SLMath Summer School
Isogeny-based cryptography

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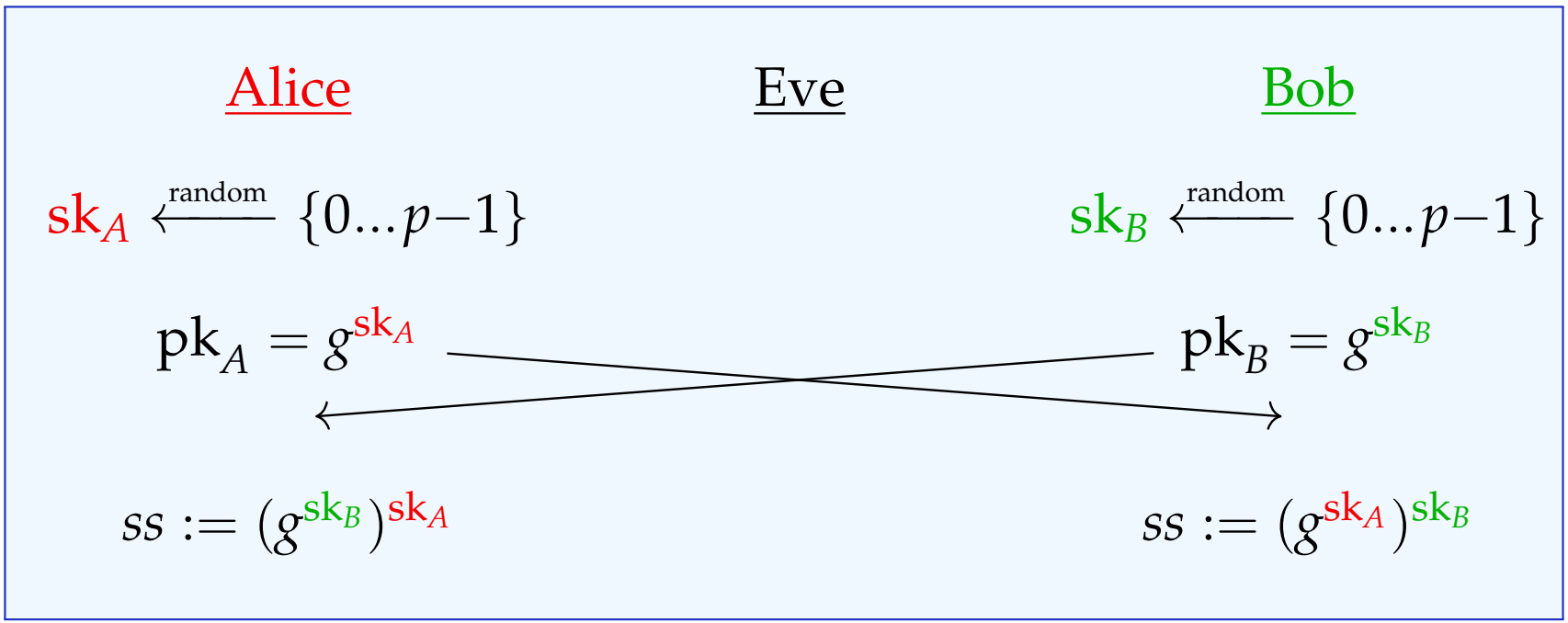

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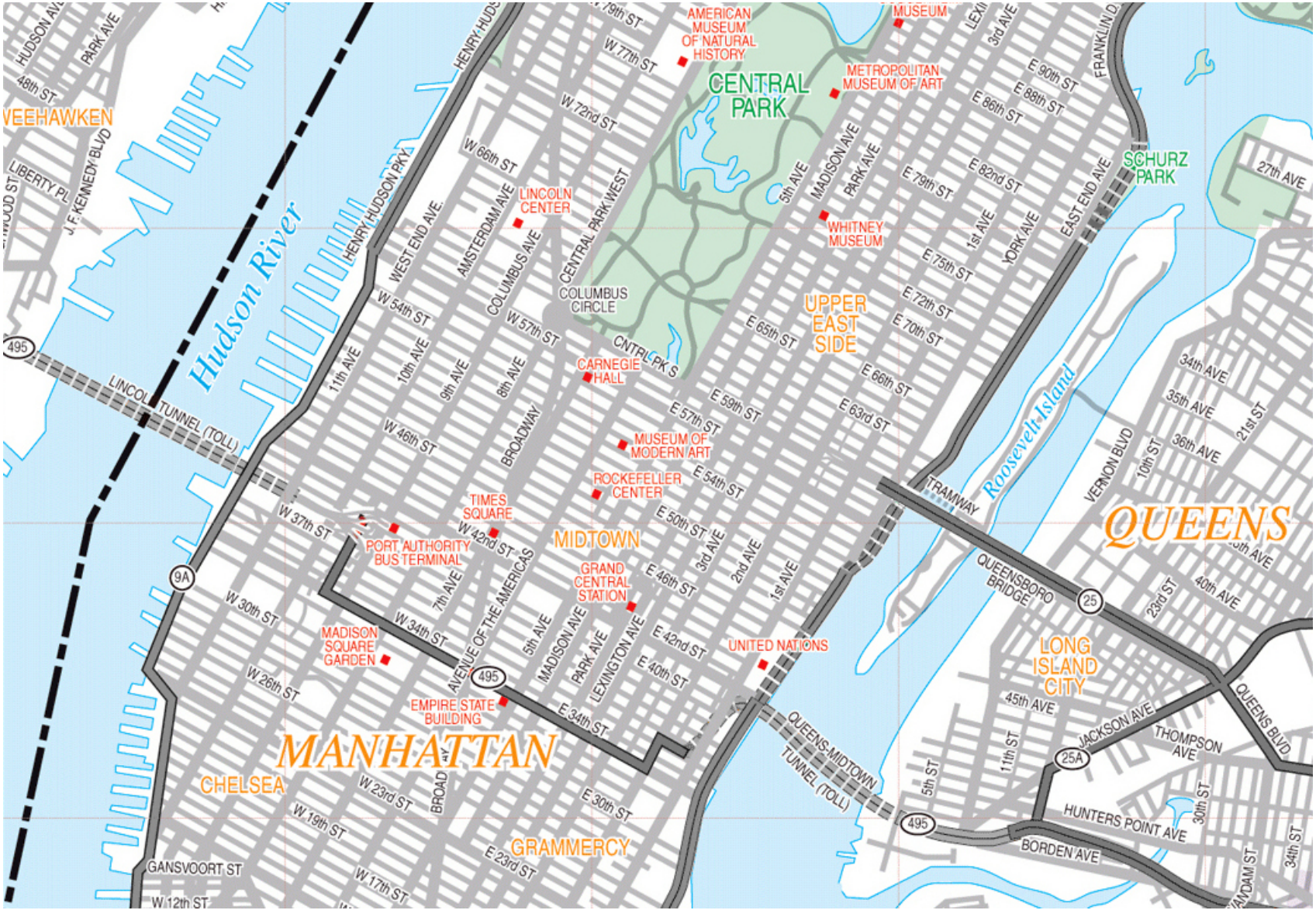

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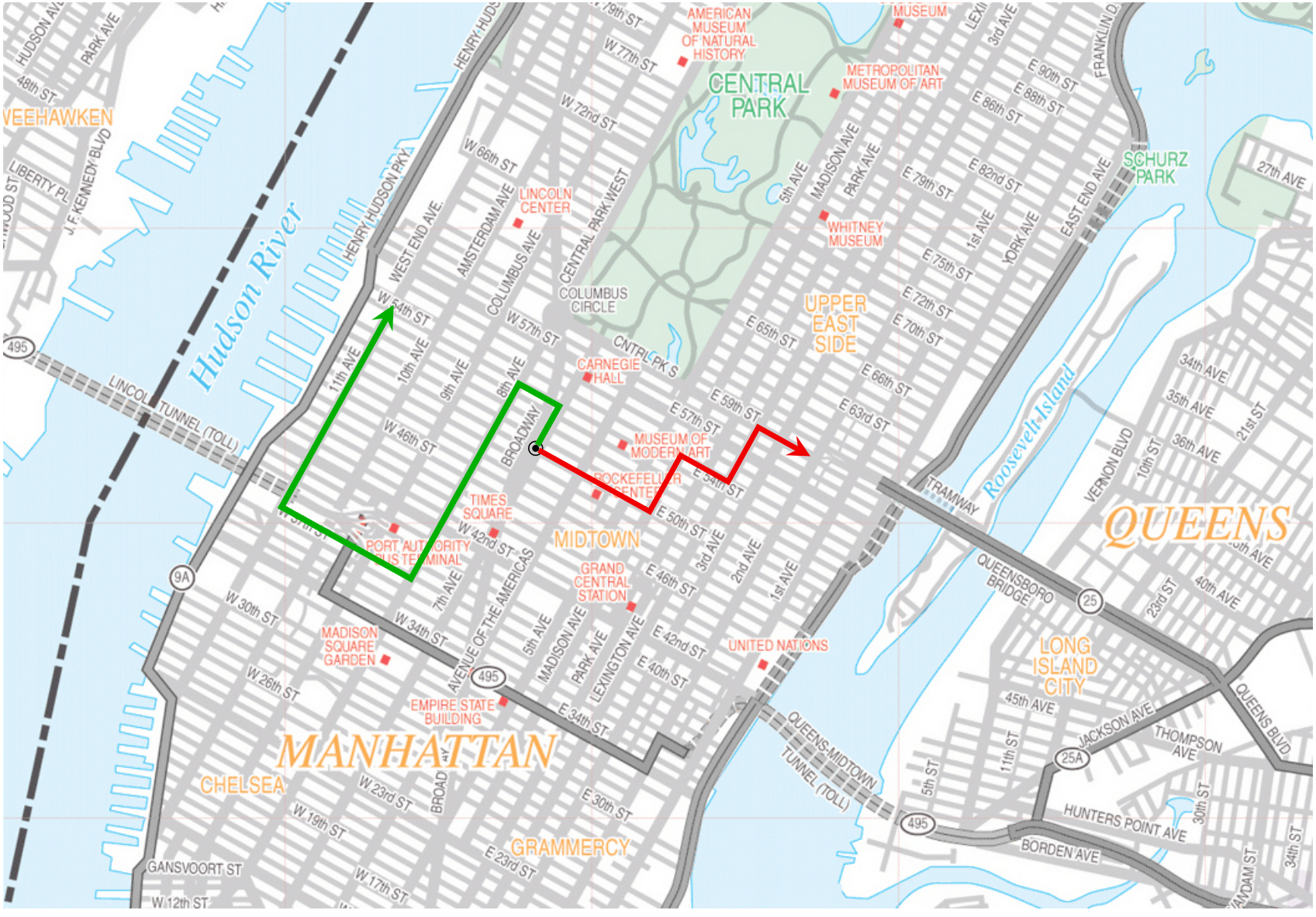

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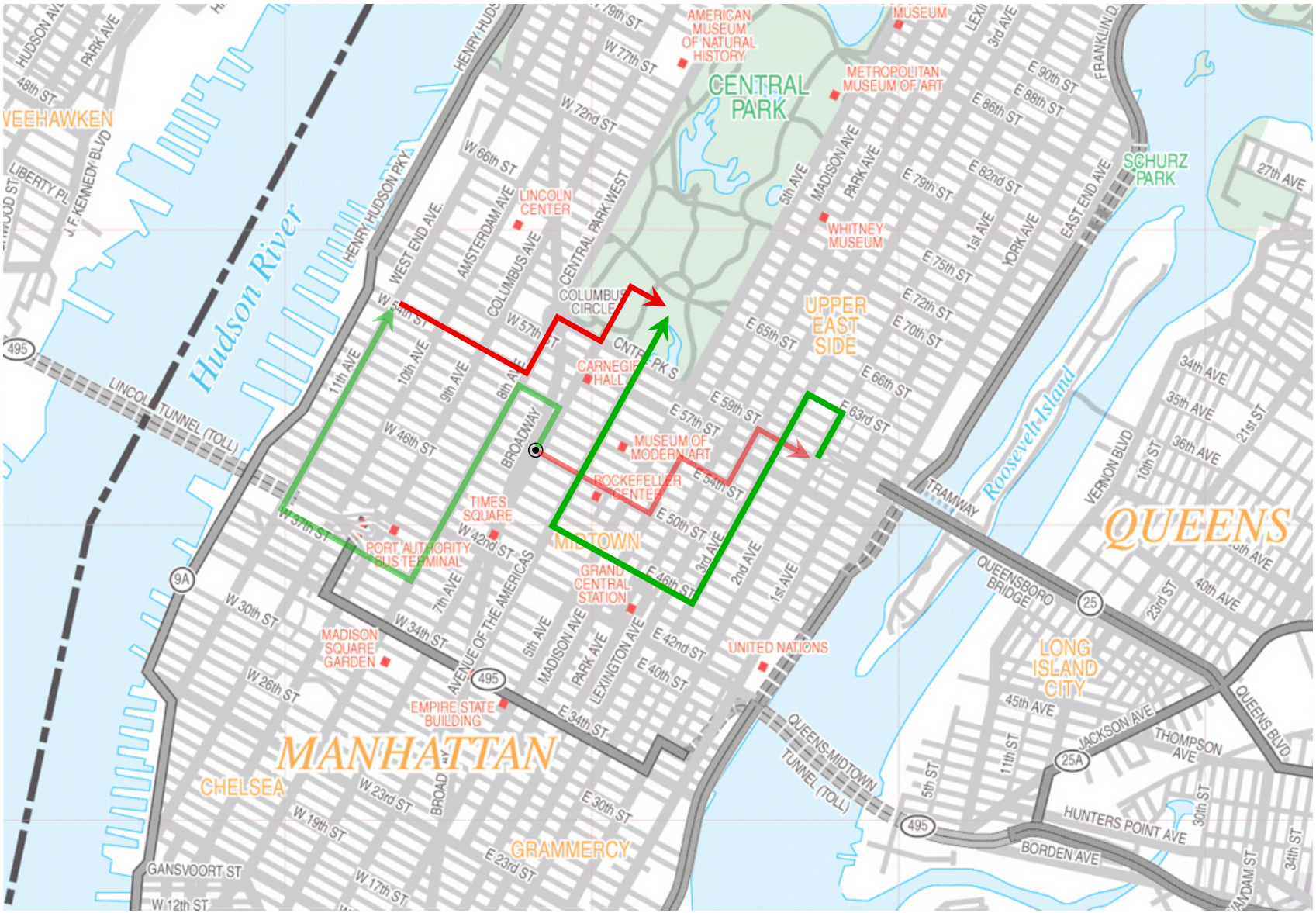

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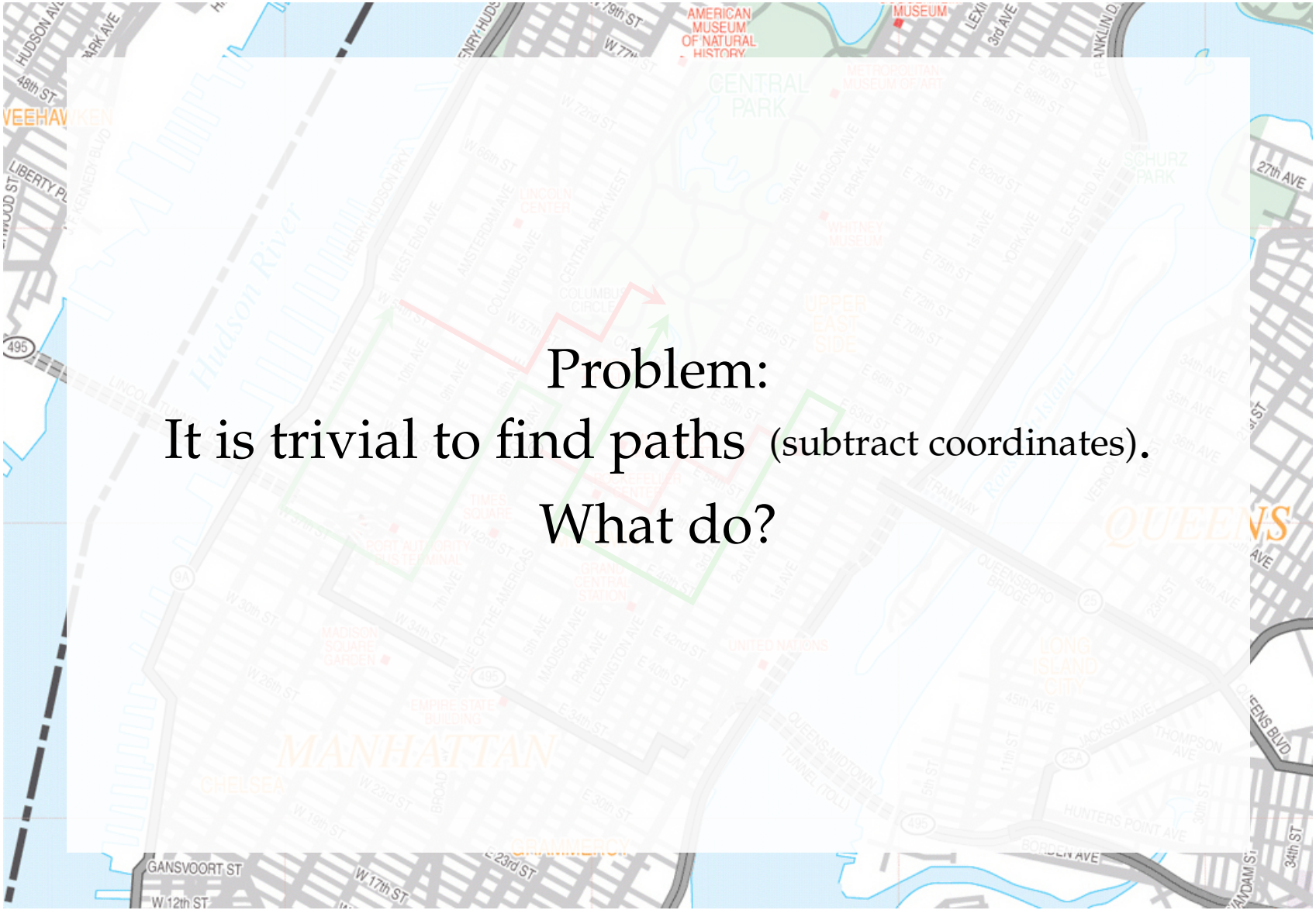

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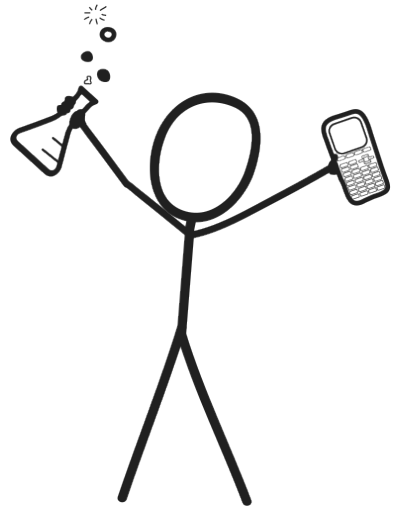

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Vélu operates in the field where the points in G live.

