

SLMath Summer School
Isogeny-based cryptography
Day 2

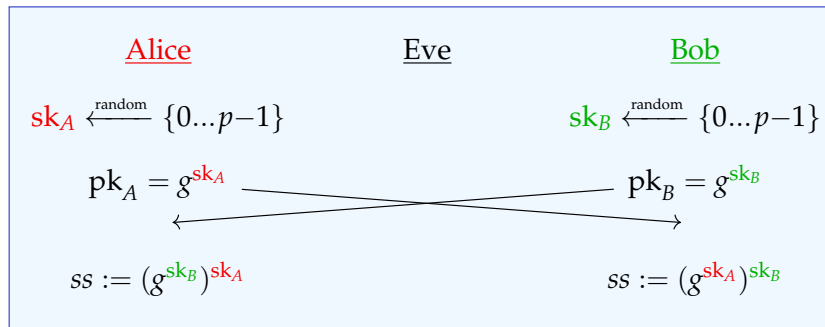
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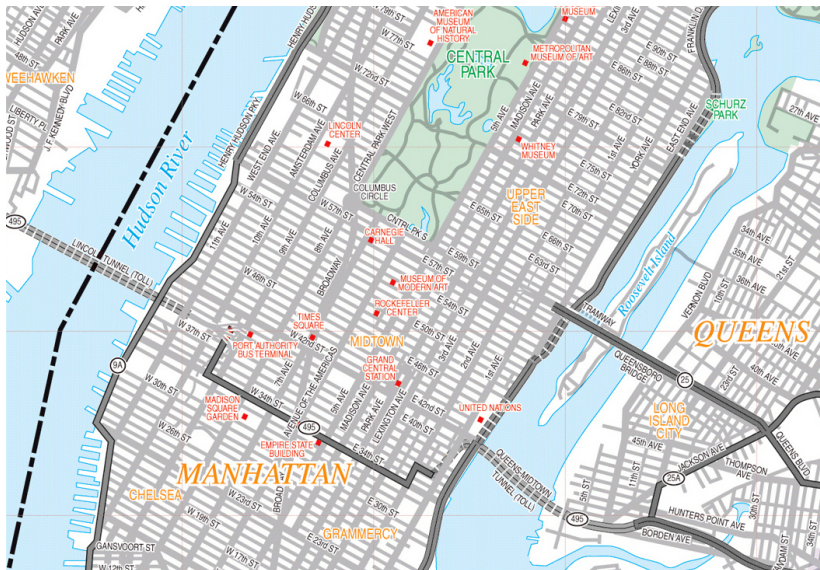
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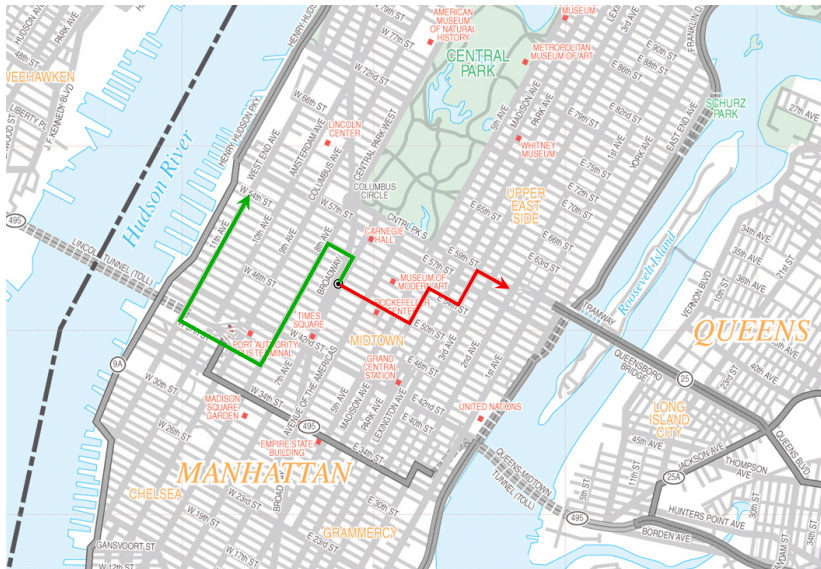


