

recreational complement

Stralher number of trees  
in various sciences

$$St_n = \frac{1}{C_n} \sum_{n \geq 1} k S_{n,k}$$

average Strahler number  
over binary trees n vertices

$$St_n = \log_4 n + f(\log_4 n) + o(1)$$

Flajolet, Raoult, Vuillemin (1979) periodic



P.Flajolet

# analytic combinatorics

Cambridge University Press

(with R. Sedgewick )

minimum

number

of

registers

needed

to

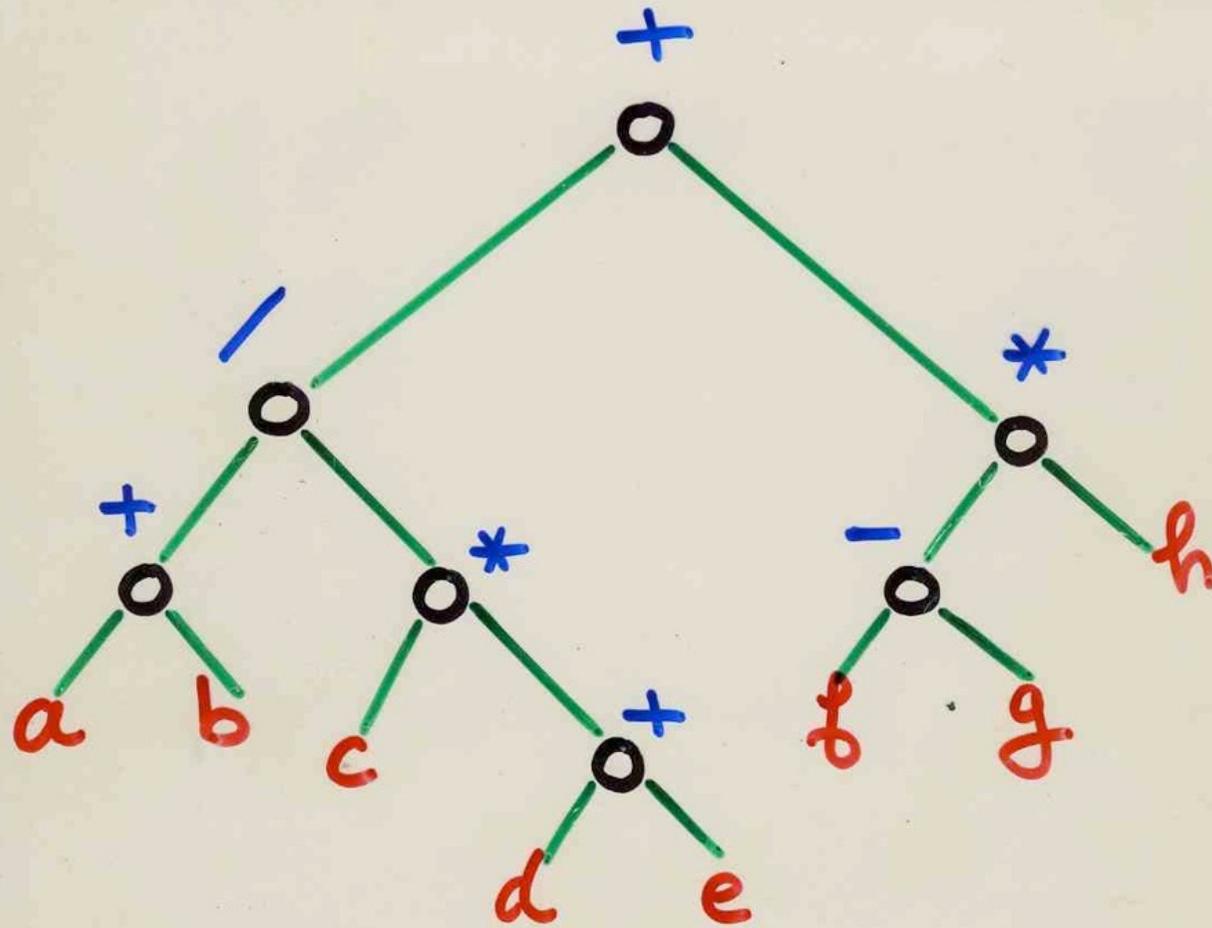
compute

an

arithmetical

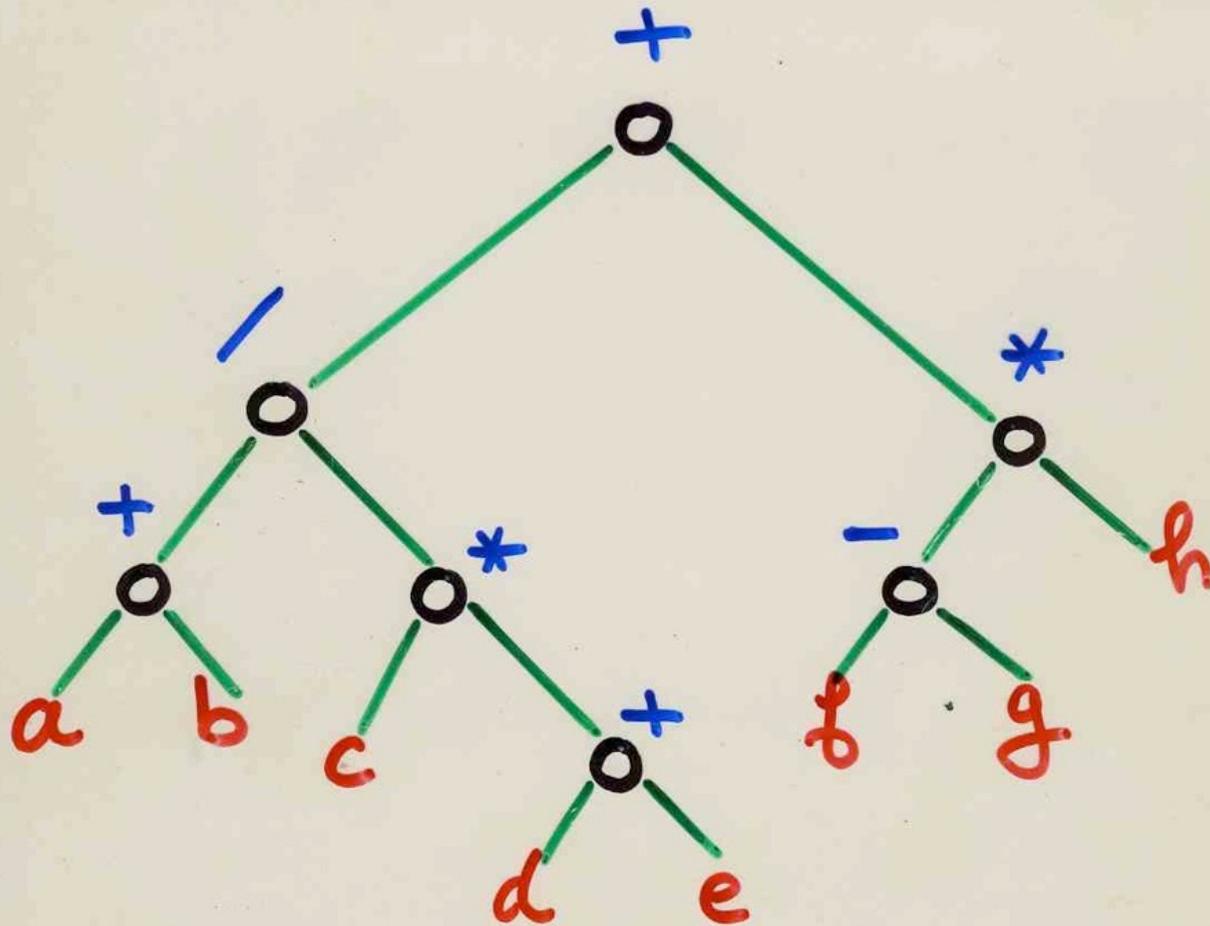
expression

$$\frac{(a+b)}{c(d+e)} + (f-g)h$$

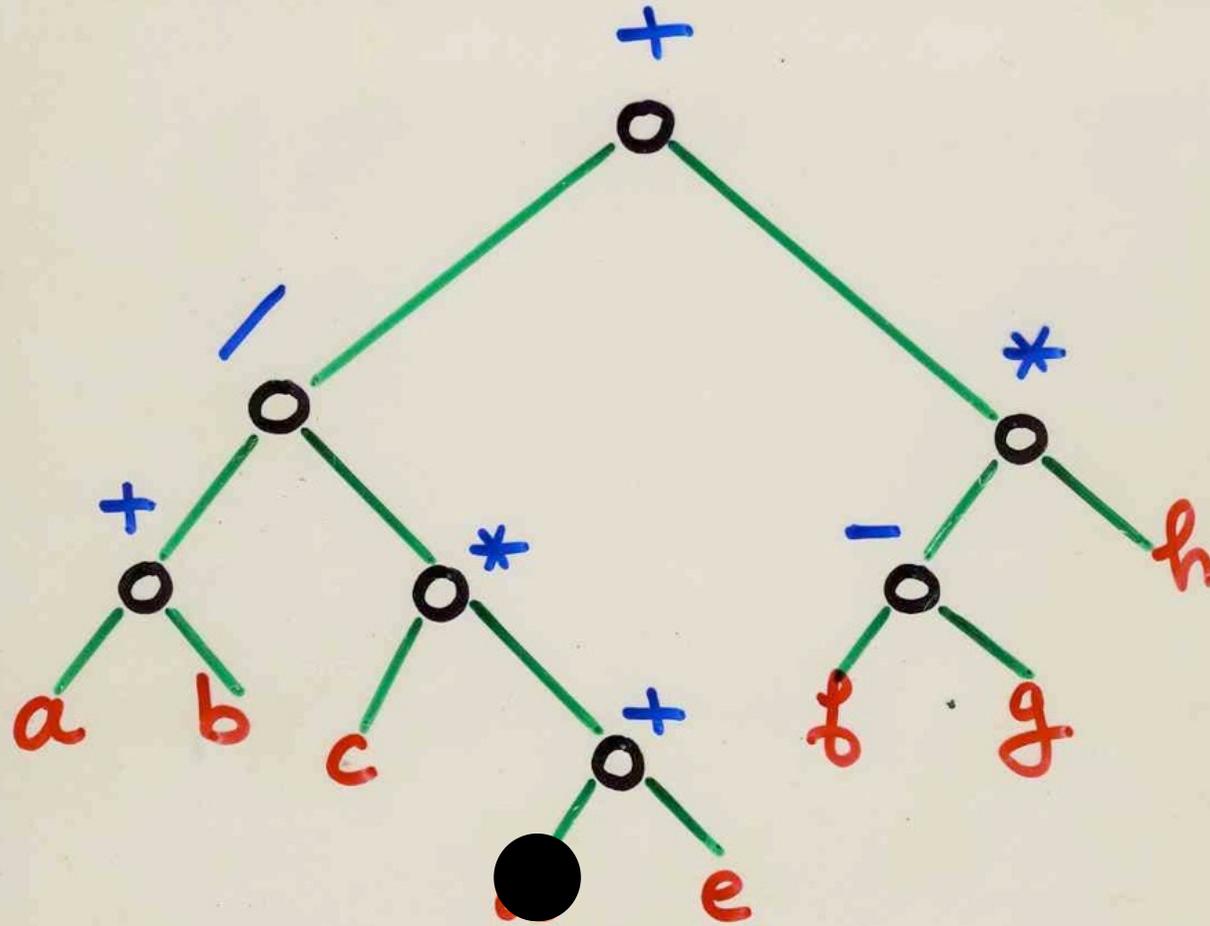


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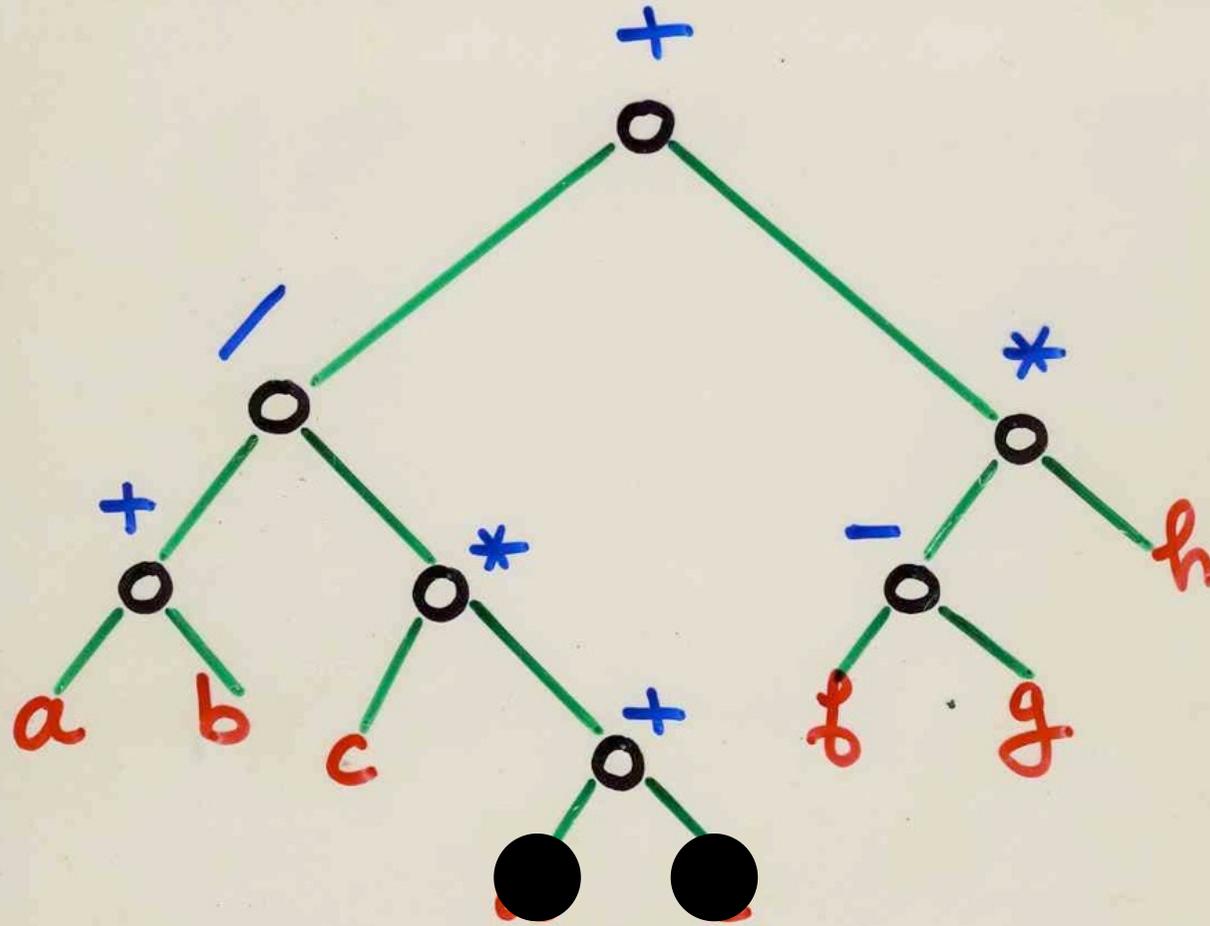




