

Talk 1

Elliptic curves and endomorphism rings

Talk 2

Computing the endomorphism ring of
low-dimensional abelian varieties over finite
fields

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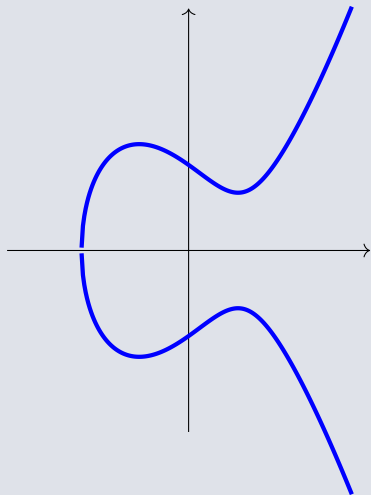
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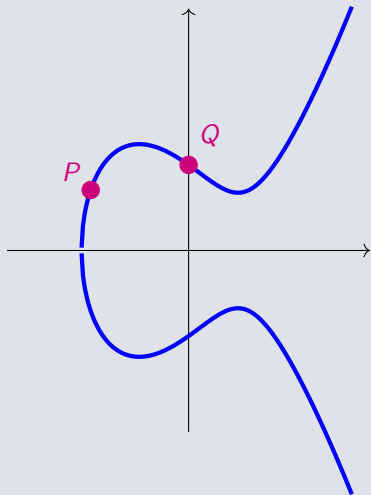
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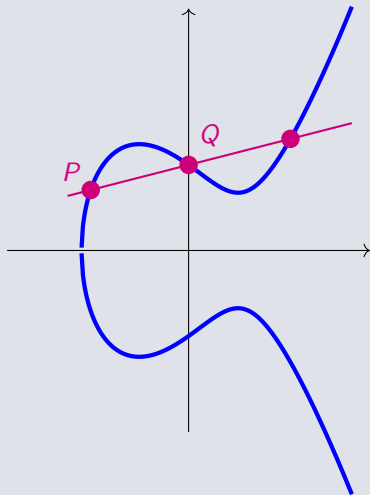
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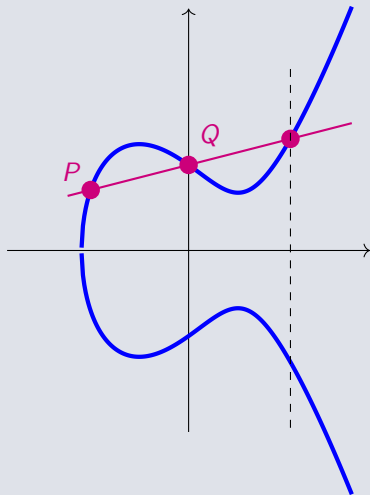
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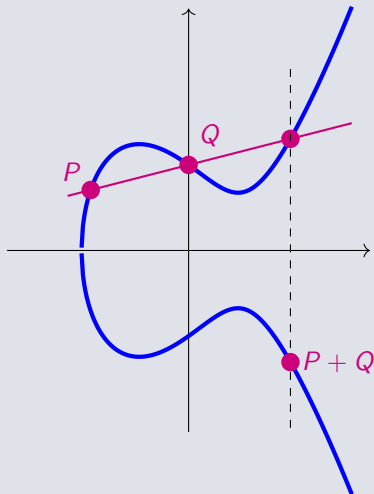
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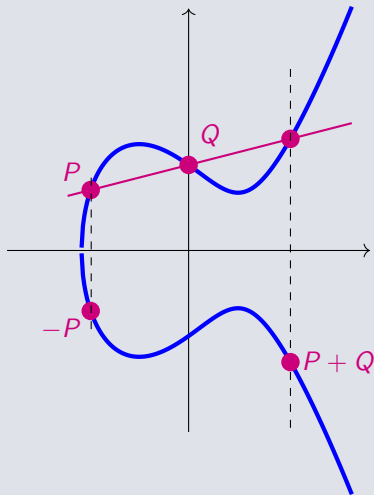
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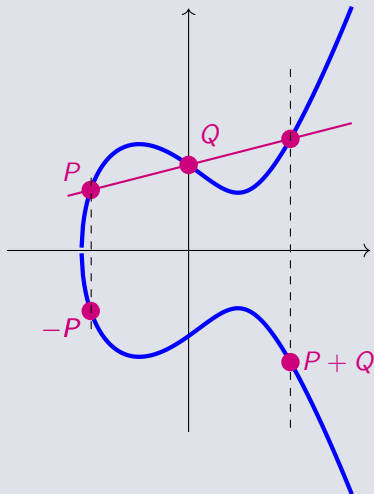
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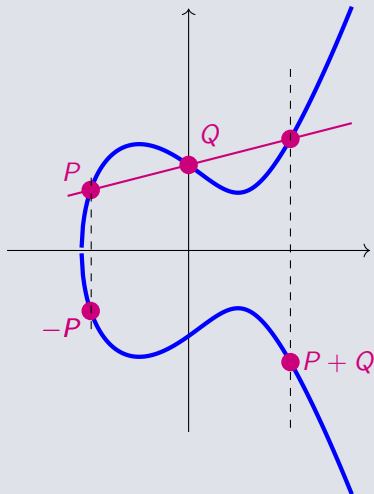


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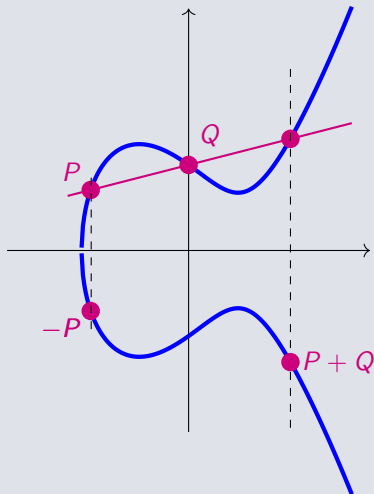
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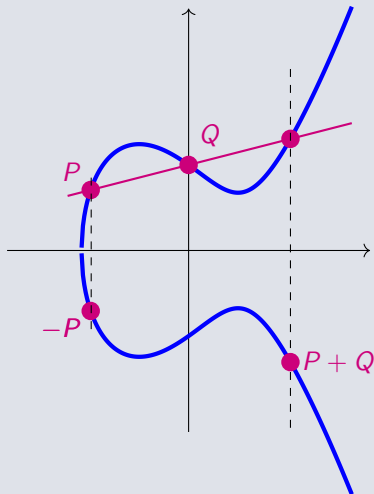
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Plan of the day

- **Talk 1: Elliptic curves and endomorphism rings**

- We will define the endomorphism ring of an elliptic curve defined over an arbitrary field K .
- We will review the structure of such endomorphism ring when K is a number field or a finite field.
- For K a finite field, we will go through the references and the historical development of the problem of computing the endomorphism ring and we will explore its connections with cryptography.

- **Elisa's and Stefano's introductory talks.**

- **Talk 2: Computing the endomorphism ring of low-dimensional abelian varieties over finite fields**

Now K is a finite field. We will discuss some algorithms for computing the endomorphism ring of elliptic curves and two-dimensional abelian varieties (abelian surfaces).

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Graduate Texts in Mathematics

Joseph H. Silverman

The Arithmetic of Elliptic Curves

2nd Edition



 Springer

Andrew Sutherland's course

<https://math.mit.edu/classes/18.783/2017/lectures.html>



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SCHEDULE

#	Date	Topic (references)	Materials
1	2/8	Introduction	slides
2	2/15	The group law, Weierstrass and Edwards equations (Washington 2.1-3, 2.6.3, Bernstein-Lange)	notes , worksheet 1 , worksheet 2
3	2/15	Finite fields and integer arithmetic (Modern Computer Algebra Ch. 8)	notes
4	2/21	Finite field arithmetic (Modern Computer Algebra : Sec. 3.2, 9.1, 11.1, HEHCC Ch. 9, Rabin)	notes
5	2/22	Isogenies (Washington 2.9, Silverman III.4)	notes
6	2/27	Isogeny kernels and division polynomials (Washington 3.2, 12.3, Silverman III.4))	notes , worksheet
7	3/1	Endomorphism rings (Washington 4.2, , Silverman III.6)	notes
8	3/6	Hasse's Theorem, point counting (Washington 4.3)	notes
9	3/8	Schoof's algorithm (Washington 4.2, 4.5, Schoof)	notes , worksheet
10	3/13	Generic algorithms for discrete logarithms (Washington 5.2, Pohlig-Hellman , Pollard , Shoup)	notes
11	3/15	Index calculus, smooth numbers, factoring integers (Washington 5.1, 7.1, Granville , Lenstra)	notes , worksheet 1 , worksheet 2
12	3/20	Elliptic curve primality proving (ECPP) (Washington 7.2, Goldwasser-Kilian , Pomerance)	notes
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14	4/3	Ordinary and supersingular curves (Silverman III.1,V, Washington 2.7, 4.6)	notes

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Let $j_0 \in \overline{K}$ then:

- If $j_0 = 0$, then

$$E_0 : y^2 = x^3 + 1;$$

- $j_0 = 1728$, then

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- $j_0 \neq 0, 1728$, then

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where $\mathbb{F}_{101^2} = \mathbb{F}_{101}(\alpha)$.

