

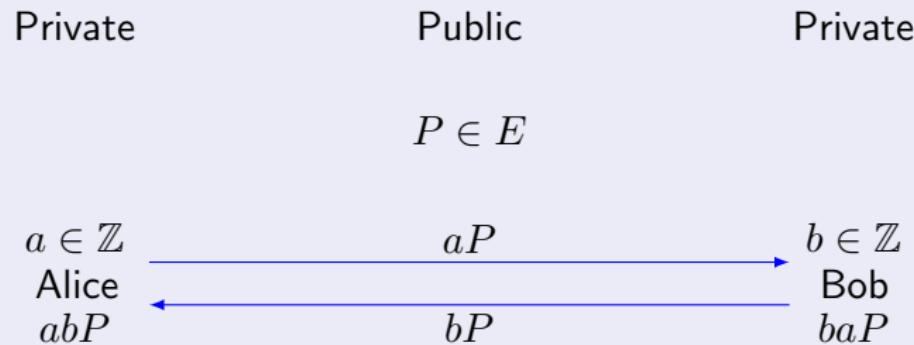
# Efficient post-quantum commutative group actions from orientations of large discriminant

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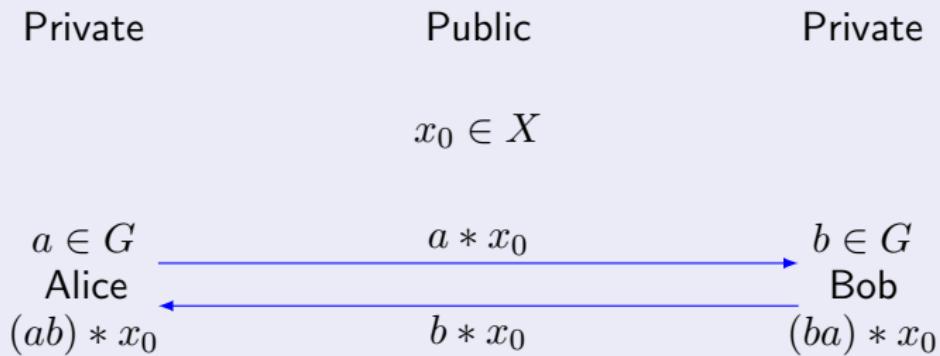
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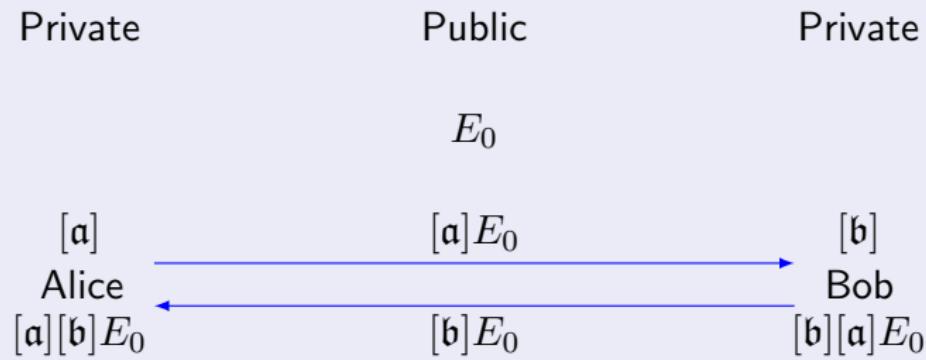
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- A new representation for orientations
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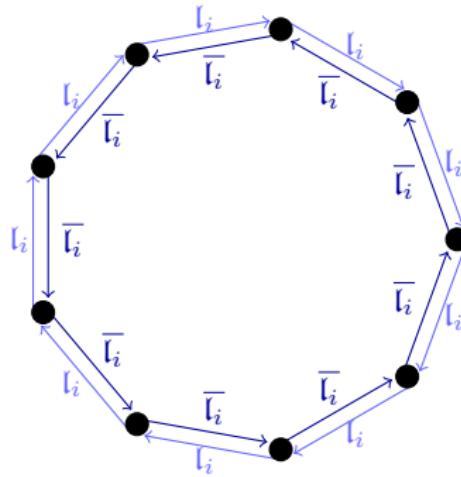
