

# Quantum attacks on isogeny-based cryptography

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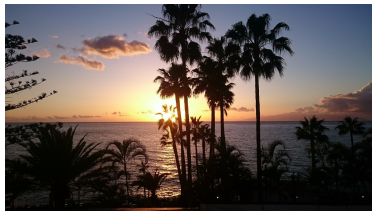
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A tropical sunset scene with palm trees and the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the water and sky. Silhouettes of palm trees are prominent in the foreground and middle ground. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with some clouds. The overall mood is serene and peaceful.

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# Why CSIDH?

- ▶ Drop-in **post-quantum replacement** for (EC)DH
- ▶ **Non-interactive key exchange** (full **public-key validation**); previously an open problem post-quantumly
- ▶ **Smallest** keys of all post-quantum key exchange candidates
- ▶ Competitive **speed**: 50-60ms for a full key exchange



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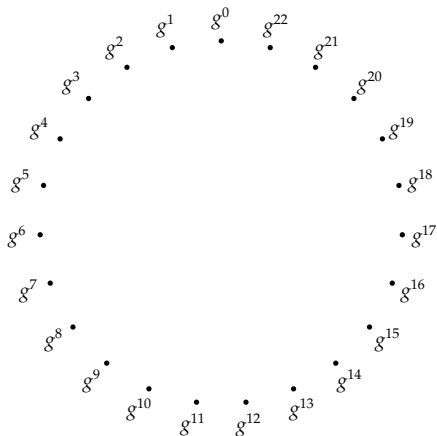
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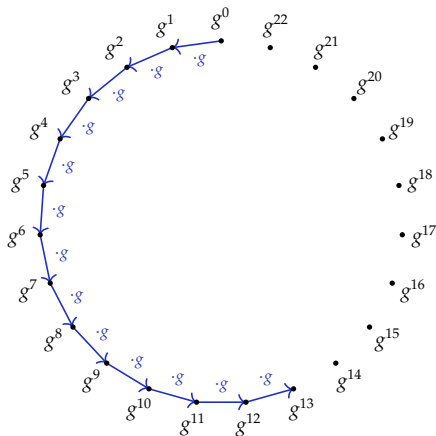
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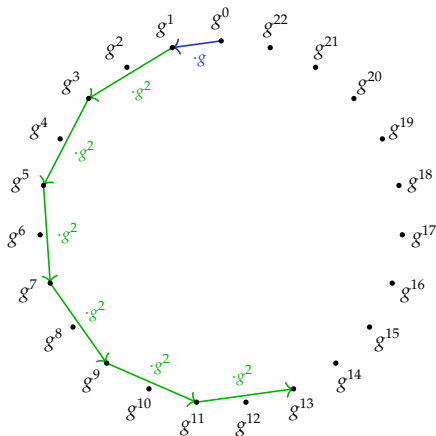
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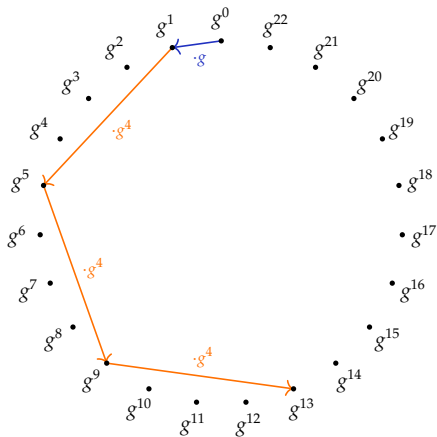
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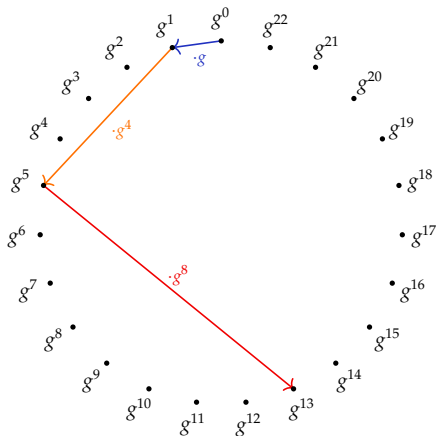
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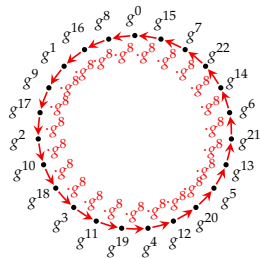
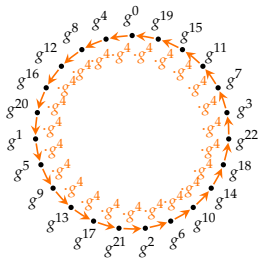
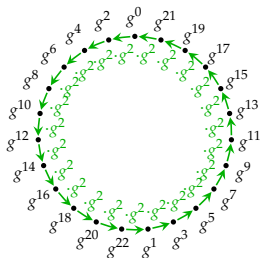
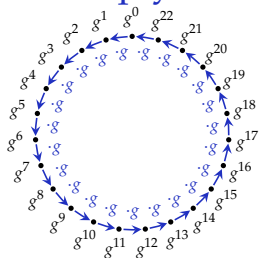


