

Alternative tableaux, permutations,  
a Robinson-Schensted like bijection  
and the  
asymmetric exclusion process in physics

dédié à la mémoire de Pierre Leroux (1942 - 2008)

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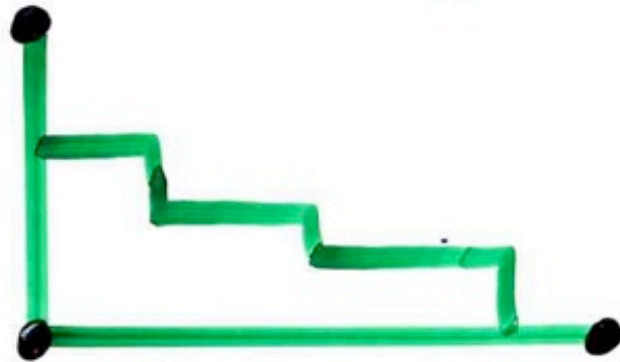


§1

alternative  
tableau:  
definition

# alternative tableau

- Ferrers diagram **F**

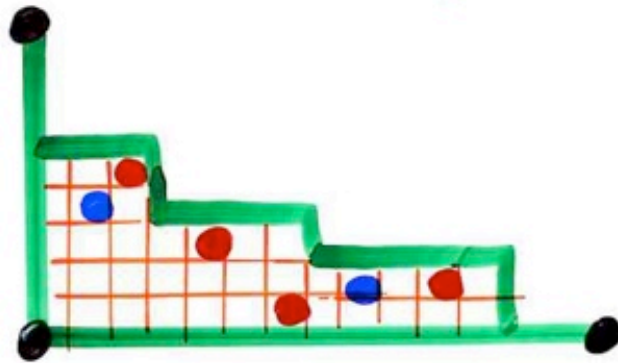


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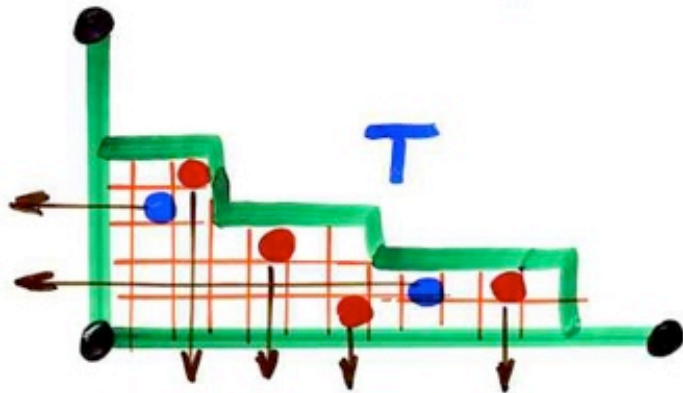
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# alternative tableau T



- Ferrers diagram F



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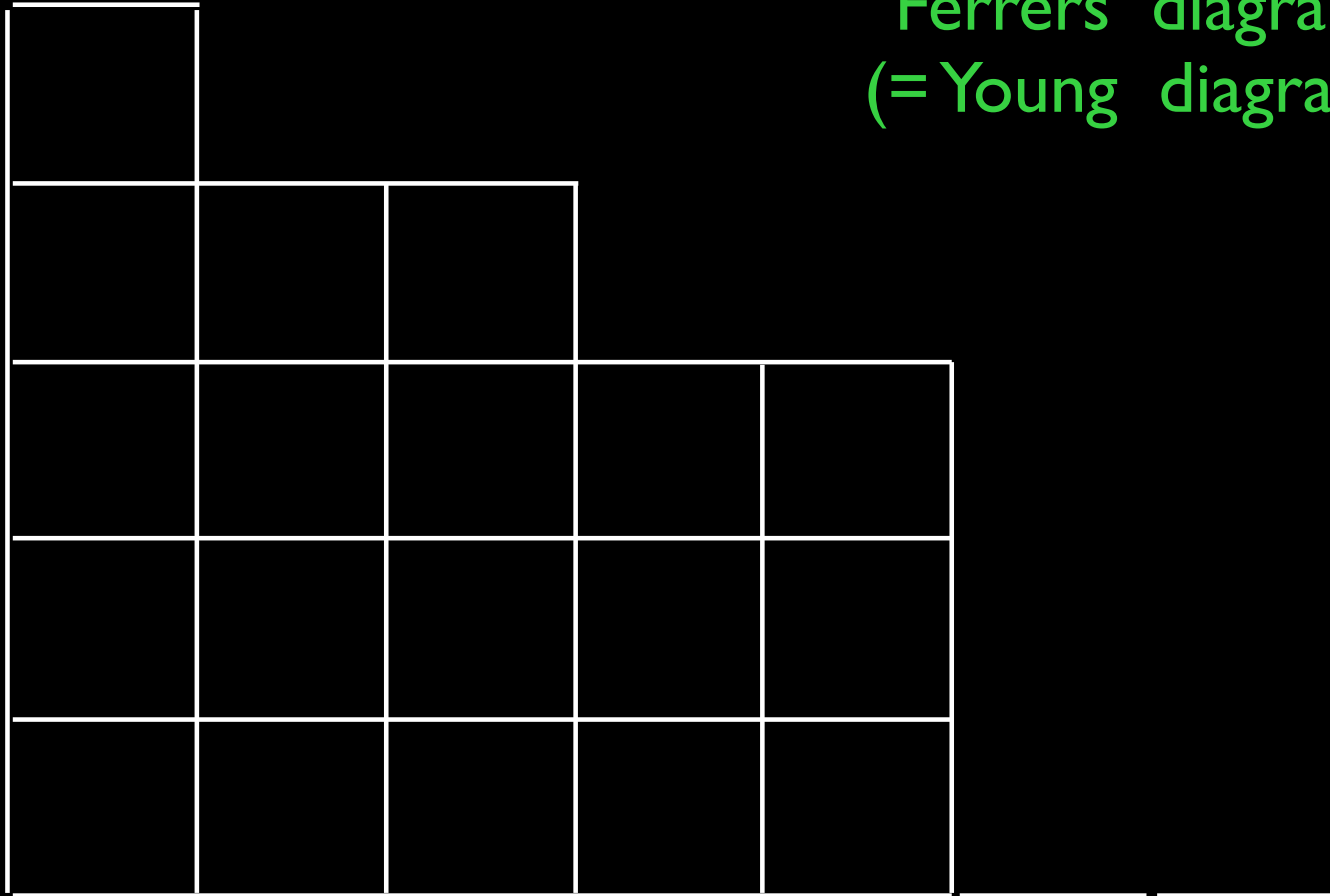
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n size of T

alternative tableau

Ferrers diagram  
(= Young diagram)

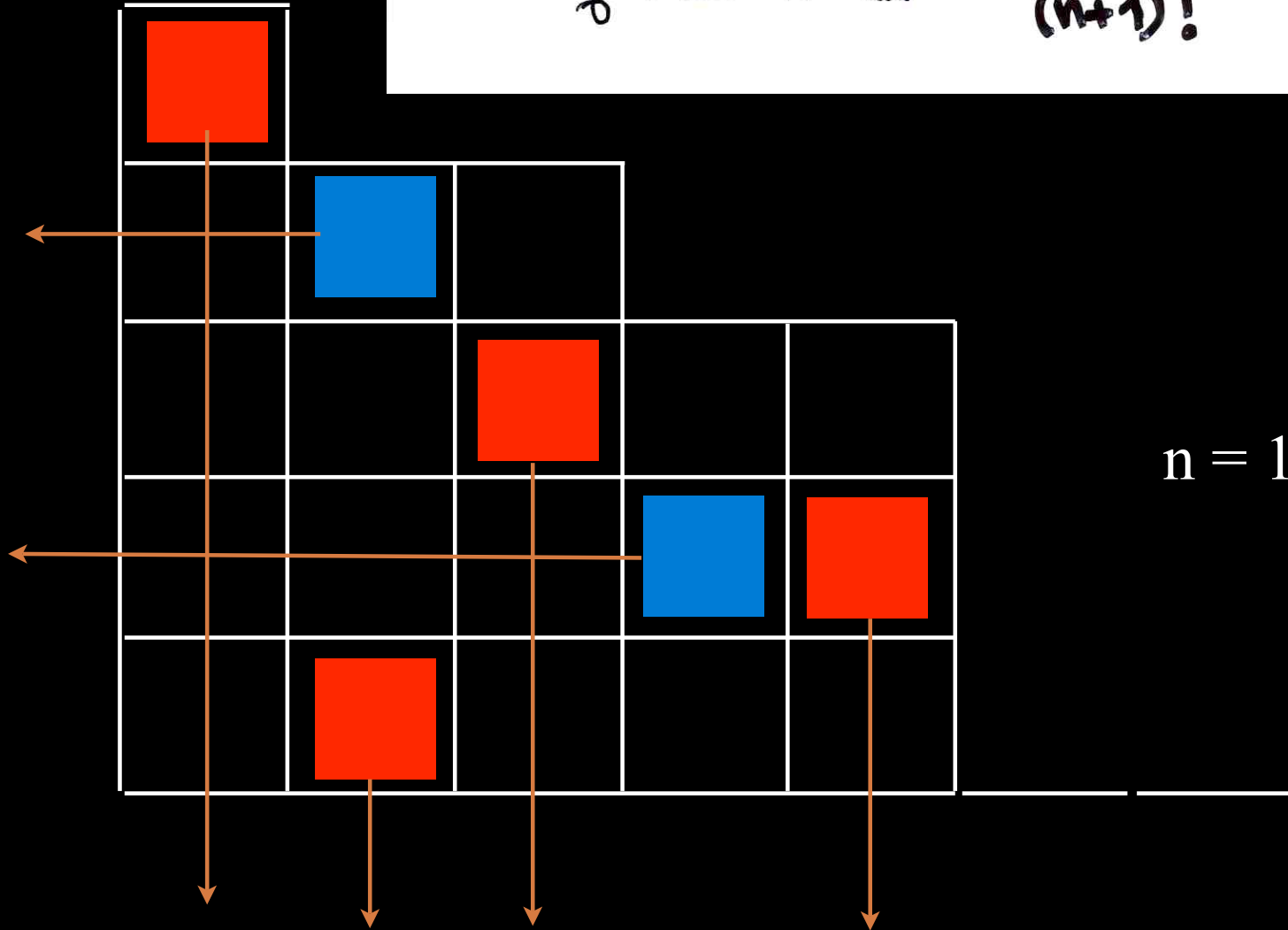


# alternative tableau

A 5x5 grid representing an alternative tableau. The grid is defined by white lines on a black background. The cells contain colored squares: red and blue. The grid structure is as follows:

Red				
	Blue			
		Red		
			Blue	Red
	Red			

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



$n = 12$



ex:  $n=2$





§2 The  
alternative  
bijection

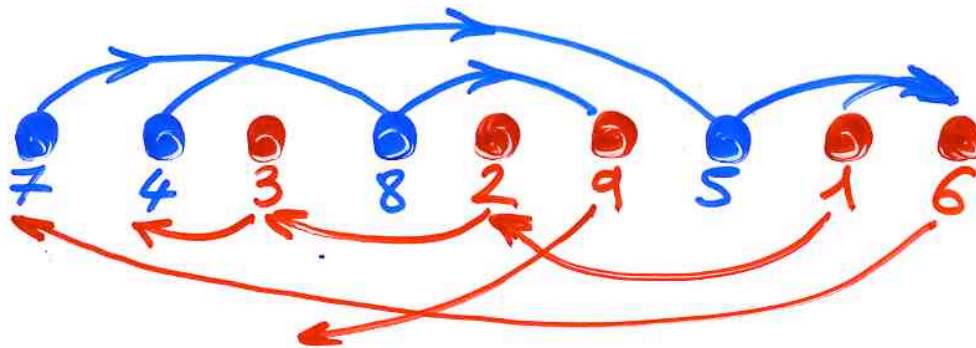
Def- Permutation  $\sigma = \sigma(1) \dots \sigma(n)$   
 $x = \sigma(i)$  ,  $1 \leq x < n$

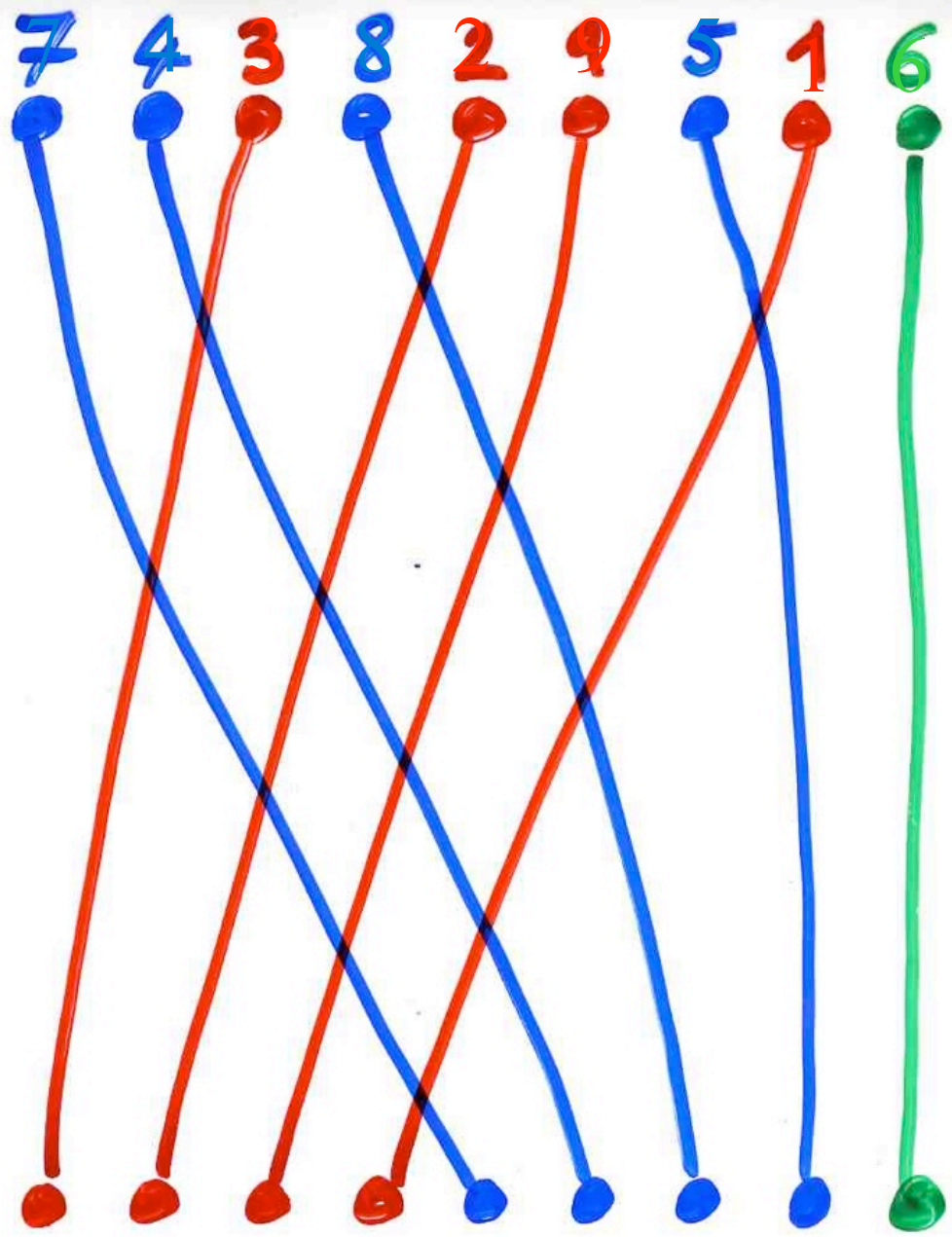
(valeur)  $x$   $\begin{cases} \text{avance} \\ \text{recul} \end{cases}$   $x+1 = \sigma(j)$  ,  $\begin{cases} i < j \\ j < i \end{cases}$

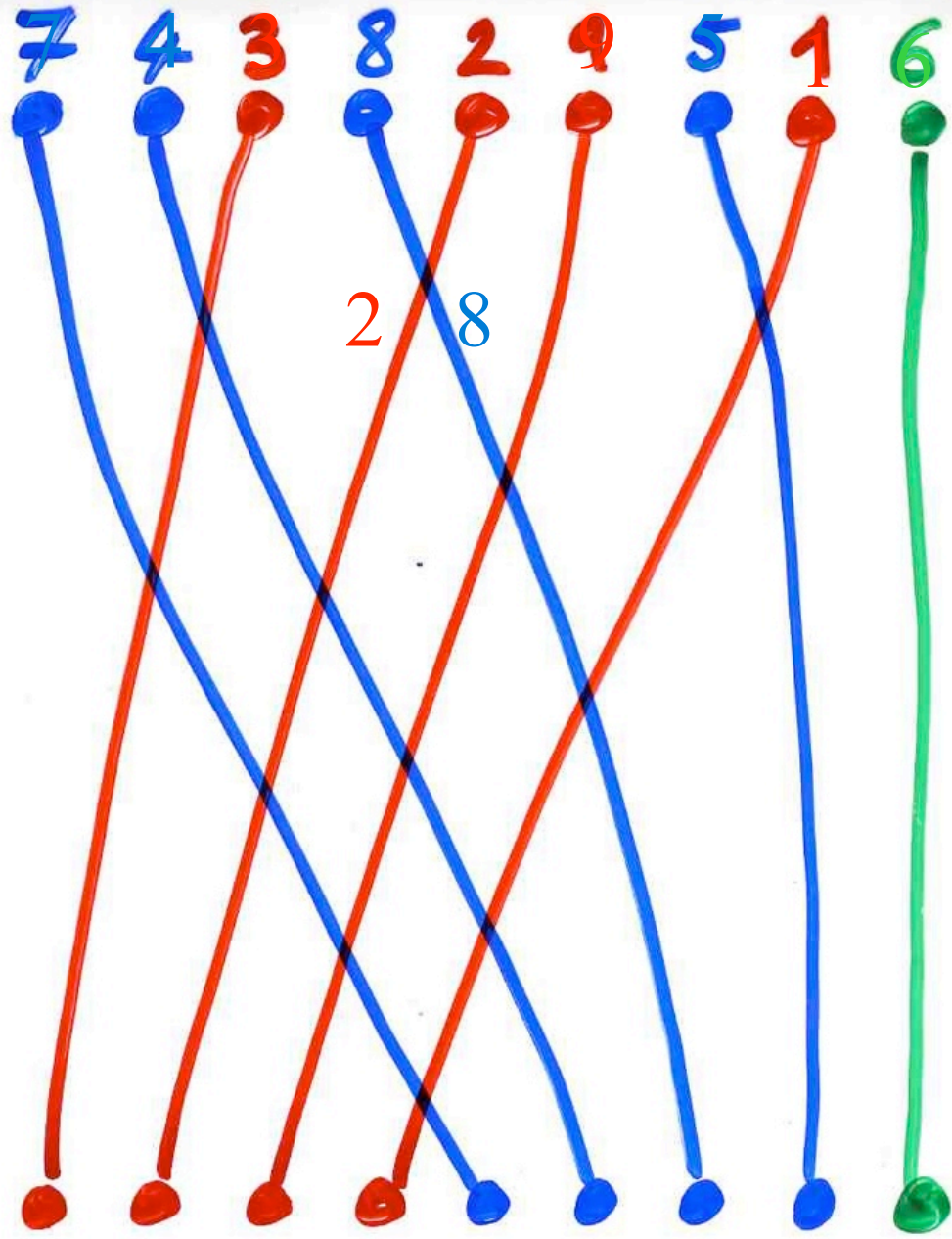
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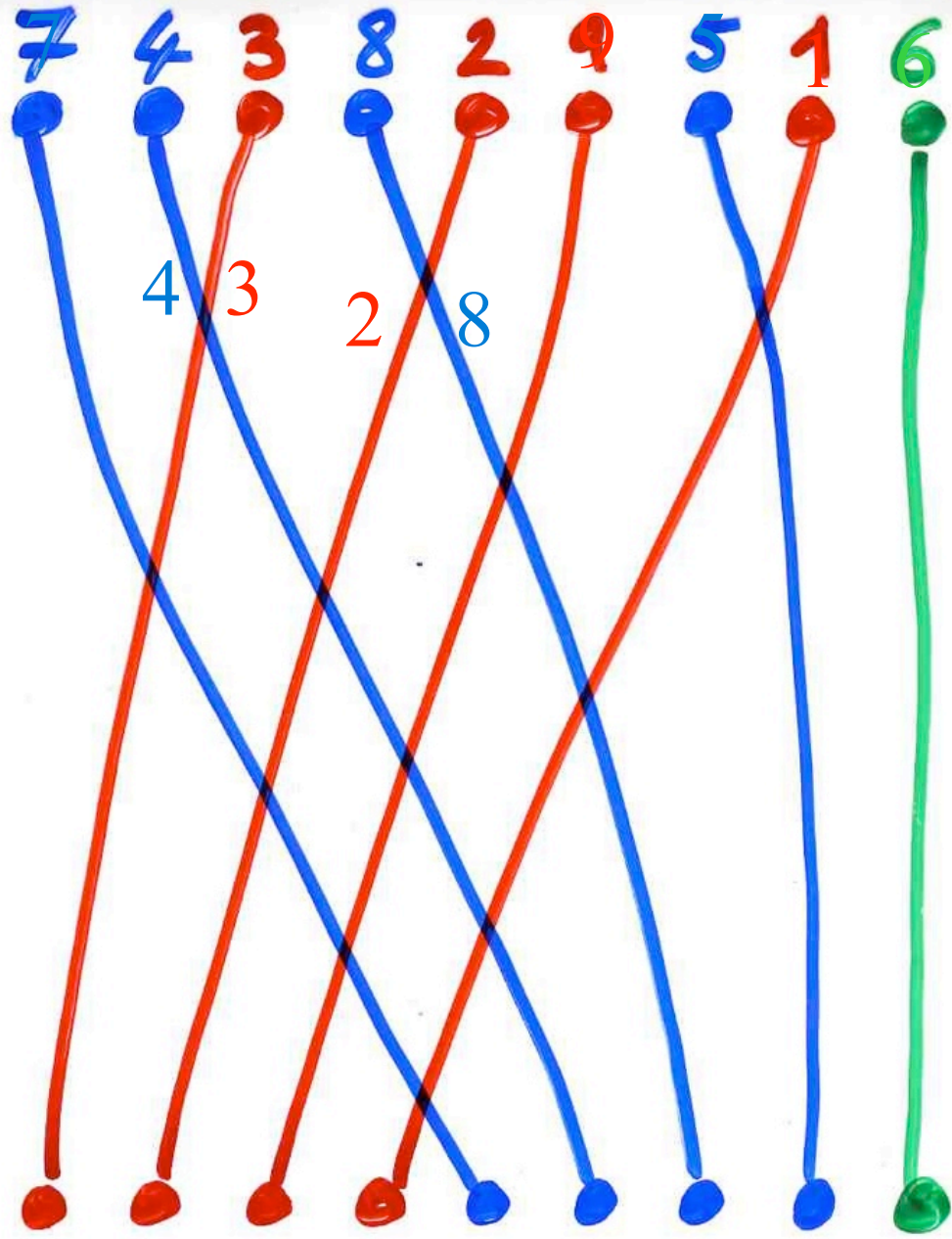


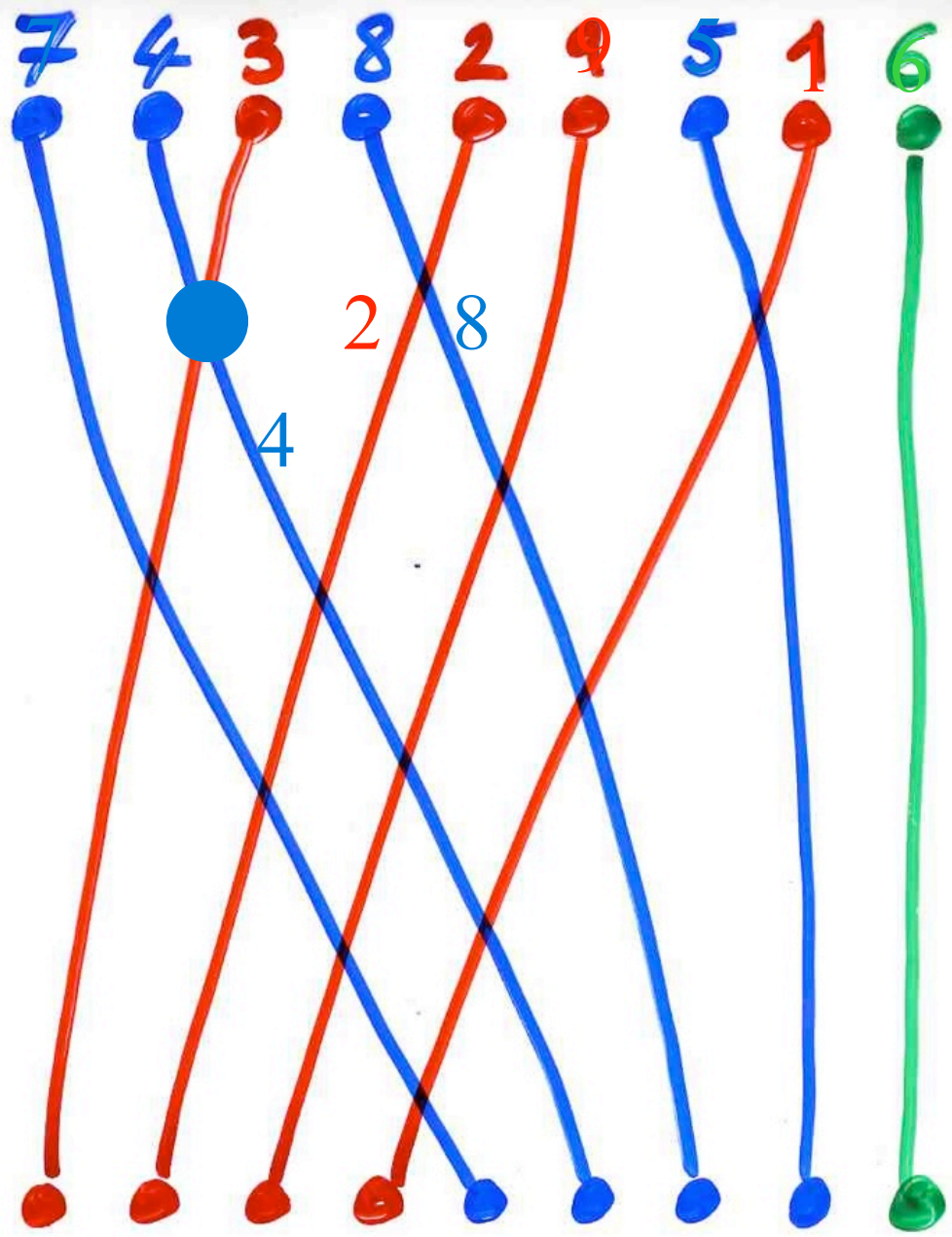
$\sigma = 7 \ 4 \ 3 \ 8 \ 2 \ 9 \ 5 \ 1 \ 6$

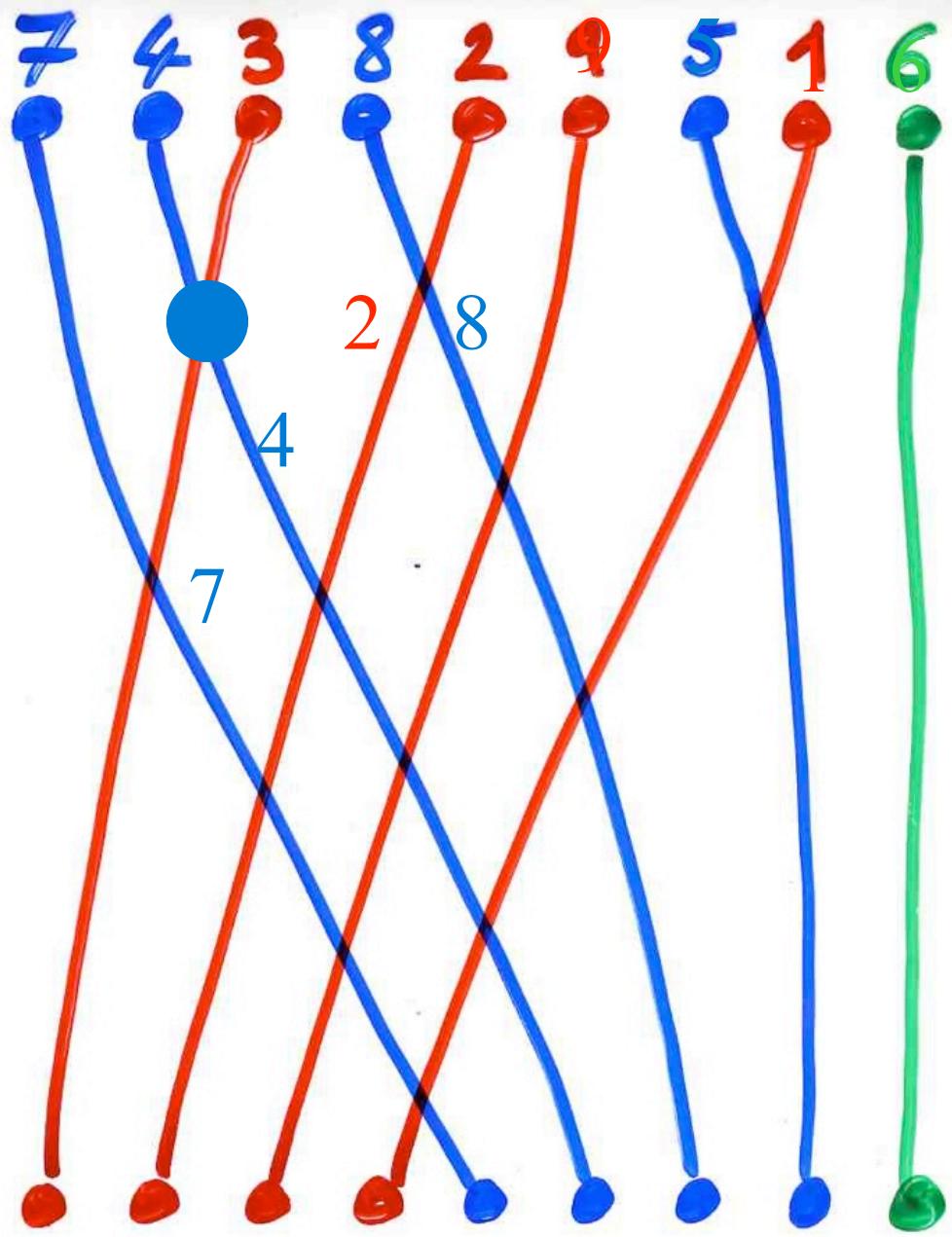




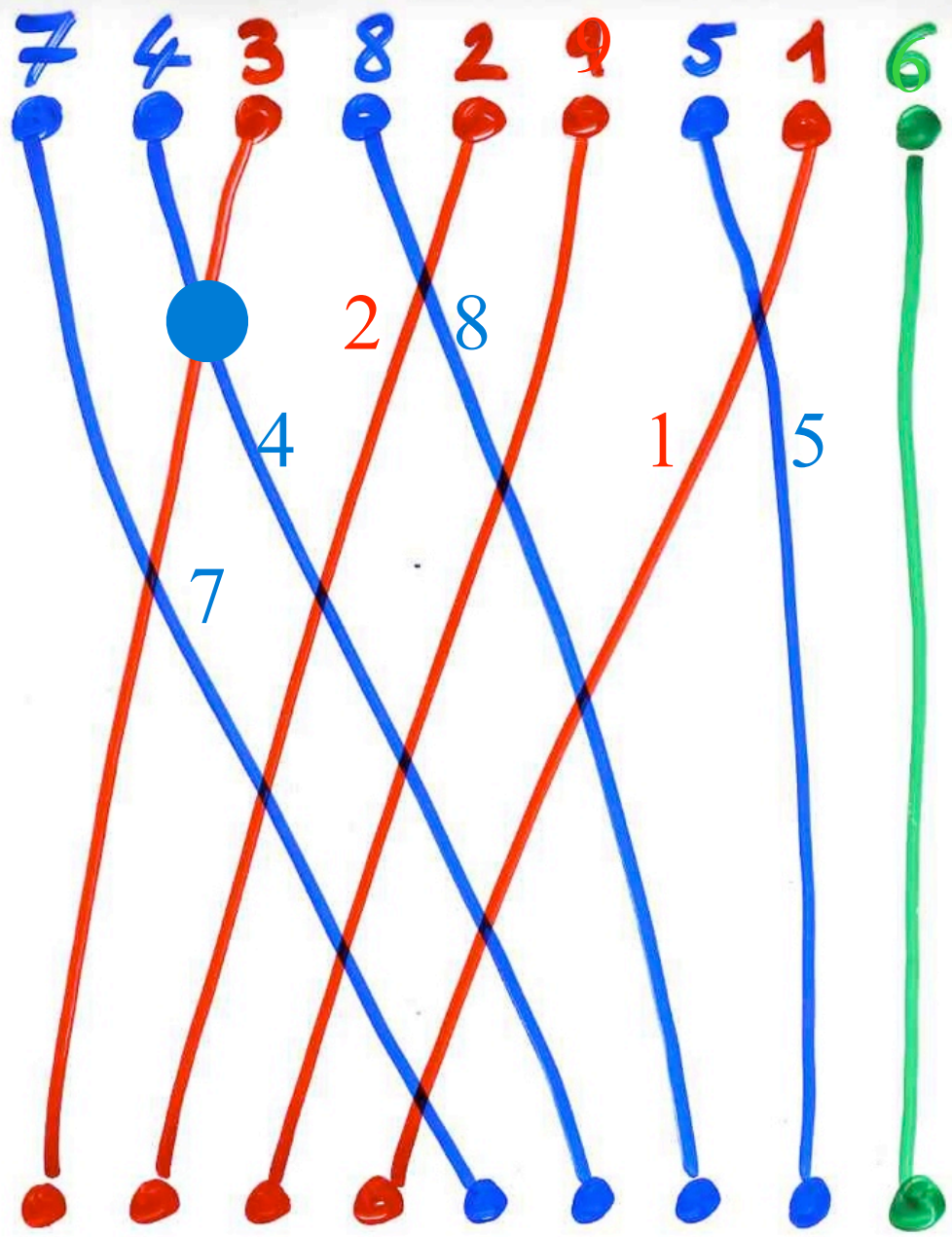


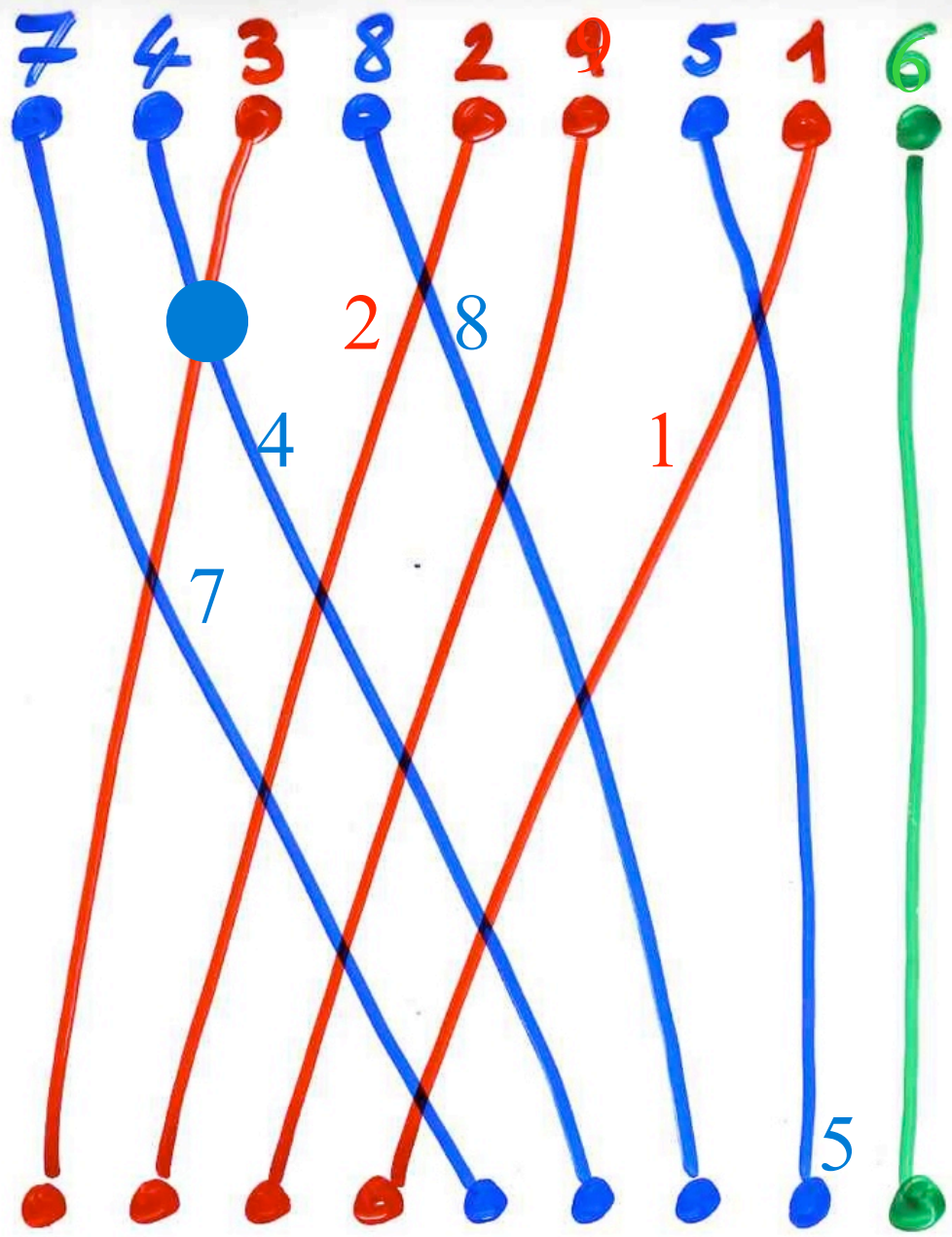


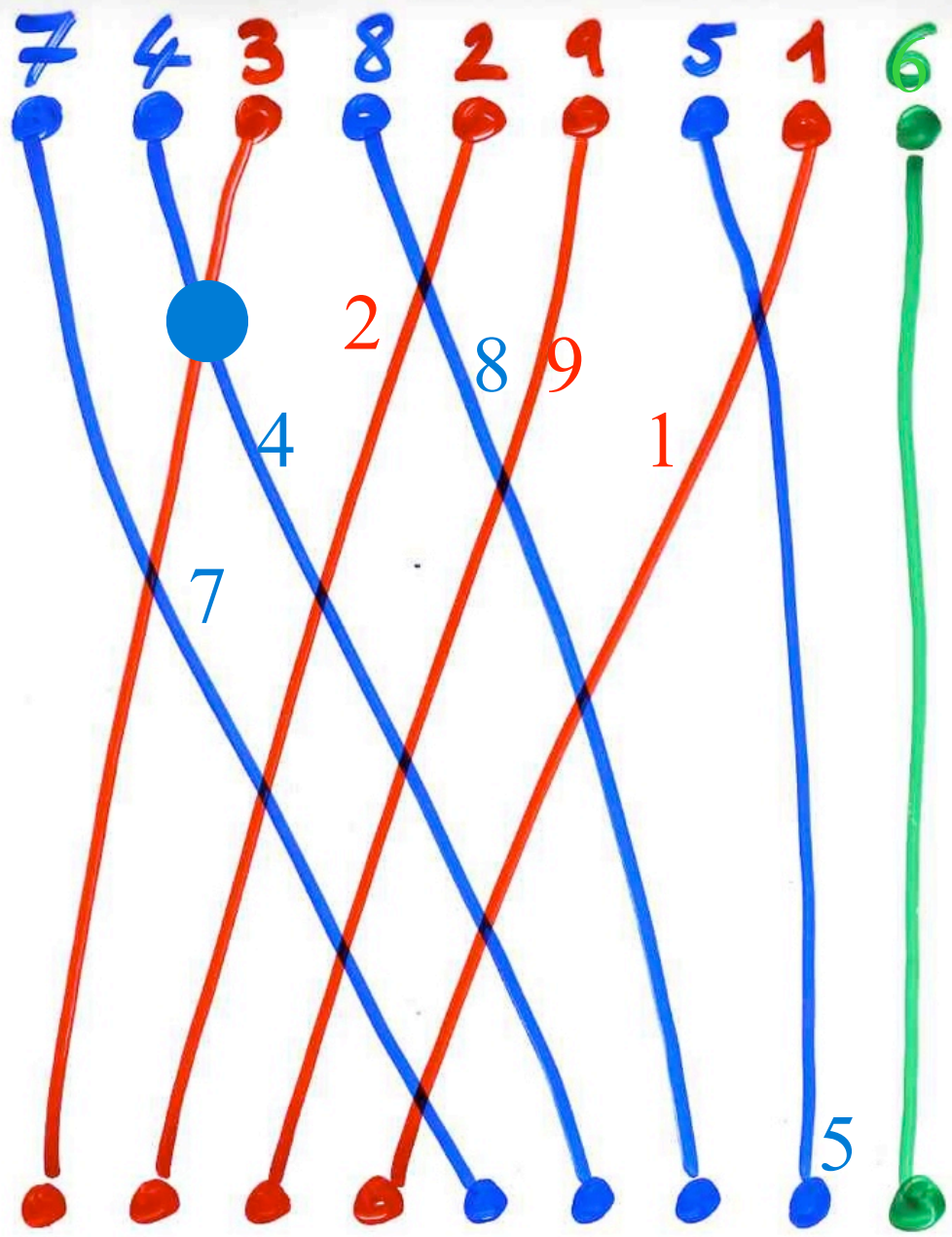


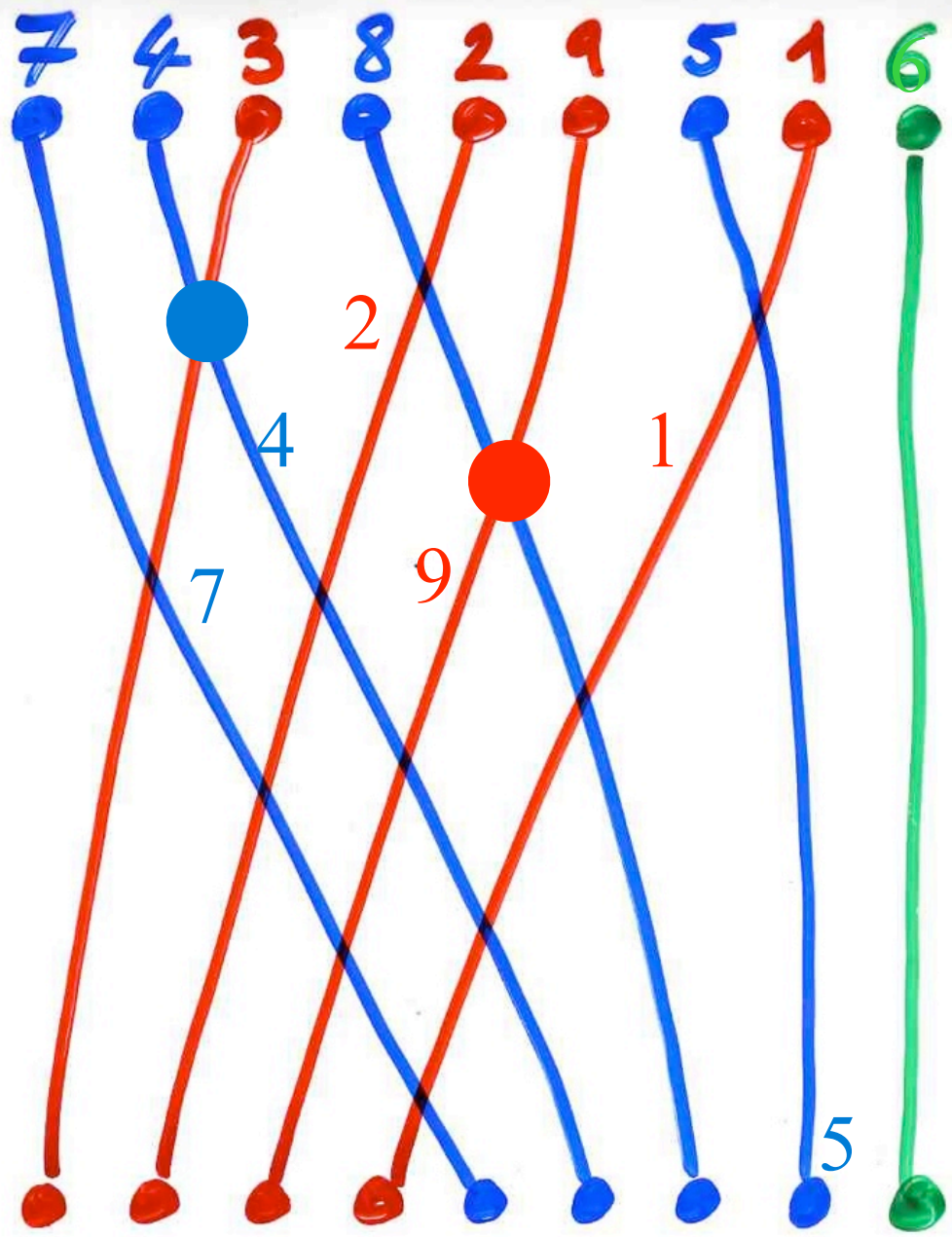


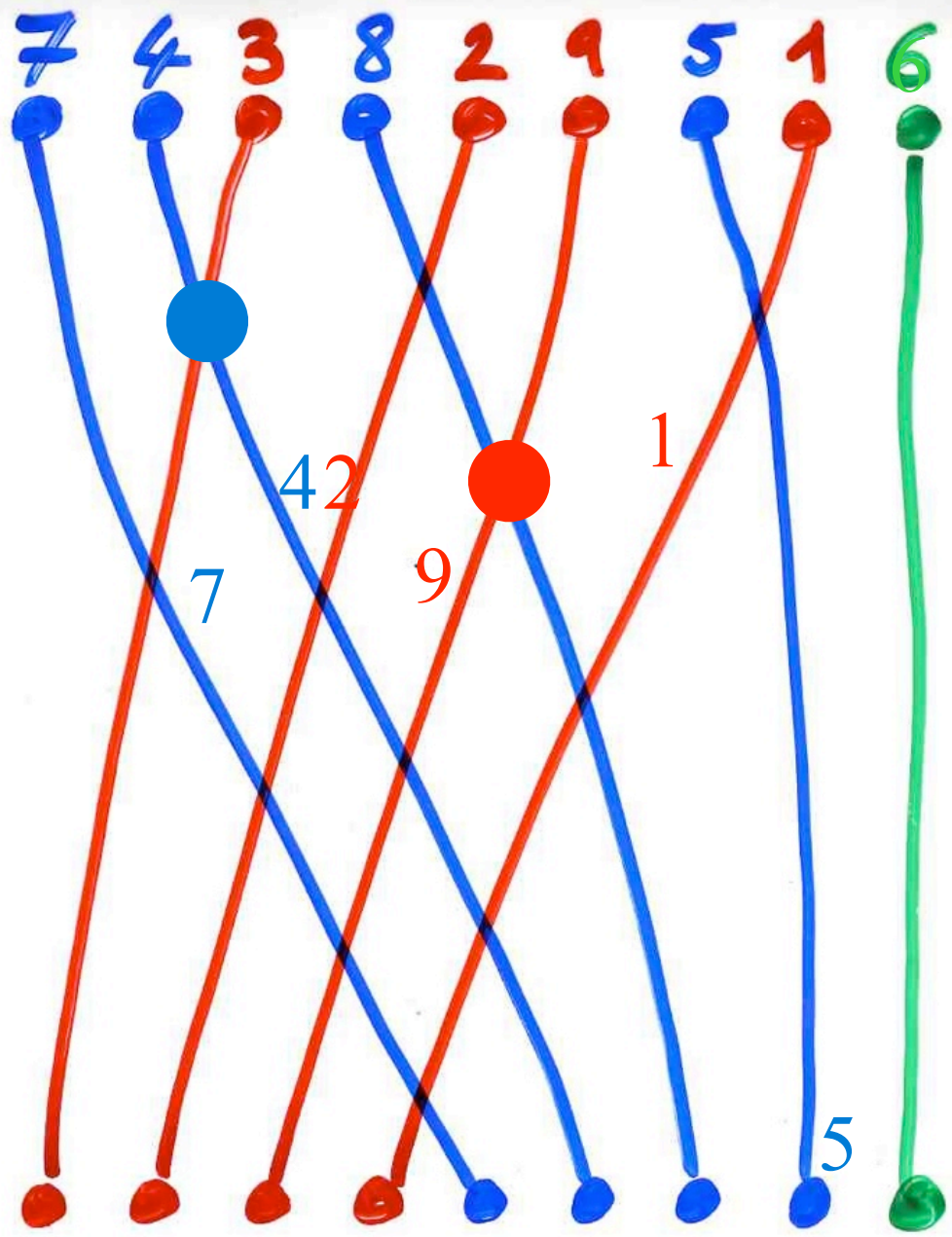


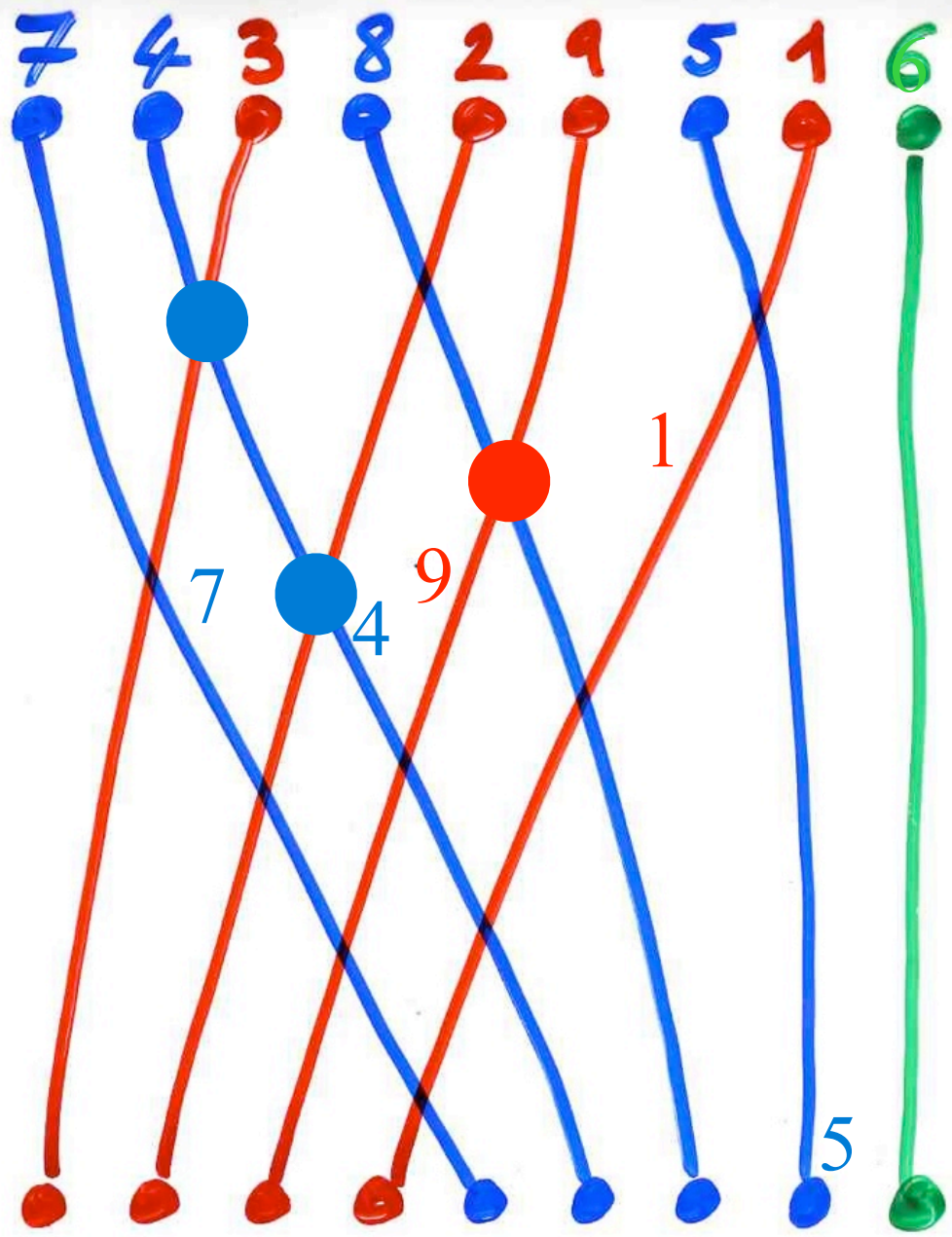


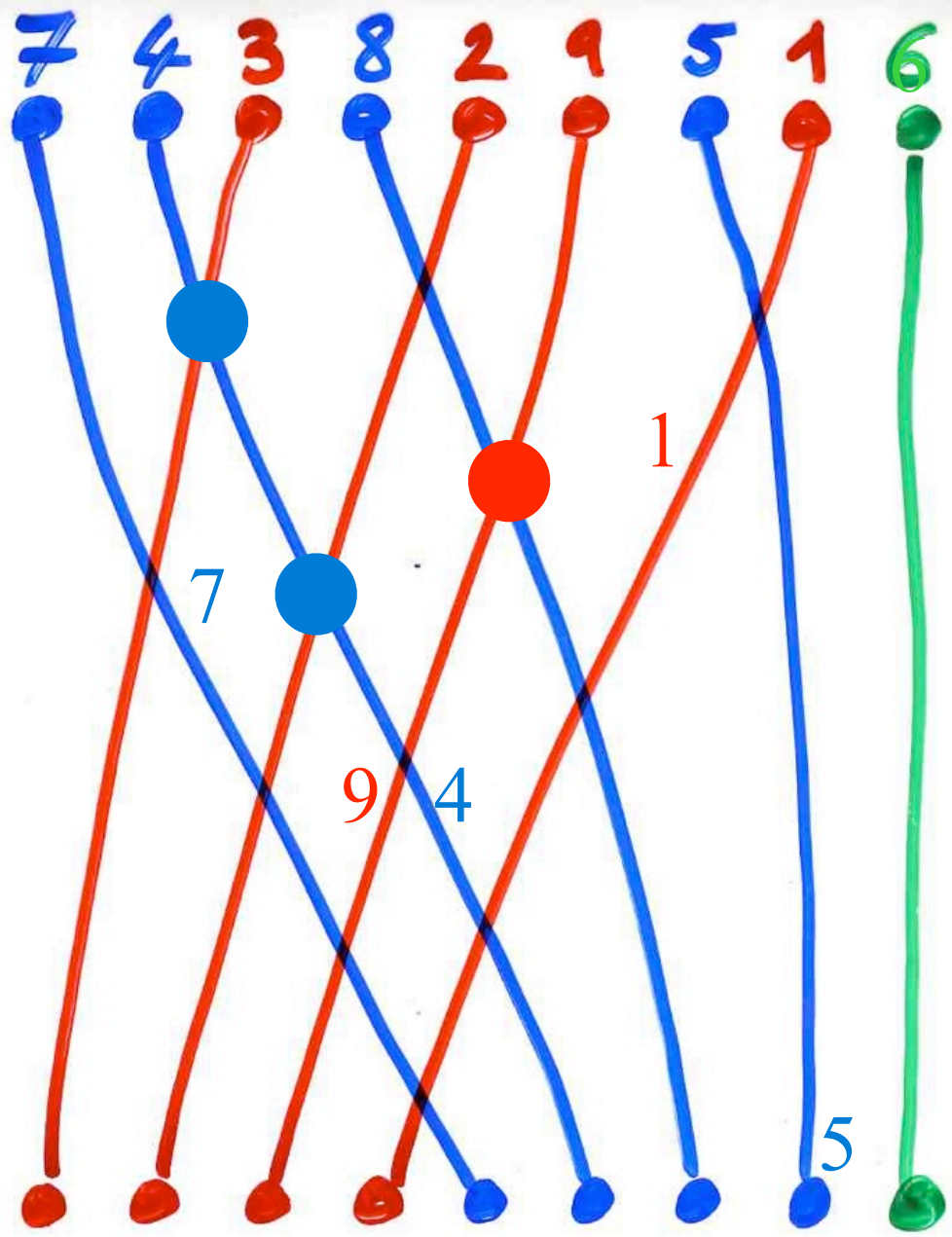


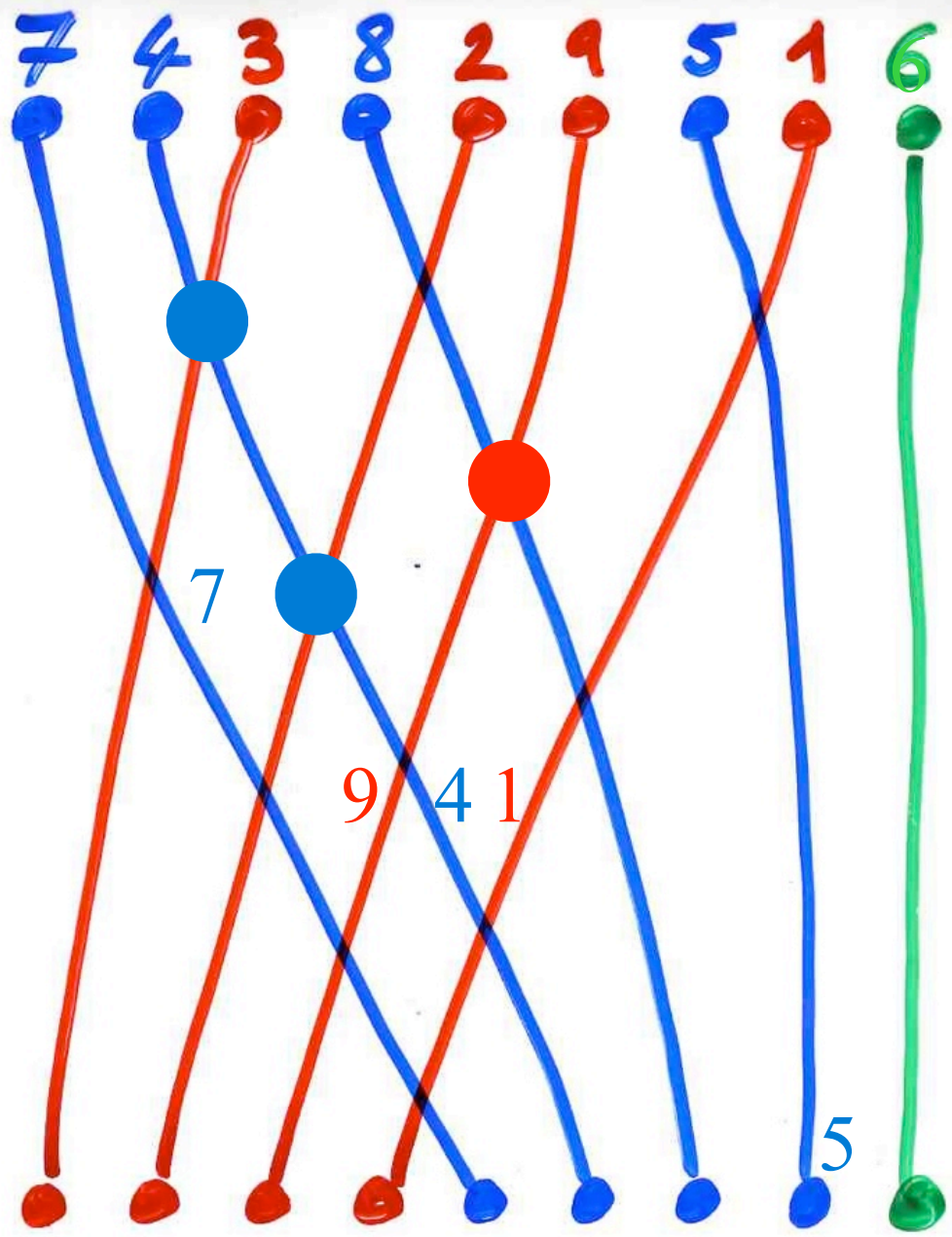




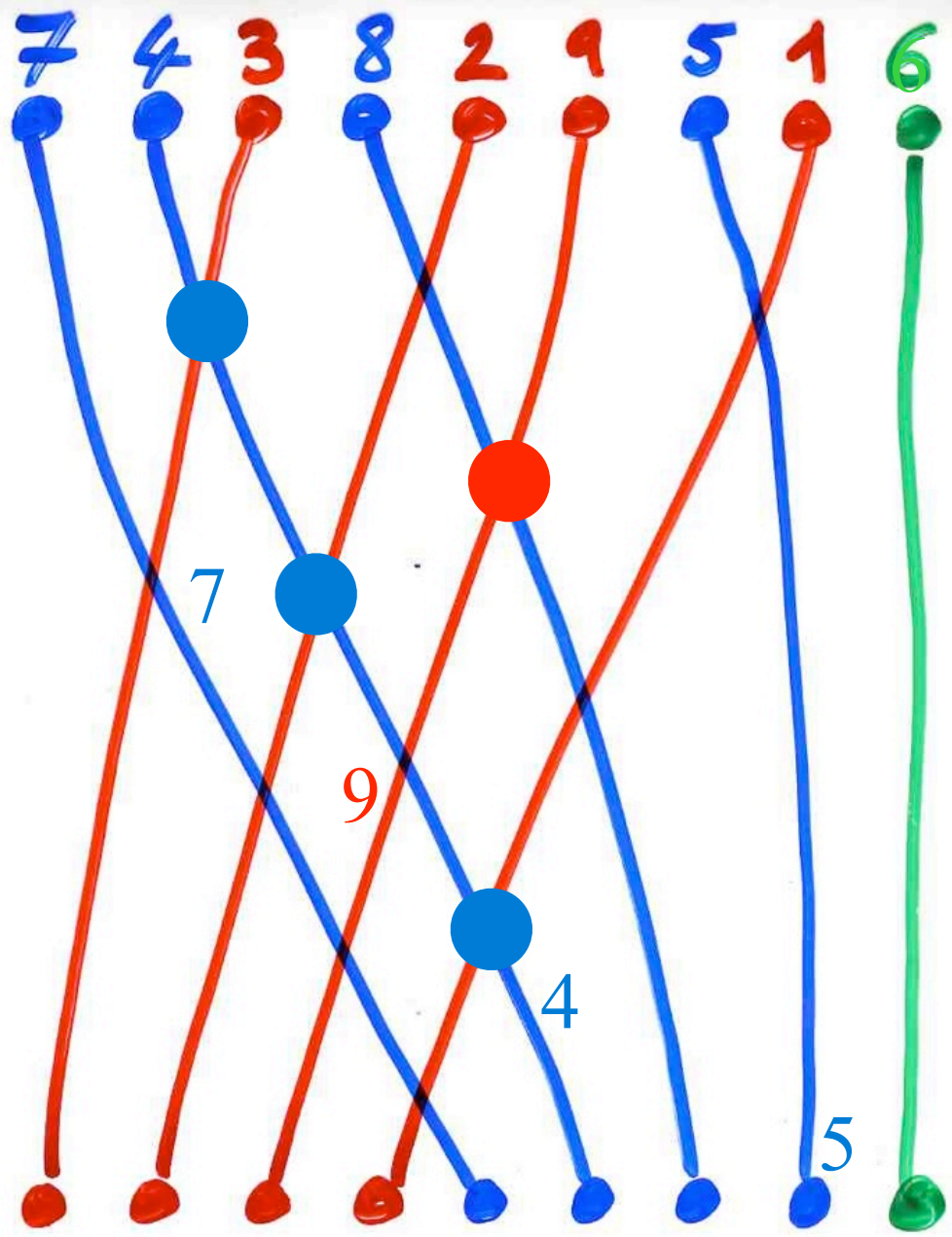


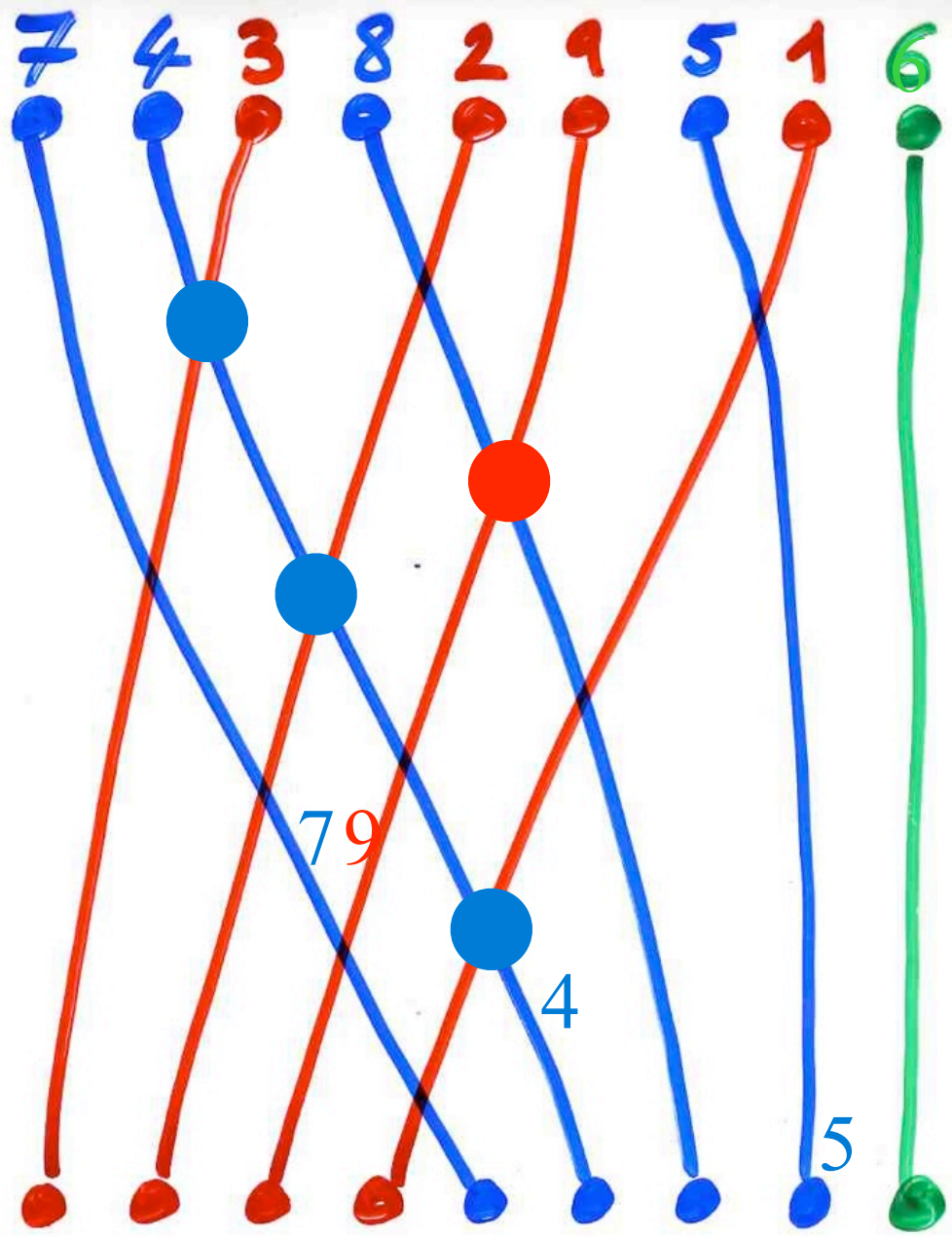


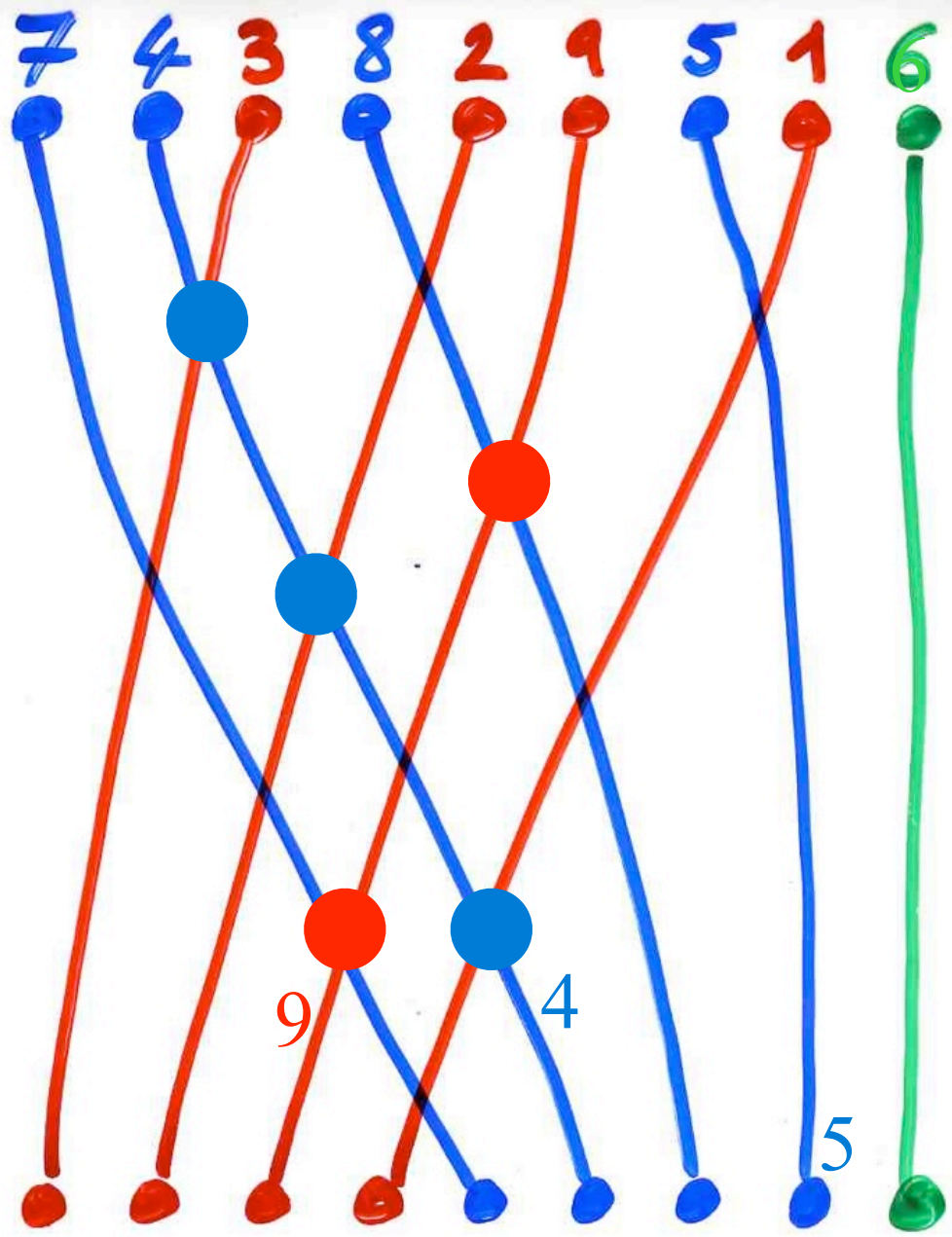




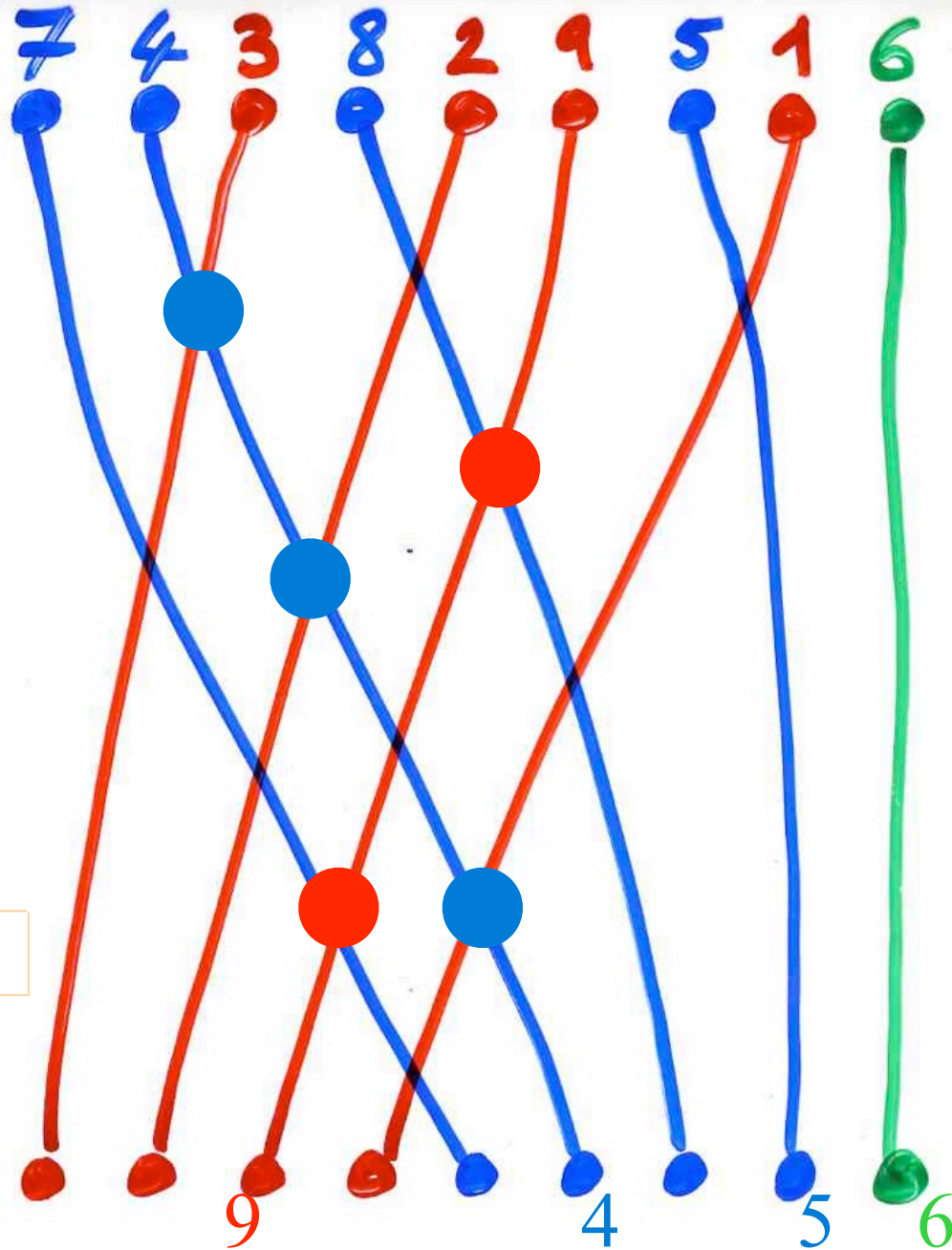
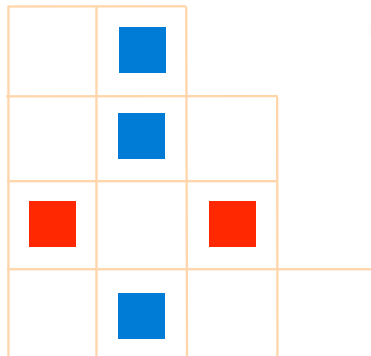






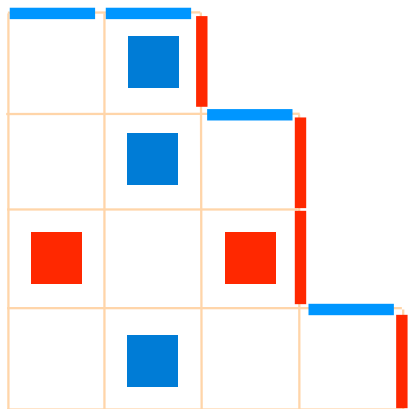


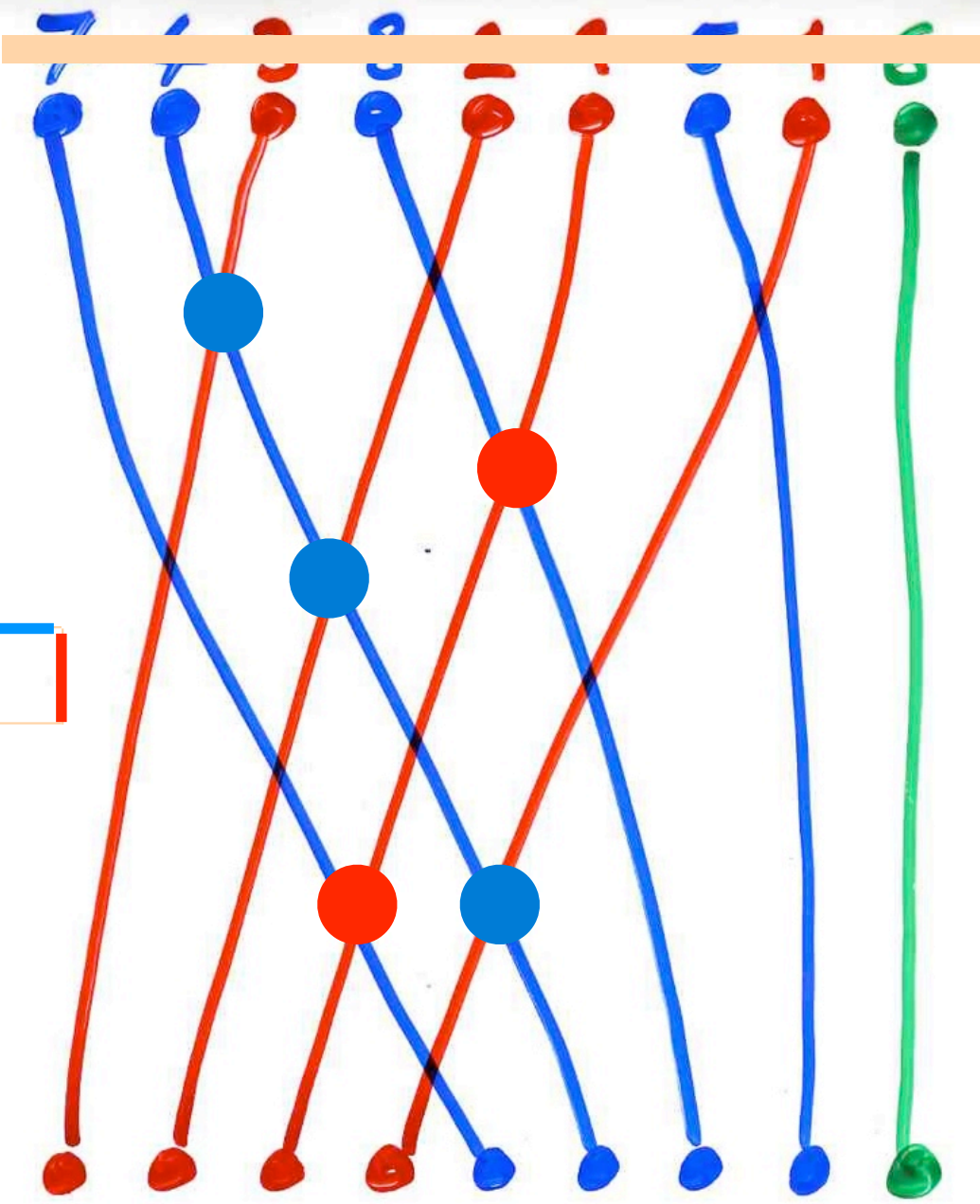
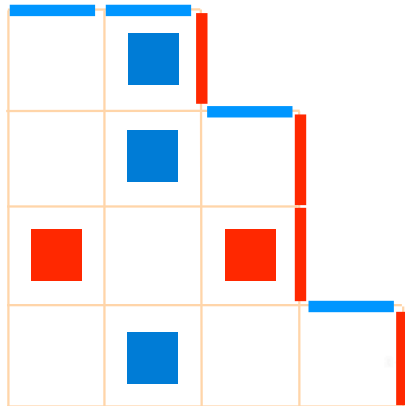
“exchange-  
deletion”  
algorithm

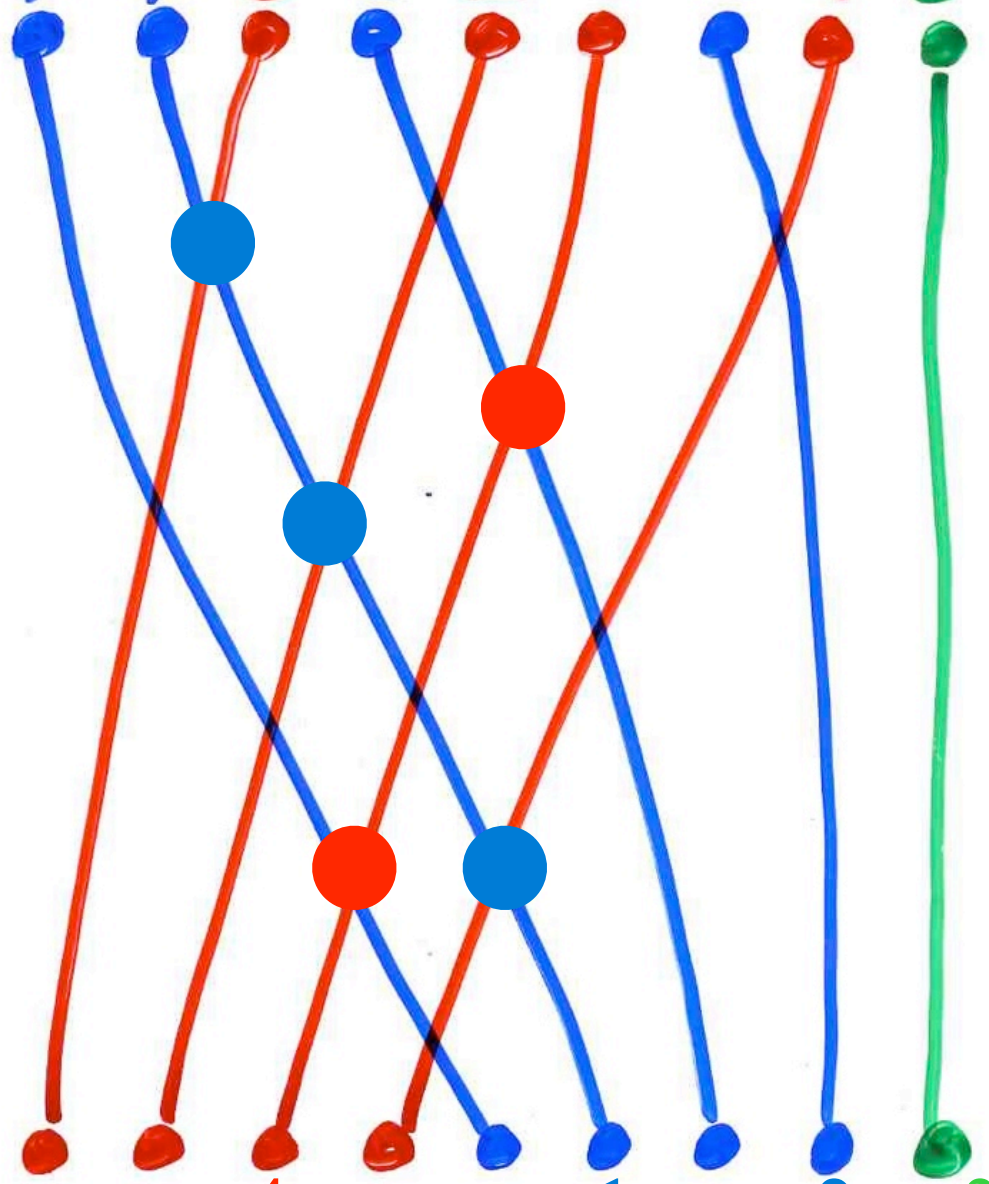


The inverse  
exchange-deletion bijection









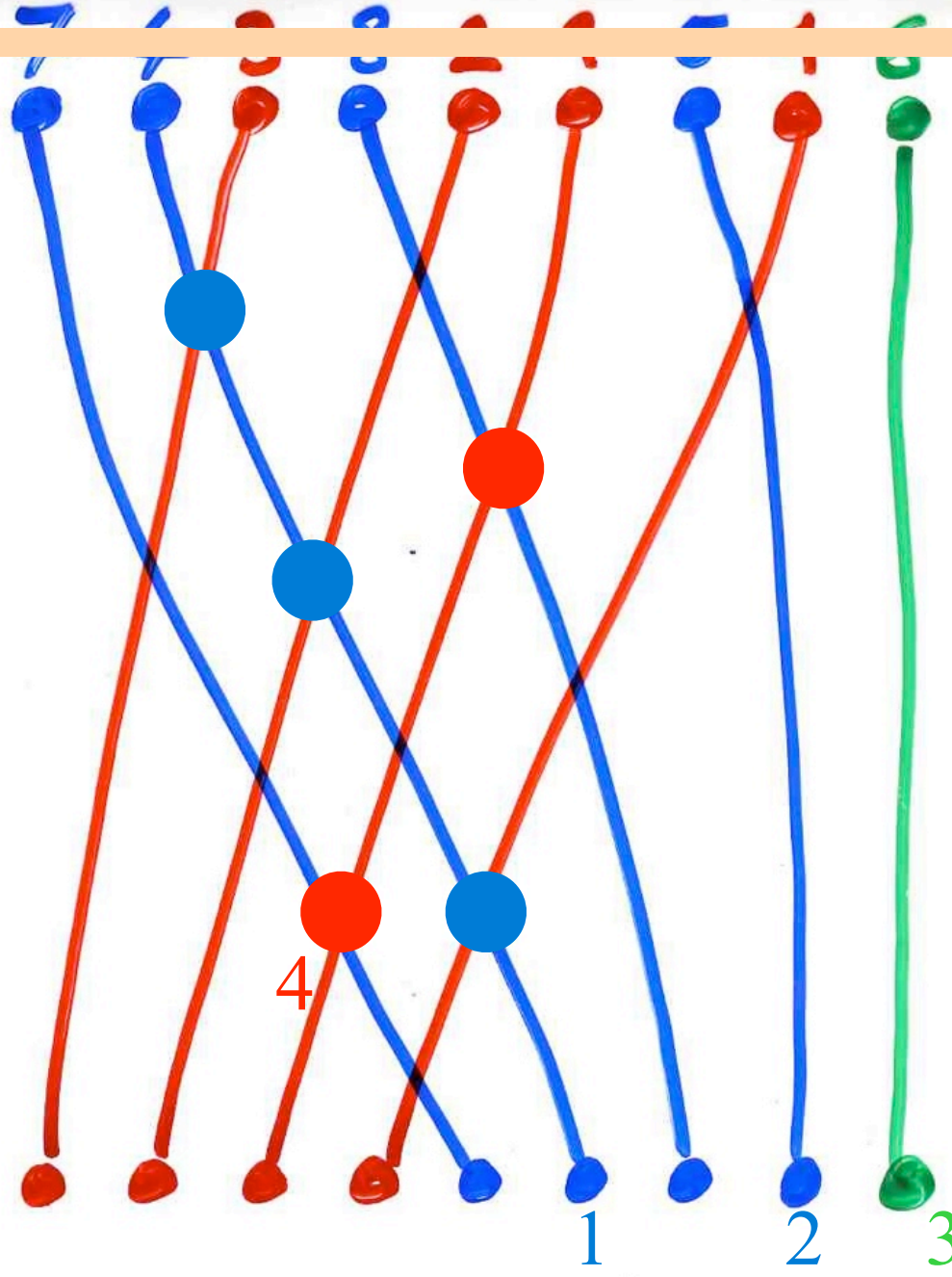
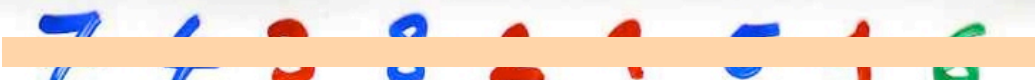
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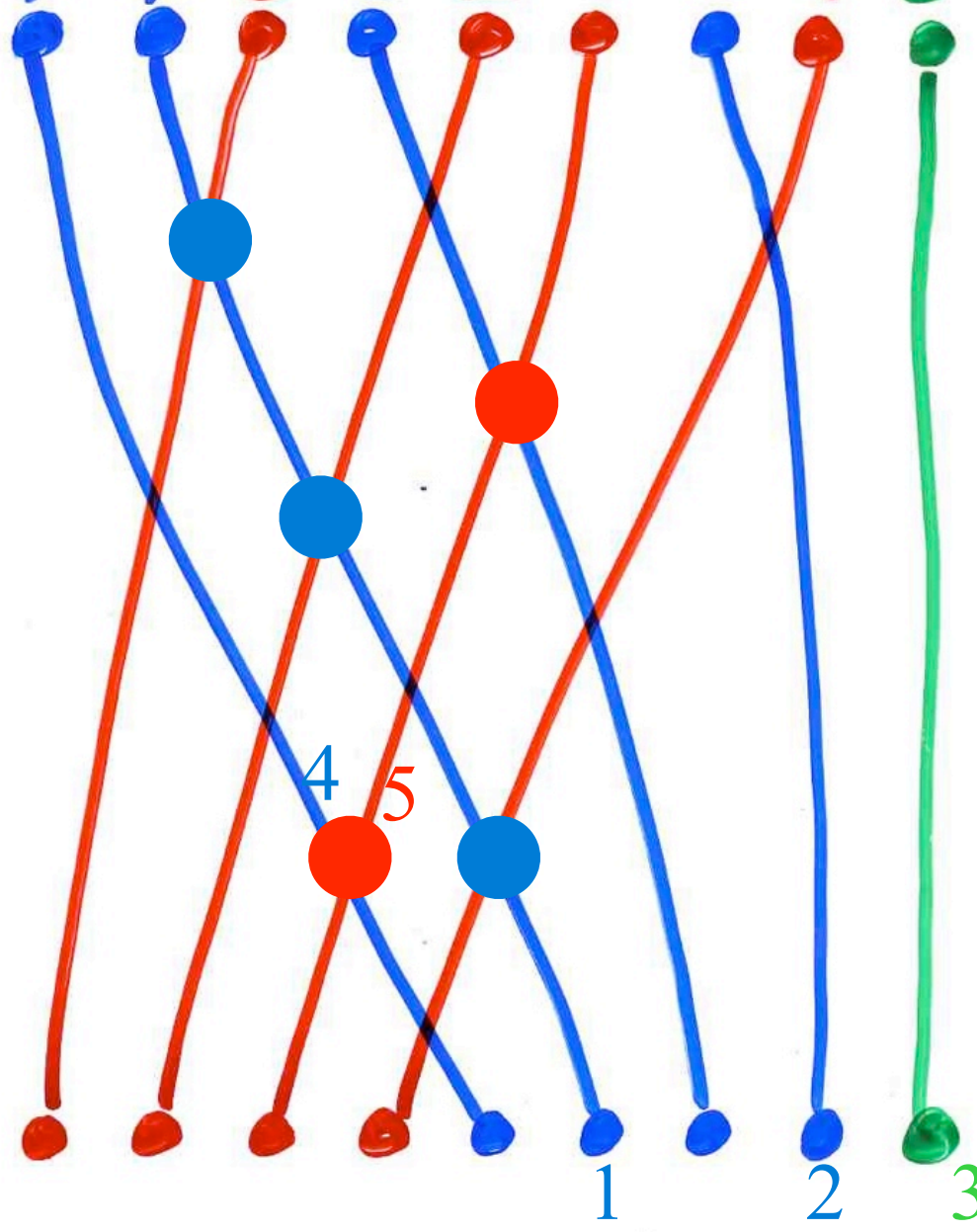