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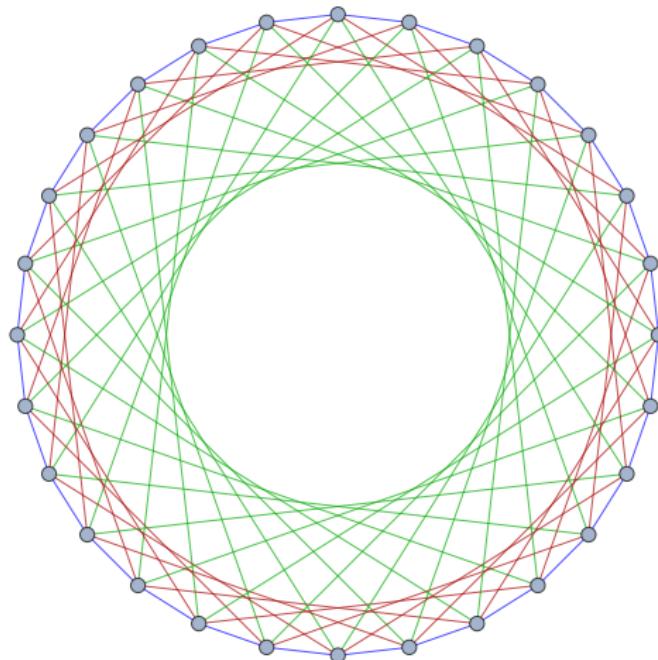
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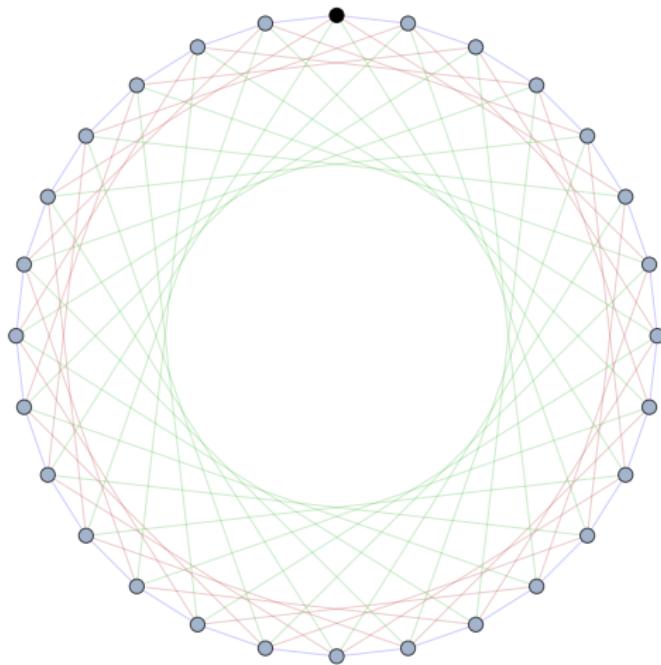
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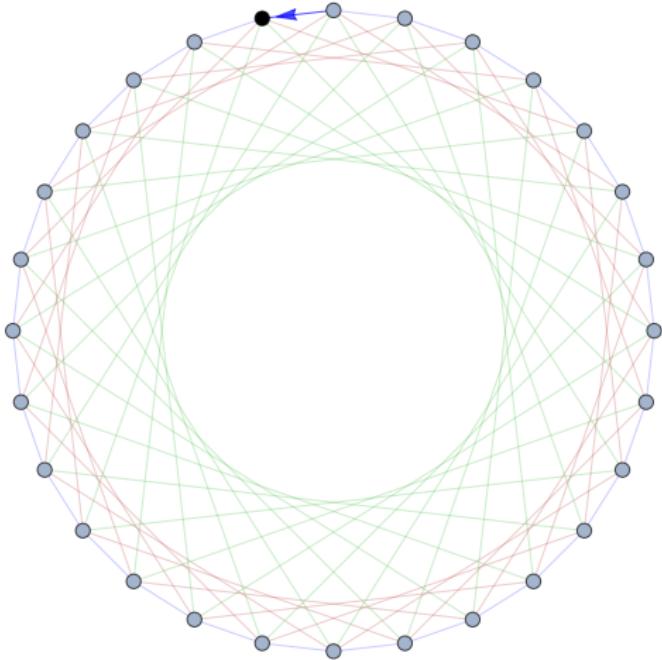


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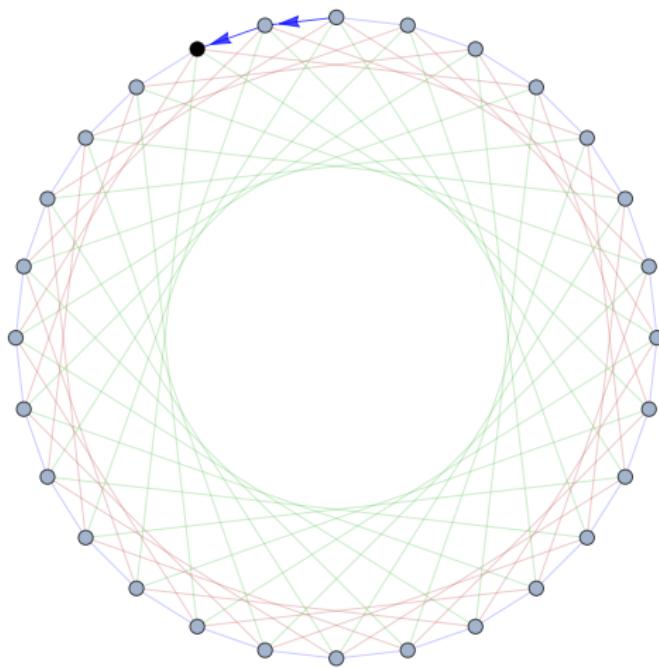
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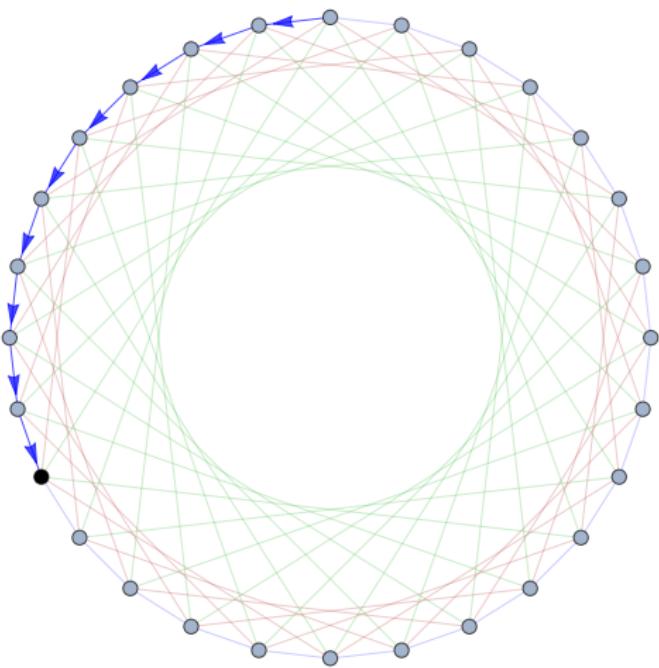
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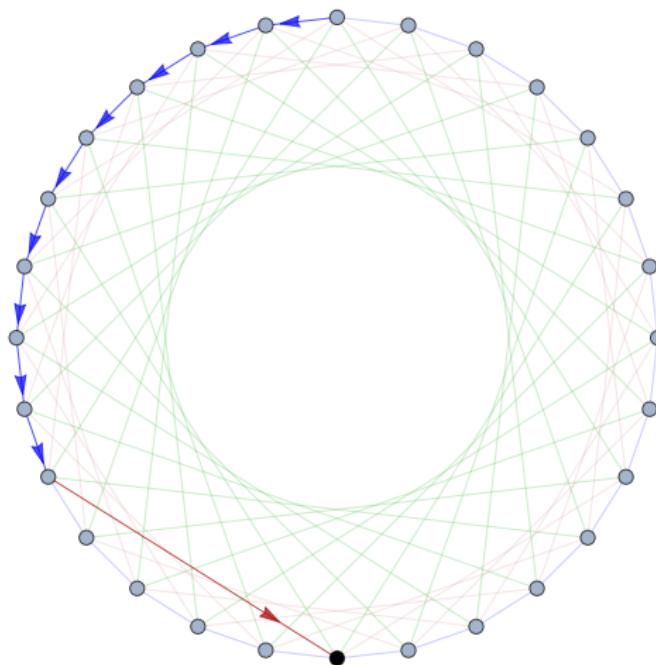
