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Observations on Factoring Using the GNFS



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Some more on this:

<http://mersenneforum.org/showthread.php?t=15796>



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Slow & Unparallelizable

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Why is it unparallelizable?

<http://www.mersenneforum.org/showthread.php?t=1536>

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* is because the 768 bit semiprime used Block Weildmann as opposed to msieve's block lanczos algorithm.

<http://www.mersenneforum.org/showthread.php?t=1295>

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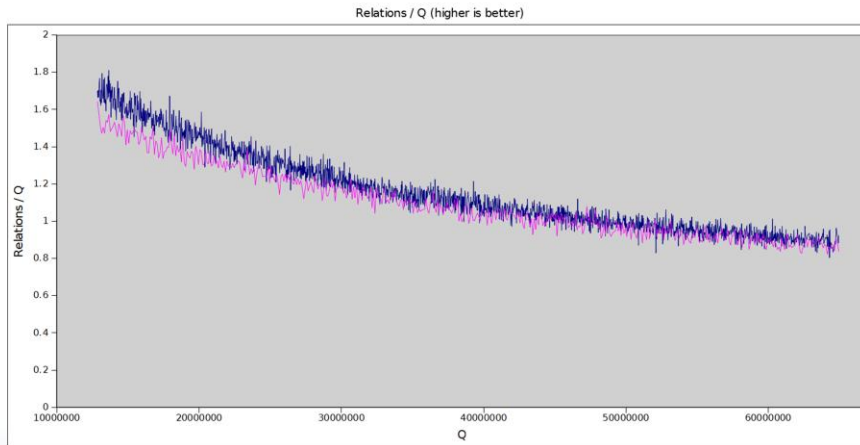
Some Details on Factoring



- Polynomial Selection
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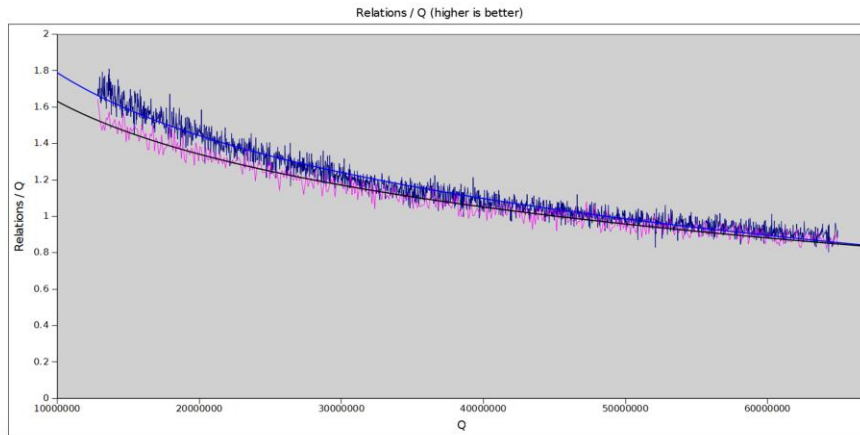


