

Visualization of Bernoulli Numbers

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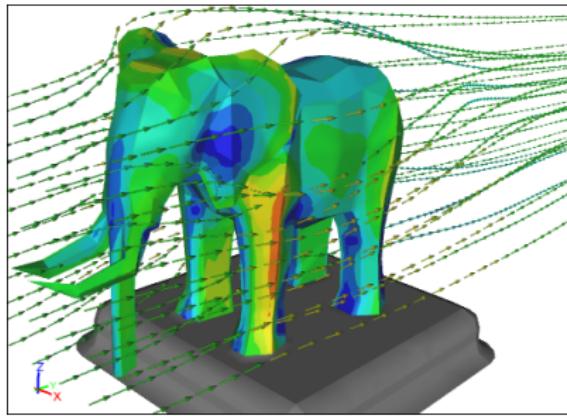
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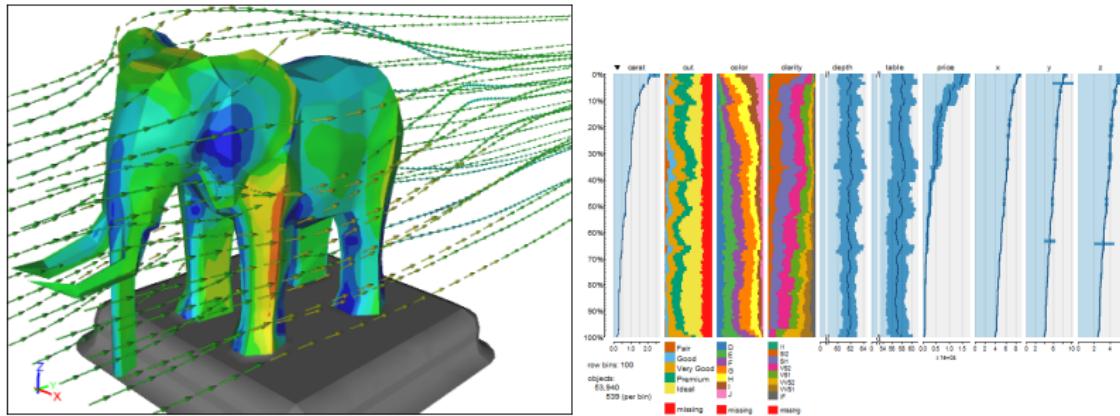
Experimental Mathematics