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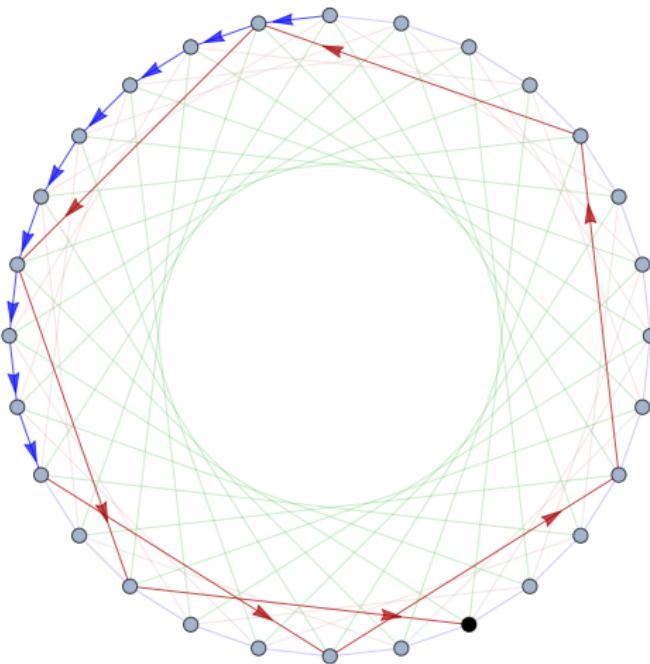
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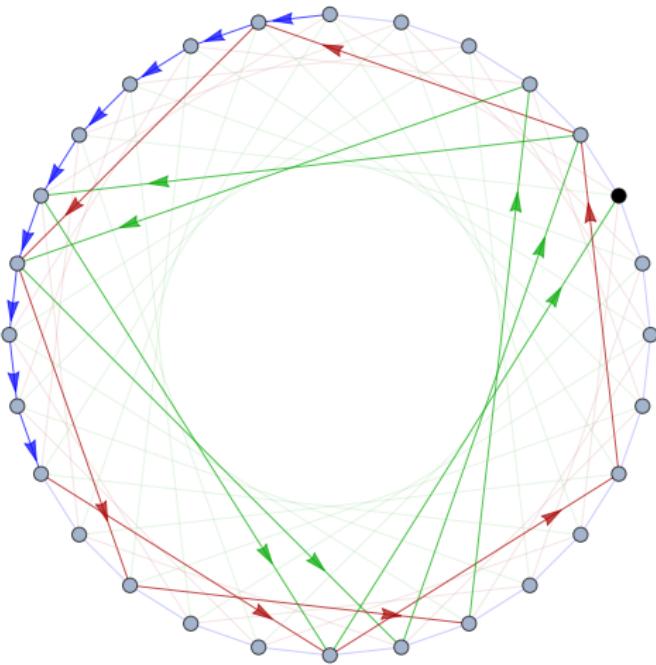
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Recent estimates<sup>1</sup> of CSIDH's  $p$  for various NIST levels.

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<sup>1</sup> Campos, F., Chávez-Saab, J., Chi-Domínguez, J.J., Meyer, M., Reijnders, K., Rodríguez-Henríquez, F., Schwabe, P., Wiggers, T.: Optimizations and practicality of high-security CSIDH. CiC (2024).