Comparison of sieve results for two polynomials

- Murphy 2.615e-12
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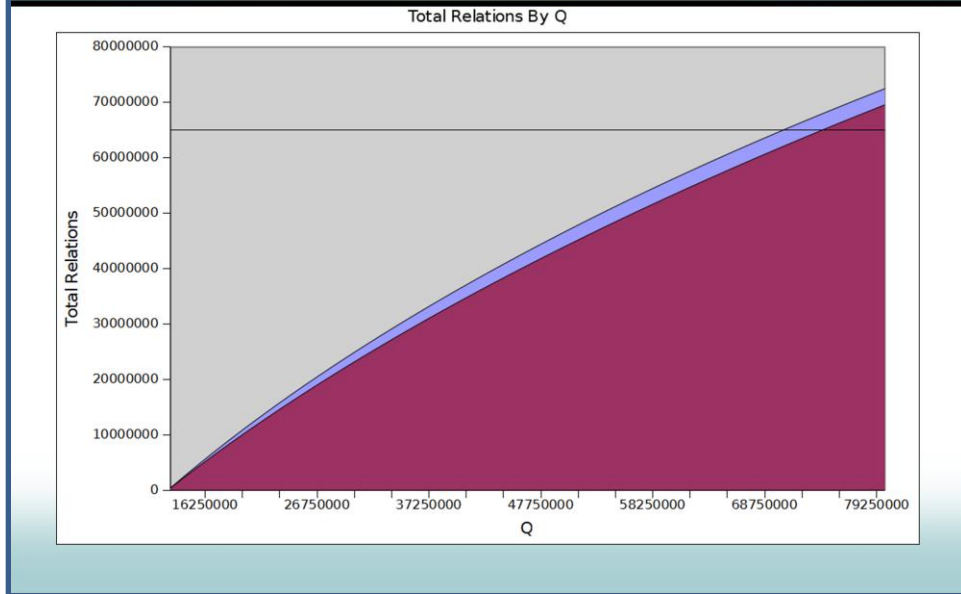
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Trend Lines. We can integrate under these curves to get...



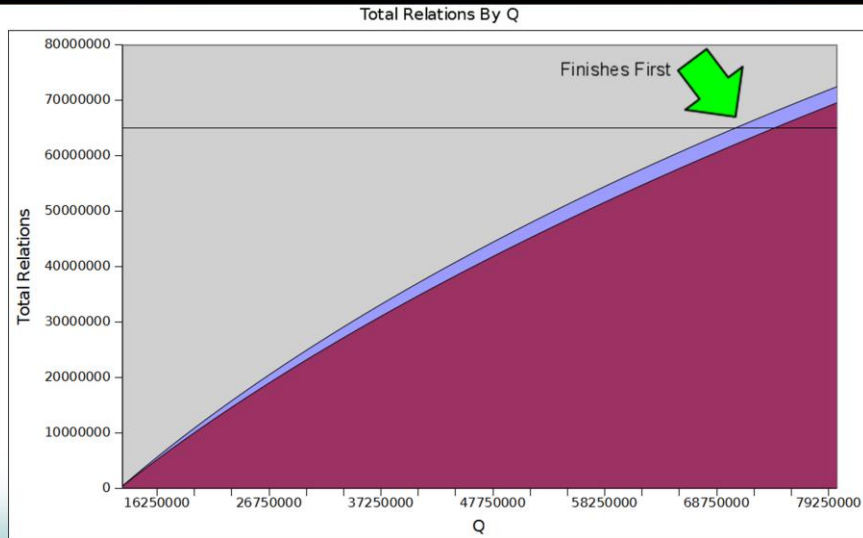
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The total sieve pairs as a function of Q

