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Quantum computers \leftrightarrow Cryptopocalypse

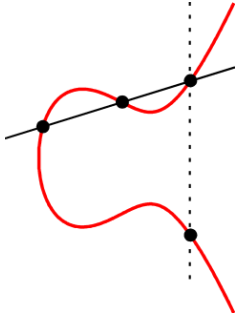
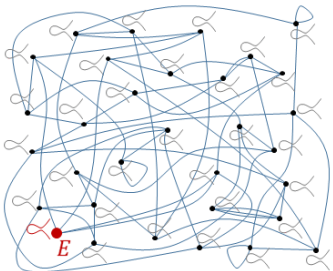
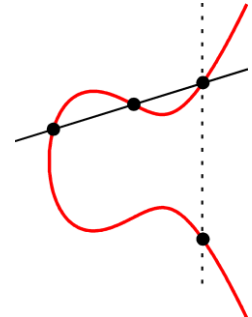
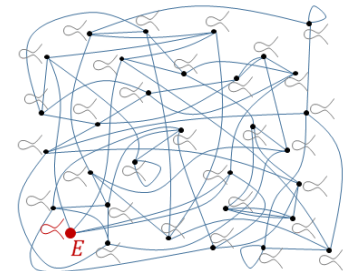


- Quantum computers break elliptic curves, finite fields, factoring, everything currently used for PKC



- NIST calls for quantum-secure key exchange and signatures. Deadline Nov 30, 2017.

Diffie-Hellman instantiations

 \mathbb{Z}_q  $g^a \bmod q$ $g^b \bmod q$  \mathbb{Z}_q  $[a]P$ $[b]P$  $\phi_A(E)$ $\phi_B(E)$ 

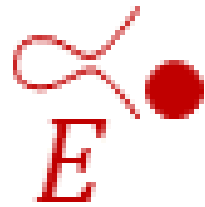
Diffie-Hellman instantiations

	DH	ECDH	SIDH
Elements	integers g modulo prime	points P in curve group	curves E in isogeny class
Secrets	exponents x	scalars k	isogenies ϕ
computations	$g, x \mapsto g^x$	$k, P \mapsto [k]P$	$\phi, E \mapsto \phi(E)$
hard problem	given g, g^x find x	given $P, [k]P$ find k	given $E, \phi(E)$ find ϕ

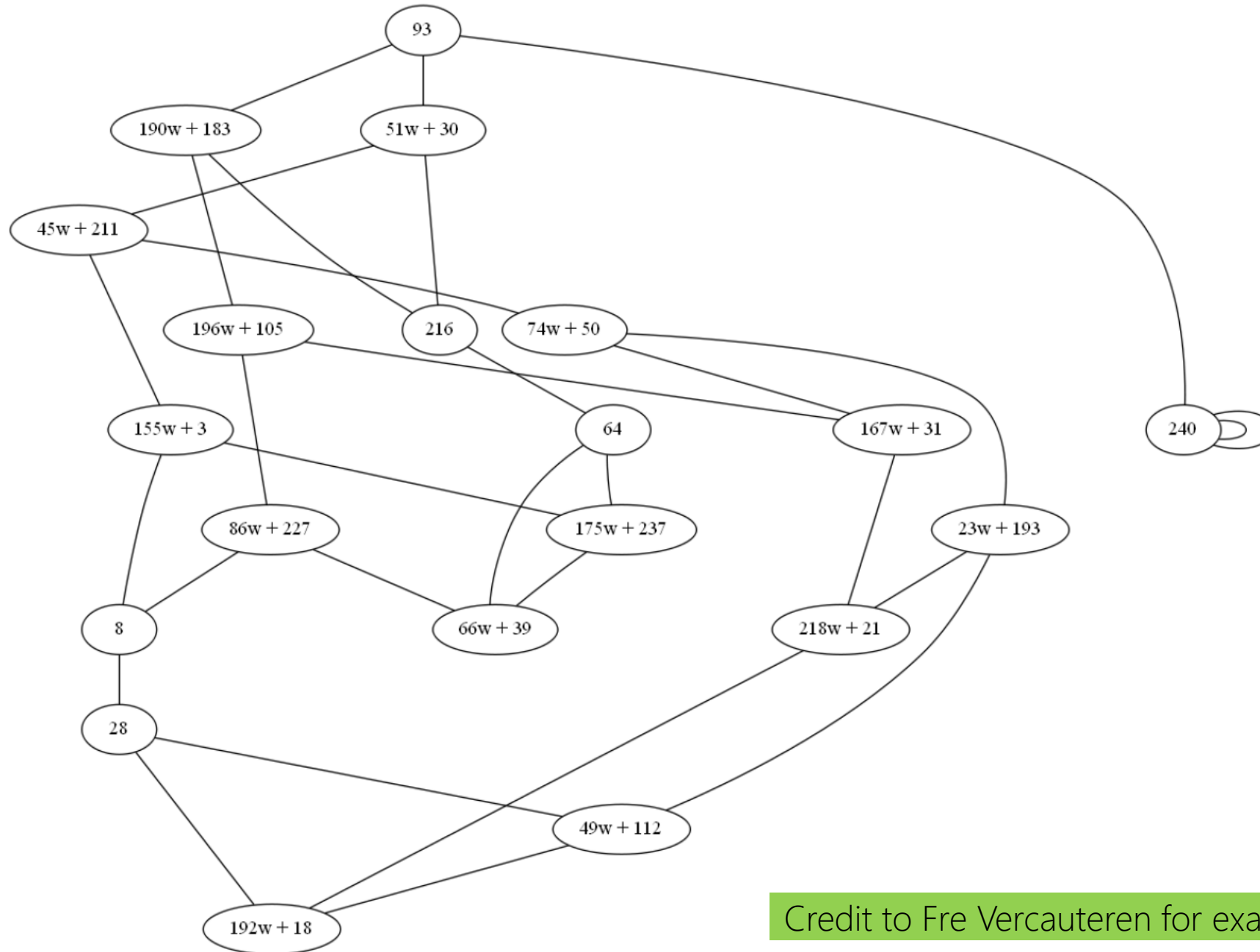
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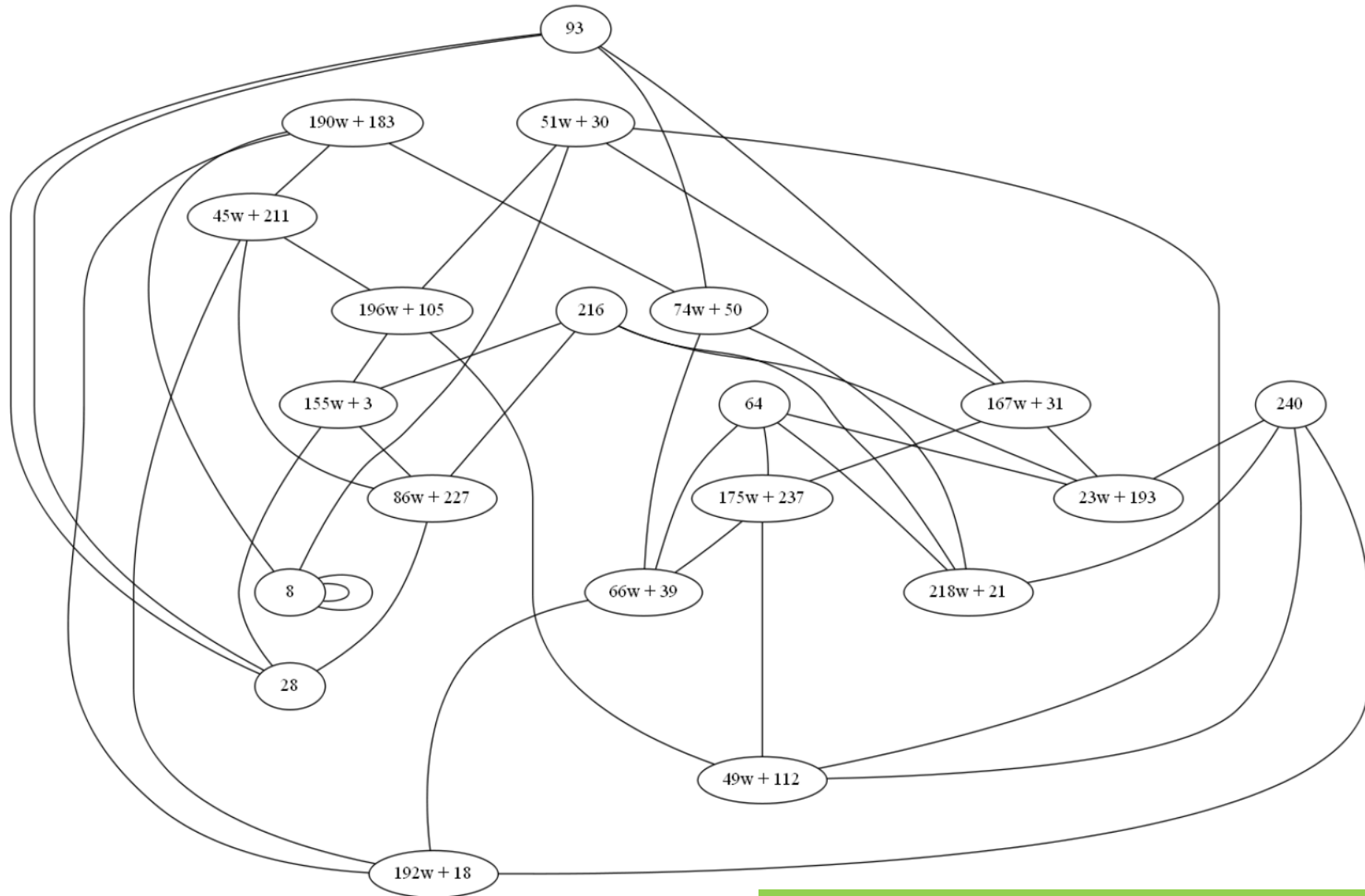


Supersingular isogeny graph for $\ell = 2$: $X(S_{241^2}, 2)$



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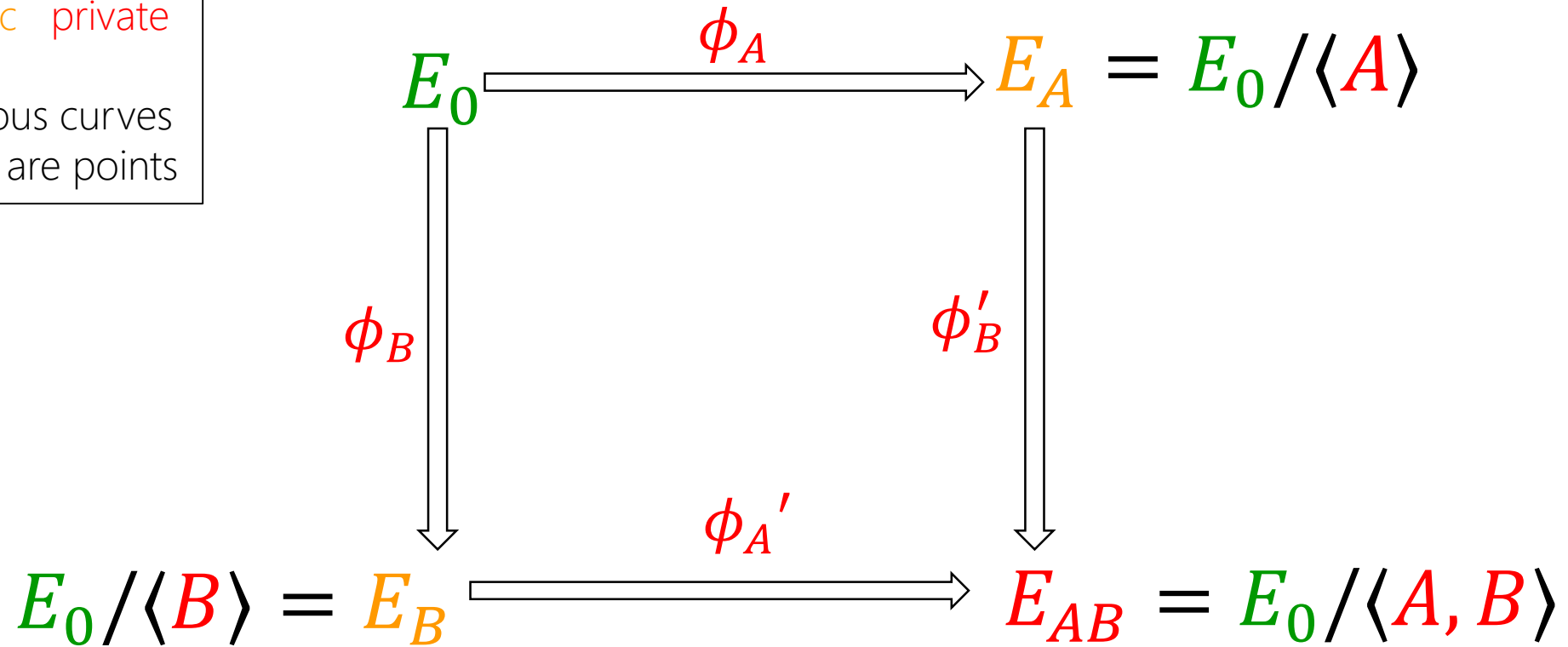


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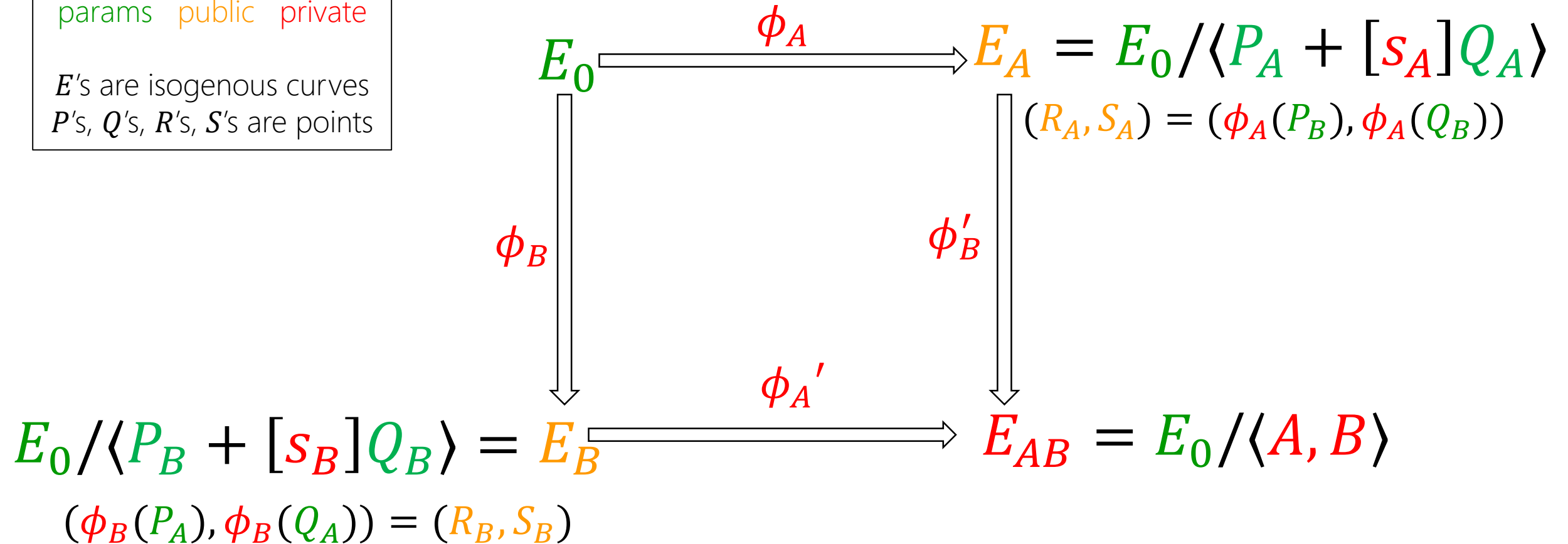
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Key: Alice sends her isogeny evaluated at Bob's generators, and vice versa

$$E_A / \langle R_A + [s_B]S_A \rangle \cong E_0 / \langle P_A + [s_A]Q_A, P_B + [s_B]Q_B \rangle \cong E_B / \langle R_B + [s_A]S_B \rangle$$