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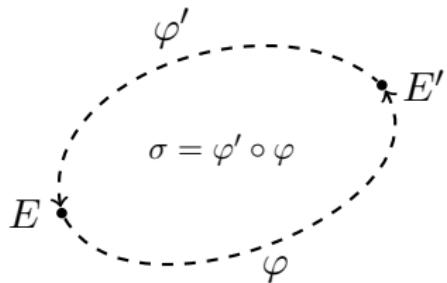
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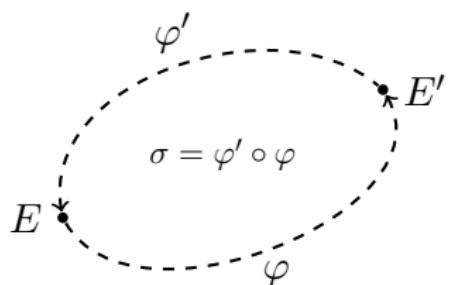
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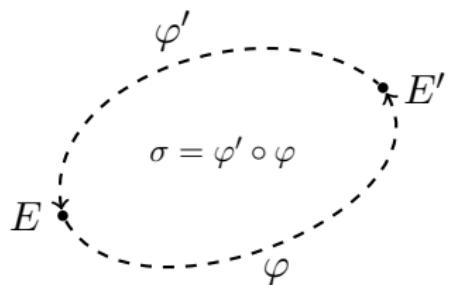


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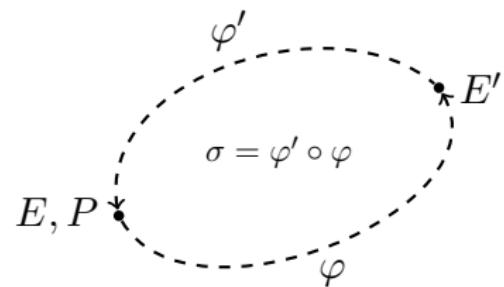
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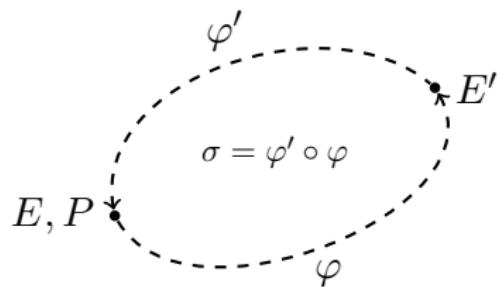