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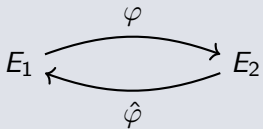
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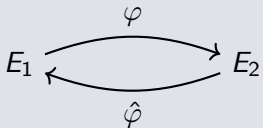


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**A not so chronological
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Endomorphism rings of elliptic curves over finite fields.

PhD thesis, University of California, Berkeley.

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2011 - G. Bisson and A.V. Sutherland

Computing the endomorphism ring of an ordinary elliptic curve over a finite field.

J. Number Theory 113, 815–831.

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2022 - D. Robert

Some applications of higher dimensional isogenies to elliptic curves (overview of results).

- A deterministic polynomial time algorithm to compute the endomorphism ring, provided that we are given the factorisation of the discriminant of the Frobenius. In particular, the full endomorphism ring computation can be done in quantum polynomial time.

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1997 - J.-M. Couveignes

Hard Homogeneous Spaces.

Unpublished note.

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- **CSIDH** (2018);
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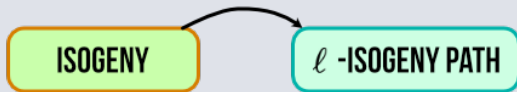
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The quaternion ℓ -isogeny path problem



2014 - D. Kohel, K. Lauter, C. Petit, and J.-P. Tignol

On the quaternion ℓ -isogeny path problem.

LMS Journal of Computation and Mathematics, 17:418–432

► A probabilistic algorithm to solve the **quaternion version of the supersingular ℓ -isogeny path problem**, i.e. given a maximal quaternion order $\mathcal{O}$ in the quaternion algebra $B_{p,\infty}$ determine a ℓ -power norm left $\mathcal{O}$ -ideal in the class of a given left $\mathcal{O}$ -ideal I . Conditional on heuristics on expected distributions of primes, it runs in expected polynomial time.

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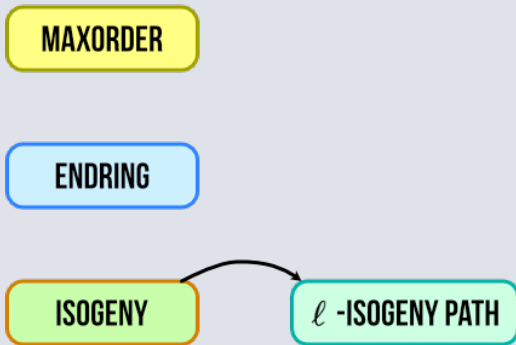


2018 - K. Eisenträger, S. Hallgren, K. Lauter, T. Morrison, and C. Petit

Supersingular isogeny graphs and endomorphism rings: Reductions and solutions.

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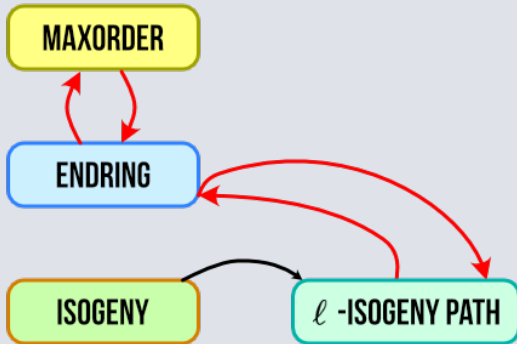
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Computing supersingular endomorphism rings



2020 - K. Eisentraeger, S. Hallgren, C. Leonardi, T. Morrison and J. Park

Computing endomorphism rings of supersingular elliptic curves and connections to pathfinding in isogeny graphs

ANTS XIV—Proceedings of the Fourteenth Algorithmic Number Theory Symposium, volume 4 of Open Book Ser., pages 215–232. Math. Sci. Publ., Berkeley, CA



2025 - J. Fuselier, A. I., M. Kozek, T. Morrison and C. Namoiyam

Computing supersingular endomorphism rings using inseparable endomorphisms

Journal of Algebra, Volume 668, pp 145–189

We'll come back to this later!

Removing heuristics



2022 - B. Wesolowski

The supersingular isogeny path and endomorphism ring problems are equivalent

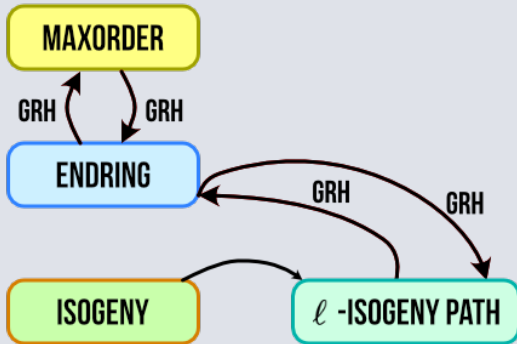
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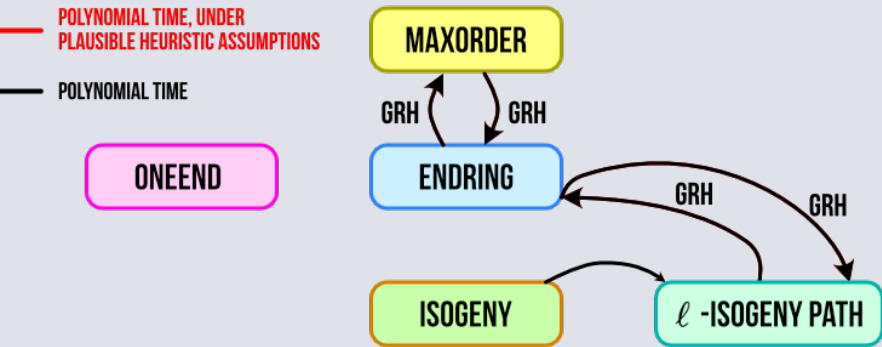
2024 - A. Page and B. Wesolowski

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Advances in Cryptology – EUROCRYPT 2024

