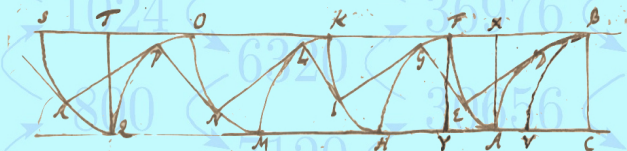


# Origin of Fourier Series II

## Zigzags from Bernoulli to Combinatorics

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$$\begin{array}{l}
 E_{1,1} = 1 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_{2,1} = 0 \\ E_{2,2} = 1 \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_{3,3} = 1 \\ E_{3,2} = 1 \\ E_{3,1} = 0 \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_{4,1} = 0 \\ E_{4,2} = 1 \\ E_{4,3} = 2 \\ E_{4,4} = 2 \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_{5,5} = 5 \\ E_{5,4} = 5 \\ E_{5,3} = 4 \\ E_{5,2} = 2 \\ E_{5,1} = 0 \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_{6,1} = 0 \\ E_{6,2} = 5 \\ E_{6,3} = 10 \\ E_{6,4} = 14 \\ E_{6,5} = 16 \\ E_{6,6} = 16 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$



98 N<sup>o</sup>. CLXV. SCHEDIASMA  
 infinitis æquationibus inter terminos homogeneos, pertransi-  
 ad hanc æquationem  $x^4 + 2n^2\sqrt{2} + 4nn + 4n\sqrt{2} + 4$  cuius  
 cuius radix est  $n = \sqrt{2}$ ; reliquis factis, ut supradictum est, si  
 pericler iterum  $q = -p = -m = n = \pm\sqrt{2}$ . Erunt itaque  
 $(\frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{2} + a + xx\sqrt{2} + 2a^2)dx: \sqrt{2a-x}$  &  $(\frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{2} + a - xx\sqrt{2} + 2a^2)dx: \sqrt{2a-x}$   
 $\sqrt{2} + a^2)dx: \sqrt{2a-x}$  differentiales coordinatarum curvæ quatuor-  
 quartum ergo integrales  $(\frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{2} + 2ax + 2xx)\sqrt{2a-x}$  &  $(\frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{2} + 2ax - 2xx)\sqrt{2a-x}$   
 &  $(\frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{2} + 2ax) \sqrt{2a-x}$  dabunt coordinatas ipsarum, quæ  
 est curvam quartam, quæ cum arcu BE erit = spatio CBE  
 divisio per  $\frac{1}{2}a = \frac{2+x}{2}\sqrt{2(2a-x-x)} =$  linea rectæ. In  
 in casu ED = EC, erit arcus, seu quadrans AE, cum quo  
 æqualis diametro, ut ante.

N<sup>o</sup>. CLXV.  
 DE EVOLUTIONE  
 SUCCESSIVA ET ALTERNANTE  
 Curva cõsistensque in infinitum continuata, tandem Cyclo-  
 generante;  
 SCHEDIASMA CYCLOMETRICUM.

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SIT curva quælibet ADB, cujus tangentes in A & B  
 is parallelæ; productis itaque axe CA & tangente BF in  
 finitum, evolvi intelligatur ADB, incipiendo evolutionem  
 A, quæ inde describitur AEF, evolvat quæque incipit  
 a sine F, & inde descripta FGH porro evolvatur inter  
 to ab H, & sic fiat in infinitum alterna evolutio, in  
 quamlibet evolutionem a puncto in quo præcedens finit.  
 co post evolutiones in infinitum continuatas, curvæ tan-  
 temo generatas fore Cycloides identicas, quælibetque  
 primitiva curva ADB, ex qua reliquæ generantur. Et quæ

CYCLOMETRICUM. 99

tam promptè convergent ad Cycloidem, ut, post paucas evo-  
 lutiones, ab ea sensibilibiter non discrepent generate per evo-  
 lutionem.

Huius rei veritas attente consideranti facile patebit.

Sic nunc ADB quadrans circuli, cujus longitudo dicatur  
 = a, radius CA vel CB = 1; dicantur etiam AEF = b, b  
 HIK = e, MNO = d, QRS = f, &c. Ex puncto quolibet  
 D ducta tangente DE, agantur etiam tangentes EG, GI,  
 IL, LN, &c. quæ alternarim ad se invicem erunt parallelæ,  
 DE, GI, LN &c. ut & EG, IL, LP &c. constituuntque  
 angulos rectos in, E, G, I, L &c.

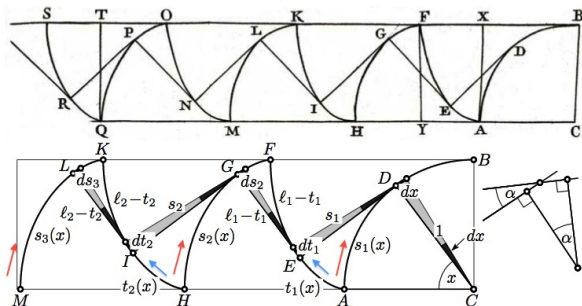
Ponatur AD = z, erit 1: dz = ED: dAE = GE:  
 dHG = IG: dHI = LI: dMC = NL: dMN = &c.  
 Sunt autem ex natura evolutionis, rectæ ED, IG, NL, &c.  
 æquales arcibus respectivè sumis AD, HG, ML, &c. Et  
 rectæ GE, LI, PN, &c. = FE, KI, ON &c. hoc est  
 = b - AE, e - HI, f - MN &c. Hinc invenitur AE  
 =  $\frac{2z}{1.2}$ , HG = bz =  $\frac{1}{1.2.3}$ , HI =  $\frac{bz}{1.2}$  =  $\frac{z^2}{1.2.3.4}$ , ML =  
 =  $\frac{bz^3}{1.2.3}$  +  $\frac{z^4}{1.2.3.4.5}$ , MN =  $\frac{bz^2}{1.2}$  =  $\frac{z^3}{1.2.3.4}$  +  $\frac{z^4}{1.2.3.6}$ ,  
 QP = dz =  $\frac{z^2}{1.2.3}$  +  $\frac{z^3}{1.2.3.4.5}$  -  $\frac{z^4}{1.2.3...7}$ , QR =  $\frac{z.2.2}{1.2}$   
 =  $\frac{e.2^2}{1.2.3.4}$  +  $\frac{bz^2}{1.2.3.6}$  -  $\frac{z^3}{1.2.3...8}$  &c. His in ordinem  
 digessis, sequentes duas formo Tabellas, quarum prior servit  
 pro curvis, quæ tangunt inferiorem parallelam CQ, altera  
 pro his, quæ tangunt superiorem BS.

