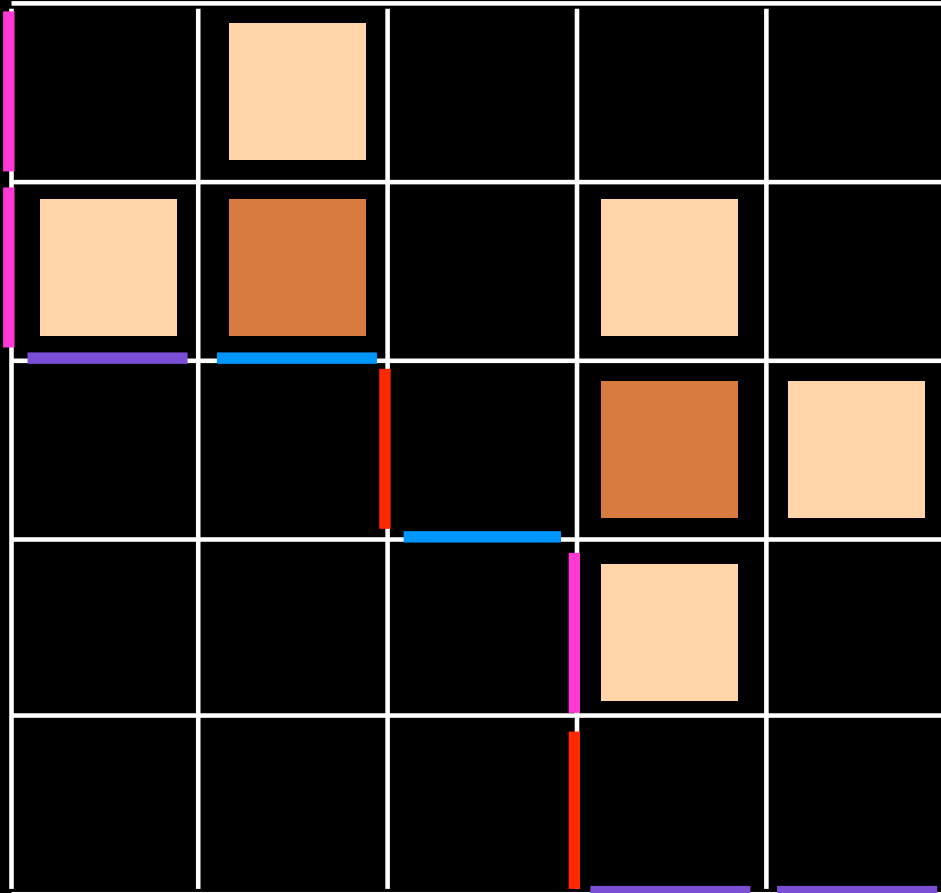


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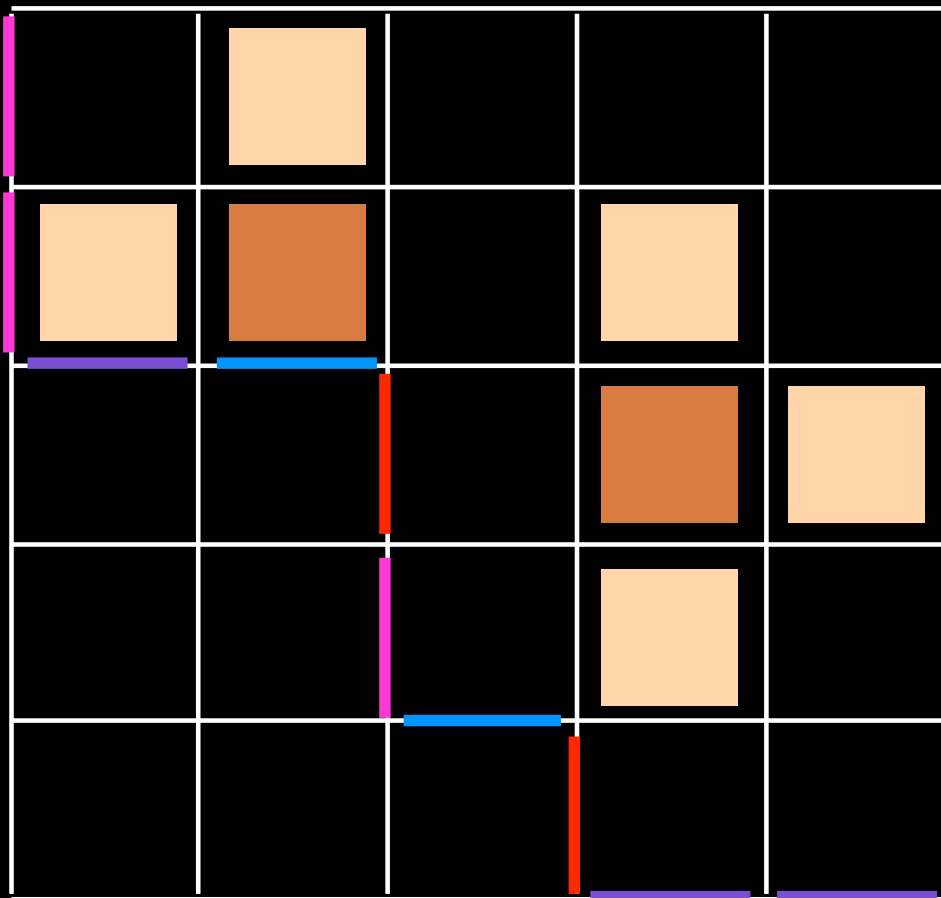
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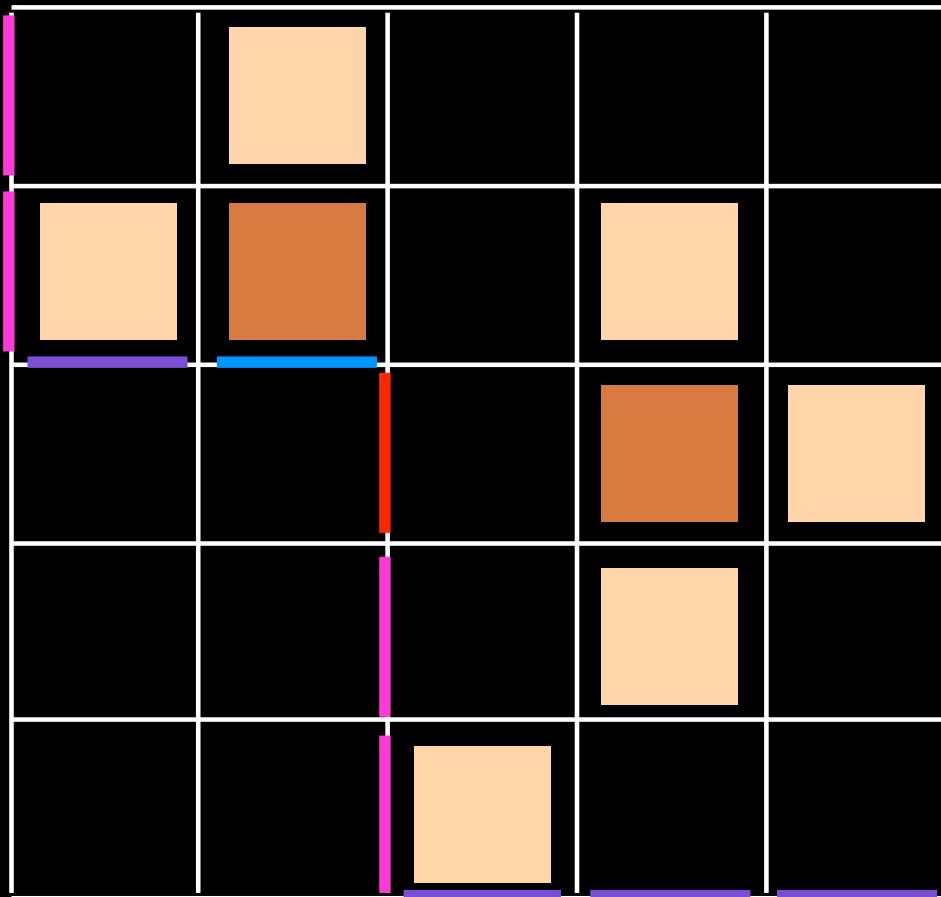


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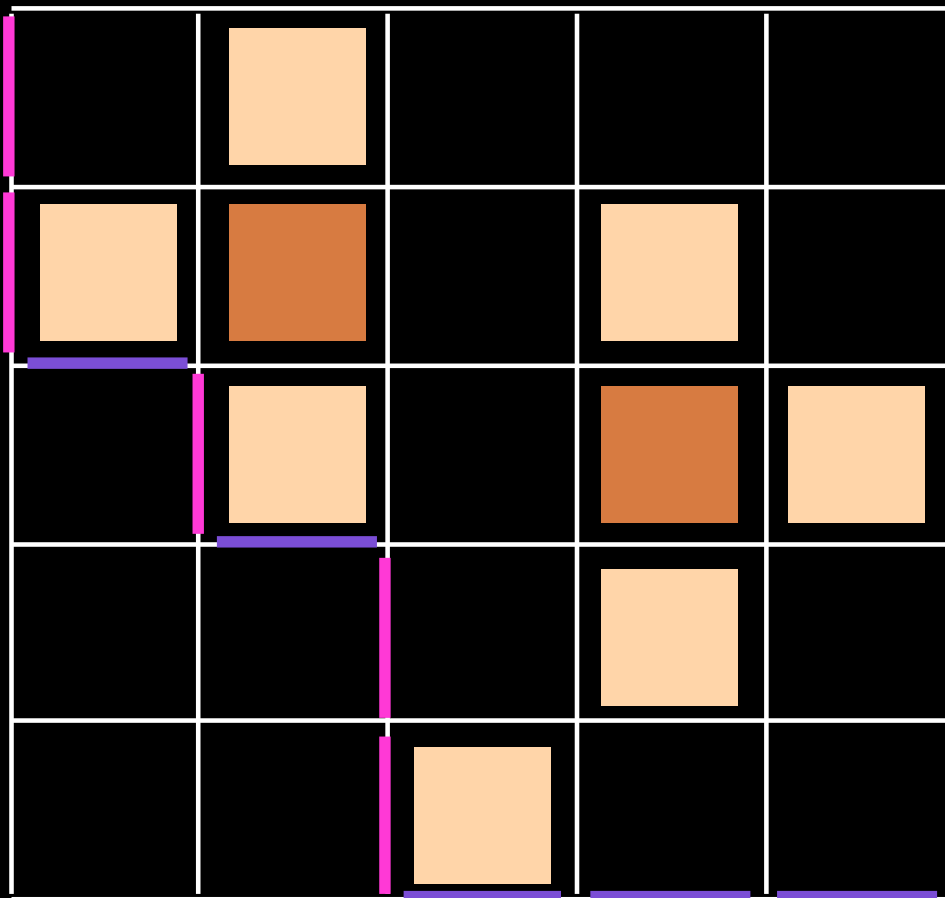


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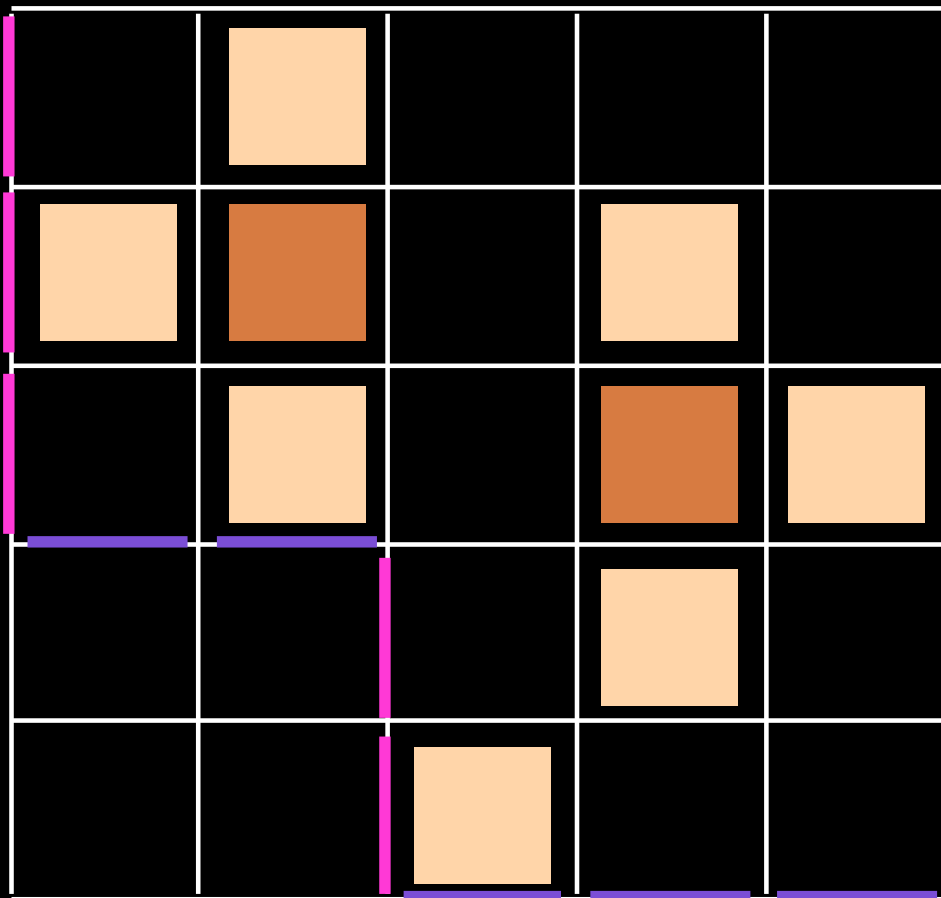


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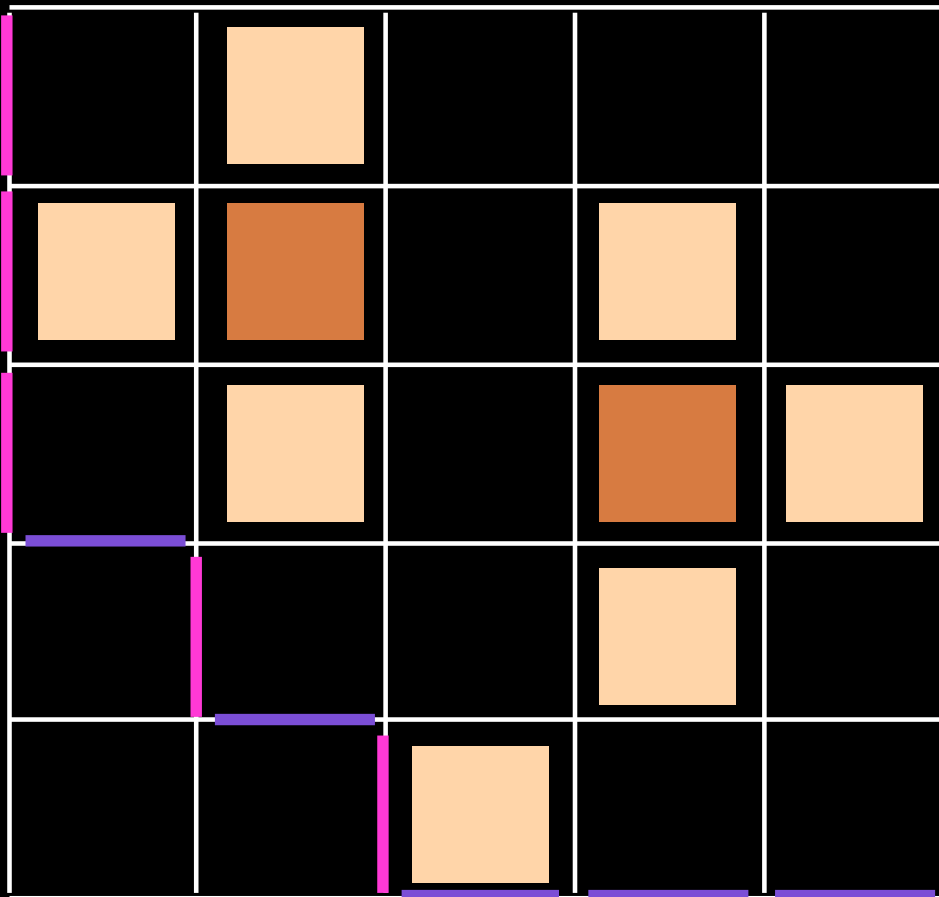


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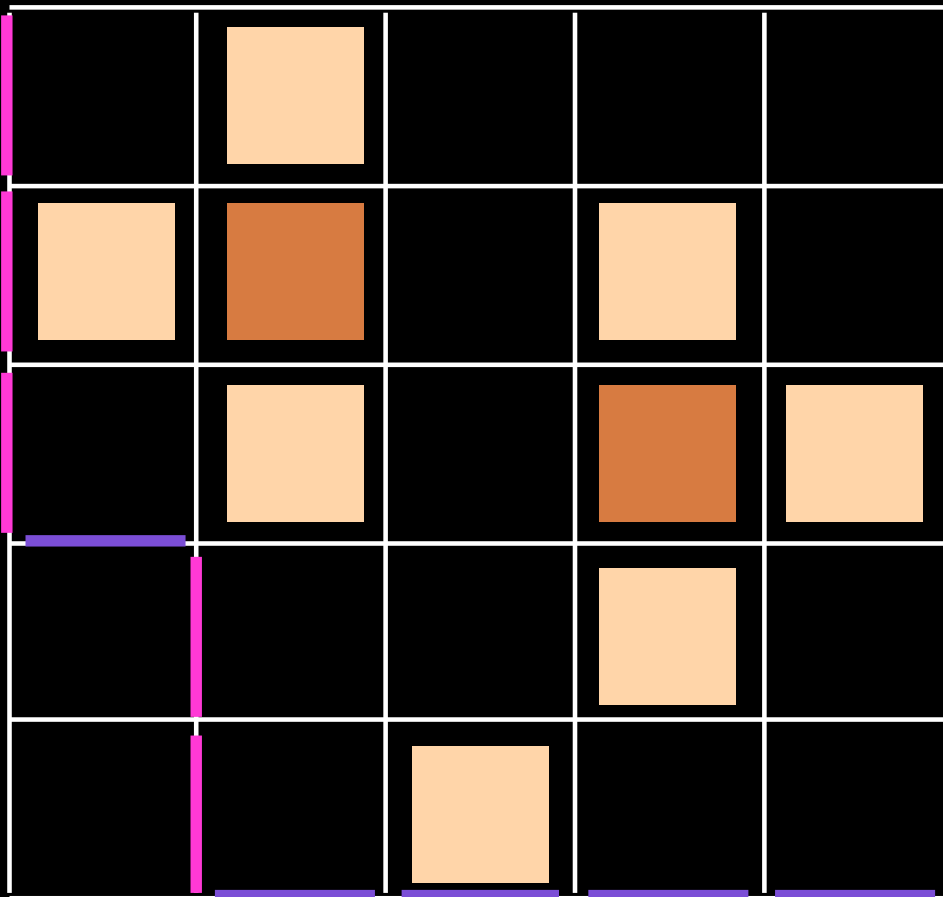


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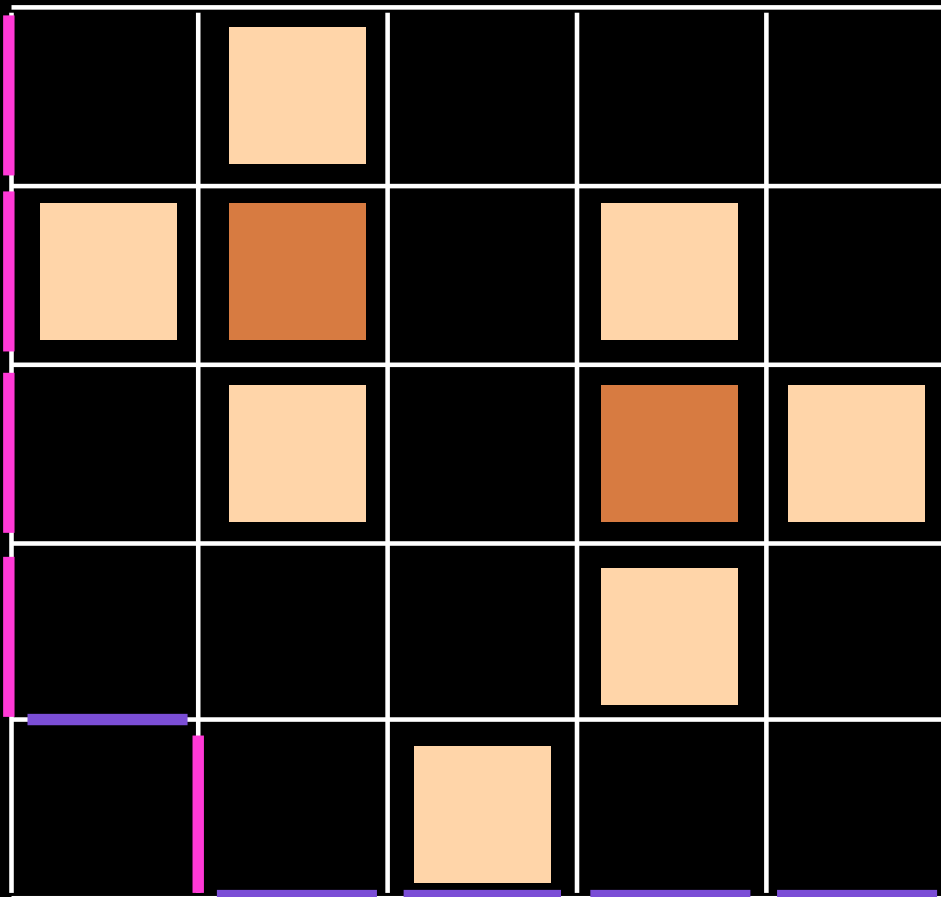


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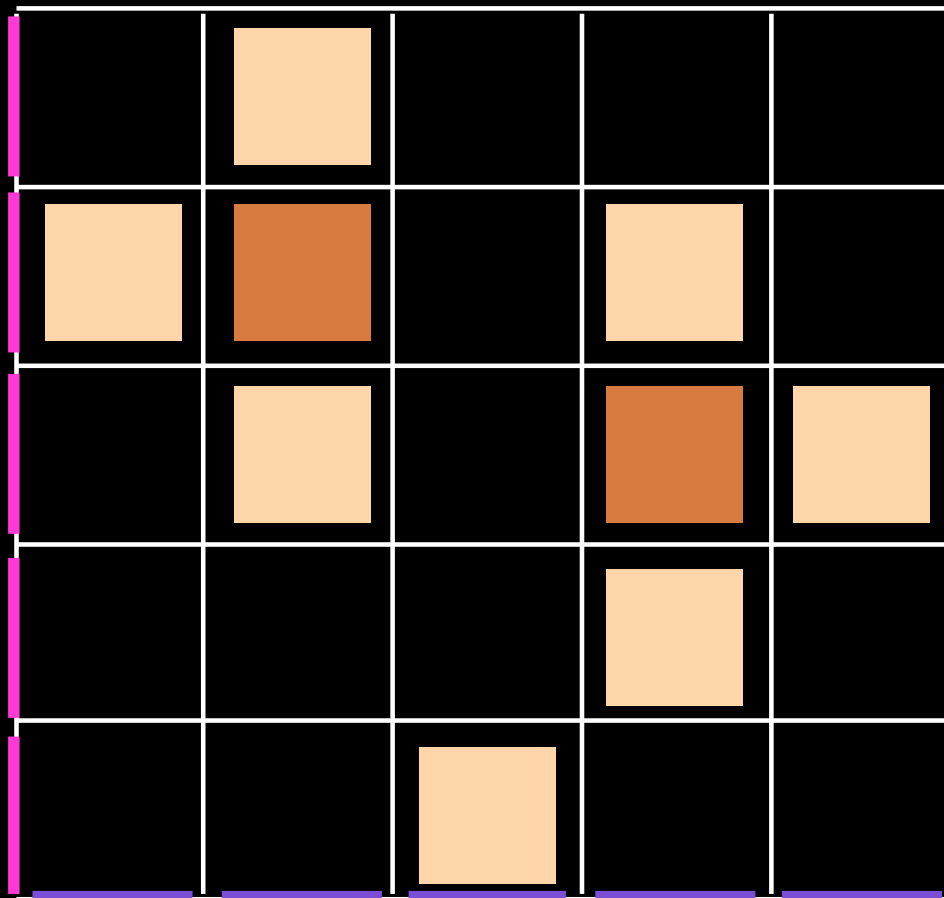


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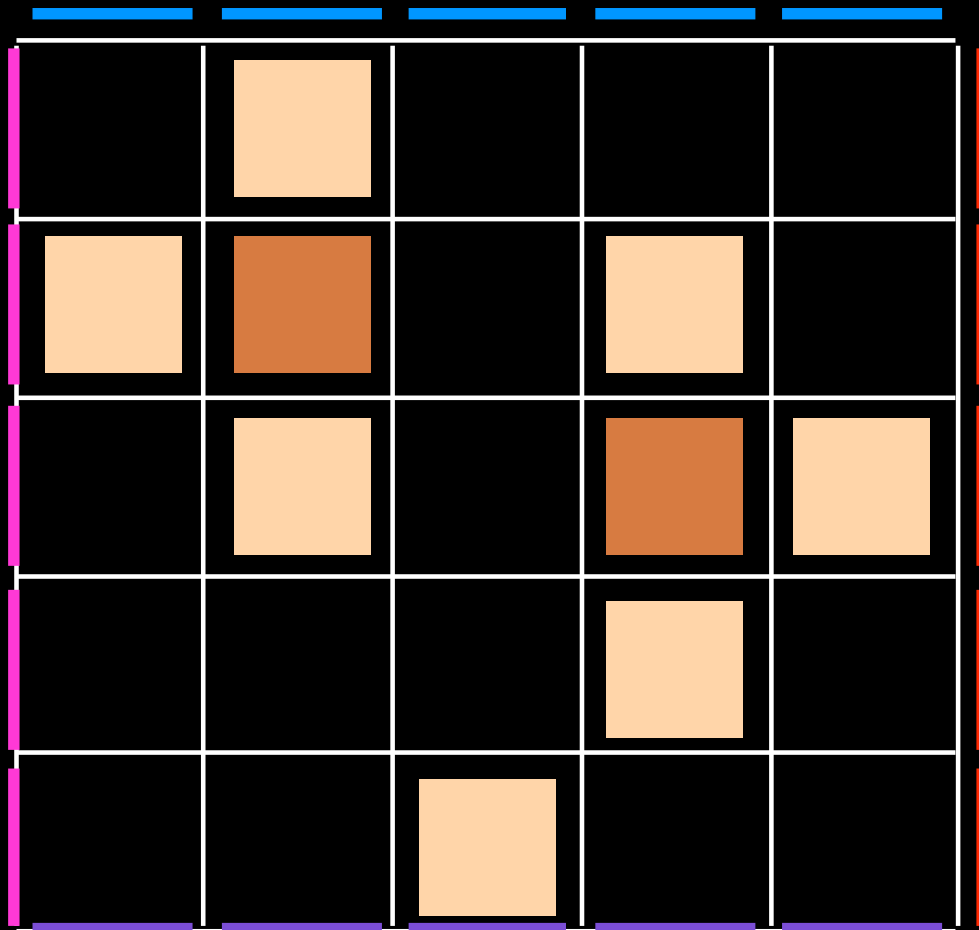
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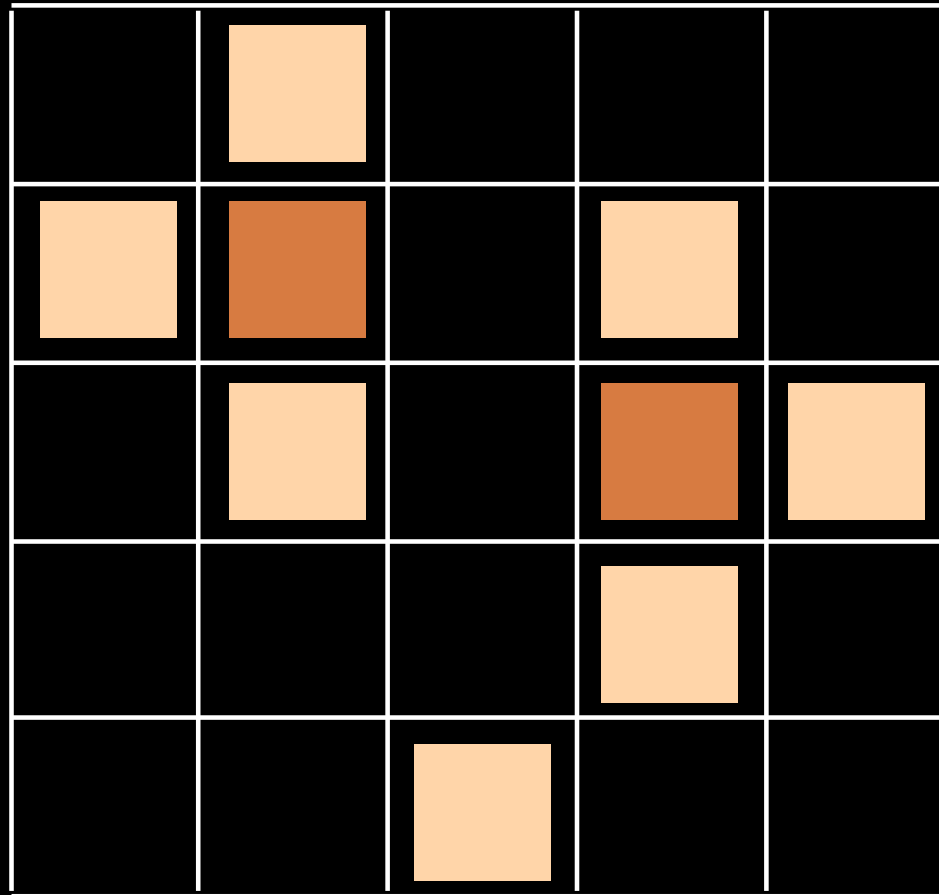


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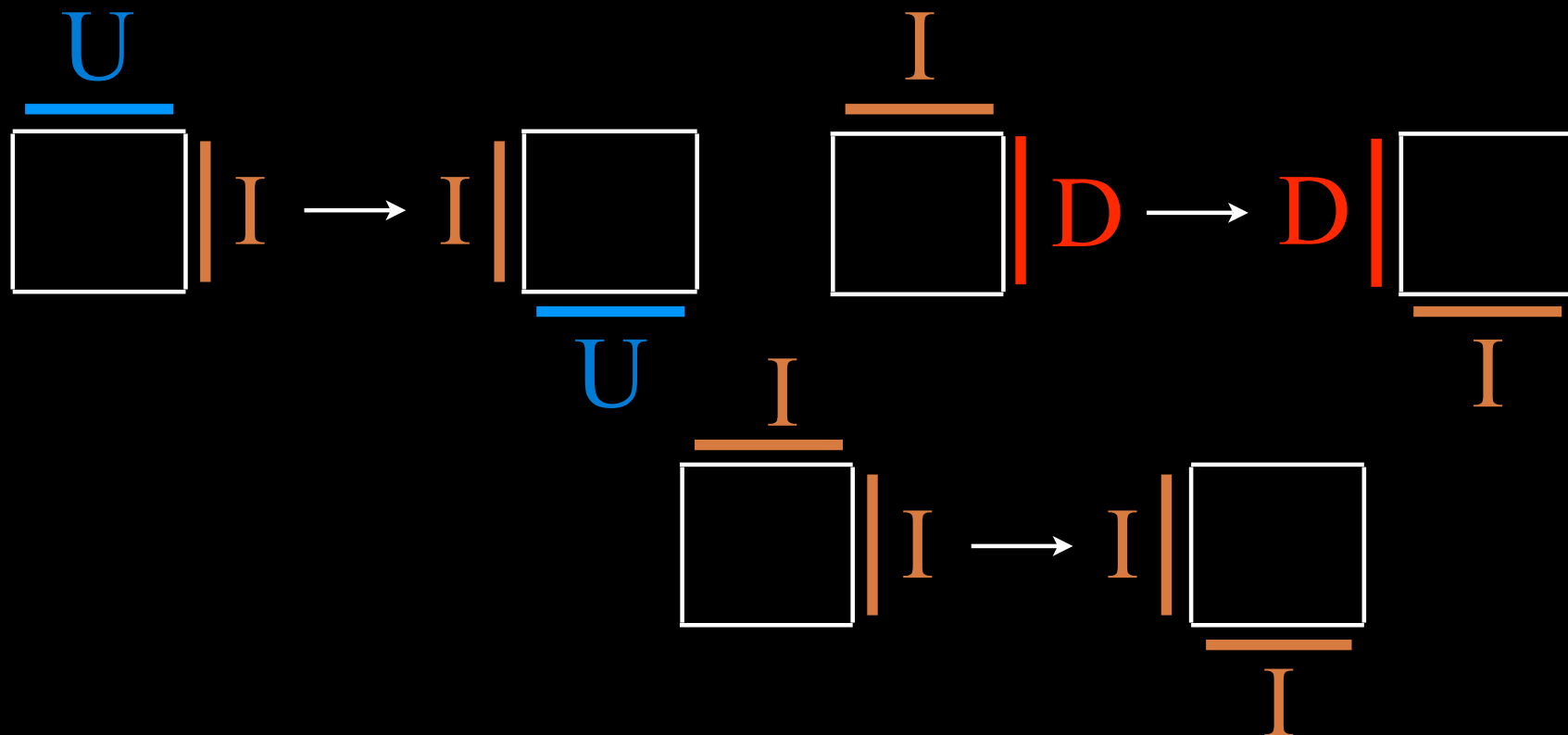
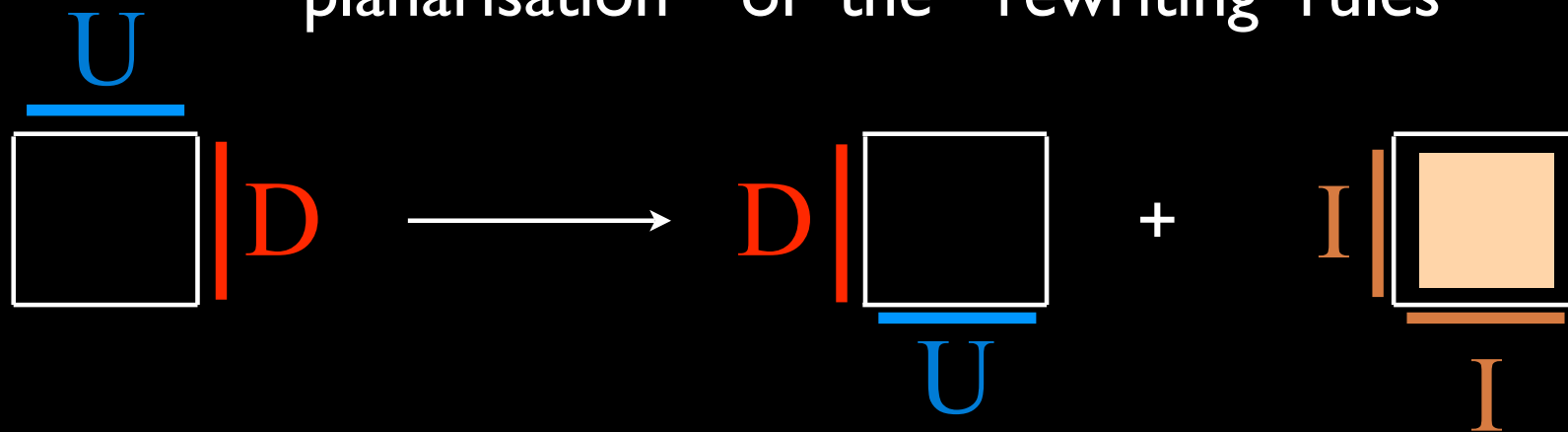


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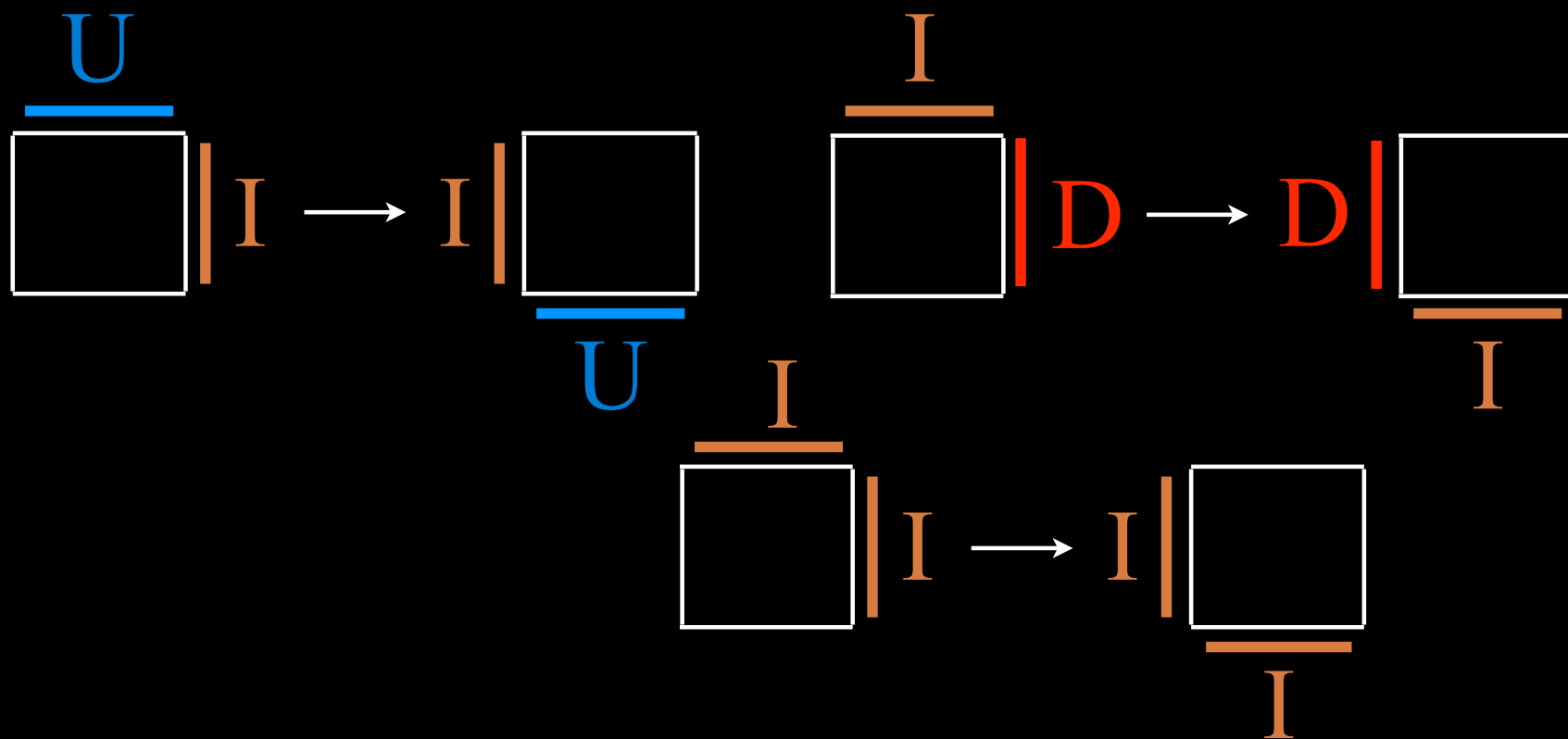
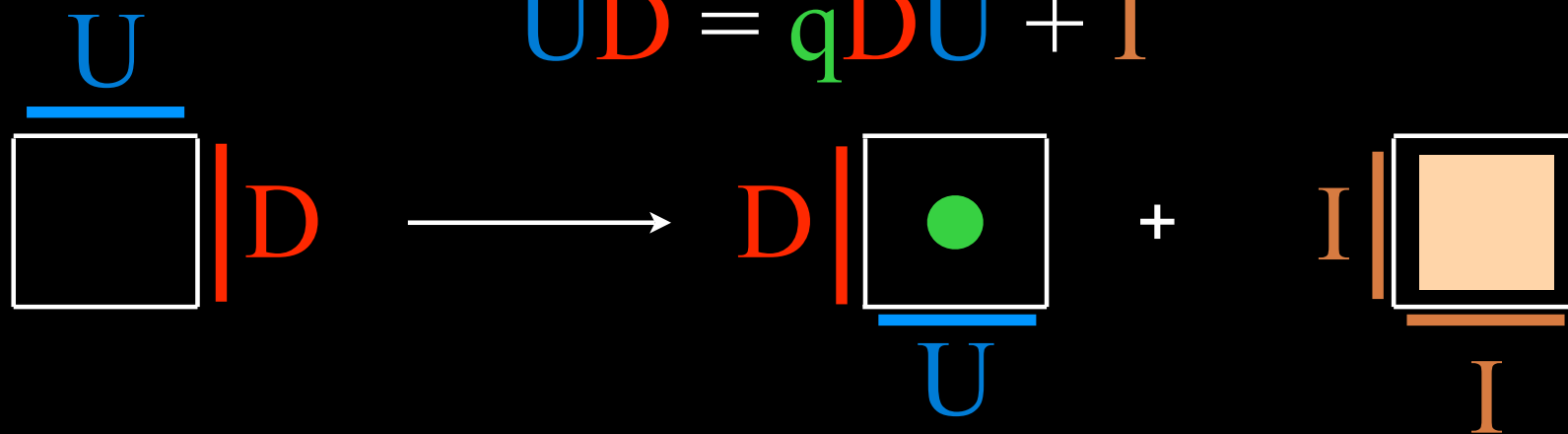
§2
Heisenberg
operators
 U, D

$$UD = q DU + 1$$

“planarisation” of the “rewriting rules”

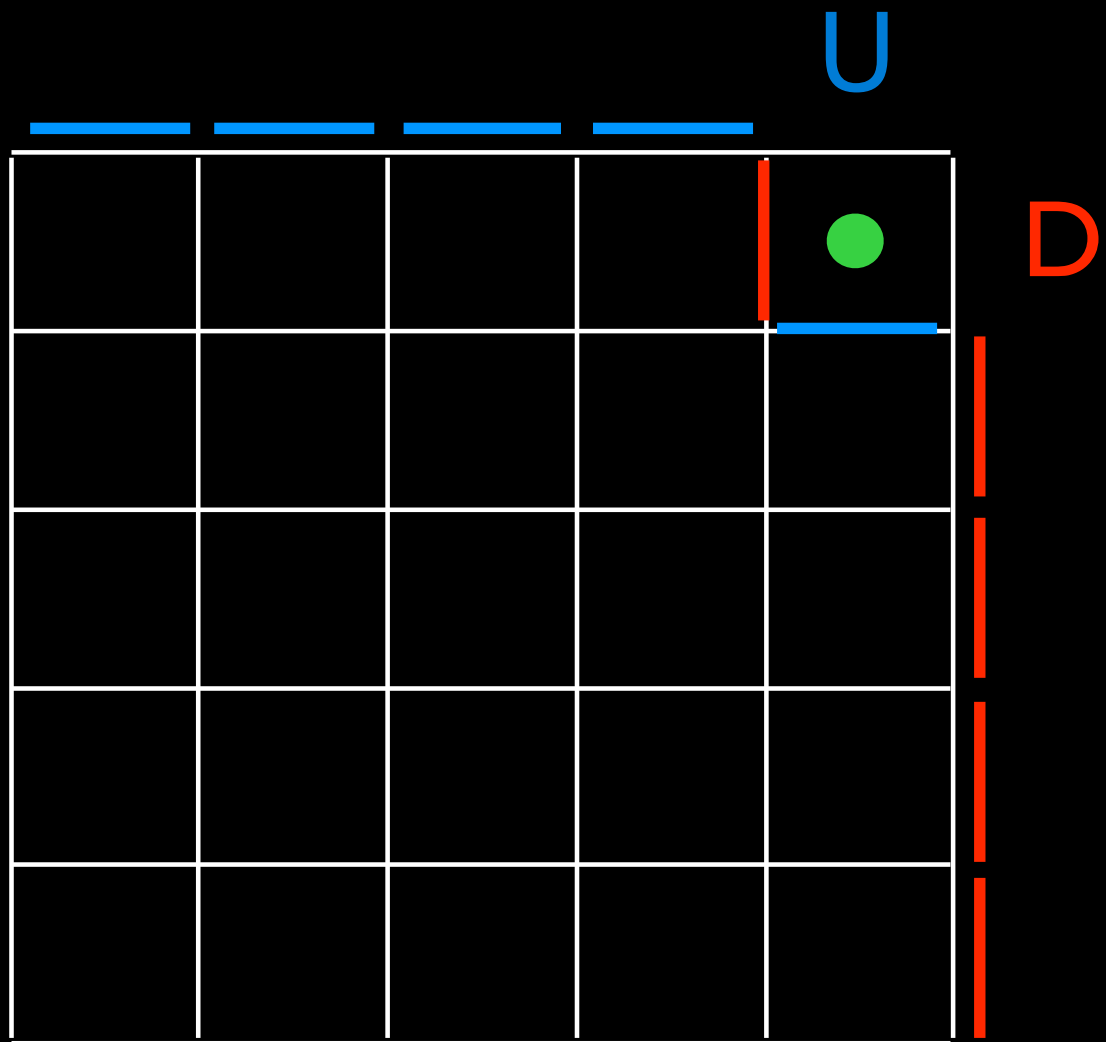


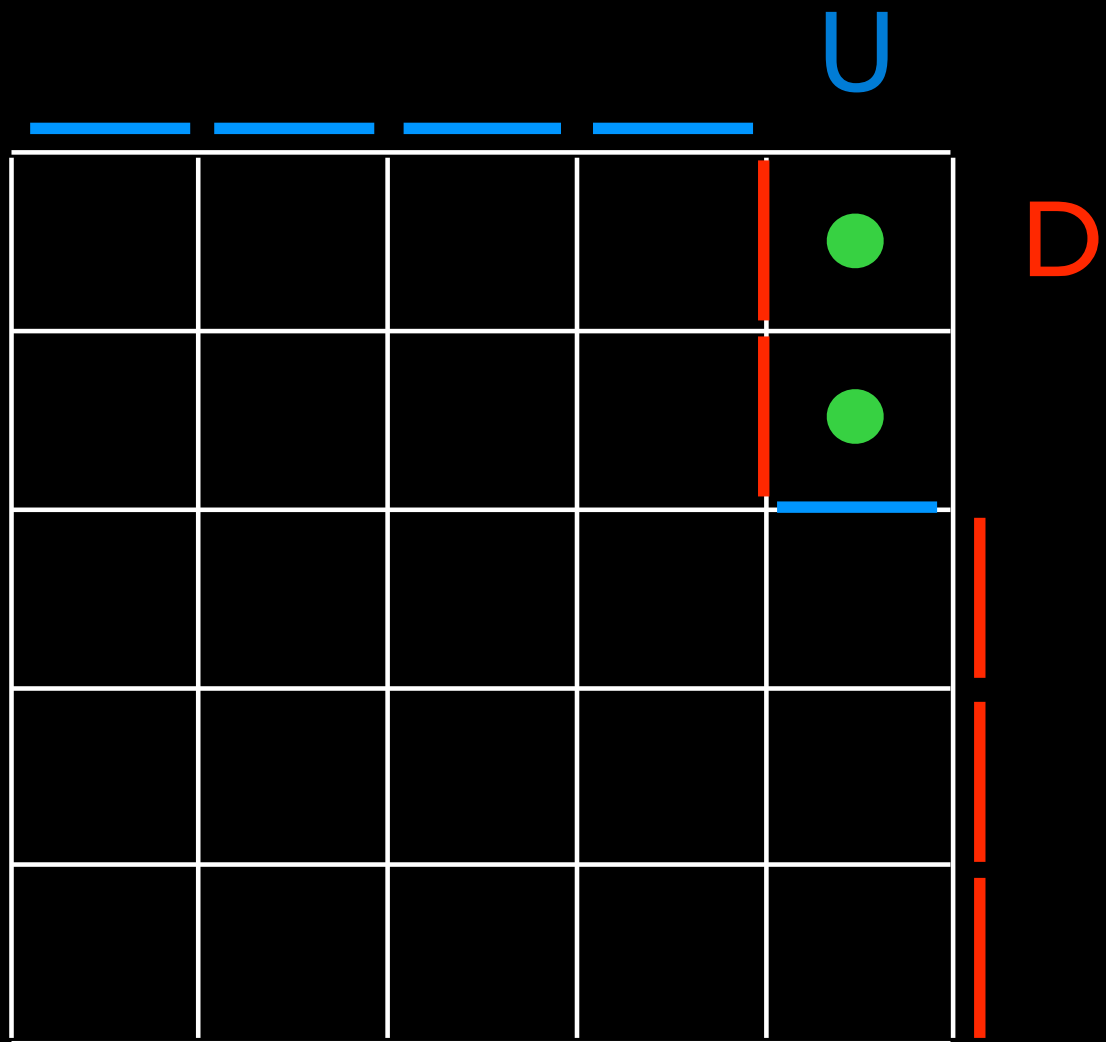
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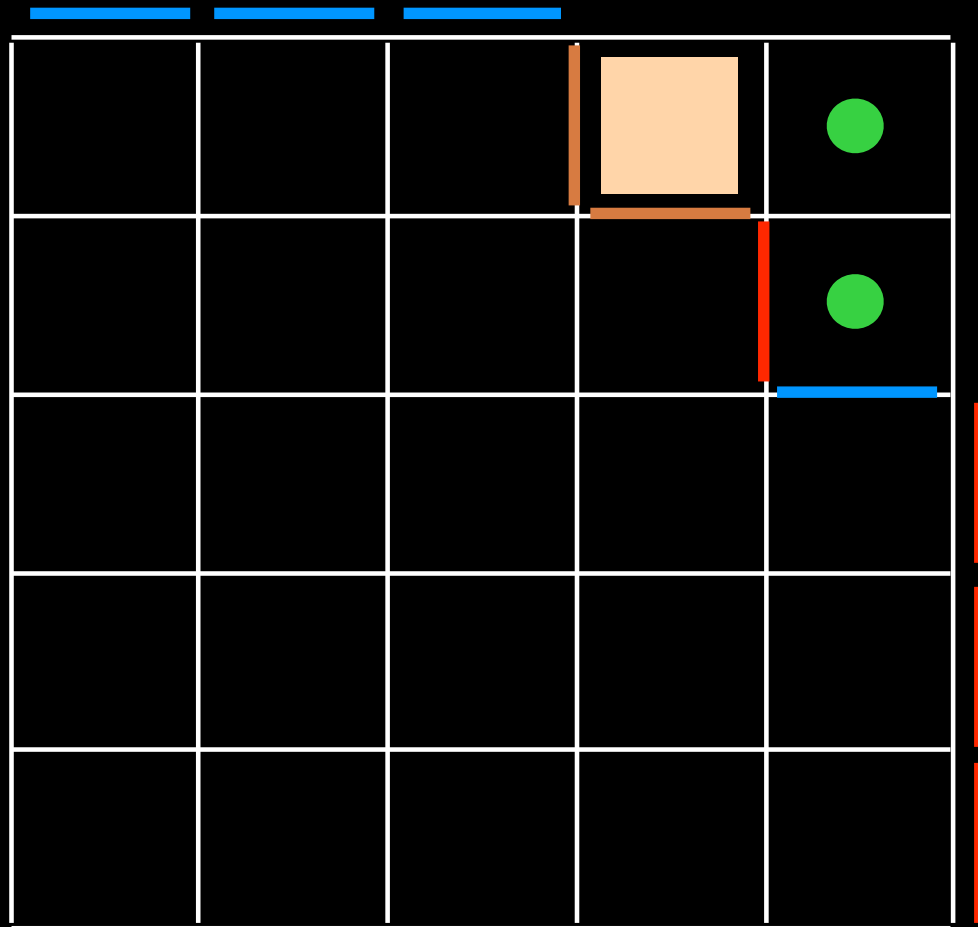


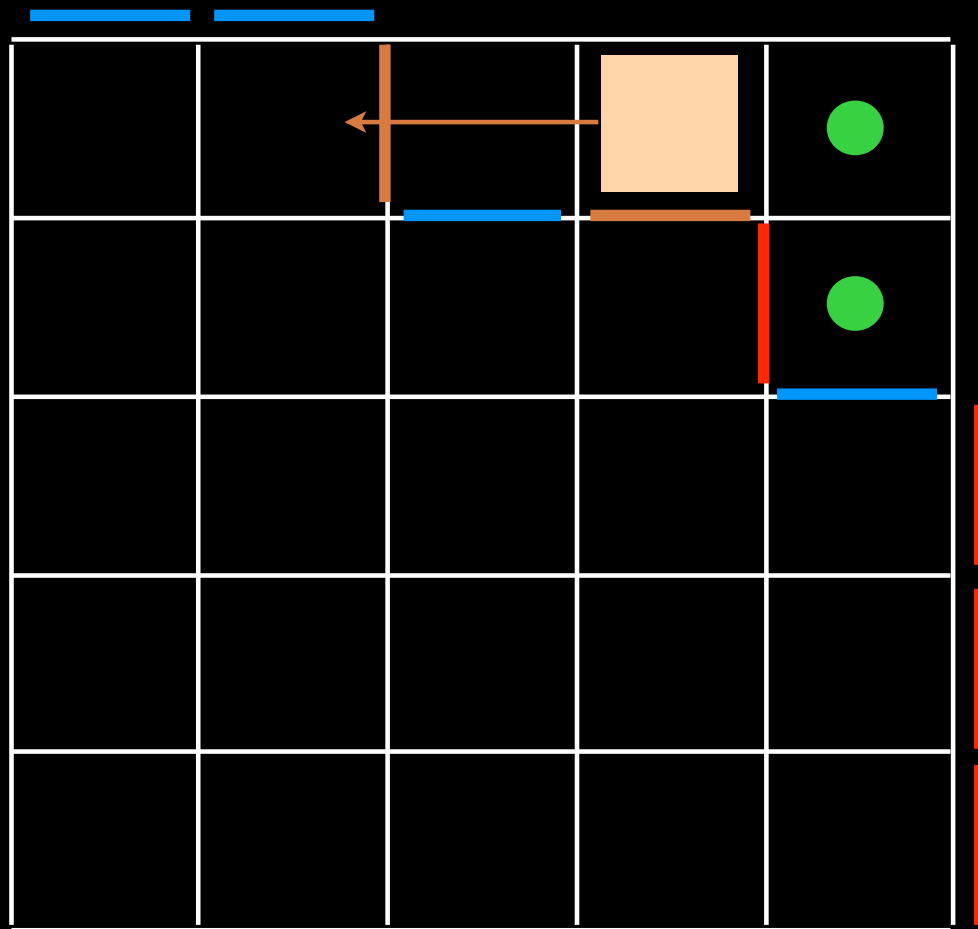
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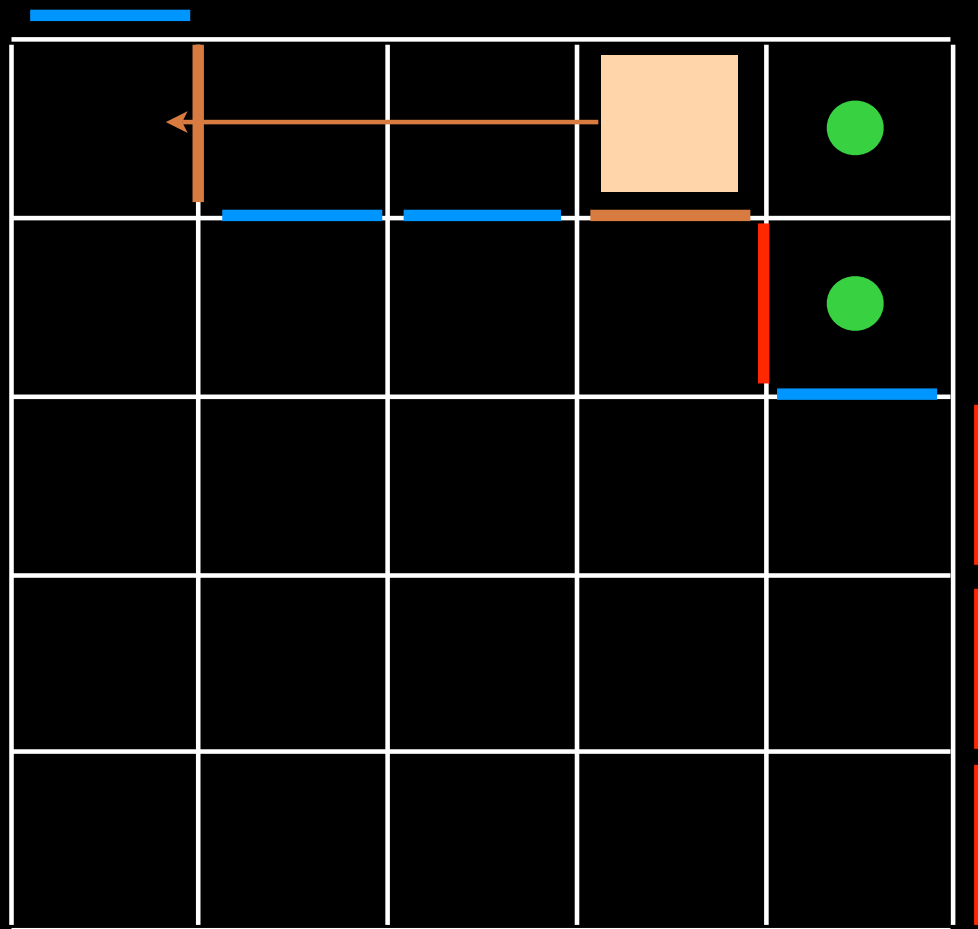
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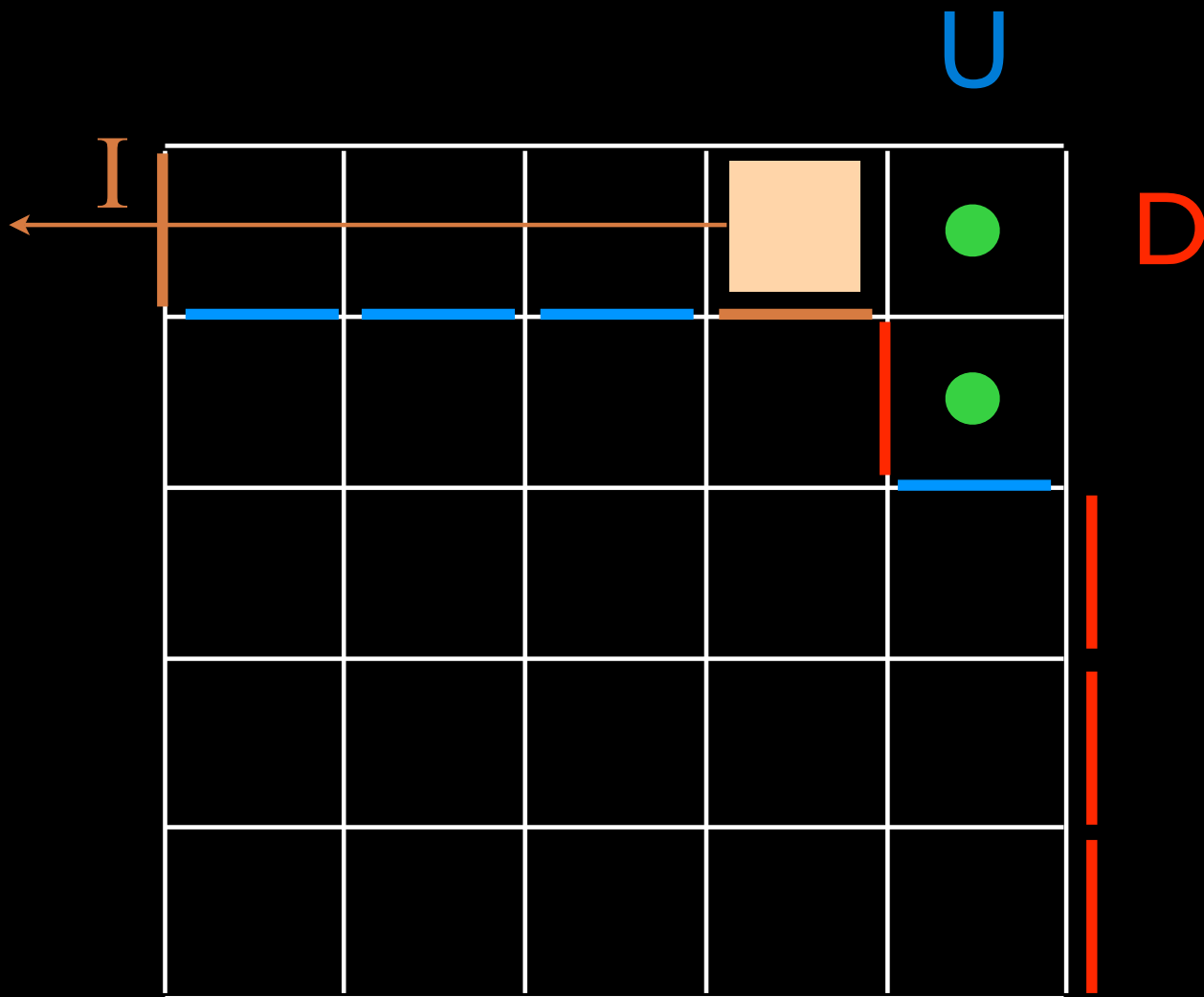