Bernoulli Numbers and Polynomials

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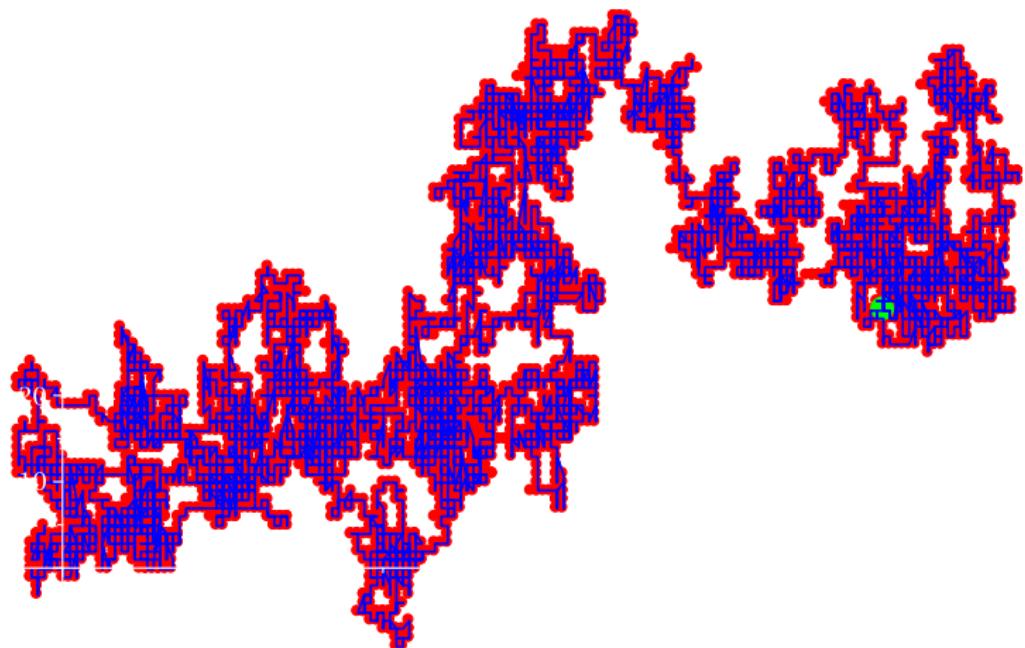
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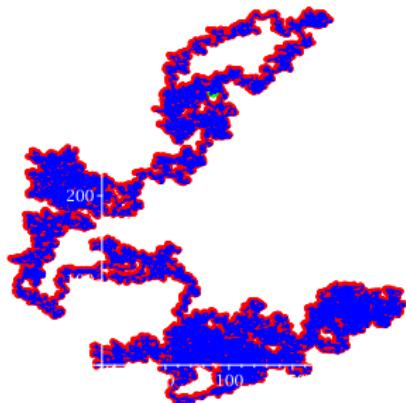
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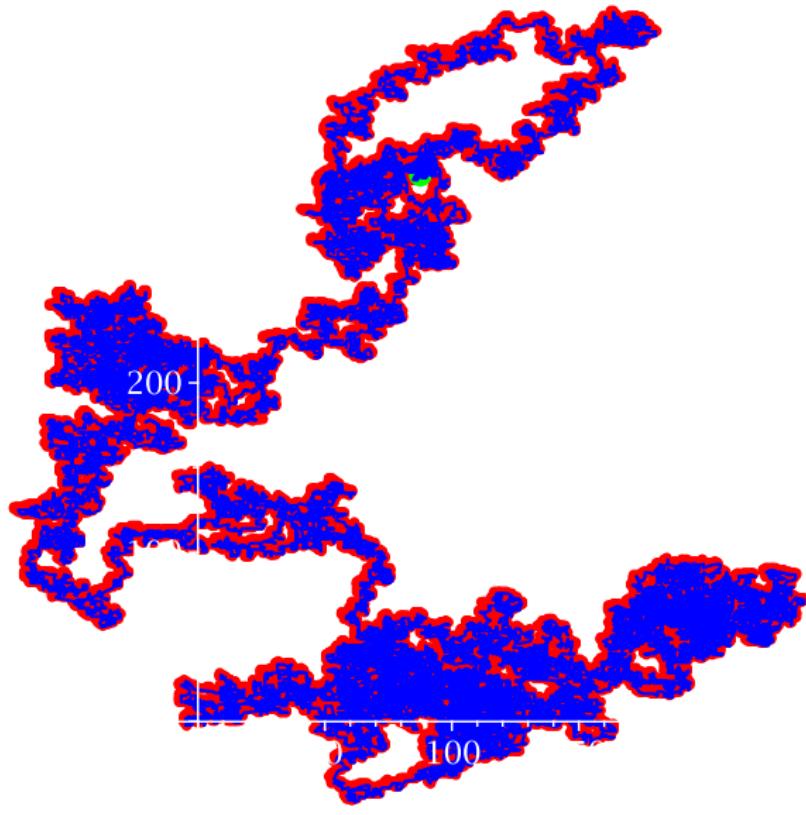
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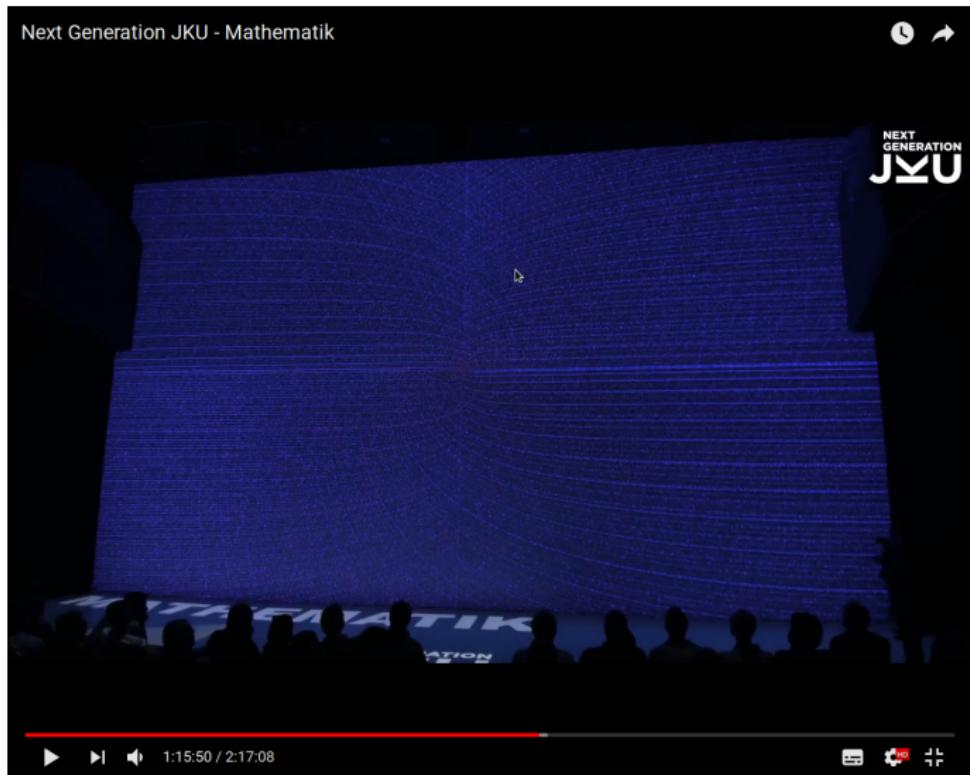
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Next Generation JKU - Mathematik

