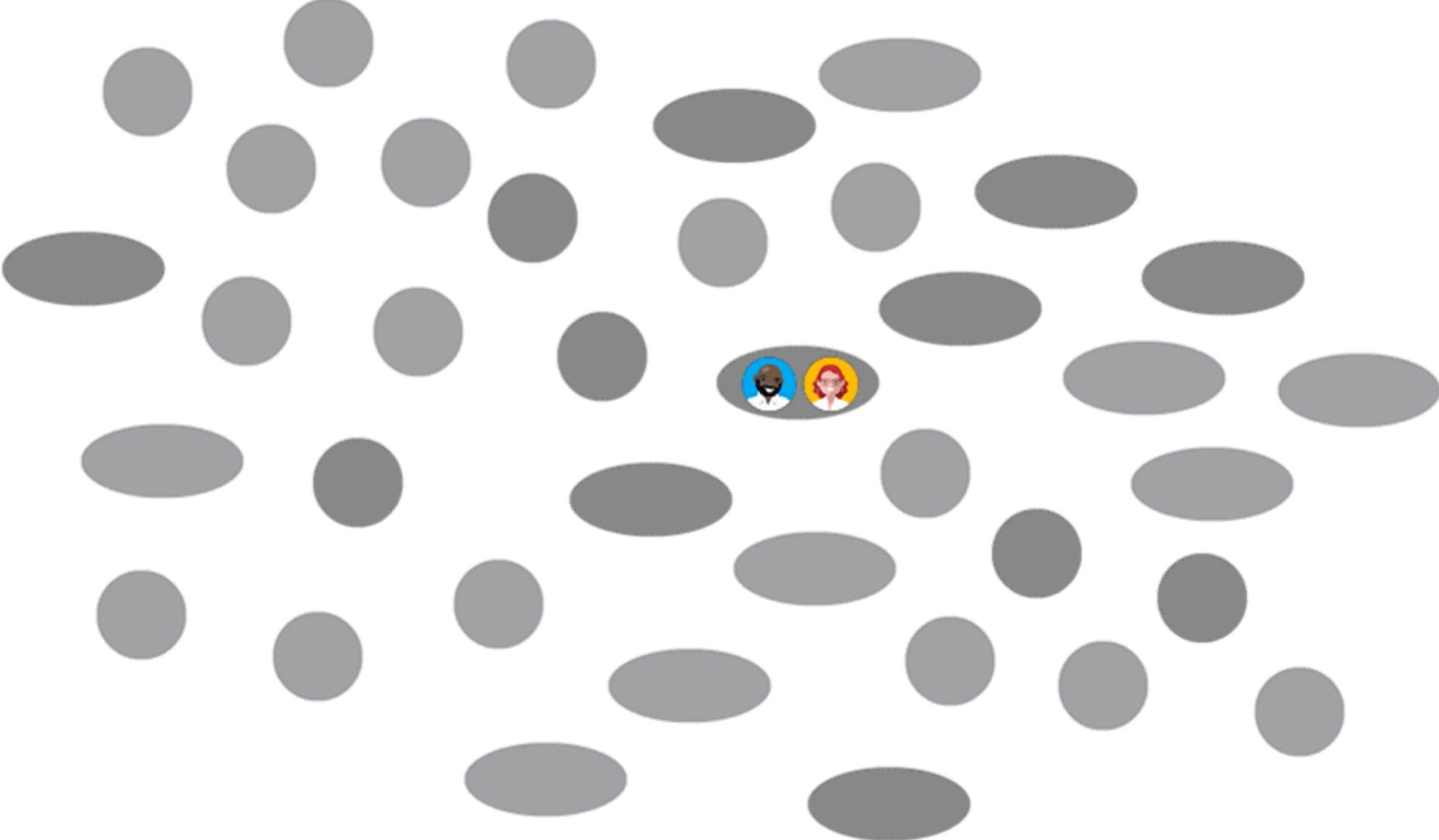
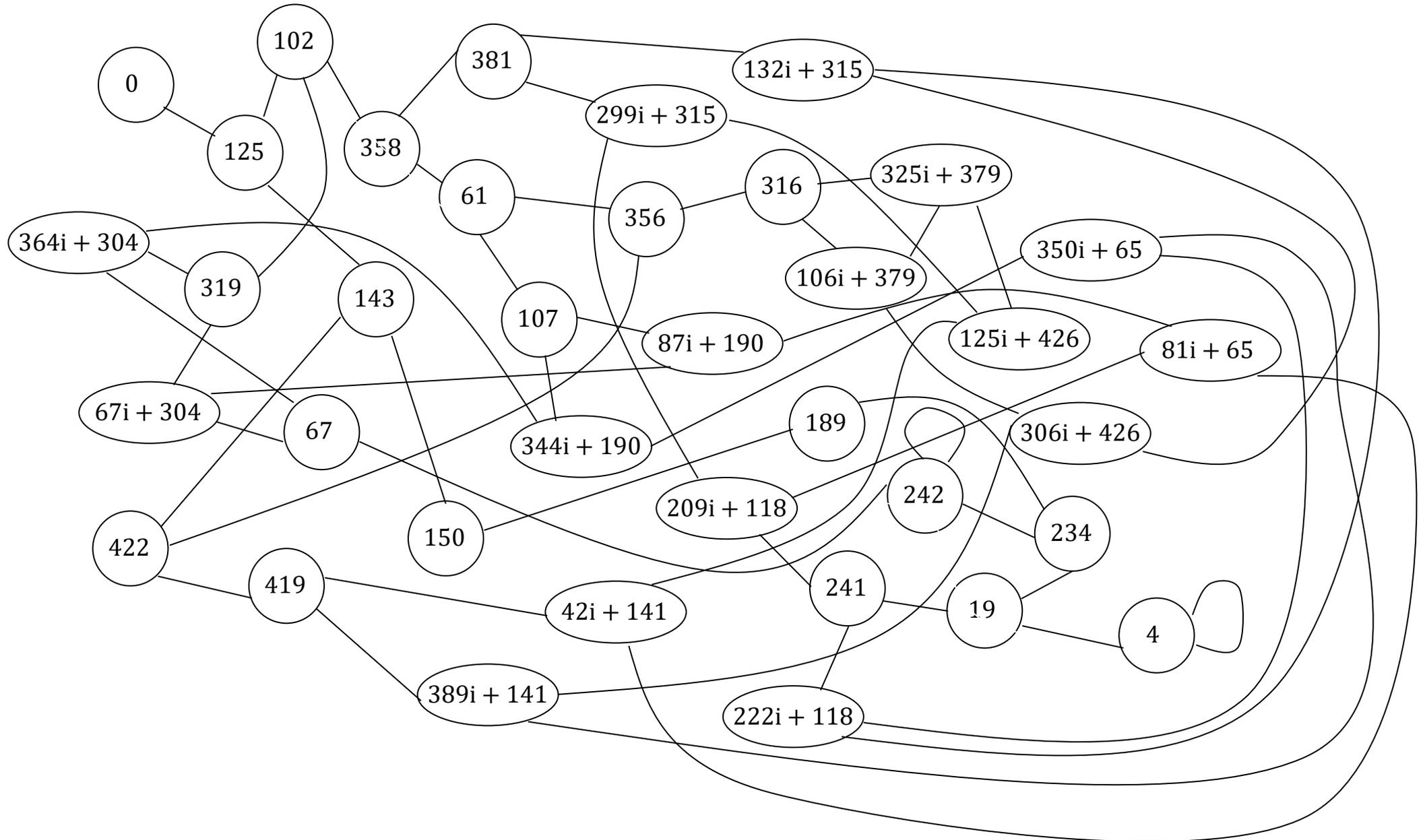
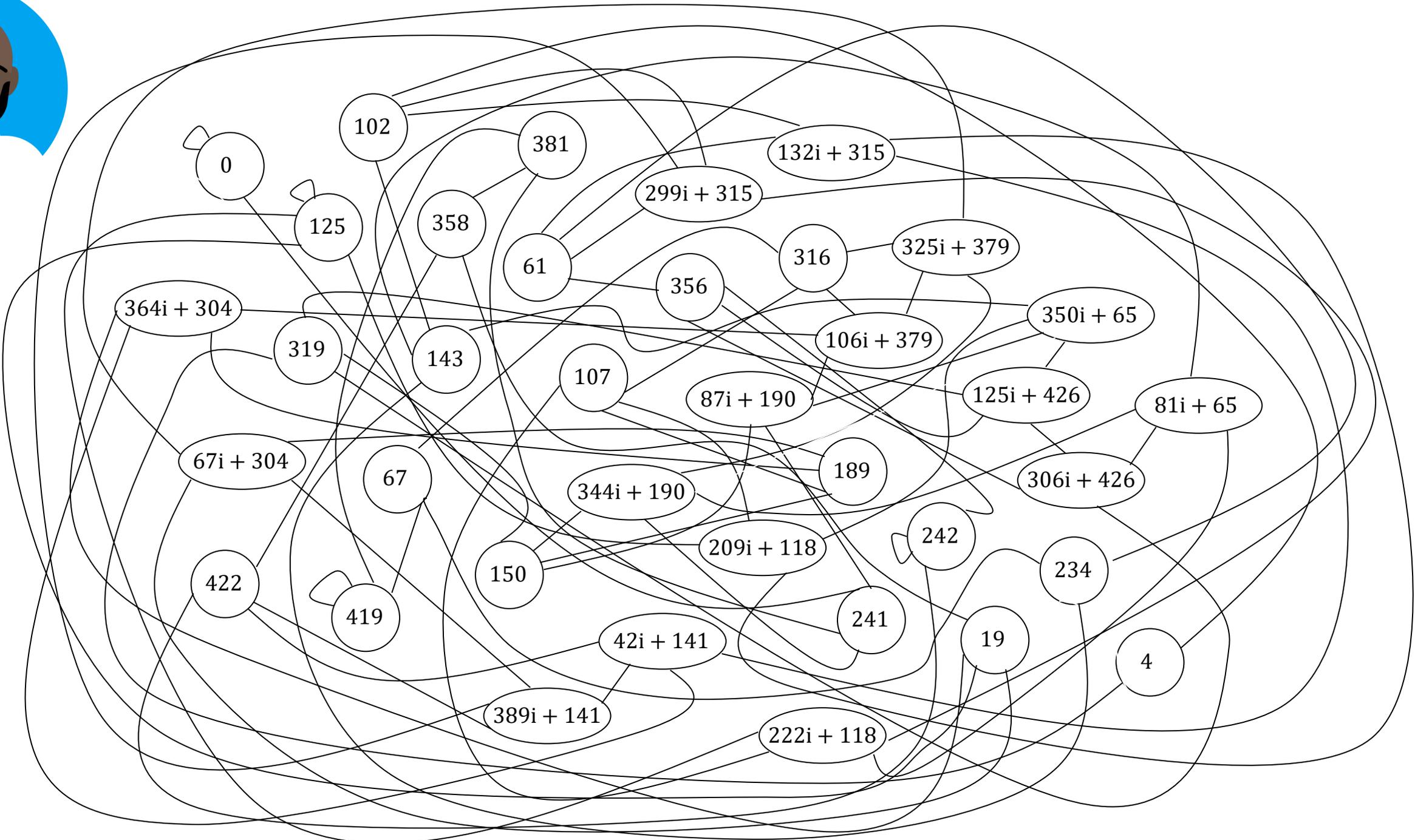


# Post-quantum key exchange from supersingular isogenies

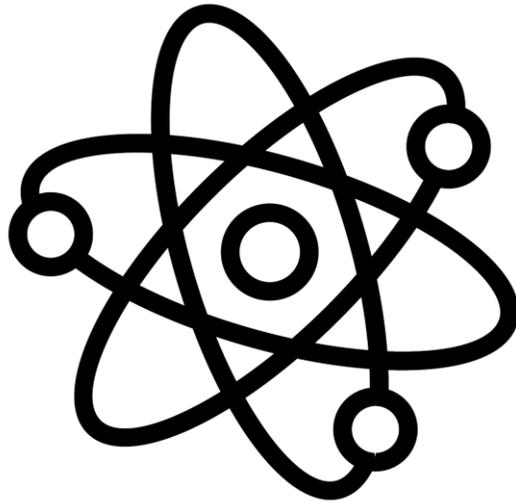


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# Why?



Question: if a large-scale quantum computer is not built yet, why do we need these schemes deployed now?

Started from the bottom (in 2016), now (exactly 3 weeks ago) we here...

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**Status Report on the Third Round of the  
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**Table 4.** Algorithms to be Standardized

| <u>Public-Key Encryption/KEMs</u> | <u>Digital Signatures</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| CRYSTALS–KYBER                    | CRYSTALS–Dilithium        |
|                                   | FALCON                    |
|                                   | SPHINCS+                  |

**Table 5.** Candidates advancing to the Fourth Round

| <u>Public-Key Encryption/KEMs</u> | <u>Digital Signatures</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| BIKE                              |                           |
| Classic McEliece                  |                           |
| HQC                               |                           |
| SIKE                              |                           |

Question: how do we know these schemes are all quantum secure?

# A brief history of Diffie-Hellman key exchange

Question: why do we need public key cryptography?

# Diffie-Hellman key exchange (circa 1976)

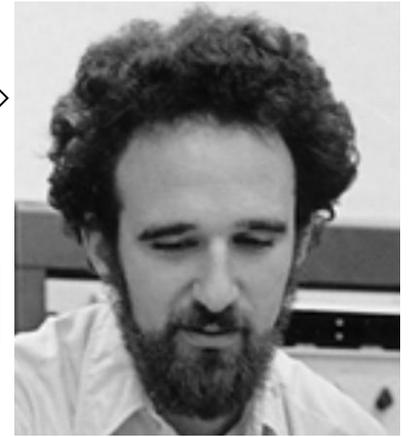
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$g = 123456789$



$g^a \bmod q = 78467374529422653579754596319852702575499692980085777948593$

$560048104293218128667441021342483133802626271394299410128798 = g^b \bmod q$



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761059275919665  
781694368639459  
527871881531452

$b =$

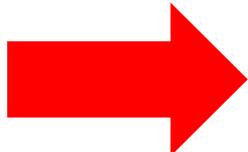
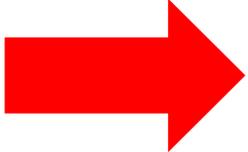
362059131912941  
987637880257325  
269696682836735  
524942246807440

$g^{ab} \bmod q = 437452857085801785219961443000845969831329749878767465041215$

# Index calculus

solve  $g^x \equiv h \pmod{p}$   
 e.g.  $3^x \equiv 37 \pmod{1217}$

- factor base  $p_i = \{2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19\}$ ,  $\#p_i = 8$
- Find 8 values of  $k$  where  $3^k$  splits over  $p_i$ , i.e.,  $3^k \equiv \pm \prod p_i \pmod{p}$

| (mod 1217)                            |   | (mod 1216)                                    |   | (mod 1216)          |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|
| $3^1 \equiv 3$                        |   | $1 \equiv L(3)$                               |   | $L(2) \equiv 216$   |
| $3^{24} \equiv -2^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$ |   | $24 \equiv 608 + 2 \cdot L(2) + L(7) + L(13)$ |   | $L(3) \equiv 1$     |
| $3^{25} \equiv 5^3$                   |   | $25 \equiv 3 \cdot L(5)$                      |   | $L(5) \equiv 819$   |
| $3^{30} \equiv -2 \cdot 5^2$          |  | $30 \equiv 608 + L(2) + 2 \cdot L(5)$         |  | $L(7) \equiv 113$   |
| $3^{34} \equiv -3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19$   |   | $34 \equiv 608 + L(3) + L(7) + L(19)$         |   | $L(11) \equiv 1059$ |
| $3^{54} \equiv -5 \cdot 11$           |   | $54 \equiv 608 + L(5) + L(11)$                |   | $L(13) \equiv 87$   |
| $3^{71} \equiv -17$                   |   | $71 \equiv 608 + L(17)$                       |   | $L(17) \equiv 679$  |
| $3^{87} \equiv 13$                    |   | $87 \equiv L(13)$                             |   | $L(19) \equiv 528$  |

# Index calculus

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{solve} \quad g^x \equiv h \pmod{p} \\ \text{e.g.} \quad 3^x \equiv 37 \pmod{1217} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} L(2) \equiv 216 \\ L(3) \equiv 1 \\ L(5) \equiv 819 \\ L(7) \equiv 113 \\ L(11) \equiv 1059 \\ L(13) \equiv 87 \\ L(17) \equiv 679 \\ L(19) \equiv 528 \end{array}$$

Now search for  $j$  such that  $g^j \cdot h = 3^j \cdot 37$  factors over  $p_i$

$$3^{16} \cdot 37 \equiv 2^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \pmod{1217}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(37) &\equiv 3 \cdot L(2) + L(7) + L(11) - 16 \pmod{1216} \\ &\equiv 3 \cdot 216 + 113 + 1059 - 1 \\ &\equiv 588 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Subexponential complexity } L_p\left[1/3, (64/9)^{1/3}\right] = e^{\left(\left(64/9\right)^{1/3} + o(1)\right) (\ln(p))^{1/3} \cdot (\ln \ln(p))^{2/3}}$$

# Diffie-Hellman key exchange (circa 2016)

$$q =$$

58096059953699580628595025333045743706869751763628952366614861522872037309971102257373360445331184072513261577549805174439905295945400471216628856721870324010321116397064404988440498509890516272002447658070418123947296805400241048279765843693815222923216208779044769892743225751738076979568811309579125511333093243519553784816306381580161860200247492568448150242515304449577187604136428738580990172551573934146255830366405915000869643732053218566832545291107903722831634138599586406690325959725187447169059540805012310209639011750748760017095360734234945757416272994856013308616958529958304677637019181594088528345061285863898271763457294883546638879554311615446446330199254382340016292057090751175533888161918987295591531536698701292267685465517437915790823154844634780260102891718032495396075041899485513811126977307478969074857043710716150121315922024556759241239013152919710956468406379442914941614357107914462567329693649

$$g = 123456789$$

$$g^a \pmod{q} =$$

197496648183227193286262018614250555971909799762533760654008147994875775445667054218578105133138217497206890599554928429450667899476854668595594034093493637562451078938296960313488696178848142491351687253054602202966247046105770771577248321682117174246128321195678537631520278649403464797353691996736993577092687178385602298873558954121056430522899619761453727082217823475746223803790014235051396799049446508224661850168149957401474638456716624401906701394472447015052569417746372185093302535739383791980070572381421729029651639304234361268764971707763484300668923972868709121665568669830978657804740157916611563508569886847487726766712073860961529476071145597063402090591037030181826355218987380945462945580355697525966763466146993277420884712557411847558661178122098955149524361601993365326052422101474898256696660124195726100495725510022002932814218768060112310763455404567248761396399633344901857872119208518550803791724

$$g^b \pmod{q} =$$

4116046620695933066832285256534418724107779992205720799935743972371563687620383783327424719396665449687938178193214952698336131699379861648113207956169499574005182063853102924755292845506262471329301240277031401312209687711427883948465928161110782751969552580451787052540164697735099369253619948958941630655511051619296131392197821987575429848264658934577688889155615145050480918561594129775760490735632255728098809700583965017196658531101013084326474278656552512132877258716784203376241901439097879386658420056919119973967264551107584485525537442884643379065403121253975718031032782719790076818413945341143157261205957499938963479817893107541948645774359056731729700335965844452066712238743995765602919548561681262366573815194145929420370183512324404671912281455859090458612780918001663308764073238447199488070126873048860279221761629281961046255219584327714817248626243962413613075956770018017385724999495117779149416882188

$$a =$$

7147687166405; 9571879053605547396582692405186145916522354912615715297097100679170037904924330116019497881089087696131592831386326210951294944584400497488929803858493191812844757232102398716043906200617764831887545755623377085391250529236463183321912173214641346558452549172283787727566955898452199622029450892269665074265269127802446416400\90259271040043389582611419862375878988193612187945591802864062679\8648395781392730436849555977641300971221824915810964579376354556\65546298837778595680891578821511273574220422646379170599917677567\3042069842239249481690677896174923072071297603455802621072109220\5466273969774855343758990879608882627763290293452560094576029847\39136138876755438662247926529997805988647241453046219452761811989\9746472529088780604931795419514638292288904557780459294373052654\10485180264002079415193983851143425084273119820368274789460587100\30497747706924427898968991057212096357725203480402449913844583448

$$b =$$

655456209464694; 93360682685816031704969423104727624468251177438749706128879957701\93698826859762790479113062308975863428283798589097017957365590672\8357138638957122466760949930089855480244640303954430074800250796203638661931522988606354100532244846391589798641210273772558373965\486653931285483865070903191974204864923589439190352993032676961005\08840431979272991603892747747094094858192679116146502863521484987\08623286193422239171712154568612530067276018808591500424849476686\706784051068715397706852664532638332403983747338379697022624261377163163204493828299206039808703403575100467337085017748387148822224875309641791879395483731754620034884930540399950519191679471224\0555855709321935074715577569598163700850920394705281936392411084\4360068618352846572496956218643721497262583322544865996160464558\5462993701658947042526445624157899586972652935647856967092689604\42796501209877036845001246792761563917639959736383038665362727158

$$g^{ab} =$$

330166919524192149323761733598426244691224199958894654036331526394350099088627302979833339501183059198113987880066739419999231378970715307039317876258453876701124543849520979430233302775032650107245135512092795731832349343596366965069683257694895110289436988215186894965977582185407675178858364641602894716513645524907139614566085360133016497539758756106596557555674744381803579583602267087423481750455634370758409692308267670340611194376574669939893893482895996003389503722513369326735717434288230260146992320711161713922195996910968467141336433827457093761125005143009836512019611866134642676859265636245898172596372485581049036573719816844170539930826718273452528414333373254200883800592320891749460865366649848360413340316504386926391062876271575757583831289710534010374070317315095828076395094487046179839301350287596589383292751933079161318839043121329118930009948197899907586986108953591420279426874779423560221038468



# Diffie-Hellman key exchange (cont.)

- Individual secret keys secure under Discrete Log Problem (DLP):  $g, g^x \mapsto x$
- Shared secret secure under Diffie-Hellman Problem (DHP):  $g, g^a, g^b \mapsto g^{ab}$
- Fundamental operation in DH is group exponentiation:  $g, x \mapsto g^x$   
... done via “square-and-multiply”, e.g.,  $(x)_2 = (1,0,1,1,0,0,0,1 \dots)$
- We are working “**mod**  $q$ ”, but only with one operation: multiplication
- Main reason for fields being so big: (sub-exponential) index calculus attacks!

# DH key exchange (Koblitz-Miller style)

If all we need is a group, why not use elliptic curve groups?



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## Elliptic Curve Cryptosystems

By Neal Koblitz

*This paper is dedicated to Daniel Shanks on the occasion of his seventieth birthday.*

**Abstract.** We discuss analogs based on elliptic curves over finite fields of public key cryptosystems which use the multiplicative group of a finite field. These elliptic curve cryptosystems may be more secure, because the analog of the discrete logarithm problem on elliptic curves is likely to be harder than the classical discrete logarithm problem, especially over  $GF(2^n)$ . We discuss the question of primitive points on an elliptic curve modulo  $p$ , and give a theorem on nonsmoothness of the order of the cyclic subgroup generated by a global point.

**1. Introduction.** The earliest public key cryptosystems using number theory were based on the structure either of the multiplicative group  $(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^*$  or the multiplicative group of a finite field  $GF(q)$ ,  $q = p^n$ . The subsequent construction of analogous systems based on other finite Abelian groups, together with H. W. Lenstra's success in using elliptic curves for integer factorization, make it natural to study the possibility of public key cryptography based on the structure of the group of points of an elliptic curve over a large finite field. We first briefly recall the facts we need about such elliptic curves (for more details, see [4] or [5]). We then describe elliptic curve analogs of the Massey-Omura and ElGamal systems. We give some concrete examples, discuss the question of primitive points, and conclude with a theorem concerning the probability that the order of a cyclic subgroup is nonsmooth.

I would like to thank A. Odlyzko for valuable discussions and correspondence, and for sending me a preprint by V. S. Miller, who independently arrived at some similar ideas about elliptic curves and cryptography.

**2. Elliptic Curves.** An elliptic curve  $E_K$  defined over a field  $K$  of characteristic  $\neq 2$  or  $3$  is the set of solutions  $(x, y) \in K^2$  to the equation

$$(1) \quad y^2 = x^3 + ax + b, \quad a, b \in K$$

(where the cubic on the right has no multiple roots). More precisely, it is the set of such solutions together with a "point at infinity" (with homogeneous coordinates  $(0, 1, 0)$ ; if  $K$  is the real numbers, this corresponds to the vertical direction which the tangent line to  $E_K$  approaches as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ). One can start out with a more complicated general formula for  $E_K$  which can easily be reduced to (1) by a linear change of variables whenever  $\text{char} K \neq 2, 3$ . If  $\text{char} K = 2$ —an important case in

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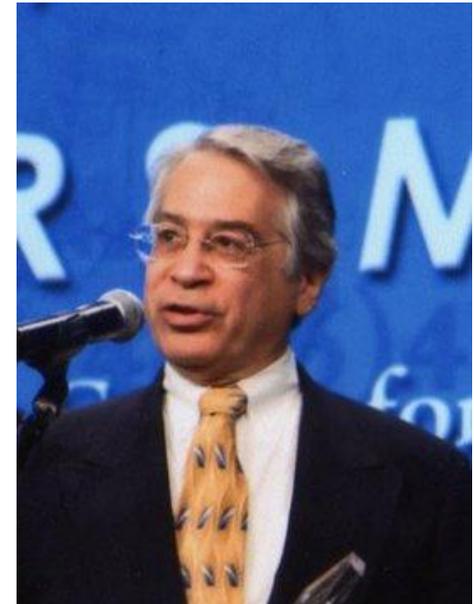
## Use of Elliptic Curves in Cryptography

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### ABSTRACT

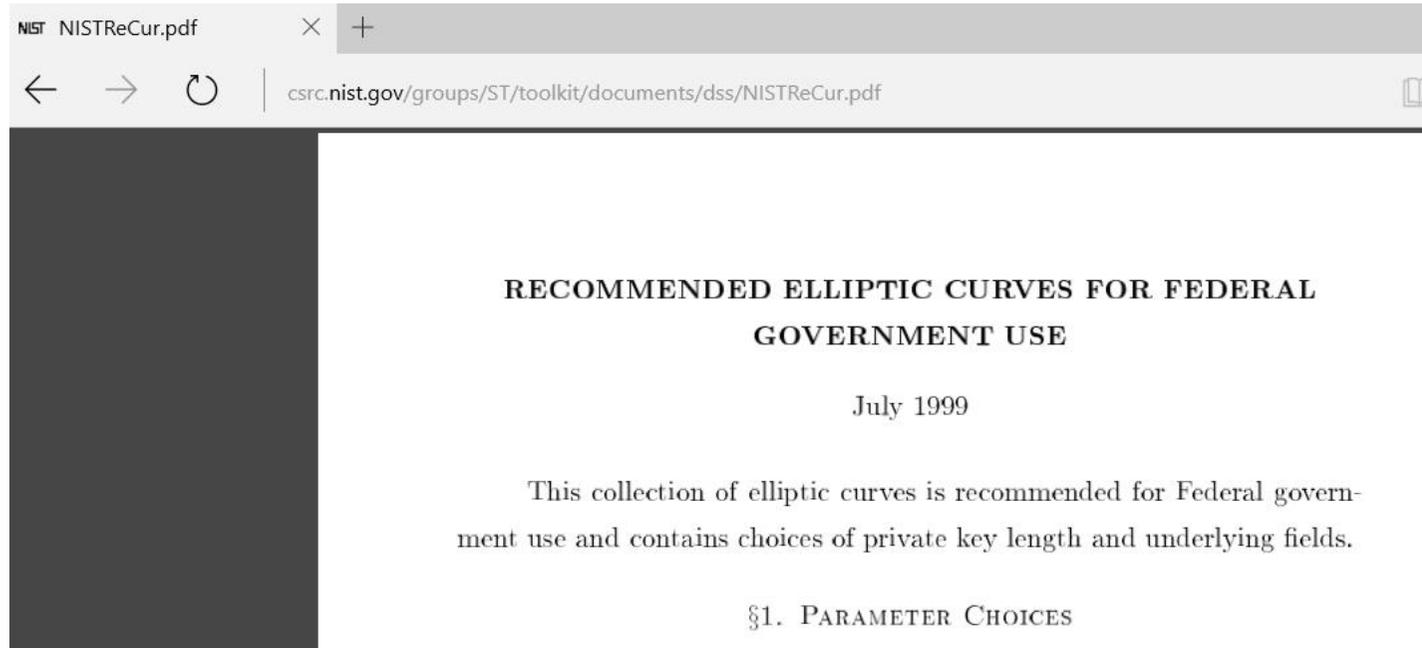
We discuss the use of elliptic curves in cryptography. In particular, we propose an analogue of the Diffie-Hellman key exchange protocol which appears to be immune from attacks of the style of Western, Miller, and Adleman. With the current bounds for infeasible attack, it appears to be about 20% faster than the Diffie-Hellman scheme over  $GF(p)$ . As computational power grows, this disparity should get rapidly bigger.



