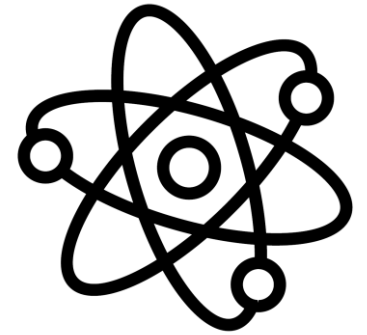


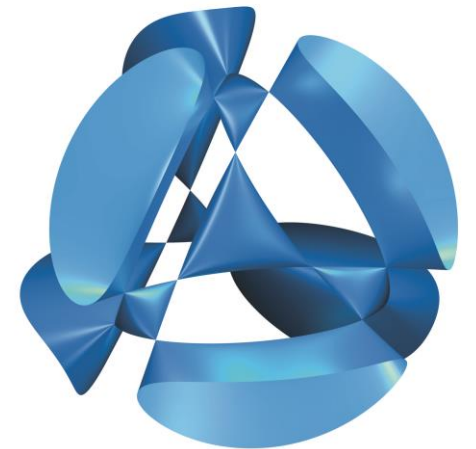
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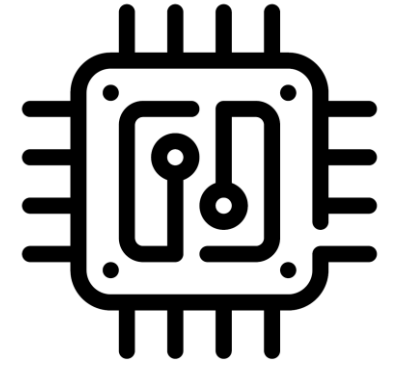
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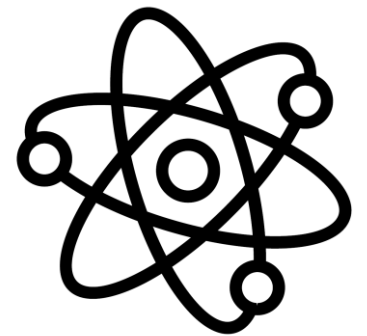
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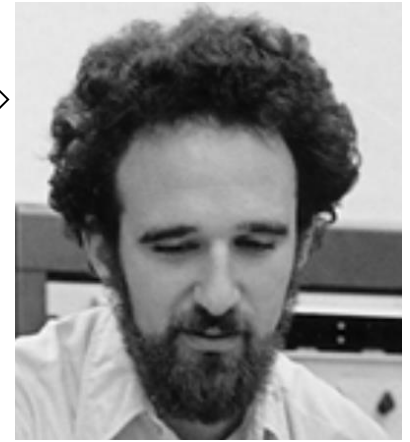
Diffie-Hellman key exchange (circa 1976)

$q = 1606938044258990275541962092341162602522202993782792835301301$

$g = 123456789$



$g^a \bmod q = 78467374529422653579754596319852702575499692980085777948593$



$560048104293218128667441021342483133802626271394299410128798 = g^b \bmod q$

$a =$

685408003627063
761059275919665
781694368639459
527871881531452

$b =$

362059131912941
987637880257325
269696682836735
524942246807440

$g^{ab} \bmod q = 437452857085801785219961443000845969831329749878767465041215$

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Index calculus

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solve $g^x \equiv h \pmod{p}$
e.g. $3^x \equiv 37 \pmod{1217}$

- factor base $p_i = \{2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19\}$, $\#p_i = 8$
- Find 8 values of k where 3^k splits over p_i , i.e., $3^k \equiv \pm \prod p_i \pmod{p}$

(mod 1217)

$$\begin{aligned}3^1 &\equiv 3 \\3^{24} &\equiv -2^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \\3^{25} &\equiv 5^3 \\3^{30} &\equiv -2 \cdot 5^2 \\3^{34} &\equiv -3 \cdot 7 \cdot 19 \\3^{54} &\equiv -5 \cdot 11 \\3^{71} &\equiv -17 \\3^{87} &\equiv 13\end{aligned}$$

(mod 1216)

$$\begin{aligned}1 &\equiv L(3) \\24 &\equiv 608 + 2 \cdot L(2) + L(7) + L(13) \\25 &\equiv 3 \cdot L(5) \\30 &\equiv 608 + L(2) + 2 \cdot L(5) \\34 &\equiv 608 + L(3) + L(7) + L(19) \\54 &\equiv 608 + L(5) + L(11) \\71 &\equiv 608 + L(17) \\87 &\equiv L(13)\end{aligned}$$

(mod 1216)

$$\begin{aligned}L(2) &\equiv 216 \\L(3) &\equiv 1 \\L(5) &\equiv 819 \\L(7) &\equiv 113 \\L(11) &\equiv 1059 \\L(13) &\equiv 87 \\L(17) &\equiv 679 \\L(19) &\equiv 528\end{aligned}$$

Index calculus

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{solve} \quad g^x \equiv h \pmod{p} \\ \text{e.g.} \quad 3^x \equiv 37 \pmod{1217} \end{array}$$

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Now search for j such that $g^j \cdot h = 3^j \cdot 37$ factors over p_i

$$3^{16} \cdot 37 \equiv 2^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \pmod{1217}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(37) &\equiv 3 \cdot L(2) + L(7) + L(11) - 16 \pmod{1216} \\ &\equiv 3 \cdot 216 + 113 + 1059 - 1 \\ &\equiv 588 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Subexponential complexity } L_p\left[1/3, (64/9)^{1/3}\right] = e^{\left(\left(64/9\right)^{1/3} + o(1)\right)(\ln(p))^{1/3} \cdot (\ln \ln(p))^{2/3}}$$

Diffie-Hellman key exchange (circa 2016)

$$q =$$

5809605995369958062859502533304574370686975176362895236661486152287203730997110225737336044533118407251326157754980517443990529594540047121662885672187032401032111639706440498844049850989051627200244765807041812394729680540024104827976584369381522292321620877904476989274322575173807697956881130957912551133309324351955378481630638158016186020024749256844815024251530444957718760413642873858099017255157393414625583036640591500086964373205321856683254529110790372283163413859958640669032595972518744716905954080501231020963901175074876001709536073423494575741627299485601330861695852995830467763701918159408852834506128586389827176345729488354663887955431161544644633019925438234001629205709075117553388816191898729591531536698701292267685465517437915790823154844634780260102891718032495396075041899485513811126977307478969074857043710716150121315922024556759241239013152919710956468406379442914941614357107914462567329693649

$$g = 123456789$$

$$g^a \pmod{q} =$$

197496648183227193286262018614250555971909799762533760654008147994875775445667054218578105133138217497206890599554928429450667899476854668595594034093493637562451078938296960313488696178848142491351687253054602202966247046105770771577248321682117174246128321195678537631520278649403464797353691996736993577092687178385602298873558954121056430522899619761453727082217823475746223803790014235051396799049446508224661850168149957401474638456716624401906701394472447015052569417746372185093302535739383791980070572381421729029651639304234361268764971707763484300668923972868709121665568669830978657804740157916611563508569886847487726766712073860961529476071145597063402090591037030181826355218987380945462945580355697525966763466146993277420884712557411847558661178122098955149524361601993365326052422101474898256696660124195726100495725510022002932814218768060112310763455404567248761396399633344901857872119208518550803791724

$$g^b \pmod{q} =$$

4116046620695933066832285256534418724107779992205720799935743972371563687620383783327424719396665449687938178193214952698336131699379861648113207956169499574005182063853102924755292845506262471329301240277031401312209687711427883948465928161110782751969552580451787052540164697735099369253619948958941630655511051619296131392197821987575429848264658934577688891556151450504809185615941297757604907356322557280988097005839650171966585311010130843264742778656552512132877258716784203762419014390978793866584200569191199739672645511075844855255374428846437906540312125397571803103278271979007681841394534114315726120595749993896347981789310754194864577435905673172970033596584445206671223874399576560291954856168126236657381519414592942037018351232440467191228145585909458612780918001663308764073238447199488070126873048860279221761629281961046255219584327714817248626243962413613075956770018017385724999495117779149416882188

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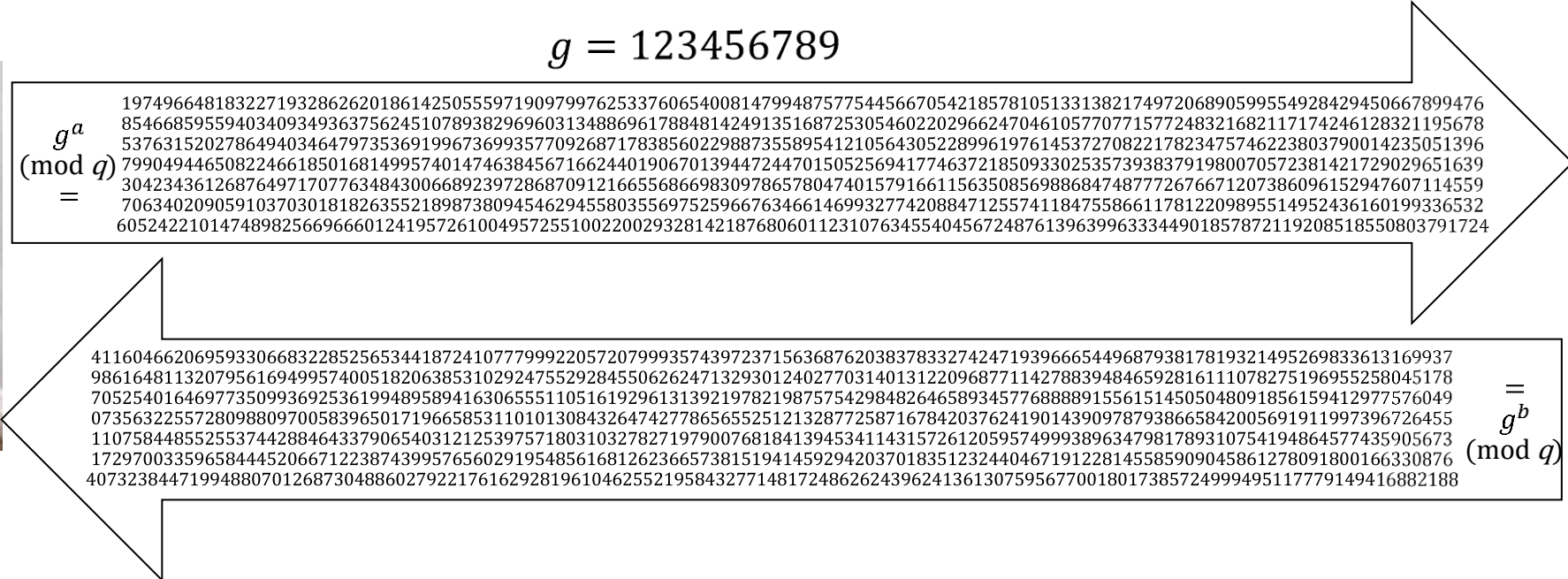
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$$b =$$

655456209464694:93360682685816031704969423104727624468251177438749706128879957701936988268597627904791130623089758634282837985899070179573655906728357138638957122466760949930089855480244640303954430074800250796203638661931522988606354100532244846391589798641210273725583739654866539312854838650709031919742048649235894391903529930326769610050884043197927293771631632044938282992060398087034035751004673370850177483871488222487530964179187939548373175462003488493054039995051919167947122405558557093219350747155775695816370085092039470528193639241108443600686183528465724969562186437214972625833225448659961604655845629937016589470425264456241578995869726529356478569670926896042796501209877036845001246792761563917639959736383038665362727158

$$g^{ab} =$$

33016691952419214932376173359842624469122419995889465403633152639435009908862730297983333950118305919811398788006673941999923137897071530703931787625845387670112454384952097943023302775032650107245135512092795731832349343596366965069683257694895110289436988215186894965977582185407675178858364641602894716513645524907139614566085360133016497539758756106596557555674744381803579583602267087423481750455634370758409692308267670340611194376574669939893893482895996003389503722513369326735717434288230260146992320711161713922195996910968467141336433827457093761125005143009836512019611866134642676859265636245898172596372485581049036573719816844170539930826718273452528414333373254200883800592320891749460865366649848360413340316504386926391062876271575757583831289710534010374070317315095828076395094487046179839301350287596589383292751933079161318839043121329118930009948197899907586986108953591420279426874779423560221038460



Diffie-Hellman key exchange (cont.)

- Individual secret keys secure under Discrete Log Problem (DLP): $g, g^x \mapsto x$
- Shared secret secure under Diffie-Hellman Problem (DHP): $g, g^a, g^b \mapsto g^{ab}$
- Fundamental operation in DH is group exponentiation: $g, x \mapsto g^x$
... done via “square-and-multiply”, e.g., $(x)_2 = (1,0,1,1,0,0,0,1 \dots)$
- We are working “**mod** q ”, but only with one operation: multiplication
- Main reason for fields being so big: (sub-exponential) index calculus attacks!

DH key exchange (Koblitz-Miller style)

If all we need is a group, why not use elliptic curve groups?



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Elliptic Curve Cryptosystems

By Neal Koblitz

This paper is dedicated to Daniel Shanks on the occasion of his seventieth birthday

Abstract. We discuss analogs based on elliptic curves over finite fields of public key cryptosystems which use the multiplicative group of a finite field. These elliptic curve cryptosystems may be more secure, because the analog of the discrete logarithm problem on elliptic curves is likely to be harder than the classical discrete logarithm problem, especially over $GF(2^n)$. We discuss the question of primitive points on an elliptic curve modulo p , and give a theorem on nonsmoothness of the order of the cyclic subgroup generated by a global point.

1. Introduction. The earliest public key cryptosystems using number theory were based on the structure either of the multiplicative group $(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^*$ or the multiplicative group of a finite field $GF(q)$, $q = p^n$. The subsequent construction of analogous systems based on other finite Abelian groups, together with H. W. Lenstra's success in using elliptic curves for integer factorization, make it natural to study the possibility of public key cryptography based on the structure of the group of points of an elliptic curve over a large finite field. We first briefly recall the facts we need about such elliptic curves (for more details, see [4] or [5]). We then describe elliptic curve analogs of the Massey-Omura and ElGamal systems. We give some concrete examples, discuss the question of primitive points, and conclude with a theorem concerning the probability that the order of a cyclic subgroup is nonsmooth.

I would like to thank A. Odlyzko for valuable discussions and correspondence, and for sending me a preprint by V. S. Miller, who independently arrived at some similar ideas about elliptic curves and cryptography.

2. Elliptic Curves. An elliptic curve E_K defined over a field K of characteristic $\neq 2$ or 3 is the set of solutions $(x, y) \in K^2$ to the equation

$$(1) \quad y^2 = x^3 + ax + b, \quad a, b \in K$$

(where the cubic on the right has no multiple roots). More precisely, it is the set of such solutions together with a "point at infinity" (with homogeneous coordinates $(0, 1, 0)$); if K is the real numbers, this corresponds to the vertical direction which the tangent line to E_K approaches as $x \rightarrow \infty$. One can start out with a more complicated general formula for E_K which can easily be reduced to (1) by a linear change of variables whenever $\text{char } K \neq 2, 3$. If $\text{char } K = 2$ —an important case in

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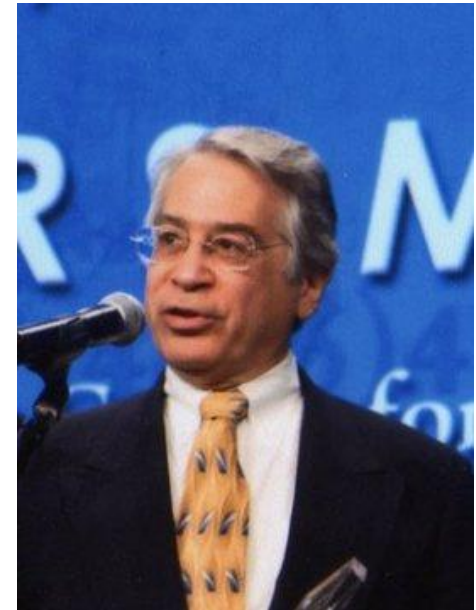
Use of Elliptic Curves in Cryptography

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ABSTRACT

We discuss the use of elliptic curves in cryptography. In particular, we propose an analogue of the Diffie-Hellman key exchange protocol which appears to be immune from attacks of the style of Western, Miller, and Adleman. With the current bounds for infeasible attack, it appears to be about 20% faster than the Diffie-Hellman scheme over $GF(p)$. As computational power grows, this disparity should get rapidly bigger.