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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 classes[1] of ℓ-isogenies ($\ell \in S$),

both defined over $\mathbb{F}_q$.

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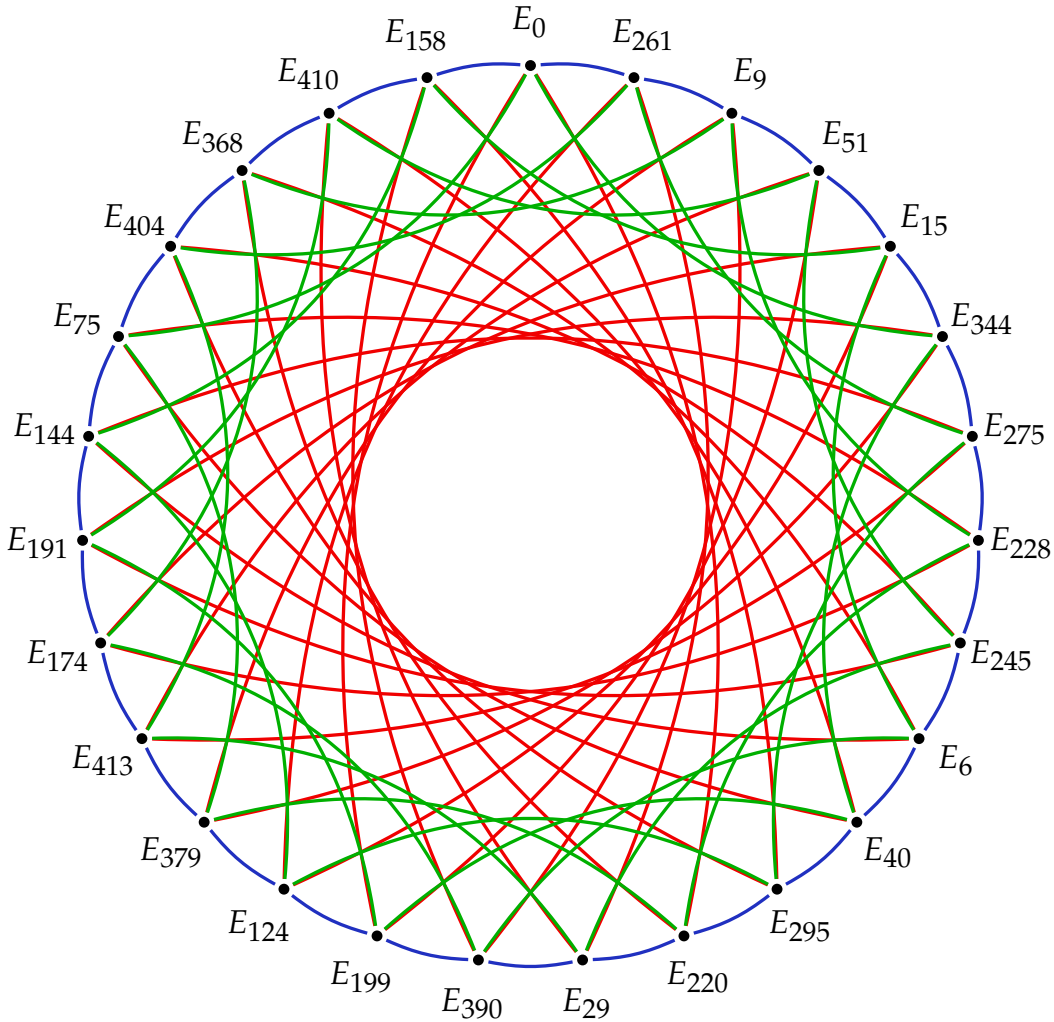

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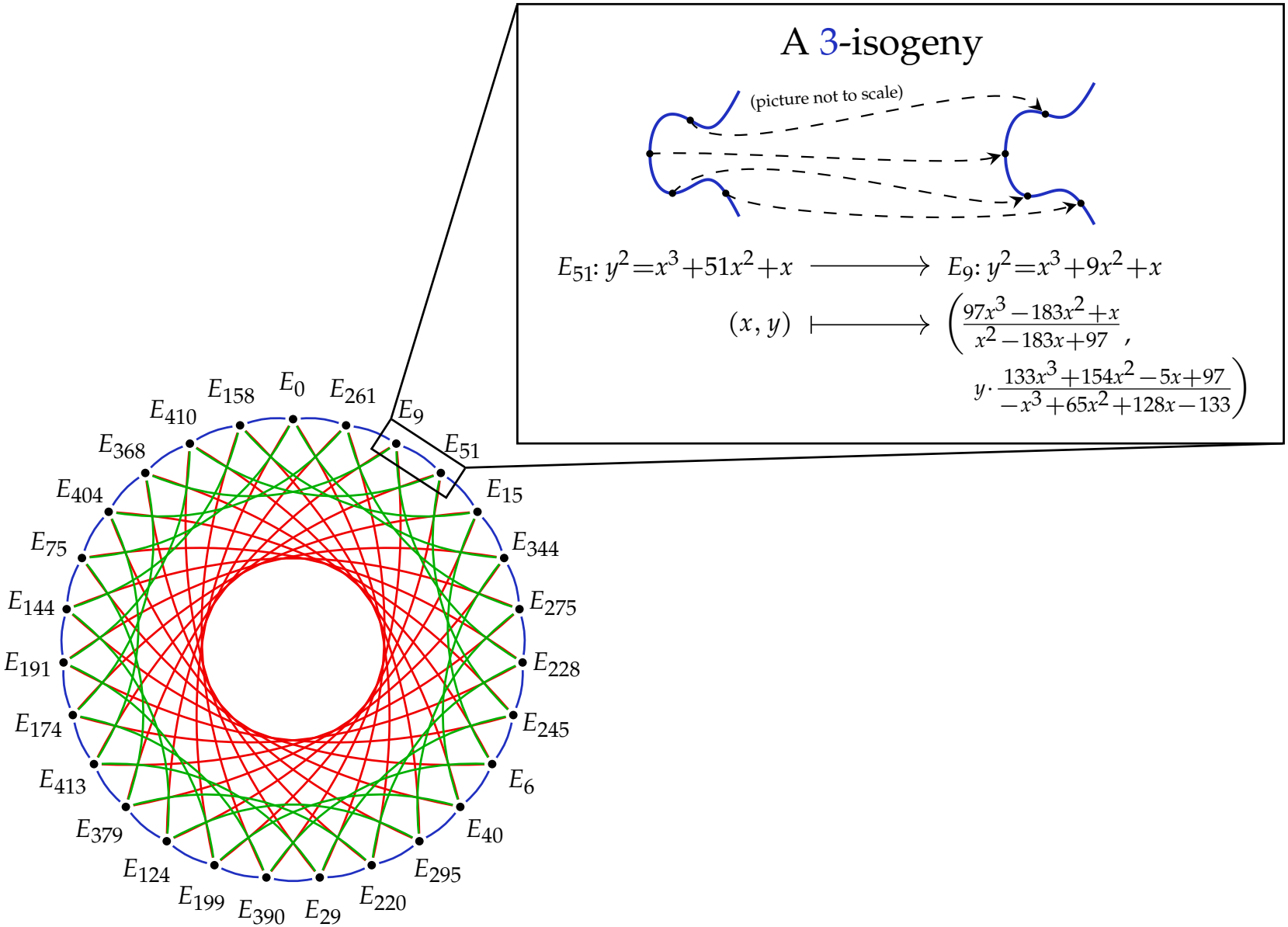


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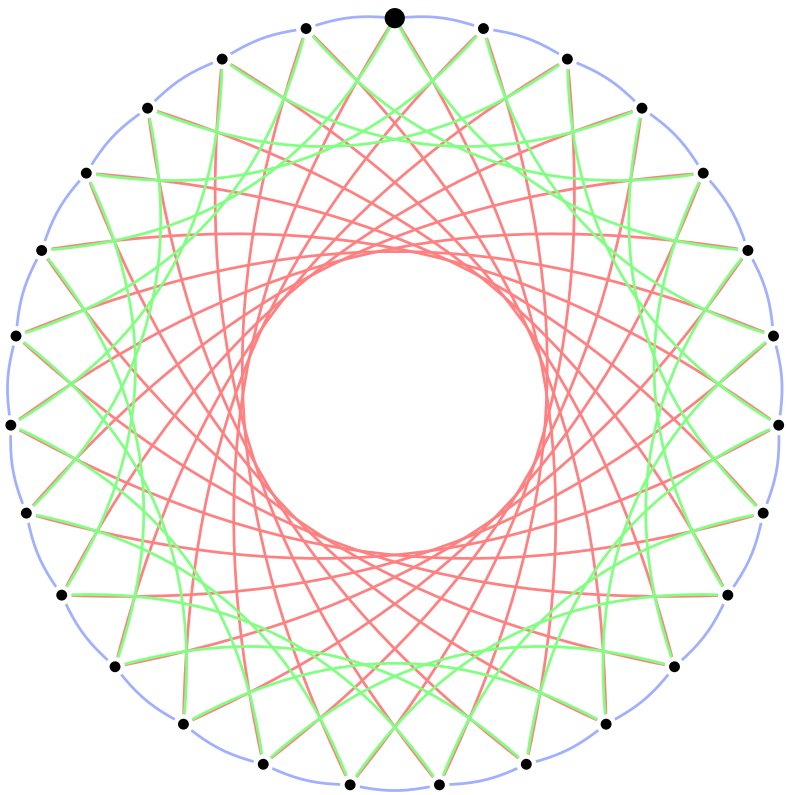

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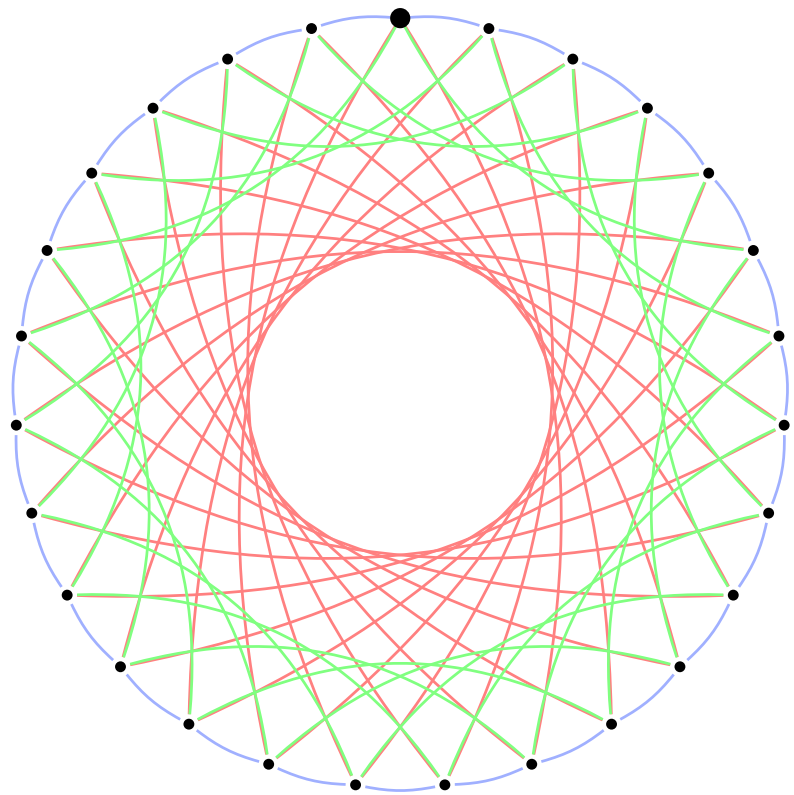

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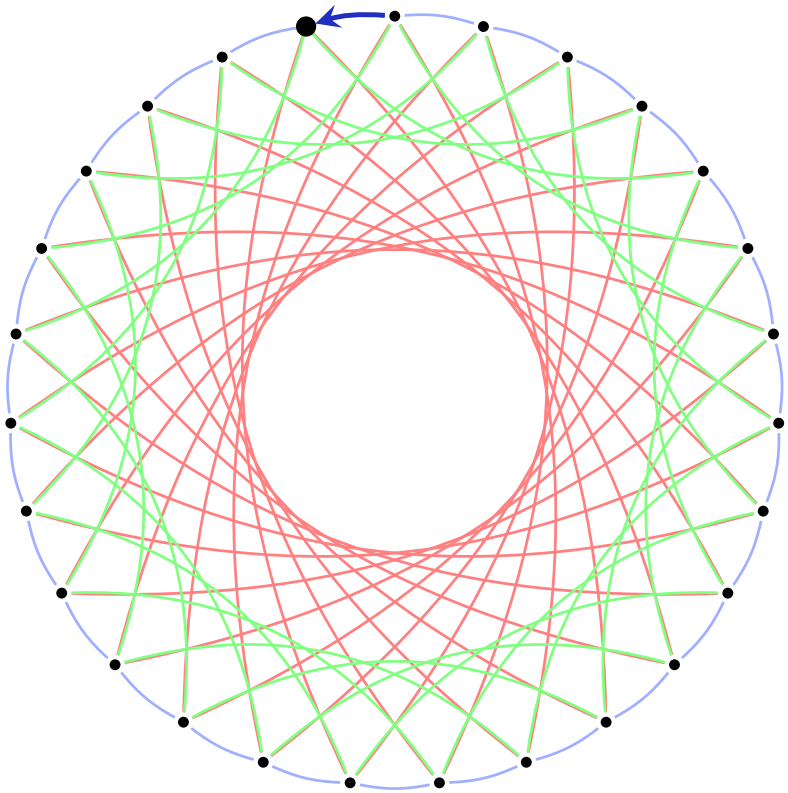

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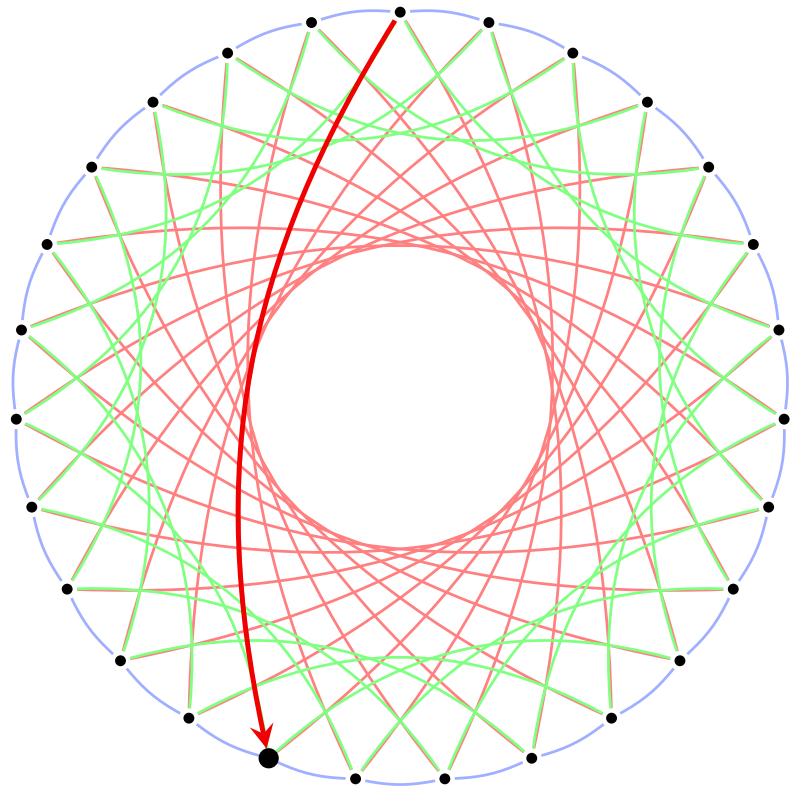