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## Johann's Result

“Ce théorème remarquable est dû à Jean Bernoulli (...).” (Poisson, 1820)

Start with a quarter circle and consider the successive involutes.



Johann's claim: **the successive involutes converge to a cycloid.**

“*Hujus rei veritas attente consideranti facile patebit.*”

Notations:  $s_1(x) = x$ ,  $s_i(0) = t_i(0) = 0$ ,  $t_i(\pi/2) = \ell_i$

$$t_i(x) = \int_0^x s_i(\xi) d\xi, \quad s_i(x) = \int_0^x (\ell_{i-1} - t_{i-1}(\xi)) d\xi$$

## Computation of Arc Lengths

$$\begin{aligned}
 t_1(x) &= \frac{x^2}{2!} & s_1(x) &= x \\
 t_2(x) &= l_1 \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^4}{4!} & s_2(x) &= l_1 x - \frac{x^3}{3!} \\
 t_3(x) &= l_2 \frac{x^2}{2!} - l_1 \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} & s_3(x) &= l_2 x - l_1 \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} \\
 & & s_4(x) &= l_3 x - l_2 \frac{x^3}{3!} + l_1 \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$a = \frac{\pi}{2}, 0 = \ell_i - t_i(a) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 = l_1 - \frac{a^2}{2!} & \Rightarrow l_1 = \frac{a^2}{2!} \\ 0 = l_2 - l_1 \frac{a^2}{2!} + \frac{a^4}{4!} & \Rightarrow l_2 = \frac{5a^4}{4!} \\ 0 = l_3 - l_2 \frac{a^2}{2!} + l_1 \frac{a^4}{4!} - \frac{a^6}{6!} & \Rightarrow l_3 = \frac{61a^6}{6!} \text{ etc.} \end{cases}$$

Johann finds the sequence:

Curva I. =  $a$  (1) II. =  $a a^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  III. =  $a^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$  IV. =  $a^4 \left(\frac{5}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}\right)$  V. =  $a^6 \left(\frac{16}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}\right)$  VI. =  $a^8 \left(\frac{61}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot 6}\right)$   
 VII. =  $a^2 \left(\frac{272}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot 7}\right)$  VIII. =  $a^4 \left(\frac{1385}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot 8}\right)$  IX. =  $a^6 \left(\frac{7936}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot 9}\right)$  X. =  $a^8 \left(\frac{50521}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot 10}\right)$  XI. =  $a^{10} \left(\frac{353792}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot 11}\right)$   
 XII. =  $a^{12} \left(\frac{2702769}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot 12}\right)$  XIII. =  $a^{14} \left(\frac{22368296}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot 13}\right)$  XIV. =  $a^{16} \left(\frac{199360981}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot 14}\right)$

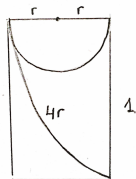
$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
$E_i$	1	1	2	5	16	61	272	1385	7936	50521	353792	2702765	22368256	199360981



## Other Approximation of $\pi$

**Suppose VIII = semi-cycloid**

$$BC = 1 \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{\pi}$$



$$a^8 \frac{1385}{8!} = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} = \frac{2}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^9 = \frac{2 \cdot 8!}{1385}$$

Cum itaque QRS habeatur pro semi-Cycloide, cujus basis est erecta perpendicularis QT = CB = 1, & proinde ST diameter circuli ejus generatoris, cujus diametri duplum = QRS; erit QT: 2ST [QRS] = ut femicircumferentia ad 2 diametros. = ADB: 2AC. Adeoque:  $1: a^9 \times \frac{1385}{1.2 \cdot 3 \dots 8} = a: 2$ ; unde sequitur  $a^9 = \frac{2 \times 1.2 \cdot 3 \dots 8}{1385} = \frac{16128}{1385}$ ; atque extracta radice nonae potestatis, fit  $a = \sqrt[9]{\frac{16128}{1385}}$ , seu  $4a = \sqrt[9]{\frac{16128}{1385}}$ , hoc est, circumferentia continet radium  $\frac{16128}{1385}$ , ipsumque adeo diametrum  $\frac{32256}{1385}$  vicibus, quod monstrat rationem paulo minorem Archimedeae, quae est  $3\frac{1}{7}$ , vel  $3\frac{6}{7}$ . Per logarithmos calculus est facillior.

“Curva”	$2a$	error =
I	$2\sqrt{2}$	0.3131655288
II	$2\sqrt[3]{4}$	-0.0332094503
III	$2\sqrt[4]{6}$	0.0114234934
IV	$2\sqrt[5]{\frac{2 \cdot 4!}{5}}$	-0.0024196887
V	$2\sqrt[6]{\frac{2 \cdot 5!}{16}}$	0.0007570486
VI	$2\sqrt[7]{\frac{2 \cdot 6!}{61}}$	-0.0001999873
VII	$2\sqrt[8]{\frac{2 \cdot 7!}{272}}$	0.0000609333
VIII	$2\sqrt[9]{\frac{2 \cdot 8!}{1385}}$	-0.0000175640
IX	$2\sqrt[10]{\frac{2 \cdot 9!}{7936}}$	0.0000053536
X	$2\sqrt[11]{\frac{2 \cdot 10!}{50521}}$	-0.0000016065
XI	$2\sqrt[12]{\frac{2 \cdot 11!}{353792}}$	0.0000004937
XII	$2\sqrt[13]{\frac{2 \cdot 12!}{2702765}}$	-0.0000001513
XIII	$2\sqrt[14]{\frac{2 \cdot 13!}{22368256}}$	0.0000000469
XIV	$2\sqrt[15]{\frac{2 \cdot 14!}{199360981}}$	-0.0000000145

# Euler's Proof (*Demonstratio Theorematis Bernoulliani*, E300, 1766)

"Insigne igitur hoc Theorema soli quasi observationi innixum (...)."

