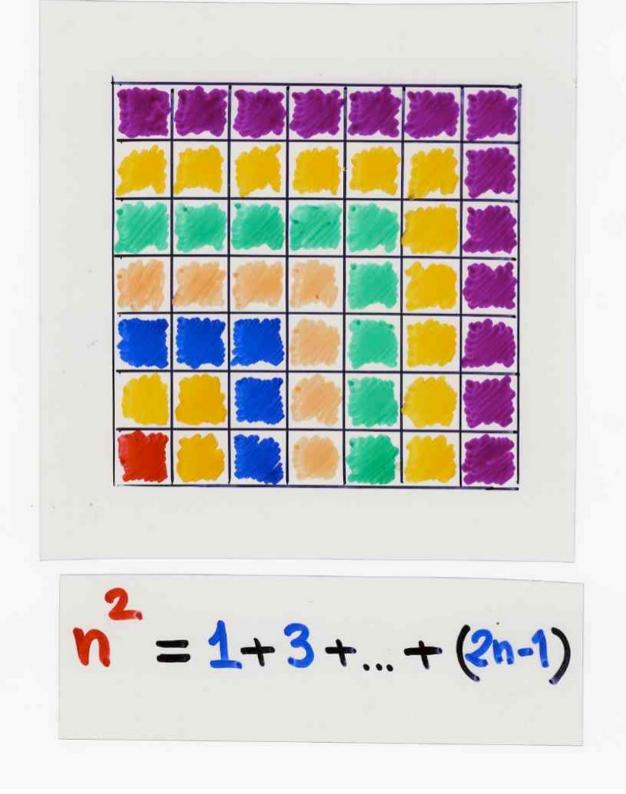
## Proofs without words: the example of Ramanujan continued fraction

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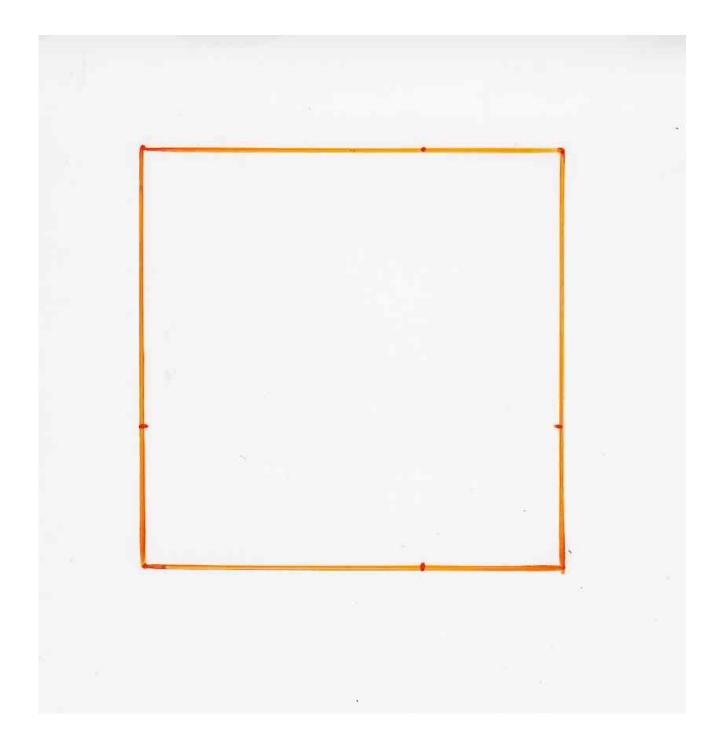
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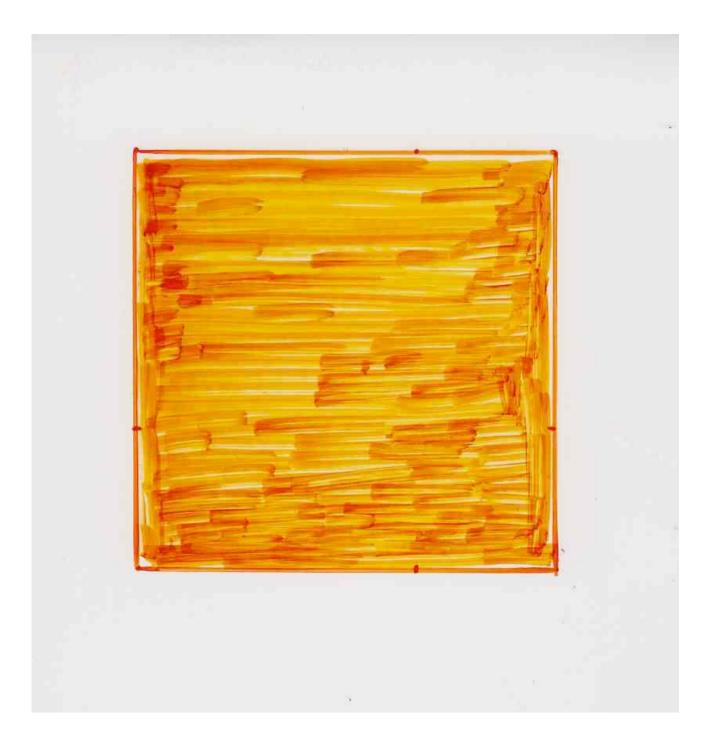
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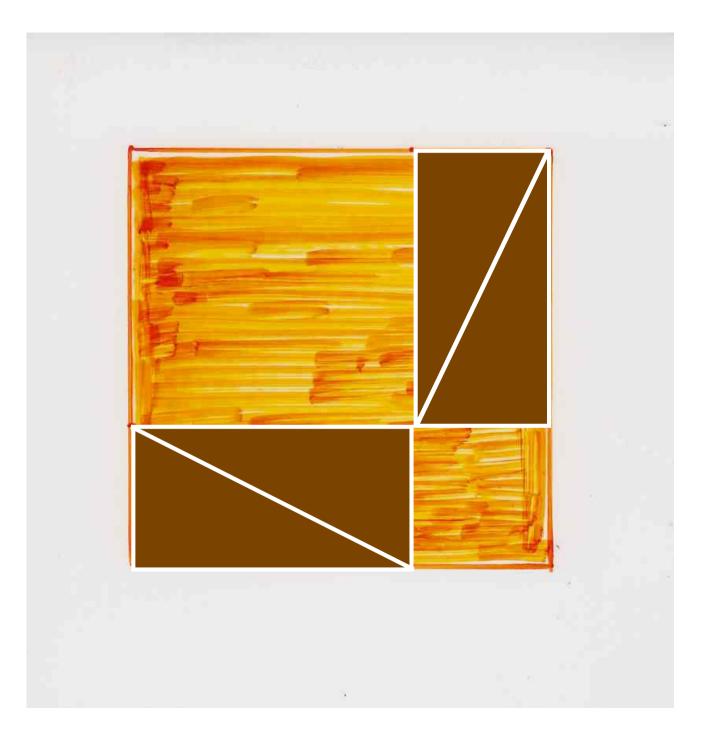


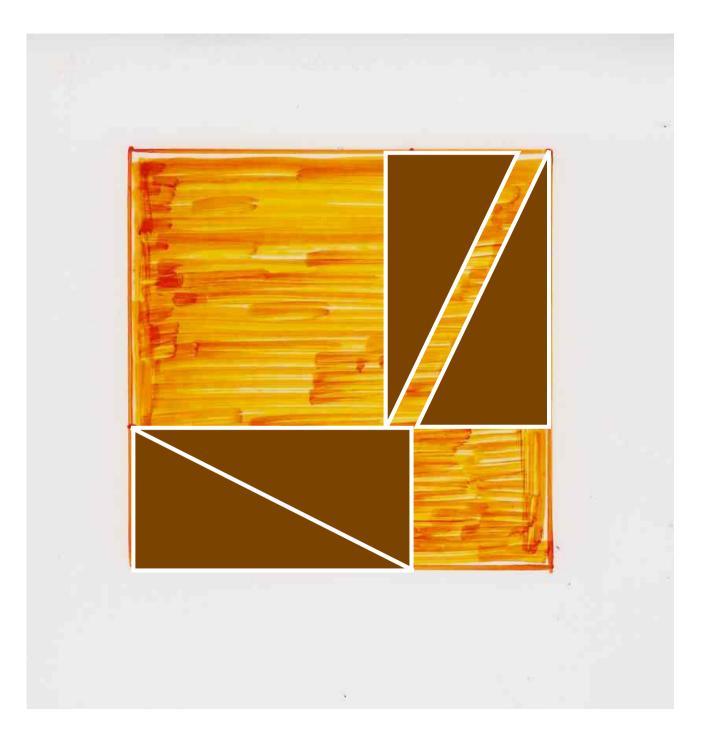
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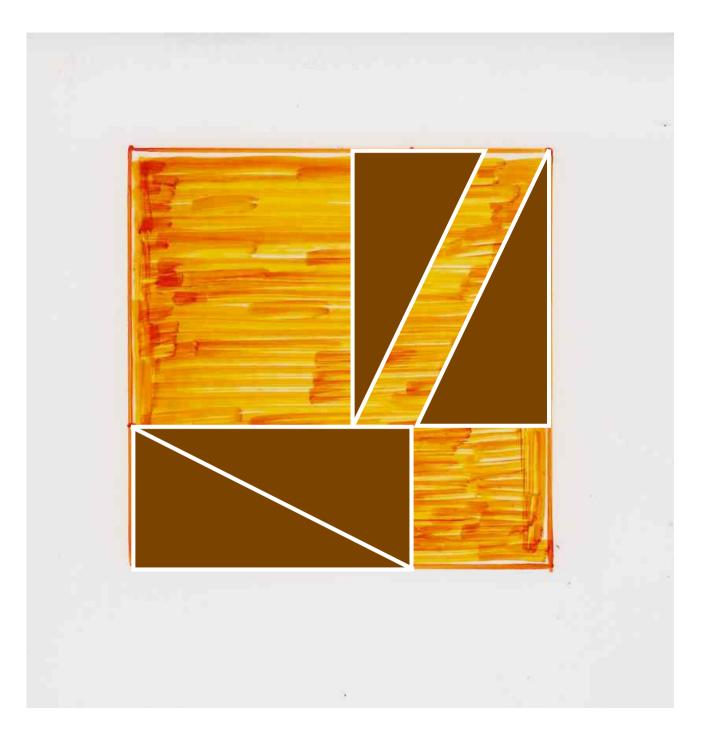
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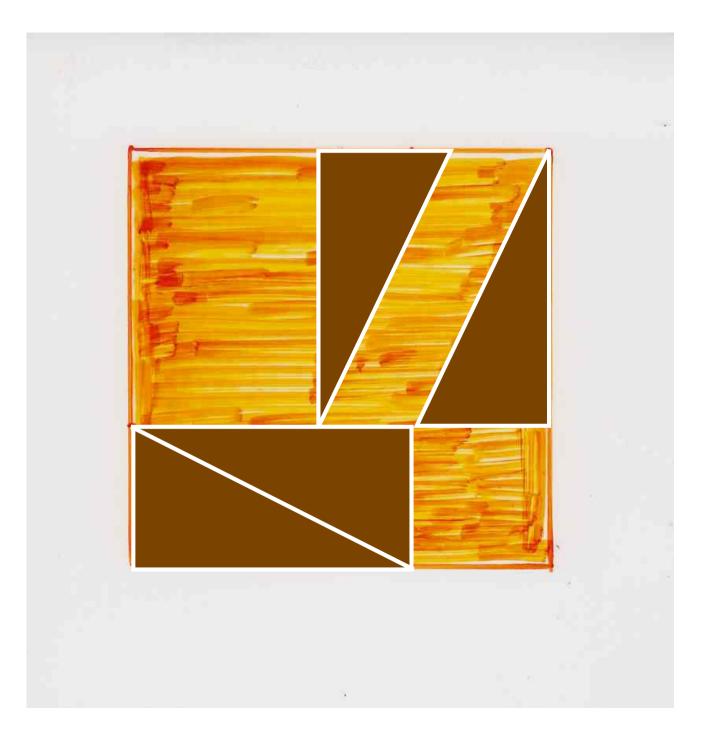


