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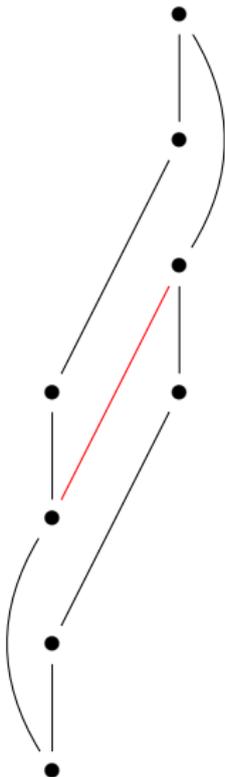
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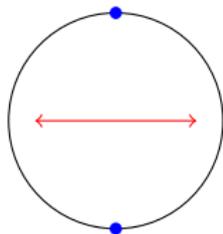
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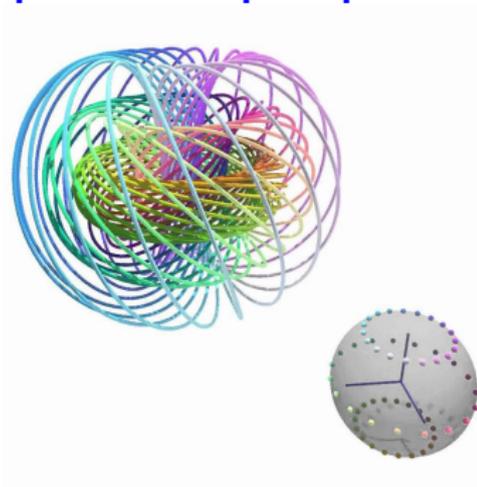
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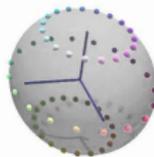
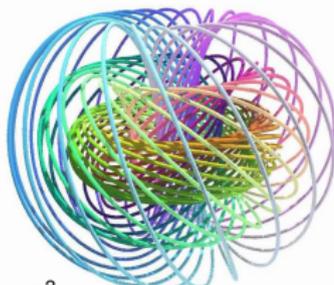
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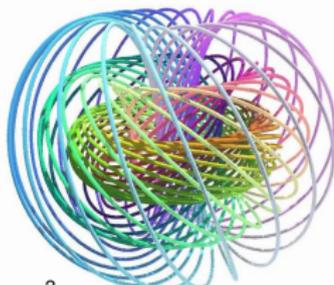
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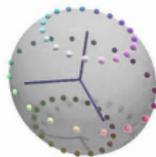
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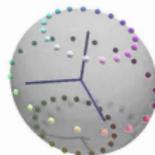
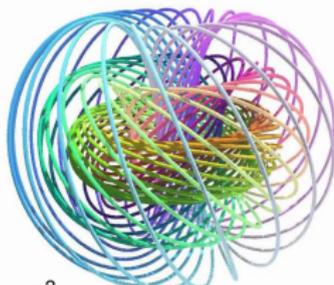
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and the induced map of fixed point sets is the degree 2 map