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Rationale: "it is extremely unlikely that an index calculus attack on the elliptic curve method will ever be able to work" [Miller, 85]

# NIST Curve P-256



## Curve P-256

$p = 11579208921035624876269744694940757353008614\backslash$   
3415290314195533631308867097853951

$r = 11579208921035624876269744694940757352999695\backslash$   
5224135760342422259061068512044369

$s = c49d3608\ 86e70493\ 6a6678e1\ 139d26b7\ 819f7e90$

$c =$  7efba166 2985be94 03cb055c  
75d4f7e0 ce8d84a9 c5114abc af317768 0104fa0d

$b =$  5ac635d8 aa3a93e7 b3ebbd55  
769886bc 651d06b0 cc53b0f6 3bce3c3e 27d2604b

$G_x =$  6b17d1f2 e12c4247 f8bce6e5  
63a440f2 77037d81 2deb33a0 f4a13945 d898c296

$G_y =$  4fe342e2 fe1a7f9b 8ee7eb4a  
7c0f9e16 2bce3357 6b315ece cbb64068 37bf51f5

## §2. CURVES OVER PRIME FIELDS

For each prime  $p$ , a pseudo-random curve

$$E : y^2 \equiv x^3 - 3x + b \pmod{p}$$

# ECDH key exchange (1999 – nowish)

$$p = 2^{256} - 2^{224} + 2^{192} + 2^{96} - 1$$

$p = 115792089210356248762697446949407573530086143415290314195533631308867097853951$

$$E/\mathbb{F}_p: y^2 = x^3 - 3x + b$$

$\#E = 115792089210356248762697446949407573529996955224135760342422259061068512044369$

$P = (48439561293906451759052585252797914202762949526041747995844080717082404635286, 36134250956749795798585127919587881956611106672985015071877198253568414405109)$



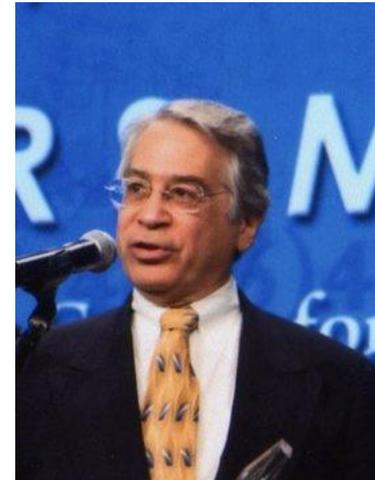
$a =$

89130644591246033577639  
77064146285502314502849  
28352556031837219223173  
24614395

$[a]P = (84116208261315898167593067868200525612344221886333785331584793435449501658416, 102885655542185598026739250172885300109680266058548048621945393128043427650740)$

$[b]P = (101228882920057626679704131545407930245895491542090988999577542687271695288383, 77887418190304022994116595034556257760807185615679689372138134363978498341594)$

$[ab]P = (101228882920057626679704131545407930245895491542090988999577542687271695288383, 77887418190304022994116595034556257760807185615679689372138134363978498341594)$

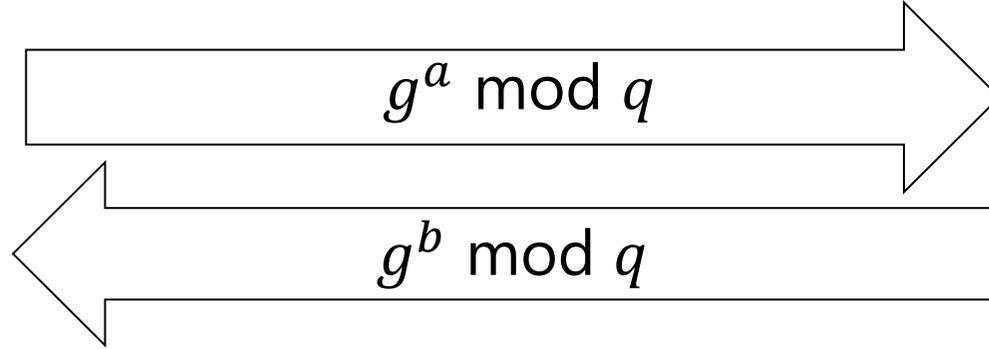


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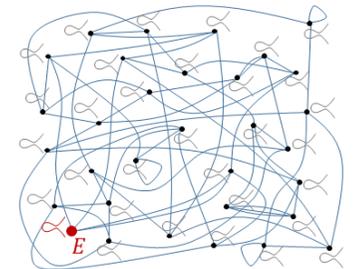
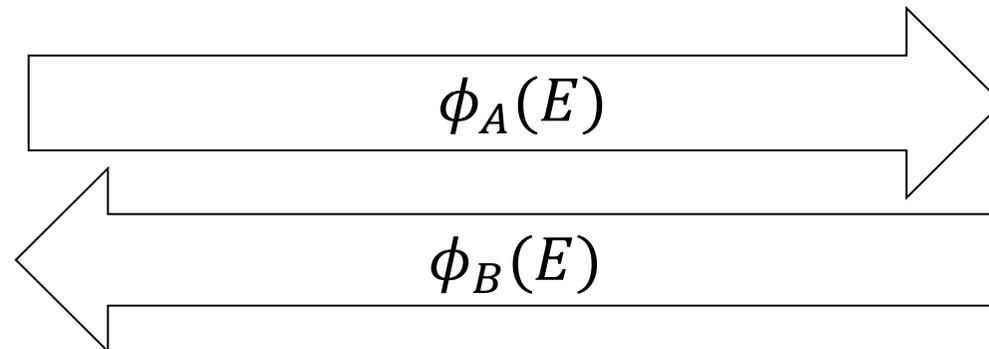
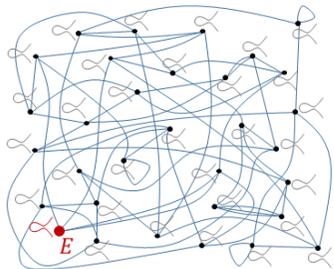
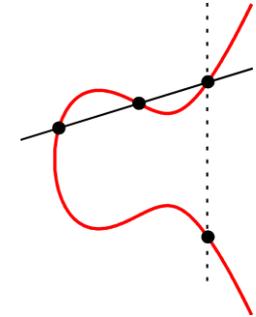
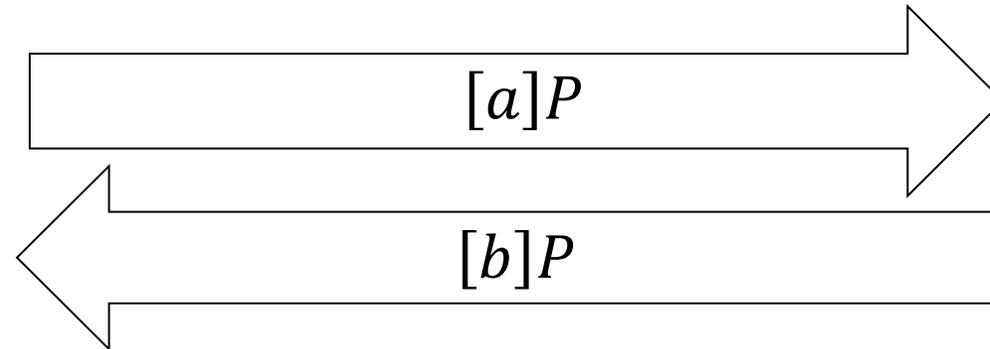
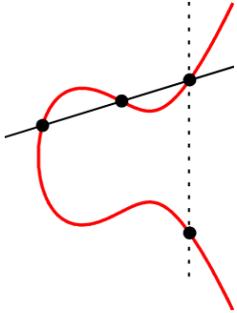
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# Diffie-Hellman instantiations

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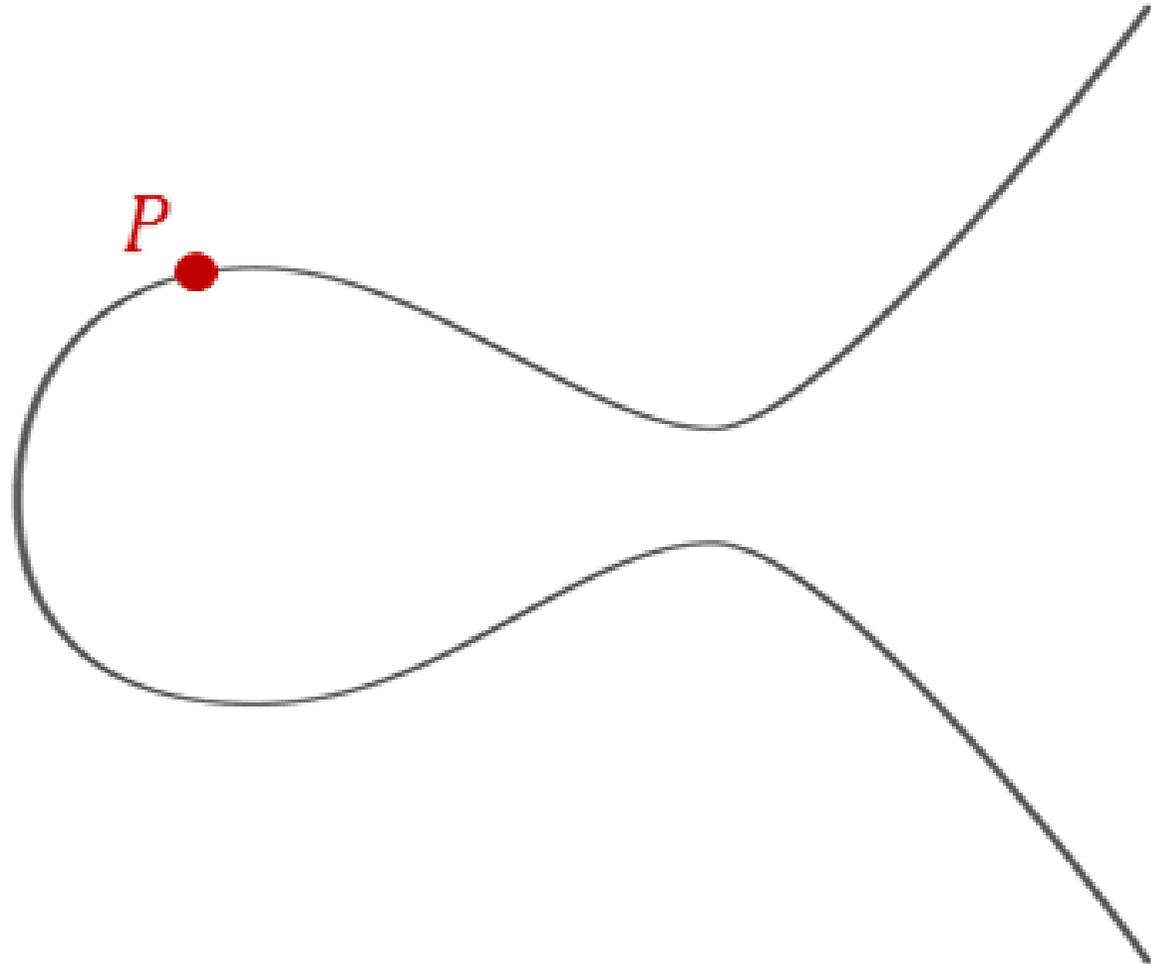


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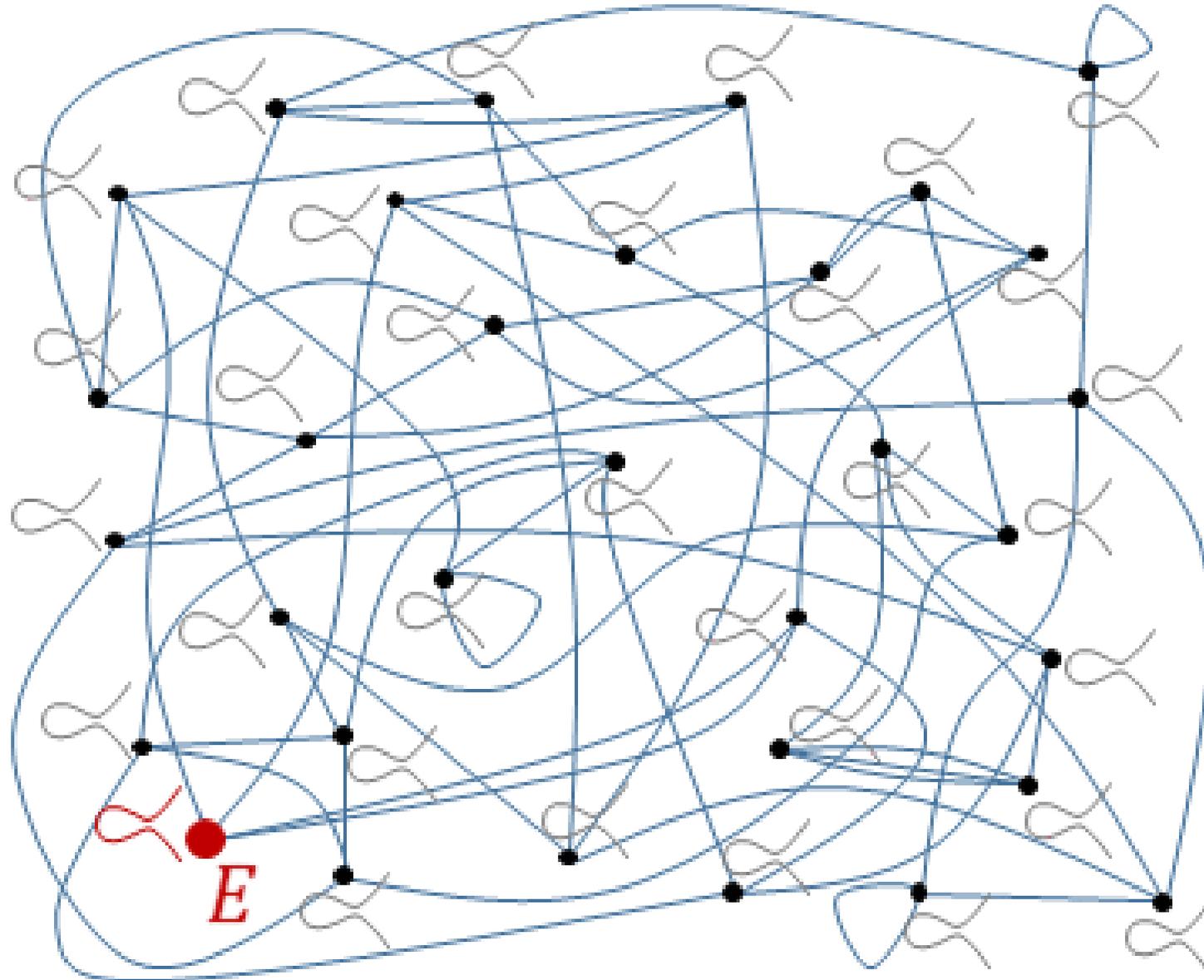
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|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Elements     | integers $g$ modulo prime  | points $P$ in curve group   | curves $E$ in isogeny class       |
| Secrets      | exponents $x$              | scalars $k$                 | isogenies $\phi$                  |
| computations | $g, x \mapsto g^x$         | $k, P \mapsto [k]P$         | $\phi, E \mapsto \phi(E)$         |
| hard problem | given $g, g^x$<br>find $x$ | given $P, [k]P$<br>find $k$ | given $E, \phi(E)$<br>find $\phi$ |

# Pre-quantum (classical) ECC

$$P, k \mapsto [k]P$$



# Post-quantum ECC



# Elliptic curves and isogenies

group  $(G, +)$

can do  $+$   $-$

ring  $(R, +, \times)$

can do  $+$   $-$   $\times$

field  $(F, +, \times)$

can do  $+$   $-$   $\times$   $\div$

If you've never seen an elliptic curve before....

Remember: an elliptic curve is a group defined over a field

|                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| elliptic curve group $(E, \oplus)$ | can do $\oplus \ominus$  |
| underlying field $(K, +, \times)$  | can do $+ - \times \div$ |

operations in underlying field are used and combined to compute the elliptic curve operation  $\oplus$

# Boring curves

$$f(x, y) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad f(X, Y, Z) = 0$$

Degree 1 (lines)

$$ax + by = c$$

$$ab \neq 0$$

Degree 2 (conic sections)

$$ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dx + ey + f = 0$$

$$abc \neq 0$$

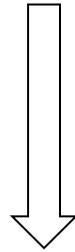
e.g., ellipses, hyperbolas, parabolas

- “Genus” measures geometric complexity, and both are genus 0
- We know how to describe all solutions to these, e.g., over (exts of)  $\mathbb{Q}$
- Not cryptographically interesting

# Elliptic curves

- Degree 3 is where all the fun begins...

$$ax^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + dy^3 + ex^2 + fxy + gy^2 + hx + iy + j = 0$$



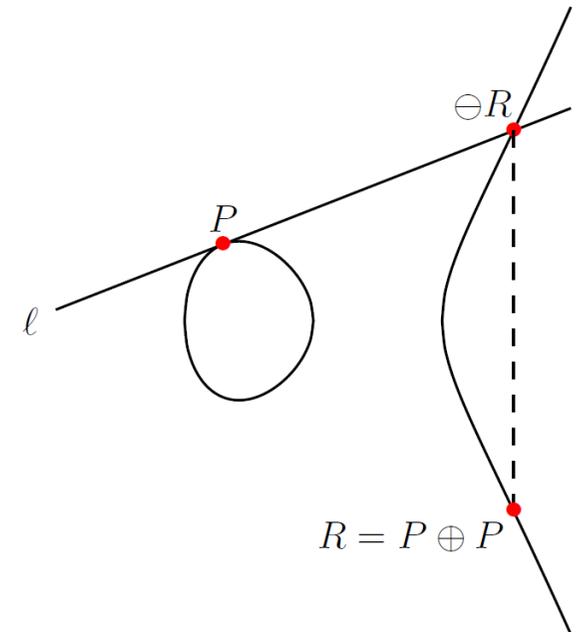
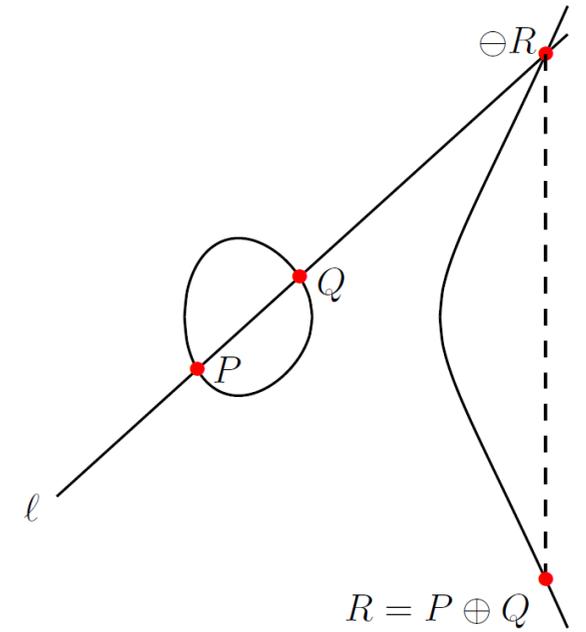
$ch(K) \neq 2, 3$

$E/K: y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  ←  $E$  specified by  $K, a, b$

- Elliptic curves  $\leftrightarrow$  genus 1 curves
- Set is  $\approx$  points  $(x, y) \in K \times K$  satisfying above equation
- Geometrically/arithmetically/cryptographically interesting
- Fermat's last theorem/BSD conjecture/ ...

# Elliptic curves

- Cubic curves  $E/K : y^2 = x^3 + \dots$
- Old school ECC
  - $K$  is a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$
  - Curve fixed once-and-for-all
  - Group elements are points e.g.  $P = (x_P, y_P)$  and  $\mathcal{O}_E$
- Fundamental operation is scalar multiplication
  - $P \mapsto [n]P$
  - $S = [n]P = (x_S, y_S) = (f(x_P), g(x_P, y_P))$
- ECDLP: given  $P, S \in E$ , find  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$
- Elliptic curves are algebraic and geometric



# Isomorphisms and $j$ -invariants

- Two elliptic curves are isomorphic iff they have the same  $j$ -invariant

e.g.:  $E_a : y^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + x$  has  $j(E_a) = \frac{256(a^3-3)^3}{a^2-4}$

Let  $K = \mathbb{F}_{431^2}$ , where  $\mathbb{F}_{431^2} = \mathbb{F}_{431}(i)$  and  $i^2 + 1 = 0$ .

The curves  $E = E_{208i+161}$  and  $E' = E_{172i+162}$  have  $j(E) = 364i + 304 = j(E')$ , so...

$$E \cong E'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : E &\rightarrow E', & (x, y) &\mapsto ((66i + 182)x + (300i + 109), (122i + 159)y) \\ \psi^{-1} : E' &\rightarrow E, & (x, y) &\mapsto ((156i + 40)x + (304i + 202), (419i + 270)y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\psi(\mathcal{O}_E) = \mathcal{O}_{E'}, \text{ and } \psi^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_{E'}) = \mathcal{O}_E \text{ (trivial kernel)}$$

# Isogenies

- Isogenies are more general maps between elliptic curves

e.g.:  $E_a : y^2 = x^3 + (208i + 161)x^2 + x$  has  $j(E_a) = 364i + 304$   
 $E_{a'} : y^2 = x^3 + (102i + 423)x^2 + x$  has  $j(E_{a'}) = 344i + 190$

$$\phi: E_a \rightarrow E_{a'}$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto \left( \frac{x((350i + 68)x - 1)}{x - (350i + 68)}, (155i + 260)y \cdot \frac{(x^2 - (269i + 126)x + 1)}{(x - (350i + 68))^2} \right)$$

Now kernels are non-trivial  $\ker(\phi) = \{\mathcal{O}_E, ((350i + 68), 0)\}$  and  $j(E_a) \neq j(E_{a'})$  in general!

- Seperable isogenies  $\leftrightarrow$  kernels
- Vélu's formulas: input  $E$  and any subgroup  $G$ , outputs  $E'$  and  $\phi$ .
- $\deg(\phi) = |G|$  - Vélu's formulas are  $\mathcal{O}(|G|)$  for prime  $|G|$
- $\phi_1 : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  and  $\phi_2 : E_2 \rightarrow E_3$ ,  $\deg(\phi_2 \circ \phi_1) = \deg(\phi_2) \cdot \deg(\phi_1)$
- Isogenies are (algebraic and geometric) morphisms:  $\phi(P + Q) = \phi(P) + \phi(Q)$

# Keeping it simple

- Whether it's  $[n]: E \rightarrow E$ , or  $\phi_n: E \rightarrow E'$ , we always have

$$(x, y) \mapsto (f(x), c y f'(x))$$

for some constant  $c$ .

- So it's easier to ignore  $y$ -coordinates and work with

$$(x, -) \mapsto (f(x), -)$$

- Happily, this is also what is fastest/simplest/done in state-of-the-art classical and post-quantum ECC!
- Fortunately, we only need  $n = 2$  and  $n = 3$  to do SIDH!

# Explicit formulas



$$[2] : E_a \rightarrow E_a, \quad x \mapsto \frac{(x^2 - 1)^2}{4x(x - \alpha)(x - 1/\alpha)}$$

$$\phi_2 : E_a \rightarrow E_{a'}, \quad x \mapsto x \cdot \left( \frac{\alpha x - 1}{x - \alpha} \right)$$

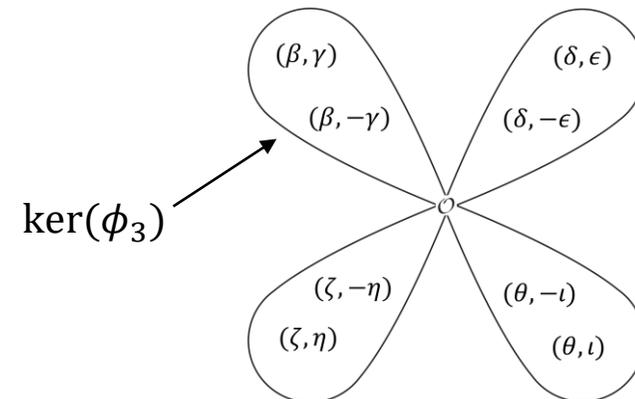
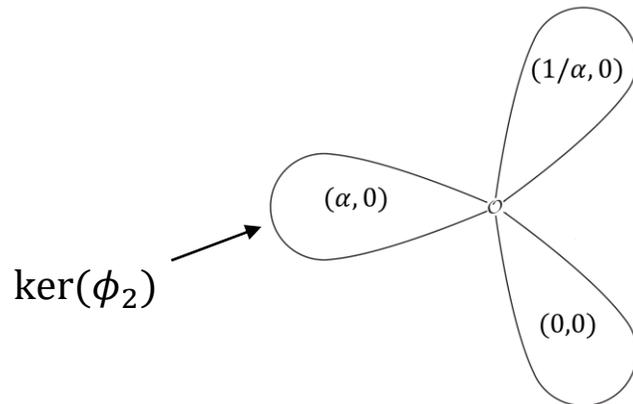
$$a' = 2(1 - 2\alpha^2)$$



$$[3] : E_a \rightarrow E_a, \quad x \mapsto \frac{(x^4 - 6x^2 - 4ax - 3)^2 x}{(3x^4 + 4ax^3 + 6x^2 - 1)^2}$$

$$\phi_3 : E_a \rightarrow E_{a'}, \quad x \mapsto x \cdot \left( \frac{\beta x - 1}{x - \beta} \right)^2$$

$$a' = (a\beta - 6\beta^2 + 6)\beta$$



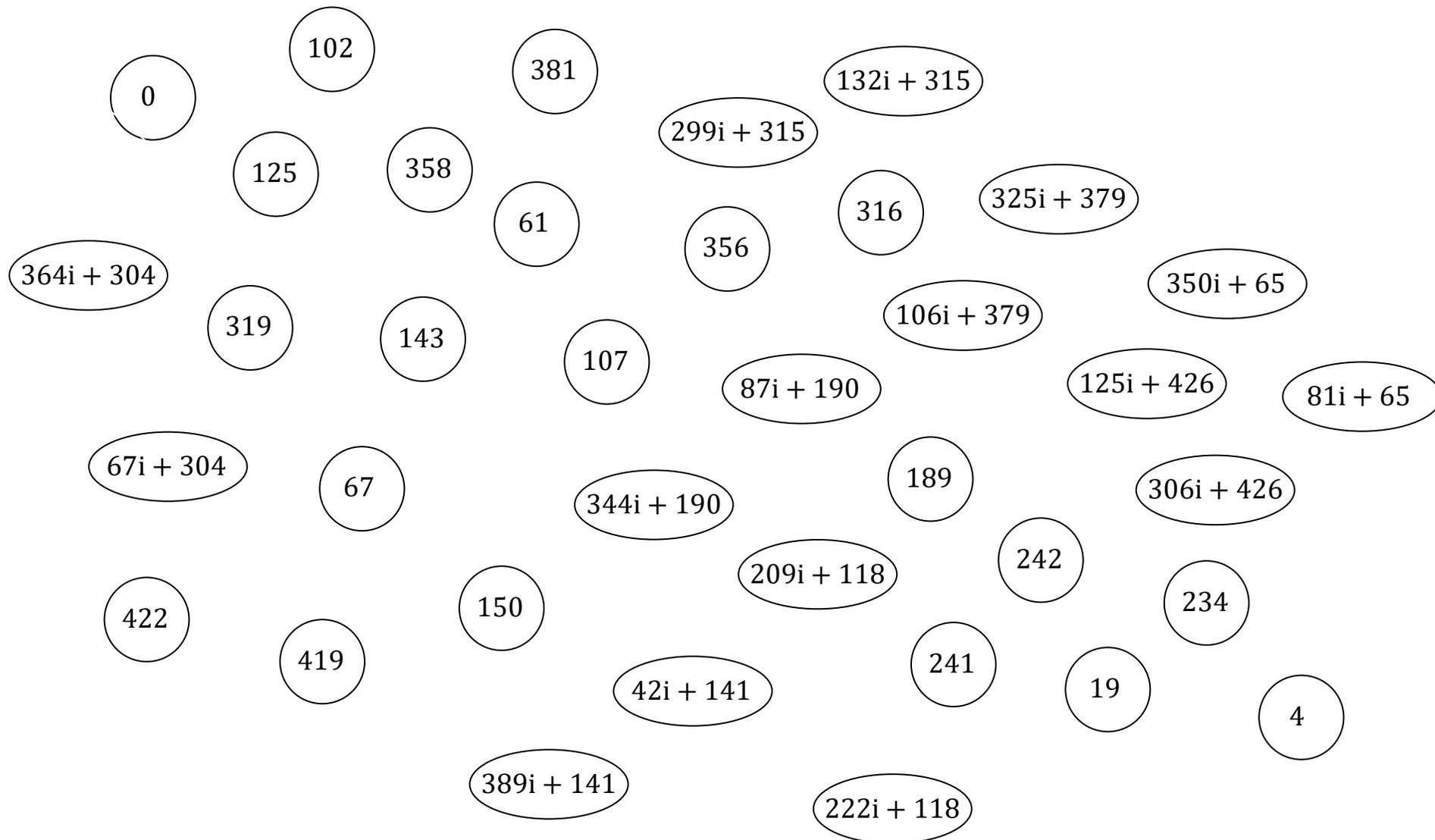
# SIDH

(Supersingular Isogeny Diffie Hellman)