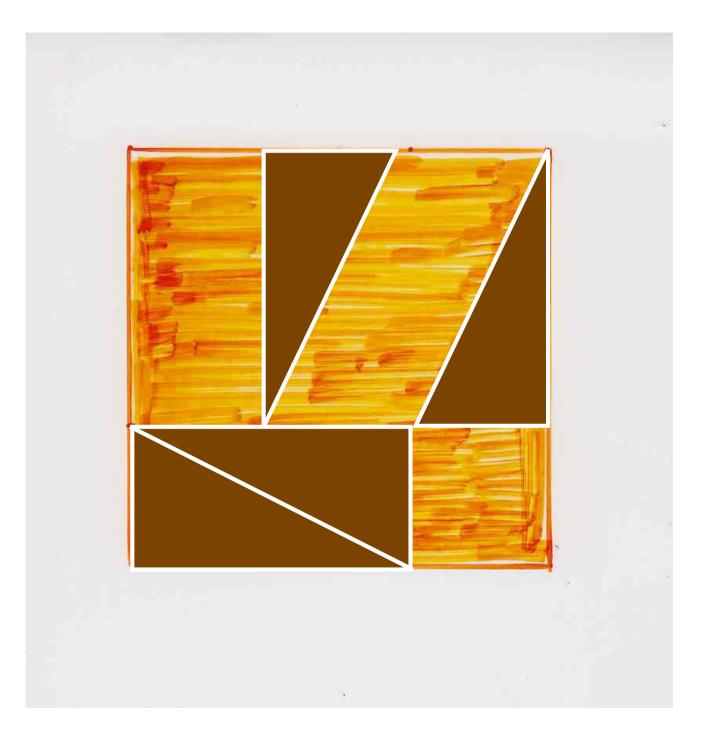


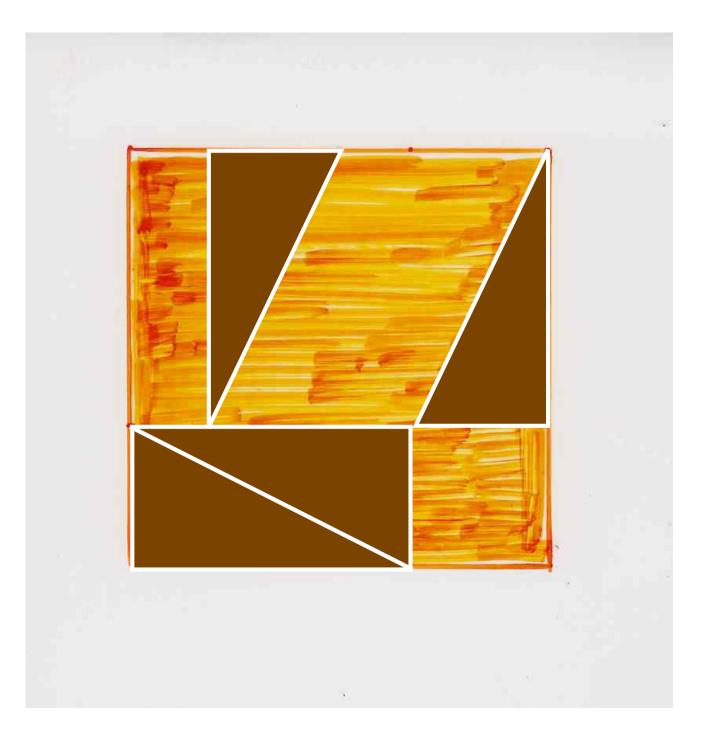


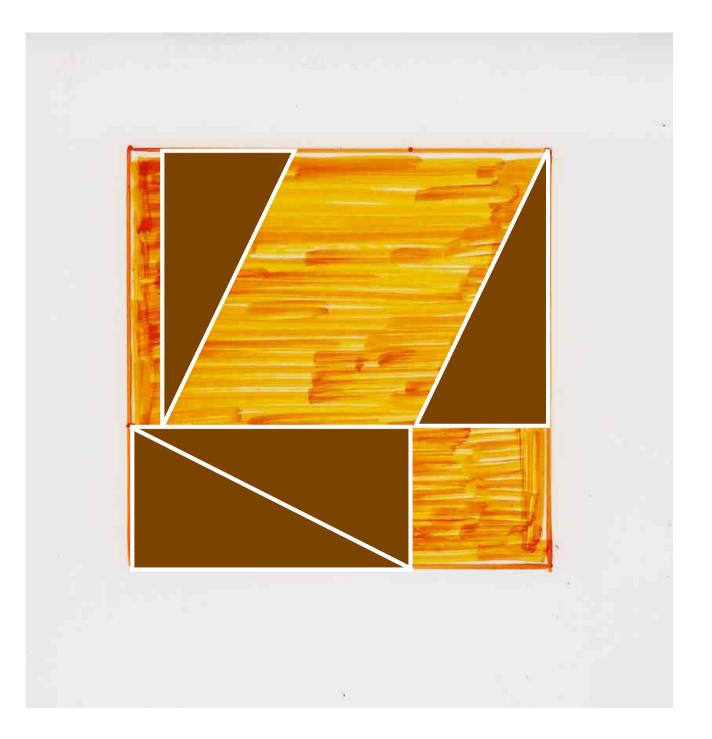


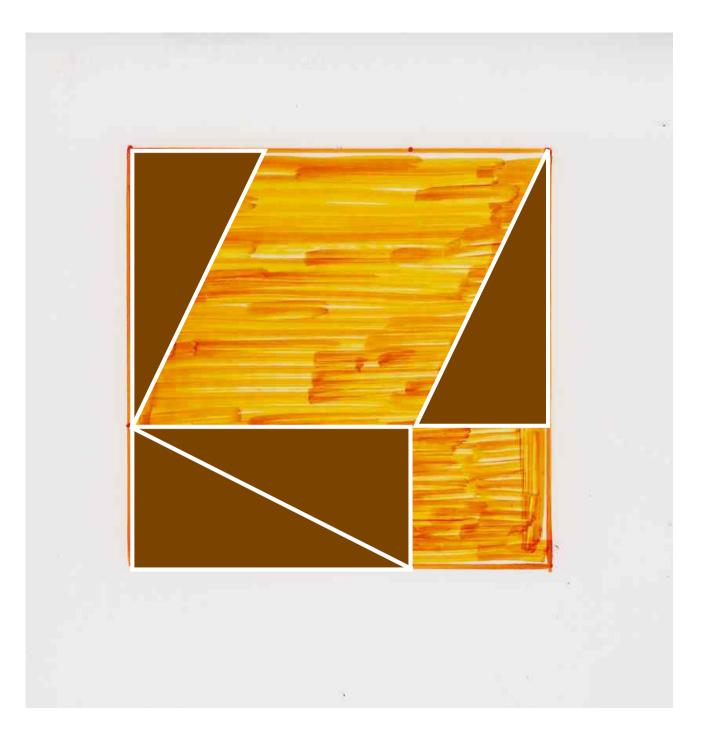


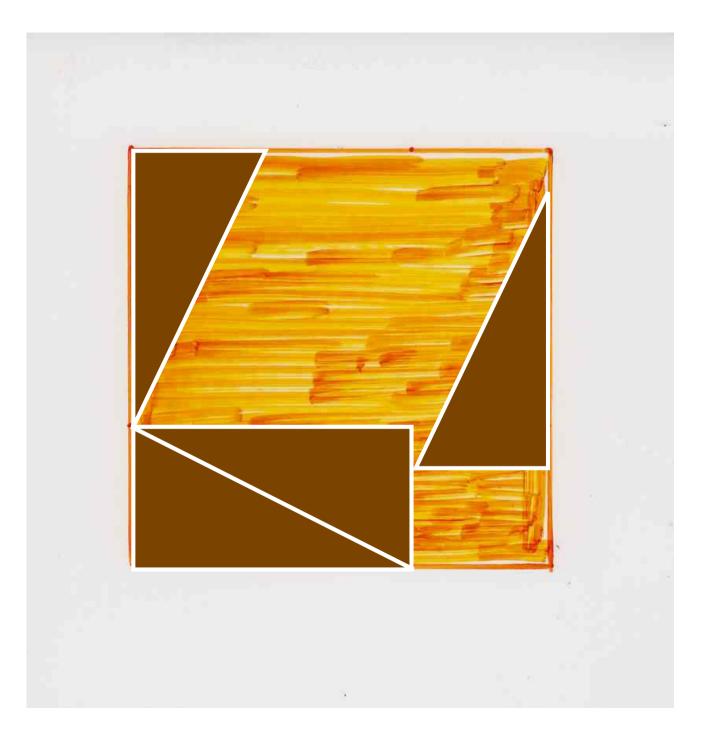


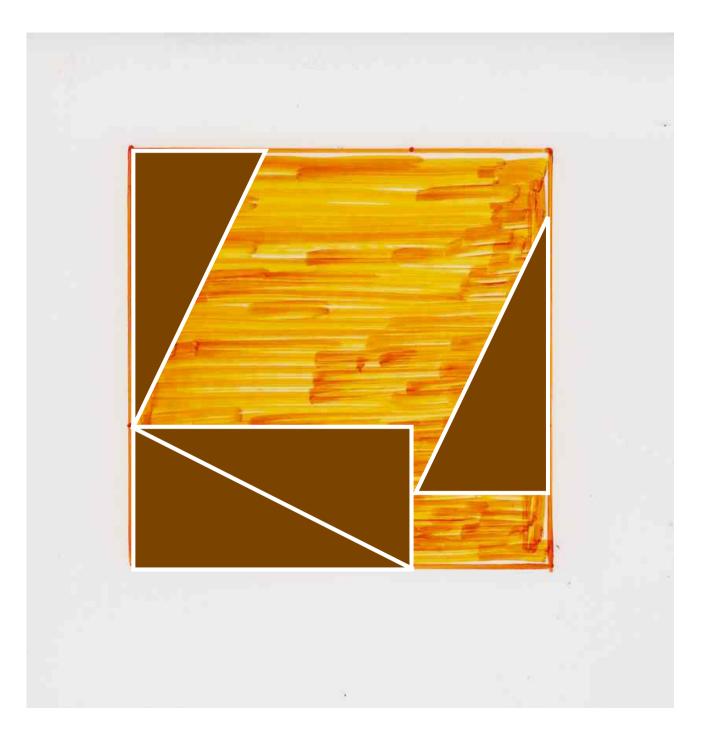


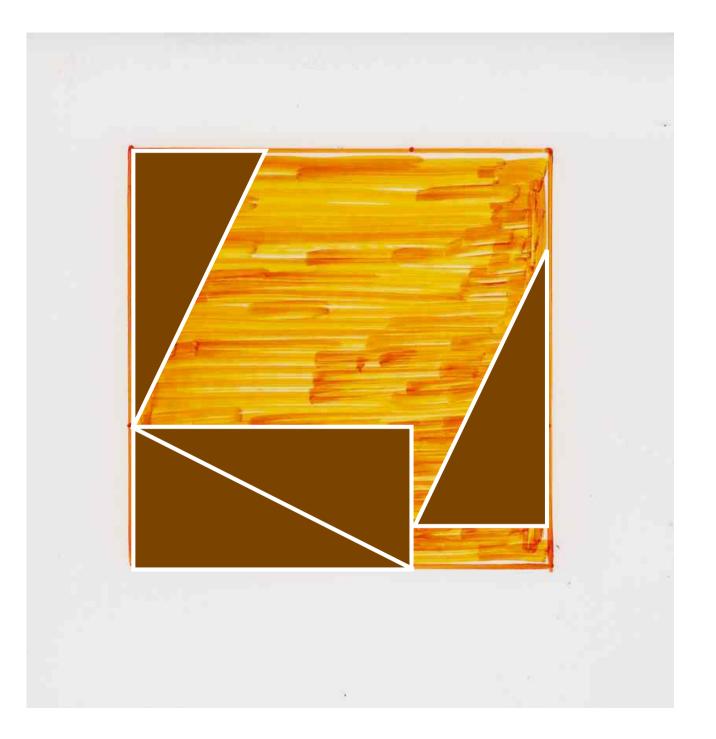


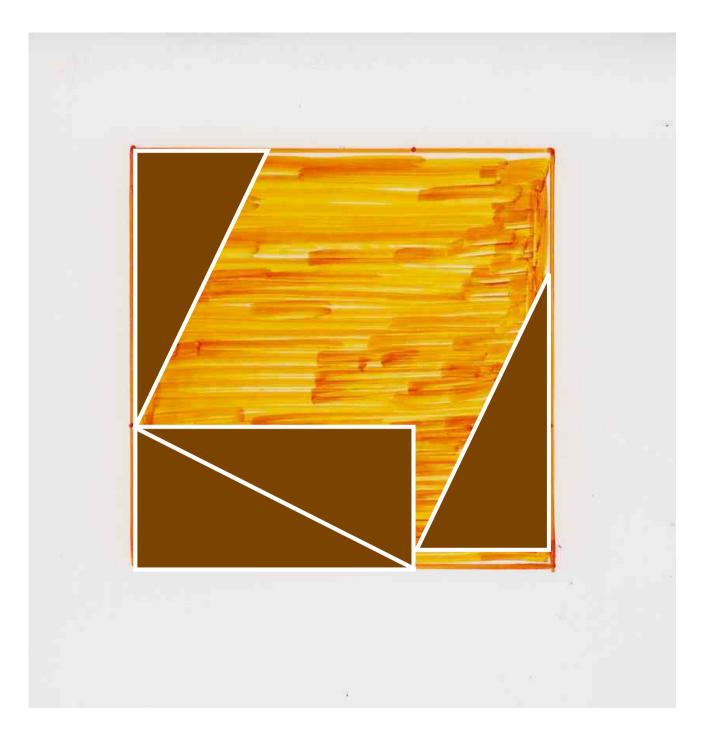


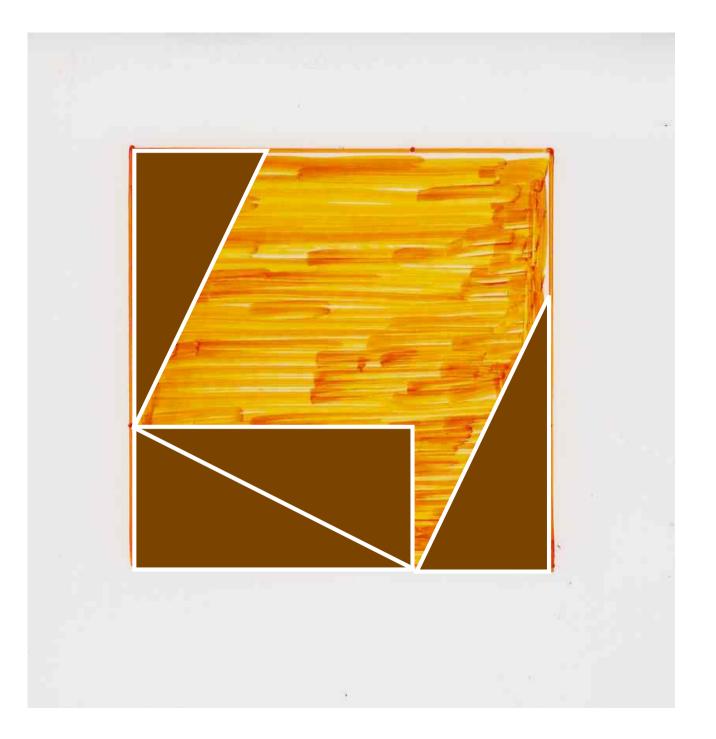


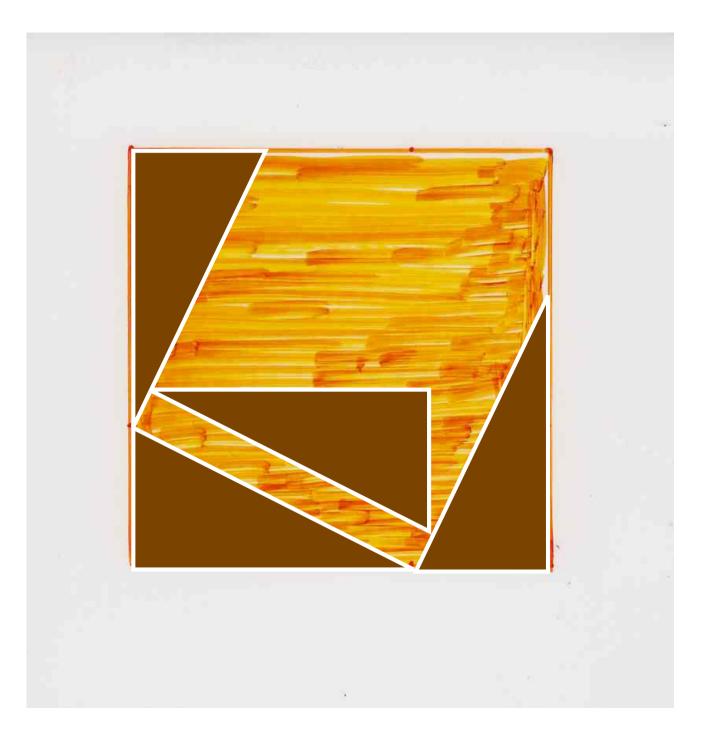


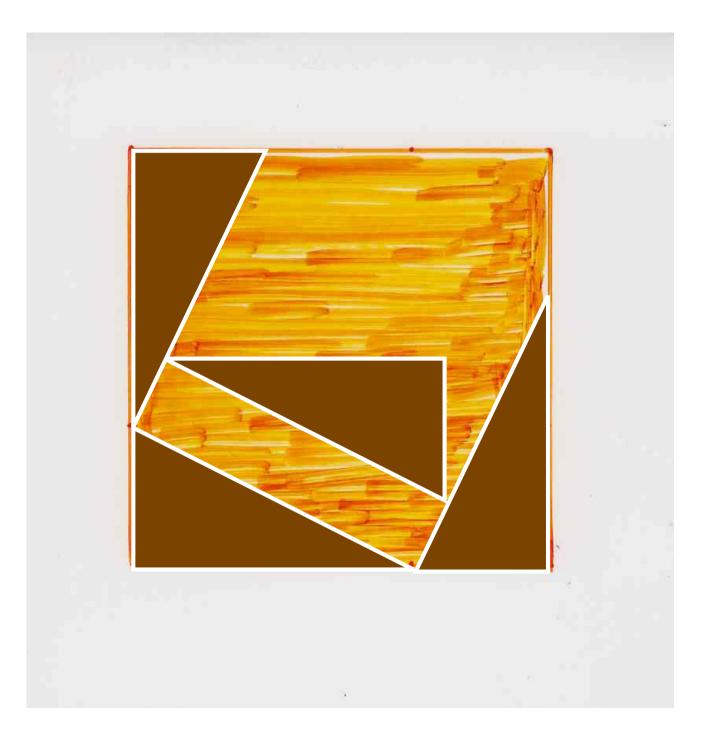


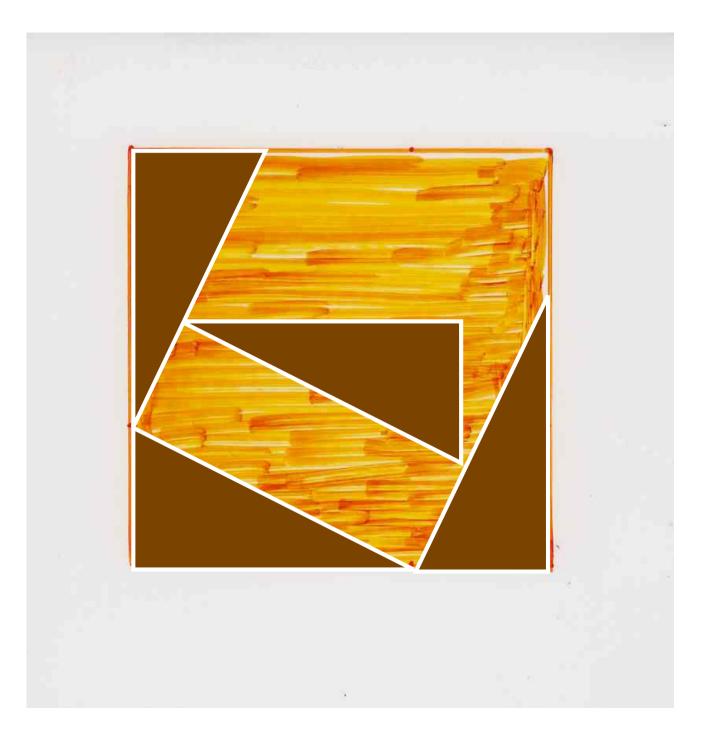


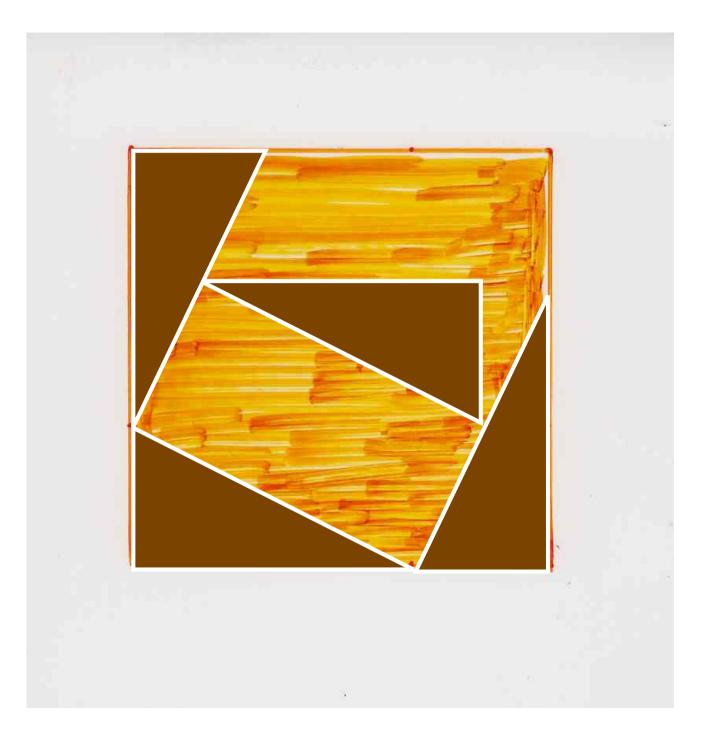


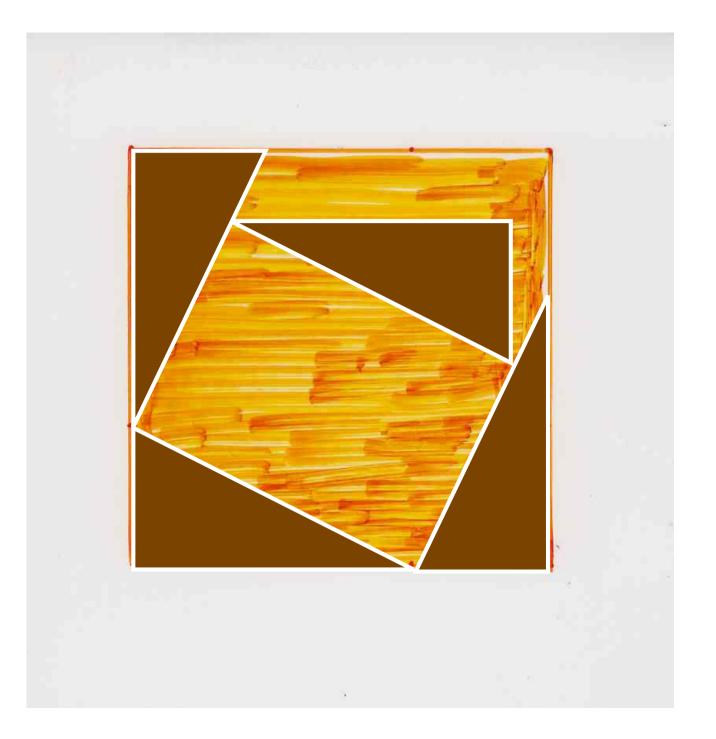


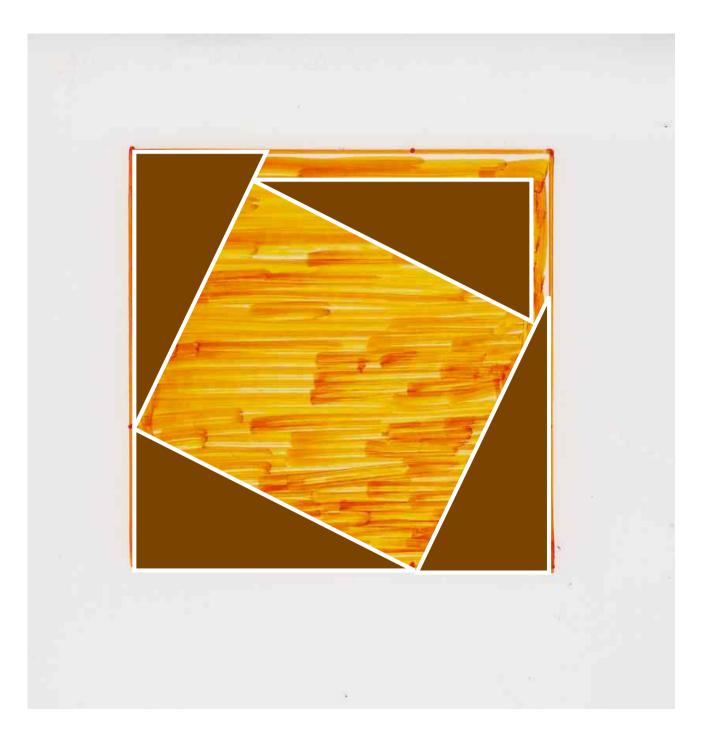


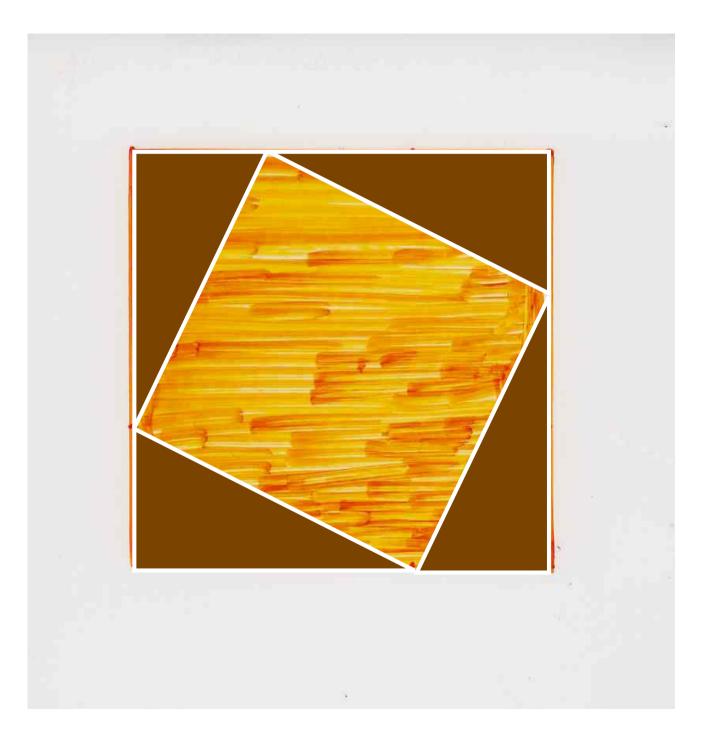


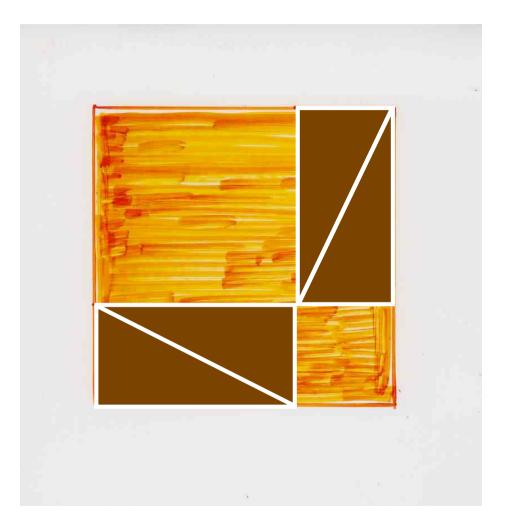


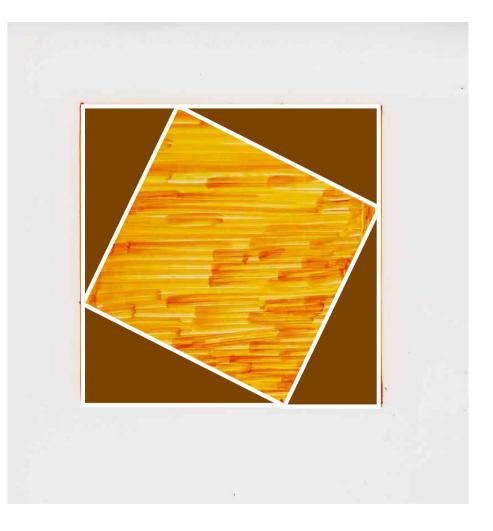


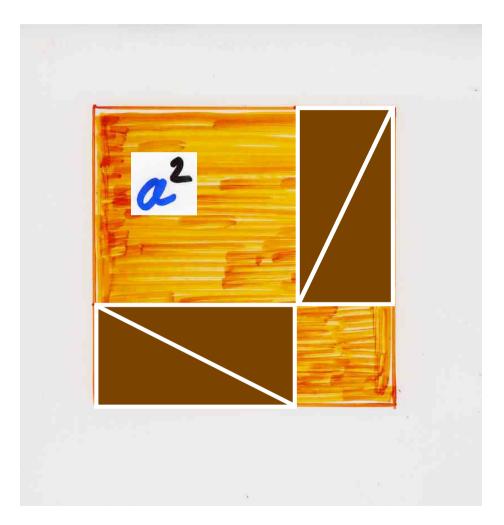


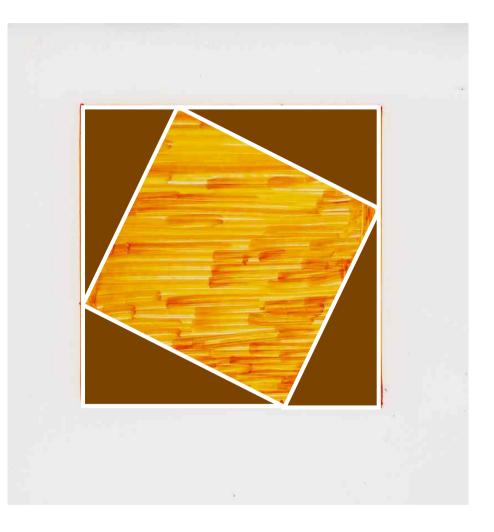


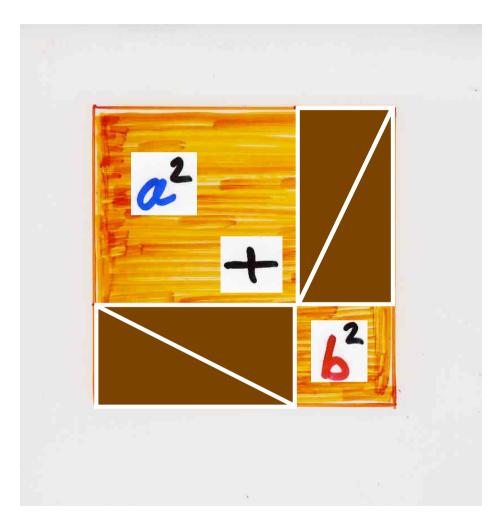


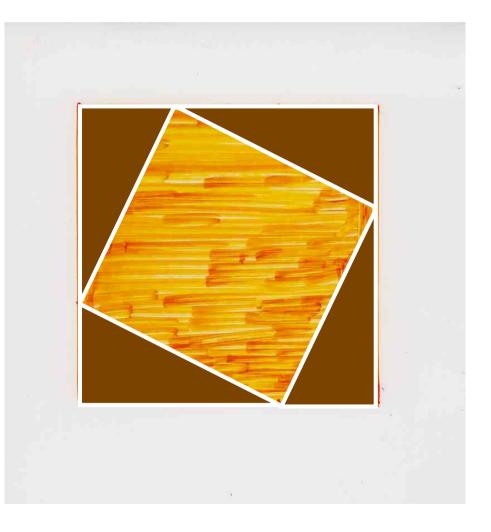


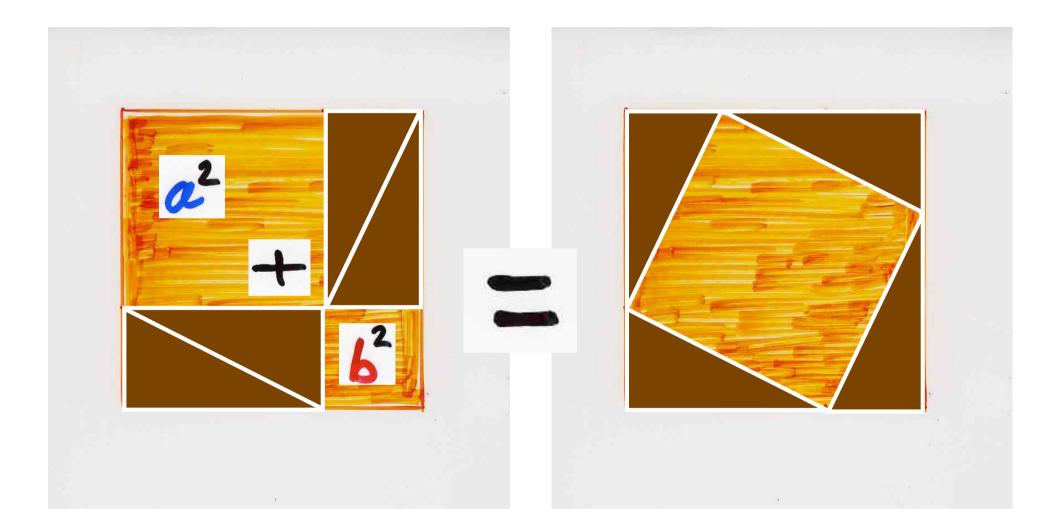


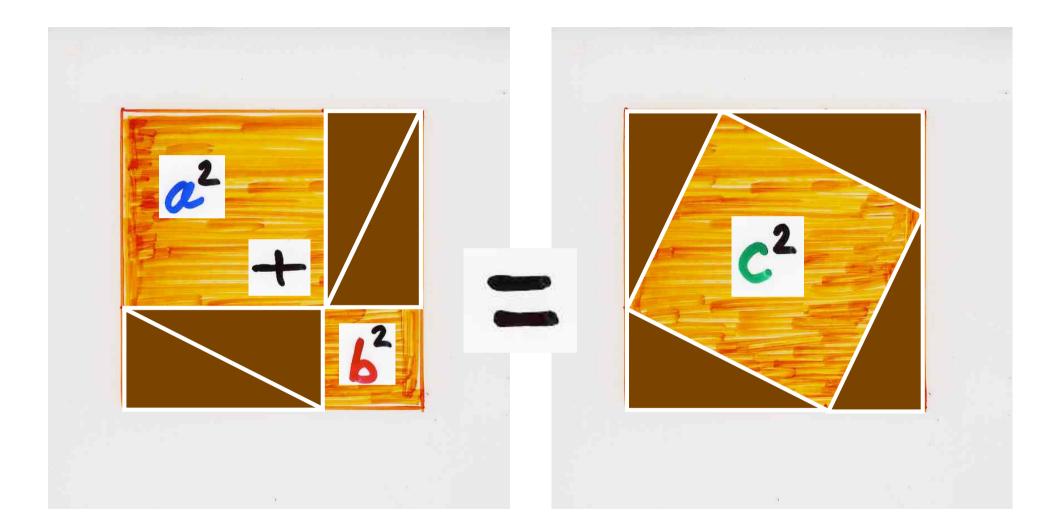




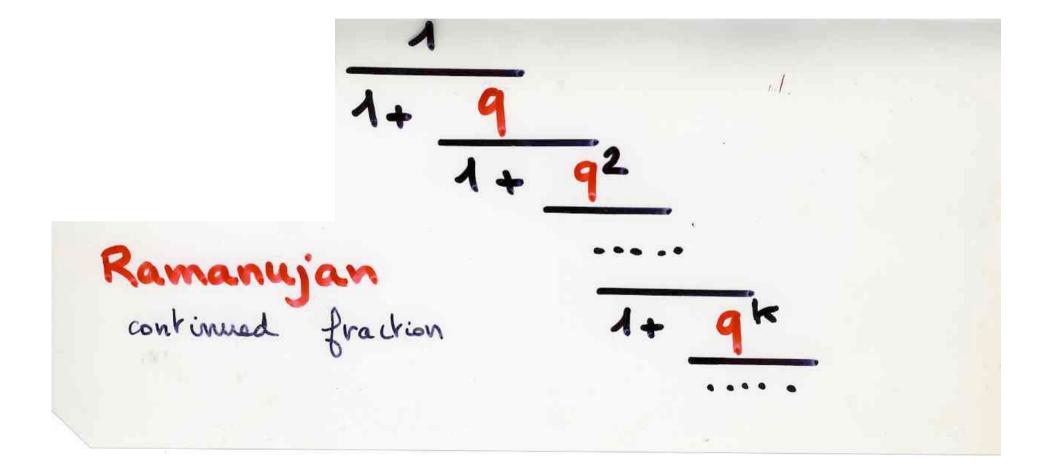


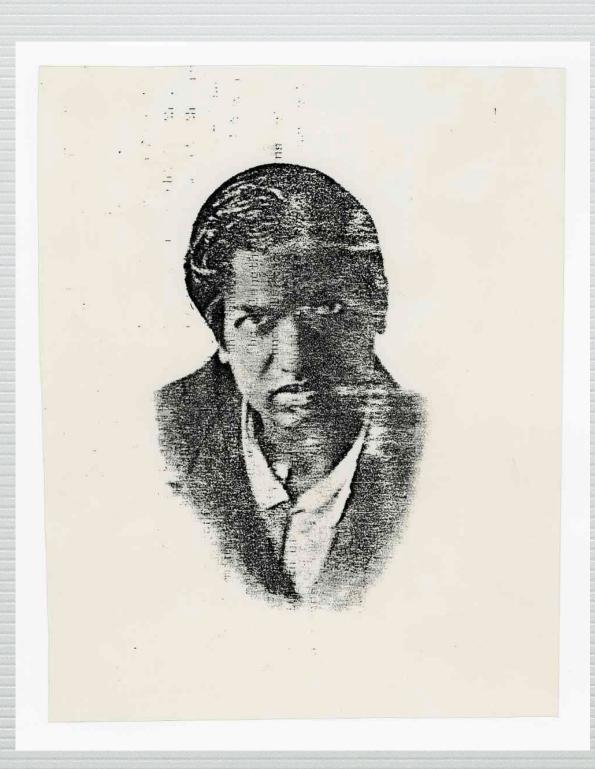






## Ramanujan continued fraction







Ramanujan's home Sarangapani Street Kumbakonam

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## Rogers-Ramanujan identities