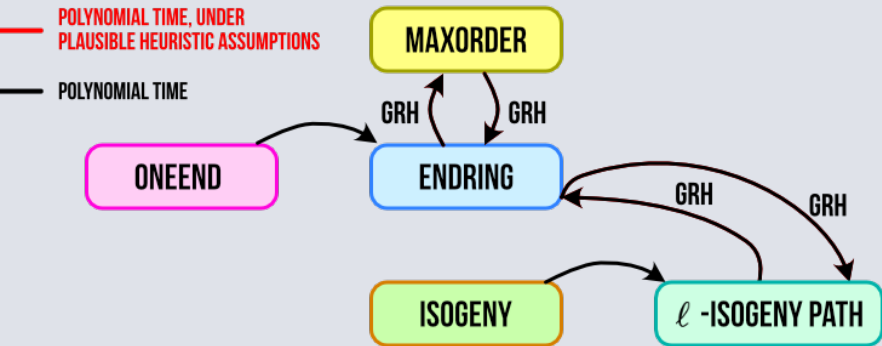
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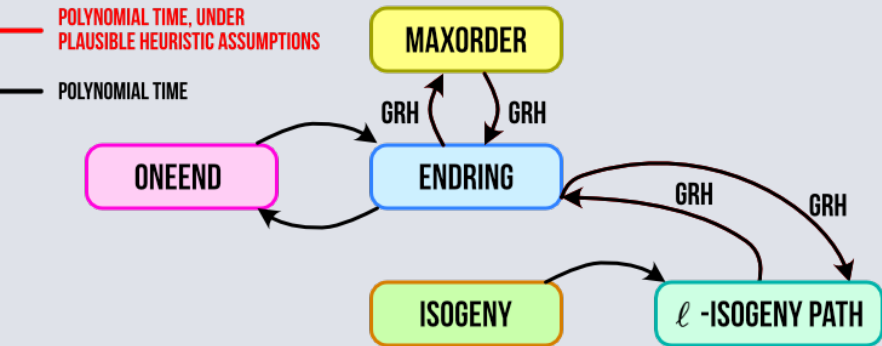
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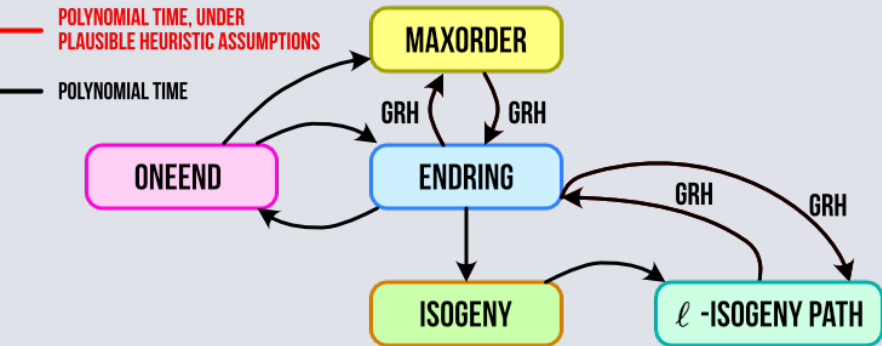
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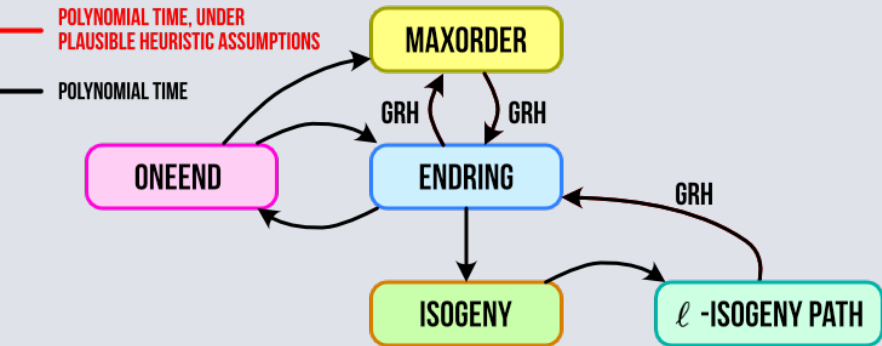
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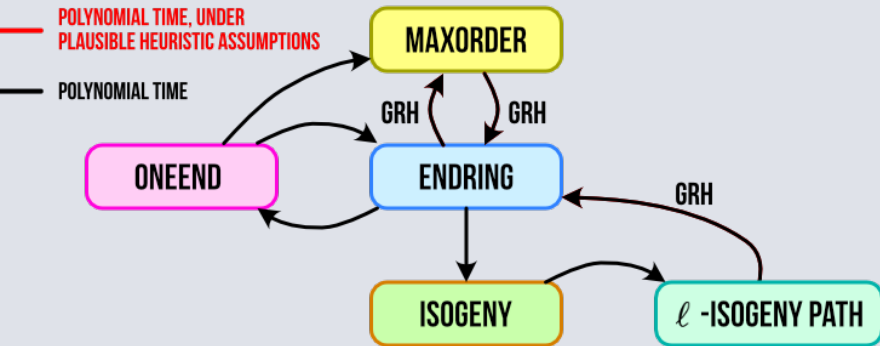
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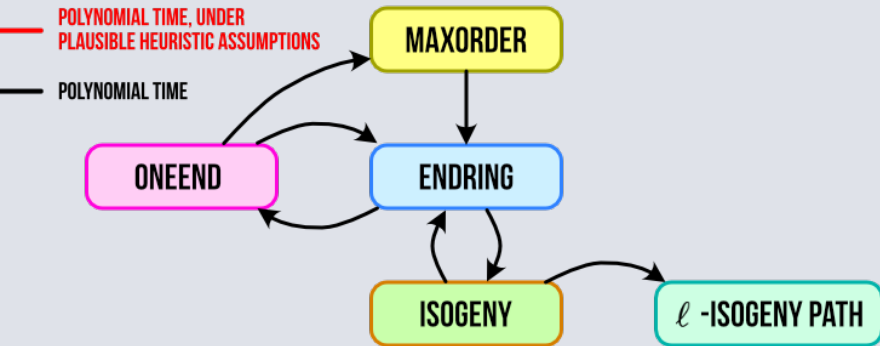


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Talk 2

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Annamaria Iezzi

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Nancy - April 7, 2025

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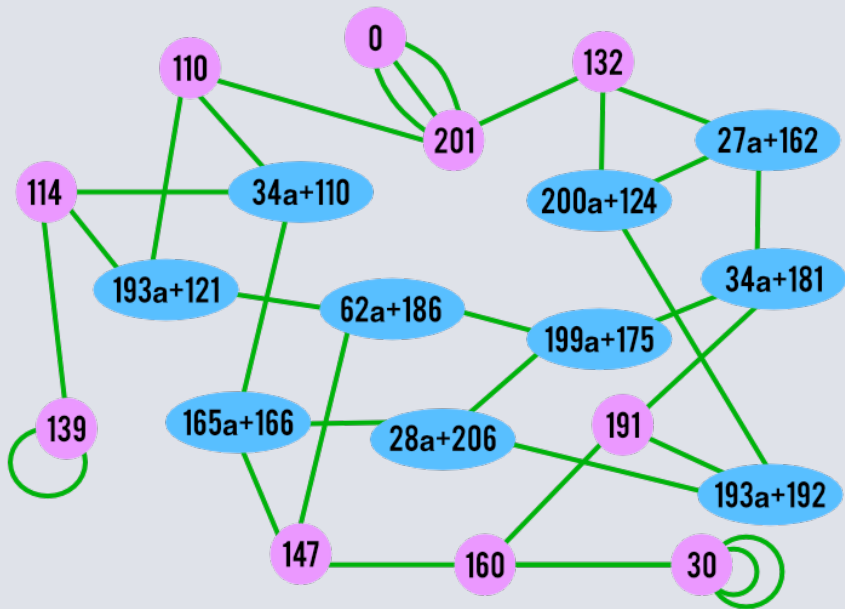
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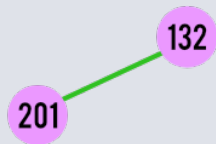
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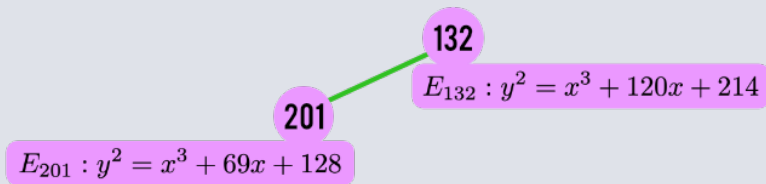
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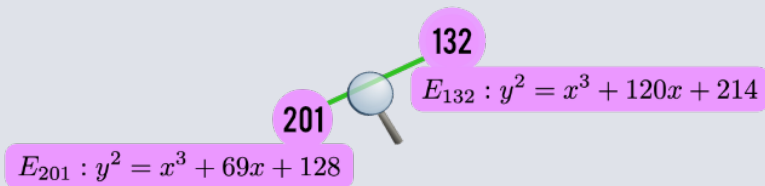
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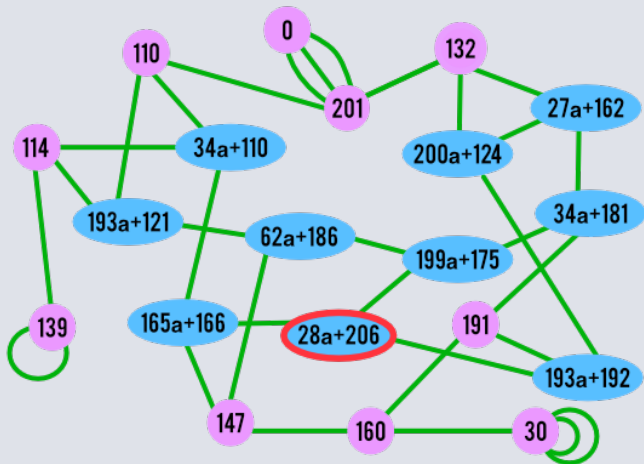


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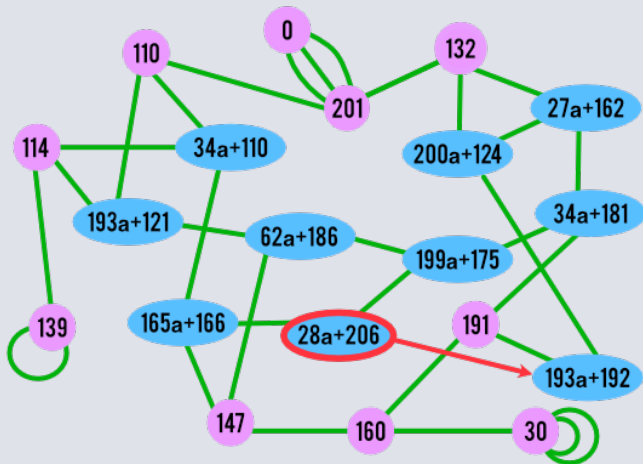


