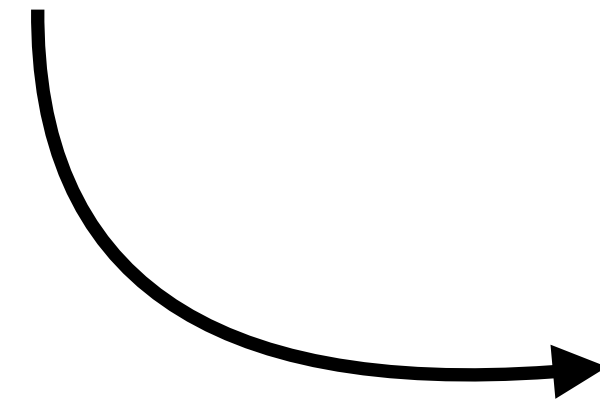


# Effective Group Actions

**The road to PEGASIS**



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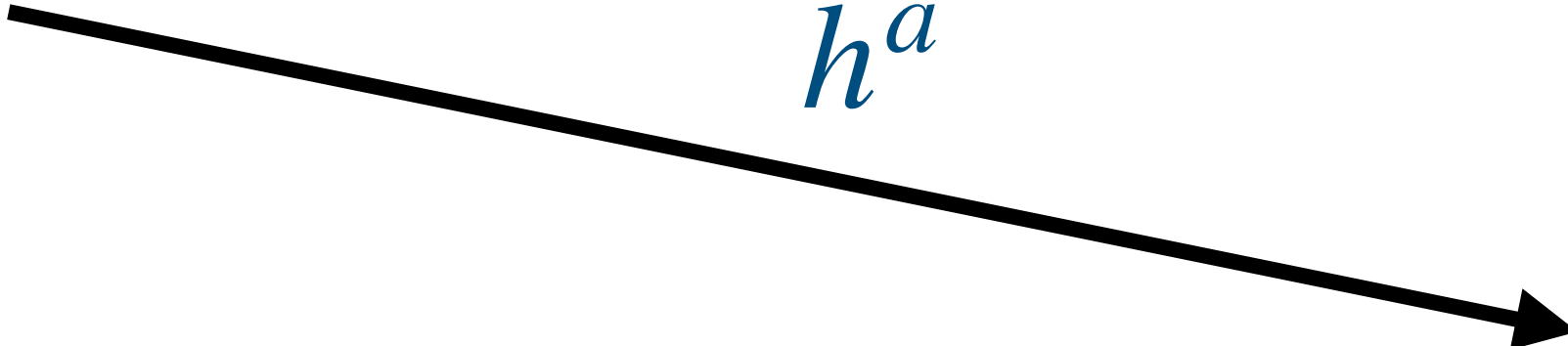
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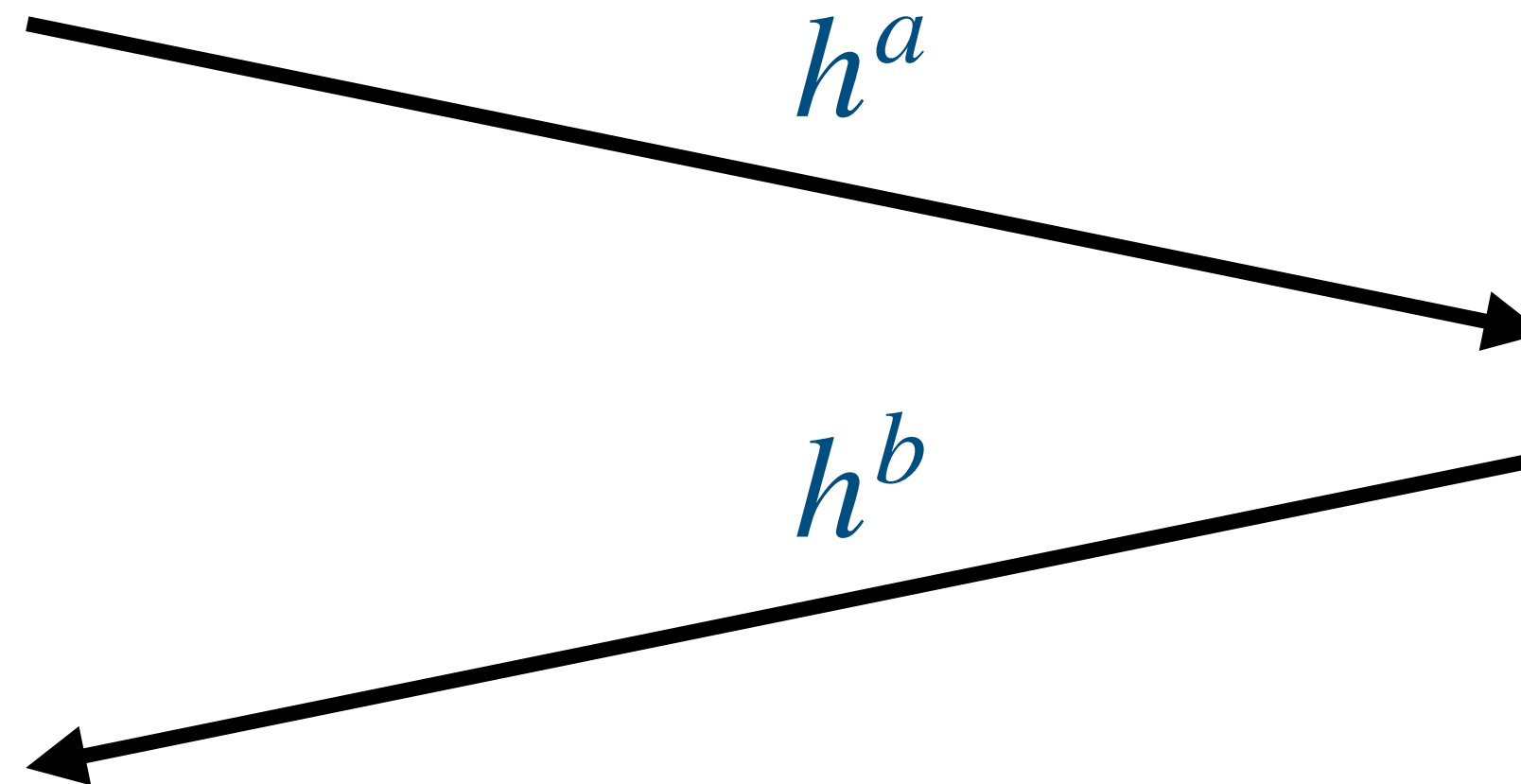
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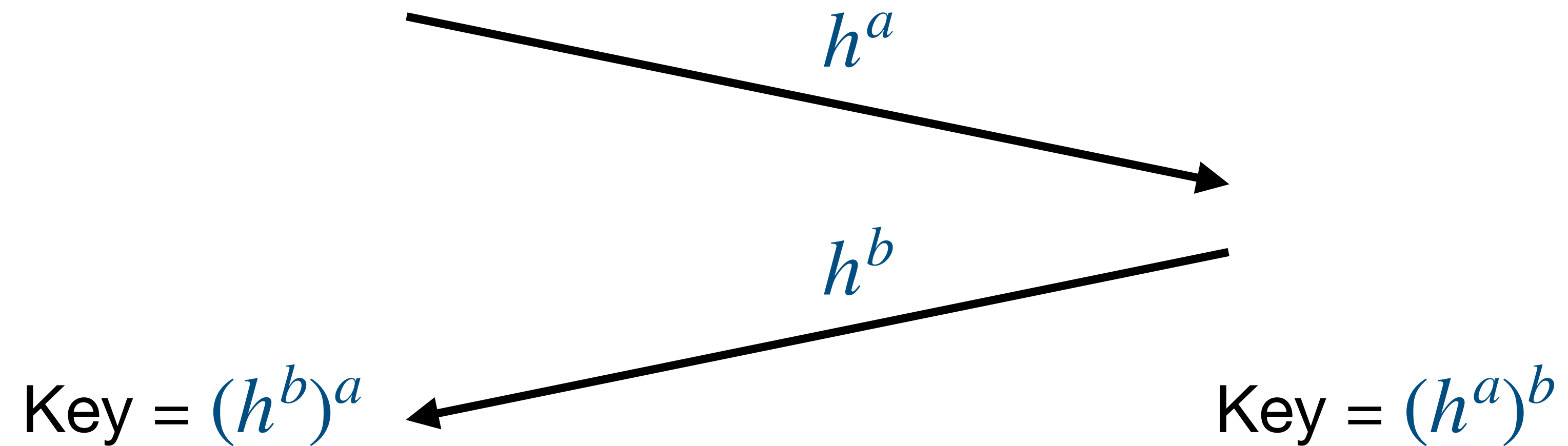
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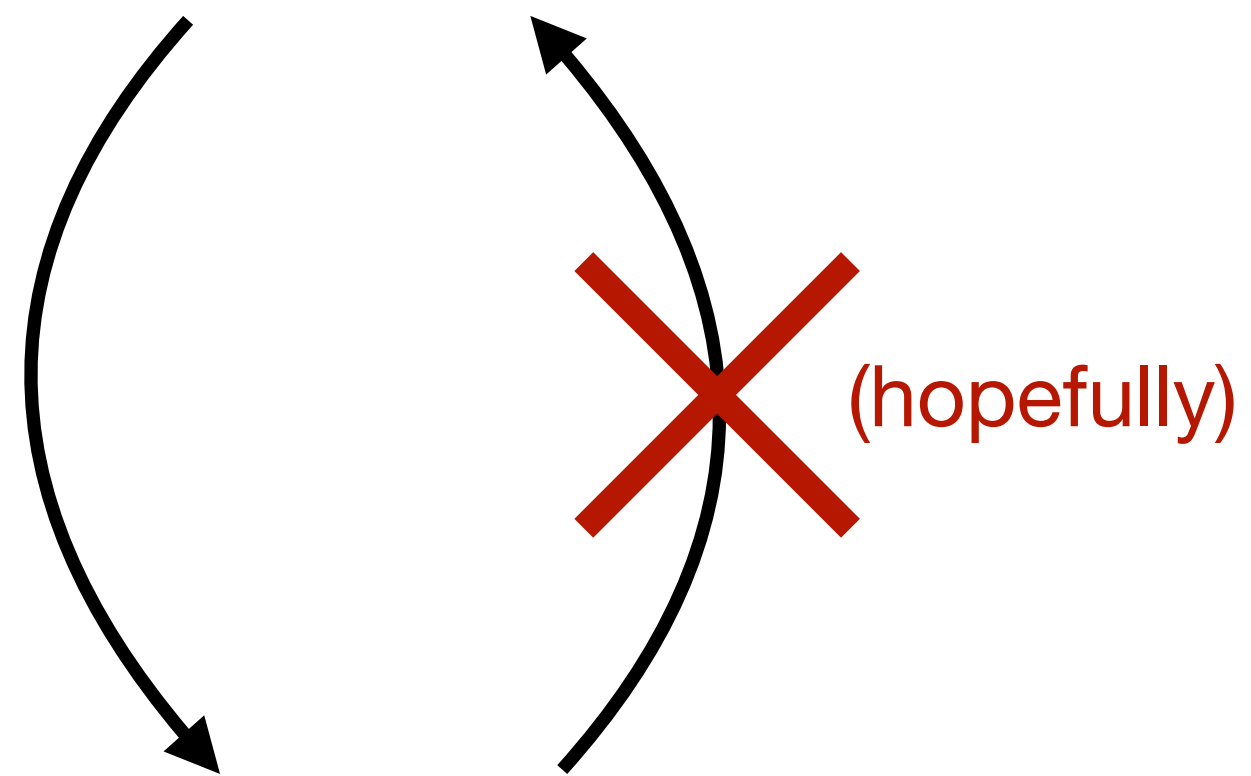
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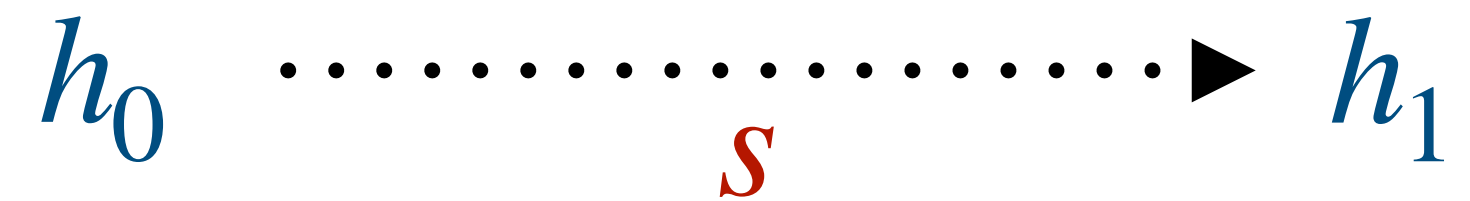
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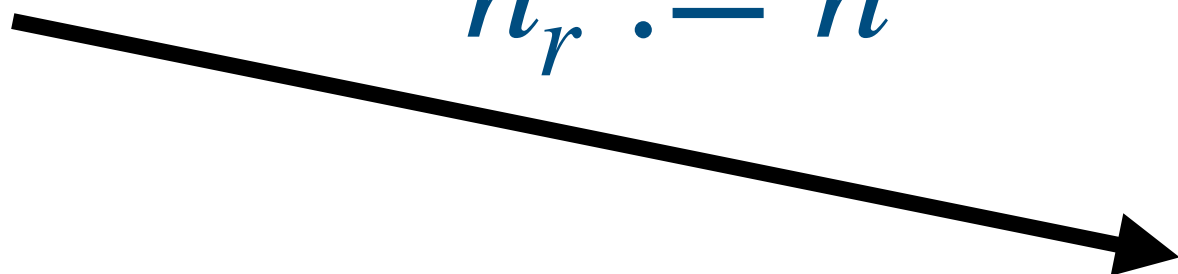
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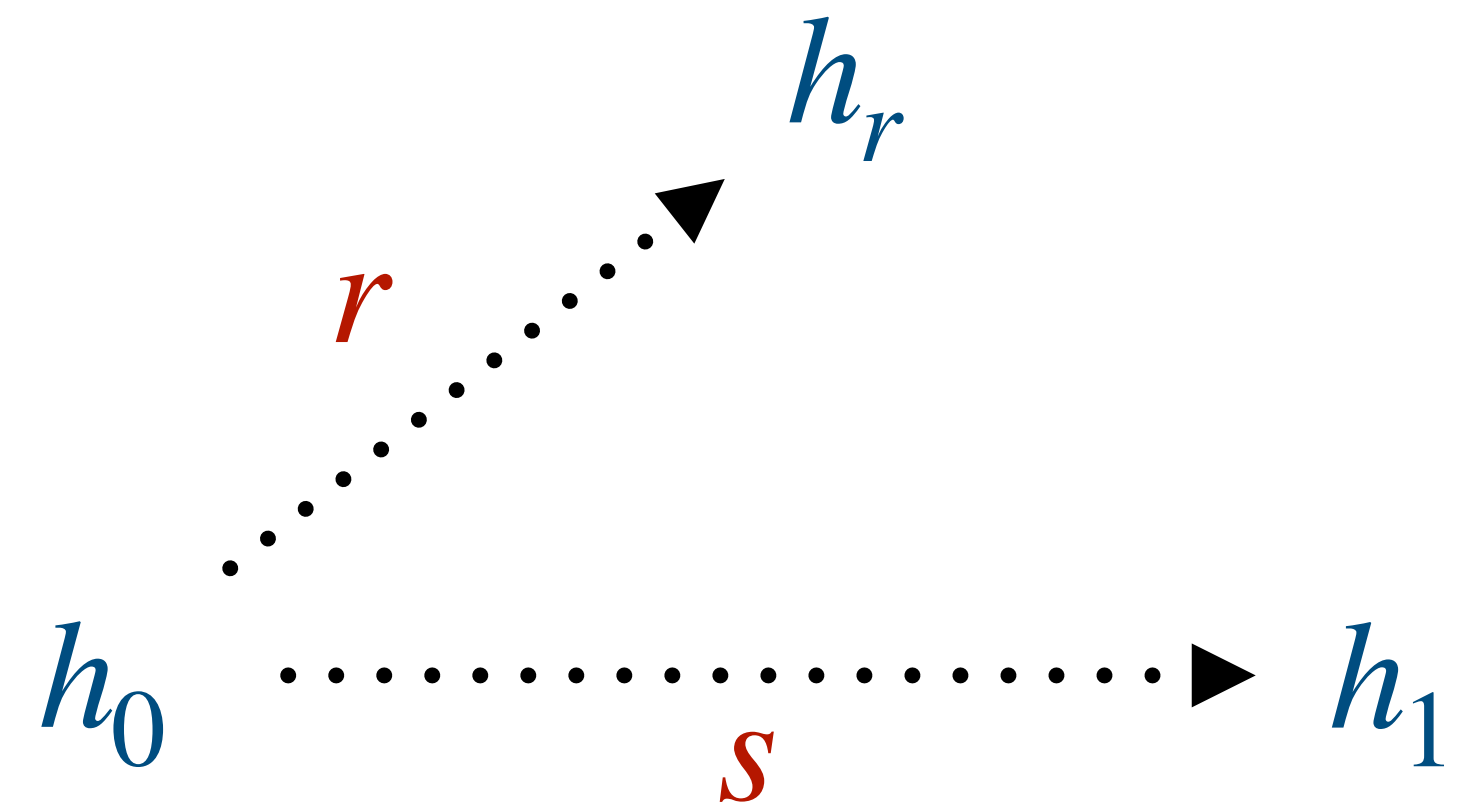
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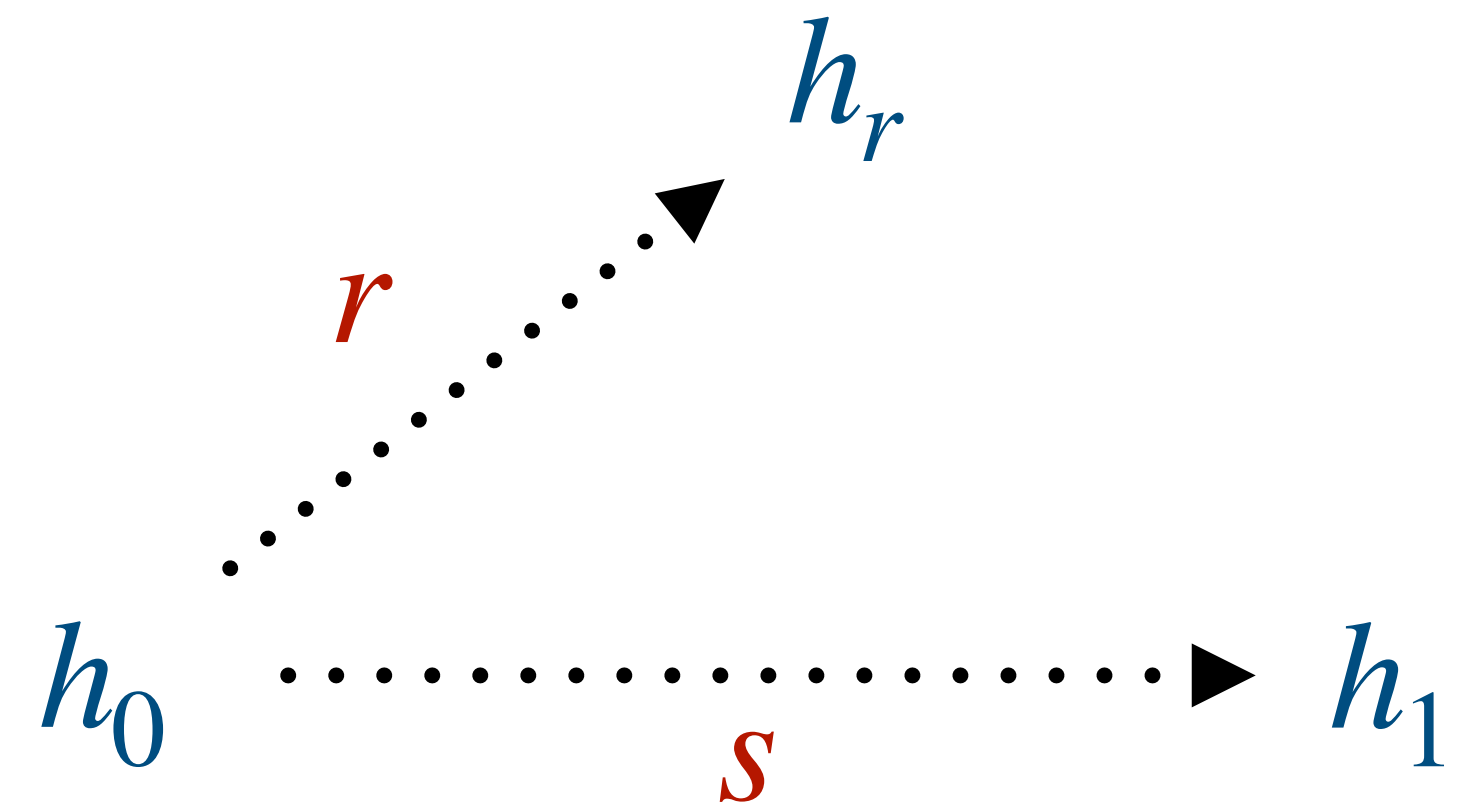
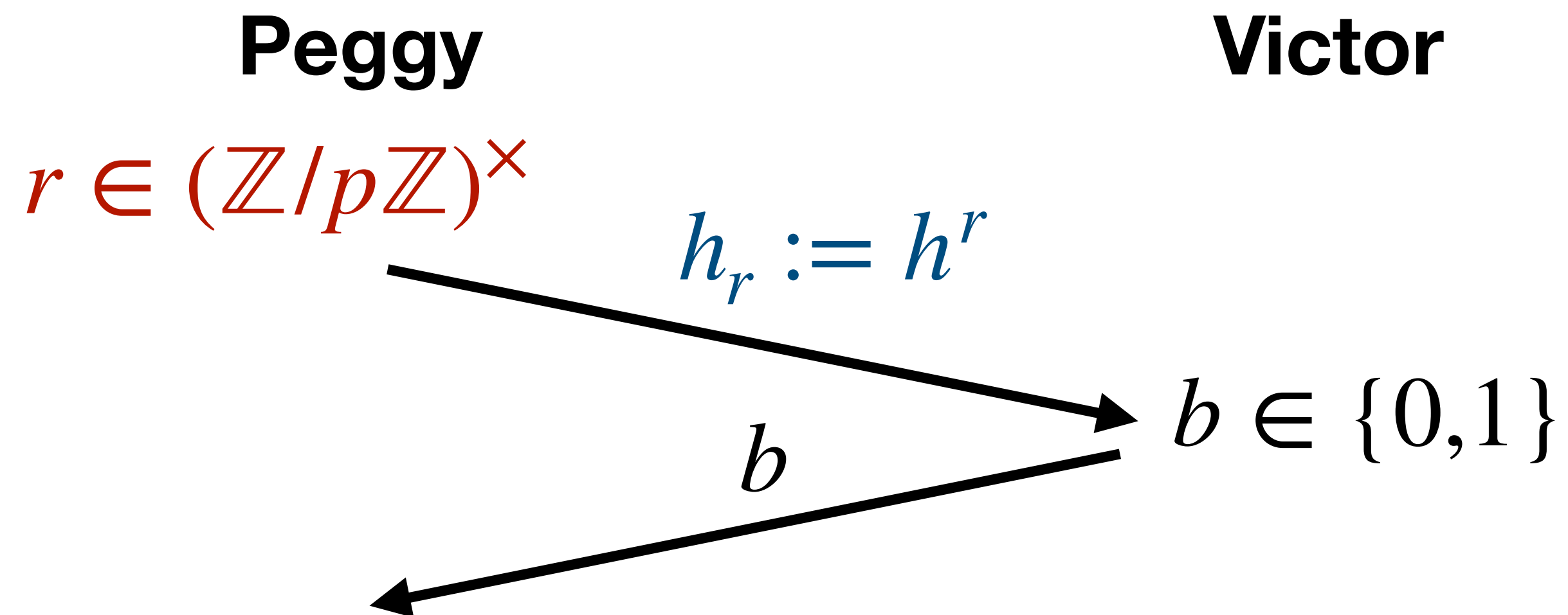