First part: "ausserordentliche Kühnheit" (Speiser, 1954)

- $y_1(x) = AD, y_2(x) = AE, \dots, y_i(\frac{\pi}{2}) = L_i$  and  $z = y_\infty$  the "curva infinitissima".
- "nihil enim impedit"  $z = A \sin. \alpha v + B \sin. \beta v + C \sin. \gamma v + D \sin. \delta v + E \sin. \epsilon v + \text{etc.}$
- by analogy

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 x=0: & y_7=0 & y_7'=L_6 & y_7''=0 & y_7'''=-L_4 & y_7^{(4)}=0 & y_7^{(5)}=L_2 & y_7^{(6)}=0 \\
 x=\frac{\pi}{2}: & y_7=L_7 & y_7'=0 & y_7''=-L_5 & y_7'''=0 & y_7^{(4)}=L_3 & y_7^{(5)}=0 & y_7^{(6)}=-L_1
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \left. \begin{array}{l} \sin v = \alpha \\ \sin v = \beta \end{array} \right\}; z = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha \\ +f \end{array} \right\}; \frac{dz}{dv} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha \\ +g \end{array} \right\}; \frac{d^2z}{dv^2} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha \\ -f \end{array} \right\}; \frac{d^3z}{dv^3} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha \\ -g' \end{array} \right\}; \frac{d^4z}{dv^4} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha \\ +f'' \end{array} \right\} \\
 \left. \begin{array}{l} \sin v = \alpha \\ \sin v = \beta \end{array} \right\}; \frac{d^5z}{dv^5} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha \\ +g'' \end{array} \right\}; \frac{d^6z}{dv^6} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha \\ -f''' \end{array} \right\}; \frac{d^7z}{dv^7} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha \\ -g''' \end{array} \right\} \text{ etc.}
 \end{array}$$

$$z = \frac{g^1 v}{1} - \frac{g^1 v^3}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} + \frac{g^{11} v^5}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} - \frac{g^{111} v^7}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 7} + \text{etc.}$$

"perspicitur" and  $y_\infty^{(2k+1)}(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = 1, \beta = 3, \gamma = 5, \delta = 7, \epsilon = 9, \dots$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 g = A + 3 B + 5 C + 7 D + 9 E + \text{etc.} \quad g^{111} = A + 3^7 B + 5^7 C + 7^7 D + 9^7 E + \text{etc.} \\
 g' = A + 3^3 B + 5^3 C + 7^3 D + 9^3 E + \text{etc.} \quad \text{etc.} \\
 g'' = A + 3^5 B + 5^5 C + 7^5 D + 9^5 E + \text{etc.} \quad g^{(\infty)} = A + 3^\infty B + 5^\infty C + 7^\infty D + 9^\infty E + \text{etc.}
 \end{array}$$

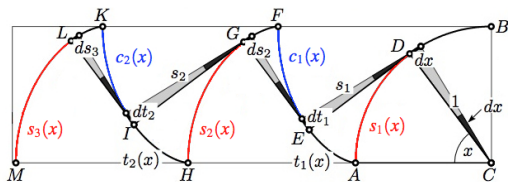
$\Rightarrow y_\infty(x) = A \sin(x)$  "(...) sicque habemus perfectam demonstrationem theorematis BERNOULLIANI."

Second part:  $\Phi > \frac{\pi}{2}$  (resp.  $<$ ) epicycloid (resp. hypo-),  $\Phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$  cycloid [GeoGebra!](#)



# Euler's Proof Rearranged ( $\simeq$ Puiseux, 1844)

“(…) il m’a semblé qu’on la simplifiait beaucoup en la présentant de la manière suivante (…)” (Puiseux)



$$c_i(x) := \ell_i - t_i(x) = \int_x^{\pi/2} s_i(\xi) d\xi$$

$$s_i(x) = \int_0^x c_{i-1}(\xi) d\xi$$

$$c_0(x) := 1 = \frac{4}{\pi} (+ \cos(x) - \frac{1}{3} \cos(3x) + \frac{1}{5} \cos(5x) - \dots)$$

$$\int_x^{\pi/2} \sin(k\xi) d\xi = \frac{1}{k} \cos(kx) \quad k = 1, 3, 5, \dots$$

$$\int_0^x \cos(k\xi) d\xi = \frac{1}{k} \sin(kx)$$

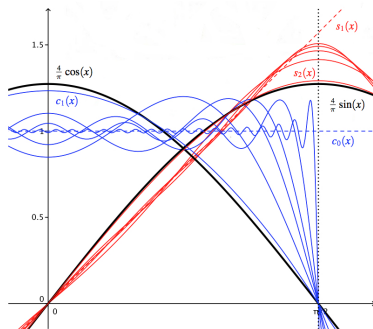
$$s_1(x) = x = \frac{4}{\pi} (+ \sin(x) - \frac{1}{3^2} \sin(3x) + \frac{1}{5^2} \sin(5x) - \dots)$$

$$c_1(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} (+ \cos(x) - \frac{1}{3^3} \cos(3x) + \frac{1}{5^3} \cos(5x) - \dots)$$

$$s_2(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} (+ \sin(x) - \frac{1}{3^4} \sin(3x) + \frac{1}{5^4} \sin(5x) - \dots)$$

...

$$s_i(x) \rightarrow \frac{4}{\pi} \sin(x) \quad c_i(x) \rightarrow \frac{4}{\pi} \cos(x)$$



