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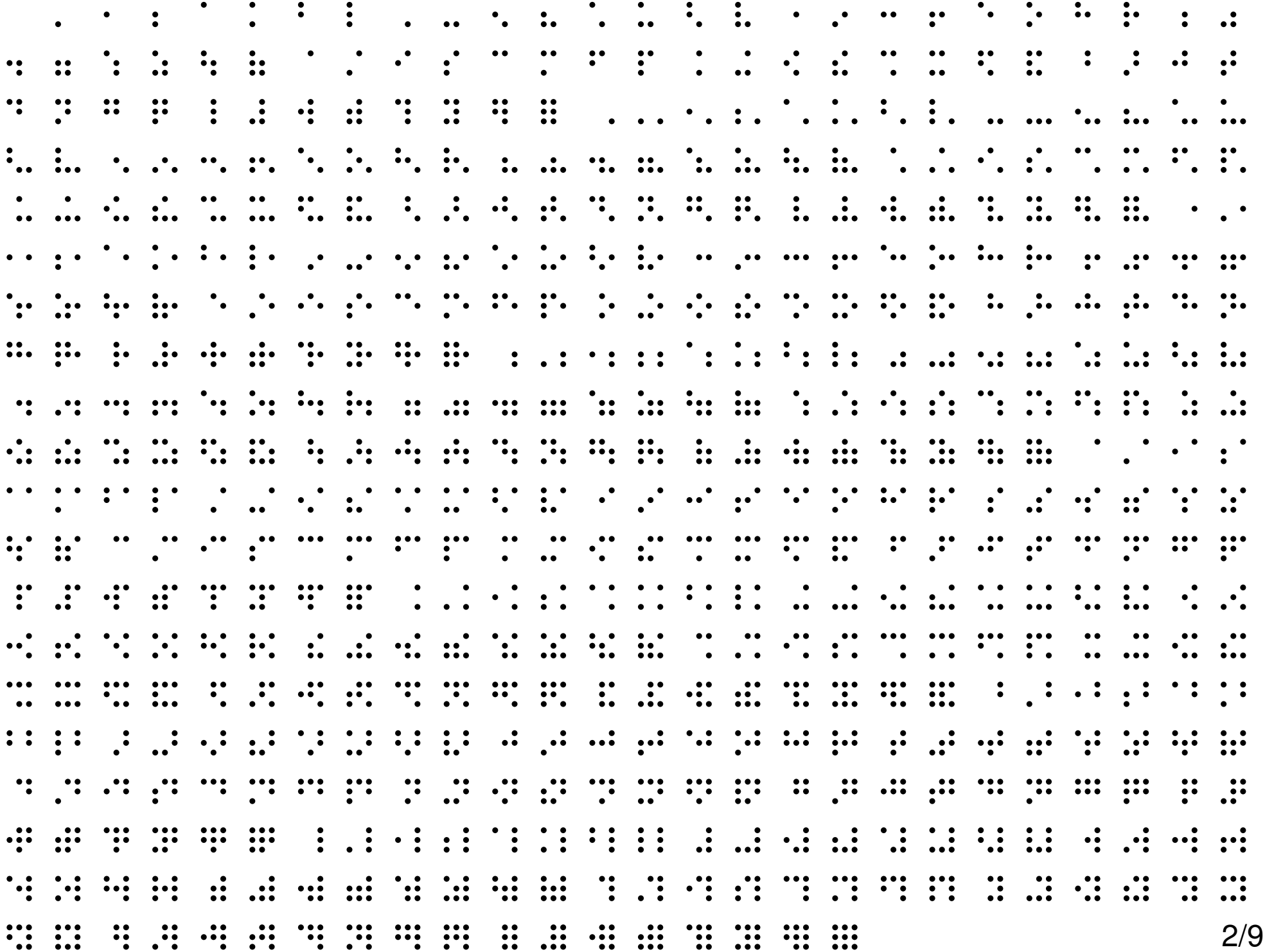

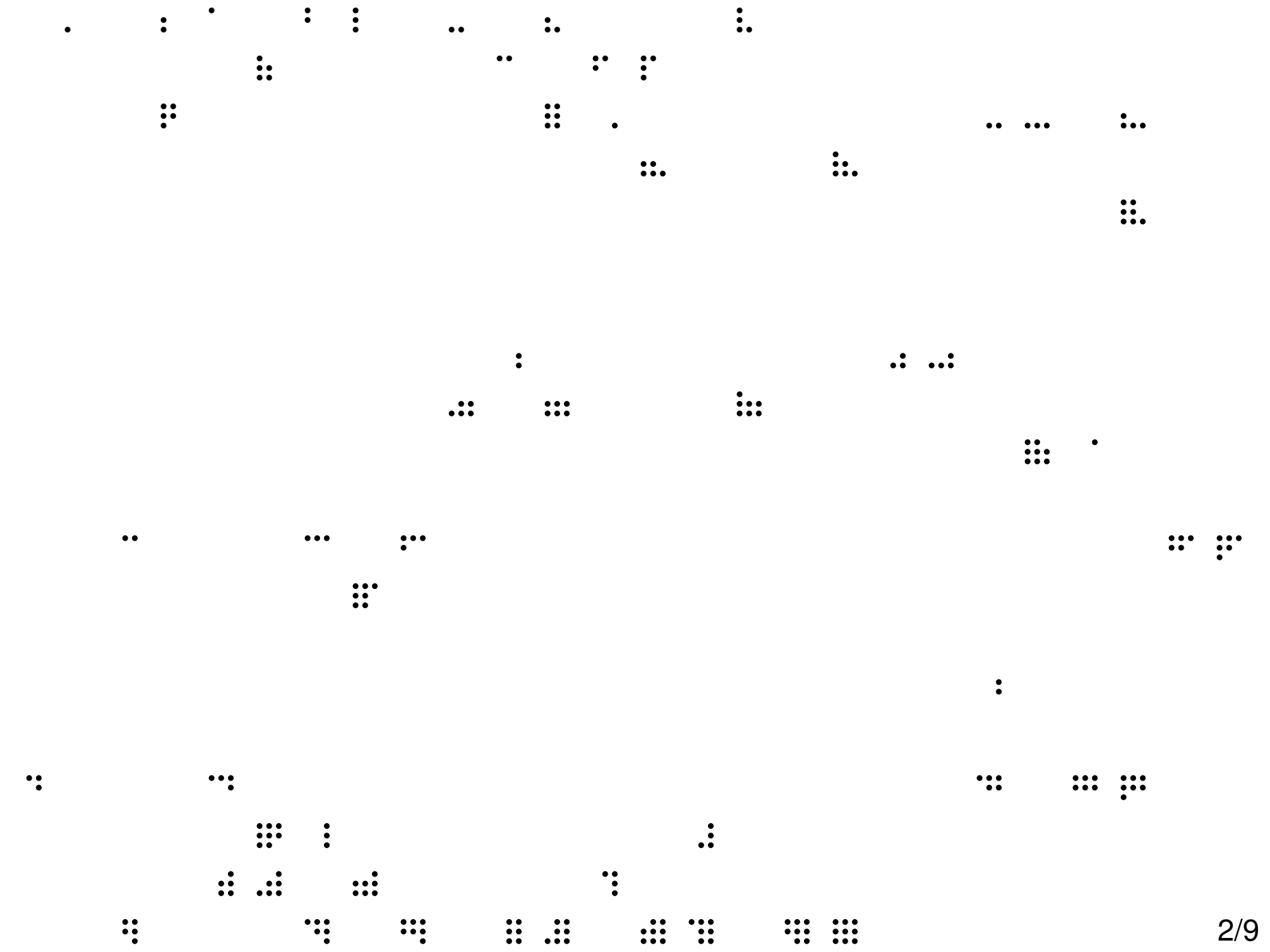

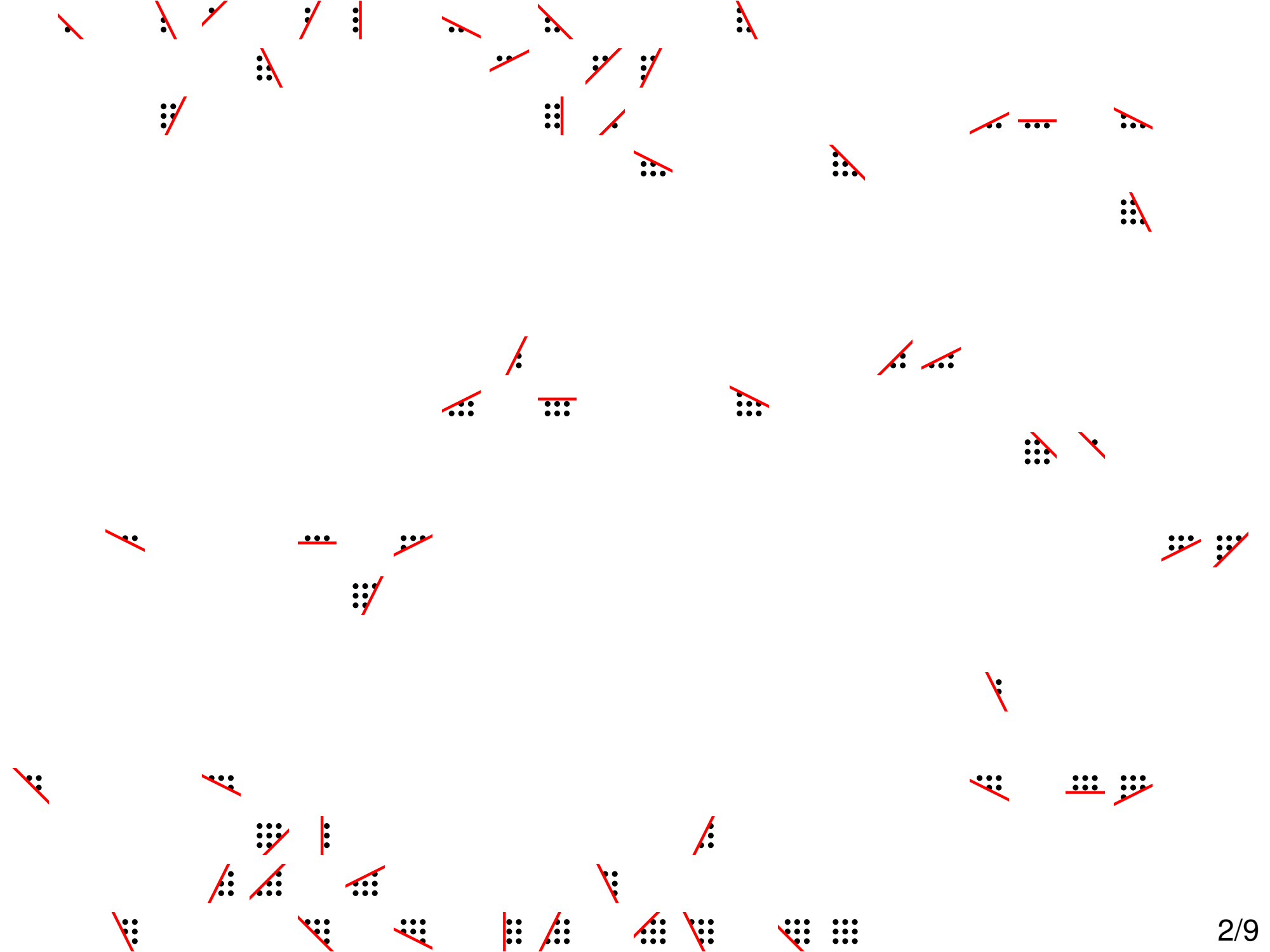

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