

# Computing Solutions of Linear Mahler Equations

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Challenge: dodge the factor  $b^r$

- $L(x^n)$  has degree  $d + b^r n$ ,
- after change of unknowns  $y = \frac{\tilde{y}}{q}$ , new equation has degree  $d + b^r \deg q$ .

# Part I

## Series Solutions

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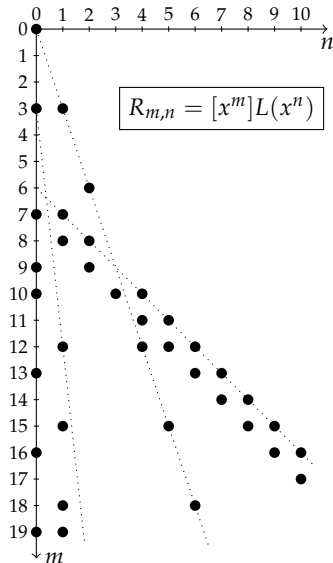
$$\begin{aligned} L = & x^3(1 - x^3 + x^6)(1 - x^7 + x^{10}) M^2 \\ & - (1 - x^{28} - x^{31} - x^{37} - x^{40}) M \\ & + x^6(1 + x)(1 - x^{21} - x^{30}). \end{aligned}$$

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$L \longleftrightarrow$  infinite matrix  $R = (R_{m,n})$

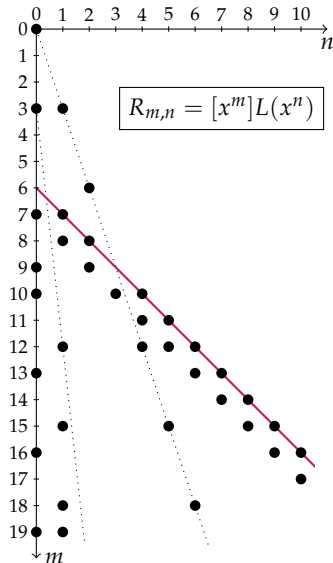


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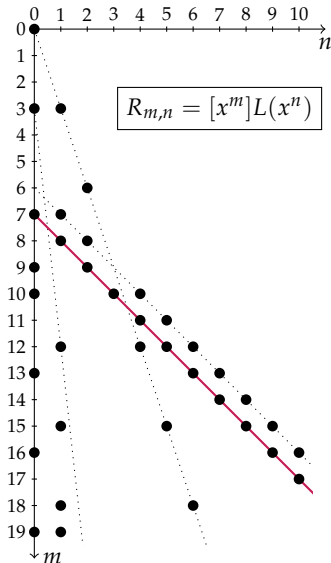


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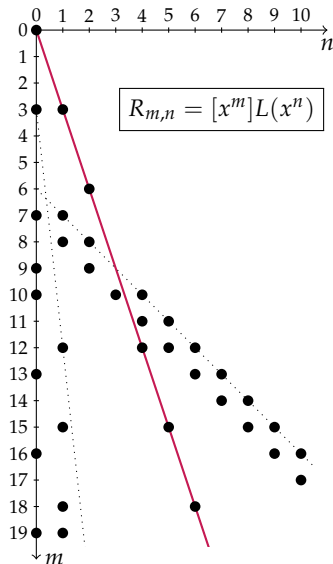


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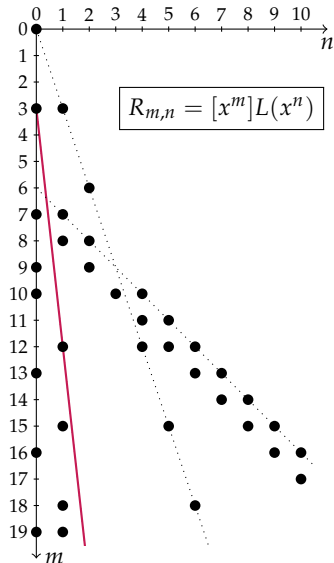


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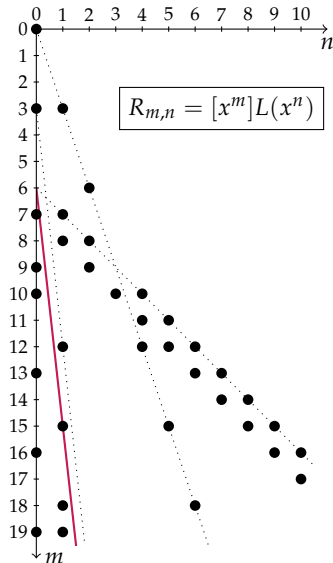


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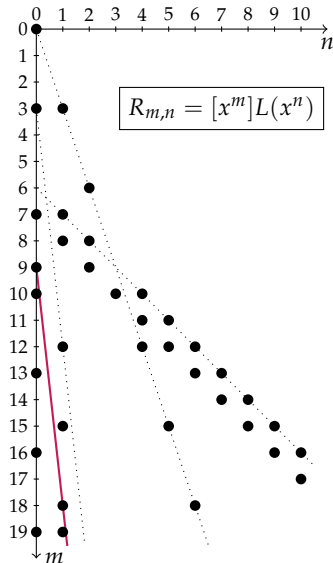


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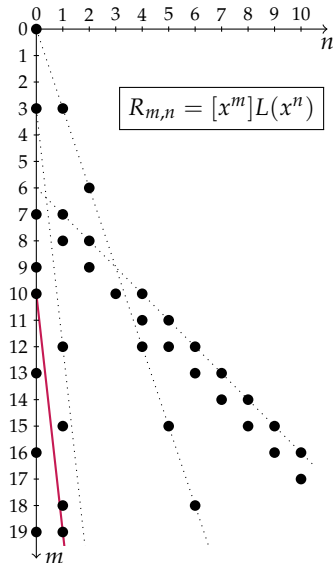


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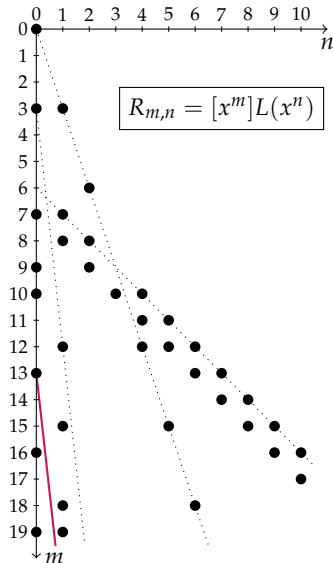


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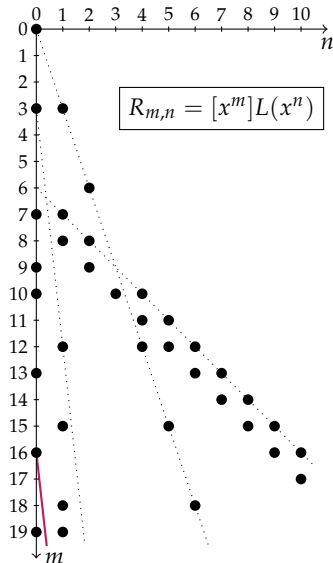


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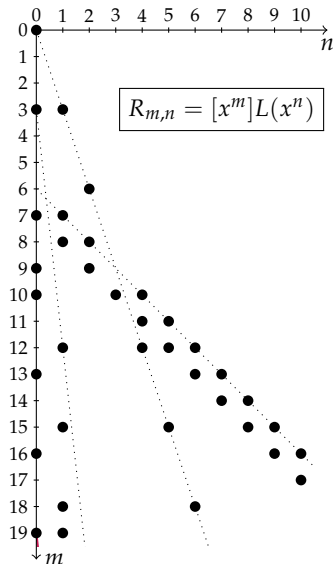


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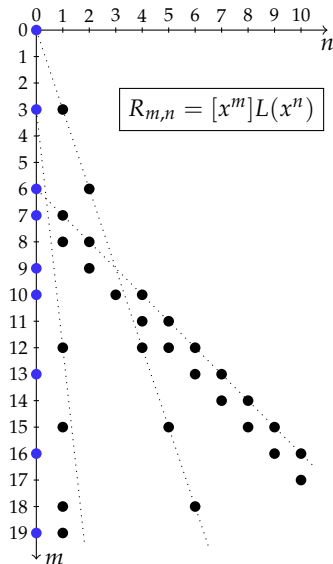