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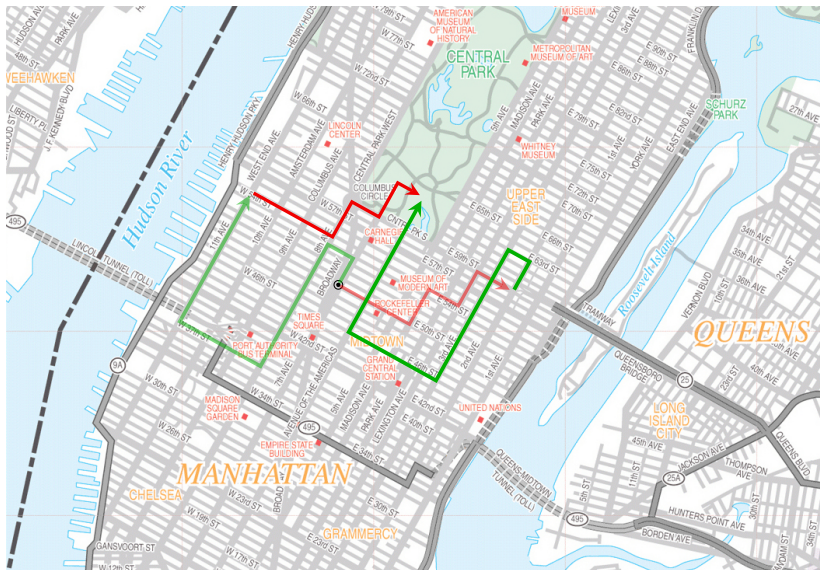
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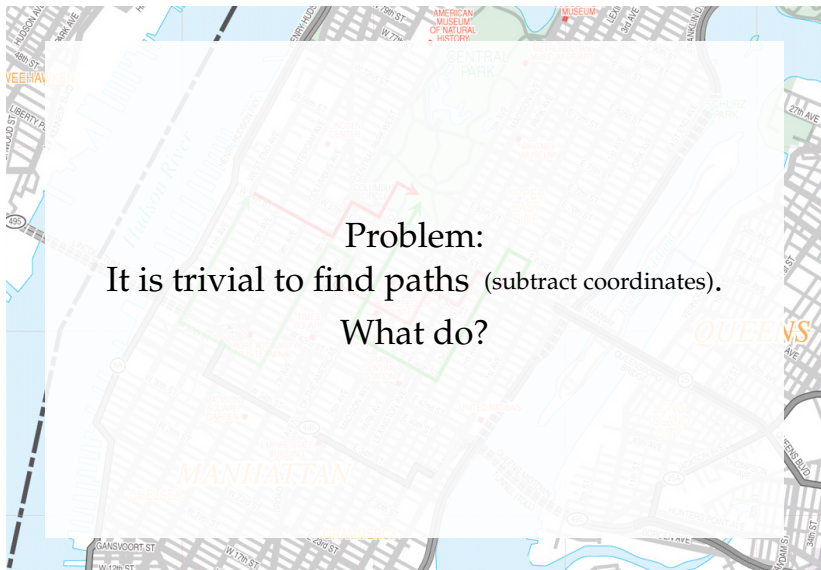
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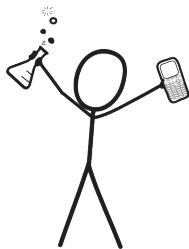
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It is easy to construct graphs that satisfy *almost* all of these —
not enough for crypto!

Stand back!



We're going to do maths.

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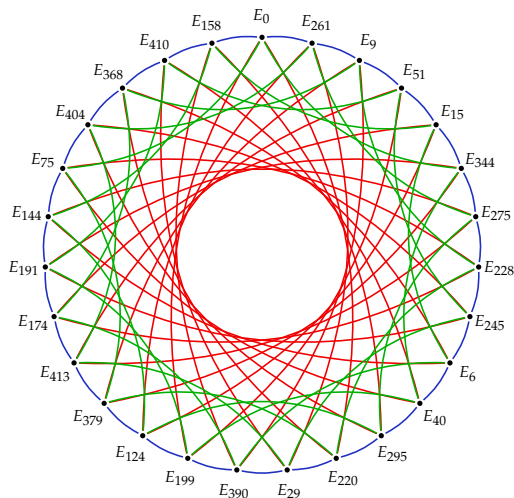
Let $S \not\ni p$ denote a set of prime numbers.

The **supersingular S -isogeny graph** over \mathbb{F}_q consists of:

- ▶ vertices given by isomorphism classes of supersingular elliptic curves,
- ▶ edges given by equivalence classes¹ of ℓ -isogenies ($\ell \in S$), both defined over \mathbb{F}_q .

