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Four (4) digital photographs of a seedling tray including a top plan view, a top perspective view, a first bottom perspective view and a second bottom perspective view.

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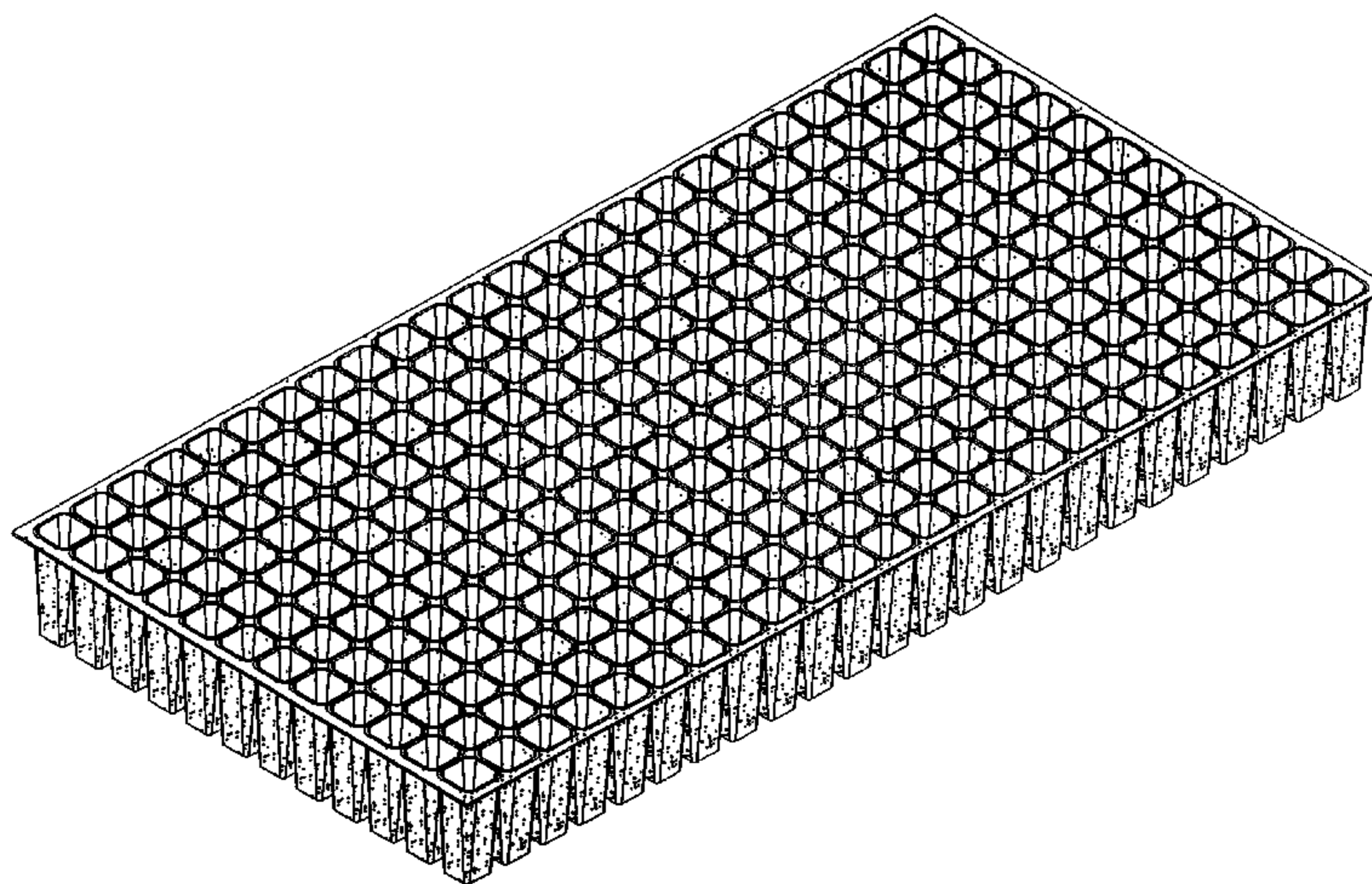
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a seedling tray, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a top, front, right side perspective view of a seedling tray embodying my design with the shading representing an irregular surface;
FIG. 2 is a bottom plan view thereof;
FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof;
FIG. 4 is a left side elevational view thereof, the right side elevational view being a mirror image thereof;
FIG. 5 is a rear elevational view thereof, the front elevational view being a mirror image thereof;
FIG. 6 is an enlarged side elevational view of a cell of the seedling tray as removed therefrom as seen along lines 6—6 of FIG. 5;
FIG. 7 is a top plan view of the cell shown in FIG. 6 as along lines 7—7; and,
FIG. 8 is a bottom plan view of the cell as seen in FIG. 6 as along lines 8—8.

