

Algebraic topology and arithmetic

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Example (complex K-theory)

Adams operations $\psi^i: K(-) \rightarrow K(-)$

Power operation $\psi^p(x) \equiv x^p \pmod{p}$

$$\psi^i \psi^j = \psi^{ij}$$

$$\psi^i(xy) = \psi^i(x)\psi^i(y)$$

J. F. Adams, *Vector fields on spheres*, Ann. of Math. (2) **75** (1962)

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Example (more – a sample)

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Lipshitz and Sarkar, *A Steenrod square on Khovanov homology*, 2014.

Feng, *Étale Steenrod operations and the Artin–Tate pairing*, 2018.

Seidel, *Formal groups and quantum cohomology*, 2019.

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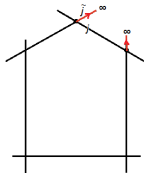
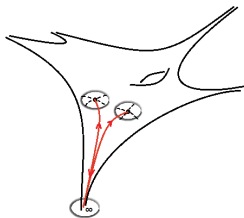
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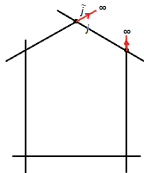
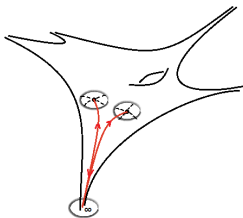
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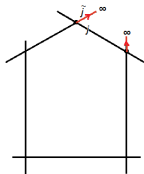
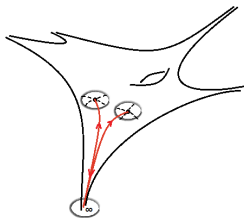
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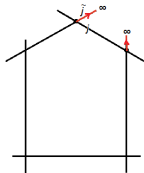
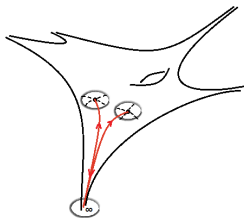
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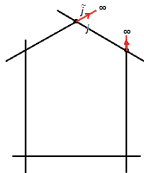
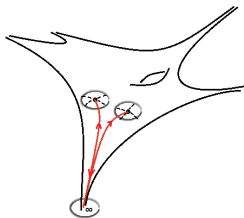
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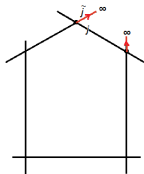
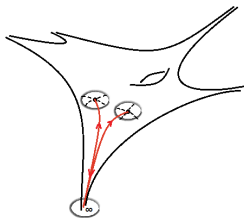
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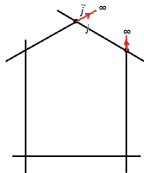
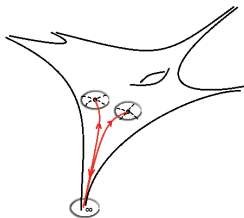
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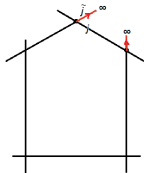
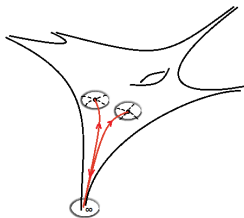
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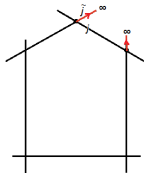
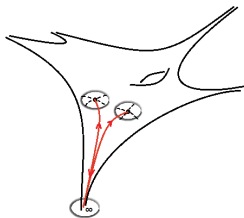
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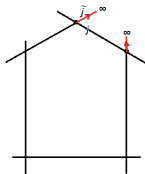
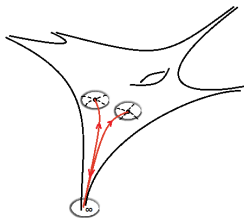
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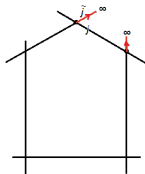
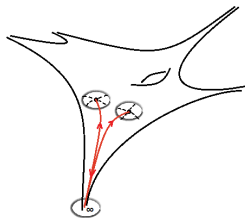
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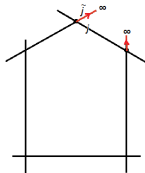
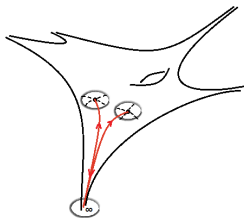
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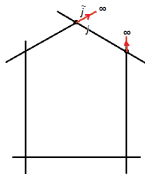
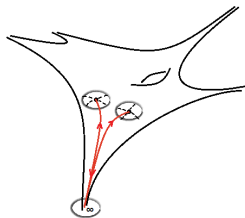
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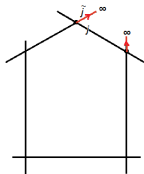
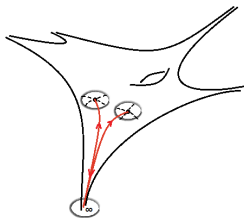
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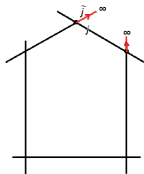
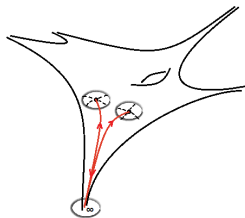
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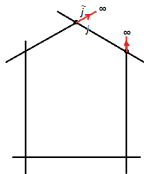
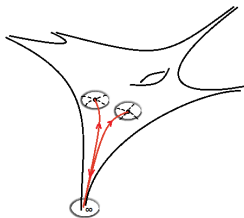
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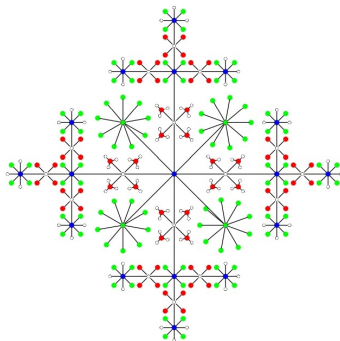
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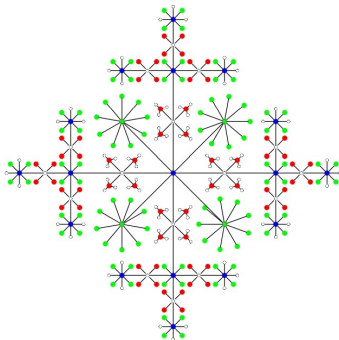


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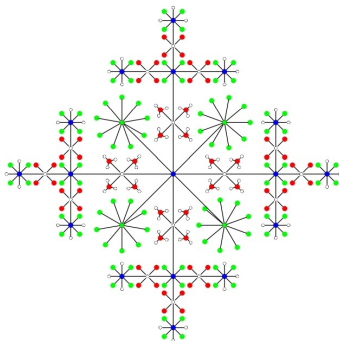


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