$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \alpha_1 & & \alpha_2 & & \alpha_3 & & \alpha_{l-1} & & \alpha_l \\ \circ & \!\!\!\text{---}\!\!\! & \circ & \!\!\!\text{---}\!\!\! & \circ & \cdots & \circ & \!\!\!\text{---}\!\!\! & \times \end{array}$$