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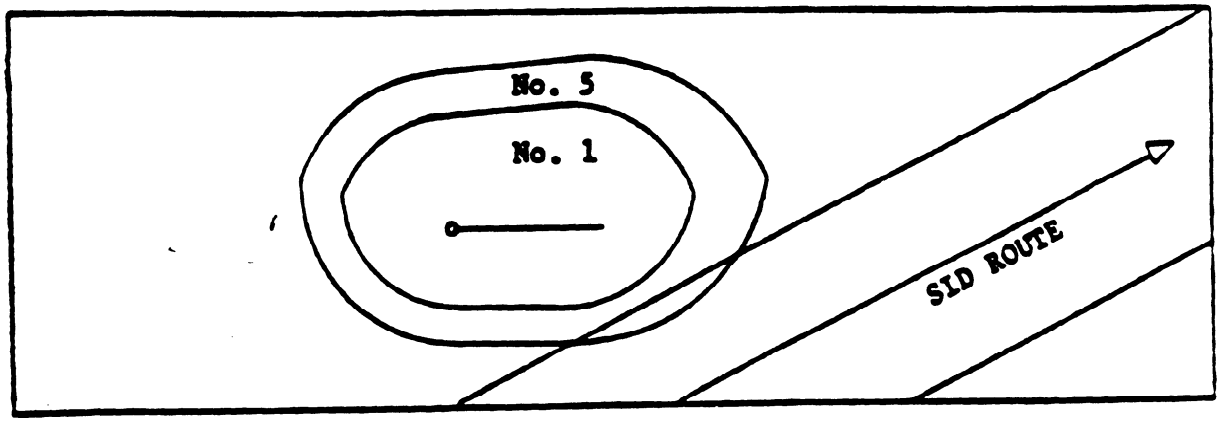


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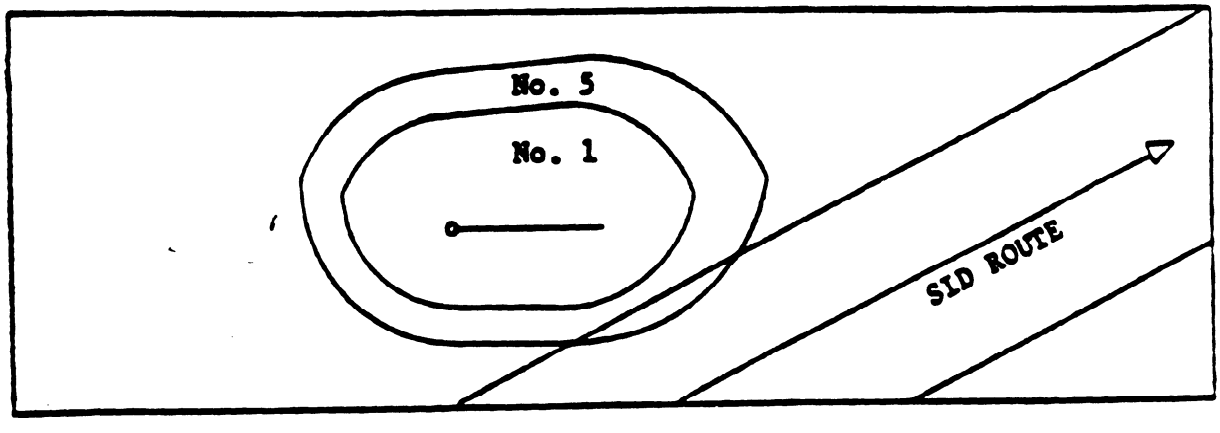


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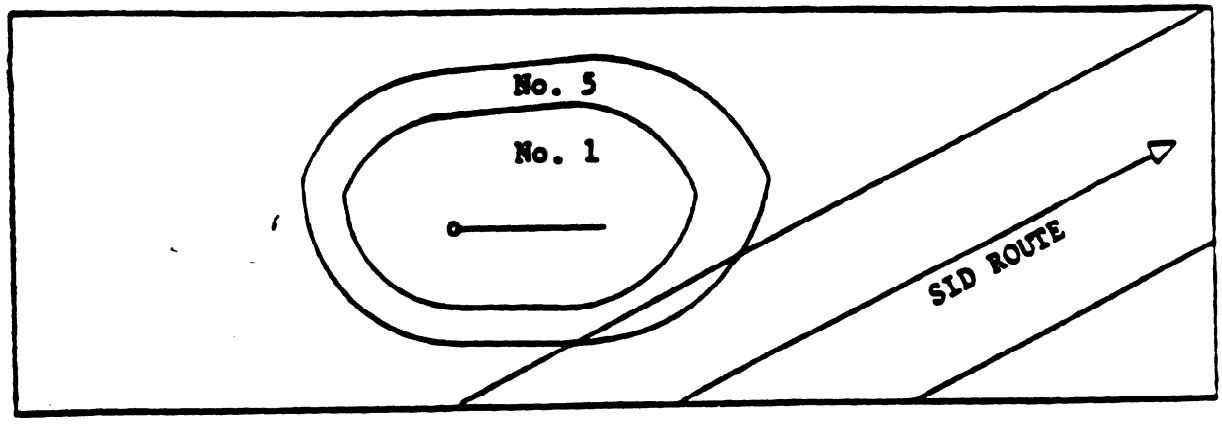


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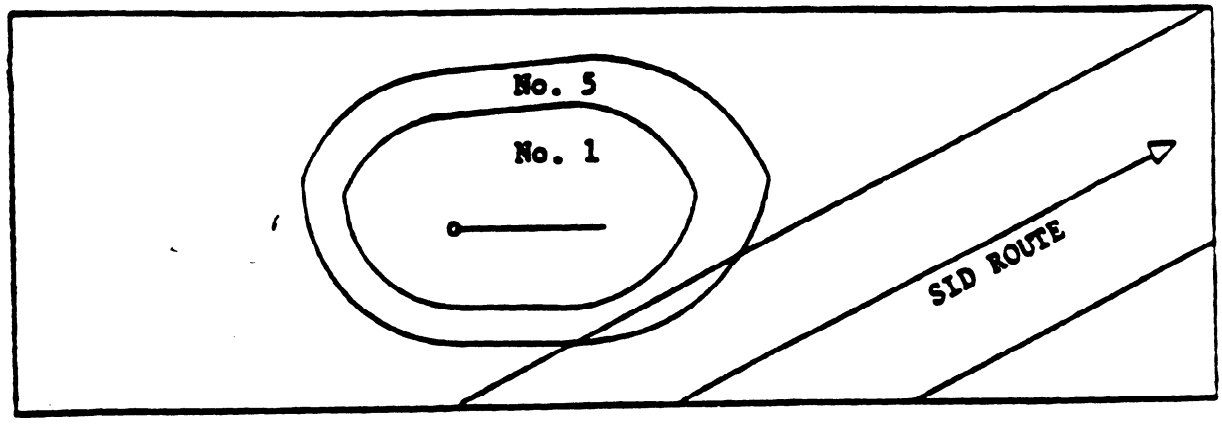


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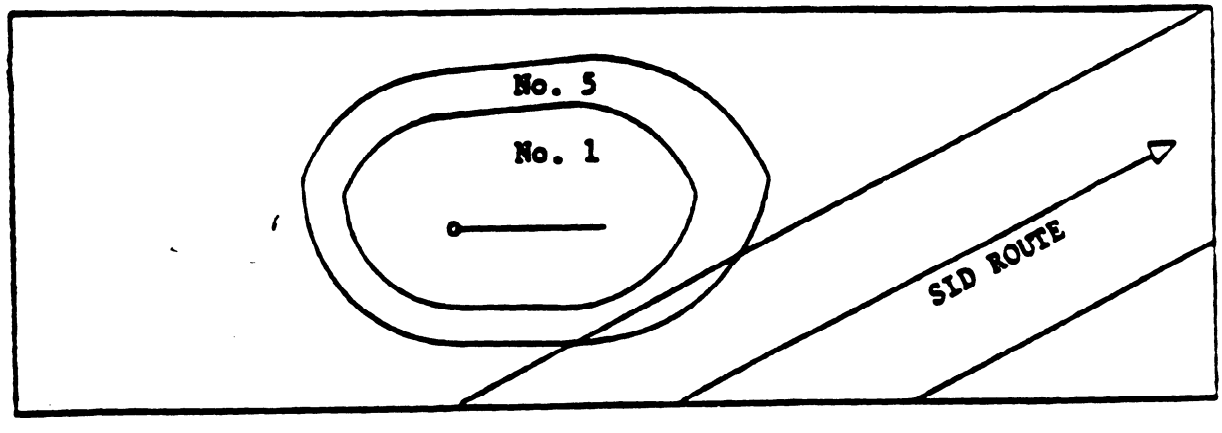


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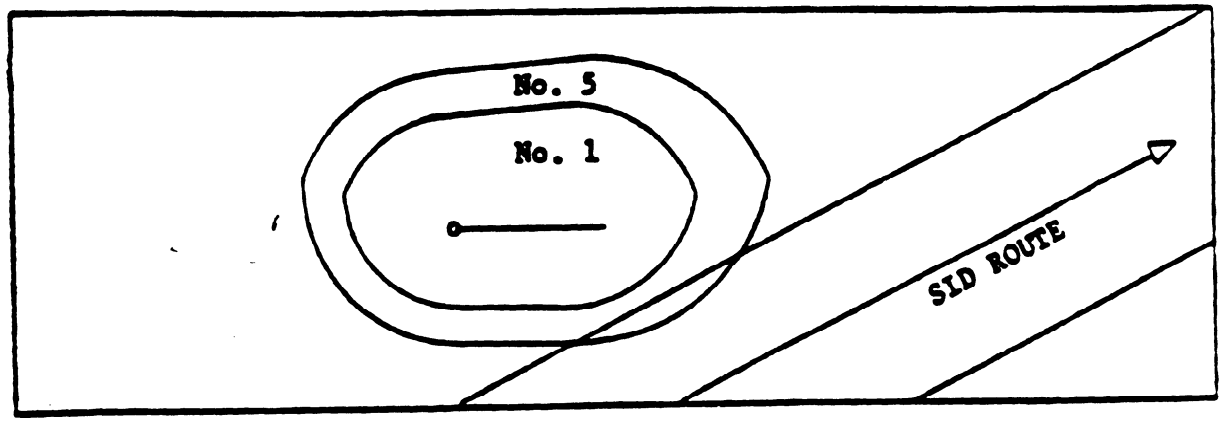


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determine the pattern number/altitude relationship for the 230K speed group at fix-to-navaid distance 30 n.mi. . . . pattern No. 26 is indicated. Refer to Appendix 1, page 12. For 30 n.mi. and pattern No. 26, . . . leg lengths/numbered areas 13/1, 14/1, 15/2, 16/2, 17/3, 18/3, 19/4, and 20/4 • ɱ listed.

Part 2: Find the correct pattern/template size and leg lengths for 23,000 fret, giving consideration to protected airspace for flight operations crossing the holding course between 54 • d 68 nautical miles.

Referion: o Figure 3, pagand5 determine the appropriate pattern . . . No. 18. Refer to Appendix 1, page 10, and find leg lengths . . . 7/2, 8/2, 9/3, 10/3, 11/4, • d 12/4. When template No. 18 is applied to the fix it shows that numbered areas 3 and 4 overlap the protected airspace for the flight operation which taker place between 54 and 68 nautical miles. This will make it necessary, in the final solution, to choose • leg length for which numbered areas 3 and 4 are not required.

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d. Use distance F-M for the radius of all arcs formed per the following:

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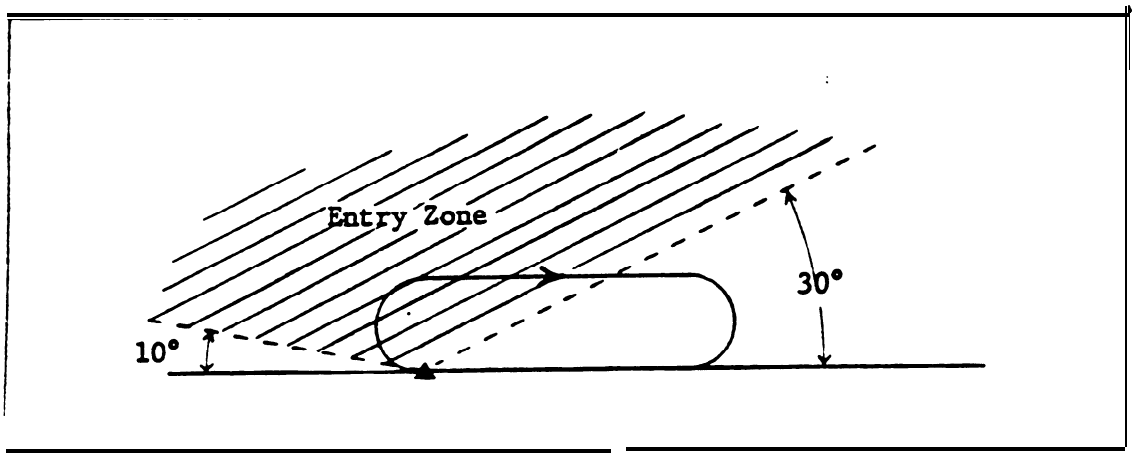


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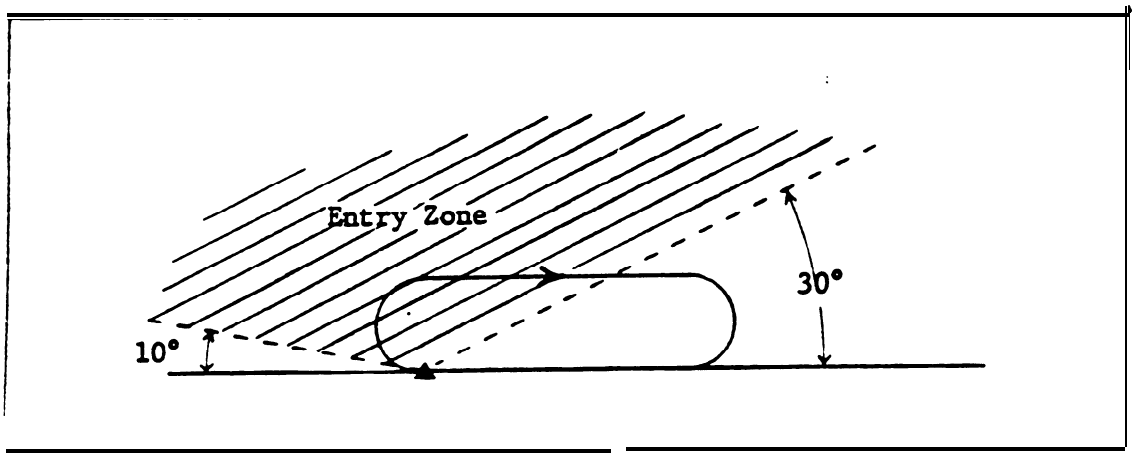


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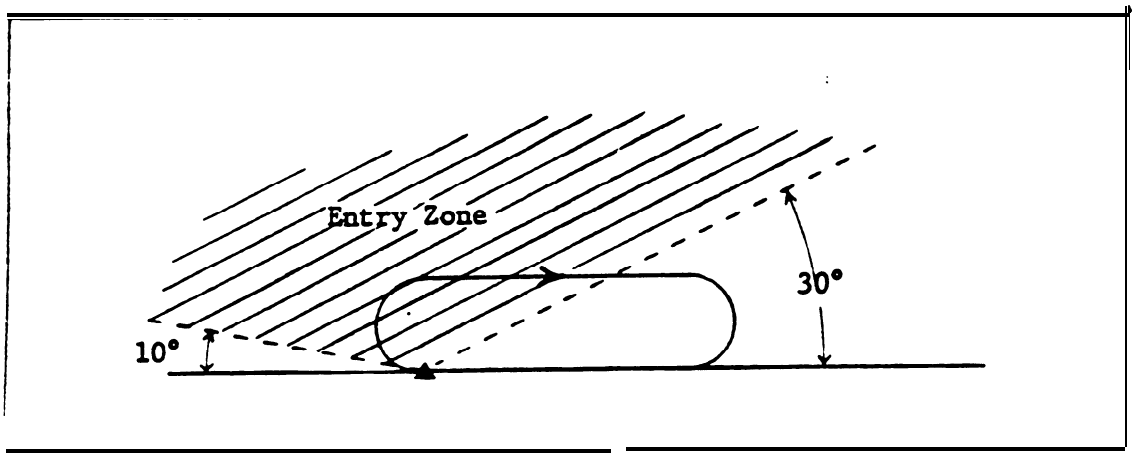