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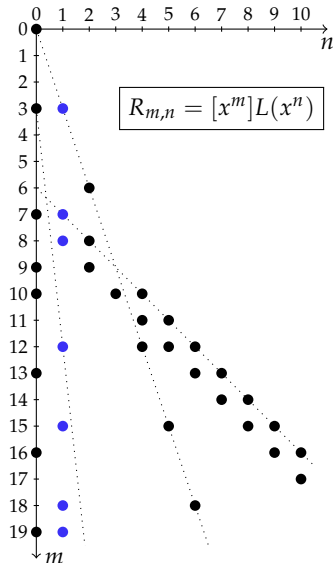


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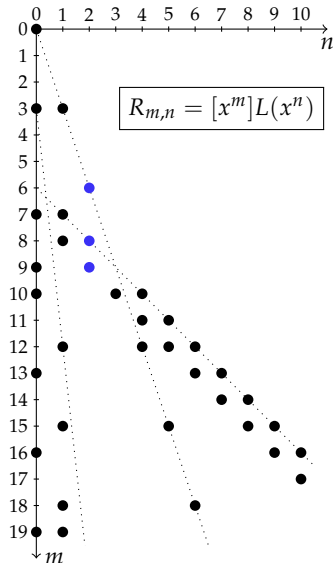


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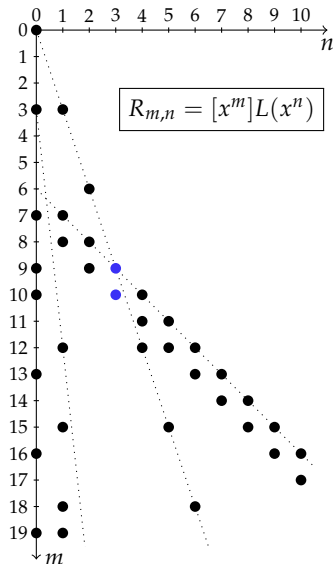


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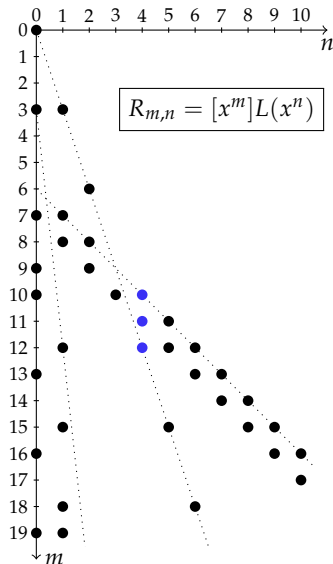


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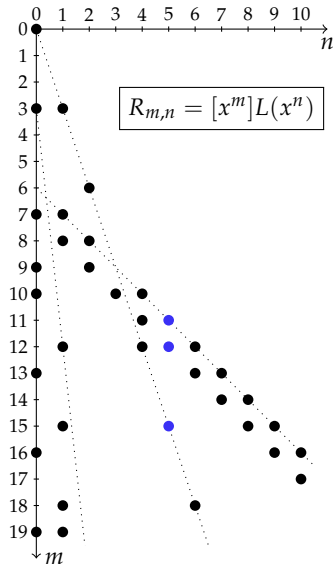


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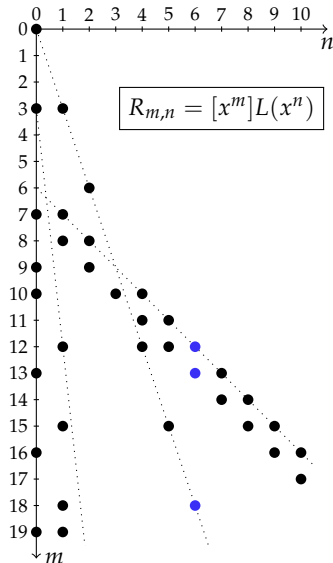


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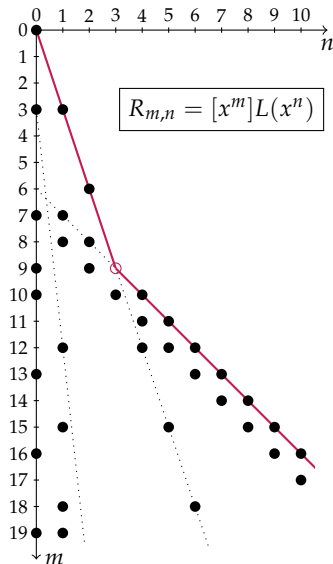


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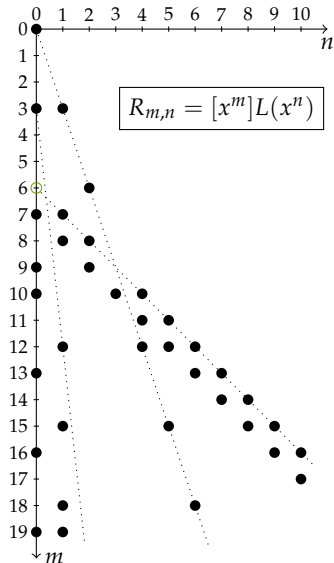


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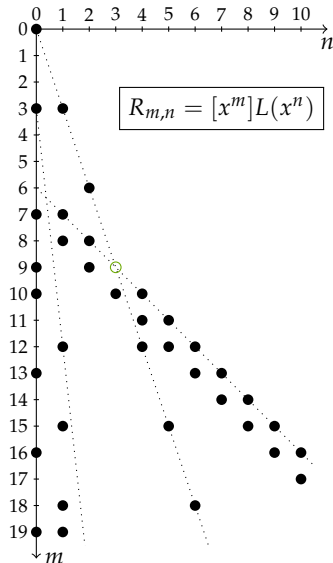


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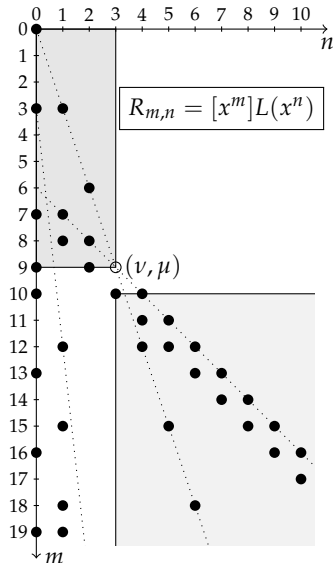




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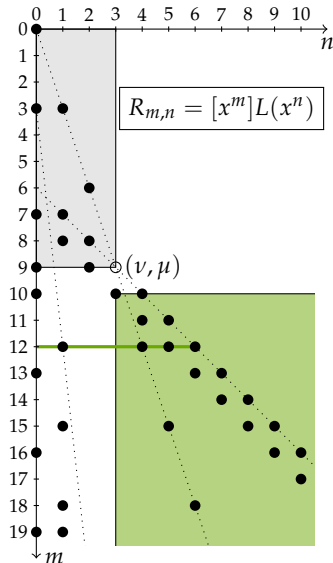


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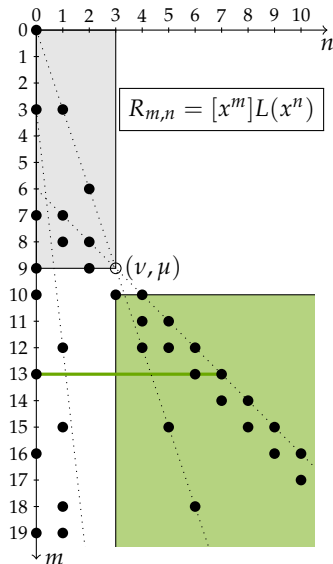