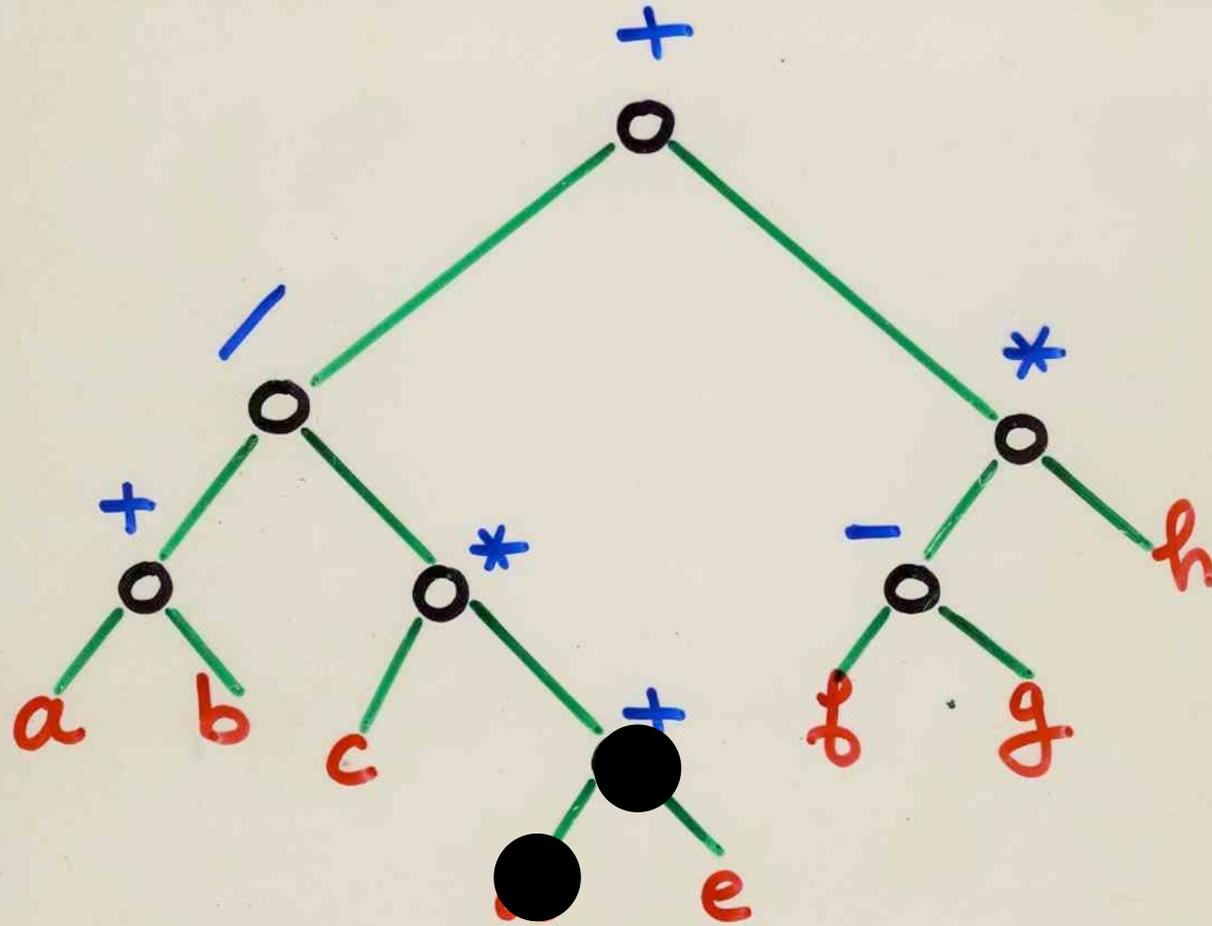
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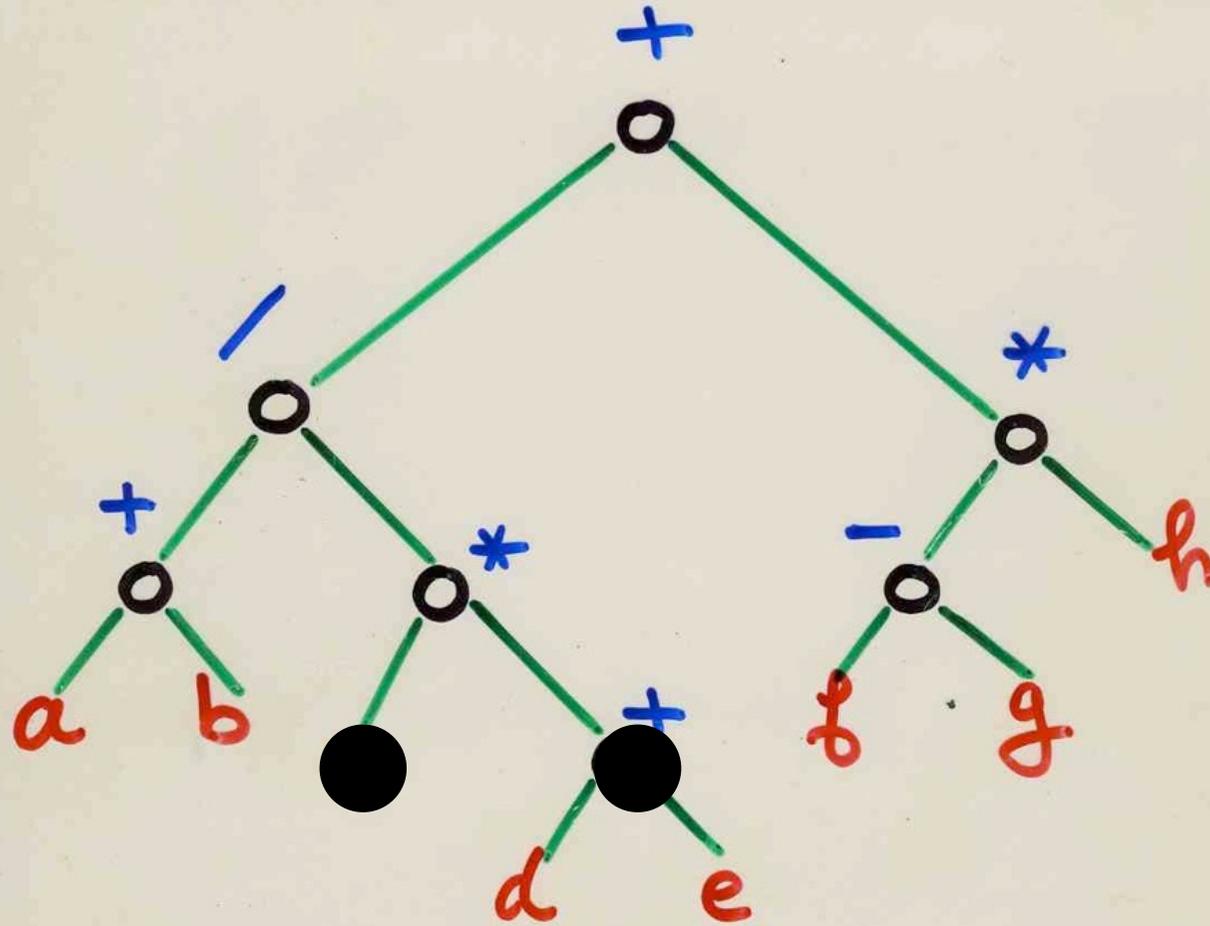
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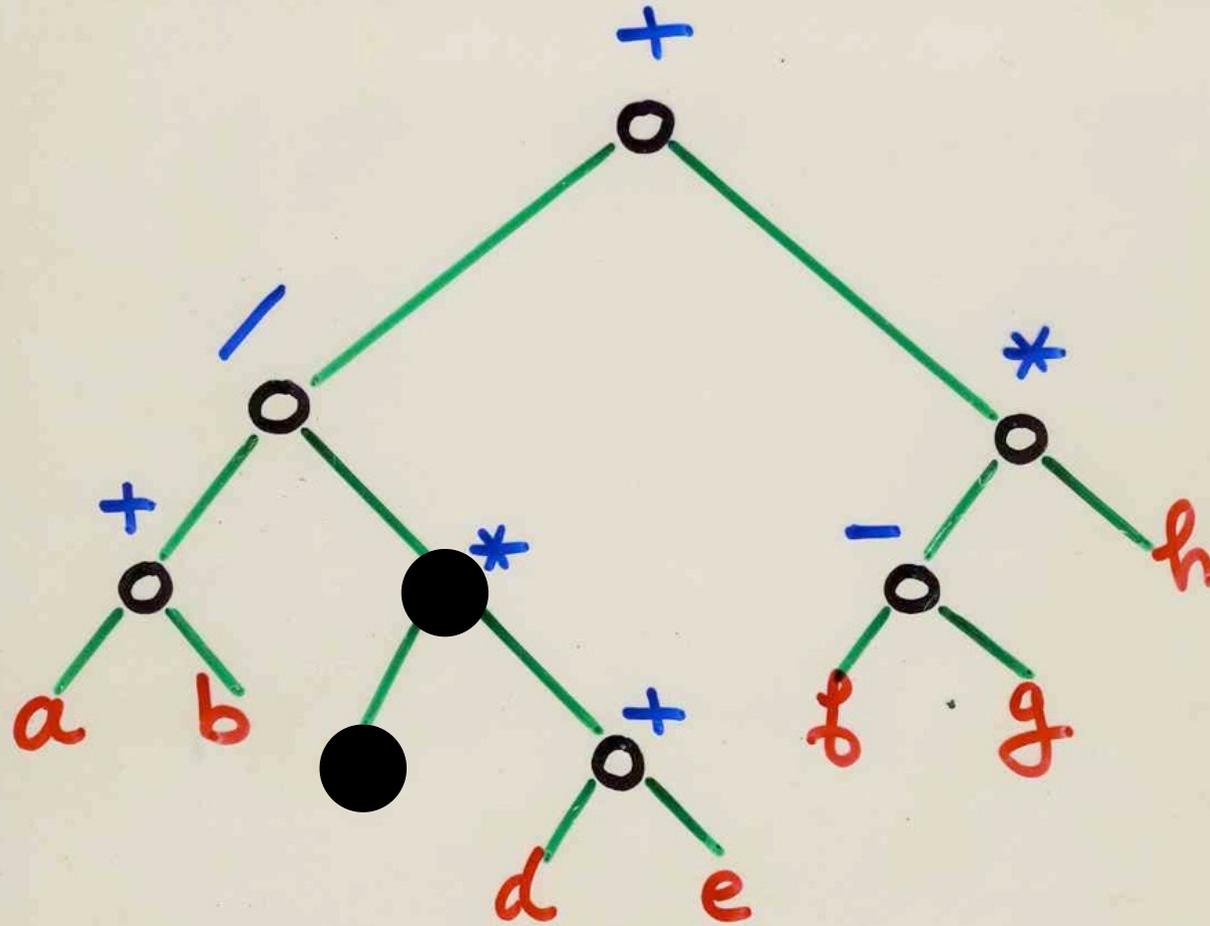
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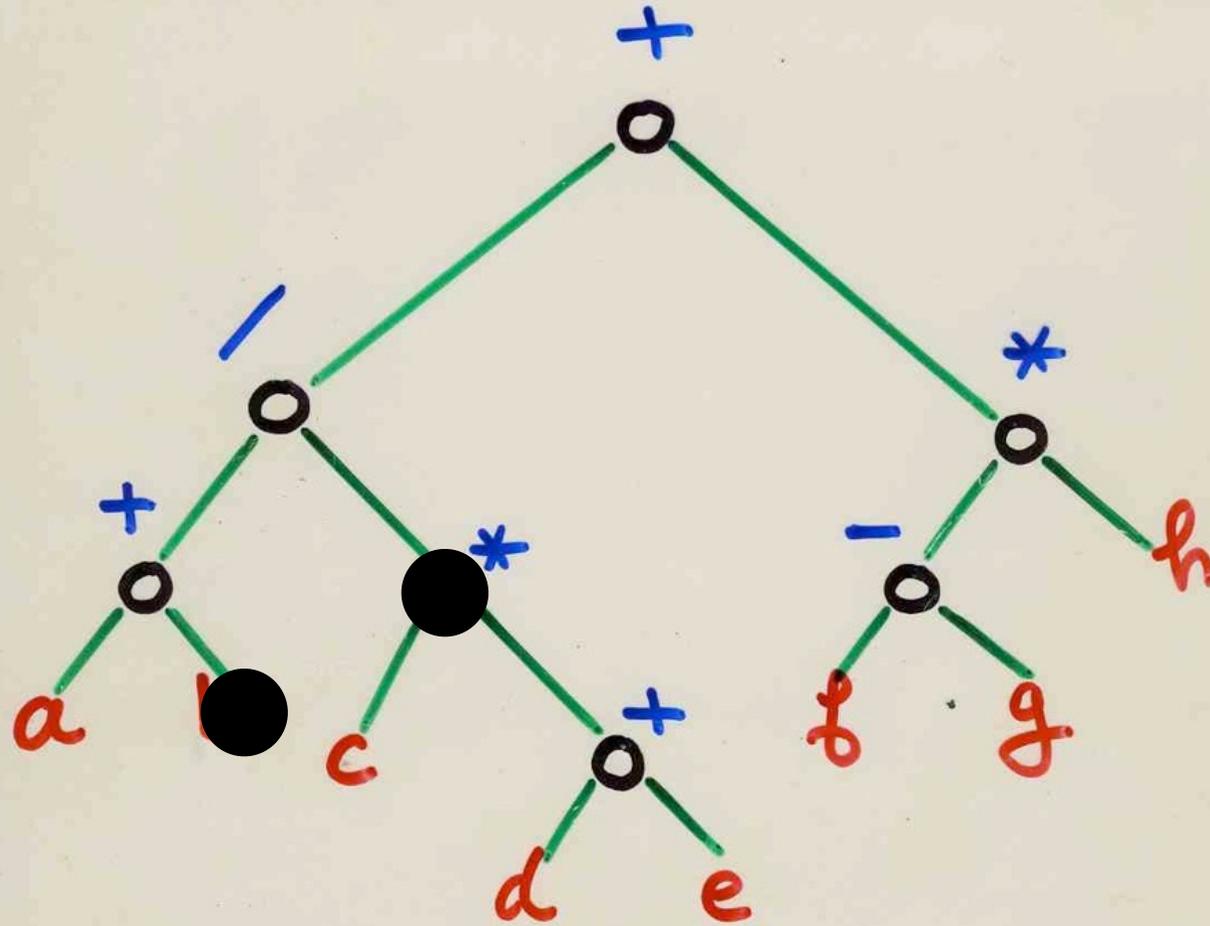
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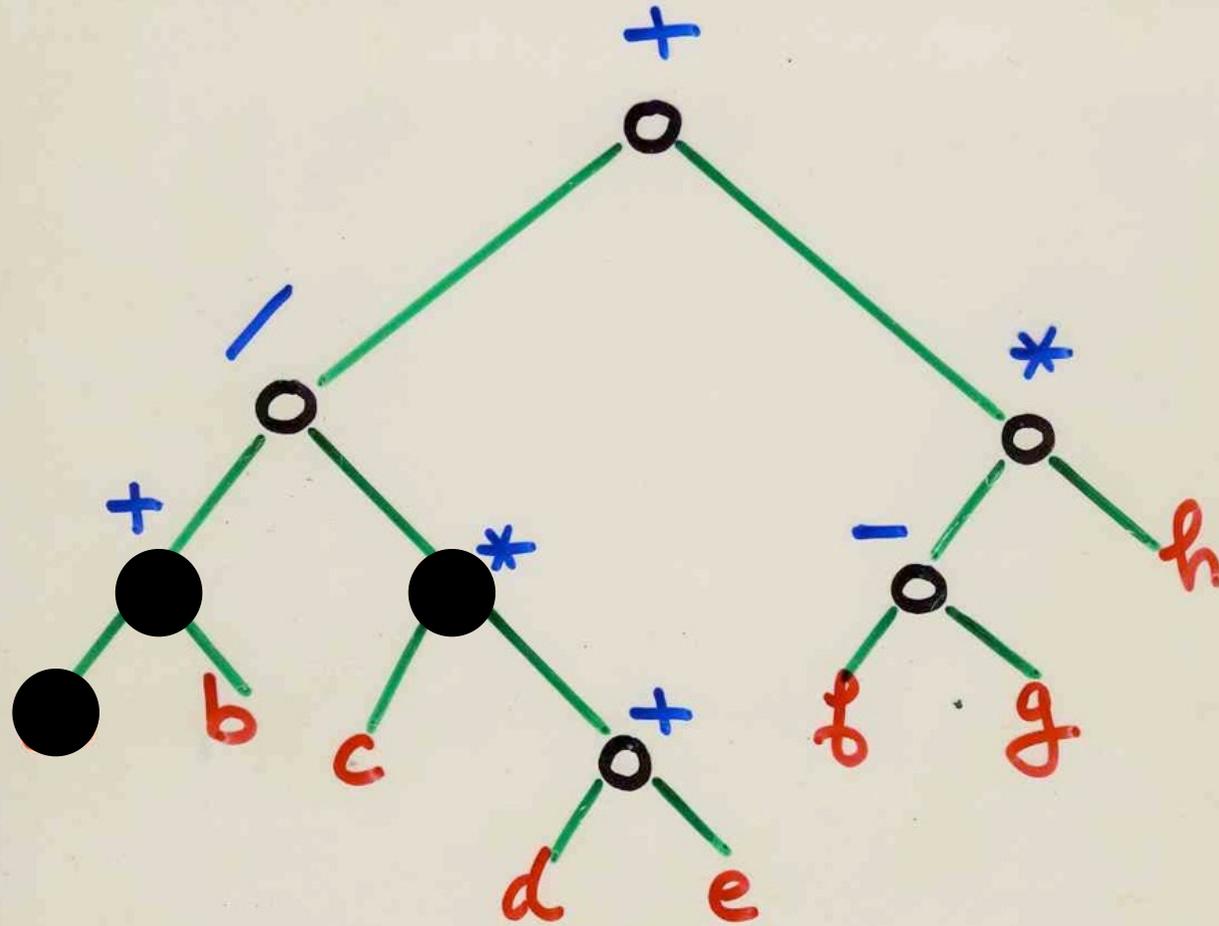