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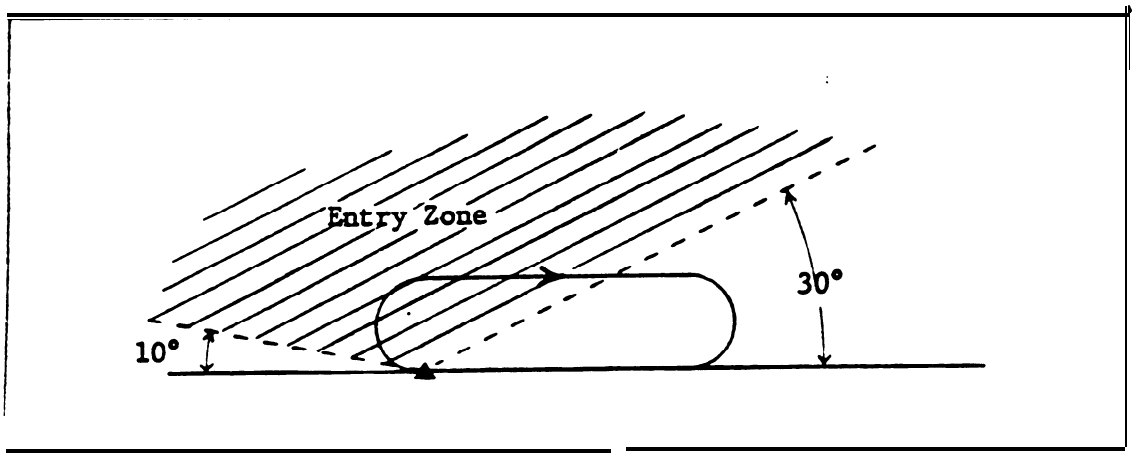


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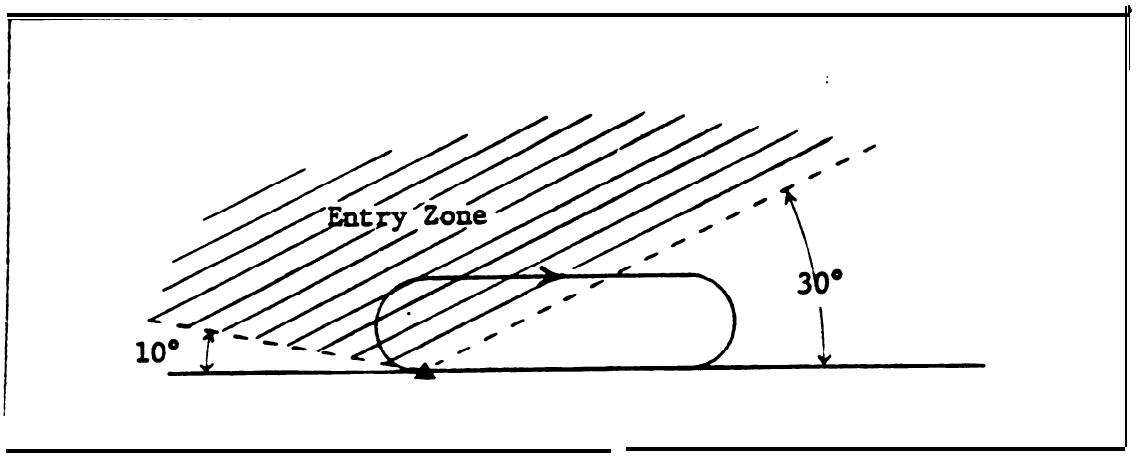


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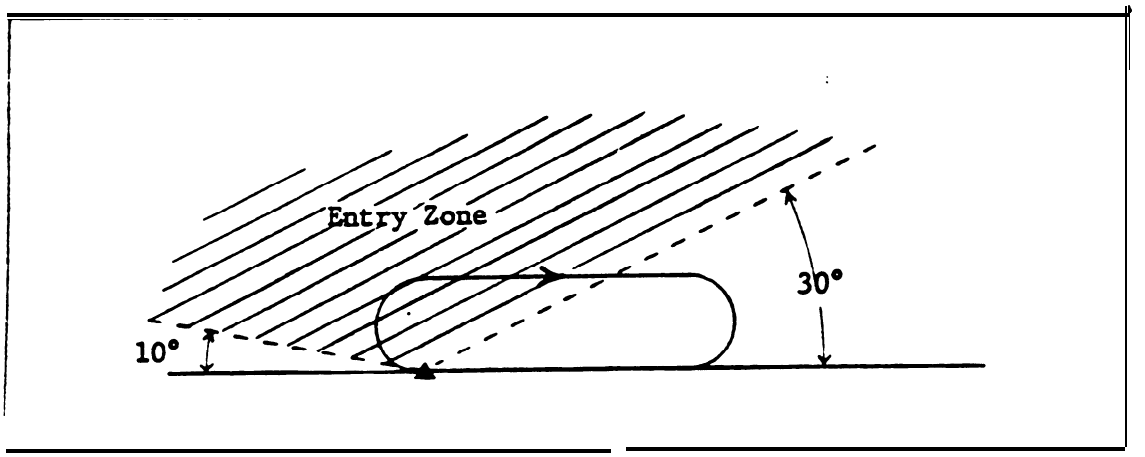


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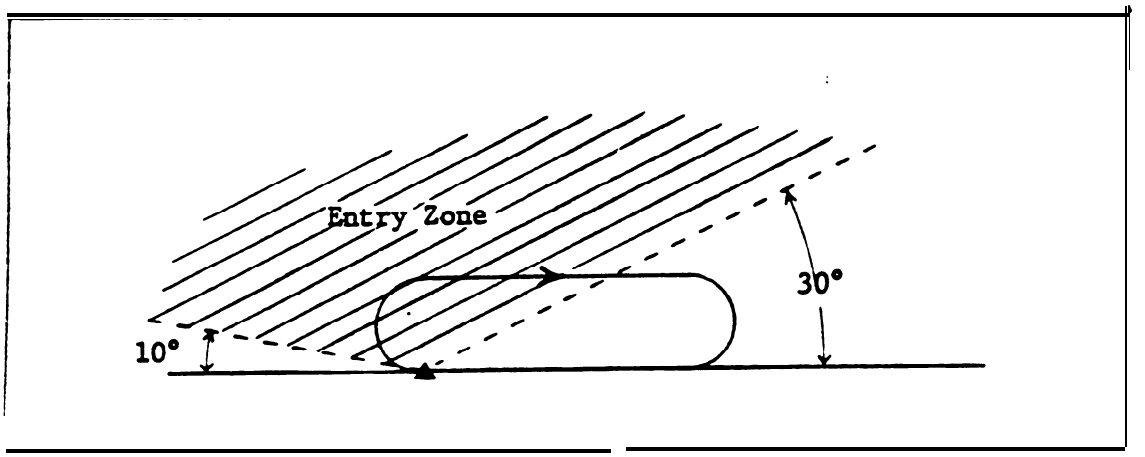


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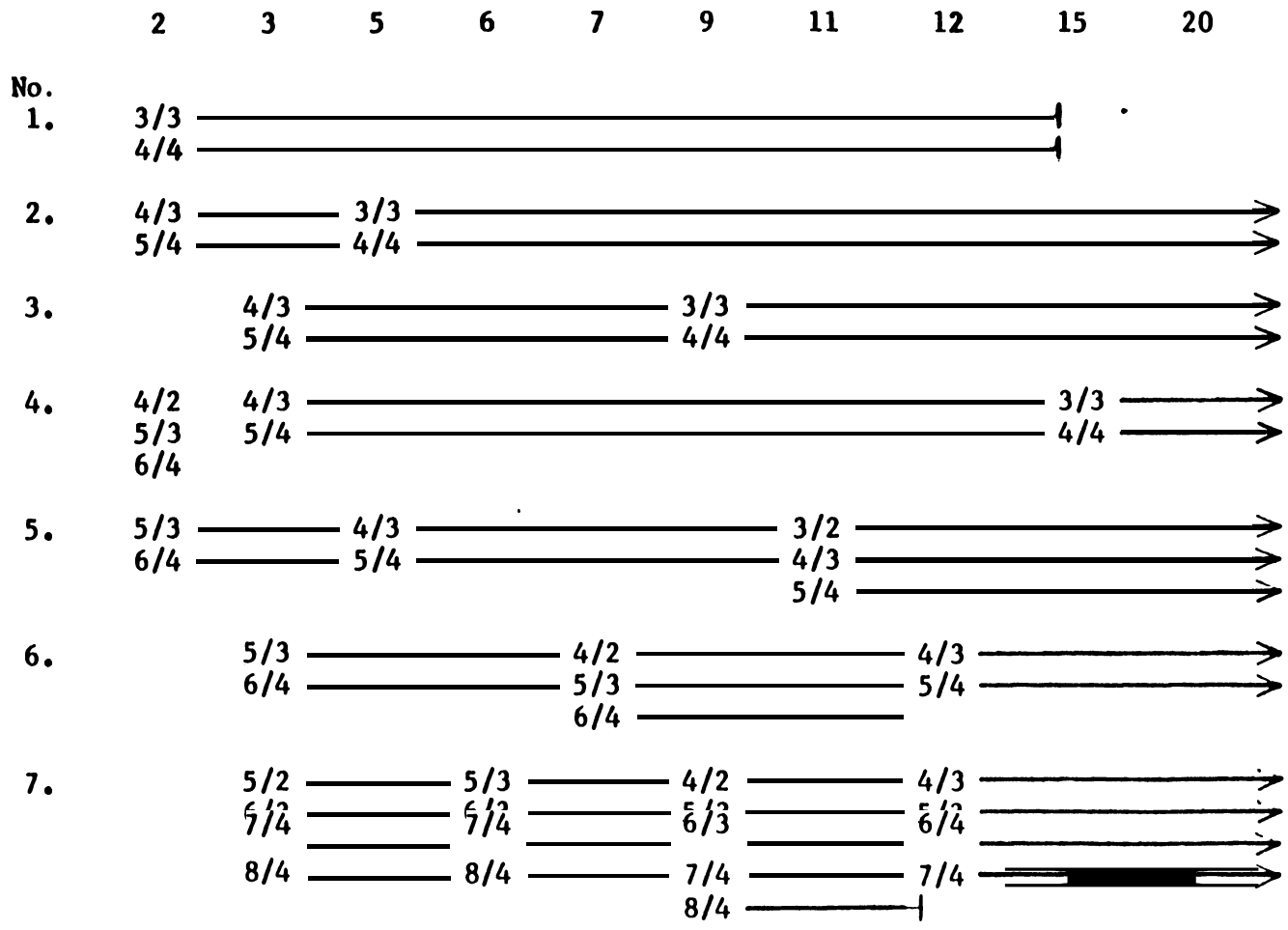

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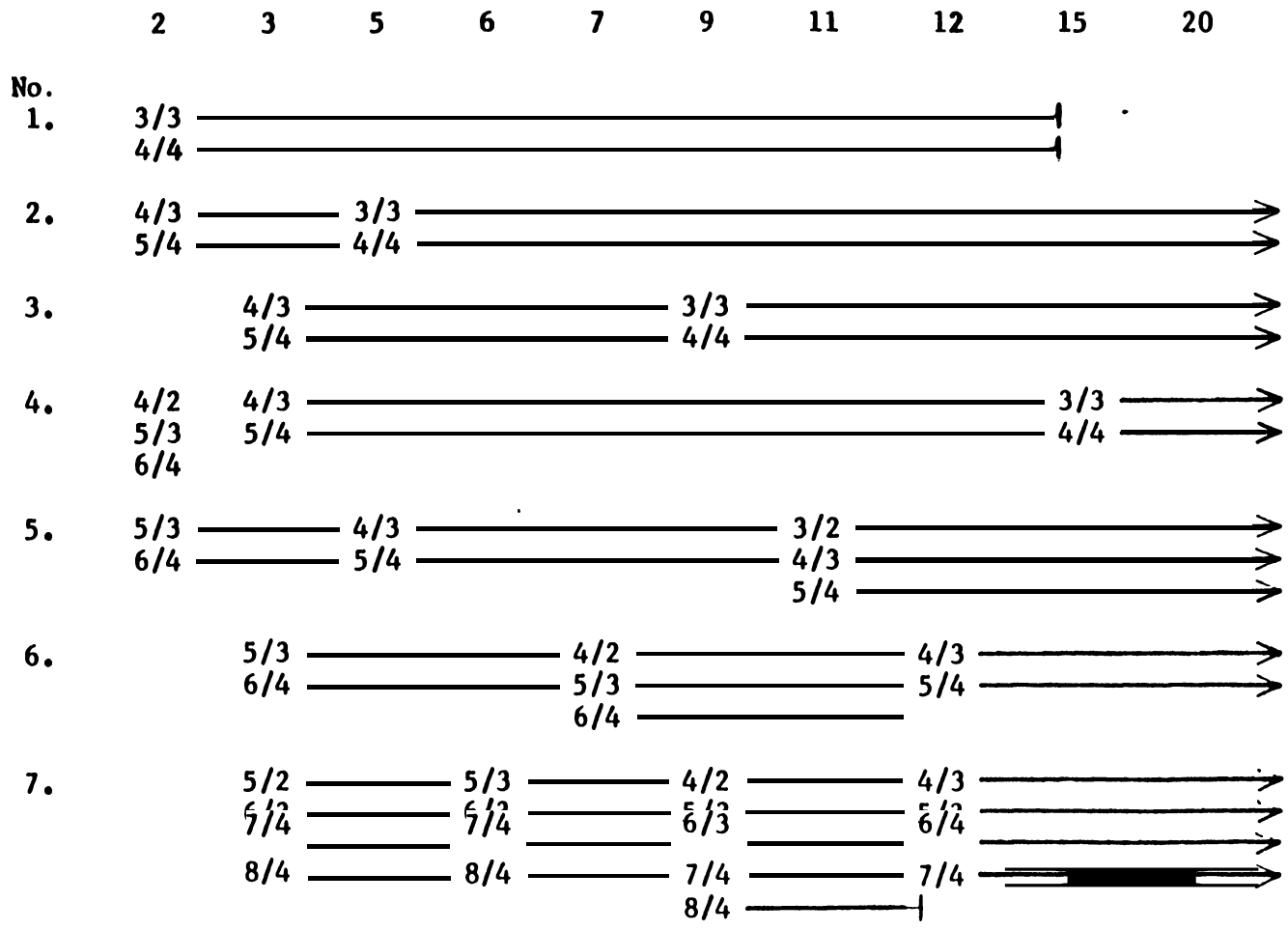