<https://eprint.iacr.org/2019/1321.pdf>

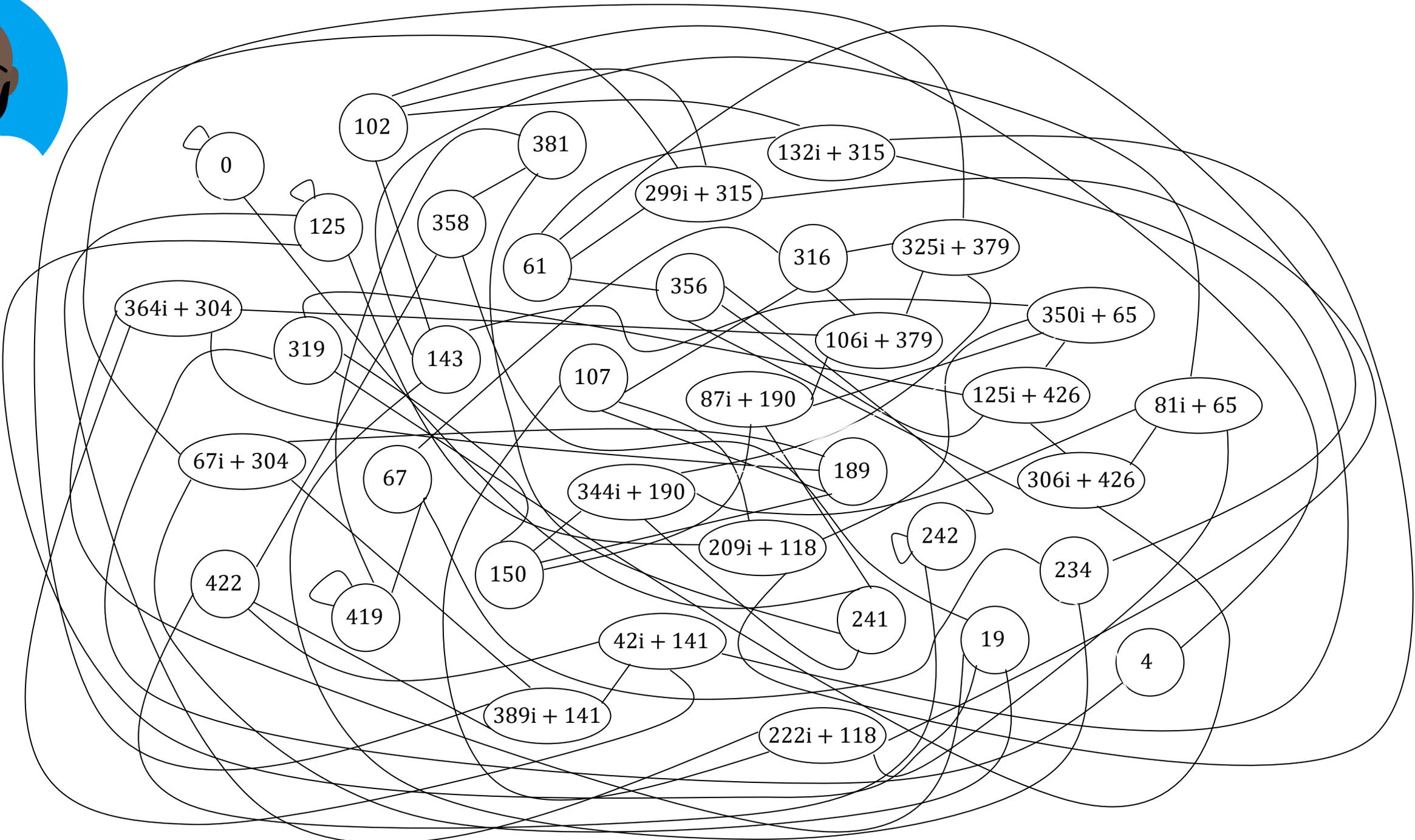
Question: why do we need elliptic curves and isogenies if all we need is expander graphs?

e.g. supersingular isogeny graph – the nodes



$p := 431$  : there are 37 supersingular  $j$ 's (all over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2} := \mathbb{F}_p(i), i^2 + 1 = 0$ )









# Params: starting curve and generator points

$$E_A: y^2 = x^3 + Ax^2 + x$$

$$A = 329i + 423$$

$$j = 87i + 190$$

$$\begin{aligned} \#E_A(\mathbb{F}_{p^2}) &= (p + 1)^2 \\ &= (2^4 3^3)^2 \end{aligned}$$

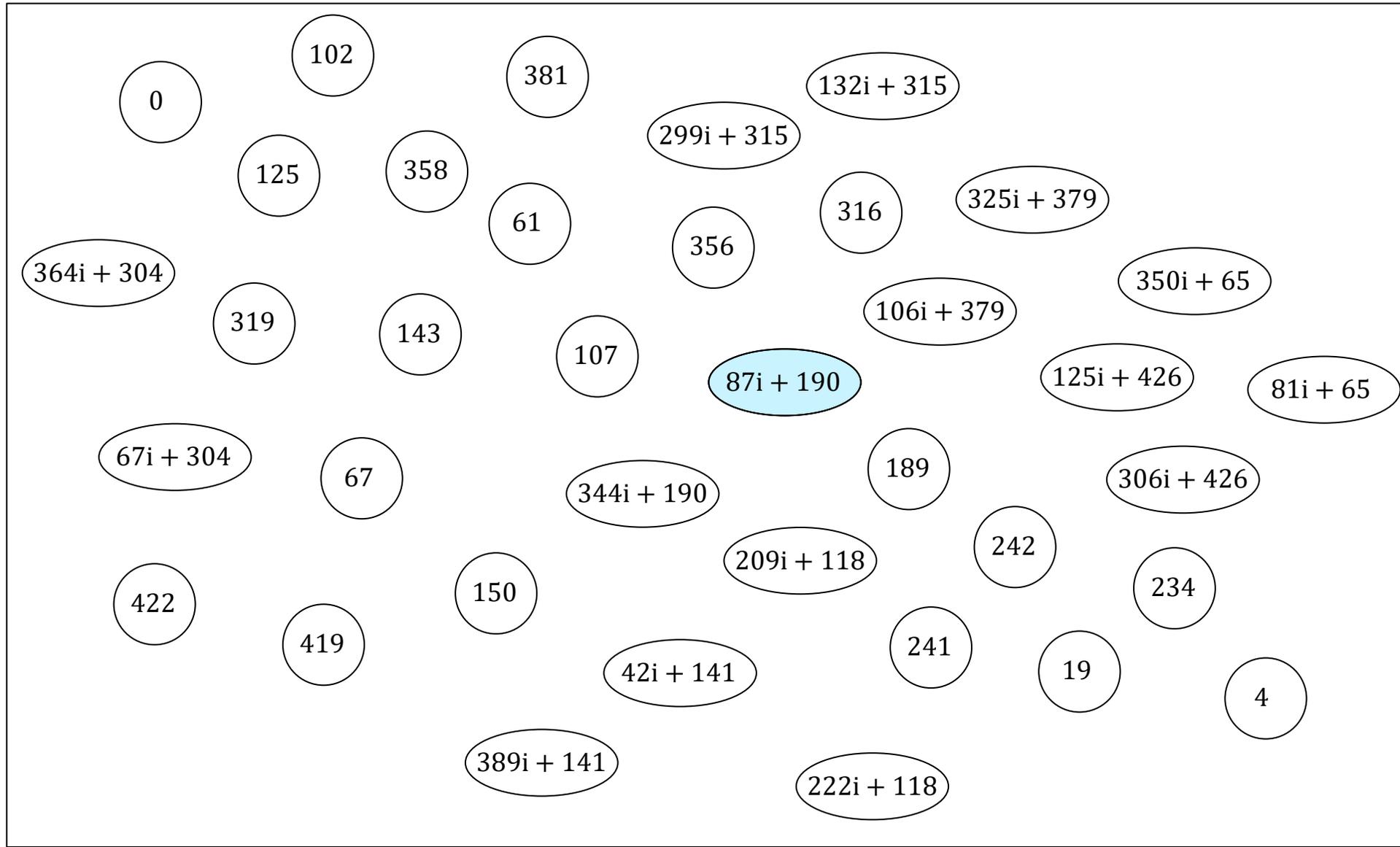
$$E \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p+1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_A &= (100i + 248, 304i + 199) \\ Q_A &= (426i + 394, 51i + 79) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_B &= (358i + 275, 410i + 104) \\ Q_B &= (20i + 185, 281i + 239) \end{aligned}$$

$$E[2^4] = \langle P_A, Q_A \rangle$$

$$E[3^3] = \langle P_B, Q_B \rangle$$



# Alice destinations: possible\* $2^4$ -isogenies

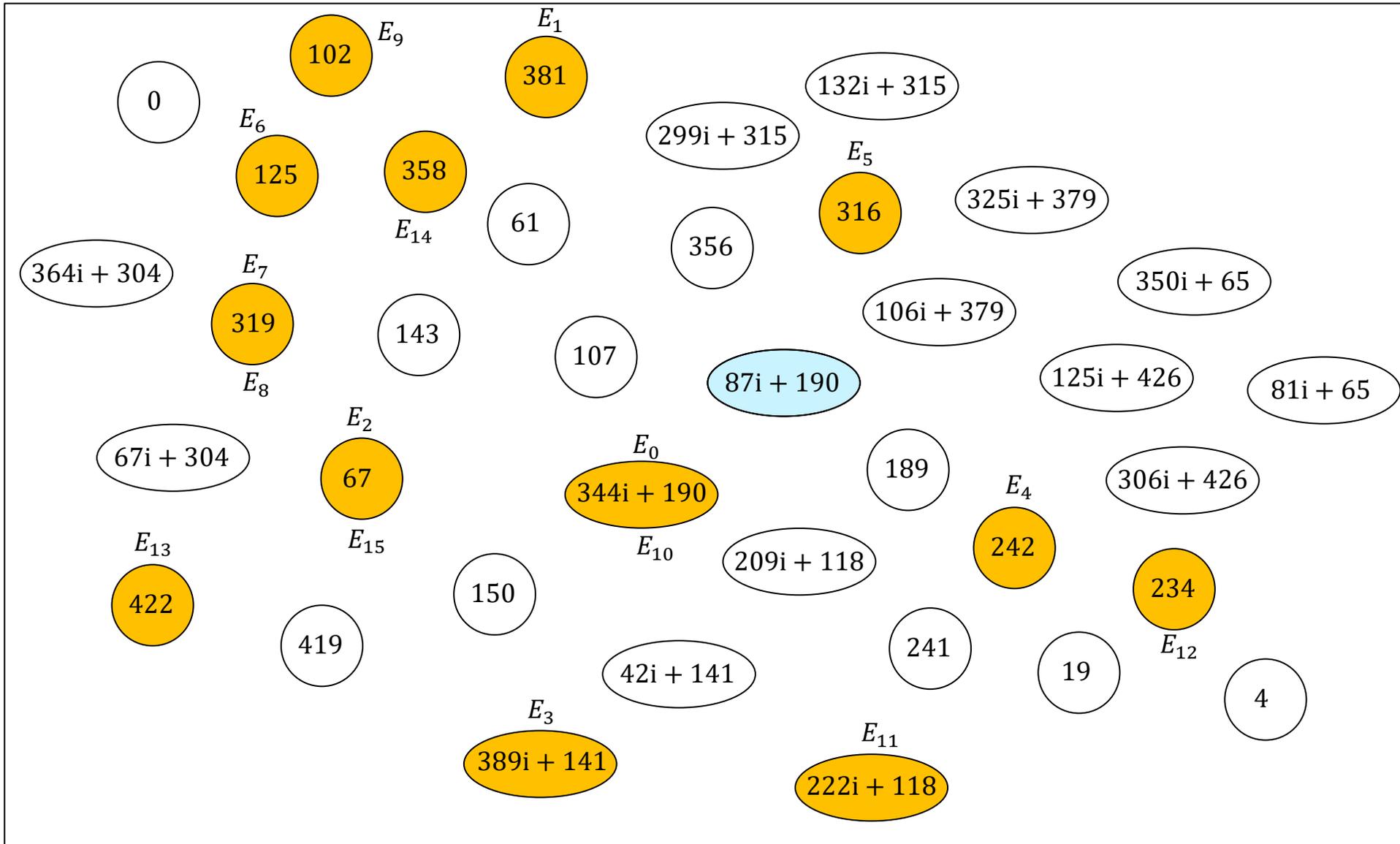


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| 3     | $(34i + 202, 310i + 65)$   |
| 4     | $(320i + 395, 238i + 205)$ |
| 5     | $(413i + 322, 315i + 91)$  |
| 6     | $(235i + 98, 316i + 321)$  |
| 7     | $(59i + 224, 312i + 7)$    |
| 8     | $(390i + 349, 294i + 408)$ |
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| 10    | $(183i + 238, 188i + 246)$ |
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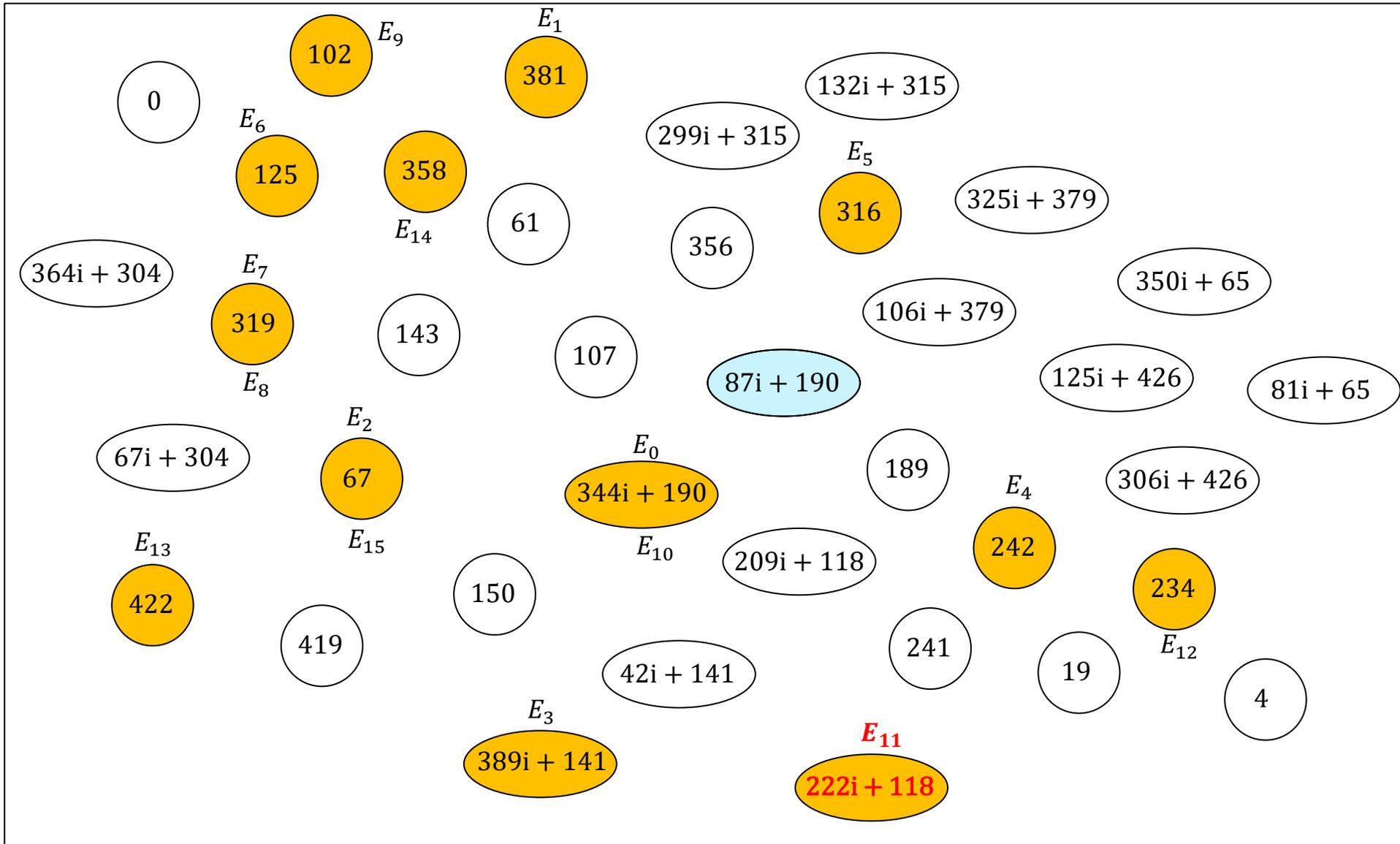


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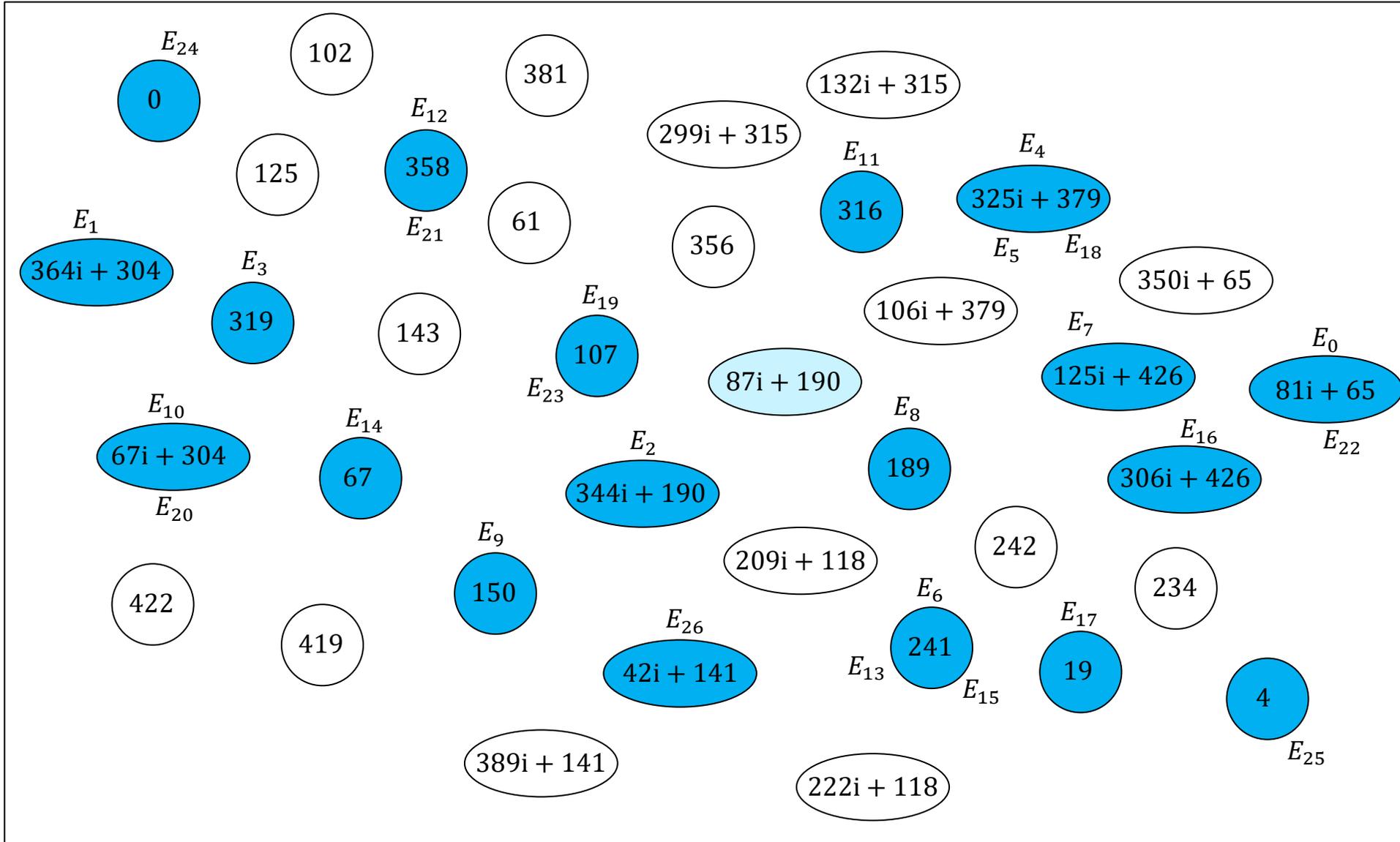
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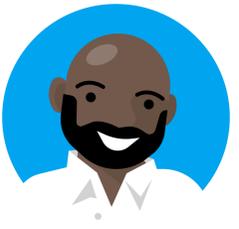
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|    |                            |
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| 0  | $(358i + 275, 410i + 104)$ |
| 1  | $(150i + 184, 106i + 293)$ |
| 2  | $(122i + 309, 291i + 374)$ |
| 3  | $(25i + 70, 254i + 66)$    |
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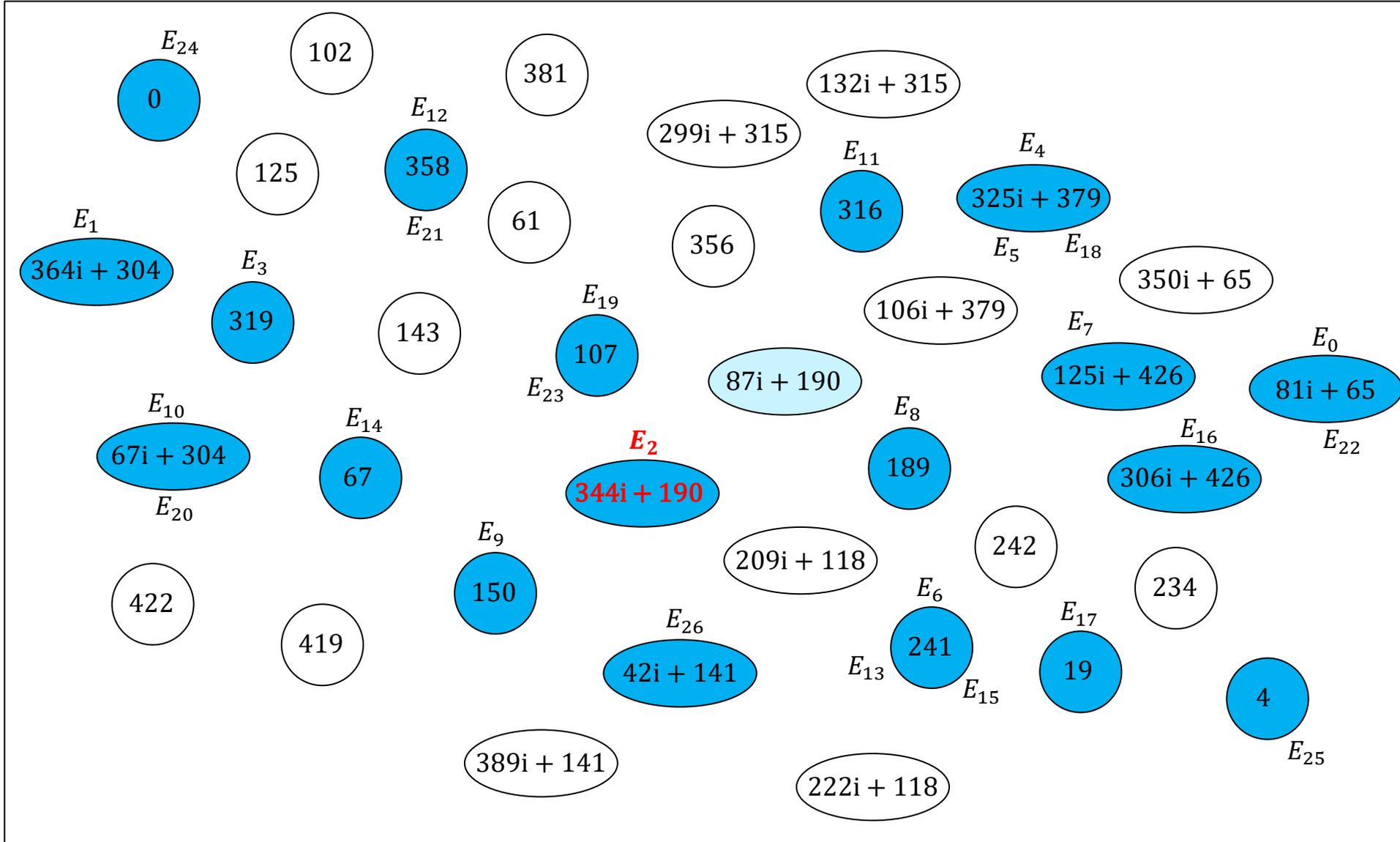
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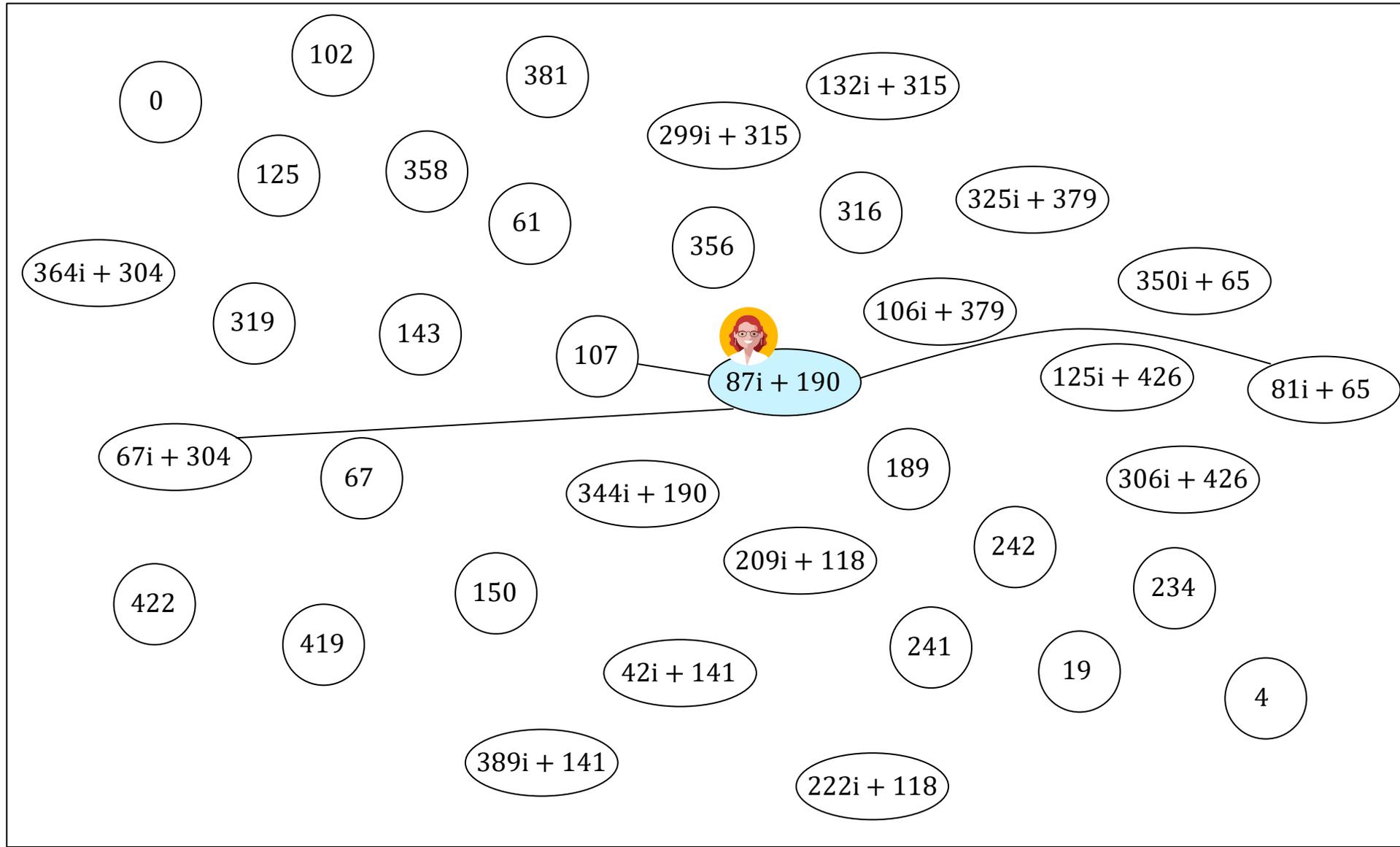
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# Alice's key generation