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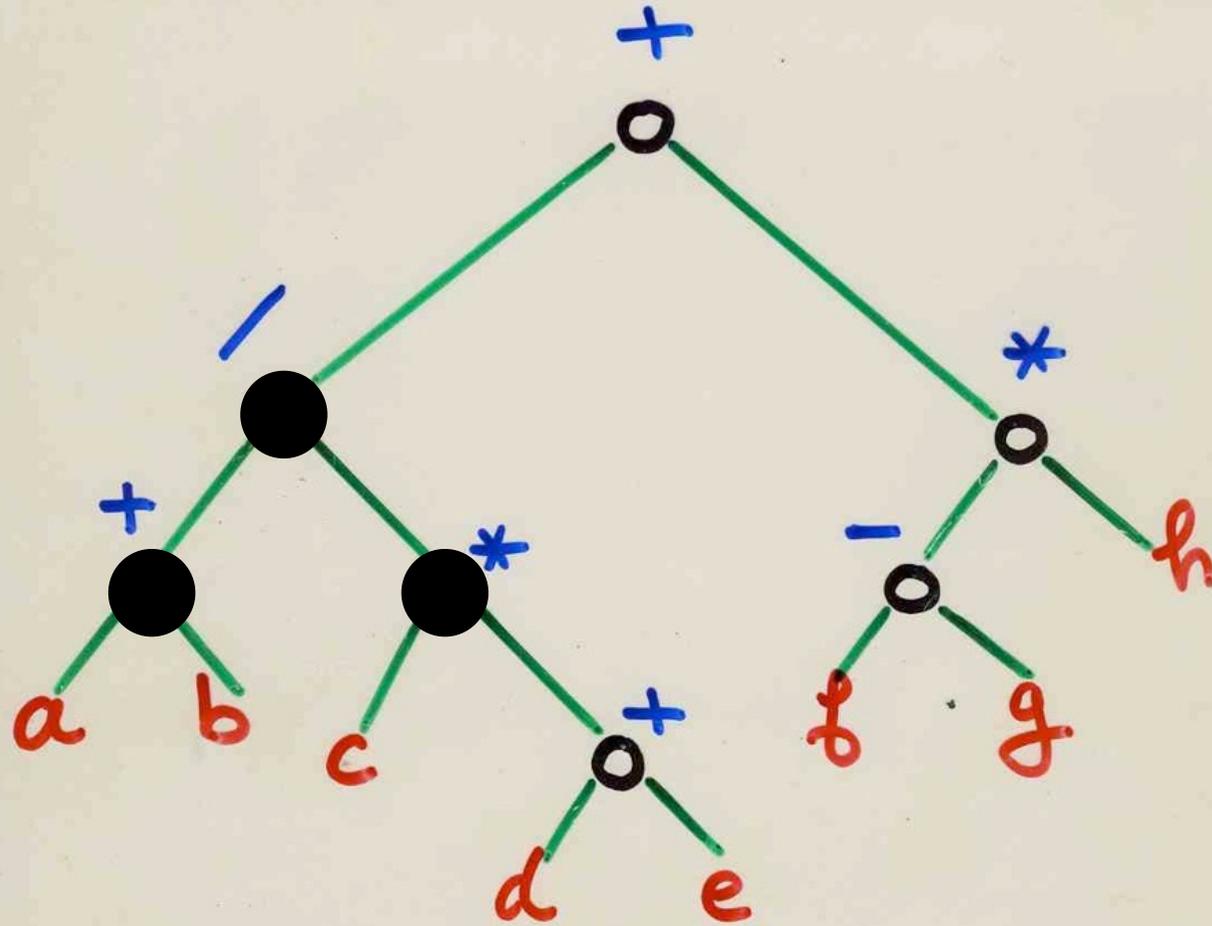


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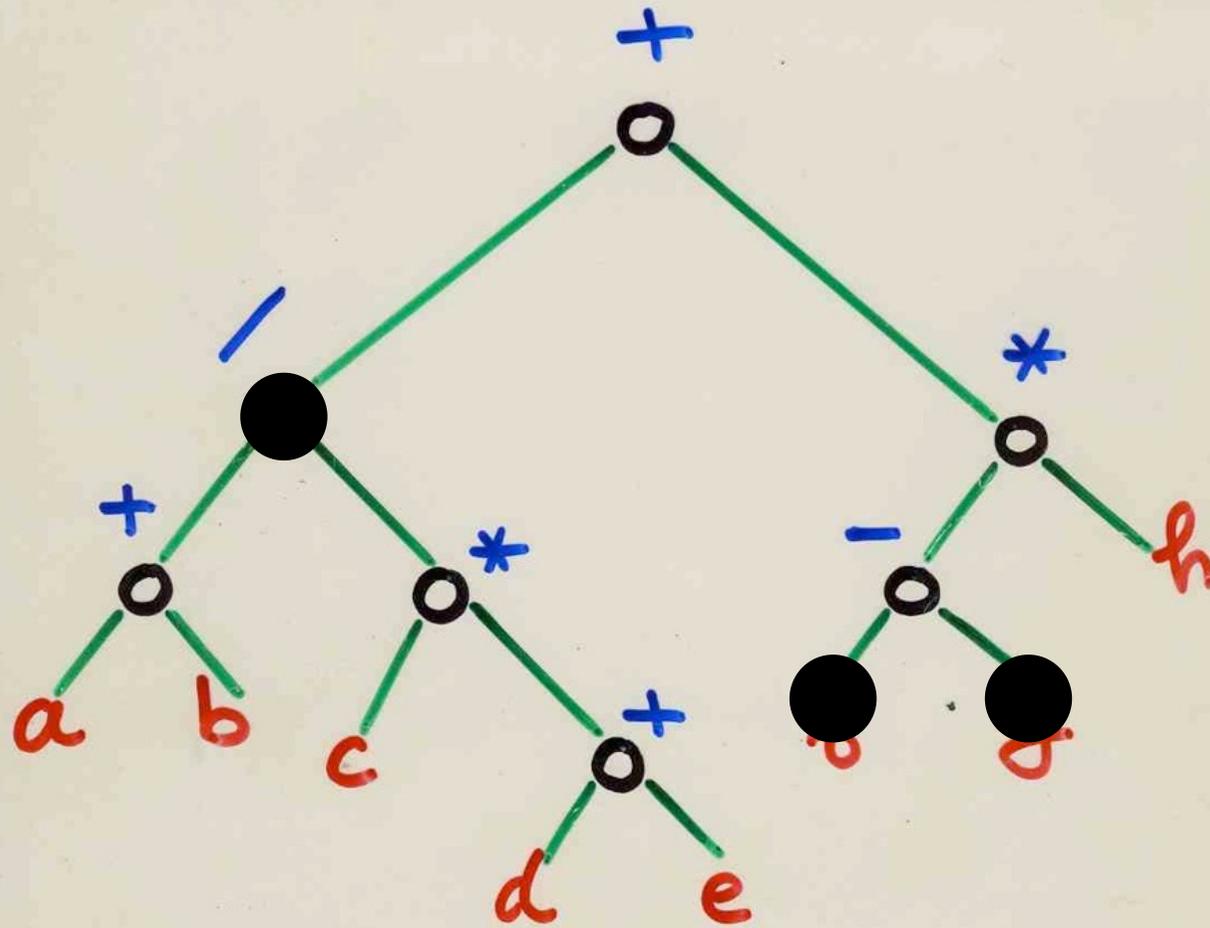




