

# Kepler towers Catalan numbers and Strahler distribution

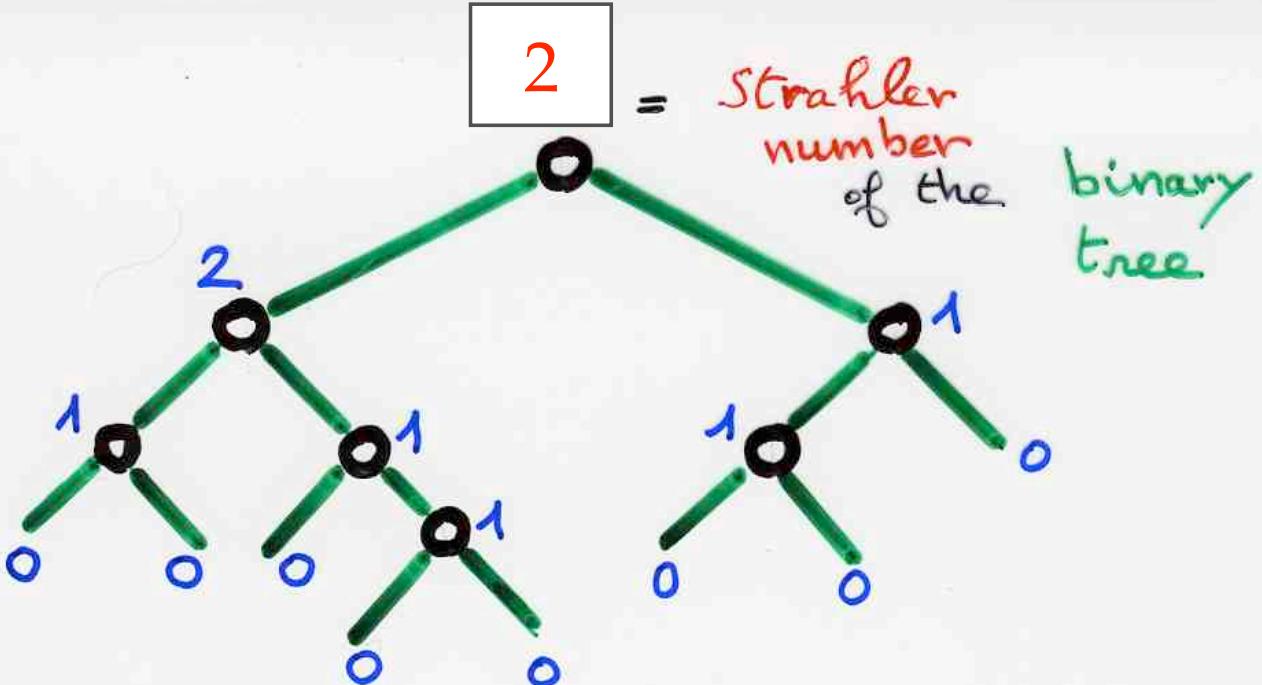
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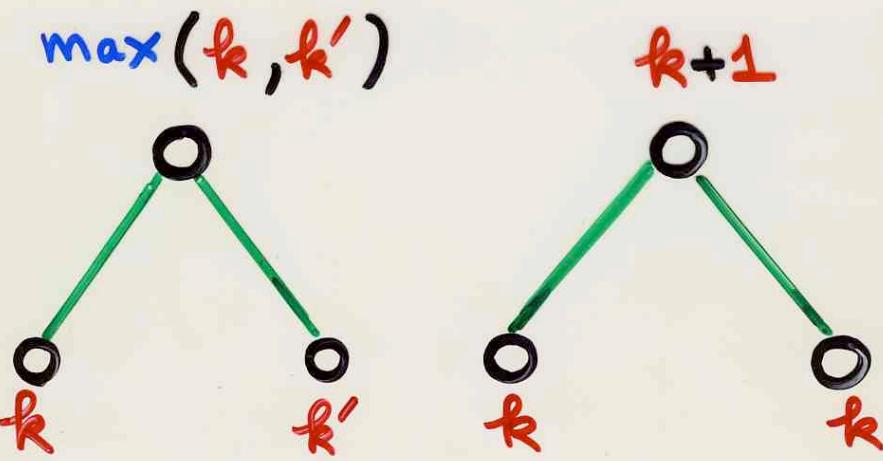
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# 1. Introduction

## Strahler



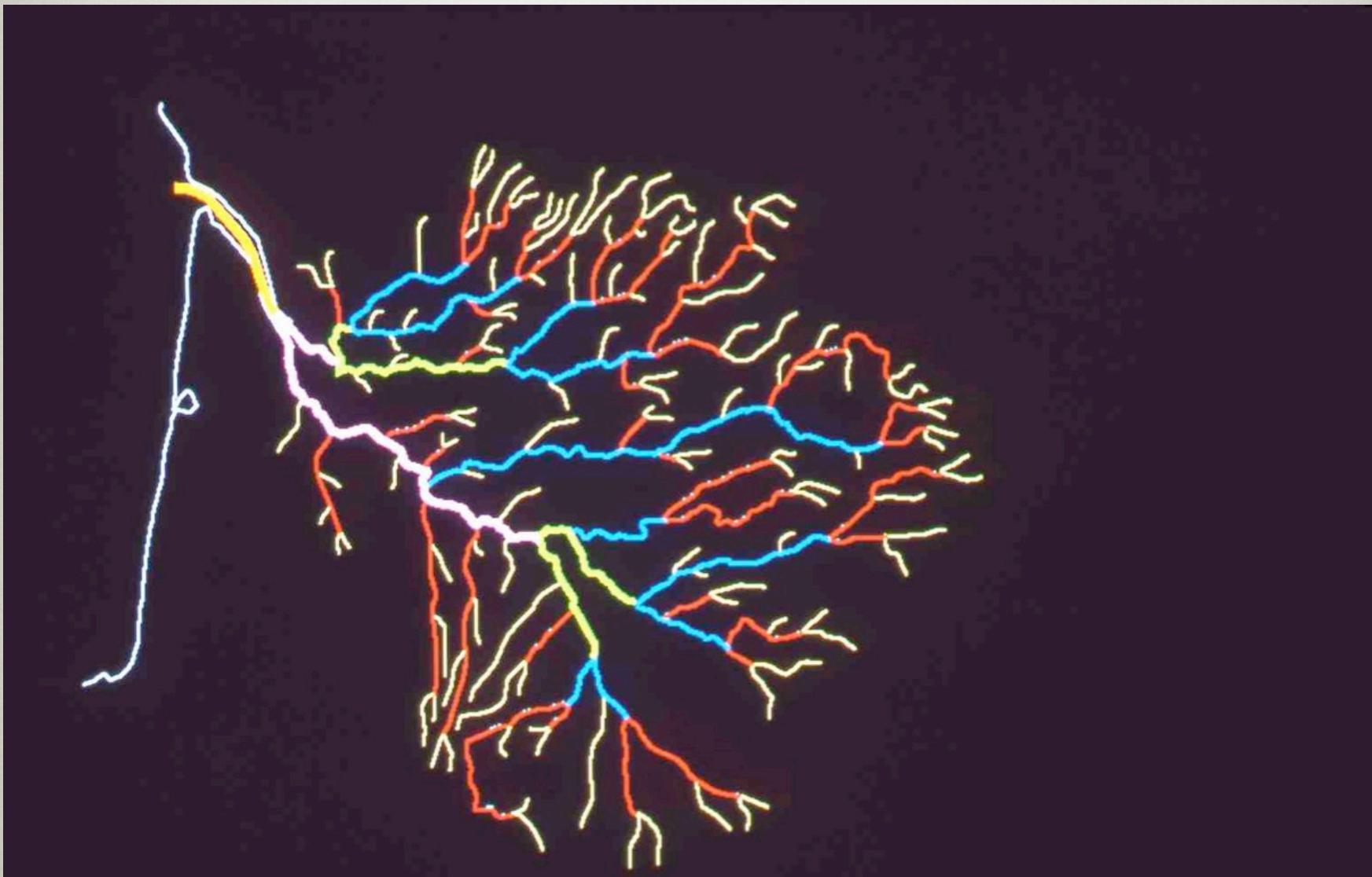


Horton (1945)  
Strahler (1952)

## Hydrogeology

morphology of  
rivers network

Order of a river



Synthetic images of  
trees, leaves, landscapes ...

Arquès, Eyrolles, Janey, X.V.

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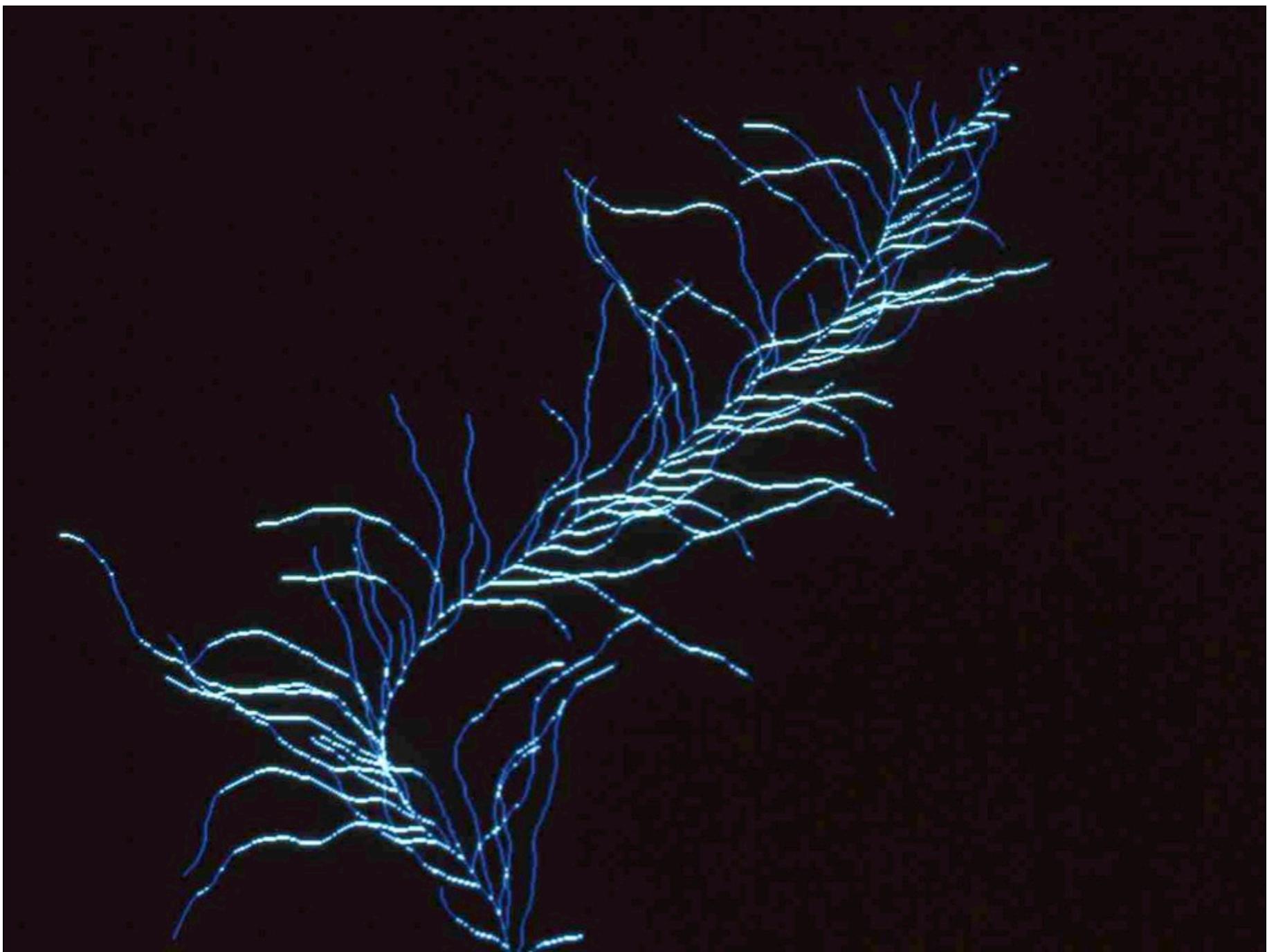
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5 :	500	1000	2000	3000	3500						
6 :	250	500	1000	2000	3000	3250					
7 :	125	250	500	1000	2000	3000	3125				
8 :	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	3000	3062			
9 :	31	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	3000	3031		
10:	15	31	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	3000	3016	
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en 3D





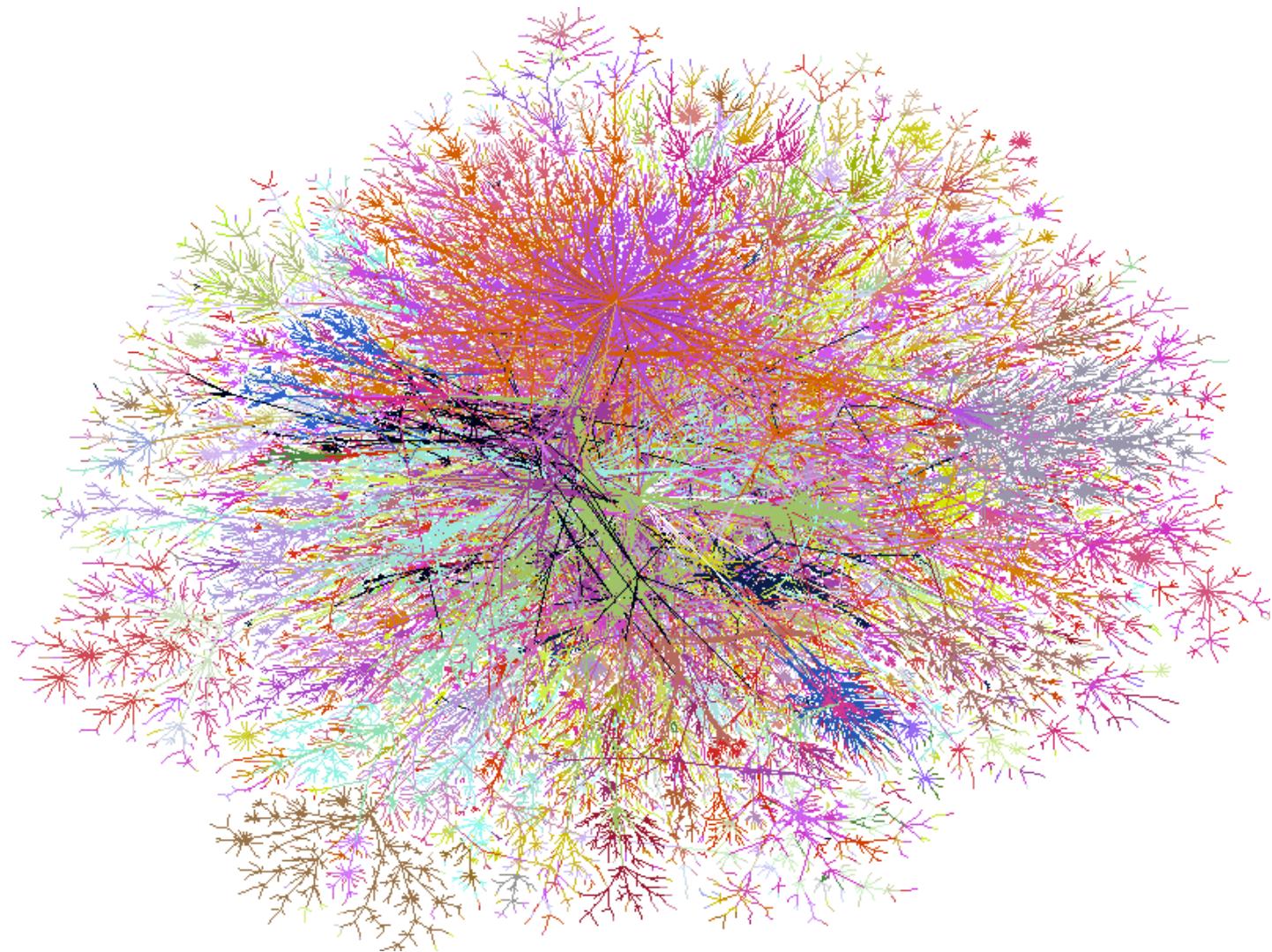


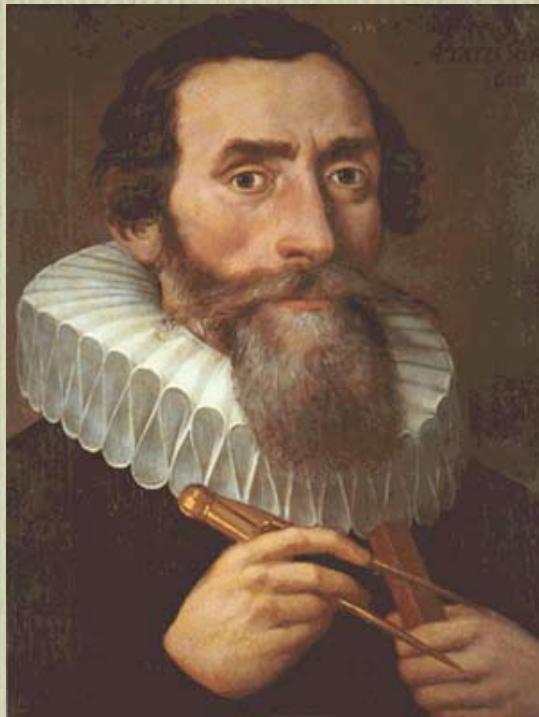
- Visualisation de l'information  
très grands graphes

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analyse de Horton -  
Strahler





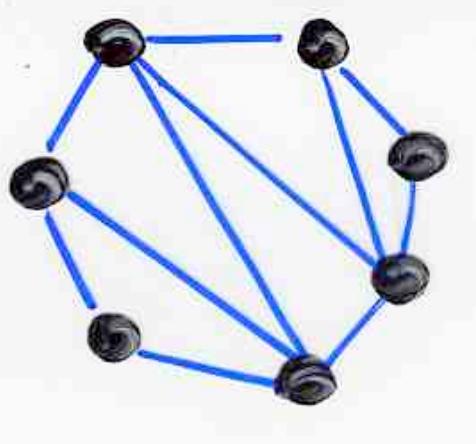
What is doing Kepler  
in this Catalan - Strahler story?

## 2. Un peu d'histoire

II	III	III	V	VI	VII	VIII	VIII	X	XI	XII
o	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I	I	2	4	10	28	84	264	858	2860	9724
.	.	.	1	4	10	28	84	264	858	2860
.	.	.	.	.	4	20	56	168	528	1716
.	.	.	.	.	.	..	25	140	420	1320
.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	..	196	1176
I	I	2	5	14	42	132	429	1430	4862	16796
XIII	XIII	XV	XVI	XVII						
II	12	13	14	15						
33592	117572	416024	1503800	5384880						
9724	33592	117572	416024	1503800						
5720	19448	77184	235144	832048						
4290	14300	48620	167960	587860						
3696	12012	39040	136136	470288						
1764	11088	36036	120120	408408						
....	.....	17424	113256	377520						
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58786	208012	751900	2692440	9748845						
XVIII	XVIII	XX								
16	17									
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5384880	19497690	69016140								
3007600	10769760	38995380								
2080120	7519000	26924400								
1646008	5824336	21053200								
1410864	4938024	17473008								
1283568	4434144	15519504								
197340	4171596	14410968								
....	243100	13905321								
34508070	126413790	469925500								

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diri nequeant, noui hiec methodus, qua negotium per multiplicatores conficitur, non solum optimo cum successu adhibetur, sed etiam nullum est dubium, quia, si vberius excolatur, multo maiora commoda sit allatura. Pari autem quoque successu ad aequationes differentiales tertii et altiorum graduum extendi poterit, siquidem certum est, quacunque proposita aequatione differentialis semper tio mu verum et haru gandi totum idoneus quidem erit fun ipsum c inuestig iste fac ratio i sentane lenda e



ENVMERATIO

MODORVM QVIBVS FIGVRAE  
PLANAEE RECTILINEAE PER DIAGONALES  
DIVIDVNTVR IN TRIANGVLA.

Auctore

TOH. ANDR. DE SEGNER.

**T**riangulum per diagonalem in alia solui non posse, vt pote quod ex se ipso uno tantum modo componitur, notum est: quadrilaterum autem ita diuidi duplicum in modum posse, mox apparet. Neque difficulter perspicitur, modos, quibus quinque laterum figura per diagonales in triangula soluitur, quinque esse, quorum quilibet discrepat ab altero. Sex autem, vel plurium laterum figure, quot modis ita soluantur enumerare difficultius est; eoque difficilius, quo plura, sunt figure latera. Soluitur autem hexagonum in triangula 14 modis diversis, heptagonum 42, octogonum 132, enneagonum 429; quos numeros mecum benenolus communicaui summus Eulerus; modo, quo eos reperit, atque progressionis ordine, celatis. Vtrumque perspicendi cupido, post tentamina quaedam inania, eos numeros eliciendi methodus occurrit adeo simplex, ut in ea acquiescendum mihi putauerim, quam hic proponam.

Triangulum prima ordine est figurarum planarum rectilinearum, quadrilaterum secunda, et ita deinceps,

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TOM. VII.

pro Annis MDCCLVIII. et MDCCLIX.



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TYPIS ACADEMIAE SCIENTIARVM  
M DCCL XI.

## VI.

Enumeratio modorum, quibus figurae  
planae rectilineae per diagonales diui-  
duntur in triangula.

Auct. I. A. de Segner pag. 203.

**Q**uando in Geometria areae figurarum pluribus lateri-  
bus inclusarum definiri debet, eae per diagonales  
in triangula resolvi solent, quia tum cuiusque trianguli  
areae ex cognitis lateribus facile determinantur. Quo-  
pluribus autem lateribus figura est praedita, eo pluribus  
modis eam hoc modo in triangula resolvi posse, vel  
leuiter attendenti statim est manifestum. Ita cum in  
quadrilaterum duas diagonales ducere liceat, quadrilate-  
rum dupli modo in bina triangula diuiditur. Penta-  
gonum autem quintuplici modo, diagonalibus ducendis,  
in triangula resolvi posse reperitur, hexagonum vero  
14 modis, et heptagonum 42 modis, octogonum 132  
modis, enneagonum 429 modis etc. quae omnium  
modorum possibilium enumeratio, quo magis cum la-  
terum numero eorum multitudo crescit, eo fit diffici-  
lior et taediosior. Quare quaestio omnino curiosa, et  
Geometrarum attentione digna videtur, qua lege isti  
resolutionum numeri pro laterum multitudine progre-  
diantur, ut inde pro quoquis polygono resolutionum nu-  
merus rite definiri queat? Hinc ill. Auctor modo pror-  
sus singulari et ingenioso legem progressionis horum nu-  
mero-

merorum exponit, ac rigorose demonstrat, dum docet, quomodo pro quoquis polygono resolutionum numerus, ex cognita resolutione polygonorum simpliciorum, quae paucioribus constant lateribus, colligi debeat. Hac ratione, si a simplicissimis incipiamus, hanc investigationem continuo ad polygona plurium laterum extendere licet; sicutque Ill. Auctori sub finem tabellam adiecit, in qua istiusmodi resolutiones ad polygona 20 laterum usque exhibet. Liceat autem nobis, a summo quodam Geometra, qui eandem hanc tabulam calculo subiecit, admonitus, obseruare, hanc tabulam, ob quendam calculi errorem, tantum usque ad polygona 15 laterum esse iustam, quippe pro hoc polygono resolutionum numerus non est 751900, ut tabella habet, sed 742900, sequentes quoque numeri, dum forte nouus error irrepedit, primo ad 17 usque latera nimis sunt magni, deinde vero nimis parui, dum pro 20 lateribus resolutionum numerus est 477638700. Facilius haec apparent, si ex lege primum obseruata, qua quilibet numerus ex omnibus praecedentibus colligitur, alia ad computum facilior elicatur, cuius ope quilibet numerus ex solo praecedente definitur. Ita si pro polygono  $n$  laterum numerus resolutionum sit  $P$ , pro polygono sequente  $n+1$  laterum numerus resolutionum erit  $\frac{4n-6}{n} P$ . Quin etiam hinc, sine consideratione praecedentium, statim indefinite pro polygono  $n$  laterum numerus resolutionum ita per factores exprimitur, ut sit:

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{7}{4} \cdot \frac{9}{5} \cdot \frac{11}{6} \cdot \frac{13}{7} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{4n-10}{n-1}$$

vbi numeratores quaternario, denominatores vero unitate crescunt. Hinc sequentem nouam tabulam, bene-

vole

vole nobiscum communicatam, adiungere e re visum est, quod Ill. Auctori huius schediasmatis non dispositum esse speramus.

Num.	numerus laterum	num. resolutionum.	numerus laterum	numerus resolutionum.
III	1	XV		742900
IV	2	XVI		2674440
V	5	XVII		9694845
VI	14	XVIII		35357670
VII	42	XIX		129644790
VIII	132	XX		477638700
IX	429	XXI		1767263190
X	1430	XXII		6564120420
XI	4862	XXIII		24466267020
XII	16796	XXIV		91482563640
XIII	58786	XXV		343059613650
XIV	208022			

## VII.

Methodus simplex et vniuersalis omnes  
omnium aequationum radices dete-  
gendi.

$$2(2n+1) C_n = (n+2) C_{n+1}$$

Compleures iam a Geometris excogitatae sunt me-  
thodi aequationum algebraicarum radices, vel ac-  
curate, vel proxime saltem, determinandi: omnes au-  
tem fere postulant, ut valores radicum, quae qua-  
runtur,

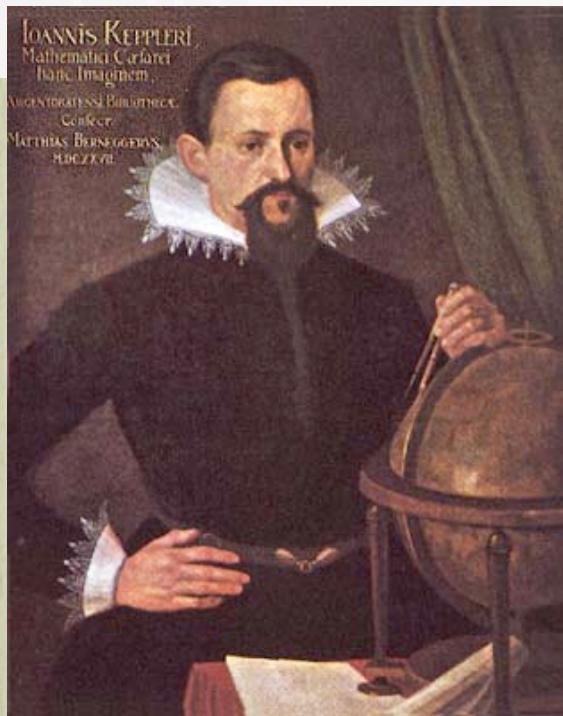
$$\frac{1}{n+1} (2n)$$



# Kepler

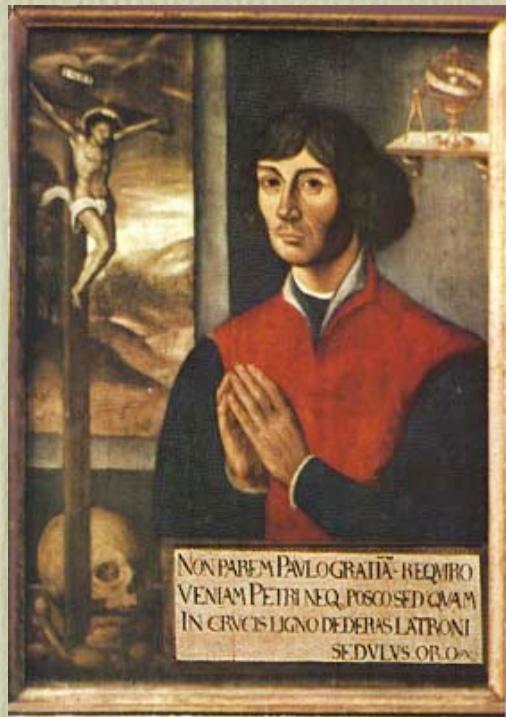
3 laws

- Astronomia nova  
(1609)
- Harmonice mundi  
(1619)



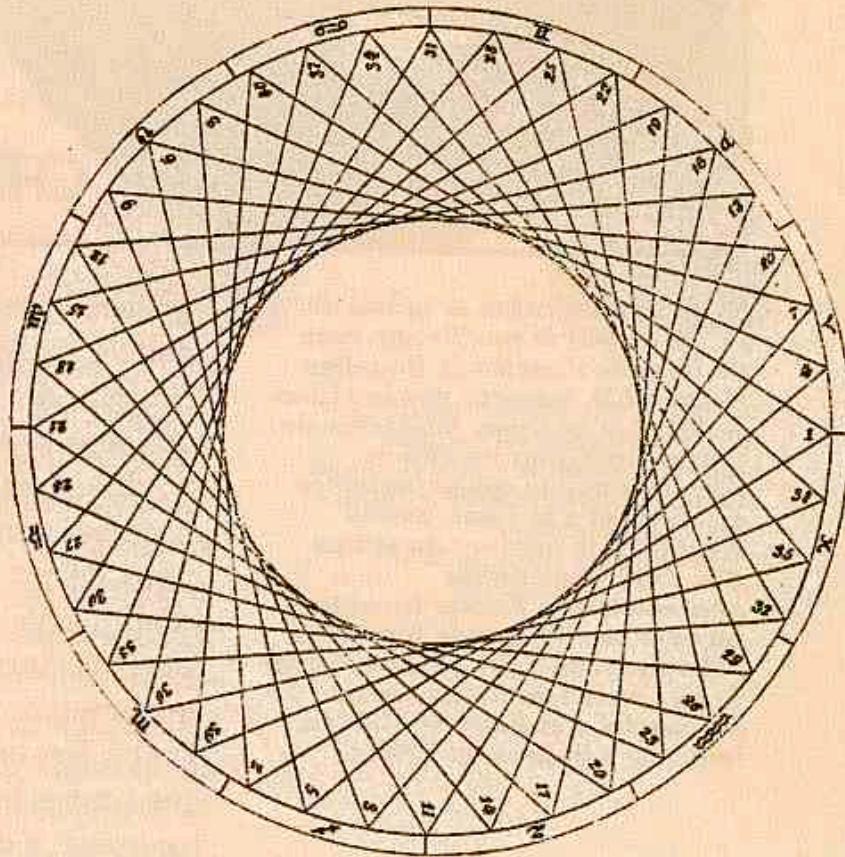
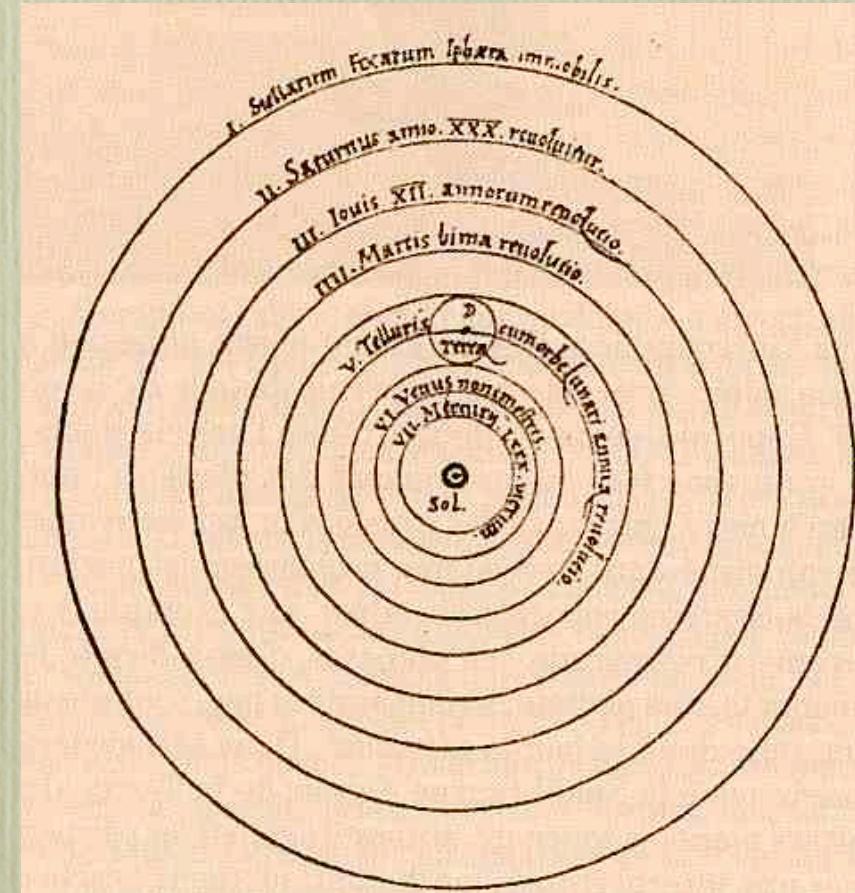
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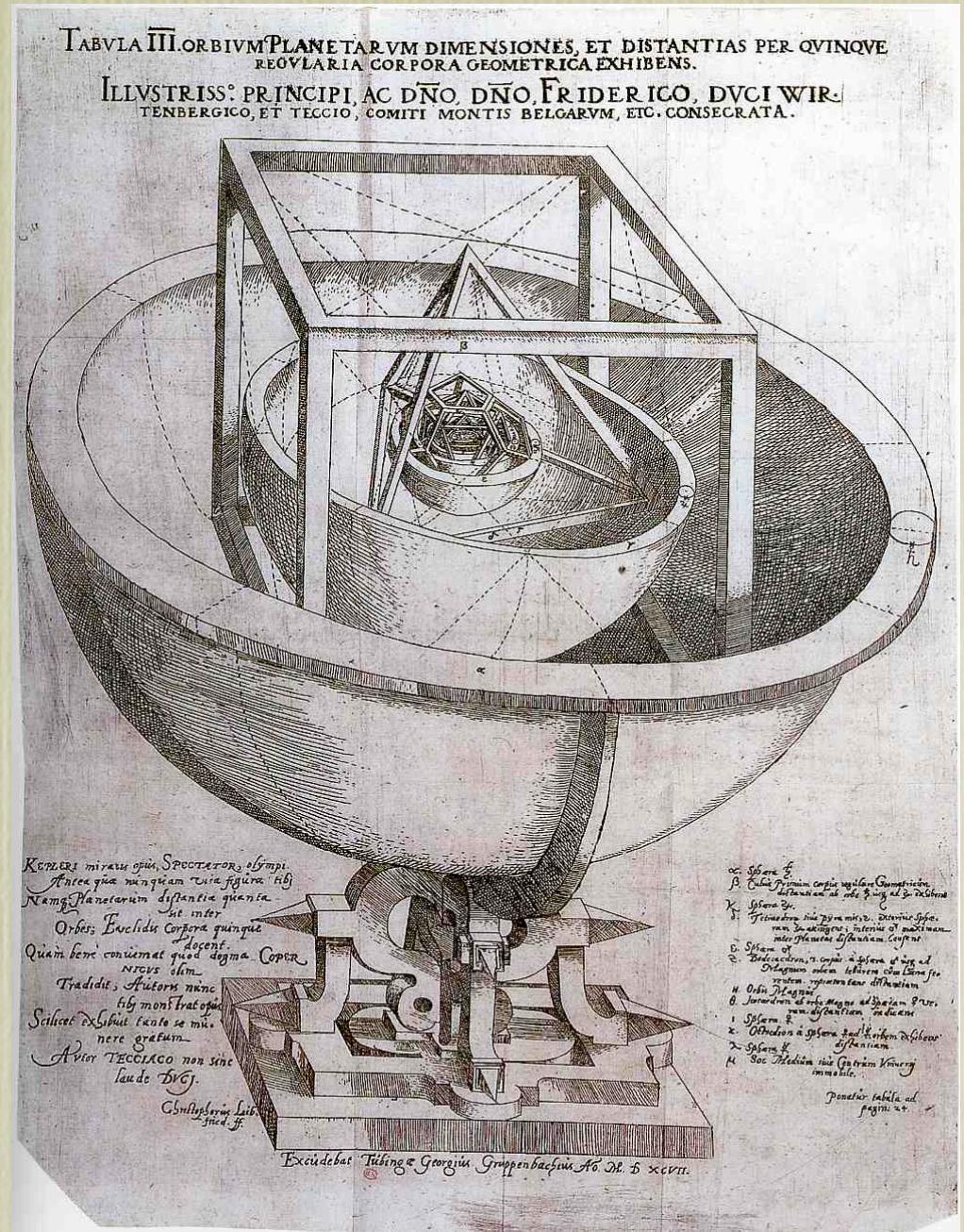
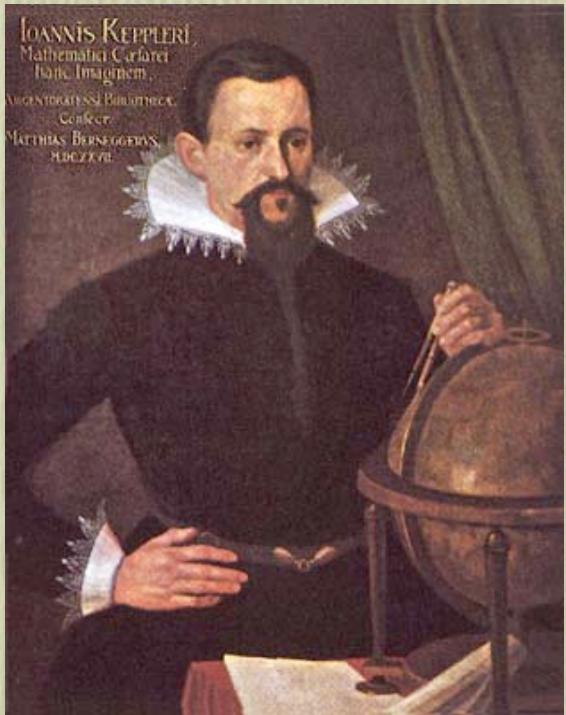
cosmographicum  
(1596)