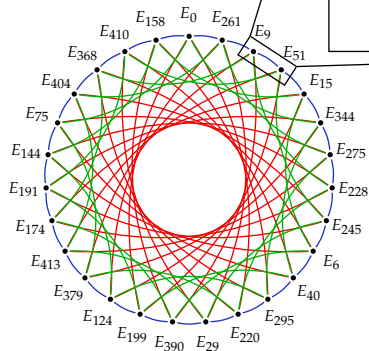
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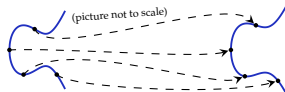


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Edges: 3-, 5-, and 7-isogenies

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A 3-isogeny



$$E_{51}: y^2 = x^3 + 51x^2 + x \longrightarrow E_9: y^2 = x^3 + 9x^2 + x$$

$$(x, y) \longmapsto \left(\frac{97x^3 - 183x^2 + x}{x^2 - 183x + 97}, y \cdot \frac{133x^3 + 154x^2 - 5x + 97}{-x^3 + 65x^2 + 128x - 133} \right)$$

A tropical sunset scene with palm trees and the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the water and sky. Several tall palm trees are silhouetted against the bright sky. The ocean is visible in the background, and the foreground is filled with the silhouettes of various tropical plants and trees.

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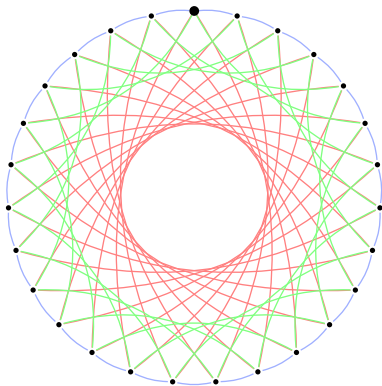
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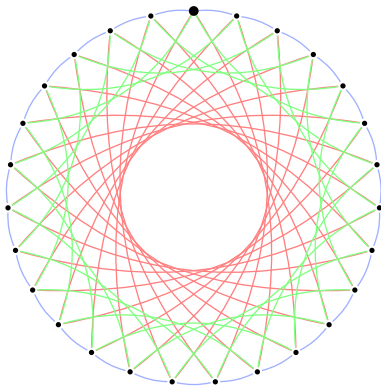
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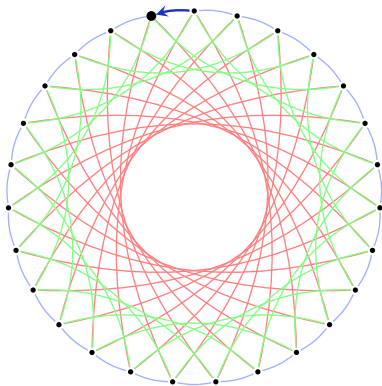


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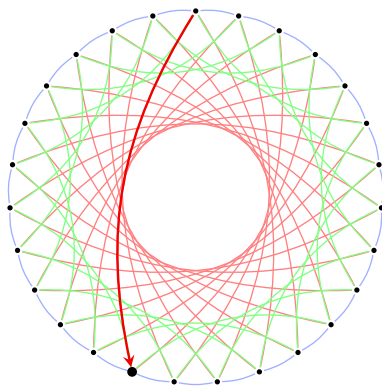
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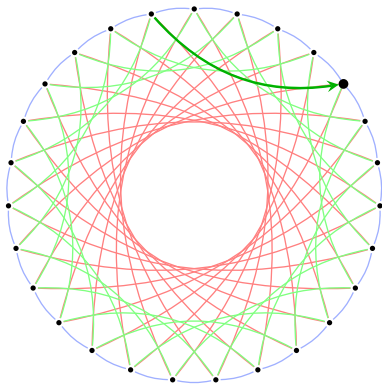


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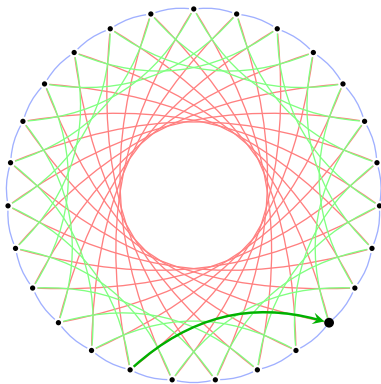
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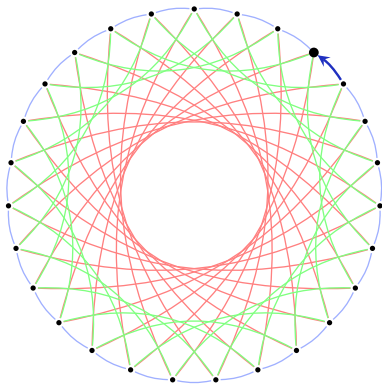