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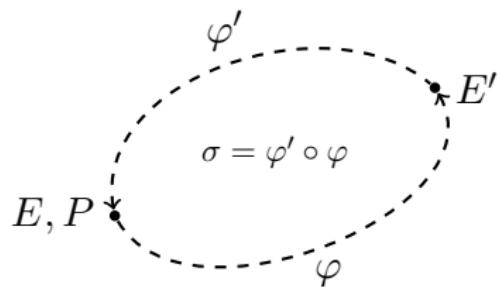


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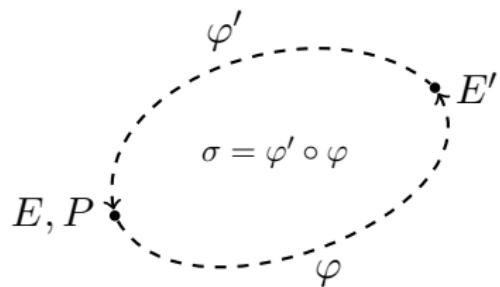


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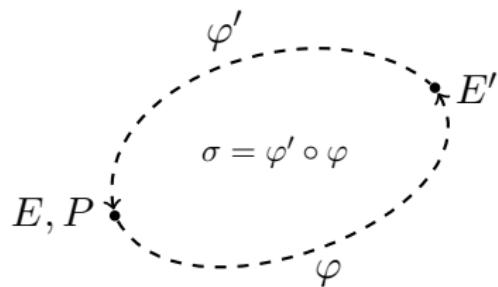


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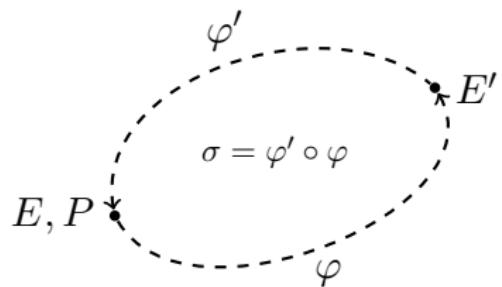
