

Isogeny-Based Cryptography

elliptic curves
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What is an isogeny? A map
rational functions such that
(looks like polynomial
numerator/denominator)

$\varphi: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ given by

$$\varphi(P+Q) = \varphi(P) + \varphi(Q)$$

(implies $\varphi(\infty) = \infty$)

Example. $E_1: y^2 = x^3 + 1 \pmod{11}$

$\downarrow \varphi$

$E_2: y^2 = x^3 + 6 \pmod{11}$

"homomorphism of groups"

$(x, y) \in E_1$

\downarrow

$\left(\frac{x^3+4}{x^2}, \frac{x^3y+3y}{x^3} \right) \in E_2$

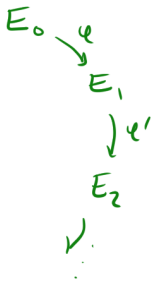
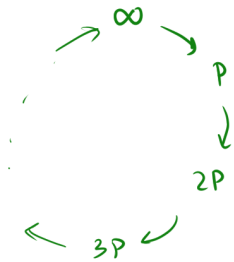
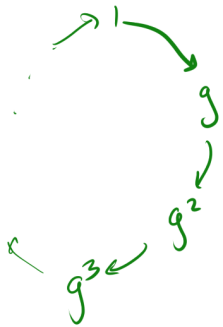
Eg. $(0, 1) \mapsto \left(\frac{4}{0}, \frac{3}{0} \right) = \infty \in E_2$

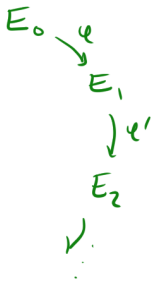
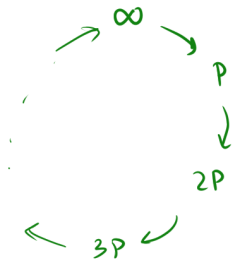
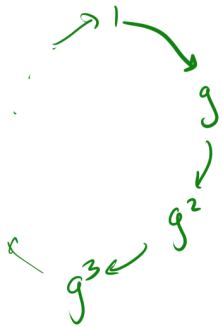
$(1, 1) \mapsto \left(\frac{5}{1}, \frac{4}{1} \right) = (5, 4) \in E_2$
on E_1

kernel = $\{ P \in E_1 : \varphi(P) = \infty \}$

The degree of an isogeny is the # of pts in the kernel

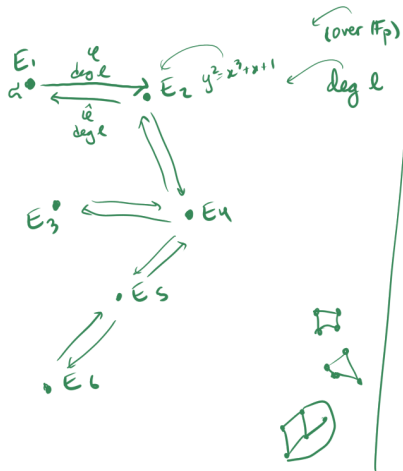
For this ex, $\{ \infty, (0, 1), (0, 10) \} \Rightarrow \deg(\varphi) = 3$. "3-isogeny"





Crucial fact: If $\varphi: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ has degree l

then there exists an isogeny $\hat{\varphi}: E_2 \rightarrow E_1$, of degree l .



The Isogeny Graph

Set $p = \text{prime (huge)}$, $l = \text{small prime (2, 3, 5, ...)}$

Vertices: all elliptic curves mod p ,
having $p+1$ points.

(up to change of coordinates / isomorphism)

"j-invariant"

Edges:



when $\exists \varphi: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ isogeny of degree l .

CSIDH (seaside)

• use 2 small primes l_1, l_2

• fix a basepoint E_0

red
edges

blue
edges

CSIDH

(seaside)

red edges
blue edges

- use 2 small primes l_1, l_2
- fix a basepoint E_0

Alice

chooses a secret path

RRBB
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red blue

Alice does her path from Bob's endpt

Bob

chooses a secret path

BBBR

Bob does his path from Alice's endpt

endpt of path starting @ basept

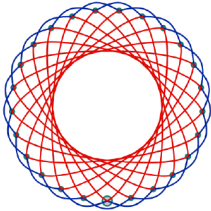
endpt

secret info
= final endpt.