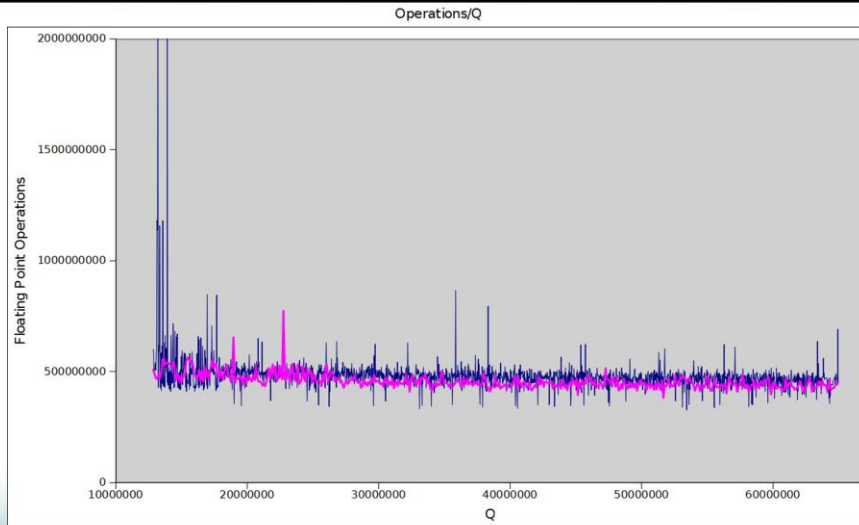


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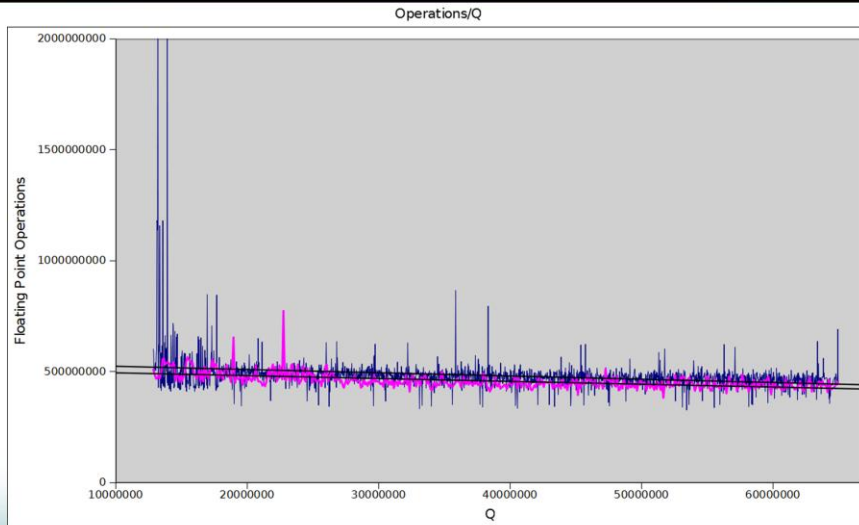
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Floating Point Operations per polynomial



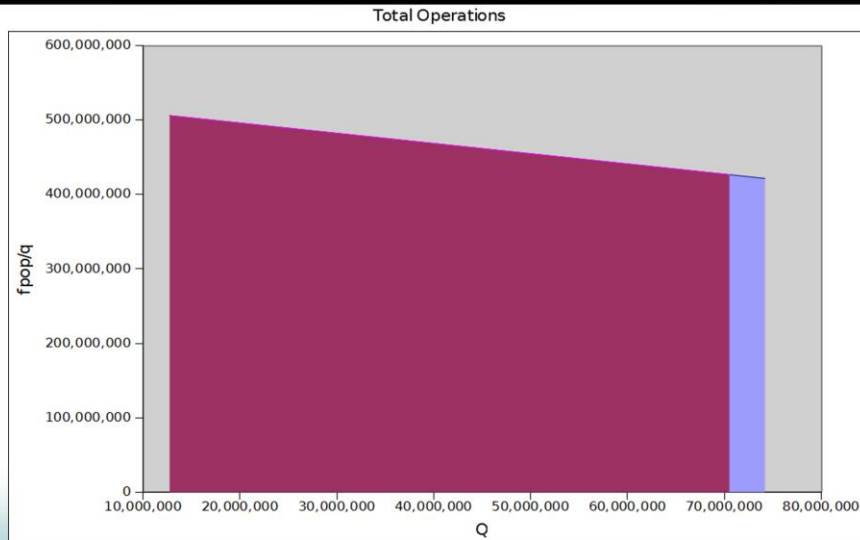
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They're pretty much the same.