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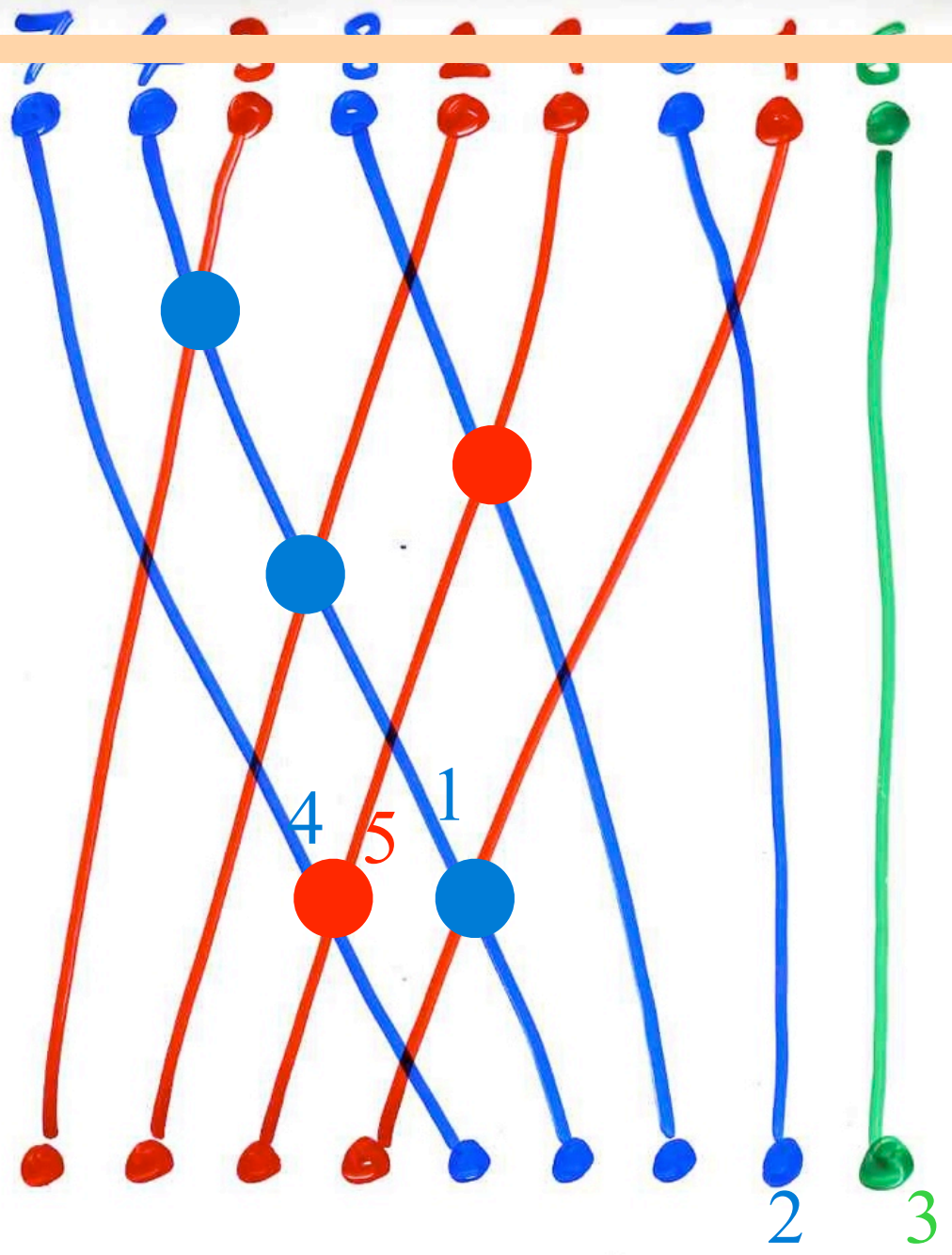
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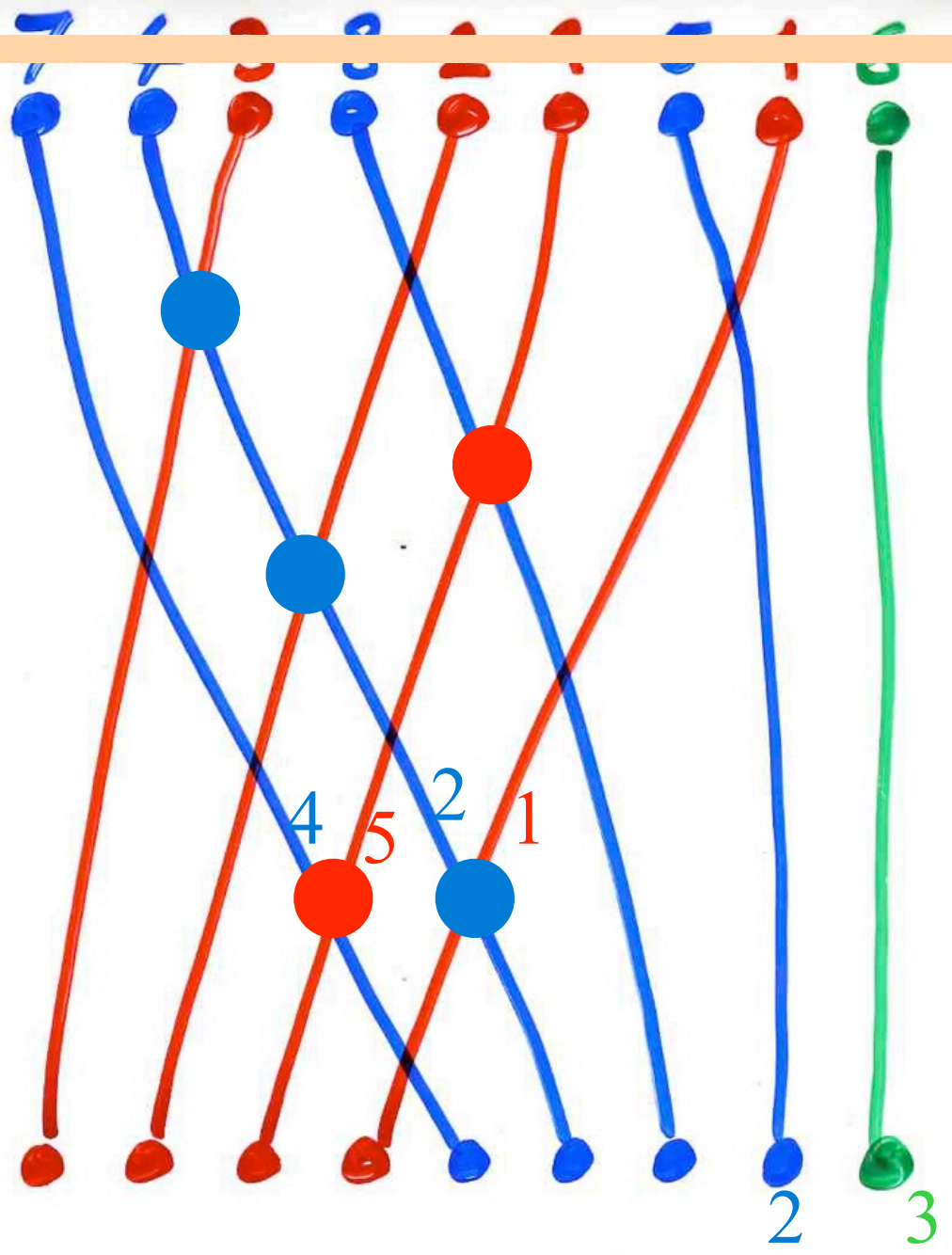
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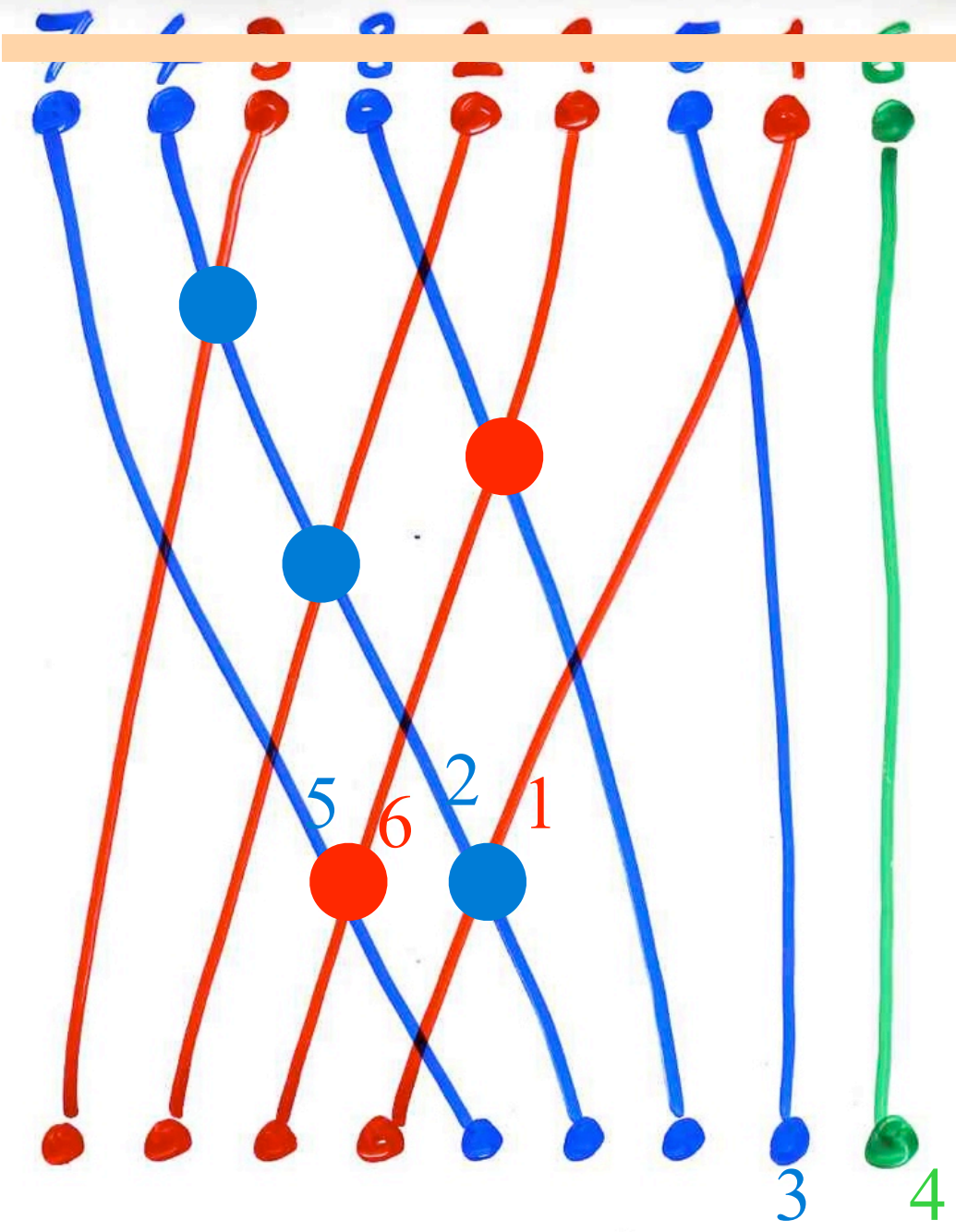
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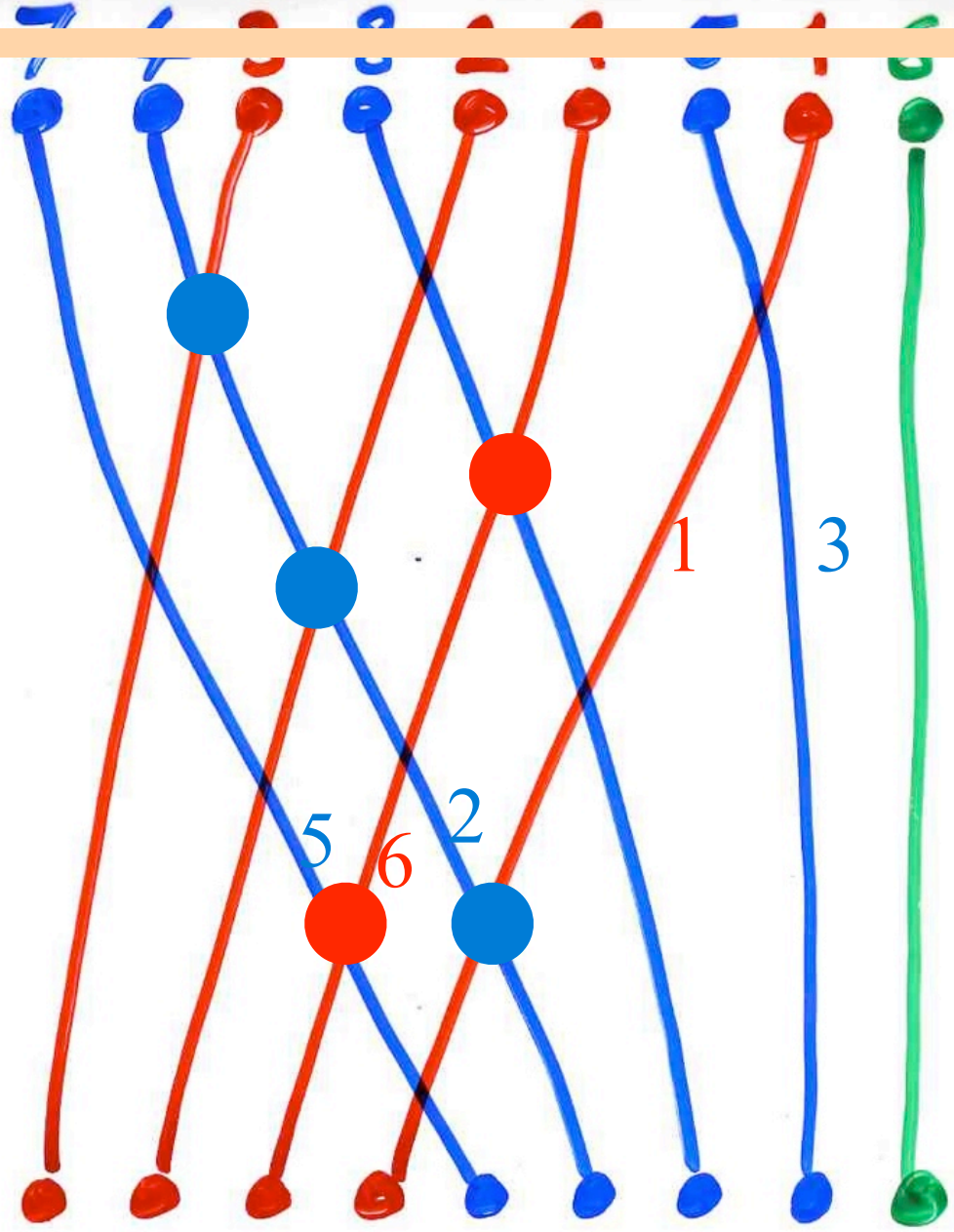
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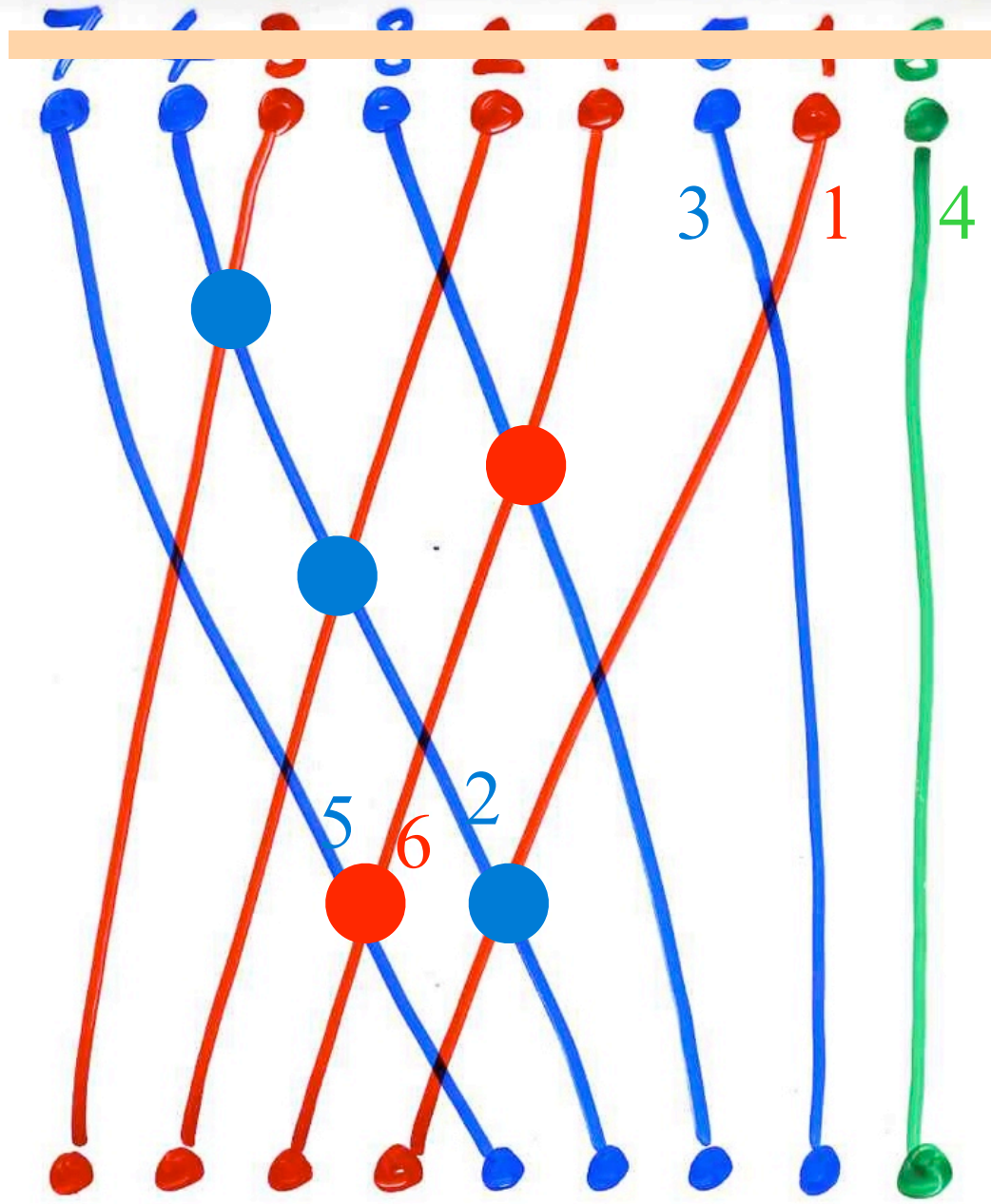
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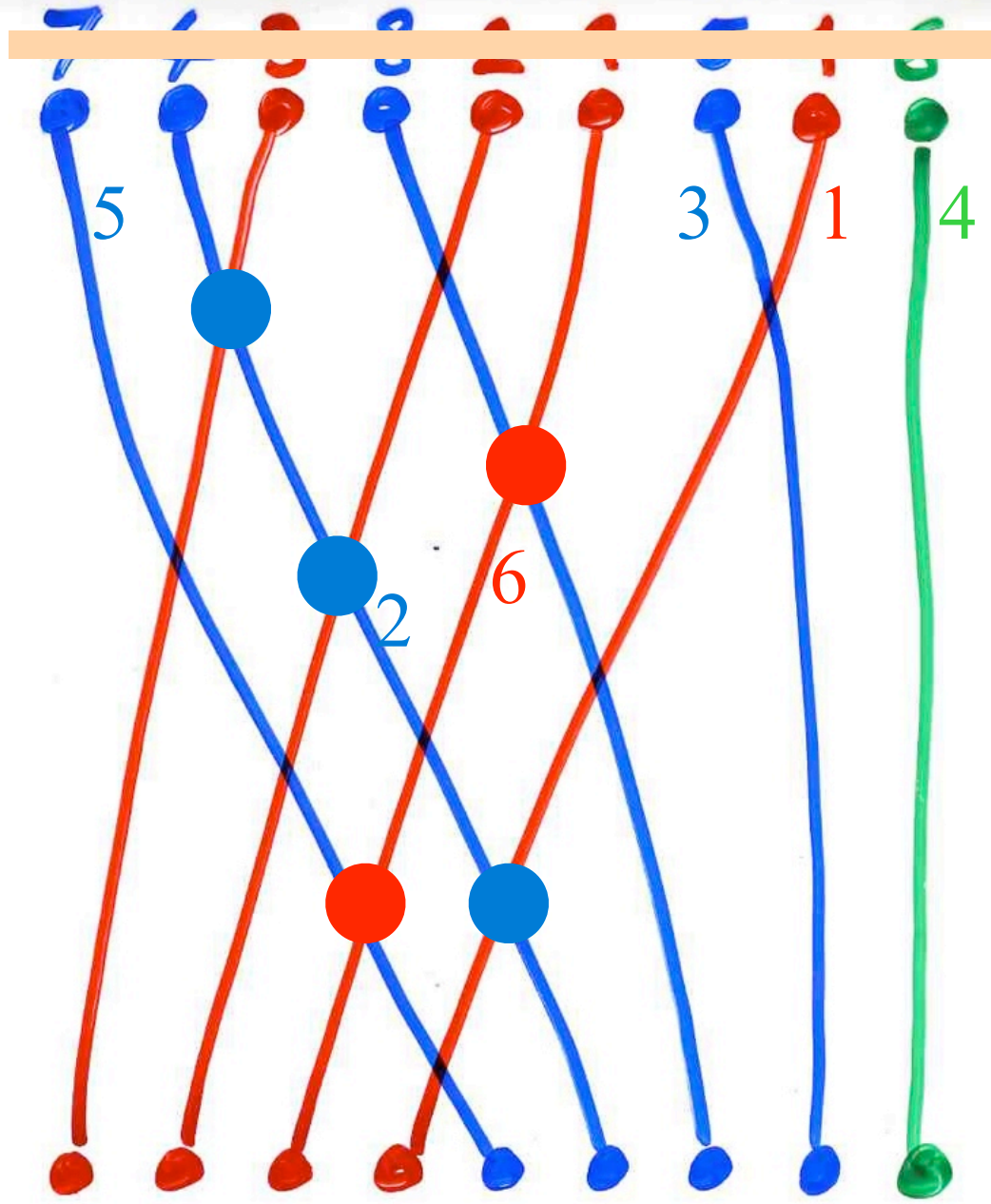
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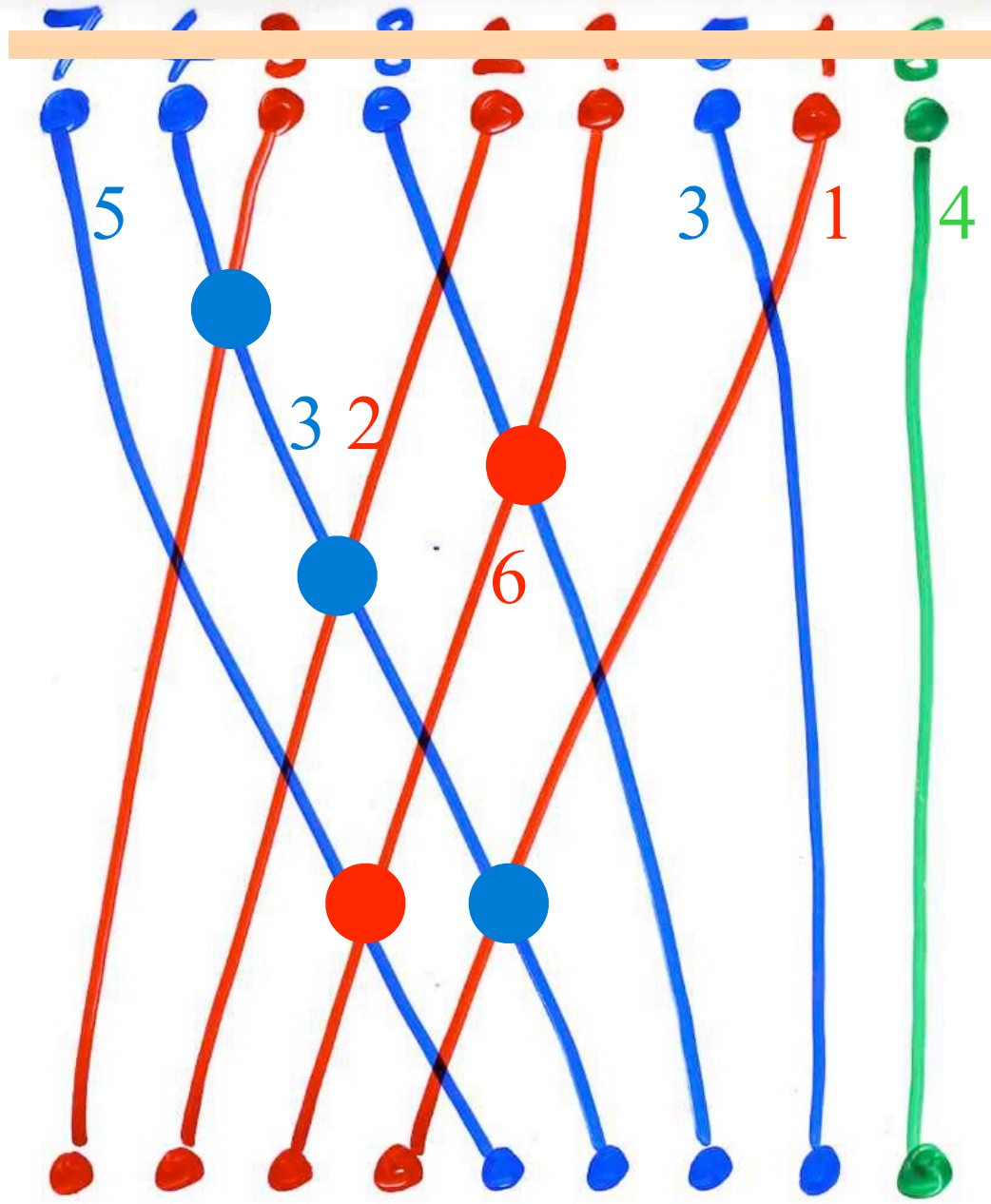
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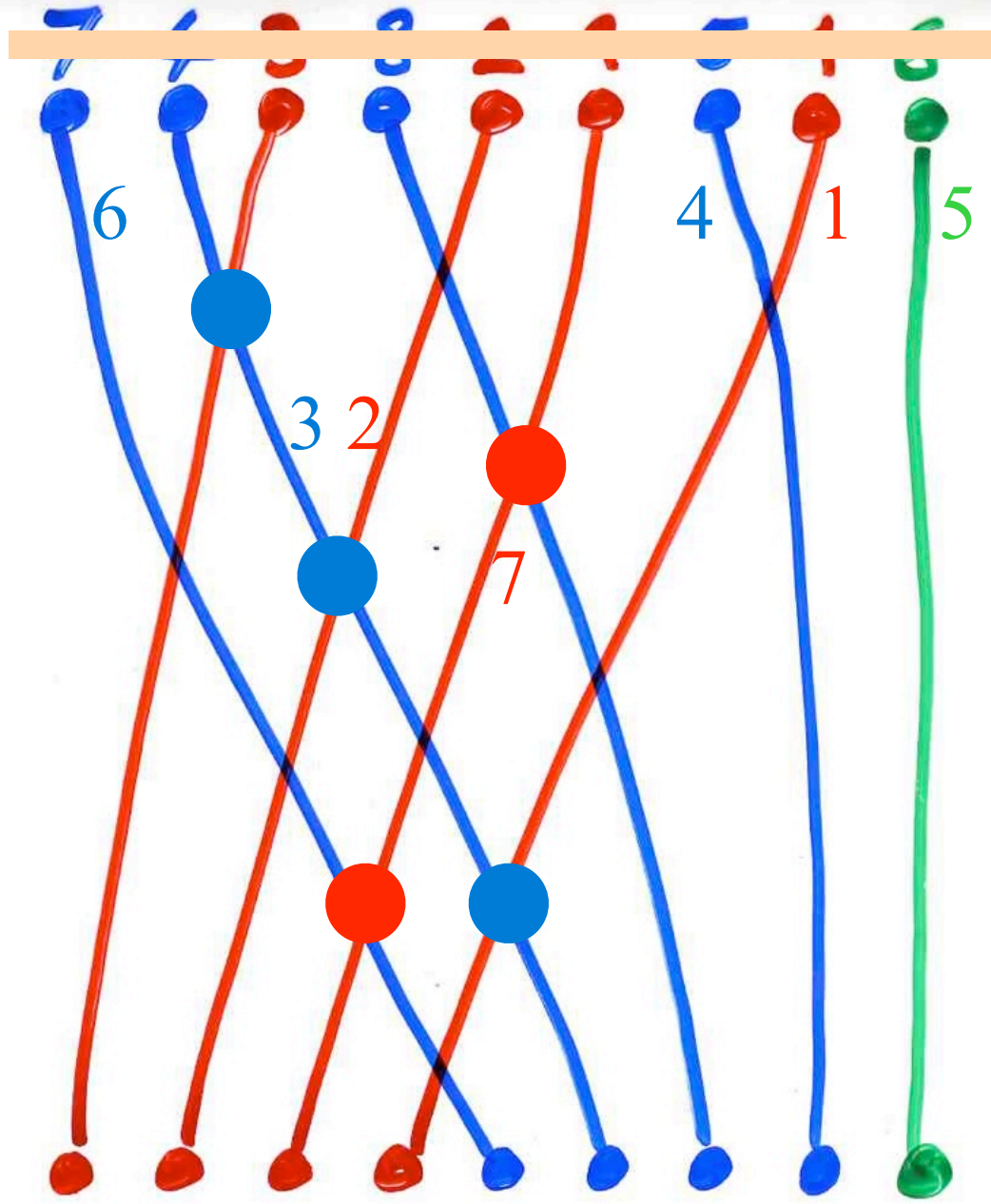
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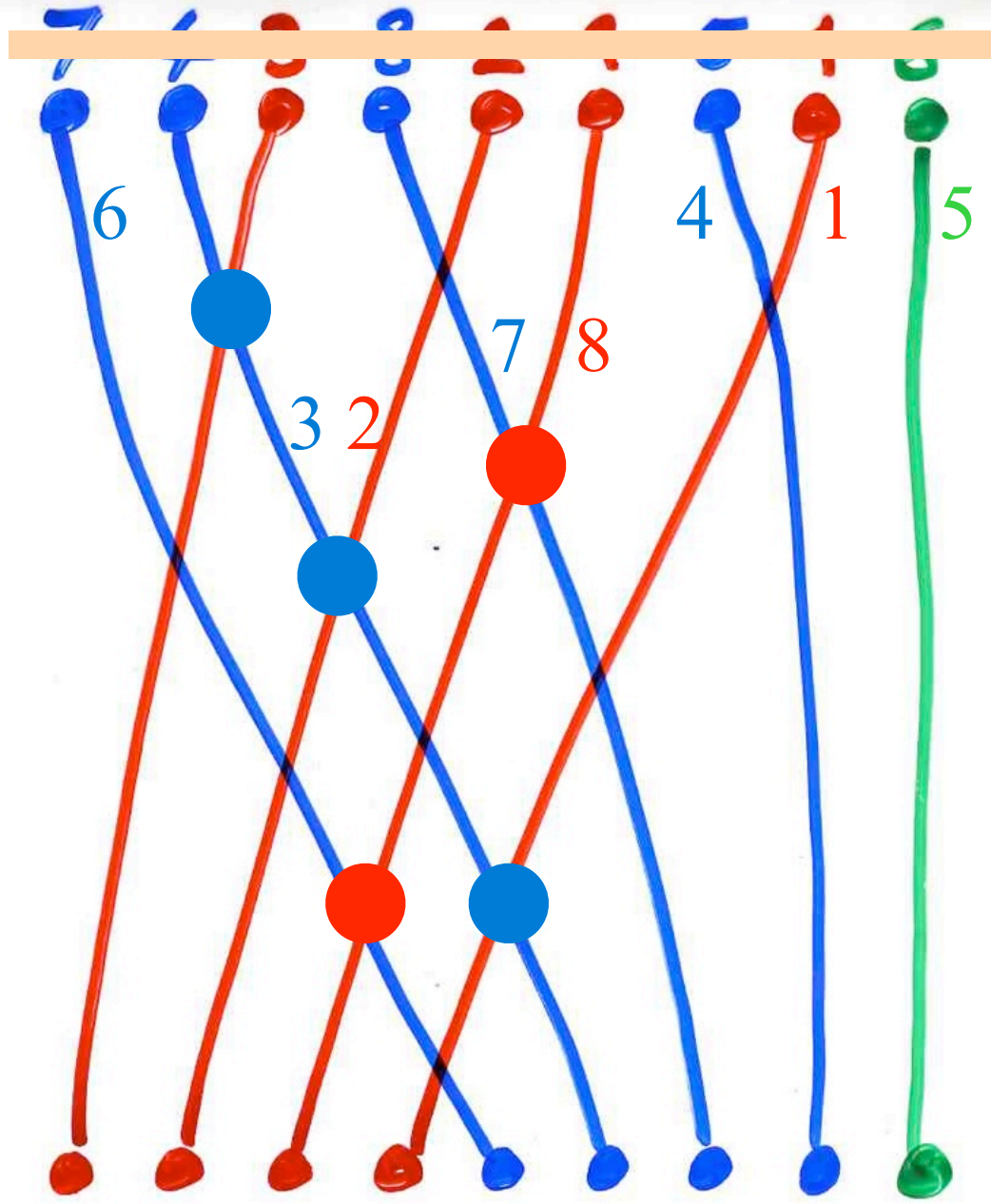


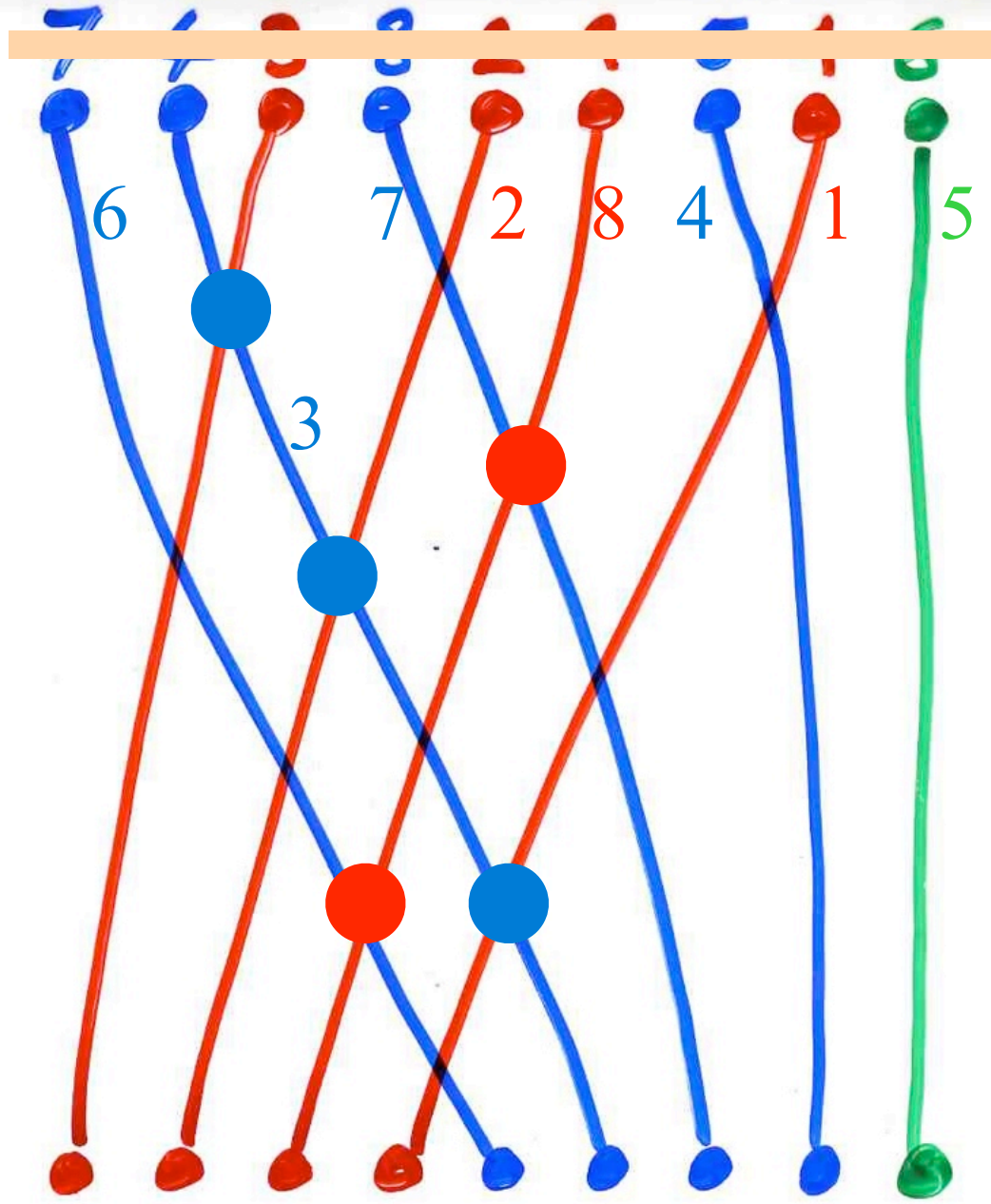


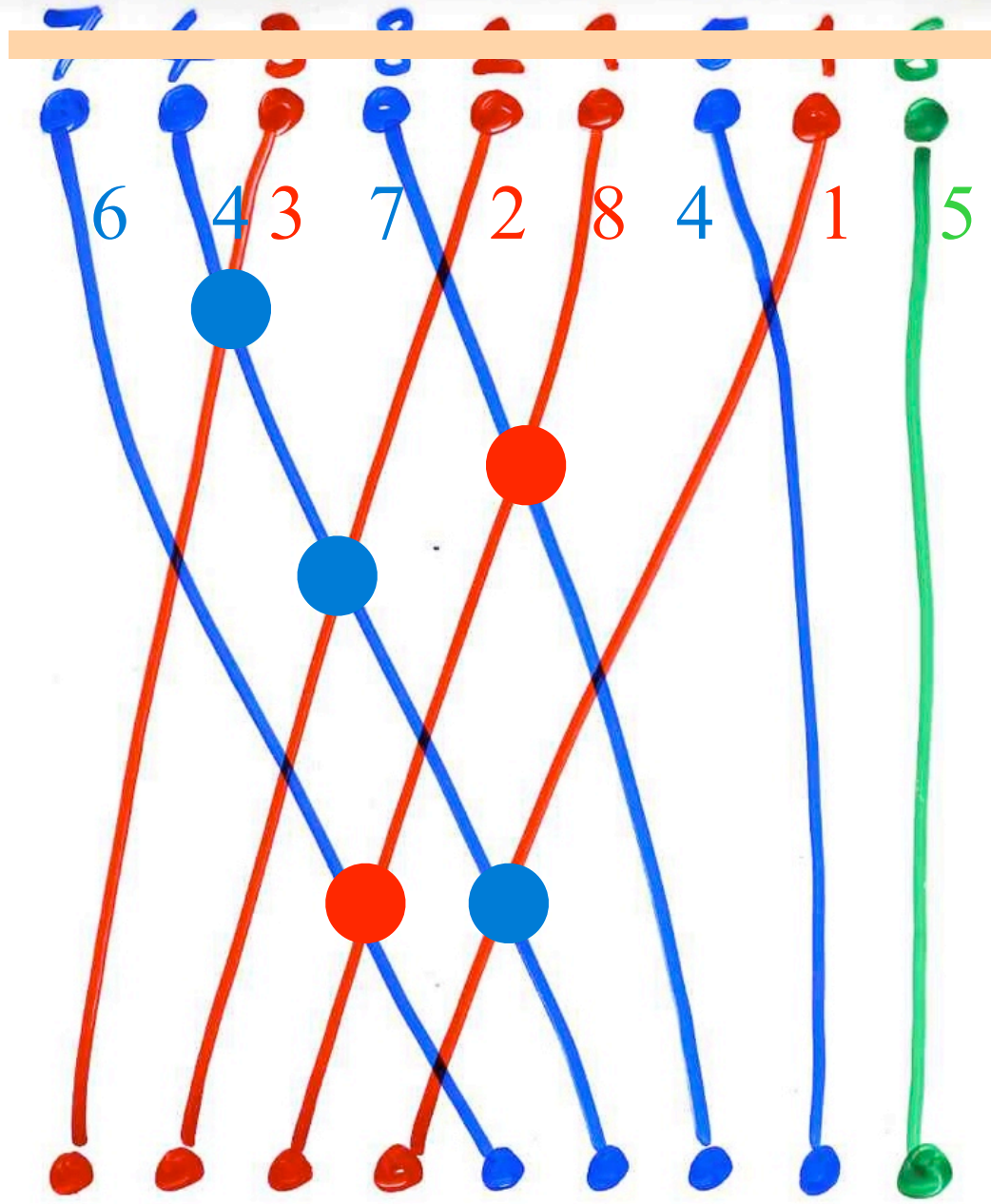


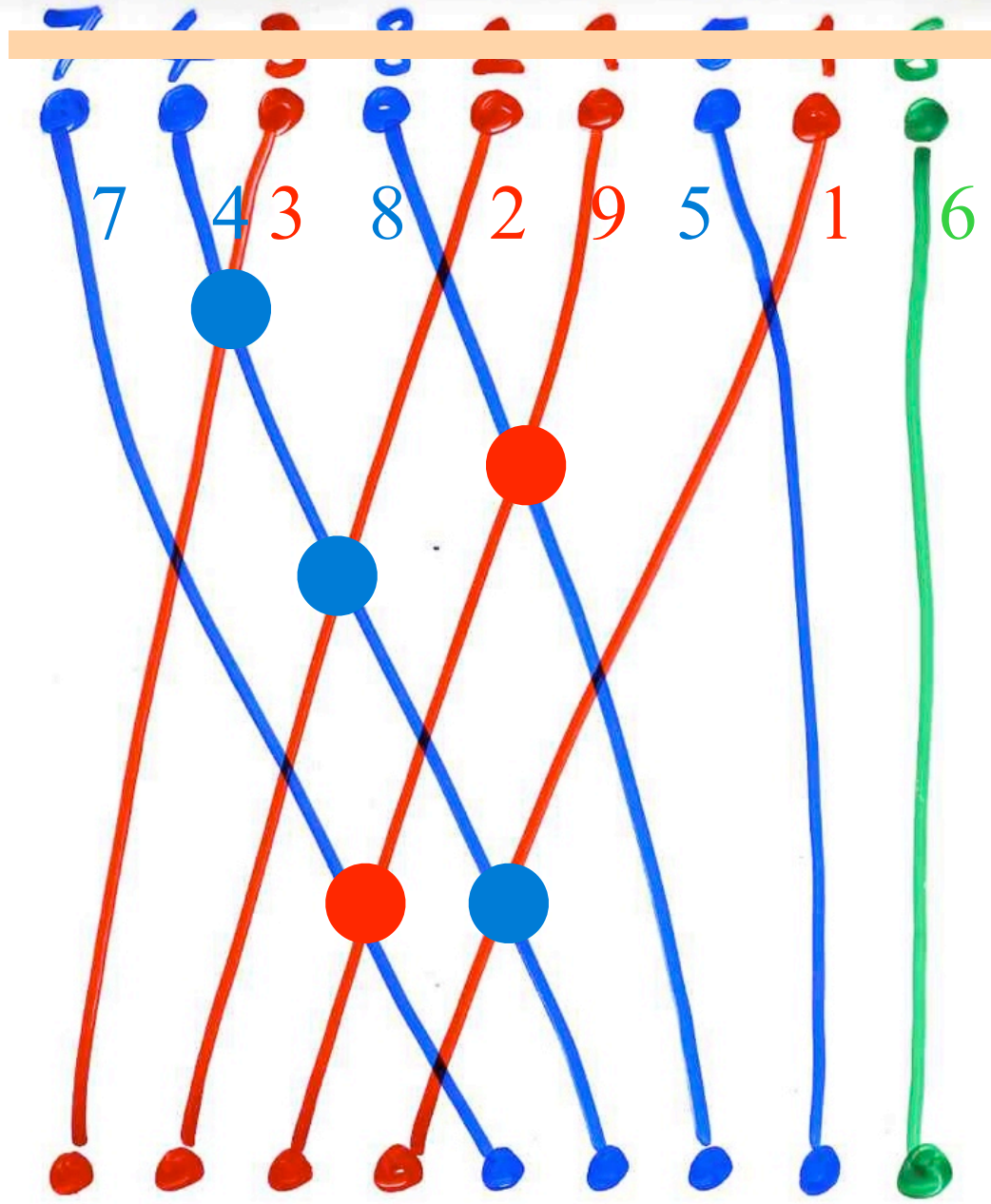










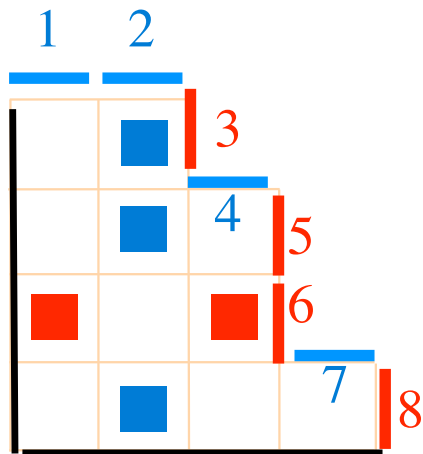


$\sigma$  permutation

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

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

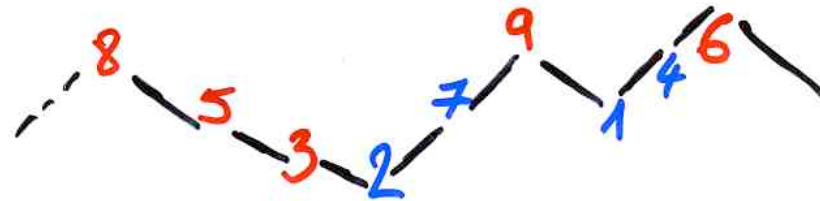
convention :  $\sigma(n)$  descente



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

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



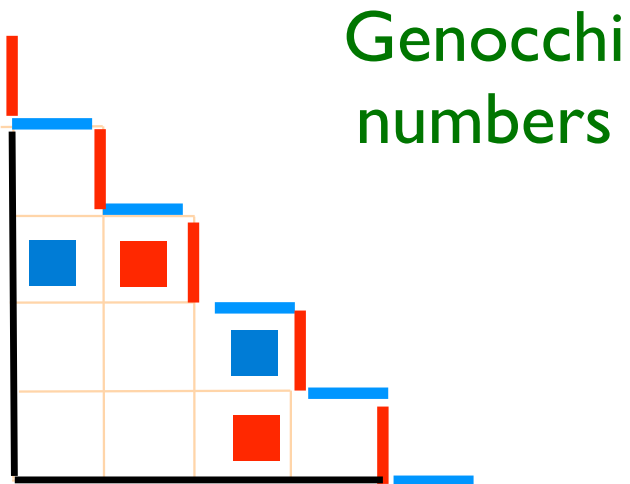
“Genocchi shape” of a permutation

nombres de  
Genocchi

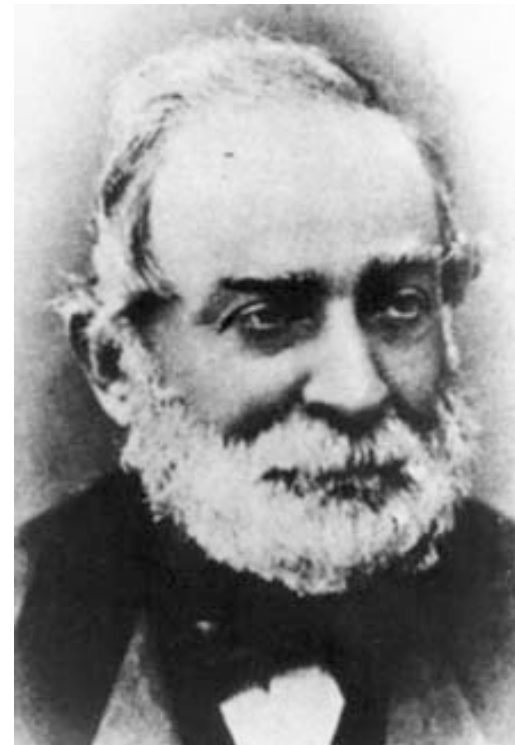
$$G_{2n} = 2(2^{2n} - 1) B_{2n}$$

Bernoulli

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



alternating shape



Angelo Genocchi  
1817 - 1889



Hinc igitur calculo instituto reperietur :

$$A = 1$$

$$B = 1$$

$$C = 3$$

$$D = 17$$

$$E = 155 = 5.31$$

$$F = 2073 = 691.3$$

$$G = 38227 = 7.5461 = 7 \cdot \frac{127.129}{3}$$

$$H = 929569 = 3617.257$$

$$I = 28820619 = 43867.9.73 \quad \&c.$$



**BORDEAUX 1.** Le professeur Donald Knuth consacre sa vie à la programmation informatique, considérée comme un art. Il vient d'être sacré docteur honoris causa à Bordeaux

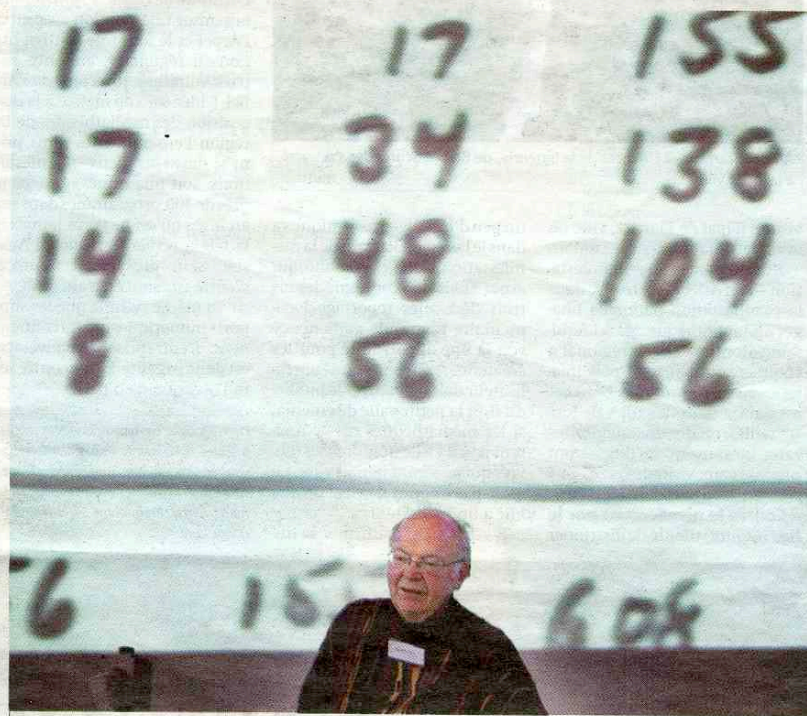
# L'ermite de l'informatique

de Bernard Broustet

Une sommité de l'informatique mondiale a séjourné en Gironde ces derniers jours. Donald Knuth, 69 ans, a été sacré mardi docteur honoris causa de l'université Bordeaux 1, après avoir été lundi au centre d'une journée d'échanges qui réunissait une bonne partie du gratin français et européen de la recherche en informatique (1).

Depuis son premier contact, il y a un demi-siècle, avec un monumental et dinosaurien IBM 650, Donald Knuth n'a cessé d'être habité par la passion de l'informatique. Physicien, puis mathématicien de formation, ce géant affable et modeste a voué sa vie à ce qu'il appelle « l'art de la programmation informatique ». Car, à ses yeux, plus qu'une technique, c'est une forme d'activité qui requiert à la fois rigueur, intuition et sens esthétique. Les programmes informatiques réussis ont une sorte de beauté à laquelle même les non-spécialistes peuvent être sensibles.

**Une encyclopédie.** Au long de sa carrière académique (pour l'essentiel à l'université californienne de Stanford), Donald Knuth a fait preuve d'une grande fécondité, en jouant notamment un rôle essentiel dans le développement de langages toujours utilisés par la communauté des mathématiciens. Mais, à 55 ans, le professeur Knuth a décidé de prendre sa retraite de Stanford. Il trouve que les fonctions administratives sont trop absorbantes pour lui permettre de mener à bien l'œuvre entamée à la fin des années 60 sous le titre de « Art of computer programming », sorte d'encyclopédie de l'algorithmique et de la programmation informati-



Donald Knuth, à Bordeaux, le 29 octobre. À 69 ans, il animait une journée d'échanges avec le gratin européen de la recherche en informatique

PHOTO LAURENT THEILLAT

que. Donald Knuth a publié, il y a quelque temps déjà, les trois premiers volumes de cette gigantesque somme, traduite en russe, en japonais, en polonais, etc. mais pas en français. Le quatrième tome est pour bientôt. Et Donald Knuth se dit décidé à poursuivre sa tâche tant qu'il en aura la force. Ses ouvrages, dont les ventes cumulées au fil des ans approchent le million d'exemplaires, visent essentiellement les informaticiens et créateurs de programmes. Une communauté cer-

tes minoritaire à travers le monde, mais qui se trouve investie d'une mission considérable. En quelques décennies, l'écriture informatique a aidé à résoudre d'innombrables problèmes. « Mais il y en a tant d'autres qui attendent des solutions, notamment dans le domaine médical », affirme le professeur émérite de Stanford.

**Un chèque de 2,56 dollars.** Pour mener à bien sa tâche, Donald Knuth s'est imposé une vie

d'ermite. D'ordinaire, sa journée débute par la bibliothèque ou la piscine. Après quoi, il passe tout le reste de son temps à sa table de travail, dimanche compris. Il n'a plus d'e-mail depuis le début des années 90, considérant que le courrier électronique représente une perte de temps, dès lors qu'on veut aller au fond des choses et non pas rester à leur surface. Une secrétaire lui fait passer les messages considérés comme les plus urgents. Pour le reste, Donald Knuth demande qu'on lui

écrive par courrier ordinaire ou par fax, dont il prend parfois connaissance avec des mois de retard. Il s'oblige, en revanche, à tenir aussi scrupuleusement que possible sa promesse d'envoyer un chèque de 2,56 dollars à tout lecteur ayant détecté une erreur dans un de ses livres. Par ailleurs, pour se détendre, il pratique l'orgue, appris dans sa prime jeunesse auprès de son père qui partagea sa vie entre la musique et l'enseignement.

**L'orgue de Sainte-Croix.** Donald Knuth n'est pas fermé aux choses de ce monde. Sur son site Internet, à la rubrique « Questions qui ne me sont pas fréquemment posées », il demande entre autres : « Pourquoi mon pays a-t-il le droit d'occuper l'Irak ? », « Pourquoi mon pays ne soutient-il pas une Cour internationale de justice ? » Mais cet homme de conscience ne se veut pas militant, pas plus qu'il n'aspire au vedettariat et à la richesse. « Beaucoup de gens, dit-il, ont tendance à considérer que l'informatique, c'est surtout des histoires de business, d'entreprise. Ce n'est pas mon cas. » Sortant de sa semi-réclusion, Donald Knuth s'est donc laissé convaincre d'accepter les hommages de l'université de Bordeaux, après celles de Harvard, d'Oxford, de Tübingen. Il a eu le coup de foudre pour la beauté et l'agrément de la ville. Et il n'oubliera sans doute pas de sitôt l'orgue illustre de l'église Sainte-Croix (2), sur lequel il a eu le bonheur d'exercer son talent.

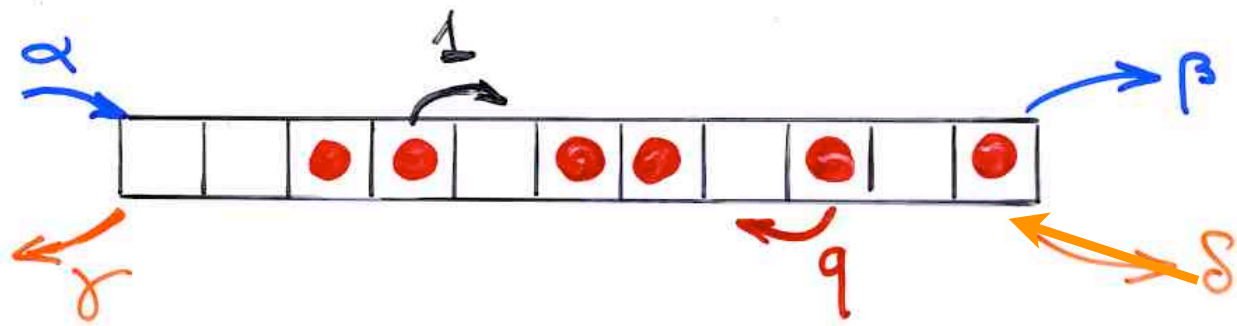
(1) Ces journées étaient organisées par le Laboratoire bordelais de recherche en informatique (Labri).

(2) Thierry Semenoux, professeur d'orgue au conservatoire de Bordeaux, a joué dans ce domaine un rôle de cicérone auprès de Donald Knuth.



§ 3  
The  
PASEP

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PASEP



# boundary induced phase transitions

molecular diffusion  
linear array of enzymes

biopolymers  
traffic flow

----- formation of shocks

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$$P_n(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) = \mathcal{L}_n(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) / Z_n$$

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

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

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



Derrida, Evans, Hakim, Pasquier (1993)

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TASEP

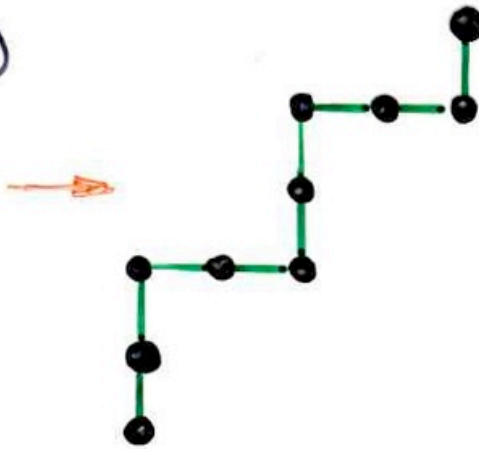
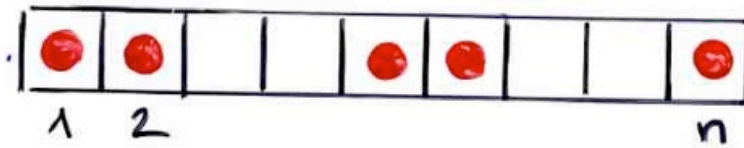
$q=0$

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Then

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

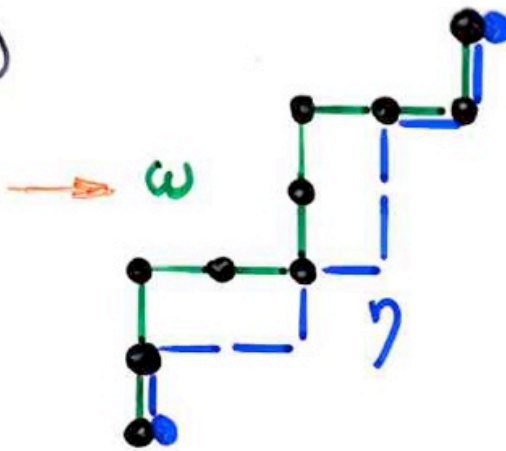
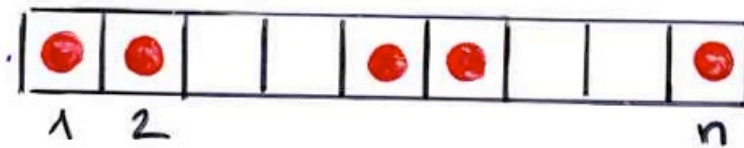
state  $s = (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$



$$P_n(s) =$$

Shapiro, Zeilberger, 1982

state  $s = (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$



$$P_n(s) = \frac{1}{C_{n+1}} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{number of paths } \gamma \\ \text{below the path } \omega \\ \text{associated to } s \end{array} \right)$$

Shapiro, Zeilberger, 1982

## TASEP

Brak, Essam (2003), Duchi, Schaeffer, (2004),  
Angel (2005), xgv, (2007)

## (P) ASEP

Brak, Corteel, Essam, Parviainen, Rechnitzer (2006)  
Corteel, Williams (2006)  
Josuat-Vergès (2008)

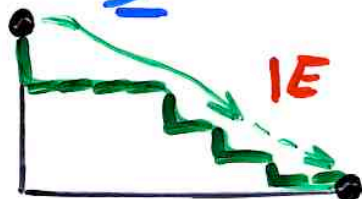
Derrida, ...

Mallick, .... Golinelli, Mallick (2006)



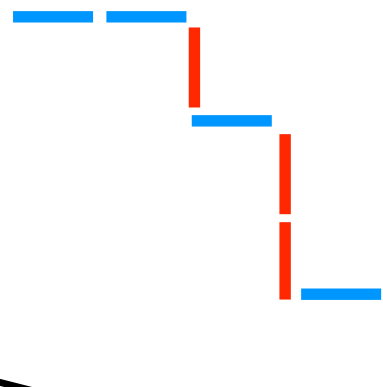
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alternative  
tableaux

Def- profile of an alternative tableau  
 $w \in \{E, D\}^*$



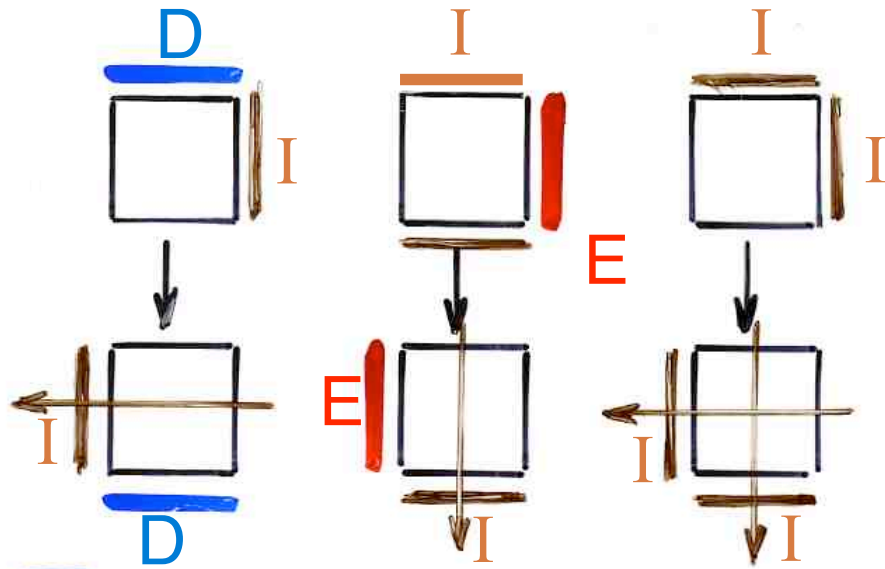
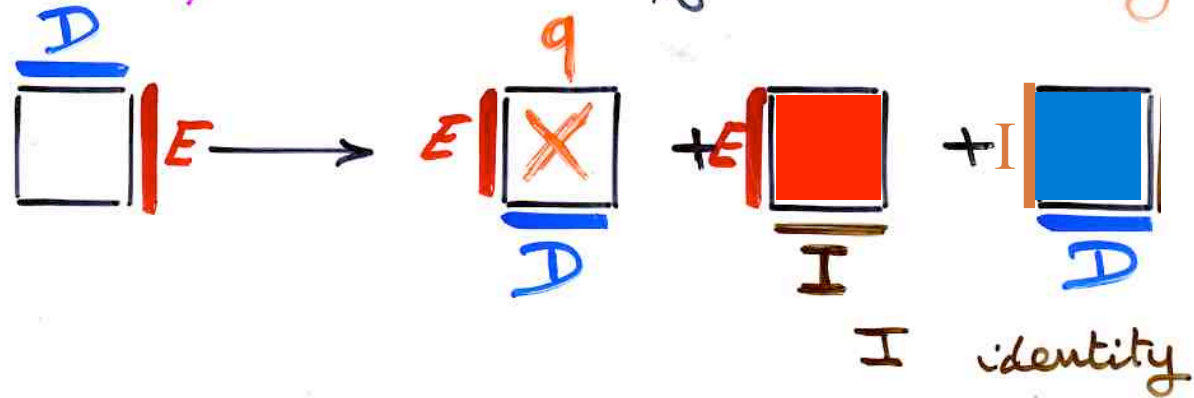
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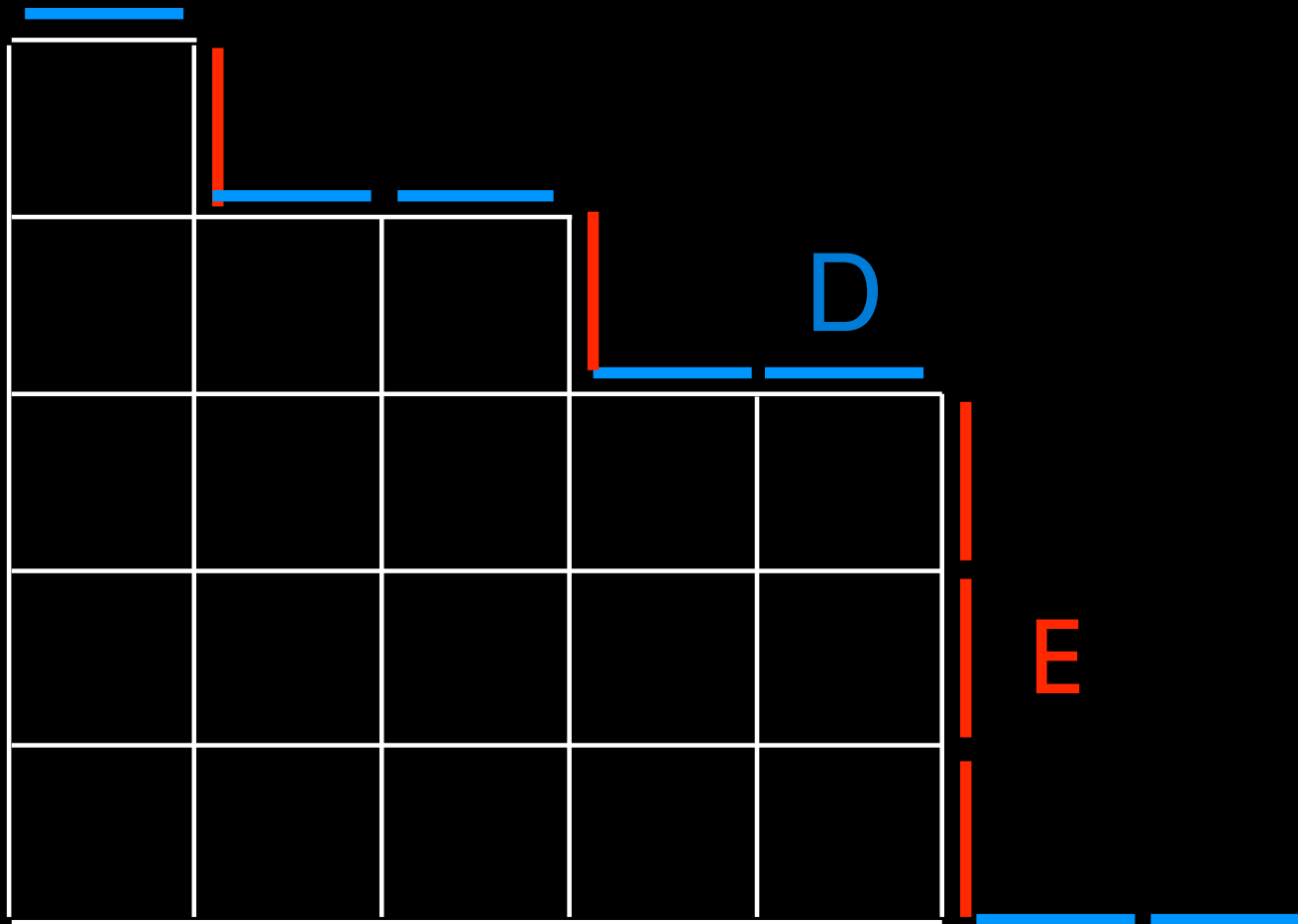
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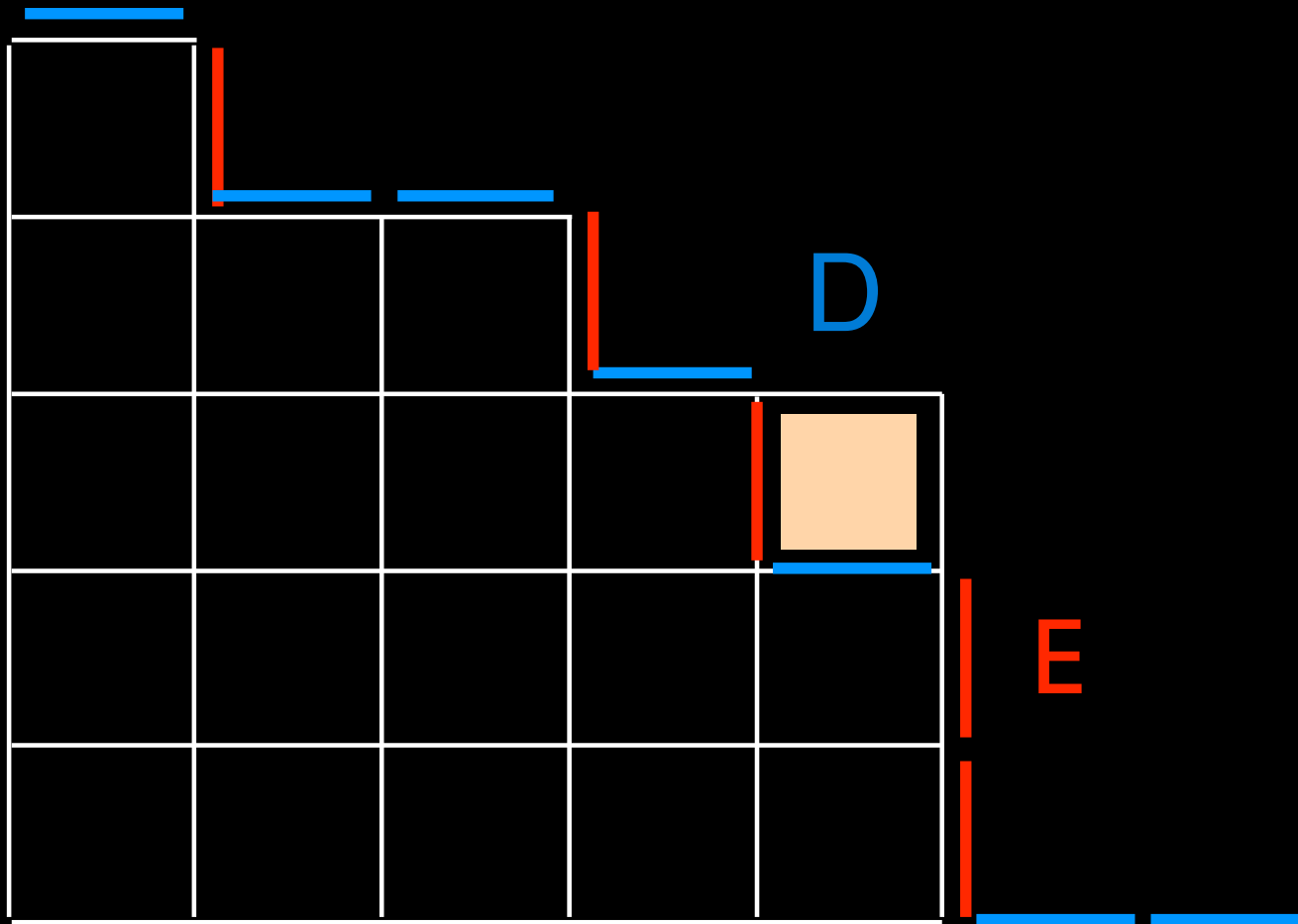
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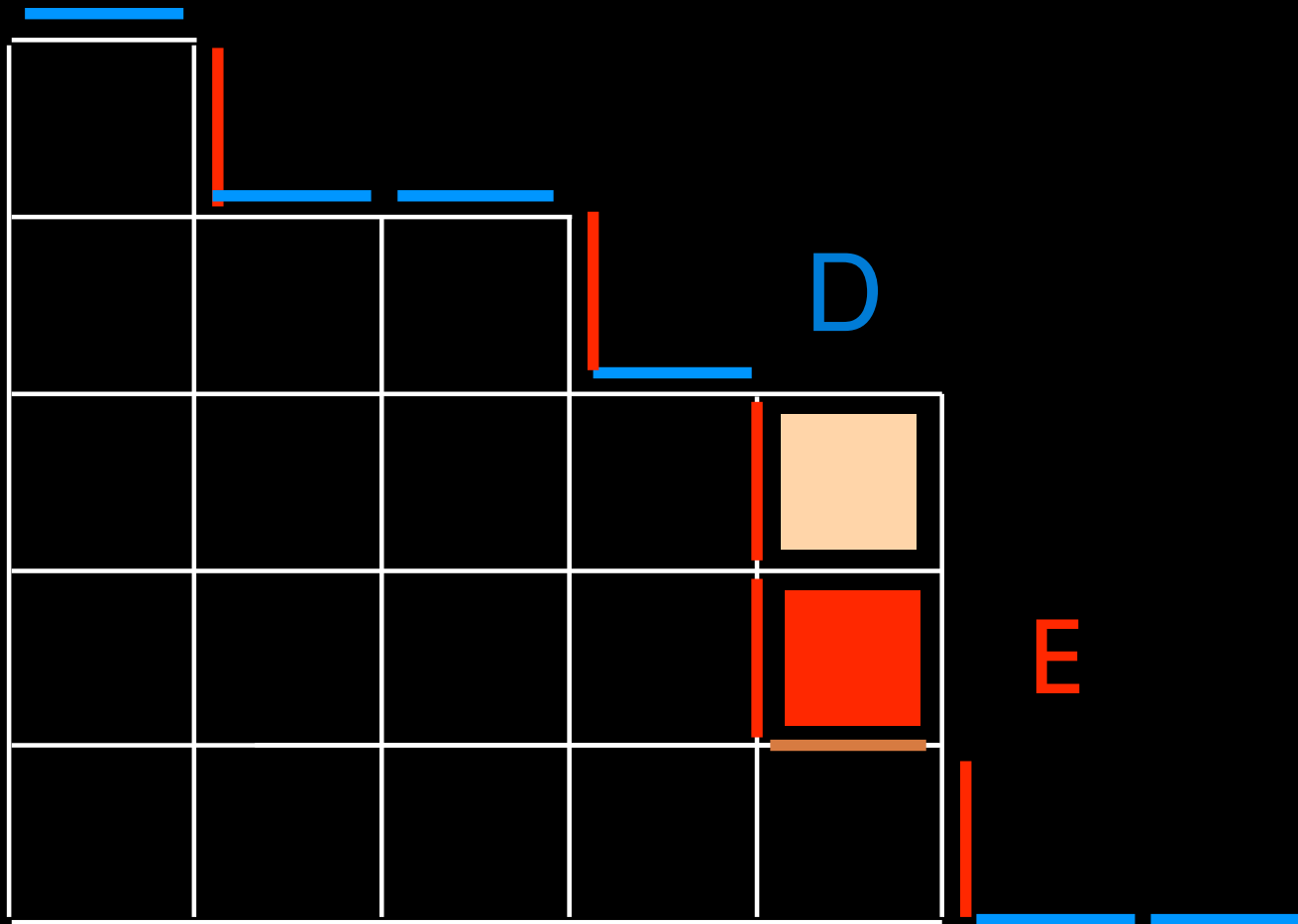
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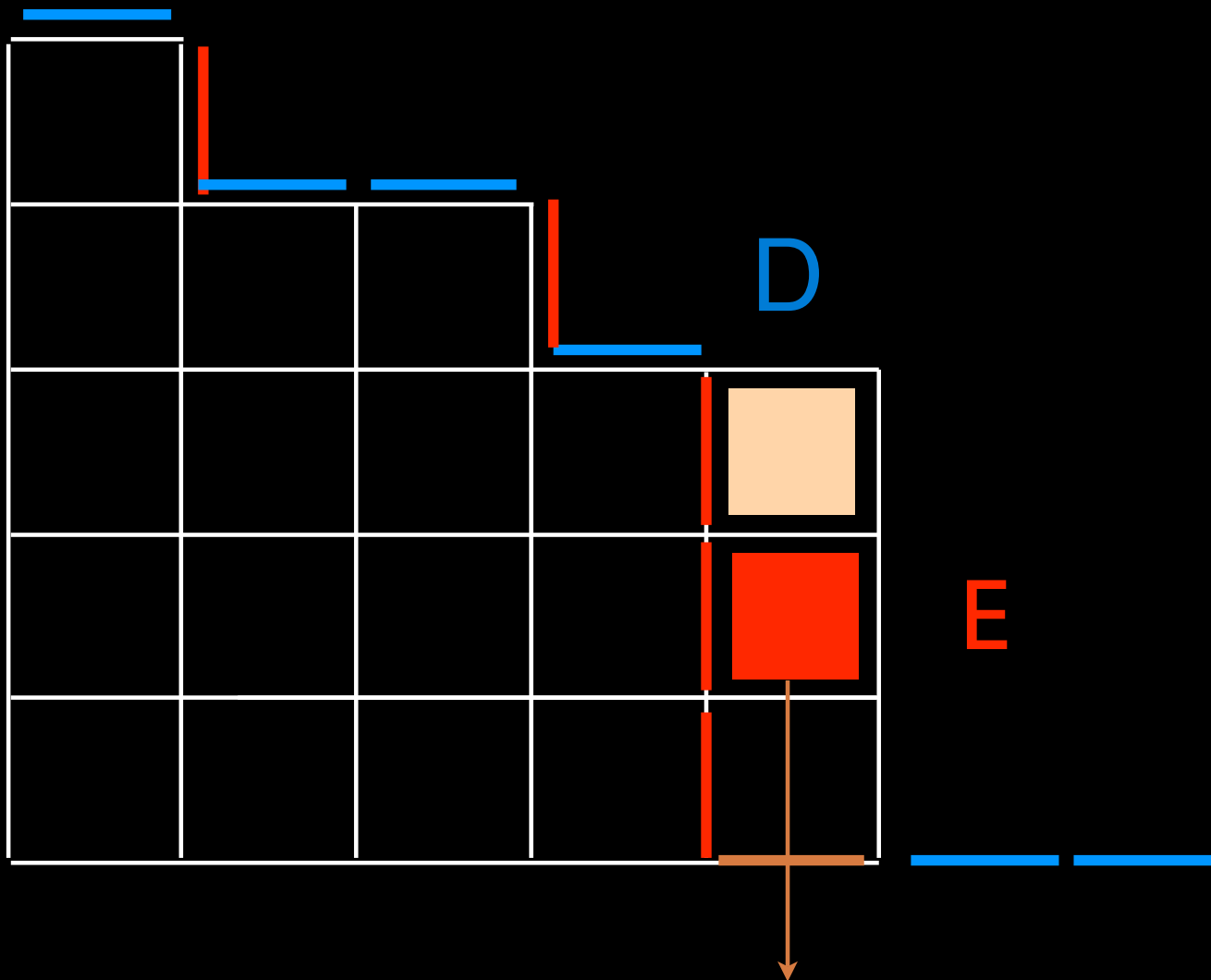