# Euler's Formulas (E130, 1740)

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ for } s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, x = 0 \text{ for } c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots \text{ and } L_i = E_i \frac{(\frac{\pi}{2})^i}{i!}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \dots = \frac{1\pi}{0! \cdot 2^2}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{3^3} + \frac{1}{5^3} - \frac{1}{7^3} + \frac{1}{9^3} - \dots = \frac{1\pi^3}{2! \cdot 2^4}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{3^5} + \frac{1}{5^5} - \frac{1}{7^5} + \frac{1}{9^5} - \dots = \frac{5\pi^5}{4! \cdot 2^6}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{3^7} + \frac{1}{5^7} - \frac{1}{7^7} + \frac{1}{9^7} - \dots = \frac{61\pi^7}{6! \cdot 2^8}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{3^{2\ell+1}} + \frac{1}{5^{2\ell+1}} - \frac{1}{7^{2\ell+1}} + \frac{1}{9^{2\ell+1}} - \dots = \frac{\pi^{2\ell+1}}{(2\ell)! \cdot 2^{2\ell+2}} E_{2\ell}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{7^2} + \frac{1}{9^2} + \dots = \frac{1\pi^2}{1! \cdot 2^3}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{3^4} + \frac{1}{5^4} + \frac{1}{7^4} + \frac{1}{9^4} + \dots = \frac{2\pi^4}{3! \cdot 2^5}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{3^6} + \frac{1}{5^6} + \frac{1}{7^6} + \frac{1}{9^6} + \dots = \frac{16\pi^6}{5! \cdot 2^7}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{3^8} + \frac{1}{5^8} + \frac{1}{7^8} + \frac{1}{9^8} + \dots = \frac{272\pi^8}{7! \cdot 2^9}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{3^{2\ell}} + \frac{1}{5^{2\ell}} + \frac{1}{7^{2\ell}} + \frac{1}{9^{2\ell}} + \dots = \frac{\pi^{2\ell}}{(2\ell-1)! \cdot 2^{2\ell+1}} E_{2\ell-1}$$

A =	1	• $\frac{\pi}{2}$	=	I	-	$\frac{1}{3}$	+	$\frac{1}{5}$	-	$\frac{1}{7}$	+	etc.
B =	$\frac{1}{1}$	• $\frac{\pi^2}{2^3}$	=	I	+	$\frac{1}{3^2}$	+	$\frac{1}{5^2}$	+	$\frac{1}{7^2}$	+	etc.
C =	$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2}$	• $\frac{\pi^3}{2^4}$	=	I	-	$\frac{1}{3^3}$	+	$\frac{1}{5^3}$	-	$\frac{1}{7^3}$	+	etc.
D =	$\frac{2}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}$	• $\frac{\pi^4}{2^5}$	=	I	+	$\frac{1}{3^4}$	+	$\frac{1}{5^4}$	+	$\frac{1}{7^4}$	+	etc.
E =	$\frac{5}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}$	• $\frac{\pi^5}{2^6}$	=	I	-	$\frac{1}{3^5}$	+	$\frac{1}{5^5}$	-	$\frac{1}{7^5}$	+	etc.
F =	$\frac{16}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}$	• $\frac{\pi^6}{2^7}$	=	I	+	$\frac{1}{3^6}$	+	$\frac{1}{5^6}$	+	$\frac{1}{7^6}$	+	etc.
G =	$\frac{61}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6}$	• $\frac{\pi^7}{2^8}$	=	I	-	$\frac{1}{3^7}$	+	$\frac{1}{5^7}$	-	$\frac{1}{7^7}$	+	etc.
H =	$\frac{272}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots 7}$	• $\frac{\pi^8}{2^9}$	=	I	+	$\frac{1}{3^8}$	+	$\frac{1}{5^8}$	+	$\frac{1}{7^8}$	+	etc.
I =	$\frac{1385}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots 8}$	• $\frac{\pi^9}{2^{10}}$	=	I	-	$\frac{1}{3^9}$	+	$\frac{1}{5^9}$	-	$\frac{1}{7^9}$	+	etc.

## Lagrange's Manuscript

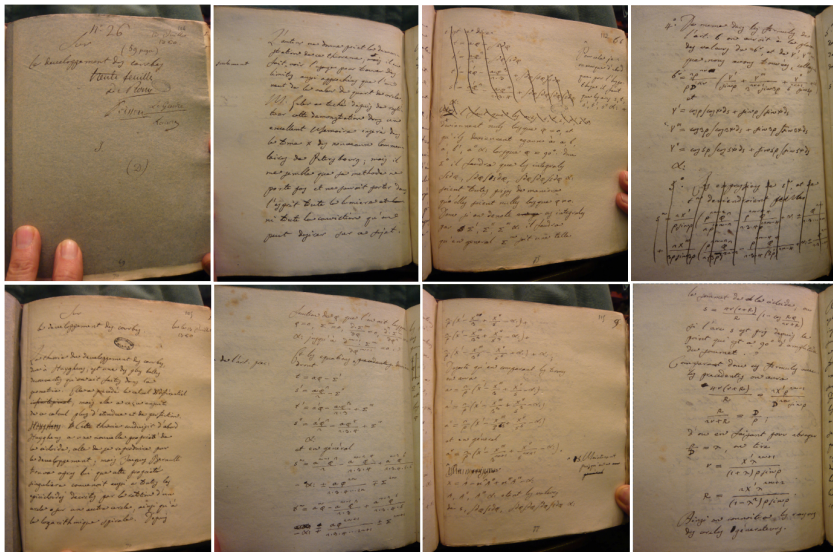


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# Sur le developpement des courbes (Lagrange, 1780)

"(...) il me semble que sa methode ne porte pas et ne sauroit porter dans l'esprit toute la lumiere ni toute la conviction qu'on peut desirer sur ce sujet."