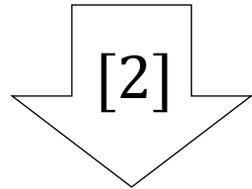
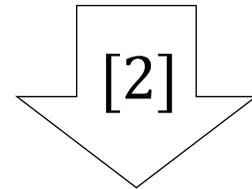
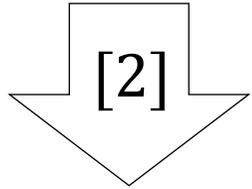
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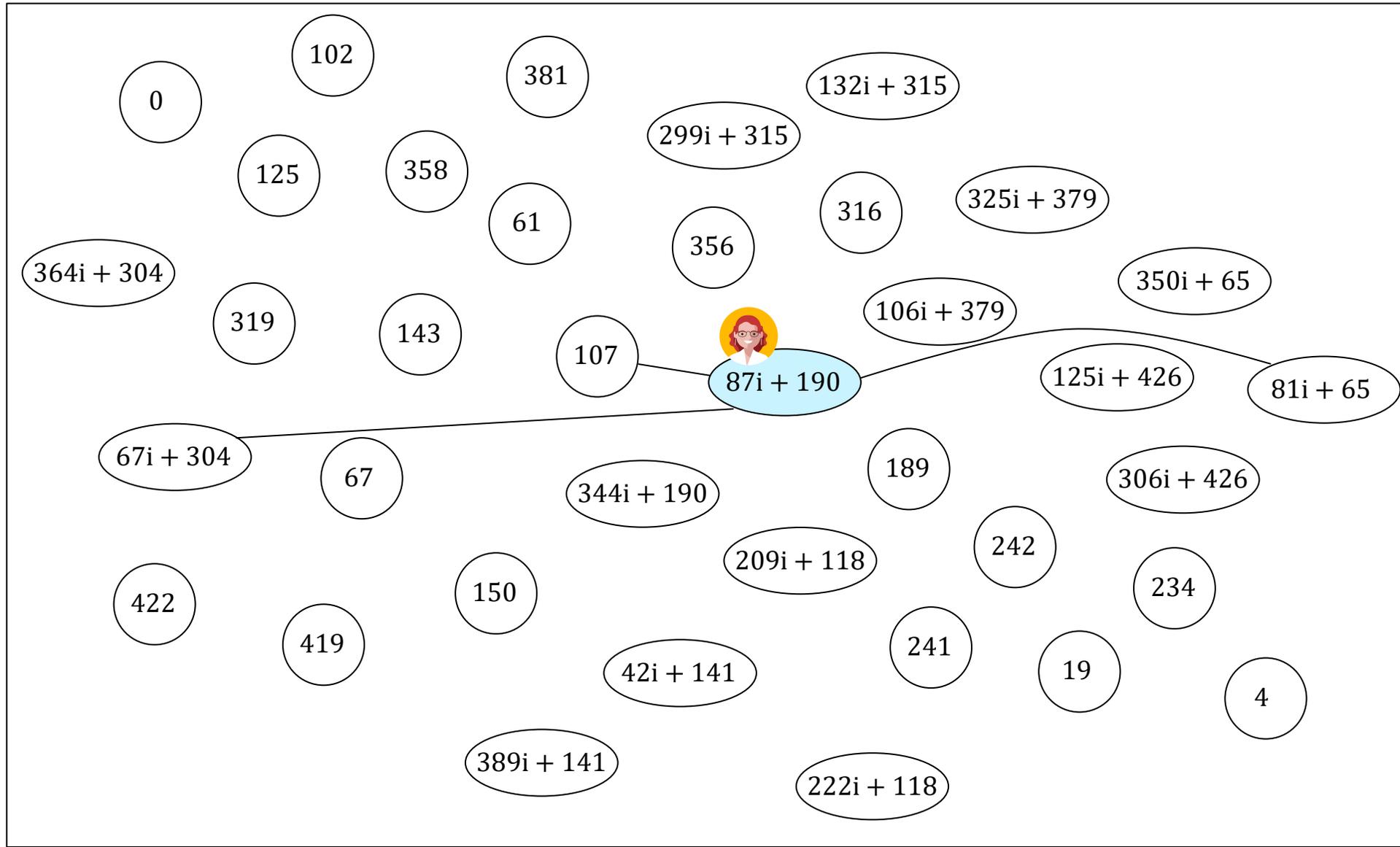
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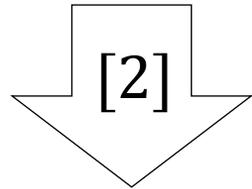
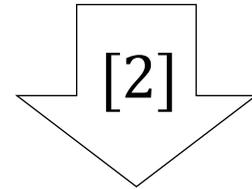
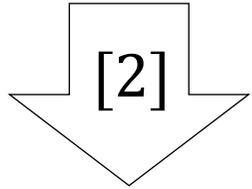
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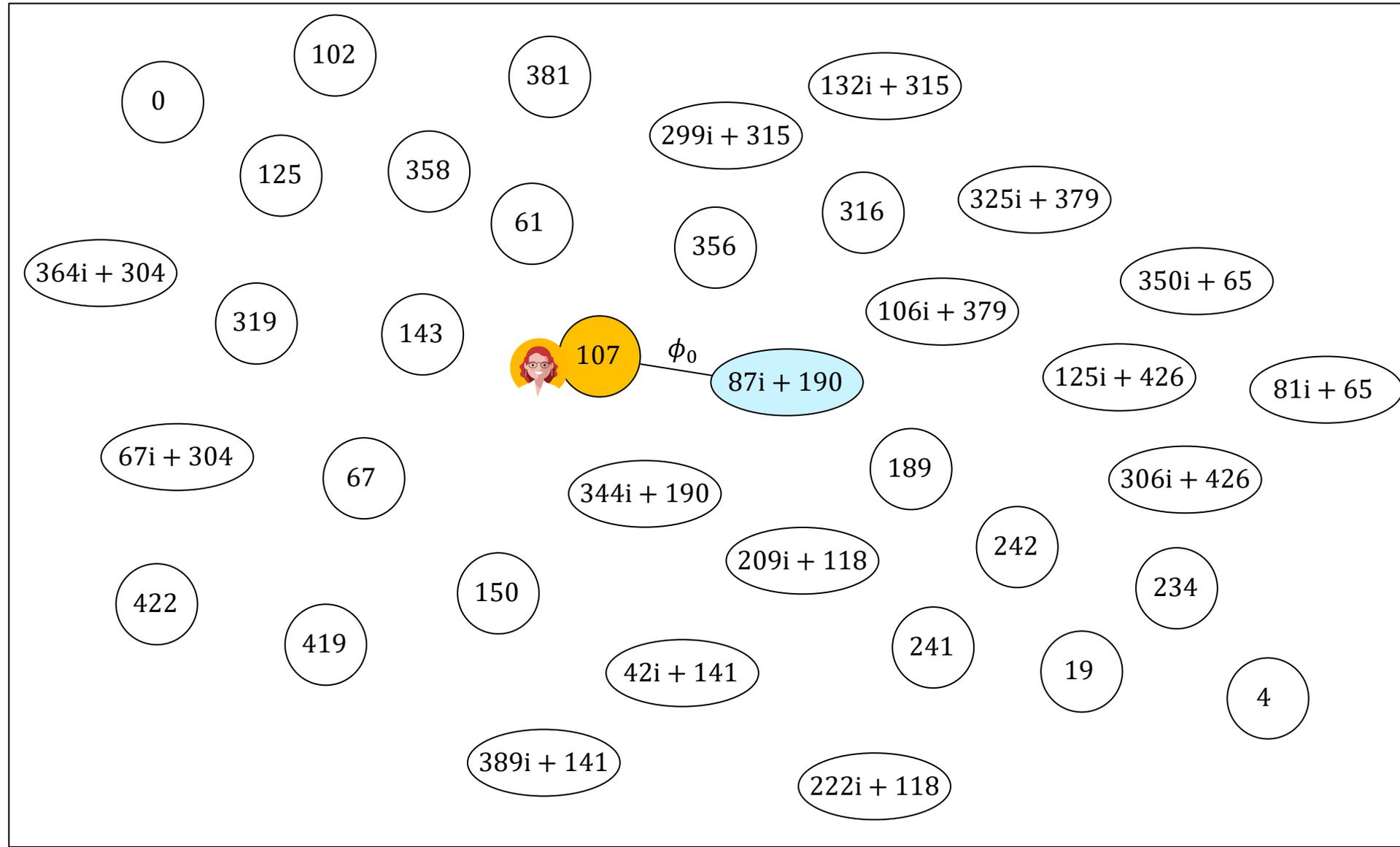


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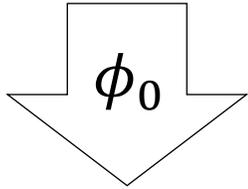
$$\phi_0 : E_0 \rightarrow E_1$$

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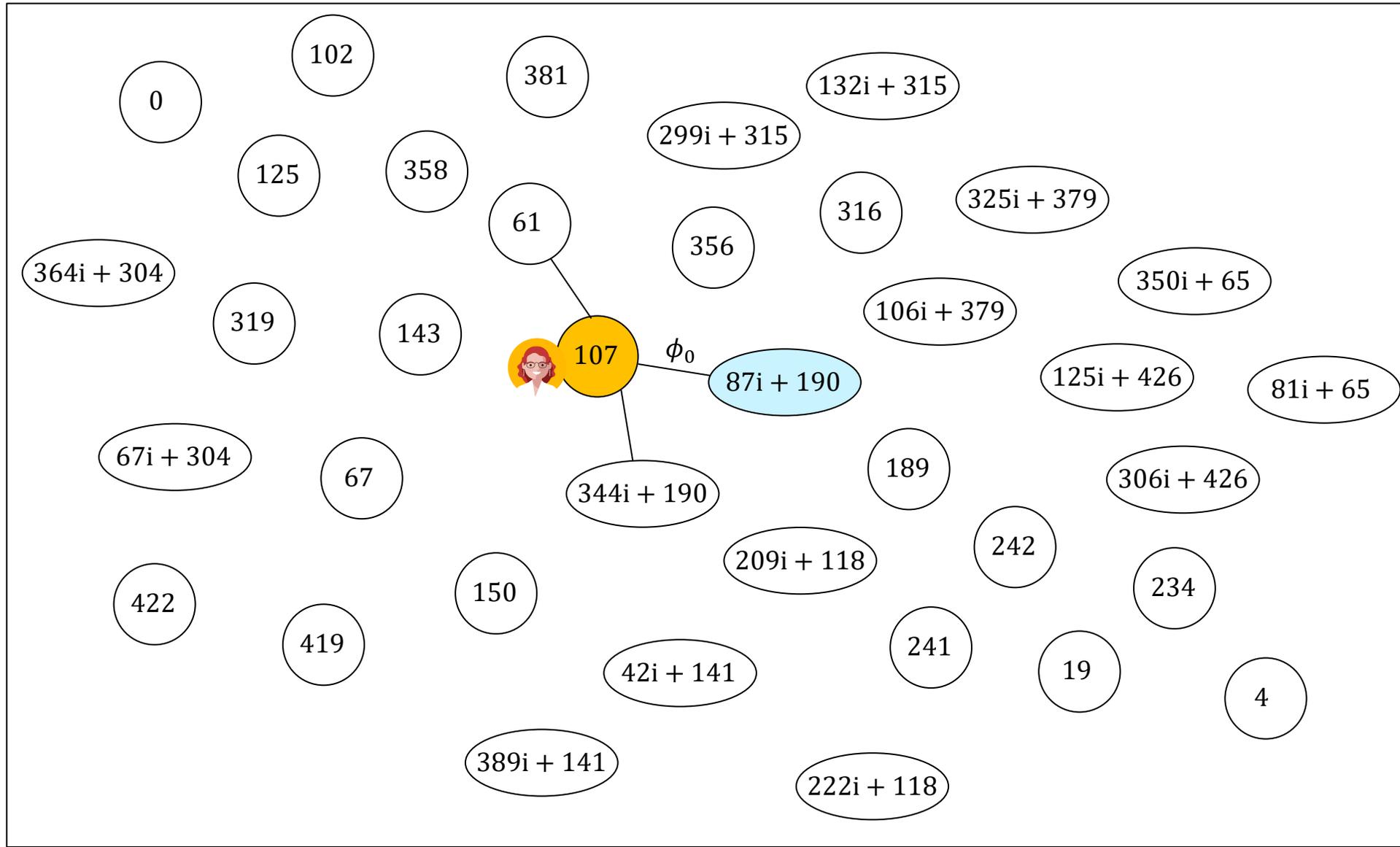
$$j(E_1) = 107$$



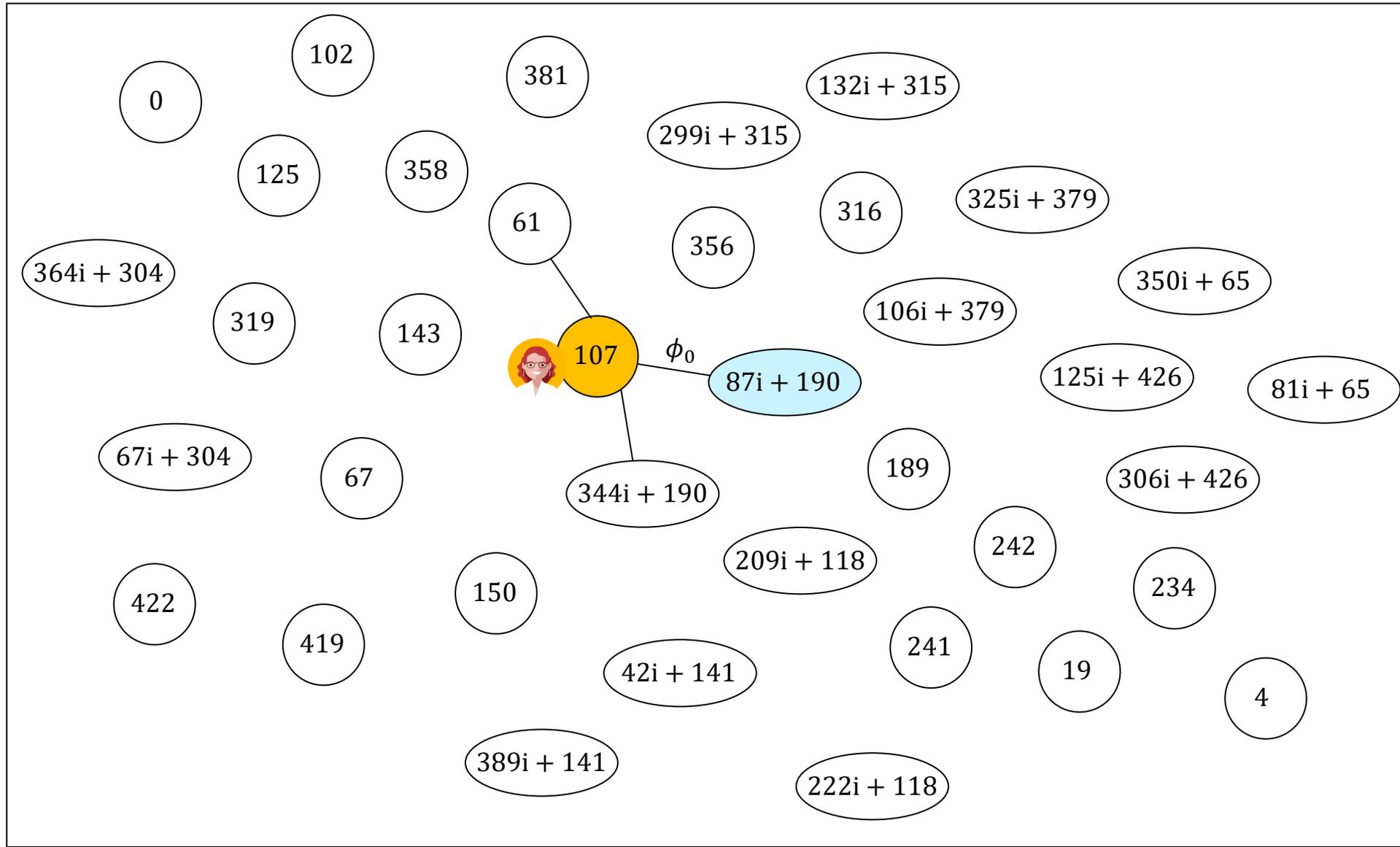
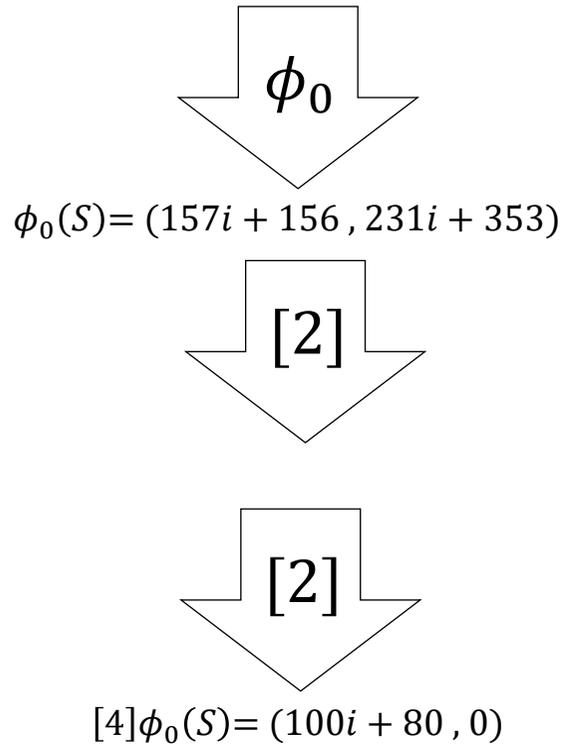
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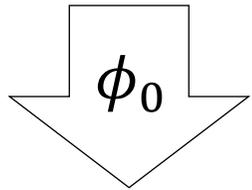
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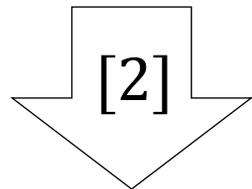
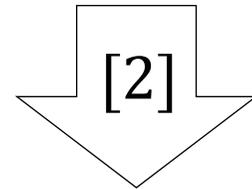
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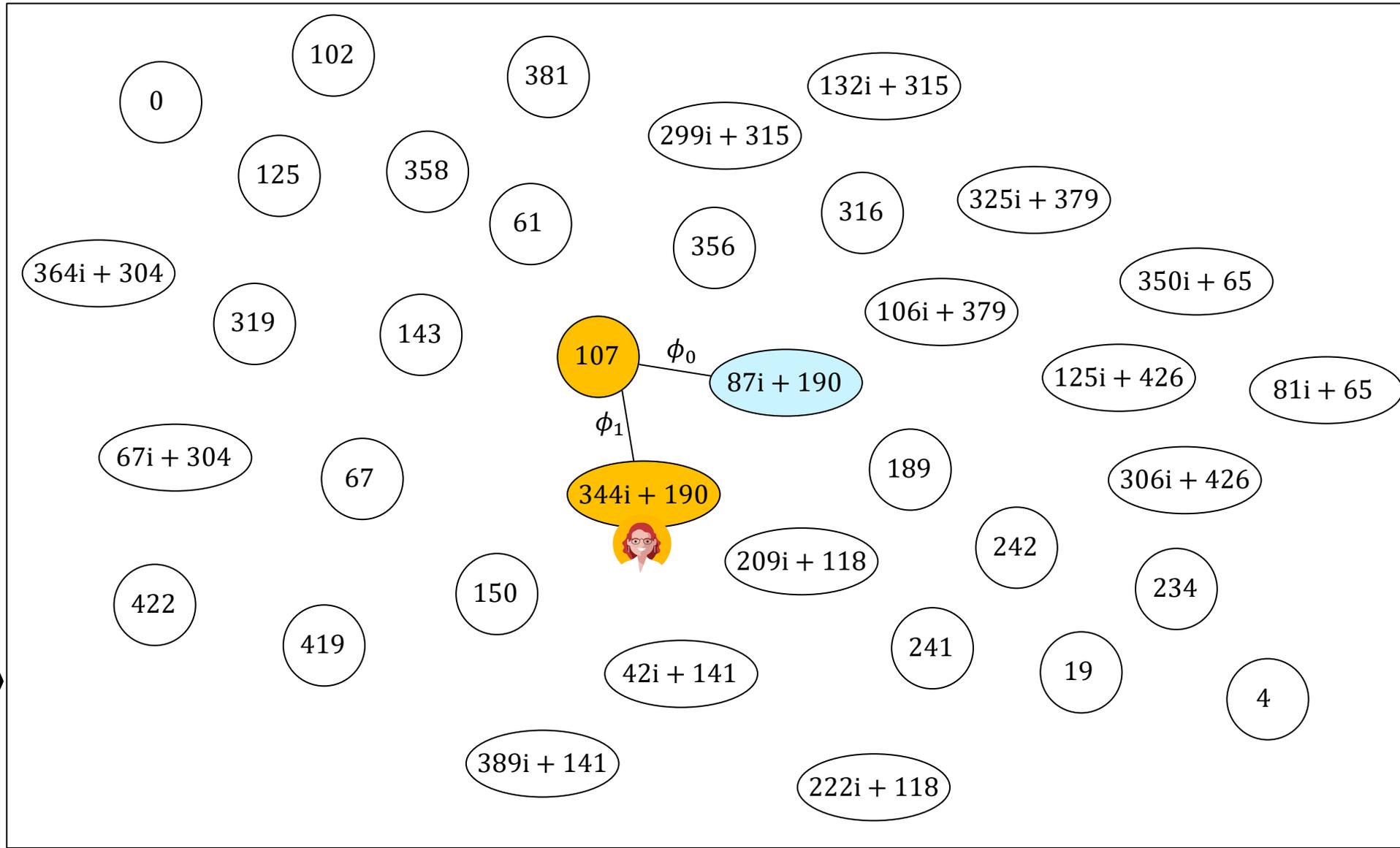


$$[4]\phi_0(S) = (100i + 80, 0)$$

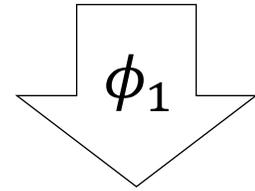
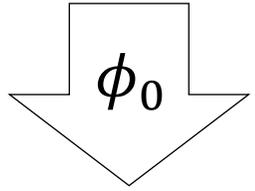
$$\phi_1 : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$$