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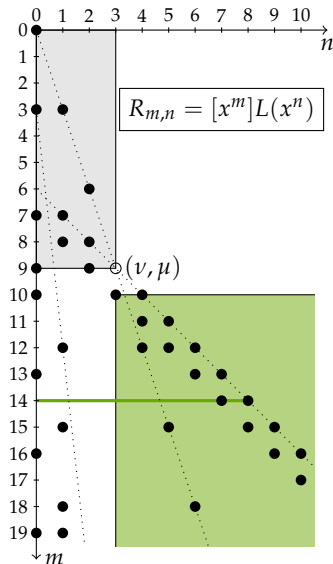


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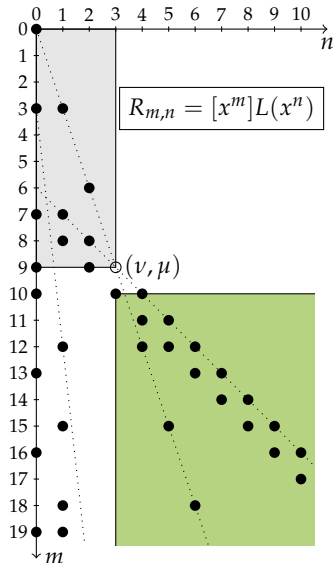


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$m \geq 10 \rightarrow y_{m-6}$  in terms of lower indices



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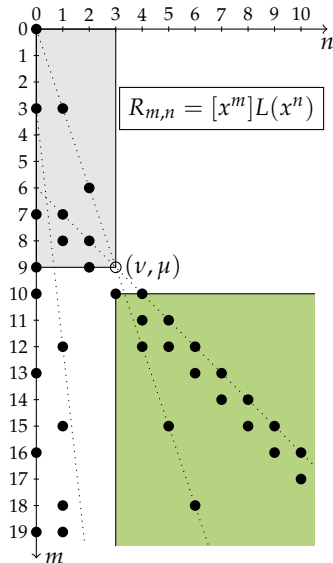
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For  $m \geq 10$ ,  $y_{m-6}$  can be determined uniquely by

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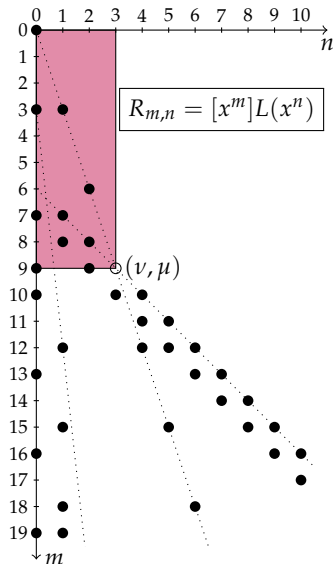
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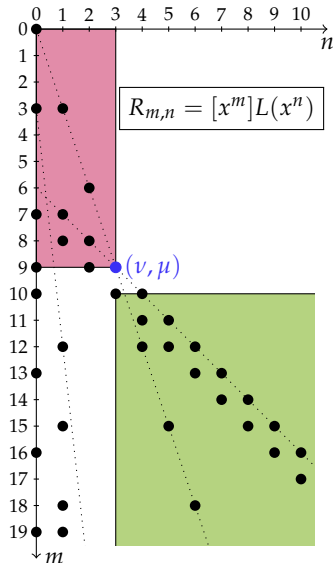
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$y_0, \dots, y_v \longleftrightarrow$  eqns for  $0 \leq m \leq \mu$

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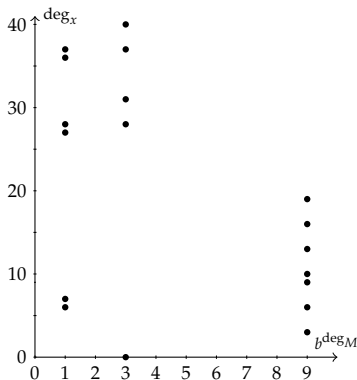




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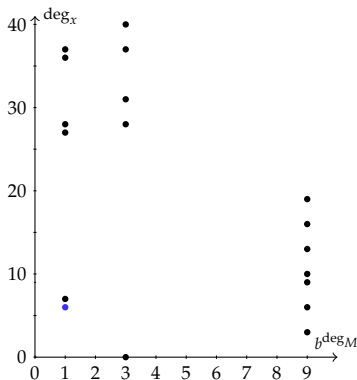
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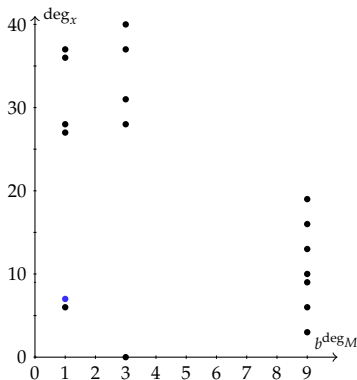
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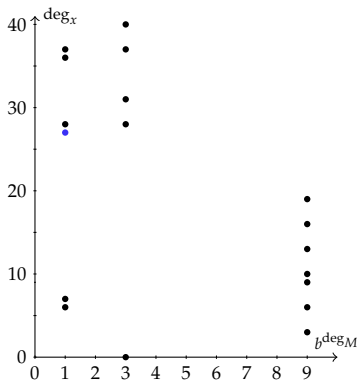
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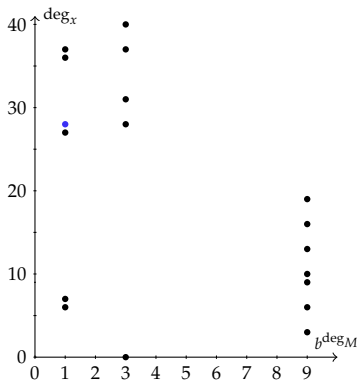
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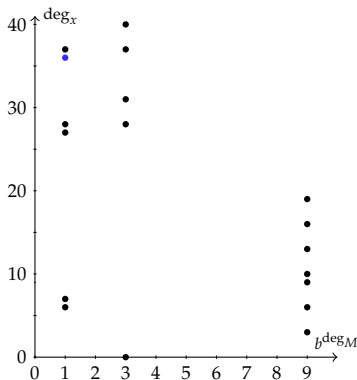


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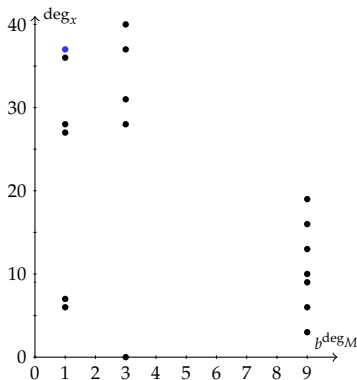


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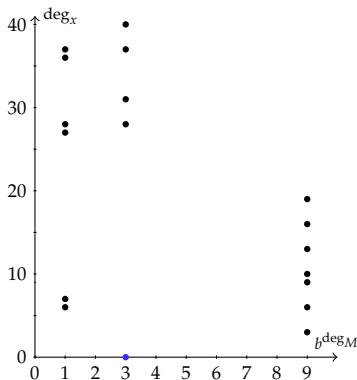
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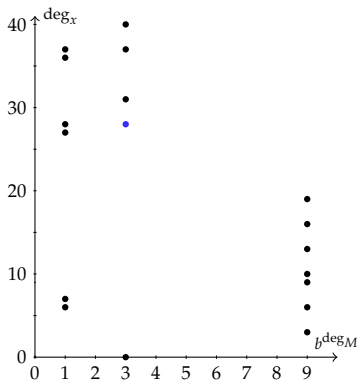




