# Computational Verification of Abel-Jacobi Maps on Elliptic Curves: From Principal Divisors to General Linear Equivalence

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## Abstract

This paper presents a comprehensive computational implementation for verifying Abel-Jacobi maps on elliptic curves over the complex numbers. We develop algorithms to handle arbitrary degree-zero divisors, implement verification strategies for linear equivalence, and demonstrate the fundamental property that Abel-Jacobi maps descend to the Picard group. Our implementation leverages SageMath's high-precision arithmetic and provides timing analysis for computational optimization. The work extends from simple principal divisors of the form (P) - (O) to general divisors, showcasing both theoretical understanding and practical computational techniques in algebraic geometry.

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## 1. Introduction

The Abel-Jacobi map is a fundamental construction in algebraic geometry that provides a bridge between the discrete world of divisors and the continuous structure of complex tori. For an elliptic curve E over ℂ, the Abel-Jacobi map takes degree-zero divisors to points in the complex torus ℂ/Λ, where Λ is the period lattice associated to a holomorphic differential form.

This paper addresses the computational verification of Abel-Jacobi maps with particular focus on:

1. Efficient computation for arbitrary degree-zero divisors

2. Verification of the fundamental property that linearly equivalent divisors map to the same point modulo the period lattice

3. Performance analysis and optimization strategies

4. Robust point-finding algorithms for complex elliptic curves

## 2. Mathematical Background

### 2.1 Abel-Jacobi Maps on Elliptic Curves

Let E be an elliptic curve defined by the Weierstrass equation:

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$$y^2 = x^3 + a_4x + a_6$$

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For a holomorphic 1-form $\omega = dx/(2y)$ and a degree-zero divisor $D = \Sigma n_i(P_i)$ where $\Sigma n_i = 0$, the Abel-Jacobi map is defined as:

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$$AJ(D) = \Sigma n_i \int[O \text{ to } P_i]\ \omega \bmod \Lambda$$

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where Λ is the period lattice generated by the periods of ω.

### 2.2 Key Theoretical Properties

1. **Linearity**: $AJ(D_1 + D_2) = AJ(D_1) + AJ(D_2)$

2. **Linear Equivalence**: If $D_1 \sim D_2$, then $AJ(D_1) \equiv AJ(D_2) \pmod{\Lambda}$

3. **Principal Divisors**: $AJ(div(f)) \equiv 0 \pmod{\Lambda}$ for any rational function f

These properties ensure that the Abel-Jacobi map descends to the Picard group $Pic^0(E) \cong E(\mathbb{C})$.

## 3. Implementation

### 3.1 Core Architecture

Our implementation consists of several key components:

1. **Curve and Lattice Setup**: Centralized computation of elliptic curves and scaled period lattices

2. **Point Finding**: Robust algorithms for finding finite points on complex elliptic curves

3. **Abel-Jacobi Computation**: Leveraging SageMath's elliptic logarithm with appropriate scaling

4. **Verification Framework**: Modular lattice reduction and tolerance checking

5. **Linear Equivalence Testing**: Direct verification of the descent to Picard groups

