

Abelian surfaces with good reduction away from 2

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Longer proof: Classify the possible Euler factors $L_3(E/\mathbb{Q}, T)$, $L_5(E/\mathbb{Q}, T)$, and $L_7(E/\mathbb{Q}, T)$ and apply the Faltings-Serre-Livné criterion!

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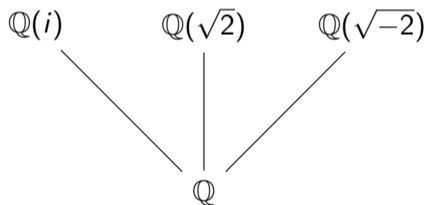


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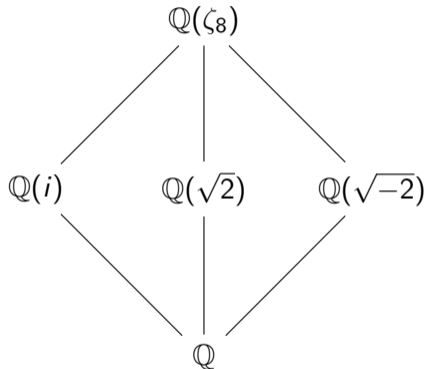


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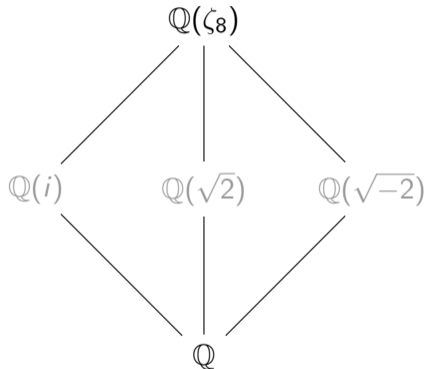


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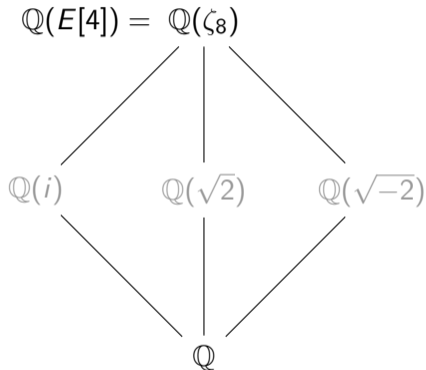


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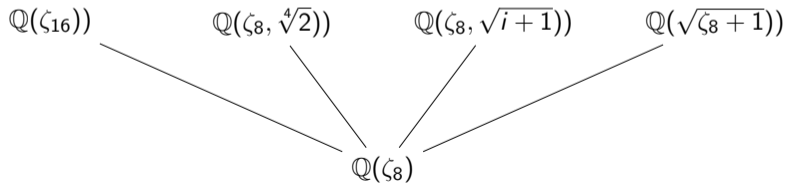


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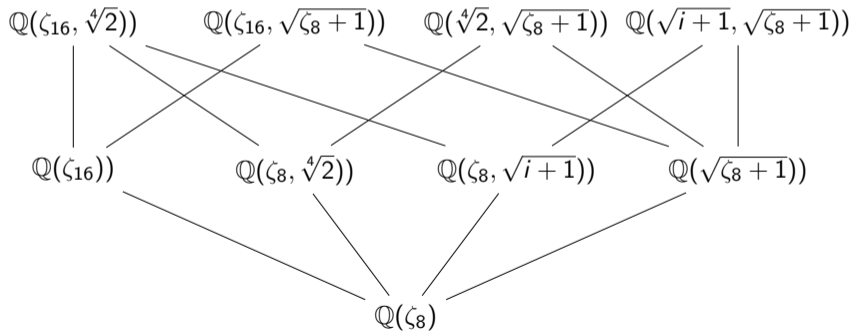


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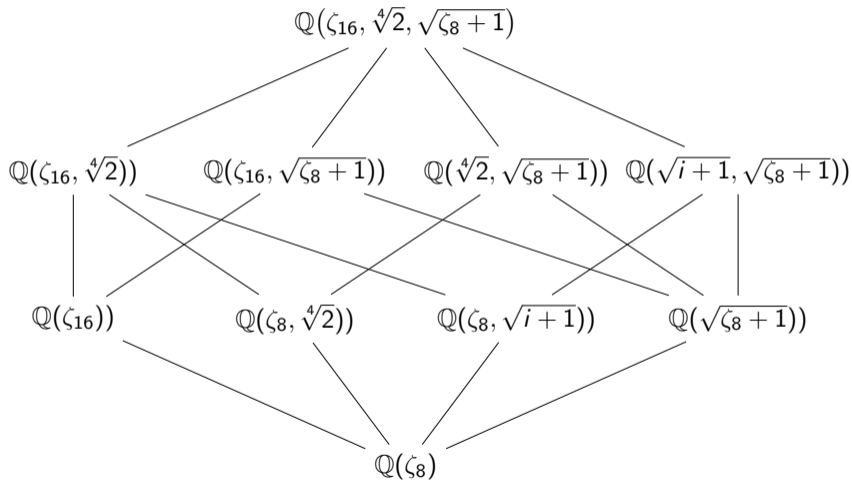