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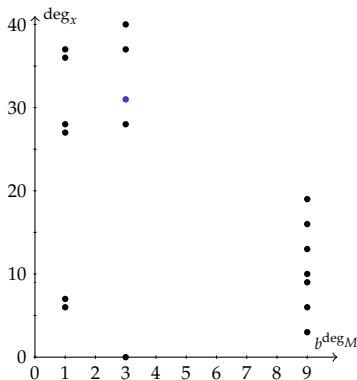
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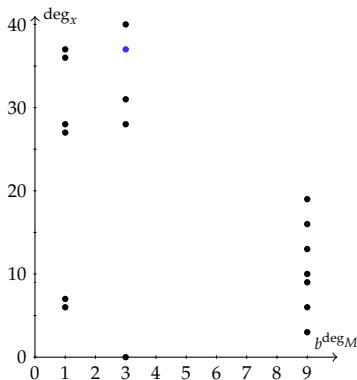
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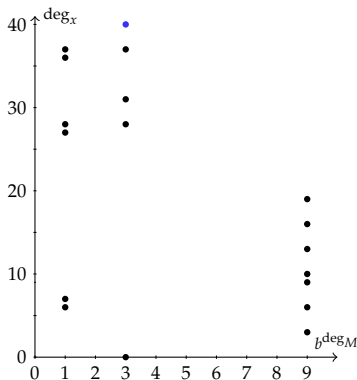
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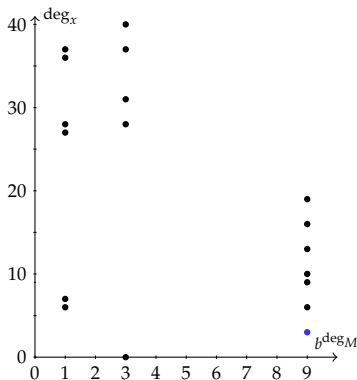
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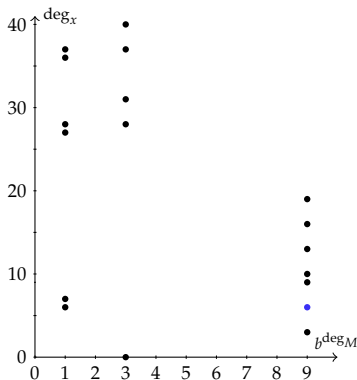
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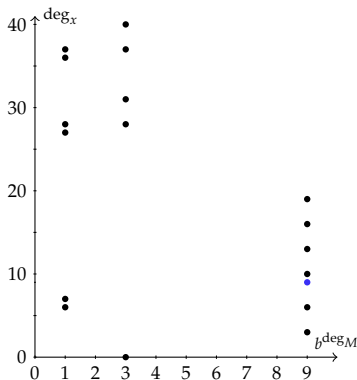


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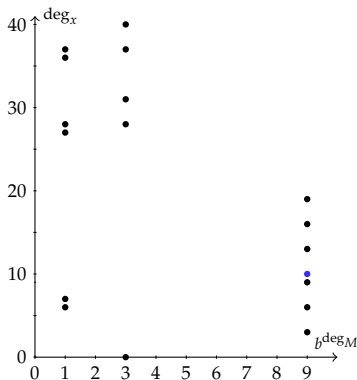


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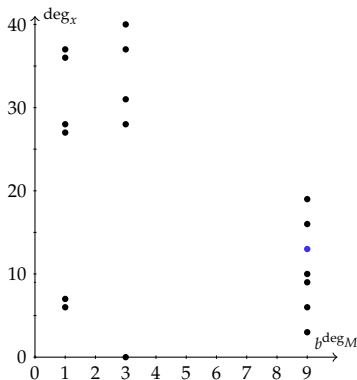


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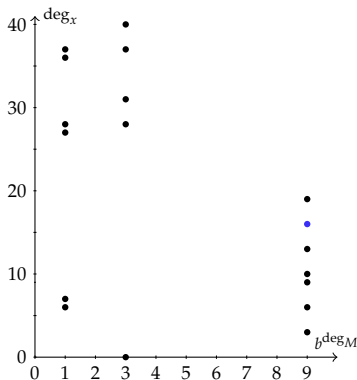
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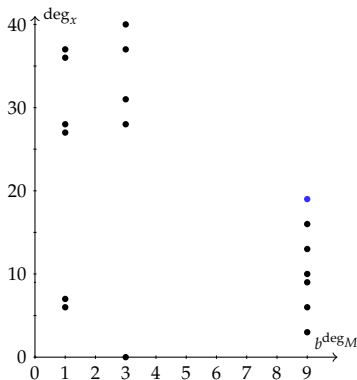
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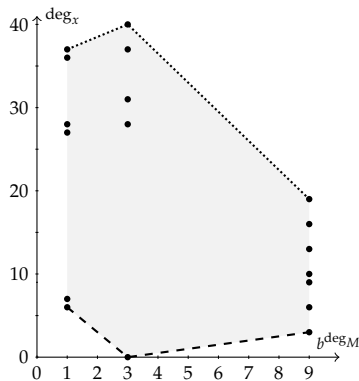
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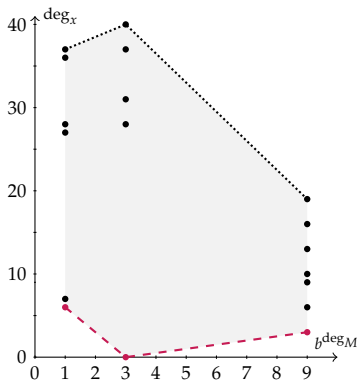
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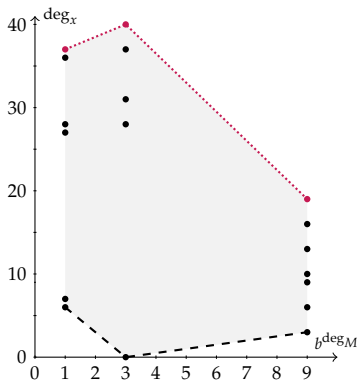
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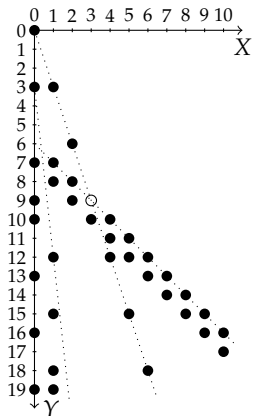
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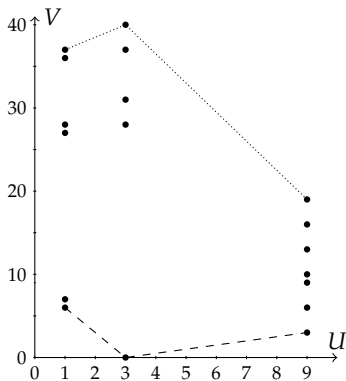


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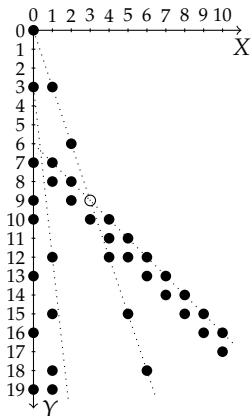
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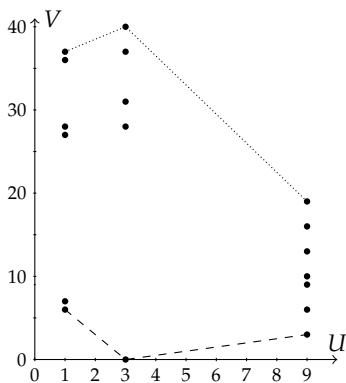
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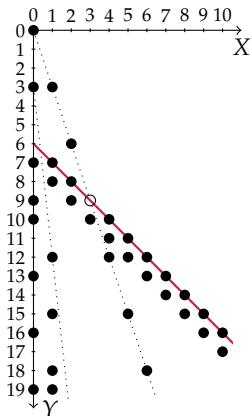