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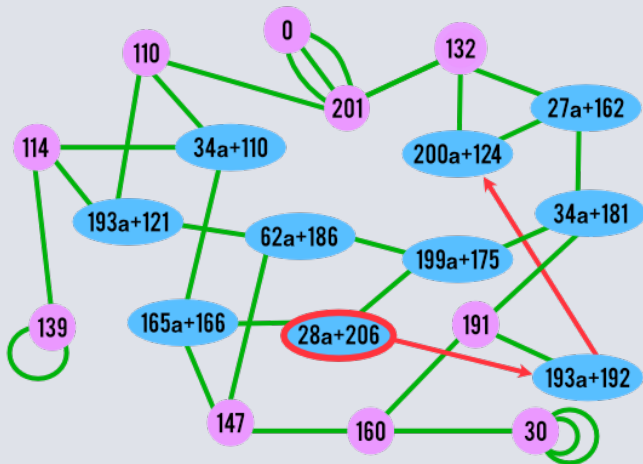
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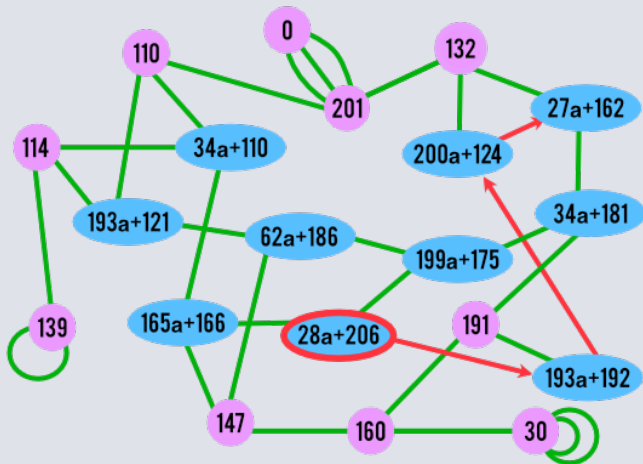
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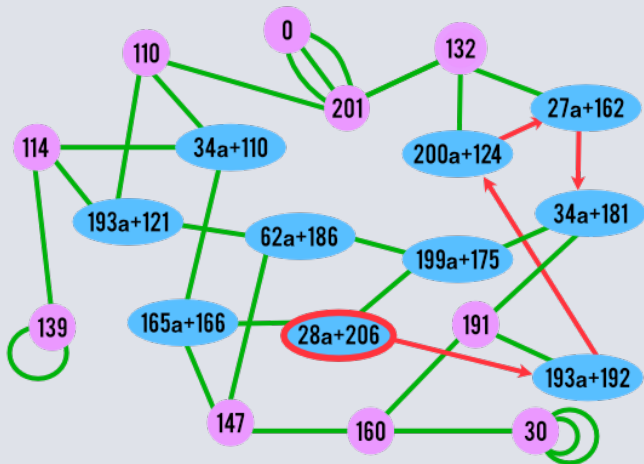
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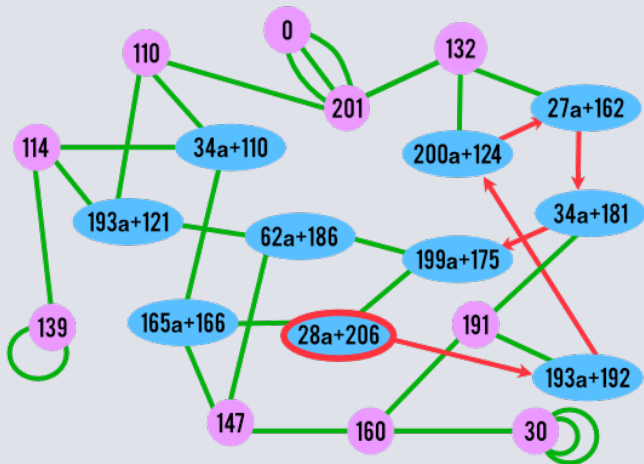
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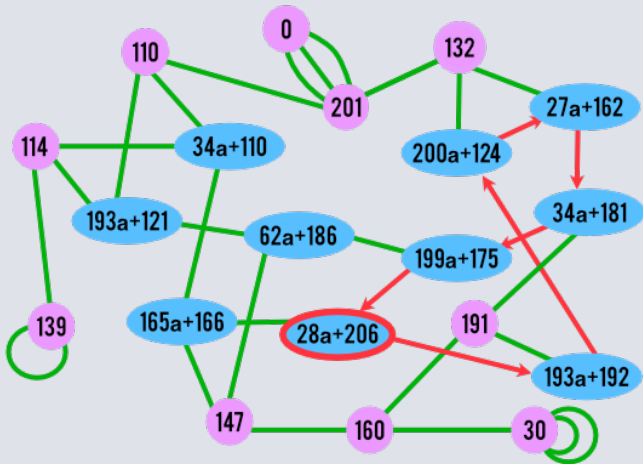
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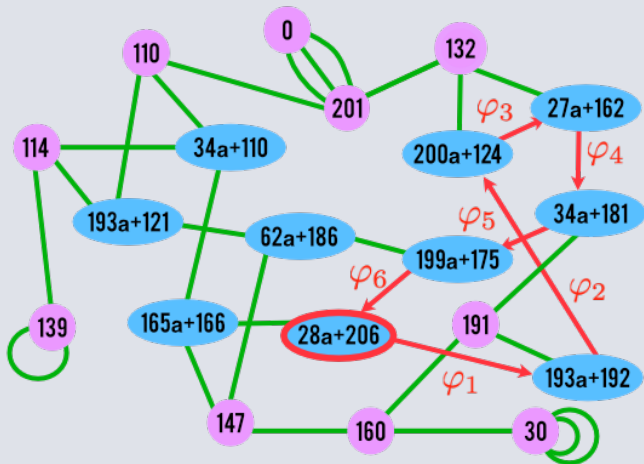
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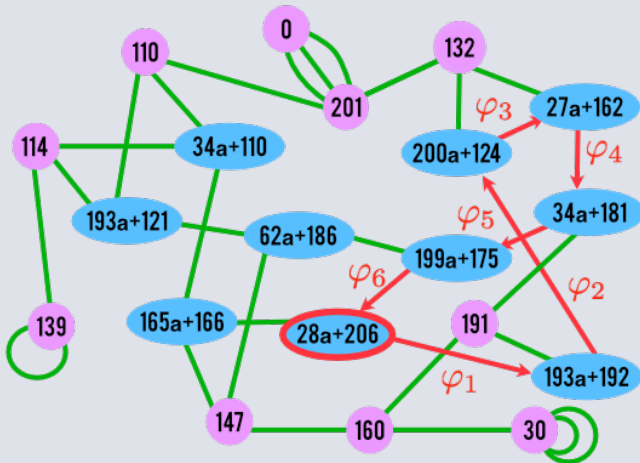
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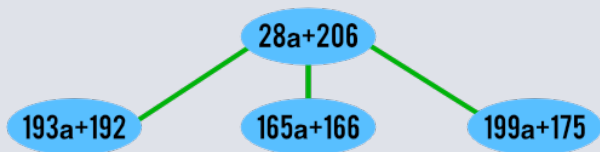
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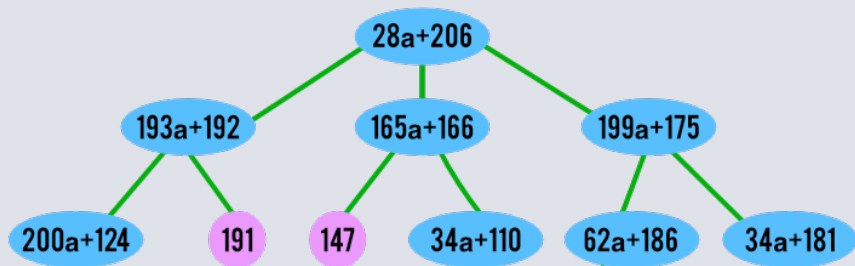
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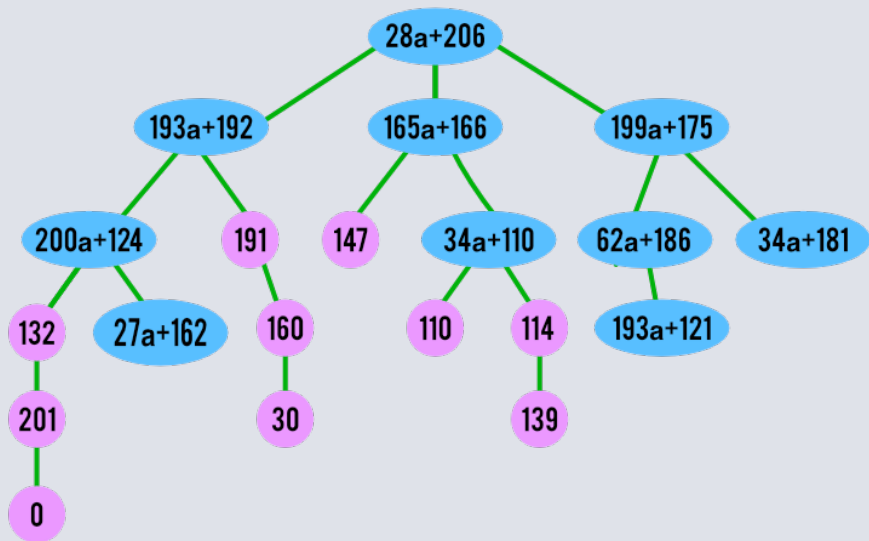
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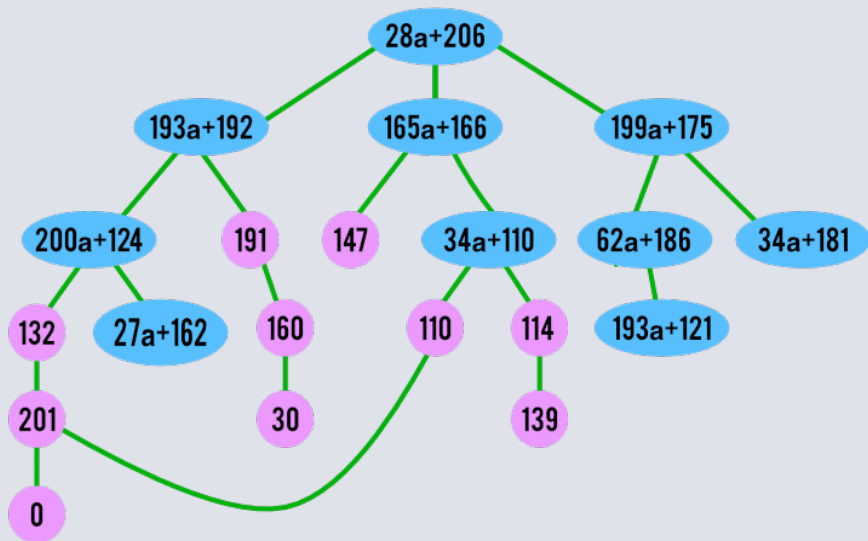
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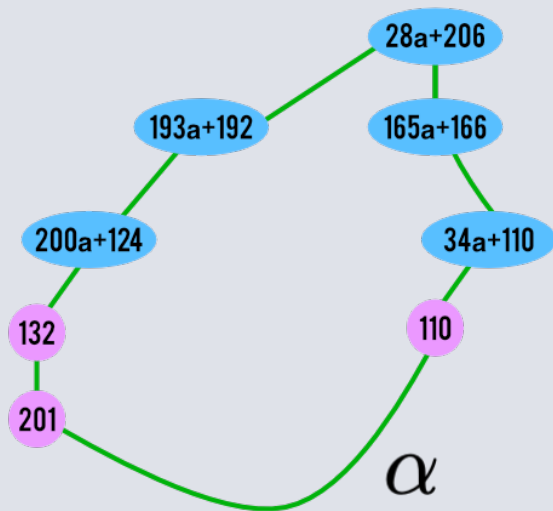
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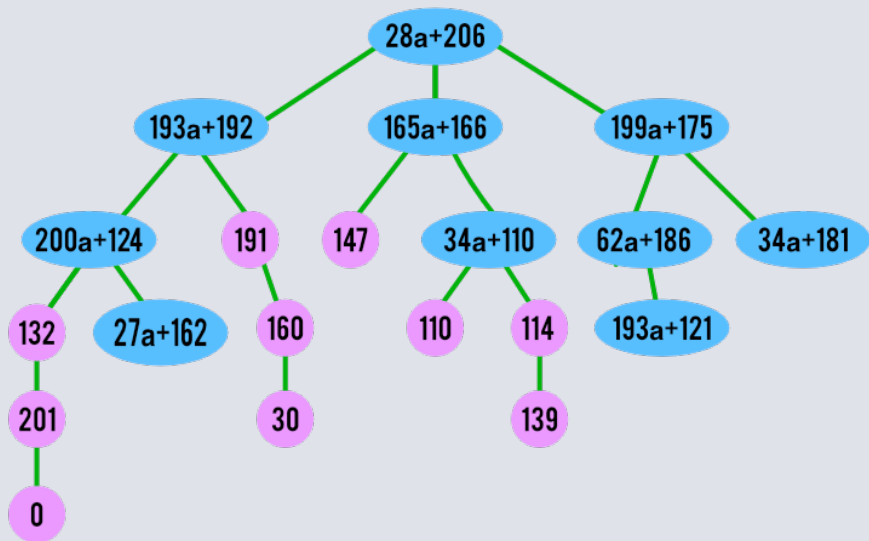
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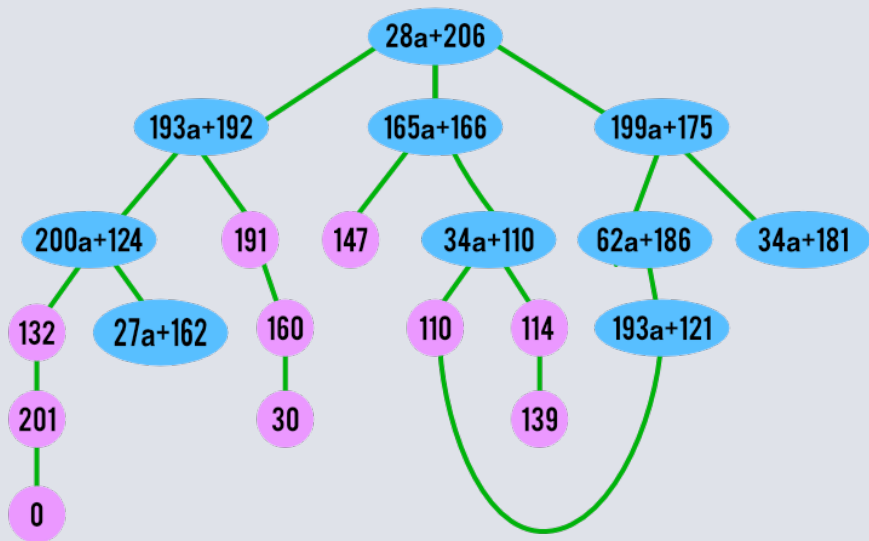
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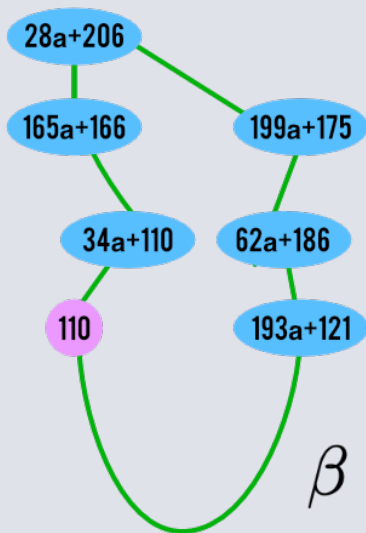
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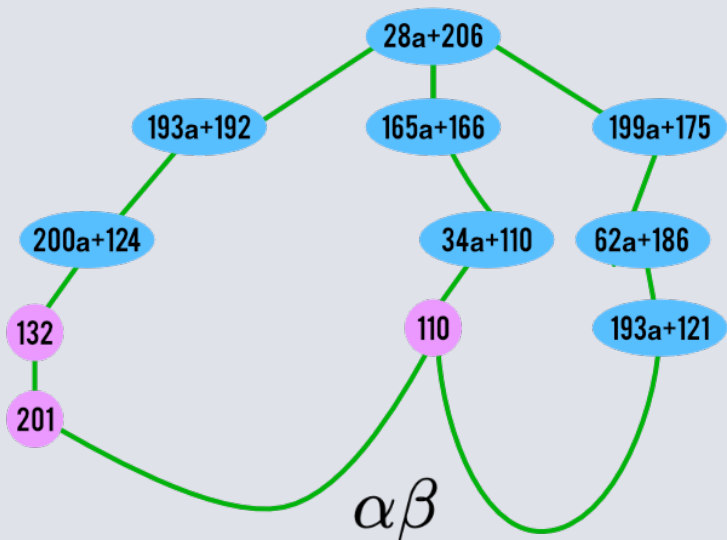
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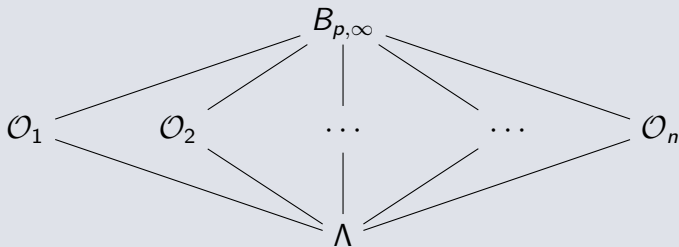
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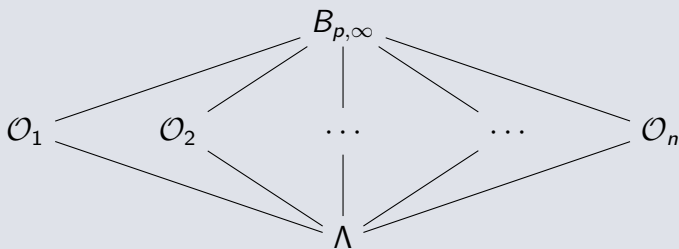
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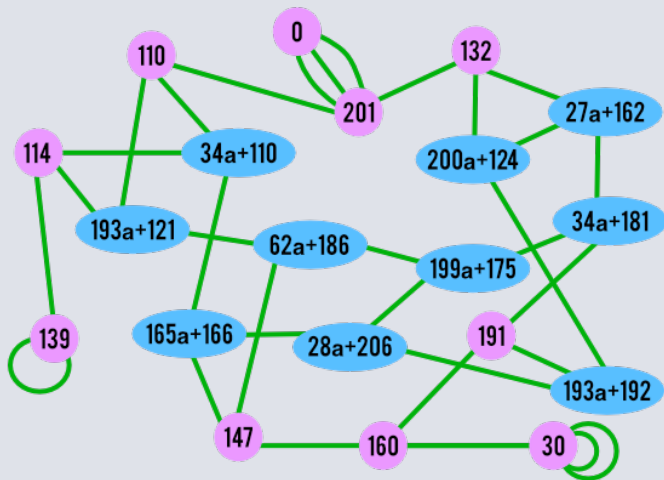
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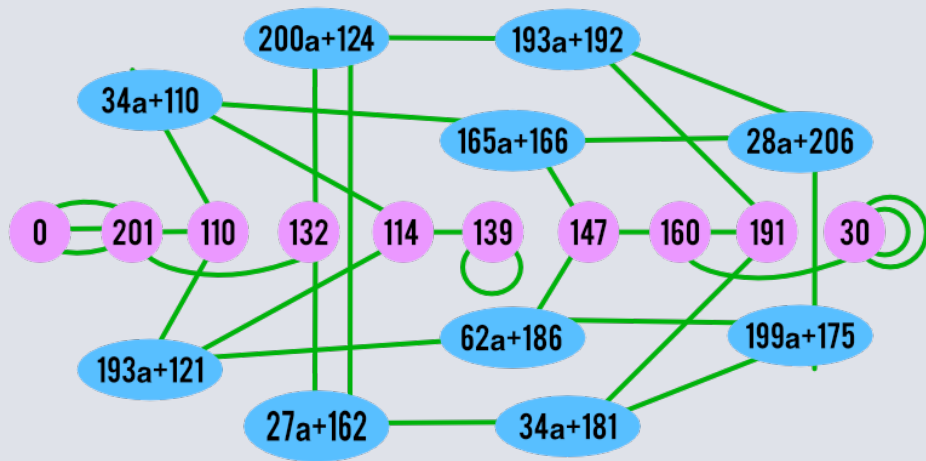
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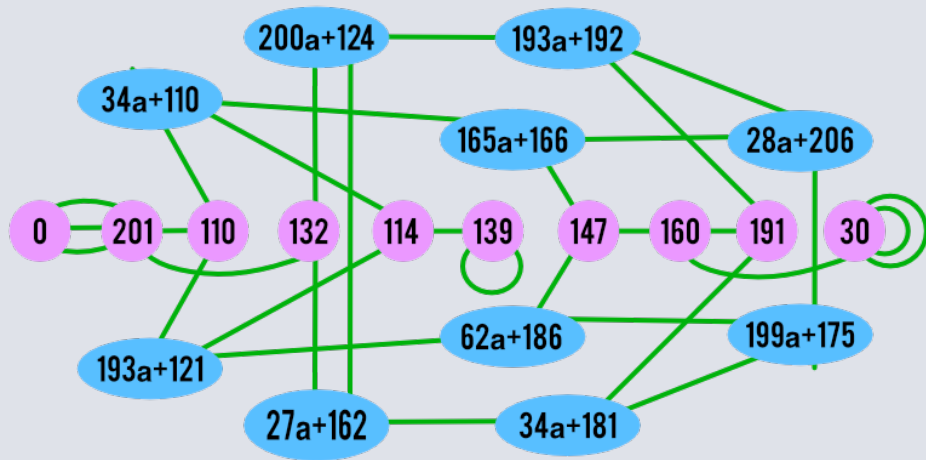
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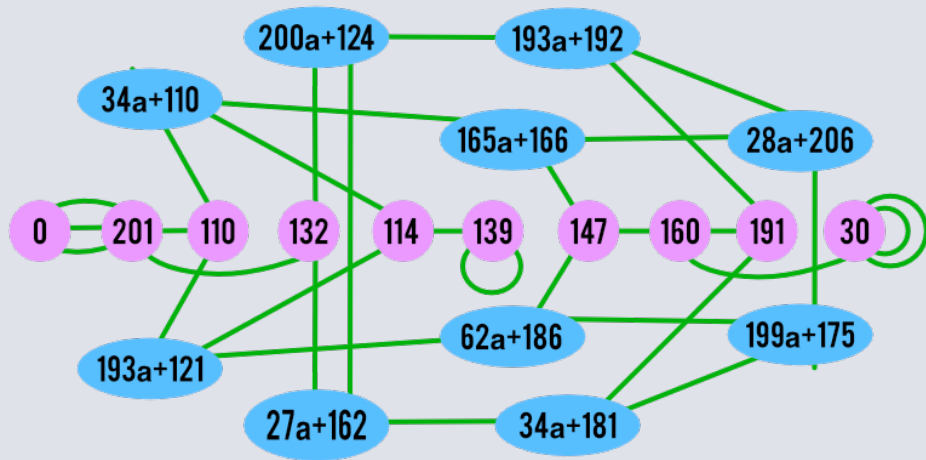
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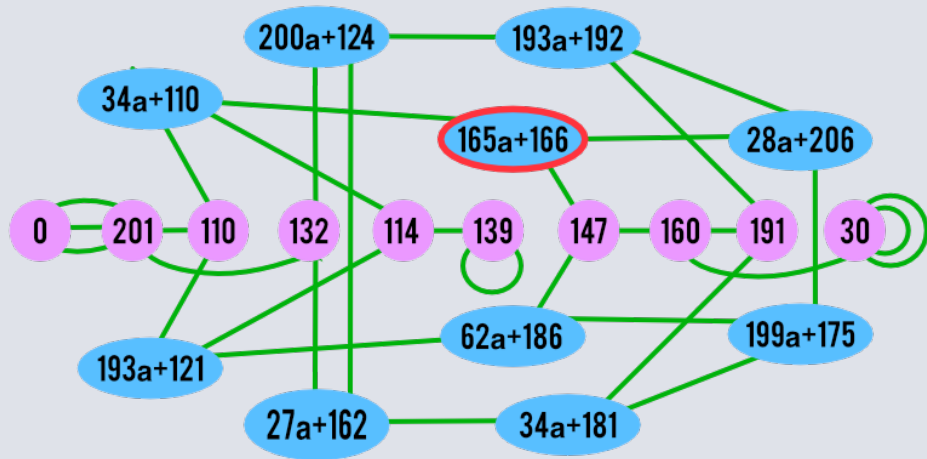