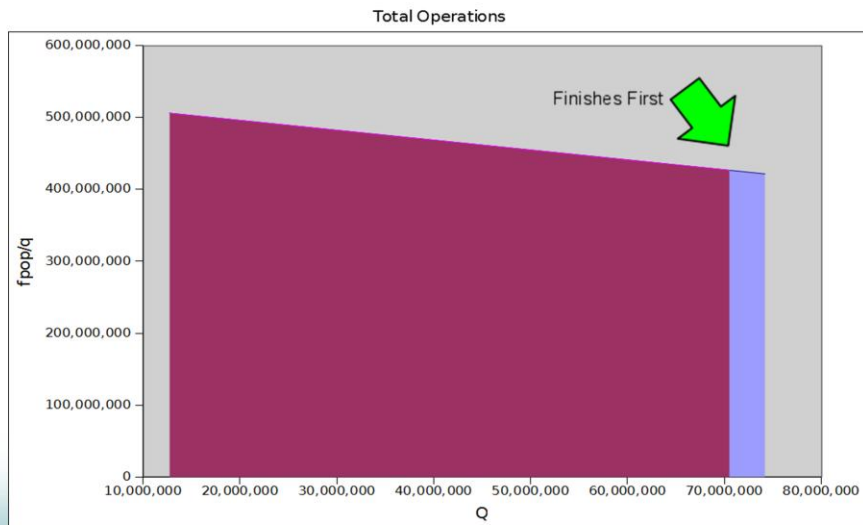
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Integrate under that line (the average actually) and cut it off when the polynomial finishes gathering enough relations, and we have the total amount of work done for each polynomial to achieve the requisite number of sieve pairs.

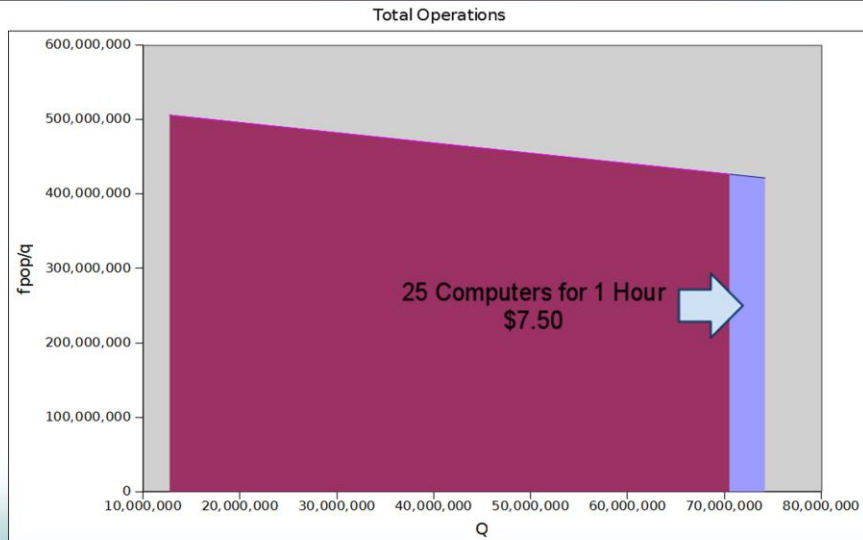


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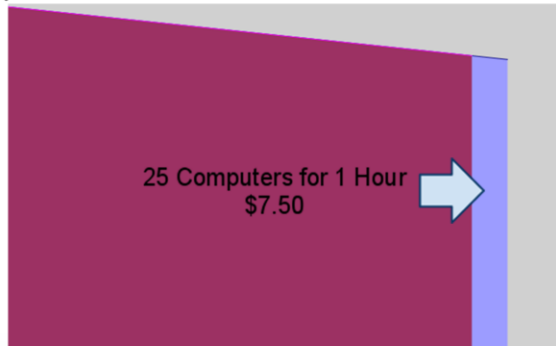
Now, because sieving scales horizontally perfectly, and I was working in EC2, that extra bit of work has a real dollar amount on it. And it's not very much.