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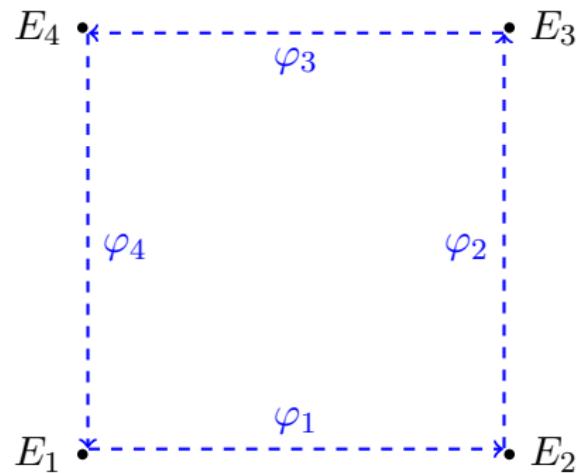
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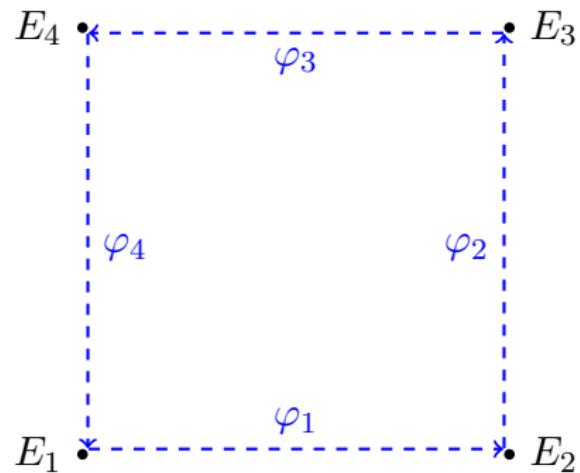
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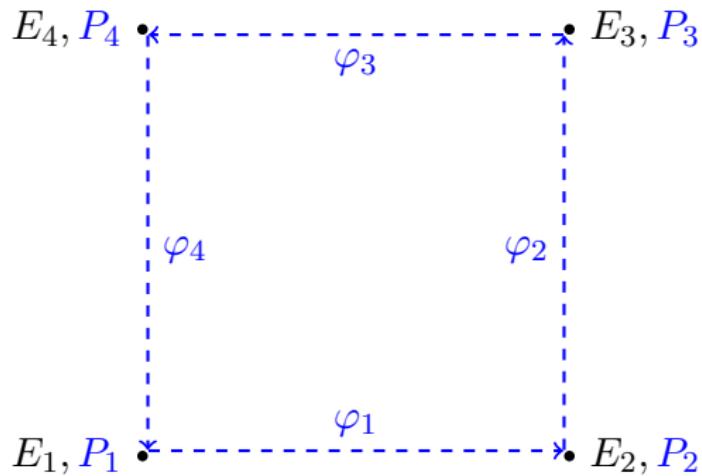
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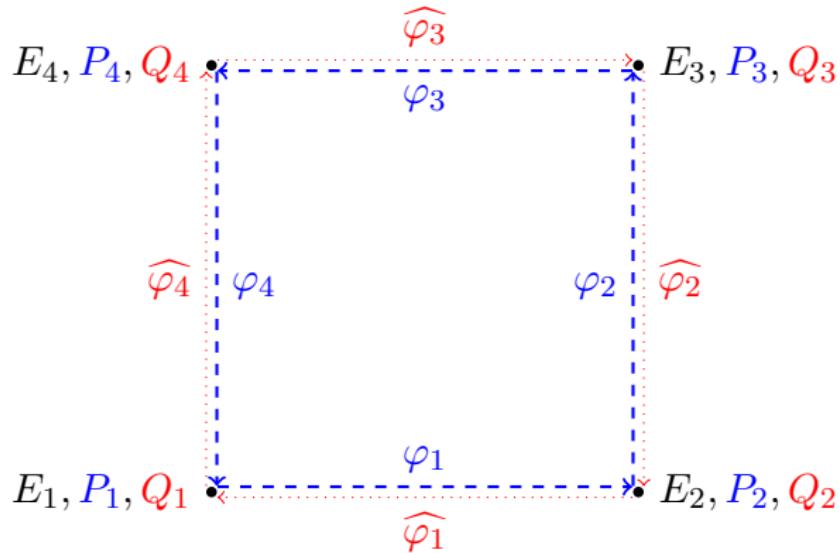
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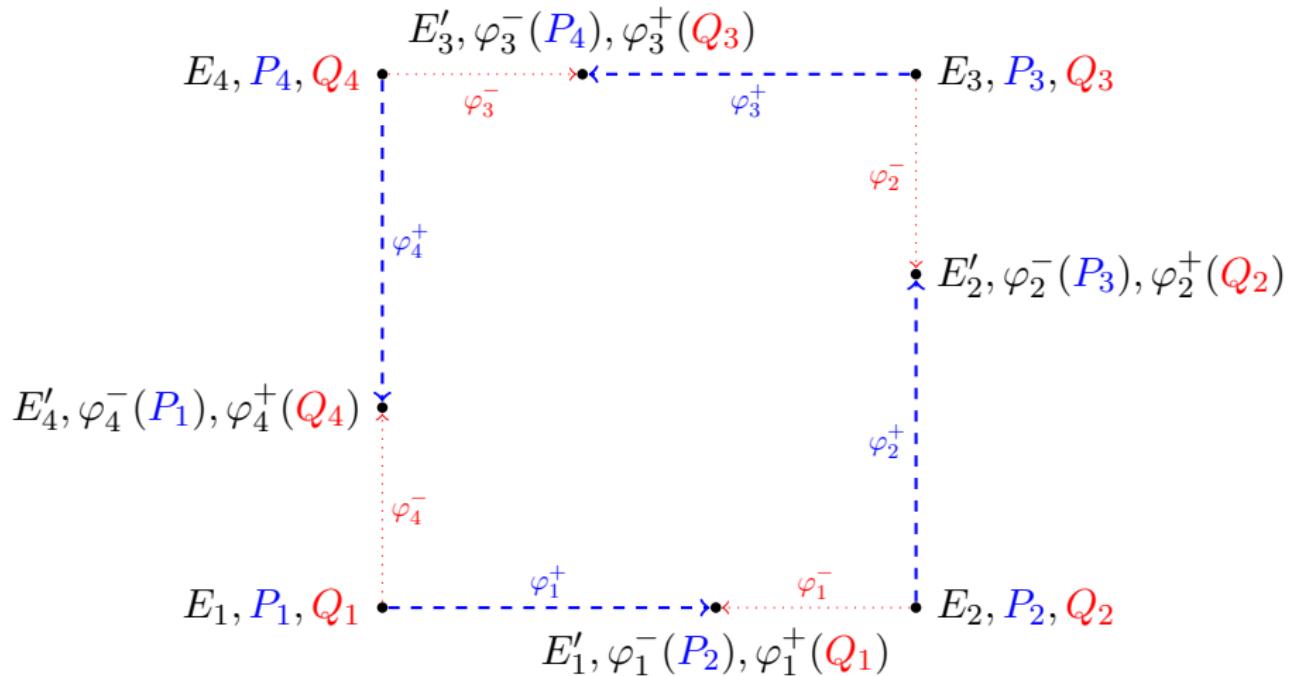