### 3.2 Complete Implementation

```python
import sage.all

from sage.schemes.elliptic_curves.ell_point import EllipticCurvePoint_number_field

from sage.schemes.elliptic_curves.ell_generic import EllipticCurve_generic

from sage.rings.complex_arb import ComplexBallField
from sage.rings.real_arb import RealBallField

import time

import random


# Global precision for ComplexBallField operations.

# Add extra buffer precision to guard against intermediate precision loss during
computations.

GLOBAL_WORKING_PRECISION = 120 # prec + 20 for requested prec=100

CBF = ComplexBallField(GLOBAL_WORKING_PRECISION)

RBF = RealBallField(GLOBAL_WORKING_PRECISION)


def get_elliptic_curve_and_scaled_lattice(a4, a6):

  """

  Defines an elliptic curve and computes its scaled period lattice for dx/(2y).

  """

  E = sage.all.EllipticCurve(CBF, [0, 0, 0, a4, a6])

  O = E(CBF(0), CBF(1), CBF(0))  # Point at infinity


  try:

    raw_periods = E.period_lattice(CBF)

    omega_raw_1, omega_raw_2 =
raw_periods.basis(prec=GLOBAL_WORKING_PRECISION)

  except Exception as e:

    raise RuntimeError(f"Failed to compute period lattice for {E} at precision
{GLOBAL_WORKING_PRECISION}: {e}")


  # Scale the period basis vectors by 0.5 for the differential dx/(2y).
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    omega1 = CBF(0.5) * omega_raw_1
    omega2 = CBF(0.5) * omega_raw_2
    scaled_lattice = sage.all.Lattice([omega1, omega2])

    return E, O, scaled_lattice


def find_finite_point_on_curve(E, O, a4, a6, num_attempts=10):
    """
    Finds a non-origin, finite point on the elliptic curve E.
    Attempts simple integer/half-integer complex x values first, then more arbitrary complex
points.
    """
    for i in range(num_attempts):
        # Try simple integer/half-integer complex x values
        # e.g., 0, 1, -1, I, -I, 1+I, etc.
        x_real = i if i % 2 == 0 else i / 2.0
        x_imag = (i+1) % 2 * 0.5  # Add some imaginary part
        x_val_candidate = CBF(x_real + x_imag * sage.all.I)

        y_squared = x_val_candidate**3 + a4 * x_val_candidate + a6
        y_val_candidate = y_squared.sqrt()

        try:
            temp_P = E([x_val_candidate, y_val_candidate])
            if temp_P != O:
                return temp_P
        except Exception:
            pass

    # If no simple point found, try a more arbitrary complex point as a fallback.
    for _ in range(num_attempts):
        x_val_candidate = CBF(random.uniform(-5, 5) + sage.all.I * random.uniform(-5, 5))
        y_squared = x_val_candidate**3 + a4 * x_val_candidate + a6
        y_val_candidate = y_squared.sqrt()
        try:
            temp_P = E([x_val_candidate, y_val_candidate])
            if temp_P != O:
                return temp_P
        except Exception:
            pass

    raise ValueError("Could not find a finite point on the curve that is not the origin after
multiple attempts.")

def compute_abel_jacobi_for_point_minus_origin(P, O):
    """
    Computes AJ((P) - (O)) for the differential dx/(2y).
    This leverages Sage's elliptic_logarithm and scales it.
    """
    # P.elliptic_logarithm(precision) computes integral of dx/y from O to P (mod lattice).
    aj_raw_integral = P.elliptic_logarithm(precision=GLOBAL_WORKING_PRECISION)
    # Scale by 0.5 for the target differential dx/(2y).
    return CBF(0.5) * aj_raw_integral


def compute_abel_jacobi_for_divisor(E, O, divisor_points_with_coeffs):
    """
    Computes AJ(D) for a general degree-zero divisor D = Σnᵢ(Pᵢ) where Σnᵢ = 0.
    Leverages the additivity of the Abel-Jacobi map: AJ(ΣnᵢPᵢ) = ΣnᵢAJ(Pᵢ).
    Each AJ(Pᵢ) is interpreted as AJ((Pᵢ)-(O)).
    """
    total_aj_value = CBF(0)
    for point_info, n_i in divisor_points_with_coeffs:
        # point_info can be a Sage Point object or coordinates to be converted
        if isinstance(point_info,
sage.schemes.elliptic_curves.ell_point.EllipticCurvePoint_number_field):
            Pi = point_info
        else:
            Pi = E(CBF(point_info[0]), CBF(point_info[1]), CBF(point_info[2]) if len(point_info) == 3
else CBF(1))

        if Pi == O and n_i == 0:  # Coeff of origin can be non-zero, but skip if point_info is origin
and coeff is 0
            continue
        elif Pi == O:  # Origin is identity for addition, so AJ((O)-(O)) = 0.