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but there is an additional summand called the **negative cone**  $NC$ , namely

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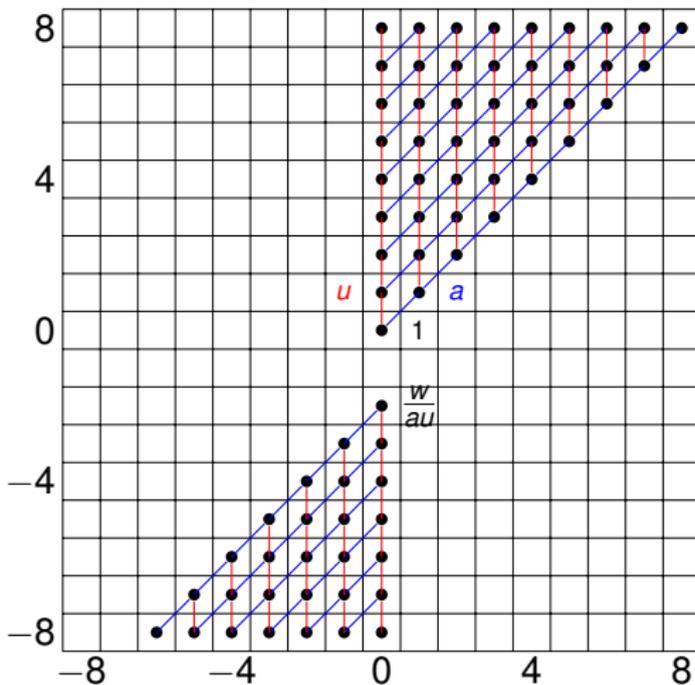
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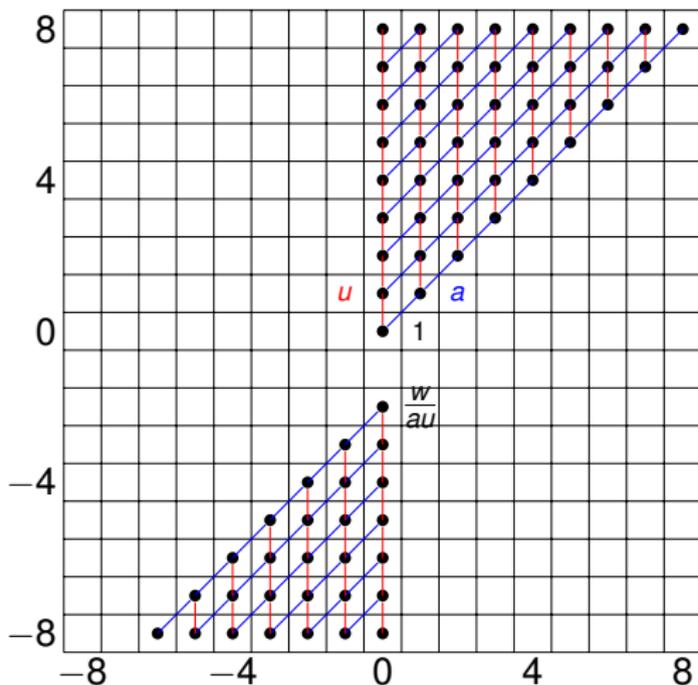
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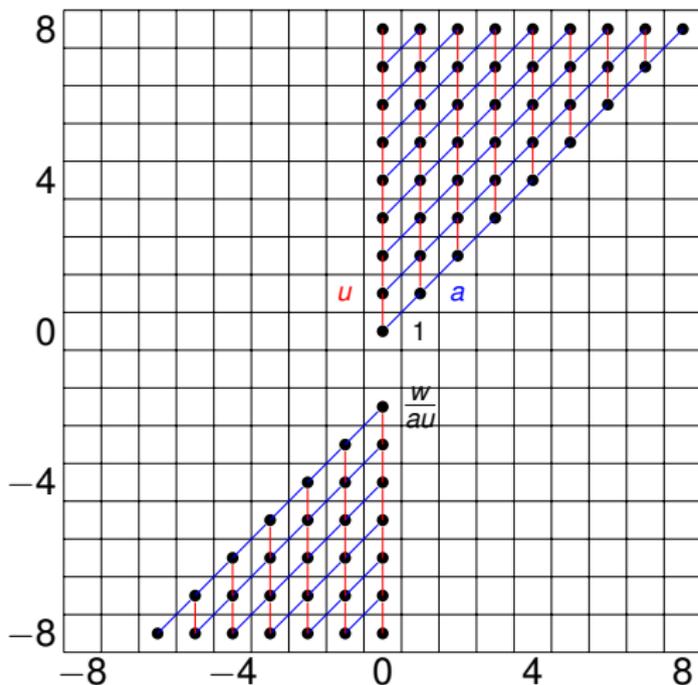
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 Red and blue lines indicate multiplication by  $u$  and  $a$ .

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Its action on other elements is determined by the Cartan formula to be given below.

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Note that setting  $u = 1$  and  $a = 0$  reduces this to the classical Cartan formula.