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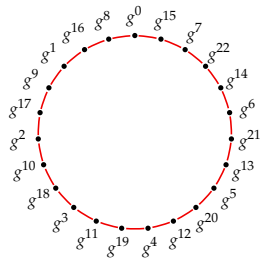
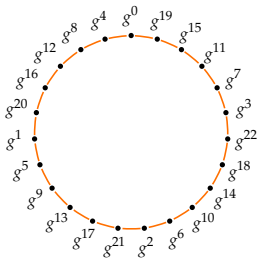
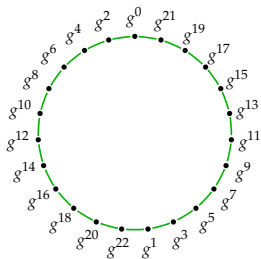
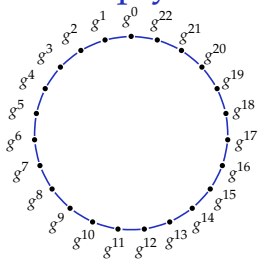
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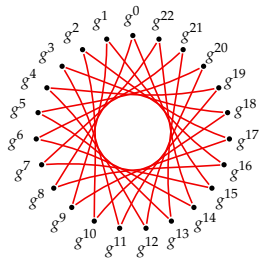
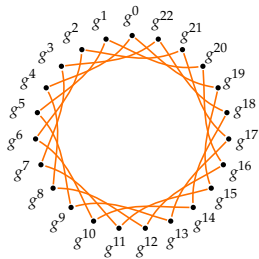
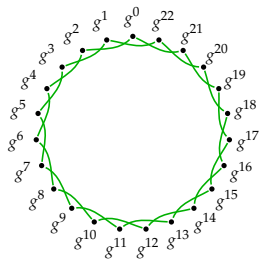
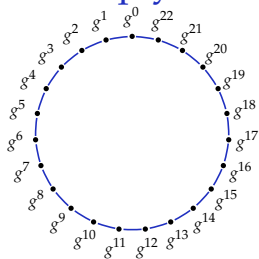
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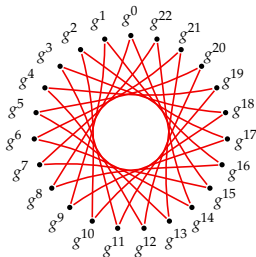
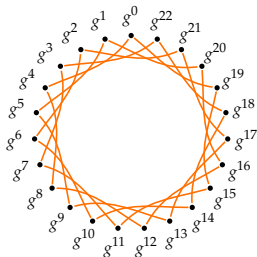
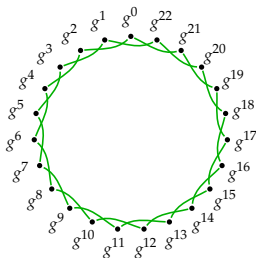
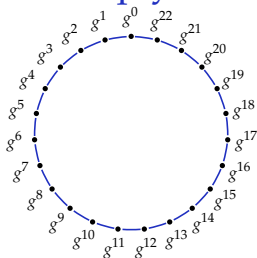
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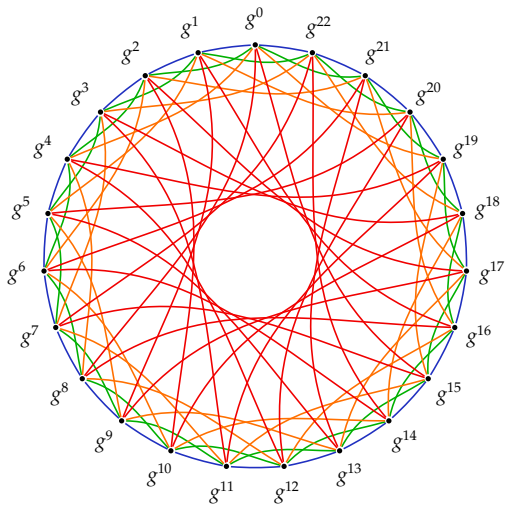