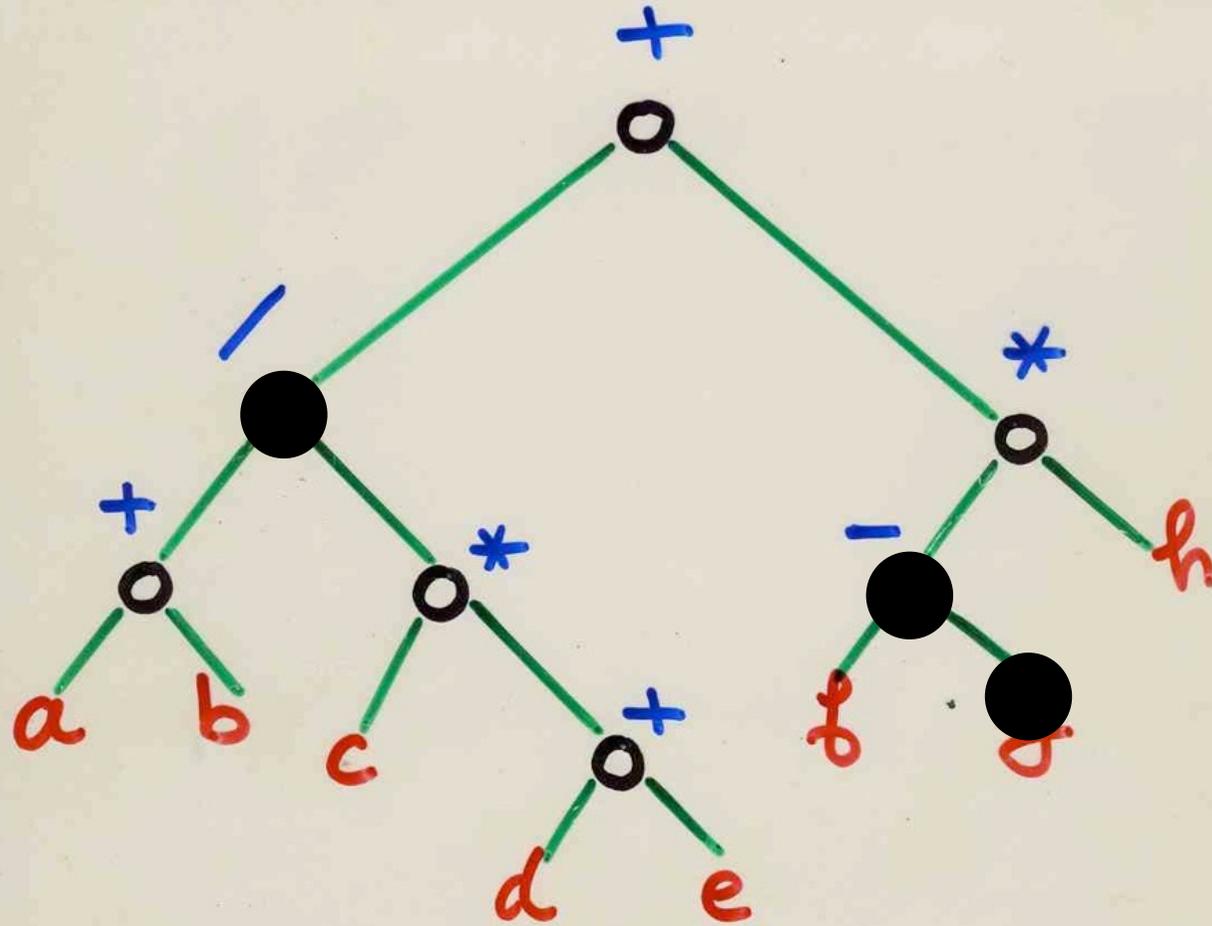
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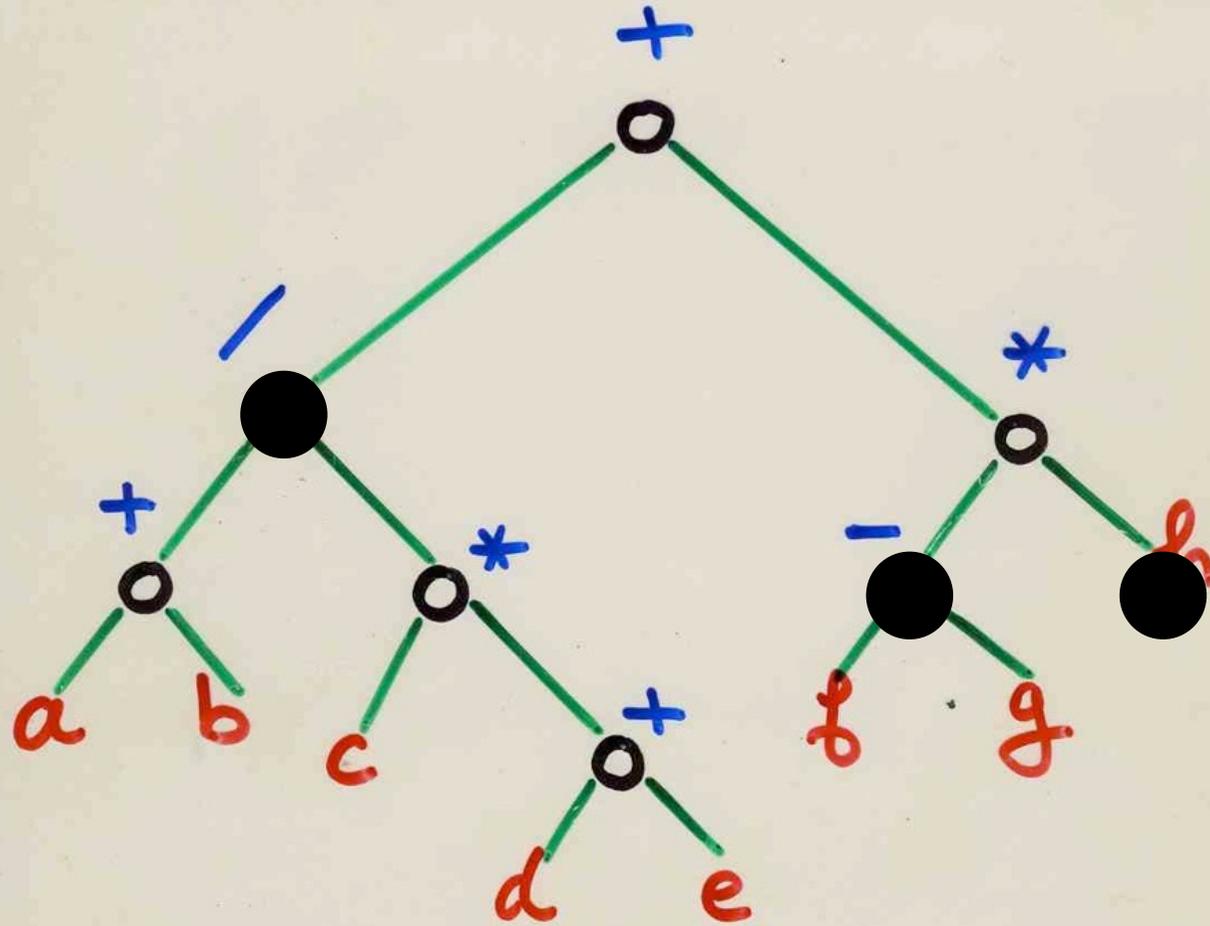
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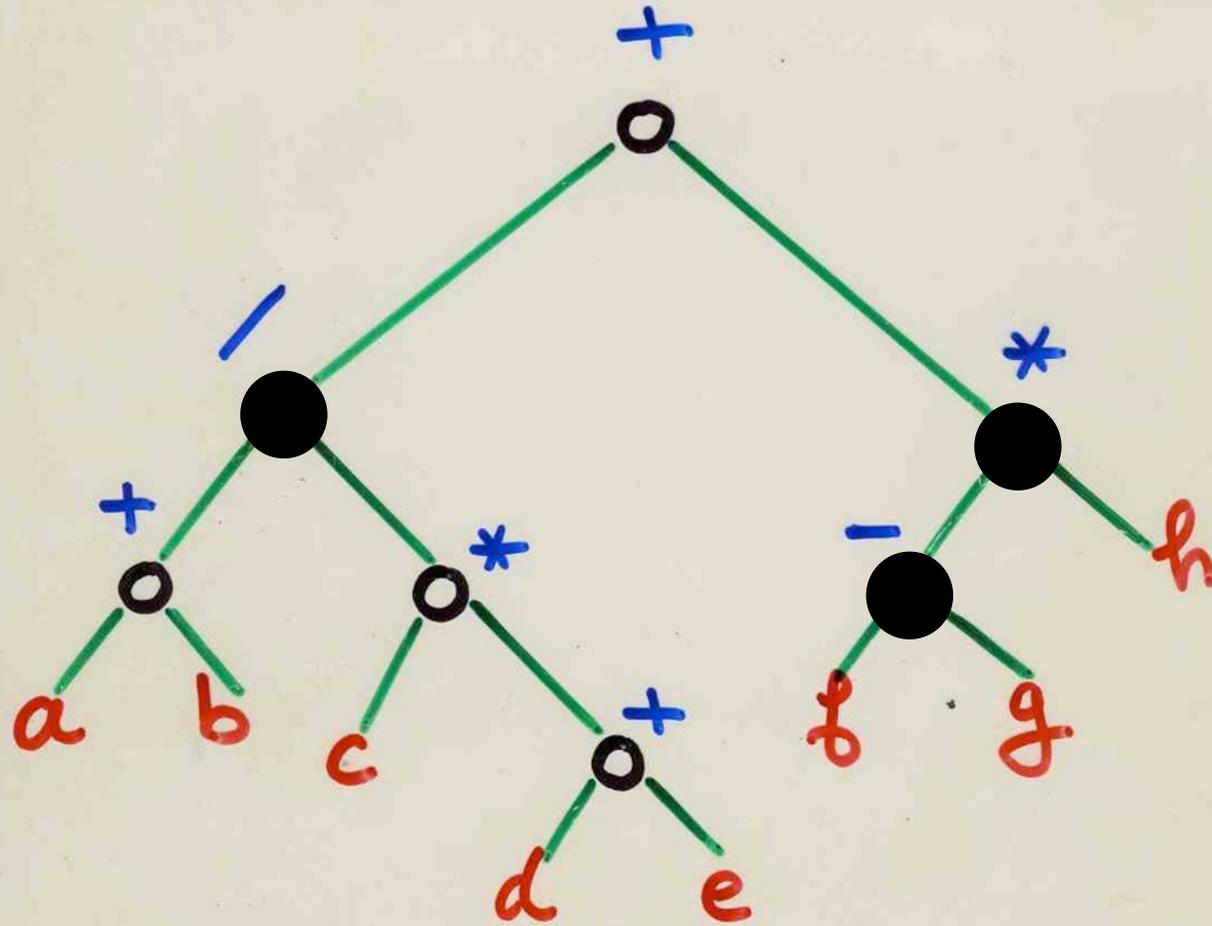
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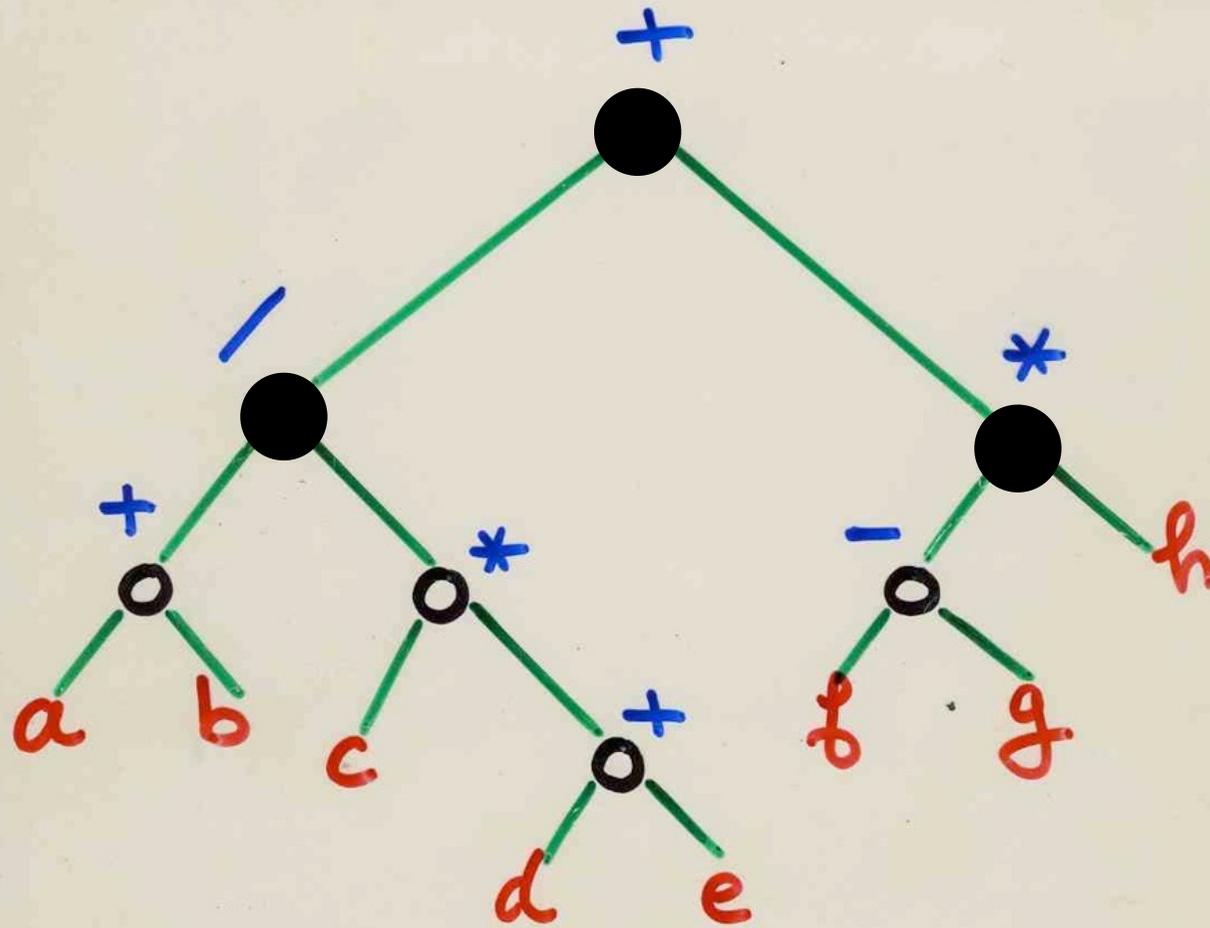
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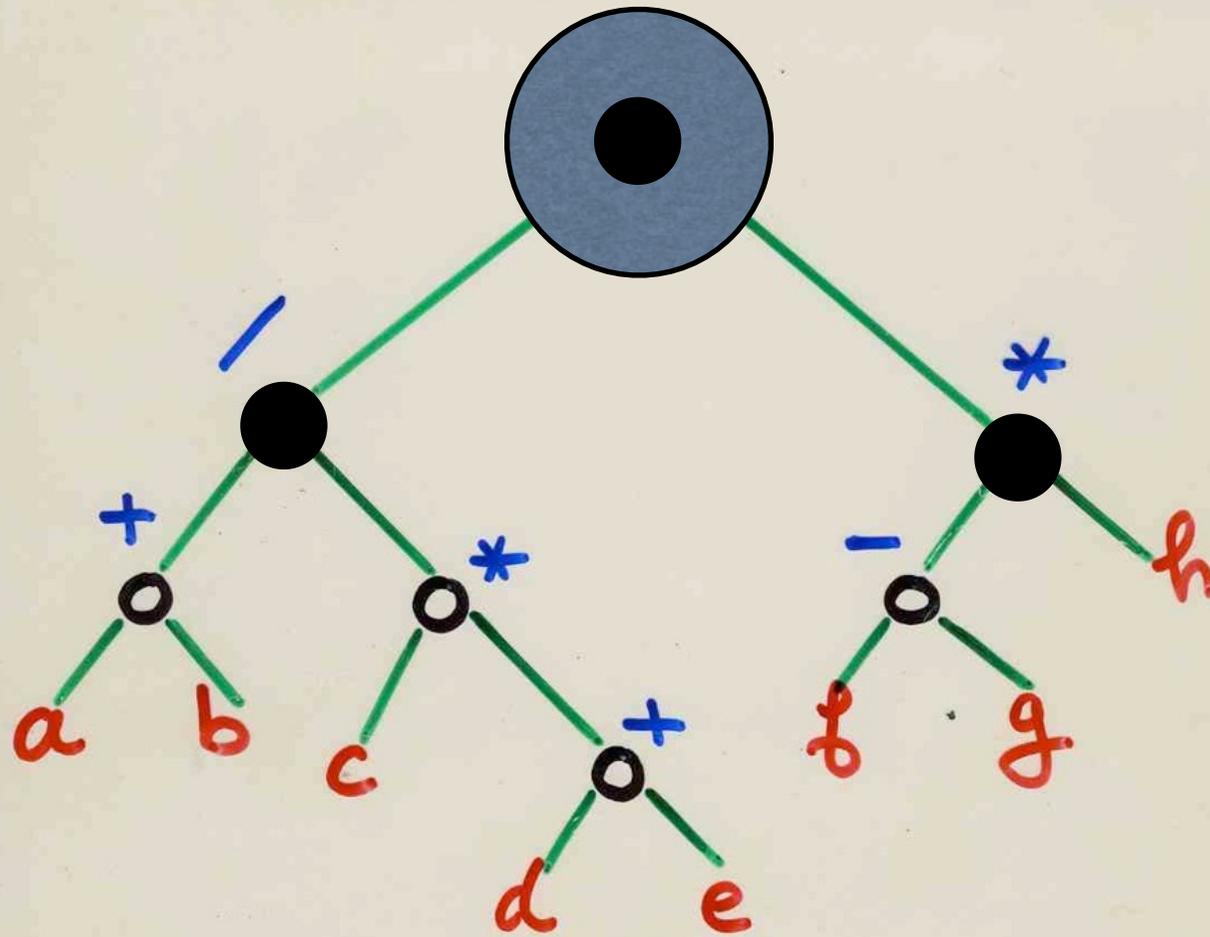
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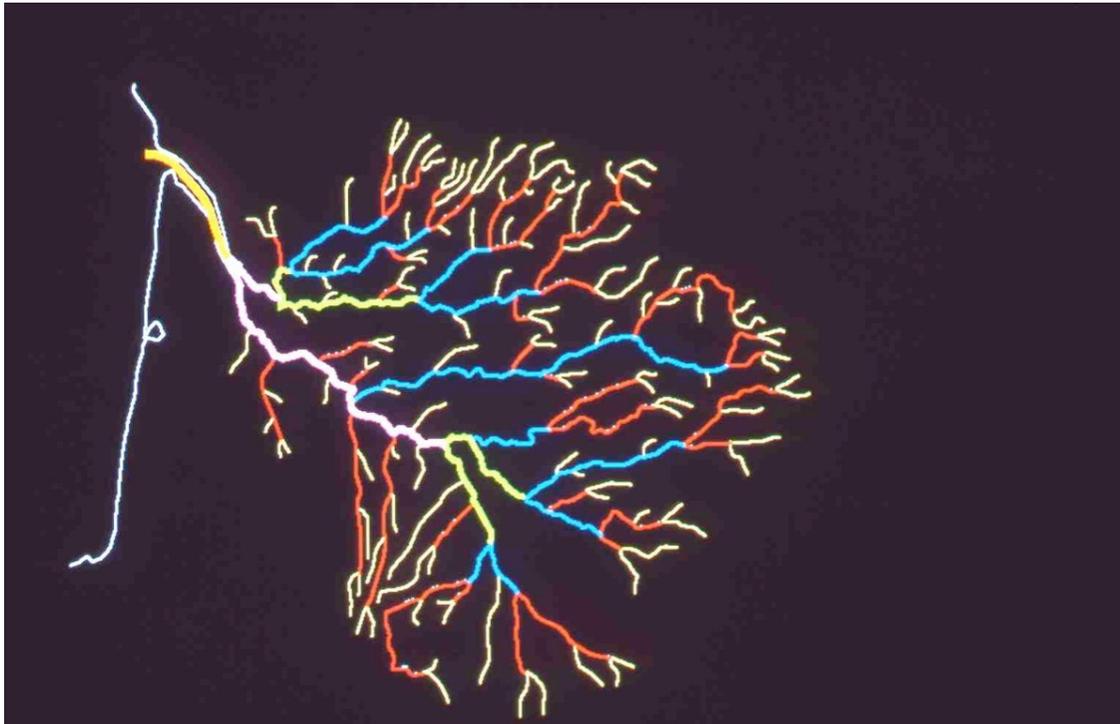
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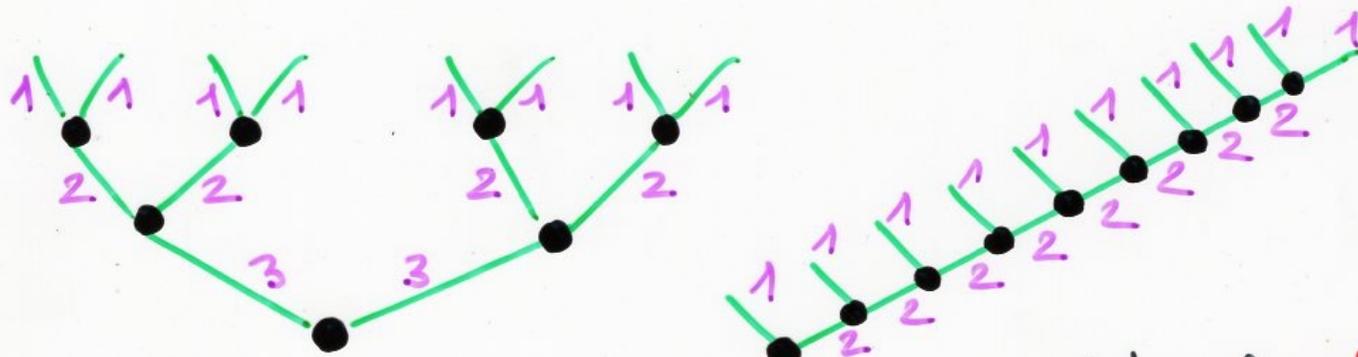
# Hydrogeology