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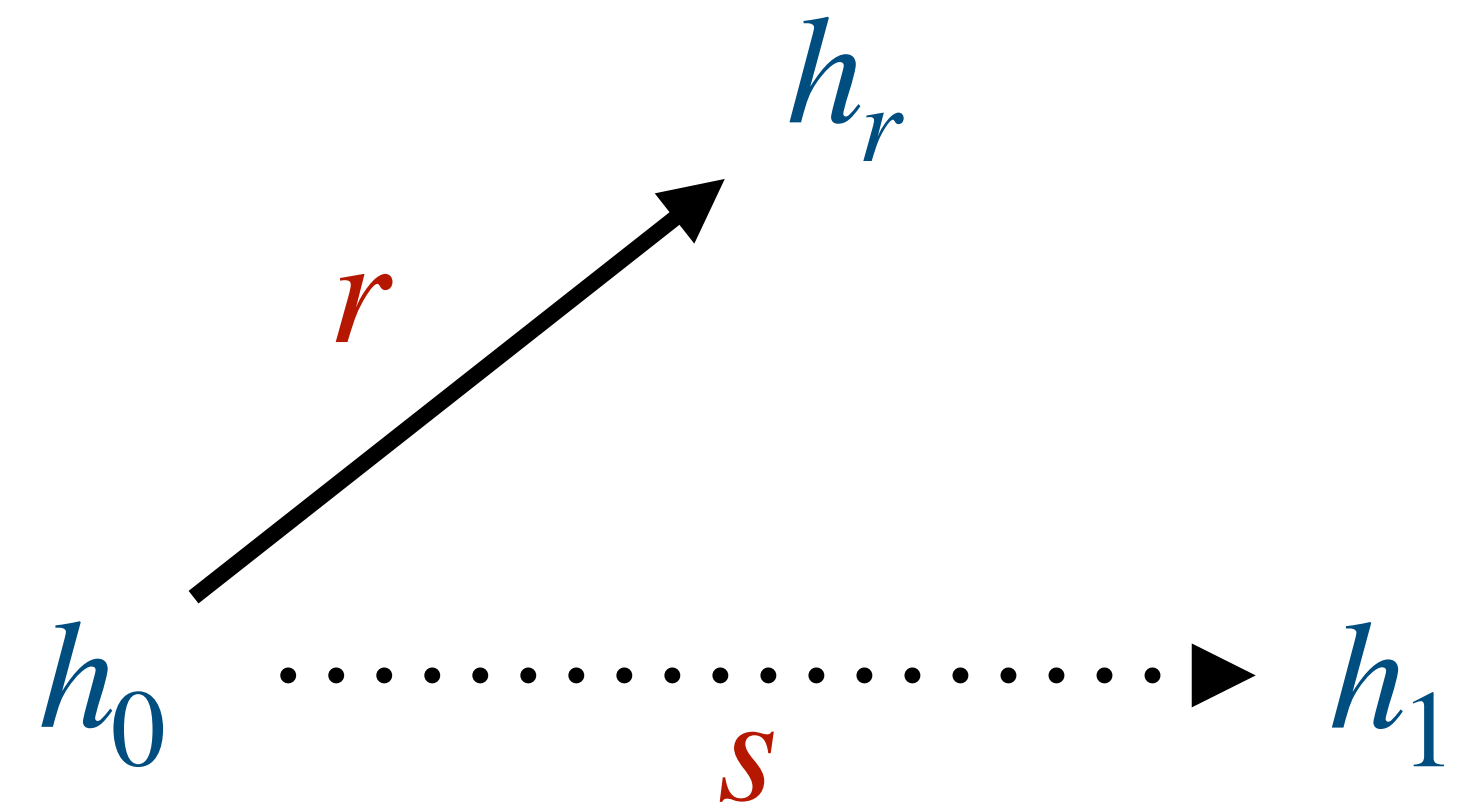
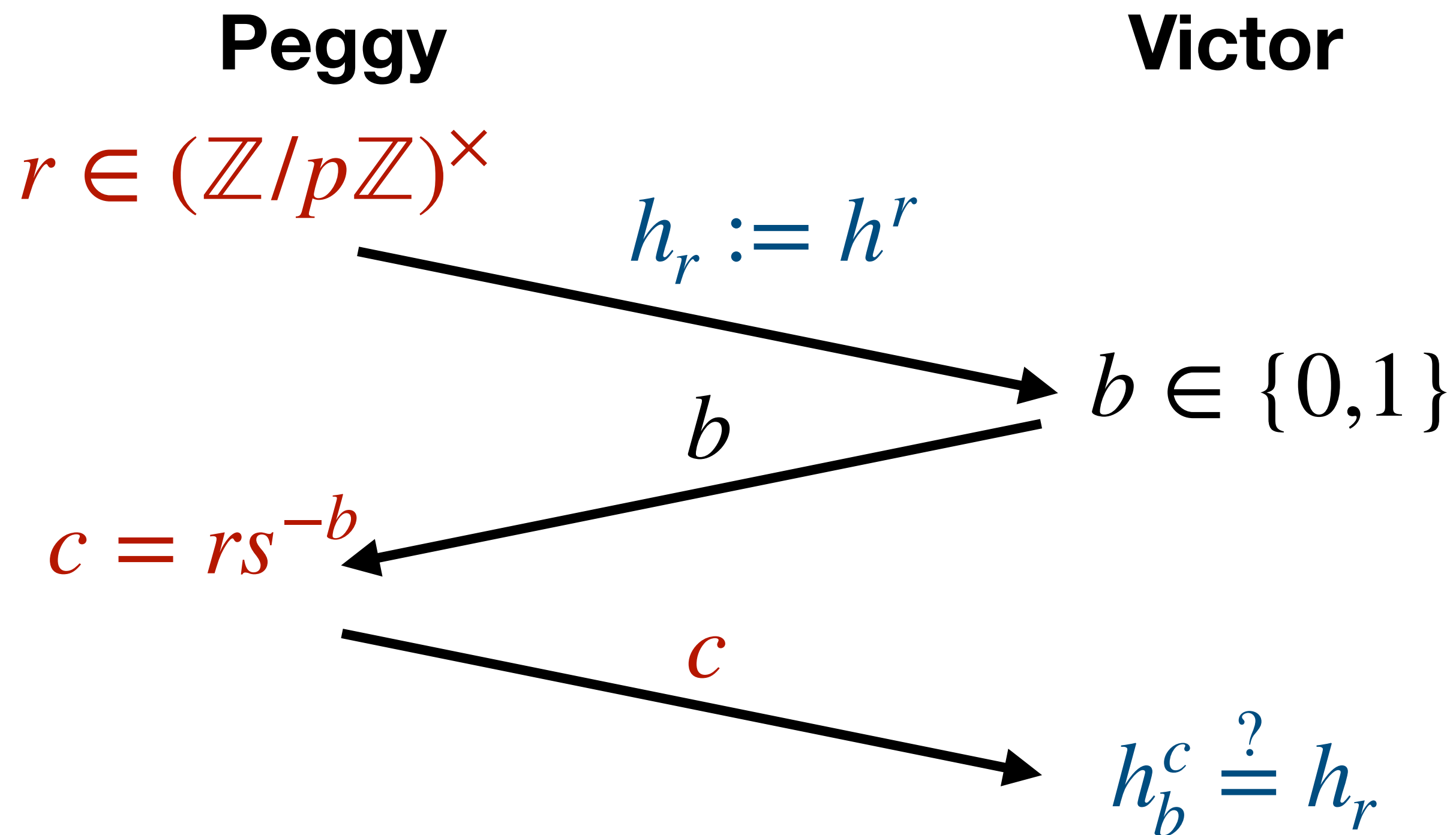