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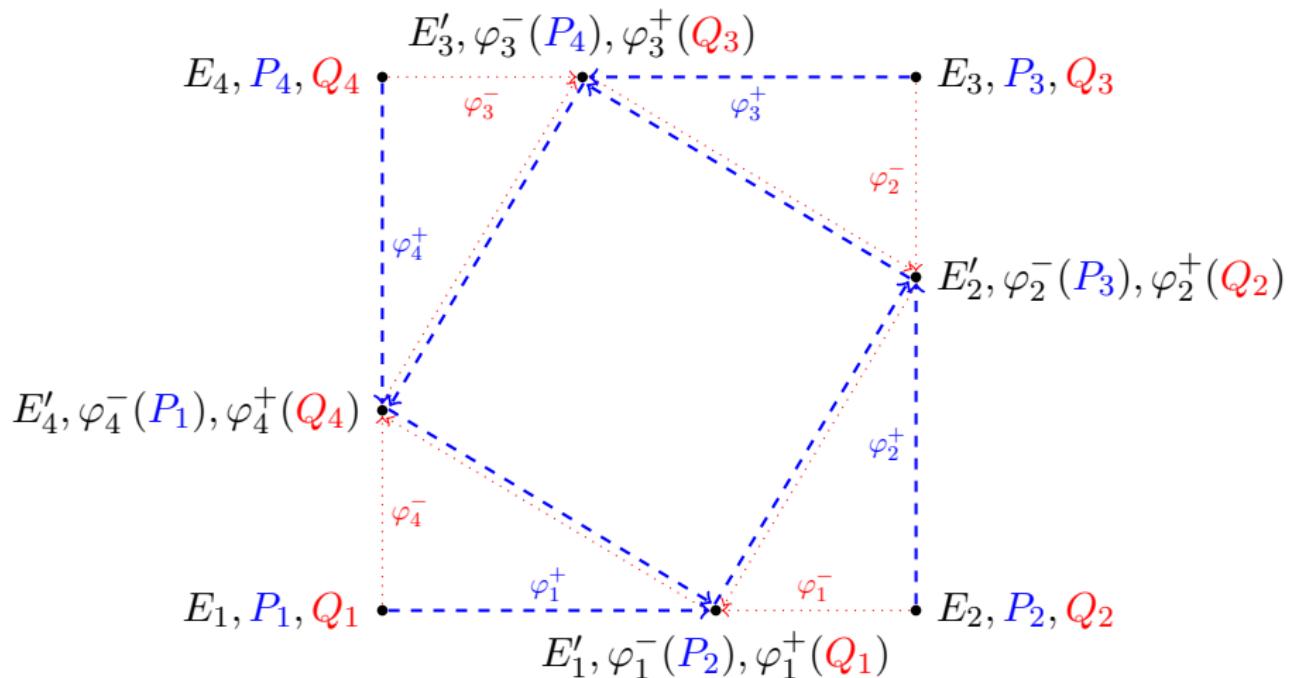
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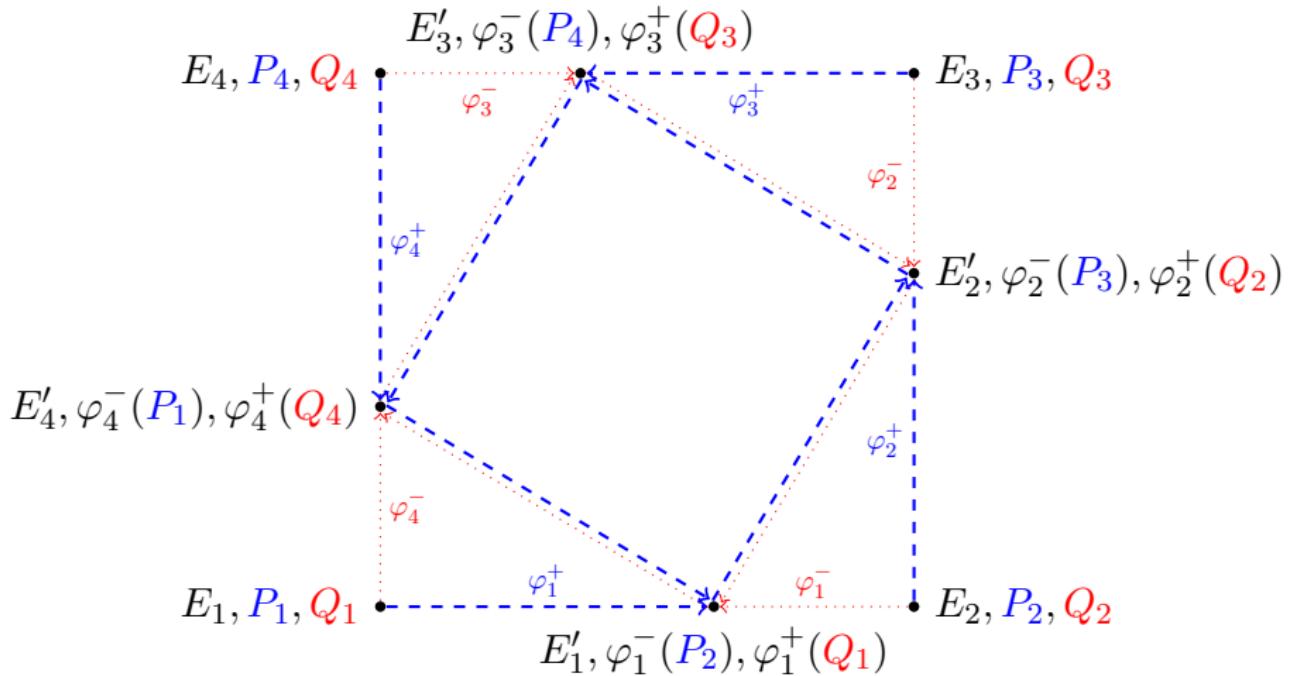
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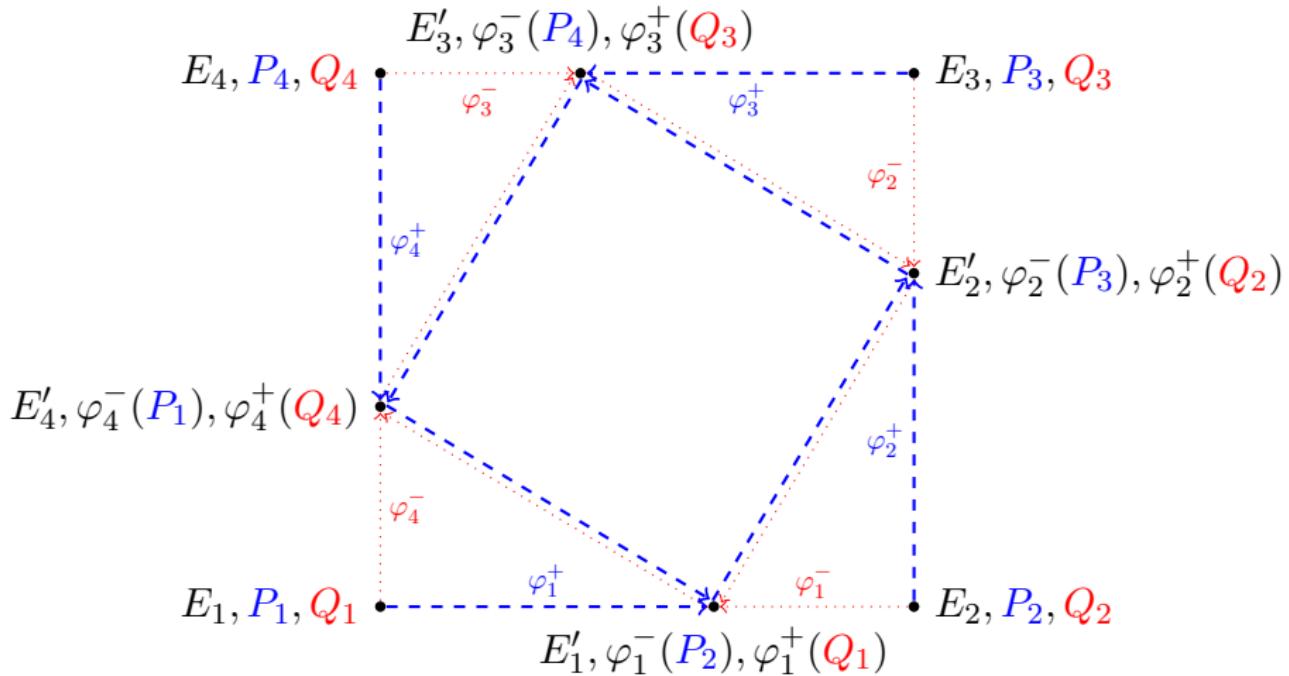
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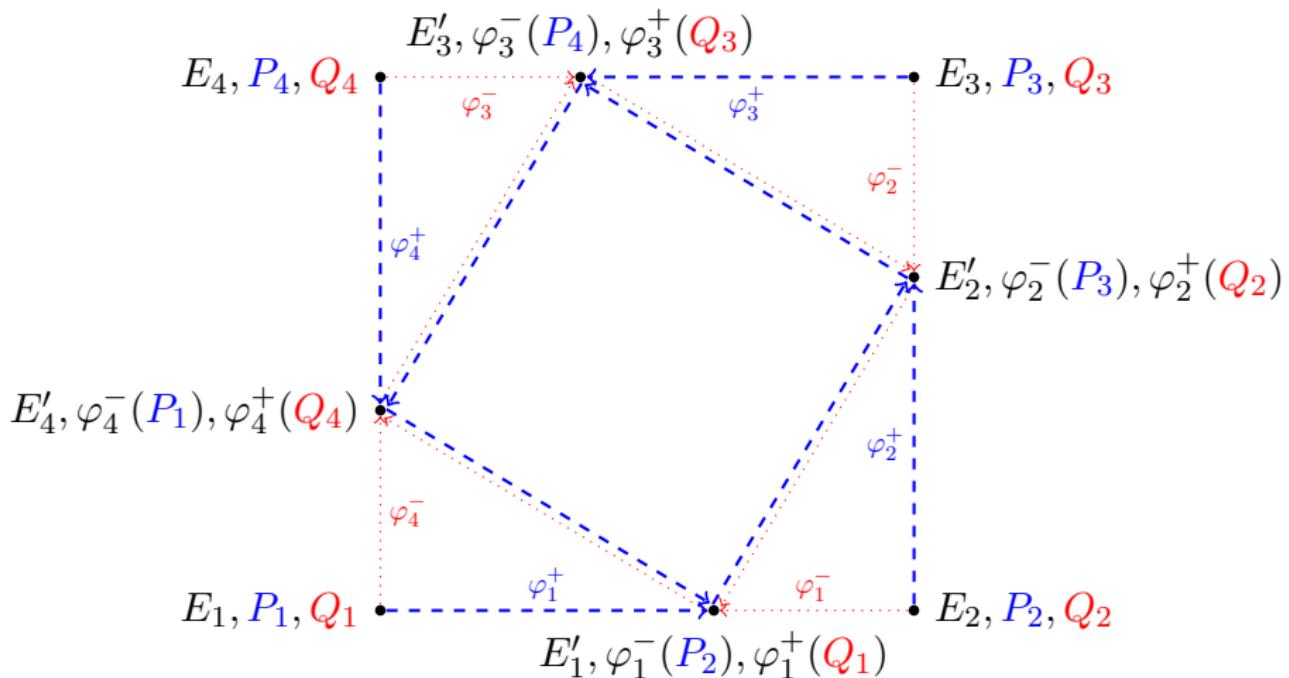