$$\beta_k^{\text{bifurcation ratio}} = \frac{\text{nb of rivers of order } k}{\text{nb of rivers of order } k+1}$$



for rivers  
network

$3 < < 5$   
in general



$$\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 2$$

$$\beta_1 = (\text{nb of external vertices})$$

for a random binary tree  $n \rightarrow \infty$  all ratio  $\beta_k \rightarrow 4$

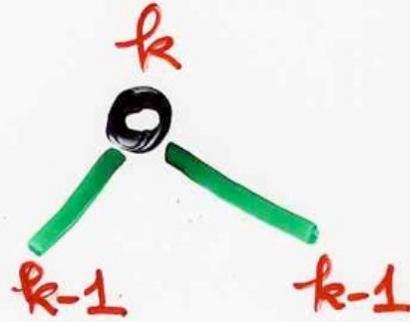
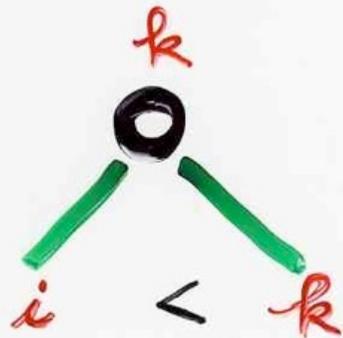
for rivers network  $3 < \beta < 5$  in general

average Strahler number over binary trees  $n$  vertices

$$St_n = \log_4 n + f(\log_4 n) + o(1)$$

Flajolet, Raoult, Vuillemin (1979) periodic

# Ramification matrix



$$P_{k,i} = \frac{b_{k,i}}{a_k}$$

$$P_{k,k} = \frac{b_{k-1,k-1}}{a_k}$$

$a_k$  = nb of vertices of order  $k$

$b_{k,i}$  = nb of vertices with "biorder"  $(k,i)$

very big  
random  
binary tree  $n \rightarrow \infty$   
(Penaud) ramification  
matrix  $\rightarrow$

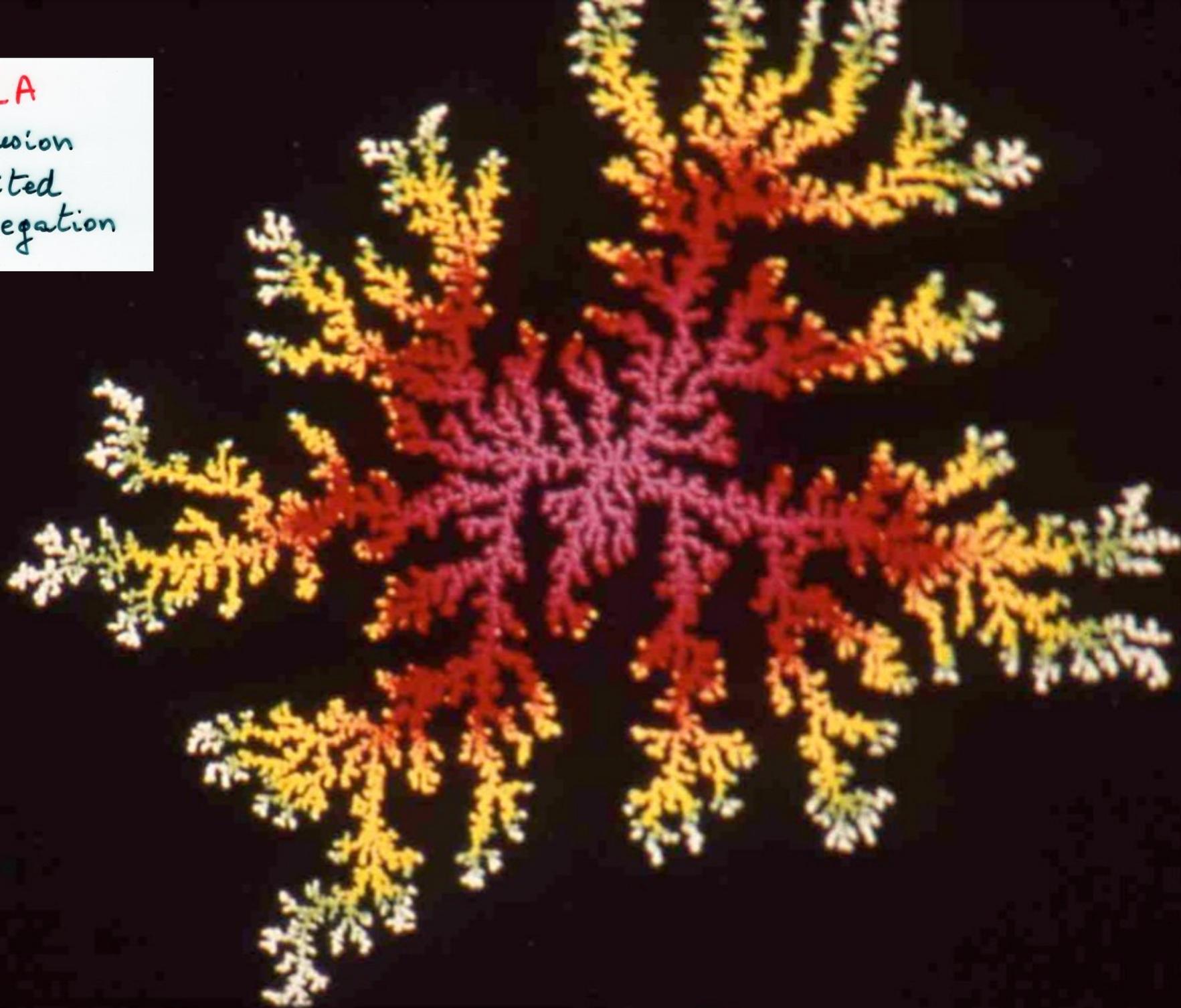
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & & & \\ 1/2 & 1/4 & 1/4 & & \\ 1/2 & 1/4 & 1/8 & 1/8 & \\ 1/2 & 1/4 & 1/8 & 1/16 & 1/16 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