1 Claim, 5 Drawing Sheets



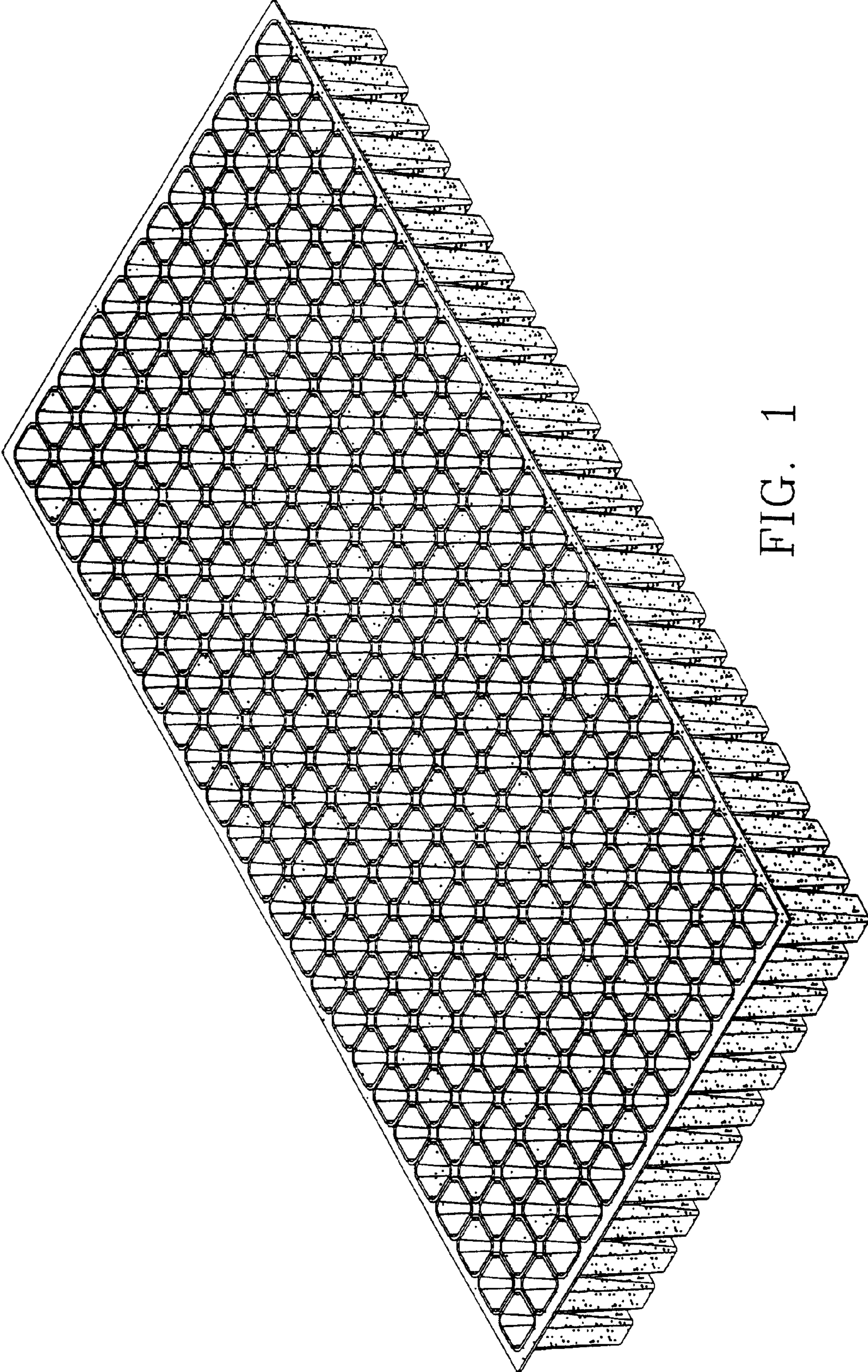


FIG. 1