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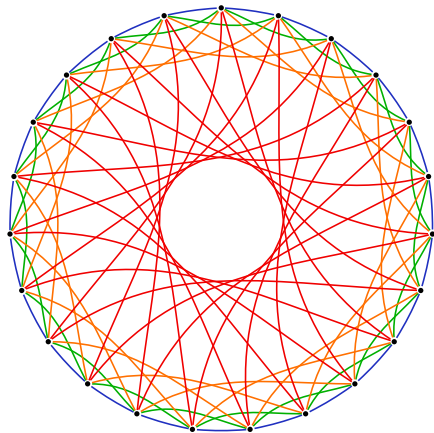
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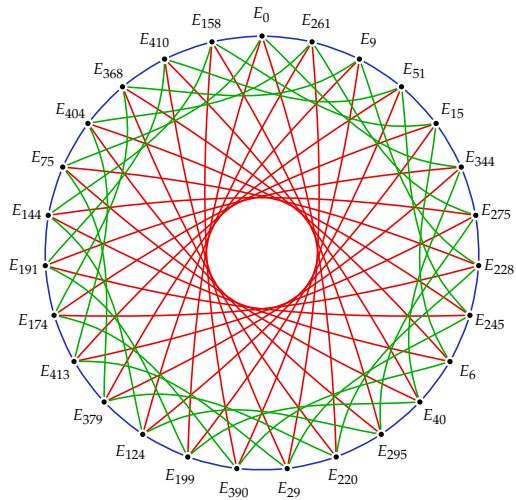


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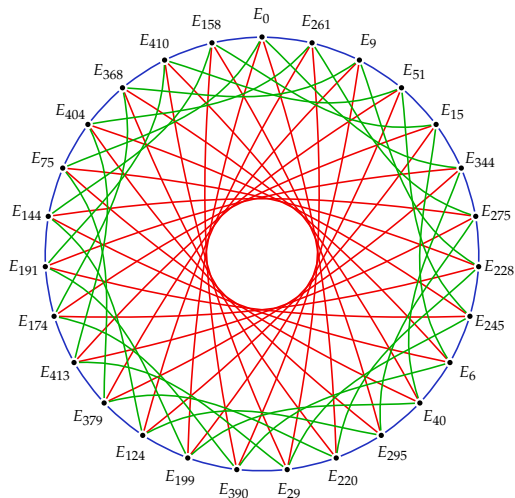


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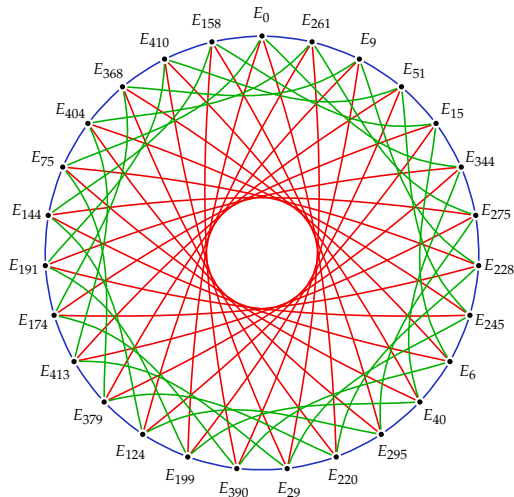


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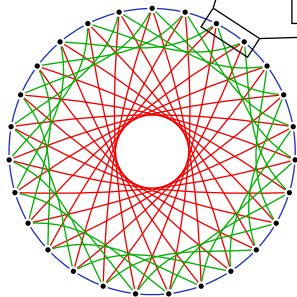
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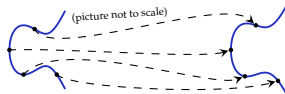
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$$E_{51}: y^2 = x^3 + 51x^2 + x \longrightarrow E_9: y^2 = x^3 + 9x^2 + x$$

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

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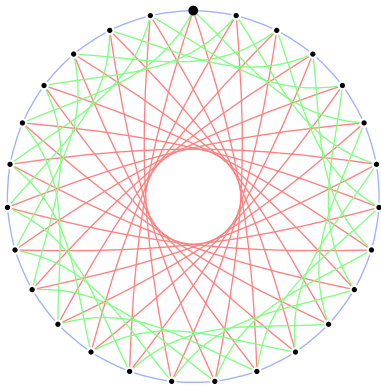
\*Die-hards:  $H = \text{cl}(\text{End}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(E)) = \text{cl}(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-p}])$ ; an ideal class  $[I] \in H$  defines the kernel.



