

# **Qlapoti and qt-Pegasis:**

**Simpler and faster ideal-to-isogeny translation**

## Setting:

- $E$  elliptic curve
- $\text{End}(E) \supseteq O$  quadratic order OR maximal quaternion order
- $I = O\langle N, \alpha \rangle$  a (primitive, invertible) ideal of with  $\text{nrd}(I) = N$

"Effective primitive embedding"



## Goal:

- Compute  $\phi_I$

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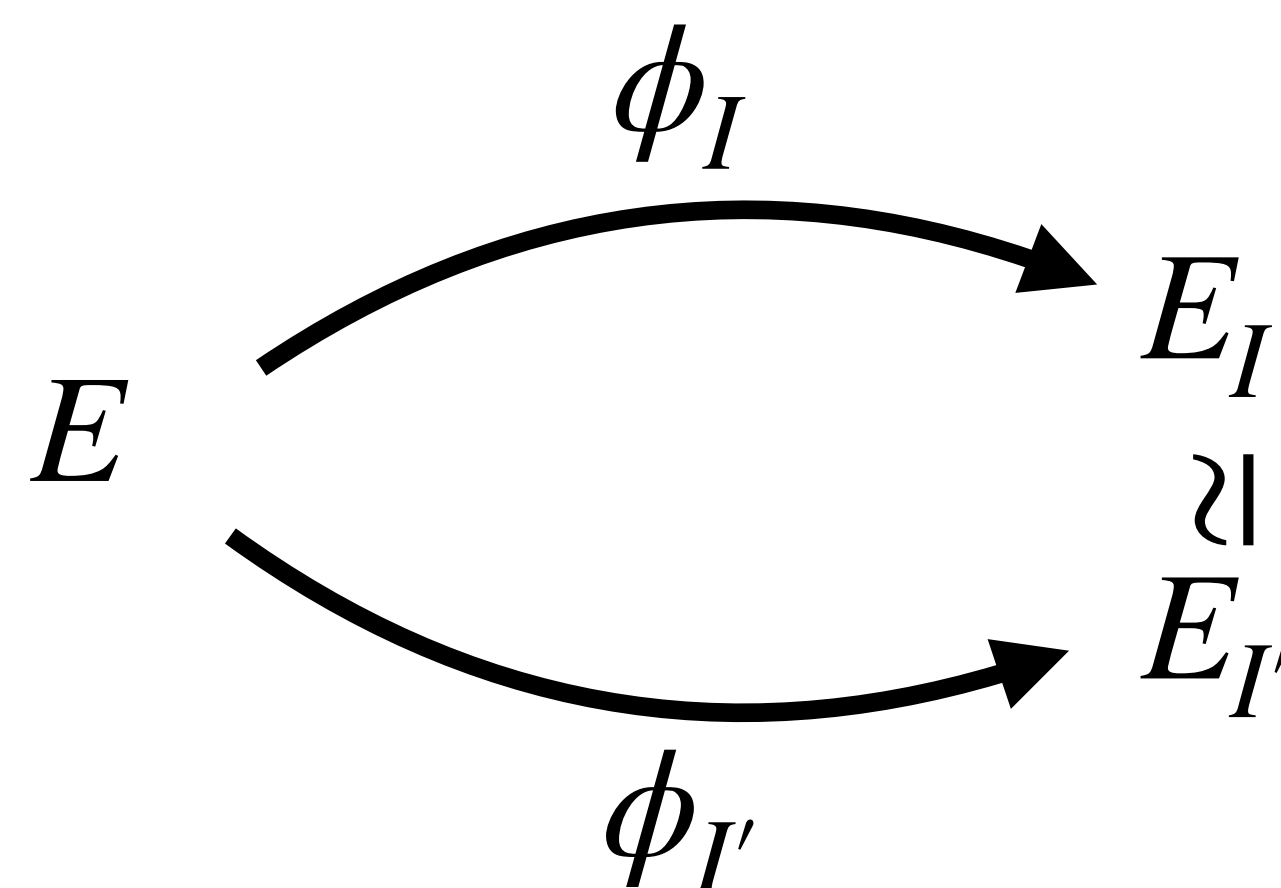
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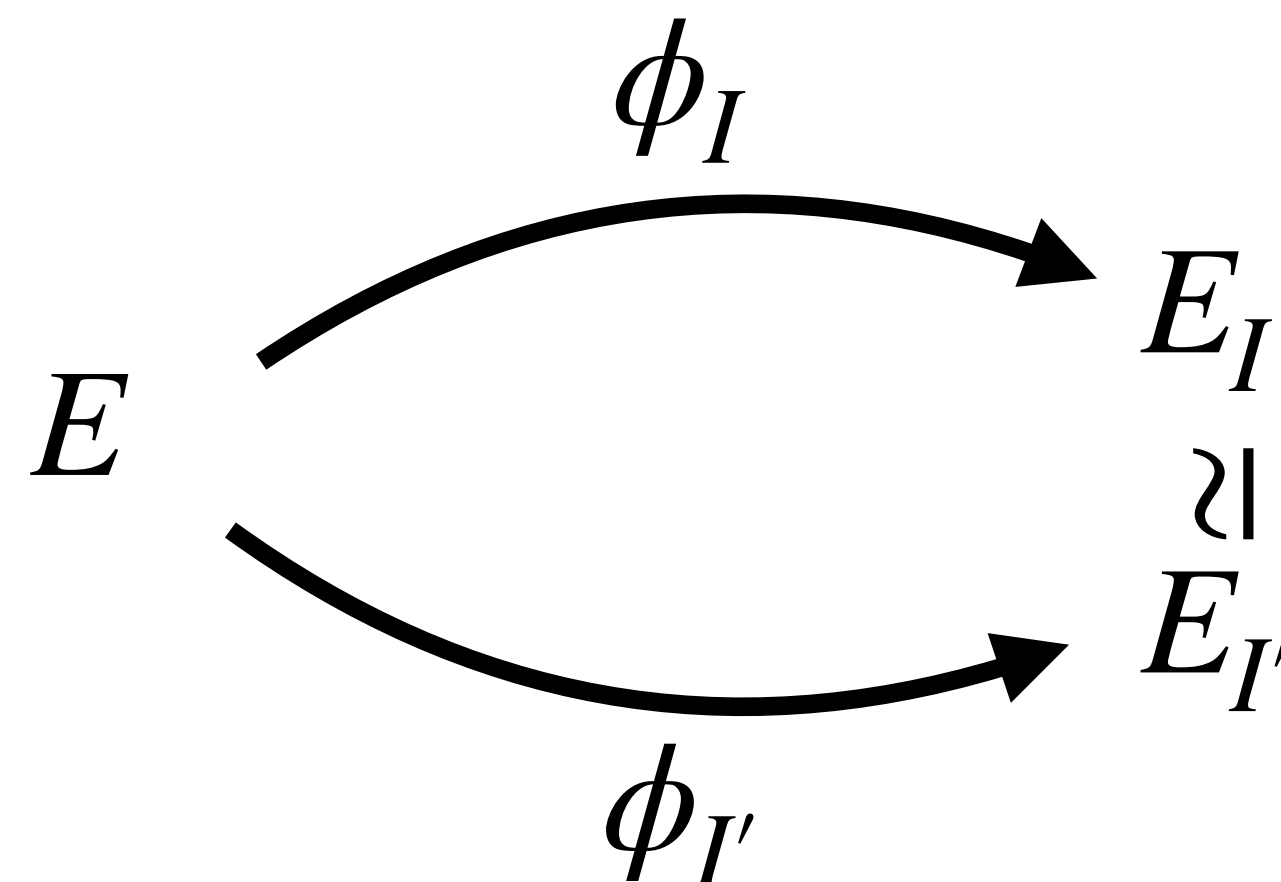
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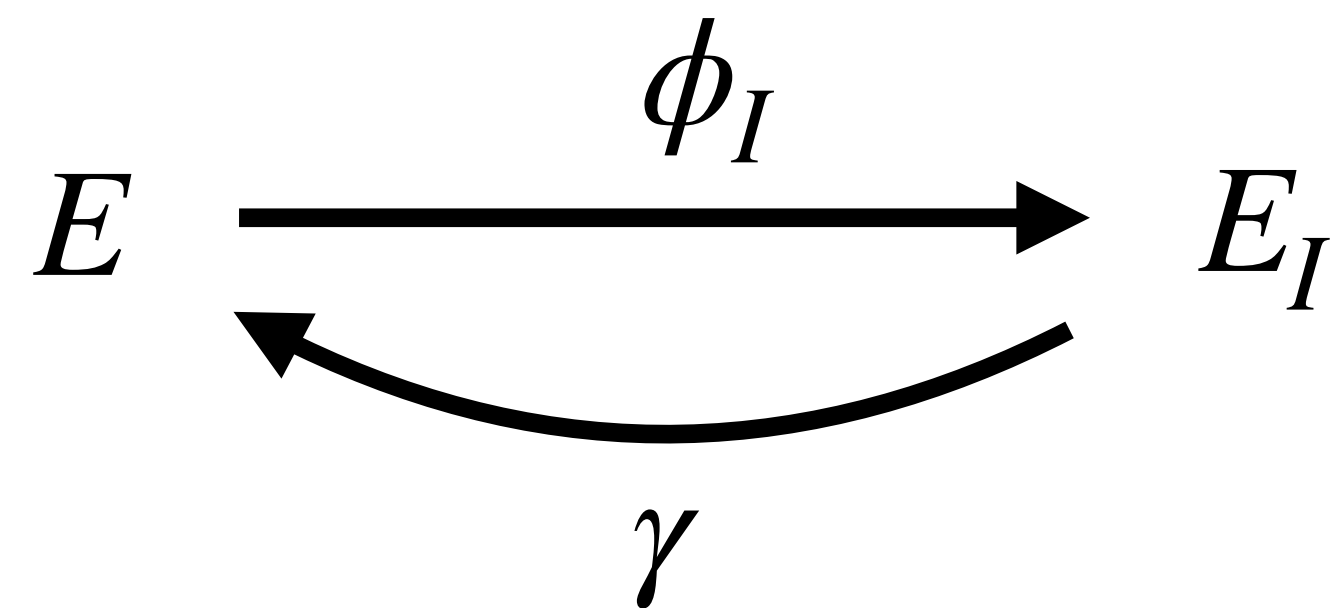
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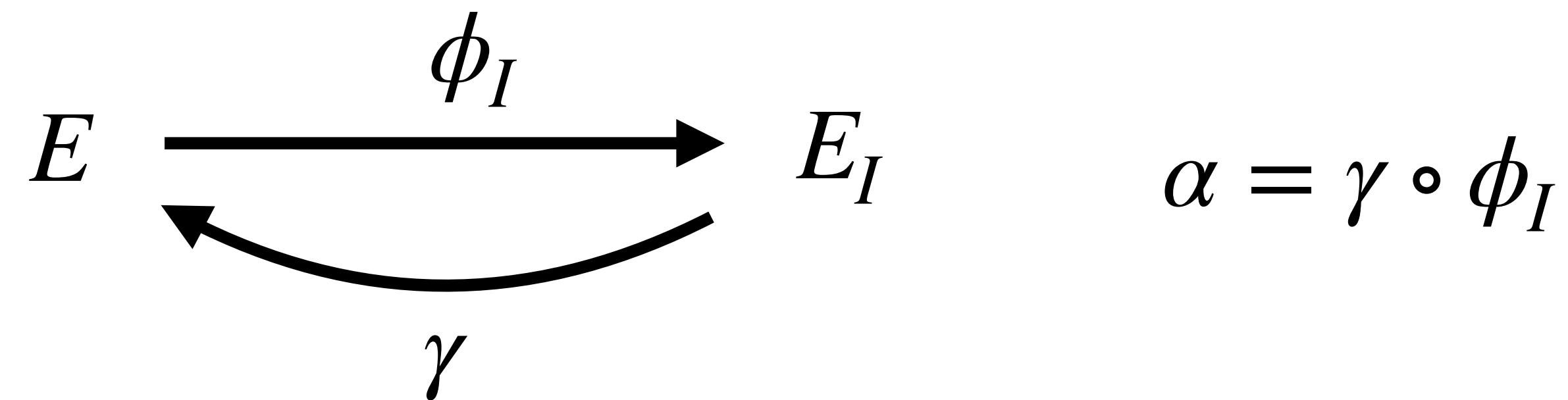