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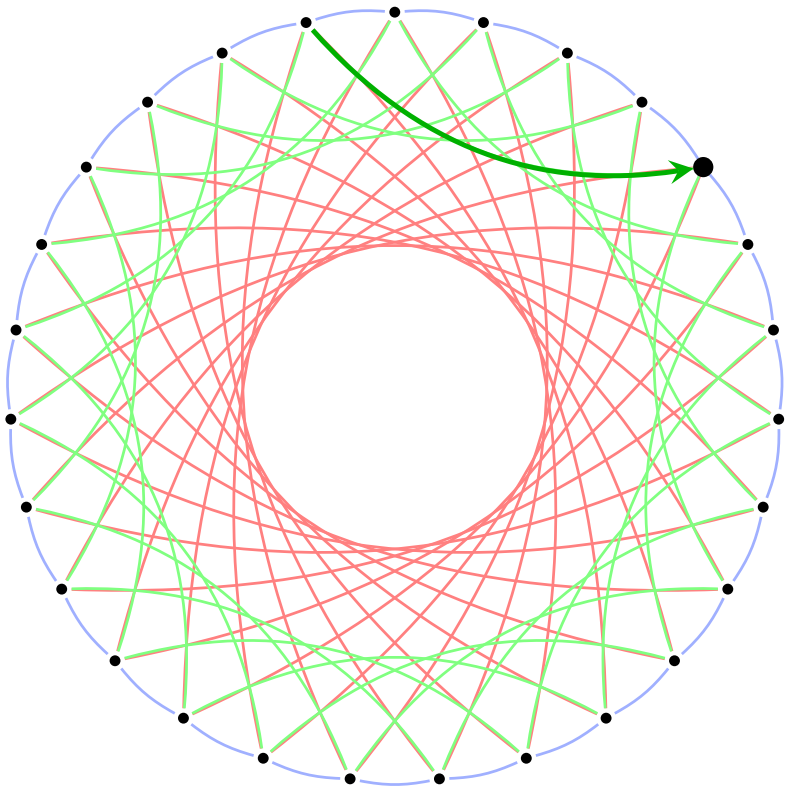

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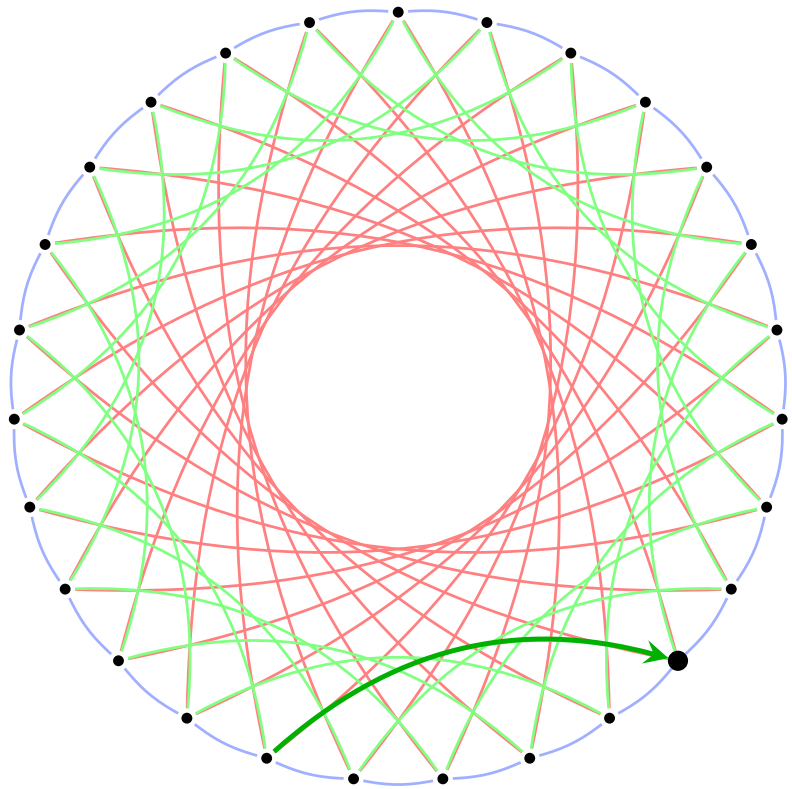

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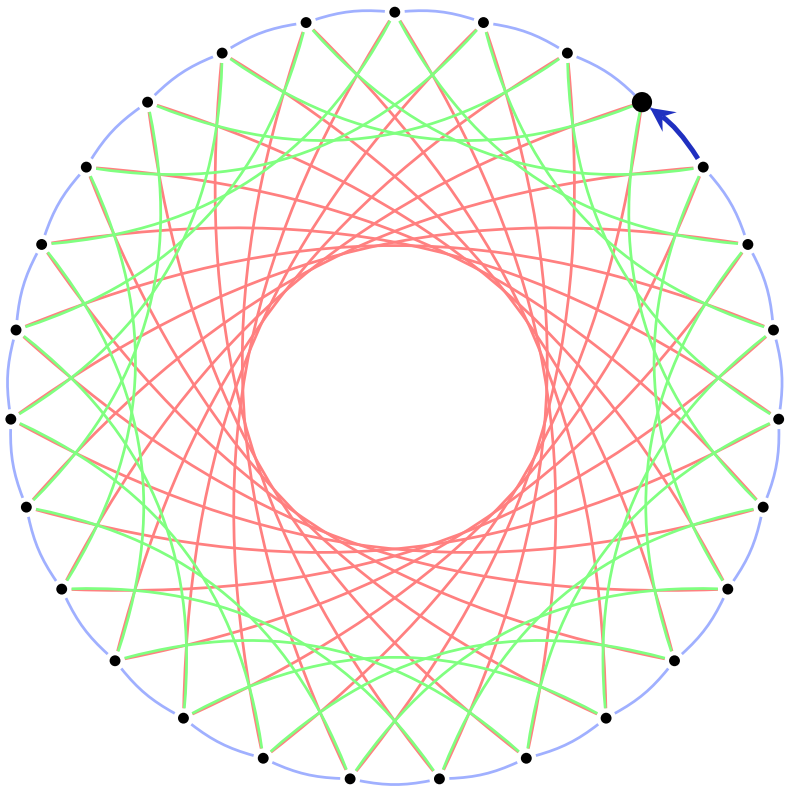

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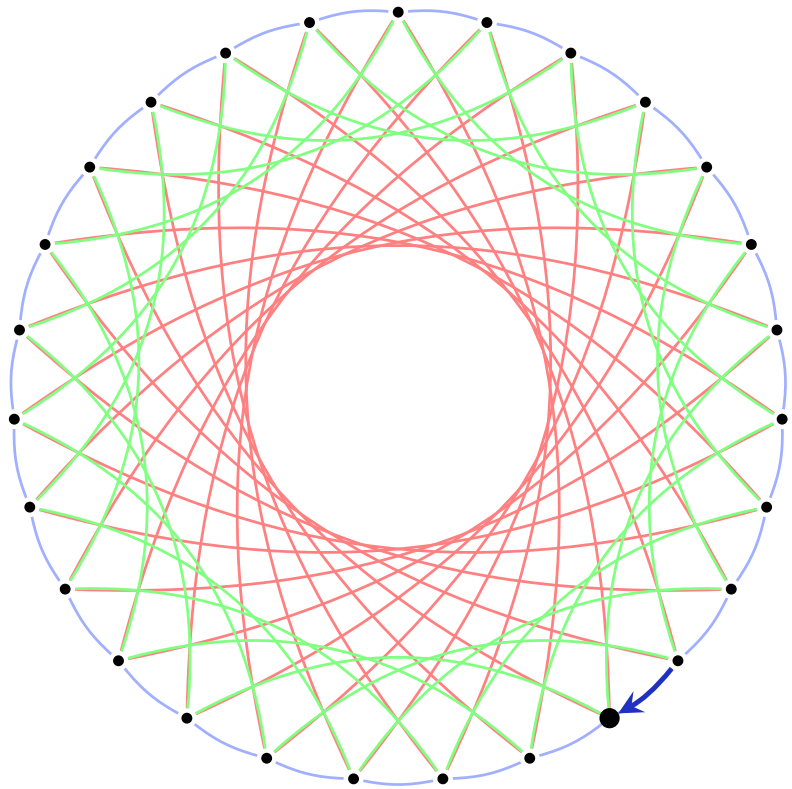

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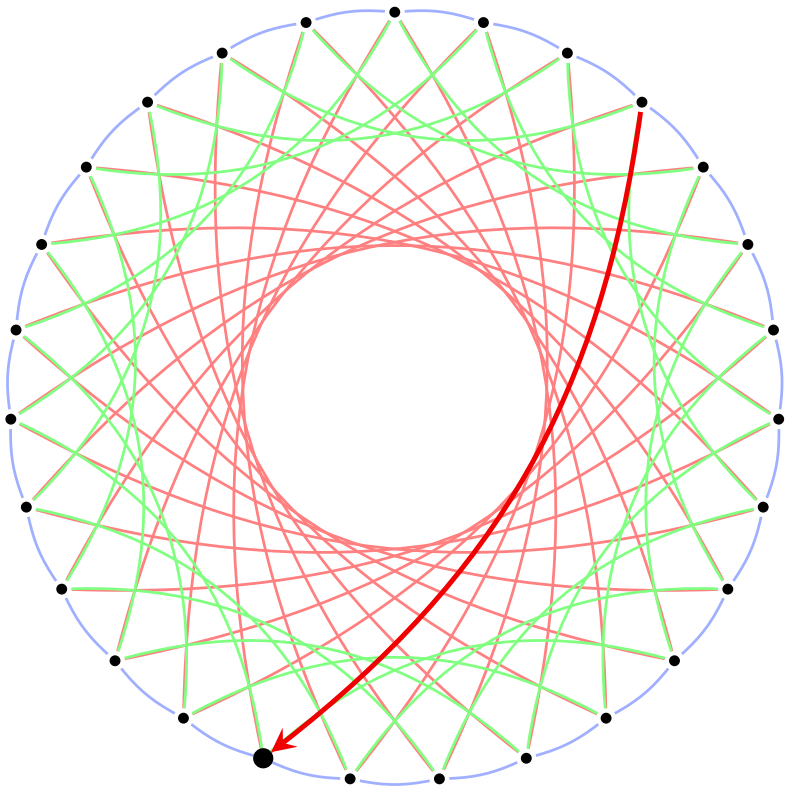

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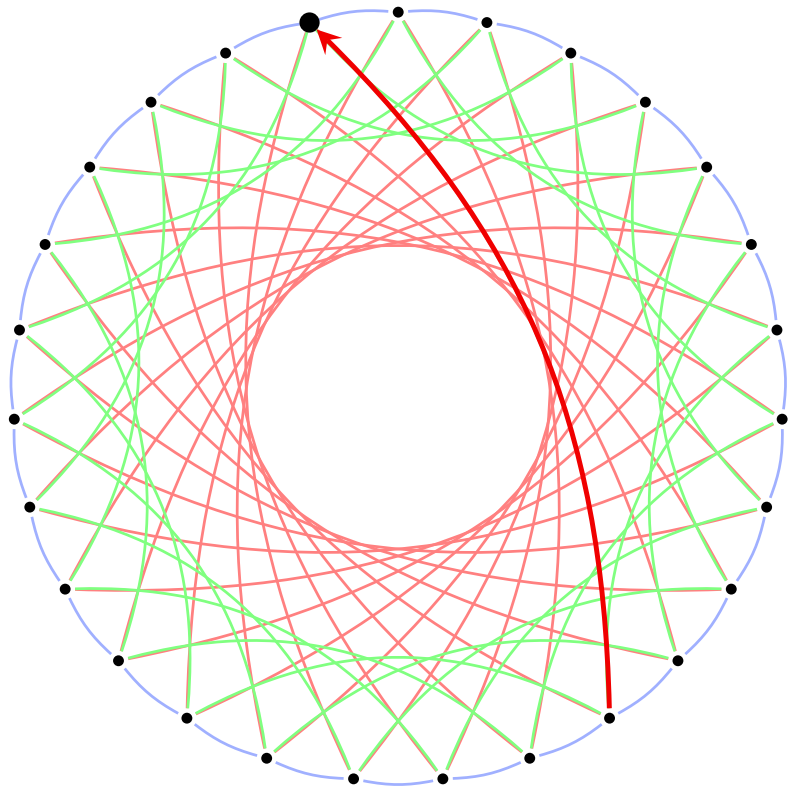

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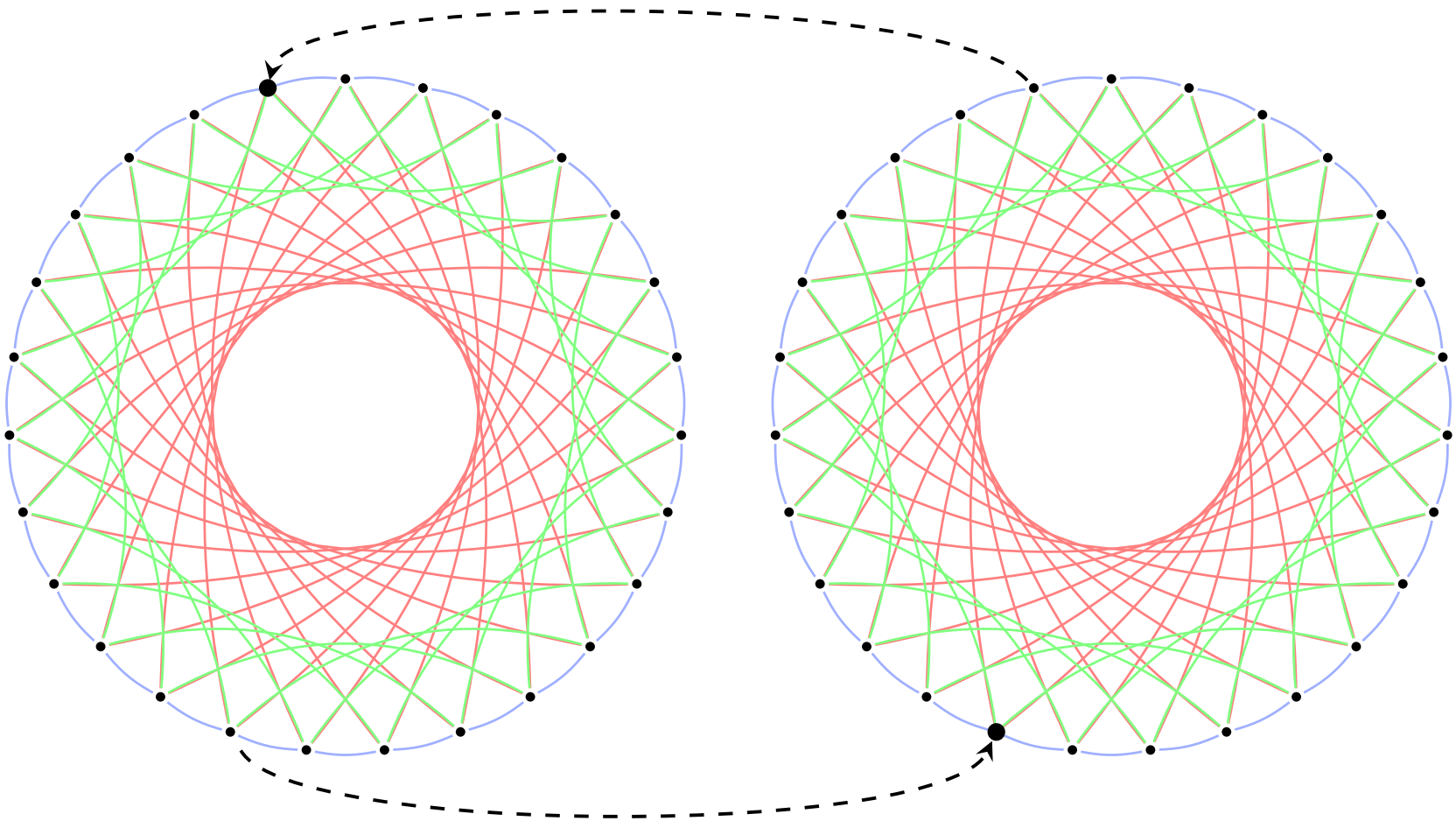

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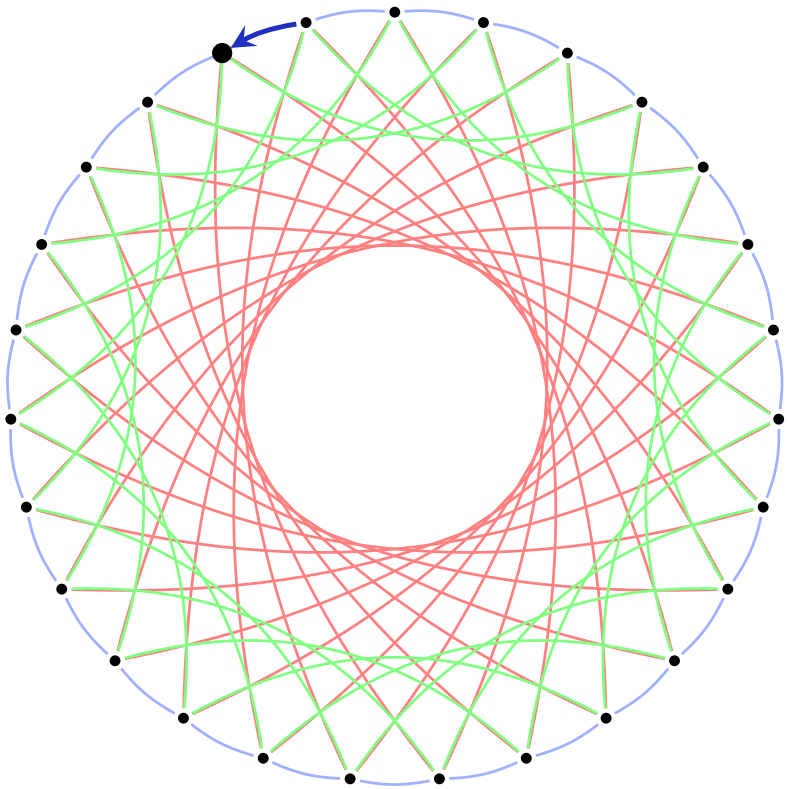

