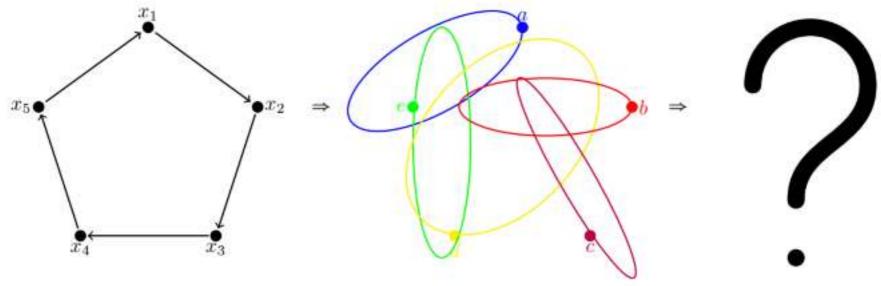
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Why is there no quintic formula?

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The well-known Abel-Ruffini theorem says that there is no formula for solving quintic equations in general. It usually takes (at least) one-semester-long graduatelevel course to learn this theorem, which was proved almost 200 years ago. In this talk, I will present a "proof" that does not require any deep knowledge in group theory or field theory.