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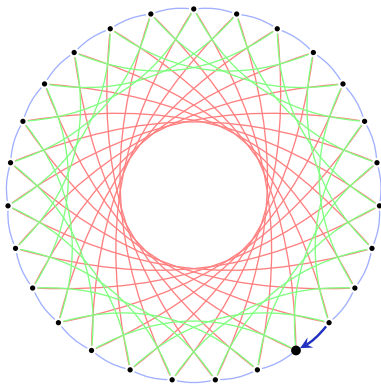
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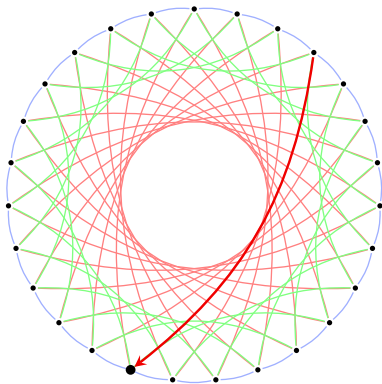


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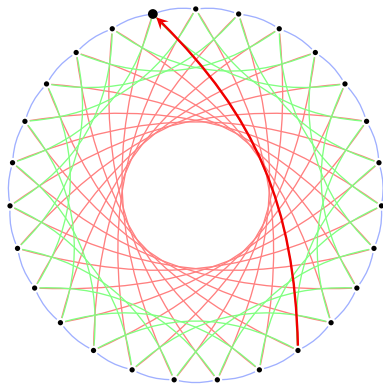
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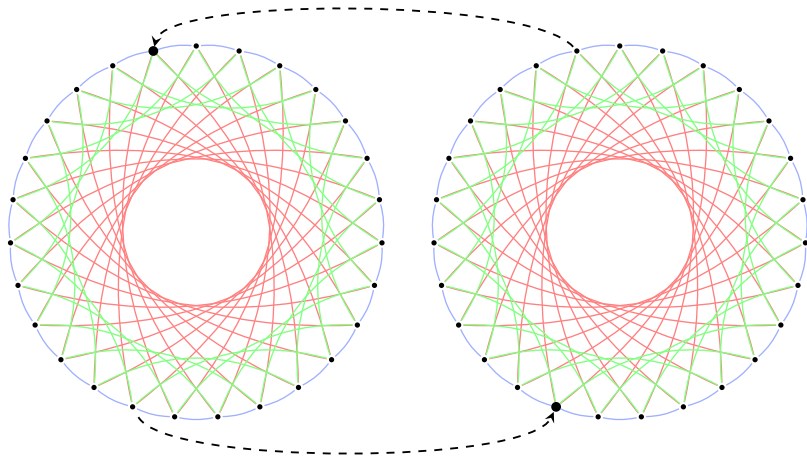
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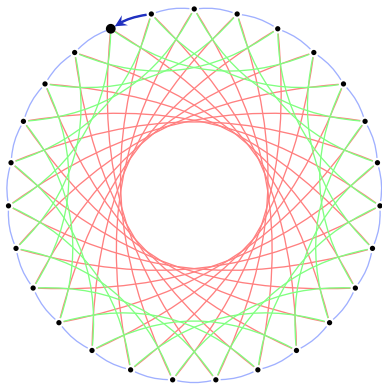


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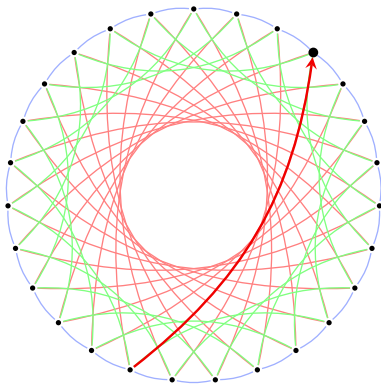
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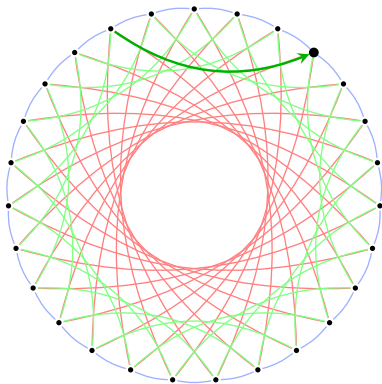


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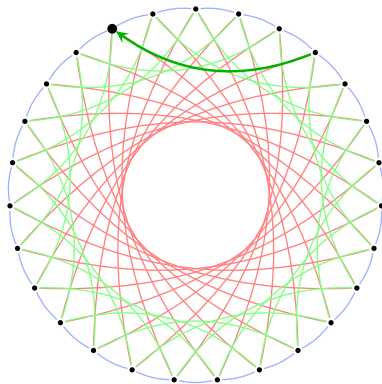
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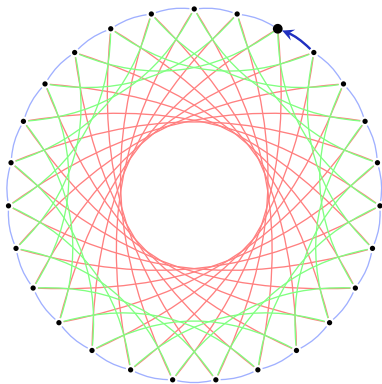