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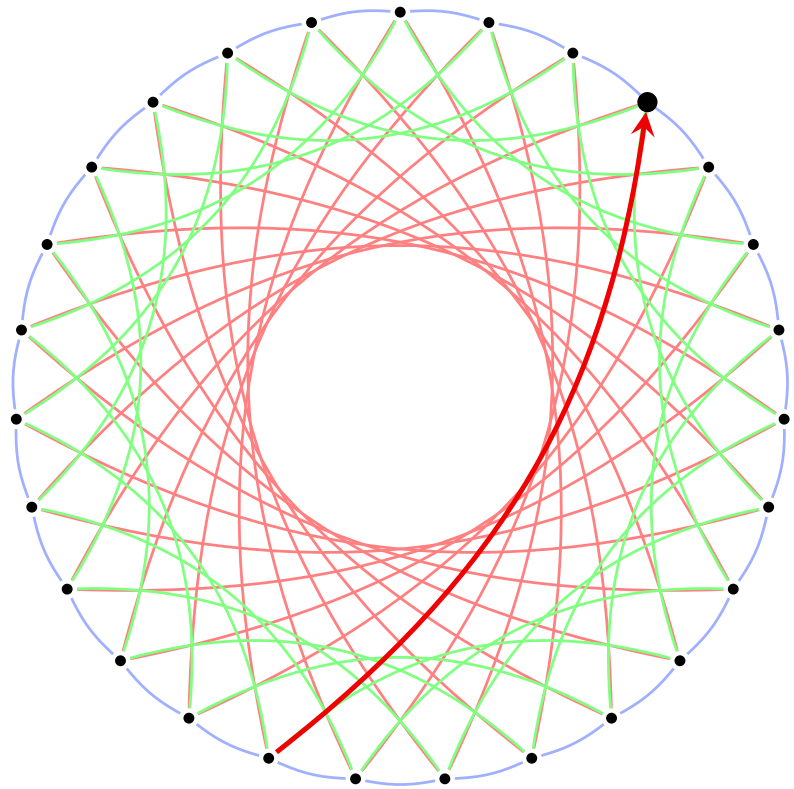

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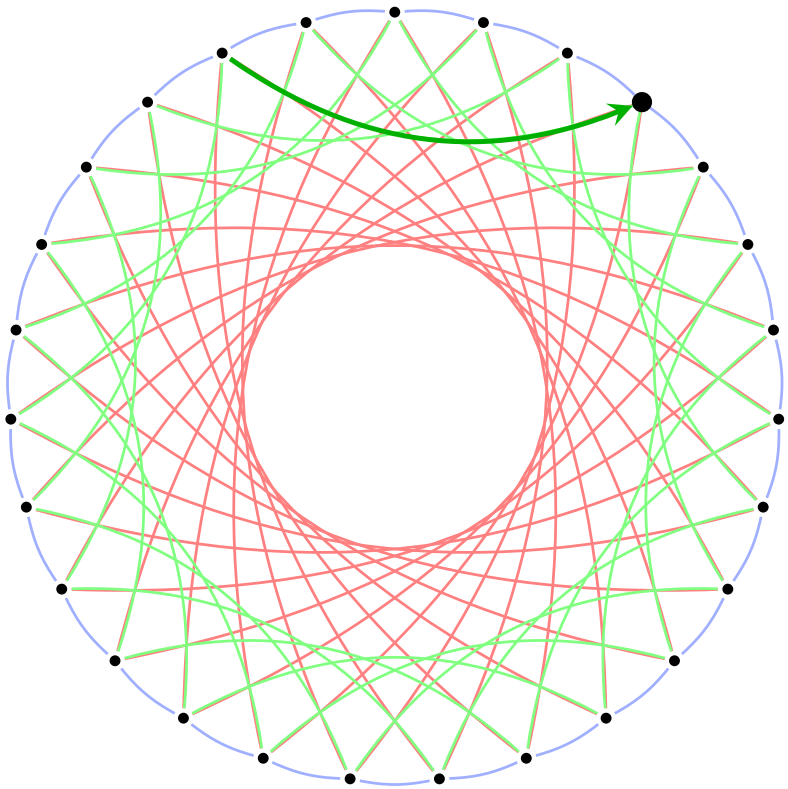

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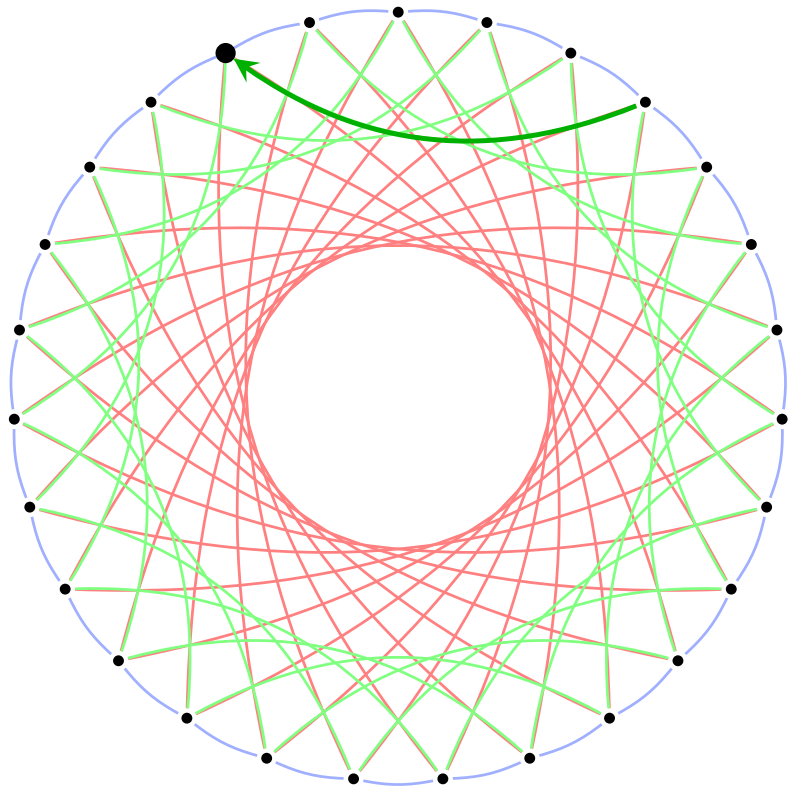

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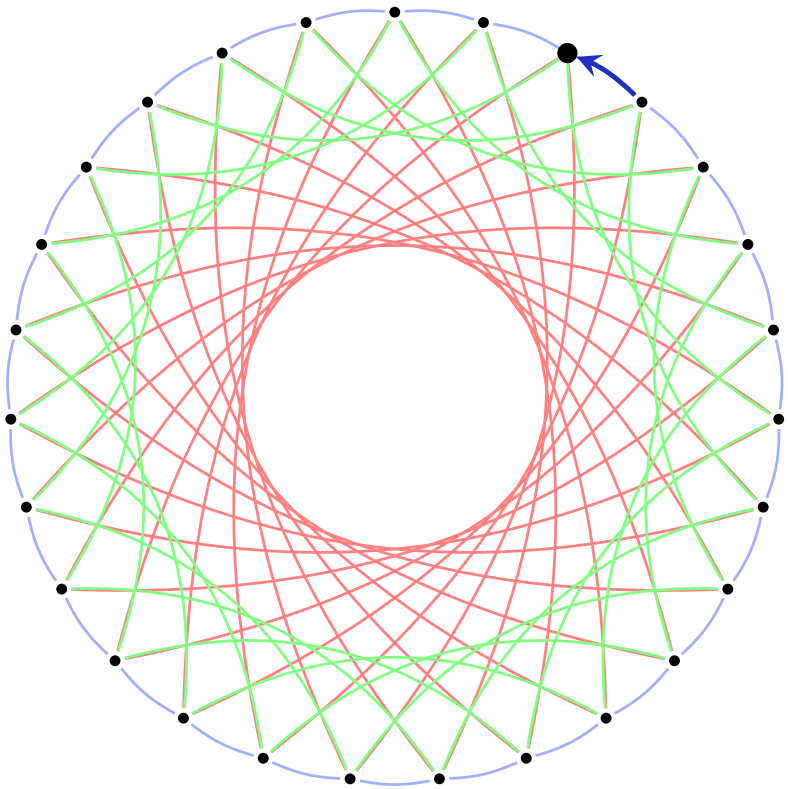

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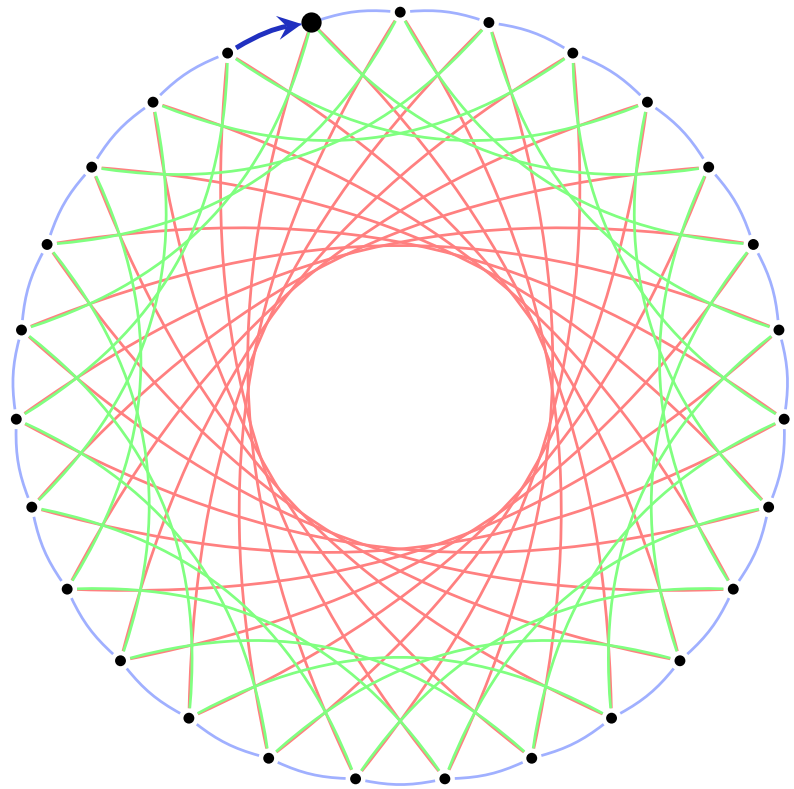

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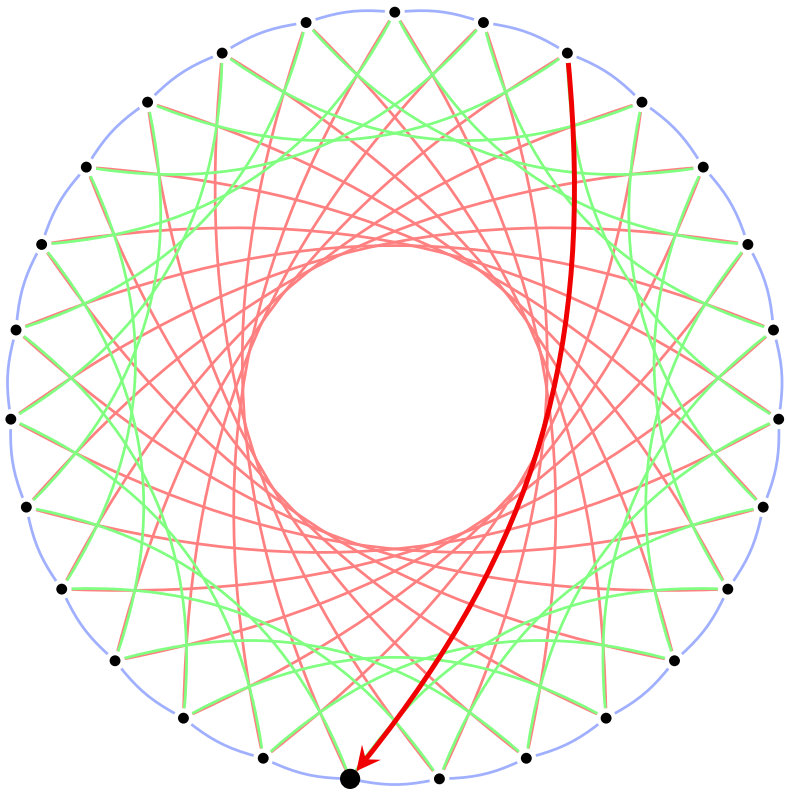

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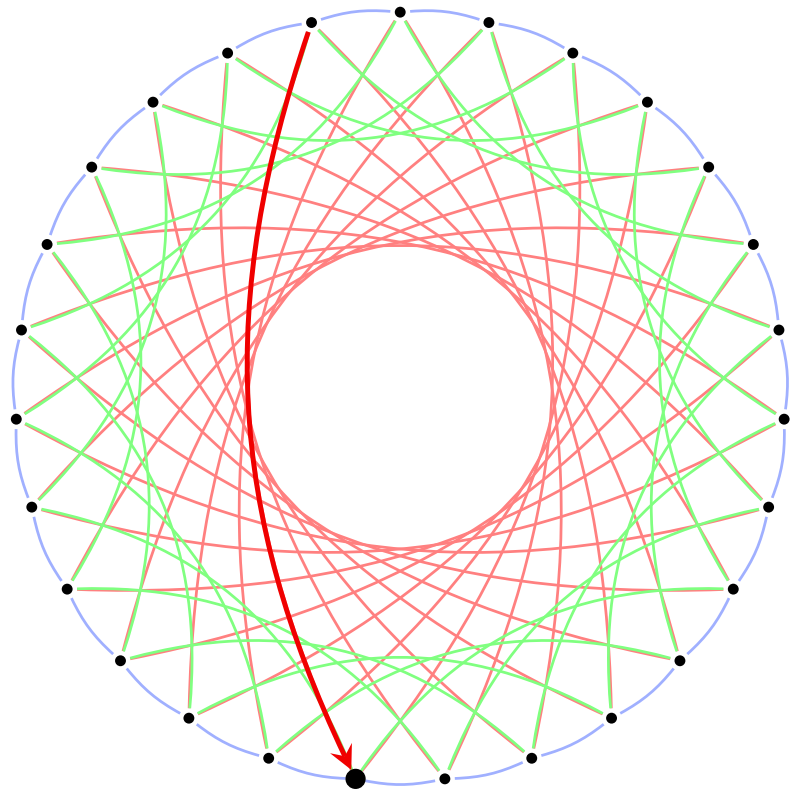

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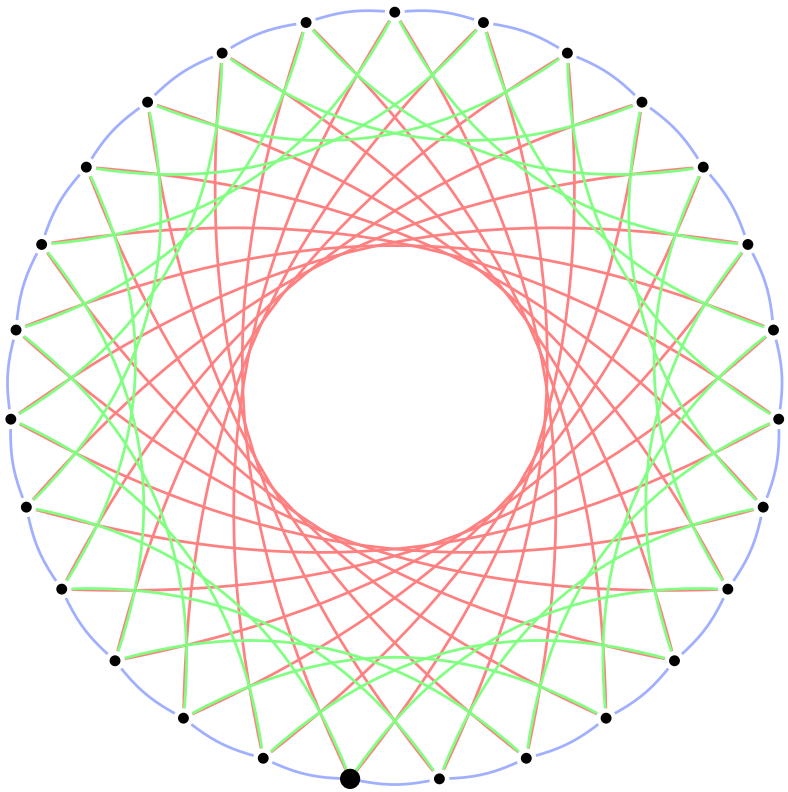

