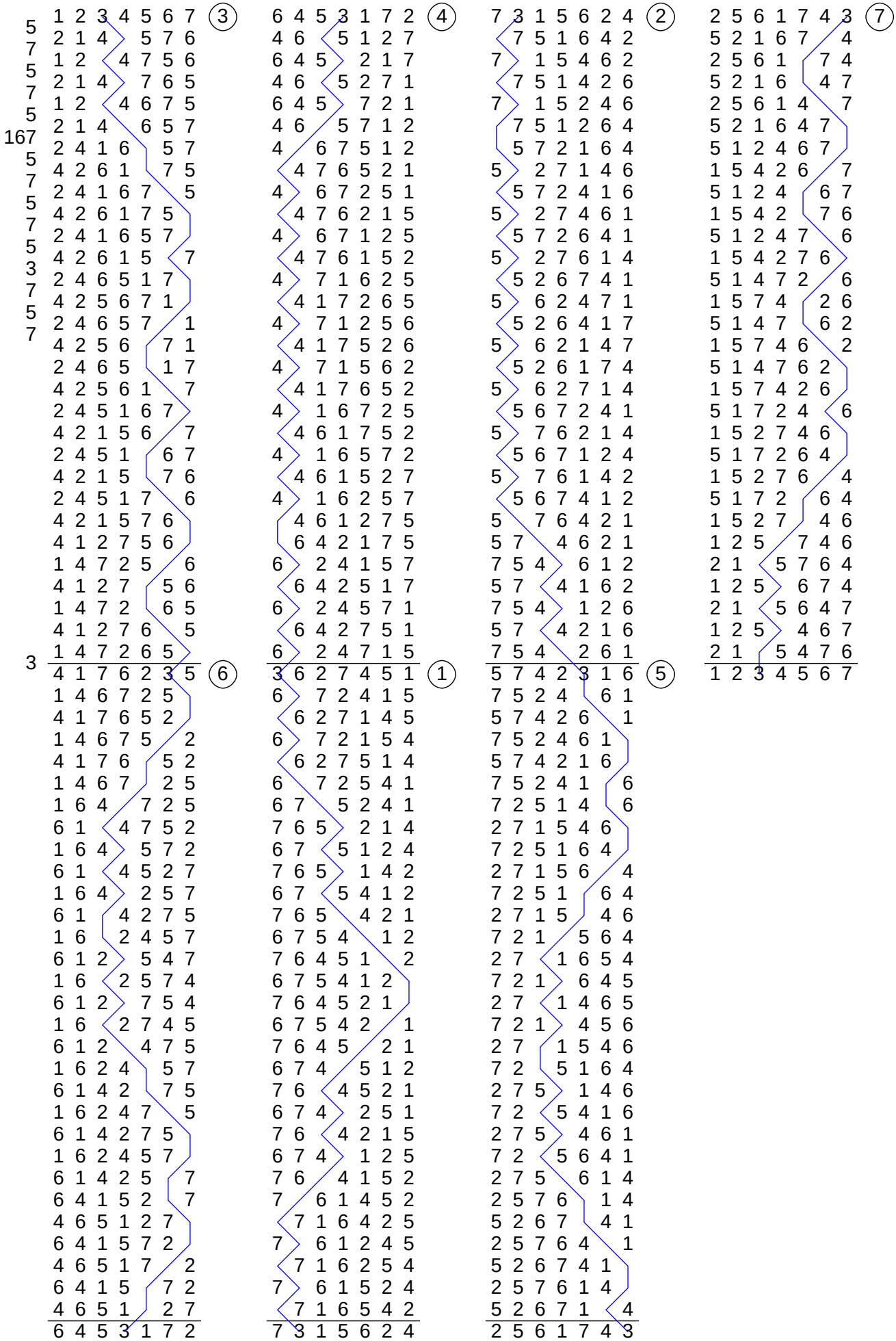Method 221a