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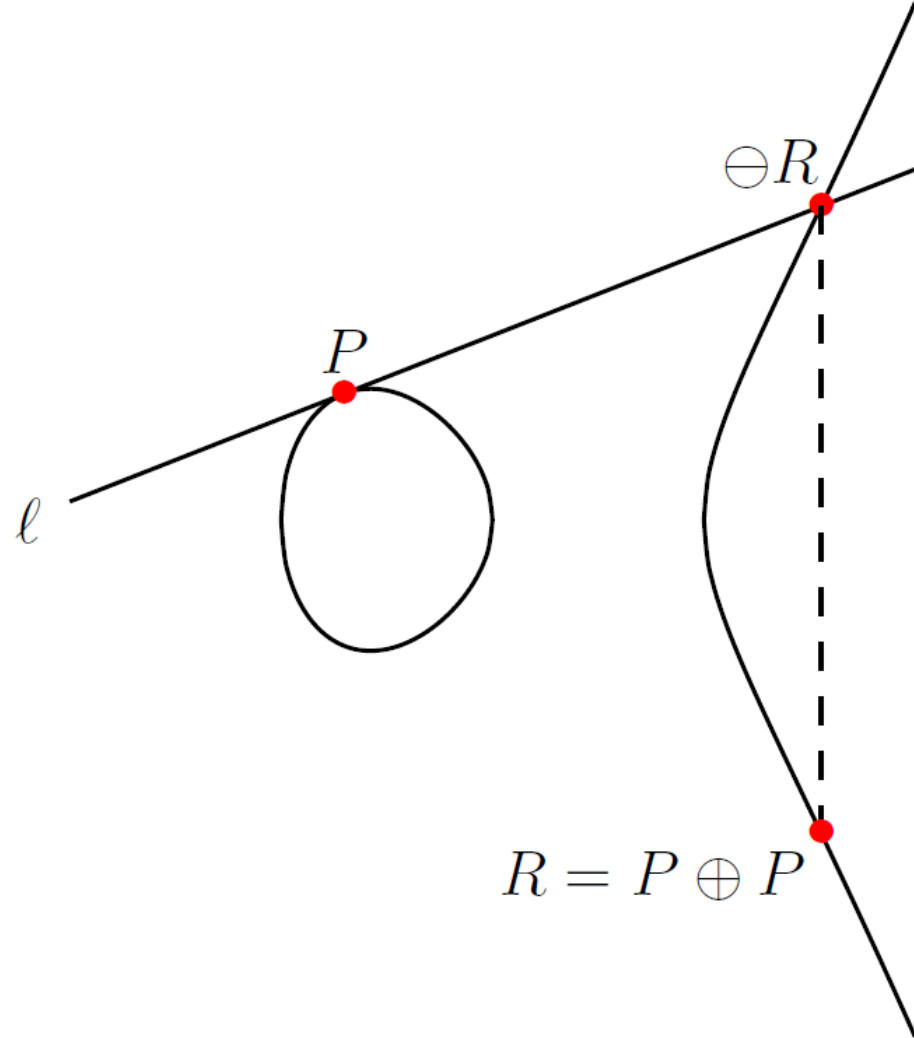
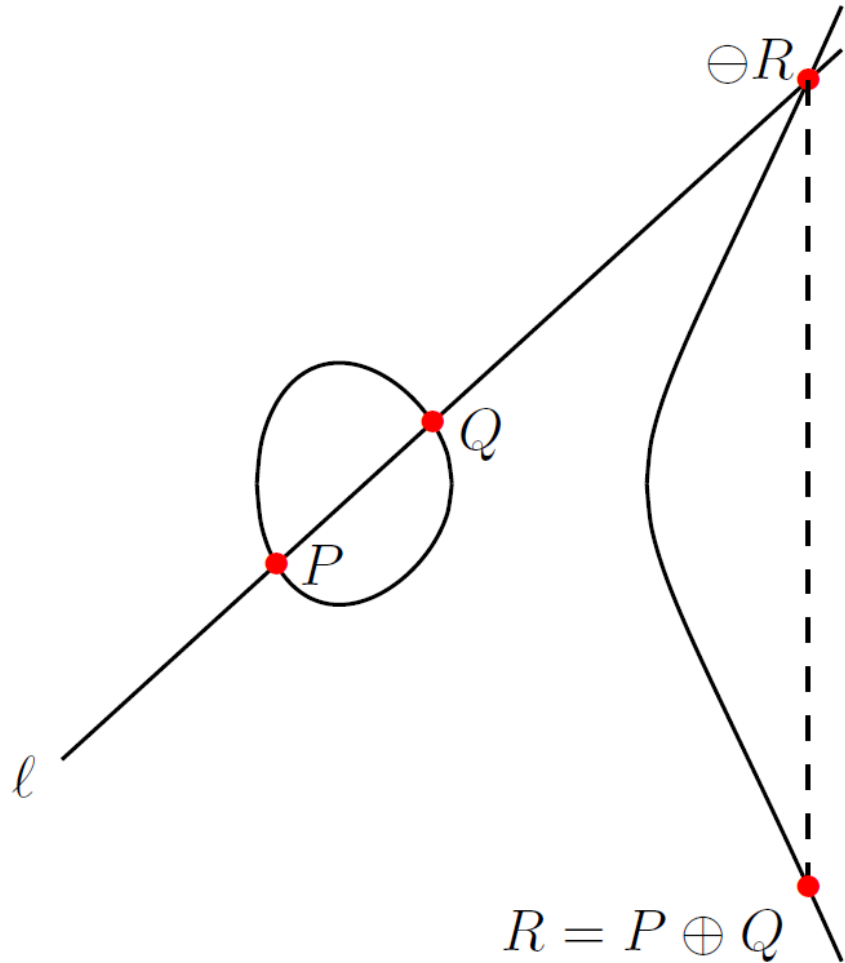
Rationale: "it is extremely unlikely that an index calculus attack on the elliptic curve method will ever be able to work" [Miller, 85]

Elliptic curve group law is easy

Fun fact: homomorphism between Jacobian of elliptic curve and elliptic curve itself

Upshot: you don't have to know what a Jacobian is to understand/do elliptic curve cryptography

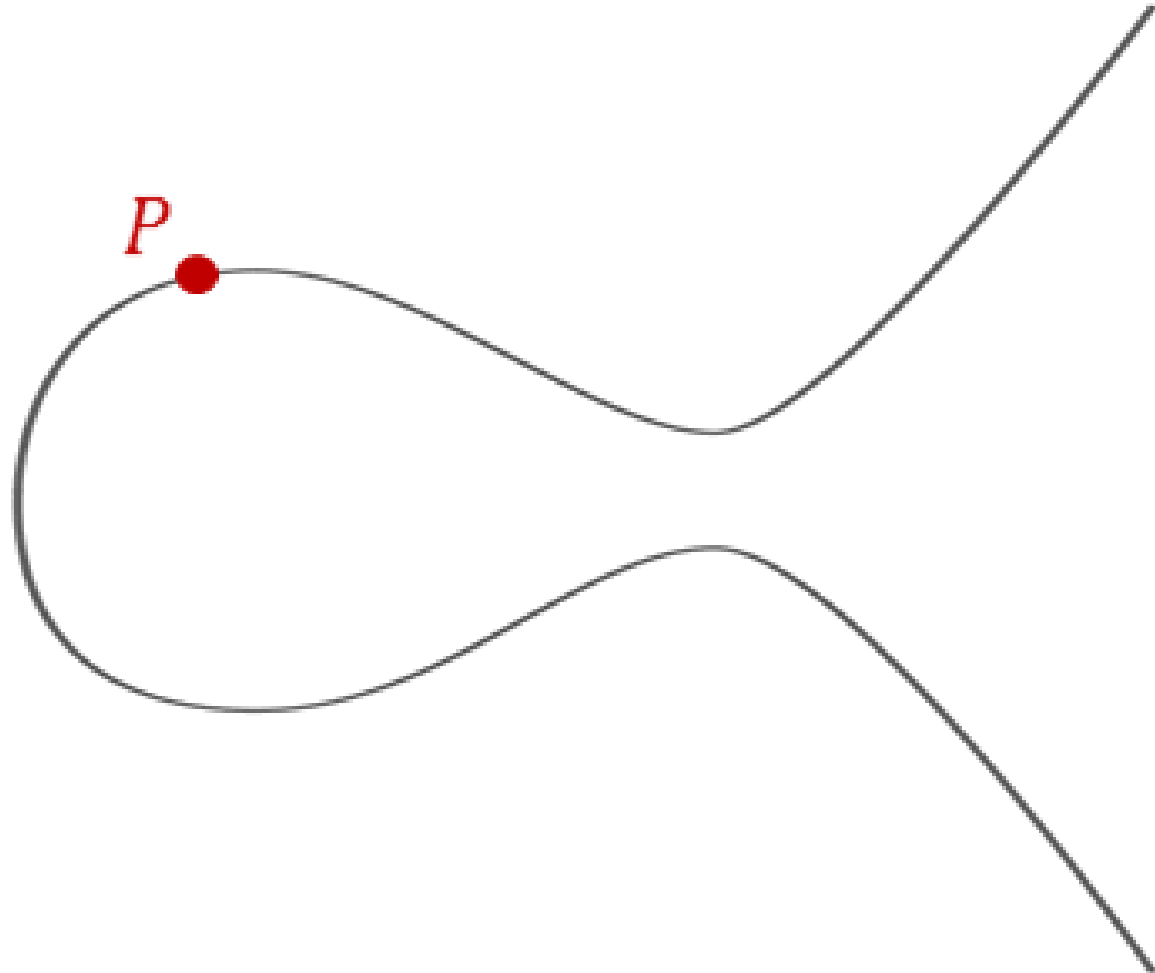
The elliptic curve group law \oplus



a line that intersects a cubic twice must intersect it again

The fundamental ECC operation

$$P, k \mapsto [k]P$$



Scalar multiplications via double-and-add

How to (naively) compute $k, Q \mapsto [k]Q$?

$$P \leftarrow Q$$

$$k = (k_n, k_{n-1}, \dots, k_0)_2$$

for i from $n - 1$ downto 0 do

$$P \leftarrow [2]P$$

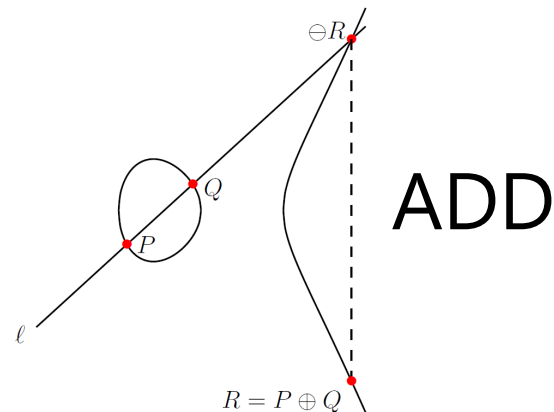
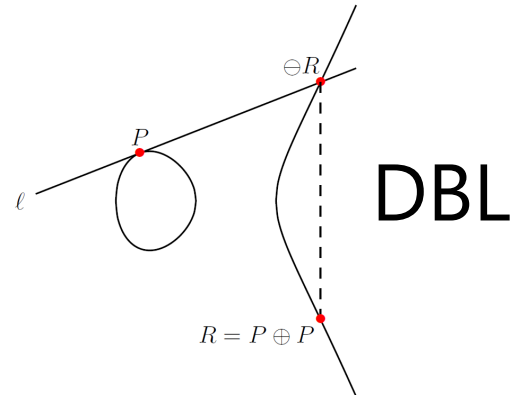
if $k_i = 1$ then

$$P \leftarrow P \oplus Q$$

end if

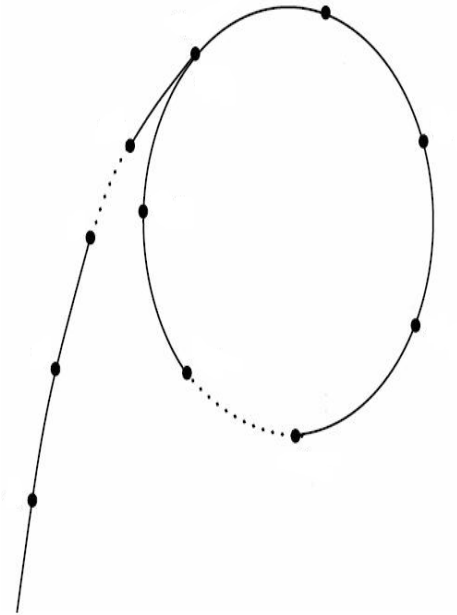
end for

return $P (= [k]Q)$



ECDLP security and Pollard's rho algorithm

- ECDLP: given $P, Q \in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ of prime order N , find k such that $Q = [k]P$
- Pollard'78: compute pseudo-random $R_i = [a_i]P + [b_i]Q$ until we find a collision $R_i = R_j$ with $b_i \neq b_j$, then $k = (a_j - a_i)/(b_i - b_j)$
- Birthday paradox says we can expect collision after computing $\sqrt{\pi n/2}$ group elements R_i , i.e., after $\approx \sqrt{N}$ group operations. So 2^{128} security needs $N \approx 2^{256}$
- The best known ECDLP algorithm on (well-chosen) elliptic curves remains generic, i.e., elliptic curves are as strong as is possible



Index calculus on elliptic curves?