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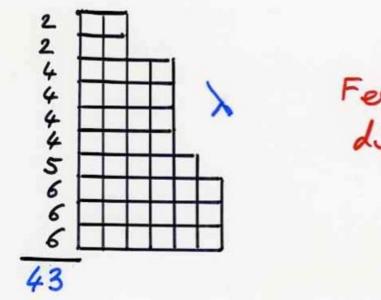
$$R_{I} = \sum_{n \geqslant 0} \frac{q^{n^{2}}}{(1-q)(1-q^{2})\cdots(1-q^{n})} = \prod_{\substack{i \equiv 1, q \\ mod \leq i}} \frac{1}{(1-q^{i})}$$

$$R_{I} = \sum_{n \geqslant 0} \frac{q^{n^{2}+n}}{(1-q)(1-q^{2})\cdots(1-q^{n})} = \prod_{\substack{i \equiv 2, 3 \\ mod \leq i}} \frac{1}{(1-q^{i})}$$

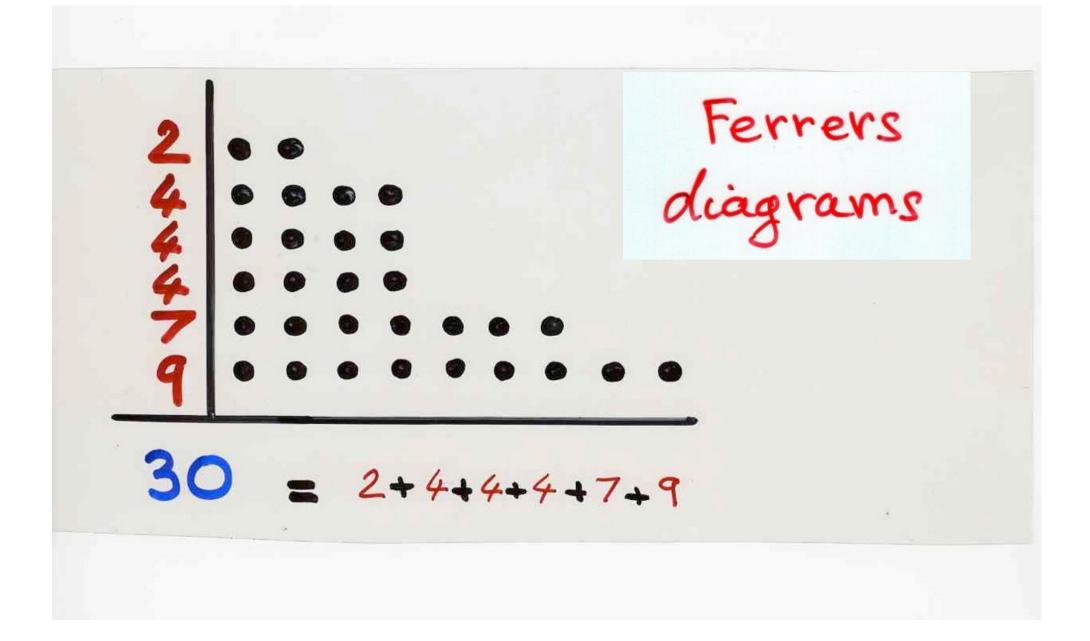
$$mod \leq i$$

## formal power series and generating function

partition of an integer n >= (6,6,6,5,4,4,4,4,2,2) n = 43 = 6 + 6 + 6 + 5 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 2 + 2

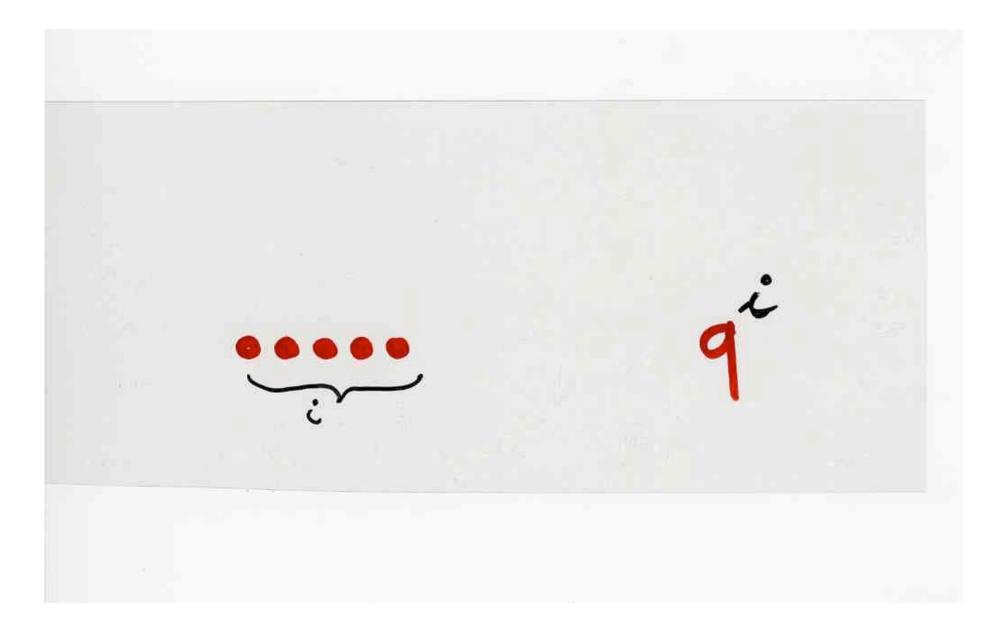


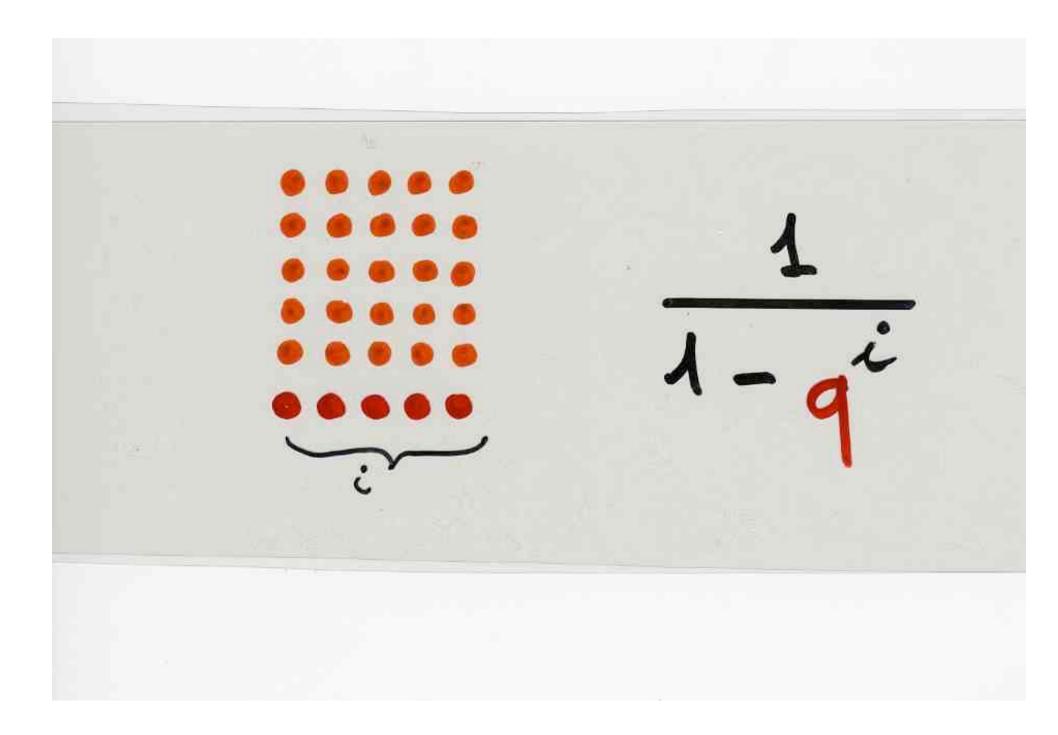
Ferrers diagram



1+1+1+1 1+1+1+1+1 2+1+1+1 2+2+1 3+1+1 3+2 41 1,2,3,5, as az az ay as  $1 + 1q + 2q^2 + 3q^3 + 5q^4 + 7q^5 + ...$ 

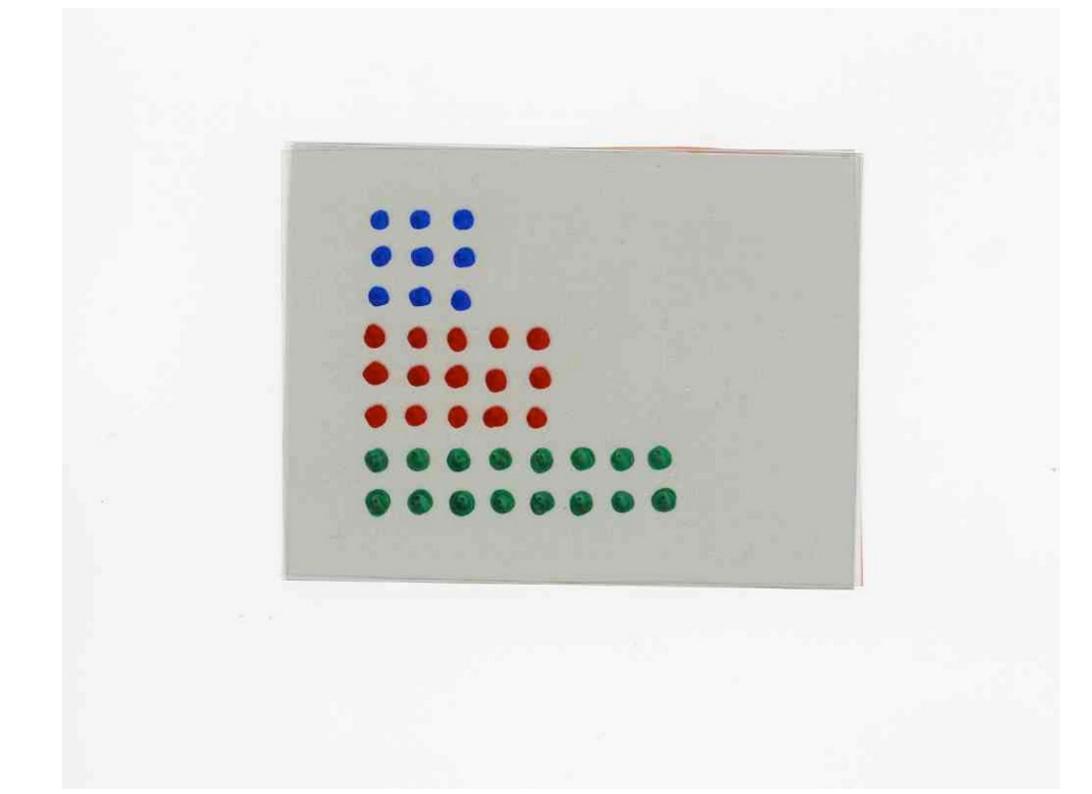
generating function for (integer) partitions  $\sum_{n \ge 0} a_n q^n$ 

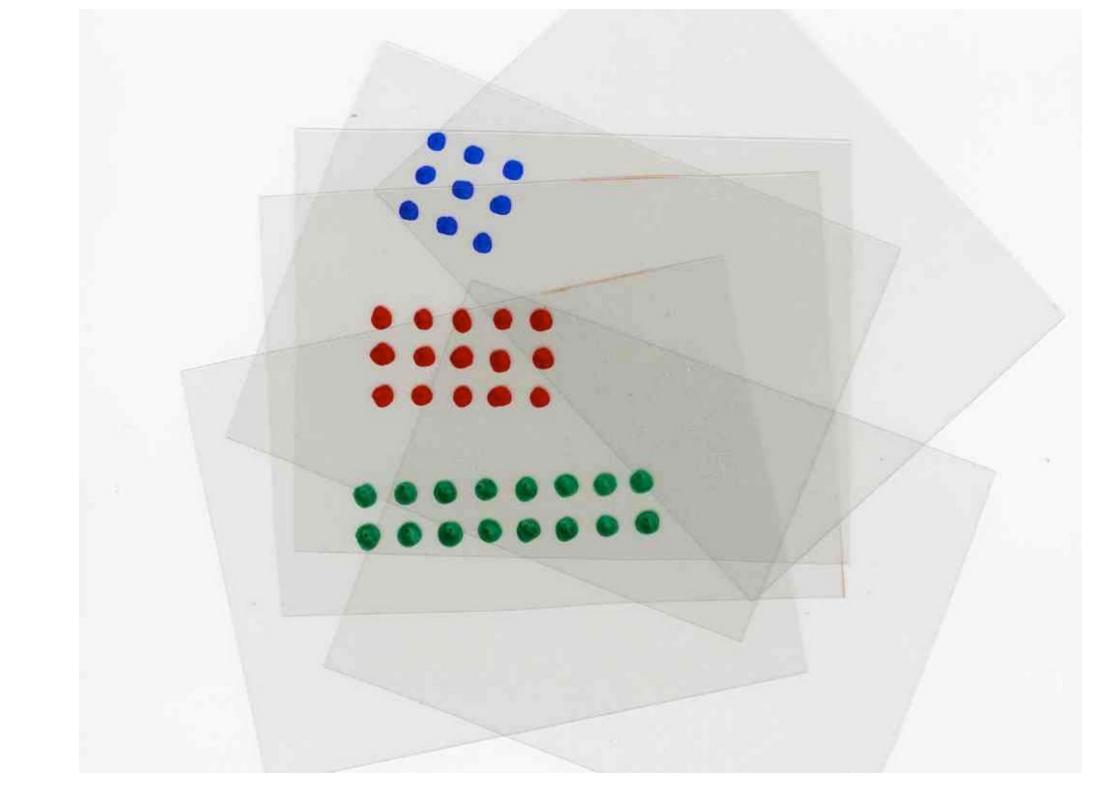




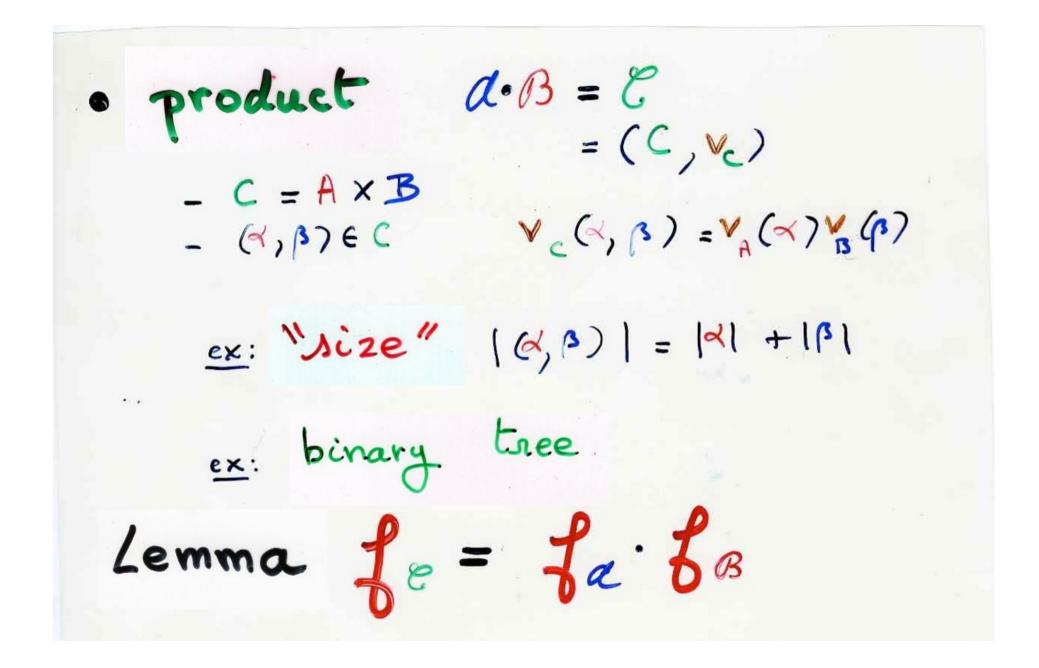
symbolic method Philippe Flajslet (1948-2011) (with Robert Sedgewick) Analytic Combinatorics (Cambridge Univ. Press, 2008)

sequence  $\alpha = (A, v_A) \qquad \mathcal{C} = (C, v_C)$  $\mathcal{E} = \{ \in \} + \alpha + \alpha^{2} + \dots + \alpha^{n} + \dots \\ = \alpha^{*}$ Lemma la - 1-1





 $(1-q)(1-q^2)$  .... (1-q<sup>m</sup>)



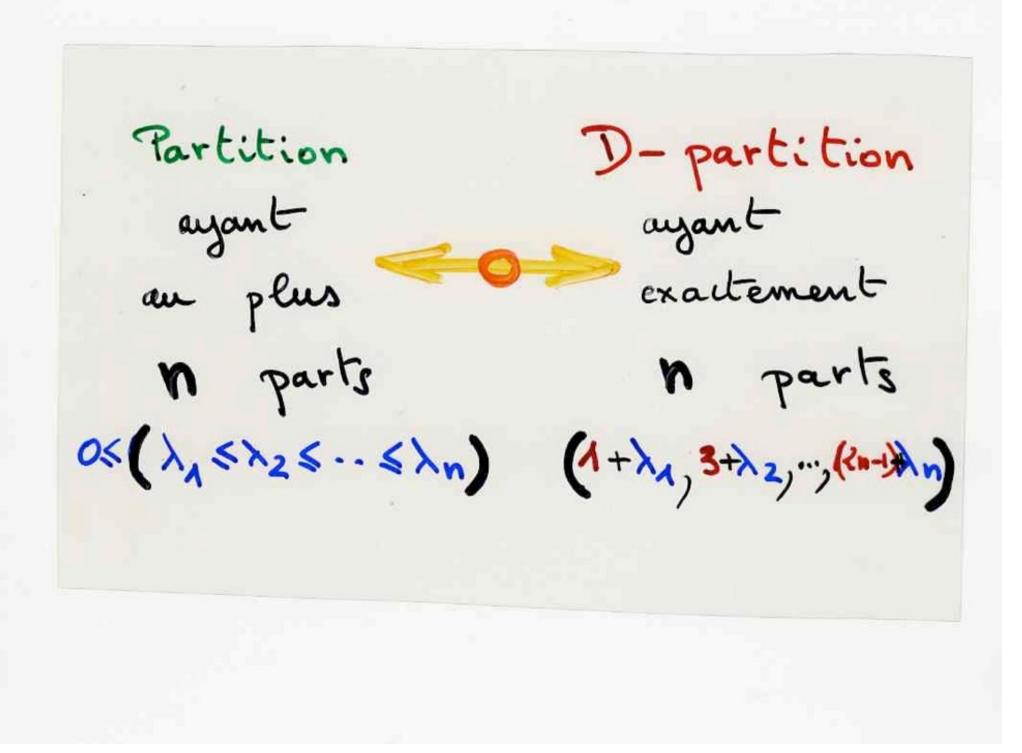
 $(1-q)(1-q^2) \cdots (1-q^m)$  $\frac{1}{(1-q^{i})}$ 11 generating function for the number of partitions of an integer n

Rogers - Ramanujan identities  

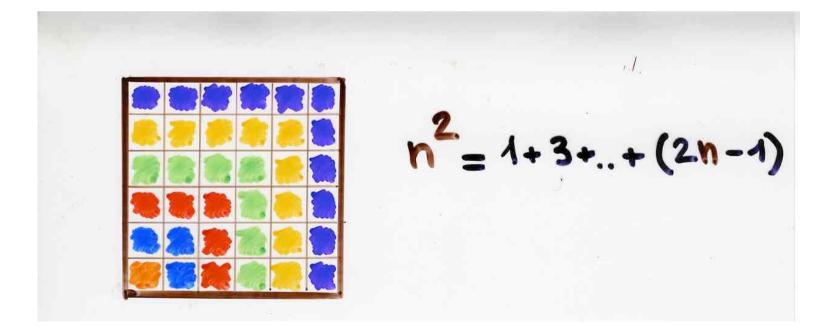
$$R_{I} \sum_{n \ge 0} \frac{q^{n^{2}}}{(1-q)(1-q^{2})...(1-q^{n})} = \prod_{\substack{i \le 1, 4 \\ mod \le}} \frac{1}{(1-q^{i})}$$

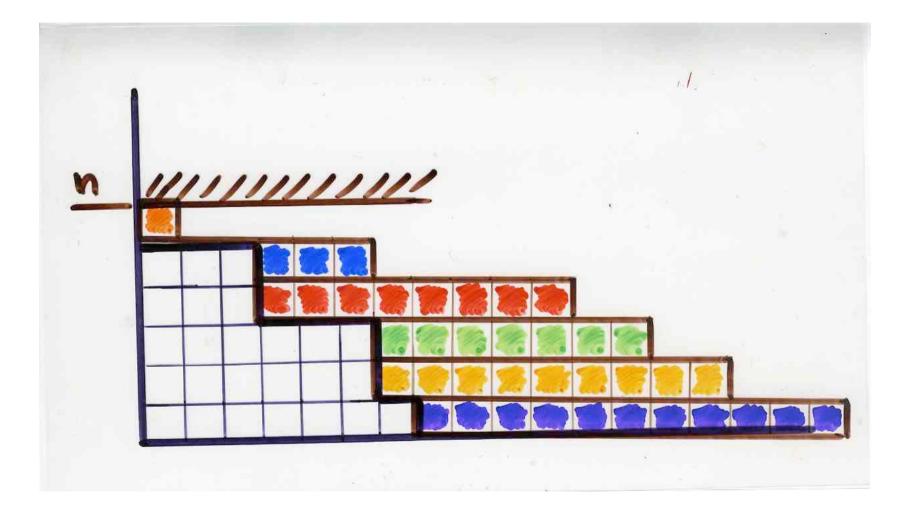
$$partitionsparts = 1,4q mod 54+4+16+1+1+1 fl+...+14+1+1+1+1+1$$

D- partition λi - his ≥2 X=(A1, ..., Ak) (1Sick) a m²) generating function for **D-partitions**  $(1-q)(1-q^2)\cdots(1-q^m)$ mzo



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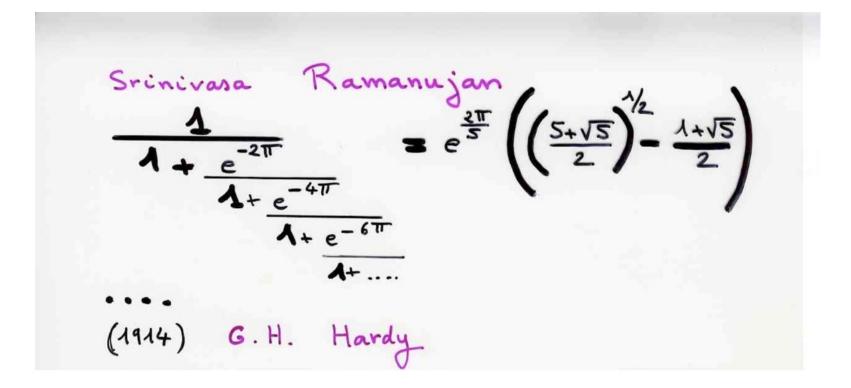
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 $\sum_{\substack{n \ge 0 \\ n \ge 0}} \frac{q^{n^2 + n}}{(1 - q)(1 - q^2) \cdots (1 - q^n)} = \prod_{i \ge q^2 > 5} \frac{1}{(1 - q^i)}$ mod 5 D-partitions Partitions parts  $\equiv 2, 3$ parts \$ 1 mod 5 7+2 2+2+2+3 3+3+3 7+2

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 $TT(1-q^{i})$ i=1,4mod 5



«These identities defeated me completely; I had never seen anything like them before. A single look at them is enough to show that they could only be written down by a mathematician of the highest class. »