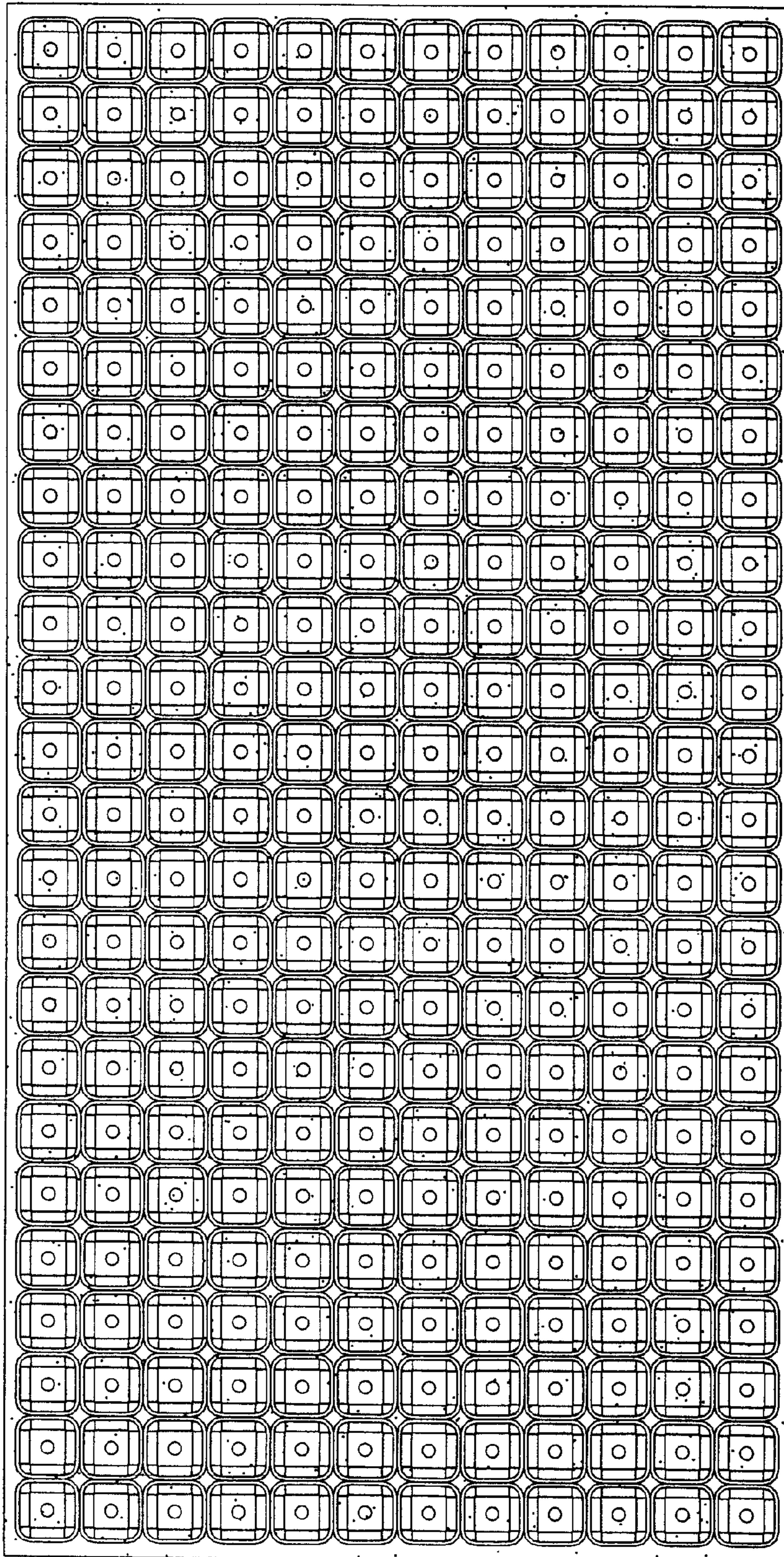


FIG. 2

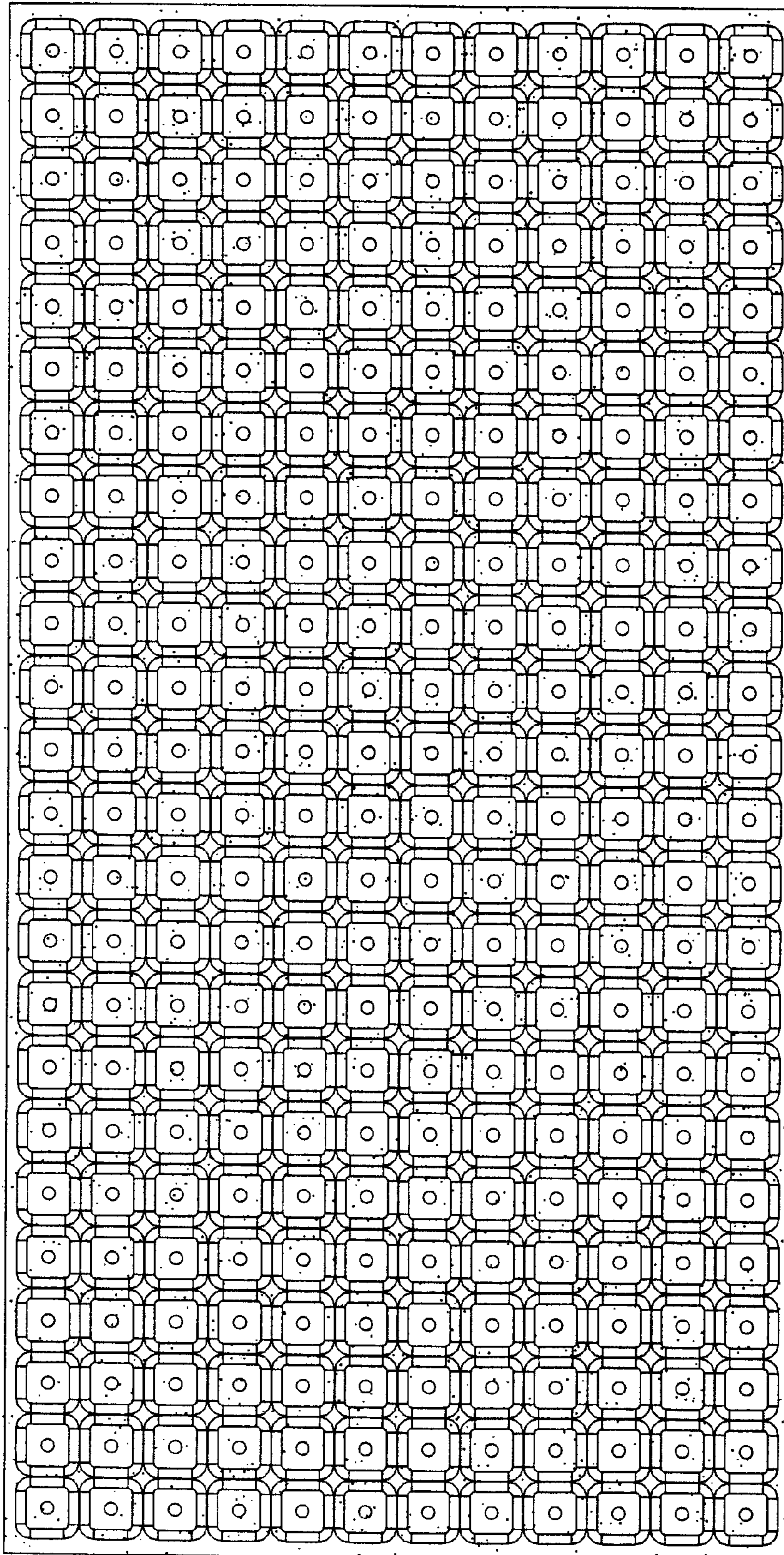