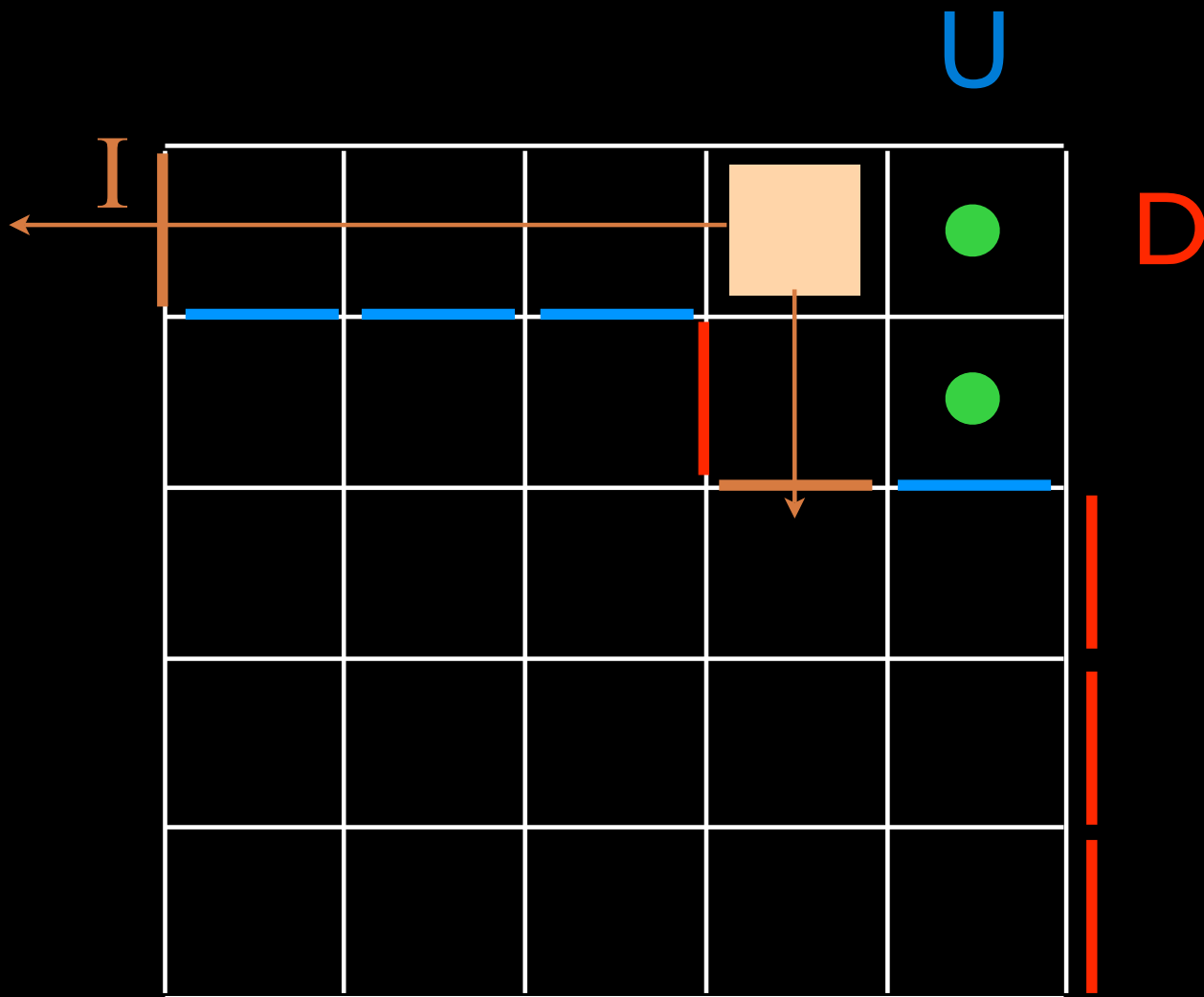


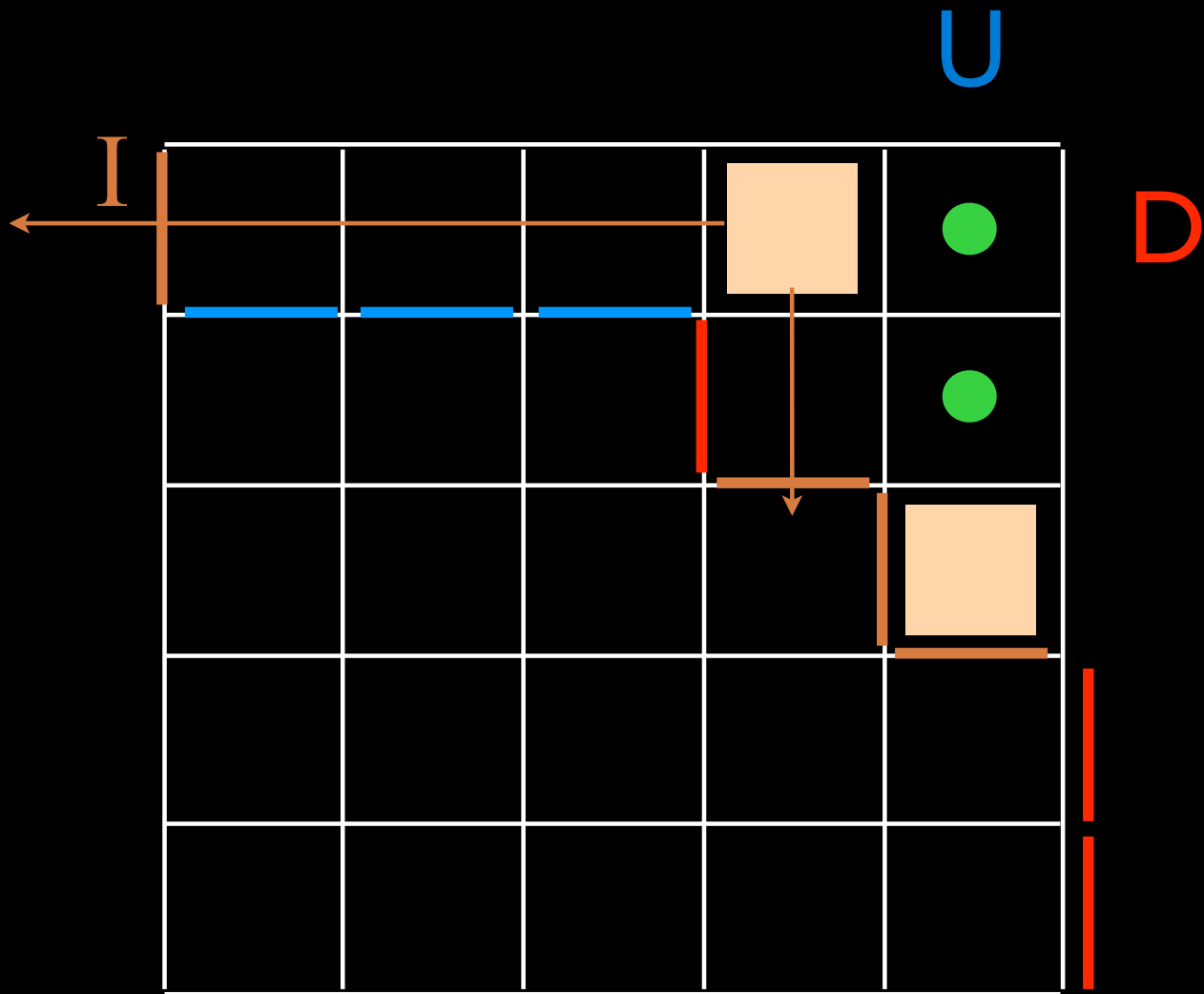


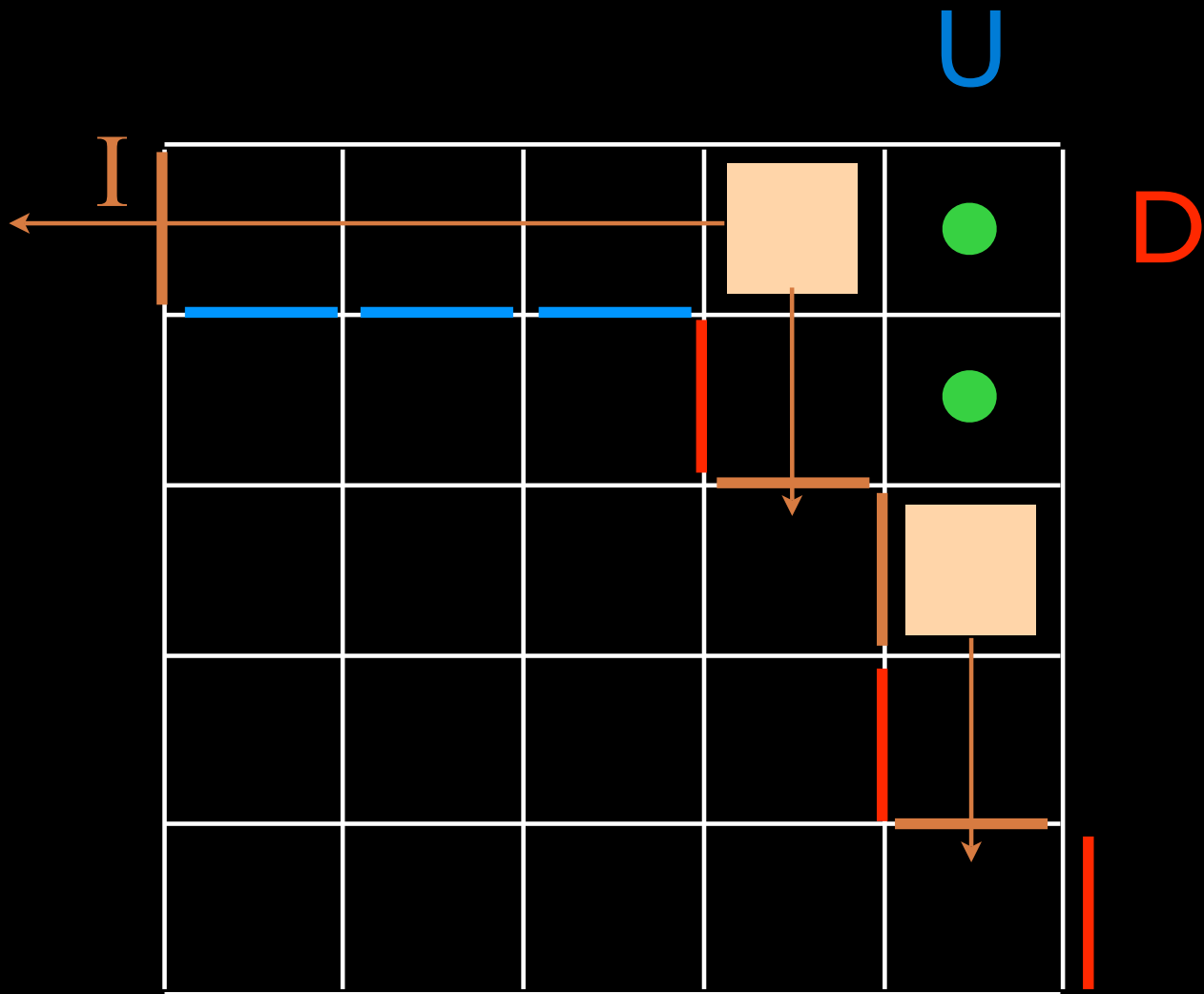


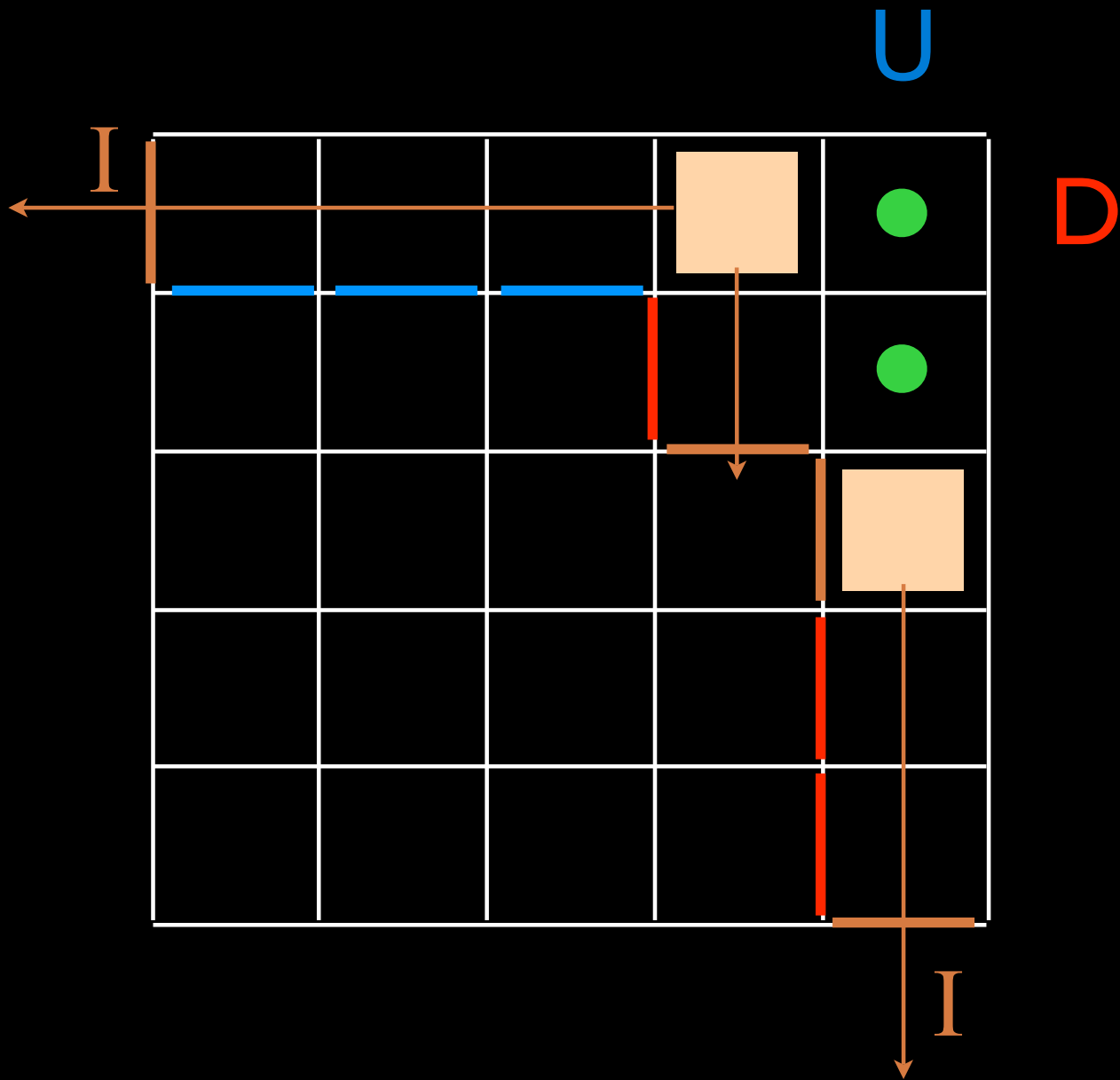


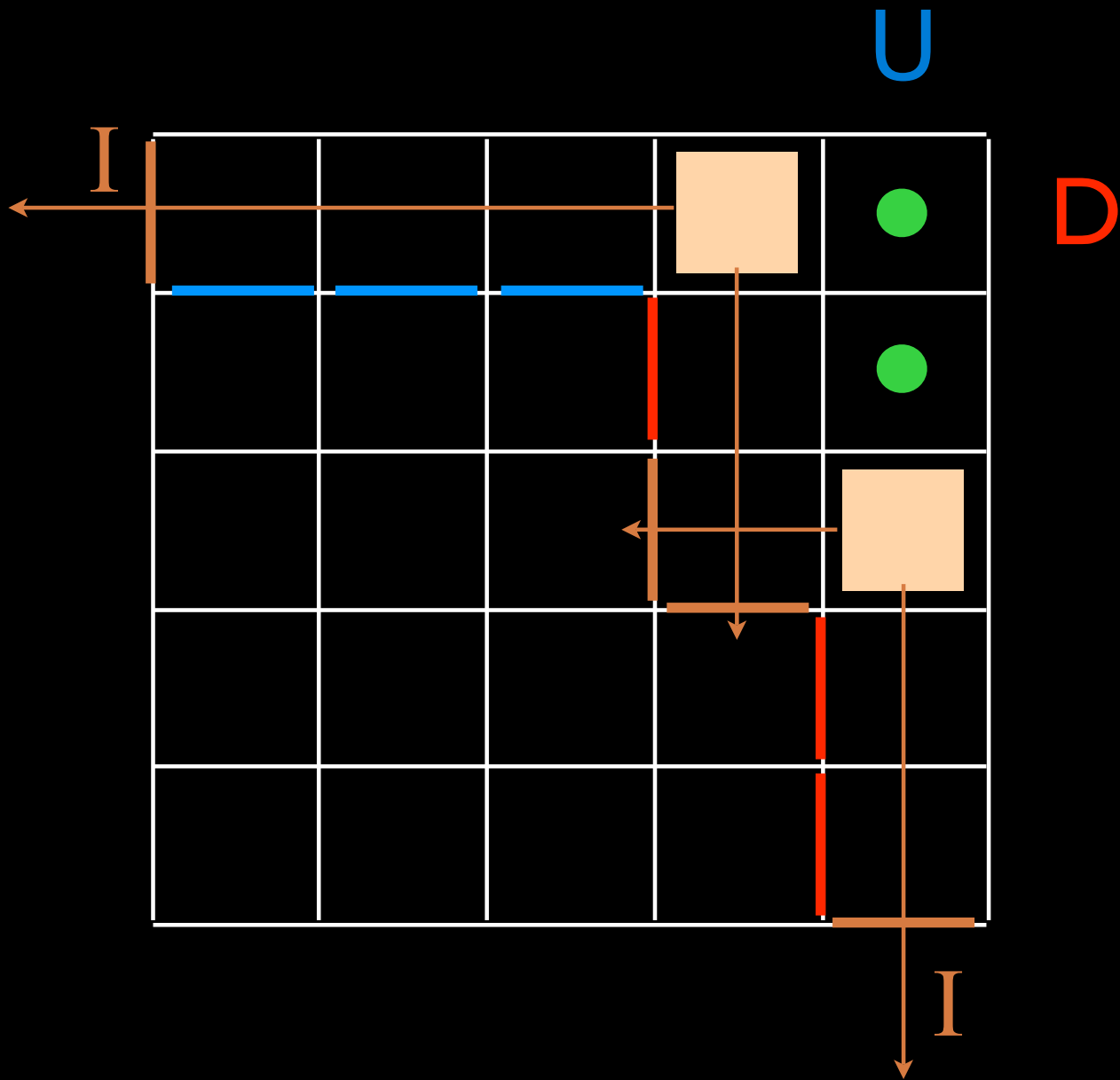


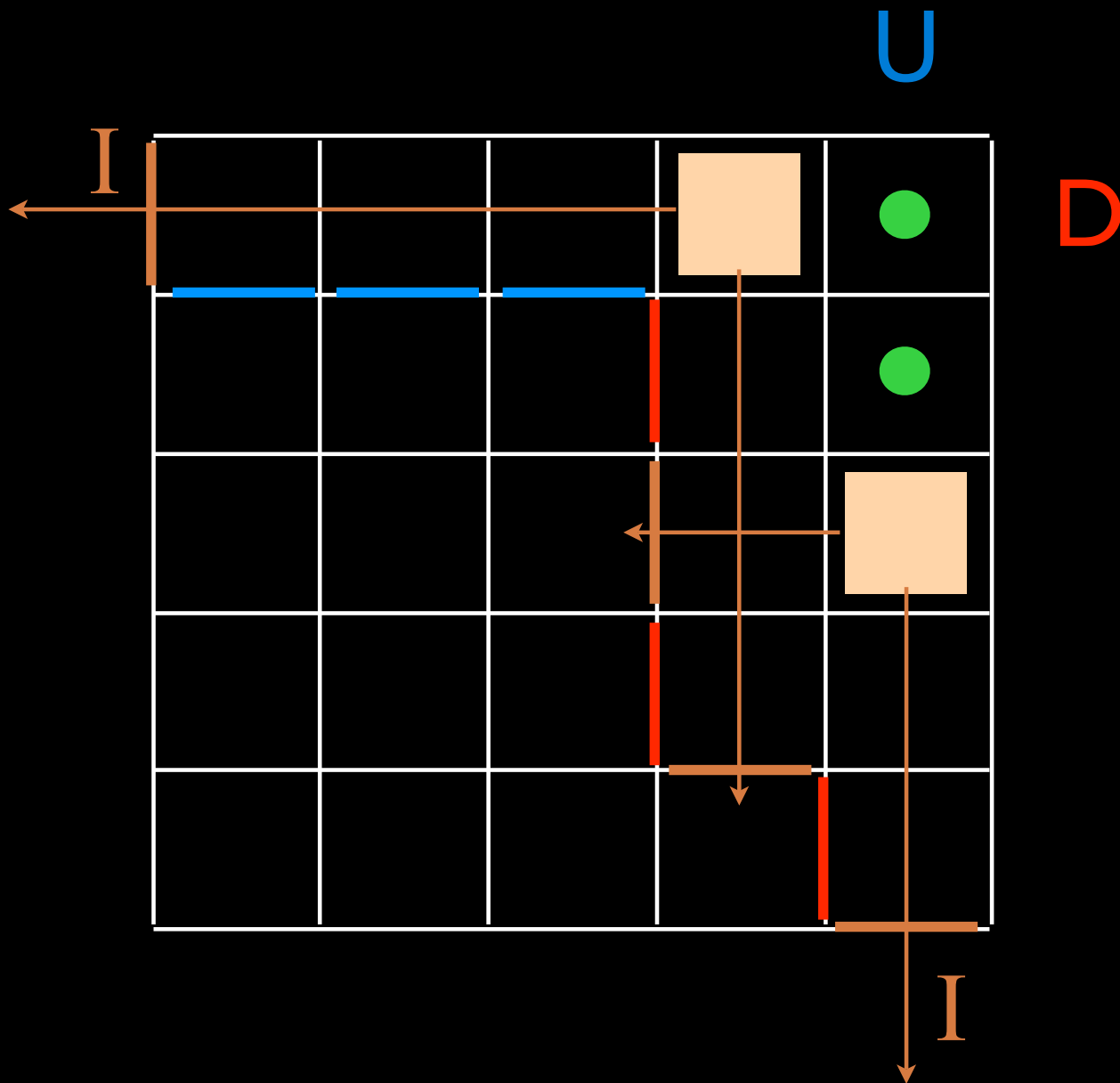


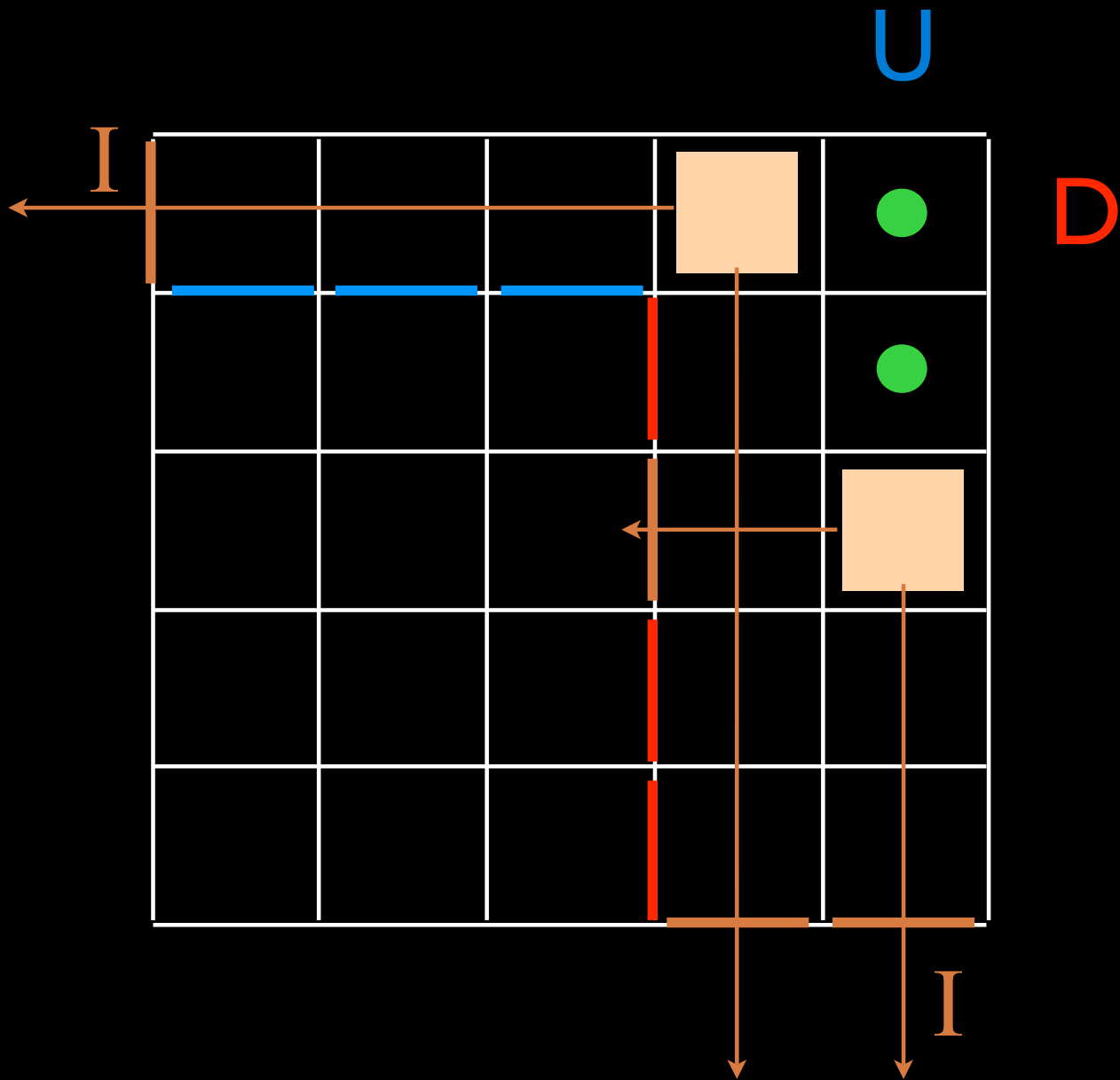


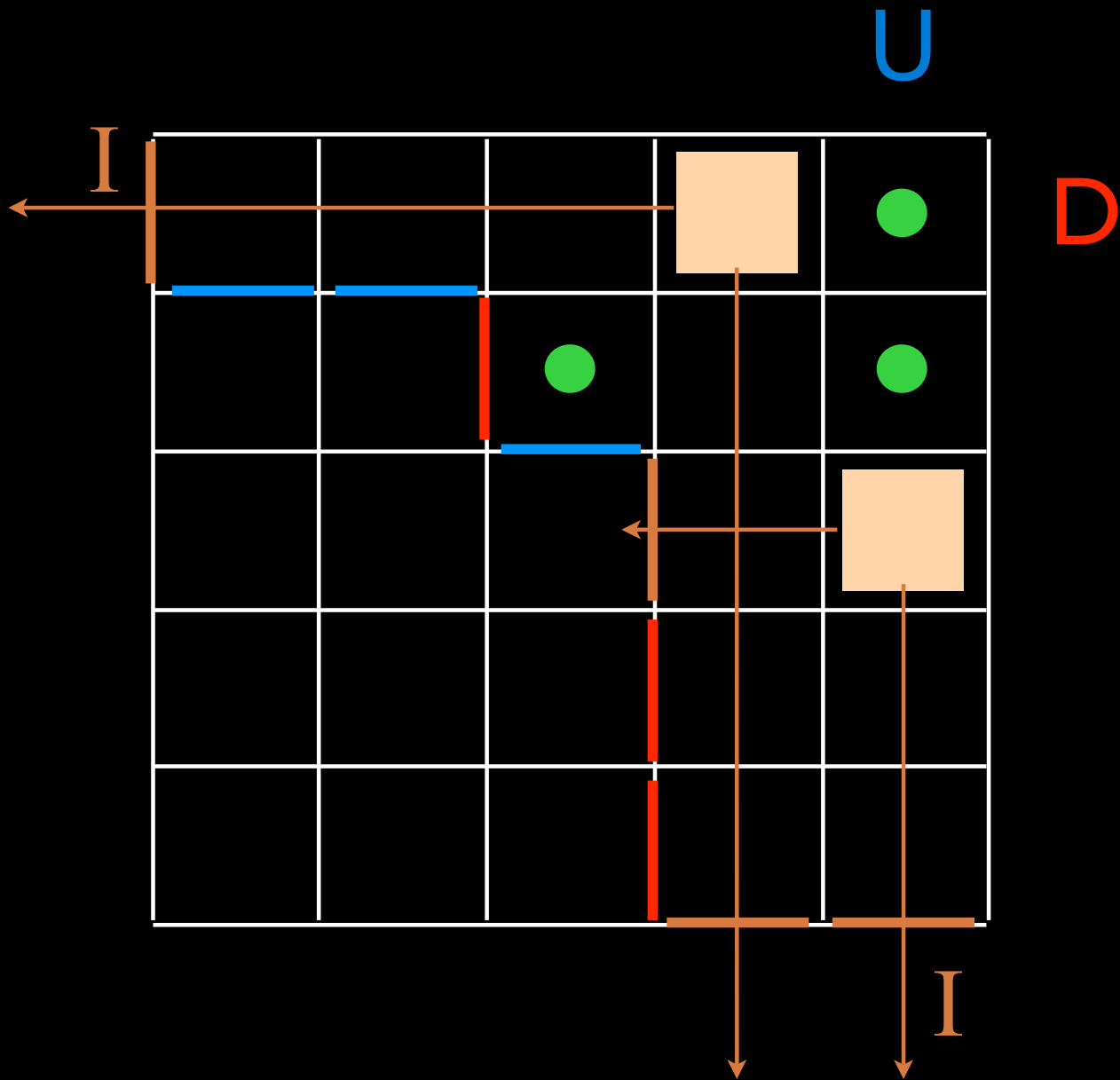


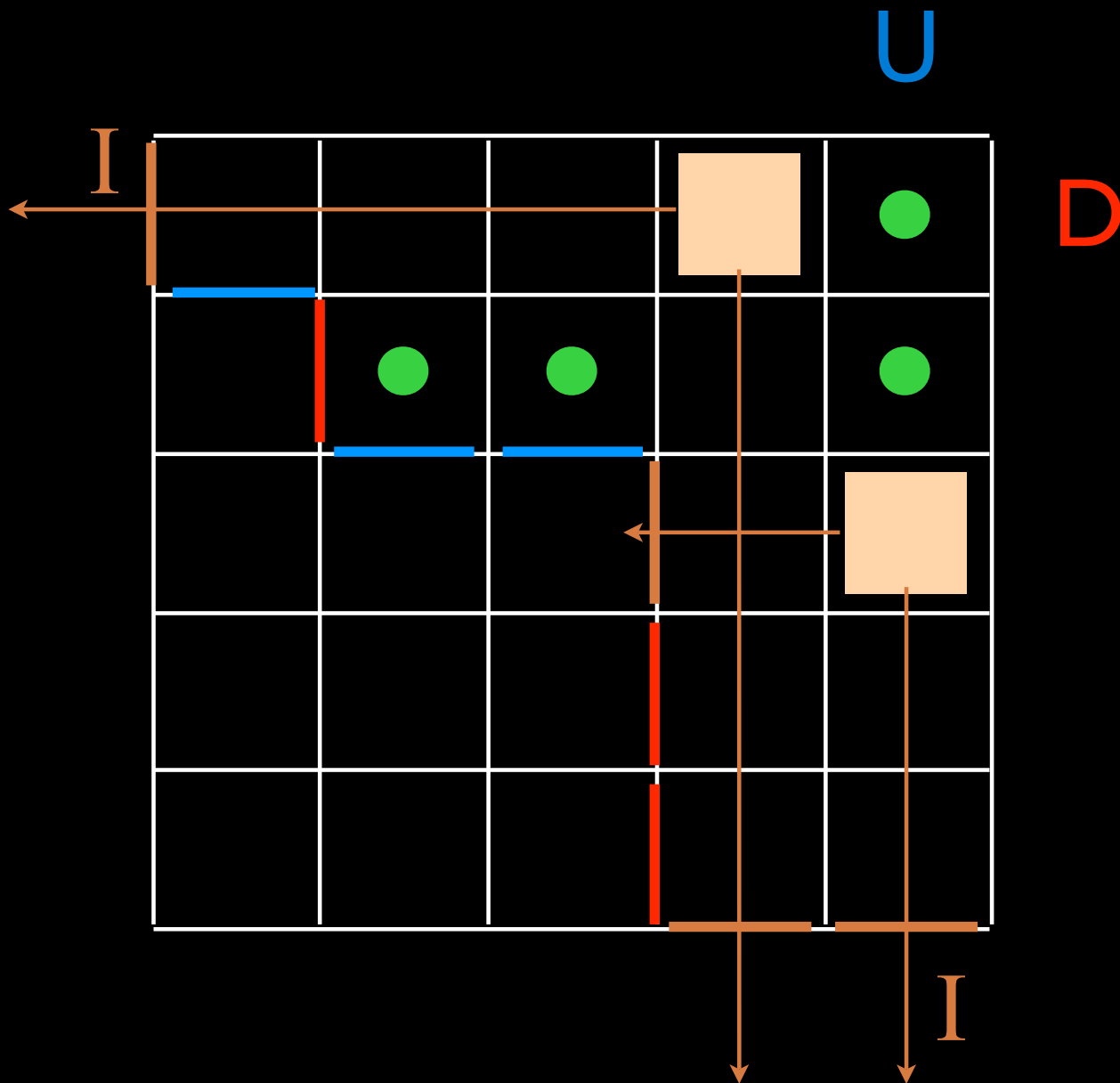


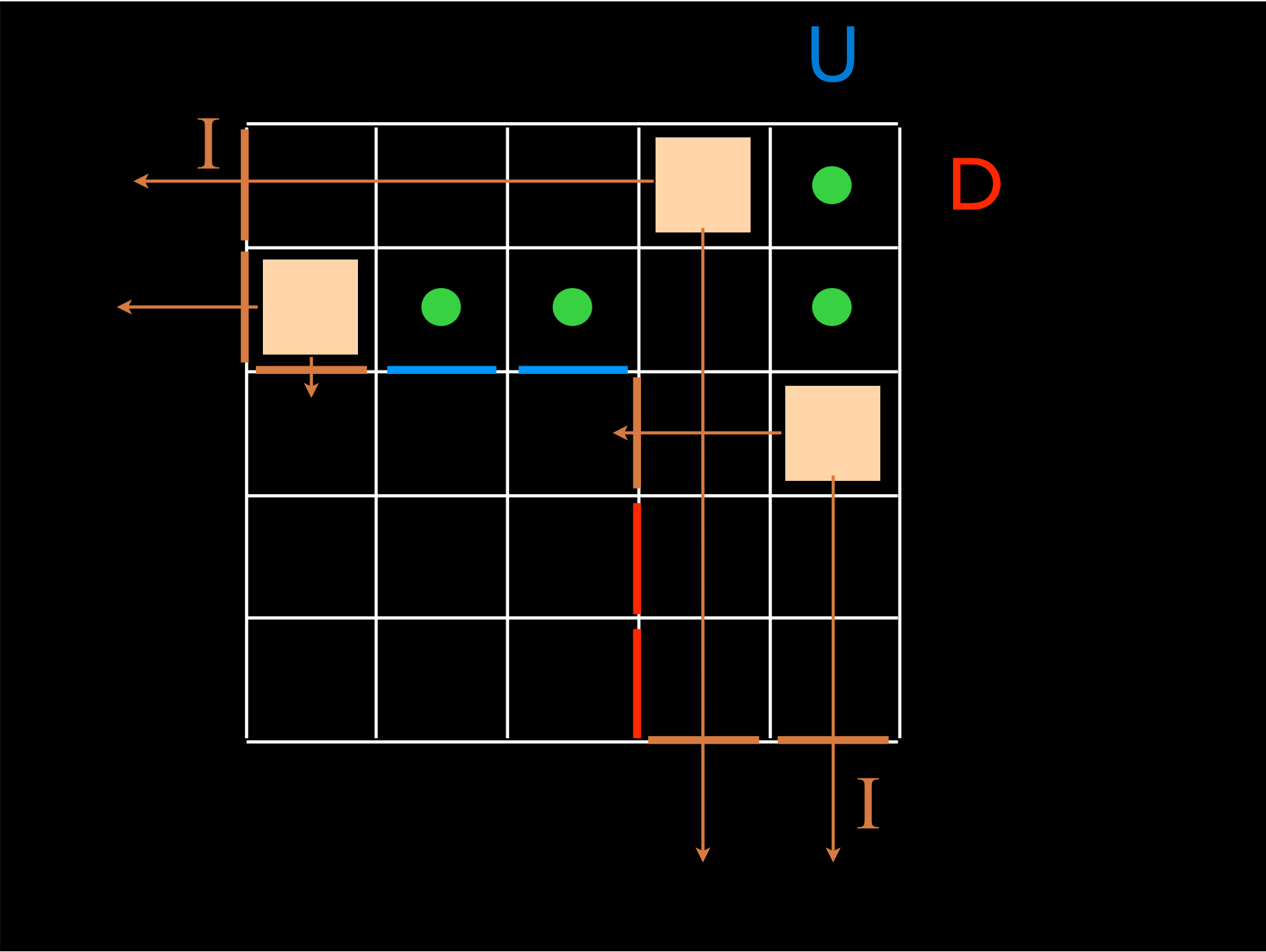


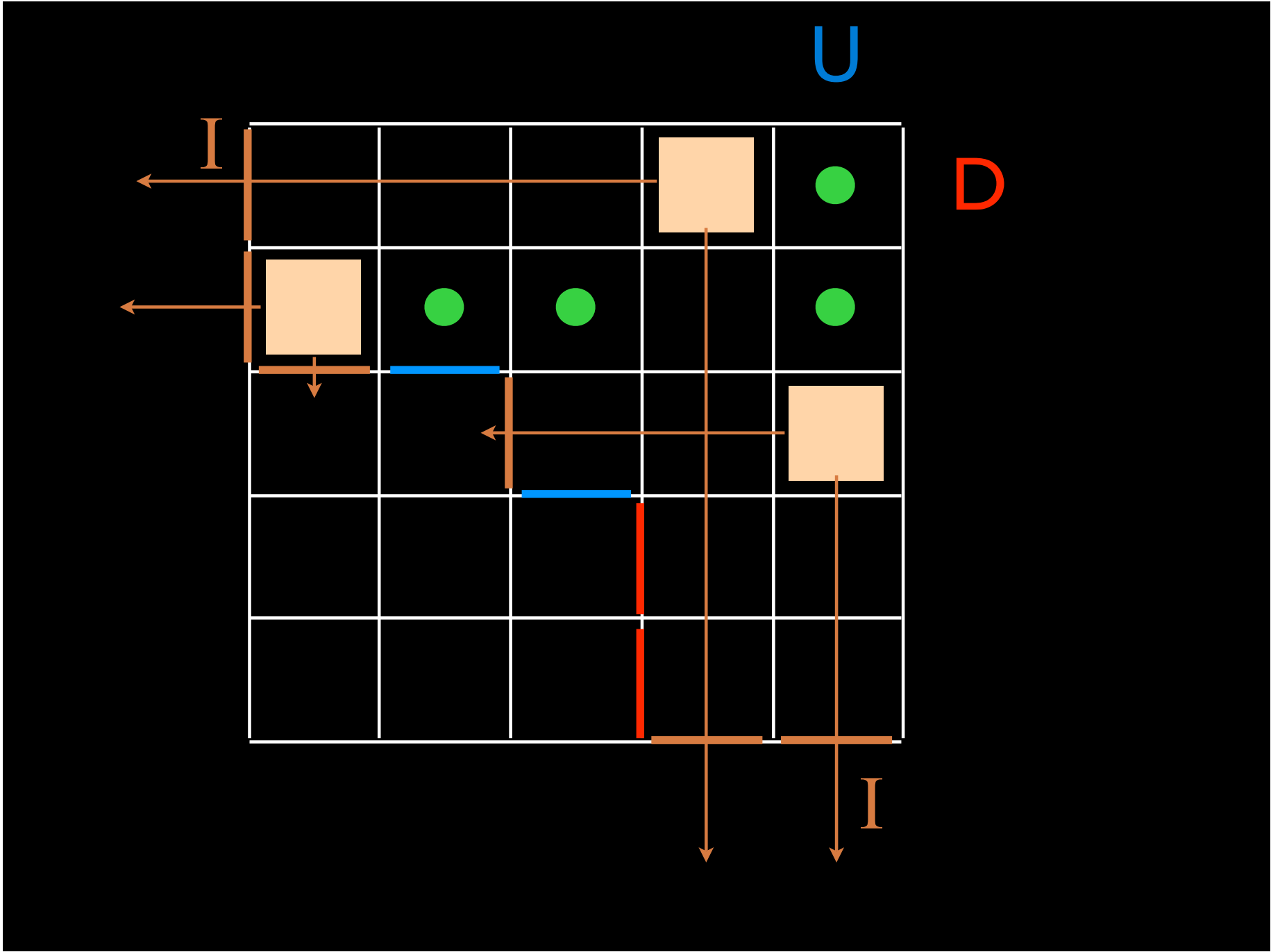


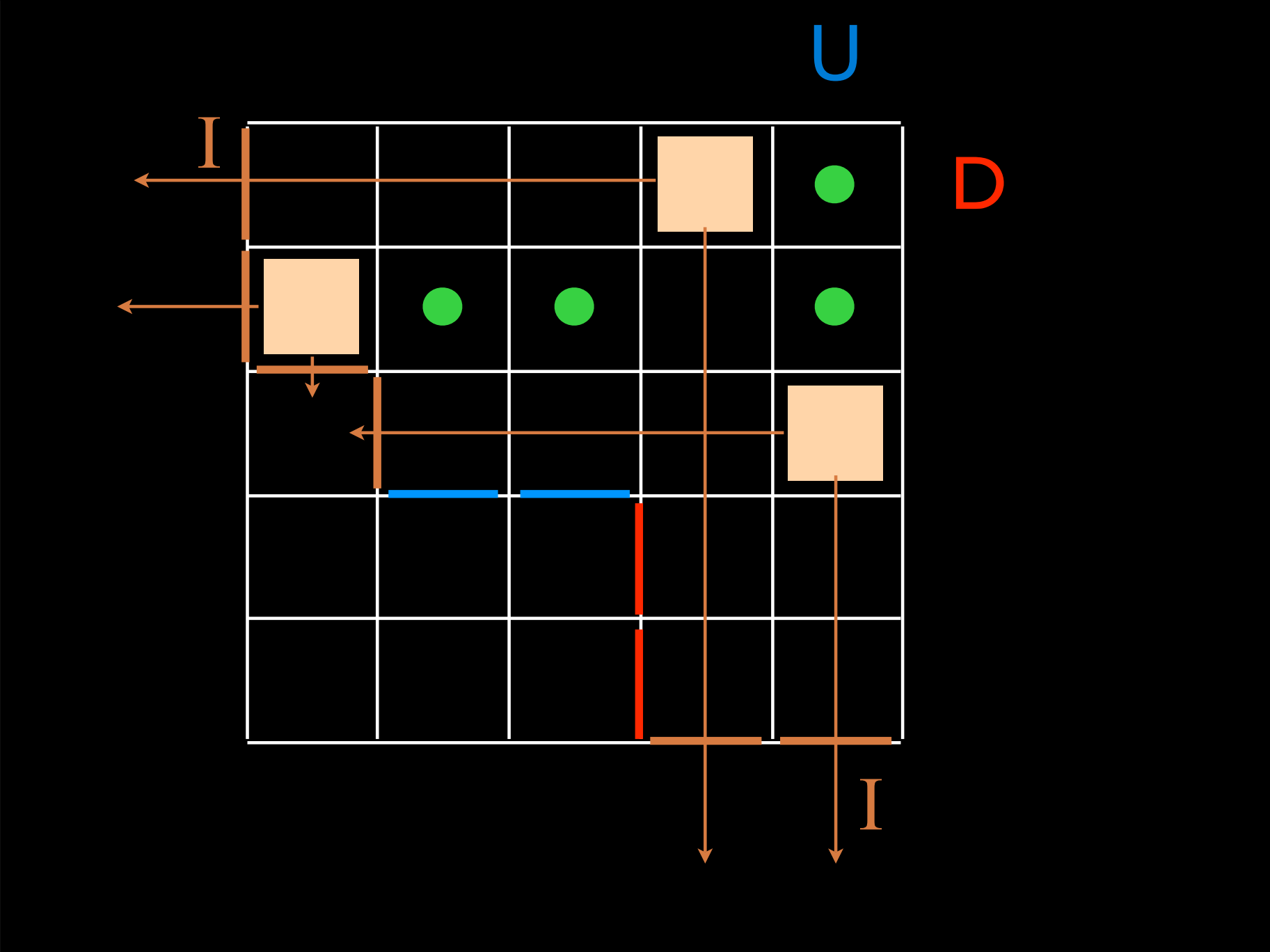


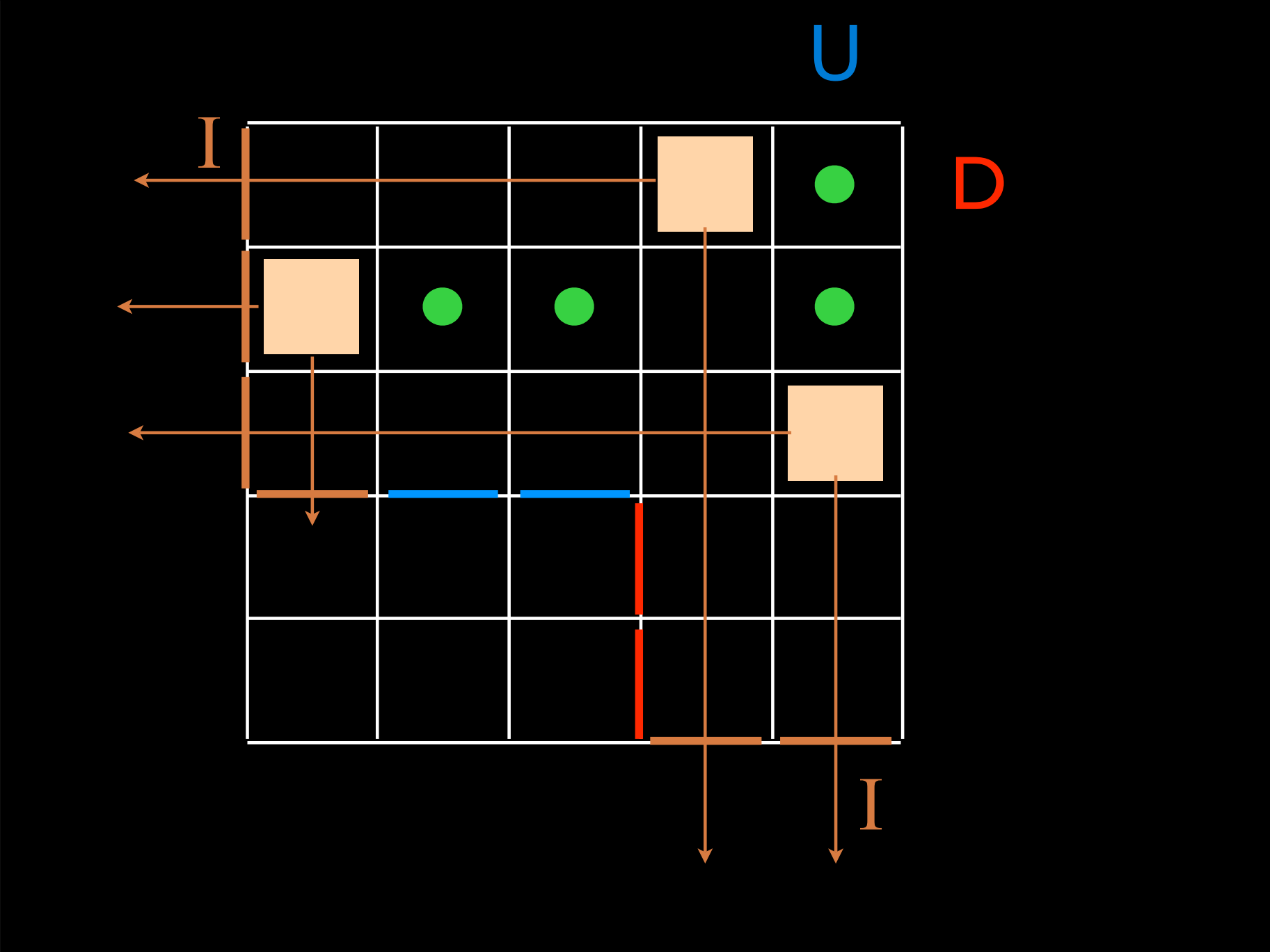


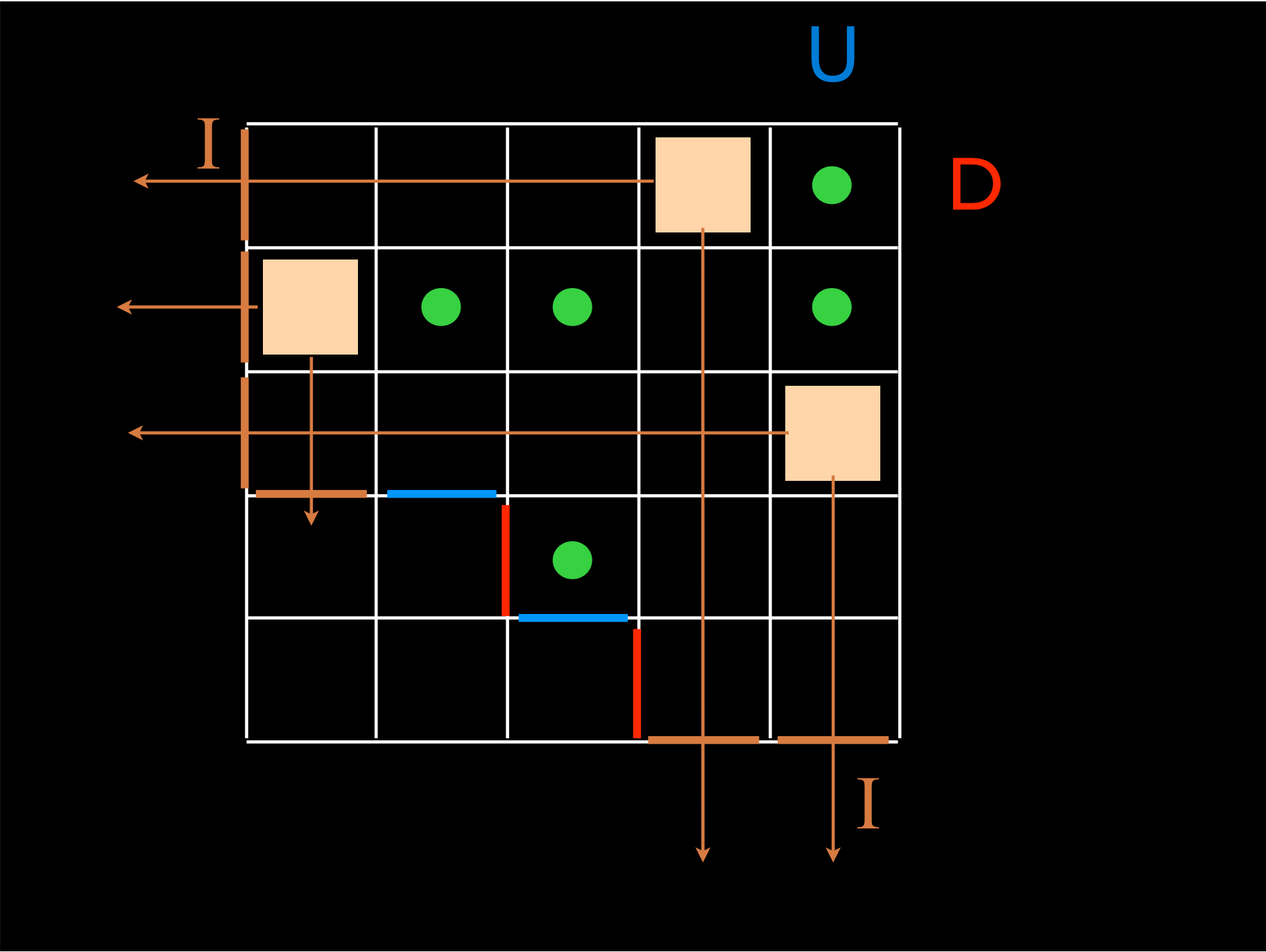


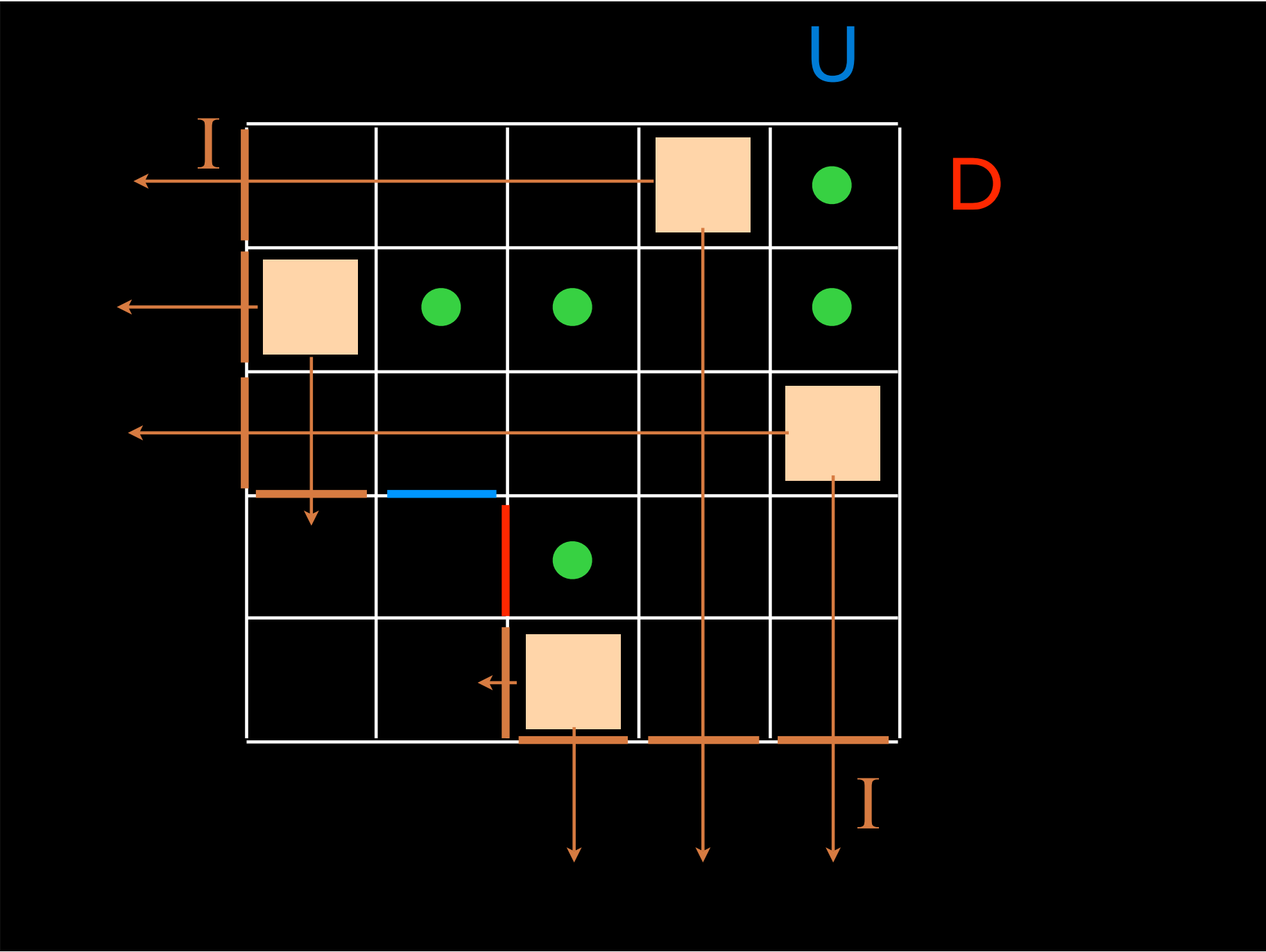


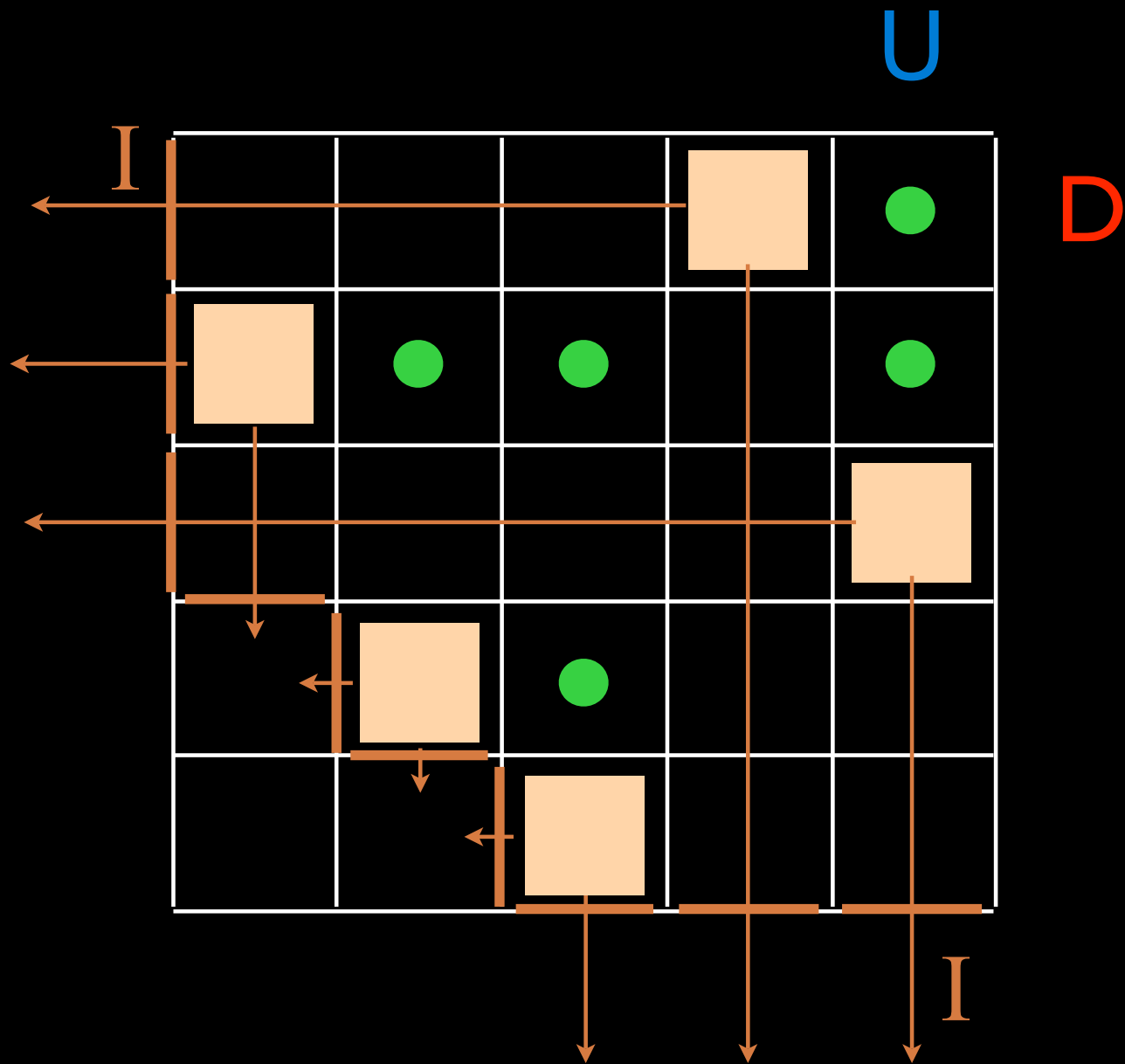


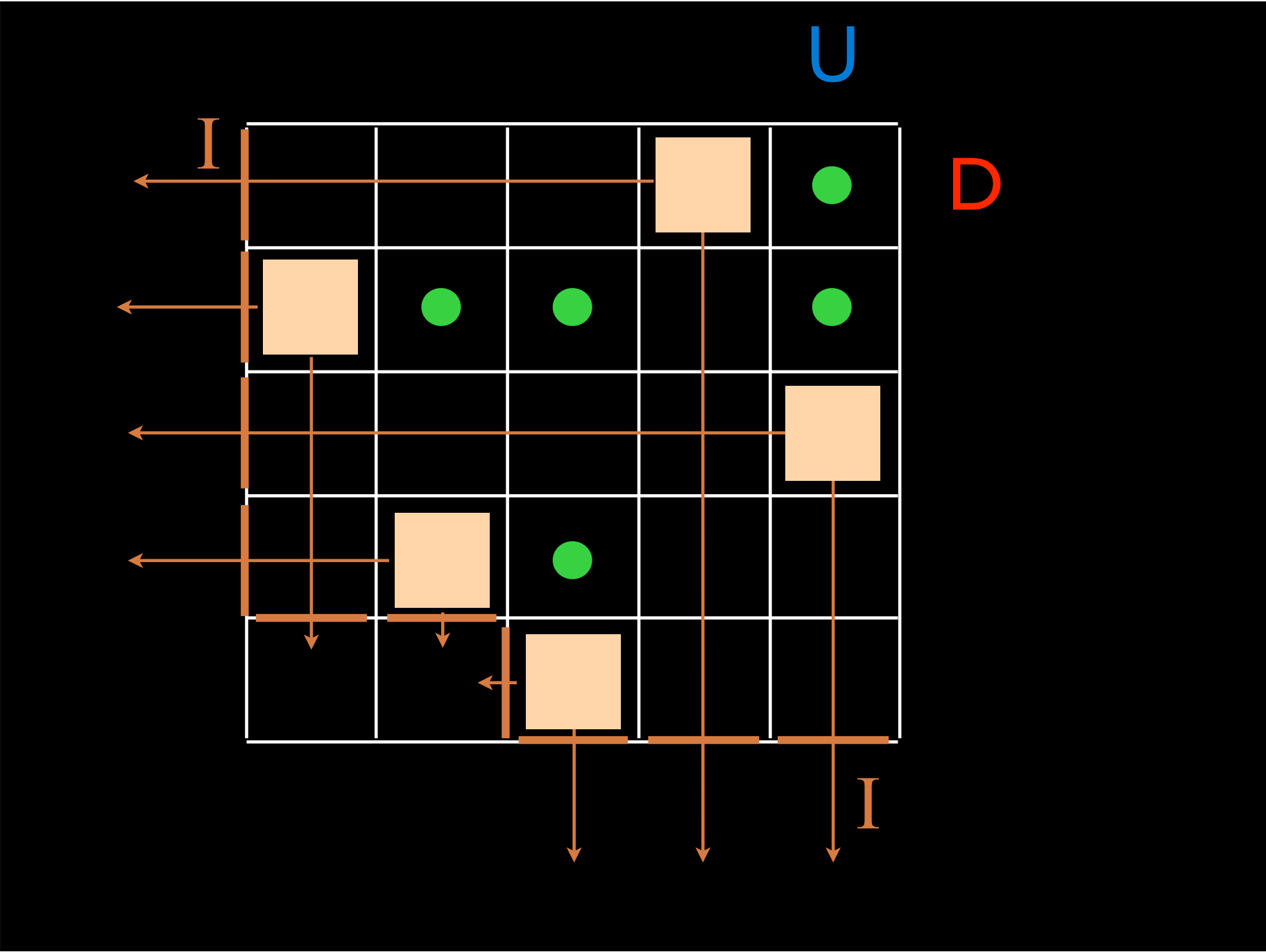


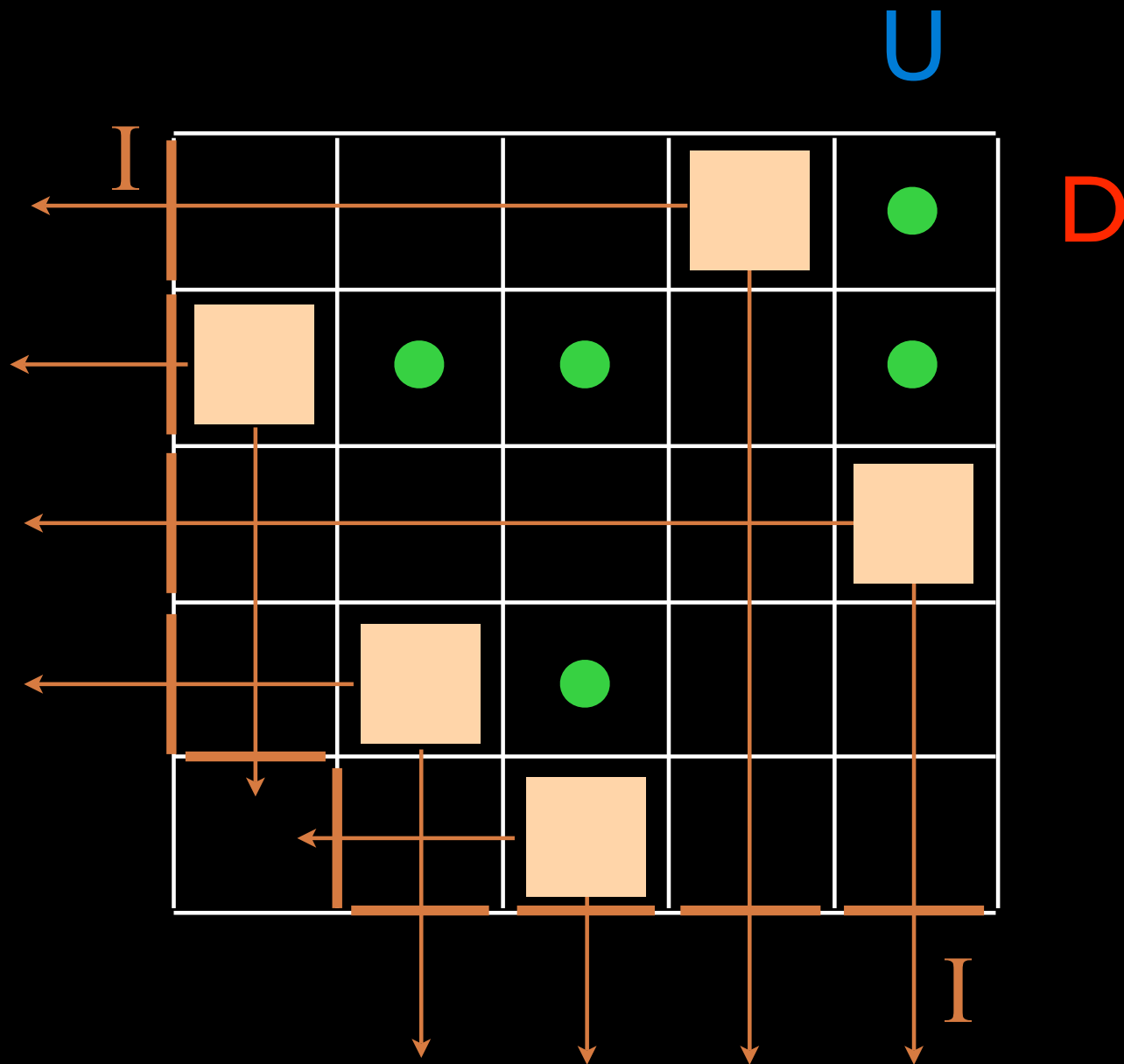


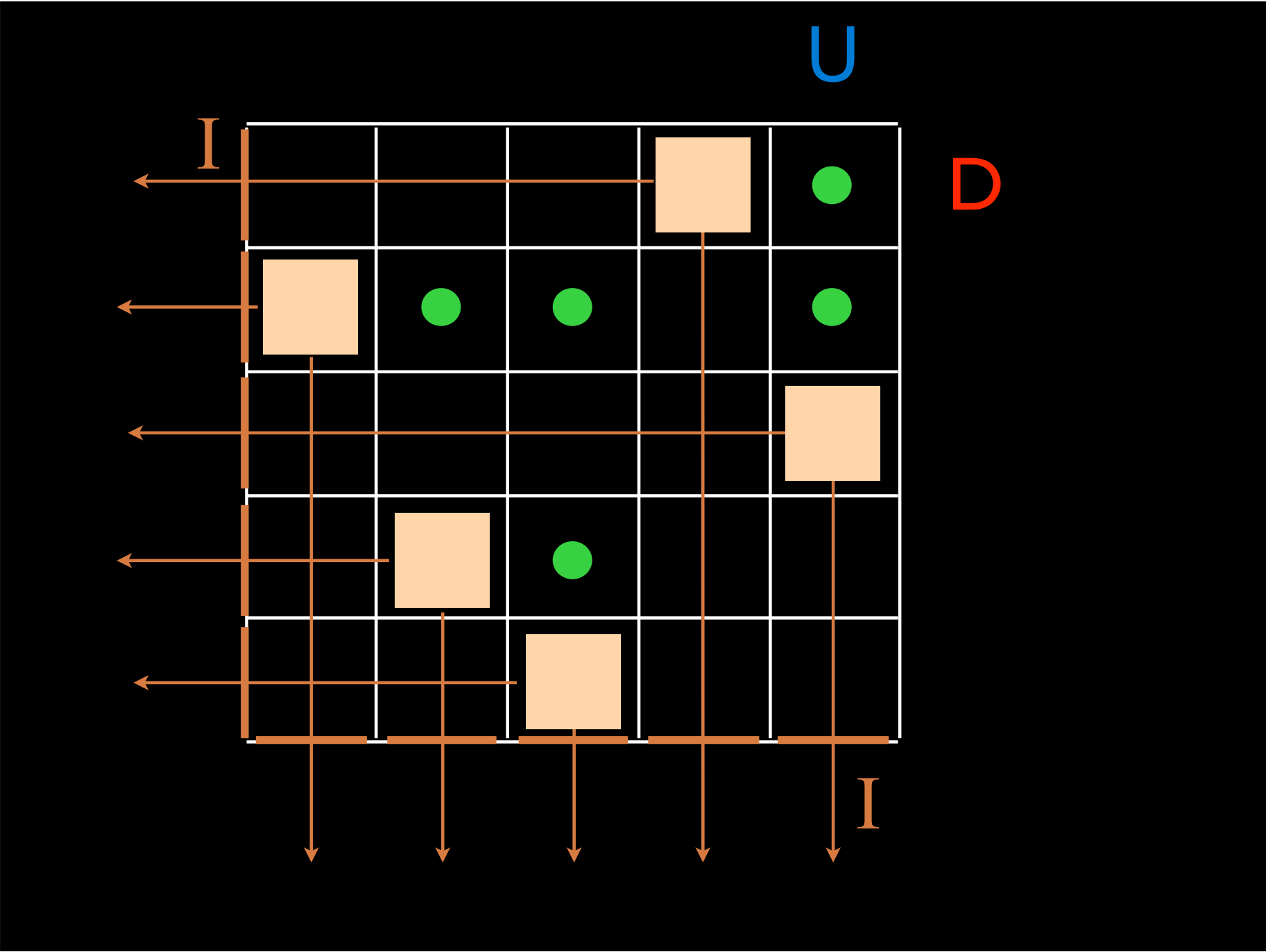














§3
representation
of
operators U , D
and
“local rules”
for RSK

Robinson-Schensted-Knuth correspondence

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 & 10 & 2 & 5 & 8 & 4 & 9 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

6	10			
3	5	8		
1	2	4	7	9

P

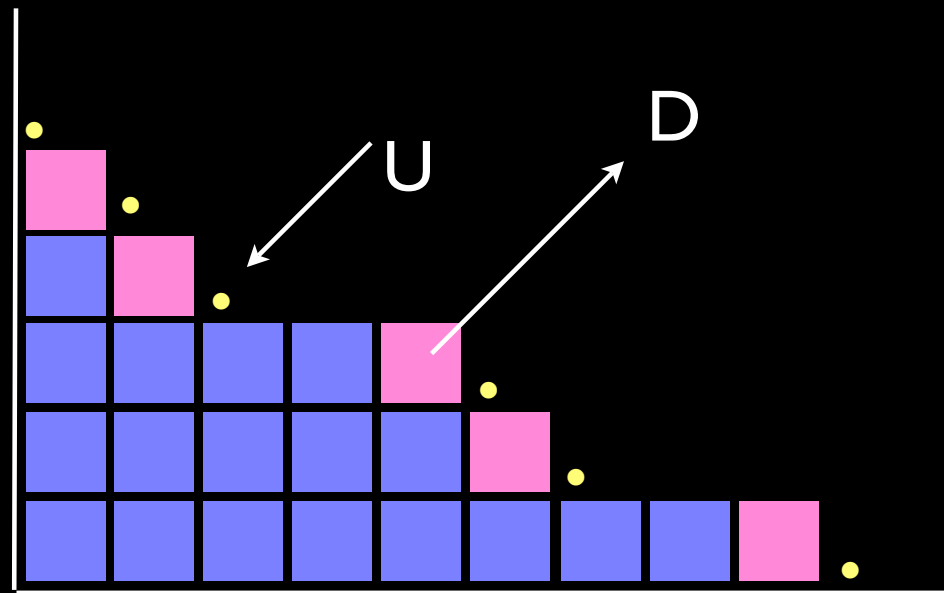


8	10			
2	5	6		
1	3	4	7	9

Q

The Robinson-Schensted correspondence between permutations and pair of (standard) Young tableaux with the same shape

Operators U and D

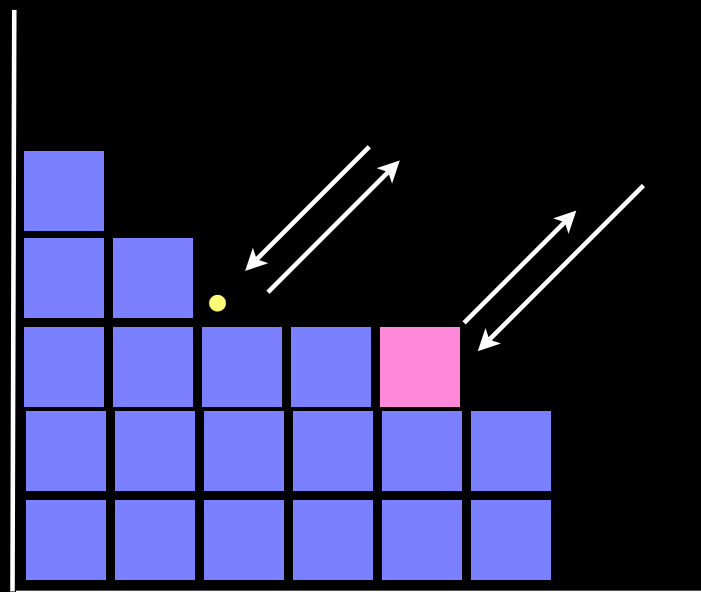
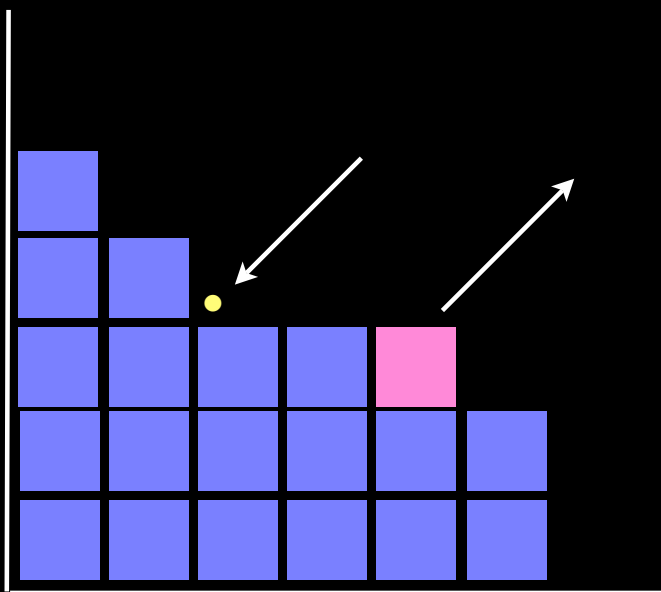


adding
or deleting
a cell in
a Ferrers
diagram

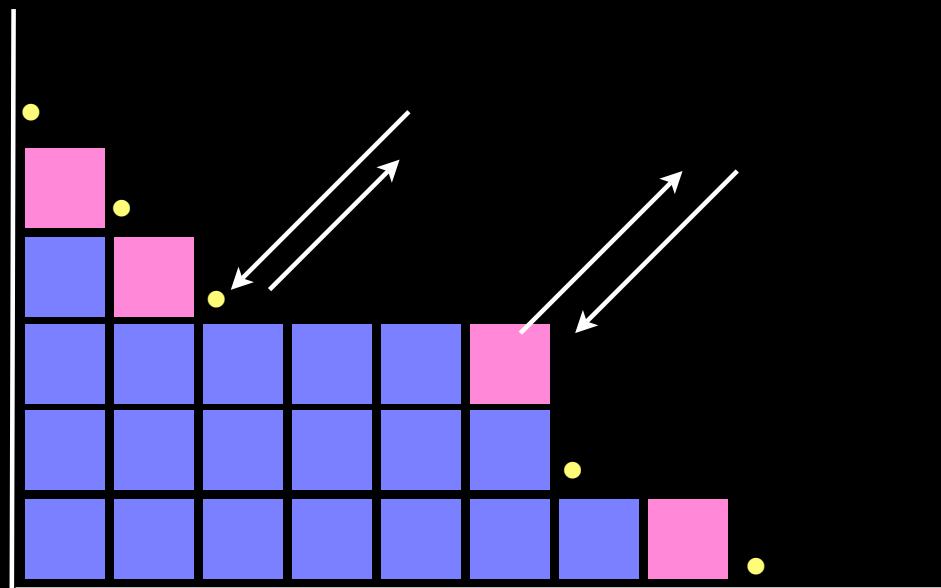
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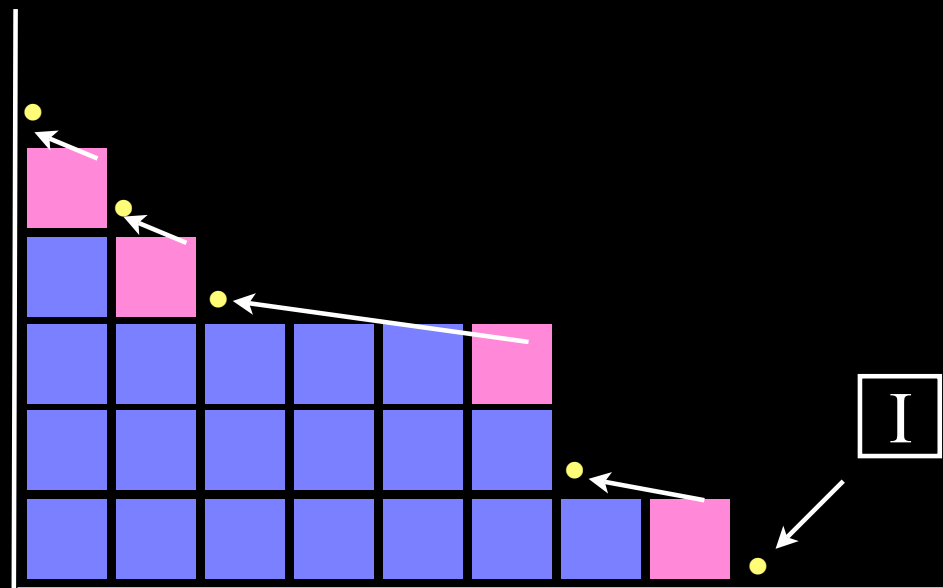
Heisenberg commutation relation

$$UD = DU + I$$



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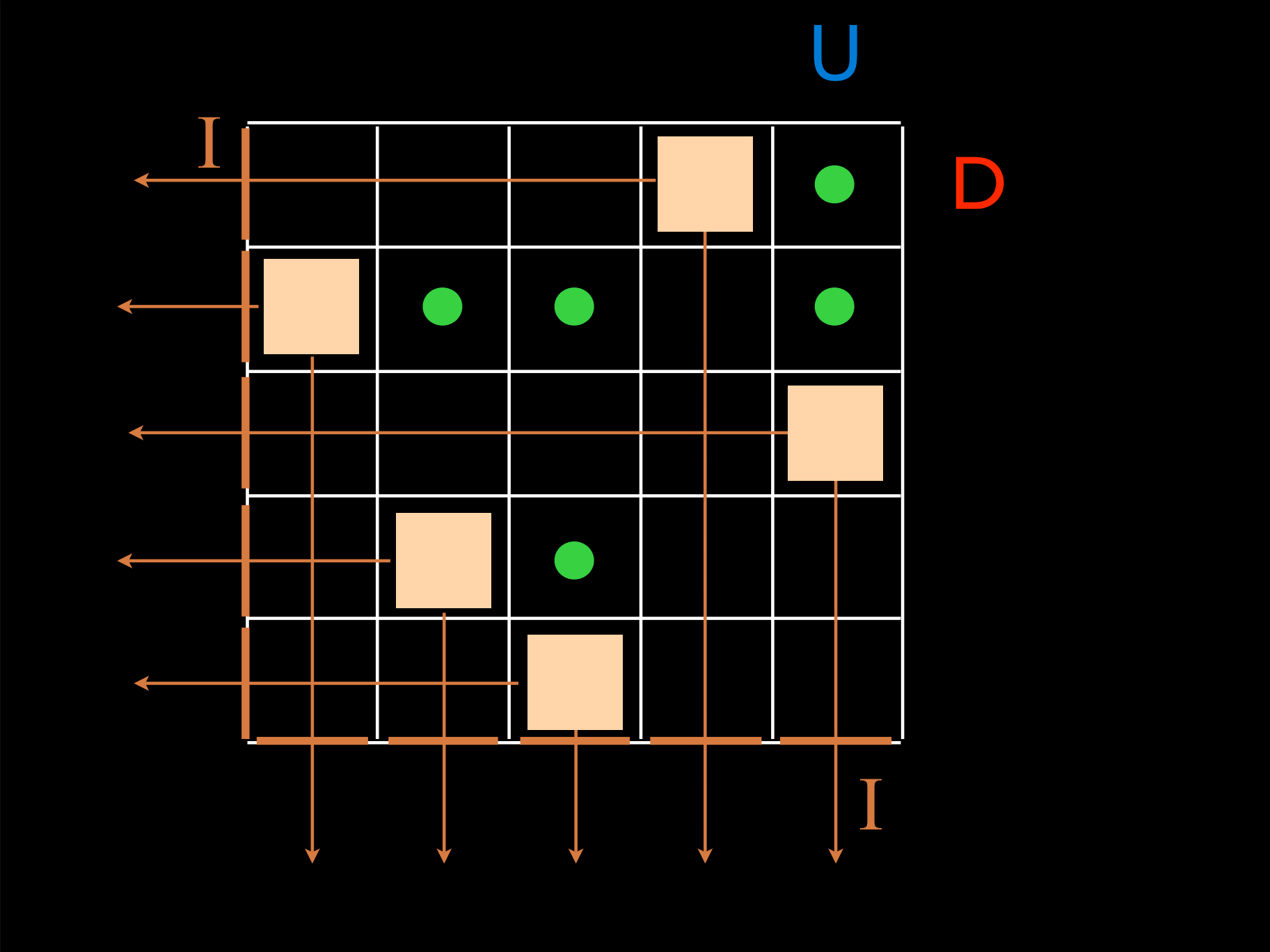
combinatorial “representation” of the
commutation relation $UD = DU + I$

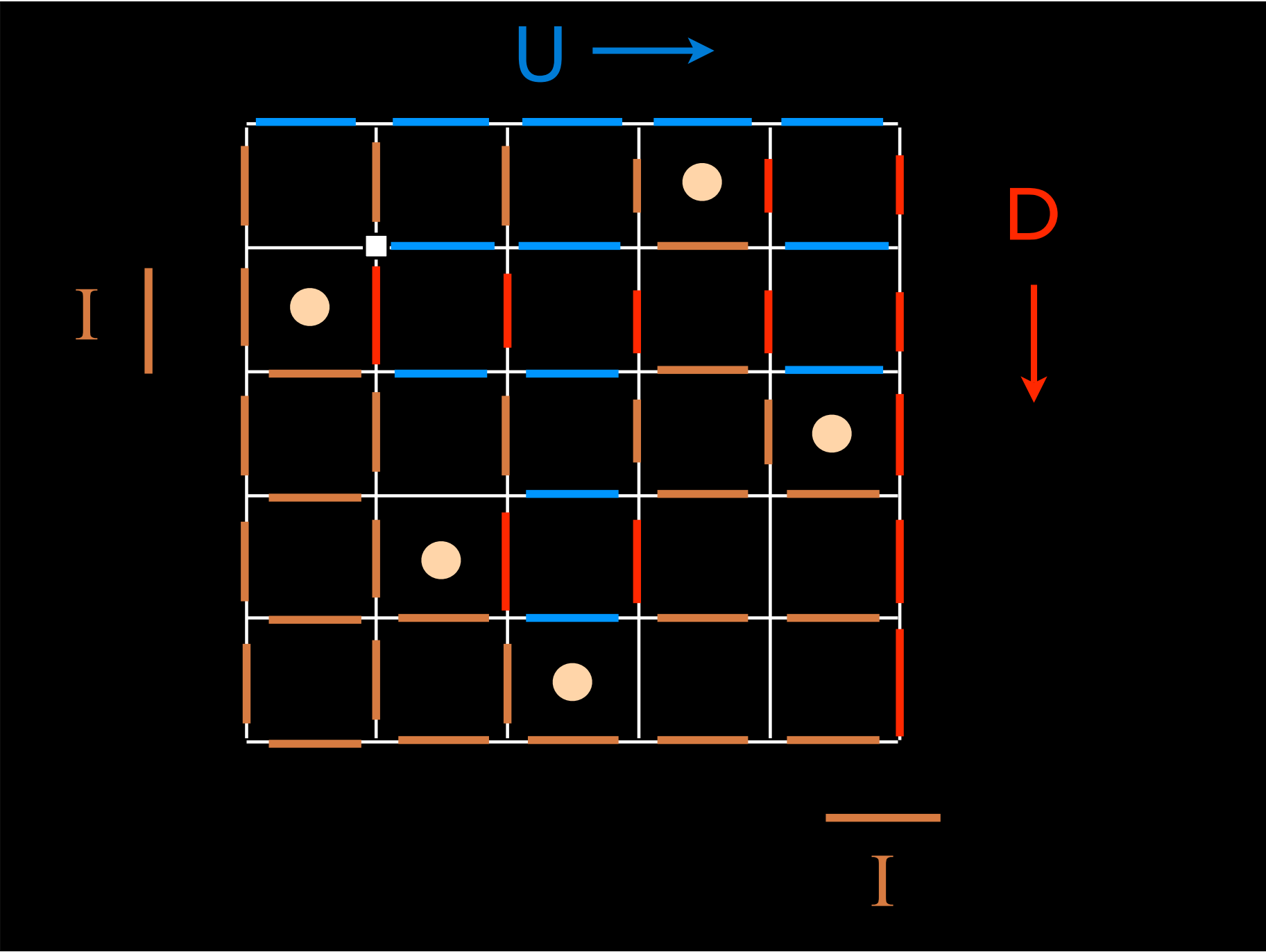
RSK with
Fomin's
“local rules”

$$UD = q DU + 1$$

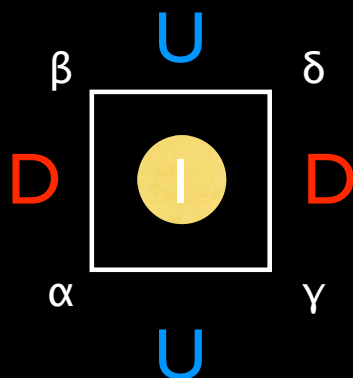


Sergey Fomin
(with C. K.)