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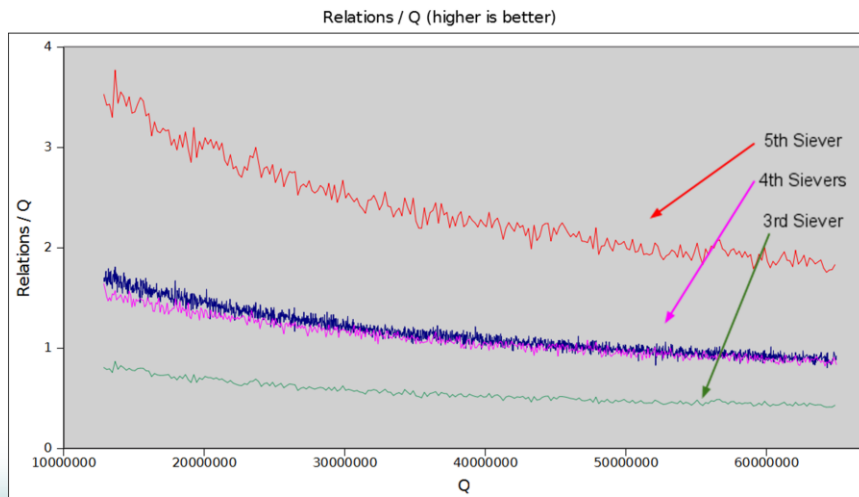
If time is more valuable to you than (a relatively little) money it is in your best interest to take the first polynomial you get and sieve with that, rather than doing another poly-selection run.

(this advice is only
for 512-bit semiprimes.)





Siever Comparisons

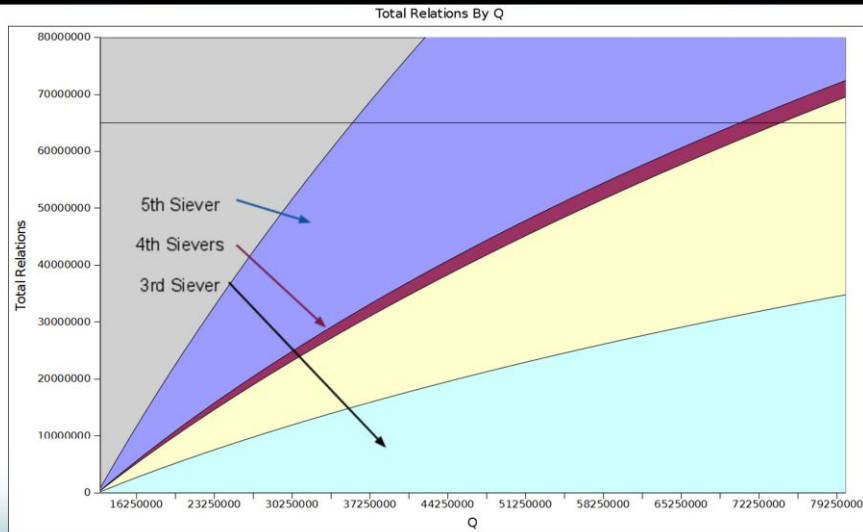


Comparison of

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- gnfsลาสieve14e for two polynomials
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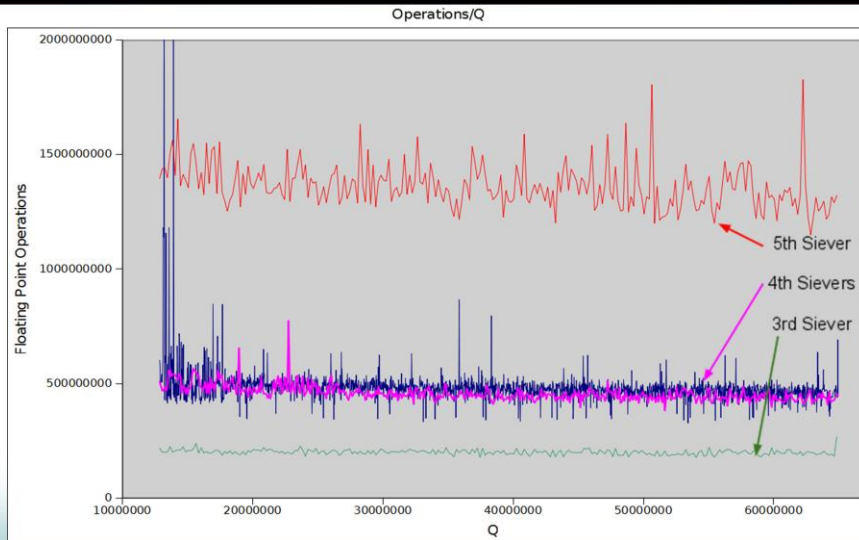
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We can again fit trend lines and see where they each finish.