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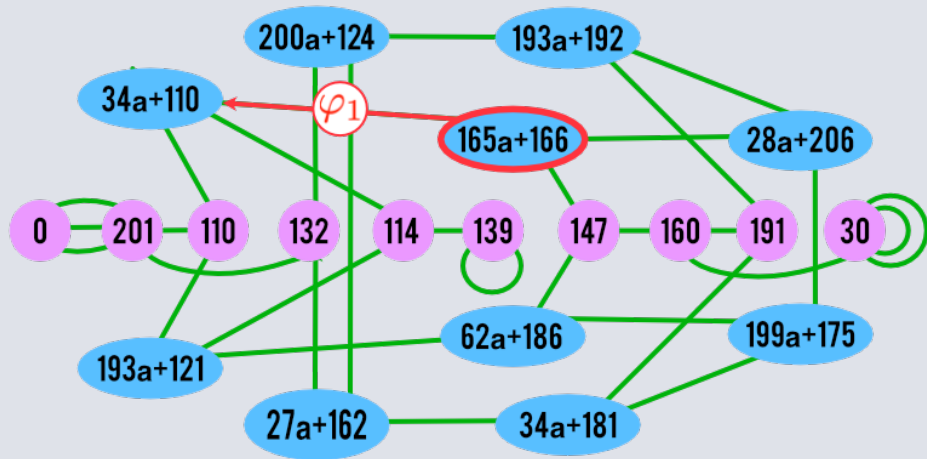
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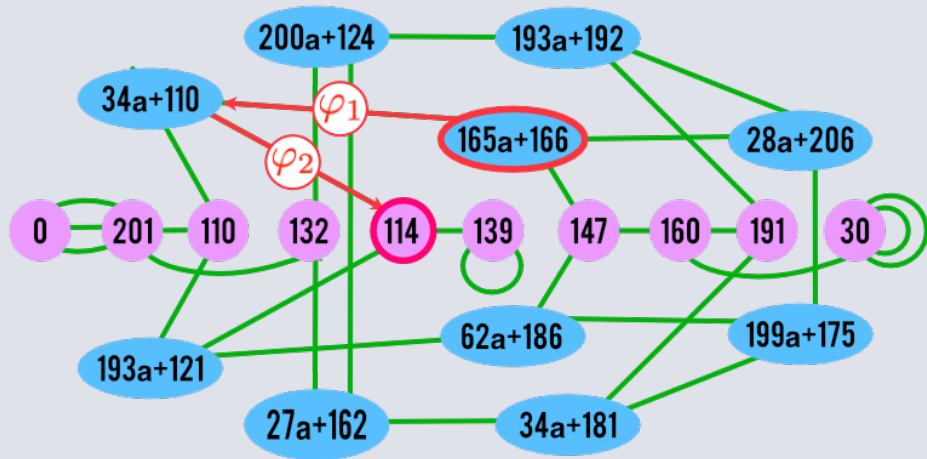
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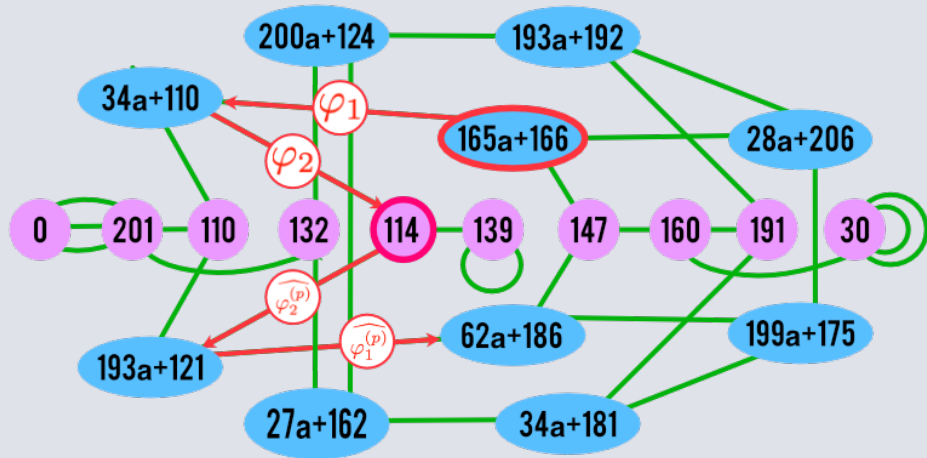