Computing ℓ^e degree isogenies

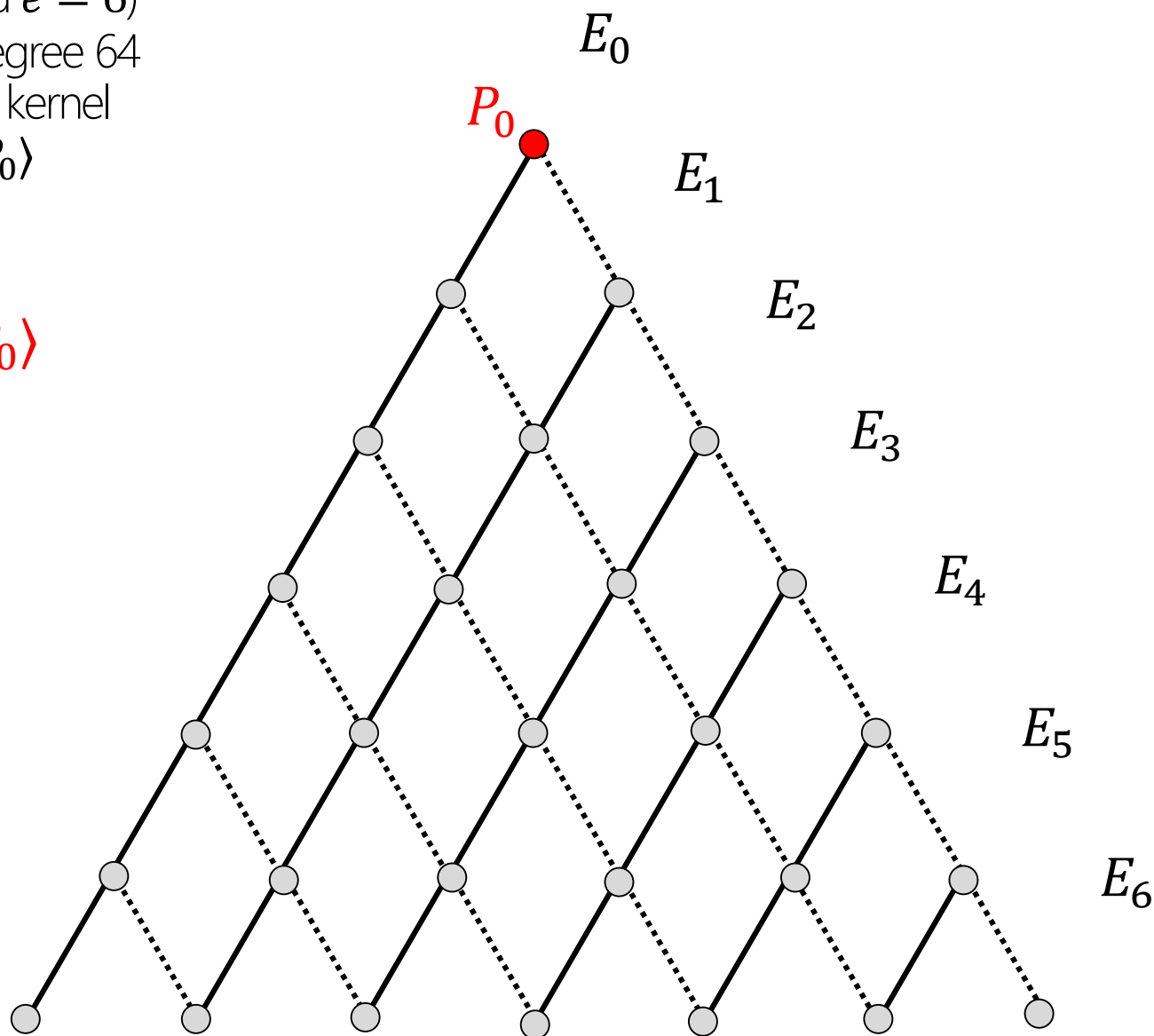
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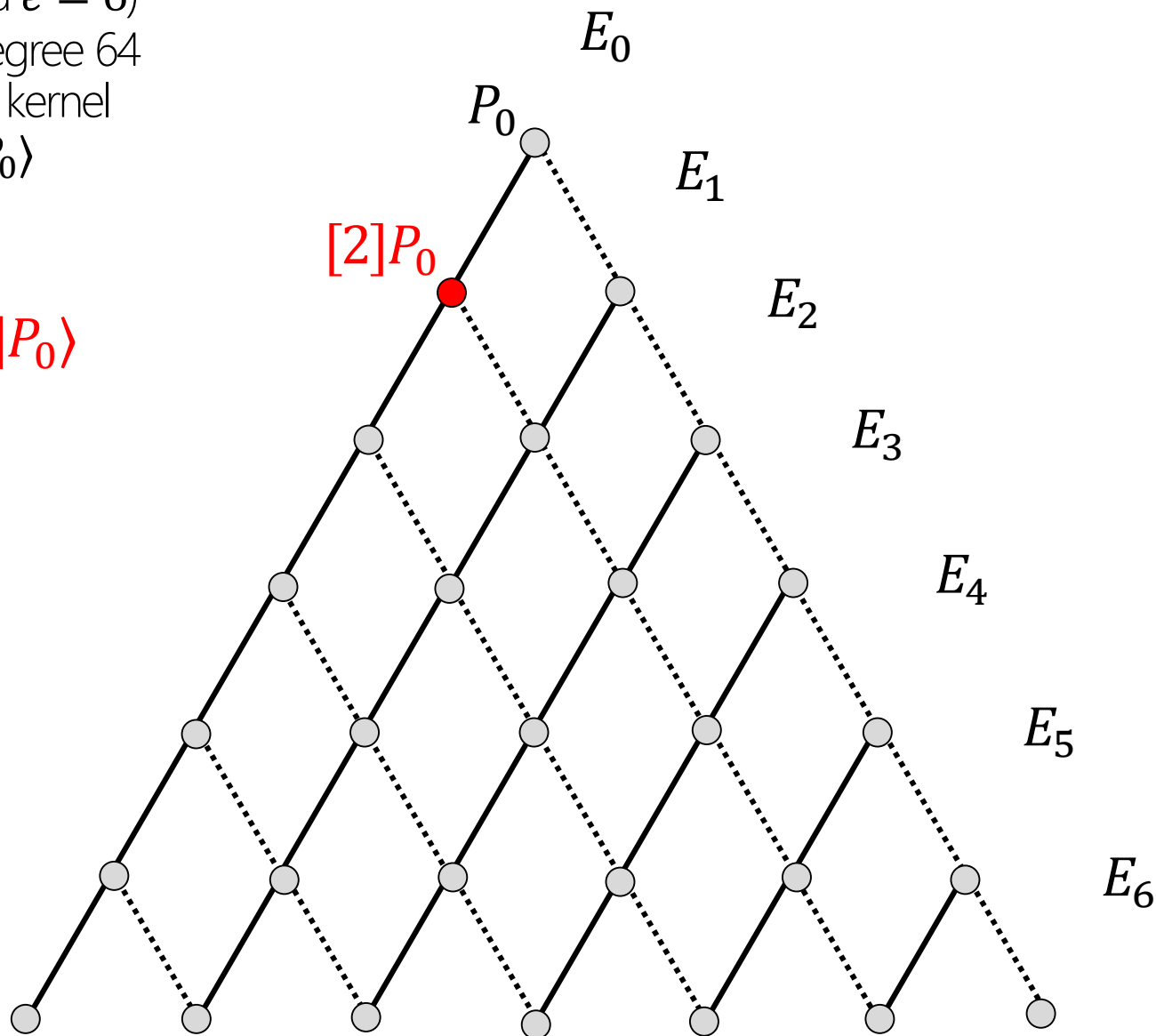
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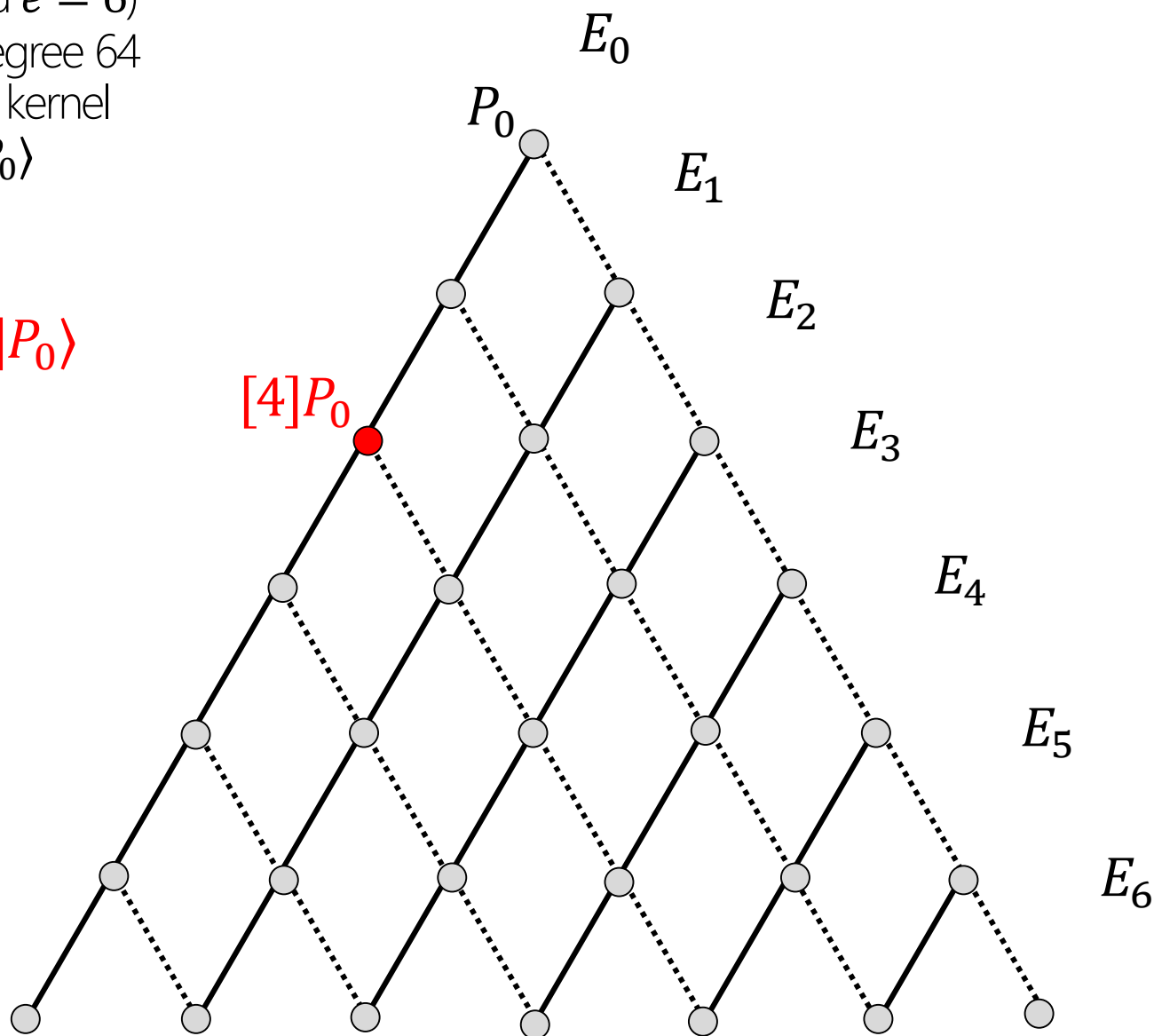
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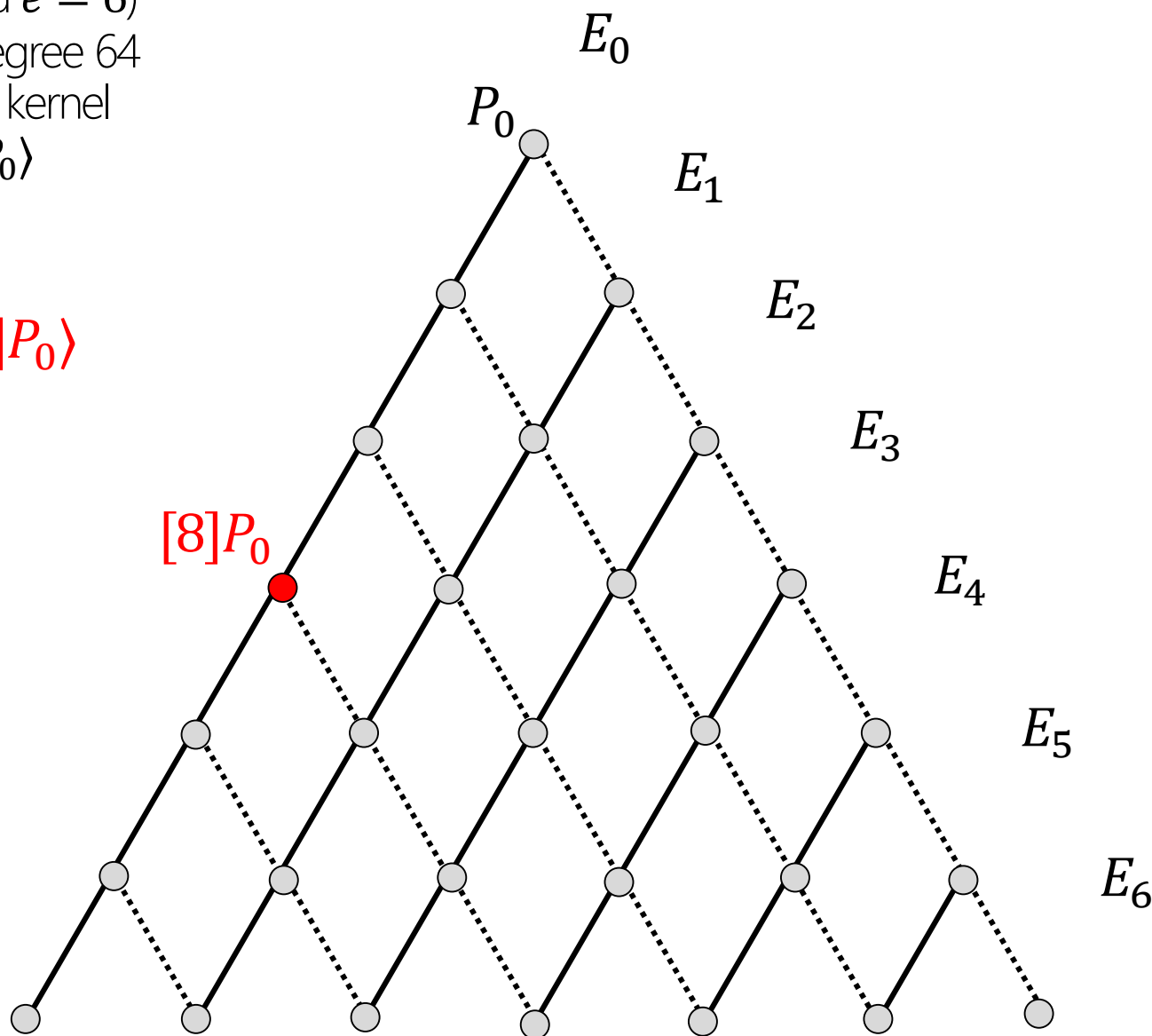
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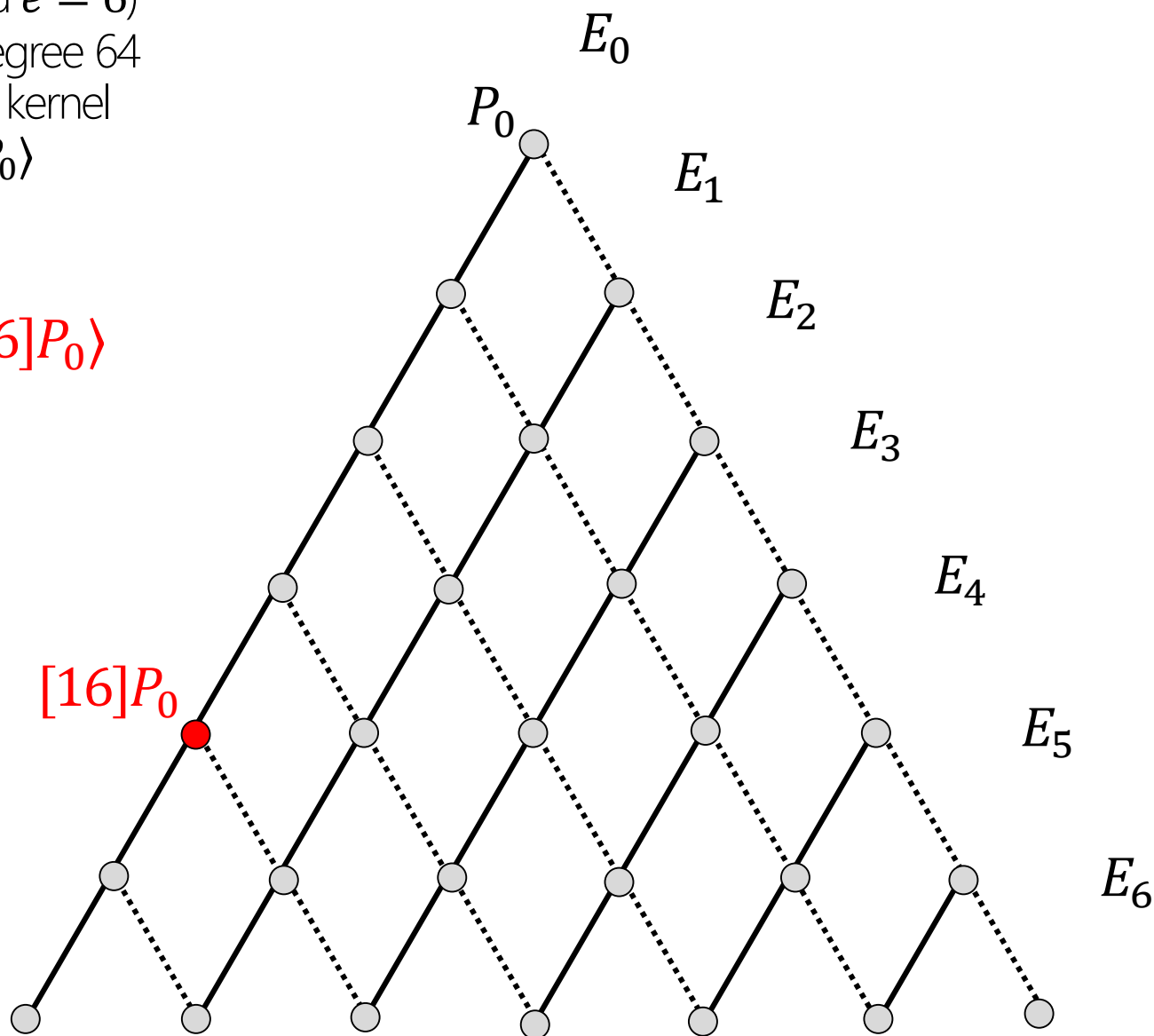
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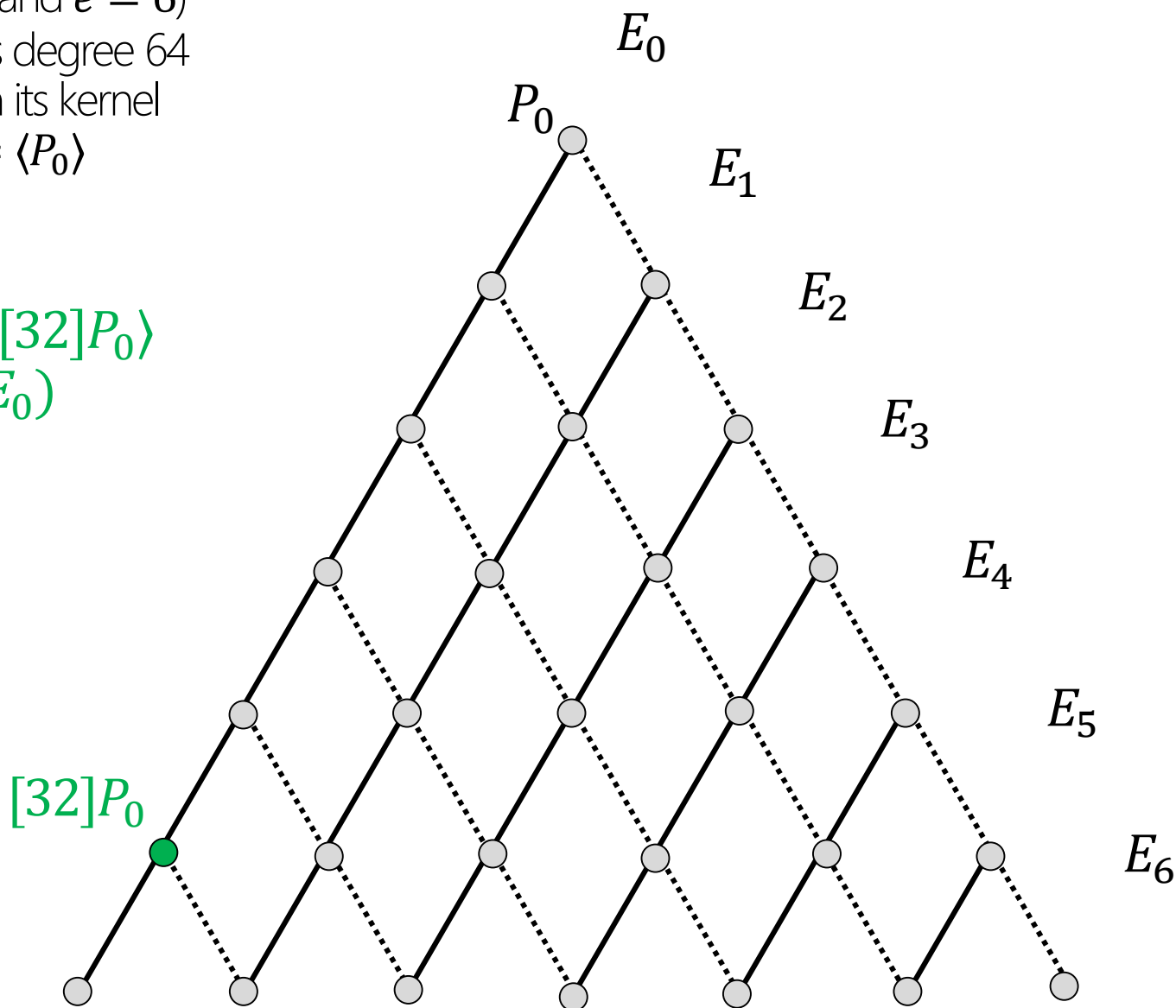