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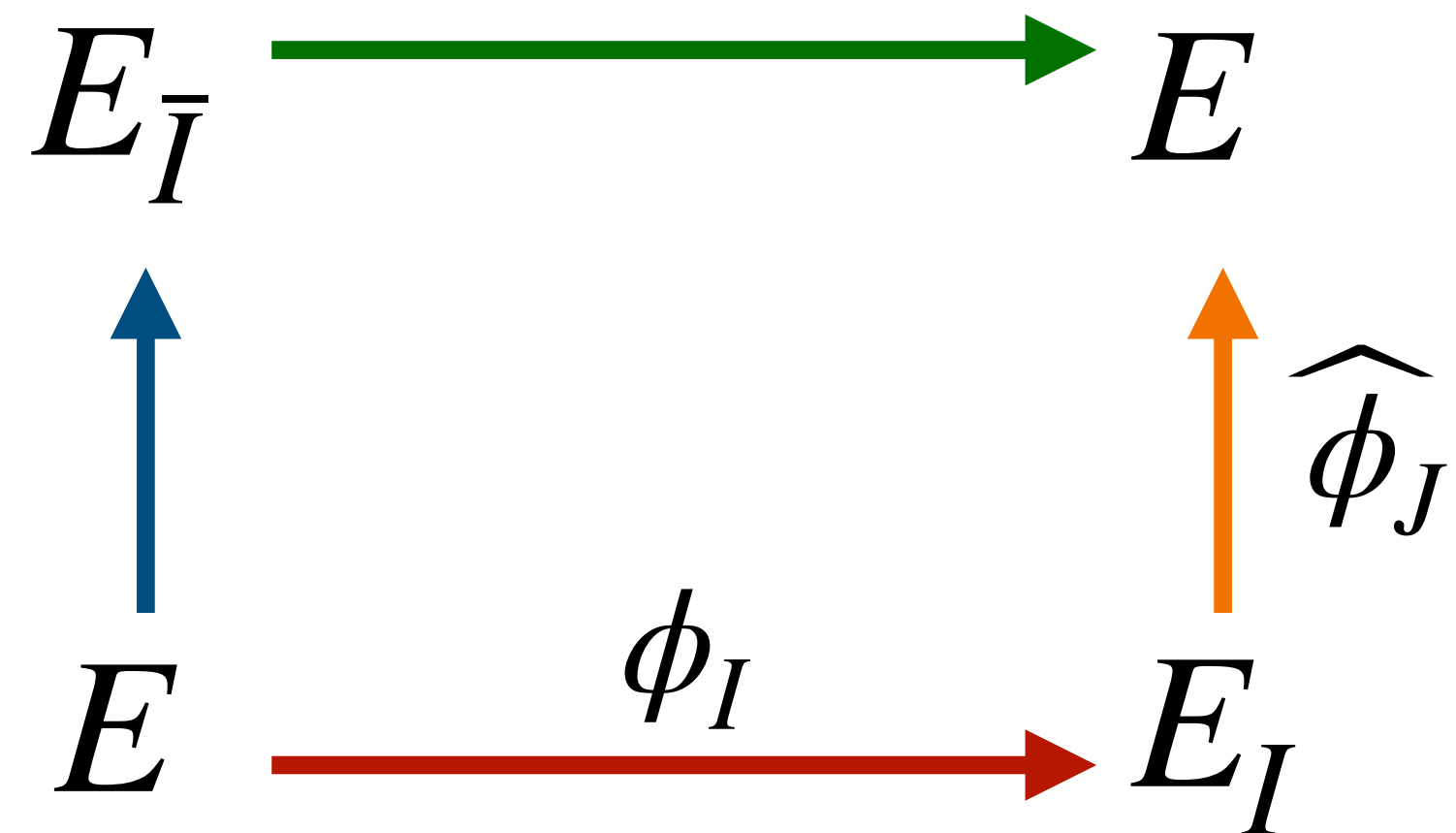
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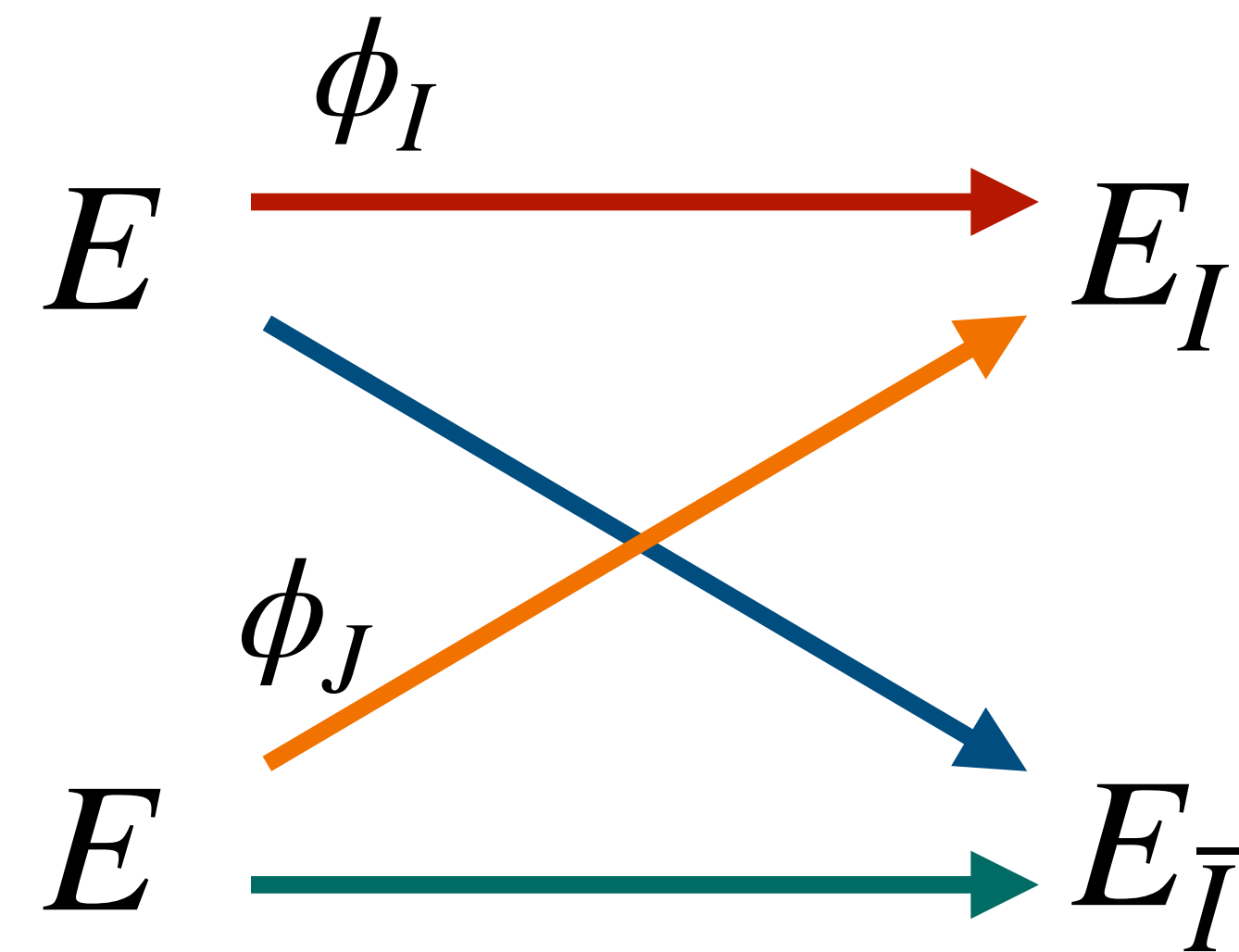
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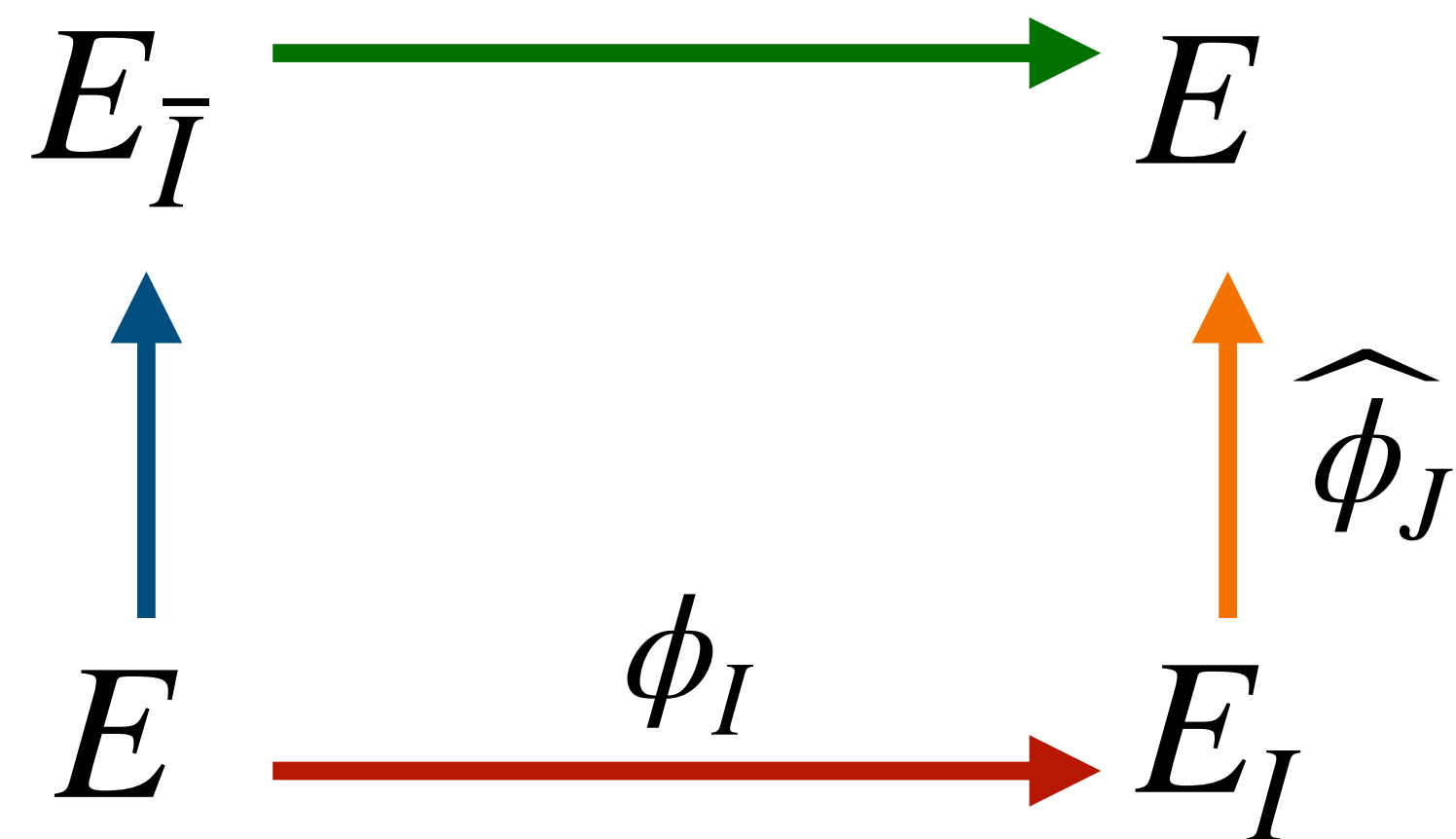
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SCALLOP and friends:  
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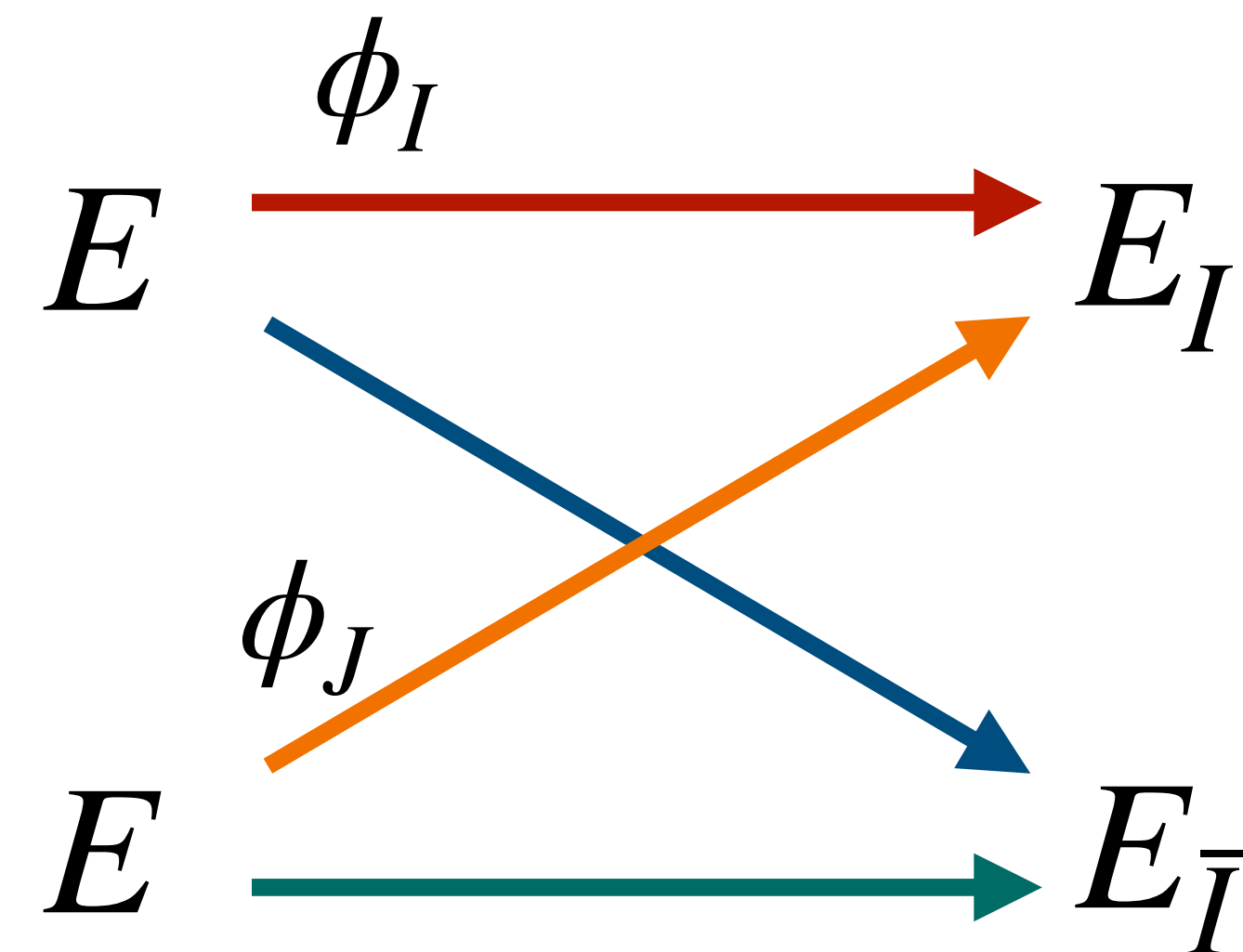