[Miller, 85] : "it is extremely unlikely that an index calculus [...] will ever be able to work"

Consider E/\mathbb{F}_{1217} : $y^2 = x^3 - 3x + 139$

$$\#E(\mathbb{F}_{1217}) = 1277$$

$$P = (3,401) \text{ and } Q = (192,847)$$

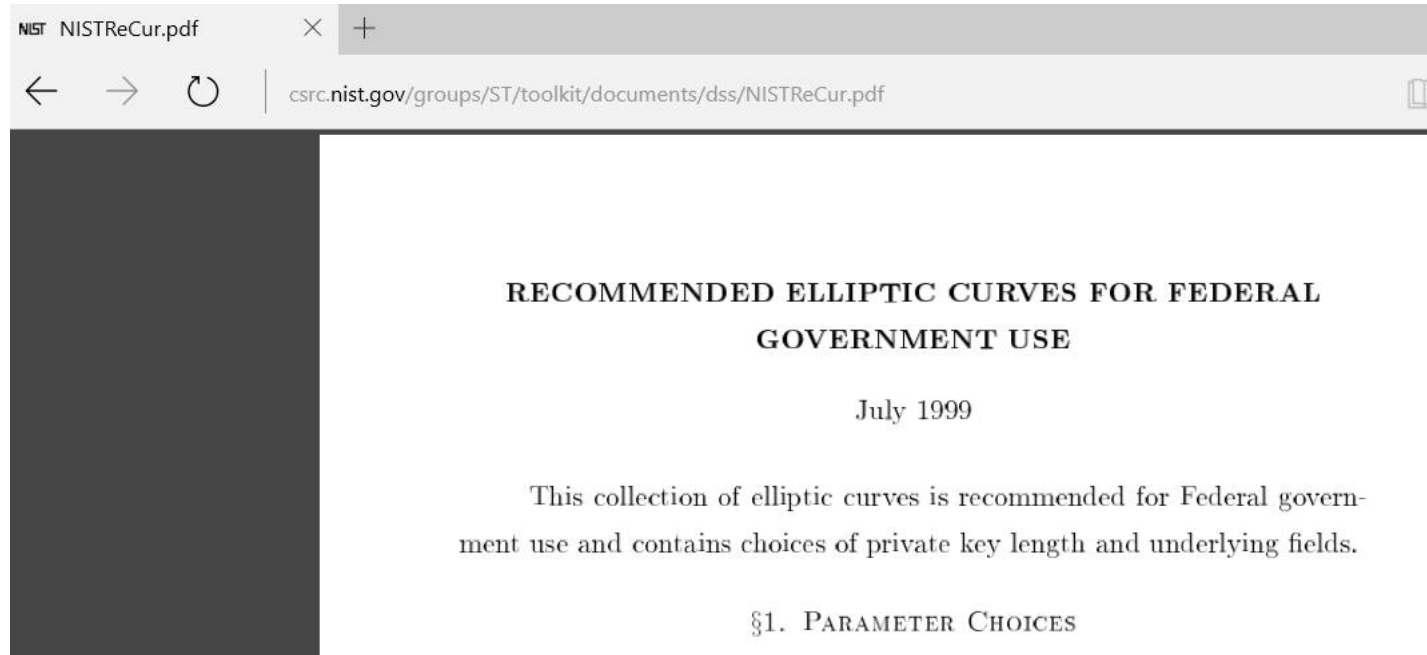
ECDLP: find k such that $[k]P = Q$

Regardless of factor base, can't efficiently decompose elements!

e.g., factor base $R_i = \{(3,401), (5,395), (7,73), (11,252), (13,104), (19,265)\}$

Writing $S = \sum [k_i]R_i$ involves solving discrete logarithms, compare this to integers **mod** p where we lift and factorise over the integers

NIST Curve P-256



Curve P-256

$p = 11579208921035624876269744694940757353008614\backslash$
3415290314195533631308867097853951

$r = 11579208921035624876269744694940757352999695\backslash$
5224135760342422259061068512044369

$s = c49d3608\ 86e70493\ 6a6678e1\ 139d26b7\ 819f7e90$

$c =$ 7efba166 2985be94 03cb055c
75d4f7e0 ce8d84a9 c5114abc af317768 0104fa0d

$b =$ 5ac635d8 aa3a93e7 b3ebbd55
769886bc 651d06b0 cc53b0f6 3bce3c3e 27d2604b

$G_x =$ 6b17d1f2 e12c4247 f8bce6e5
63a440f2 77037d81 2deb33a0 f4a13945 d898c296

$G_y =$ 4fe342e2 fe1a7f9b 8ee7eb4a
7c0f9e16 2bce3357 6b315ece cbb64068 37bf51f5

§2. CURVES OVER PRIME FIELDS

For each prime p , a pseudo-random curve

$$E : y^2 \equiv x^3 - 3x + b \pmod{p}$$

ECDH key exchange (1999 – nowish)

$$p = 2^{256} - 2^{224} + 2^{192} + 2^{96} - 1$$

$p = 115792089210356248762697446949407573530086143415290314195533631308867097853951$

$$E/\mathbb{F}_p: y^2 = x^3 - 3x + b$$

$\#E = 115792089210356248762697446949407573529996955224135760342422259061068512044369$

$P = (48439561293906451759052585252797914202762949526041747995844080717082404635286, 36134250956749795798585127919587881956611106672985015071877198253568414405109)$



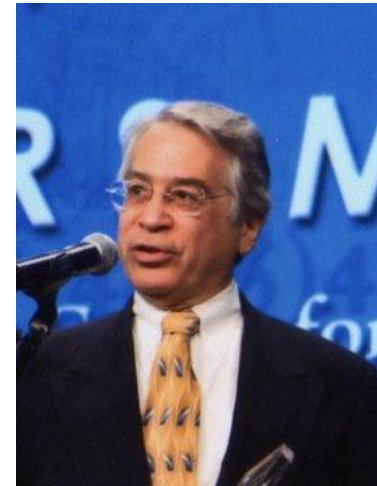
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$[a]P = (84116208261315898167593067868200525612344221886333785331584793435449501658416, 102885655542185598026739250172885300109680266058548048621945393128043427650740)$

$[b]P = (101228882920057626679704131545407930245895491542090988999577542687271695288383, 77887418190304022994116595034556257760807185615679689372138134363978498341594)$

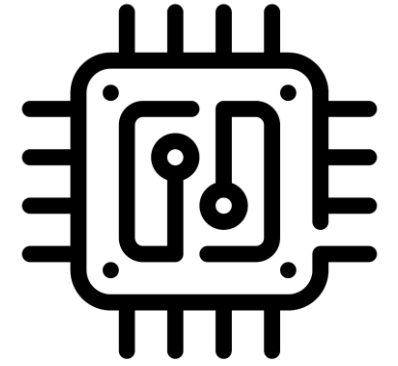
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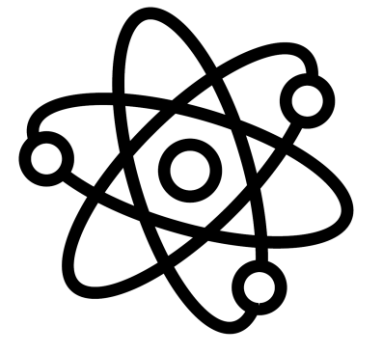
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Why hyperelliptic?

“These jacobian varieties seems to be a rich source of finite abelian groups for which, so far as is known, the discrete log problem is intractable” – [Koblitz '89]

Hyperelliptic Cryptosystems¹

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Abstract. In this paper we discuss a source of finite abelian groups suitable for cryptosystems based on the presumed intractability of the discrete logarithm problem for these groups. They are the jacobians of hyperelliptic curves defined over finite fields. Special attention is given to curves defined over the field of two elements. Explicit formulas and examples are given, and the problem of finding groups of almost prime order is discussed.

Key words. Cryptosystem, Public key, Discrete logarithm, Hyperelliptic curve, Jacobian.

1. Introduction

In a finite abelian group, if an element was obtained as a multiple of another known element (the “base”), the discrete logarithm problem consists in finding the integer that was multiplied by the base to get the element. Whenever we have a finite abelian group for which the discrete log problem appears to be intractable, we can construct various public key cryptosystems in which taking large multiples of a group element is the trapdoor function. Such cryptosystems were first constructed from the multiplicative group of a finite field. However, because certain special techniques are available for attacking the discrete log problem in that case (especially when the field has characteristic 2, see [13]), it is worthwhile to study other sources of finite abelian groups.

In [8] we described how the group of points on an elliptic curve can be used to construct public key cryptosystems. The purpose of the present article is to discuss the more general class of groups obtained from the jacobians of hyperelliptic curves. These jacobian varieties seem to be a rich source of finite abelian groups for which, so far as is known, the discrete log problem is intractable. We pay special attention to the case when the ground field has characteristic 2, because arithmetic over such fields is particularly amenable to efficient implementation, and because it is in that case that the multiplicative group of the field does not provide secure cryptosystems unless the size of the field is extremely large, as explained in [13].

After giving the basic definitions of the group elements and the group addition in Section 2, we describe an algorithm for addition in Section 3. In Sections 2 and

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Hyper is (way) harder!

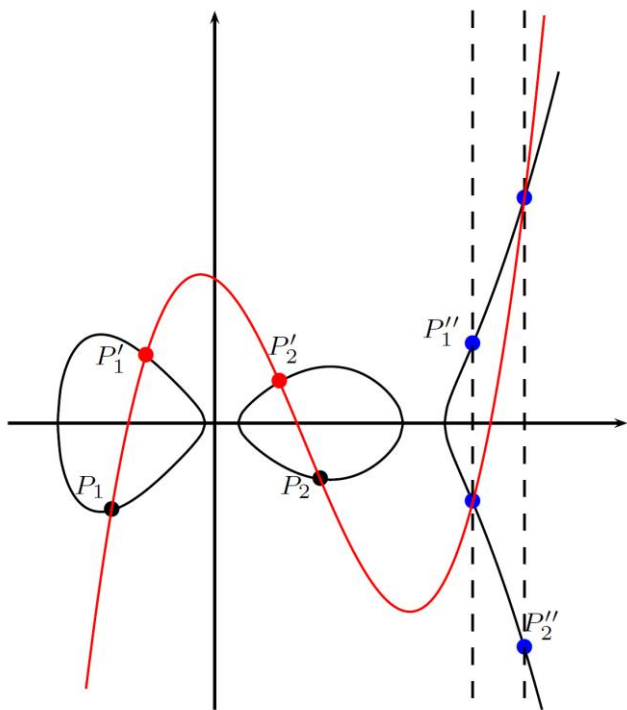
- Everything is much more complicated beyond genus 1: understanding, group law, arithmetic, point counting (i.e. finding strong instantiations), implementation, etc...
- The practical incentive for HECC in genus $g > 1$ boils down to

$$\#J_C(\mathbb{F}_q) = O(q^g) \quad (\text{see Ben's notes})$$

- E.g. $g = 2$ with $p \approx 2^n$ gets the same size cryptographic groups as $g = 1$ with $p \approx 2^{2n}$, i.e. we **can use fields of half the size!**
- But things no longer “easy” like it was in genus 1... must understand the language of divisors (see Ben's slides)

Genus 2 group law

Addition $D \oplus D' = D''$



$$C/K : y^2 = x^5 + \dots$$

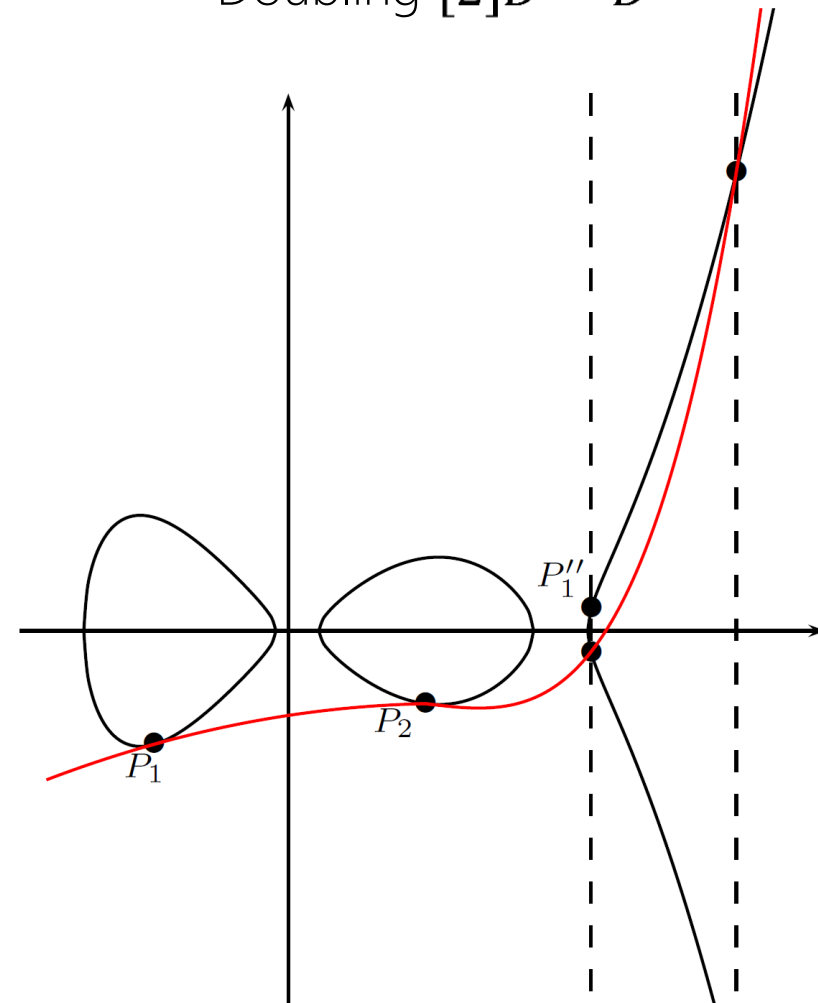
$$D = (P_1) + (P_2) - 2(\infty)$$

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$$D'' = (P_1'') + (P_2'') - 2(\infty)$$

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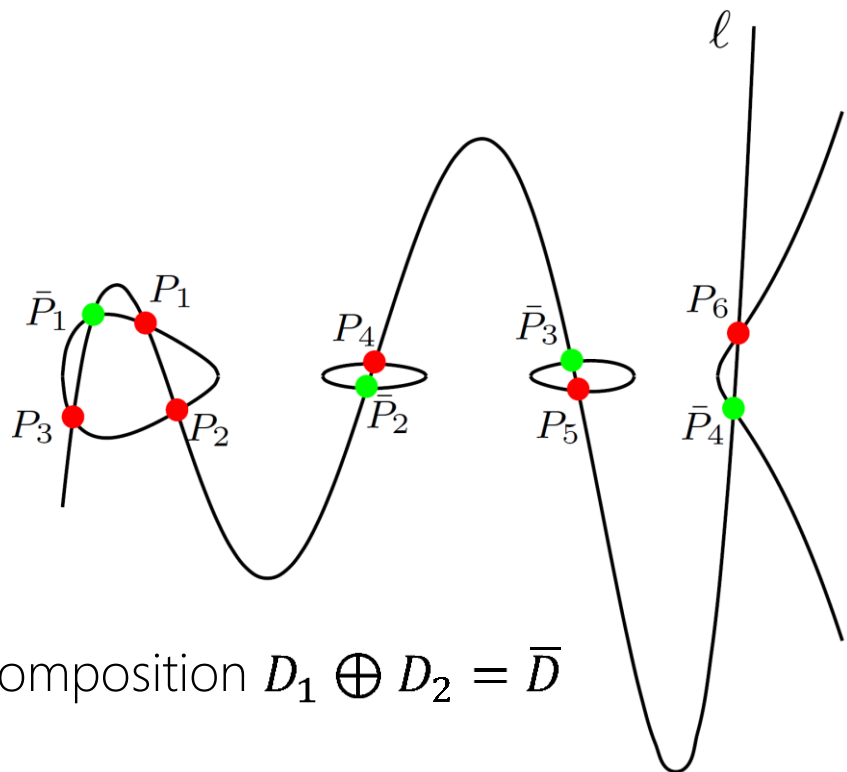
Doubling $[2]D = D''$



$$\text{div}(\ell) = 2(P_1) + 2(P_2) + (\iota(P_1'')) + (\iota(P_2'')) - 6(\infty)$$