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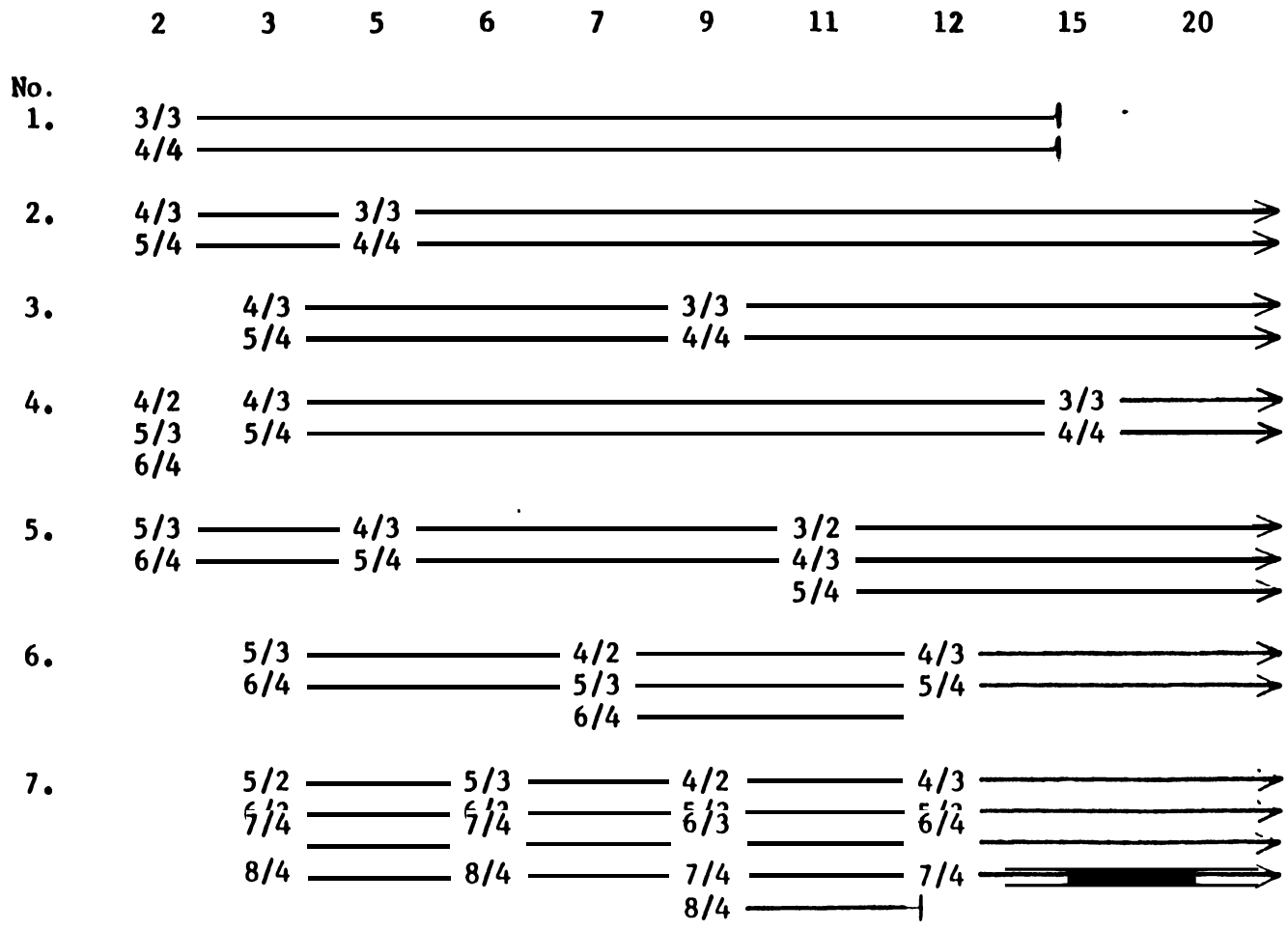

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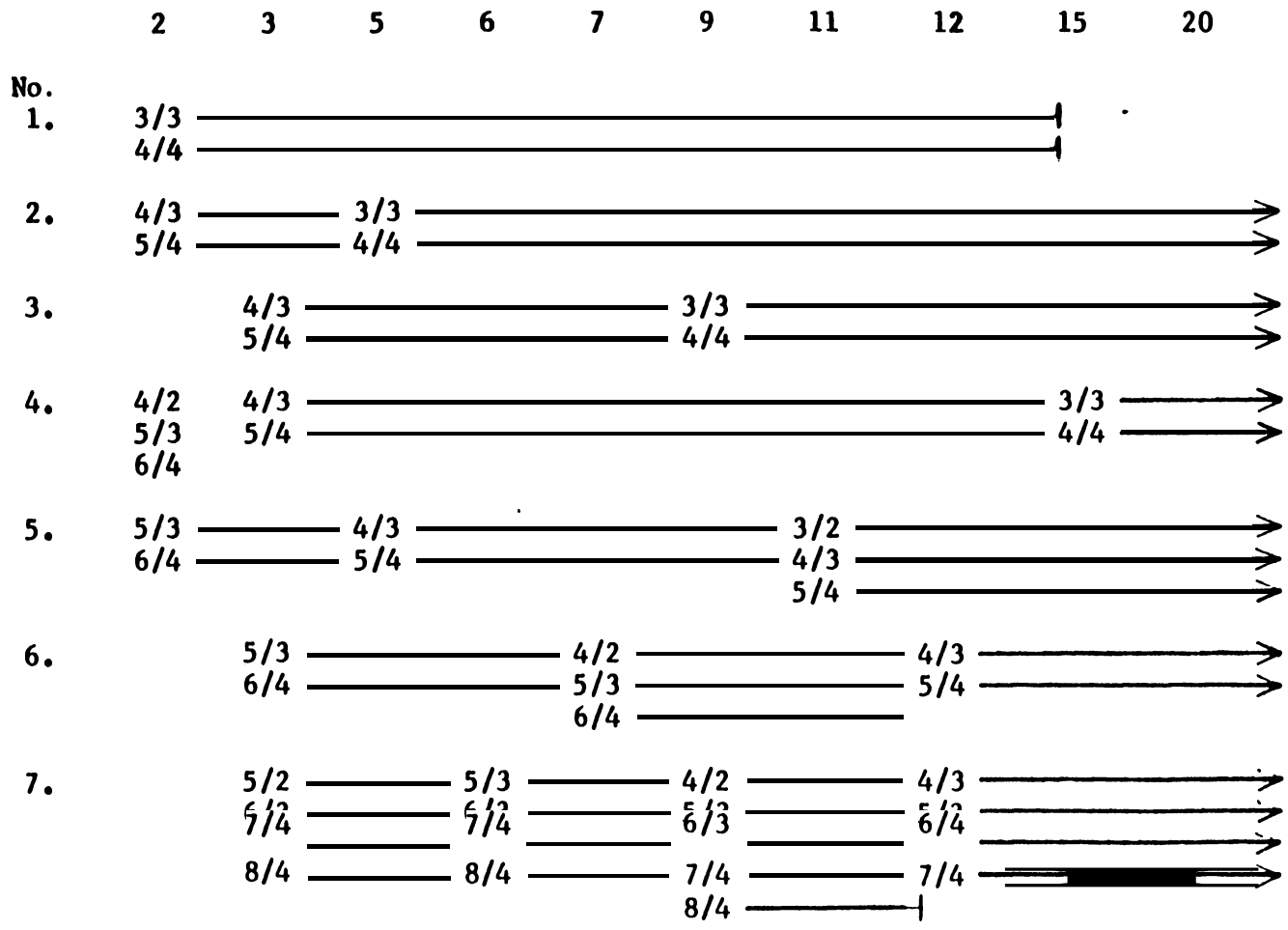

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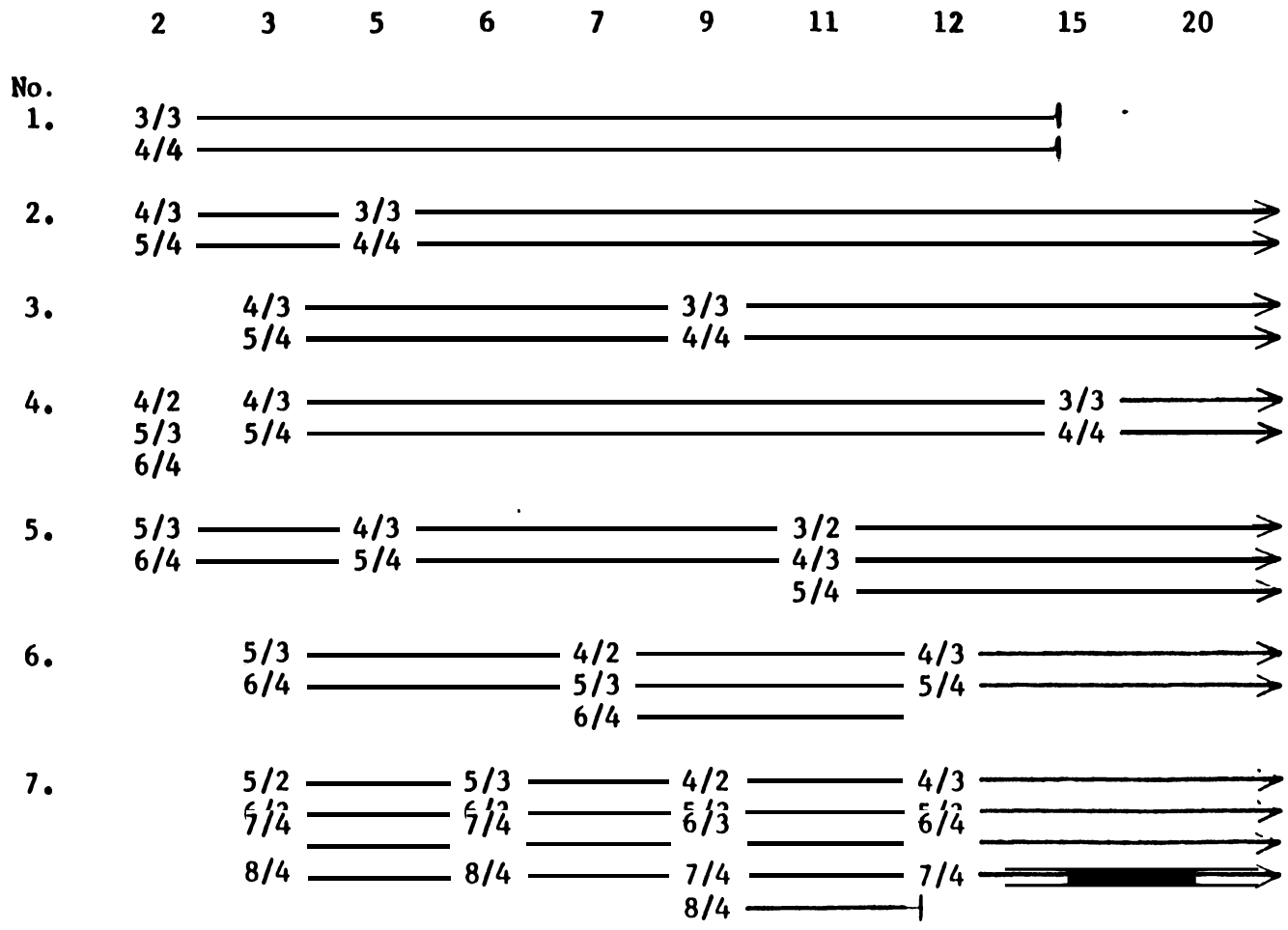

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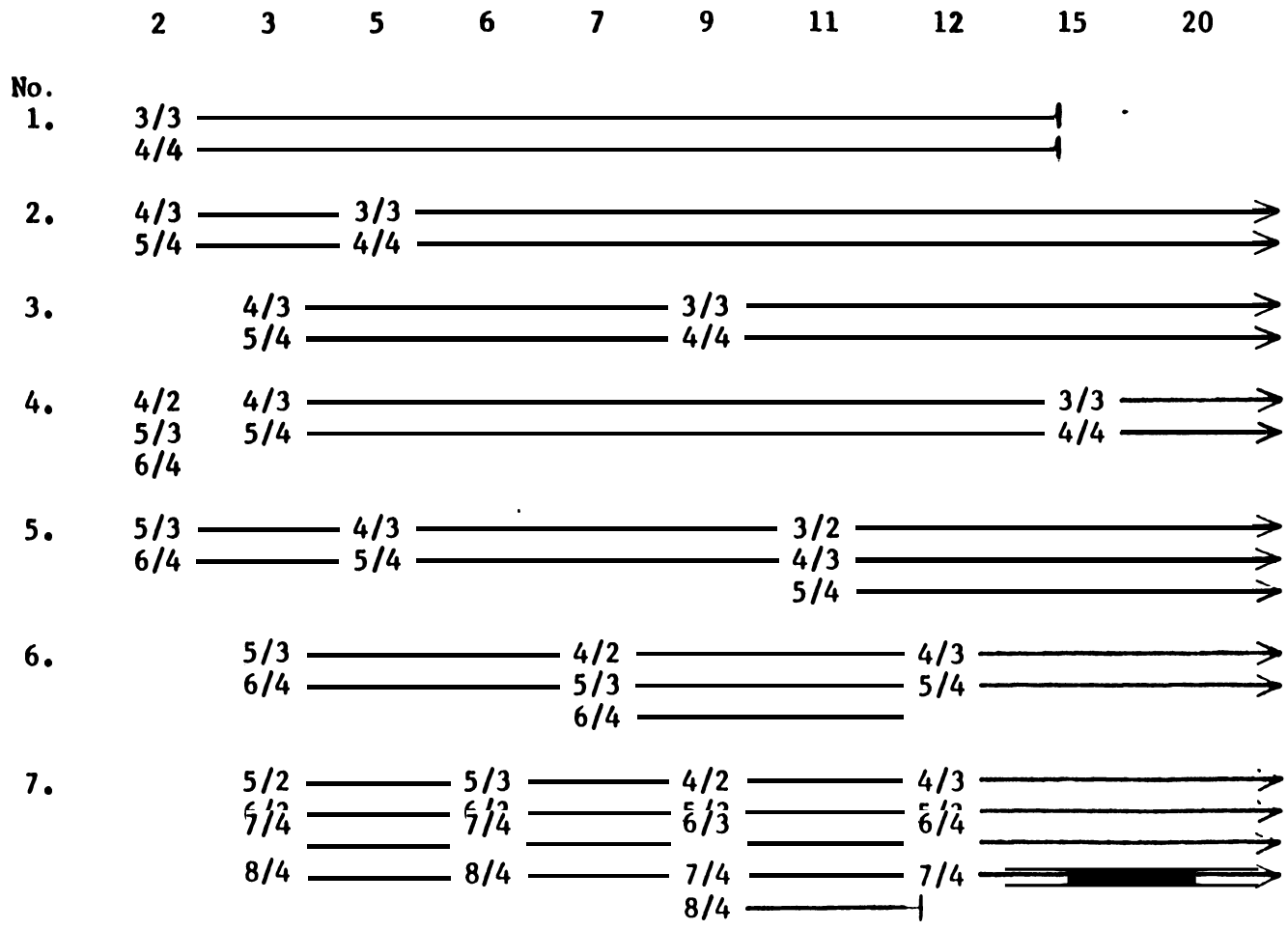

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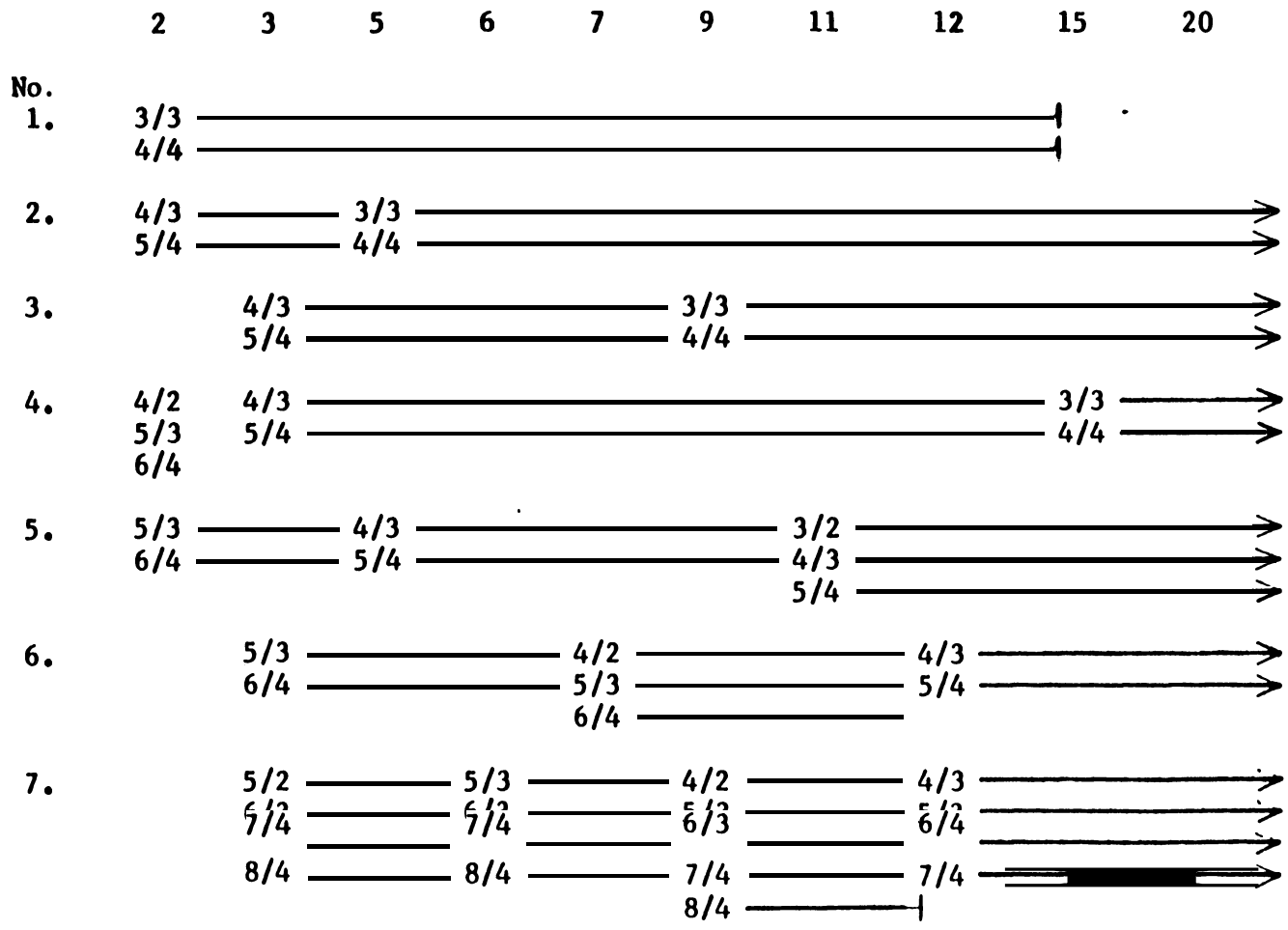