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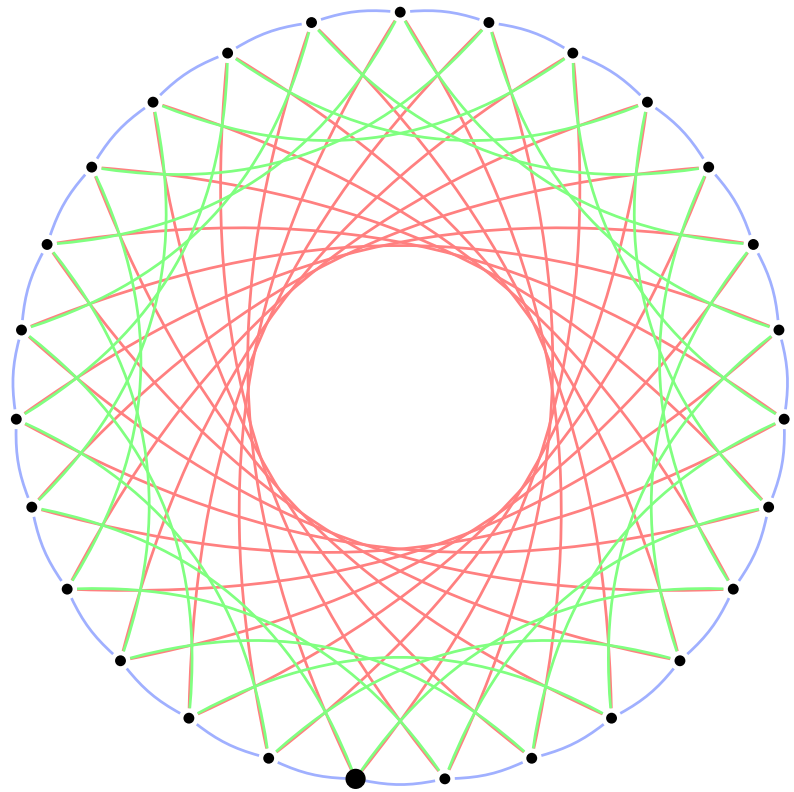

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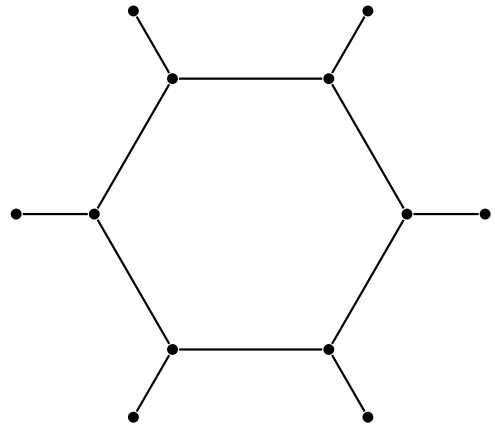

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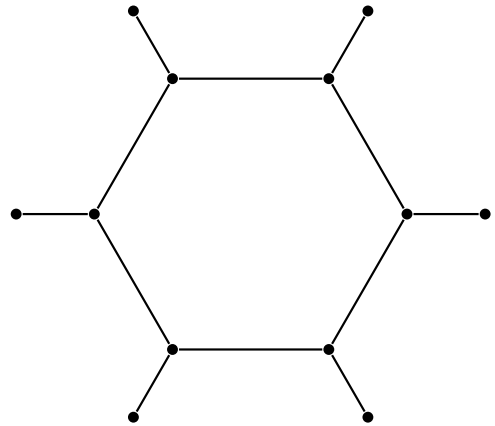

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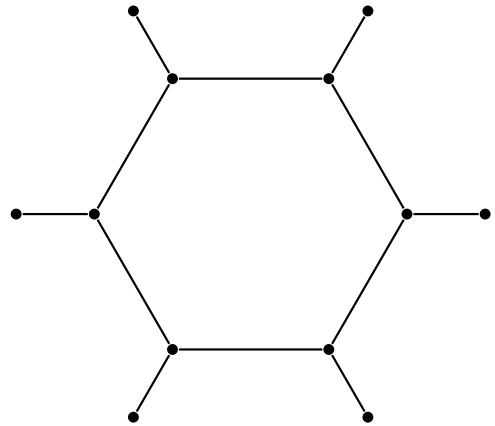

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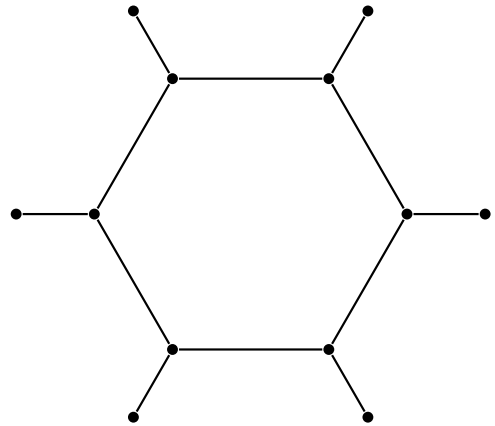

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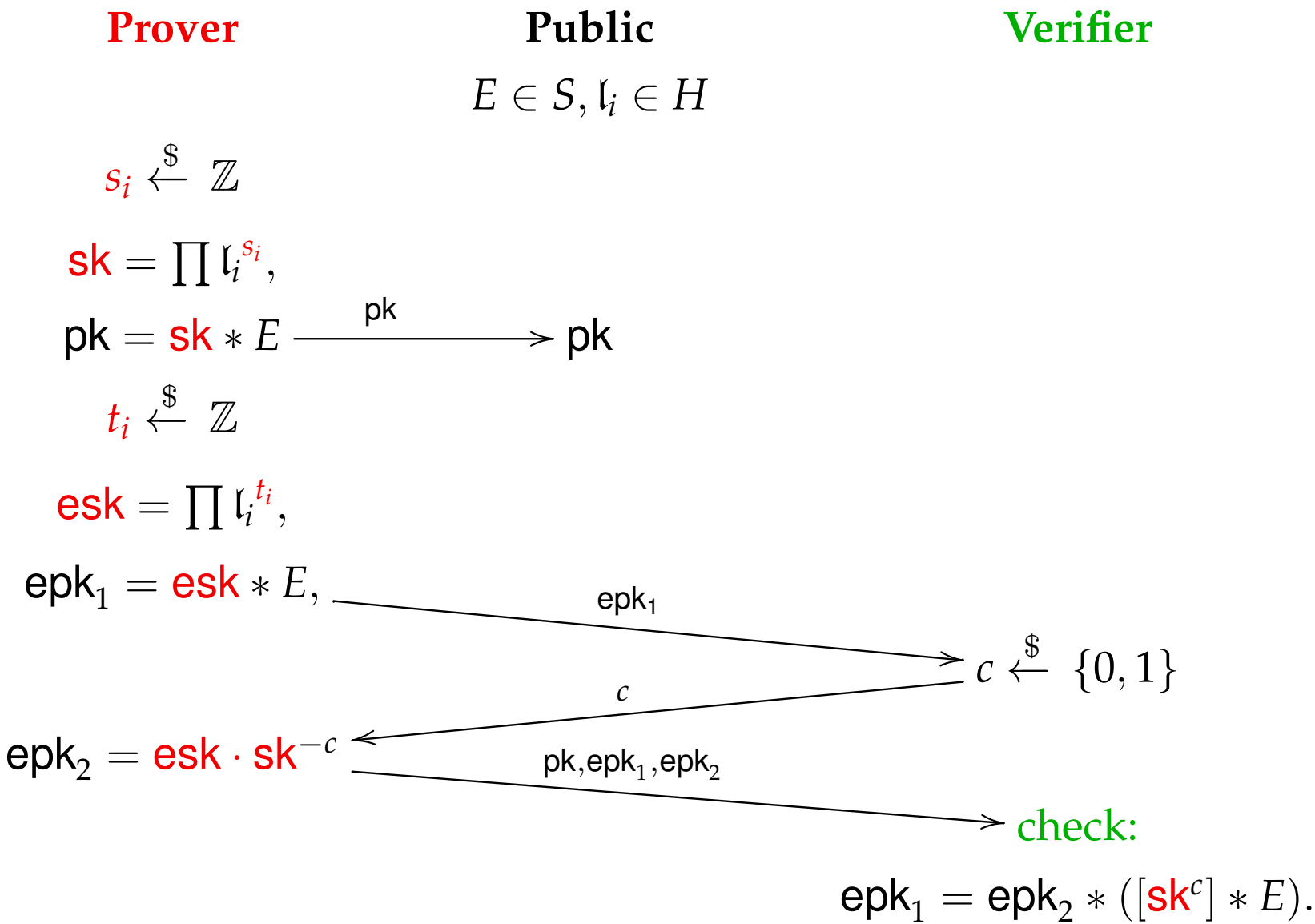

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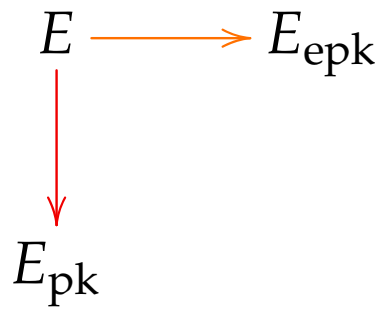

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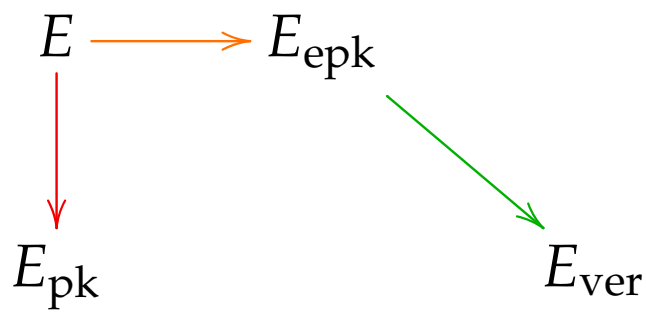

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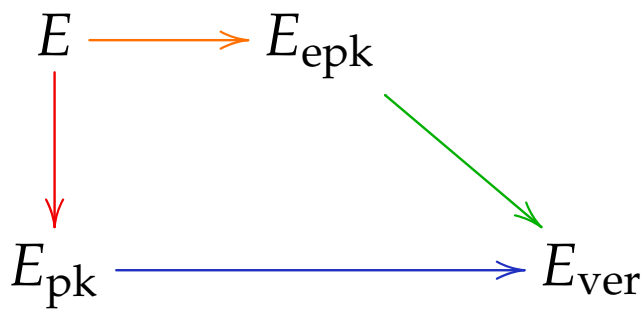

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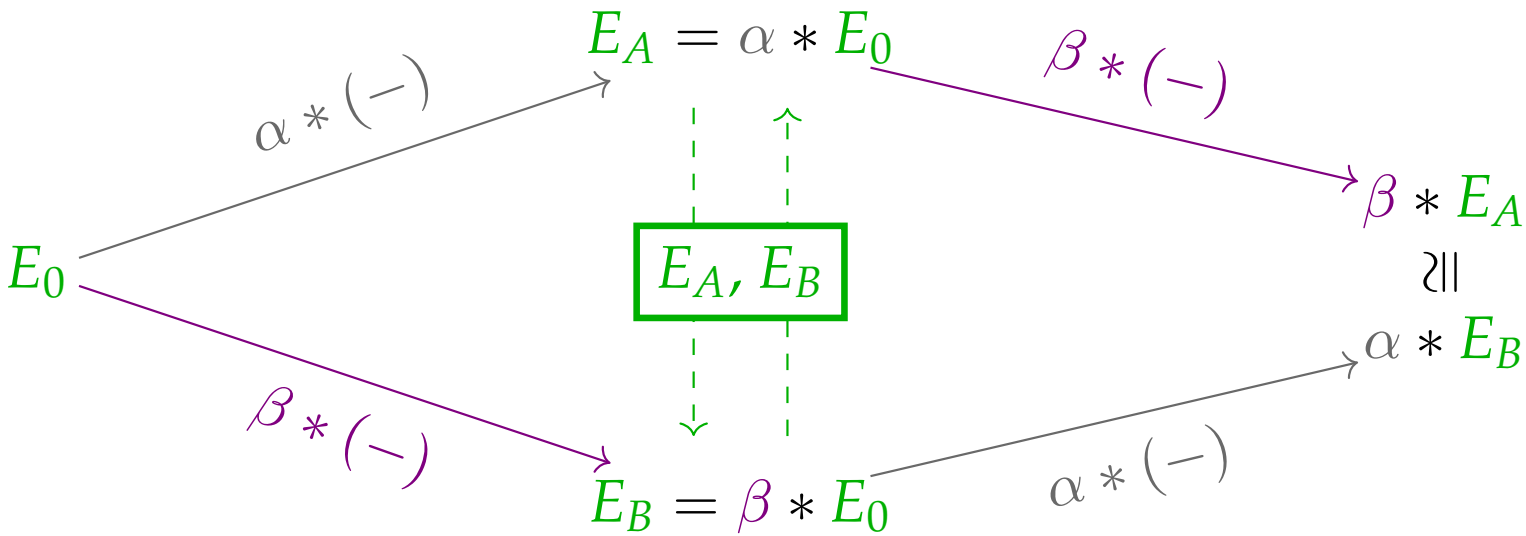

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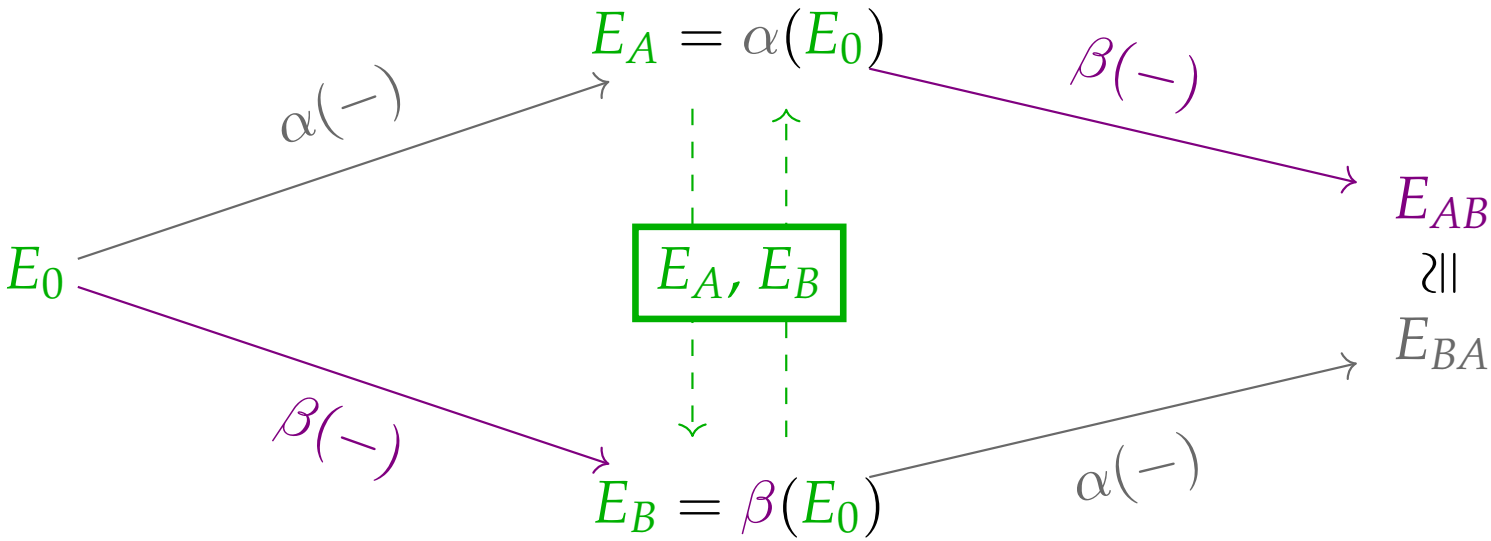

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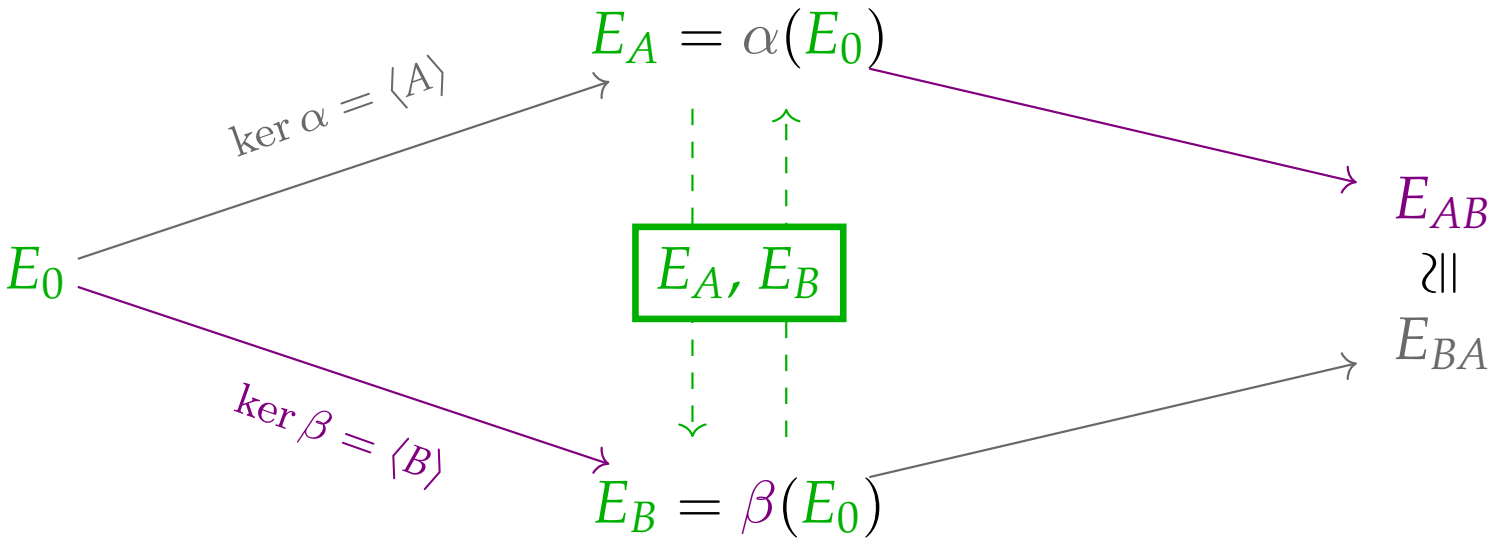