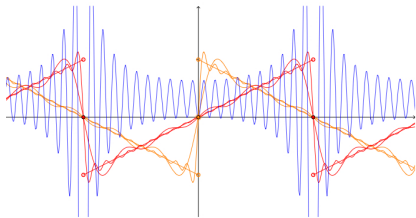
Long correct proof. No trigonometric series in Lagrange's manuscript (59 pages)...



## Controversy between Lagrange and Fourier ( $\approx 1807$ )

**Lagrange:** Calculus applies only to functions satisfying the “loi de continuité”.

He asserts that (b) is false if  $x > \frac{\pi}{2}$ :



(a)  $\sin(y) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2y) + \frac{1}{3} \sin(3y) + \frac{1}{4} \sin(4y) + \dots = -\frac{y}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $y = \pi - x$

(b)  $\sin(x) - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) + \frac{1}{3} \sin(3x) - \frac{1}{4} \sin(4x) + \dots = \frac{x}{2}$

(c)  $\cos(x) - \cos(2x) + \cos(3x) - \cos(4x) + \dots = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $y = \pi - x$

(d)  $-\cos(y) - \cos(2y) - \cos(3y) - \cos(4y) - \dots = \frac{1}{2}$

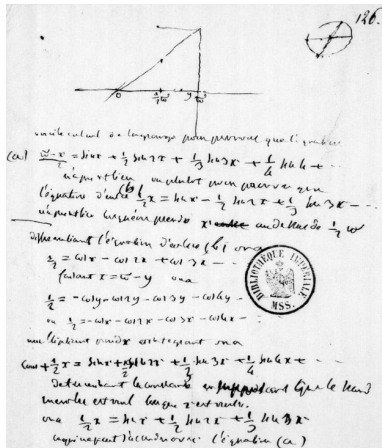
(e)  $\sin(y) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2y) + \frac{1}{3} \sin(3y) + \frac{1}{4} \sin(4y) + \dots = \text{Cons} - \frac{1}{2}y$

(f)  $\sin(y) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2y) + \frac{1}{3} \sin(3y) + \frac{1}{4} \sin(4y) + \dots = -\frac{1}{2}y$

(f) is a contradiction with (a) !

**Fourier:** (b) converges everywhere !

“Je vous prie instamment de jeter les yeux sur cette note (...) si de pareilles démonstrations peuvent être douteuses, il faut renoncer à écrire quelque chose d’exact en mathématiques.”



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*Sur les permutations alternées ;*

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Le présent travail a pour point de départ la notion, probablement toute nouvelle, des permutations alternées de  $n$  lettres distinctes, et pour objet l'étude du nombre  $2A_n$  de ces permutations.

Nous définissons les permutations alternées de  $n$  éléments distincts ; nous donnons le moyen de calculer, de proche en proche, la moitié  $A_n$  de leur nombre ; nous déterminons la fonction génératrice de la fraction  $\frac{A_n}{n!}$  ; nous en déduisons les développements de  $\tan x$  et de  $\sec x$  suivant les puissances croissantes de  $x$  ; nous appliquons les résultats obtenus à différents développements ou séries ; nous en tirons plusieurs conséquences touchant les développements des fonctions elliptiques ; enfin nous donnons de nouvelles et plus simples formules pour calculer les nombres  $A_n$ .

Il se trouve que ces nombres  $A_n$  ne sont autres que les coefficients de  $\frac{x^n}{n!}$  dans le développement soit de  $\tan x$ , soit de  $\sec x$ . Ces coefficients avaient été considérés déjà. Grâce aux permutations alternées, nous en pouvons donner une définition combinatoire très simple, très nette, et indépendante de tout développement.

I. — *Définition des permutations alternées.*

1. Considérons  $n$  éléments distincts  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n$  et formons-en toutes les permutations. Si, dans l'une quelconque d'entre elles, nous retranchons chaque indice du suivant, nous obtenons une suite de  $n-1$  différences, dont aucune n'est égale à zéro, et qui, dans toutes les permutations, sauf deux, sont les unes positives, les autres négatives. Lorsque, tout le long de cette suite, ces différences sont *alternativement* positives et négatives, la permutation correspondante est *alternée*. Lorsque, au contraire, cette continue alternance des signes ne se présente pas, la permutation n'est pas alternée.

Par exemple, dans le cas particulier où  $n = 4$ , les permutations

$$\begin{array}{cc} 1324 & 3241 \\ \alpha_1 \alpha_3 \alpha_2 \alpha_4 & \alpha_3 \alpha_2 \alpha_4 \alpha_1 \end{array}$$

sont alternées, et les permutations

$$\begin{array}{cc} 2341 & 3214 \\ \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4 \alpha_1 & \alpha_3 \alpha_2 \alpha_4 \alpha_1 \end{array}$$

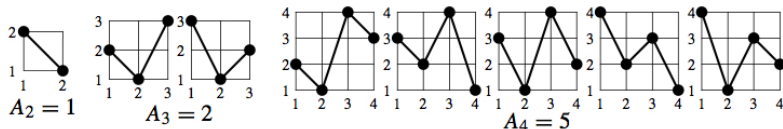
ne le sont pas.

2. Le nombre des permutations alternées de  $n$  éléments distincts dépend évidemment, et uniquement, de  $n$ . Par sa nature même, il est forcément positif et entier ; et l'on peut démontrer, d'une manière très simple, qu'il est toujours pair. Il suffit effectivement de faire observer que les permutations alternées de  $n$  éléments distincts se correspondent deux à deux. L'un des moyens les plus commodes d'établir cette correspondance consiste à associer les permutations qui présentent les mêmes indices dans un ordre exactement inverse.