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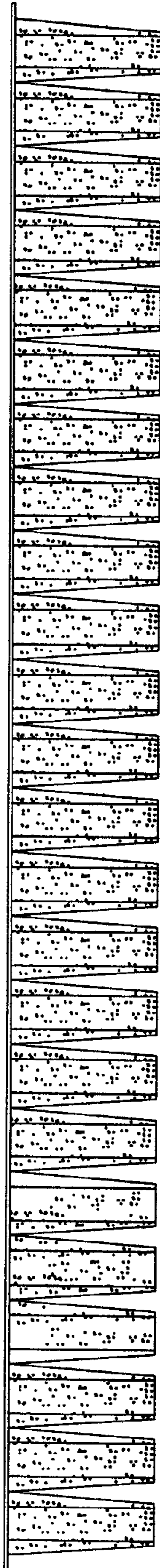


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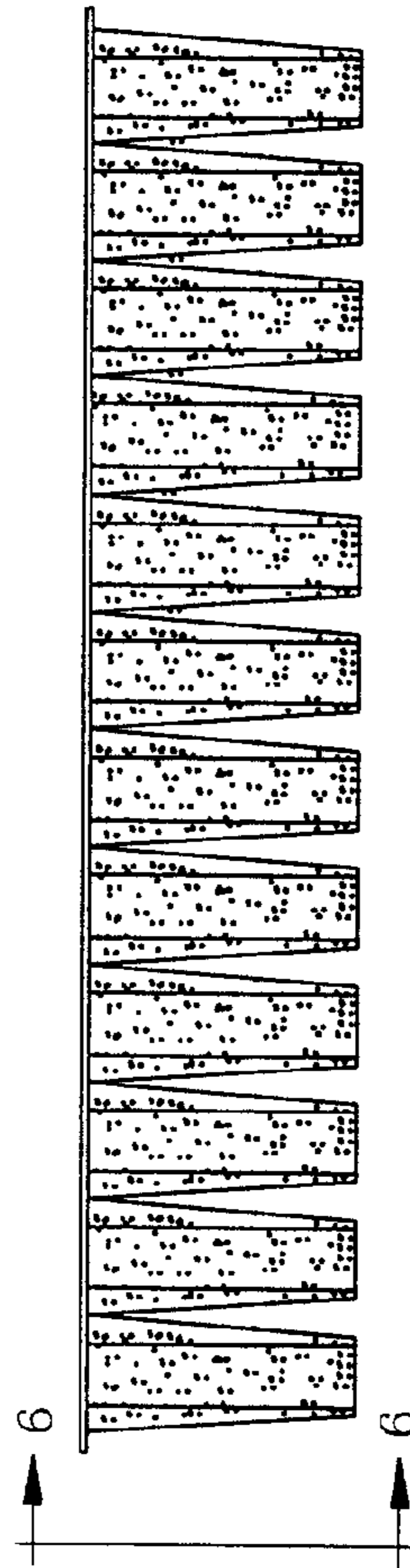