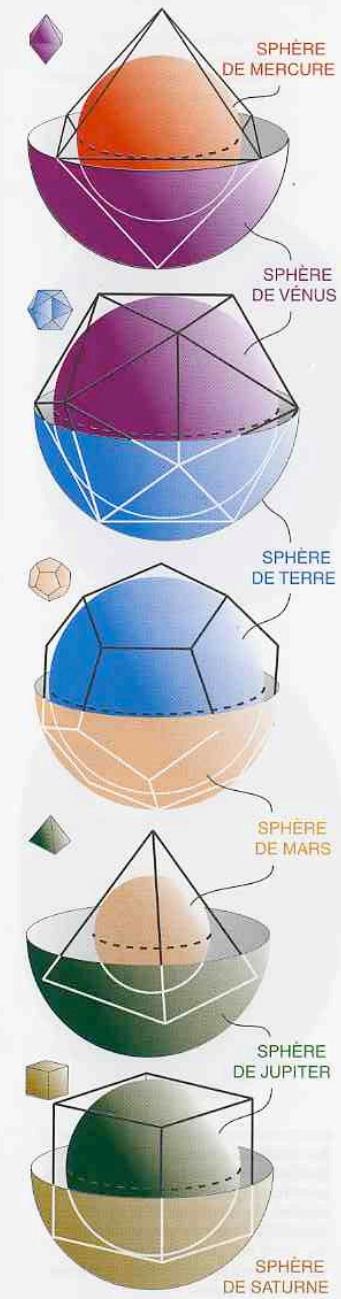
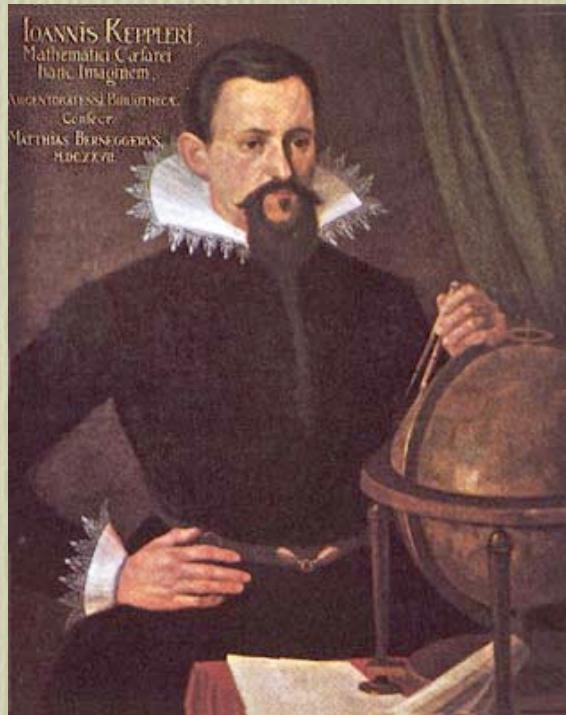


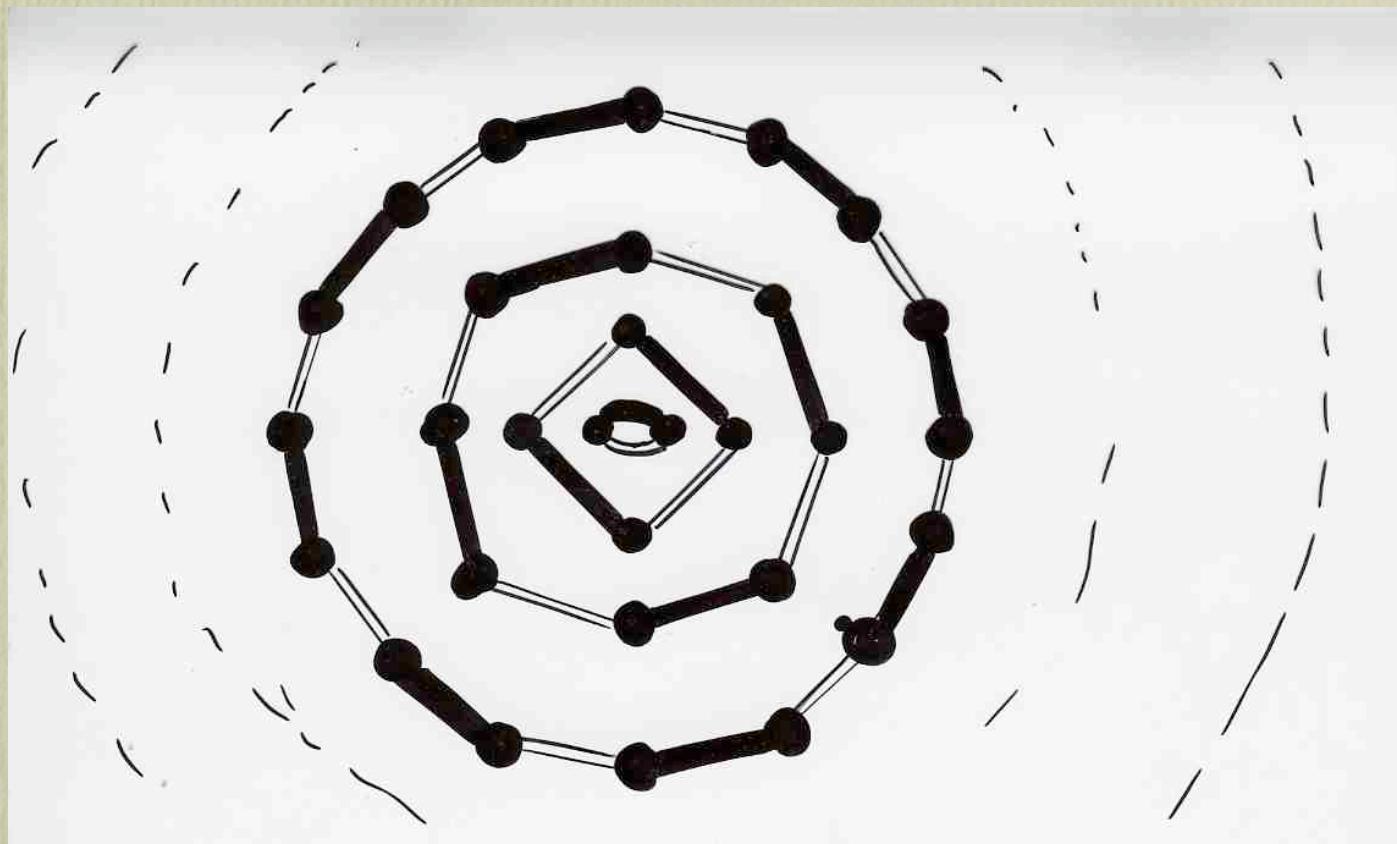
Copernic

De Revolutionibus  
(1543)











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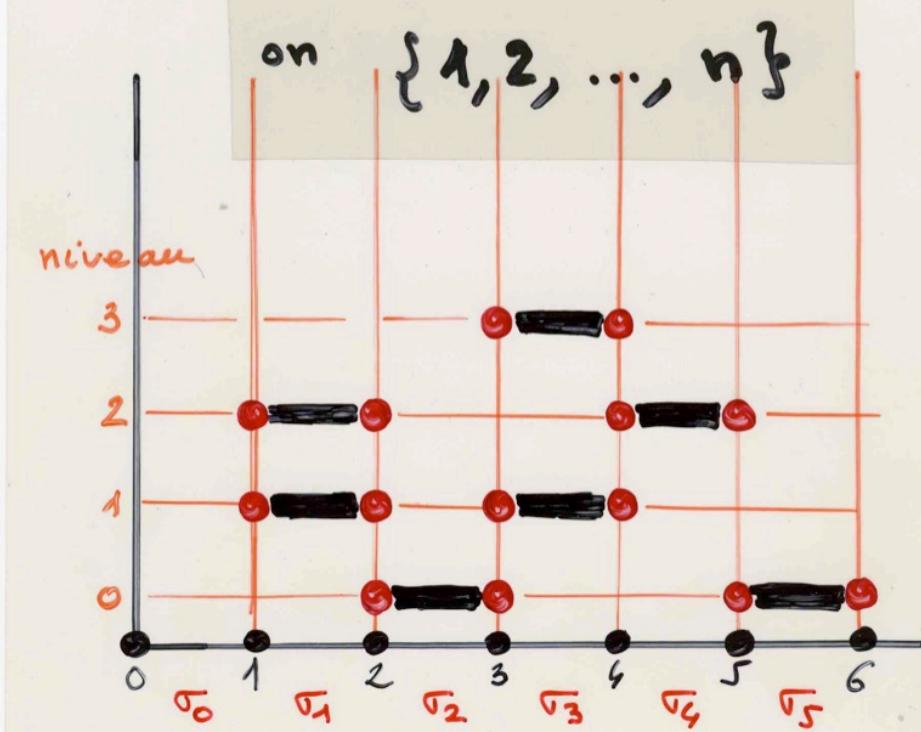
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Galileo  
(1597)

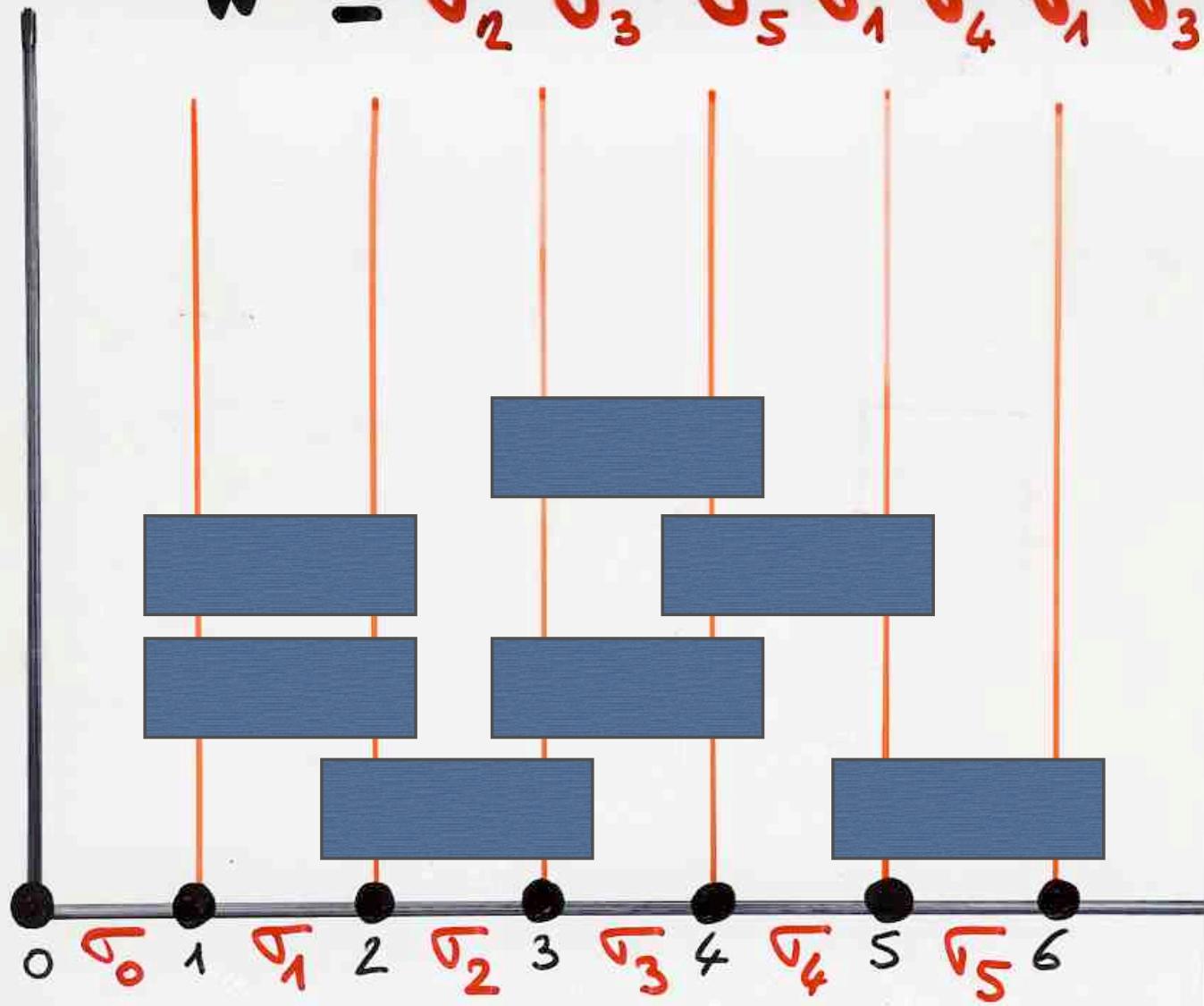
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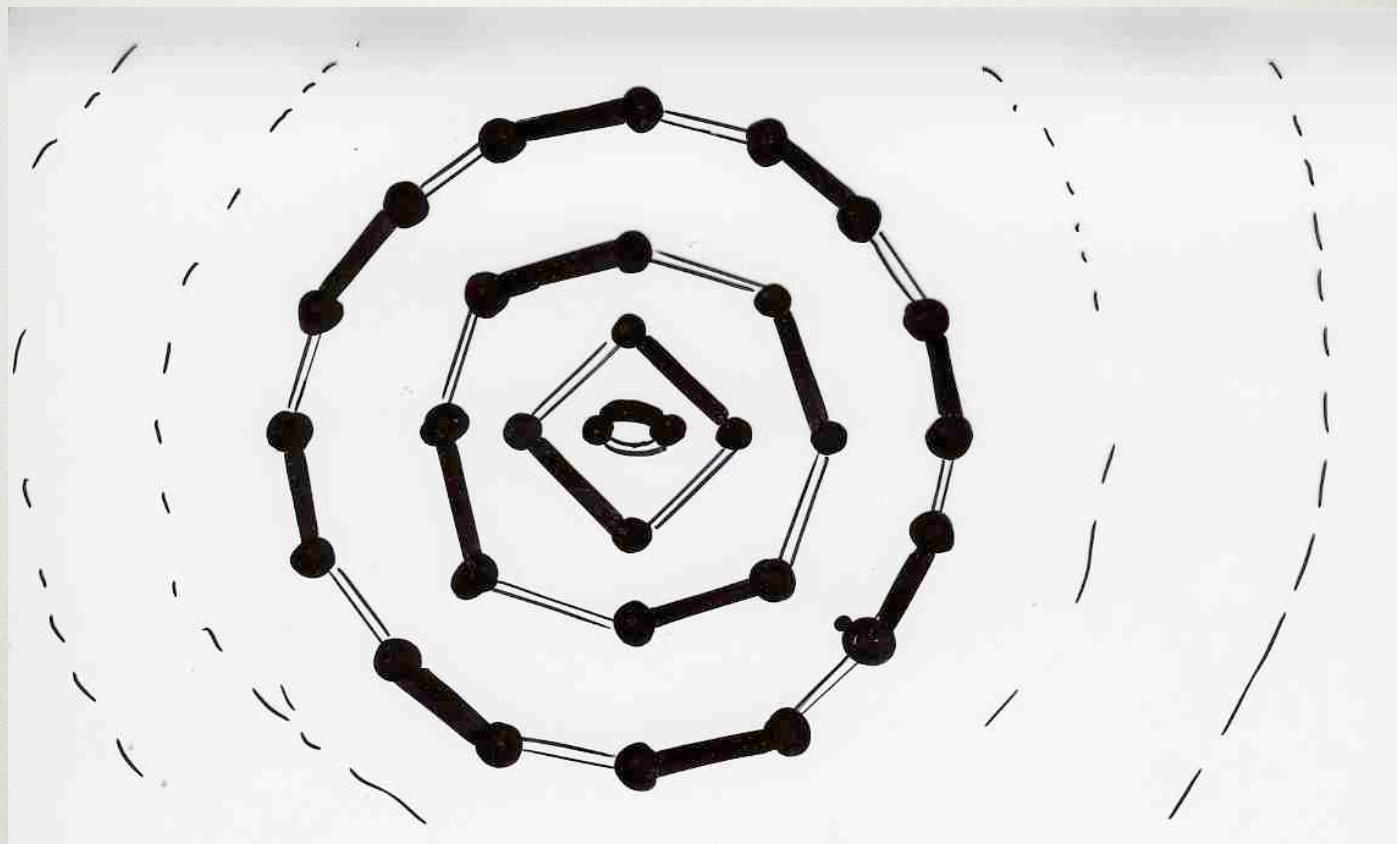
### 3. Les tours de Kepler

heap of  
dimers



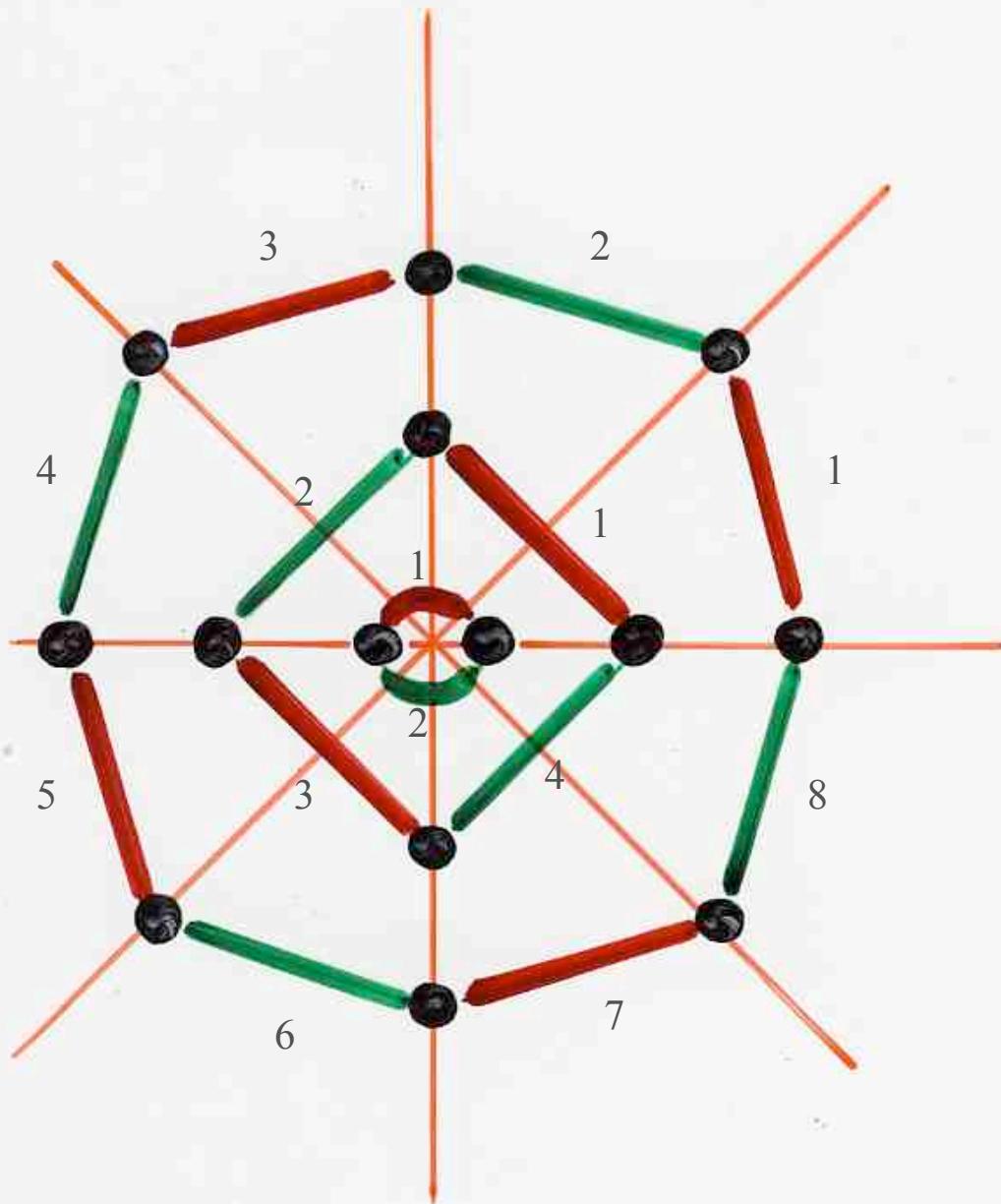
$$w = \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \sigma_5 \sigma_1 \sigma_4 \sigma_1 \sigma_3$$

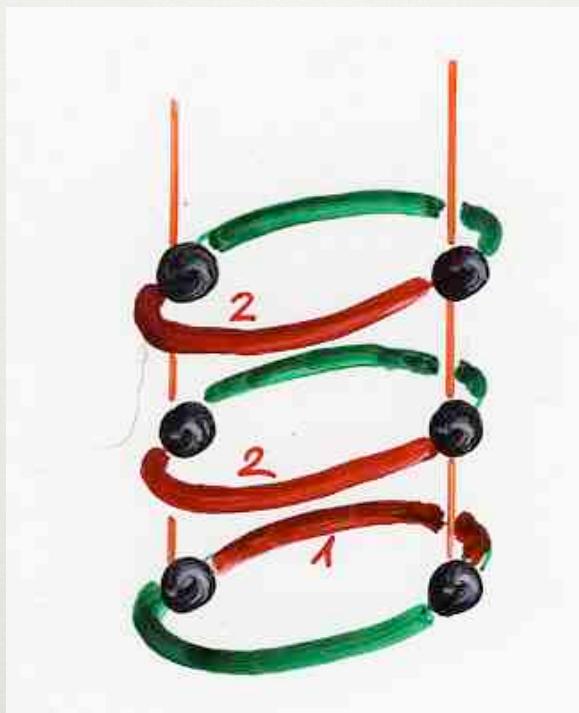


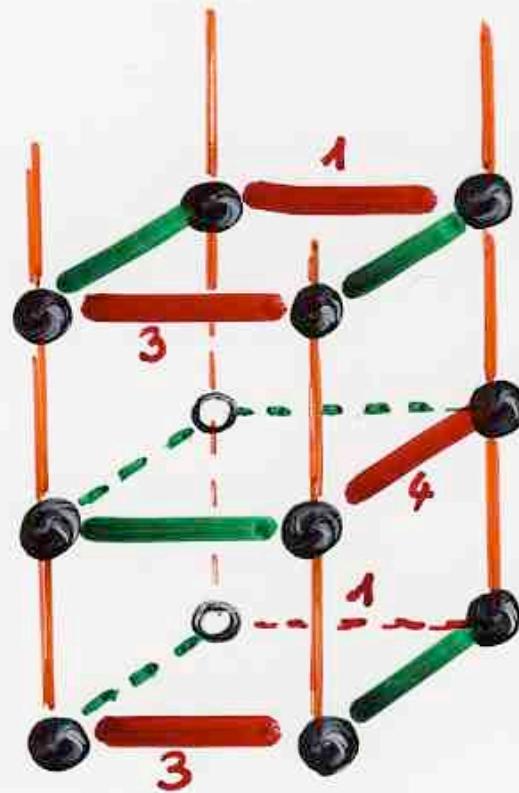


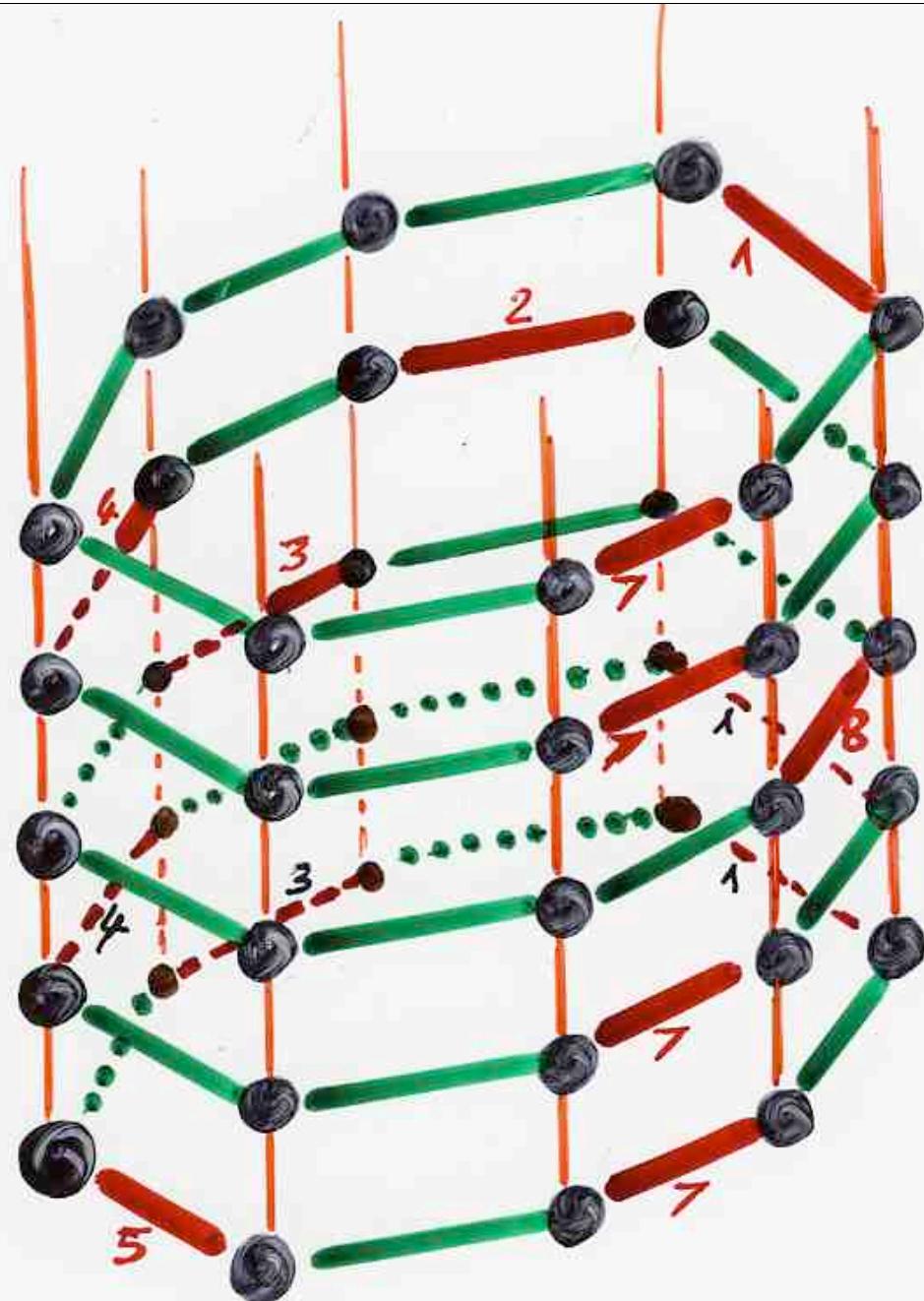
## System of Kepler towers

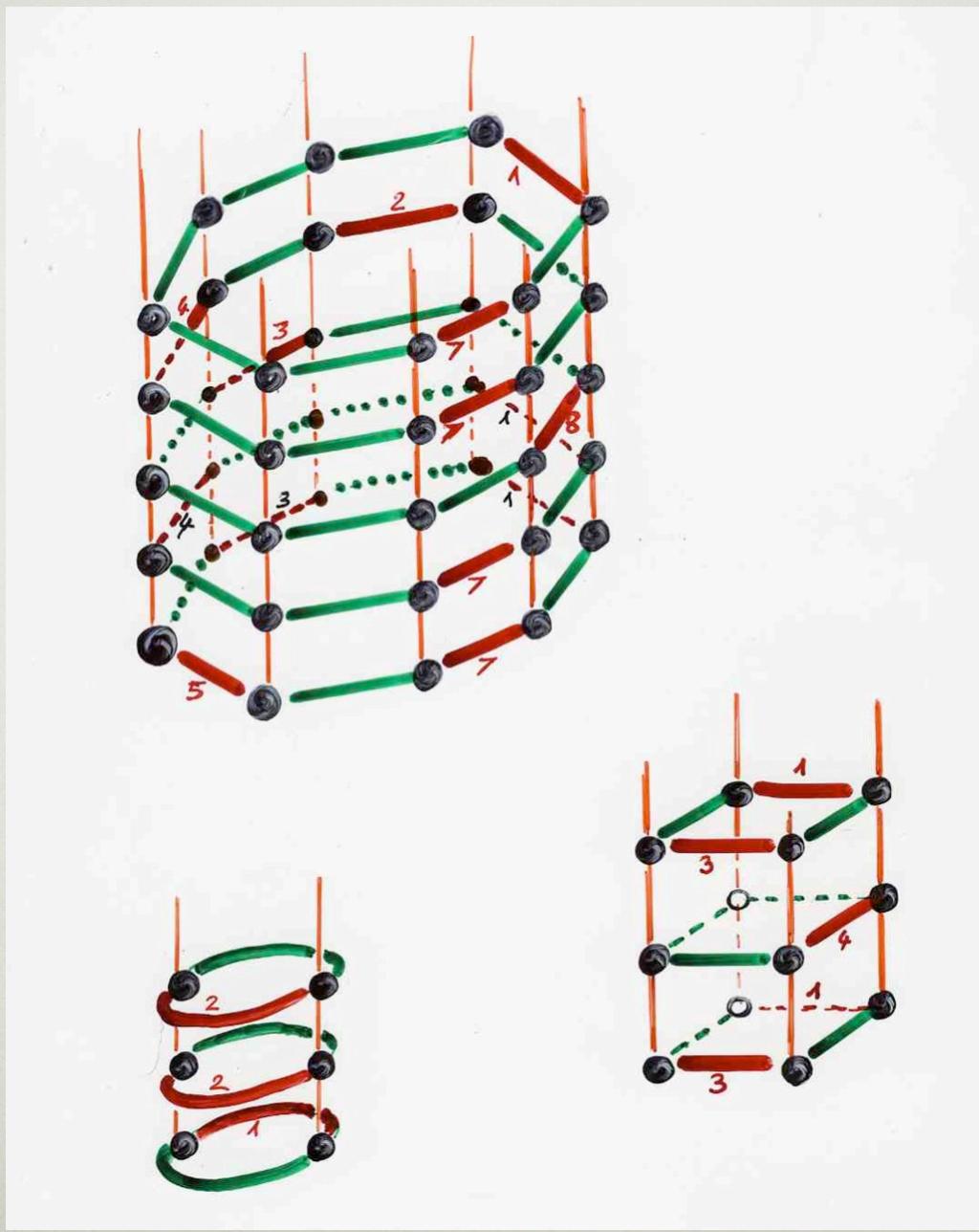
- regular polygons  $P_2, P_4, P_8, \dots$   
 $P_i$   $2^i$  edges { 
- heaps  $H_1, \dots, H_k$   
 $H_i$  heap of dimers above  $P_i$  (=tower)  
$$1 \leq i \leq k$$
- (\*) at level 0,  $H_i$  contains all  $2^{i-1}$  black edges of  $P_i$ .