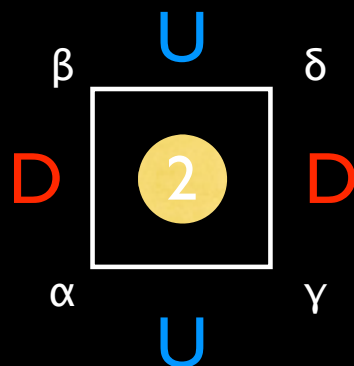


$$\beta \neq \gamma$$

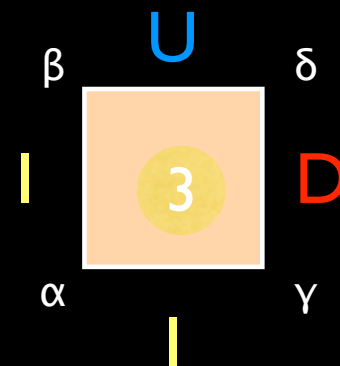


$$\delta = \beta \cup \gamma$$

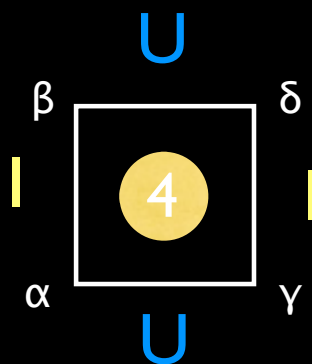
$$\beta = \gamma$$



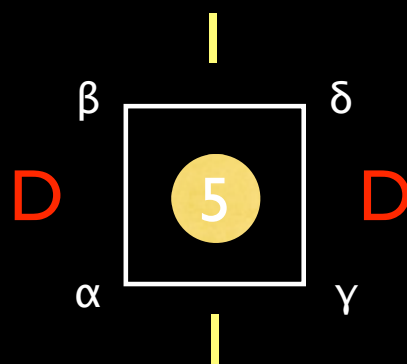
$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= \gamma = \alpha + (i) \\ \delta &= \beta + (i+1) \end{aligned}$$



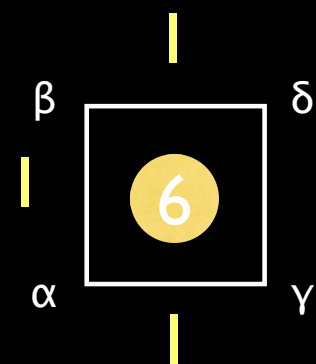
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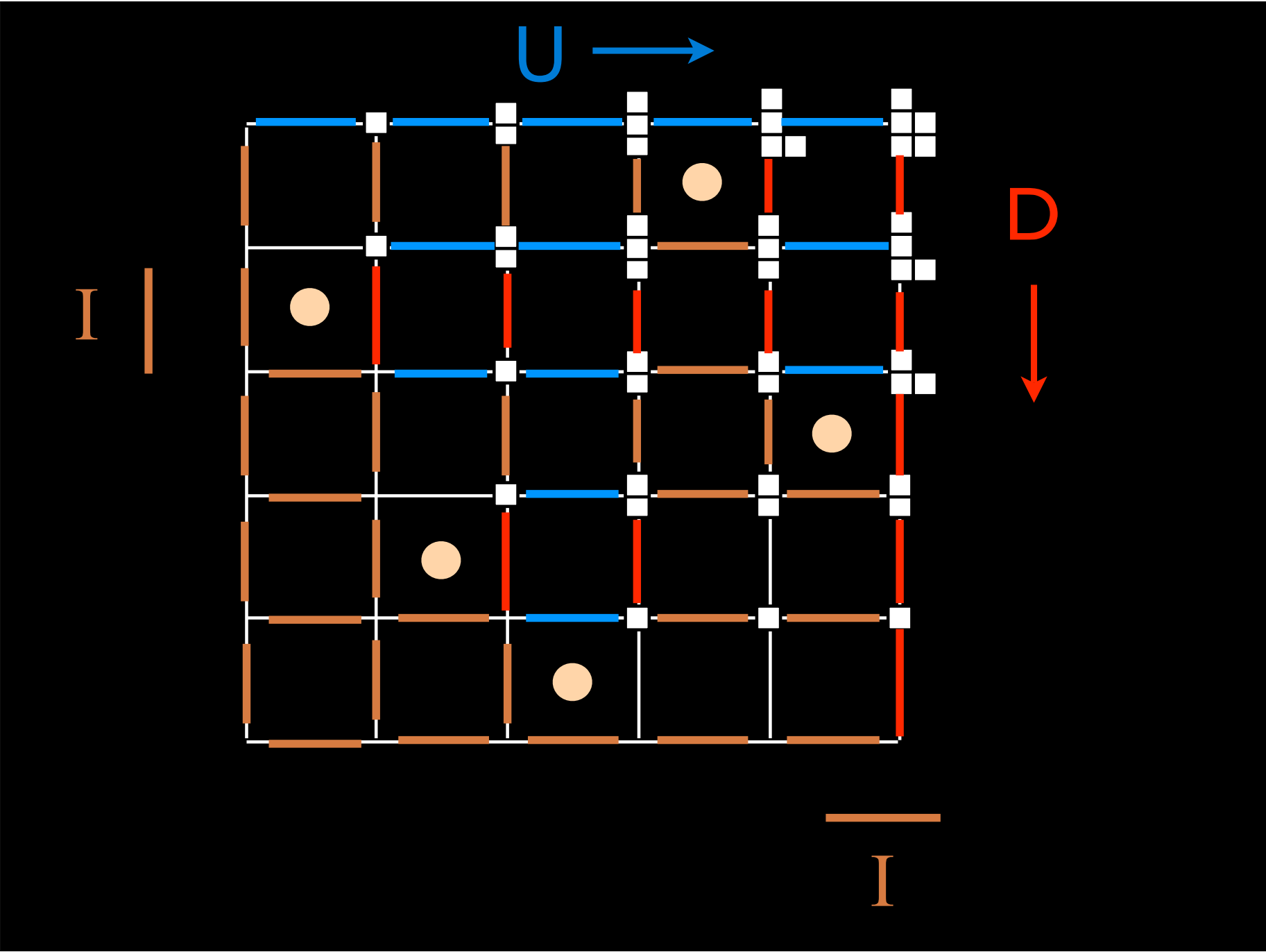
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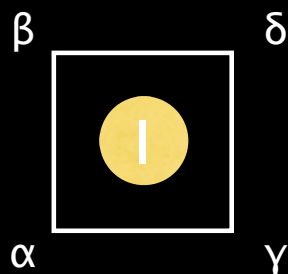
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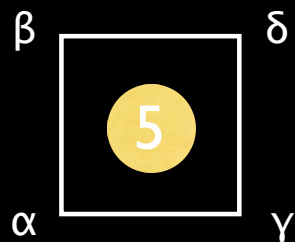
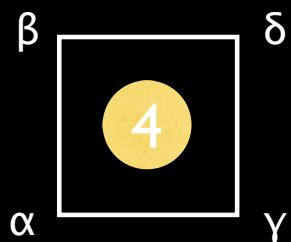
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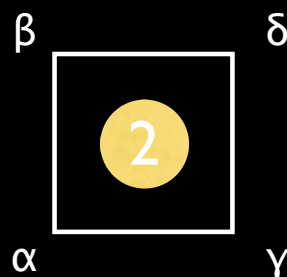
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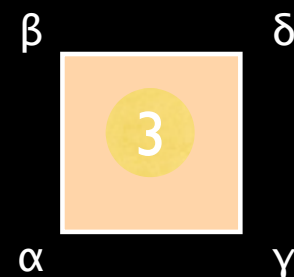


$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= \gamma \\ \alpha &\neq \beta \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= \gamma = \alpha + (i) \\ \delta &= \beta + (i+1) \end{aligned}$$

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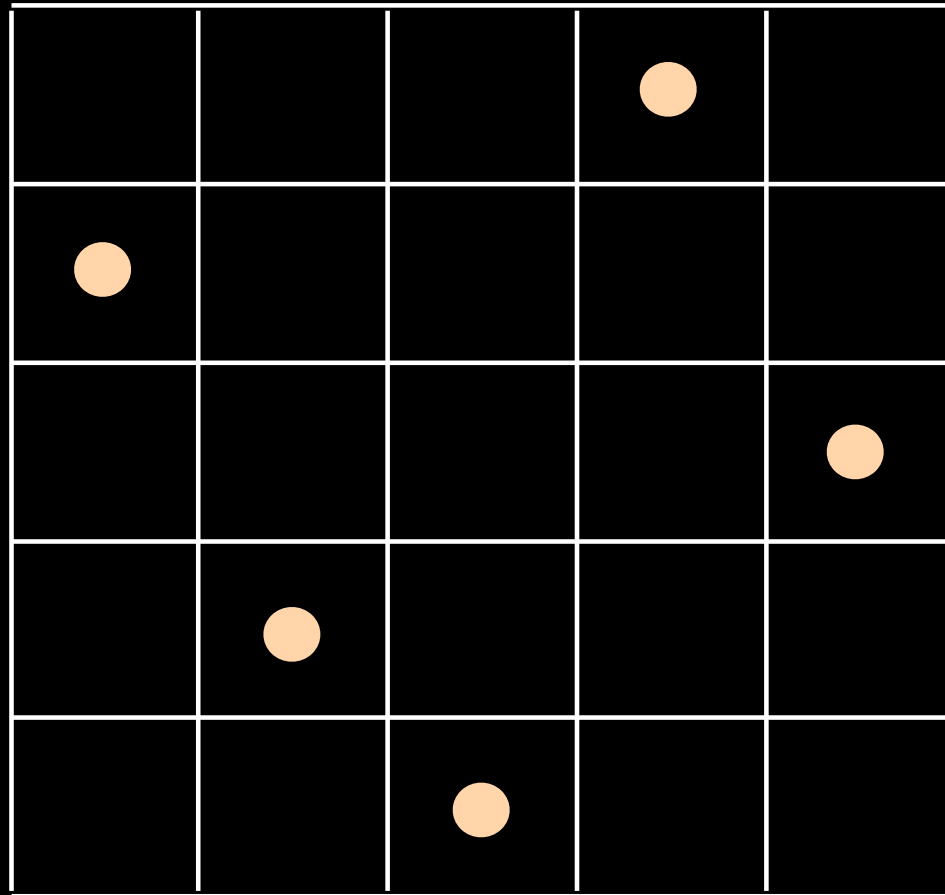


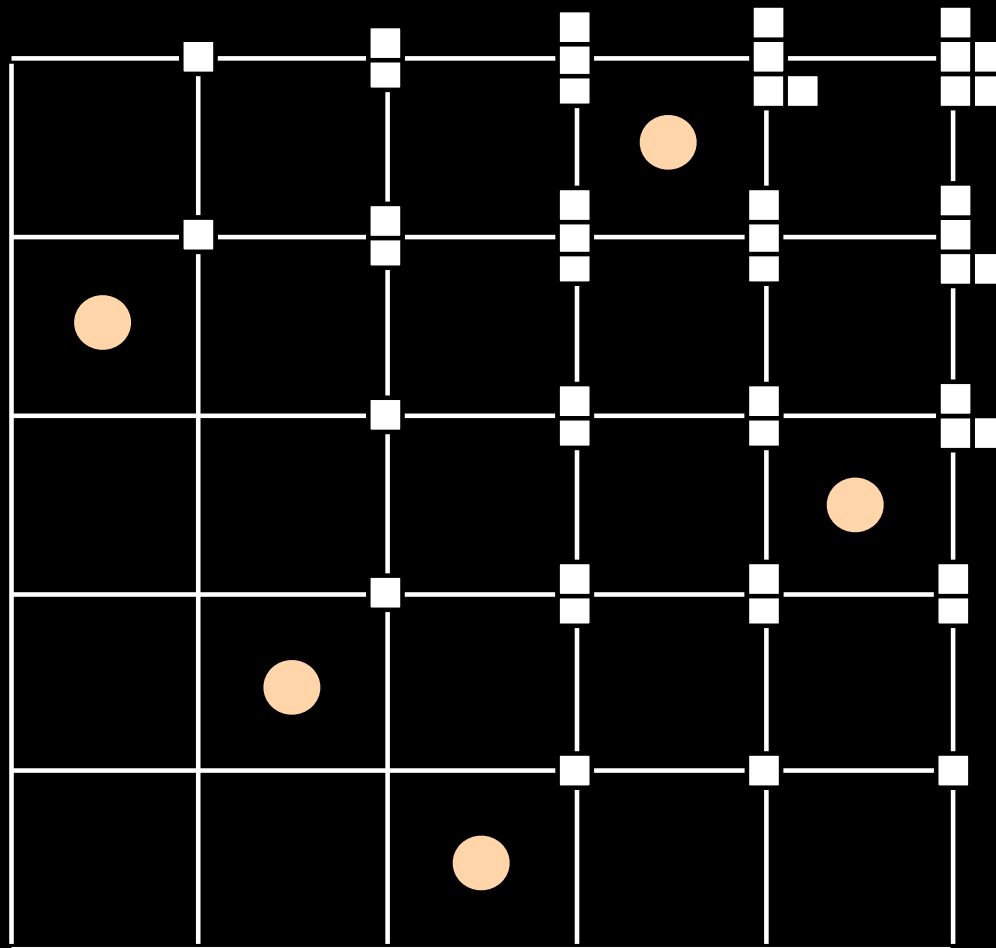
$$\delta = \alpha + (1)$$

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$$\delta = \alpha = \beta = \gamma$$





Questions.

• find a "combinatorial representation" ?
for operators A, A', B, B' .

• analogue of RSK (Robinson-Schensted-Knuth)
for ASM ?

• analogue of "local rules" ?
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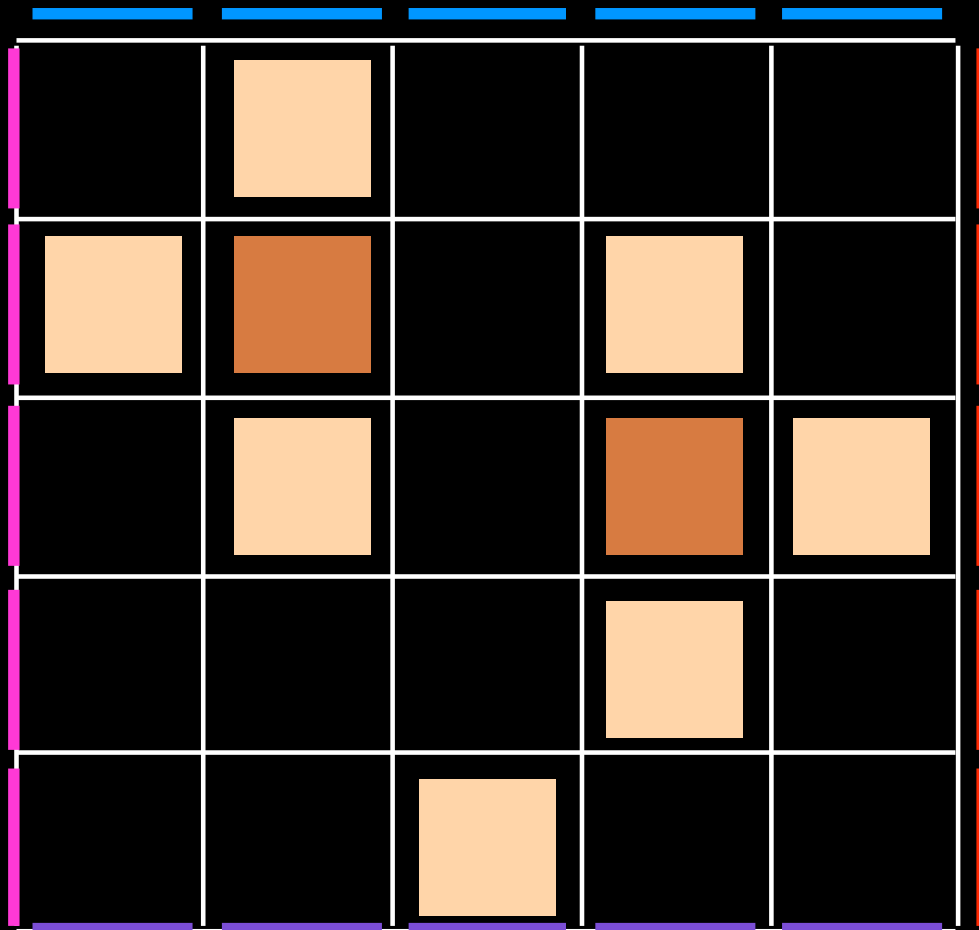
• direct proof of the formula

$$A_n = \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{(3j-2)!}{(n+j-1)!}$$

(nb of ASM of size n)

$$= 1, 2, 47, 429, \dots$$

A'



B

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B'

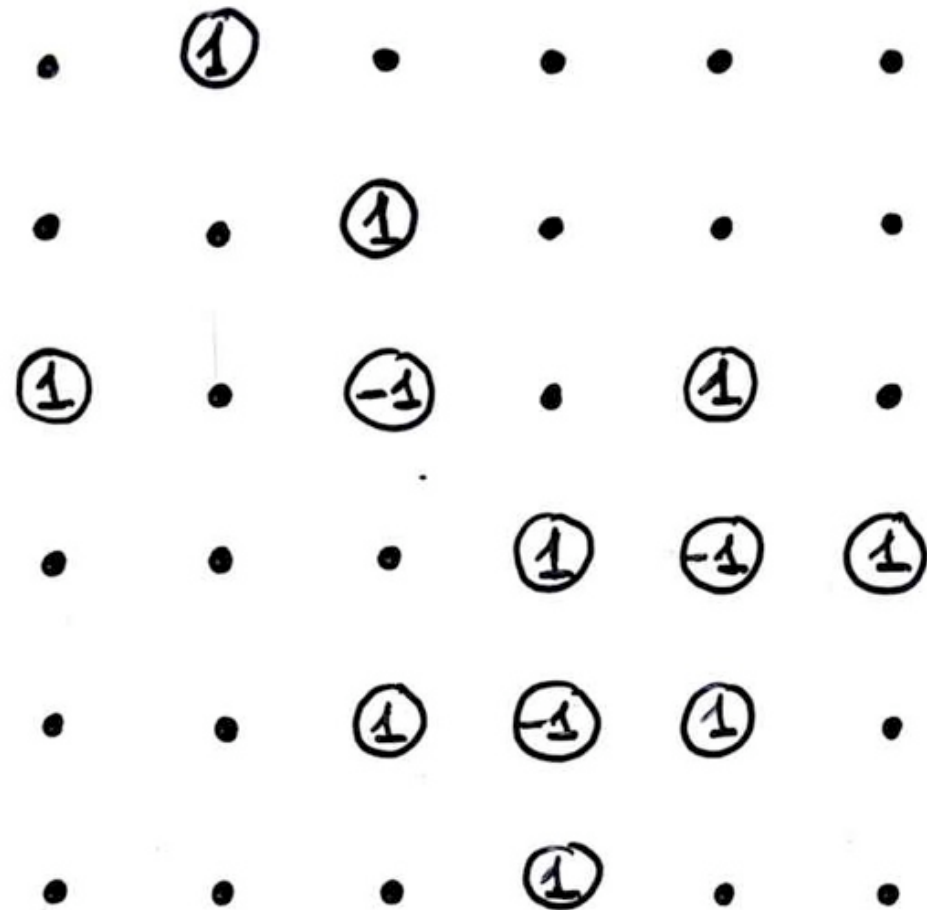


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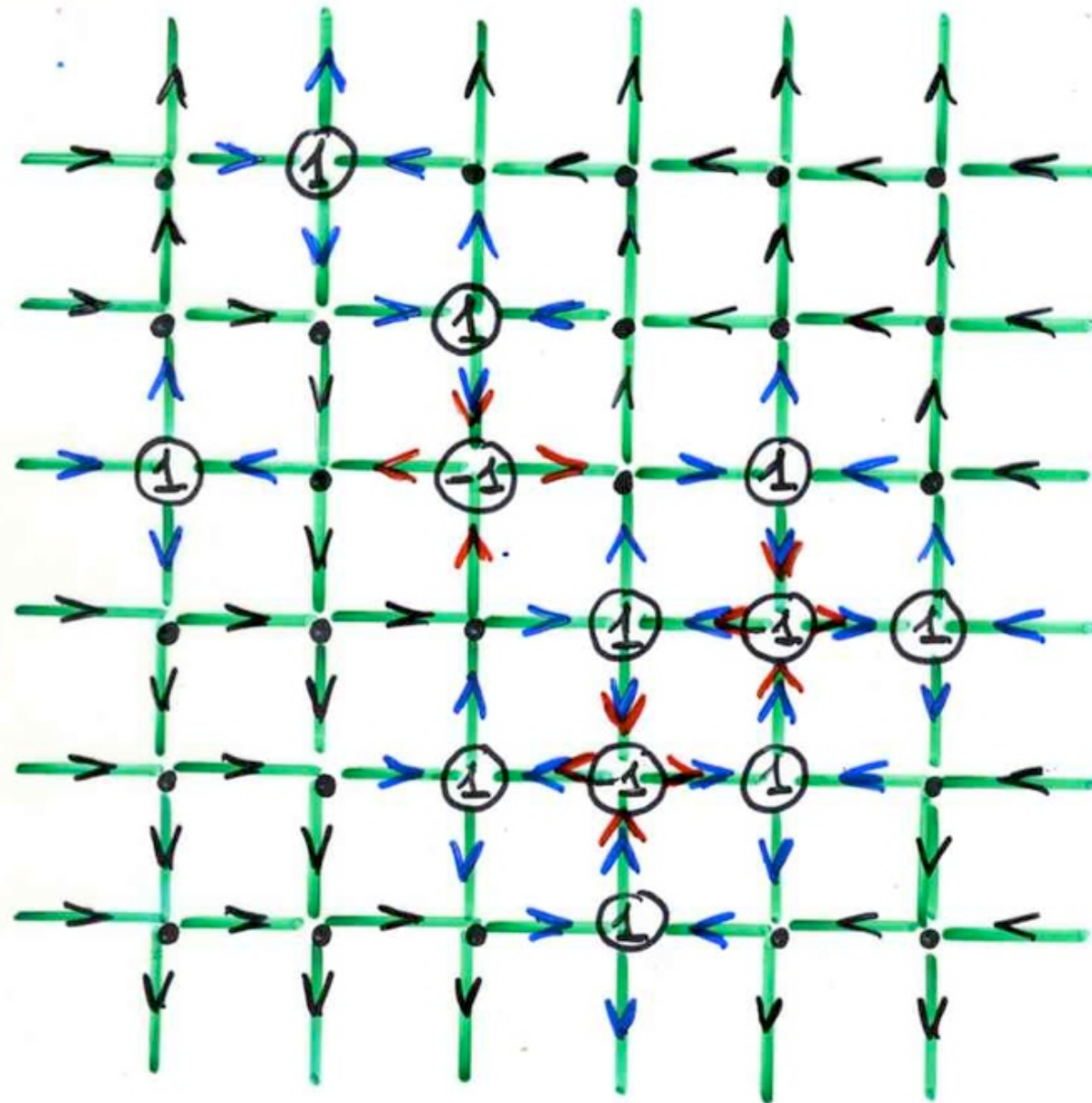
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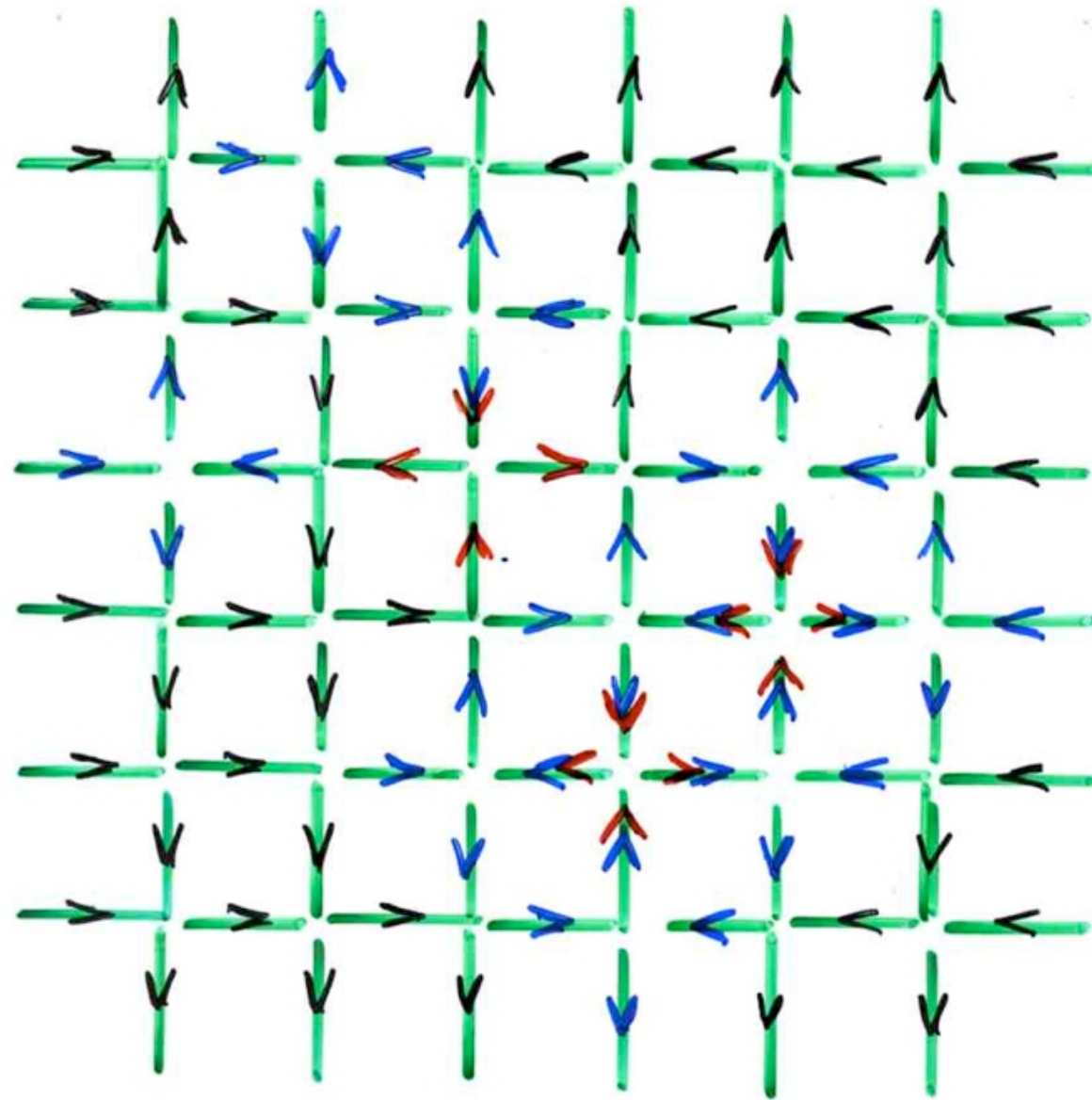
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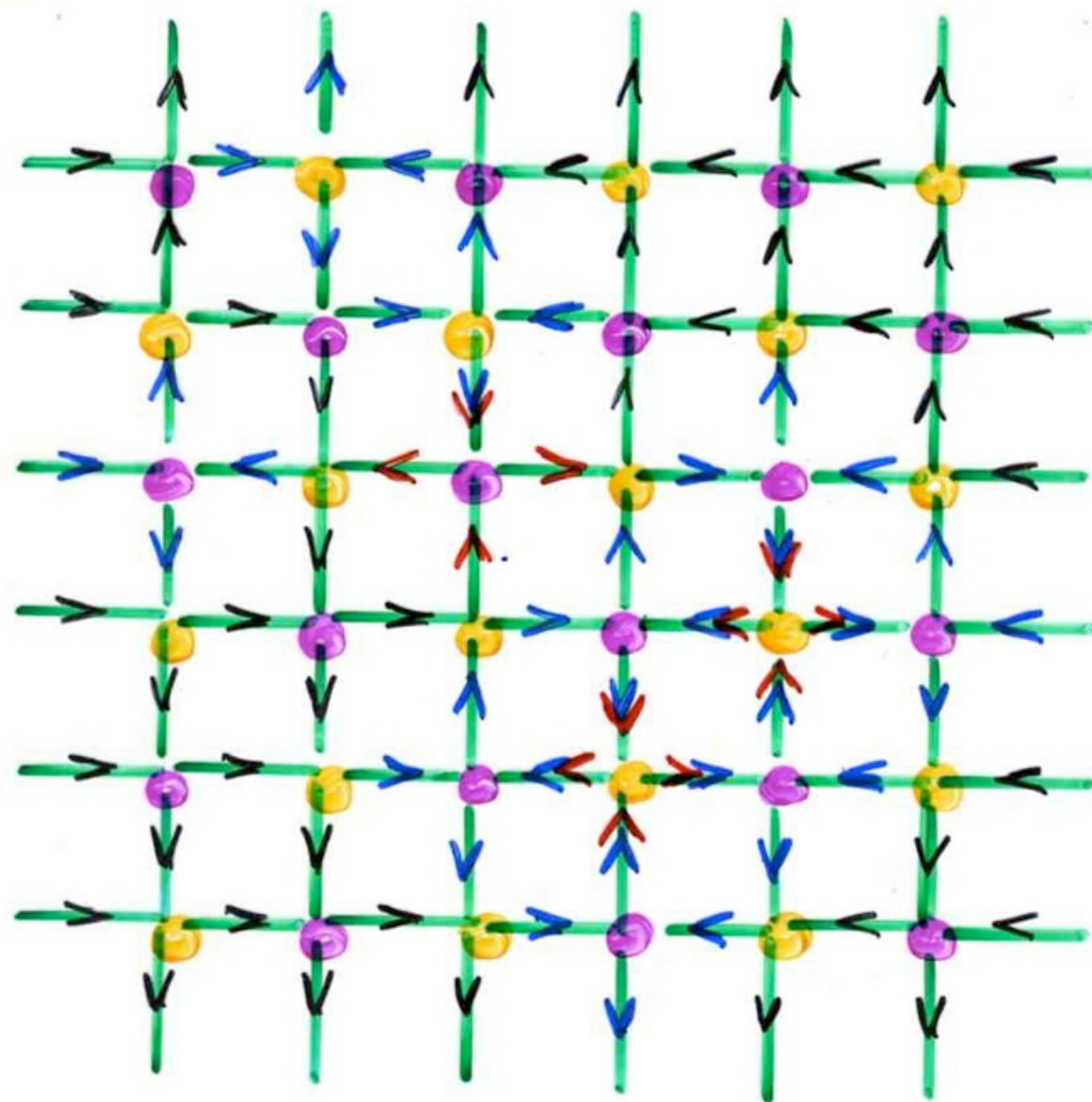
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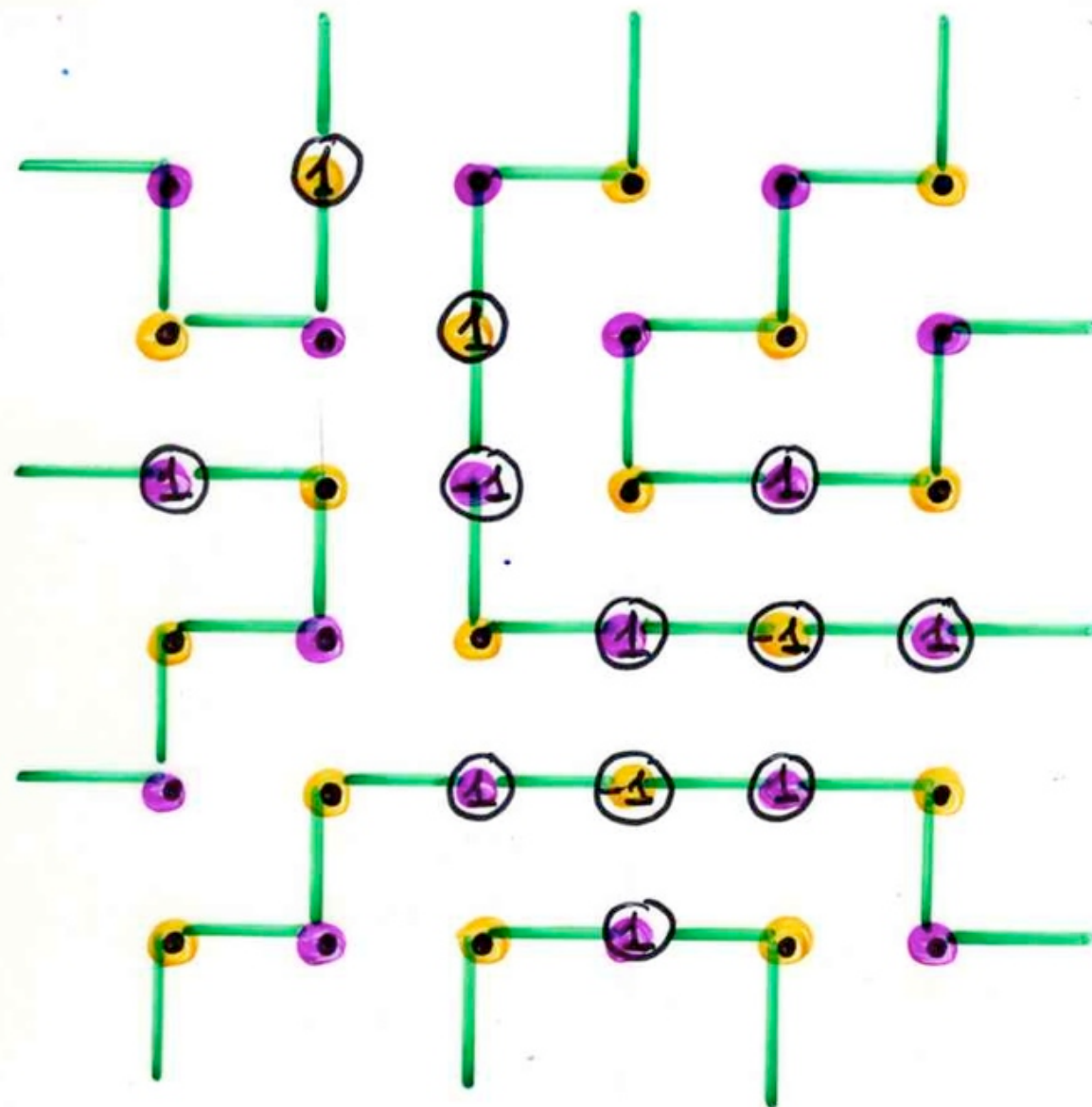


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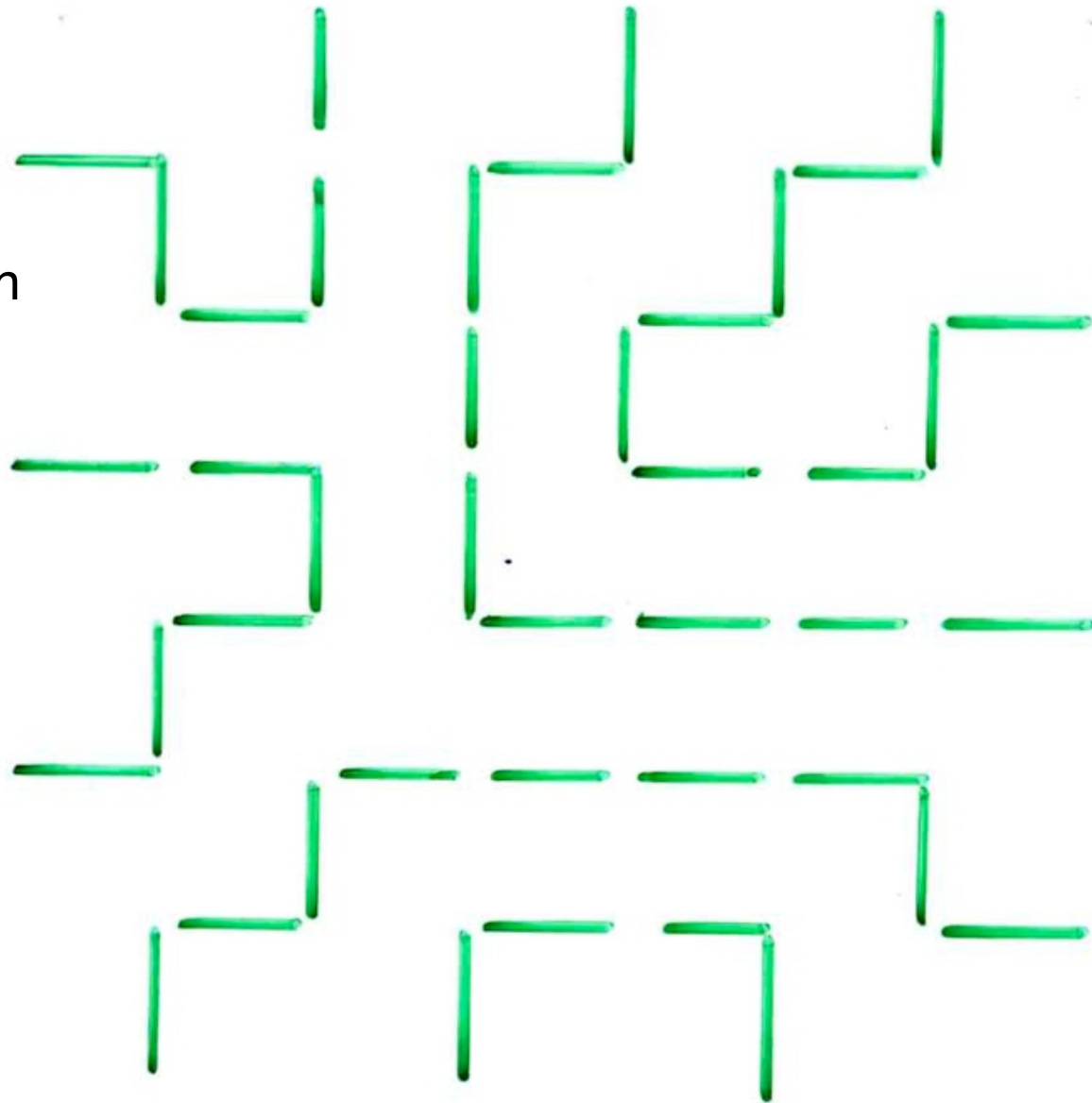




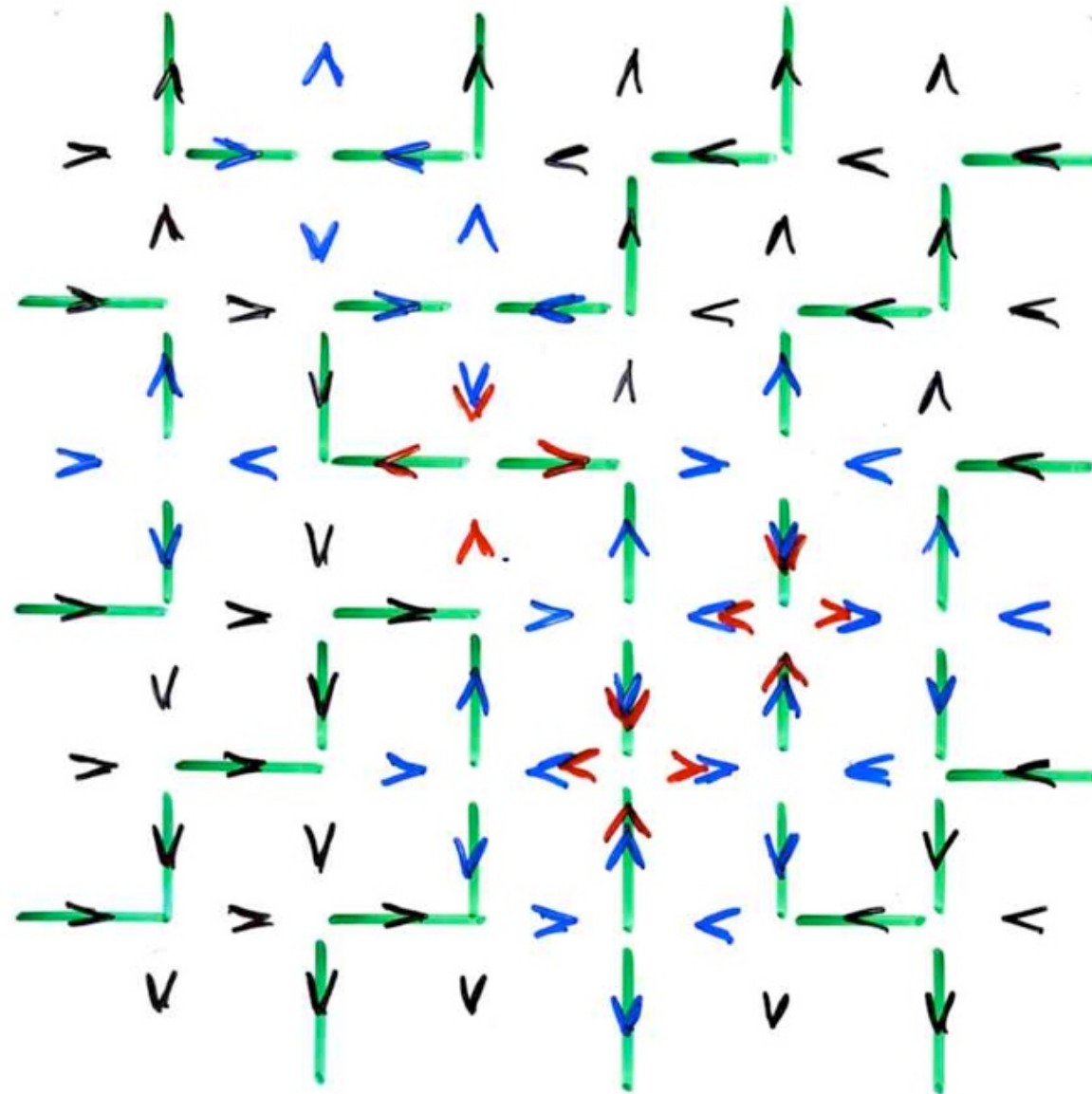


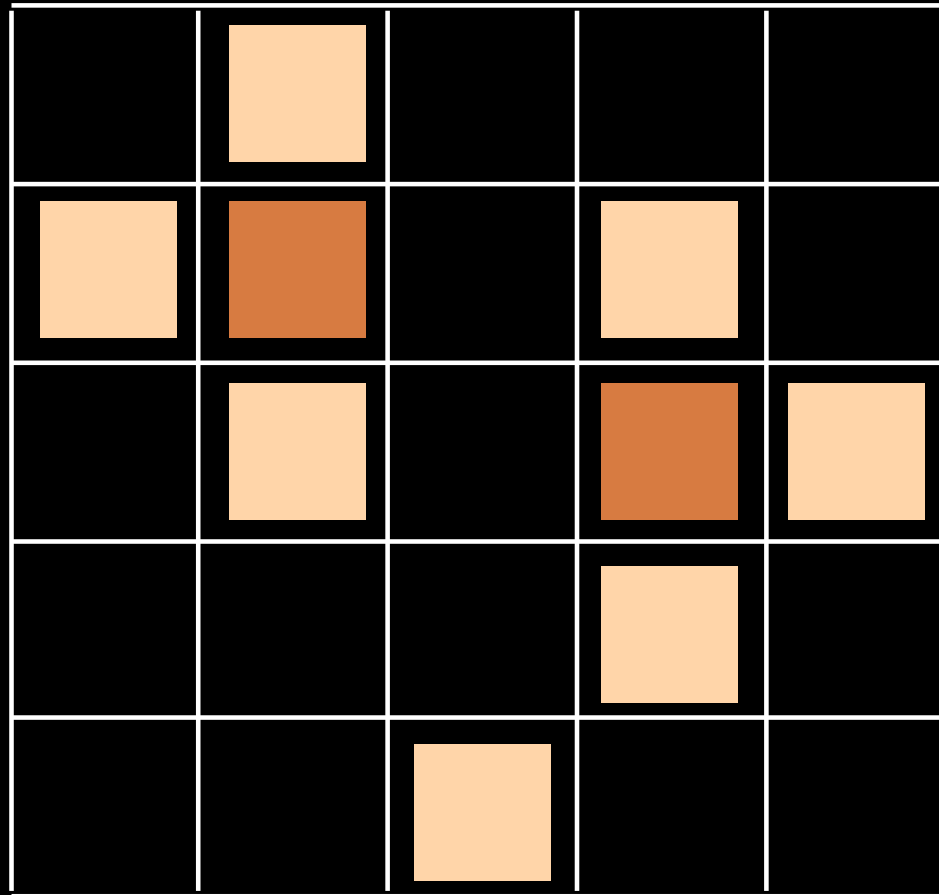


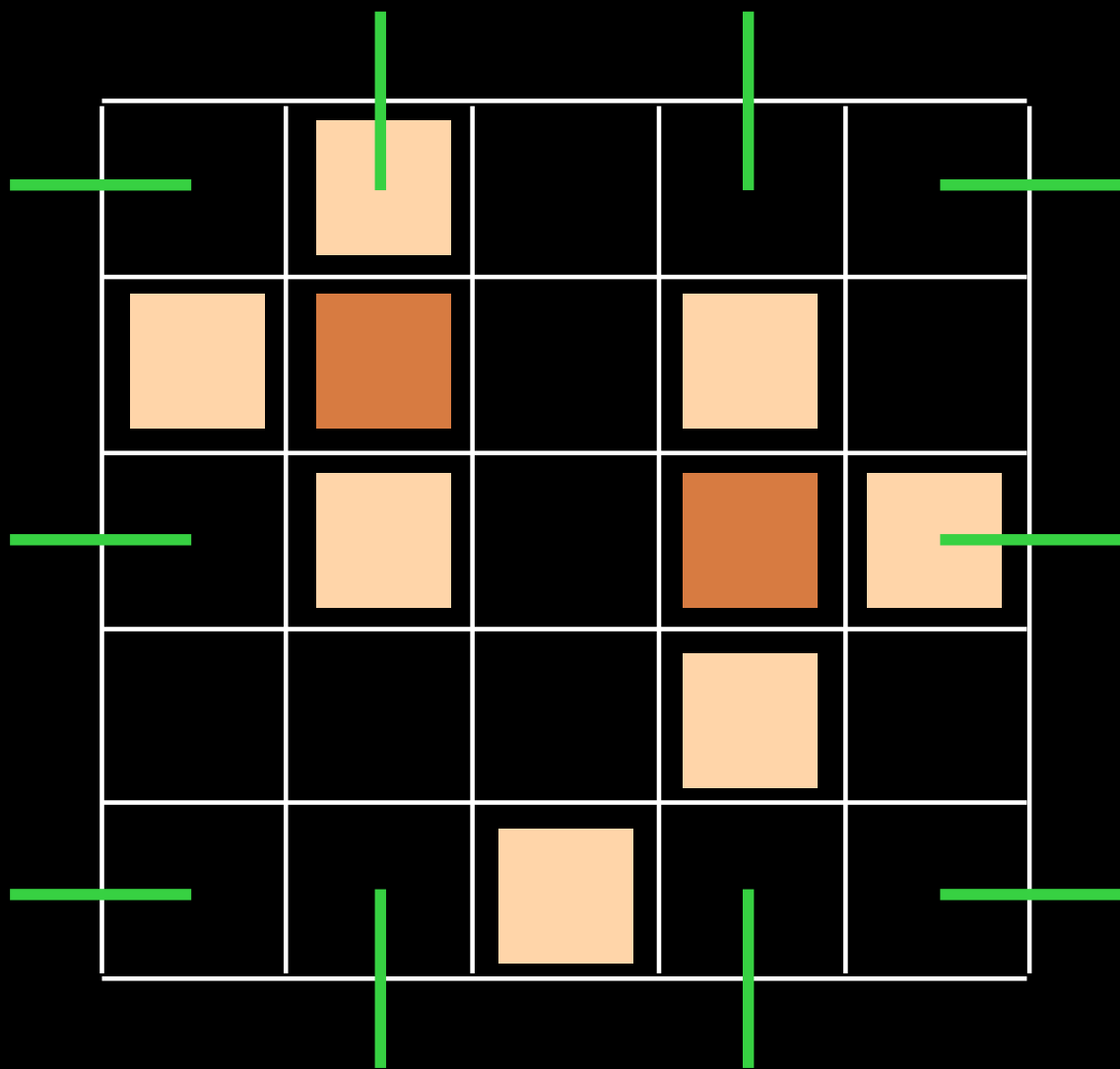
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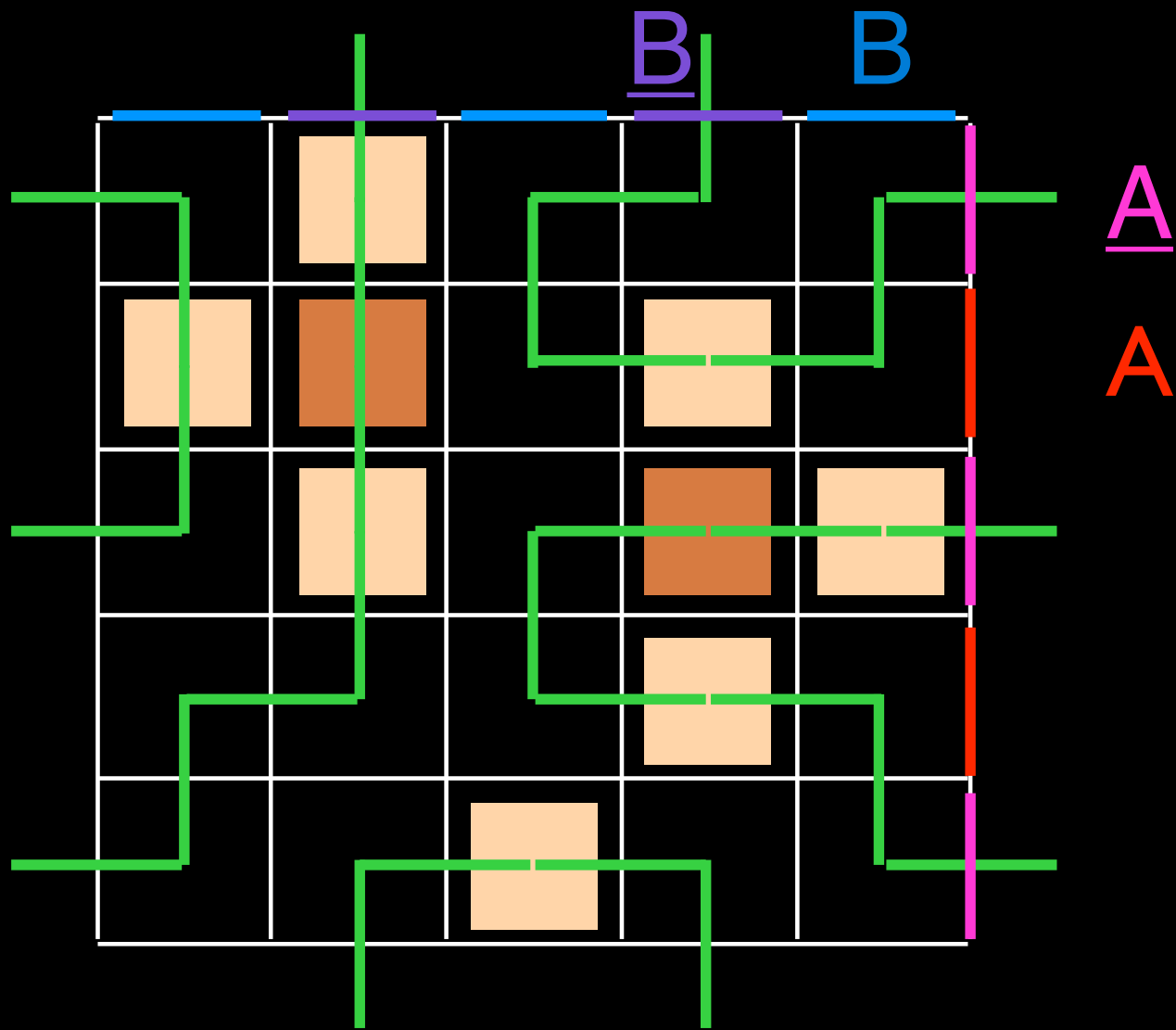


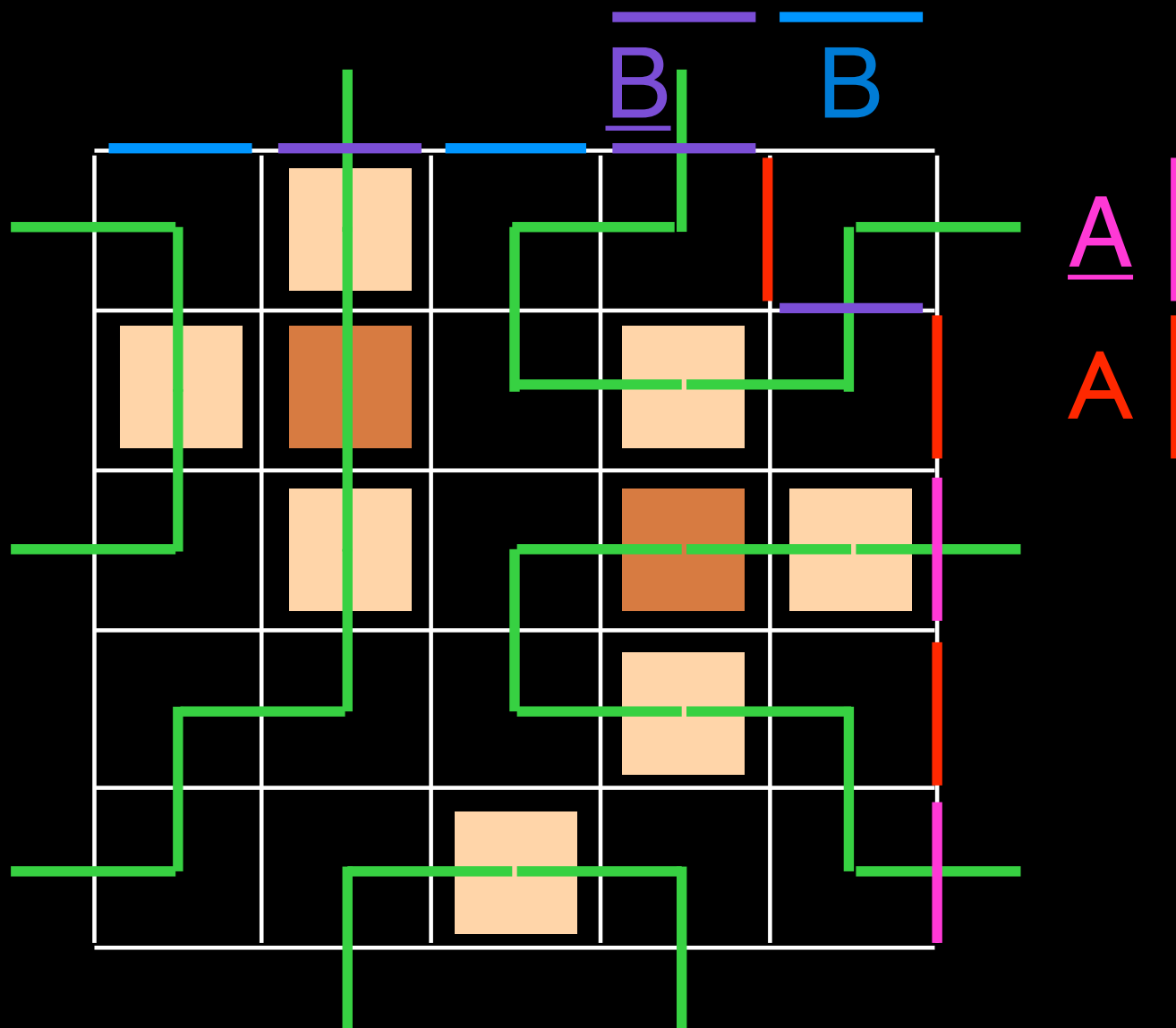
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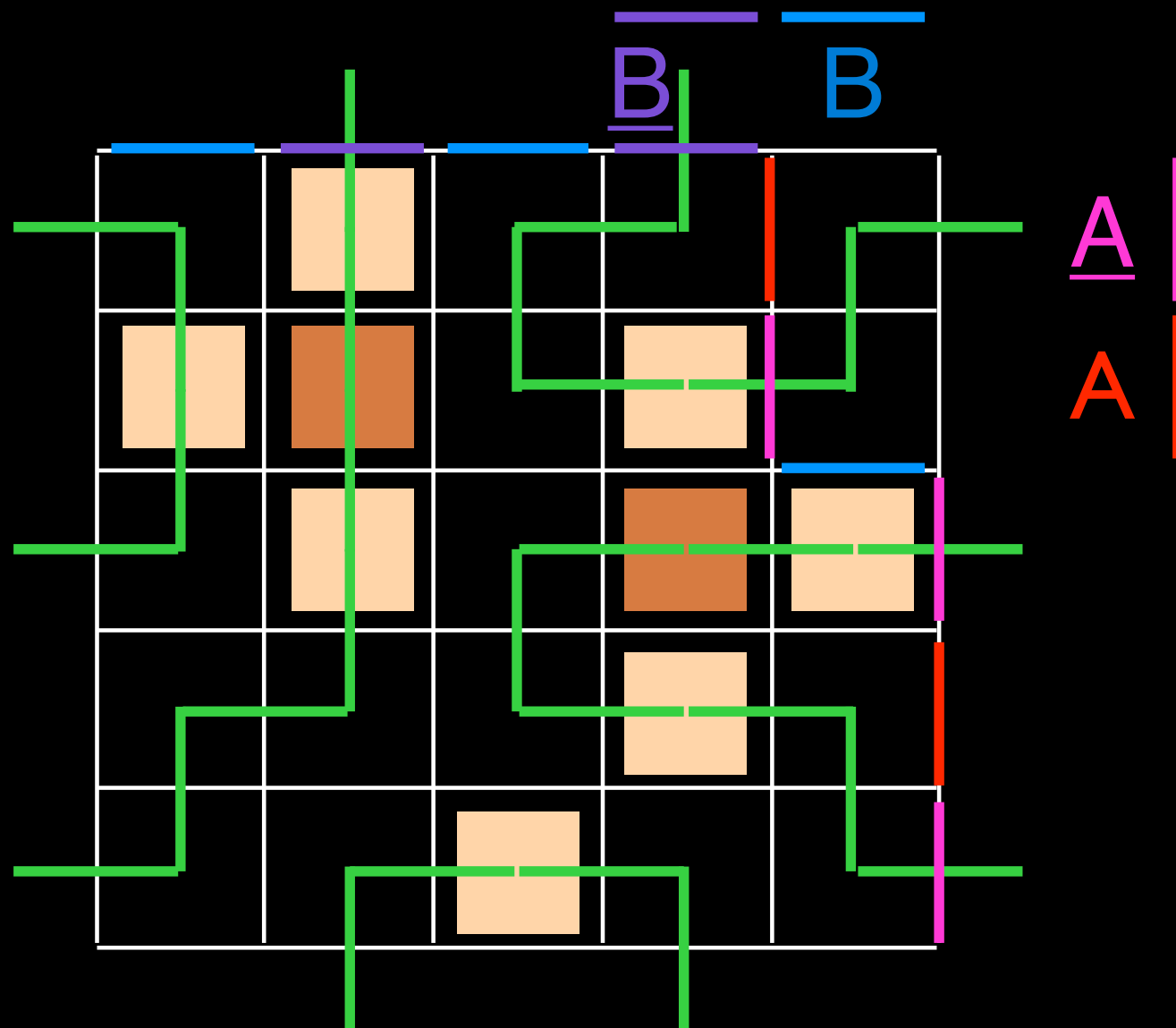


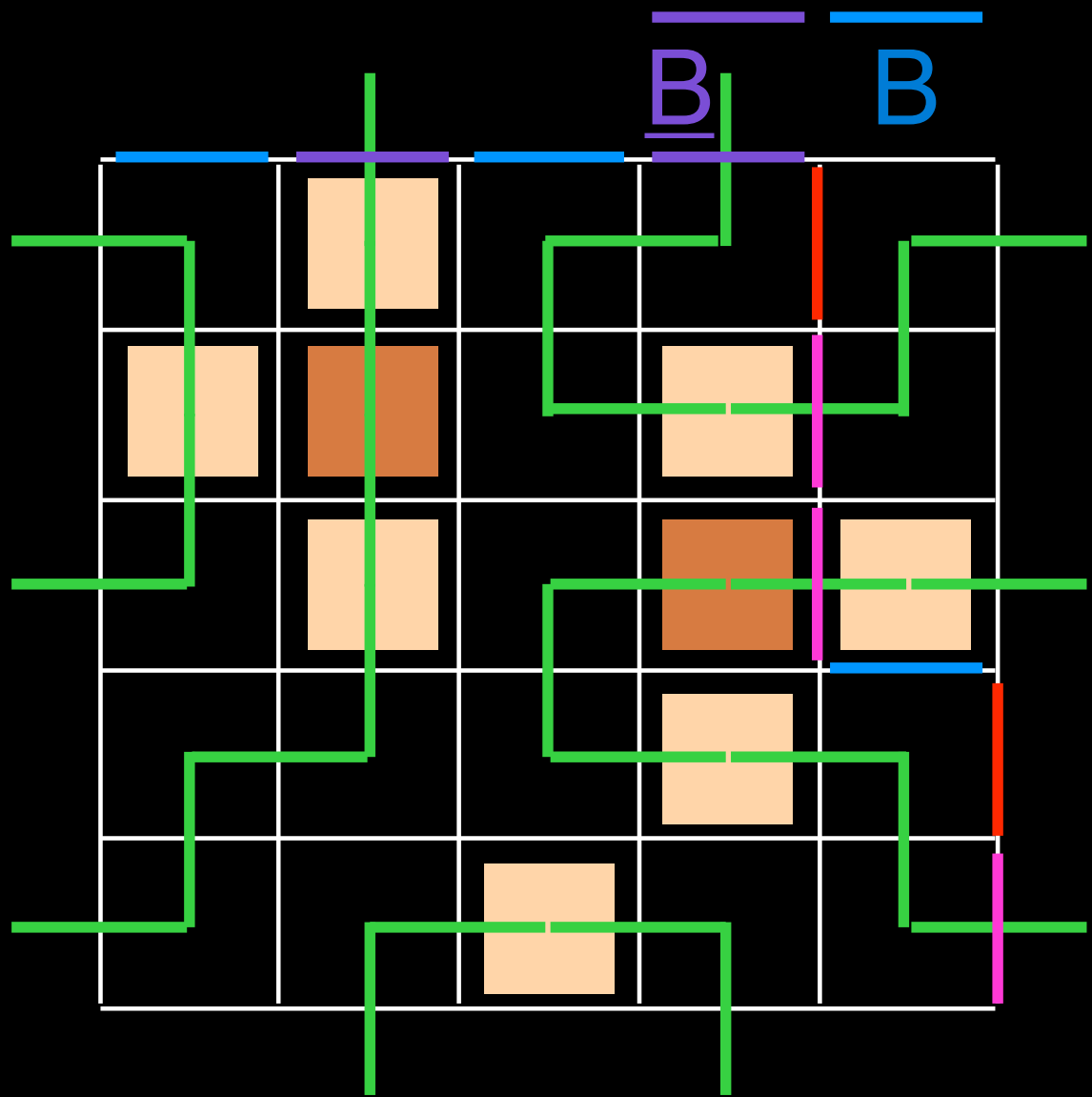










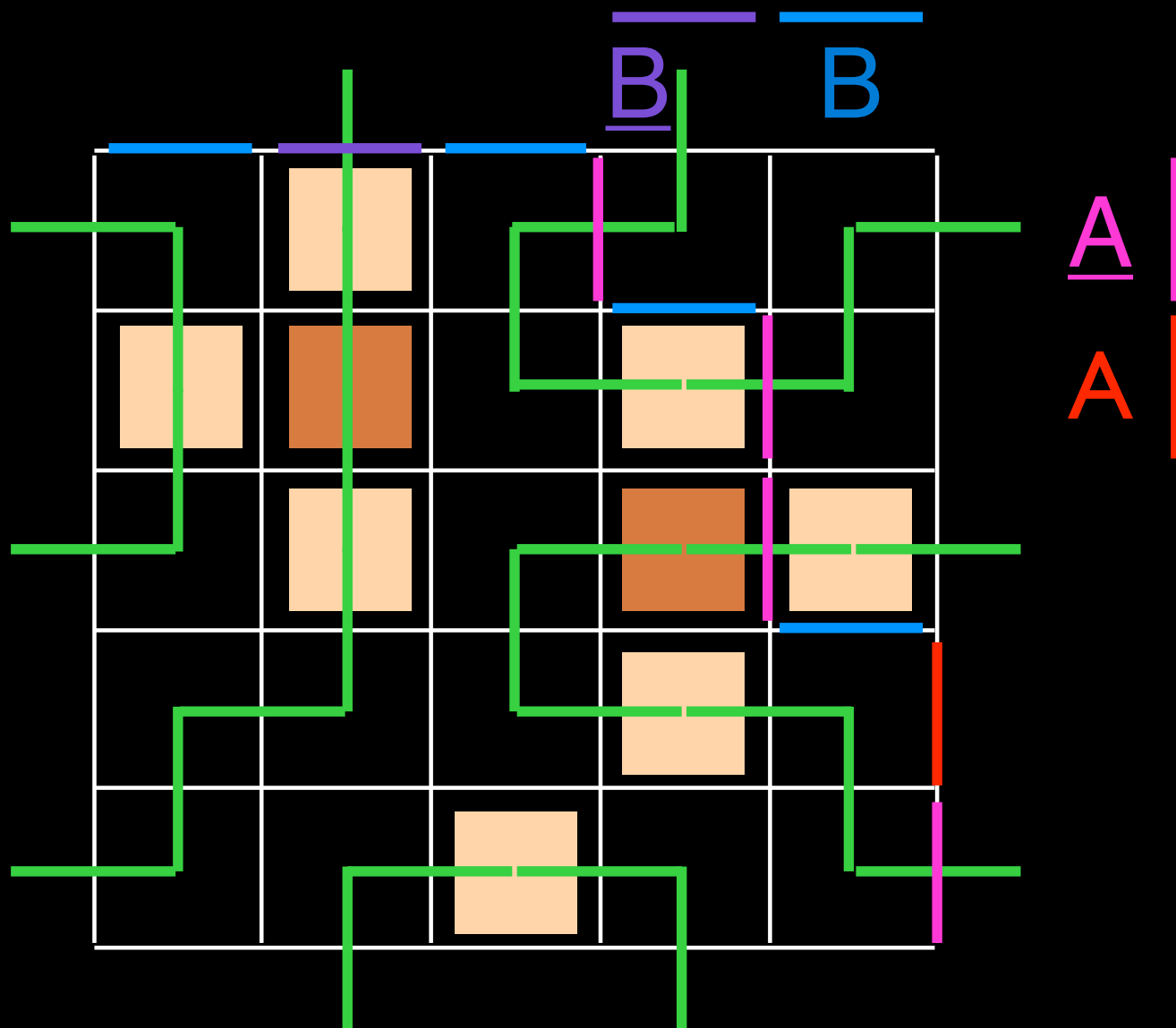


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A

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$A, \bar{A}, B, \bar{B}$

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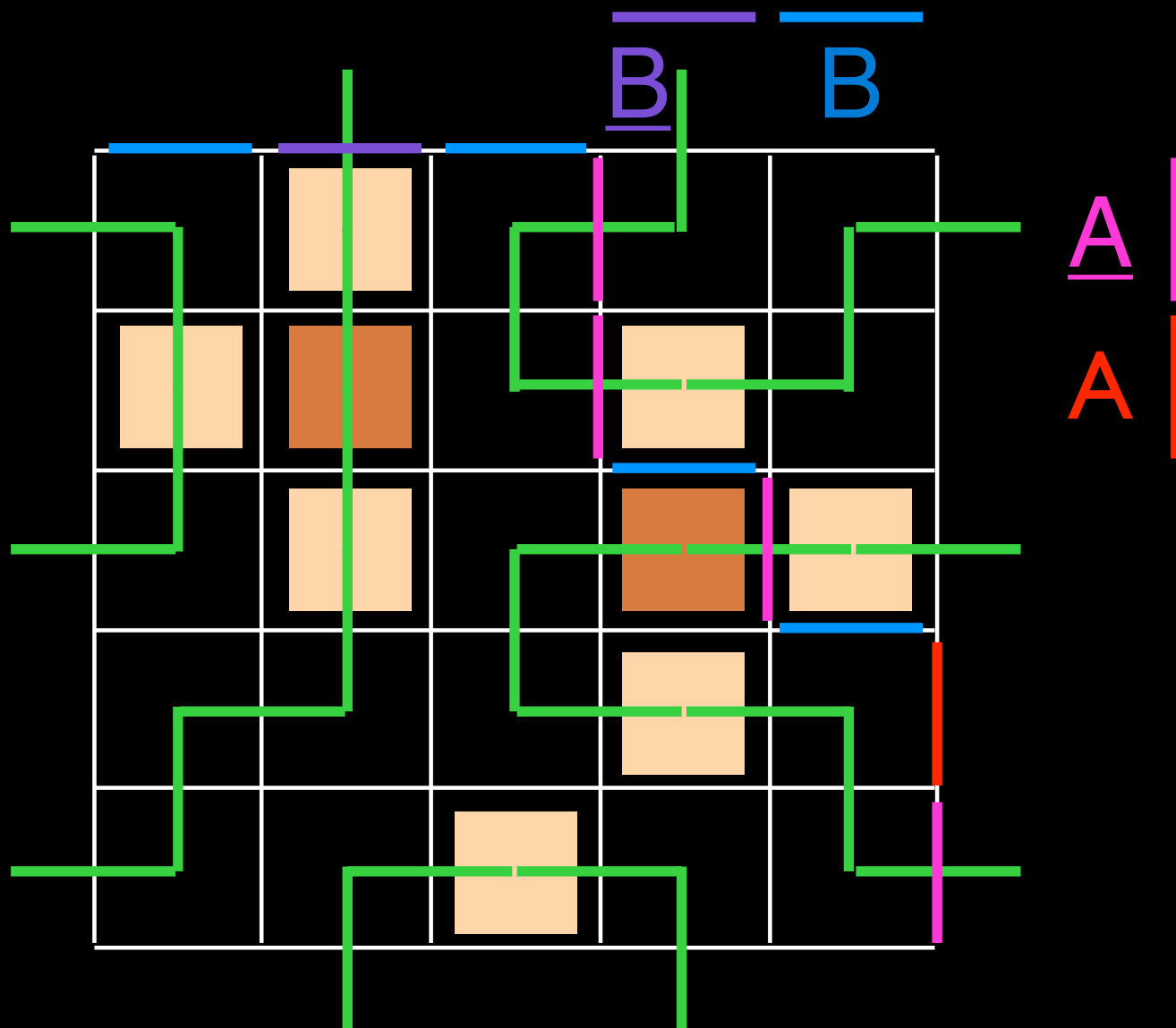
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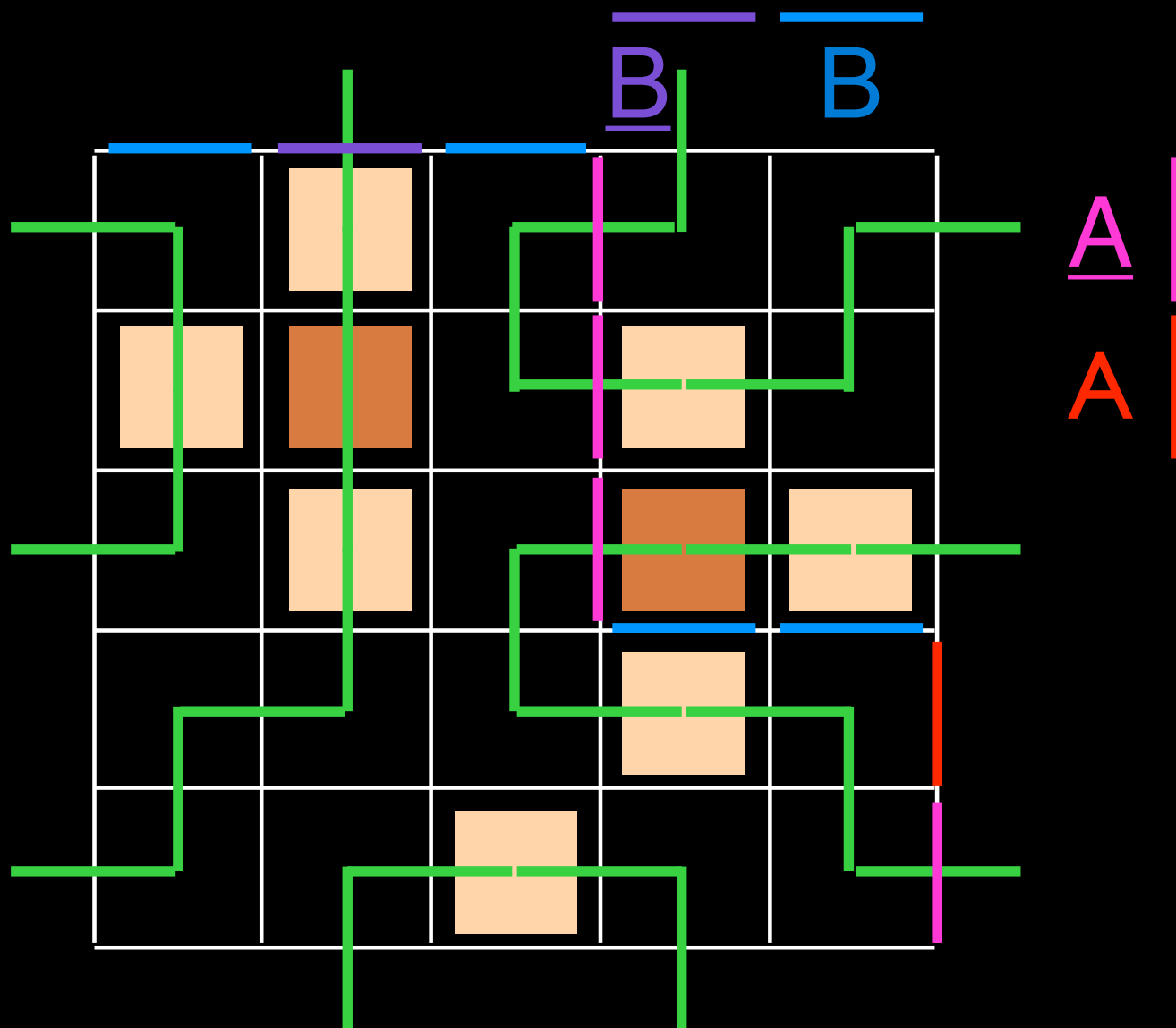
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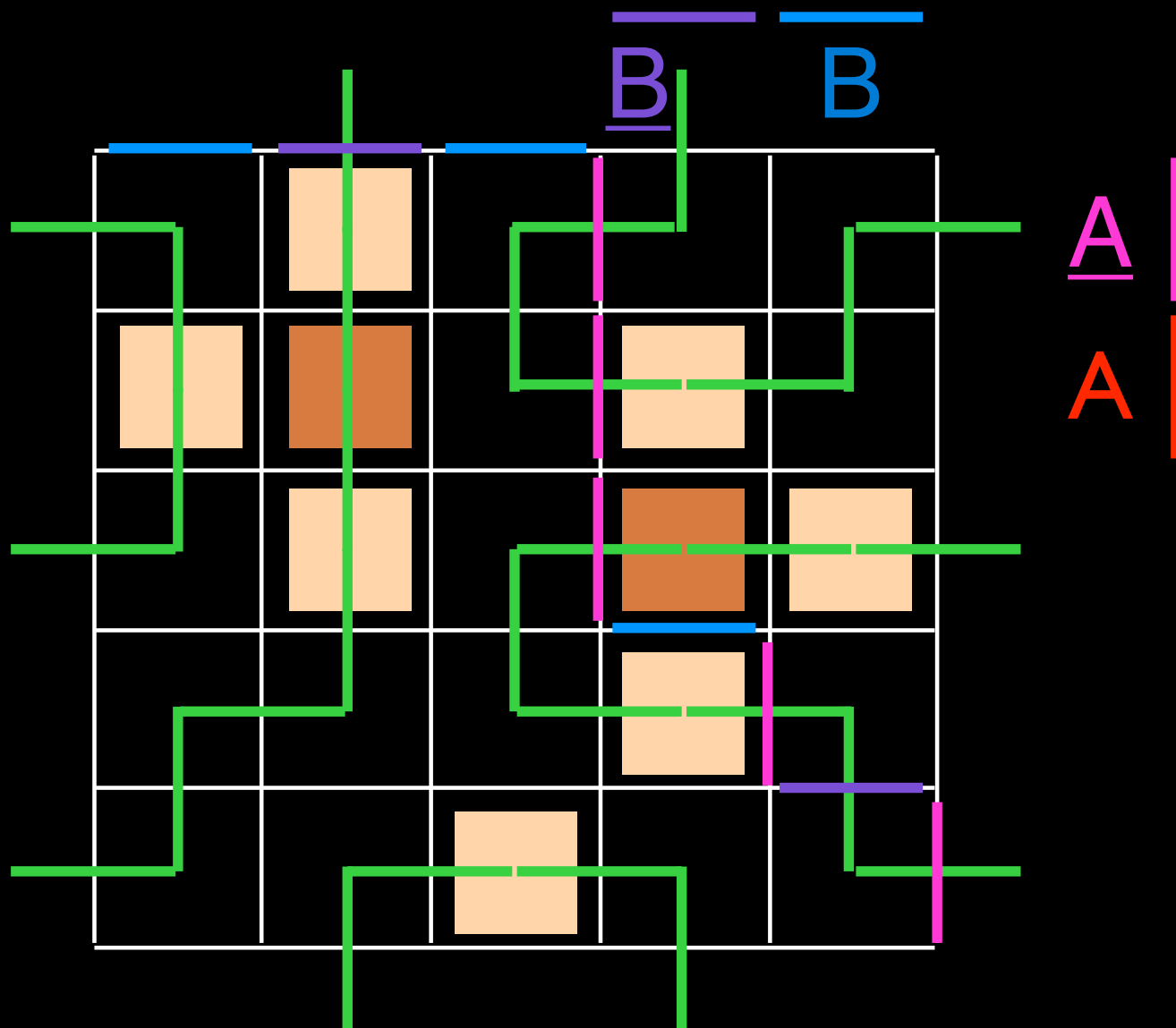
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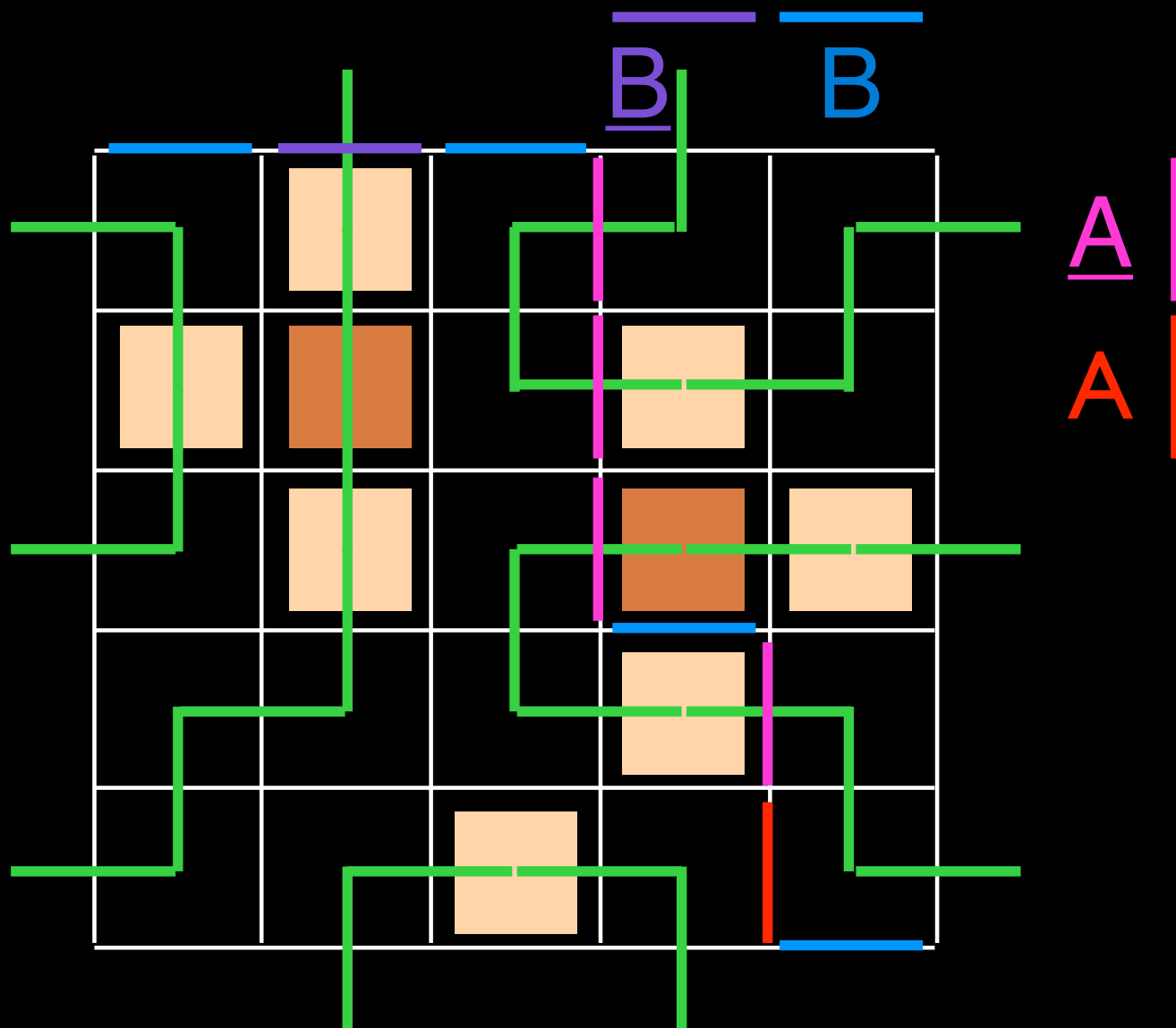
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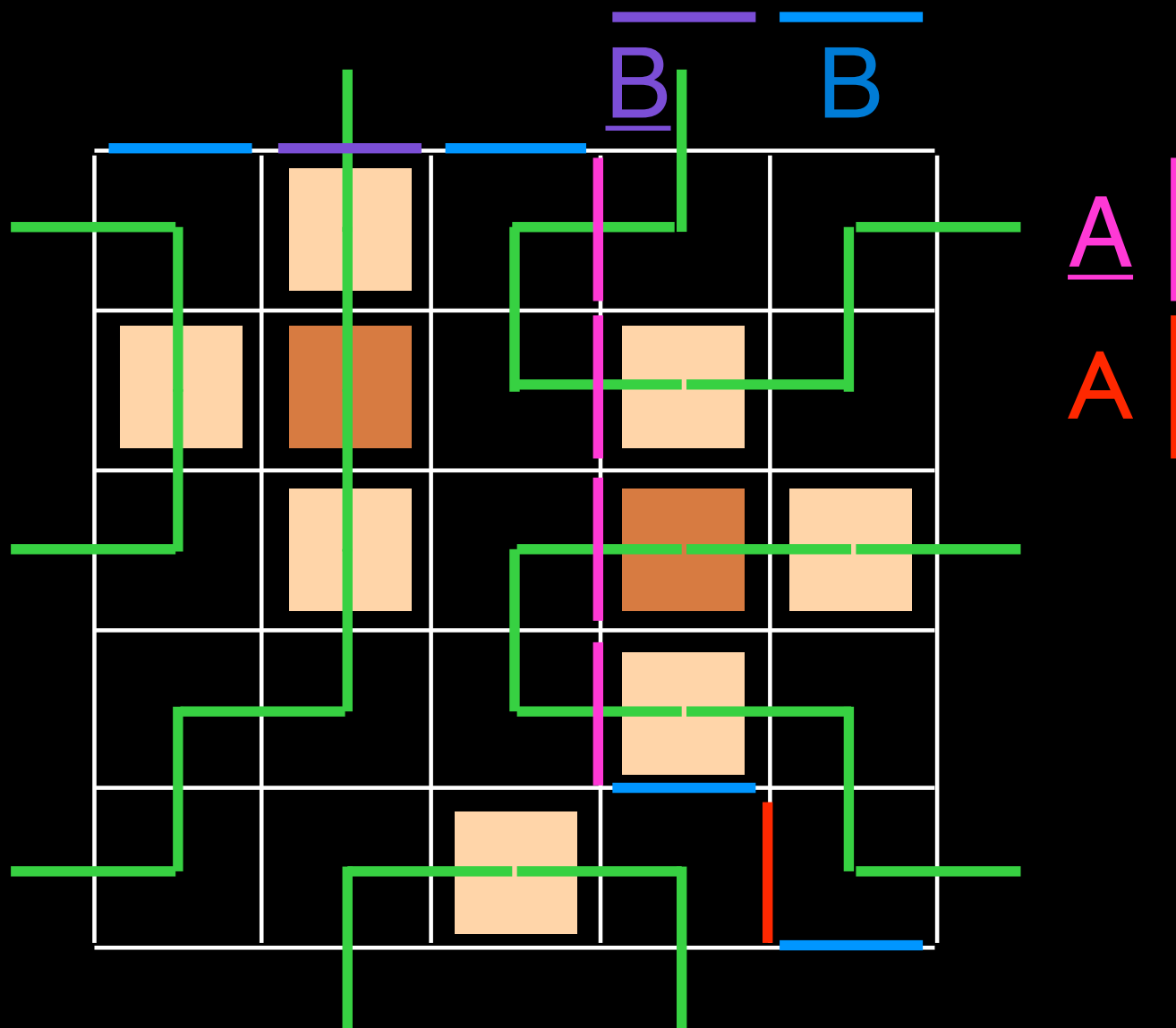
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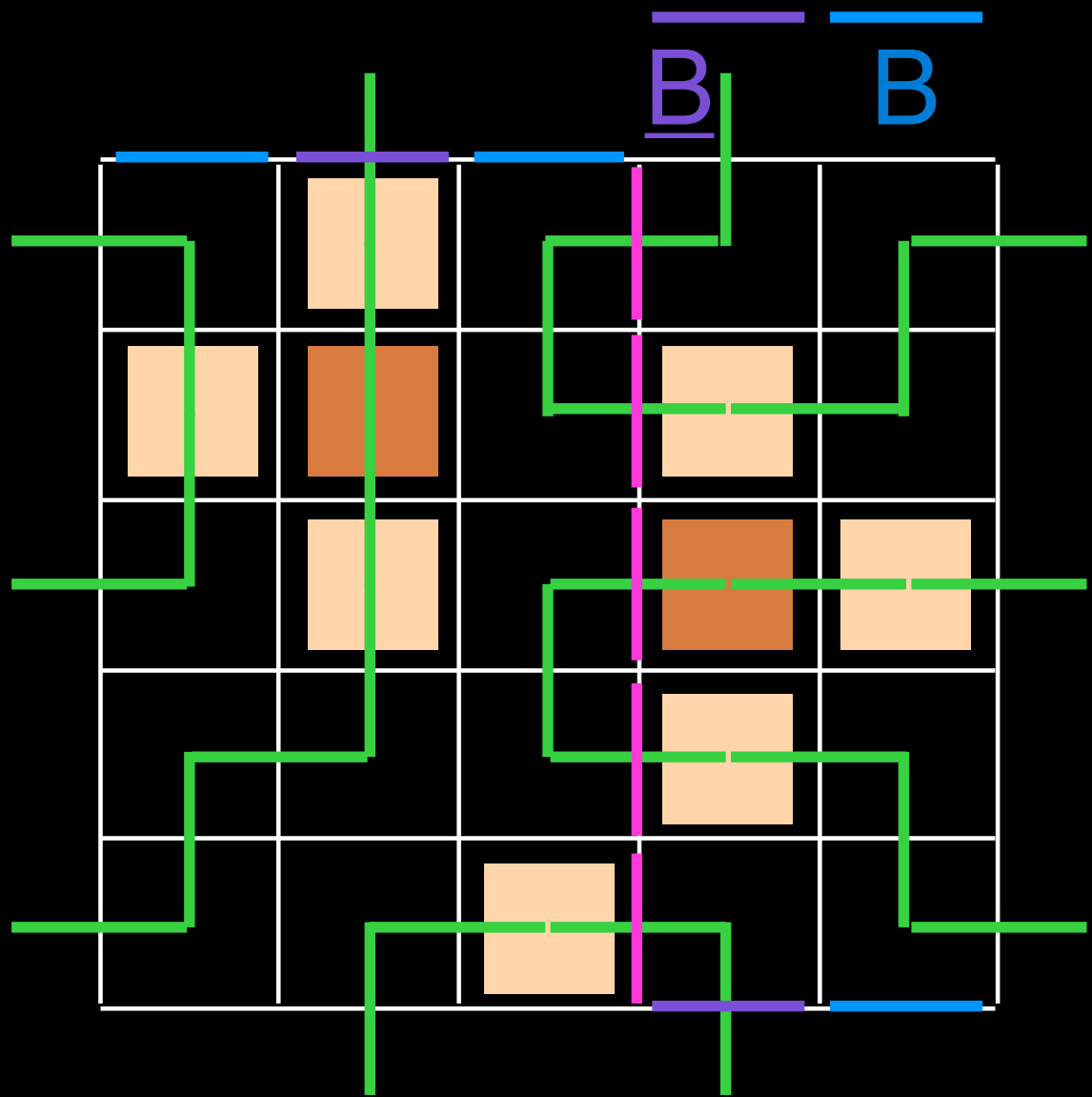