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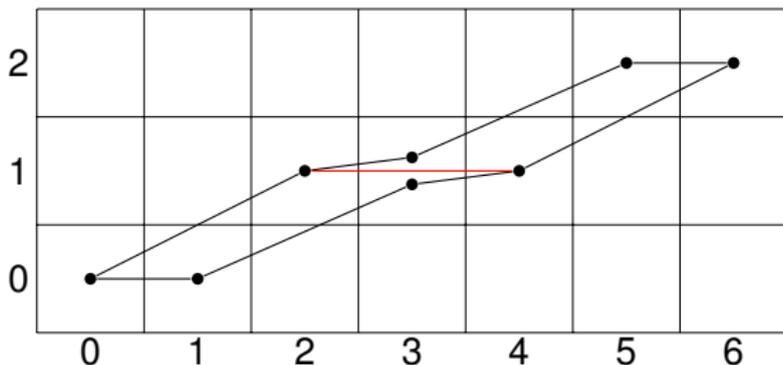
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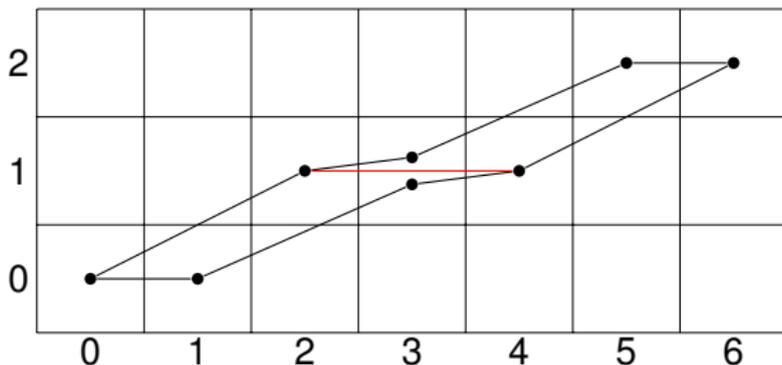
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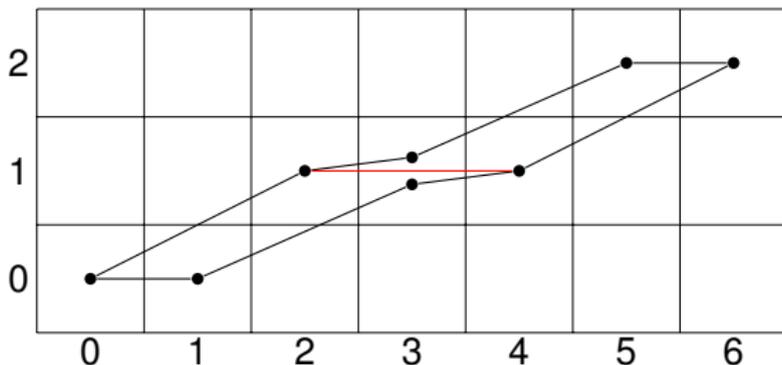
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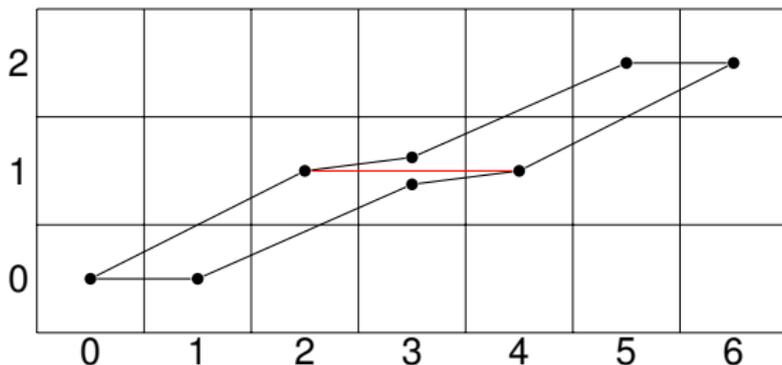