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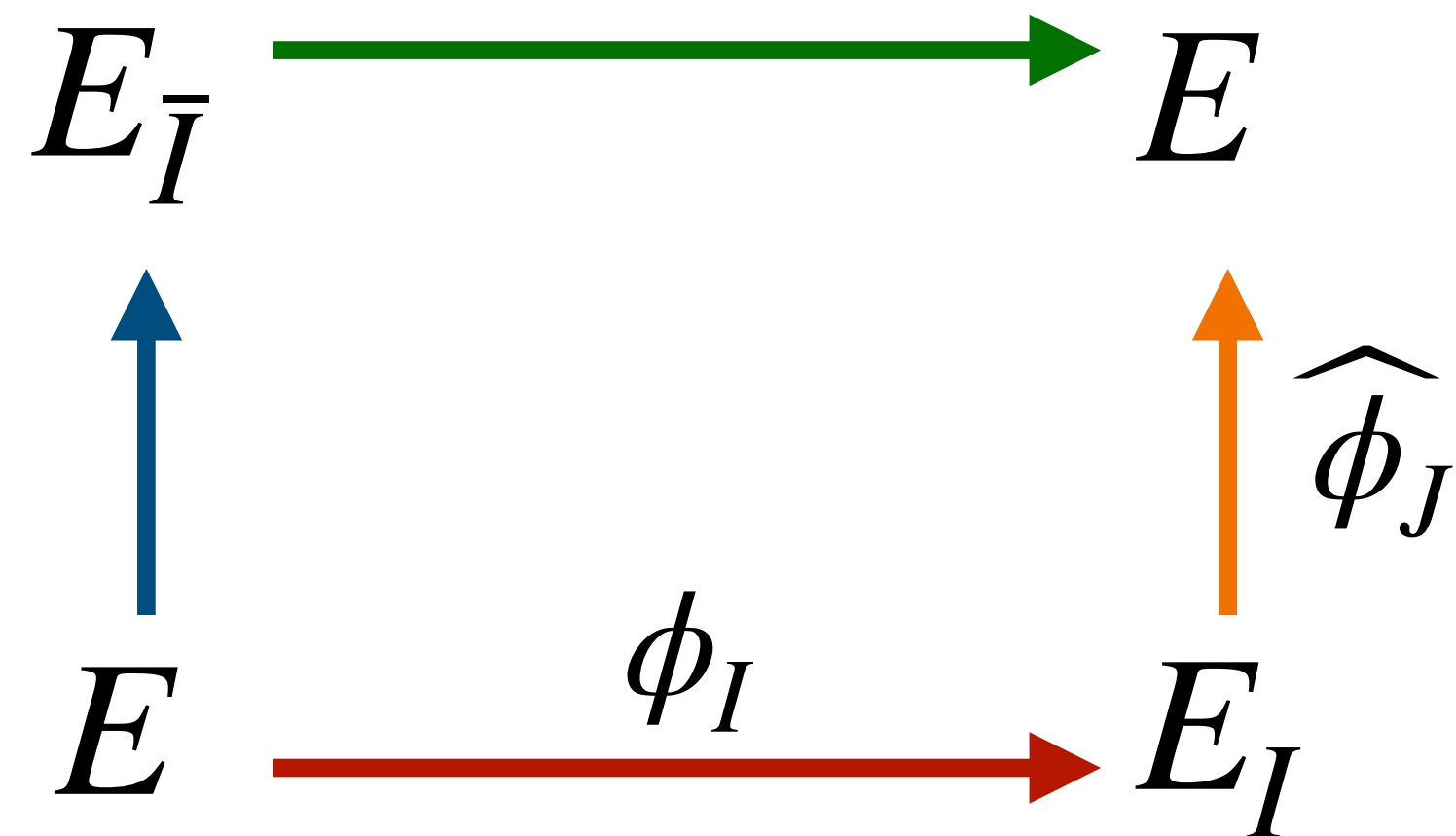


