

Computing motives: an approach to irrationality proofs for periods

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- Linear (in)dependence is easier than algebraic independence.

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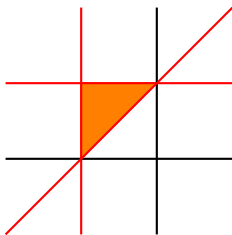
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where $\omega \in \Omega^n(\mathcal{M}_{0,N}, \mathbb{Q})$ is a regular n -form and $f \in \Omega^0(\mathcal{M}_{0,N}, \mathbb{Q})$.

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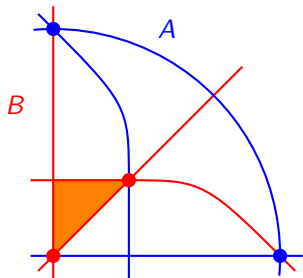
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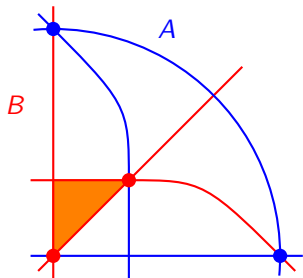


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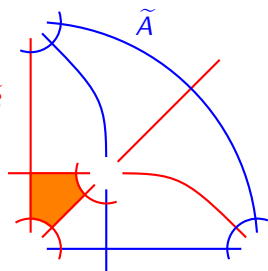
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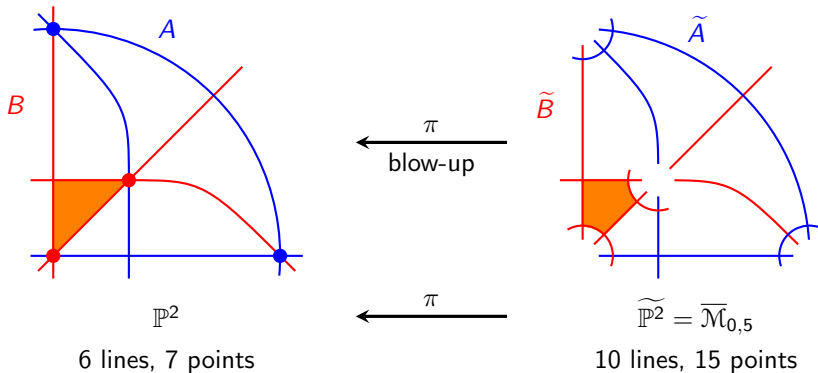


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Inspired by (Aomoto 1977, 1982) and (Beilinson-Goncharov-Schechtman-Varchenko, 1989).

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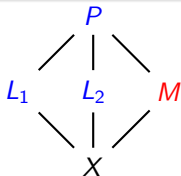
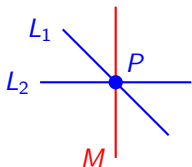
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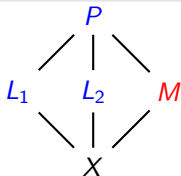
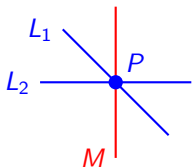


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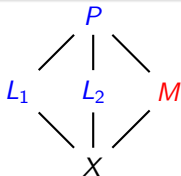
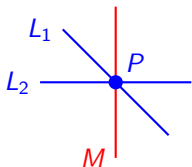
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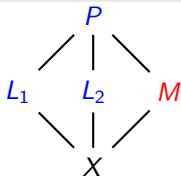
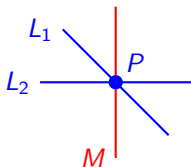
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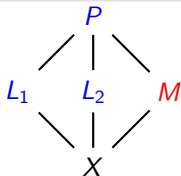
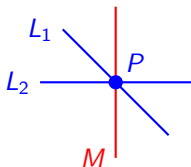
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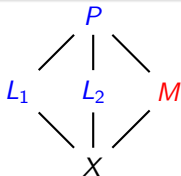
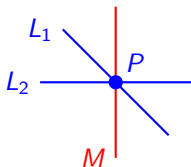
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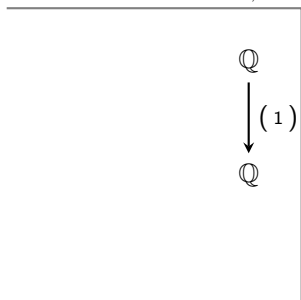


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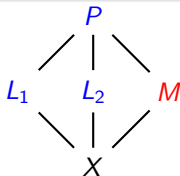
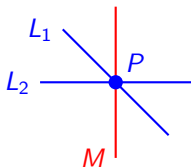


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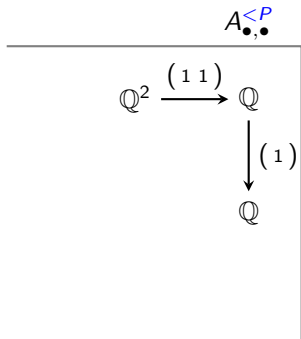
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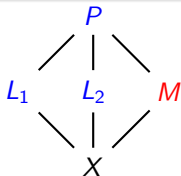
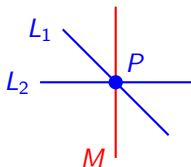


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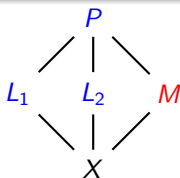
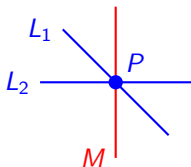
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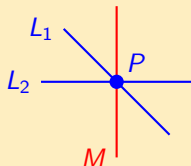
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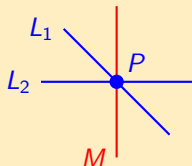
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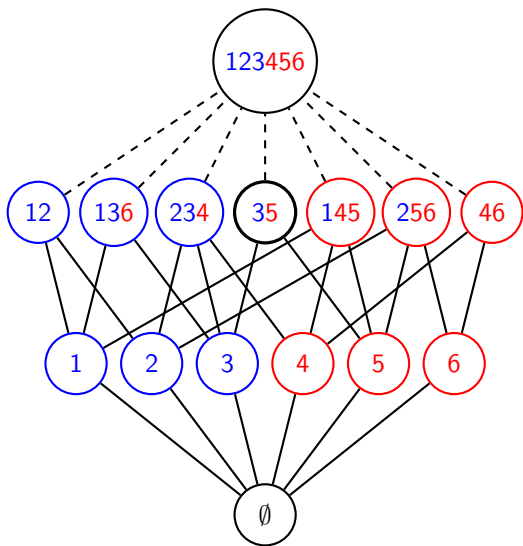
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Flat poset for $\zeta(2)$



35 may be set red or blue

morphism red \rightarrow blue

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Take the image!

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