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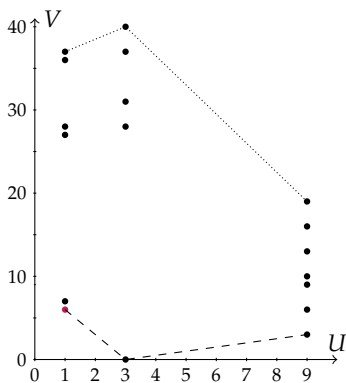
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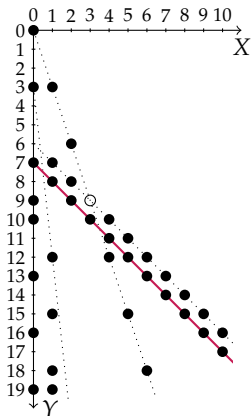
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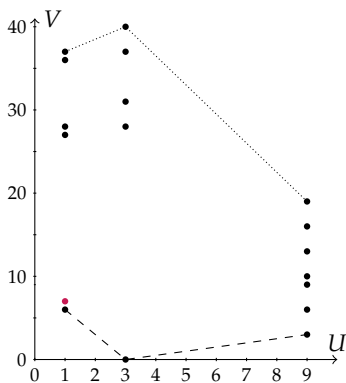
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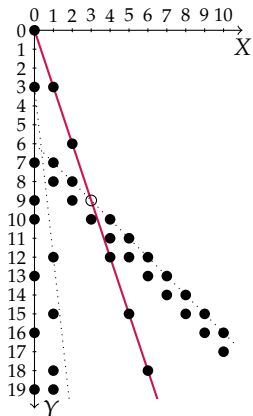
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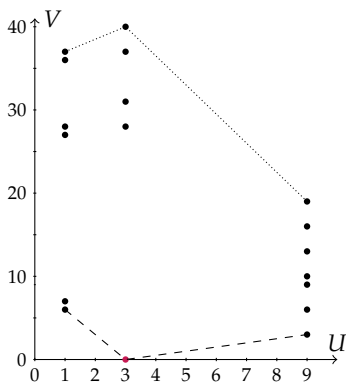
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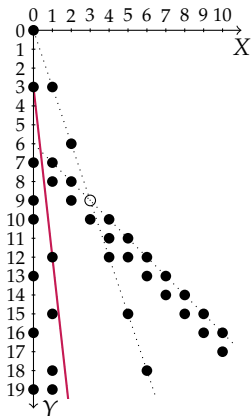
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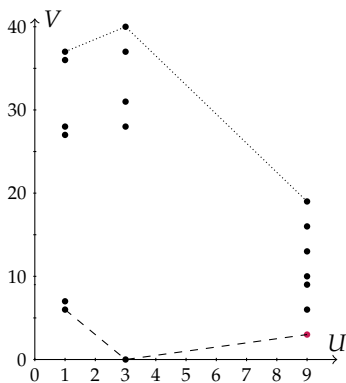
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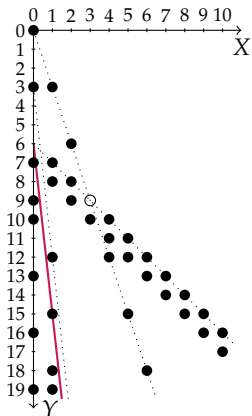
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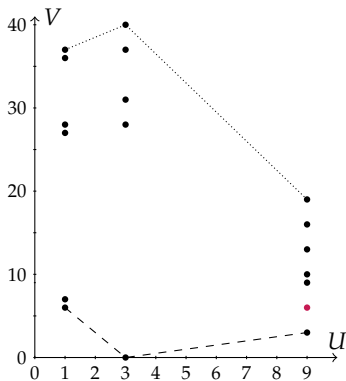
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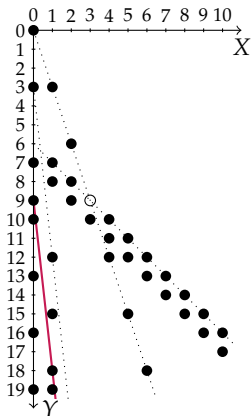
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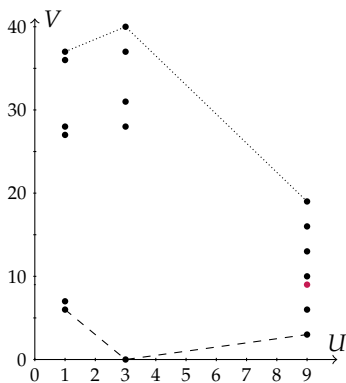
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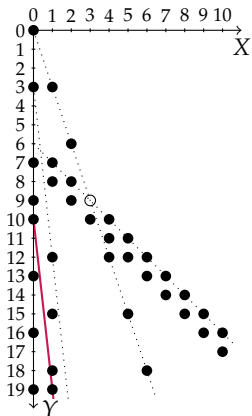
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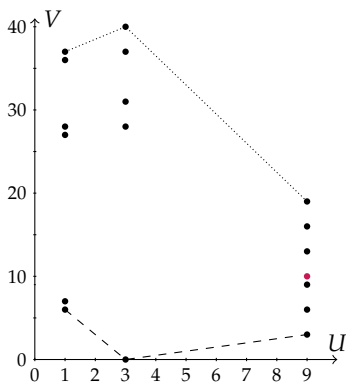
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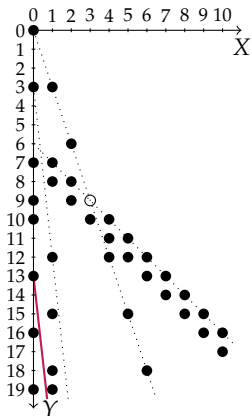
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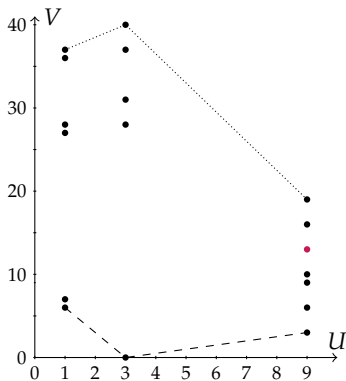
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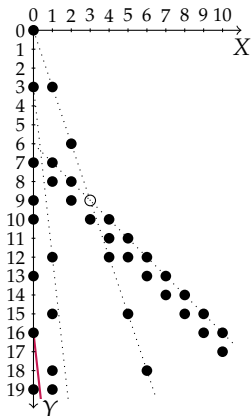




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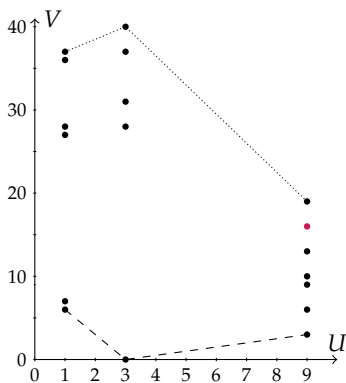
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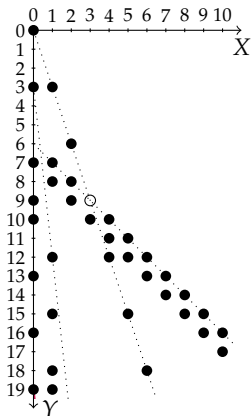
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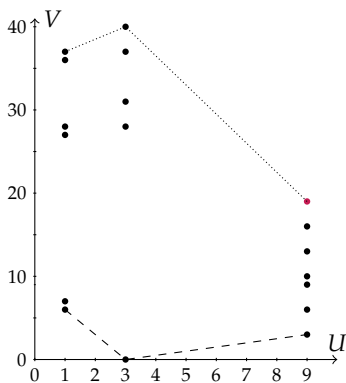
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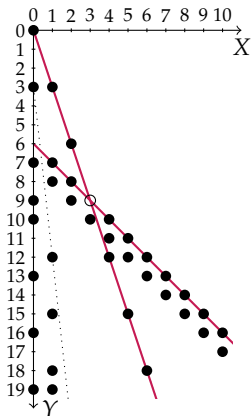
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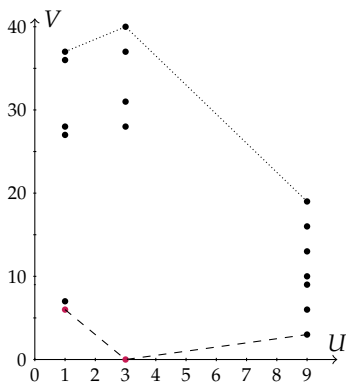
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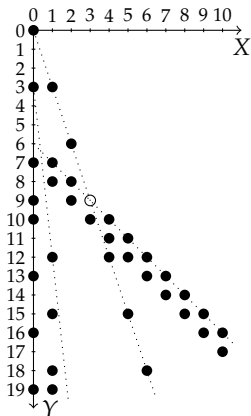


