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Abstract:

Isogenies of elliptic curves have recently come under the spotlight thanks to their applications in post quantum cryptography. The two prominent isogeny-based primitives, SIDH and CSIDH, provide, respectively, the key encapsulation with the lowest communication complexity among all candidates to the NIST post-quantum competition, and the only known efficient post-quantum non-interactive key exchange. Computational problems related to isogenies have been studied for more than 30 years, owing to their connections to elliptic curve cryptography. I will thus start by reviewing the relevant computational problems, and highlight some recent results. I will then introduce isogeny graphs, and explain how they are useful in cryptography; in particular I will point out what they are good for, what they are not-so-good at, and what they are absolutely terrible at. Finally, I will present some research perspectives and some important open problems.

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