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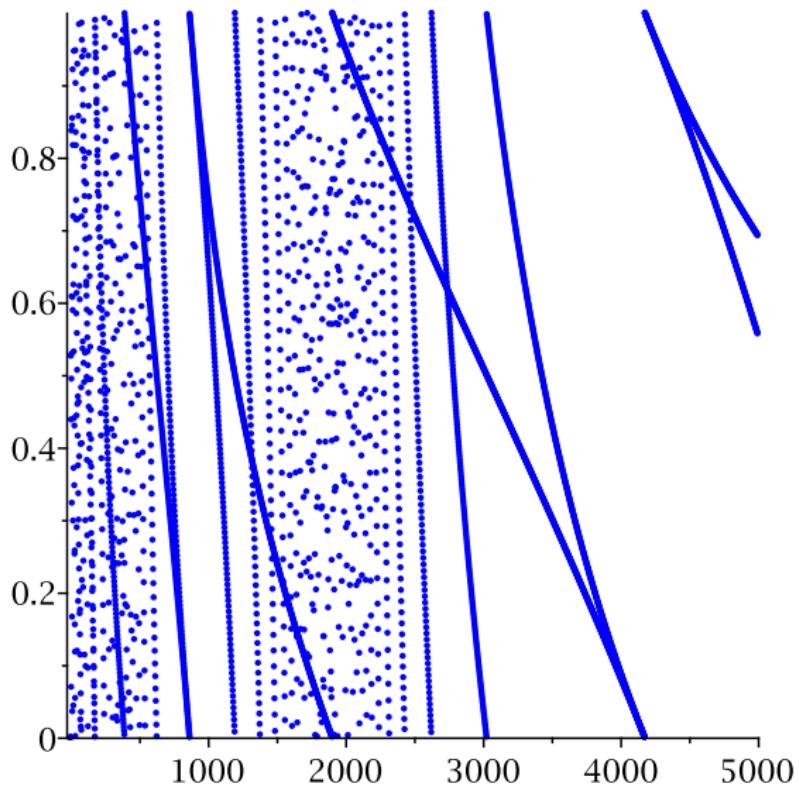
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Beweis:

- Nehmen wir einmal an, es gäbe nur endlich viele Primzahlen p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m .
- Betrachte nun folgende Zahl: $q = p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot \dots \cdot p_m + 1$.
- Die Zahl q ist durch keine der Primzahlen p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m teilbar.
- Sie muss also entweder eine neue Primzahl sein, oder aus Primzahlen zusammengesetzt sein, die nicht in der Liste waren. □

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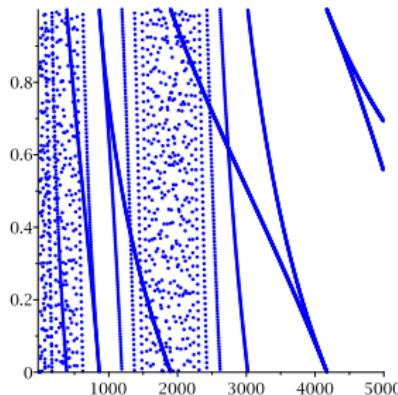
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Ramanujan's Congruences

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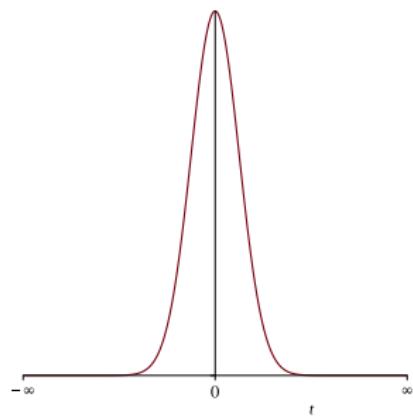
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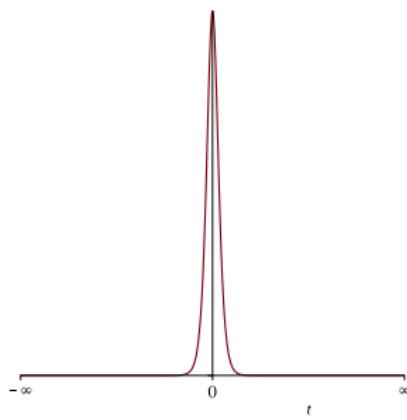
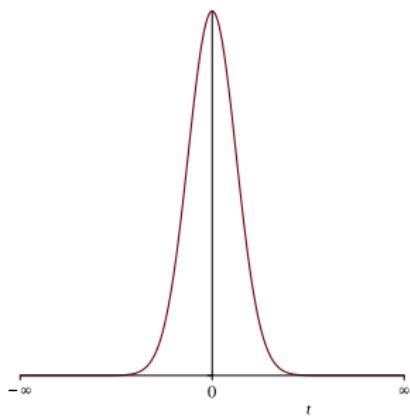
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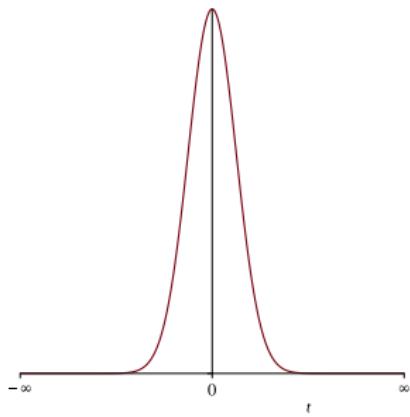
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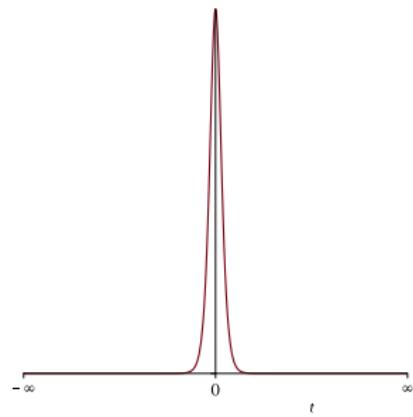
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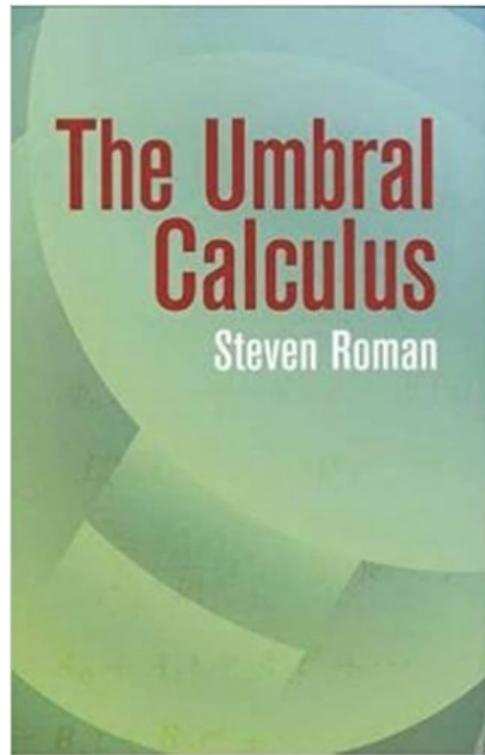
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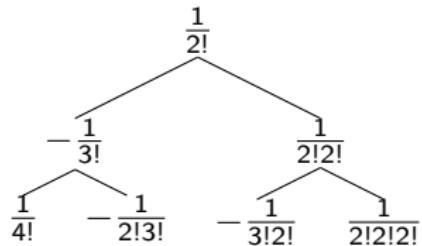
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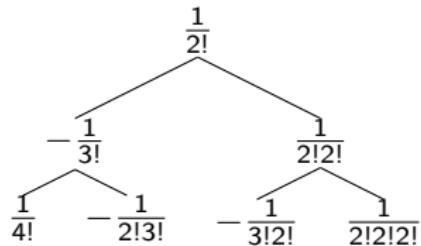
Umbral Calculus