En associant de cette façon les permutations alternées de quatre éléments, lesquelles sont au nombre de dix, on obtient les cinq couples suivants :

	1324	$\alpha_1 \alpha_3 \alpha_2 \alpha_4$	et	$\alpha_4 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_1$ ,	4231
	1423	$\alpha_1 \alpha_4 \alpha_3 \alpha_2$	et	$\alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4 \alpha_1$ ,	3241
<i>up-down</i>	2314	$\alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_1 \alpha_4$	et	$\alpha_4 \alpha_1 \alpha_3 \alpha_2$ ,	4132
	2413	$\alpha_2 \alpha_4 \alpha_1 \alpha_3$	et	$\alpha_3 \alpha_1 \alpha_4 \alpha_2$ ,	3142
	3412	$\alpha_3 \alpha_4 \alpha_1 \alpha_2$	et	$\alpha_3 \alpha_1 \alpha_4 \alpha_2$ .	2143
				<i>down-up</i>	

## Alternating Permutations (Désiré André, 1879, 1881)



$$E_0 = 1, E_1 = 1, E_2 = 1, E_3 = 2, E_4 = 5, E_5 = 16, E_6 = 61, E_7 = 272, E_8 = 1385, \dots$$

### Same numbers as Johann's numbers for arc lengths!

“Je ferai (...) avec un grand plaisir la connaissance de M. D. André, dont je me rappelle bien les Notes dans les *Comptes rendus*. L'ingénieuse définition de certains nombres entiers qui donnent aussitôt les coefficients dans les développements de  $\tan x$ ,  $\sec x$ , comme nombres de permutations, jouissant de certaines propriétés, s'est gravée dans mon esprit.” (Stieltjes to Hermite, Paris, February 1886)

$$t = a + \frac{a^3}{3r^2} + \frac{2a^5}{15r^4} + \frac{17a^7}{315r^6} + \frac{62a^9}{2835r^8} \&c.$$

$$s = r + \frac{a^2}{2r} + \frac{5a^4}{24r^3} + \frac{61a^6}{720r^5} + \frac{277a^8}{8064r^7} \&c.$$

Gregory, 1671

### Theorem.

$$E(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n \frac{x^n}{n!} = \sec(x) + \tan(x)$$

### Corollary. (“définition très simple, très nette”)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E_{2k} \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!} = \sec(x)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E_{2k+1} \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} = \tan(x)$$

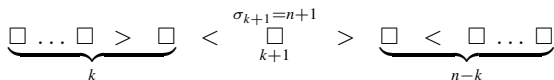
## André's Recurrence

“C'est un très joli exercice.” (Arnol'd, 2000)

“[Ceci] s'établit par les raisonnements combinatoires les plus simples.” (André, 1879)

### Proof.

We count alternating permutations of  $[n + 1]$  according to the position of  $n + 1$ :



$$2E_{n+1} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} E_k E_{n-k} \quad (n \neq 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow E(x)^2 &= E_0^2 + \left( \frac{E_0}{0!} \frac{E_1}{1!} + \frac{E_1}{1!} \frac{E_0}{0!} \right) x + \left( \frac{E_0}{0!} \frac{E_2}{2!} + \frac{E_1}{1!} \frac{E_1}{1!} + \frac{E_2}{2!} \frac{E_0}{0!} \right) x^2 + \dots \\ &= E_1 + 2 \frac{E_2}{1!} x + 2 \frac{E_3}{2!} x^2 + \dots \\ &= 2E'(X) - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{E(0)=1}{\Rightarrow} E(x) = \sec(x) + \tan(x)$$



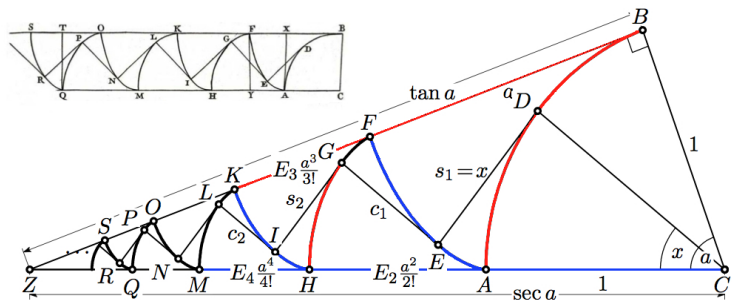


# Geometric Interpretation of $E$ (H. & Wanner, 2019)

Johann's arc lengths:

$$CA = \frac{1a^0}{0!}, BA = \frac{1a^1}{1!}, AF = \frac{1a^2}{2!}, FH = \frac{2a^3}{3!}, HK = \frac{5a^4}{4!}, KM = \frac{16a^5}{5!}, \dots$$

Nowhere assumed that  $a = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Case  $a < \frac{\pi}{2}$ :



$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E_{2k} \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!} = \sec(x)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E_{2k+1} \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} = \tan(x)$$

$$\sec x = a + \frac{6}{1 \cdot 2} x + \frac{7}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} x^3 + \frac{8}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 6} x^5 + \frac{e}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 8} x^7 + \&c.$$

$$\tan x = \frac{2^2(2^2-1)1!x}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{2^4(2^4-1)3!x^3}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} + \frac{2^6(2^6-1)5!x^5}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 6} + \frac{2^8(2^8-1)7!x^7}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 8} + \&c.$$

Euler, 1755

# Seidel-Entringer-Arnol'd Triangle (Entringer, 1966)

André is not cited!

## A COMBINATORIAL INTERPRETATION OF THE EULER AND BERNOULLI NUMBERS

BY

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The following problem is mentioned by A. J. KEMPNER in [1]. "In how many ways can the numbers  $1, 2, \dots, n-1$  be arranged so that the numbers are alternately larger and smaller (the first number at the left to have a smaller number at its right)?" There are, for example, five such permutations for  $n=5$  since we count just the following:  $(2, 1, 4, 3)$ ,  $(3, 1, 4, 2)$ ,  $(3, 2, 4, 1)$ ,  $(4, 1, 3, 2)$ ,  $(4, 2, 3, 1)$ . Since a solution of the problem was not essential to the further development of his topic, KEMPNER merely stated a recurrence relation without proof and with this relation calculated the number of such permutations for small  $n$ .