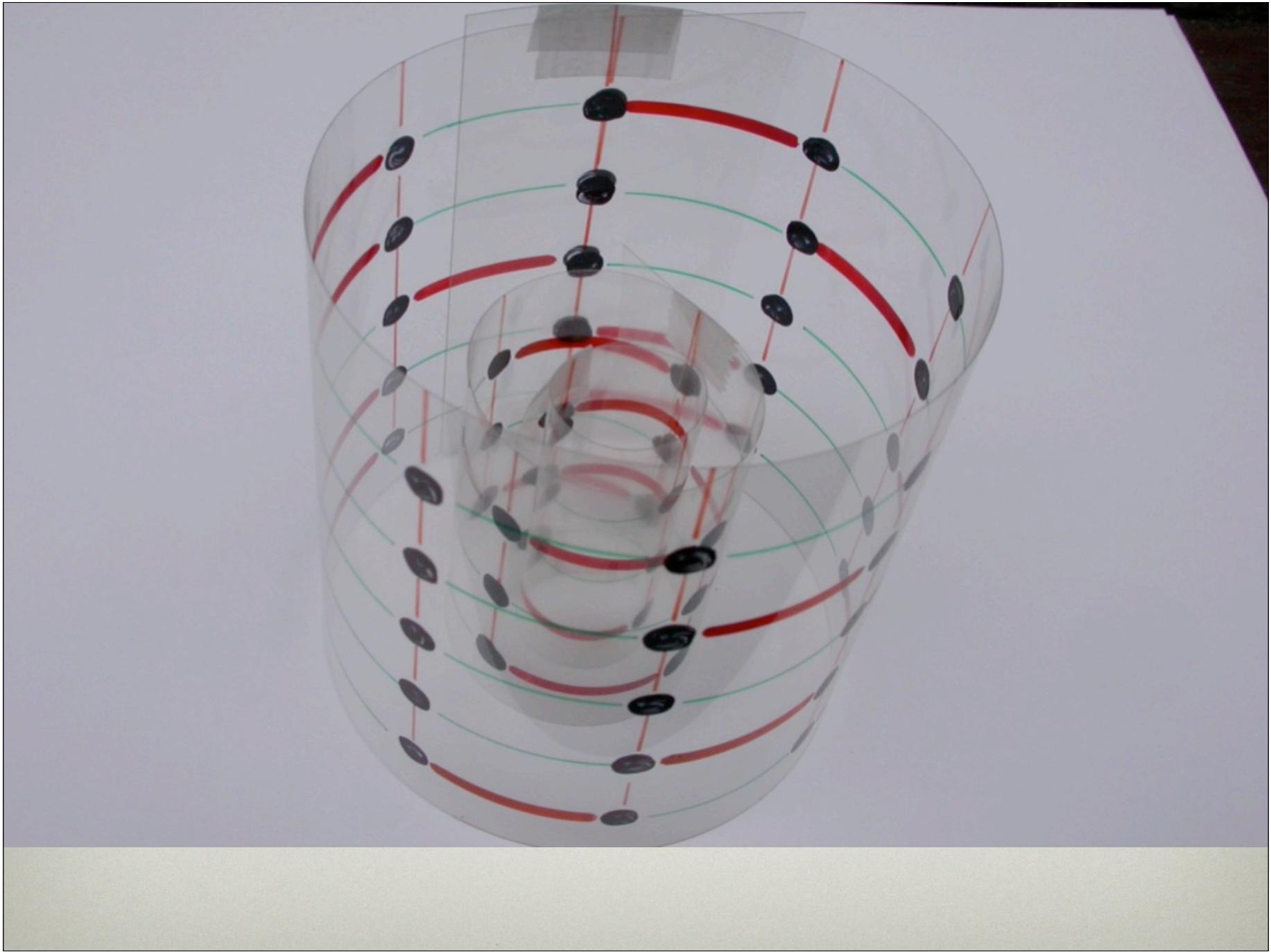




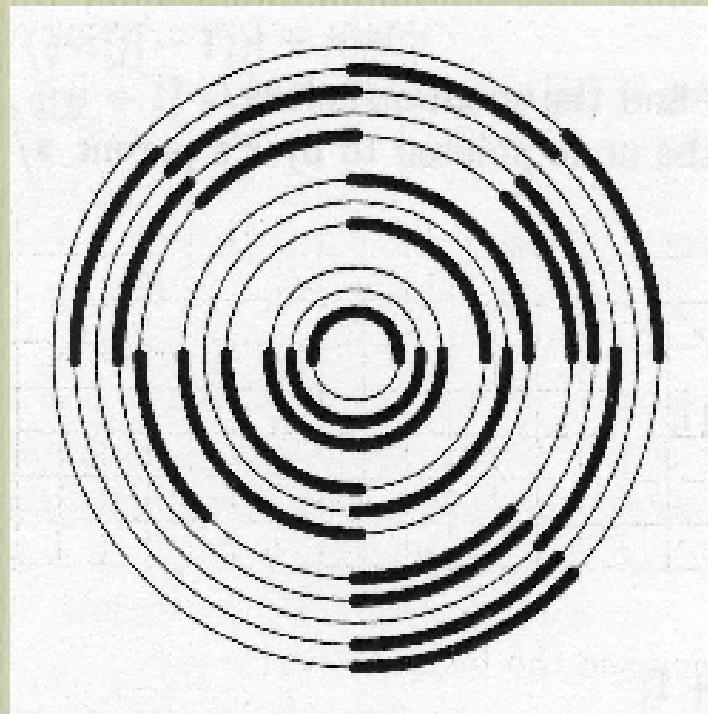












## Kepler disk

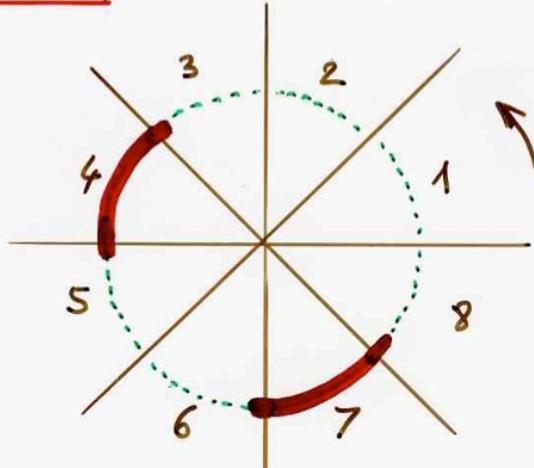
walls

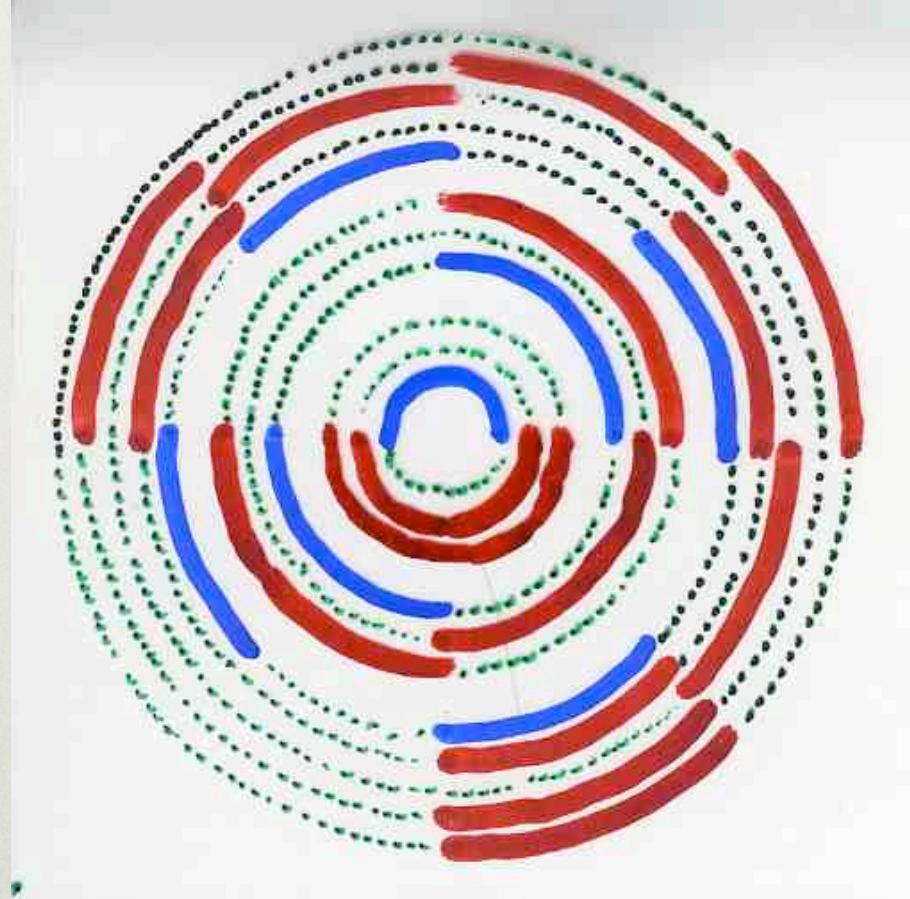
$w_1, \dots, w_k$

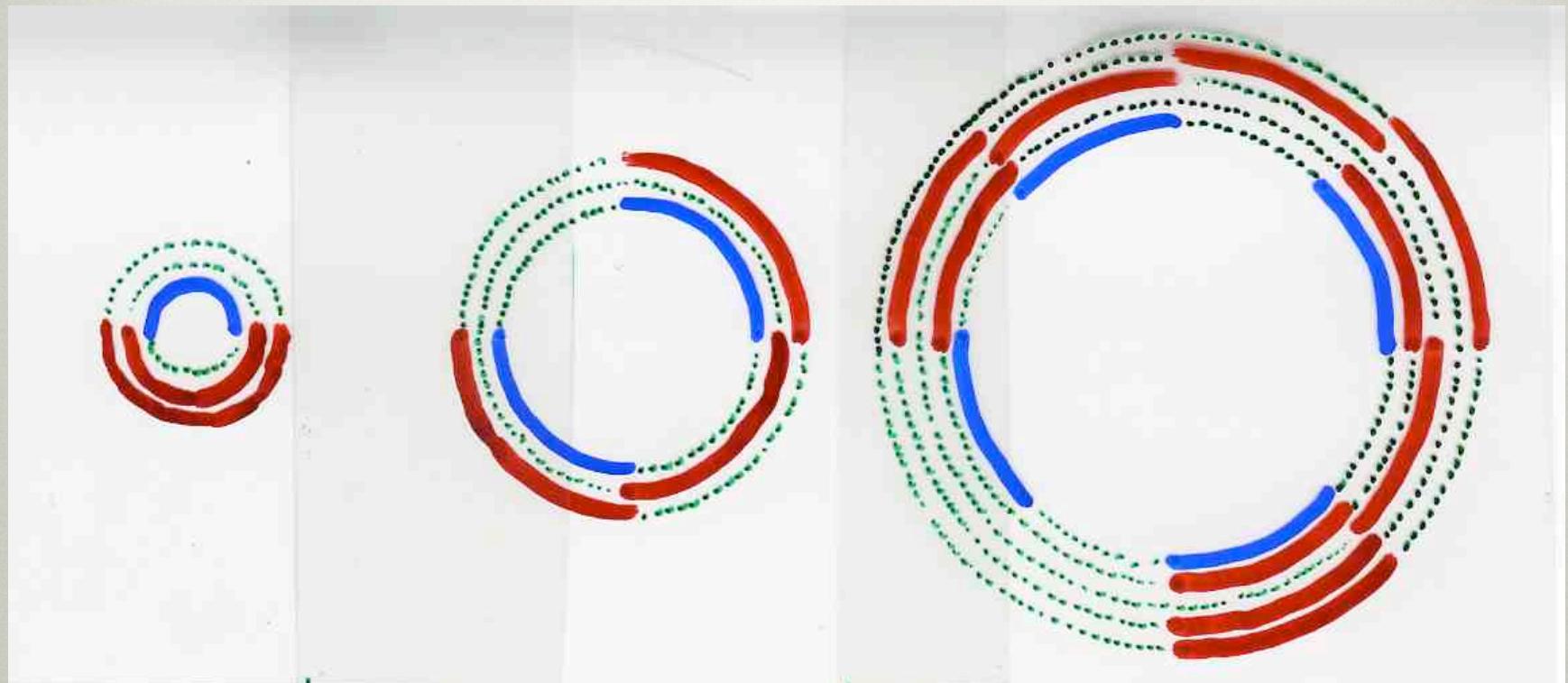
(= tower)

$w_i$  : one (or more) rings (circle)  
divided into  $2^i$  segments (= polygon)  
equal length

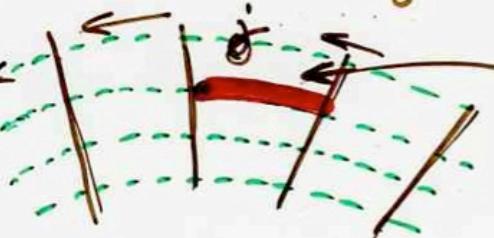
bricks (= dimers)







Wi wall

- (i) first ring, positions of brick  
 $1, 3, 5, \dots, 2^r - 1$
- (ii) bricks cannot occupy adjacent segments of a ring
- (iii)  brick position  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 2$

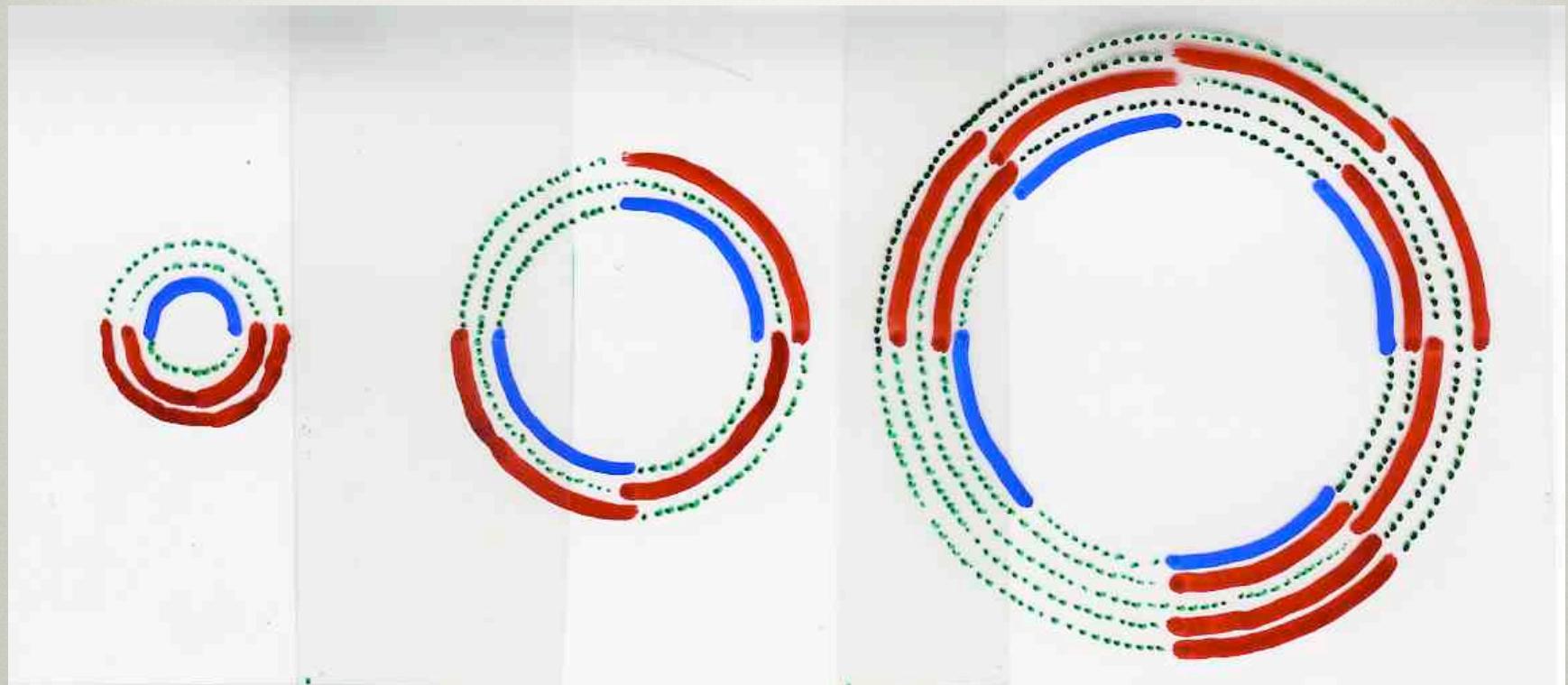
(iv)

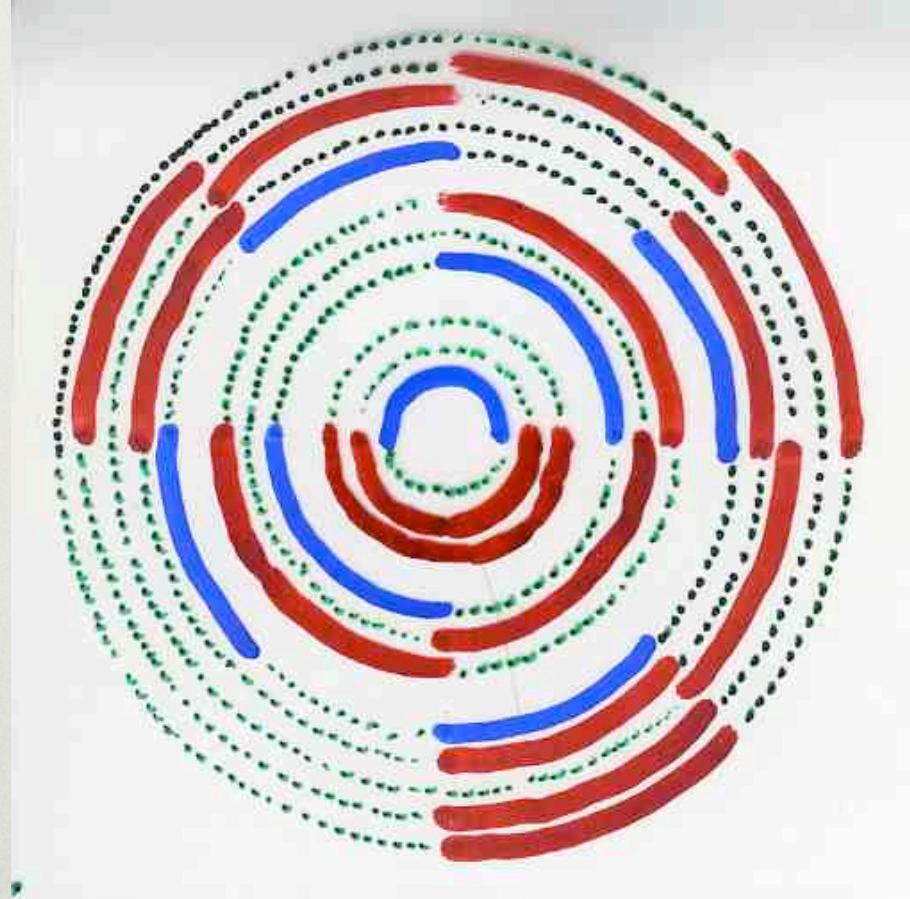
$W_i$  wall

- (i) first ring,  $1, 3, 5, \dots, 2^i - 1$  positions of brick
- (ii) bricks cannot occupy adjacent segments of a ring
- (iii)  brick position  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 2^i$

$\exists$  (at least) one brick  
in position  $j-1, j$ , or  $j+1$   
(modulo  $2^i$ )

(iv)





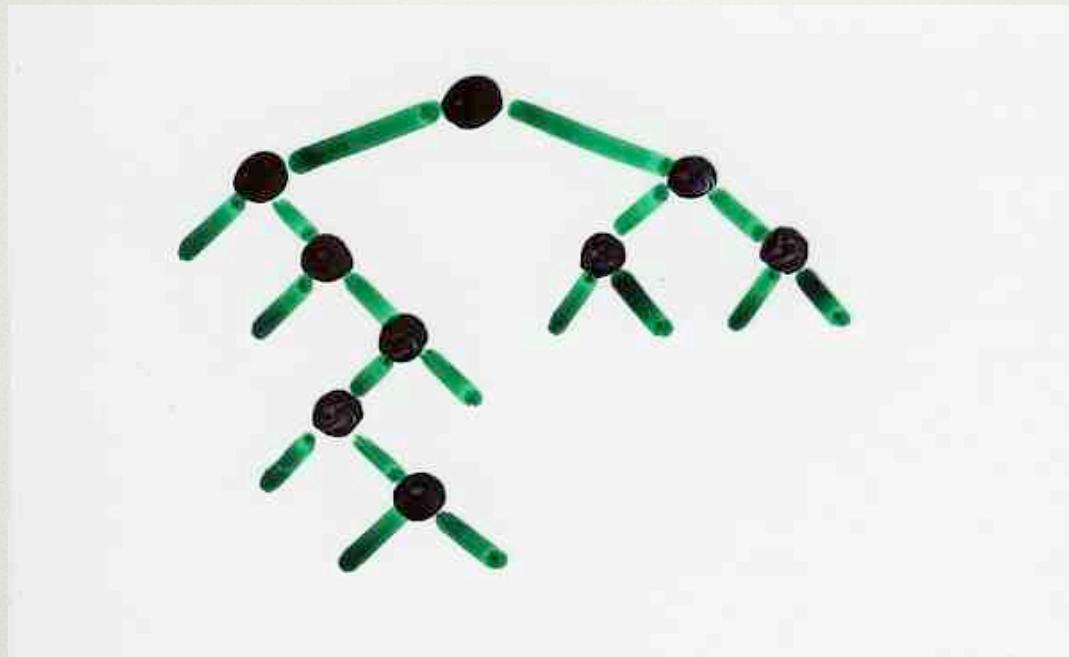
Prop. The number of Kepler towers of system having  $n$  dimers is

Catalan number

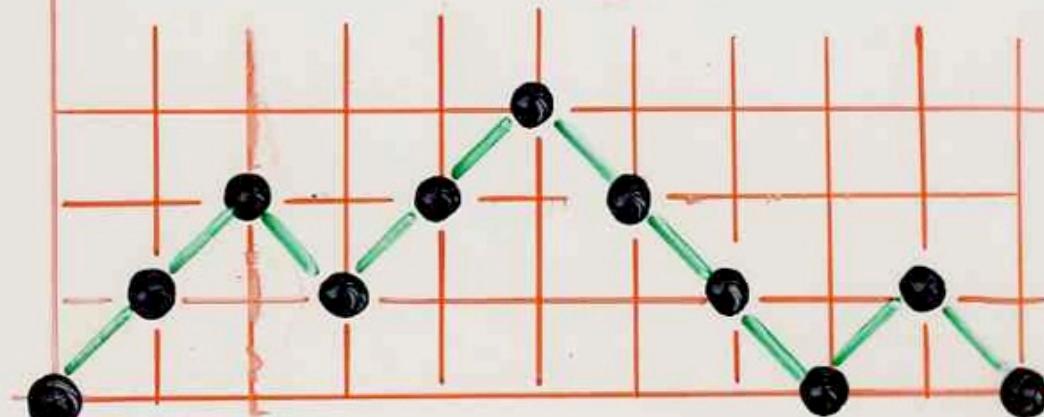
$$C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$$

The distribution of Kepler towers according to the number of towers is the Strahler distribution

## 4. Hauteur logarithmique



chemin  
de  
Dyck



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

Catalan

Dyck path

w

Height

$h(w)$

logarithmic height

$lh(w)$

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

$$lh(w) = k$$

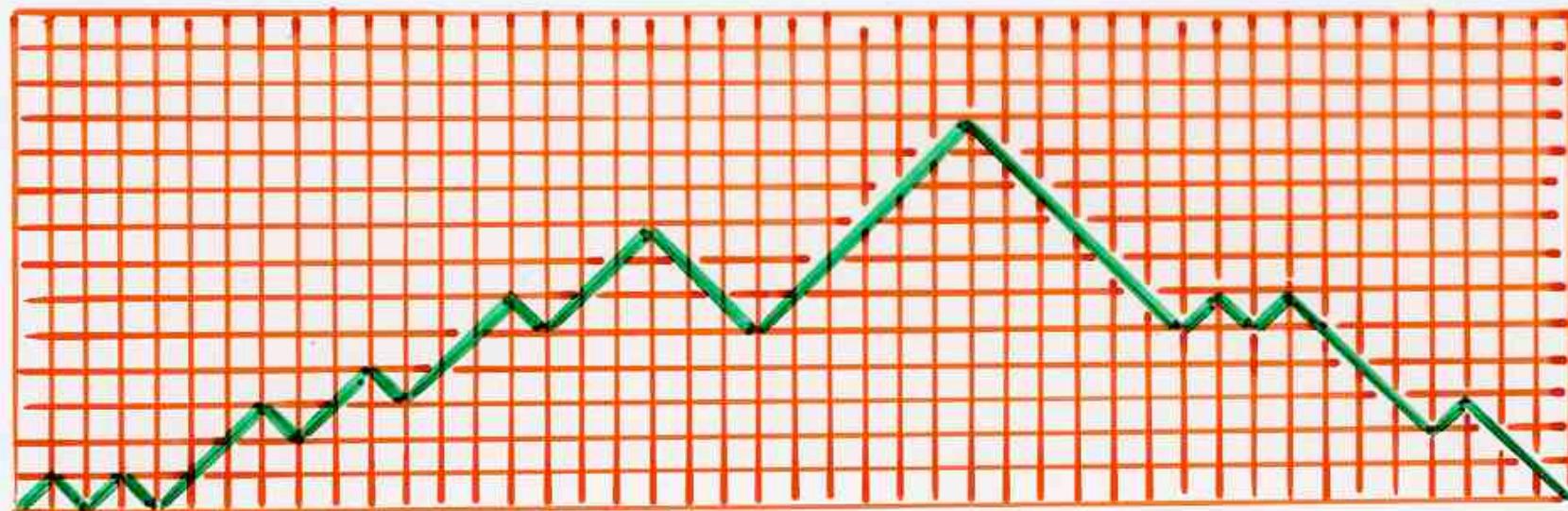
$$\Leftrightarrow 2^k - 1 \leq h(w) < 2^{k+1} - 1$$

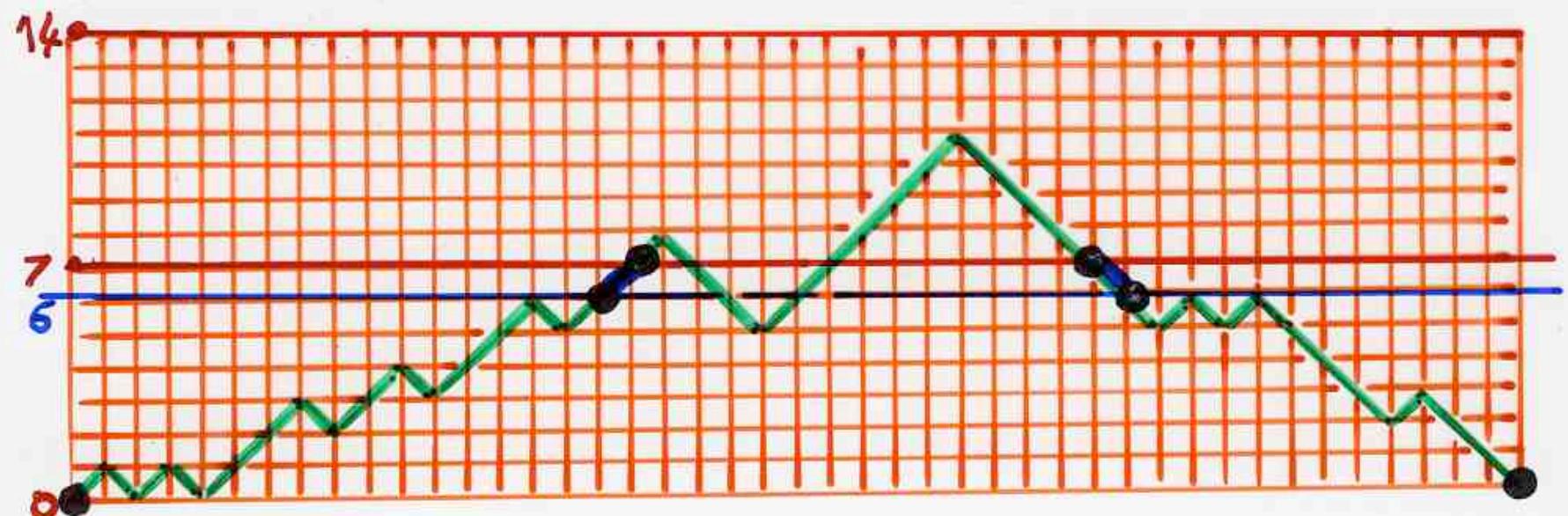
(complete)  
binary trees      Dyck paths  
 $n$  (internal) vertices      length  $2n$   
Strahler nb =  $k$       log. height  
 $lh(w) = k$

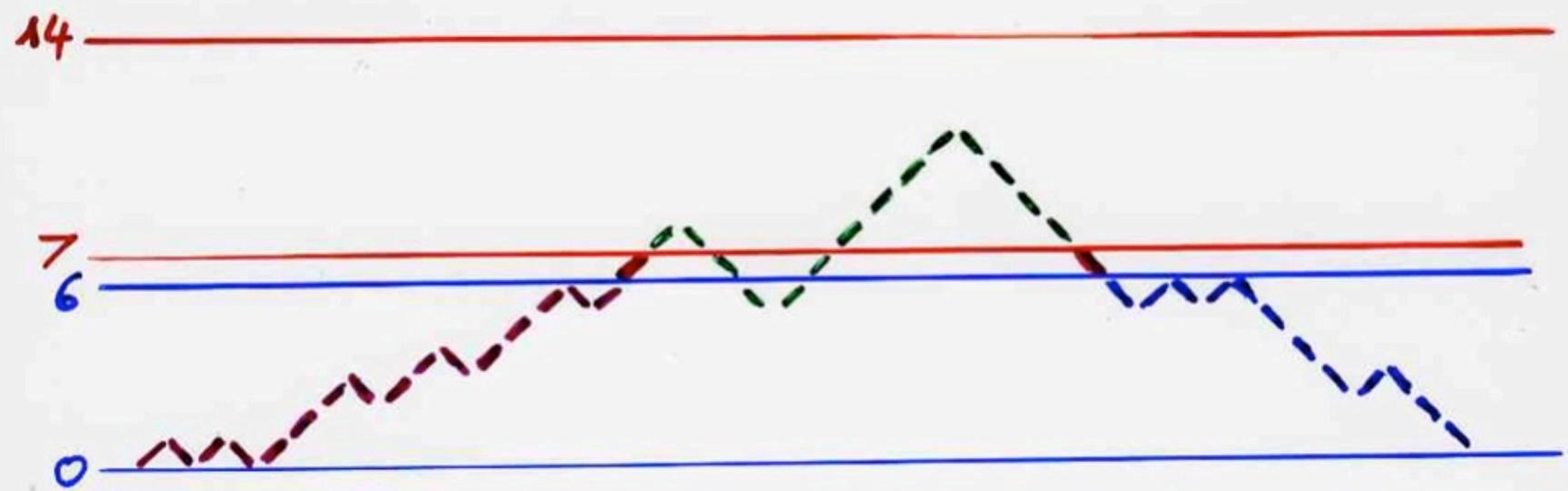
Franson      (1984)