Woon's Tree

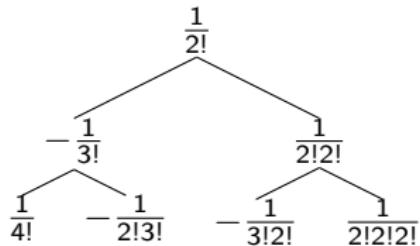


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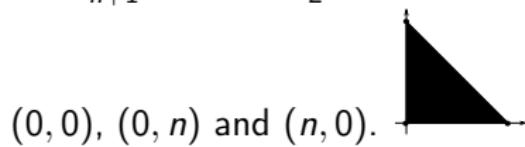
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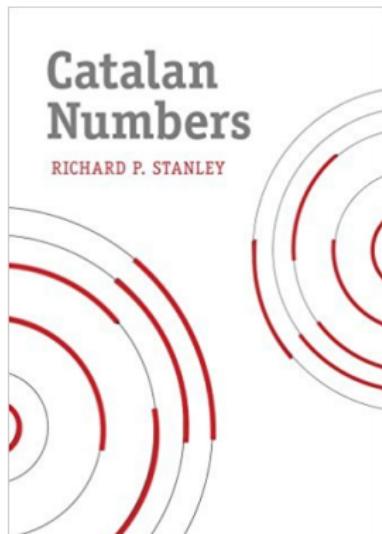
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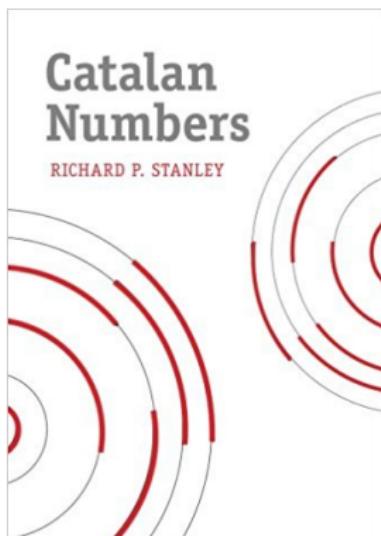


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Richard P. Stanley, *Catalan Numbers*, Cambridge University Press, New York, 2015, viii + 215 pp., ISBN 978-1-107-07209-2, \$74.99 (hardback), 978-1-107-42774-7, \$29.99 (paperback). 978-1106307204, \$24.00 (ebook).