$$\ker(\phi_1) = \langle (100i + 80, 0) \rangle$$

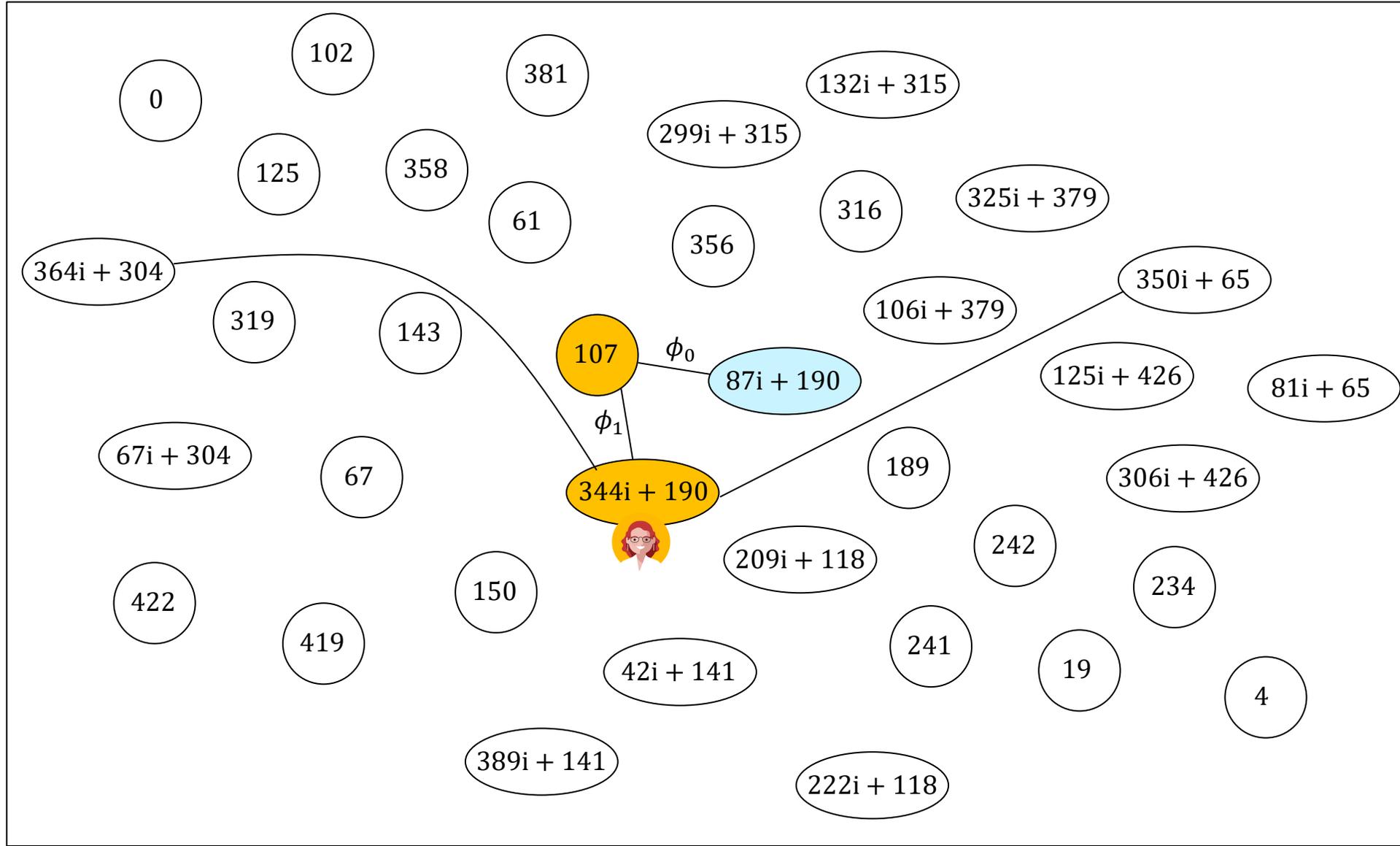
$$j(E_2) = 344i + 190$$



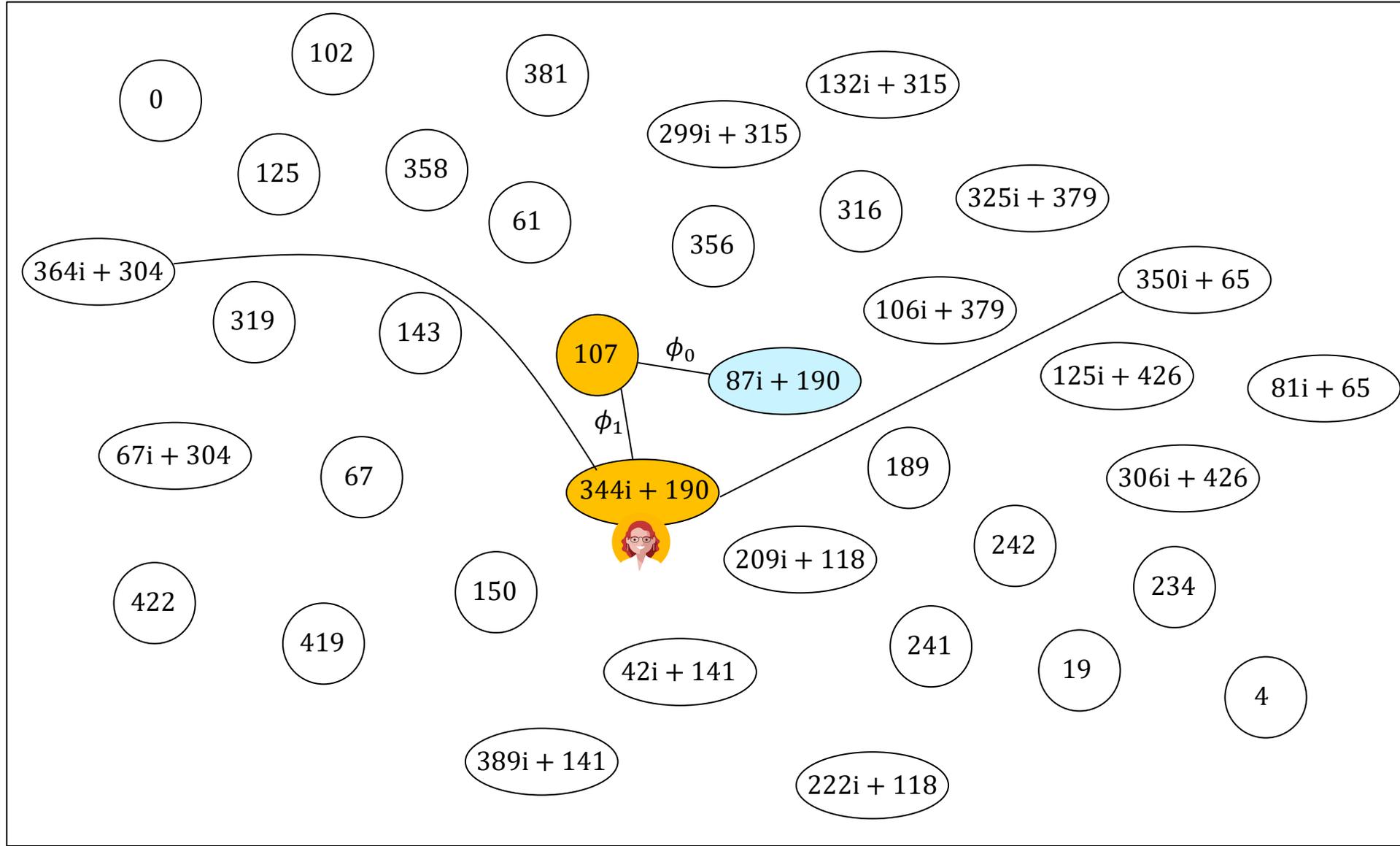
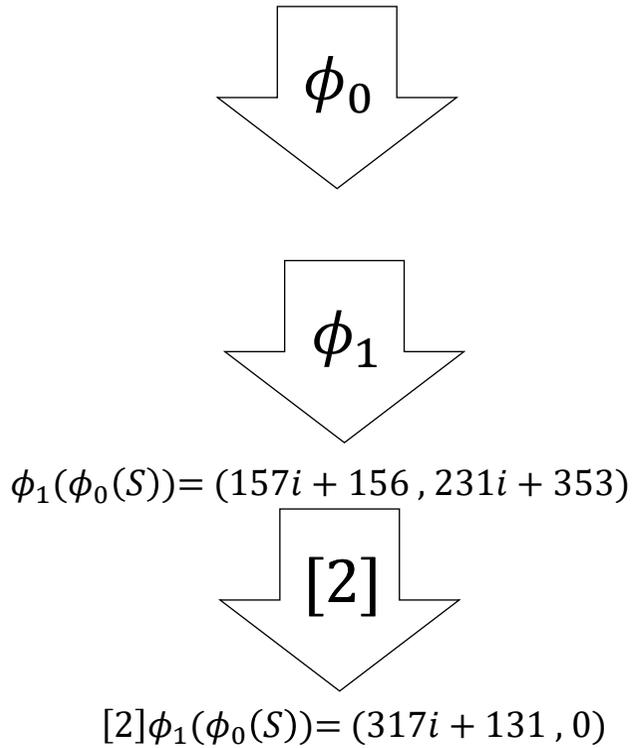
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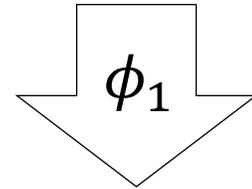
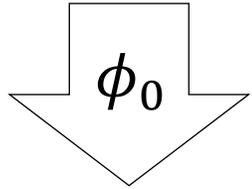
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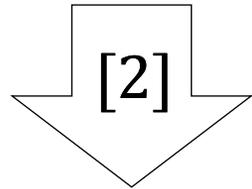
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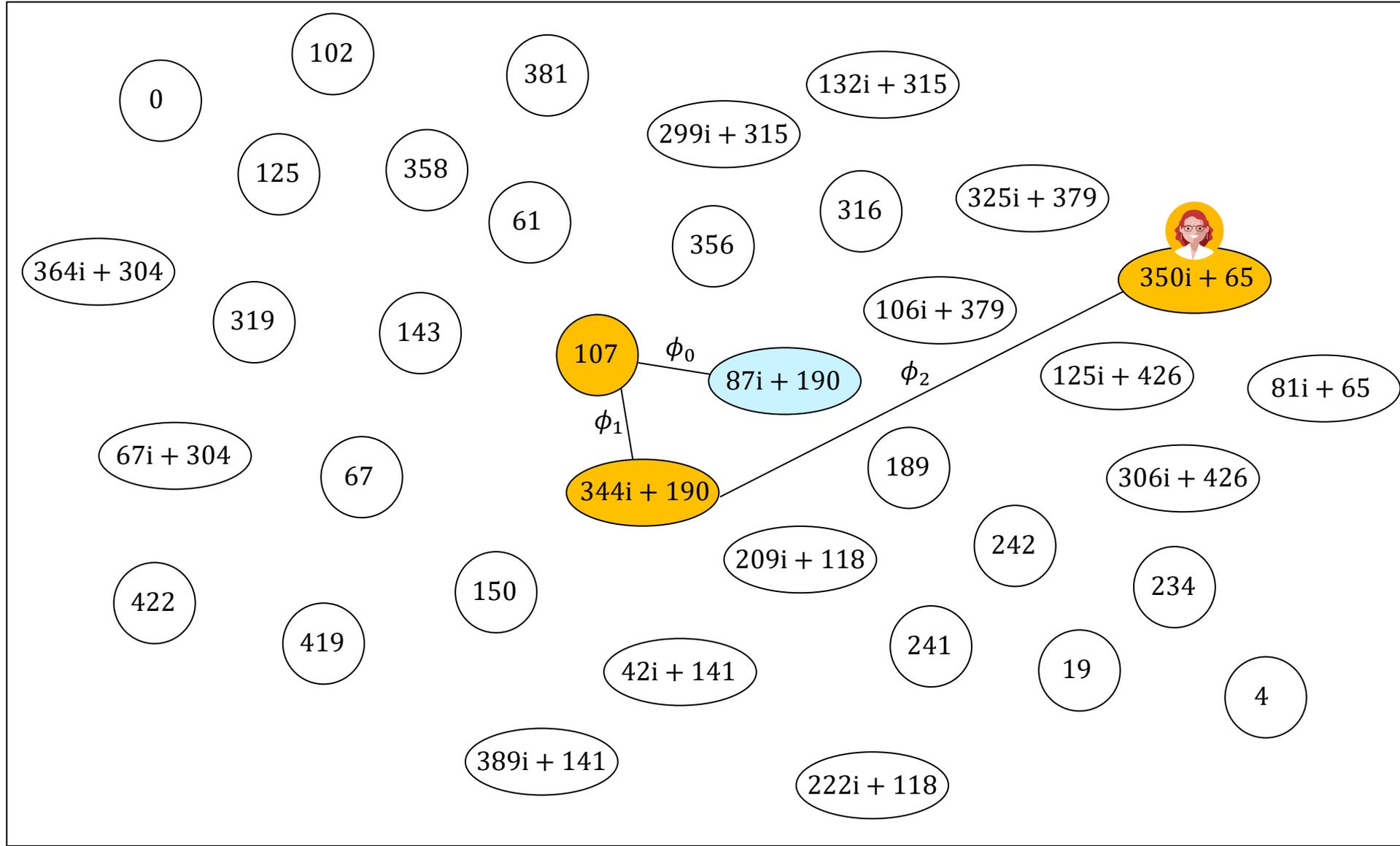


$$[2]\phi_1(\phi_0(S)) = (317i + 131, 0)$$

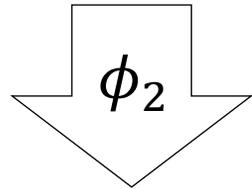
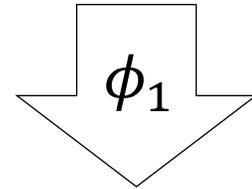
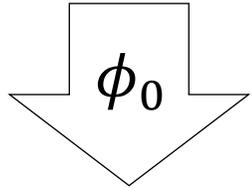
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$$\ker(\phi_2) = \langle (317i + 131, 0) \rangle$$

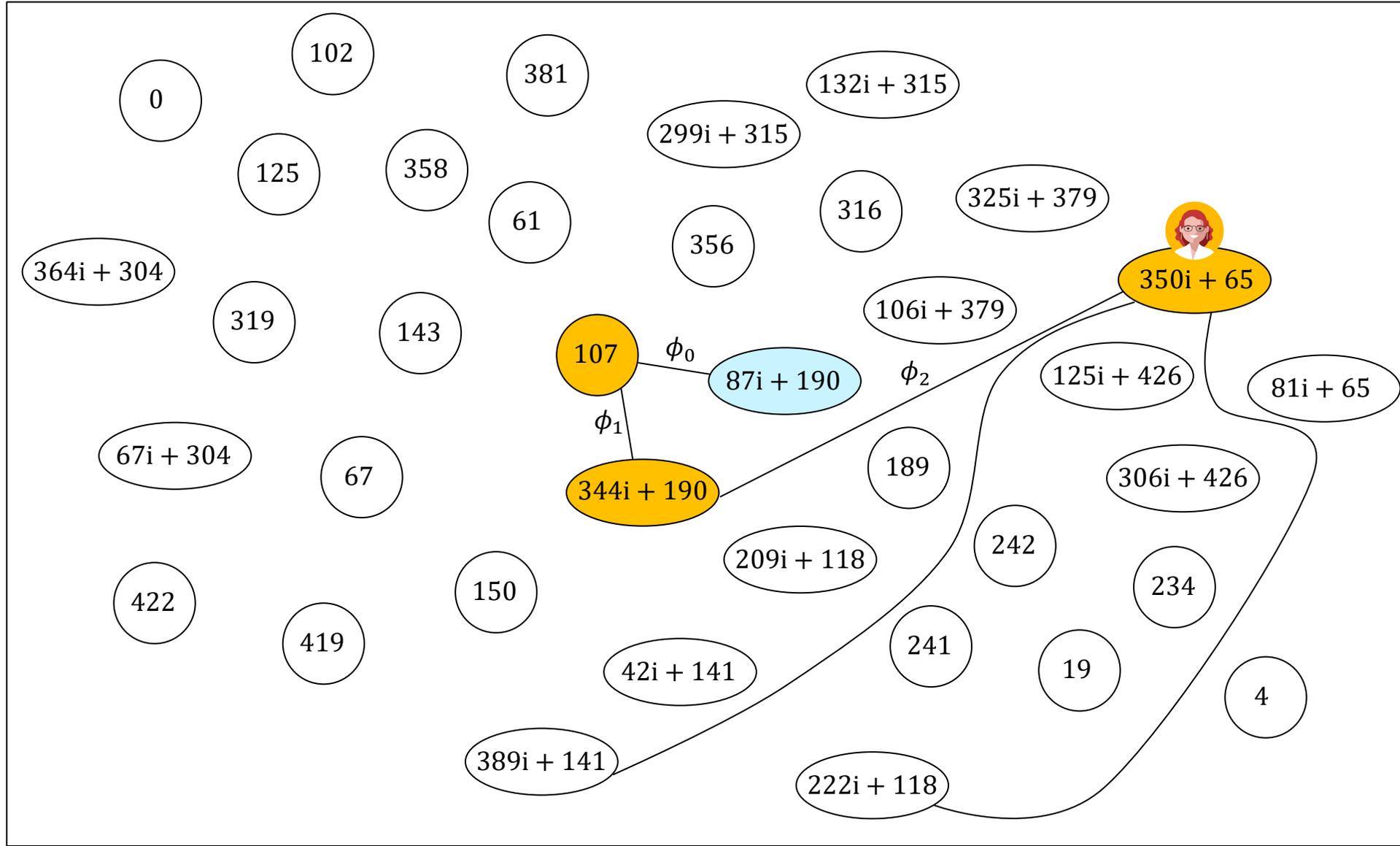
$$j(E_3) = 350i + 65$$



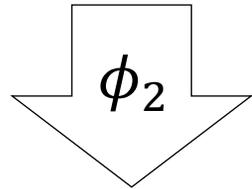
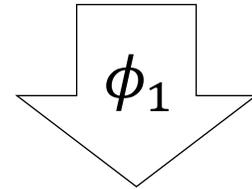
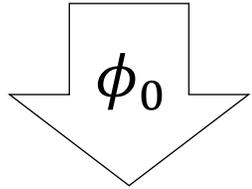
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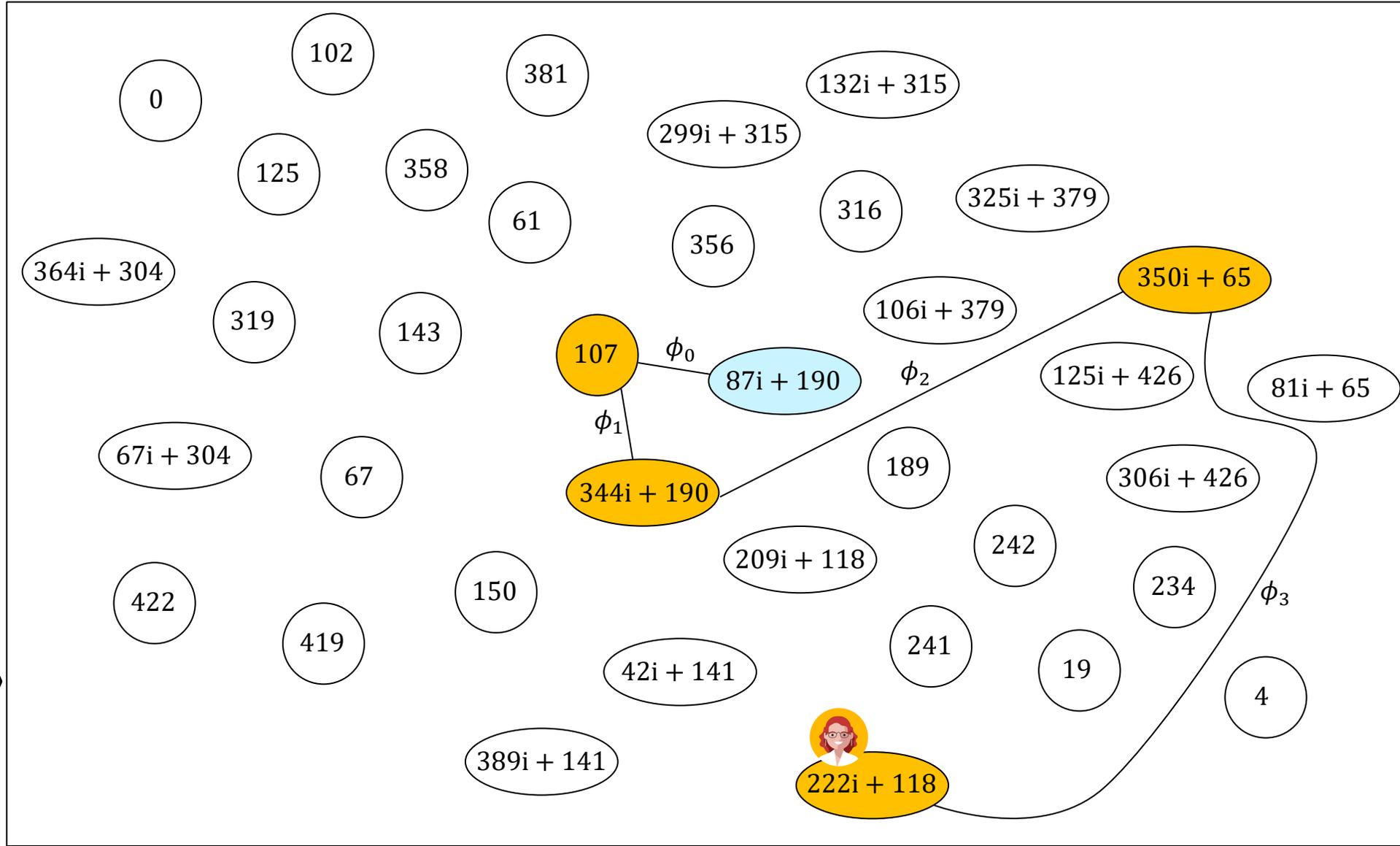


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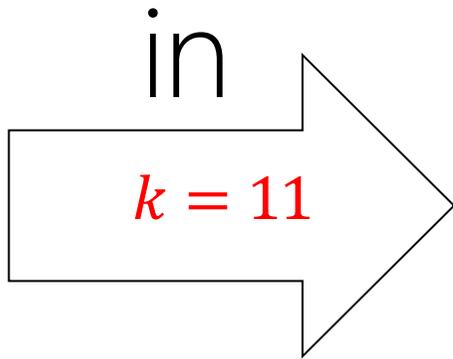
$$\phi_3 : E_3 \rightarrow E_4$$

$$\ker(\phi_3) = \langle (208i + 177, 0) \rangle$$

$$j(E_4) = 222i + 118$$

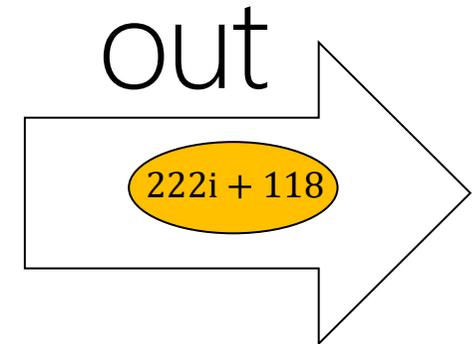


# Summary



Alice's key generation

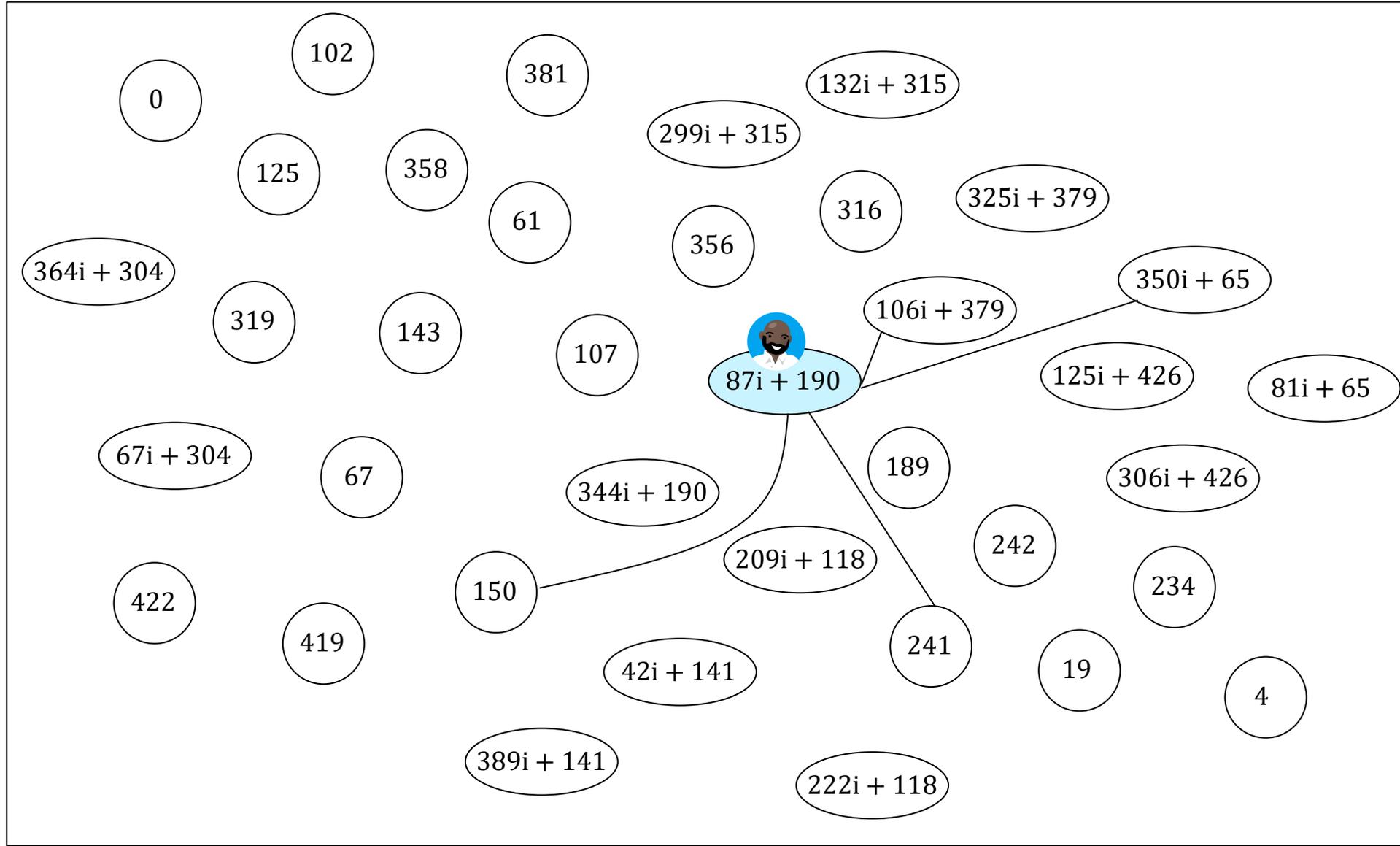
$$S_A = P_A + [11]Q_A \implies E_A = E_0 / \langle S_A \rangle$$



# Bob's key generation



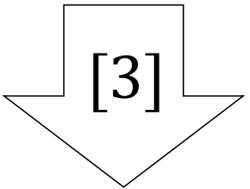
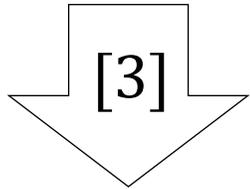
$$S = (122i + 309, 291i + 374)$$



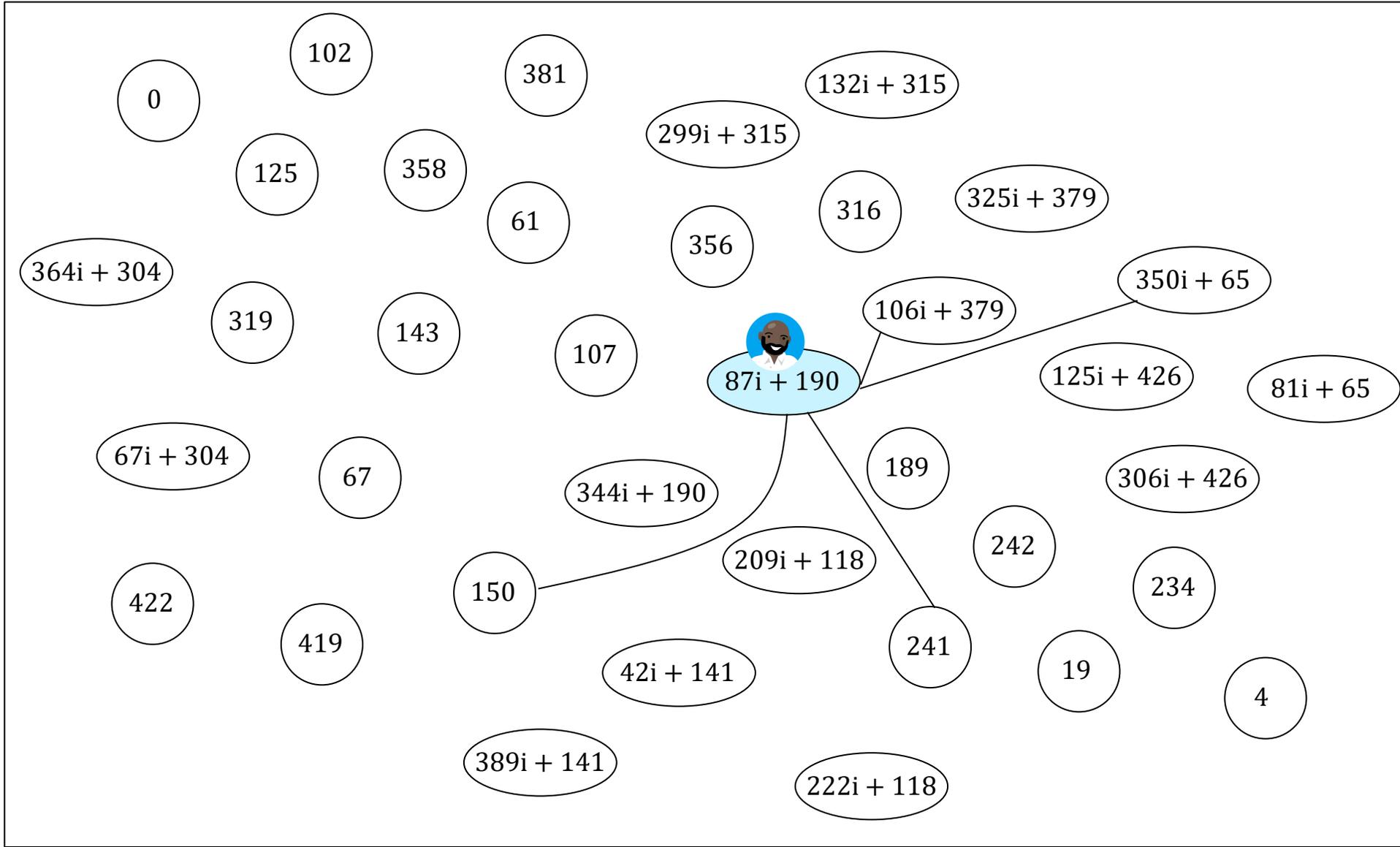
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$$S = (23i + 37, 4i + 302)$$