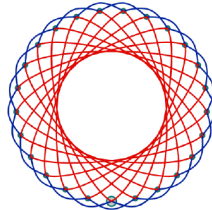
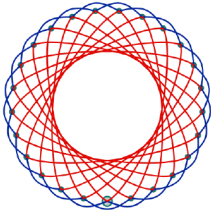
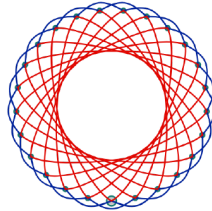
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key exchange

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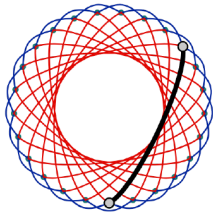


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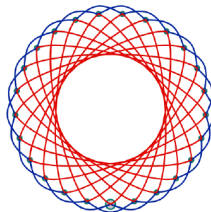
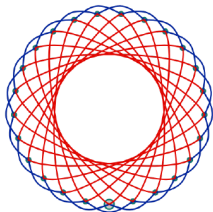
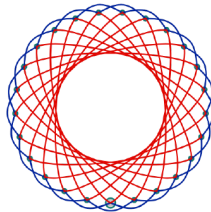


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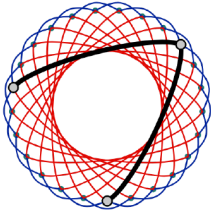


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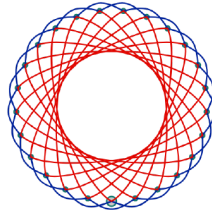
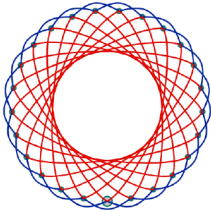
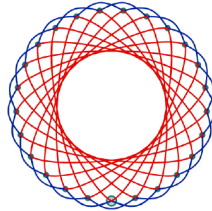


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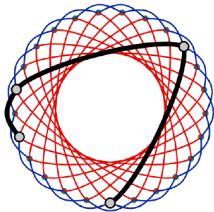


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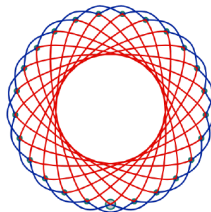
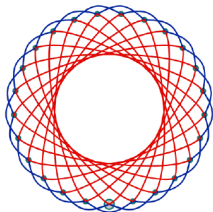
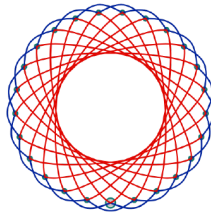


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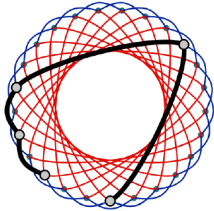


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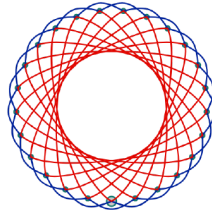
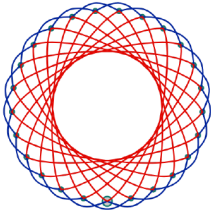
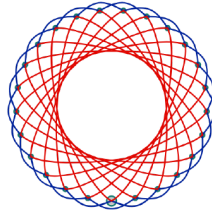


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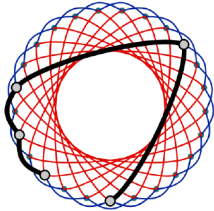


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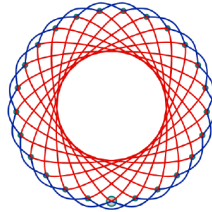
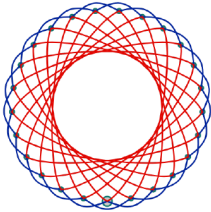
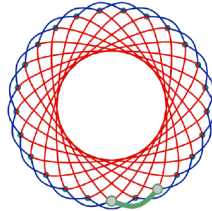


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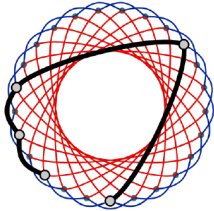


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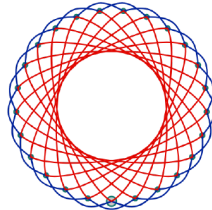
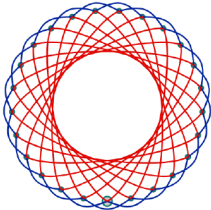
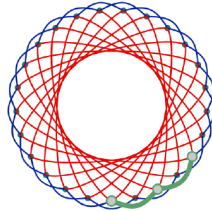


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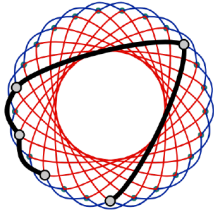


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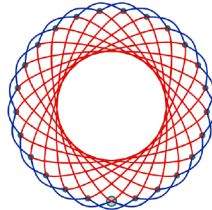
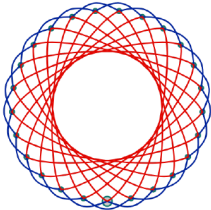
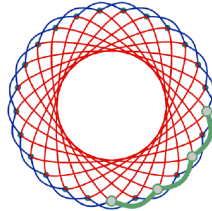