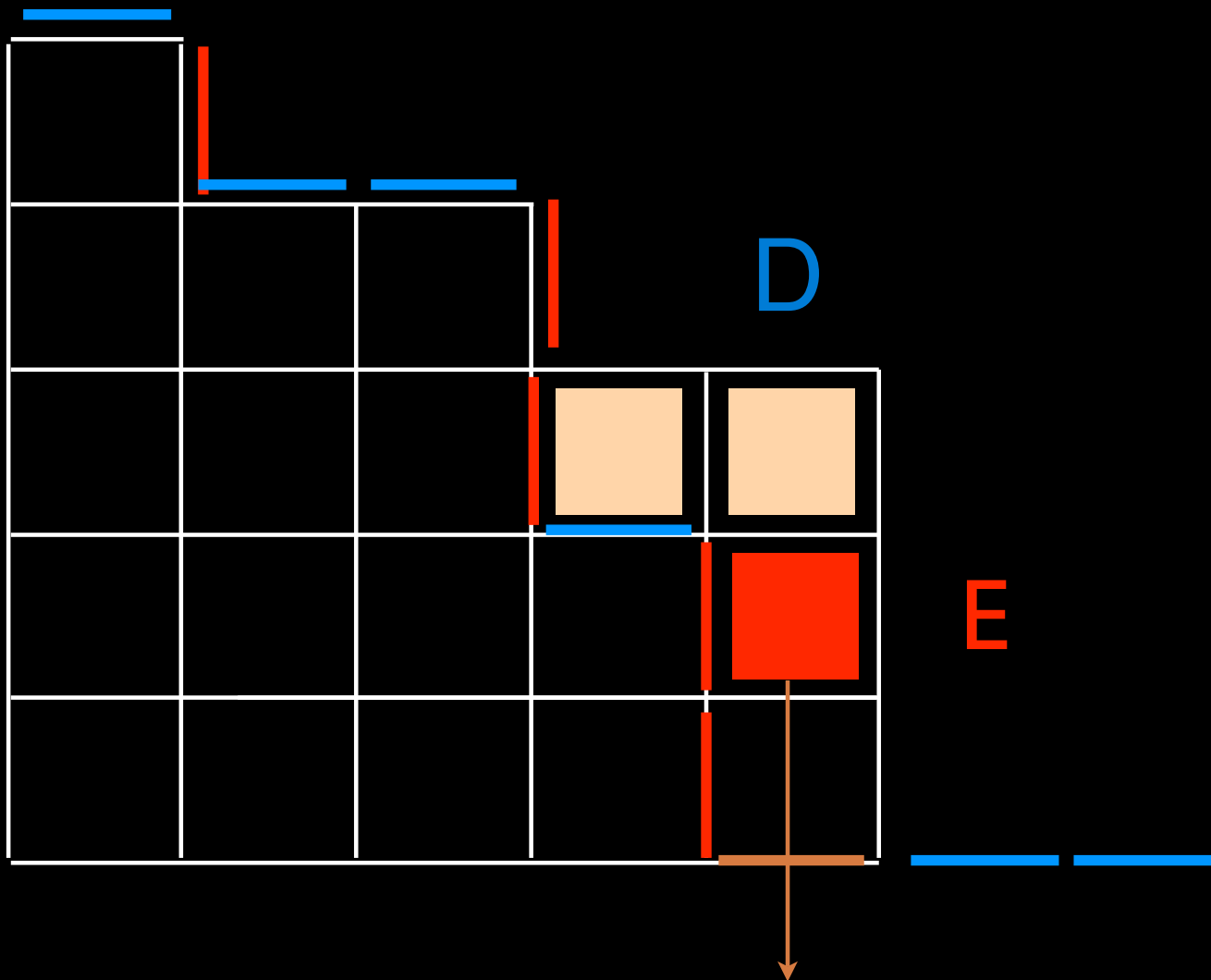


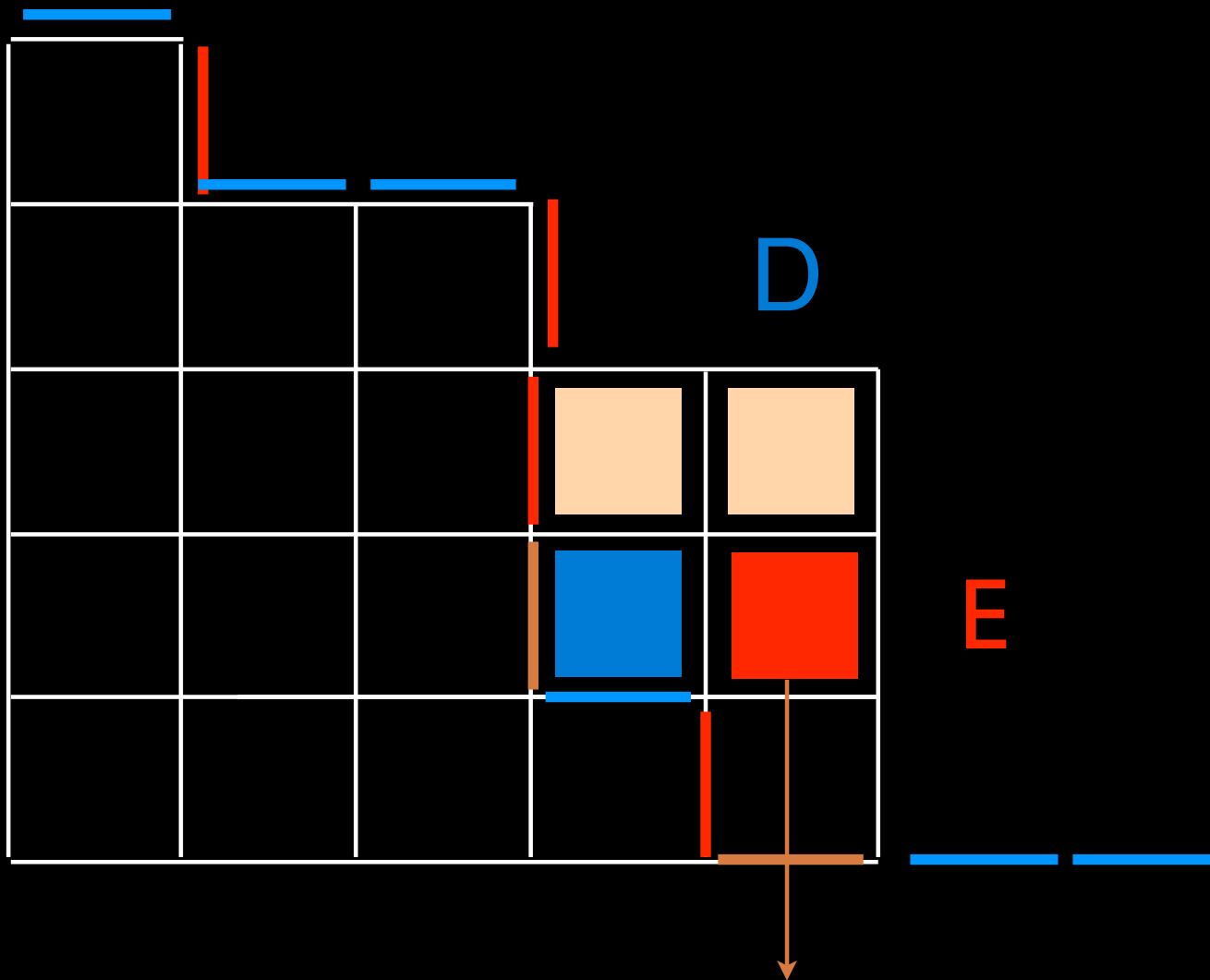


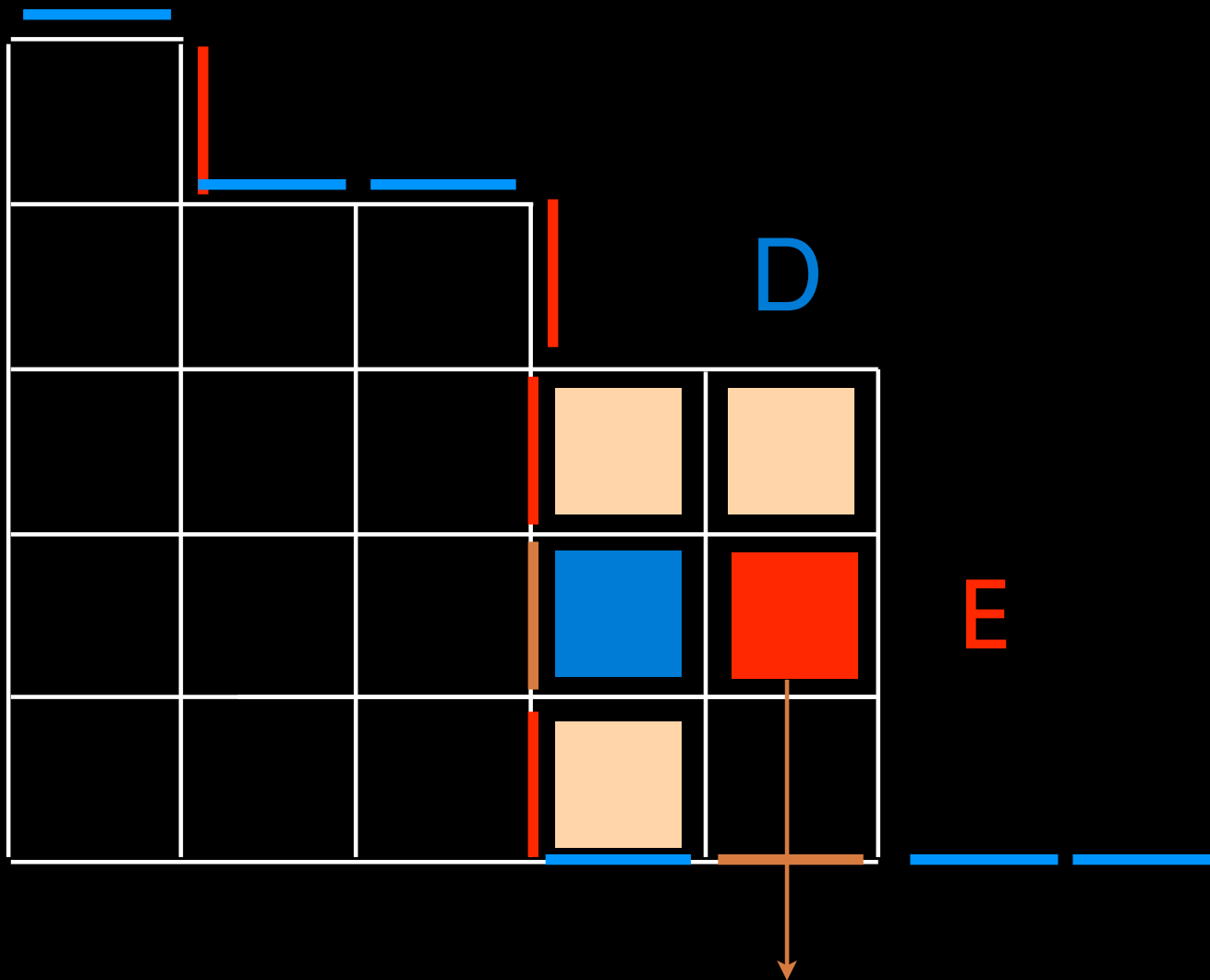


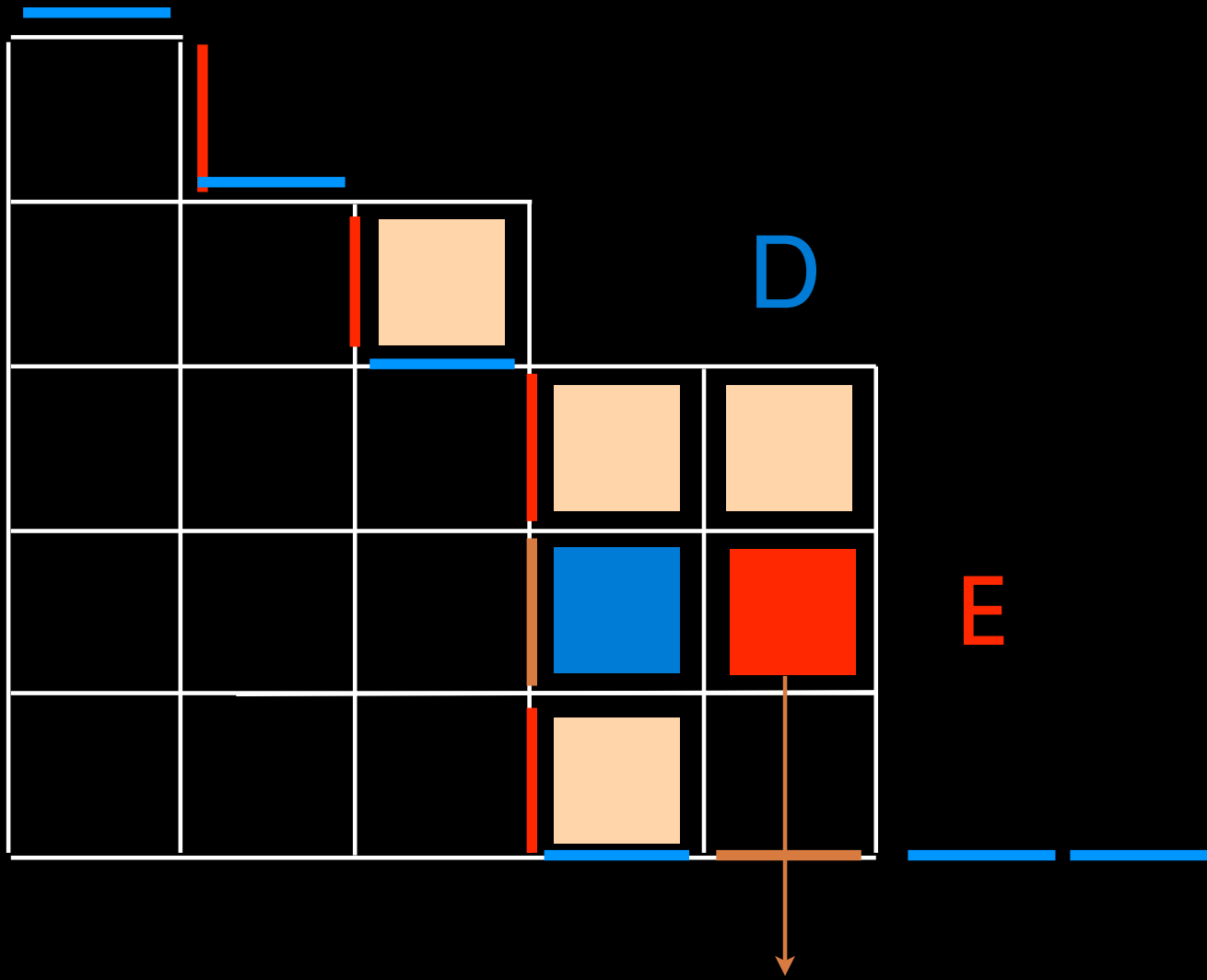


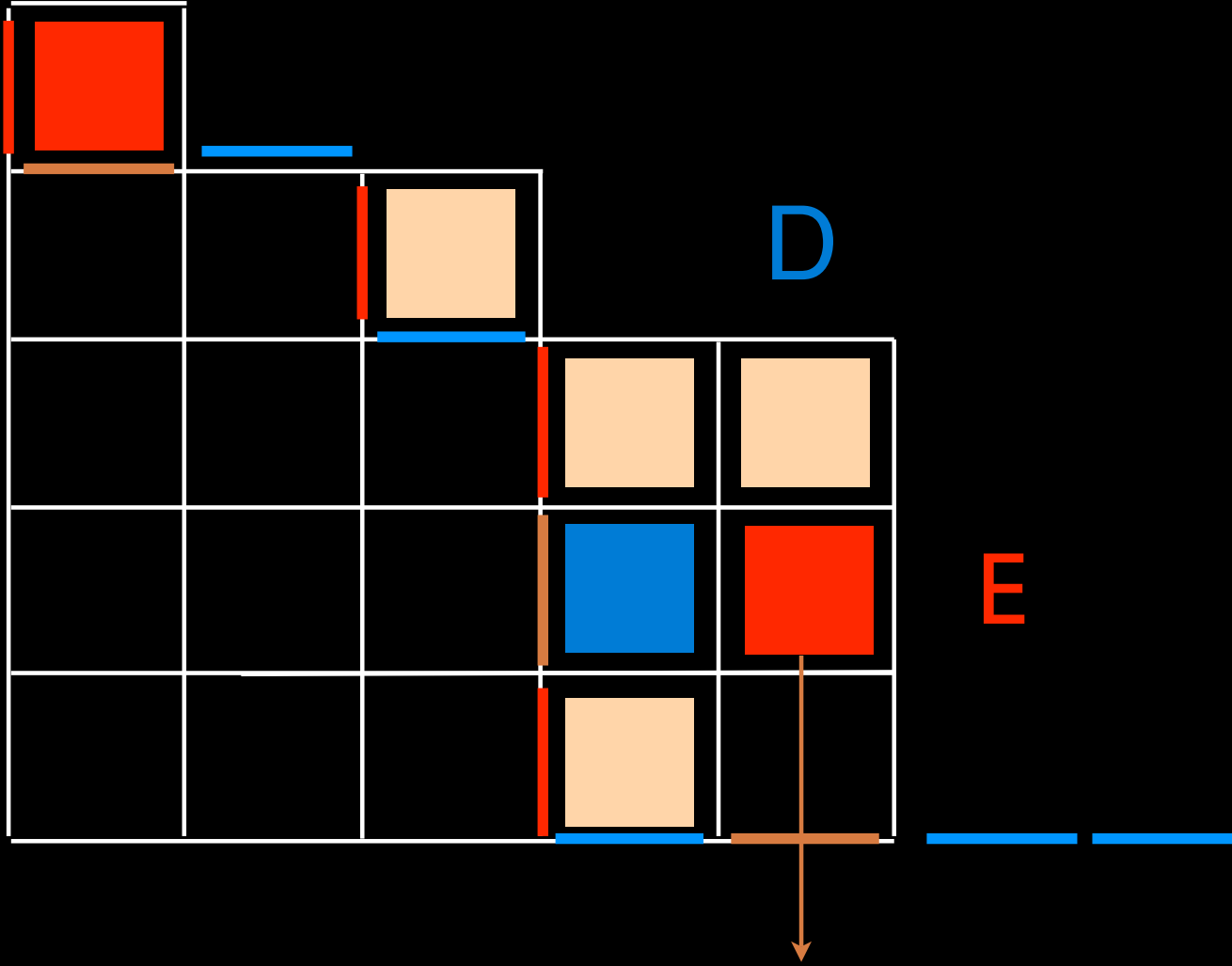




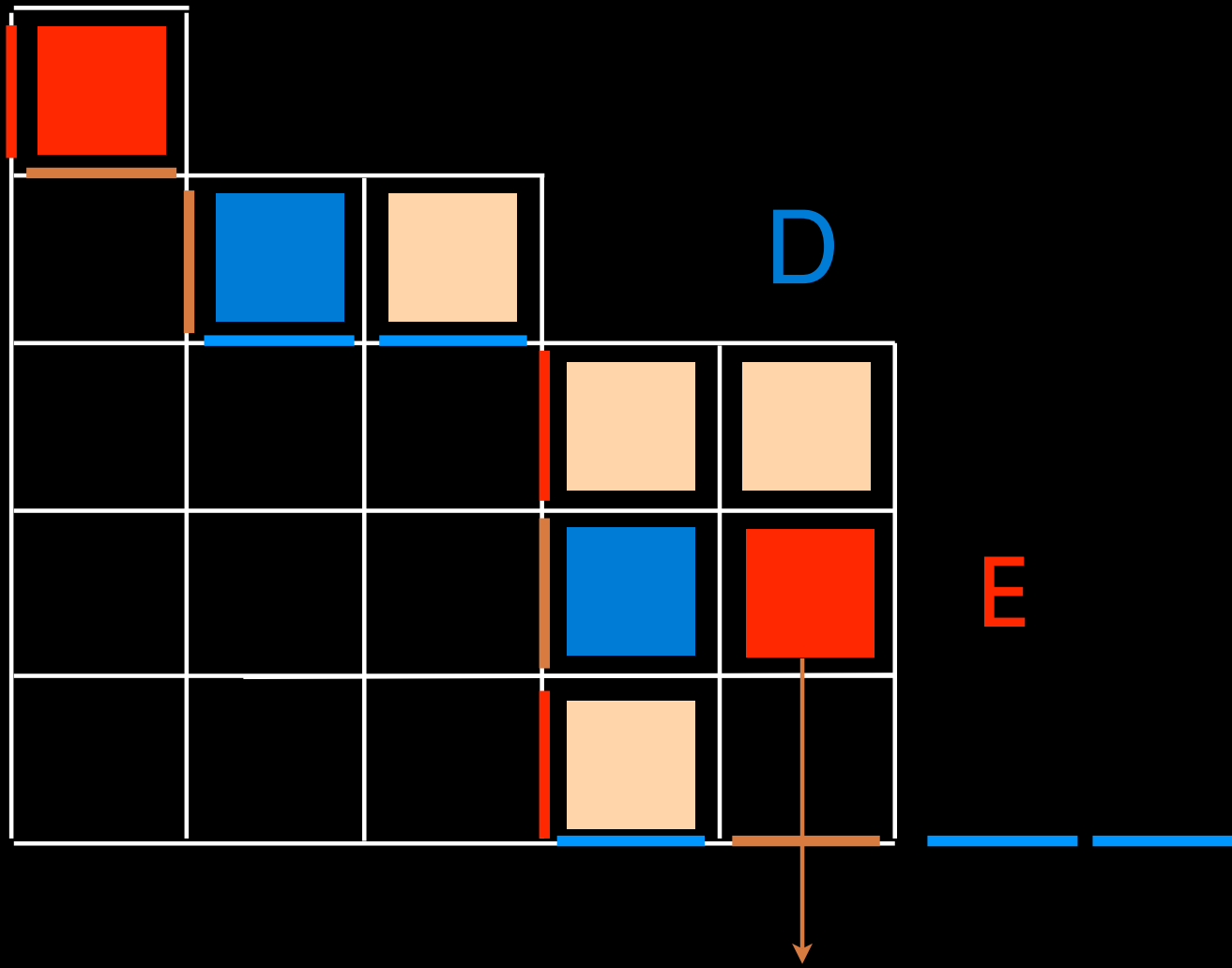


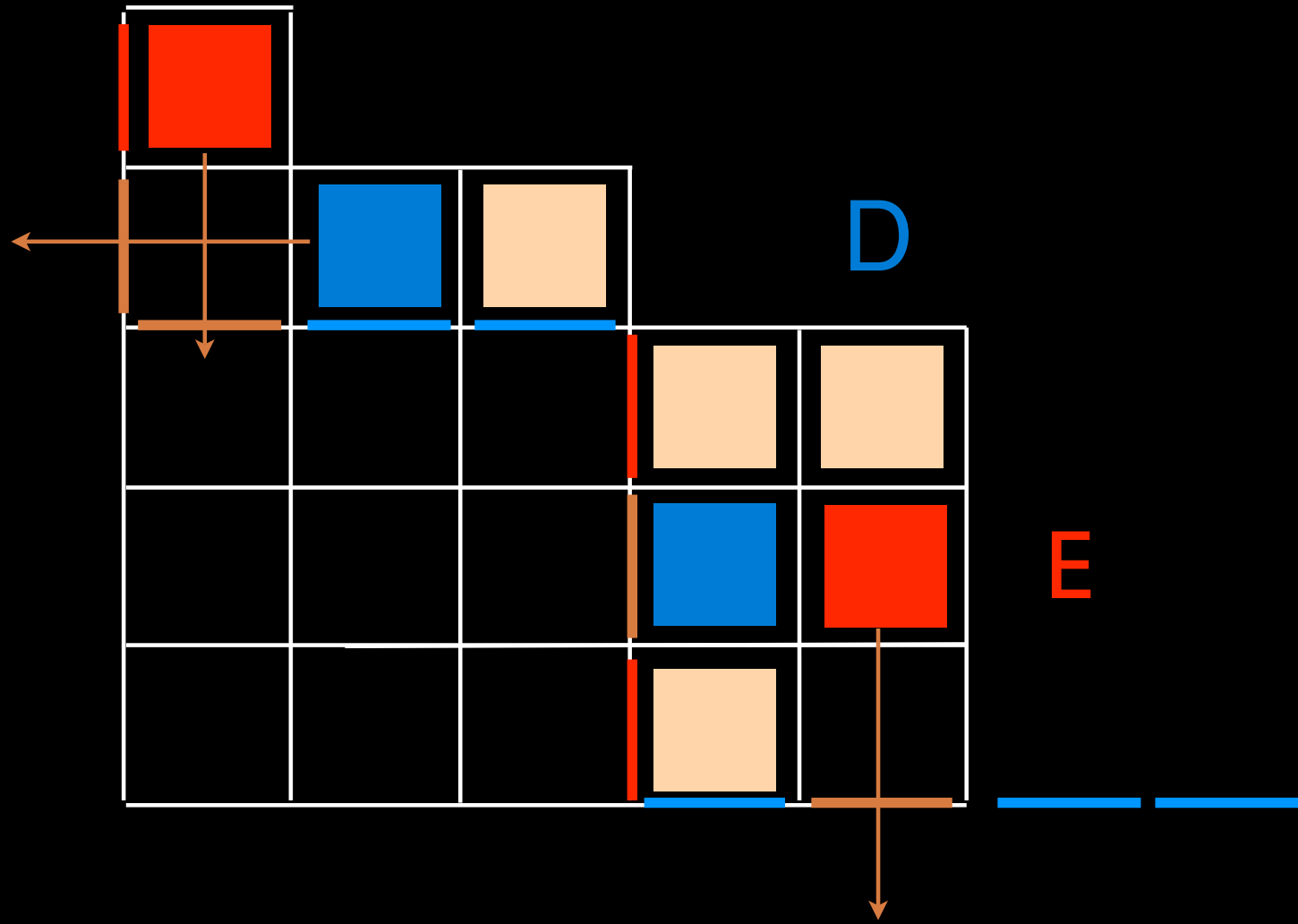


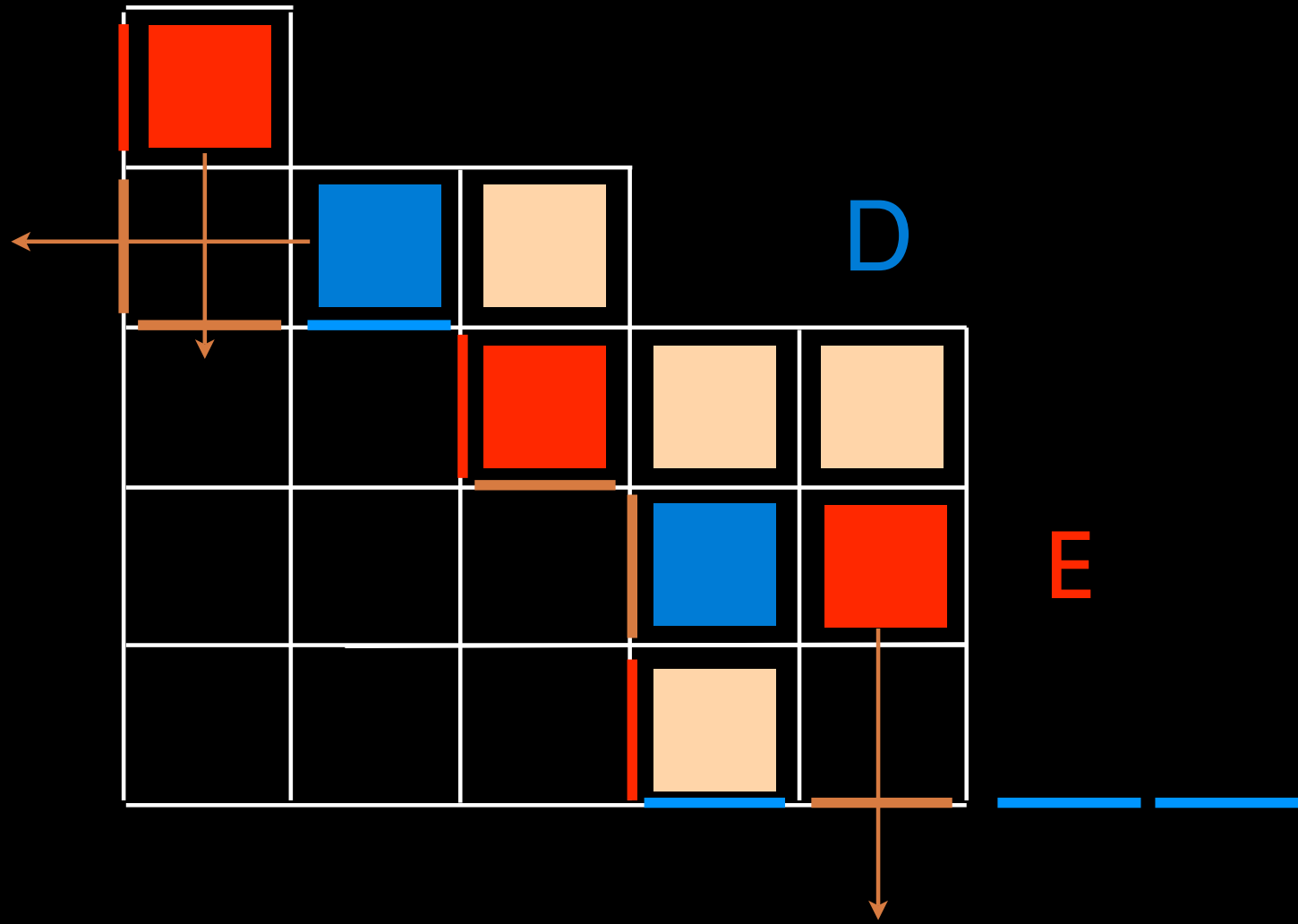


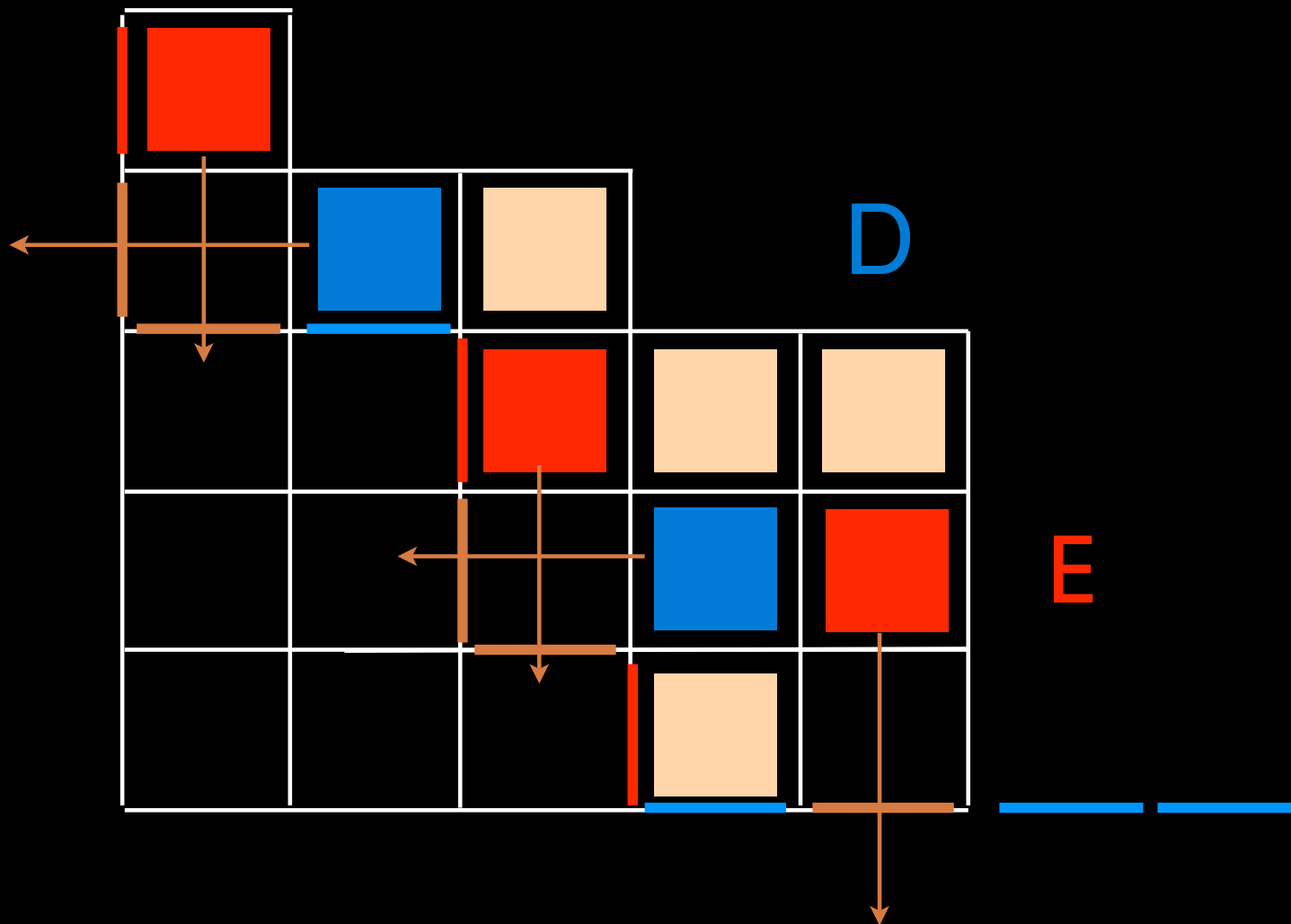


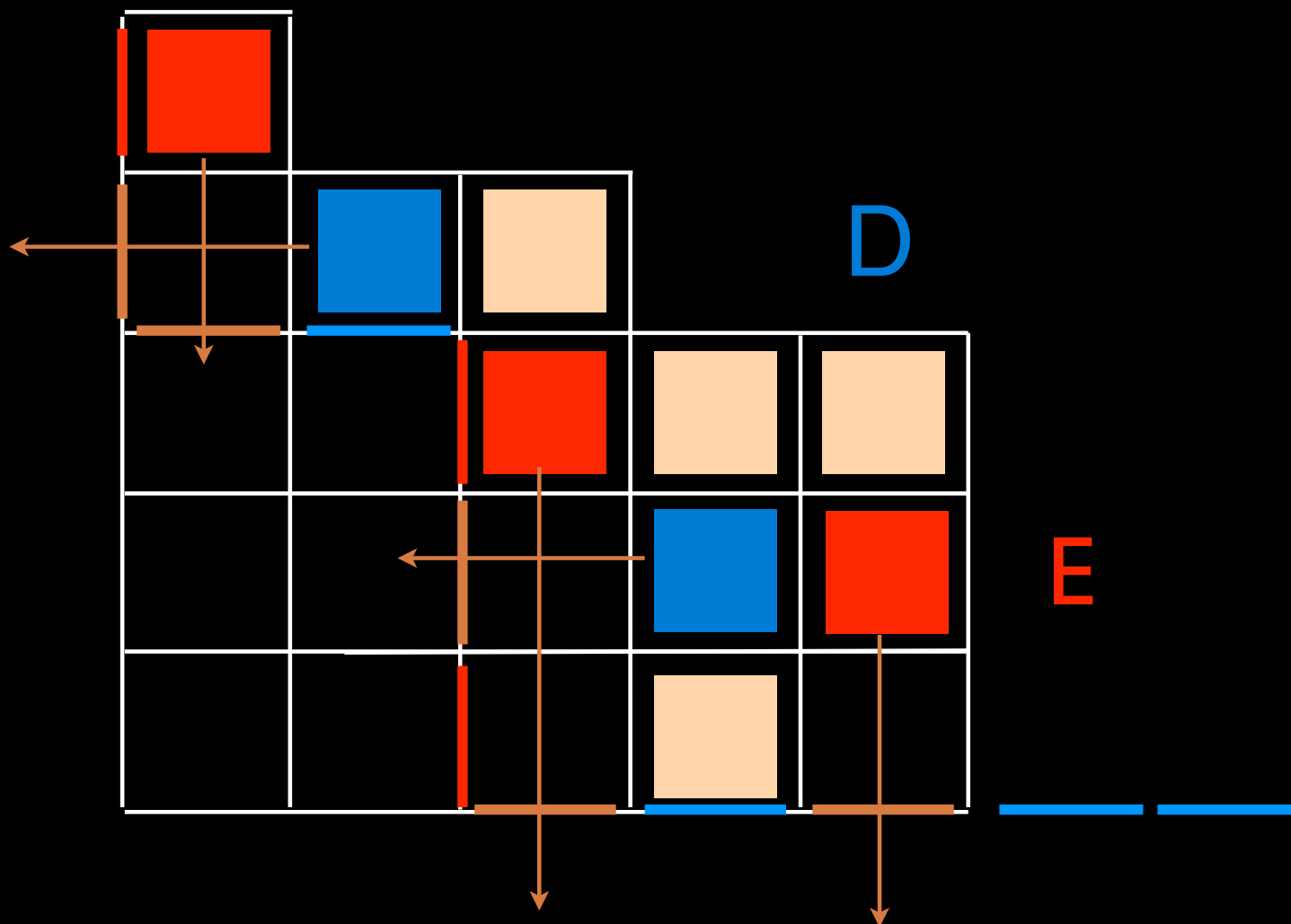


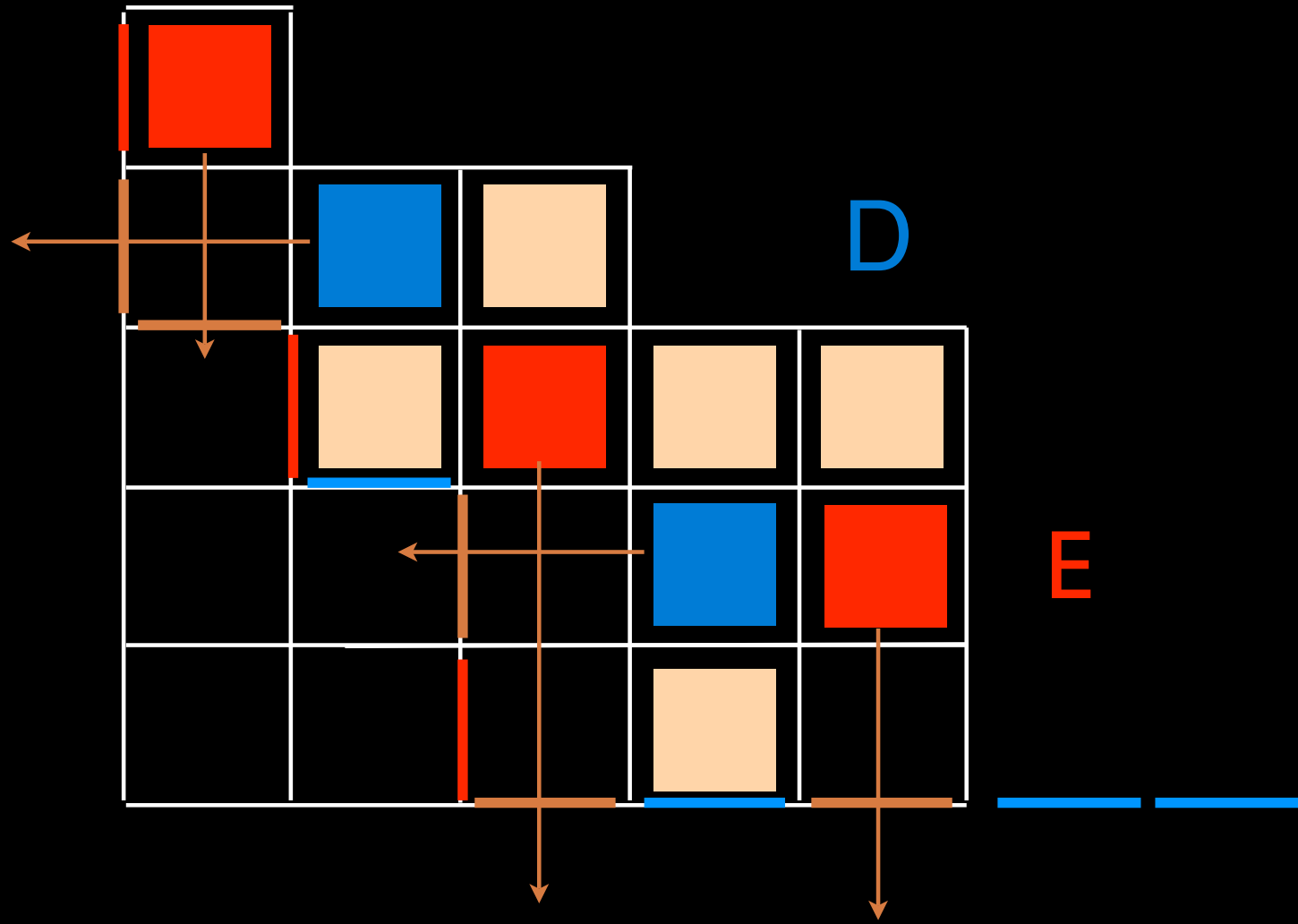


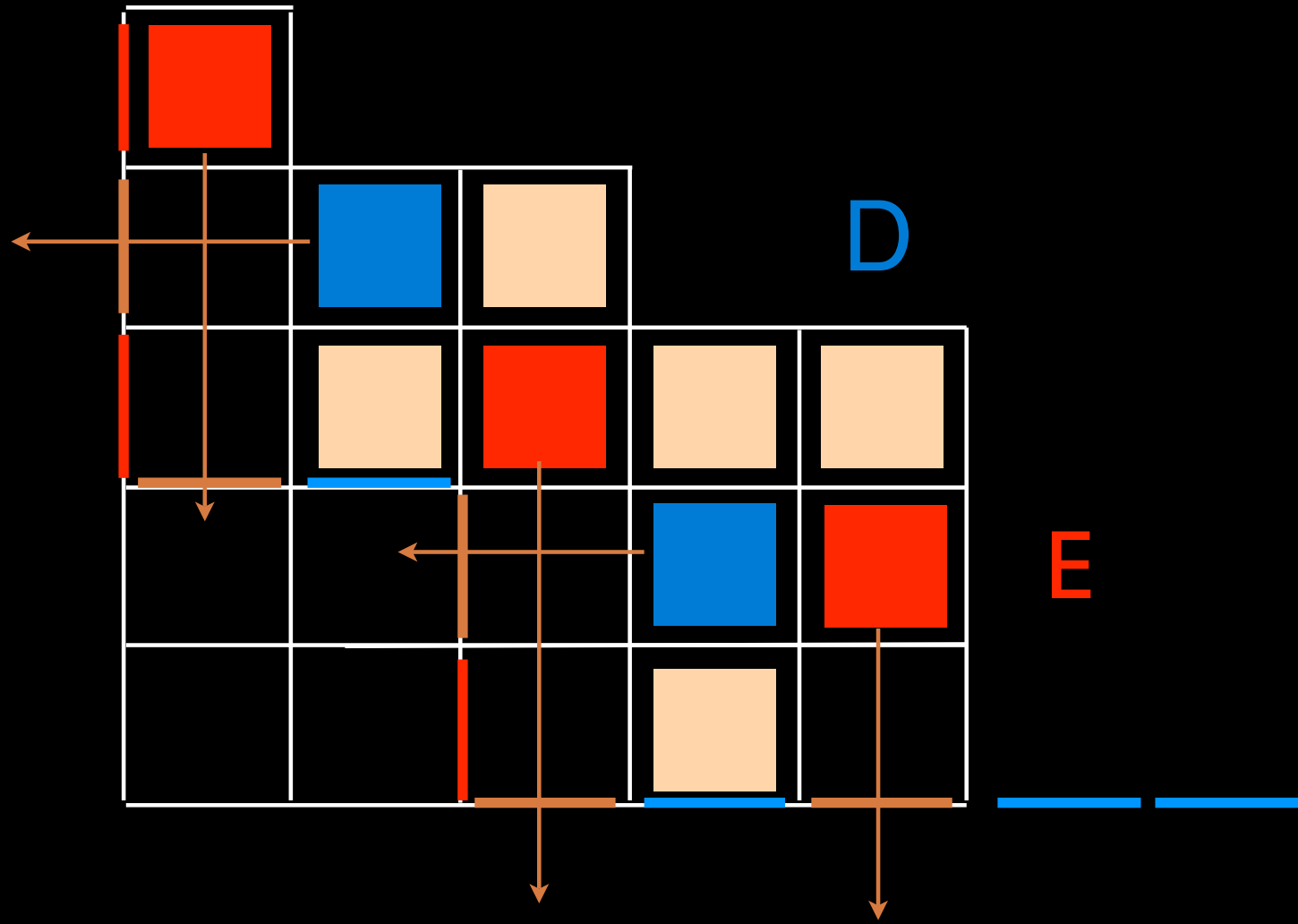


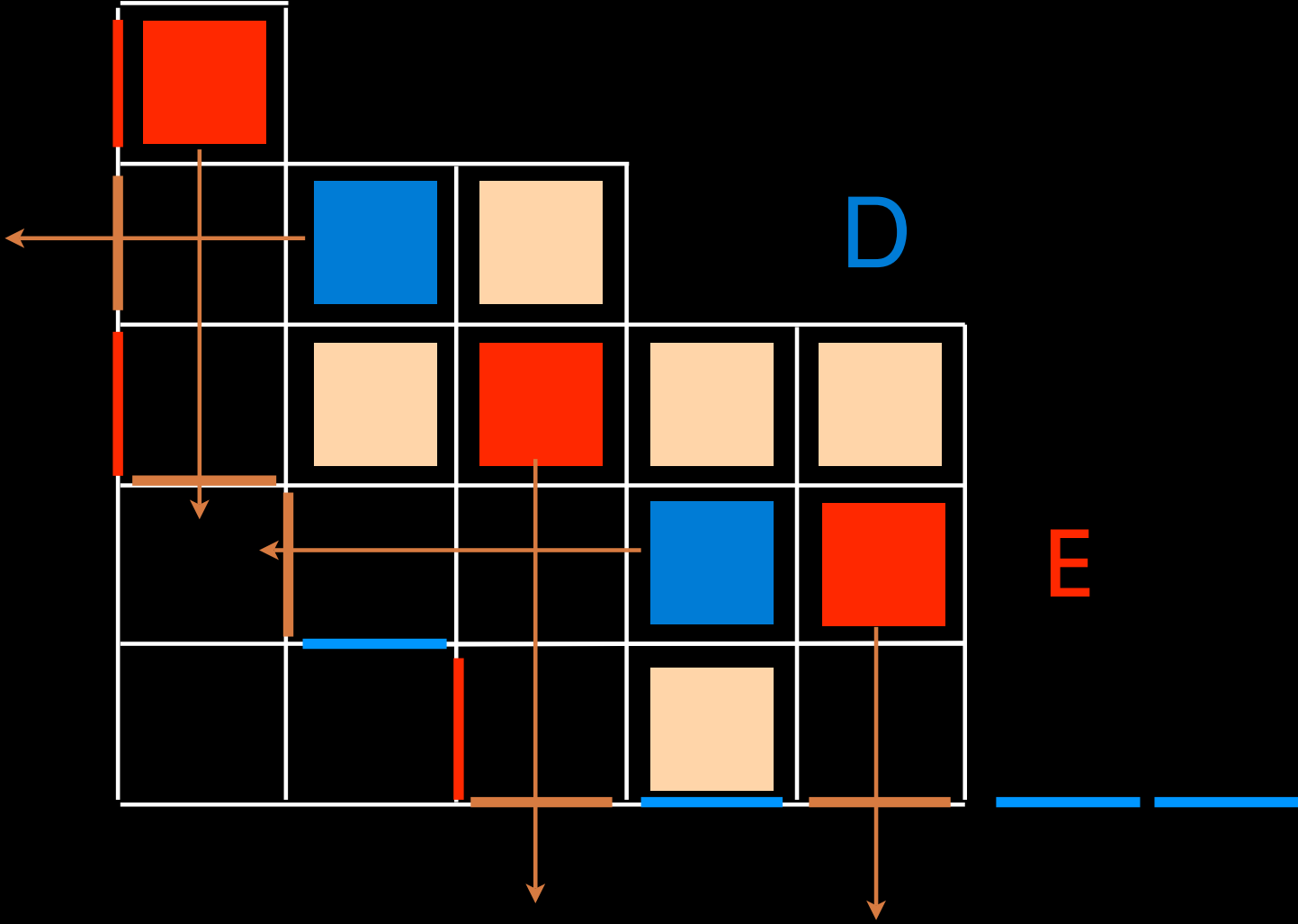




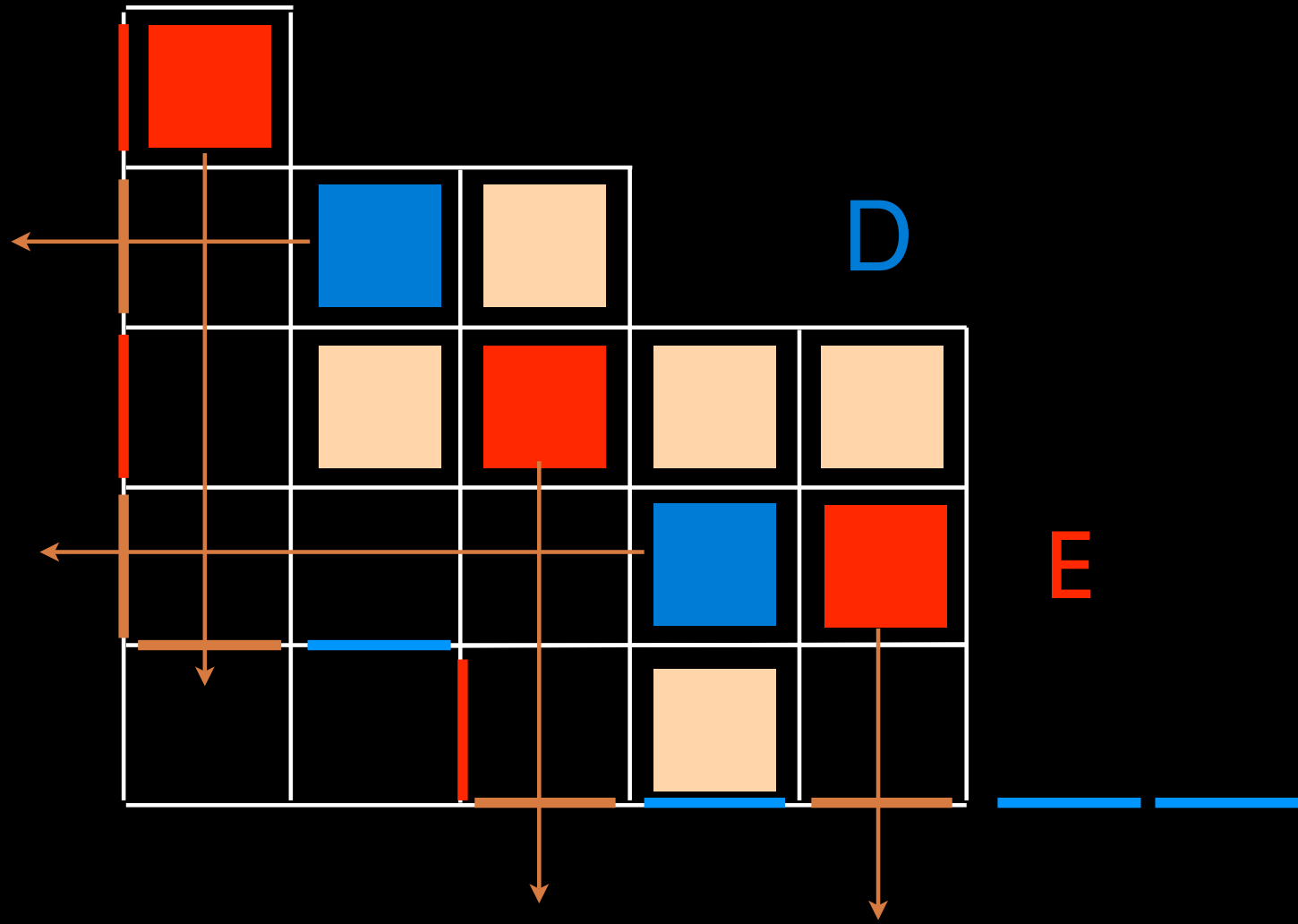


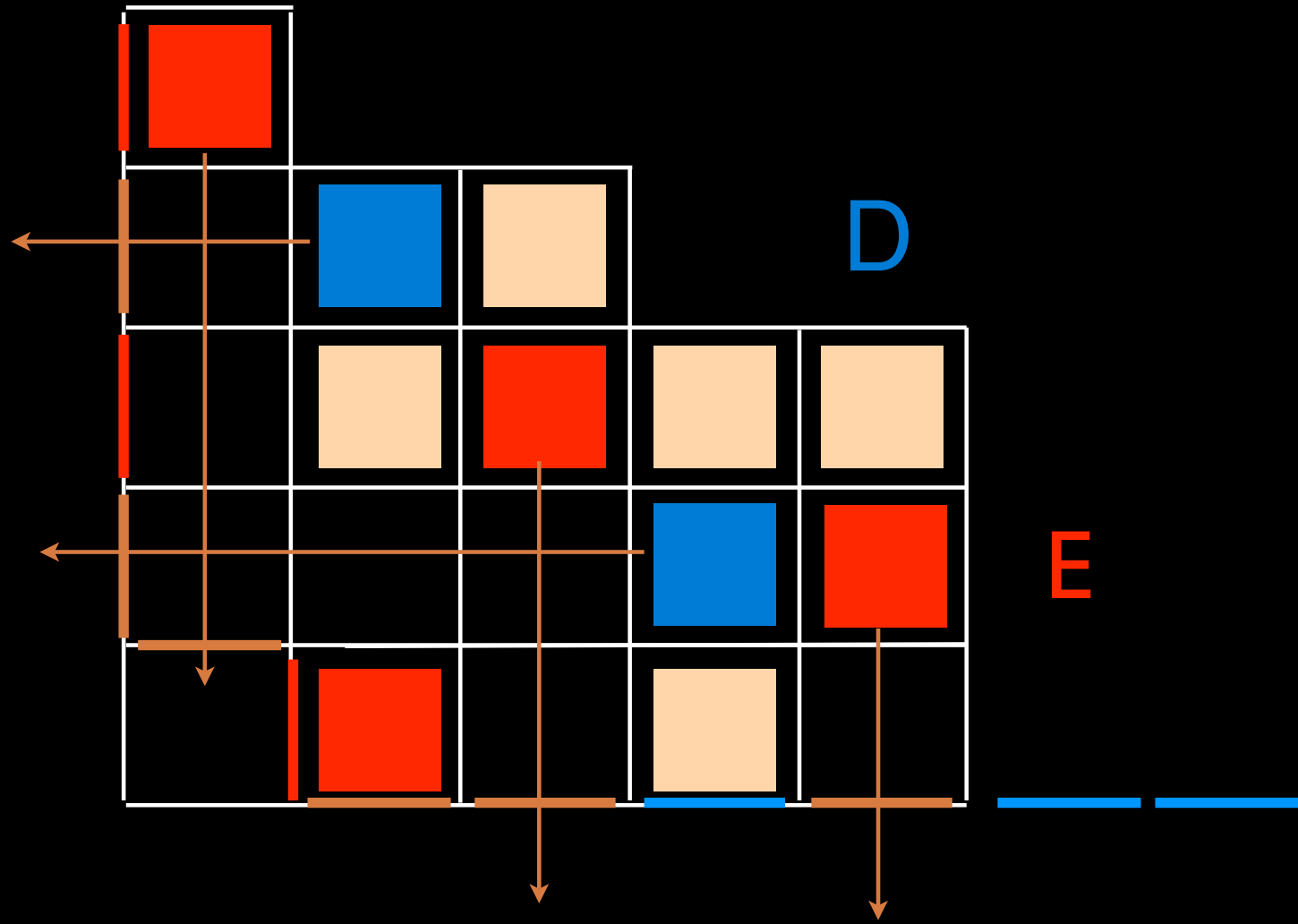


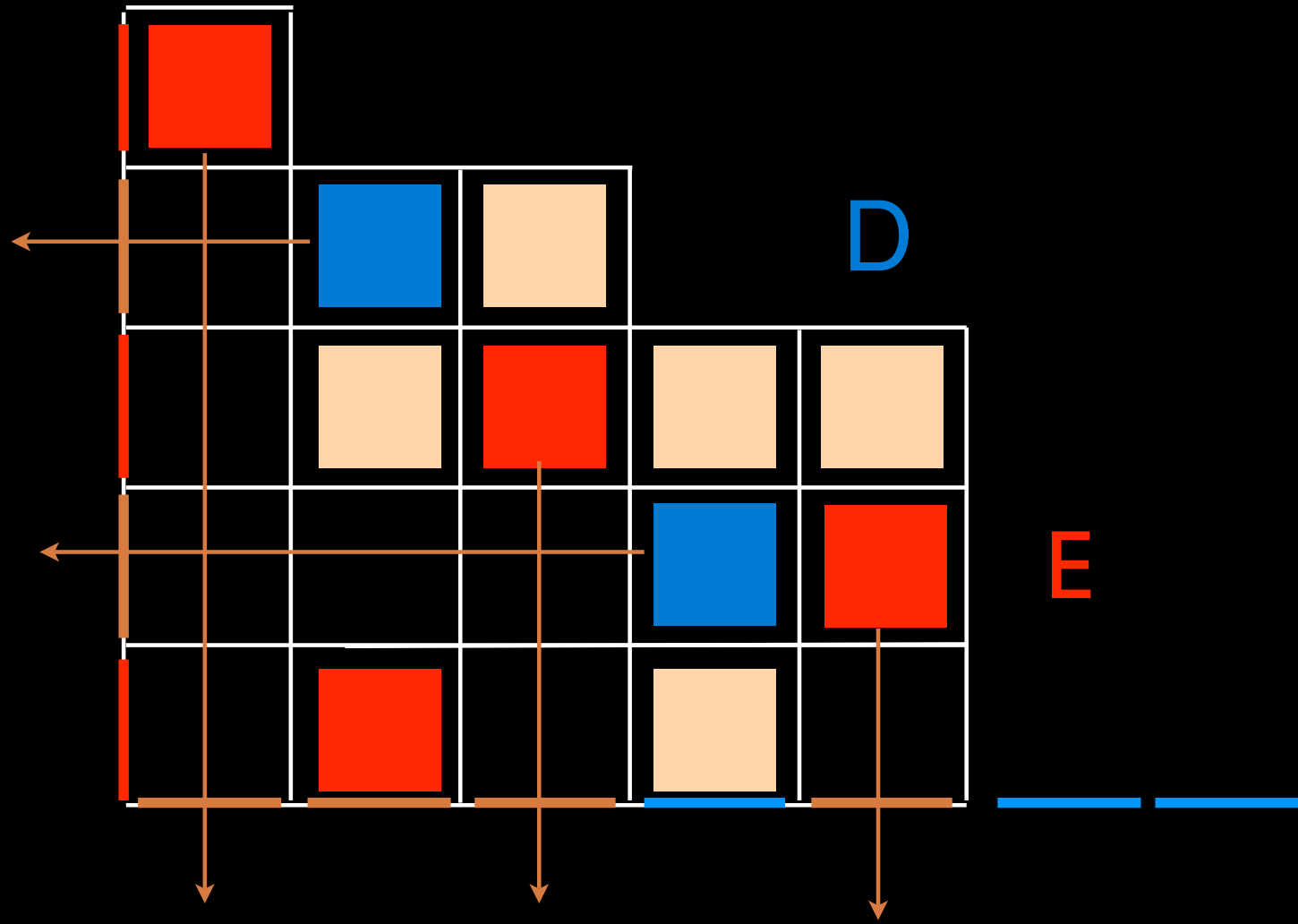


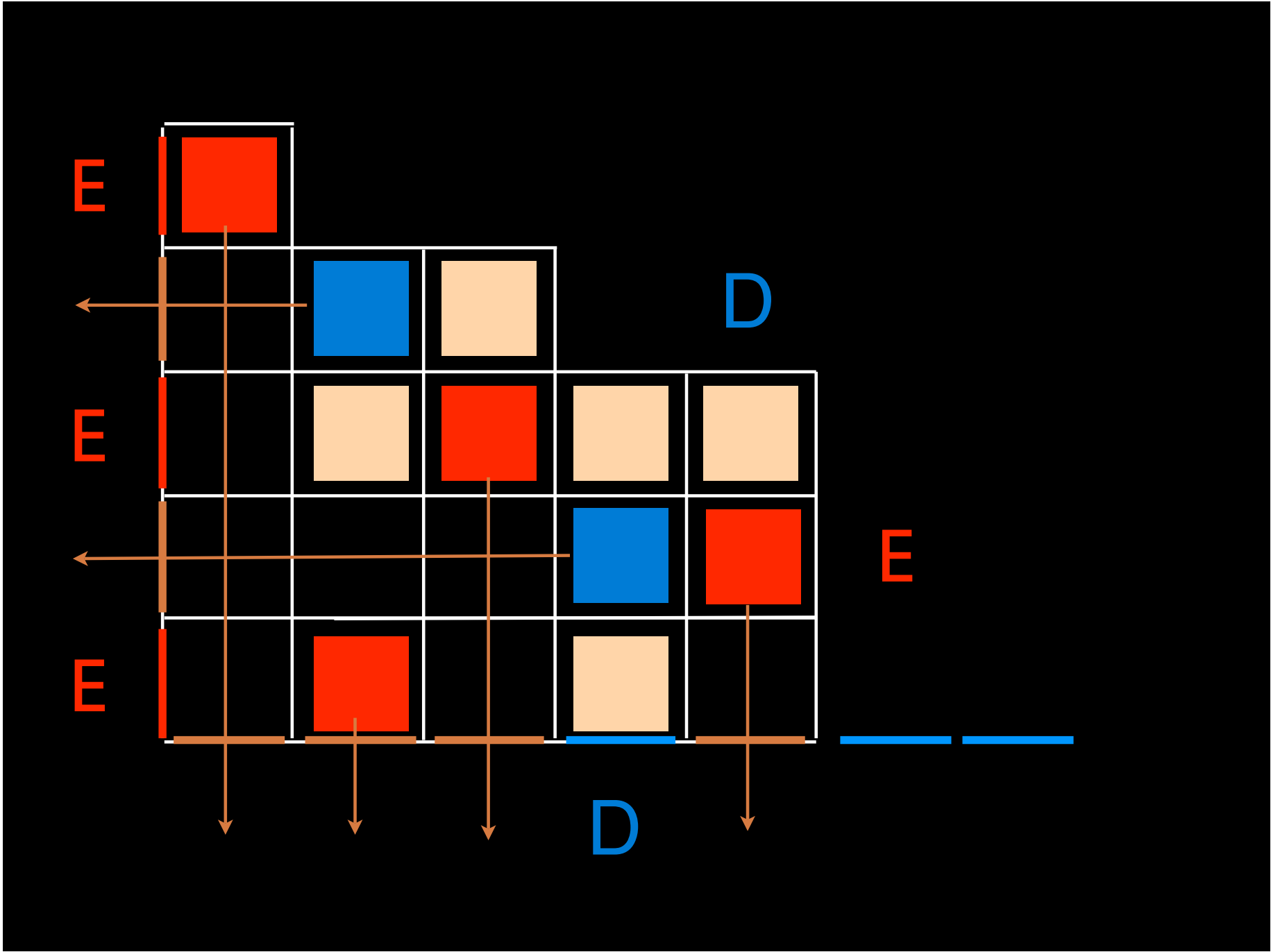












# q-analog

$$DE = qED + E + D$$

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

$k(T)$  = nb of  $\boxed{\times}$  alternative tableau with profile  $w$   
 $i(T)$  = nb of columns without red cell  
 $j(T)$  = nb of rows without blue cell

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} DE = qED + D + E \\ DV = \bar{\beta}V \quad \bar{\beta} = 1/\beta \\ WE = \bar{\alpha}W \quad \bar{\alpha} = 1/\alpha \end{array} \right.$$

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

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

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

alternative tableaux  
profile  $\tau$

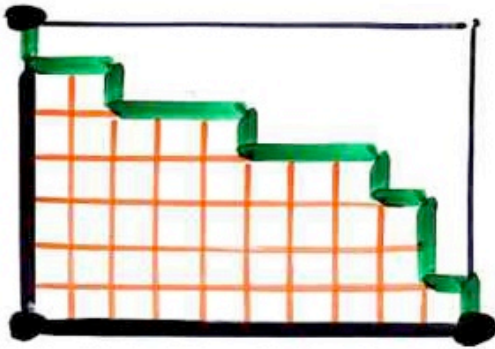
$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(\tau) \\ u(\tau) \\ L(\tau) \end{array} \right.$ 
 nb of  $\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{rows} \\ \text{columns} \end{array} \right)$  without  $\left( \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \right)$  cell  
 nb of cells  $\boxed{\times}$



§ 5  
Permutation  
tableaux

# Permutation Tableau

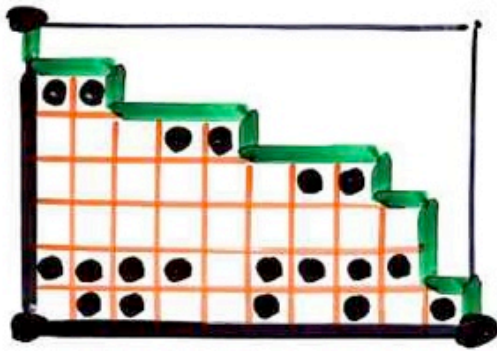
Ferrers diagram  $F \subseteq k \times (n-k)$   
rectangle





# Permutation Tableau

Ferrers diagram  $F \subseteq k \times (n-k)$   
rectangle



filling  
with 0 of the cells  
and 1

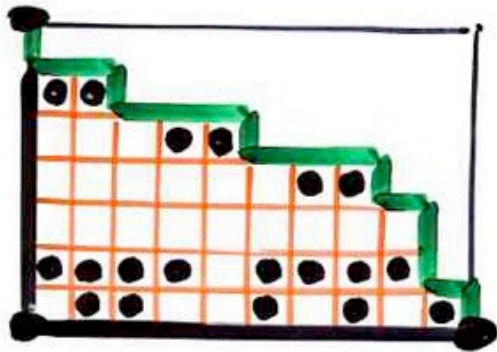
(i)

$\square = 0$     $\blacksquare = 1$

(ii)

# Permutation Tableau

Ferrers diagram  $F \subseteq k \times (n-k)$   
rectangle



$\square = 0$

$\blacksquare = 1$

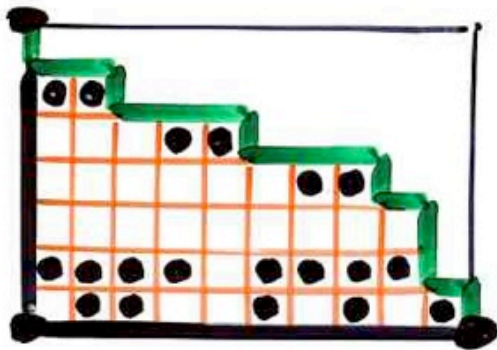
filling of the cells  
with 0 and 1

(i) in each column:  
at least one 1

(ii)

# Permutation Tableau

Ferrers diagram  $F \subseteq k \times (n-k)$   
rectangle



filling of the cells  
with 0 and 1

(i) in each column:  
at least one 1

$\square = 0$      $\blacksquare = 1$

(ii) forbidden

# permutation tableaux

A. Postnikov (2001, ...)

totally nonnegative part of the Grassmannian

E. Steingrímsson, L. Williams (2005)

Corteel, Williams (2006) PASEP

Partially Asymmetric Exclusion Process

M. Josuat-Vergès (2007)

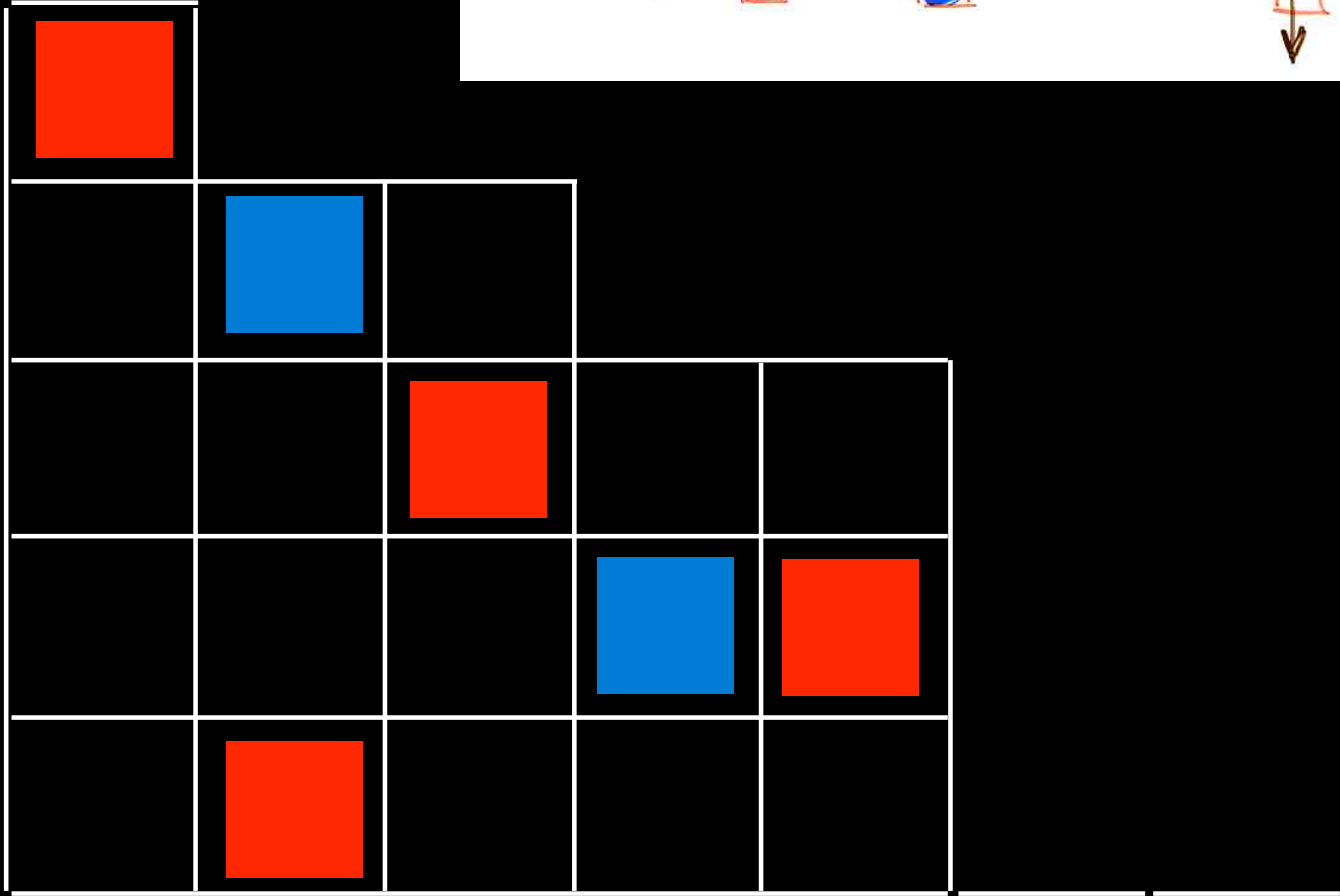
The total number of permutation tableaux (n fixed,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ ) is  $n!$

bijection  
permutations  $\longleftrightarrow$  permutation tableaux







- Postnikov, Steingrímsson, Williams (2005)
- Corteel (2006)
- Corteel, Nadeau (2007)

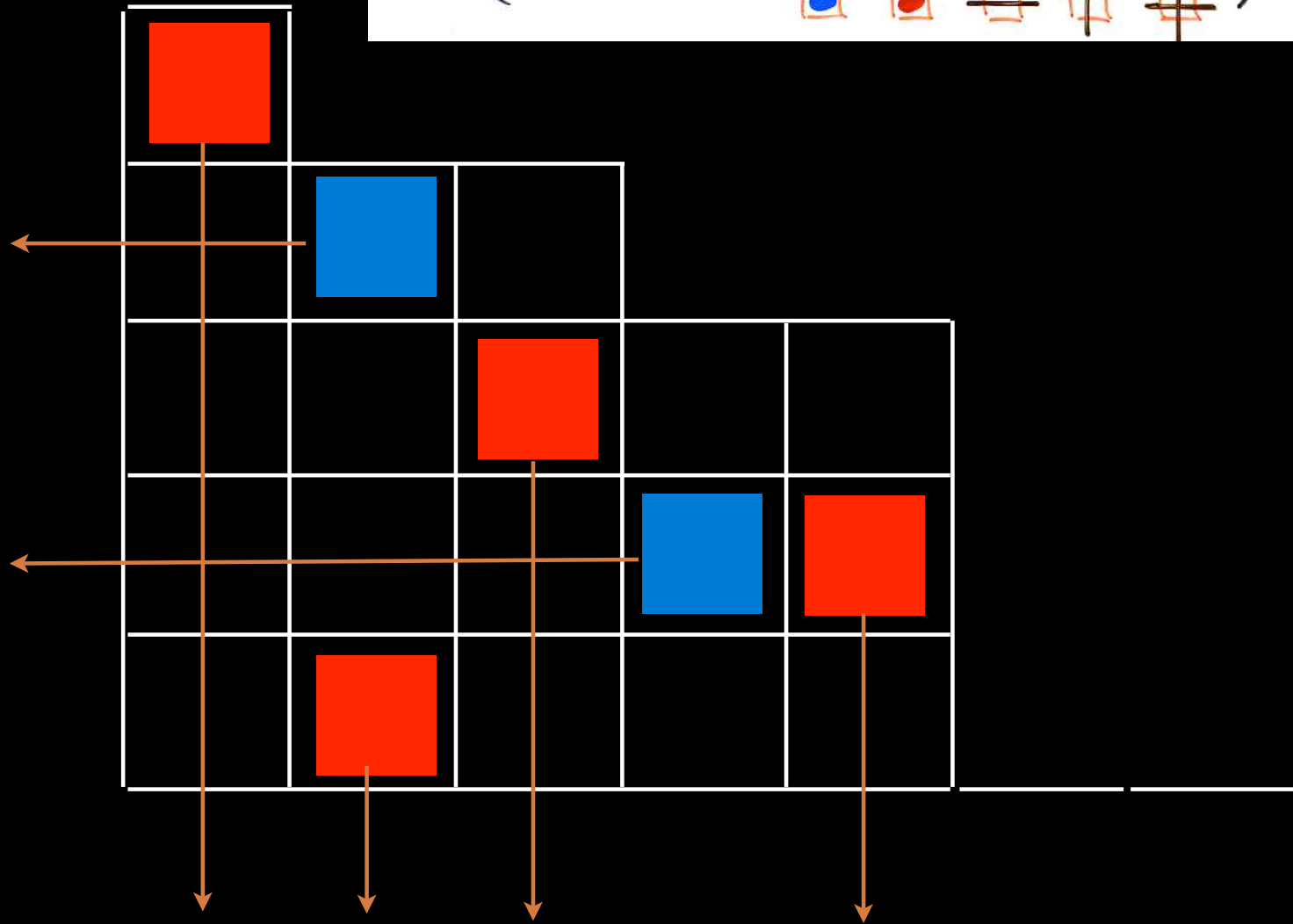
bijection  $\longleftrightarrow$  alternative tableaux size  $n$   
permutation tableaux size  $(n+1)$

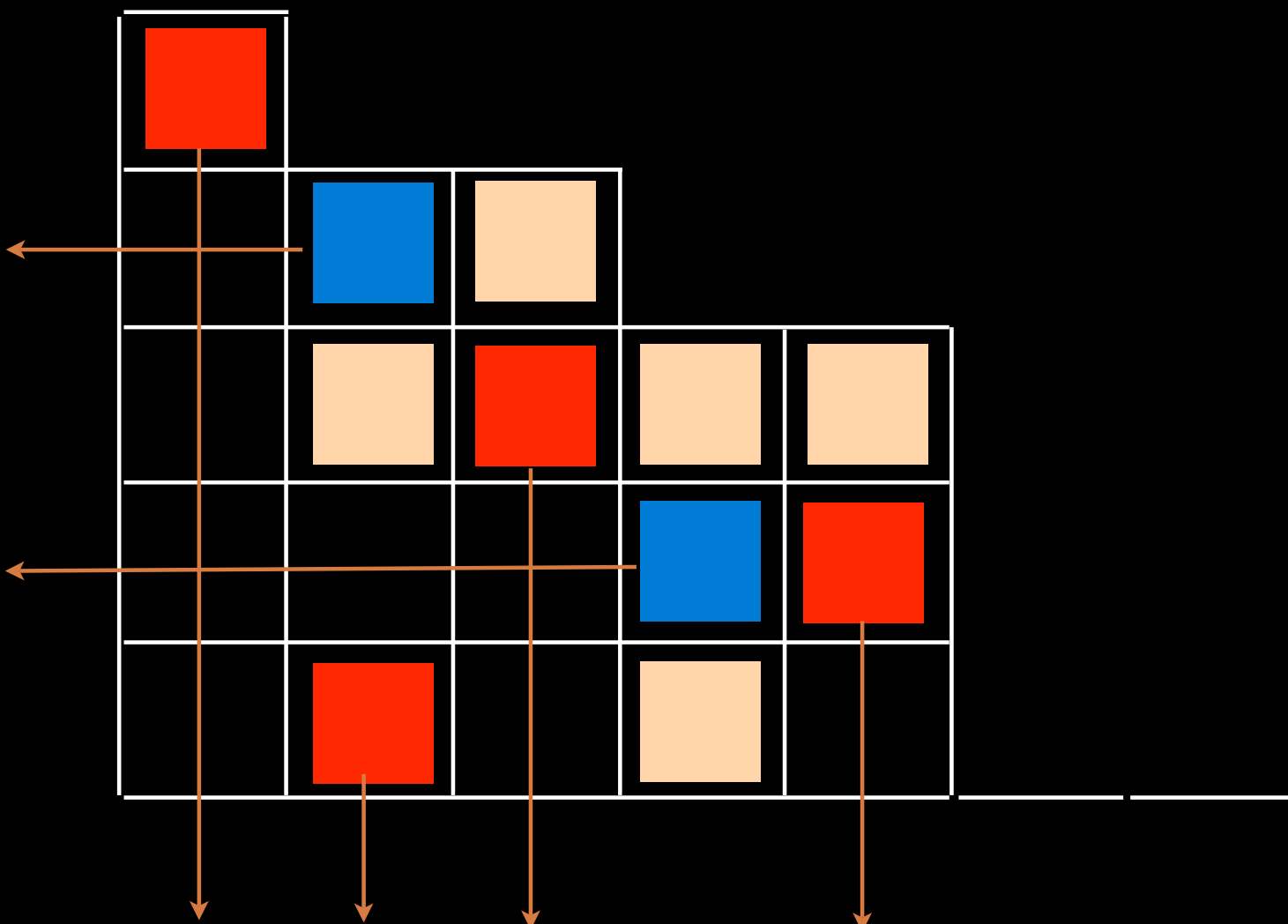
(i) mark the cells



alternative tableau

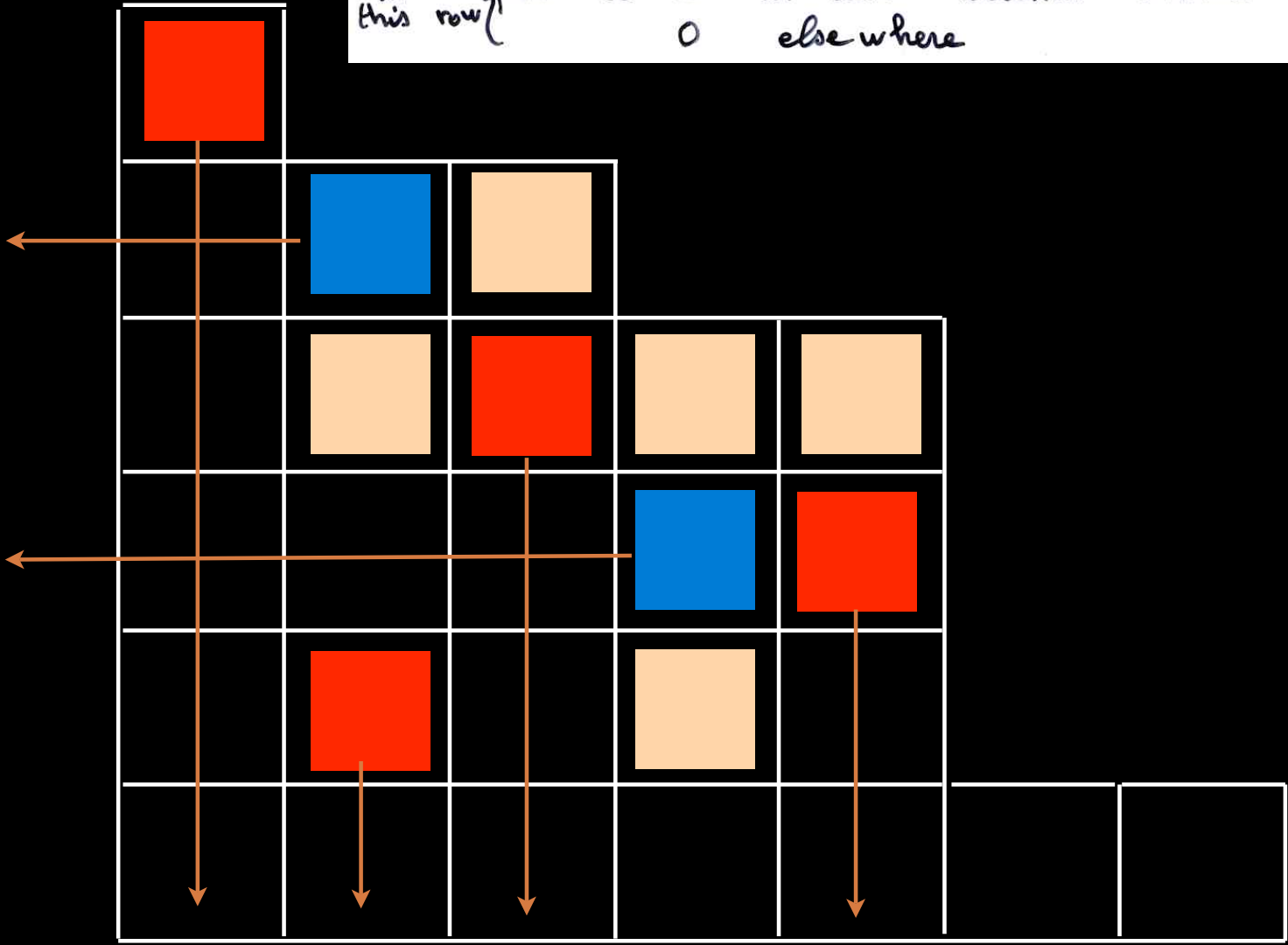
(ii) mark the empty cells by   
(other than      )



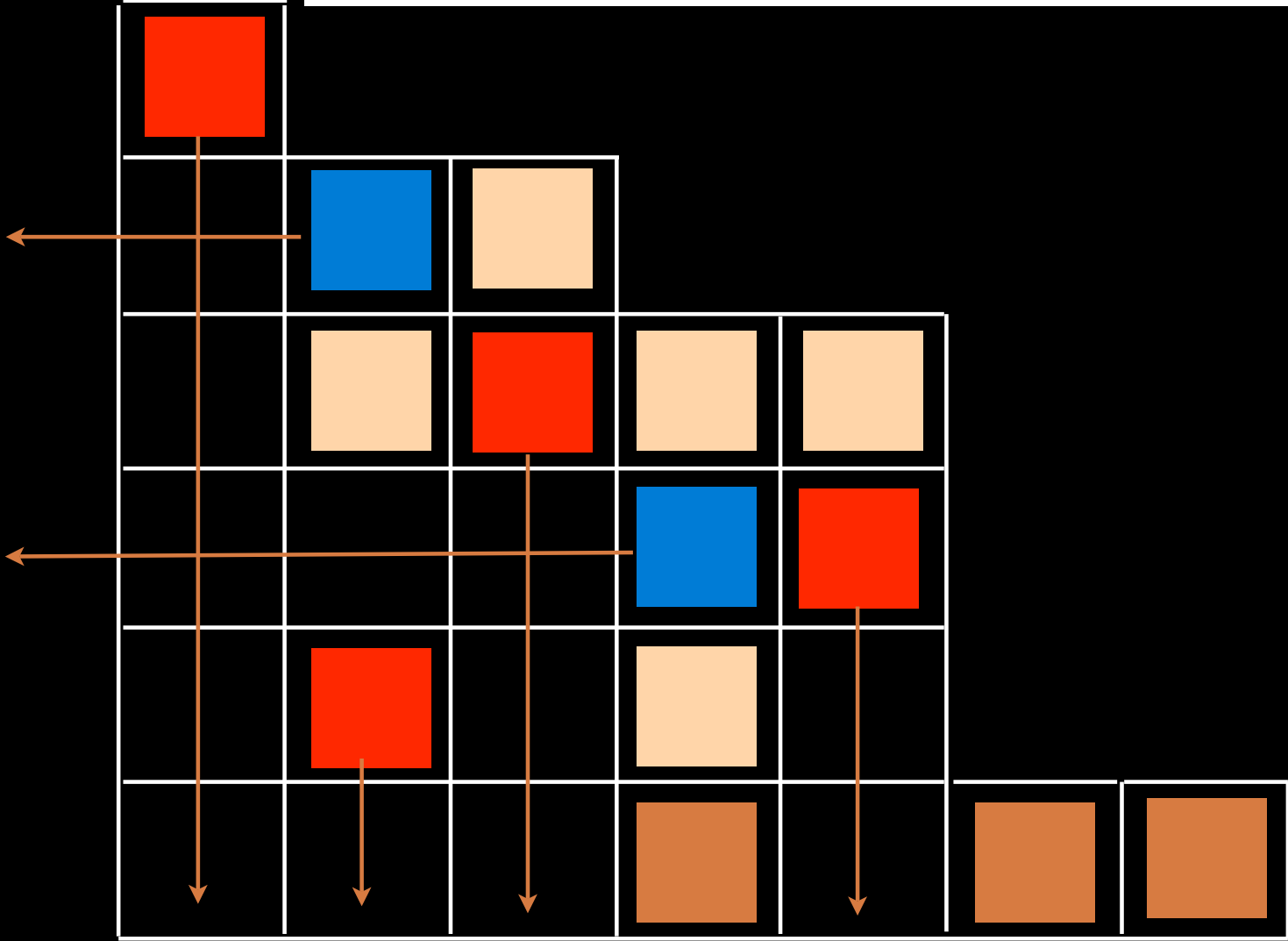




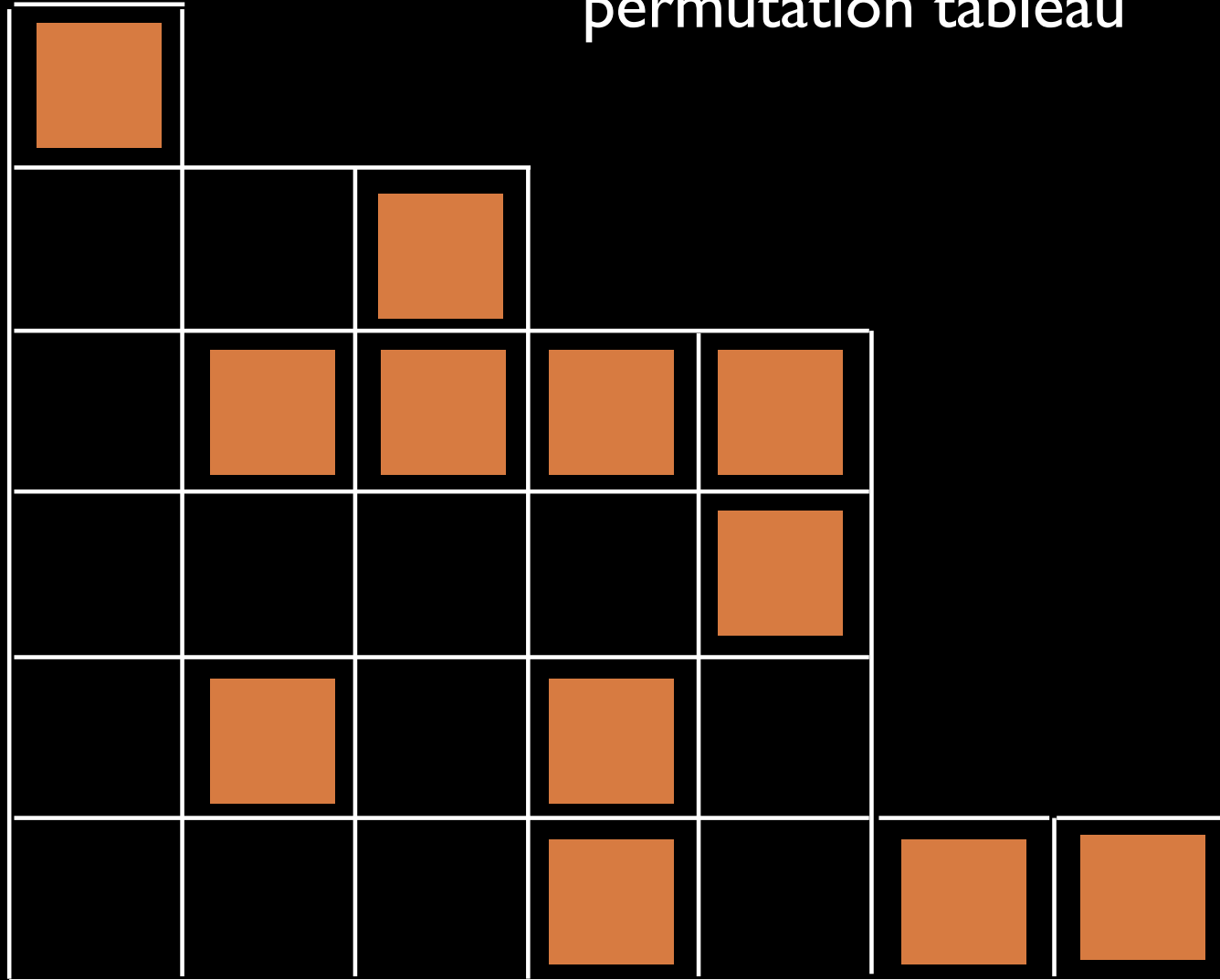
(iv) add a new row below  $F$   
in this row { put a 1 in each column without  
0 elsewhere



(iii) • replace the cells  or  by **1**  
• replace the cells     by **0**

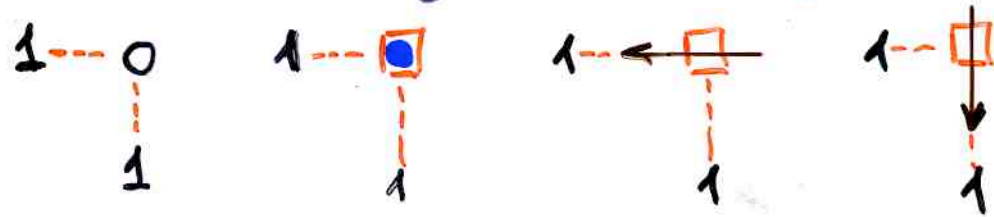


# permutation tableau



check:  $AT \xrightarrow{\varphi} PT$  size  $(n+1)$

- there exist at least a 1 in each column of  $PT = \varphi(AT)$



impossible

inverse bijection  $\psi = \varphi^{-1}$

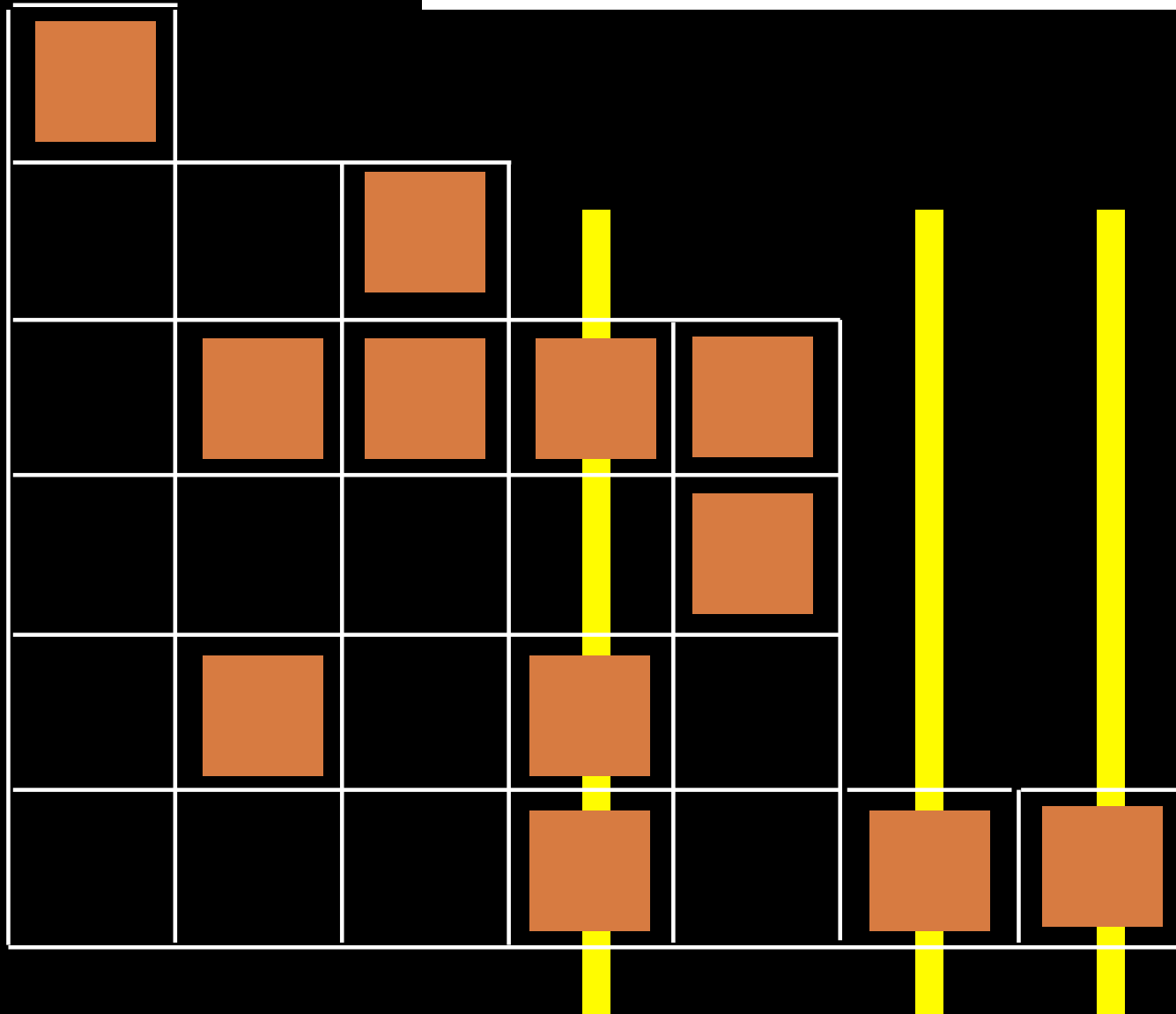


(i) mark the columns with  
a 1 in the first row

1						
		1				
	1	1	1	1		
				1		
	1		1			
			1		1	1

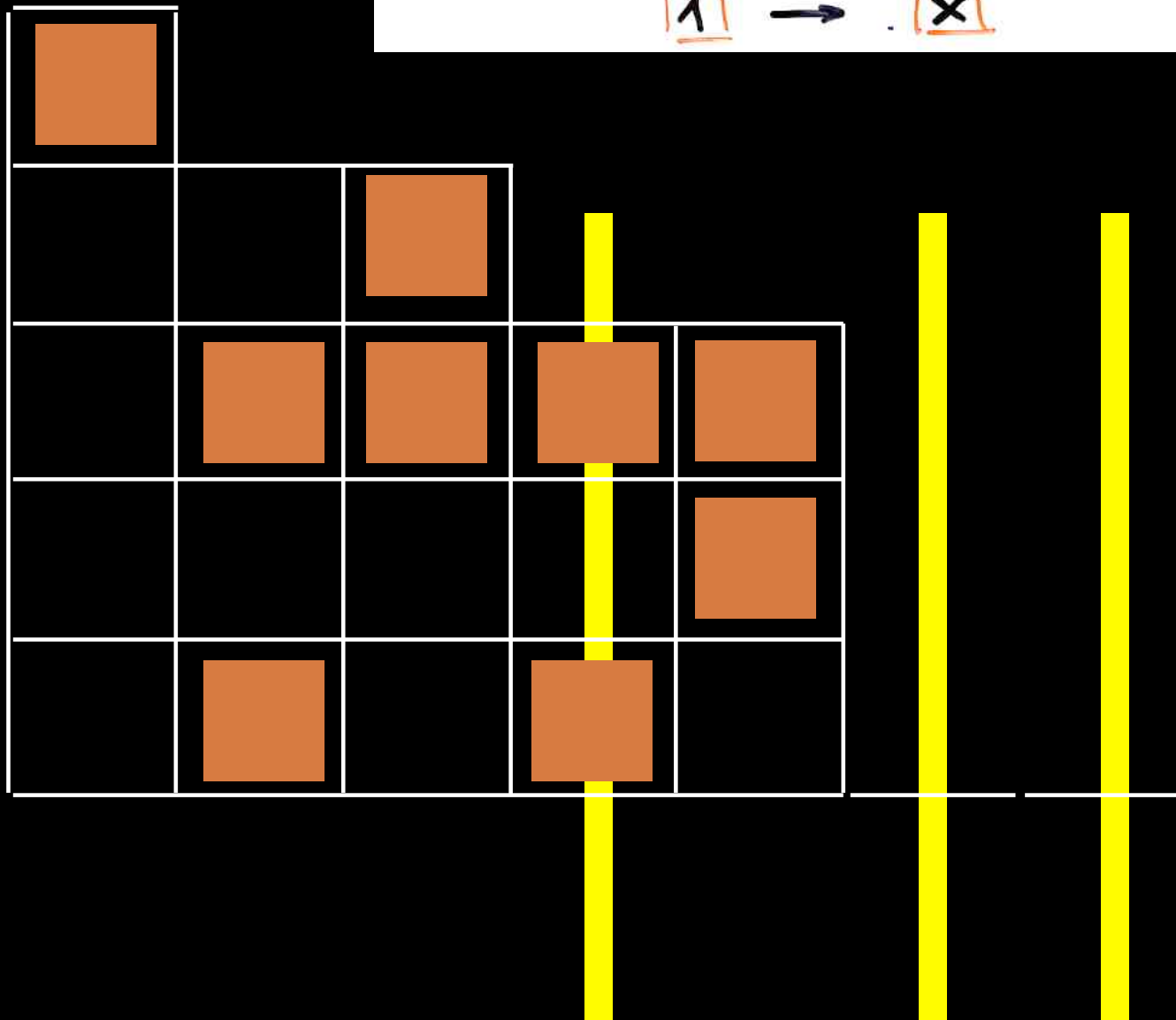
permutation tableau

(ii) delete the first row

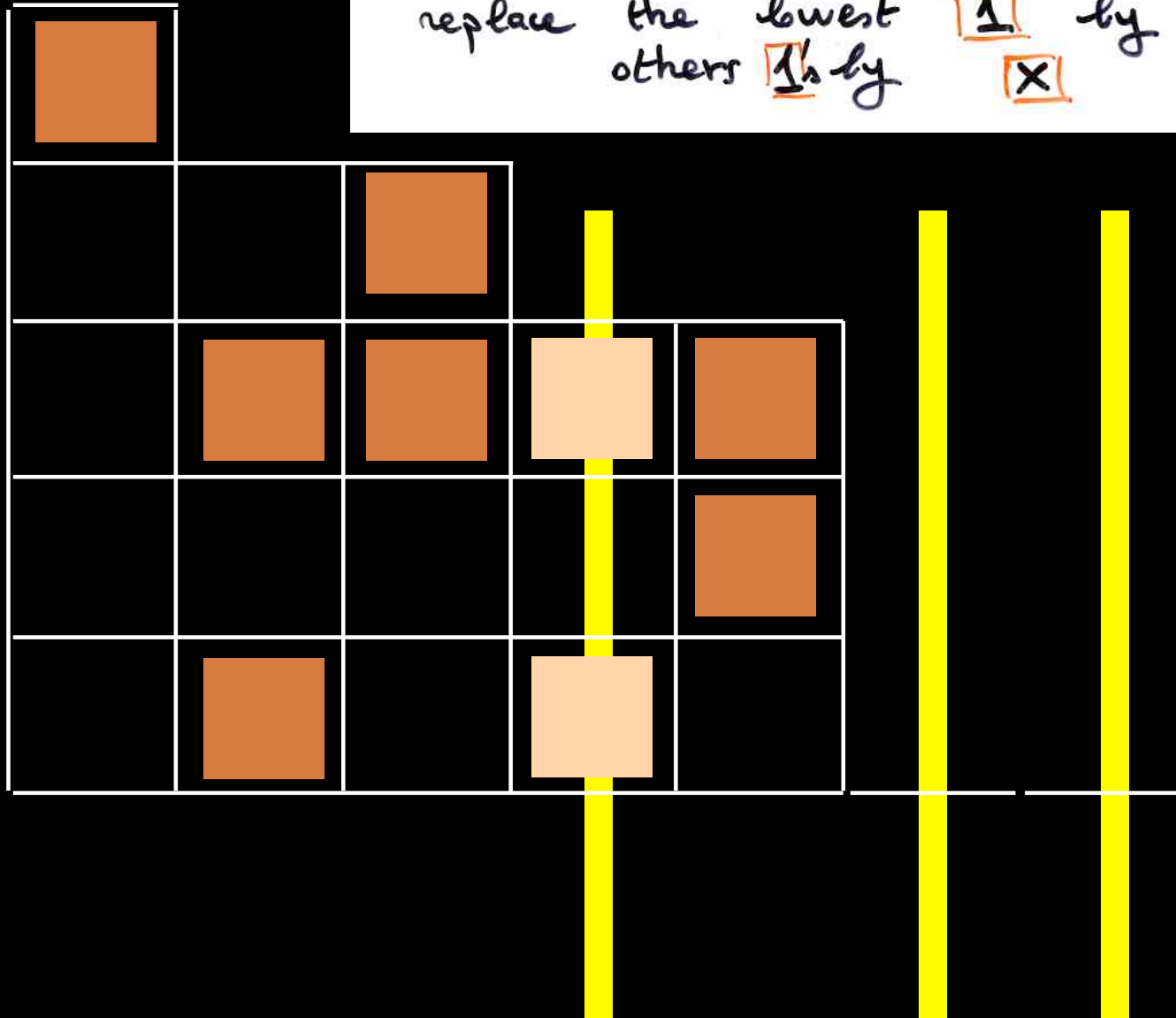


(iii) in each marked column

1 → X

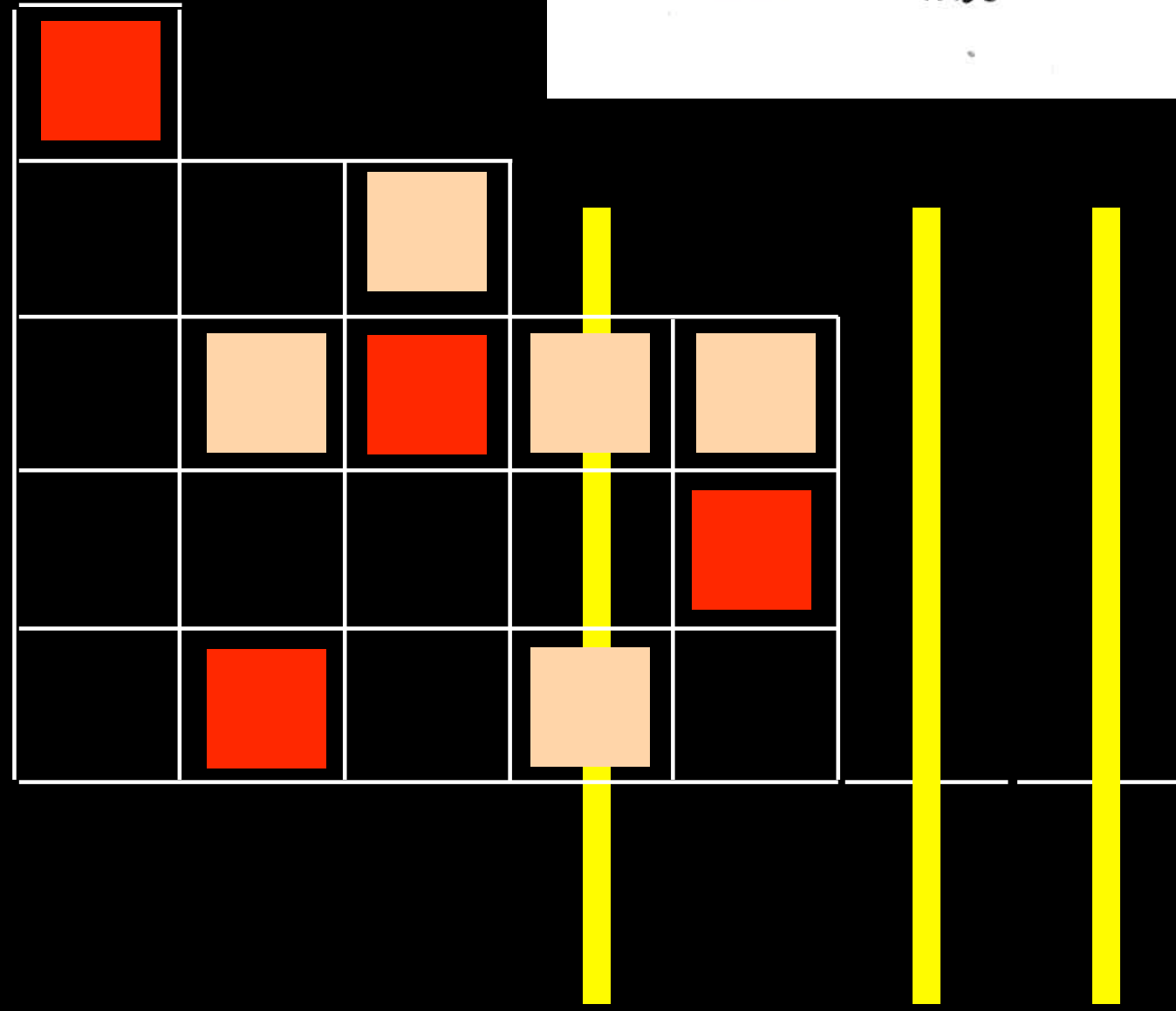


(iv) in each non marked column  
(  $\exists$  some cells with 1 )  
replace the lowest  $\boxed{1}$  by  $\boxed{\bullet}$   
others  $\boxed{1}$  by  $\boxed{x}$

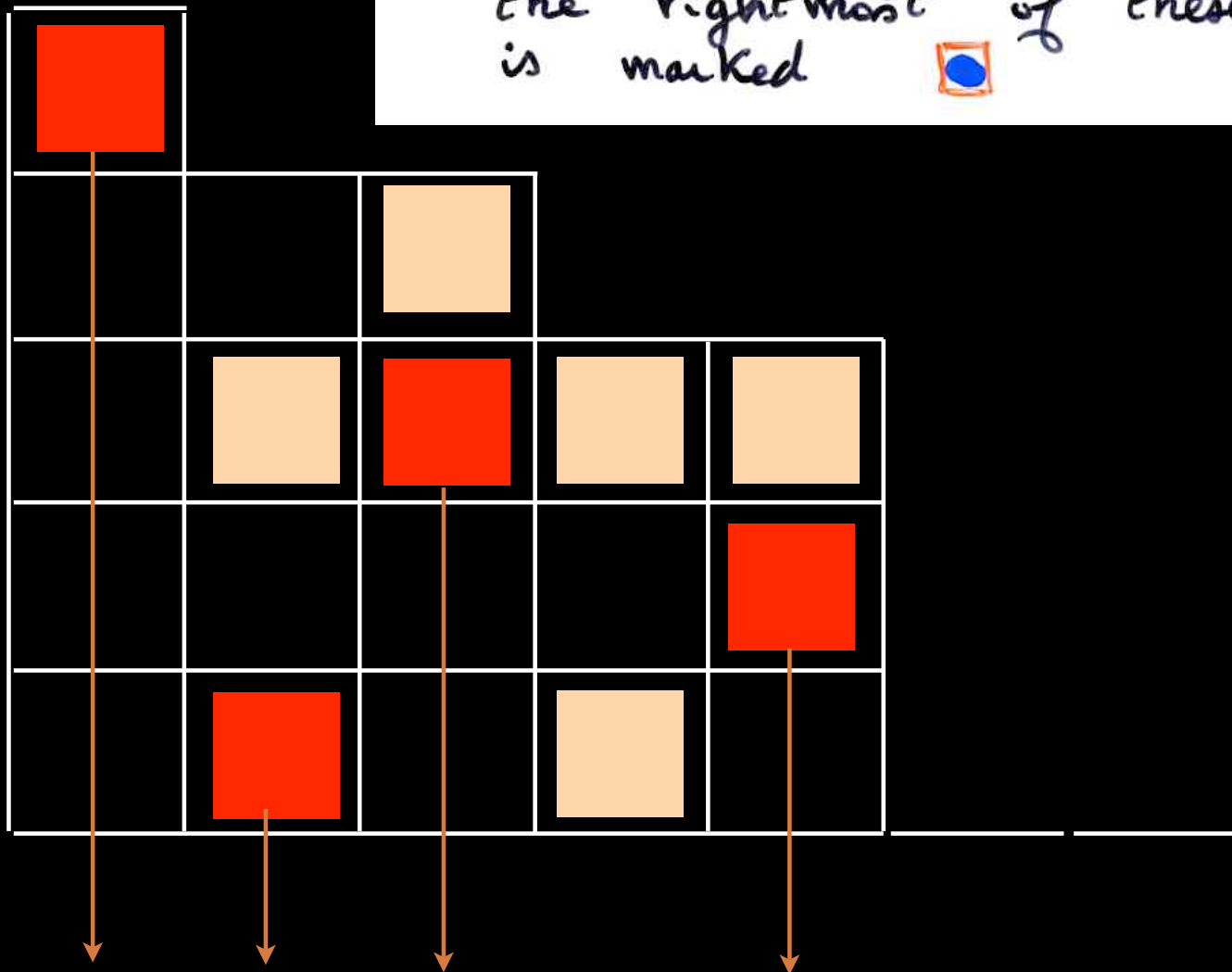




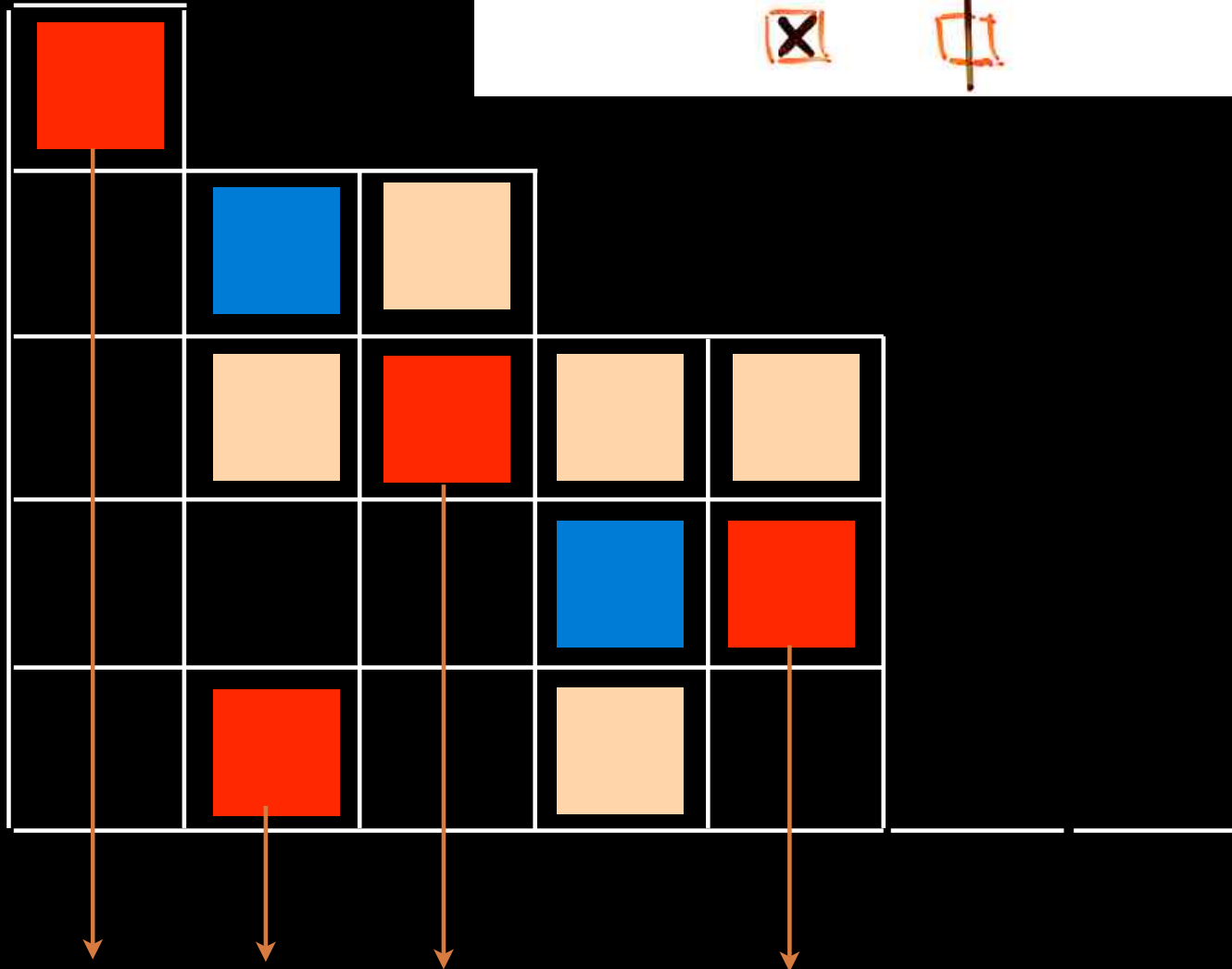
(v) mark the cells below a red



(vi) in each row where there exist empty cells, the rightmost of these cells is marked 



(vii) delete the marks



alternative tableau

■				
	■			
		■		
			■	■
	■			

notations.  $T$  tableau de permutations

- $wt(T) = (\text{nb total de } 1) - (\text{nb de colonnes})$
- $f(T) = (\text{nb de } 1 \text{ sur la } 1^{\text{ère}} \text{ ligne})$
- $u(T) = (\text{nb de lignes non restreintes})$

Def - ligne **restreinte** : si elle a une case **restreinte**, c.à.d. une case contenant un 0 et située au dessus d'un 1.

Corteel, Williams (2006)

Cor. La probabilité stationnaire associée à l'état  $\tau = (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$  (PASEP)

est

$$P_{\tau}(q) = \frac{1}{Z_{\tau}} \sum_T q^{wt(T)} \alpha^{-f(T)} \beta^{-u(T)}$$

Tableau de permutation  
forme  $F$  associé à  $\tau$

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

$$UD = DU + 1$$

RSK correspondence

Combinatorial theory  
of orthogonal polynomials



§ 6 RSK  
with  
operators,  
commutations  
and  
local rules

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

6	10			
3	5	8		
1	2	4	7	9

P



8	10			
2	5	6		
1	3	4	7	9

Q





Heisenberg  
operators  
 $U, D$

$$UD = DU + I$$

differential poset

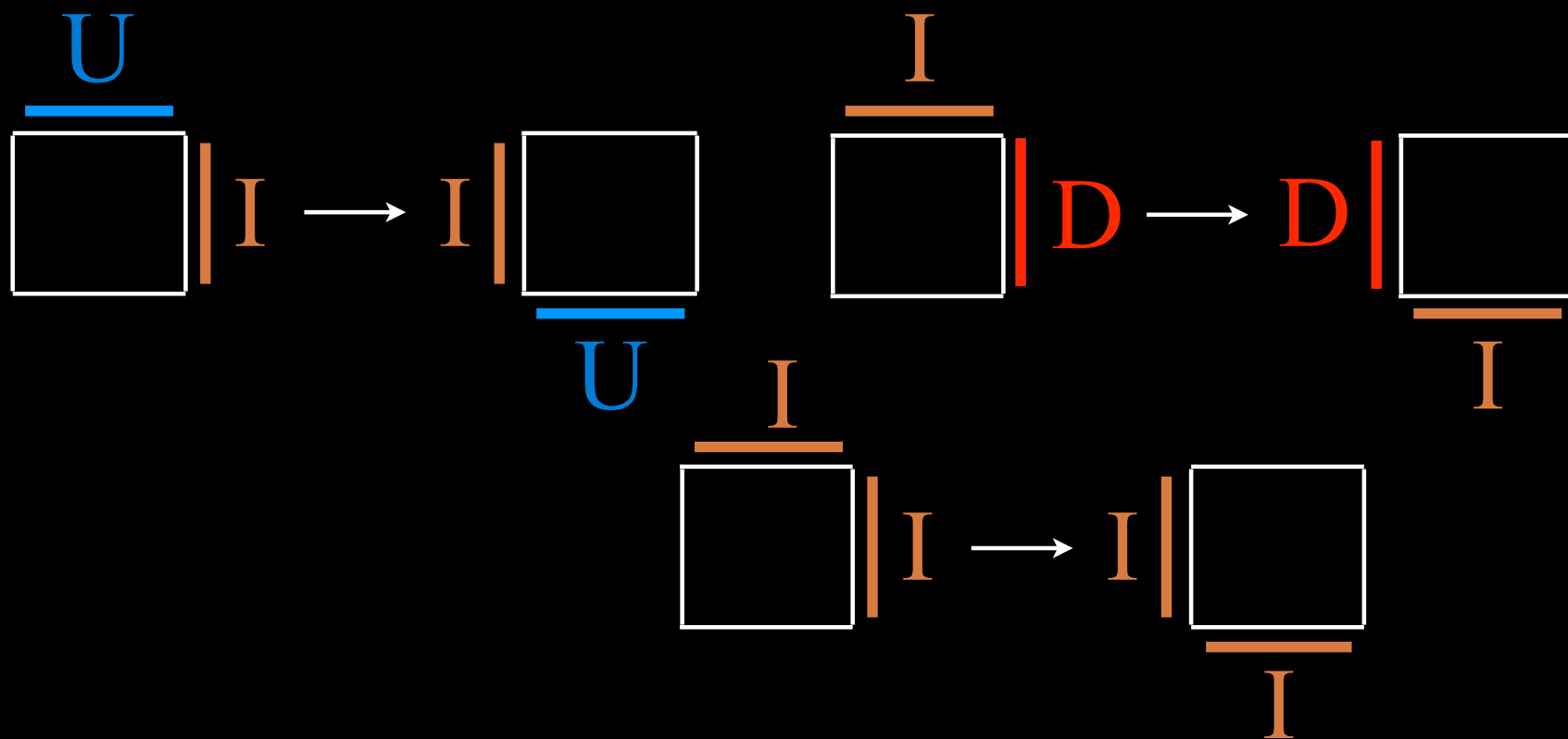
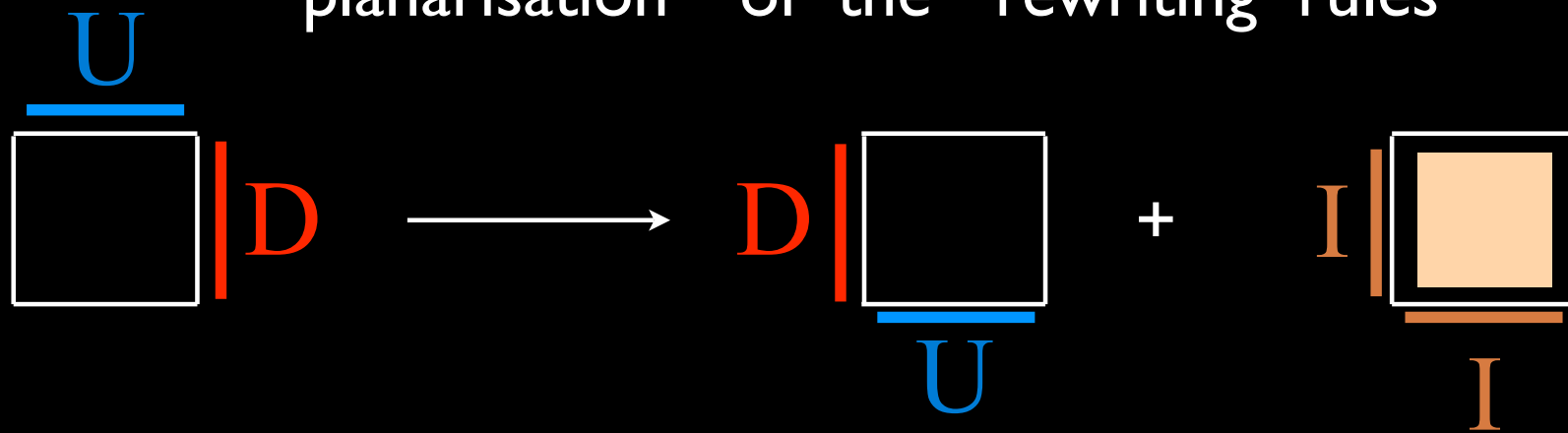
Fomin, Stanley

$$U^n D^n = \dots$$
$$U \dots U \underbrace{U D D} \dots D$$
$$(DU + I)$$

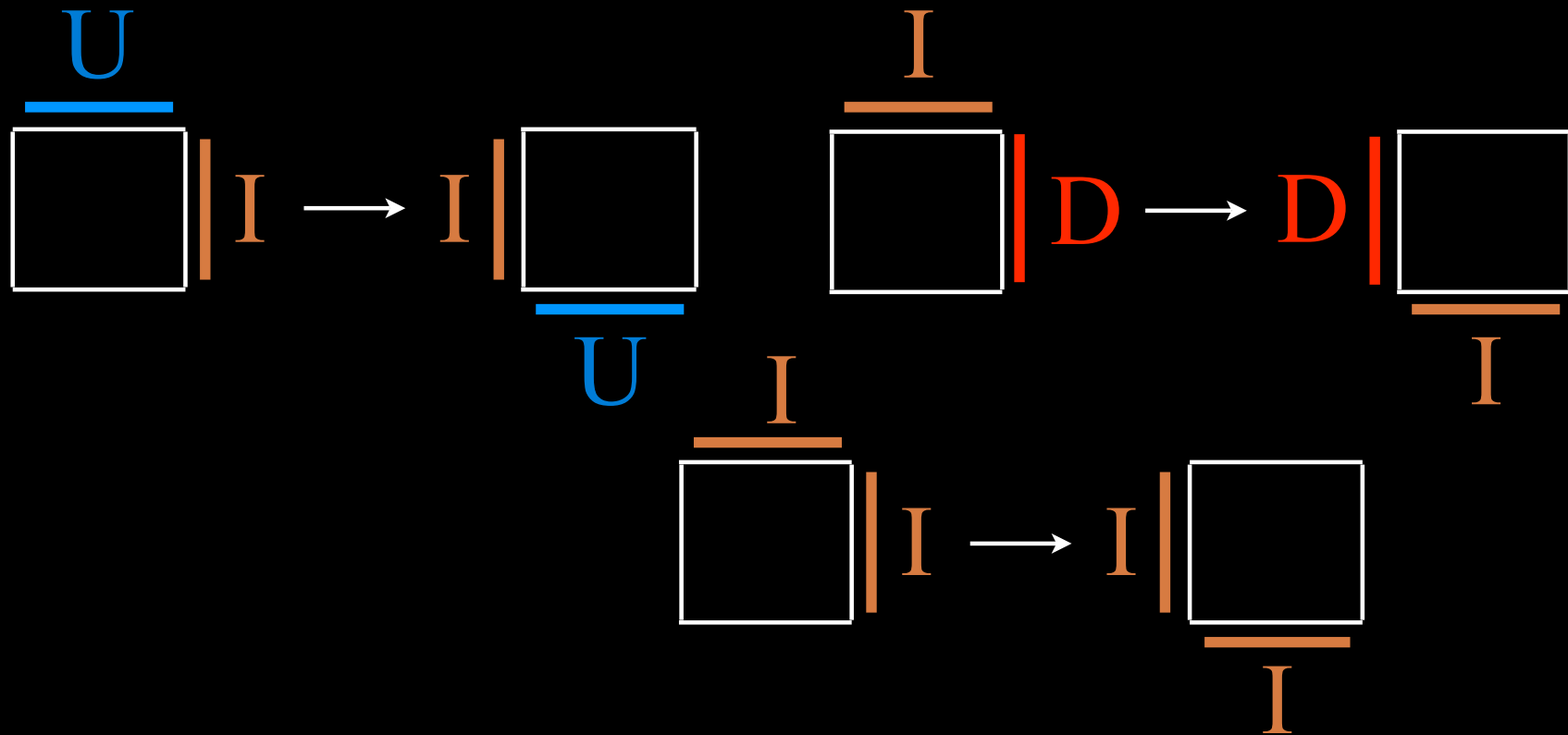
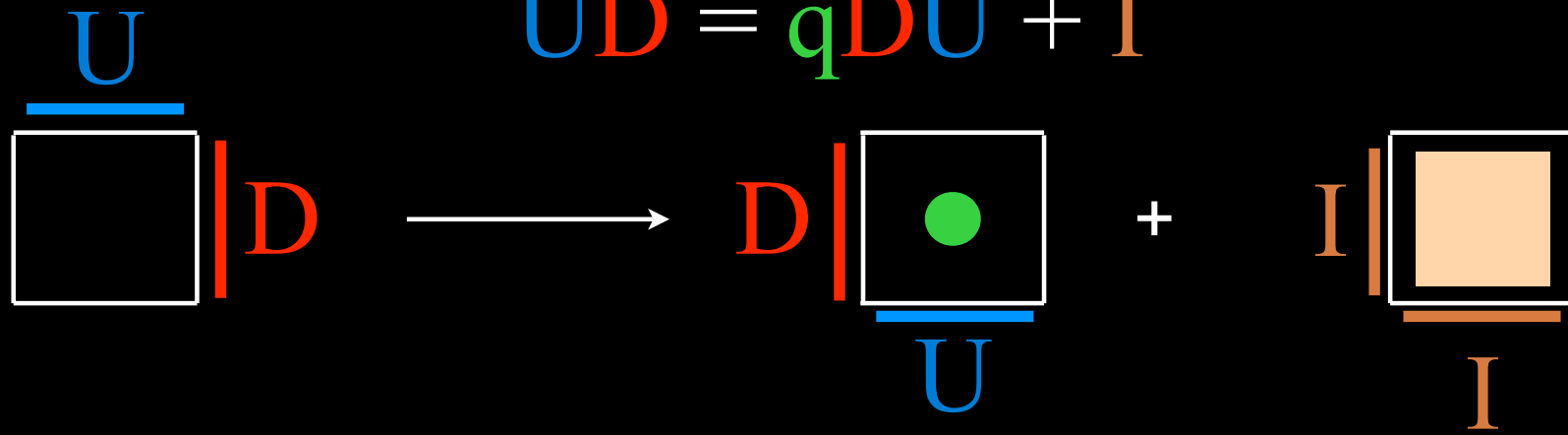
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Robinson-Schensted-Schützenberger  
bijection

“planarisation” of the “rewriting rules”



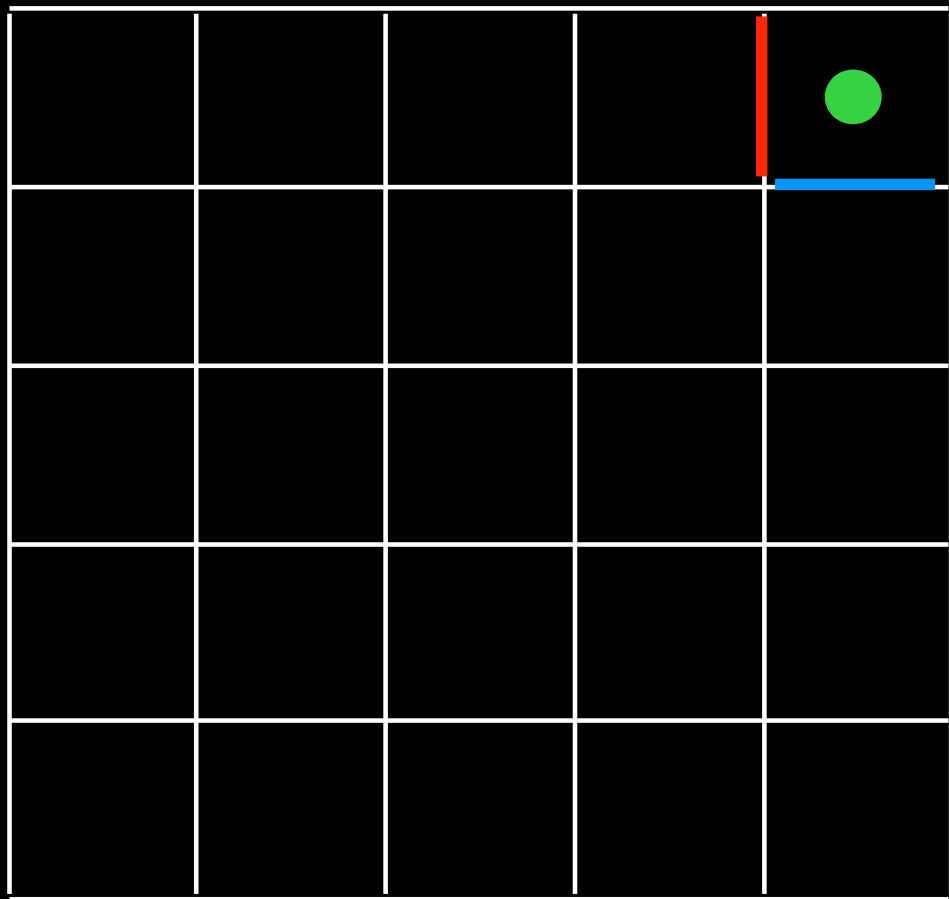
$$UD = qDU + I$$



U

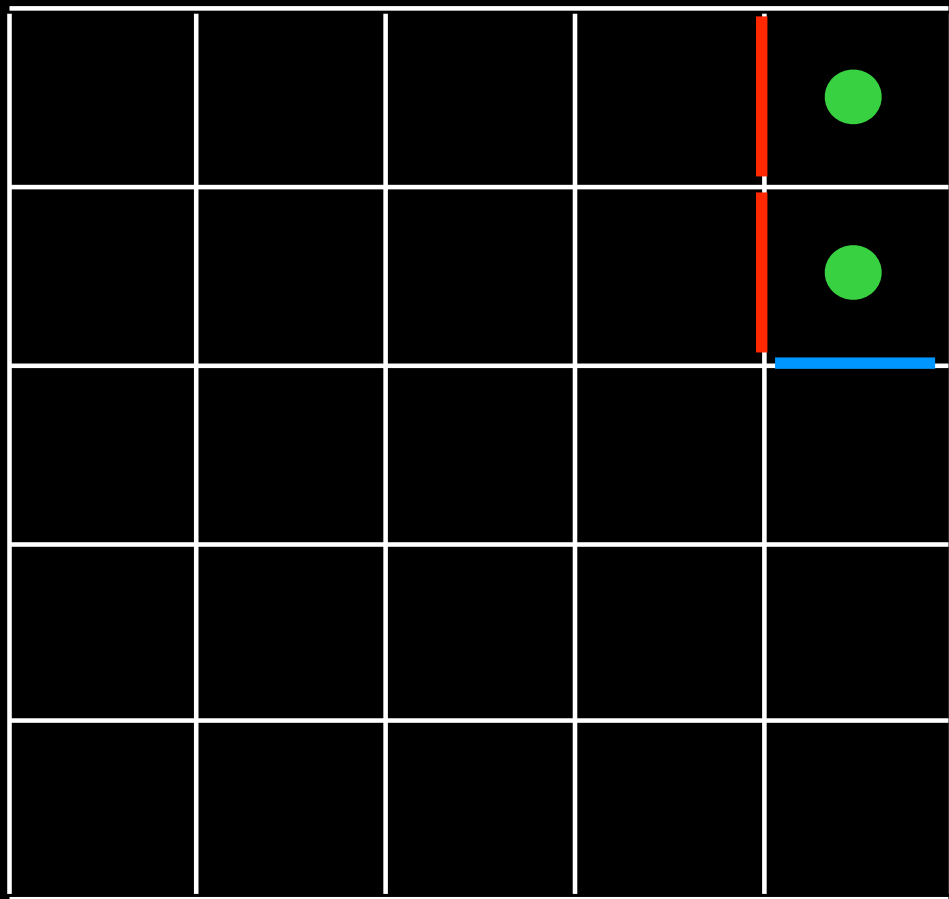
A 5x5 grid of white lines on a black background. Above the grid is a horizontal dashed blue line. To the right of the grid is a vertical dashed orange line.


