

Isogeny-based cryptography II

Key exchange on graphs

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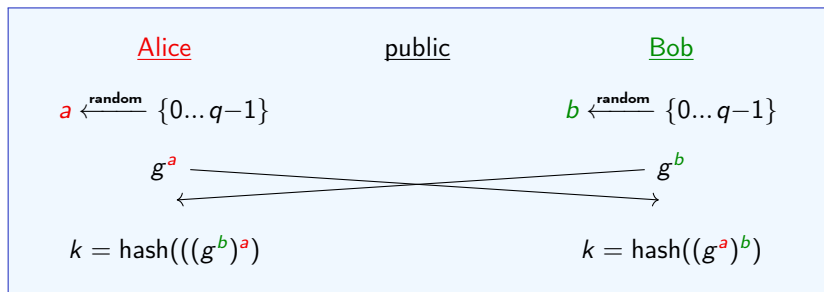
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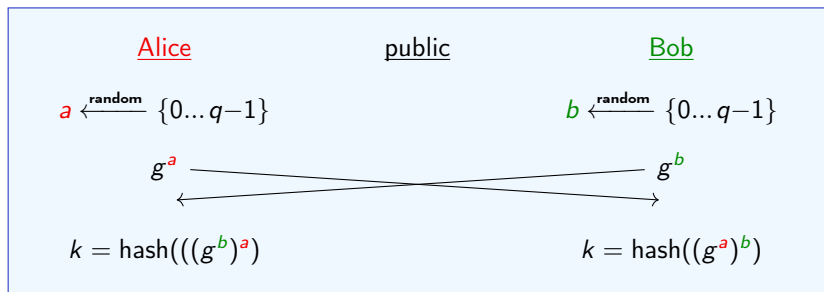
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Fundamental reason this works: \cdot^a and \cdot^b commute!

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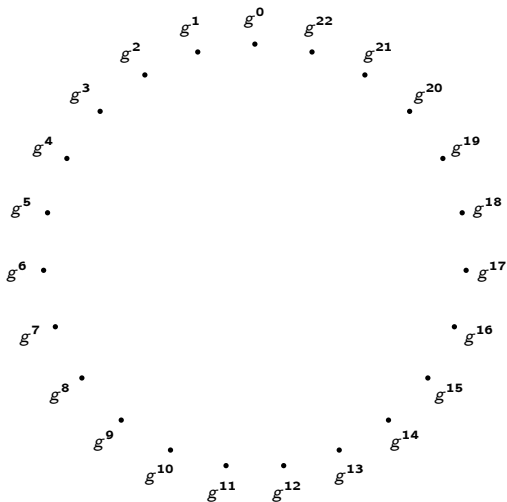
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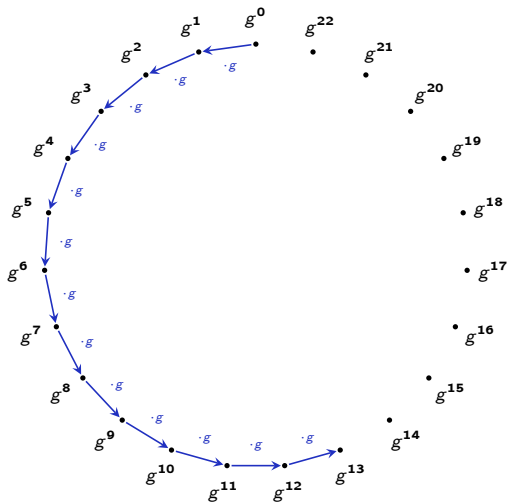
Effort for both: $O(\#G)$. Bob needs to be smarter.

(There also exist better attacks)