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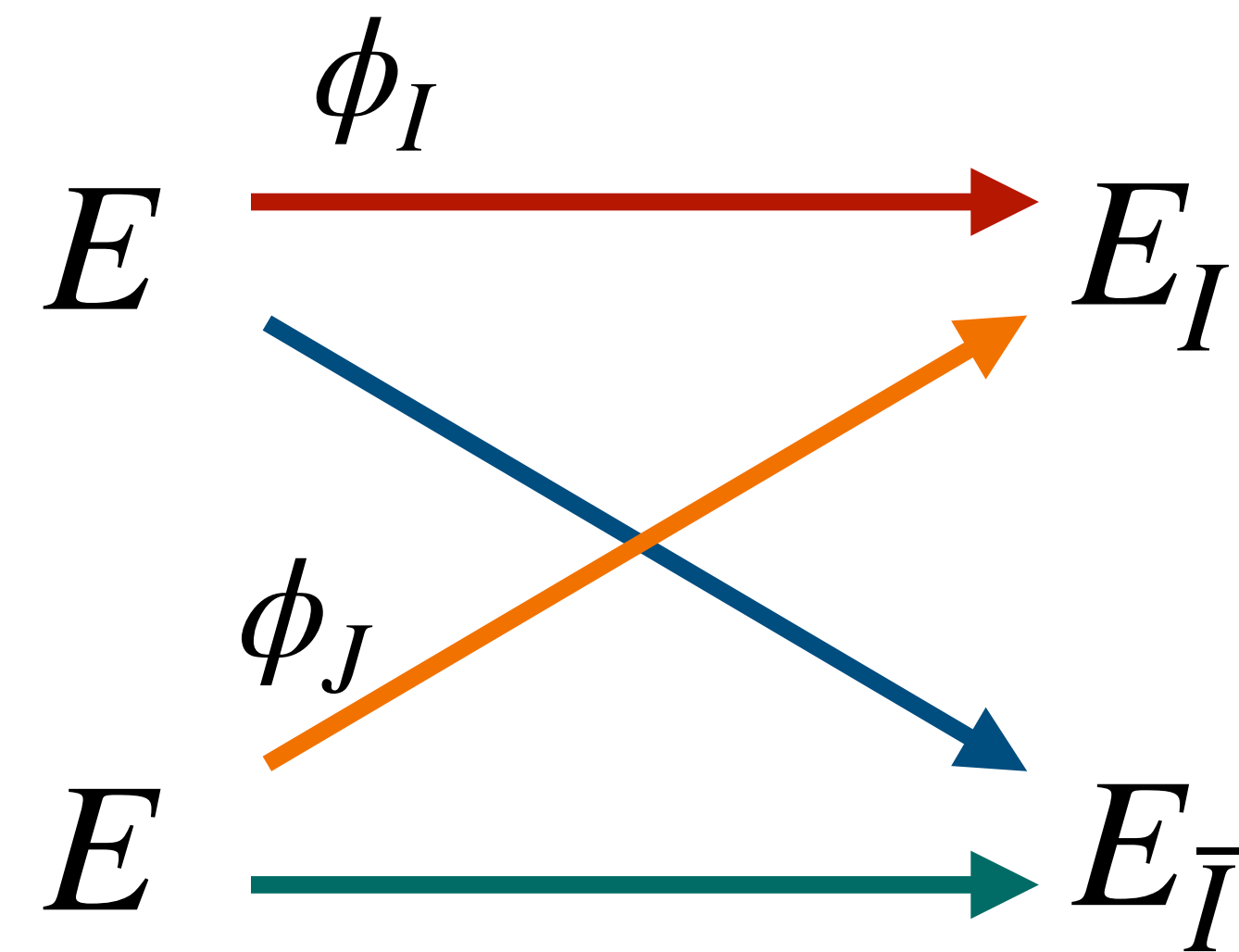