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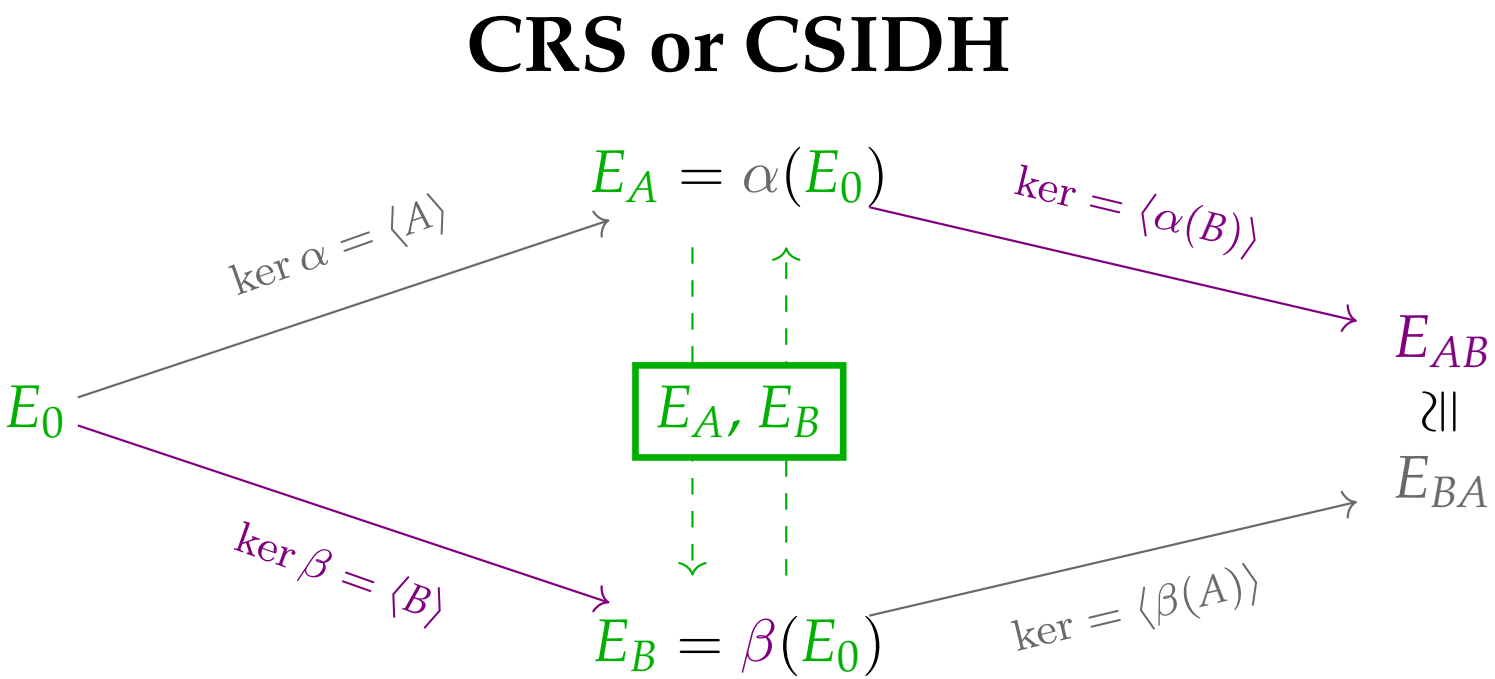

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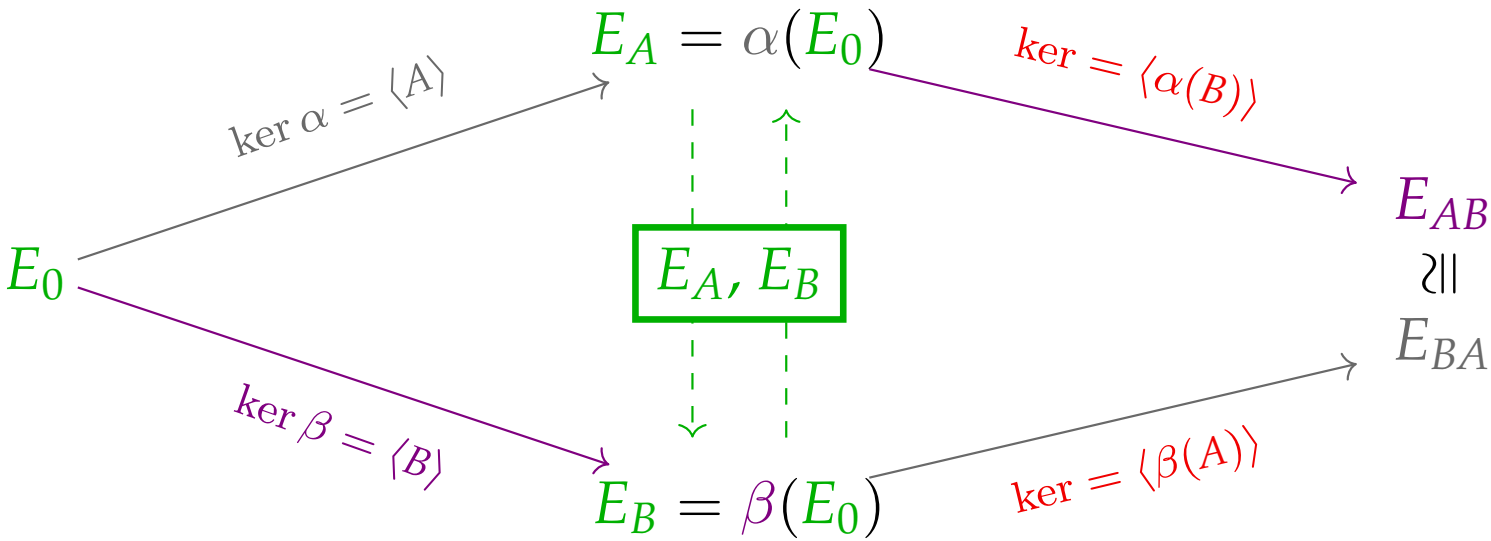

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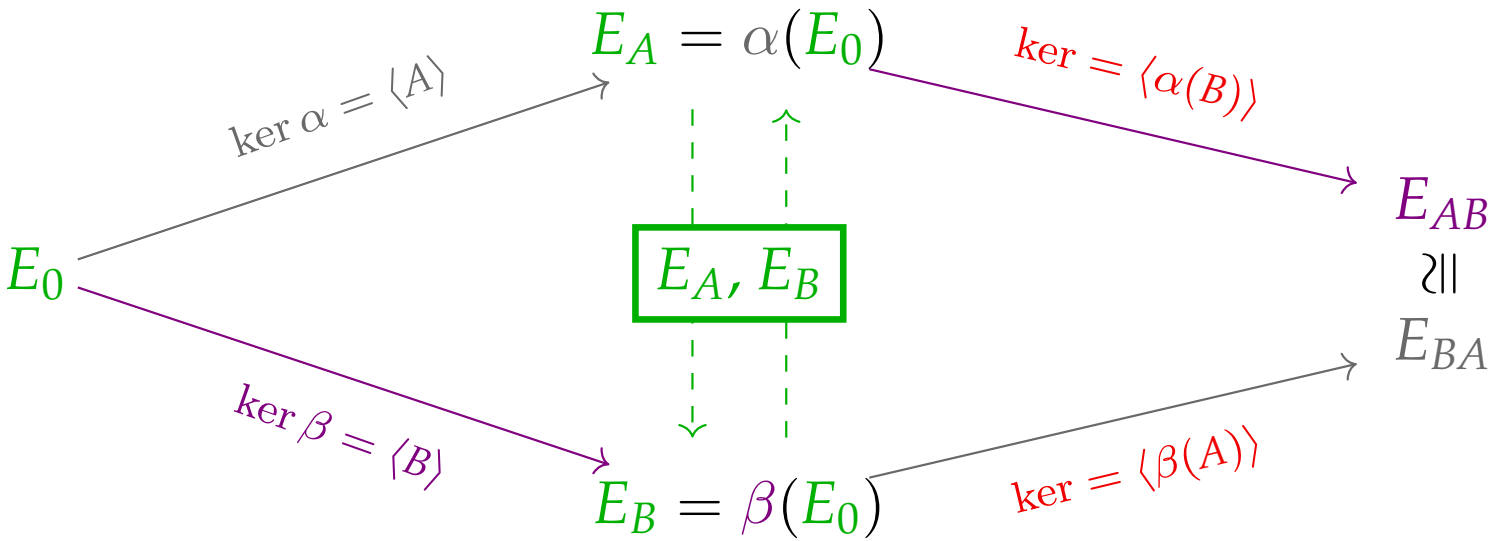

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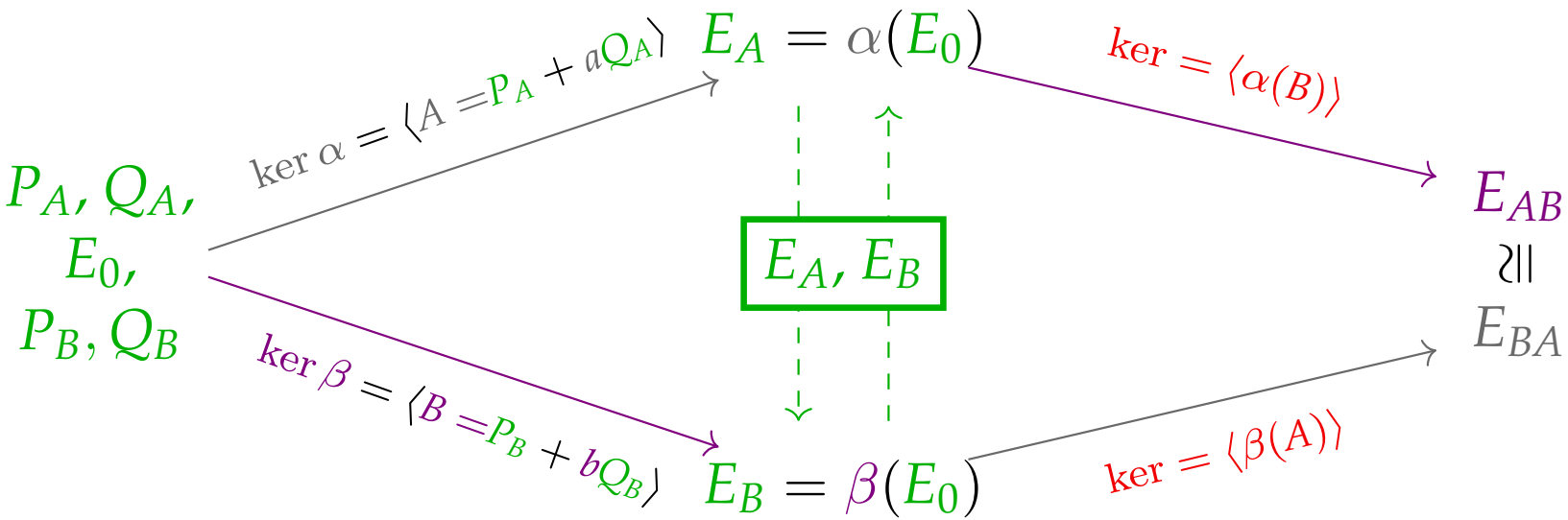

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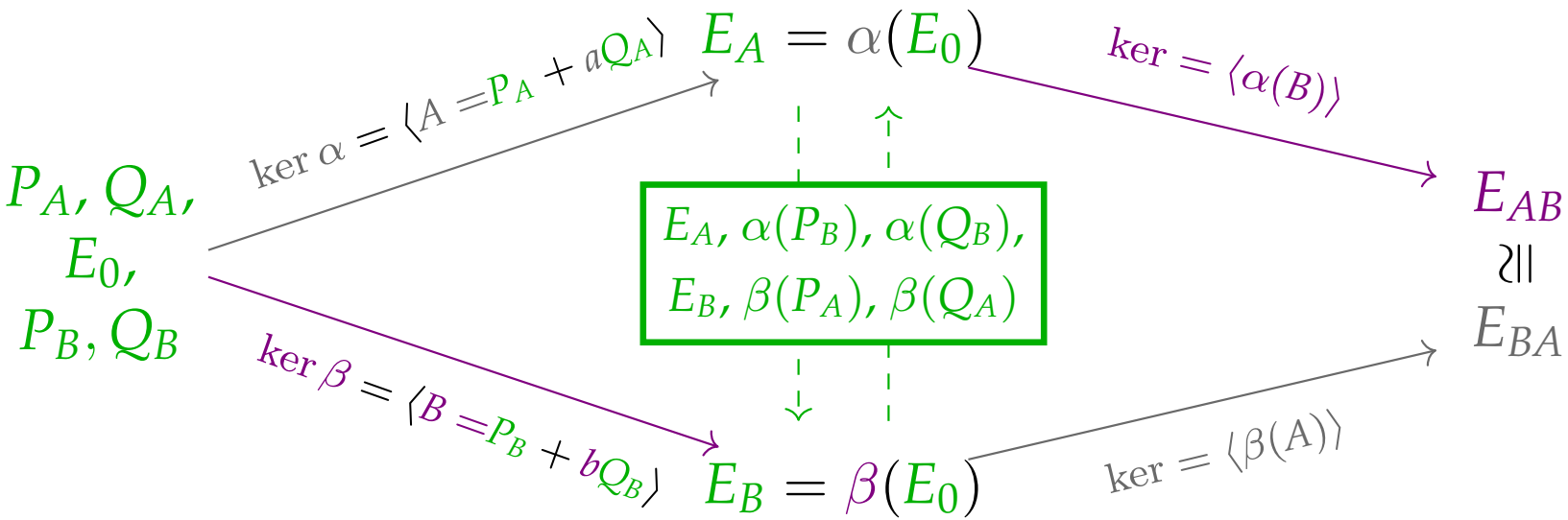

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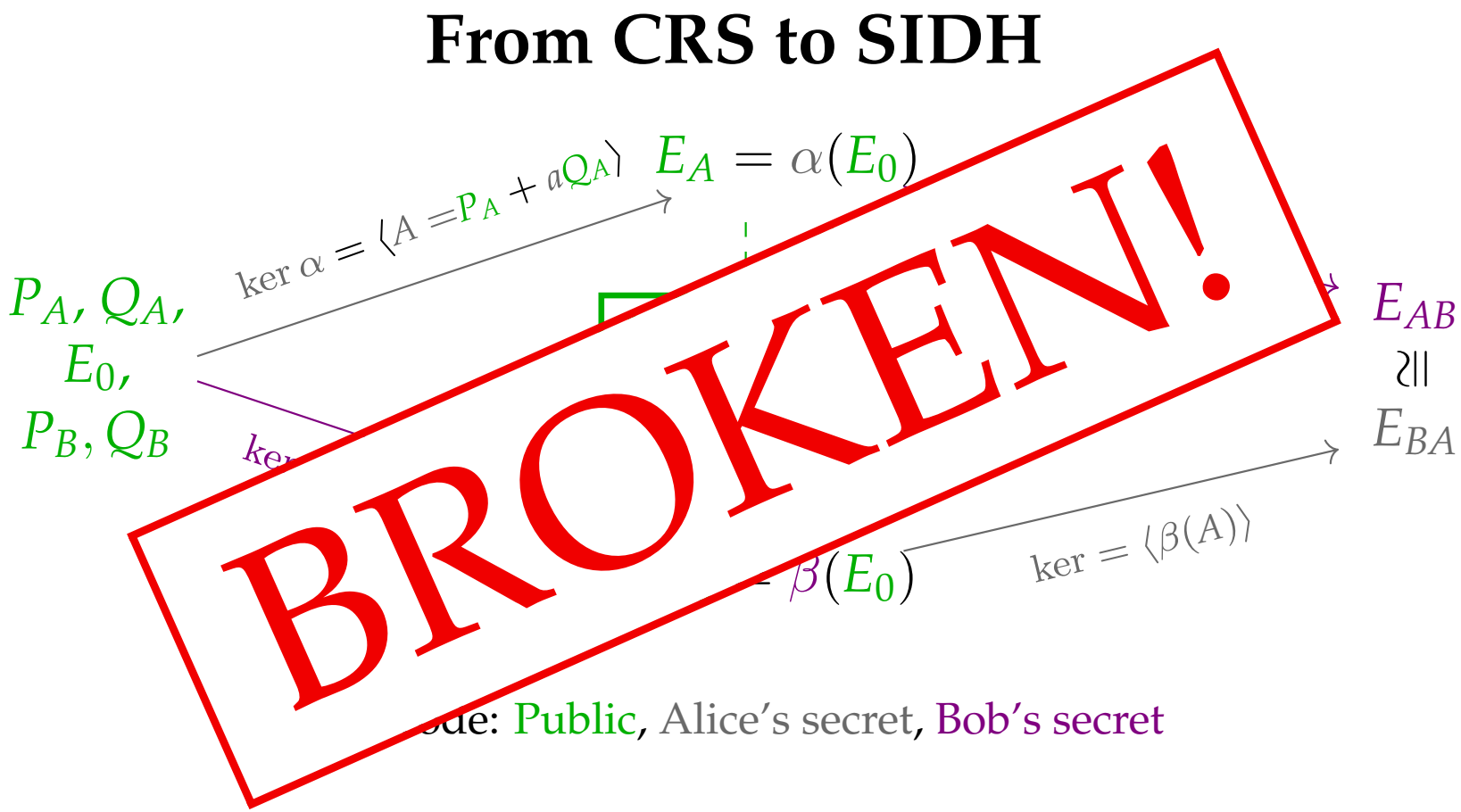