DLA

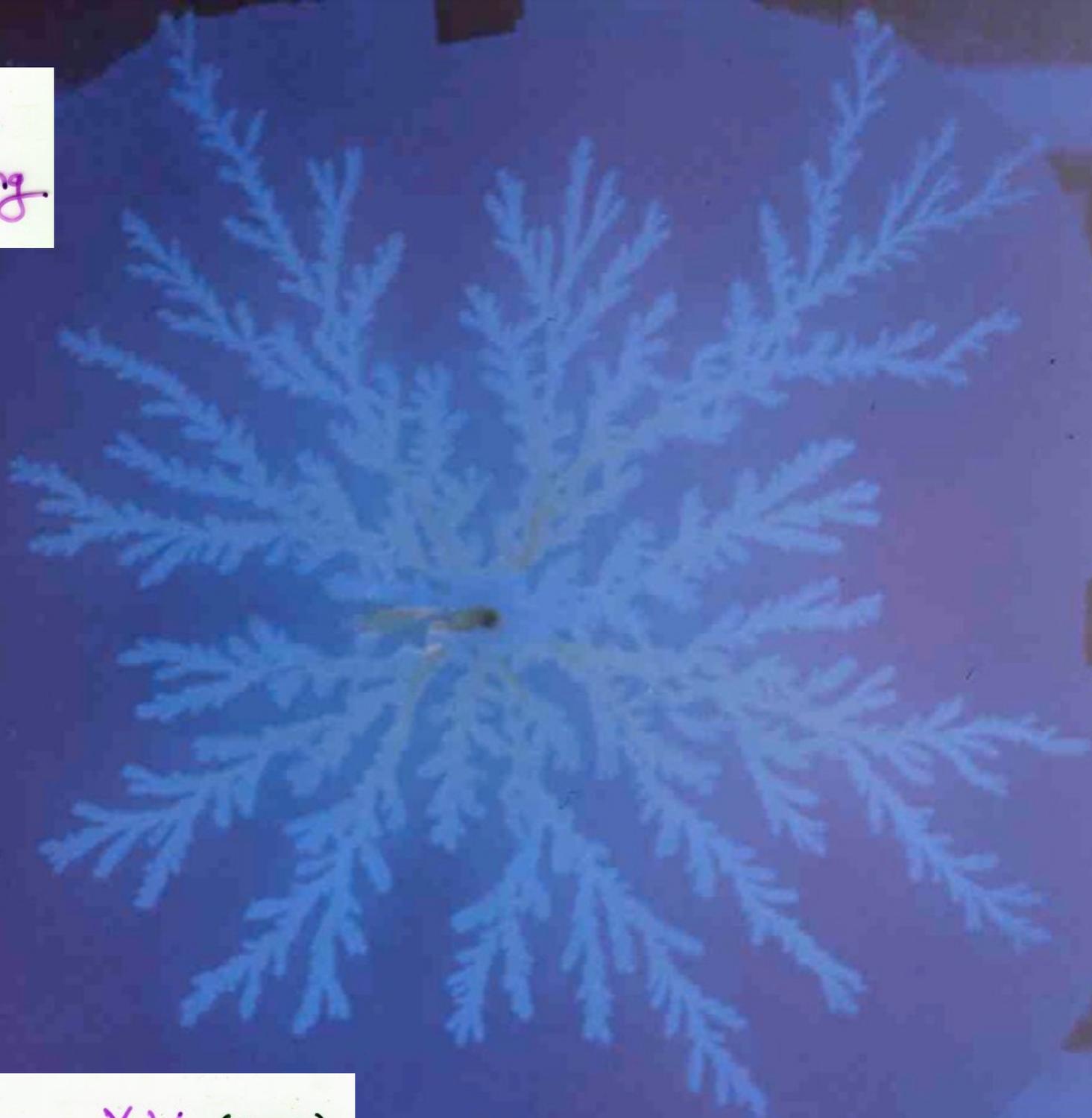
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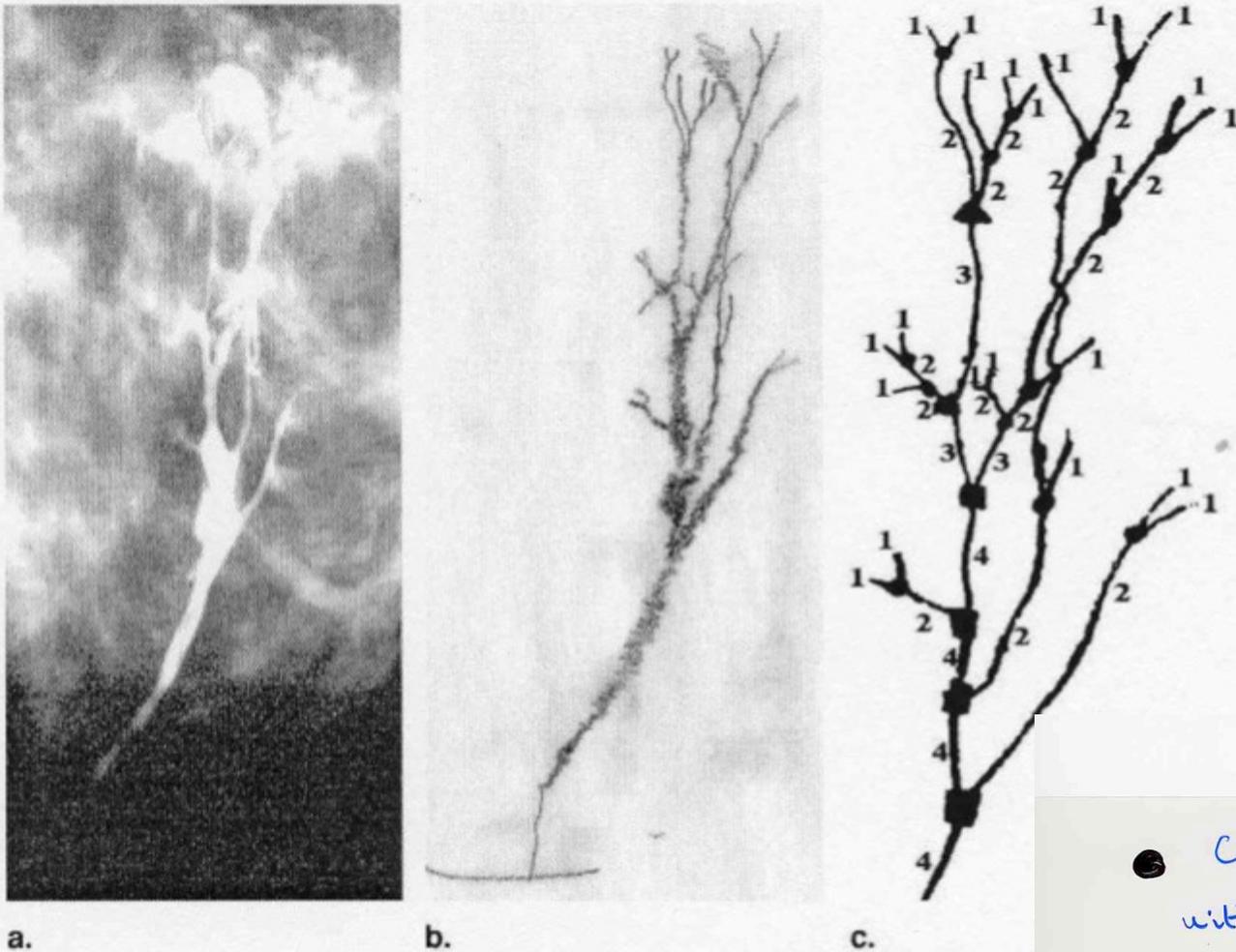
**A**ggregation



Viscous  
fingering.



Vannimenes, X.V. (1989)



**Figure 1.** Segmentation of a ductal tree, showing (a) part of a galactogram with a contrast-enhanced ductal network, (b) the manually traced network of larger ducts from the contrast-enhanced portion of the galactogram, (c) numeric labeling of branches in the ductal network, and (d) the R matrix computed from the branching pattern. The dots, triangles, and squares denote branching points of different levels of the tree.

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{2,1} & r_{2,2} & \cdot & \cdot \\ r_{3,1} & r_{3,2} & r_{3,3} & \cdot \\ r_{4,1} & r_{4,2} & r_{4,3} & r_{4,4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.43 & 0.57 & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0.33 & 0.67 & \cdot \\ 0 & 0.75 & 0 & 0.25 \end{bmatrix}$$

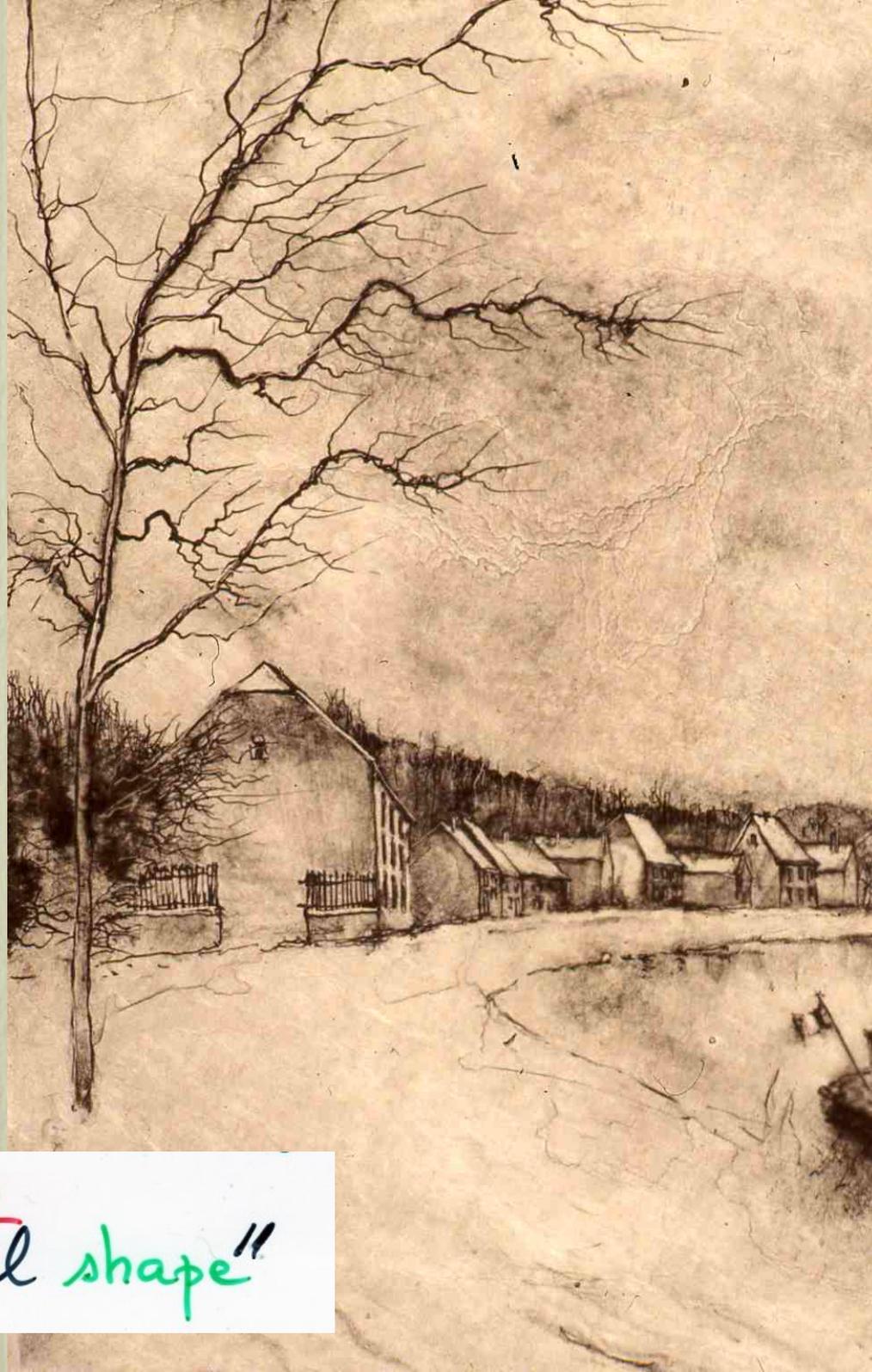
Classification of Galactograms with ramification matrices