# Bob's key generation



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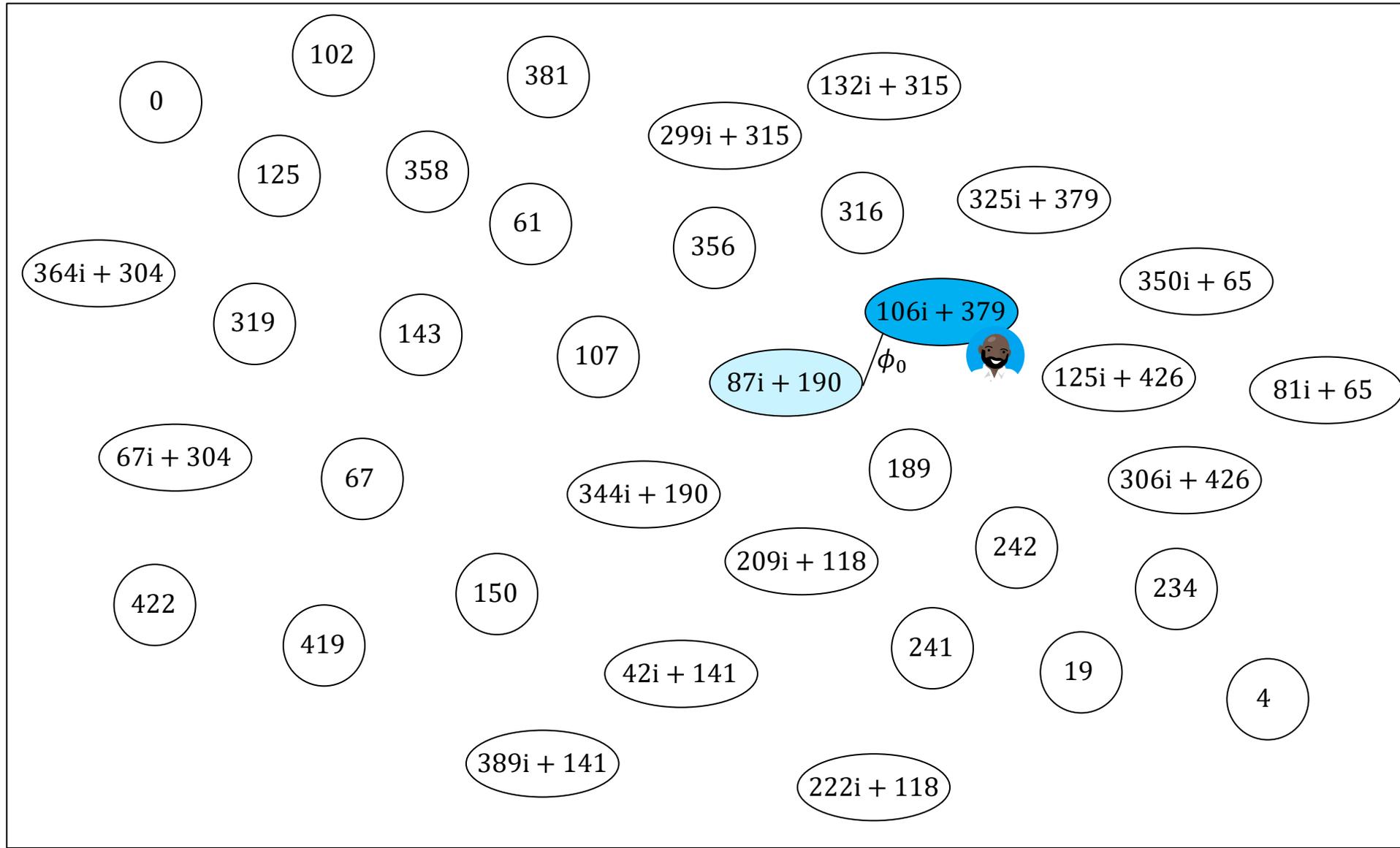
[3]

$$[9]S = (23i + 37, 4i + 302)$$

$$\phi_0 : E_0 \rightarrow E_1$$

$$\ker(\phi_0) = \langle [9]S \rangle$$

$$j(E_1) = 106i + 379$$

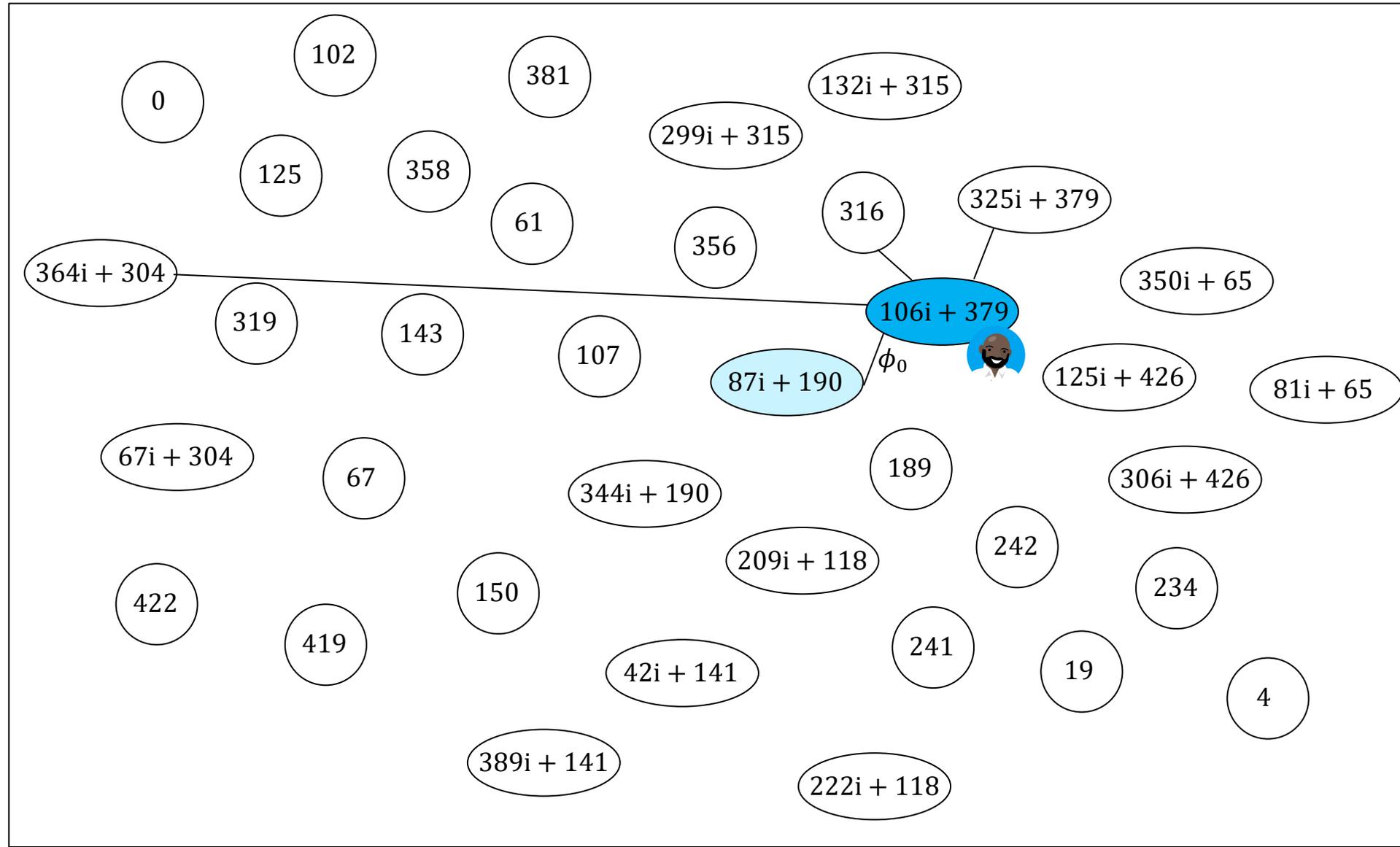


# Bob's key generation



$\phi_0$

$\phi_0(S) = (277i + 234, 183i + 90)$



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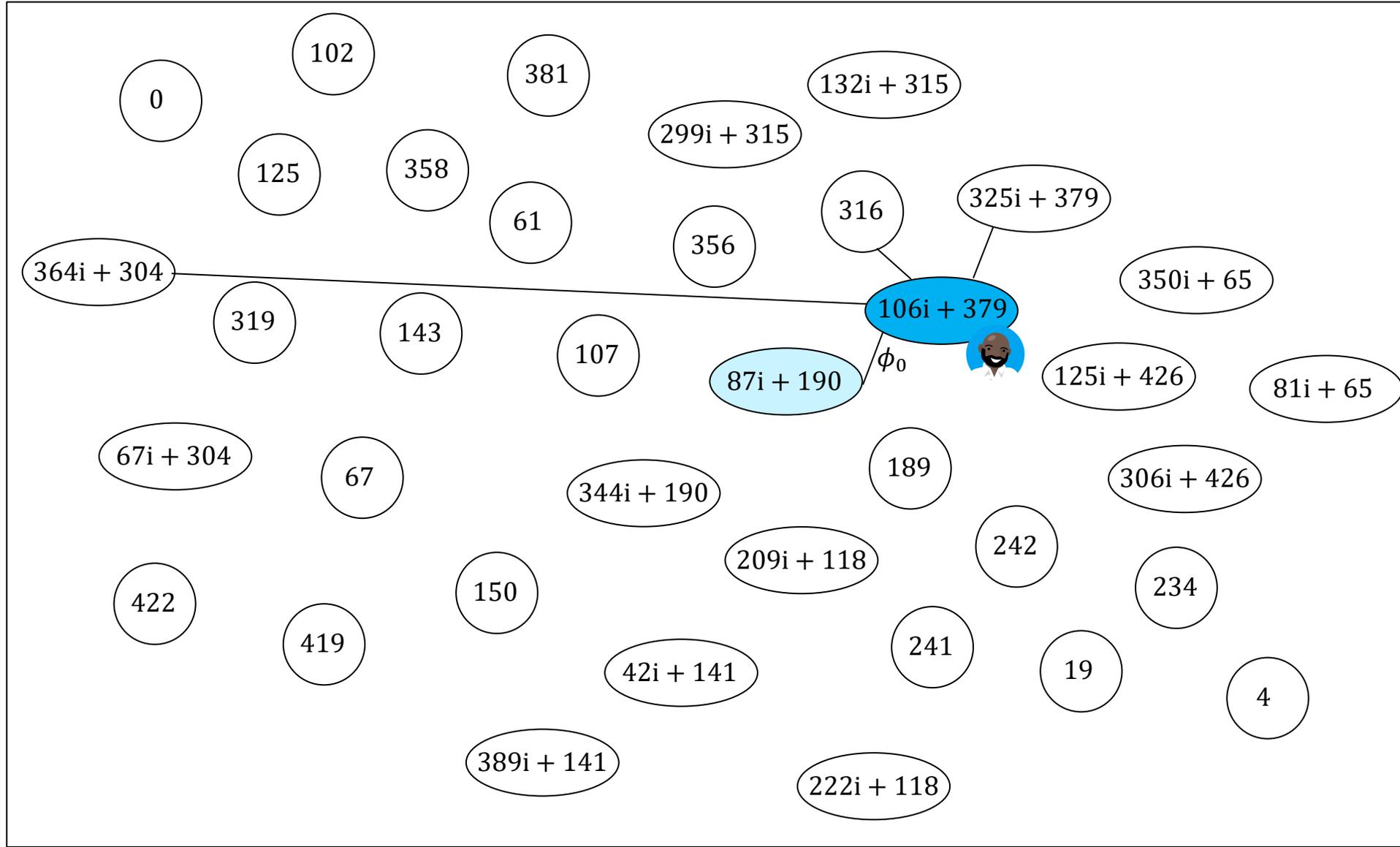


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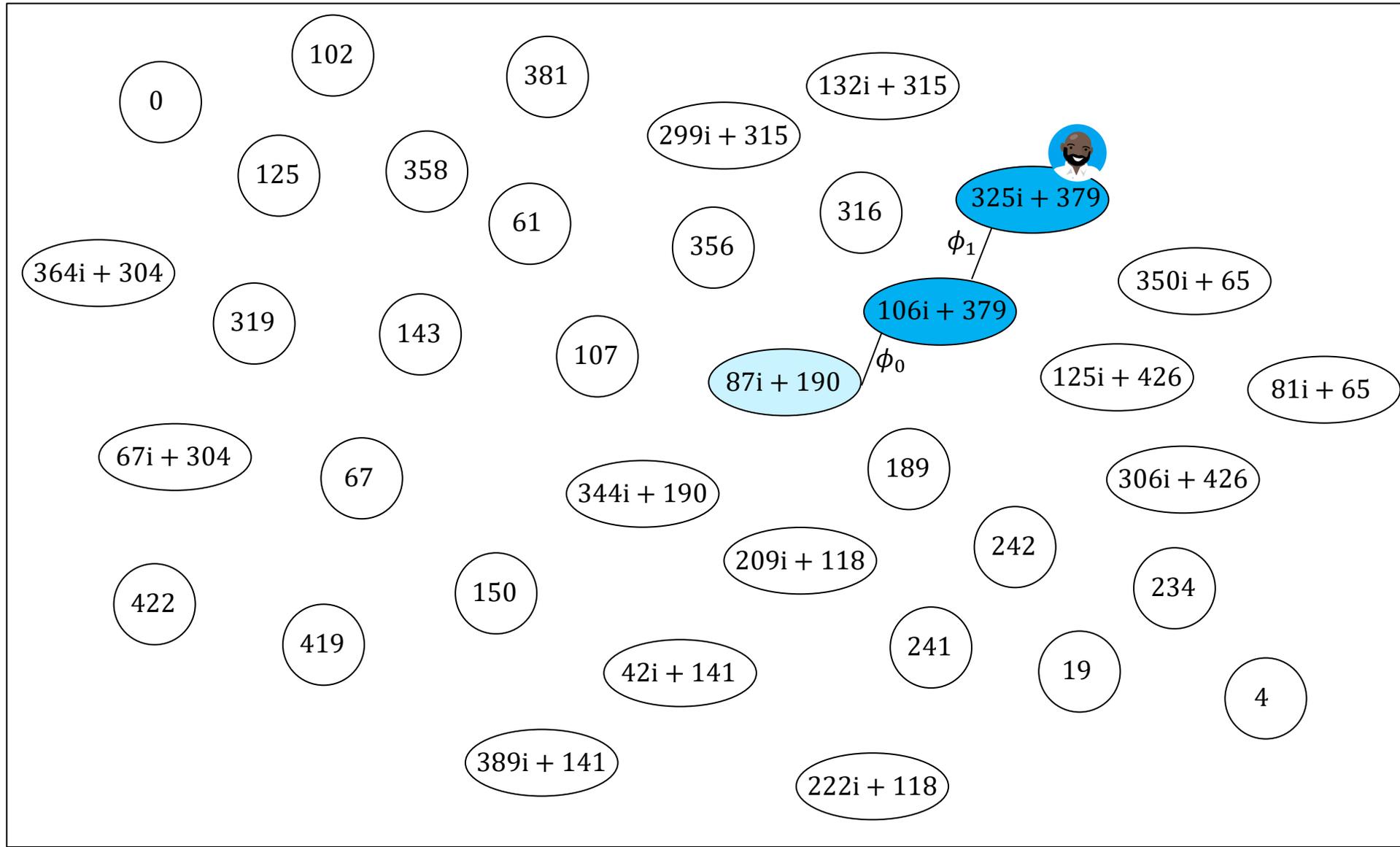
$[3]\phi_0(S) = (12i + 410, 263i + 350)$



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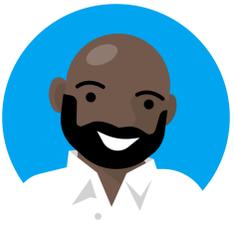


$$\begin{array}{c} \Downarrow \phi_0 \\ \phi_0(S) = (277i + 234, 183i + 90) \\ \Downarrow [3] \\ [3]\phi_0(S) = (12i + 410, 263i + 350) \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{l} \phi_1 : E_1 \rightarrow E_2 \\ \ker(\phi_1) = \langle [3]\phi_0(S) \rangle \\ j(E_2) = 325i + 379 \end{array}$$

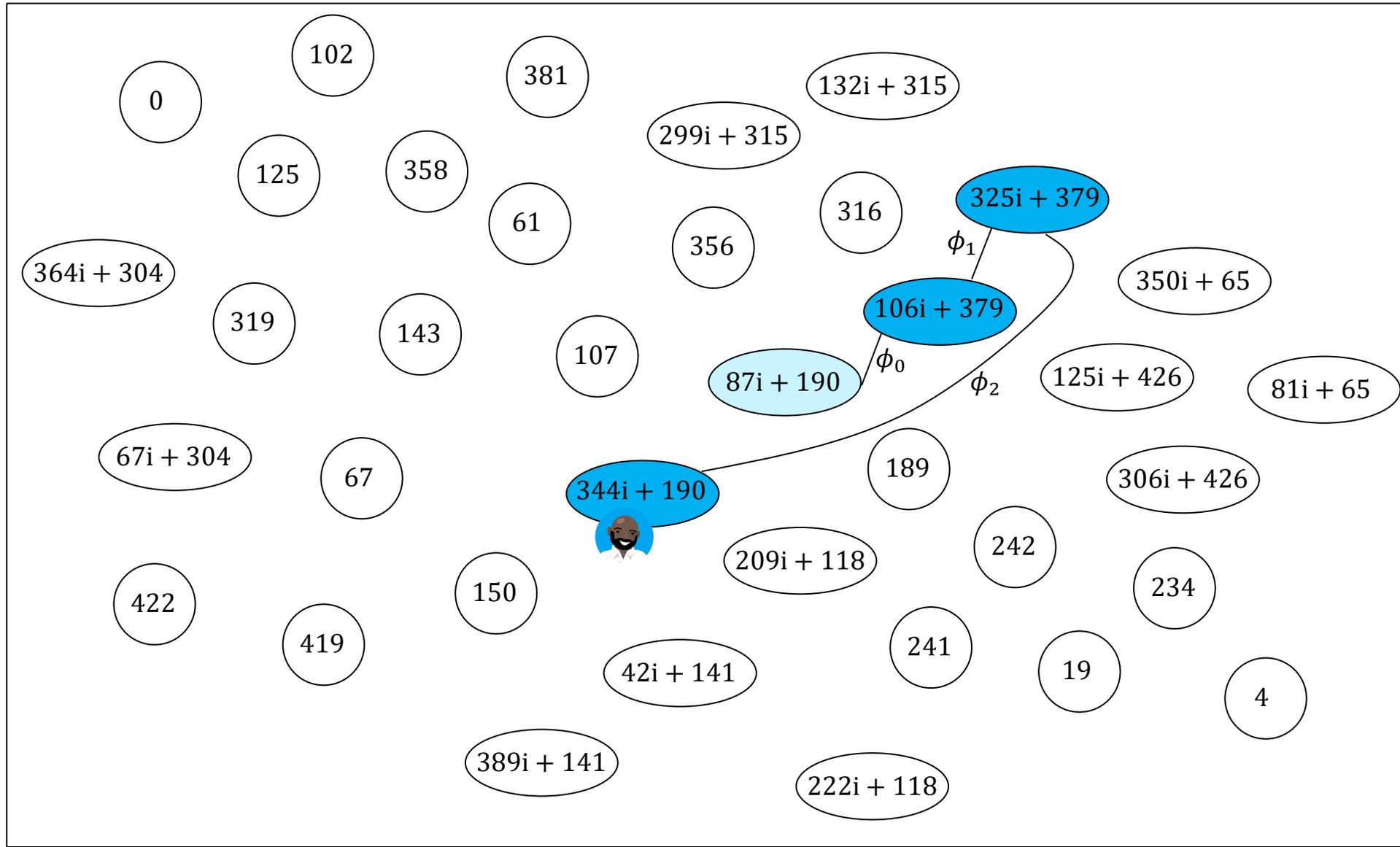




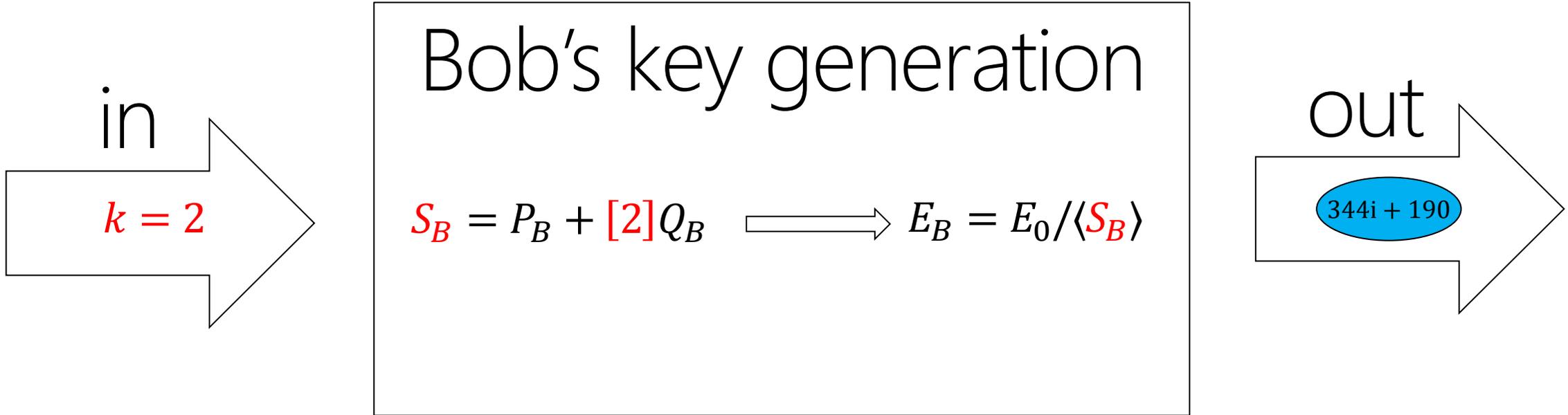
# Bob's key generation



$$\begin{array}{c} \Downarrow \phi_0 \\ \phi_0(S) = (277i + 234, 183i + 90) \\ \Downarrow \phi_1 \\ \phi_1(\phi_0(S)) = (422i + 207, 358i + 249) \\ \phi_2 : E_2 \rightarrow E_3 \\ \ker(\phi_2) = \langle \phi_1(\phi_0(S)) \rangle \\ j(E_3) = 344i + 190 \end{array}$$



# Summary

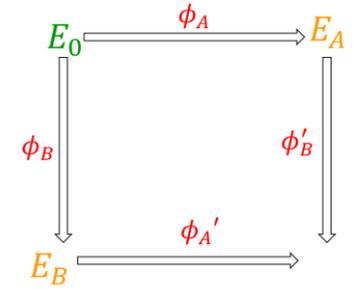


# Auxiliary points

Alice's public key:  $E_A$   
||  
 $\phi_A(E_0)$

Bob's public key:  $E_B$   
||  
 $\phi_B(E_0)$

# Auxiliary points



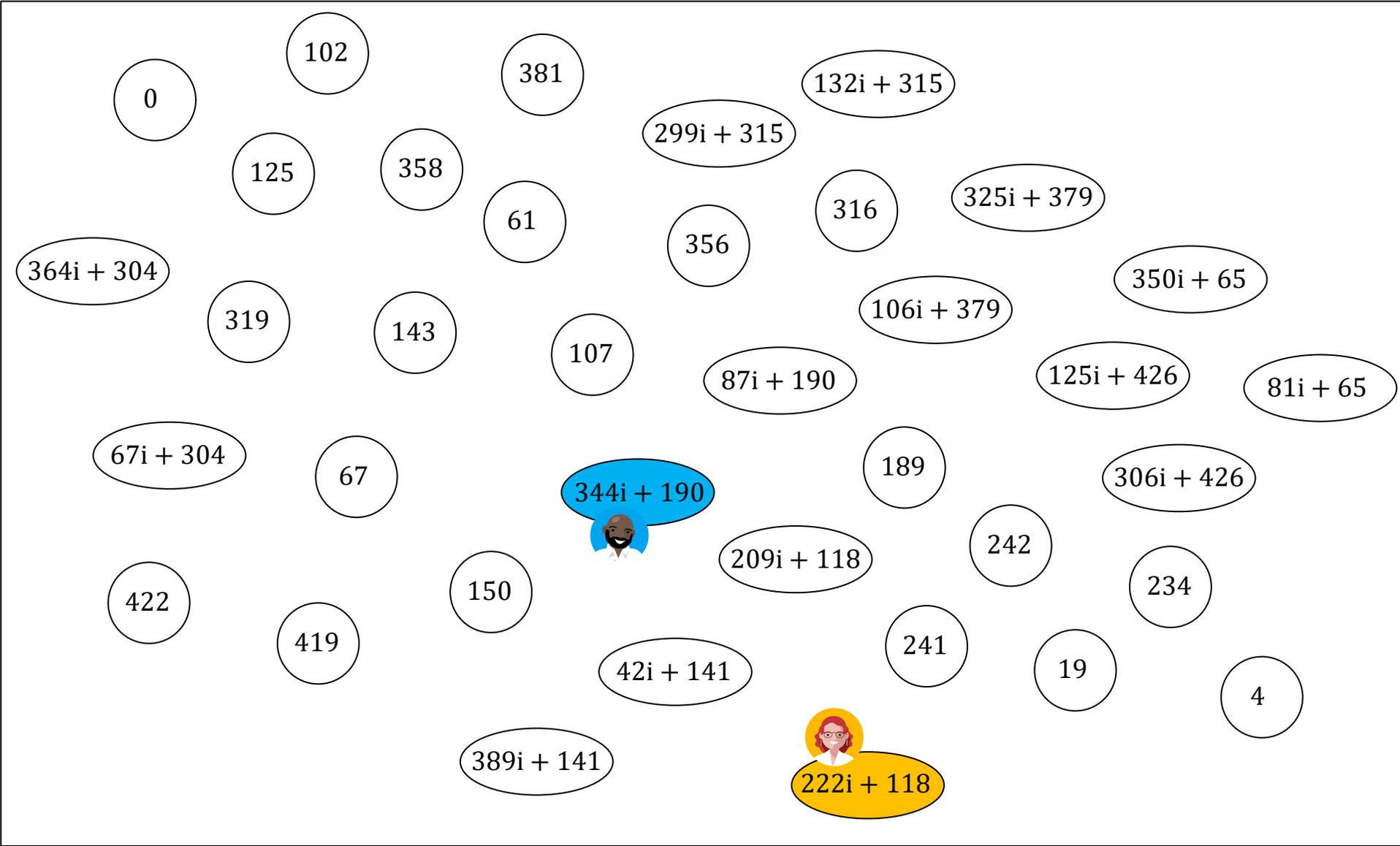
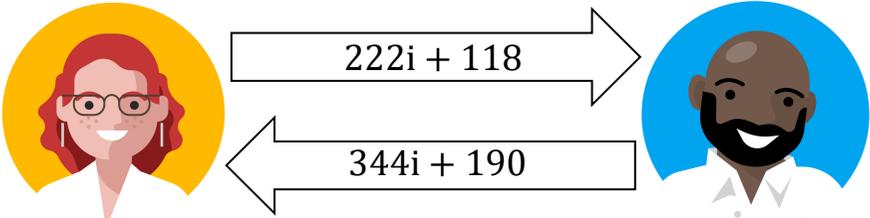
Alice's public key:

|               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| $E_A$         | $P_{AB}$      | $Q_{AB}$      |
| $\parallel$   | $\parallel$   | $\parallel$   |
| $\phi_A(E_0)$ | $\phi_A(P_B)$ | $\phi_A(Q_B)$ |

Bob's public key:

|               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| $E_B$         | $P_{BA}$      | $Q_{BA}$      |
| $\parallel$   | $\parallel$   | $\parallel$   |
| $\phi_B(E_0)$ | $\phi_B(P_A)$ | $\phi_B(Q_A)$ |