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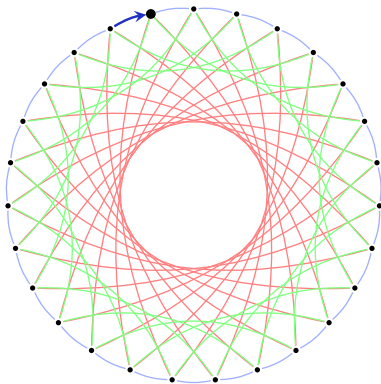
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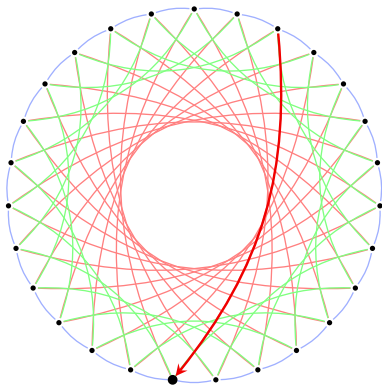


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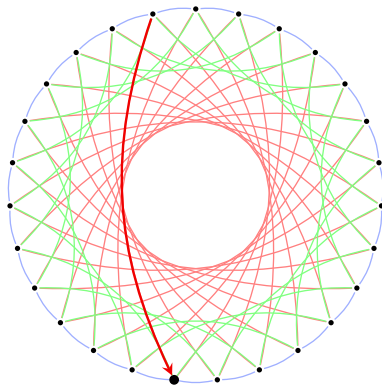
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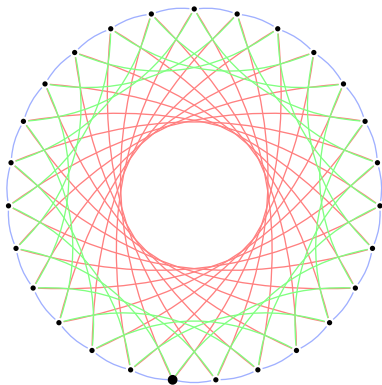
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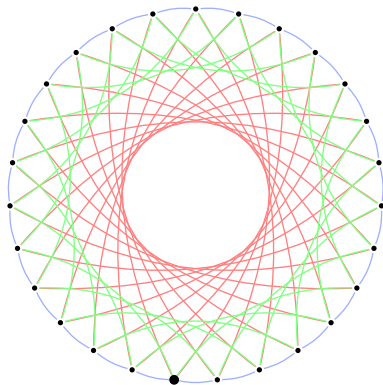
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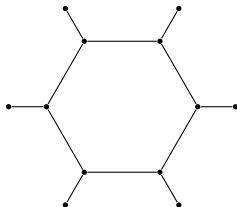
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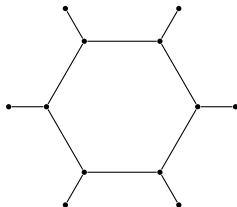


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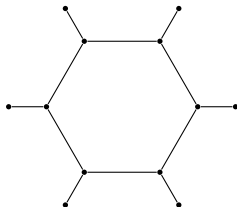


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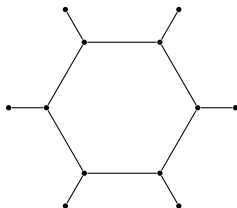


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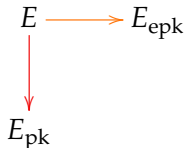


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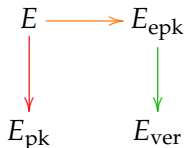


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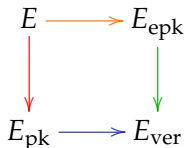