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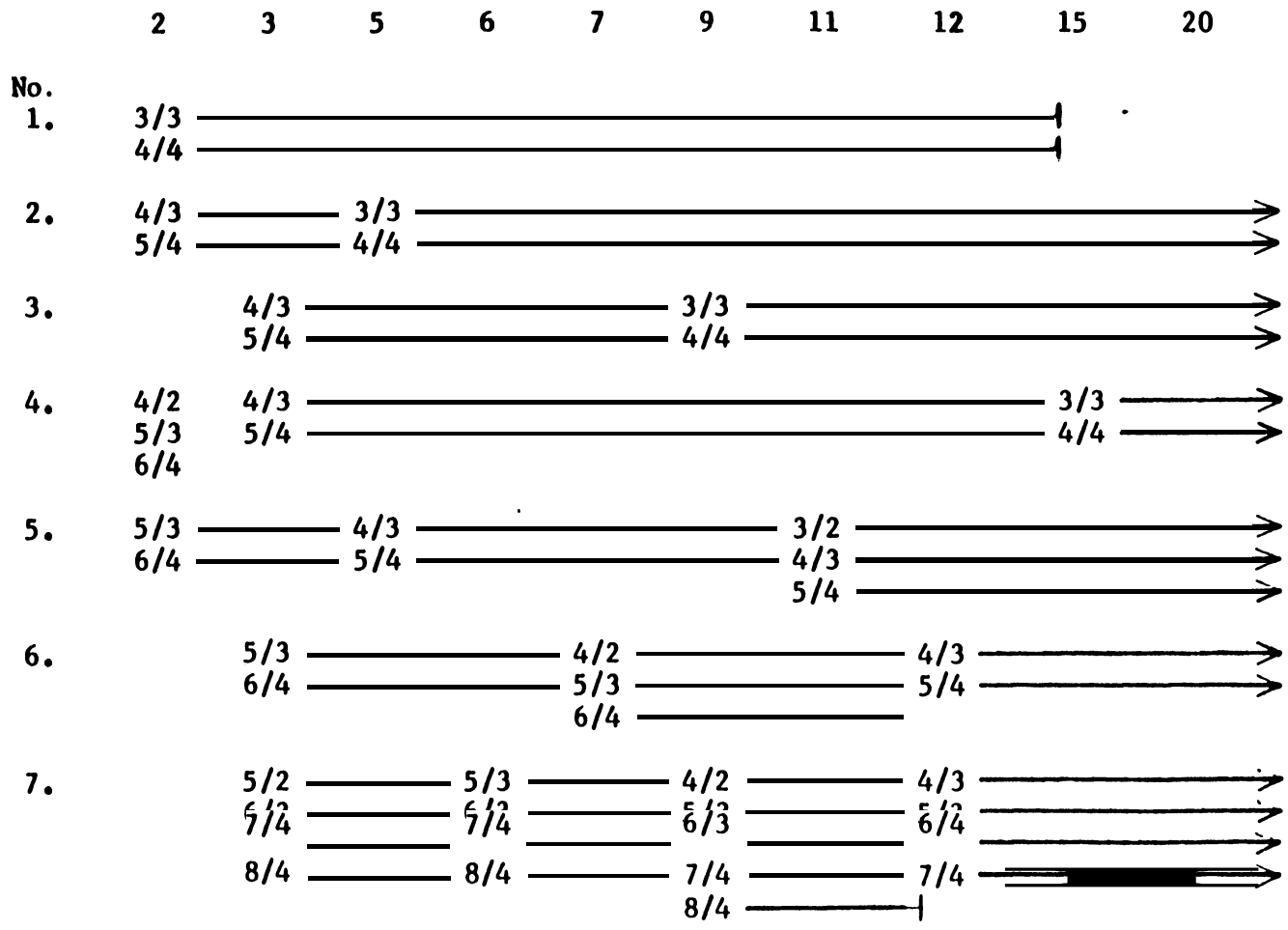