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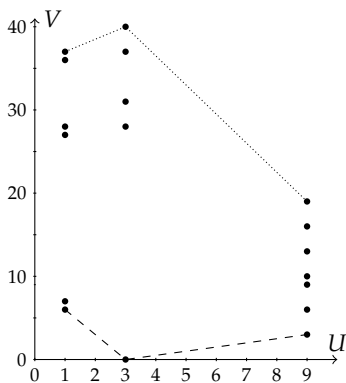
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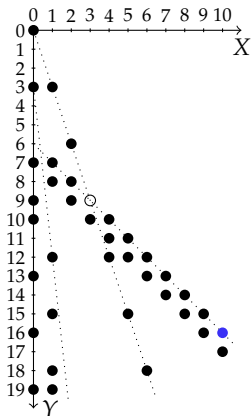


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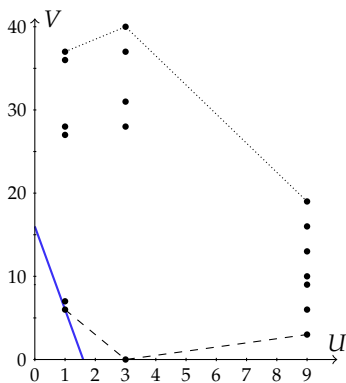
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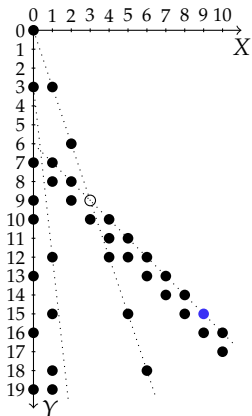


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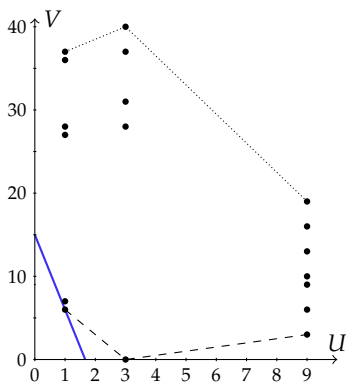
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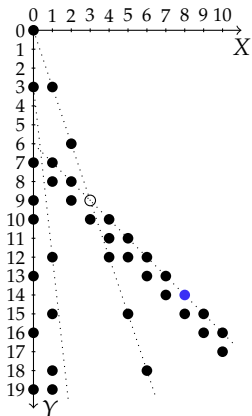


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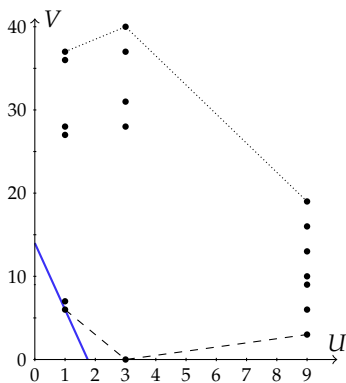
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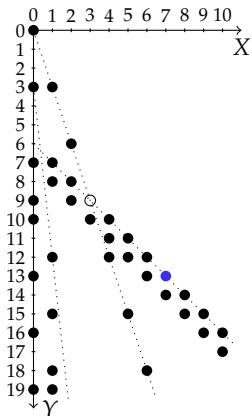


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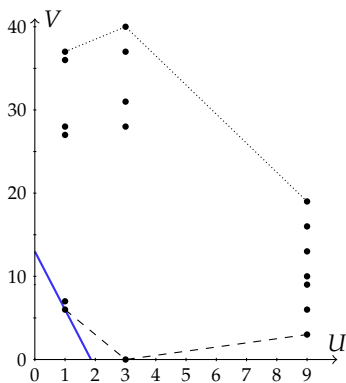
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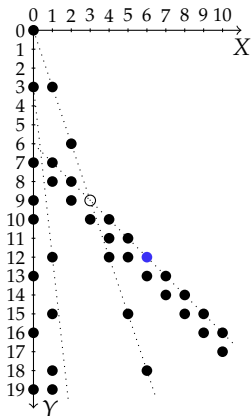


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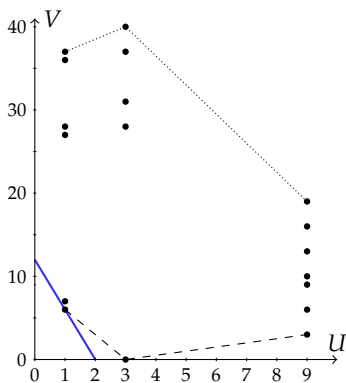
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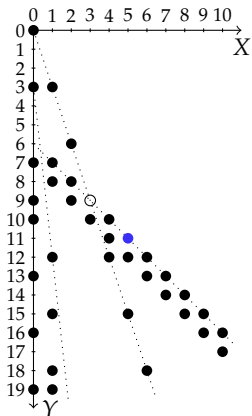


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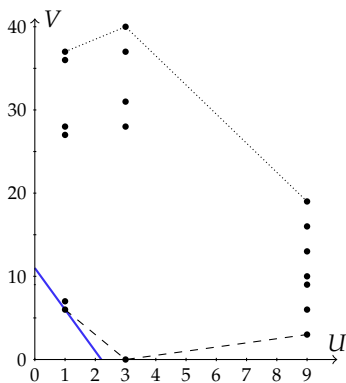
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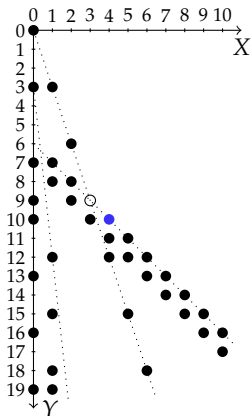


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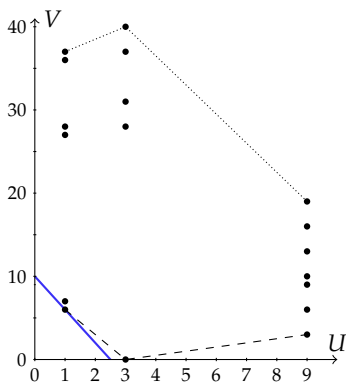
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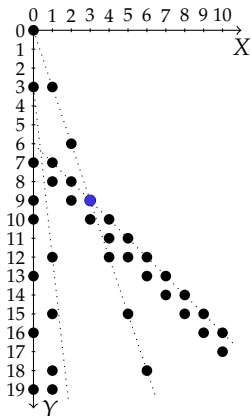


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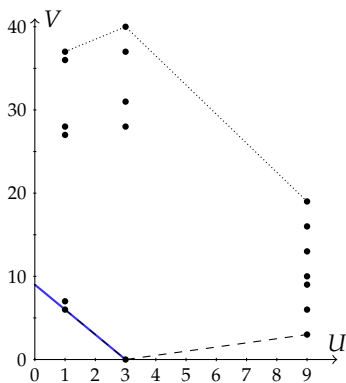
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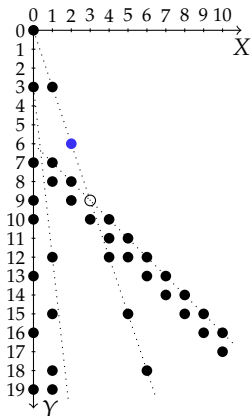


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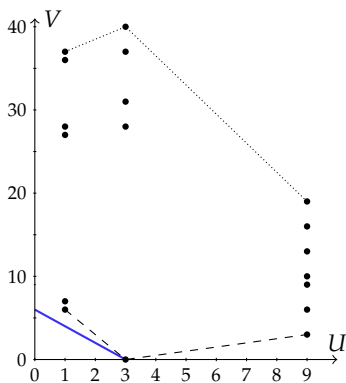
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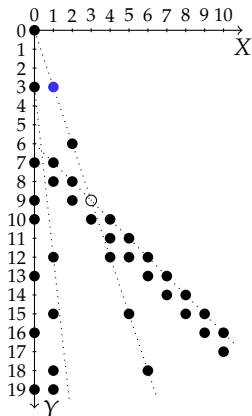


