

# Isogeny graphs in cryptography

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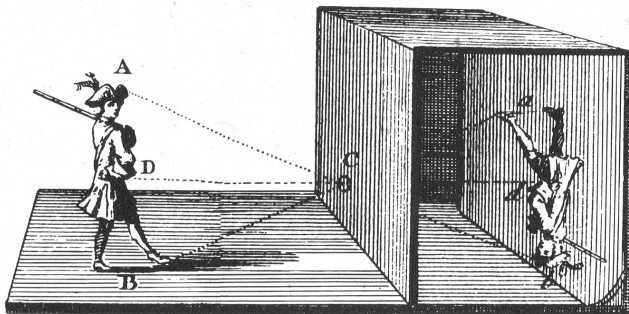
# Projective space

## Definition (Projective space)

Let  $\bar{k}$  an algebraically closed field, the **projective space**  $\mathbb{P}^n(\bar{k})$  is the set of non-null  $(n + 1)$ -tuples  $(x_0, \dots, x_n) \in \bar{k}^n$  modulo the equivalence relation

$$(x_0, \dots, x_n) \sim (\lambda x_0, \dots, \lambda x_n) \quad \text{with } \lambda \in \bar{k} \setminus \{0\}.$$

A class is denoted by  $(x_0 : \dots : x_n)$ .



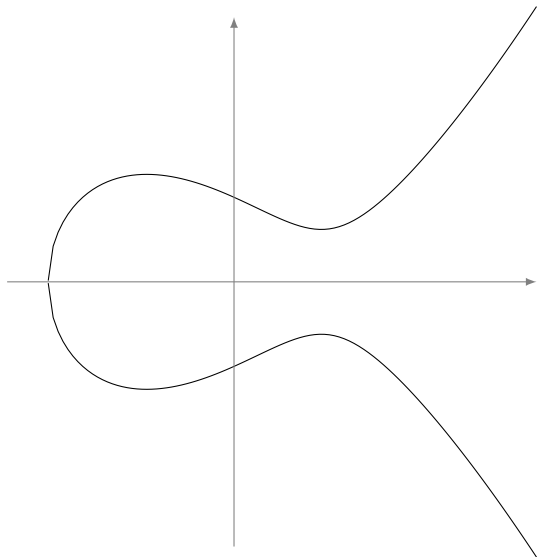
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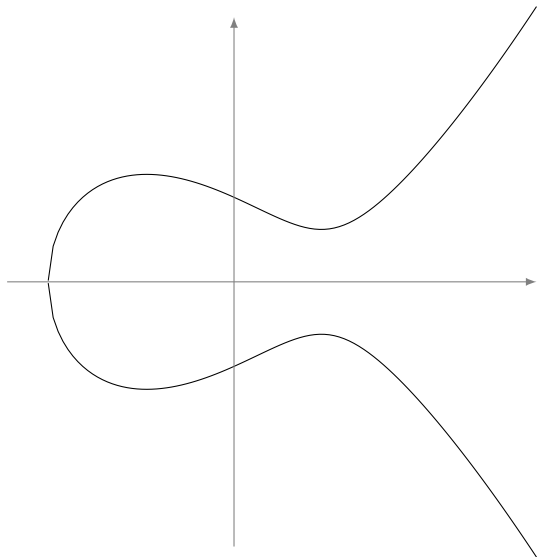
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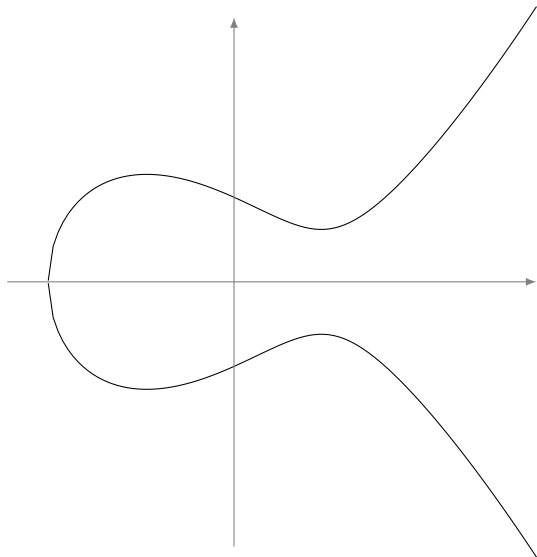
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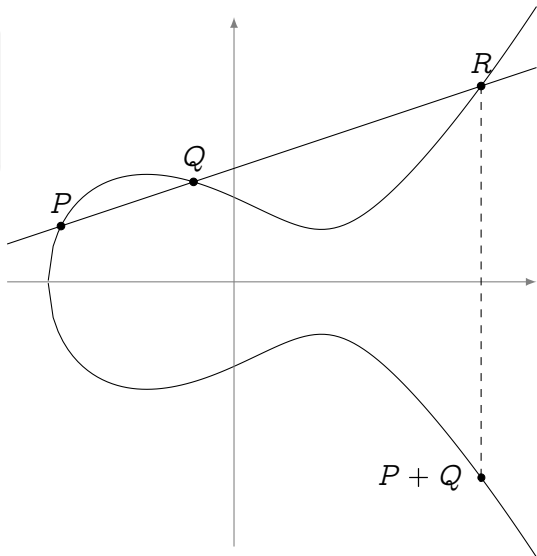


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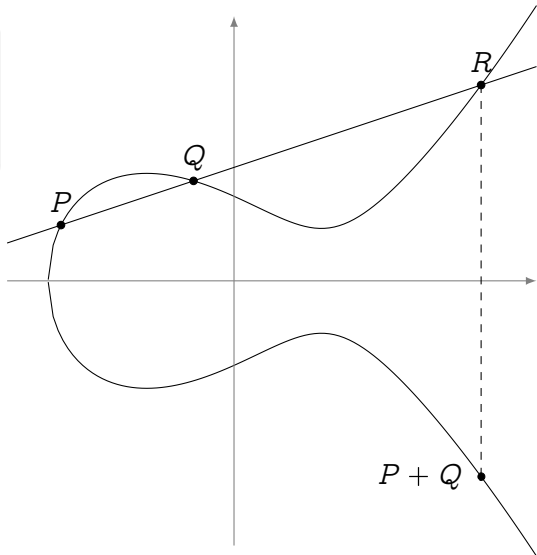
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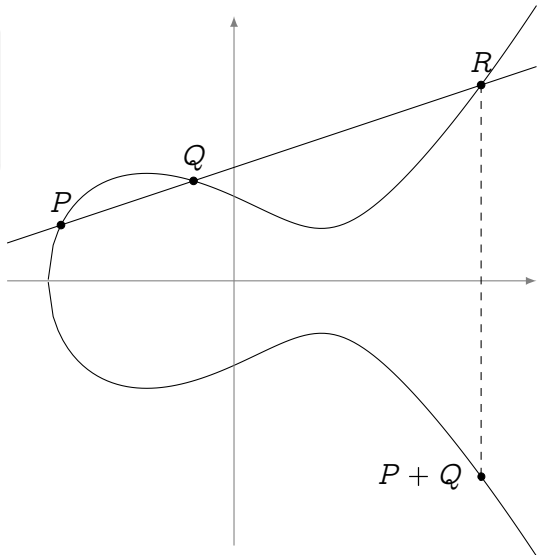
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- The law is **commutative**;
- $\mathcal{O}$  is the **group identity**;
- **Opposite points** have the same  $x$ -value.



# Group structure

## Torsion structure

Let  $E$  be defined over an algebraically closed field  $\bar{k}$  of characteristic  $p$ .

$$E[m] \simeq \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \quad \text{if } p \nmid m,$$

$$E[p^e] \simeq \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/p^e\mathbb{Z} & \text{ordinary case,} \\ \{\mathcal{O}\} & \text{supersingular case.} \end{cases}$$

## Free part

Let  $E$  be defined over a **number field**  $k$ , the group of  $k$ -rational points  $E(k)$  is **finitely generated**.

# Maps: isomorphisms

## Isomorphisms

The only **invertible algebraic maps** between elliptic curves are of the form

$$(x, y) \mapsto (u^2x, u^3y)$$

for some  $u \in \bar{k}$ .

They are **group isomorphisms**.

## $j$ -Invariant

Let  $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ , its  **$j$ -invariant** is

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Two elliptic curves  $E, E'$  are **isomorphic** if and only if  $j(E) = j(E')$ .

# Maps: isogenies

## Theorem

Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  be a map between elliptic curves. These conditions are equivalent:

- $\phi$  is a *surjective group morphism*,
- $\phi$  is a *group morphism with finite kernel*,
- $\phi$  is a non-constant *algebraic map* of projective varieties sending the point at infinity of  $E$  onto the point at infinity of  $E'$ .

If they hold  $\phi$  is called an *isogeny*.

Two curves are called *isogenous* if there exists an isogeny between them.

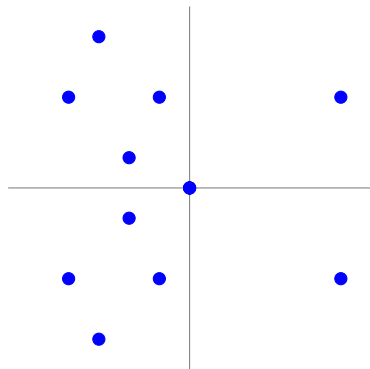
## Example: Multiplication-by- $m$

On any curve, an isogeny from  $E$  to itself (i.e., an *endomorphism*):

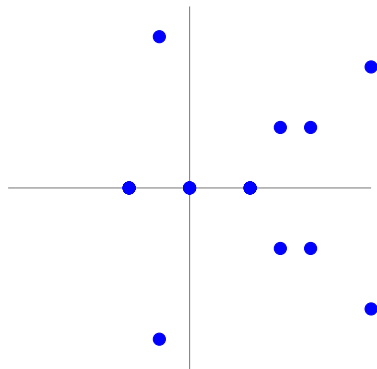
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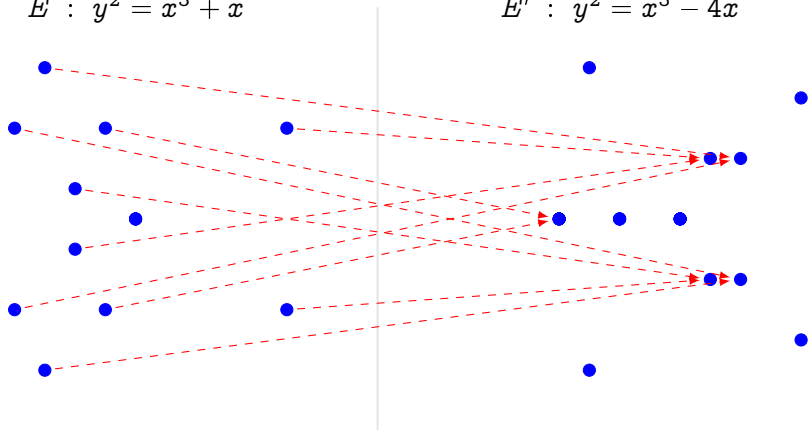


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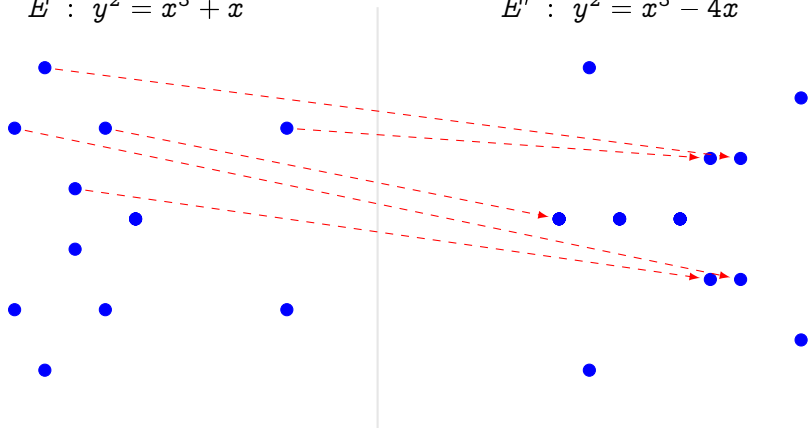