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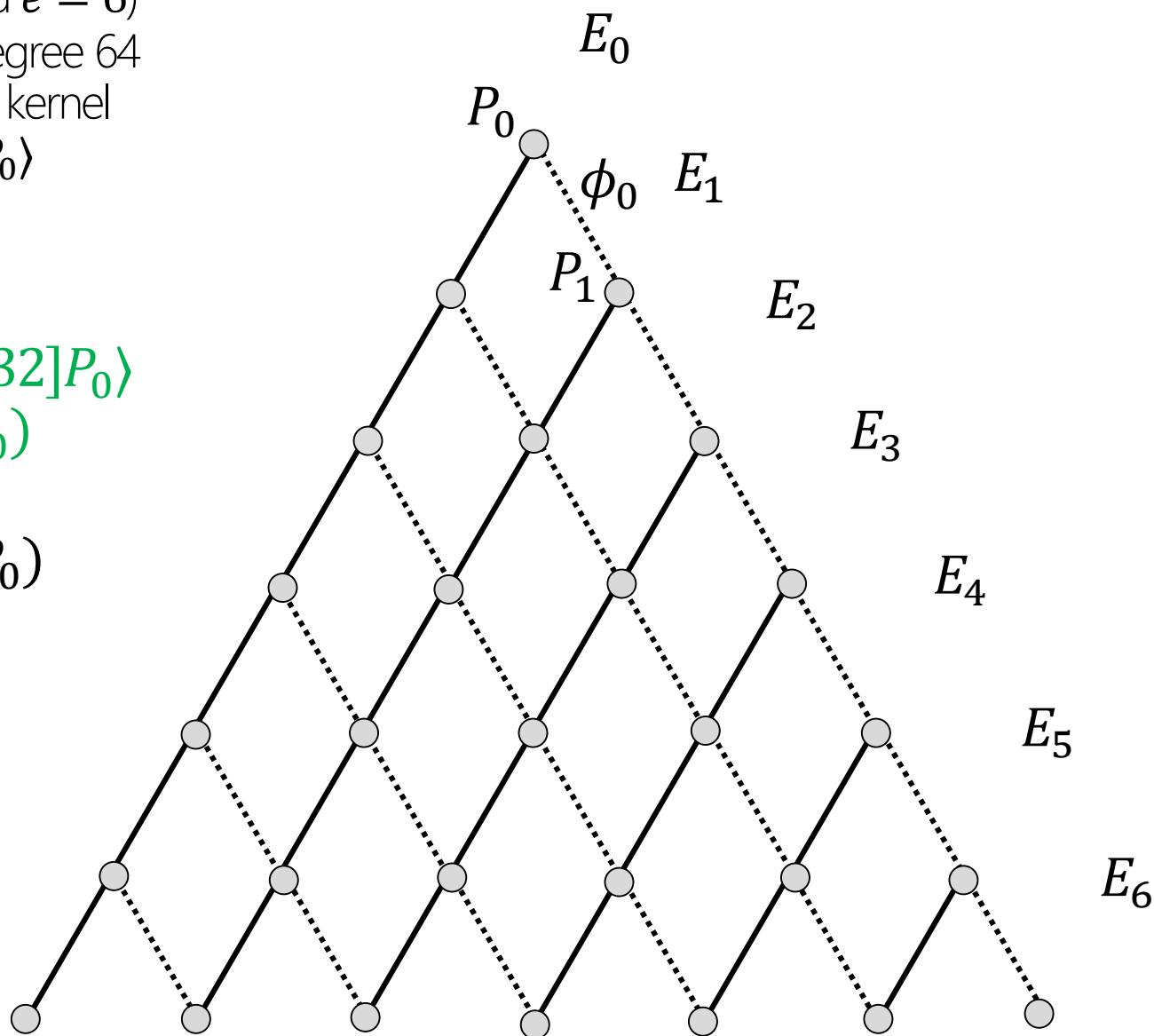
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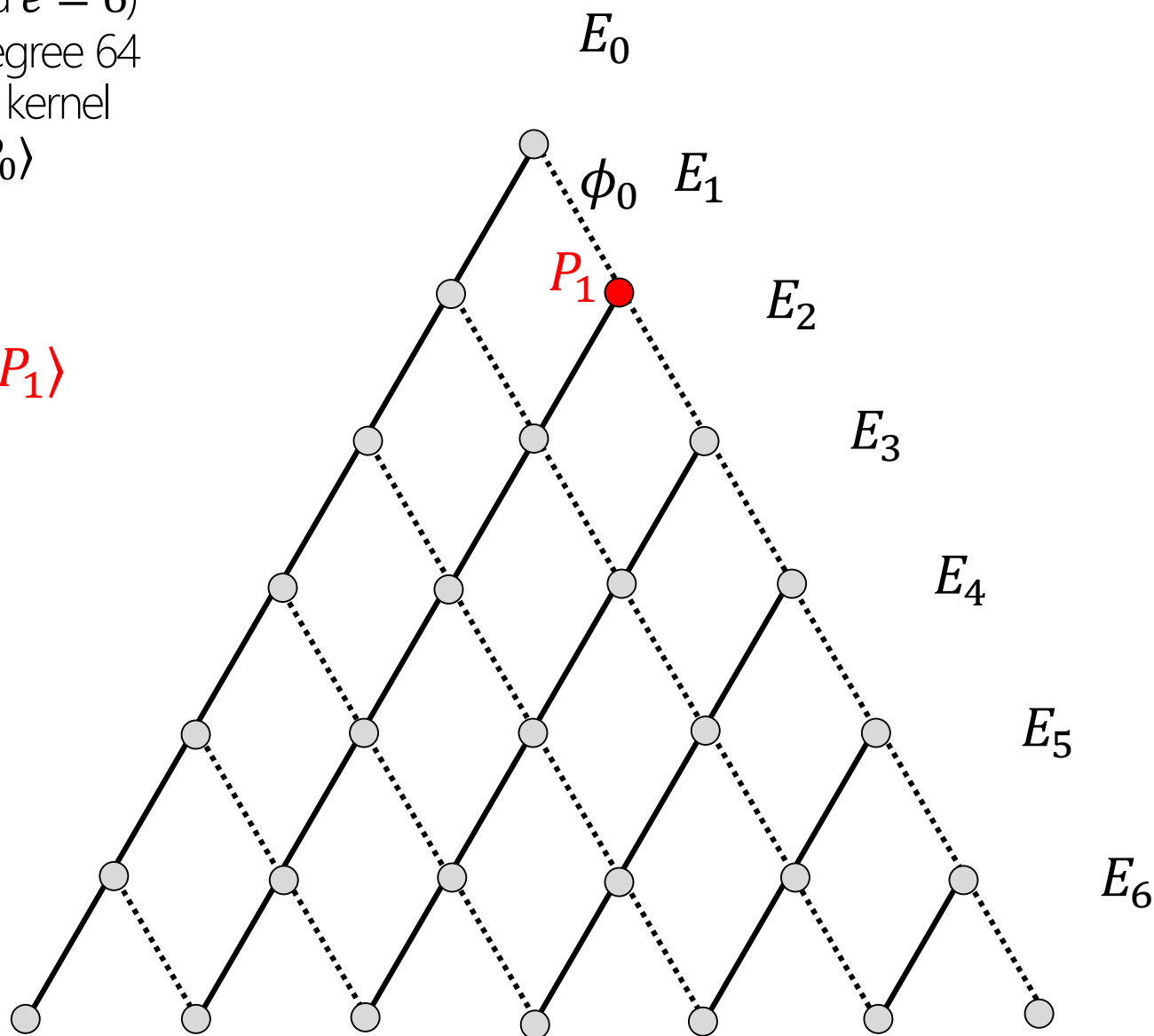
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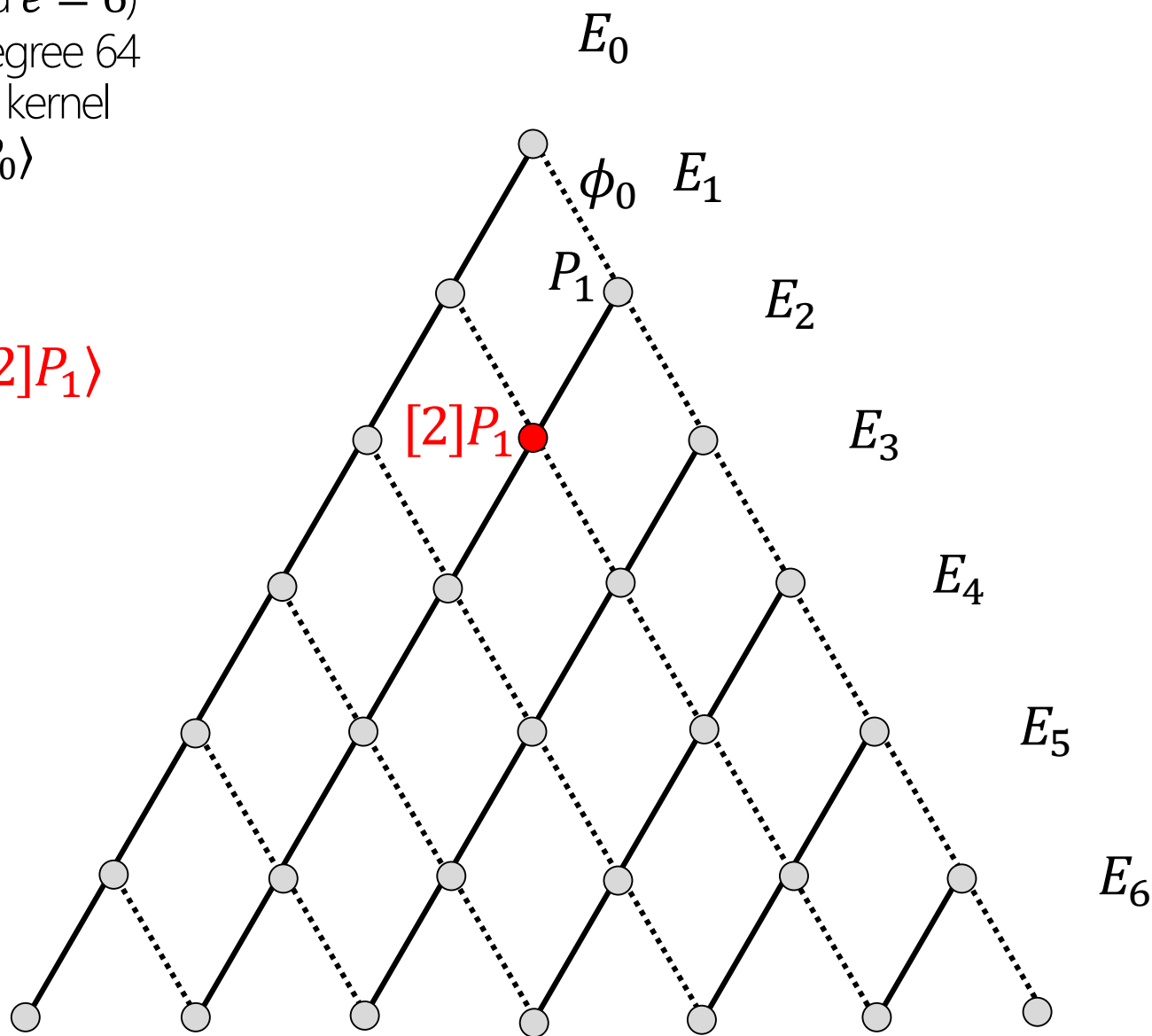
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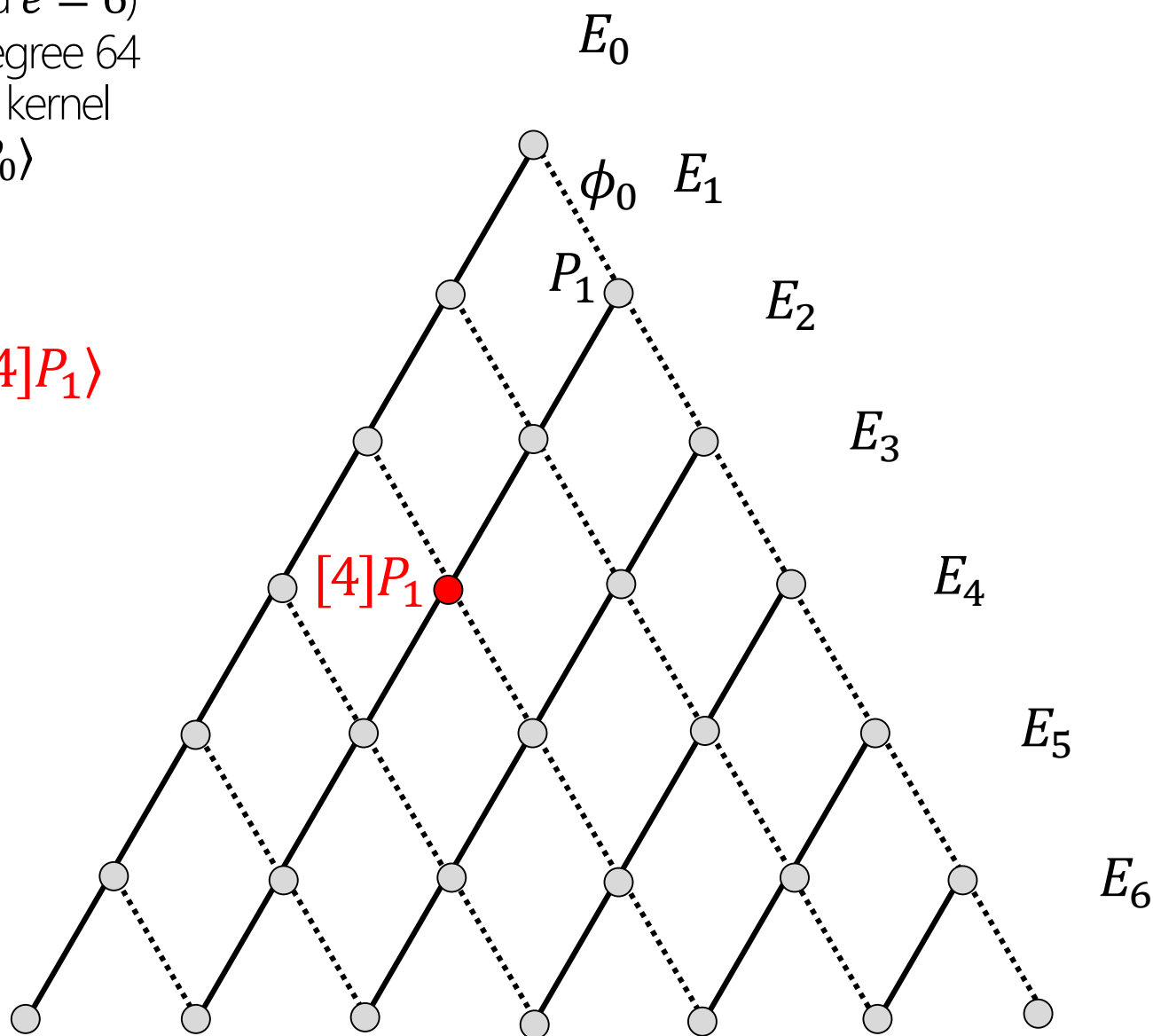
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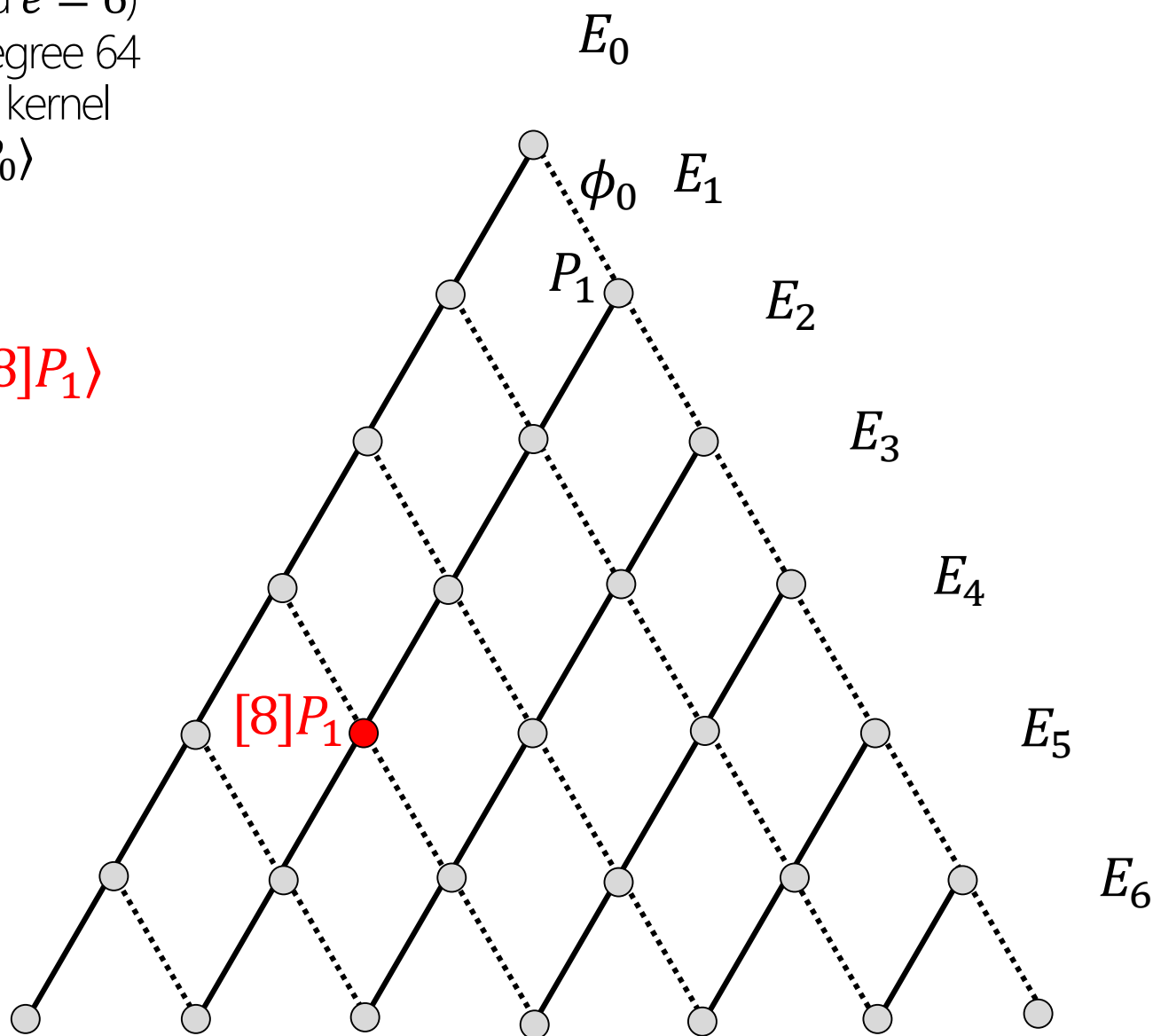