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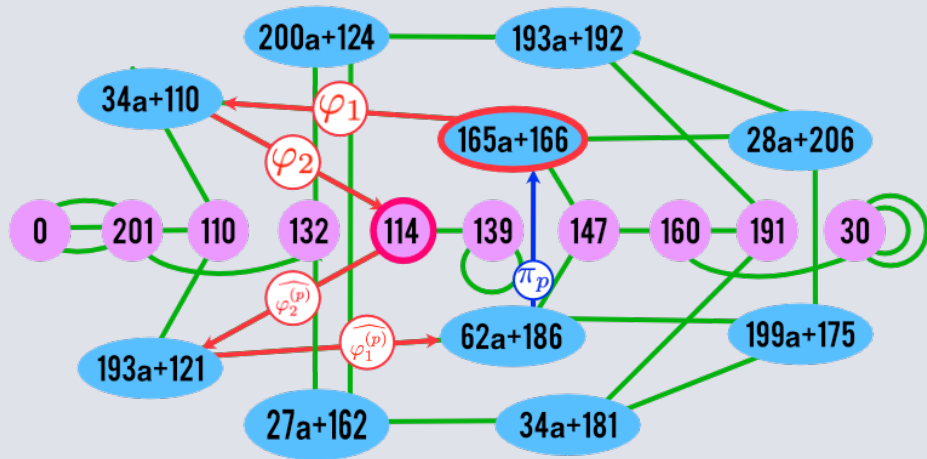
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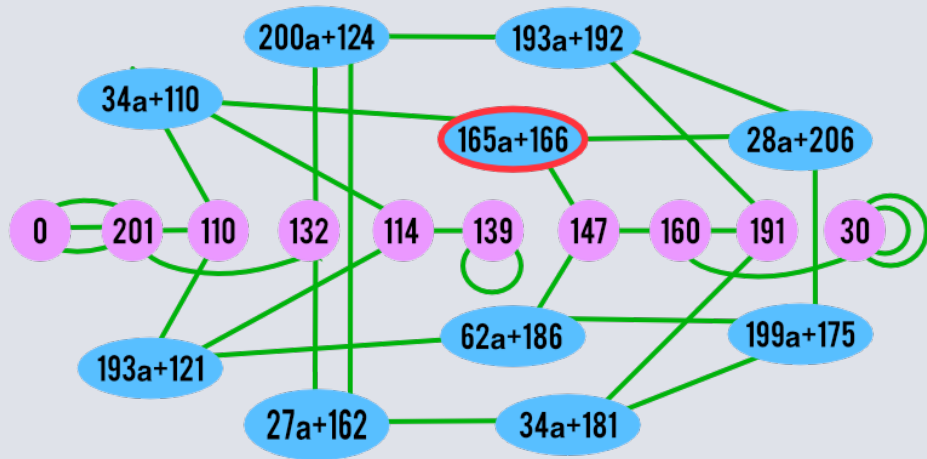