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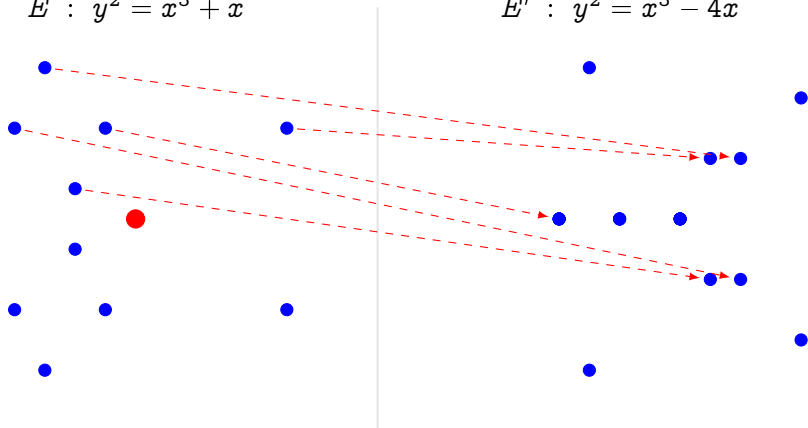


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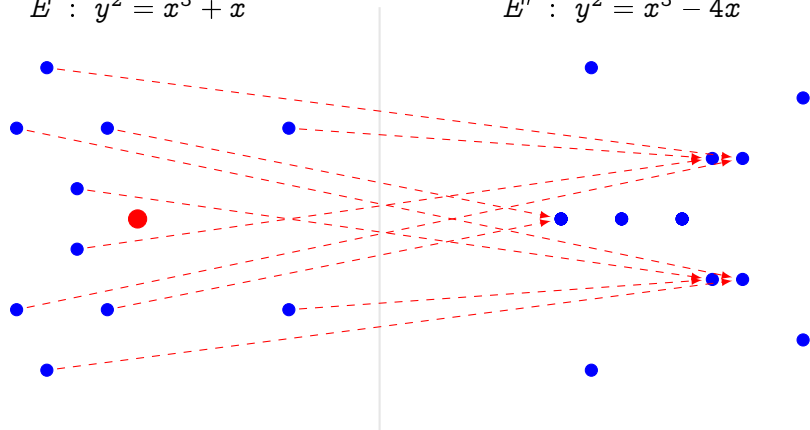
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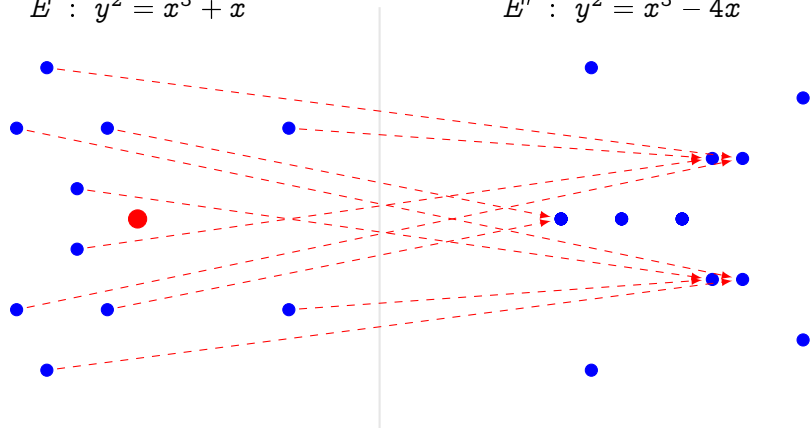
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- Analogous to  $x \mapsto x^2$  in  $\mathbb{F}_q^*$ .

# Curves over finite fields

## Frobenius endomorphism

Let  $E$  be defined over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . The **Frobenius endomorphism** of  $E$  is the map

$$\pi : (X : Y : Z) \mapsto (X^q : Y^q : Z^q).$$

## Hasse's theorem

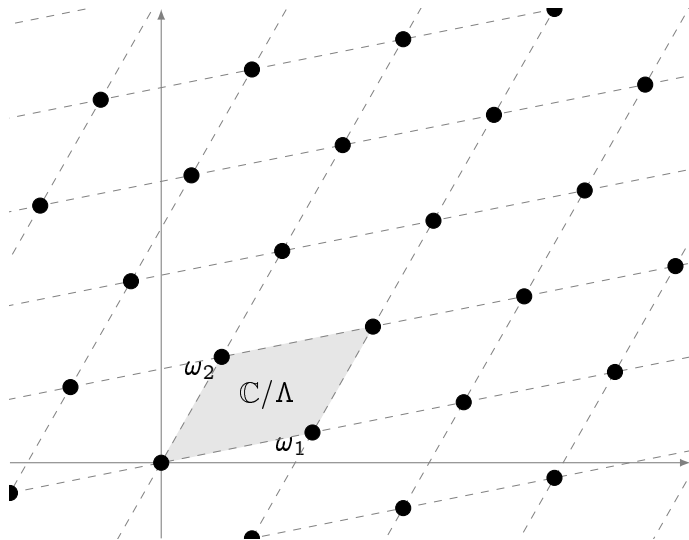
Let  $E$  be defined over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , then

$$|\#E(k) - q - 1| \leq 2\sqrt{q}.$$

## Serre-Tate theorem

Two elliptic curves  $E, E'$  defined over a finite field  $k$  are **isogenous over  $k$**  if and only if  $\#E(k) = \#E'(k)$ .

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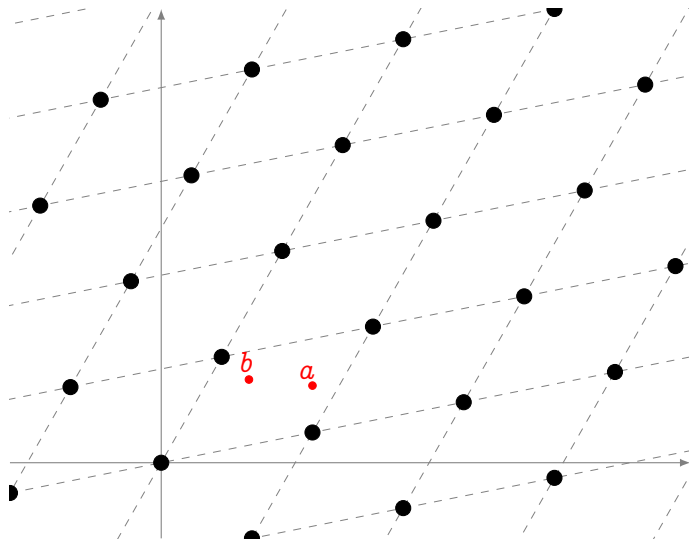


Let  $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in \mathbb{C}$   
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independent  
complex  
numbers. Set