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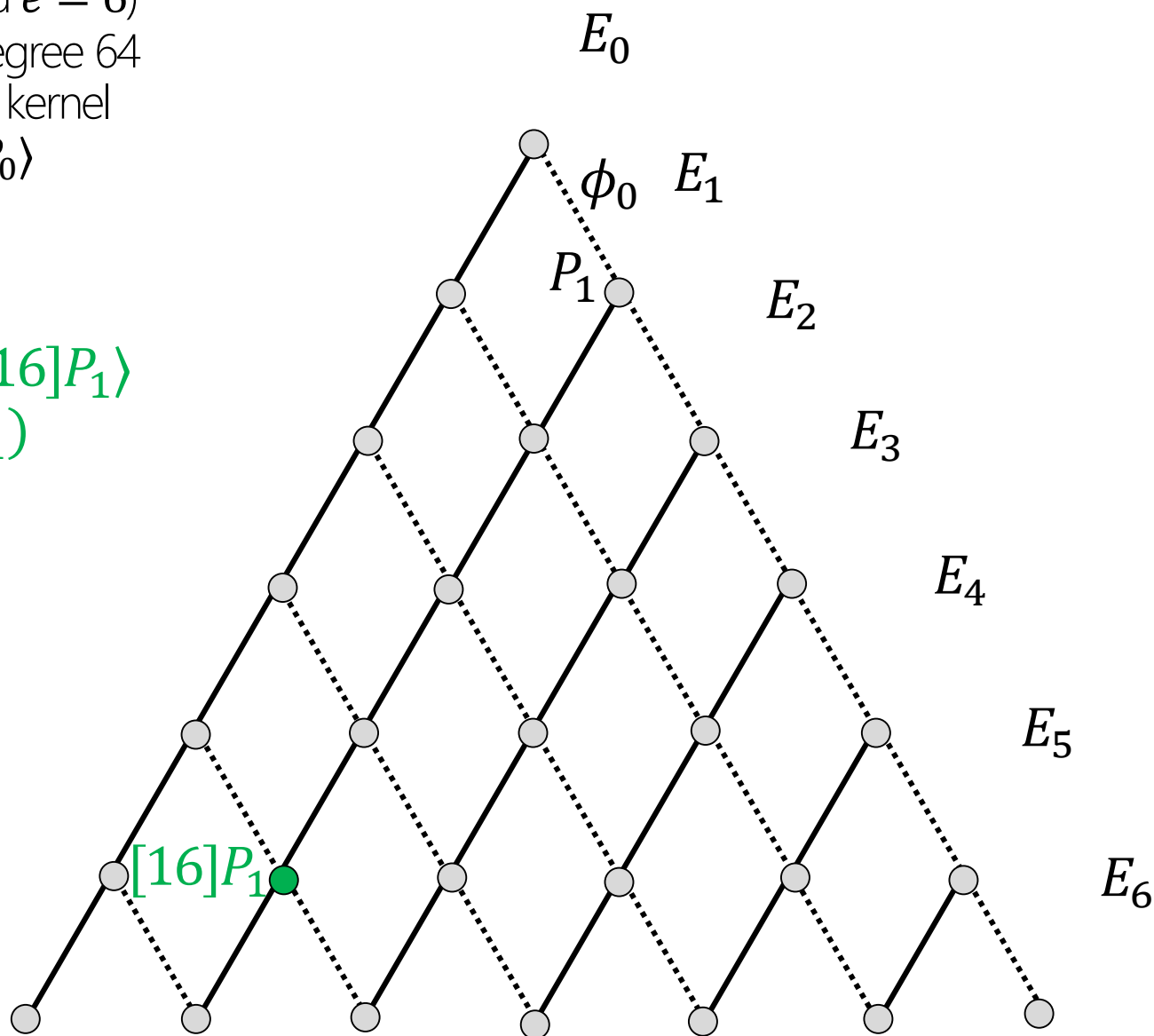
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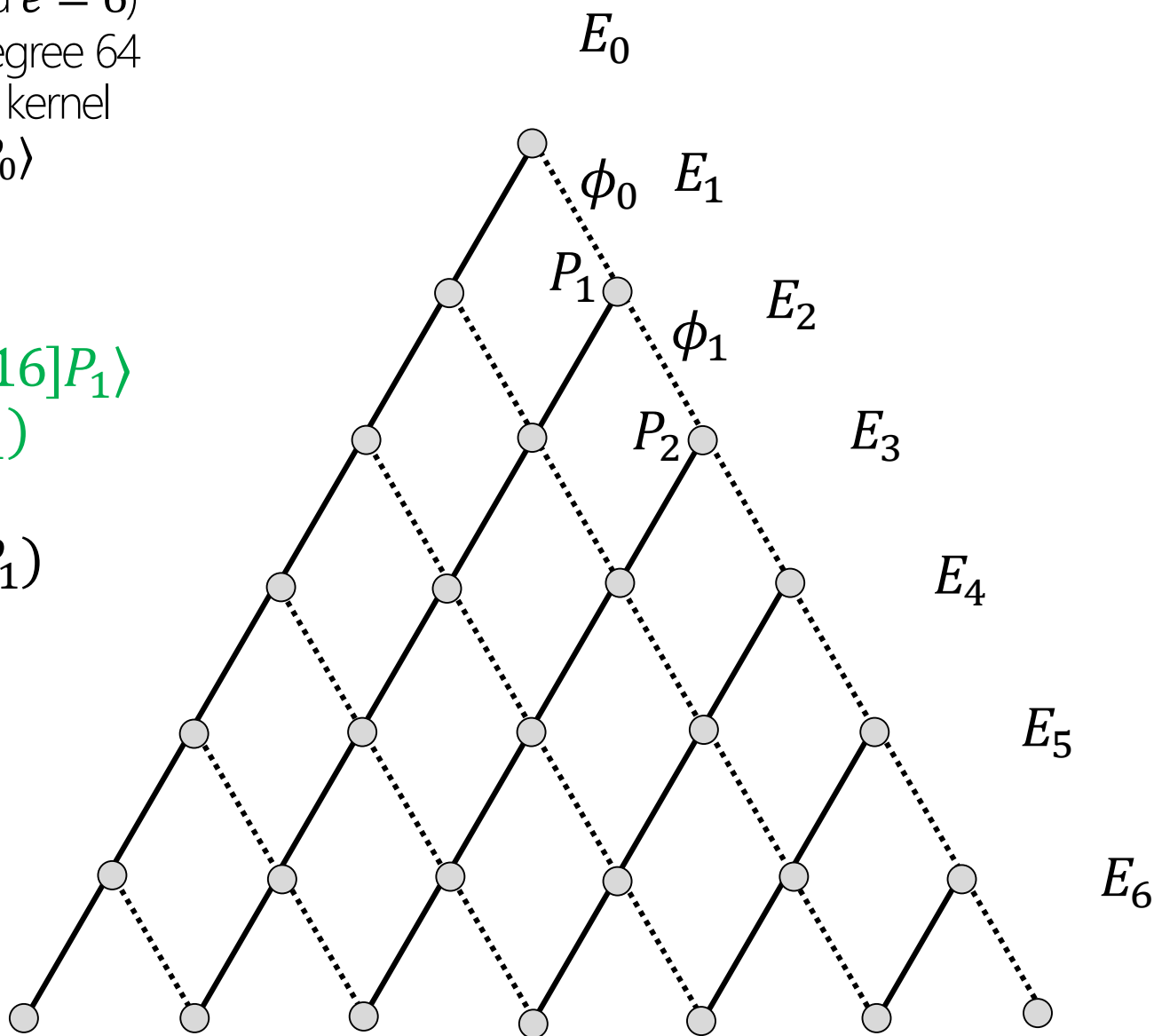
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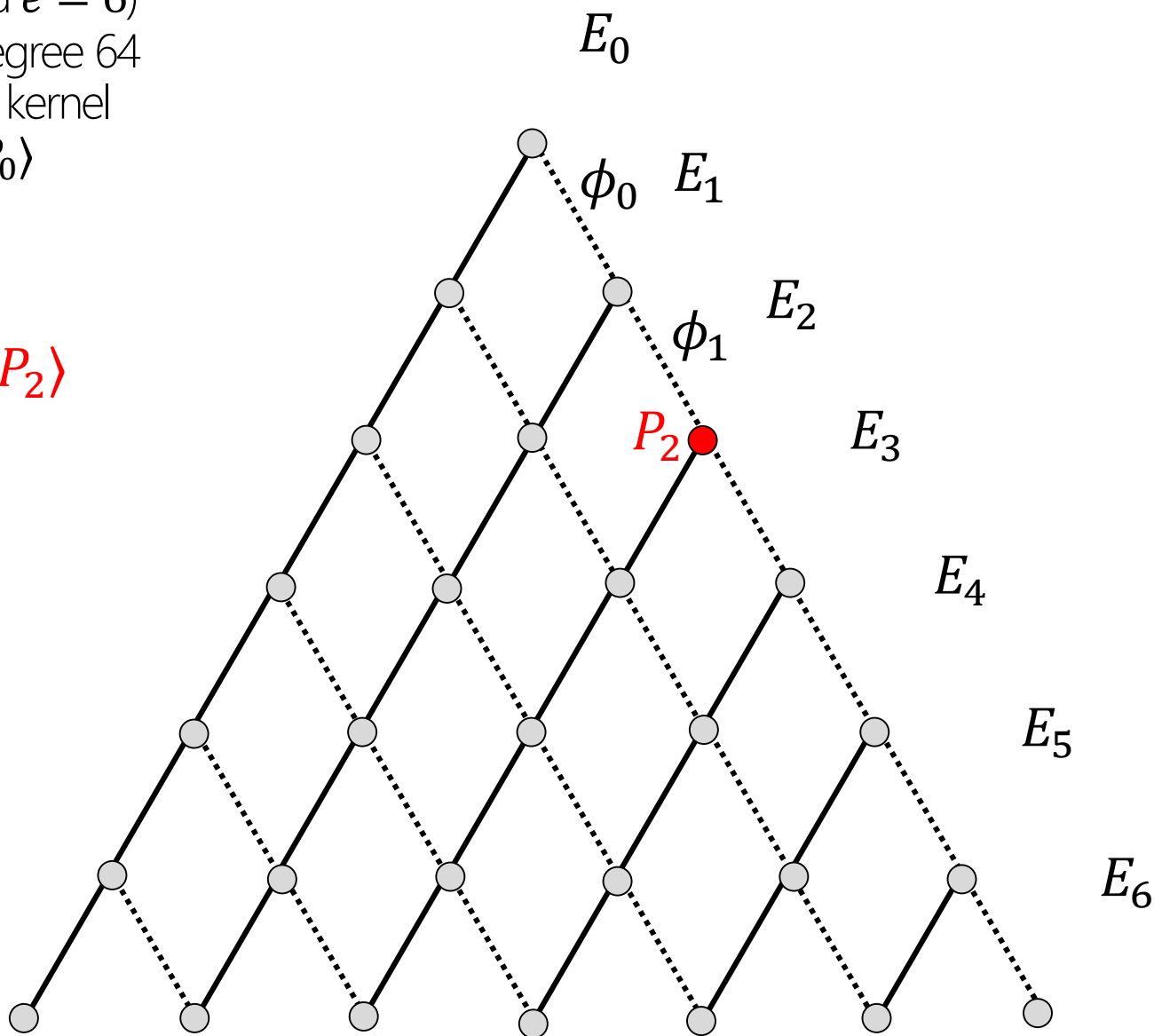
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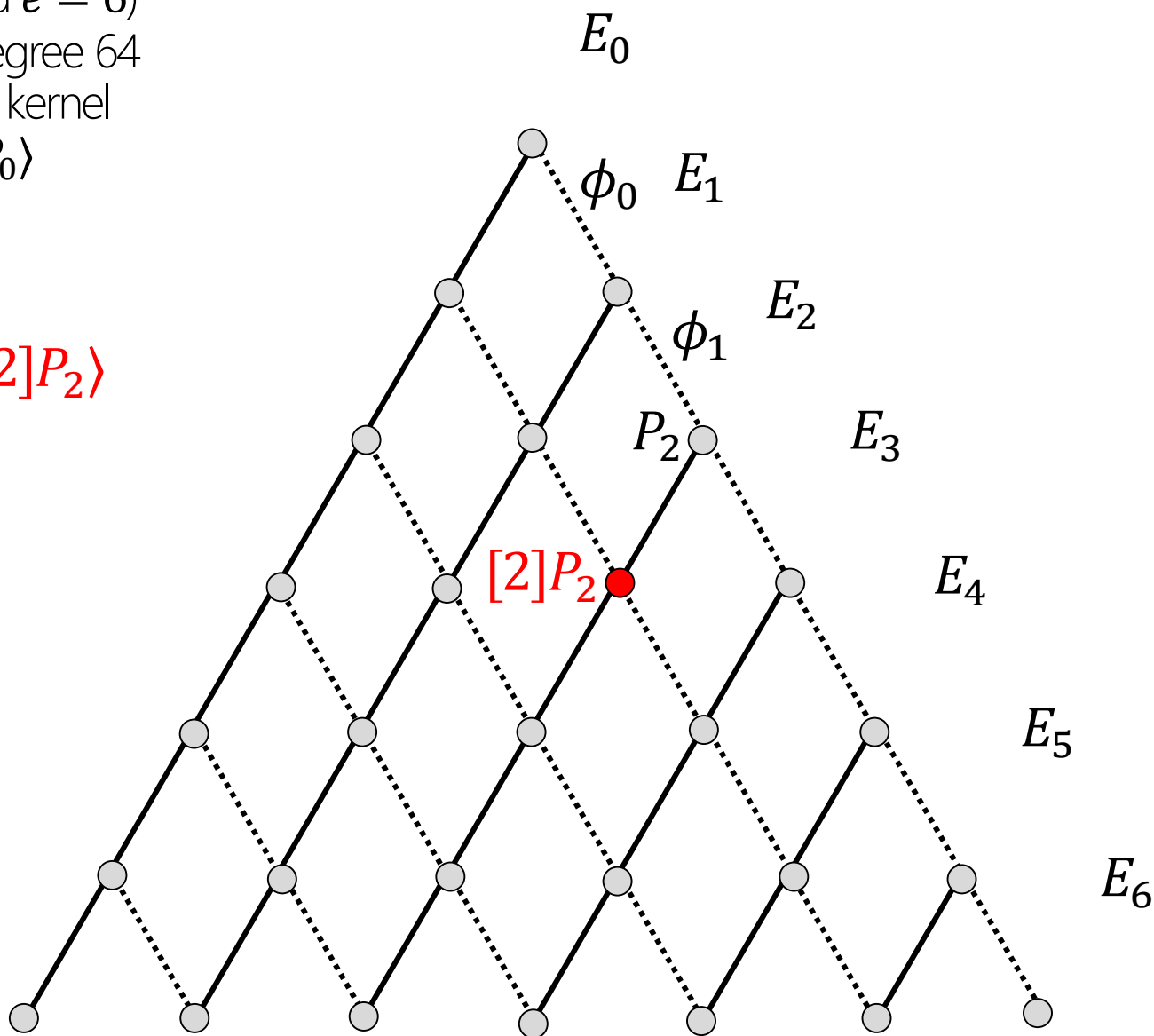
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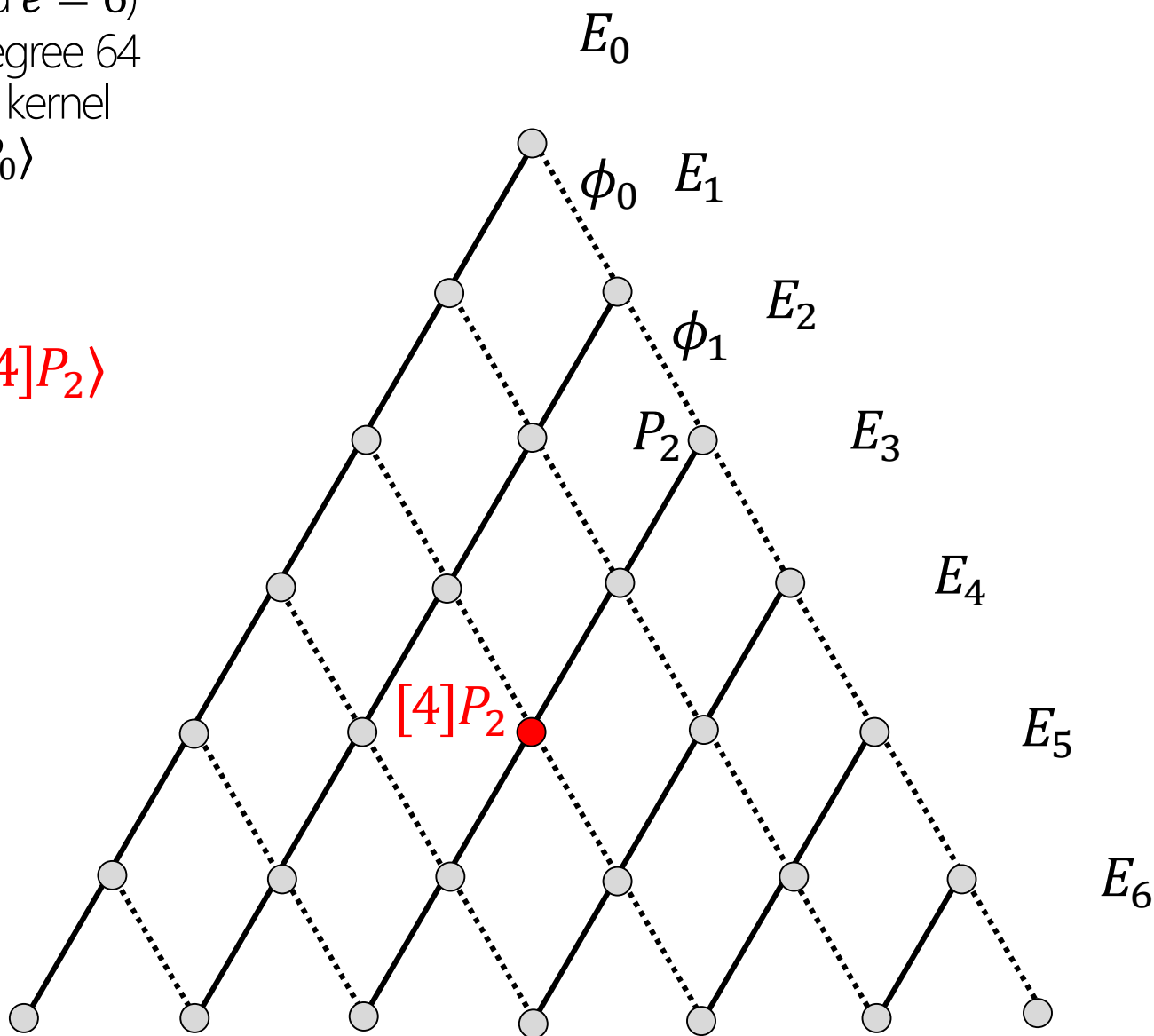
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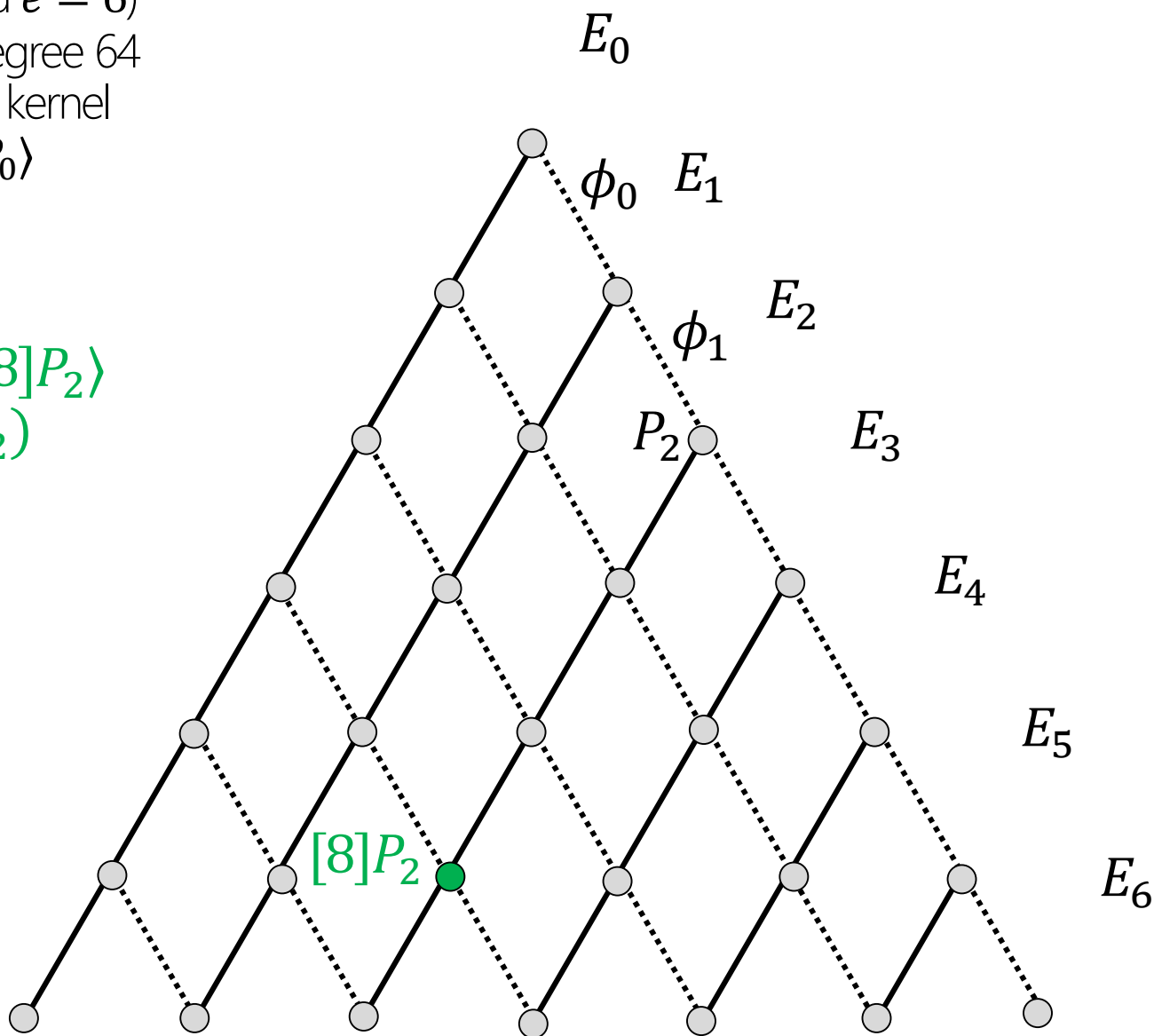