In this paper, for convenience, we will consider the equivalent complementary problem, i.e., the first number at the left shall have a larger number at its right. We obtain a recurrence relation involving the number of such permutations and show that the number of such permutations is closely related to an Euler or Bernoulli number.

iii)  $A(n, k)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$  is the total number of alternating permutations  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  with  $k = a_1 < a_2$ . For convenience  $A(1, 1)$  is defined to be 1 and  $A(n, k)$  to be 0 for  $n \leq 0$ ,  $k \leq 0$  or  $k > n$ .

Lemma.  $A(n+1, k) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1-k} A(n, i)$  for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $k \geq 1$ .

Proof. For  $k > n+1$  the truth of the assertion follows immediately from the definition and the summation convention. For fixed  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n+1$  the correspondence

$$(k, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}) \leftrightarrow (a'_2, \dots, a'_{n+1})$$

where  $a'_i = \begin{cases} n+1-a_i & \text{if } a_i < k \\ n+2-a_i & \text{if } a_i > k \end{cases}$ ,  $i=2, \dots, n+1$  is one to one between the particular permutations  $(k, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1})$  of  $(1, \dots, n+1)$  and all the permutations of  $(1, \dots, n)$ . Since  $(k, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1})$  is alternating with  $k < a_2$  if and only if  $(a'_2, \dots, a'_{n+1})$  is alternating with  $a'_2 < n+2-k$  and  $a'_2 < a'_3$  we obtain the desired result.

The above recurrence relation is that of KEMPNER referred to earlier.

Lemma.

$$A(n, k+1) = A(n, k) - A(n-1, n-k) \quad \text{for } n \geq 2, k \geq 1.$$

Proof. From the preceding lemma we have

$$\begin{aligned} A(n, k+1) - A(n, k) &= \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-k-1} A(n-1, i) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-k} A(n-1, i) = -A(n-1, n-k). \end{aligned}$$

Entringer's idea is to consider

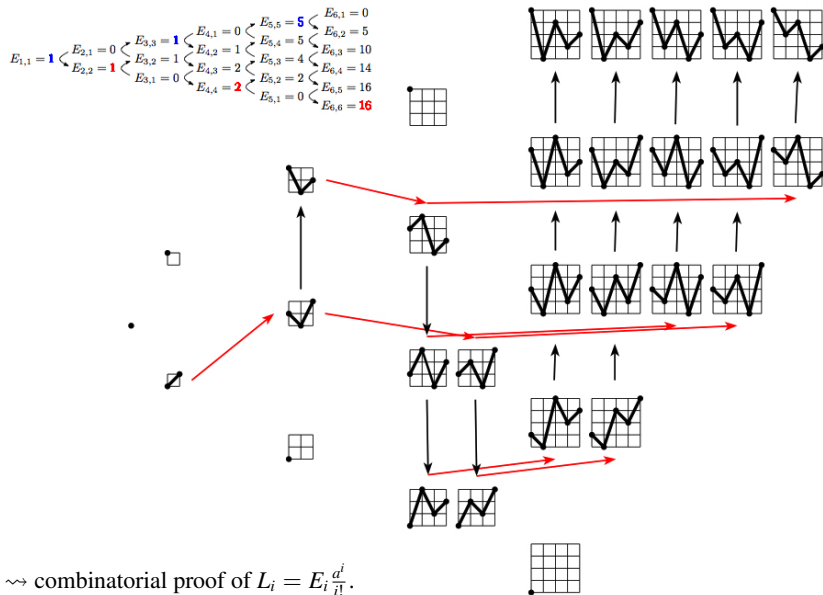
$$DU_{n,k} := \{\sigma \in DU_n \mid \sigma_1 = k\}, \quad UD_{n,k} := \{\sigma \in UD_n \mid \sigma_1 = k\}$$

and  $E_{n,k} = \#DU_{n,k} = \#UD_{n,n+1-k}$ .

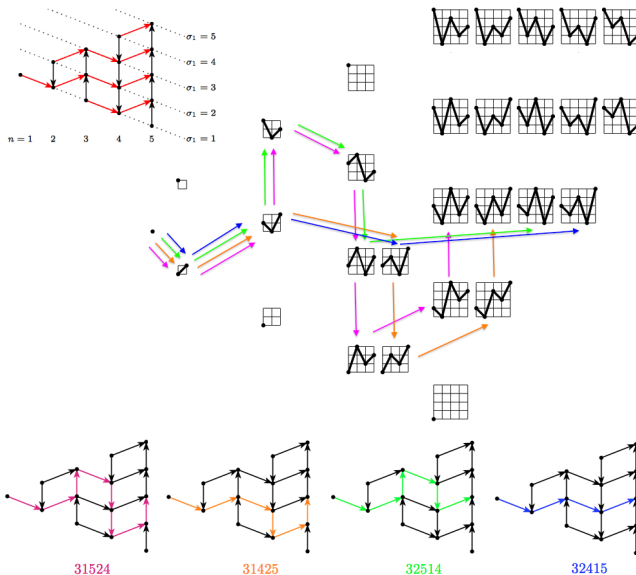
Lemma.

$$E_{n,k} = E_{n,k-1} + E_{n-1,n+1-k}$$

# Seidel-Entringer-Arnol'd Triangle (H. & Wanner, 2019)

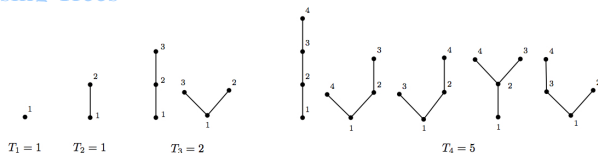


# Paths in a Directed Graph (Arnol'd, 1991)



**Proposition.** Bijection between alt. perm. in a node and paths to this node.

# Binary Increasing Trees



**Proposition 1.** (Foata & Schützenberger, 1971)  $T_n = E_n$ .

$T_{n,k} = \#\{T \in \mathcal{T}_n \mid \text{emc}(T) = k\}$

where emc is the **end of the minimal chain**.