$$\Lambda = \omega_1 \mathbb{Z} \oplus \omega_2 \mathbb{Z}$$

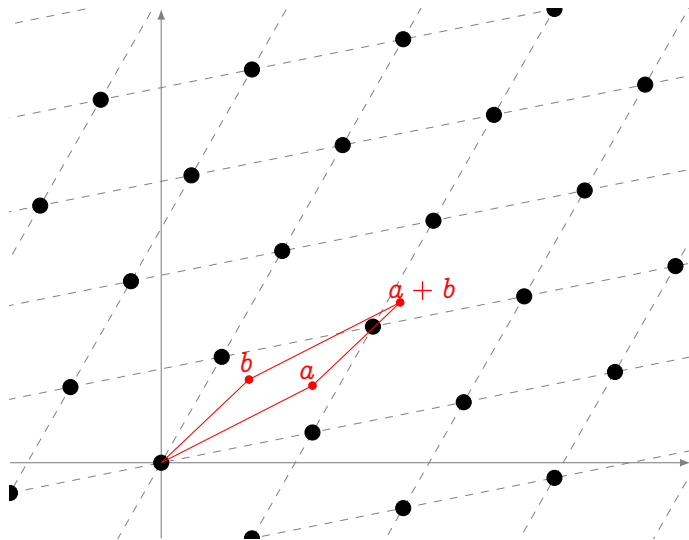
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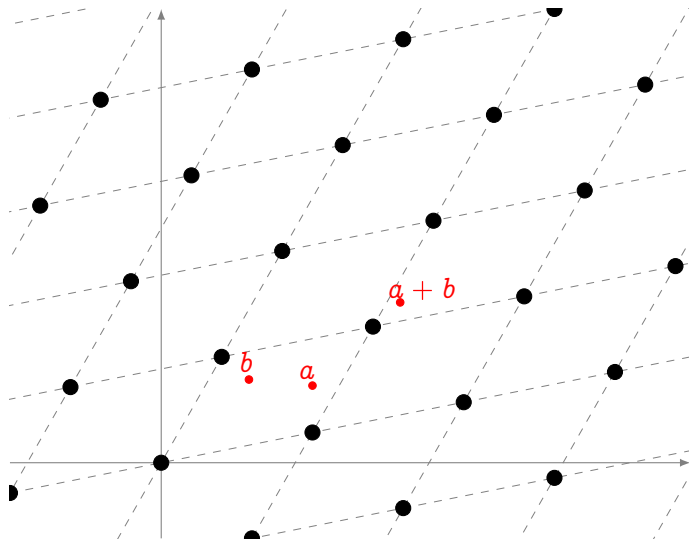
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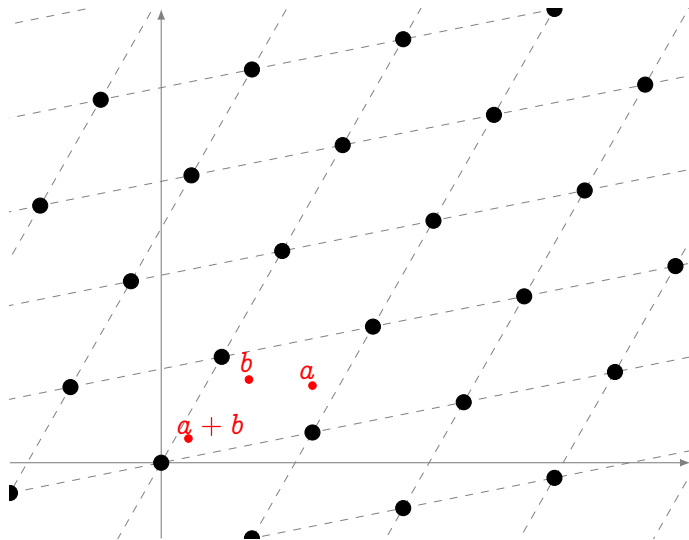
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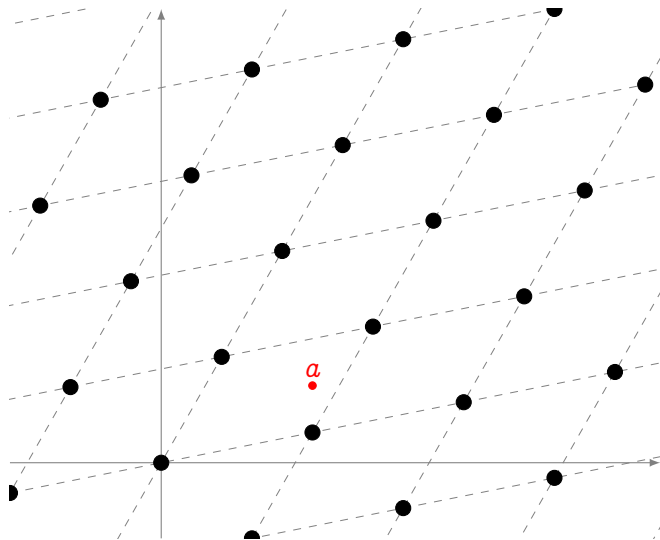
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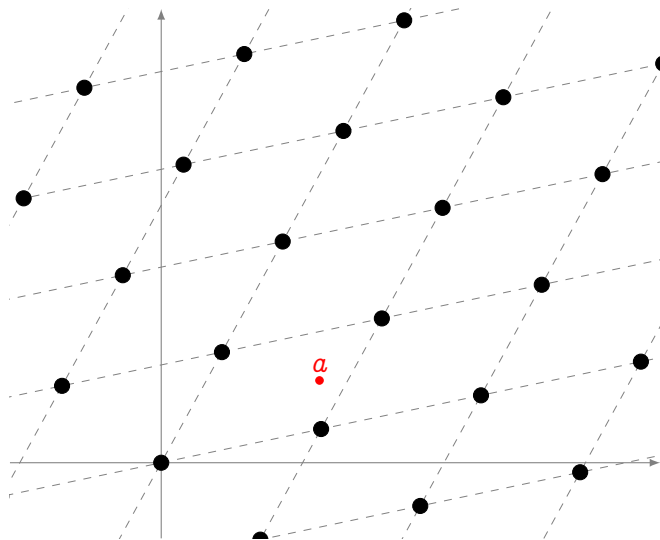
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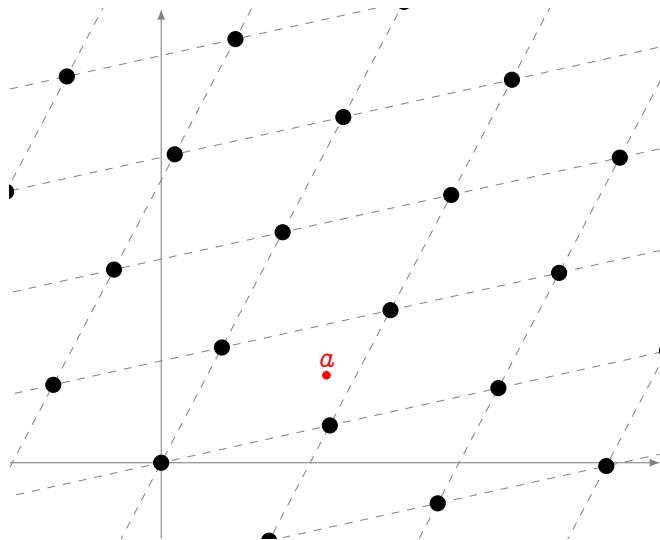
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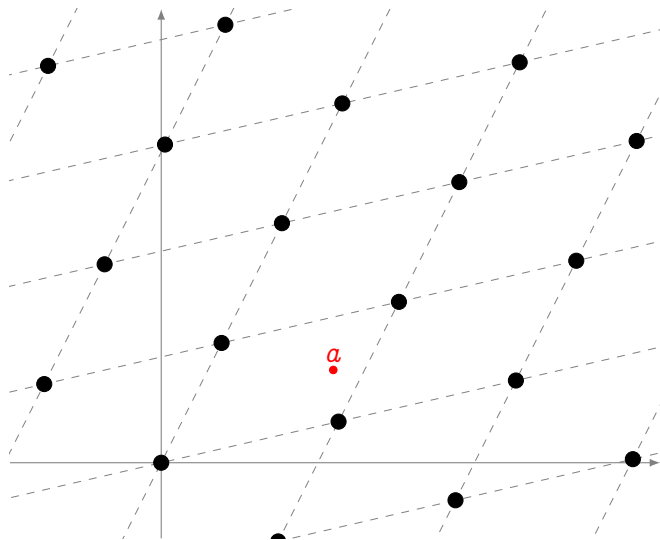
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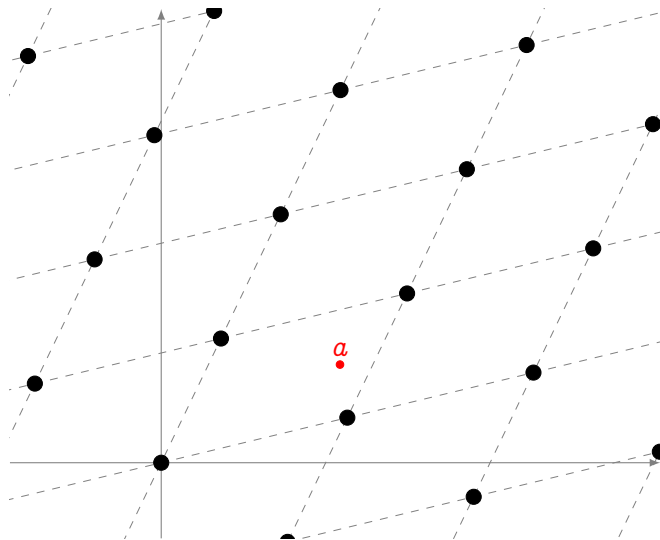
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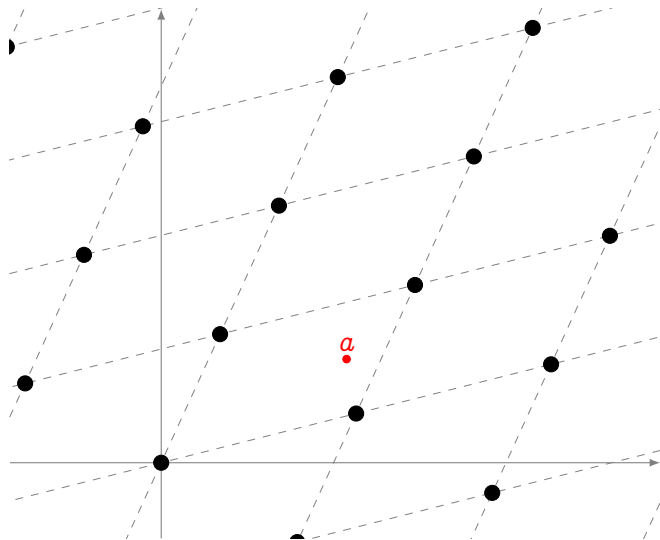
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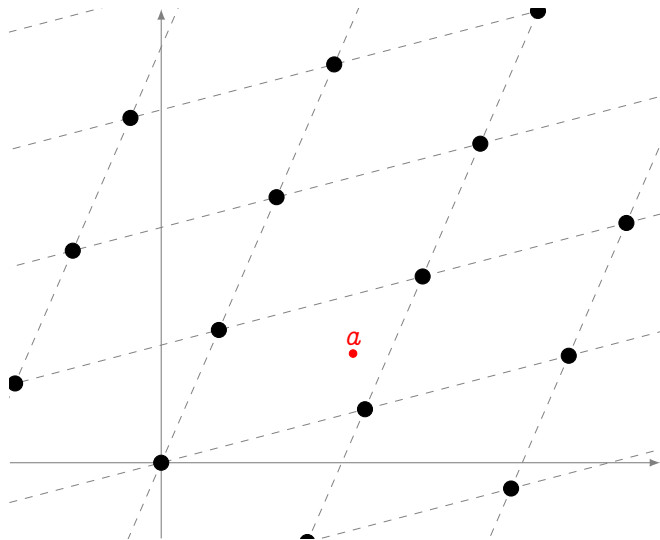
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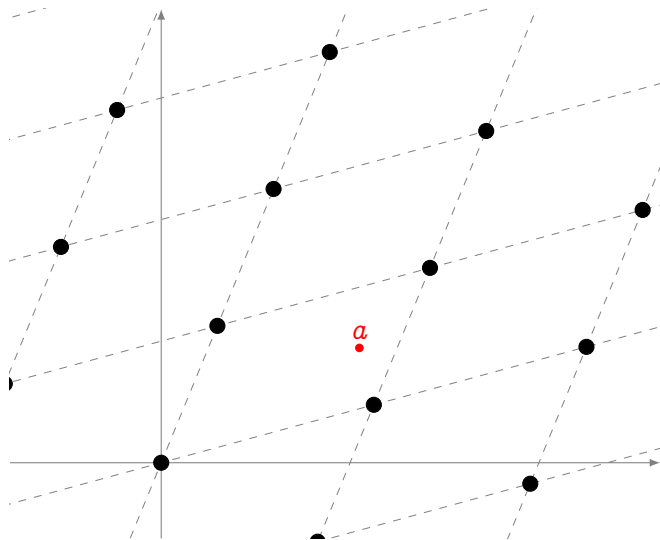
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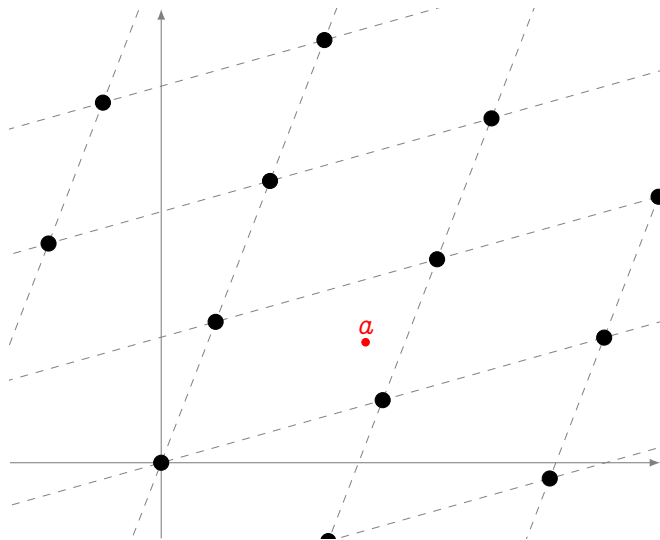