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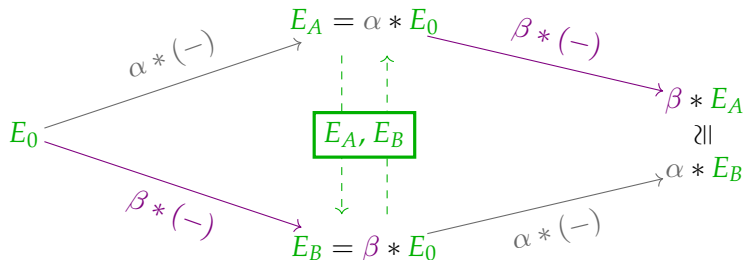
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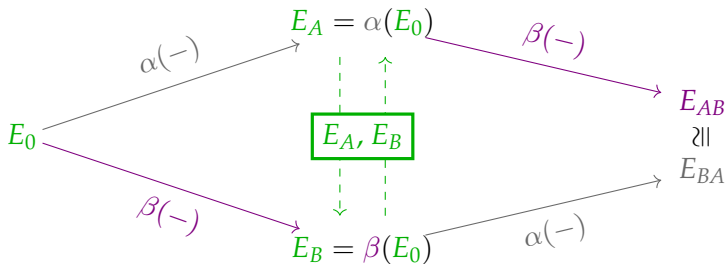
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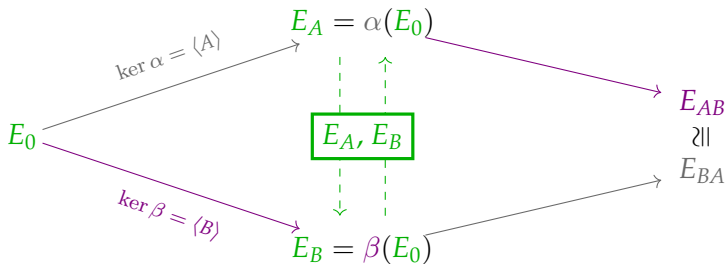
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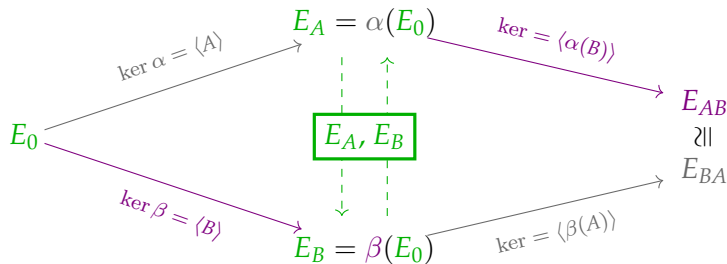
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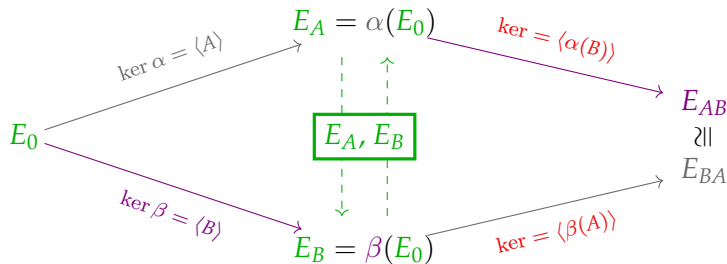
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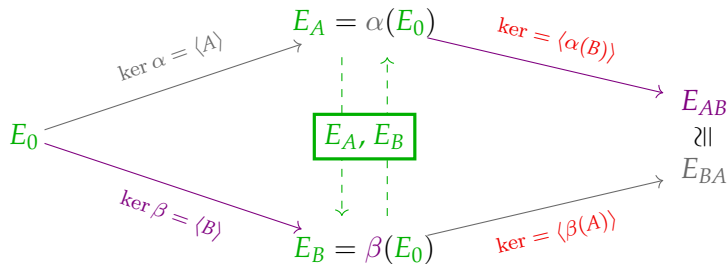
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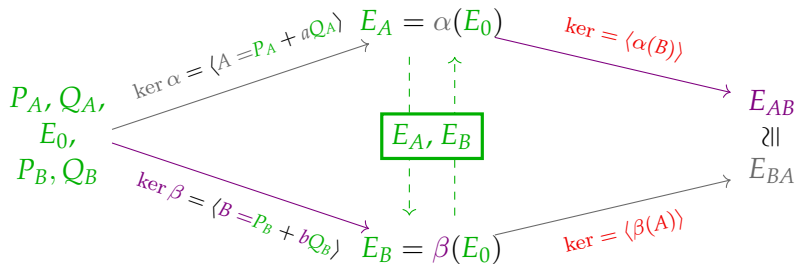
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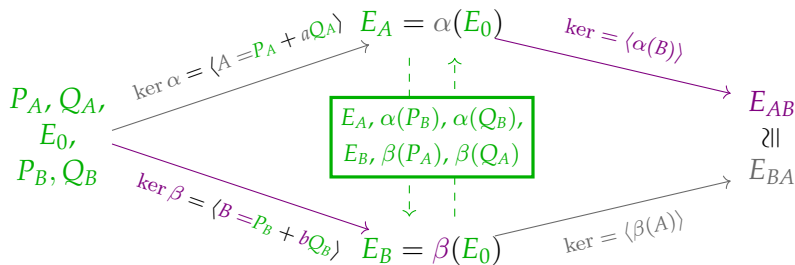
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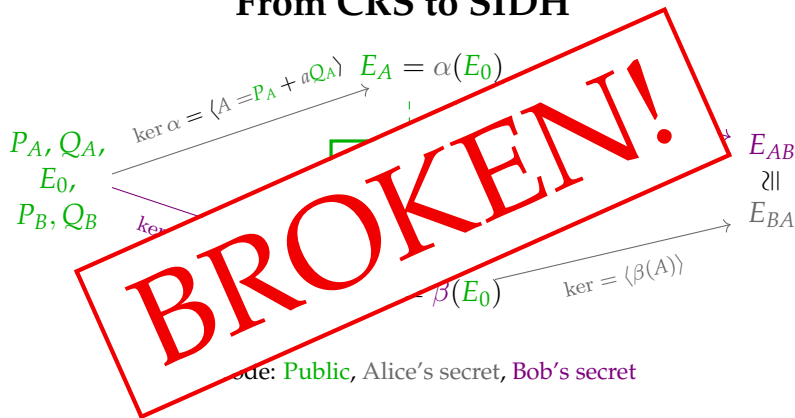
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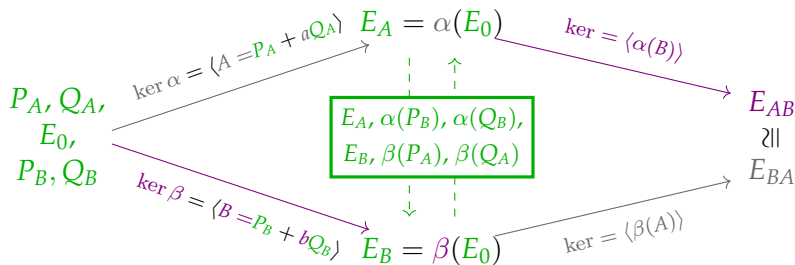
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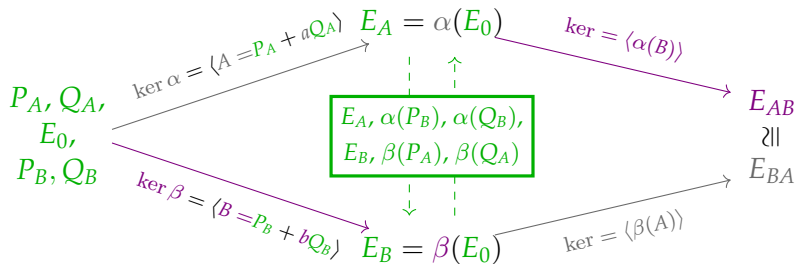
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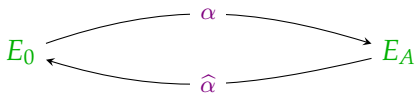