P. Bakic, M. Albert, A. Maidment (2003)

Digital mammography



measuring  
the "visual shape"



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# Synthetic images of trees

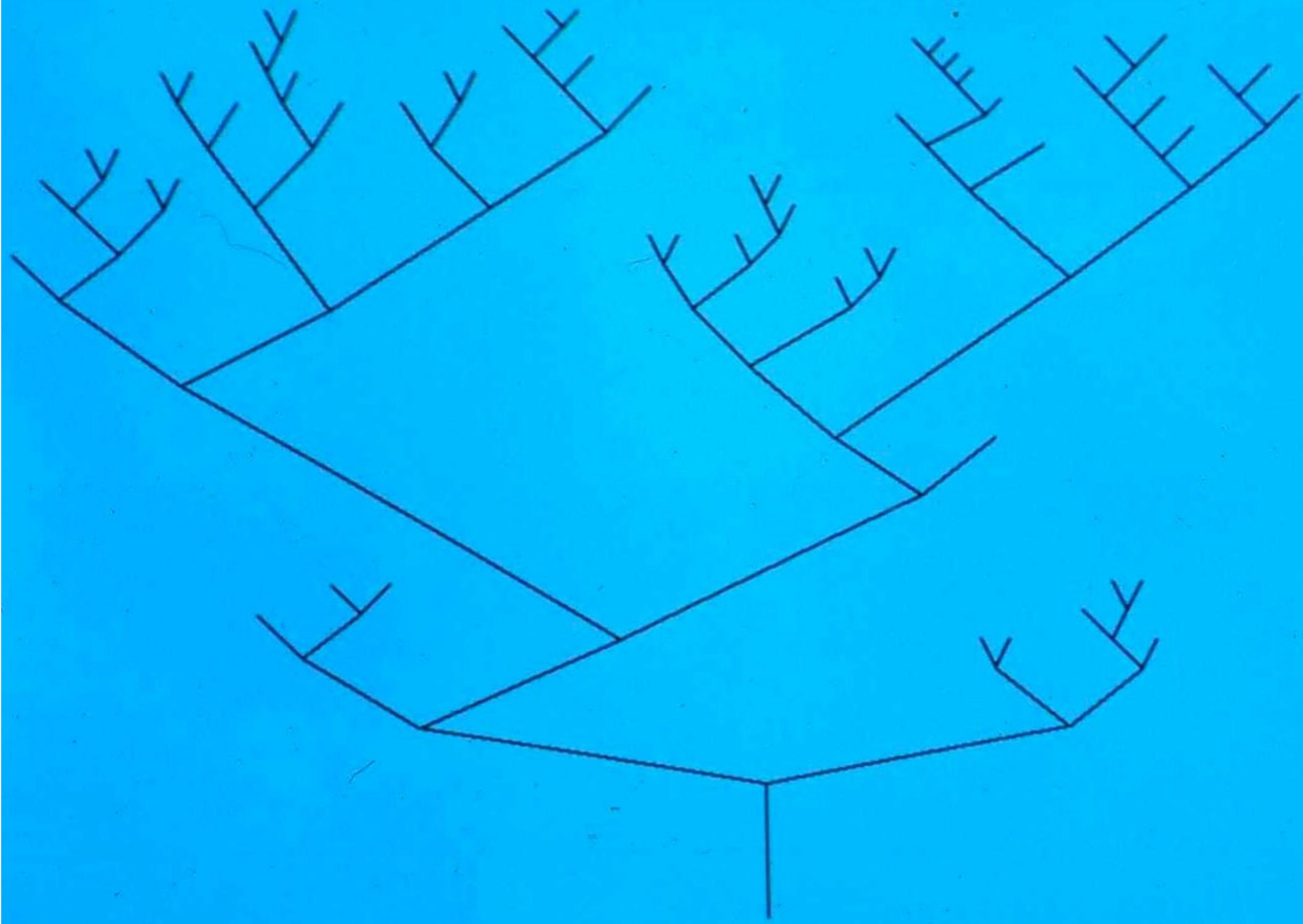
X.V, Eyrolles, Janey, Arquès  
SIGGRAPH '89