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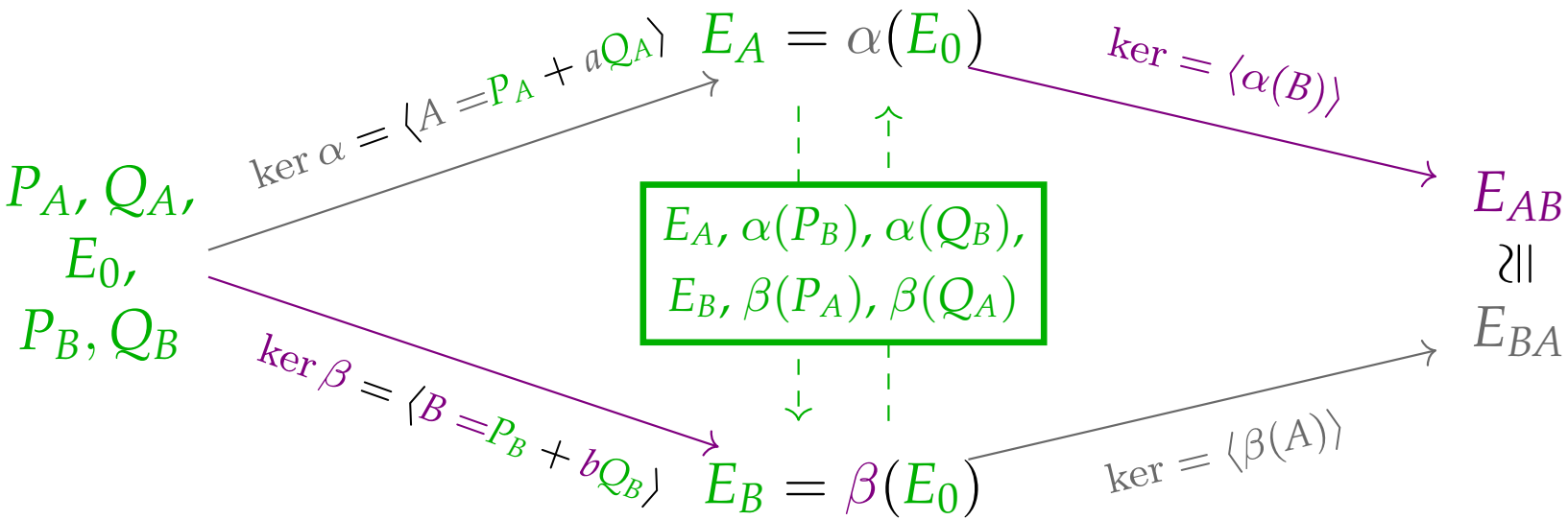

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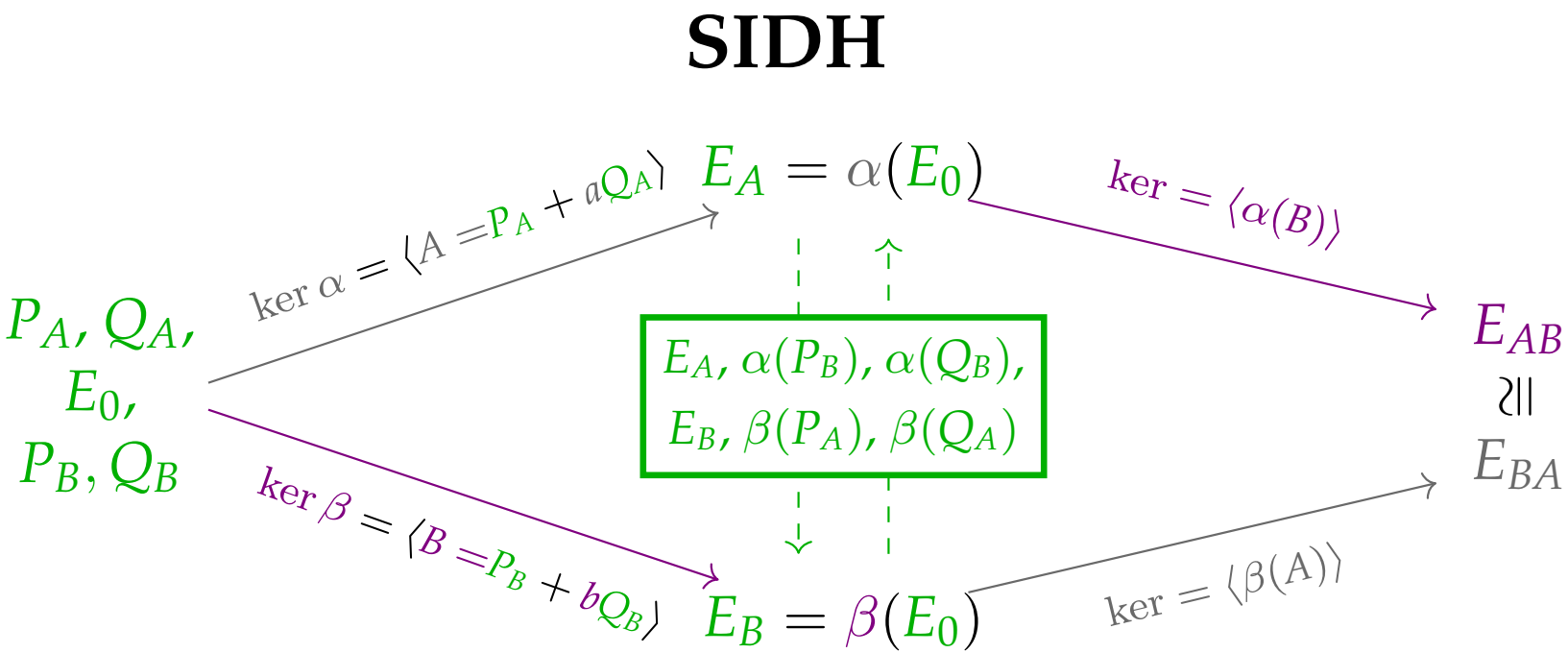

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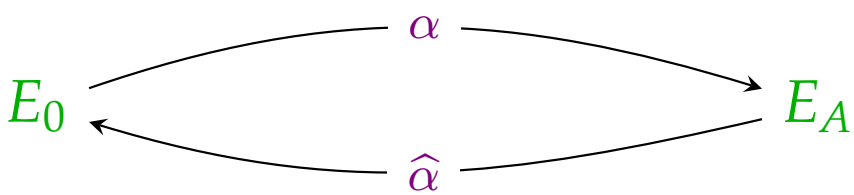

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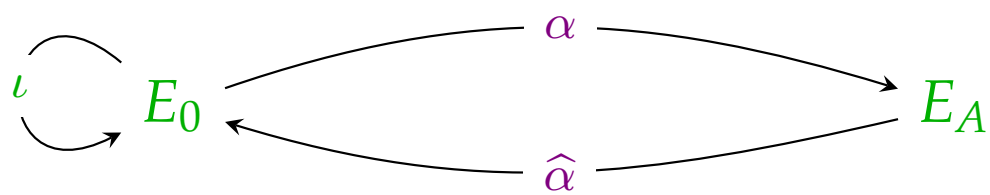

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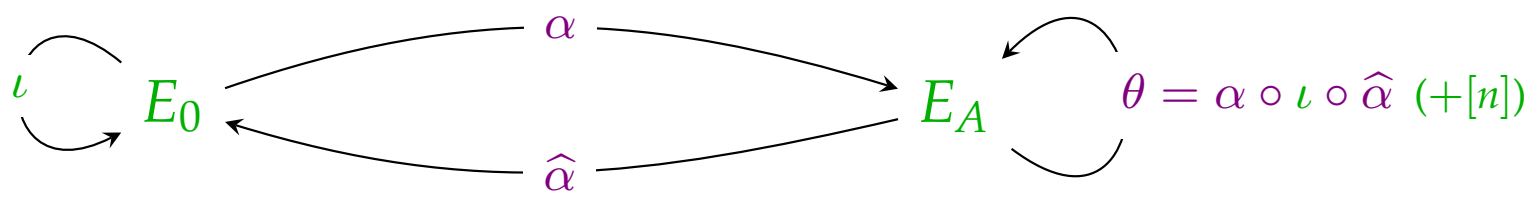

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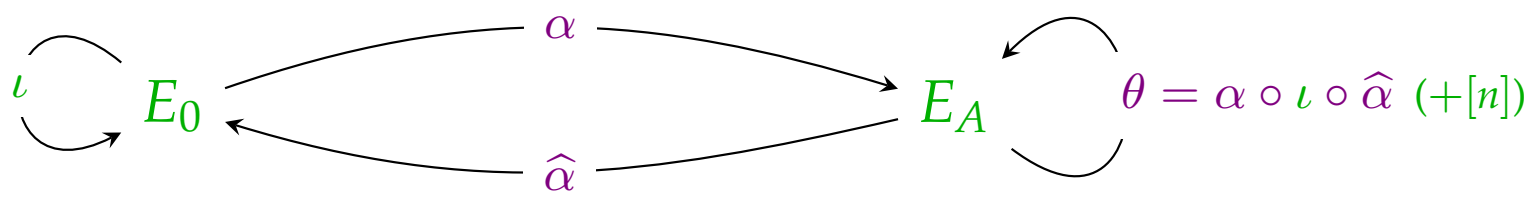

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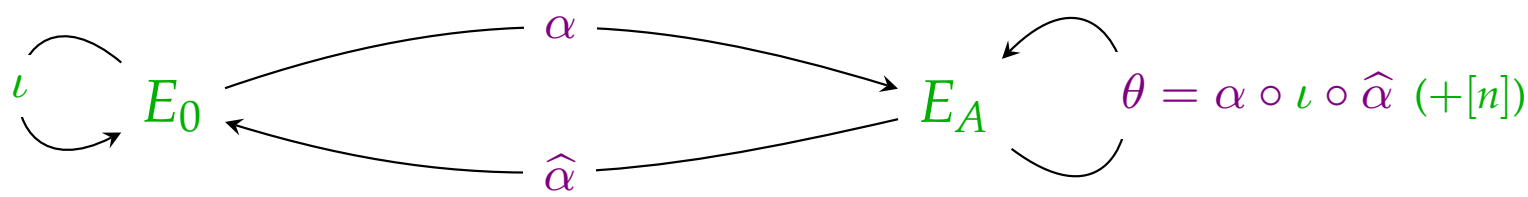

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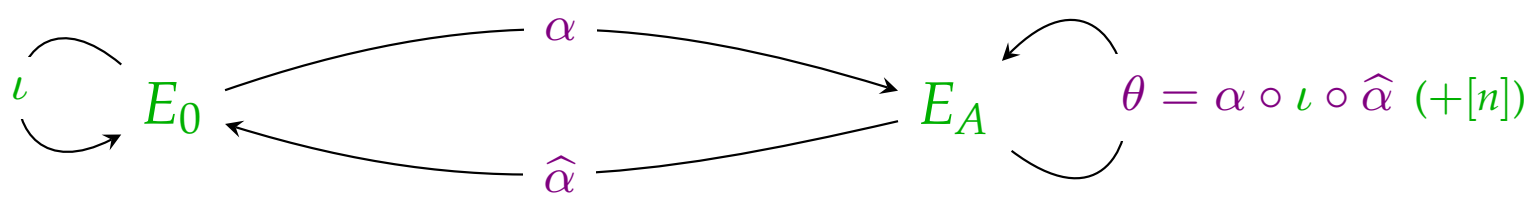

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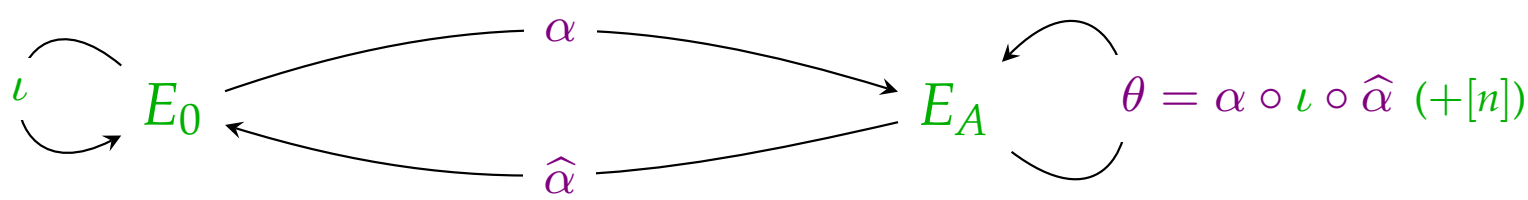

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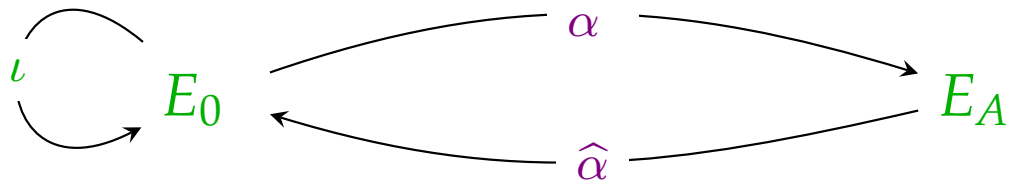

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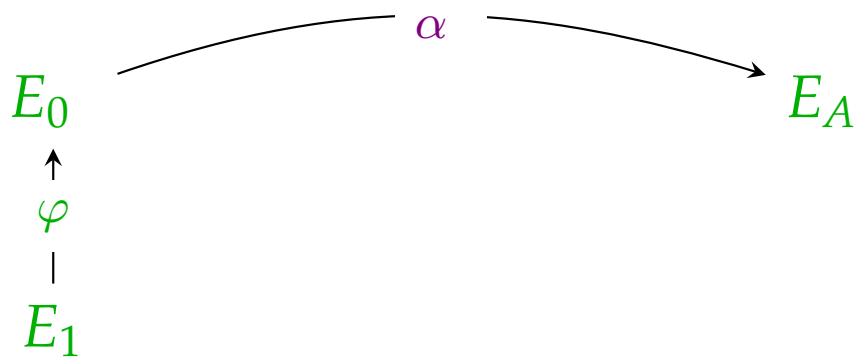

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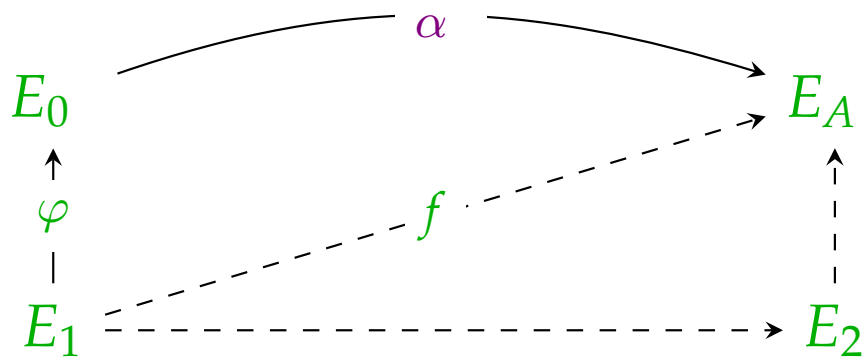

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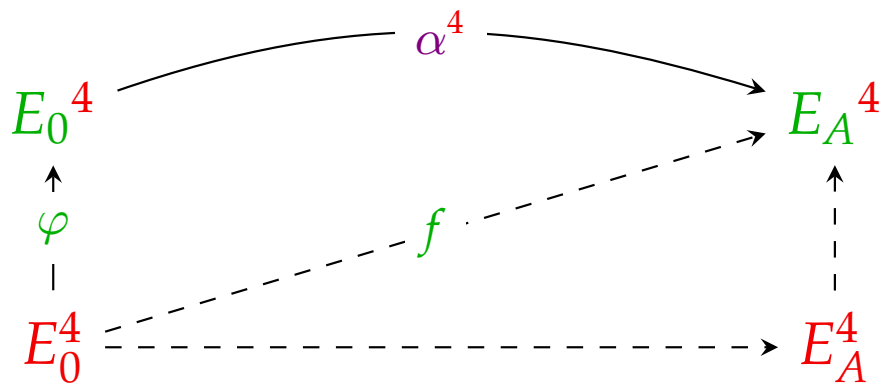