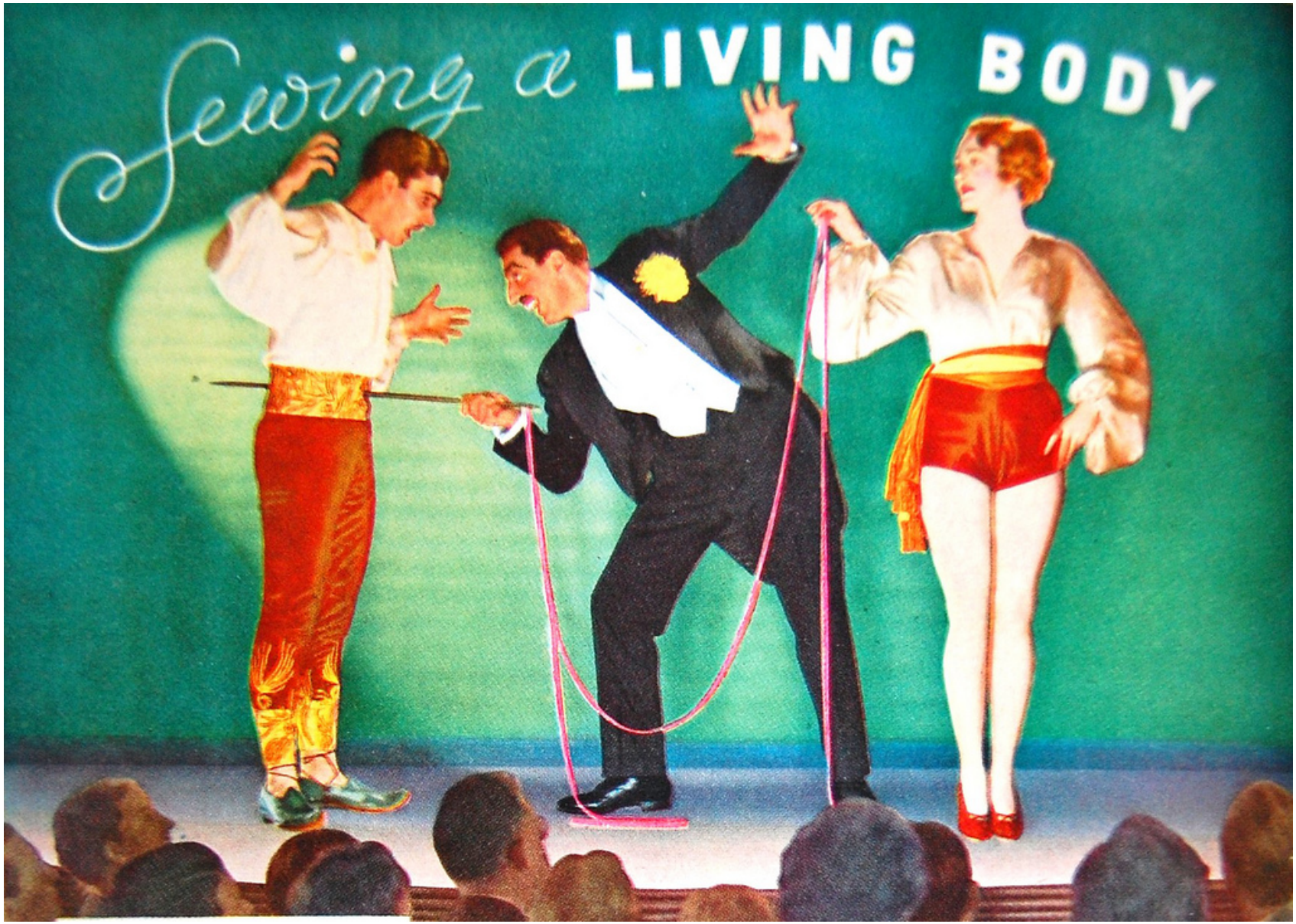

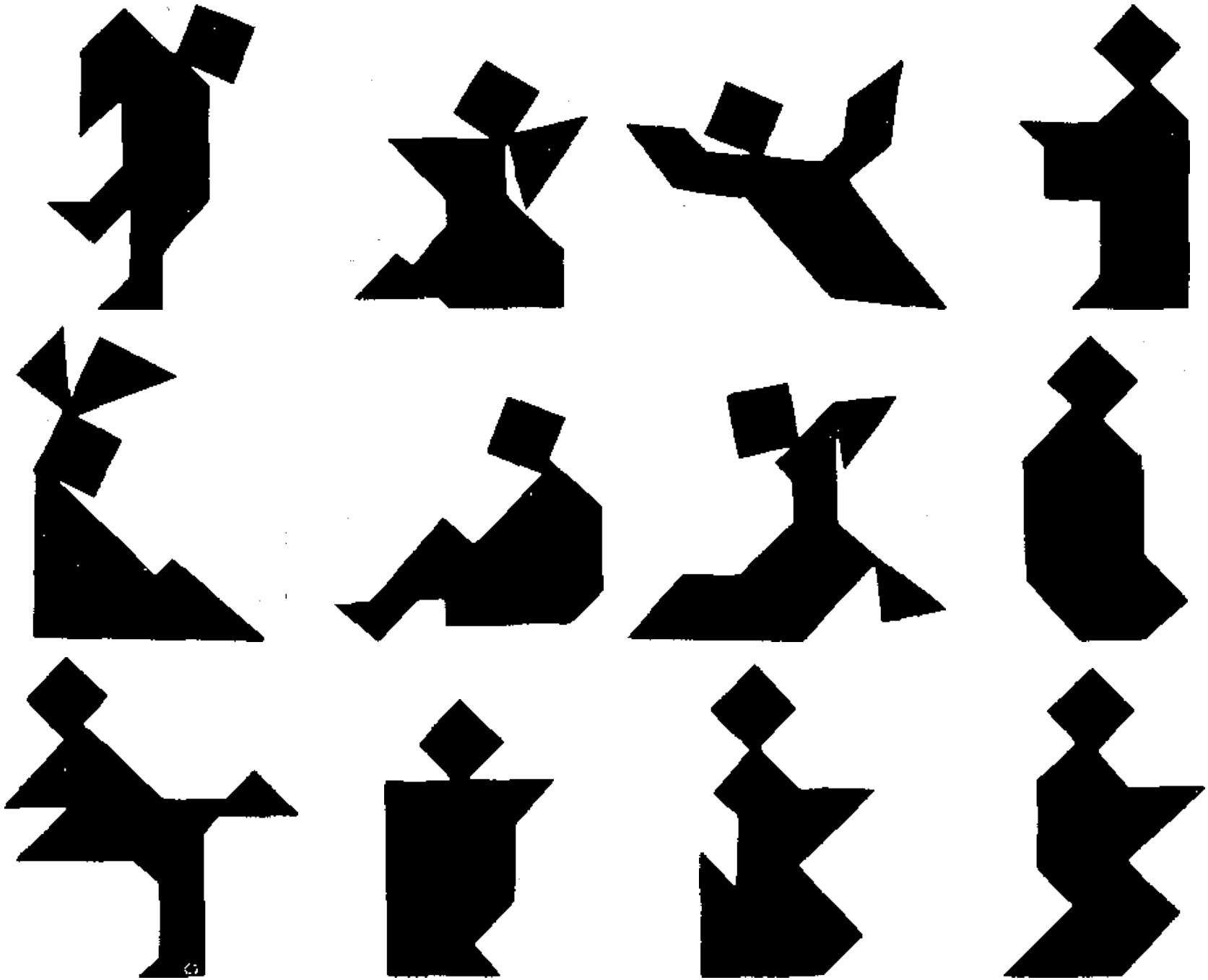

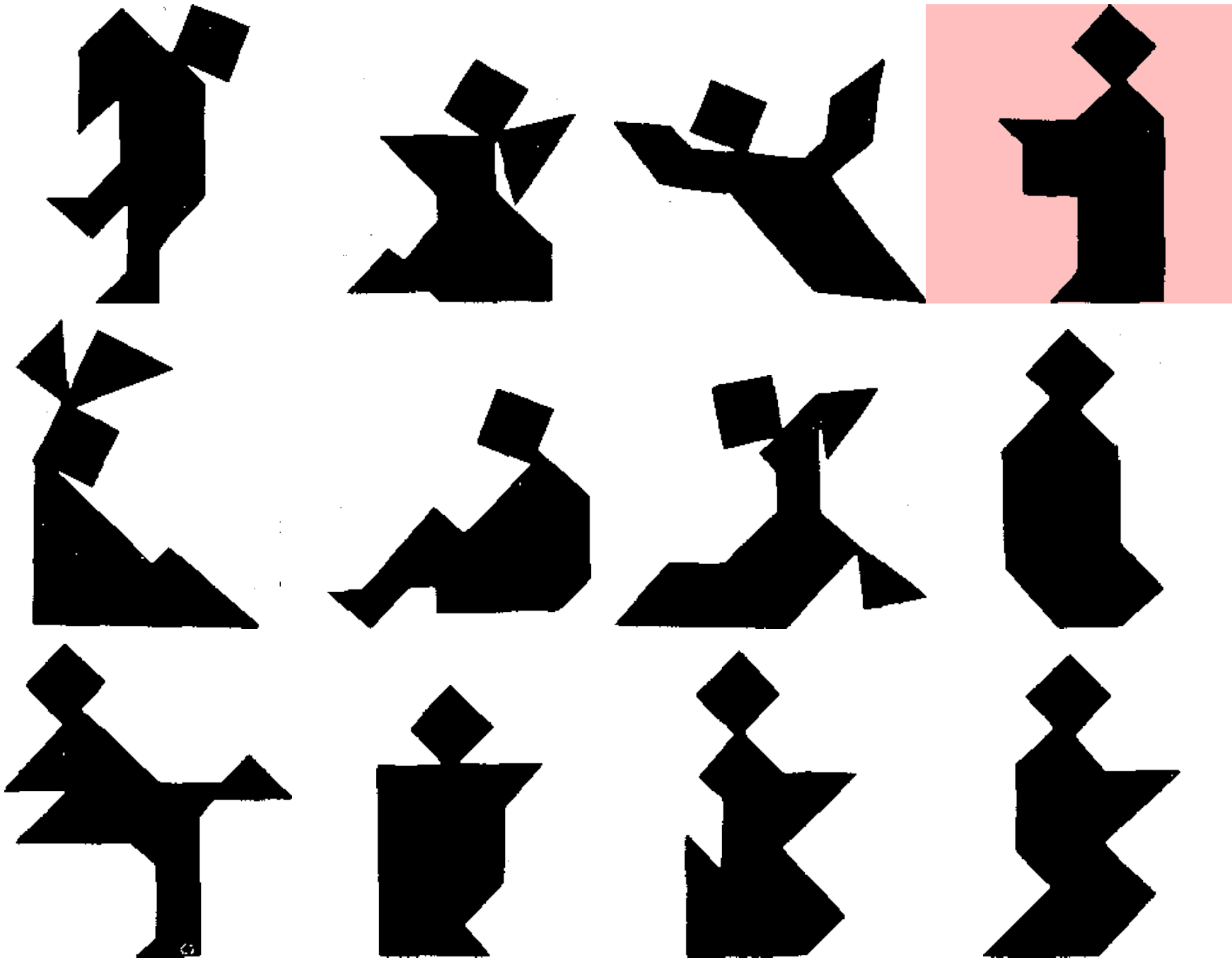

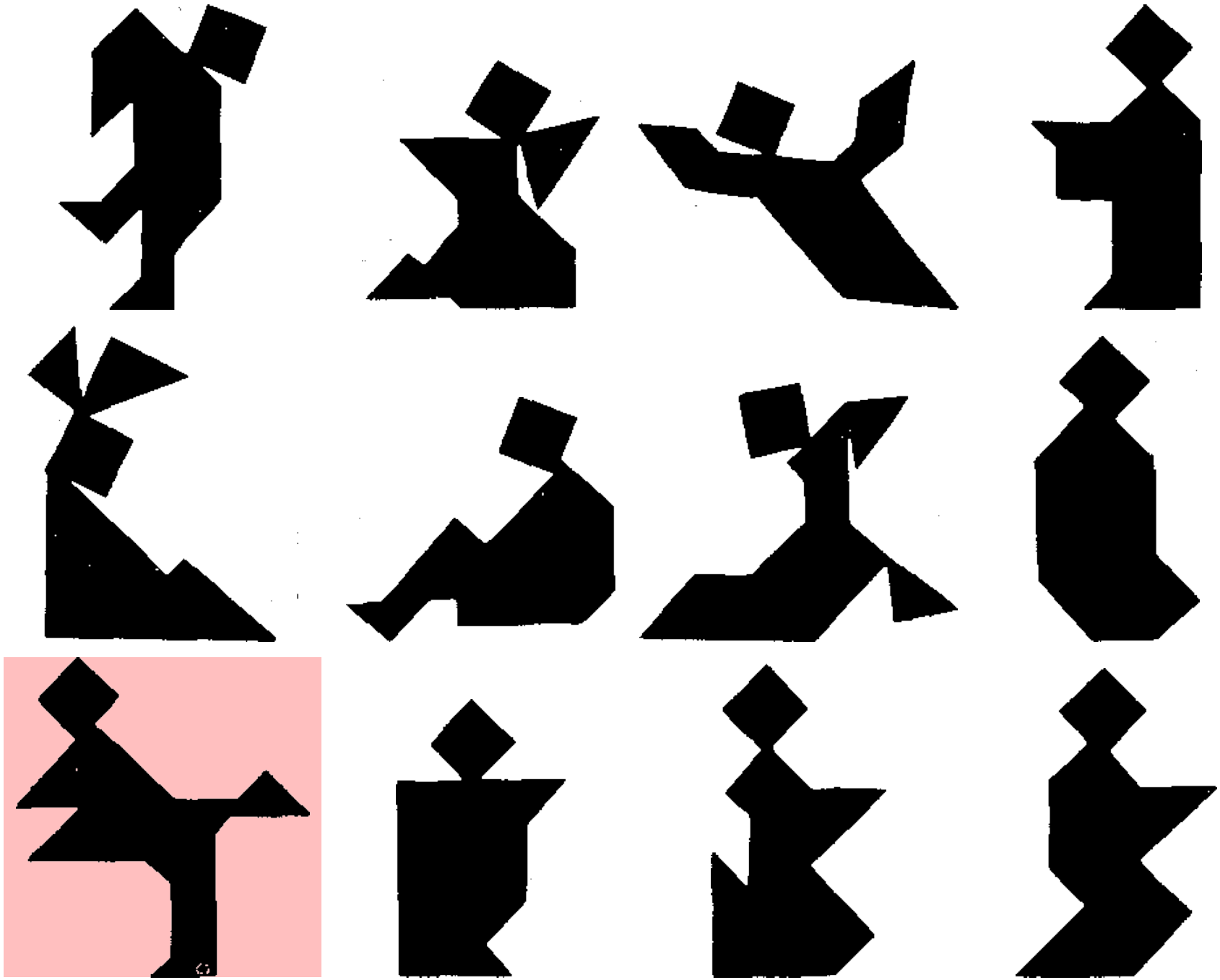

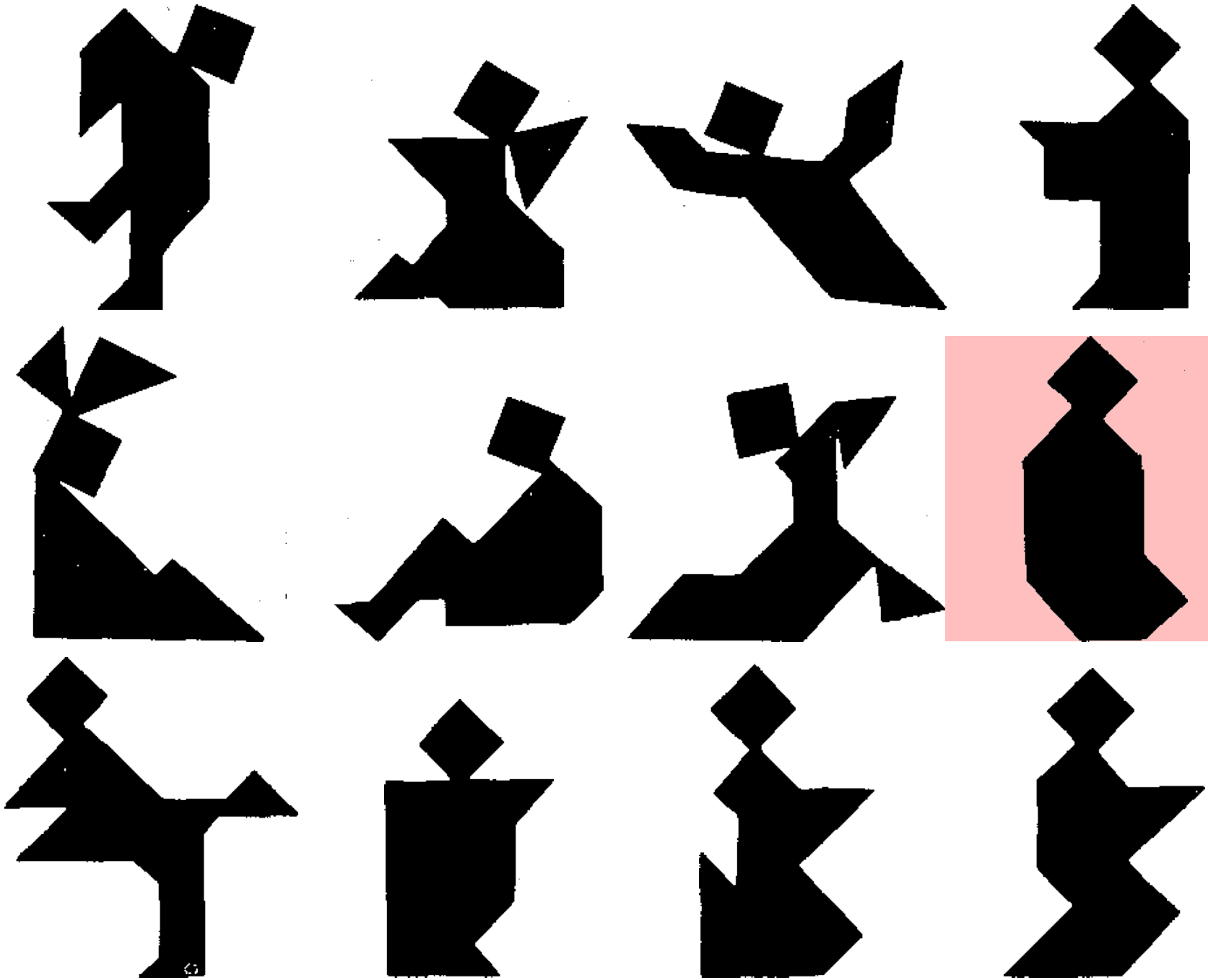

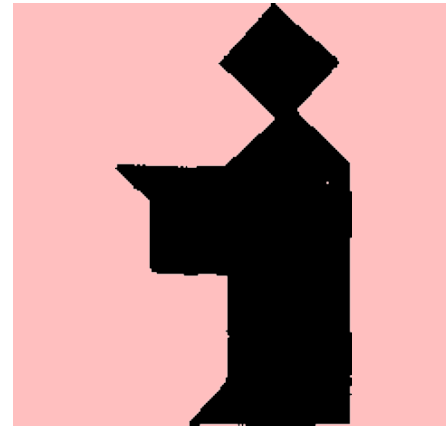