Genus 3 group law

$$C/K : y^2 = x^7 + \dots$$



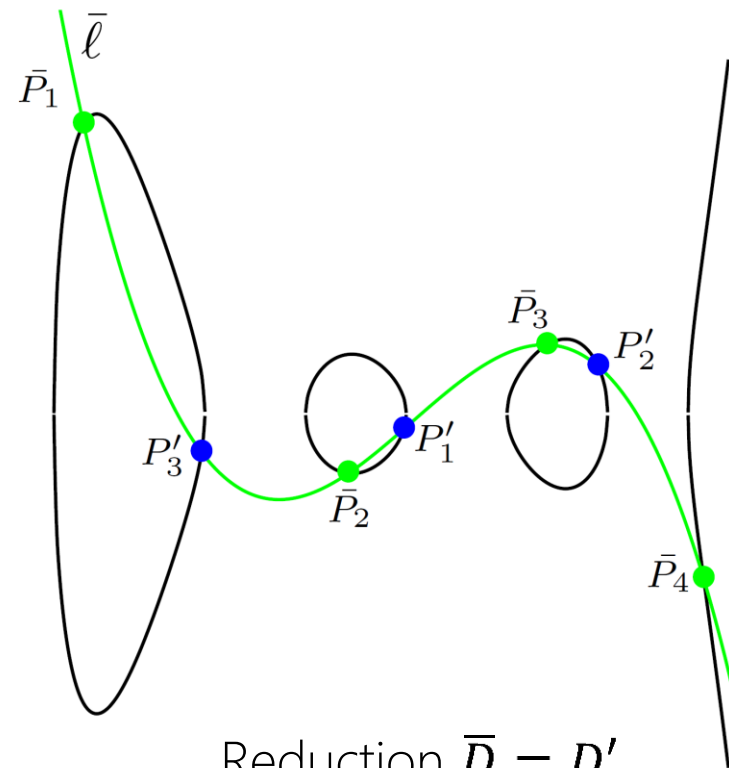
Composition $D_1 \oplus D_2 = \bar{D}$

$$D_1 = (P_1) + (P_2) + (P_3) - 3(\infty)$$

$$D_2 = (P_4) + (P_5) + (P_6) - 3(\infty)$$

$$\bar{D} = (\bar{P}_1) + (\bar{P}_2) + (\bar{P}_3) + (\bar{P}_4) - 4(\infty)$$

$$D' = (P'_1) + (P'_2) + (P'_3) - 3(\infty)$$



Reduction $\bar{D} = D'$

Mumford representation

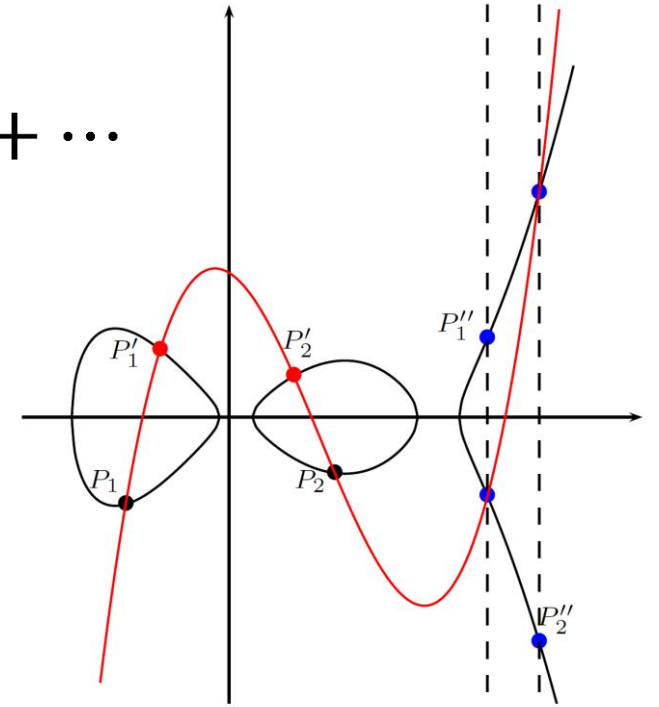
$$D = (a(x), b(x)) \\ = (x^2 + a_1x + a_0, b_1x + b_0)$$

$$D' = (a'(x), b'(x)) \\ = (x^2 + a'_1x + a'_0, b'_1x + b'_0)$$

Addition $D \oplus D' = D''$

1. Compute cubic $l(x) = l_3x^3 + \dots + l_0$ such that $l(x) \equiv b(x) \pmod{a(x)}$ and $l'(x) \equiv b'(x) \pmod{a'(x)}$
2. Solve $l(x)^2 - (x^5 + \dots) = a(x)a'(x)a''(x)$ for $a''(x)$
3. Compute $b''(x) \equiv -l(x) \pmod{a''(x)}$
4. Output $D'' = (a''(x), b''(x))$

$$C/K : y^2 = x^5 + \dots$$



$$D = (P_1) + (P_2) - 2(\infty)$$

$$D' = (P'_1) + (P'_2) - 2(\infty)$$

$$D'' = (P''_1) + (P''_2) - 2(\infty)$$

Question

Why is it computationally preferable to work in Mumford coordinates rather than, say, using the coordinates of the points themselves?

Scalar multiplications via double-and-add

How to (naively) compute $k, Q \mapsto [k]Q$?

$$P \leftarrow Q$$

$$k = (k_n, k_{n-1}, \dots, k_0)_2$$

for i from $n - 1$ downto 0 do

$$P \leftarrow [2]P$$

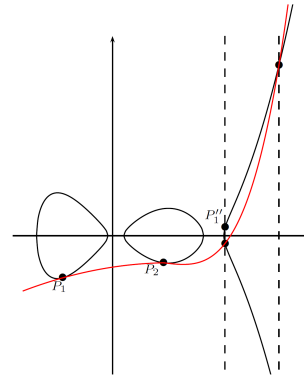
if $k_i = 1$ then

$$P \leftarrow P \oplus Q$$

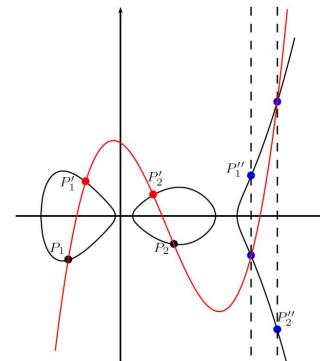
end if

end for

return $P (= [k]Q)$



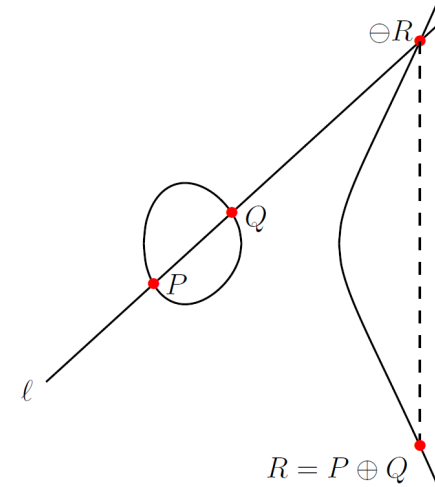
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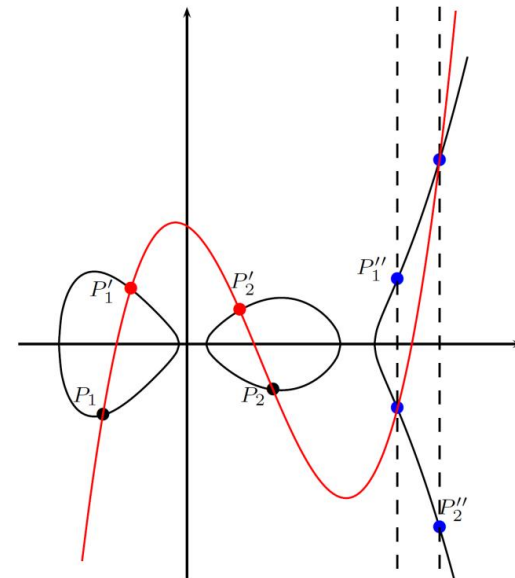
Trade-offs for prime order Jacobians...

- NIST (elliptic) Curve P-256
DBL \approx 8M
ADD \approx 16M

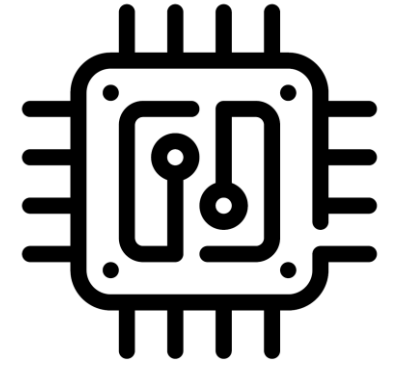


- Hyperelliptic P-128

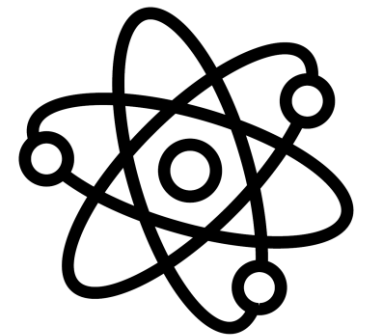
DBL \approx 35M
ADD \approx 63M



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Index calculus attacks genus $g \geq 3$

- Most reduced elements in $\text{Pic}^0(\mathcal{C})$ look like

$$(P_1) + (P_2) + (P_3) - 3(\infty)$$

- But some “special” divisors look like $(Q_1) + (Q_2) - 2(\infty)$, and some look like $(R_1) - (\infty)$
- Unlike the elliptic curve case, we now have a notion of “smallness” that allows a **factor base** for index calculus
- Compute multiples of DLP inputs until they “decompose” into special divisors and split over the factor base, i.e. $D = (a(x), b(x)) = (x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0, b_2x^2 + b_1x + b_0)$ where
$$a(x) = (x - x_{R_1})(x - x_{R_2})(x - x_{R_3})$$
- Then $D = D_1 + D_2 + D_3$ where $D_1 = (R_1) - (\infty)$, $D_2 = (R_2) - (\infty)$, $D_3 = (R_3) - (\infty)$.

Index calculus attacks genus $g \geq 3$

A double large prime variation for small genus hyperelliptic index calculus

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Abstract

In this article, we examine how the index calculus approach for computing discrete logarithms in small genus hyperelliptic curves can be improved by introducing a double large prime variation. Two algorithms are presented. The first algorithm is a rather natural adaptation of the double large prime variation to the intended context. On heuristic and experimental grounds, it seems to perform quite well but lacks a complete and precise analysis. Our second algorithm is a considerably simplified variant, which can be analyzed easily. The resulting complexity improves on the fastest known algorithms. Computer experiments show that for hyperelliptic curves of genus three, our first algorithm surpasses Pollard's Rho method even for rather small field sizes.

1 Introduction

The discrete logarithm problem in the jacobian group of a curve is known to be solvable in subexponential time if the genus is large compared to the base field size [1, 20, 8, 9, 14, 6]. The corresponding index calculus algorithm also works for small fixed genus, and although the running time becomes exponential it can still be better than Pollard's Rho algorithm [11]. Introducing a large prime variation [23], it is possible to obtain an index calculus algorithm that is asymptotically faster than Pollard's Rho algorithm already for genus 3 curves.

In the present work, we go one step further in this direction and introduce a double large prime variation for the small genus index calculus. Our algorithm is a simple extension to the single large prime algorithm of [23]. However, making a rigorous analysis is not that easy: Double large prime variations are commonly used in factorization algorithms and analyzed empirically. In order to obtain a proven complexity result, we introduce a simplified algorithm for the double large prime variation which lends itself much better to a rigorous complexity analysis. The analysis is made for fixed genus and growing field size. Our proof is valid for the restricted context of hyperelliptic curves in imaginary Weierstrass form with cyclic jacobian group, and the complexity result is stated as follows:

Theorem 1. *Let $g \geq 3$ be fixed. Let C be a hyperelliptic curve of genus g over \mathbb{F}_q given by an imaginary Weierstrass equation, such that the jacobian group $\text{Jac}_C(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is cyclic. Then the discrete logarithm problem in $\text{Jac}_C(\mathbb{F}_q)$ can be solved in expected time*

$$\tilde{O}\left(q^{2-\frac{2}{g}}\right)$$

as q tends to infinity.

The \tilde{O} -notation captures logarithmic factors. This complexity improves on the previous best bound $\tilde{O}(q^{2-\frac{2}{g+1}})$. The presented algorithm also applies to general curves of genus $g \geq 3$, not

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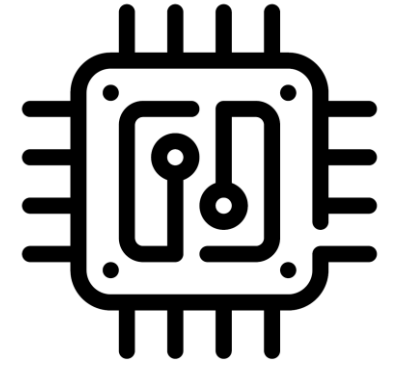
as q tends to infinity.

- $\tilde{O}(q^{2-2/g})$ not a theoretical deal-breaker (could scale parameters up), but trade-offs become unfavorable and non-generic attacks scared people away from $g > 2$

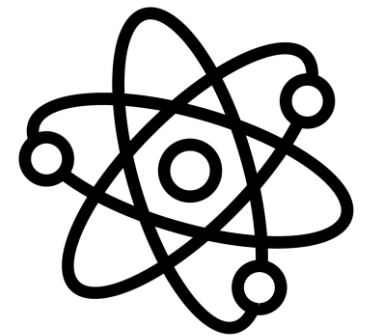
Question

Why did the theorem on the previous page start at $g = 3$? We handwaved that there's no special/small divisors in $g = 1$, but there are small divisors that could be used as a factor base in genus 2! So why does index calculus not also (buzz)kill $g = 2$?

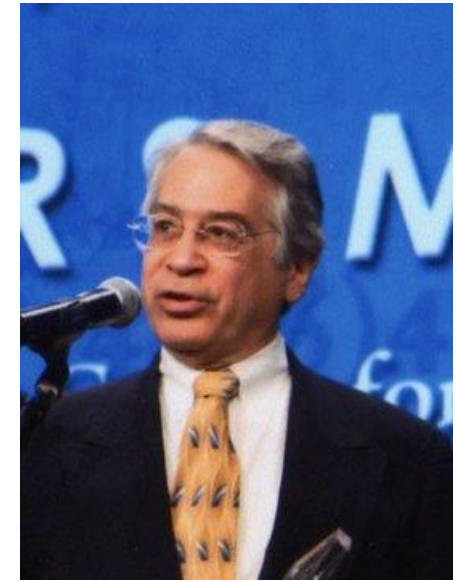
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Miller's seminal sign-off..



Use of Elliptic Curves in Cryptography

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ABSTRACT

We discuss the use of elliptic curves in cryptography. In particular, we propose an analogue of the Diffie-Hellmann key exchange protocol which appears to be immune from attacks of the style of Western, Miller, and Adleman. With the current bounds for infeasible attack, it appears to be about 20% faster than the Diffie-Hellmann scheme over GF(p). As computational power grows, this disparity should get rapidly bigger.

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In order to be secure from the Pohlig-Hellmann (or Pollard) algorithm, it is necessary that N_p , the number of points of E in F_p , have a prime factor $> p^\delta$, for α as close to 1 as possible. This is made possible by the algorithm of Schoof [19], which calculates N_p in time polynomial in $\log p$. In general it is not hard to find such good p . Theoretically, the best result known is one of Fouvry [20]: For any fixed non-zero integer a , a positive proportion of primes p have the property that the largest prime factor of $p + a$ is $\geq p^\delta$ where $\delta = 0.6687$.

Instead of using the Schoof algorithm, when searching for a good p , I have taken the following approach: Choose the curve to be:

$$E: y^2 = x^3 - ax$$

where a is not a perfect square. This curve has complex multiplication by $\sqrt{-1}$, and there is an exact formula for N_p (see [10]). In the case $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ we have $N_p = p + 1$. This is the so-called "supersingular" case. In this case we know even more. It is well known (see [1]) that any field containing the coordinates of all points of order l also contains the l -th roots of unity. This shows that a necessary condition for group of point over F_p to contain a subgroup isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/l\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/l\mathbb{Z}$ is that $l|p-1$. Because the number of points in the supersingular case is $p+1$ we have 2 as the only possibility for l . But, in our case, this happens if and only if, a is a quadratic residue modulo p . To sum up, in the case above the group of points modulo p is of order $p+1$, cyclic in the case $(a/p) = -1$, and a product of a cyclic group of order 2 and a cyclic group of order $(p+1)/2$ when $(a/p) = 1$.

The above choice of curve was taken for convenience in calculation. However, it may be prudent to avoid curves with complex multiplication because the extra structure of these curves might somehow be used to give a better algorithm.

Finally, it should be remarked, that even though we have phrased everything in terms of points on an elliptic curve, that, for the key exchange protocol (and other uses as one-way functions), that only the x -coordinate needs to be transmitted. The formulas for multiples of a point cited in the first section make it clear that the x -coordinate of a multiple depends only on the x -coordinate of the original point.