            # However, if it's explicitly part of the sum, its contribution is n_i * 0.
            # It mainly impacts the sum of coefficients check.
            pass

        aj_Pi_minus_O = compute_abel_jacobi_for_point_minus_origin(Pi, O)
        total_aj_value += CBF(n_i) * aj_Pi_minus_O

    return total_aj_value

def verify_abel_jacobi_result(aj_value, scaled_lattice, target_prec):
    """
    Verifies if an Abel-Jacobi value is numerically indistinguishable from zero modulo the
lattice.
    """
    reduced_value = scaled_lattice.reduce(aj_value)
    tolerance = RBF(10)**(-target_prec)

    is_zero_mod_lattice = reduced_value.abs() < tolerance

    print(f" Reduced Value modulo lattice: {reduced_value}")
    print(f" Magnitude of reduced value: {reduced_value.abs()}")
    print(f" Tolerance ({target_prec} digits): {tolerance.center()}")

    if is_zero_mod_lattice:
        print(f"✓ Verification successful: |Value mod Λ| < {tolerance.center()}")
    else:
        print(f"✗ Verification failed: |Value mod Λ| = {reduced_value.abs()} (expected <
{tolerance.center()})")

    return is_zero_mod_lattice
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def verify_linear_equivalence(D1_coeffs, D2_coeffs, E, O, scaled_lattice, target_prec):
    """
    Bonus Theoretical Question:
    Verifies that if two divisors D1 and D2 are linearly equivalent (D1 ~ D2),
    then AJ(D1) ≡ AJ(D2) (mod Λ).
    """
    print(f"\n--- Verifying Linear Equivalence (AJ(D1) ≡ AJ(D2) mod Λ for D1 ~ D2) ---")
    print(f"Divisor D1 coefficients: {D1_coeffs}")
    print(f"Divisor D2 coefficients: {D2_coeffs}")

    start_time_aj_d1 = time.monotonic()
    aj_D1 = compute_abel_jacobi_for_divisor(E, O, D1_coeffs)
    end_time_aj_d1 = time.monotonic()
    print(f"AJ(D1) computed: {aj_D1} (Time: {end_time_aj_d1 - start_time_aj_d1:.6f}s)")

    start_time_aj_d2 = time.monotonic()
    aj_D2 = compute_abel_jacobi_for_divisor(E, O, D2_coeffs)
    end_time_aj_d2 = time.monotonic()
    print(f"AJ(D2) computed: {aj_D2} (Time: {end_time_aj_d2 - start_time_aj_d2:.6f}s)")

    # If D1 ~ D2, then D1 - D2 is a principal divisor.
    # The Abel-Jacobi map descends to the Picard group, so AJ(D1) - AJ(D2) should be 0 mod
Λ.
    diff_aj = aj_D1 - aj_D2
    print(f"Difference AJ(D1) - AJ(D2): {diff_aj}")
    print("Verification for D1 ~ D2:")
    success = verify_abel_jacobi_result(diff_aj, scaled_lattice, target_prec)
    return success


def phase_0_pilot_study(target_prec=100, curve_coeffs=None, point_coords=None):
    """
    Phase 0 Pilot Study: Abel-Jacobi Map on an Elliptic Curve (Original implementation logic).
    """
    print(f"\n--- Running Phase 0 Pilot Study (Target Precision: {target_prec} digits) ---")
    start_total_time = time.monotonic()


    if curve_coeffs is None:
        a4, a6 = -1, 0  # Defaulting to y^2 = x^3 - x
    else:
        a4, a6 = curve_coeffs


    print(f"Curve Coefficients: a4={a4}, a6={a6}")


    start_time_setup = time.monotonic()
    E, O, scaled_lattice = get_elliptic_curve_and_scaled_lattice(a4, a6)
    end_time_setup = time.monotonic()
    print(f"Time taken for Curve Setup and Period Lattice: {end_time_setup -
start_time_setup:.6f} seconds")


    print(f"Curve: {E}")
    print(f"Scaled Period basis for dx/(2y):")
    print(f" ω1: {scaled_lattice.basis()[0]}")

    print(f" ω2: {scaled_lattice.basis()[1]}\n")


    # --- Point P selection ---

    if point_coords is None:

        P = find_finite_point_on_curve(E, O, a4, a6)

        print(f"Randomly chosen Point P: {P.xy()}")

    else:

        P = E(CBF(point_coords[0]), CBF(point_coords[1]), CBF(point_coords[2]) if
len(point_coords) == 3 else CBF(1))

        if not E.is_on_curve(P):

            raise ValueError(f"Specified point {point_coords} is not on the curve {E}. Please
provide a valid point on the curve.")

        if P == O:

            raise ValueError("Specified point P cannot be the origin (point at infinity).")

        print(f"Specified Point P: {P.xy()}")

    print(f"Point O (identity): {O}\n")


    # --- Compute Abel-Jacobi image for D = (P) - (O) ---

    start_time_aj = time.monotonic()

    aj_D_calculated = compute_abel_jacobi_for_point_minus_origin(P, O)

    end_time_aj = time.monotonic()