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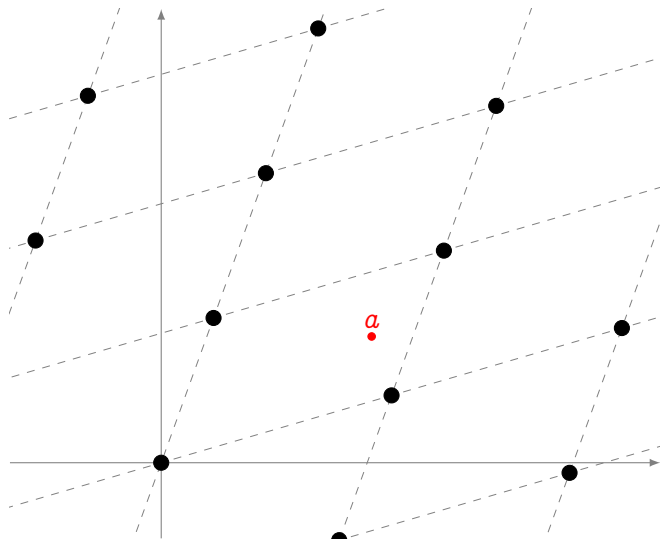
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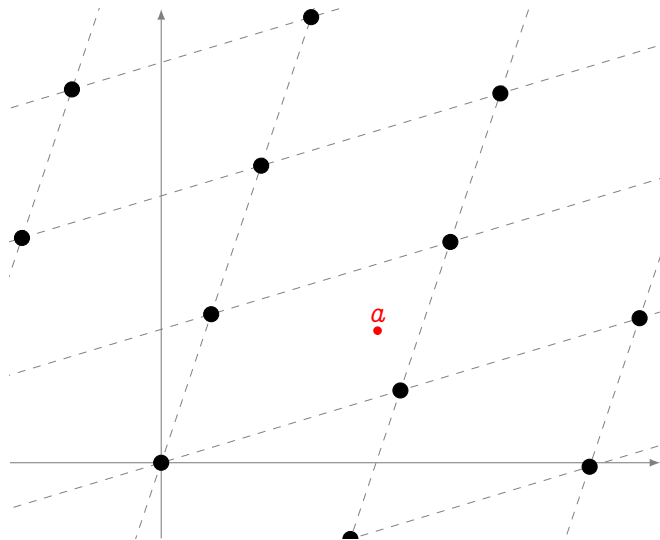
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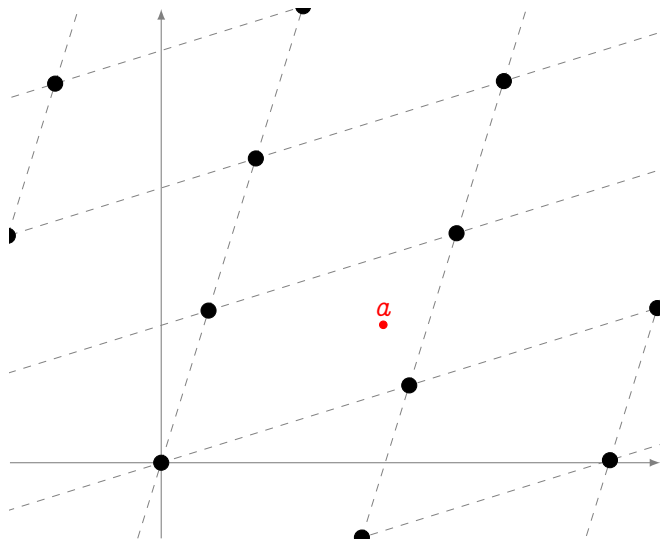
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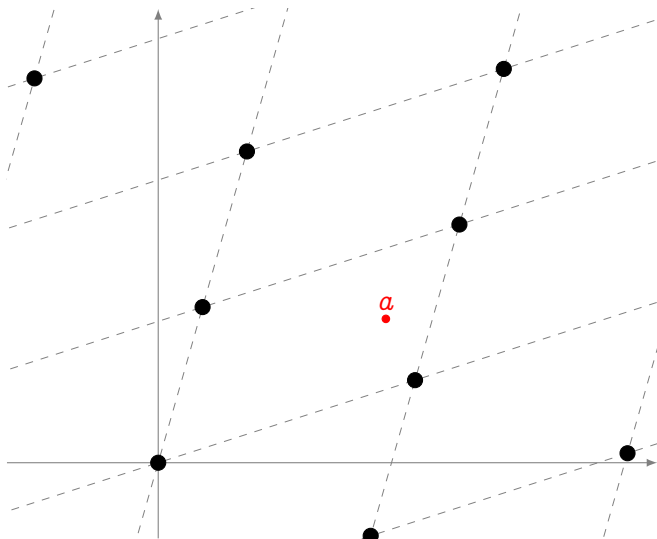
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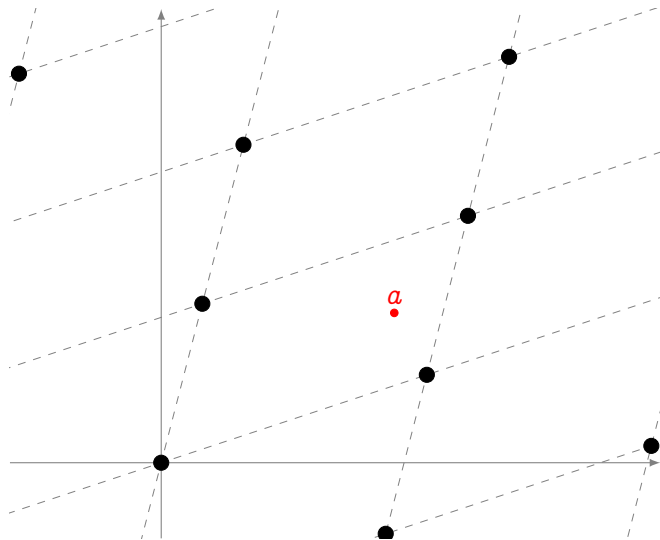
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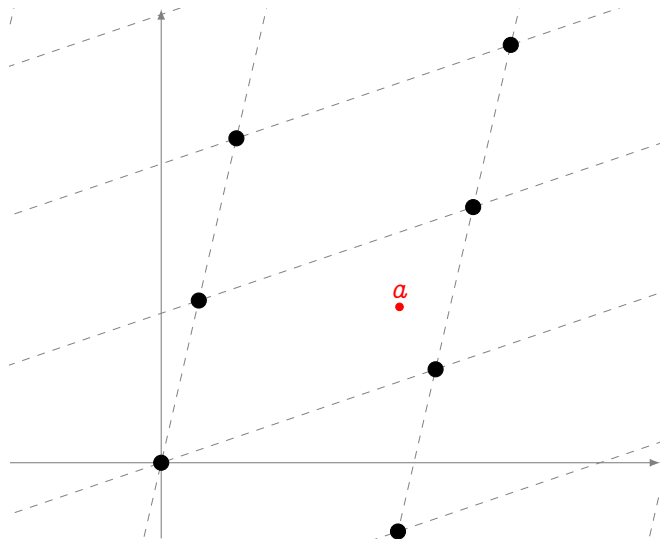
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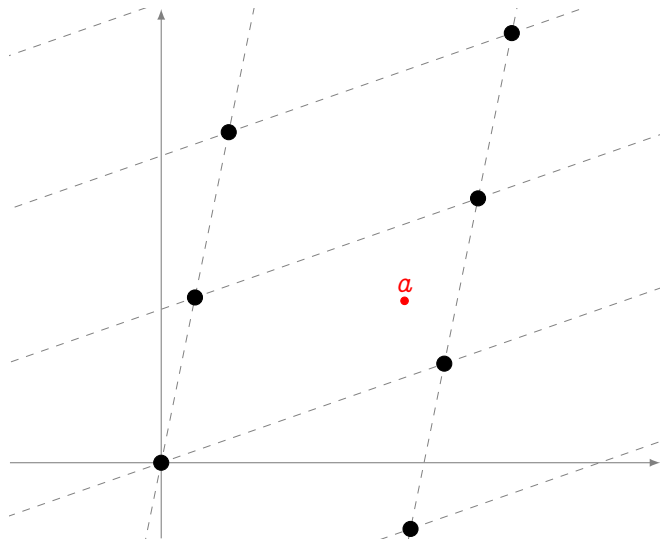
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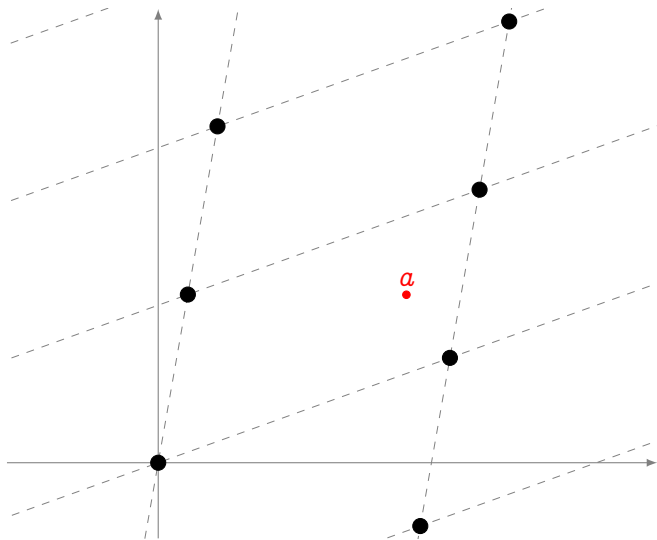


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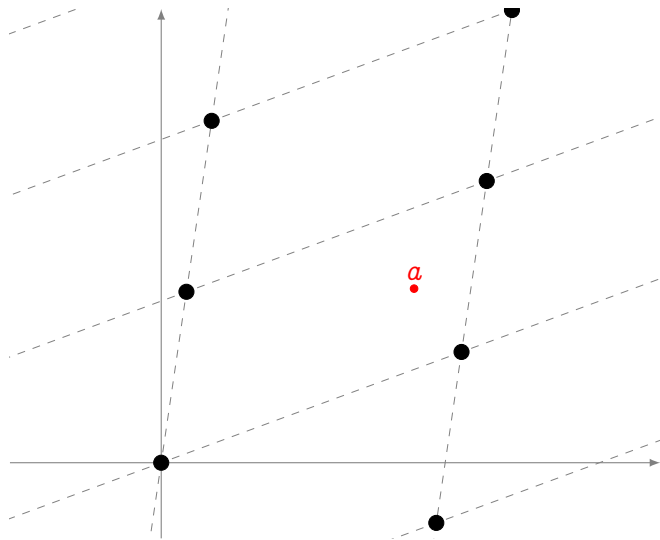
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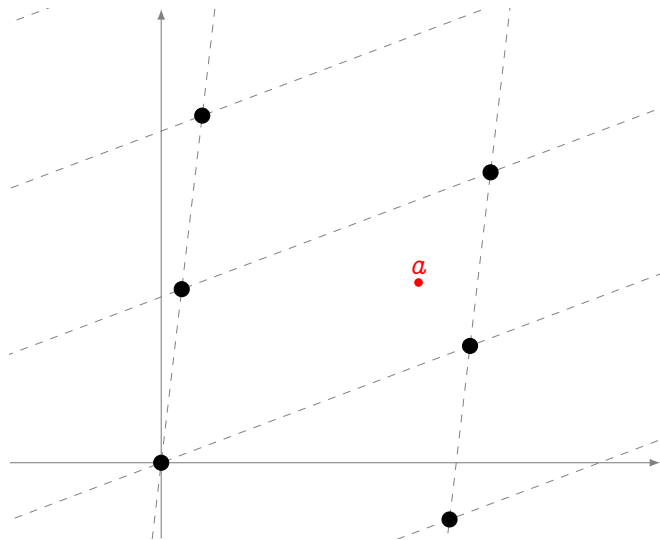
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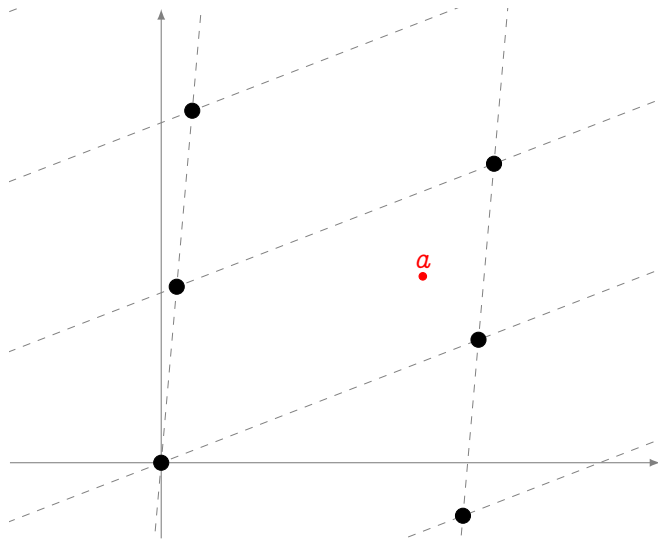
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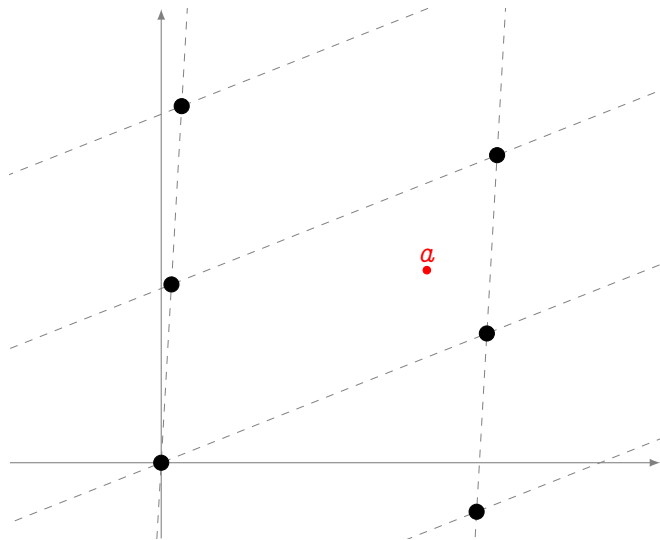
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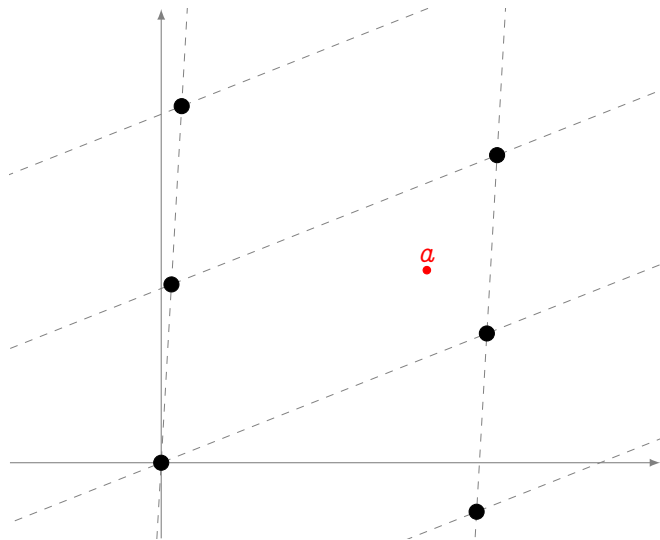
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# The $j$ -invariant

We want to classify complex lattices/tori **up to homothety**.