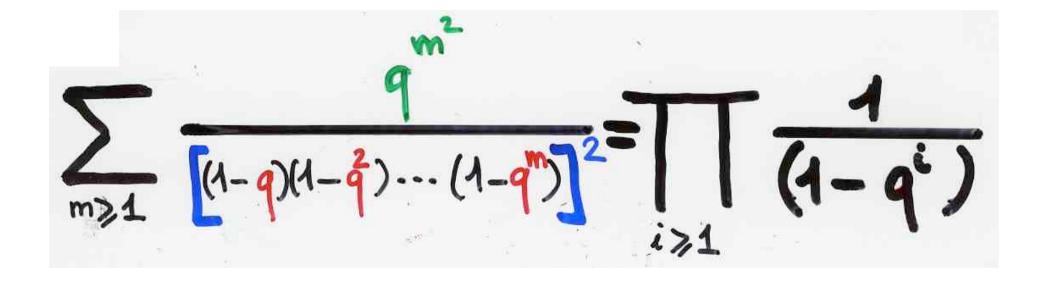




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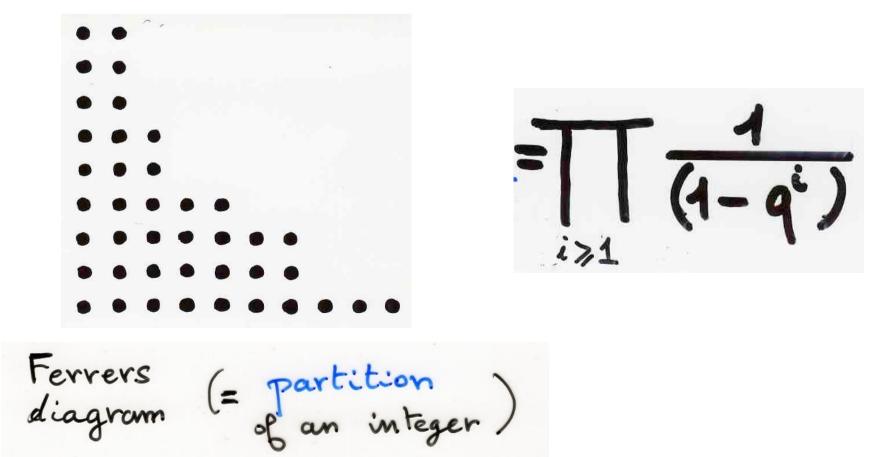
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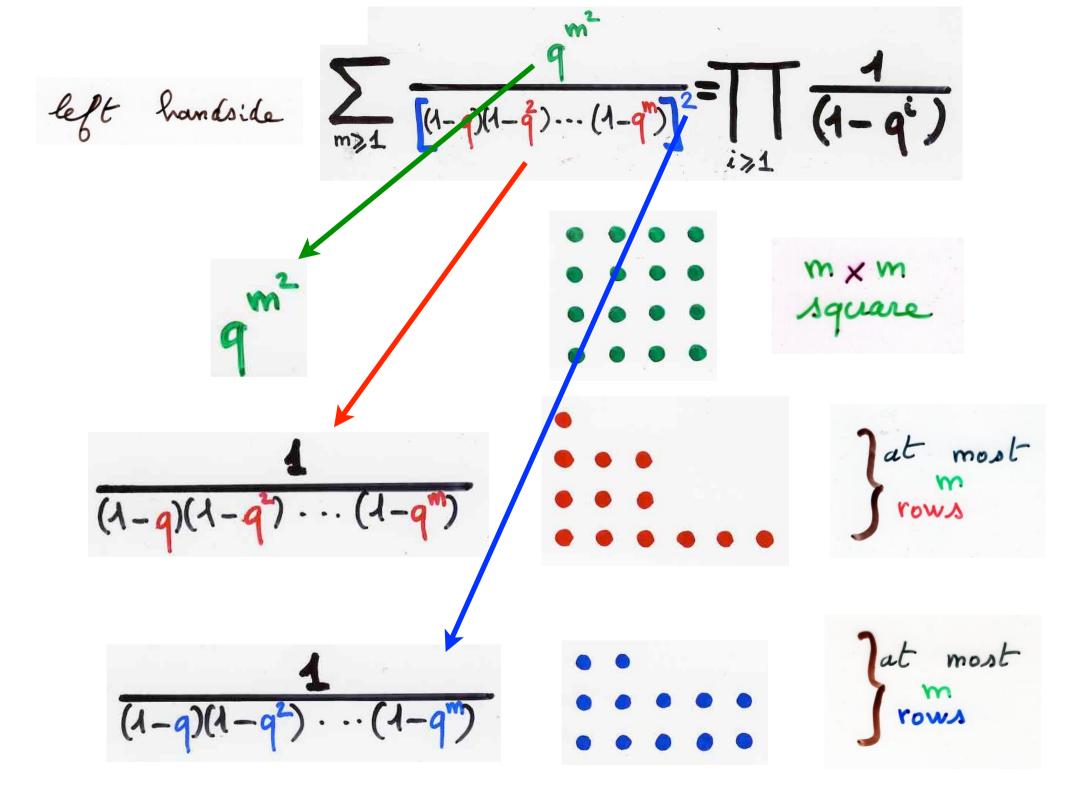
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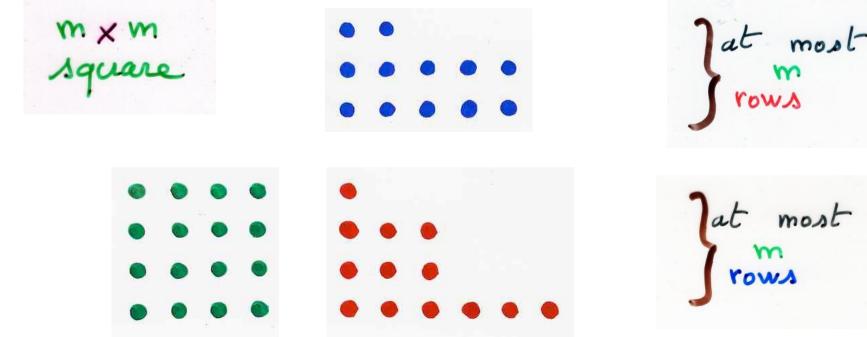


 $\sum_{m \ge 1} \frac{q}{[q-q)(q-q^2)\cdots(q-q^n)} = \prod_{i \ge 1} \frac{1}{(q-q^i)}$ 

right handside

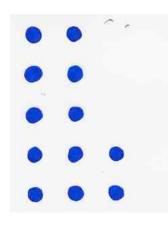




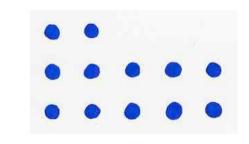


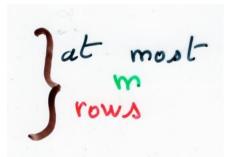
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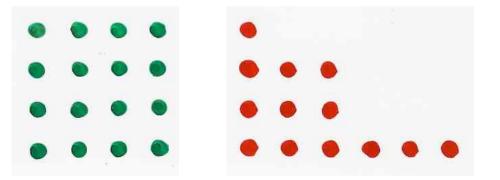
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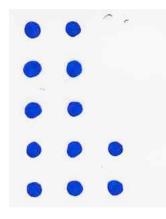


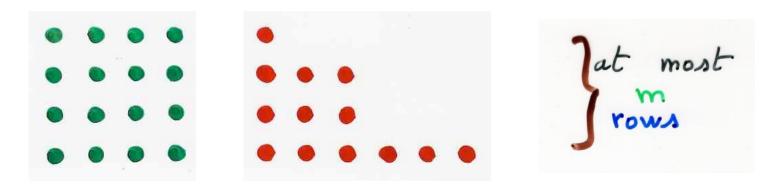




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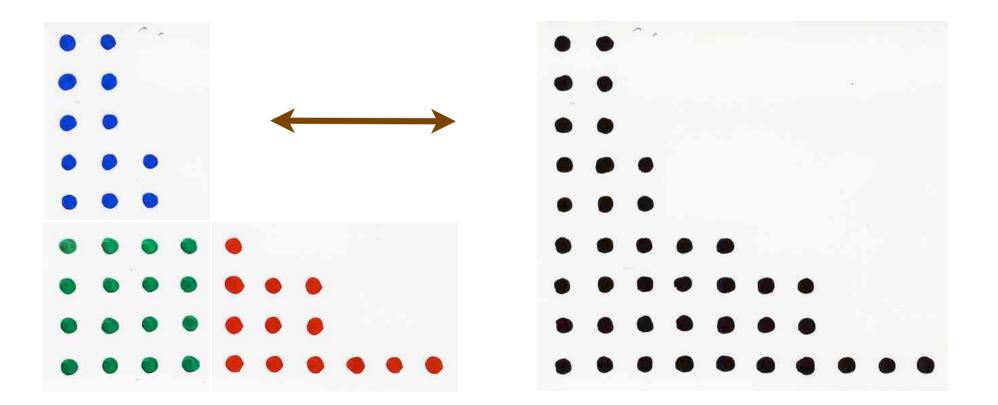
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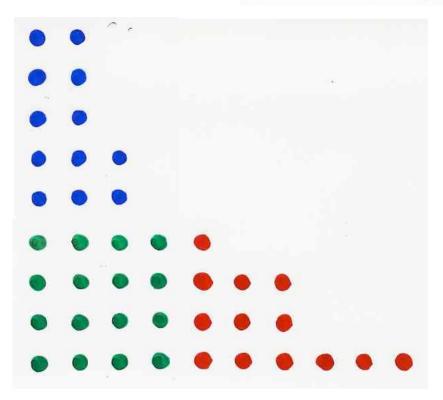


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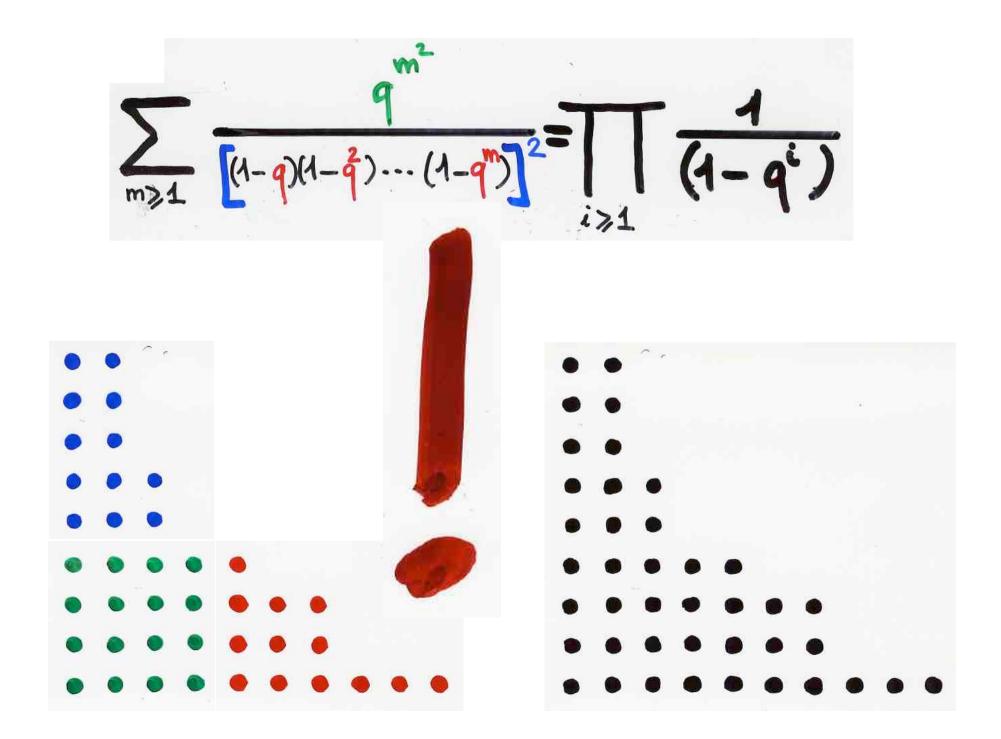
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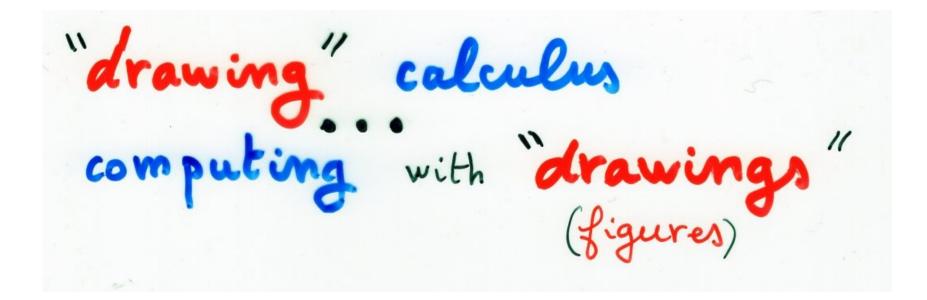


extract the Fervers biggest square = diagram

What remains diagram having at most m rows
diagram having at most m columns

m size of the square













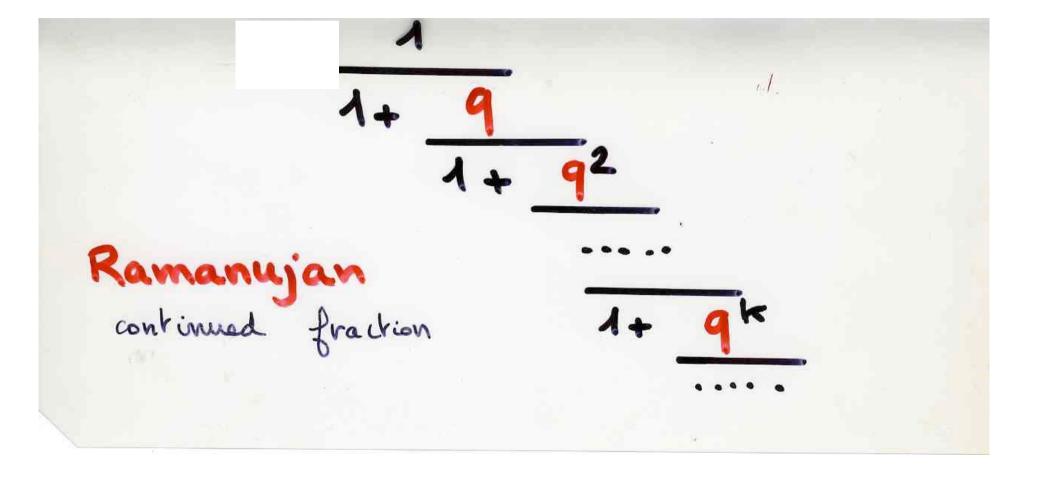
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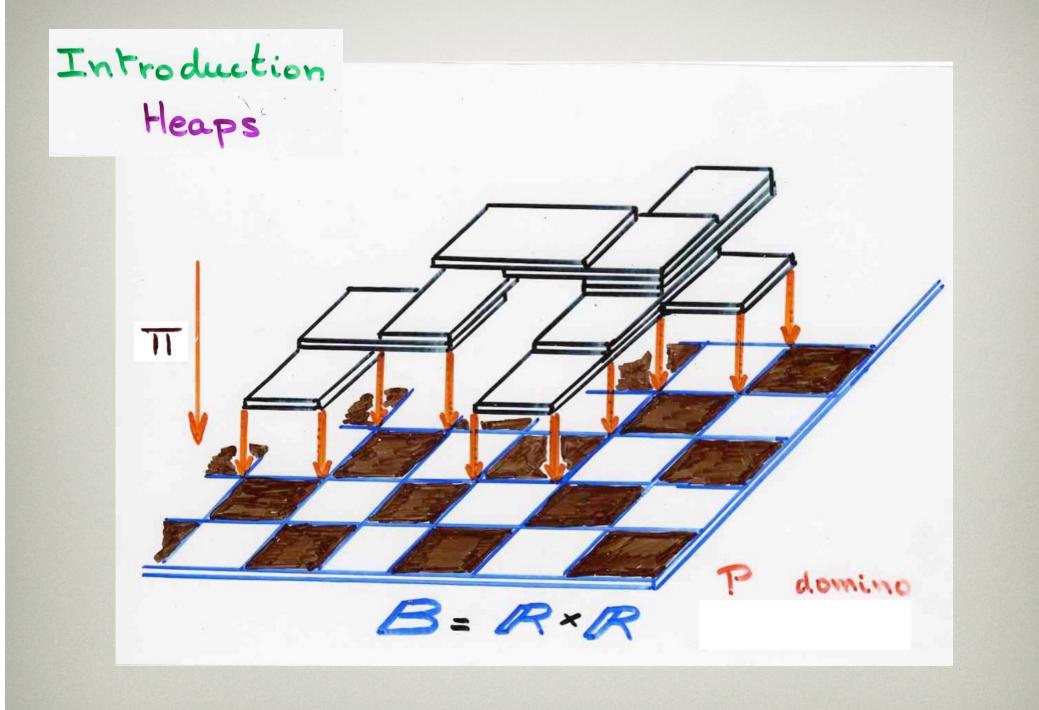


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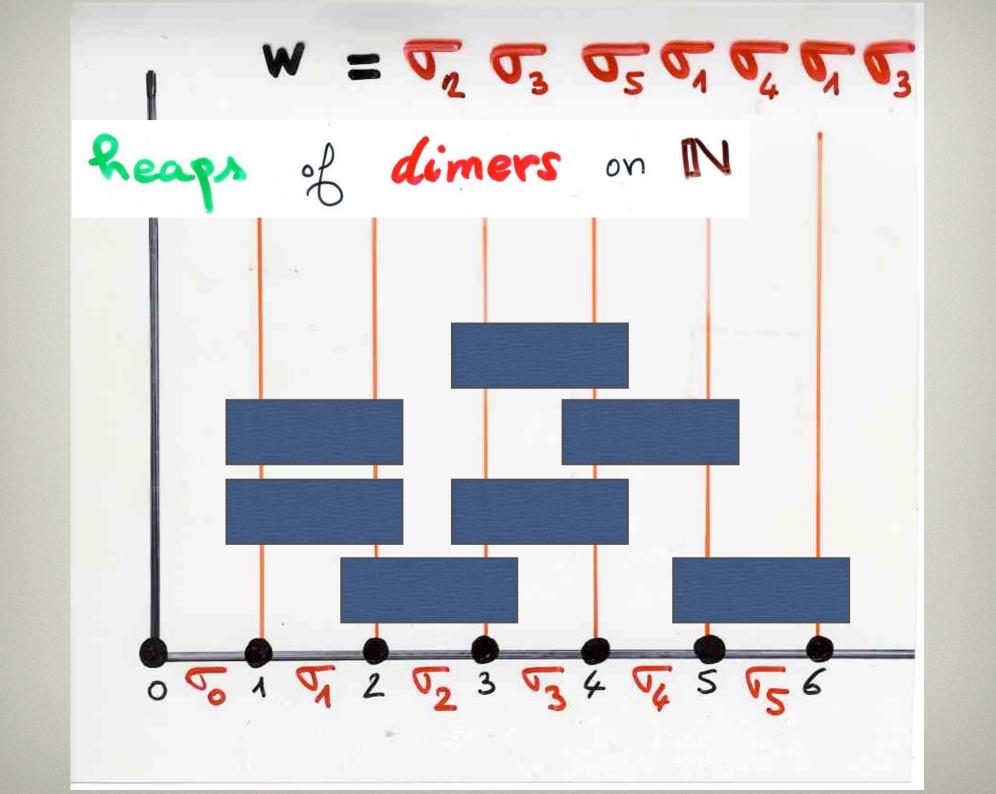
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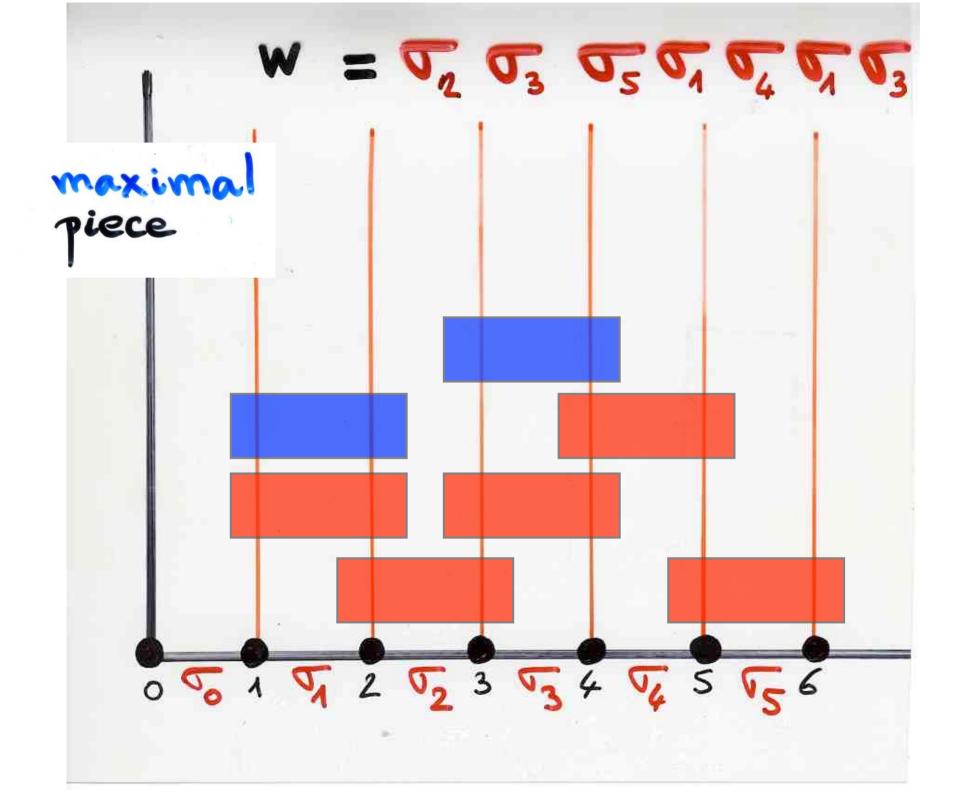
with heaps of pieces

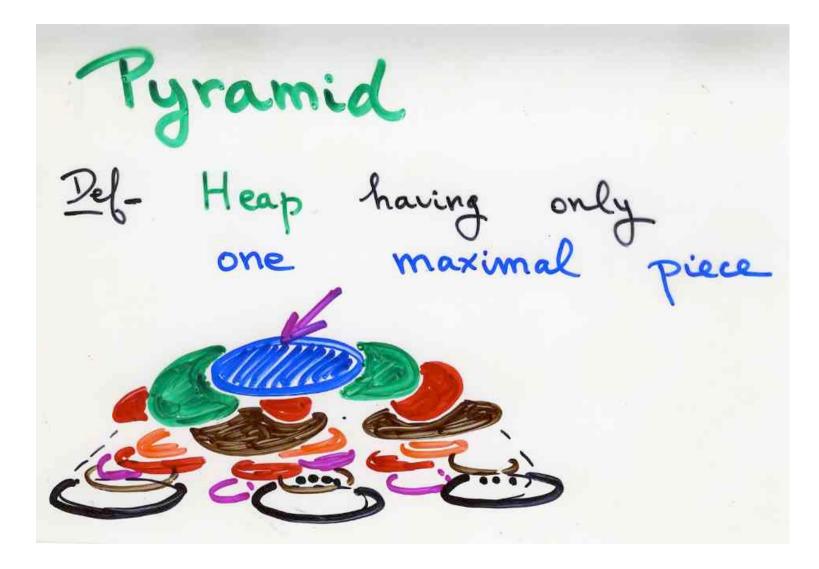


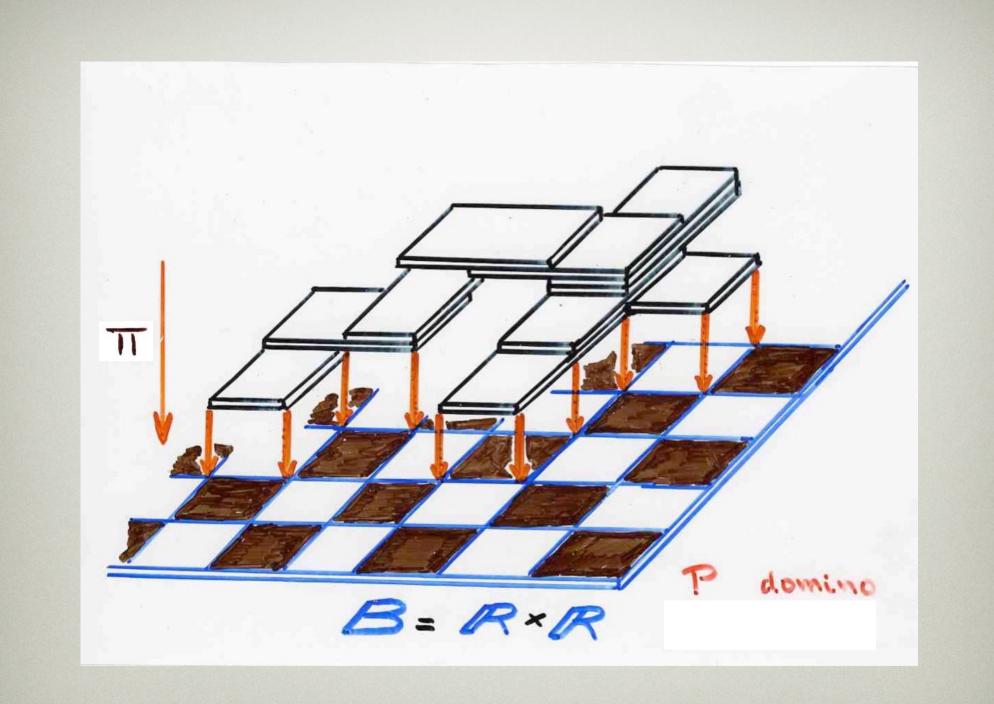


Reaps of dimers on IN  $\mathbf{P} = \{ [i, i+1] = \mathbf{T}, i \ge 0 \}$ basic pieces