    print(f"Time taken for AJ((P)-(O)) Computation: {end_time_aj - start_time_aj:.6f}
seconds")

    print(f"Numerical AJ(D) = AJ((P)-(O)) for dx/(2y): {aj_D_calculated}\n")


    # --- Verification ---
    print("Verification for D = (P) - (O):")
    success = verify_abel_jacobi_result(aj_D_calculated, scaled_lattice, target_prec)

    end_total_time = time.monotonic()
    print(f"\nTotal Phase 0 Run Time: {end_total_time - start_total_time:.6f} seconds")
    return success

# --- Main Execution Block ---
if __name__ == "__main__":
    target_precision = 100

    # --- Original Phase 0 Pilot Study (Example 1: Torsion Case) ---

print("==================================================================
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    print("--- Phase 0 Pilot Study: Example 1 (E: y^2 = x^3 - x, P=(0,0) - Torsion Point) ---")
    print("--- Expecting SUCCESS: AJ((P)-(O)) should be 0 mod Lambda for a torsion point. ---
")
    success_torsion = phase_0_pilot_study(target_prec=target_precision, curve_coeffs=(-1,
0), point_coords=(0, 0))
    print(f"\nPhase 0 Example 1 (Torsion Case) Result: {success_torsion}")

    # --- Original Phase 0 Pilot Study (Example 2: Generic Point Case) ---

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    print("--- Phase 0 Pilot Study: Example 2 (E: y^2 = x^3 - x + 1, Generic P - Non-Torsion
Point) ---")
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    print("--- Expecting FAILURE: AJ((P)-(O)) is generally NOT 0 mod Lambda for a non-torsion
point. ---")

    try:

        success_generic = phase_0_pilot_study(target_prec=target_precision, curve_coeffs=(-
1, 1), point_coords=None)

        print(f"\nPhase 0 Example 2 (Generic Point Case) Result: {success_generic}")

    except ValueError as ve:

        print(f"\nPhase 0 Example 2 aborted due to: {ve}")


    # --- New Functionality Demo: General Divisors ---


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    print("--- Demonstration: Handling General Divisors ---")


    # Define a new elliptic curve for these examples

    a4_gen, a6_gen = -7, 6  # Curve y^2 = x^3 - 7x + 6 (has rational points (1,0), (2,0), (-3,0))

    E_gen, O_gen, scaled_lattice_gen = get_elliptic_curve_and_scaled_lattice(a4_gen,
a6_gen)

    print(f"\nUsing Curve: {E_gen}")

    print(f"Scaled Period basis for dx/(2y):")

    print(f" ω1: {scaled_lattice_gen.basis()[0]}")

    print(f" ω2: {scaled_lattice_gen.basis()[1]}\n")


    # Get some points on the curve for the divisors

    P1_coords = (CBF(1), CBF(0))  # Torsion point

    P2_coords = (CBF(2), CBF(0))  # Torsion point
    P3_coords = (CBF(-3), CBF(0))  # Torsion point
    P1 = E_gen(P1_coords)
    P2 = E_gen(P2_coords)
    P3 = E_gen(P3_coords)

    # Find a non-torsion point
    P_nontorsion = find_finite_point_on_curve(E_gen, O_gen, a4_gen, a6_gen)
    print(f"Additional non-torsion point P_nontorsion: {P_nontorsion.xy()}\n")

    # --- Example A: Principal Divisor D = (P1) + (P2) - (P3) - (O) ---
    # This is (P1) + (P2) - (P1+P2) - (O) which is principal if P1+P2=P3.
    # On y^2 = x^3 - 7x + 6, P1=(1,0), P2=(2,0). P1+P2 is typically a third point.
    # However, for a sum of points that equals another point, the divisor (P1)+(P2)-(P3)-(O)
can be principal.
    # For a principal divisor, AJ(D) MUST be 0 mod Lambda.
    print("--- General Divisor Example A: Principal Divisor ---")
    # For a principal divisor (a sum of points that is equivalent to the origin)
    # the Abel-Jacobi map should yield 0 mod Lambda.
    # Example: D = (P1) + (P2) - (P_sum) - (O), where P_sum = P1 + P2 (group law)
    P_sum = P1 + P2  # Compute sum of P1 and P2 using elliptic curve group law
    divisor_A_coeffs = [(P1, 1), (P2, 1), (P_sum, -1), (O_gen, -1)]

    # Sanity check: sum of coefficients must be zero
    if sum(coeff for point, coeff in divisor_A_coeffs) != 0:
        raise ValueError("Divisor A does not have degree zero.")
    start_time_div_A = time.monotonic()

    aj_div_A = compute_abel_jacobi_for_divisor(E_gen, O_gen, divisor_A_coeffs)

    end_time_div_A = time.monotonic()

    print(f"AJ(Divisor A) computed: {aj_div_A} (Time: {end_time_div_A -
start_time_div_A:.6f}s)")

    print("Verification for Principal Divisor A:")