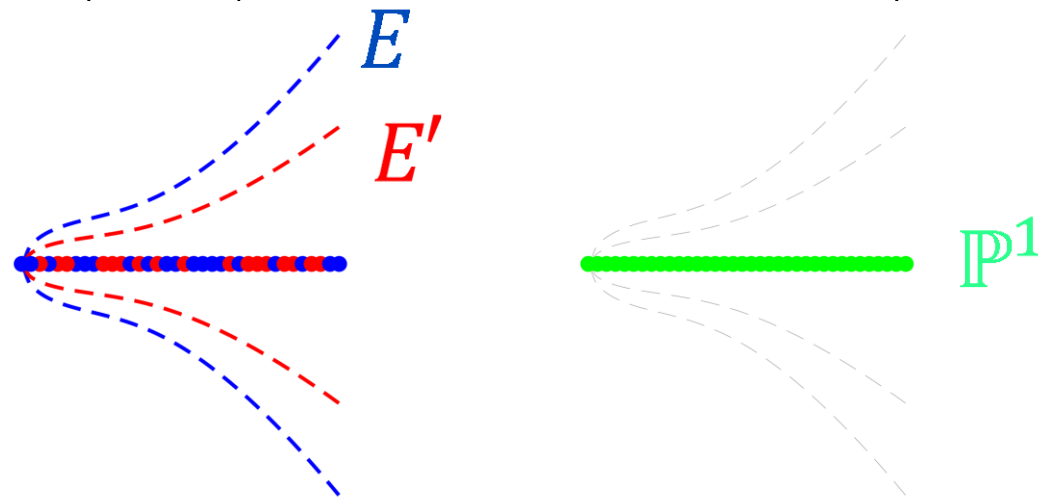
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Kummer lines in genus 1

- Recall (from Ben) that the Kummer variety of an abelian variety A is its quotient by Θ
- For $E: y^2 = x^3 + \dots$, we have $\Theta(x, y) = (x, -y)$, so $P \mapsto x(P)$ is the quotient $E/\langle\Theta\rangle$
- \mathbb{P}^1 is the Kummer variety of E , also the Kummer variety of E'



- E.g., every $x \in \mathbb{F}_q$ on either (or both) E or $E' = By^2 = x^3 + \dots$, $B \notin \square$

Montgomery's fast differential arithmetic

$$E/\mathbb{F}_p : y^2 = x^3 + Ax^2 + x$$

[paper](#)

- drop the y -coordinate, and work with x -only.
- projectively, work with $(X : Z) \in \mathbb{P}^1$ instead of $(X : Y : Z) \in \mathbb{P}^2$
- But (pseudo-)addition of $x(P)$ and $x(Q)$ requires $x(Q \ominus P)$

Extremely fast pseudo-doubling: **xDBL**

$$X_{[2]P} = (X_P + Z_P)^2 (X_P - Z_P)^2$$

$2M + 2S$

$$Z_{[2]P} = 4X_P Z_P ((X_P - Z_P)^2 + (A + 2)X_P Z_P)$$

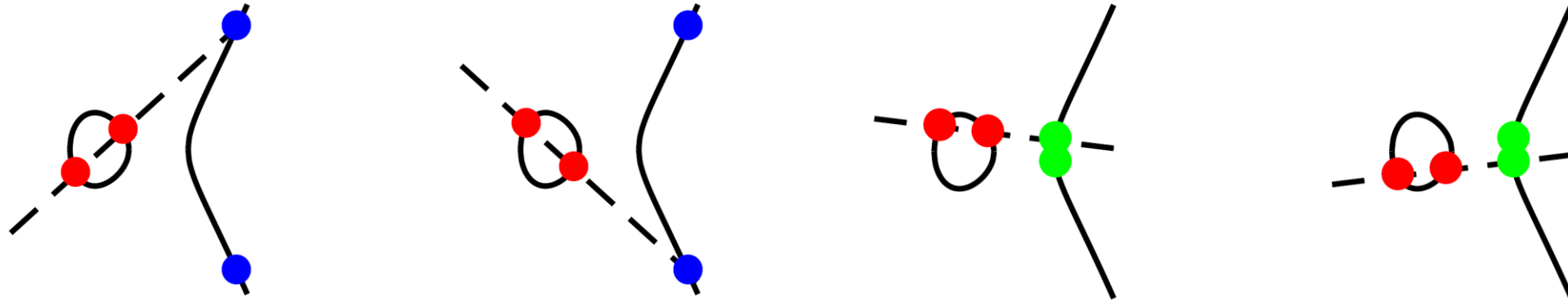
Extremely fast pseudo-addition: **xADD**

$$X_{P+Q} = Z_{P-Q} \left[(X_P - Z_P)(X_Q + Z_Q) + (X_P + Z_P)(X_Q - Z_Q) \right]^2$$

$4M + 2S$

$$Z_{P+Q} = X_{P-Q} \left[(X_P - Z_P)(X_Q + Z_Q) - (X_P + Z_P)(X_Q - Z_Q) \right]^2$$

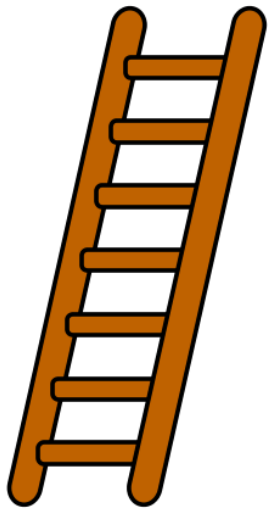
Differential additions and the Montgomery ladder



- Given only the x -coordinates of two points, the x -coordinate of their sum can be two possibilities
- Inputting the x -coordinate of the *difference* resolves ambiguity
- The (ingenious!) Montgomery ladder fixes all *differences* as the input point: in $k, x(P) \mapsto x([k]P)$, every **xADD** is of the form
$$\mathbf{xADD}(x([n+1]P), x([n]P), x(P))$$
- We carry two multiples of P "up the ladder": $x(Q)$ and $x(Q \oplus P)$
- At i^{th} step: compute $x([2]Q \oplus P) = \mathbf{xADD}(x(Q \oplus P), x(Q), x(P))$
- At i^{th} step: pseudo-double (**xDBL**) one of them depending on k_i

Fast, compact, simple, safer Diffie-Hellman

- Write $k = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1} k_i 2^i$ with $k_{\ell-1} = 1$ and $P = (x_P, y_P)$ in $E[n]$ (e.g., on Curve25519 or Goldilocks)



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(x0, x1) ← (xDBL(xP), xP)
for i = ℓ - 2 downto 0 do
  (x0, x1) ← cSWAP(ki+1 ⊗ ki, (x0, x1))
  (x0, x1) ← (xDBL(x0), xADD(x0, x1, xP))
end for
(x0, x1) ← cSWAP(k0, (x0, x1))
return x0 (= x[k]P)
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Inherently uniform, much easier to implement in constant-time

- x -only Diffie-Hellman (Miller'85): $x([ab]P) = x([a]([b]P)) = x([b]([a]P))$

see <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7748>

(Elliptic curves for security)

Kummer surfaces

- In genus 1, we saw that working with $E/\langle\Theta\rangle$ can be much simpler/faster/easier than working with E
- In genus 2, the difference between $\text{Jac}(C)$ and $\text{Jac}(C)/\langle\Theta\rangle$ is way more drastic...

$$C : y^2 = f_6x^6 + f_5x^5 + \cdots + f_0$$

$\text{Jac}(C)$ embeds into \mathbb{P}^{15} : 72 equations in 16 variables!!! (see [here](#))



BUT...

$\text{Jac}(C)/\langle\Theta\rangle$ embeds into \mathbb{P}^3 : 1 equation in 4 variables!!!



Kummer surface arithmetic



- In genus 1, we can use the “general” Kummer line $E/\langle\Theta\rangle$ corresponding to $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ (a la Brier-Joye), but it’s faster/simpler to work with the Montgomery x -line. The only restriction is that this forces some rational points of small order
- In genus 2, there is somewhat of an analogue. We can use the general Kummer surface (a la Flynn), which has no restrictions but is slow and bulky (see [here](#) and [here](#)), or if we insist that $\text{Jac}_K(\mathcal{C})$ has full rational 2-torsion, we can use Kummer surfaces that arise from the theory of Theta functions

$$K : E^2 \cdot (XYZT) = (X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 + T^2 - F(XT + YZ) - G(XZ + YT) - H(XY + ZT))^2 \quad \text{👑}$$

- Points are $(X : Y : Z : T) \in \mathbb{P}^3$, and the doubling and differential addition formulae are beautiful!

Algorithm 1 Doubling on a Kummer surface

Input: a point $P = (X : Y : Z : T)$ on $\mathcal{K}_{(\alpha;\beta;\gamma;\delta)}$.

Output: the point $[2]P = (X_2 : Y_2 : Z_2 : T_2)$.

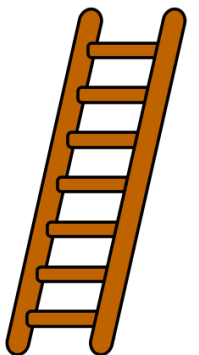
$$\begin{aligned} X' &= (X + Y + Z + T)^2 \frac{1}{A}, & Y' &= (X + Y - Z - T)^2 \frac{1}{B}, \\ Z' &= (X - Y + Z - T)^2 \frac{1}{C}, & T' &= (X - Y - Z + T)^2 \frac{1}{D}, \\ X_2 &= (X' + Y' + Z' + T')^2 \frac{1}{\alpha}, & Y_2 &= (X' + Y' - Z' - T')^2 \frac{1}{\beta}, \\ Z_2 &= (X' - Y' + Z' - T')^2 \frac{1}{\gamma}, & T_2 &= (X' - Y' - Z' + T')^2 \frac{1}{\delta} \end{aligned}$$

Algorithm 2 Pseudo-addition on a Kummer surface

Input: two points $P = (X : Y : Z : T)$ and $Q = (\bar{X} : \bar{Y} : \bar{Z} : \bar{T})$ on $\mathcal{K}_{(\alpha;\beta;\gamma;\delta)}$, and the point $R = (\bar{X} : \bar{Y} : \bar{Z} : \bar{T})$ equal to $P - Q$ such that $\bar{X}\bar{Y}\bar{Z}\bar{T} \neq 0$.

Output: the point $P + Q = (x : y : z : t)$.

$$\begin{aligned} X' &= (X + Y + Z + T)(\bar{X} + \bar{Y} + \bar{Z} + \bar{T}) \frac{1}{A}, \\ Y' &= (X + Y - Z - T)(\bar{X} + \bar{Y} - \bar{Z} - \bar{T}) \frac{1}{B}, \\ Z' &= (X - Y + Z - T)(\bar{X} - \bar{Y} + \bar{Z} - \bar{T}) \frac{1}{C}, \\ T' &= (X - Y - Z + T)(\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \bar{Z} + \bar{T}) \frac{1}{D}, \\ x &= (X' + Y' + Z' + T')^2 \frac{1}{\alpha}, \\ y &= (X' + Y' - Z' - T')^2 \frac{1}{\beta}, \\ z &= (X' - Y' + Z' - T')^2 \frac{1}{\gamma}, \\ t &= (X' - Y' - Z' + T')^2 \frac{1}{\delta} \end{aligned}$$



Kummer line vs. Kummer surface

	full group arith.		Kummer arith.
	DBL	ADD	ladder step
genus 1	8M	16M	10M
genus 2	35M	63M	25M

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- Scalar multiplications on the [Gaudry-Schost fast Kummer surface](#) over $p = 2^{127} - 1$ solidly outperform ($\approx 2x$) those on [Bernstein's Curve25519](#) (see [eBACS](#))
- Summary: the state-of-the-art in conservative prime field Diffie-Hellman in genus 2 is significantly faster than that in genus 1

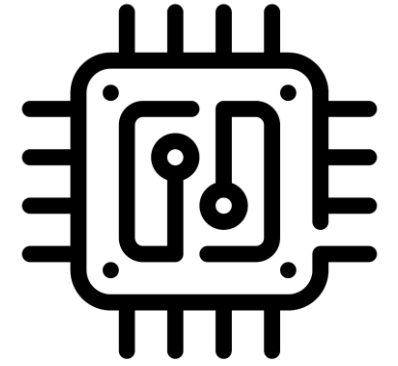
Question

The previous comparison only talked about speed, but what about key sizes? How does genus 2 compare to genus 1 in bandwidth, in both the case of uncompressed and compressed public keys?

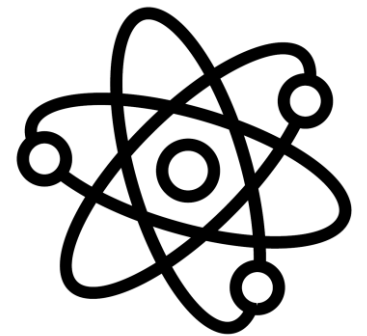
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If the state-of-the-art in genus 2 prime field Diffie-Hellman performs roughly twice as fast as that of genus 1, and if index calculus fails against genus 1 and genus 2, then why isn't KummerDH a standard?

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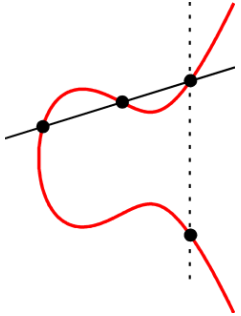


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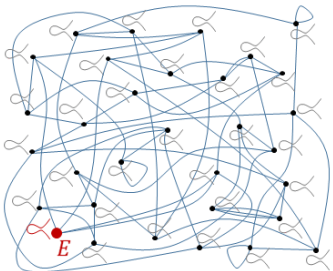
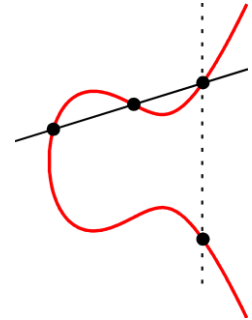


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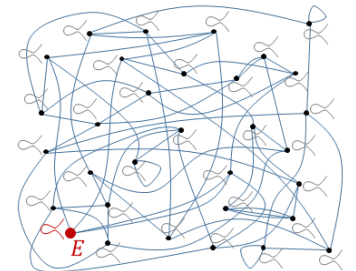
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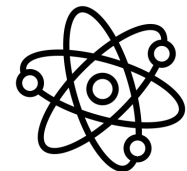
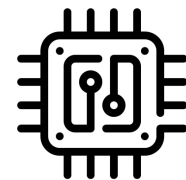
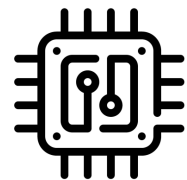
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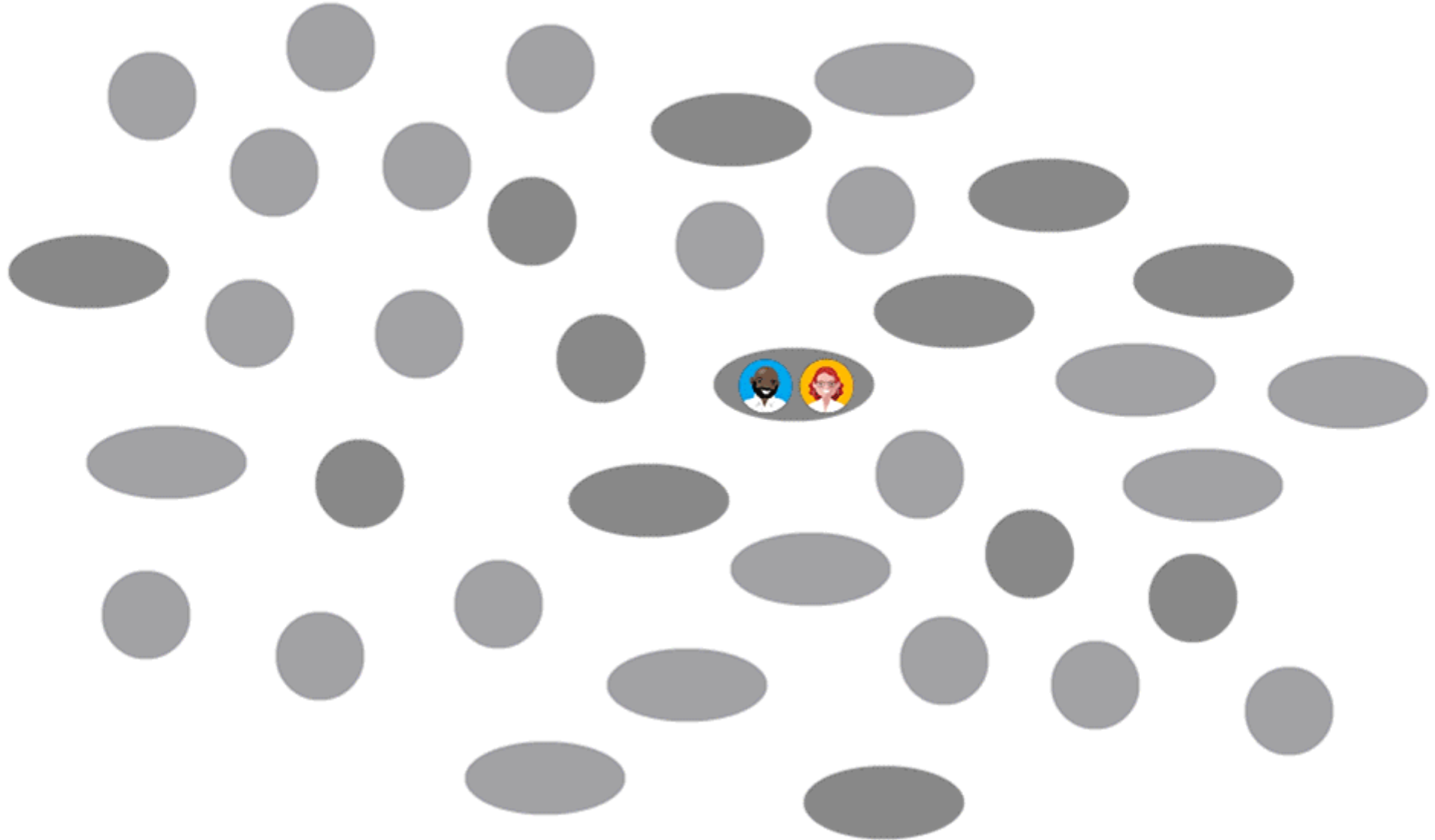