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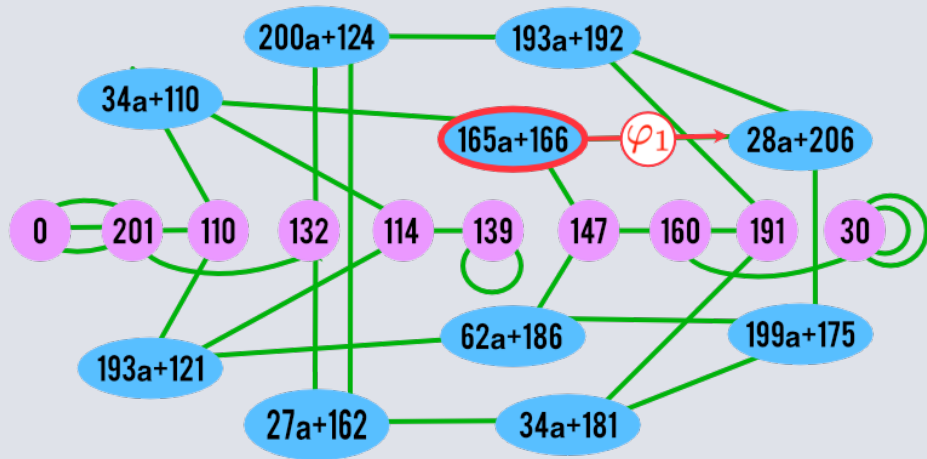


