

The sequence of diagrams illustrates a sorting process on four columns of dots. The steps are as follows:

- Step 0:** A single red dot is on the far left.
- Step 1:** A horizontal black bar connects the first and second columns. The dots in the first column are red.
- Step 2:** A horizontal black bar connects the first and second columns. The dots in the second column are red.
- Step 3:** A horizontal black bar connects the first and second columns. The dots in the third column are red.
- Step 4:** A horizontal black bar connects the first and second columns. The dots in the fourth column are red.
- Step 5:** A horizontal black bar connects the first and second columns. All dots are black.
- Step 6:** A red circle is drawn around the first dot in the first column.
- Step 7:** Two black circles are drawn around the first and second dots in the first column.
- Step 8:** Two black circles are drawn around the first and second dots in the first column.
- Step 9:** Two black circles are drawn around the first and second dots in the first column.
- Step 10:** Two black circles are drawn around the first and second dots in the first column.
- Step 11:** Two black circles are drawn around the first and second dots in the first column.
- Step 12:** A red circle is drawn around the first dot in the third column.
- Step 13:** Two black circles are drawn around the first and second dots in the first column, and a red line connects the first dot in the third column to the first dot in the second column.