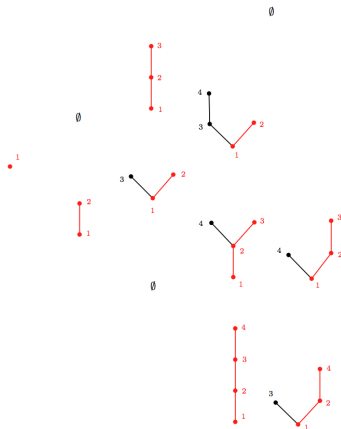
**Proposition 2.** (Poupard, 1982)  $T_{n,k} = E_{n,k}$ .

**Proposition 3.** (Gelineau & al., 2010)

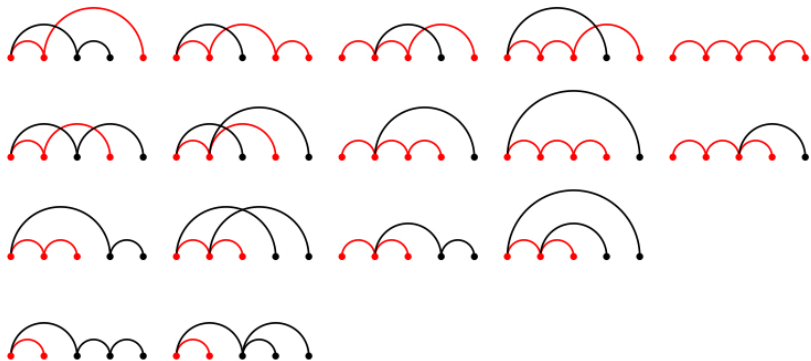
There exists a bijection  $\Psi : \mathcal{DU}_{n,k} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_{n,k}$   
such that

$$\text{first}(\sigma) = \text{emc}(\Psi(\sigma)).$$

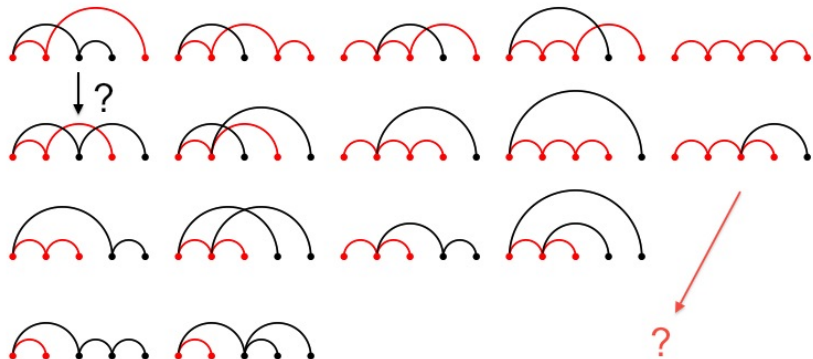
(His proof doesn't use paths in the graph !)



# The Set $\mathcal{T}_5$ organised



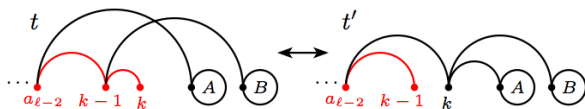
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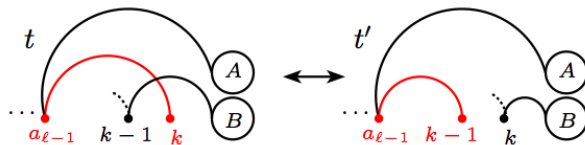
## Simplified Proof of Proposition 3 (H., 2021)

**Reduction(-Amplification):**  $t \in \mathcal{T}_{n,k}$  with minimal chain  $(1, 2, \dots, a_\ell = k)$ .

- R0)  $k = 2$  no modifications !
- R1)  $k > 2$ ,  $a_\ell = k$ ,  $a_{\ell-1} = k - 1$  and  $\min(A) \leq \min(B)$  ( $\min(\emptyset) = \infty$ ):



- R2)  $k > 2$ ,  $a_\ell = k$ ,  $a_{\ell-1} < k - 1$ :

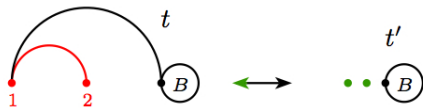




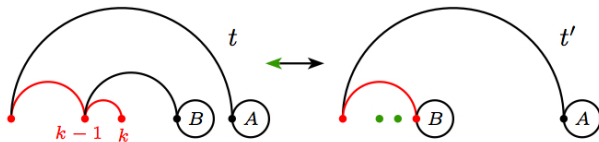
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### Deletion(-Insertion):

- $k = 2$ :



- $k \geq 3$ ,  $a_\ell = k$ ,  $a_{\ell-1} = k - 1$  (otherwise apply R2) and  $\min(A) > \min(B)$  (otherwise apply R1):

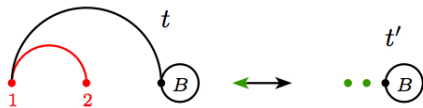


Always possible to add the points  $\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \dots, \{k-1, k\}$  with  $k-1 = \text{emc}(t')$ .

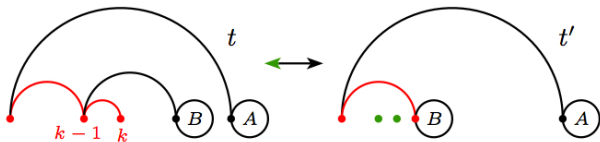
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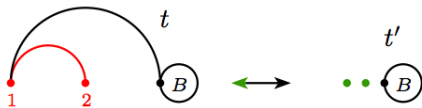
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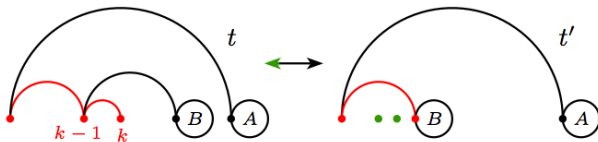
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Watch the video animation of my friend Martin Anderegg !

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