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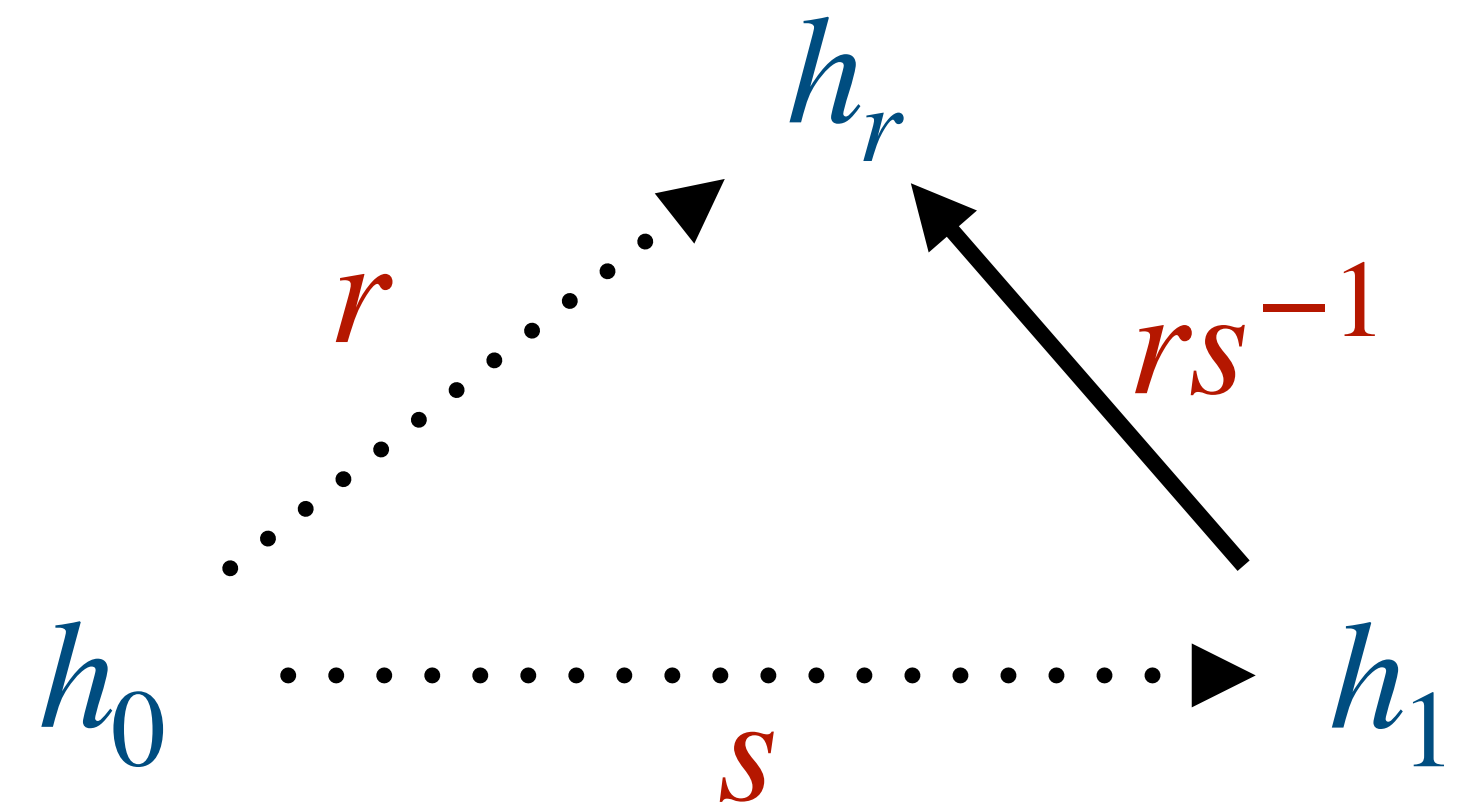
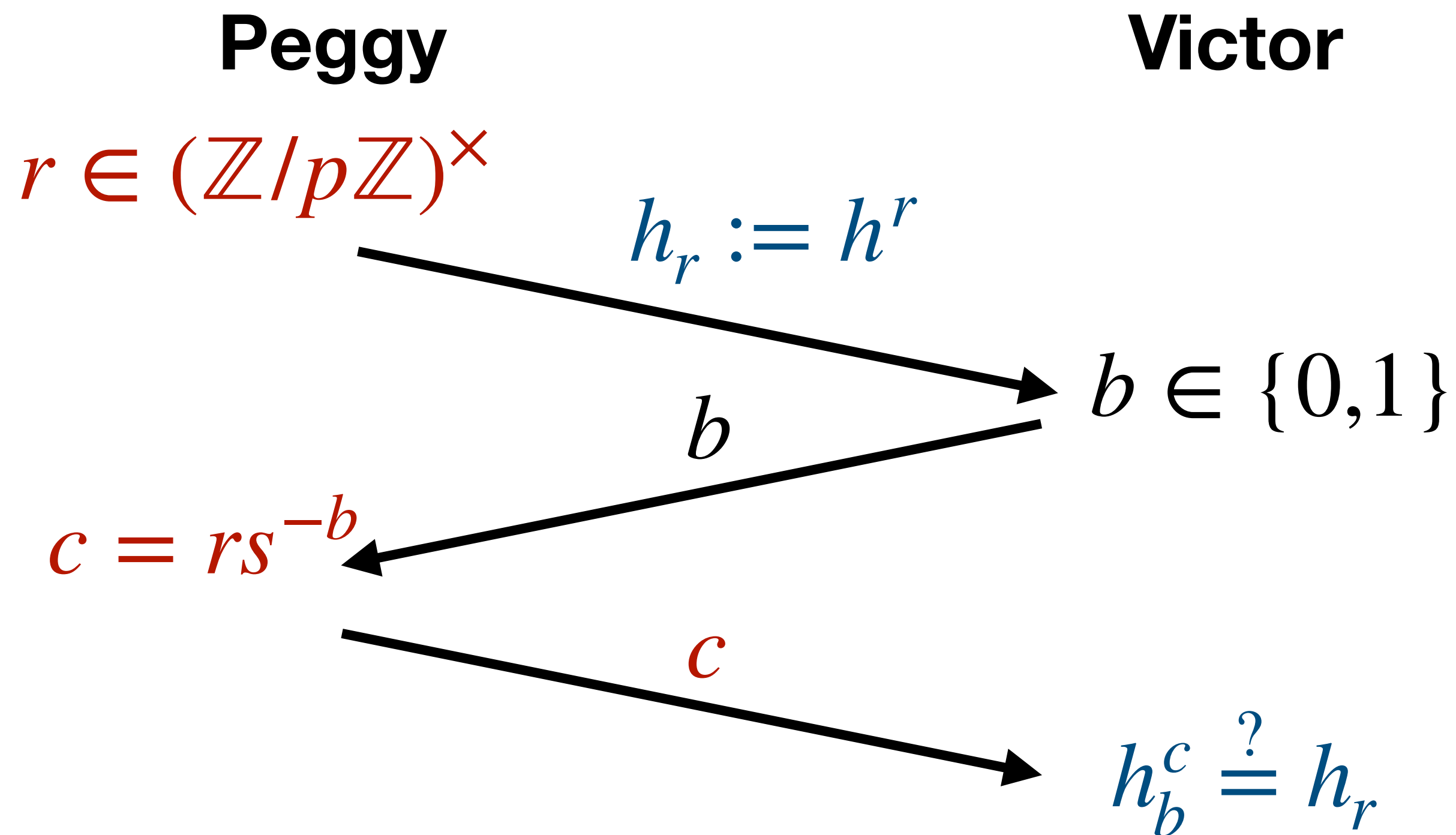