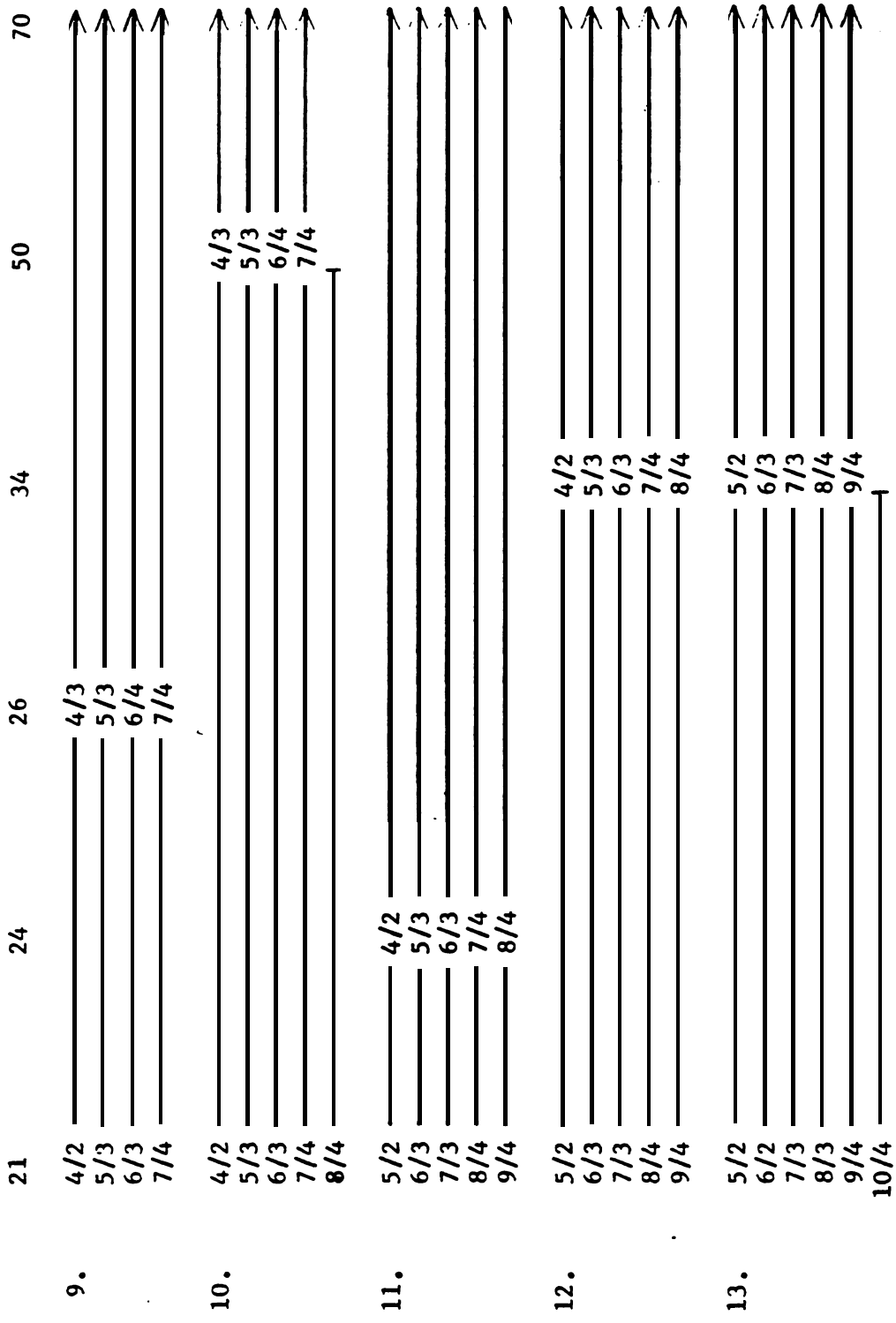
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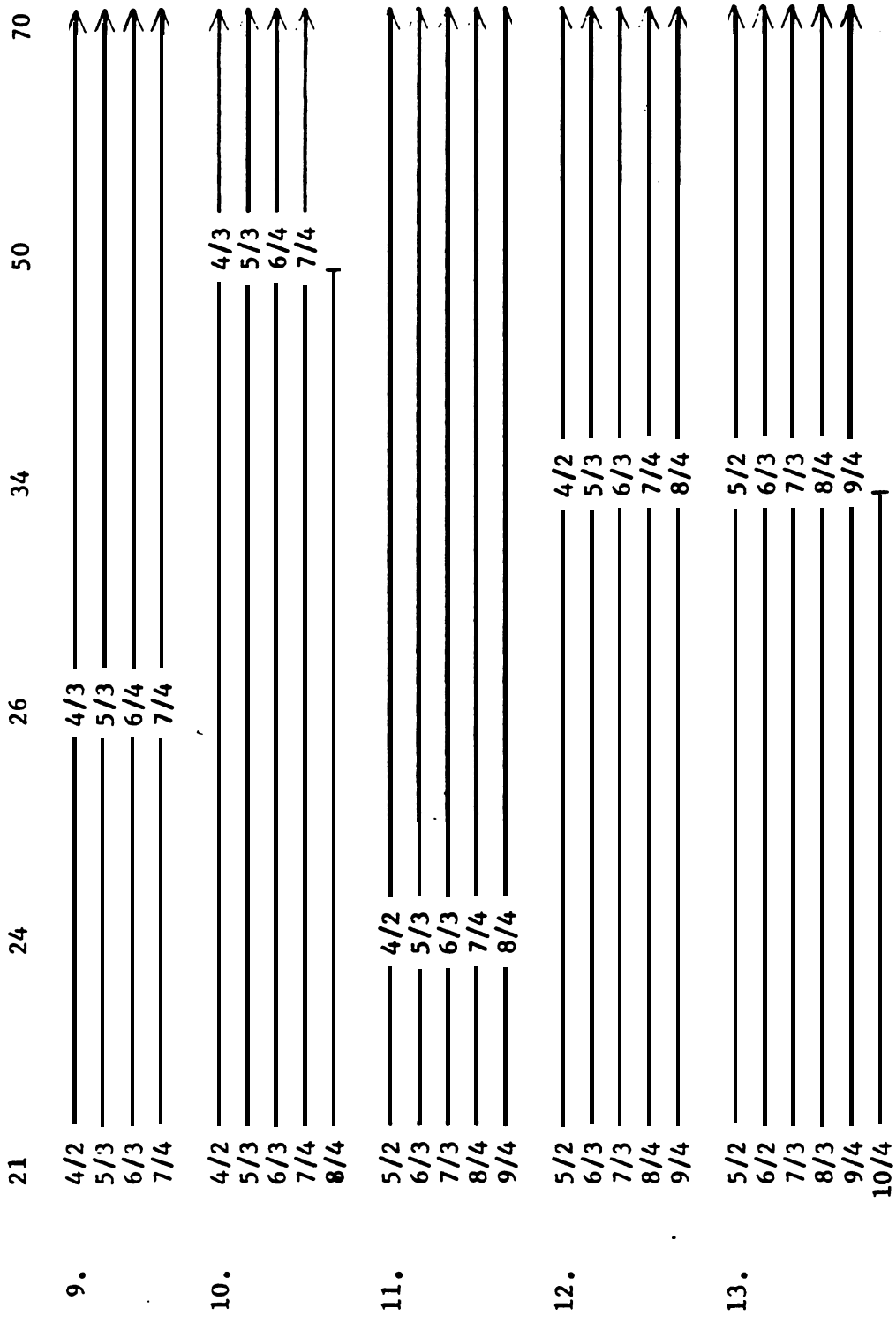
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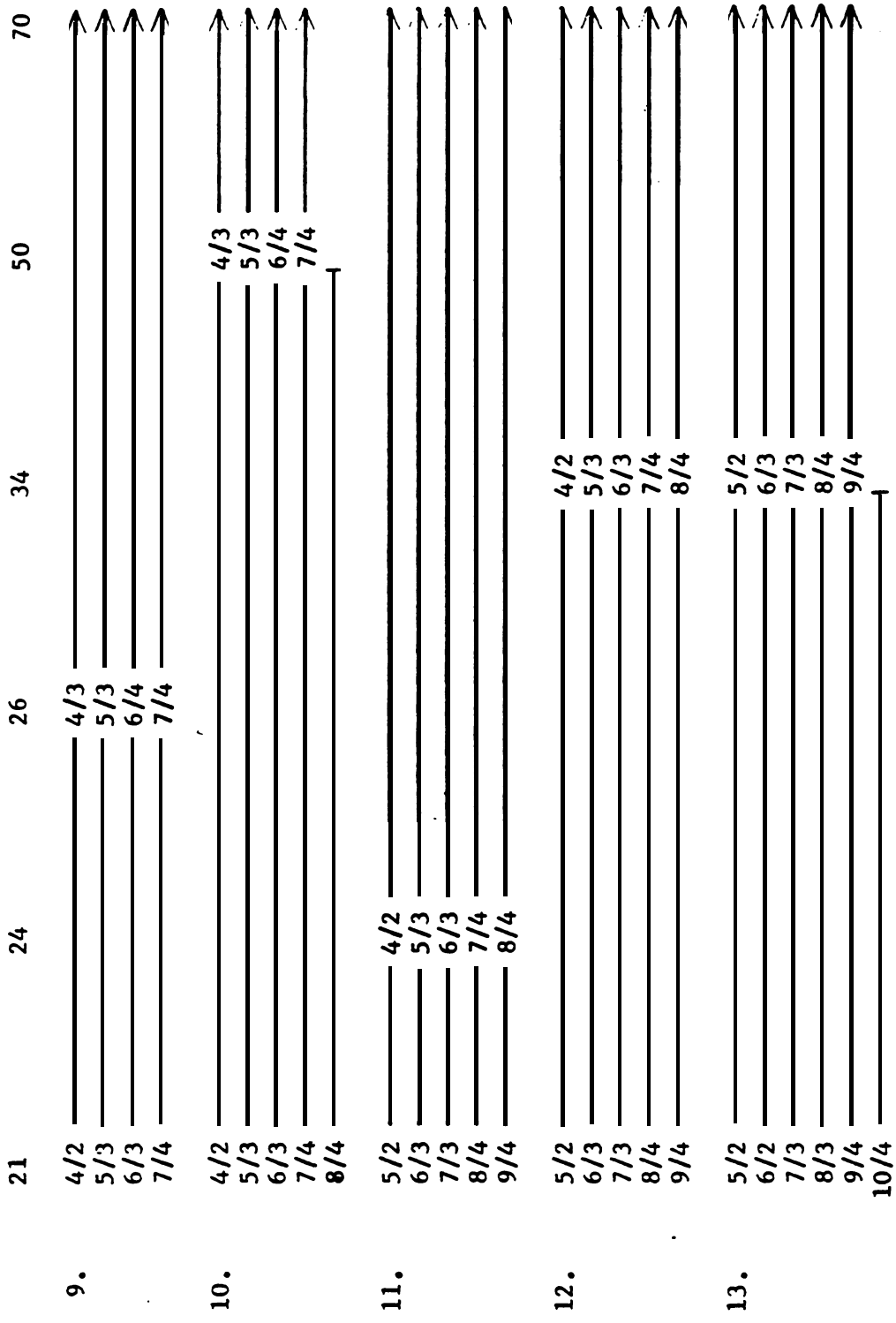
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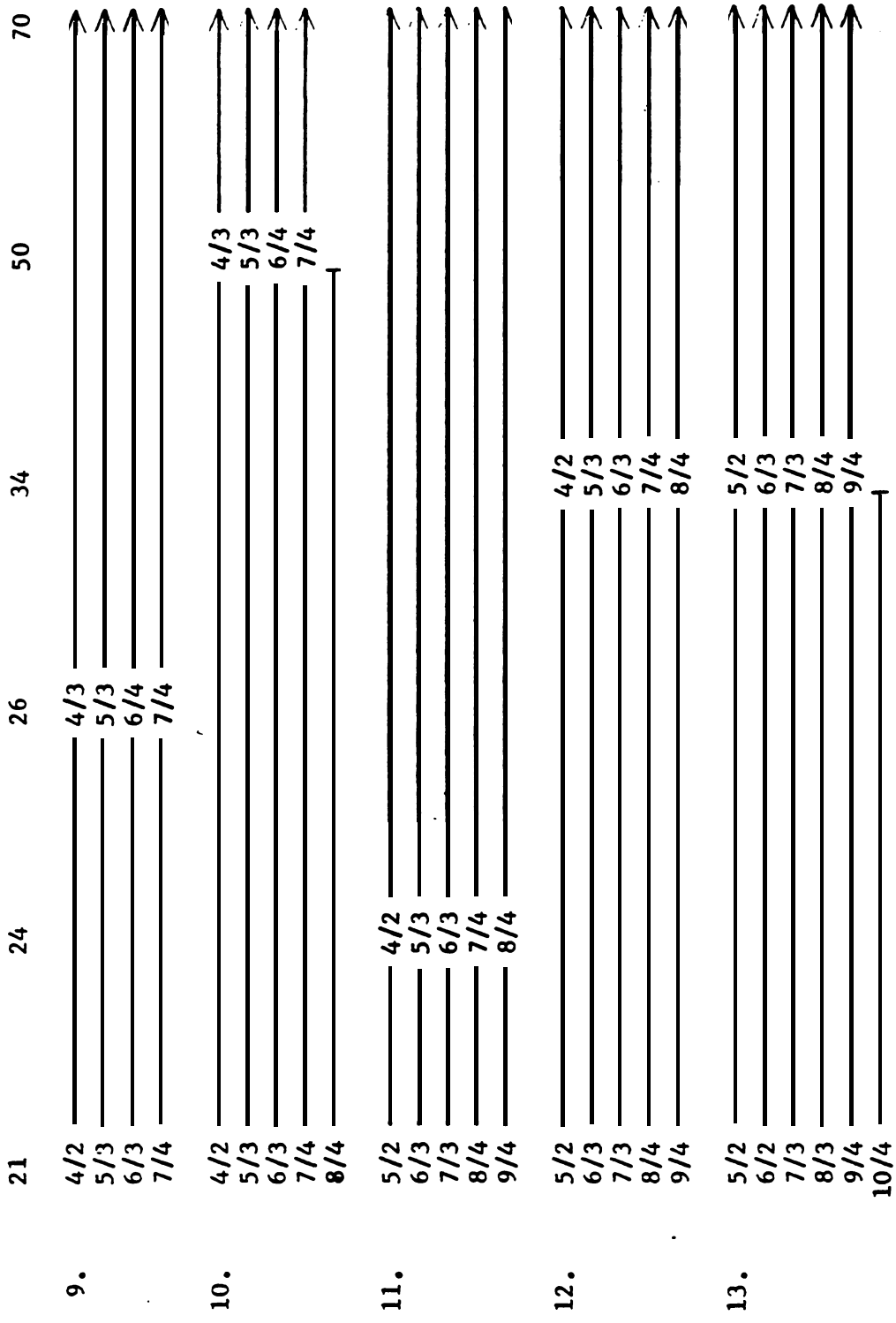
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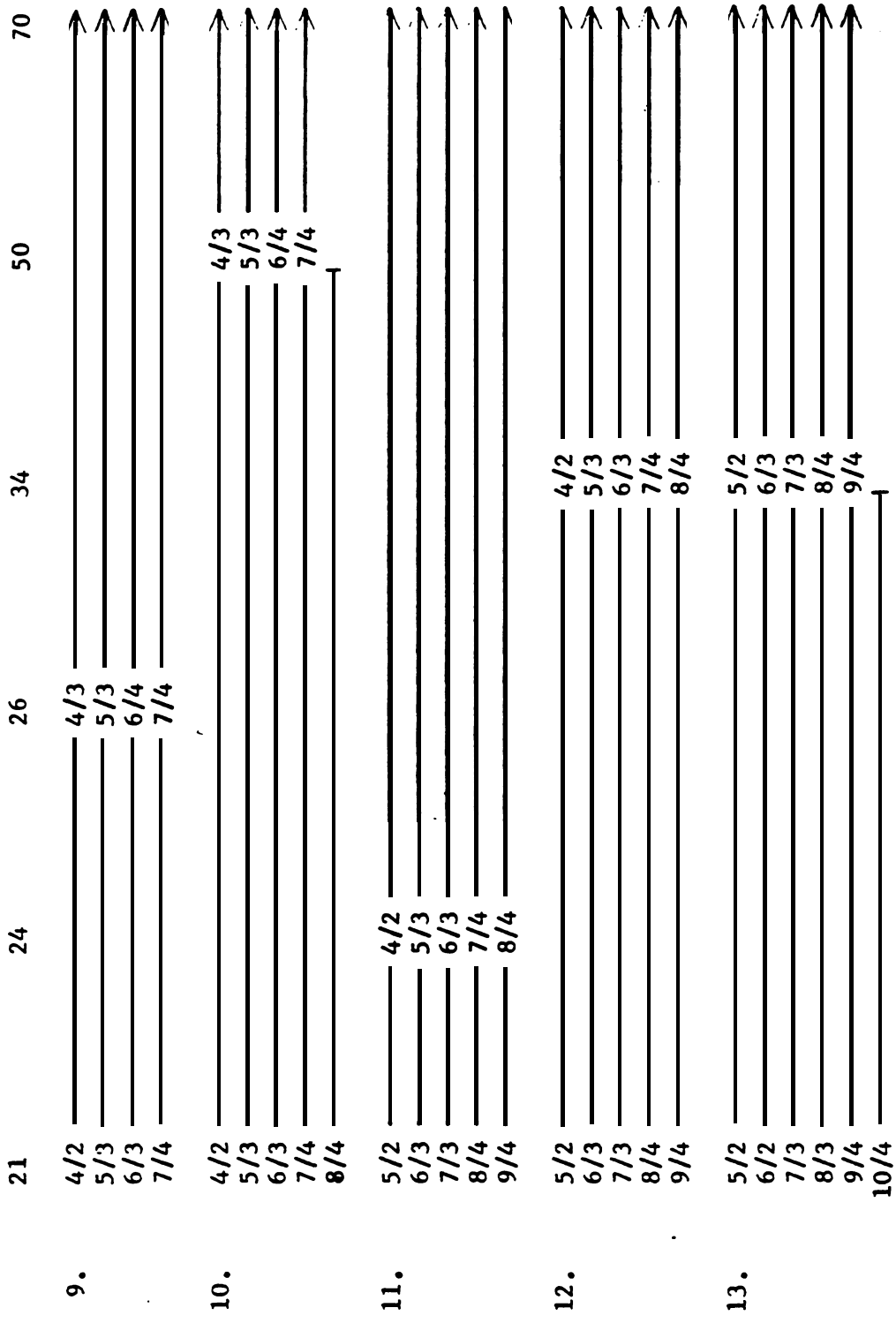
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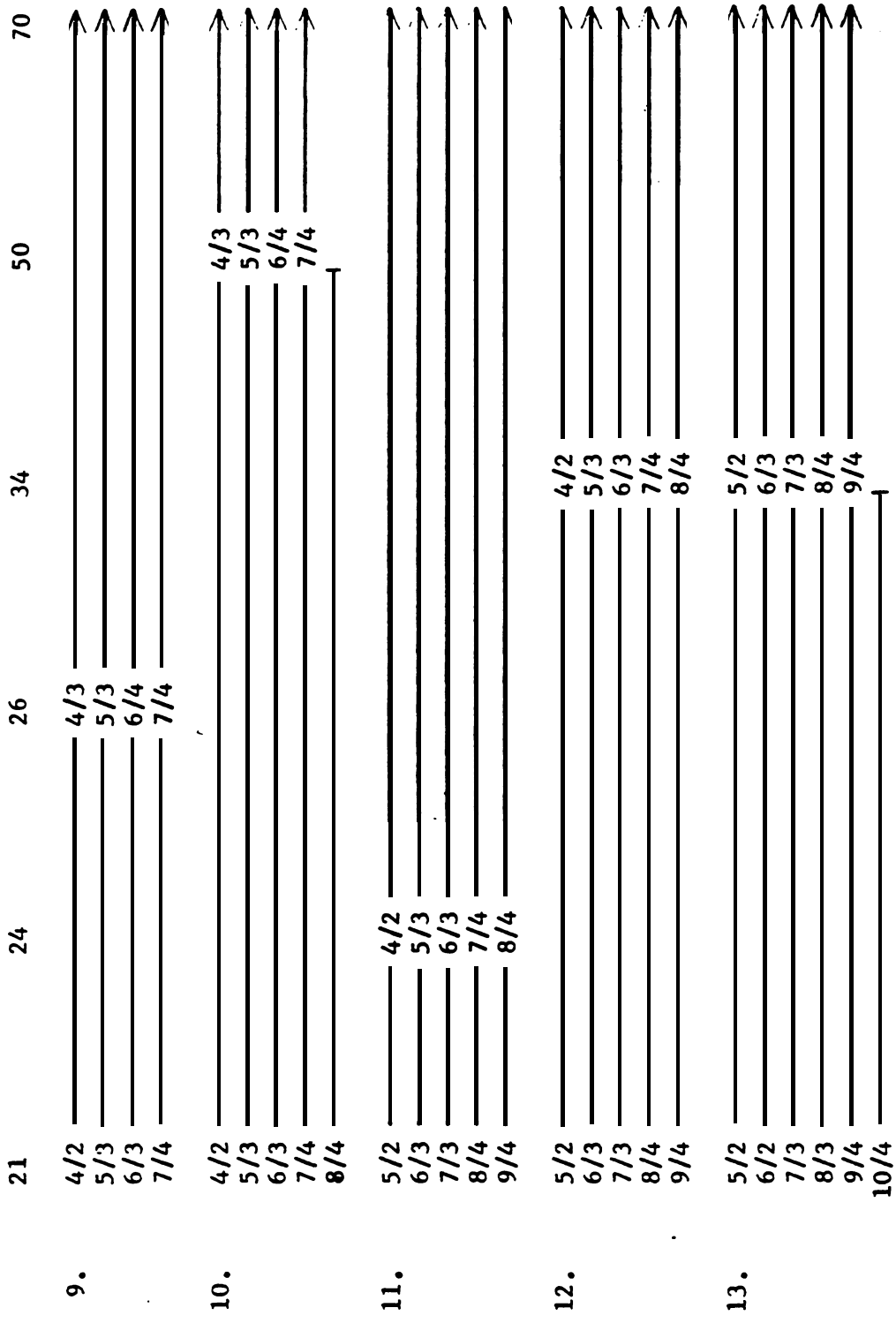
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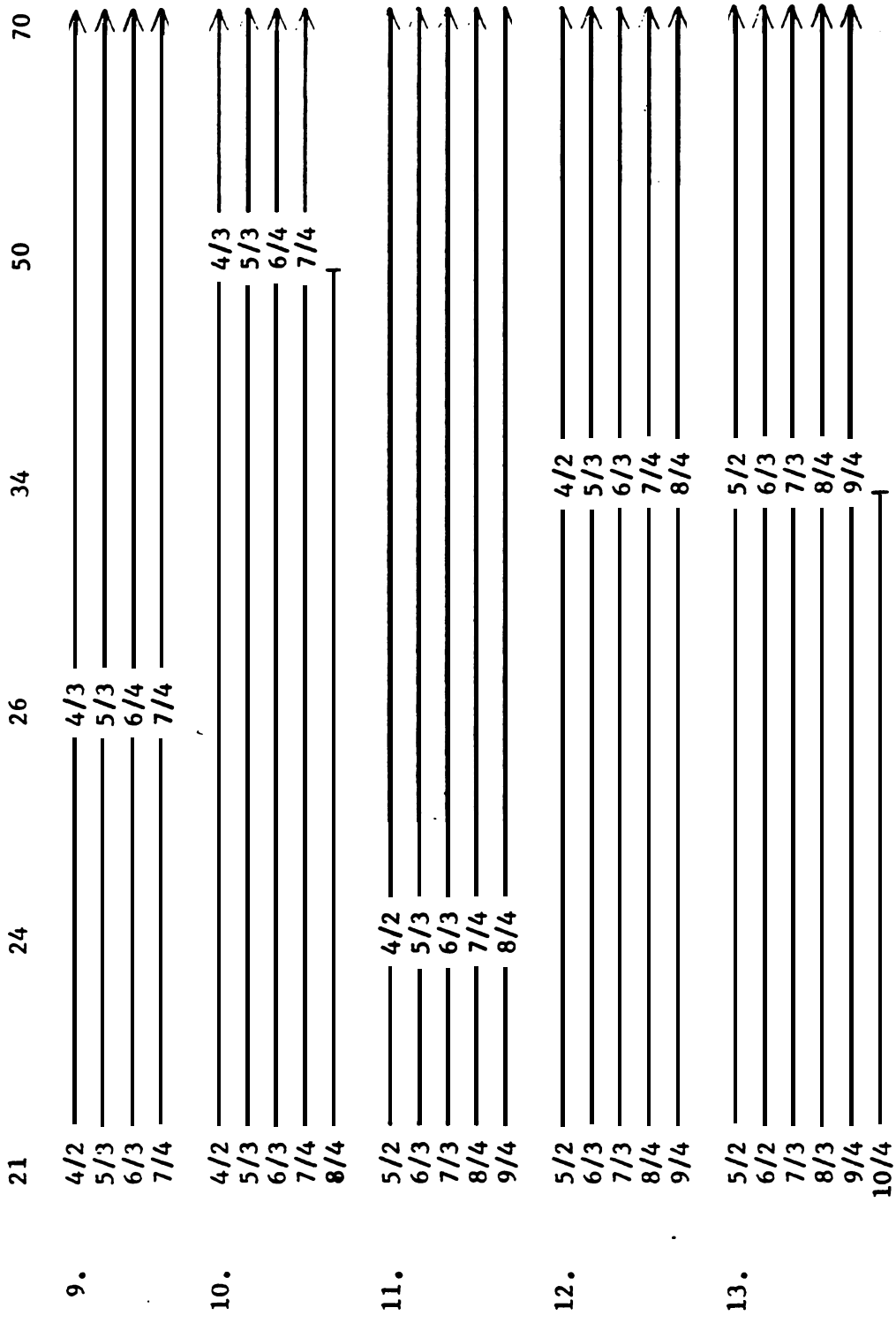
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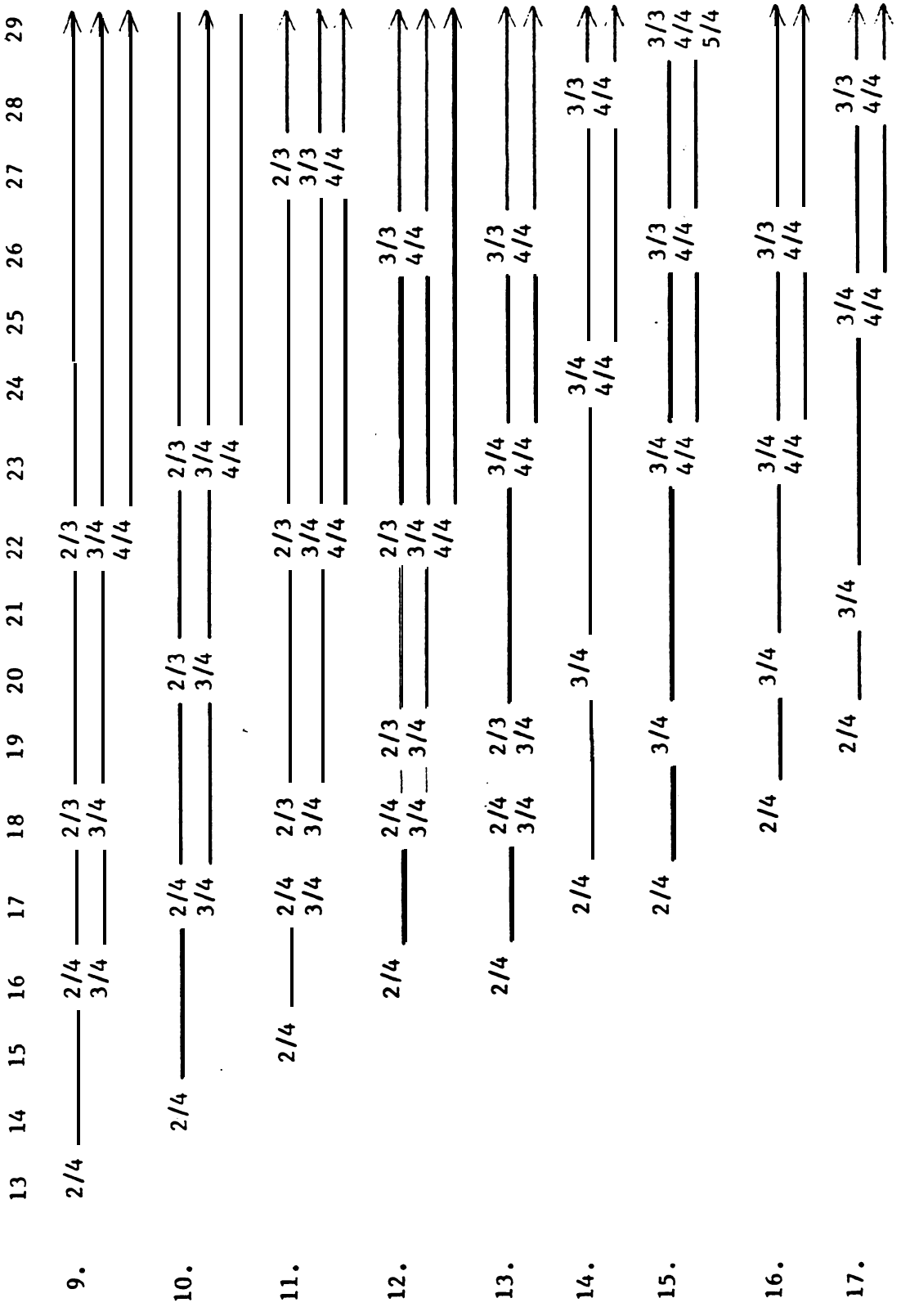
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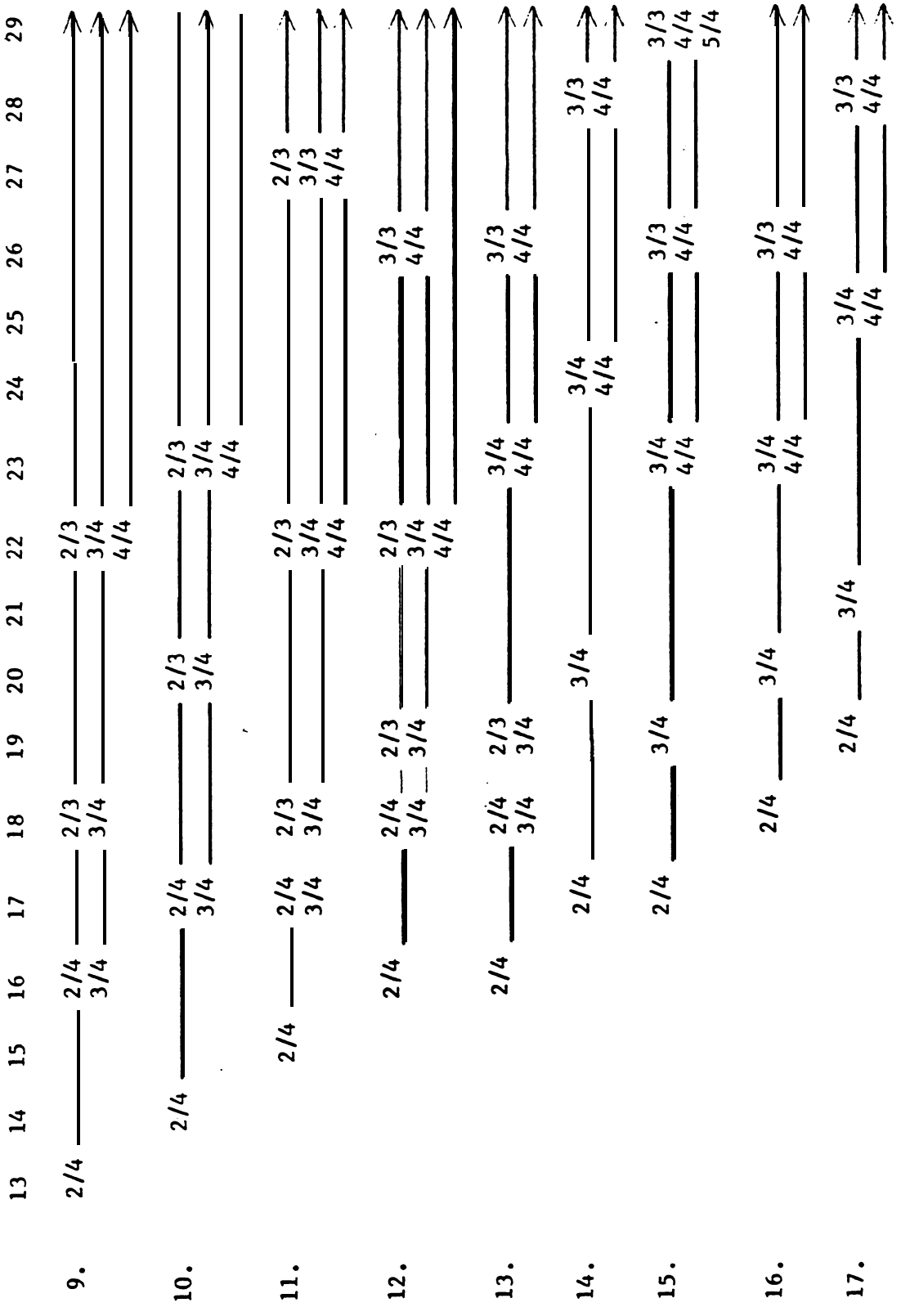