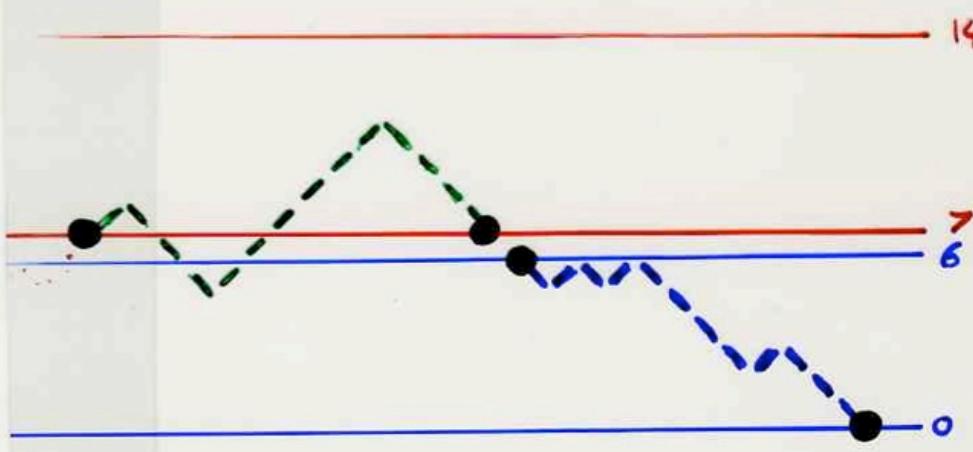
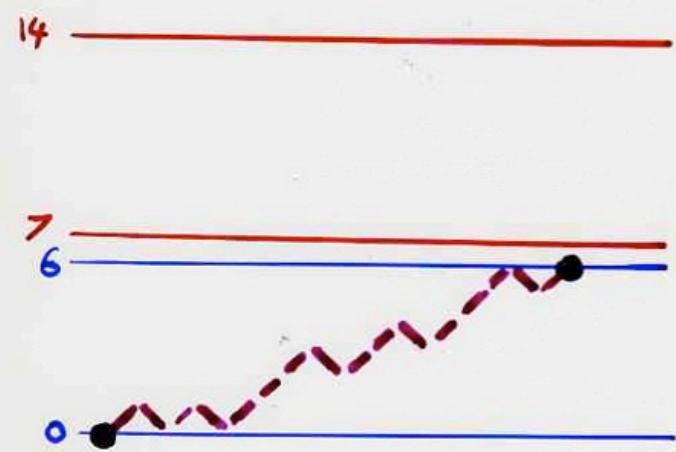
Knuth      (2005)

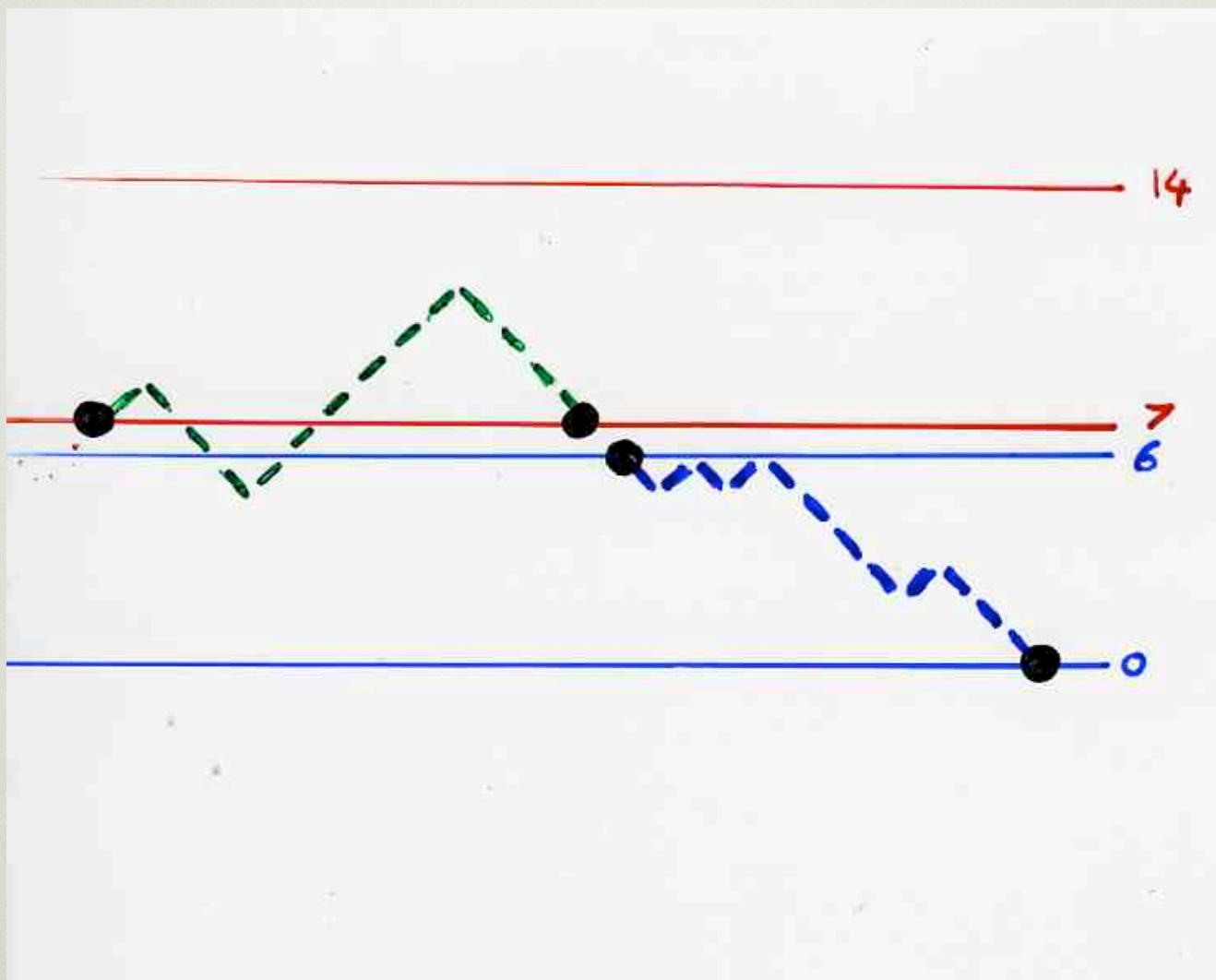
5. Bijection  
chemin de Dyck  
système de tours de Kepler

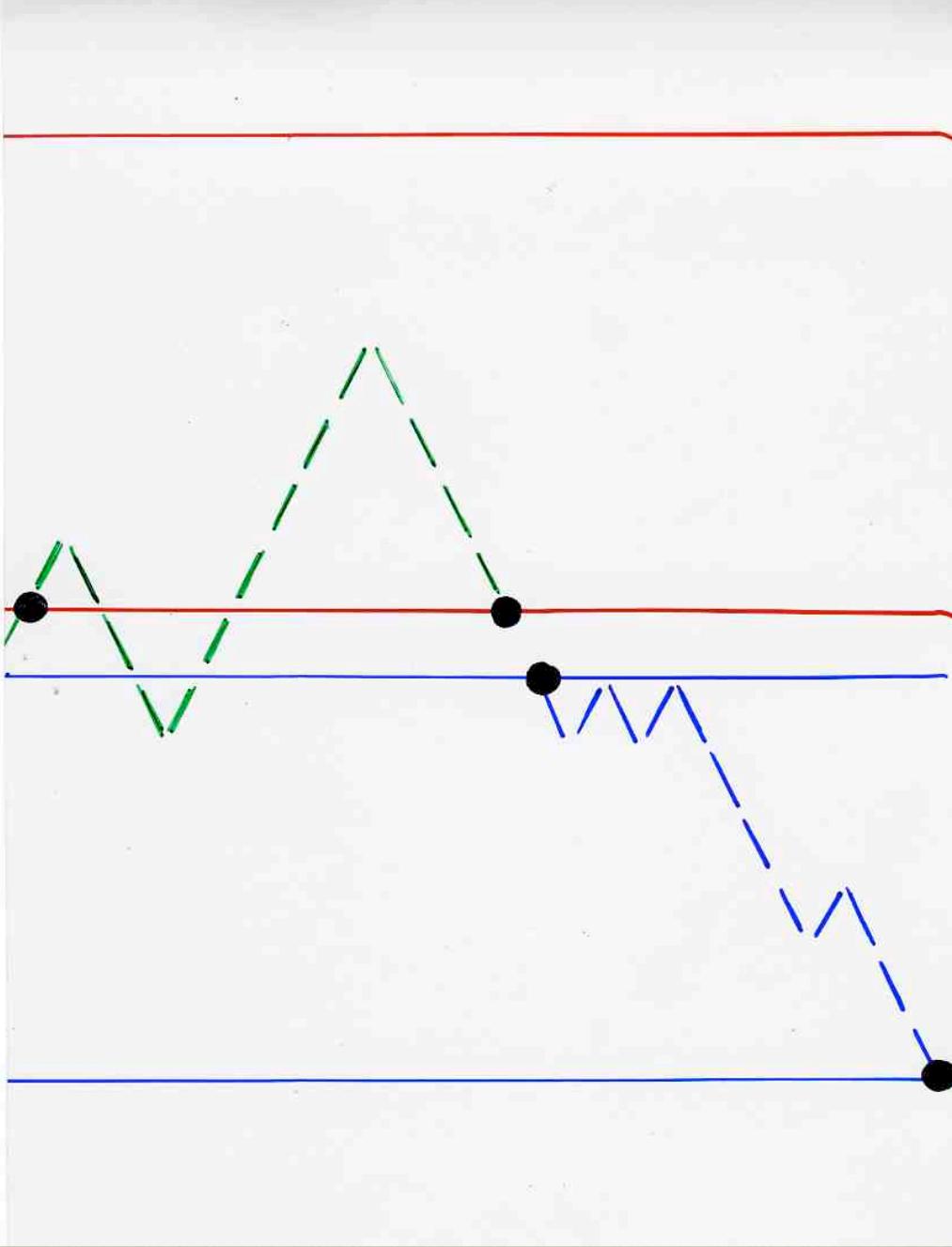






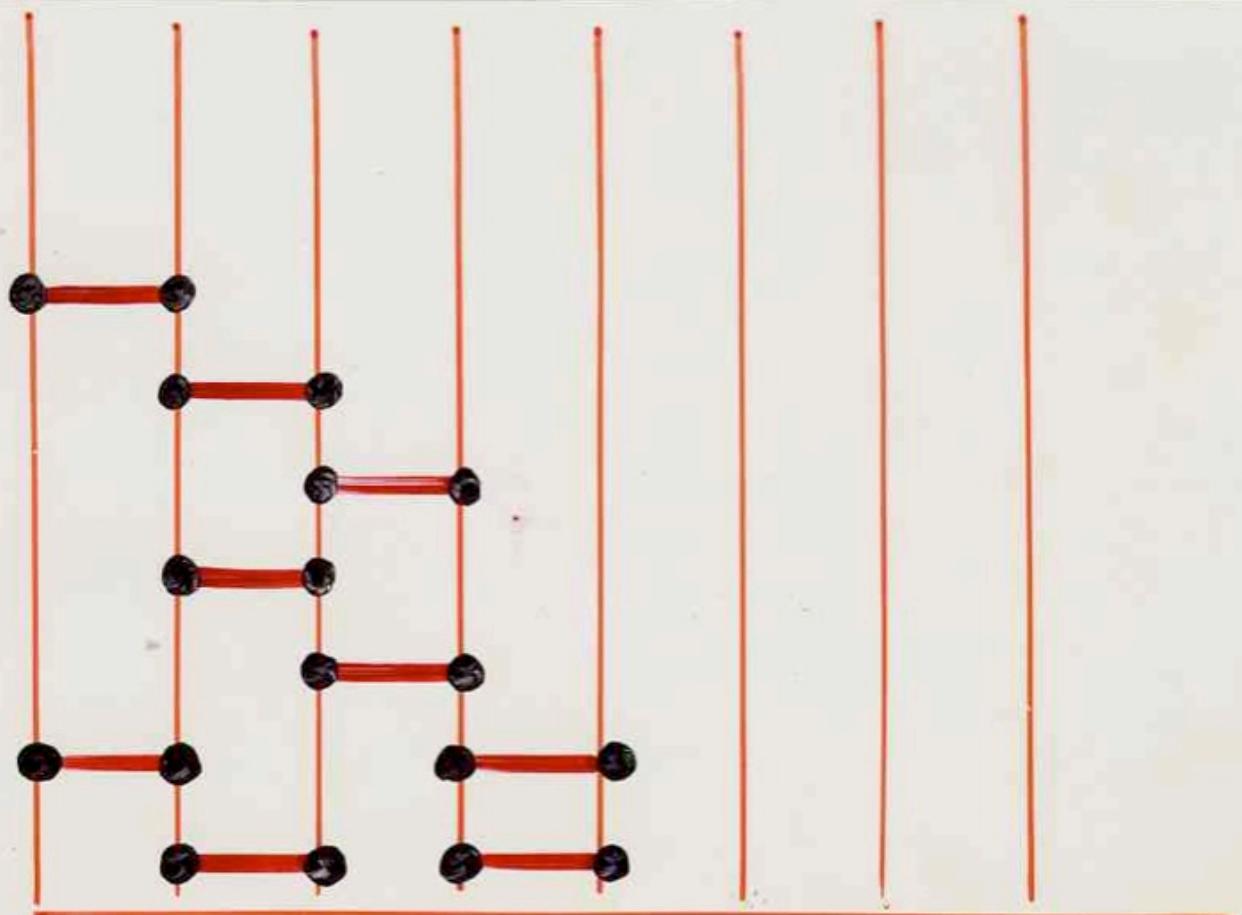


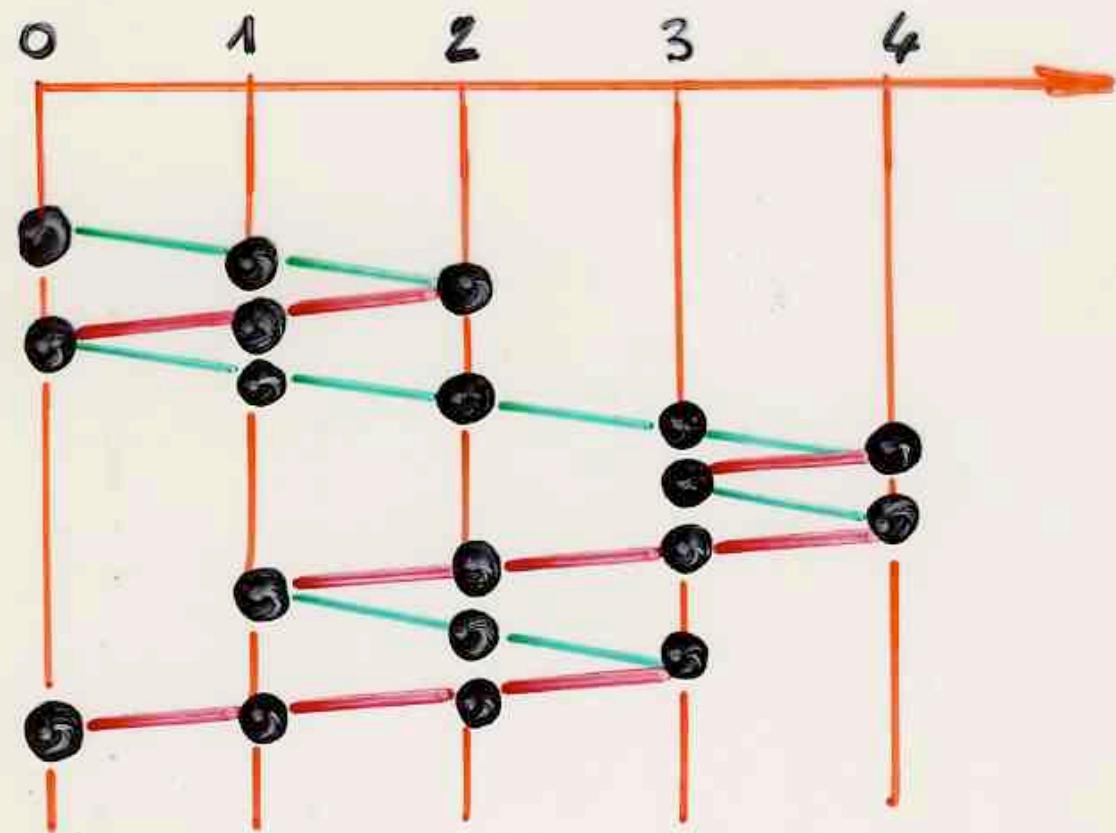


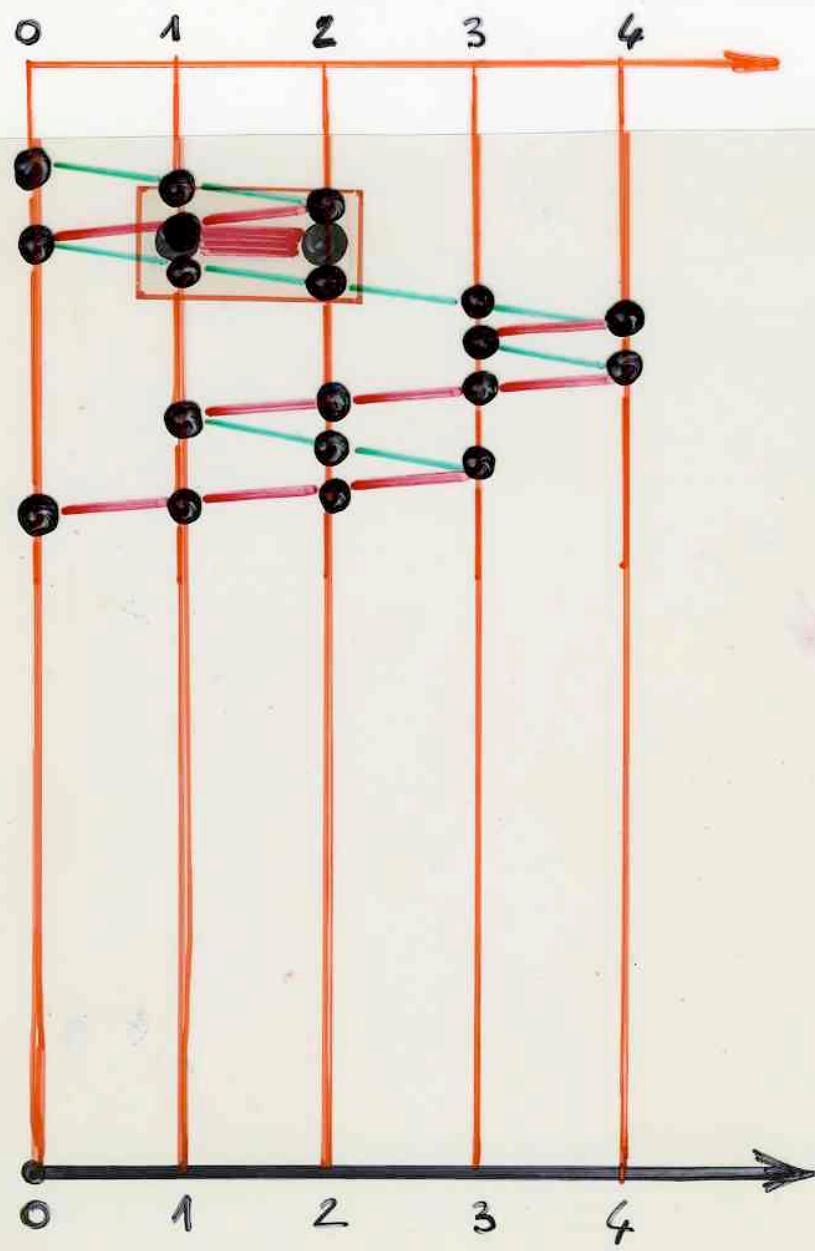


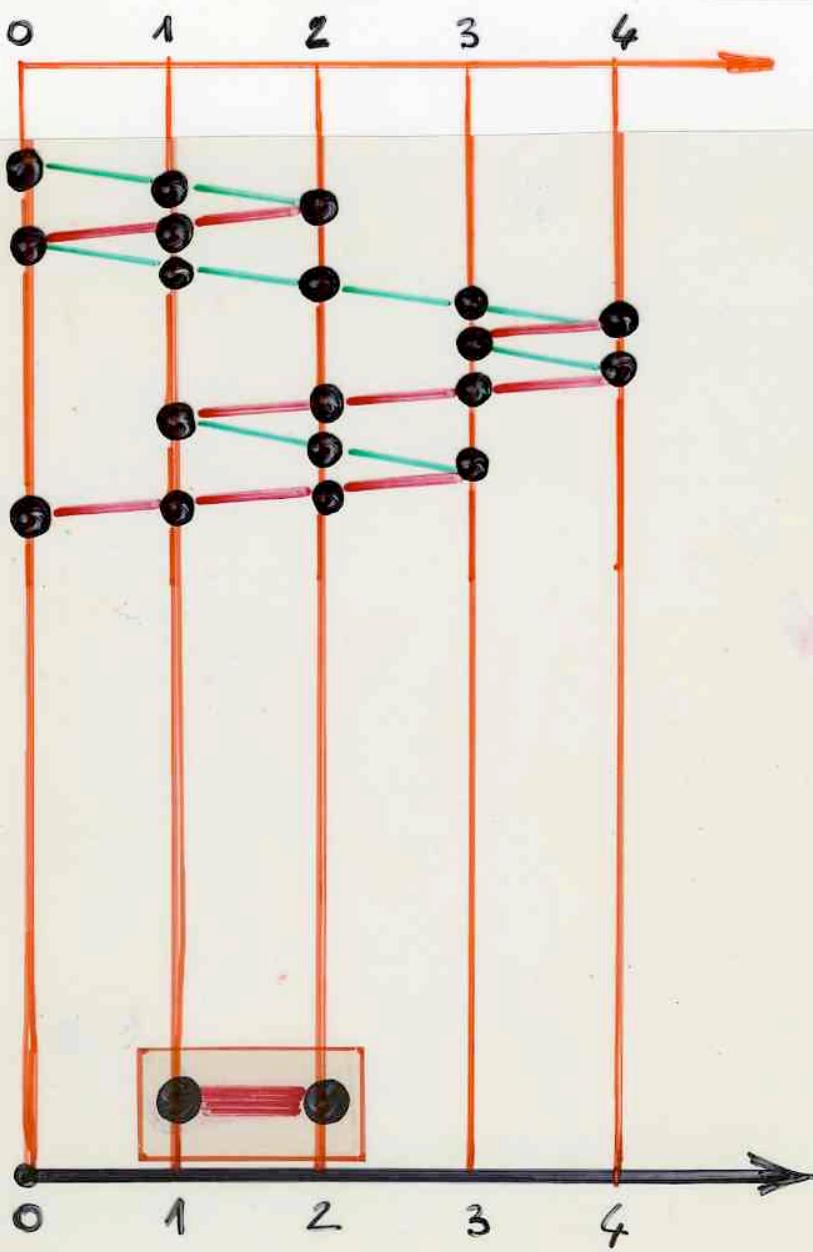
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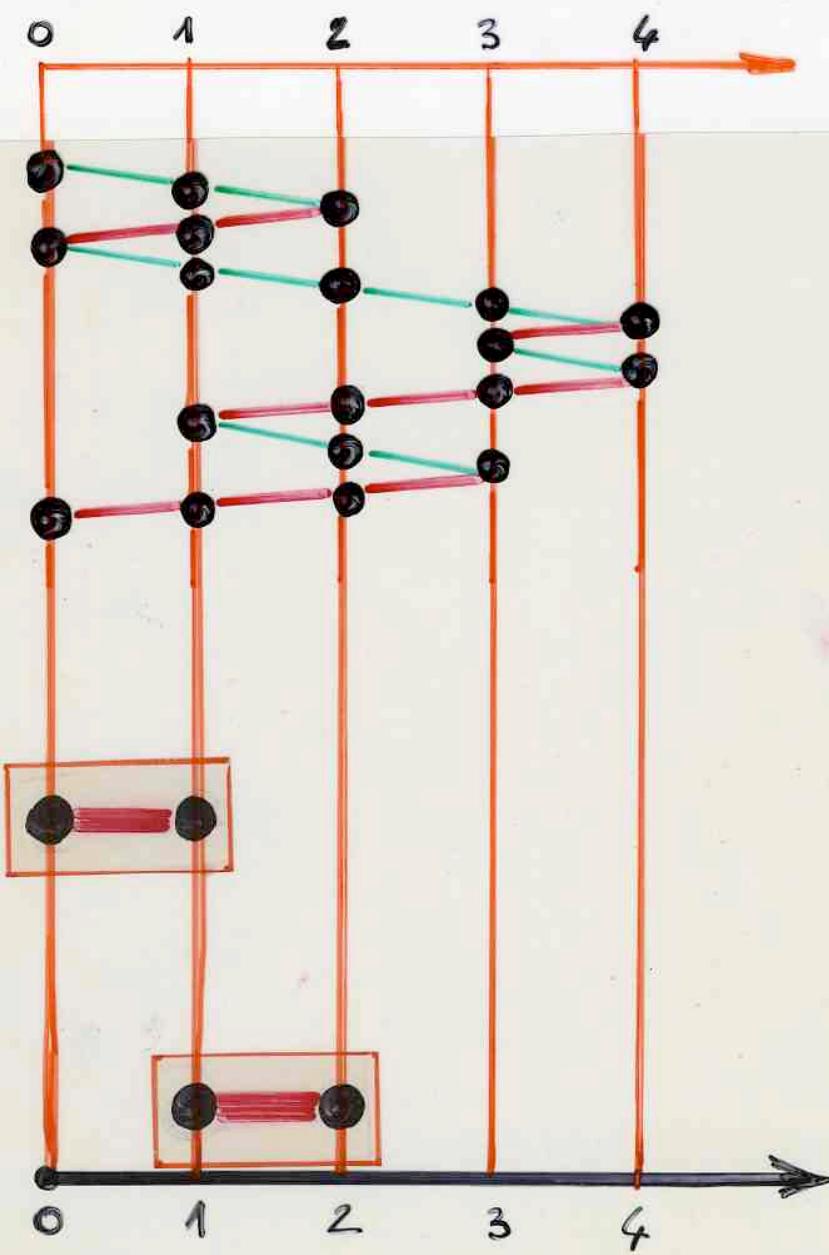
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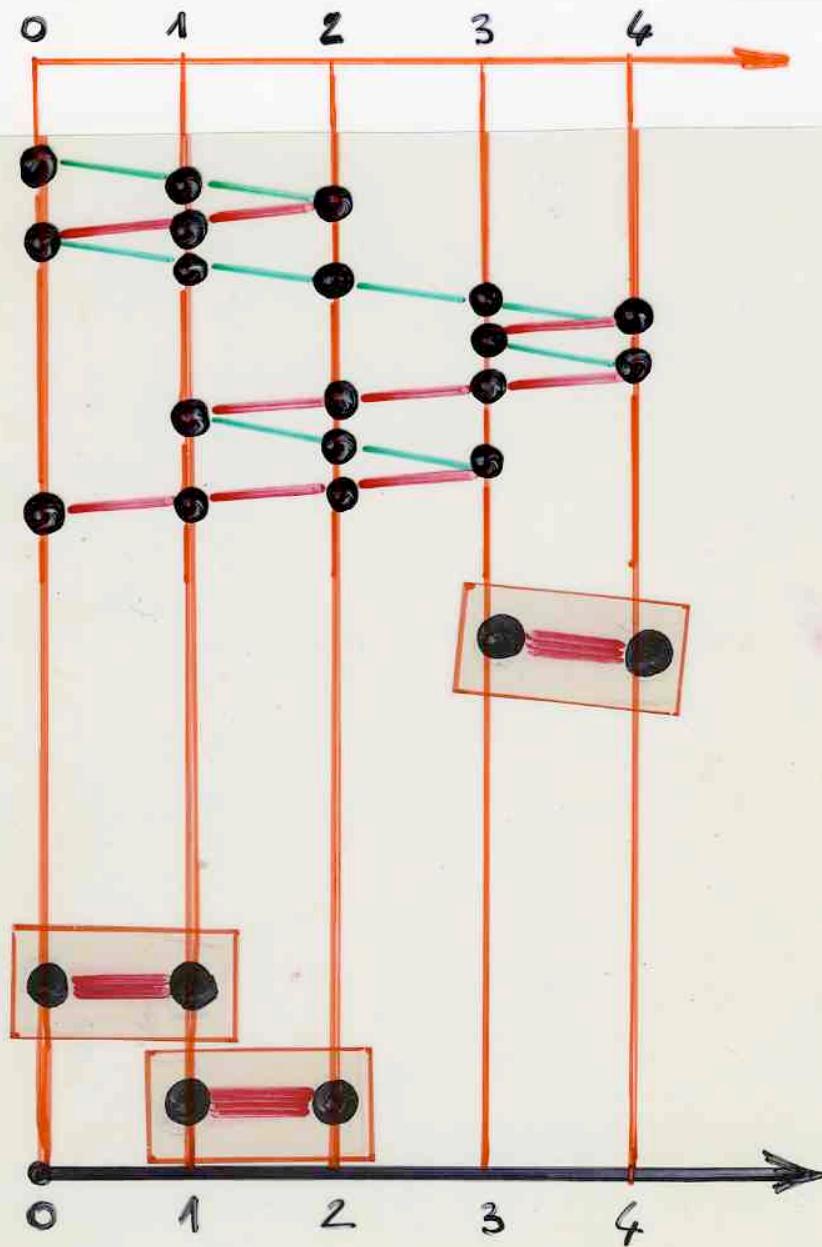


