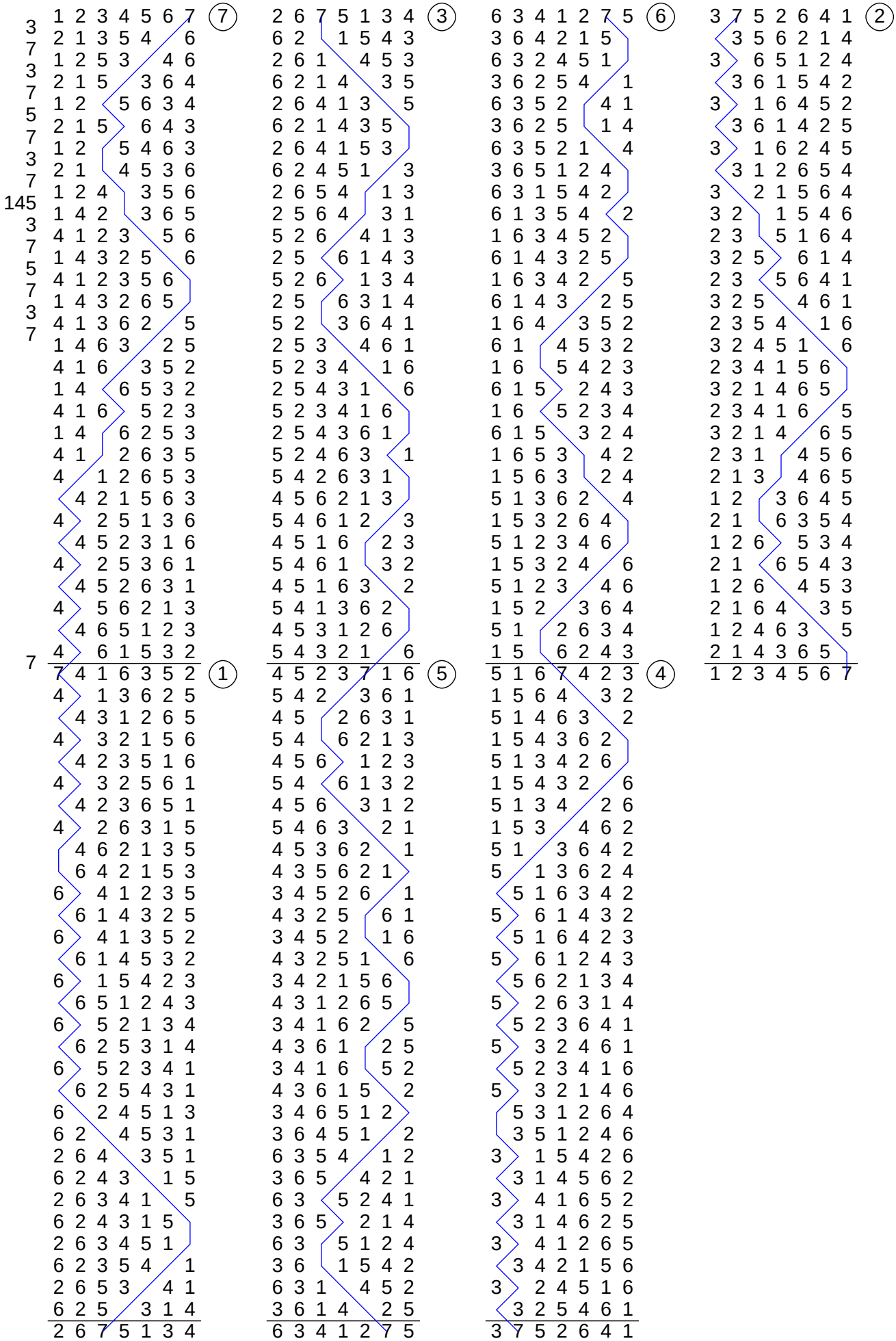Method 38a