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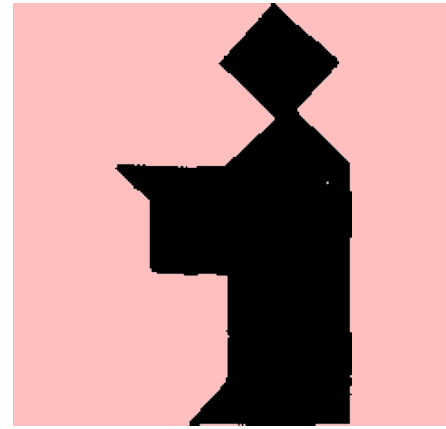

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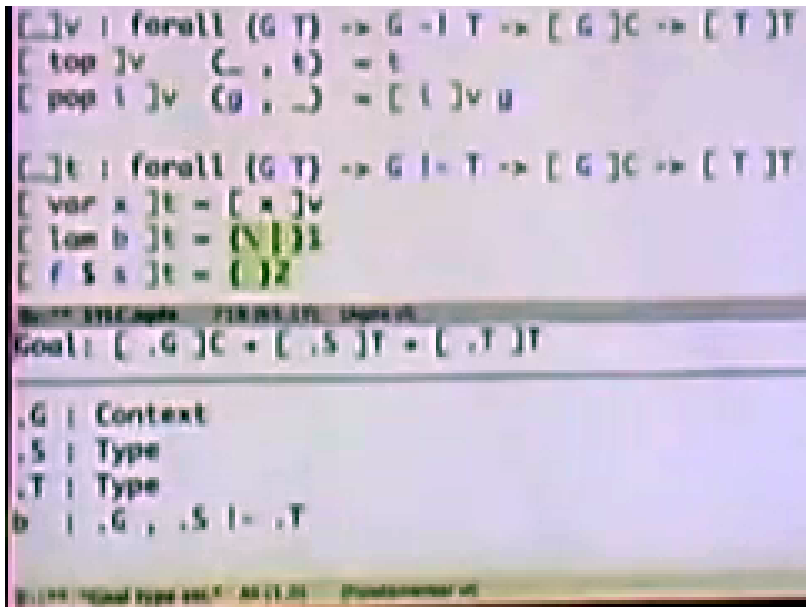