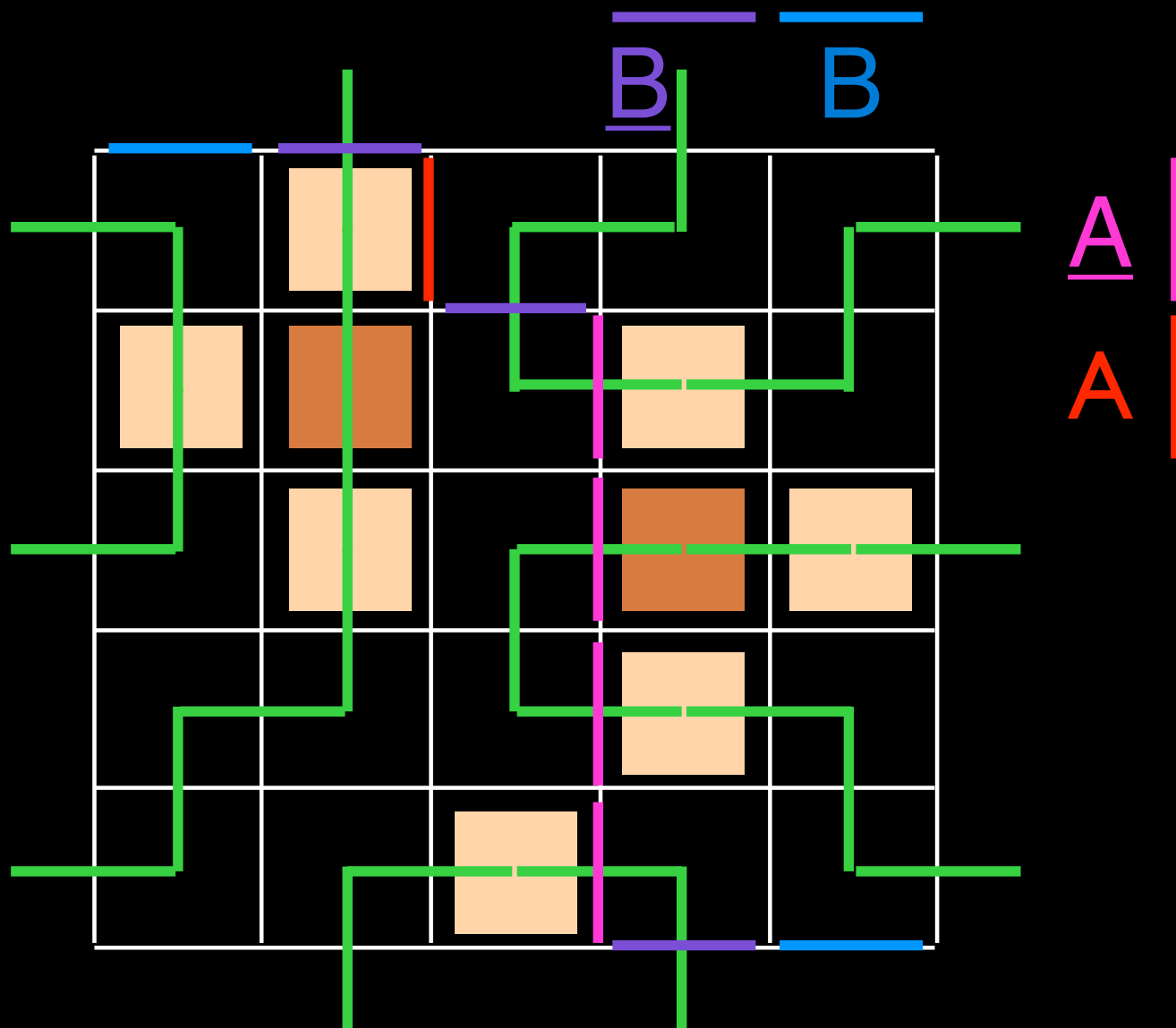


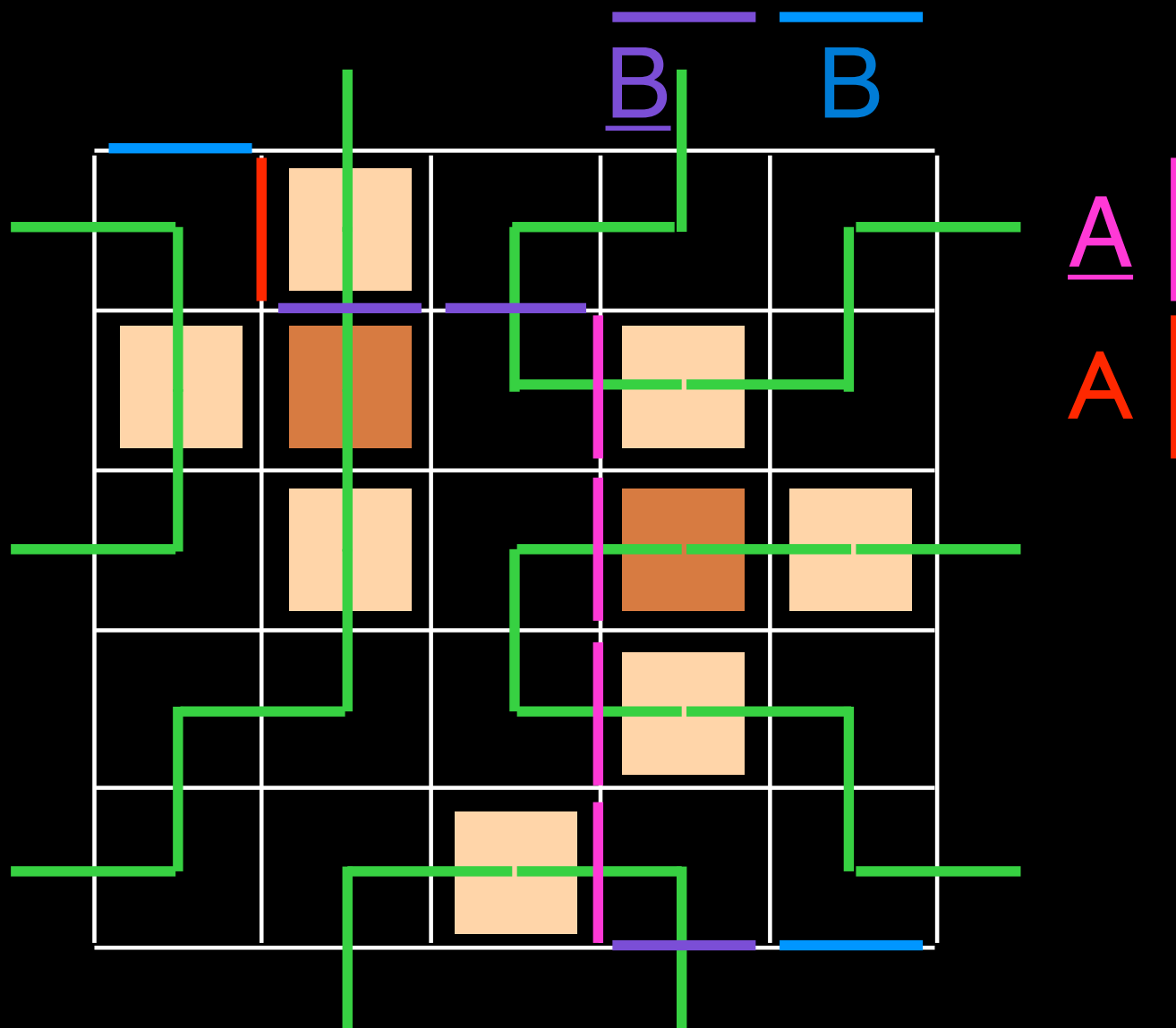
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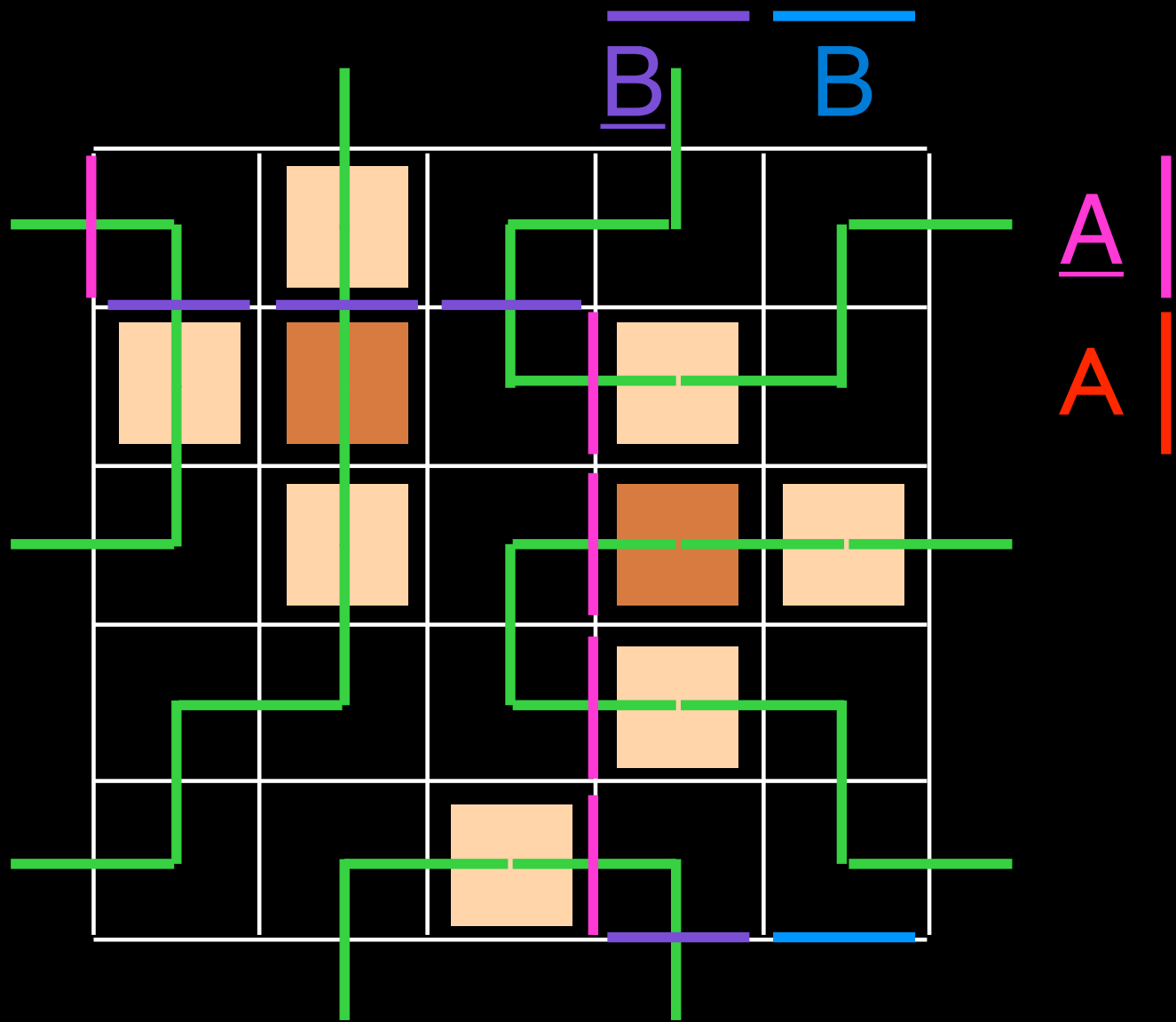
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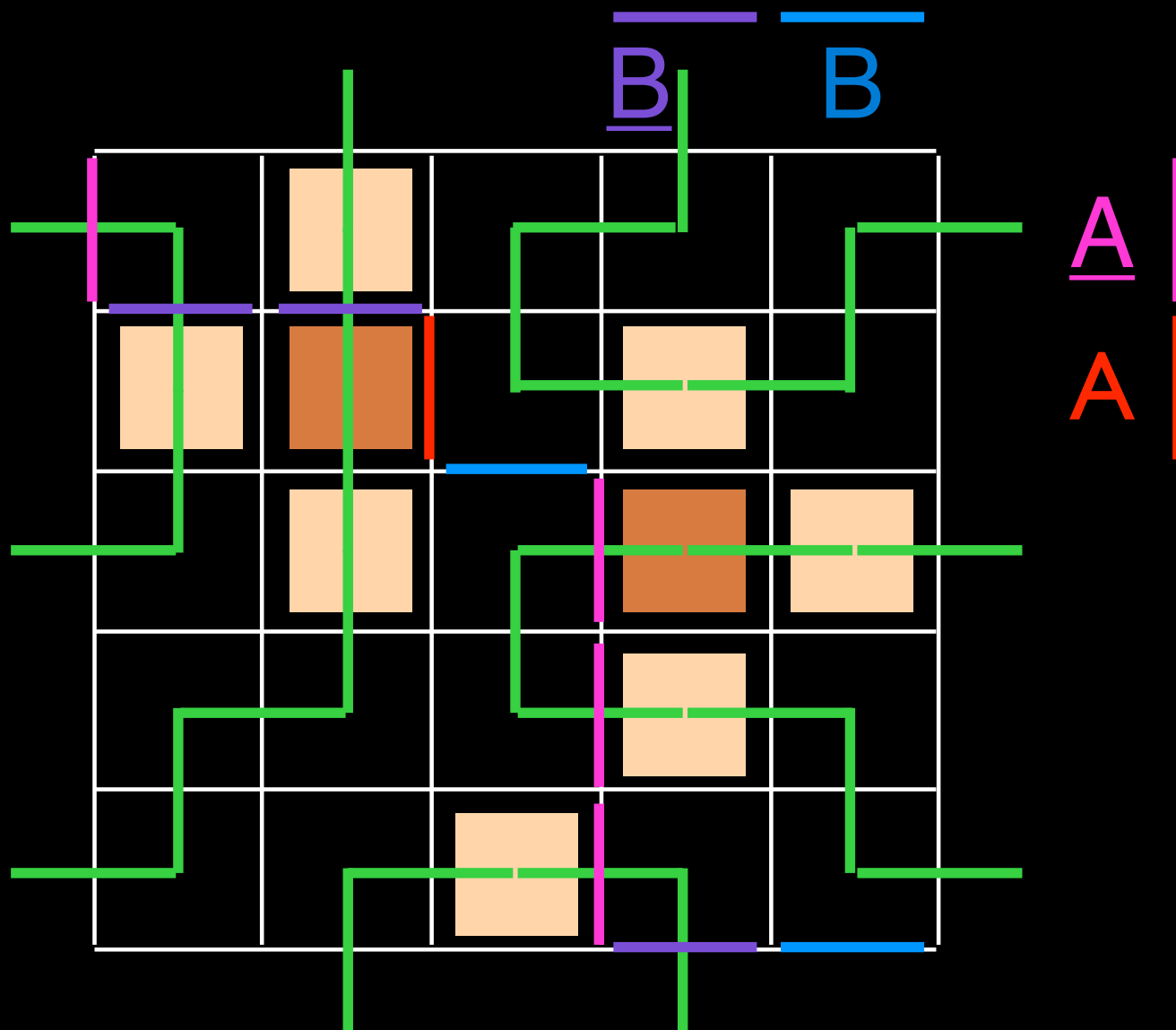
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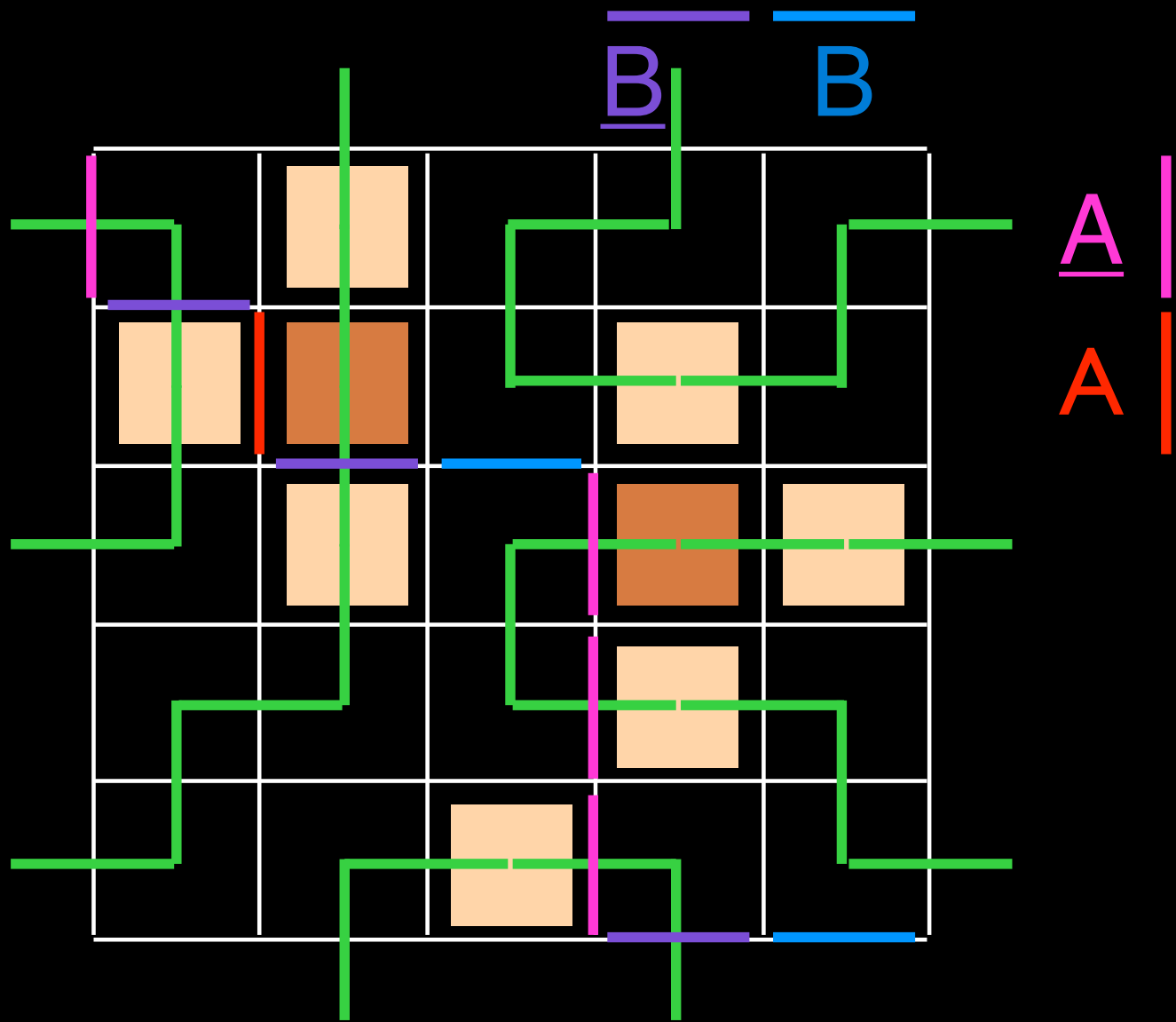
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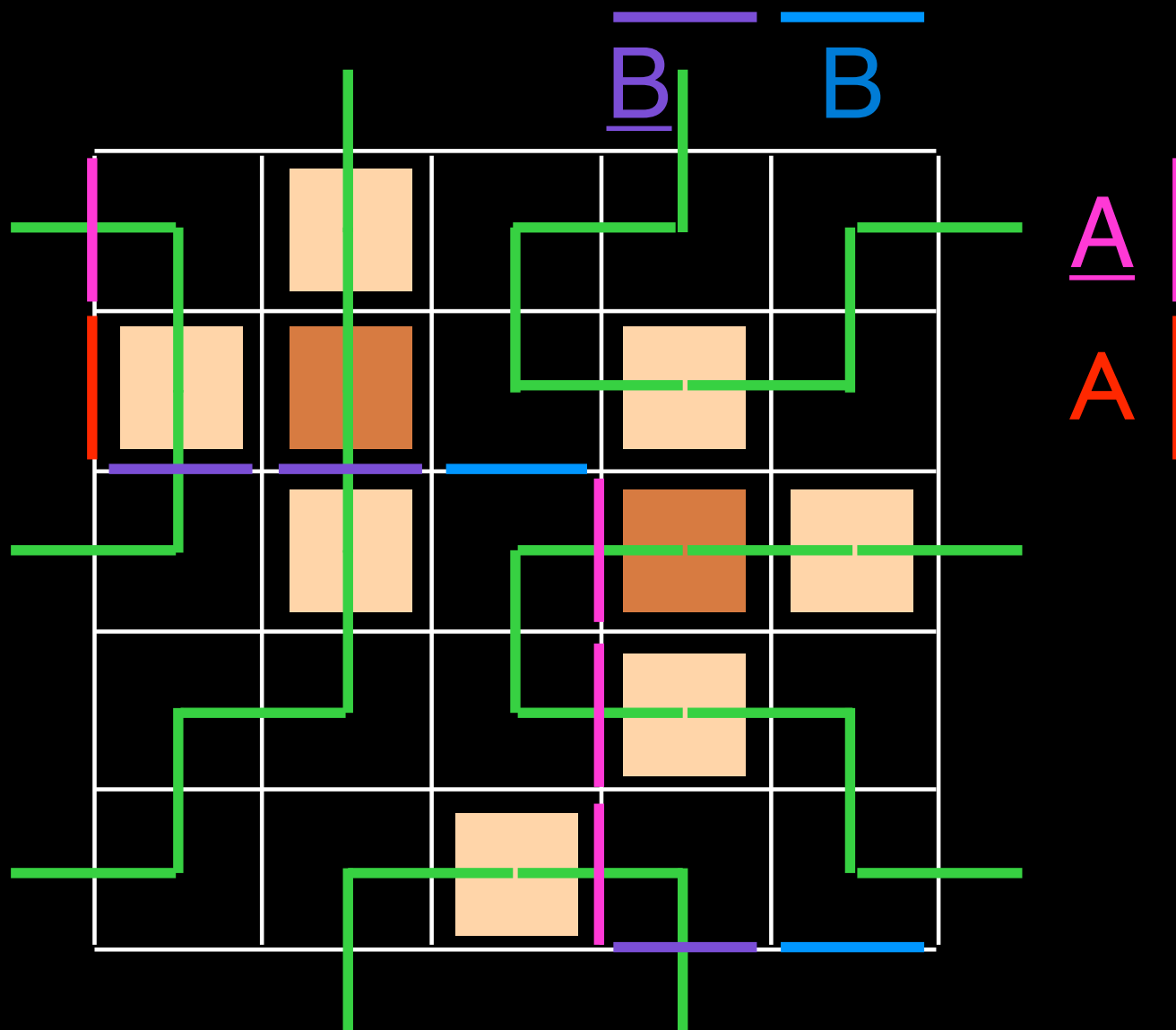


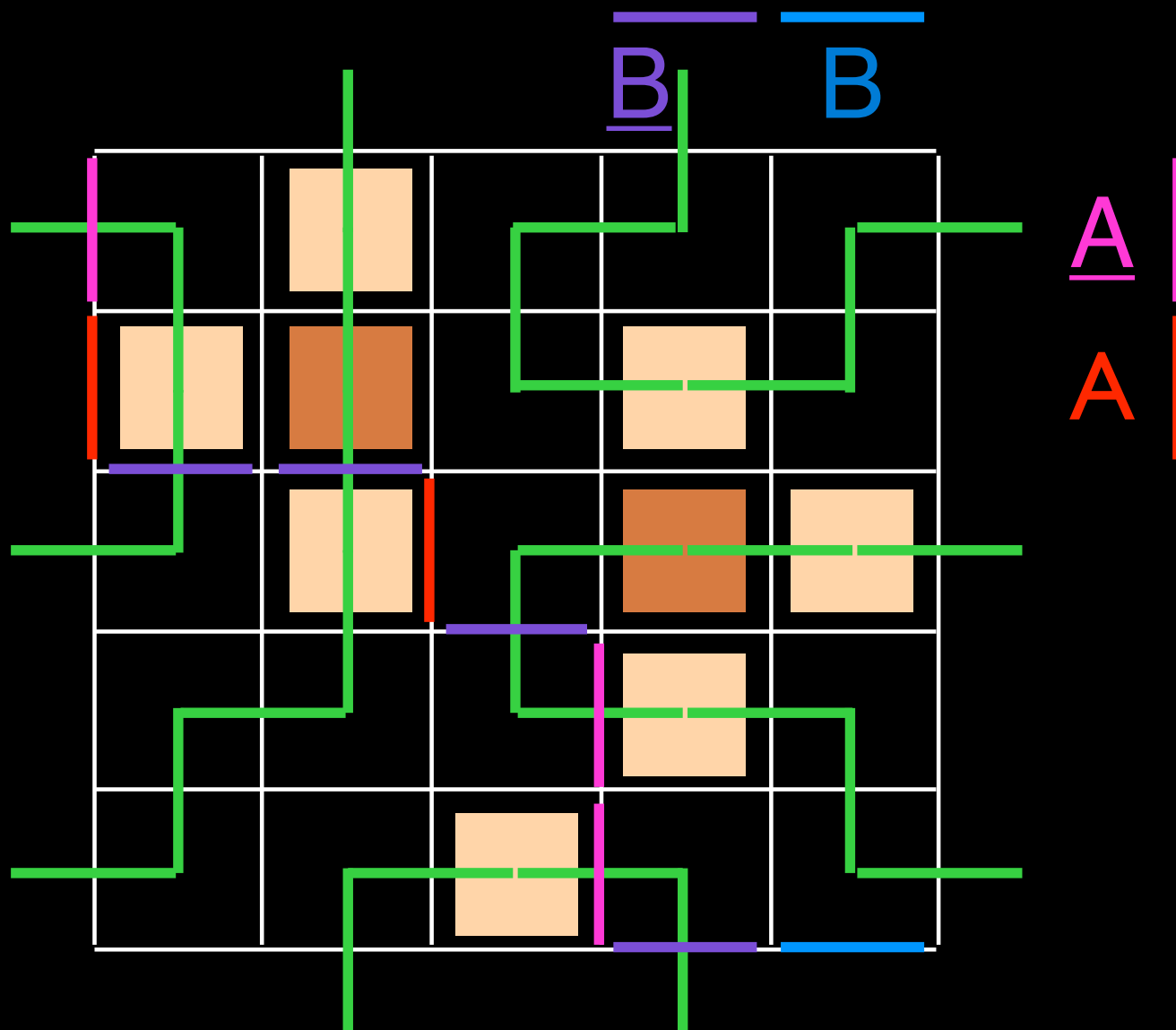


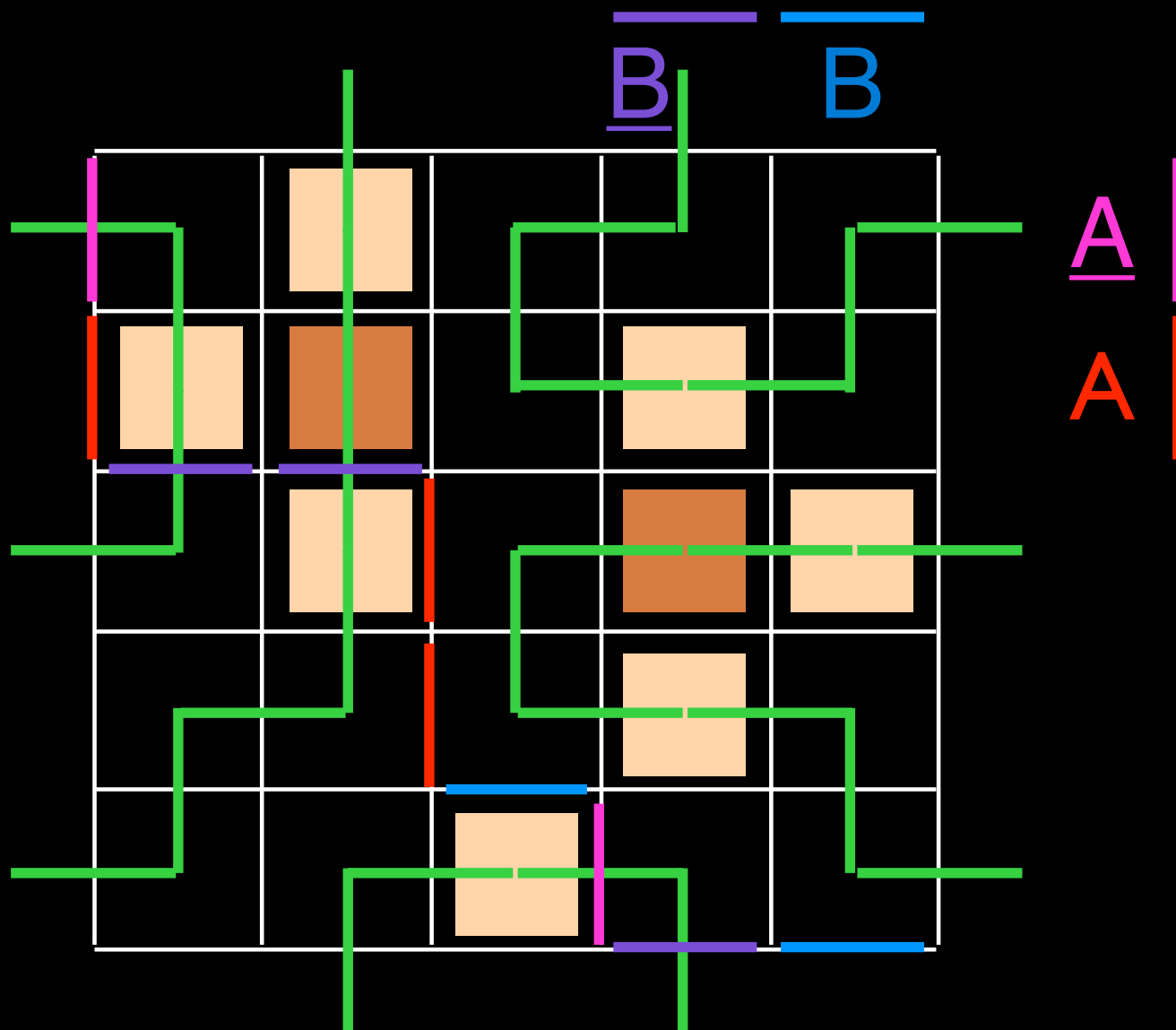


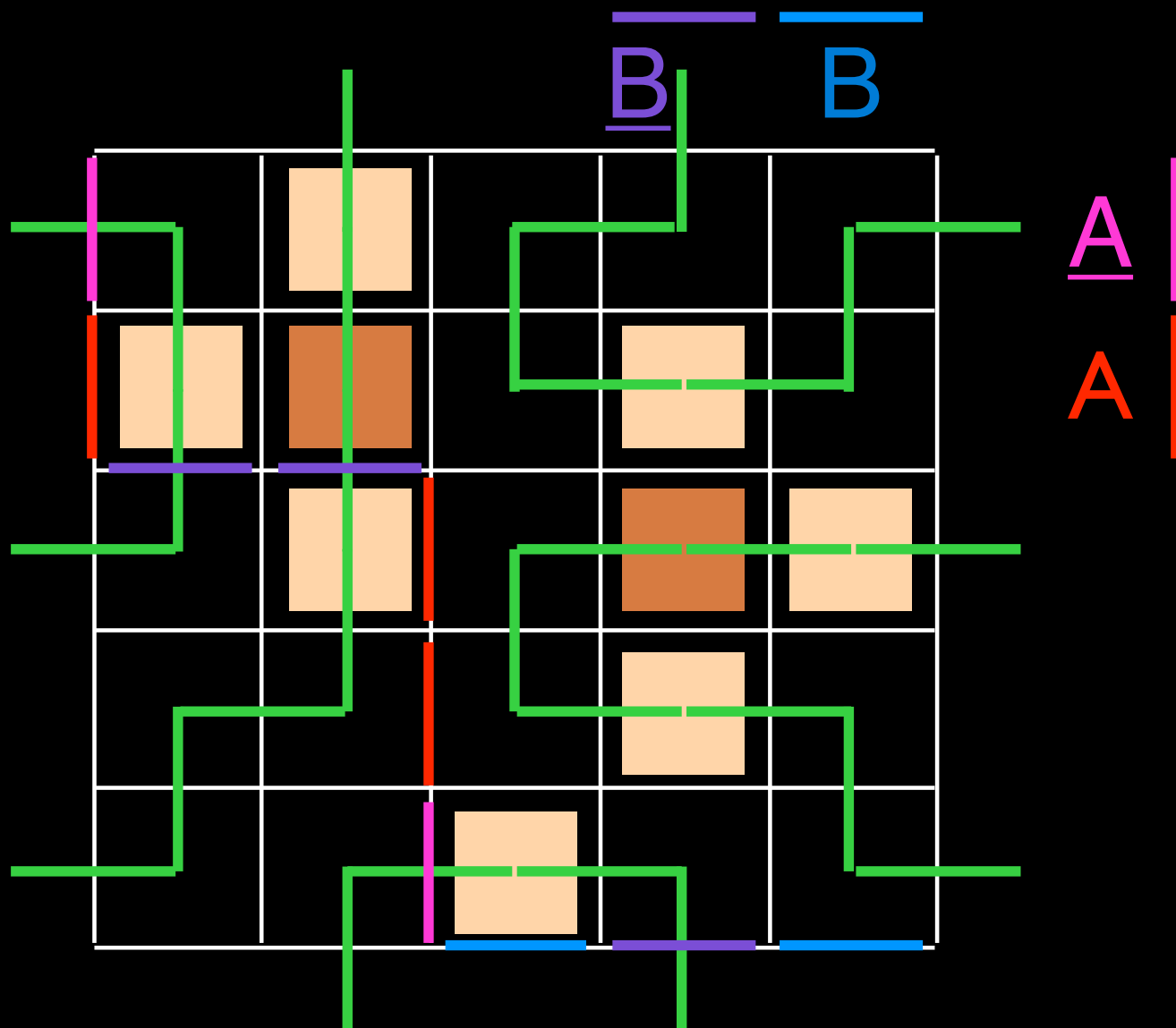


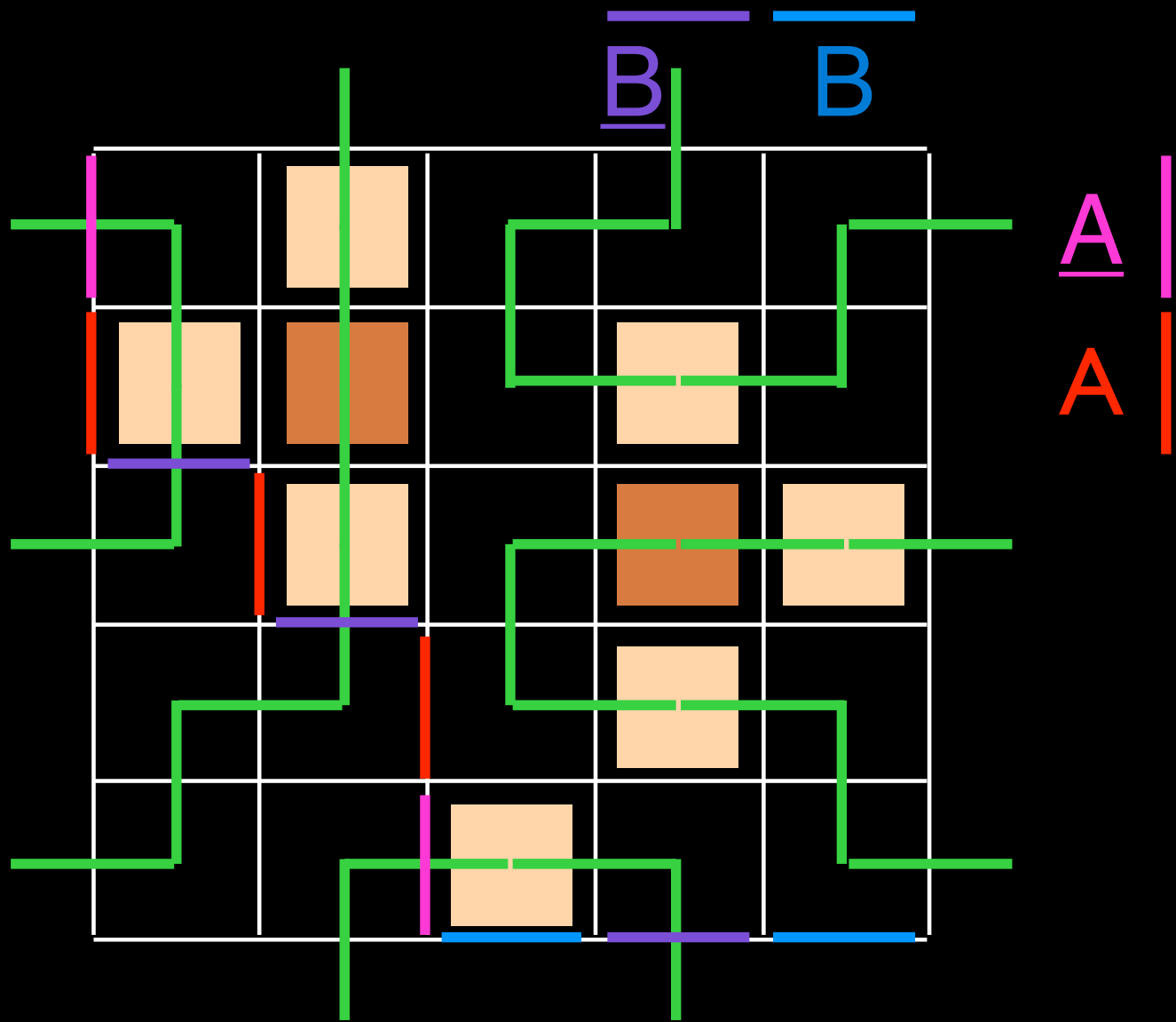


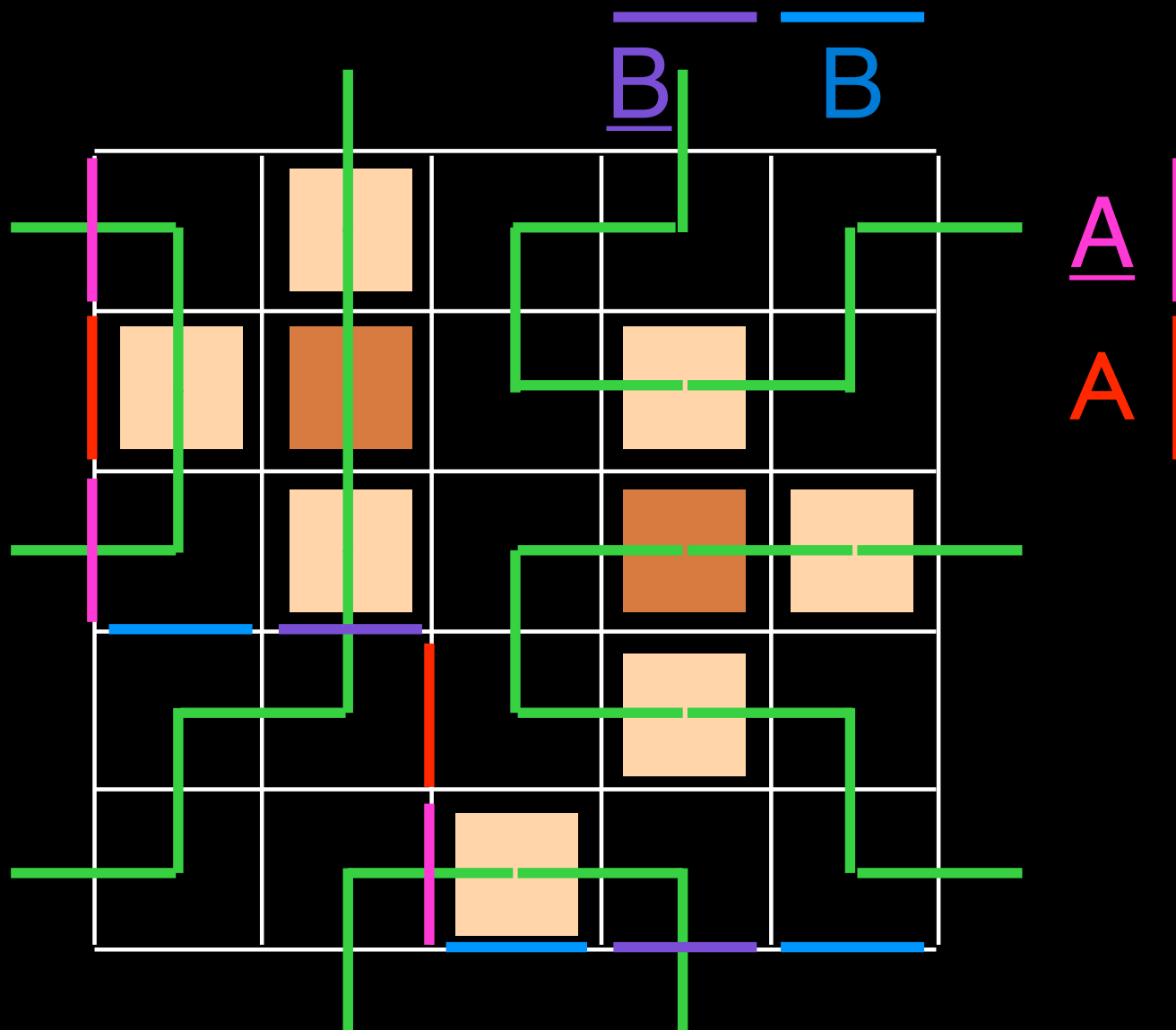


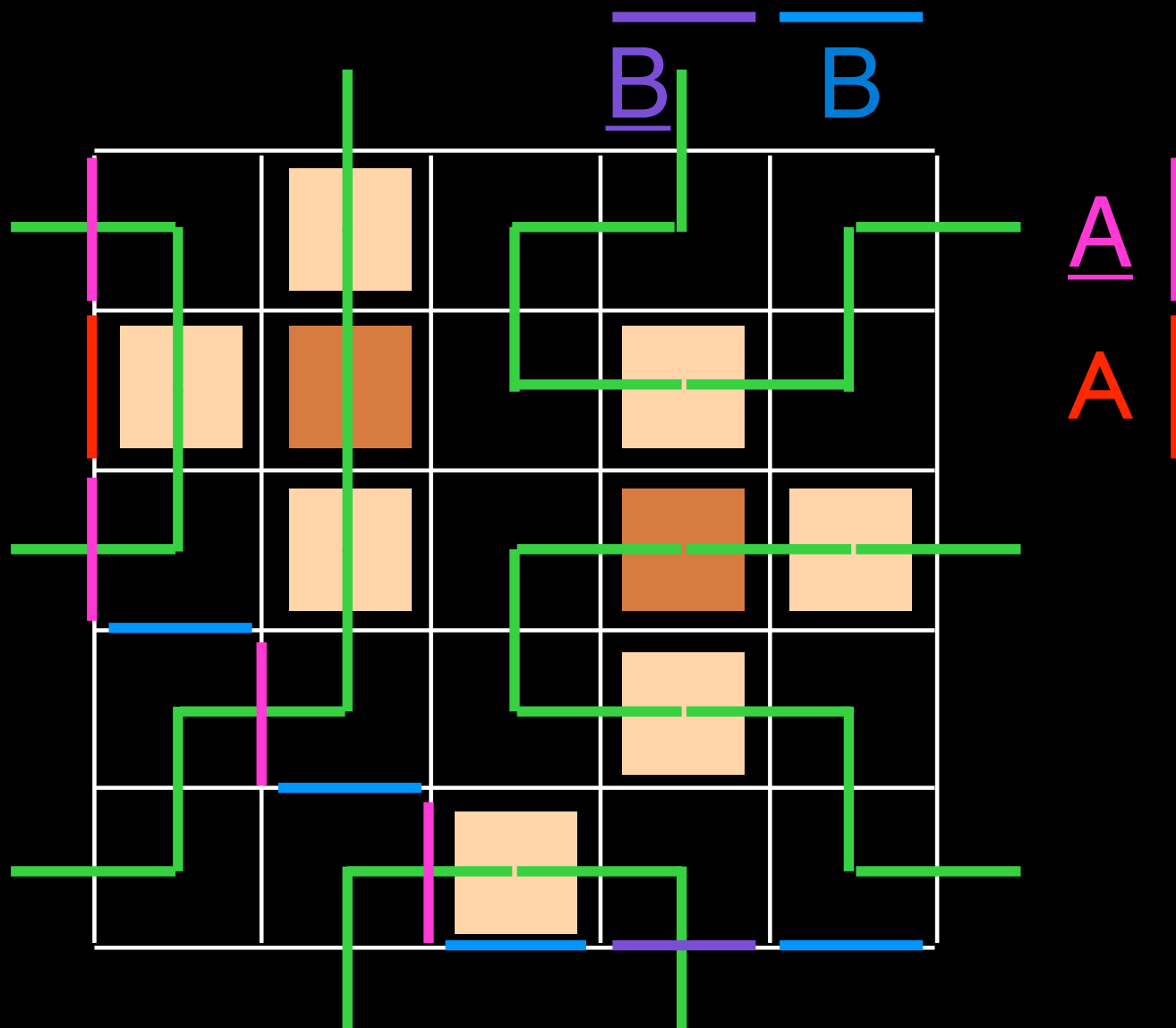


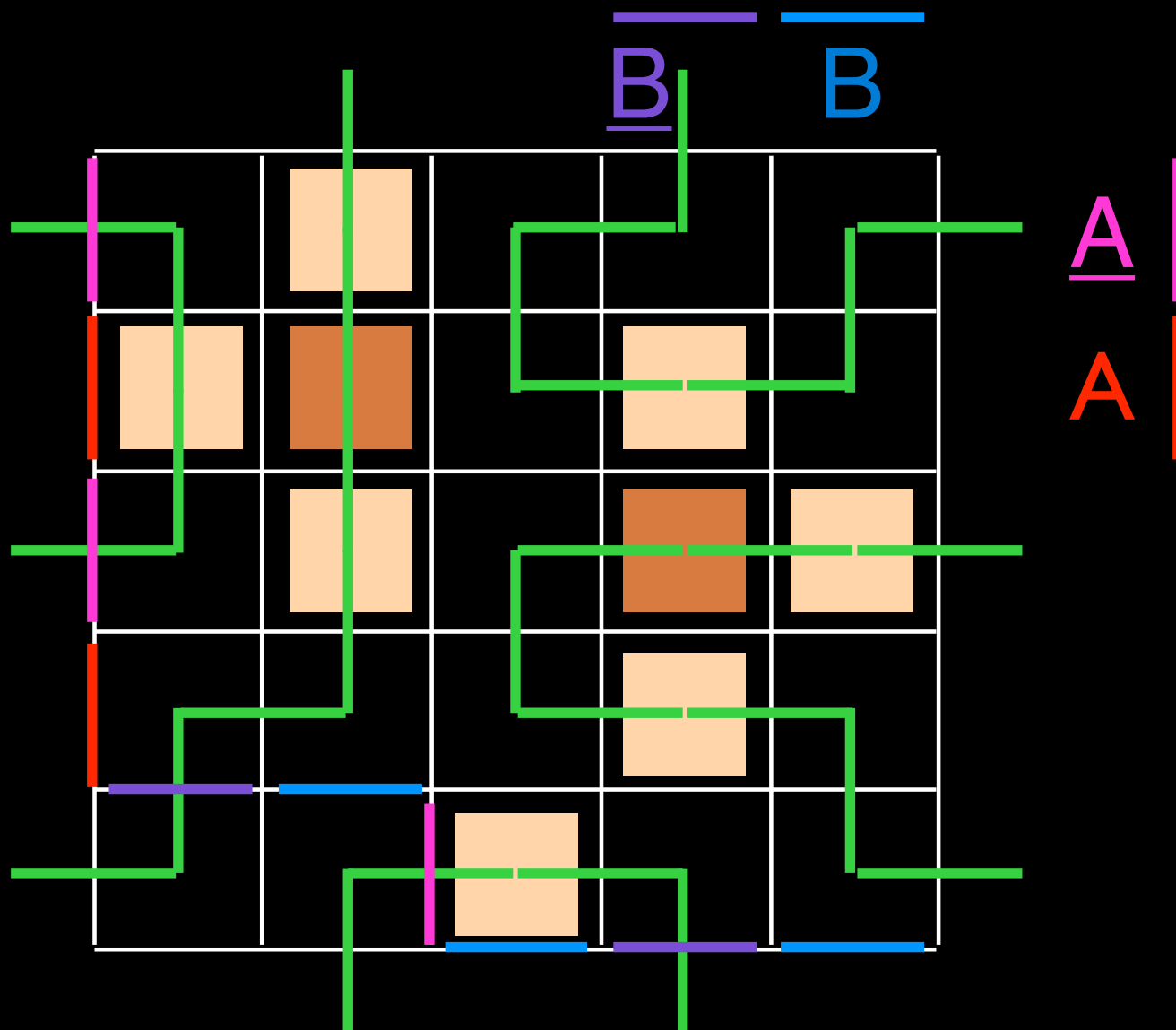


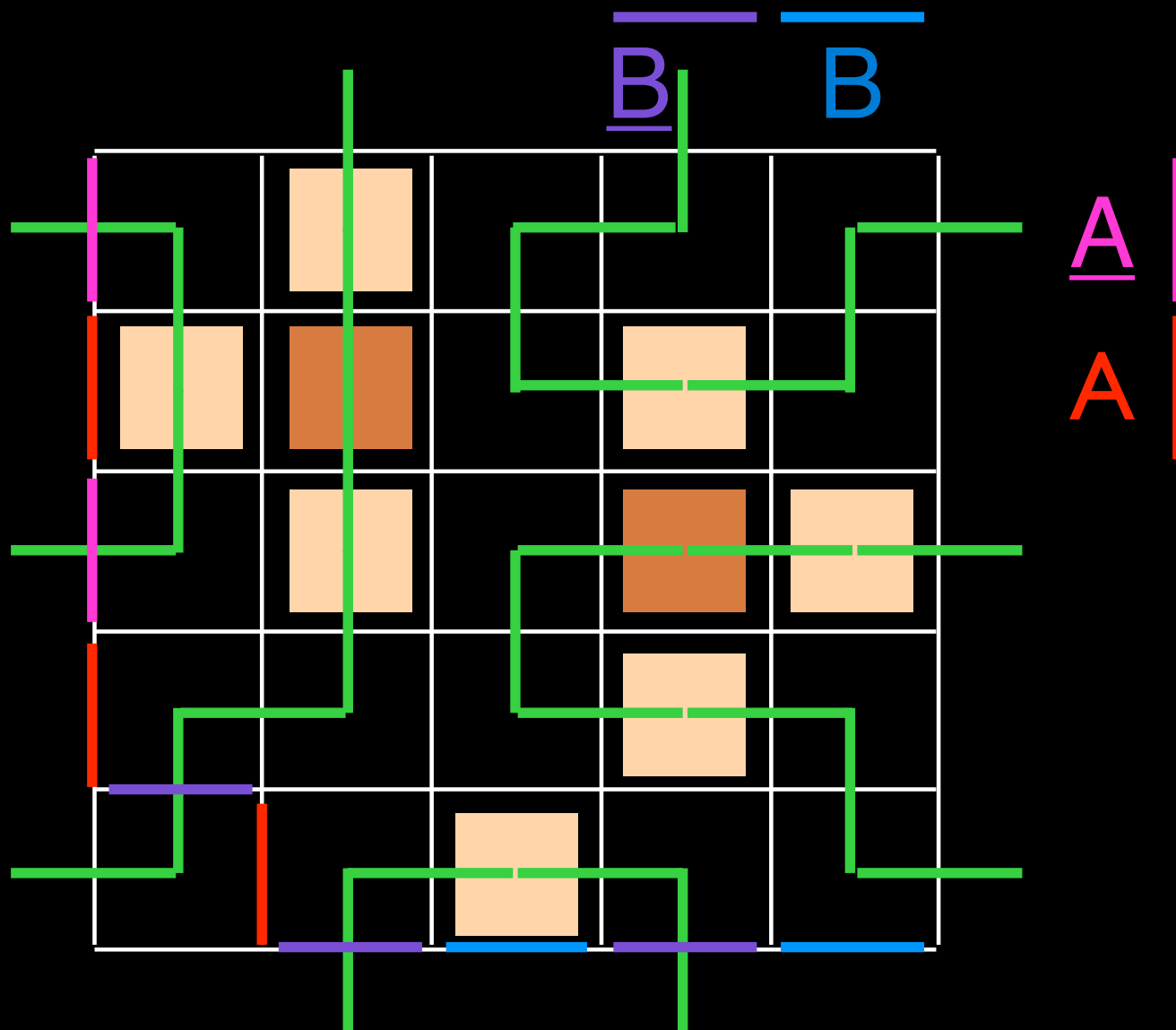


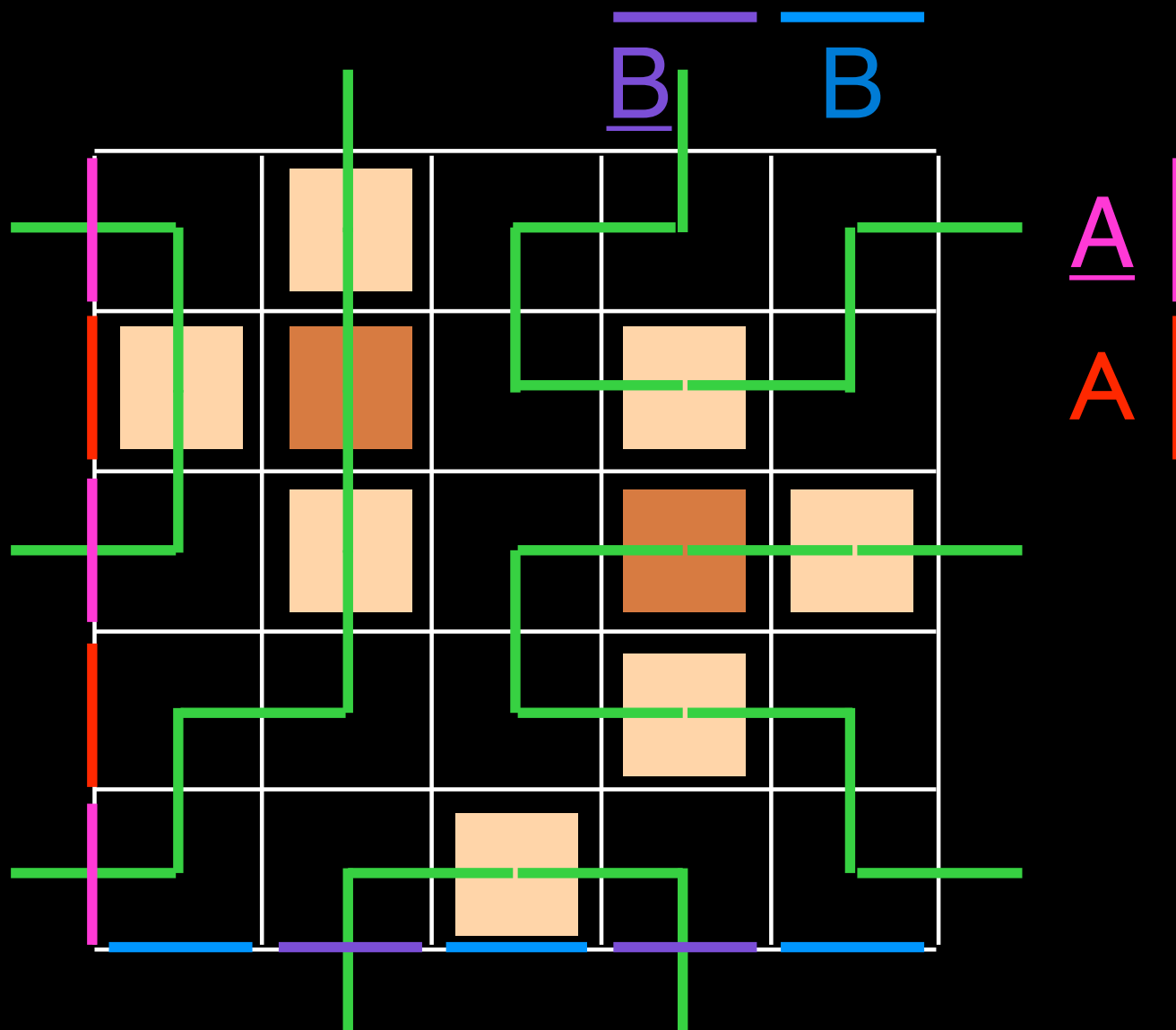


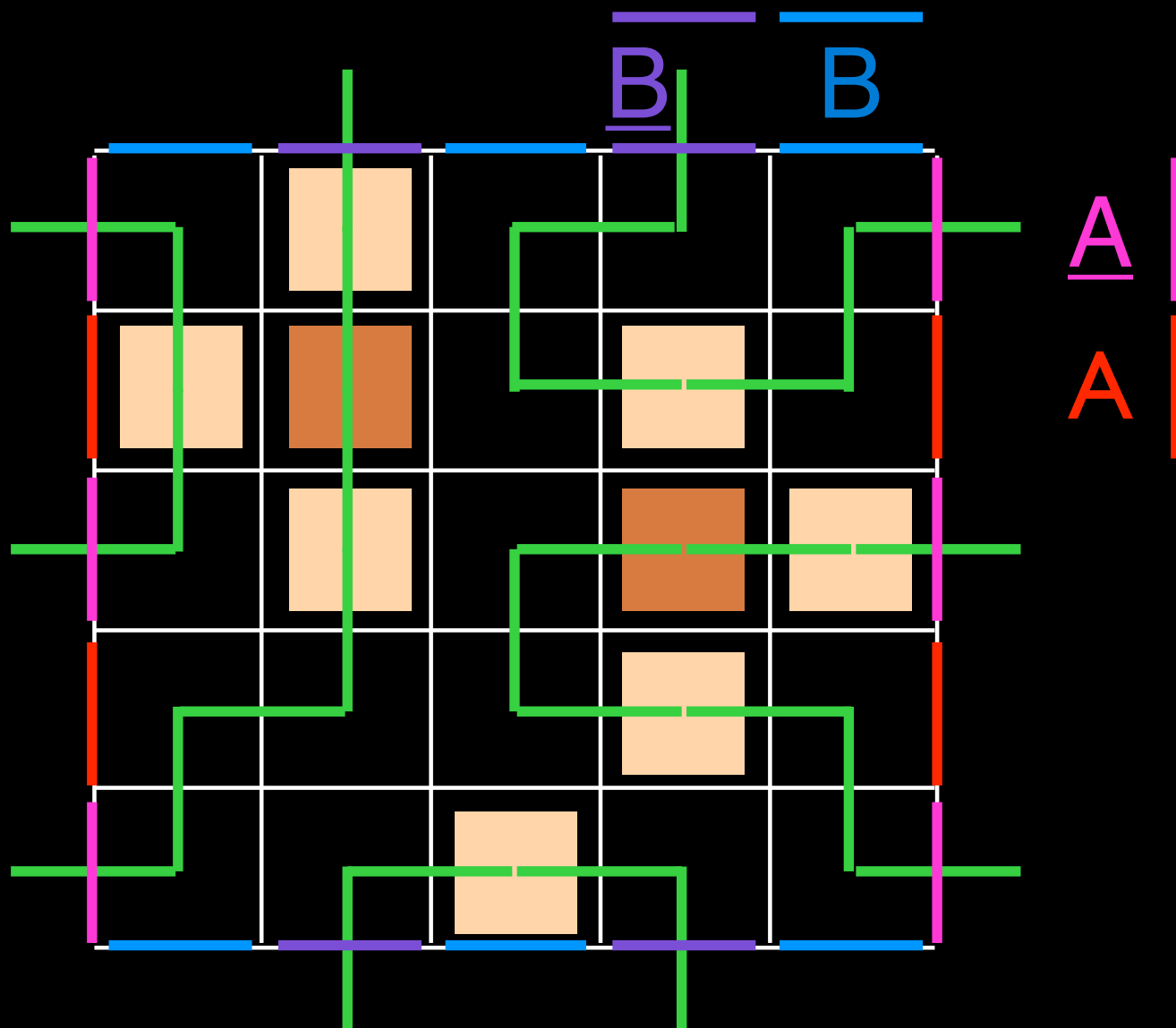












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$$A \rightarrow a'$$

$$\begin{cases} b a = a b + a' b' \\ b' a' = a' b + a b \end{cases}$$

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Lemma. Any word $w(A, \bar{A}, B, \bar{B})$
in letters $A, \bar{A}, B, \bar{B}$
can be uniquely written

$$\sum_{u,v} c(u,v;w) \underbrace{u(A, \bar{A})}_{\substack{\text{word} \\ \text{in } A, \bar{A}}} \underbrace{v(B, \bar{B})}_{\substack{\text{word} \\ \text{in } B, \bar{B}}}$$

Prop • For n even,

$$\text{let } w = \underbrace{B\bar{B} \dots B\bar{B}}_n \underbrace{A\bar{A} \dots A\bar{A}}_n$$

$$u = \underbrace{\bar{A}A \dots \bar{A}A}_n \quad v = \underbrace{\bar{B}B \dots \bar{B}B}_n$$

• For n odd,

$$\text{let } w = \underbrace{B\bar{B} \dots B\bar{B}B}_n \underbrace{\bar{A}A \dots \bar{A}A\bar{A}}_n$$

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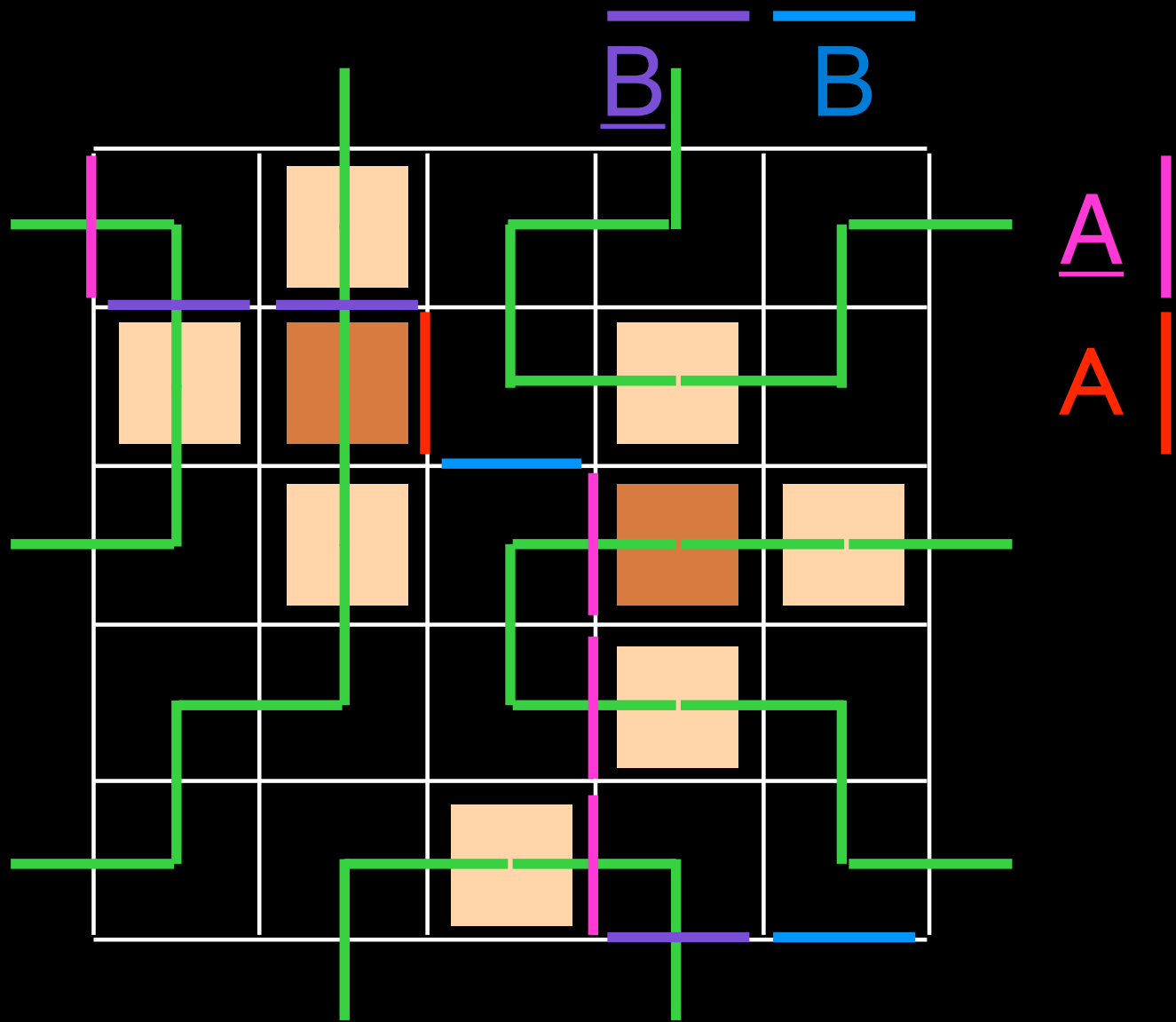
• then the coefficient $c(u, v; w)$
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FPL (fully packed loops)
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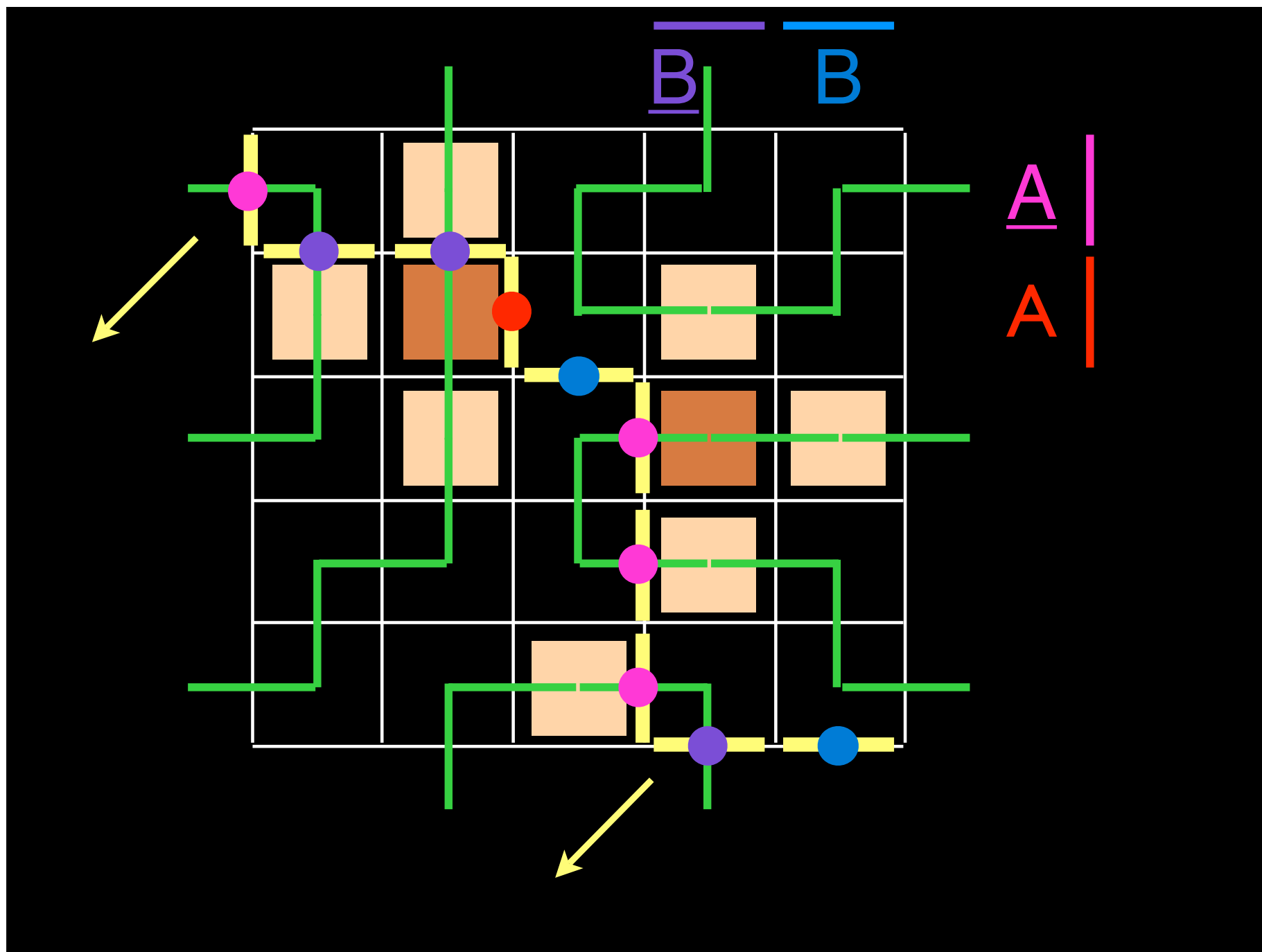