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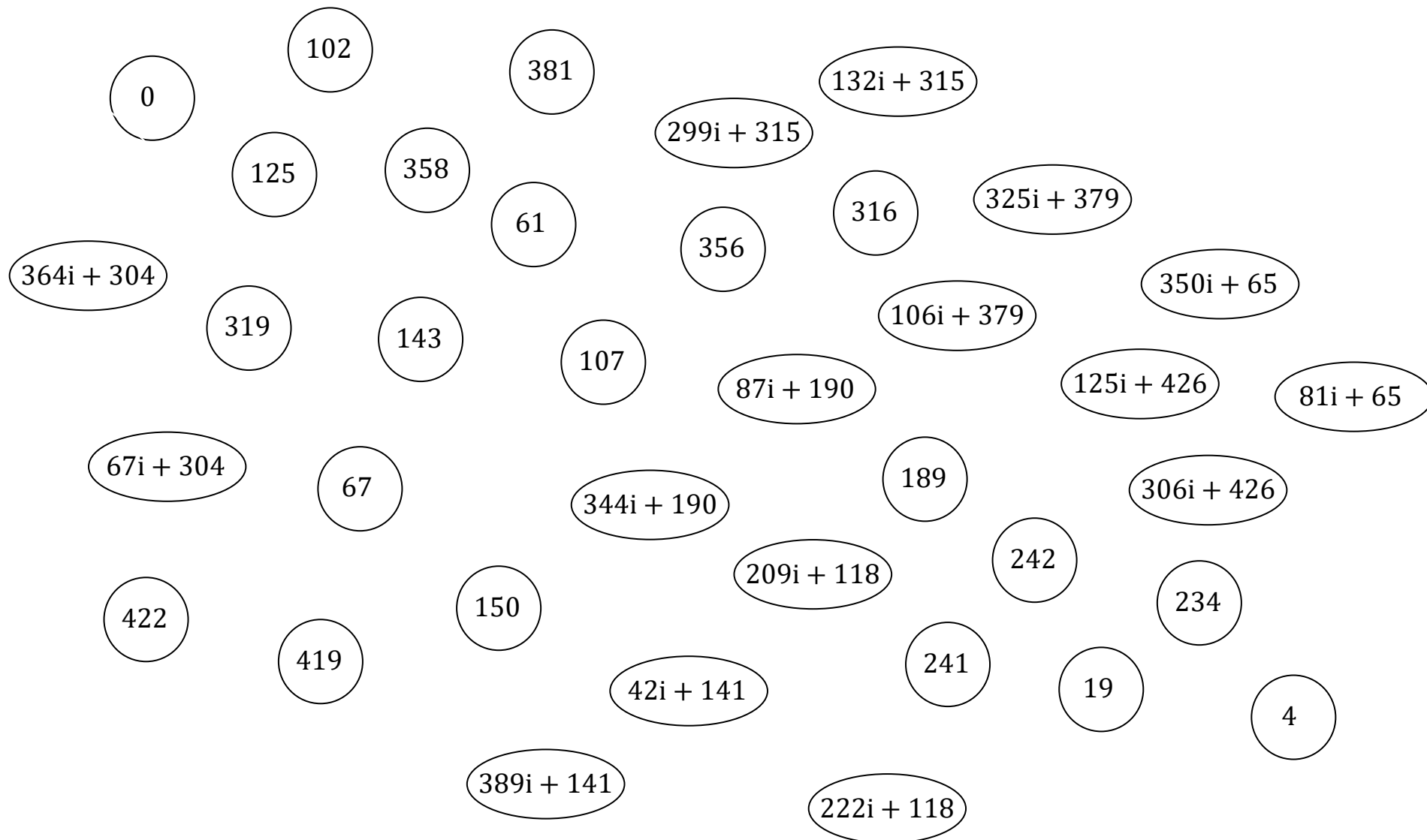
	DH	ECDH	SIDH
Elements	integers g modulo prime	points P in curve group	curves E in isogeny class
Secrets	exponents x	scalars k	isogenies ϕ
computations	$g, x \mapsto g^x$	$P, k \mapsto [k]P$	$E, \phi \mapsto \phi(E)$
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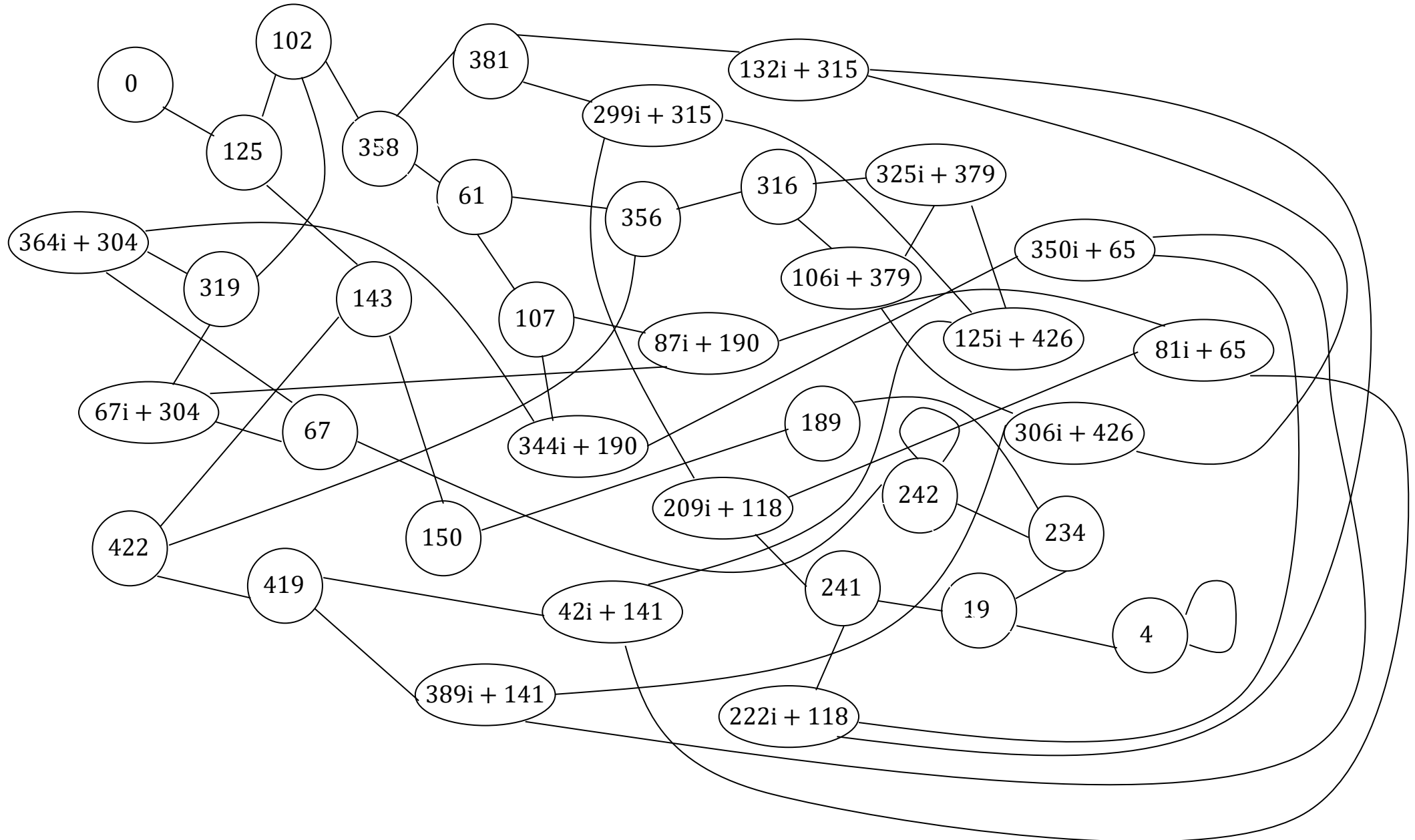
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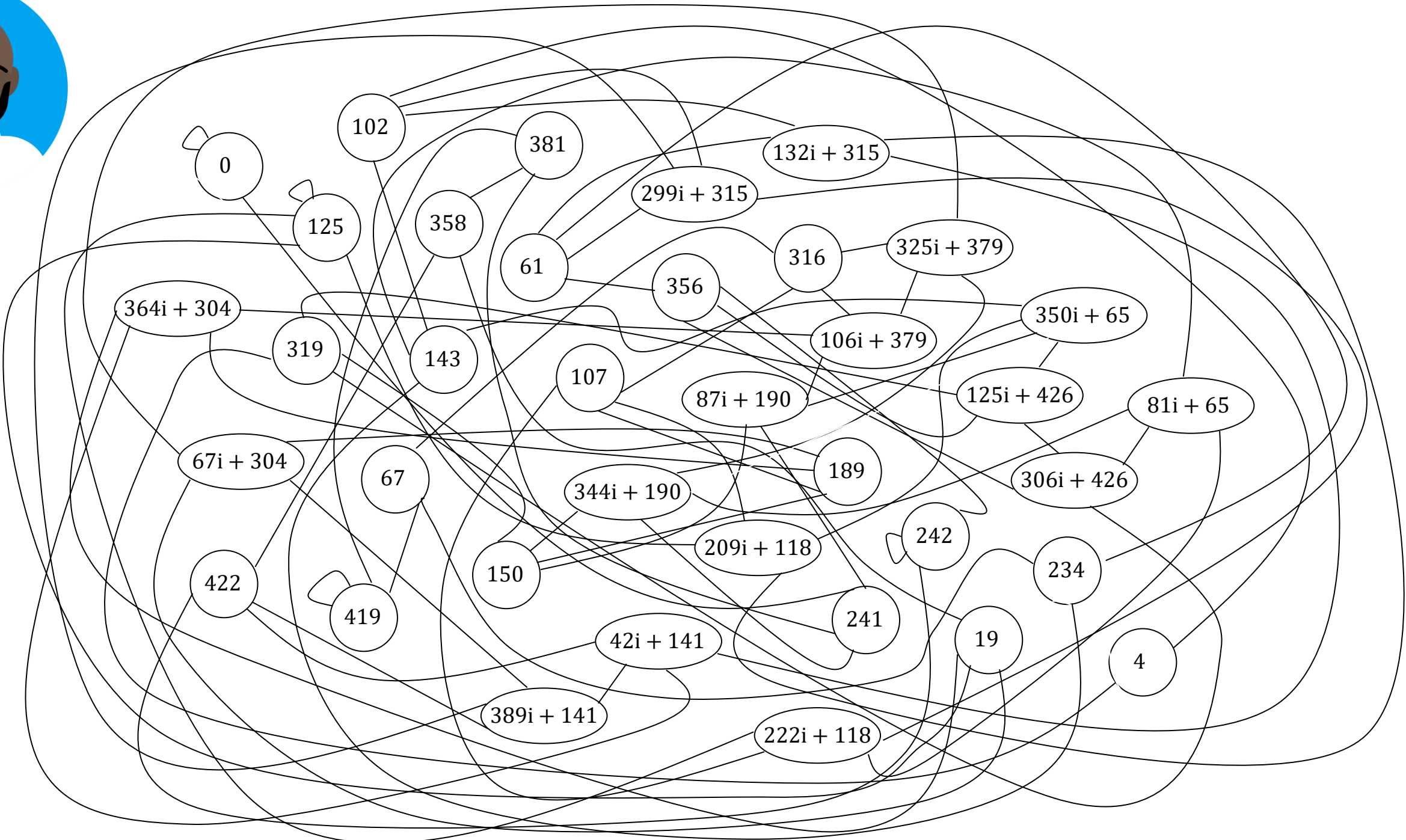
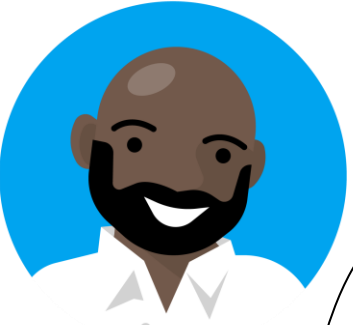


e.g. supersingular isogeny graph – the nodes



$p := 431$: there are 37 supersingular j 's (all over $\mathbb{F}_{p^2} := \mathbb{F}_p(i), i^2 + 1 = 0$)





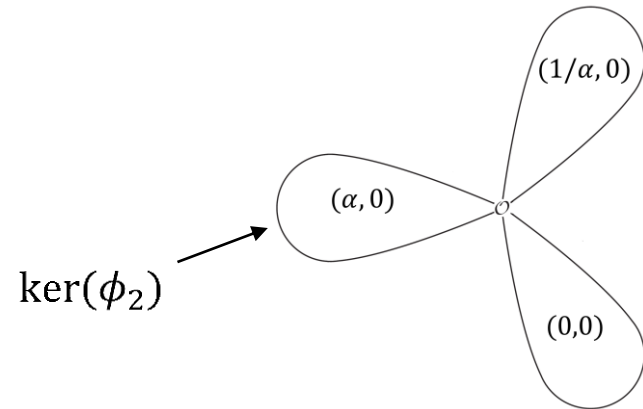
Explicit formulas



$$[2] : E_a \rightarrow E_a, \quad x \mapsto \frac{(x^2 - 1)^2}{4x(x - \alpha)(x - 1/\alpha)}$$

$$\phi_2 : E_a \rightarrow E_{a'}, \quad x \mapsto x \cdot \left(\frac{\alpha x - 1}{x - \alpha} \right)$$

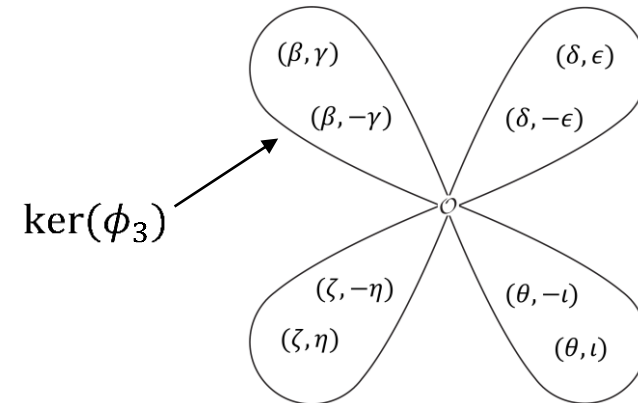
$$a' = 2(1 - 2\alpha^2)$$





$$[3] : E_a \rightarrow E_a, \quad x \mapsto \frac{(x^4 - 6x^2 - 4ax - 3)^2 x}{(3x^4 + 4ax^3 + 6x^2 - 1)^2}$$

$$\phi_3 : E_a \rightarrow E_{a'}, \quad x \mapsto x \cdot \left(\frac{\beta x - 1}{x - \beta} \right)^2$$

$$a' = (a\beta - 6\beta^2 + 6)\beta$$



SIKE

	prime p	PK (bytes)	Clock cycles to compute ϕ ($\times 10^6$) i7-6700 Skylake	
				
toy example	$2^4 3^3 - 1$	7	ϵ	ϵ'
SIKEp434	$2^{216} 3^{137} - 1$	330	92	98
SIKEp503	$2^{250} 3^{159} - 1$	378	142	151
SIKEp610	$2^{305} 3^{192} - 1$	462	295	297
SIKEp751	$2^{372} 3^{239} - 1$	564	468	503

<https://sike.org/>

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/project/sike/>

<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/post-quantum-cryptography>

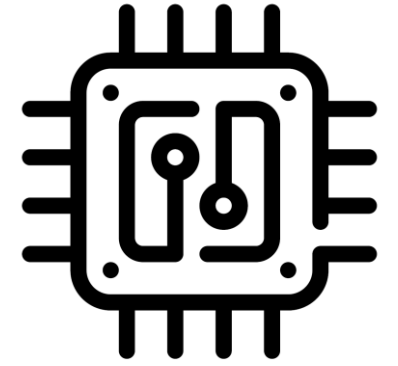
The case for SIKE...