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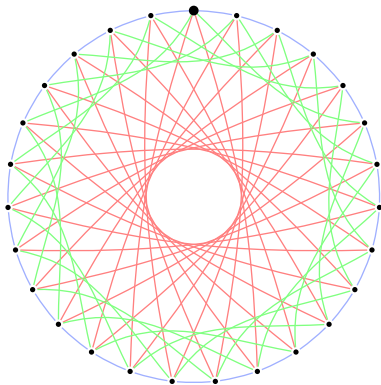
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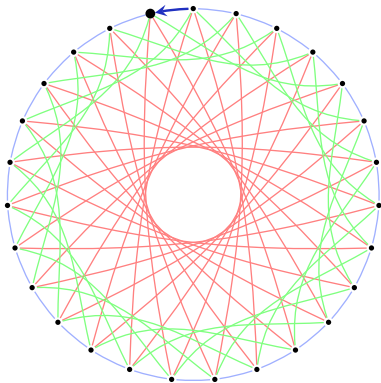
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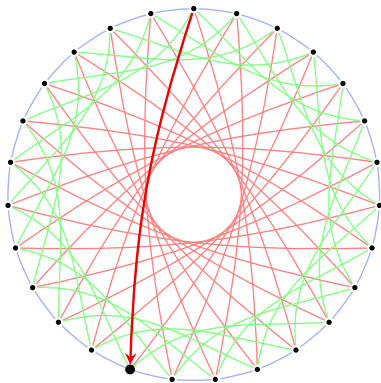
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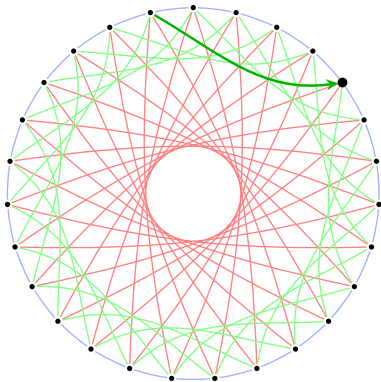
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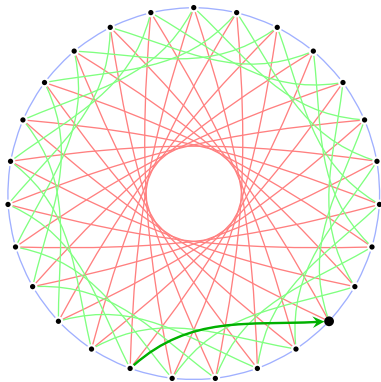
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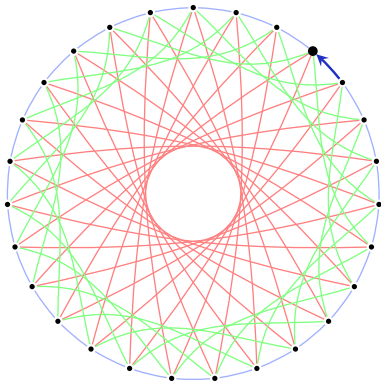
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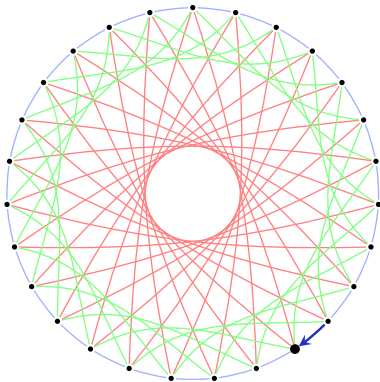
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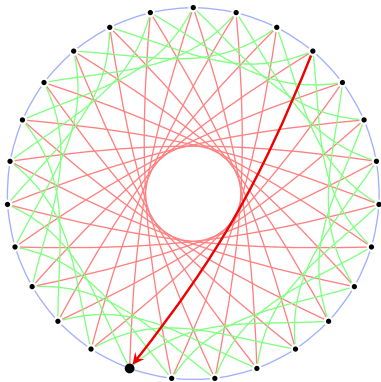