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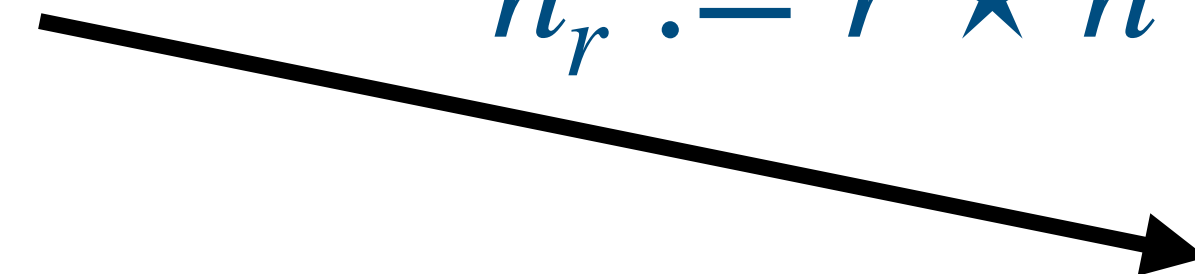
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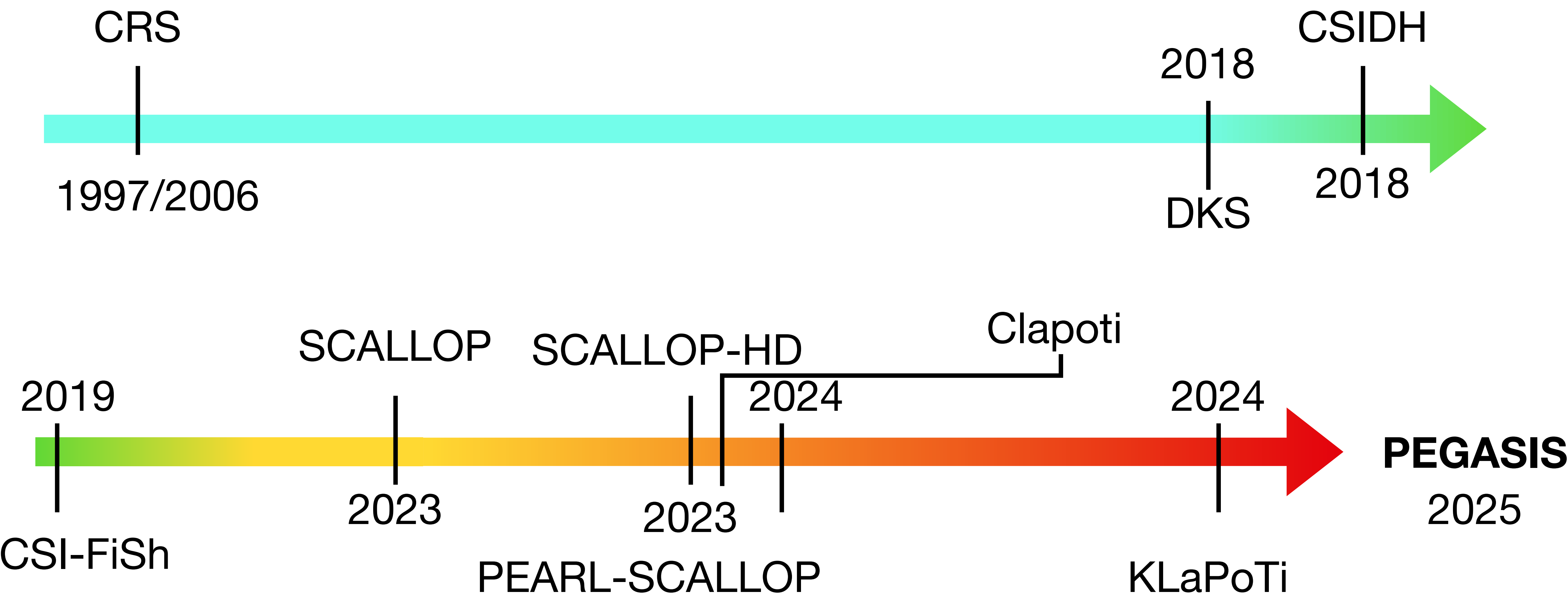
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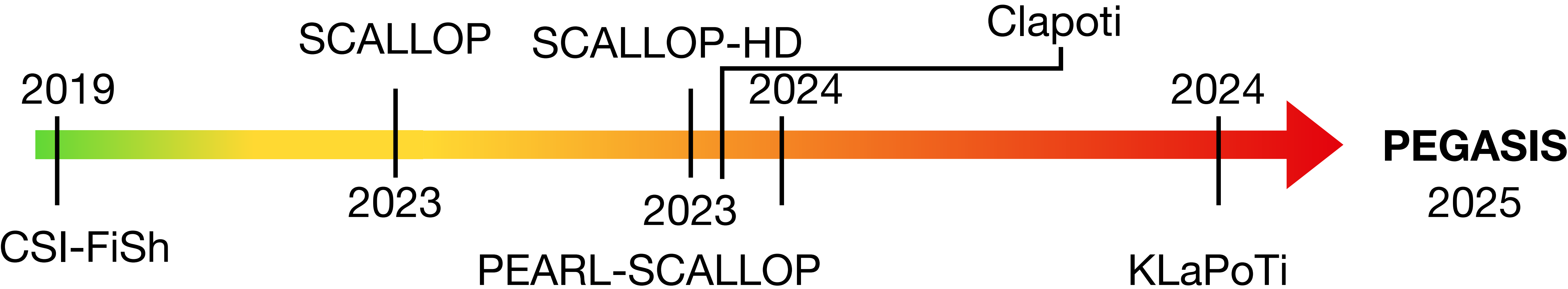
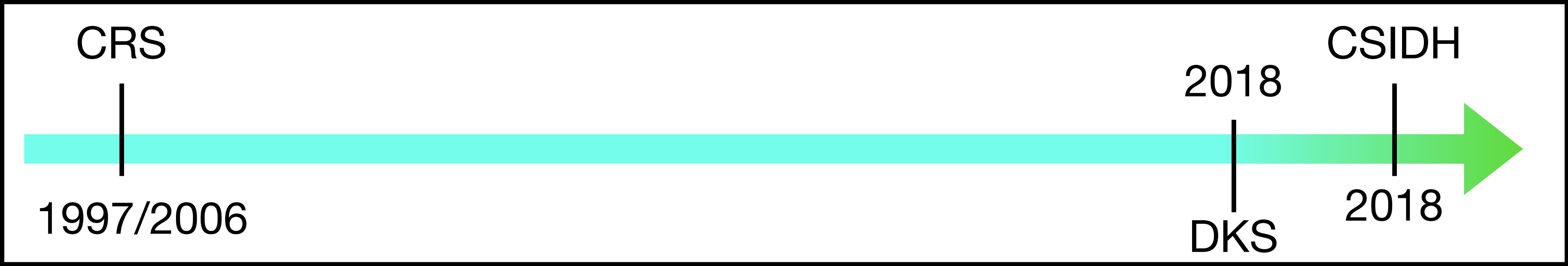
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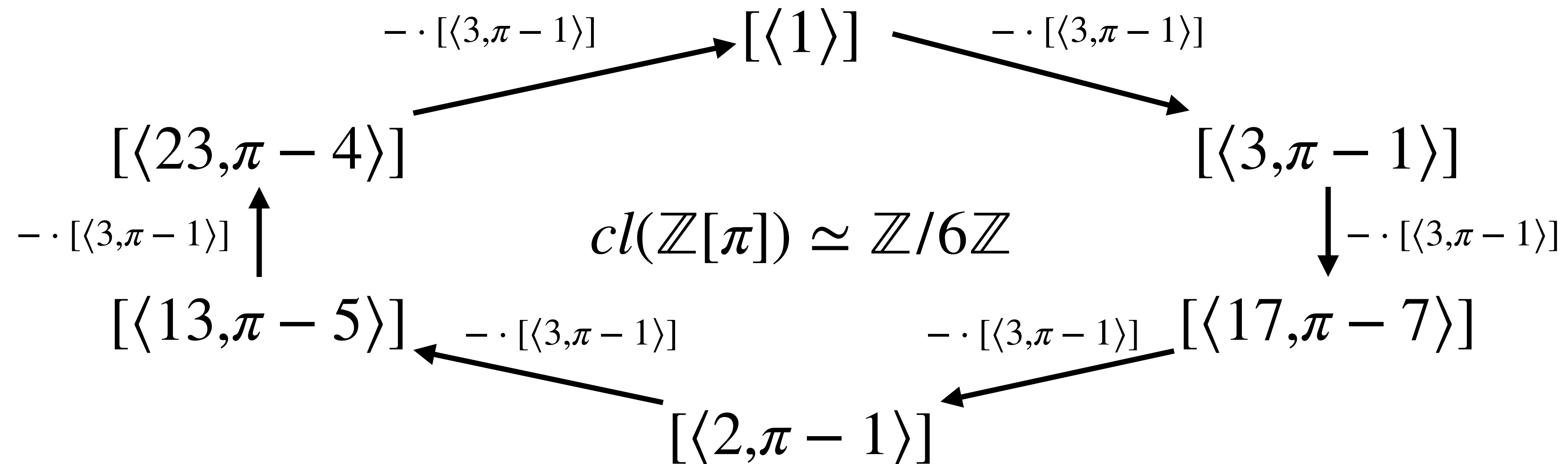
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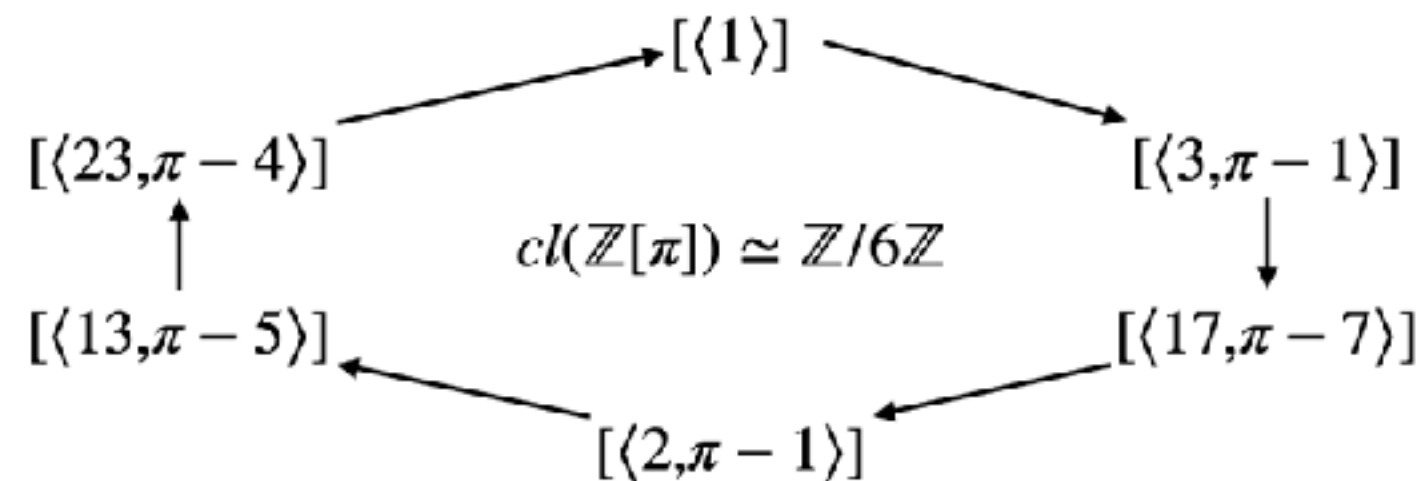
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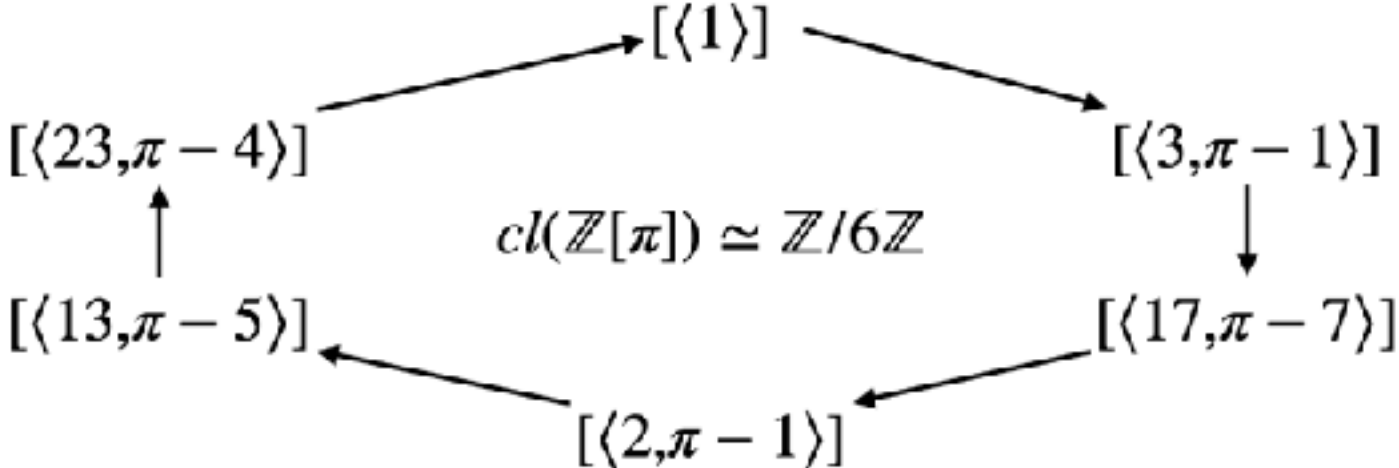
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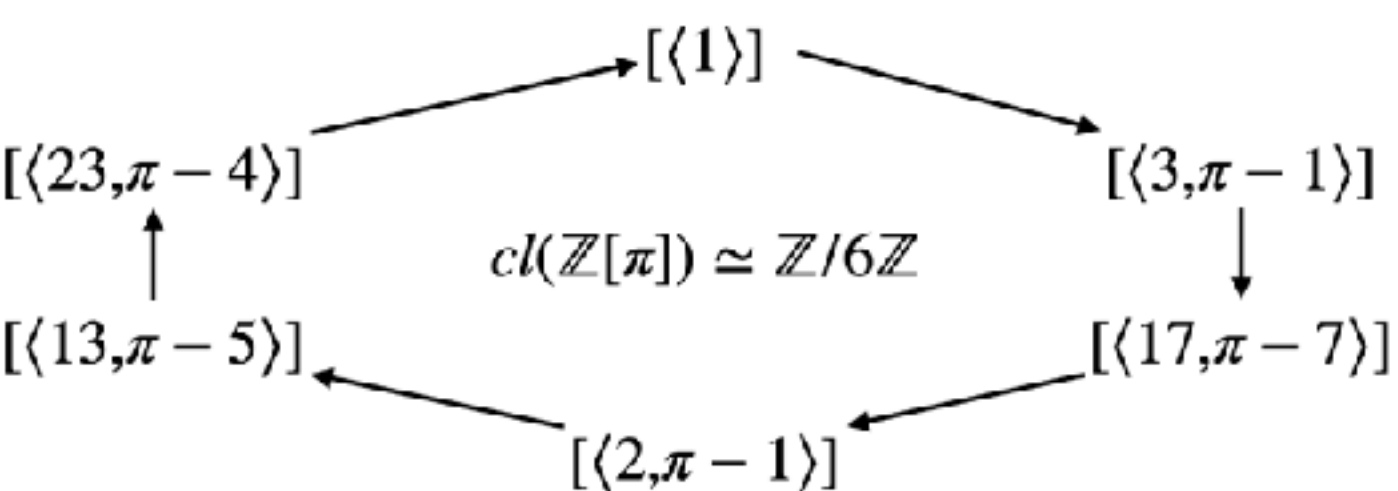
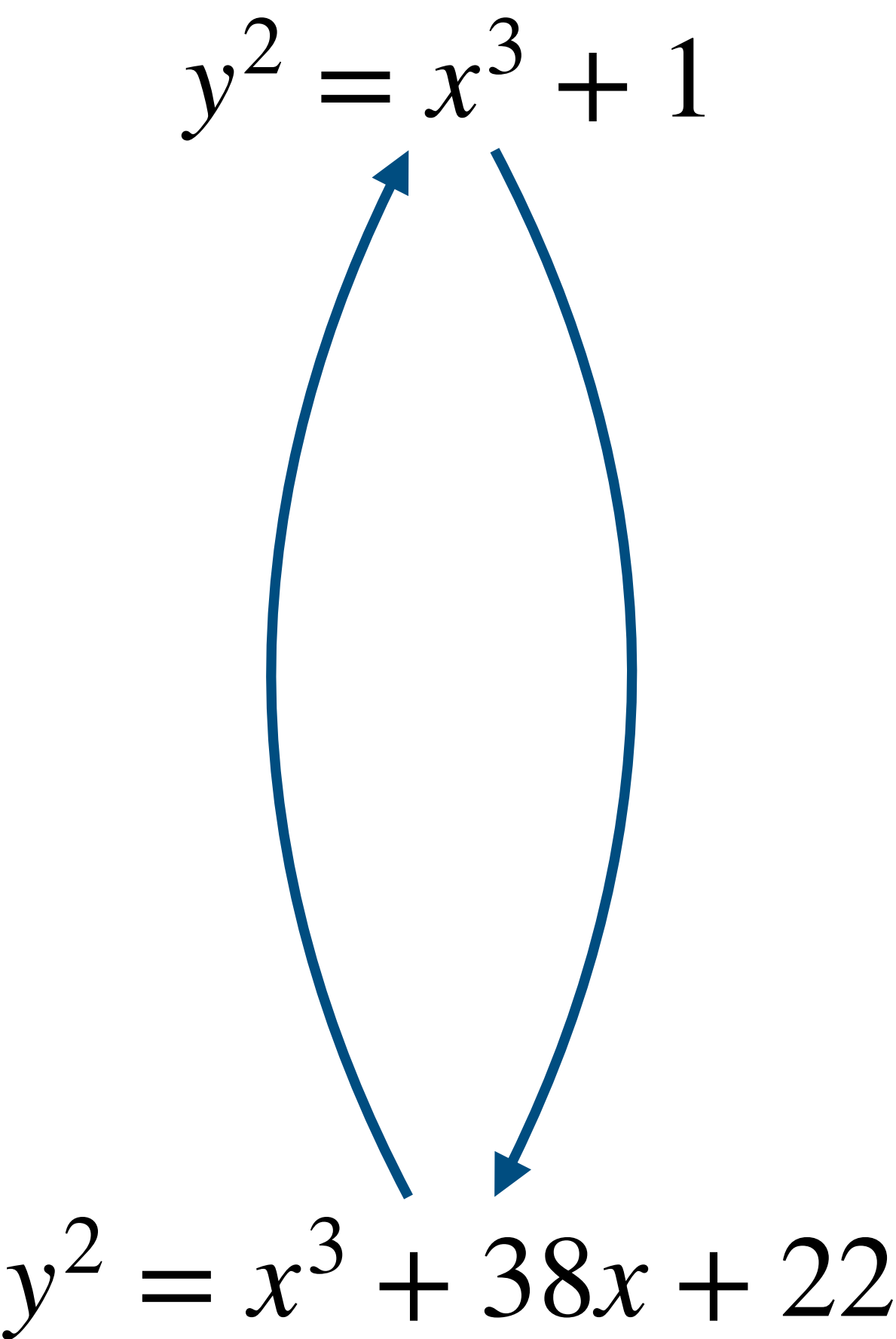