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In the modern mathematical literature, Catalan numbers are wonderfully ubiquitous. Although they appear in a variety of disciplines, we are so used to having them around, it is perhaps hard to imagine a time when they were either unknown or known but obscure and underappreciated.

—Igor Pak

The most natural question in enumerative combinatorics is: *How many are there?* As Pak suggests, one of the most common answers is: *The Catalan numbers*. The sequence 1, 1, 2, 5, 14, ... is well-known as the Catalan numbers, and has been studied and communicated objects ranging from lattice paths to Young diagrams, suggesting a deep connection between seemingly different mathematical structures across the literature. Connections between such objects continue to pique the curiosity of modern researchers as new classes are added to the list of “Catalan objects” every year.

The history of discoveries associated with the Catalan numbers intersects the careers of mathematicians from several continents over hundreds of years. From Euler and Segner to Cayley and Riordan, from Cauchy to Riordan, combinatorialists and analysts have captured the imaginations of mathematicians interested in contributing to the body of knowledge surrounding this fascinating sequence [3, 4, 9].

In the book under review, author Richard Stanley, a veritable master of the many ramifications of the numbers, all about the Catalan numbers, provides a comprehensive treatment of the mathematics of Catalan numbers, their properties, and their connections with modern combinatorics in the literature. The book introduces the essential mathematics of the Catalan numbers, and then moves on to more advanced topics. Each topic is introduced with a class of objects accompanied by a graphical representation of the objects in question, allowing the reader to see the definition in action. The list of examples, described as *bijective exercises*, is followed by an intriguing collection of combinatorial proofs connecting the objects to other objects to a previous entry, included in the list are extensive references for experts.

Stanley also contexts Catalan numbers to related sequences, including Motzkin numbers, Schröder numbers, q -Catalan numbers, and Narayana numbers. Related sequences are presented in the section *Additional problems*, a smorgasbord of combinatorial objects related to the study of the Catalan numbers. The appendices contain historical and detailed glossary information that are enlightening even to the specialist.

This review discusses each of the major sections of the book in order:

Understanding the basics

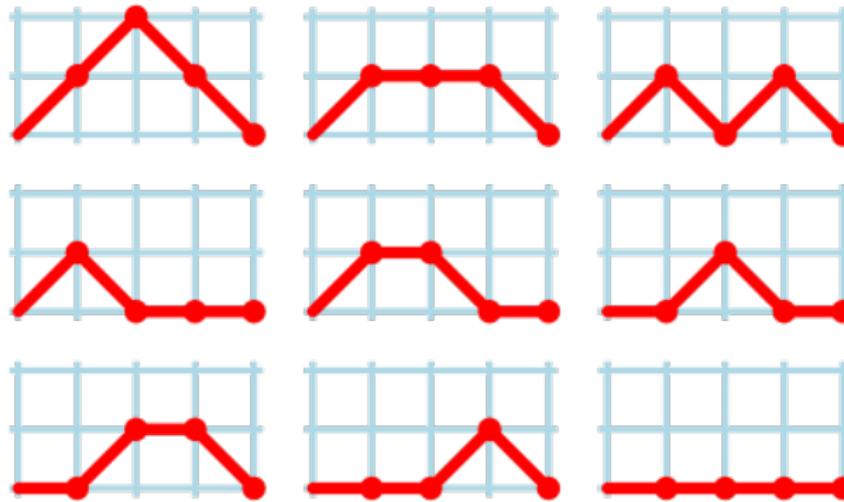
Stanley, in a style reminiscent of his widely referenced text, *Enumerative Combinatorics*, Vol. I, takes the reader through the essentials required to understand the mathe-