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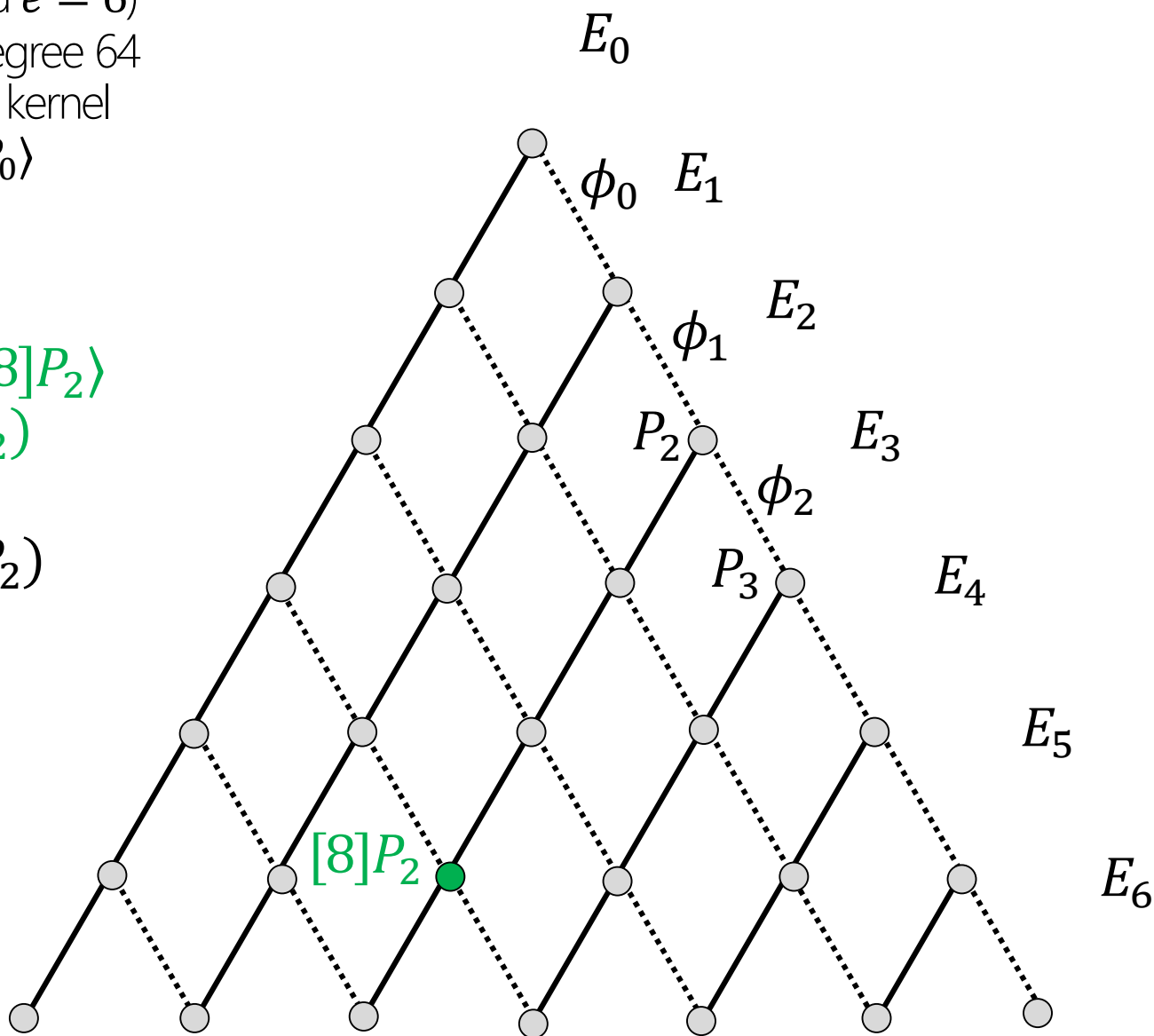
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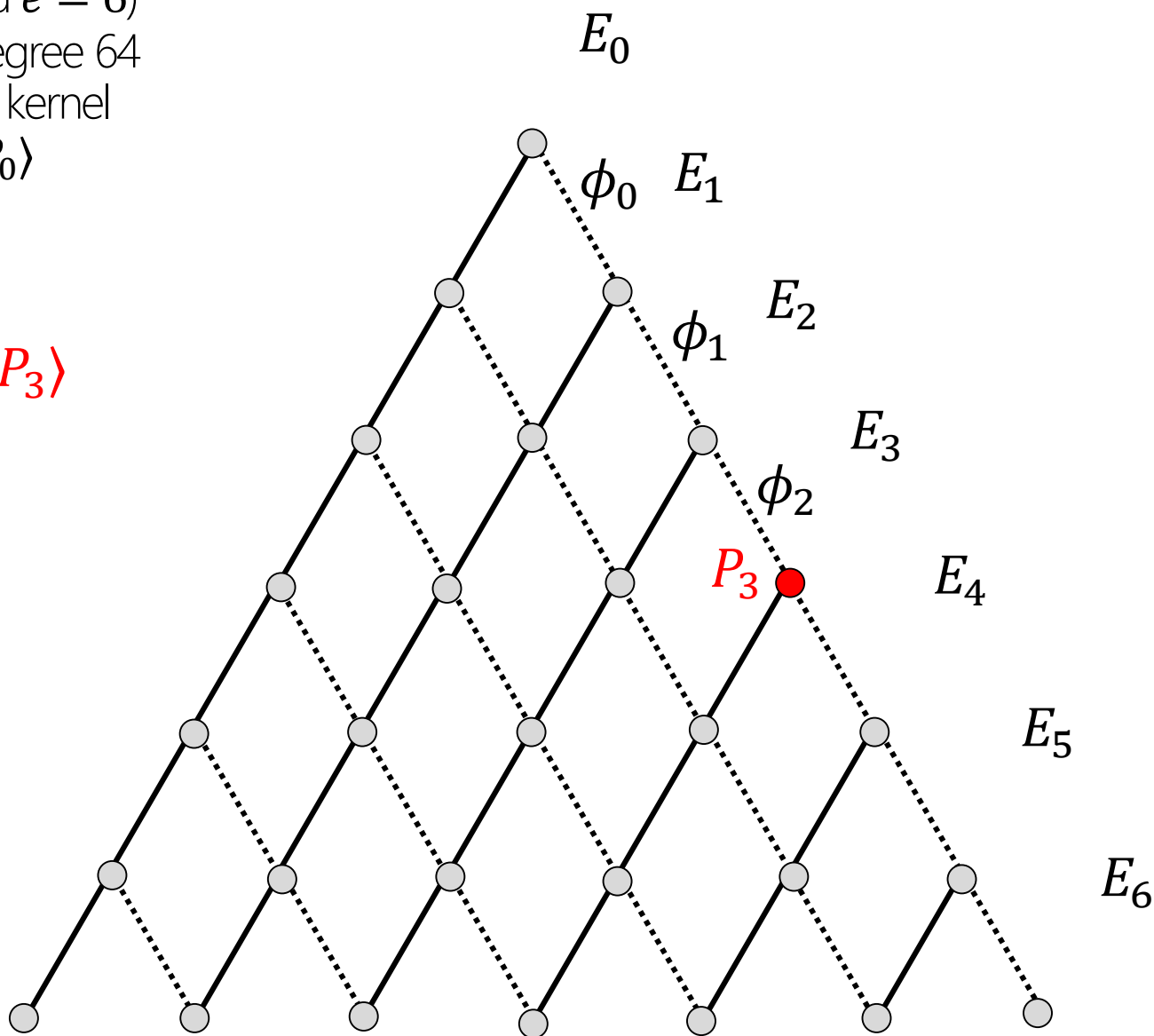
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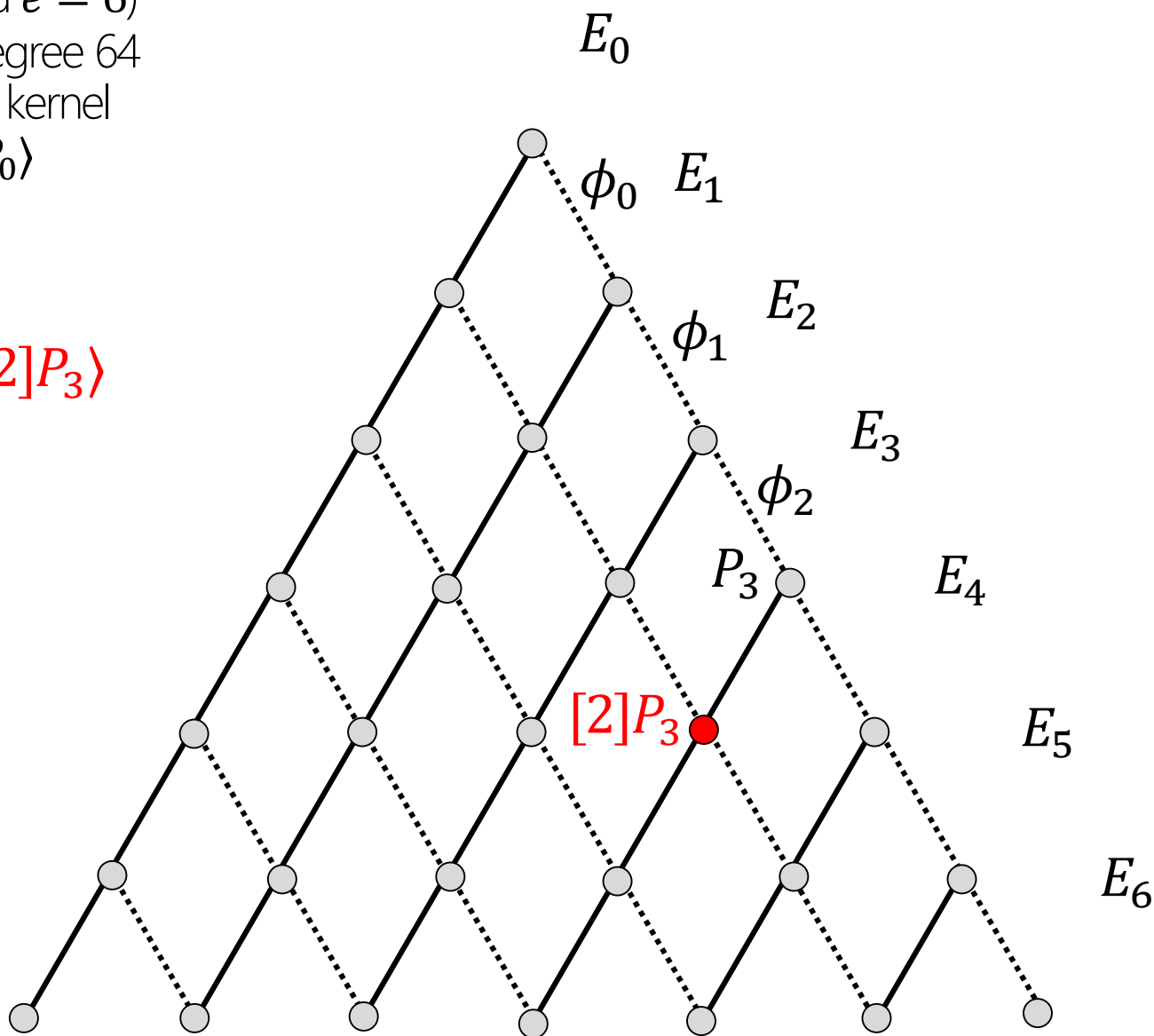
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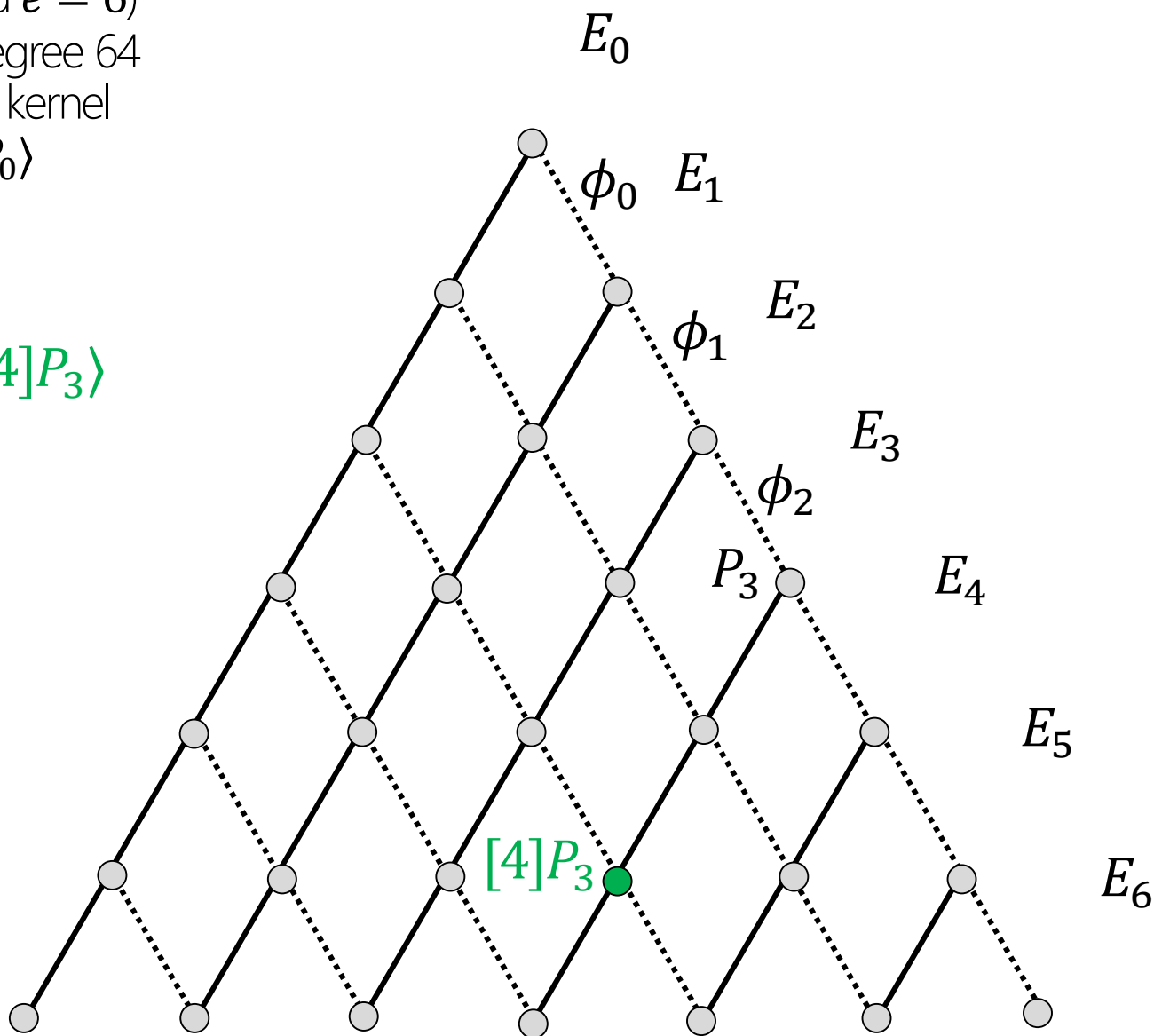
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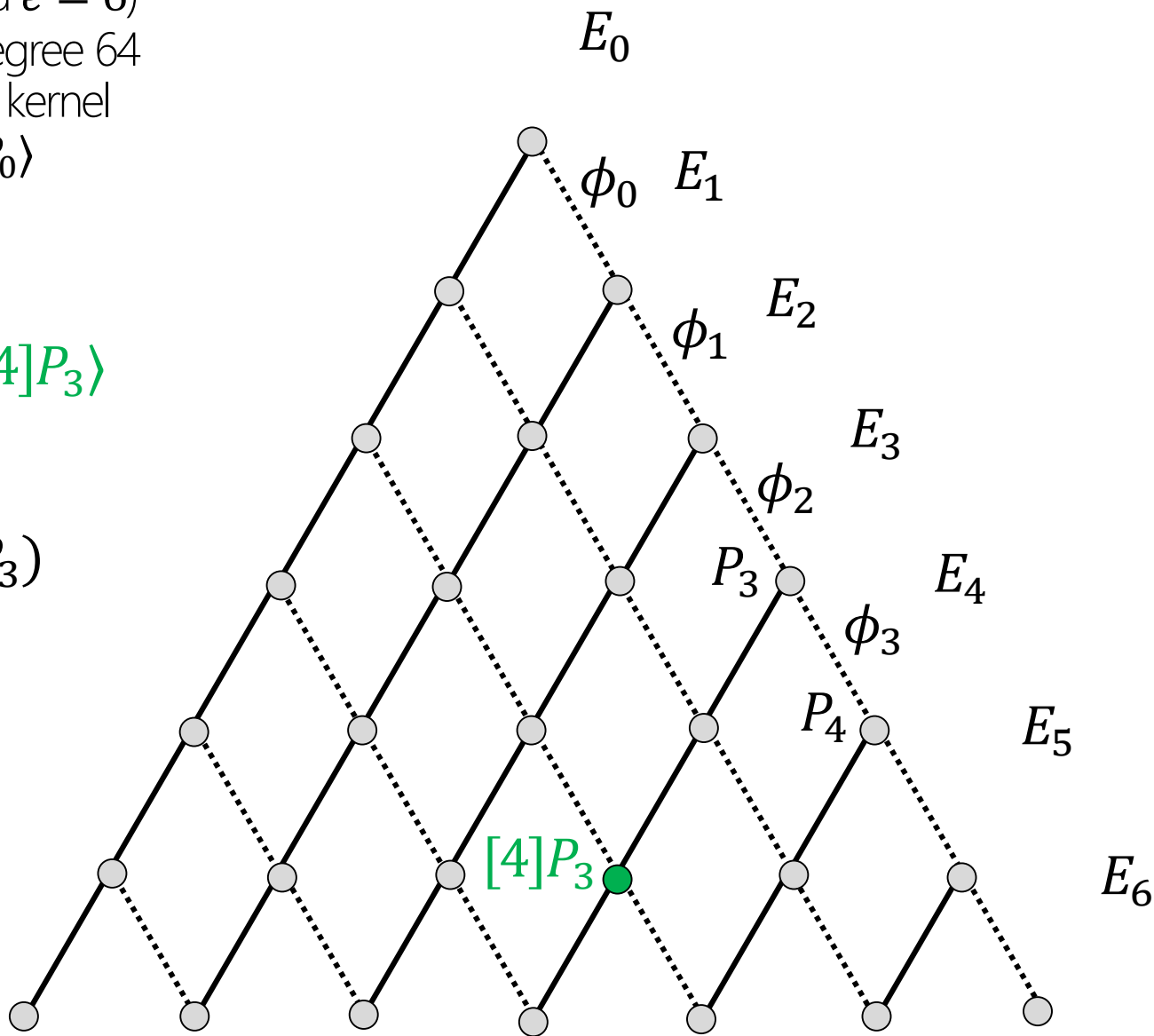