## Eisenstein series

Let  $\Lambda$  be a complex lattice. For any integer  $k > 0$  define

$$G_{2k}(\Lambda) = \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda \setminus \{0\}} \omega^{-2k}.$$

Also set

$$g_2(\Lambda) = 60 G_4(\Lambda), \quad g_3(\Lambda) = 140 G_6(\Lambda).$$

## Modular $j$ -invariant

Let  $\Lambda$  be a complex lattice, the **modular  $j$ -invariant** is

$$j(\Lambda) = 1728 \frac{g_2(\Lambda)^3}{g_2(\Lambda)^3 - 27g_3(\Lambda)^2}.$$

Two lattices  $\Lambda, \Lambda'$  are homothetic if and only if  $j(\Lambda) = j(\Lambda')$ .

# Elliptic curves over $\mathbb{C}$

## Weierstrass $\wp$ function

Let  $\Lambda$  be a complex lattice, the **Weierstrass  $\wp$  function** associated to  $\Lambda$  is the series

$$\wp(z; \Lambda) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda \setminus \{0\}} \left( \frac{1}{(z - \omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right).$$

Fix a lattice  $\Lambda$ , then  $\wp$  and its derivative  $\wp'$  are **elliptic functions**:

$$\wp(z + \omega) = \wp(z), \quad \wp'(z + \omega) = \wp'(z)$$

for all  $\omega \in \Lambda$ .



# Uniformization theorem

Let  $\Lambda$  be a complex lattice. The curve

$$E : y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2(\Lambda)x - g_3(\Lambda)$$

is an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{C}$ . The map

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{C}/\Lambda &\rightarrow E(\mathbb{C}), \\ 0 &\mapsto (0 : 1 : 0), \\ z &\mapsto (\wp(z) : \wp'(z) : 1)\end{aligned}$$

is an **isomorphism of Riemann surfaces** and a **group morphism**.

Conversely, for any elliptic curve

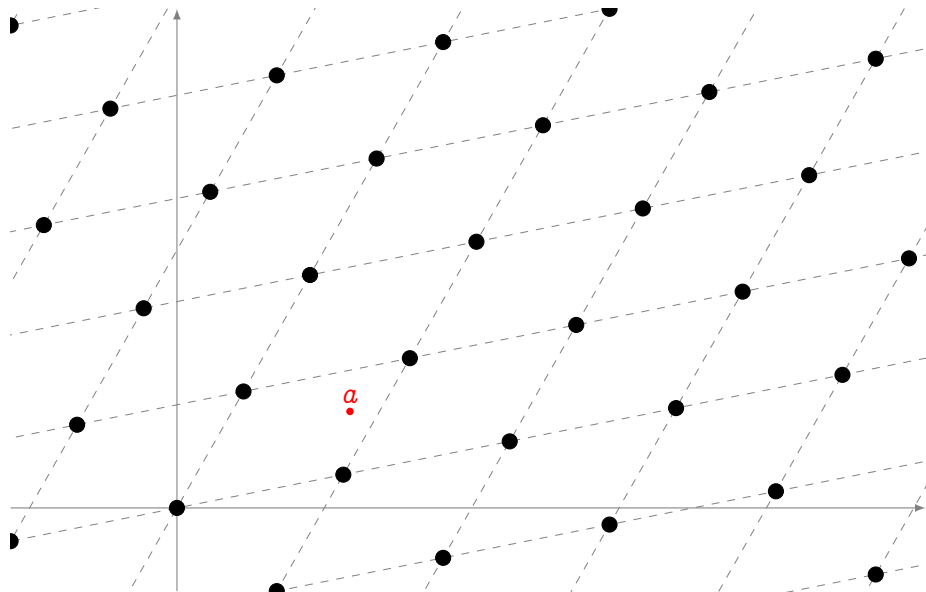
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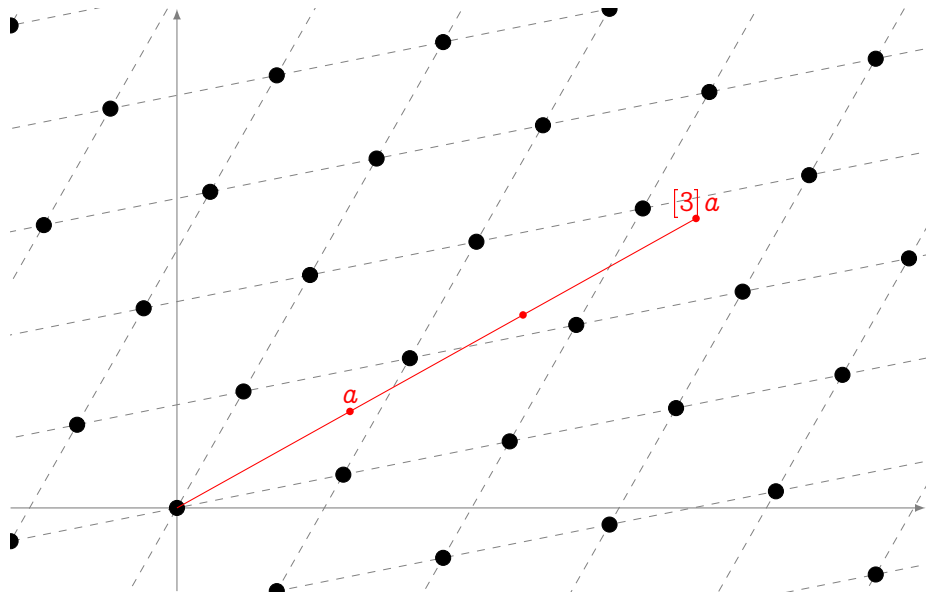
$$g_2(\Lambda) = -4a, \quad g_3(\Lambda) = -4b.$$

Moreover  $j(\Lambda) = j(E)$ .

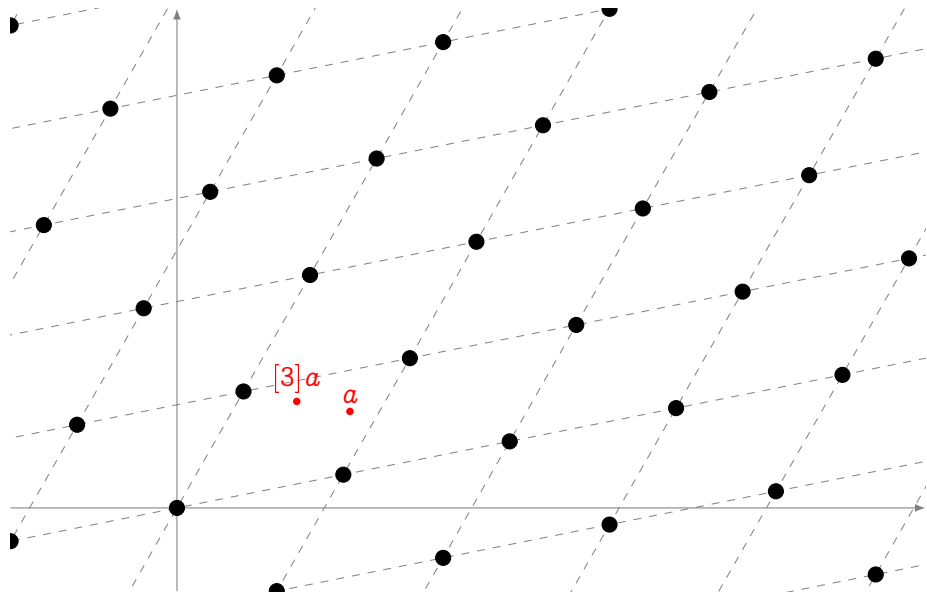
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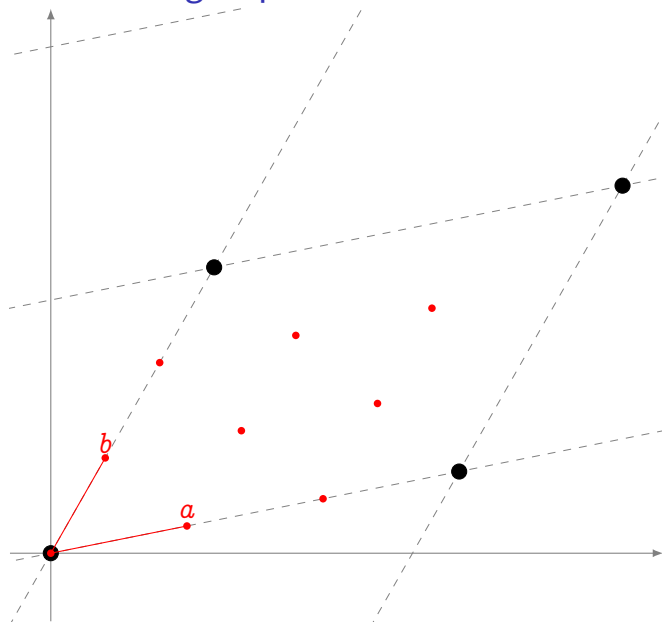
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# Torsion subgroups



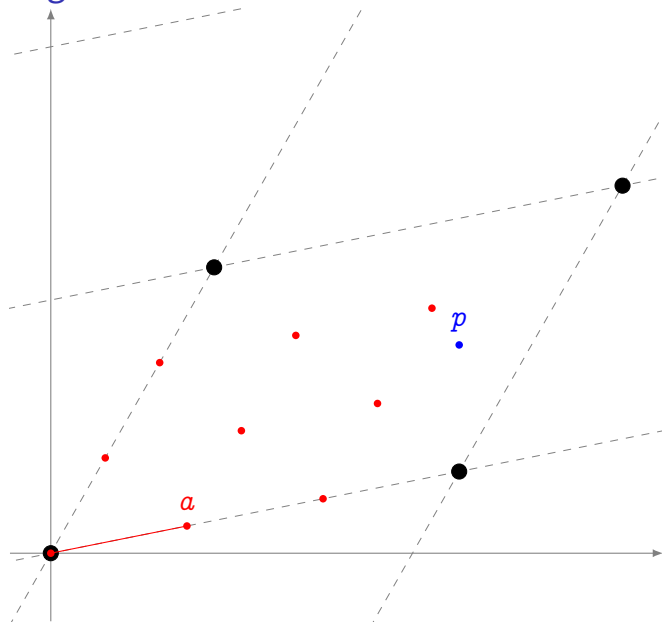
The  $\ell$ -torsion subgroup is made up by the points