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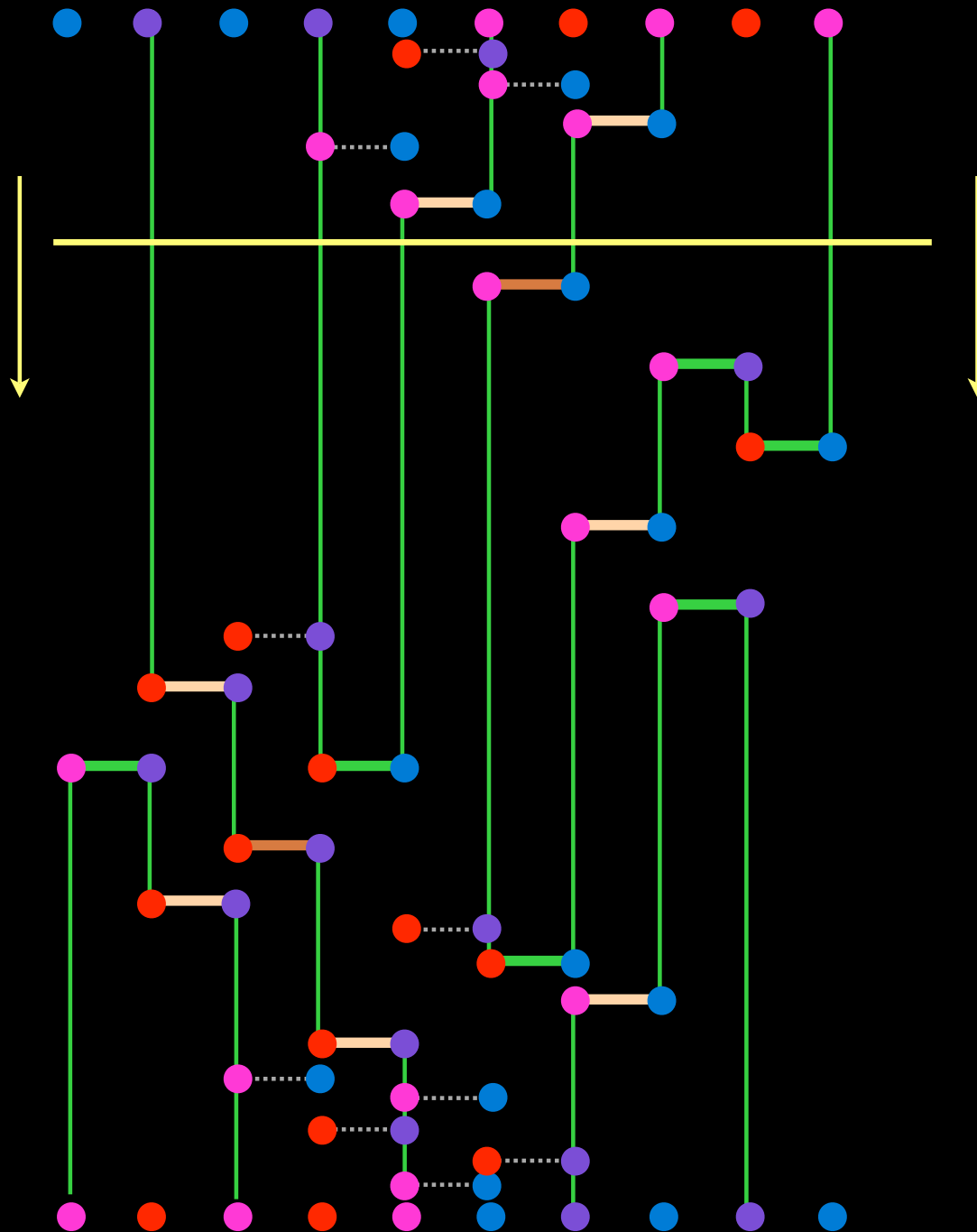
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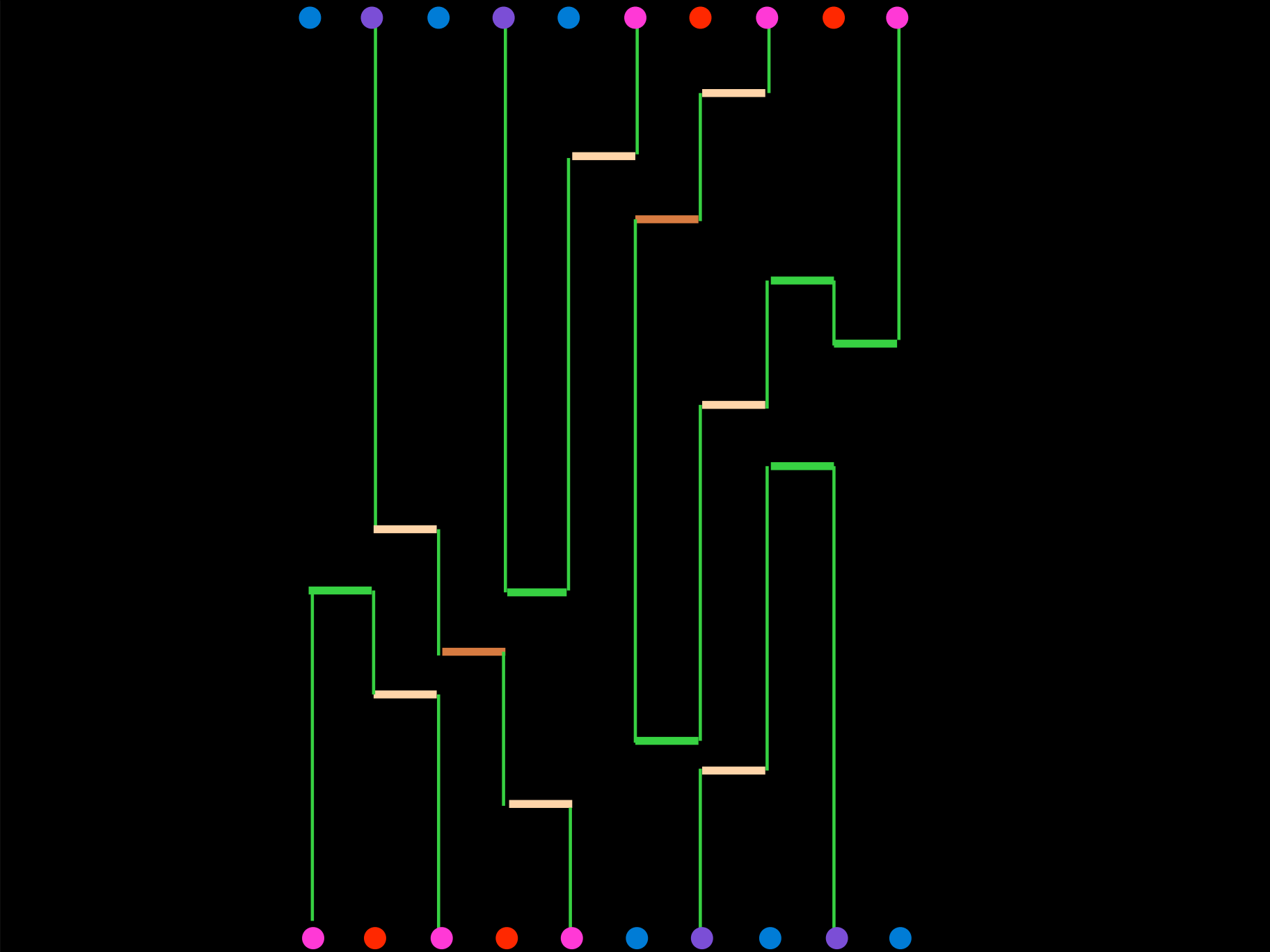
From FPL to “decorated”
heaps of dimers with threads

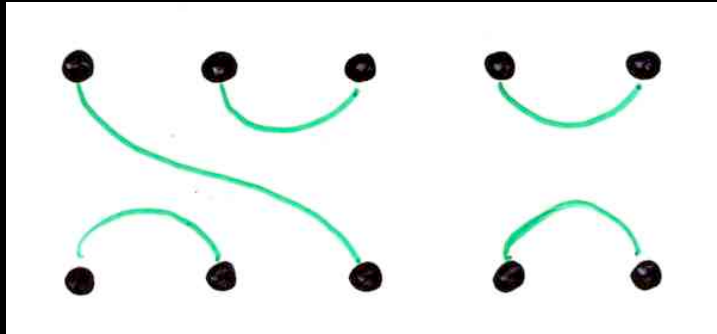




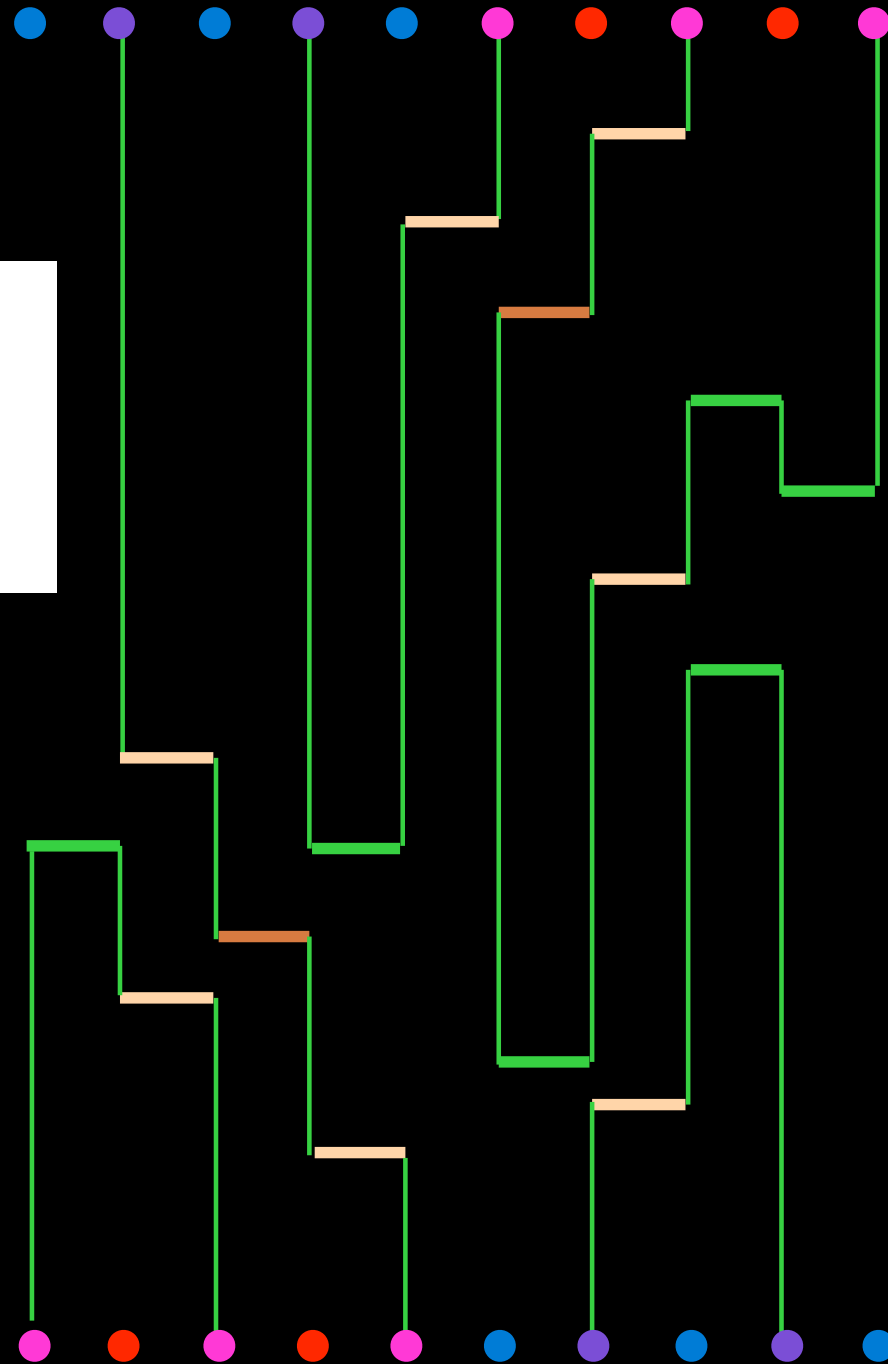
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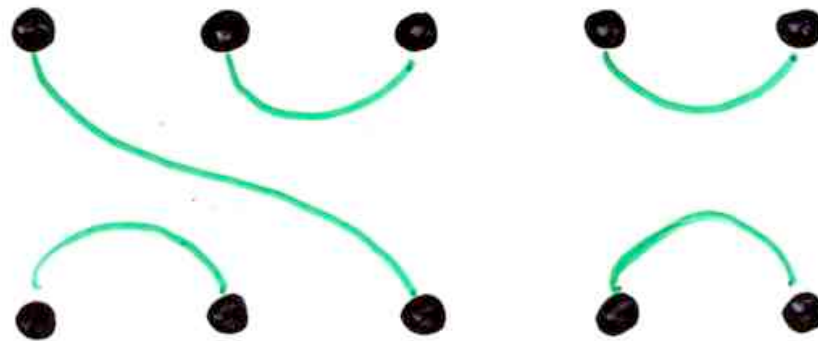




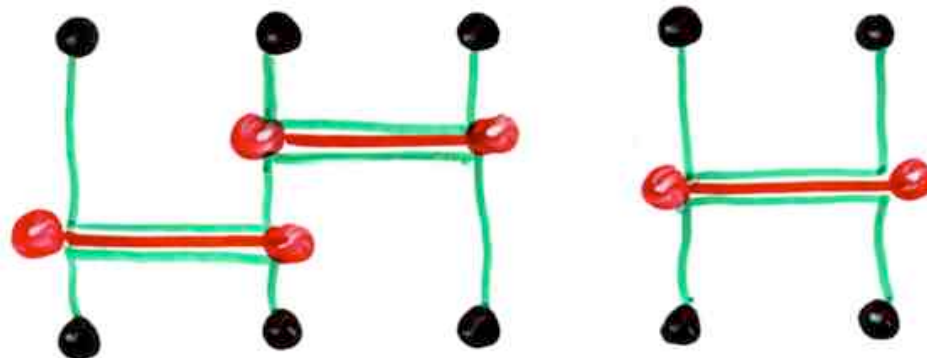


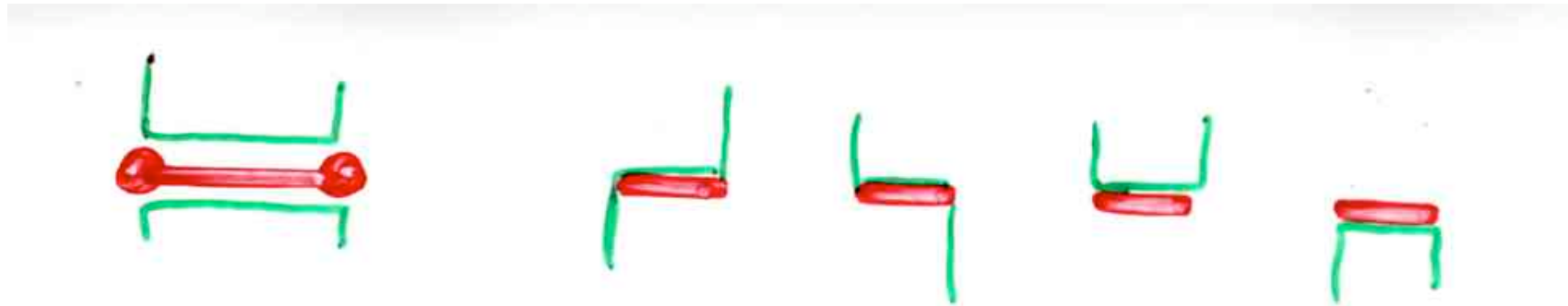
From
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an element of the Temperley-Lieb algebra





“big dimers” and small “dimers”



inspiration
from
some papers ?

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Combinatorial representation
of operators $A, A', B, B' ?$
or operators $A, \underline{A}, B, \underline{B} ?$

Shigechi, Uchiyama (2005)

cond-mat/0508090

"Boxed skew plane partitions and integrable phase model"

(7)

the monodromy operators.
obtained from

$$R(u, v)(T(u) \otimes T(v)) = (T(v) \otimes T(u))R(u, v). \quad (8)$$

Several explicit relations are listed in the following.

$$[A(u), A(v)] = [B(u), B(v)] = [C(u), C(v)] = [D(u), D(v)] = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$g(v, u)C(u)A(v) = f(v, u)C(v)A(u), \quad (10)$$

$$g(v, u)D(u)B(v) = f(v, u)D(v)B(u), \quad (11)$$

$$C(u)B(v) = g(u, v)\{A(u)D(v) - A(v)D(u)\} = g(u, v)\{D(u)A(v) - D(v)A(u)\}, \quad (12)$$

$$C(u)A(v) = f(v, u)A(v)C(u) + g(u, v)A(u)C(v), \quad (13)$$

$$D(u)B(v) = f(v, u)B(v)D(u) + g(u, v)B(u)D(v), \quad (14)$$

Note that these commutation relations can be reduced from those of the q -boson model.

2.2 Graphical representation of operators

The monodromy operators A, B, C and D are expressed as the linear combination of products of elements of L -operators. For later convenience, we introduce a graphical representation of the L -operator and the monodromy matrix in this subsection.

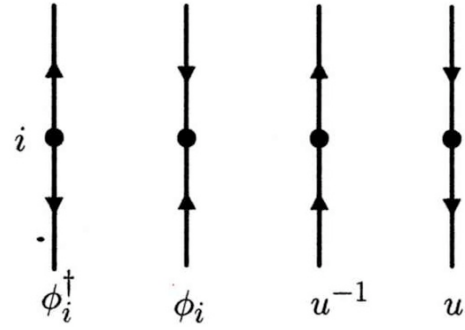


Figure 1: Vertex representation for the elements of L -operator.

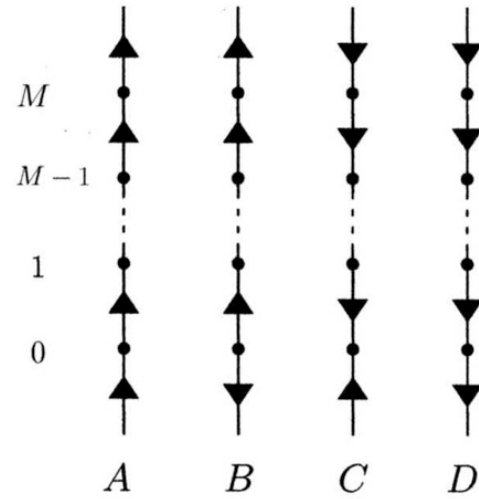


Figure 2: Basic arrow configurations of the operators A, B, C and D .



Figure 3: An example of a lattice path configuration corresponding to an arrow configuration.

$$\pi = \begin{pmatrix} & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

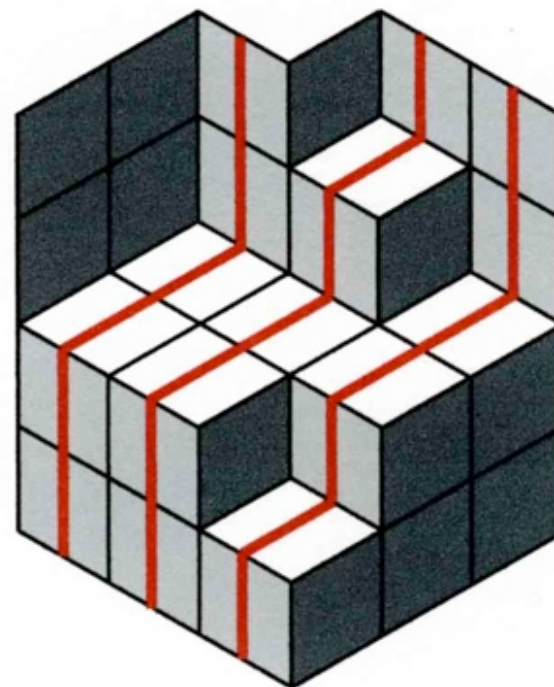
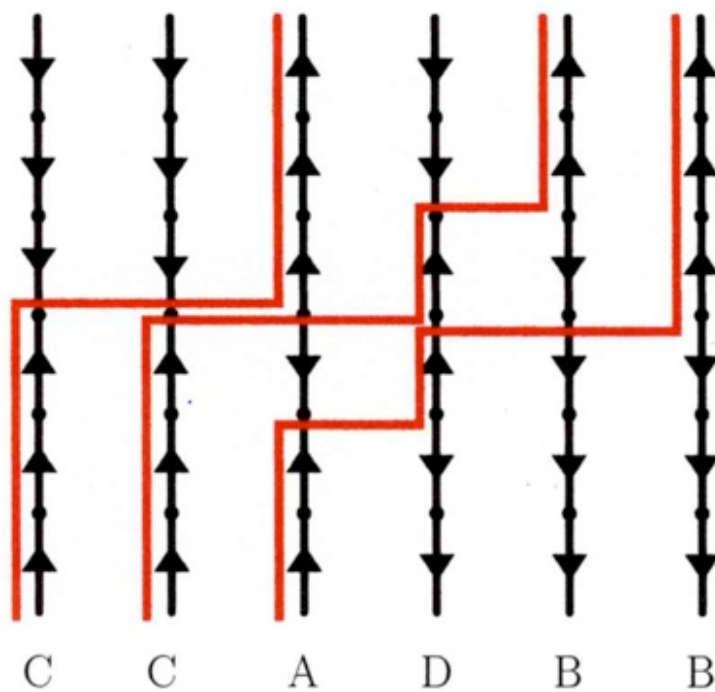


Figure 6: An example of identification of a skew plane partition with a lattice path configuration and a lozenge tiling.

Bogoliubov (2005) cond-mat/0503748

"Boxed plane partitions as an exactly solvable Boson model"

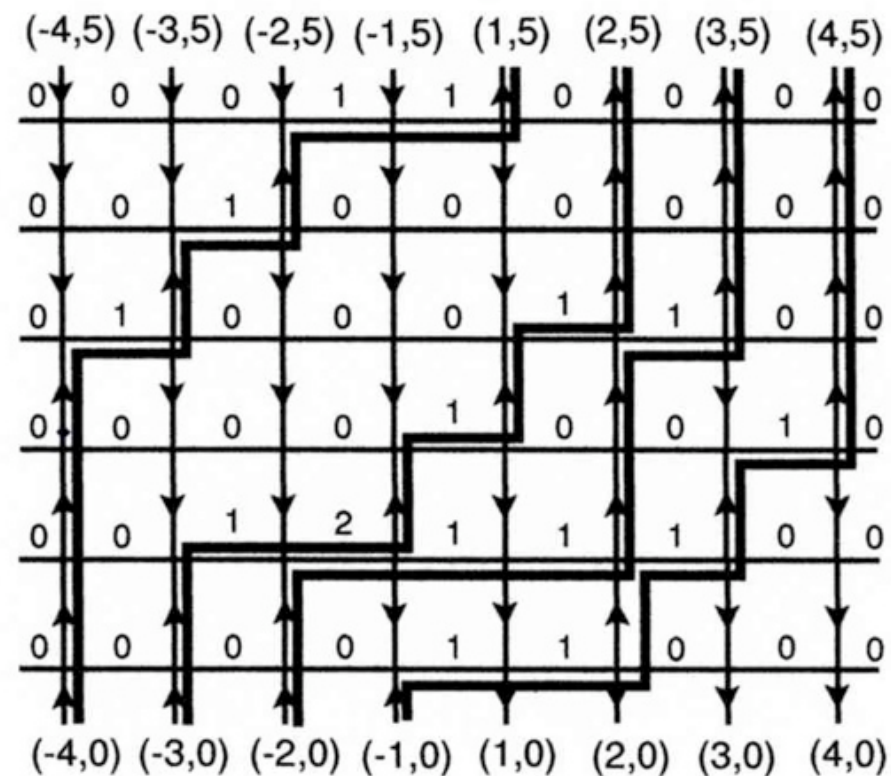


FIG. 6: A typical configuration of admissible lattice paths.

Taking the trace of the monodromy matrix over the auxiliary space $\mathcal{A}$, we obtain a one-parameter family of *transfer* matrices acting on $\mathcal{S}$

$$t(\lambda) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{A}}(T(\lambda)) = A(\lambda) + D(\lambda). \quad (59)$$

By taking the trace of equation (58) over $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A}'$ and using the fact that $\mathcal{R}(\nu)$ is generically an invertible matrix, we deduce that the operators $t(\lambda)$ form a family of commuting operators (see e.g., Nepomechie, 1999). In particular, this family contains the translation operator $T = t(0)$ (that shifts all the particles simultaneously one site forward) and the Markov matrix $M = t'(0)/t(0)$.

The equation (58), when written explicitly, leads to 16 quadratic relations between the operators $A(\lambda)$, $B(\lambda)$, $C(\lambda)$, $D(\lambda)$ and the operators $A(\mu)$, $B(\mu)$, $C(\mu)$, $D(\mu)$. In particular, we have

$$C(\lambda)C(\mu) = C(\mu)C(\lambda), \quad (60)$$

$$A(\lambda)C(\mu) = (1 - q\nu)A(\mu)C(\lambda) + p\nu C(\mu)A(\lambda), \quad (61)$$

$$D(\lambda)C(\mu) = p\nu C(\mu)D(\lambda) + (1 - p\nu)D(\mu)C(\lambda). \quad (62)$$

These relations are used in the next subsection to construct the eigenvectors of the family of transfer matrices $t(\lambda)$.

Golinelli, Mallick (2006)

cond-mat/0611701

"The asymmetric simple exclusion process:
an integrable model for non-equilibrium
statistical mechanics"

Essler, Rittenberg (1995)

cond-mat/9506131

"Representations of the quadratic algebra
and partially asymmetric diffusion with
open boundaries"

Fock representation
of the quadratic algebra

$$x_1 A^2 + x_2 AB + x_3 BA + x_4 B^2 = x_5 A + x_6 B + x_7$$

de Gier,
Essler
(2005)

$$\frac{dP_t}{dt} = MP_t. \quad (1)$$

Here M is the PASEP transition matrix whose eigenvalues have non-positive real parts. The large time behaviour of the PASEP is dominated by the eigenstates of M with the largest real parts of the corresponding eigenvalues.

Bethe's Ansatz: It is well known that the transition matrix M is related to the Hamiltonian H of the open spin-1/2 XXZ quantum spin chain through a similarity transformation $M = -\sqrt{pq} U_\lambda H U_\lambda^{-1}$ where H is given by [10]

$$H = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{L-1} [\sigma_j^x \sigma_{j+1}^x + \sigma_j^y \sigma_{j+1}^y - \Delta \sigma_j^z \sigma_{j+1}^z + h(\sigma_{j+1}^z - \sigma_j^z) + \Delta] + B_1 + B_L. \quad (2)$$

The parameters Δ and h , and the boundary terms $B_{1,L}$ are related to the PASEP transition rates by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= -\frac{1}{2}(Q + Q^{-1}), \quad h = \frac{1}{2}(Q - Q^{-1}), \quad Q = \sqrt{\frac{q}{p}}, \\ B_L &= \frac{\beta + \delta - (\beta - \delta)\sigma_L^z - \frac{2\beta}{\lambda Q^{L-1}}\sigma_L^+ - 2\delta\lambda Q^{L-1}\sigma_L^-}{2\sqrt{pq}}, \\ B_1 &= \frac{\alpha + \gamma + (\alpha - \gamma)\sigma_1^z - 2\alpha\lambda\sigma_1^- - \frac{2\gamma}{\lambda}\sigma_1^+}{2\sqrt{pq}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Here λ is a free parameter on which the spectrum does not depend and $\sigma_j^\pm = (\sigma_j^x \pm i\sigma_j^y)/2$.



§6
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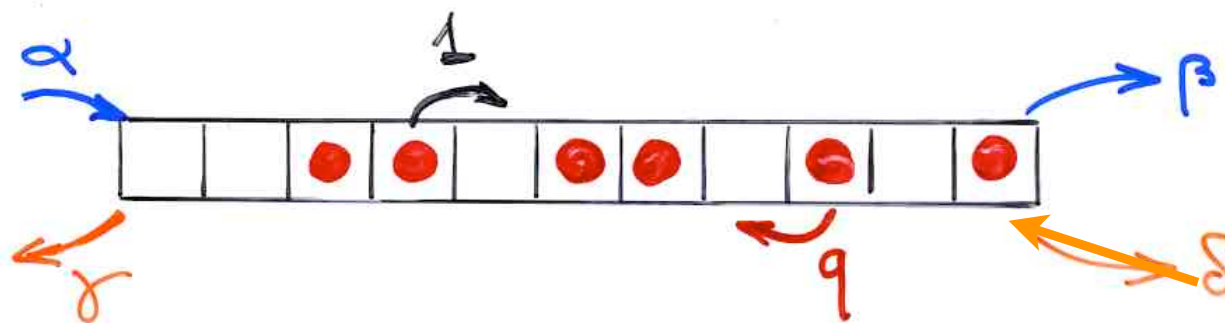
$$DE = q ED + E + D$$

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for more details see the slides or the video

<http://www.newton.cam.ac.uk/> (page “web seminar”)

ASEP
TASEP
PASEP



$$P_n(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) = \ell_n(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) / Z_n$$

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

Derrida, Evans, Hakim, Pasquier (1993)

"matrix ansatz"

D E matrices,

V column vector,

W row vector

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

Then

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

Derrida, Evans, Hakim, Pasquier (1993)

"matrix ansatz"

D E matrices,

V column vector,

W row vector

$$\begin{cases} DE = qED + D + E \\ (\beta D - \blacksquare) |V\rangle = |V\rangle \\ \langle W|(\alpha E - \blacksquare) = \langle W| \end{cases}$$

Then

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

Derrida, Evans, Hakim, Pasquier (1993)

"matrix ansatz"

D E matrices,

V column vector,

W row vector

TASEP

$q=0$

$$\begin{cases} DE = \boxed{} + D + E \\ (\beta D - \boxed{})|V\rangle = |V\rangle \\ \langle W|(\alpha E - \boxed{}) = \langle W| \end{cases}$$

Then

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

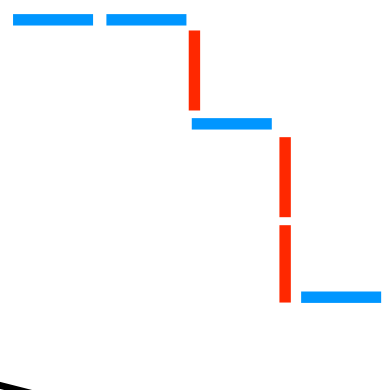
$$DE = qED + E + D$$

commutation relation

“profile” $w(E, D)$

$$w(E, D) = D D E D E E D E$$

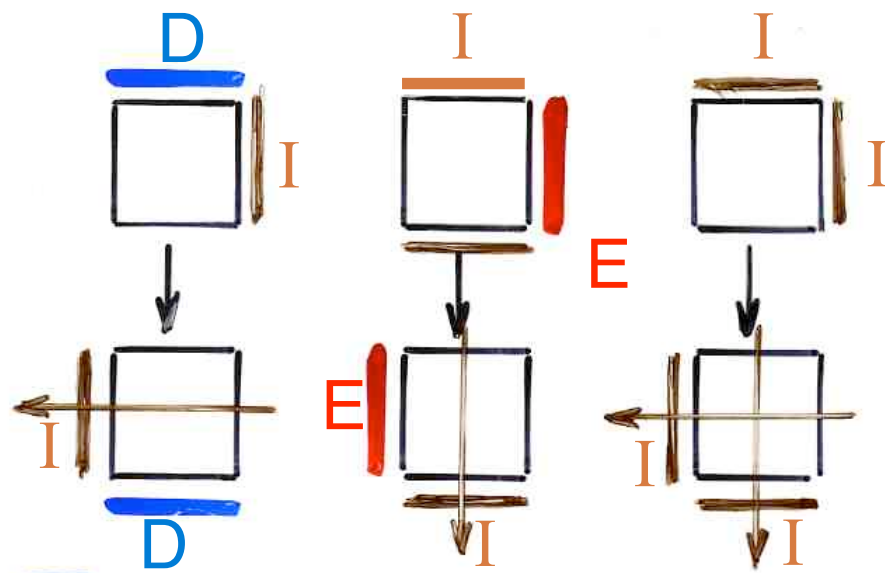
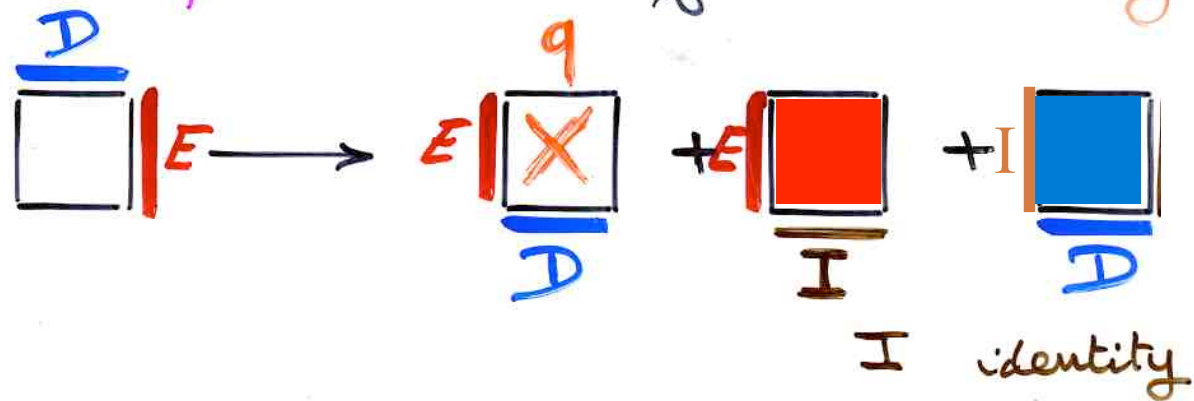
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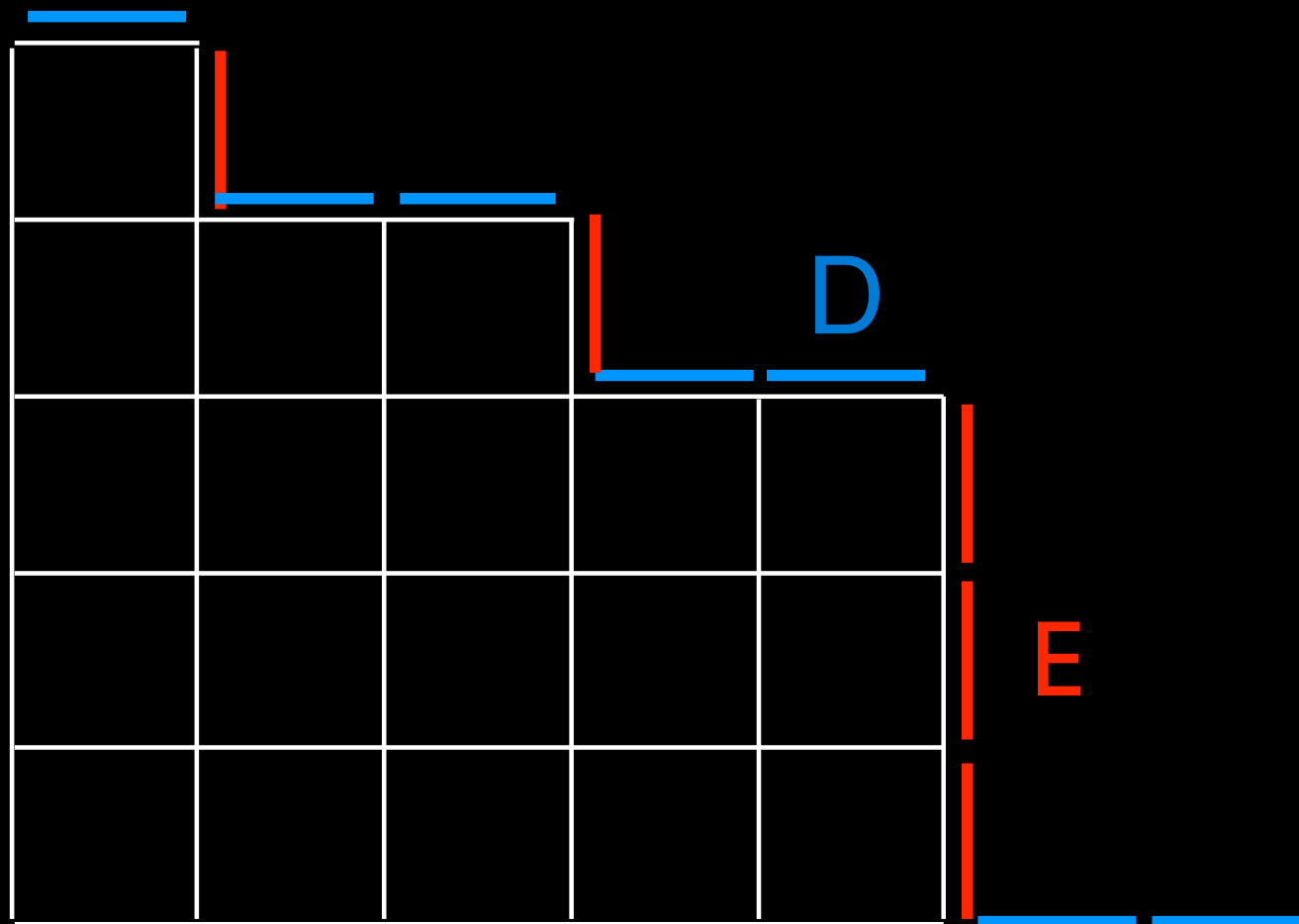


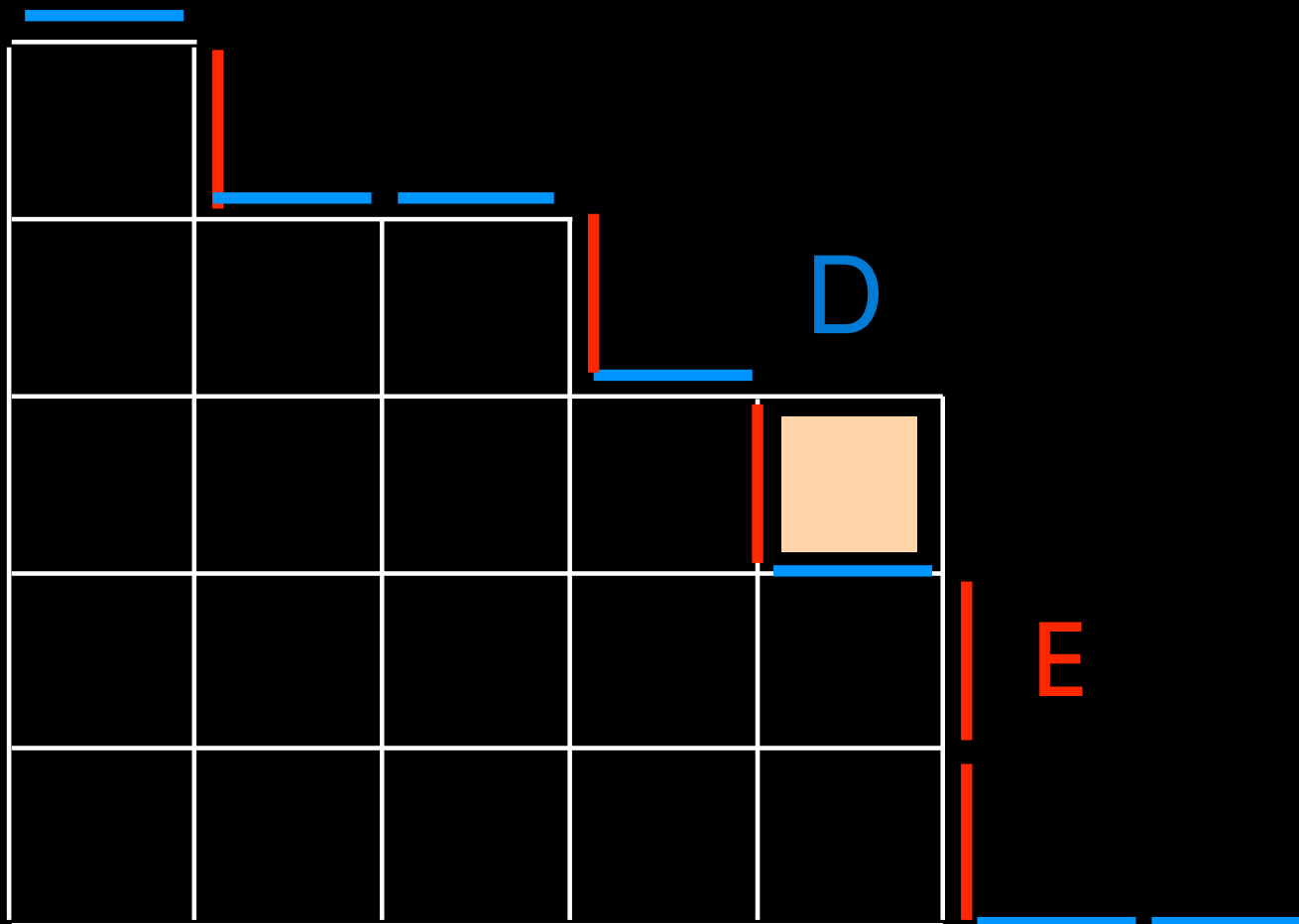
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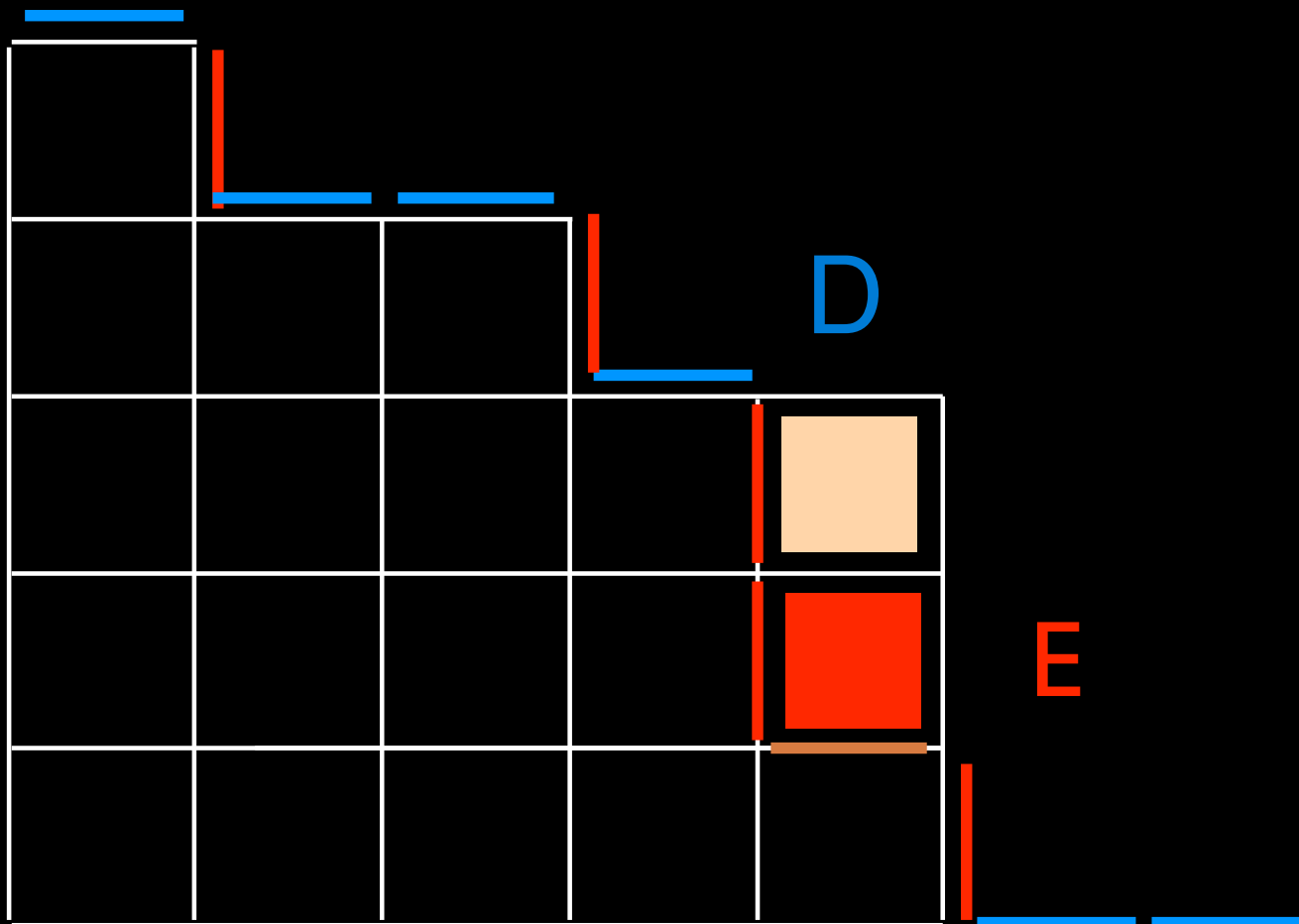
rewriting rules

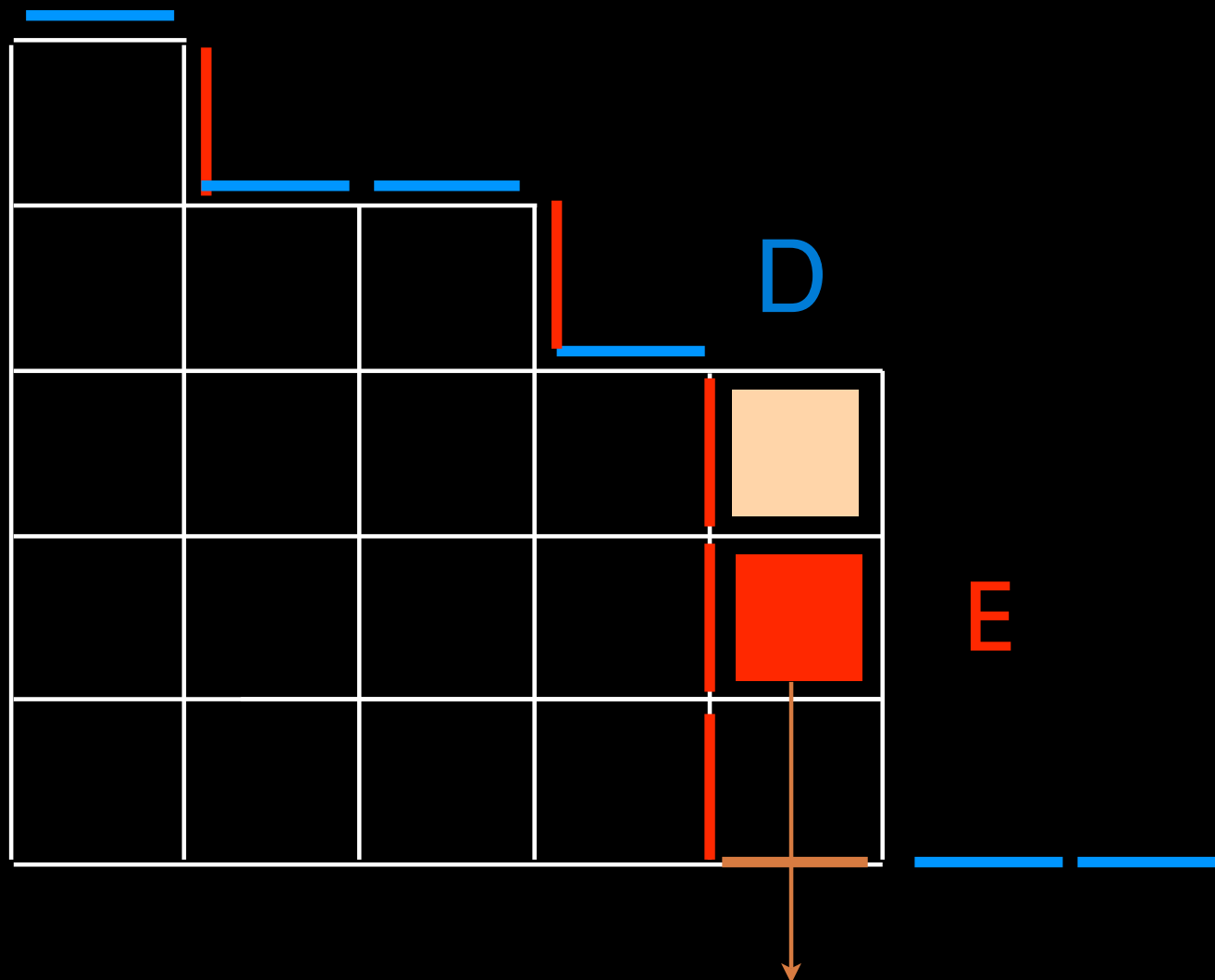
Proof: "planarization" of the rewriting rules