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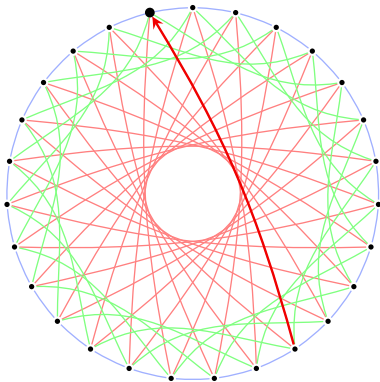
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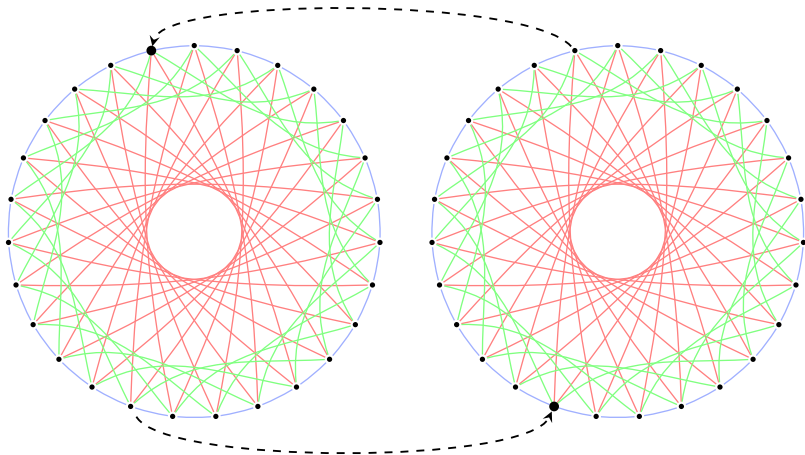
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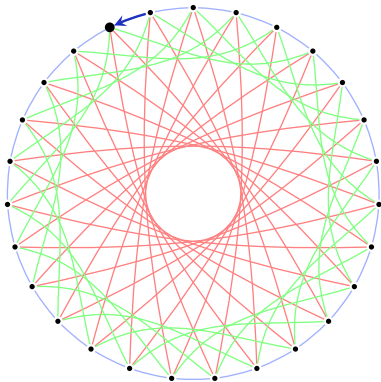
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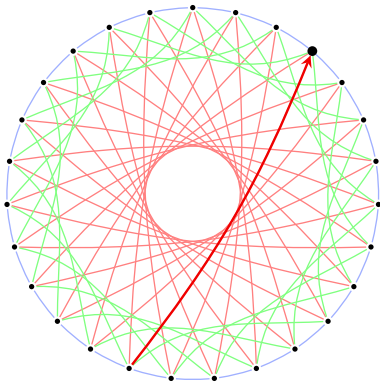
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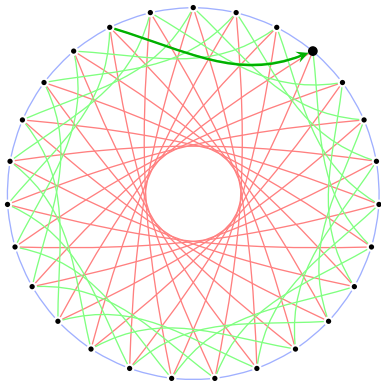
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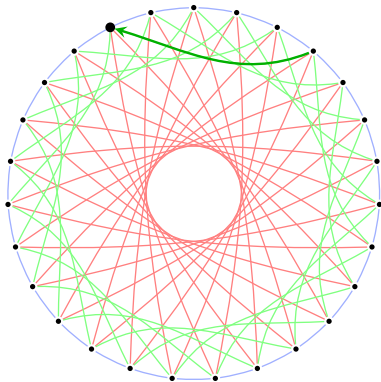
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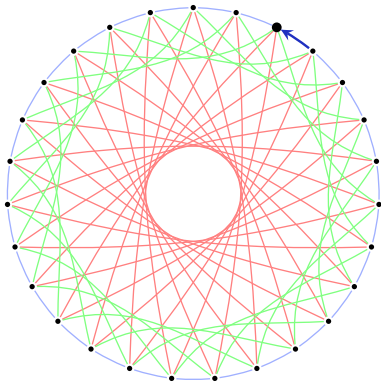