D



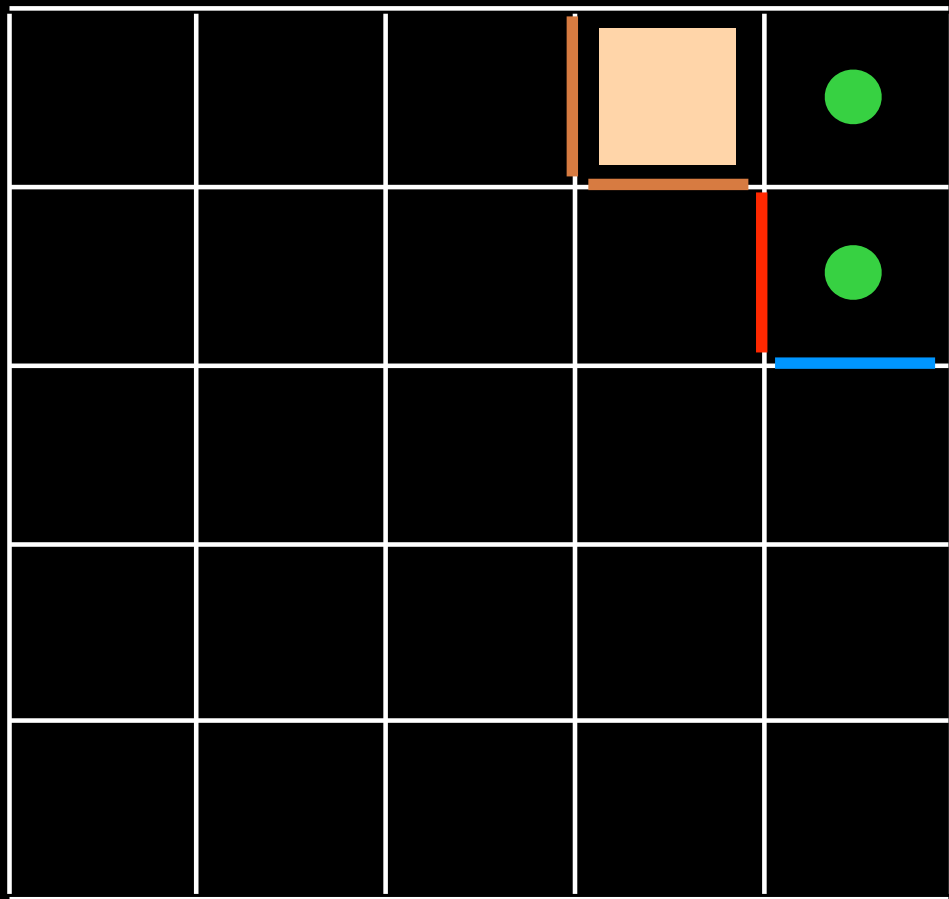
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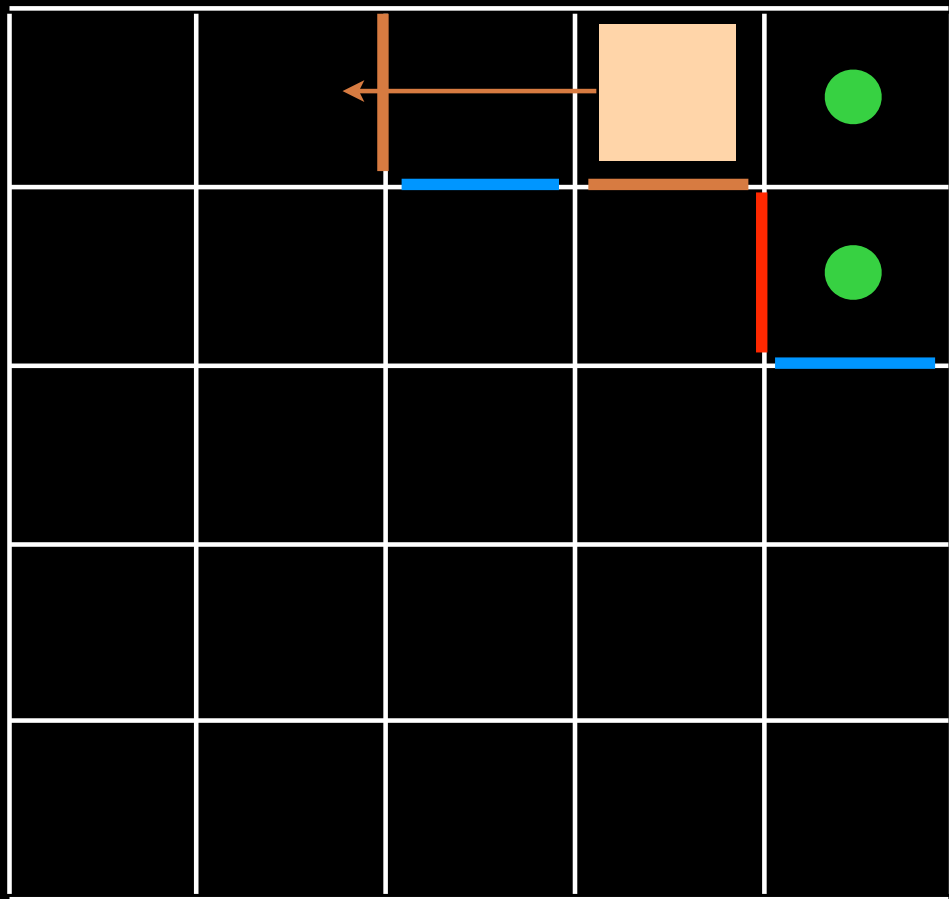
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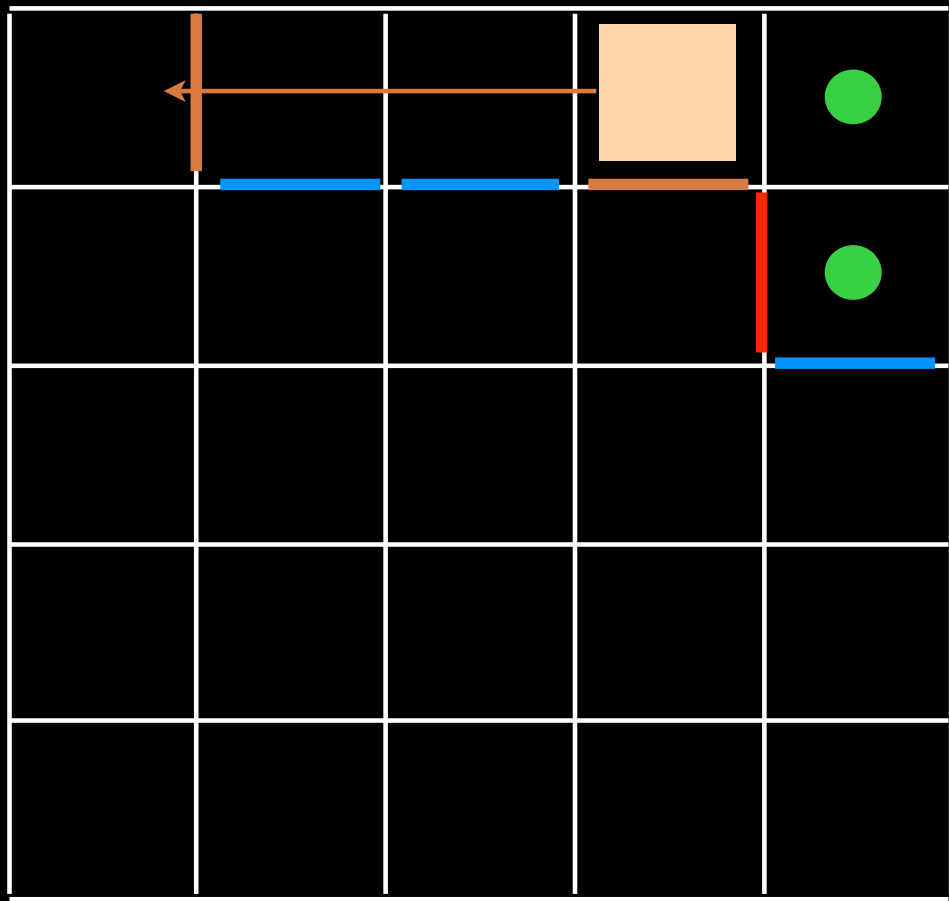




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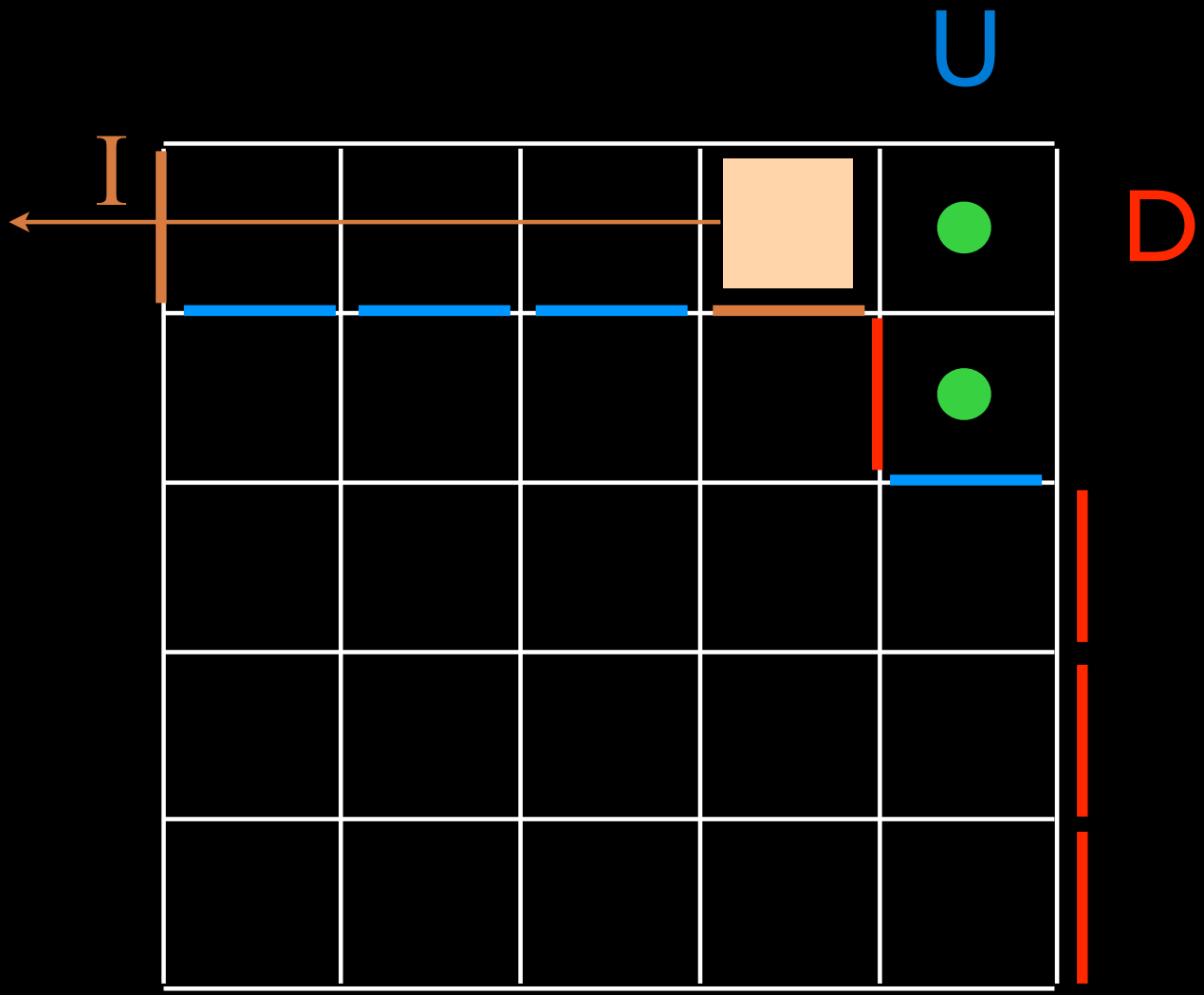
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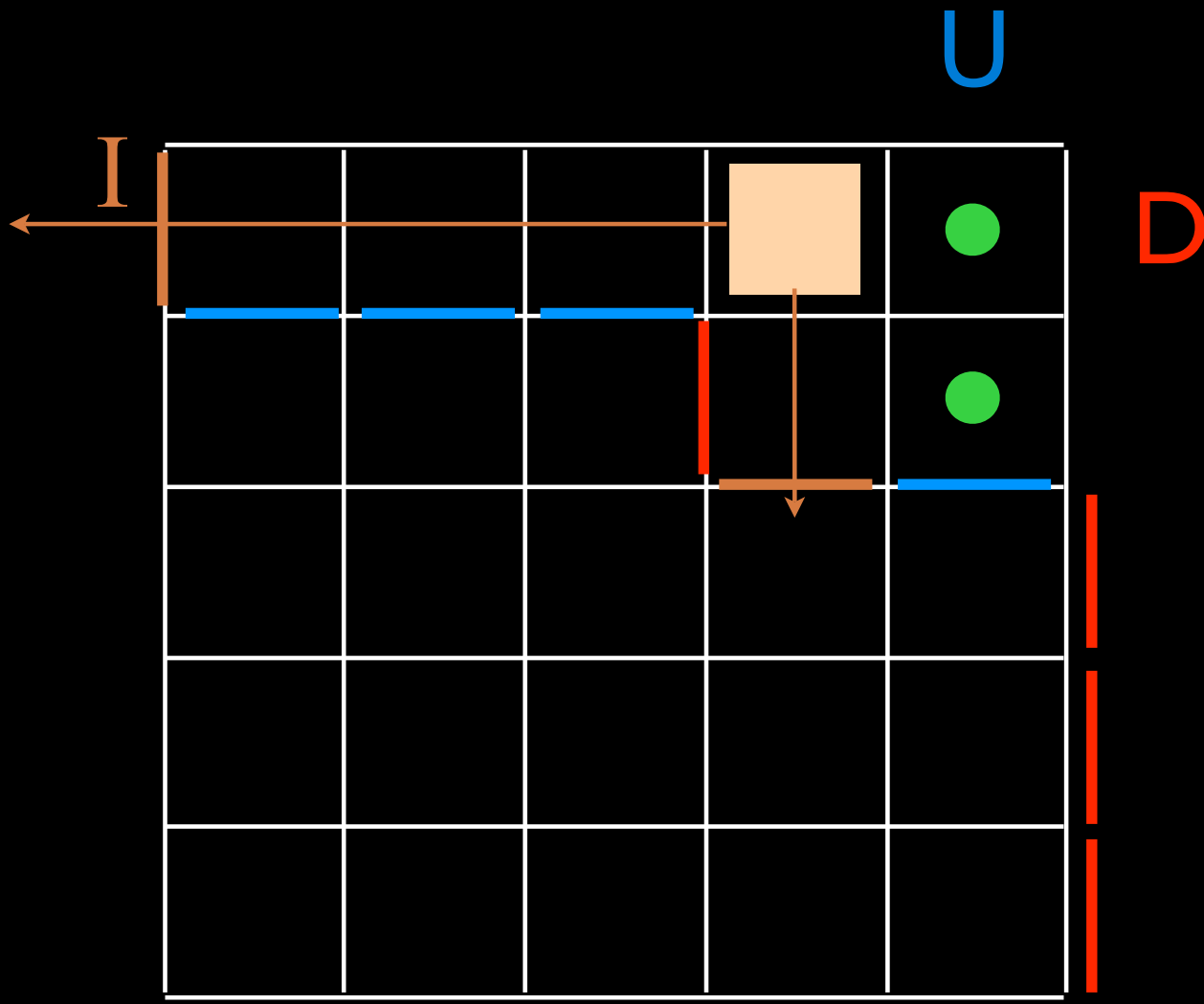


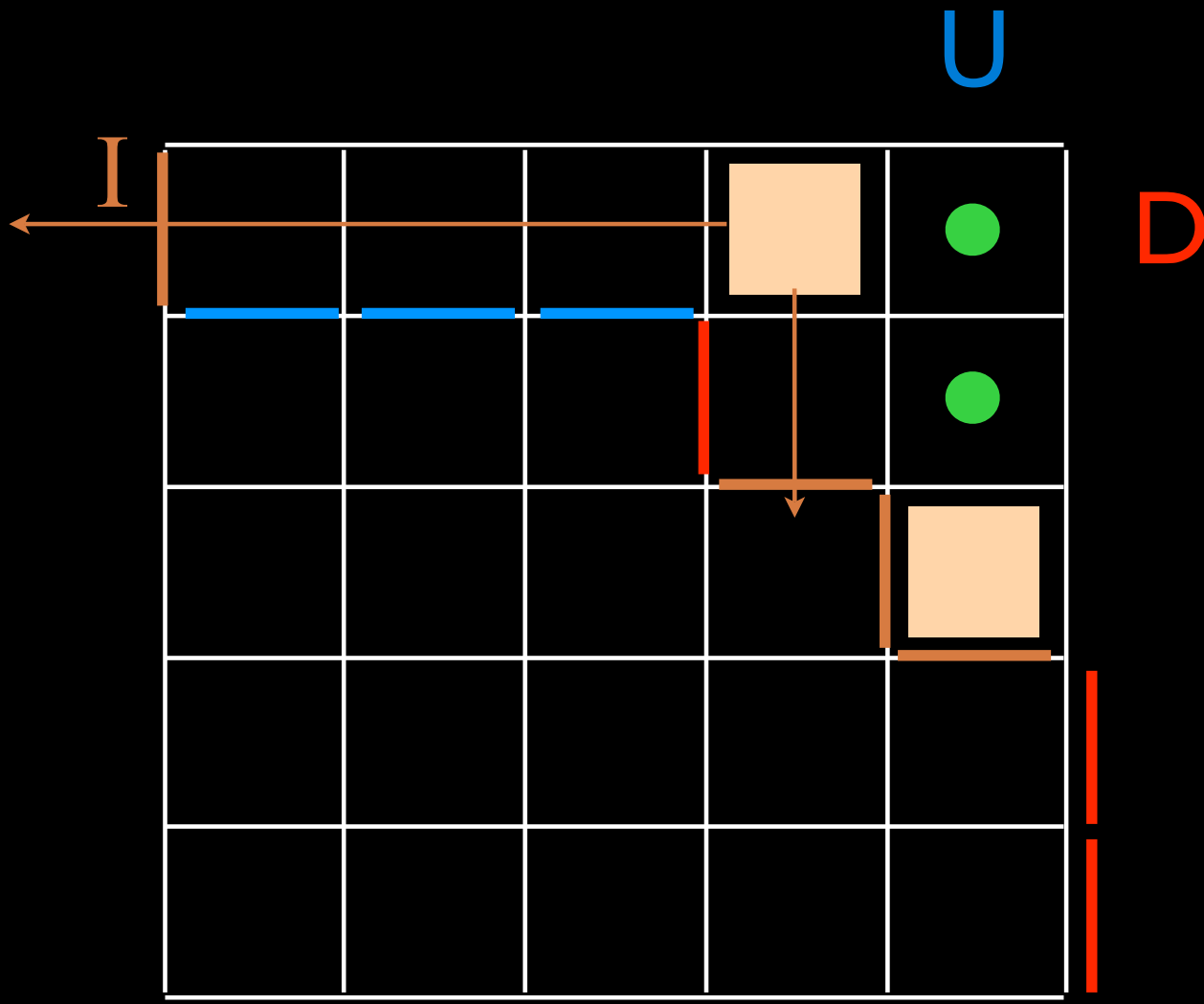


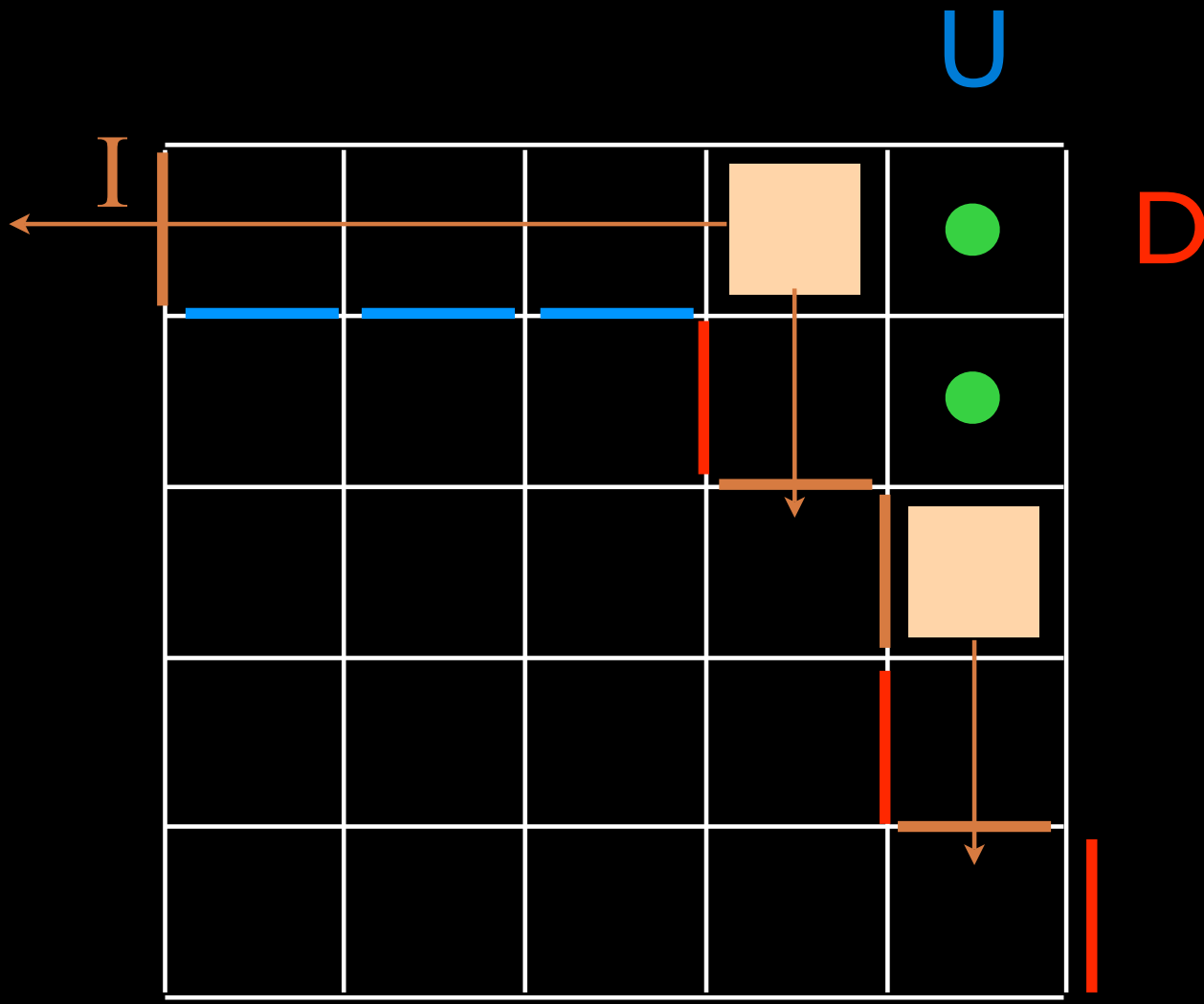
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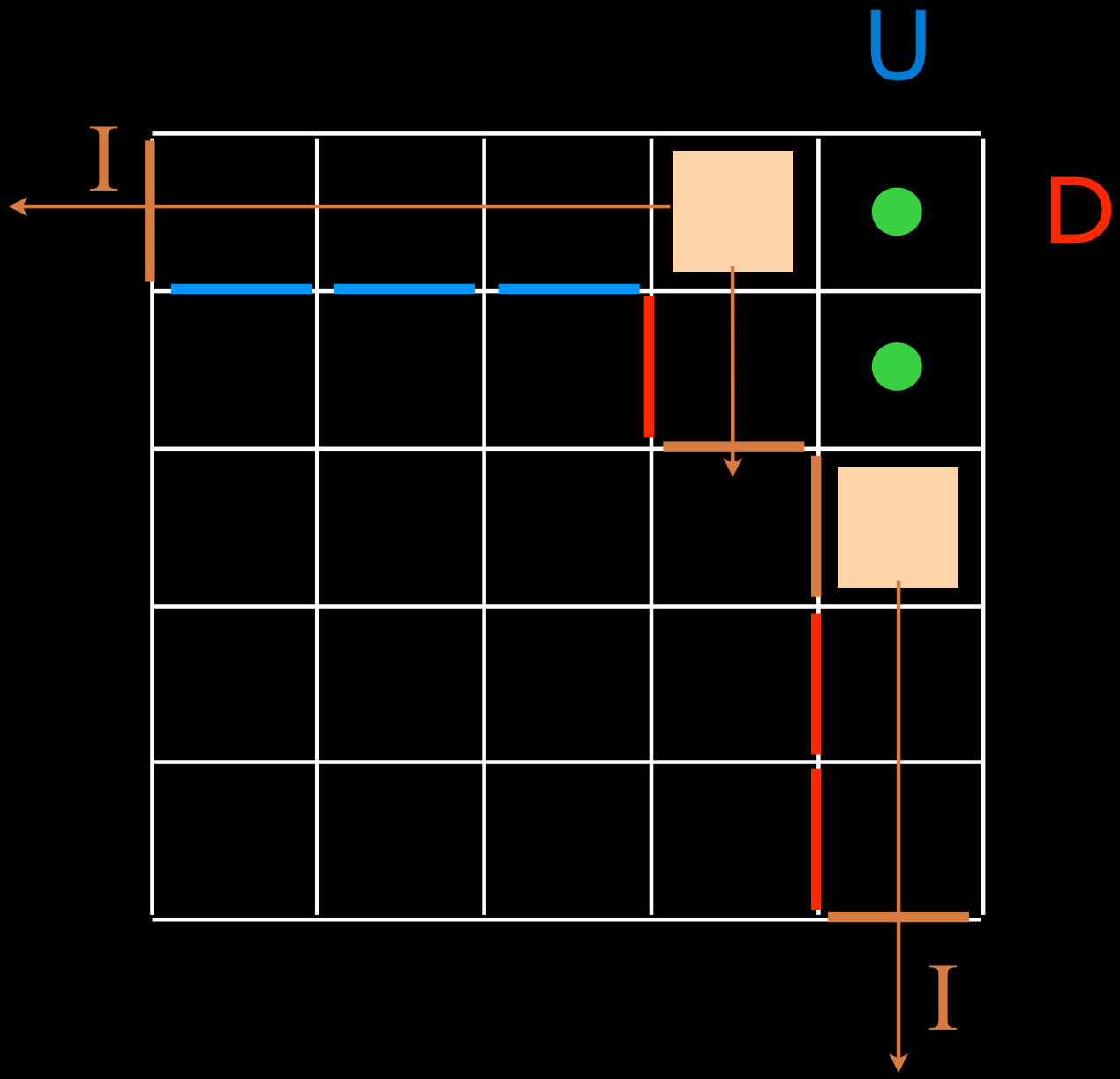
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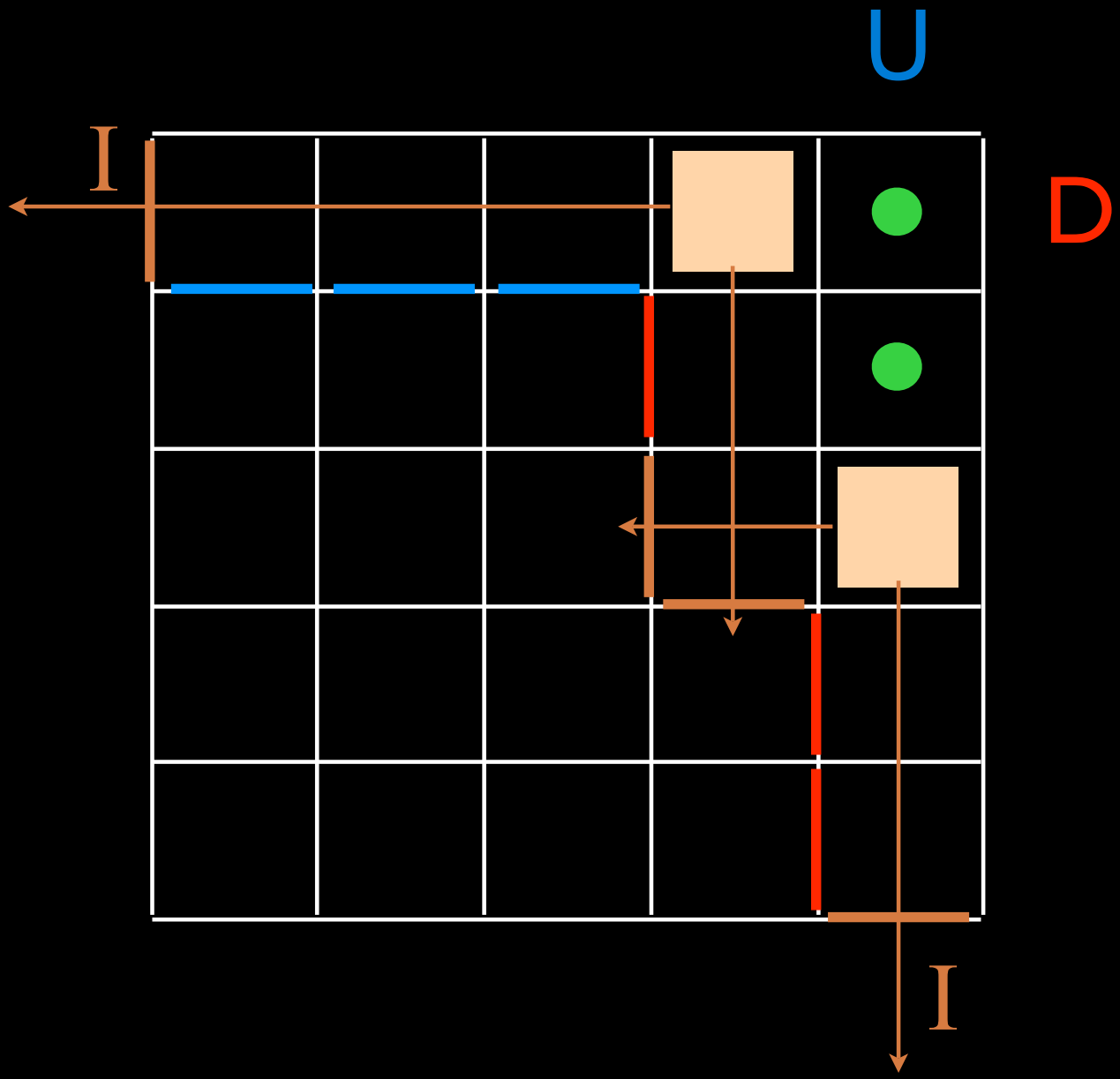




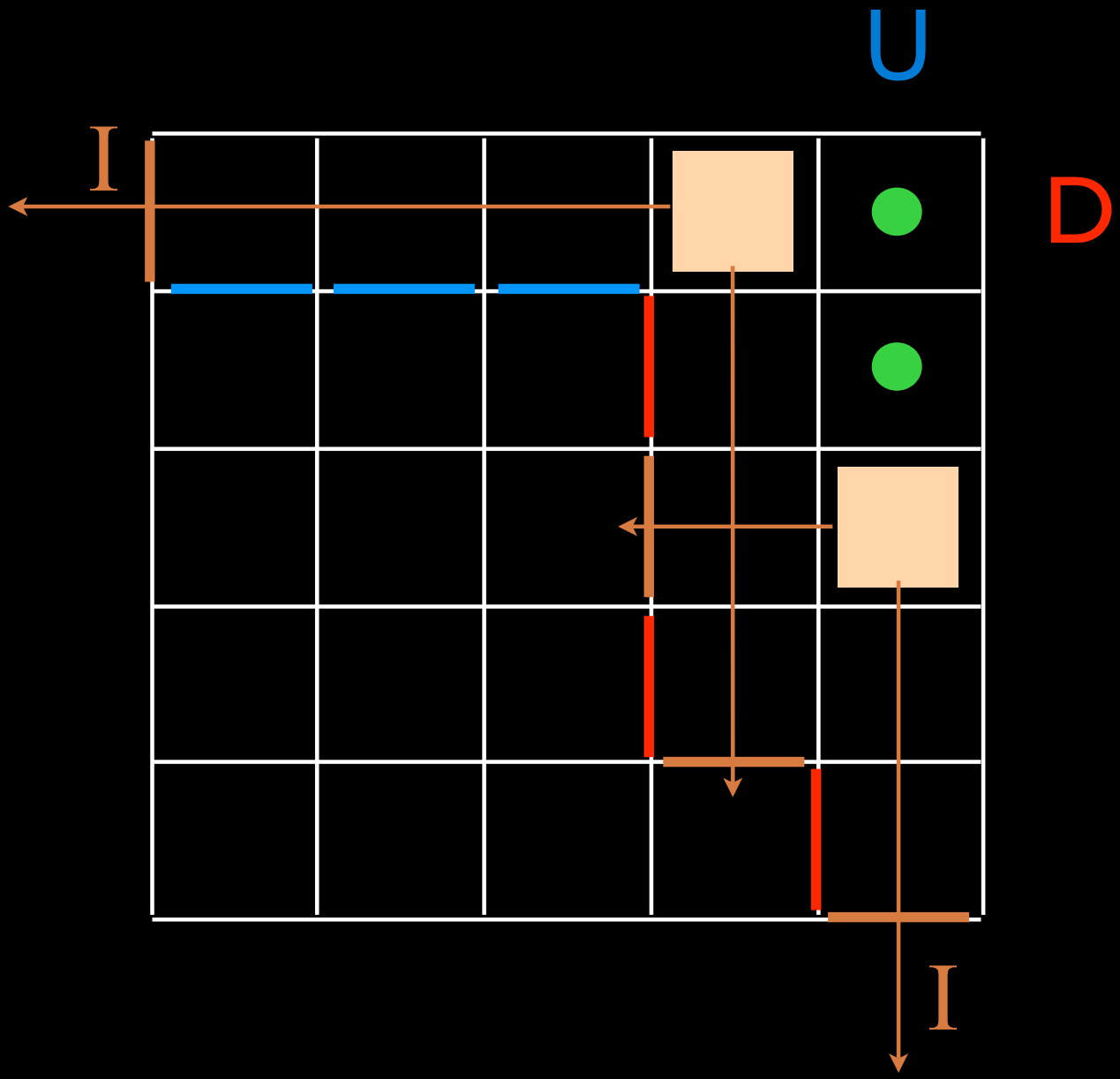


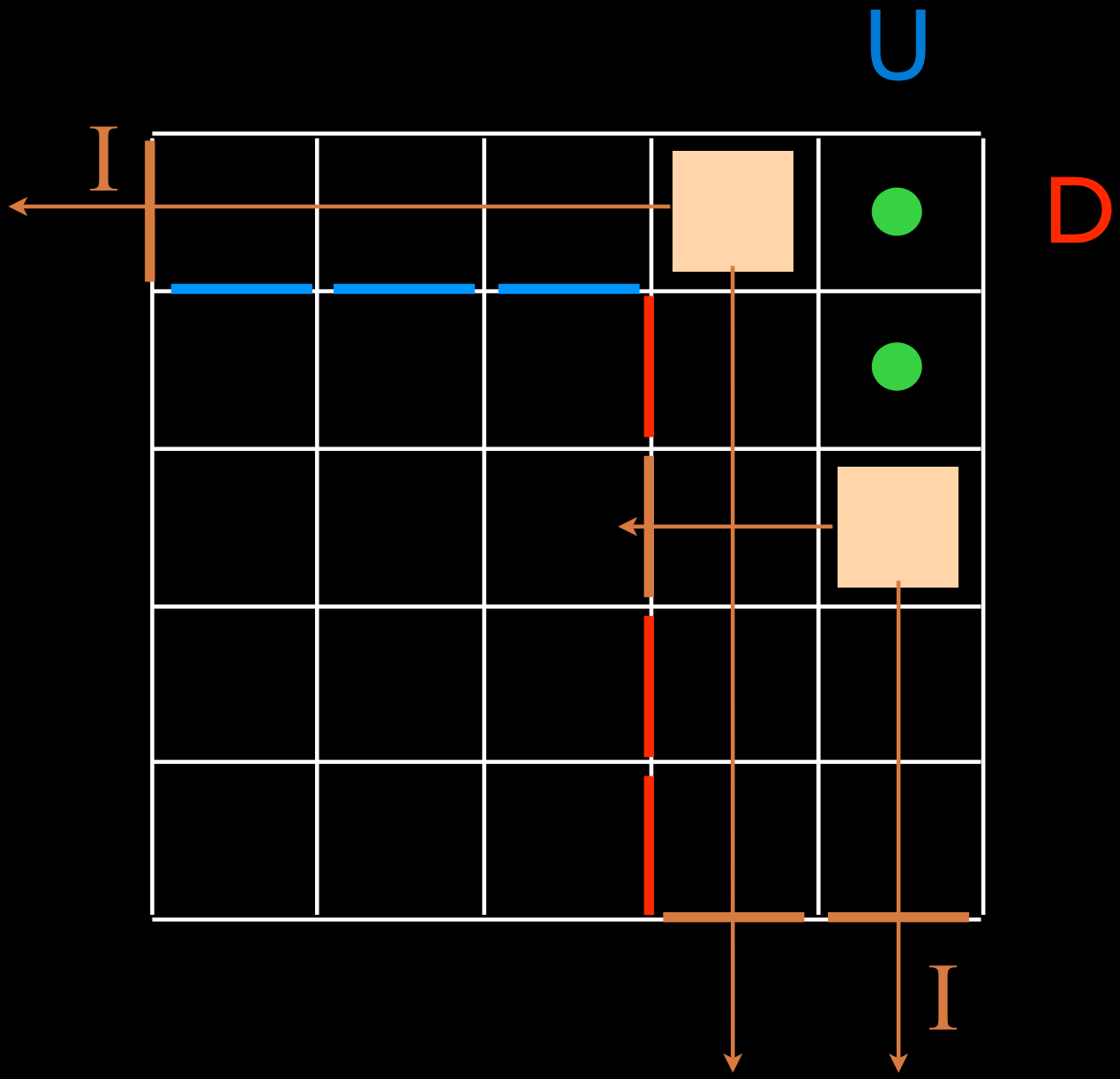


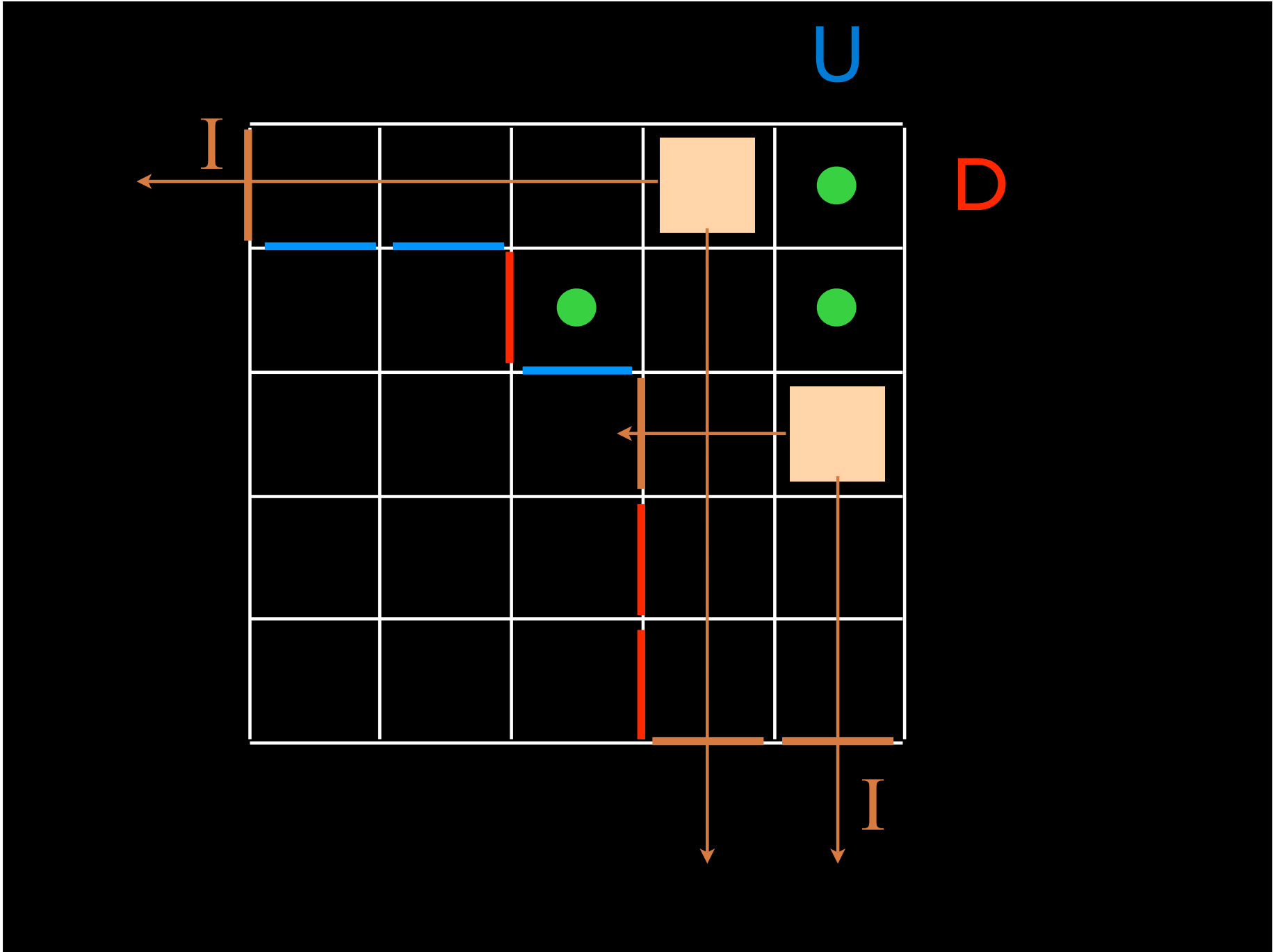


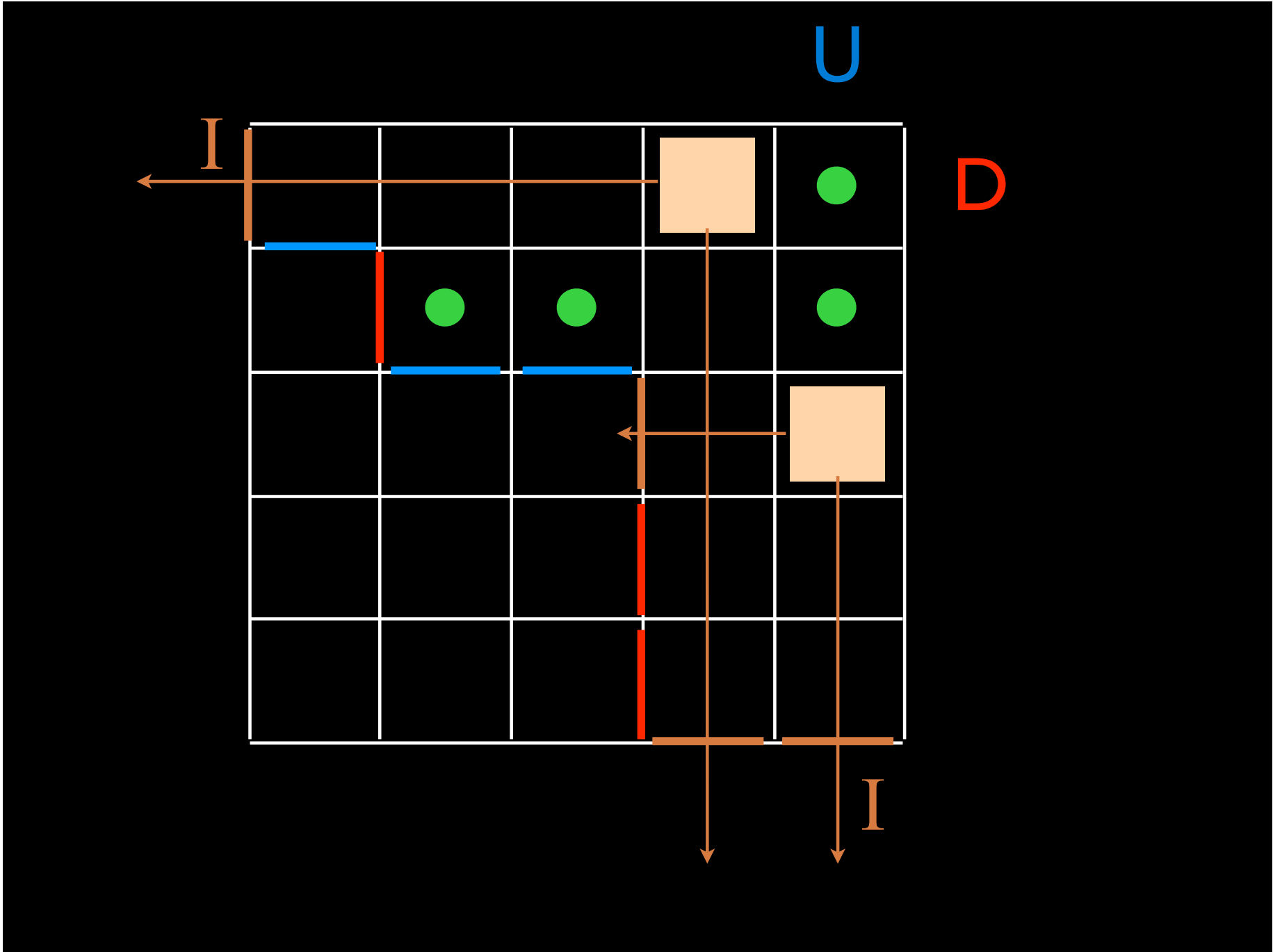


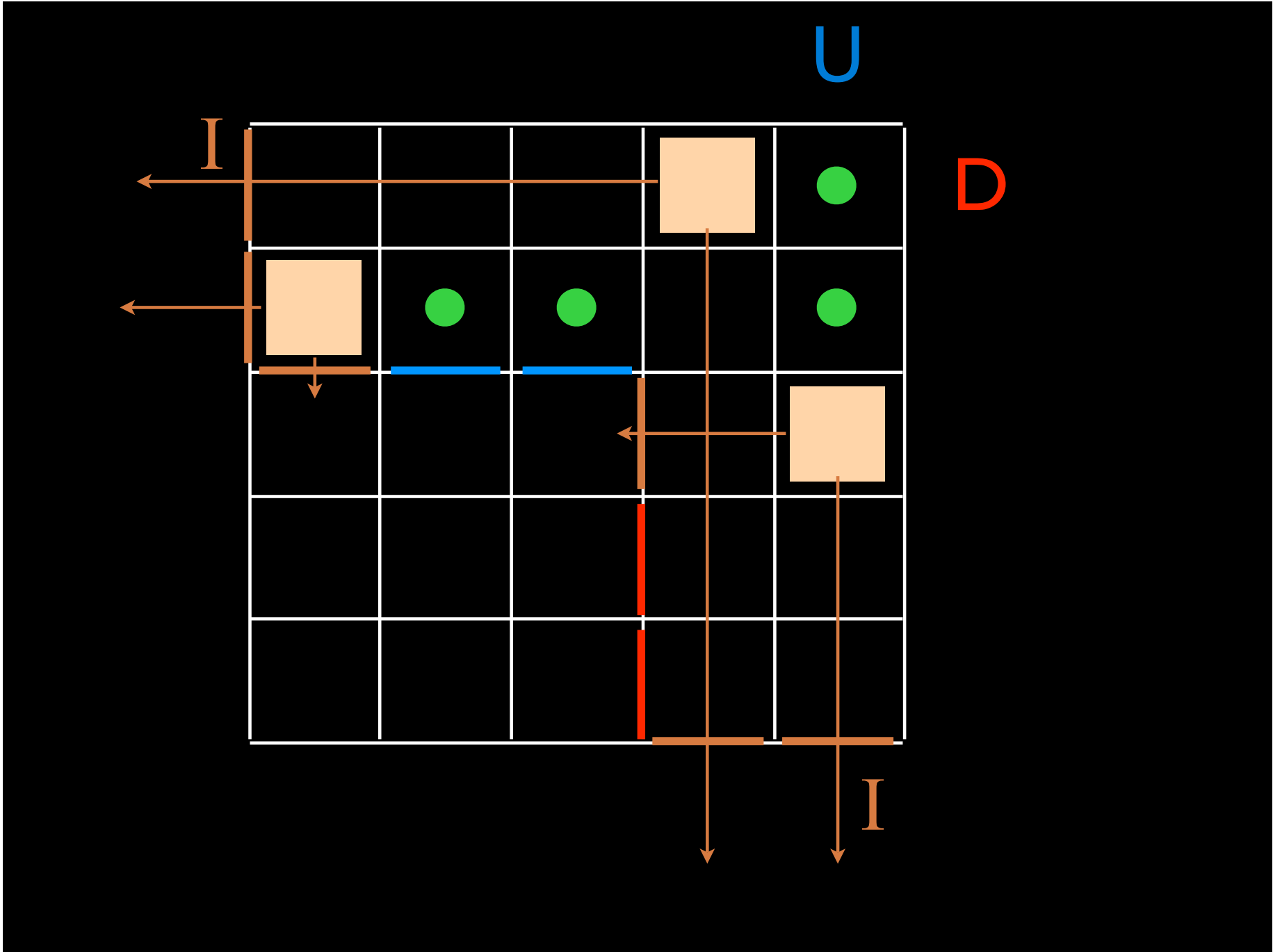


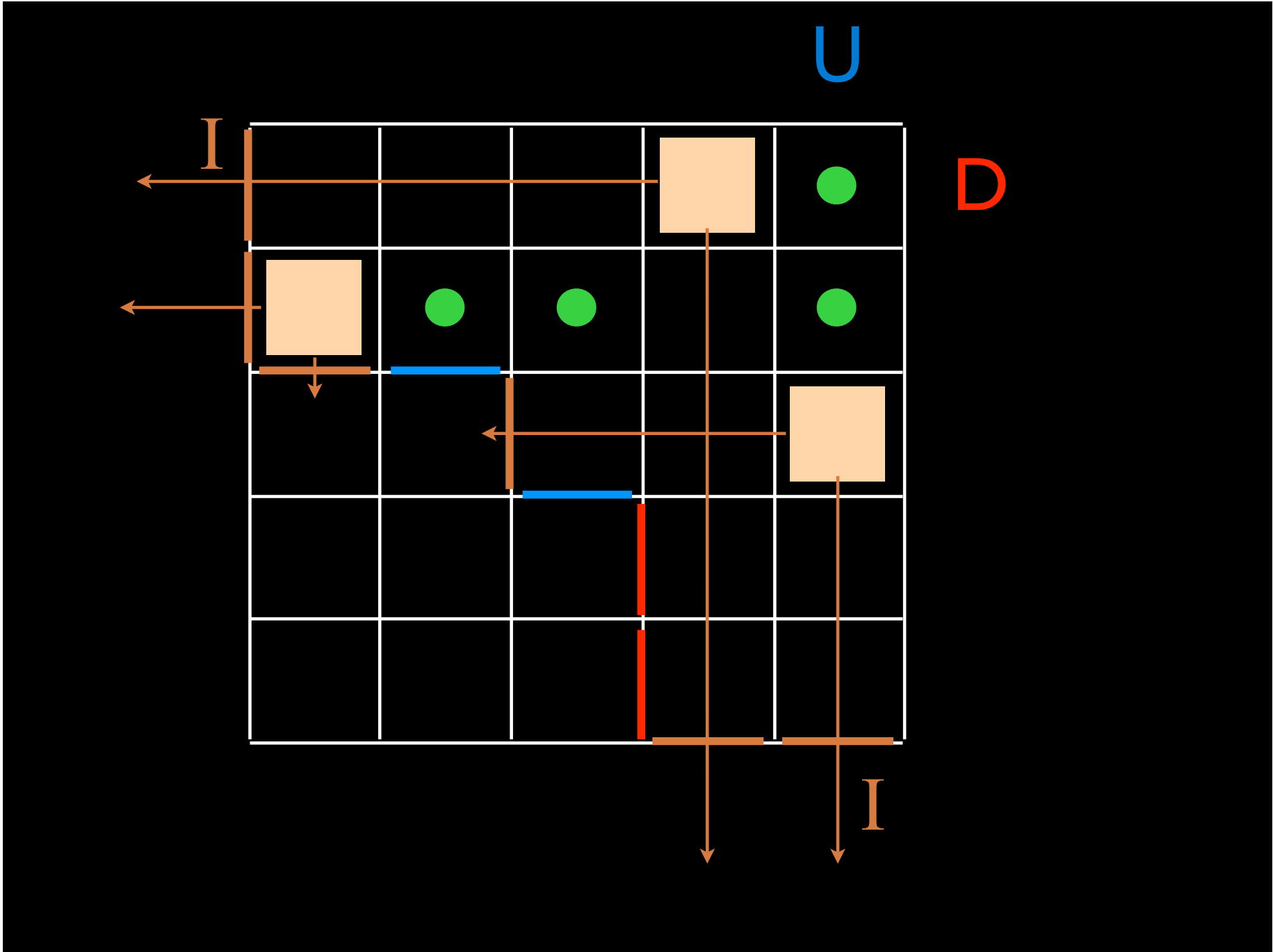


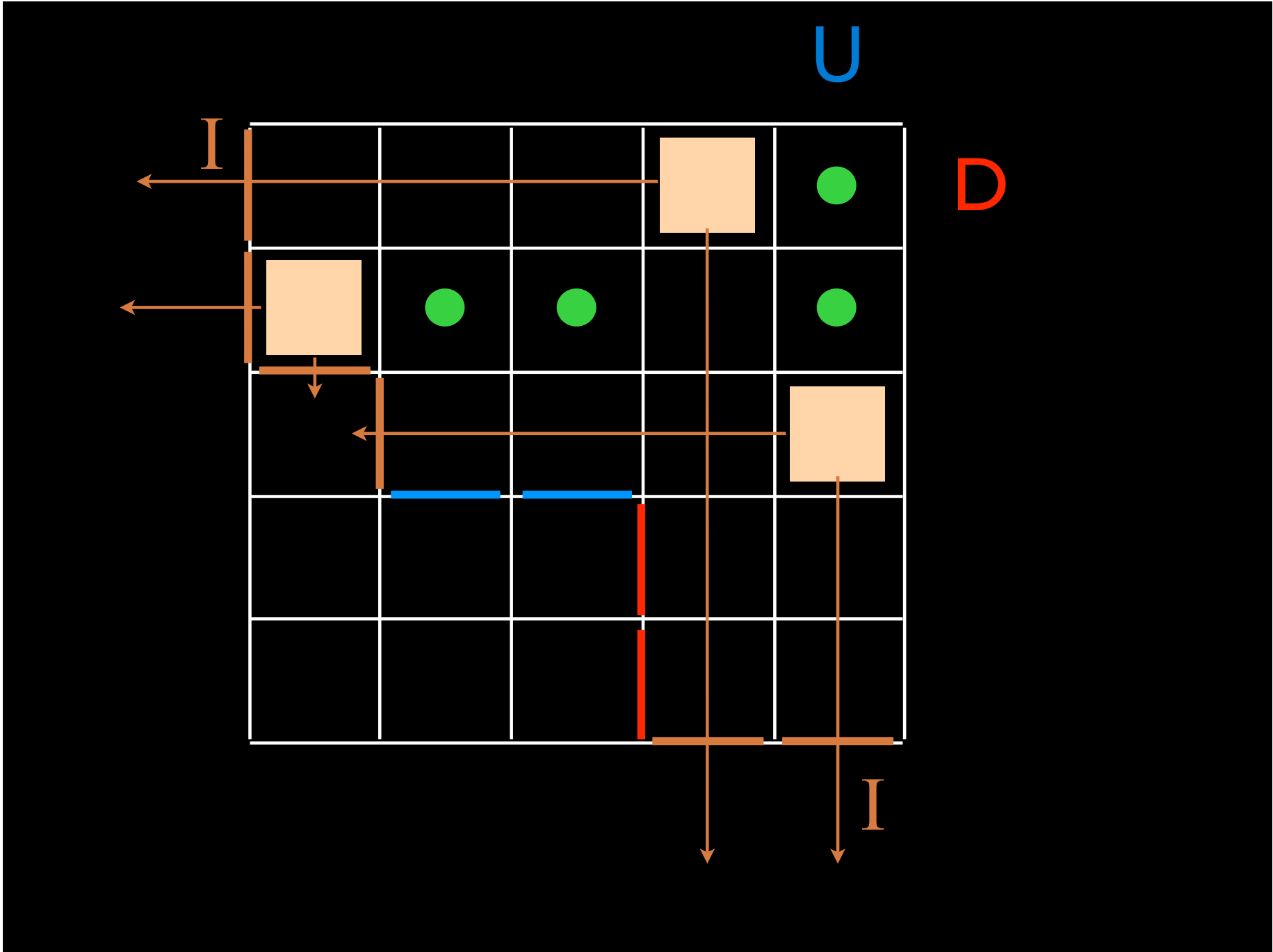


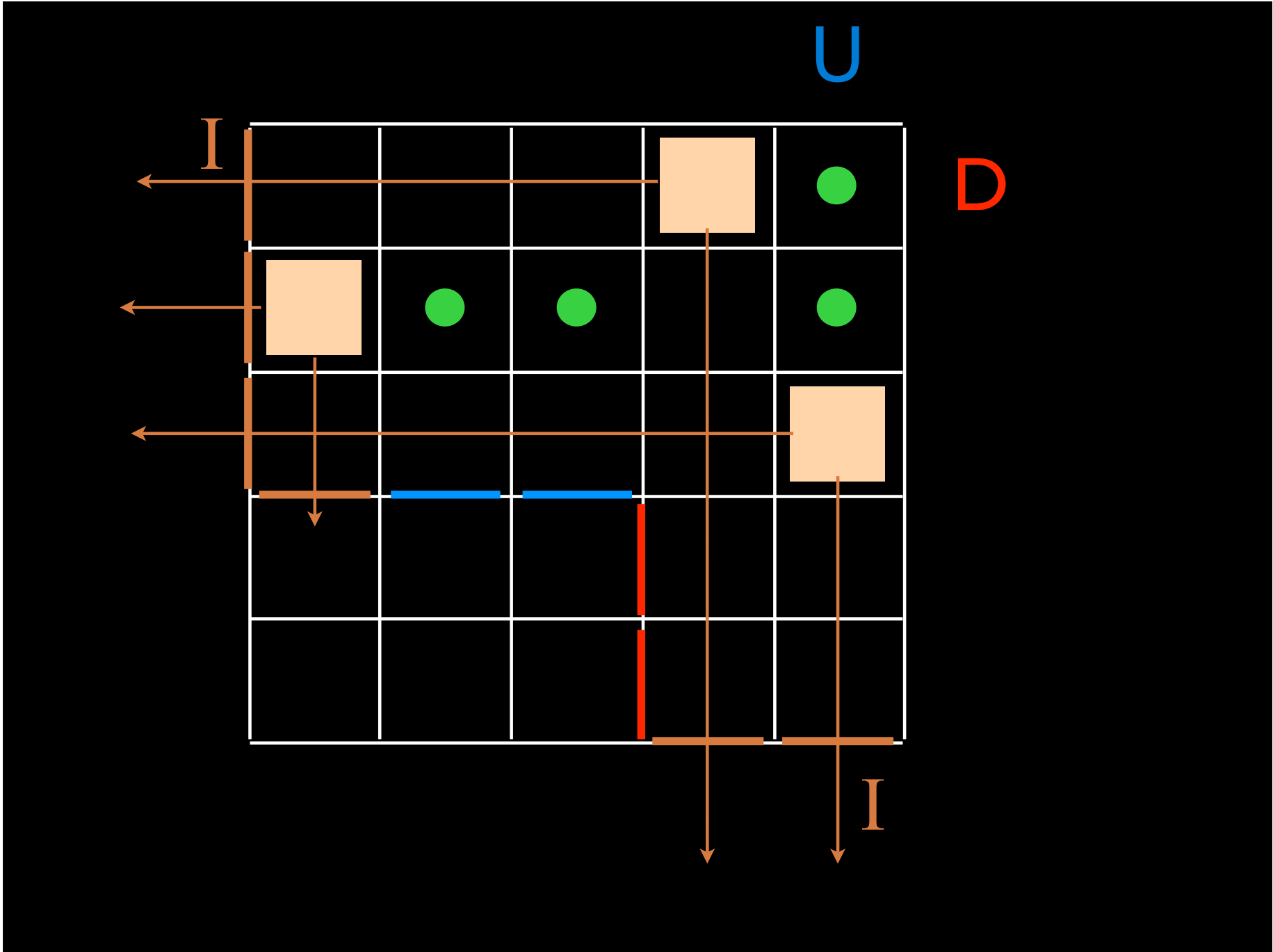




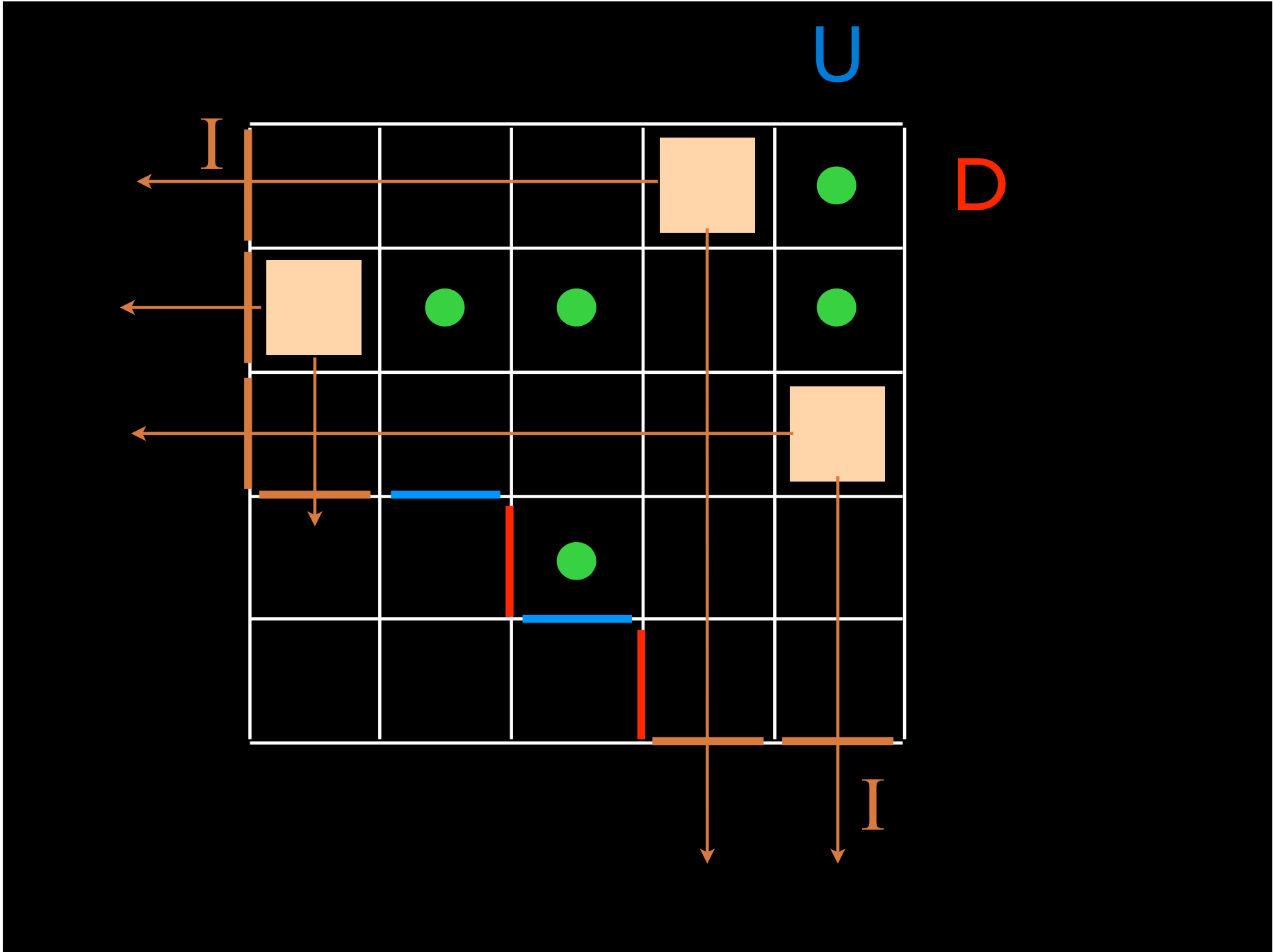


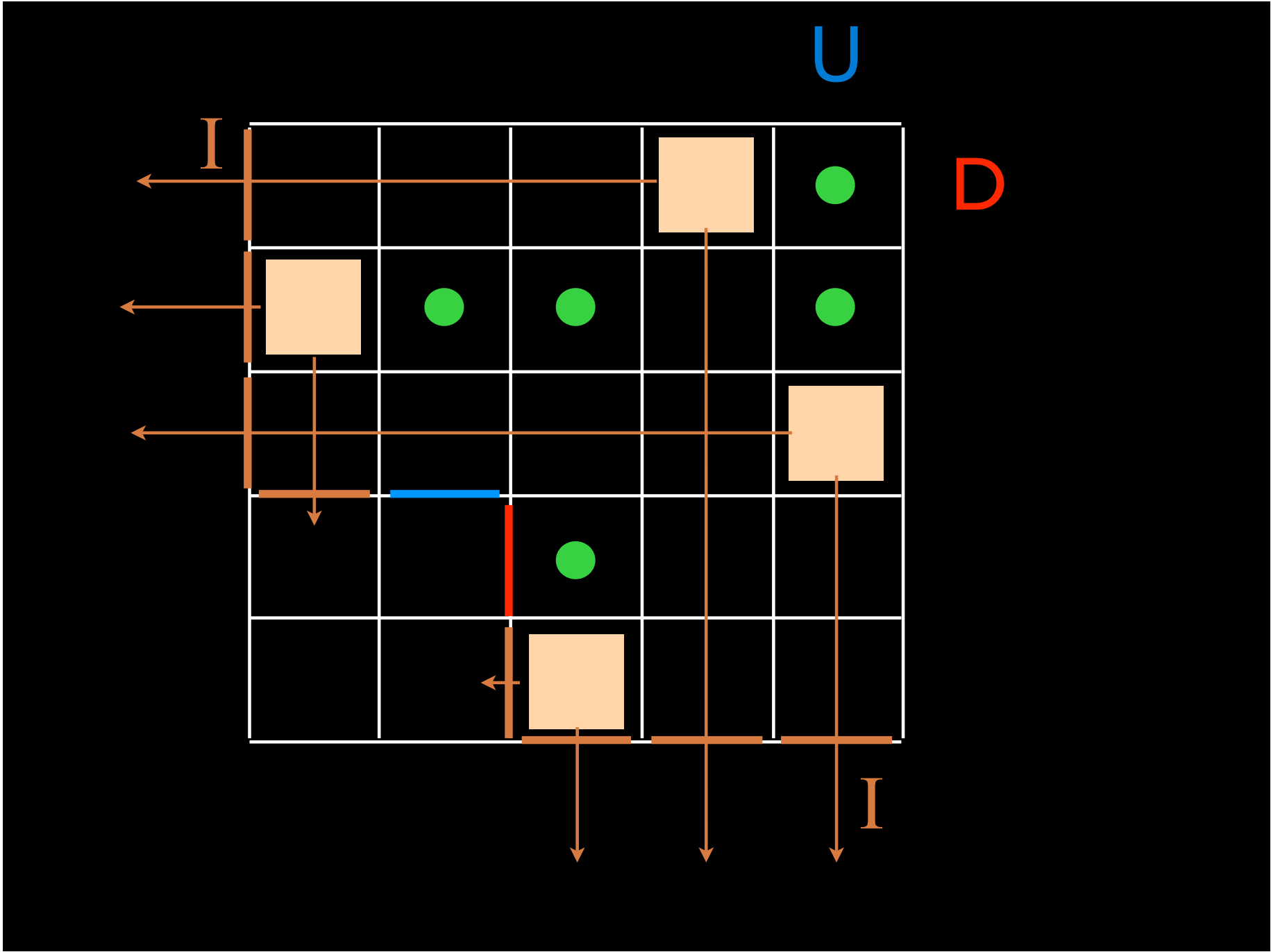


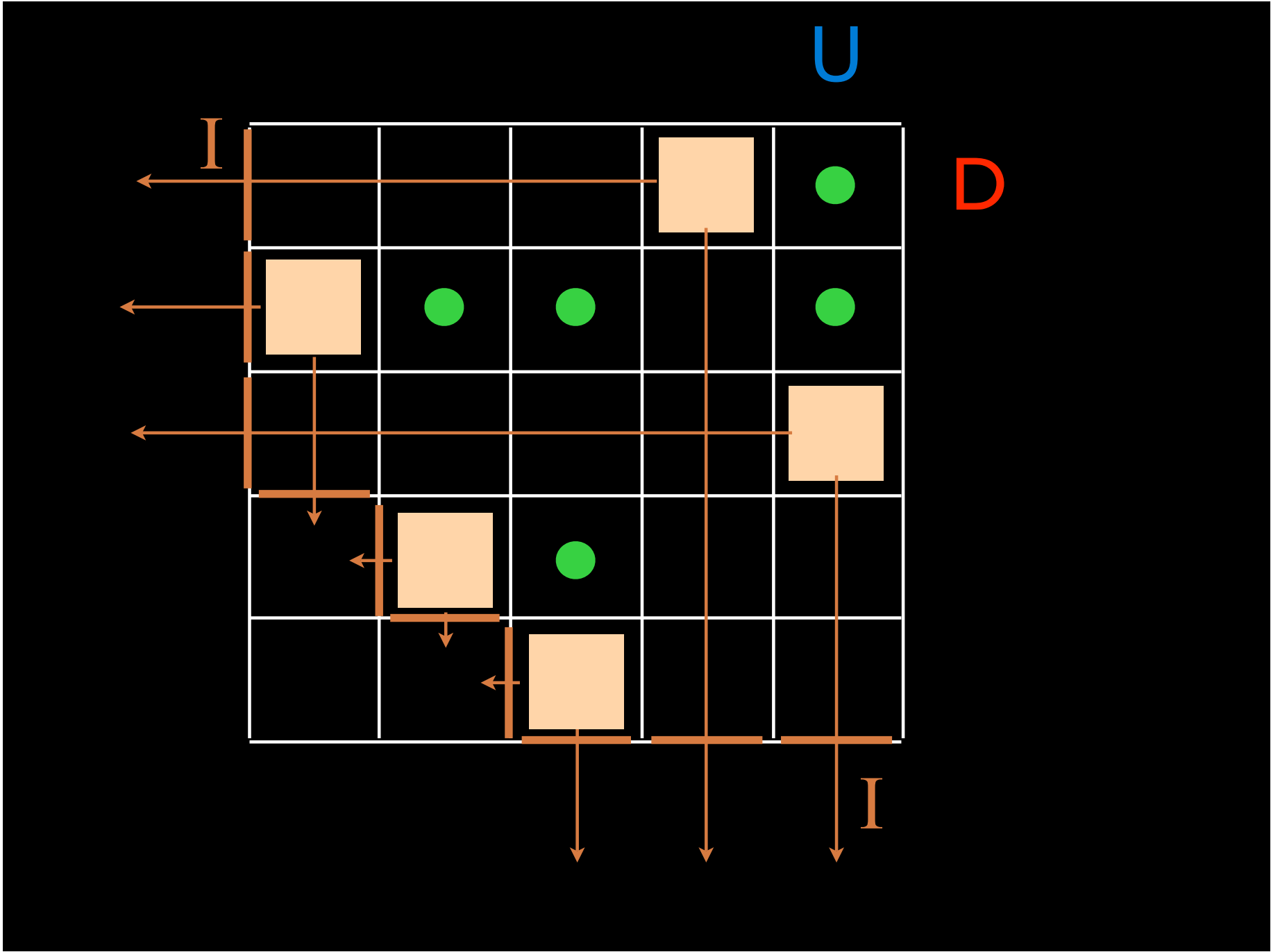


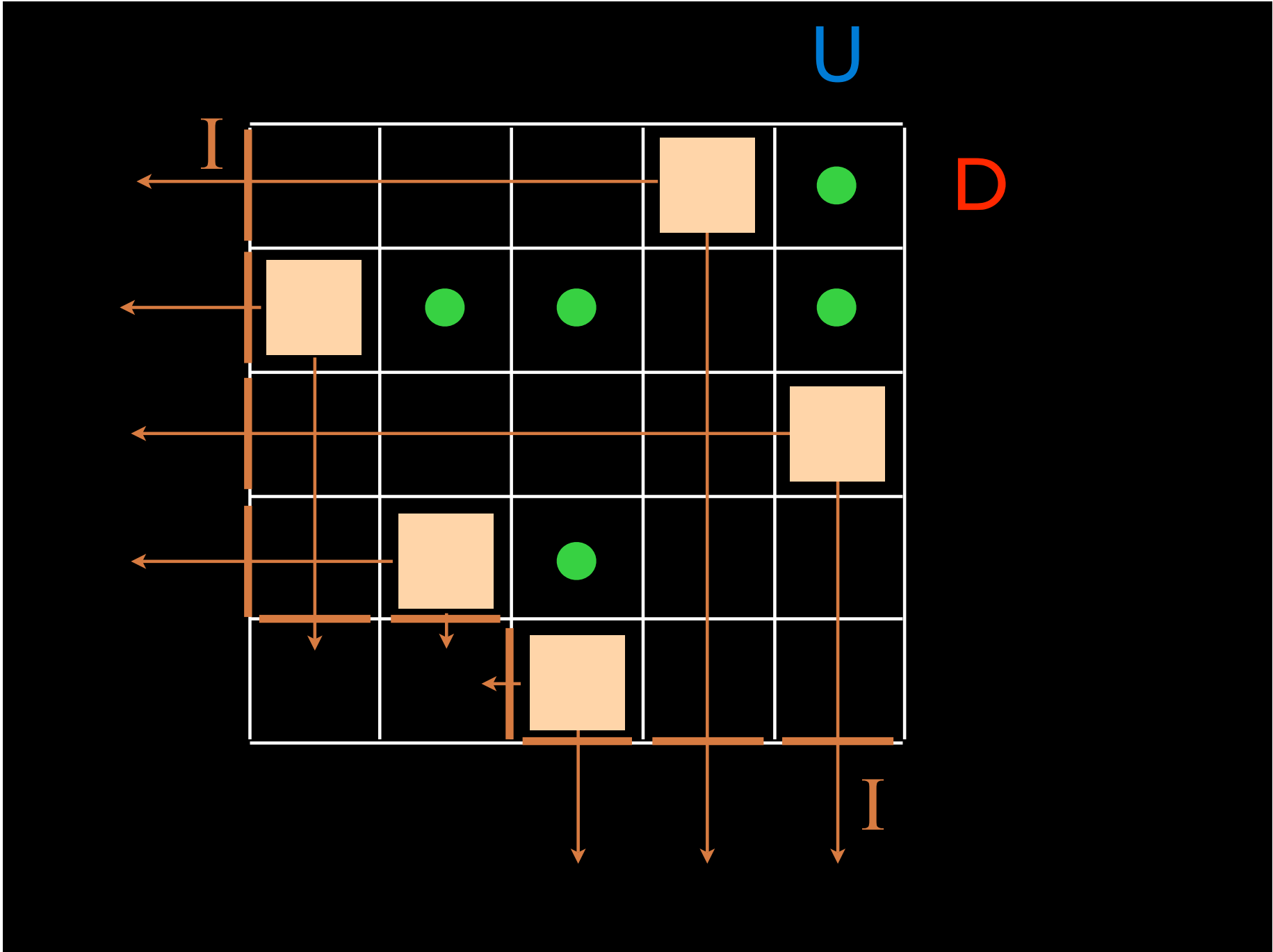


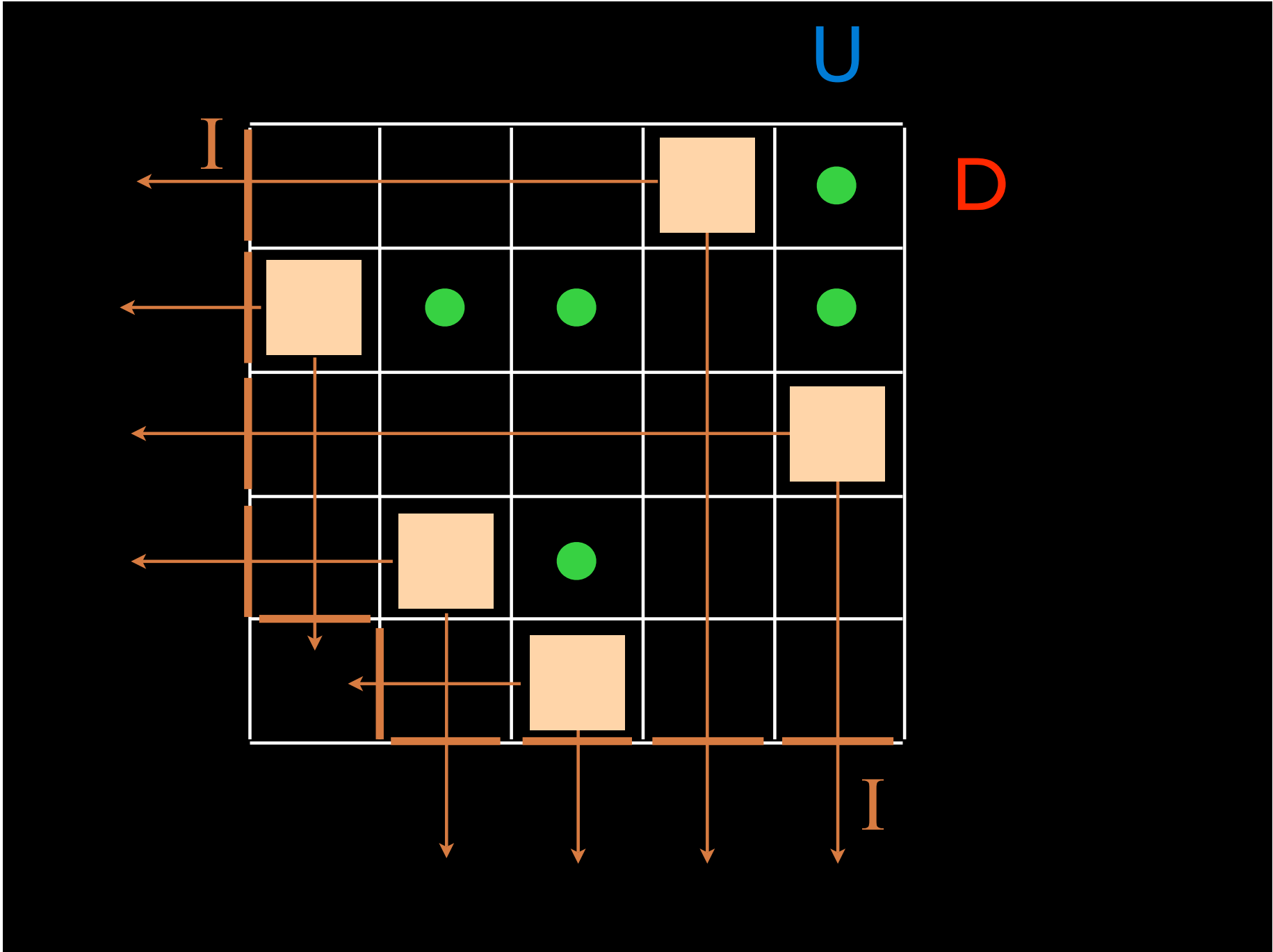


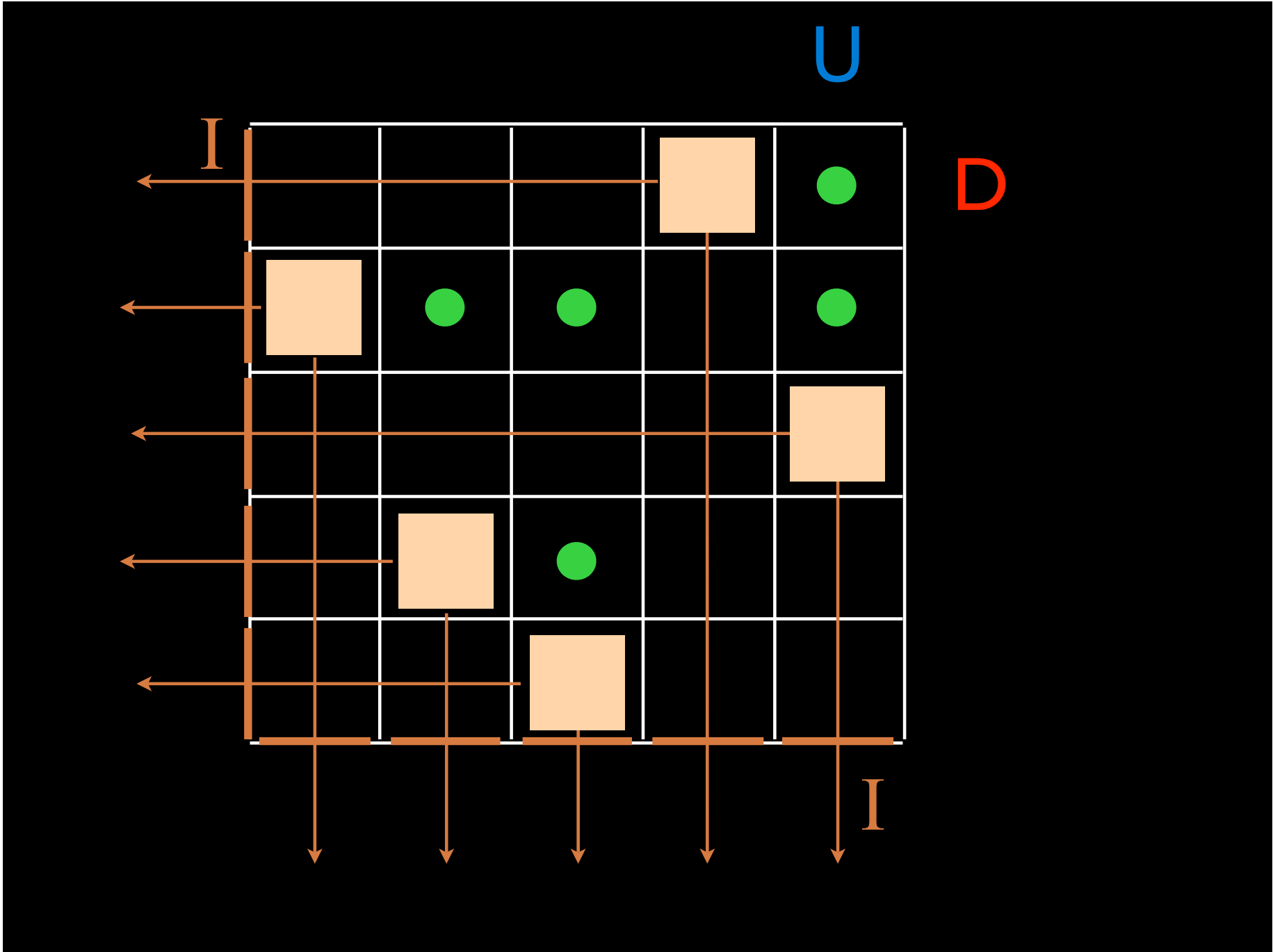










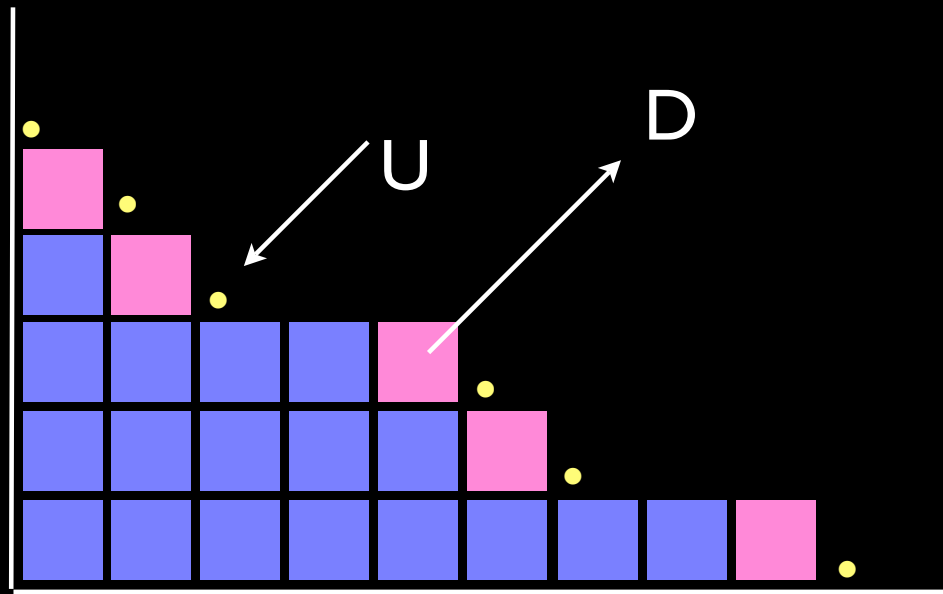




representation  
of  
operators  
 $U, D$

# Operators U and D

adding  
or deleting  
a cell in  
a Ferrers  
diagram

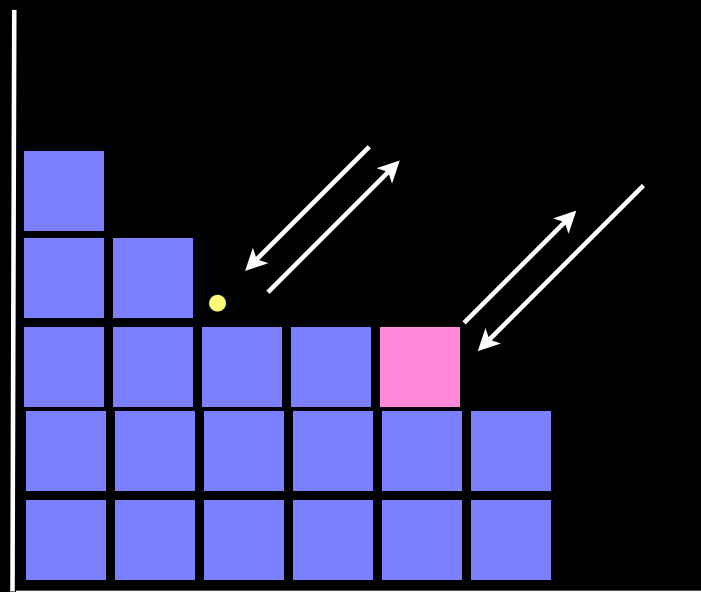
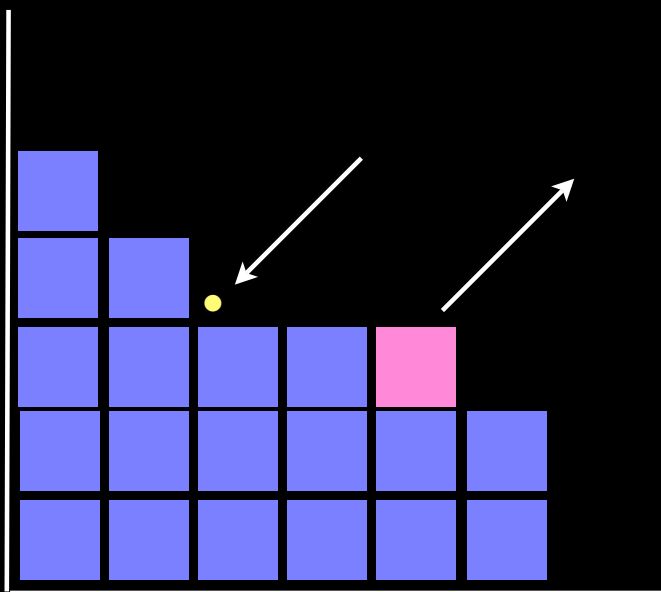


Young lattice

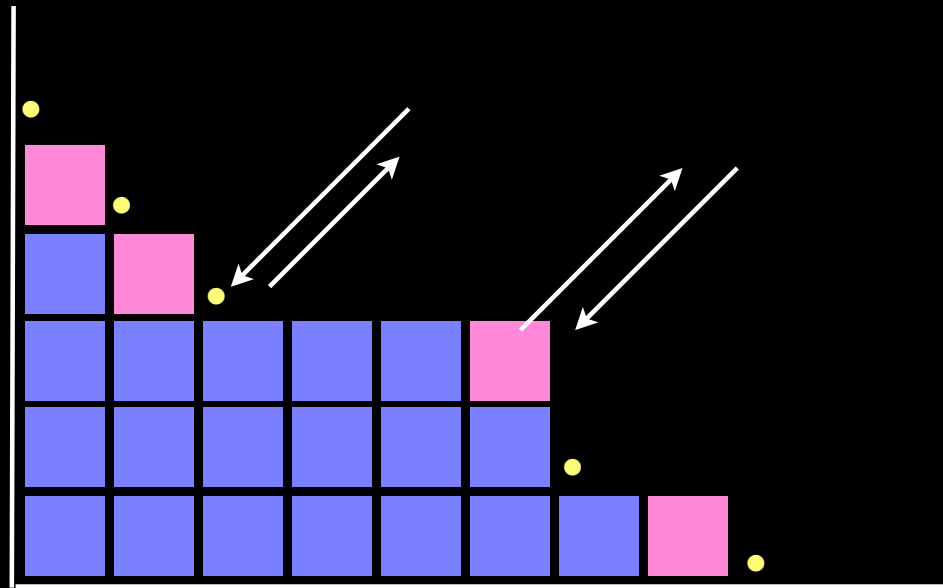


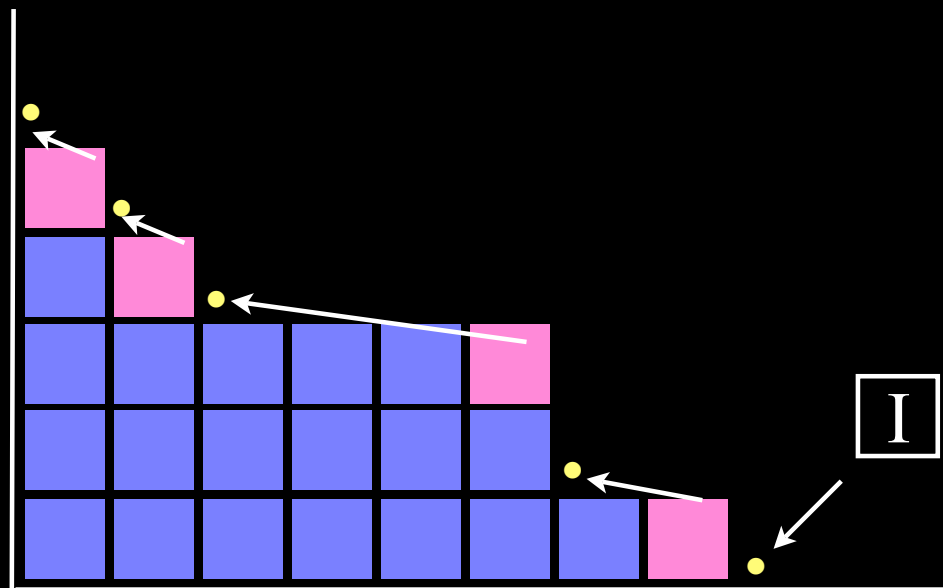
# Heisenberg commutation relation

$$UD = DU + I$$



$$UD = DU + I$$





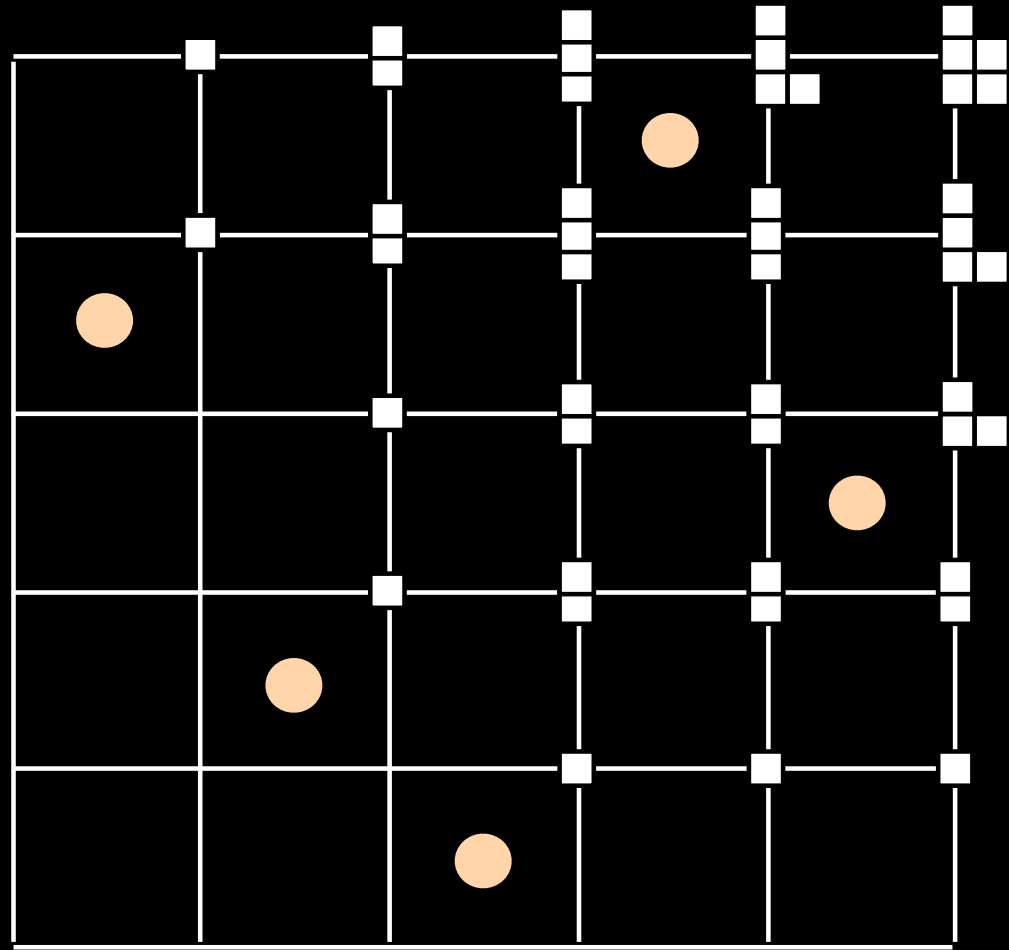
combinatorial “representation” of the  
 commutation relation  $UD = DU + I$

RSK with  
Fomin's  
"local rules"

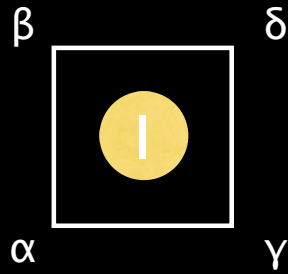
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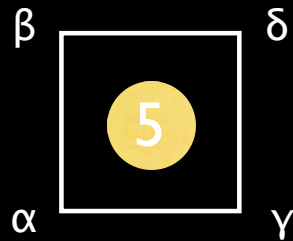
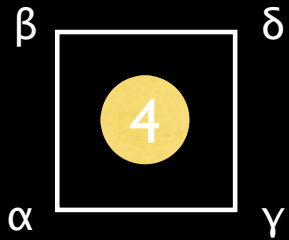
Sergey Fomin  
(with C. K.)