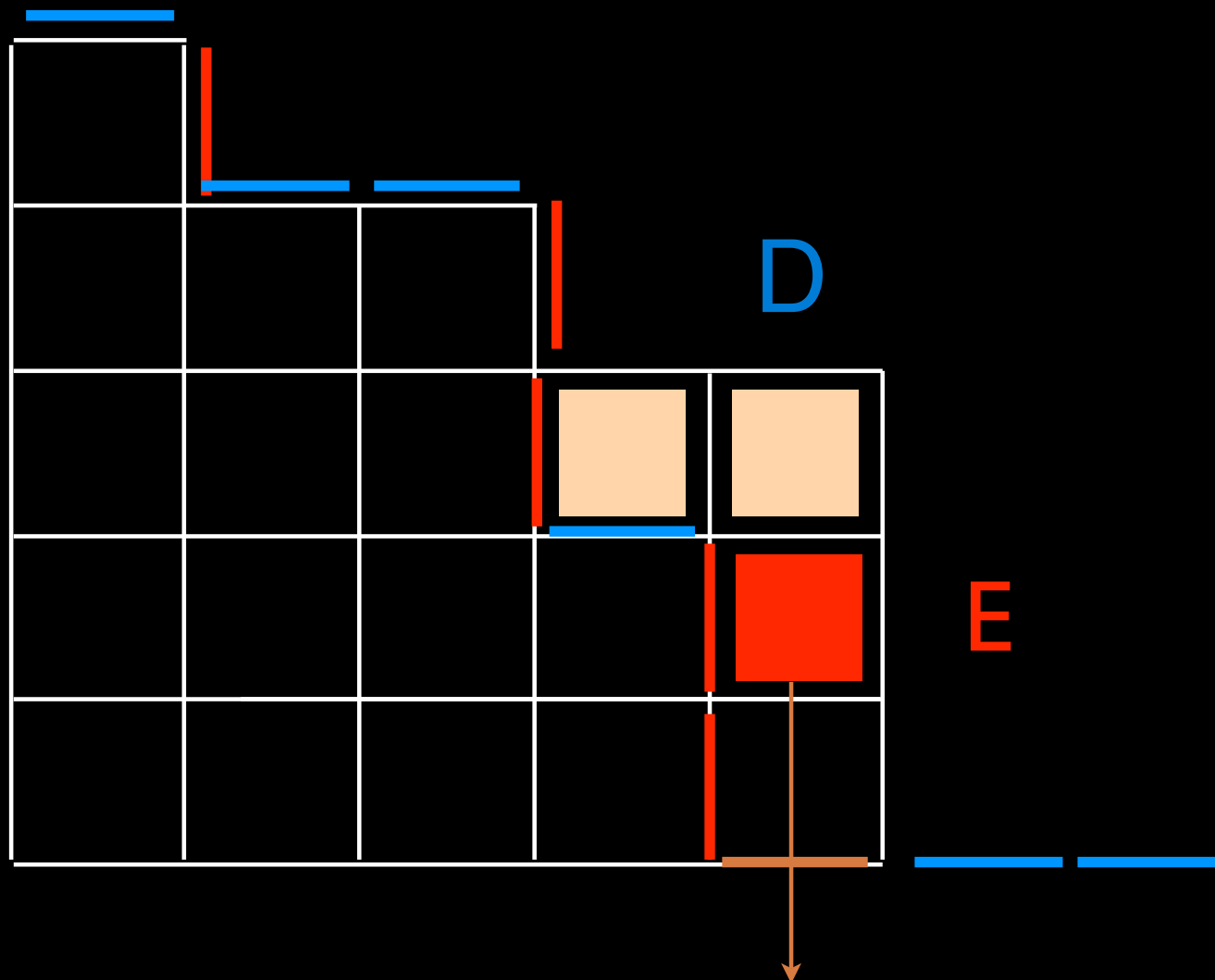


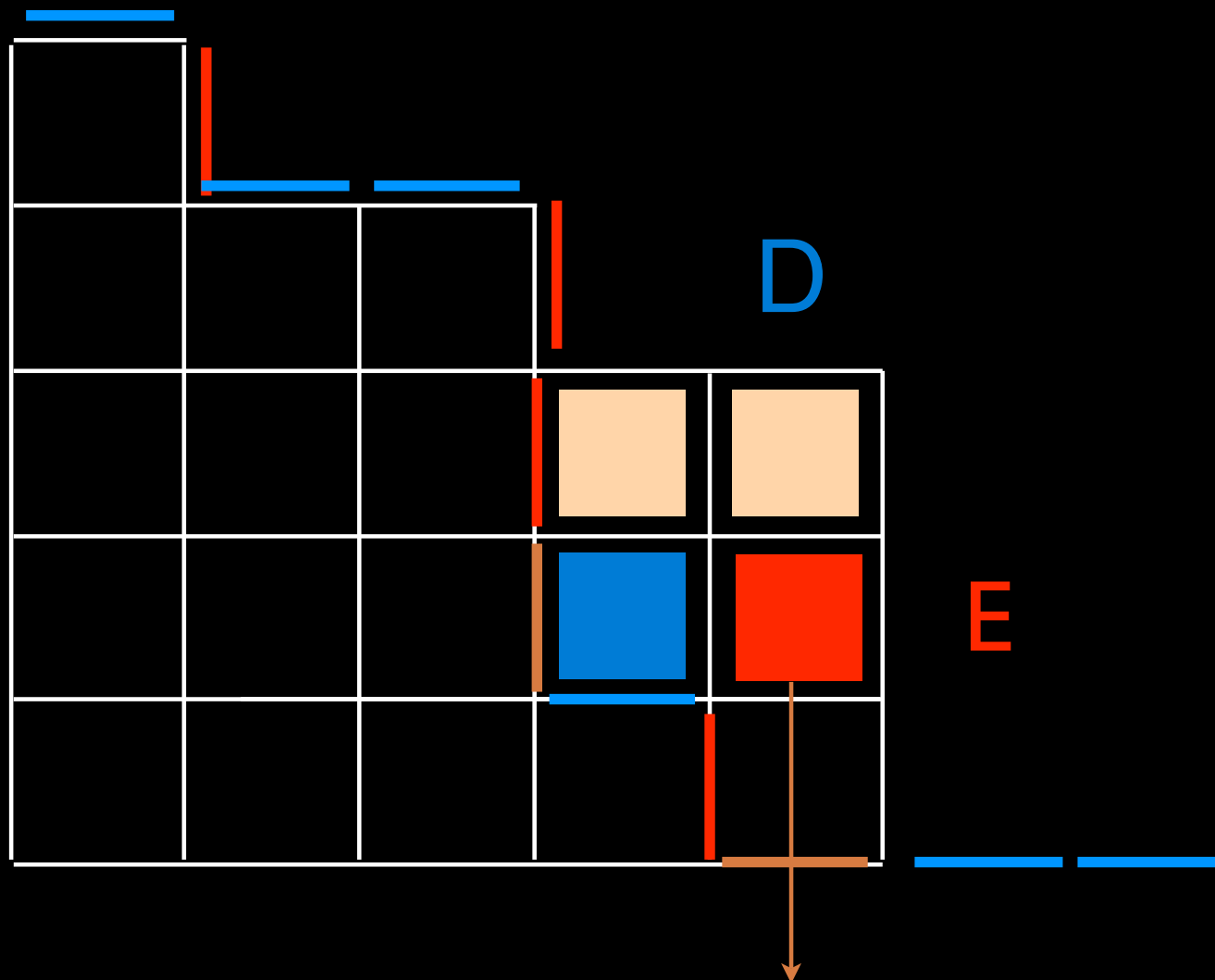


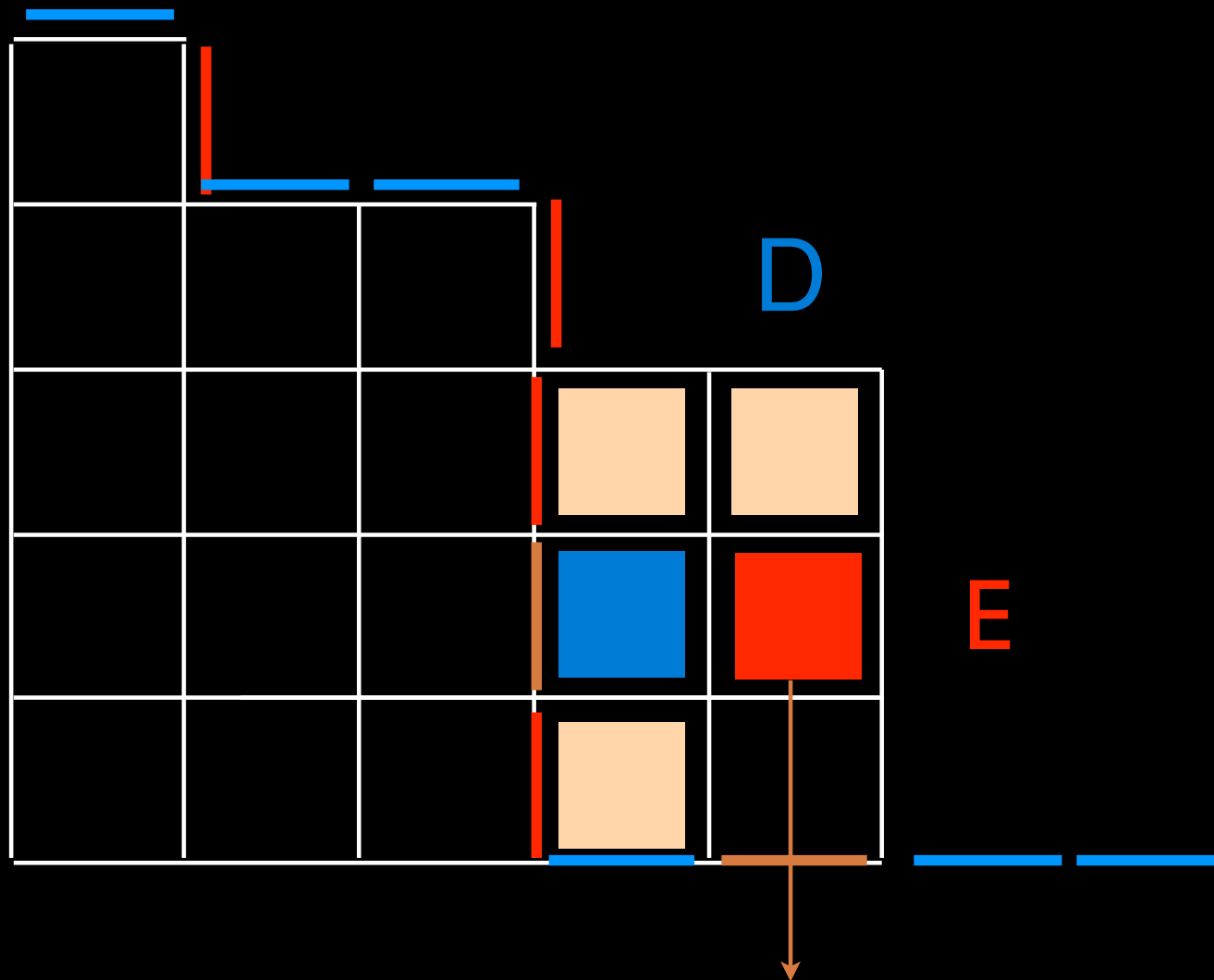


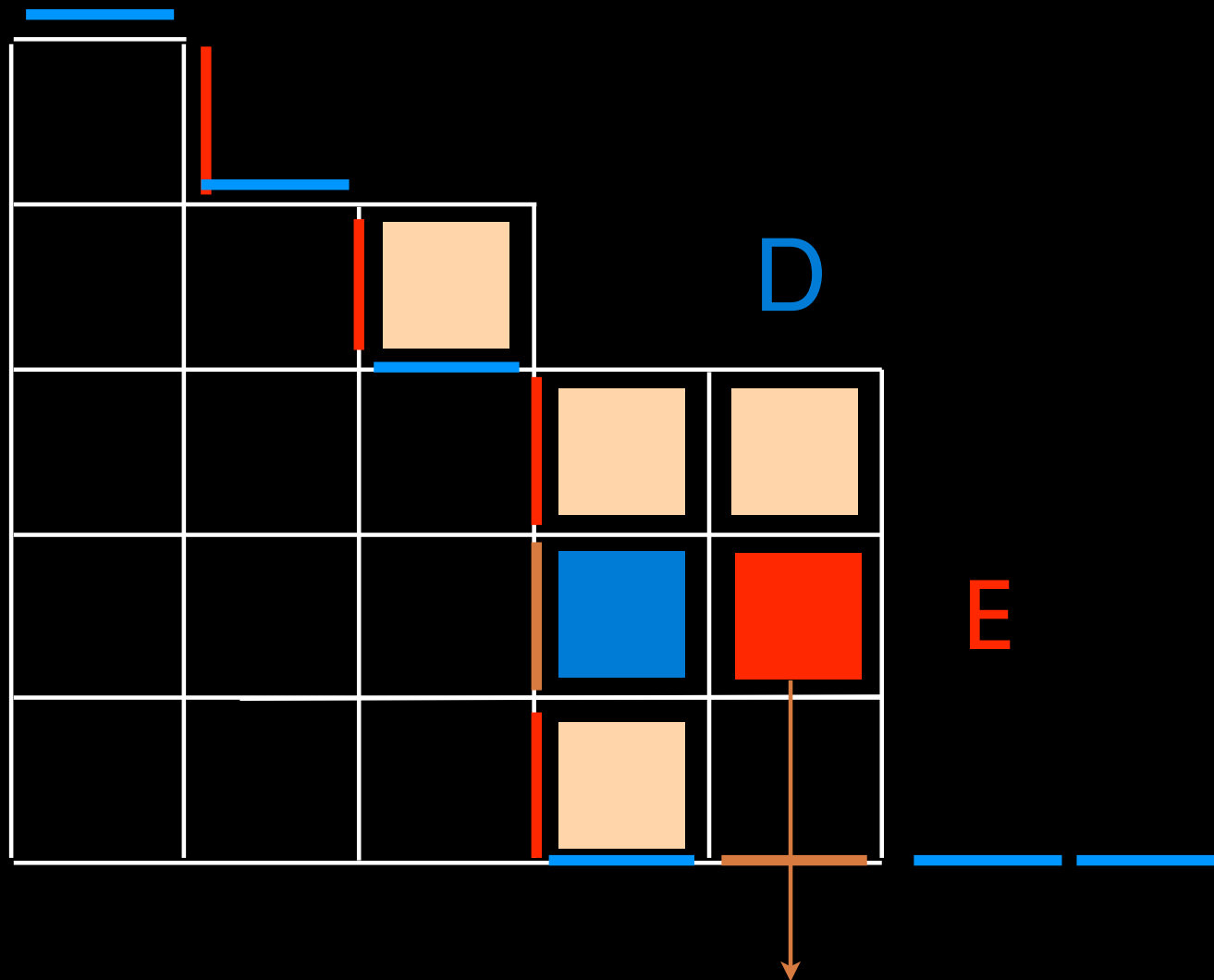


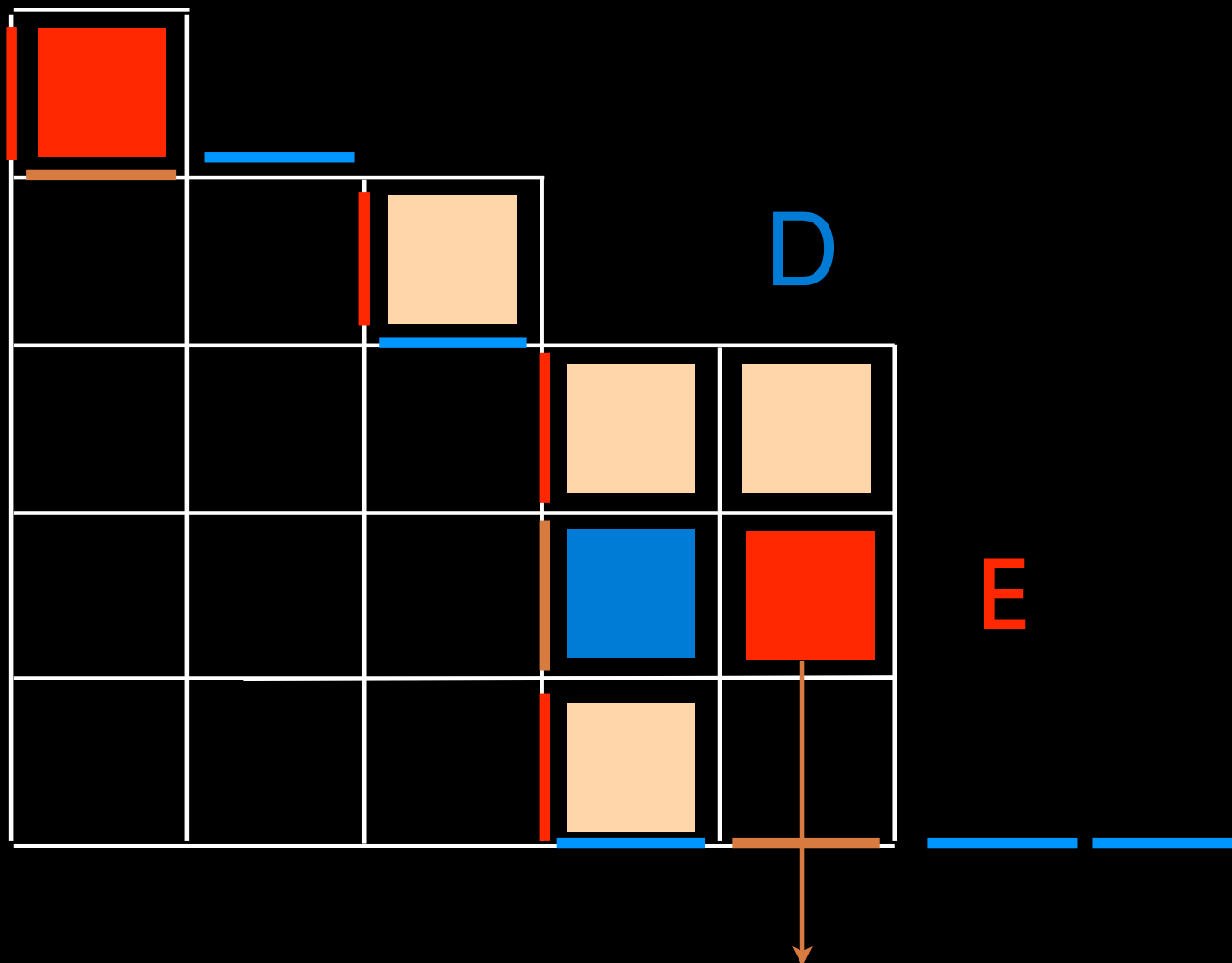


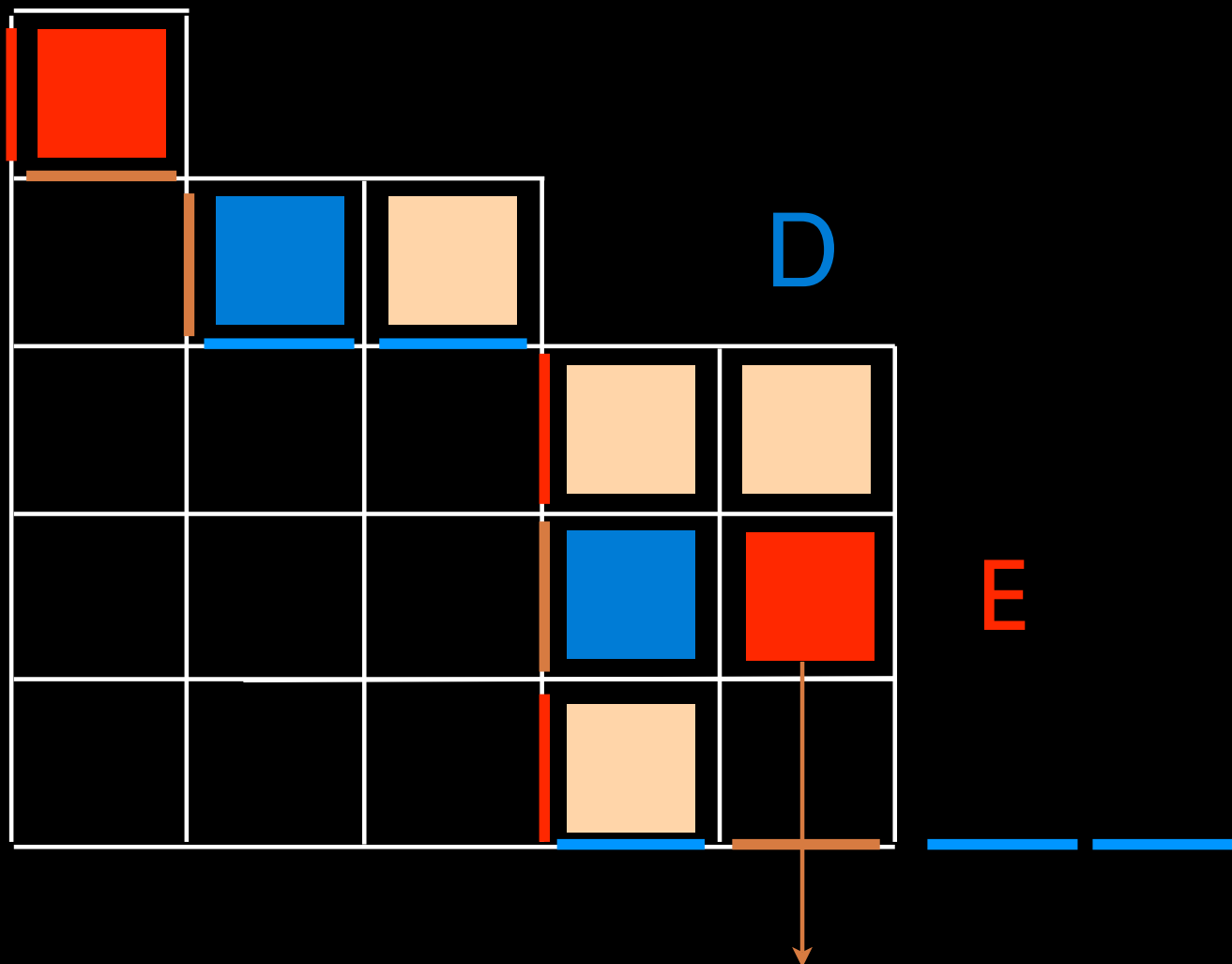


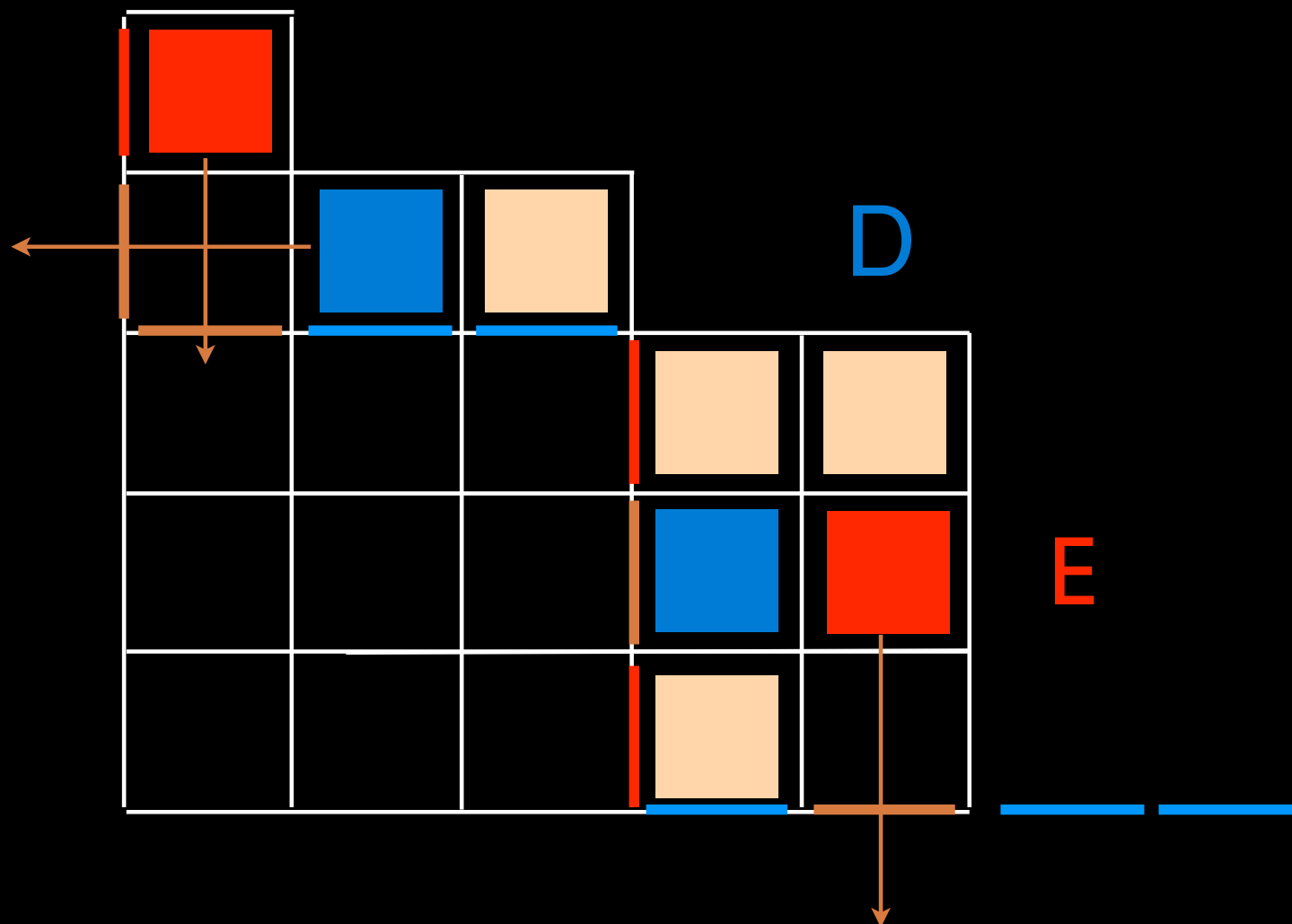


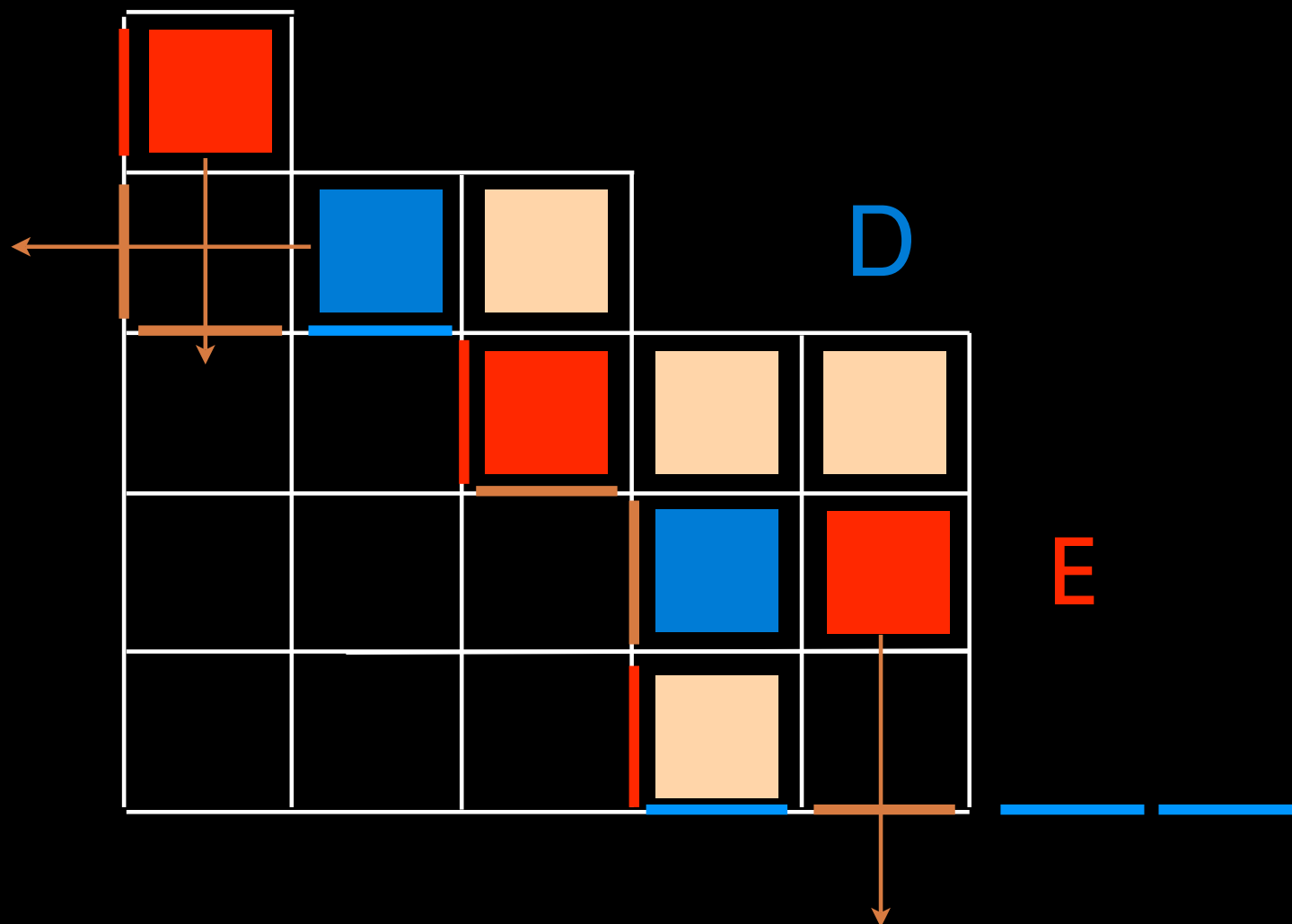


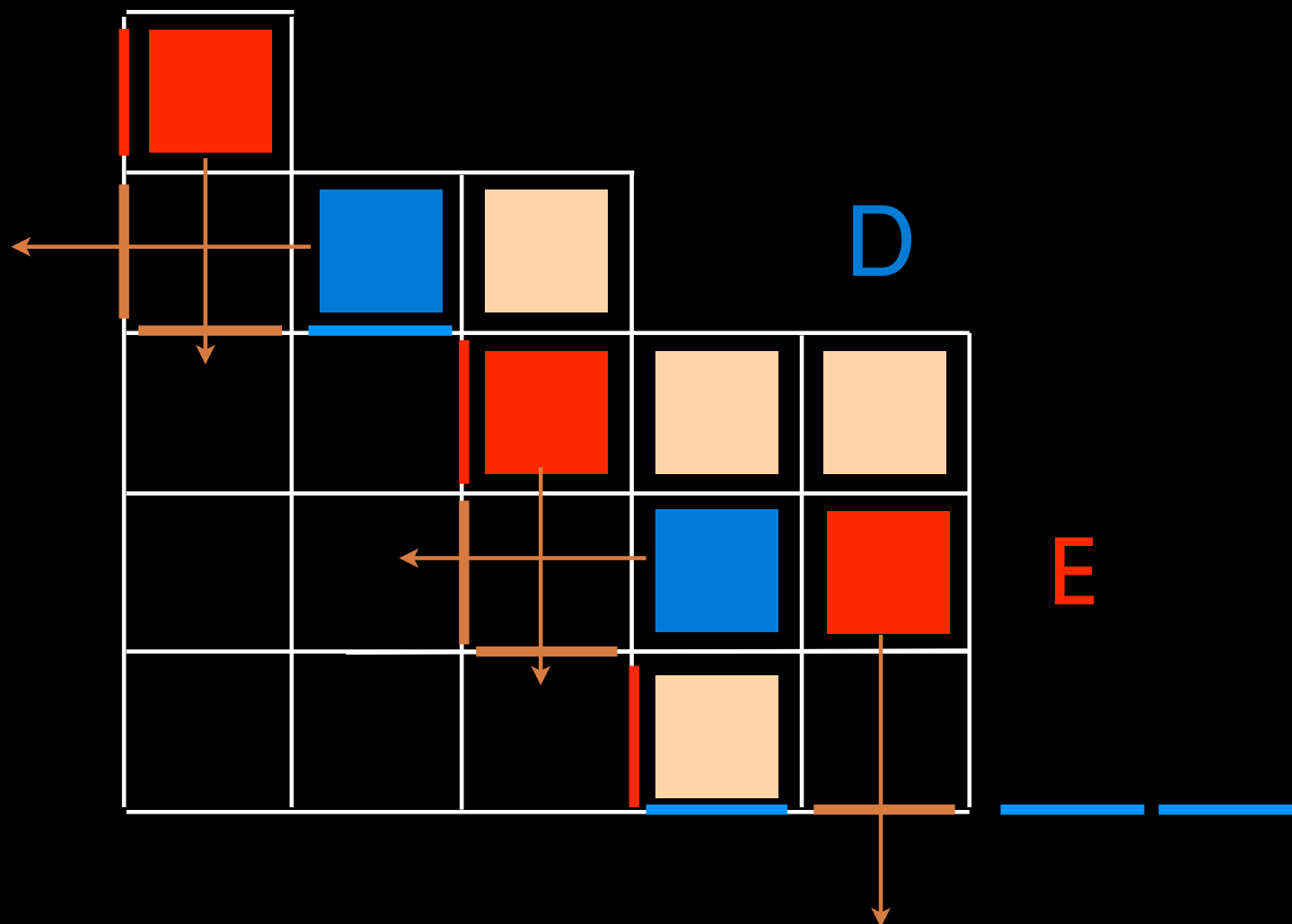


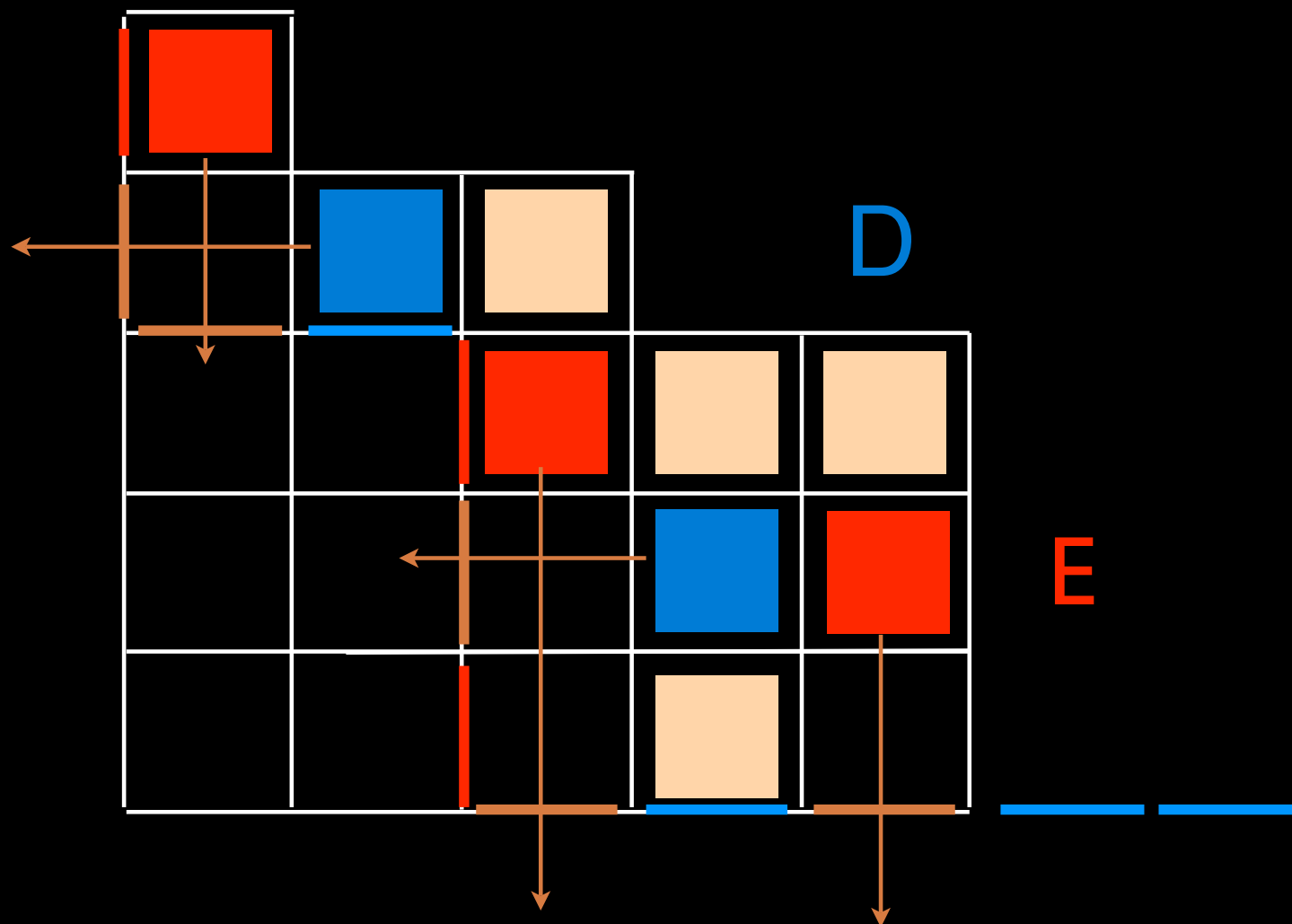


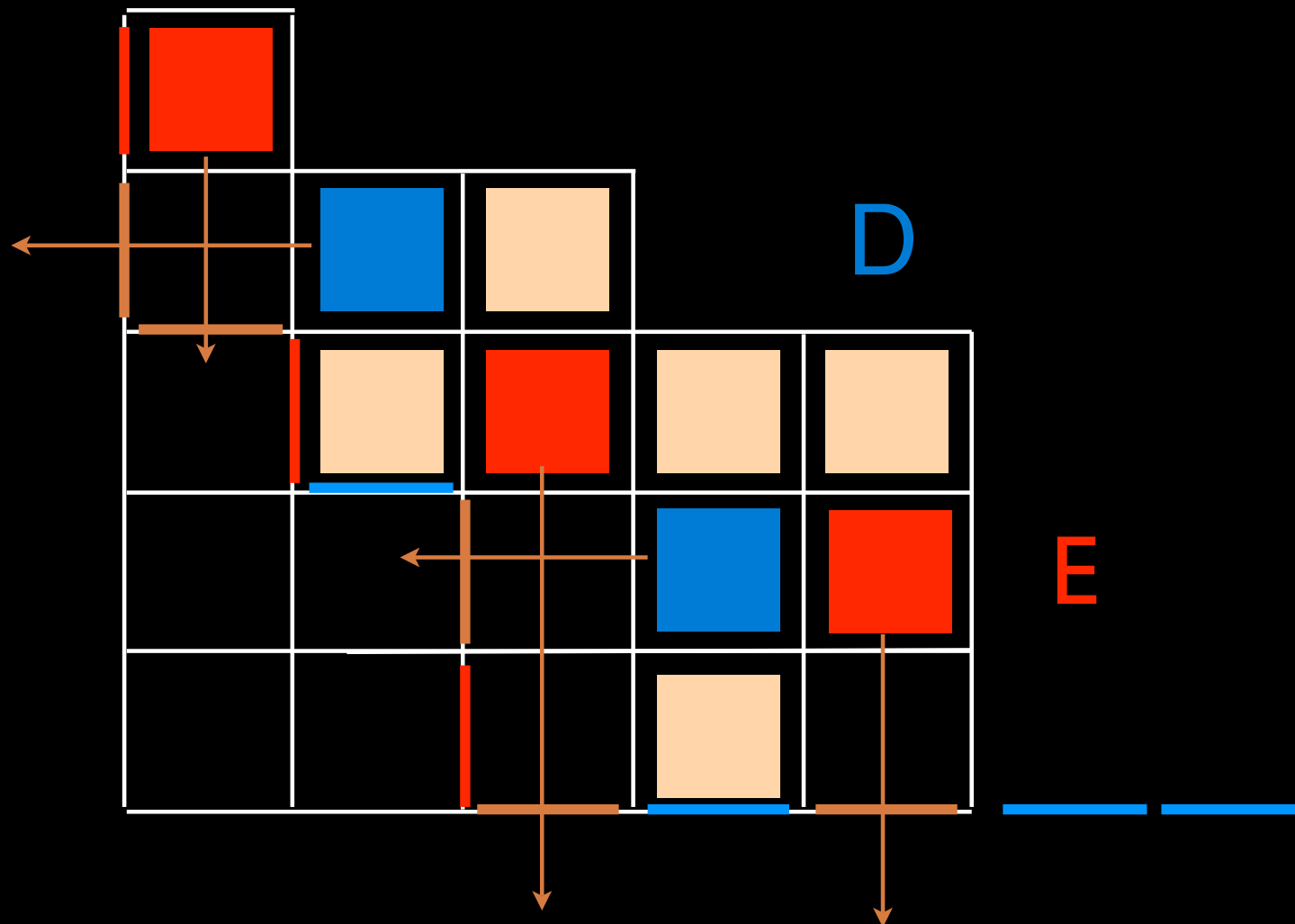


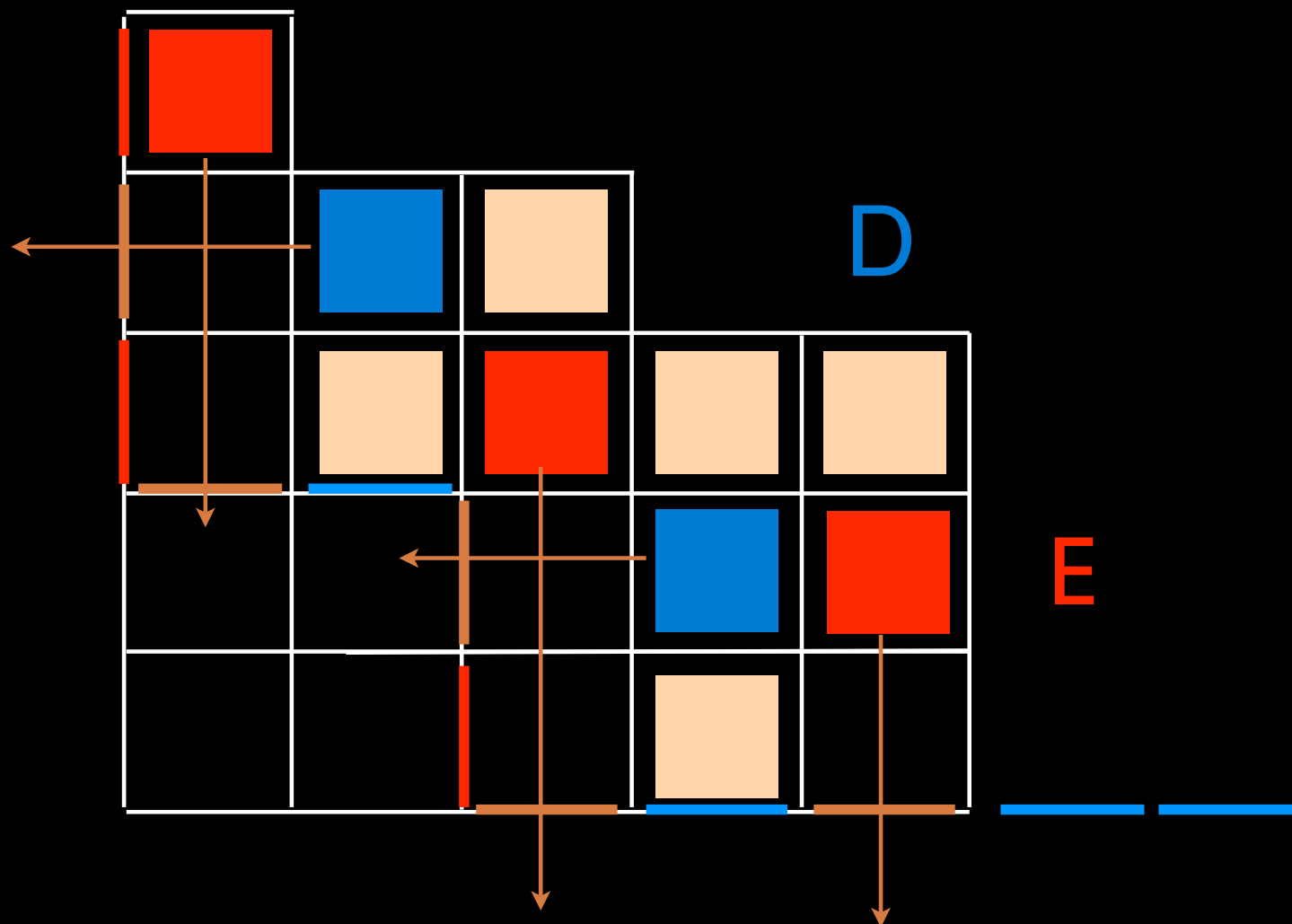


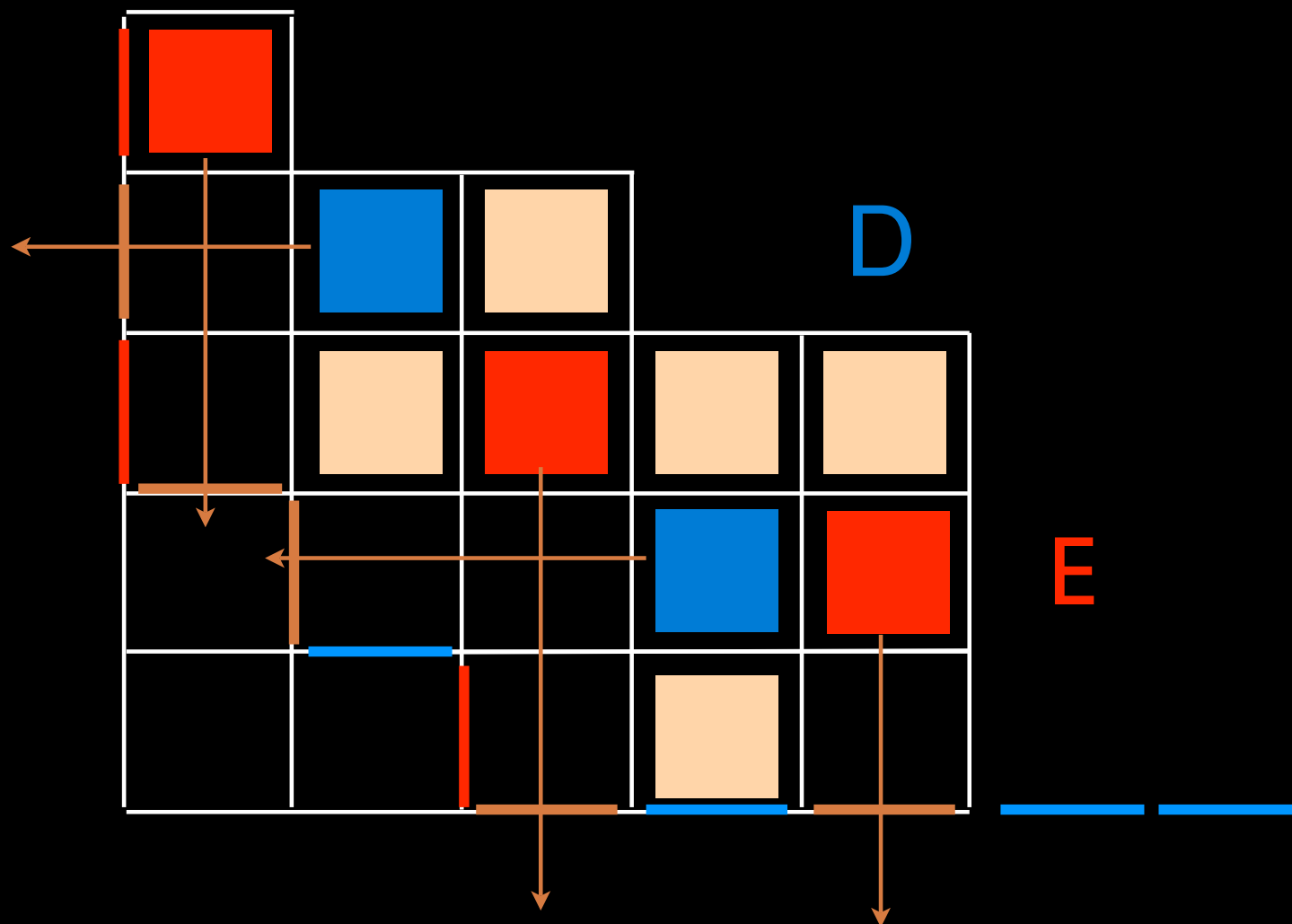


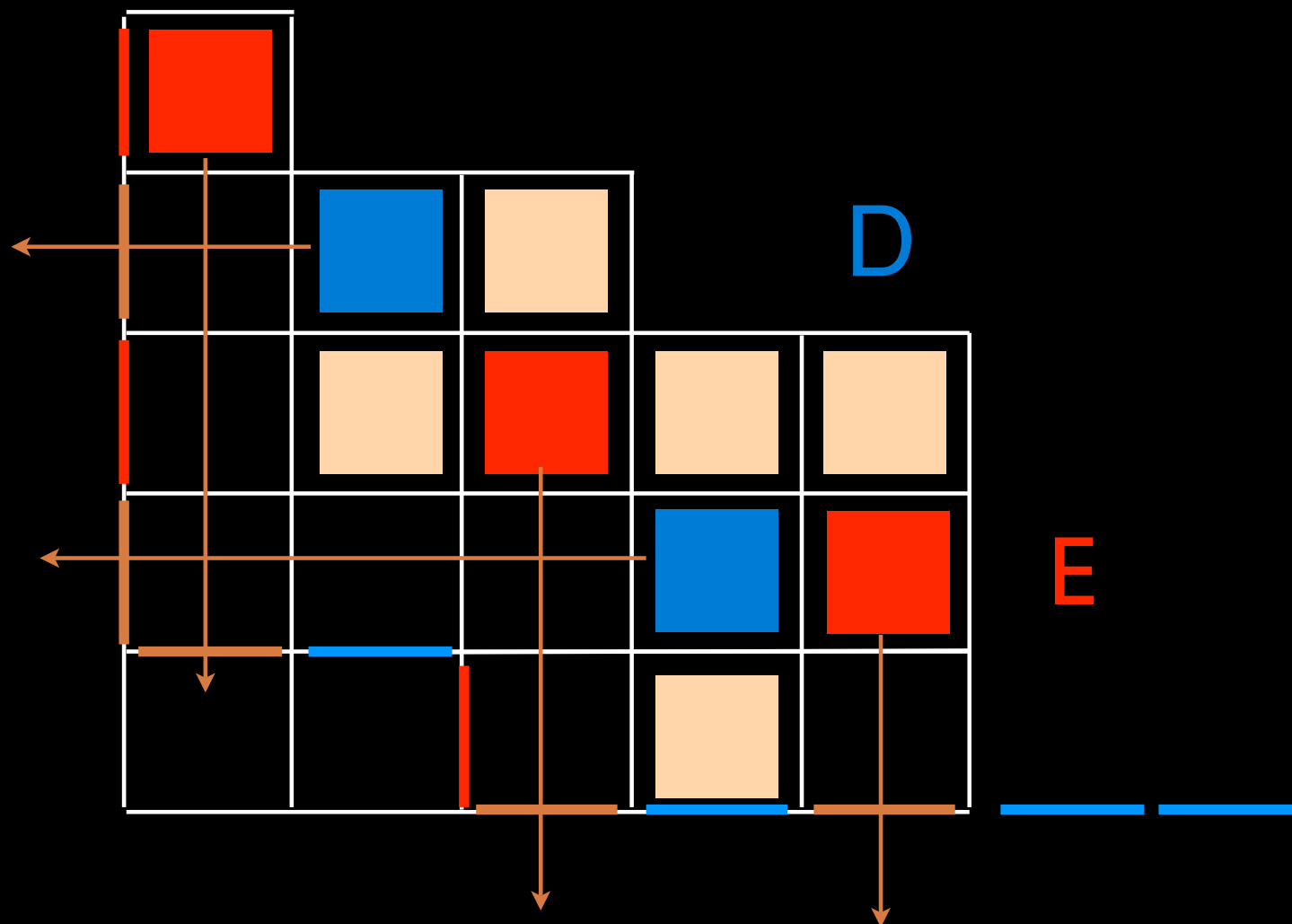


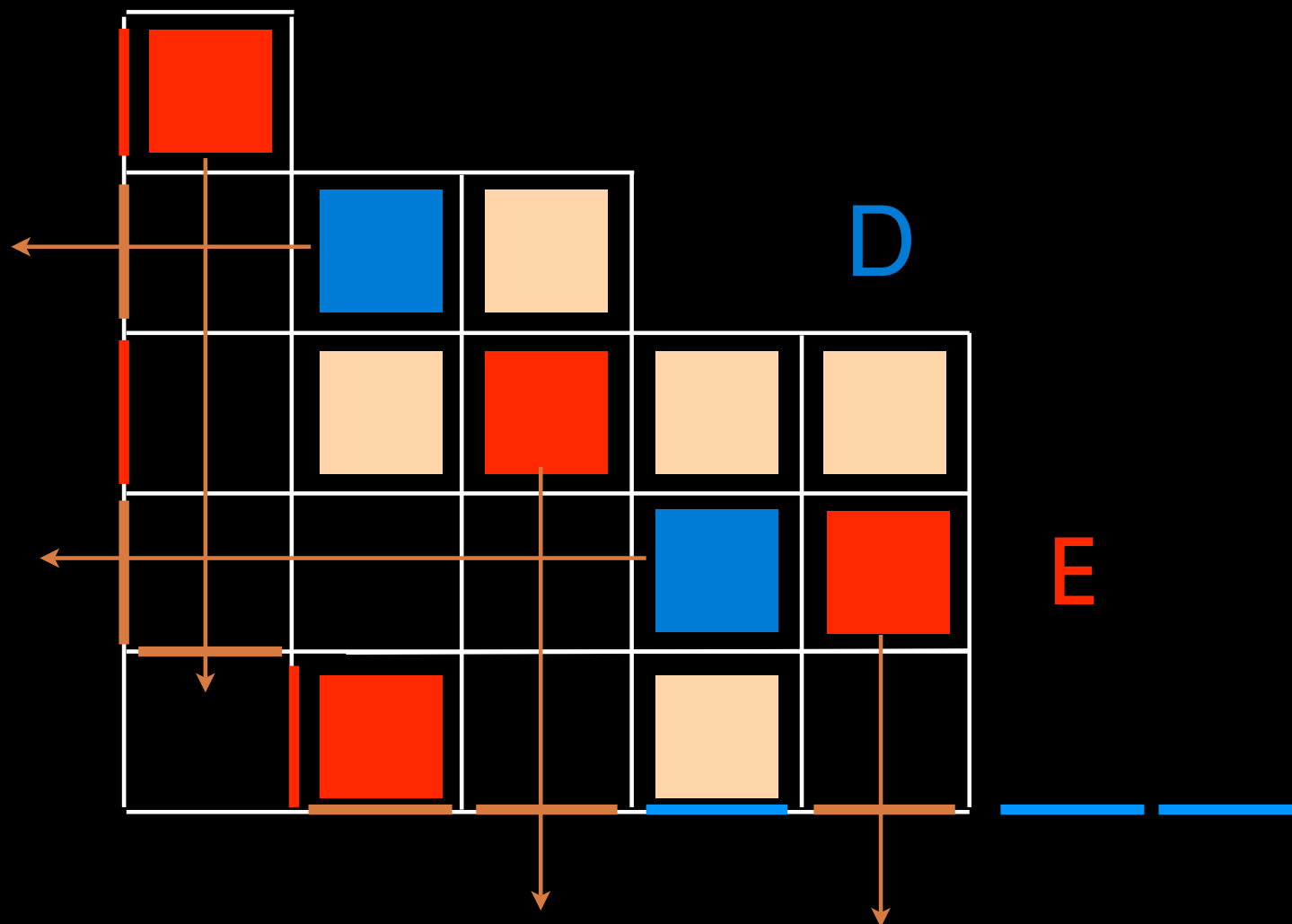


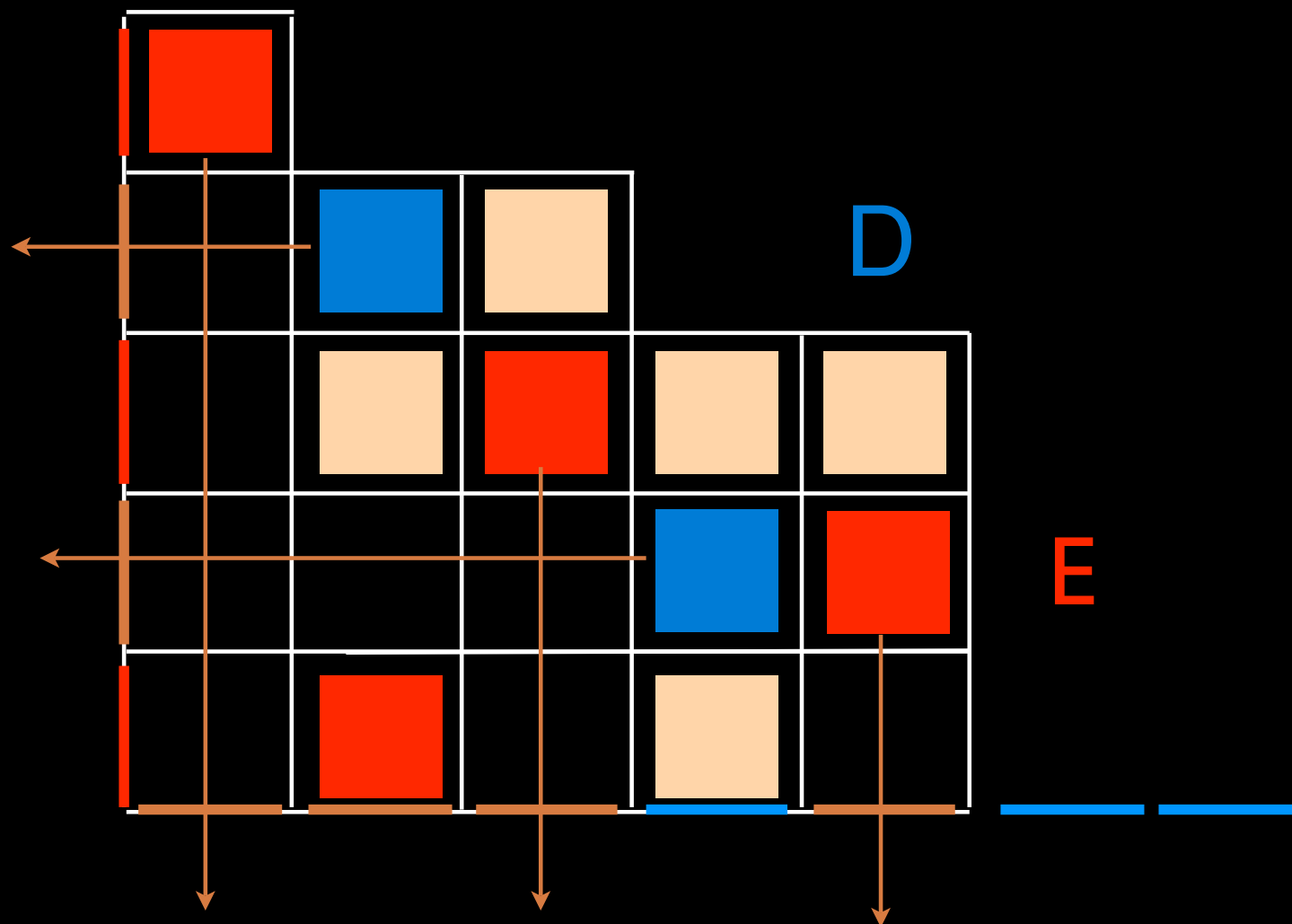


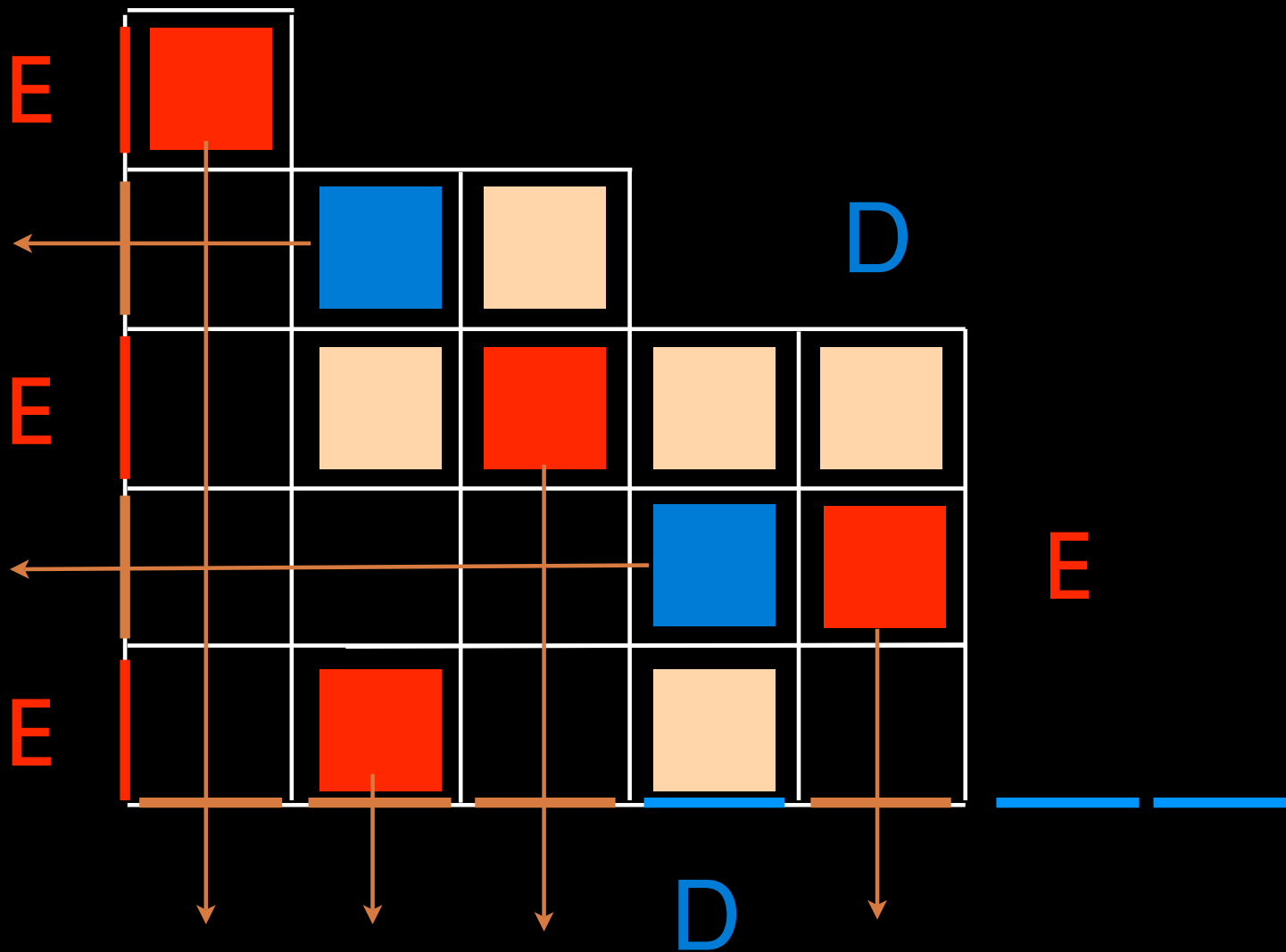








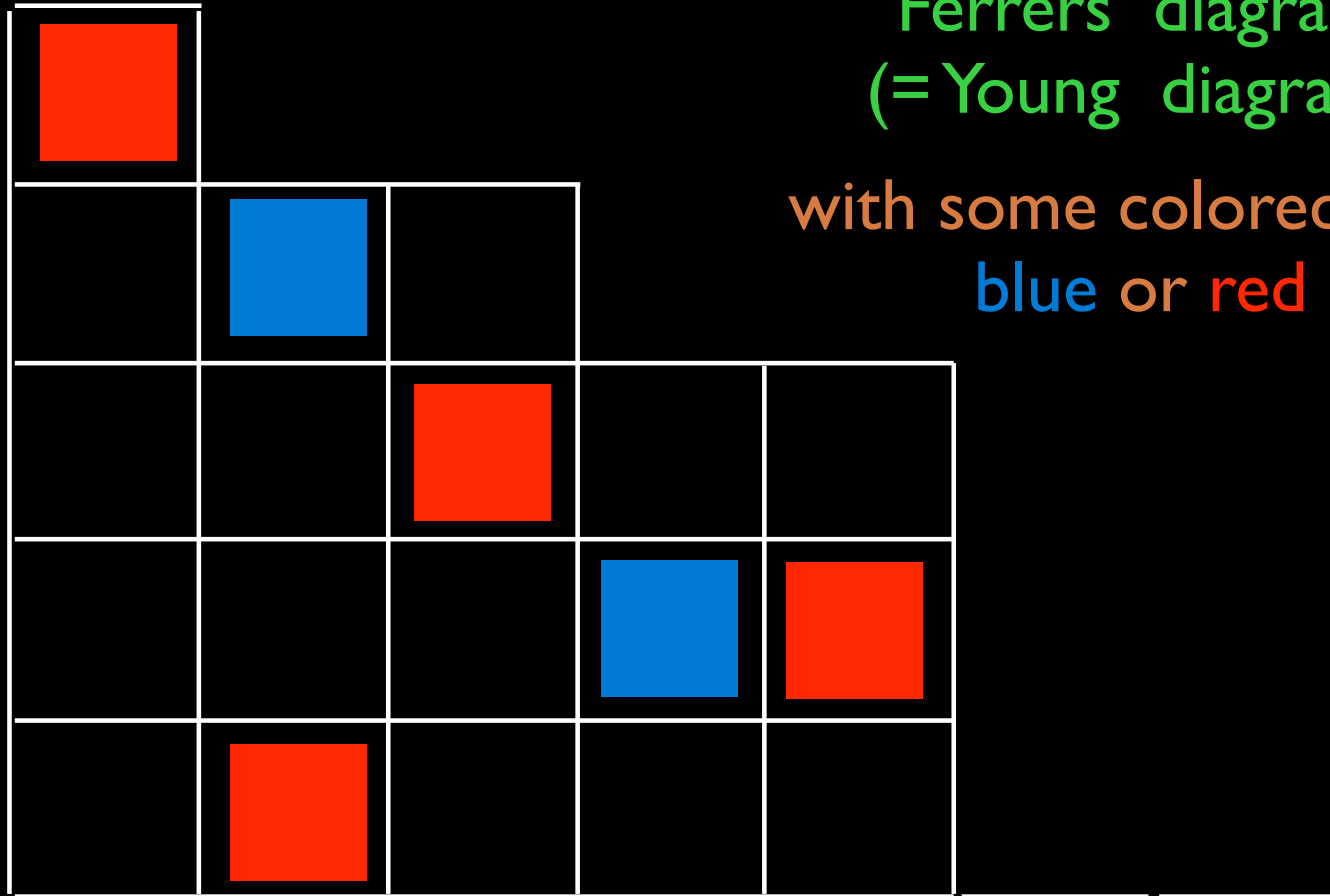




alternative tableau

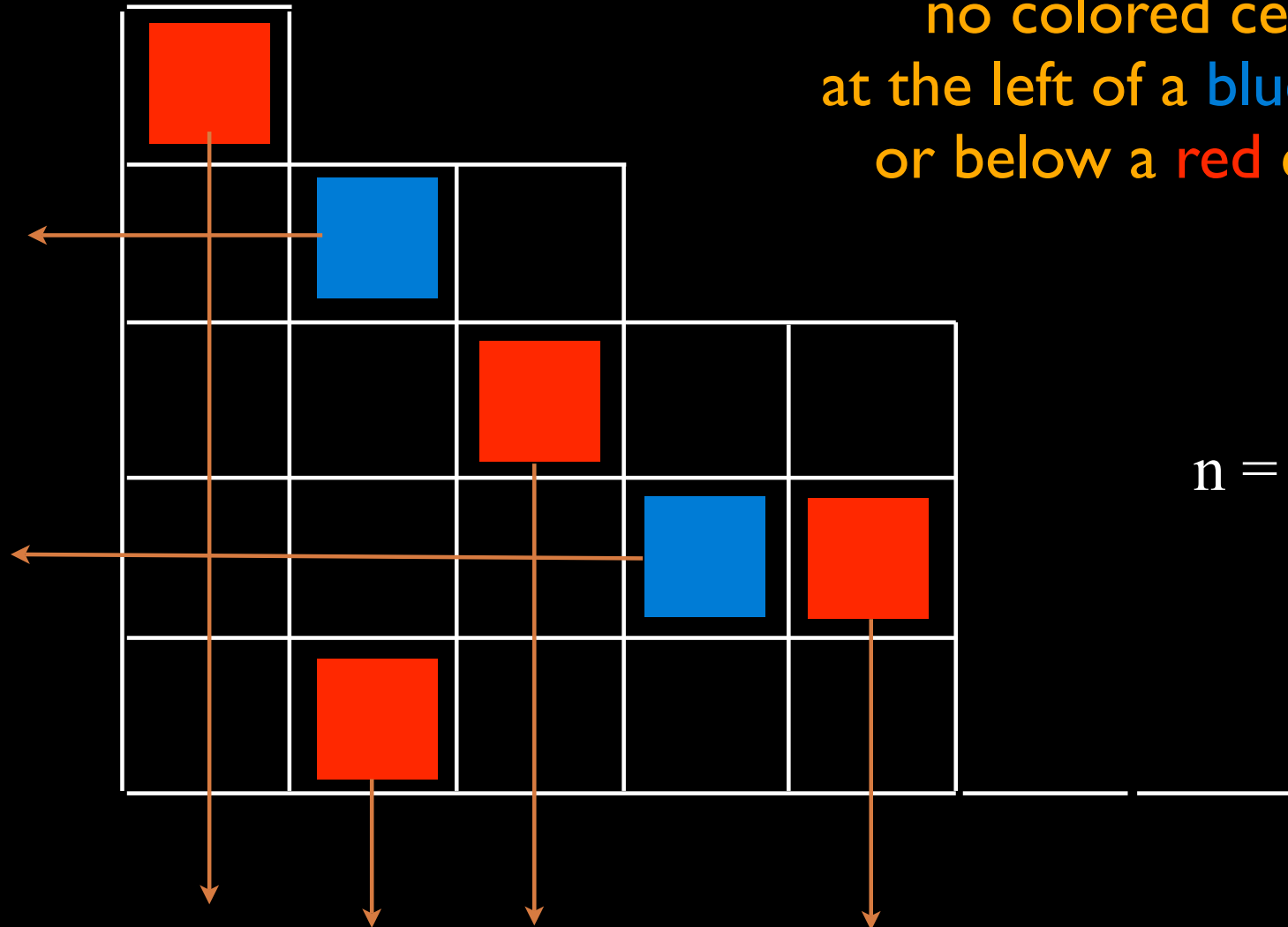
Ferrers diagram
(= Young diagram)

with some colored cells
blue or red



alternative tableau

no colored cell
at the left of a blue cell
or below a red cell



$$n = 12$$

from:

$$DE = qED + E + D$$

we get:

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

alternative tableau with profile w

$$\begin{aligned} k(T) &= \text{nb of } \boxed{\times} \\ i(T) &= \text{nb of columns without red cell} \\ j(T) &= \text{nb of rows without blue cell} \end{aligned}$$

suppose there exist "formal symbols" D, E, V, W , such that

$$\begin{cases} DE = qED + D + E \\ DV = \bar{\beta} V \\ WE = \bar{\alpha} W \end{cases}$$

"matrix ansatz"

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

$$\bar{\alpha} = 1/\alpha$$

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

we get immediately:

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

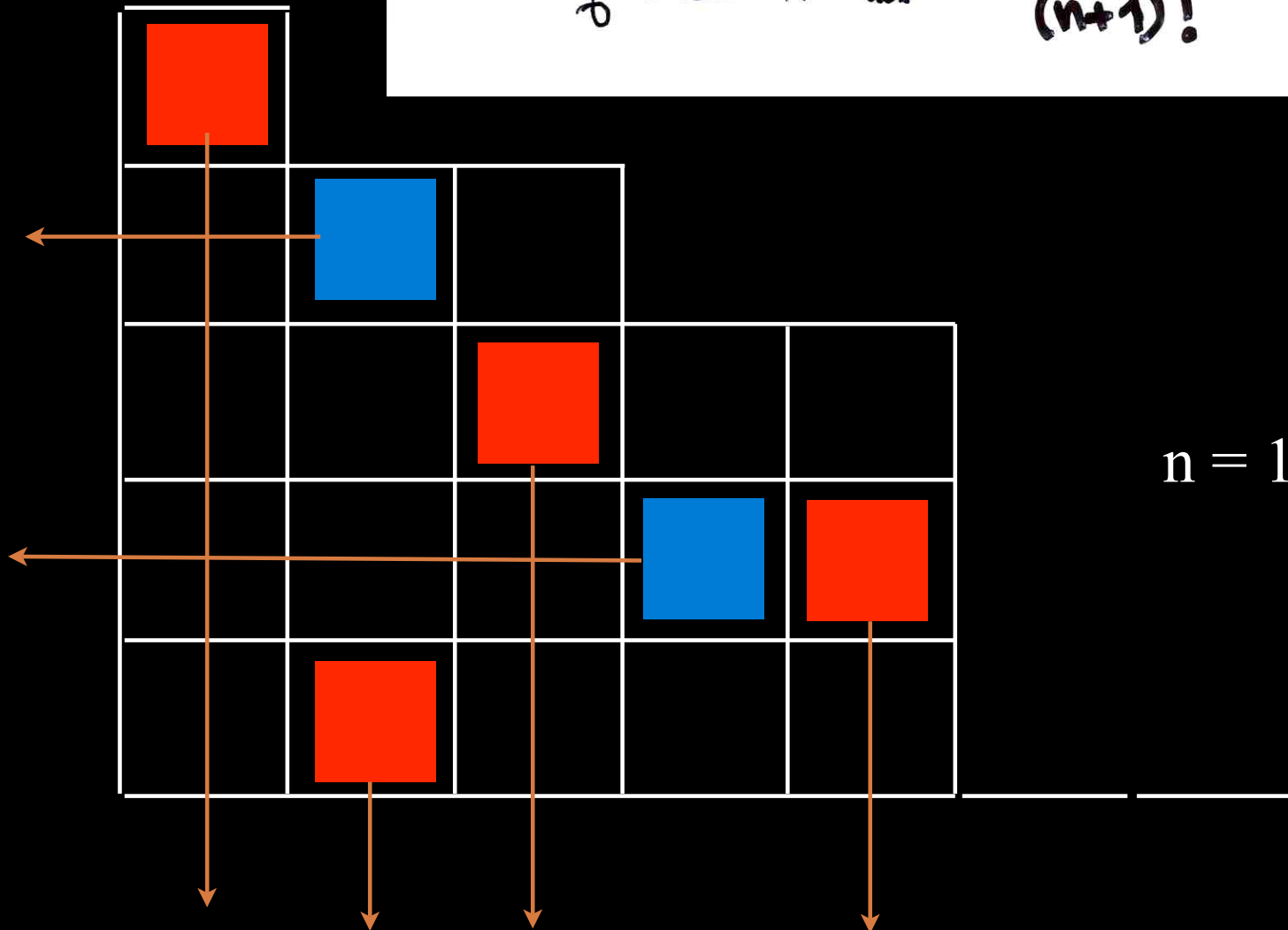
is $\text{proba}_{\tau}(q; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{Z_n} \sum_{\tau} q^{L(\tau)} \alpha^{f(\tau)} \beta^{u(\tau)}$

alternative tableaux
profile τ

$\begin{cases} f(\tau) \\ u(\tau) \\ L(\tau) \end{cases}$
 nb of $\begin{pmatrix} \text{rows} \\ \text{columns} \end{pmatrix}$ without $\begin{pmatrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{pmatrix}$ cell called "free" row or column
 nb of cells $\boxed{\times}$

Another equivalent interpretation has been given by S.Corteel and L.Williams in term of "permutations tableaux" (2006). For more details see §5 of the slides of the talk given 23 April 2008 at the Isaac Newton Institute and references therein.

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



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

4 operators A, S, J, K

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

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

$$\langle u | S = \sum_{\substack{\circ \\ \text{of } u}} v \quad v \text{ obtained by:} \\ \circ \rightarrow \bullet \\ (\text{and } \bullet \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \quad \bullet \bullet \bullet \rightarrow \bullet)$$

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

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

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

Lemma.

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

$$A K = K A + A$$

$$J S = S J + S$$

$$J K = K J$$

Lemma.

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

$$A K = K A + A$$

$$J S = S J + S$$

$$J K = K J$$

$$D = A + J$$

$$E = S + K$$

$$D = A + J$$

$$E = S + K$$

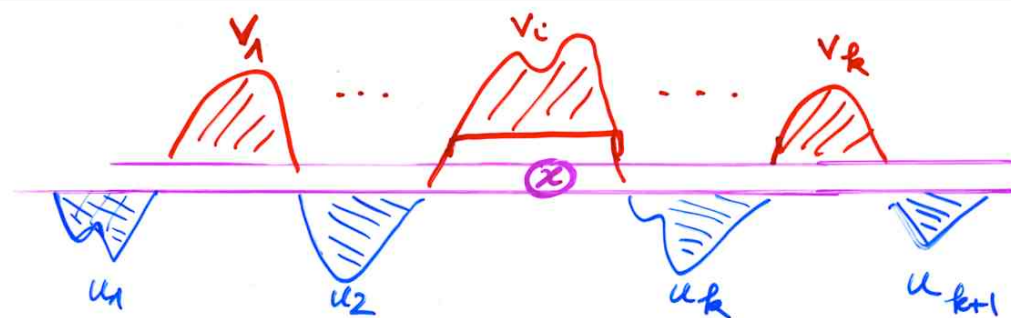
$$DE = (A+J)(S+K)$$

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

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

$$\underbrace{(S+K)(A+J)}_{ED}$$

$$\underbrace{J+K+A+S}_{E+D}$$

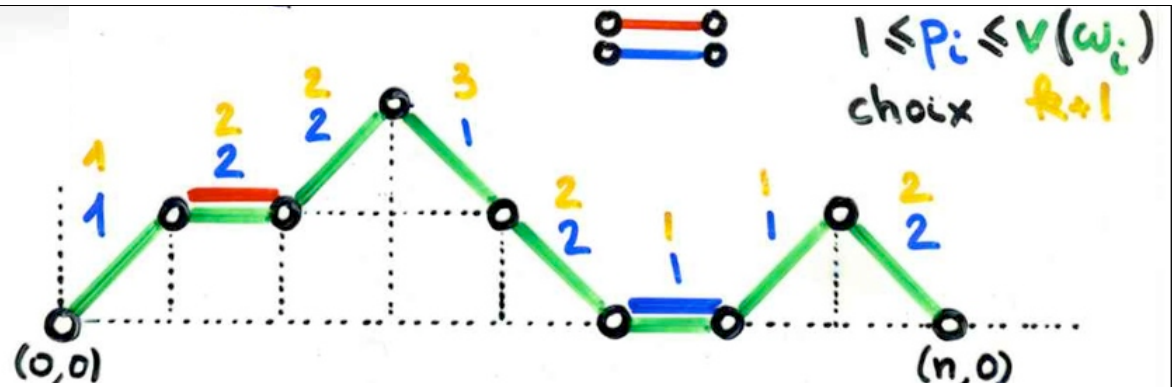


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Bijection
Laguerre histories
permutations

Françon-xgv., 1978

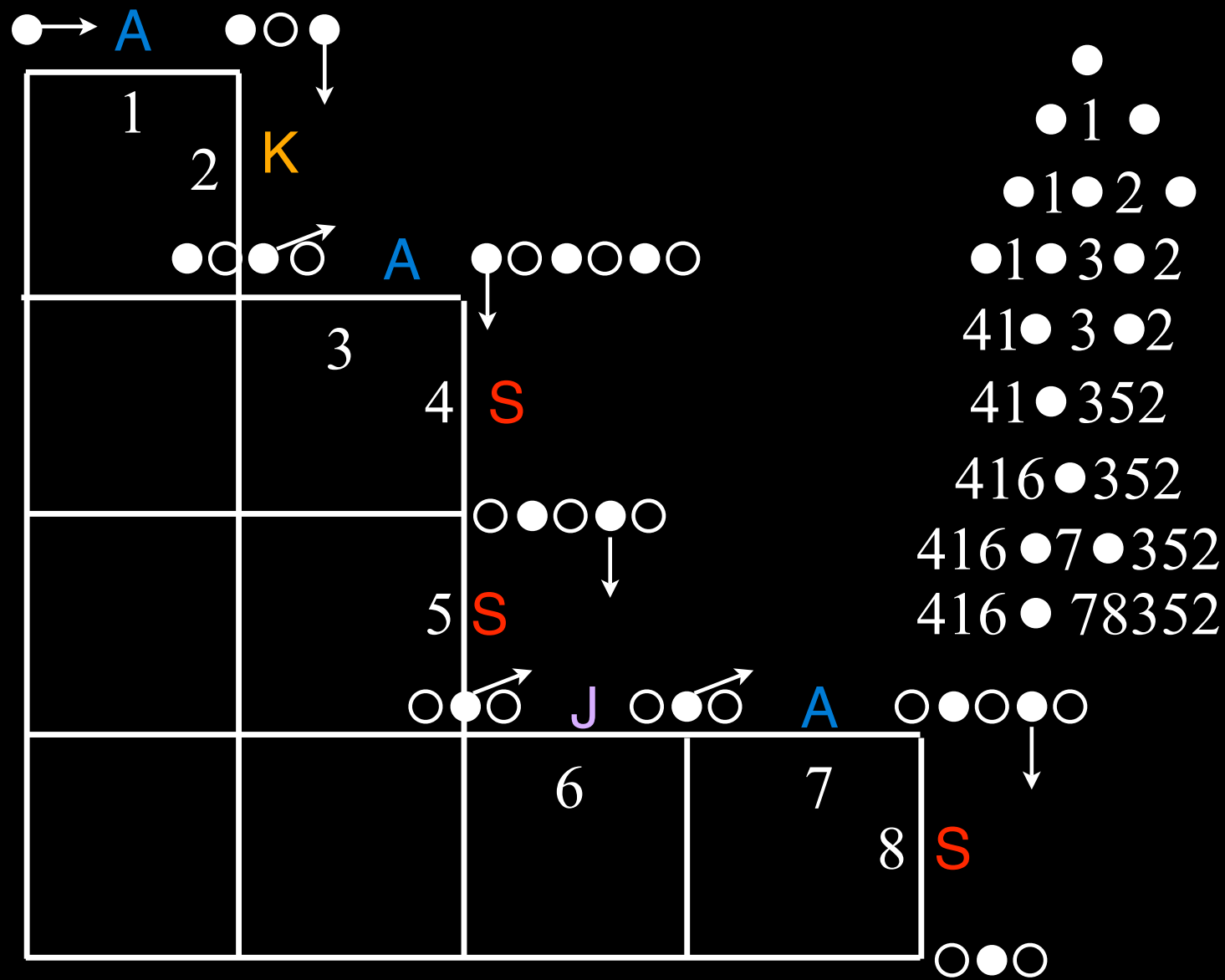
$$h = (\omega_c; (p_1, \dots, p_n))$$



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5		2	2
6		1	1
7		1	1
8		2	2
9			

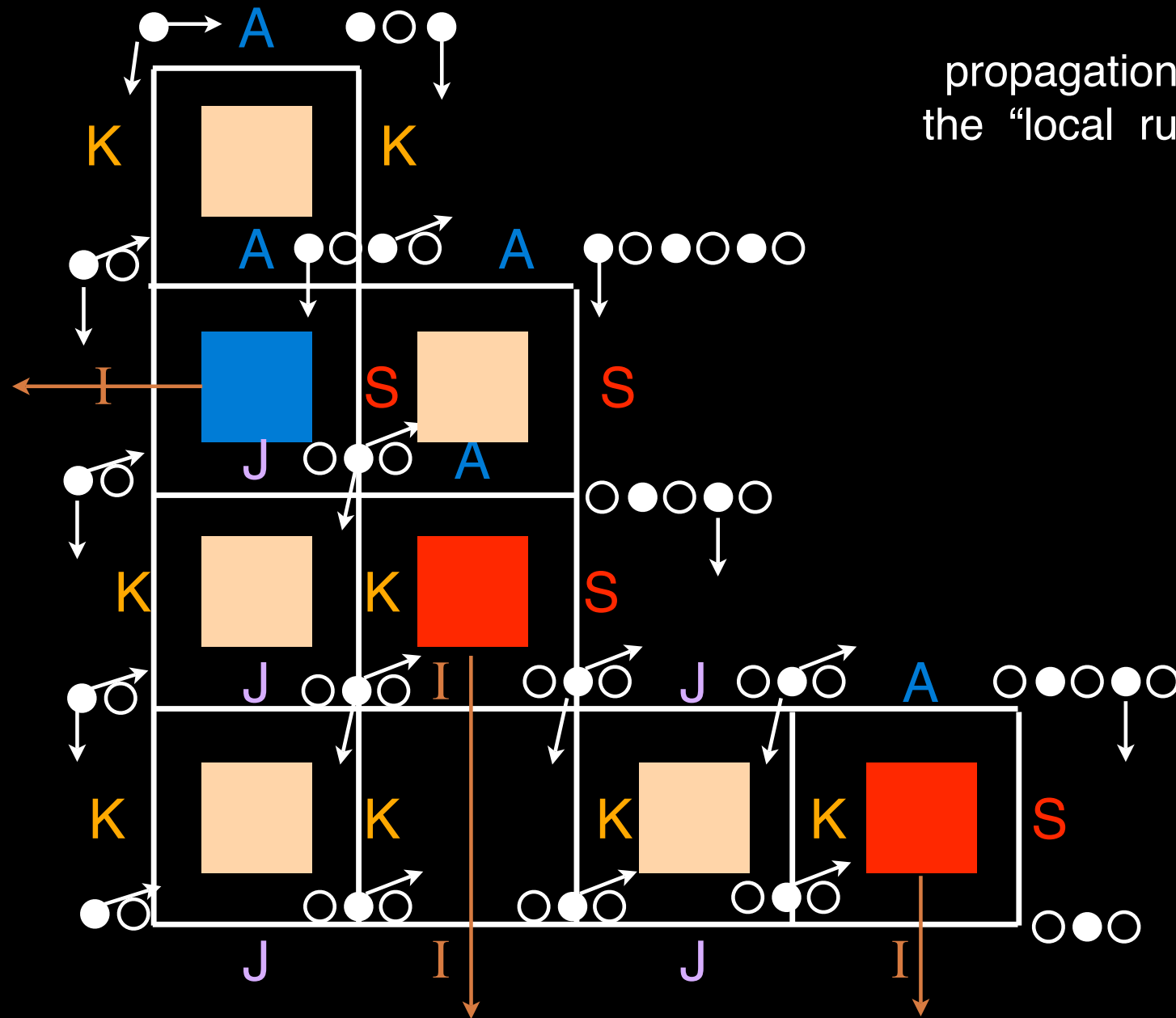
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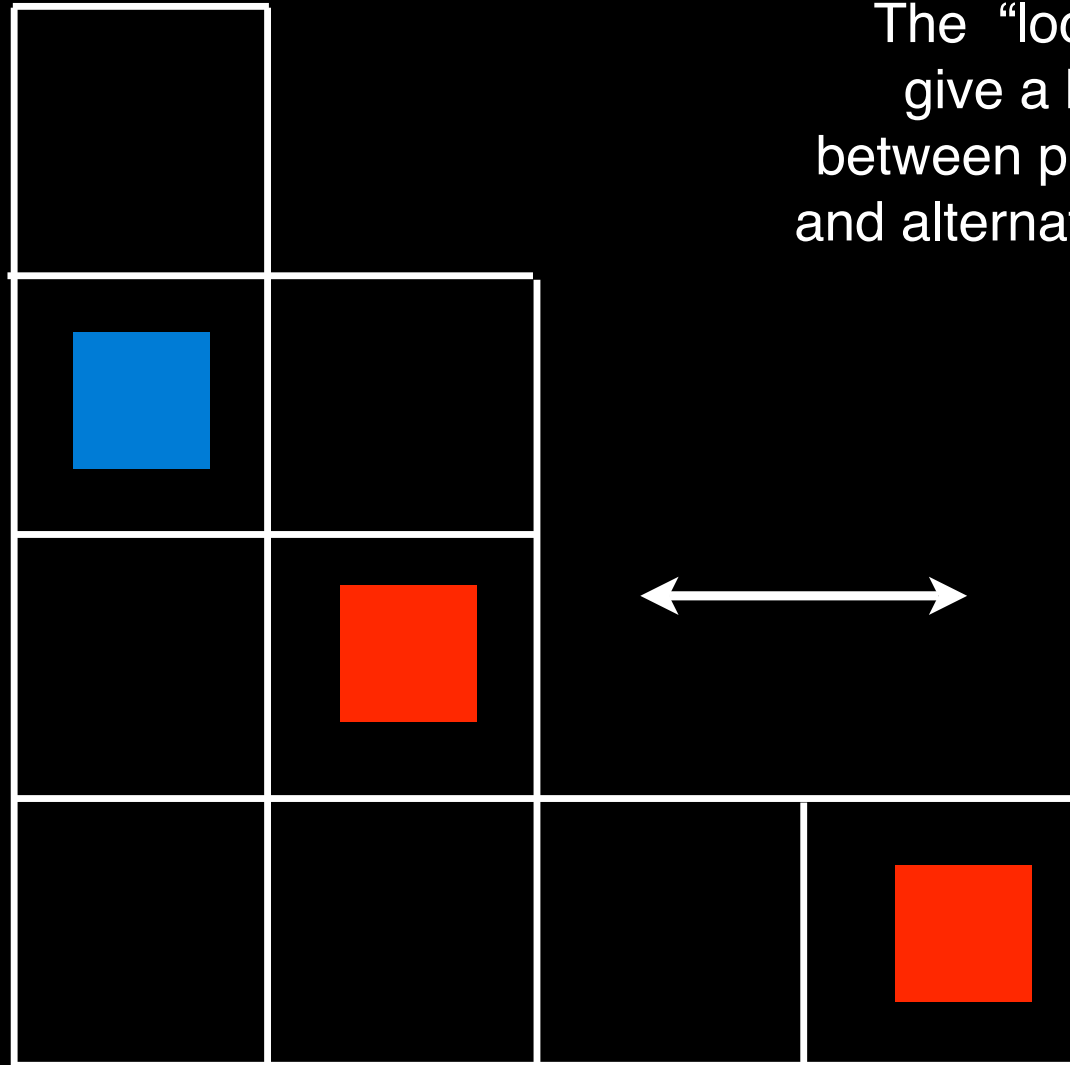


A permutation with its corresponding
"Laguerre history"

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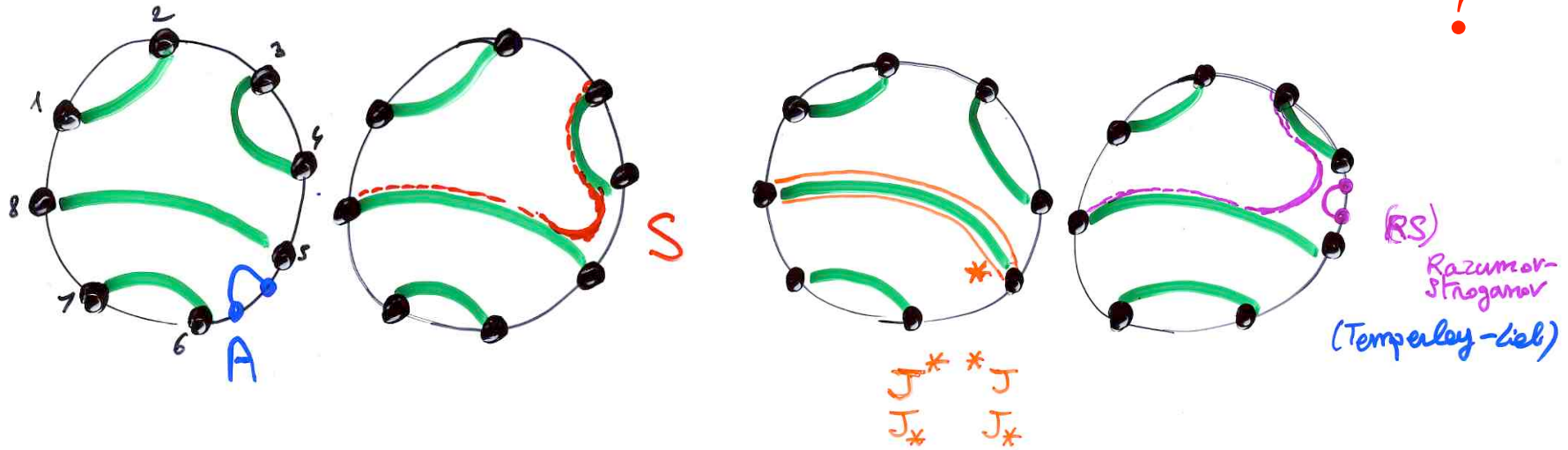


The “local rules”
give a bijection
between permutations
and alternative tableaux



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some other operators on chord diagrams



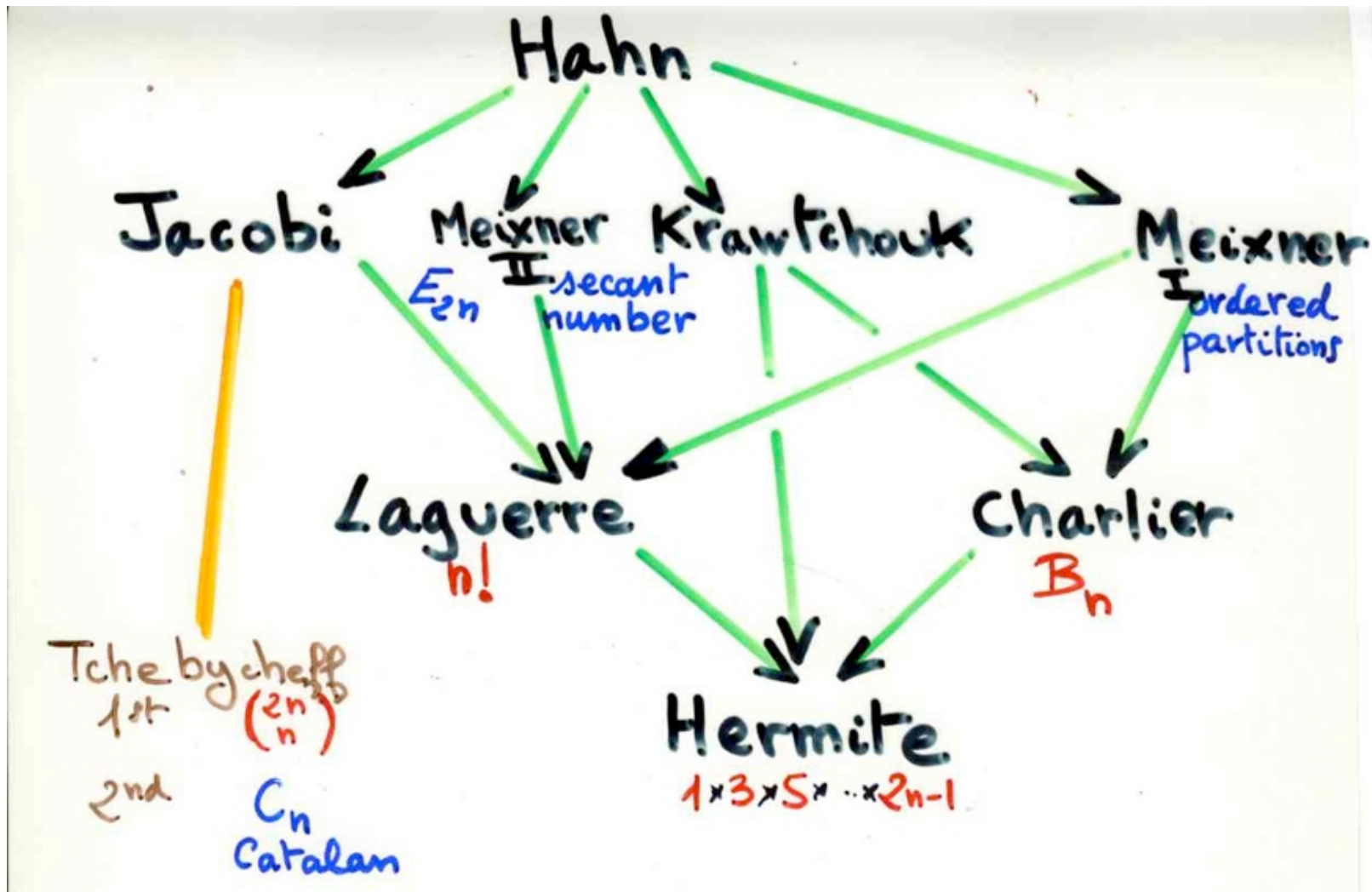
$$AS = SA + J^* + J_* + J^*J_* + J_*J^* + (RS)$$

PASEP: binary words $\Rightarrow$ Catalan $\Rightarrow$ permutations

RS: Catalan $\Rightarrow$ " $\Rightarrow$ ASM
 Hypercube $\Rightarrow$ associahedron $\Rightarrow$ permutahedron $\Rightarrow$ alternat.

Orthogonal polynomials are behind operators and the story of
PASEP, ASM and Alternating Tableaux

Askey-Wilson polynomials



• Orthogonal polynomials

→ Sasamoto (1999)

→ Blythe, Evans, Colaiori, Essler (2000)

q -Hermite polynomial

α, β, q

$$\gamma = \delta = 1$$

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

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

$$\hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger - q \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} = 1$$

→ Uchiyama, Sasamoto, Wadati (2003)

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

Askey-Wilson polynomials

ASM

1-, 2-, 3- enumeration $A_n(x)$

Colomo, Pronco, (2004)

Hankel determinants

(continuous) Hahn, Meixner-Pollaczek,
(continuous) dual Hahn orthogonal polynomials

Ismail, Lin, Roan (2004)

XXZ spin chains and Askey-Wilson operator

Conclusion

from the “matrix ansatz” to the :

“The cellular ansatz”

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

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

A

U

B

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D

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B'

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		Thank		
		you		
		very		
		much!		

