

Simple groups

Modern Algebra 1

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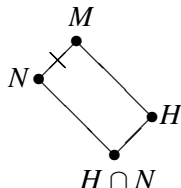
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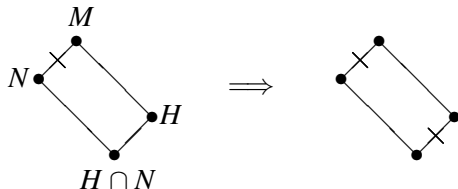
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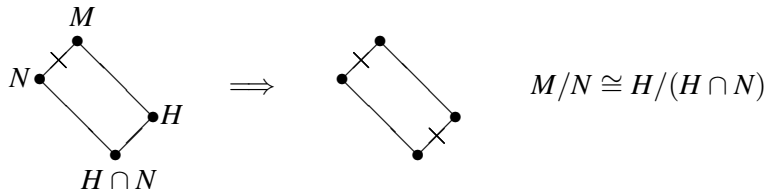
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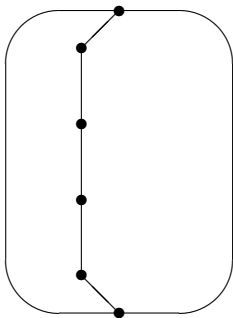
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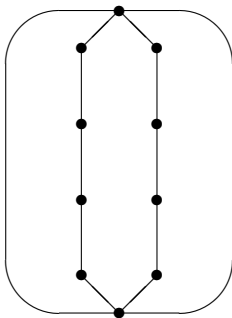
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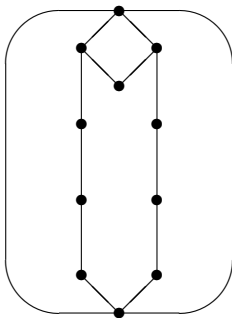
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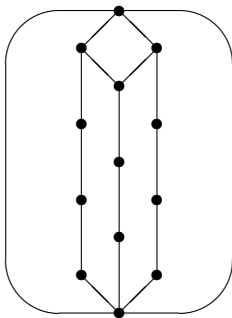
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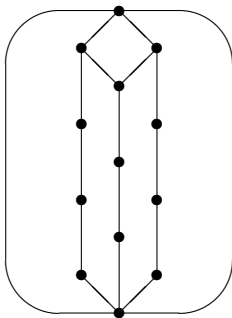
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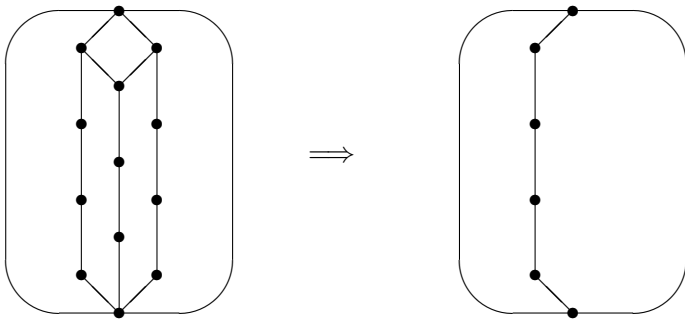
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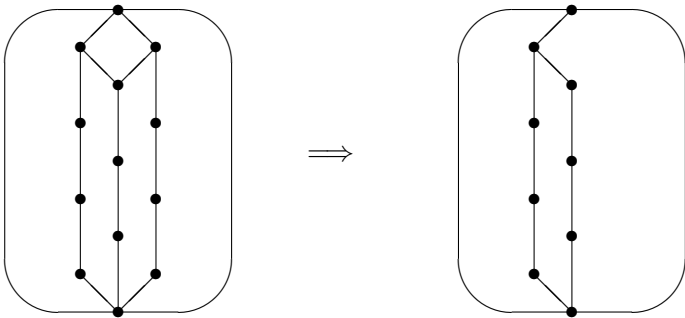
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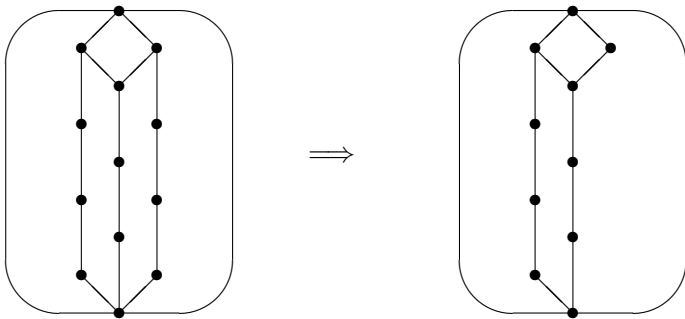
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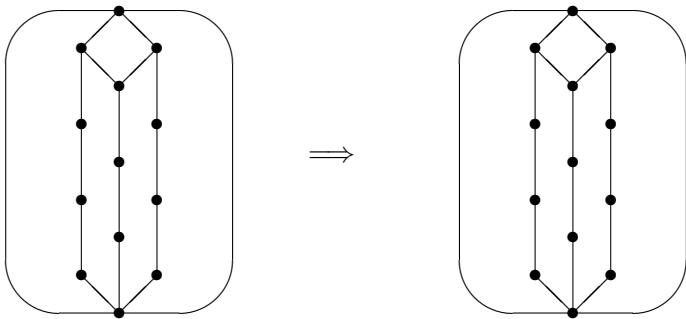
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-  Suzuki Groups
-  Ree Groups and Tits Group*
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-  Cyclic Groups

Alternates ^a	Symbol	Order ^d
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*For sporadic groups and families, alternate names in the upper left are other names by which they may be known. For specific non-sporadic groups these are used to indicate isomorphisms. All such isomorphisms appear on the table except the family $R_3(2^n)$ to $C_3(2^n)$.

^aThe Tits group ${}^2F_4(2)'$ is not a group of Lie type, but is the (index 2) commutator subgroup of ${}^2F_4(2)$. It is usually given honorary Lie type status.

The groups starting on the second row are the classical groups. The symplectic Suzuki group is unrelated to the families of Suzuki groups.

[†]Finite simple groups are determined by their order with the following exceptions:

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