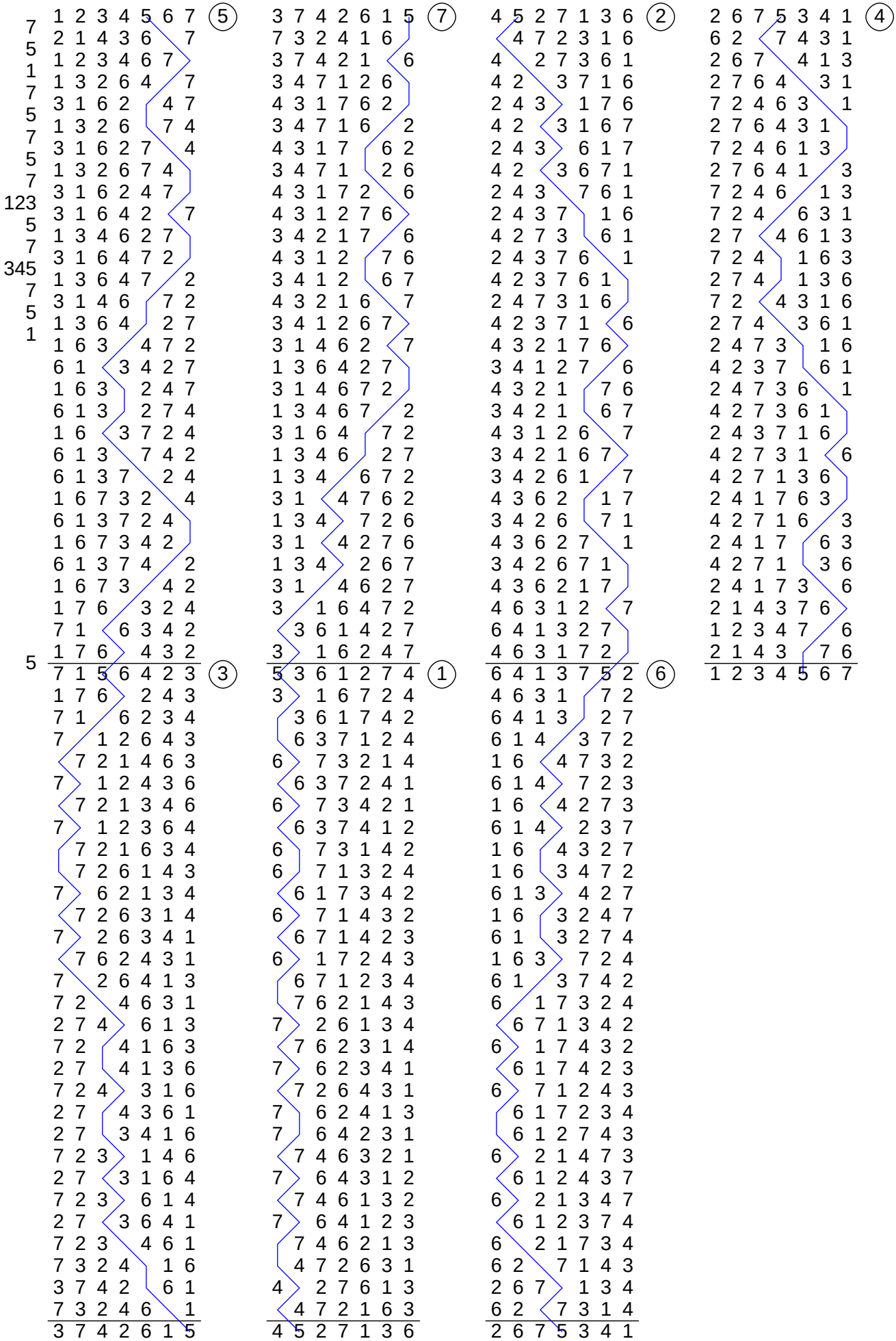Method 54a