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- For a more complete introduction to RSK and Fomin’s local rules, see:

Robinson-Schensted-Knuth: RSK1 (pdf, 9,1 Mo)

groupe de travail de combinatoire, Bordeaux, LaBRI, Février 2005

Robinson-Schensted-Knuth: RSK2 (pdf, 10,8 Mo)

groupe de travail de combinatoire, Bordeaux, LaBRI, Février 2005

- For a more detailed description of the relationship between Temperley-Lieb algebra and heaps of dimers, see:

Jacobi-Trudi, Linström-Gessel-Viennot, Fomin-Kirillov, Lascoux-Schützenberger, Yang-Baxter, Temperley-Lieb, deux exposés au groupe de travail de Combinatoire énumérative, LaBRI, Bordeaux:

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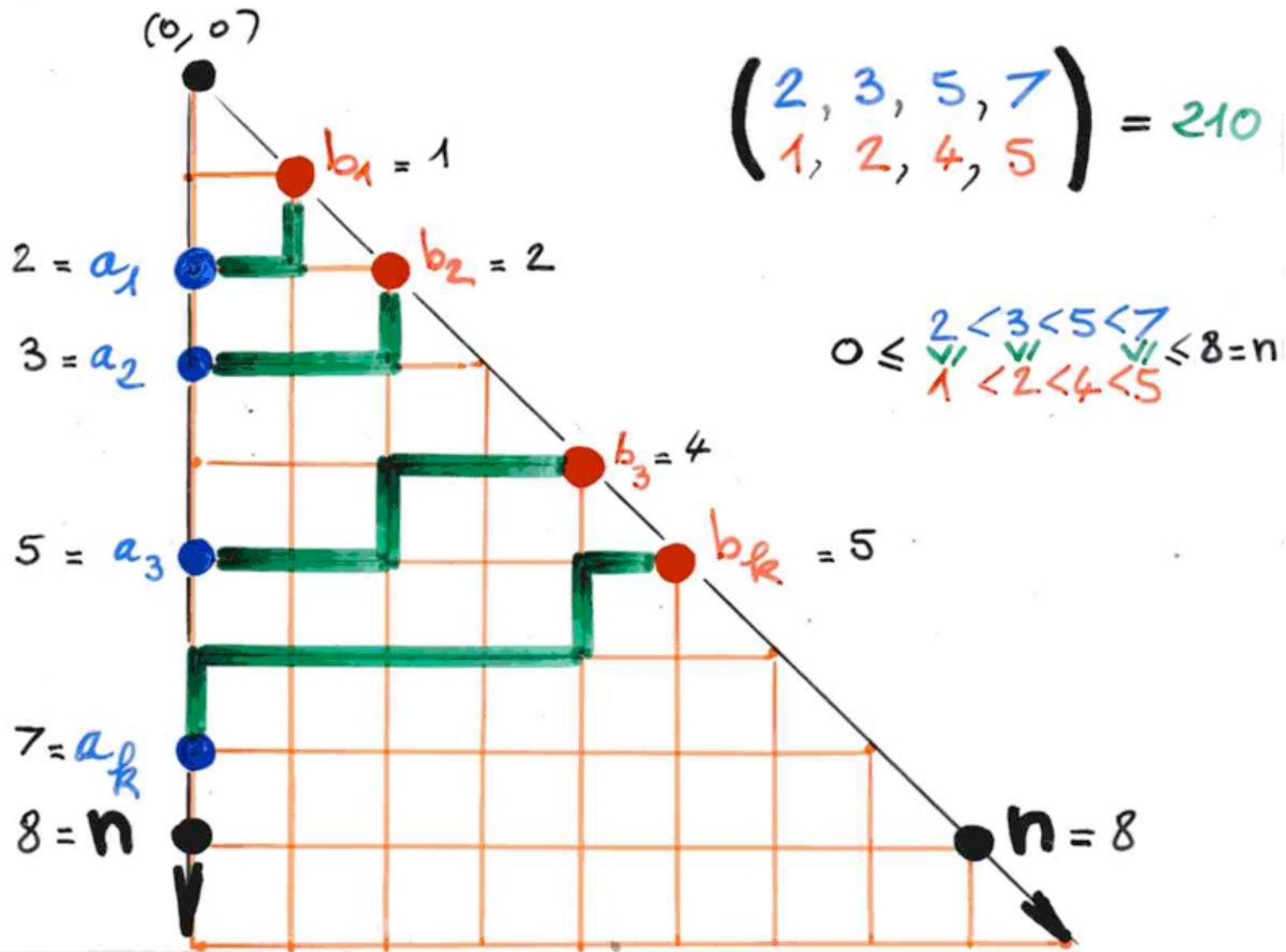
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§7 Other
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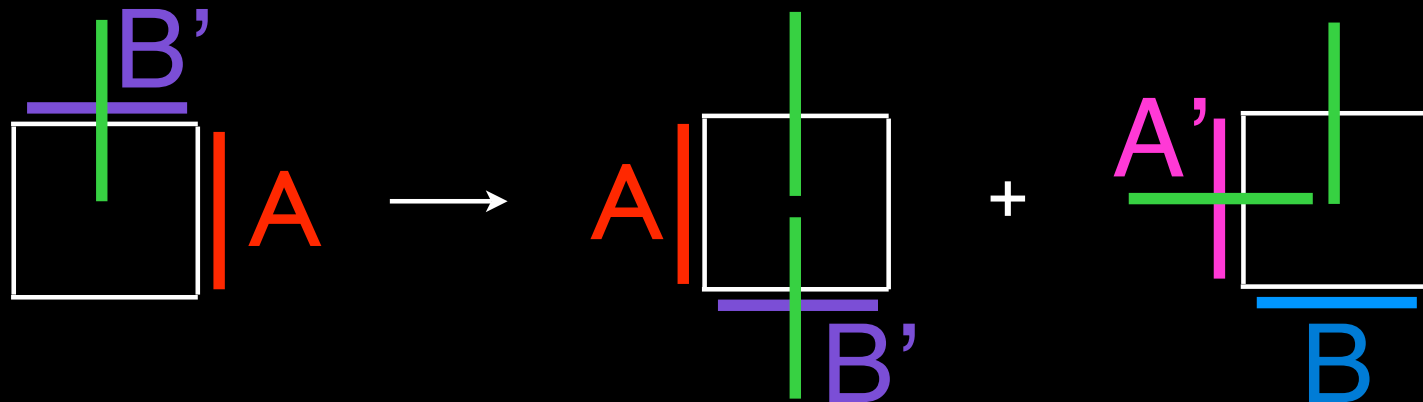
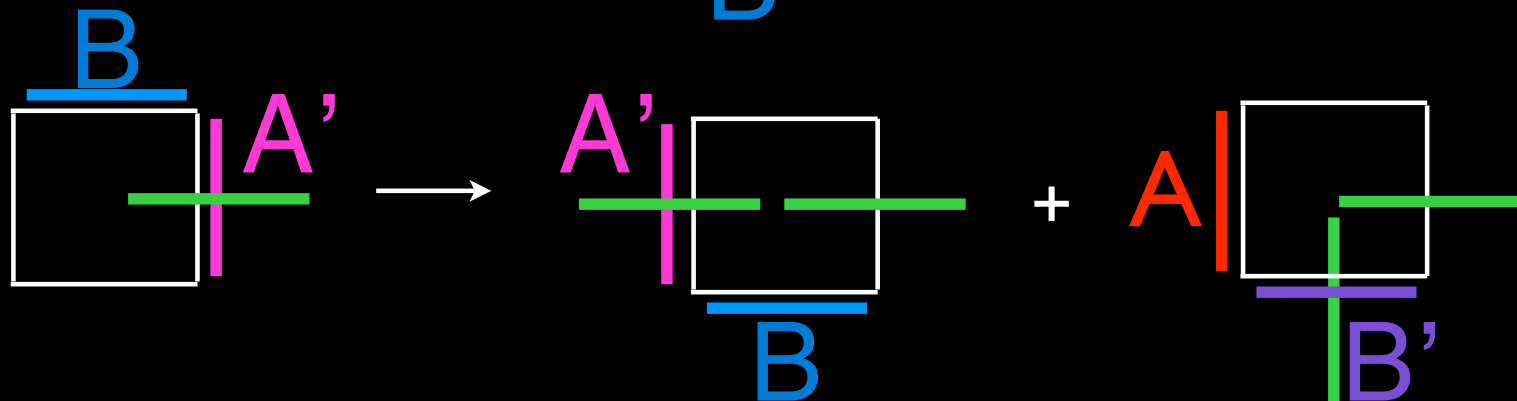
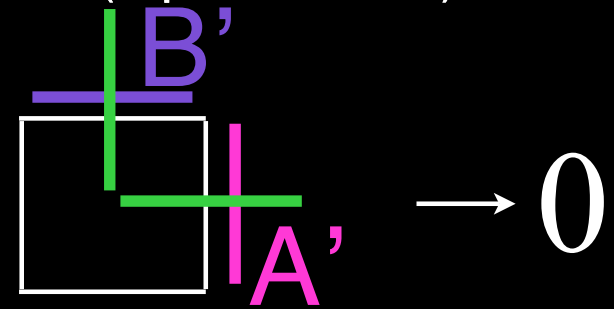
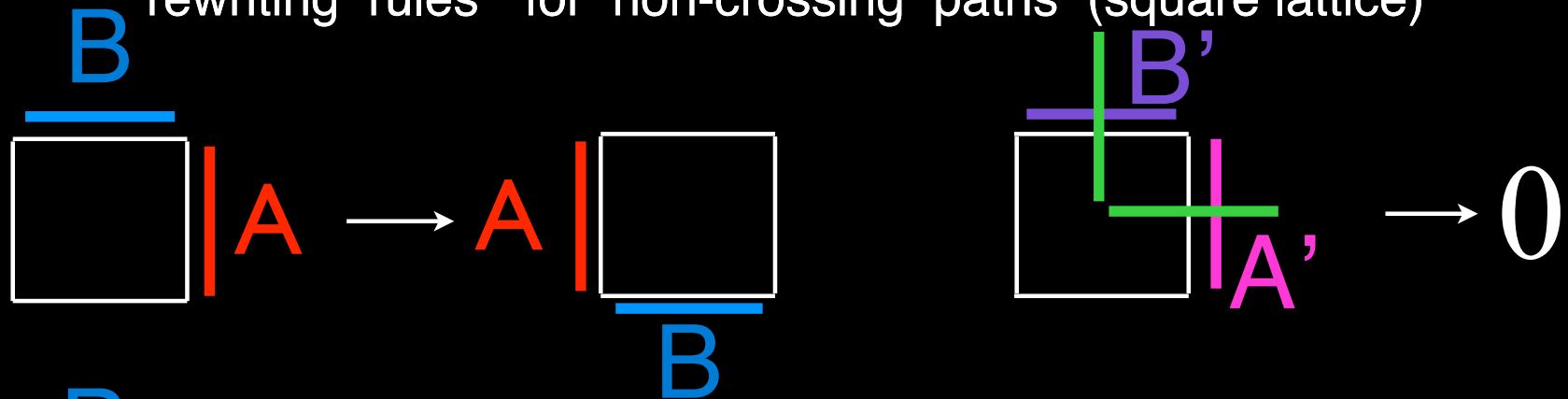
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Operators for non-crossing
configuration of paths
(square lattice)

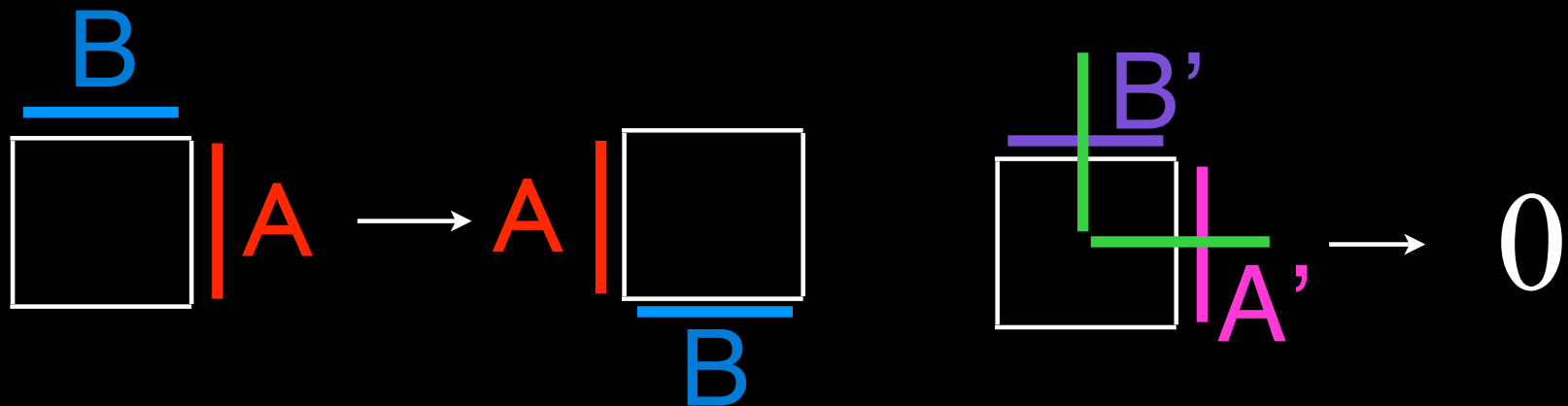
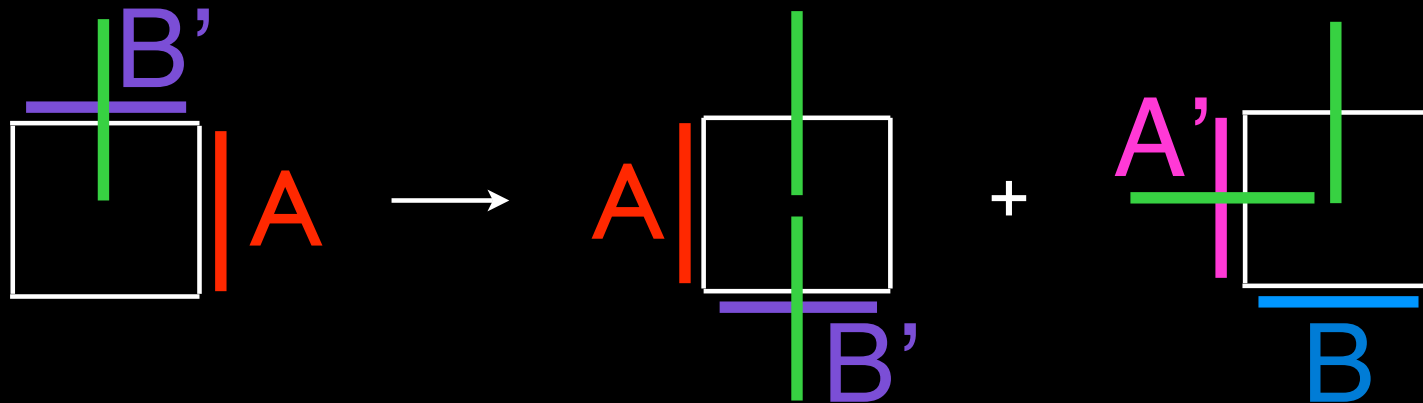
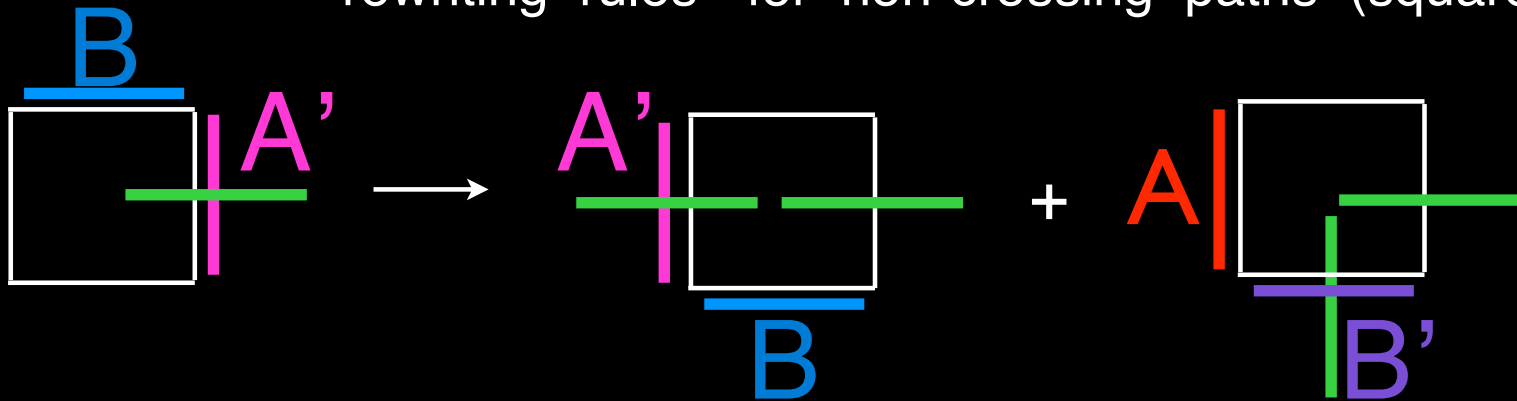


example: binomial determinant

“rewriting rules” for non-crossing paths (square lattice)



“rewriting rules” for non-crossing paths (square lattice)



operators and commutations for non-crossing paths
(square lattice)

$$B A' = A' B + A B'$$

$$B' A = A B' + A' B$$

$$B A = A B \quad B' A' = 0$$

equivalently, exchanging A and A' , it can be rewritten as :

$$B A = A B + A' B'$$

$$B' A' = A' B' + A B$$

$$B A' = A' B \quad B' A = 0$$

compare with the commutations with ASM or FPL !

example: binomial determinant

The binomial determinant $\begin{pmatrix} 2, 3, 5, 7 \\ 1, 2, 4, 5 \end{pmatrix}$

is equal to the coefficient of the word

A A A' A' A A' A A' A B B B B B B B B B
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

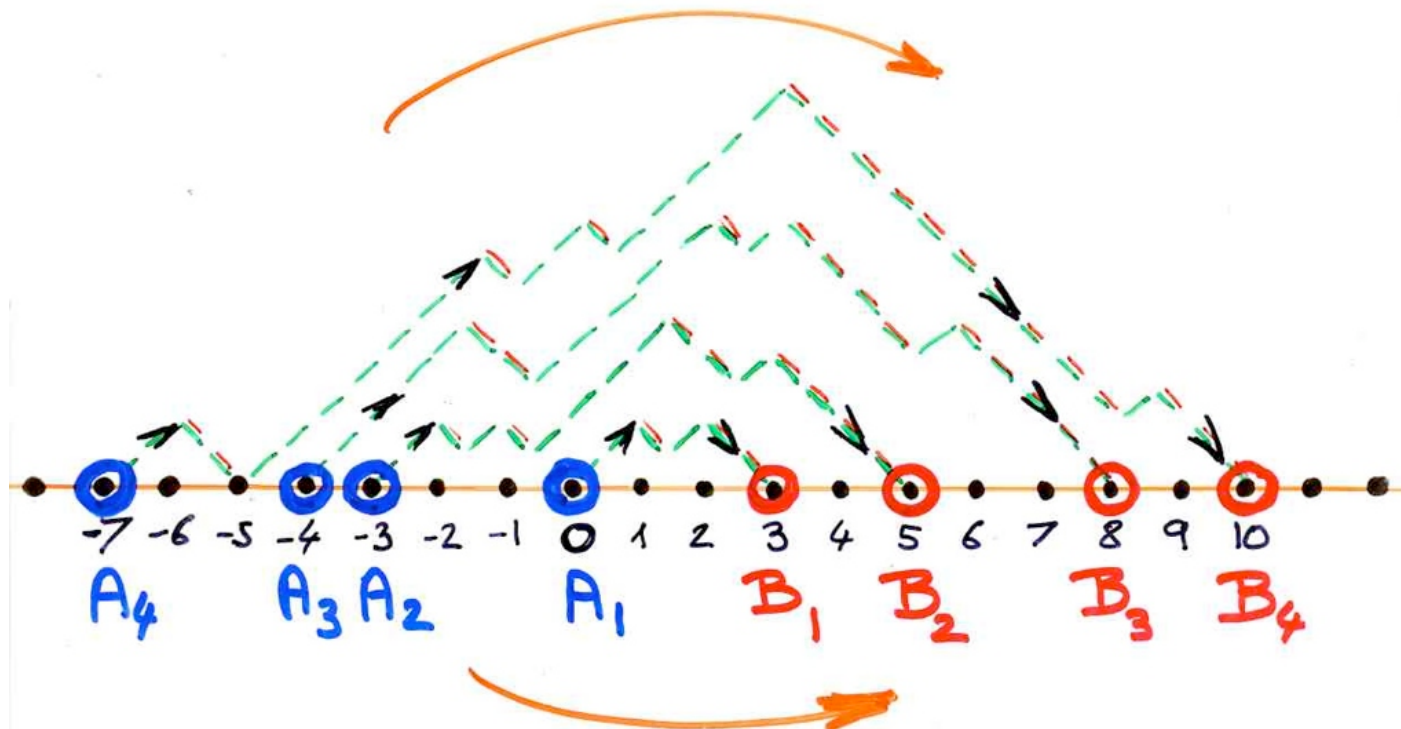
when rewriting the word

B A B' A B' A B A B' A B' A B A B A B A
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according to the rewriting rules of the non-crossing configuration of paths (square lattice)

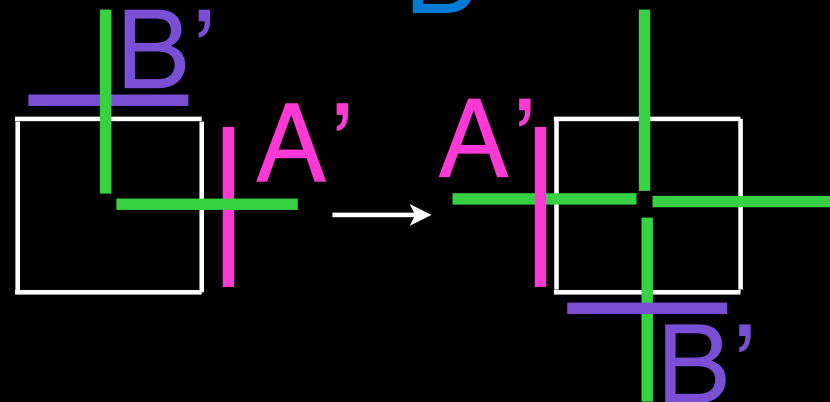
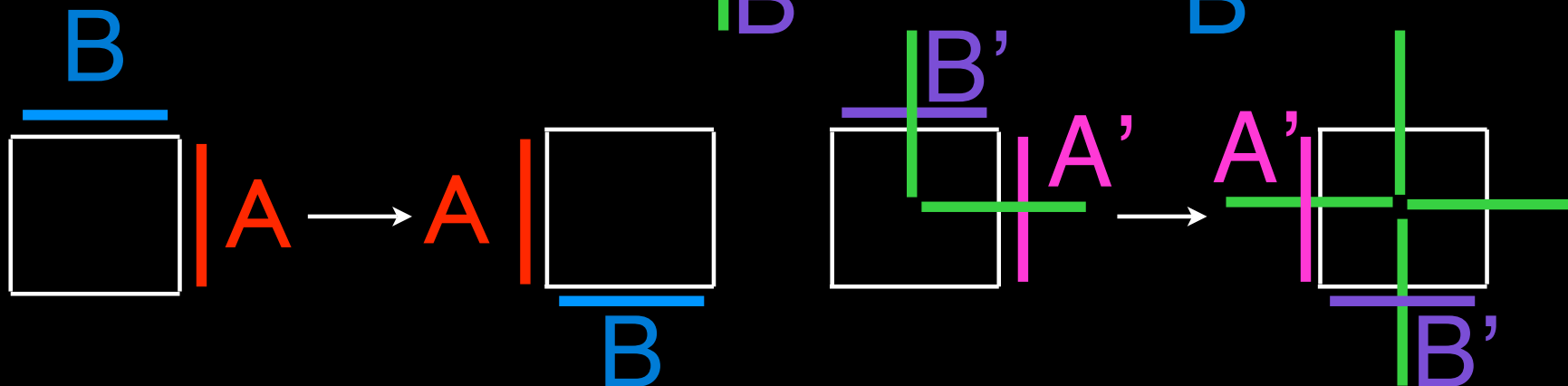
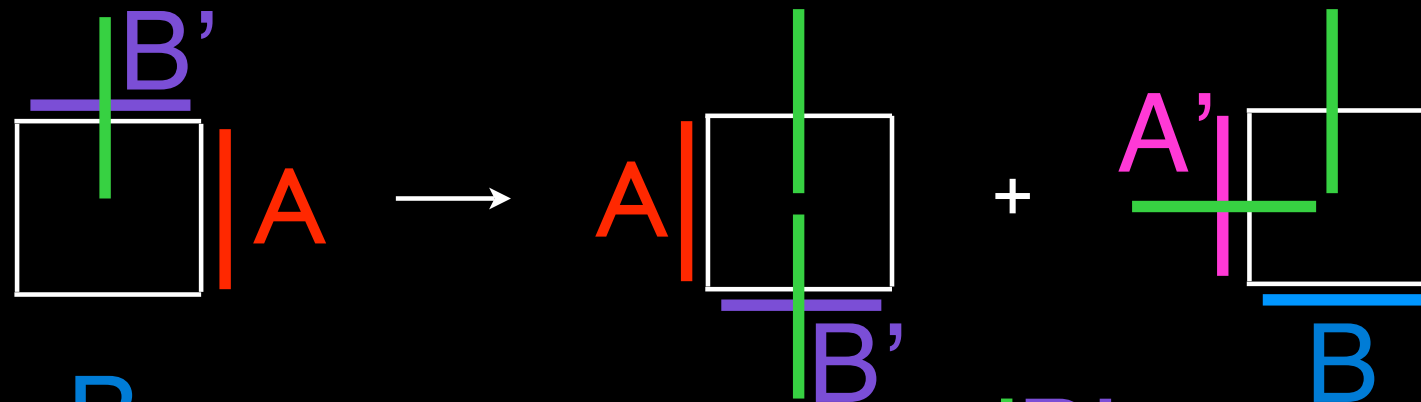
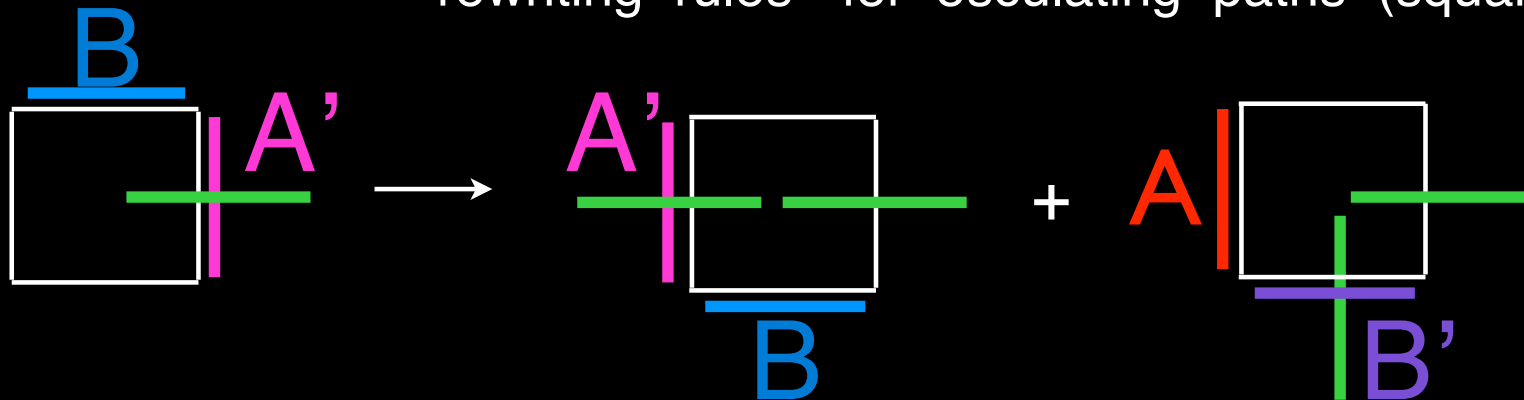
$$\begin{vmatrix} \mu_3 & \mu_5 & \mu_8 & \mu_{10} \\ \mu_6 & \mu_8 & \mu_{11} & \mu_{13} \\ \mu_7 & \mu_9 & \mu_{12} & \mu_{14} \\ \mu_{10} & \mu_{12} & \mu_{15} & \mu_{17} \end{vmatrix}$$

another example:
Hankel determinant
of **moments**
of **orthogonal polynomials**



Operators for configurations
of osculating paths
(square lattice)

“rewriting rules” for osculating paths (square lattice)



operators and commutations for osculating paths (square lattice)

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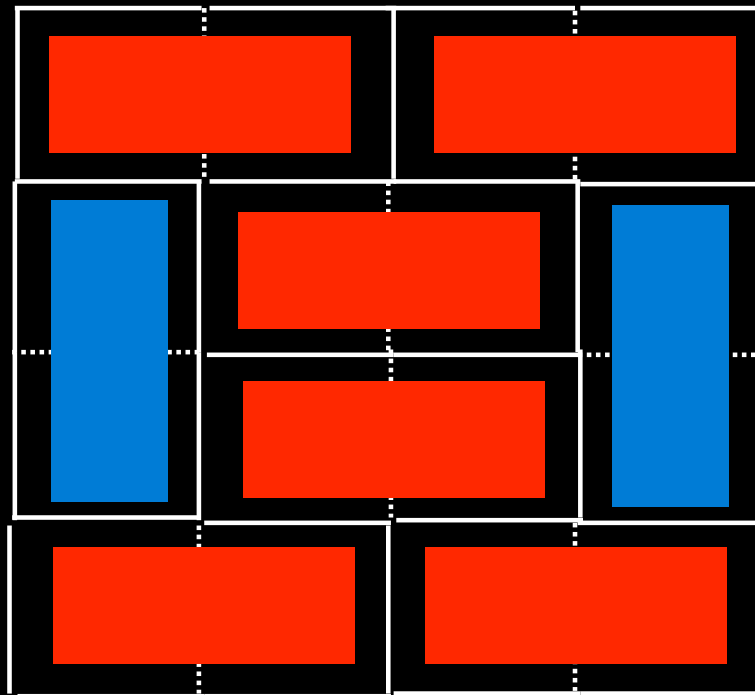
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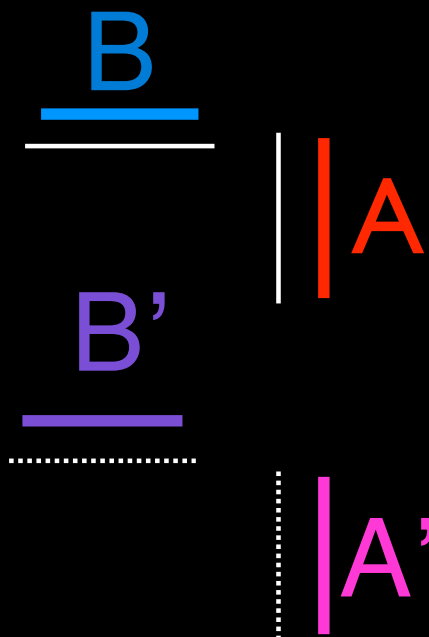
$$B A' = A' B \qquad B' A = A B'$$

same as for ASM (which are in bijection with configurations of osculating paths on a square grid)

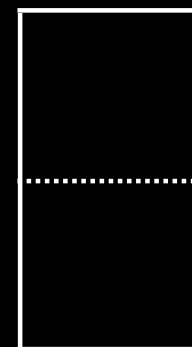
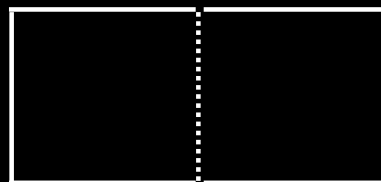
Operators for dimers tiling
(square lattice)



a tiling
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square lattice



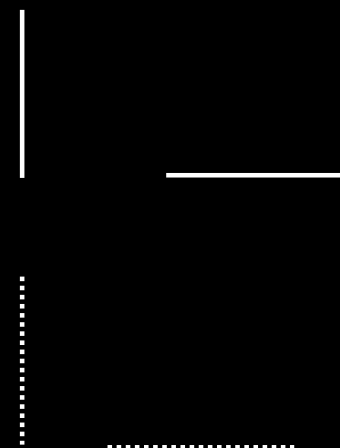
2 type of tiles



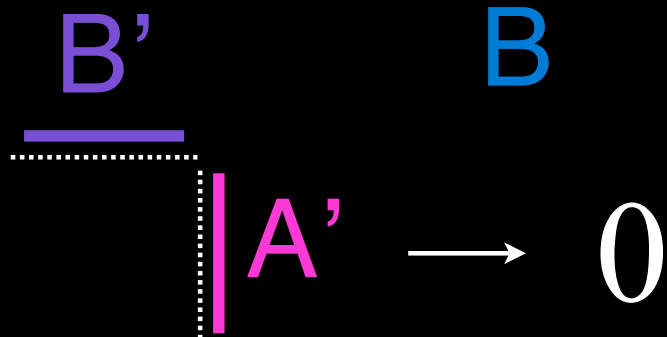
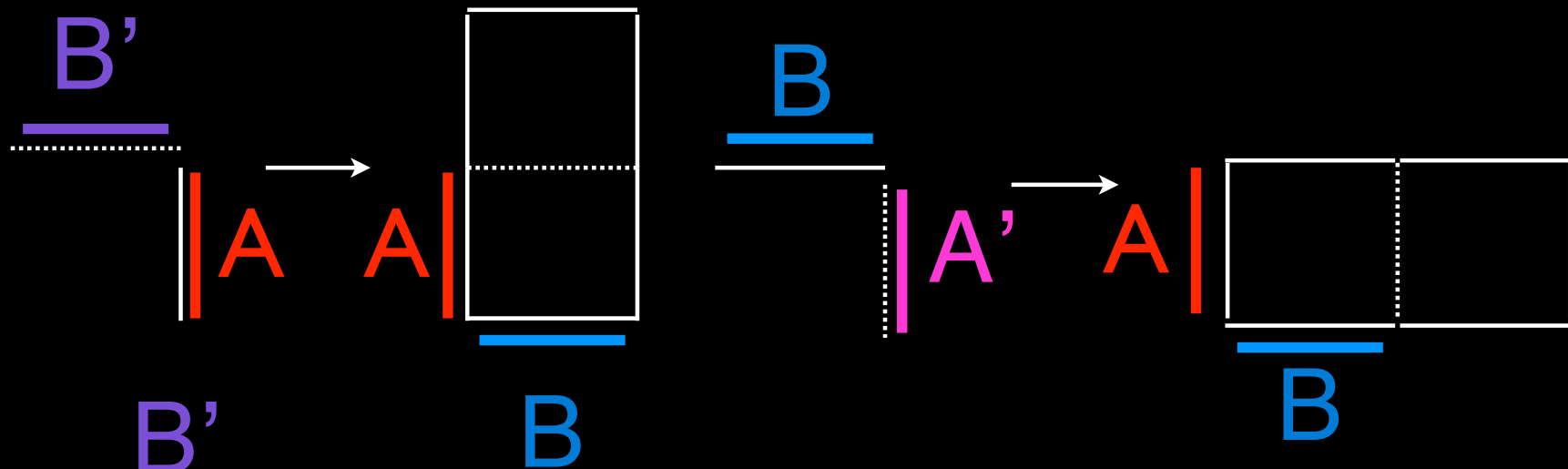
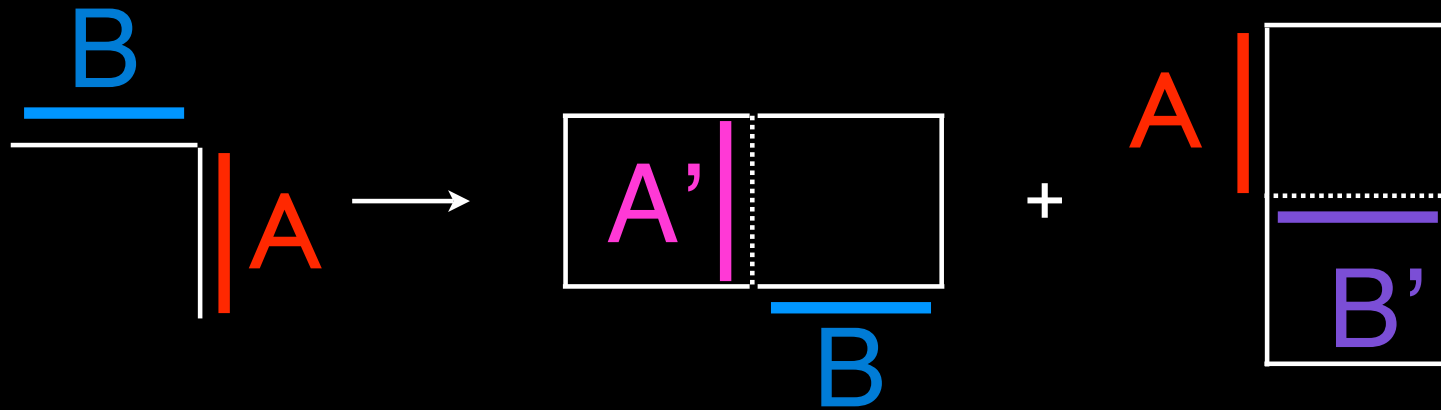
coding of the edges
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“rewriting rules” for tilings (square lattice)



operators and commutations for tilings (square lattice)

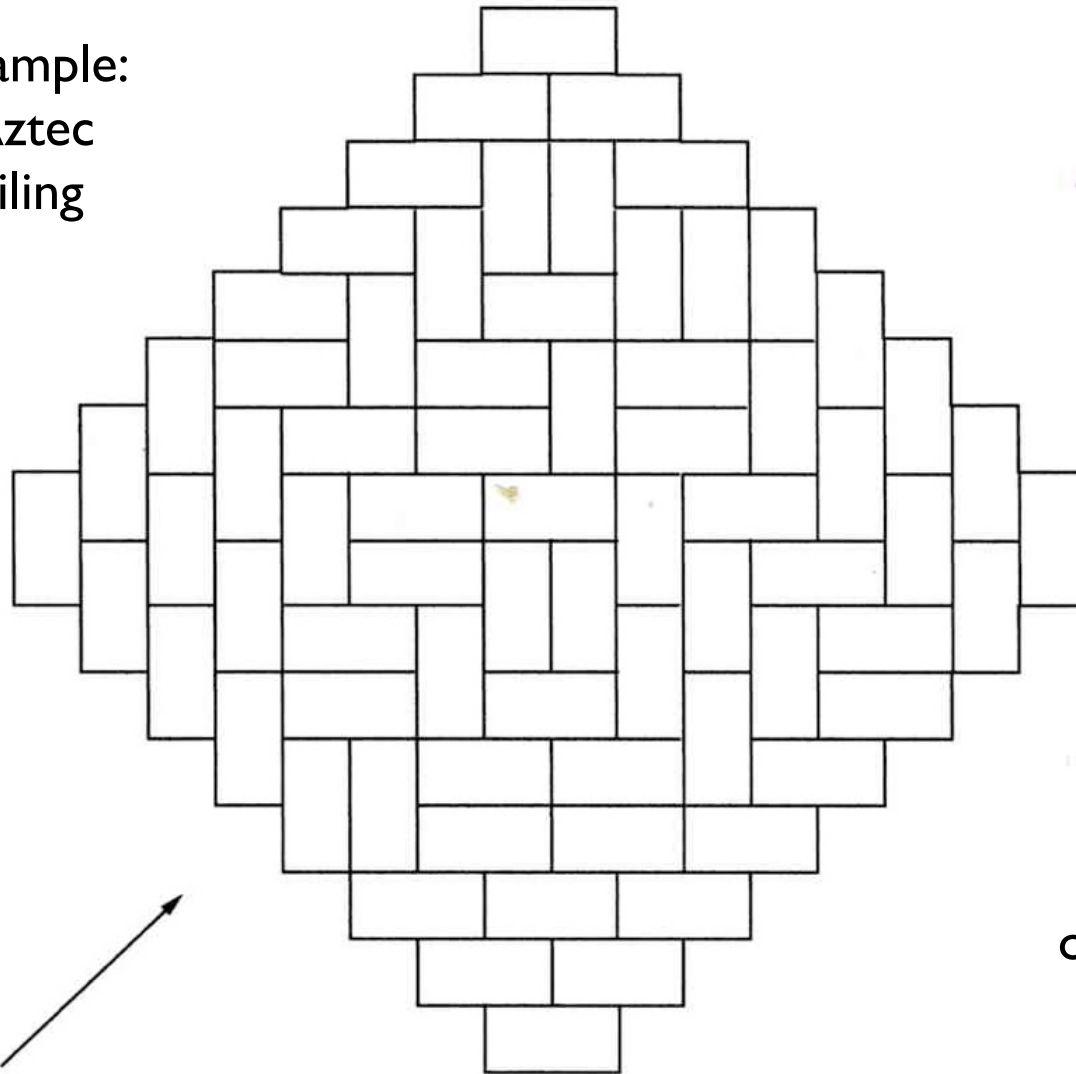
$$B A = A' B + A B'$$

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$$B' A = A B$$

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example:
Aztec
tiling



exercise:
express in term
of words in operators
the well known
formula for the
number of tilings
of the Aztec diamond

Operators for tilings of the triangular lattice

After the talk, P. Di Francesco's gave a construction of four operators for the classical tilings of the triangular lattice coding the TSSCPP and DPP (totally symmetric self-complementary plane partitions and descending plane partitions). Here is a presentation of these operators.

Operators and commutations for tilings of the triangular lattice

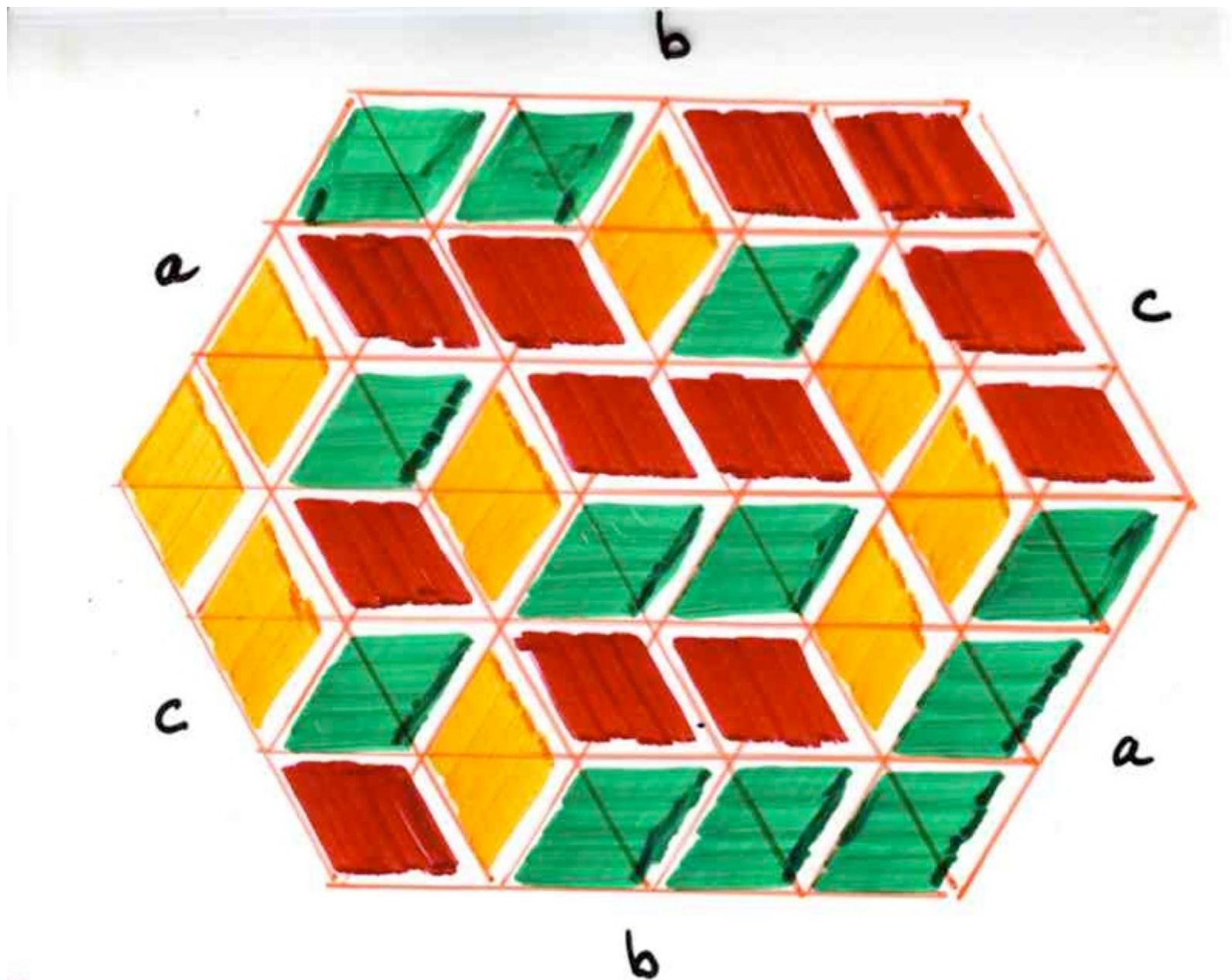
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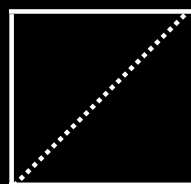
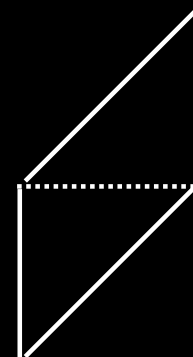
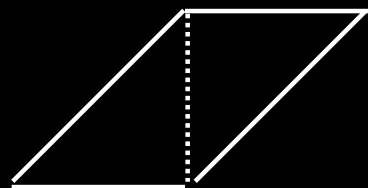
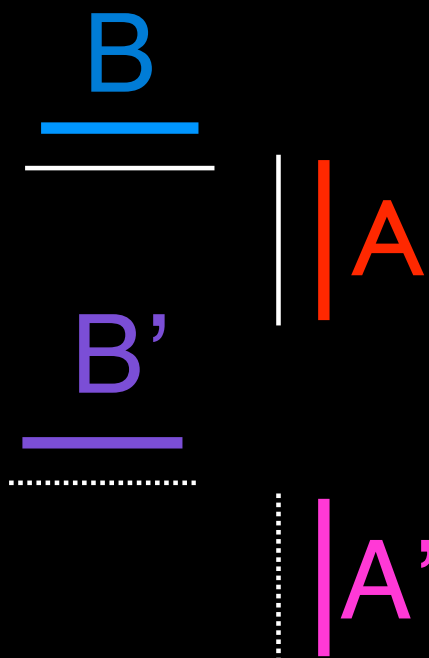
commutations

$$\begin{cases} BA = AB + A'B' \\ B'A' = AB \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} B'A = AB' \\ BA' = A'B \end{cases}$$

(same as for ASM but with $B'A' \longrightarrow A'B'$ missing !):



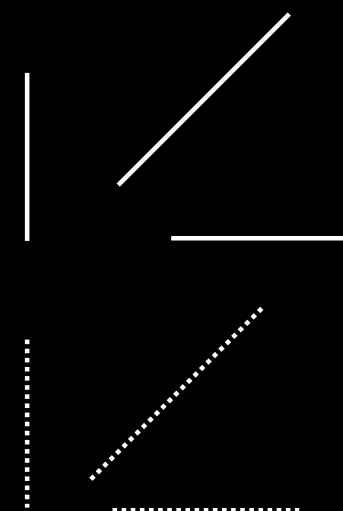


3 type of tiles

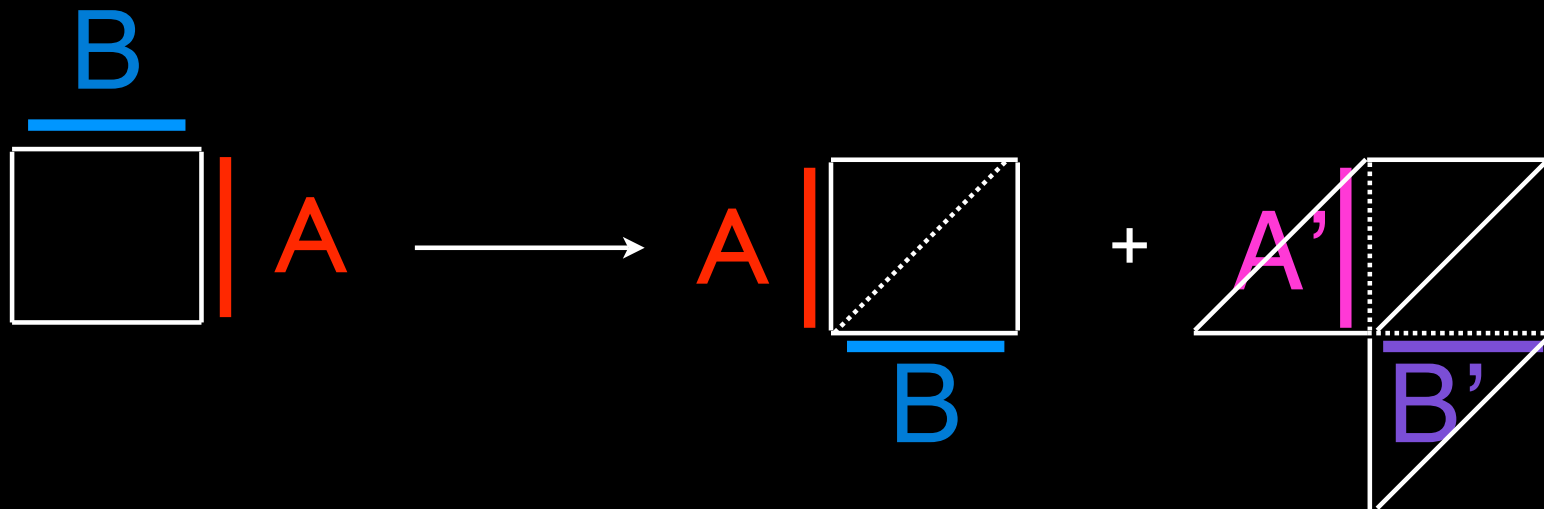
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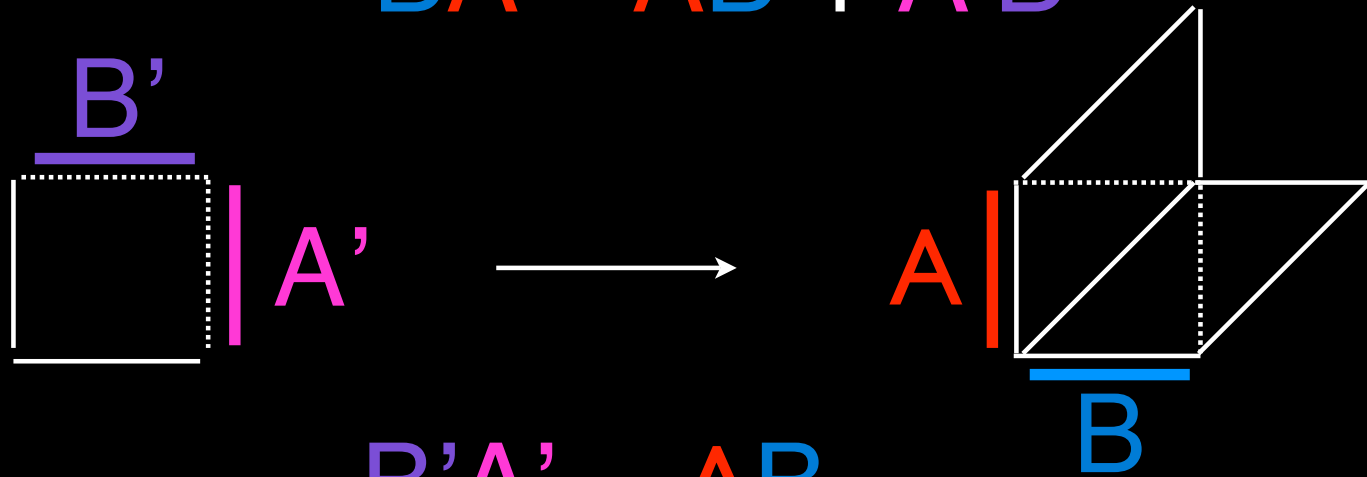
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“rewriting rules” for tilings of the triangular lattice

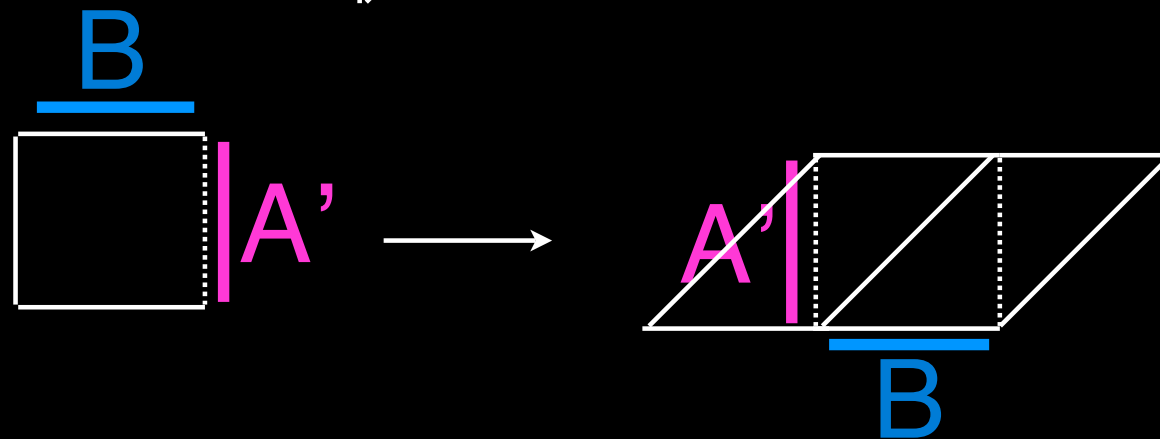
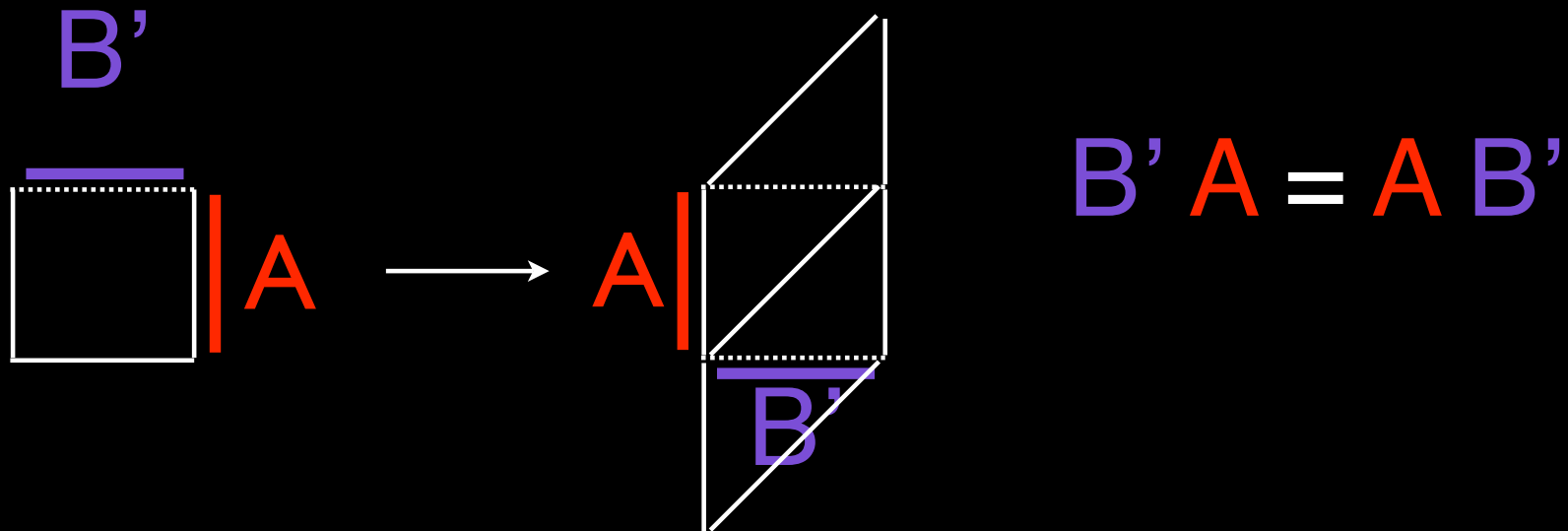


$$BA = AB + A'B'$$



$$B'A' = AB$$

“rewriting rules” for tilings of the triangular lattice



$$BA' = A'B$$

“rewriting rules” for tilings of the triangular lattice

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$$B'A' = AB$$

$$B'A = AB'$$

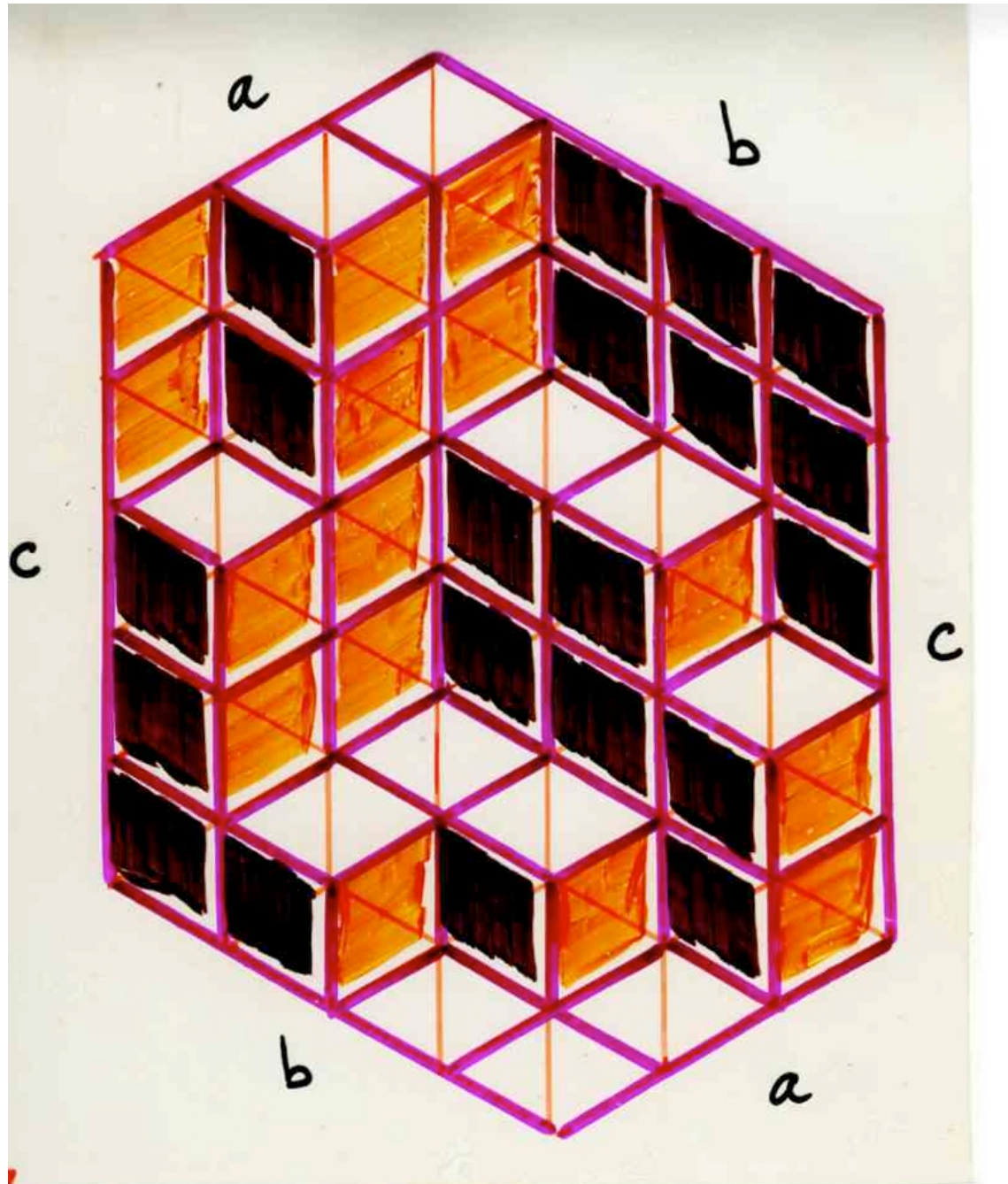
$$BA' = A'B$$

same as for ASM , except the rewriting rule

$$B'A' \longrightarrow A'B' \text{ is forbidden}$$

example:
plane
partitions
in a box

(MacMahon
formula)



Many examples of enumeration of **tilings** in a **triangular lattice** can be rewritten using these four **operators** **A**, **B**, **A'**, **B'**

a simple example:

Prop. The number of **plane partitions** in a box $k \times l \times m$ is the coefficient of the word

$$(\text{A}')^k \text{A}^m \text{B}^l (\text{B}')^k$$

when rewriting the word $\text{B}^{k+l} \text{A}^{m+k}$

according to the **rewriting rules**

$$\text{BA} \longrightarrow \text{AB} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{A'B'}$$

$$\text{B'A'} \longrightarrow \text{AB}$$

$$\text{BA'} \longrightarrow \text{A'B}$$

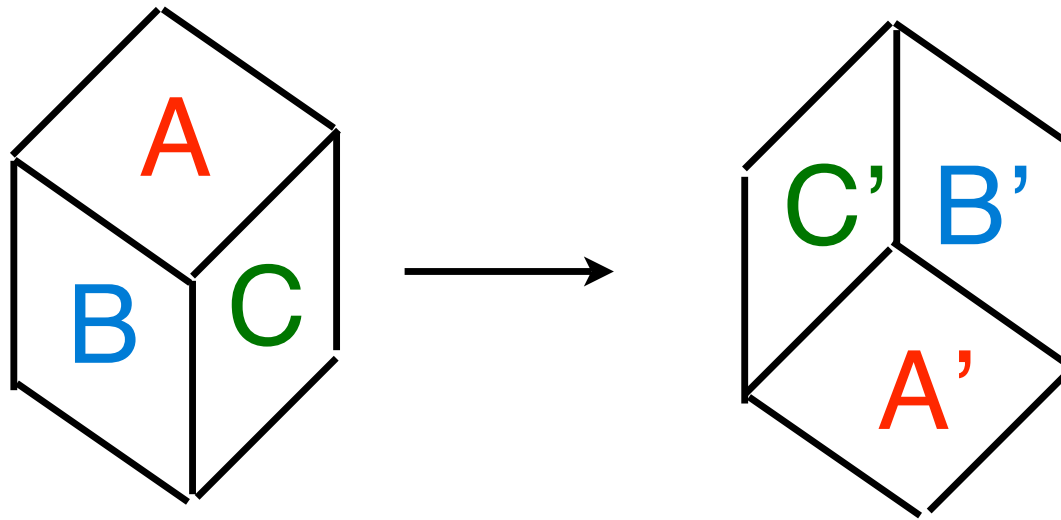
$$\text{B'A} \longrightarrow \text{AB'}$$

question:

proof of the MacMahon formula (for $q=1$) with this algebraic approach ?

Remark:

In order to get the parameter q (number of boxes of the 3D diagram), one should consider “3D rewriting rules”, of the type:



this would lead to a 3D “cellular ansatz”

Yang-Baxter operators or equation is an example

Complements

local RSK and geometric RSK

(the geometric construction with “light” and “shadow” for RSK
leads to a simple proof of the fact that RSK and the “local rules”
gives the same bijection)

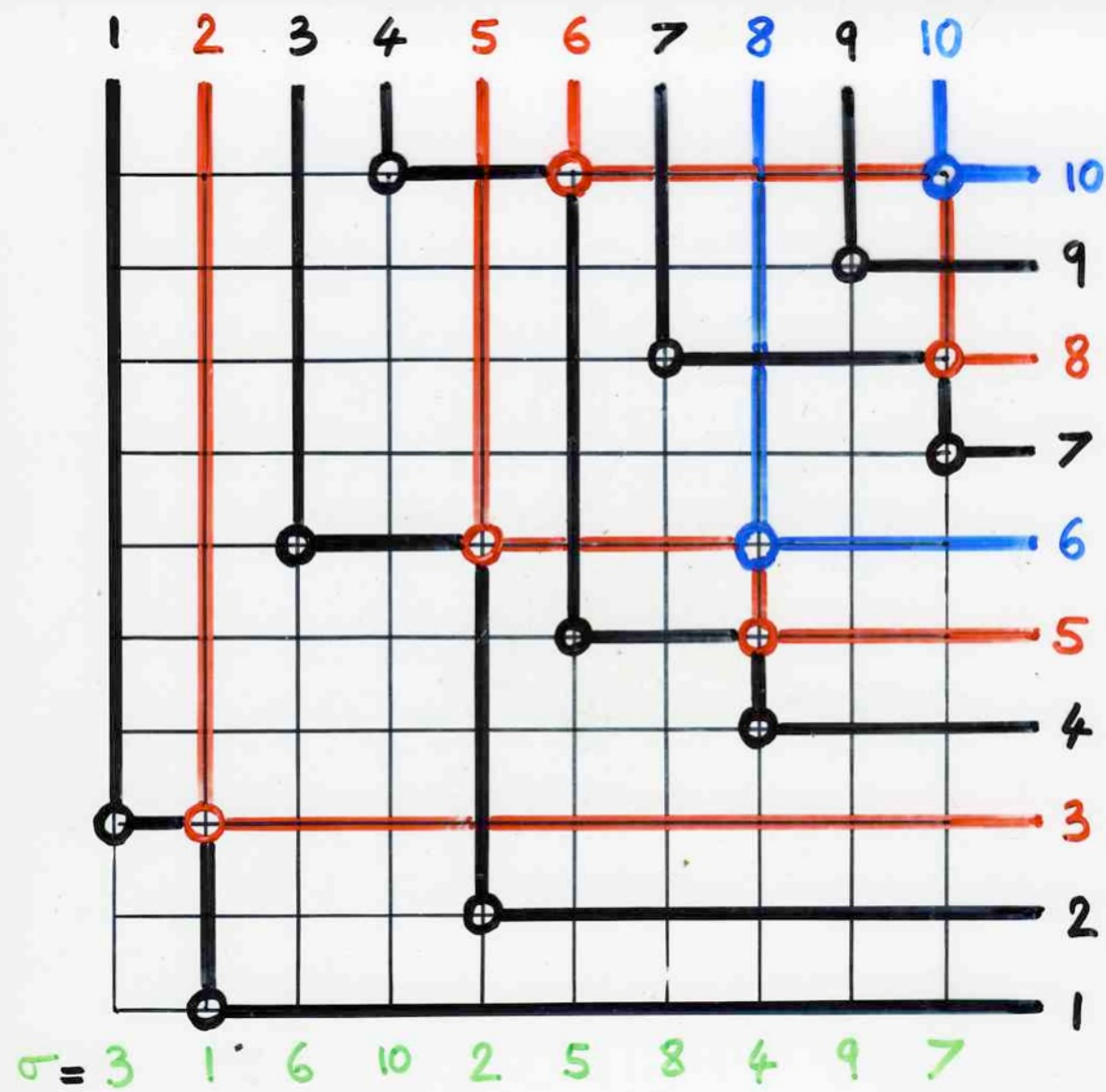
For a more complete introduction to RSK and Fomin’s local rules,
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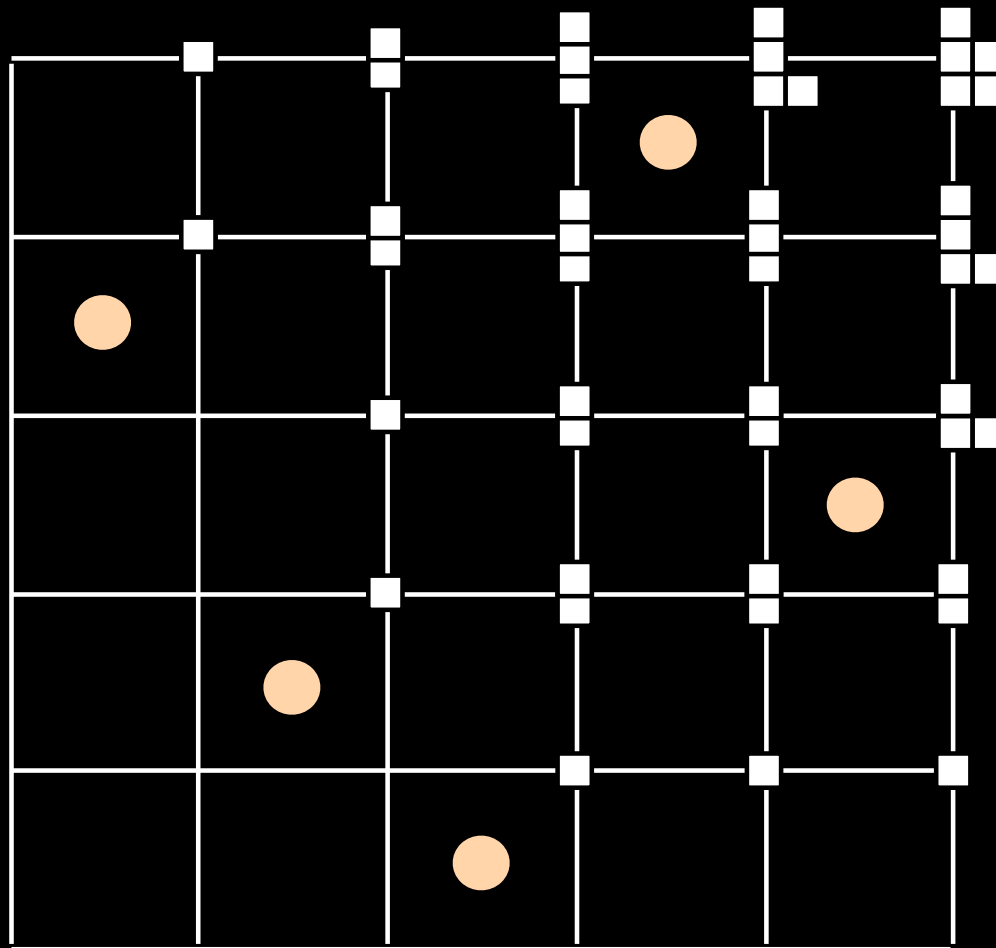
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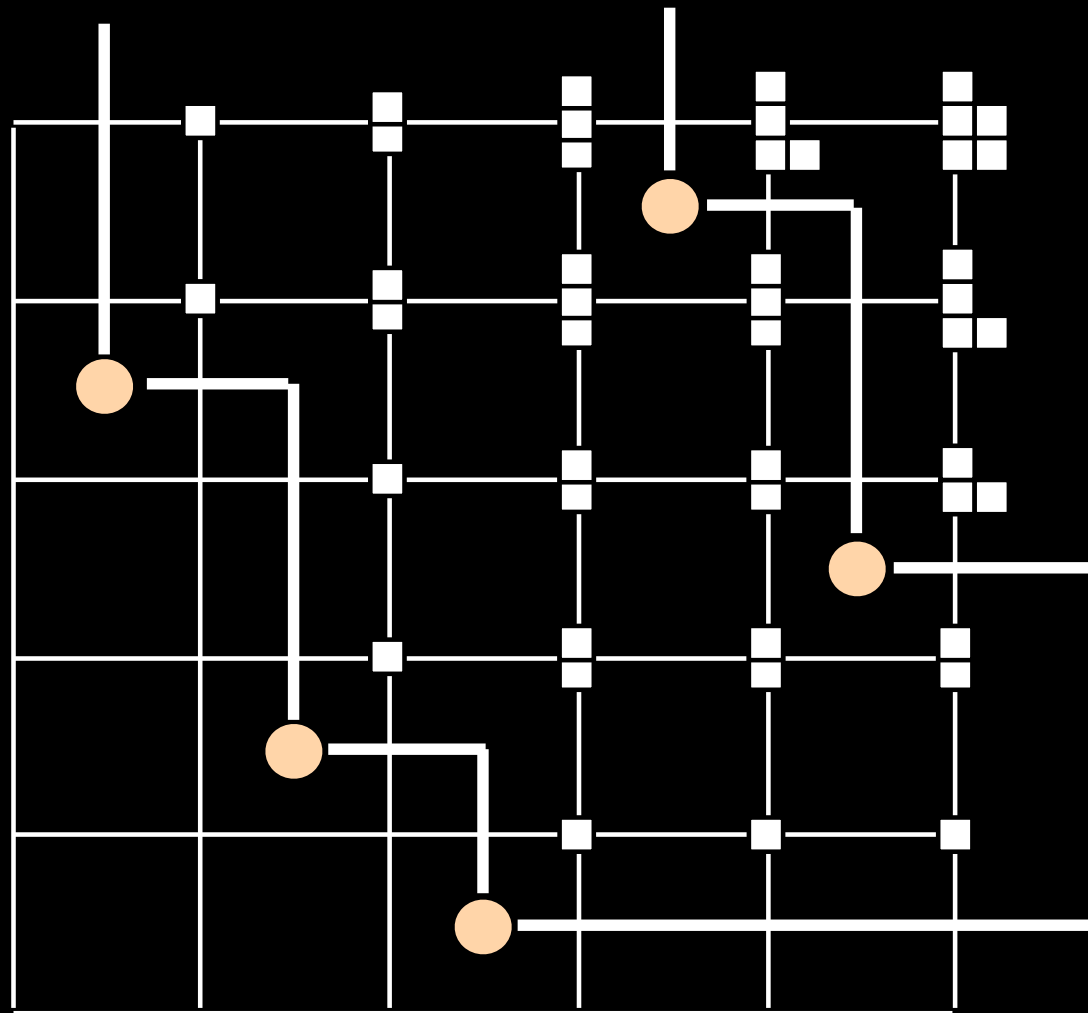
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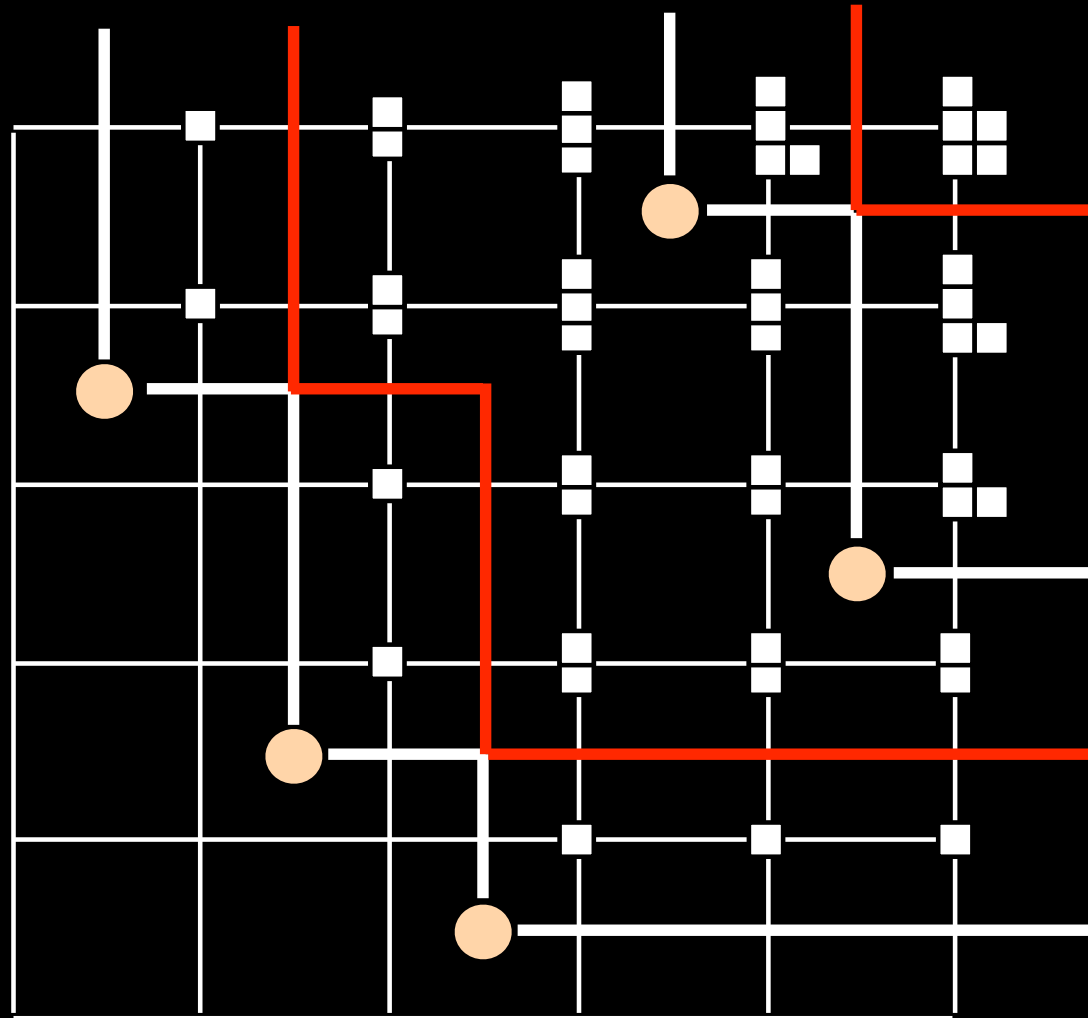
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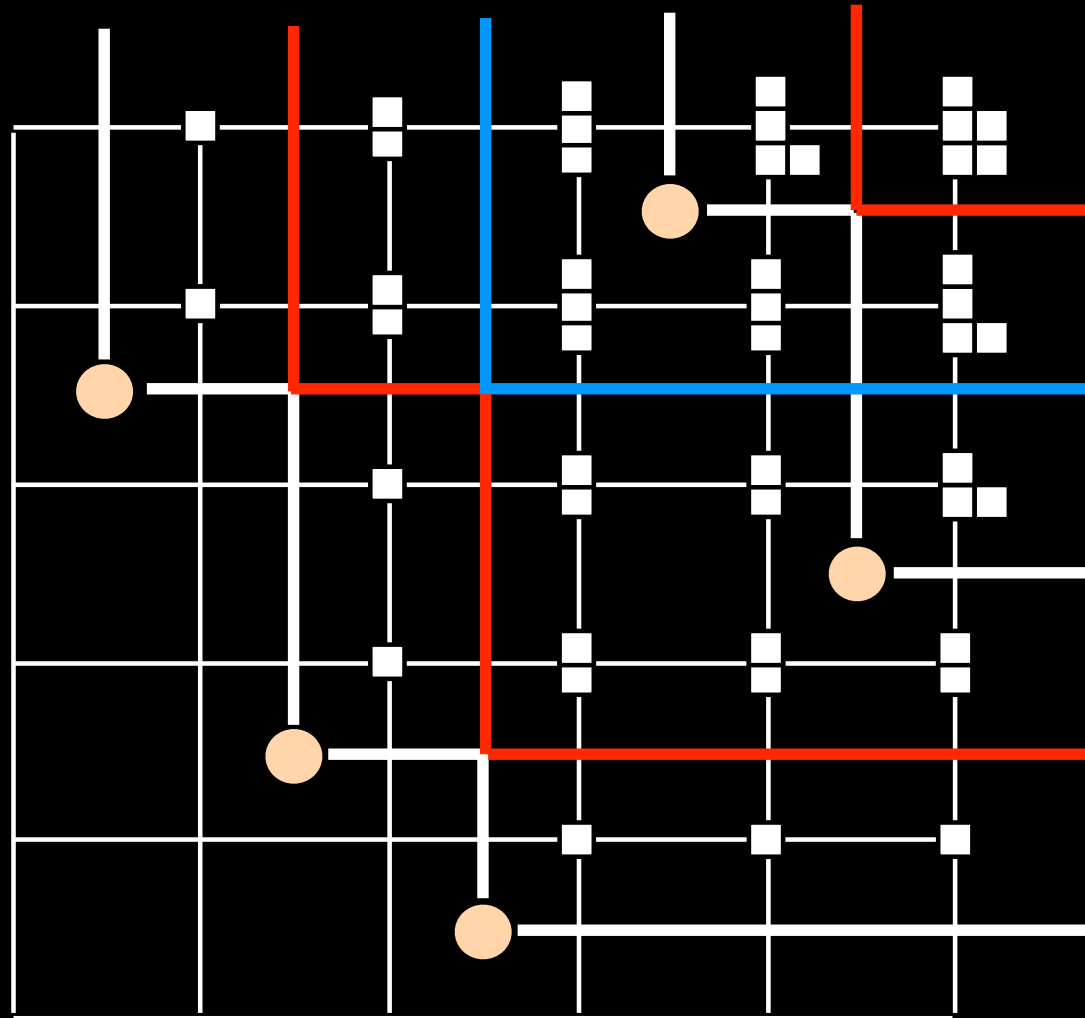