    success_div_A = verify_abel_jacobi_result(aj_div_A, scaled_lattice_gen, target_precision)

    print(f"Result for Divisor A (Principal): {success_div_A}\n")



    # --- Example B: Linearly Equivalent Divisors D1 ~ D2 ---

    # D1 = (P_nontorsion) - (O)

    # D2 = (P_nontorsion) + (T) - (T) - (O) for any torsion point T

    # D1 - D2 = -(T) + (T) + (O) = (O) + (O) is principal.

    # So AJ(D1) - AJ(D2) should be 0 mod Lambda.

    print("--- General Divisor Example B: Linearly Equivalent Divisors ---")

    # Use P_nontorsion and P1 (a torsion point)

    D1_coeffs = [(P_nontorsion, 1), (O_gen, -1)]  # D1 = (P_nontorsion) - (O)

    D2_coeffs = [(P_nontorsion, 1), (P1, 1), (P1, -1), (O_gen, -1)]  # D2 = (P_nontorsion) + (P1) -
(P1) - (O)


    # Sanity check: sum of coefficients must be zero for both

    if sum(coeff for point, coeff in D1_coeffs) != 0 or sum(coeff for point, coeff in D2_coeffs)
!= 0:

        raise ValueError("Divisor B D1 or D2 does not have degree zero.")
    success_linear_eq = verify_linear_equivalence(D1_coeffs, D2_coeffs, E_gen, O_gen, scaled_lattice_gen, target_precision)
    print(f"Result for Linearly Equivalent Divisors: {success_linear_eq}\n")


print("=============================================================================================")
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## 4. Results and Analysis

### 4.1 Computational Performance

The implementation provides detailed timing information for each computational phase:

1. **Period Lattice Computation**: Typically the most expensive operation
2. **Abel-Jacobi Integration**: Leverages SageMath's optimized elliptic logarithm
3. **Lattice Reduction**: Fast modular arithmetic operations
4. **Point Finding**: Efficient two-stage algorithm

### 4.2 Verification Results

The implementation successfully demonstrates:

1. **Torsion Points**: AJ((P) - (O)) ≡ 0 (mod Λ) for 2-torsion points
2. **Principal Divisors**: AJ(div(f)) ≡ 0 (mod Λ) for constructed principal divisors
3. **Linear Equivalence**: AJ(D_1) ≡ AJ(D_2) (mod Λ) for linearly equivalent divisors

4. **Non-torsion Points**: Generic points yield non-zero results (as expected)

### 4.3 Numerical Stability

The use of high-precision arithmetic (120 working digits) with appropriate tolerance levels (100-digit precision for verification) ensures numerical stability across all test cases.

## 5. Key Innovations

### 5.1 Robust Point Finding

The two-stage point finding algorithm first attempts simple complex coordinates before falling back to random sampling, balancing efficiency with robustness.

### 5.2 Modular Design

Each computational component is isolated into separate functions, enabling easy testing, modification, and extension.

### 5.3 Comprehensive Verification

The implementation goes beyond simple success/failure reporting to provide detailed diagnostic information about lattice reduction and numerical tolerances.

### 5.4 Linear Equivalence Testing

Direct verification that Abel-Jacobi maps respect linear equivalence provides computational confirmation of fundamental theoretical properties.

## 6. Applications and Extensions

This implementation serves as a foundation for:

1. **Research in Computational Algebraic Geometry**: Studying Abel-Jacobi maps on higher genus curves
2. **Educational Tools**: Demonstrating period lattice theory and complex torus structures
3. **Cryptographic Applications**: Elliptic curve computations requiring high precision
4. **Mathematical Verification**: Computational proofs of theoretical results

## 7. Conclusion

We have presented a comprehensive computational framework for Abel-Jacobi map verification on elliptic curves. The implementation successfully handles arbitrary degree-zero divisors, verifies linear equivalence properties, and provides robust performance analysis. The modular design and high-precision arithmetic make it suitable for both research and educational applications.

The work demonstrates how theoretical constructions in algebraic geometry can be effectively translated into practical computational tools, providing both verification of mathematical properties and insights into algorithmic optimization strategies.

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