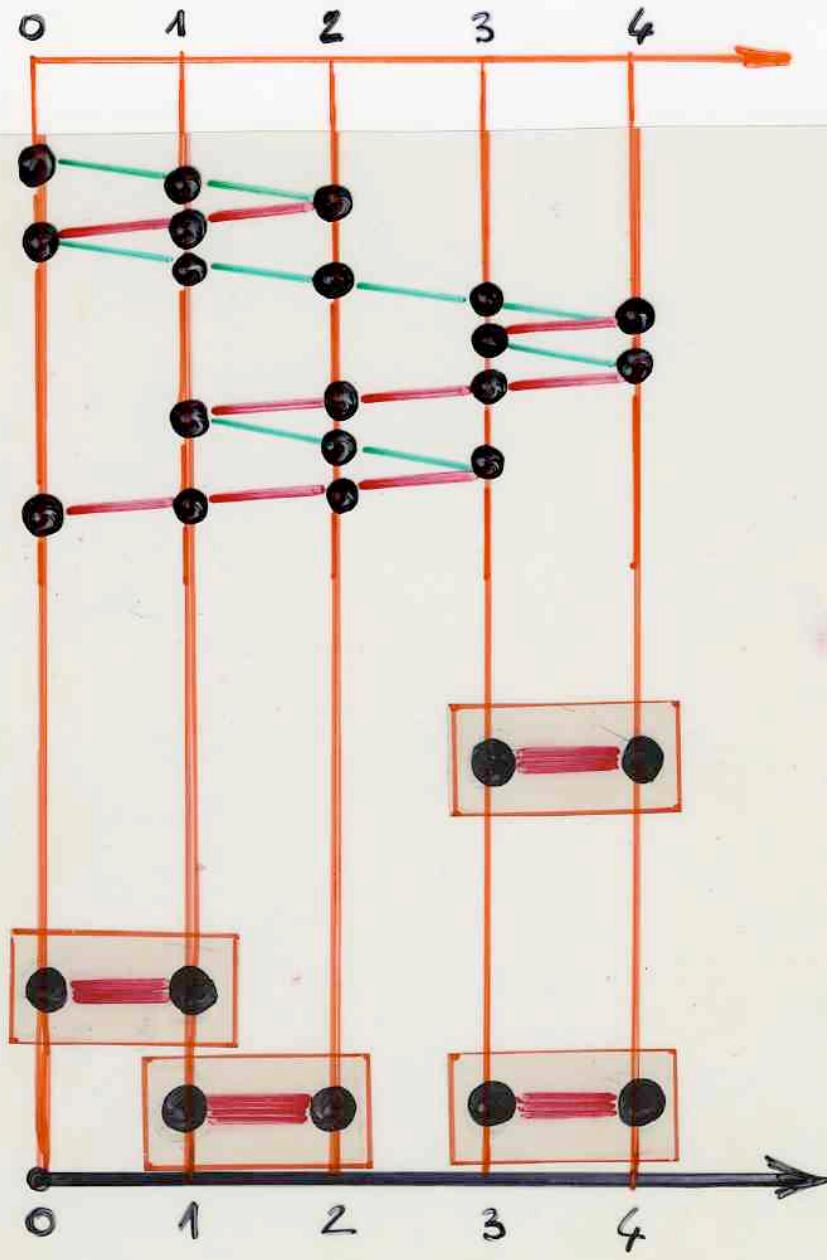


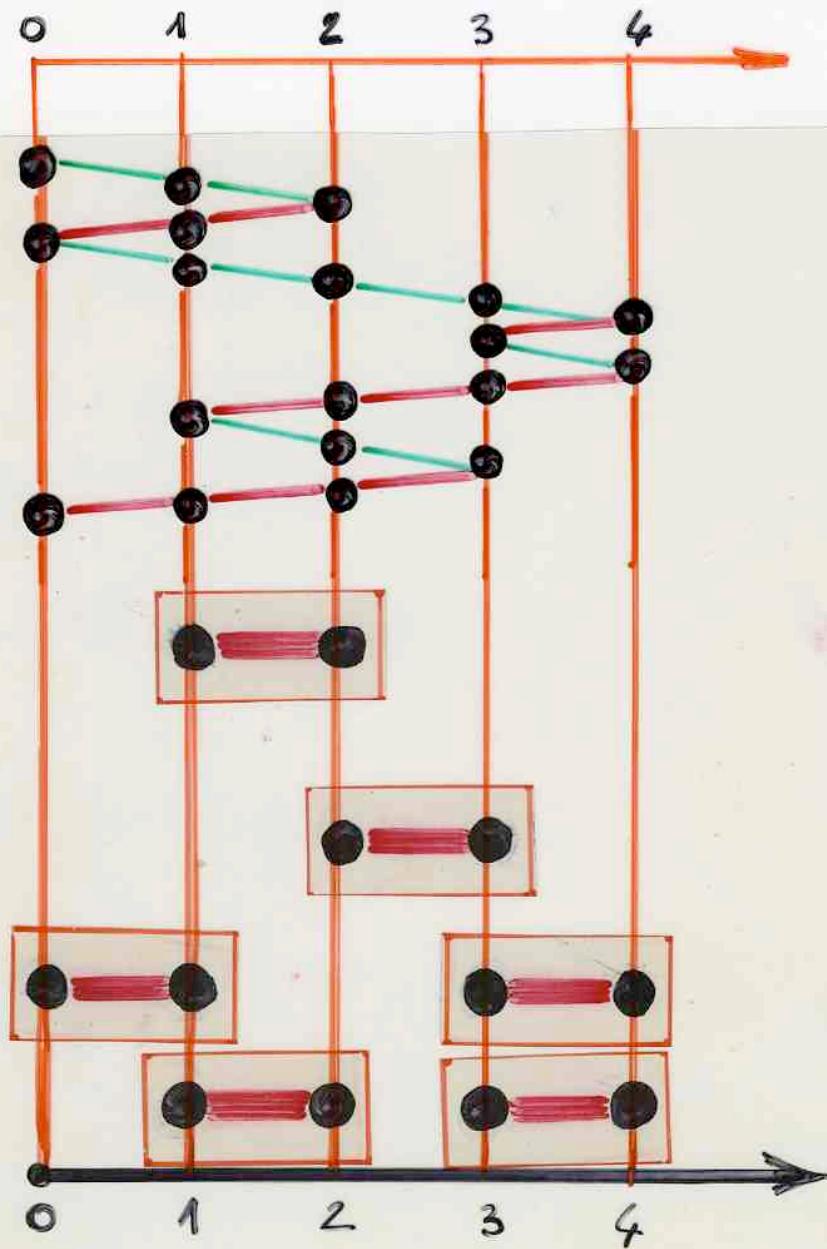


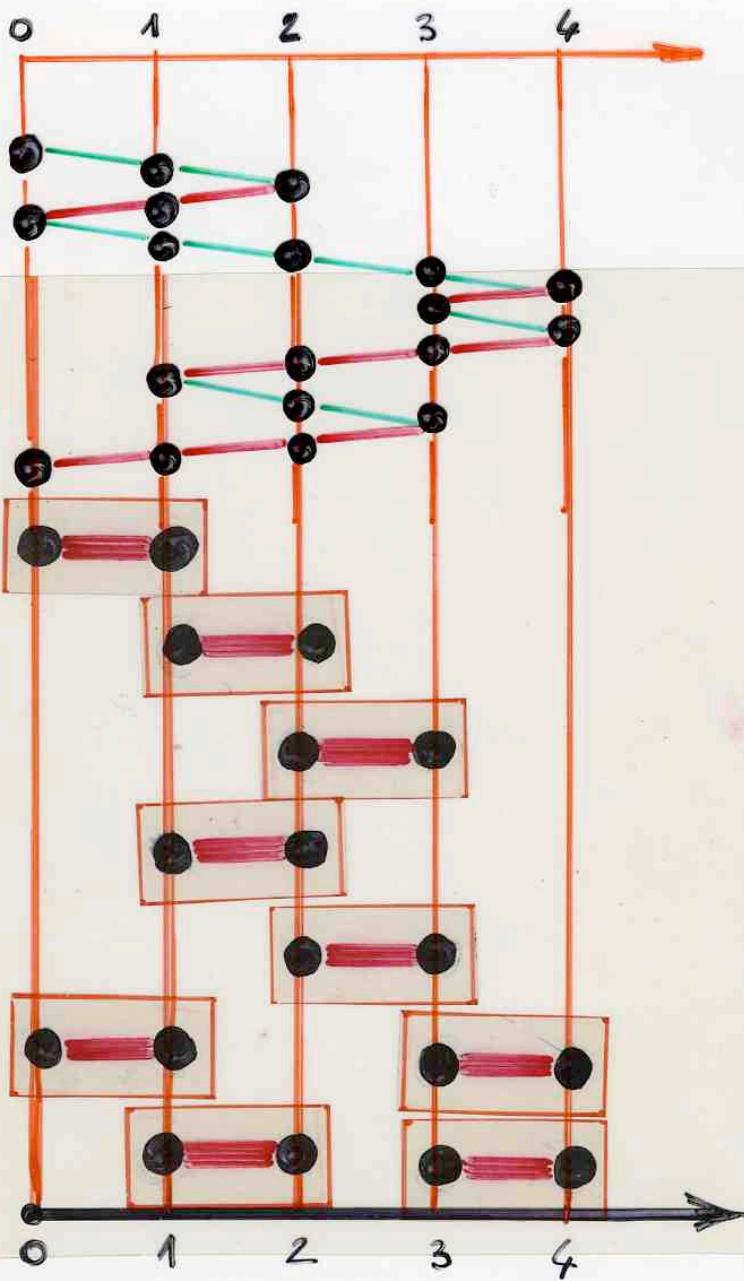


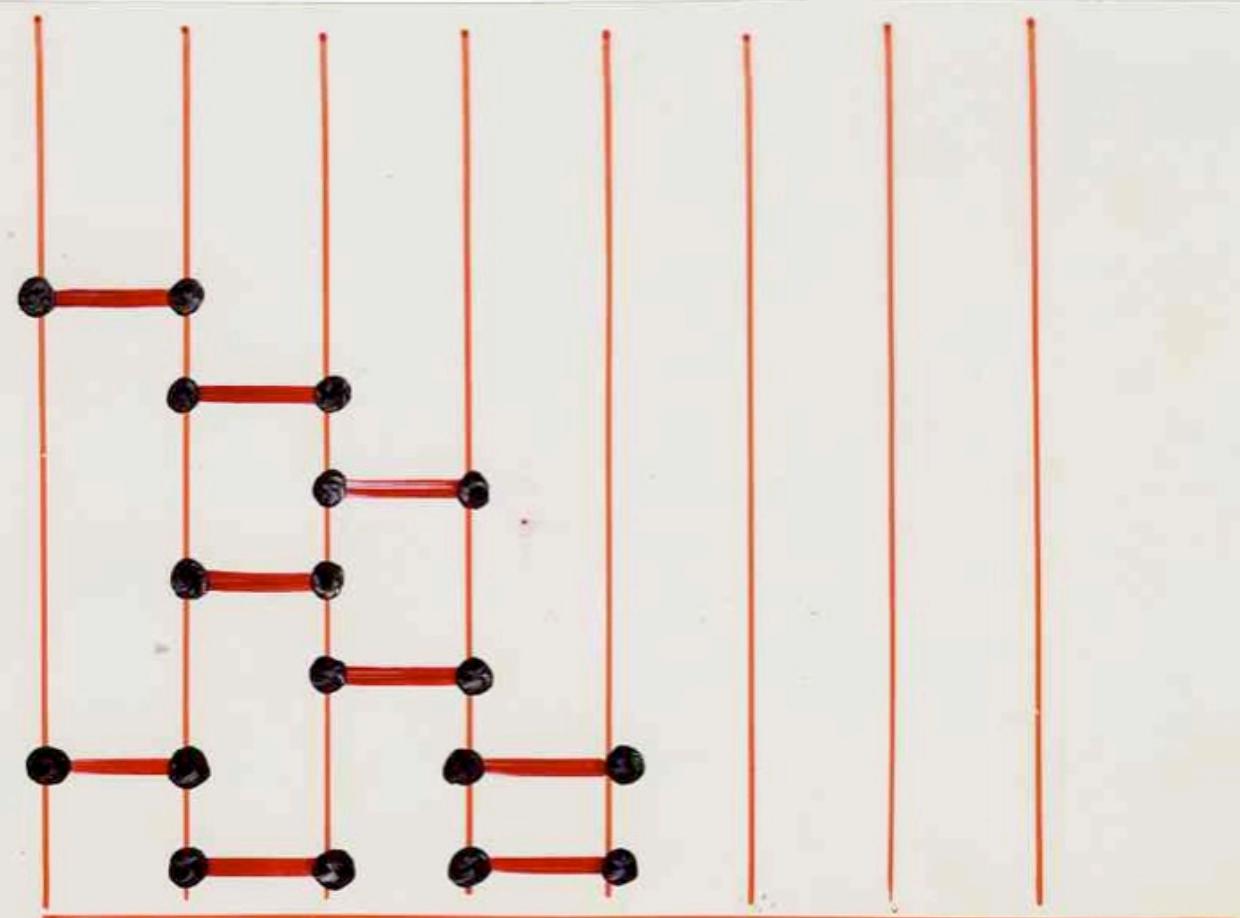




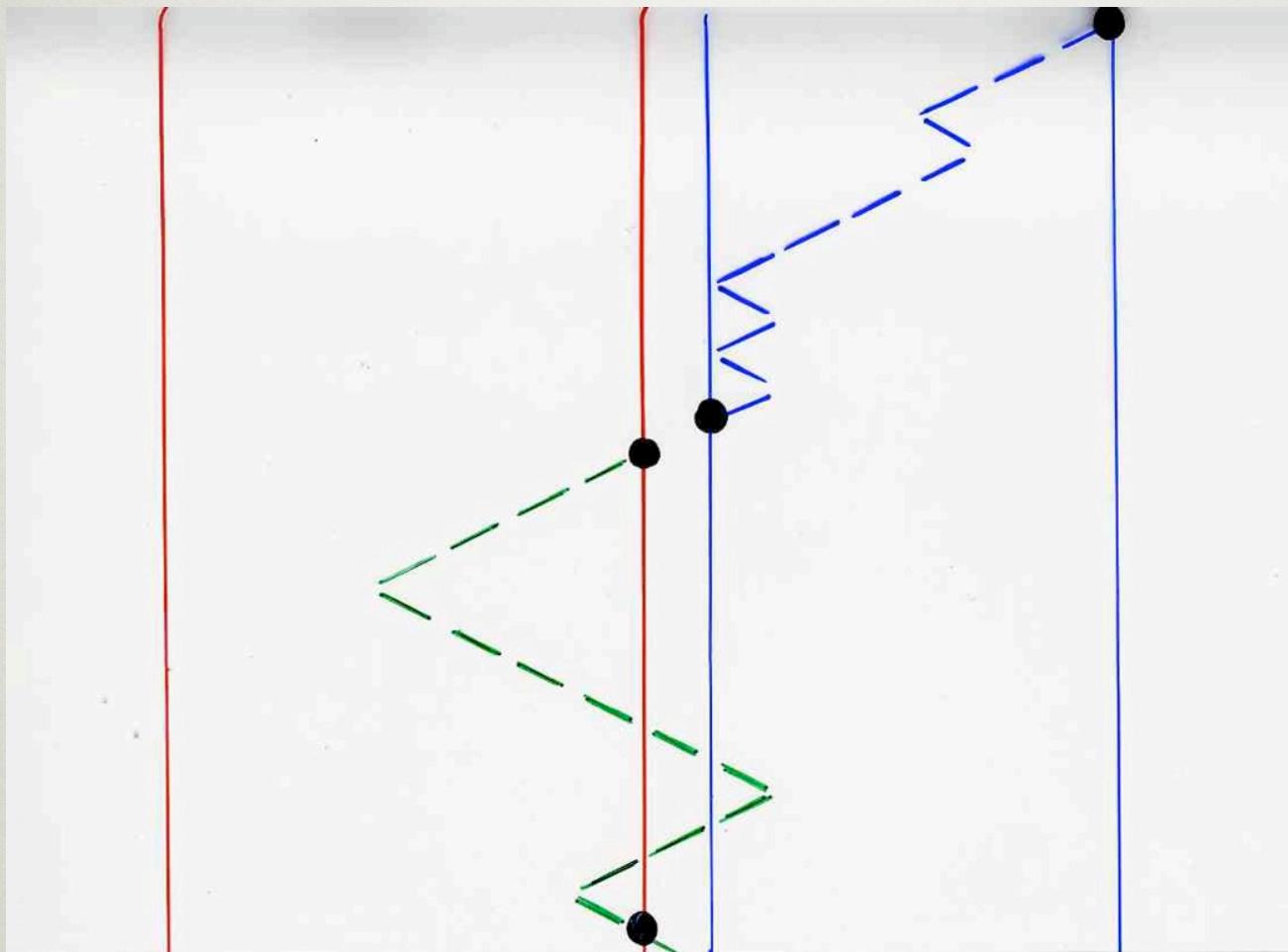




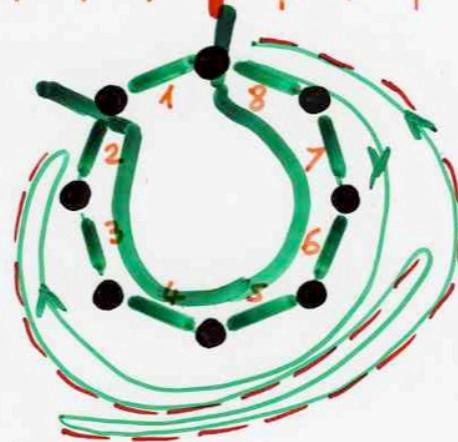


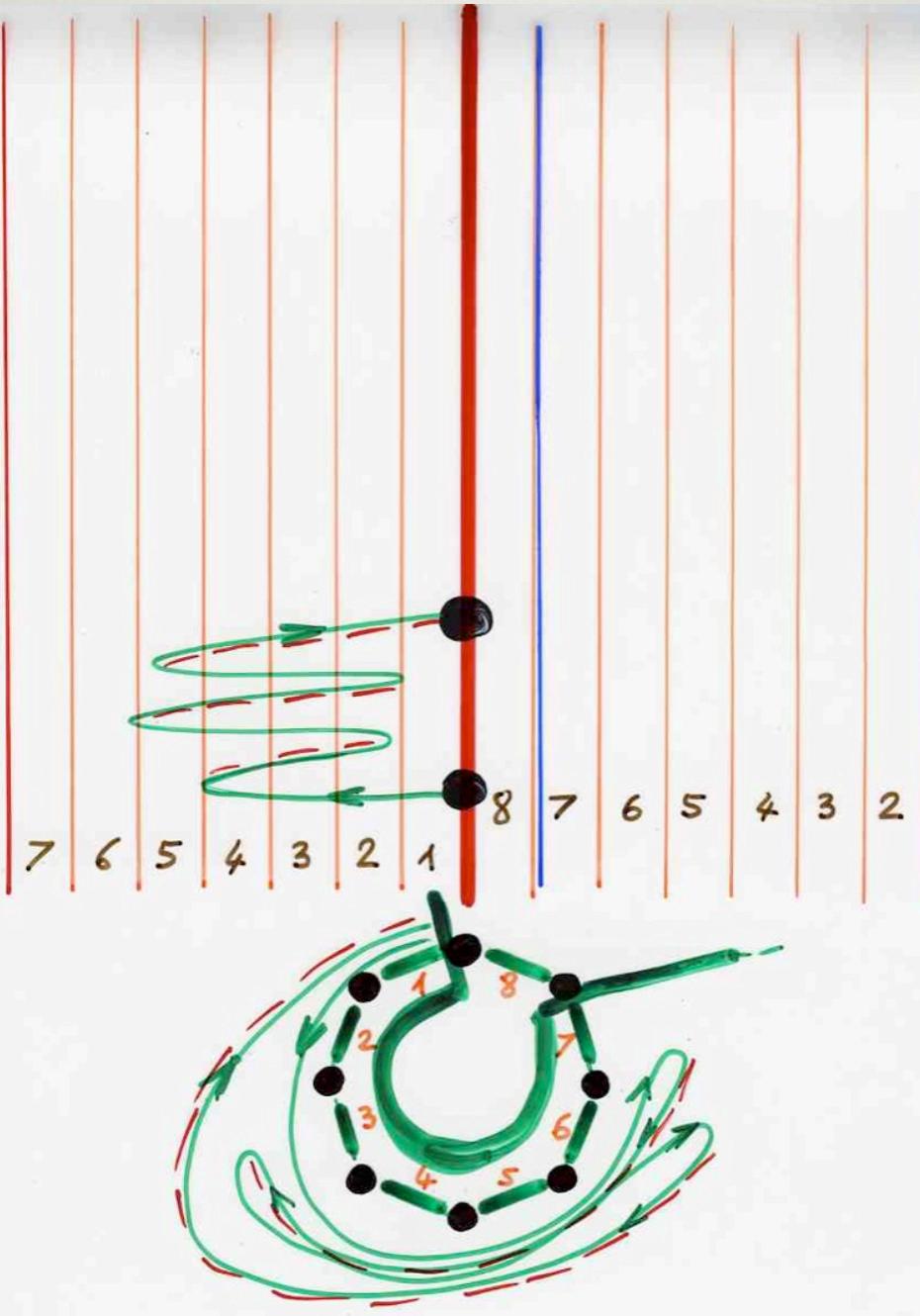


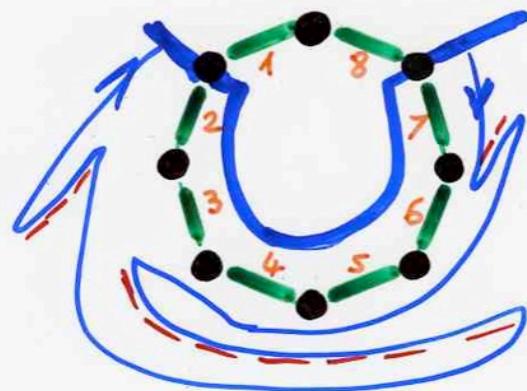
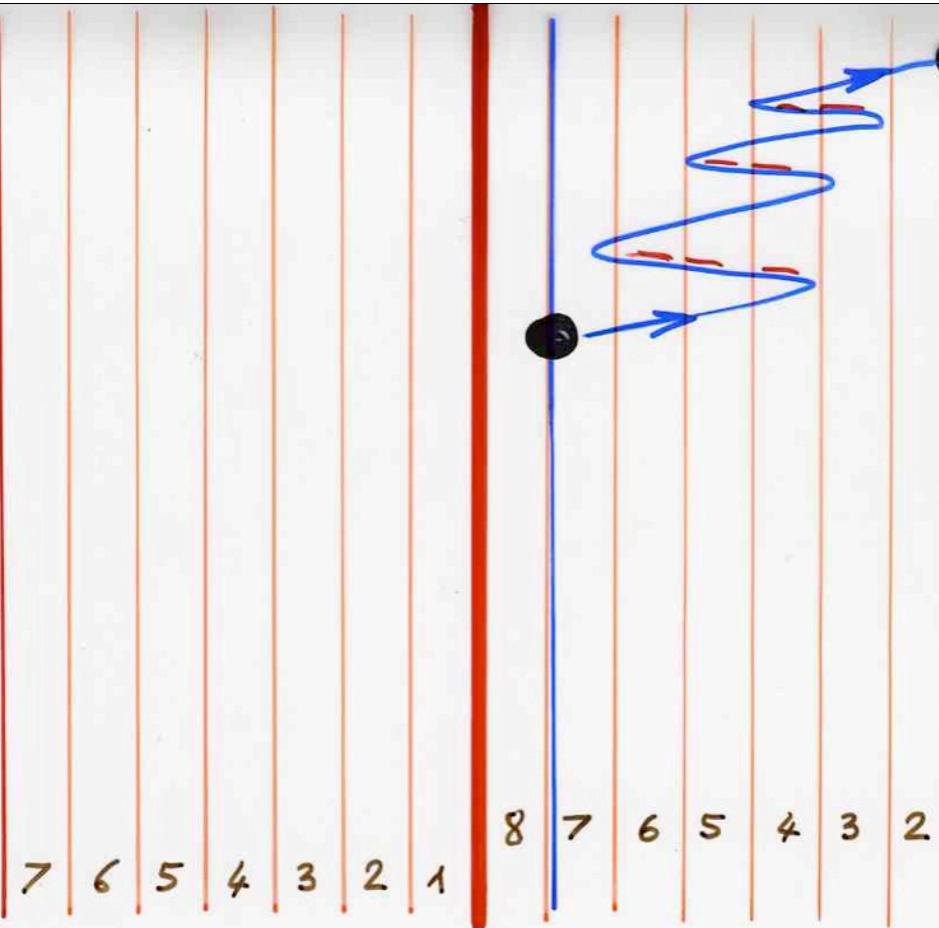
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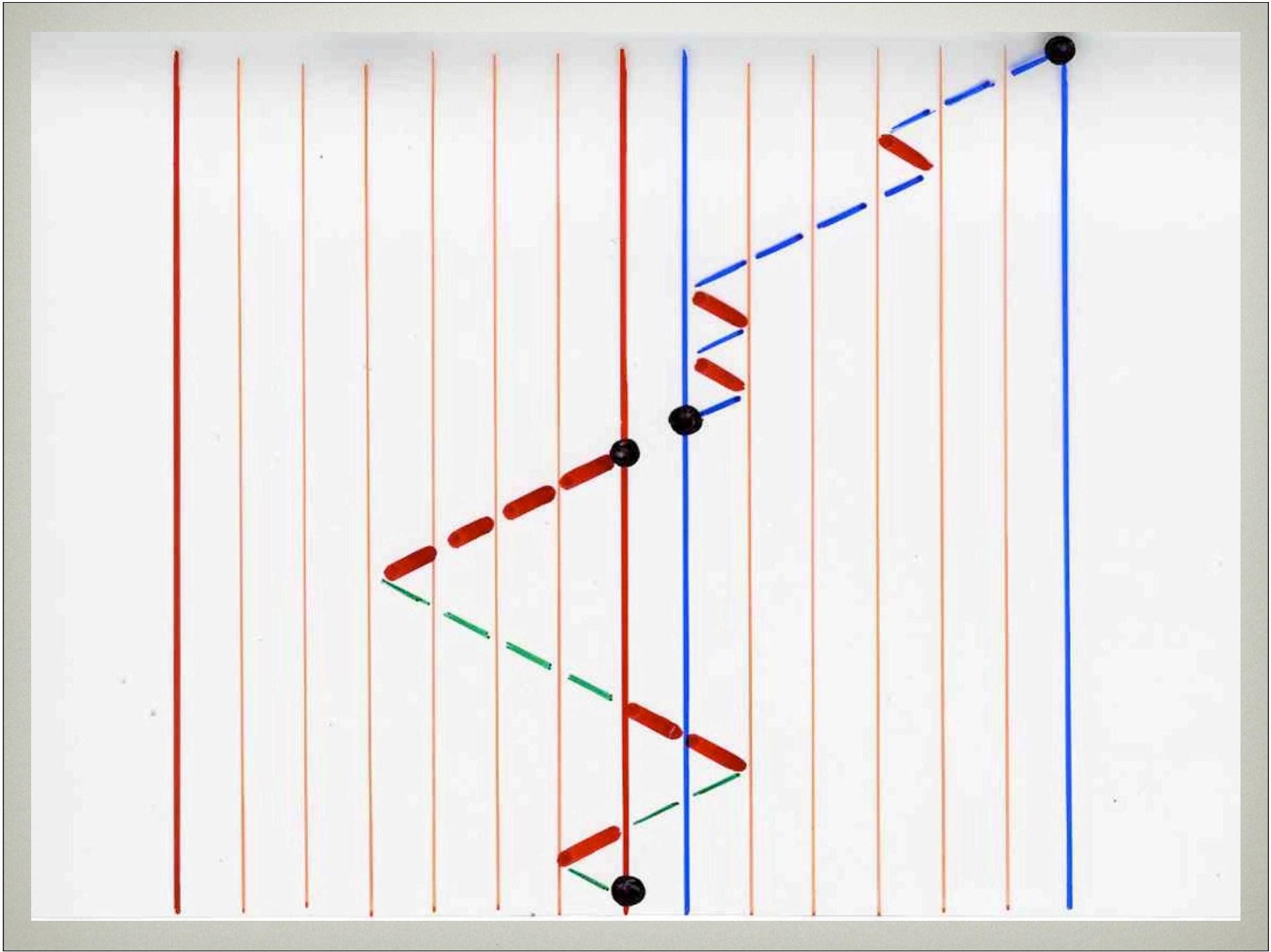


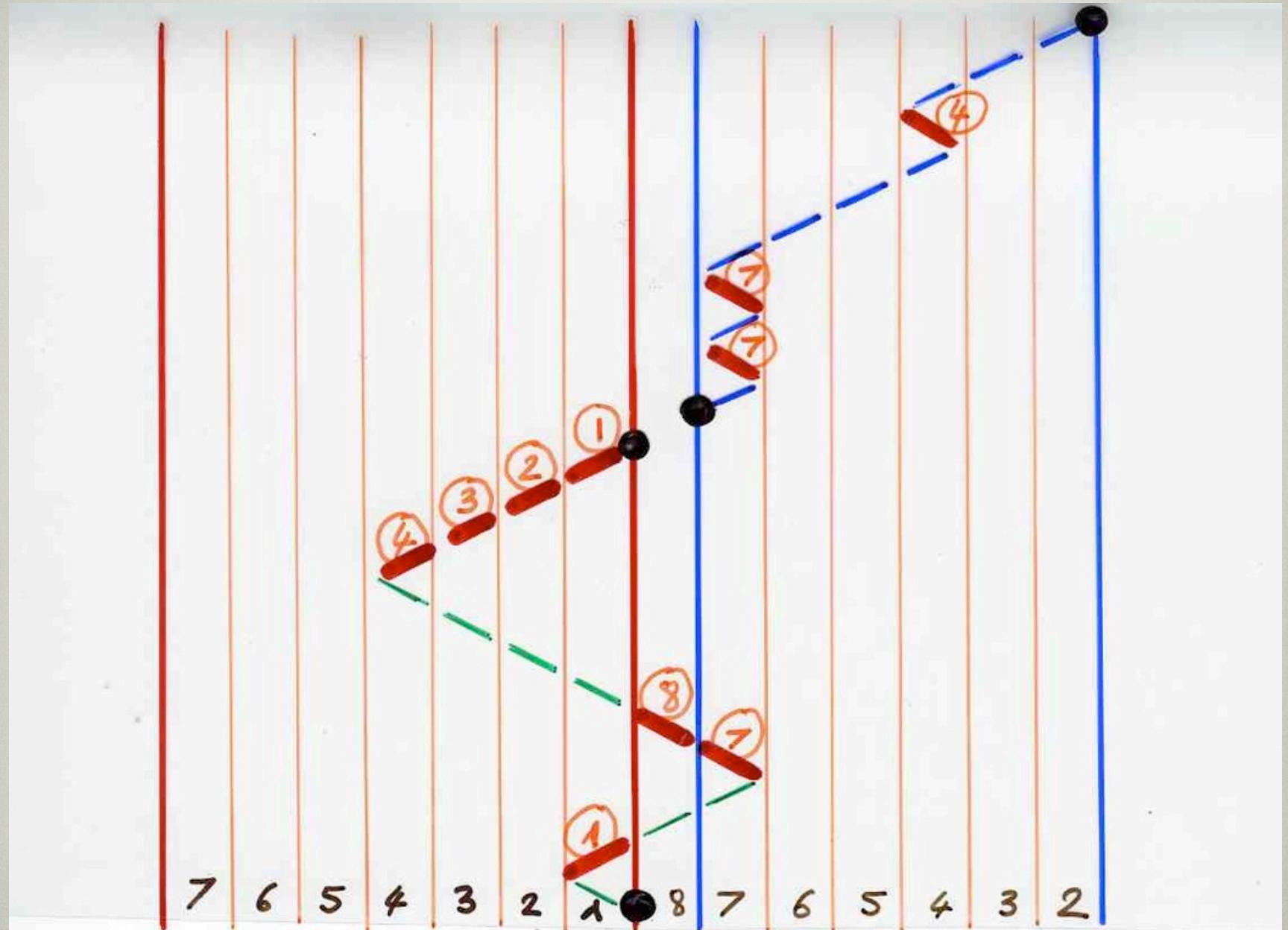
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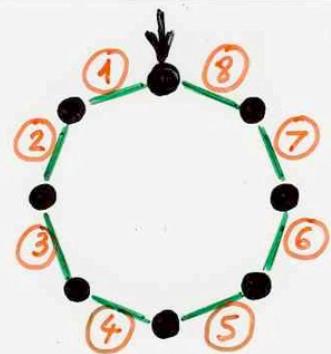
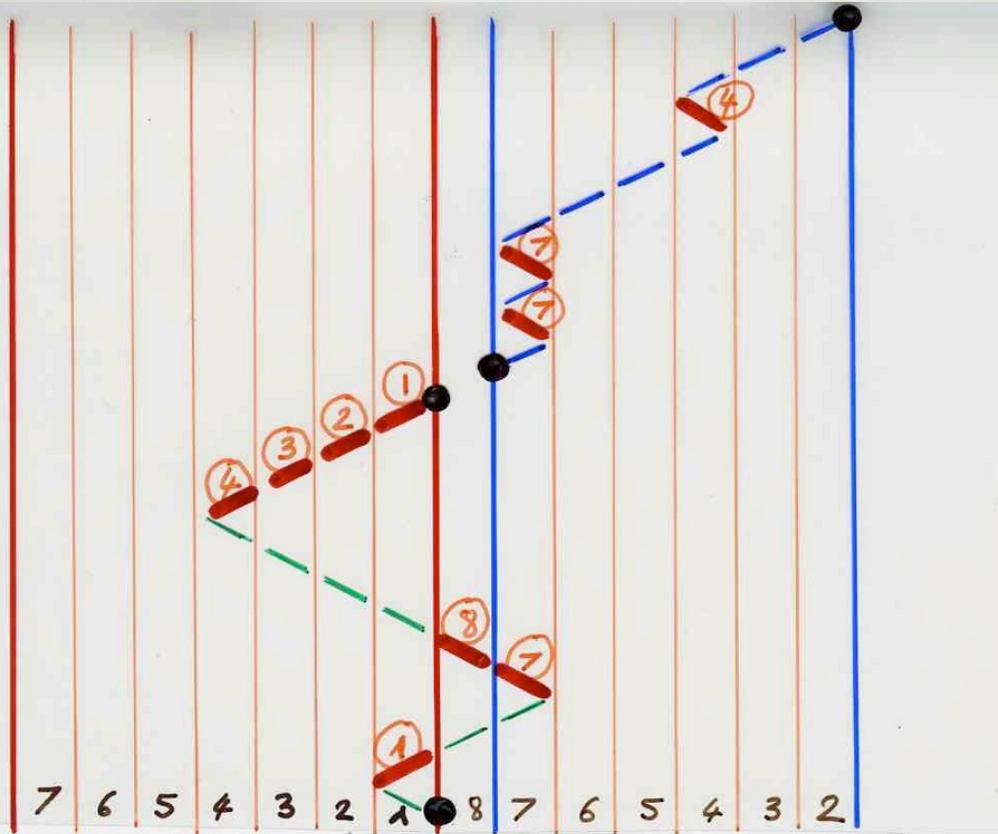