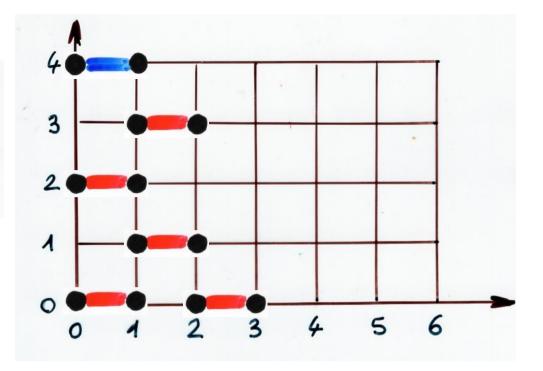






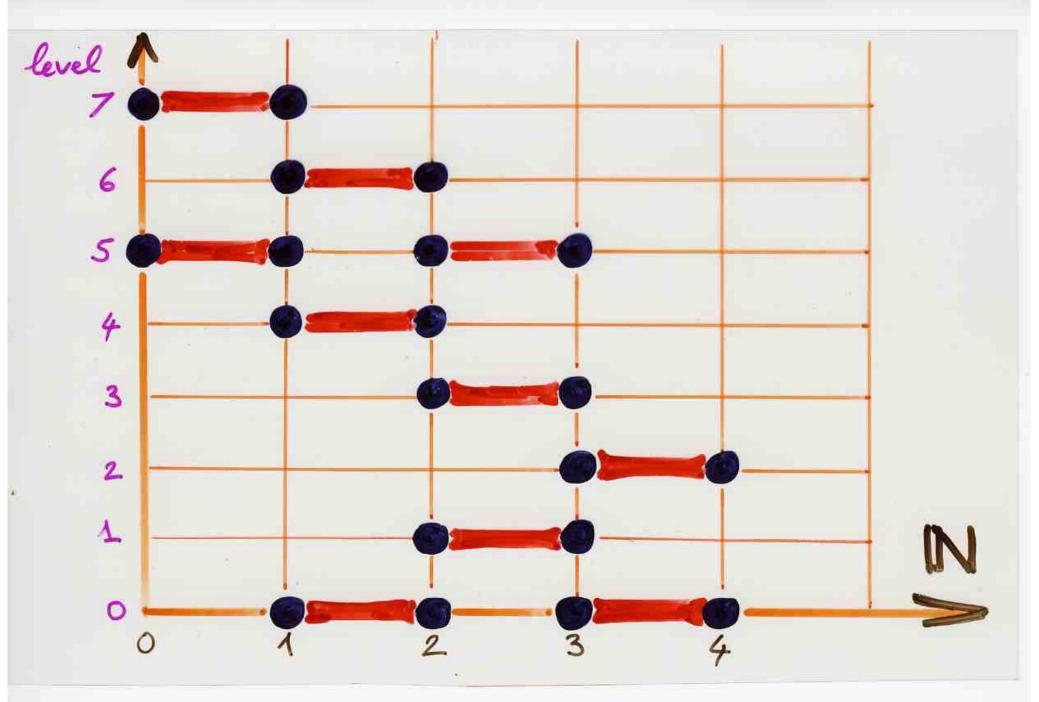


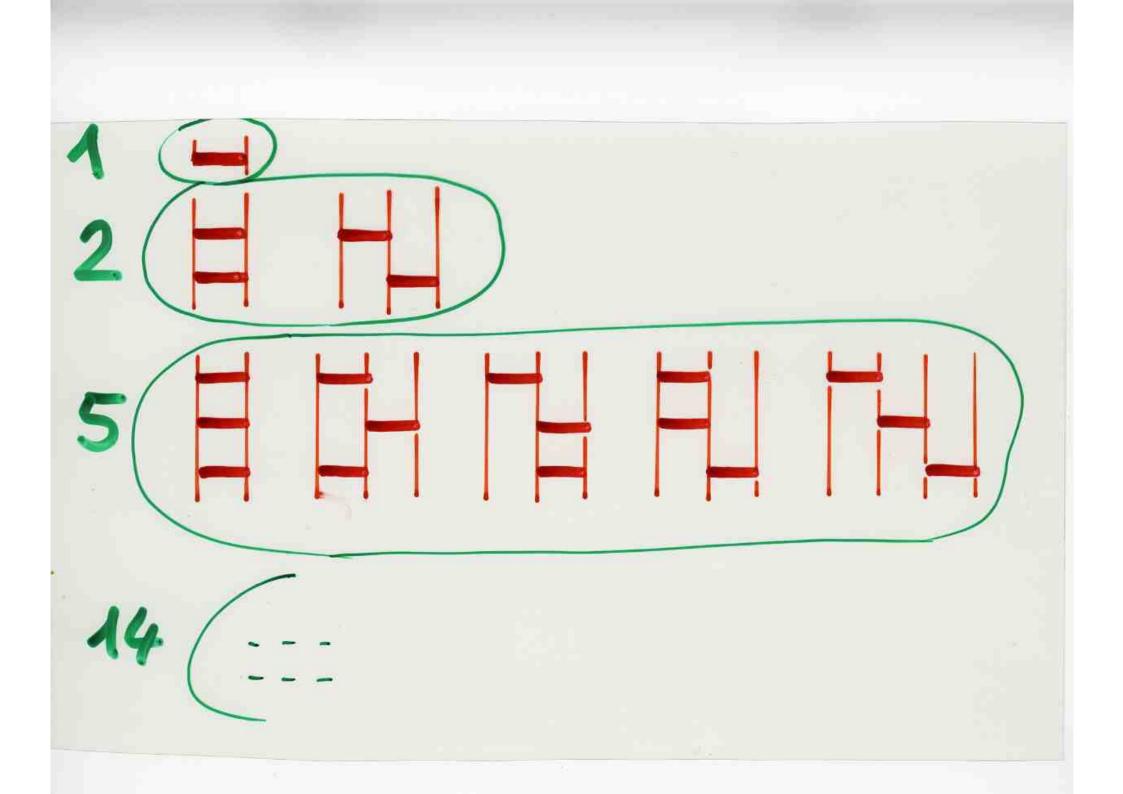
semi-pyramid of dimers on IN the unique maximal piece has projection [0,1]



The number of semi-pyramids of  
dimens on IN with n dimens  
is the Catalan number  
$$G_n = \frac{1}{n+1} {2n \choose n}$$

$$C_n = 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, ...$$



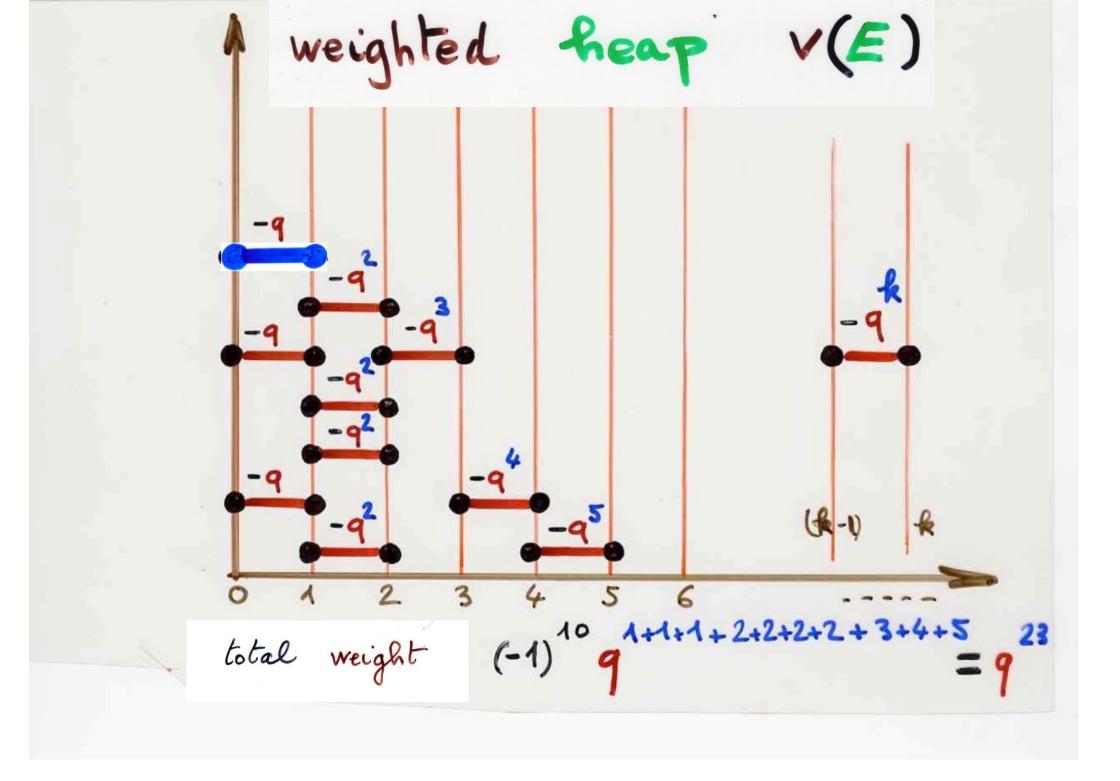


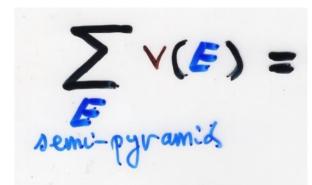


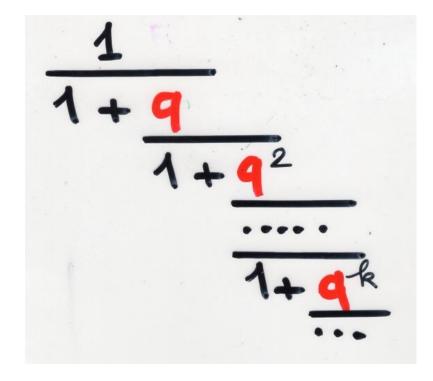
 $v(E) = \prod V(\alpha)$ 

V(~) = V(T(~)) T "projection"

 $\vee([i-1,i]) = -q^i$ 

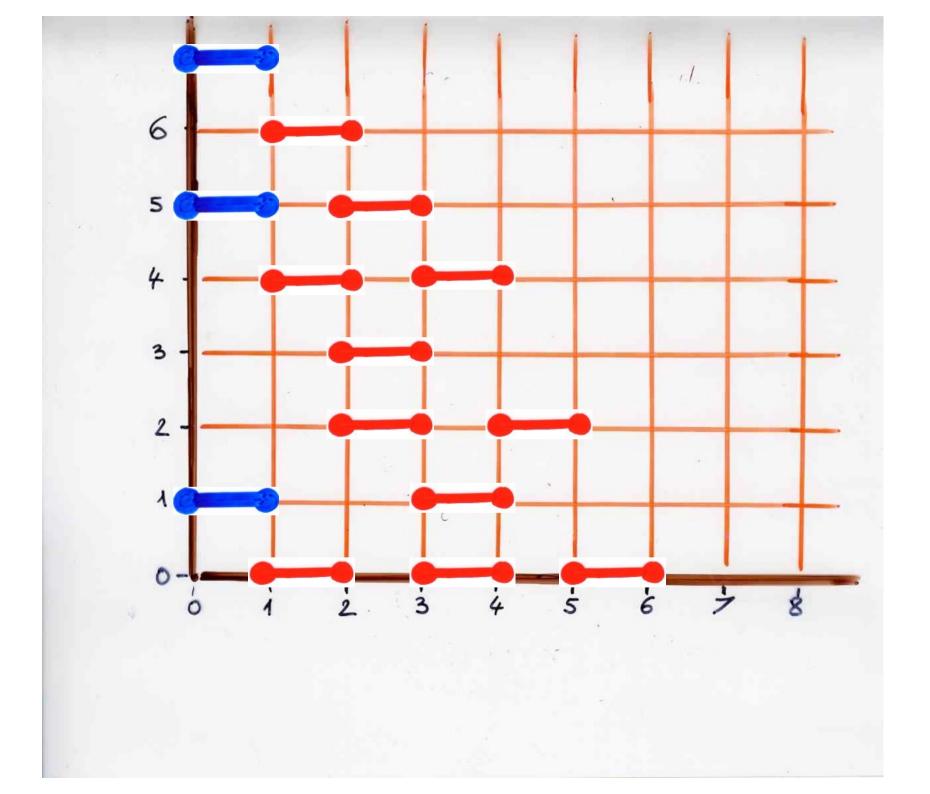


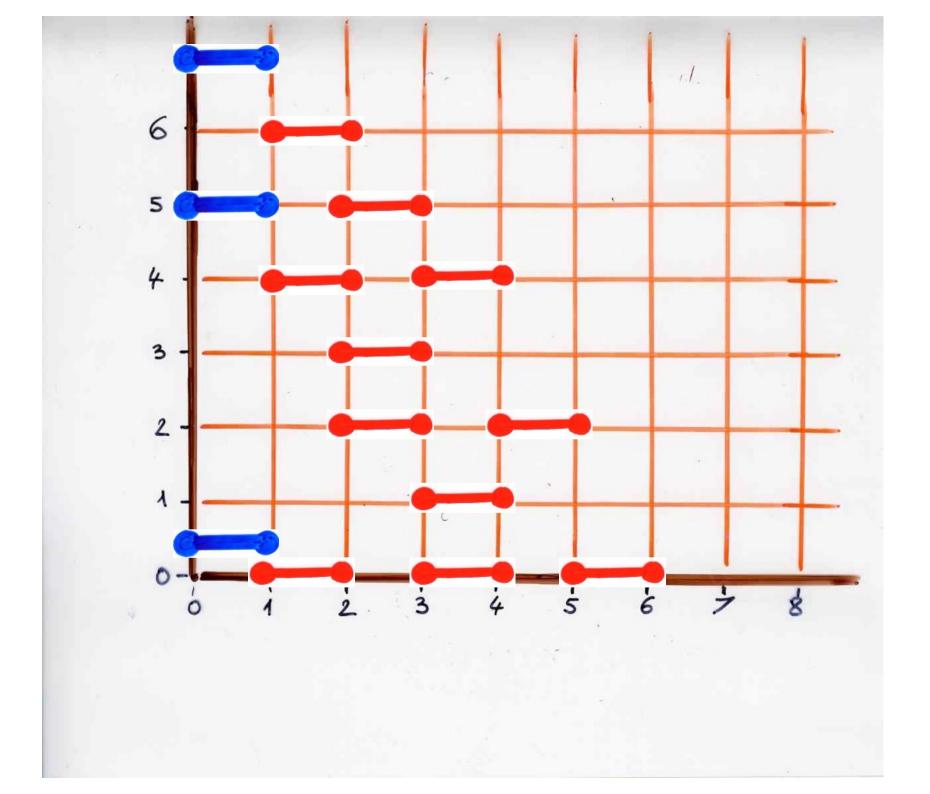


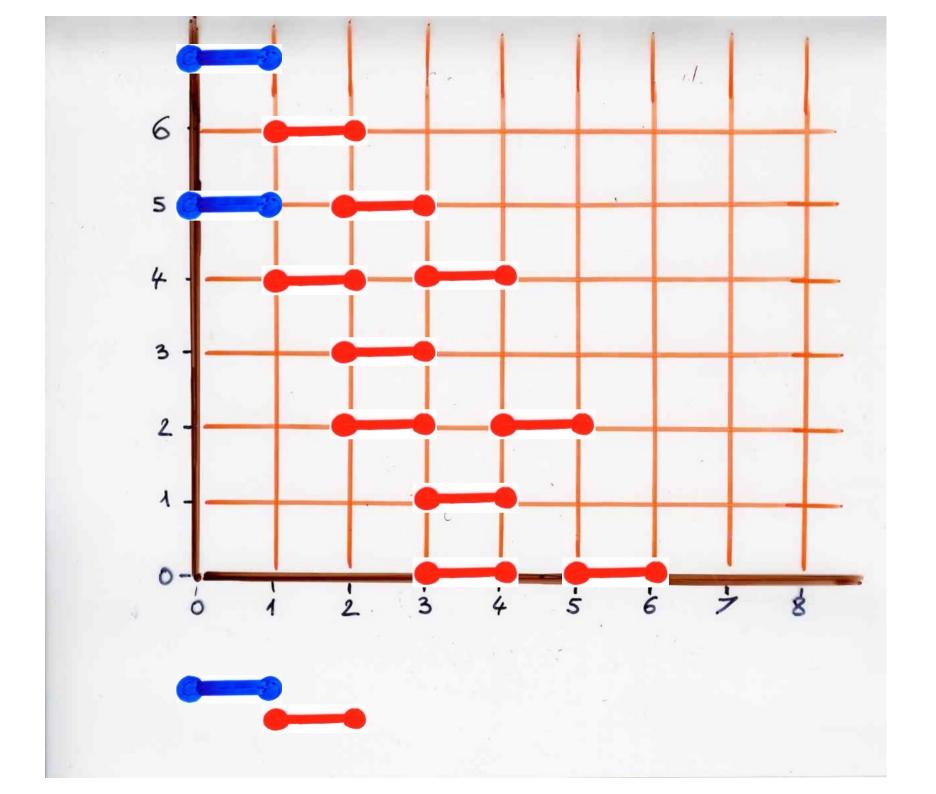


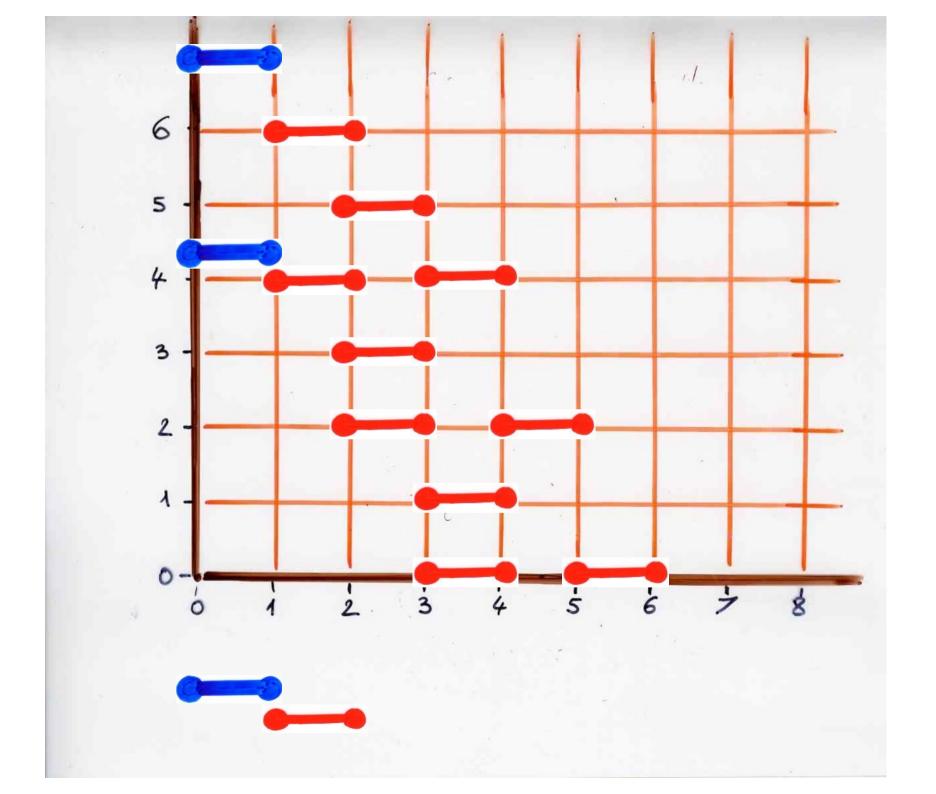
Semi-pyramid = sequence of "primitive" semi-pyramide

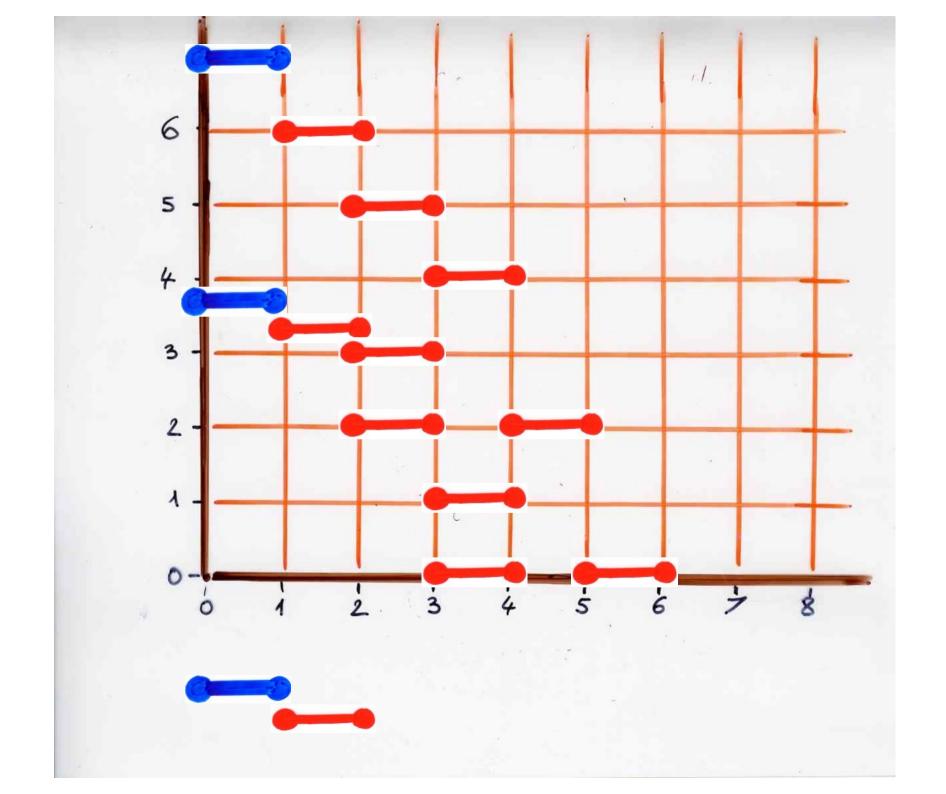
"shifted" semi-pyramid "Primitive" = weight: q = git