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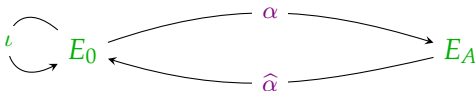
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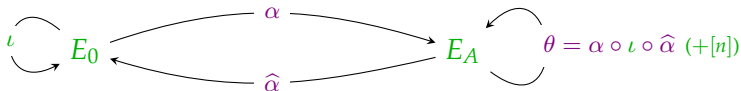
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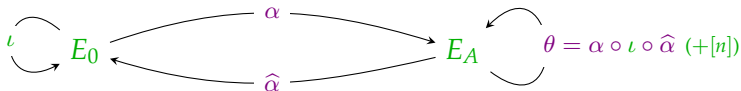
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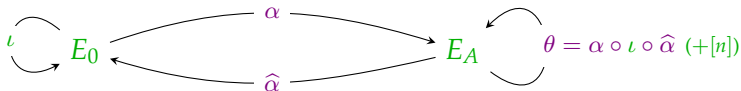
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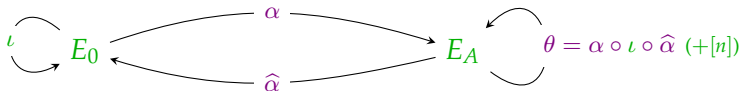
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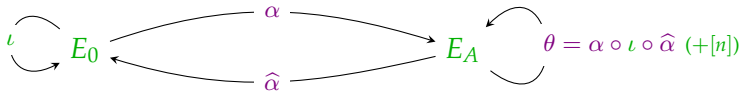
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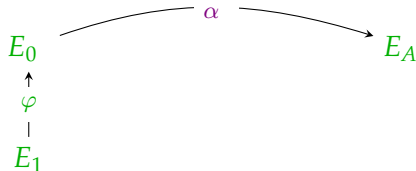
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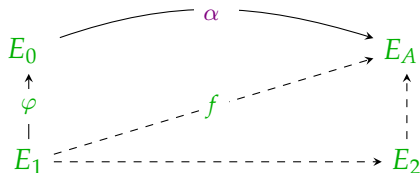
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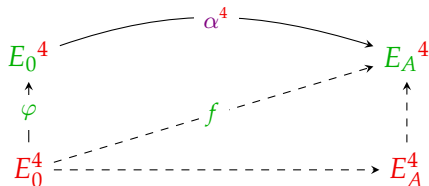
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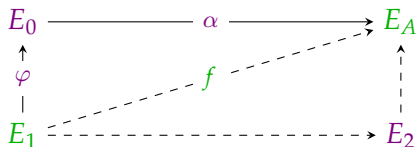
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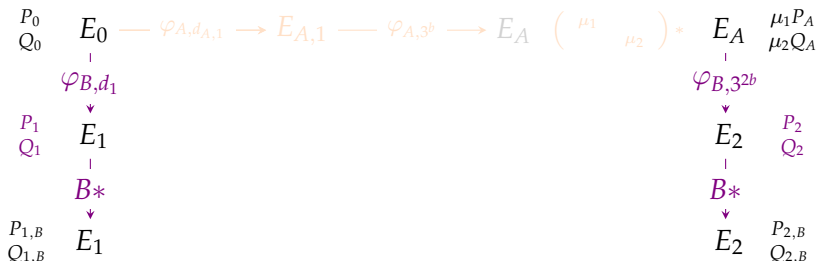
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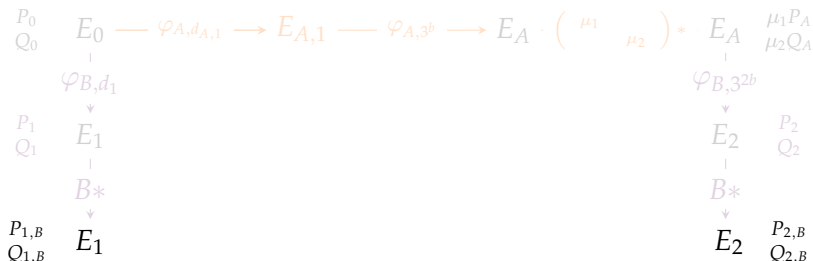