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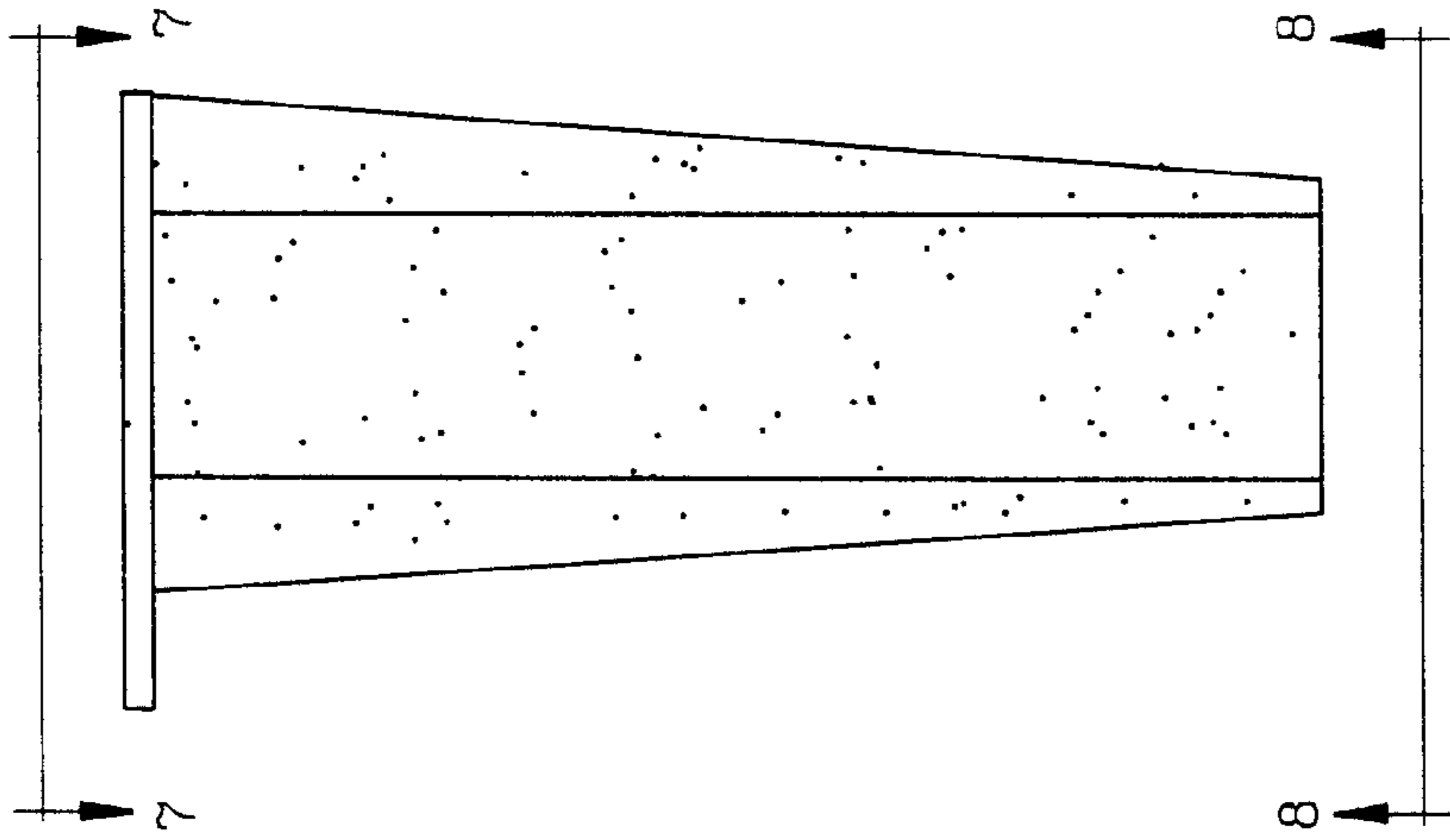


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