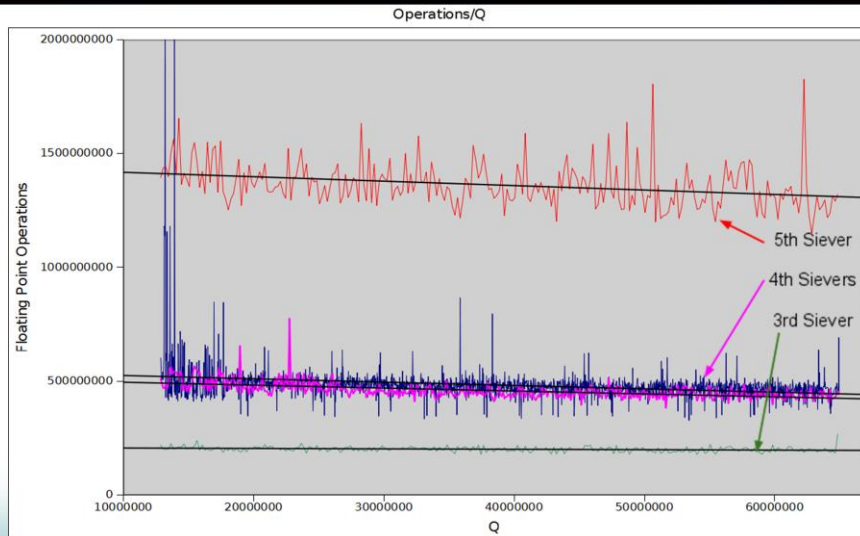
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But we need to do an apples-to-apples comparison. While the 5th siever gathers relations much earlier in Q, it also takes much more CPU time to gather those relations.



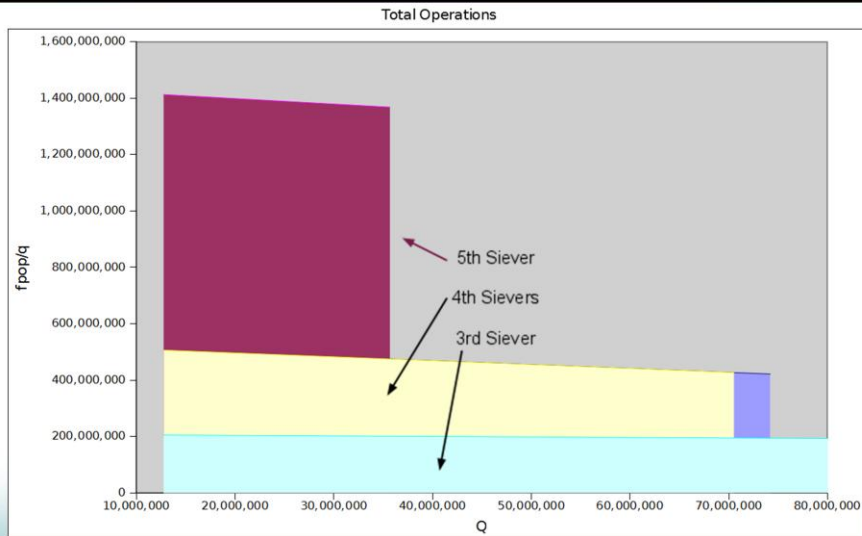
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Trend Lines