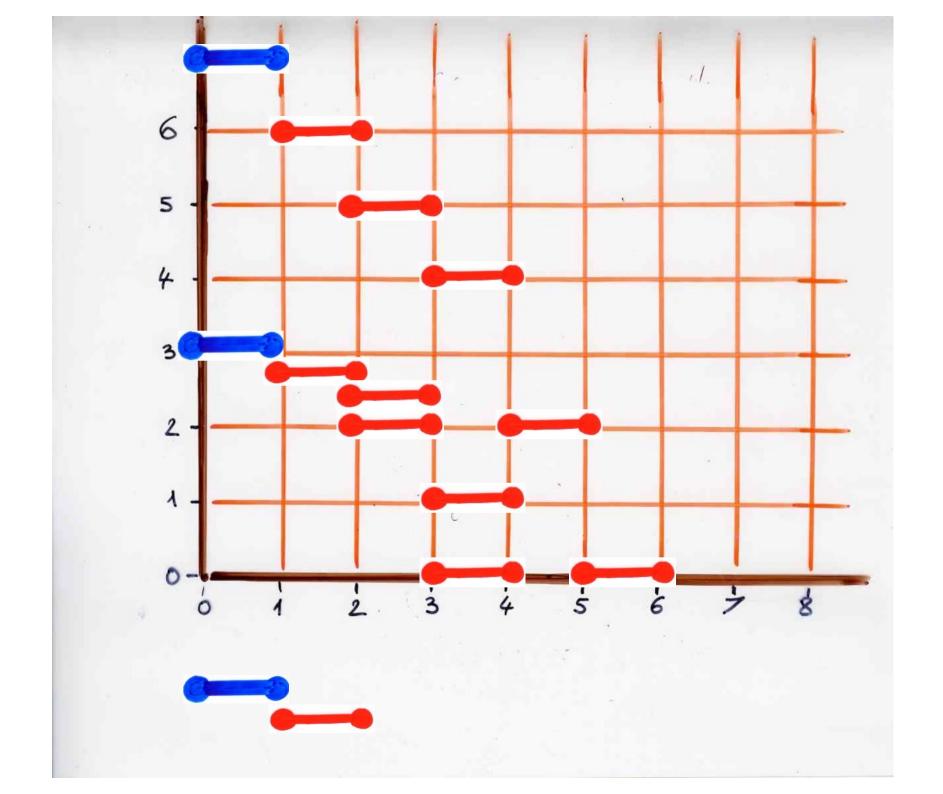


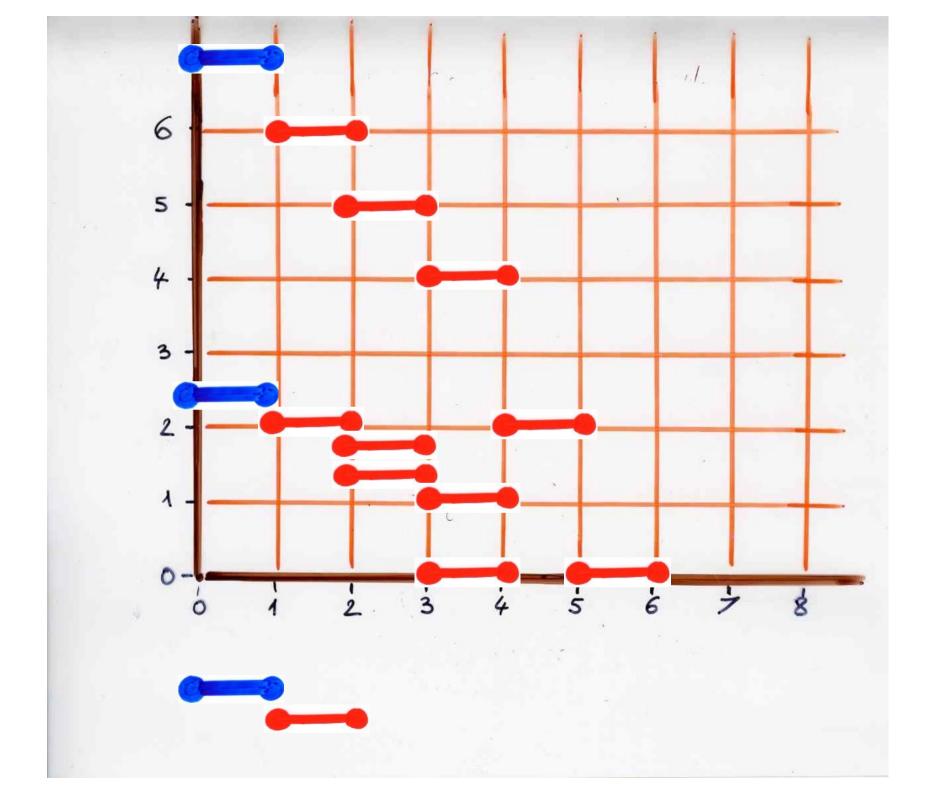


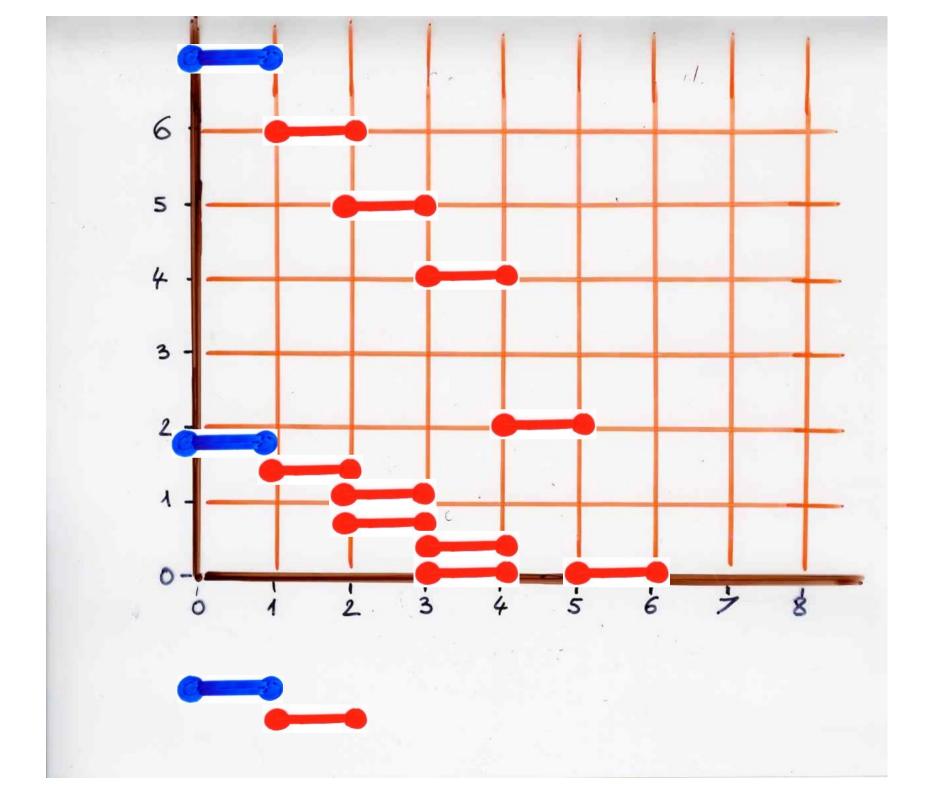


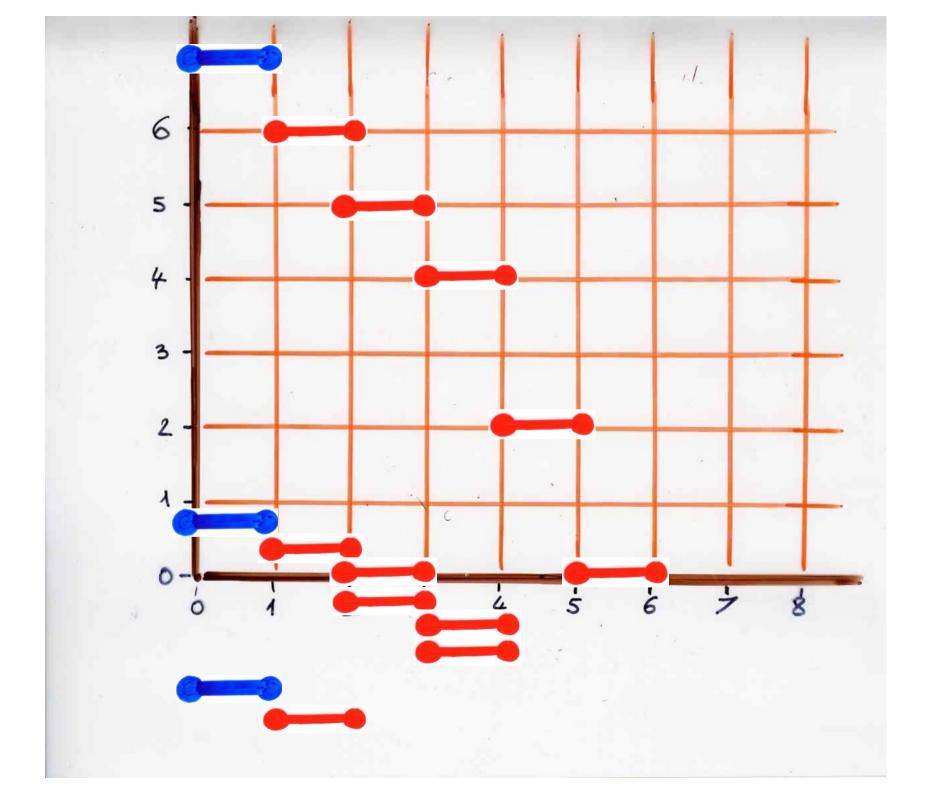


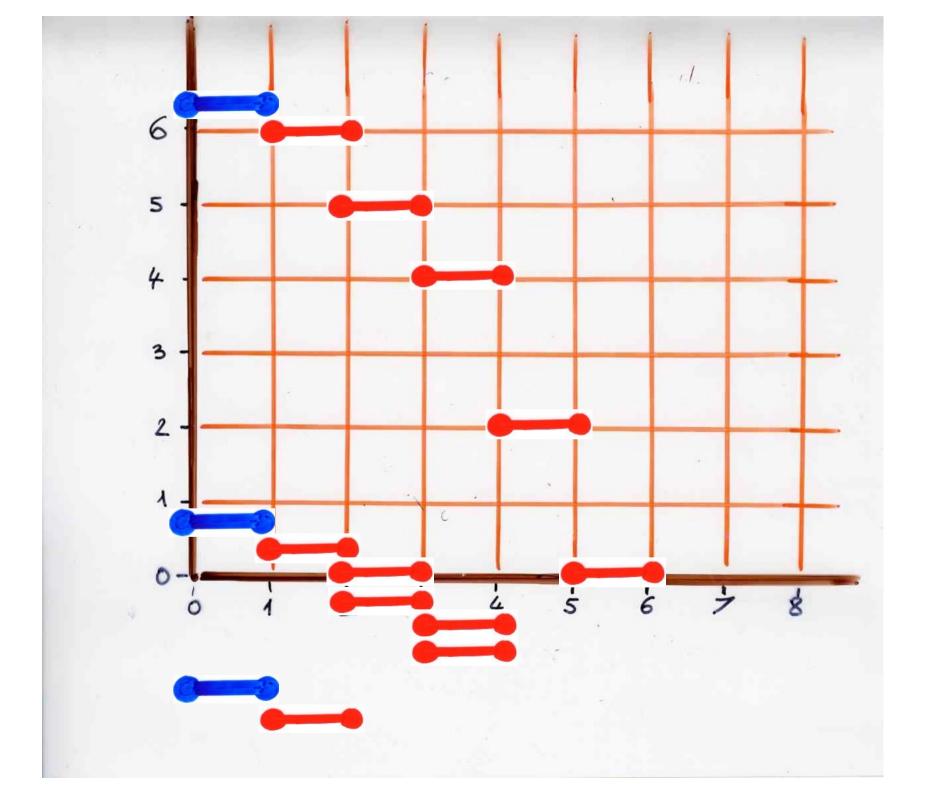


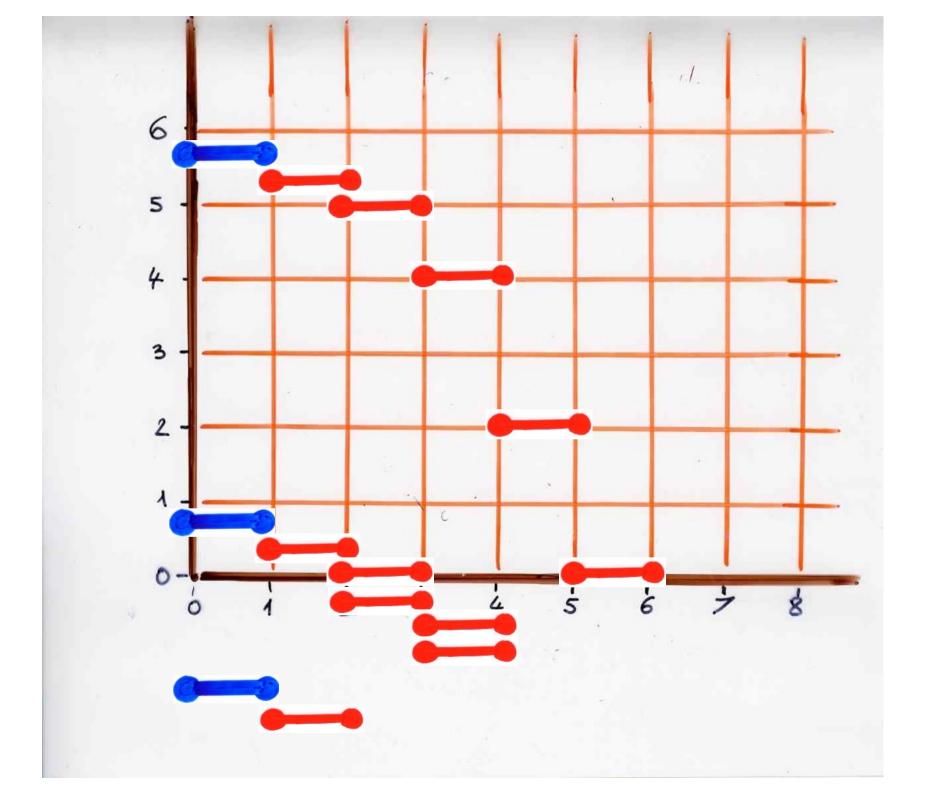


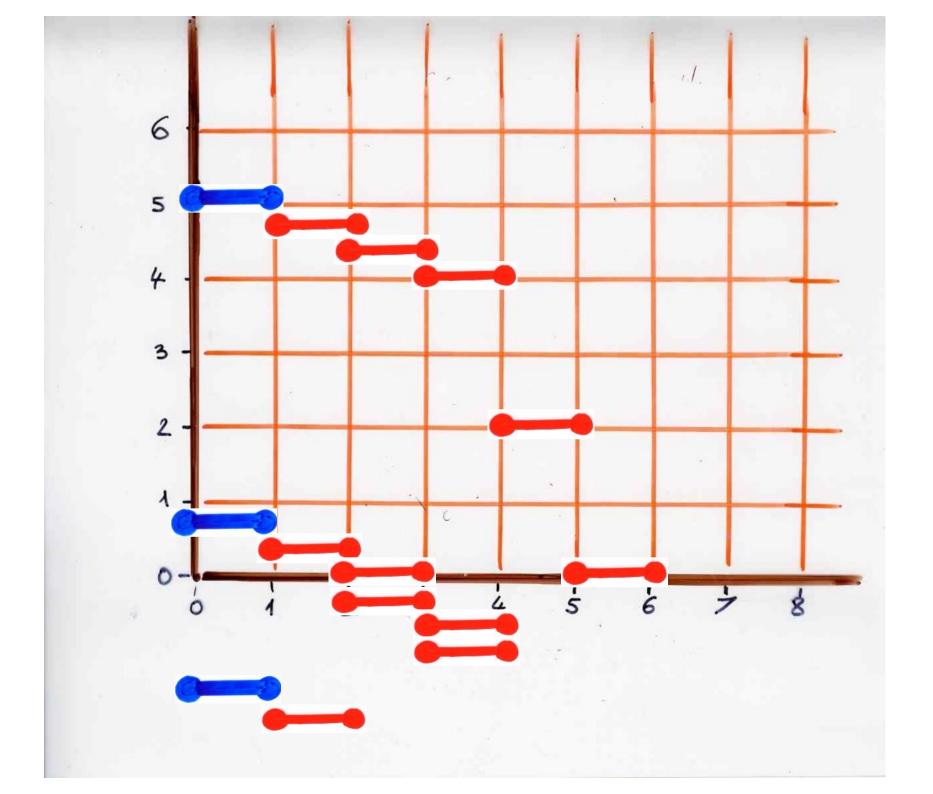


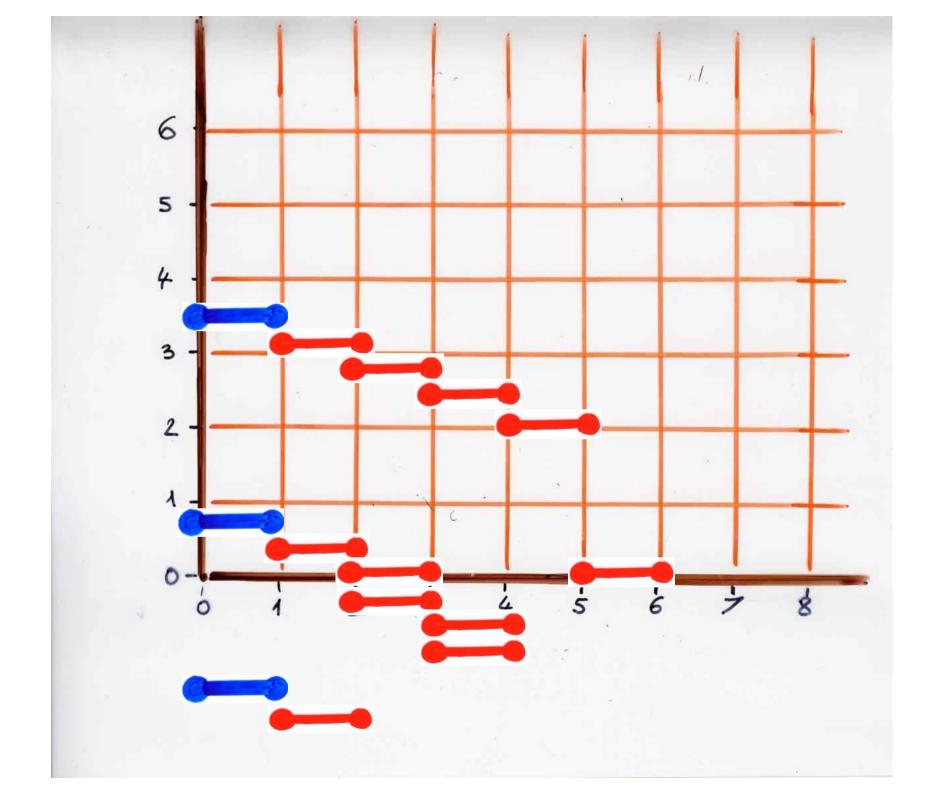


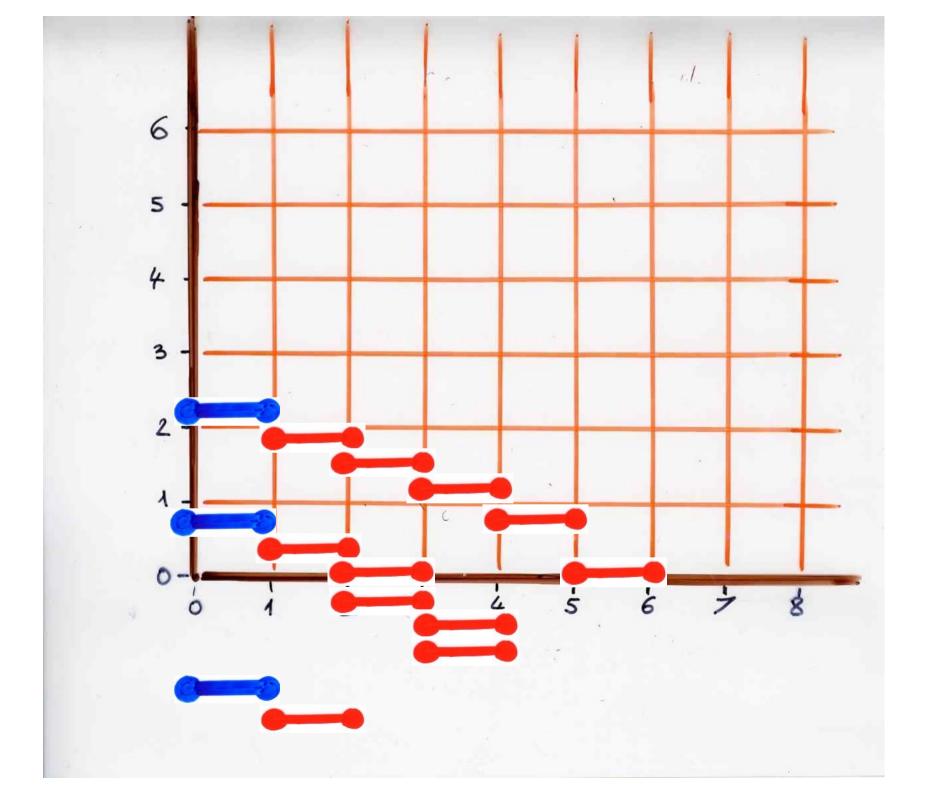








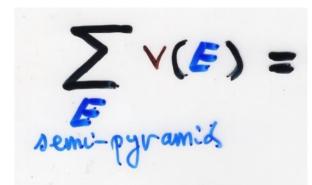


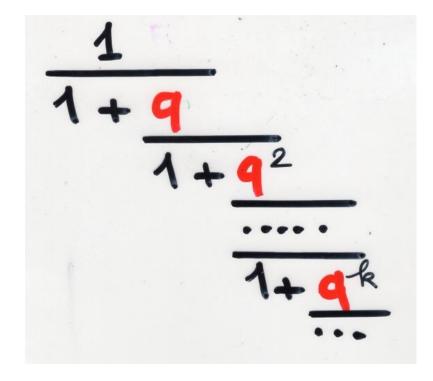


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1+q<sup>2</sup>  $\sum_{E} S^{2}v(E)$ semi-pyramide





### The inversion lemma

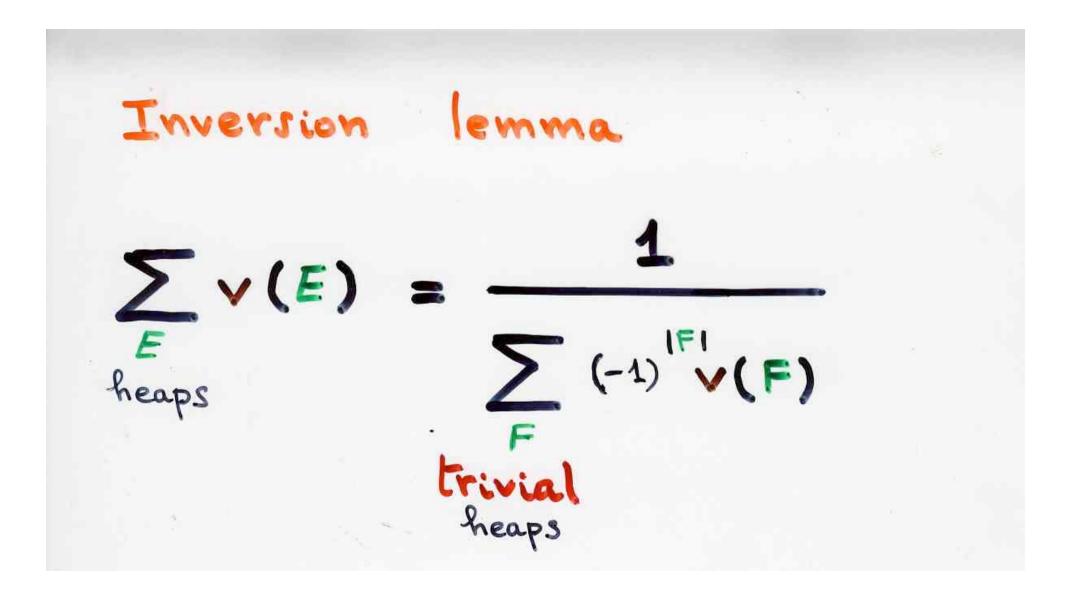
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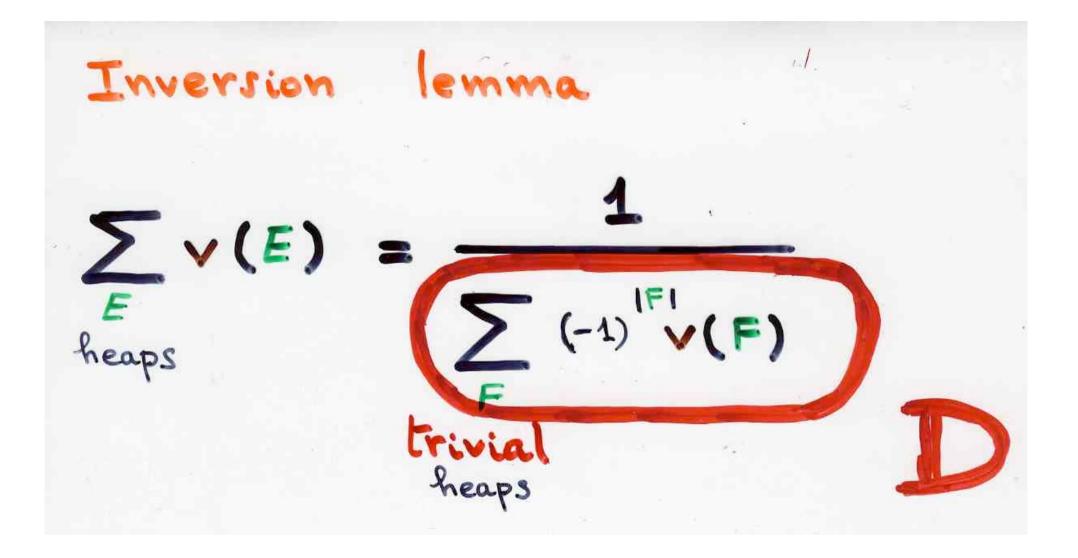


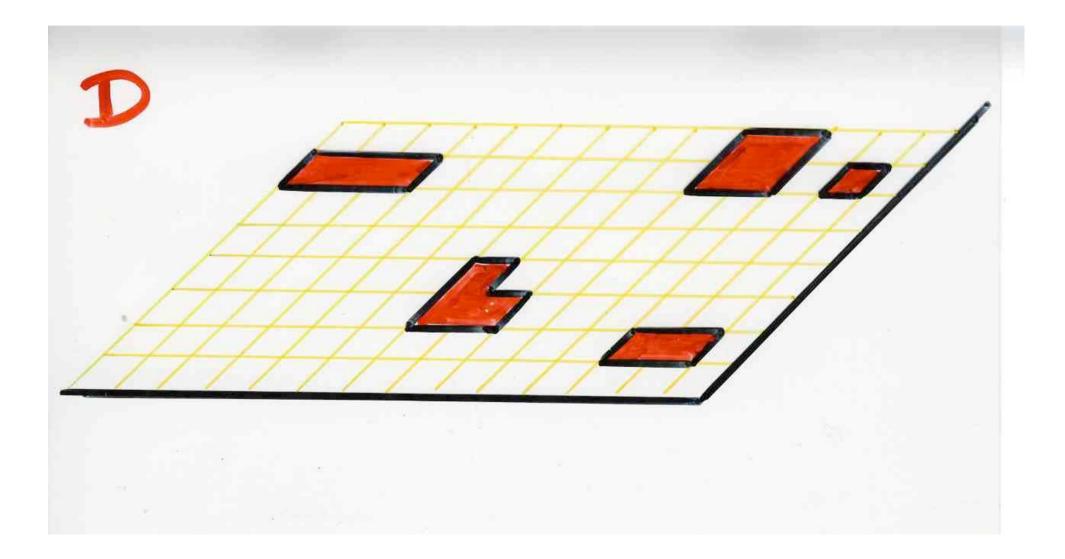
 $v(E) = \prod V(\alpha)$ 

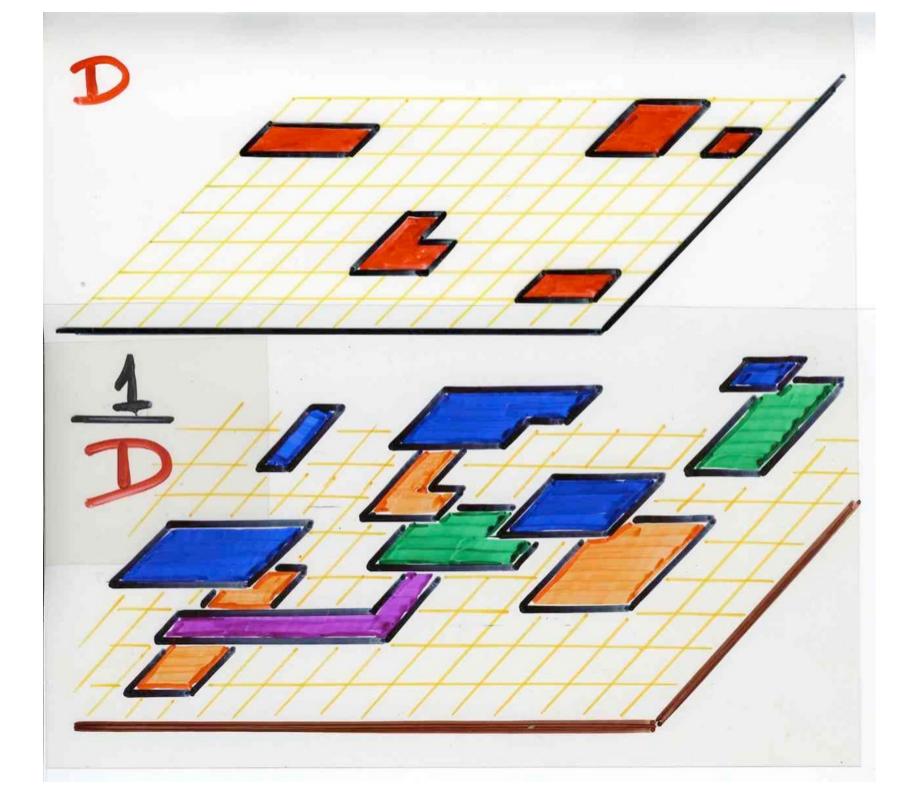
V(~) = V(T(~)) T "projection"