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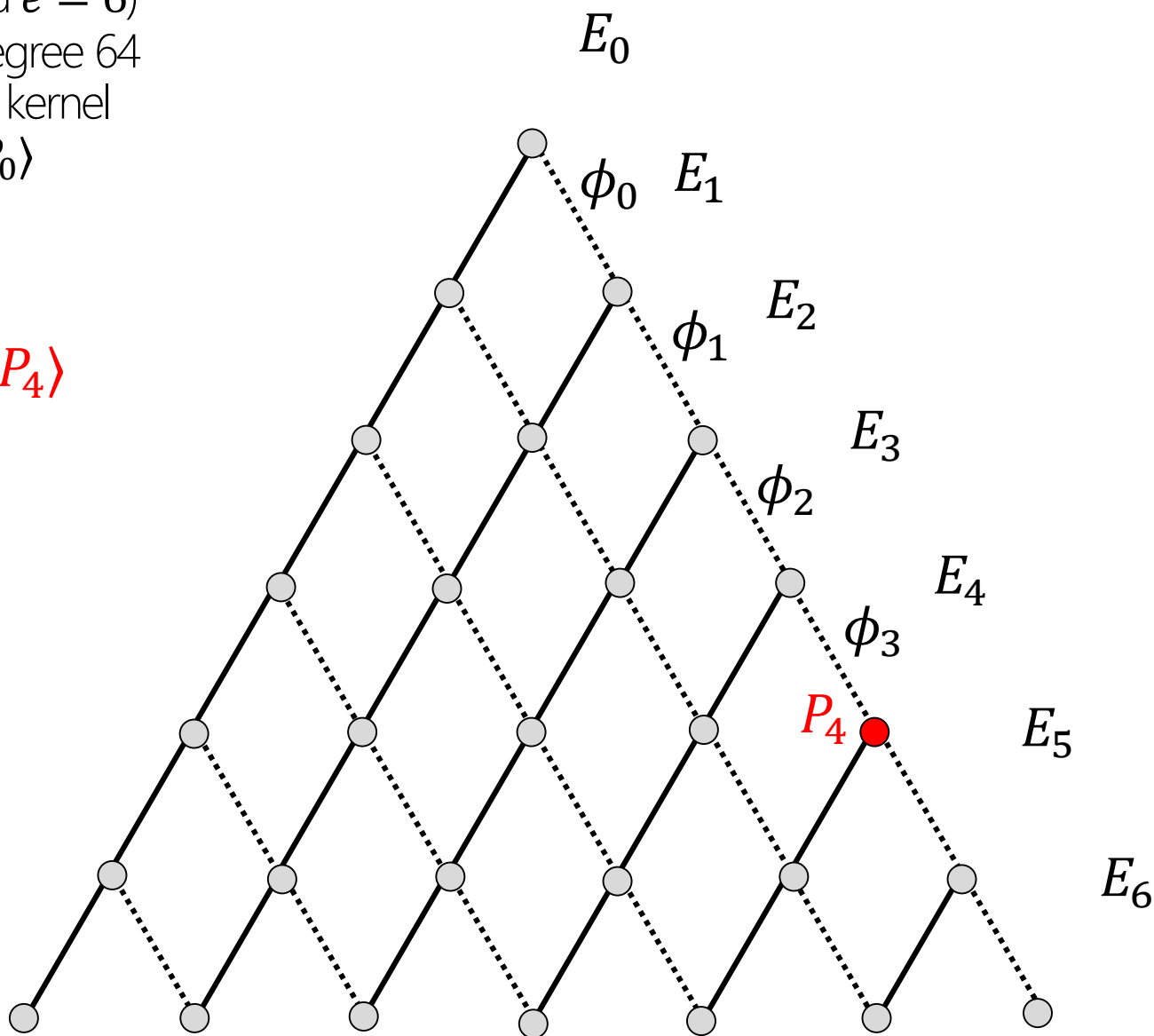
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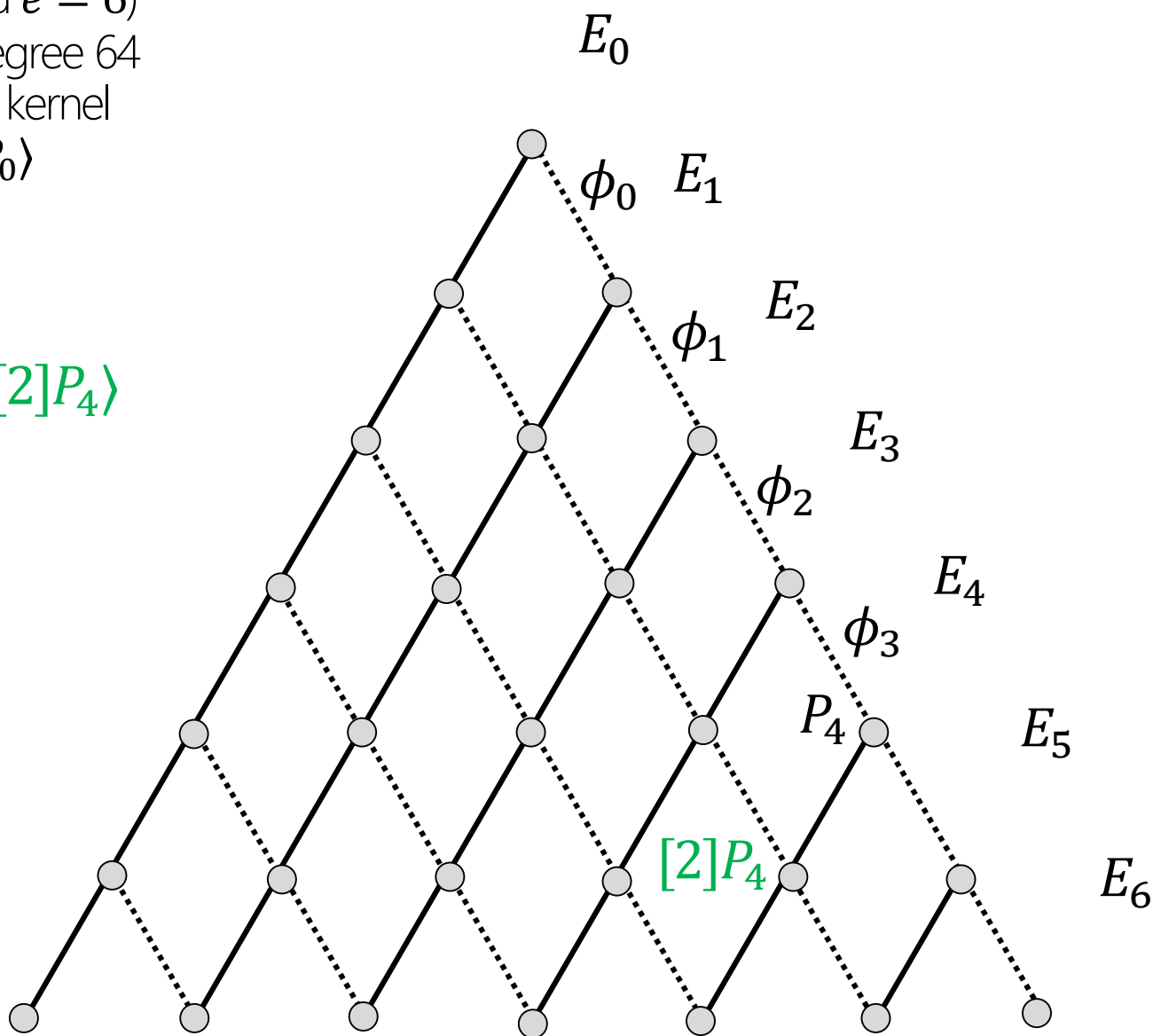
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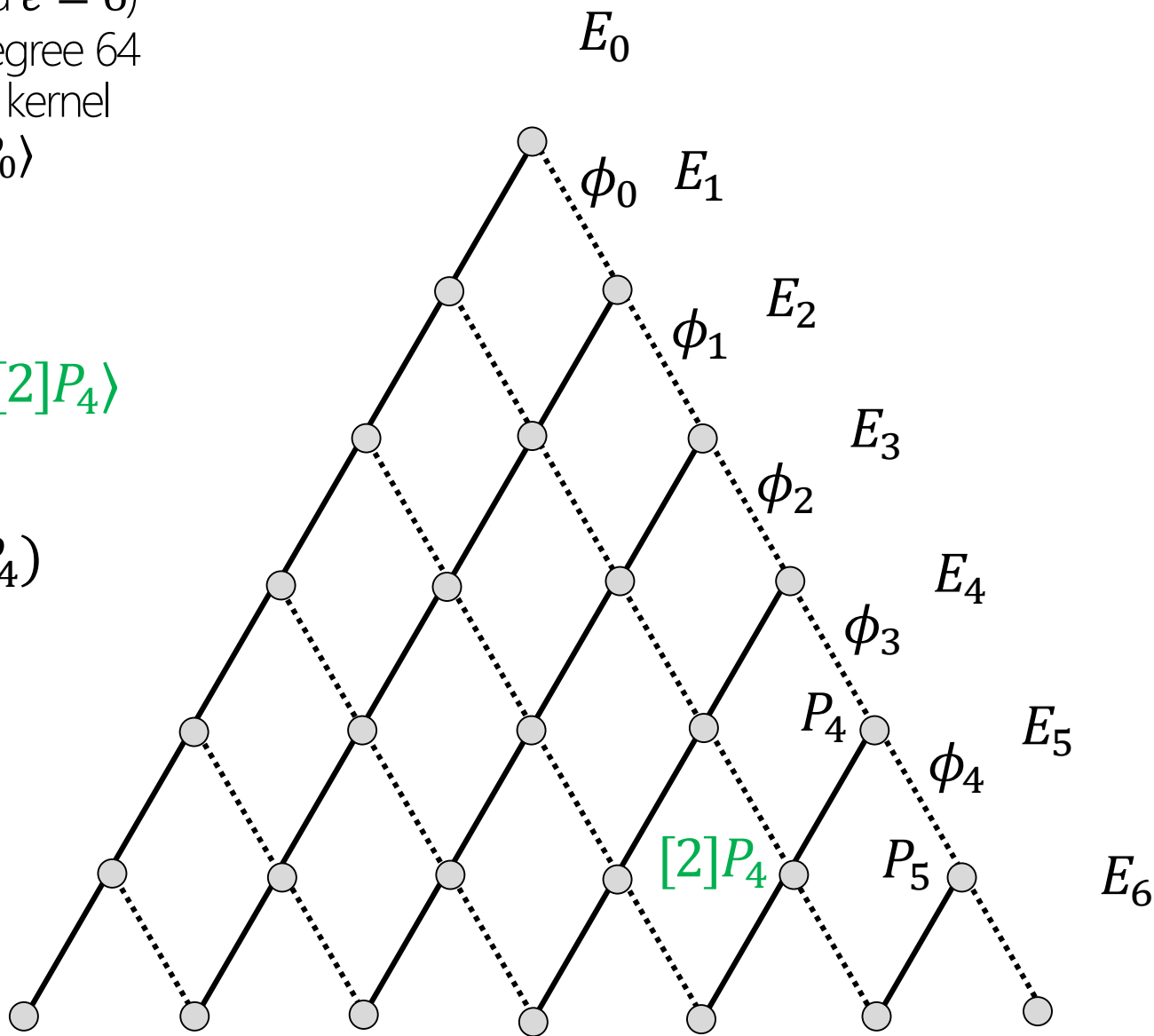
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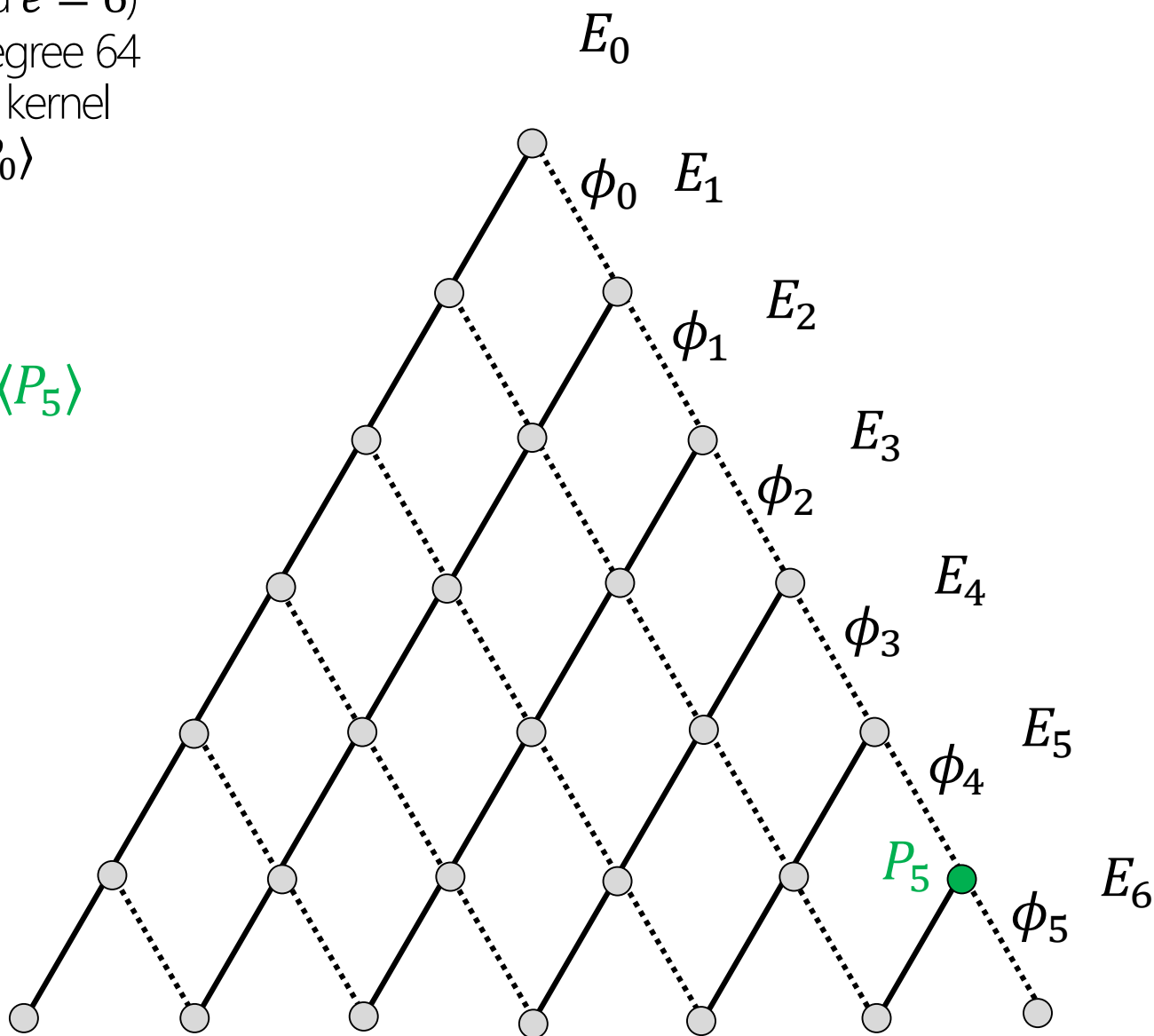
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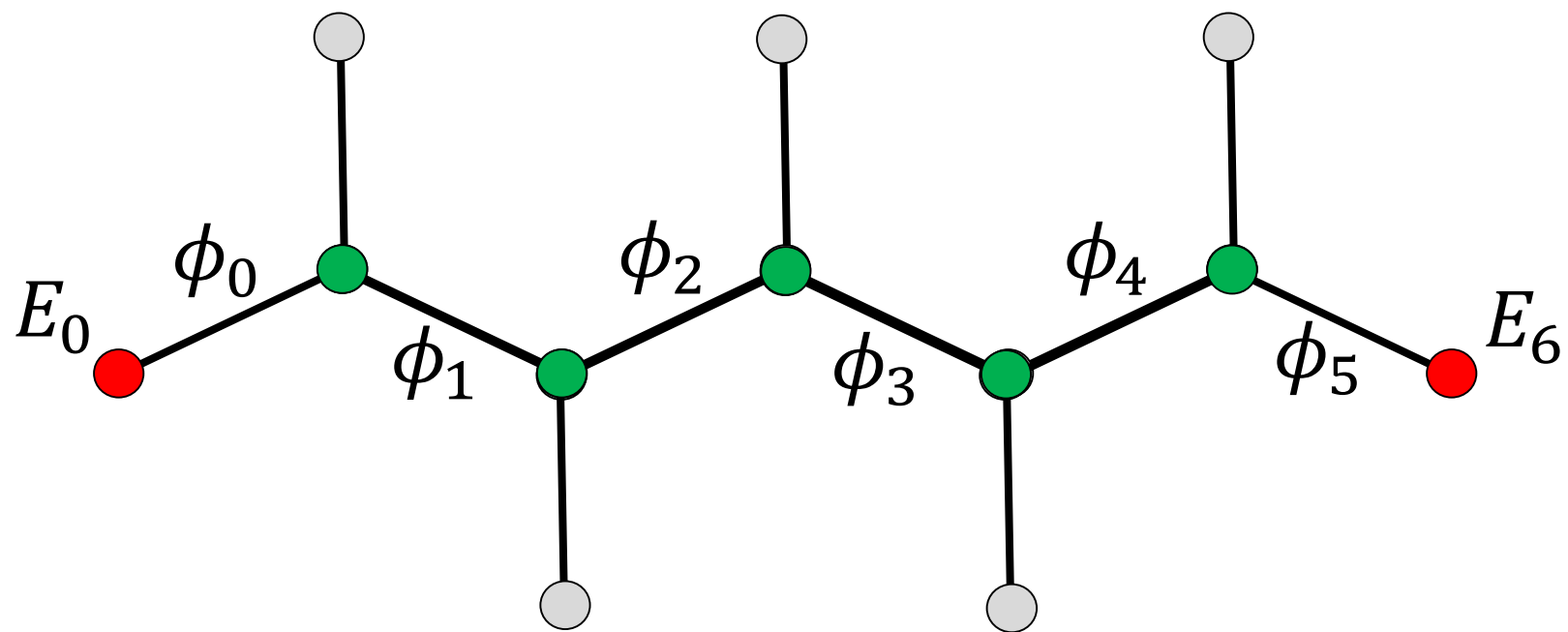
$$E_6 = E_5 / \langle P_5 \rangle$$