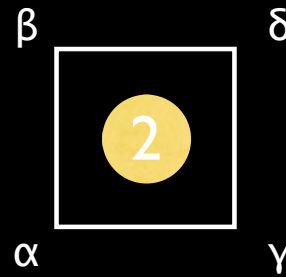
$$\beta \neq \gamma$$



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

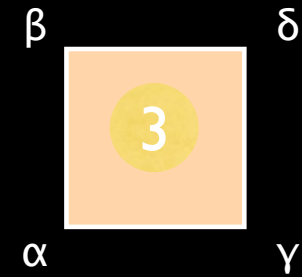


$$\beta = \gamma$$
$$\alpha \neq \beta$$



$$\beta = \gamma = \alpha + (i)$$
$$\delta = \beta + (i+1)$$

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

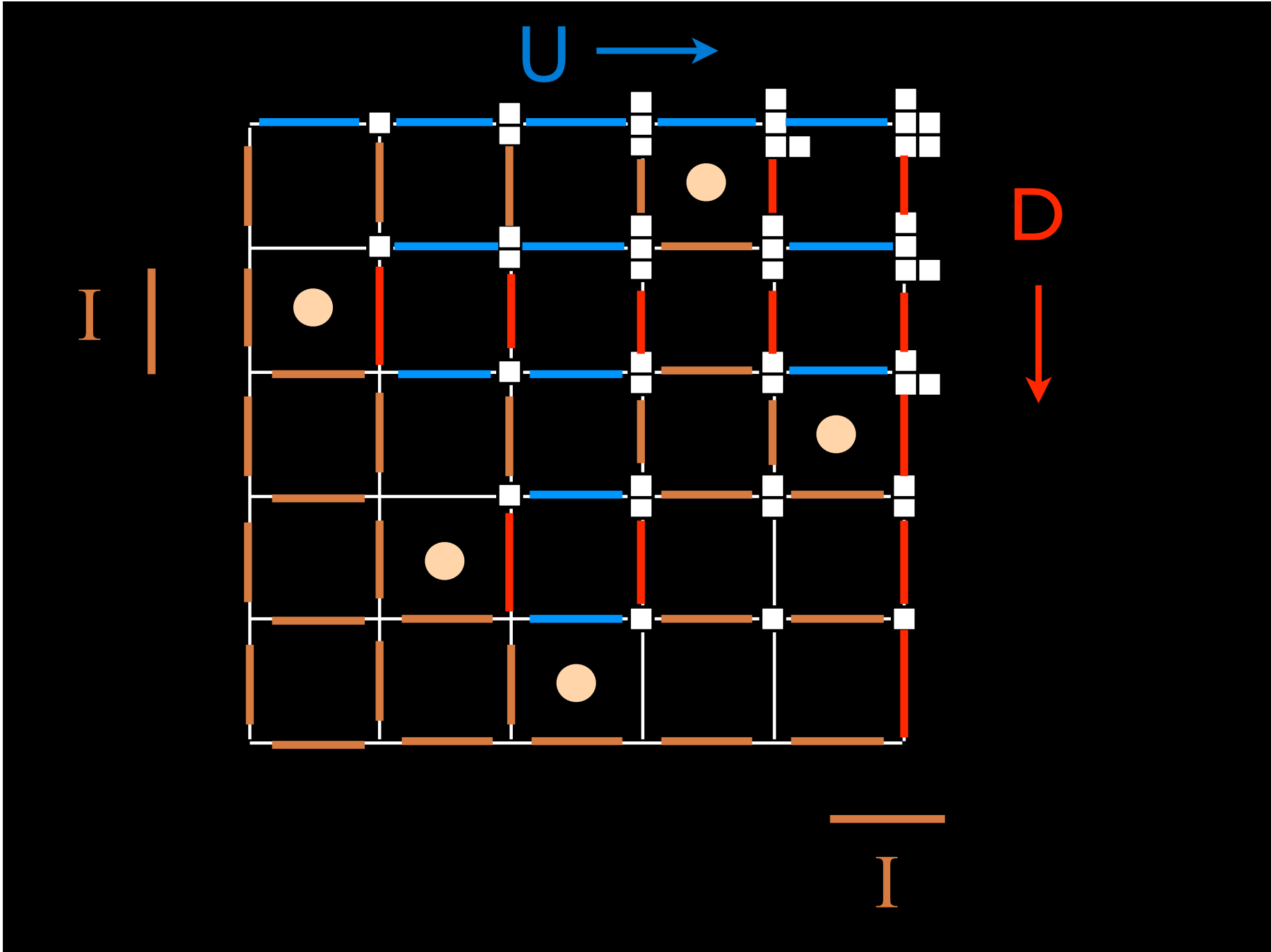


$$\delta = \alpha + (1)$$

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



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

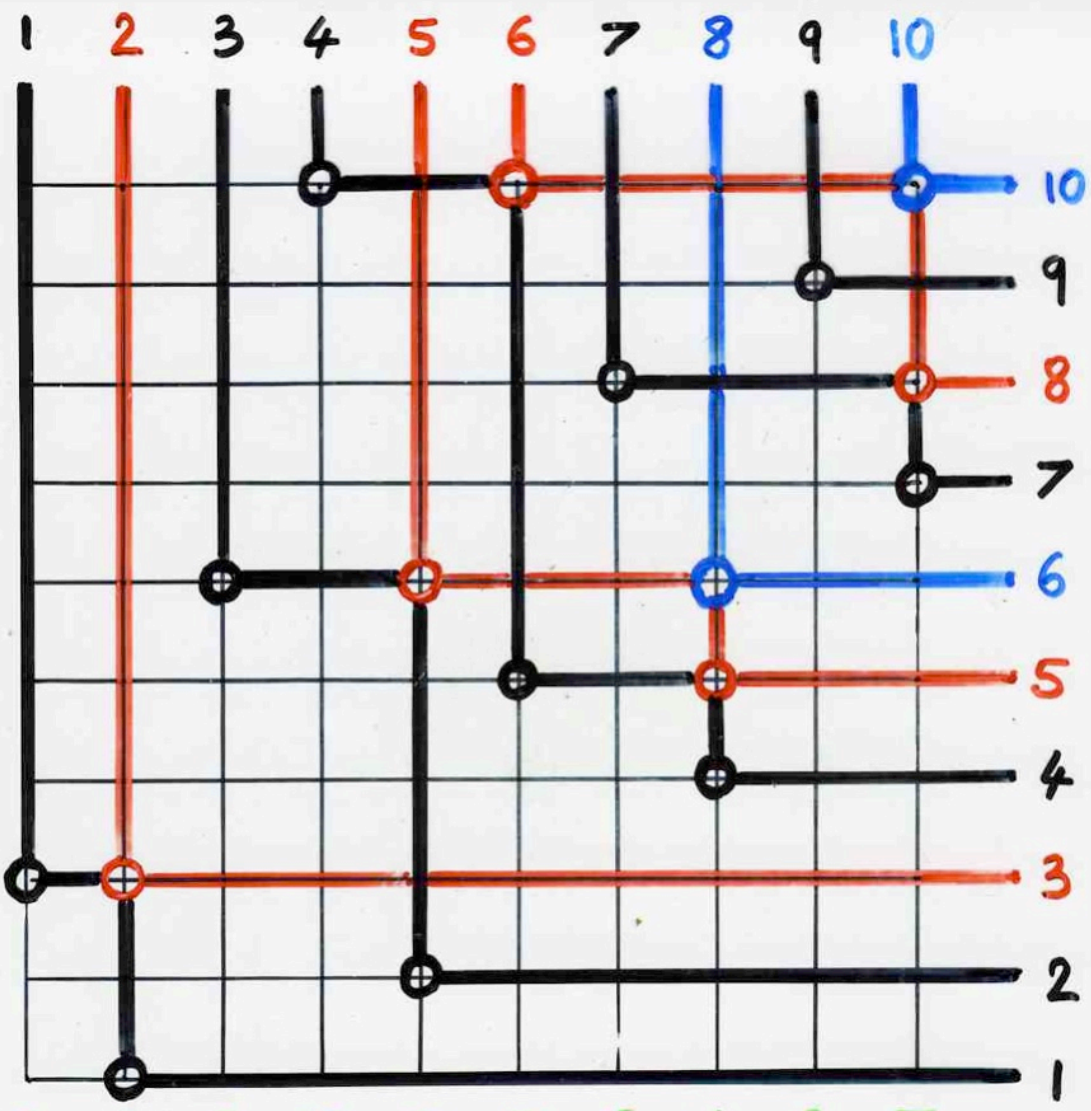


# local RSK and geometric RSK

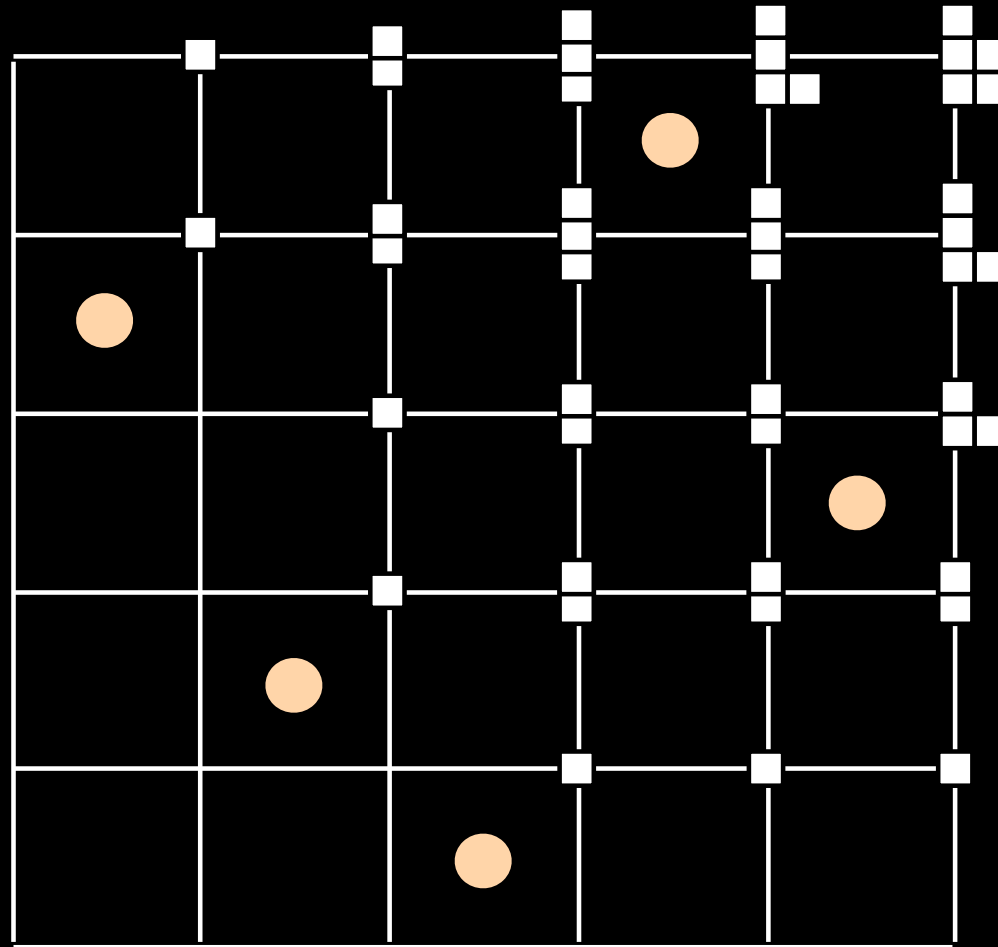


(the geometric construction with “light” and “shadow” for RSK leads to a simple proof of the fact that RSK and the “local rules” give the same bijection)

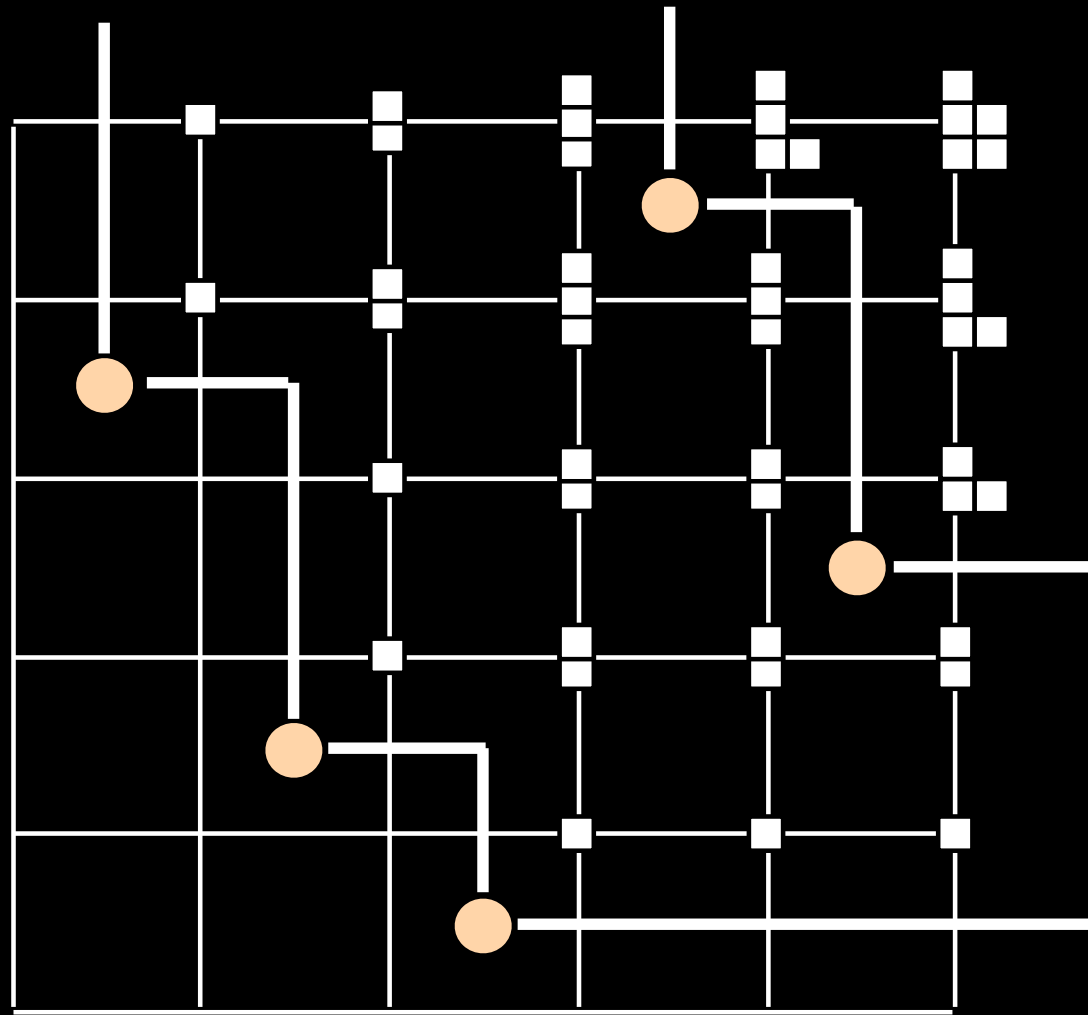


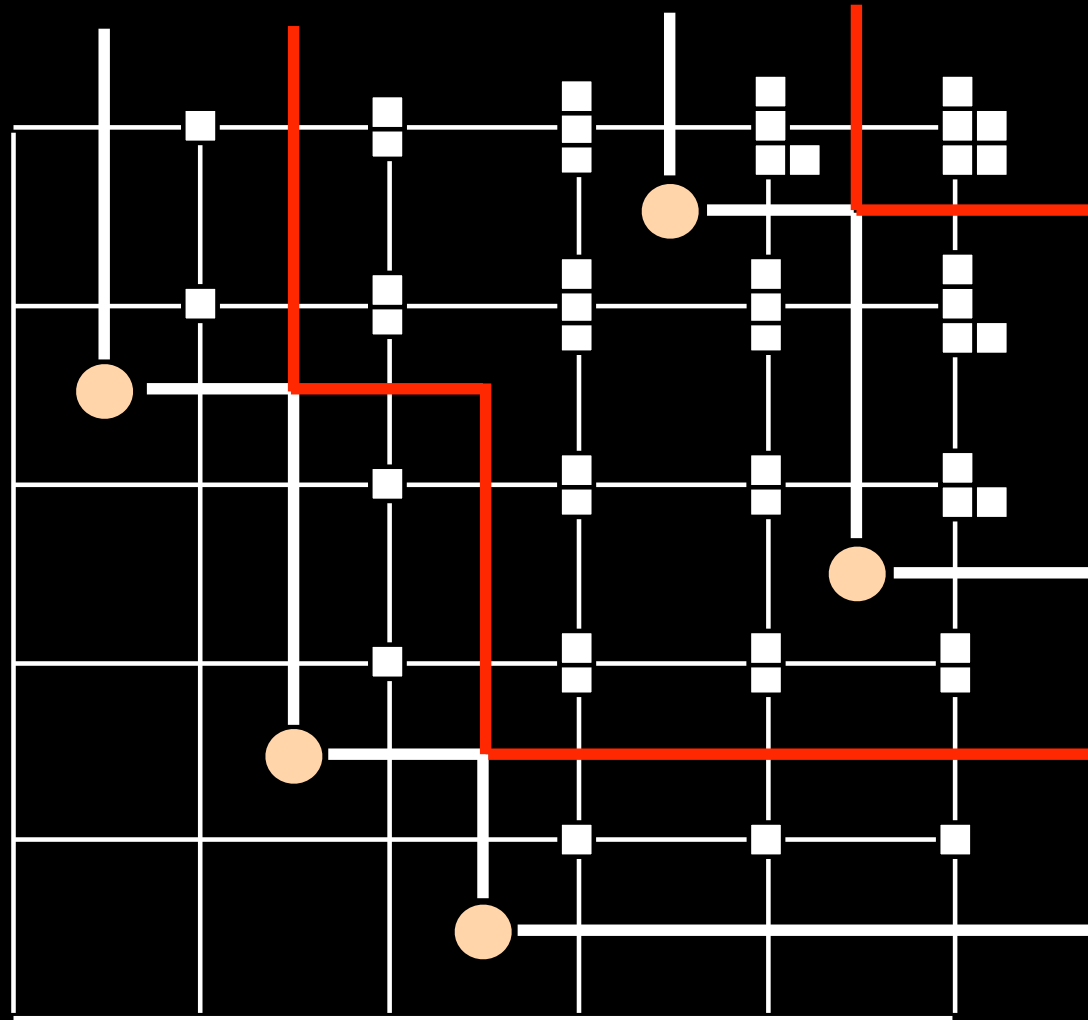


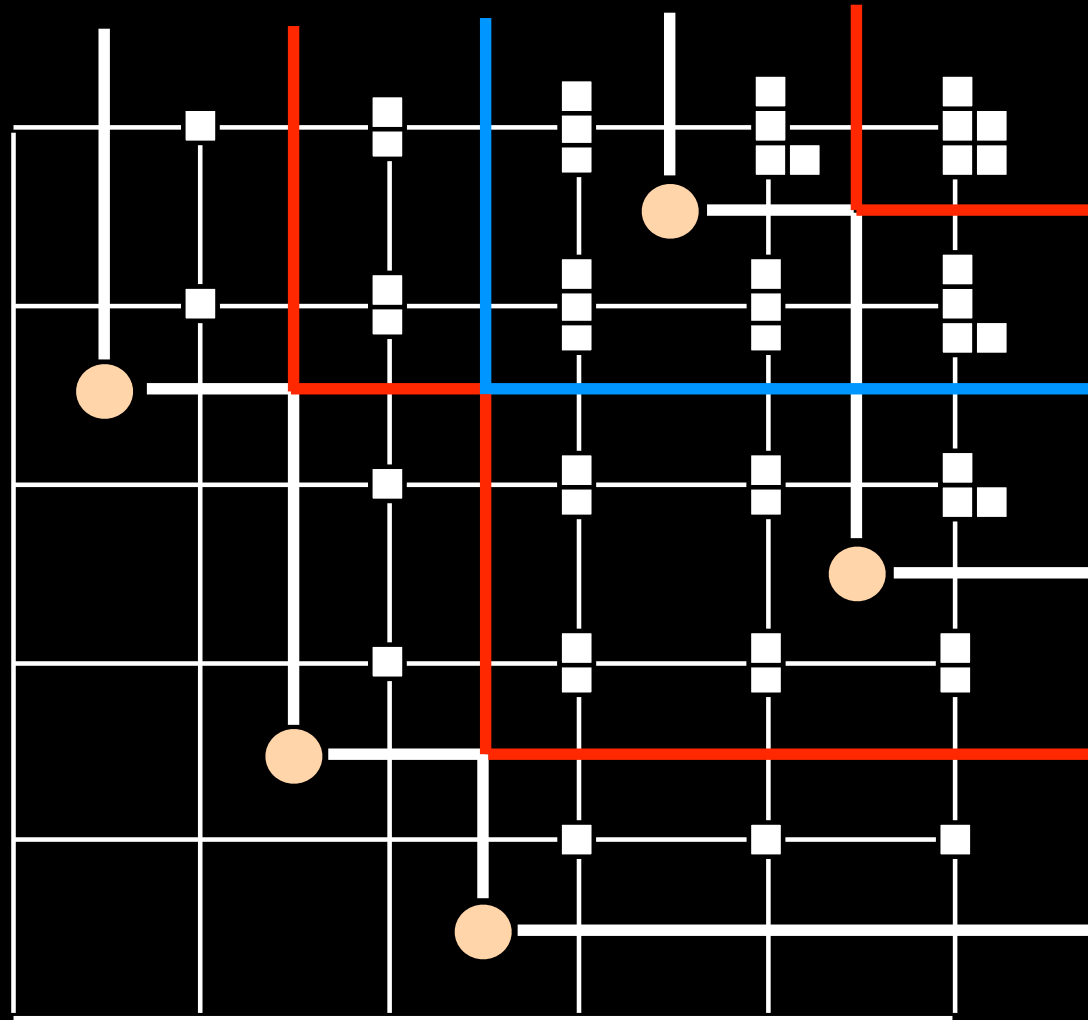
$\sigma = 3 \quad 1 \quad 6 \quad 10 \quad 2 \quad 5 \quad 8 \quad 4 \quad 9 \quad 7$

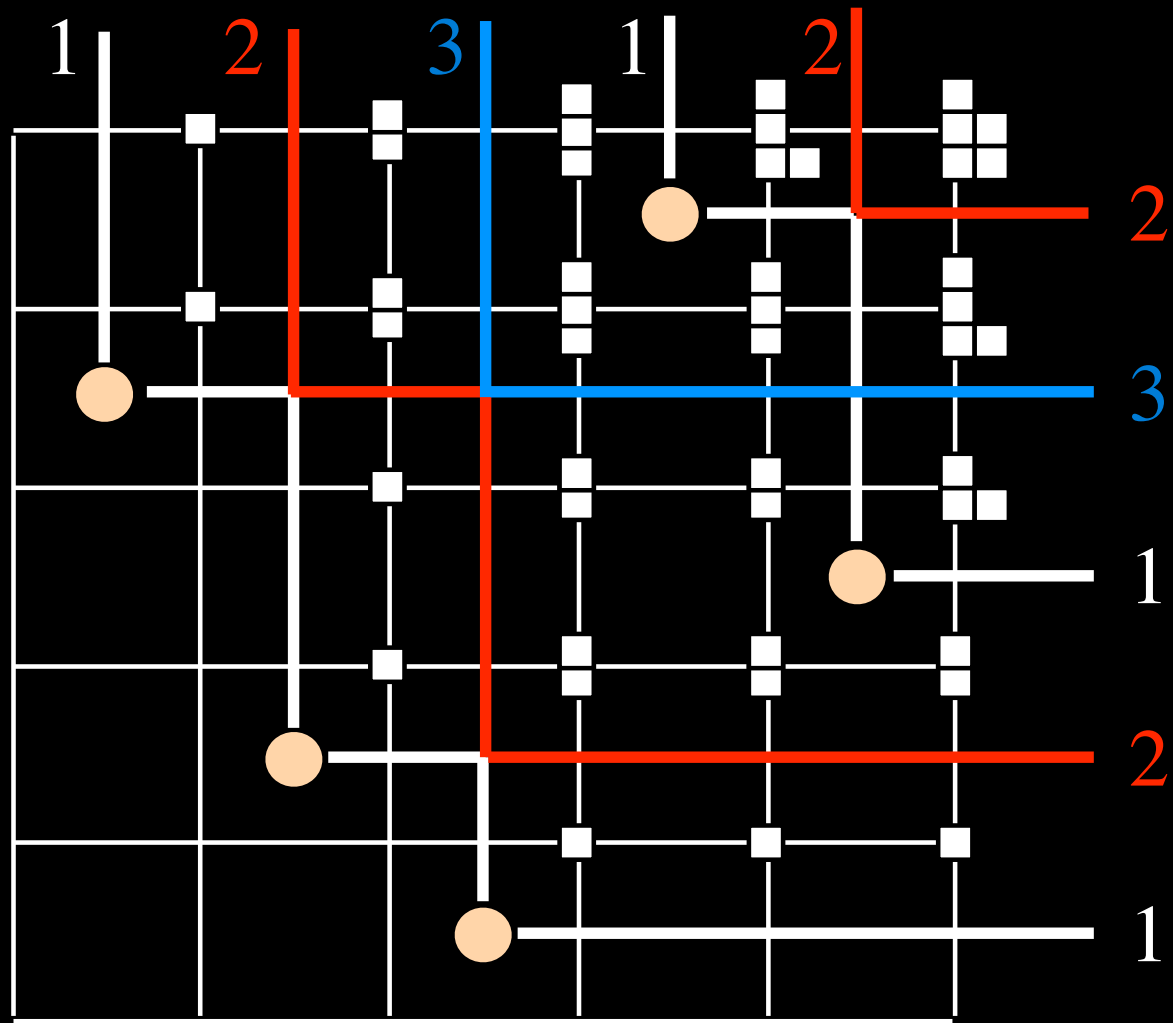


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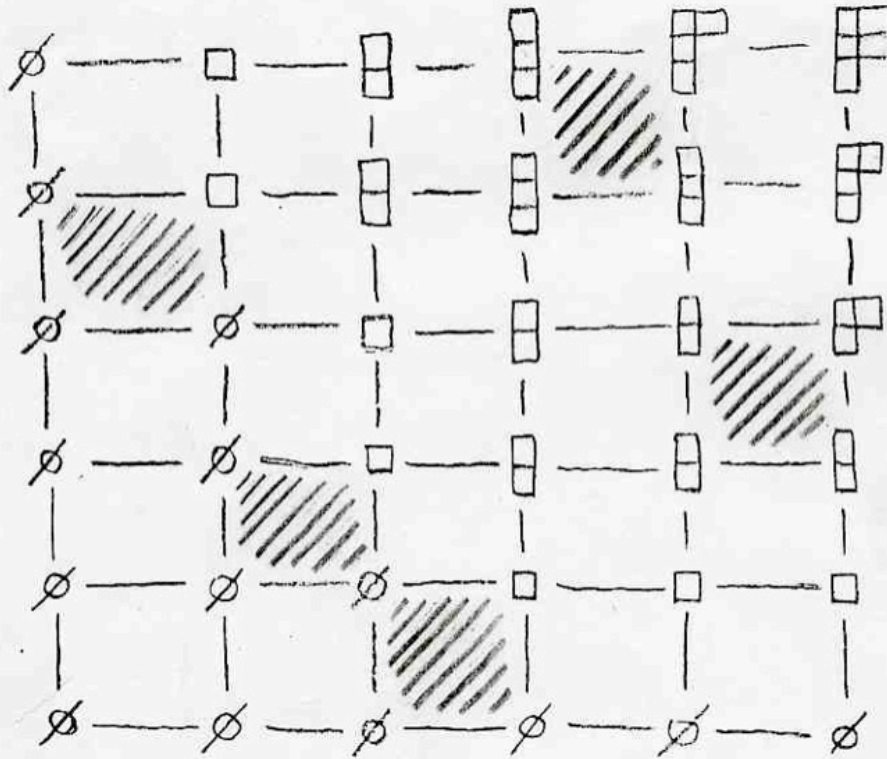








dessin fait par S. FOMIN



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

permutation  
associée

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§ 7  
Laguerre  
histories

Bijection

Permutations

$n+1$

Histoires de Laguerre  $(\gamma_c, \mathcal{f})$

$n$

Bijection

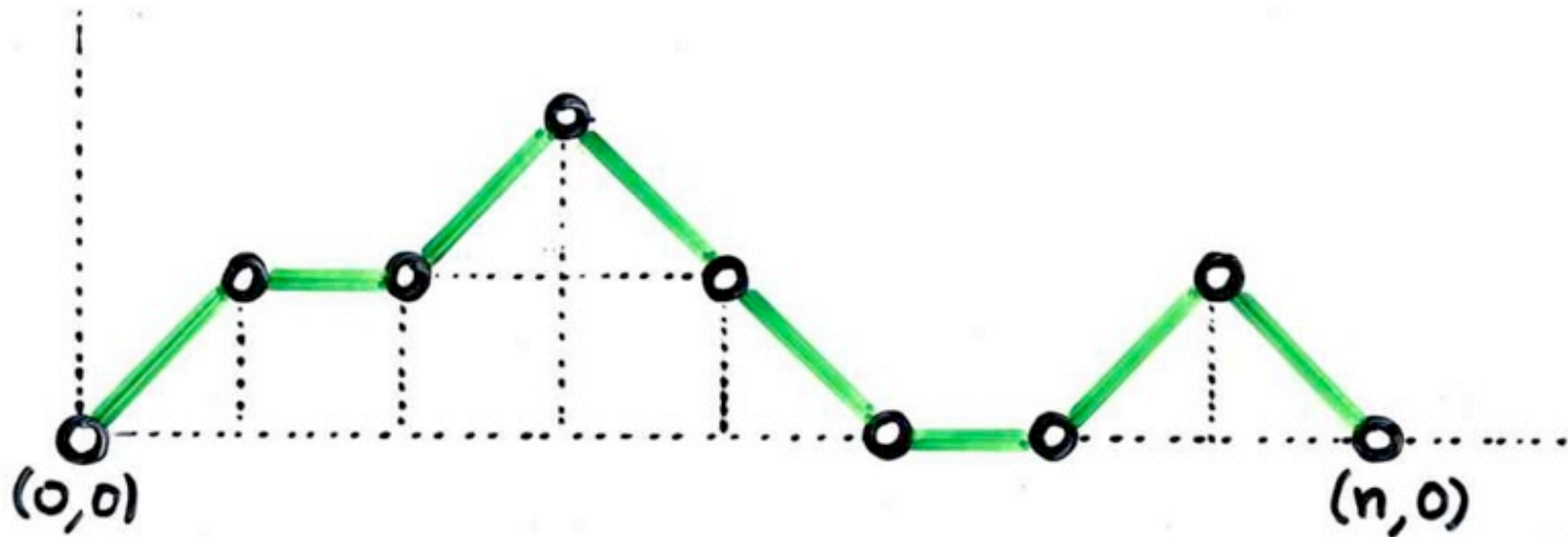
Permutations

$n+1$

Histoires de Laguerre  $(\gamma_c, \phi)$

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Chemin de Motzkin  
 $n \neq$



Bijection

Permutations

$n+1$

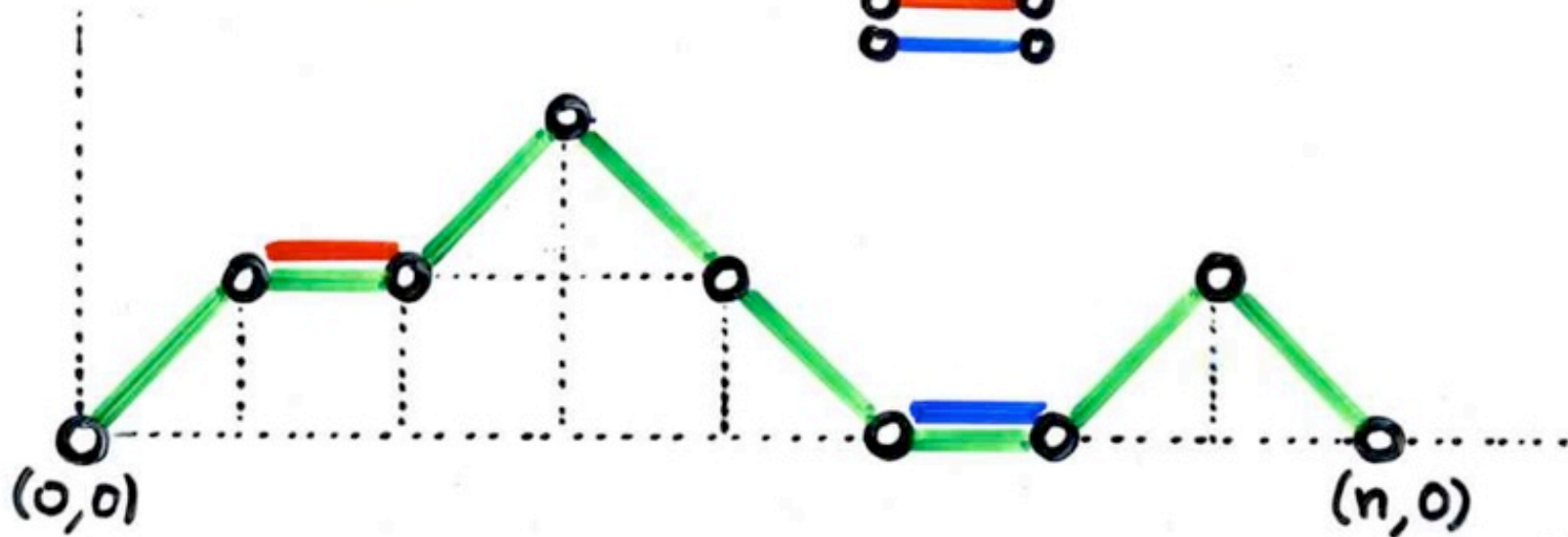
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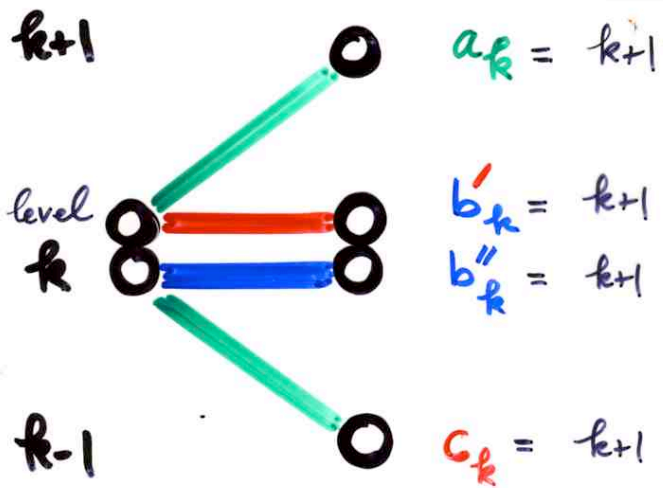
$(\gamma_c, \beta)$

$n$

Chemin de Motzkin  
 $n \neq$

2 couleurs paliers





# Permutations

$n+1$

$n$



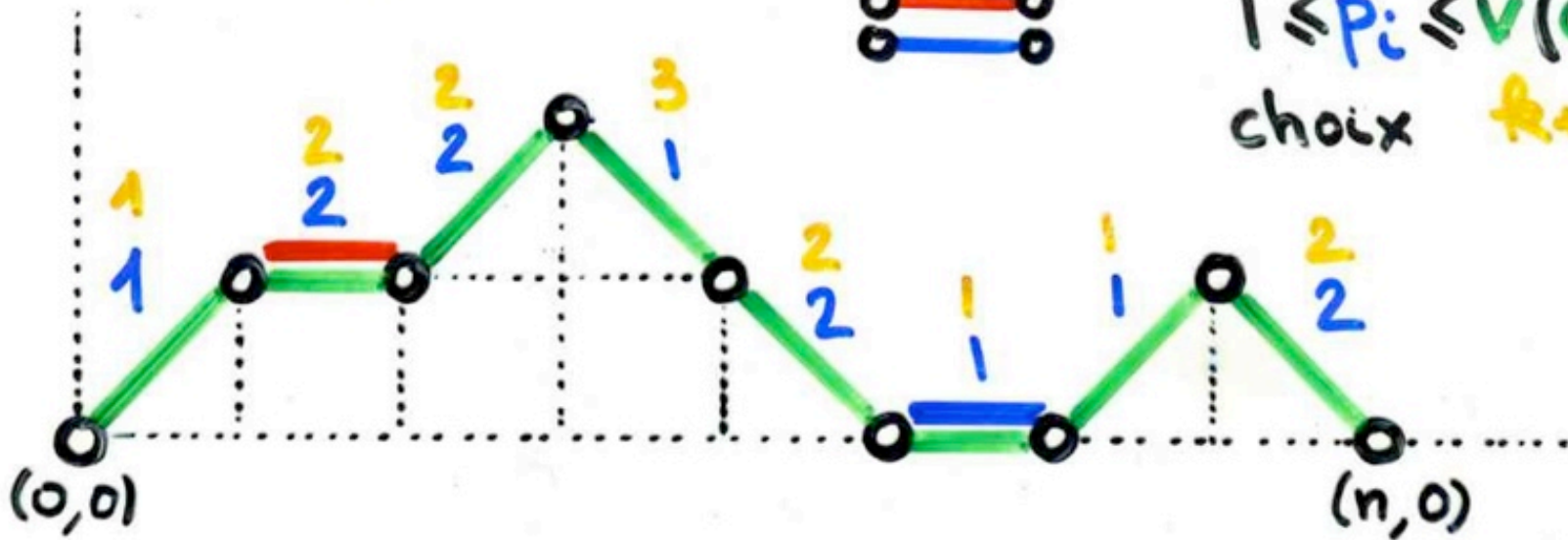
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$$f = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$$



$$1 \leq p_i \leq v(w_i)$$

choix  $k+1$





Laguerre  
polynomial

$$P_{k+1}(x) = (x - b_k) P_k(x) - \lambda_k P_{k-1}(x)$$

$$P_0 = 1$$

$$P_1 = x - b_0$$

$$\mu_n = (n+1)!$$

$$\begin{cases} b_k = 2k+2 \\ \lambda_k = k(k+1) \end{cases}$$

$$J(t) = \frac{1}{1 - 2t - 1 \cdot 2t^2}$$
$$\frac{1 - 4t - 2 \cdot 3t^2}{\dots}$$

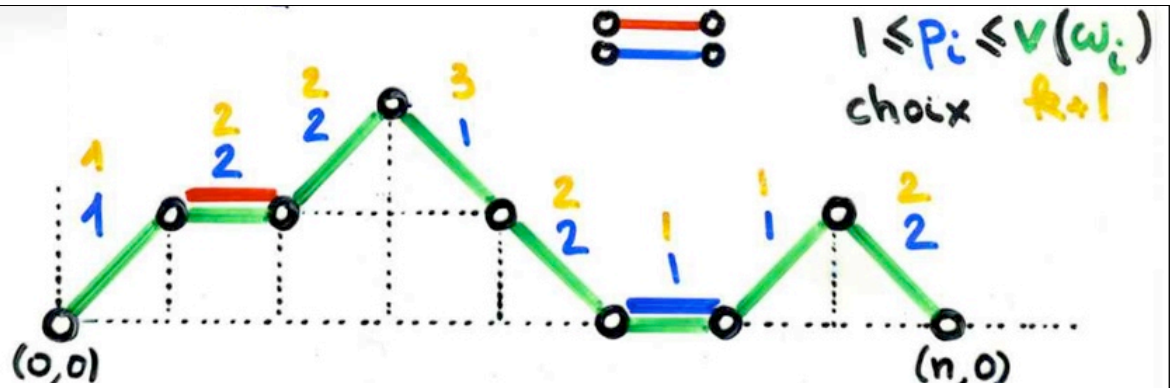
Bijection Laguerre histories  
permutations



Françon-xgv., 1978



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



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

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 $\cup$  1  $\cup$  3  $\cup$  2  
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 4 1  $\cup$  3 5 2  
 4 1 6  $\cup$  3 5 2  
 4 1 6  $\cup$  7  $\cup$  3 5 2  
 4 1 6  $\cup$  7 8 3 5 2  
 4 1 6 9 7 8 3 5 2 =  $\in$   $\mathcal{P}_{n+1}$

parameter “q-Laguerre”



# Laguerre history

Lemme  $\pi \in \mathcal{D}_n$   $h = (\omega_c; (p_1, \dots, p_n)) \in \mathcal{L}_n$

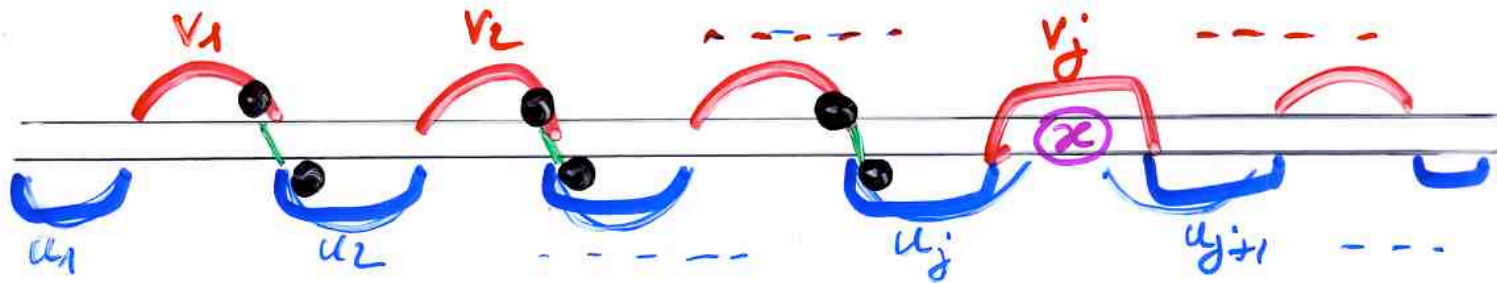
permutation  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_{n+1}$

$P_x = j$  est aussi :

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

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

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



“q-analogue” of Laguerre histories



§ 8

representation  
of the  
operators  
E and D

$$DE = ED + E + D$$

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

4 operators A, S, J, K

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lemma .

$$A \dot{S} = SA + J + K$$

$$AK = KA + A$$

$$JS = SJ + S$$

$$JK = KJ$$

AS

u o v o w  
u o o v o w  
u o o v o w

u o v  
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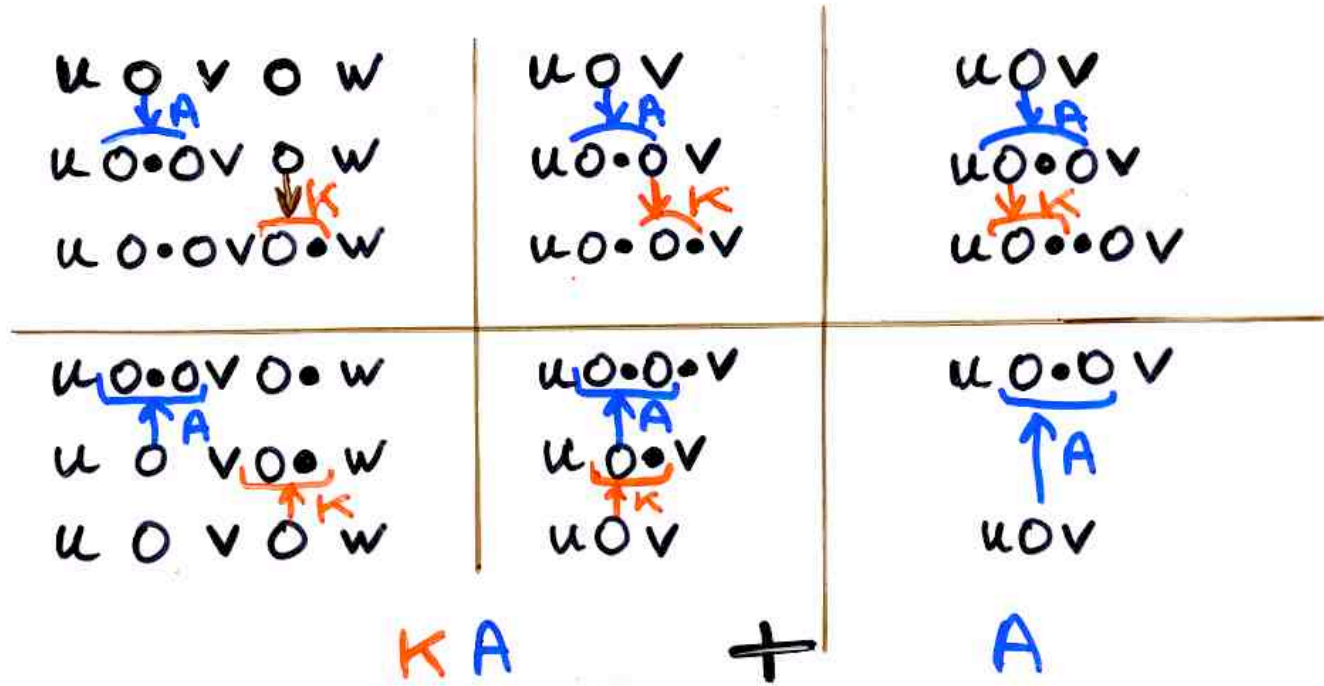
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Lemma .

$$AS = SA + J + K$$

$$AK = KA + A$$

$$JS = SJ + S$$

$$JK = KJ$$

$$D = A + J$$

$$E = S + K$$

$$D = A + J$$

$$E = S + K$$

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

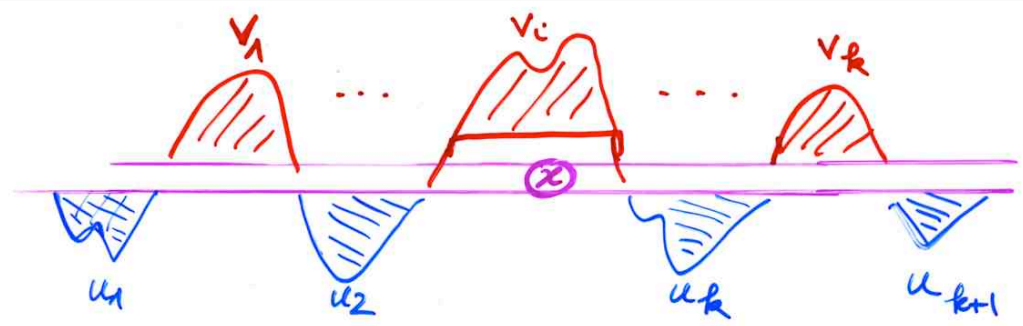
$$= AS + AK + JS + JK$$

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

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

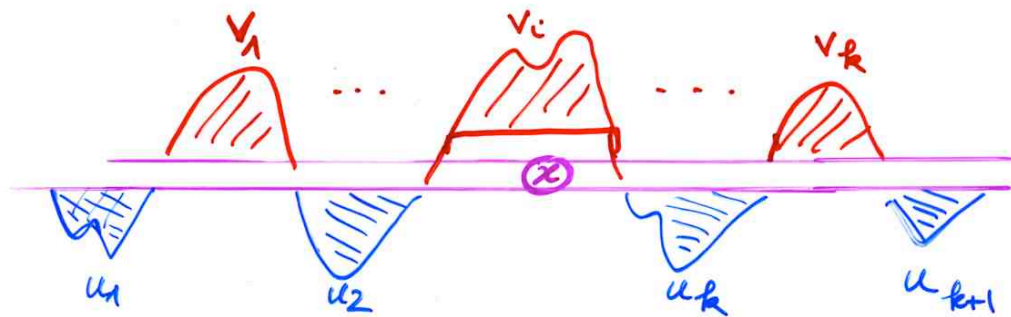
$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{E+D}$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{ED}$$

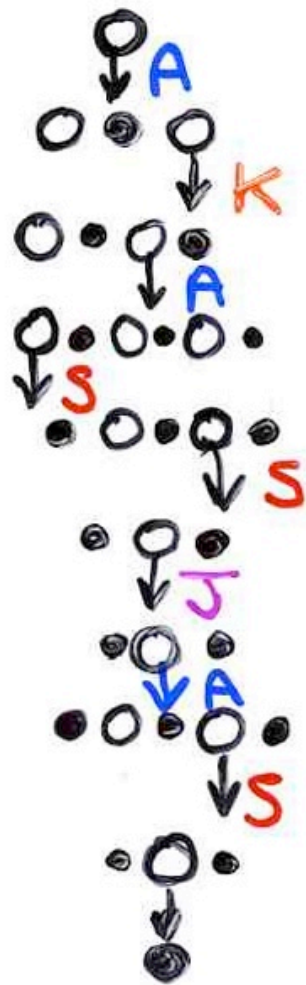


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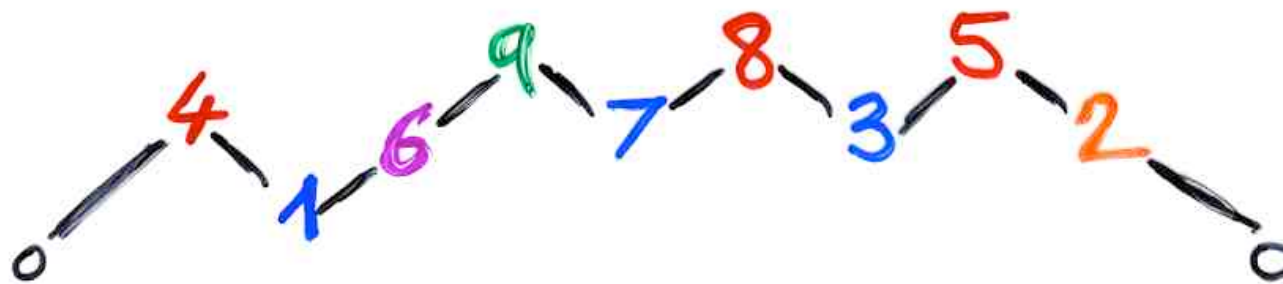
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$\sigma = 4\ 1\ 6\ 9\ 7\ 8\ 3\ 5\ 2$

 A through (valley)

 J double rise

S peak 

K double descent 



data  
structures  
histories



Representation of the  
operators  $D$  and  $E$

and

“Data structure histories”

- Computer Science

Computing the average cost  
of a data structure  
integrated on a sequence of  
primitive operations

ex: stack

{ priority queue  
dictionary  
list  
symbol table

Flajolet, Frangon, Vuillemin

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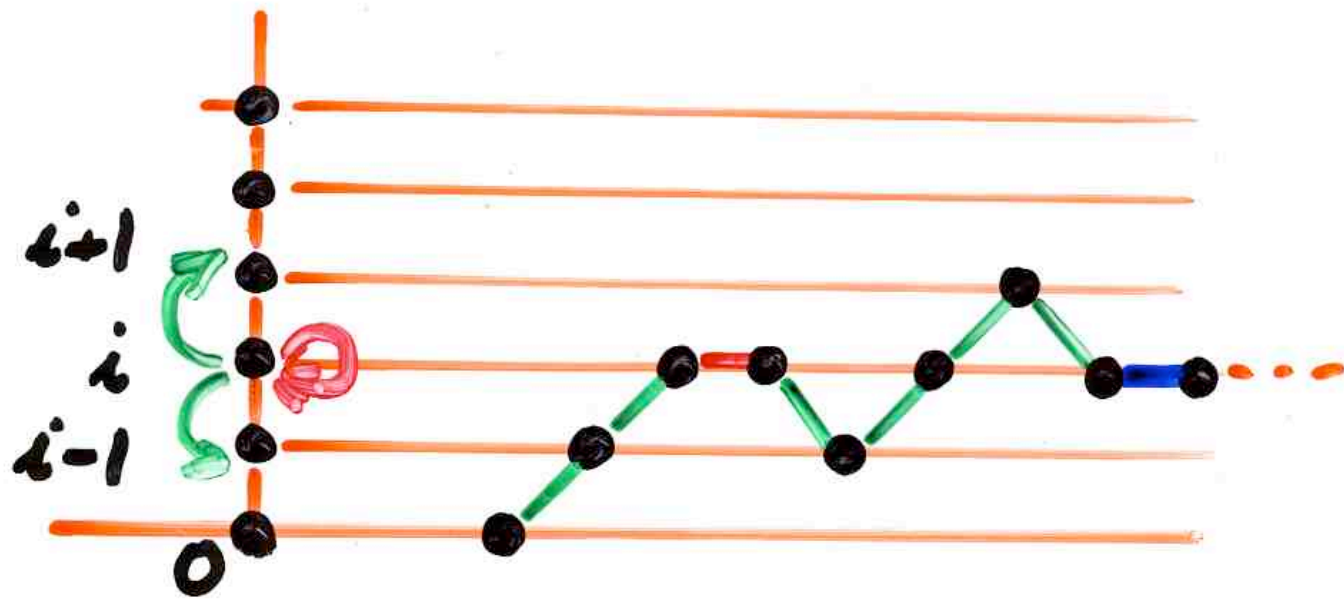
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histoires de fichiers

Françon, (1976)

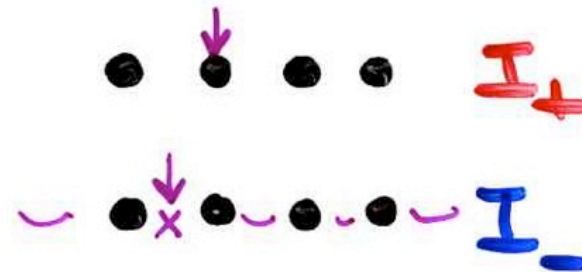
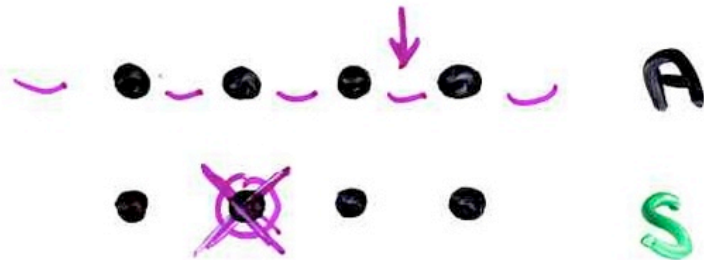
Data structure histories

## Opérations primitives

A ajout

S suppression

I<sub>+</sub> interrogation positive  
I<sub>-</sub> interrogation négative



### Primitive operations

for “dictionnaires” data structure:

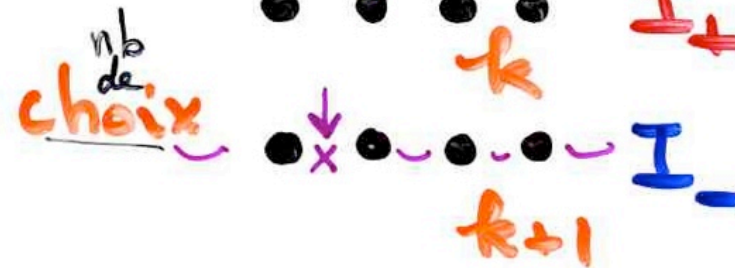
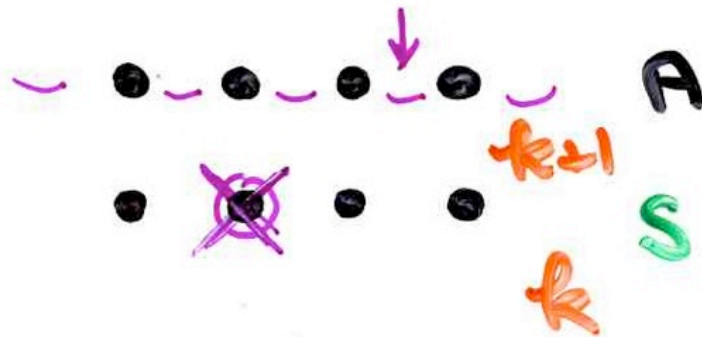
add or delete any elements, asking questions

(with positive or negative answer)

# Opérations primitives

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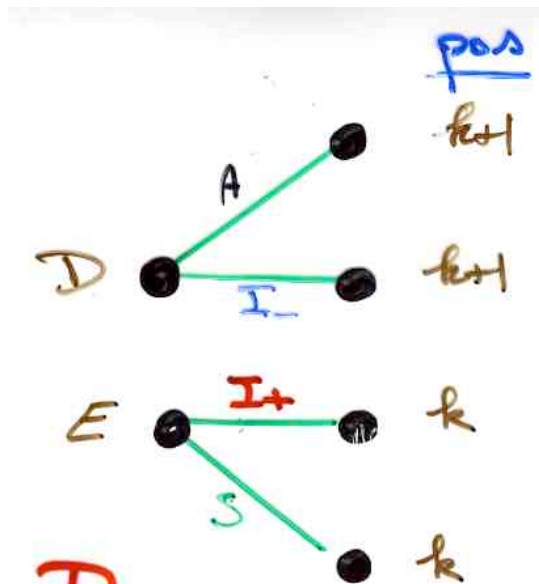
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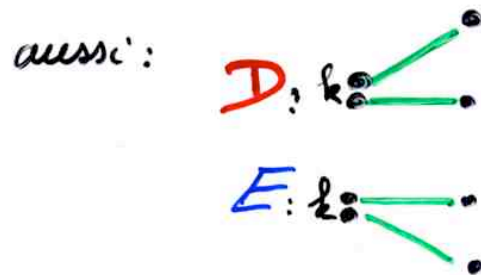
number of choices for each  
primitive operations

$$\begin{cases} D = A + I_- \\ E = S + I_+ \end{cases}$$

this corresponds to the  $n!$   
 “restricted Laguerre histories”



$$DE = ED + E + D$$



$(k+1)$  possibilités partout

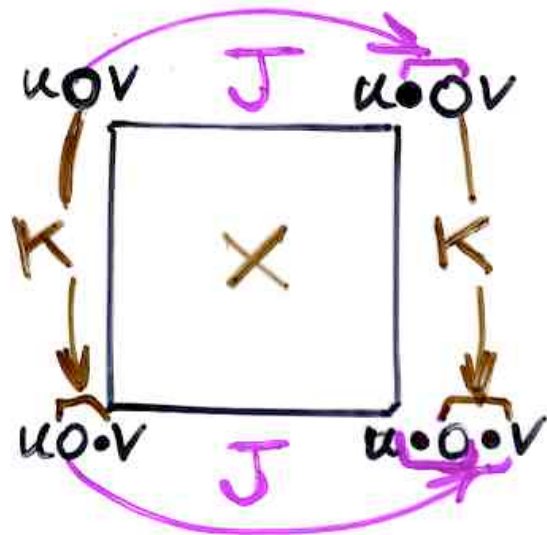
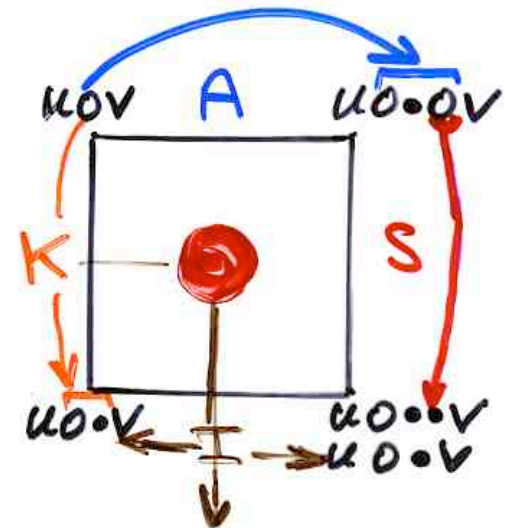
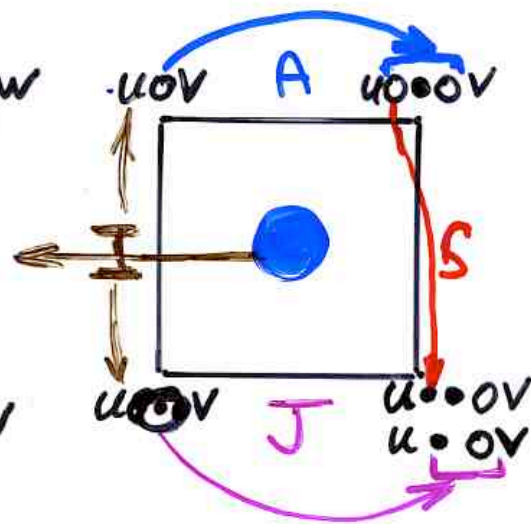
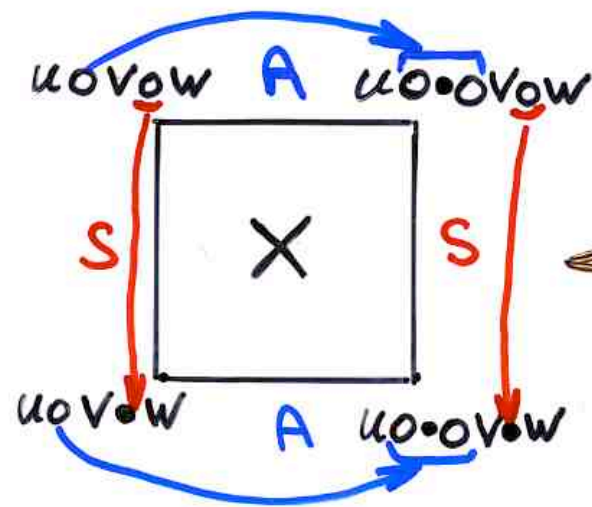
(histoires de Laguerre)  
 “larges”

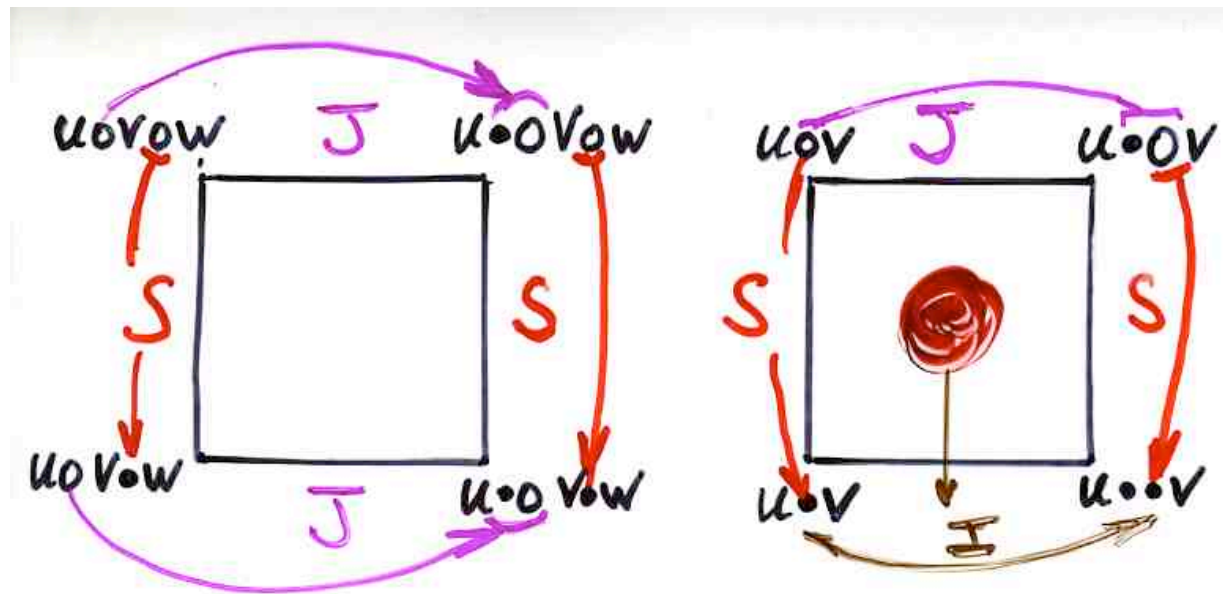
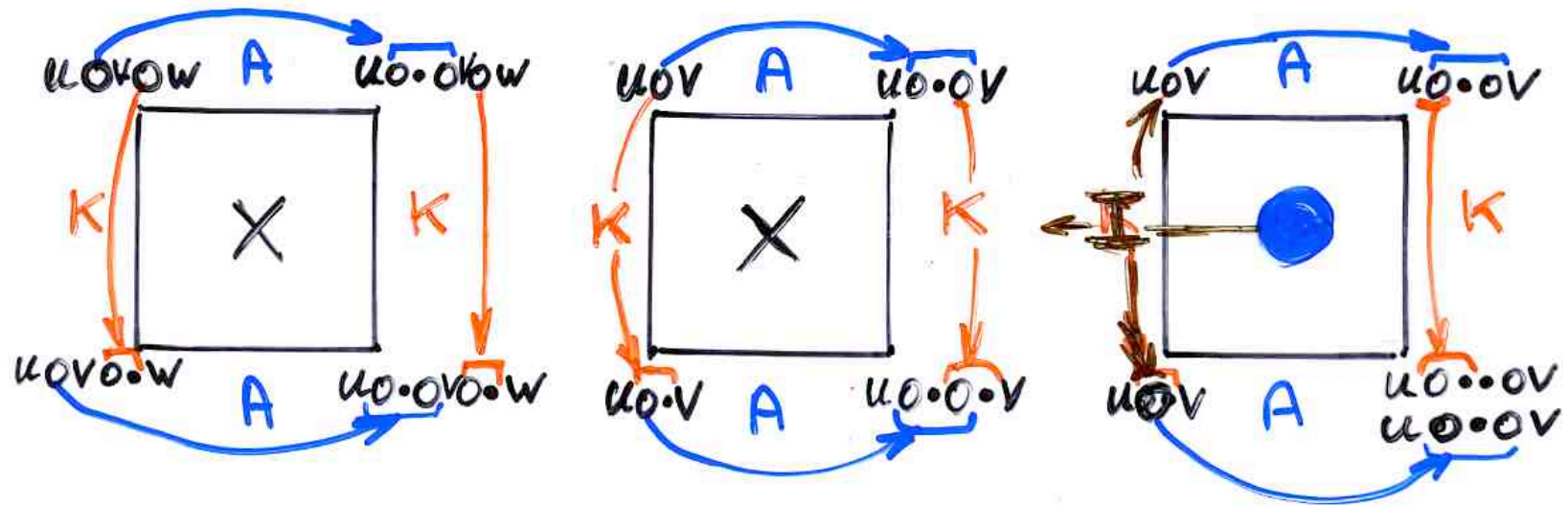
this valuation corresponds to the  $(n+1)!$   
 “enlarged Laguerre histories”





§ 9 another  
bijection  
permutations  
alternative  
tableaux

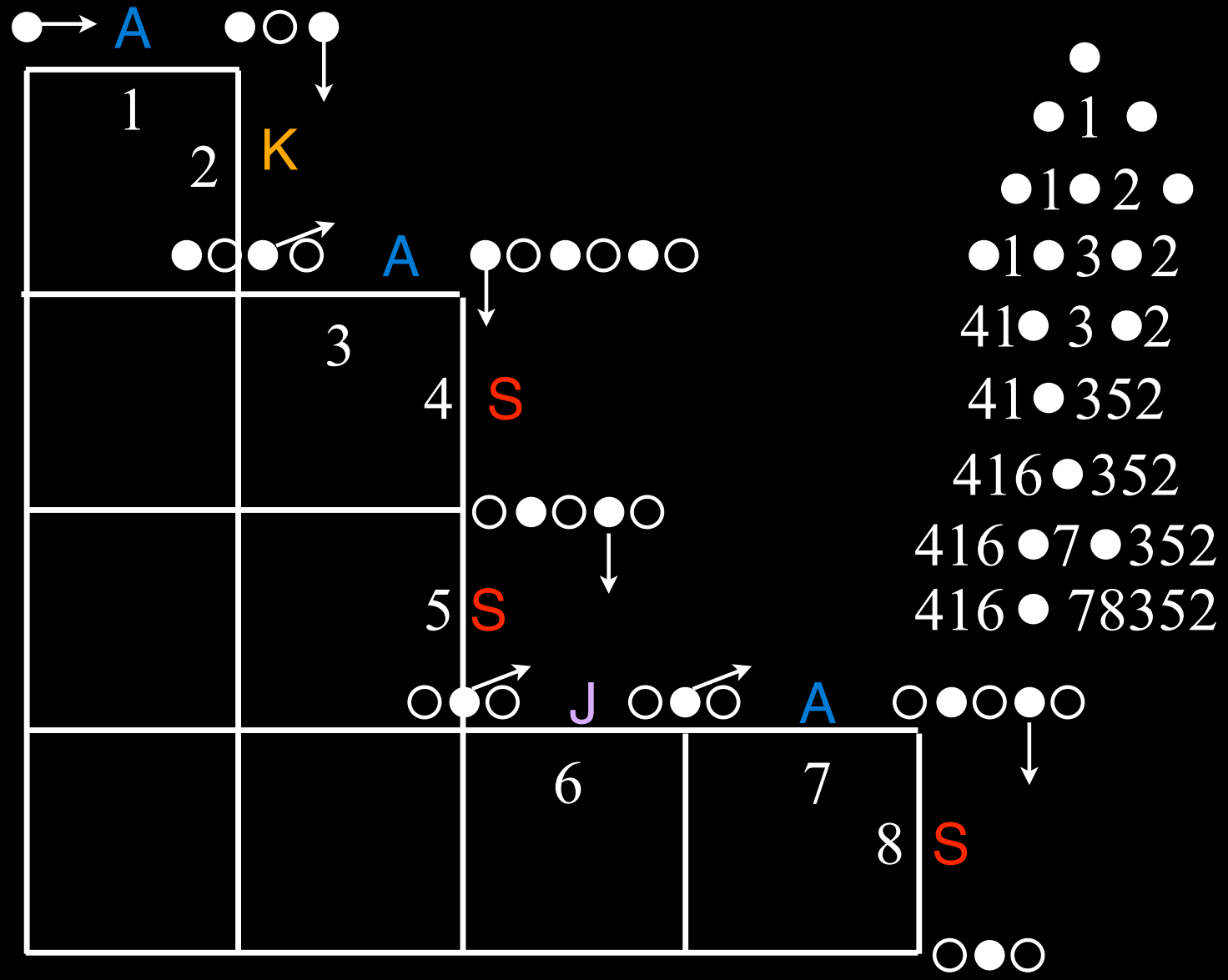




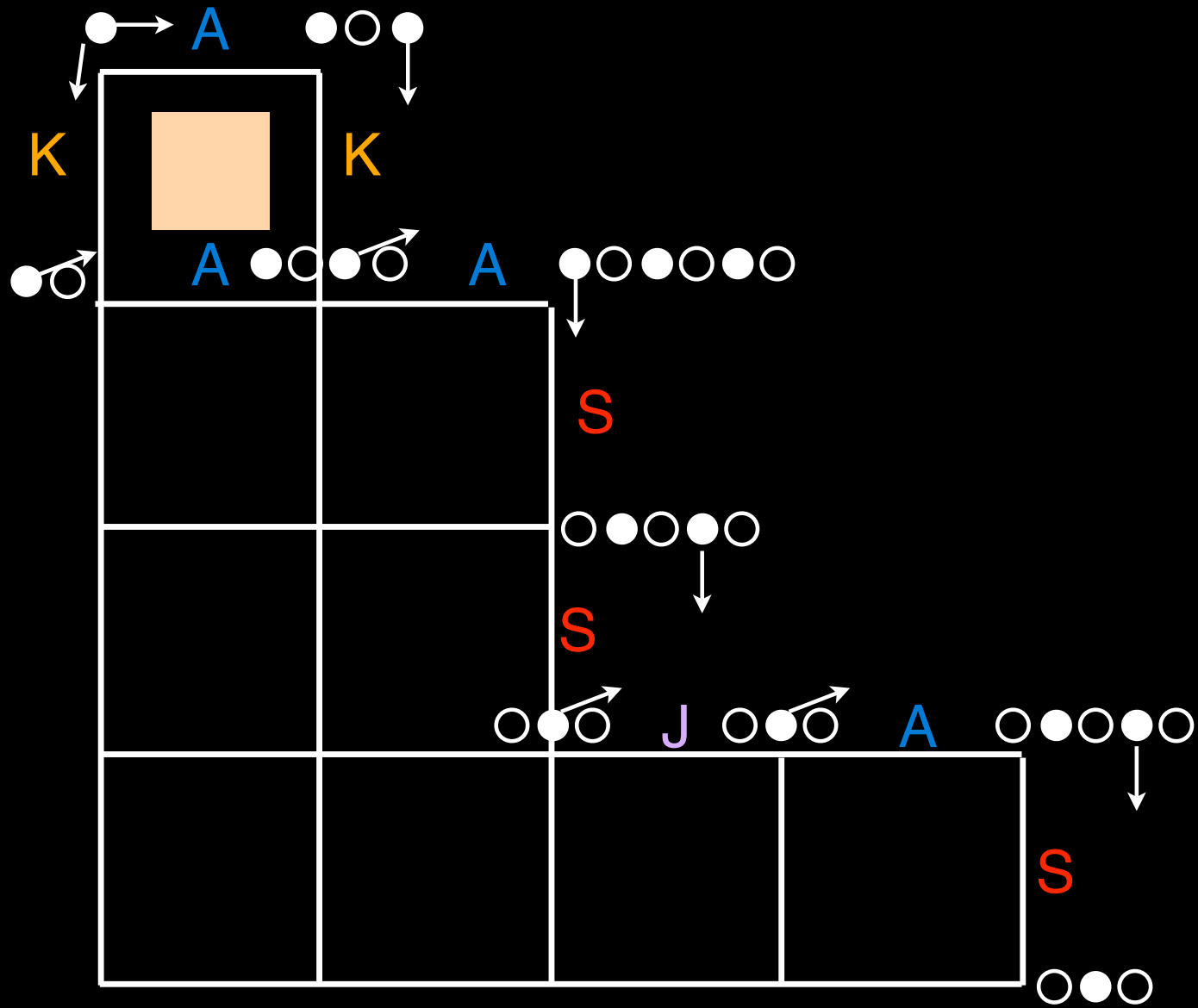
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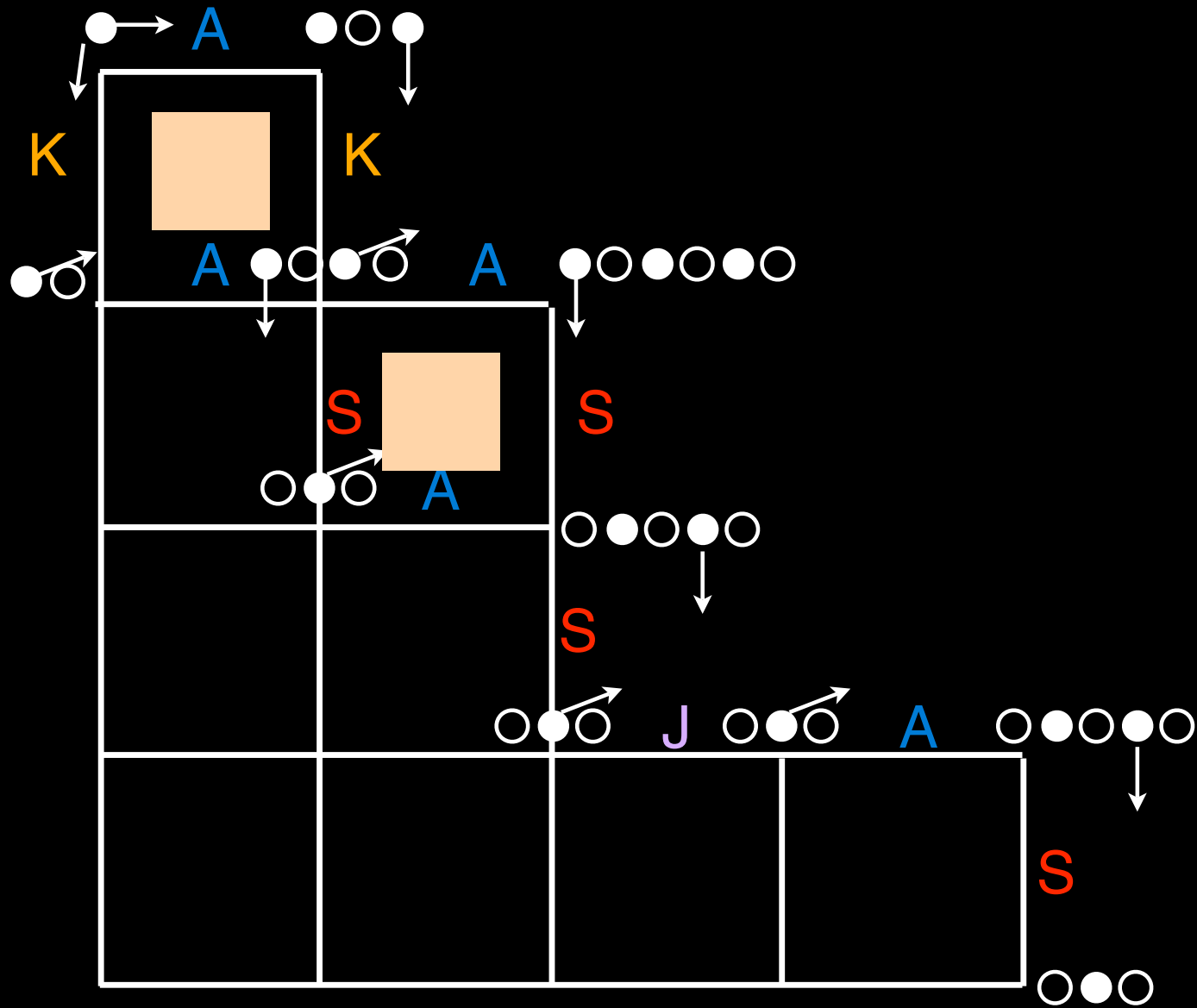
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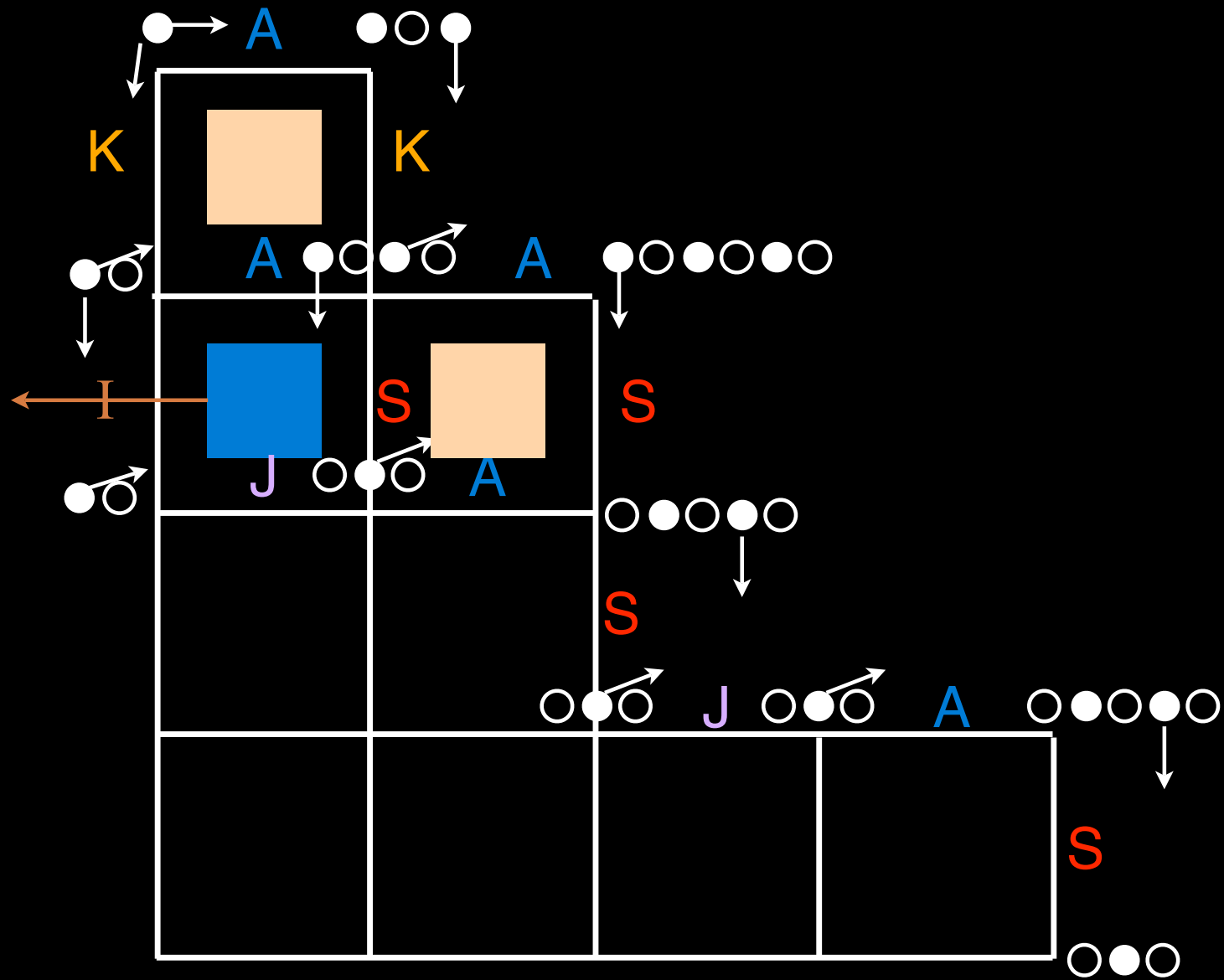


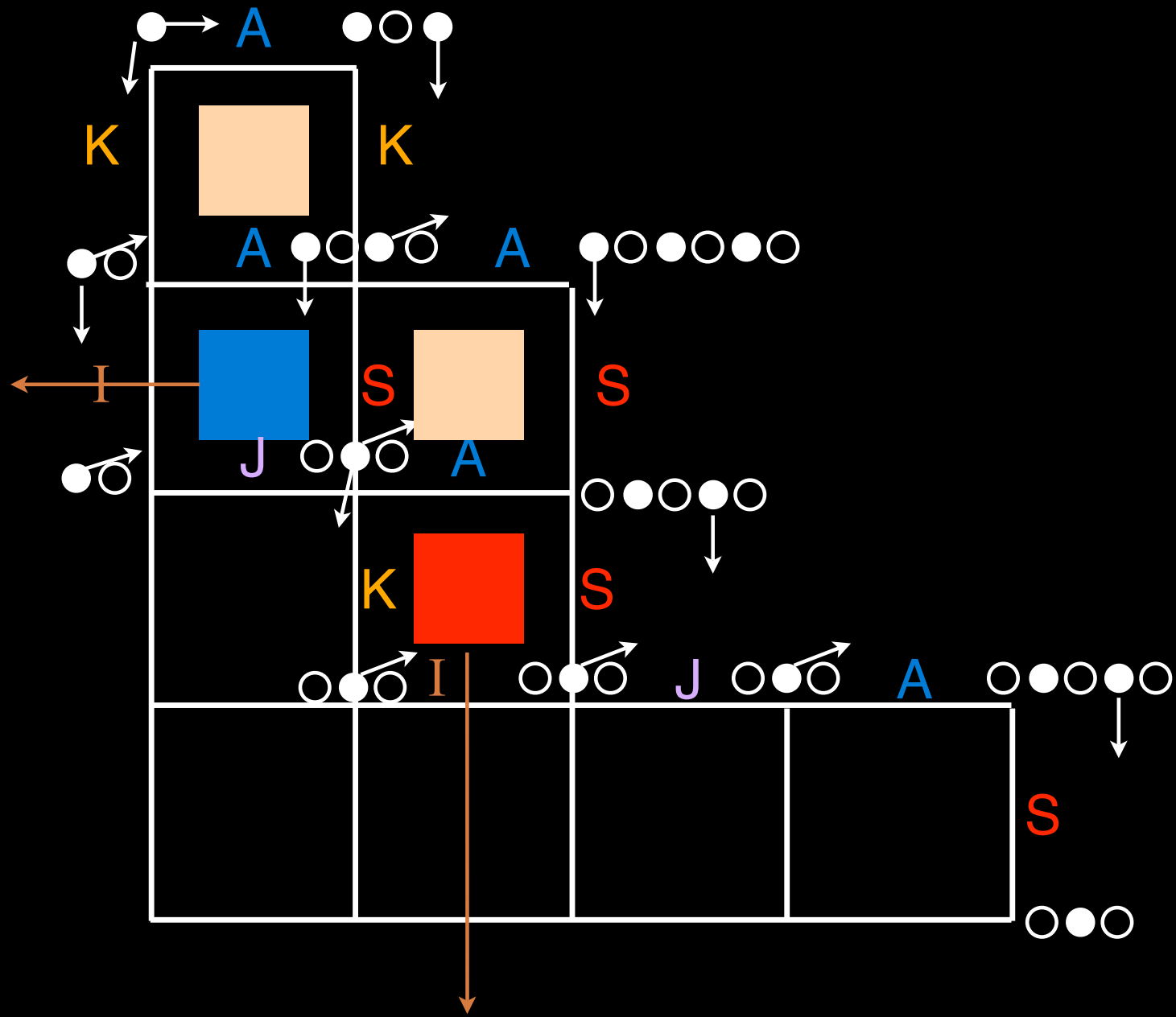
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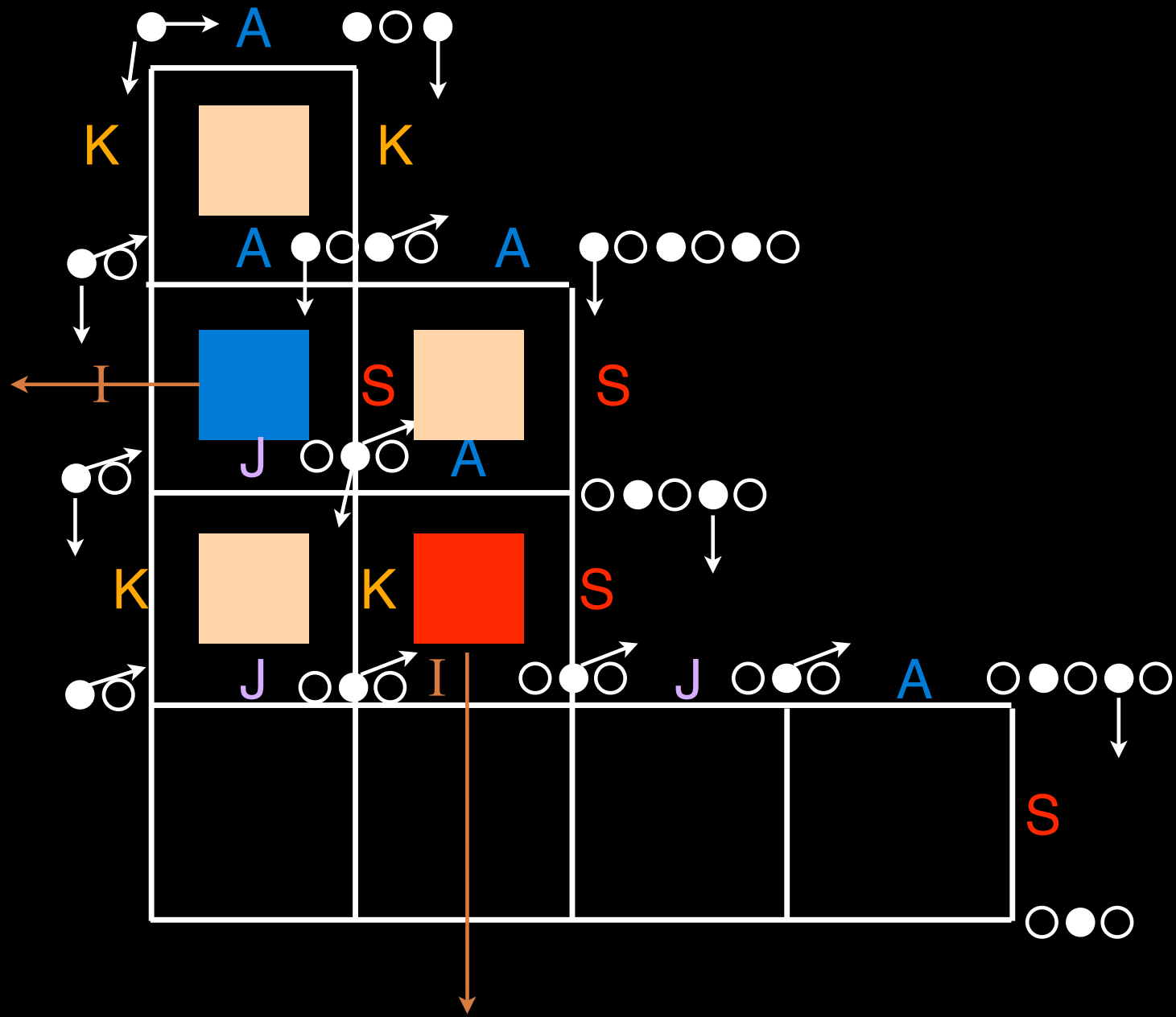