 $\vee([i-1,i]) = -q^i$ 



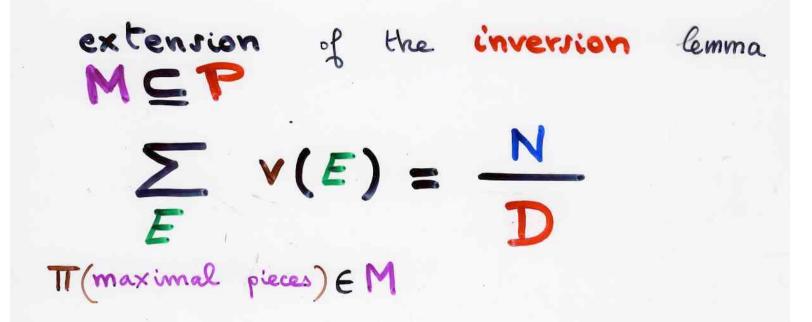




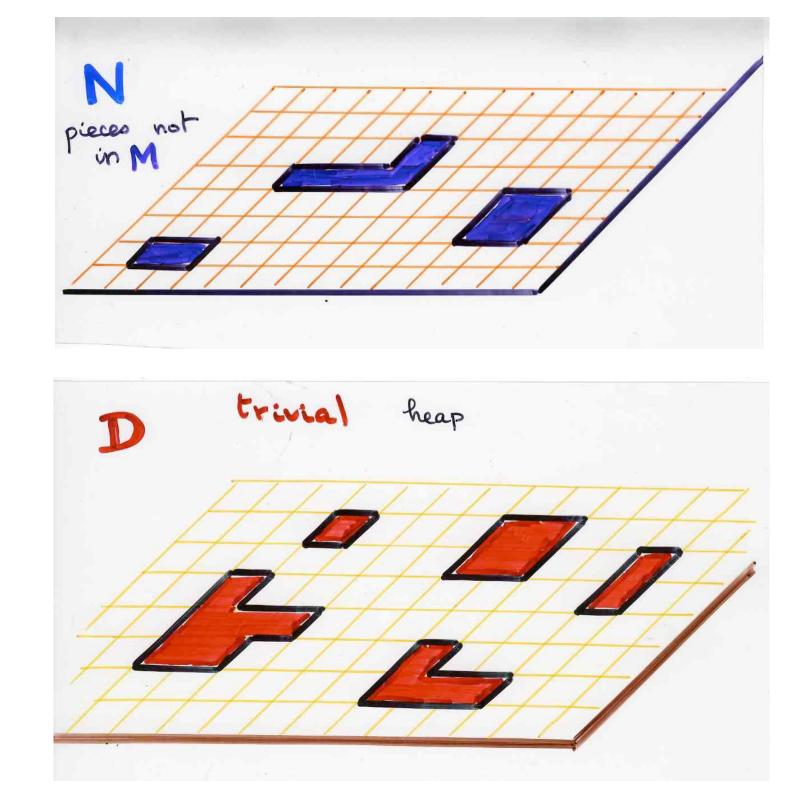


#### Extension of the inversion lemma

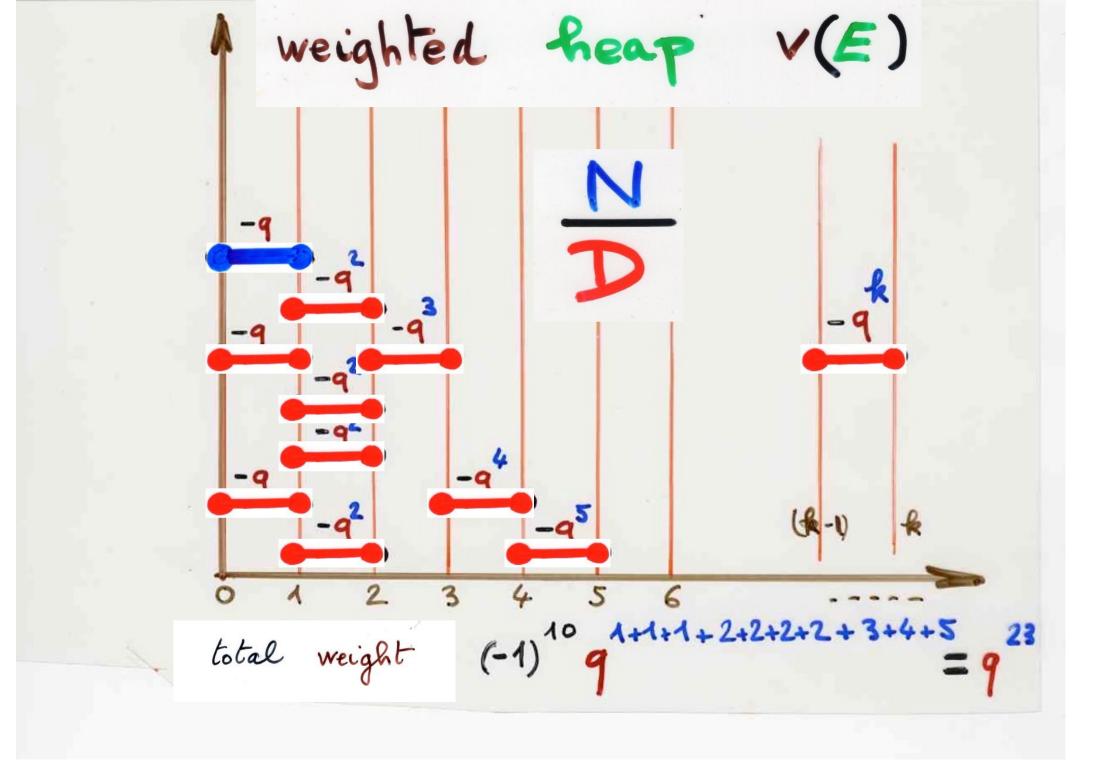
N/D

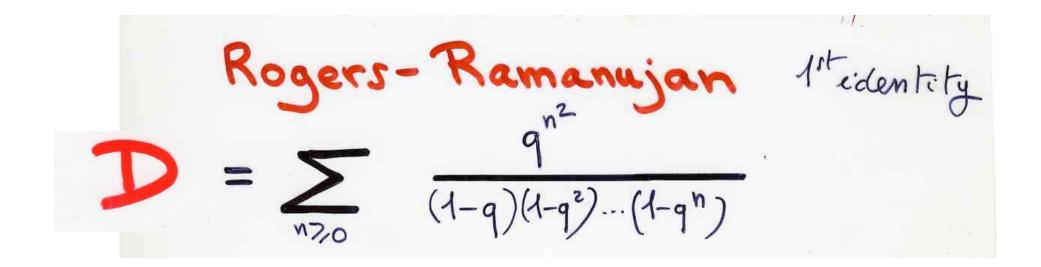


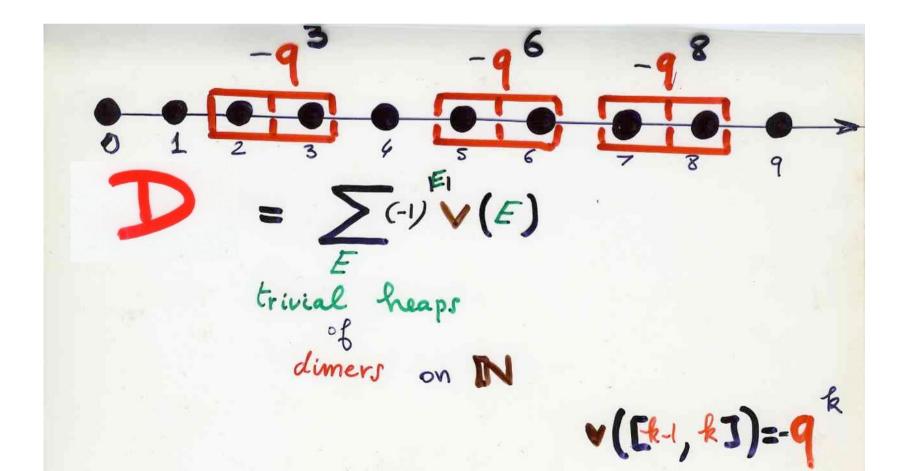
 $\mathcal{D} = \sum_{F} (-1)^{|F|} \vee (F)$ trivial heaps N = ∑ (-1)<sup>IFI</sup> ∨ (F) trivial heaps pieces ∉ M

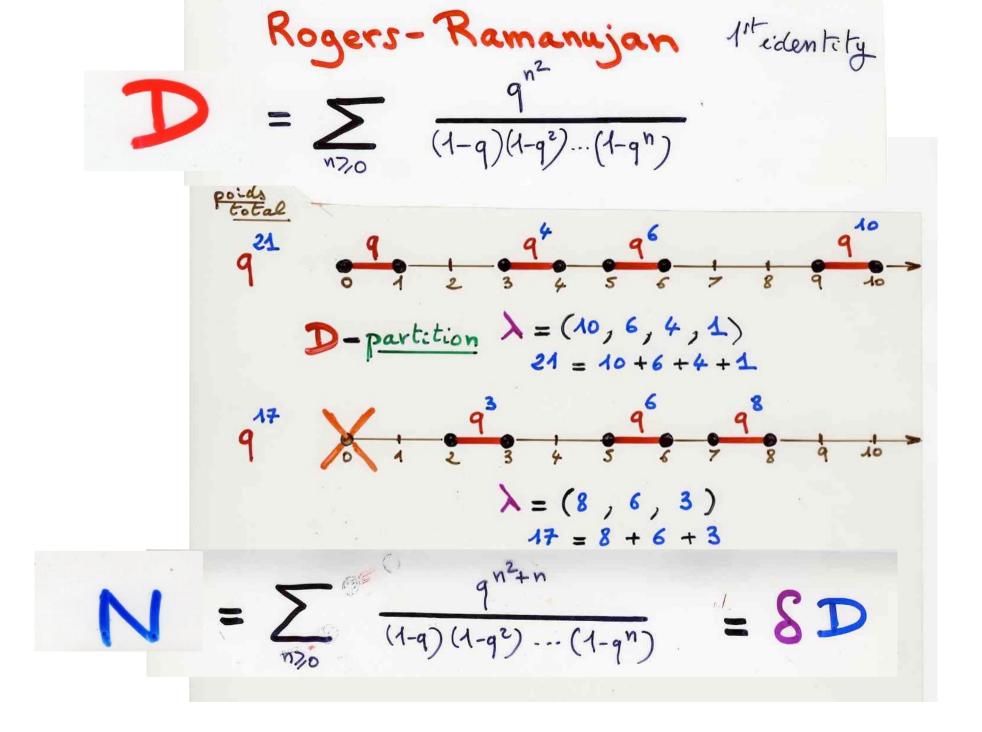


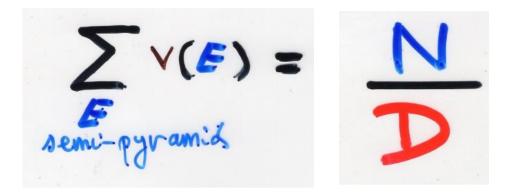
# back to Ramanujan continued fraction



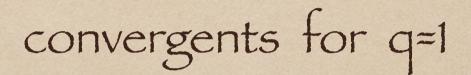


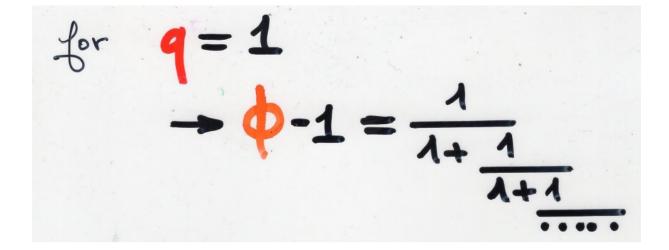


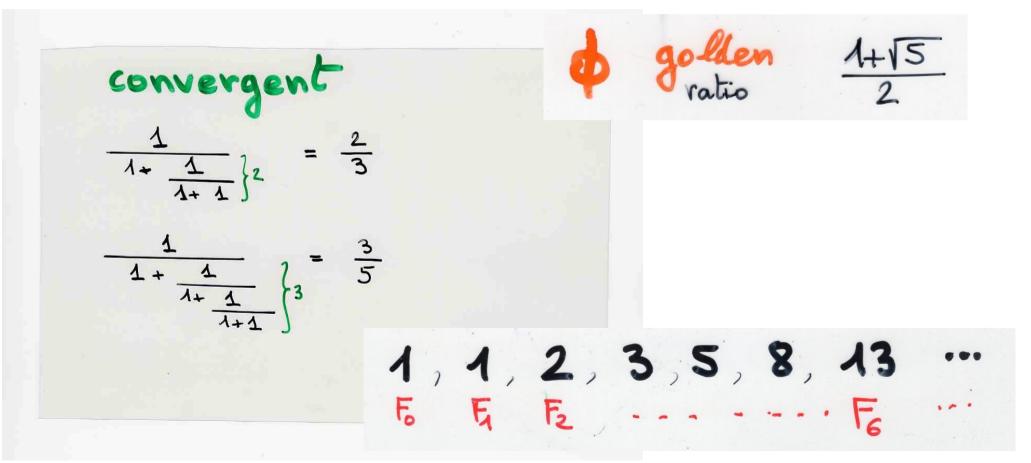


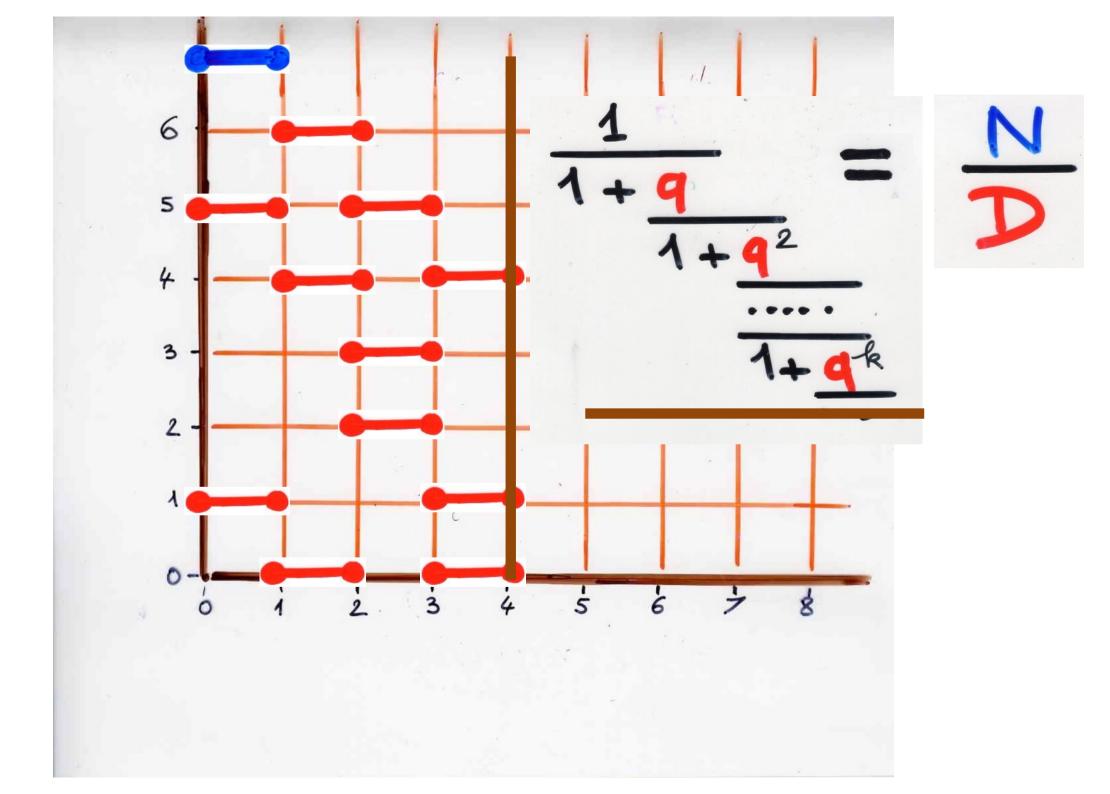


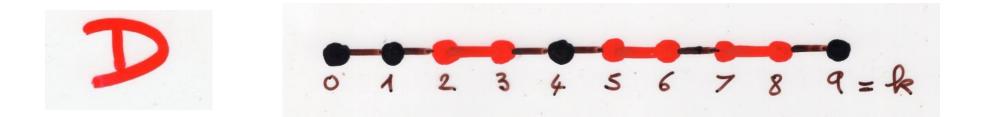
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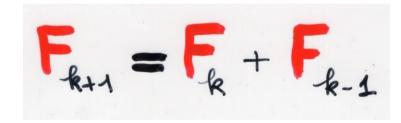


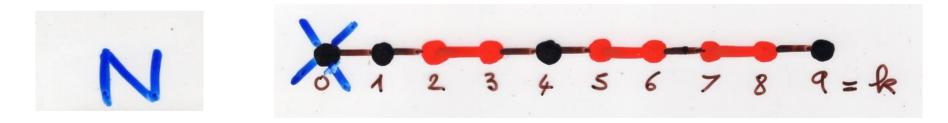


matching of [1, k] = set of 2 by 2 disjoint edges (i', i+1) (or dimens)



Fibonacci numbers



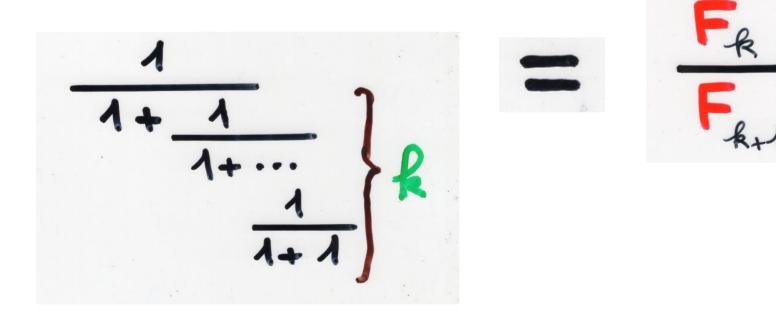




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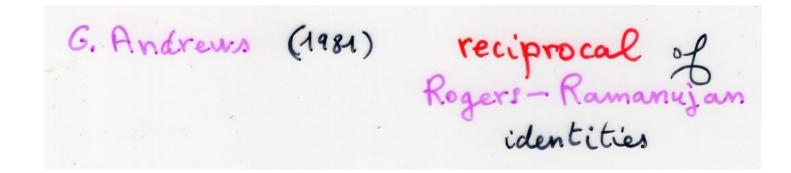
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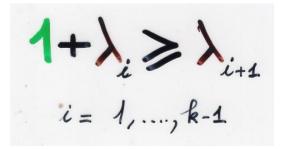


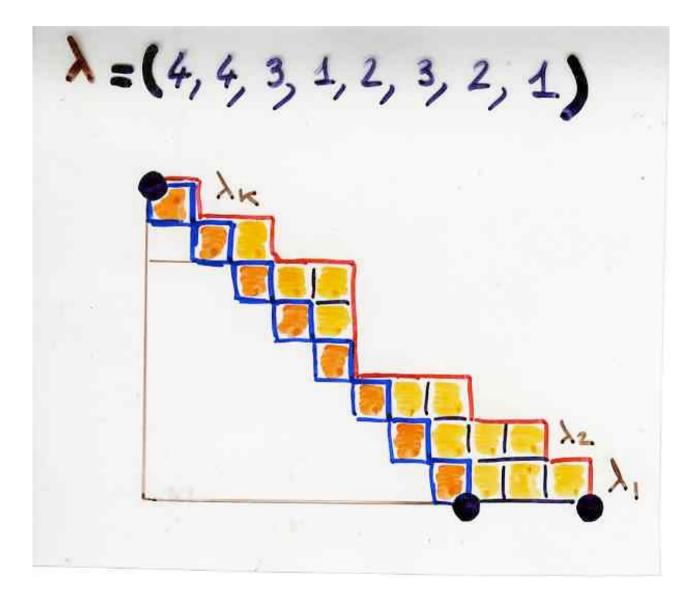
Andrews theorem about the «recíprocal» of Ramanujan continued fraction

quasi-partitions



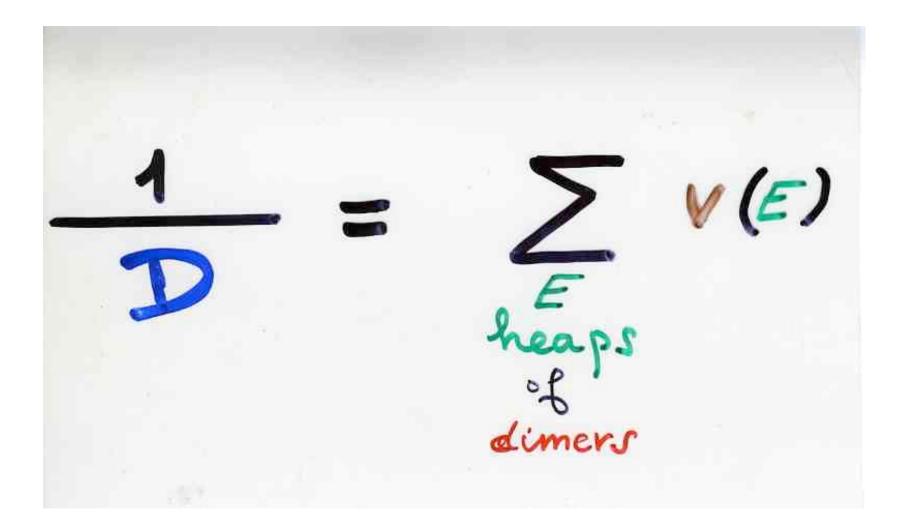
 $n = \lambda + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_k$ 

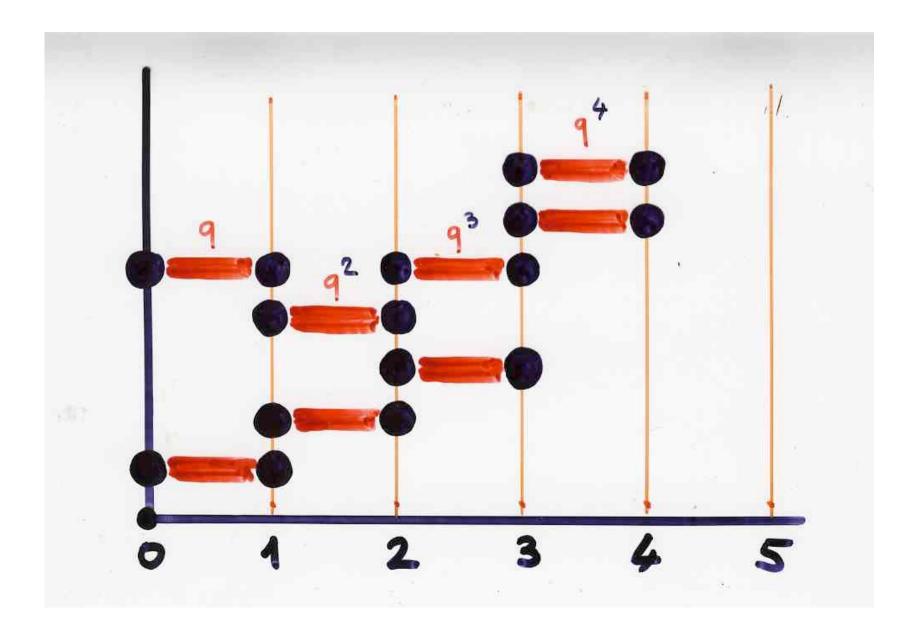


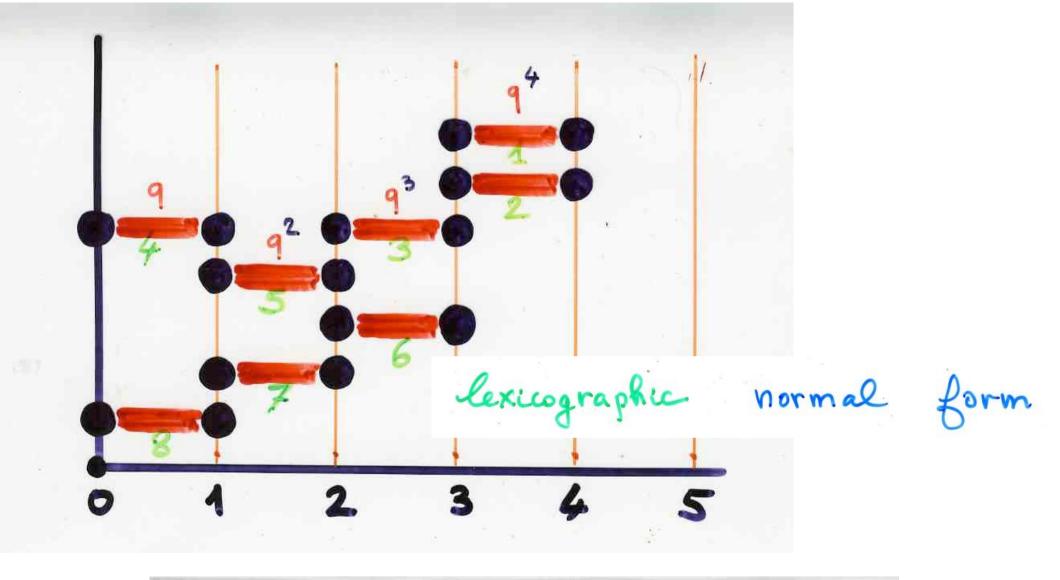


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G. Andrews (1981) reciprocal of Rogers-Ramanujan identities