# Exchanging public keys

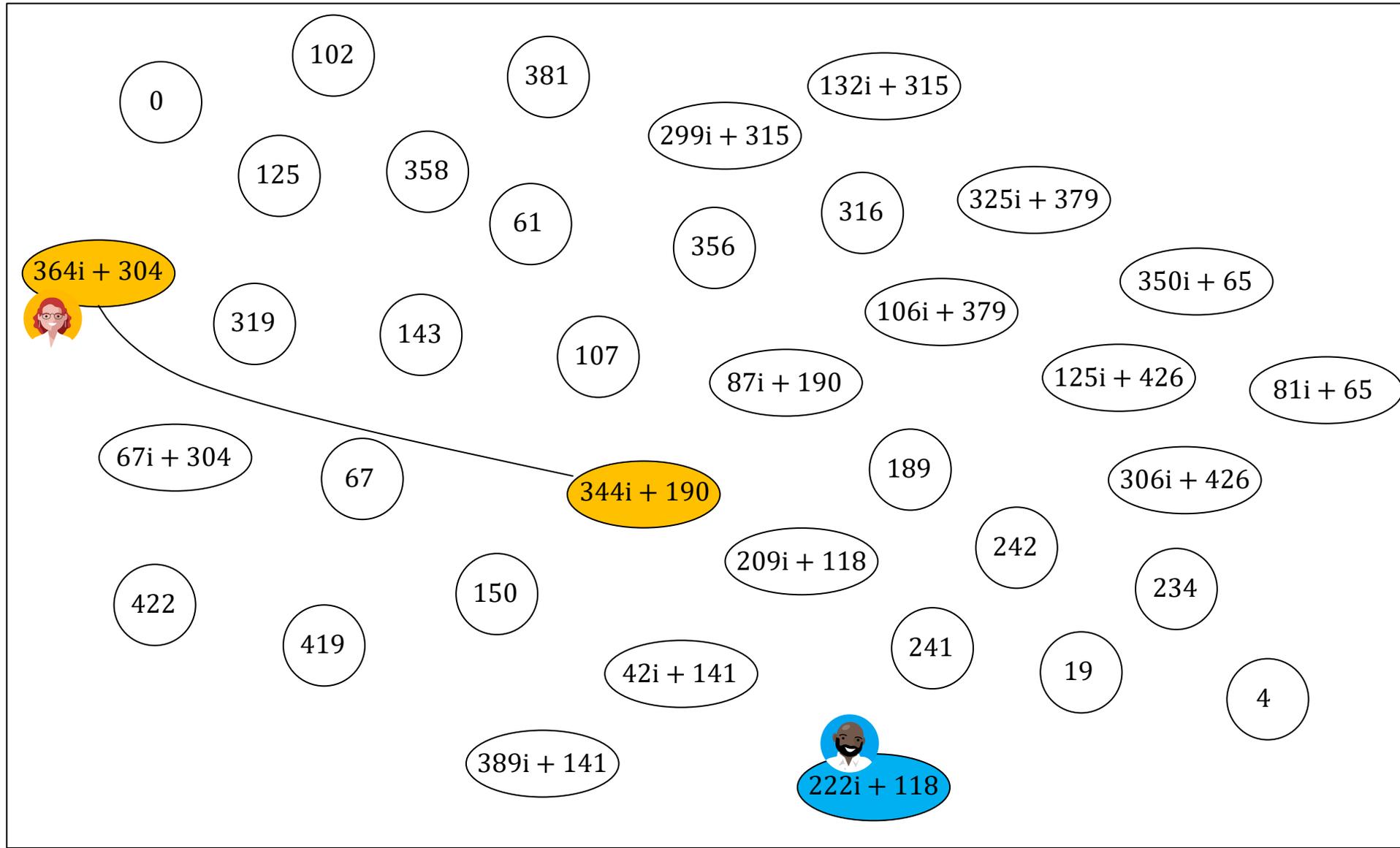




# Alice's shared secret



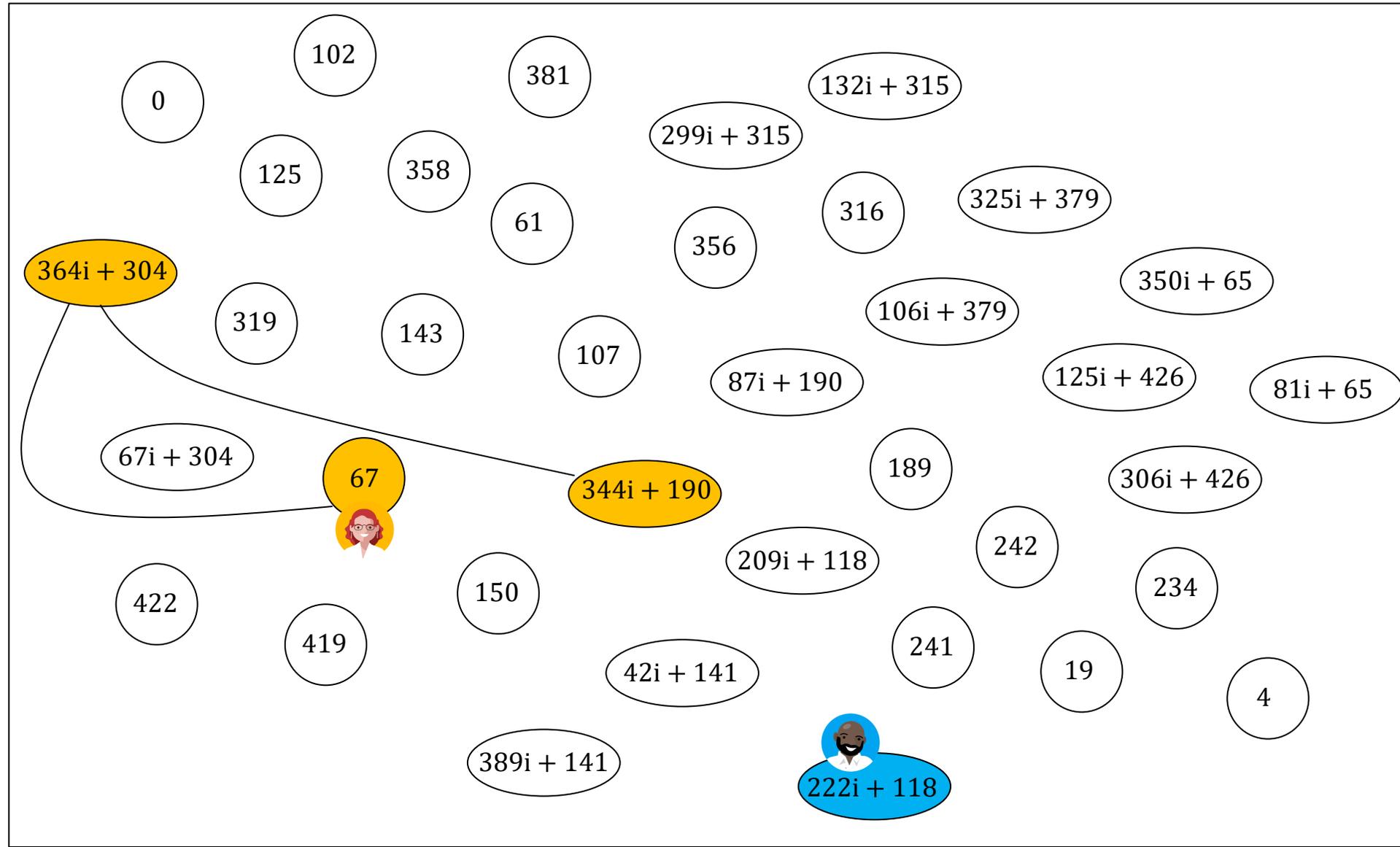
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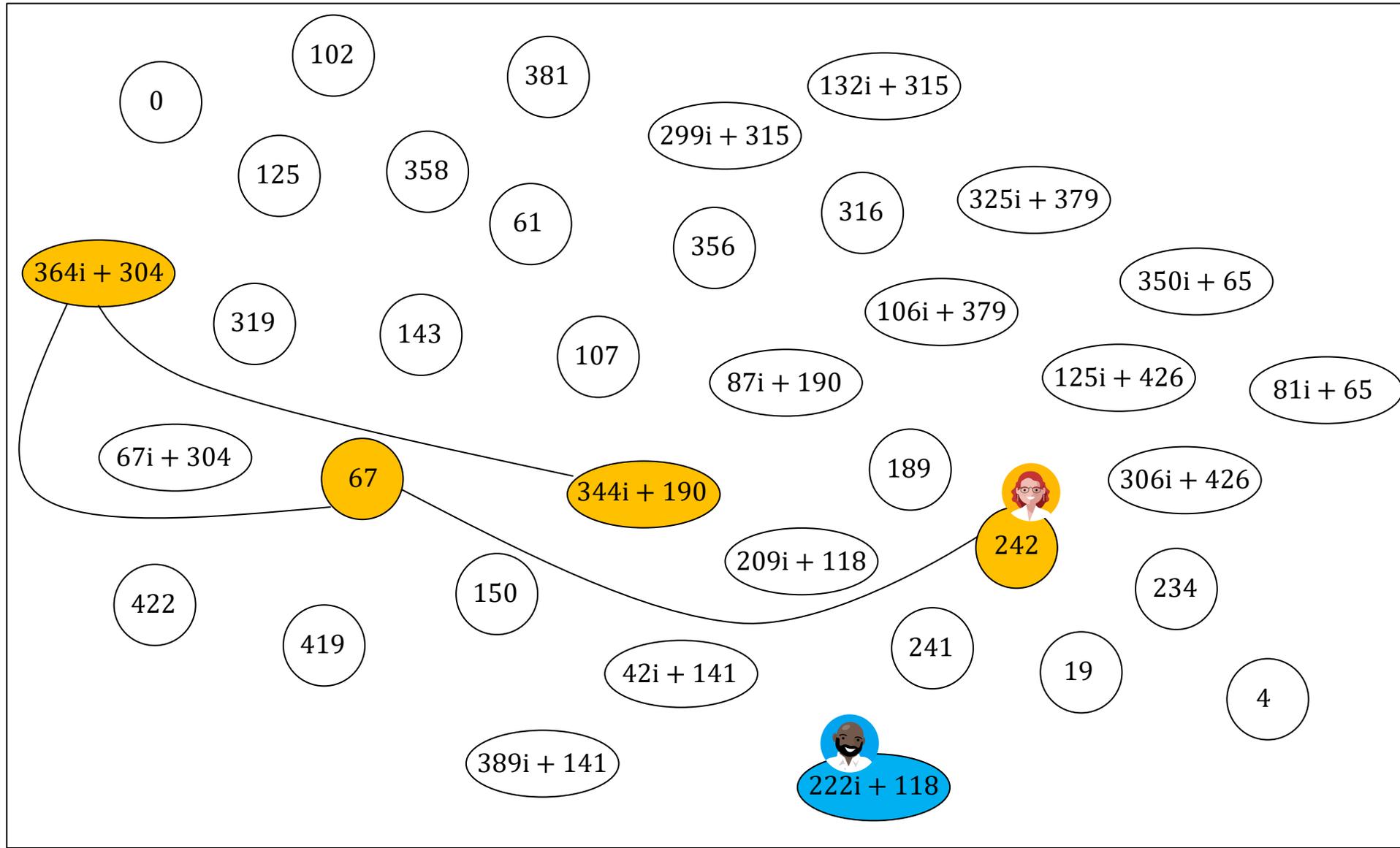
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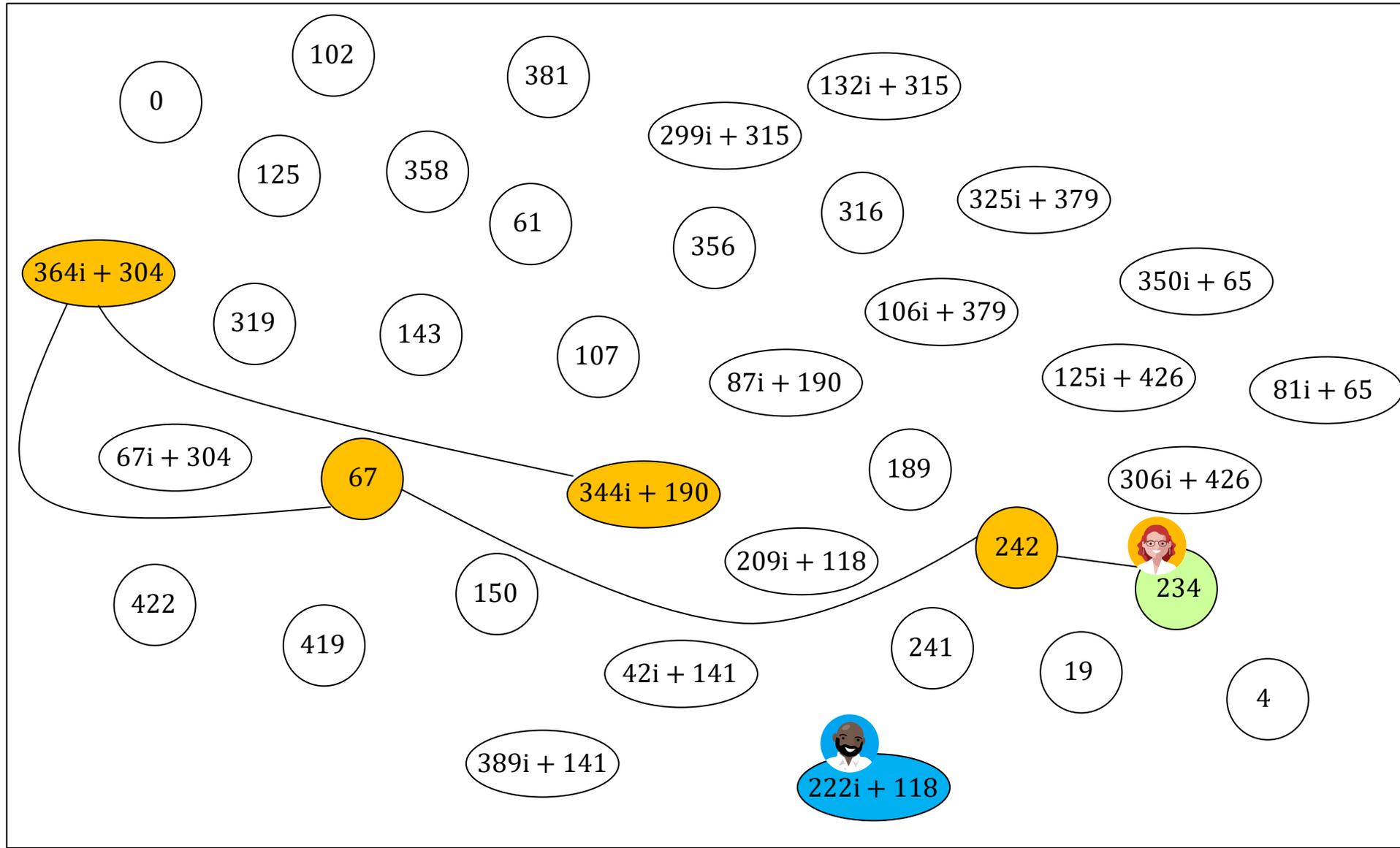
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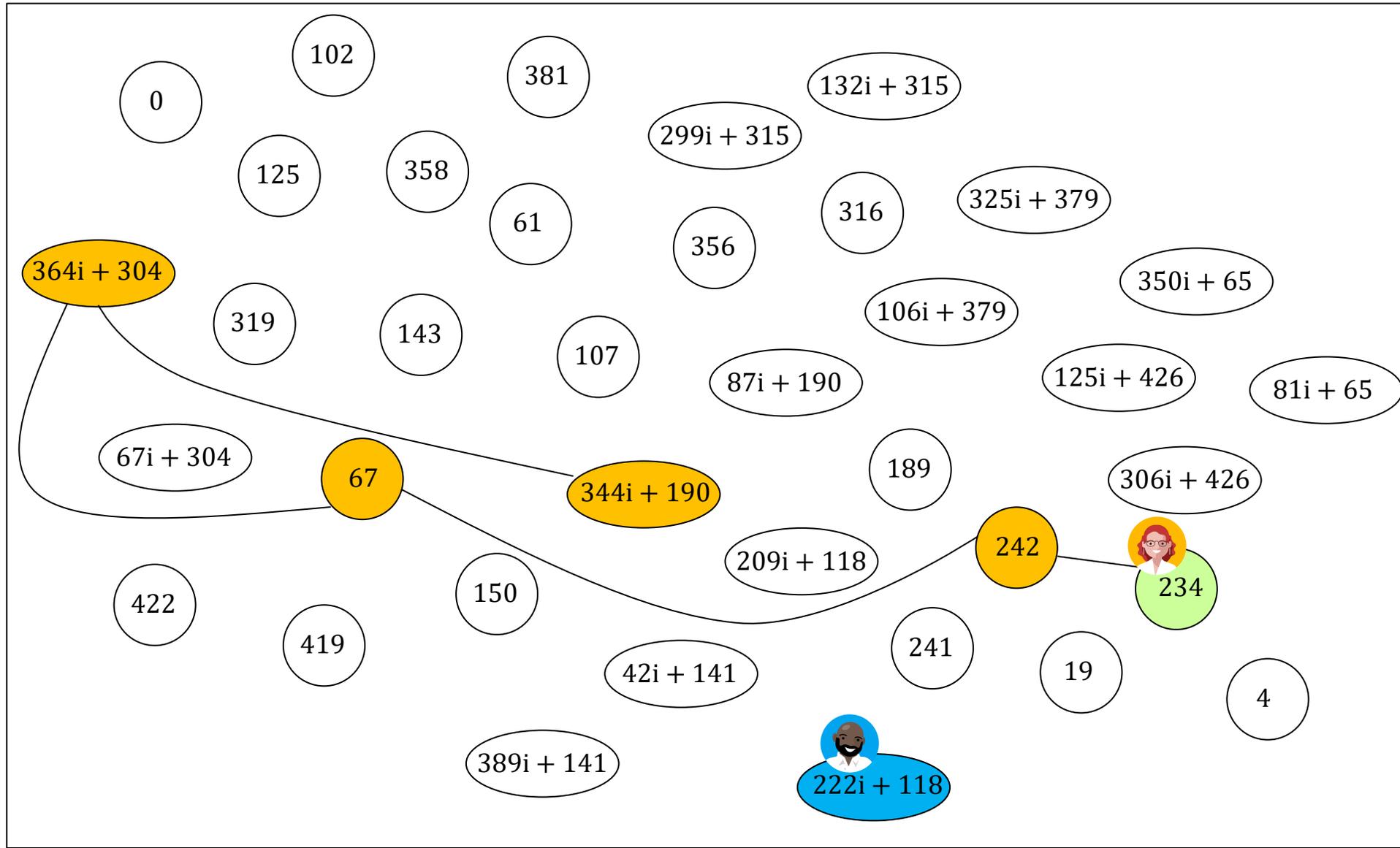
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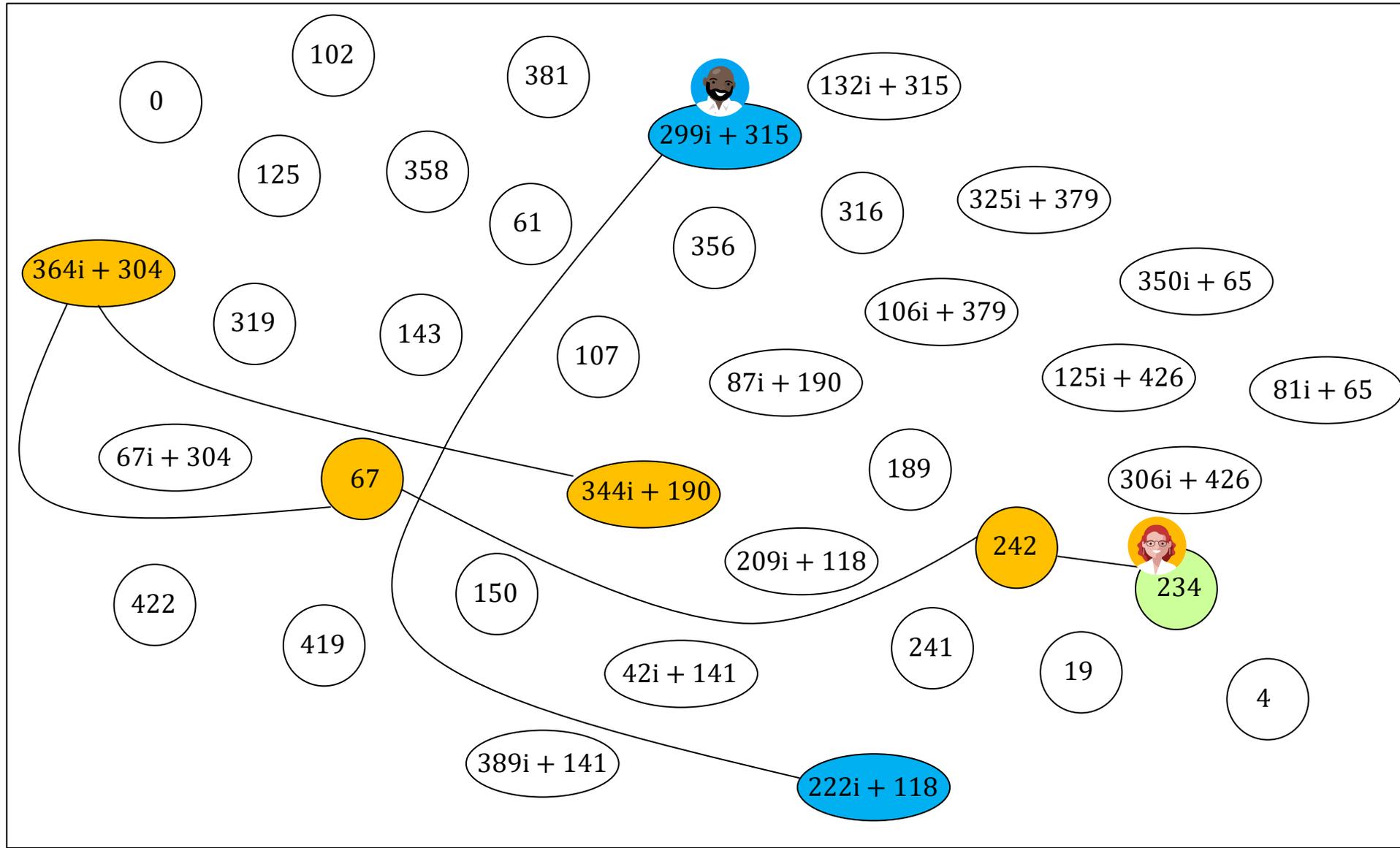


$$S'_B = \phi_A(P_B) + [k_B]\phi_A(Q_B)$$

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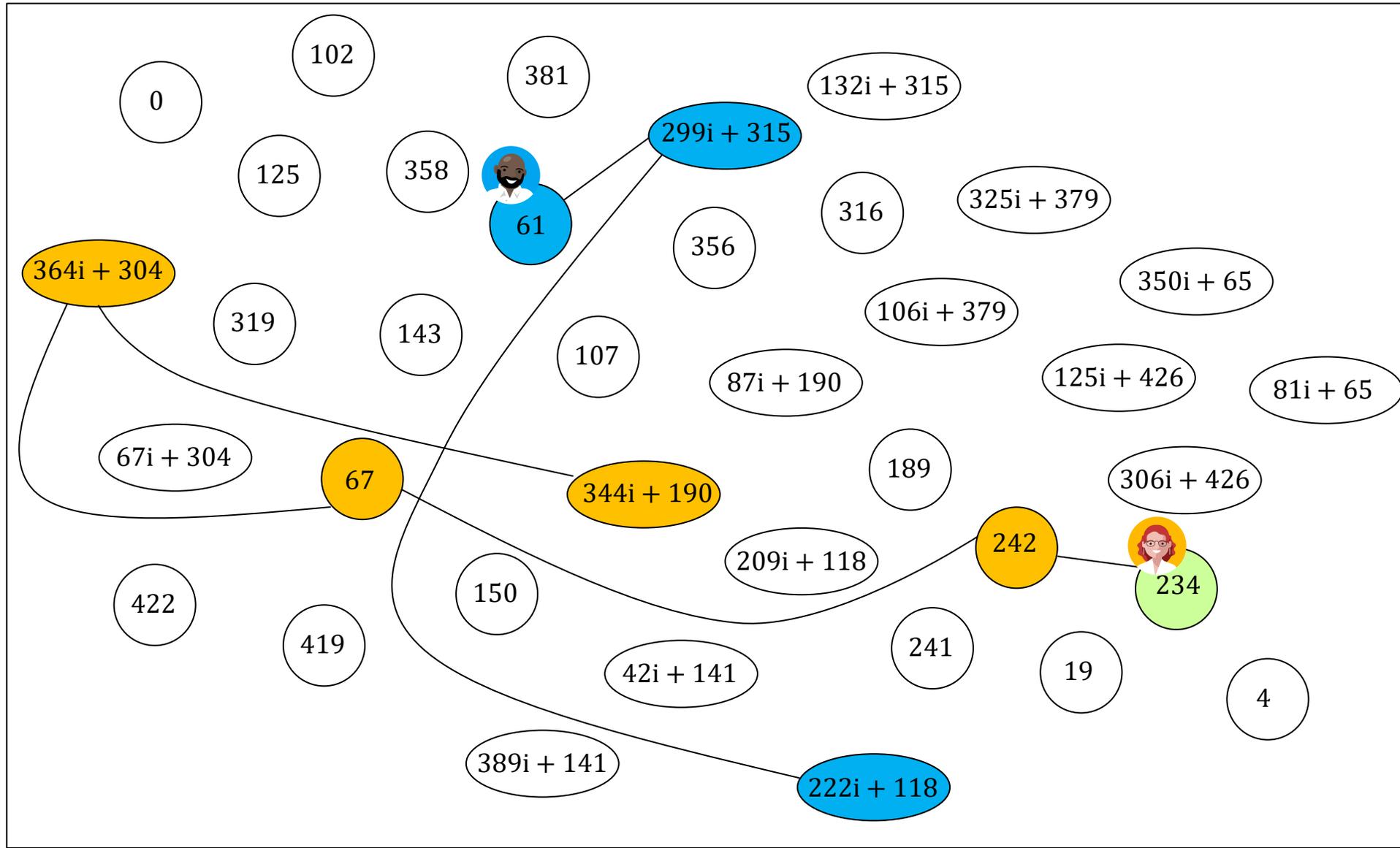


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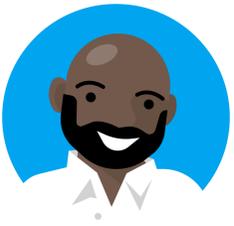


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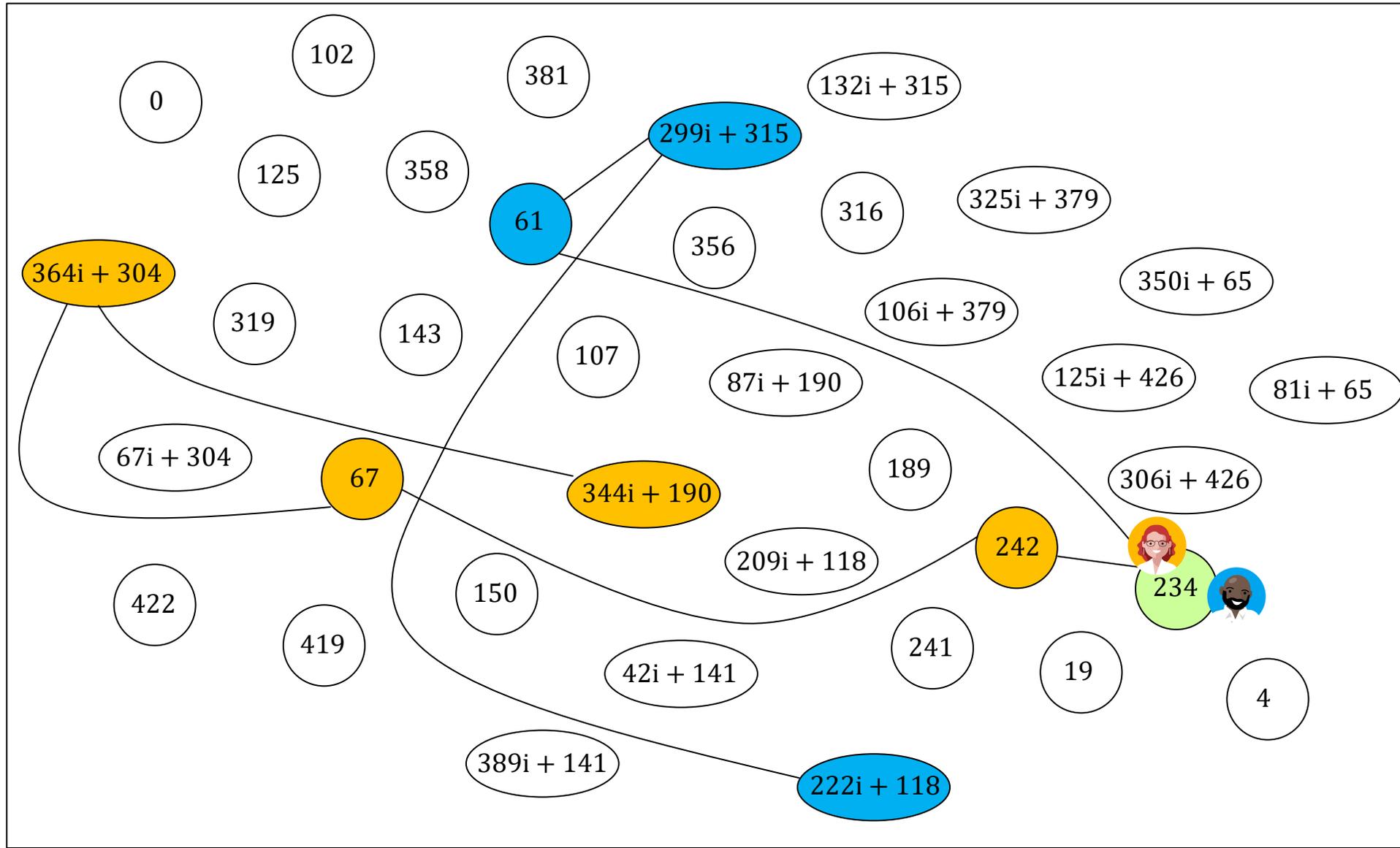


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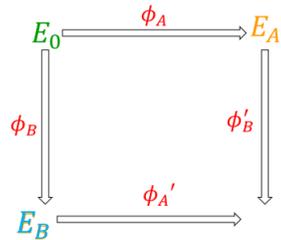
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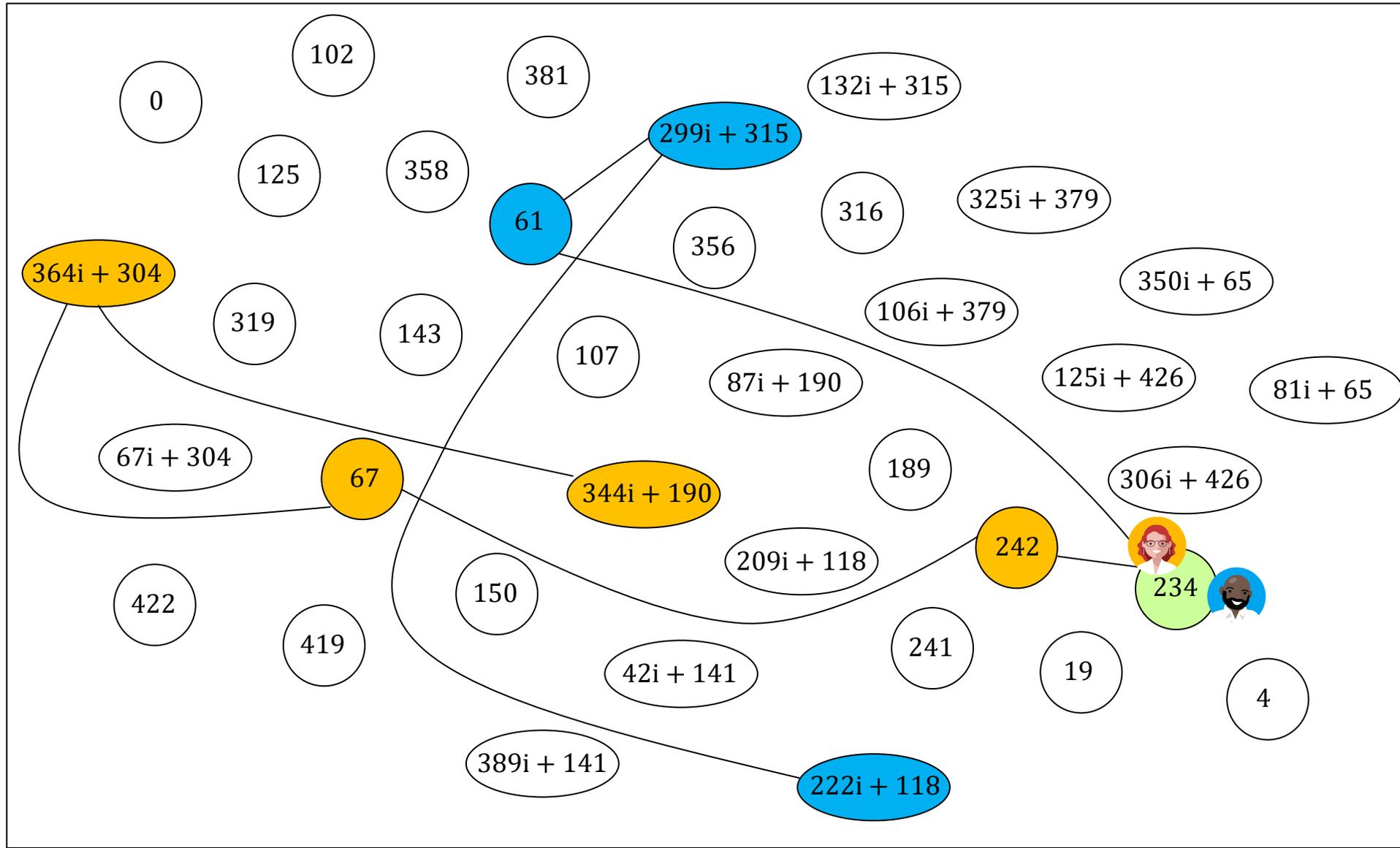
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# SIDH/SIKE in the real world

|             | prime<br>$p$          | PK (bytes) | Clock cycles to compute $\phi$<br>( $\times 10^6$ ) i7-6700 Skylake                 |   |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------|---|---|
|             |                       |            |  |  |
| toy example | $2^4 3^3 - 1$         | 7          | $\epsilon$  | $\epsilon'$   |
| SIKEp434    | $2^{216} 3^{137} - 1$ | 330        | 92  | 98  |
| SIKEp503    | $2^{250} 3^{159} - 1$ | 378        | 142   | 151   |
| SIKEp610    | $2^{305} 3^{192} - 1$ | 462        | 295   | 297   |
| SIKEp751    | $2^{372} 3^{239} - 1$ | 564        | 468   | 503   |

<https://sike.org/>

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/project/sike/>

<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/post-quantum-cryptography>

# Cryptanalysis of the SSI problem

$E$  ●

?