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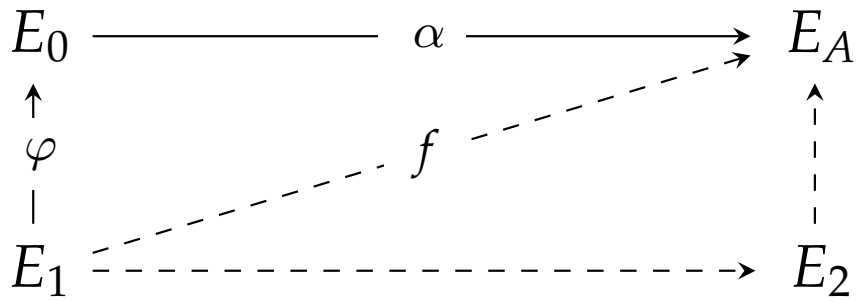

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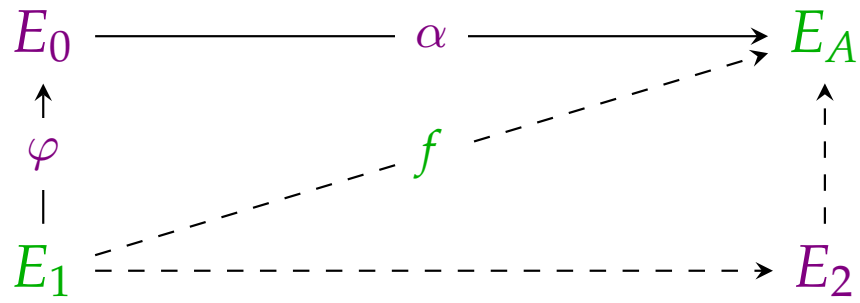

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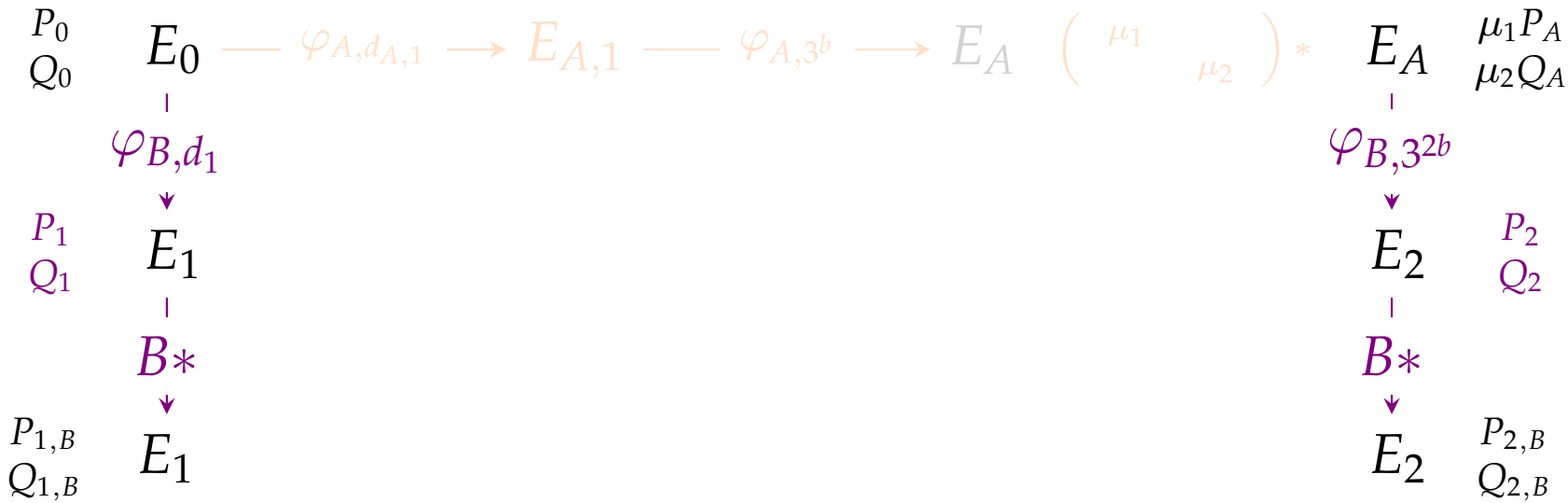

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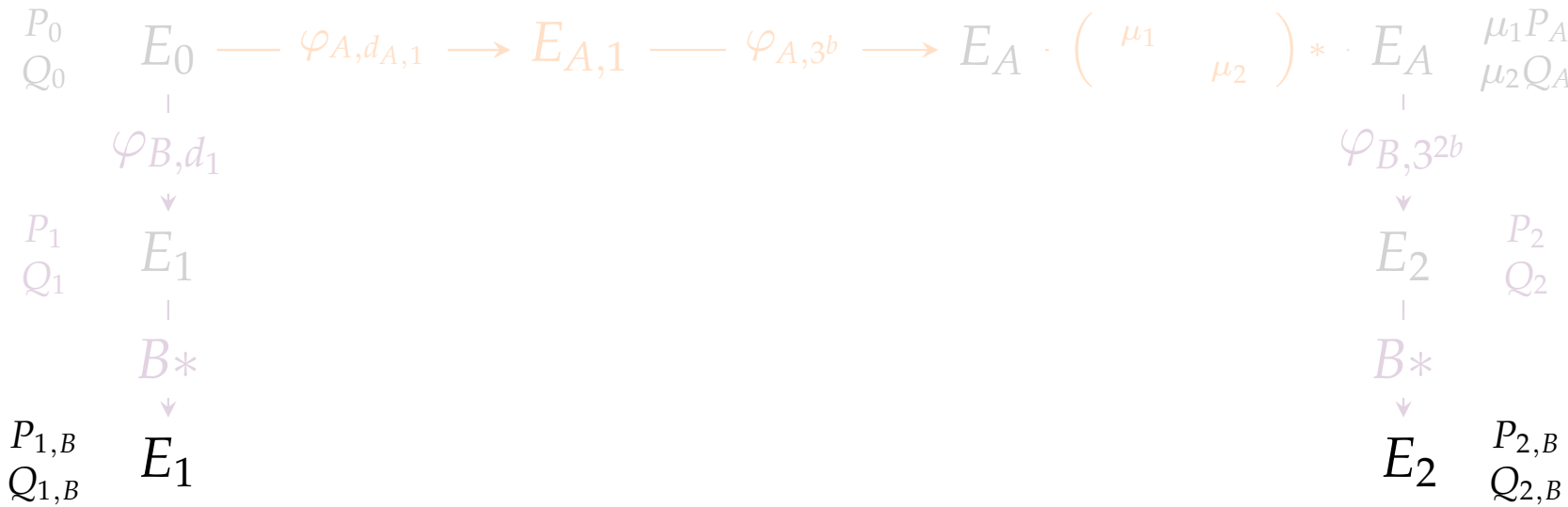

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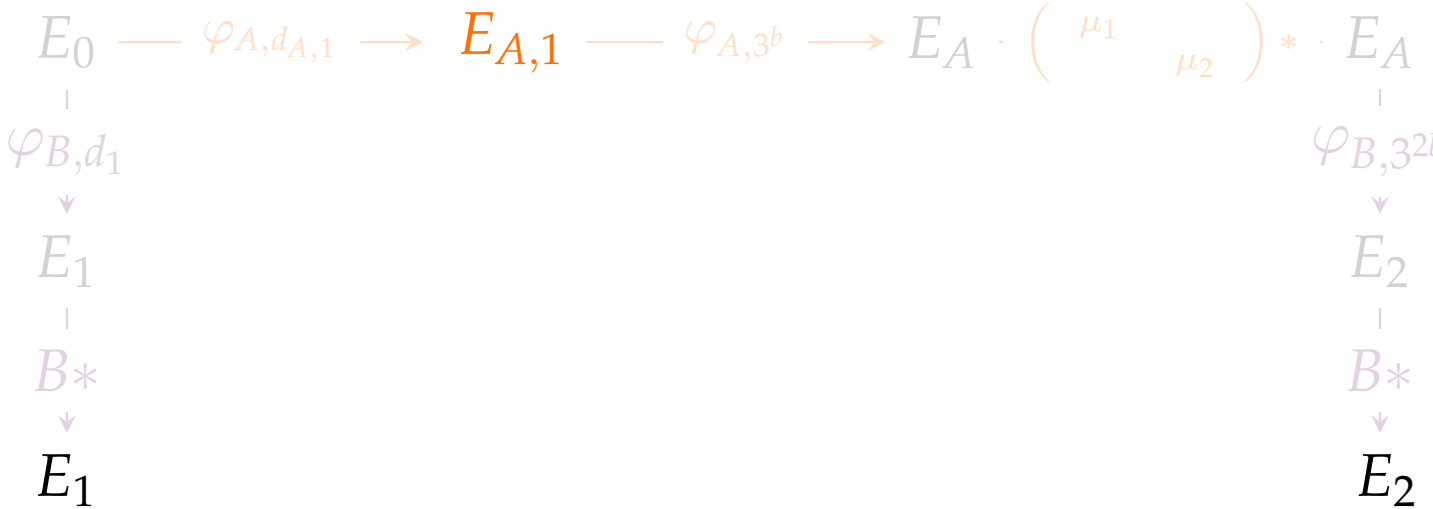

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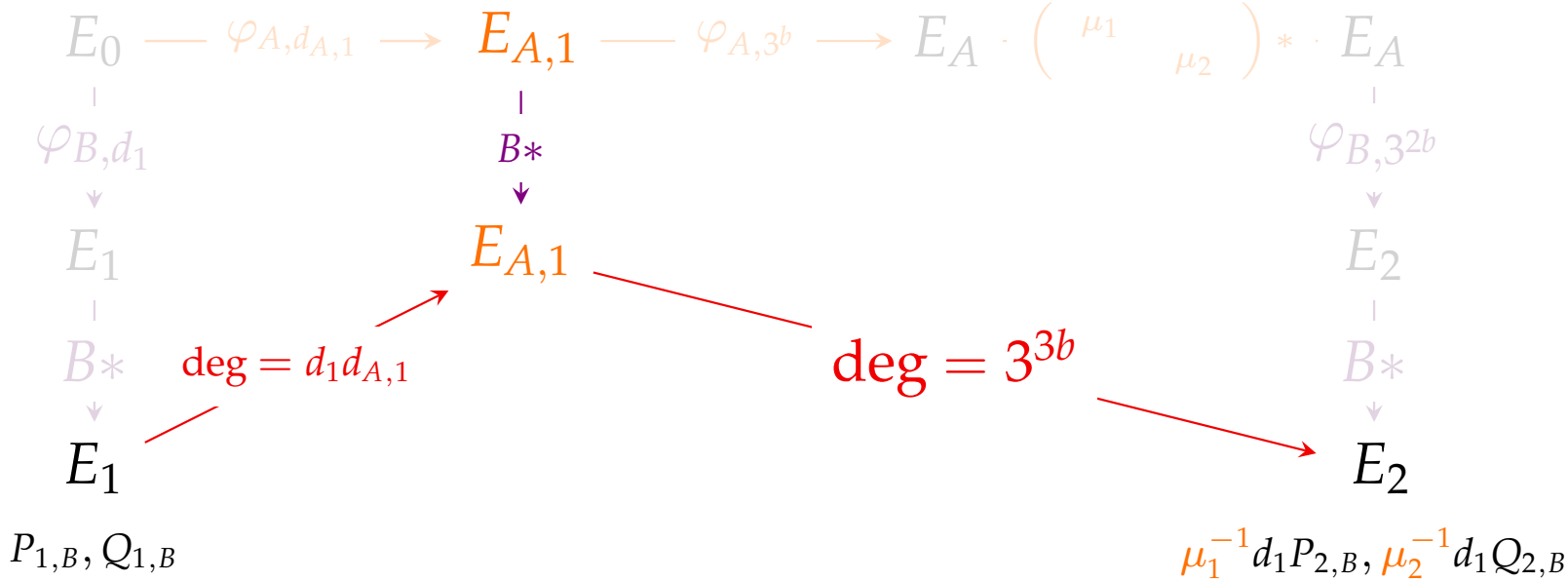

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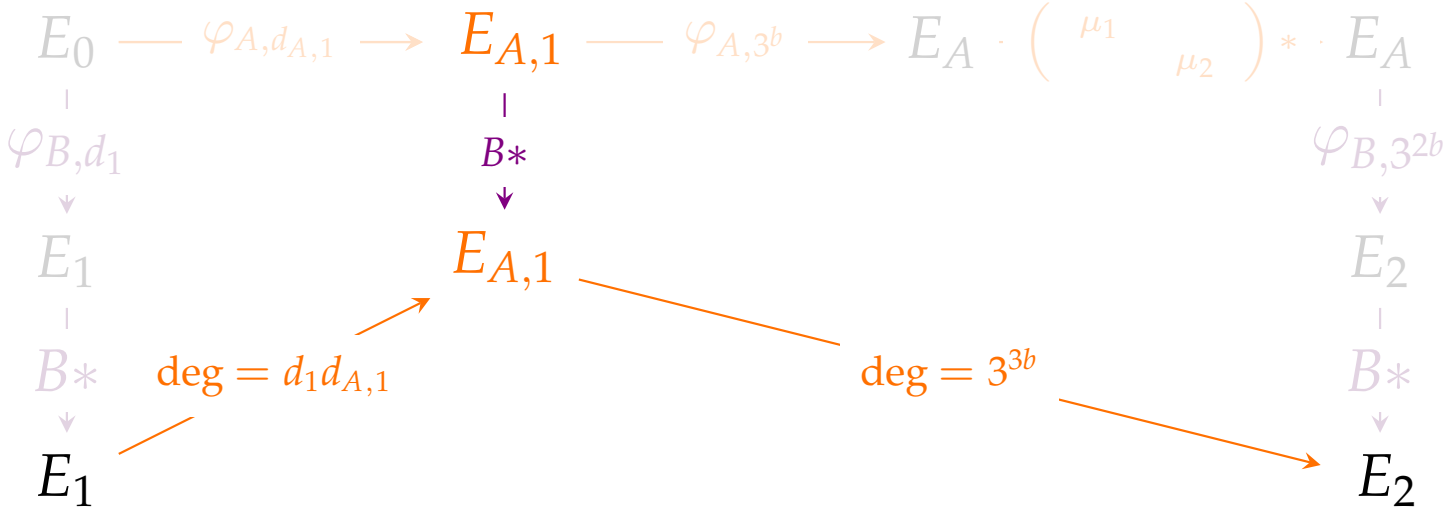

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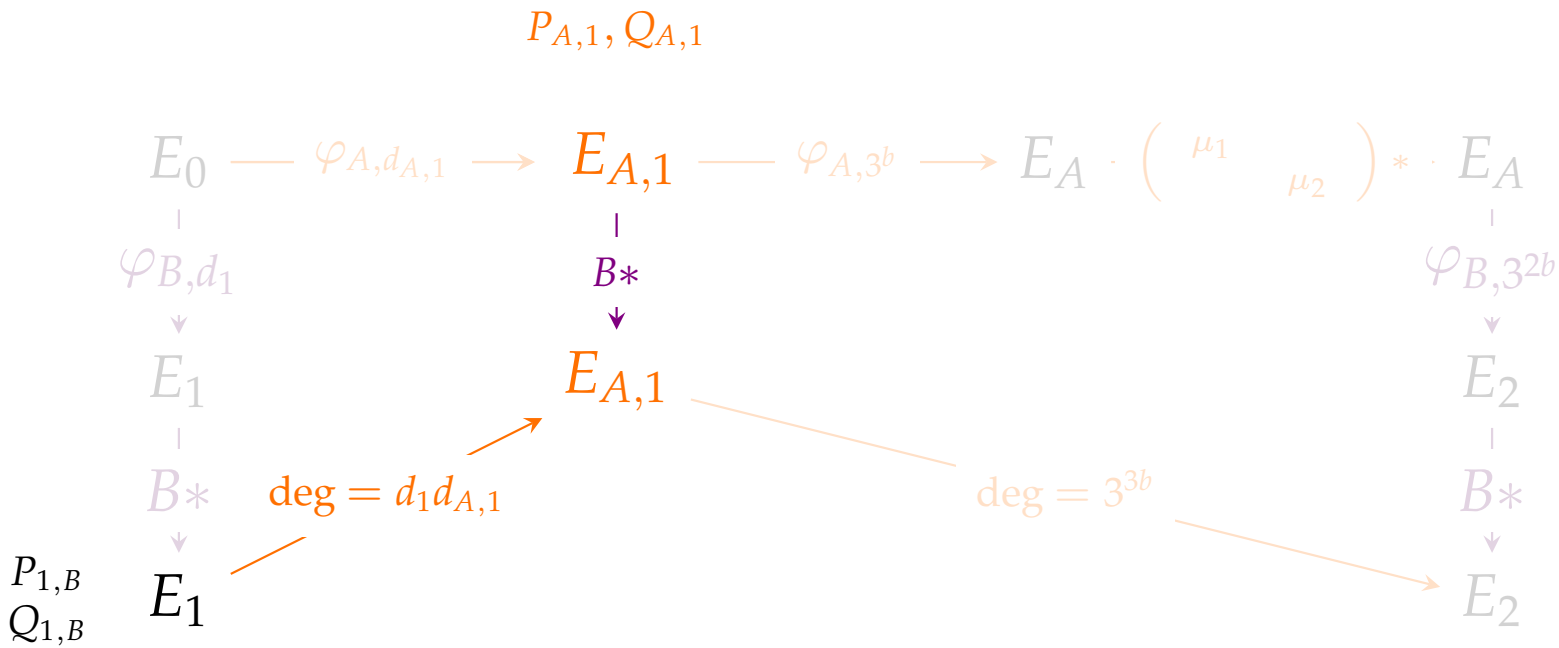

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