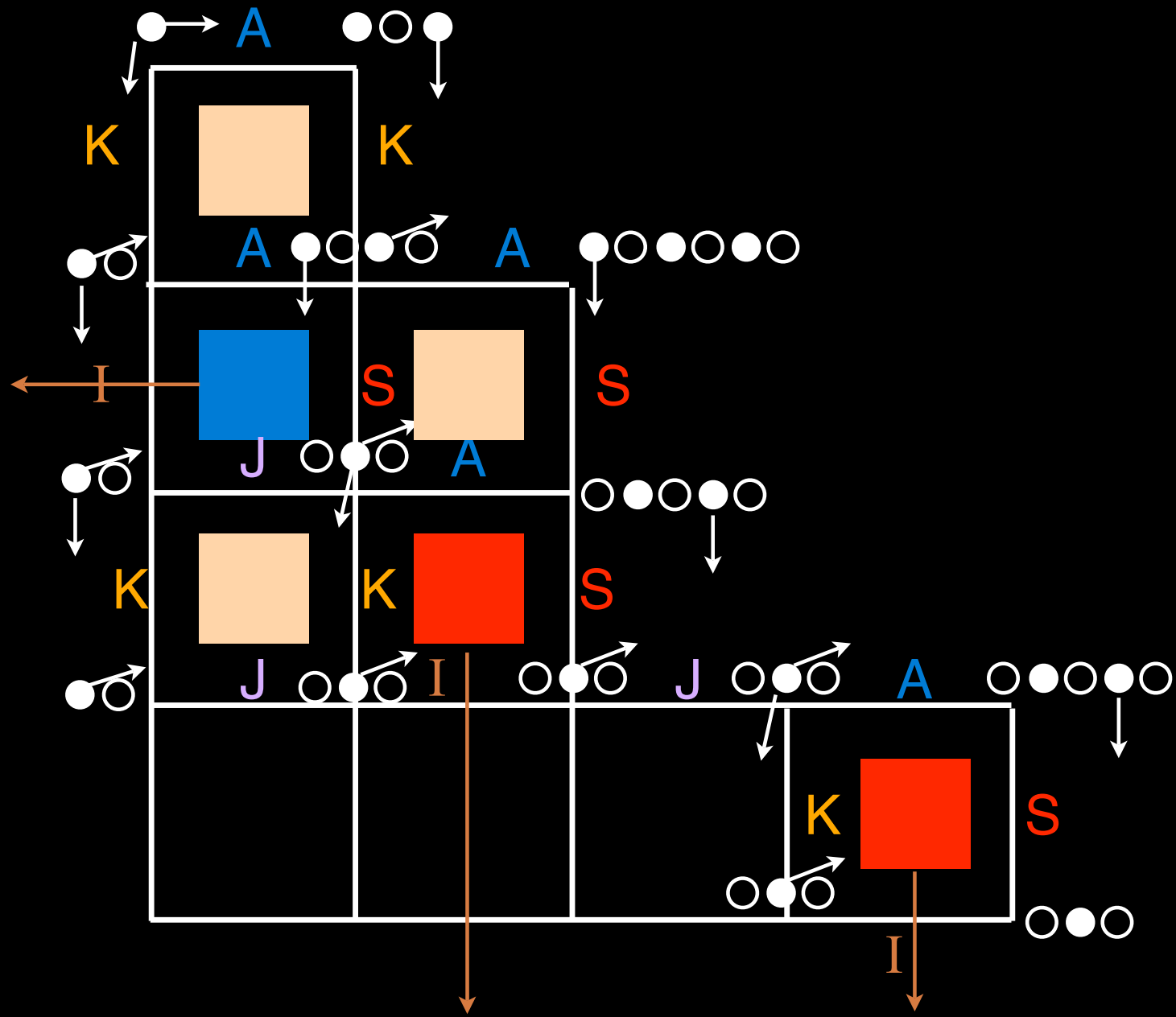


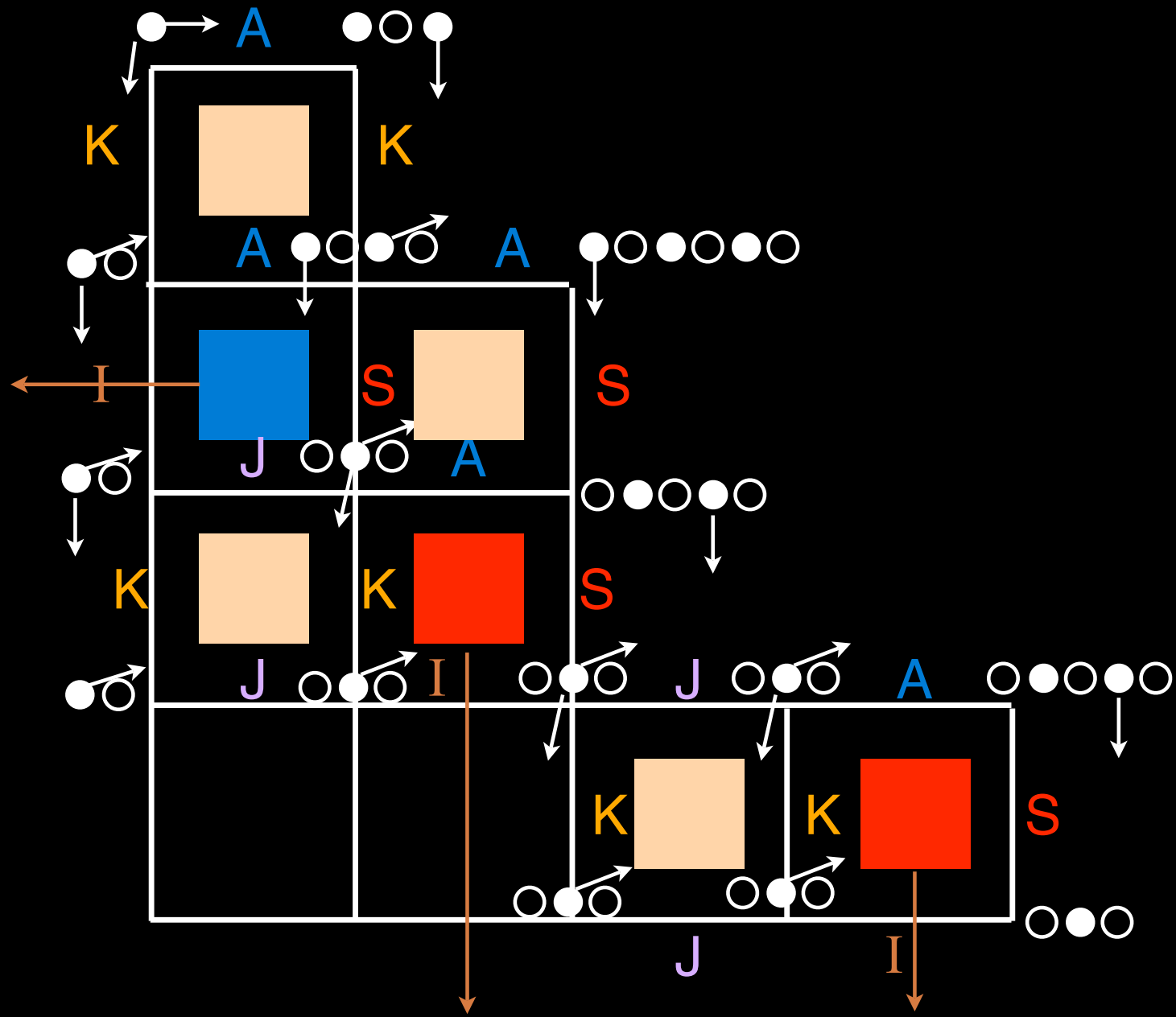


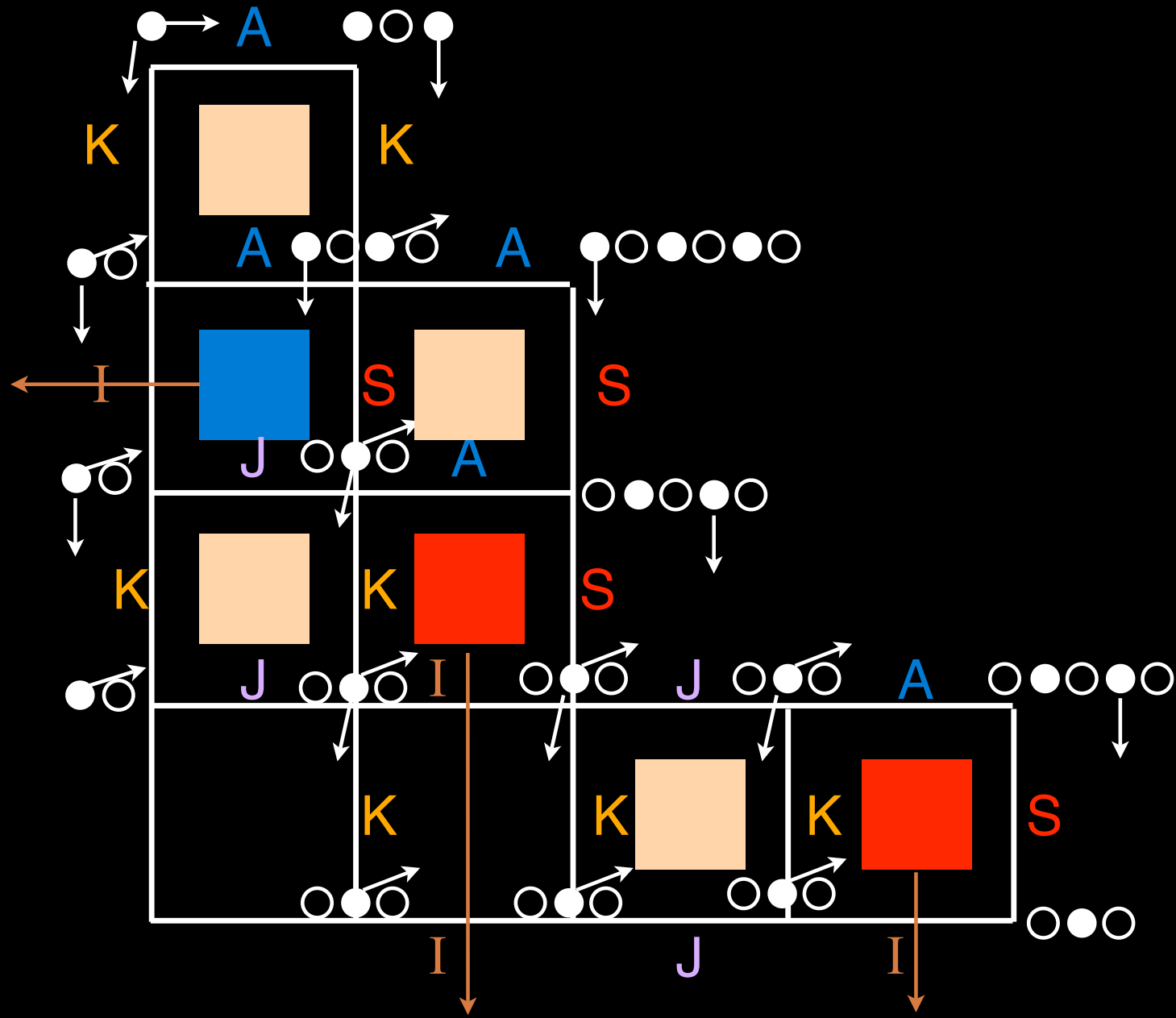


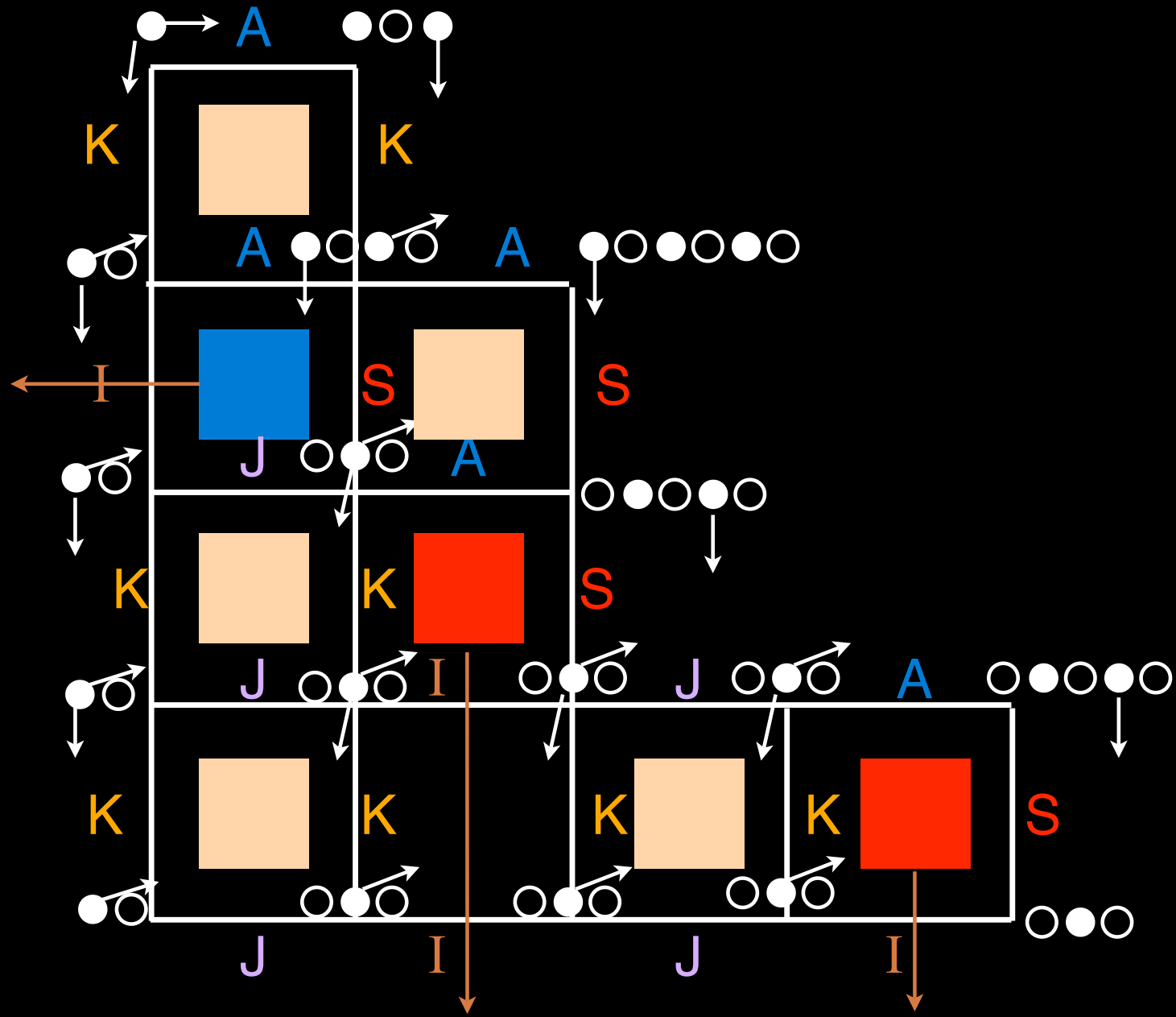


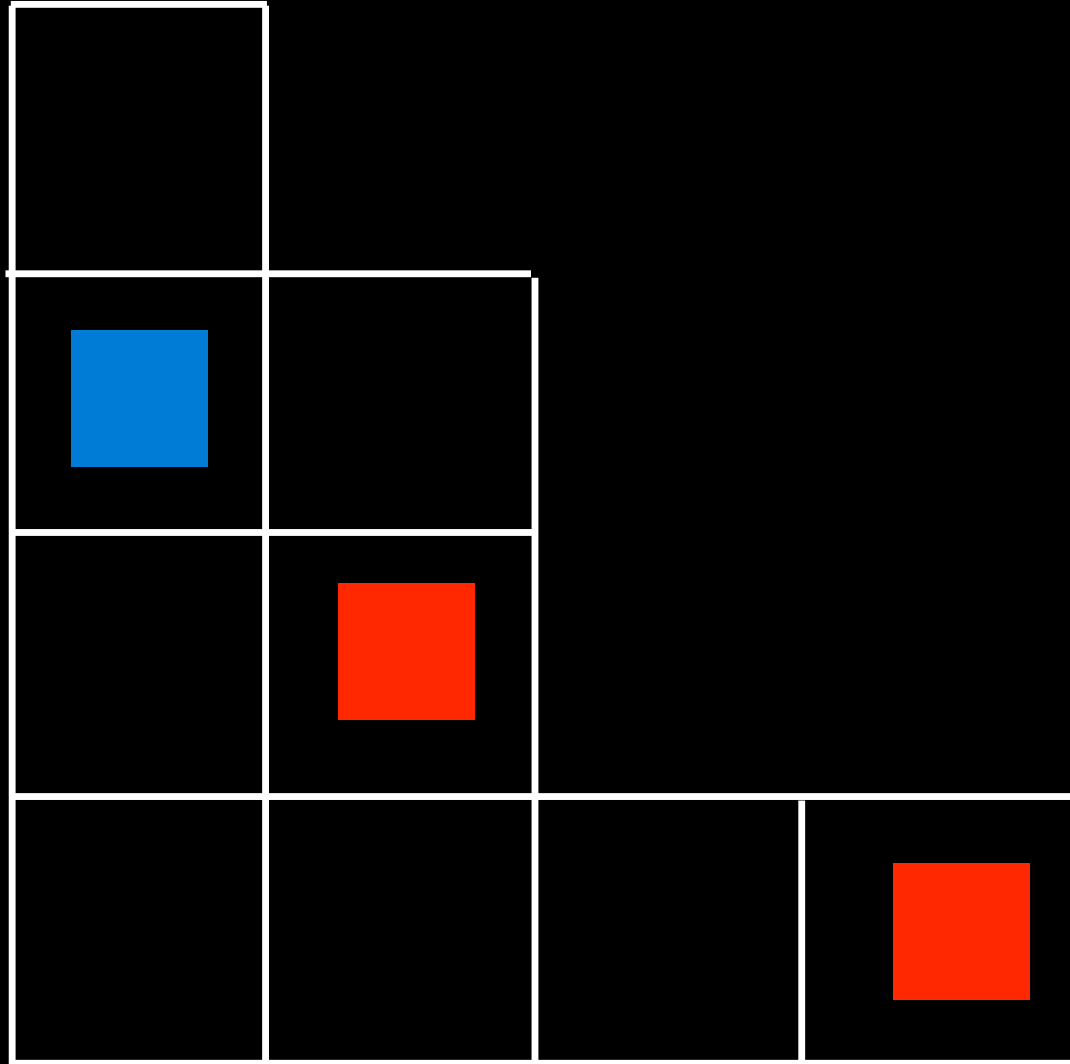










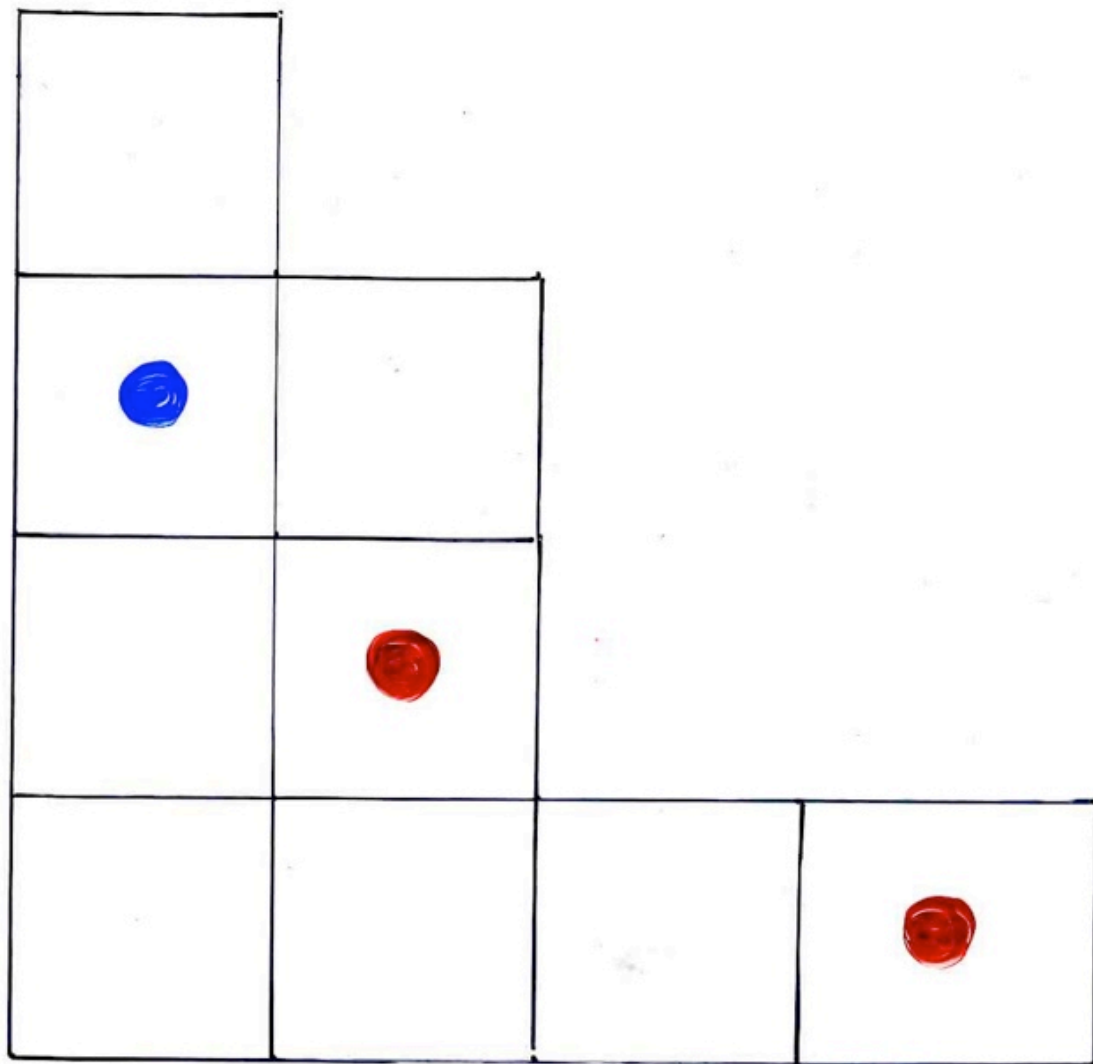


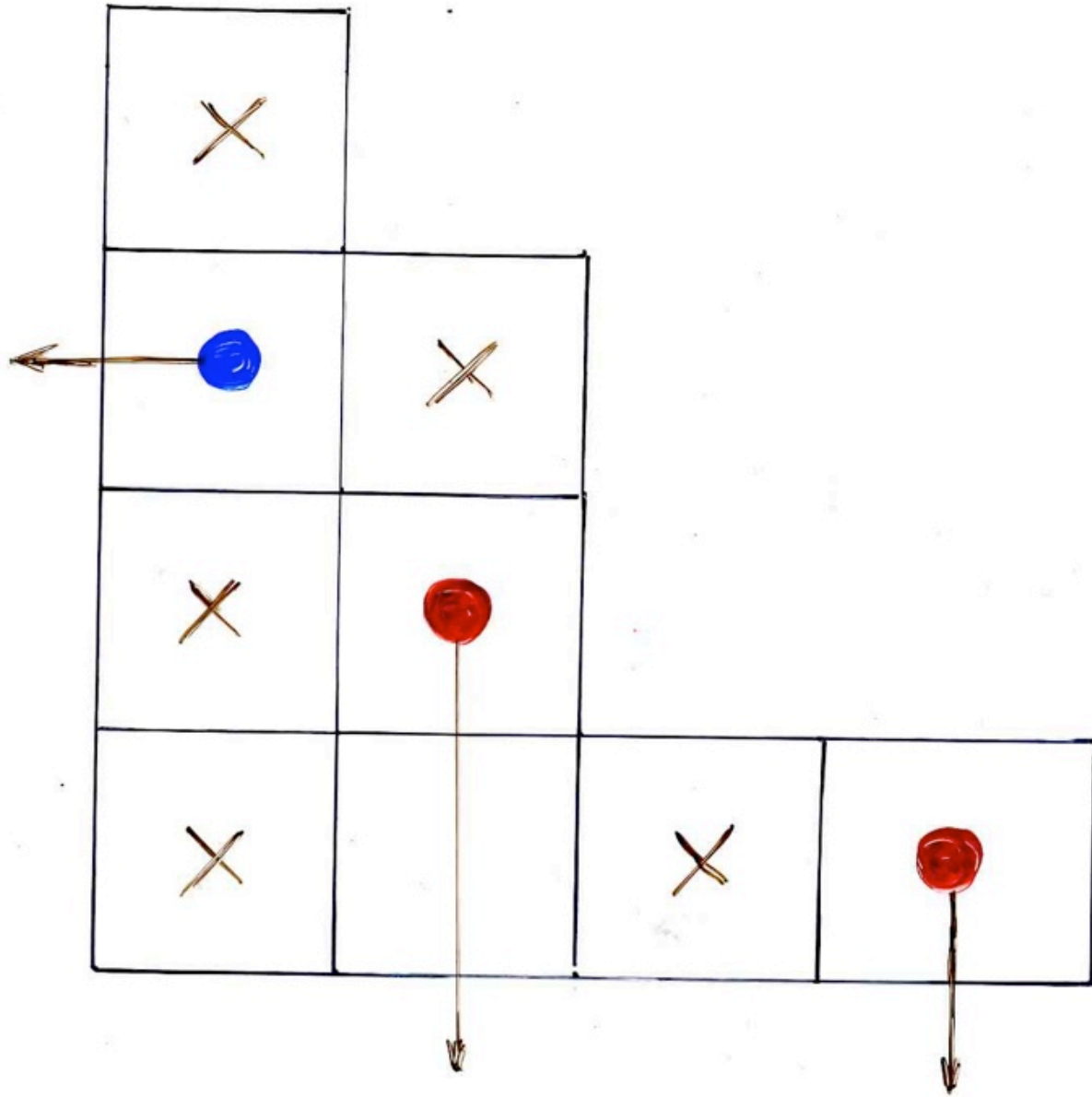
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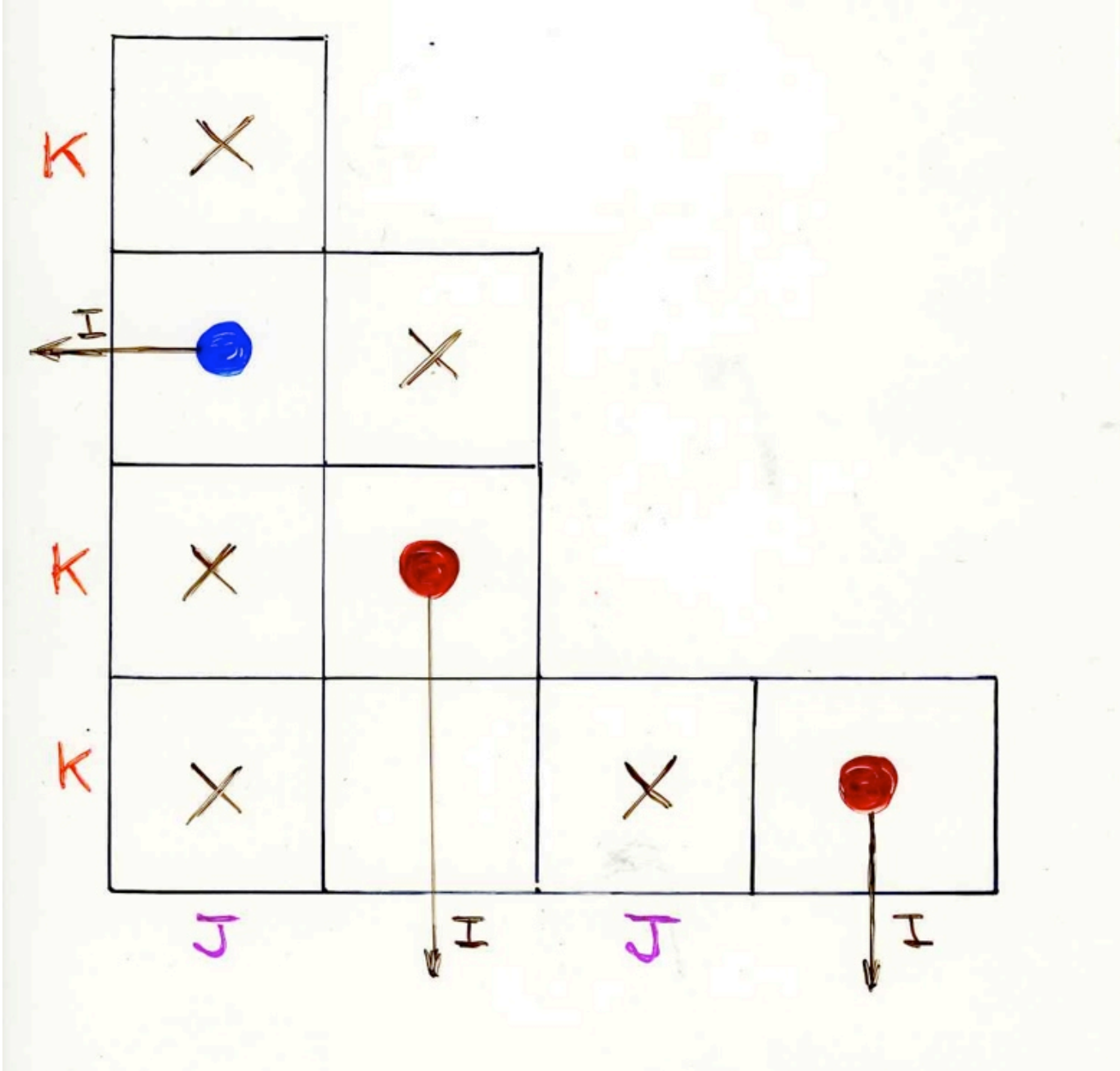


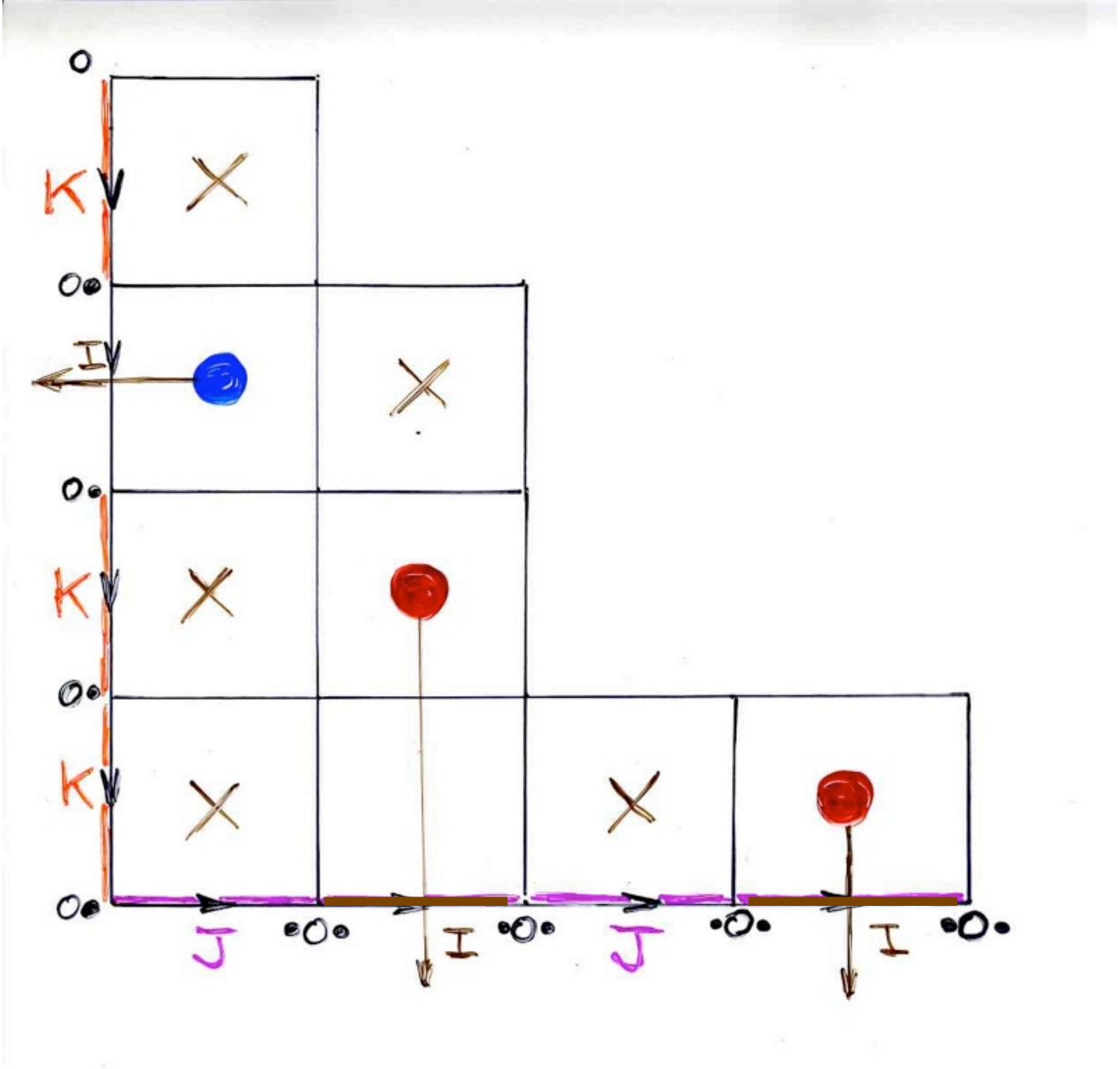
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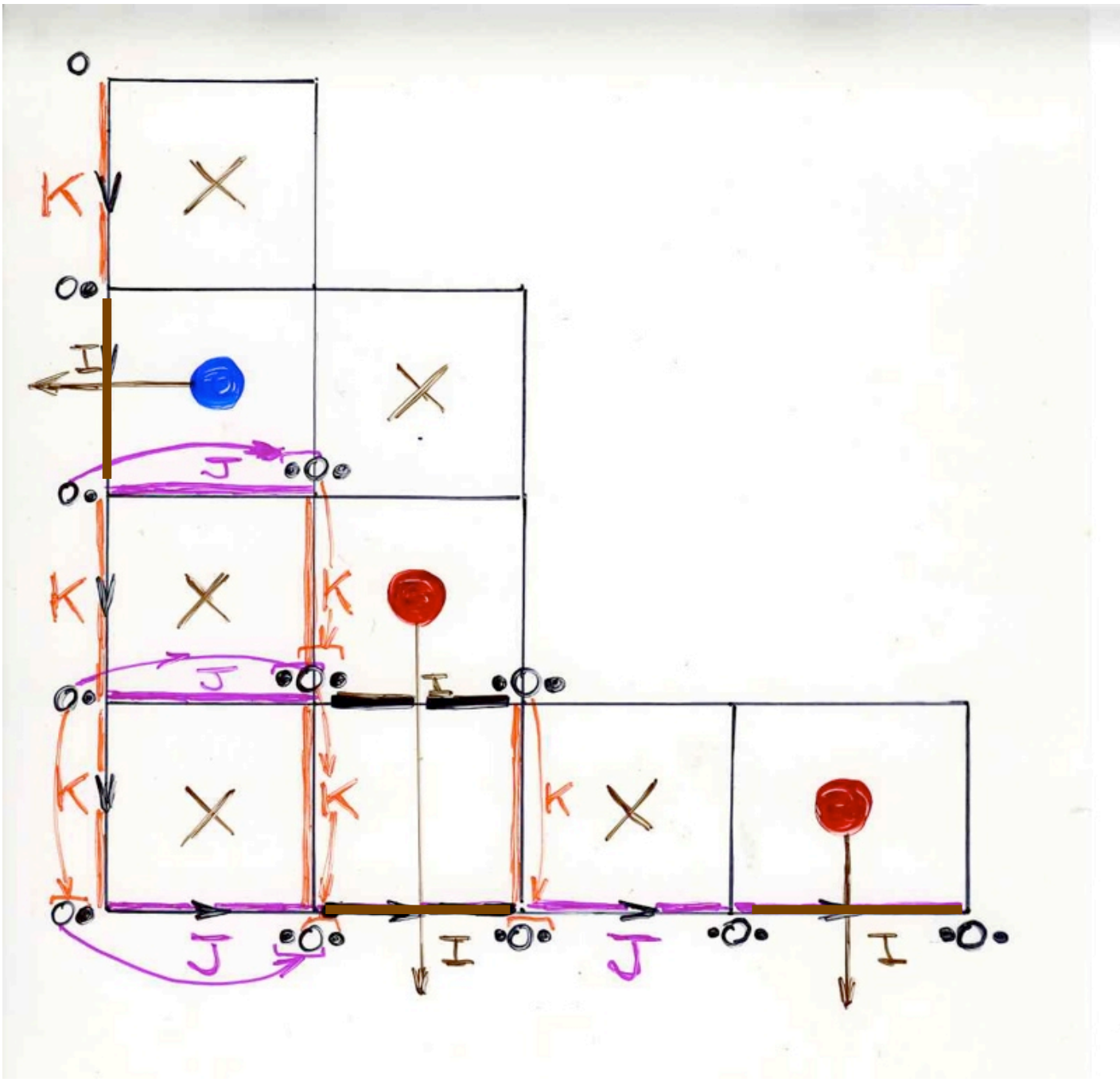


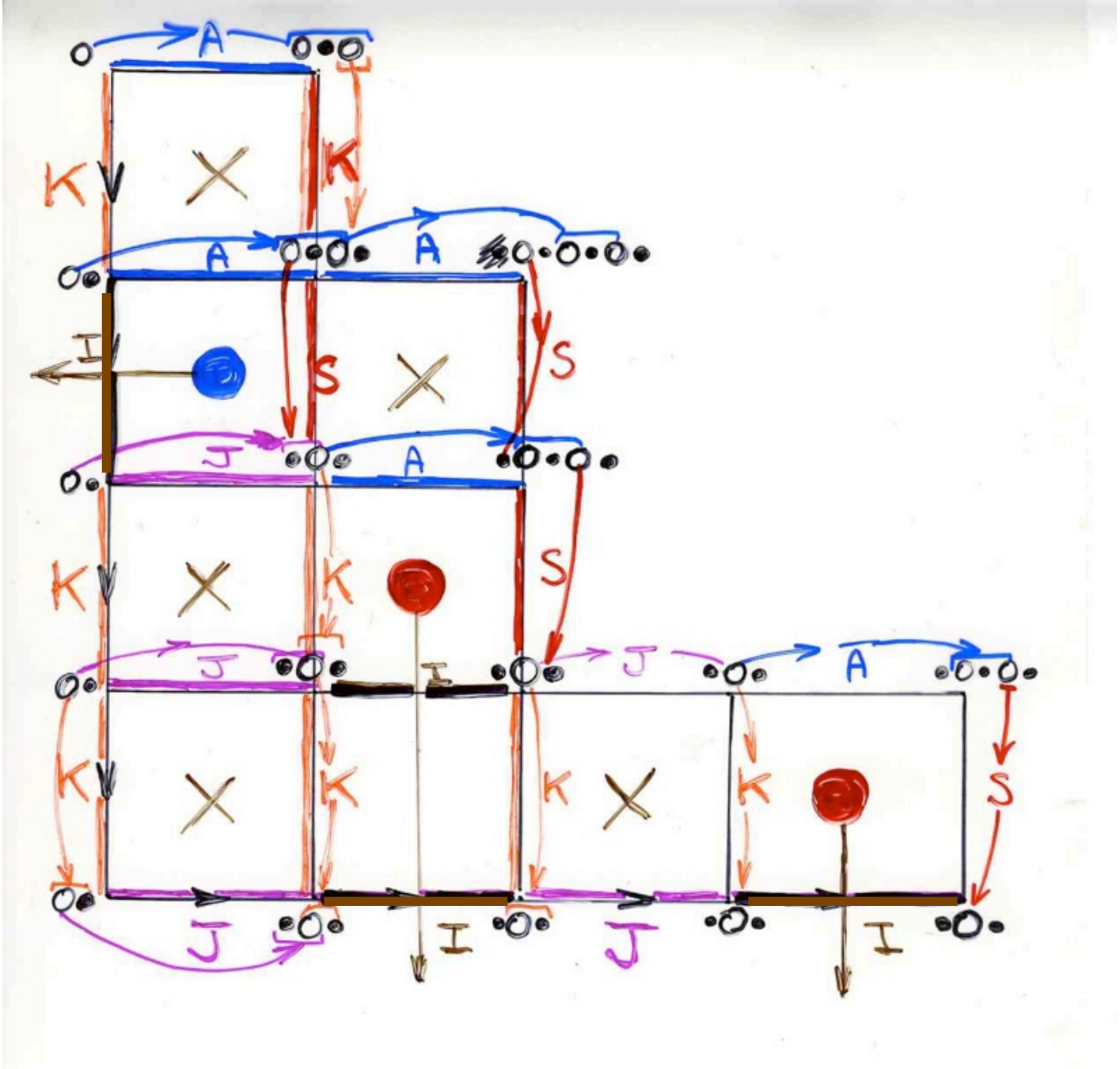


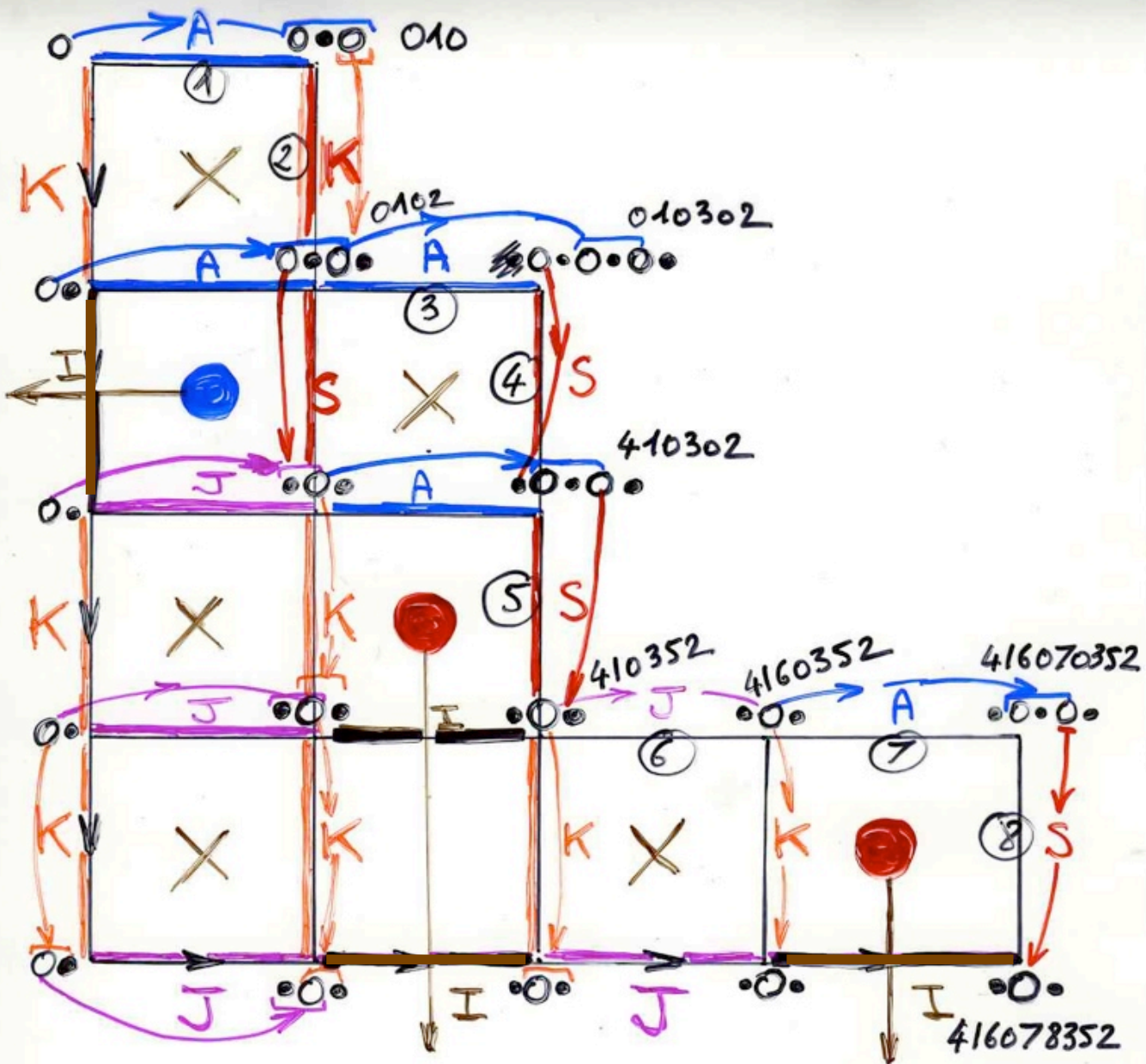












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Two bijections  
one theorem



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alternative  
tableau



"exchange-fusion"  
inverse algorithm

$\tau$

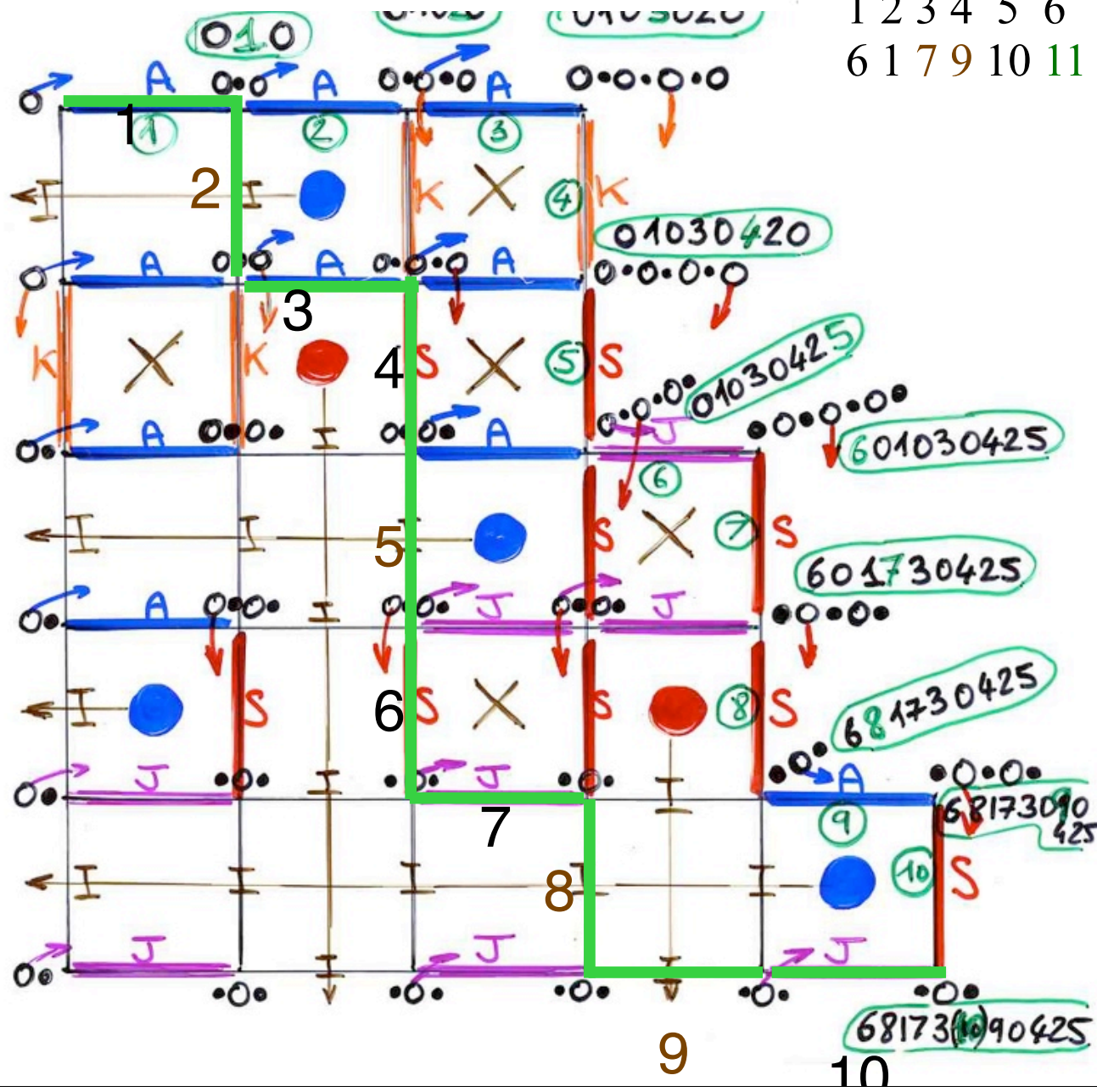
"local"  
algorithm

from  $DE = ED + E + D$

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

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

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
 6 1 7 9 10 11 8 5 3 4 2 = S



P. Nadeau notice that , the (first) bijection described by him and S.Corteel (published in European J. of Combinatorics) between **permutation tableaux** and **permutations**, is equivalent to a “**column insertion**” in the algorithm presented here with “**local rules**”, up to transforming **permutation tableaux** into **alternating tableaux** and taking complements mirror image of the permutation constructed by “**local rules**” (which is the inverse of the permutation used in the “**exchange-delete**” algorithm).



§ 10  
some  
parameters

## permutation tableaux

- nb of **unskipped** rows
- nb of 1's in the first row

Carteel  
(2006)

$$T_n(x, y) = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (x+y+i)$$

## alternative tableaux

- nb of rows without  $\bullet$
- nb of **columns** without  $\bullet$

} **RL** - minima  
} **LR** - minima

bijection Cortez-Nadeau (2007)



permutation tableaux



permutation

- profile
  - ~~nb~~ of unrestricted rows
  - nb of "superfluous"  $\perp$
- ↔ (rises, descents)
- ↔ RL-minimum
- ↔ nb of occurrences of  $(31-2)$

↕  
alternative tableaux

- profile
- nb of rows without 
- nb of ~~rows~~ cells 

# The “exchange-fusion” algorithm



An alternative description of the bijection  
alternative tableaux -- permutations



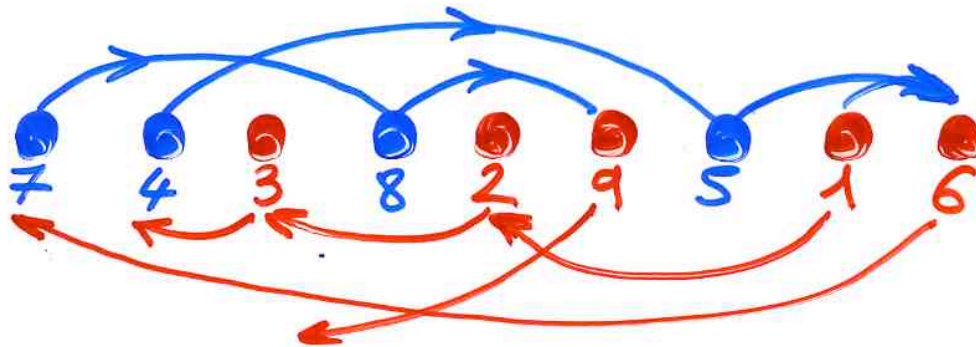
Def- Permutation  $\sigma = \sigma(1) \dots \sigma(n)$   
 $x = \sigma(i)$ ,  $1 \leq x < n$

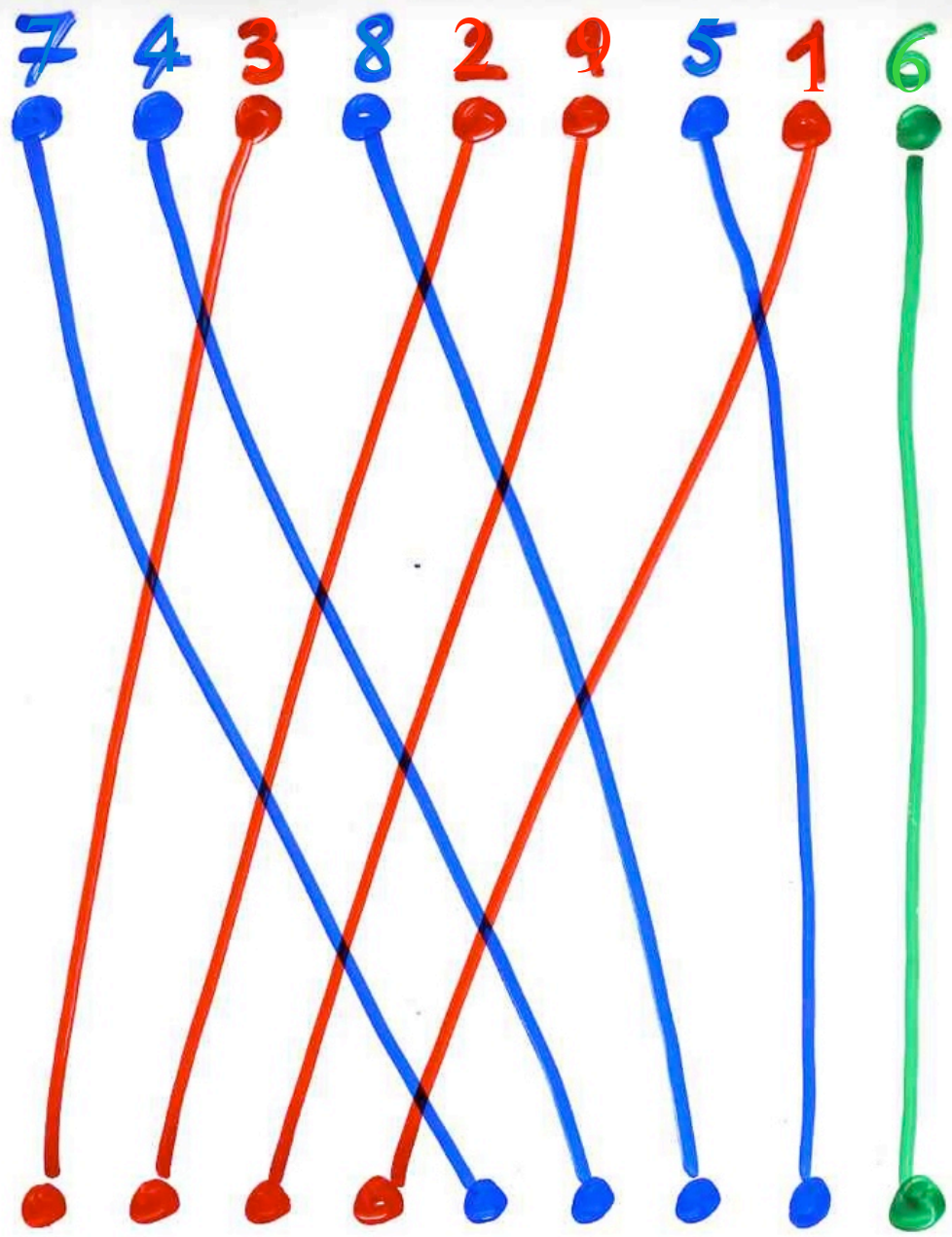
(valeur)  $x$   $\begin{cases} \text{avance} \\ \text{recul} \end{cases}$   $x+1 = \sigma(j)$ ,  $\begin{cases} i < j \\ j < i \end{cases}$

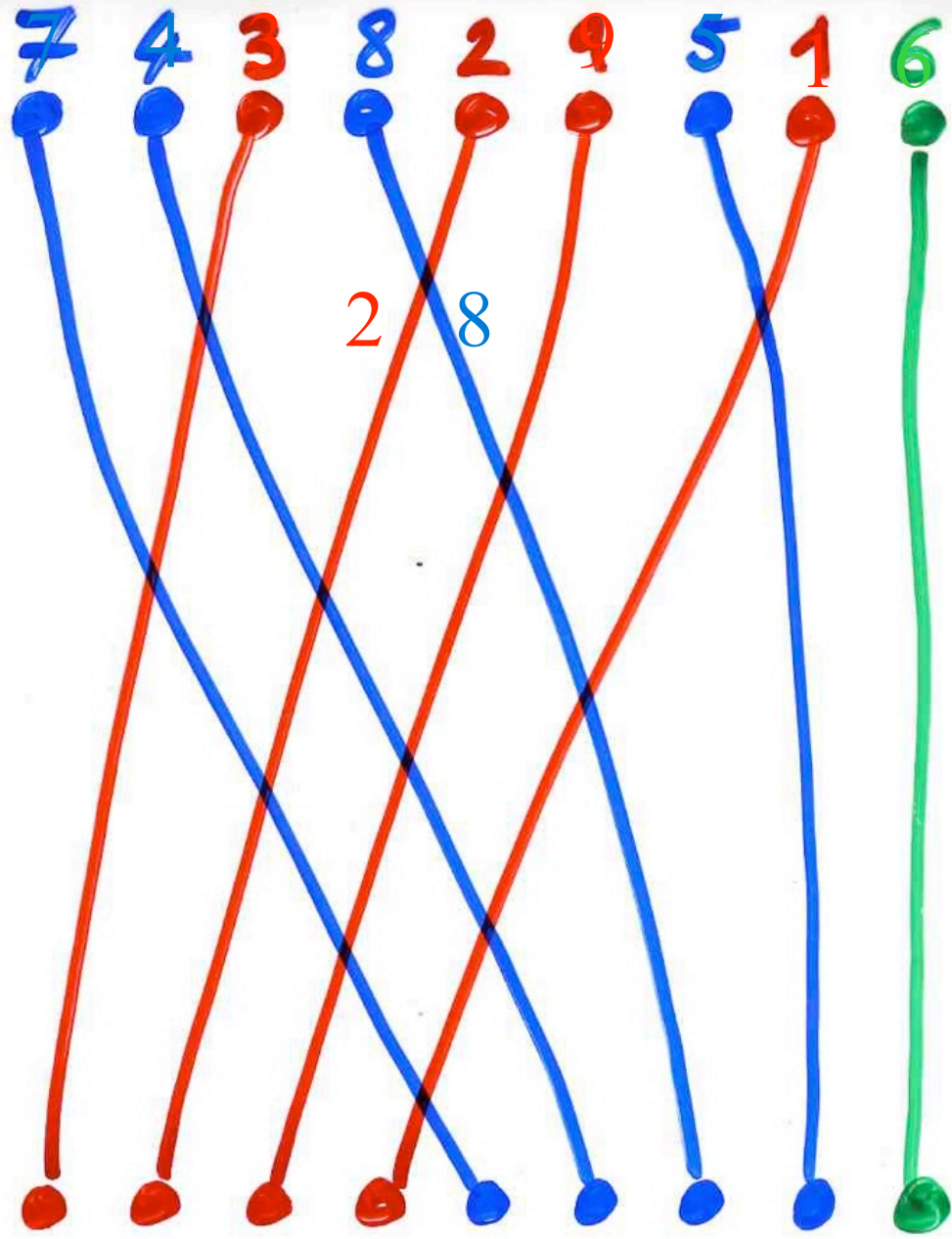
- convention  $x=n$  est un recul

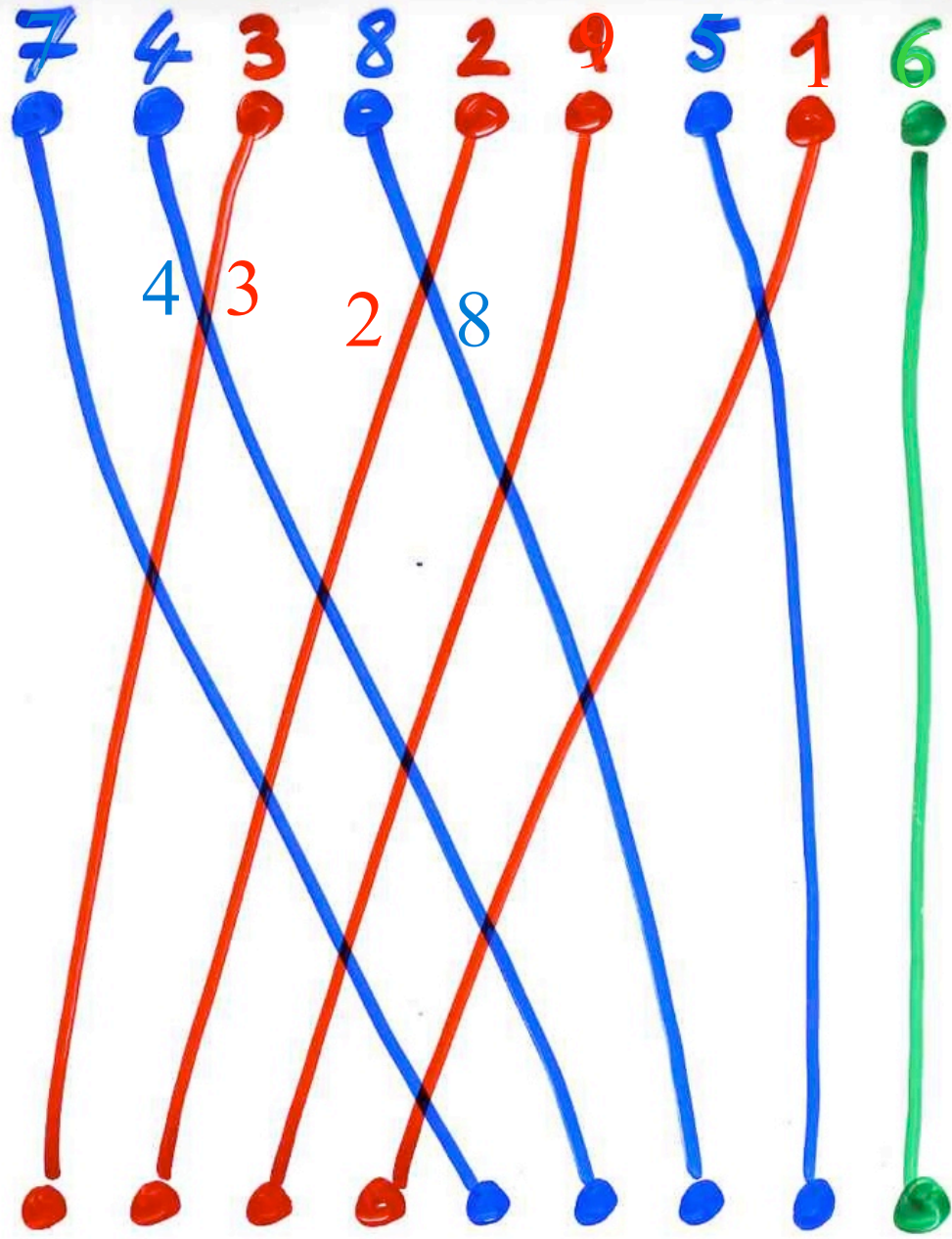


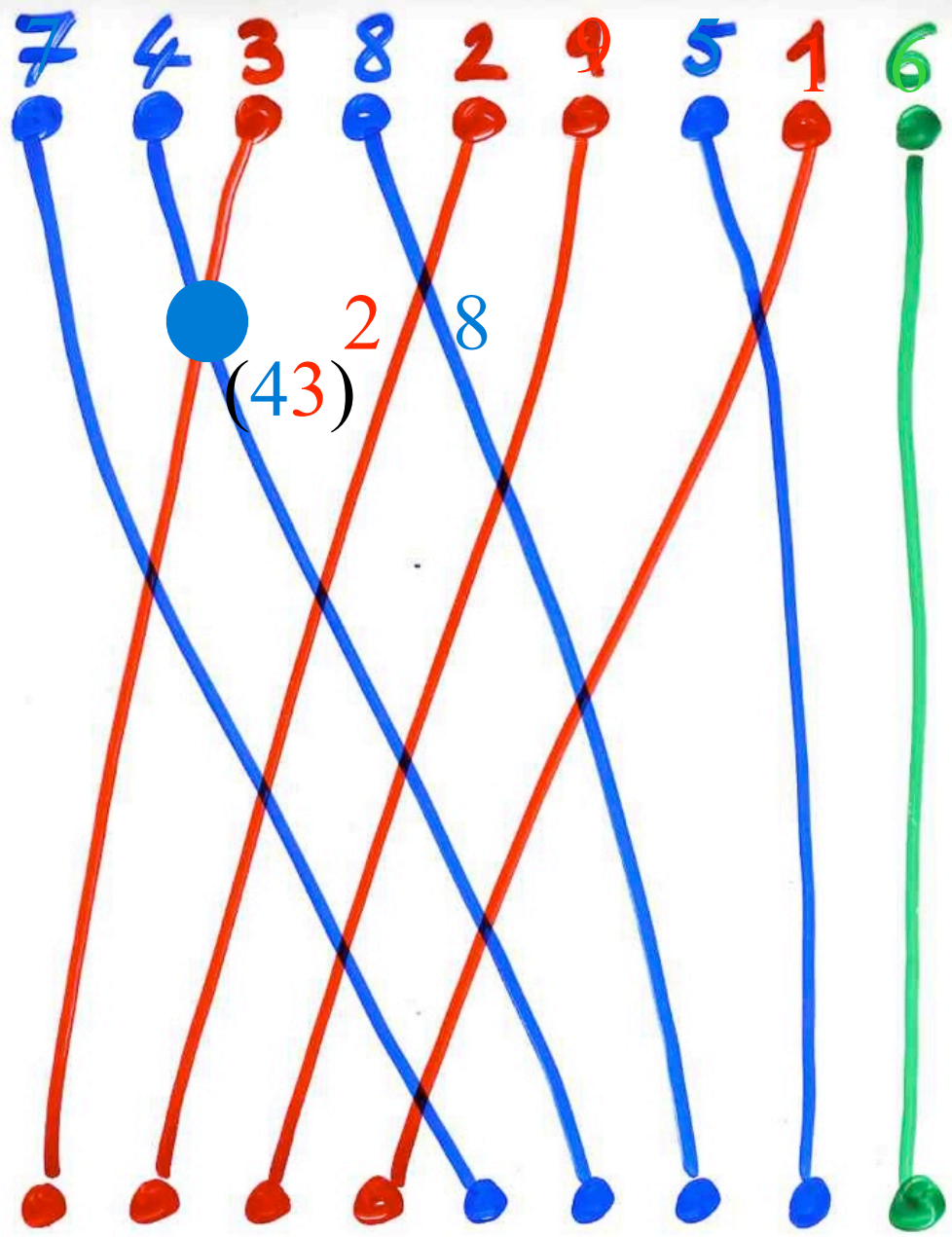
$\sigma = 7 \ 4 \ 3 \ 8 \ 2 \ 9 \ 5 \ 1 \ 6$

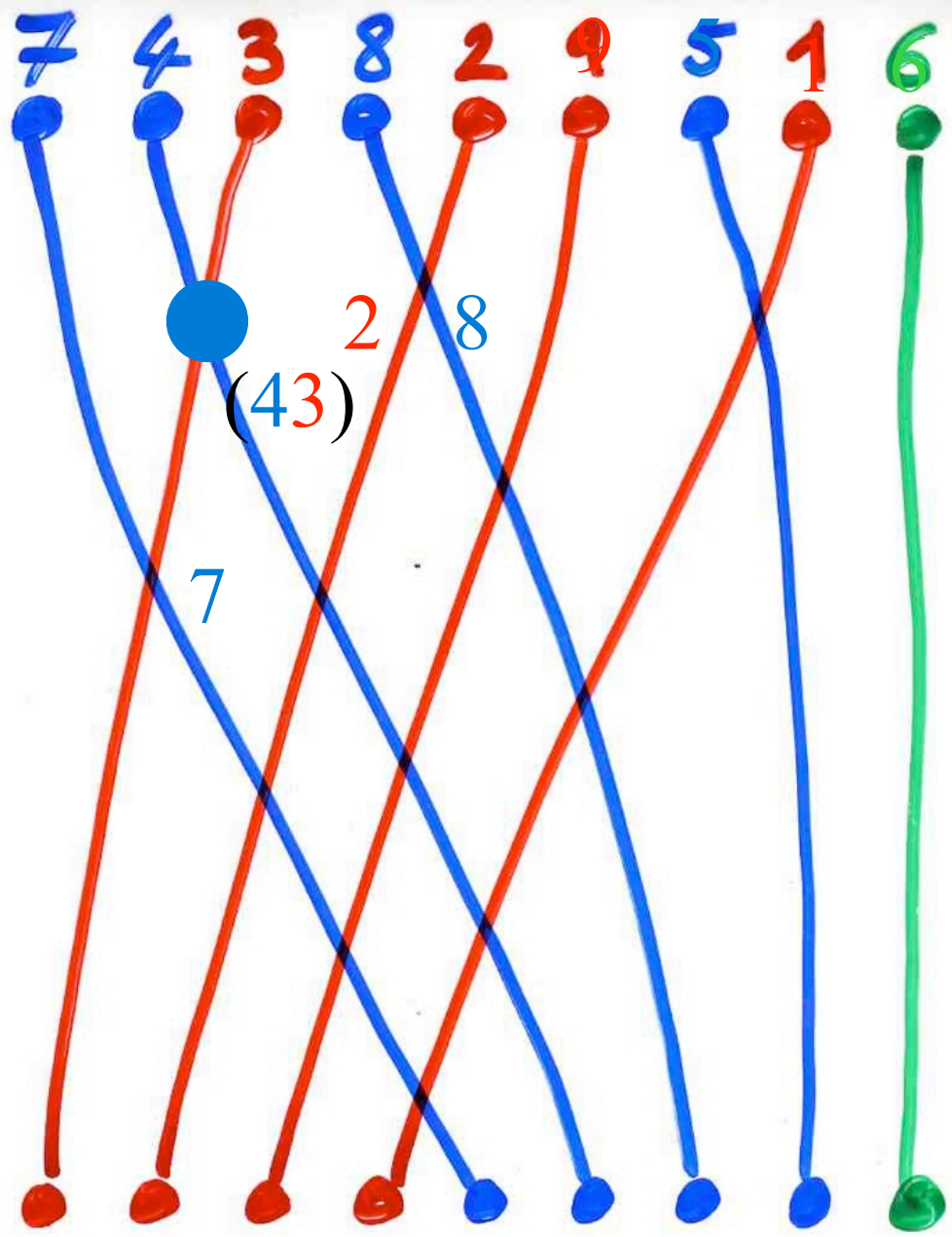


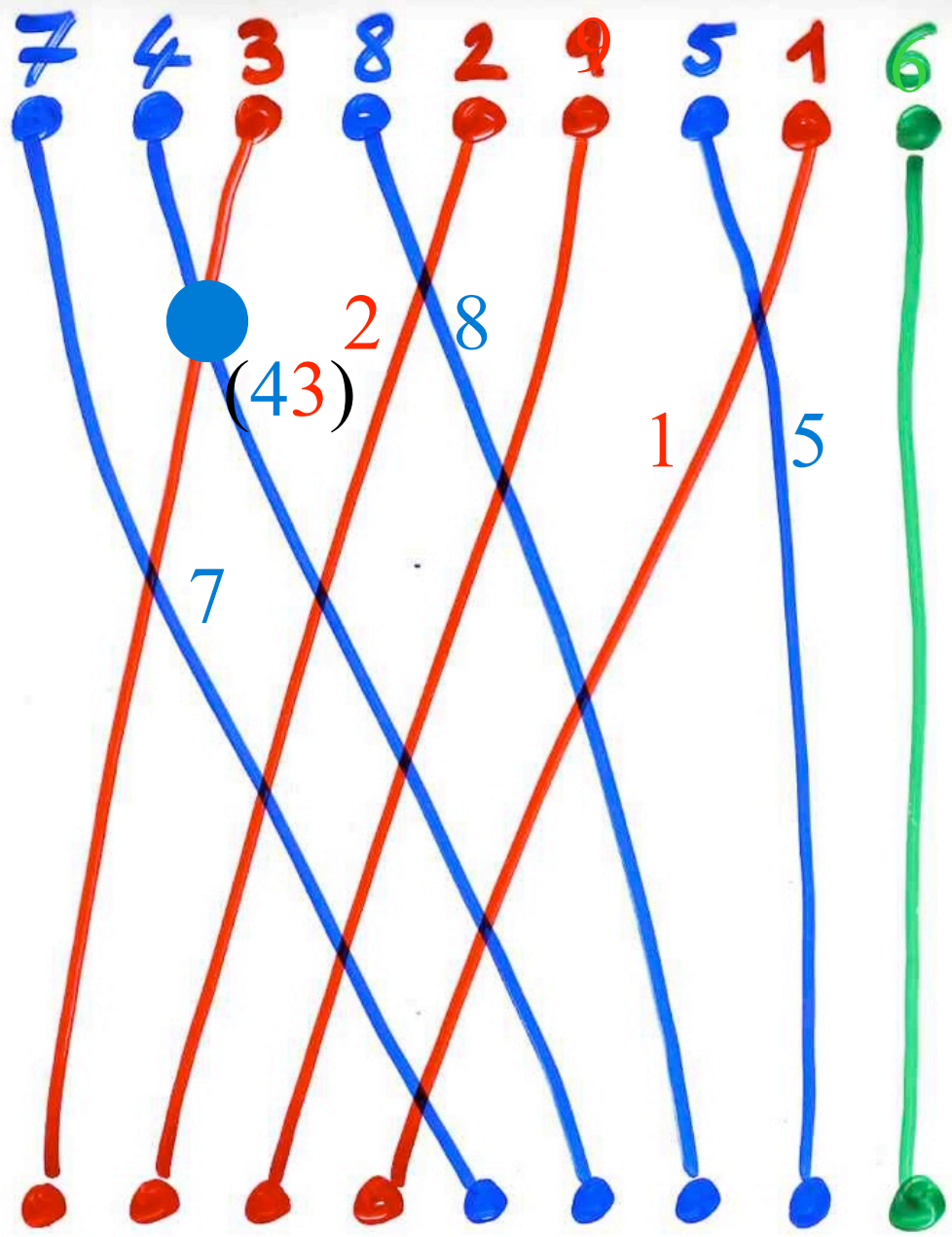


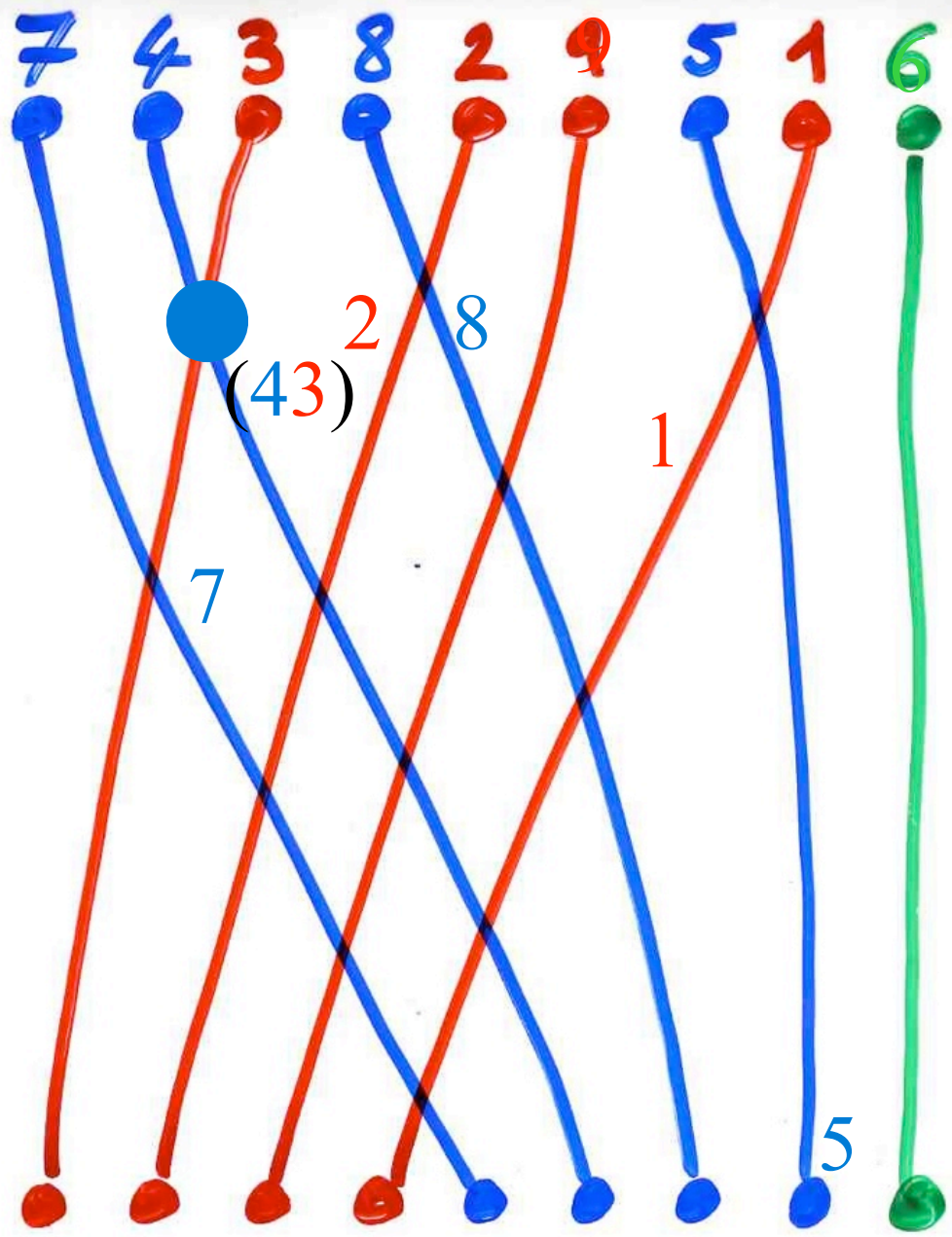




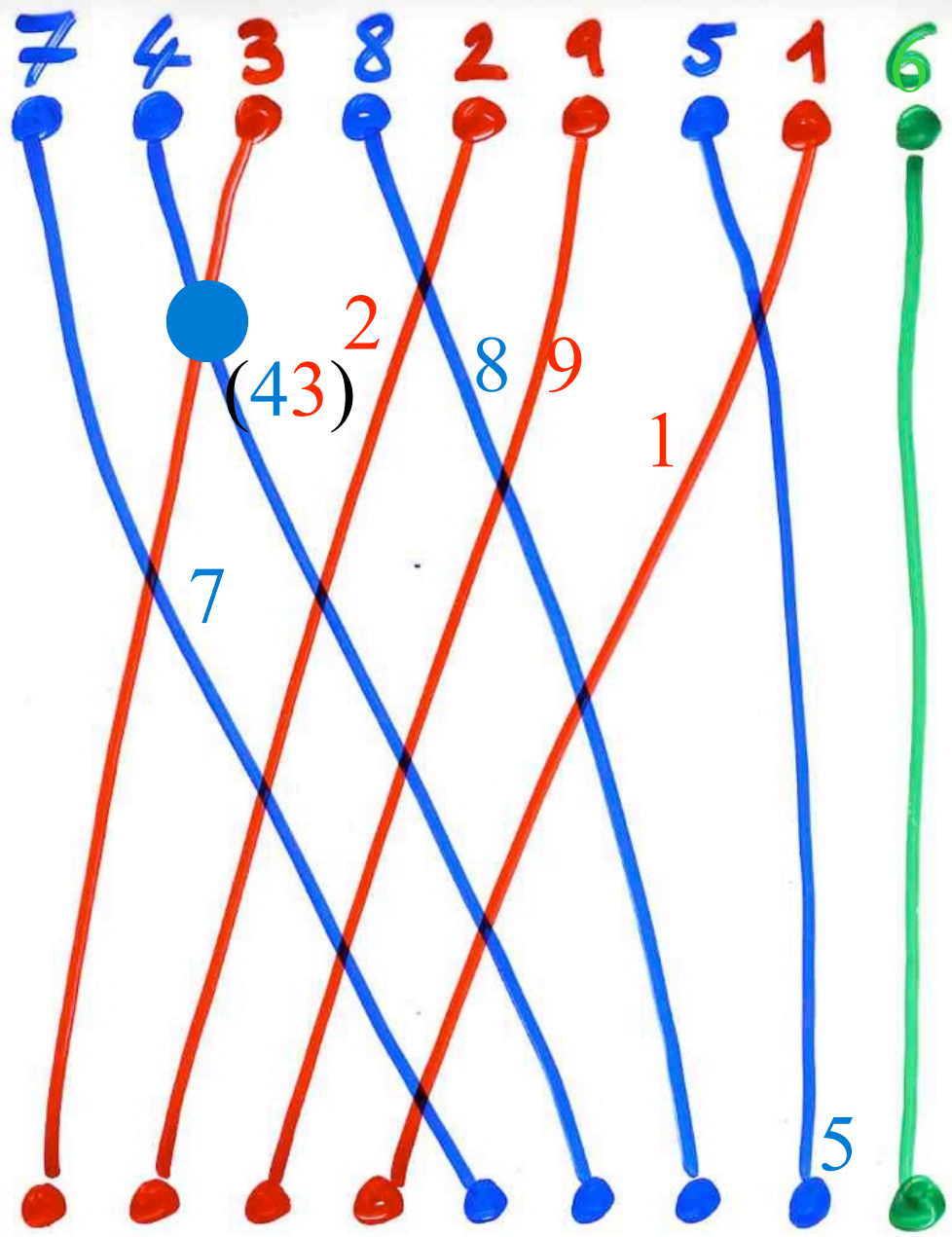


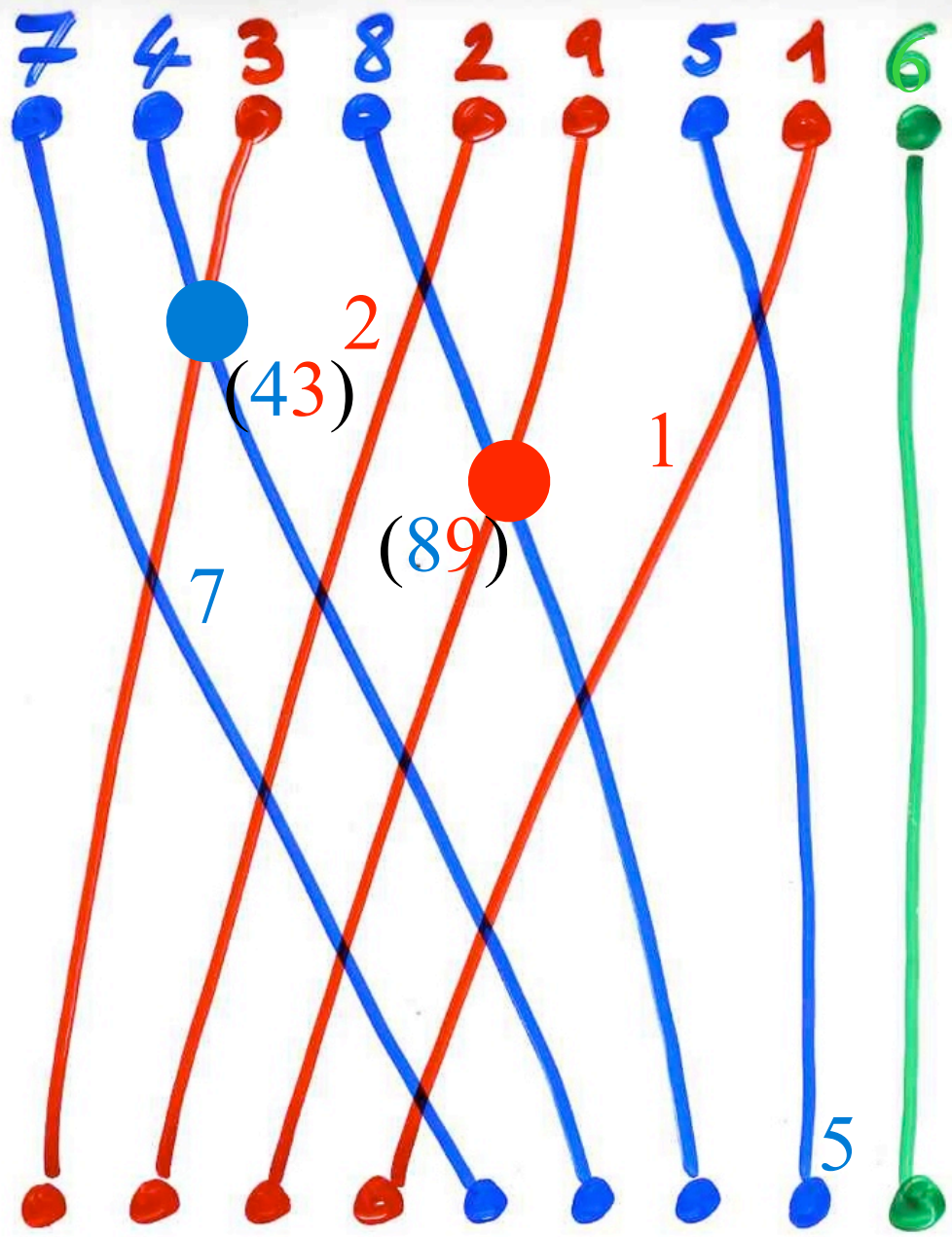


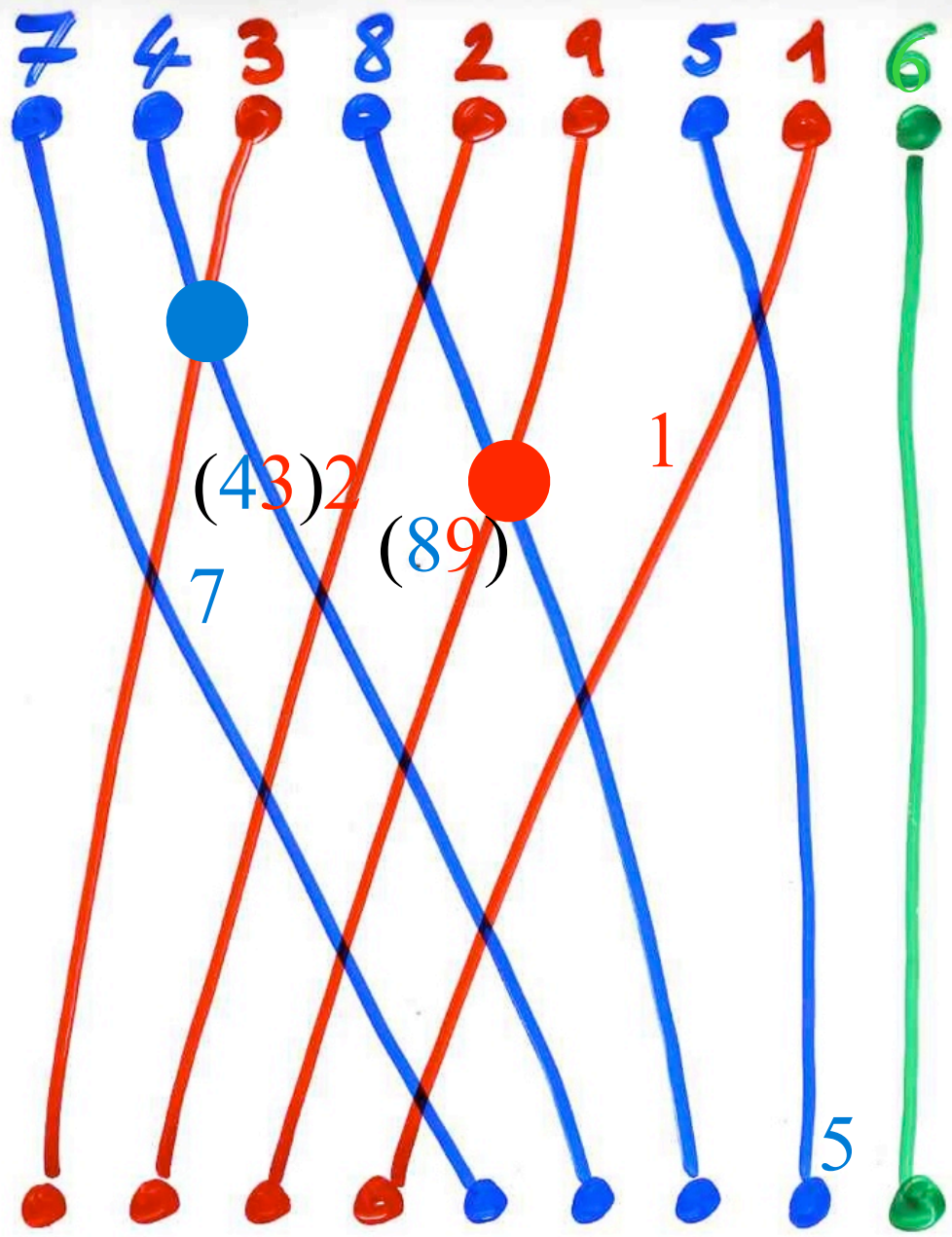


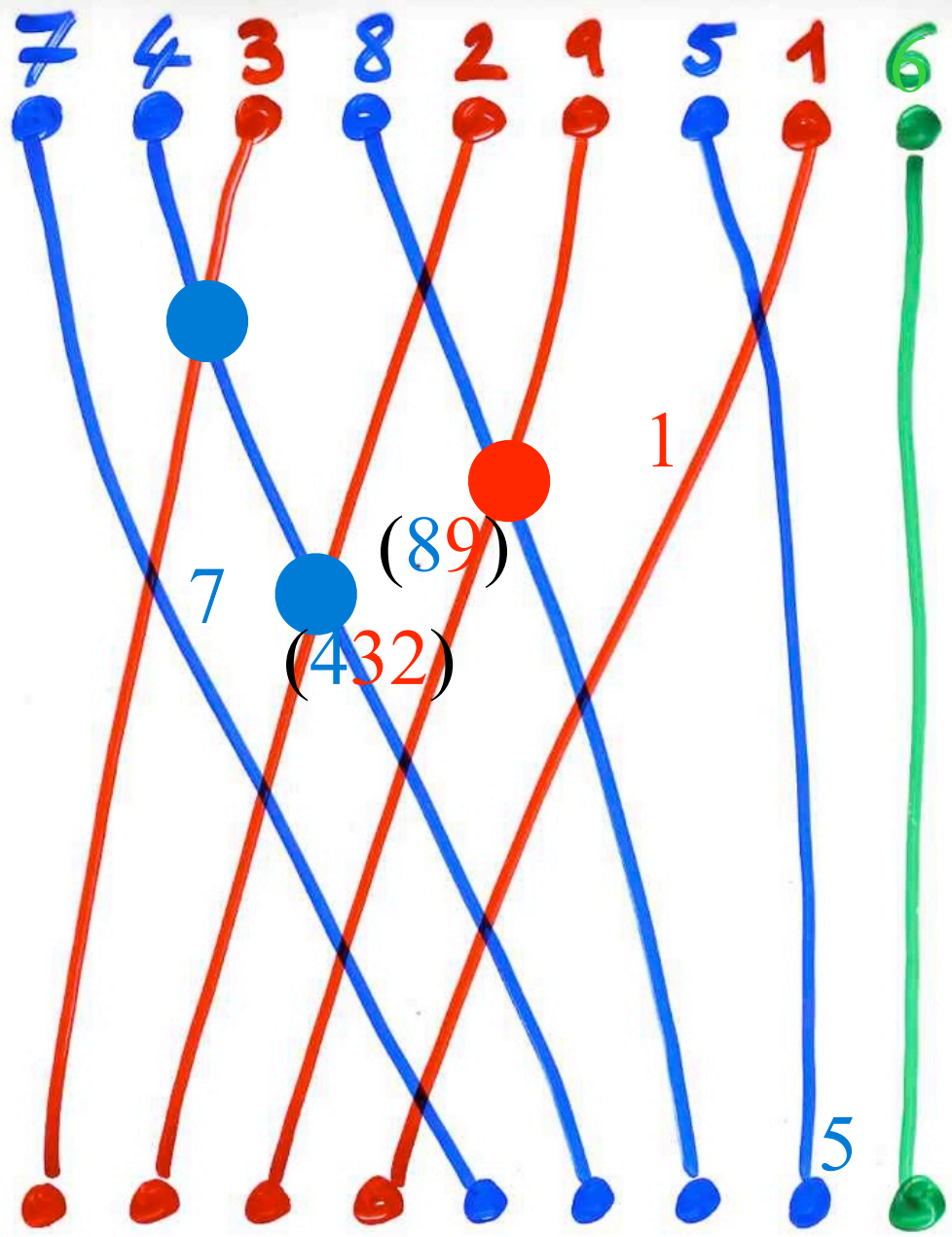


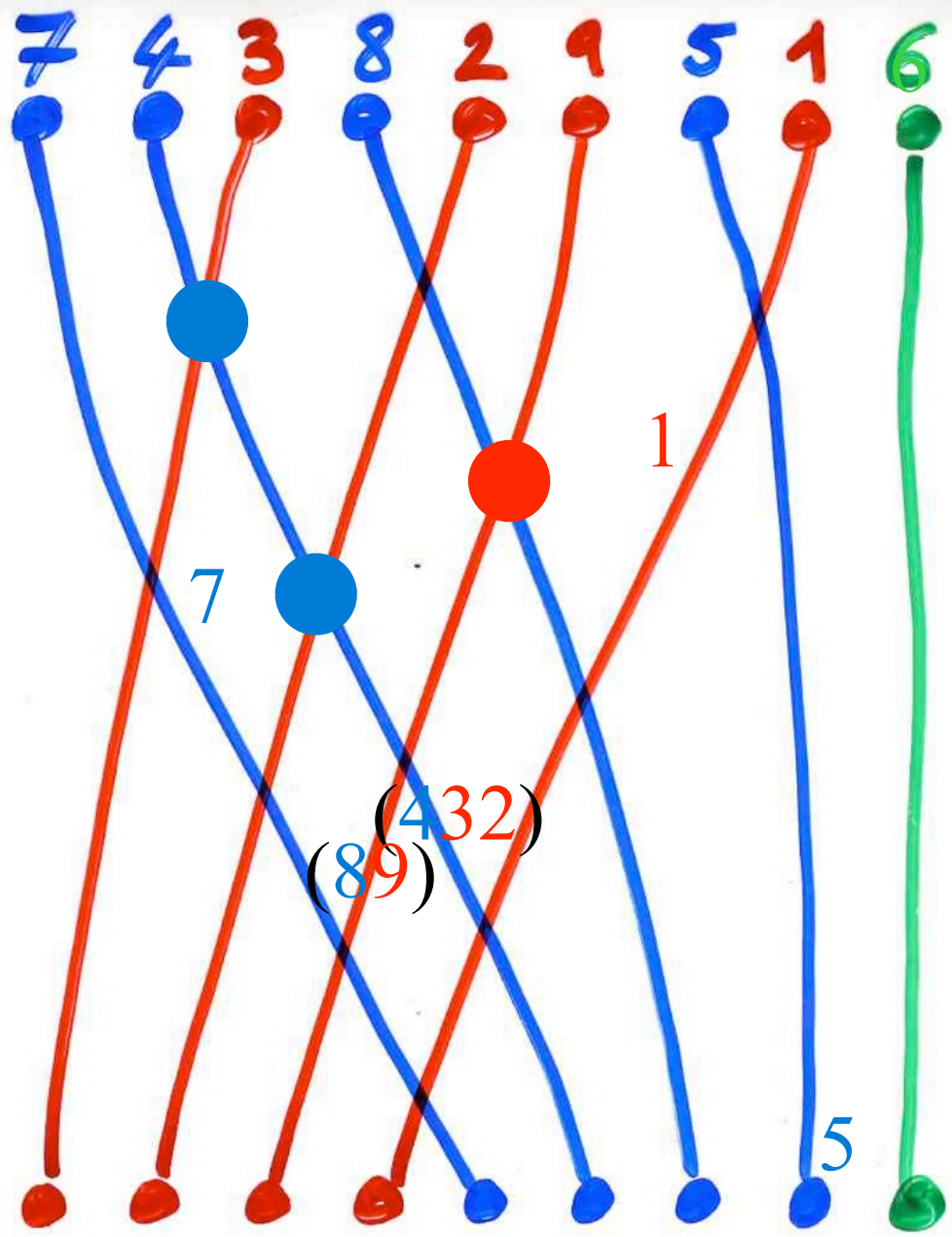


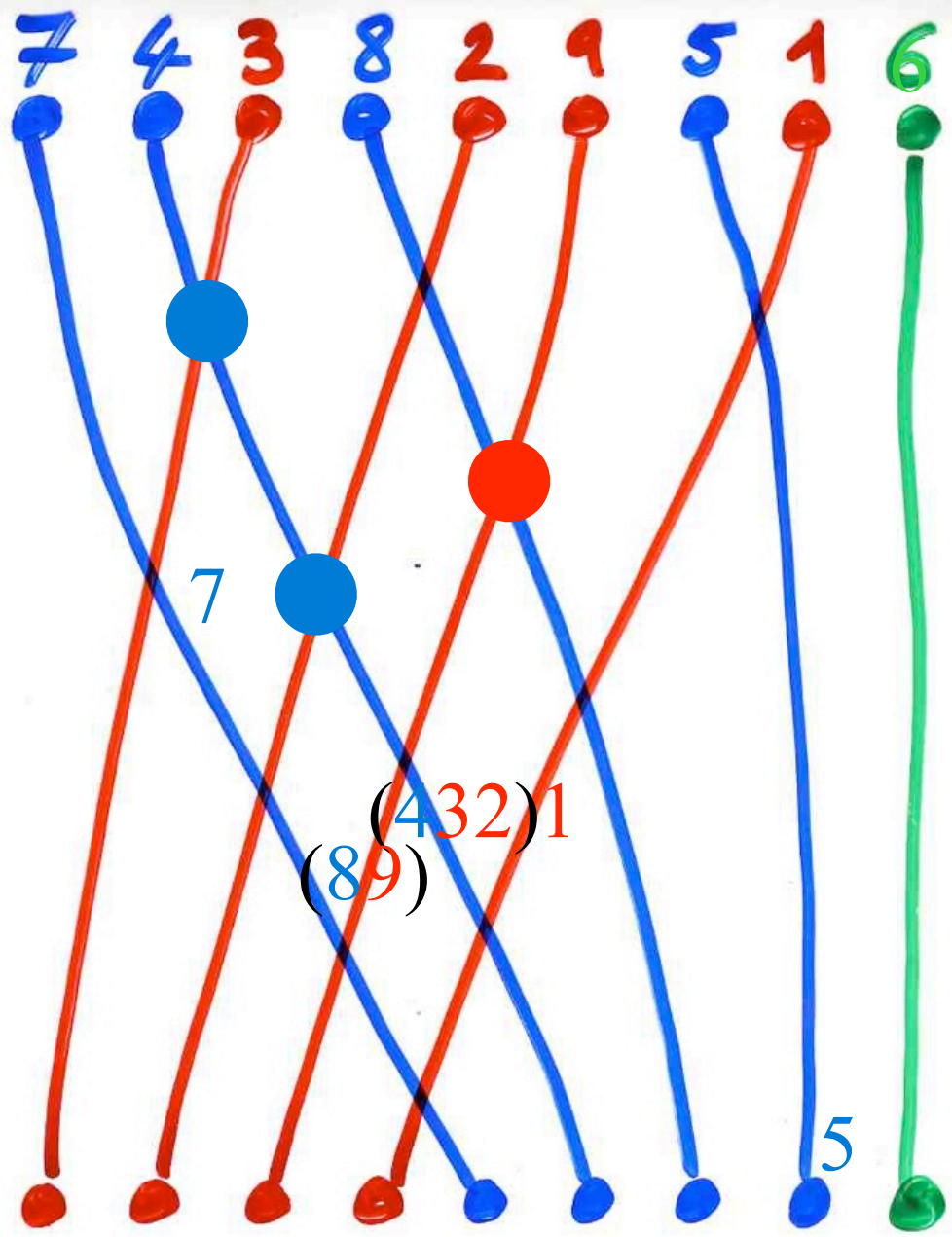




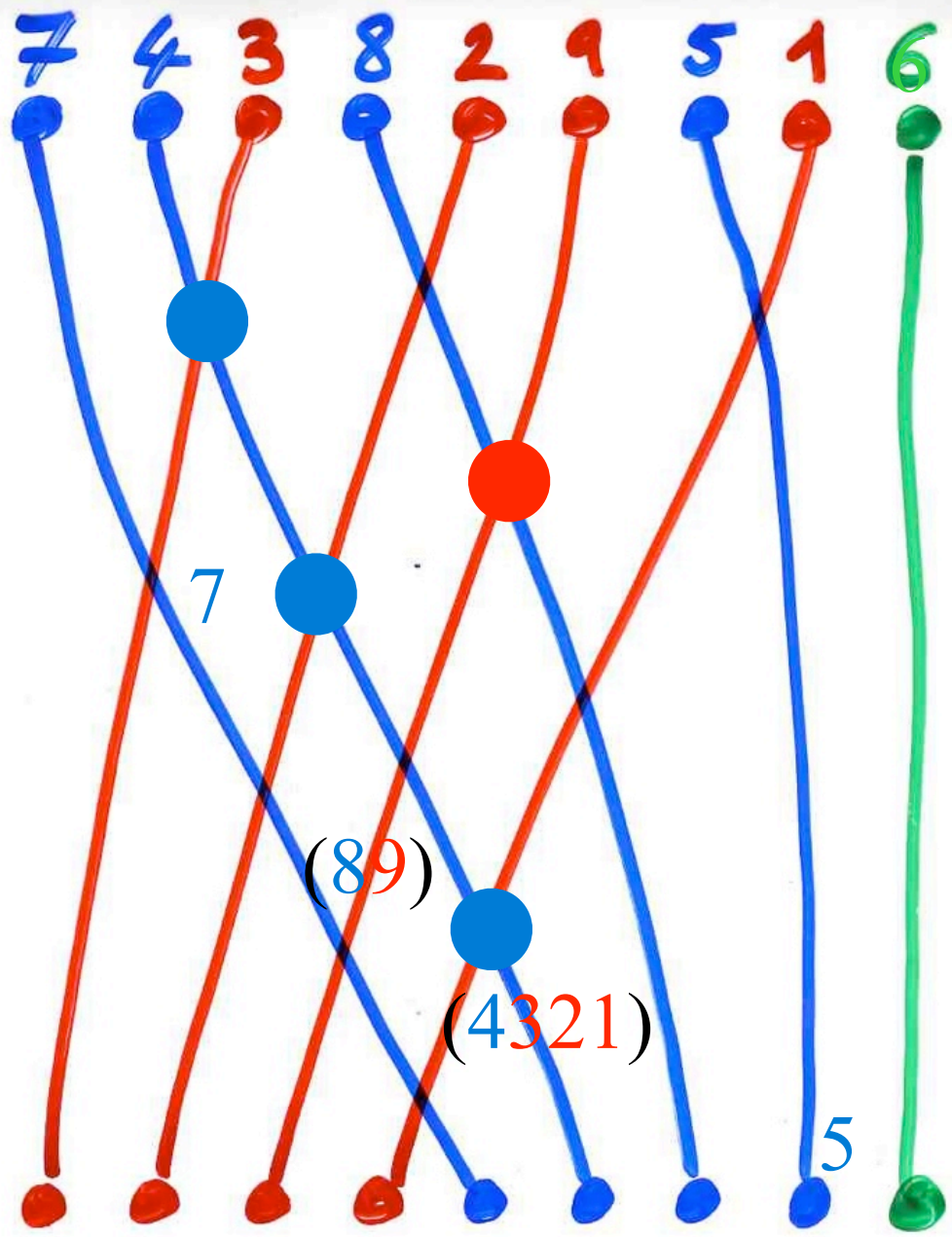


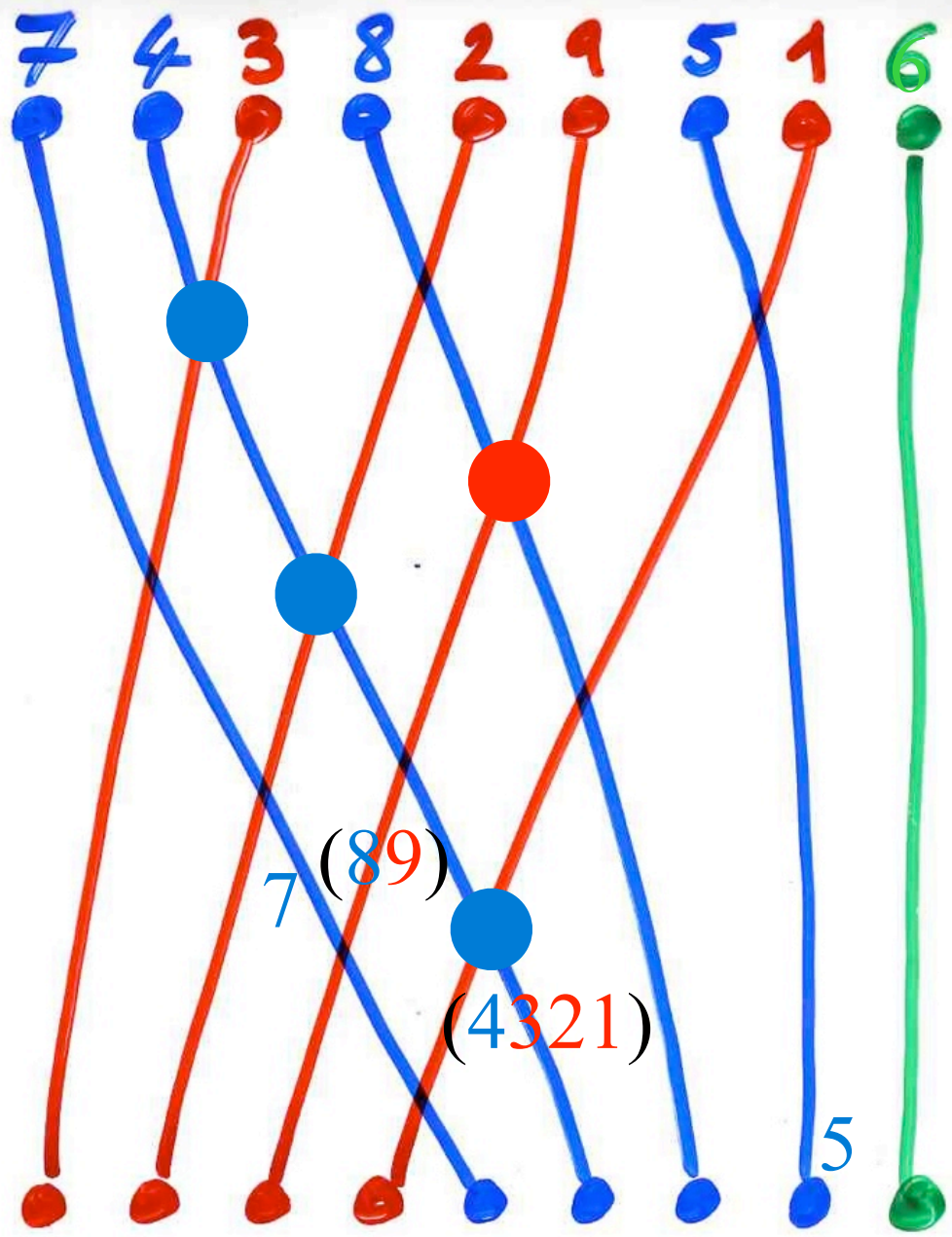




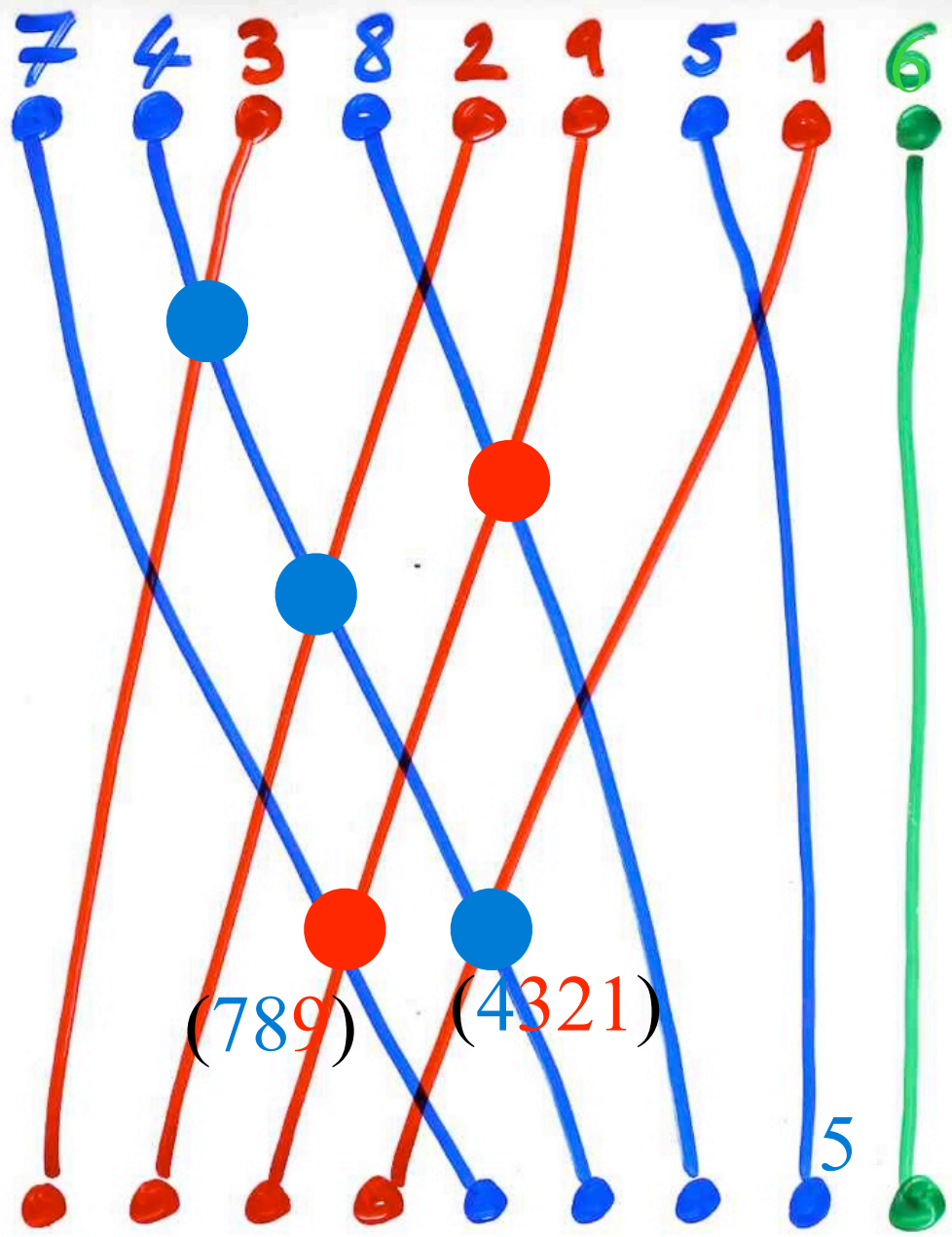


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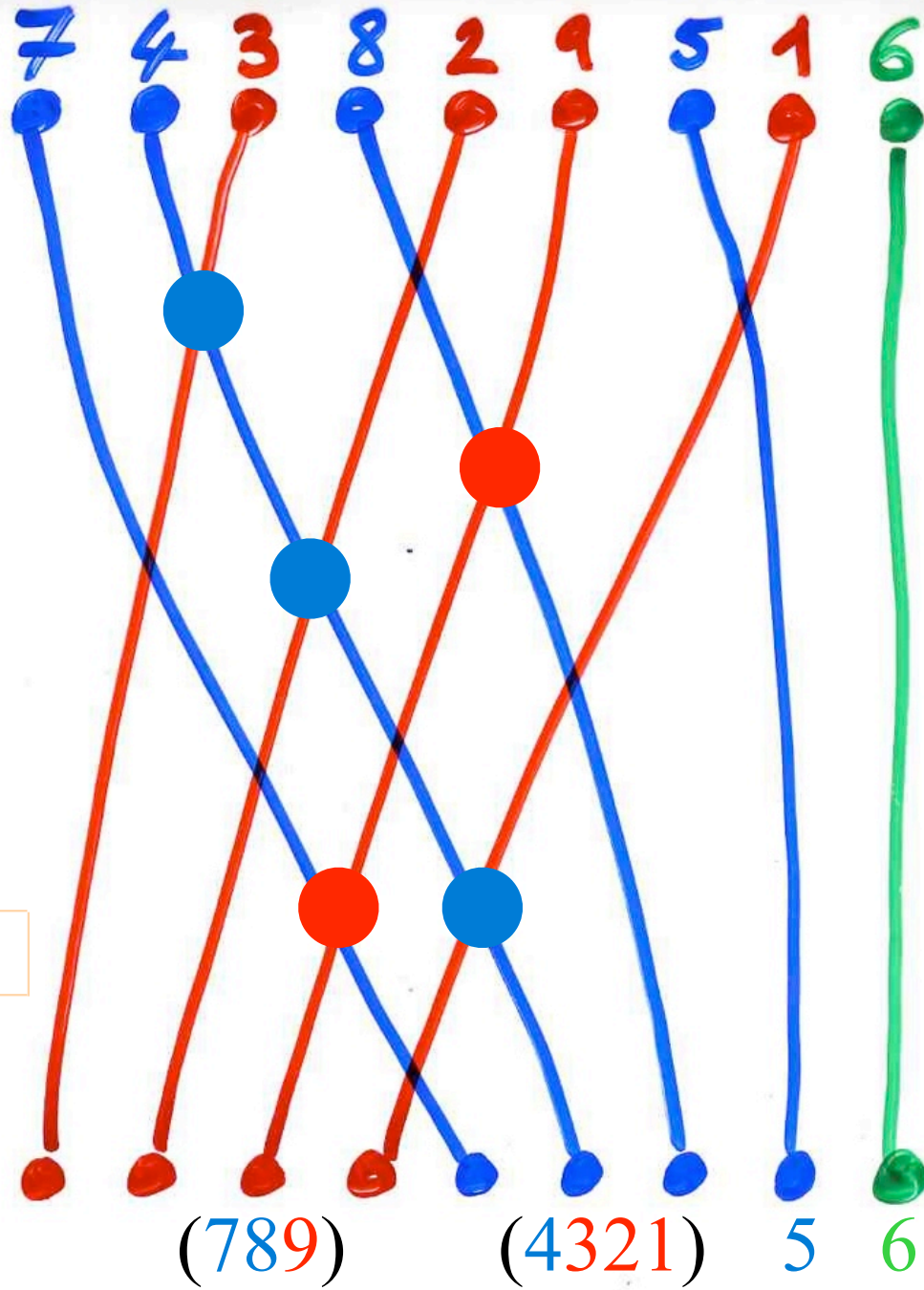
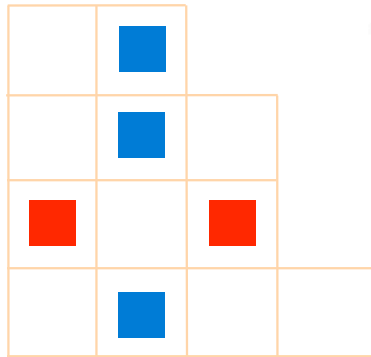








“exchange-  
fusion”  
algorithm



## Description of the “exchange-fusion” algorithm

In the “exchange-fusion” algorithm, the red and blue blocks are falling down, starting at the beginning where all the blocks have only one letter. Each blocks is formed of consecutive letters.