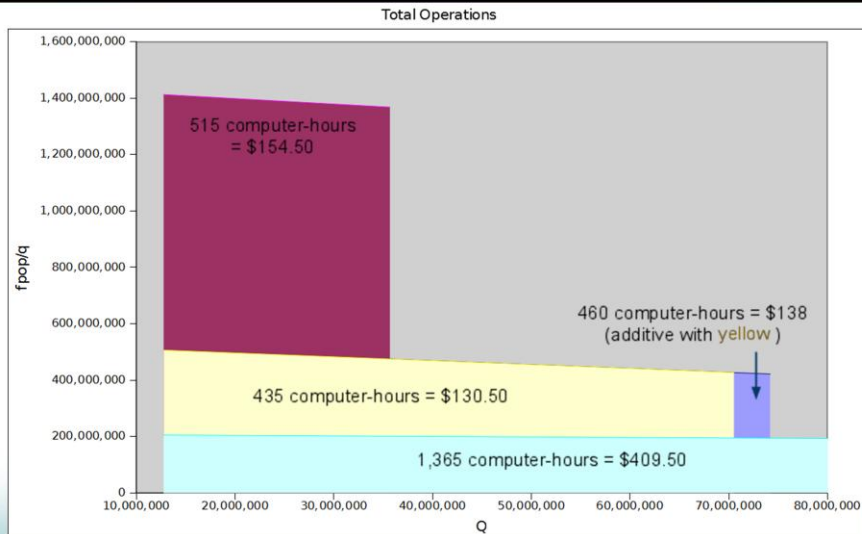
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By integrating under the floating point operations trend lines, and stopping when they achieve enough relations we can compare the sievers total work done.



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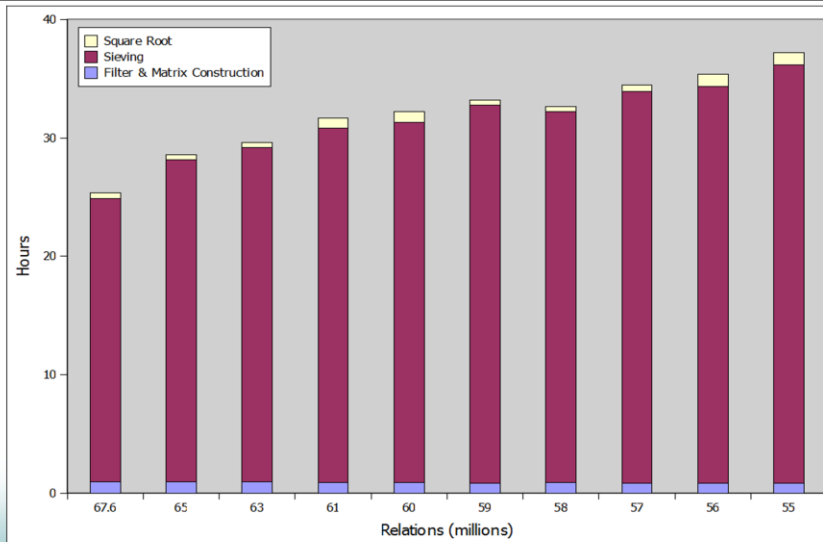
And again, because this is in EC2, we can put this into dollar figures.

This matches up reasonably well with:

<http://eprint.iacr.org/2011/254>



Oversieving



This is a comparison of the Combine done with various numbers of relations. It is clearly in your best interest to oversieve. Sieving scales perfectly out to more machines, and can save you 10 hours in the last step, which is not parallelizable.



Obligatory Ending Slide

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<http://www.gdssecurity.com/>

<https://github.com/GDSSecurity/cloud-and-control>