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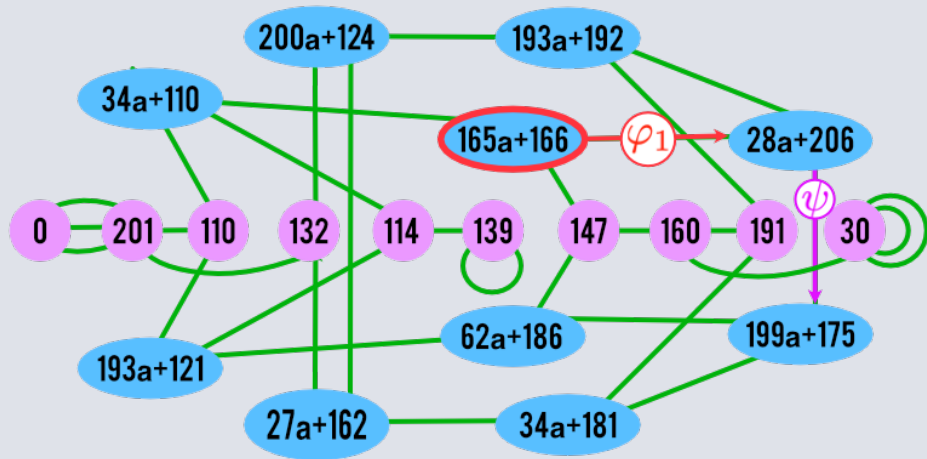
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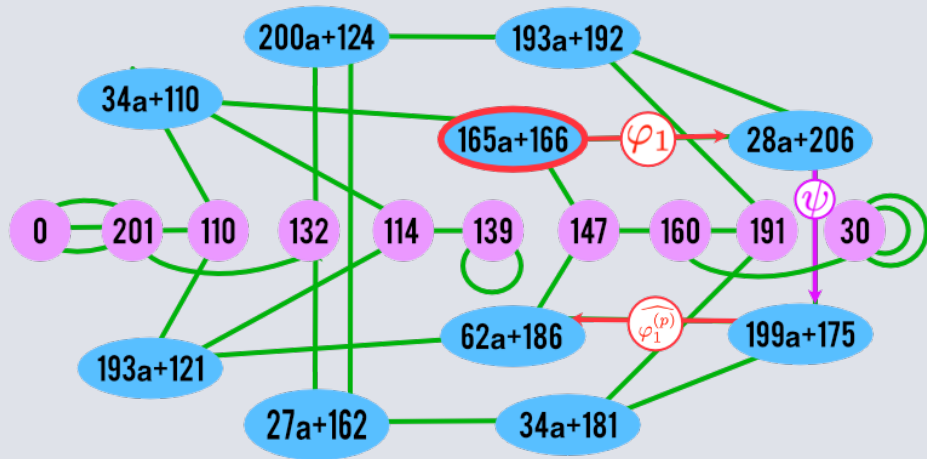
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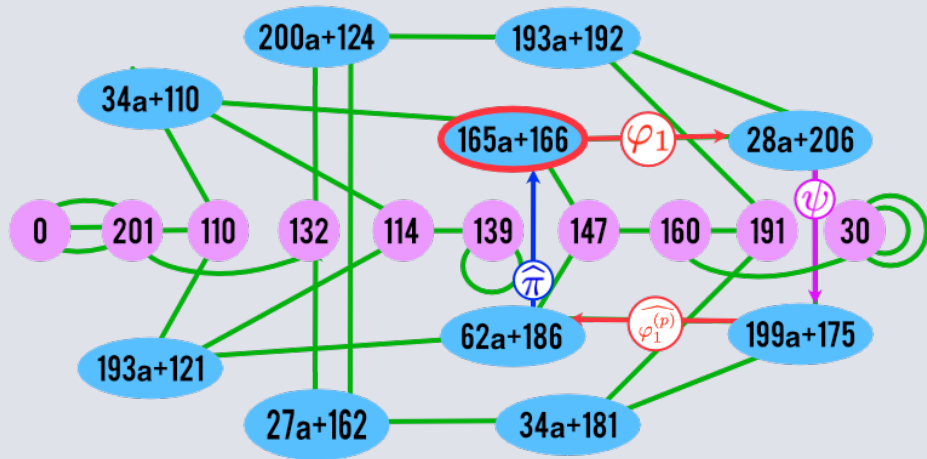
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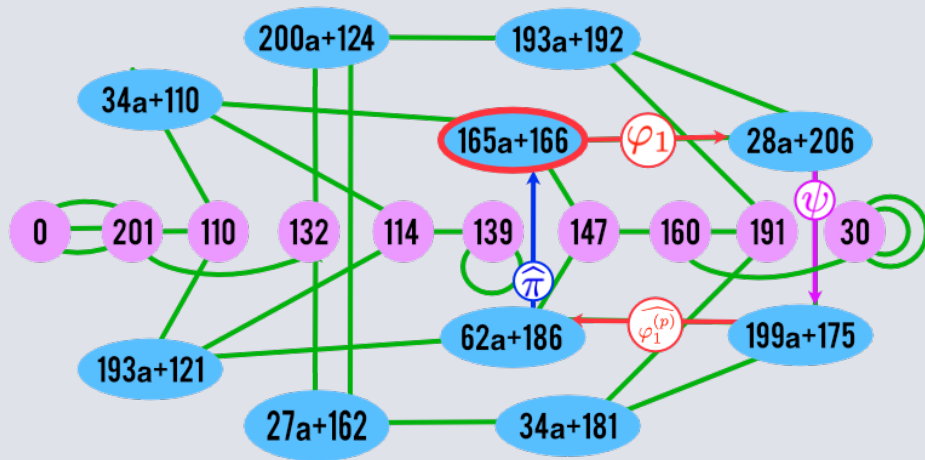
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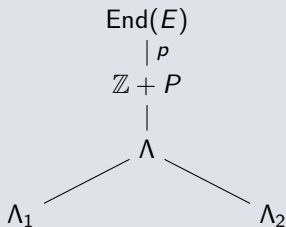
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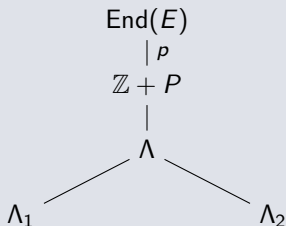


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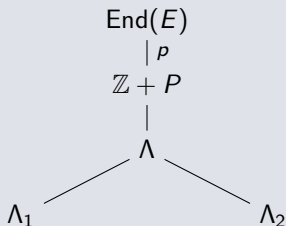
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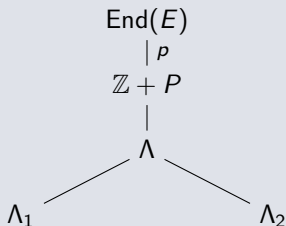
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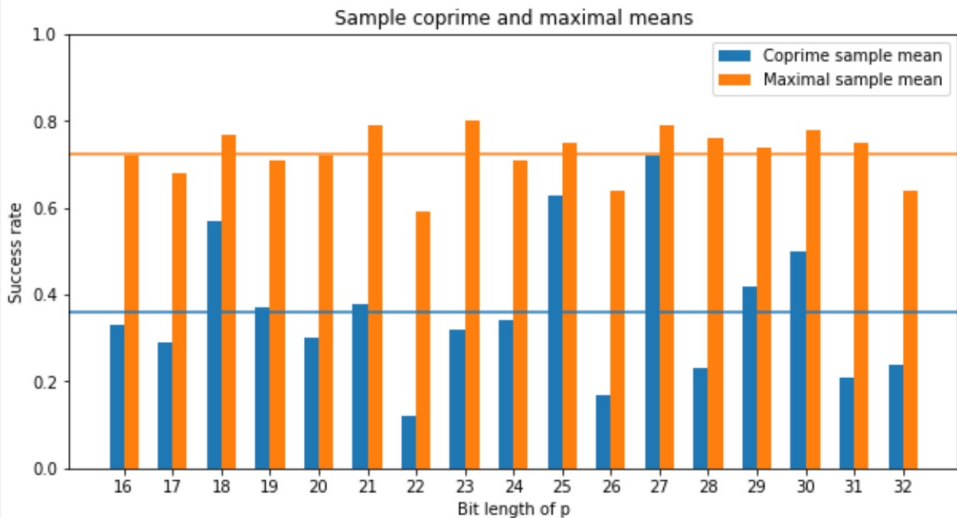
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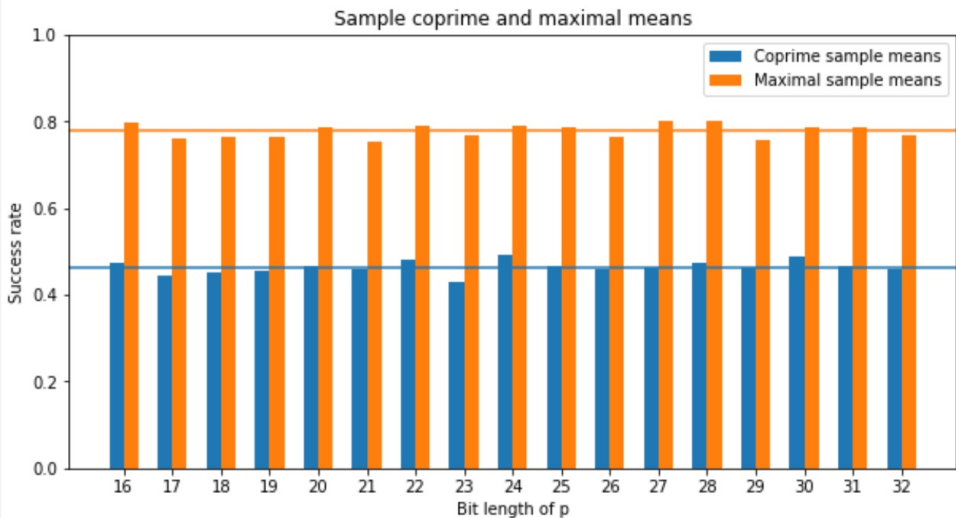
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