- When two blocks meet at the crossing of a blue and red thread, if the union of the two blocks is formed with consecutive letters, then the two blocks form a single block by concatenation, and the new block follows the thread of the block having the biggest letters.
- If not, then the two blocks cross and follow their own colored thread.

The proof of the fact that the two algorithms “exchange-delete” and “exchange-fusion” produce exactly the same alternating tableau is based on the following observation:

### (key) **observation**

In the “exchange-delete” algorithm, when a blue or a red dot is put on a crossing, that is when the two values  $x$  and  $y$  which are going to cross are “consecutive”, then all the intermediate values between  $x$  and  $y$  (which have disappeared) belong to one of the corresponding blocks in the analog crossing which will appears in the “exchange-fusion” algorithm.

A consequence of that is to give an interpretation of the number of red or blue blocks falling on the ground level, that is the number of columns having no red cells and numbers of rows having no blue cells. We call such row or column “**open**”.

# Some Parameters



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

- for the **columns** of **T** (**red threads**), the **left-to-right maximum elements** of the values of the **permutation s** less than the last letter  $s(n+1)$ ,
- for the **rows** of **T** (**blue threads**), the **right-to-left maximum elements** of the values of the **permutation s** bigger than the last letter

(3 proofs coming 3 different methodologies: by P. Nadeau , O.Bernardi and xgv)


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

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

In fact, each block falling on the ground level in the “**exchange-fusion**” **algorithm** (corresponding to an open **column** or **row**), has an underlying **binary tree** structure coming from the different fusions (or equivalently the deletions of the “**exchange-delete**” **algorithm**)

(see a forthcoming paper of P. Nadeau on “**alternative trees**” and alternative tableaux).

## Number of “crossings” in the alternative tableaux

This parameter is the number of crossing occurring in the “exchange-delete”, or equivalently of the “exchange-fusion” algorithm. Each crossing corresponds to a cell in the alternative tableau (colored ) which is above a red cell and at the right of a blue cell. It has the same distribution as the parameter “number of occurrences of the pattern (31-2)” in permutations. (from the bijection of S. Corteel and P. Nadeau or from Steingrimsson and Williams)

This parameter is the natural  $q$ -analogue of Laguerre histories, that is the parameter obtained by taking the sum of all the “possibilities choices decreased by one”. In other words, if at each step  $1, 2, \dots, x, \dots, n+1$ , of the construction of the permutation, the  $(k+1)$  free positions available to insert the value  $x$  are labeled (in a certain way)  $0, 1, \dots, k$ , then we put the weight  $q^i$  when value  $x$  is inserted at position  $i$ , and the weight of the Laguerre history is the product of the weight of each individual step. If the labeling is always from left to right, then the  $q$ -analogue becomes the number of occurrence of (31-2). (see the next section).

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

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

O.B. deduce the nice corollary:

The **permutations**  $s$  coming from **tableaux** with no crossing (counted by Catalan numbers) are characterised by the following condition

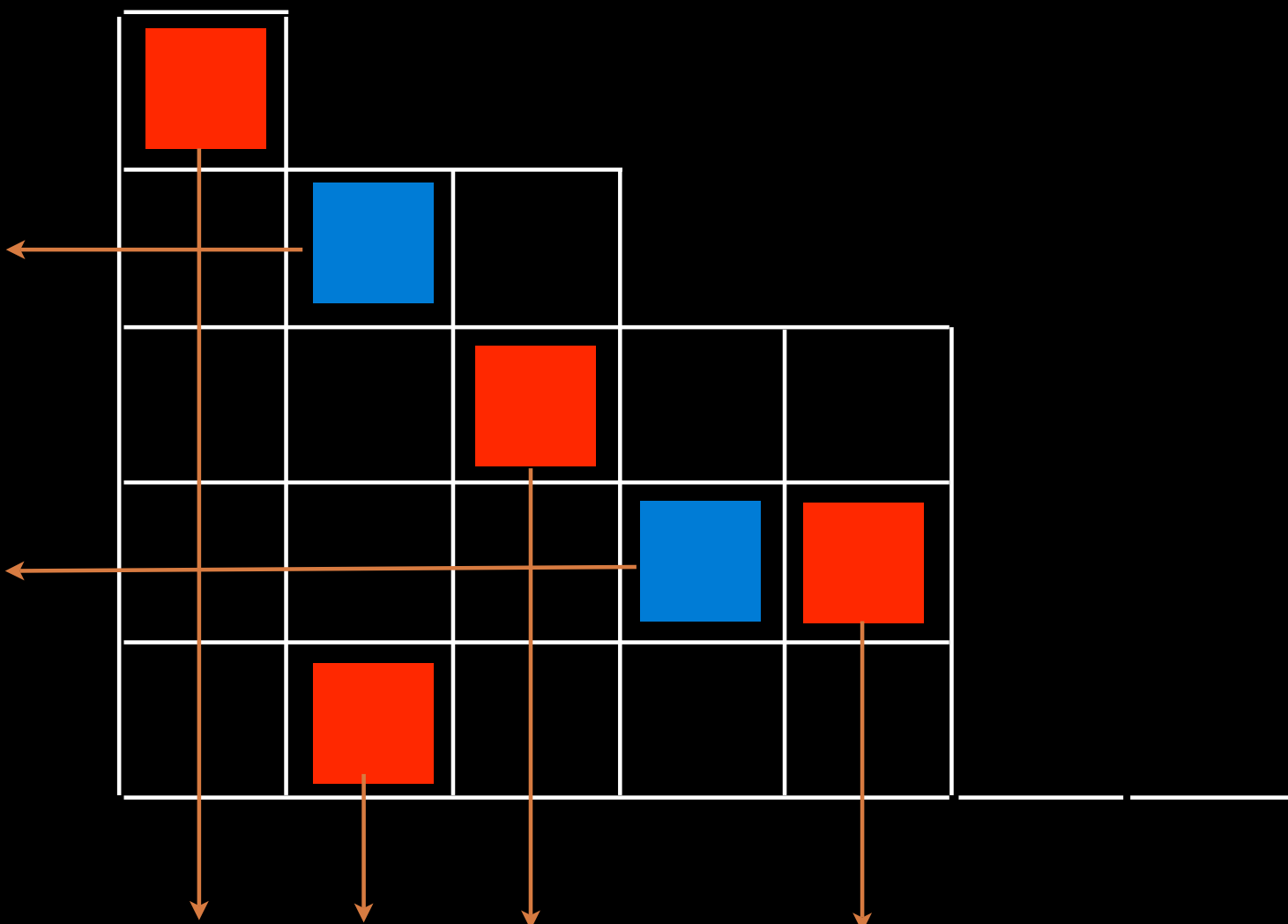
there is no pair of values  $(x, y)$  such that the four values  $(x, x+1, y, y+1)$  appear in the following order in the permutation:

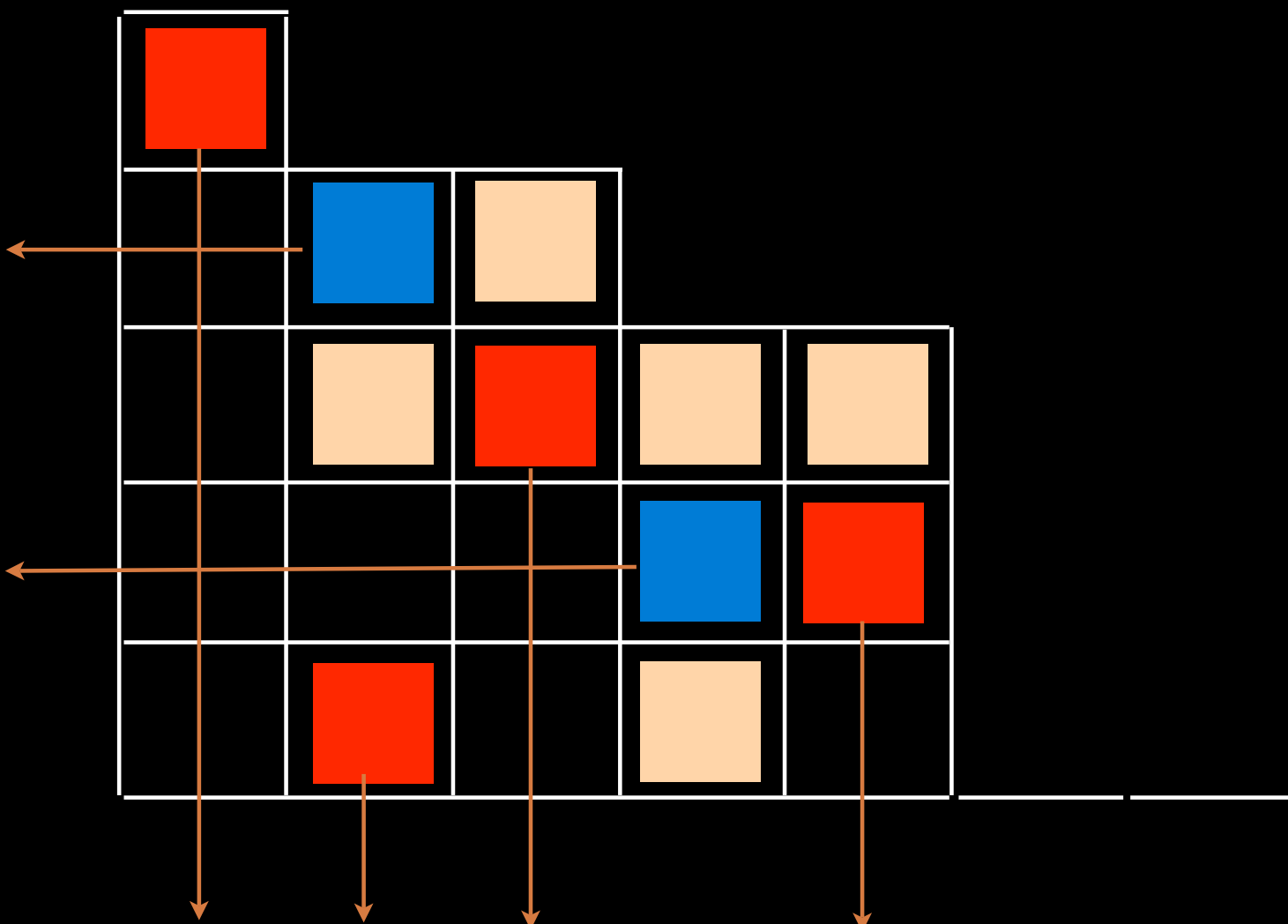
$$s = \dots y+1 \dots x \dots y \dots x+1 \dots$$



§ 11  
Catalan  
alternative  
tableaux







Def Catalan alternative tableau T  
alt. tab. without cells  $\boxed{\times}$

i.e: every empty cell is below a red cell or  
on the left of a blue cell

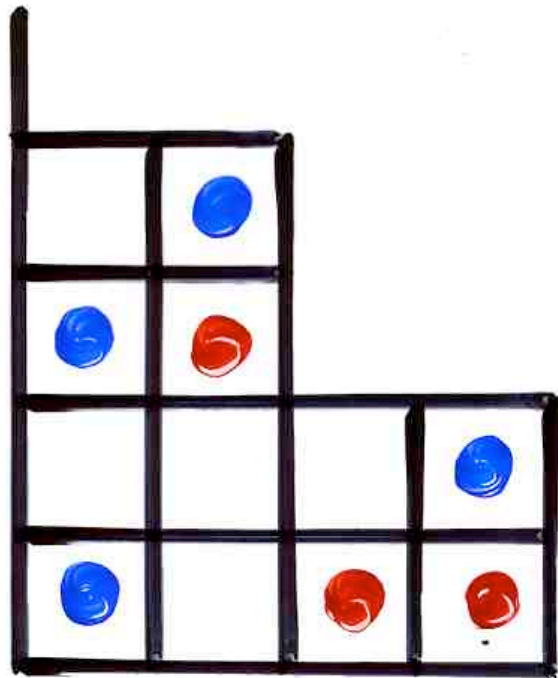


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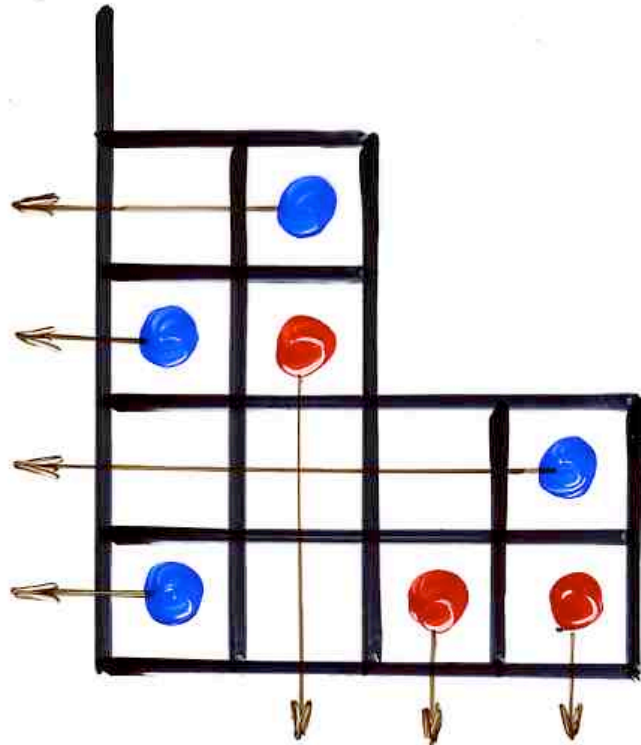


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Une lettre d'Euler  
à Christian Goldbach ....

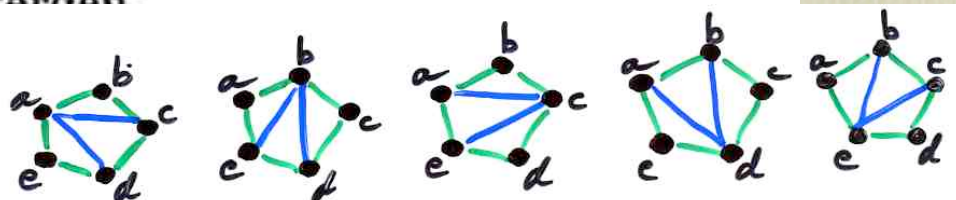
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Ich bin neulich auf eine Betrachtung gefallen, welche mir nicht wenig merkwürdig vorkam. Dieselbe betrifft, auf wie vielerley Arten ein gegebenes polygonum durch Diagonallinien in triangula zerschnitten werden könne.

Also ein quadrilaterum  $abcd$  kann entweder durch die diagonalem  $ac$ , oder durch  $bd$ , und also auf zweyerley Art in zwey triangula resolvirt werden.

Ein Fünfeck  $abcde$  wird drey triangula getheilet, und verschiedene Arten geschehen, nemlich durch die diagonales



I.  $ac, ad$ . II.  $bd, be$ . III.  $ca, ce$ . IV.  $db, da$ , V.  $ec, eb$ .

Ferner wird ein Sechseck durch drey diagonales in vier triangula zertheilet, und dieses kann auf 14 verschiedene Arten geschehen.

Nun ist die Frage generaliter: da ein polygonum von  $n$  Seiten durch  $n - 3$  diagonales in  $n - 2$  triangula zerschnit-

ten wird, auf wie vielerley verschiedene Arten solches geschehen könne. Setze ich nun die Anzahl dieser verschiedenen Arten  $= x$ , so habe ich per inductionem gefunden

wenn  $n = 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10$

so ist  $x = 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, 132, 429, 1430$ .

Hieraus habe ich nun den Schluss gemacht, dass generaliter sey

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

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

ist  $1 = \frac{2}{2}$ ,  $2 = 1 \cdot \frac{6}{3}$ ,  $5 = 2 \cdot \frac{10}{4}$ ,  $14 = 5 \cdot \frac{14}{5}$ ,

$42 = 14 \cdot \frac{18}{6}$ ,  $132 = 42 \cdot \frac{22}{7}$ ; dass also aus einer jeden Zahl

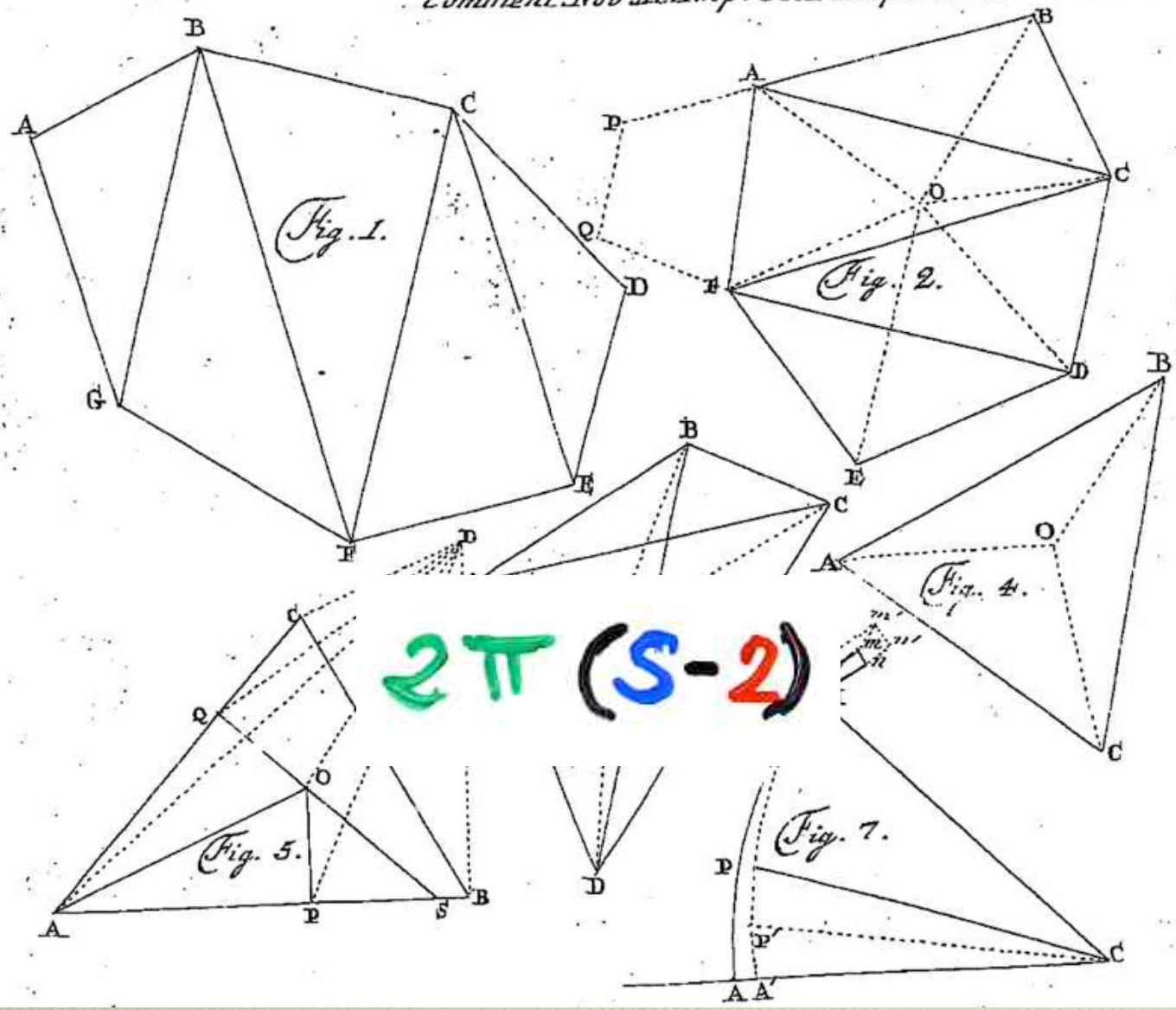
die folgende leicht gefunden wird. Die Induction aber, so ich gebraucht, war ziemlich mühsam, doch zweifle ich nicht, dass diese Sach nicht sollte weit leichter entwickelt werden können.

Ueber die Progression der Zahlen 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, 132, etc. habe ich auch diese Eigenschaft angemerket,

dass  $1 + 2a + 5a^2 + 14a^3 + 42a^4 + 132a^5 + \text{etc.} = \frac{1 - 2a - \sqrt{1 - 4a}}{2aa}$ . Also wenn  $a = \frac{1}{4}$ , so ist

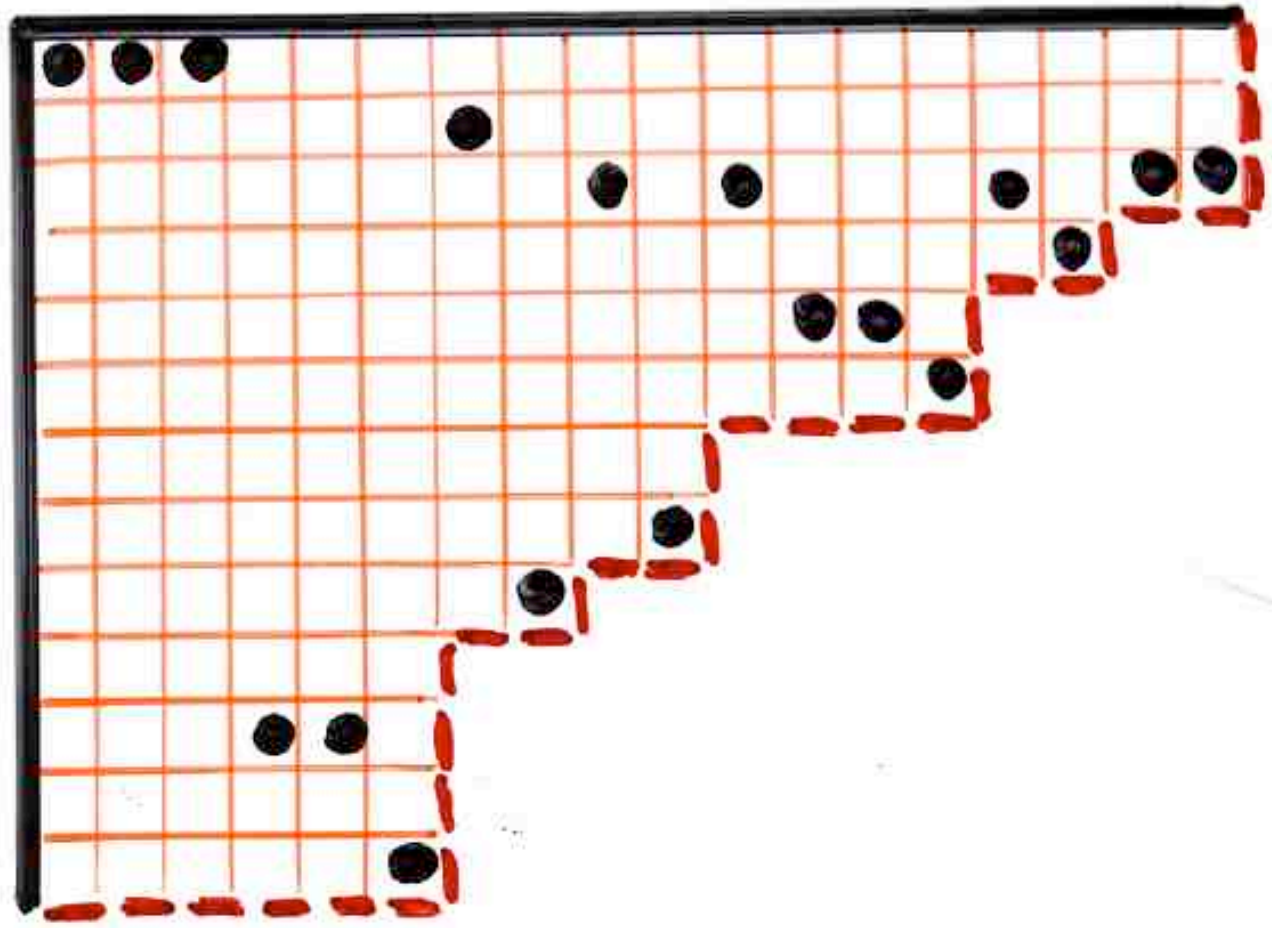
$$1 + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{5}{4^2} + \frac{14}{4^3} + \frac{42}{4^4} + \text{etc.} = 4.$$

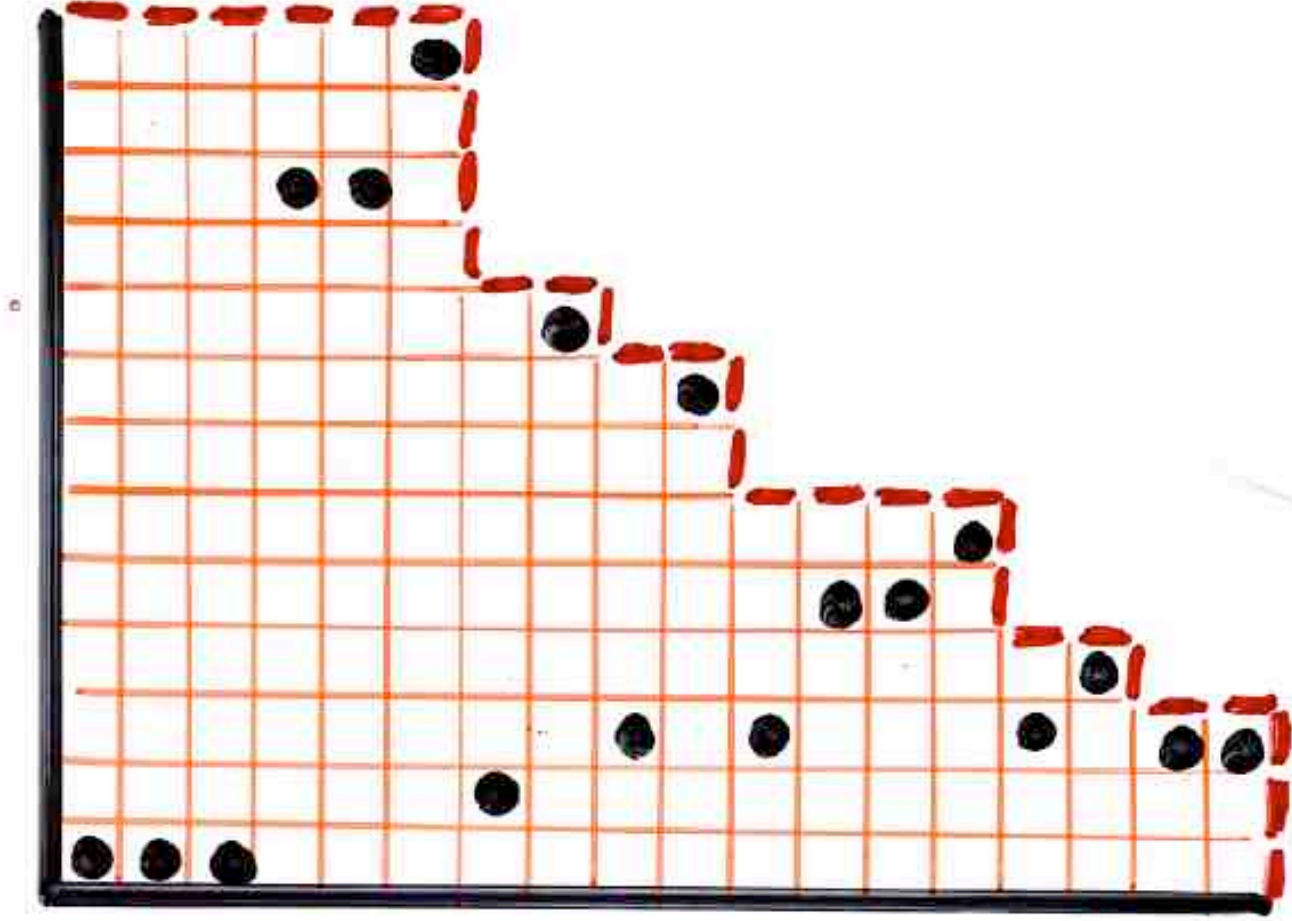
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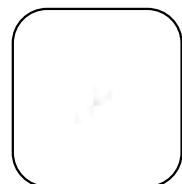
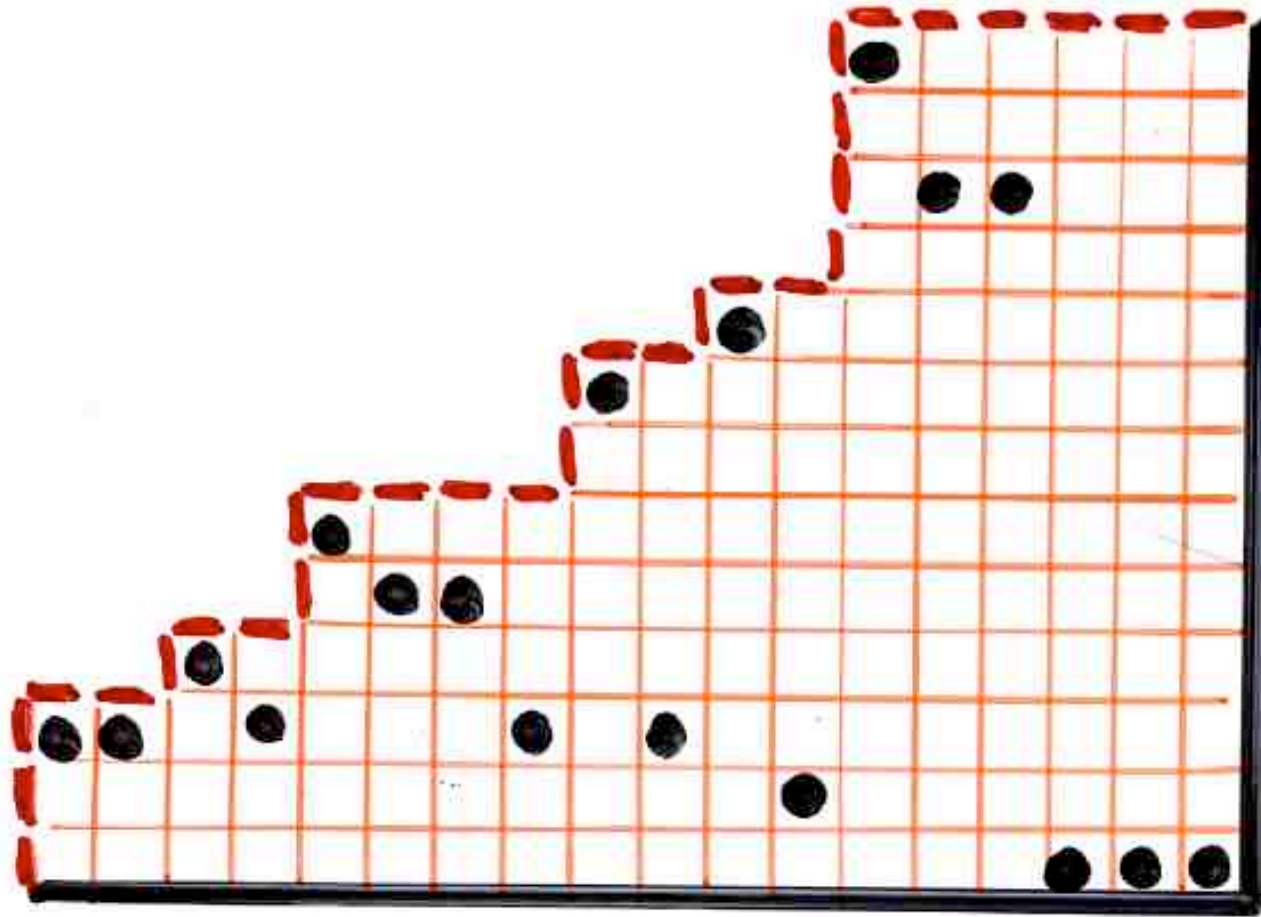


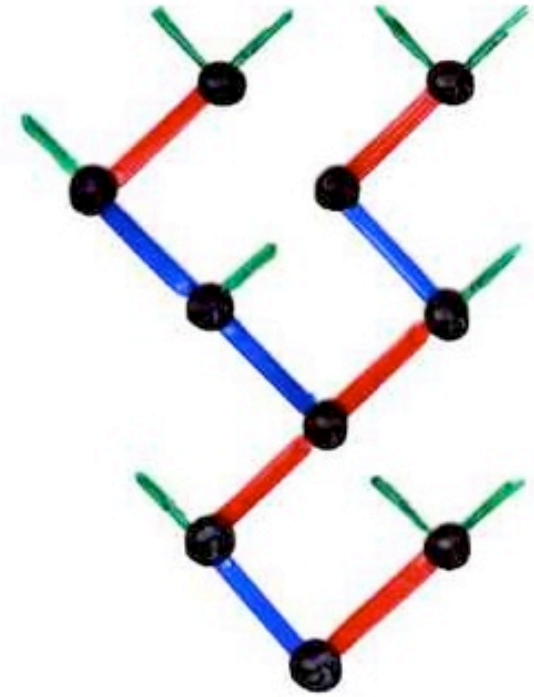
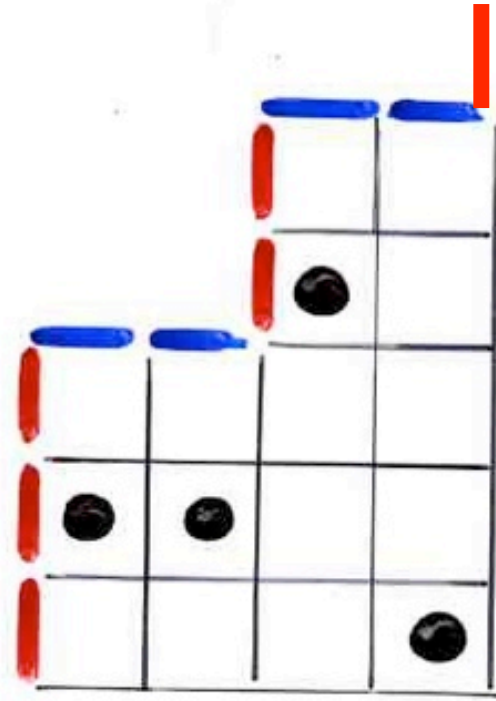
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Journées Pierre Leroux

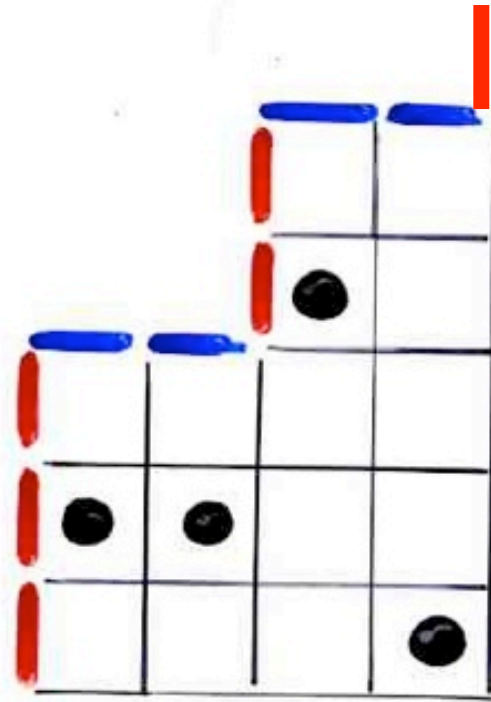
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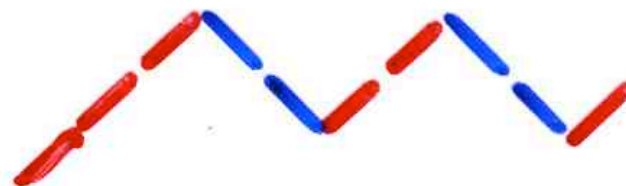
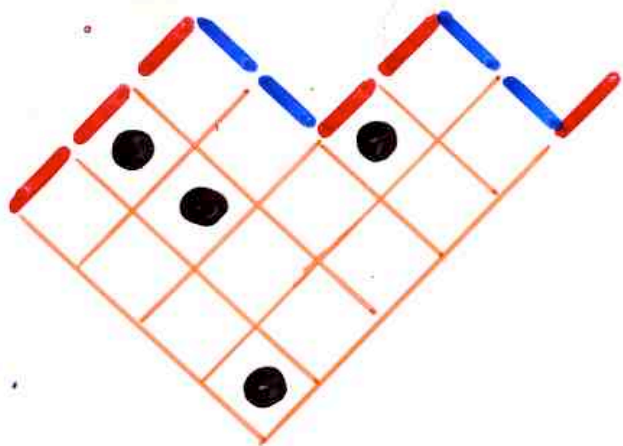


the “binary trees sliding” algorithm  
Catalan tableaux  $\longleftrightarrow$  binary trees

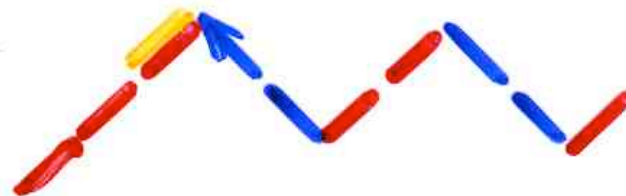
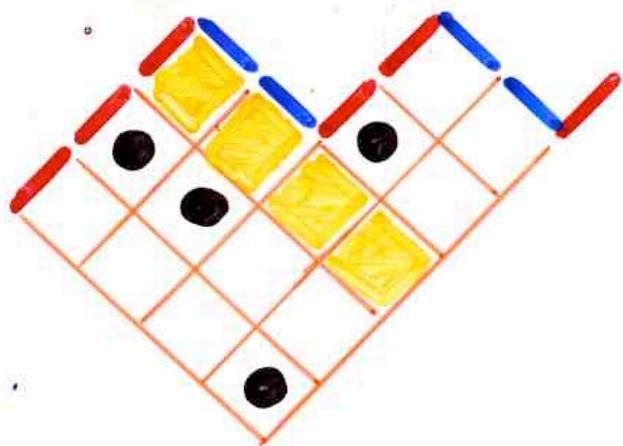


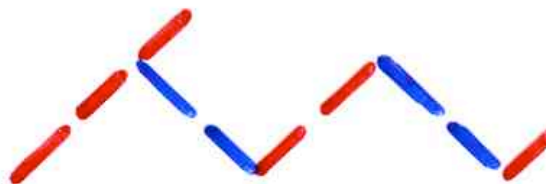
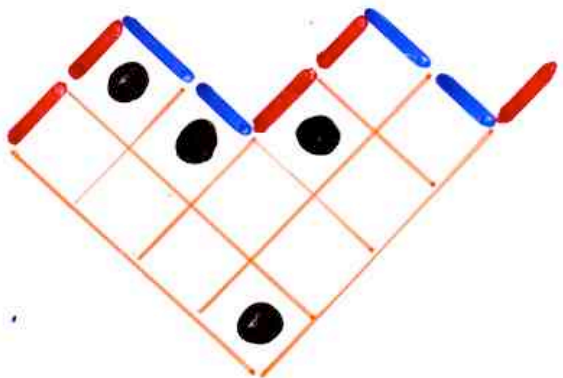
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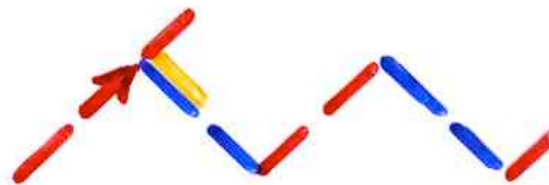
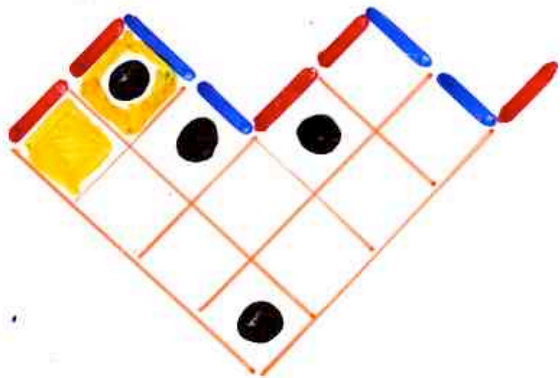


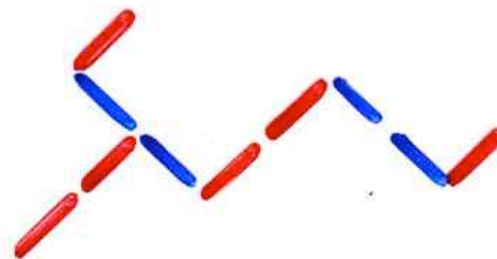
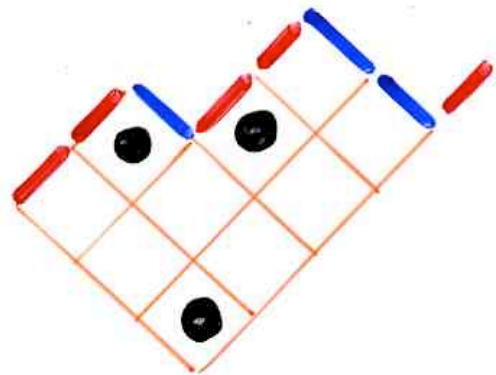


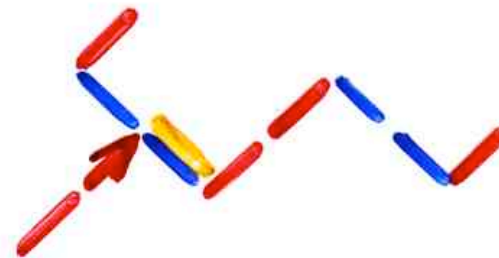
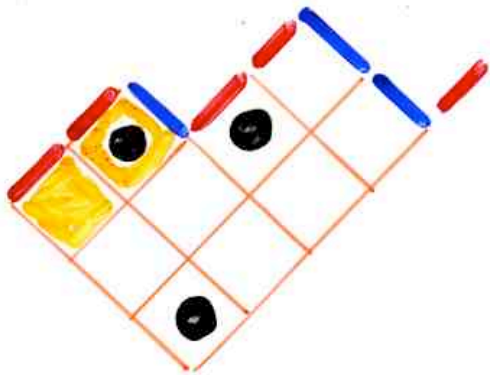


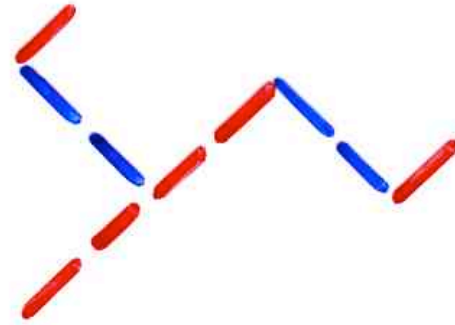
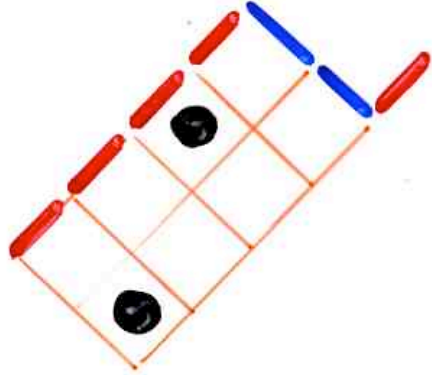


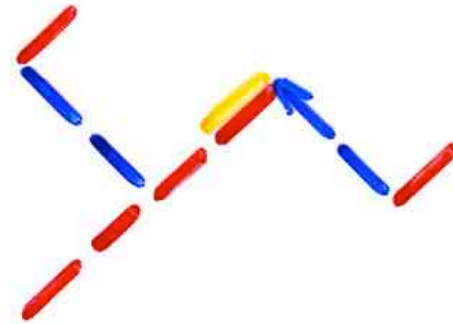
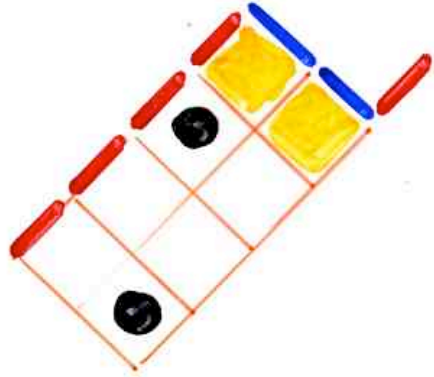


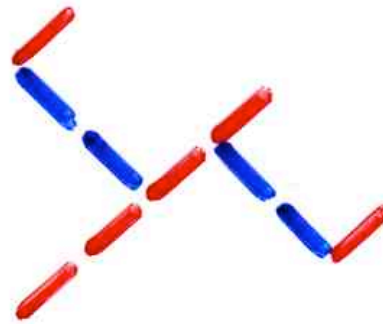
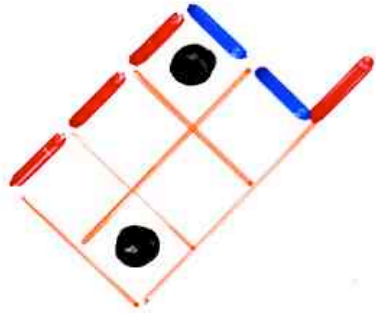




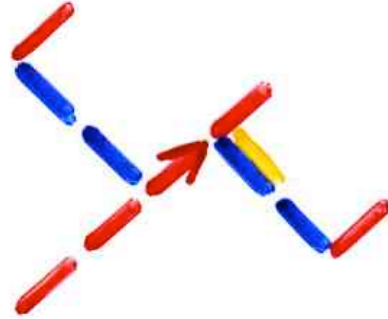


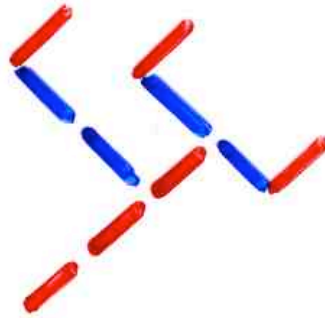
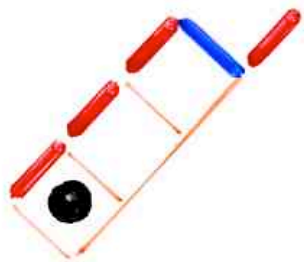


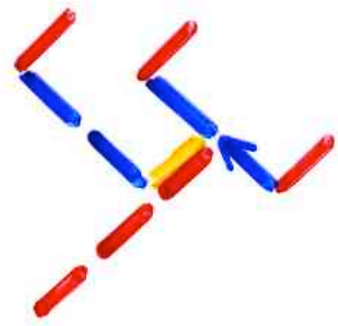


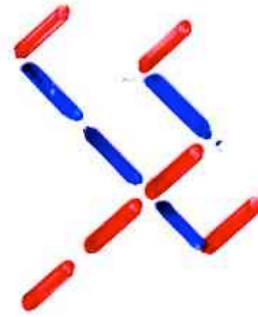
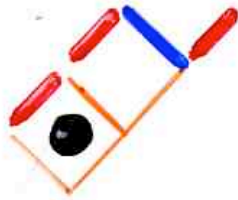


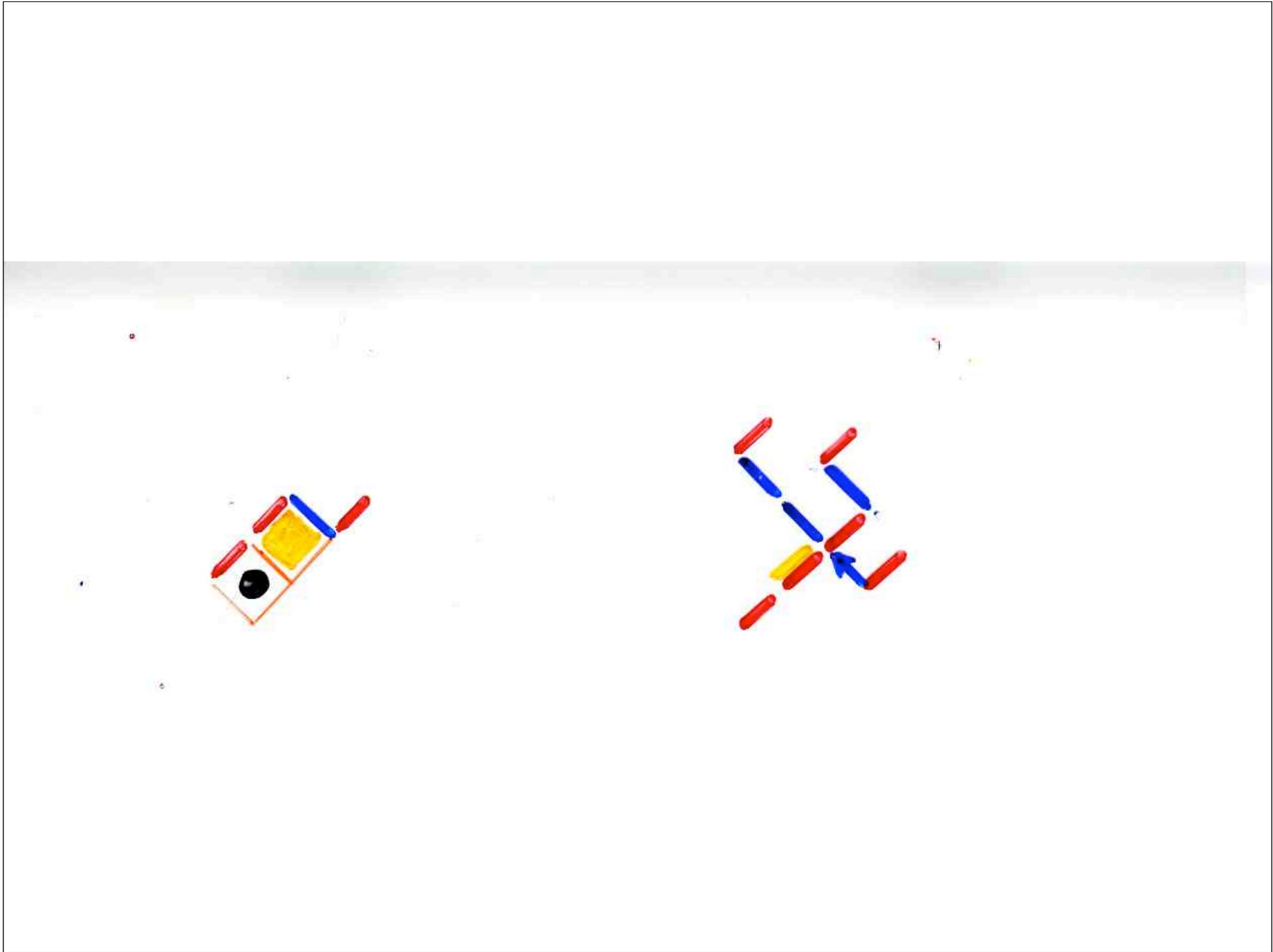


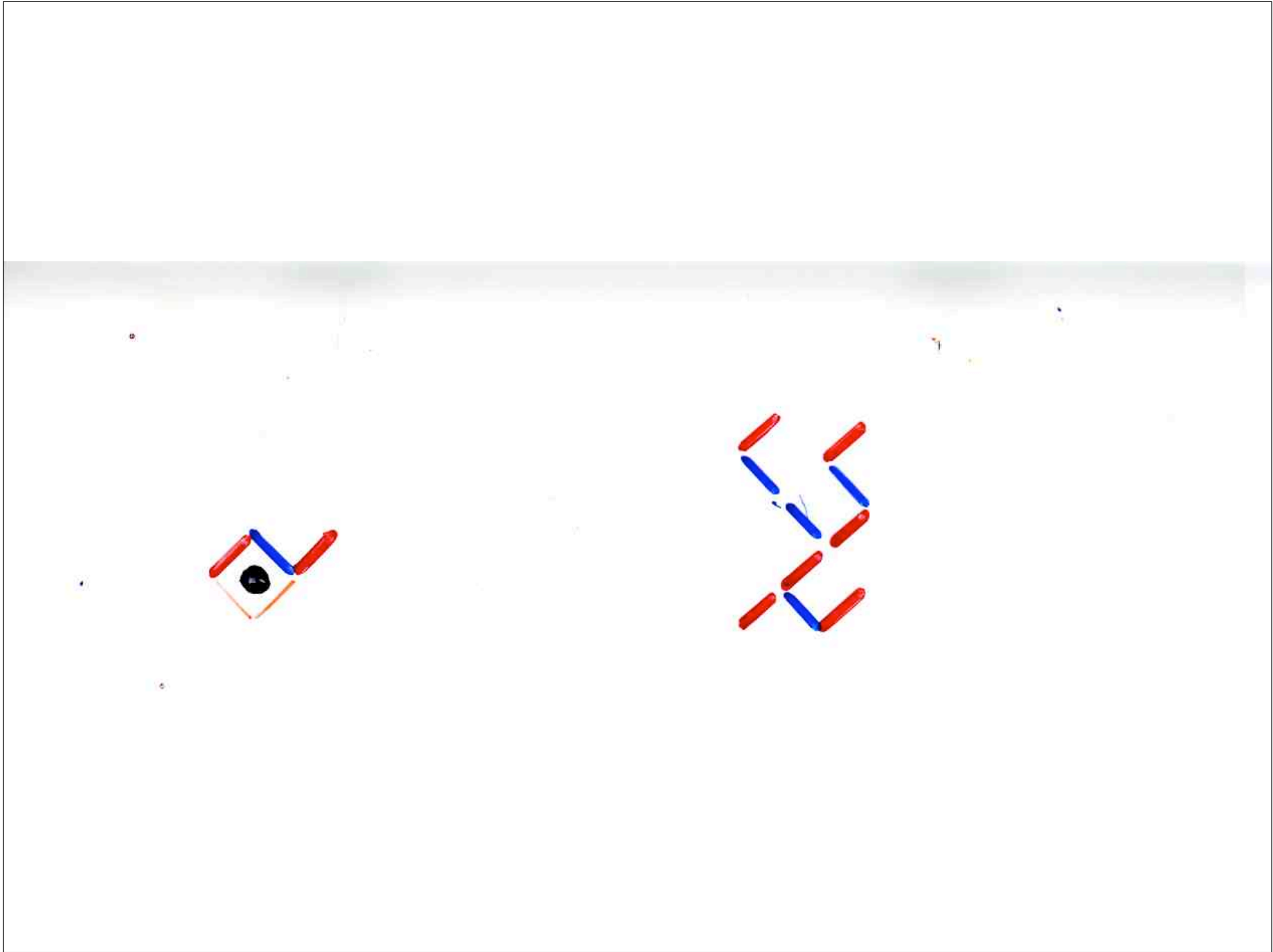


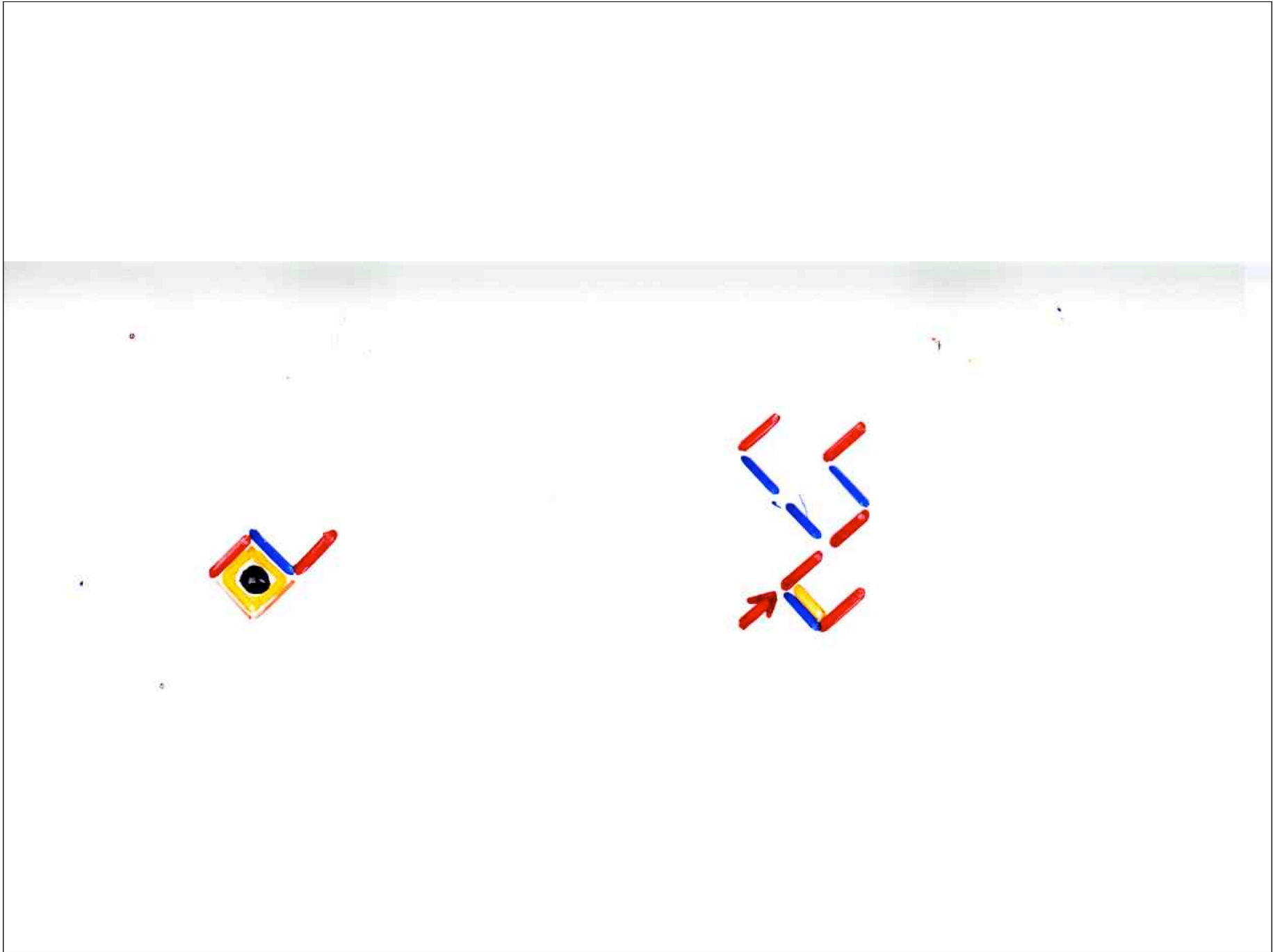


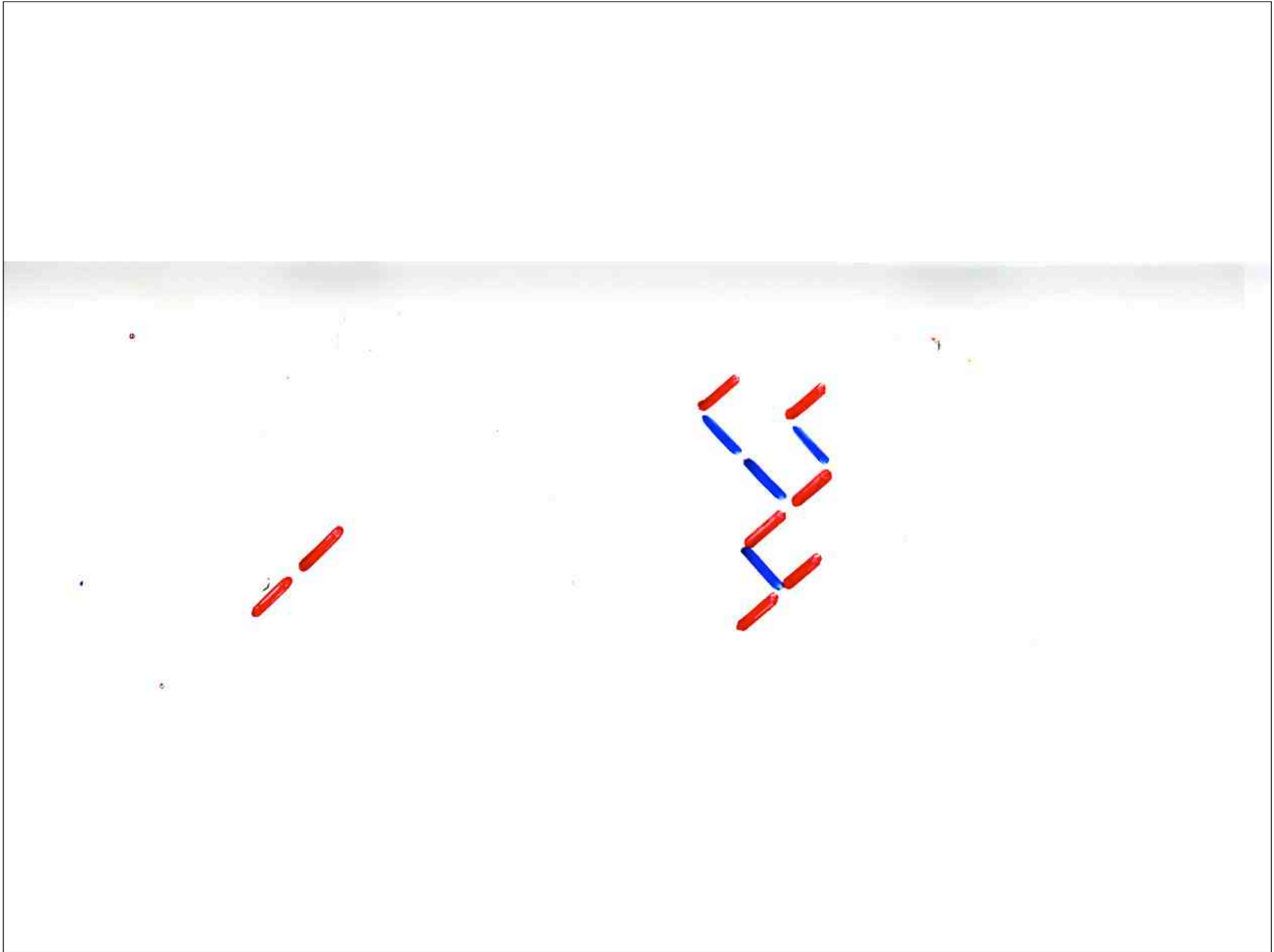




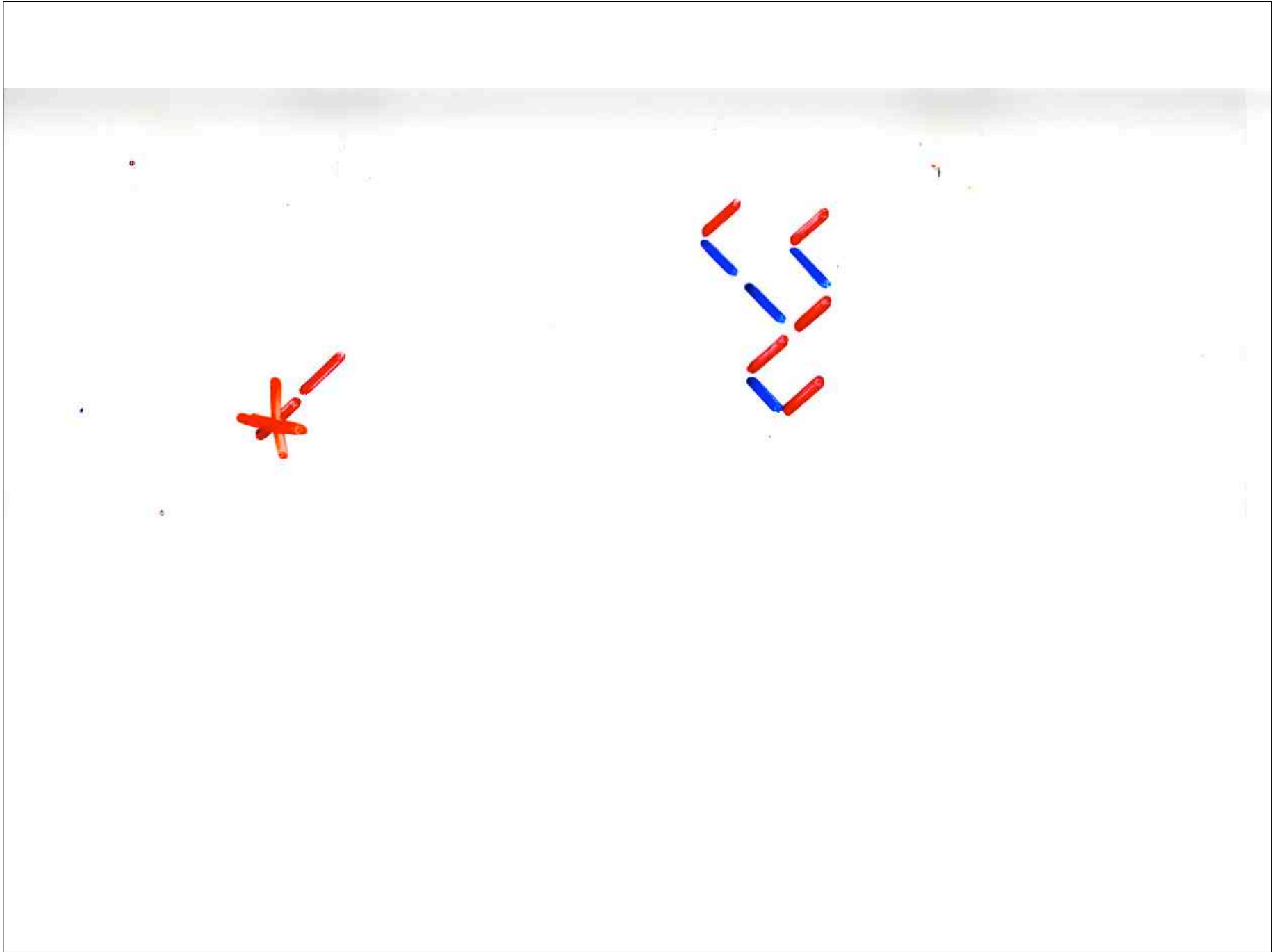


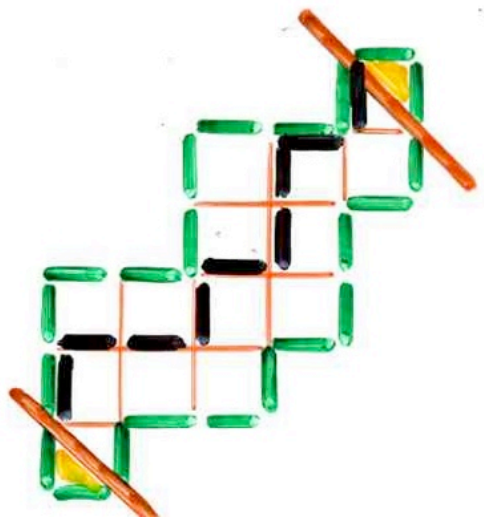
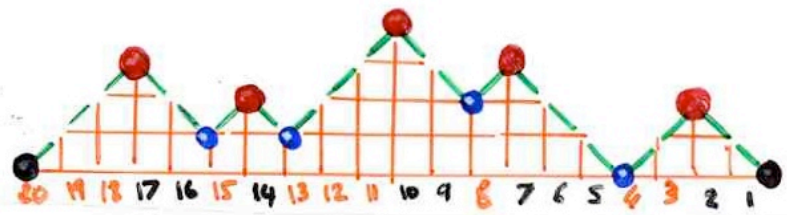
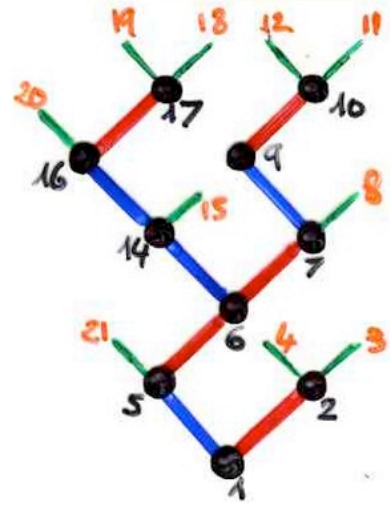
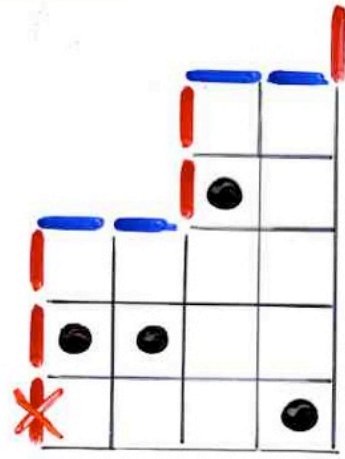












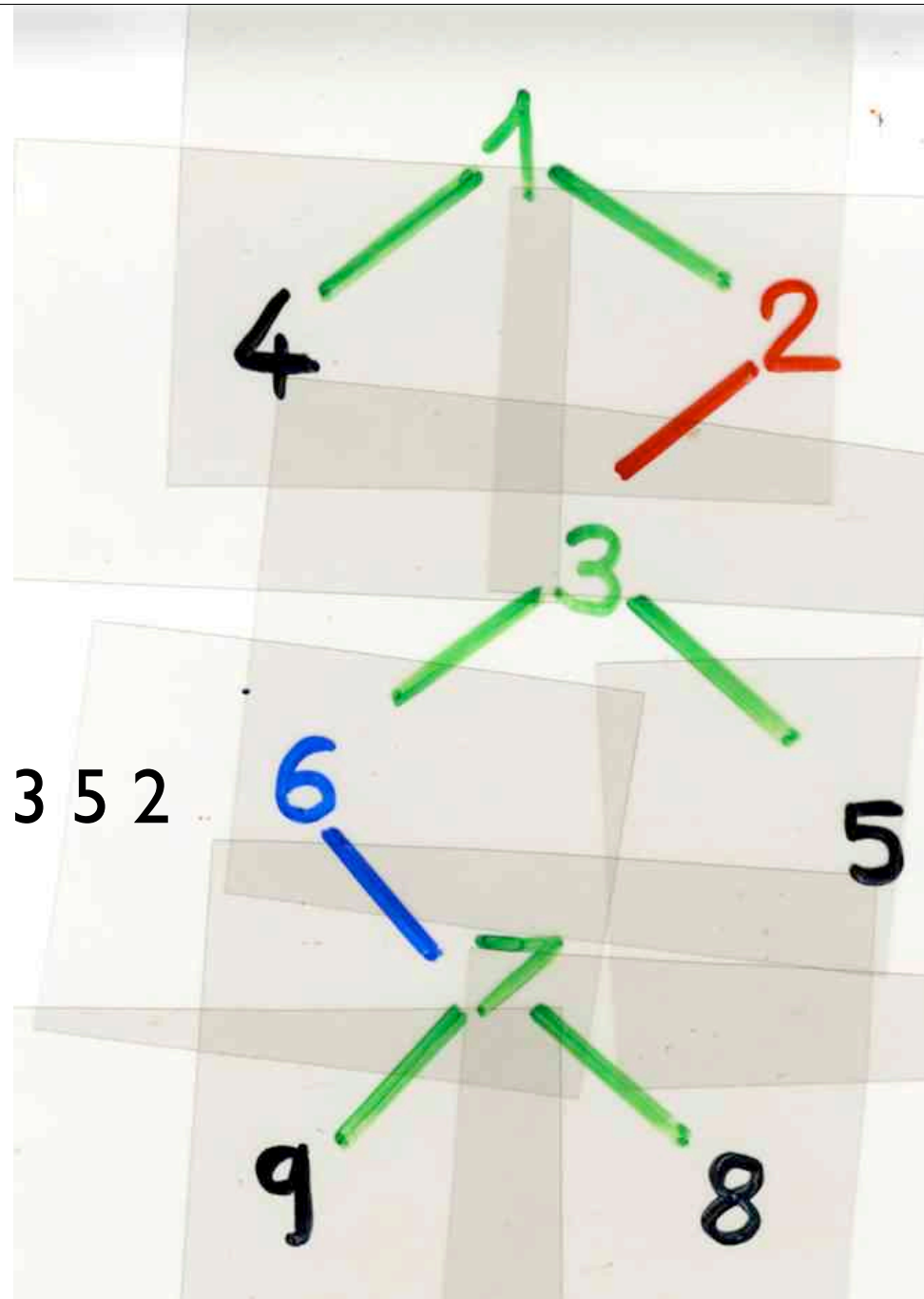
The bijection presented at Tienjin FPSAC'07 between **binary trees** and “**Catalan permutation tableaux**”, once rewritten in term in terms of “**Catalan alternating tableaux**” (which is immediate to do), can be viewed as a particular case of the inverse of the “**exchange-fusion**” algorithm.

This “**binary tree sliding algorithm**” can be extended to permutations and gives a bijection between **alternative tableaux** and a new kind of **binary trees** introduced by P. Nadeau in his forthcoming paper under the name of “**alternative binary tree**”

P. Nadeau “**alternative binary tree**”

“increasing  
binary tree”  
and  
associated  
permutation

4 1 6 9 7 8 3 5 2





§12

an alternative  
approach to  
alternating  
sign matrices

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 } row  
column

	Blue			
Blue	Red		Blue	
	Blue		Red	Blue
			Blue	
		Blue		

**Alternating sign matrices: at the crossroads  
of algebra, combinatorics and physics",**

colloquium au CMUC (Centro de Matematica da  
Universidade do Coimbra), Portugal,  
26 Sept 2008, 17 h



$A, A', B, B'$

commutations

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

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

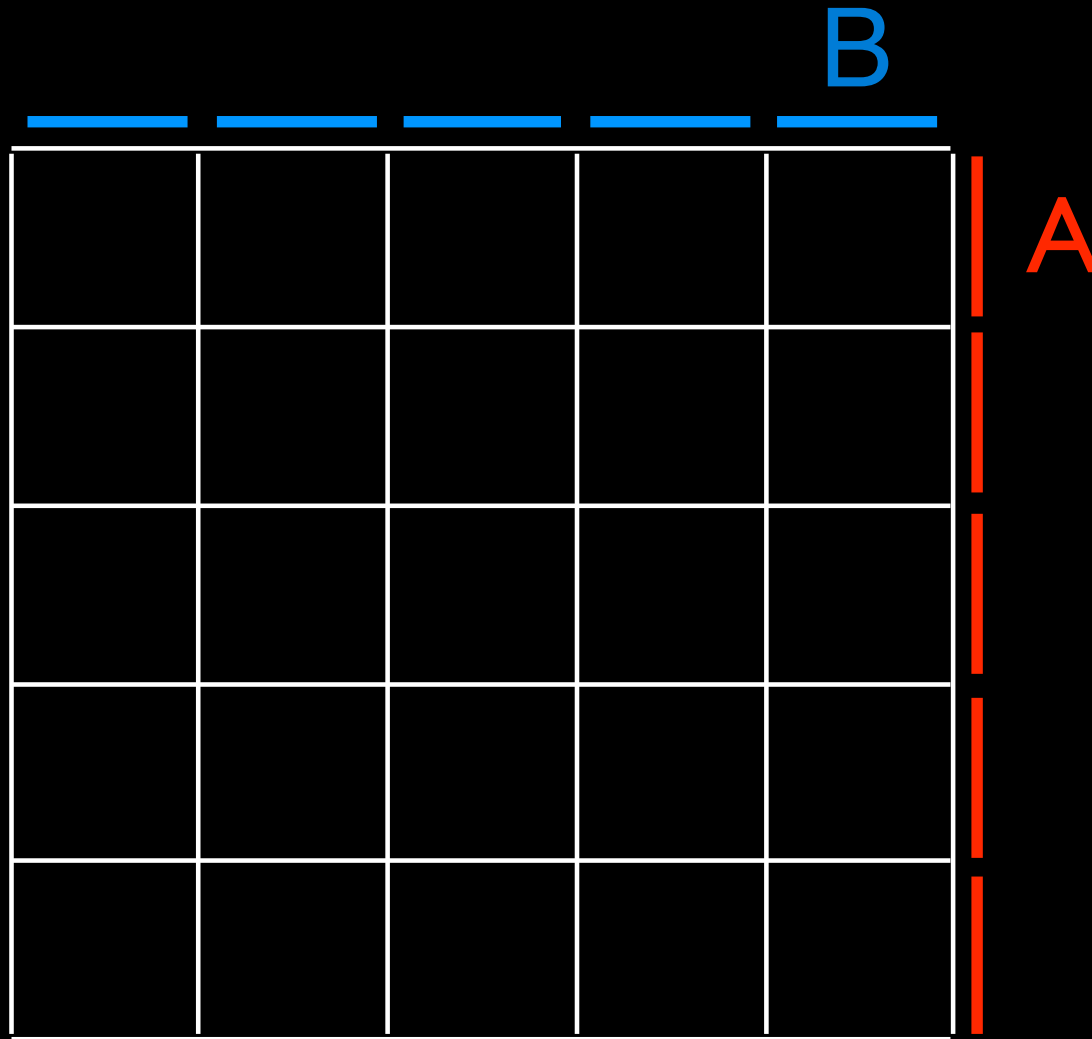
Lemma. Any word  $w(A, A', B, B')$   
 in letters  $A, A', B, B'$ ,  
 can be uniquely written

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

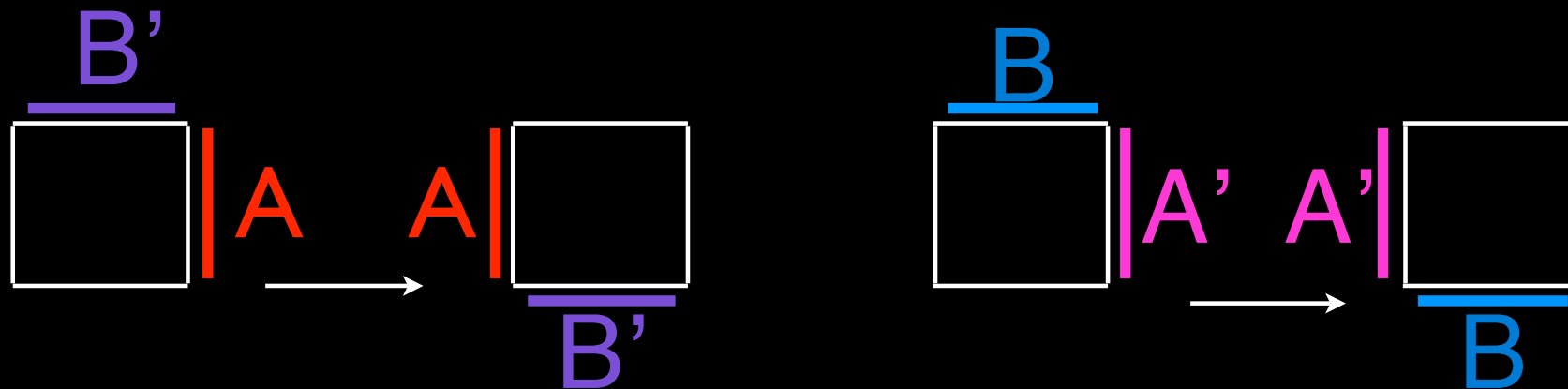
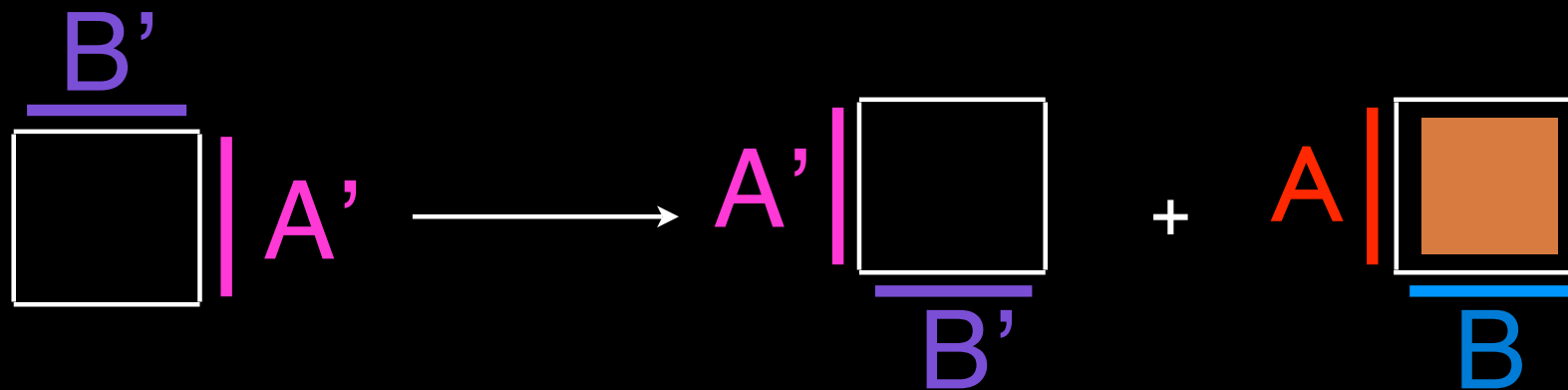
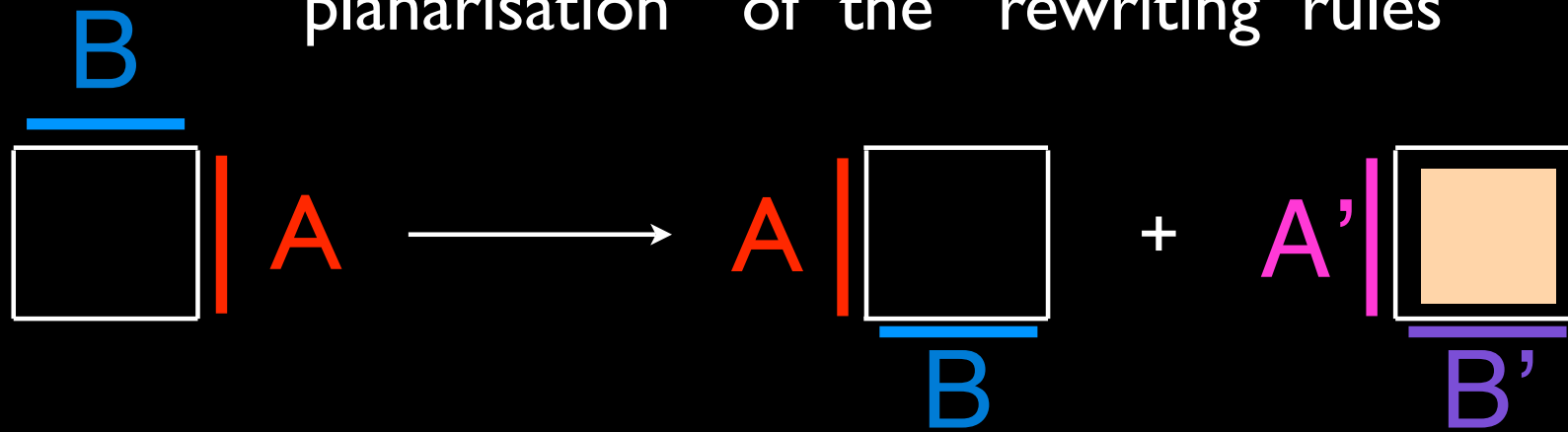
Prop. For  $w = B^n A^n$   
 $u = A'^n$ ,  $v = B'^n$

$c(u, v; w)$  = the number of  $n \times n$  ASM (alternating sign matrices)

“planar”  
proof:



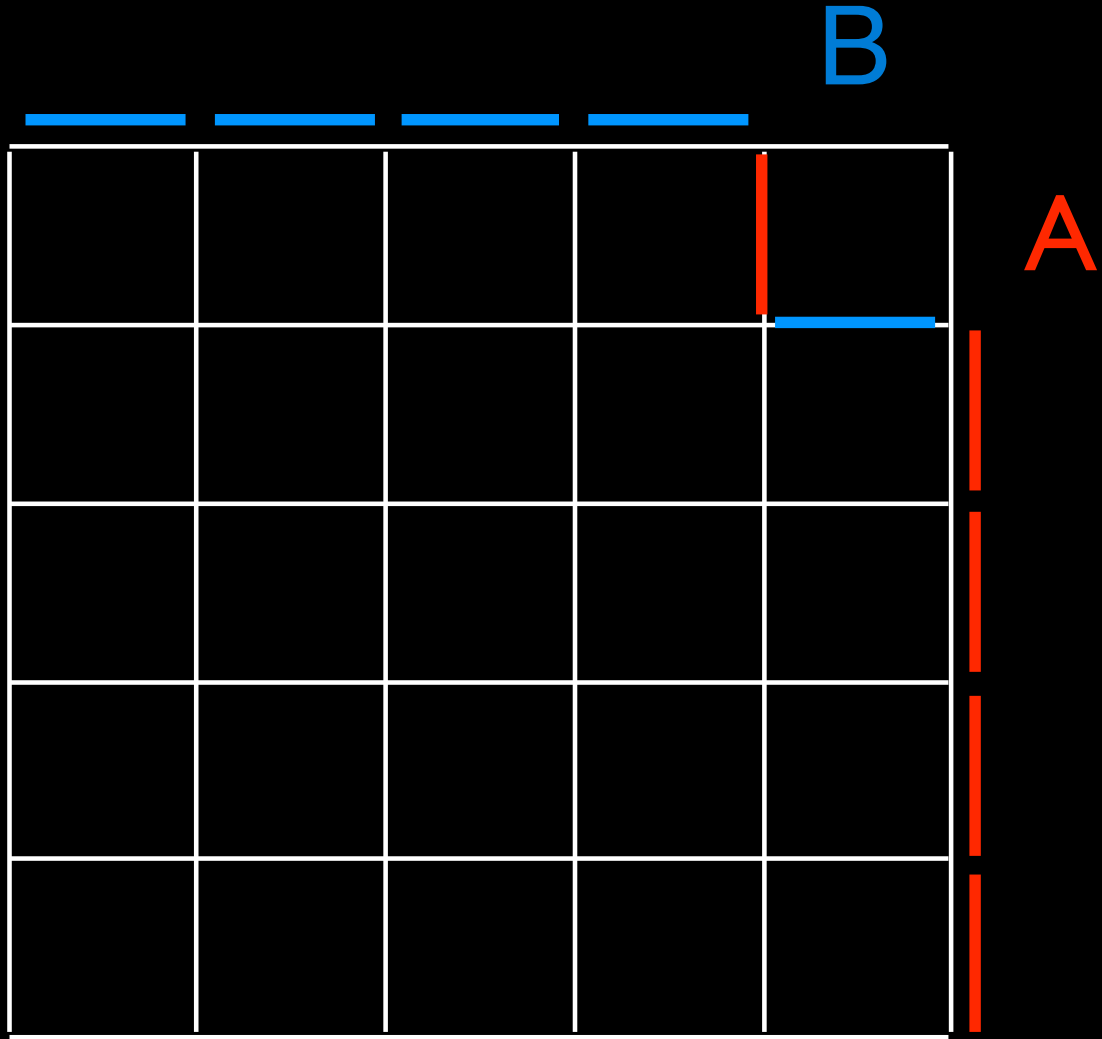
“planarisation” of the “rewriting rules”



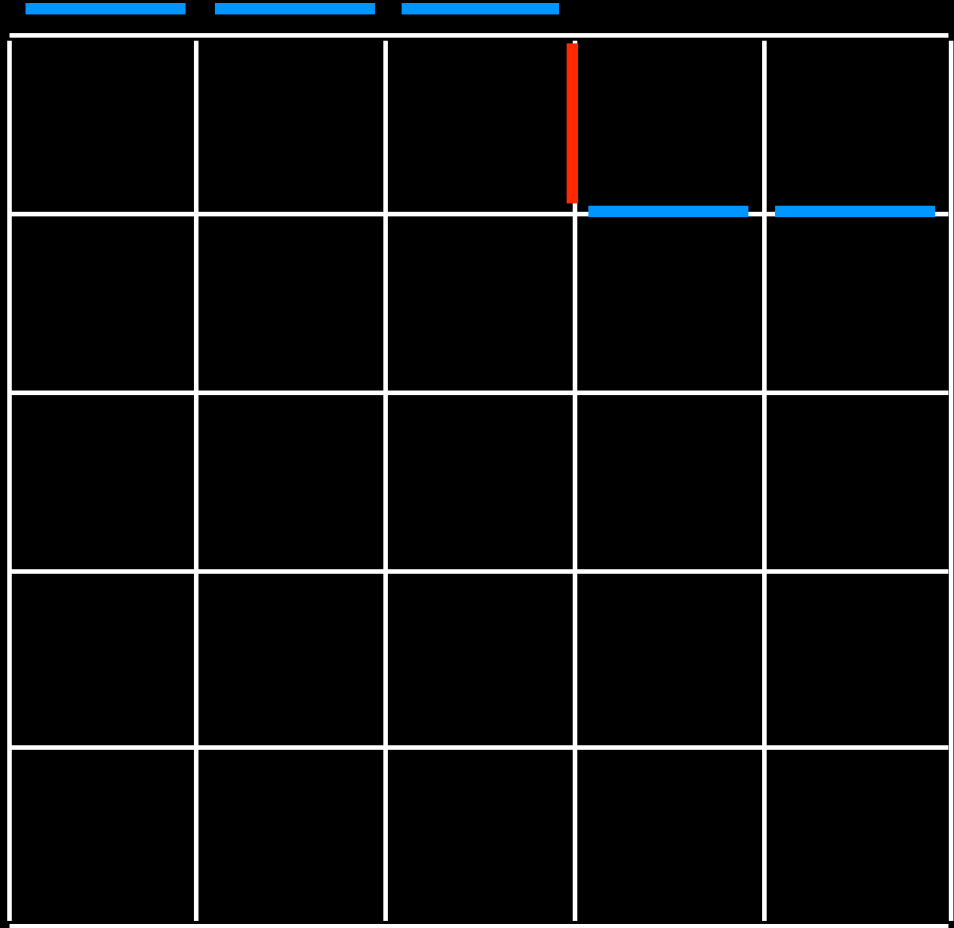
A 5x5 grid of white lines on a black background. Above the grid is a blue dashed line. To the right of the grid is an orange dashed line.


