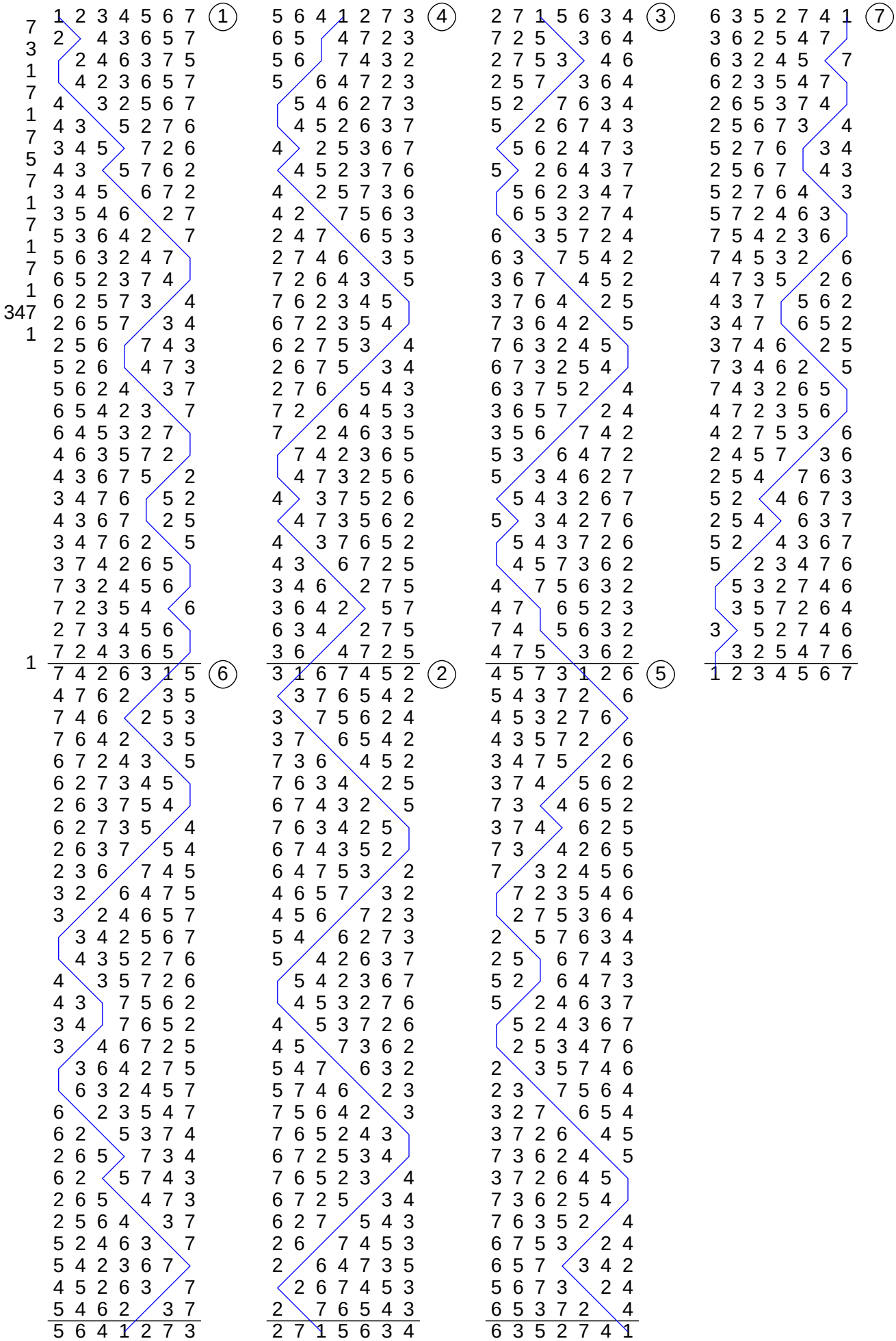Method 26a