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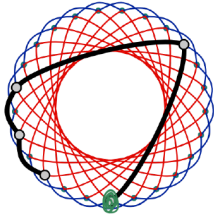


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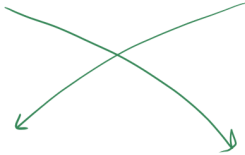
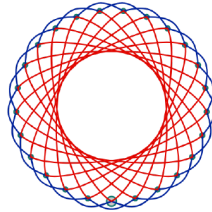
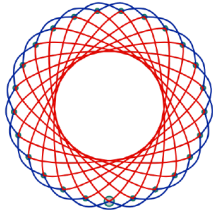
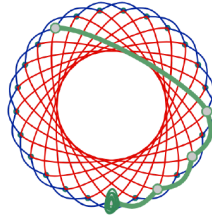


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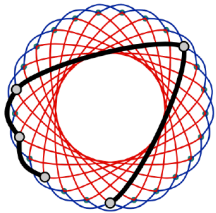


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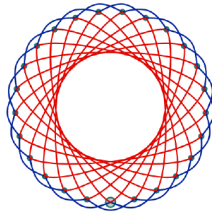
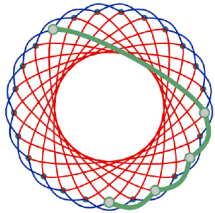
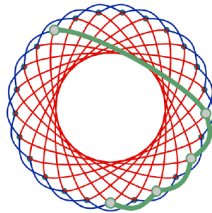


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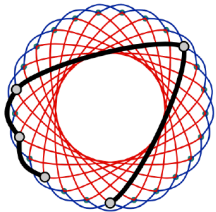


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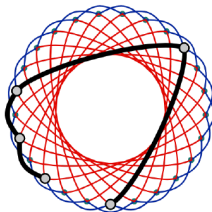
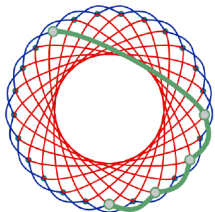
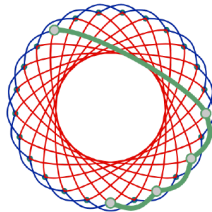


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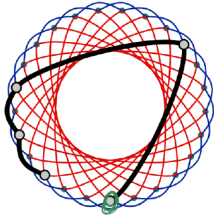


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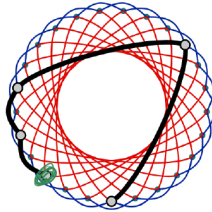
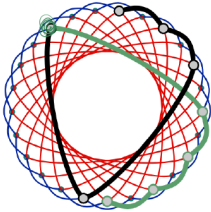
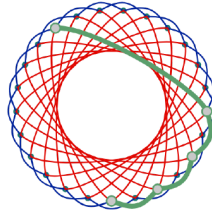


