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$E' : y^2 = x^3 + a'x + b'$

$$\varphi : E \to E'$$

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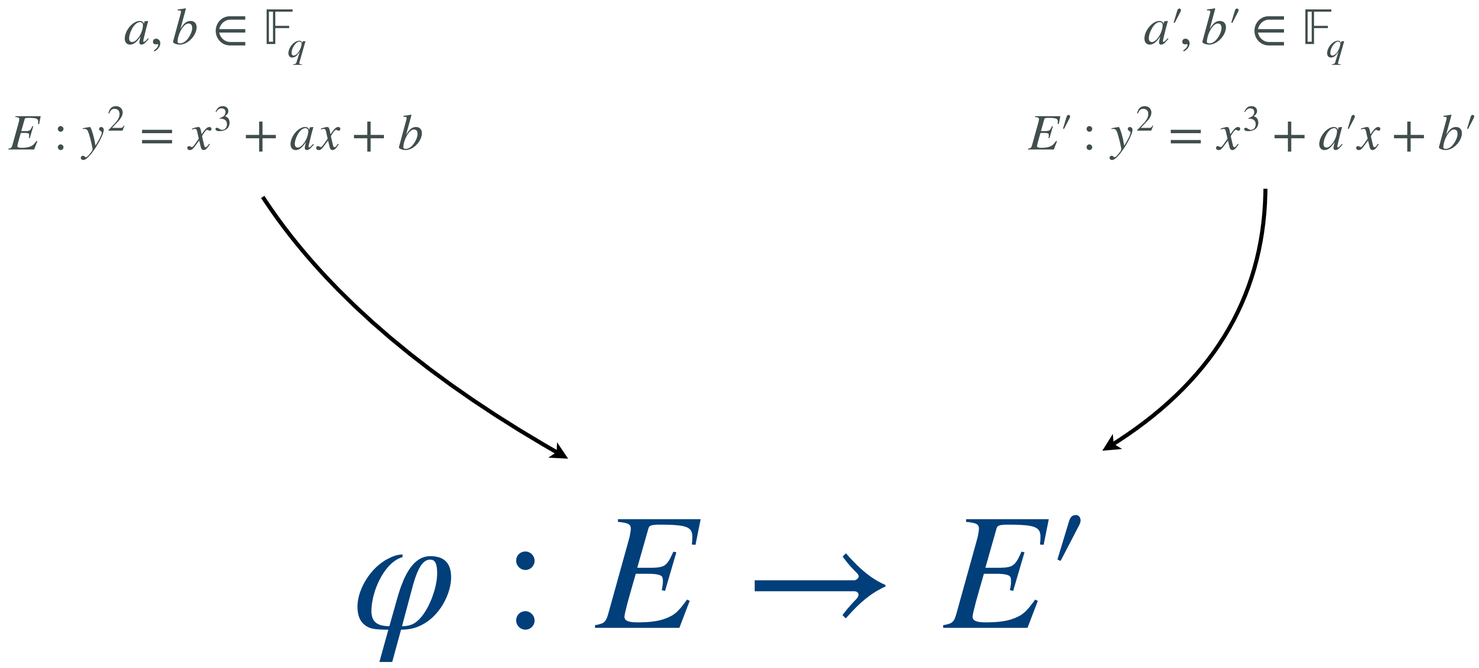

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