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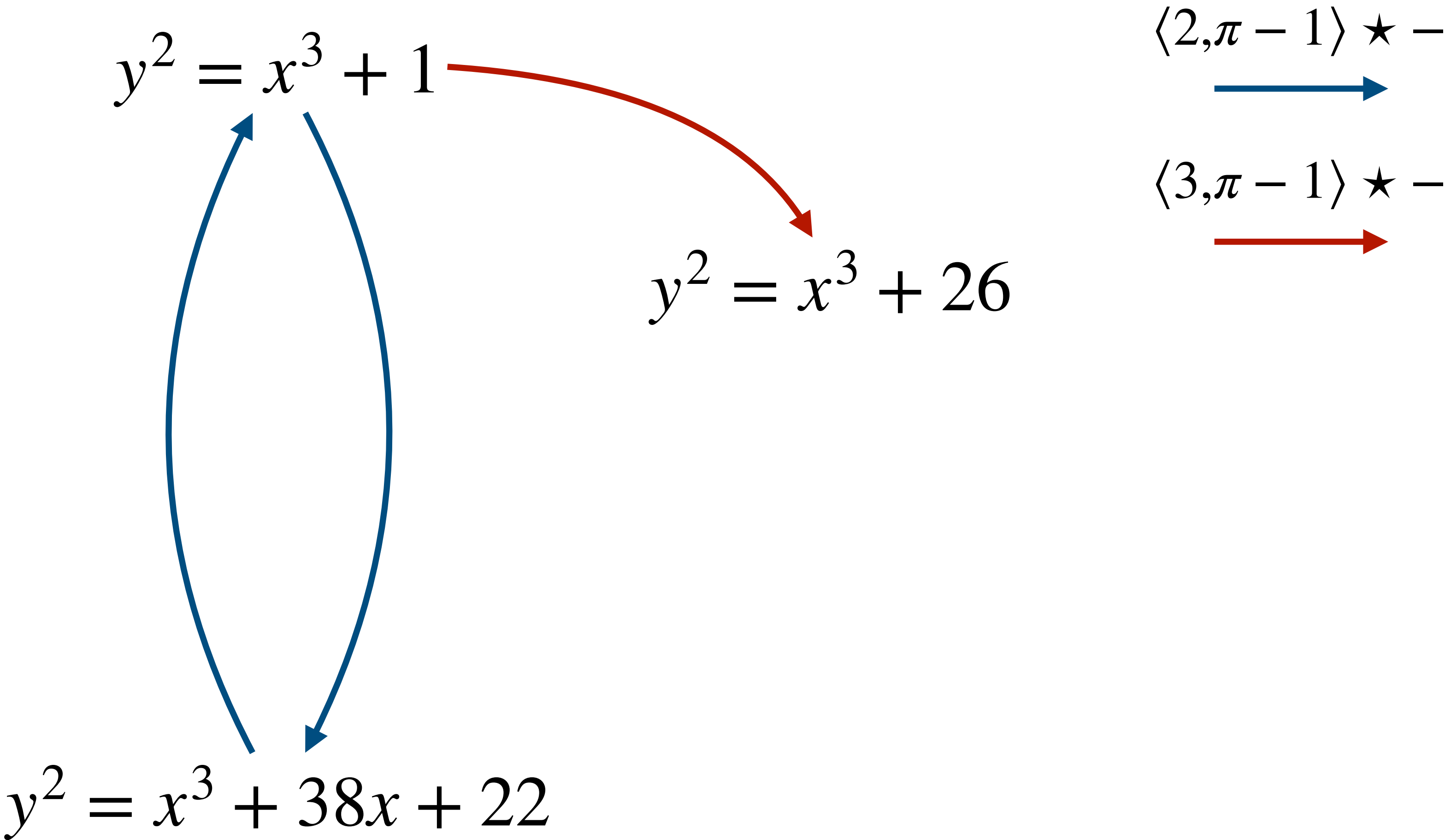
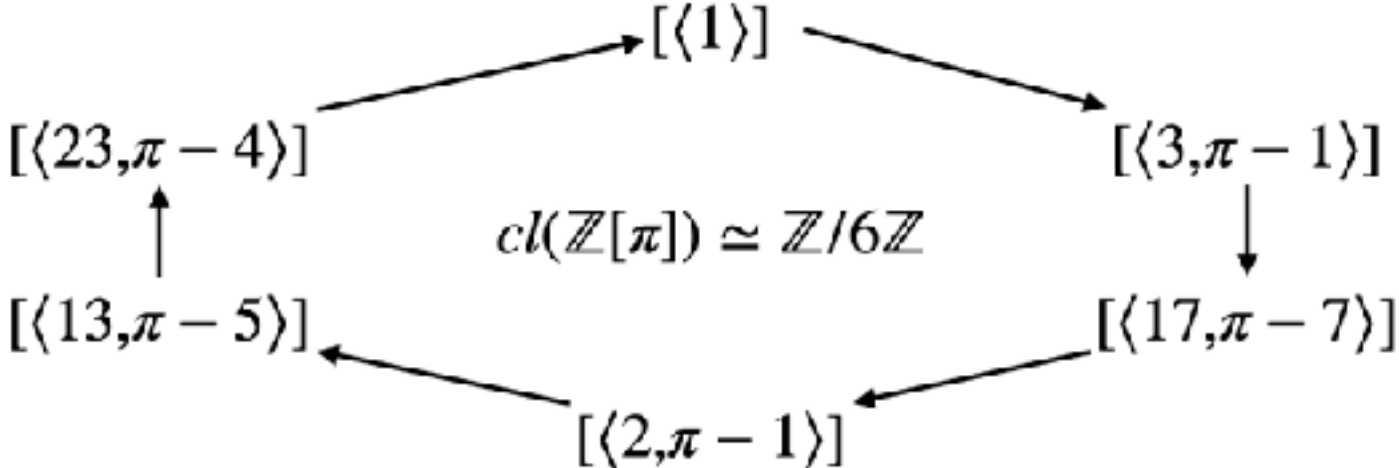
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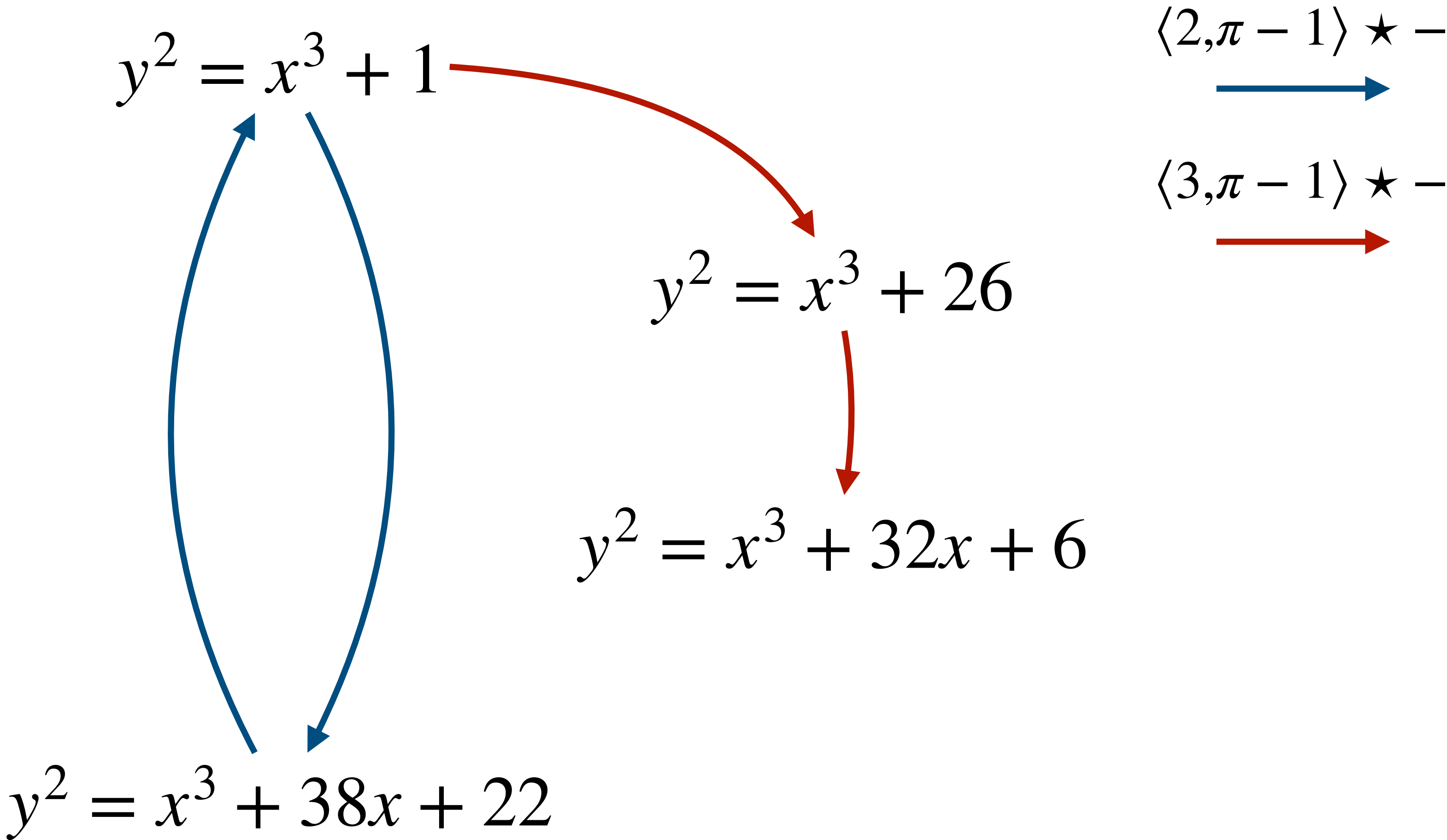
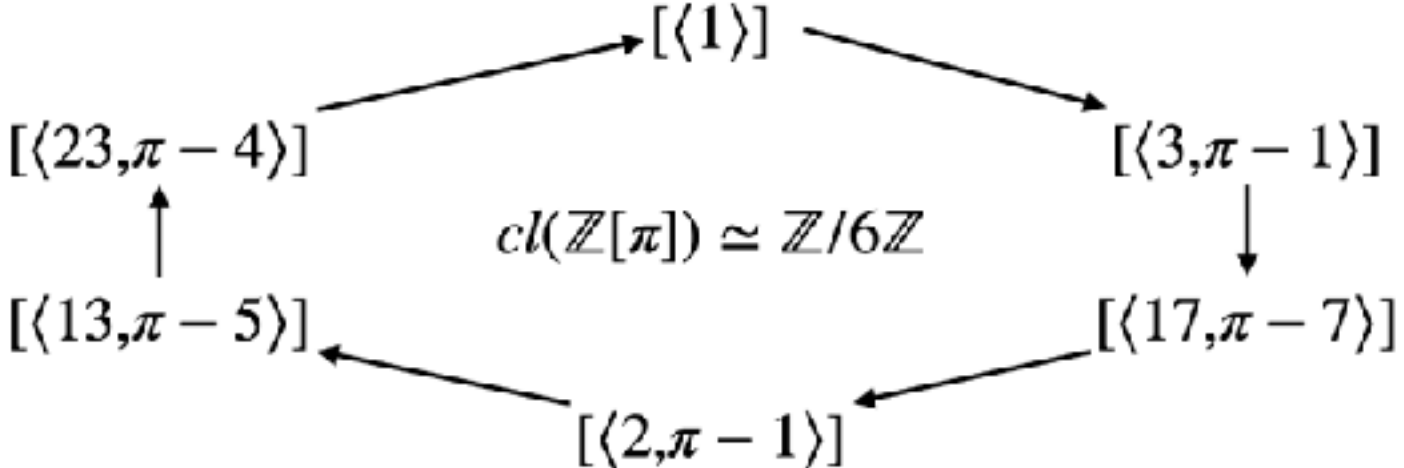
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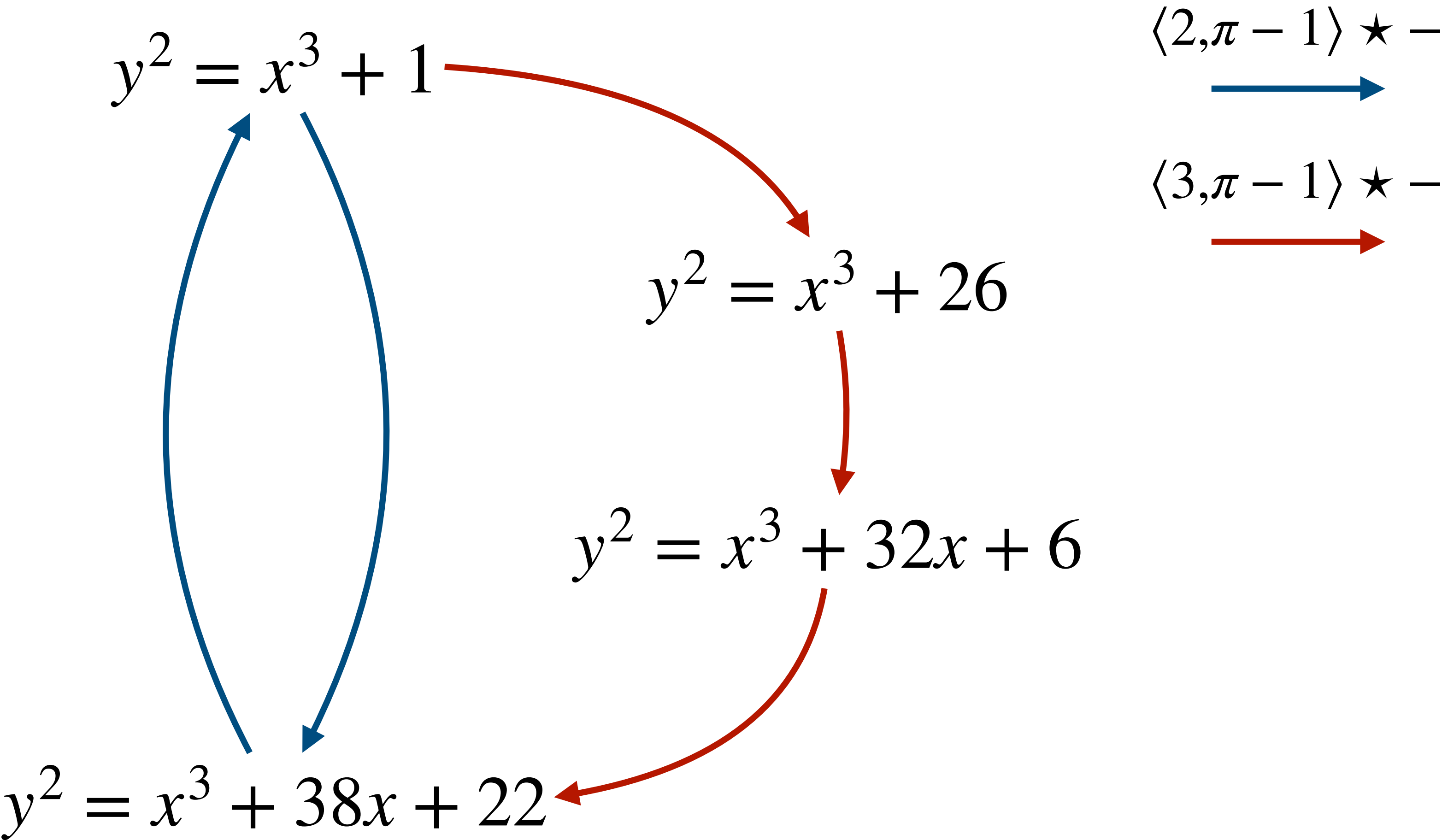
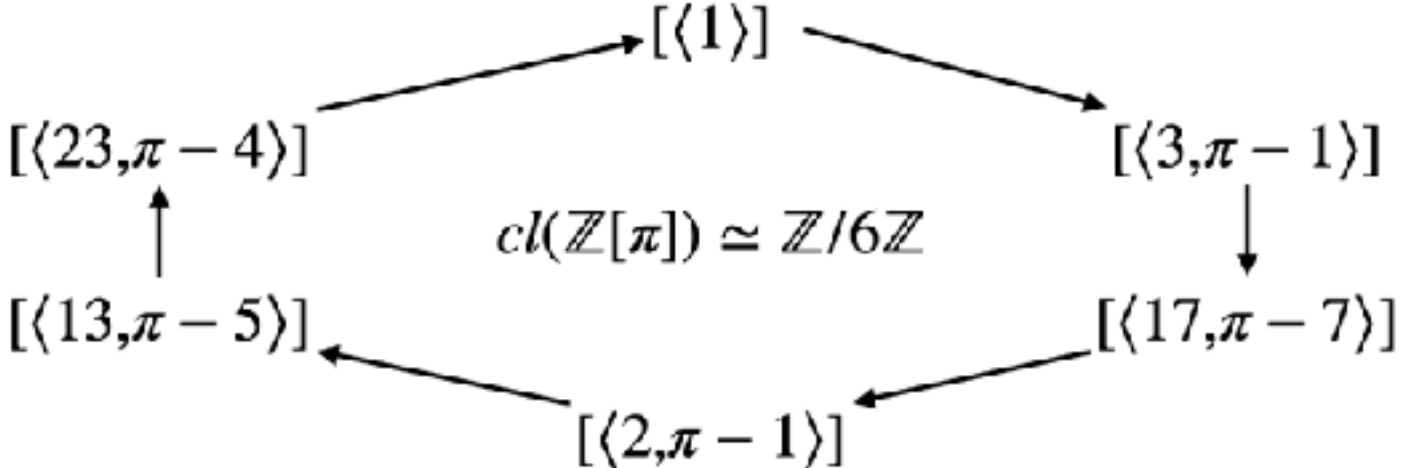
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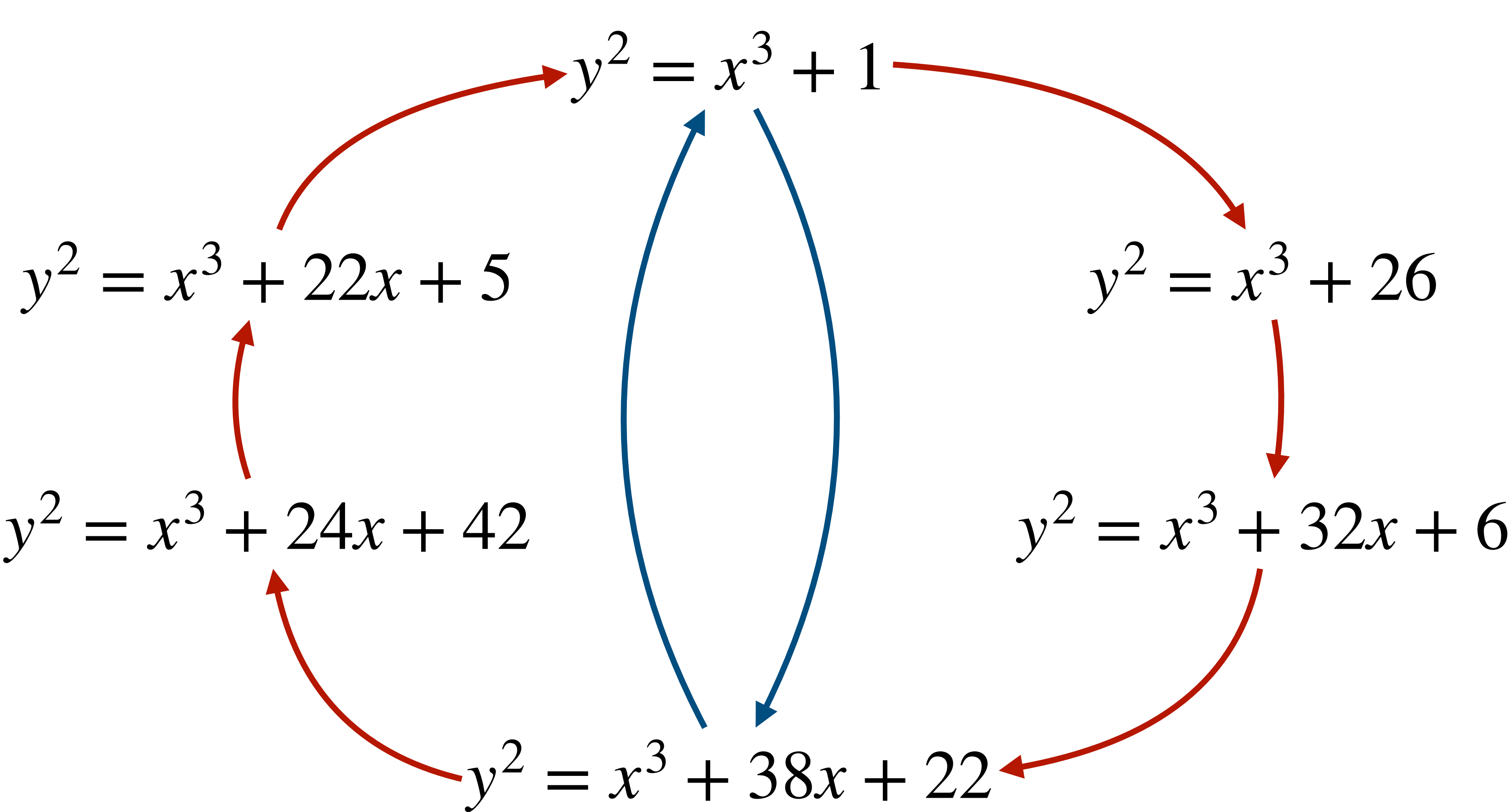
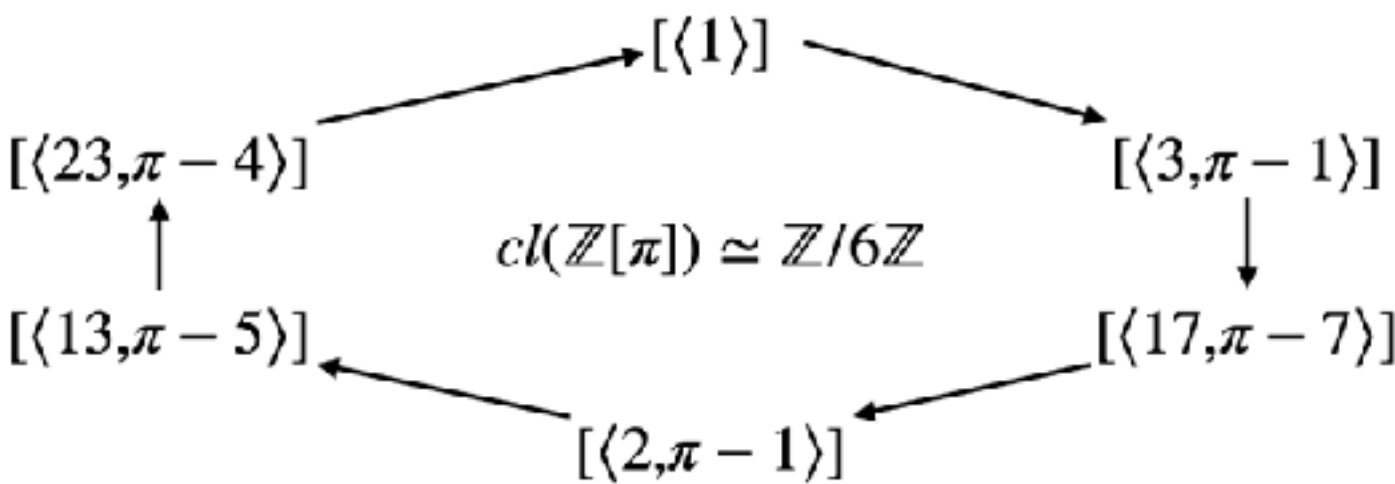
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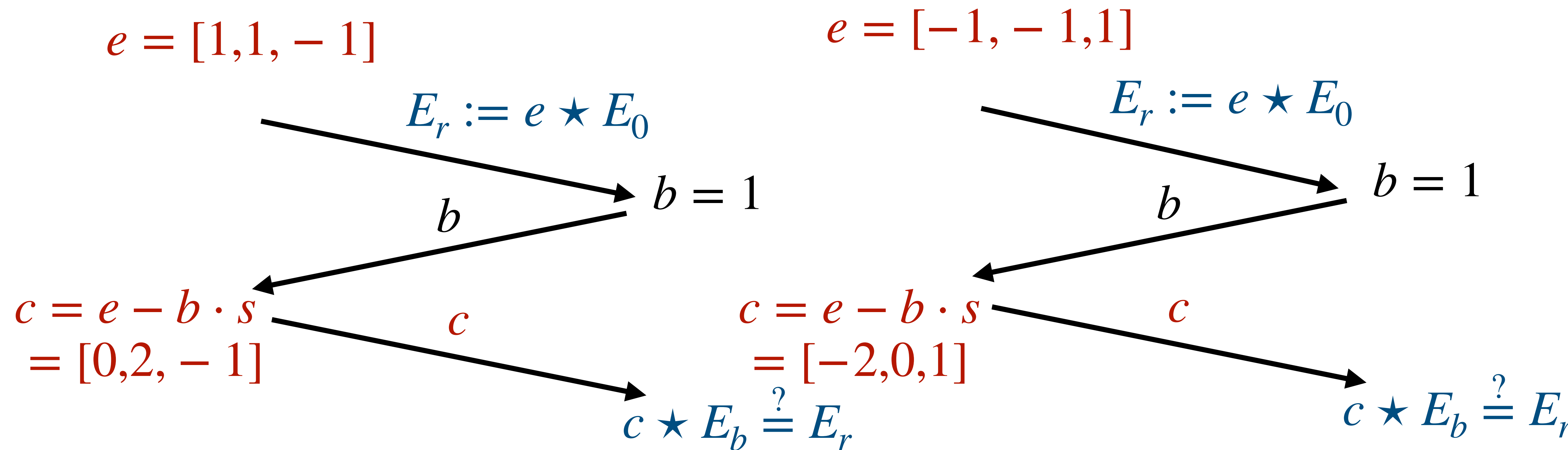
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Example: Secret:  $s = [1, -1, 0]$