B

A



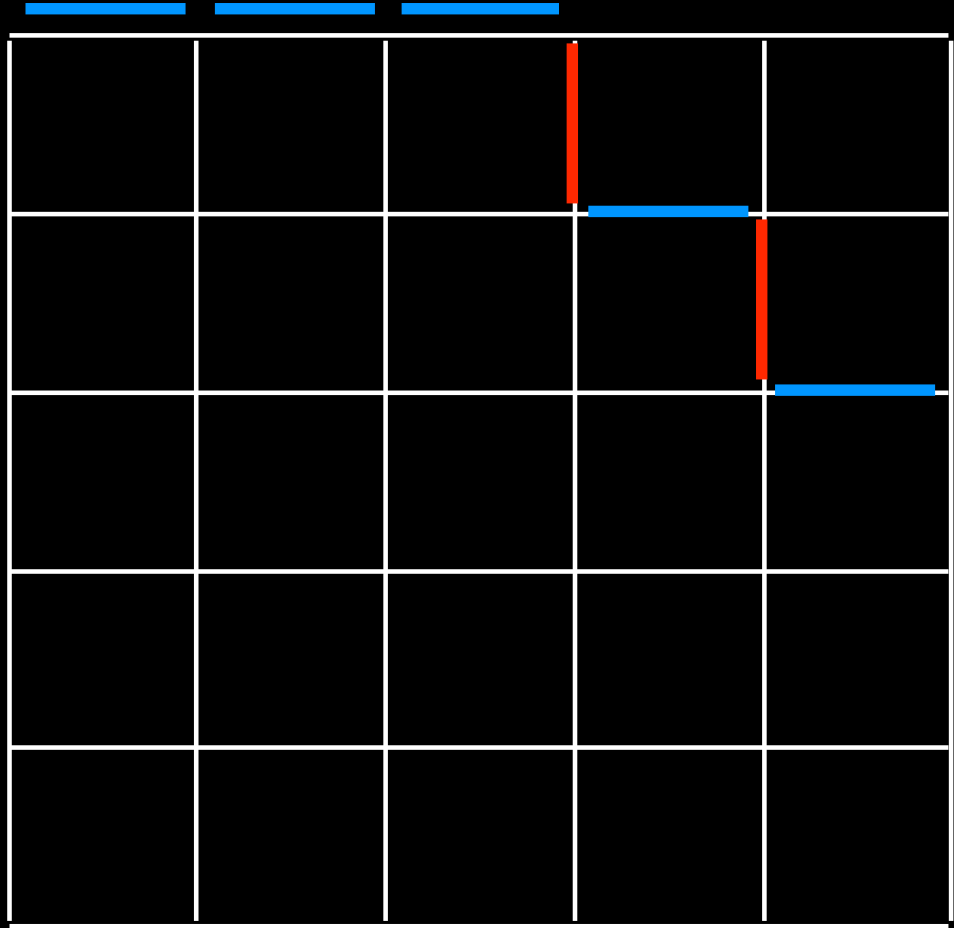
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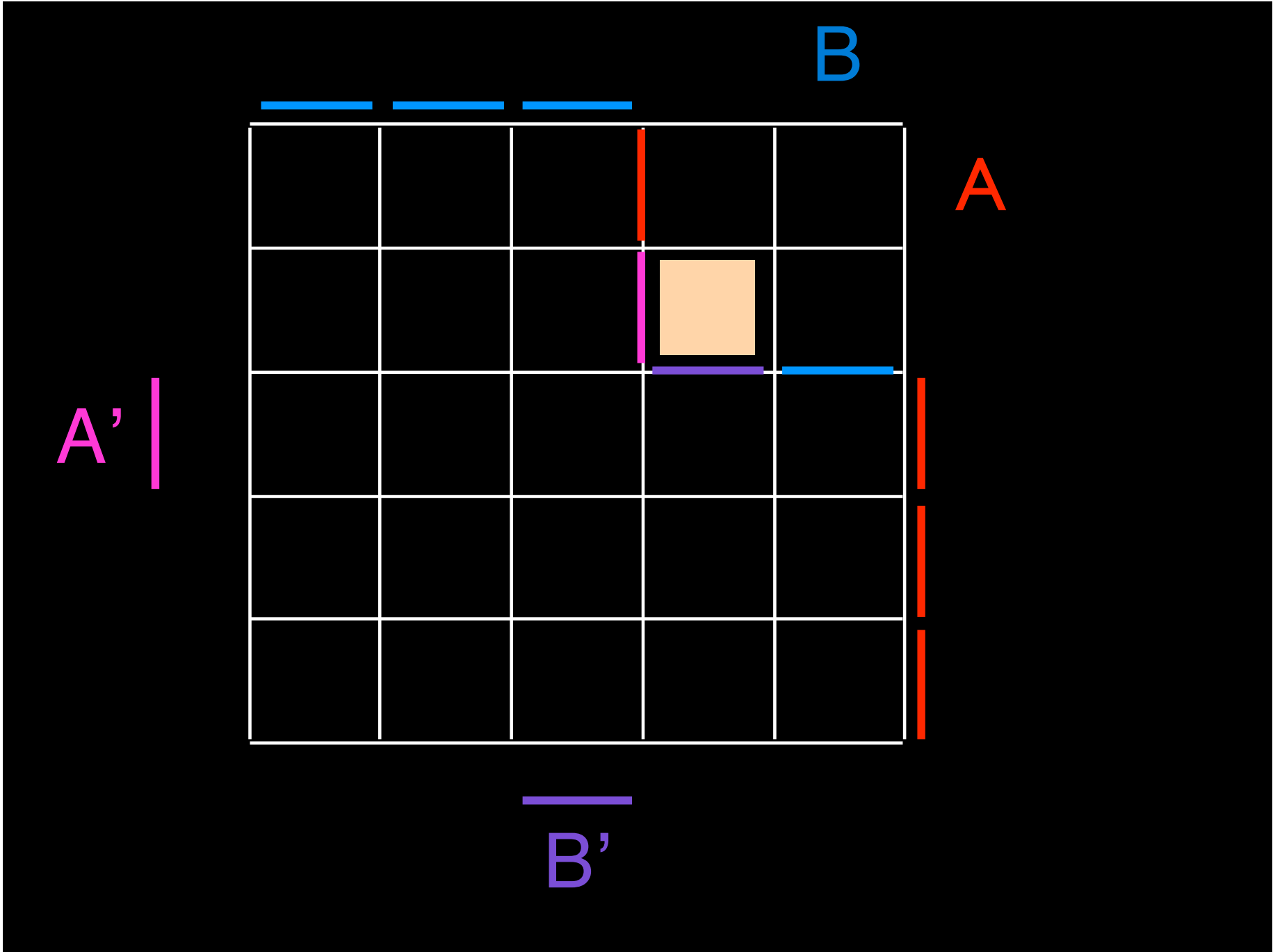


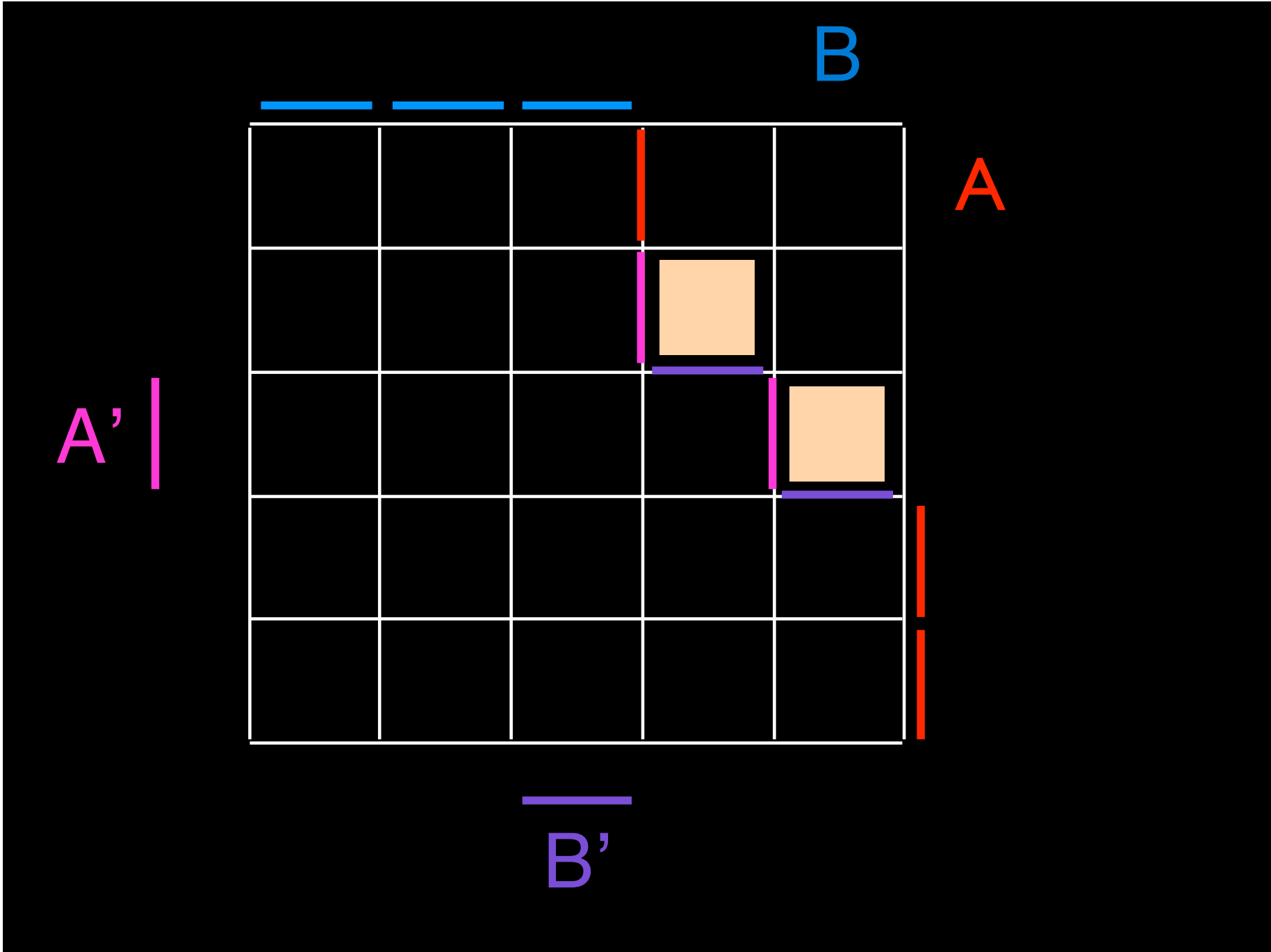
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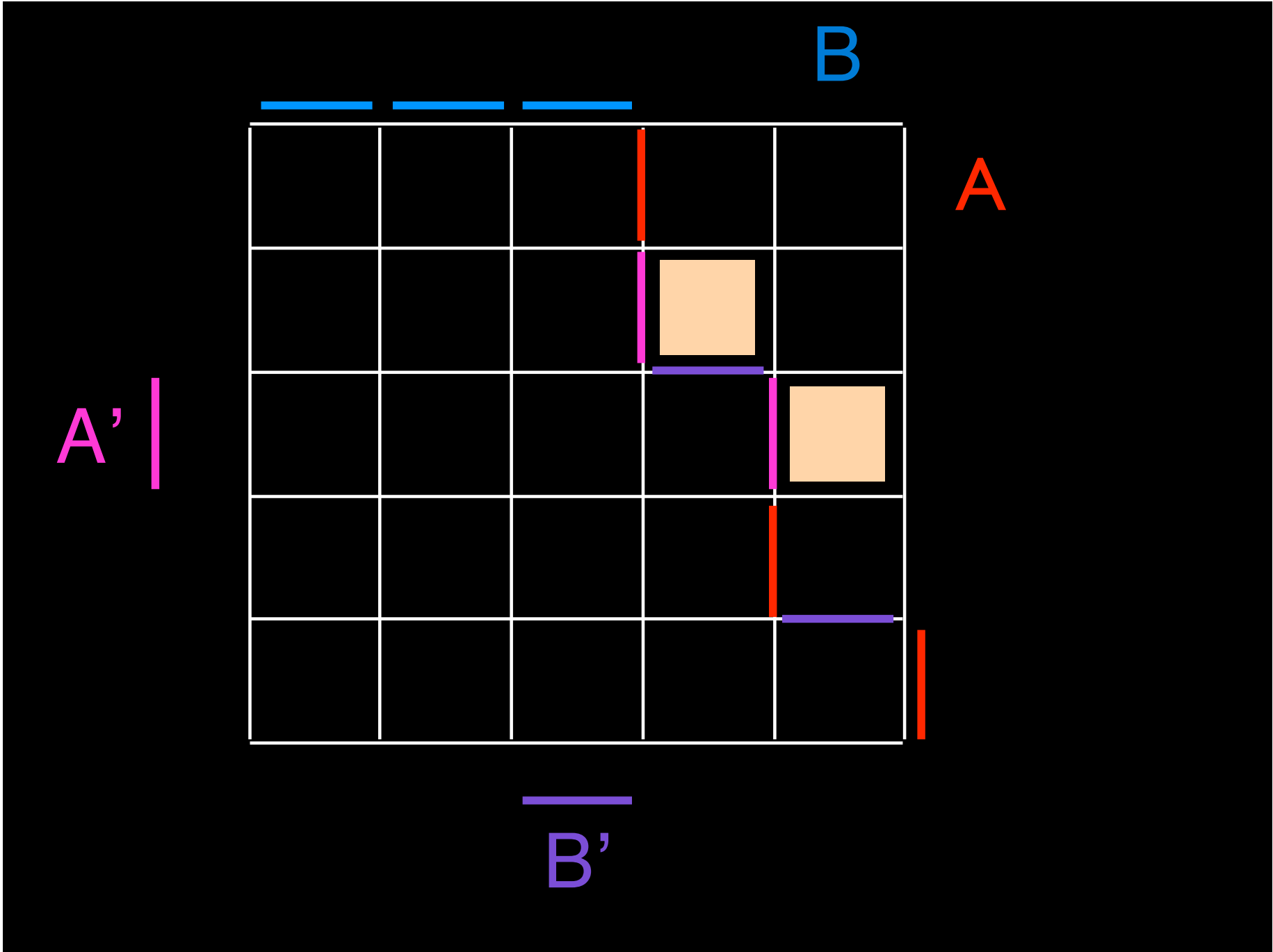


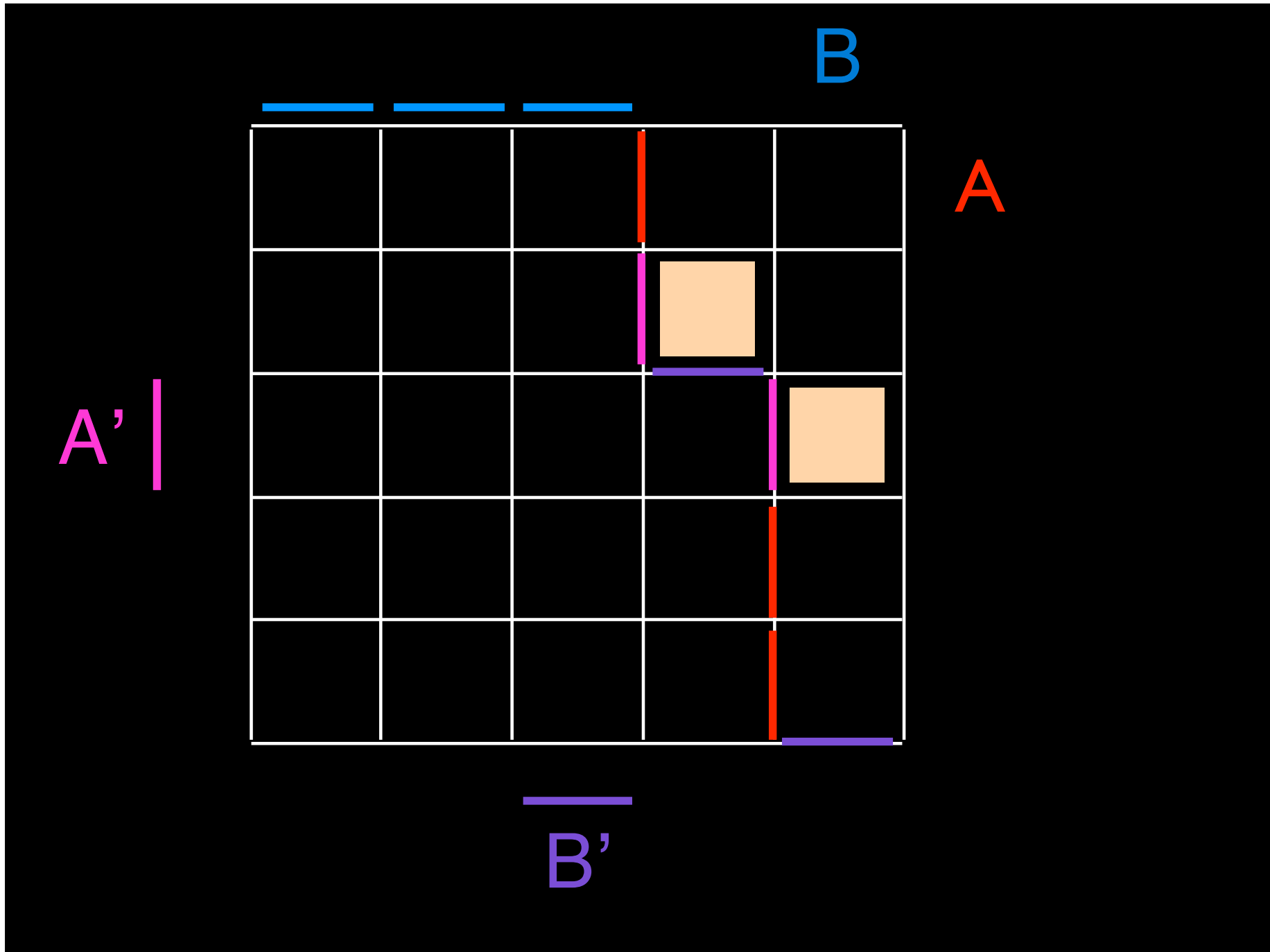
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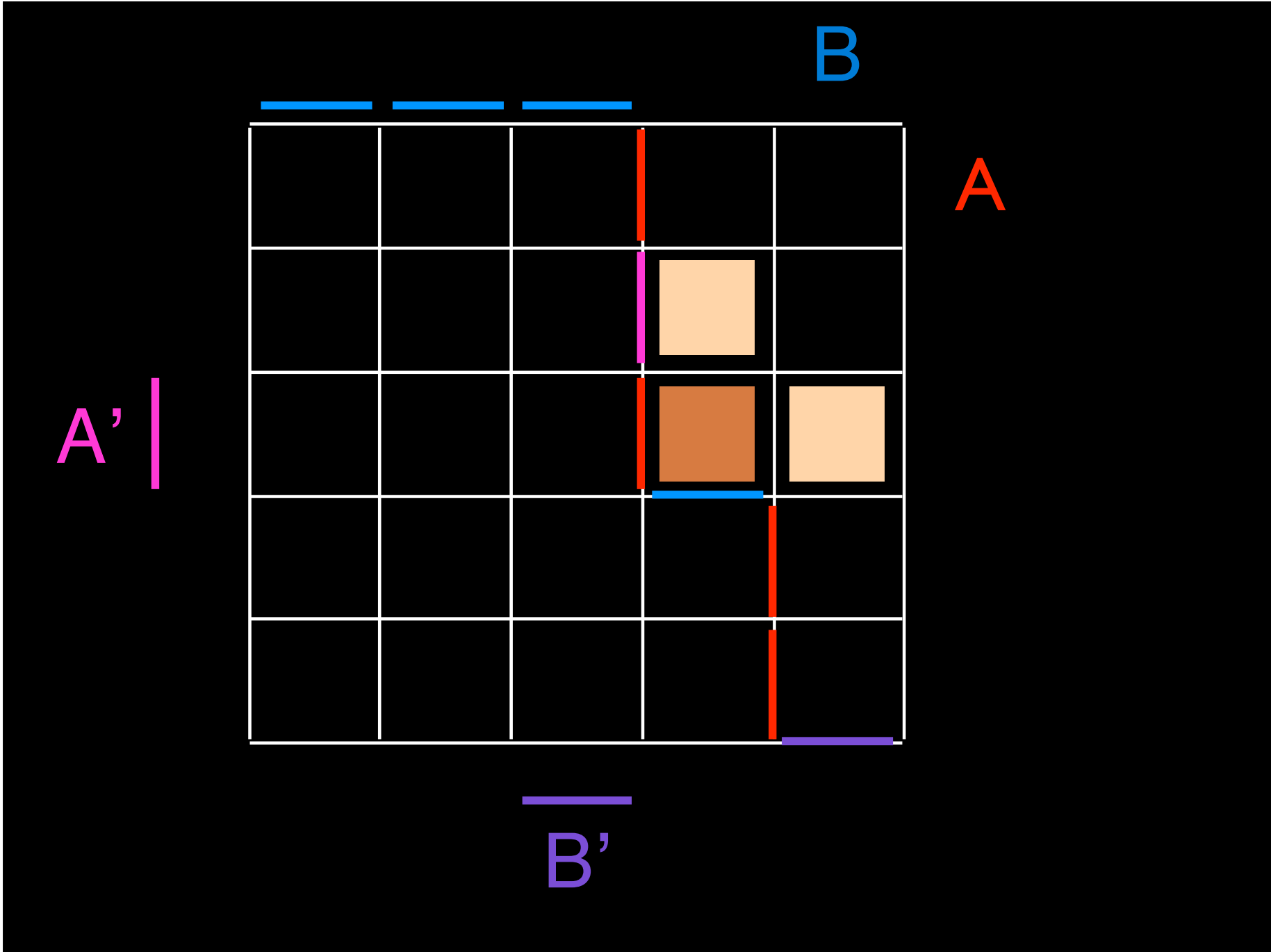


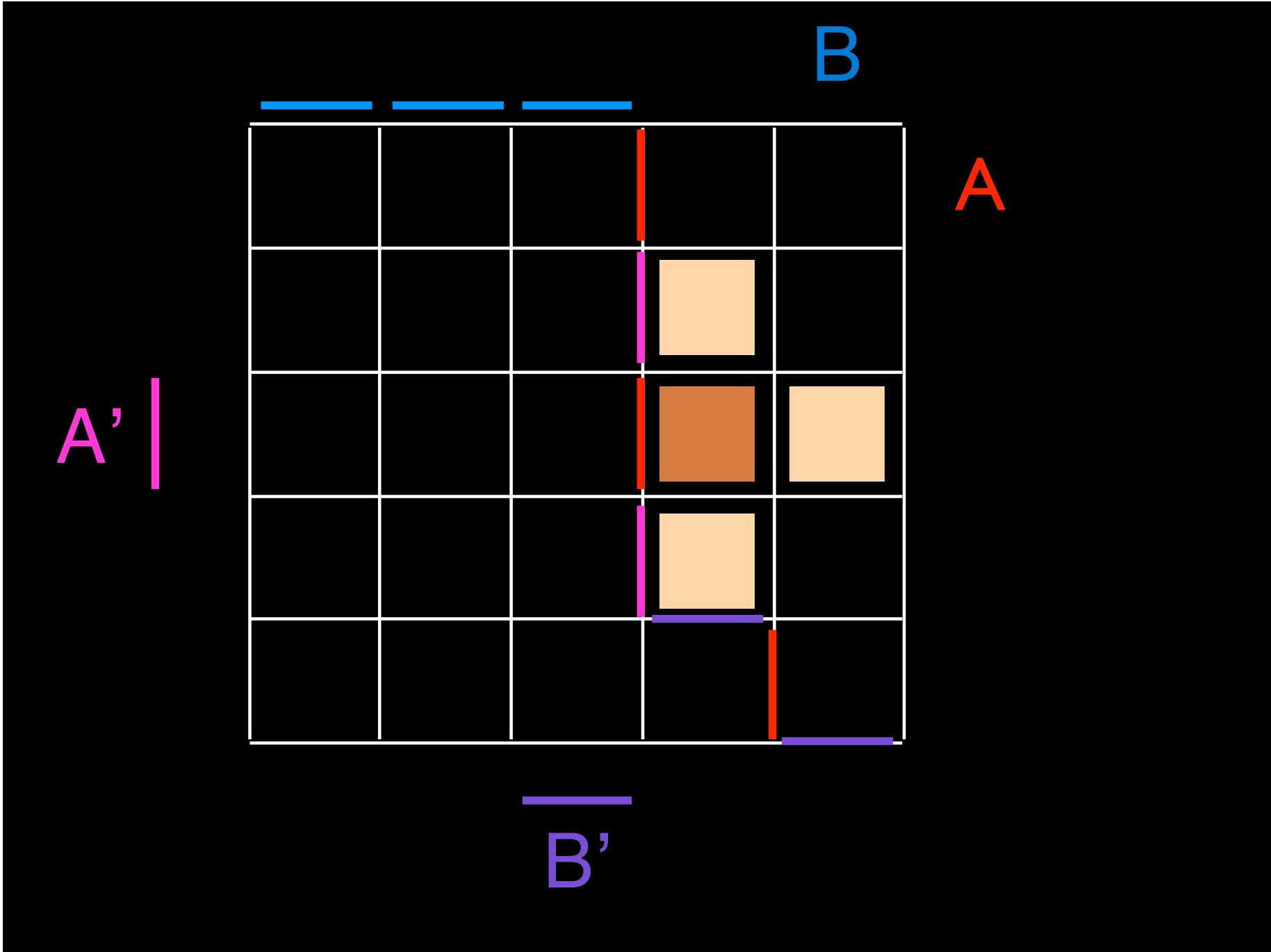


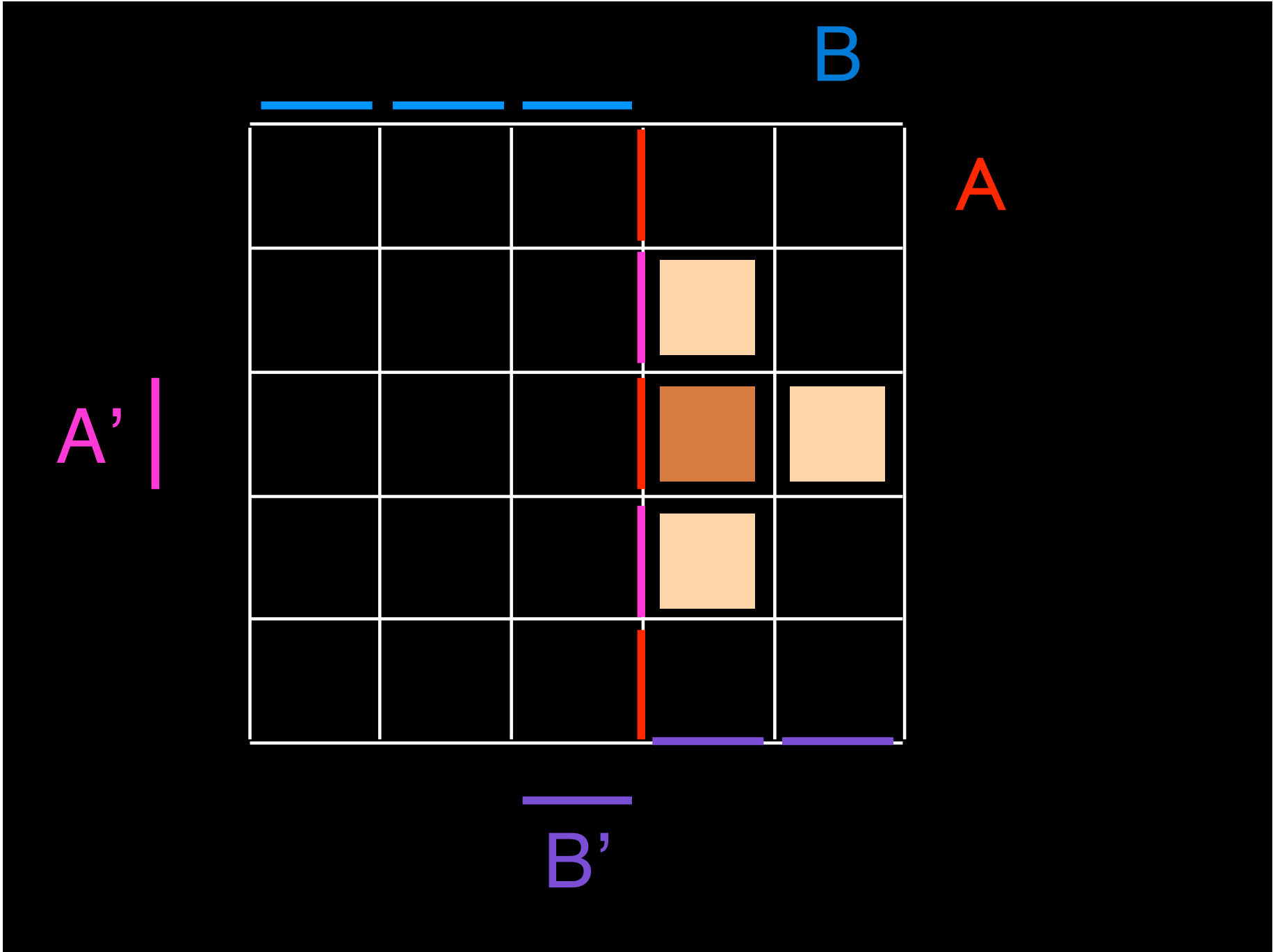


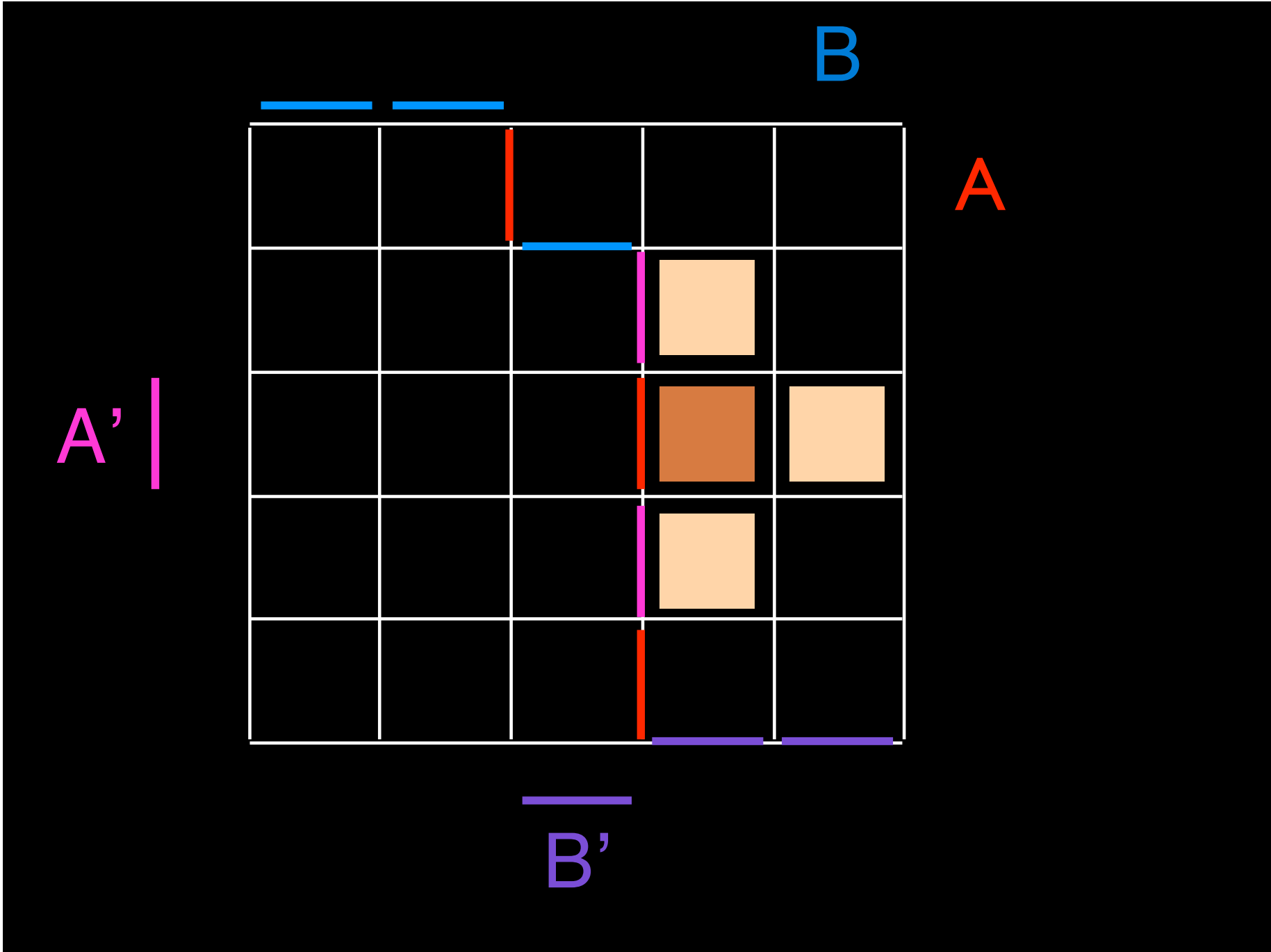




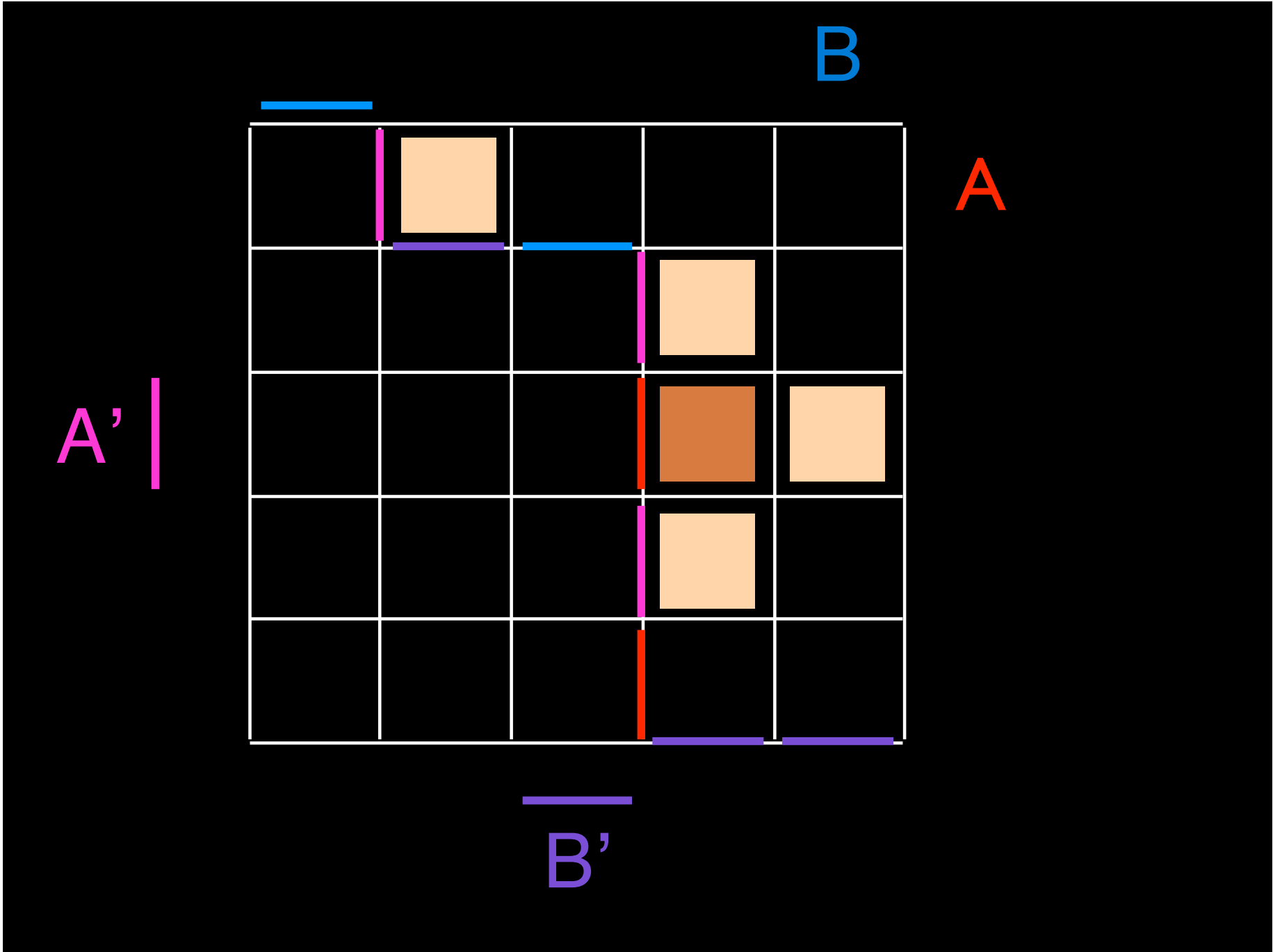


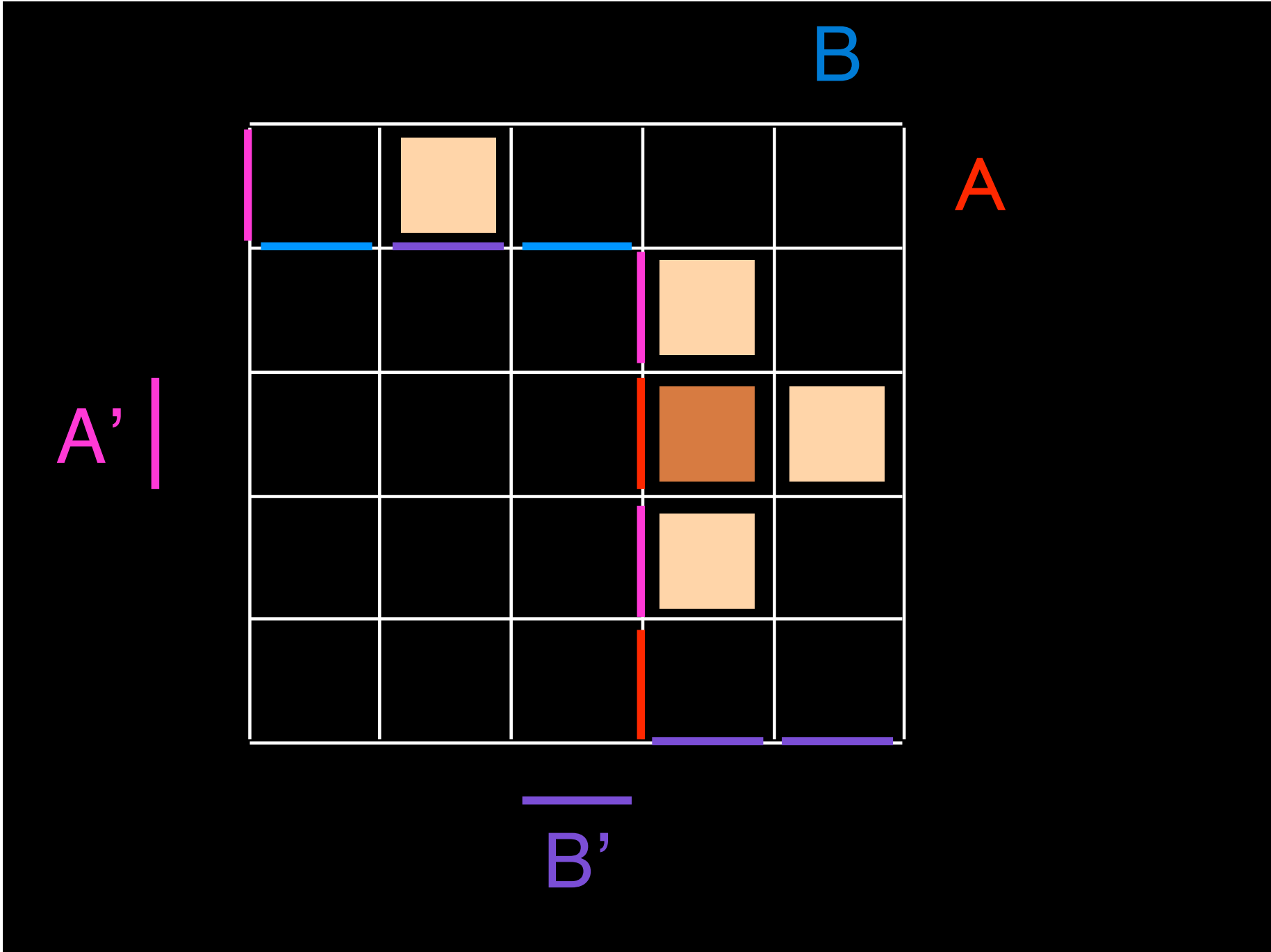


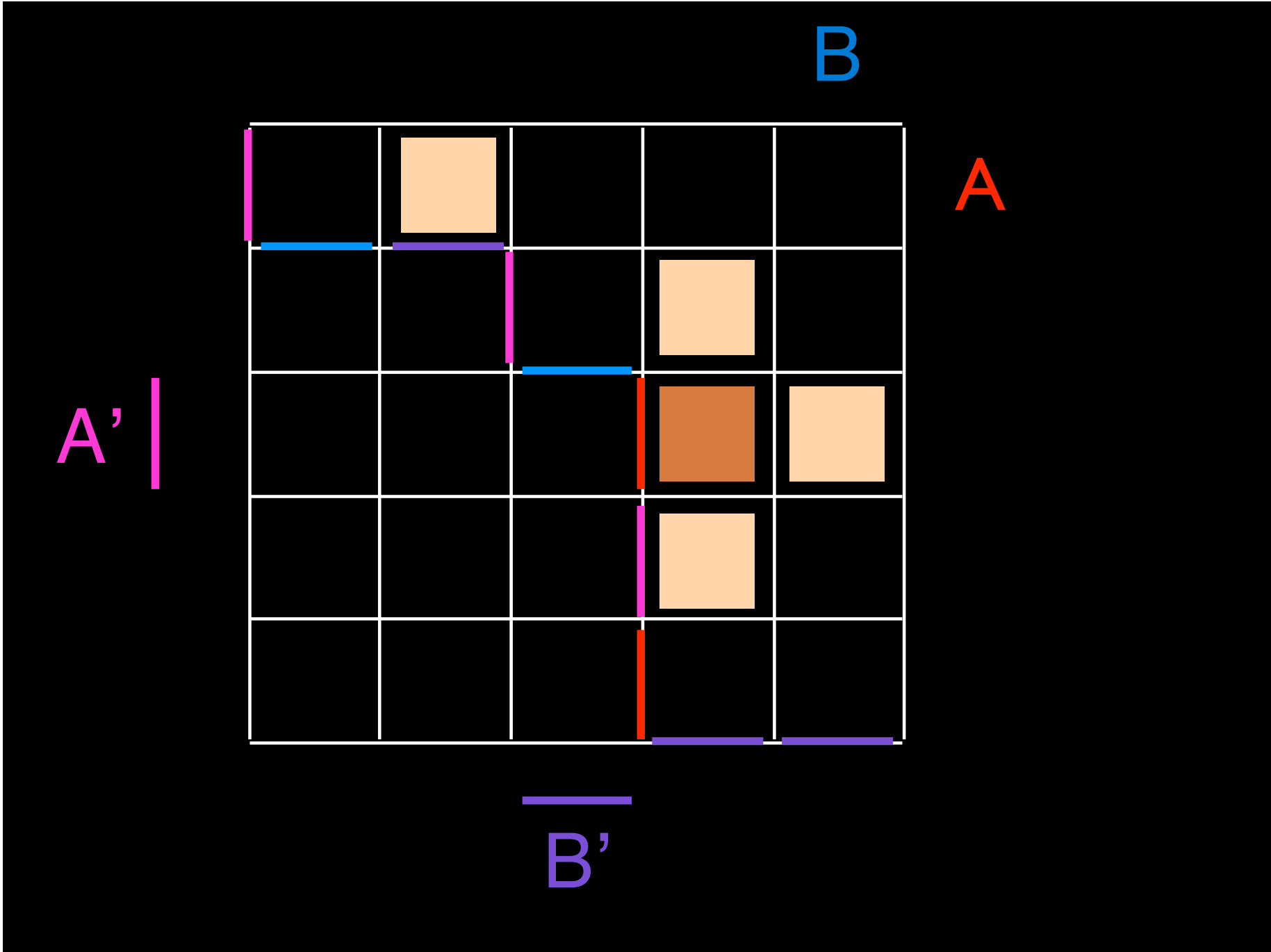


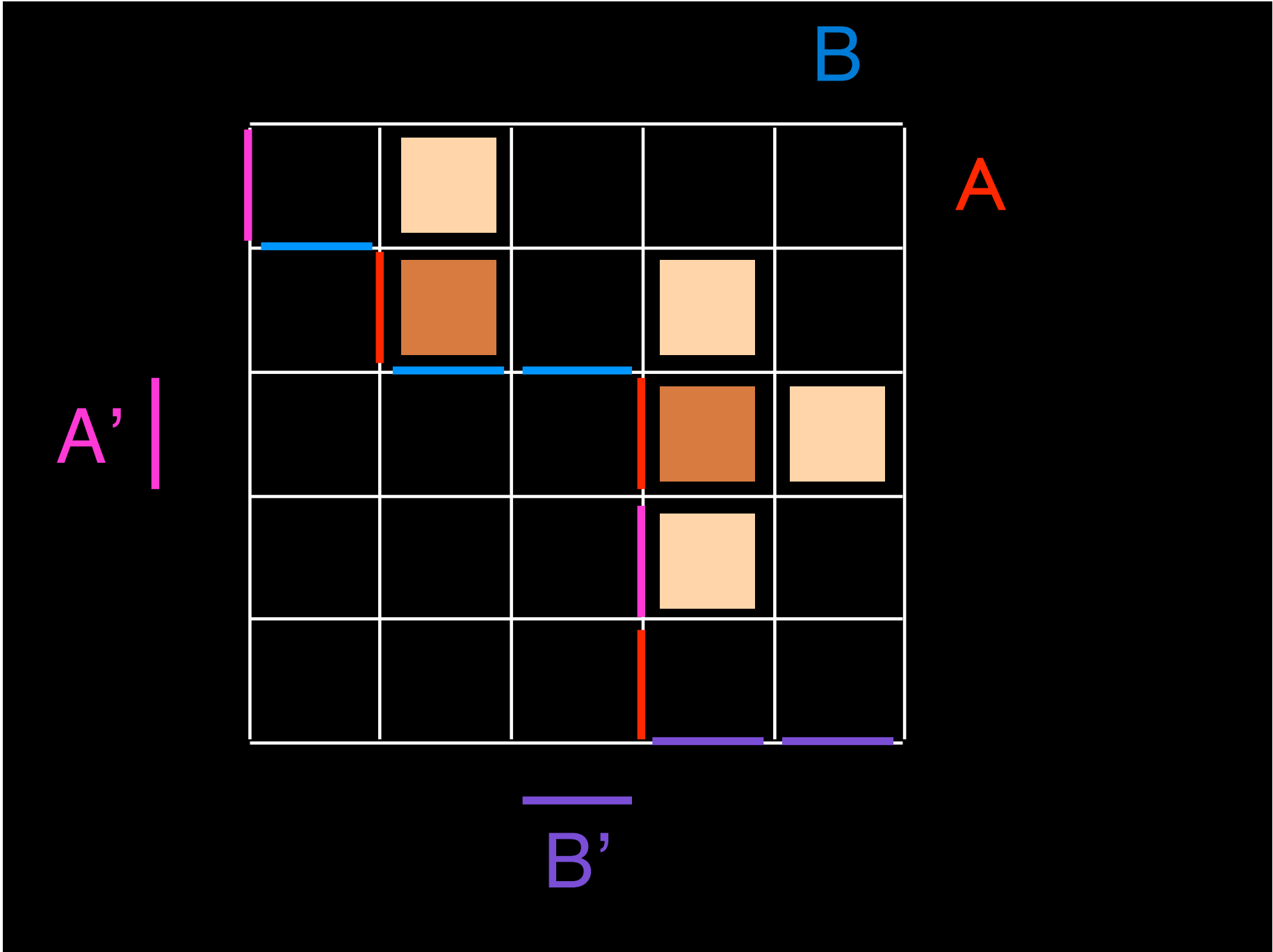


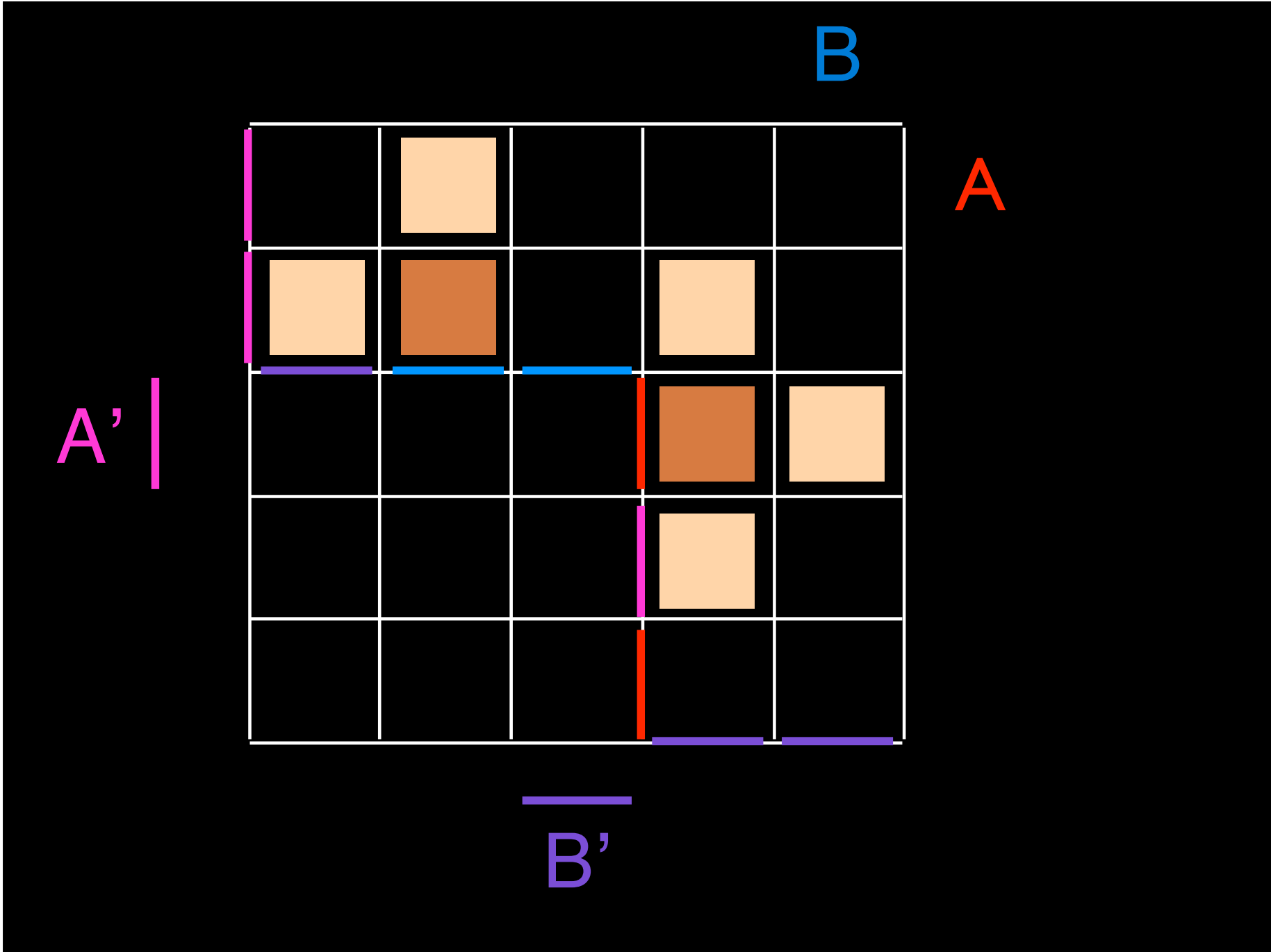


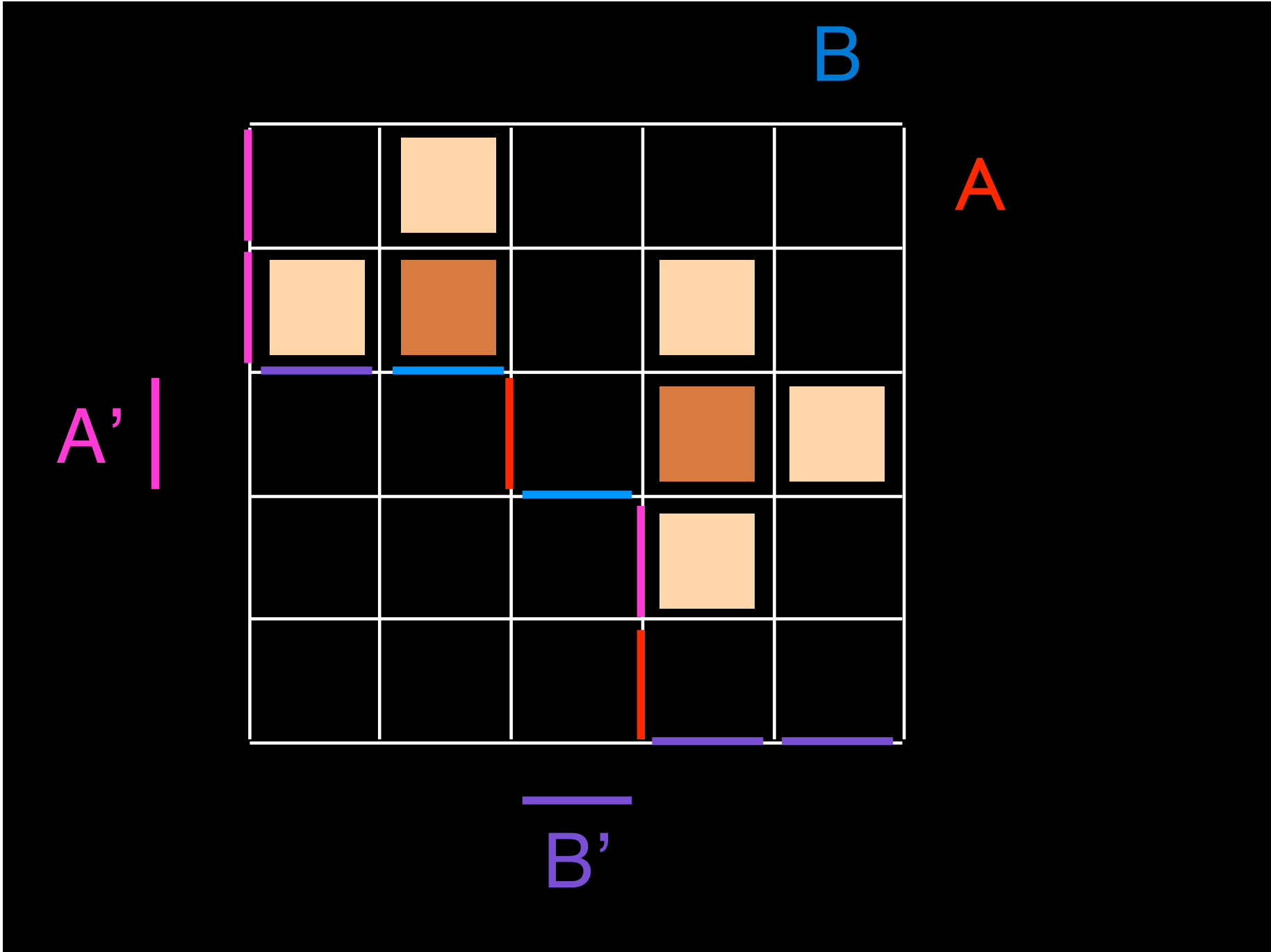


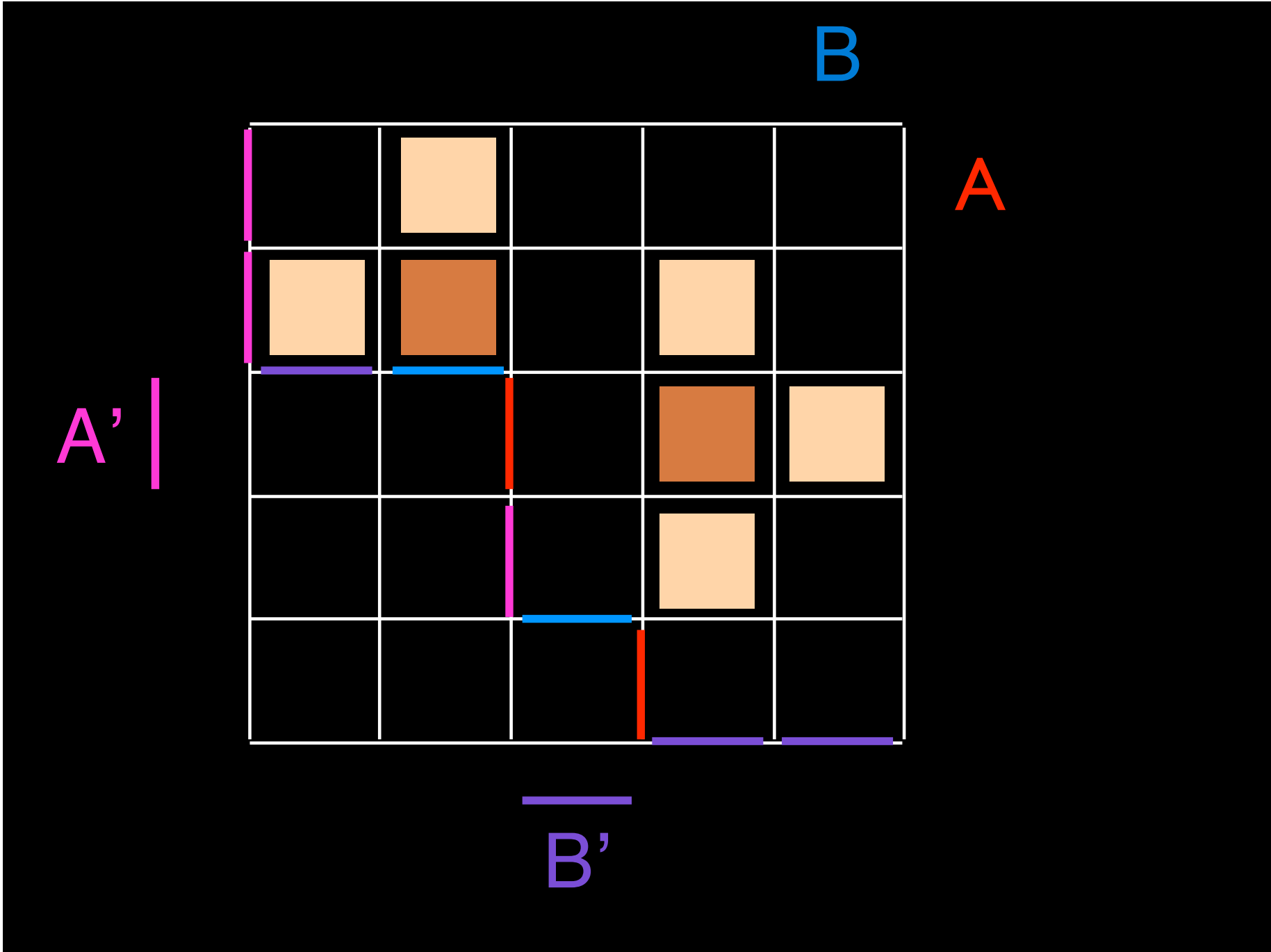


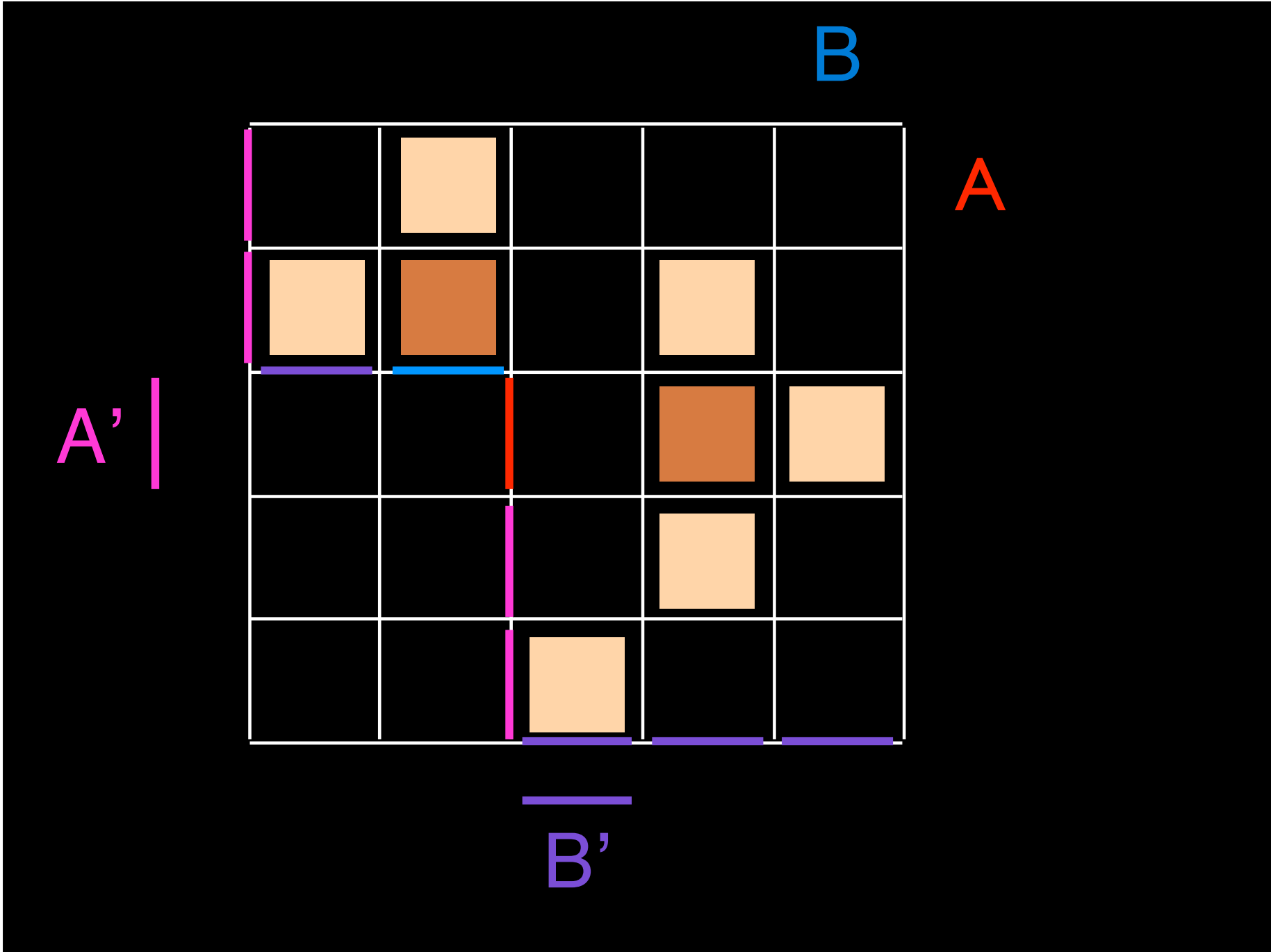




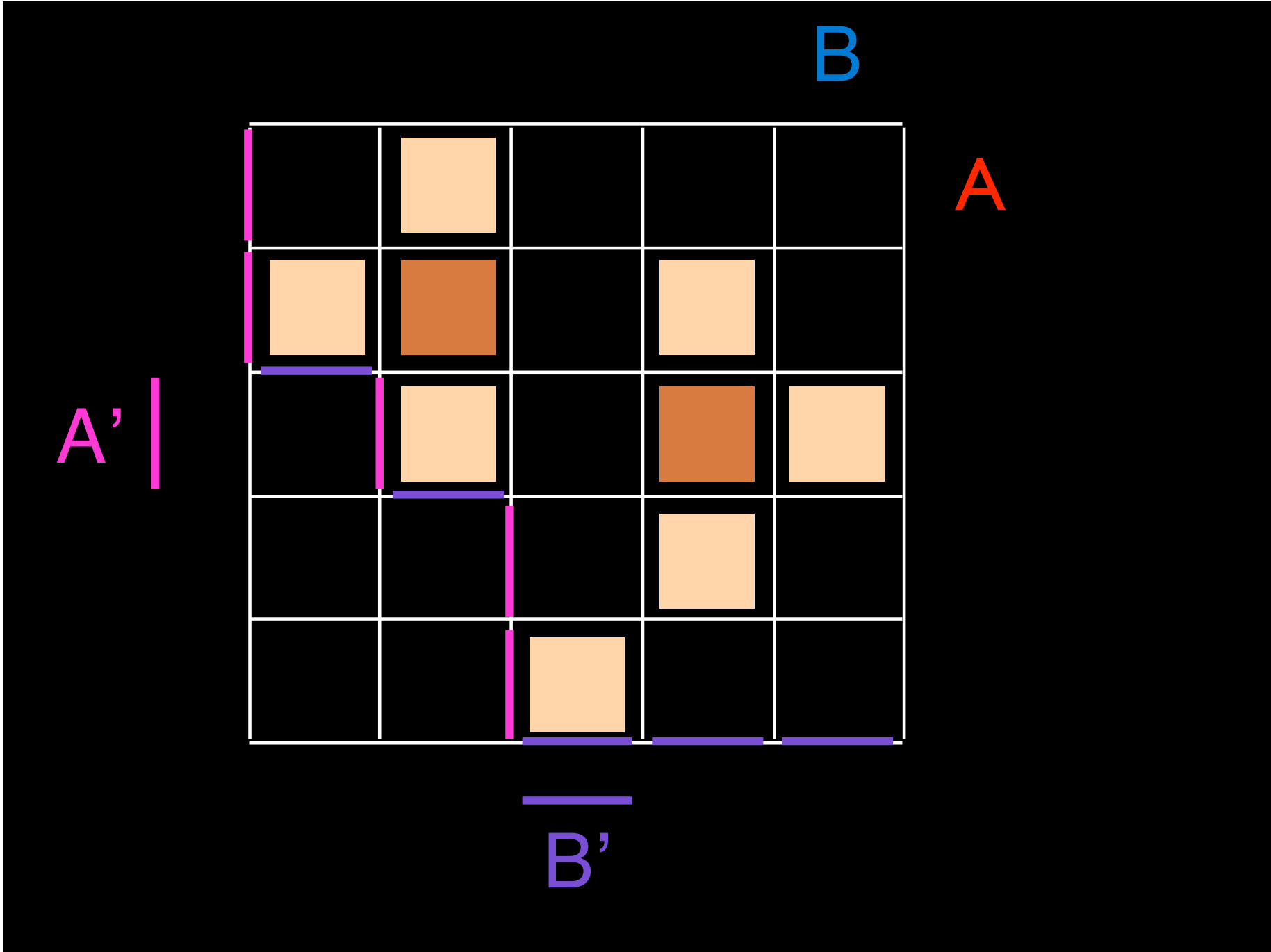


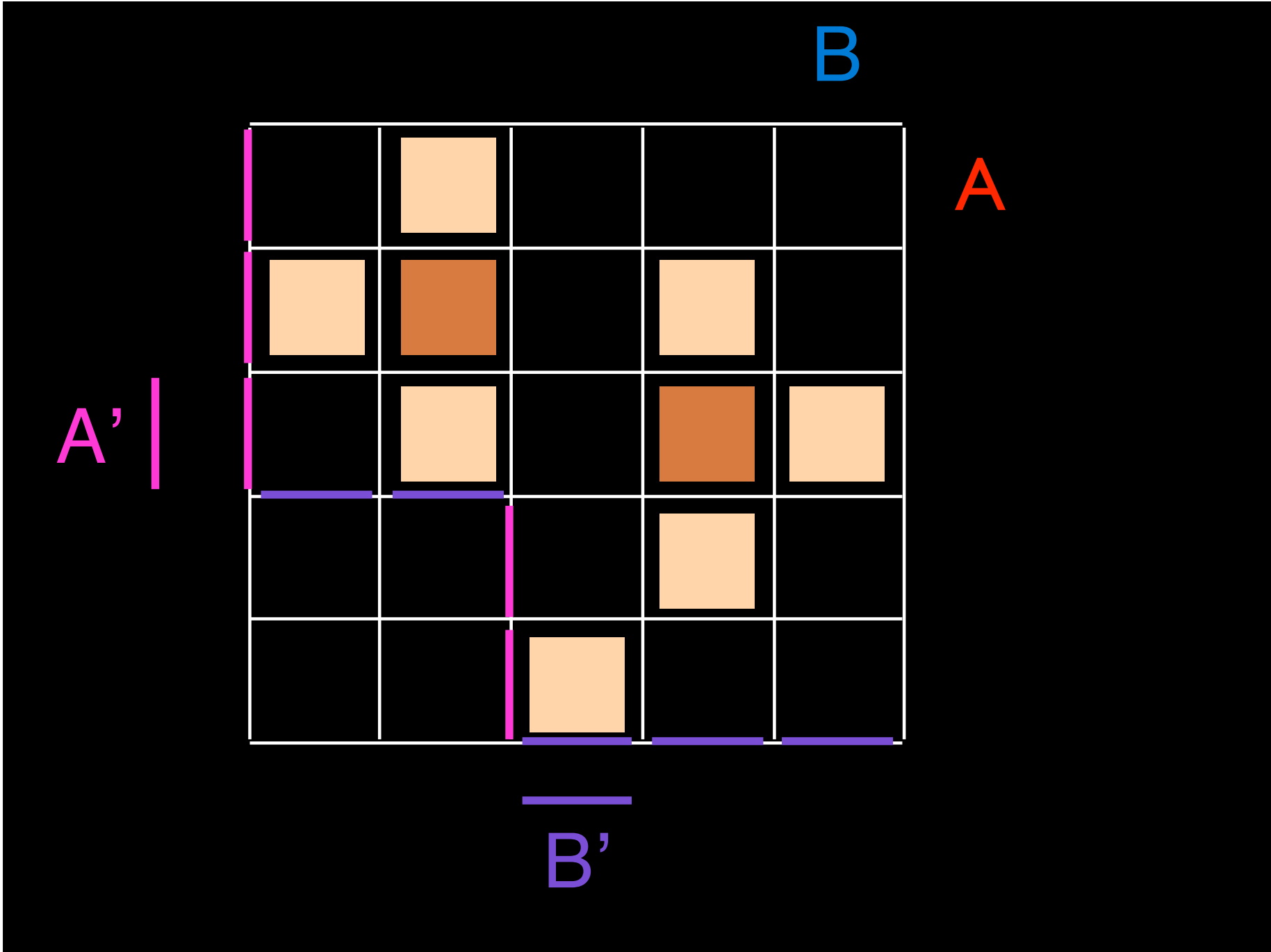










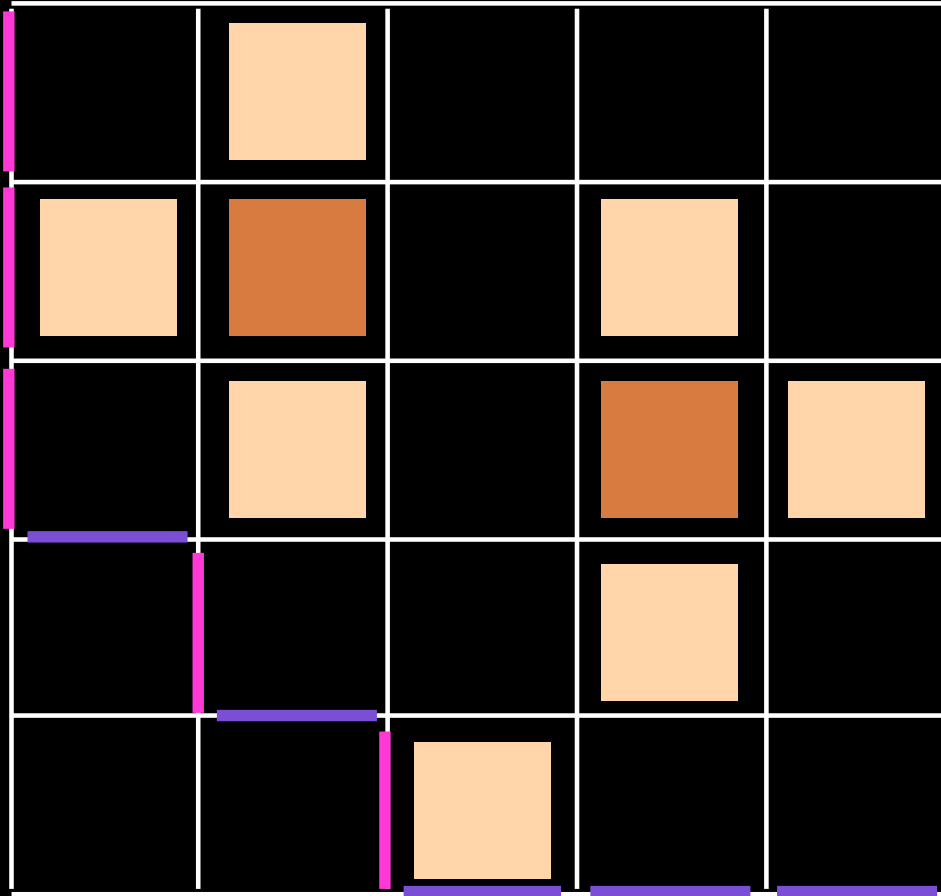


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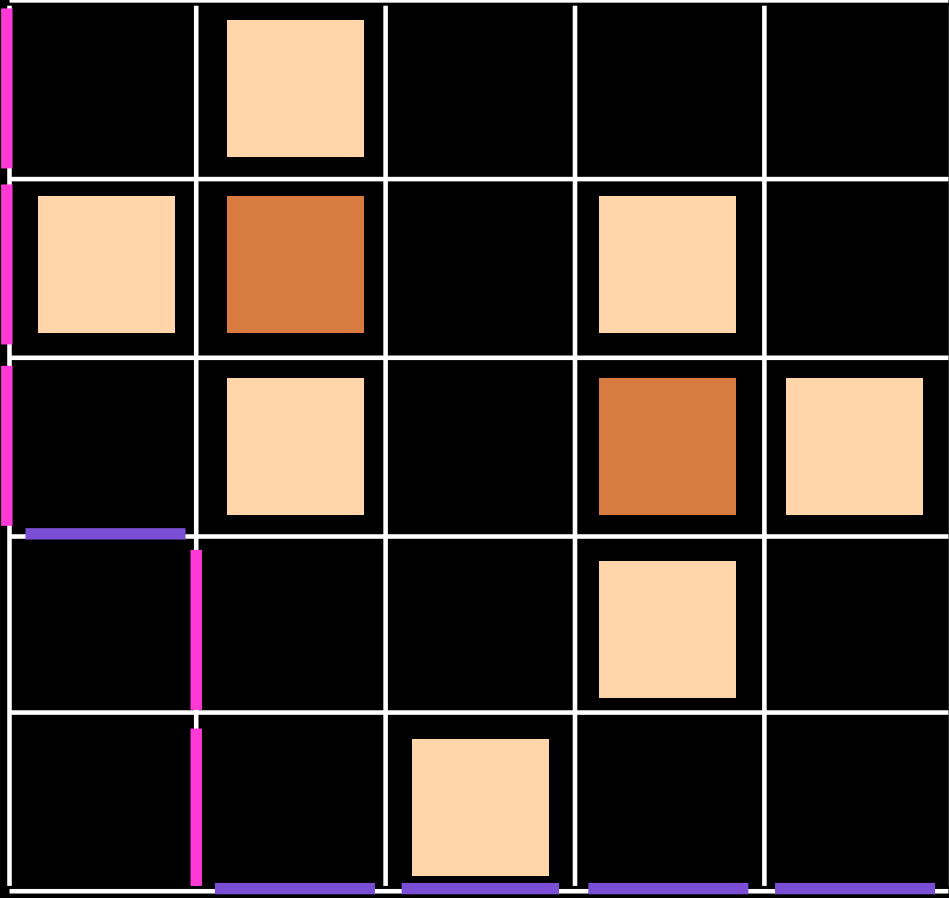


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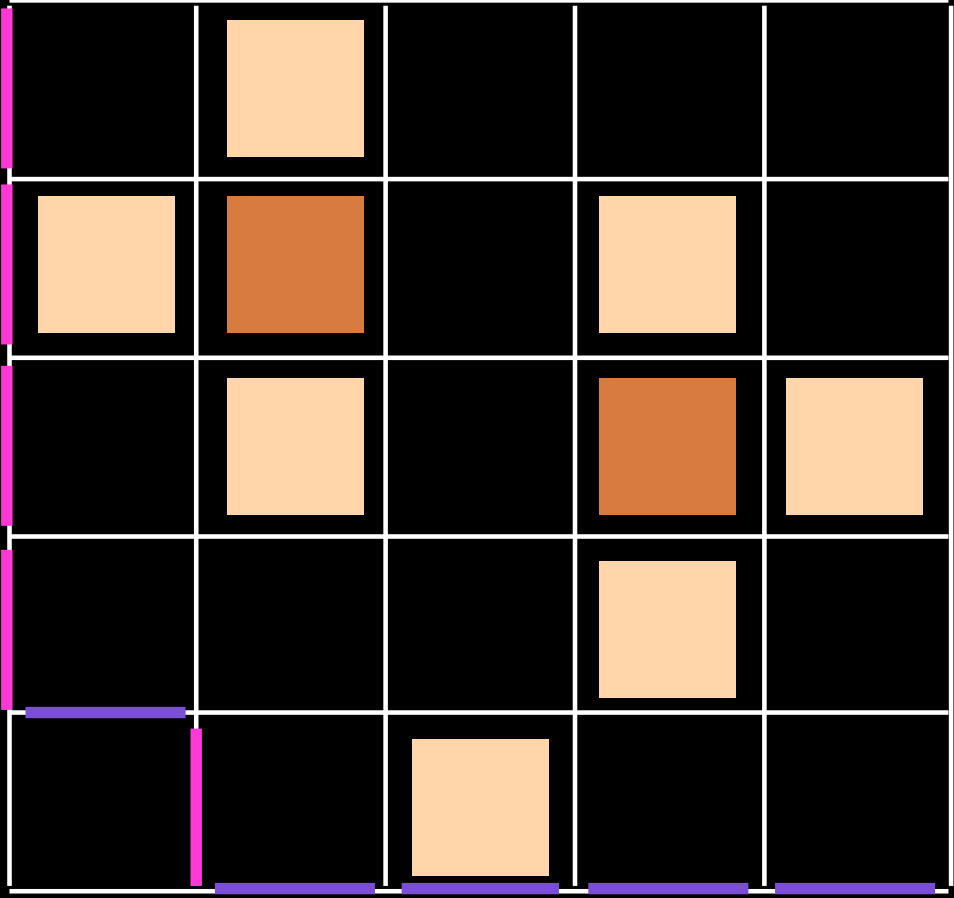


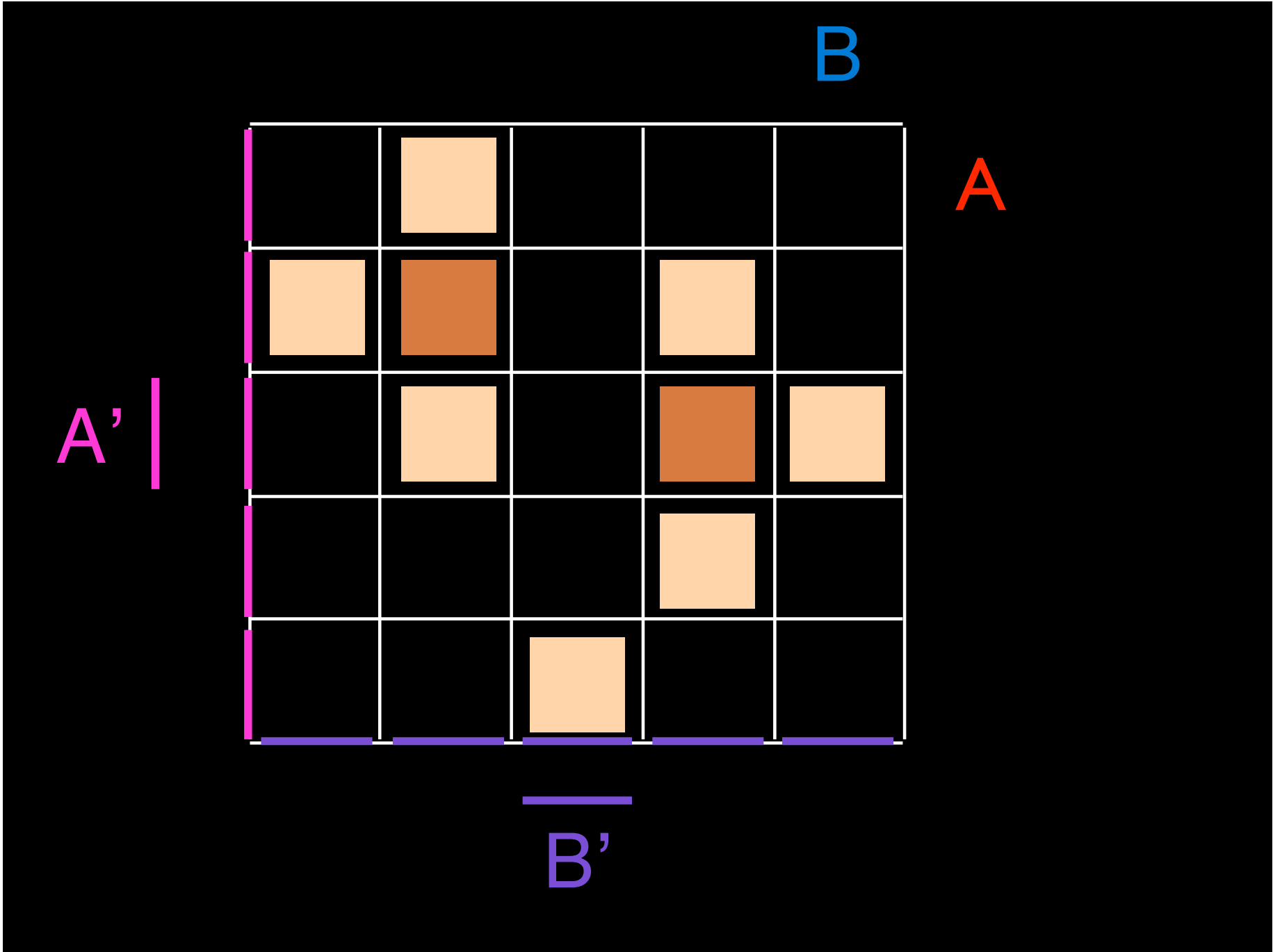
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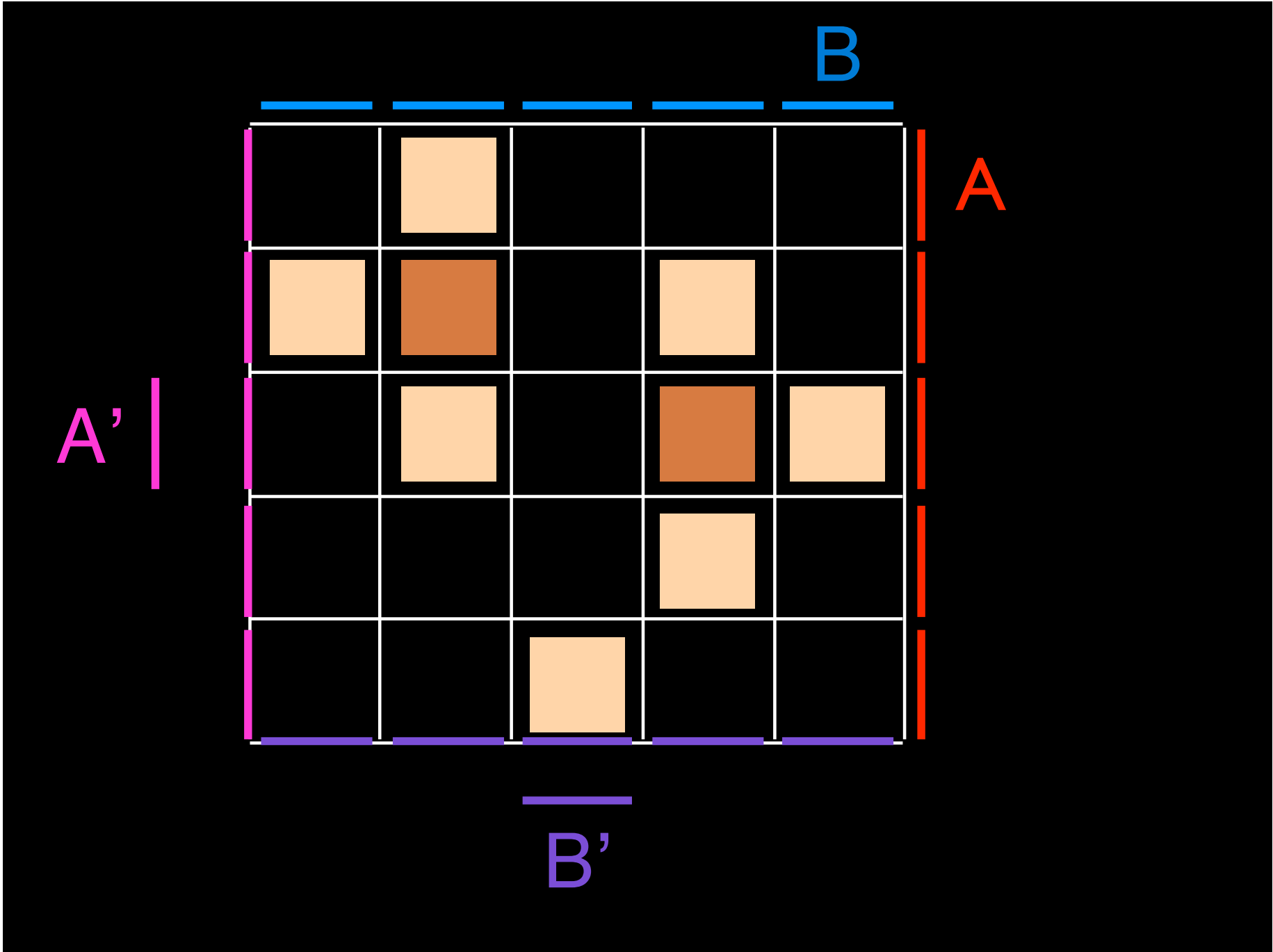
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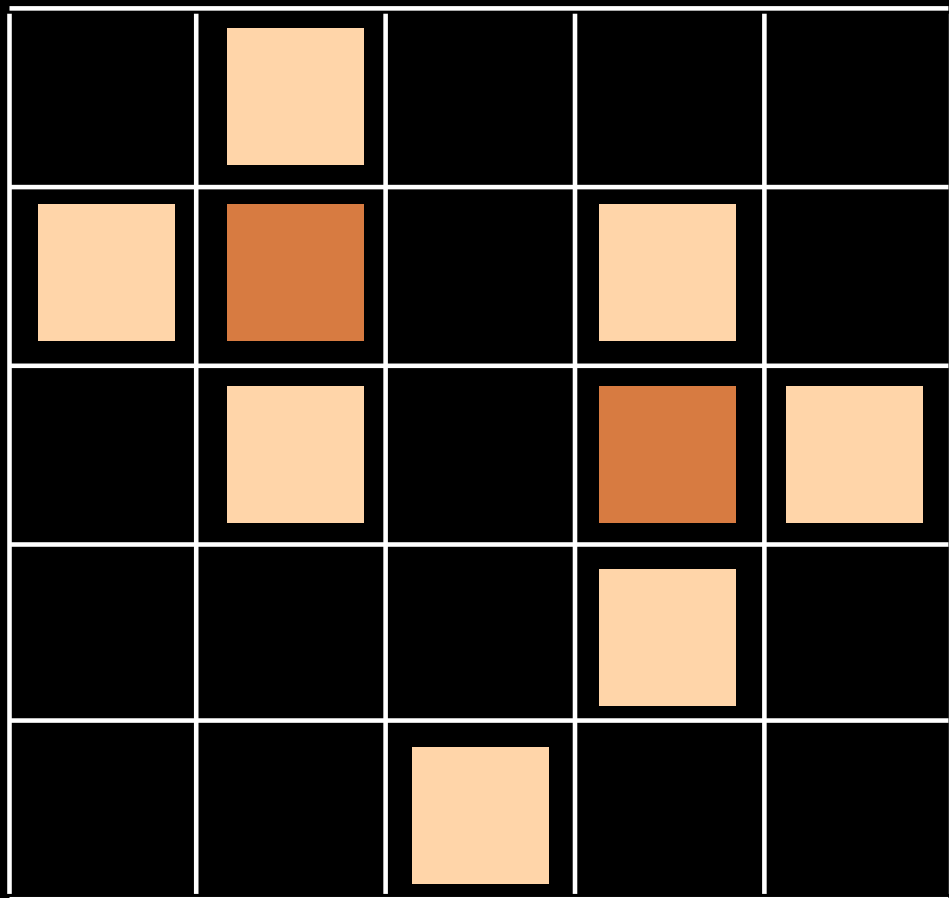
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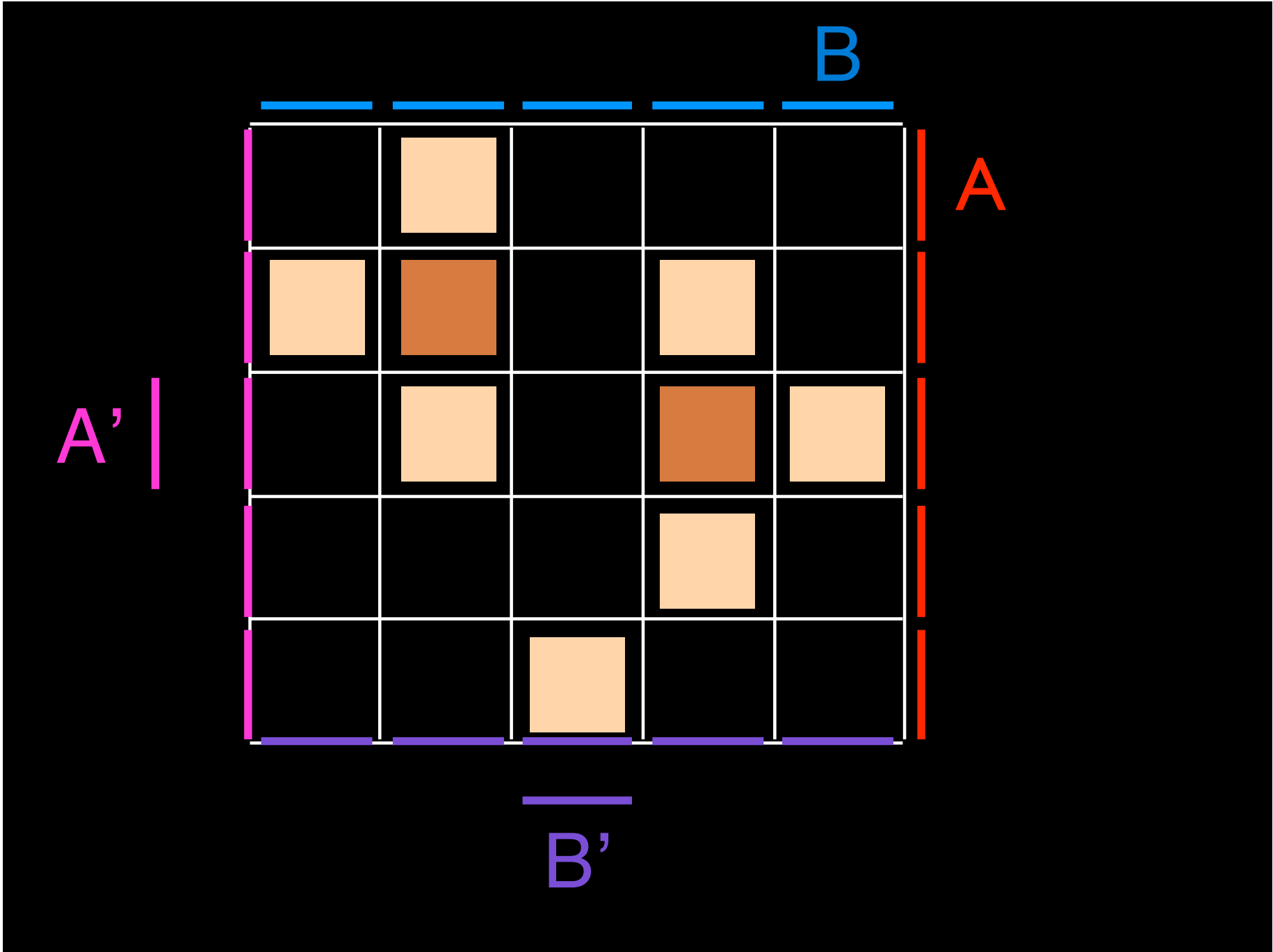












## 8- parameters quadratic algebra

commutations

$$\begin{cases} BA = q_1 AB + q_2 A'B' \\ B'A' = q_3 A'B' + q_4 AB \\ \begin{cases} B'A = q_5 AB' + q_6 A'B \\ BA' = q_7 A'B + q_8 AB' \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

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**.

some perspectives



## Questions.

- find a "combinatorial representation" for operators  $A, A', B, B'$ .
- analogue of RSK (Robinson-Schensted-Knuth) for ASM ?

- analogue of "local rules" (Fomin)

- direct proof of the formula

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

(nb of ASM of size  $n$ )

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

?

(with P. Nadeau)

another representation of operators **D** and **E**  
with triangulations of regular polygons

hypercube -- associahedron -- permutohedron -- alternohedron  
( Loday-Ronco ) (Lascoux-Schützenberger )

Razumov-Stroganov conjecture

spin chain Heisenberg **XXZ** model

• Orthogonal Polynomials

→ Sasamoto (1999)

→ Blythe, Evans, Colaiori, Essler (2000)

q-Hermite polynomial

$\alpha, \beta, q$

$\gamma = \delta = 1$

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

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

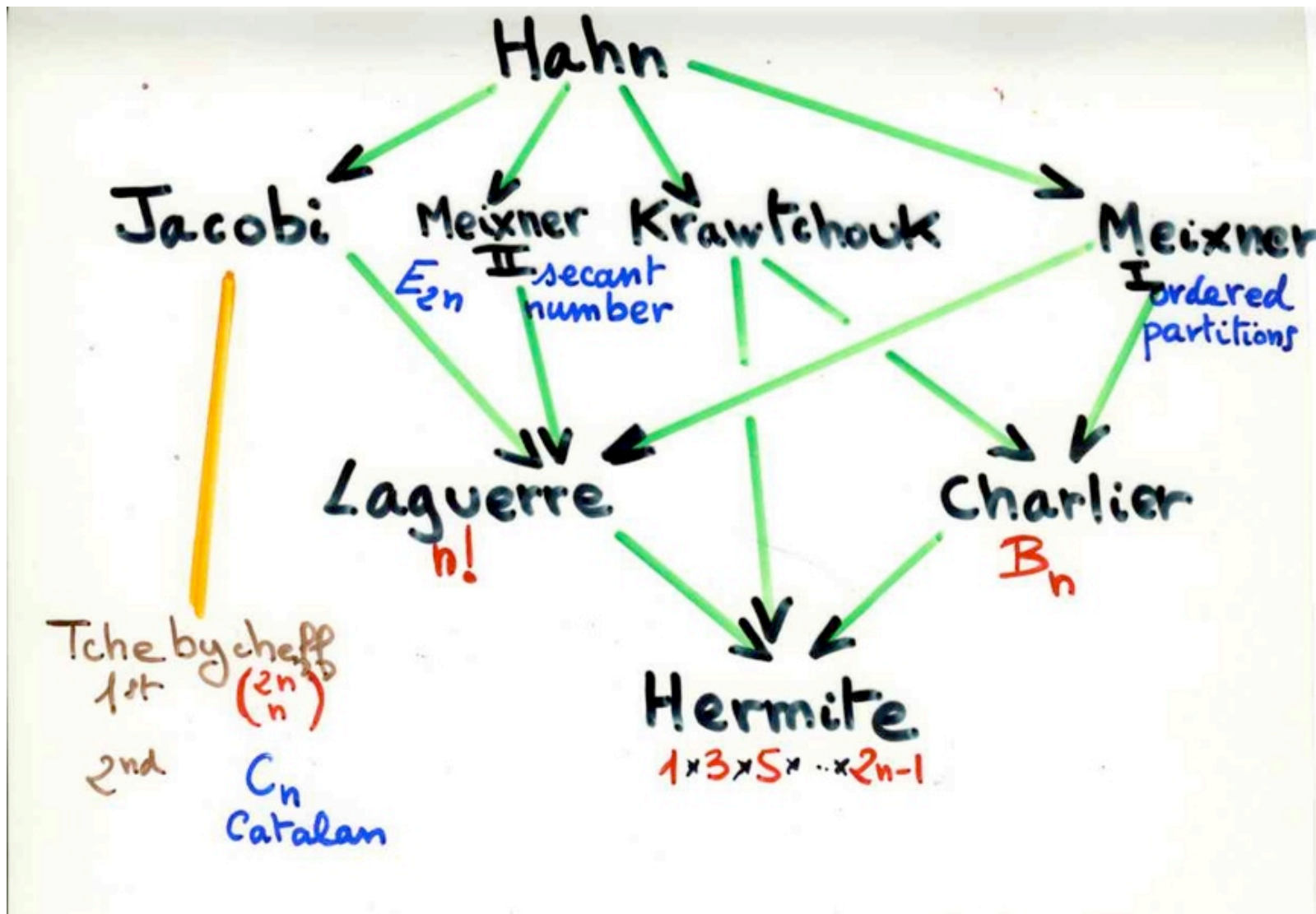
$$\hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger - q \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} = 1$$

→ Uchiyama, Sasamoto, Wadati (2003)

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

Askey-Wilson polynomials

# Askey-Wilson





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