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$$\phi : E_0 \rightarrow E_6$$

$$\phi = \phi_5 \circ \phi_4 \circ \phi_3 \circ \phi_2 \circ \phi_1 \circ \phi_0$$



E 


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Claw algorithm



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E'

Given E and $E' = \phi(E)$, with ϕ degree ℓ^e , find ϕ

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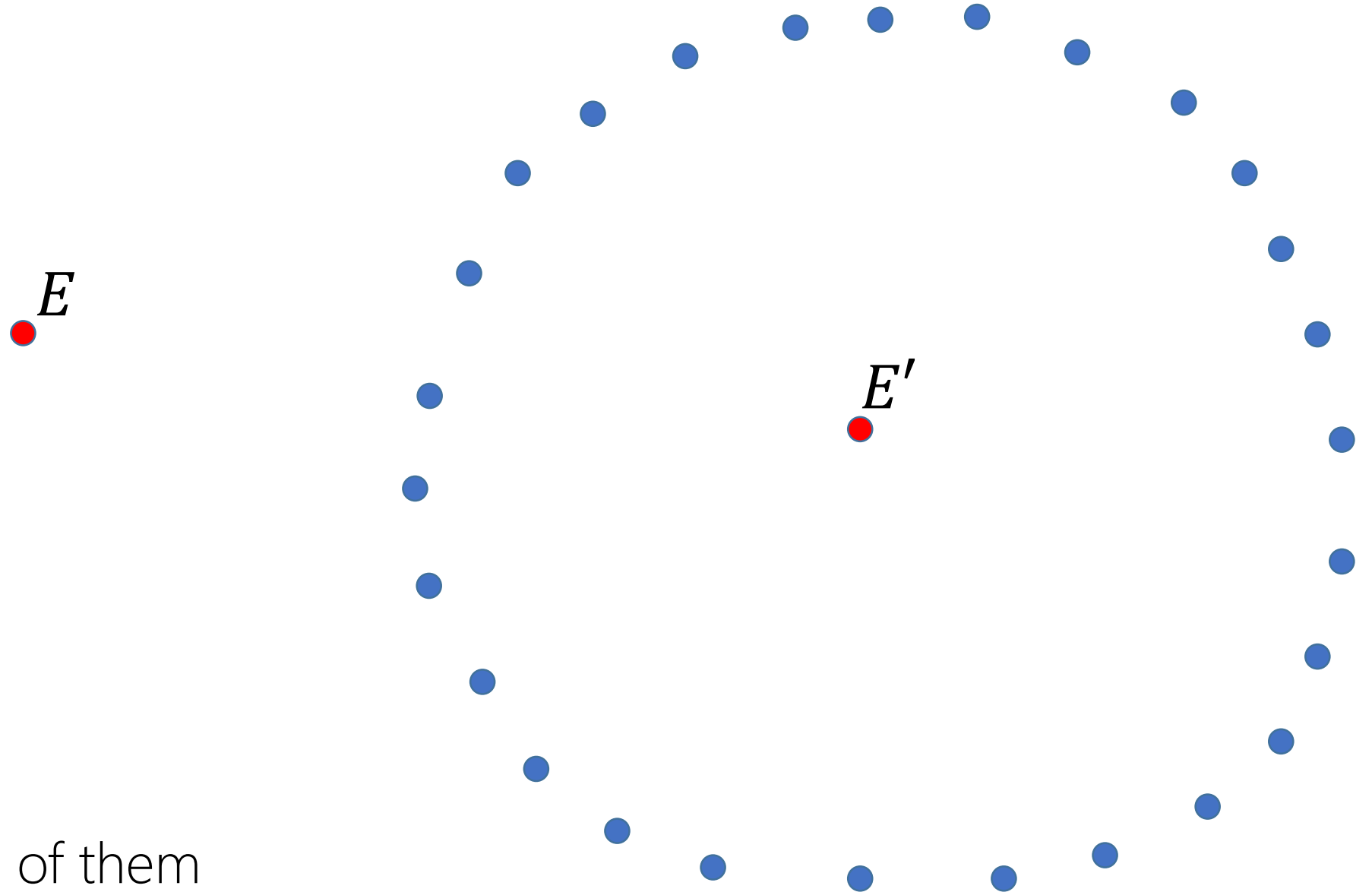
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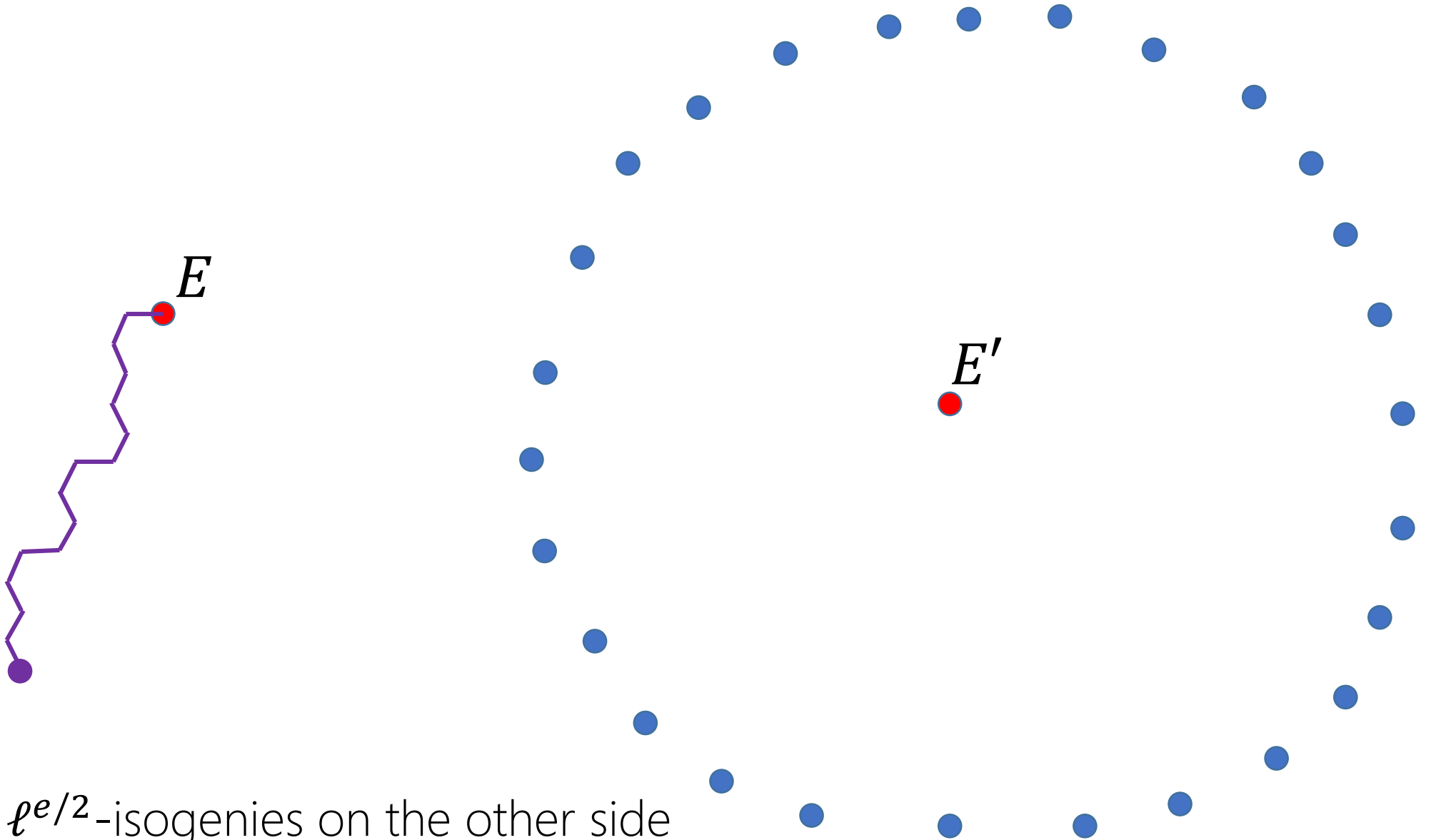
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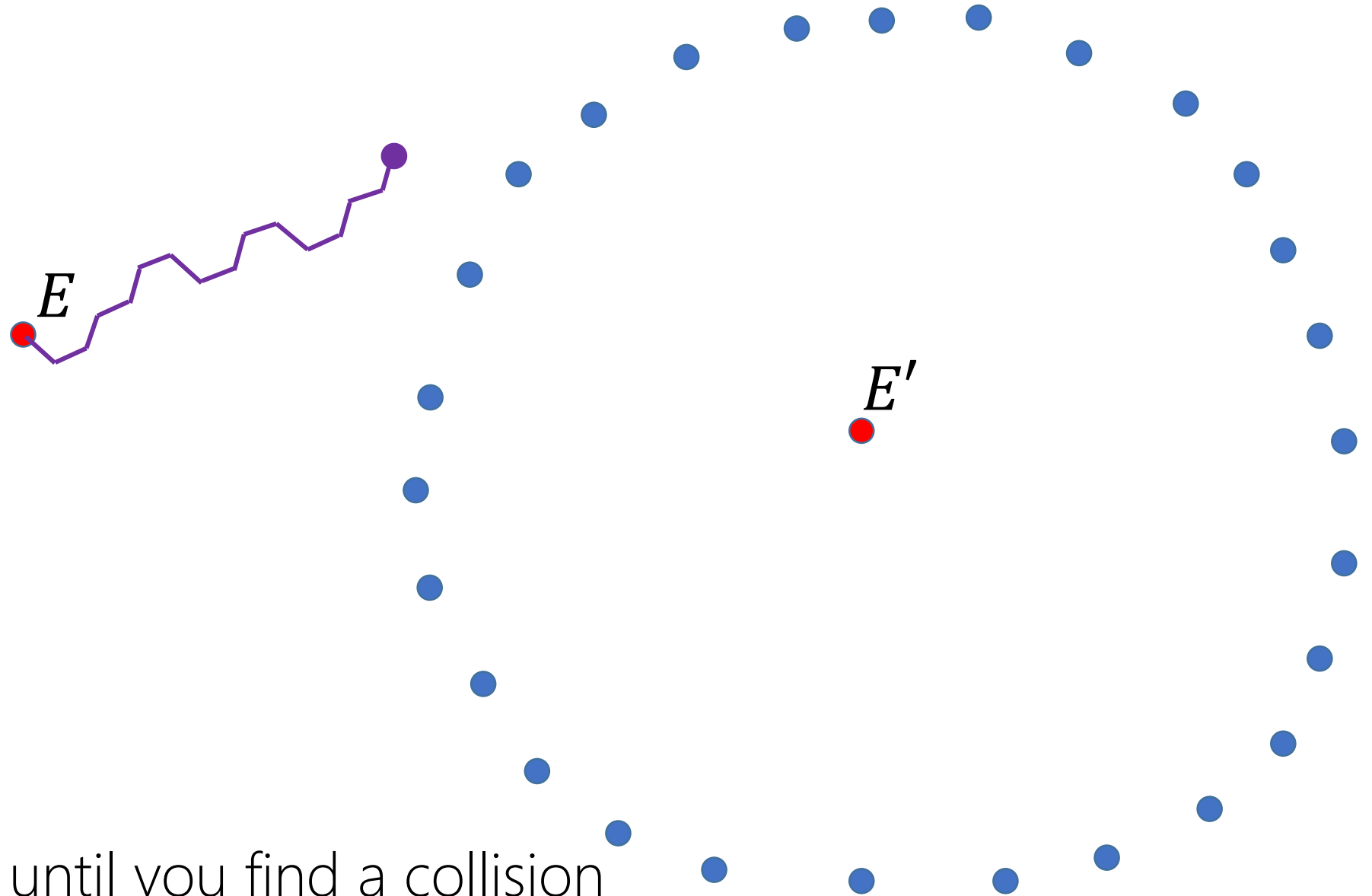
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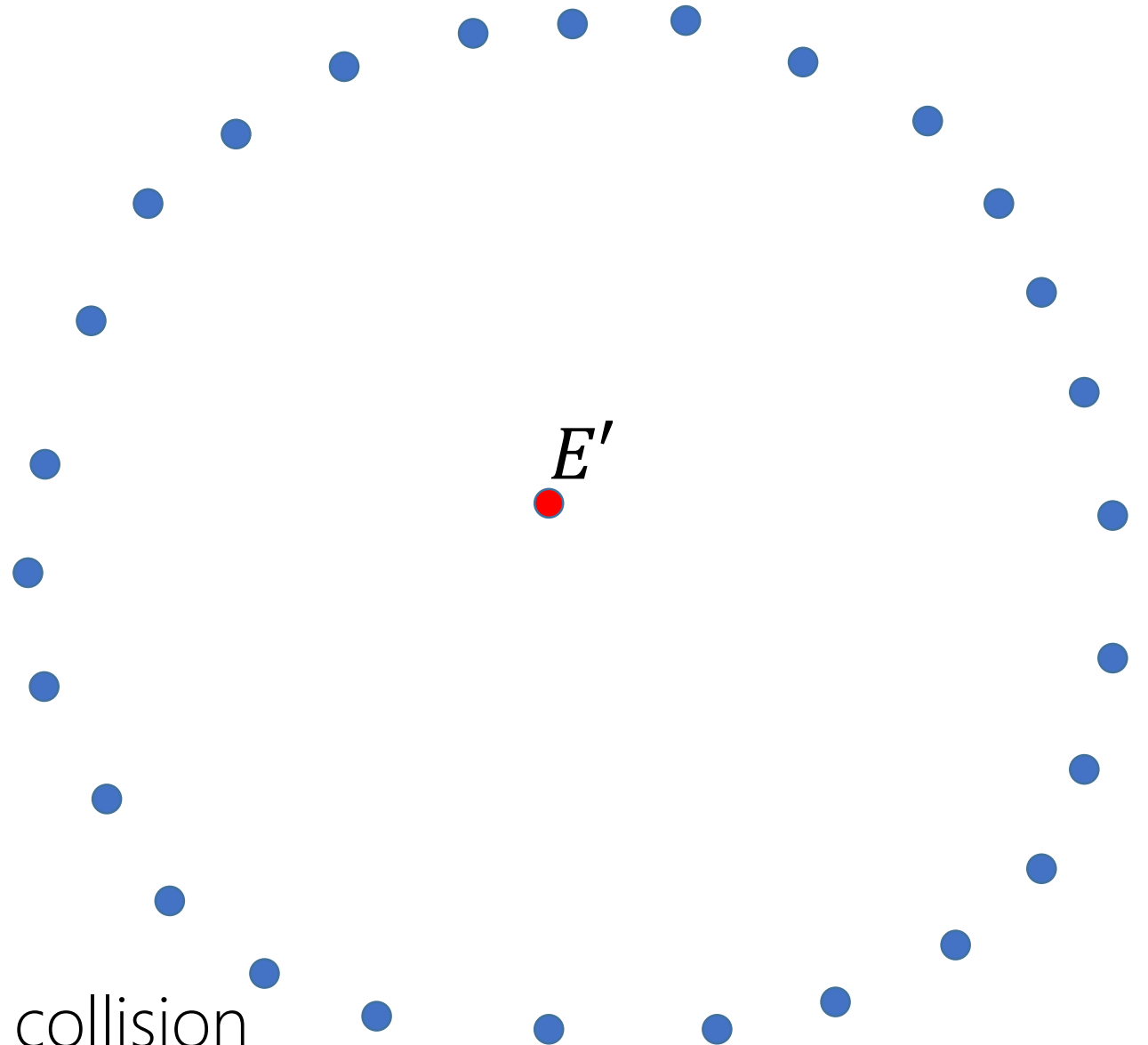
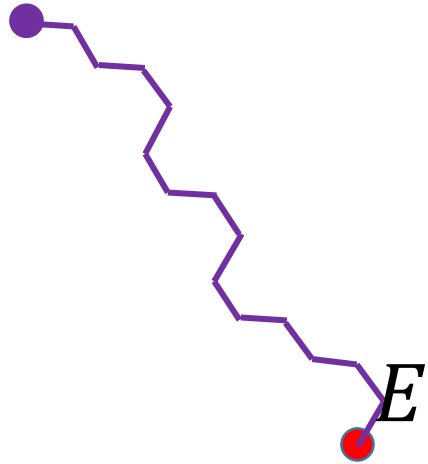
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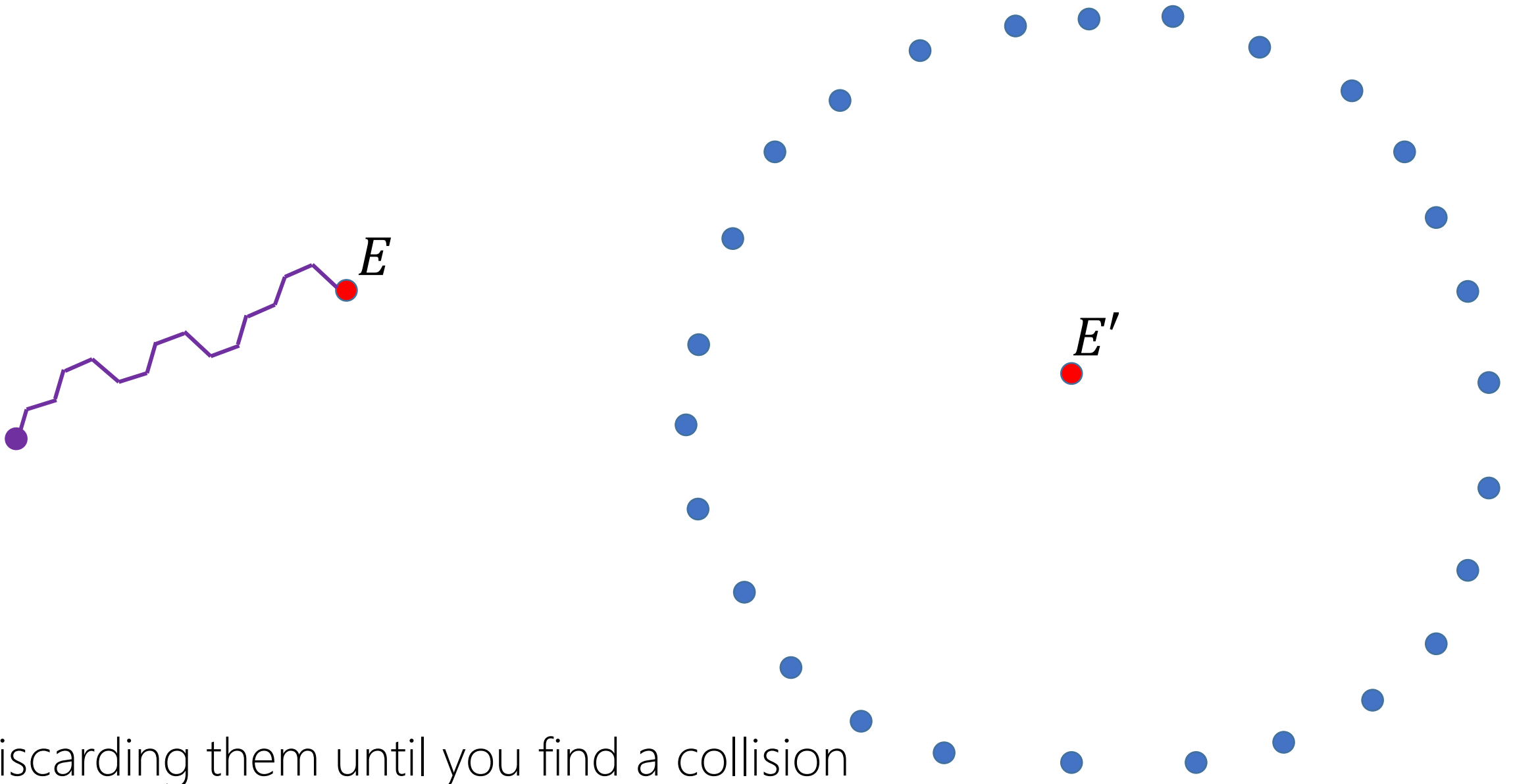
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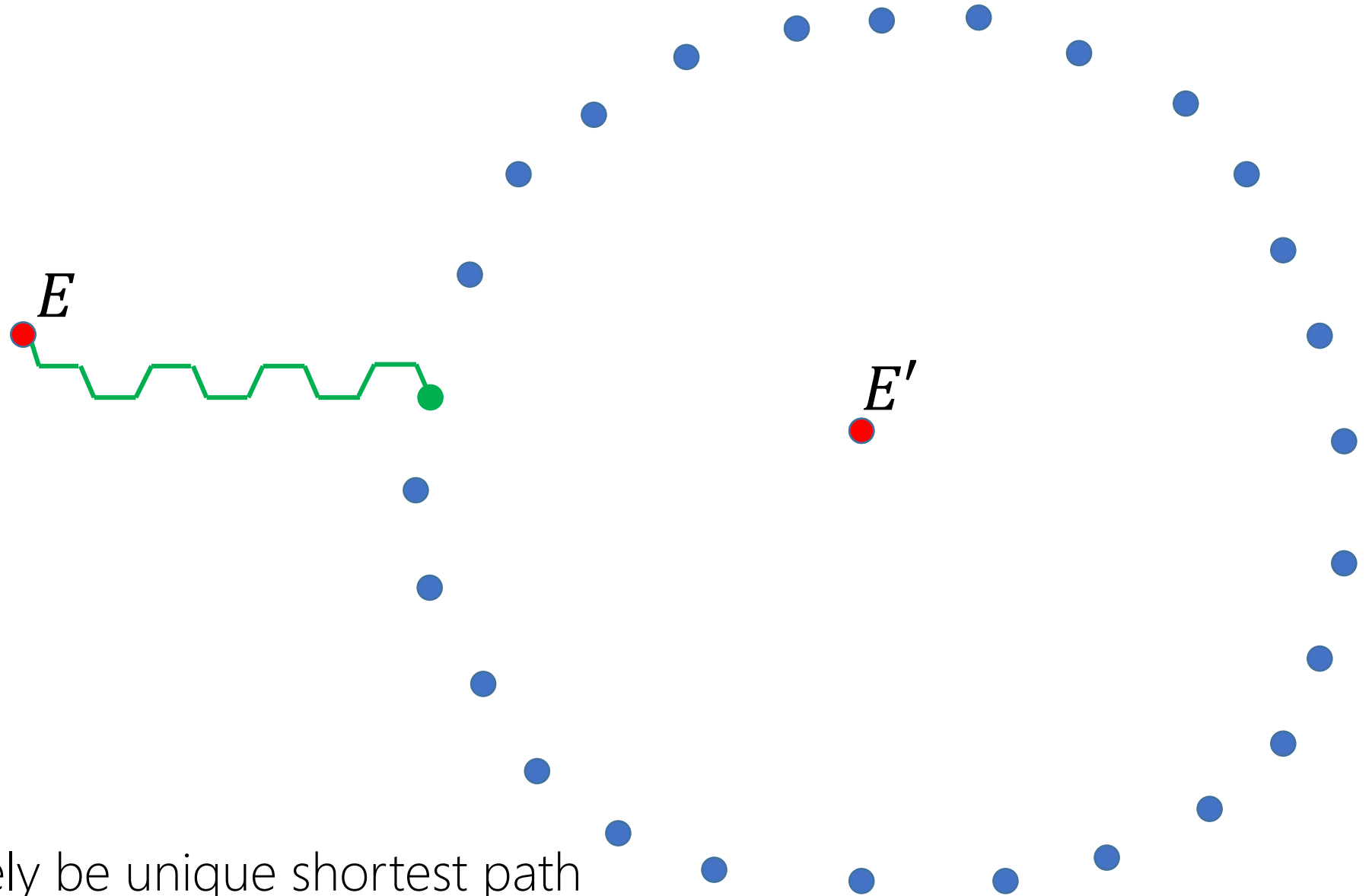


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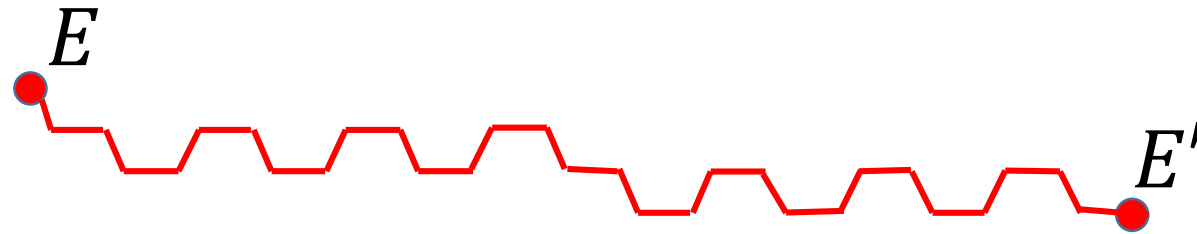


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Collision will most likely be unique shortest path

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This path describes secret isogeny $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$

Claw algorithm: classical analysis

- There are $O(\ell^{e/2})$ curves $\ell^{e/2}$ -isogenous to E' (the blue nodes ●)

thus $O(\ell^{e/2}) = O(p^{1/4})$ classical memory

- There are $O(\ell^{e/2})$ curves $\ell^{e/2}$ -isogenous to E' (the blue nodes ●), and there are $O(\ell^{e/2})$ curves $\ell^{e/2}$ -isogenous to E (the purple nodes ●)

thus $O(\ell^{e/2}) = O(p^{1/4})$ classical time

- **Best (known) attacks:** classical $O(p^{1/4})$ and quantum $O(p^{1/6})$
- **Confidence:** both complexities are optimal for a black-box claw attack