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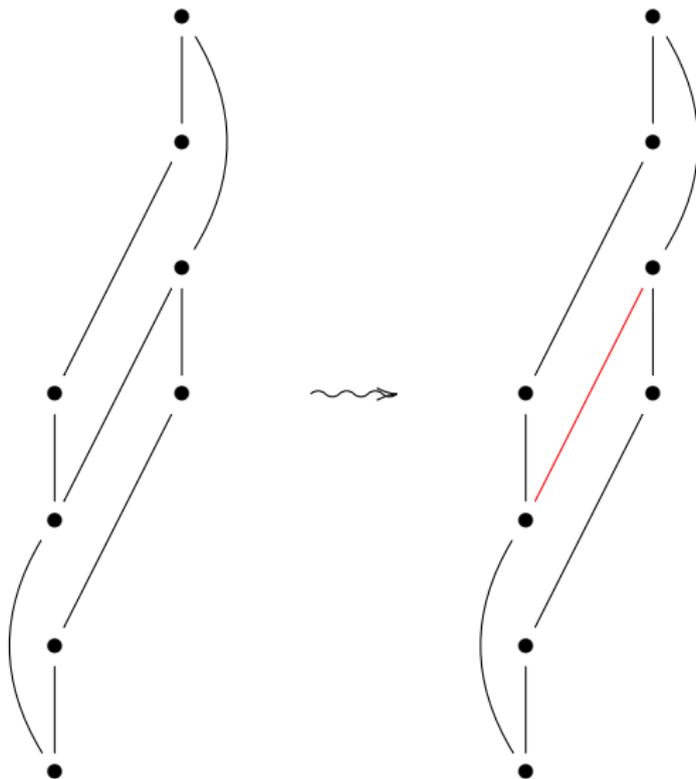
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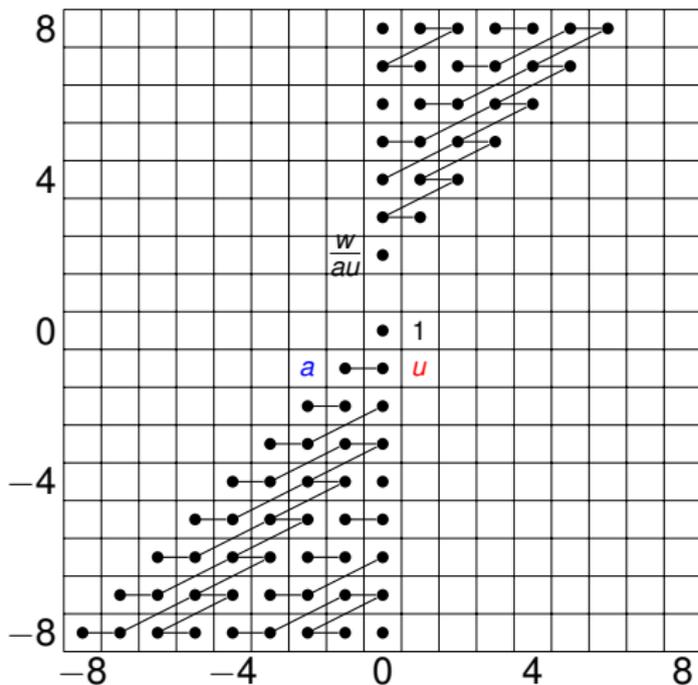
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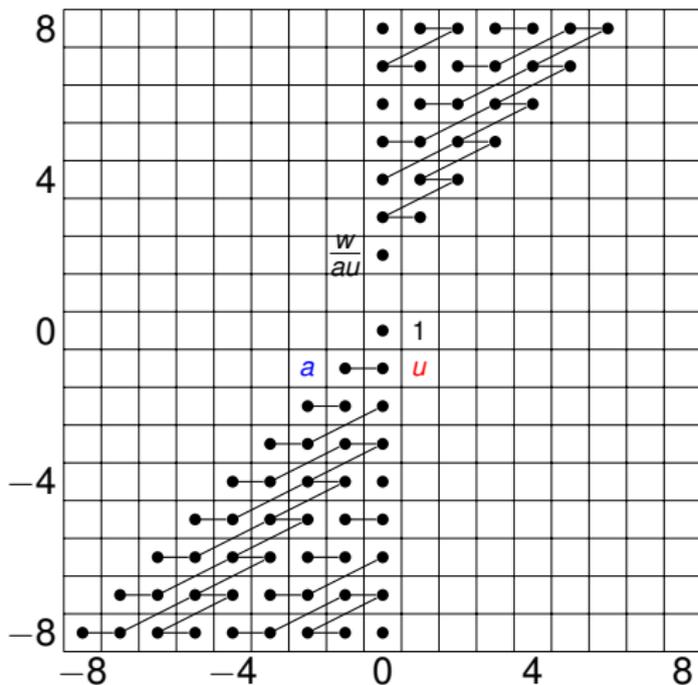
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Setting  $a = 0$  and  $u = 1$  gives us the description of  $\mathcal{A}_*$  above.

