

Méthodes galoisiennes pour l'indépendance différentielle de séries génératrices

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$$\Updownarrow$$

$$(l_q(qx) - \frac{a_{n-1}(qx)}{n}) = (l_q(x) - \frac{a_{n-1}(x)}{n})$$

That is $l_q(x) - \frac{a_{n-1}(x)}{n}$ is an elliptic function, a meromorphic function fixed by x goes to qx !

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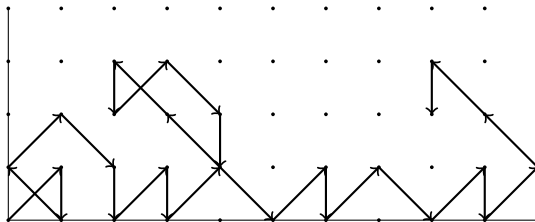
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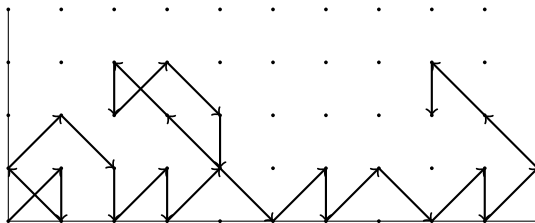
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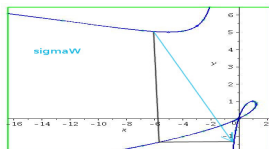
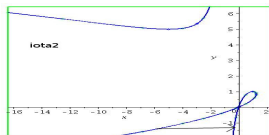
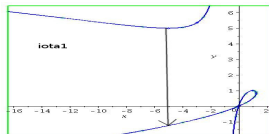
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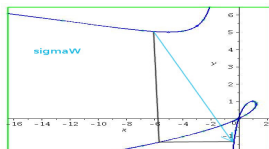
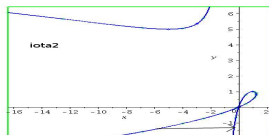
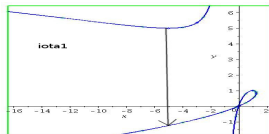
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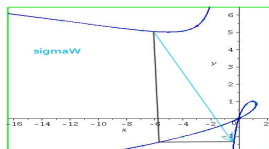
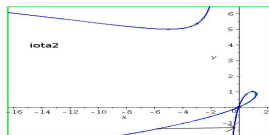
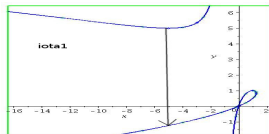
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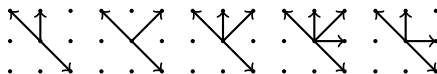


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