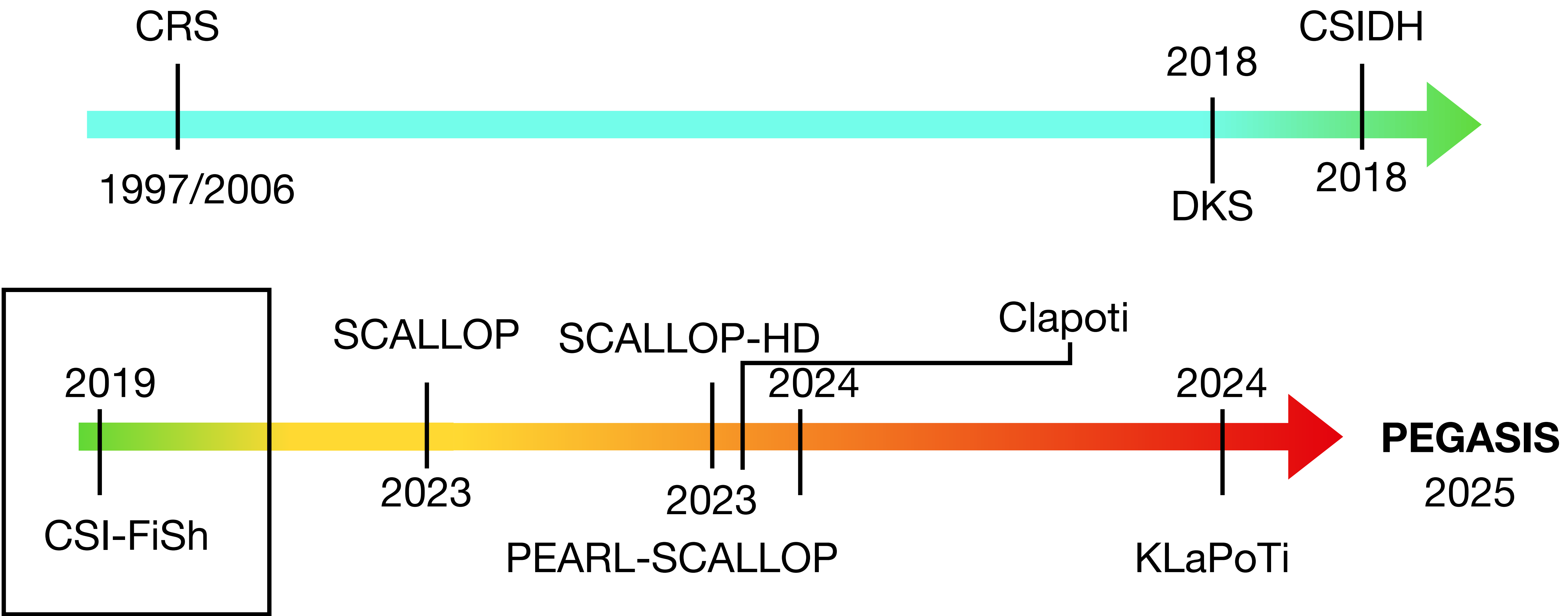
Attacker saw:  
 $c = [0, 2, -1]$   
 $c = [-2, 0, 1]$  Oops...