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Equivariantly we have

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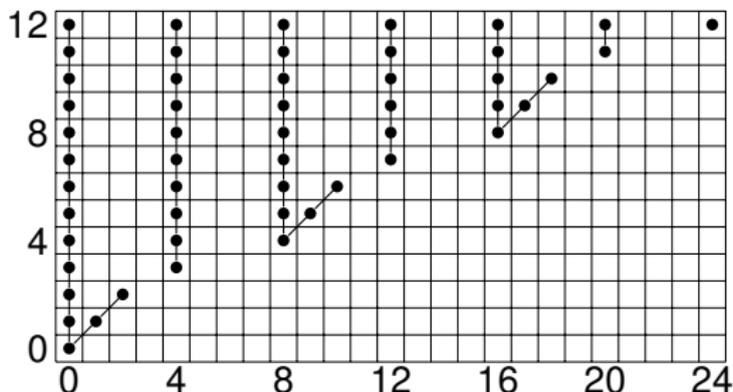
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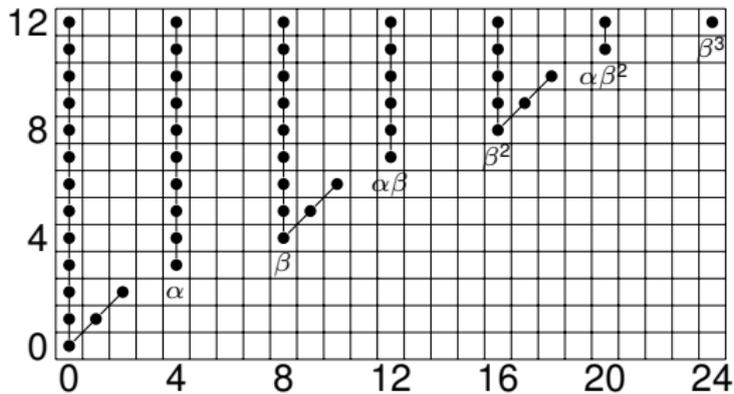
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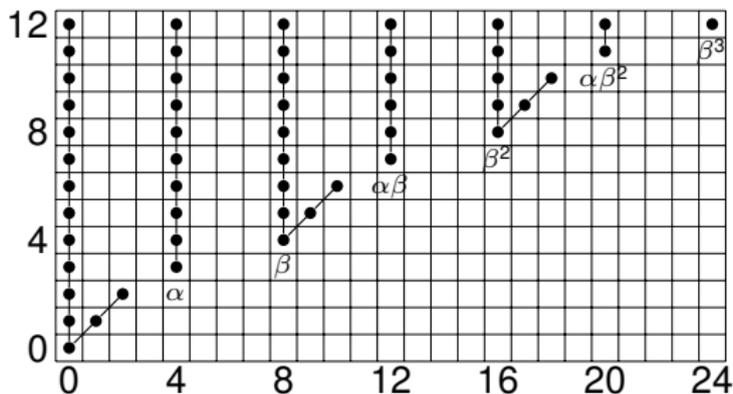
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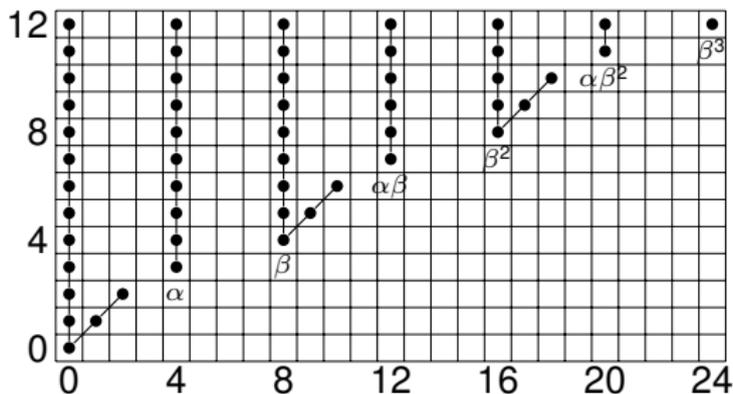
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Note that while  $u h_1^3 = 0$ , all powers of  $h_1$  itself are nontrivial, as was the case when we inverted  $a$ .