$$\left( \frac{i\omega_1}{\ell}, \frac{j\omega_2}{\ell} \right)$$

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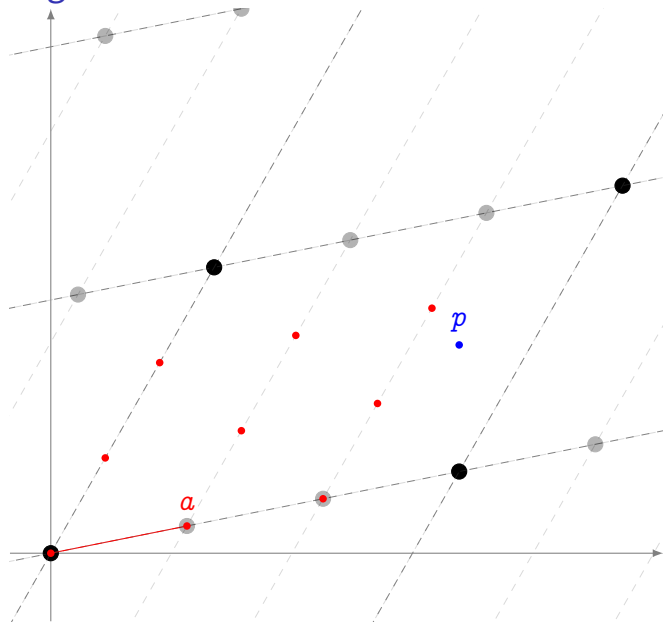
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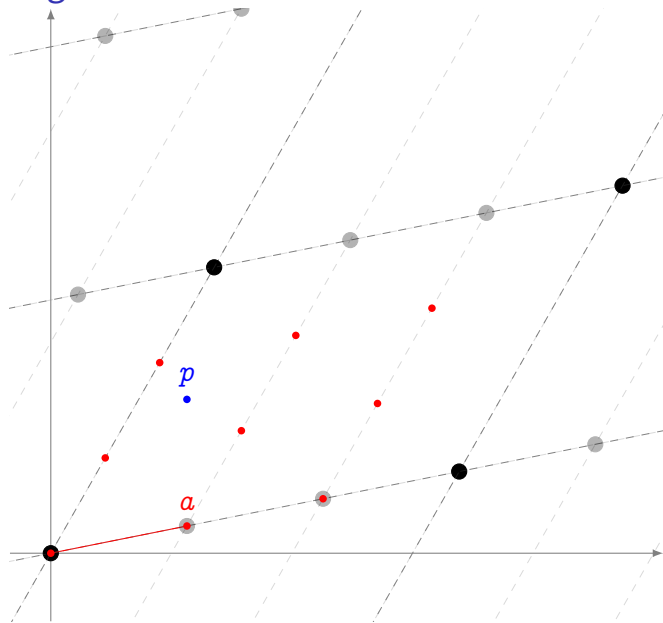
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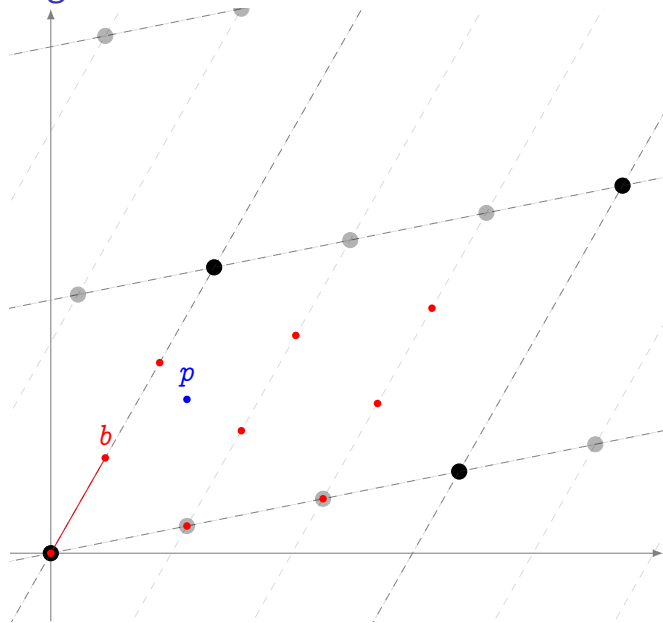
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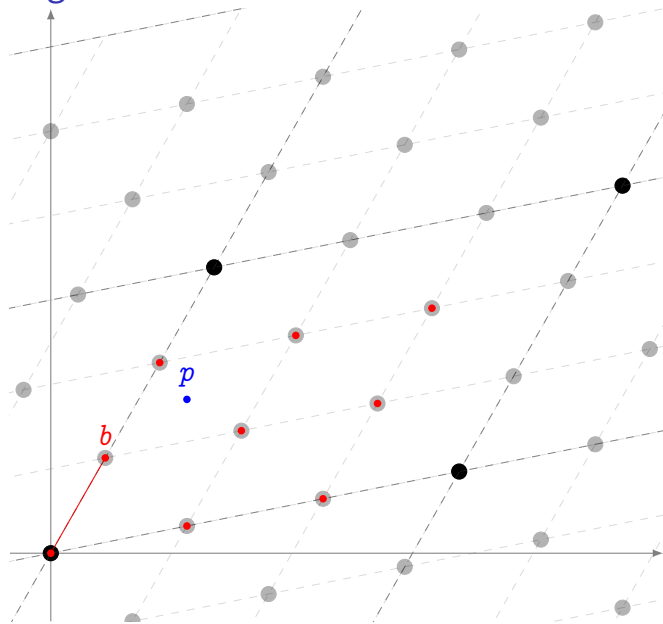
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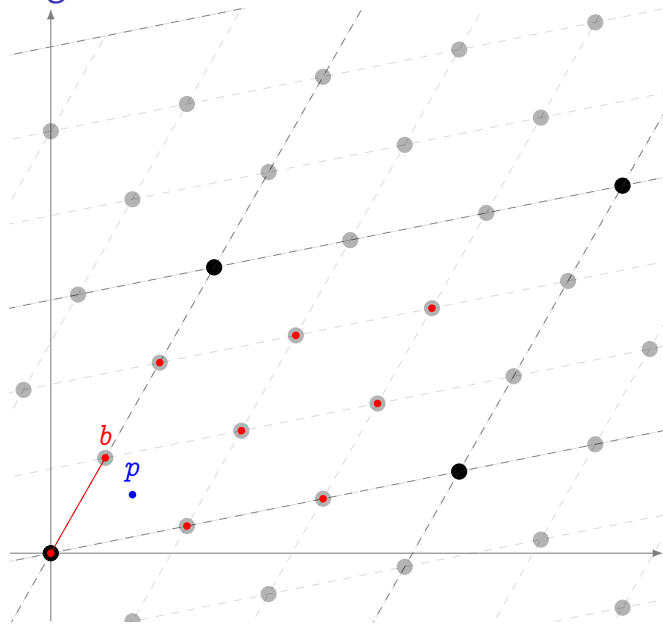


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# Isogenies: separable vs inseparable

## Purely inseparable isogenies

Examples:

- The **Frobenius endomorphism** is purely inseparable of degree  $q$ .
- All purely inseparable maps in characteristic  $p$  are of the form  $(X : Y : Z) \mapsto (X^{p^e} : Y^{p^e} : Z^{p^e})$ .

## Separable isogenies

Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve, and let  $G$  be a finite subgroup of  $E$ . There are a unique elliptic curve  $E'$  and a **unique separable isogeny**  $\phi$ , such that  $\ker \phi = G$  and  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$ .

The curve  $E'$  is called the **quotient of  $E$  by  $G$**  and is denoted by  $E/G$ .

# The dual isogeny

Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  be an isogeny of degree  $m$ . There is a unique isogeny  $\hat{\phi} : E' \rightarrow E$  such that

$$\hat{\phi} \circ \phi = [m]_E, \quad \phi \circ \hat{\phi} = [m]_{E'}.$$

$\hat{\phi}$  is called the **dual isogeny of  $\phi$** ; it has the following properties:

- 1  $\hat{\phi}$  is defined over  $k$  if and only if  $\phi$  is;
- 2  $\widehat{\psi \circ \phi} = \hat{\phi} \circ \hat{\psi}$  for any isogeny  $\psi : E' \rightarrow E''$ ;
- 3  $\widehat{\psi + \phi} = \hat{\psi} + \hat{\phi}$  for any isogeny  $\psi : E \rightarrow E'$ ;
- 4  $\deg \phi = \deg \hat{\phi}$ ;
- 5  $\hat{\hat{\phi}} = \phi$ .

# Algebras, orders

- A **quadratic imaginary number field** is an extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  of the form  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{-D}]$  for some non-square  $D > 0$ .
- A **quaternion algebra** is an algebra of the form  $\mathbb{Q} + \alpha\mathbb{Q} + \beta\mathbb{Q} + \alpha\beta\mathbb{Q}$ , where the generators satisfy the relations

$$\alpha^2, \beta^2 \in \mathbb{Q}, \quad \alpha^2 < 0, \quad \beta^2 < 0, \quad \beta\alpha = -\alpha\beta.$$

## Orders

Let  $K$  be a finitely generated  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra. An **order**  $\mathcal{O} \subset K$  is a **subring** of  $K$  that is a finitely generated  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module of **maximal dimension**. An order that is not contained in any other order of  $K$  is called a **maximal order**.

Examples:

- $\mathbb{Z}$  is the only order contained in  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,
- $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is the only maximal order of  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ ,
- $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{5}]$  is a non-maximal order of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$ ,
- The **ring of integers** of a number field is its only maximal order,
- In general, maximal orders in quaternion algebras are **not unique**.



# The endomorphism ring

The **endomorphism ring**  $\text{End}(E)$  of an elliptic curve  $E$  is the ring of all isogenies  $E \rightarrow E$  (plus the null map) with **addition** and **composition**.

## Theorem (Deuring)

Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over a field  $k$  of characteristic  $p$ .  $\text{End}(E)$  is isomorphic to one of the following:

- $\mathbb{Z}$ , only if  $p = 0$

$E$  is **ordinary**.

- An order  $\mathcal{O}$  in a quadratic imaginary field:

$E$  is **ordinary** with **complex multiplication** by  $\mathcal{O}$ .

- Only if  $p > 0$ , a maximal order in a quaternion algebra<sup>a</sup>:

$E$  is **supersingular**.

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<sup>a</sup>(ramified at  $p$  and  $\infty$ )

# The finite field case

## Theorem (Hasse)

Let  $E$  be defined over a finite field. Its Frobenius endomorphism  $\pi$  satisfies a quadratic equation

$$\pi^2 - t\pi + q = 0$$

in  $\text{End}(E)$  for some  $|t| \leq 2\sqrt{q}$ , called the **trace** of  $\pi$ . The trace  $t$  is coprime to  $q$  if and only if  $E$  is ordinary.

Suppose  $E$  is **ordinary**, then  $D_\pi = t^2 - 4q < 0$  is the **discriminant** of  $\mathbb{Z}[\pi]$ .

- $K = \mathbb{Q}(\pi) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_\pi})$  is the **endomorphism algebra** of  $E$ .
- Denote by  $\mathcal{O}_K$  its ring of integers, then

$$\mathbb{Z} \neq \mathbb{Z}[\pi] \subset \text{End}(E) \subset \mathcal{O}_K.$$

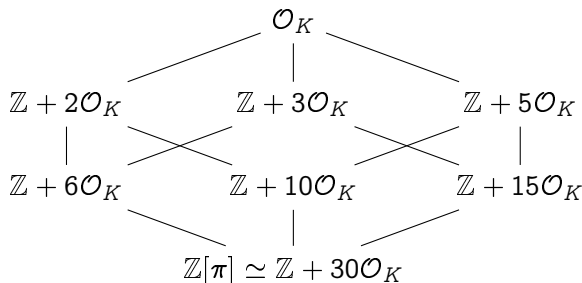
In the **supersingular** case,  $\pi$  may or may not be in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , depending on  $q$ .

# Endomorphism rings of ordinary curves

## Classifying quadratic orders

Let  $K$  be a quadratic number field, and let  $\mathcal{O}_K$  be its ring of integers.

- Any order  $\mathcal{O} \subset K$  can be written as  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z} + f\mathcal{O}_K$  for an integer  $f$ , called the **conductor** of  $\mathcal{O}$ , denoted by  $[\mathcal{O}_K : \mathcal{O}]$ .
- If  $d_K$  is the **discriminant** of  $K$ , the discriminant of  $\mathcal{O}$  is  $f^2 d_K$ .
- If  $\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}'$  are two orders with discriminants  $d, d'$ , then  $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{O}'$  iff  $d' \mid d$ .



# Ideal lattices

## Fractional ideals

Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be an order of a number field  $K$ . A (fractional)  $\mathcal{O}$ -ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  is a finitely generated non-zero  $\mathcal{O}$ -submodule of  $K$ .

When  $K$  is imaginary quadratic:

- Fractional ideals are complex lattices,
- Any lattice  $\Lambda \subset K$  is a fractional ideal,
- The order of a lattice  $\Lambda$  is

$$\mathcal{O}_\Lambda = \{\alpha \in K \mid \alpha\Lambda \subset \Lambda\}$$

## Complex multiplication

Let  $\Lambda \subset K$ , the elliptic curve associated to  $\mathbb{C}/\Lambda$  has complex multiplication by  $\mathcal{O}_\Lambda$ .

# The class group

Let  $\text{End}(E) = \mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$ . Define

- $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{O})$ , the group of **invertible fractional ideals**,
- $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{O})$ , the group of **principal ideals**,

## The class group

The **class group** of  $\mathcal{O}$  is

$$\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{O}) / \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{O}).$$

- It is a **finite abelian** group.
- Its order  $h(\mathcal{O})$  is called the **class number** of  $\mathcal{O}$ .
- It arises as the Galois group of an abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$ .