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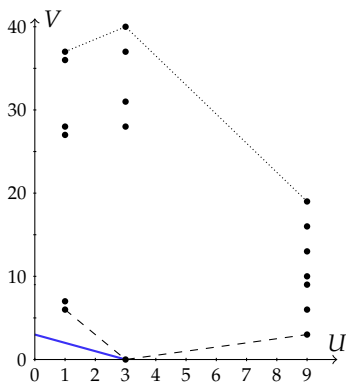
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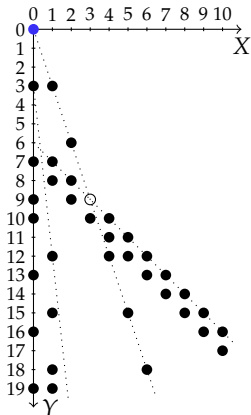


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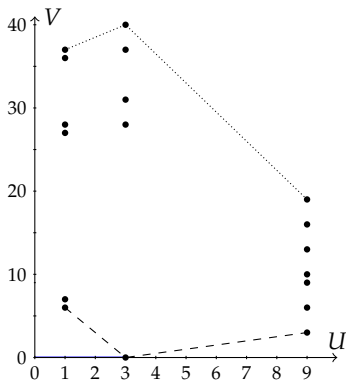
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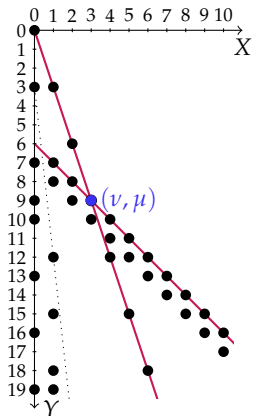


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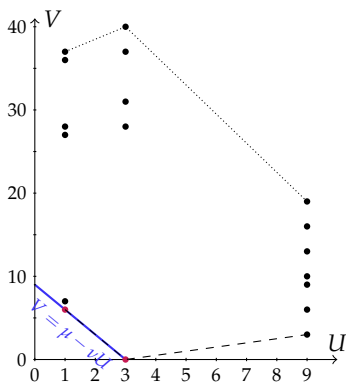
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# Bounds for Series and Polynomial Solutions

$$L = \ell_r(x)M^r + \cdots + \ell_0(x), \quad \ell_0 \ell_r \neq 0, \quad 0 \leq v_k = \text{val } \ell_k, \quad d_k = \text{deg } \ell_k \leq d.$$

**Size of singular system** (“approximate series solutions”)

$$v = \max_{k \geq 1} \frac{v_0 - v_k}{b^k - 1}, \quad \mu = v_0 + v.$$

Any series solution to order  $O(x^v + 1)$  can be prolonged uniquely.

**Bound on valuation**  $v$  of a series solution

$$-\frac{v_r}{b^{r-1}(b-1)} \leq v = -\frac{v_{k_2} - v_{k_1}}{b^{k_2} - b^{k_1}} \leq \frac{v_0}{b-1},$$

where  $v = -$  slope of edge  $[(b^{k_1}, v_{k_1}), (b^{k_2}, v_{k_2})]$  in lower Newton polygon.

**Bound on degree**  $\delta$  of any polynomial solution

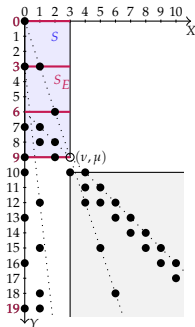
$$\delta = -\frac{d_{k_1} - d_{k_2}}{b^{k_1} - b^{k_2}} \leq \frac{d}{b^{r-1}(b-1)},$$

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Algorithm: find candidate solutions, then recombine

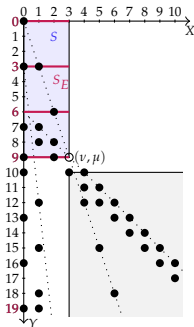
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Theorem (correctness and complexity)

[cf. naive  $O(v_0^\omega)$ ]

Returns a basis of approximate series solutions in  $O(rv_0^2 + r^2 M(v_0))$  ops.

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## Part II

# Rational Solutions

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## Geometric intuition

If  $\alpha$ , not a root of unity, is a root of  $q$ , it generates:

- a finite sequence  $\alpha_0 = \alpha, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  of two by two distinct roots of  $q$ ,
- then, a  $b^r$ th root  $\beta$  of  $\alpha_n$  that is a root of  $\ell_r$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} \deg Mp &= b \deg p, & \deg Gp &= \deg p, \\ GMp &= p^b, & p &| MGp. \end{aligned}$$

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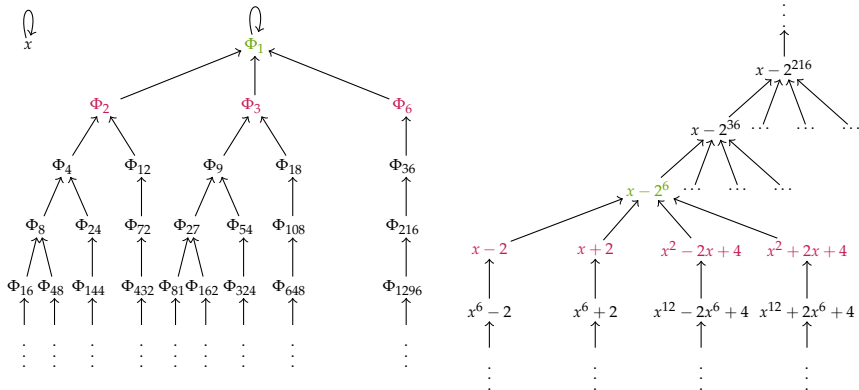
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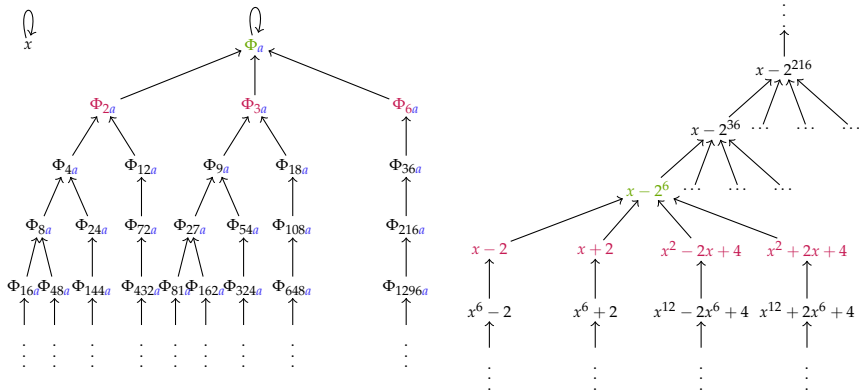


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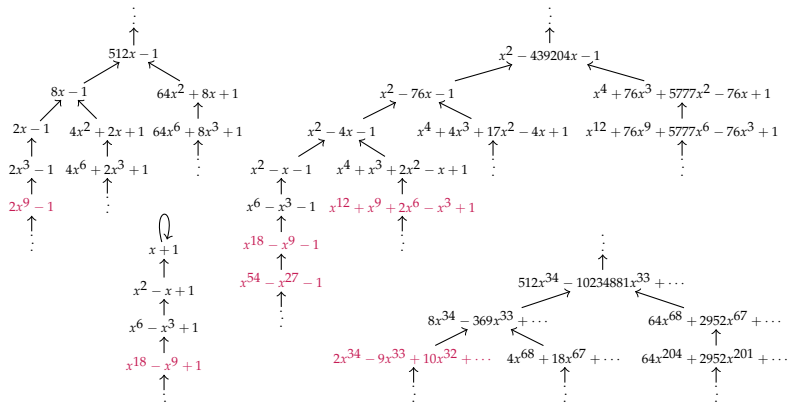
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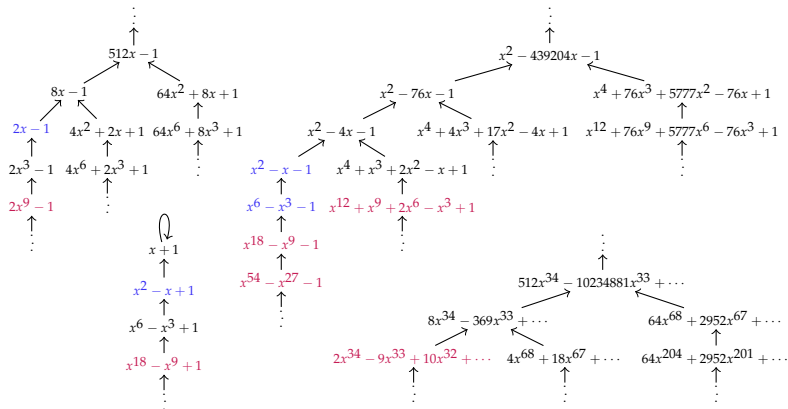
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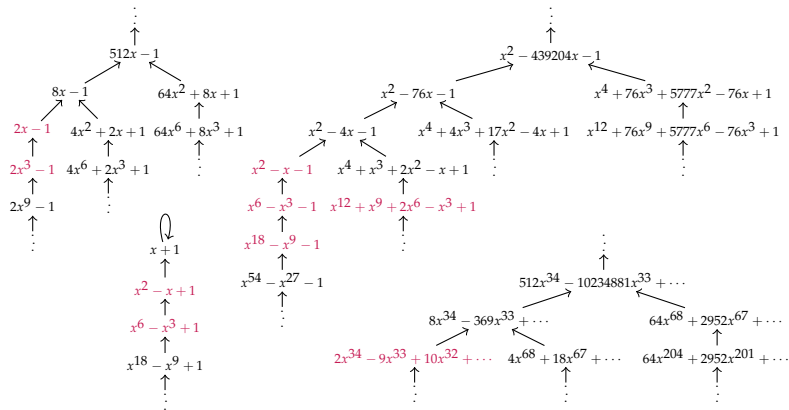