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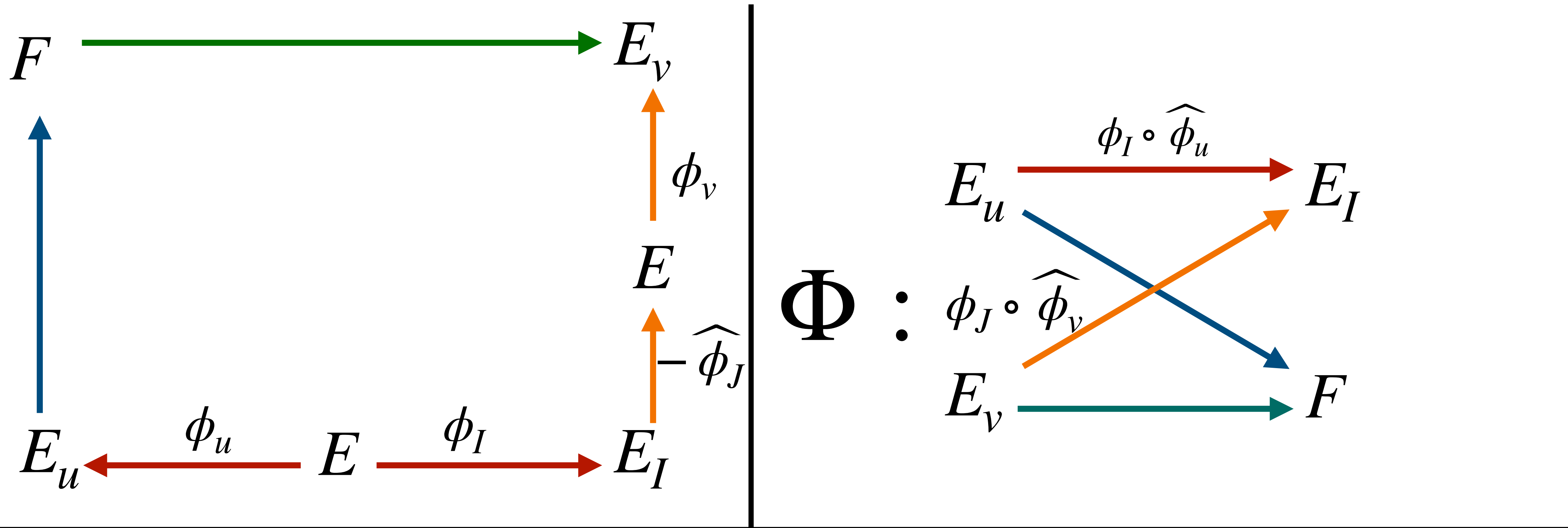
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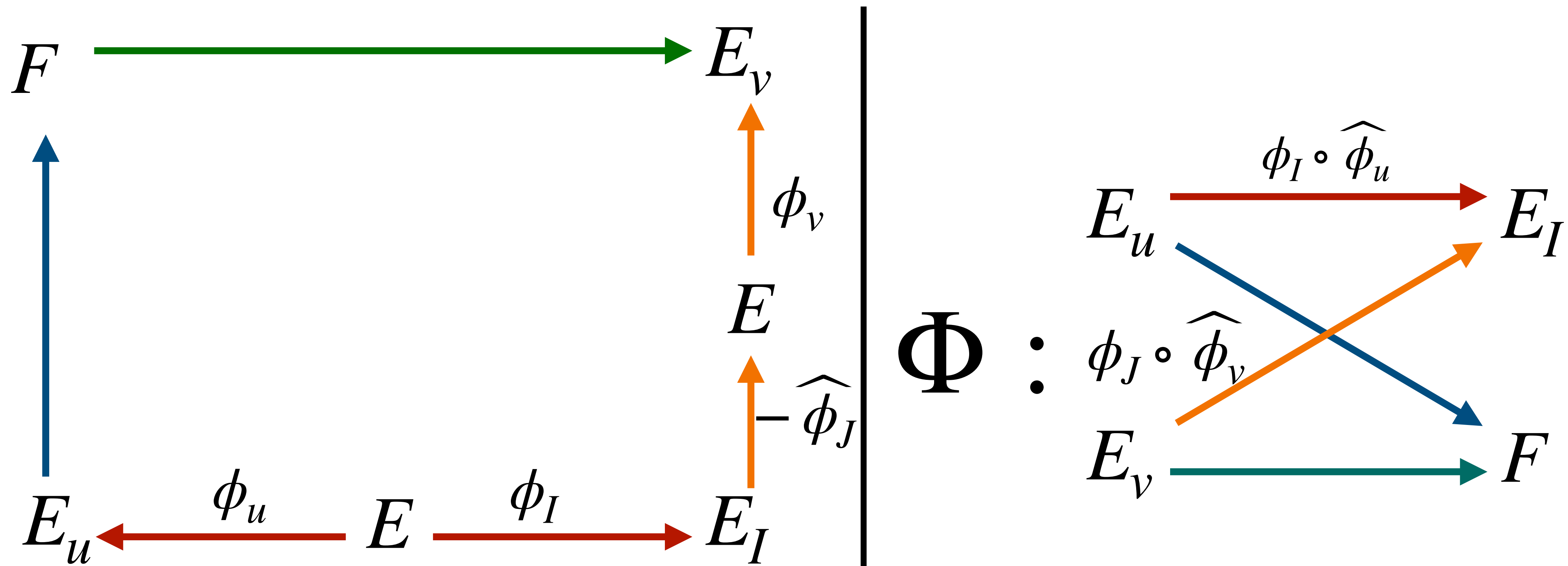
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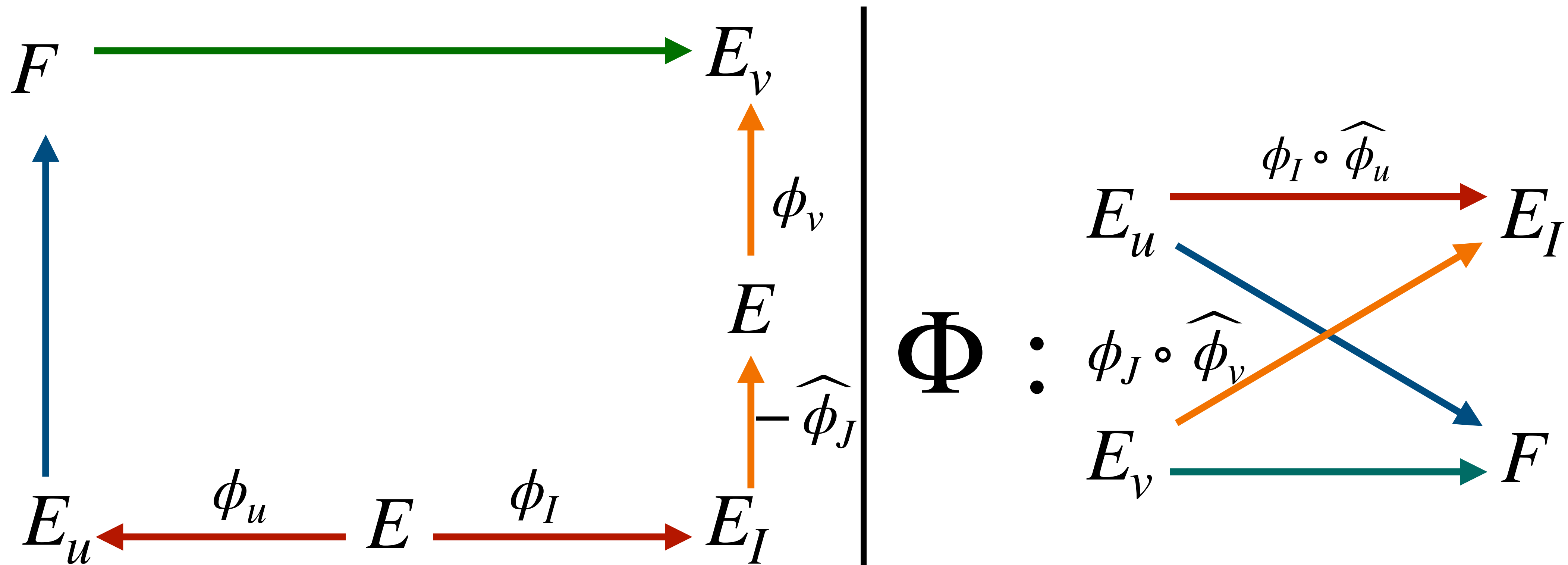