Round 1

Round 2



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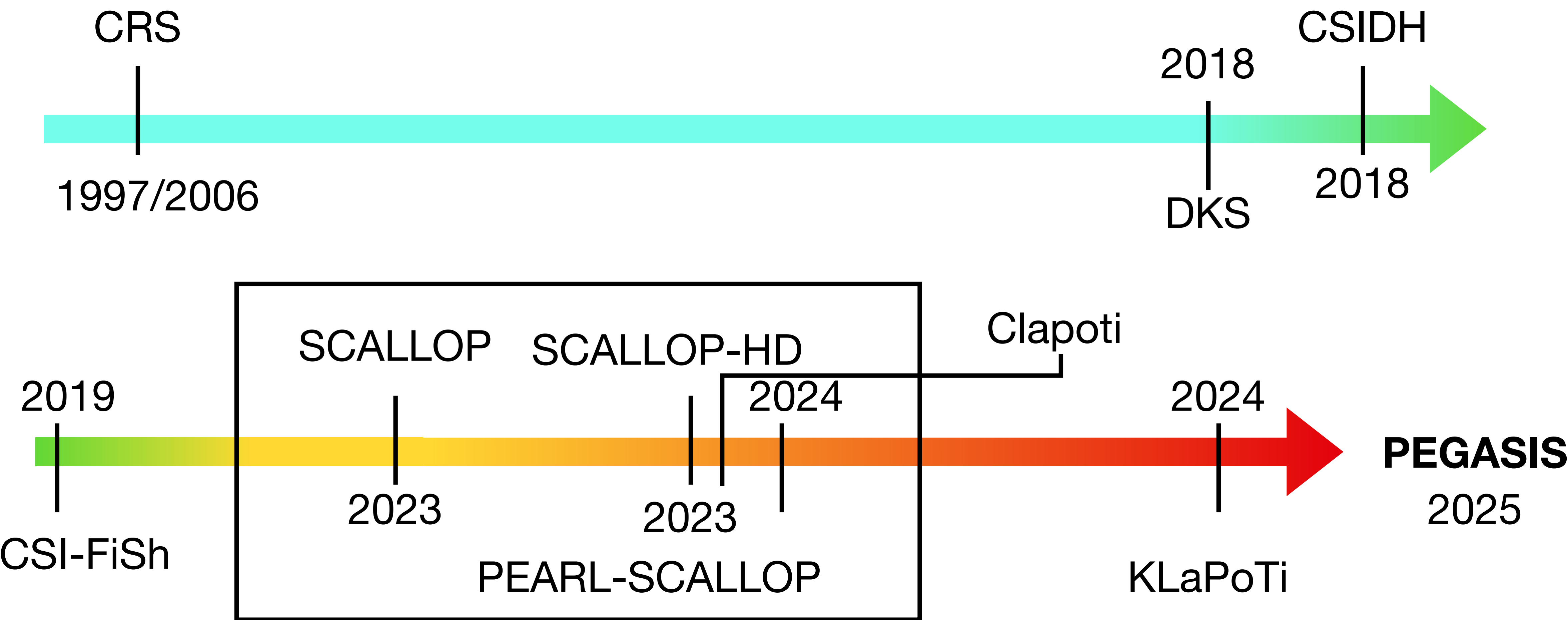
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**Result:** CSIDH-512 can be made unrestricted!

**Debated quantum security :(**

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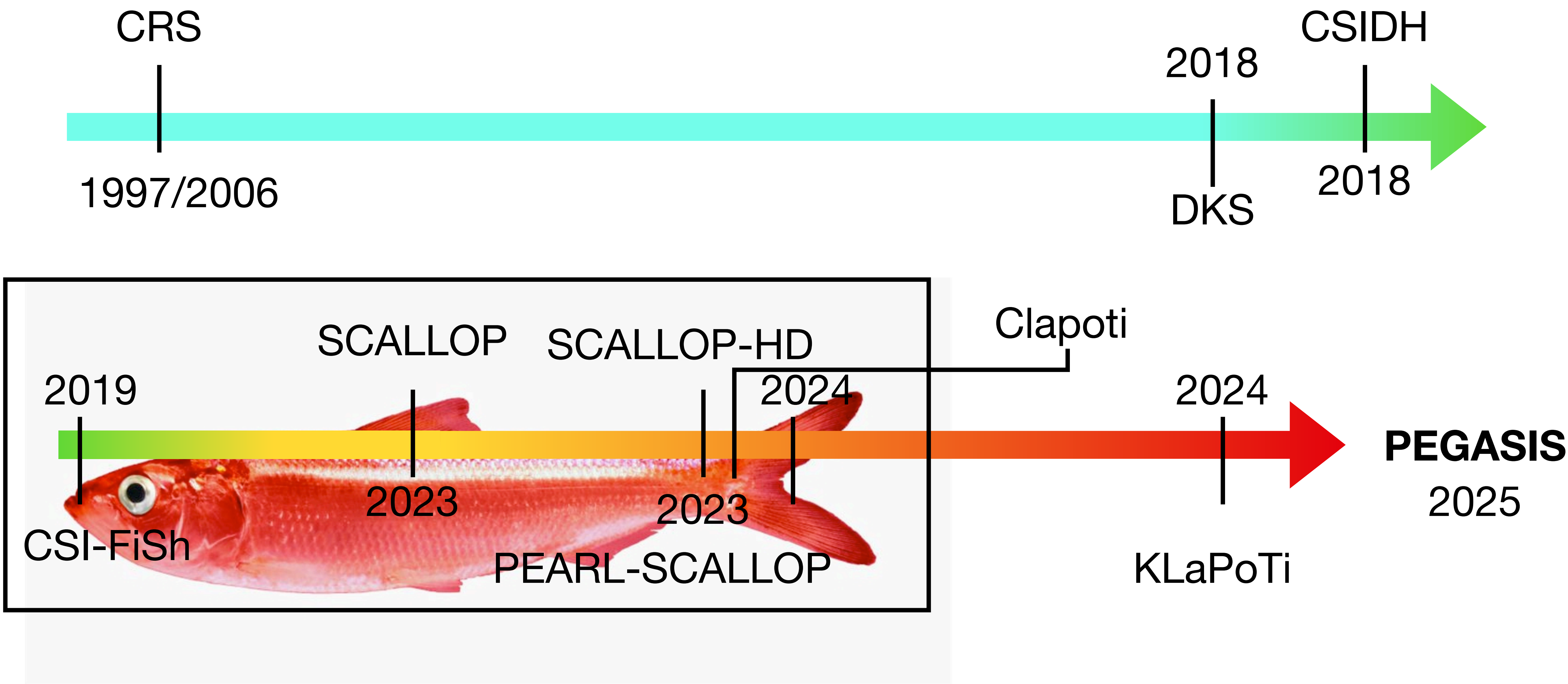