SIDH protocol summary

- Setting: supersingular elliptic curves E/\mathbb{F}_{p^2} where $p = 2^i 3^j - 1$
- Parameters:

$$E_0/\mathbb{F}_{p^2} : y^3 = x^3 + x \quad \text{with} \quad \#E_0 = (2^i 3^j)^2$$

$$P_A, Q_A \in E_0[2^i] \quad \text{and} \quad P_B, Q_B \in E_0[3^j]$$

- Public key generation (Alice):

$$s \in [0, 2^i)$$

$$S_A = P_A + [s]Q_A$$

$$\phi_A : E_0 \rightarrow E_A := E_0/\langle S_A \rangle$$

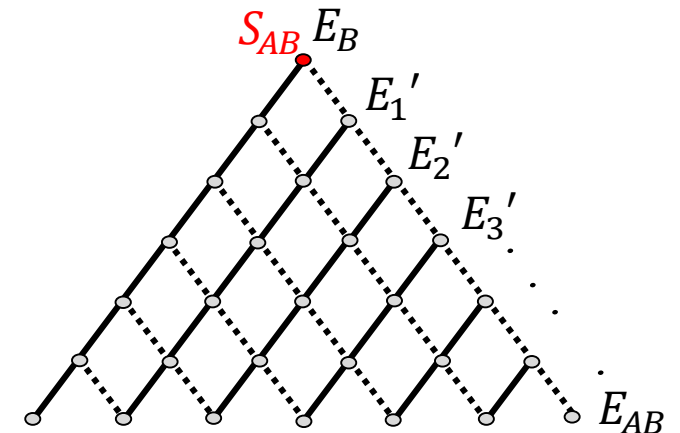
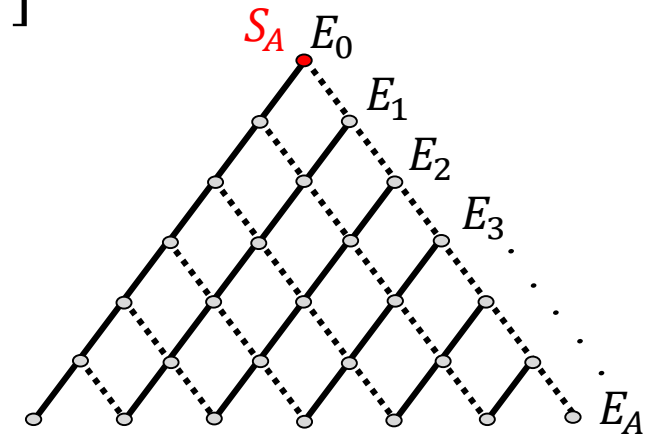
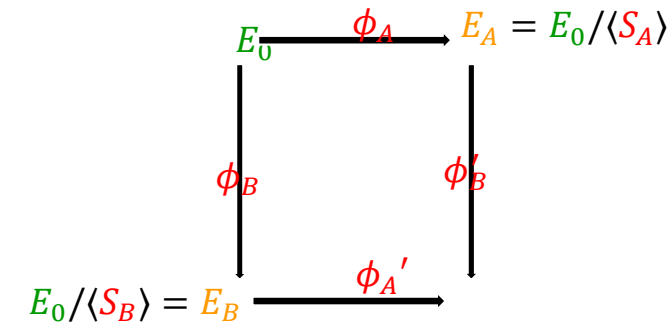
send $E_A, \phi_A(P_B), \phi_A(Q_B)$ to Bob

- Shared key generation (Alice):

$$S_{AB} = \phi_B(P_A) + [s]\phi_B(Q_A) \in E_B$$

$$\phi_{A'} : E_B \rightarrow E_{AB} := E_B/\langle S_{AB} \rangle$$

$$j_{AB} = j(E_{AB})$$



SIDH security summary

- **Setting:** supersingular elliptic curves E/\mathbb{F}_{p^2} where p is a large prime
- **Hard problem:** Given $P, Q \in E$ and $\phi(P), \phi(Q) \in \phi(E)$, compute ϕ
(where ϕ has fixed, smooth, public degree)
- **Best (known) attacks:** classical $O(p^{1/4})$ and quantum $O(p^{1/6})$

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"The poor user is given enough rope with which to hang himself – something a standard should not do."

- Ron Rivest, 1992 (on DSA standard)





public key compression



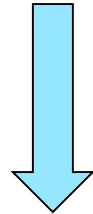
Point *and* isogeny arithmetic in \mathbb{P}^1

ECDH: move around different points on a fixed curve.

SIDH: move around different points and different curves

$$E_{a,b} : by^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + x$$

$$(x, y) \leftrightarrow (X : Y : Z)$$



$$(a, b) \leftrightarrow (A : B : C)$$

$$E_{\frac{A}{C}, \frac{B}{C}} : BY^2Z = CX^3 + AX^2Z + CXZ^2$$

B coefficient only
fixes the quadratic
twist, but
 $j(E) = j(E')$

\mathbb{P}^1 point arithmetic: $(X : Z) \mapsto (X' : Z')$

\mathbb{P}^1 isogeny arithmetic: $(A : C) \mapsto (A' : C')$

Point *and* isogeny arithmetic in \mathbb{P}^1

$$\phi_3 : E_{a,b} \rightarrow E_{a',b'}$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto \left(x \cdot \left(\frac{x \cdot x_3 - 1}{x - x_3} \right)^2, \frac{(x \cdot x_3 - 1)(x^2 \cdot x_3 - 3x \cdot x_3^2 + x + x_3)}{(x - x_3)^3} \right)$$



$$(a', b') = \left((a \cdot x_3 - 6x_3^2 + 6) \cdot x_3, b \cdot x_3^2 \right)$$

$$\phi_3 : E_{A/C, B/C} / \{\pm 1\} \rightarrow E_{A'/C', B'/C'} / \{\pm 1\}$$

$$(X : Z) \mapsto (X(X_3X - Z_3Z)^2 : Z(Z_3X - X_3Z)^2)$$

$$(A' : C') = (Z_3^4 + 18X_3^2Z_3^2 - 27X_3^2 : 4X_3Z_3^3)$$



Public keys are in $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}^3$

$$PK_A = (x_{\phi_A(P_B)}, x_{\phi_A(Q_B)}, x_{\phi_A(Q_B - P_B)})$$

Conversely, if $R = \pm(Q - P)$ on $E_a : y^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + x$, then

$$a = \frac{(1 - x_P x_Q - x_P x_R - x_Q x_R)^2}{4x_P x_Q x_R} - x_P - x_Q - x_R$$

The starting curve

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

Computing $\phi : E_0 \rightarrow E'$ is broadly equivalent to computing $\mathbf{End}(E')$
(see Kohel's thesis, Galbraith-Vercauteren survey, Galbraith-Petit-Shani-Ti)

Computing $\phi : E_0 \rightarrow E'$ is subexponential if E' is defined over \mathbb{F}_p
(see Biasse-Jao-Sankar, Galbraith-Delfs)

Known security not damaged, but perhaps we'd prefer to start on E_0/\mathbb{F}_{p^2} when $\mathbf{End}(E)$ is not known. Don't know how?

Generating secret kernels

Recall

- $P_A, Q_A \in E_0[2^{e_A}]$ and $P_B, Q_B \in E_0[3^{e_B}]$ with *full order* Weil pairings
- Alice's secret is $\langle [m_A]P_A + [n_A]Q_A \rangle$, Bob's is $\langle [m_B]P_B + [n_B]Q_B \rangle$

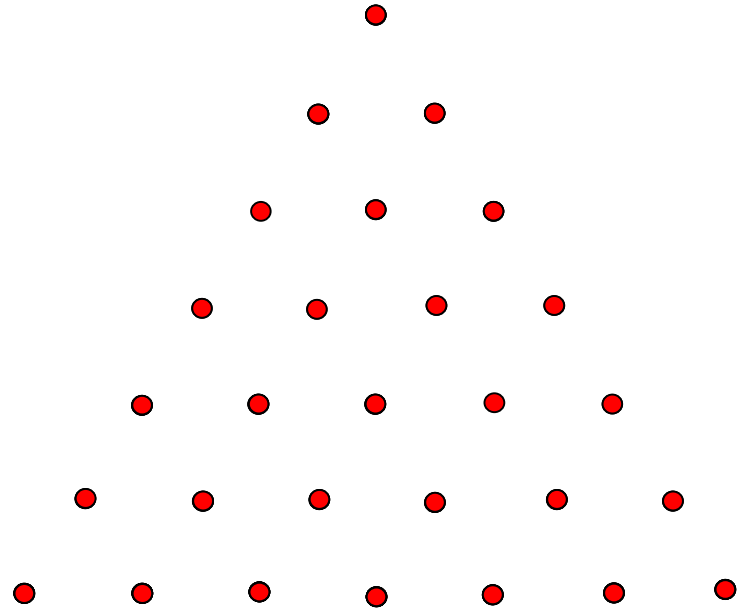
We take

- $m_A = m_B = 1, n_A \in [0, 2^\ell)$ and $n_B \in [0, 2^{\ell'})$
 - $Q_A = [3^{e_B}](z_1, -)$ and $P_A = [3^{e_B}](z_2 + i, -)$
 - $Q_B = [2^{e_A}](z_3, -)$ and $P_B = [2^{e_A}](z_4 + i, -)$
- $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\mathbb{F}_p} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\mathbb{F}_{p^2}} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} Q_A \\ P_A \\ Q_B \\ P_B \end{matrix}} \right\} z_i \in \mathbb{N} \text{ smallest such that points span torsions}$

Consequences

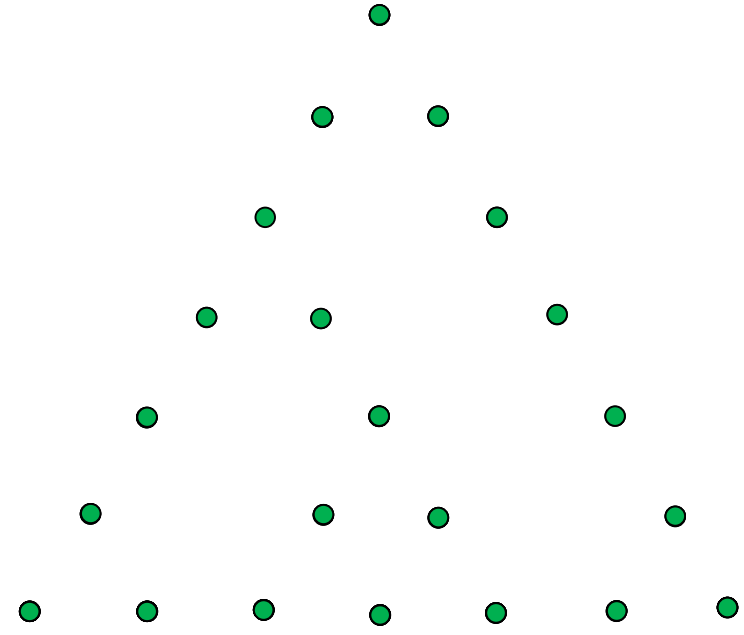
- Simple, uniform "3 point ladder" for computing $P + [n]Q$ [see FLOR'17] 🍌
- $R = P + [n]Q$ can never be such that $[2^z]R = (0,0)$, so one 4-isogeny function 🍌
- Don't reach all possible subgroups. Problem? 🙄

The main loop



Simple, but slow

e.g. $28441 \times [3] + 239 \times \phi_3(x)$



Optimal strategy [DJP'11] is harder, but much faster

e.g. $811 \times [3] + 1124 \times \phi_3(x)$

Spec/code gives concrete algorithm for deriving, checking and executing the optimal strategy

The problem with reusing static keys

- Galbraith-Petit-Shani-Ti: P, Q both order 2^{e_A} , and Alice's static secret $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\langle P + [\alpha]Q \rangle = \langle P + [\alpha](Q + [2^{e_A-1}]P) \rangle \quad \text{iff } \alpha \text{ is even}$$

- Send Alice $\tilde{P} = P$ and $\tilde{Q} = (Q + [2^{e_A-1}]P)$, if DH works fine, then α is even, else odd
- Even case ($\alpha = 2\hat{\alpha}$):
$$\langle P + [2\hat{\alpha}]Q \rangle = \langle P + [2\hat{\alpha}](Q + [2^{e_A-2}]P) \rangle \quad \text{iff } \hat{\alpha} \text{ is even}$$
so send $\tilde{P} = P$ and $\tilde{Q} = (Q + [2^{e_A-2}]P)$
- Odd case ($\alpha = 2\hat{\alpha} + 1$):
$$\langle P + [2\hat{\alpha} + 1]Q \rangle = \langle P - [2^{e_A-2}]Q + [2\hat{\alpha} + 1](Q + [2^{e_A-2}]Q) \rangle \quad \text{iff } \hat{\alpha} \text{ is even}$$
so send $\tilde{P} = [1 - 2^{e_A-2}]P$ and $\tilde{Q} = [1 + 2^{e_A-2}]Q$
- ... continuing yields α in $\log_2 \alpha$ adaptive interactions!!!
No known *Weil* to detect foul play, provided \tilde{P}, \tilde{Q} are scaled correctly!

Passively secure encryption (IND-CPA PKE), à la ElGamal

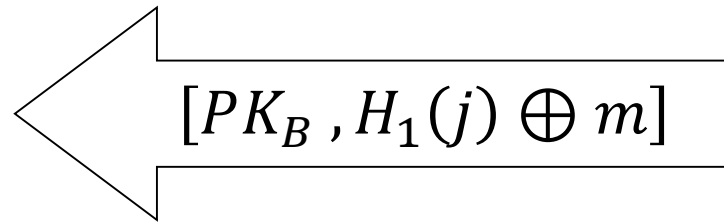
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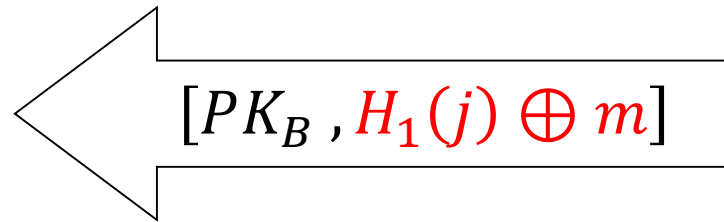
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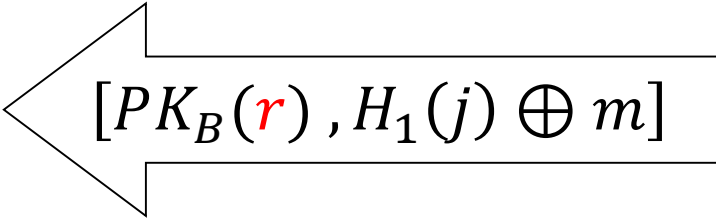
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$$[PK_B(r), H_1(j) \oplus m]$$

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$$m \in_R \{0,1\}^\ell$$

$$r = H_2(PK_A, m)$$

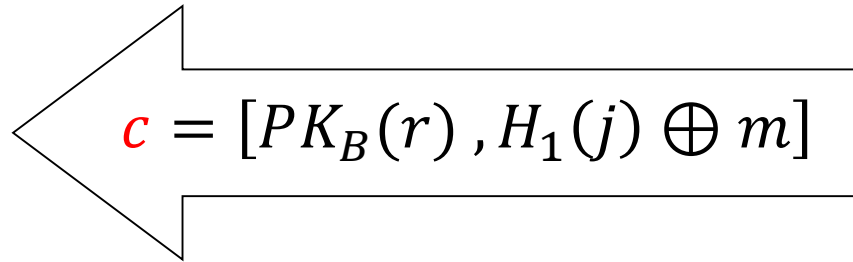
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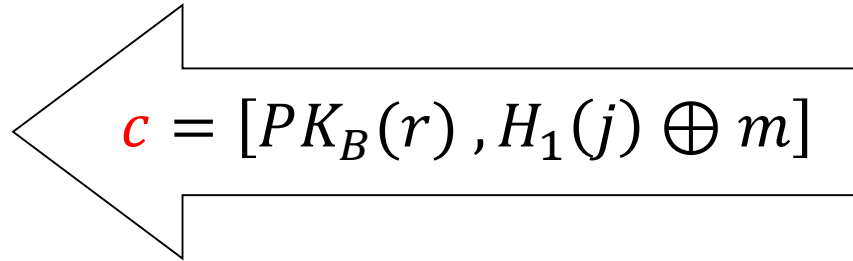
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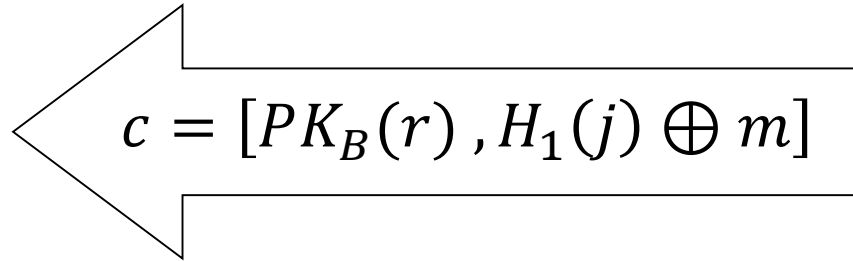
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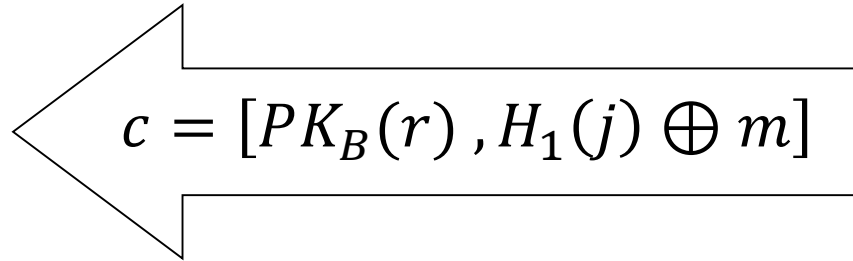
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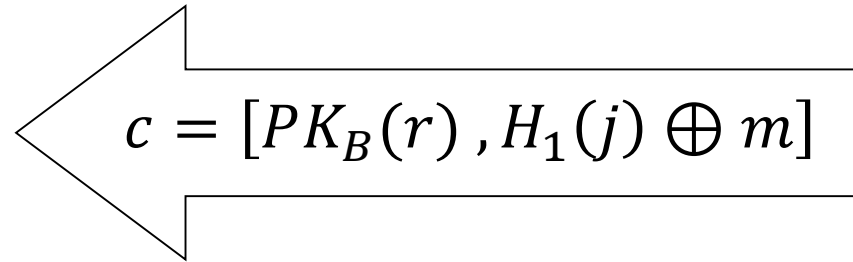
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$$H_1(j) = \text{cSHAKE256}(j, k, "", 2)$$

$$H_2(PK_A, m) = \text{cSHAKE256}(m || PK_A, e_2, "", 0)$$

$$H_3(c, m) = \text{cSHAKE256}(m || c, k, "", 1)$$

The curves and their security estimates

$$p = 2^{e_A} 3^{e_B} - 1$$

Name (SIKEp+ $\lceil \log_2 p \rceil$)	(e_A, e_B)	k	2^{k-1}	min $(\sqrt{2^{e_A}}, \sqrt{3^{e_B}})$	$\sqrt{2^k}$	min $(\sqrt[3]{2^{e_2}}, \sqrt[3]{3^{e_3}})$
SIKEp503	(250,159)	128	2^{127}	2^{125}	2^{64}	2^{83}
SIKEp761	(372,239)	192	2^{191}	2^{186}	2^{96}	2^{124}
SIKEp964	(486,301)	256	2^{255}	2^{238}	2^{128}	2^{159}

SIKE vs. IND-CCA lattice KEMs

Name	Primitive	Quantum sec (bits)	Encaps+ Decaps (ms)	Size of Encaps. (KB)
NTRU-KEM	NTRU	123	0.03	1.3
Kyber	M-LWE	161	0.07	1.2
FrodoKEM	LWE	103-150	1.2 – 2.3	9.5 – 15.4
SIKE	Supersingular Isogeny	84-125	10 – 30	0.4 – 0.6

Results obtained on 3.4GHz Intel Haswell (Kyber and NTRU-KEM) or Skylake (FrodoKEM and SIKE)

Easy ECDH hybrid

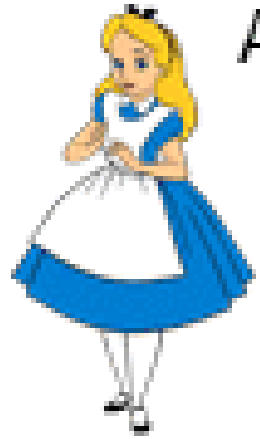
There are exponentially many a such that $E_a / \mathbb{F}_{p^2}: y^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + x$ is in the supersingular isogeny class. These are all unsuitable for ECDH.

There are also exponentially many A such that $E_a / \mathbb{F}_p: y^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + x$ is suitable for ECDH. E.g., smallest $a \in \mathbb{F}_p$ such that E_a is twist-secure.

Public keys only 1.17x larger, slowdown less than this, but....

e.g., on smallest curve we replace 128-bit classical security (SSDDH) with 256-bit classical security (ECDLP)

Questions?



Alice



Bob