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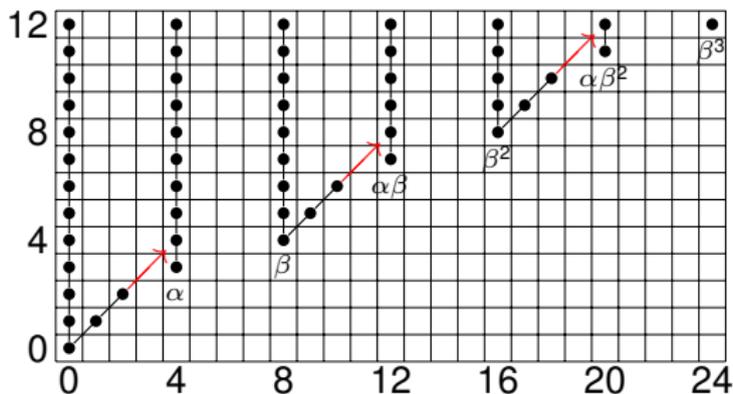
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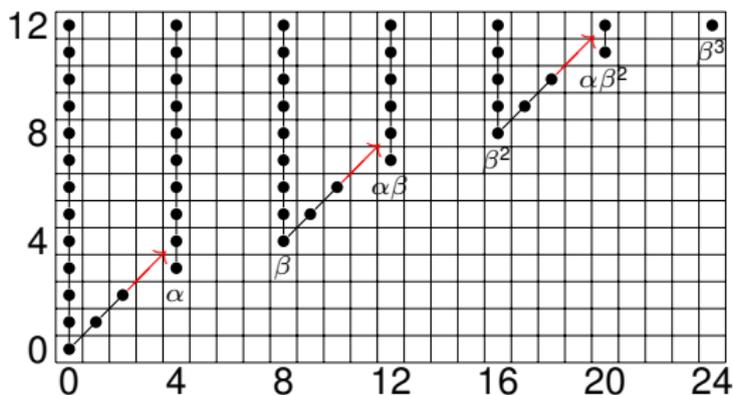
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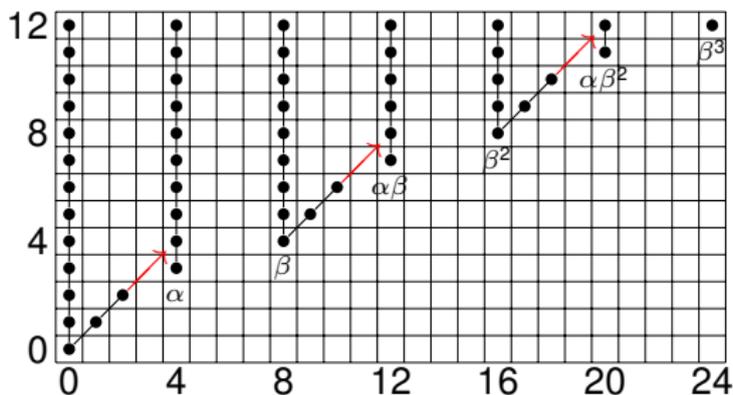
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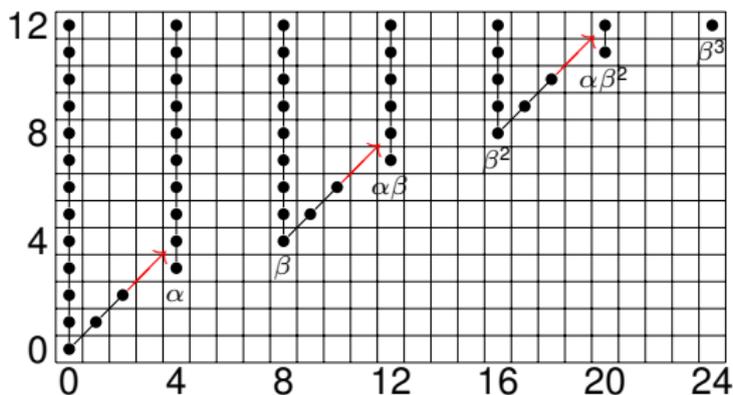