# Complex multiplication

## Fundamental theorem of CM

Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be an order of a number field  $K$ , and let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{h(\mathcal{O})}$  be representatives of  $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O})$ . Then:

- $K(j(\alpha_i))$  is an Abelian extension of  $K$ ;
- The  $j(\alpha_i)$  are all conjugate over  $K$ ;
- The Galois group of  $K(j(\alpha_i))$  is isomorphic to  $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O})$ ;
- $[\mathbb{Q}(j(\alpha_i)) : \mathbb{Q}] = [K(j(\alpha_i)) : K] = h(\mathcal{O})$ ;
- The  $j(\alpha_i)$  are integral, their minimal polynomial is called the **Hilbert class polynomial** of  $\mathcal{O}$ .

## Deuring's lifting theorem

Let  $E_0$  be an elliptic curve in characteristic  $p$ , with an endomorphism  $\omega_0$  which is not trivial. Then there exists an elliptic curve  $E$  defined over a number field  $L$ , an endomorphism  $\omega$  of  $E$ , and a non-singular reduction of  $E$  at a place  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $L$  lying above  $p$ , such that  $E_0$  is isomorphic to  $E(\mathfrak{p})$ , and  $\omega_0$  corresponds to  $\omega(\mathfrak{p})$  under the isomorphism.

# Executive summary

- Elliptic curves are algebraic groups;
- Isogenies are the natural notion of morphism for EC: both group and projective variety morphism;
- We can understand most things about isogenies by looking only at endomorphisms;
- Isogenies of curves over  $\mathbb{C}$  are especially simple to describe;
- It is easy to construct curves over  $\mathbb{C}$  with prescribed complex multiplication;
- Most of what happens in positive characteristic can be understood by:
  - ▶ looking at the Frobenius endomorphism, and/or
  - ▶ looking at reductions of curves in characteristic 0.



# Plan

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- 2 Isogeny graphs
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# Isogeny graphs

## Serre-Tate theorem reloaded

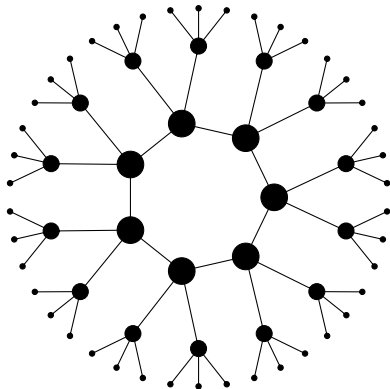
Two elliptic curves  $E, E'$  defined over a finite field are isogenous iff their endomorphism algebras  $\text{End}(E) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  and  $\text{End}(E') \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  are isomorphic.

## Isogeny graphs

- Vertices are curves up to isomorphism,
- Edges are isogenies up to isomorphism.

## Isogeny volcanoes

- Curves are ordinary,
- Isogenies all have degree a prime  $\ell$ .



# What do isogeny graphs look like?

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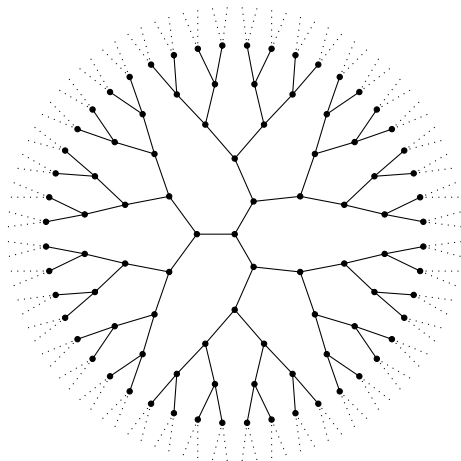


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$$\langle P + Q \rangle, \langle P + 2Q \rangle, \dots, \langle P \rangle, \langle Q \rangle$$



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(non-CM) 2-isogeny graph over  $\mathbb{C}$

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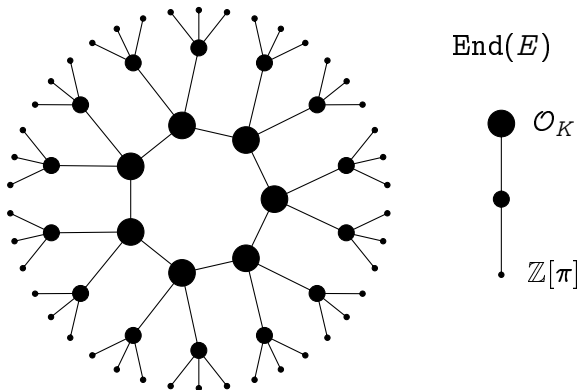
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- $\pi|_{E[\ell]}$  is not diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{Z}/\ell\mathbb{Z}$   $\rightarrow$  no isogeny

# Volcanology (Kohel 1996)

Let  $E, E'$  be curves with respective endomorphism rings  $\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}' \subset K$ .

Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$  be an isogeny of prime degree  $\ell$ , then:

if  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}'$ ,  $\phi$  is **horizontal**;  
if  $[\mathcal{O}' : \mathcal{O}] = \ell$ ,  $\phi$  is **ascending**;  
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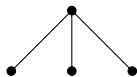


Ordinary isogeny volcano of degree  $\ell = 3$ .

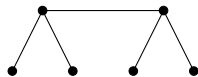
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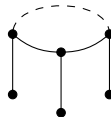
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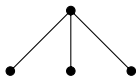
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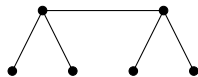
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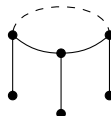
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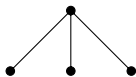
# Volcanology (Kohel 1996)

Let  $E$  be ordinary,  
 $\text{End}(E) \subset K$ .

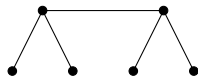
$\mathcal{O}_K$ : maximal order of  $K$ ,  
 $D_K$ : discriminant of  $K$ .

Height =  $v_\ell([\mathcal{O}_K : \mathbb{Z}[\pi]])$ .

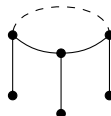
How large is the crater?



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# How large is the crater of a volcano?

Let  $\text{End}(E) = \mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$ . Define

- $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{O})$ , the group of **invertible fractional ideals**,
- $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{O})$ , the group of **principal ideals**,

## The class group

The **class group** of  $\mathcal{O}$  is

$$\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{O}) / \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{O}).$$

- It is a **finite abelian** group.
- Its order  $h(\mathcal{O})$  is called the **class number** of  $\mathcal{O}$ .
- It arises as the Galois group of an abelian extension of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$ .



# Complex multiplication

## The $\mathfrak{a}$ -torsion

- Let  $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{O}$  be an (integral invertible) ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$ ;
- Let  $E[\mathfrak{a}]$  be the subgroup of  $E$  annihilated by  $\mathfrak{a}$ :

$$E[\mathfrak{a}] = \{P \in E \mid \alpha(P) = 0 \text{ for all } \alpha \in \mathfrak{a}\};$$

- Let  $\phi : E \rightarrow E_{\mathfrak{a}}$ , where  $E_{\mathfrak{a}} = E/E[\mathfrak{a}]$ .

Then  $\text{End}(E_{\mathfrak{a}}) = \mathcal{O}$  (i.e.,  $\phi$  is **horizontal**).

## Theorem (Complex multiplication)

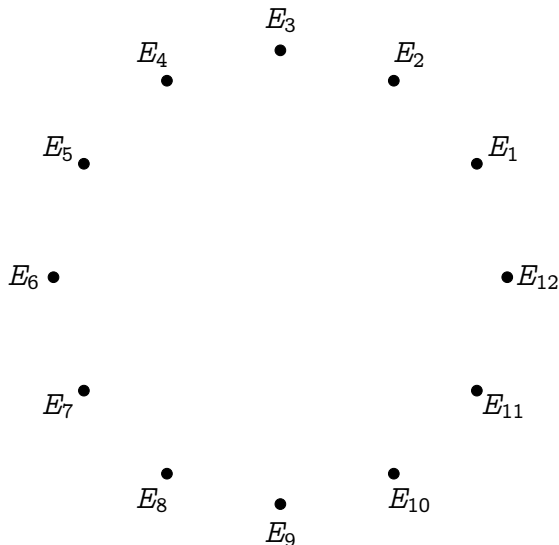
*The action on the set of elliptic curves with complex multiplication by  $\mathcal{O}$  defined by  $\mathfrak{a} * j(E) = j(E_{\mathfrak{a}})$  factors through  $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O})$ , is faithful and transitive.*

## Corollary

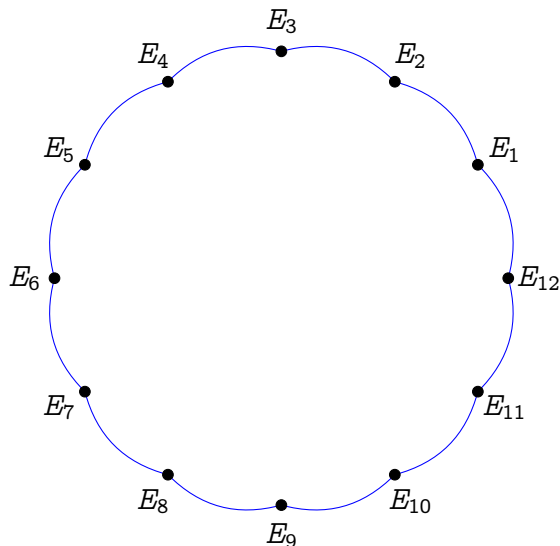
*Let  $\text{End}(E)$  have discriminant  $D$ . Assume that  $\left(\frac{D}{\ell}\right) = 1$ , then  $E$  is on a crater of size  $N$  of an  $\ell$ -volcano, and  $N \mid h(\text{End}(E))$*

# Complex multiplication graphs

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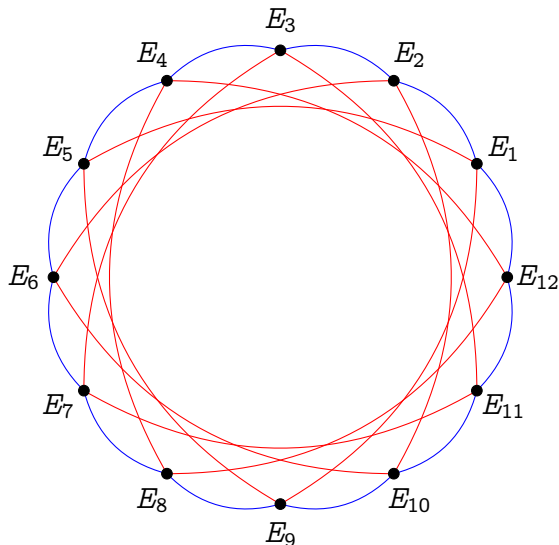


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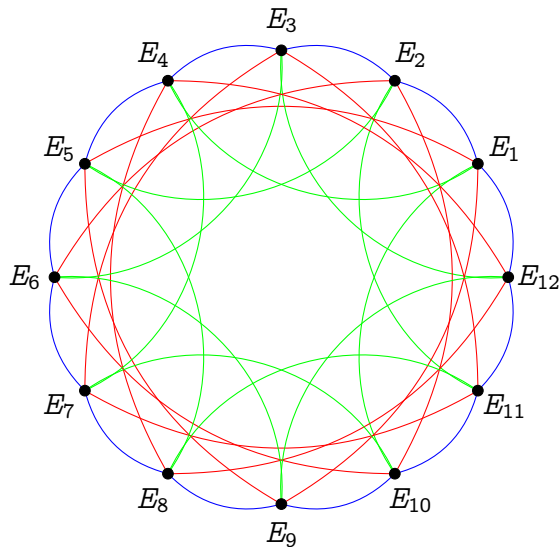
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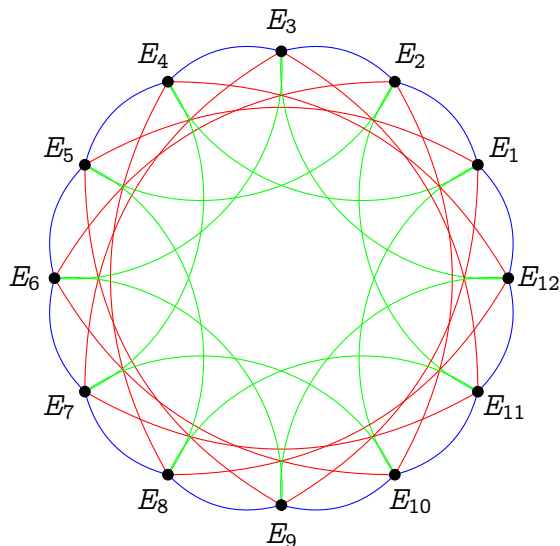
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Isomorphic to a Cayley graph of  $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_K)$ .