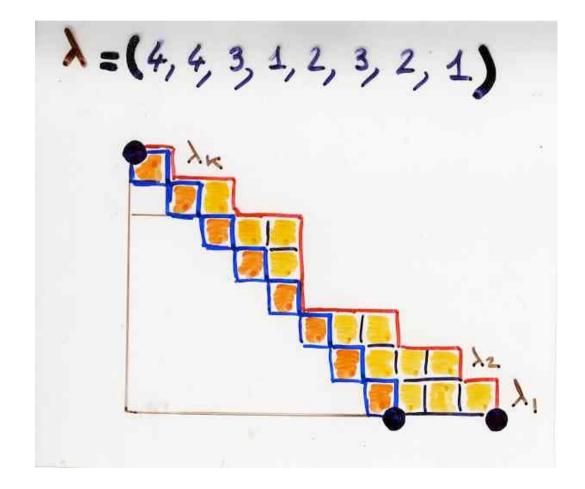
$$H \longrightarrow \lambda = (4, 4, 3, 1, 2, 3, 2, 1)$$

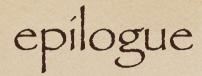
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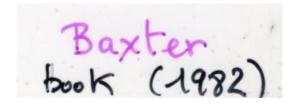


## Ramanujan and the hard hexagons

phase transitions critical phenomena

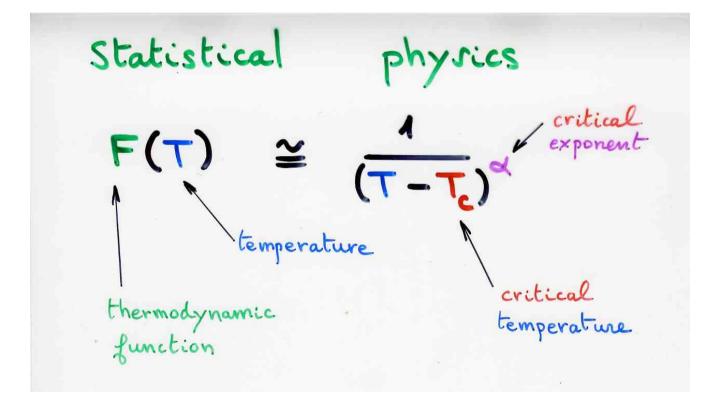
from local interactions -> global behaviour

exactly solved model



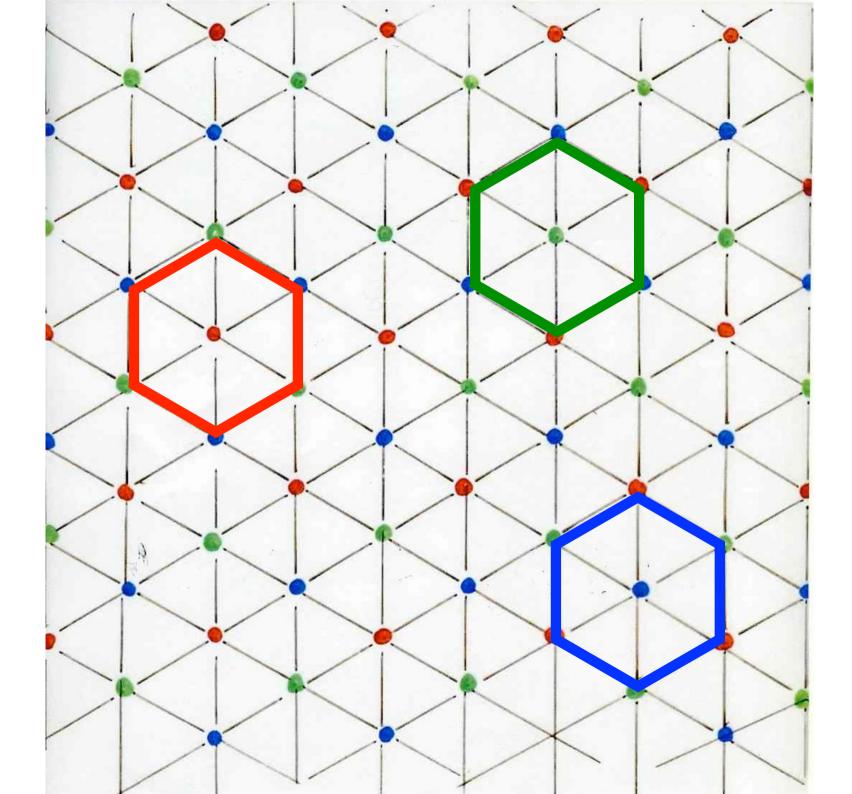


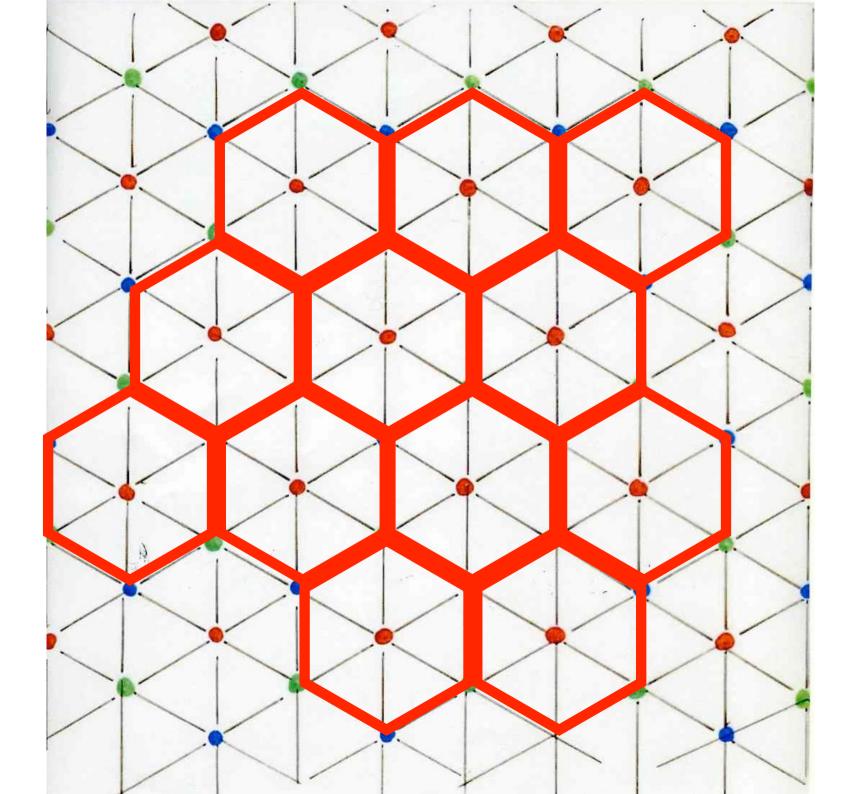
Onsager (1944)

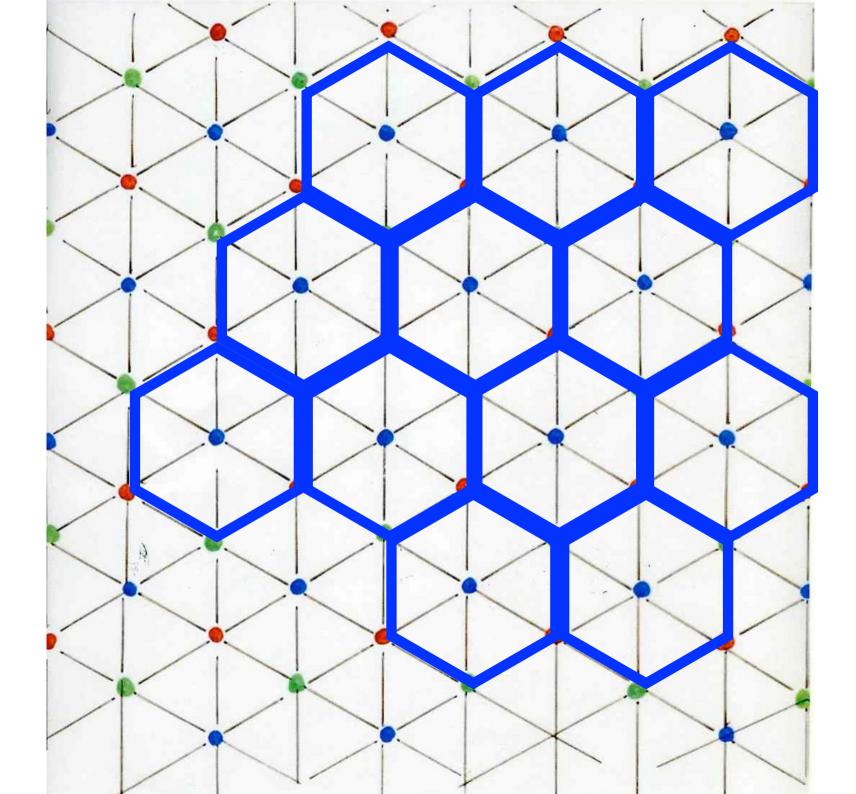


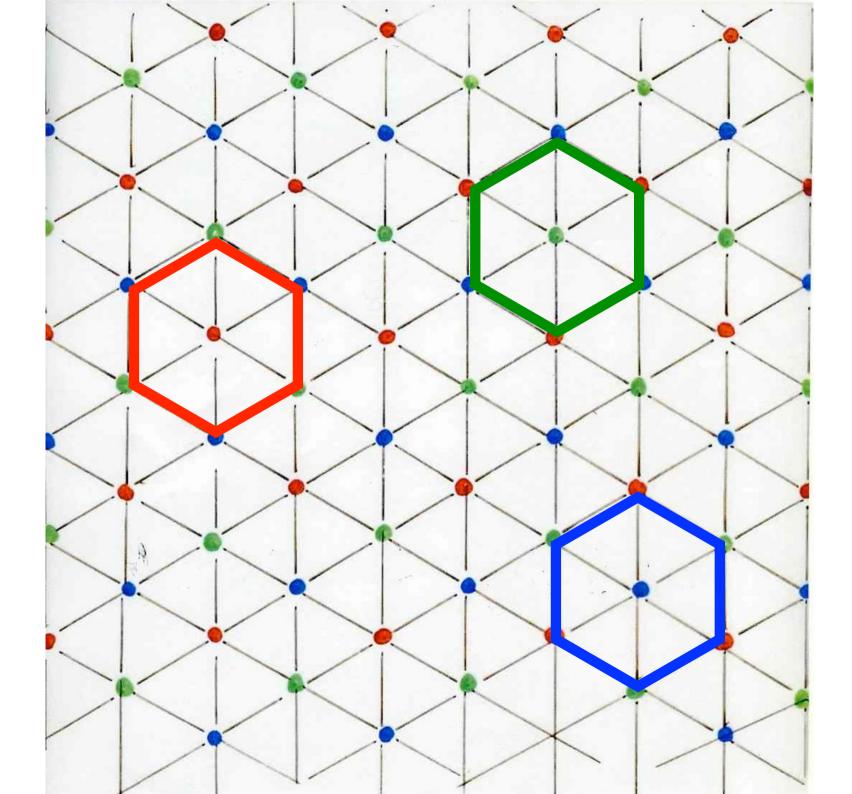
## hard hexagons model

gas model



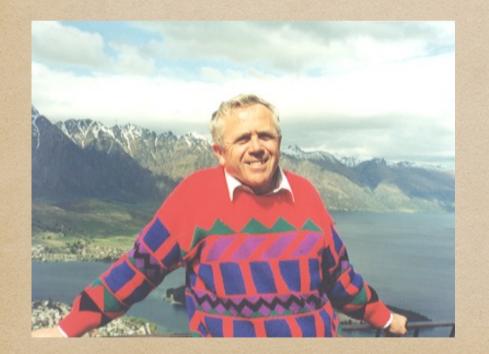






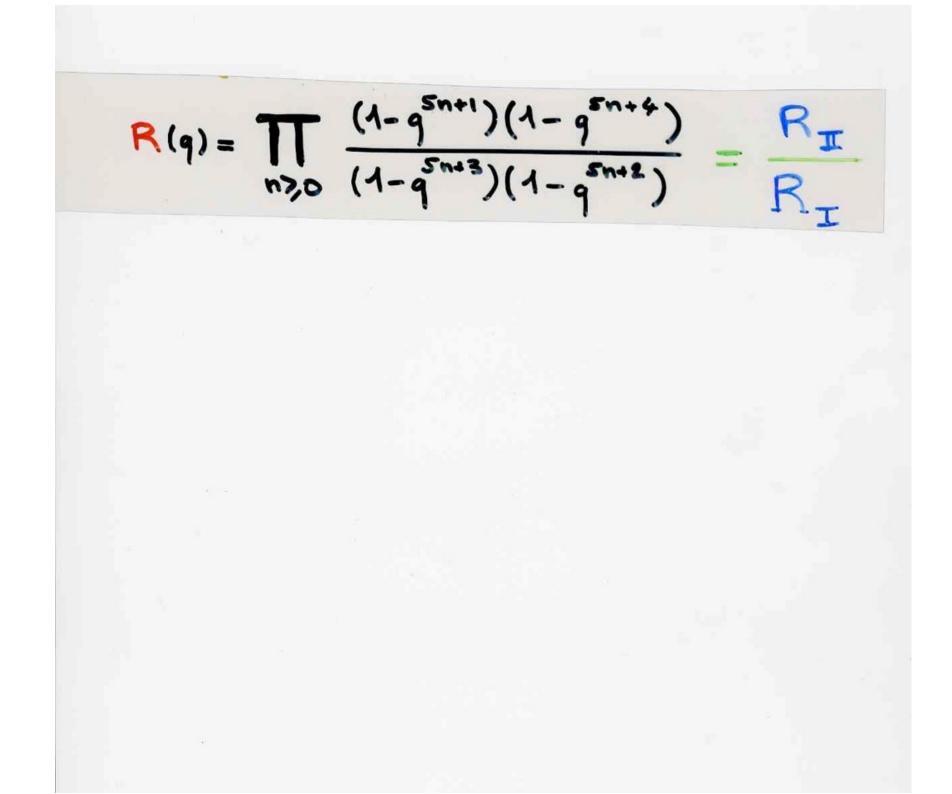
## solution of the hard hexagons model

## (R. Baxter, 1980)



Regars - Ramanyjan identities  
R<sub>I</sub> 
$$\sum_{n \gg 0} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(1-q)(1-q^2)\cdots(1-q^n)} = \prod_{\substack{i=1, j \\ mod \leq i}} \frac{1}{(1-q^i)}$$
  
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"La fraction continue" de Ramanujan an) nzo 2) ... (1-9") (1-9)(1n>o



$$R(q) = \prod_{n\geq 0} \frac{(4-q^{n+1})(4-q^{n+4})}{(4-q^{n+2})(4-q^{n+2})} = \frac{R_{II}}{R_{II}}$$
$$t = -q \left[ R(q) \right]^{S}$$

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

$$t = -q \left[ R(q) \right]^{5}$$

$$Y(q) = \prod_{n \geq 0} \frac{(1-q^{6n+2})(1-q^{6n+3})^{2}(1-q^{6n+4})(1-q^{5n+1})^{2}(1-q^{5n+3})^{2}}{(1-q^{6n+2})(1-q^{6n+2})(1-q^{6n+2})^{3}(1-q^{5n+3})^{3}}$$

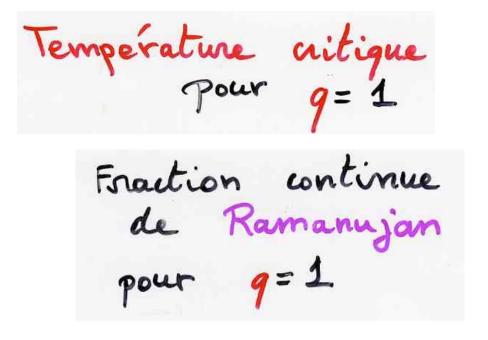
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$$\gamma(q) = \prod_{n \geq 0} \frac{(1-q^{n+2})(1-q^{n+3})^{2}(1-q^{n+4})(1-q^{n+1})^{2}(1-q^{n+4})^{2}}{(1-q^{n+4})(1-q^{n+4})(1-q^{n+4})^{3}(1-q^{n+4})^{3}}$$

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

$$Z \text{ partition}$$



1+1



 $T_{e} = (\emptyset)^{3}$ 

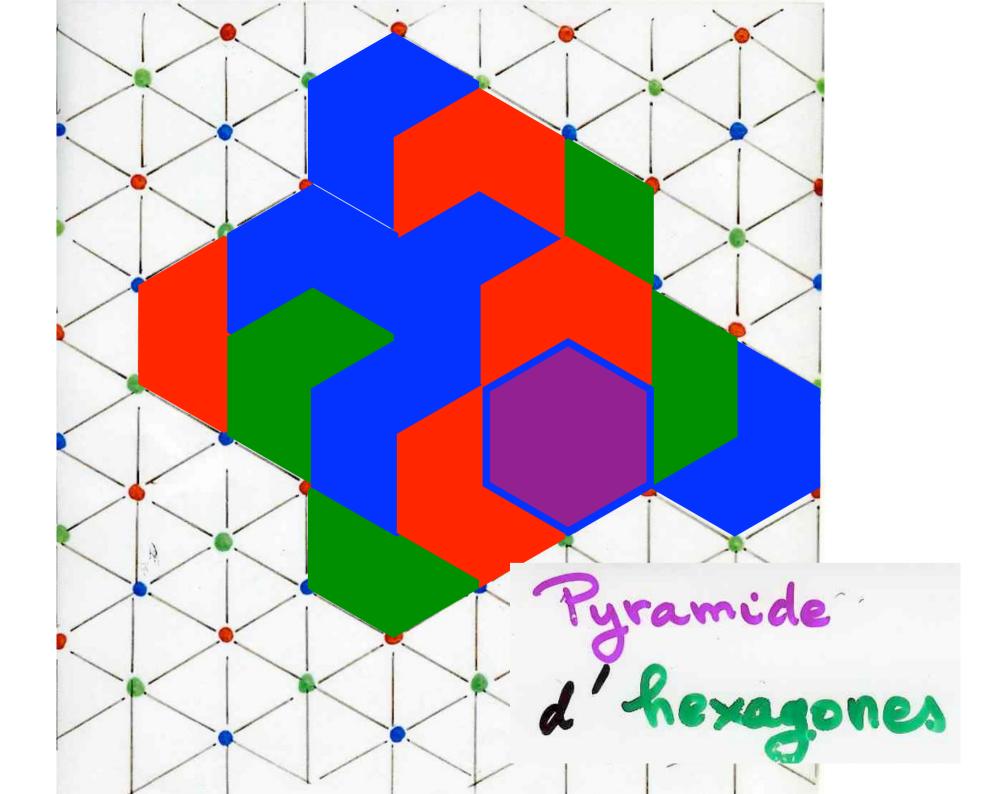
 $=\frac{11+5\sqrt{5}}{2}$ 

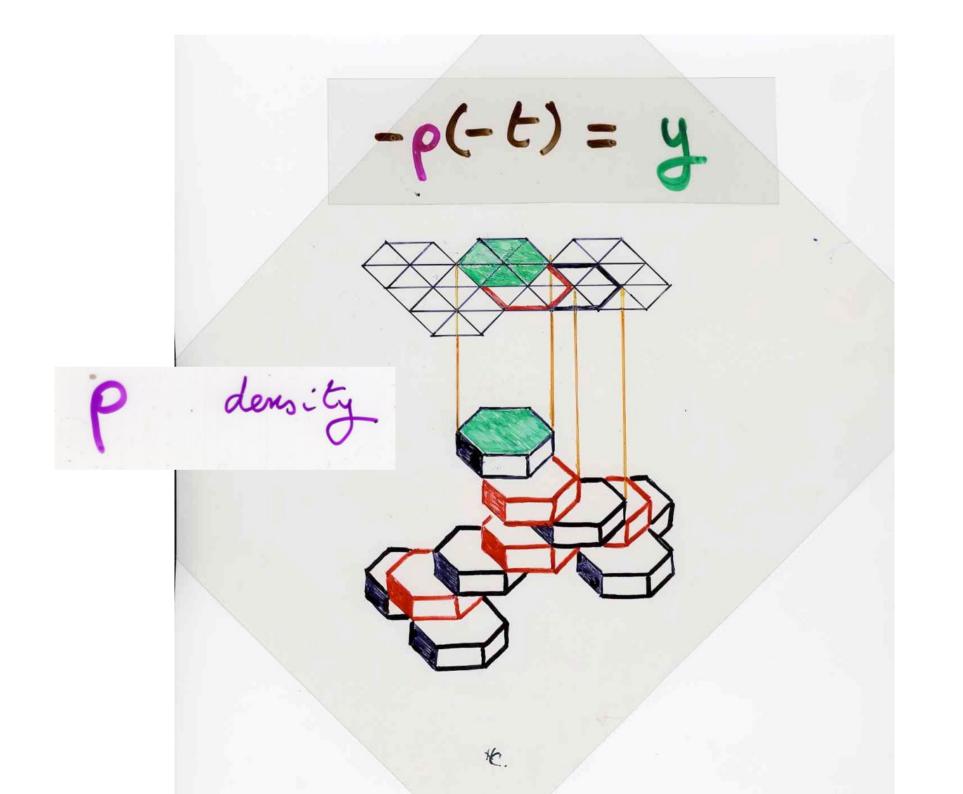
Baxter (1980) • critical temperature  $T_{c} = \frac{11 + 5\sqrt{5}}{2}$ · critical exponent 5  $=\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{5}$ 

la densité du gaz  $\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{t}{dt} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{d}{dt}$ 

Dans cette serie = Scinbrt<sup>n</sup> n>1

le coefficient on est le nombre de pyramides d'hexagones formées de n hexagones





la densité du gaz  $\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{t}{dt} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{d}{dt} Z_{t}(t)$ vérifie l'équation algébrique suivante :

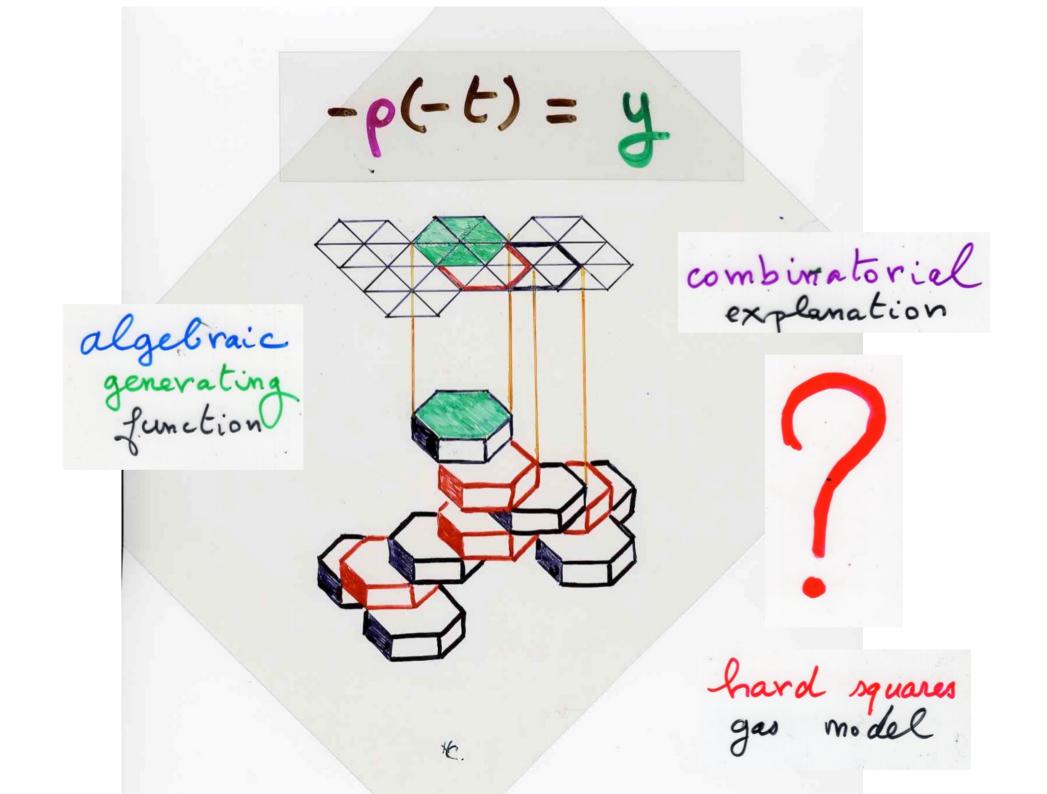
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4 (1+17+131++595++1765++3574++4939++4356++1815+-605++1210+-616+-126+\*)

 $(t_{+11}t_{+}^{2}55t_{+165}t_{+}^{33}0t_{+}^{5}462t_{+}^{6}462t_{+}^{7}30t_{+165}t_{+55}t_{+11}^{10}t_{+}^{11}t_{+}^{12})$ 



## Thank you!