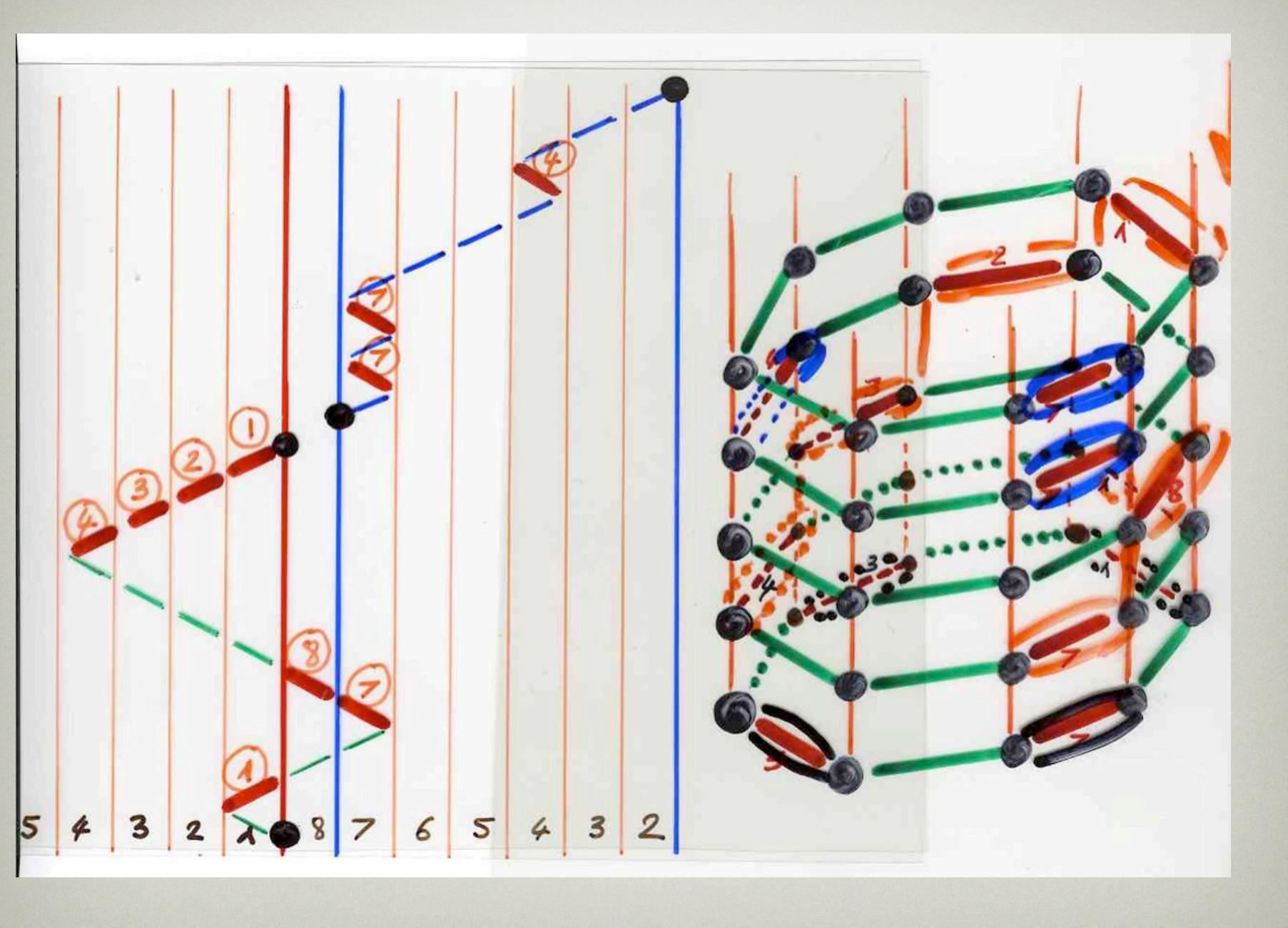


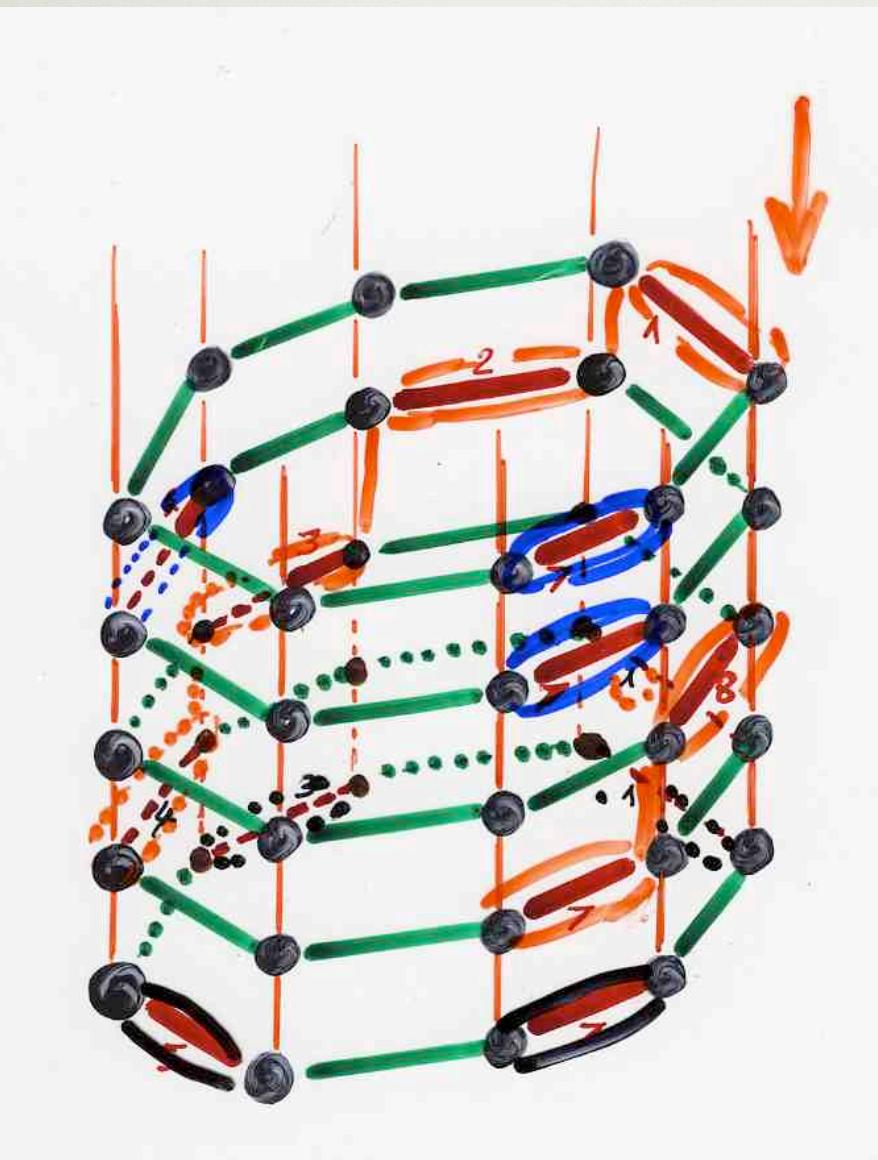


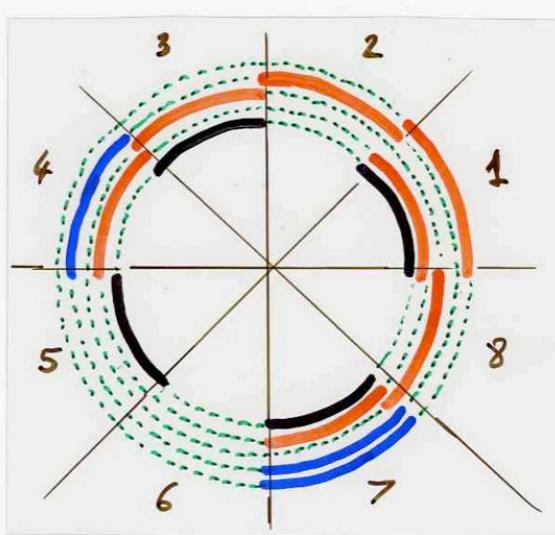
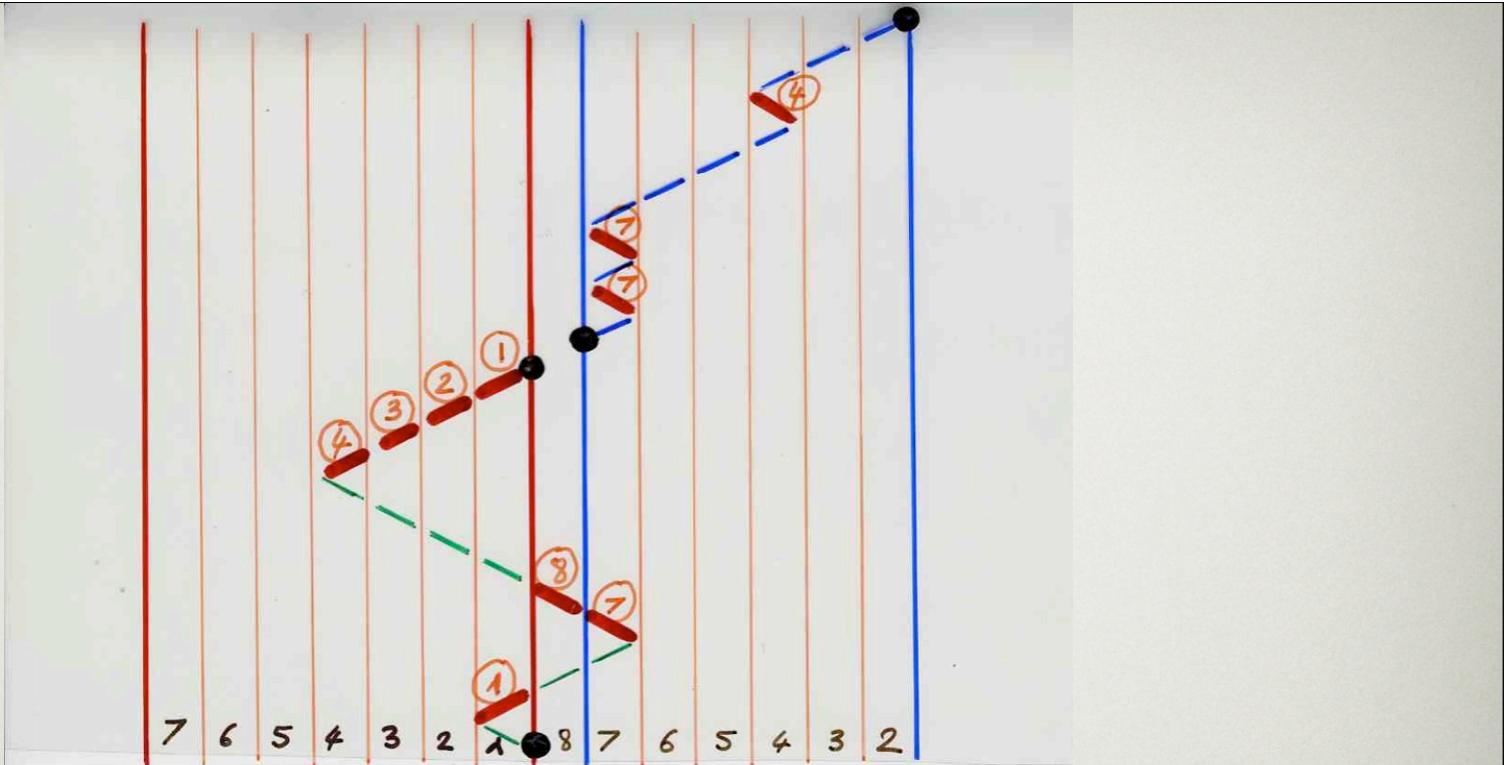


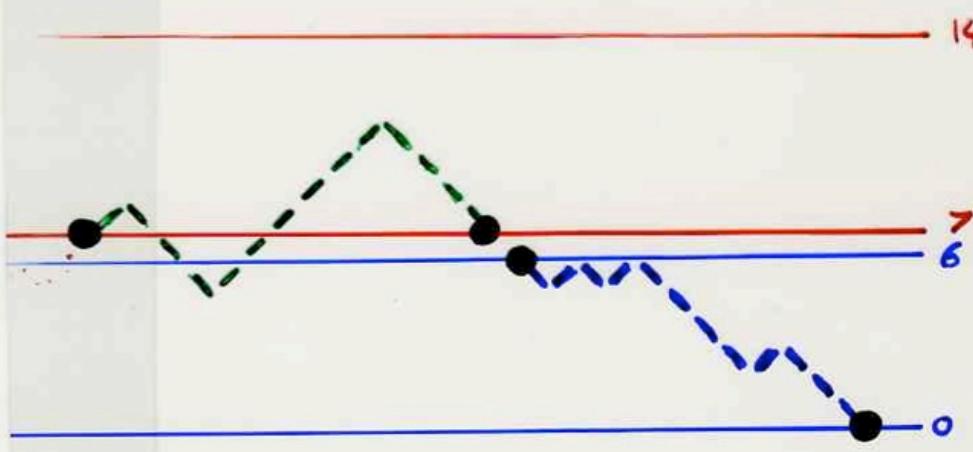
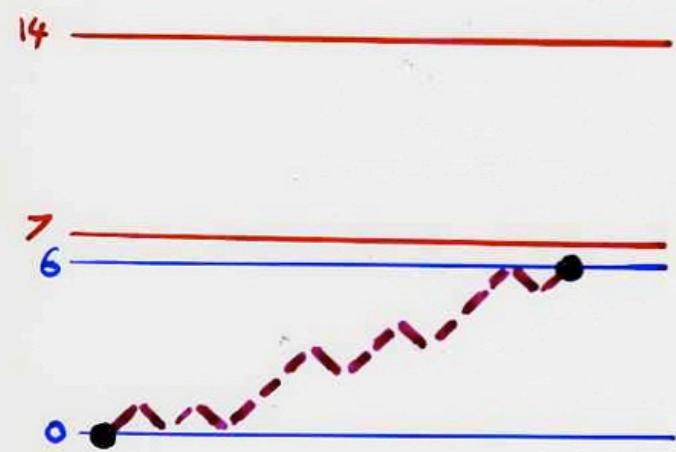


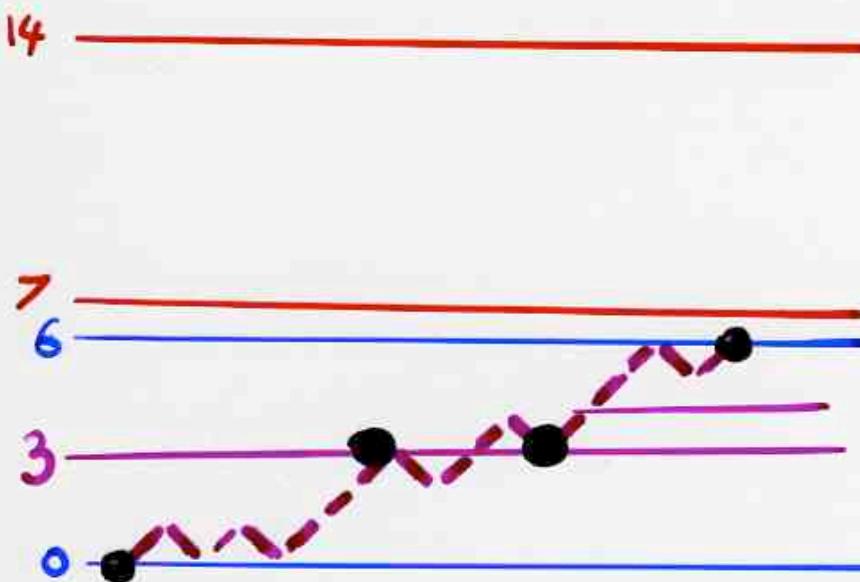


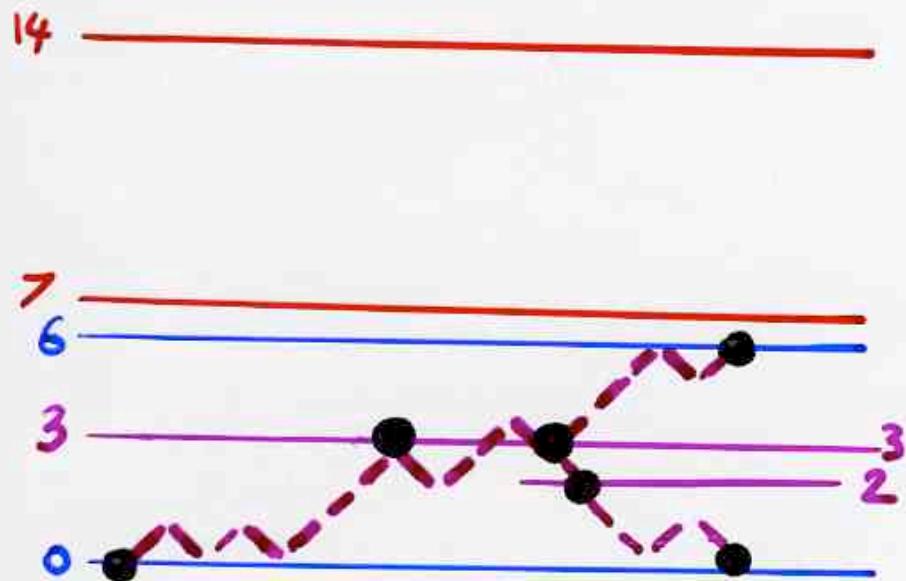




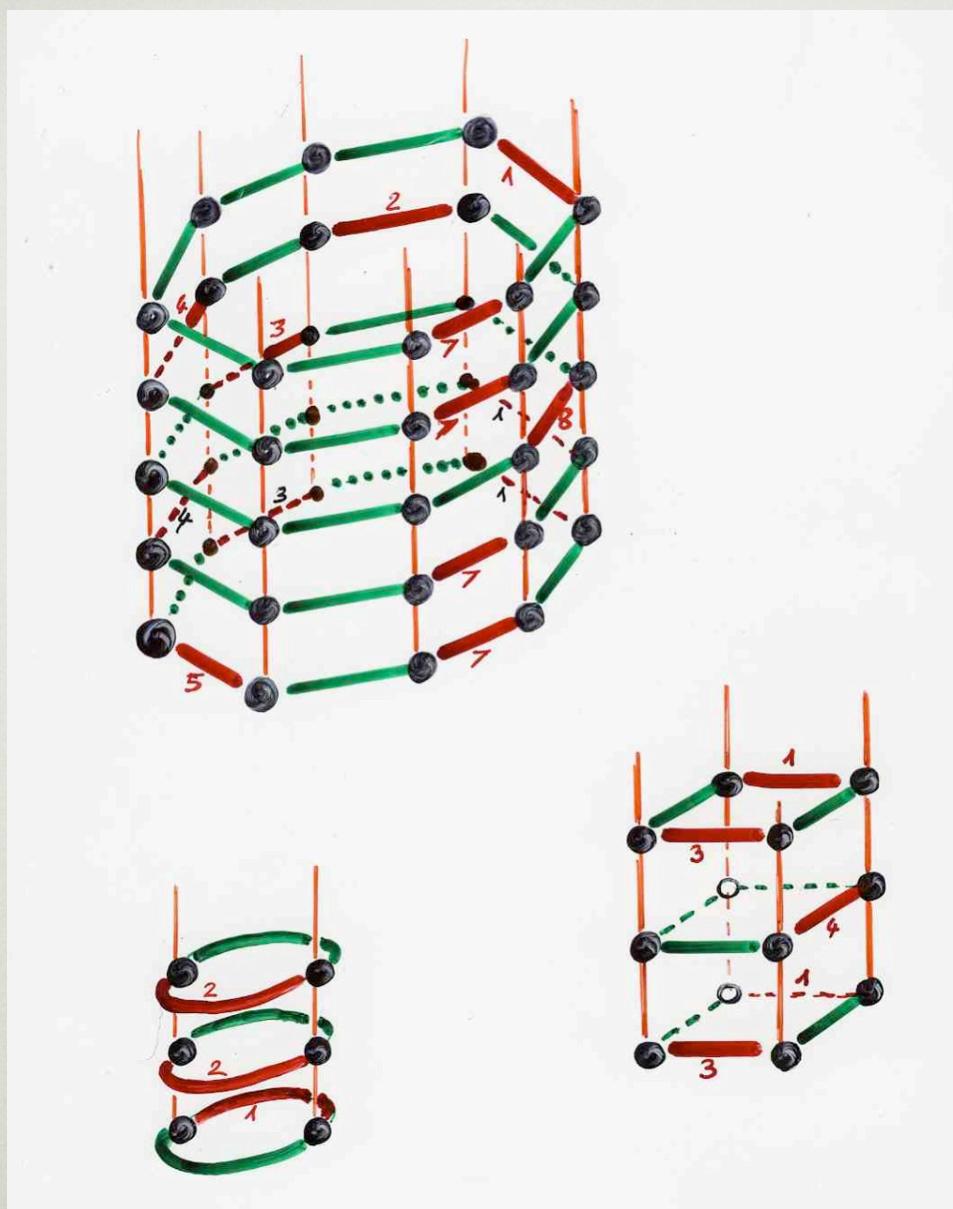


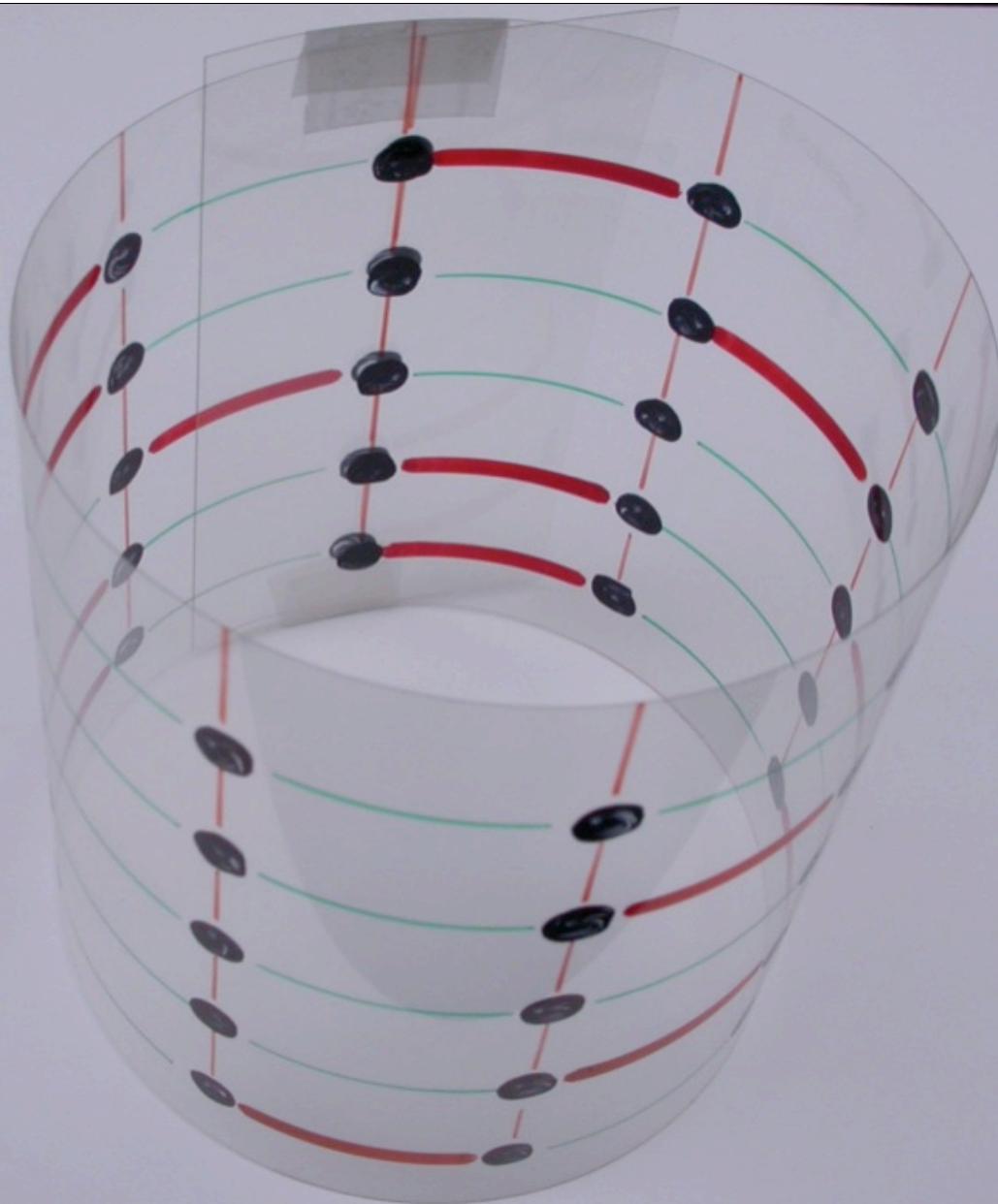


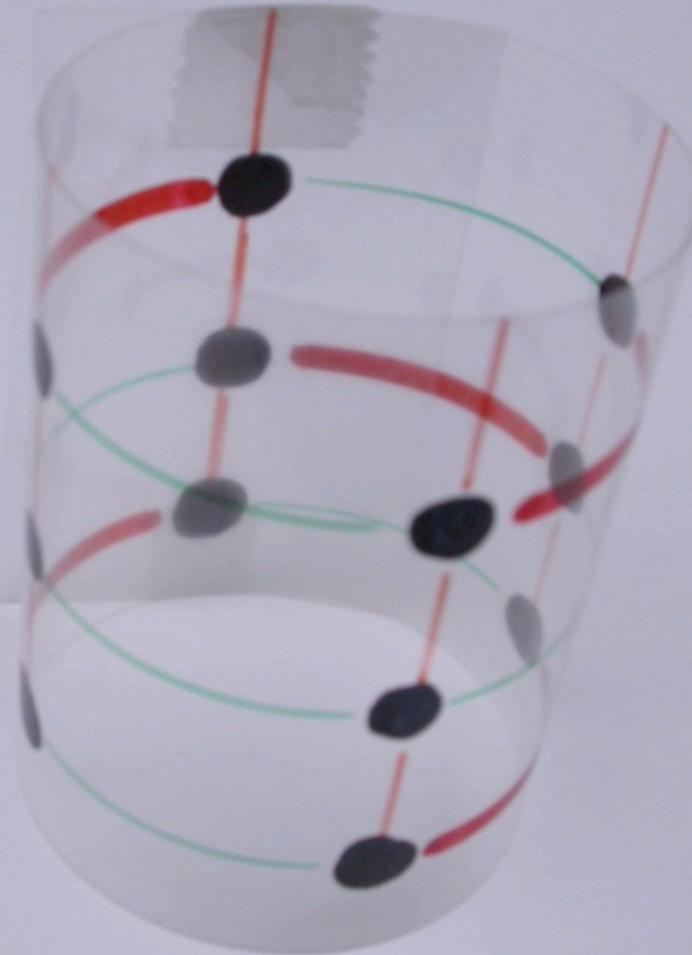




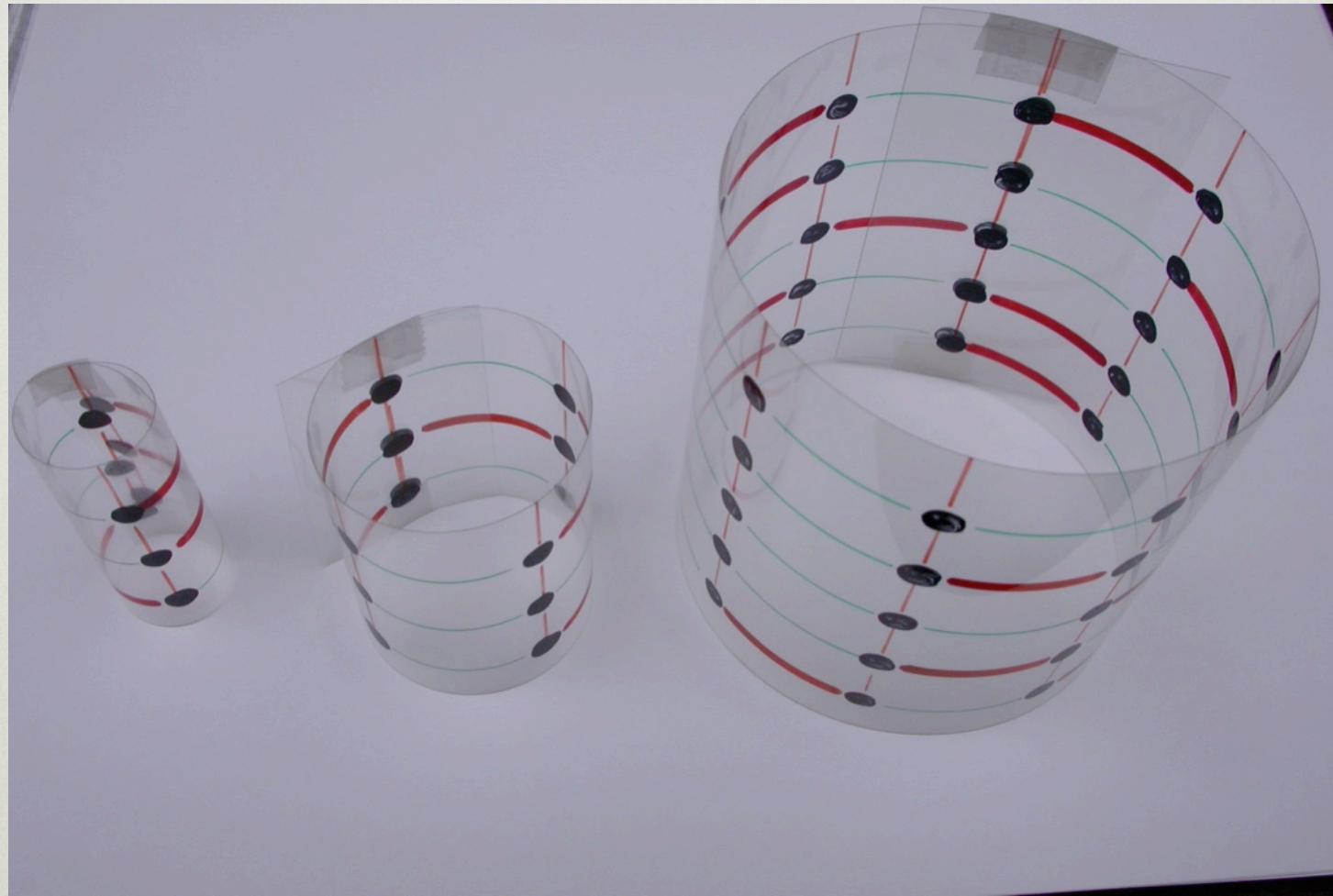
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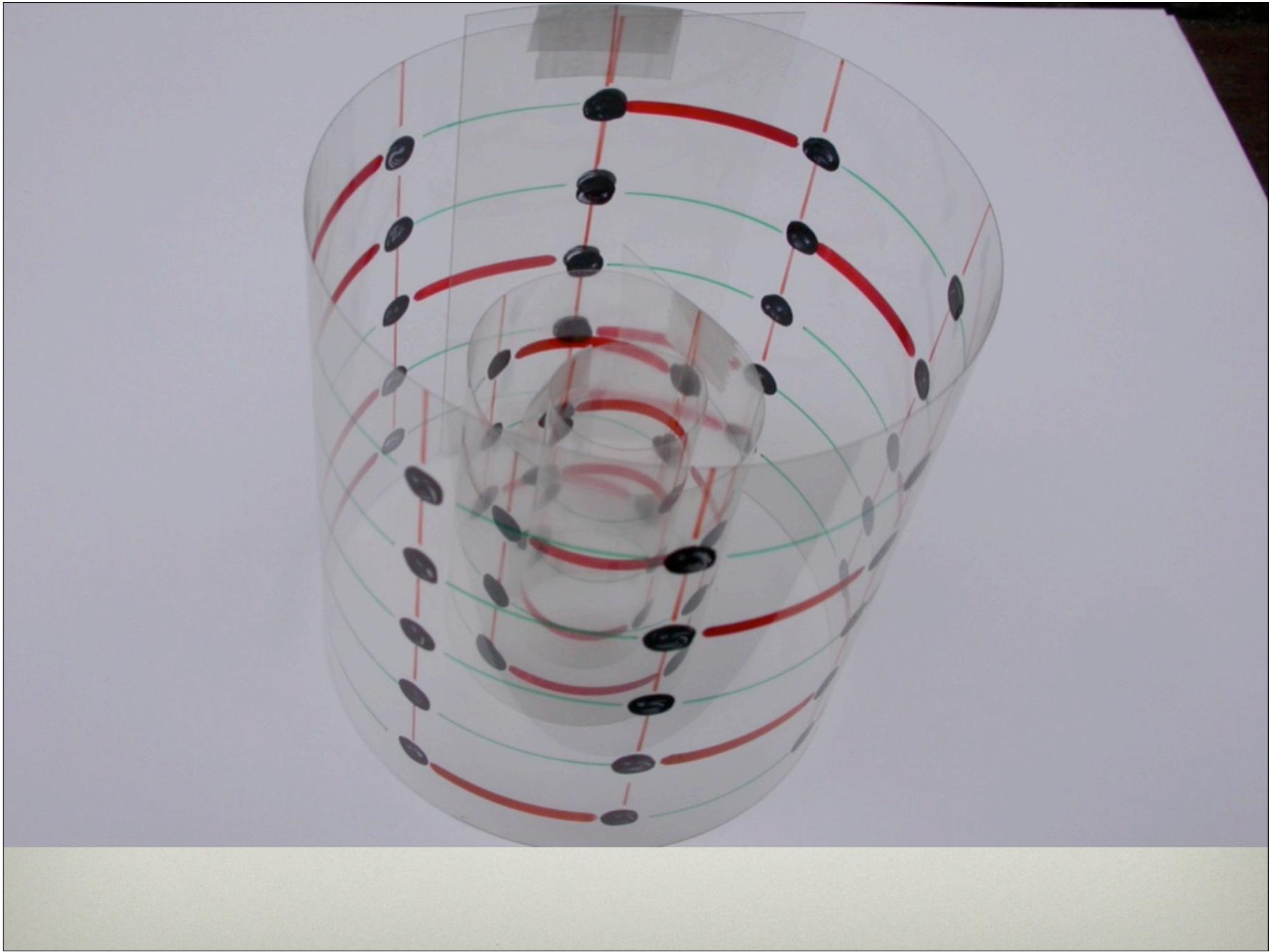