# Supersingular endomorphisms

Recall, a curve  $E$  over a field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  of characteristic  $p$  is **supersingular** iff

$$\pi^2 - t\pi + q = 0$$

with  $t = 0 \pmod{p}$ .

Case:  $t = 0 \Rightarrow D_\pi = -4q$

- Only possibility for  $E/\mathbb{F}_p$ ,
- $E/\mathbb{F}_p$  has **CM by an order of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-p})$** , similar to the ordinary case.

Case:  $t = \pm 2\sqrt{q} \Rightarrow D_\pi = 0$

- General case for  $E/\mathbb{F}_q$ , when  $q$  is an even power.
- $\pi = \pm\sqrt{q}$ , hence **no complex multiplication**.

We will ignore marginal cases:  $t = \pm\sqrt{q}, \pm\sqrt{2q}, \pm\sqrt{3q}$ .

# Supersingular complex multiplication

Let  $E/\mathbb{F}_p$  be a supersingular curve, then  $\pi^2 = -p$ , and

$$\pi = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{-p} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{-p} \end{pmatrix} \pmod{\ell}$$

for any  $\ell$  s.t.  $\left(\frac{-p}{\ell}\right) = 1$ .

## Theorem (Delfs and Galbraith 2016)

Let  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(E)$  denote the ring of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -rational endomorphisms of  $E$ . Then

$$\mathbb{Z}[\pi] \subset \text{End}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(E) \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-p}).$$

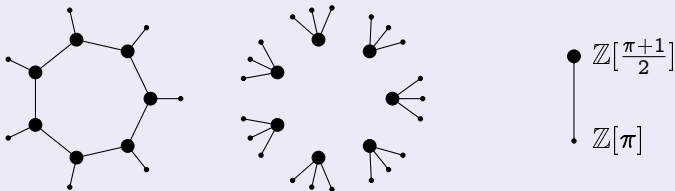
## Orders of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-p})$

- If  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\mathbb{Z}[\pi]$  is the maximal order.
- If  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{\pi+1}{2}\right]$  is the maximal order, and  $[\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{\pi+1}{2}\right] : \mathbb{Z}[\pi]] = 2$ .

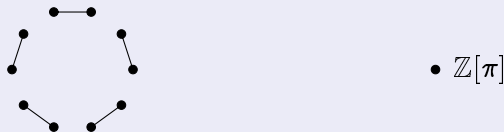


# Supersingular CM graphs

2-volcanoes,  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$



2-graphs,  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$



All other  $\ell$ -graphs are cycles of horizontal isogenies iff  $\left(\frac{-p}{\ell}\right) = 1$ .

# The full endomorphism ring

## Theorem (Deuring)

Let  $E$  be a **supersingular** elliptic curve, then

- $E$  is isomorphic to a curve defined over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ ;
- Every **isogeny** of  $E$  is defined over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ ;
- Every **endomorphism** of  $E$  is defined over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ ;
- $\text{End}(E)$  is isomorphic to a **maximal order** in a **quaternion algebra** ramified at  $p$  and  $\infty$ .

In particular:

- If  $E$  is defined over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , then  $\text{End}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(E)$  is strictly contained in  $\text{End}(E)$ .
- Some endomorphisms **do not commute**!

# An example

The curve of  $j$ -invariant 1728

$$E : y^2 = x^3 + x$$

is supersingular over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  iff  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ .

## Endomorphisms

$\text{End}(E) = \mathbb{Z}\langle \iota, \pi \rangle$ , with:

- $\pi$  the Frobenius endomorphism, s.t.  $\pi^2 = -p$ ;
- $\iota$  the map

$$\iota(x, y) = (-x, iy),$$

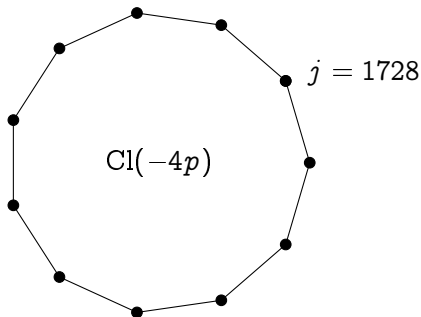
where  $i \in \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$  is a 4-th root of unity. Clearly,  $\iota^2 = -1$ .

And  $\iota\pi = -\pi\iota$ .

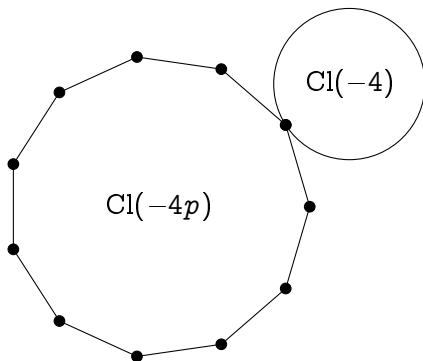
# Class group action party

- $j = 1728$

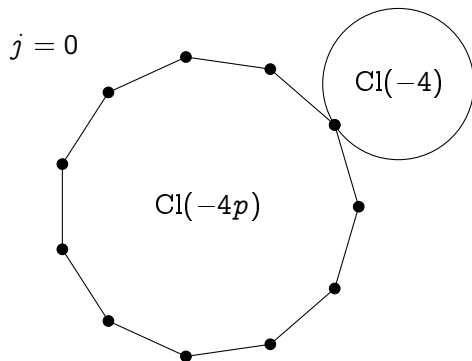
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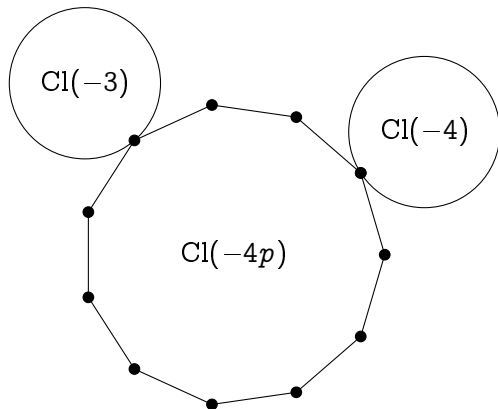
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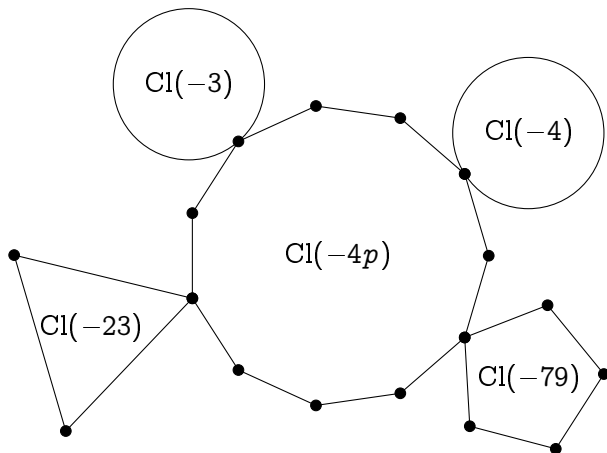


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# Quaternion algebra?! WTF?<sup>2</sup>

The quaternion algebra  $B_{p,\infty}$  is:

- A 4-dimensional  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space with basis  $(1, i, j, k)$ .
- A non-commutative division algebra<sup>1</sup>  $B_{p,\infty} = \mathbb{Q}\langle i, j \rangle$  with the relations:

$$i^2 = a, \quad j^2 = -p, \quad ij = -ji = k,$$

for some  $a < 0$  (depending on  $p$ ).

- All elements of  $B_{p,\infty}$  are quadratic algebraic numbers.
- $B_{p,\infty} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell \simeq \mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$  for all  $\ell \neq p$ .  
I.e., endomorphisms restricted to  $E[\ell^e]$  are just  $2 \times 2$  matrices mod  $\ell^e$ .
- $B_{p,\infty} \otimes \mathbb{R}$  is isomorphic to Hamilton's quaternions.
- $B_{p,\infty} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p$  is a division algebra.

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<sup>1</sup>All elements have inverses.

<sup>2</sup>What The Field?

# Supersingular graphs

- Quaternion algebras have **many maximal orders**.
- For every **maximal order type** of  $B_{p,\infty}$  there are **1 or 2 curves over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$**  having endomorphism ring isomorphic to it.
- There is a **unique isogeny class** of supersingular curves over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$  of size  $\approx p/12$ .
- Left ideals act on the set of maximal orders like isogenies.
- The graph of  $\ell$ -isogenies is  $(\ell + 1)$ -regular.

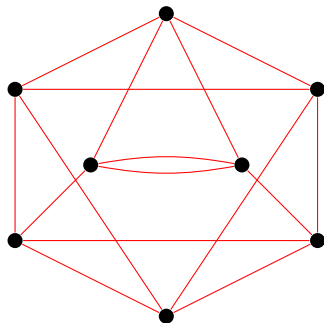


Figure: 3-isogeny graph on  $\mathbb{F}_{97^2}$ .

# Graphs lexicon

**Degree:** Number of (outgoing/ingoing) edges.

**$k$ -regular:** All vertices have degree  $k$ .

**Connected:** There is a path between any two vertices.

**Distance:** The length of the shortest path between two vertices.

**Diameter:** The longest distance between two vertices.

**$\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ :** The (ordered) eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix.

# Expander graphs

## Proposition

If  $G$  is a  $k$ -regular graph, its largest and smallest eigenvalues satisfy

$$k = \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_n \geq -k.$$

## Expander families

An infinite family of connected  $k$ -regular graphs on  $n$  vertices is an **expander family** if there exists an  $\epsilon > 0$  such that all **non-trivial** eigenvalues satisfy  $|\lambda| \leq (1 - \epsilon)k$  for  $n$  large enough.

- Expander graphs have **short diameter** ( $O(\log n)$ );
- Random walks **mix rapidly** (after  $O(\log n)$  steps, the induced distribution on the vertices is close to uniform).

# Expander graphs from isogenies

## Theorem (Pizer 1990, 1998)

Let  $\ell$  be fixed. The family of graphs of **supersingular** curves over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$  with  $\ell$ -isogenies, as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ , is an expander family<sup>a</sup>.

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<sup>a</sup>Even better, it has the Ramanujan property.

## Theorem (Jao, Miller, and Venkatesan 2009)

Let  $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$  be an order in a quadratic imaginary field. The graphs of all curves over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  with **complex multiplication by  $\mathcal{O}$** , with isogenies of prime degree bounded<sup>a</sup> by  $(\log q)^{2+\delta}$ , are expanders.

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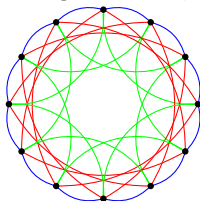
<sup>a</sup>May contain traces of GRH.

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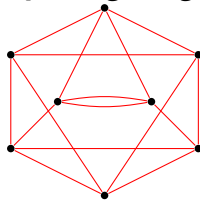
# Isogeny graphs taxonomy

## Complex Multiplication (CM) graphs



- Ordinary / Supersingular ( $\mathbb{F}_p$ )
- Superposition of **isogeny cycles** (one color per degree)
- Isomorphic to **Cayley graph** of a **quadratic class group**
- Large automorphism group
- Typical size  $O(\sqrt{p})$
- Used in: **CSIDH**

## Full supersingular graphs



- Supersingular ( $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ )
- One isogeny degree
- $(\ell + 1)$ -regular
- Tiny automorphism group
- Size  $\approx p/12$
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