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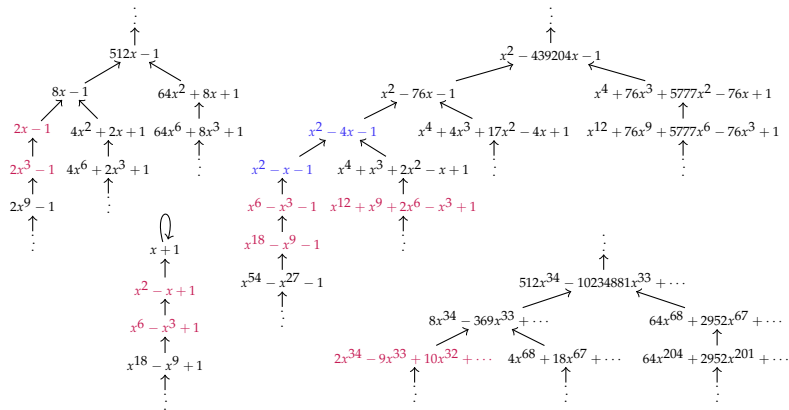
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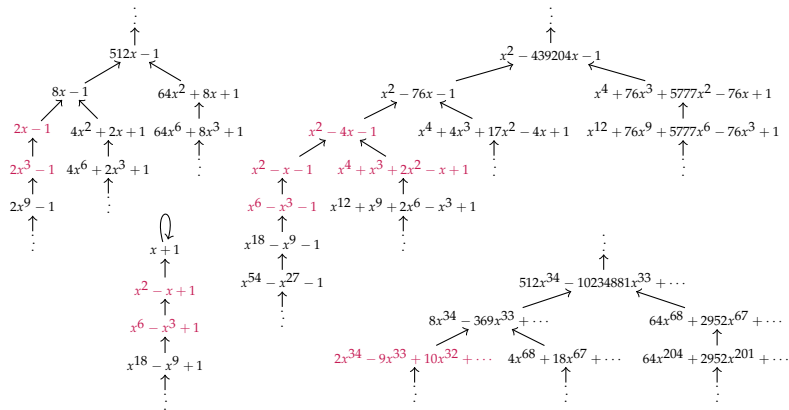


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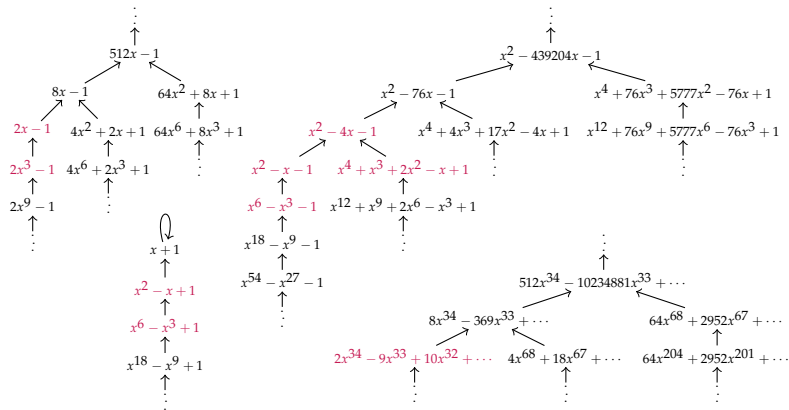




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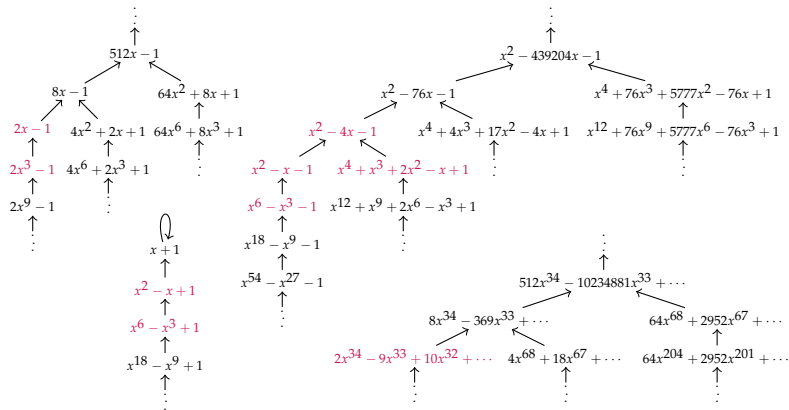


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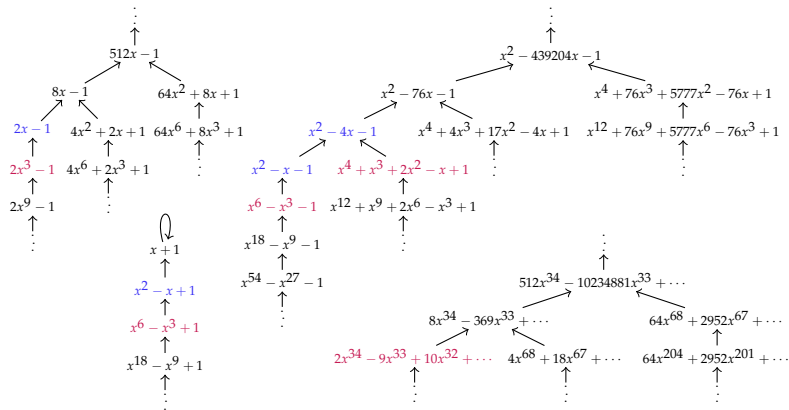
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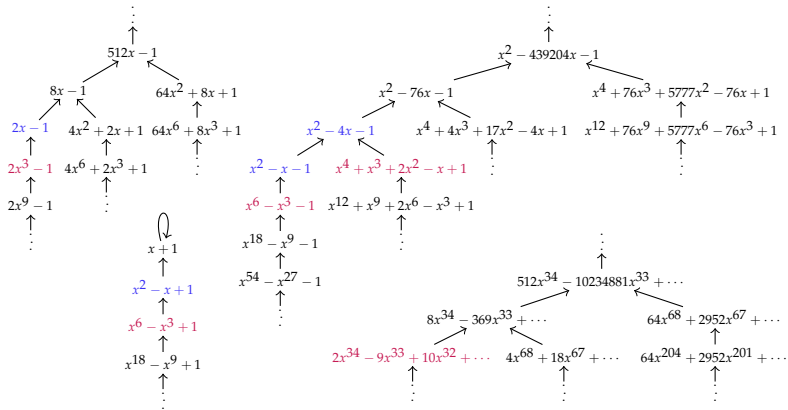


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