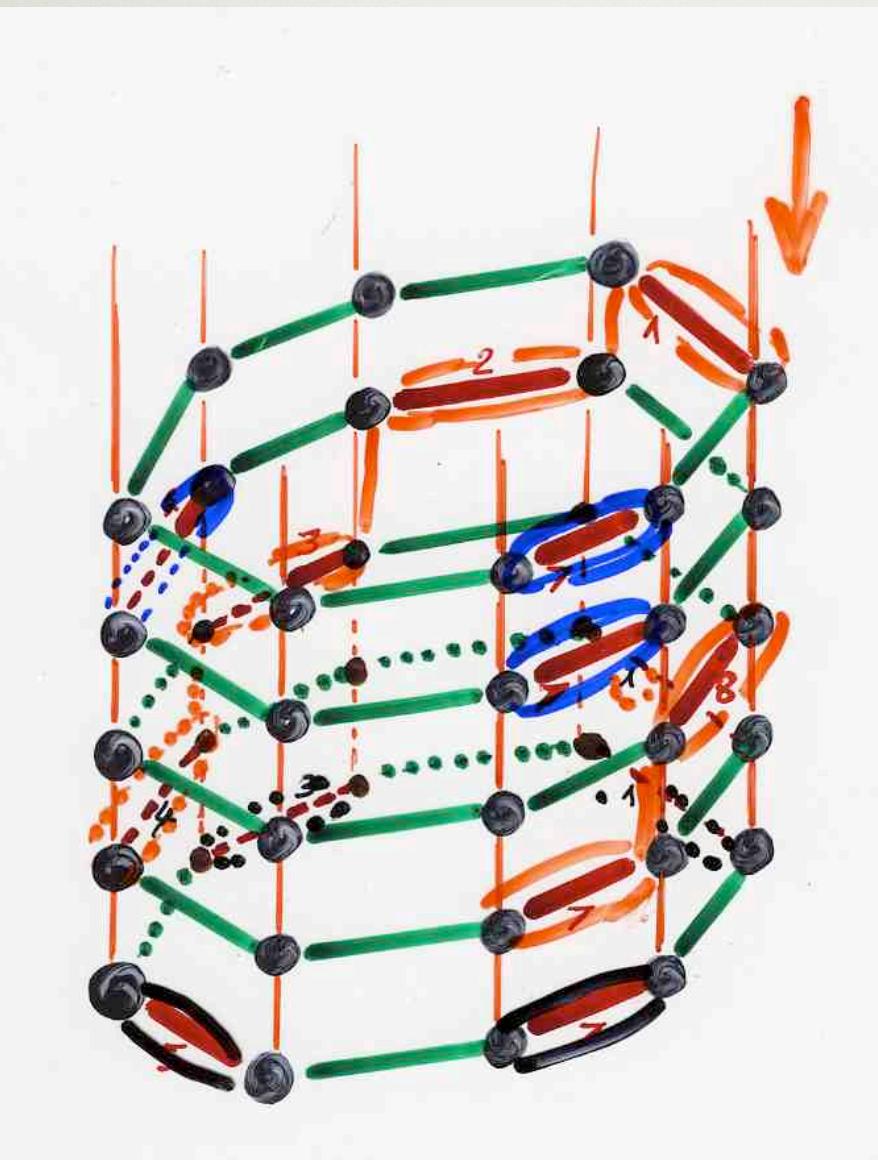








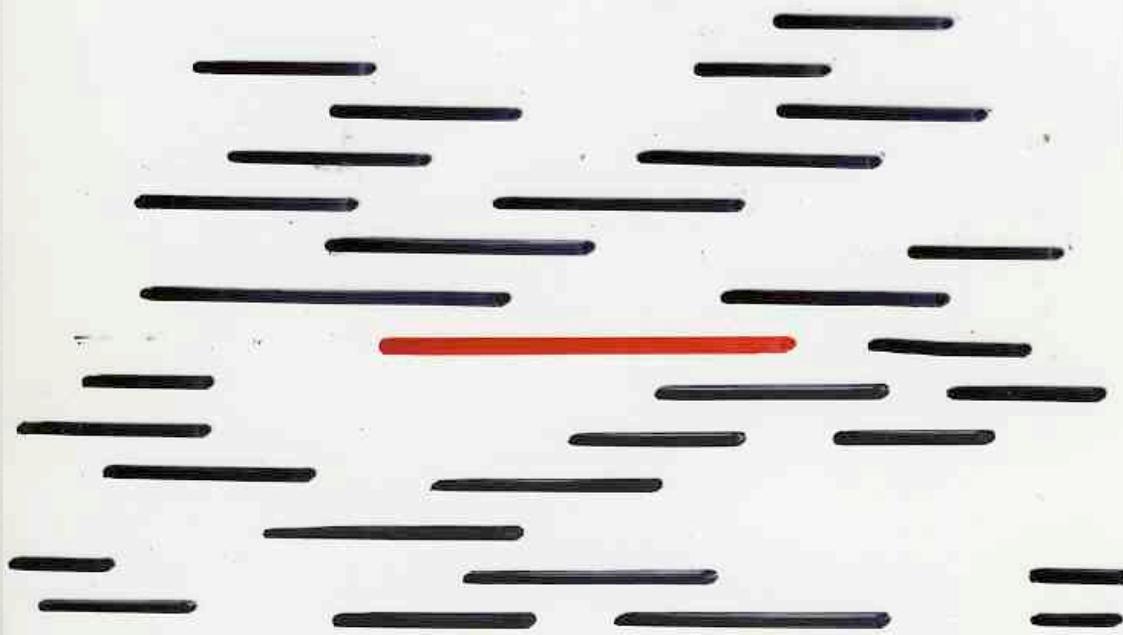
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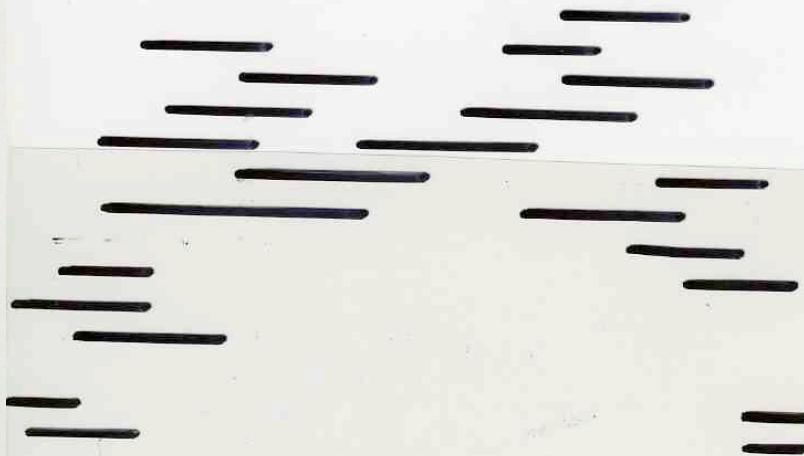


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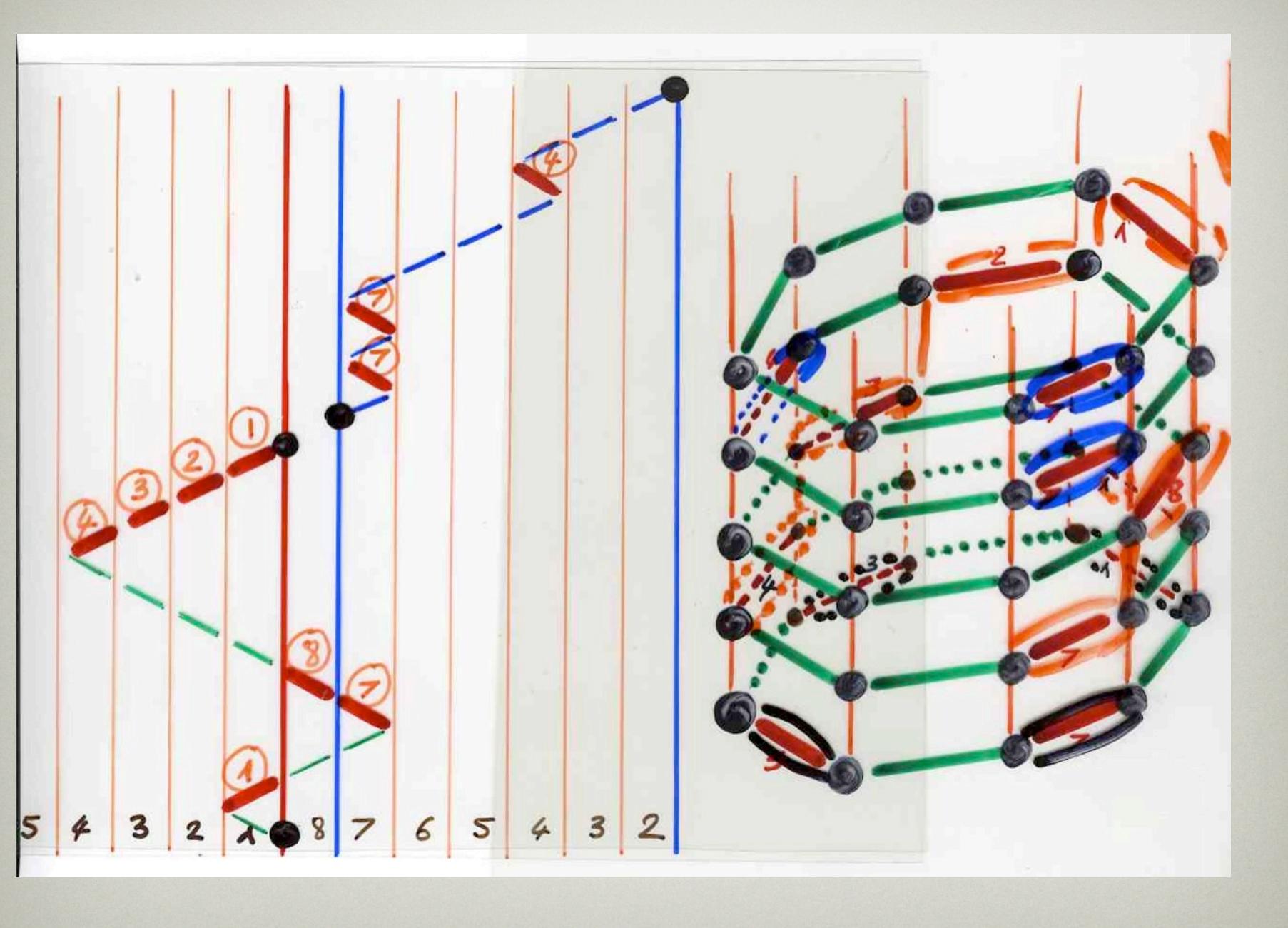
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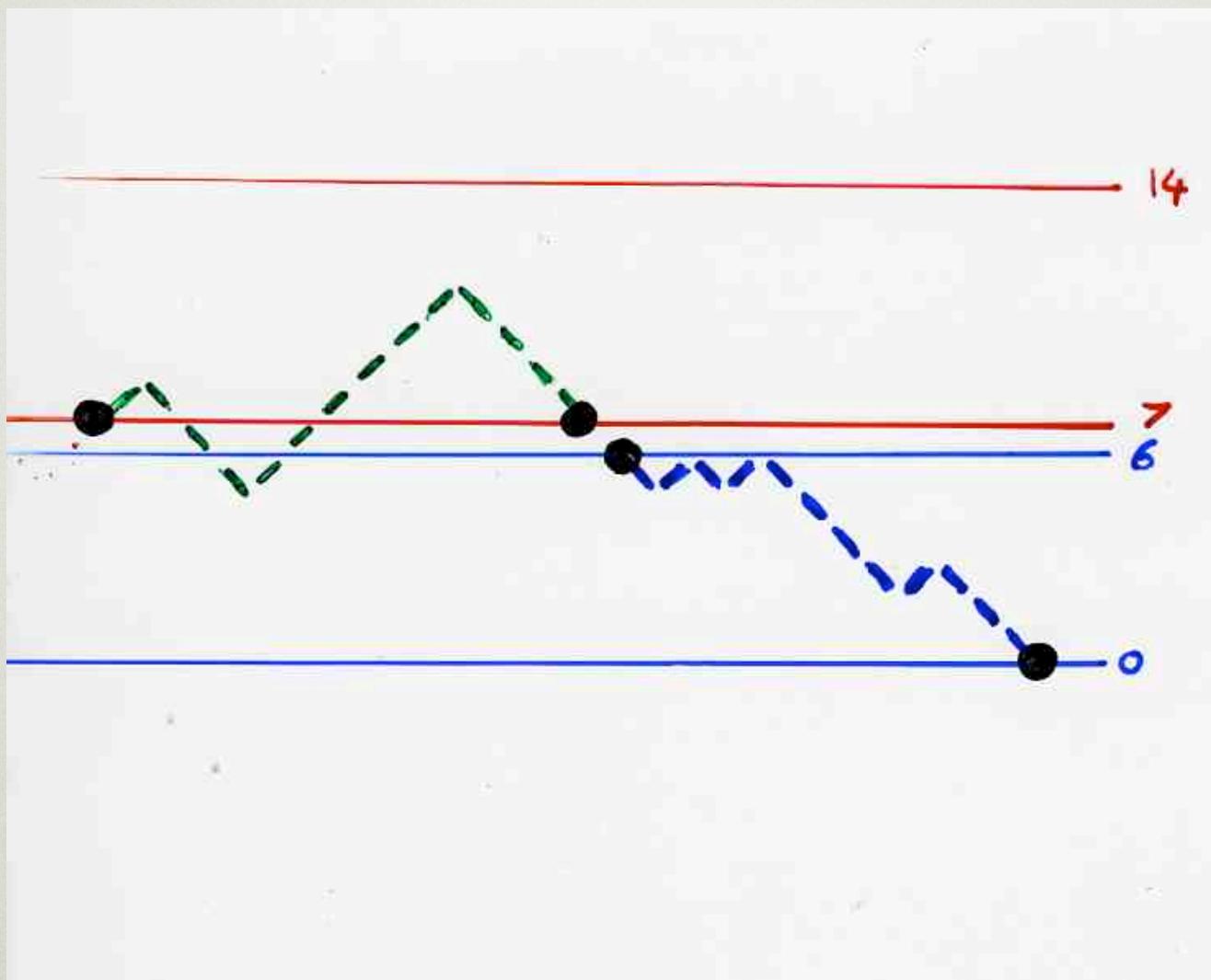
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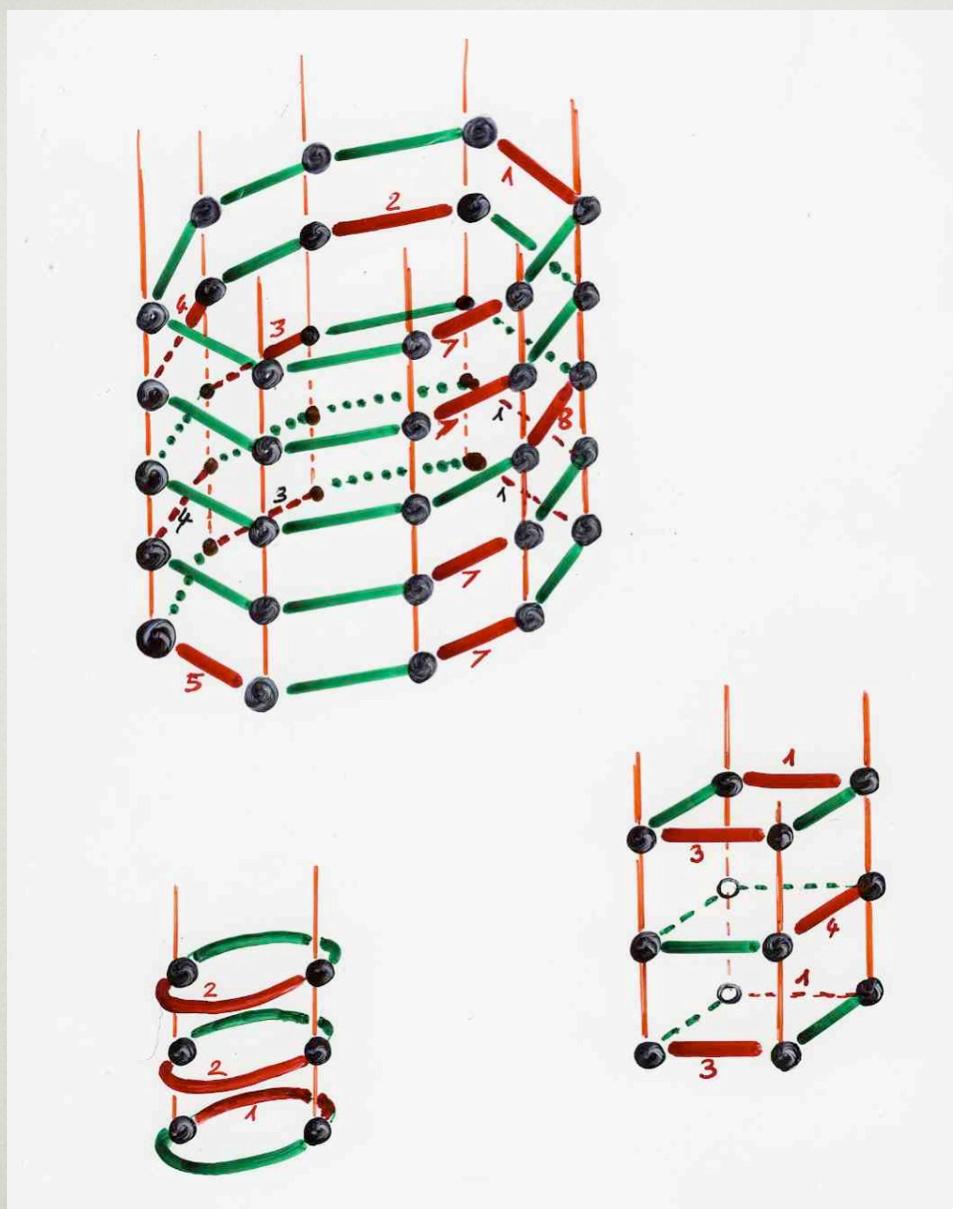


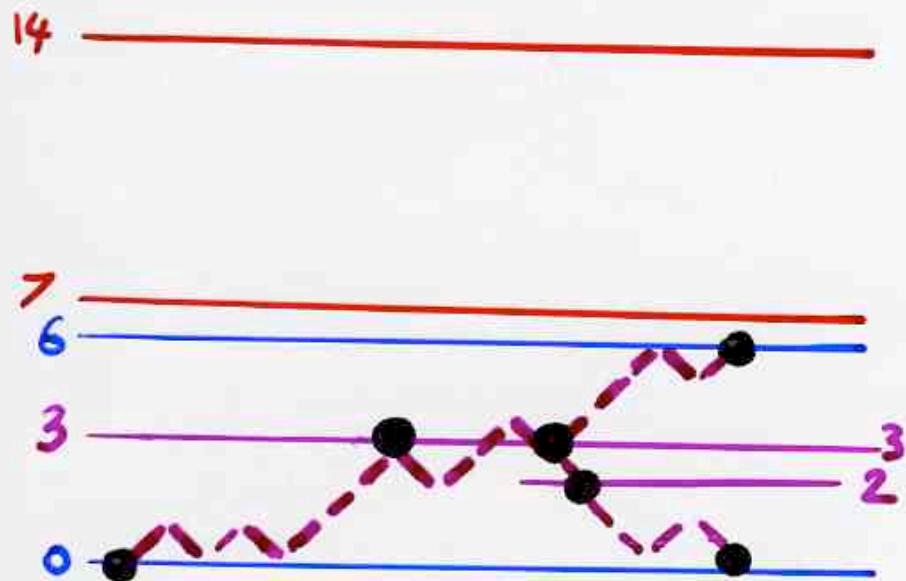
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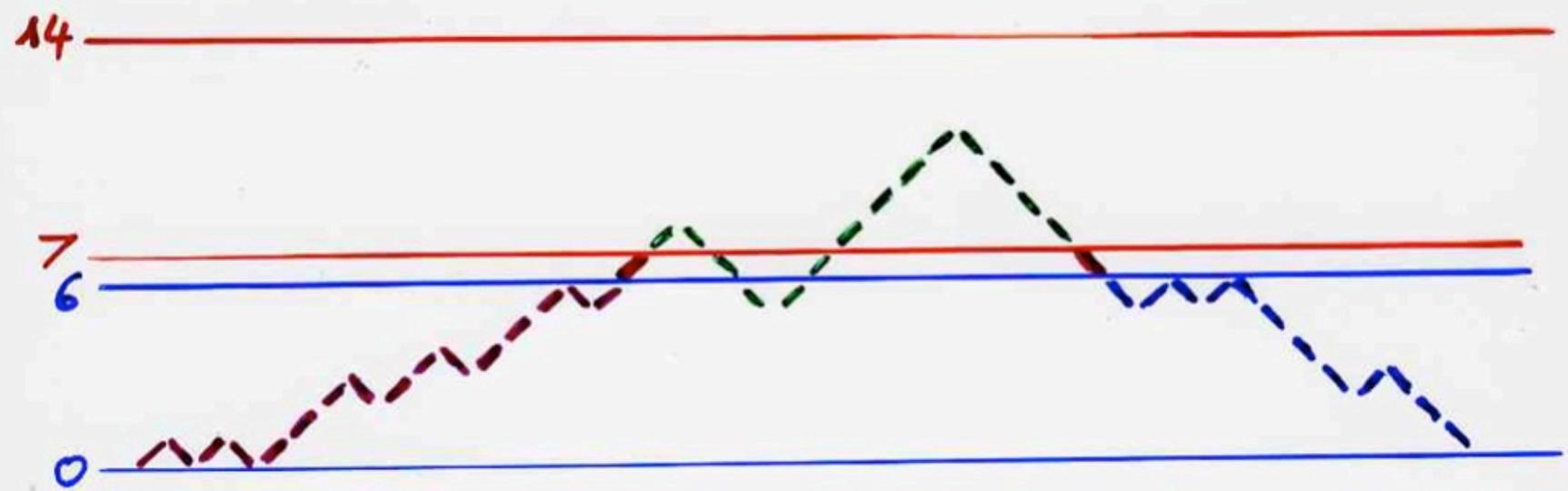












6. Séries génératrices

# generating function

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

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

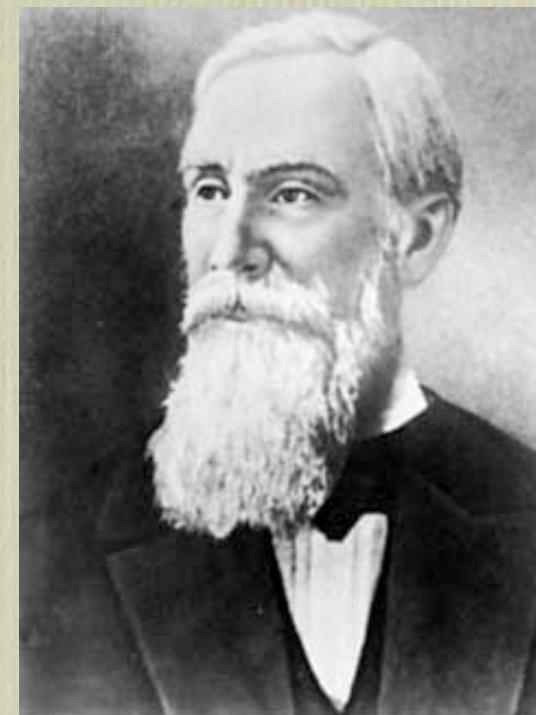
$$S_{\leq k}(t) = \sum_{k \geq 0} S_{n,\leq k} t^n$$

$$S_0 = 1$$

$$S_1 = \frac{t}{1-2t}$$

$$S_2 = \frac{t^3}{1-6t+10t^2-4t^3}$$

$$S_3 = \frac{t^7}{1-14t+78t^2-220t^3+330t^4-252t^5+84t^6-8t^7}$$



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

$\mathbf{U}_n(t/2)$  reciprocal

$\mathbf{F}_n(t^2)$

Fibonacci polynomial

$$\mathbf{F}_{n+1}(t) = \mathbf{F}_n(t) - t \mathbf{F}_{n-1}(t) \quad F_0 = F_1 = 1$$

alternating generating polynomial  
for trivial heaps of dimers  
on the graph segment length  $n$  points



(matching polynomial)



1



$-t$



$-t$

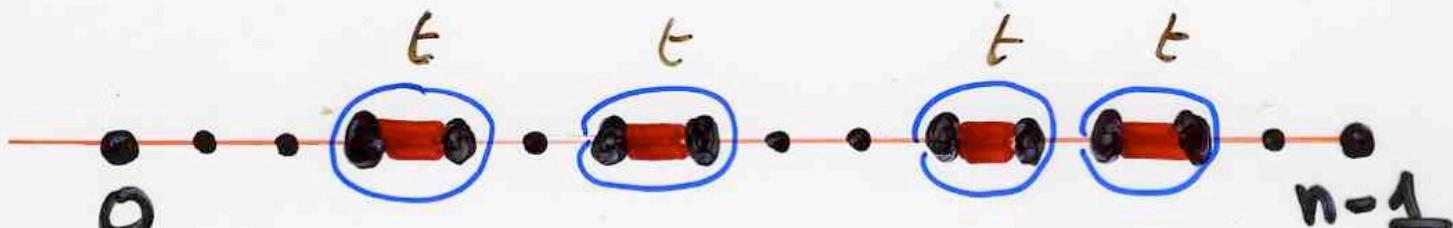
$$F_3(t) = 1 - 2t$$

## Fibonacci polynomials

$$F_0 = F_1 = 1$$

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + tF_{n-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}1 \\ 1-t \\ 1-2t \\ 1-3t+t^2\end{aligned}$$



trivial heap of dimers

$$S_{\leq k}(t) = \frac{F_{2^{k+1}-2}(t)}{F_{2^{k+1}-1}(t)}$$

$$S_k(t) = \frac{t^{2^k}}{F_{2^{k+1}-1}(t)}$$

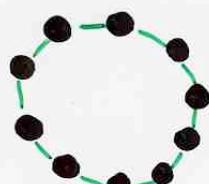
factorisation

$$F_{2n+1}(t) = F_n(t) \times L_{n+1}(t)$$

$L_n(t)$

Lucas polynomial

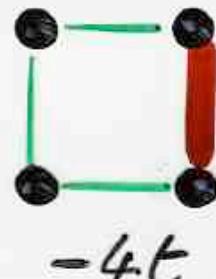
trivial heaps  
(matching polynomial)  
graph cycle length n



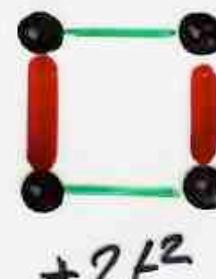




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-4t



+2t<sup>2</sup>

$$L_4(t) = 1 - 4t + 2t^2$$

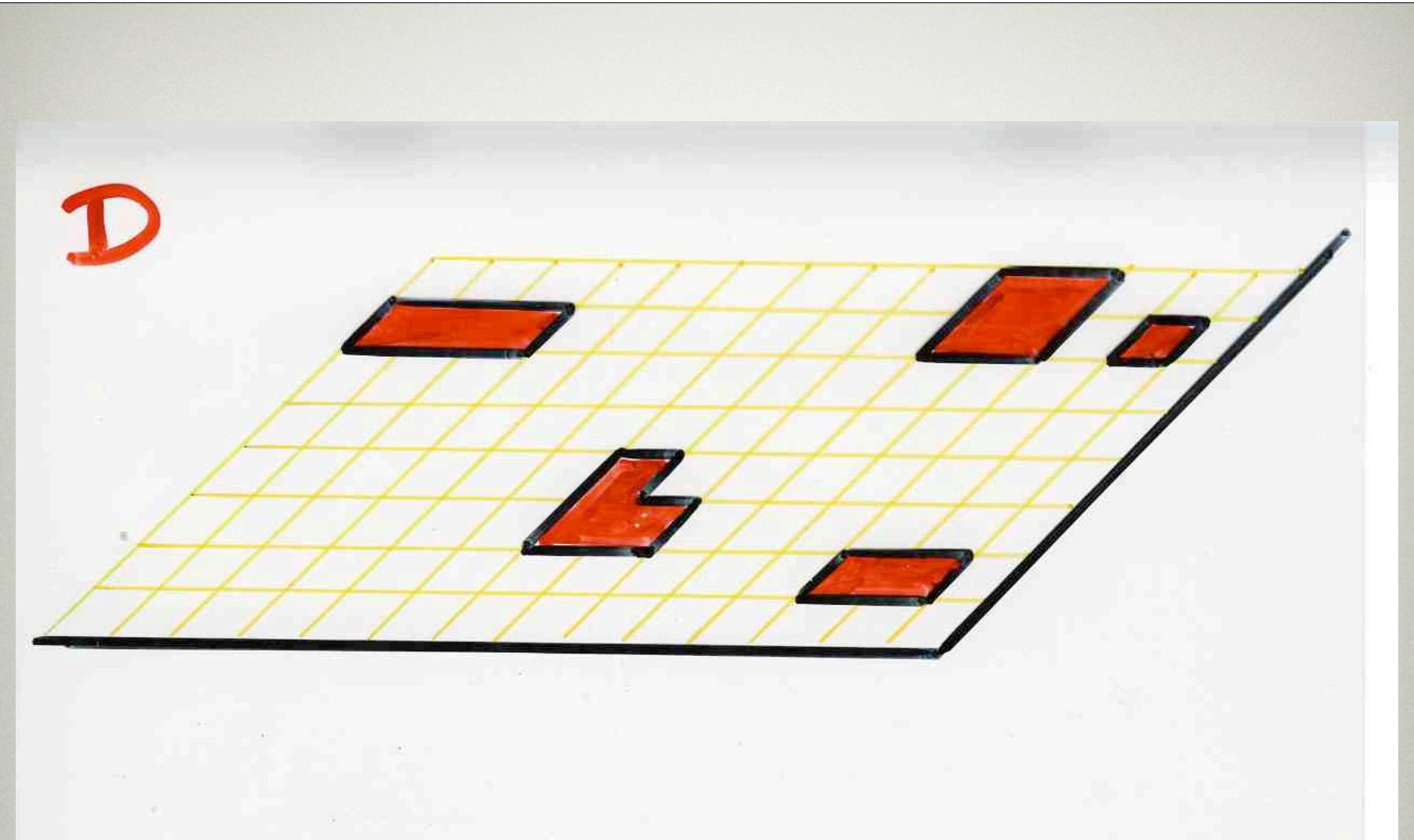
$$n = 2^k - 1$$
$$2^{n+1} = 2^{k+1} - 1$$
$$\frac{n+1}{2} = 2^{k-1}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{2^{k+1}-1}(t) = \mathbf{Z}_1^{(t)} \mathbf{Z}_2^{(t)} \cdots \mathbf{Z}_k^{(t)}$$
$$\mathbf{Z}_i^{(t)} = \mathbf{L}_{\mathcal{E}_i}(t)$$

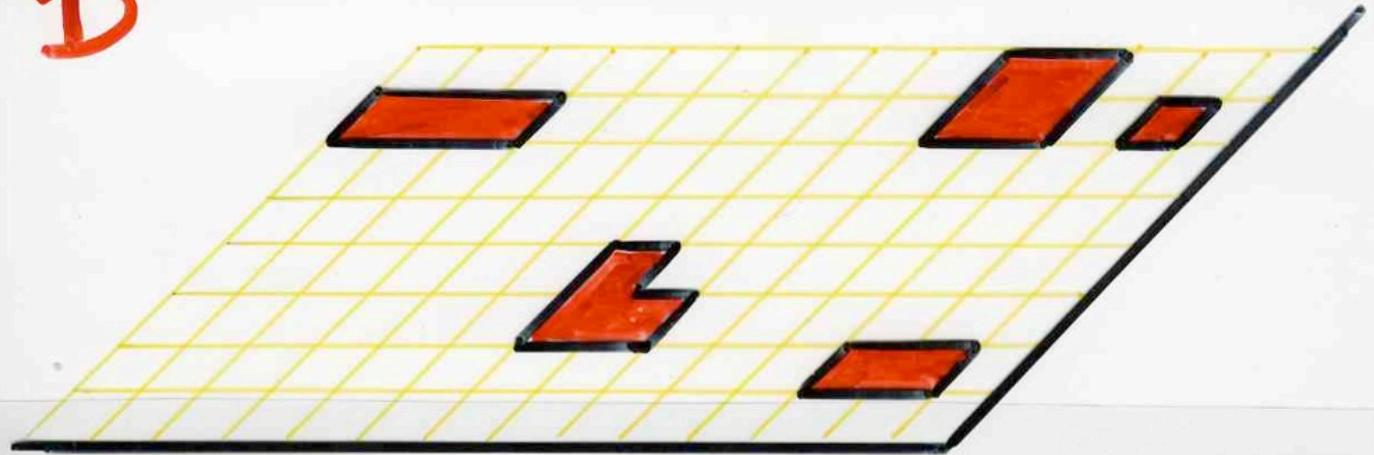
$$S_k(t) = S_{k-1}(t) \times \frac{t^{(2^{k-1})}}{L_{2^k}(t)}$$

ex:

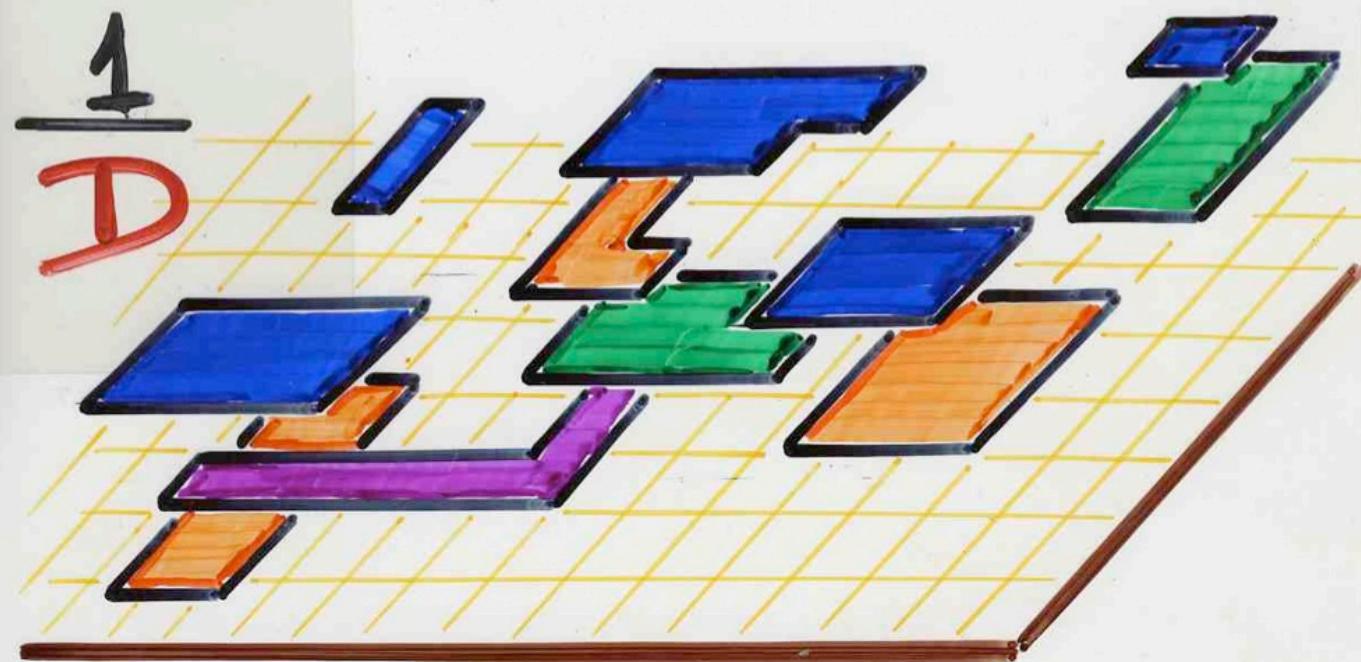
$$\begin{aligned} S_3(t) &= \frac{t^7}{F_{15}(t)} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{F_1} \times \frac{t}{L_2(t)} \times \frac{t^2}{L_4(t)} \times \frac{t^4}{L_8(t)}}_1 \end{aligned}$$



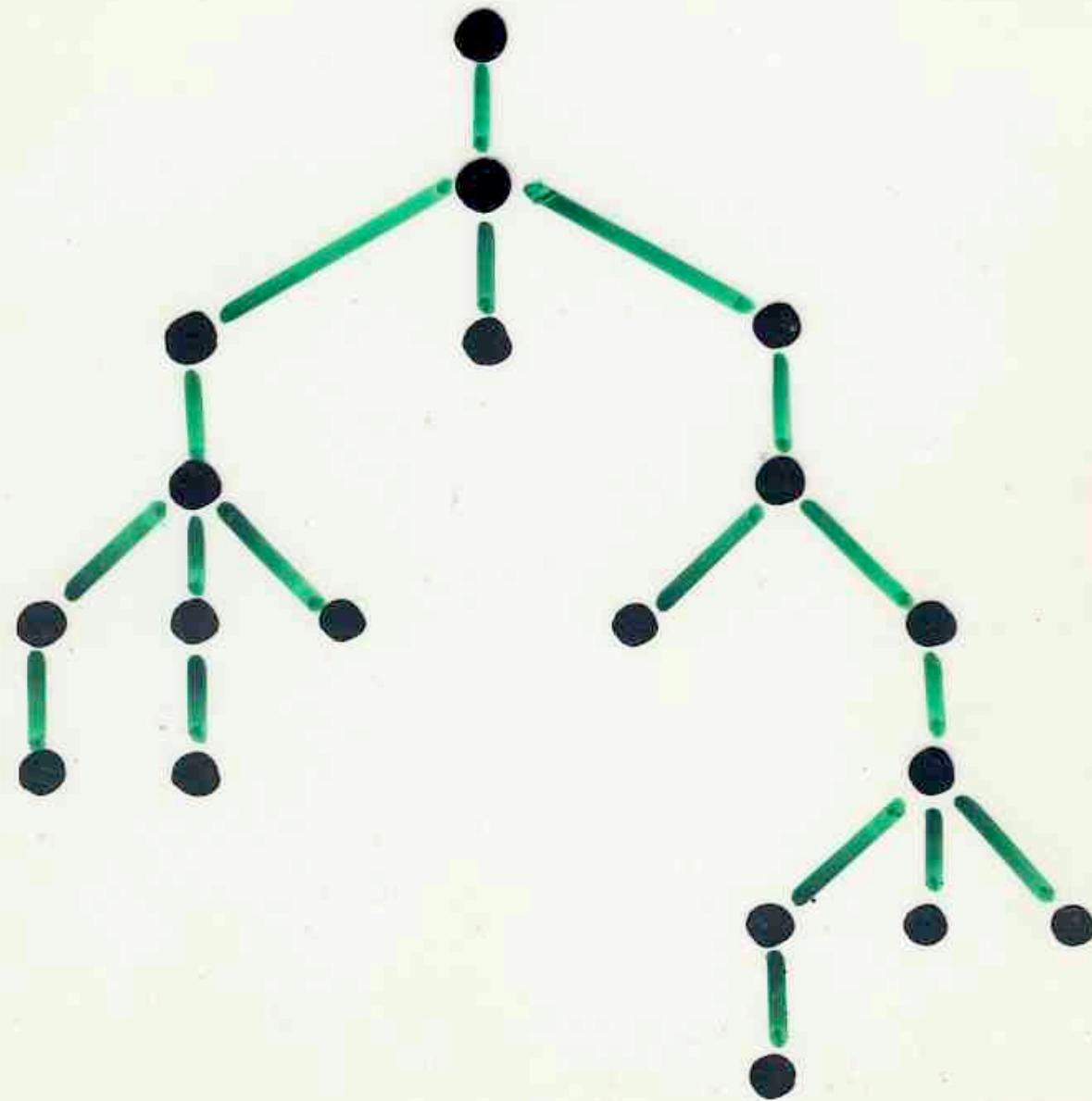
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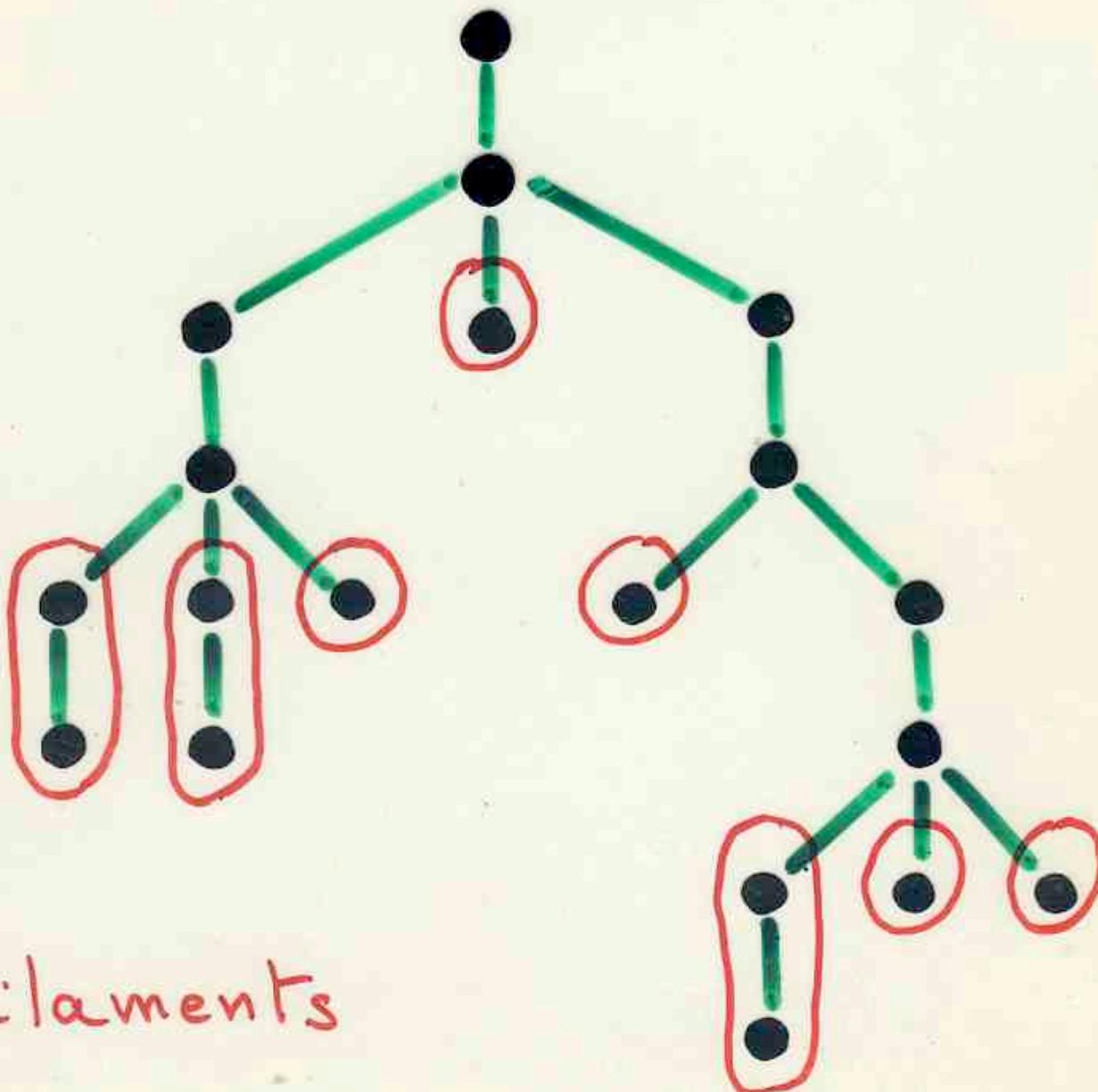


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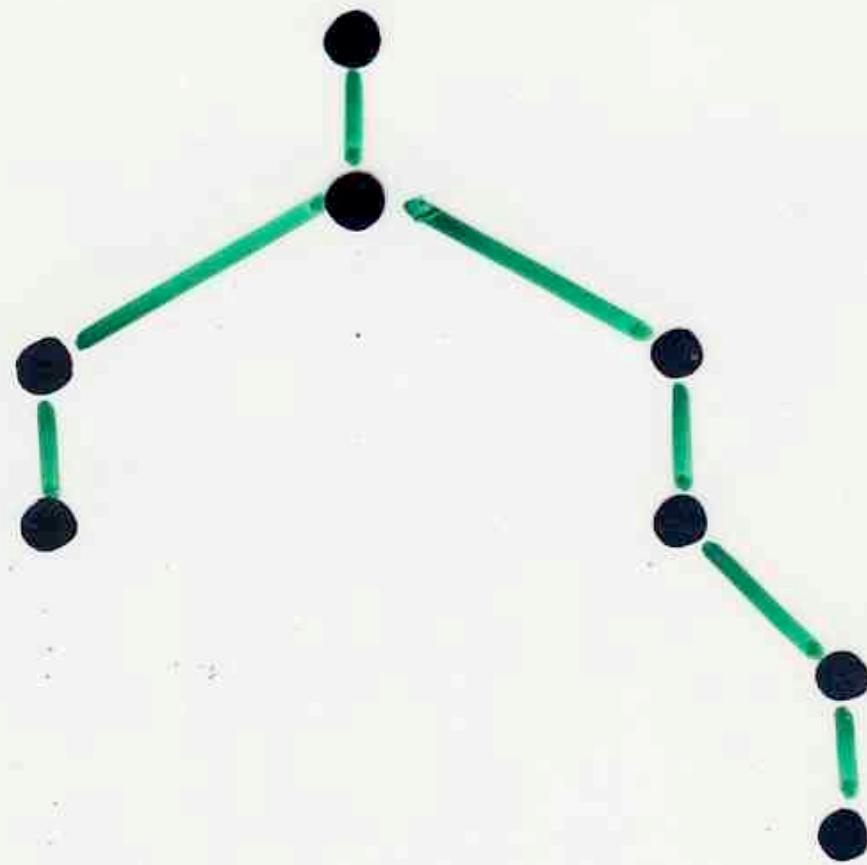


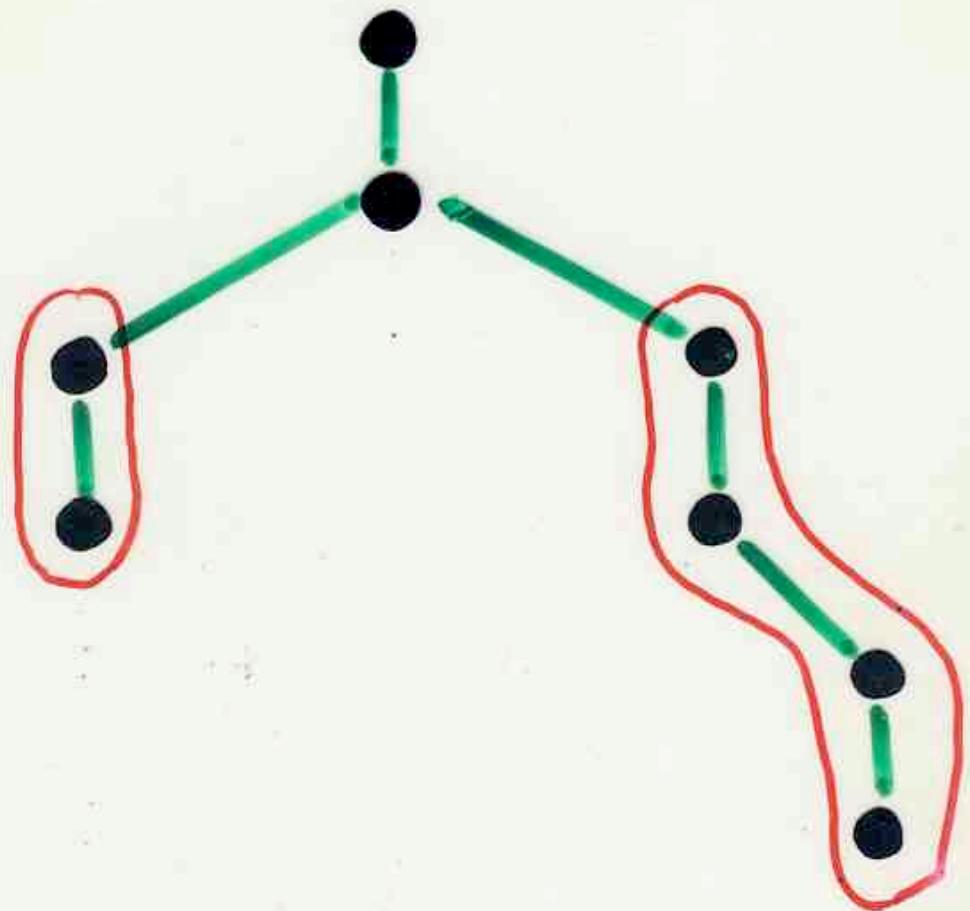
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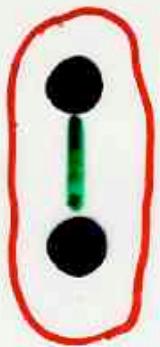


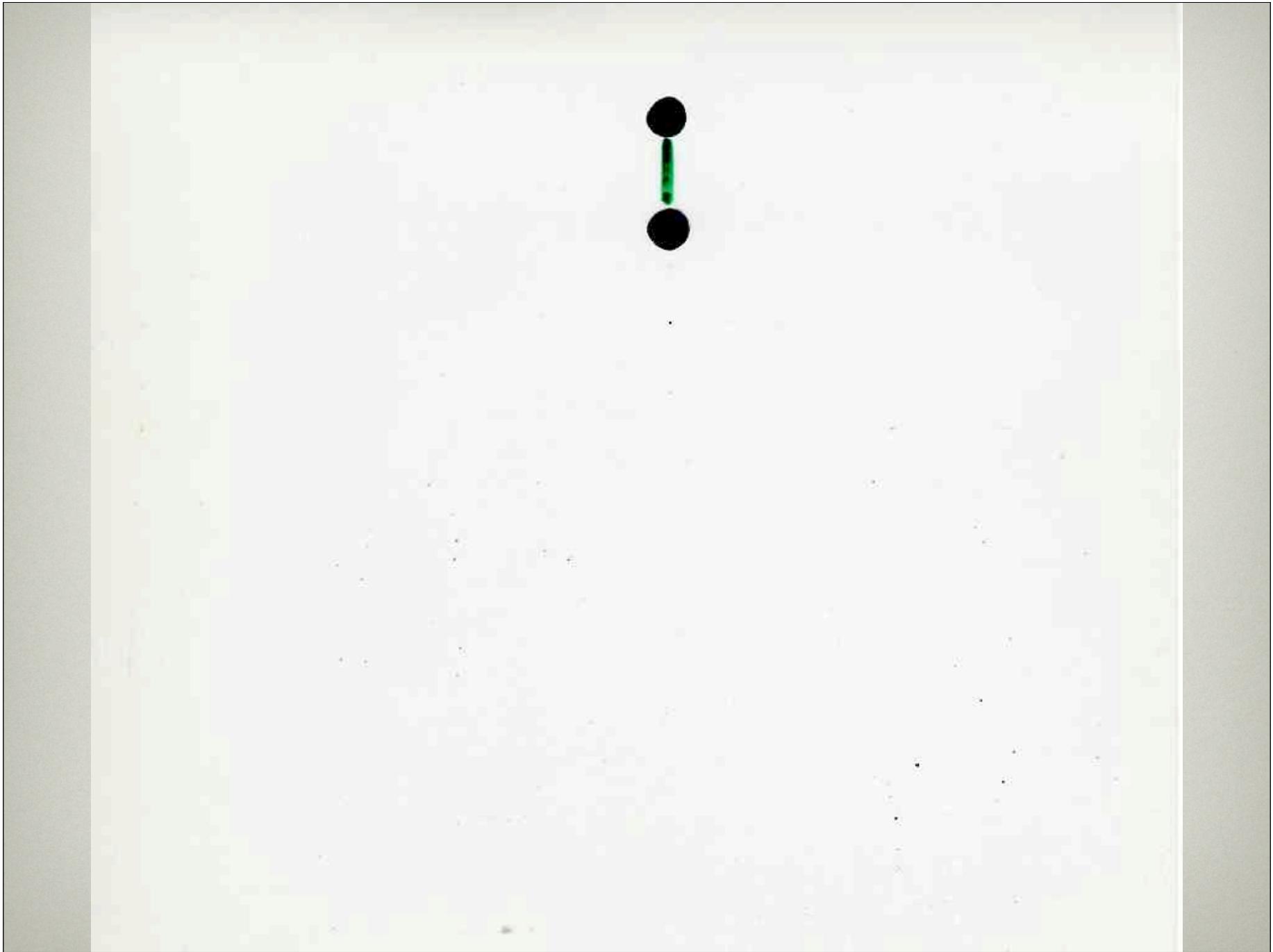


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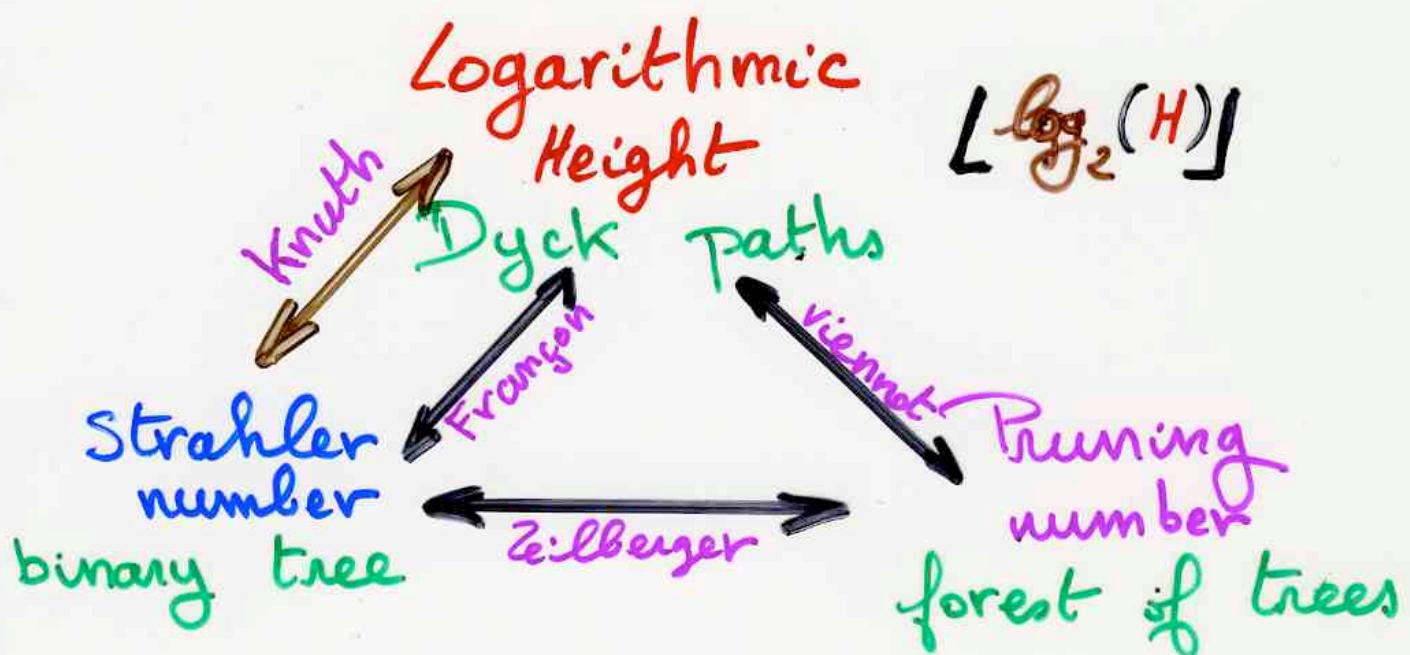
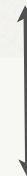




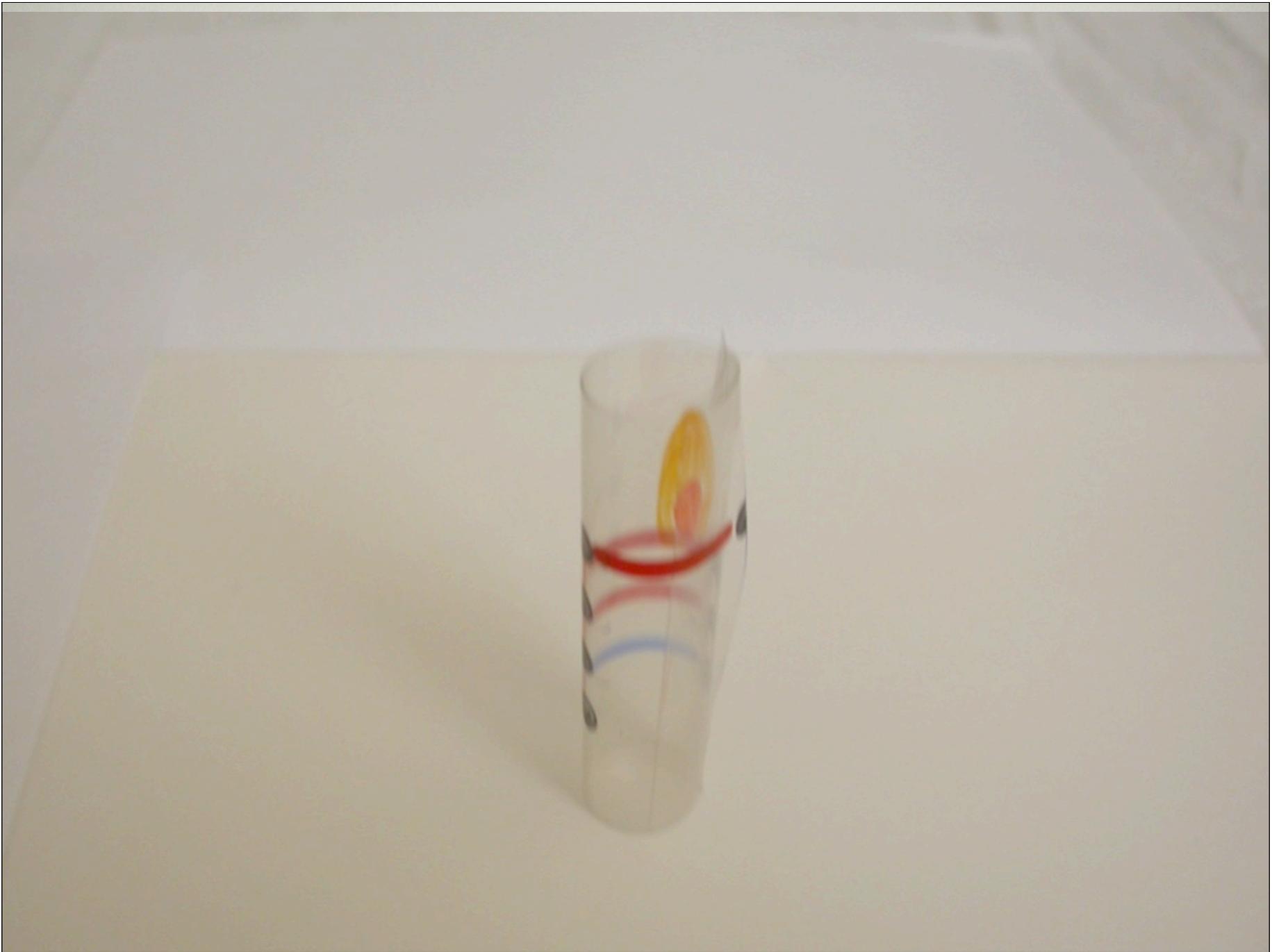




system of Kepler towers  
number of towers



The birthday cake

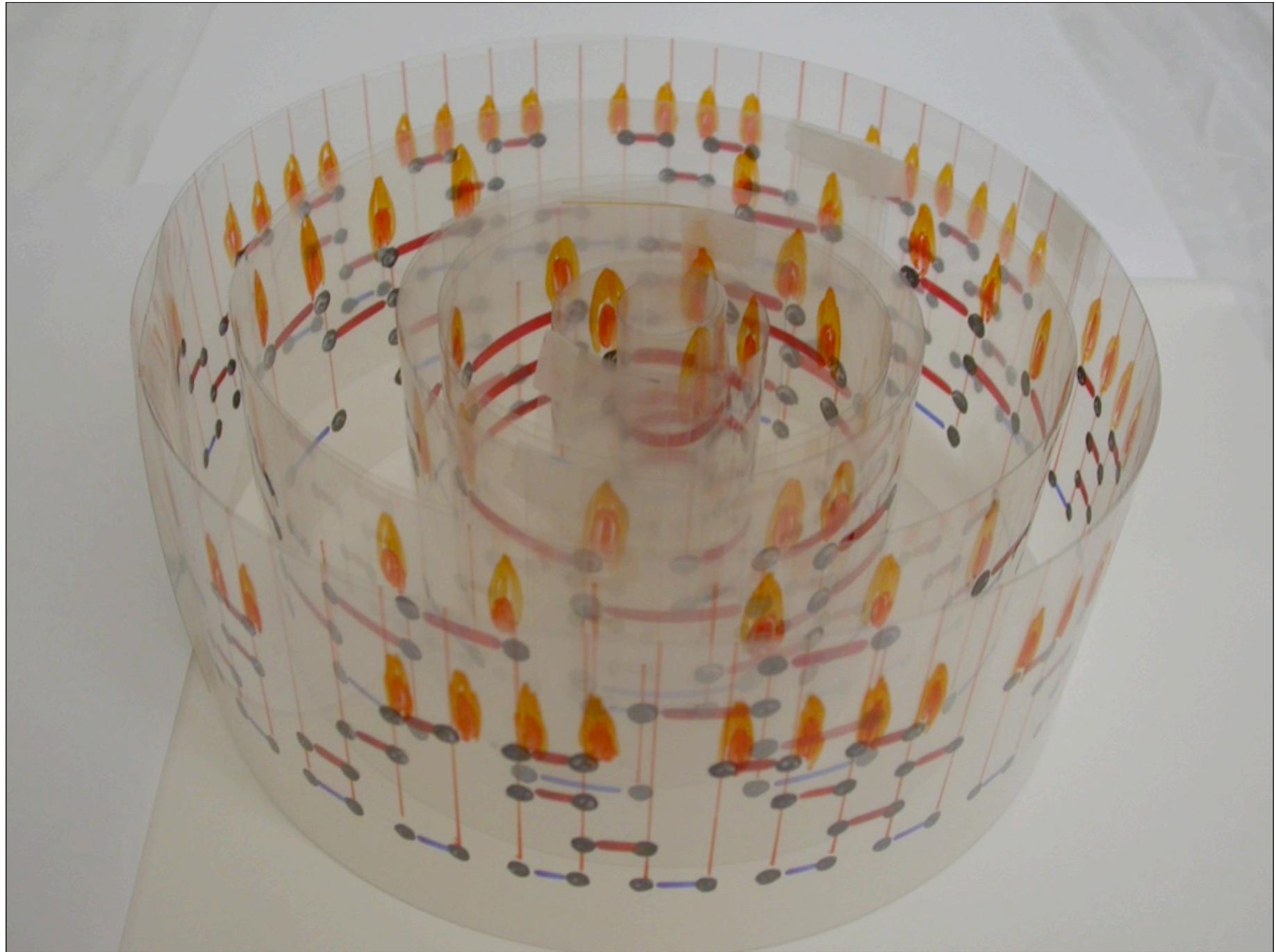


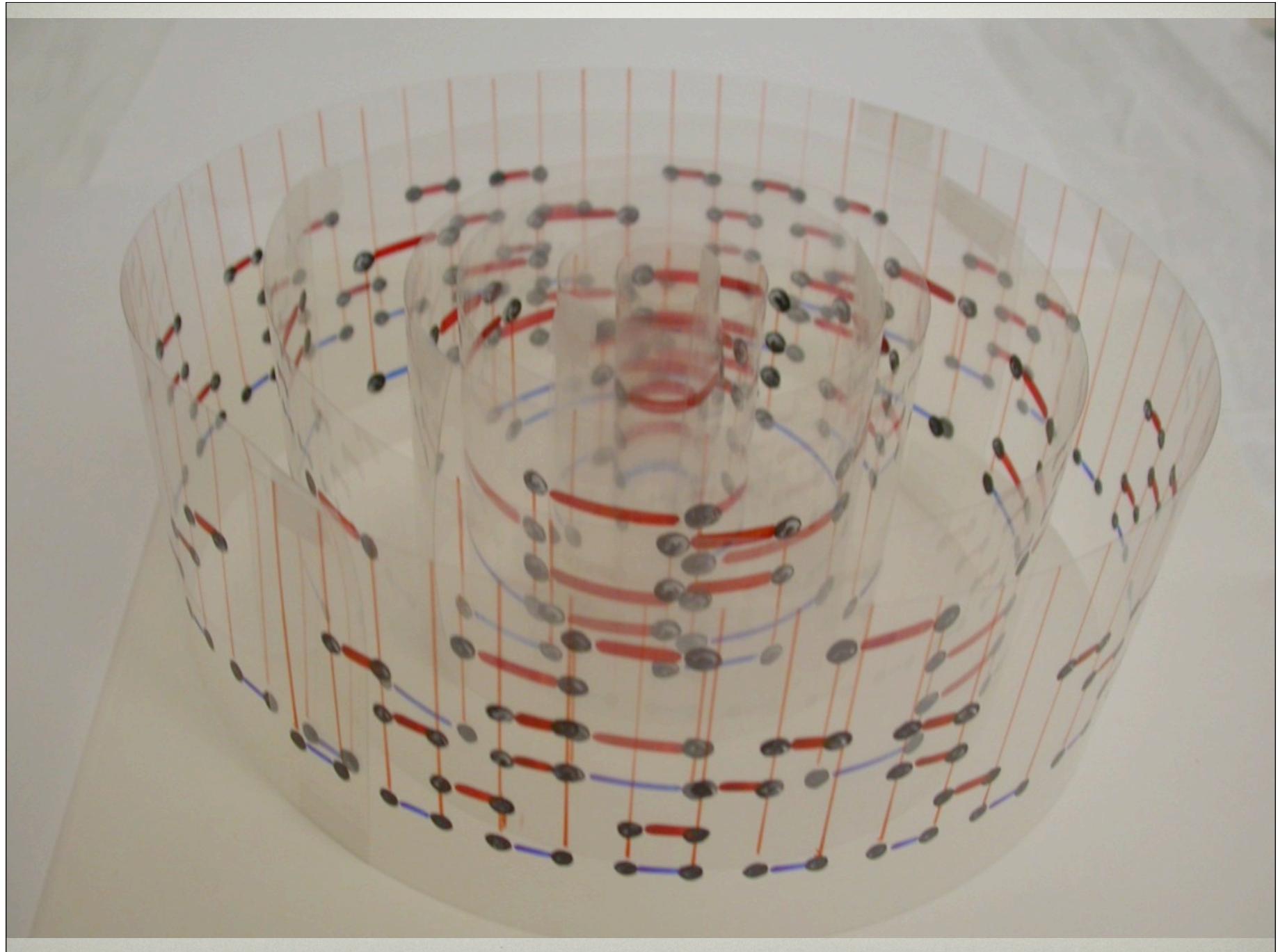












merci beaucoup  
à vous tous