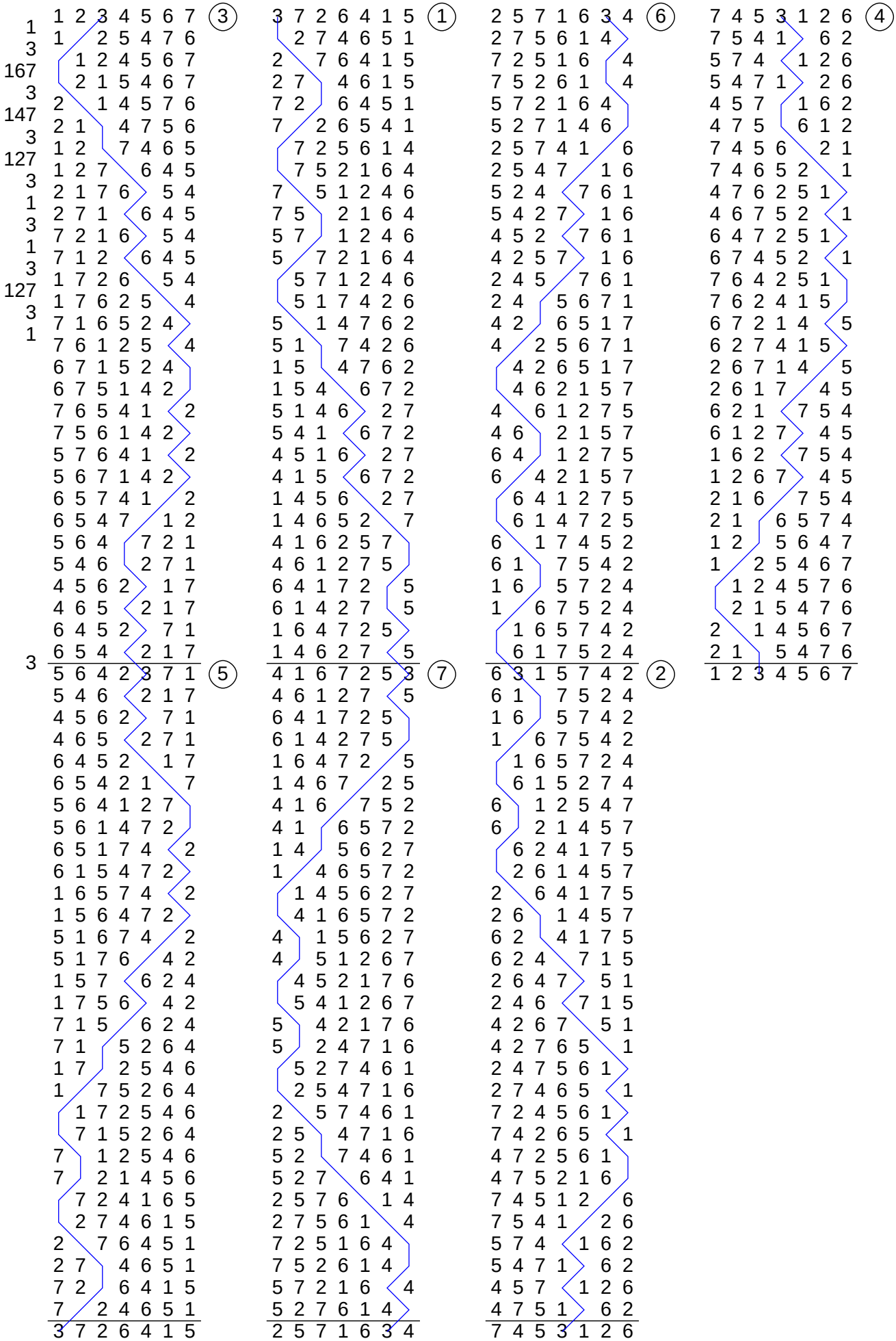Method 170a