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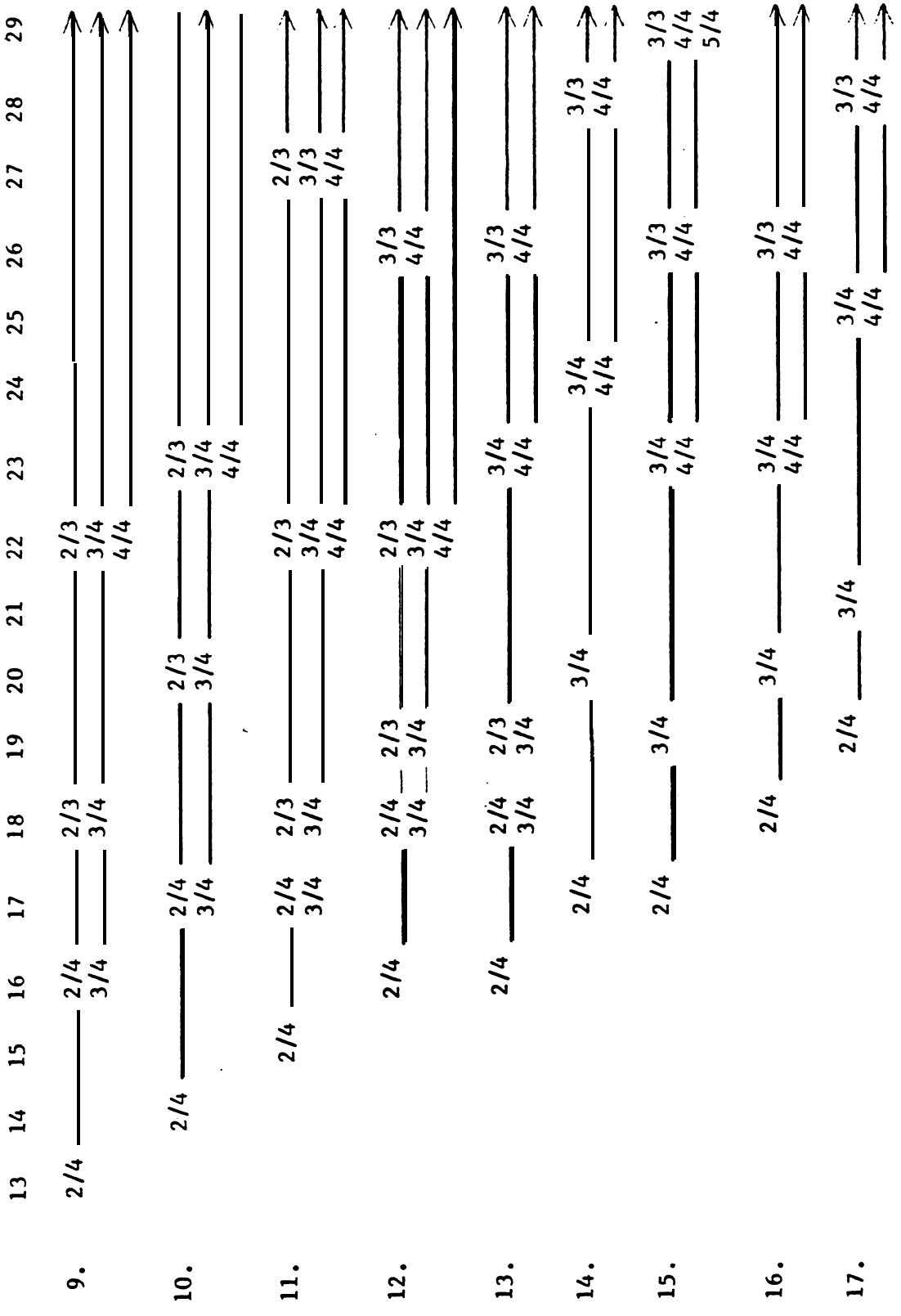
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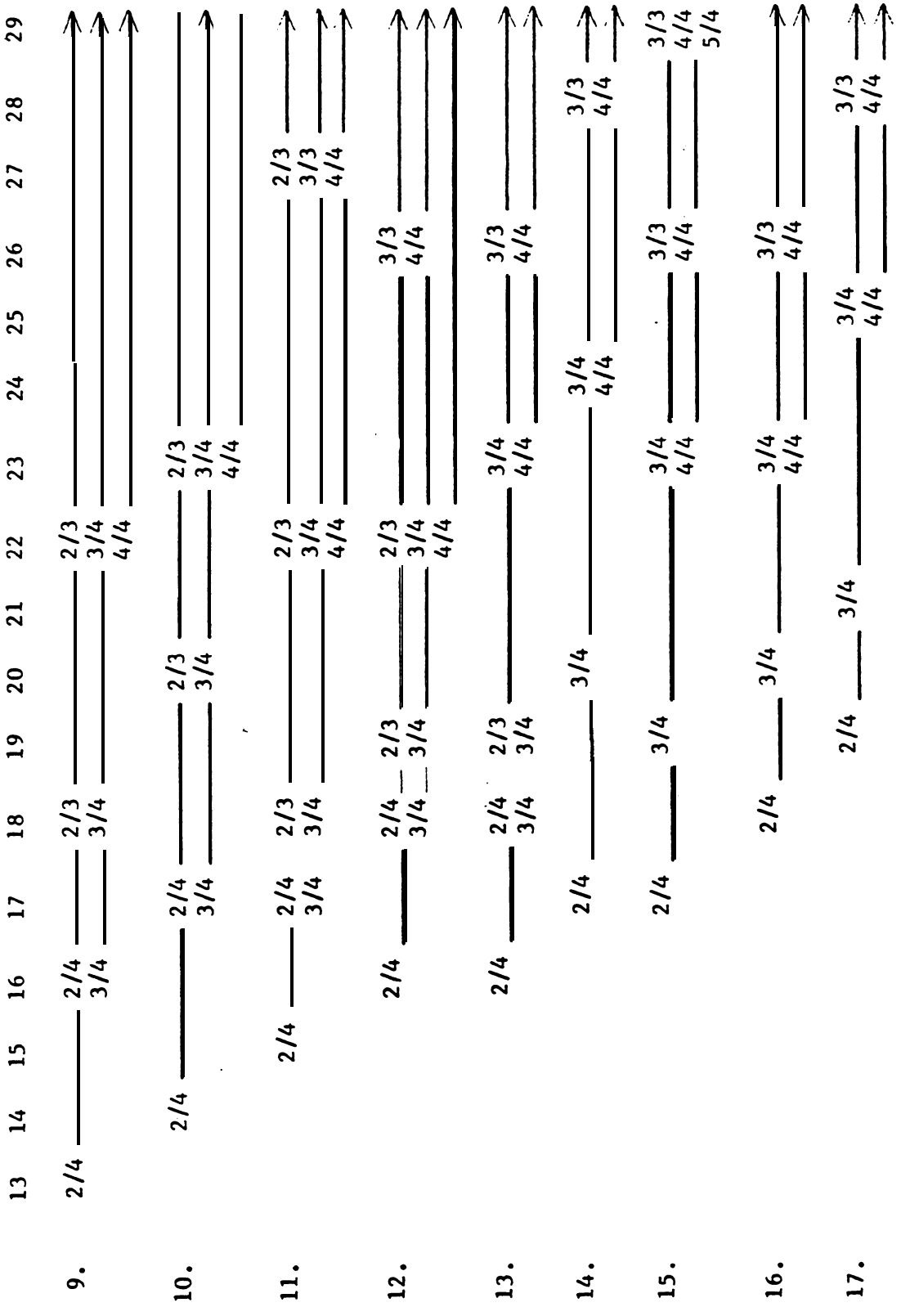
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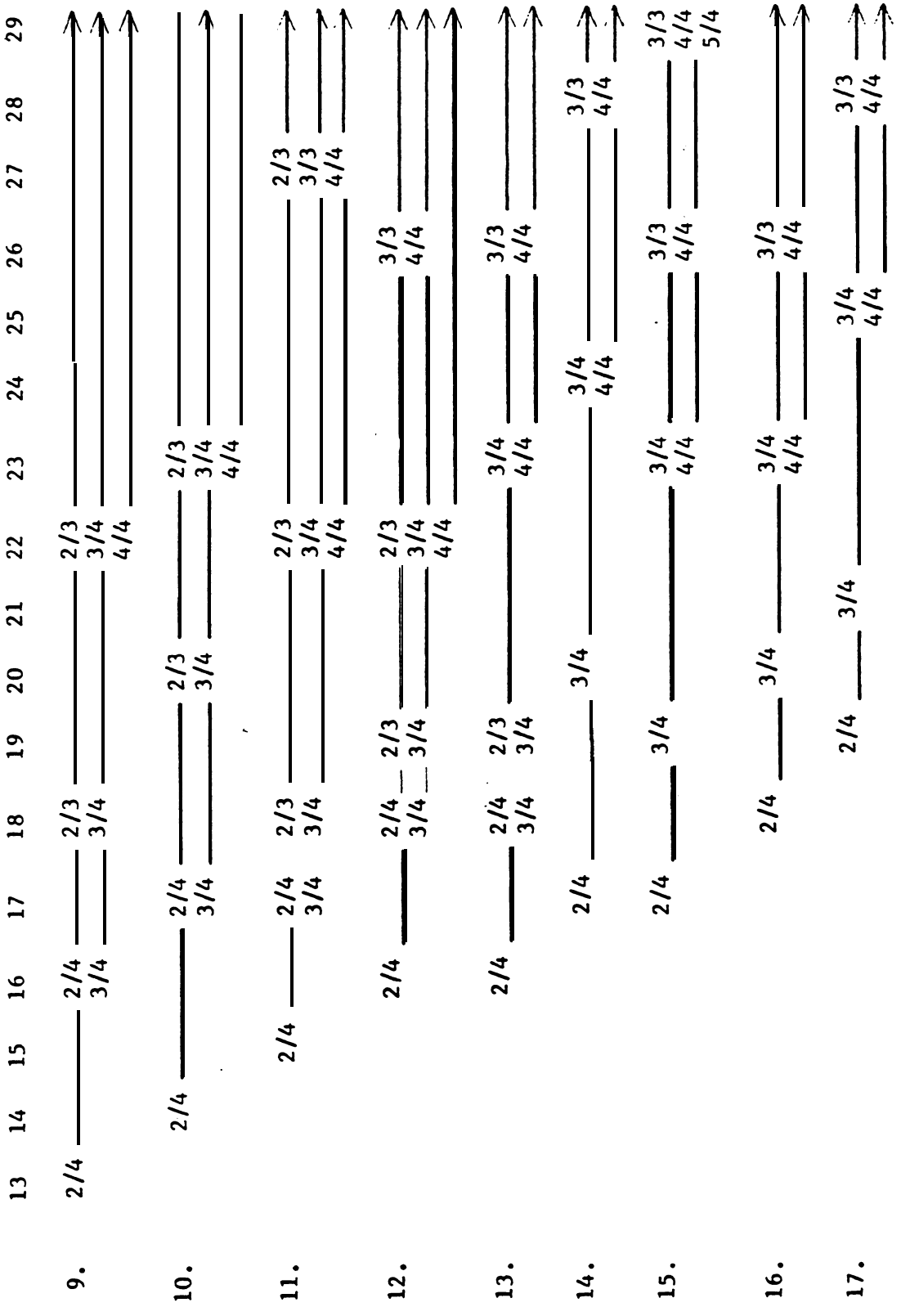
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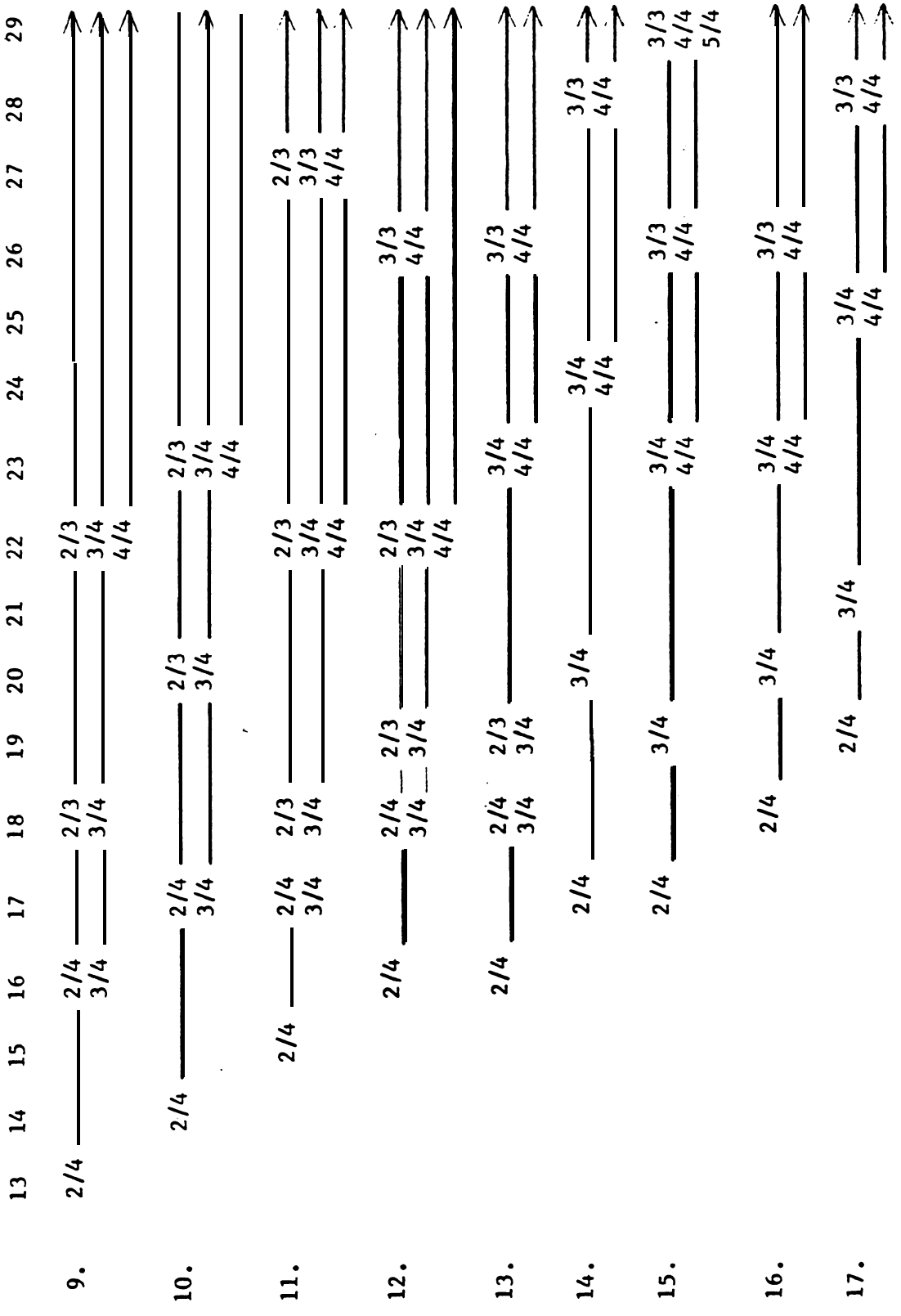
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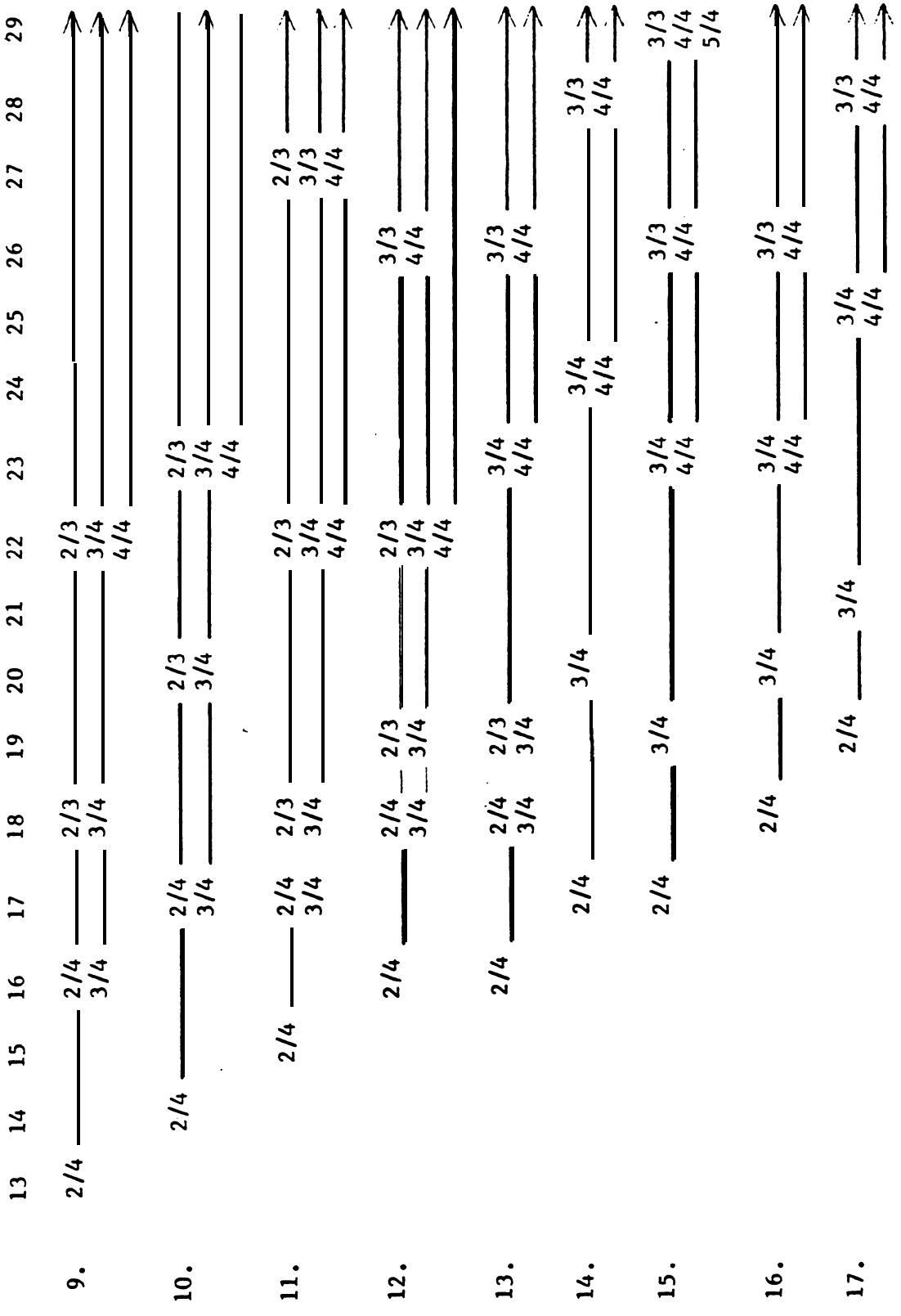
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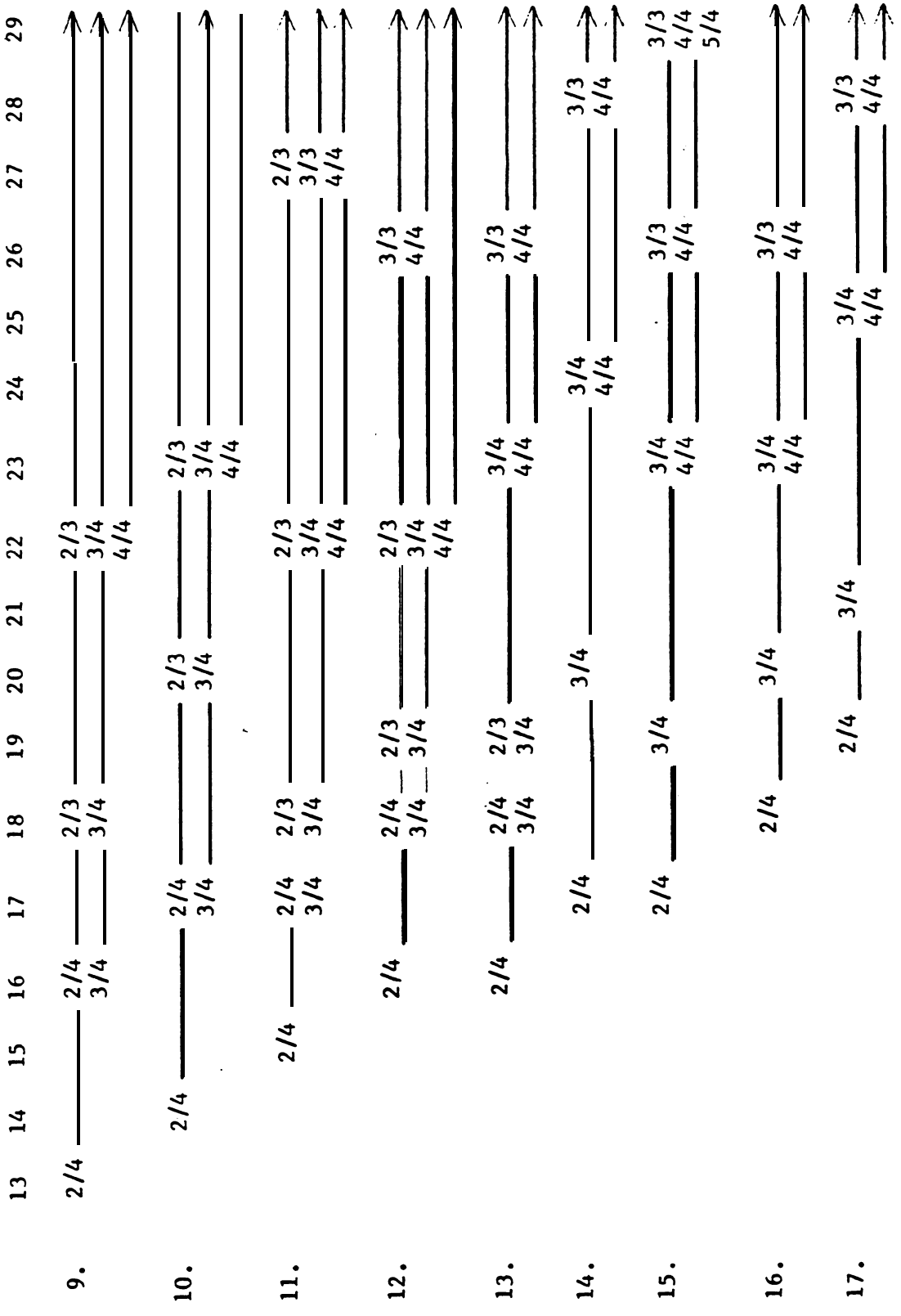
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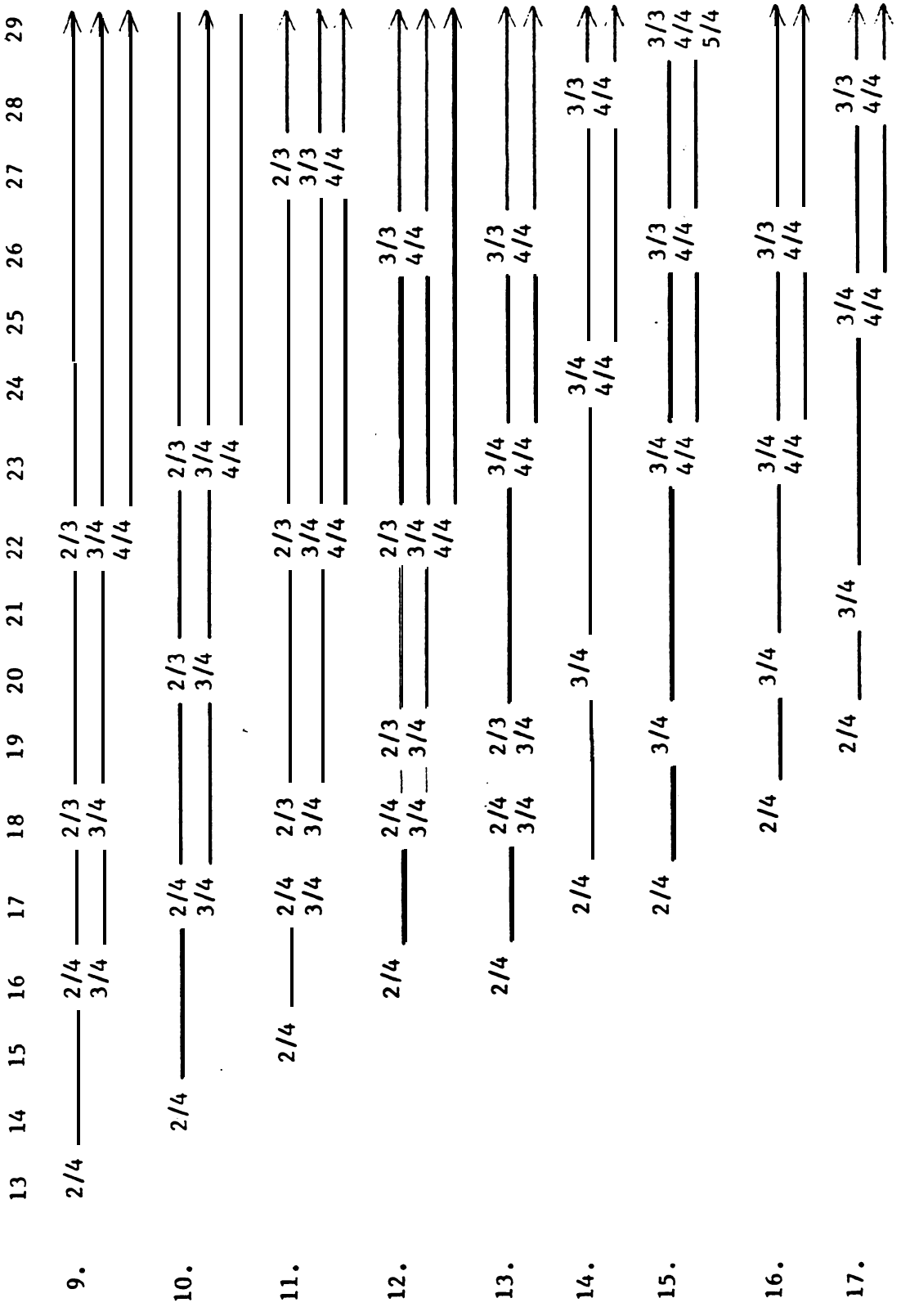
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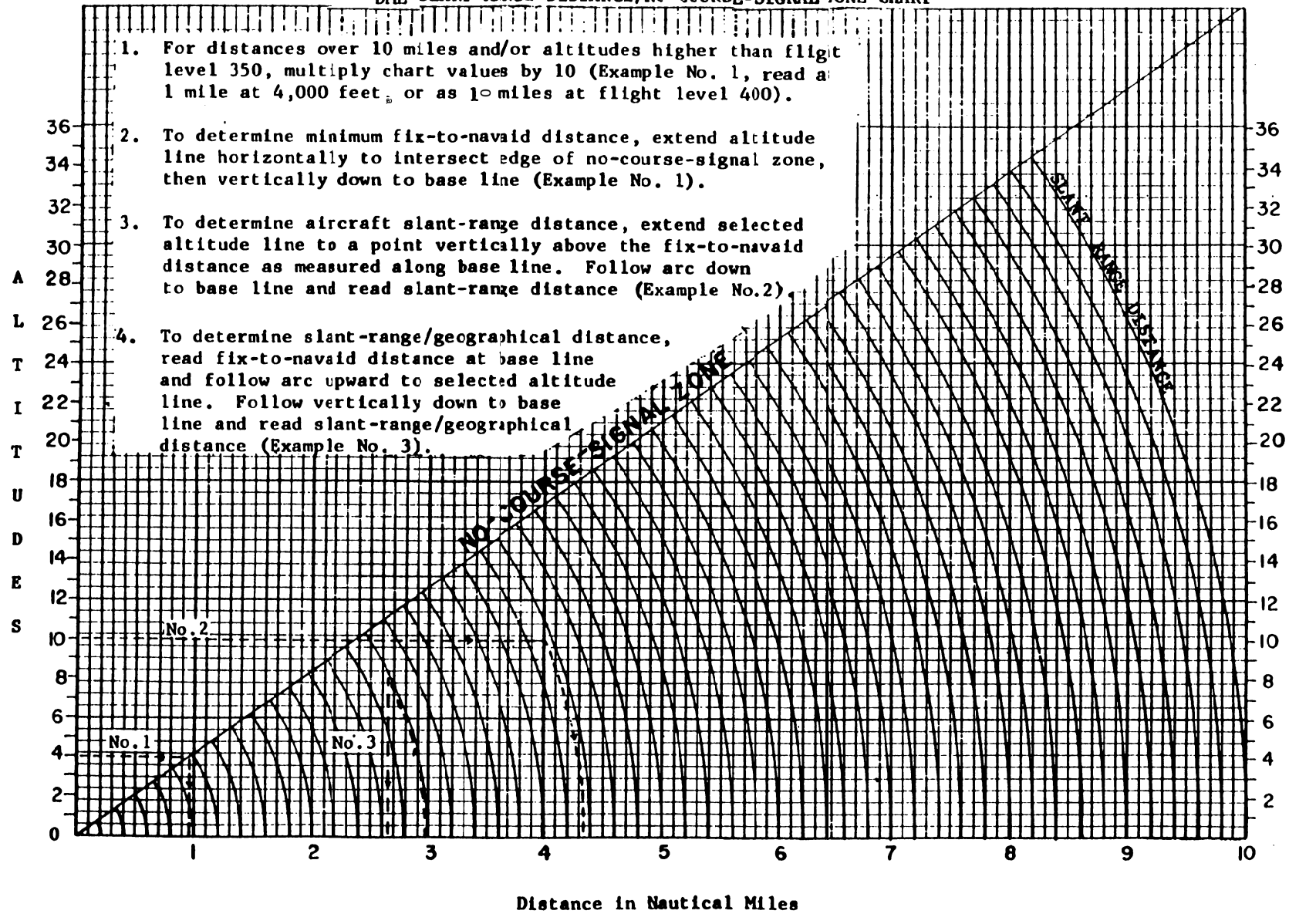