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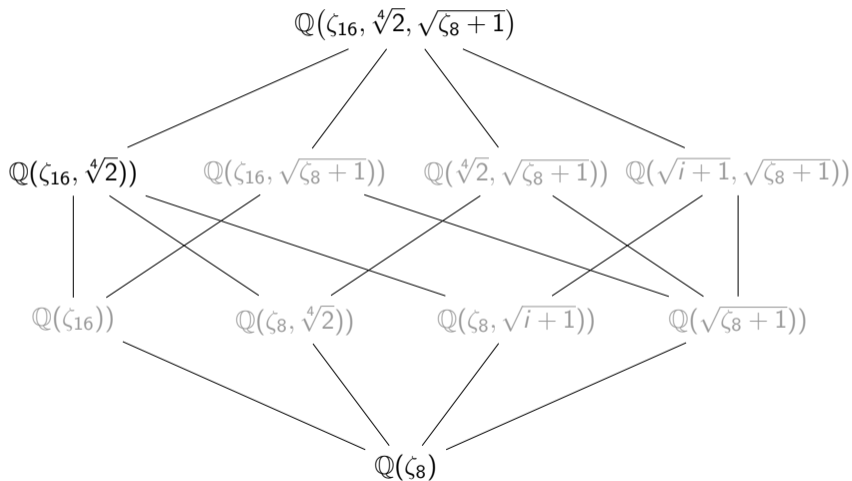


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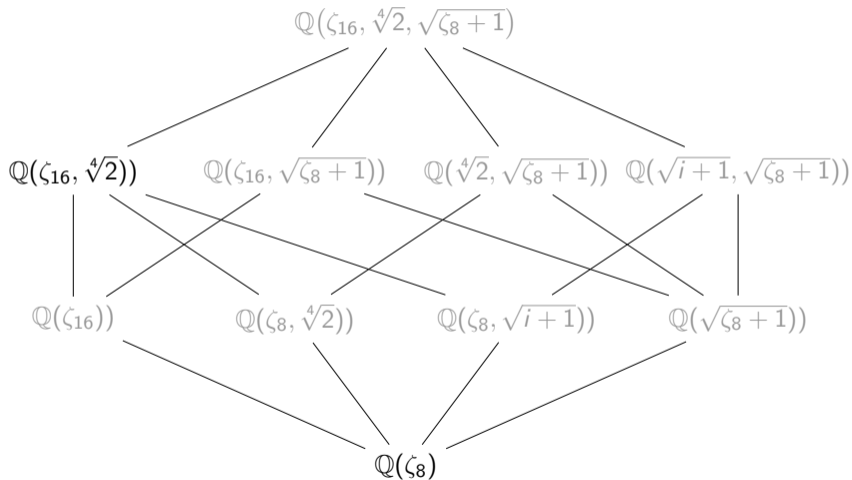


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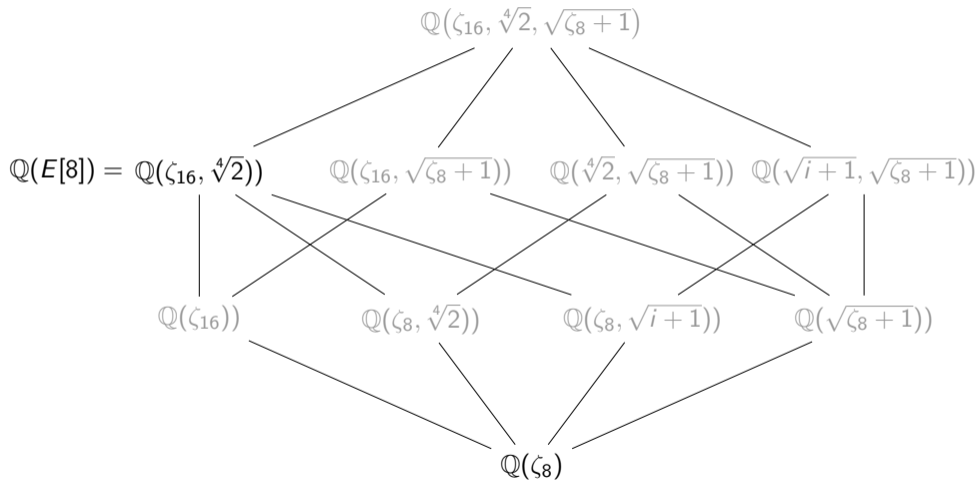


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$$\text{tr}(\text{Frob}_3) \equiv 0, \quad \text{tr}(\text{Frob}_5) \equiv 2 \text{ or } -2, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{tr}(\text{Frob}_7) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}.$$

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