1. A decade unscathed
2. The rise and rise of classical hardness
3. Quantum computers don't help
4. Concrete cryptanalytic clarity
5. Side-channel security
6. The efficiency drawback
7. Happy hybrids
8. Other avenues of attack
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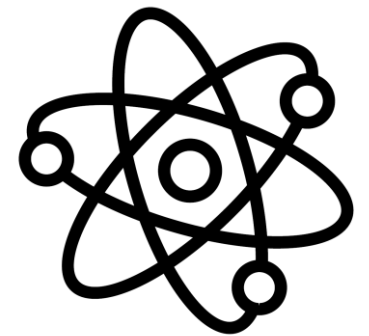


SIKE only isogeny-based candidate...

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Genus 2 isogeny-based cryptography...

Genus Two Isogeny Cryptography

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Abstract. We study (ℓ, ℓ) -isogeny graphs of principally polarised supersingular abelian surfaces (PPSSAS). The (ℓ, ℓ) -isogeny graph has cycles of small length that can be used to break the collision resistance assumption of the genus two isogeny hash function suggested by Takashima. Algorithms for computing $(2, 2)$ -isogenies on the level of Jacobians and $(3, 3)$ -isogenies on the level of Kummer surfaces are used to develop a genus two version of the supersingular isogeny Diffie-Hellman protocol of Jao and de Feo. The genus two isogeny Diffie-Hellman protocol achieves the same level of security as SIDH but uses a prime with a third of the bit length.

Keywords: Post-quantum cryptography · Isogeny-based cryptography · Cryptanalysis · Key exchange · Hash function

1 Introduction

Isogeny-based cryptography involves the study of isogenies between abelian varieties. The first proposal was an unpublished manuscript of Couveignes [3] that outlined a key-exchange algorithm set in the isogeny graph of elliptic curves. This was rediscovered by Rostovtsev and Stolbunov [13]. A hash function was developed by Charles, Goren and Lauter [4] that uses the input to the hash to generate a path in the isogeny graph and outputs the end point of the path. Next in the line of invention is the Jao-de Feo cryptosystem [12] which relies on the difficulty of finding isogenies with a given degree between supersingular elliptic curves. A key exchange protocol, called the Supersingular Isogeny Diffie-Hellman key exchange (SIDH), based on this hard problem, was proposed in the same paper. The authors proposed working with 2-isogenies and 3-isogenies for efficiency.

Elliptic curves are principally polarised abelian varieties of dimension one, hence we can turn to principally polarised abelian varieties of higher dimension when looking to generalise isogeny-based cryptosystems. As noted by Takashima elliptic curves have three 2-isogenies but abelian surfaces (abelian varieties of dimension 2) have fifteen $(2, 2)$ -isogenies. Hence, this motivates the use of abelian surfaces for use in these cryptosystems.

In this work, we will focus on principally polarised supersingular abelian varieties of dimension two, which we call principally polarised supersingular abelian surfaces (PPSSAS) and consider their application to cryptography. The two challenges before us are: to understand the isogeny graphs of PPSSAS, and to have

elements in the n -sphere is $\ell^{3n-3}(\ell^2 + 1)(\ell + 1) \approx \sqrt{p^3}$, hence a naive exhaustive search on the leaves of J_H has a complexity of $O(\sqrt{p^3})$. One can improve on this by considering the meet-in-the-middle search by listing all isogenies of degree ℓ^n from J_H and J_A and finding collisions in both lists. The meet-in-the-middle search has a complexity of $O(\sqrt[4]{p^3})$. One can perform better by employing a quantum computer to reduce the complexity to $O(\sqrt[6]{p^3})$ using Claw finding algorithms [23]. This compares favourably with the genus one case which has classical security of $O(\sqrt[4]{p})$, and quantum security of $O(\sqrt[6]{p})$. An example of a prime which one can use to achieve 128-bits of security is 171-bits, whereas the genus one case requires 512-bits for the same level of security.

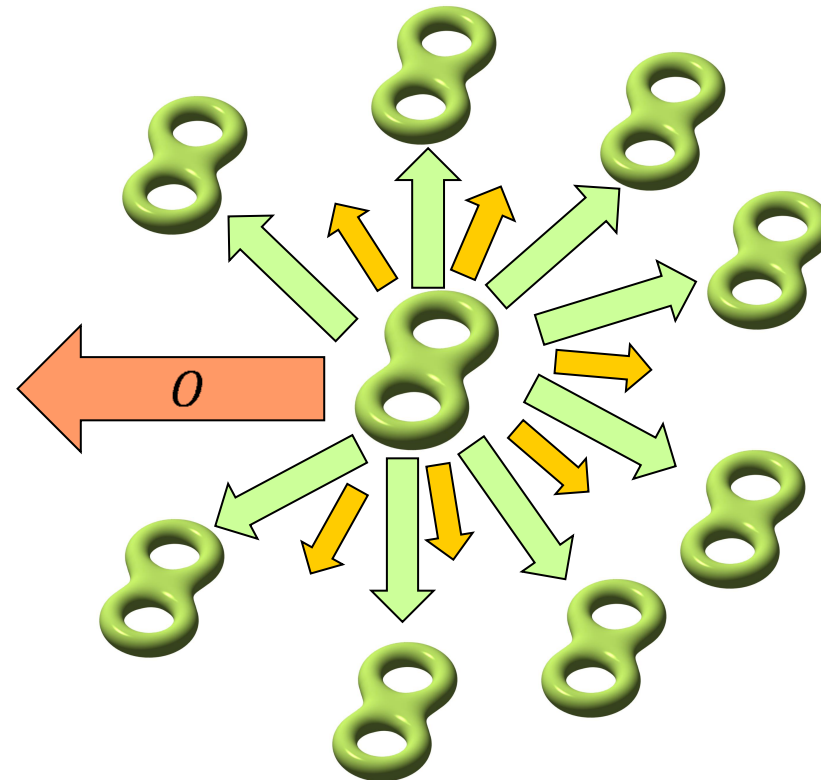
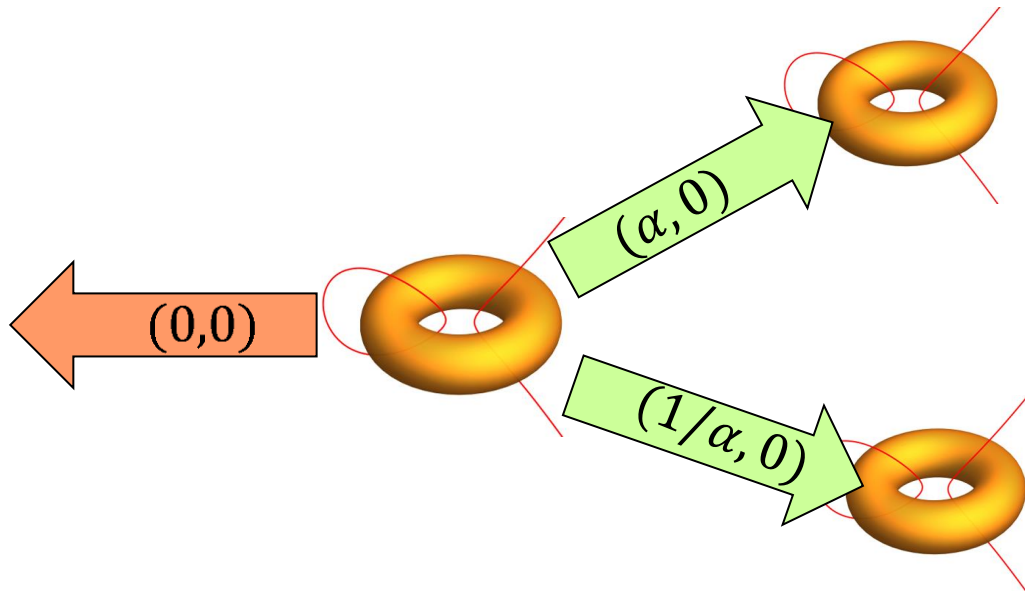
2-isogenies

vs.

(2,2)-isogenies

$$E \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(p+1)} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(p+1)}$$
$$E[2] \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$J_C \cong \mathbb{Z}_{(p+1)/2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(p+1)/2} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$$
$$J_C[2] \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$$



[Castrыck-Decru-Smith'19](#): use superspecial subgraph!

Superspecial g -dimensional PPAV's over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} :

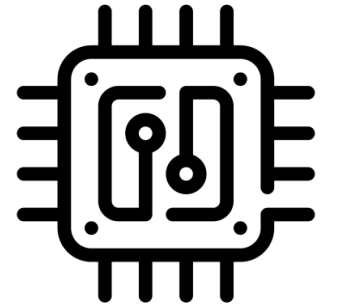
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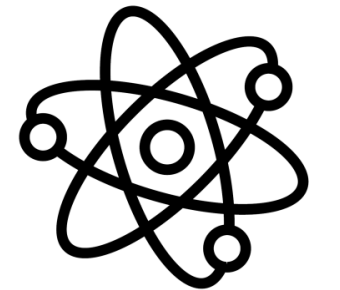
Genus 2: $O(p^3)$ vertices

Motivation for genus 2

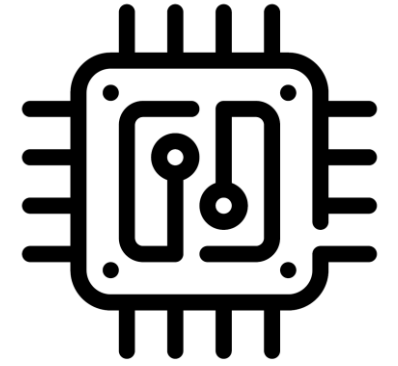
- ECC prime field state-of-the-art (Curve25519) uses Montgomery x arith
- HECC prime field state-of-the-art uses Kummer surface arith
- HECC wins solidly with fields of $1/2$ the size



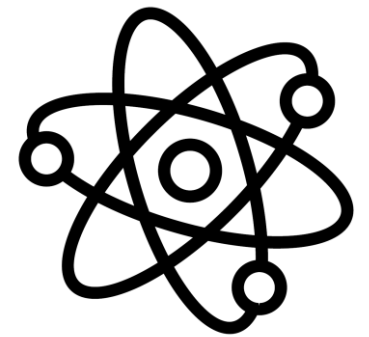
- SIDH state-of-the-art uses Montgomery x
- What can we expect with hyperelliptic SIDH using Kummers with fields of $1/3$ the size?



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Genus 3: $O(p^6)$ vertices...

Why stop at genus 2?

- Could this mean $g = 3$ SIDH uses fields of 1/6 the size? Hyper-SIKEp72 vs. SIKEp434?
- Can $g = 4$ SIDH can use fields of 1/10 the size? Hyper-SIKEp43 vs. SIKEp434?
- What about $g > 4$?
- [C-Smith'19](#): finds $\phi : A_g \rightarrow A_{g'}$ classically in $\tilde{O}(p^{g-1})$, quantumly in $\tilde{O}(p^{(g-1)/2})$
- Algorithm starts overtaking (asymptotically) generic algorithms for $g > 4$, but absolutely not a deal-breaker for $g \leq 4$

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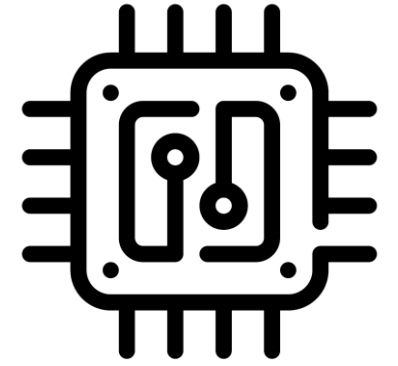
- Upshot: no known reason to stop at $g = 2$
- My view is that $g > 1$ isogeny crypto is currently extremely promising, even more promising than $g > 1$ HECC was!
- We currently know a little bit about $g = 2$ (much more work to be done here), but we know almost* nothing for $g > 2$
- Isogeny-based crypto for $g > 1$ is clearly not for the faint-hearted, but the field is wiiiiide open and there's much work to do...

* [This paper](#) and [this paper](#) are promising starts...

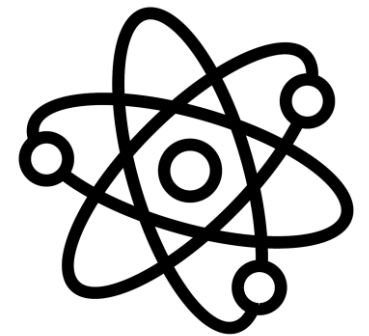
Question

What are some of the issues (or open questions) that need to be resolved before we could seriously consider using $g > 1$ isogenies to compete (or maybe even replace) elliptic curve SIDH/SIKE/....?