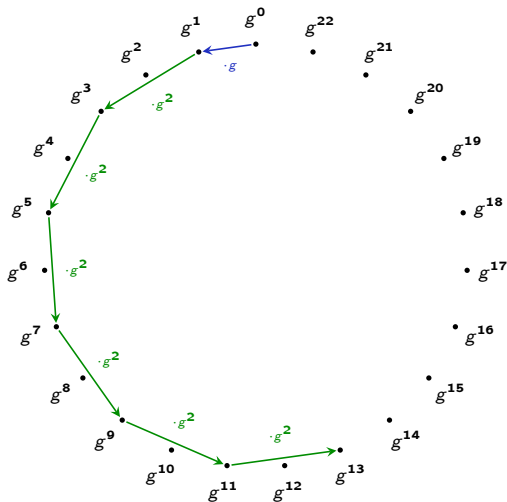
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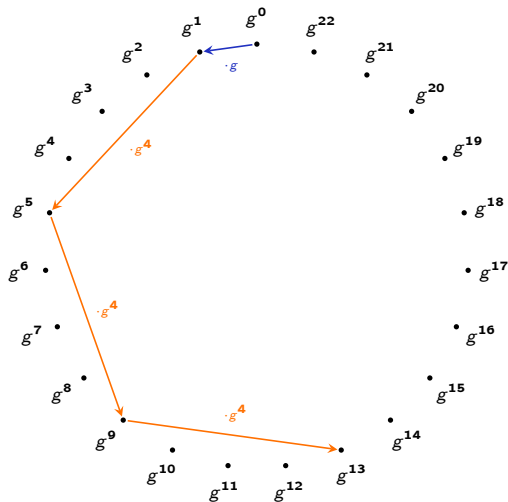
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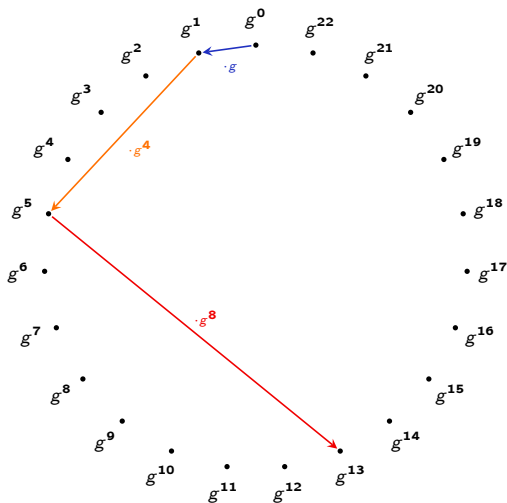
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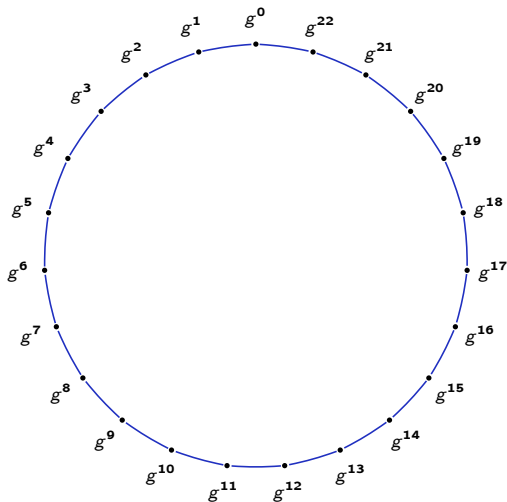
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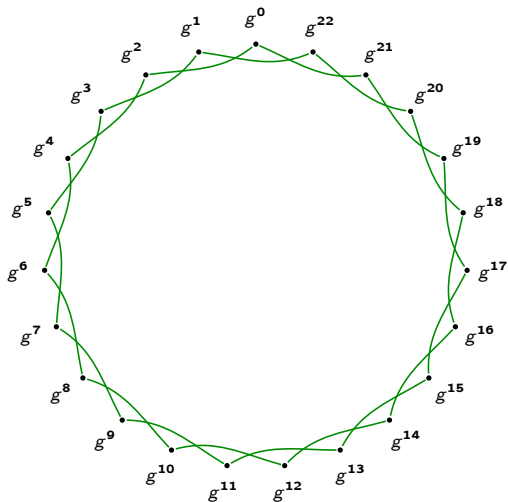
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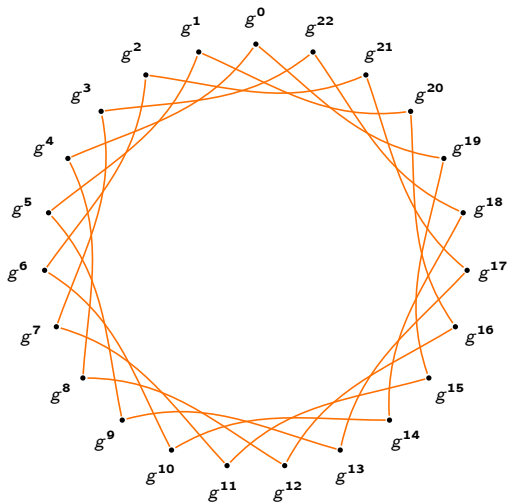
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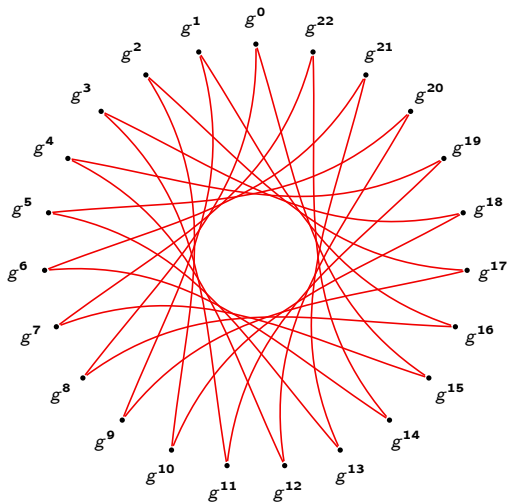
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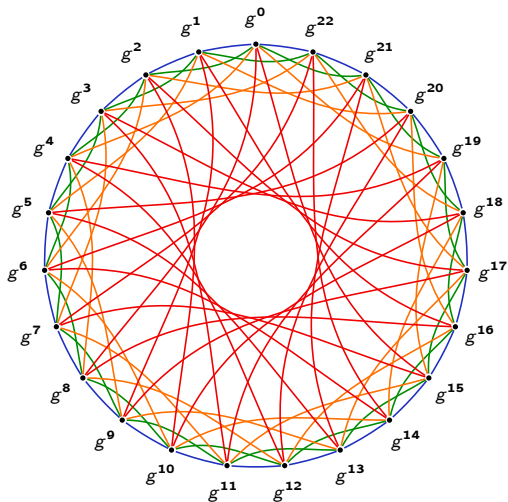
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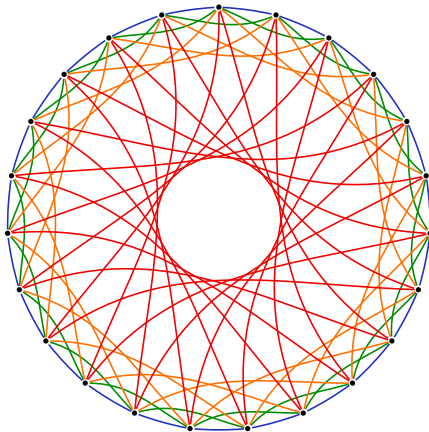
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It is easy to construct graphs that satisfy *almost* all of these —
not enough for crypto!