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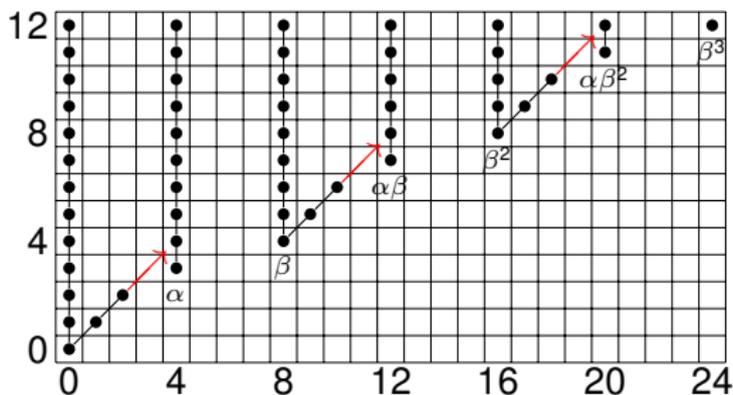
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$$h_1^4 \in \text{Ext}^{4, 4+4\sigma} \quad \text{and} \quad h_0 \alpha \in \text{Ext}^{4, 6+2\sigma}$$

would both appear at  $(4, 4)$ .

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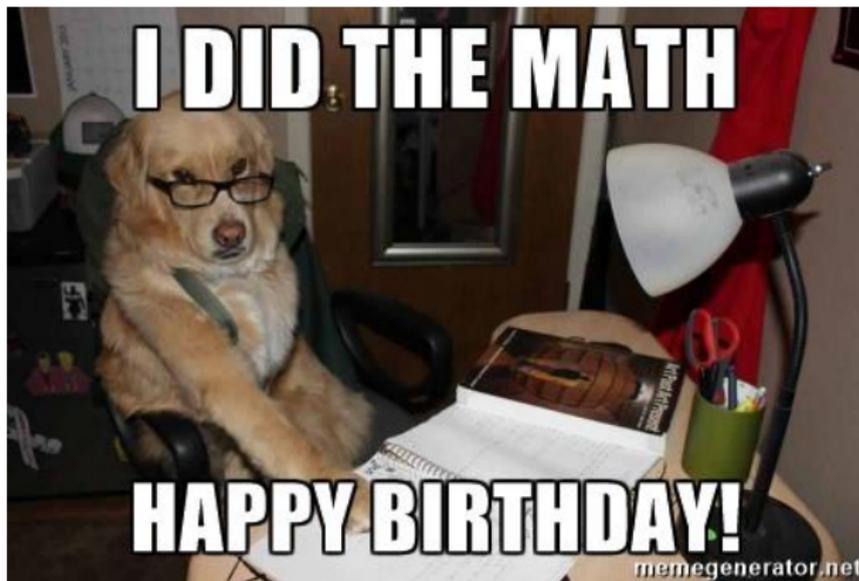
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