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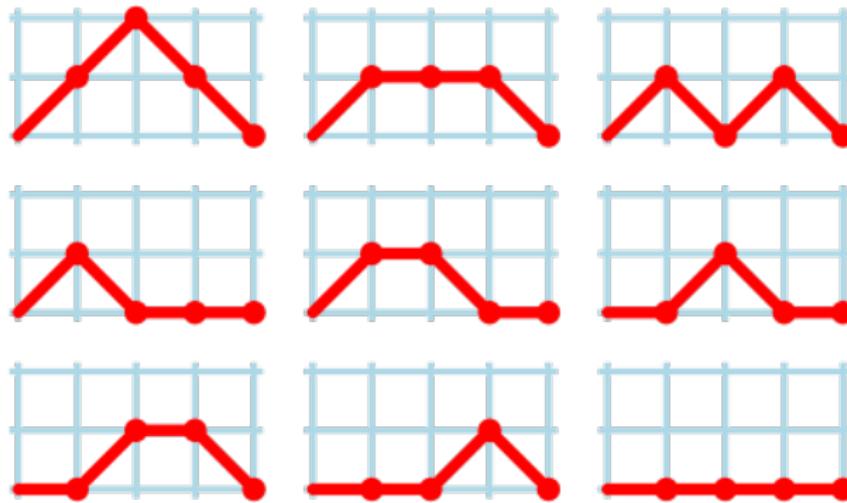
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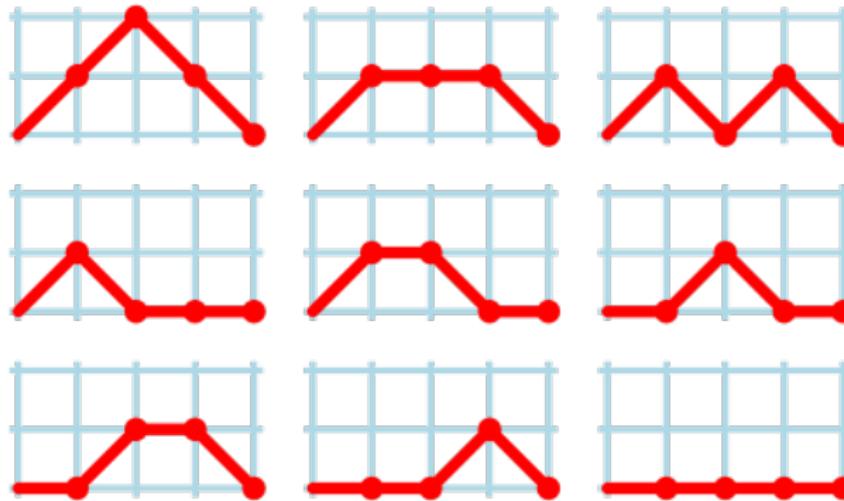


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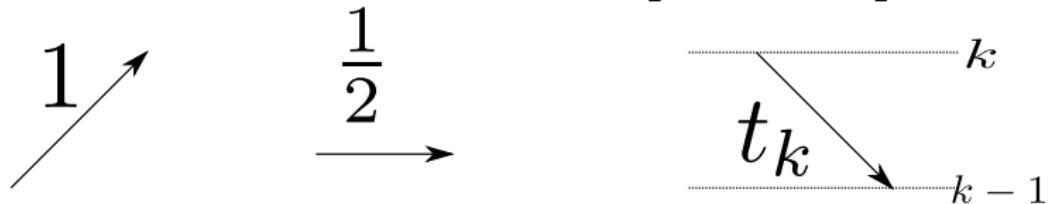
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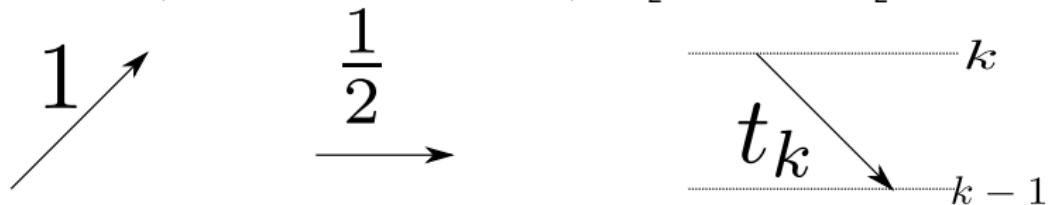


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