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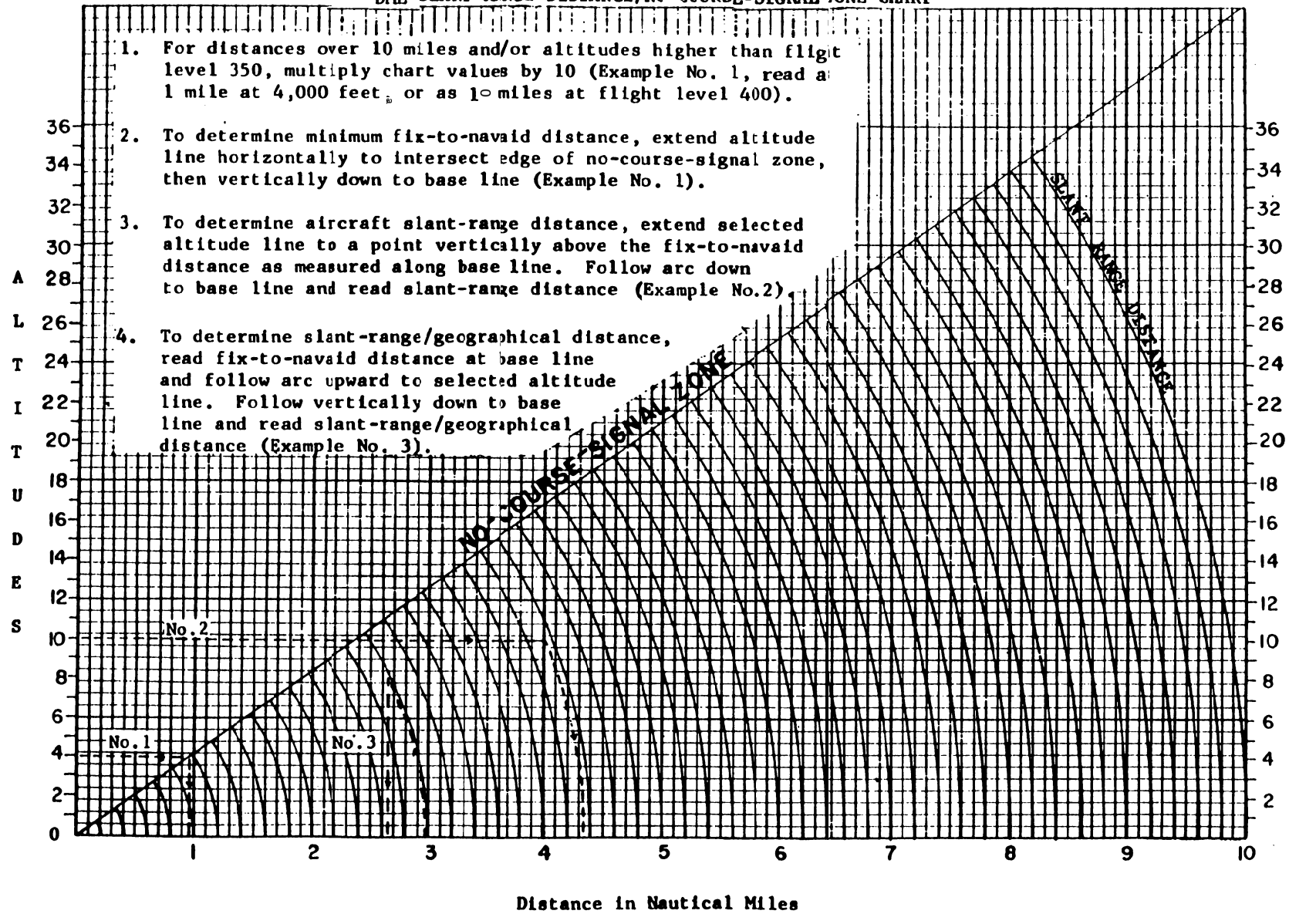