**CSIDH-2000+:**  
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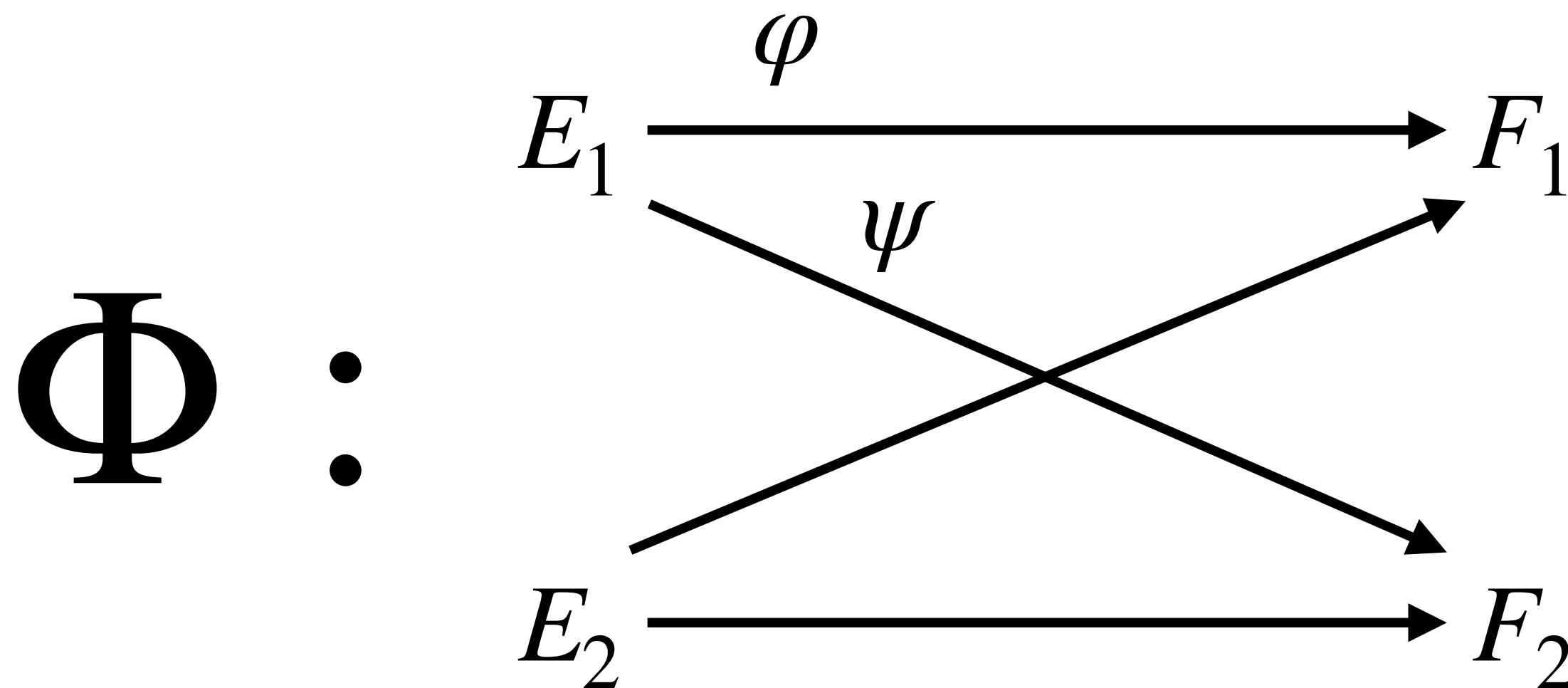




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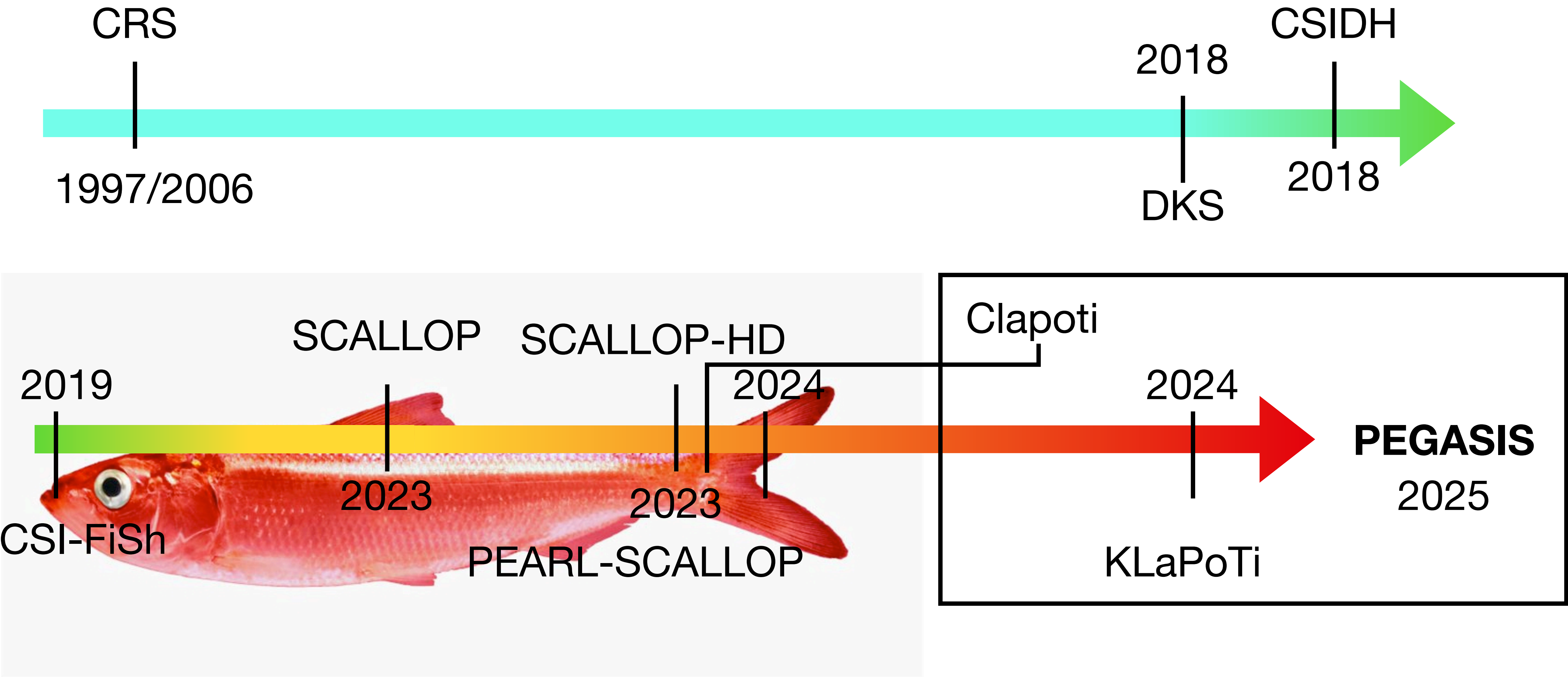
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If  = , then  $\deg \Phi = \deg \varphi + \deg \psi$

Overly simplified: Can evaluate arbitrary degree  $\varphi$ ,  
by embedding it in higher dimensional isogenies.

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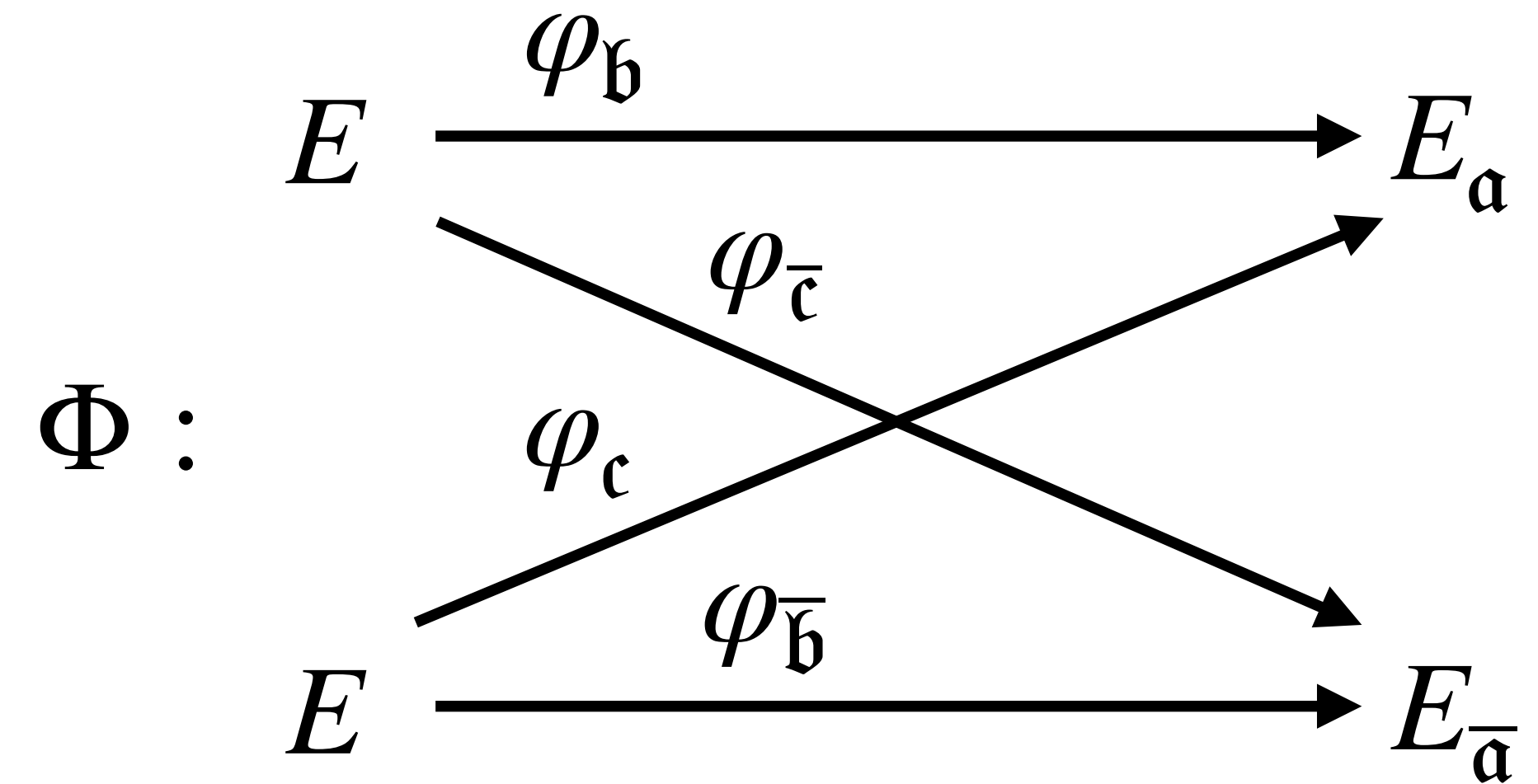
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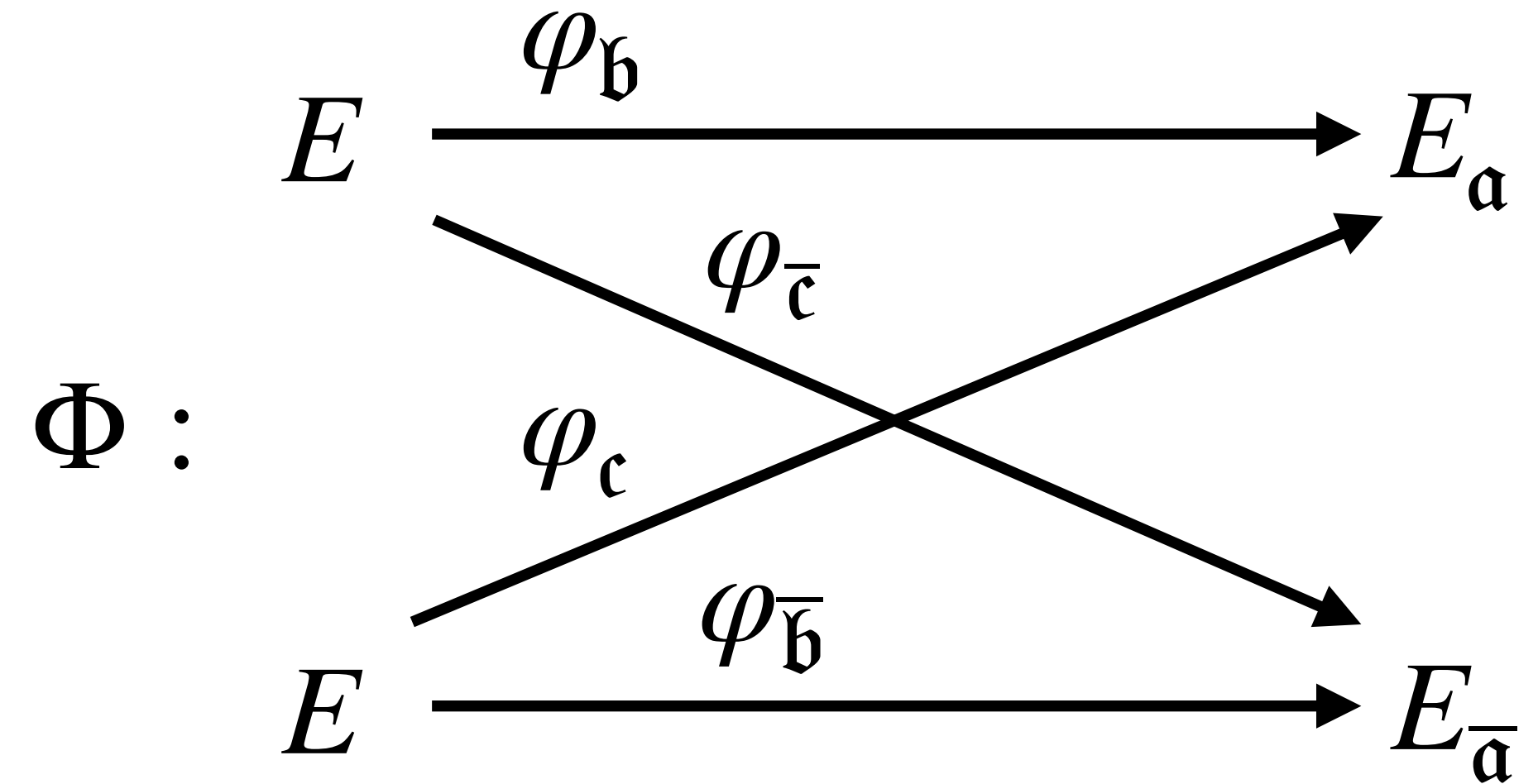


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$\gamma = \varphi_{\mathfrak{b}} \circ \varphi_{\bar{\mathfrak{c}}}$

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  - Seems to be the right middle ground!

# PEGASIS - Results

Paper	Impl.	500	1000	1500	2000	4000
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SCALLOP-HD [15]*	Sage	88 s	1140 s	—	—	—
PEARL-SCALLOP [3]*	C++	30 s	58 s	710 s	—	—
KLaPoTi [49]	Sage	207 s	—	—	—	—
	Rust	1.95 s	—	—	—	—
<b>PEGASIS (This work)</b>	Sage	1.53 s	4.21 s	10.5 s	21.3 s	121 s

PEGASIS works over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , and can be instantiated Frobenius!

**Conclusion: (Unrestricted) effective group actions now exists,  
enabling many (so far, theoretical) constructions!**

# Thank you!

Questions?