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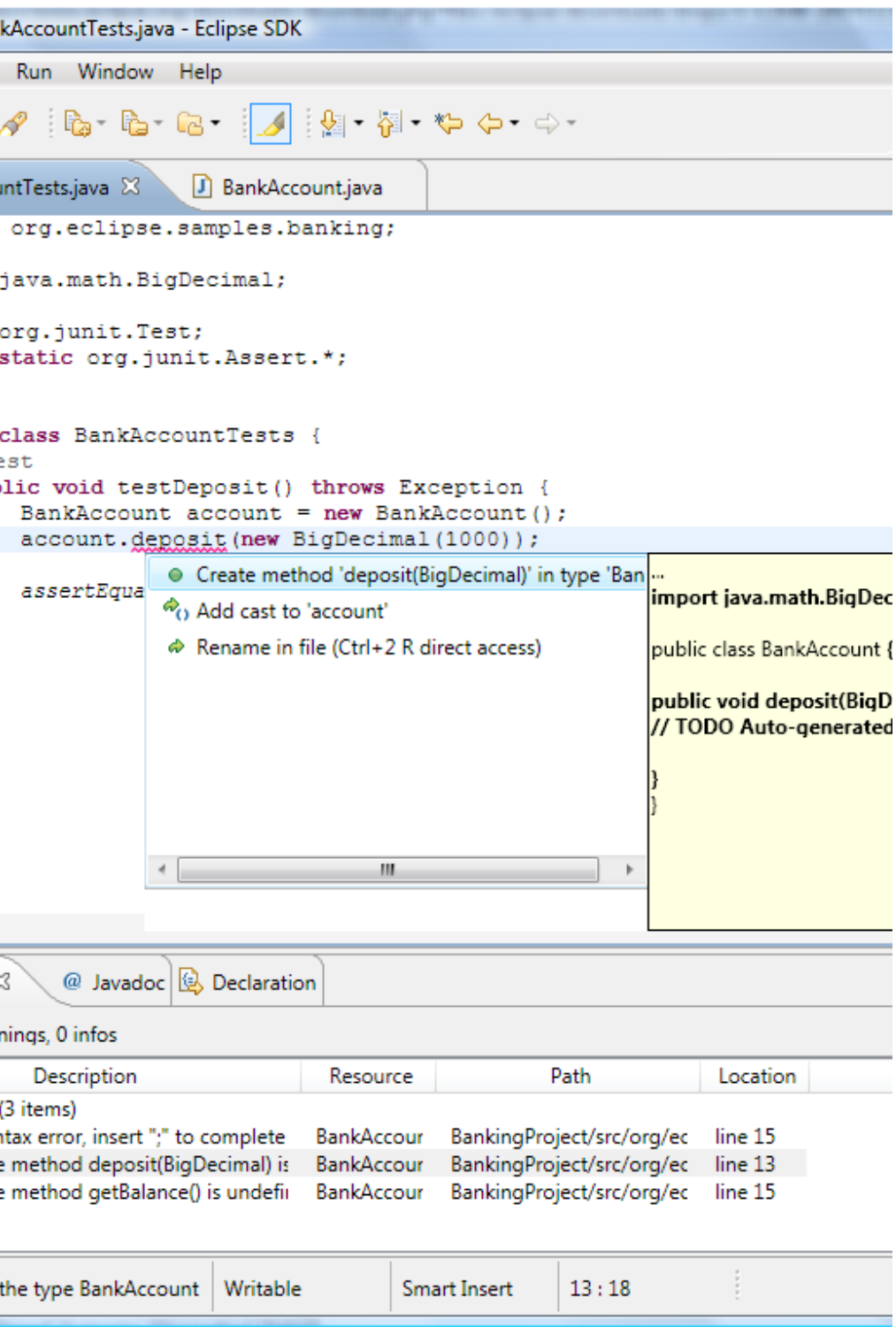

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How do I base64 encode (decode) in C?

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GNU coreutils has it in lib/base64. It's a little bloated but deals with stuf around on your own, e.g.,

```
char base64_digit (n) unsigned n; {
  if (n < 10) return n - '0';
  else if (n < 10 + 26) return n - 'a';
  else if (n < 10 + 26 + 26) return n - 'A';
  else assert(0);
  return 0;
}

unsigned char base64_decode_digit(char c) {
  switch (c) {
    case '=' : return 62;
    case '.' : return 63;
    default  :
      if (isdigit(c)) return c - '0';
      else if (islower(c)) return c - 'a' + 10;
      else if (isupper(c)) return c - 'A' + 10 + 26;
      else assert(0);
  }
  return 0xff;
}

unsigned base64_decode(char *s) {
  char *p;
  unsigned n = 0;

  for (p = s; *p; p++)
    n = 64 * n + base64_decode_digit(*p);

  return n;
}
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Targets:

- Overloading resolution: overlapping?
- Type inference: undecidable?

A principled distinction between what's said & what's meant.