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and solution is guaranteed when  $2^e > n(\beta_1)n(\beta_2)/n(I)^2$

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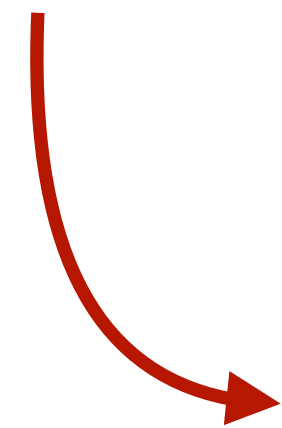
So currently, translating an ideal to curve requires one  $(2^e, 2^e)$ -isogeny and two  $(2^f, 2^f)$ -isogenies ( $f \approx e/2$ )

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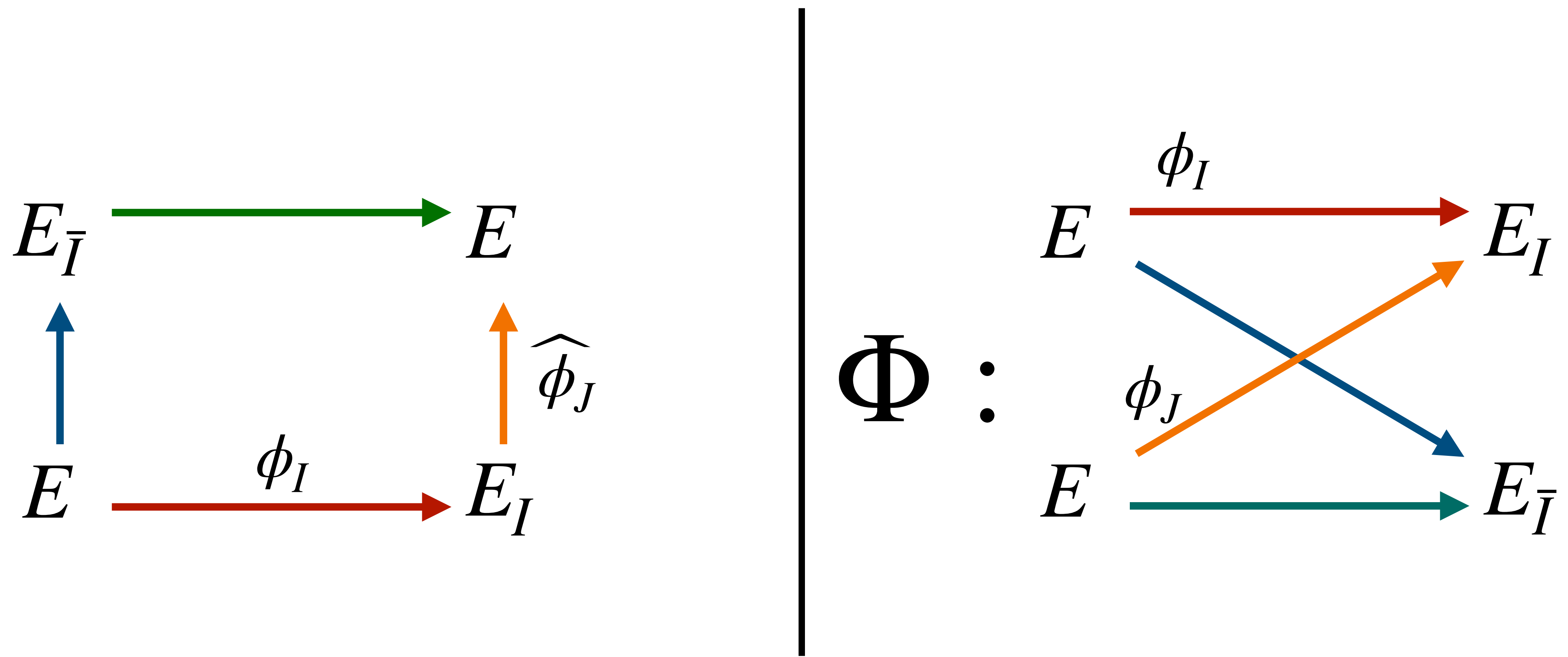
Failure probability so high, extra tricks must be used to make it work (see: PEGASIS)

# Qlapoti:

## **Simple and Efficient Translation of Quaternion Ideals to Isogenies**

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Minkowski:  $N < 2\sqrt{2p}/\pi$

Choose  $n(\alpha)/N < 2^e$  (Not restrictive, expect to find  $n(\alpha)/N \approx \sqrt{p}$ )

Expect to find  $A, B$  with  $A \approx B \approx \sqrt{N}$

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So all we need is  $A^2 + B^2 \lesssim 2^e/N$ , and we try new  $\alpha$  until this is satisfied 13/24



# Failure probability for SQIsign parameters

NIST level	$p$	$c$	$e$	upper bound on failure rate
I	$2^{248} \cdot 5 - 1$	2185	246	$2^{-197}$
III	$2^{376} \cdot 65 - 1$	38495	374	$2^{-312}$
V	$2^{500} \cdot 27 - 1$	21484	498	$2^{-438}$

**Table 3.** The final upper bound of the failure rate of Qlapoti applied to the SQIsign parameters.

# Results in SageMath

NIST level	Previous work [5]	This work	Improvement
I	0.415s	0.160s	x2.595
III	0.768s	0.346s	x2.222
V	1.060s	0.467s	x2.269

**Table 5.** Timings comparing IdealTolsogeny using the technique currently used in SQIsign and the one presented in this work, given in wall-clock time. The final column represents the improvement factor.

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**Table 6.** Preliminary benchmarks in SageMath to measure the impact of Qlapoti on the signature schemes SQIsign and PRISM. The comparison with PRISM is with the implementation from [5], while the comparison with SQIsign uses a preliminary proof-of-concept implementation privately shared by the authors.