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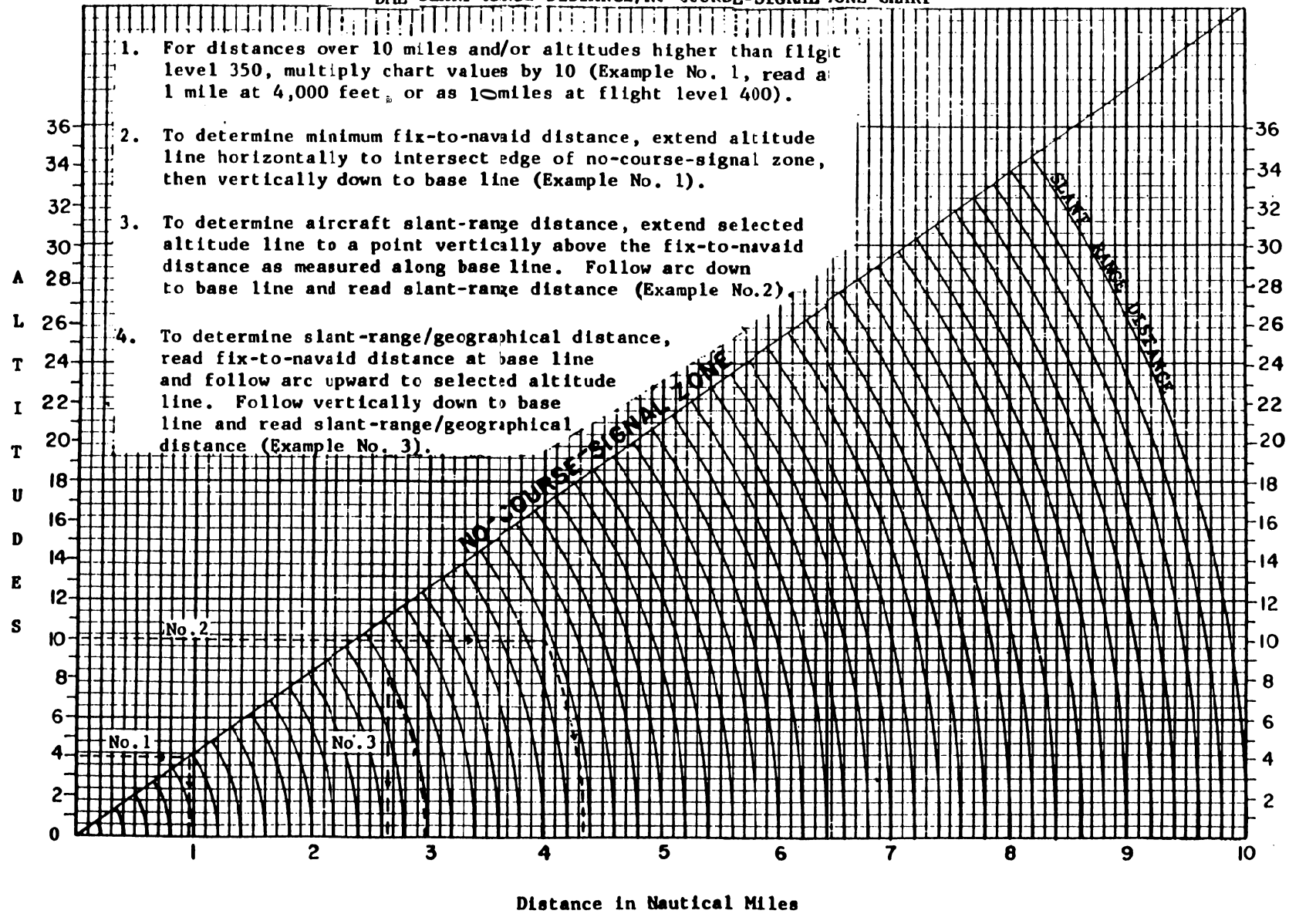
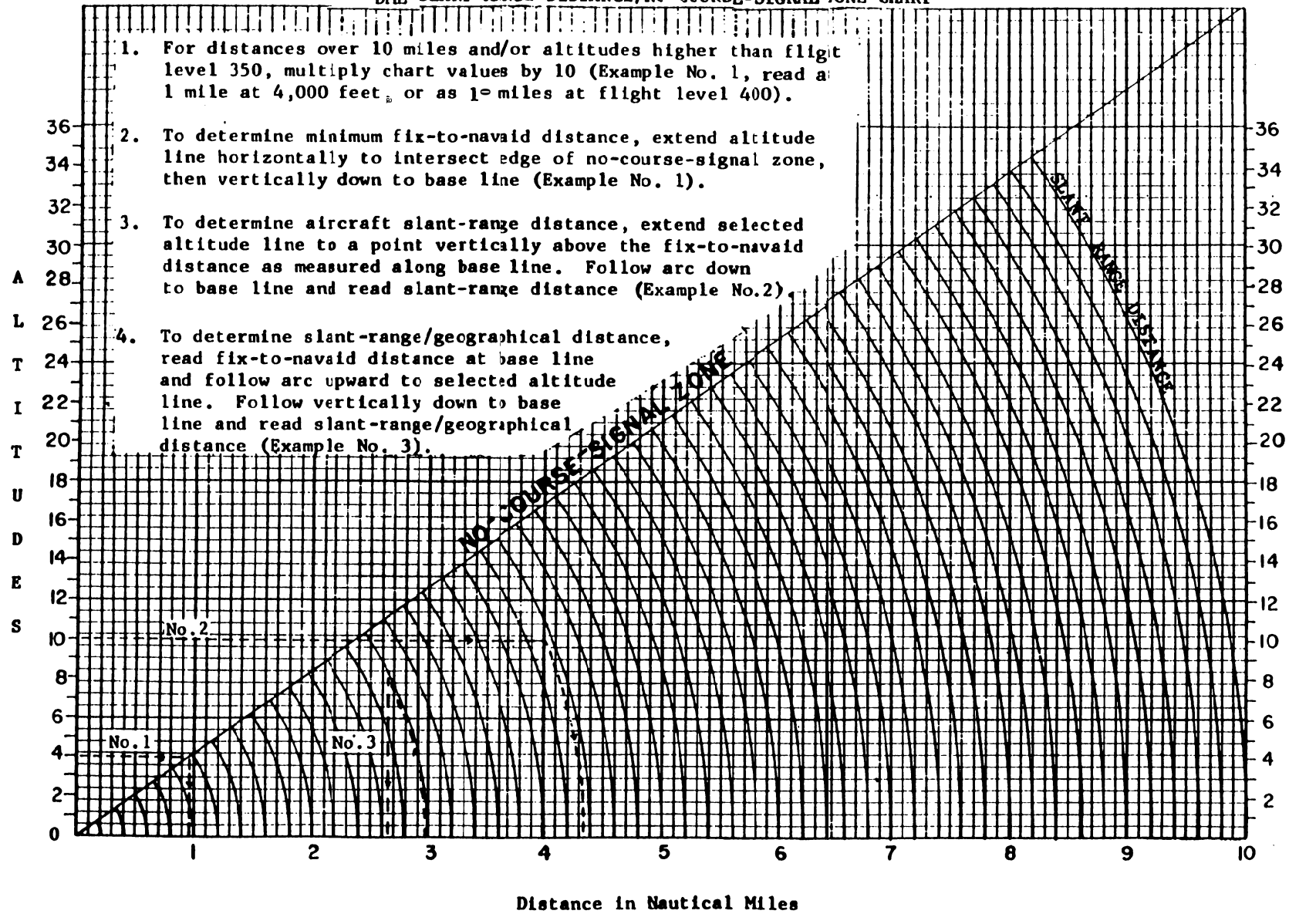
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