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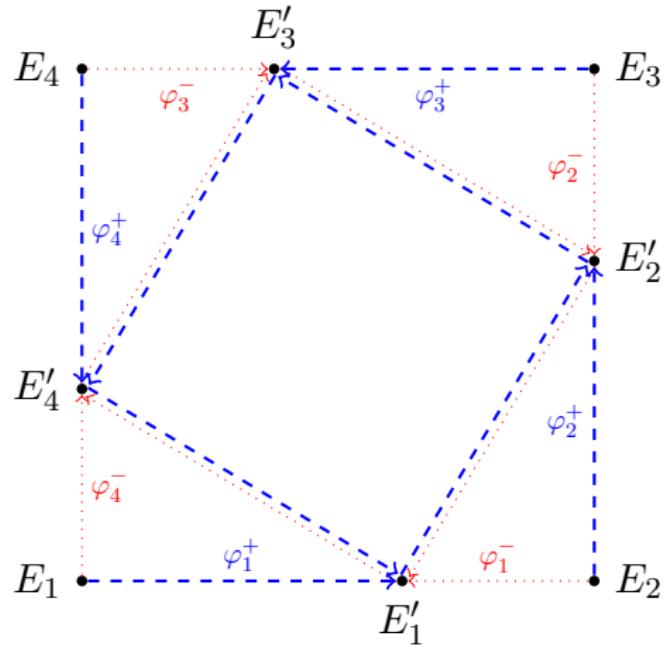


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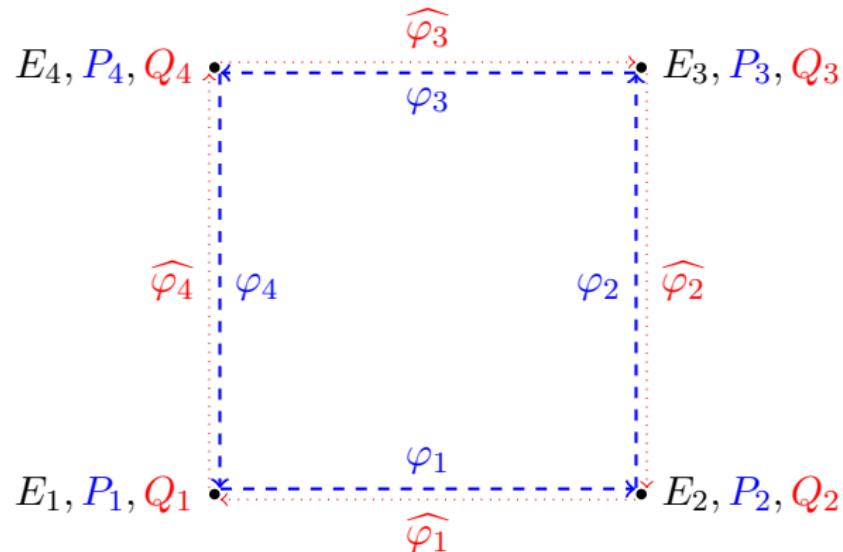
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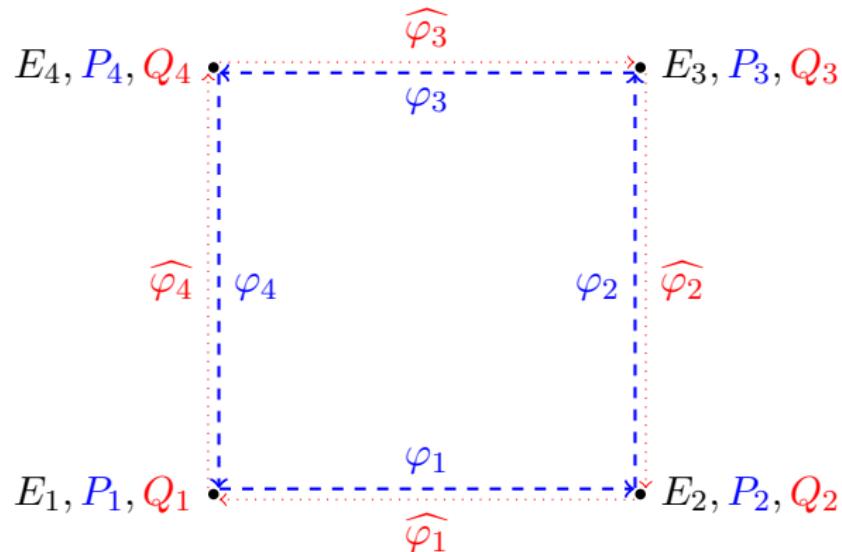
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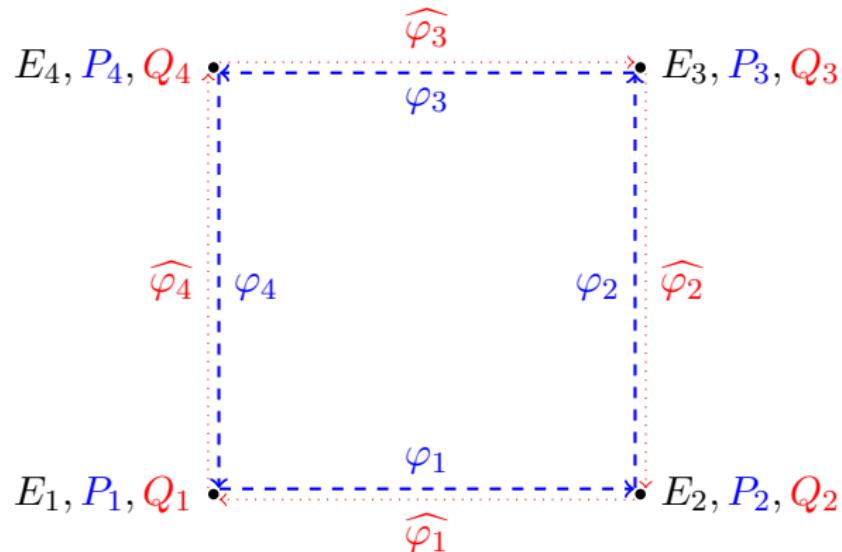
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