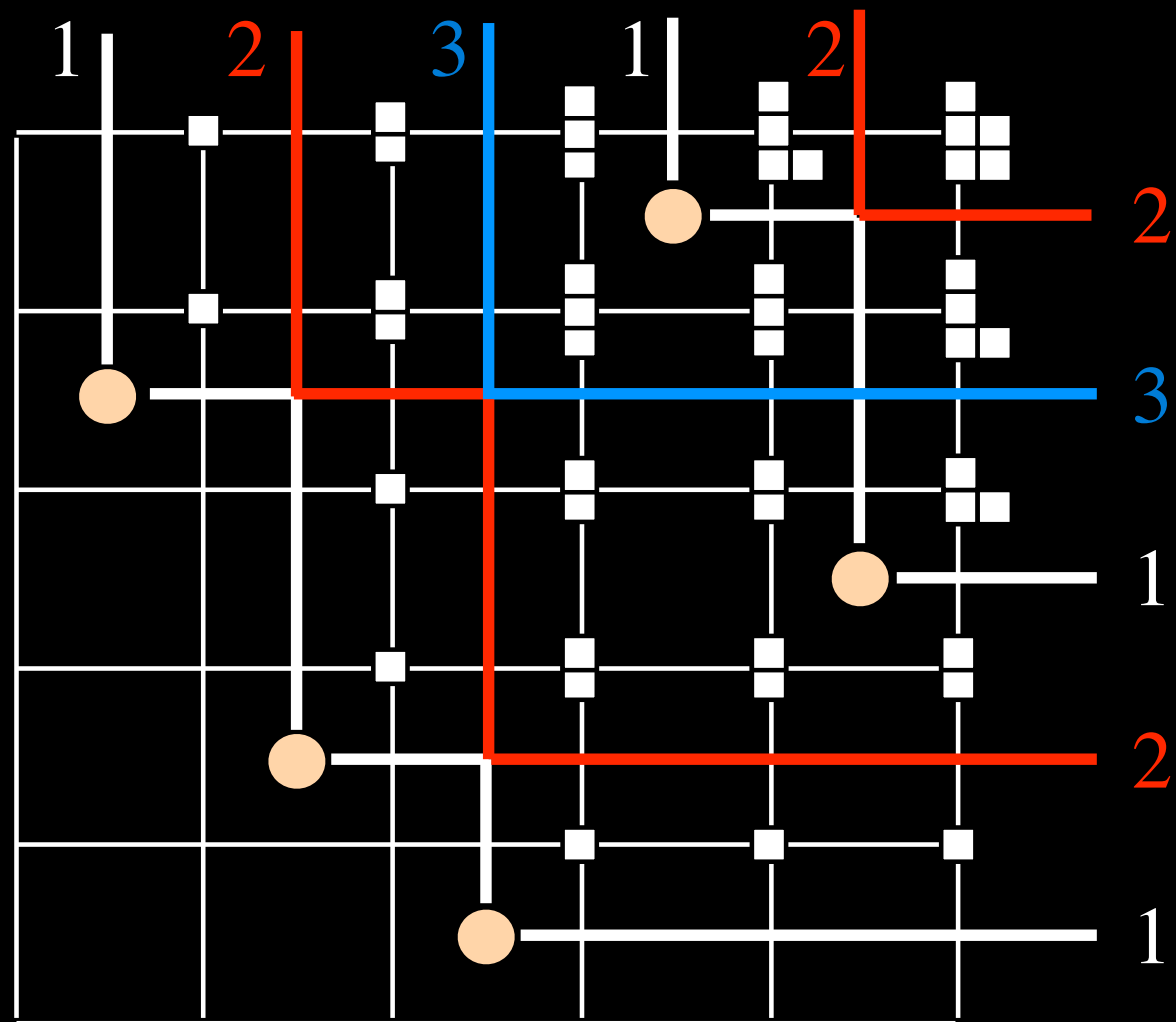


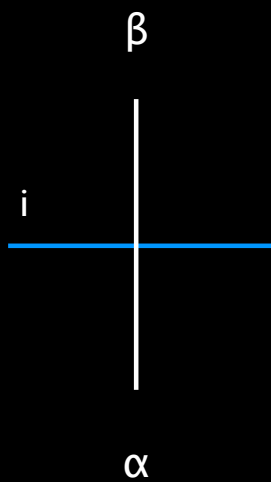
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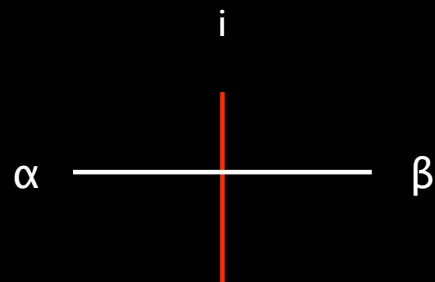


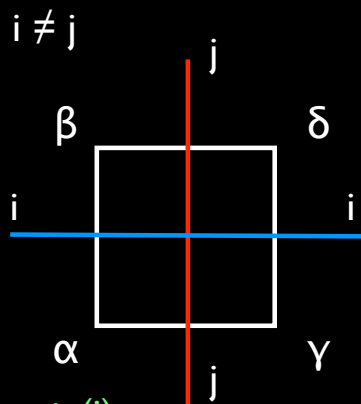




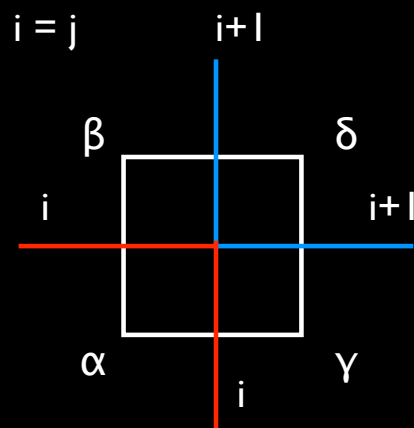


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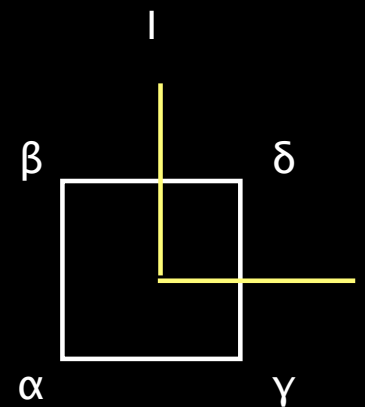




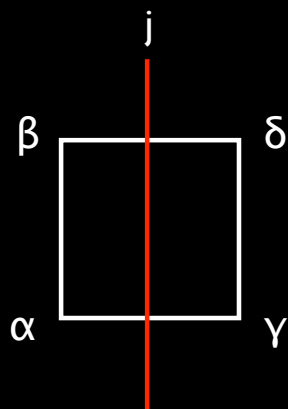
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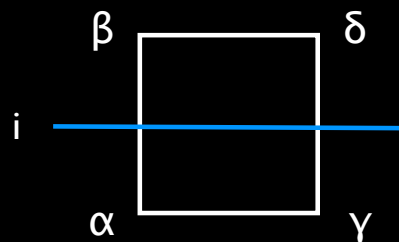
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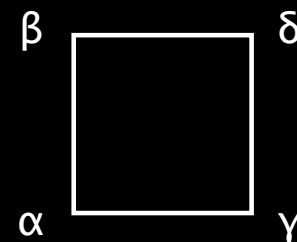
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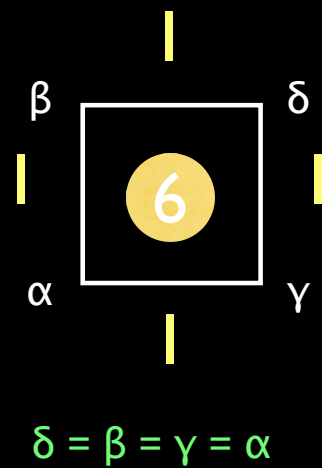
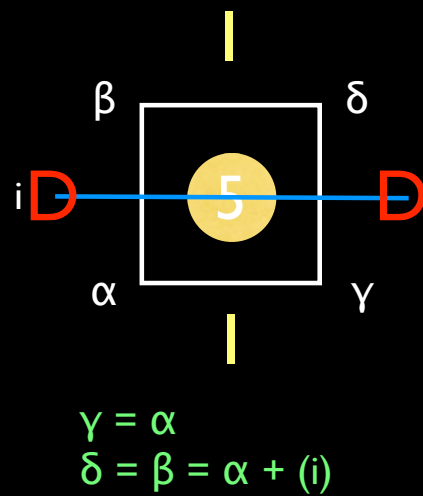
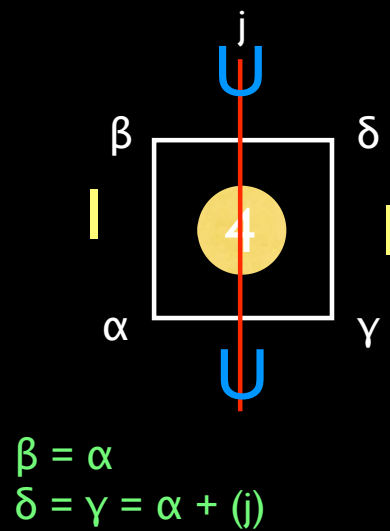
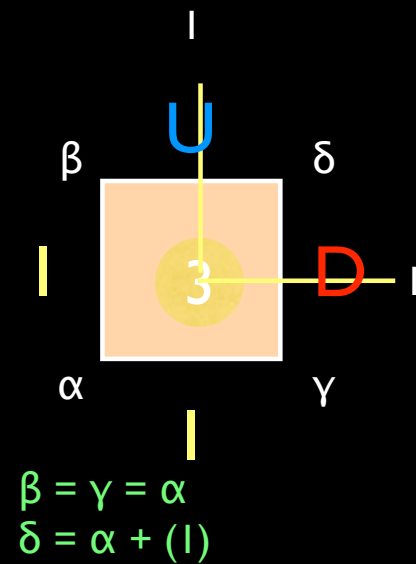
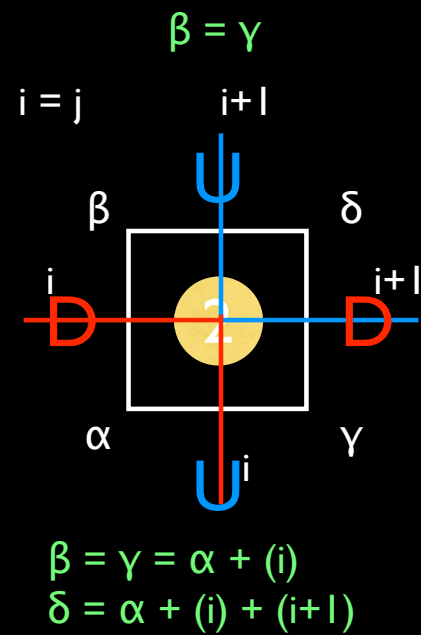
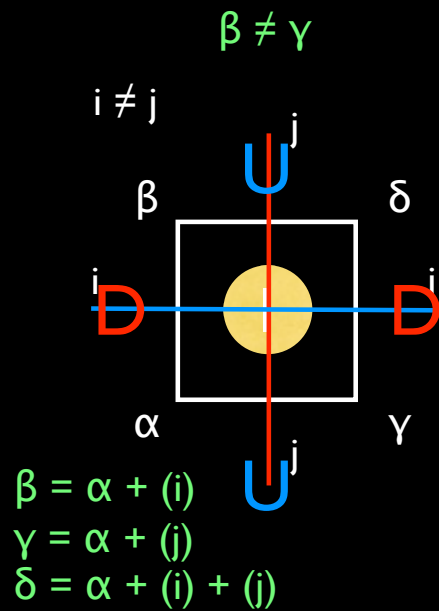
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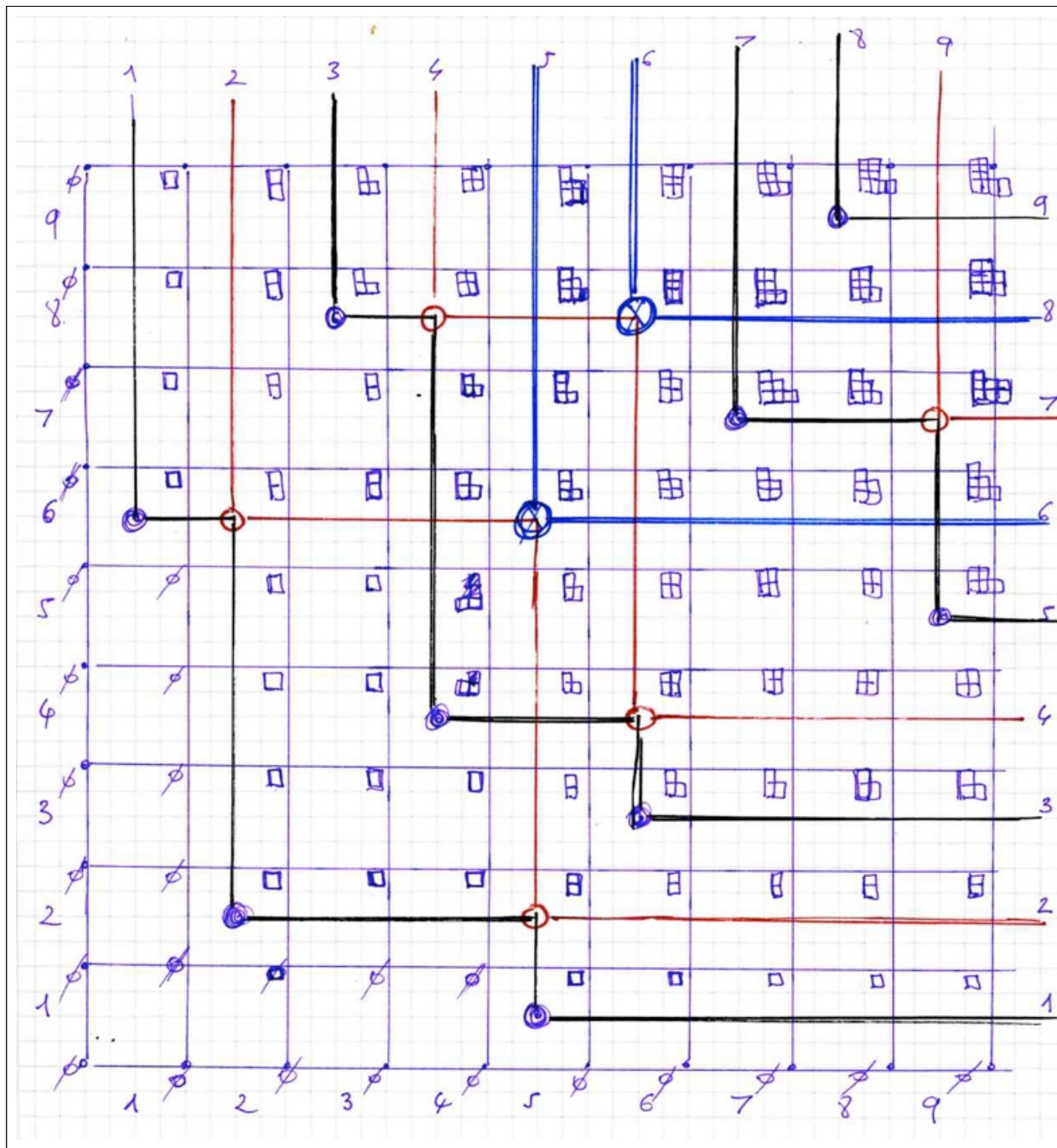


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$$\delta = \beta = \gamma = \alpha$$





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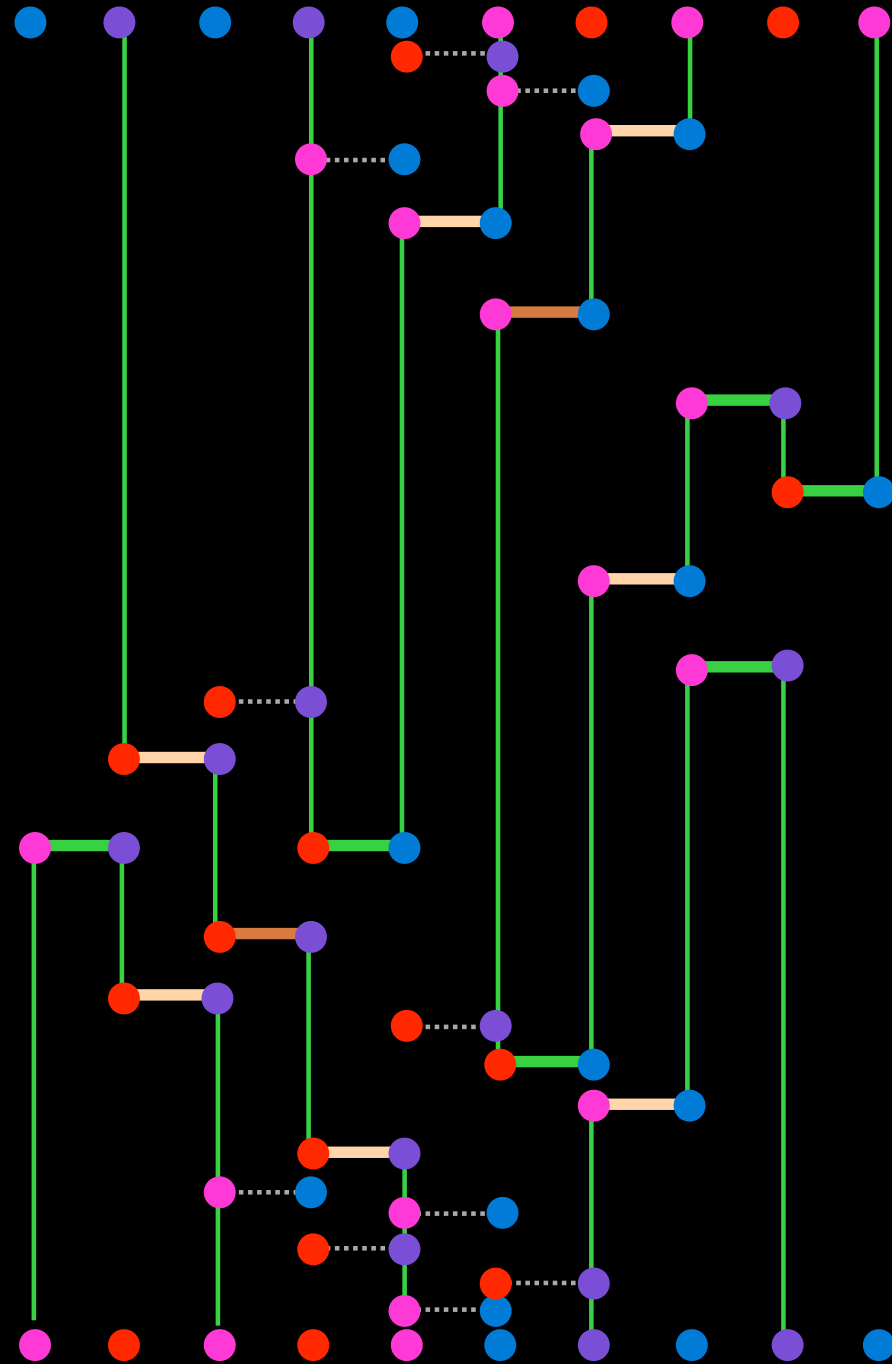
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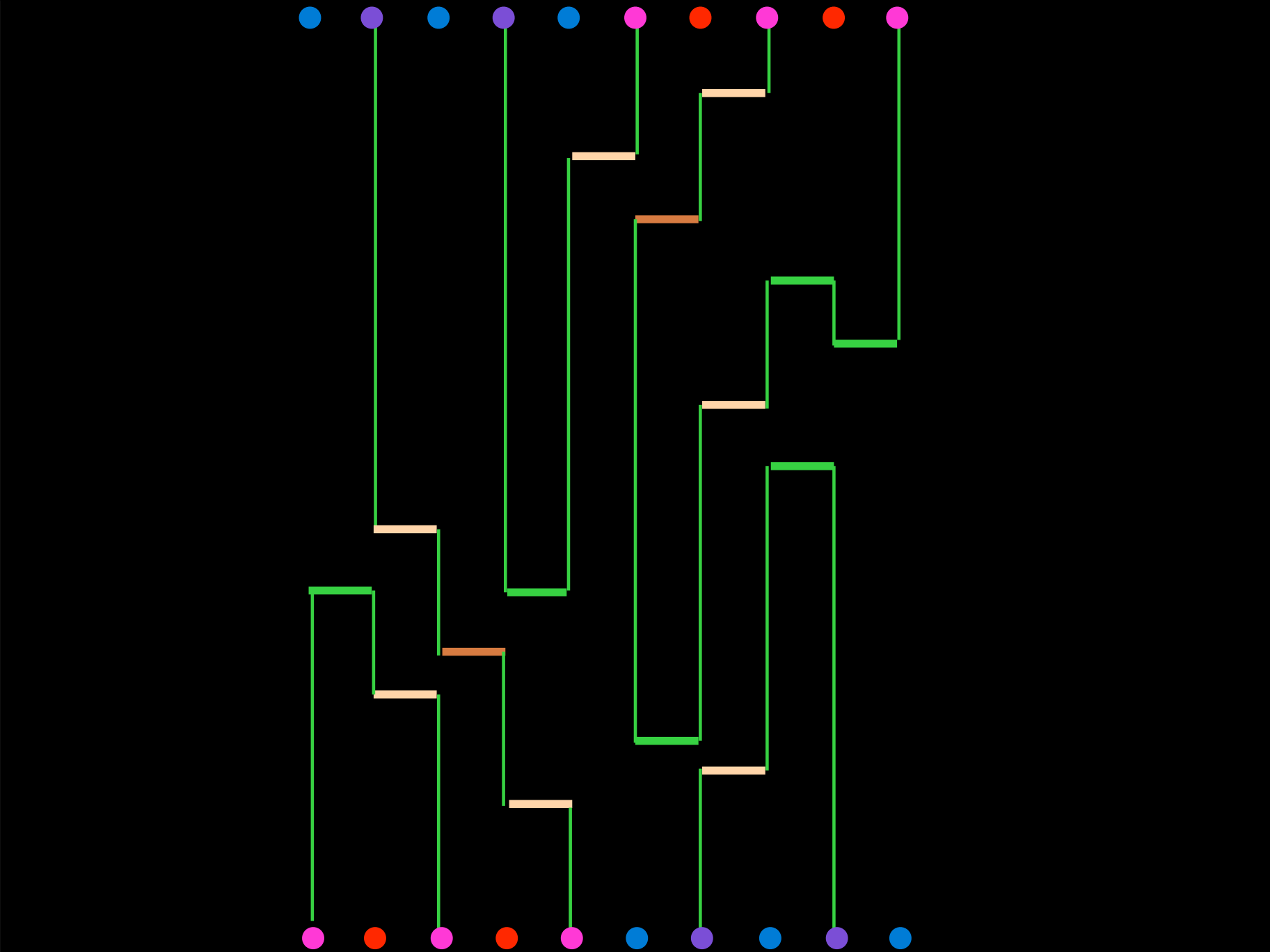
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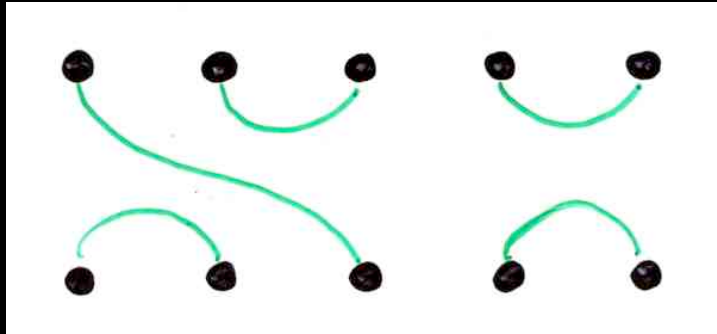
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Temperley-Lieb algebra
and
decorated heaps of dimers

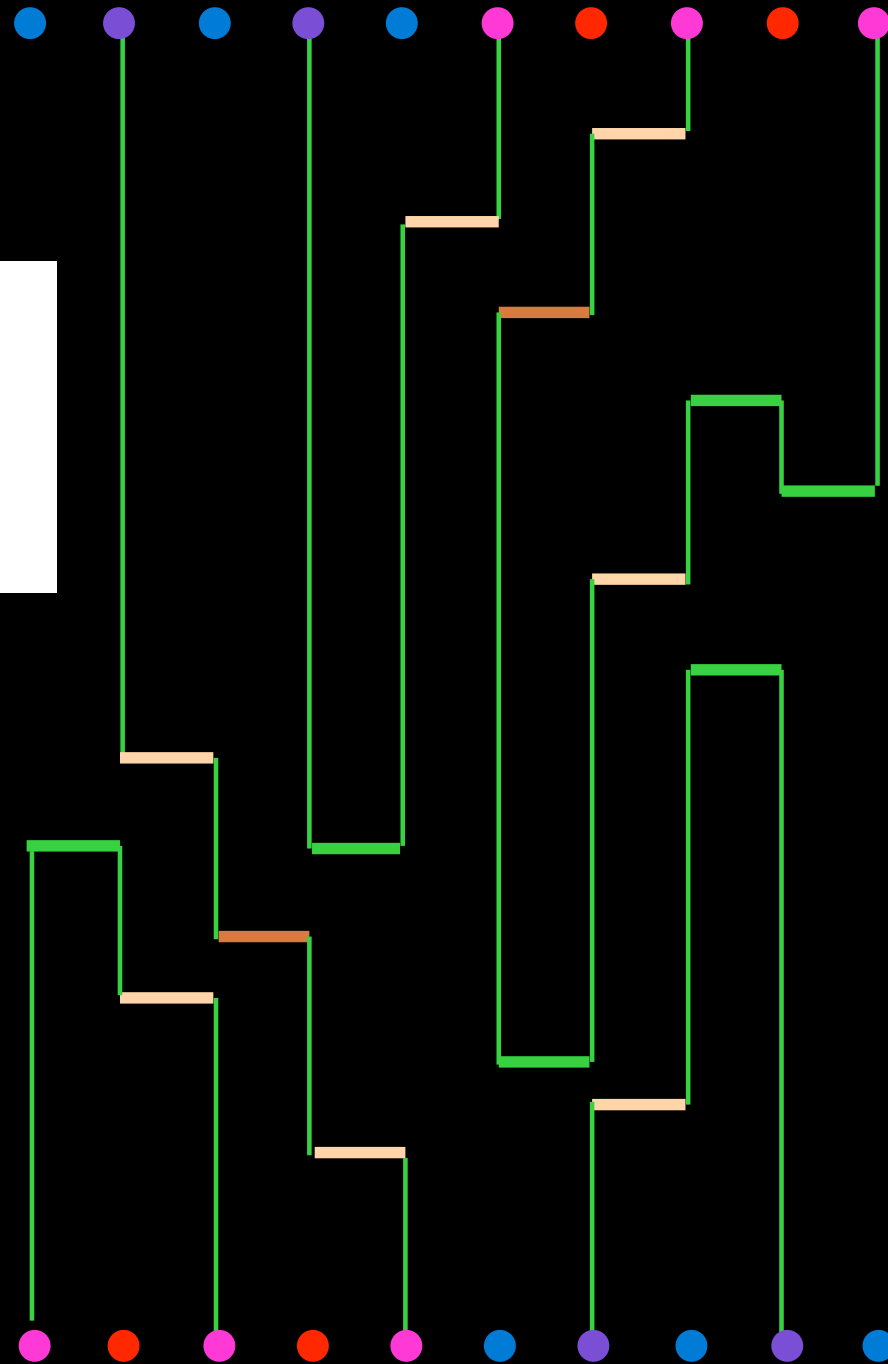
“decorated
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in bijection
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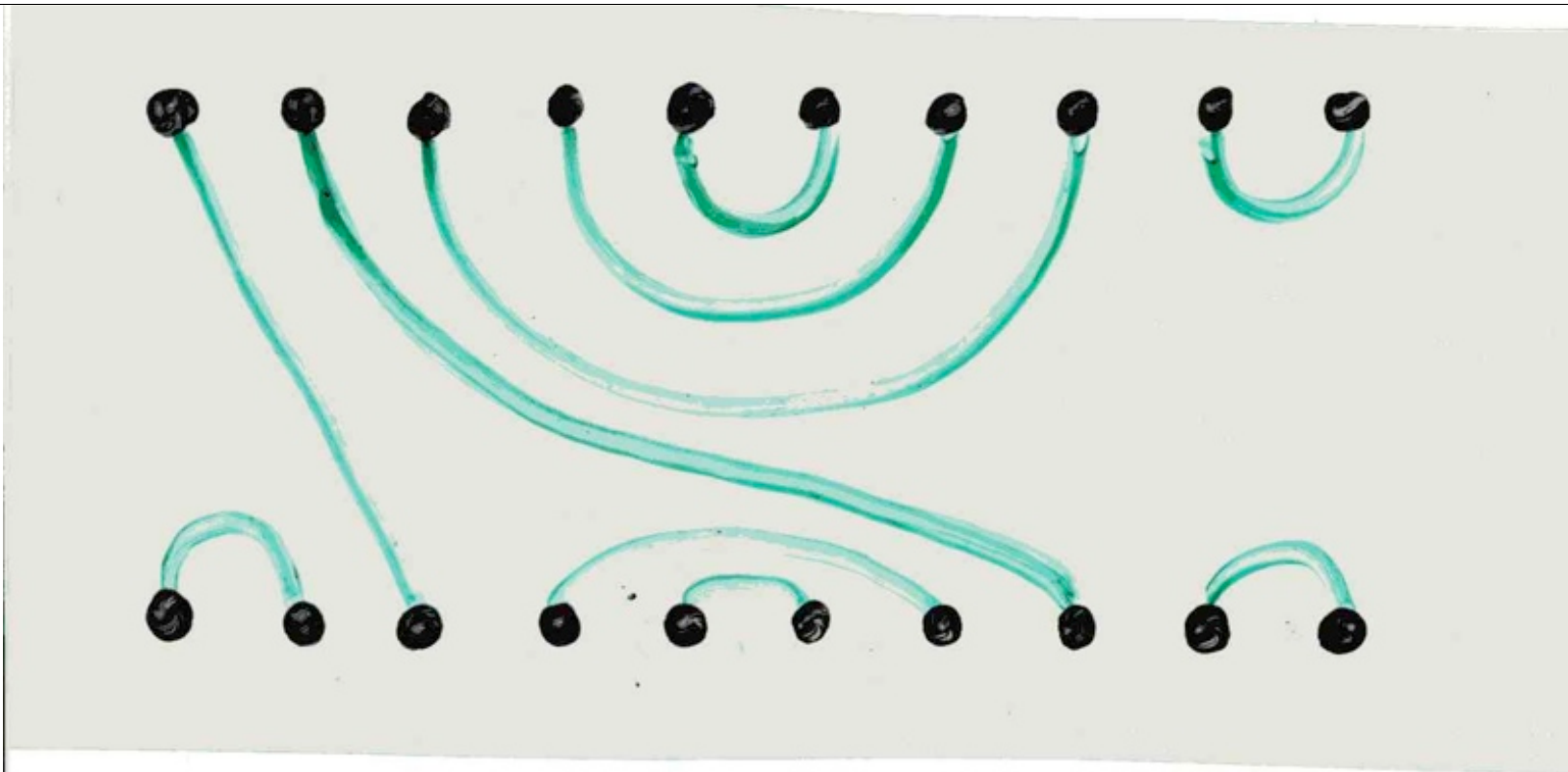




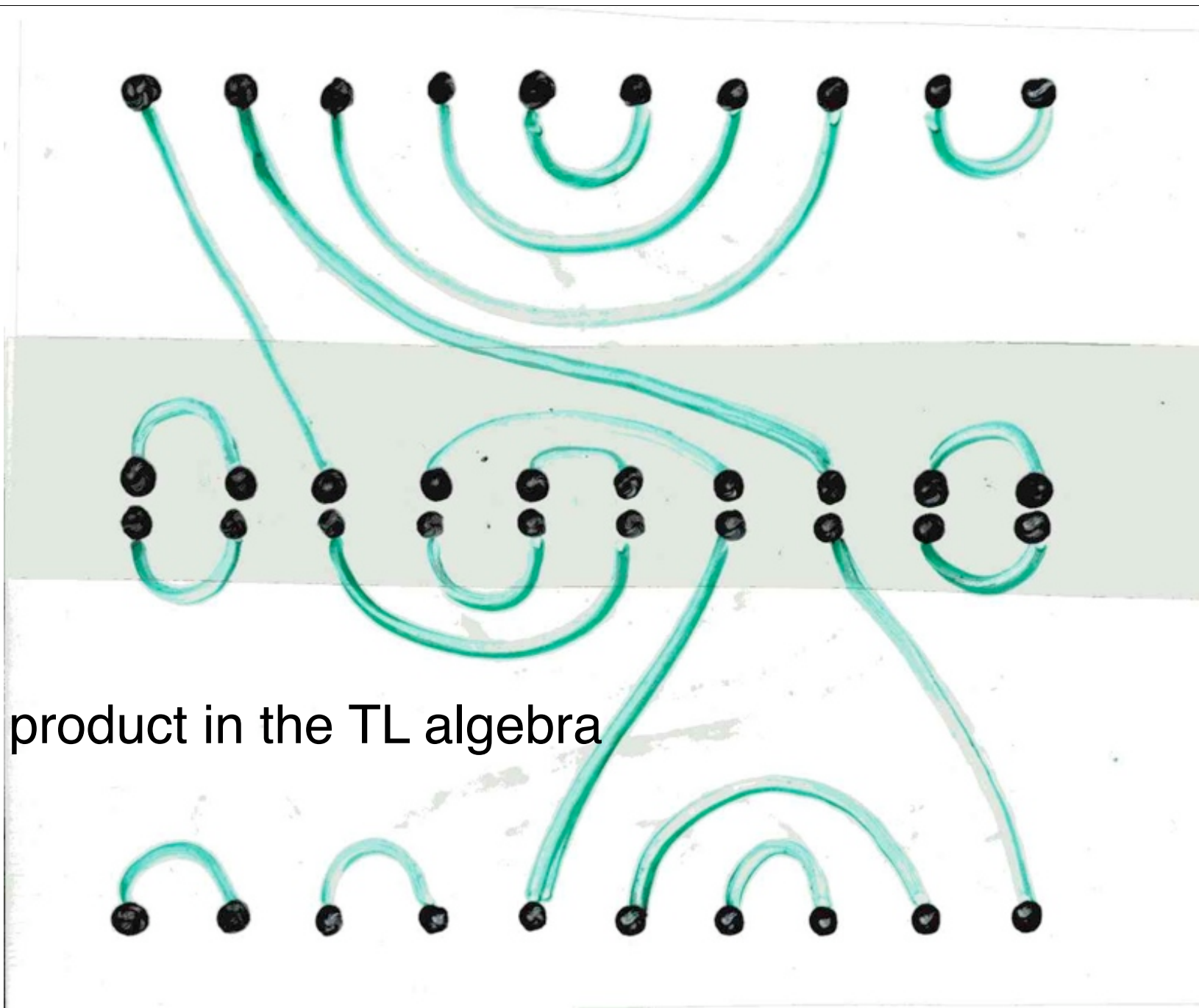


From
“decorated
heaps of
dimers” to
element of
the
Temperley-
Lieb algebra





An element of the TL algebra



Temperley-Lieb algebra

$TL_n(\beta)$

generators
 $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}\}$

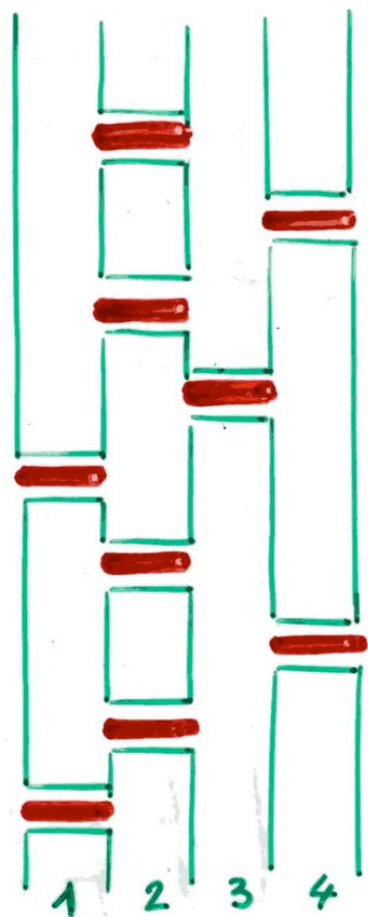
(i) $e_i e_j = e_j e_i \quad |i-j| \geq 2$

(ii) $e_i^2 = \beta e_i$

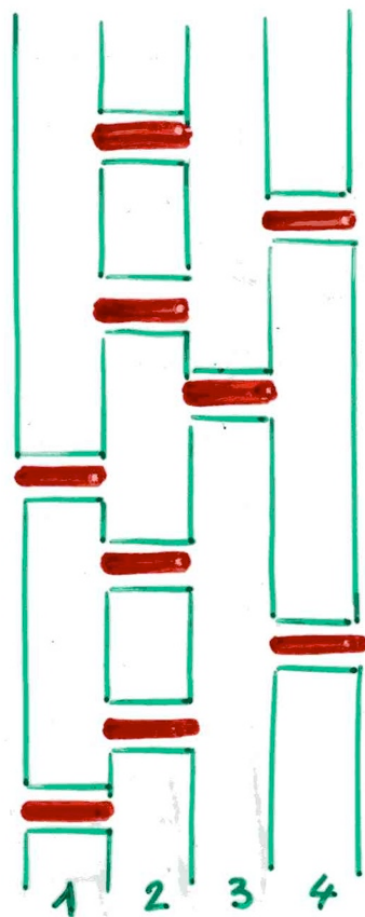
(iii) $\begin{cases} e_i e_{i+1} e_i = e_i \\ e_{i+1} e_i e_{i+1} = e_{i+1} \end{cases}$

β scalar

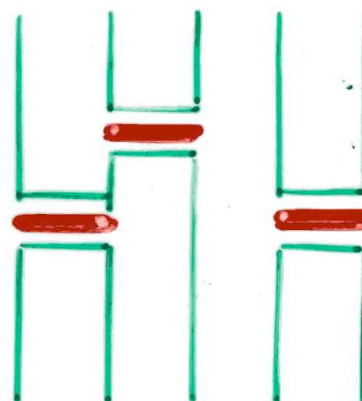
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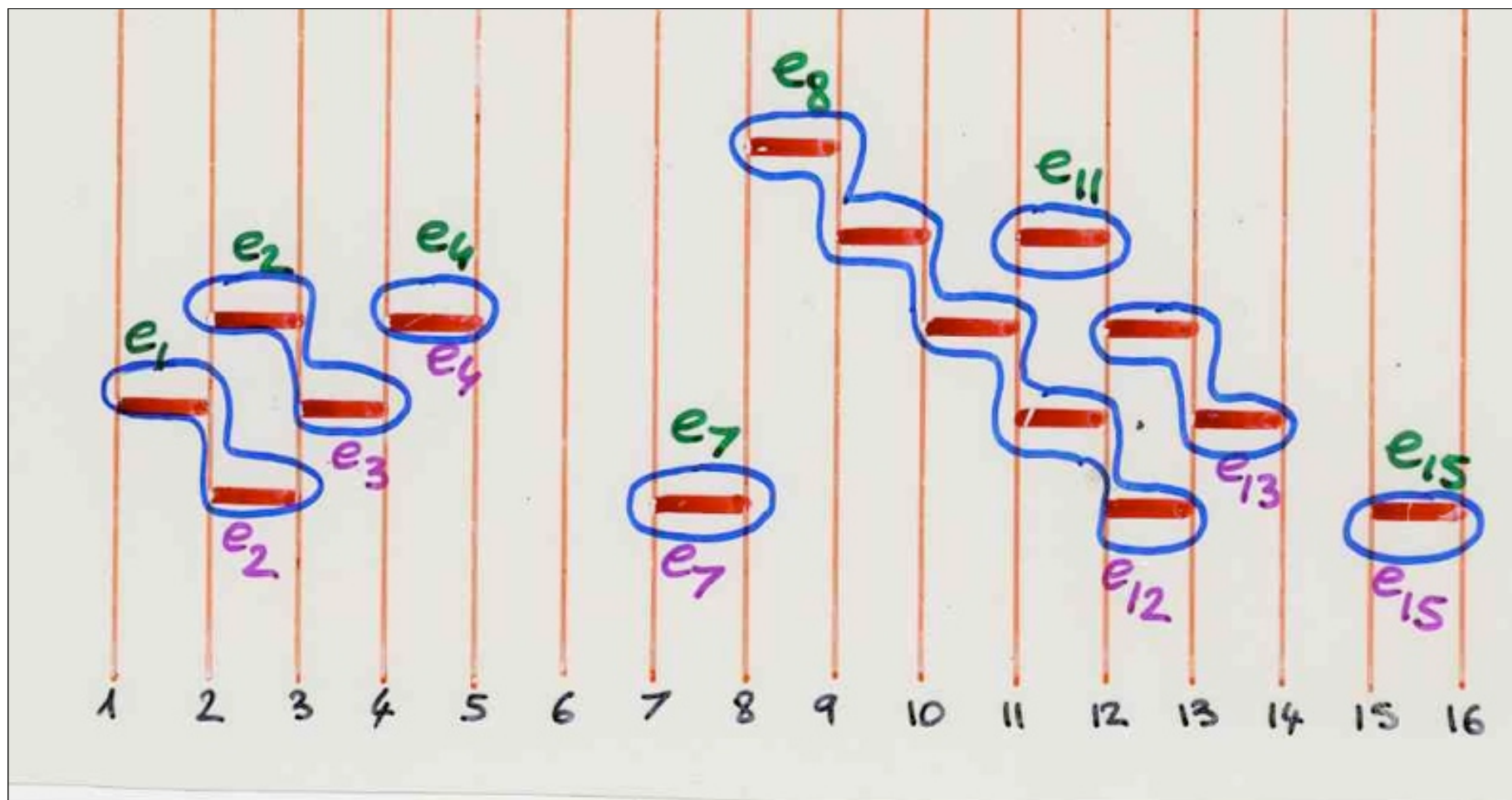


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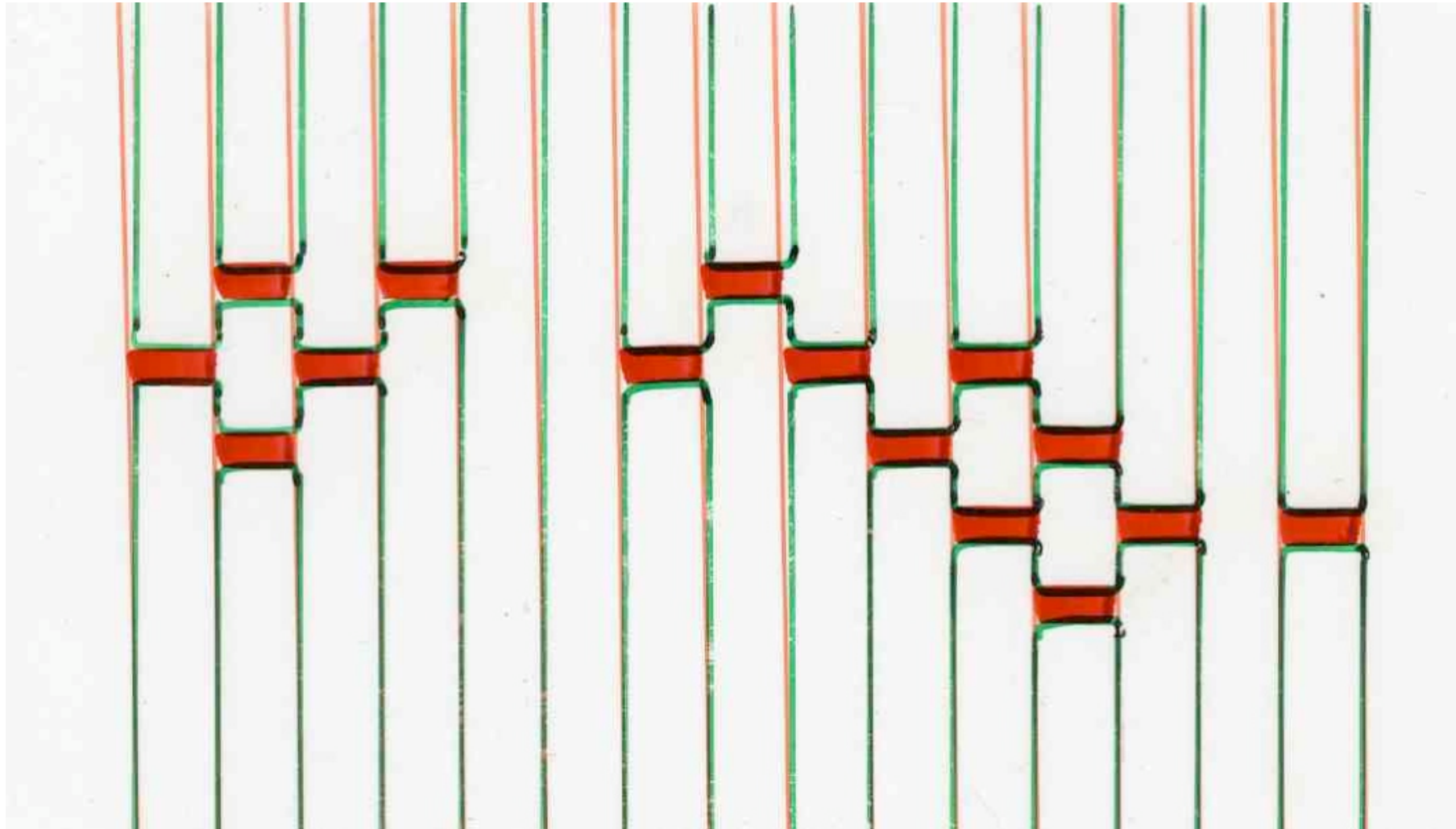
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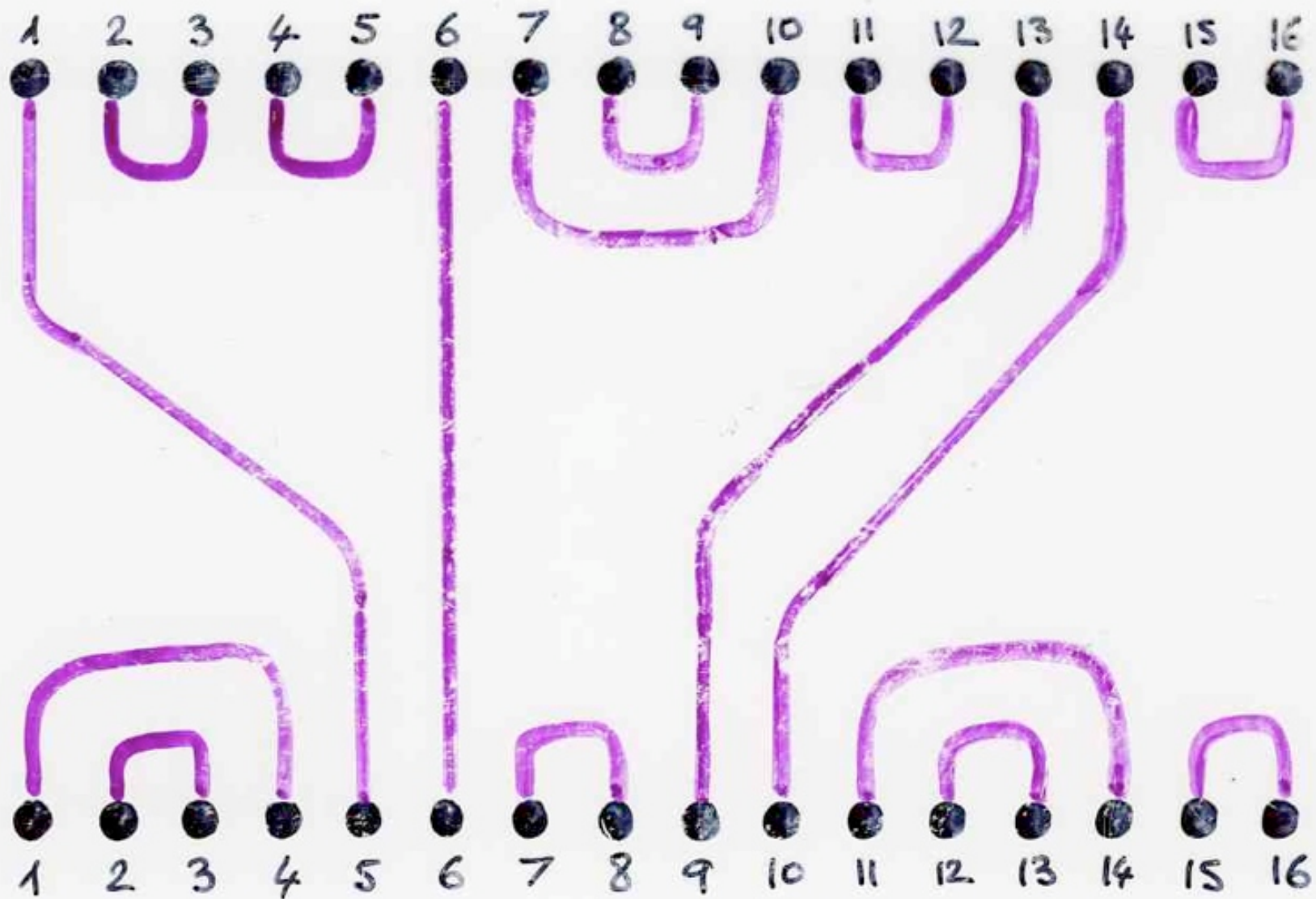


An element of the basis of the Temperley-Lieb algebra

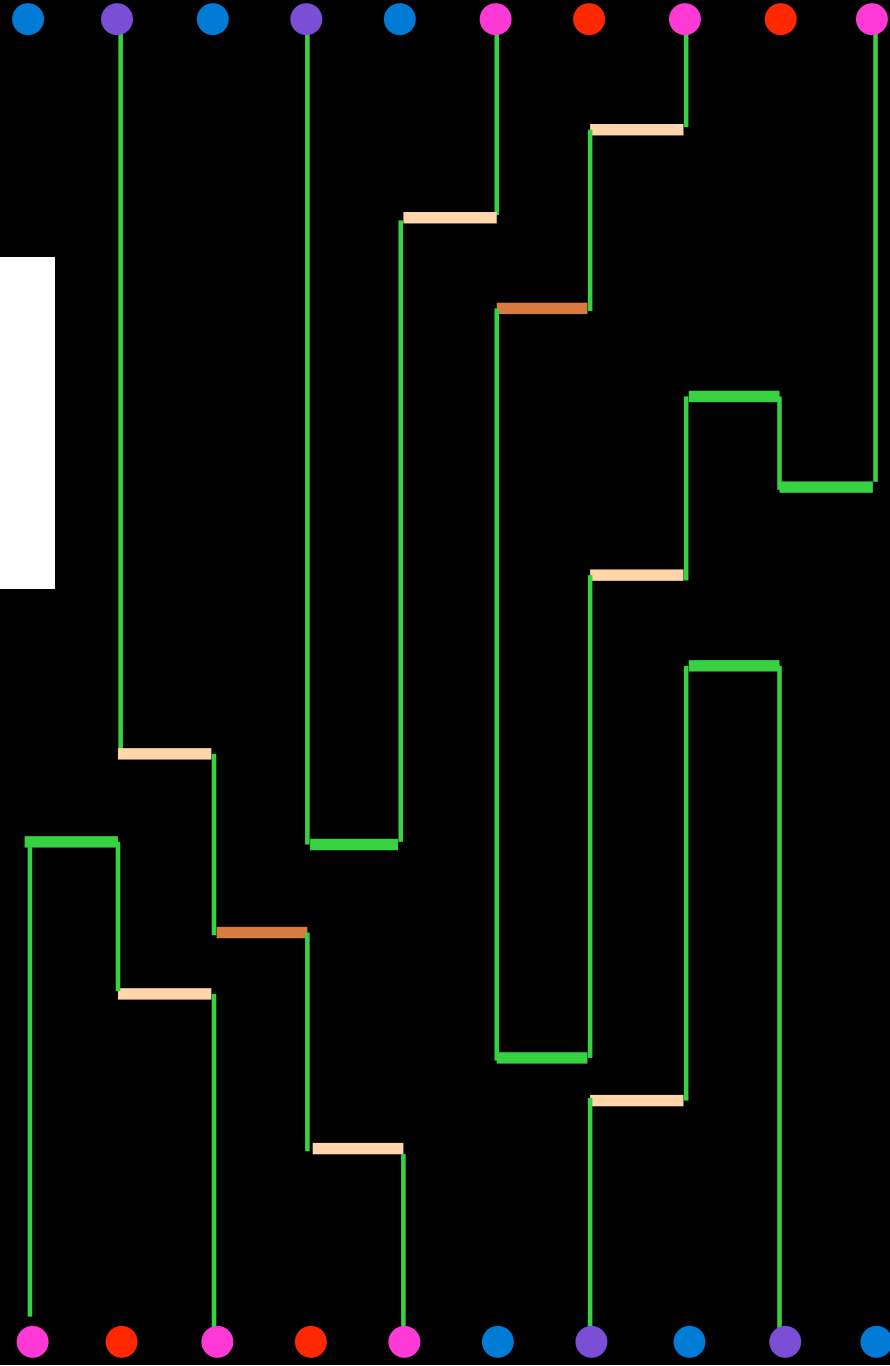
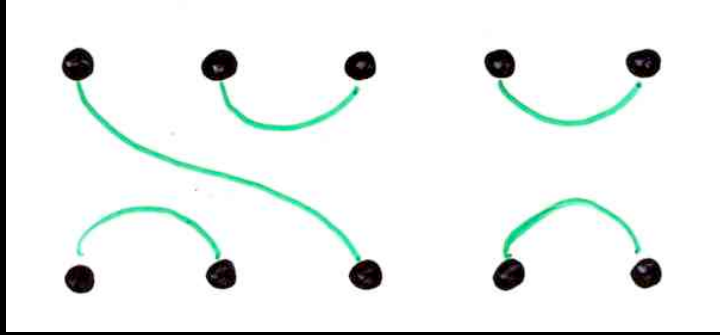
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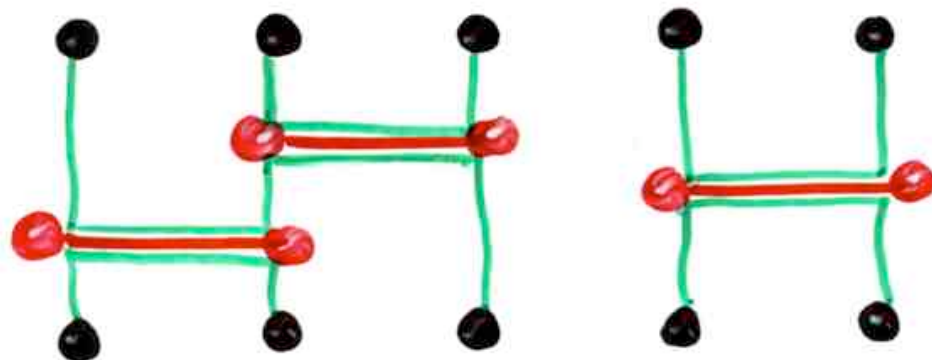
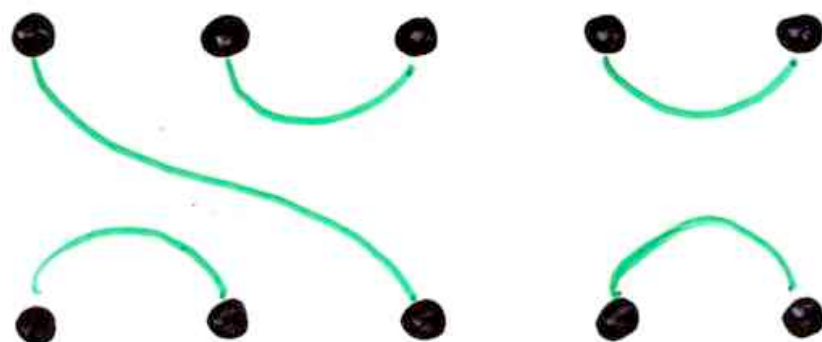


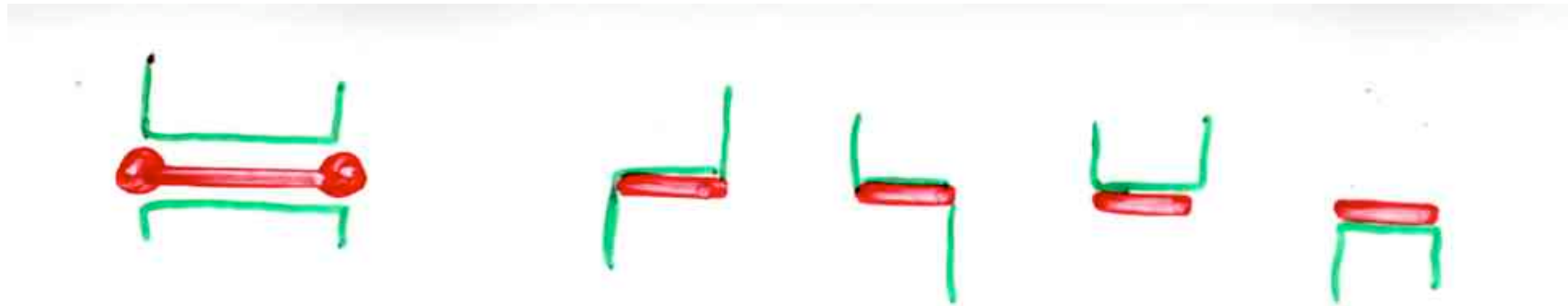
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“big dimers” and small “dimers”

“contraction”
of
heap of dimers

May be it can be useful to study the map sending FPL on
the “decorated” heaps of (small) dimers.

Here are example of situations with some bijections between
heaps of “big” dimers and heaps of “small” dimers
(1 big dimer = 2 small dimers)

Contraction in heaps
of dimers

from "big" dimers
to "small" dimers

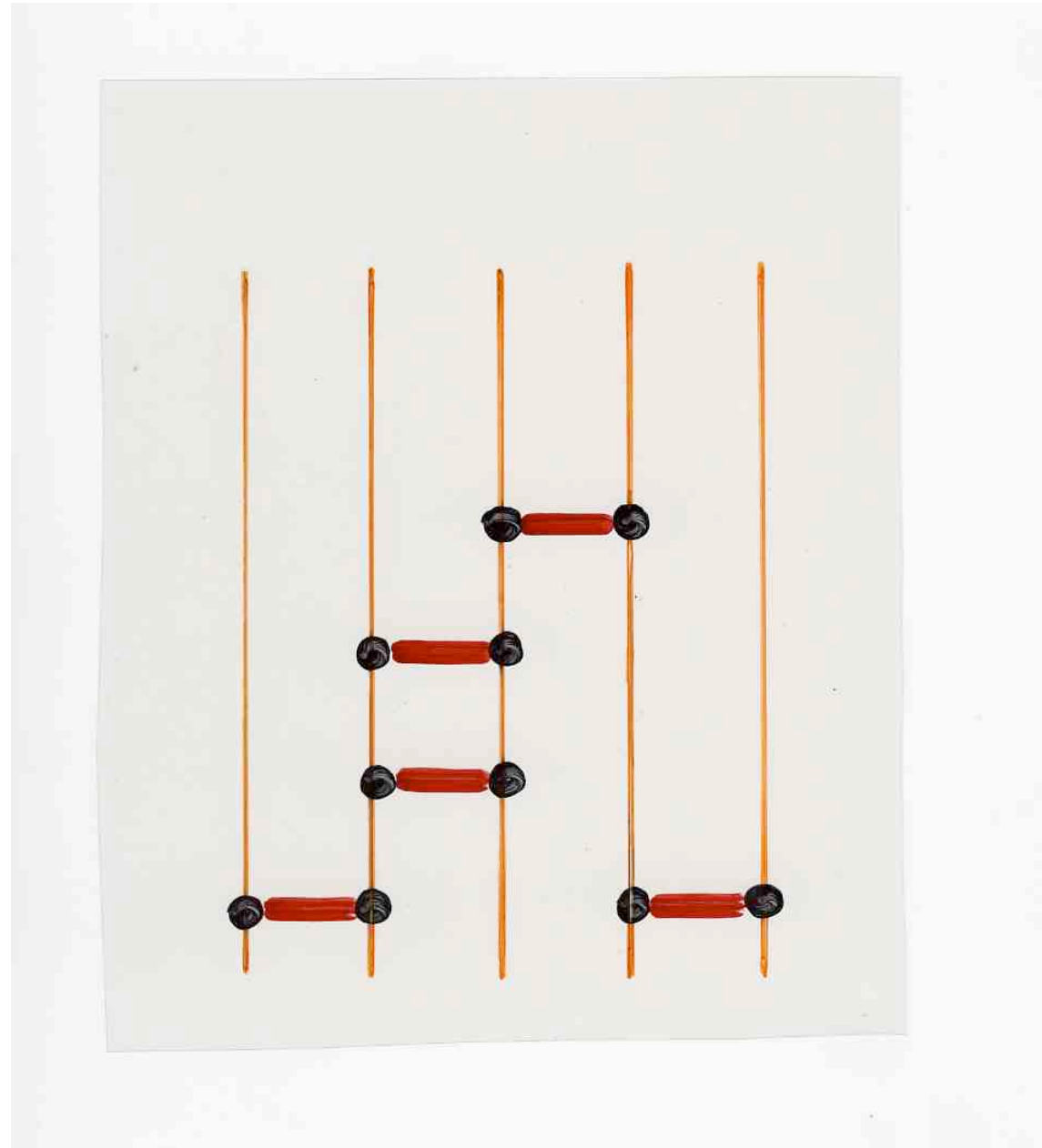


more details in the talk

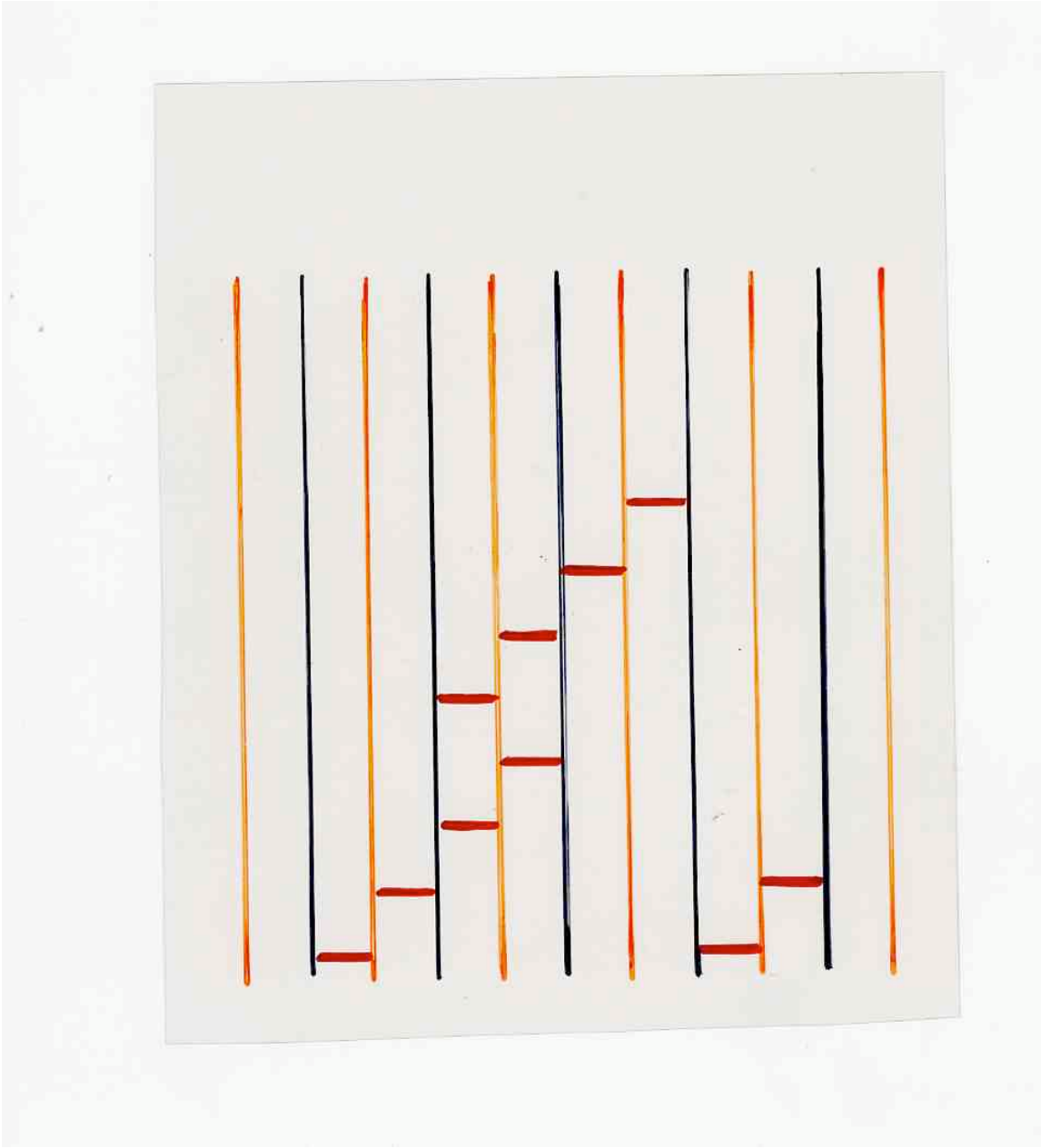
A walk in the garden of bijections (pdf, 23,3 Mo)

(52th SLC, ViennotFest, Lucelle, Avril 2005

slides on my web site, page "exposés".





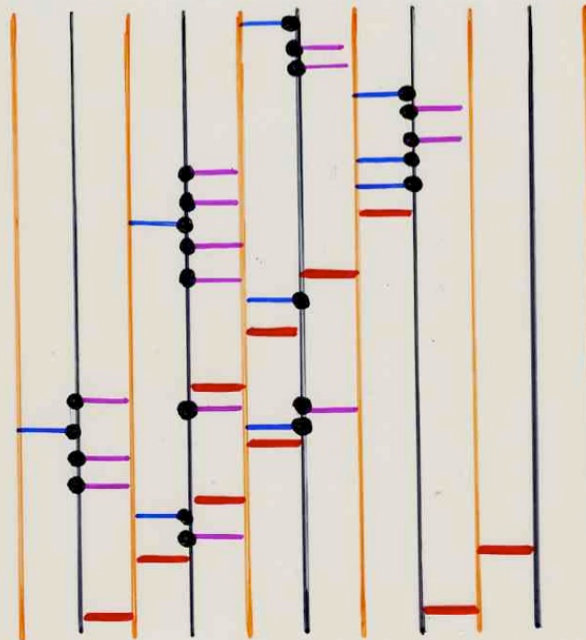


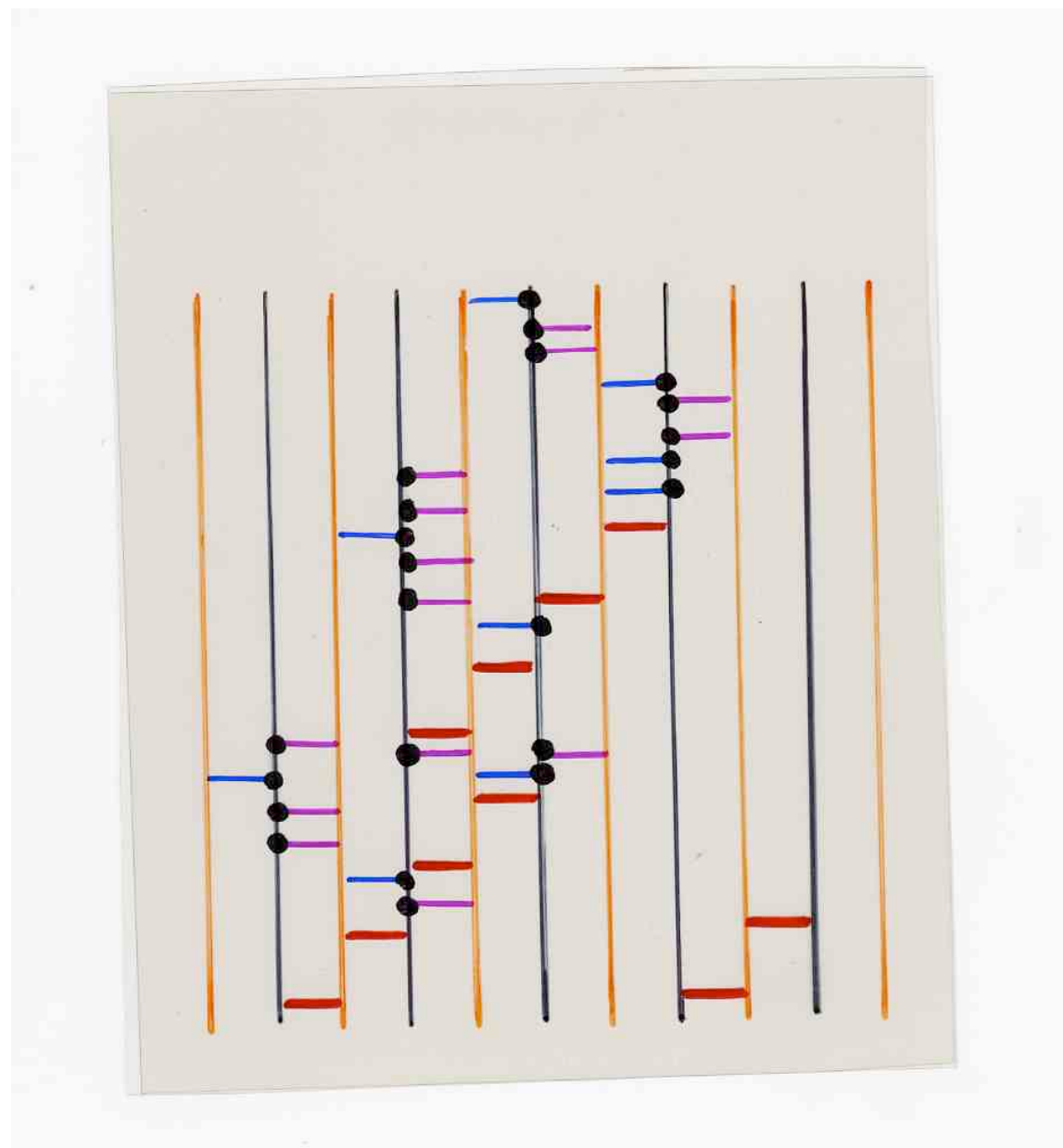
Fibonacci polynomials

inversion

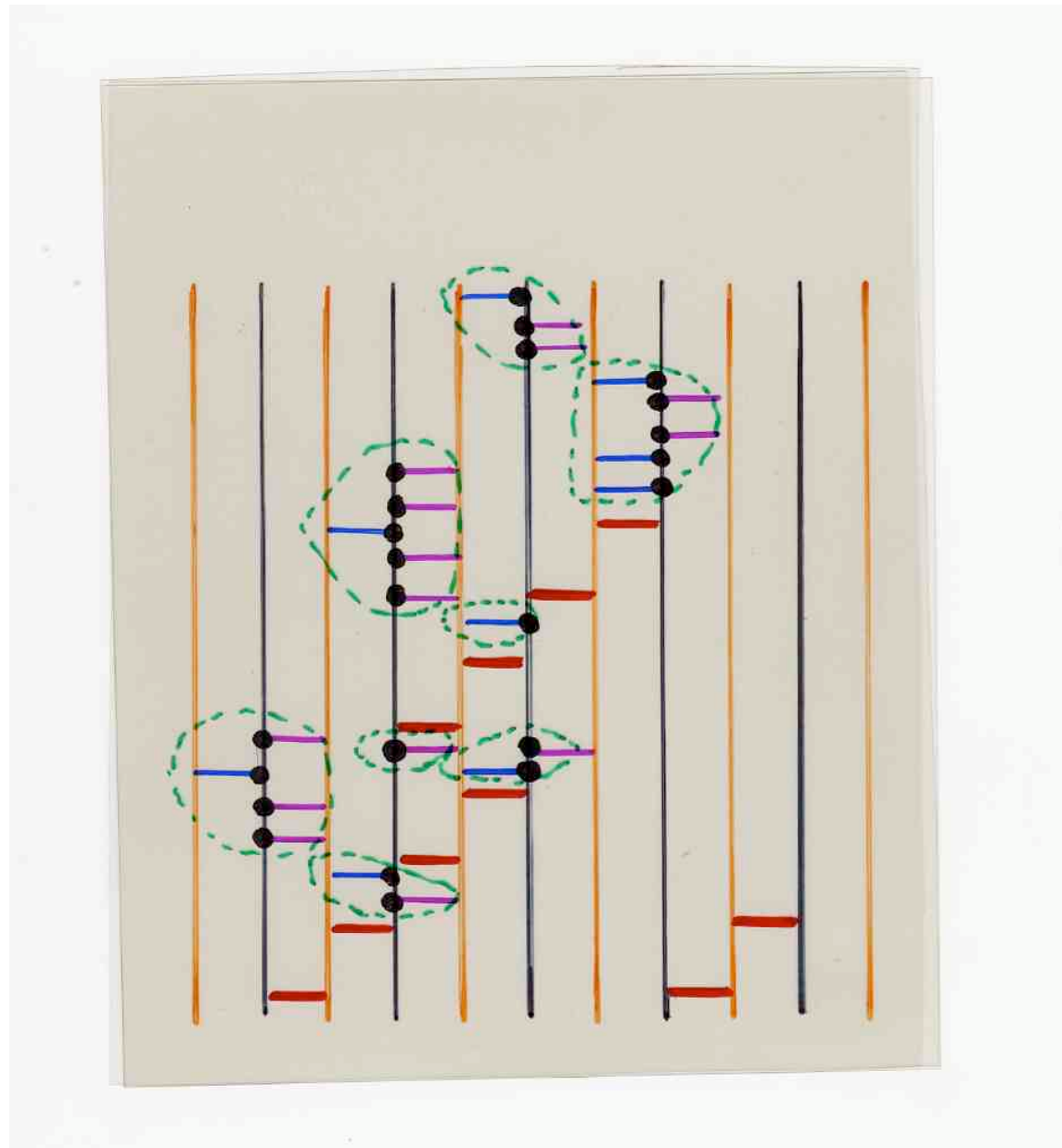
$$\frac{1}{F_{2n+1}(t)} = \frac{1}{(1-2t)^n} \frac{1}{F_n\left[\left(\frac{t}{1-2t}\right)^2\right]}$$

substitution





bijection
proof !



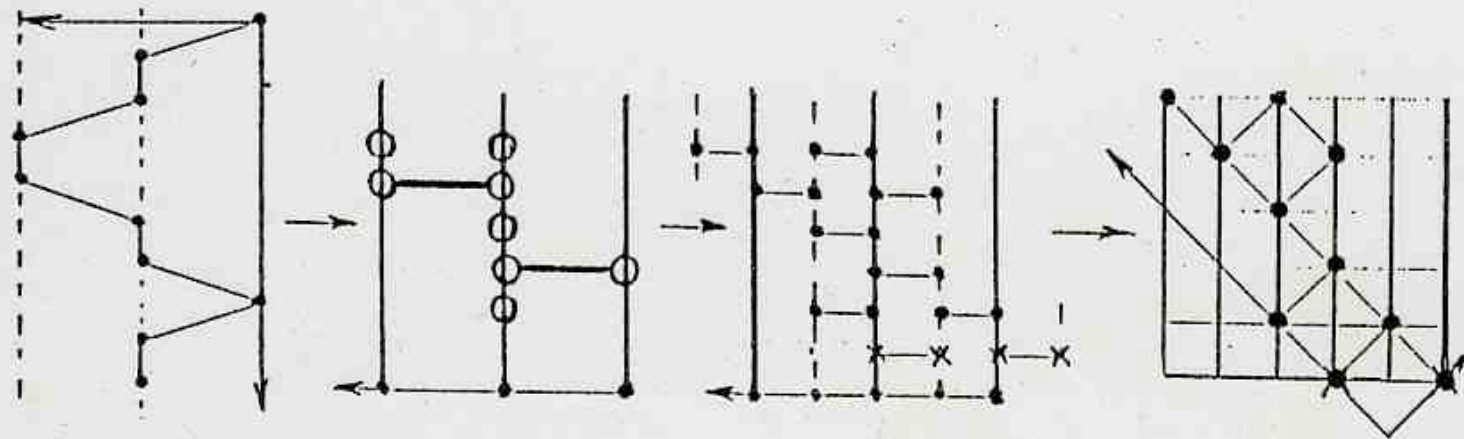


Fig. 37. Path, dimers-monomers heap and directed animal.

another example with directed animals on the square lattice
 bijection: Motzkin path, heap of big dimers,
 heap of small dimers, directed animal.

A photograph of the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) in Nunavik, Canada. The image shows vibrant green auroral curtains dancing across a dark night sky. Below the lights, the dark silhouettes of a coastline and water are visible. The text "The end" is overlaid in a simple, brown, serif font in the center of the image.

The end

aurore boréale Nunavik xgv