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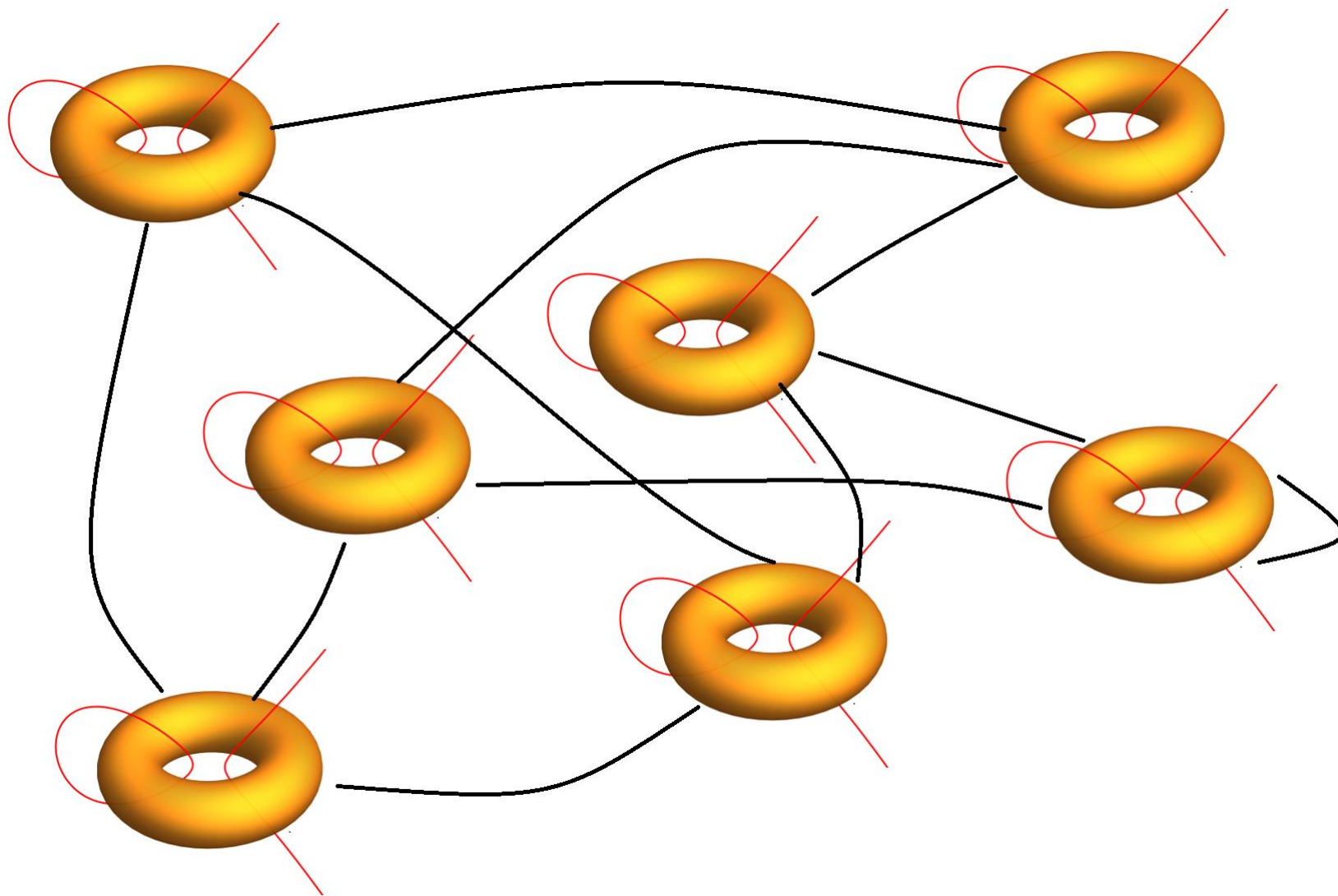


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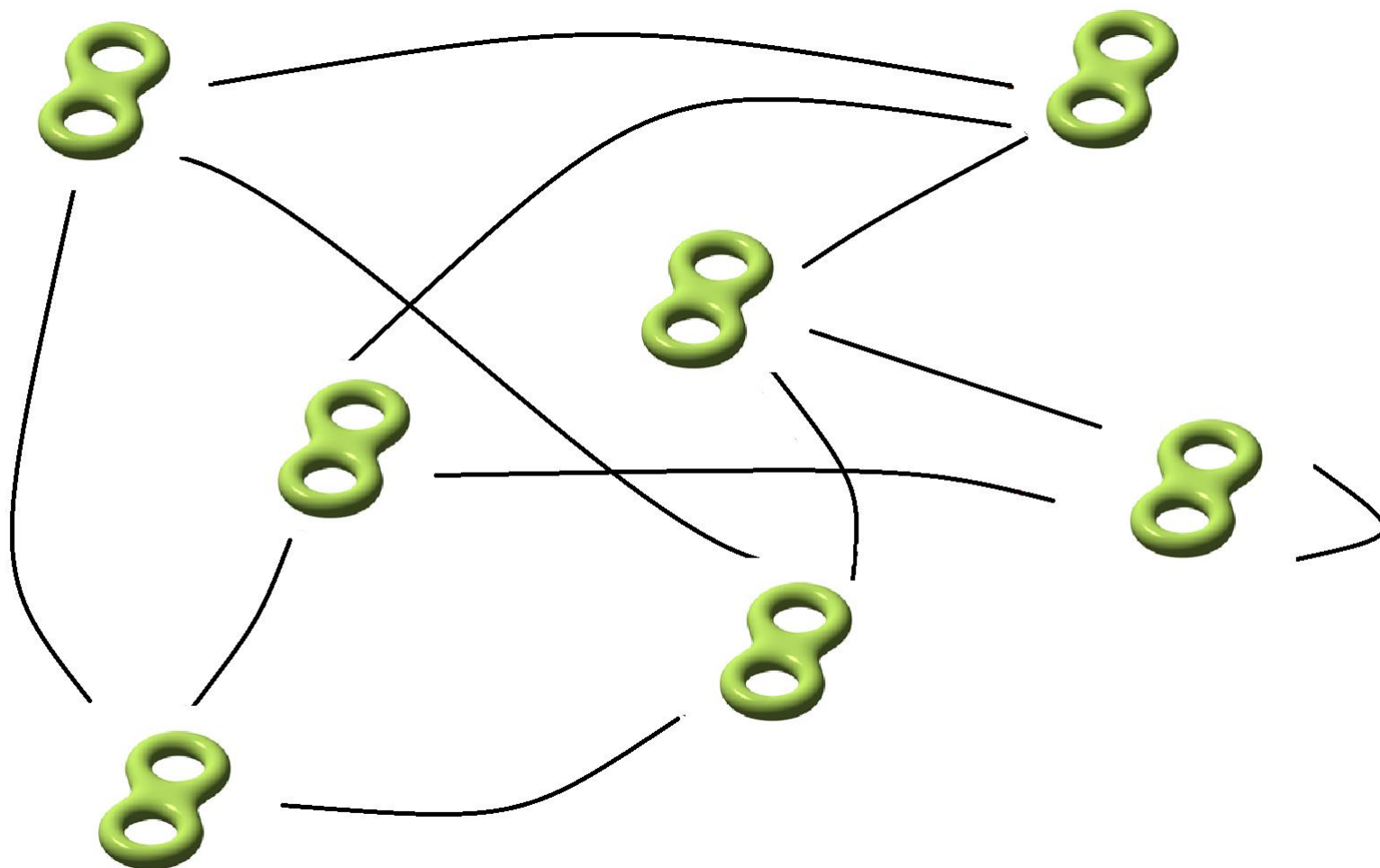


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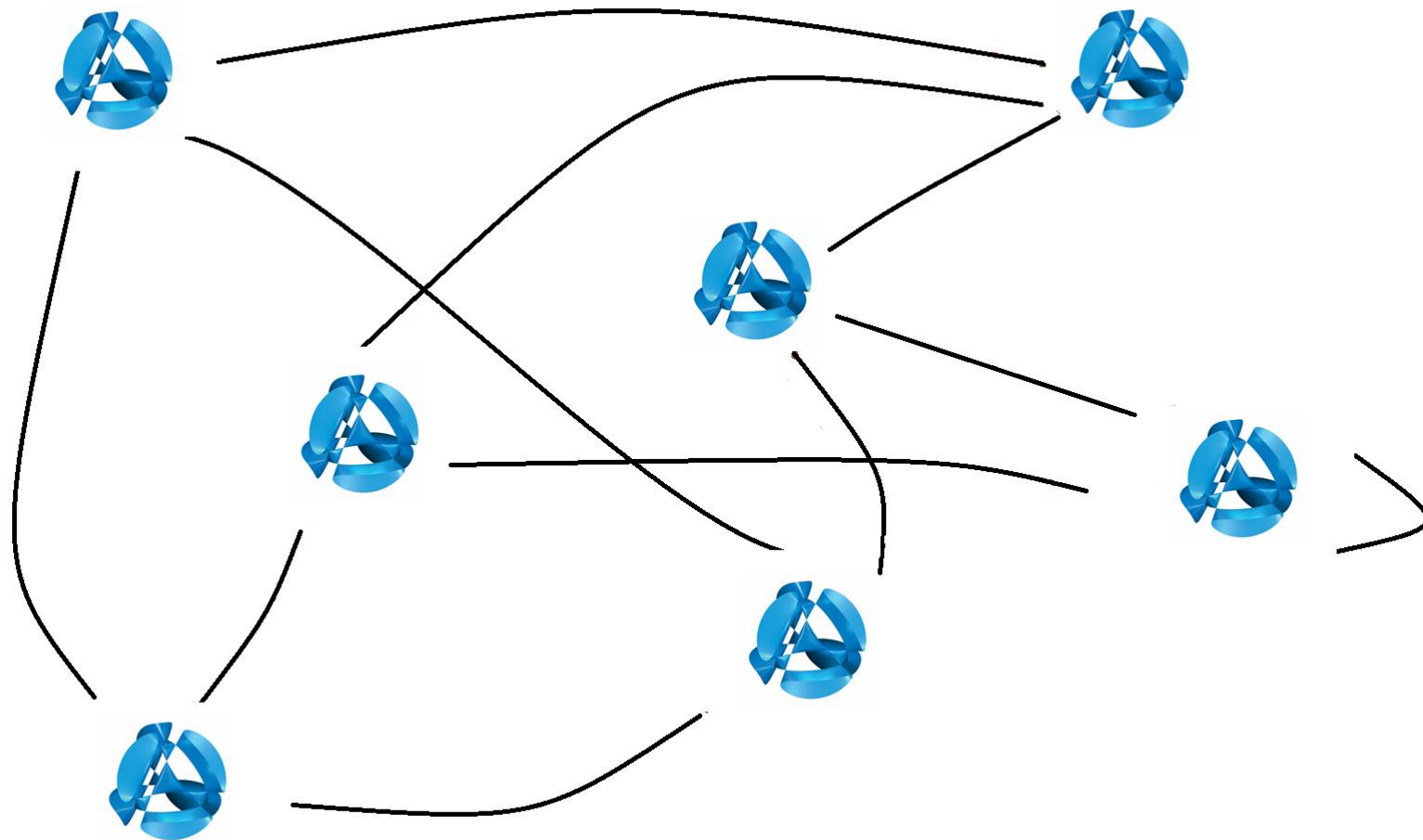
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$$J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$$



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$$K(\mathbb{F}_p)$$



From elliptic to hyperelliptic

Consider

$$E/K: y^2 = x^3 + 1$$

$$C/K: y^2 = x^6 + 1$$

Obvious map

$$\begin{aligned} \omega : C(K) &\rightarrow E(K) \\ (x, y) &\mapsto (x^2, y) \end{aligned}$$

- 1: But what about $\omega^{-1} : E(K) \rightarrow C(?)$...
- 2: Points on E are group elements, points on C are not...
- 3: Actually want map $E \rightarrow J_C$, but $\dim(E) = 1$ while $\dim(J_C) = 2$...
- 4: Want *general* ω, ω^{-1} between $y^2 = x^3 + Ax^2 + x$ to $y^2 = x^6 + Ax^4 + x^2$???

Proposition 1

$$\mathbb{F}_{p^2} = \mathbb{F}_p(i) \text{ with } i^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$E/\mathbb{F}_{p^2}: y^2 = x(x - \alpha)(x - 1/\alpha)$$

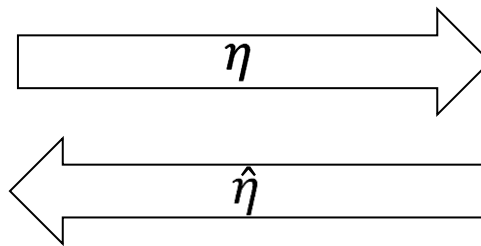
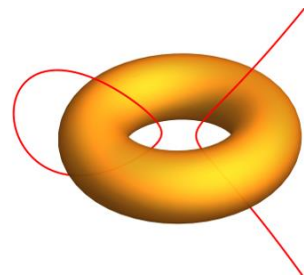
$$\alpha = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 i \text{ with } \alpha_0, \alpha_1 \in \mathbb{F}_p$$

$$C/\mathbb{F}_p: y^2 = (x^2 + mx - 1)(x^2 - mx - 1)(x^2 - mnx - 1)$$

$$m = \frac{2\alpha_0}{\alpha_1}, n = \frac{(\alpha_0^2 + \alpha_1^2 - 1)}{(\alpha_0 + \alpha_1^2 + 1)} \text{ both in } \mathbb{F}_p$$

Then $\text{Res}_{\mathbb{F}_{p^2}/\mathbb{F}_p}(E)$ is $(2,2)$ -isogenous to $J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$

Or, pictorially,



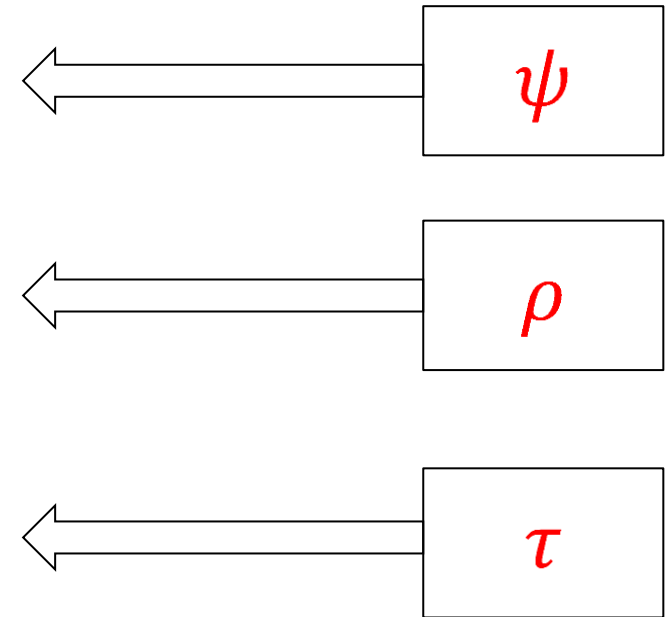
$$\ker(\eta) \cong \ker(\hat{\eta}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$\eta \circ \hat{\eta} = [2]$$

Unpacking Proposition 1

- Weil restriction turns 1 equation over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} into two equations over \mathbb{F}_p
- Simple linear transform of $E/\mathbb{F}_{p^2}: y^2 = f(x) = x^3 + Ax^2 + x$ to $\tilde{E}/\mathbb{F}_{p^2}: y^2 = g(x)$ such that $C/\mathbb{F}_{p^2}: y^2 = g(x^2)$ is non-singular
- Pullback ω^* of $\omega : (x, y) \mapsto (x^2, y)$ gives 2 points in $C(\mathbb{F}_{p^4})$, but composition with Abel-Jacobi map bring these to $J_C(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$
- Need to go from $J_C(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$ to $J_C(\mathbb{F}_p)$; cue good old Trace map,

$$\tau: P \mapsto \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_{p^2}/\mathbb{F}_p)}^n \sigma(P)$$



$$\eta : \text{Res}_{\mathbb{F}_{p^2}/\mathbb{F}_p}(E) \rightarrow J_C(\mathbb{F}_p), \quad P \mapsto (\tau \circ \rho \circ \psi)(P)$$

Question

There's a bug in Proposition 1 (pointed out to me a while ago by Castryck). Can you spot it?

Performance

Operation	chained 2-isogenies on Montgomery curves over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} (previous work)				chained (2, 2)-isogenies on Kummer surfaces over \mathbb{F}_p (this work)				
	M	S	A	\approx cycles	m	s	a	\approx cycles	
								s = m	s = 0.8m
doubling	4	2	4	5862	8	8	16	6272	5714
2-isog. curve	-	2	1	2088	19	4	28	9231	8952
2-isog. point	4	0	4	4336	4	4	16	3480	3200

- Theta constants map to theta constants: point map is enough
- Comparison in Table/paper rather conservative
- Dreamt of (re-)defining SIDH entirely using Kummers over \mathbb{F}_p , but compression algorithms were the buzzkill ...

Questions?