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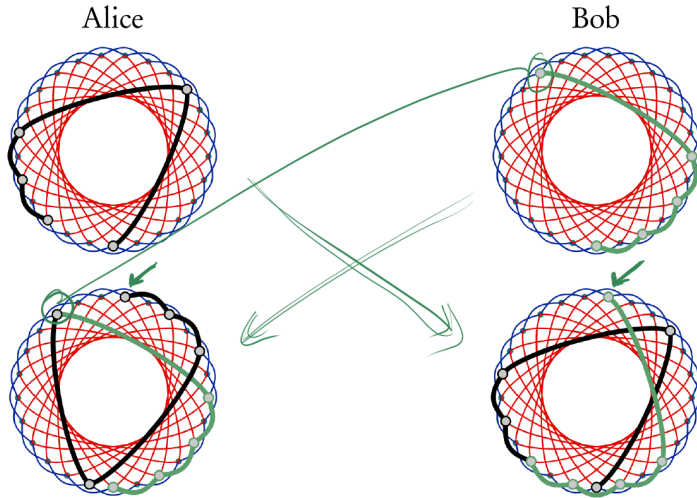
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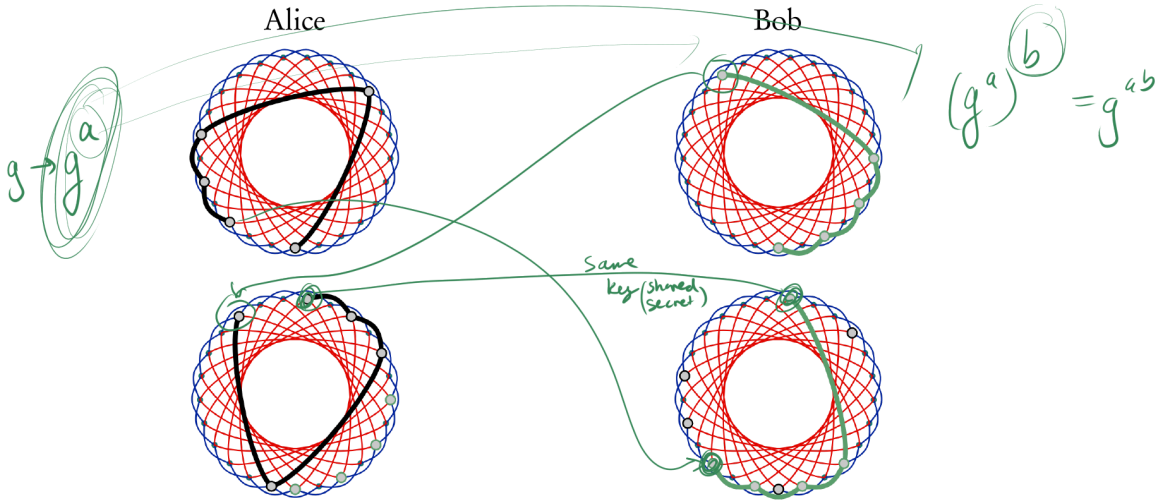
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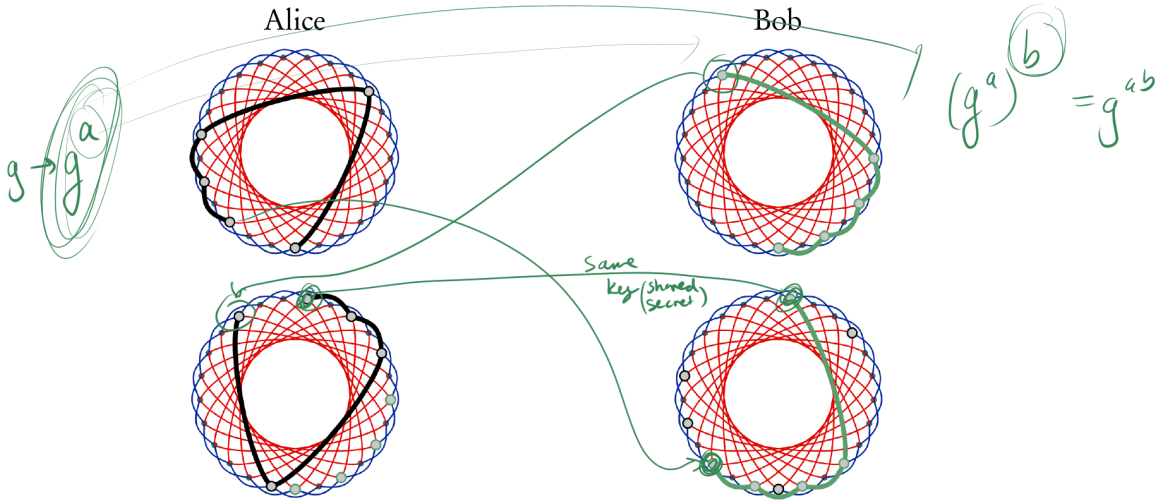
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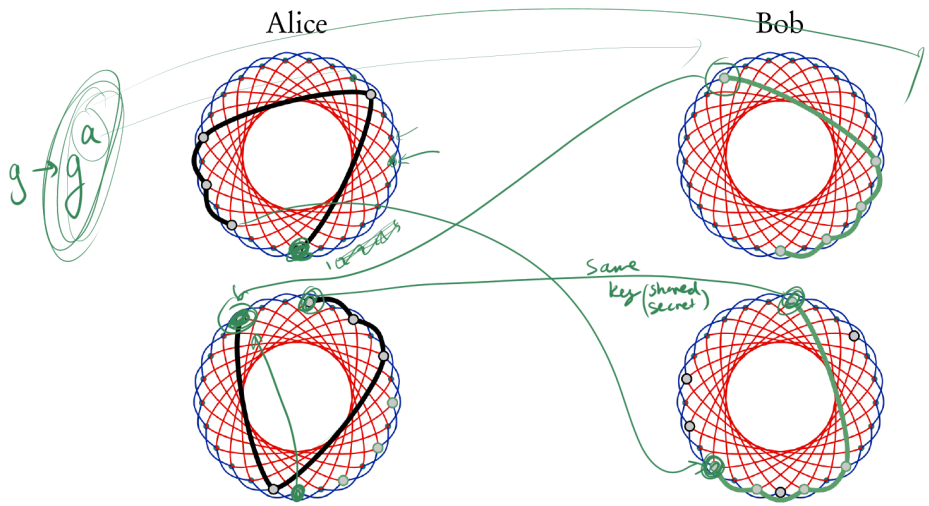
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$$(g^a)^b = g^{ab}$$

$$= g_{S^2}$$

Hard Problem

Given two vertices, construct an isogeny/path between them. "path-finding"