Generating random supersingular Elliptic Curves using modular polynomials

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In the first case, E is called *ordinary*, otherwise *supersingular*.

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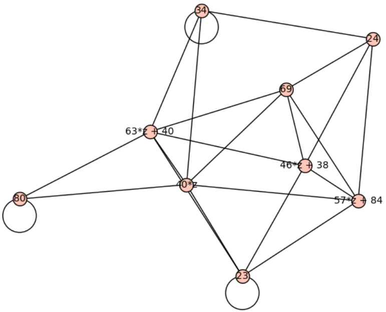

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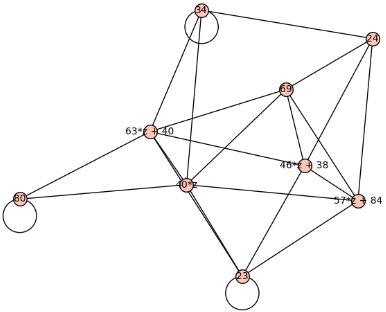

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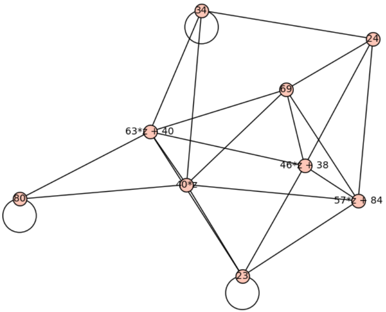

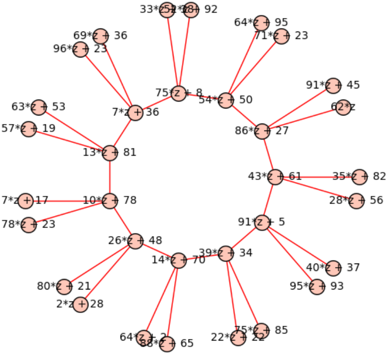

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Thank you for your attention!

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