# Results in C

Coming soon...

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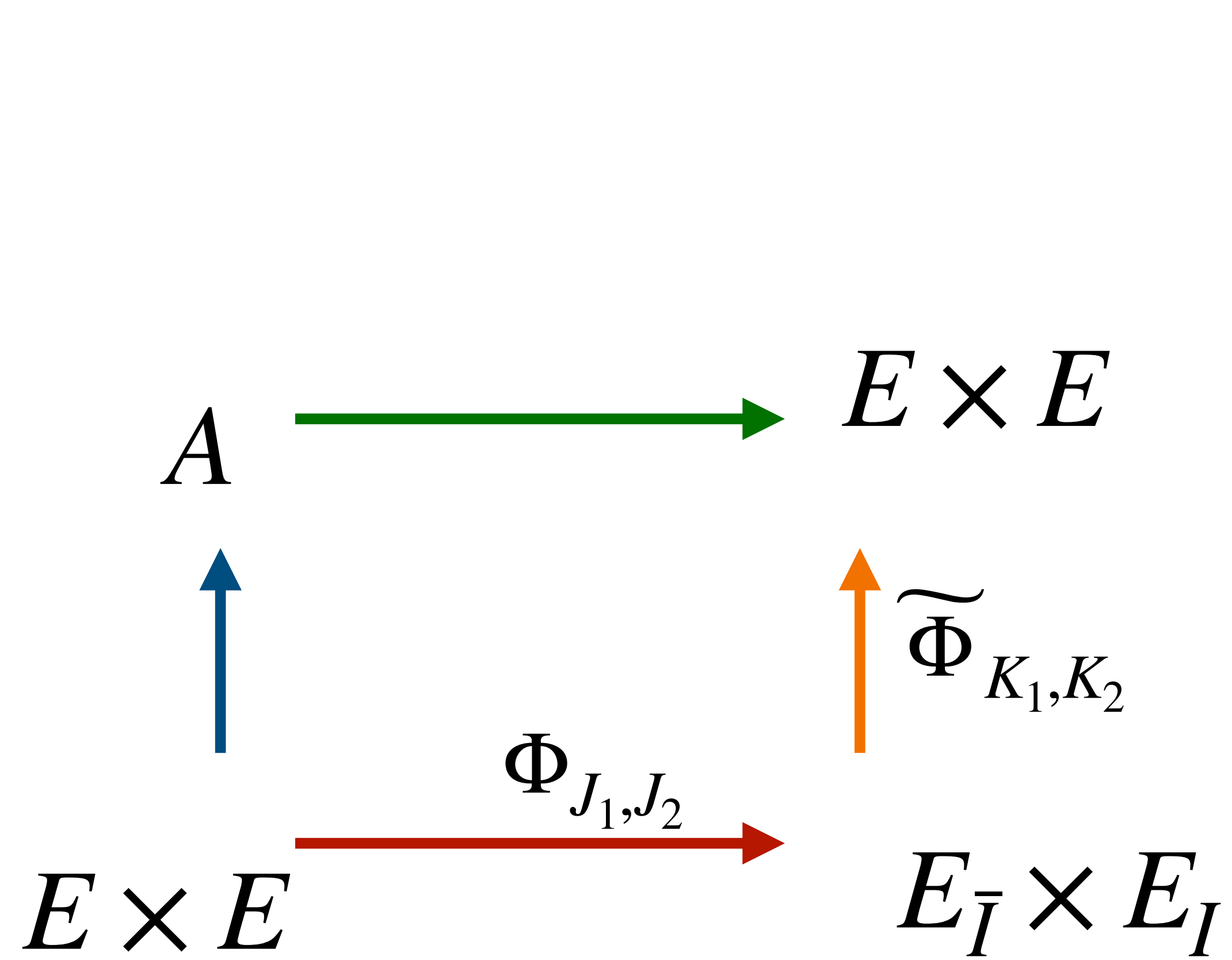
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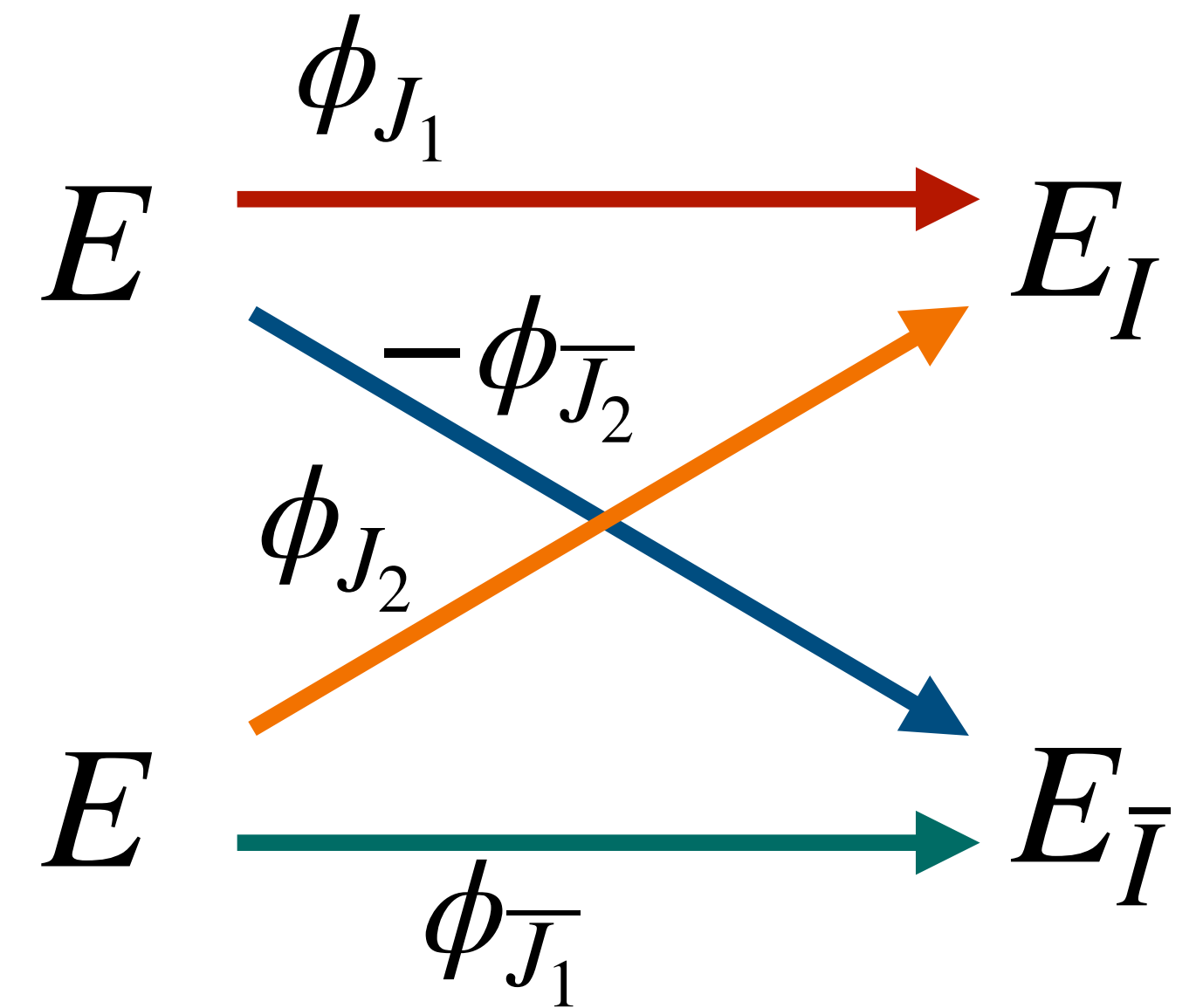
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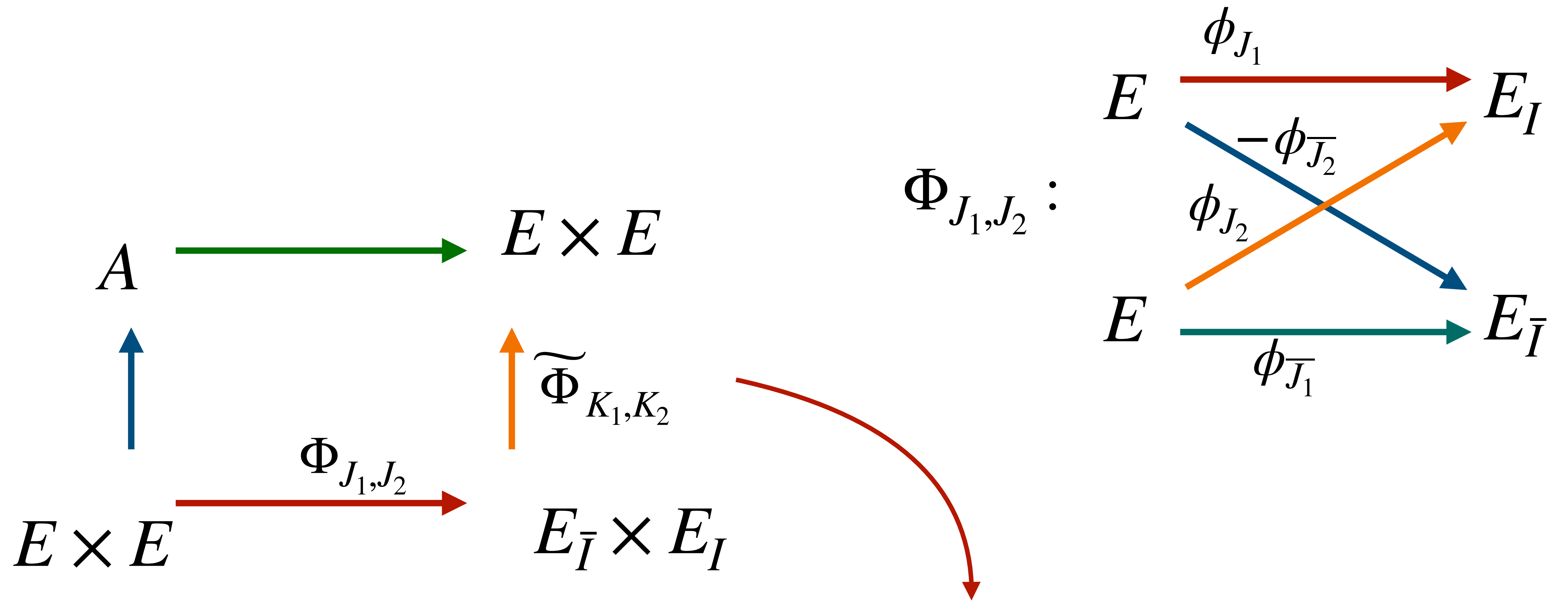
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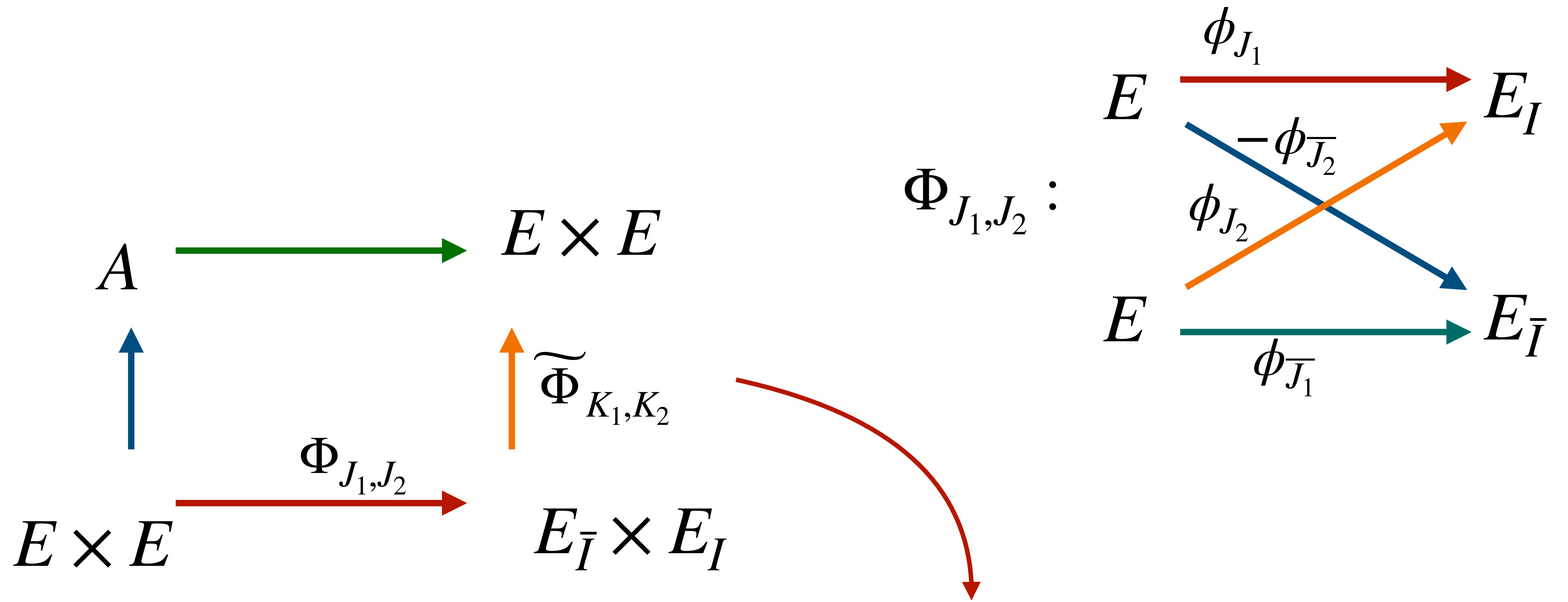
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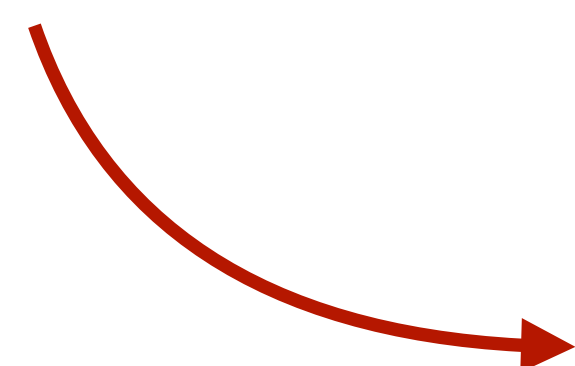
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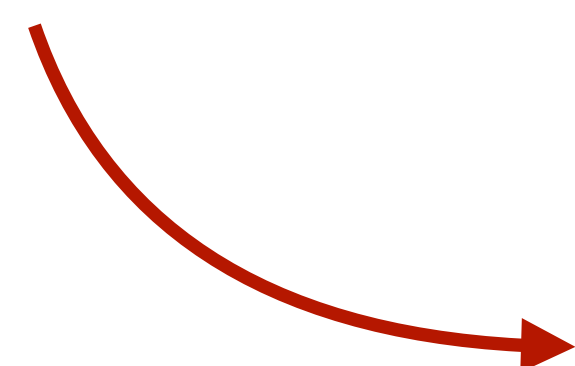
KLPT: Find  $\gamma = \beta_1 + i\beta_2 \in I + iI$   
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In practice, every  $c$  **only costs 2 additions mod m to test**



# Results

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			Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Total	
508	$3 \cdot 11 \cdot 2^{503} - 1$	PEGASIS	0.097	0.48	0.96	1.53	0.17
		qt-P	0.014	0.0014	-	0.97	0
1008	$3 \cdot 5 \cdot 2^{1004} - 1$	PEGASIS	0.21	1.16	2.84	4.21	0.07
		qt-P	0.023	0.0032	-	2.86	0
1554	$3^2 \cdot 2^{1551} - 1$	PEGASIS	1.19	2.85	6.49	10.5	1.53
		qt-P	0.043	0.0084	-	6.54	0
2031	$3 \cdot 17 \cdot 2^{2026} - 1$	PEGASIS	1.68	8.34	11.3	21.3	0.70
		qt-P	0.21	0.018	-	11.5	0
4089	$3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 2^{4084} - 1$	PEGASIS	15.6	52.8	53.5	122	0.41
		qt-P	1.01	0.082	-	54.6	0





= qt-PEGASIS

Class group actions where essentially the whole cost at all security levels is a single 4-dimensional isogeny!