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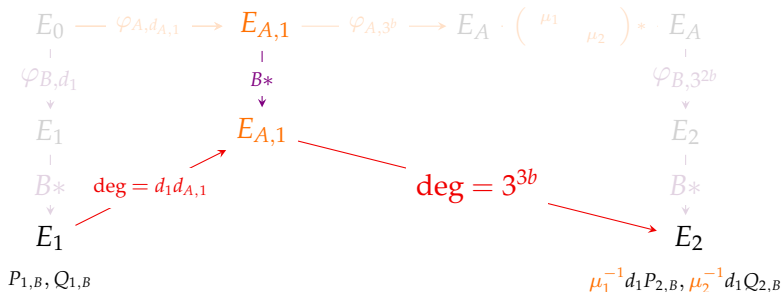
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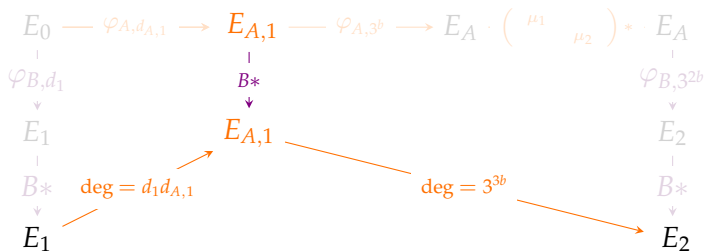


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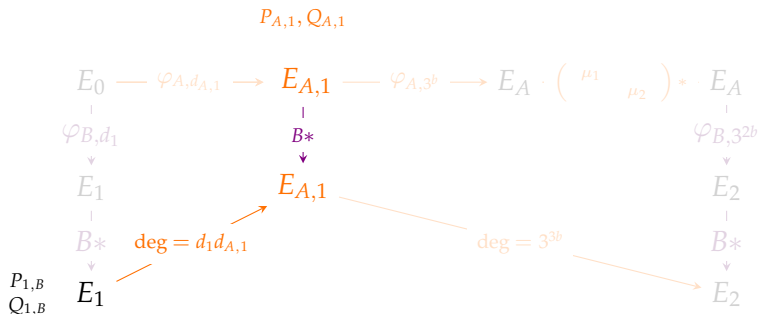


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