●  $E'$

# Claw algorithm



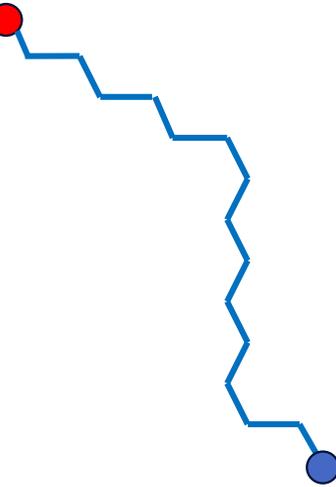
Given  $E$  and  $E' = \phi(E)$ , with  $\phi$  degree  $\ell^e$ , find  $\phi$

# Claw algorithm



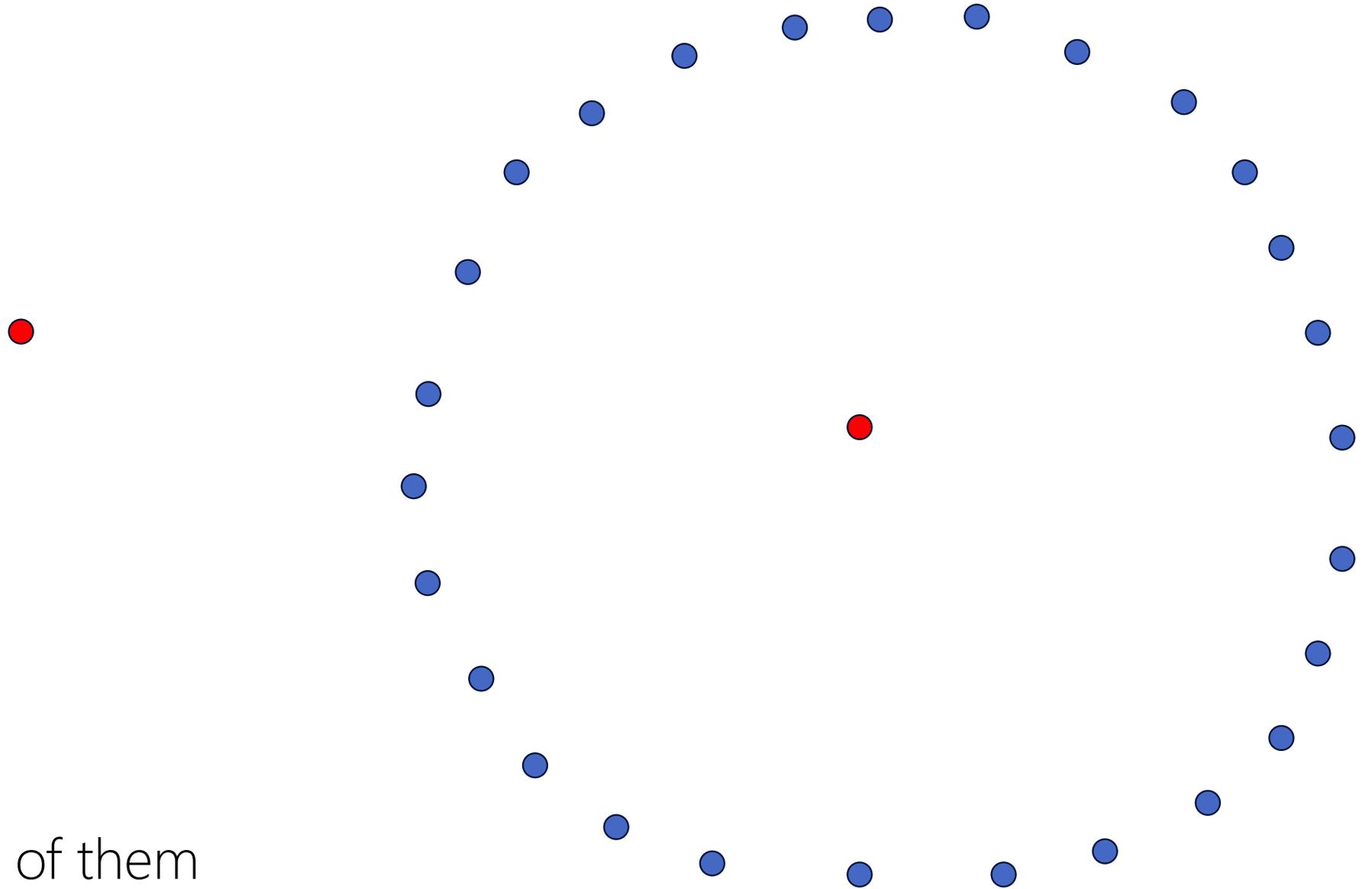
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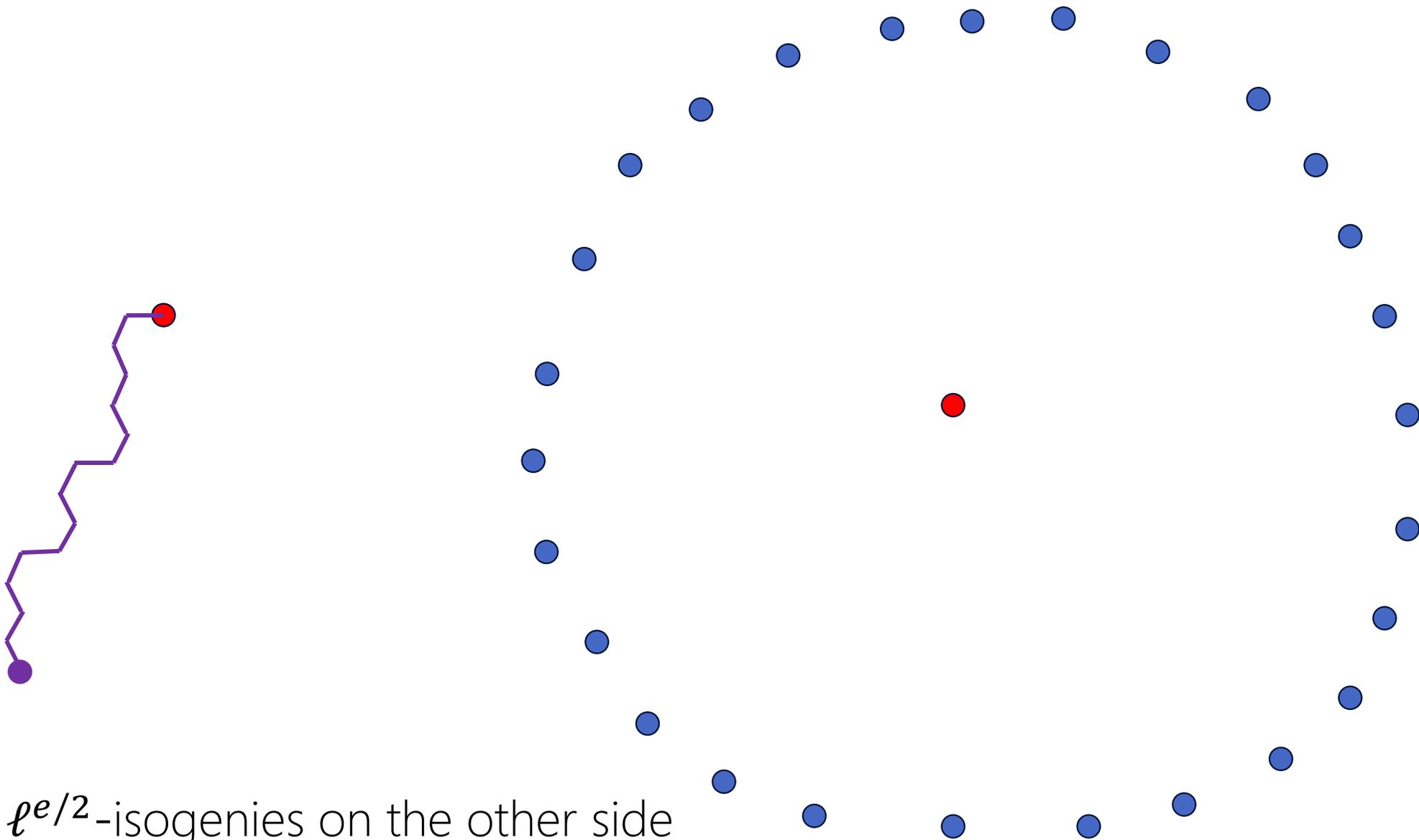
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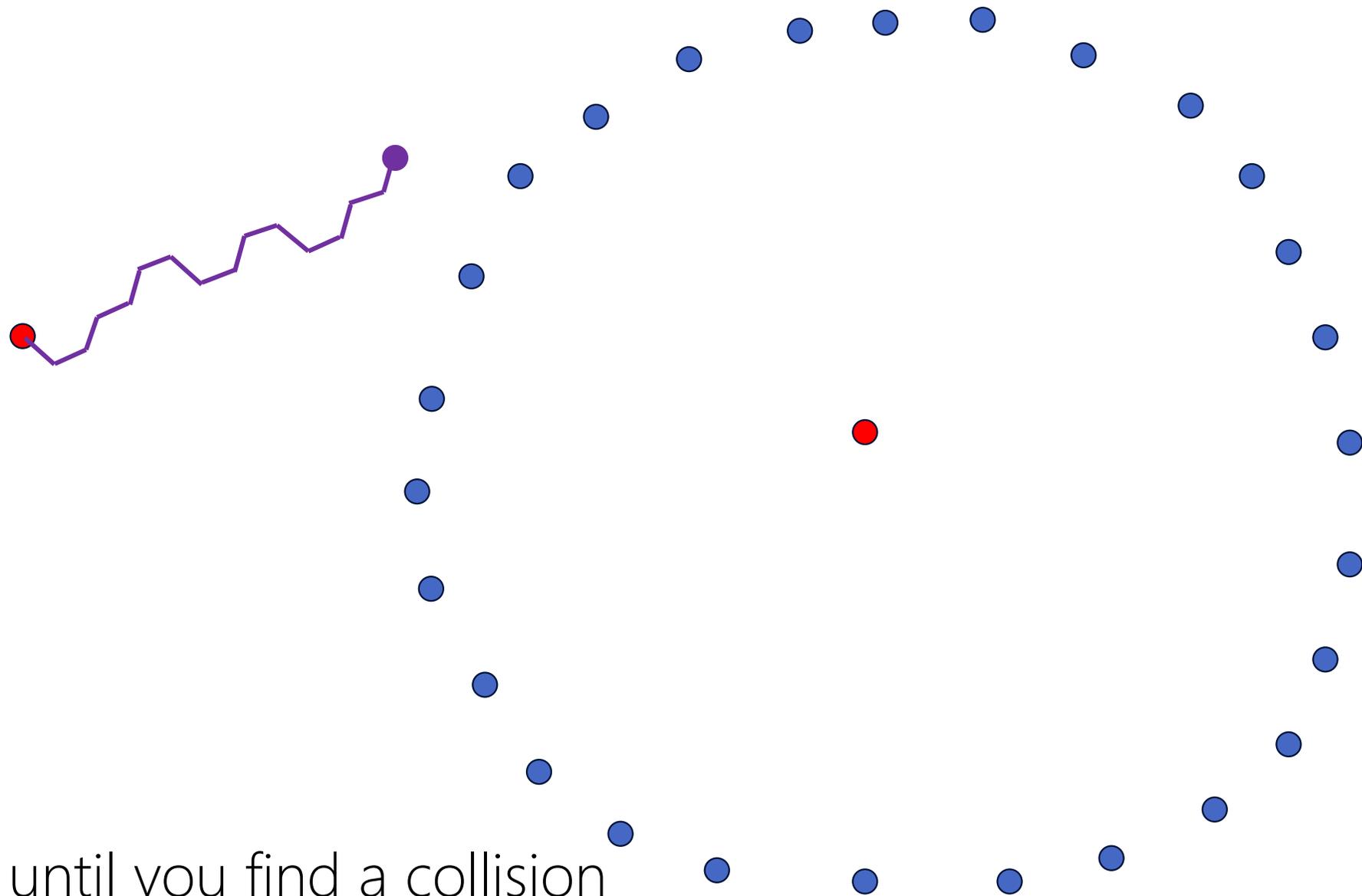
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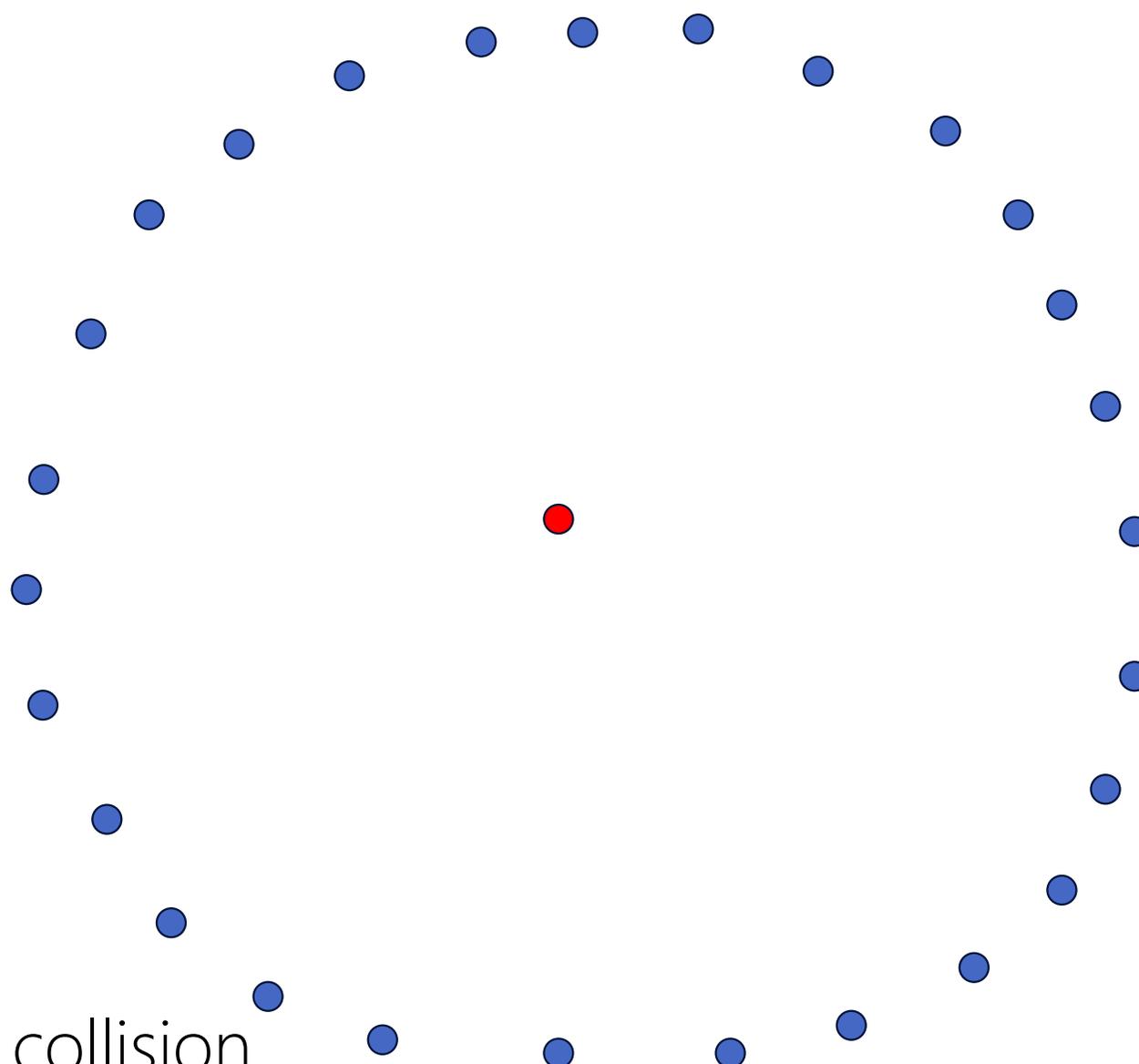
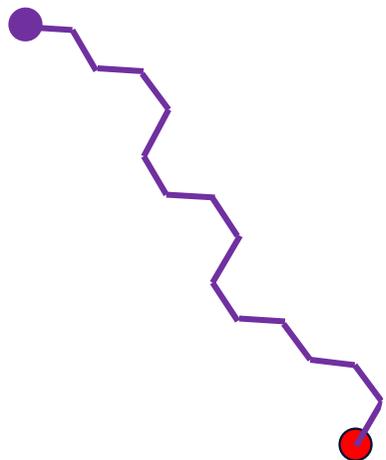


Now compute  $\ell^{e/2}$ -isogenies on the other side

# Claw algorithm

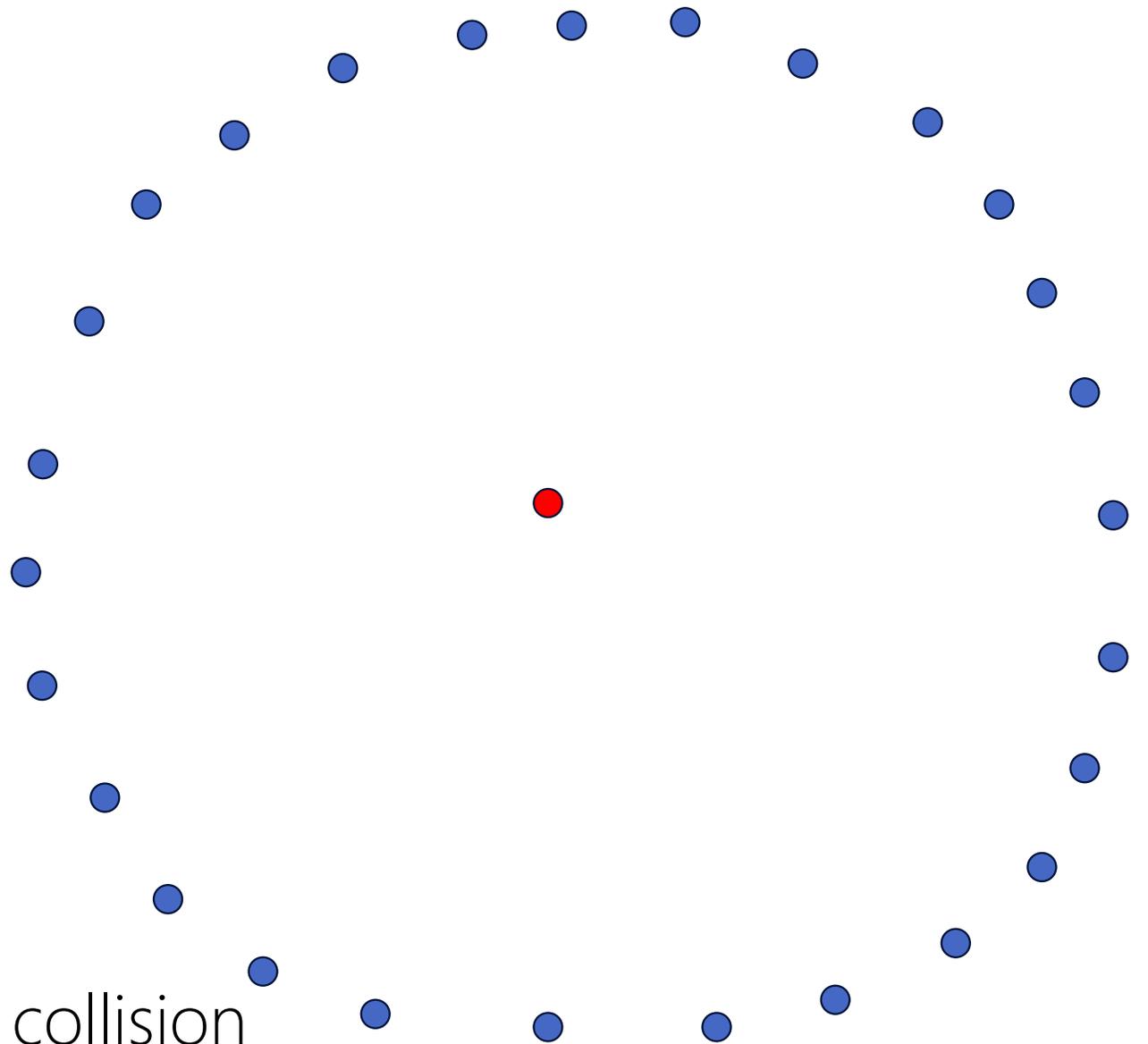
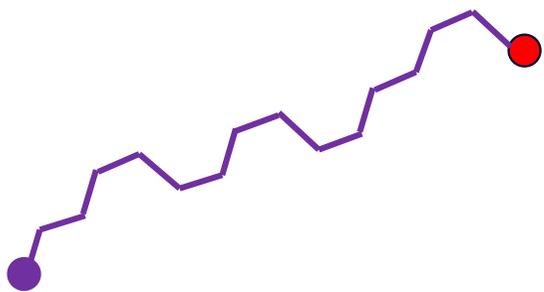


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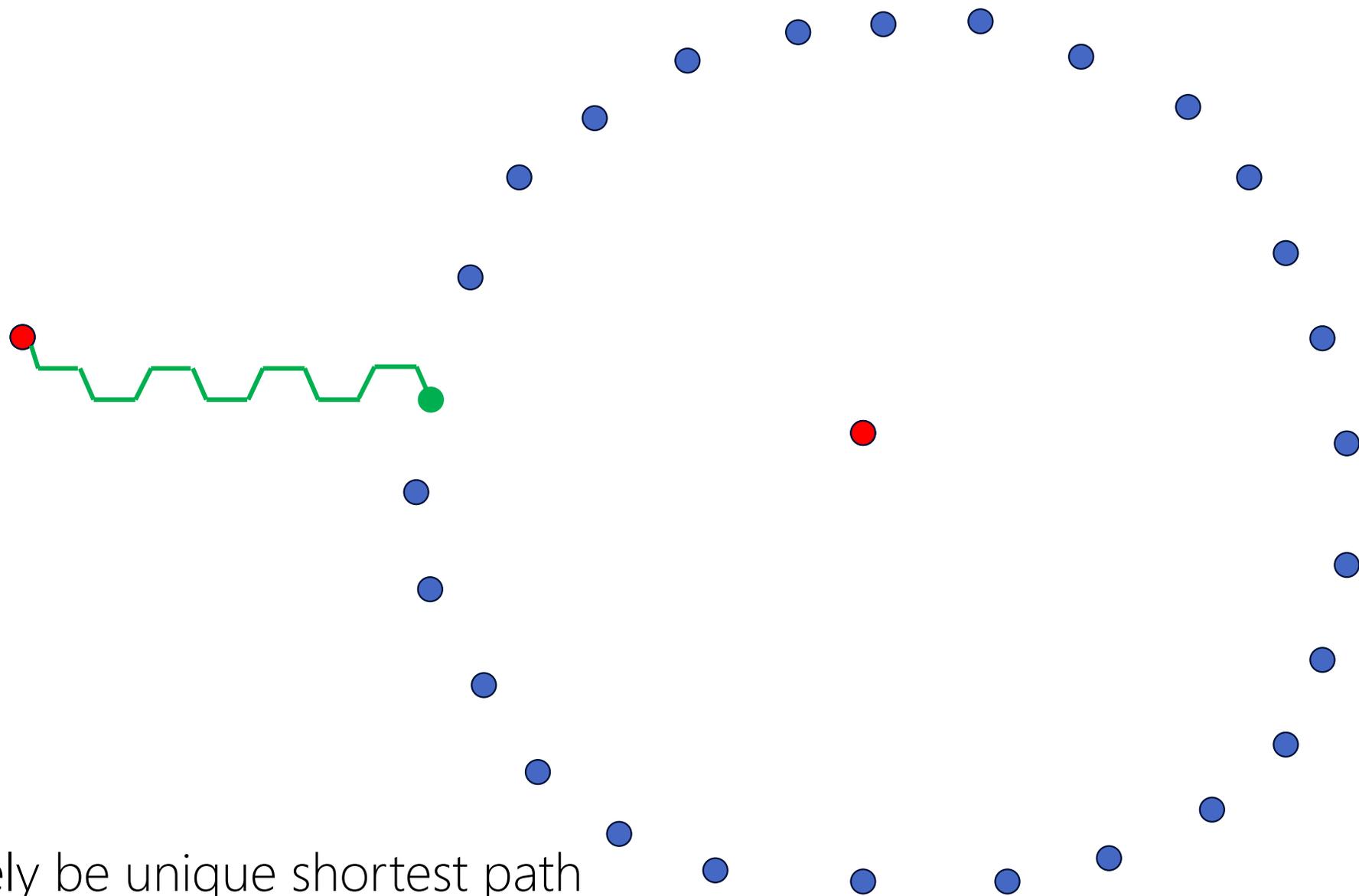
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# Claw algorithm



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# Claw algorithm



Collision will most likely be unique shortest path

# Claw algorithm



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

# Claw algorithm: theoretical 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

# Claw algorithm: practical analysis

- In practice we do not have  $O(p^{1/4})$  storage (combining the whole planet's storage capabilities)
- **vOW algorithm:** meet-in-the-middle with a fixed memory bound
- **vOW runtime:** very close to  $\frac{2.5}{m} \cdot \frac{p^{3/8}}{\sqrt{w}} \cdot t$  on average  
( $m$  processors,  $w$  storage units,  $t$  time to compute isogeny)
- **Quantum in practice:** does not help!

# SIDH/SIKE 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  $\phi$   
(where  $\phi$  has fixed, smooth, public degree)

- **Theoretical best (known) attacks:** classical  $O(p^{1/4})$  and quantum  $O(p^{1/6})$
- ... **but in practice:** vOW classical attack is best (quantum doesn't help)

Questions?