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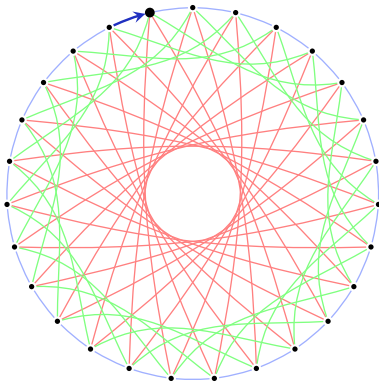
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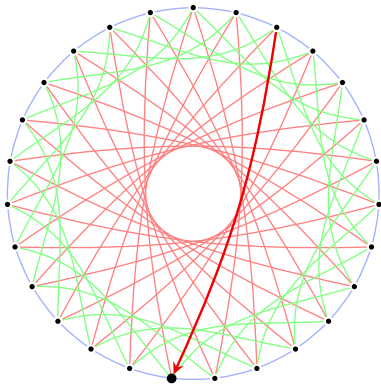
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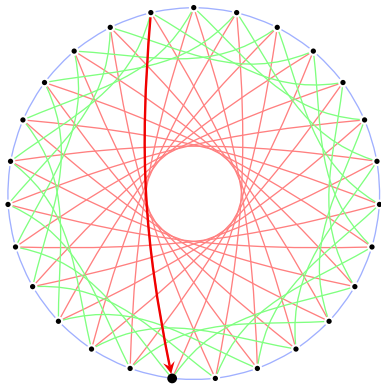
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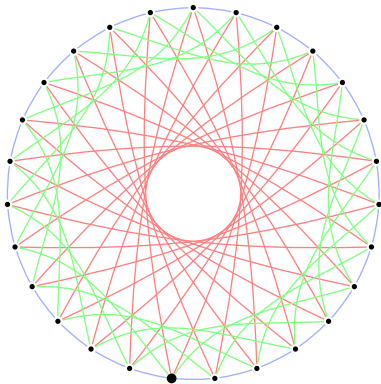
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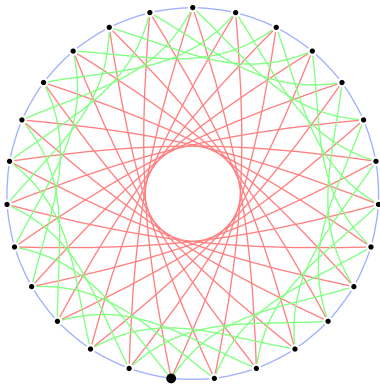
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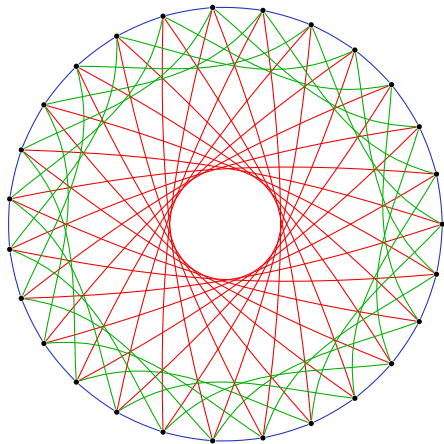
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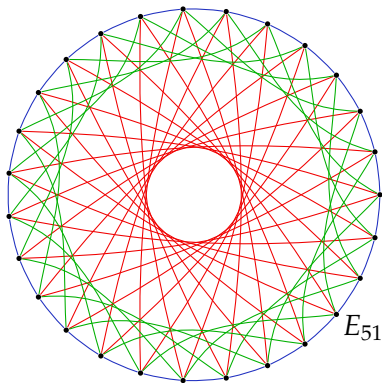
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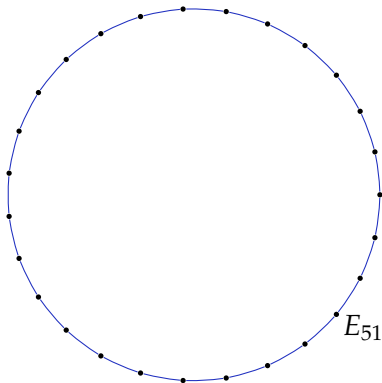
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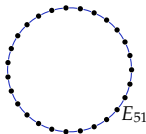
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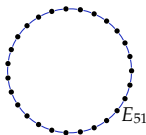


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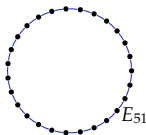
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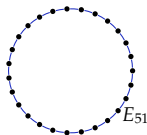
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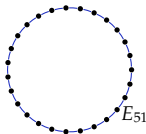
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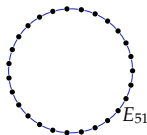
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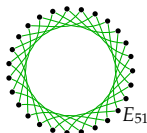
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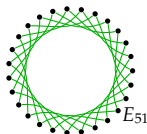


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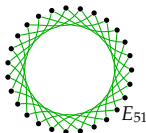
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