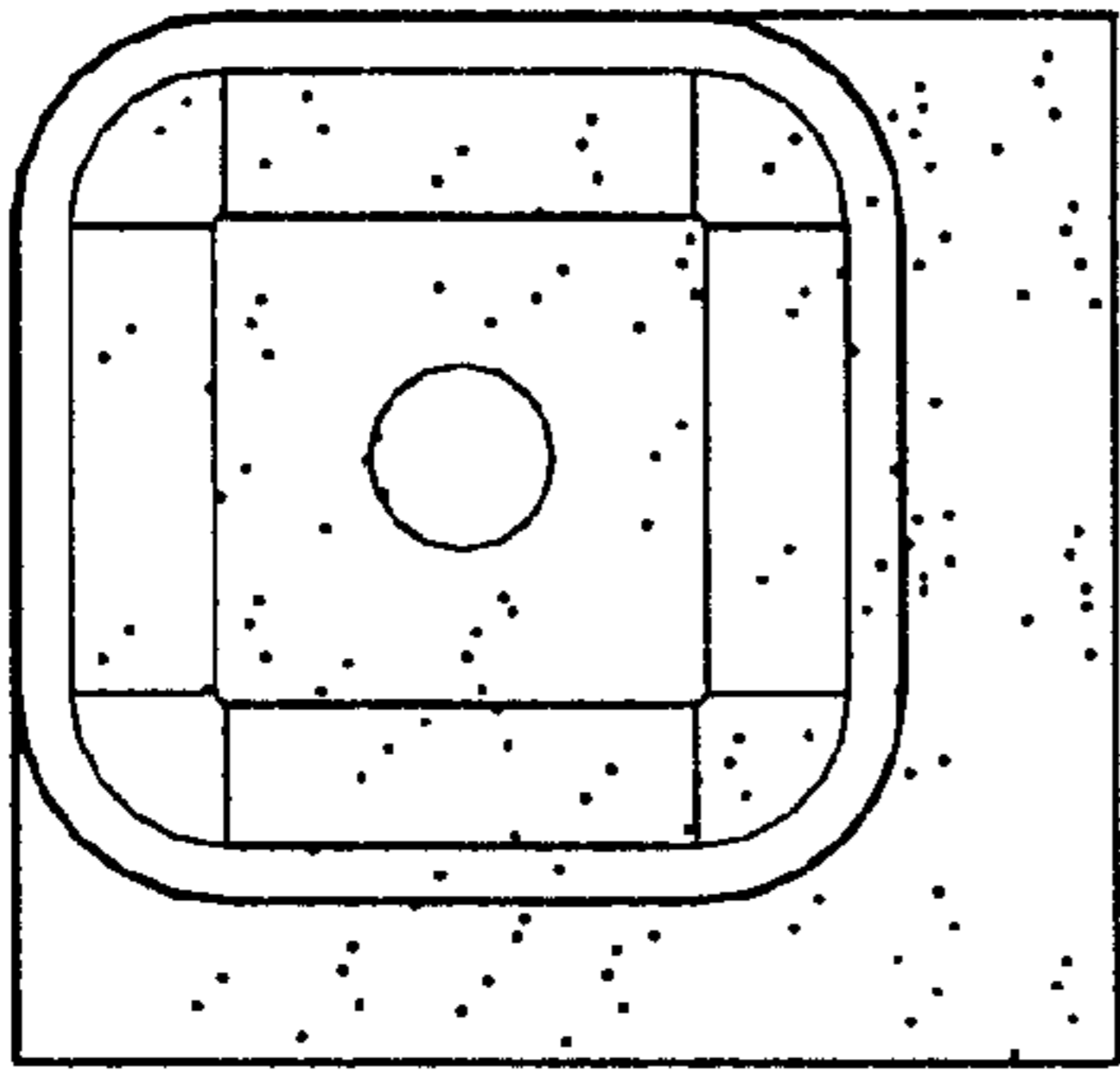


FIG. 7

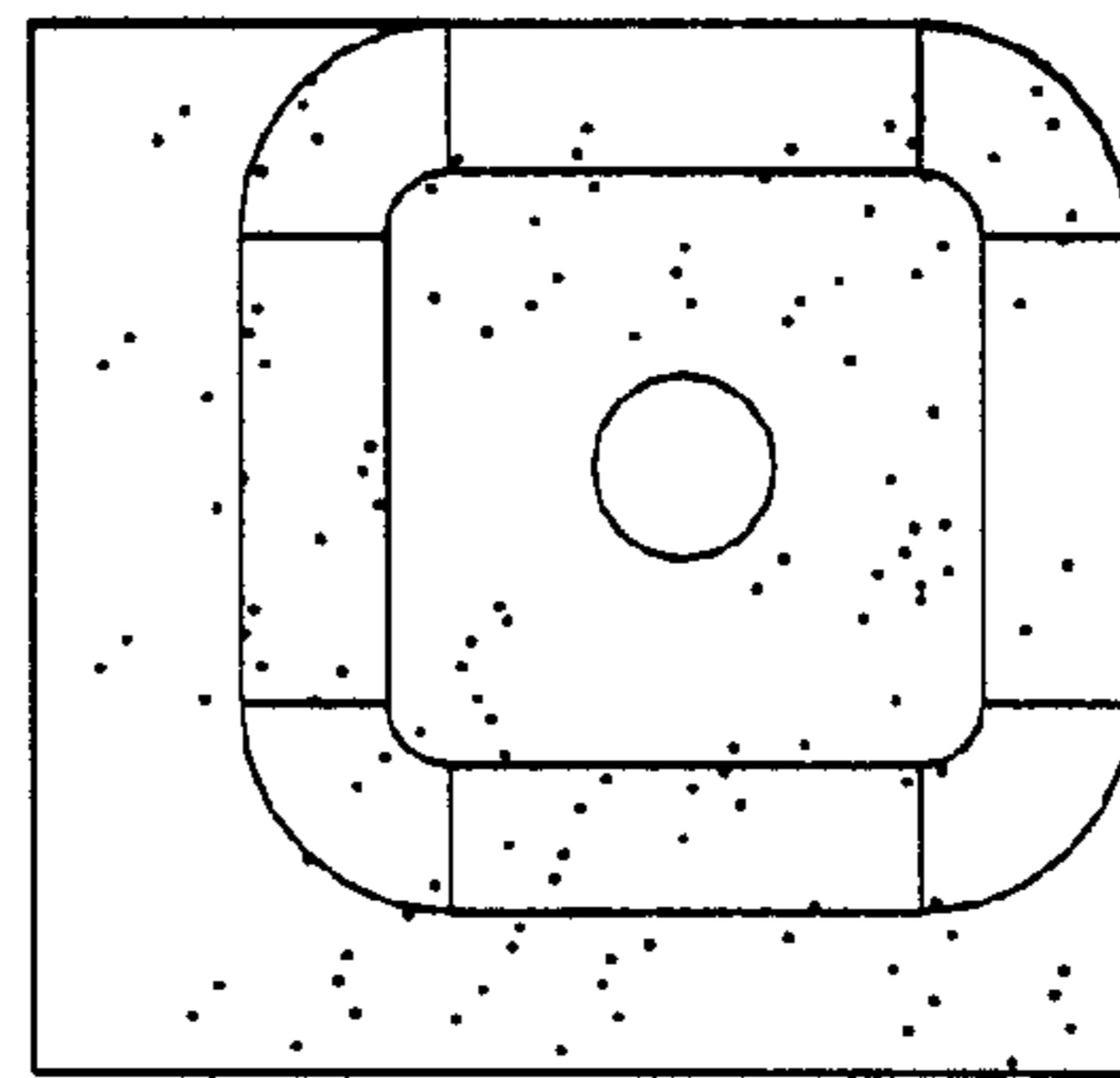


FIG. 8