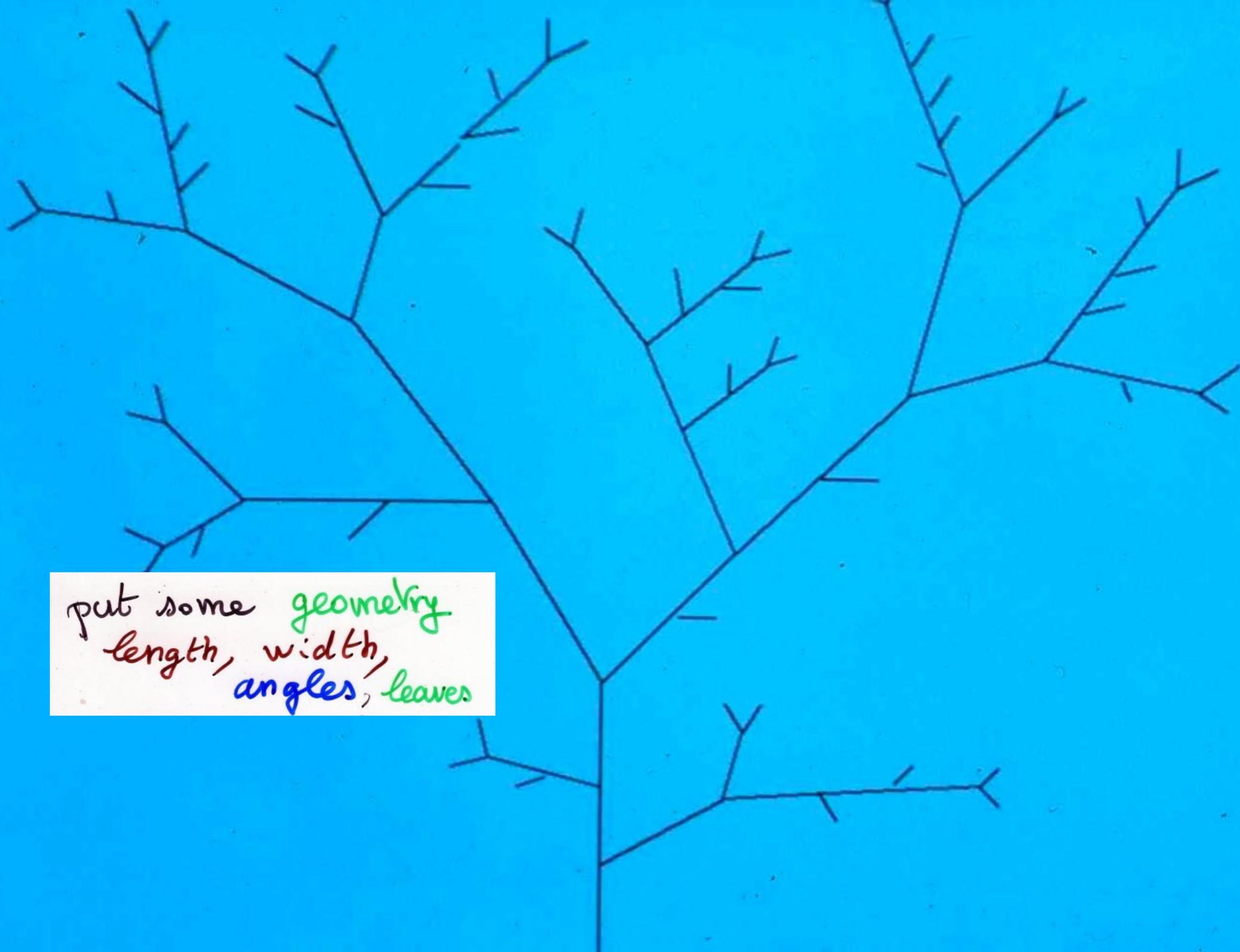
stochastic  
matrix  
 $R$

→ "random" binary tree  
having  $R$   
as ramification matrix

choose a number  
 $k \leq$  nb of rows of  $R$

and Strahler number  $k$

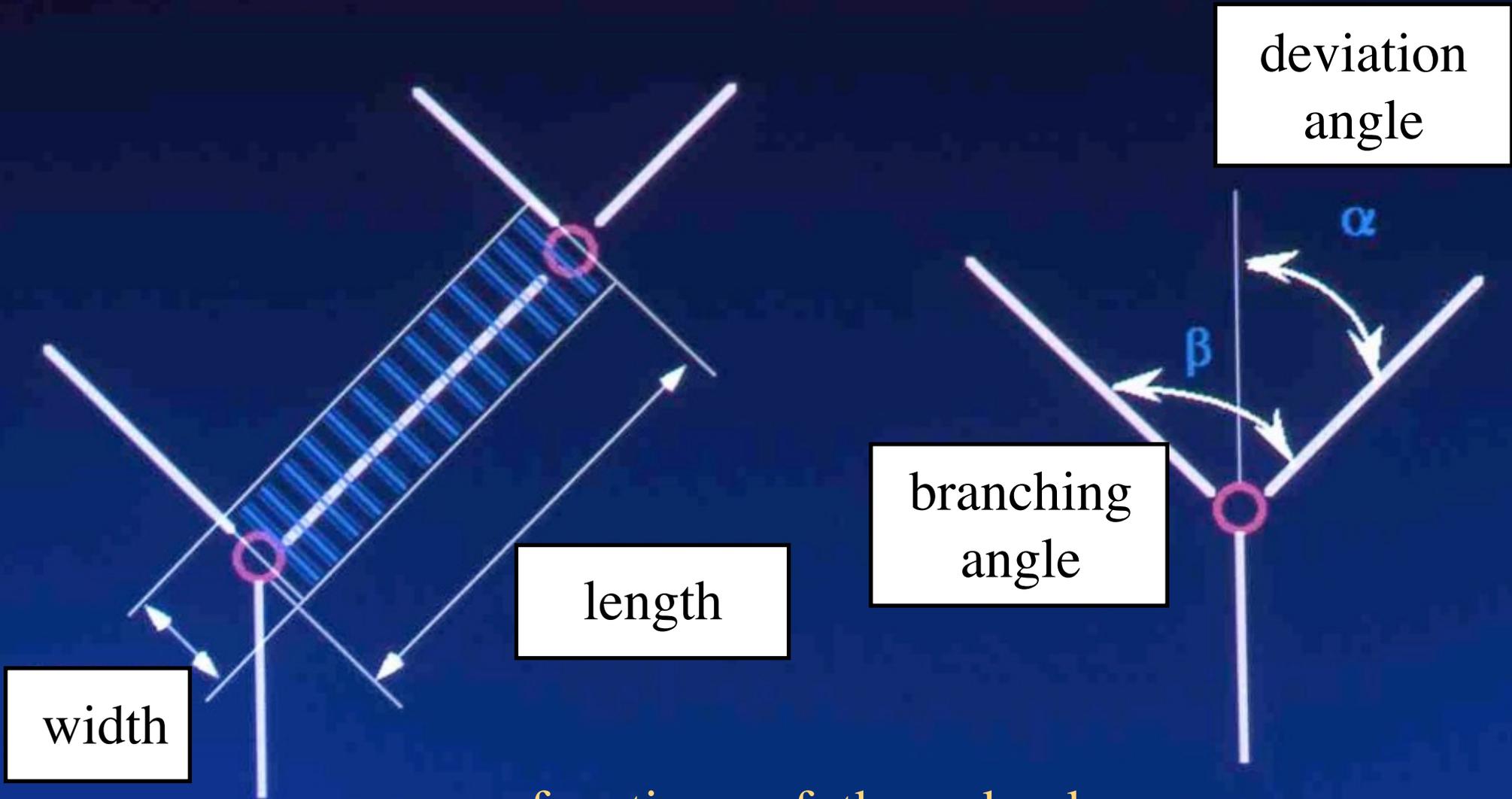




put some geometry  
length, width,  
angles, leaves



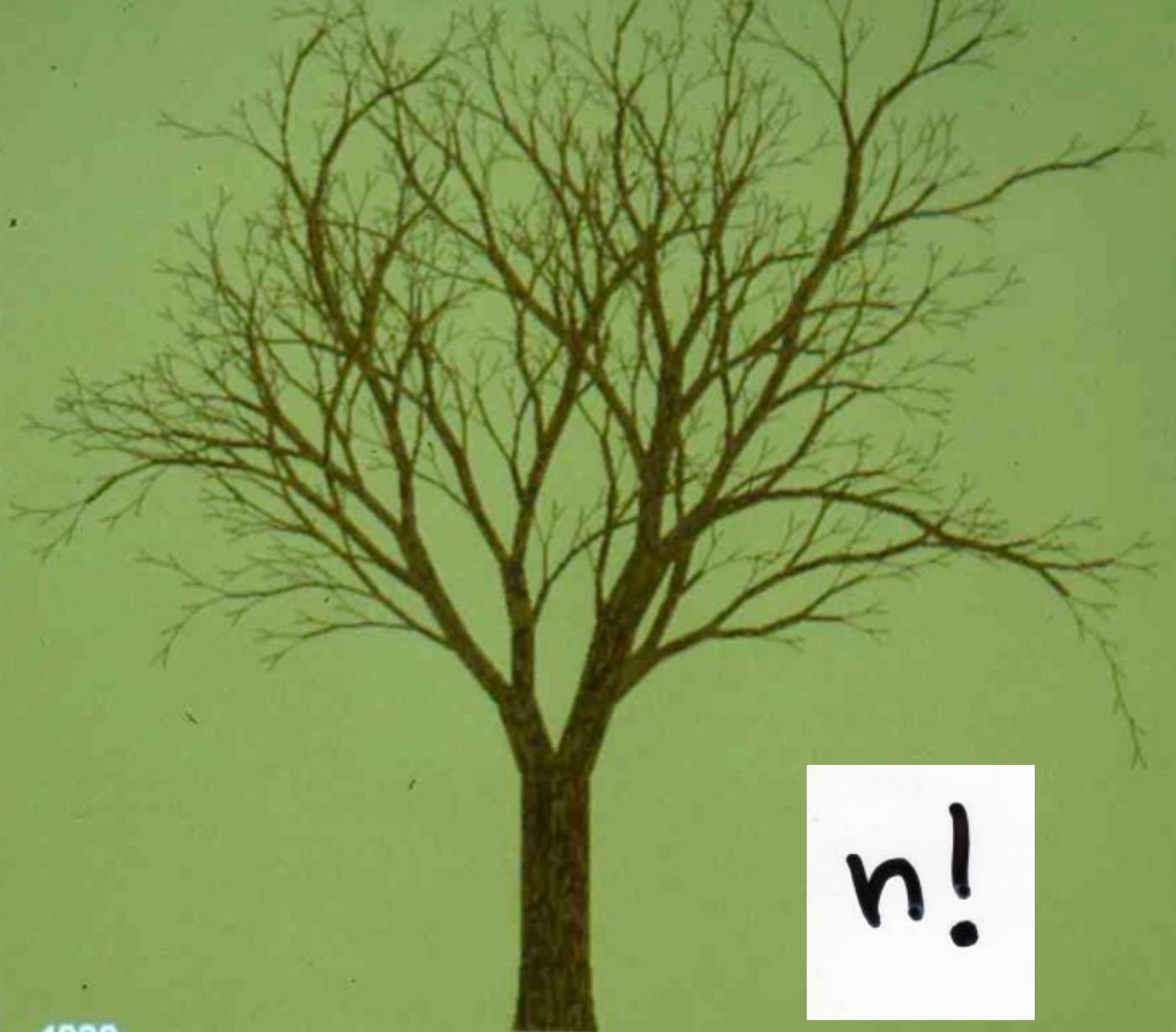
depending only of  
the **order** and **biorder**



functions of the order  $k$   
and of the biorder  $(k,i)$







random  
binary search  
tree

$n!$

2 : 4000	6000									
3 : 2000	3000	5000								
4 : 1000	2000	3000	4000							
5 : 500	1000	2000	3000	3500						
6 : 250	500	1000	2000	3000	3250					
7 : 125	250	500	1000	2000	3000	3125				
8 : 63	125	250	500	1000	2000	3000	3062			
9 : 31	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	3000	3031		
10 : 15	31	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	3000	3016	
11 : 7	15	31	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	3000	3024



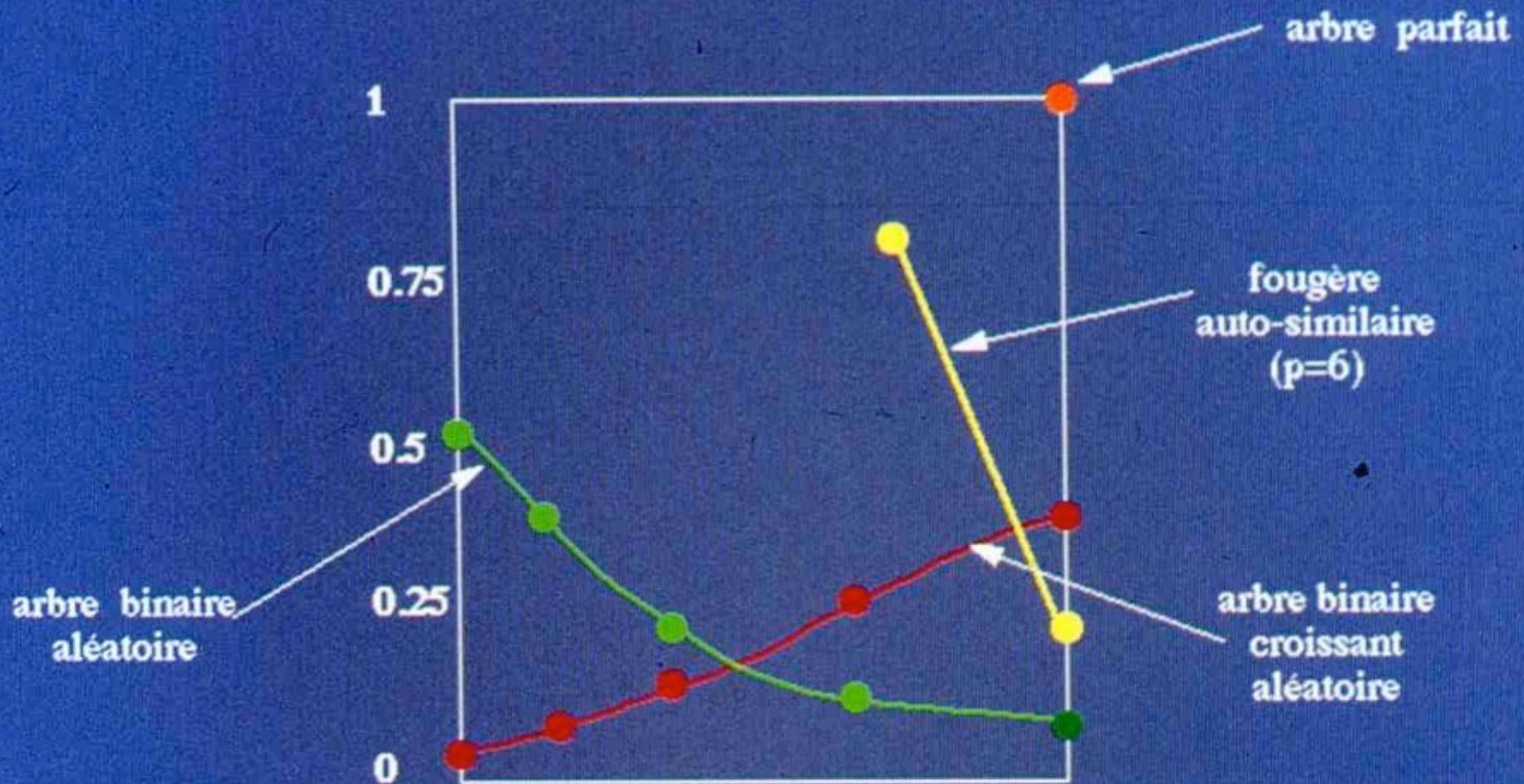
ASA

random  
binary tree

$C_n$

Catalan  
number





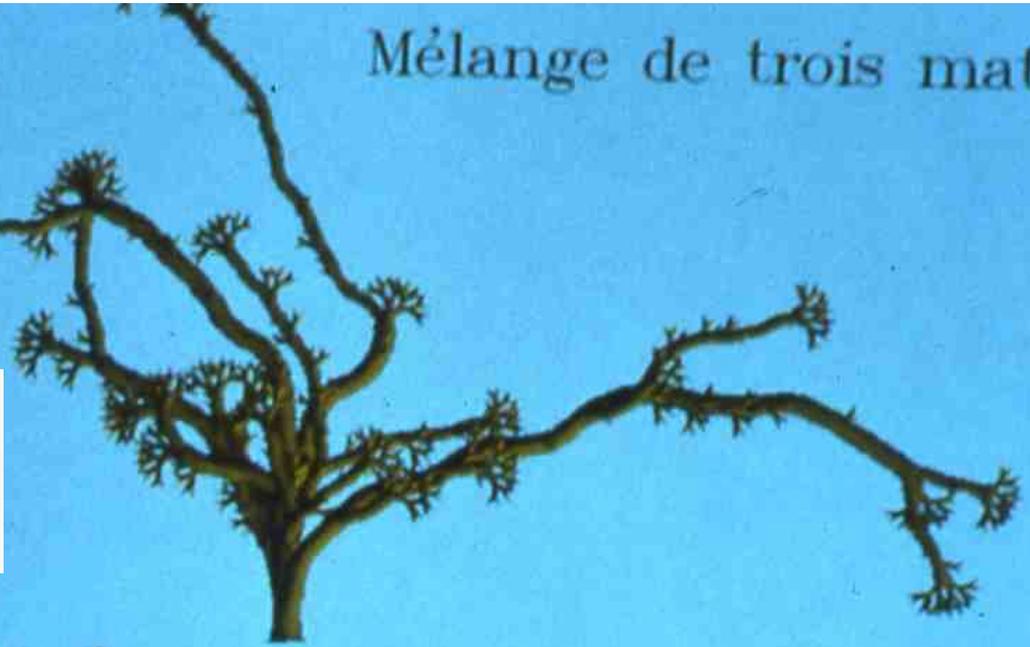
"self-similar" ramification matrices

Mélange de trois matrices

3 mixing  
ramification  
matrices



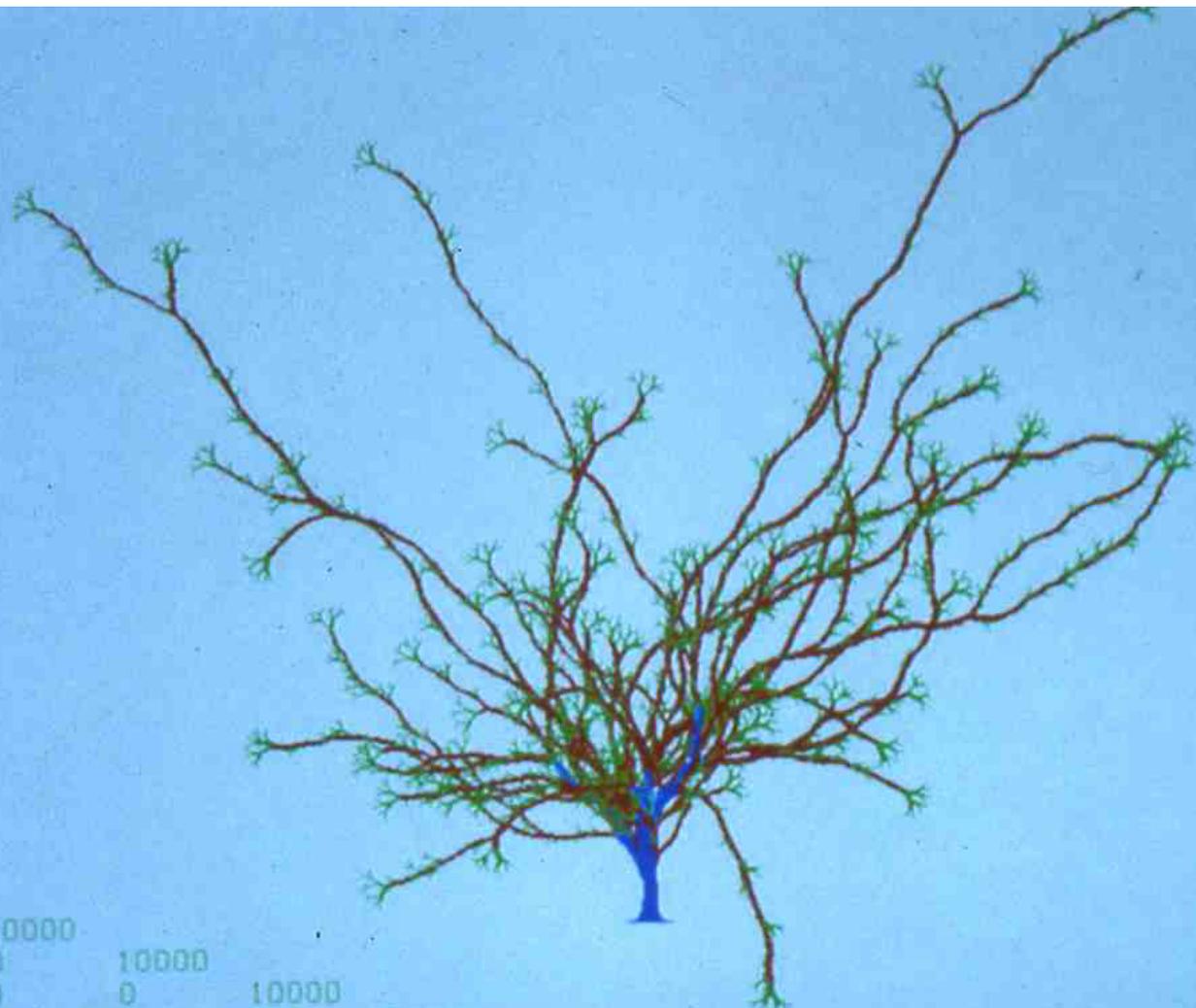
random  
binary tree



random  
binary search  
tree



perfect  
binary tree



2 : 0	10000									
3 : 0	0	10000								
4 : 0	0	0	10000							
5 : 5000	2500	1250	625	625						
6 : 5000	2500	1250	625	313	312					
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If there exist some beauty in these  
synthetic images of trees,  
it is only the pale reflection of the  
extraordinary beauty of the  
mathematics hidden behind the  
algorithms generating these images