



# ELLIPTIC CURVE CRYPTOGRAPHY



# Elliptic Curve Cryptography: Motivation

- Public key cryptographic algorithms (asymmetric key algorithms) play an important role in providing security services:
  - Key management what are the security services provided by the public key cryptographic algorithms
  - Confidentiality
  - User authentication
  - Signature
- Public key cryptography systems are constructed by relying on the **hardness of mathematical problems**
  - RSA: based on the integer factorization problem what is hardness of mathematical problems in RSA and DH
  - DH: based on the discrete logarithm problem
- The main problem of conventional public key cryptography systems what is the main problem of convectional public key cryptography systems?
  - **key size has to be sufficient large** in order to meet **the high-level security requirement**.
- This results in lower speed and consumption of more bandwidth
  - Solution: **Elliptic Curve Cryptography system** disadvantages of convectional cryptography systems.  
what is the solution to it ?

# Introduction to Elliptic Curves

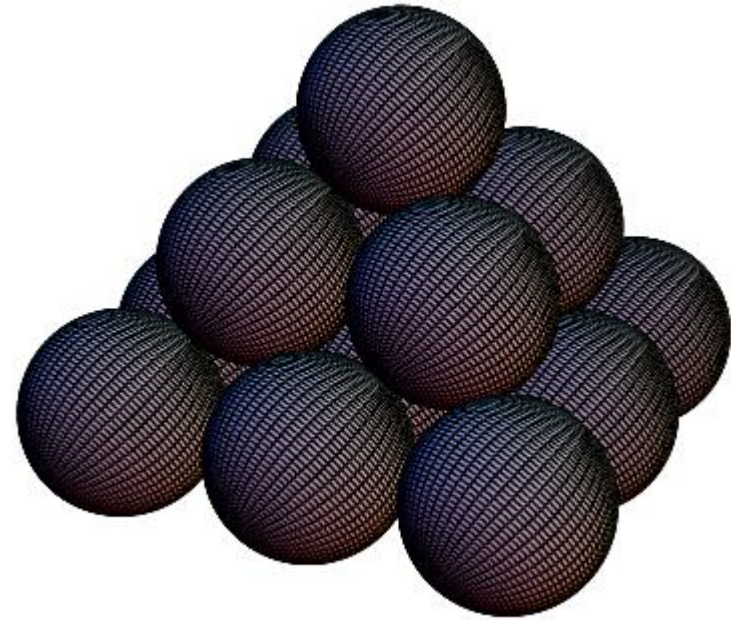
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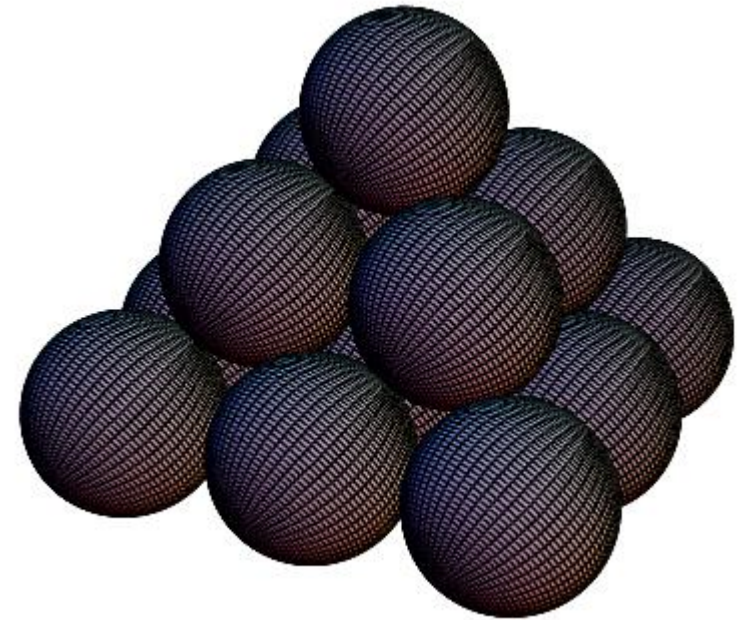
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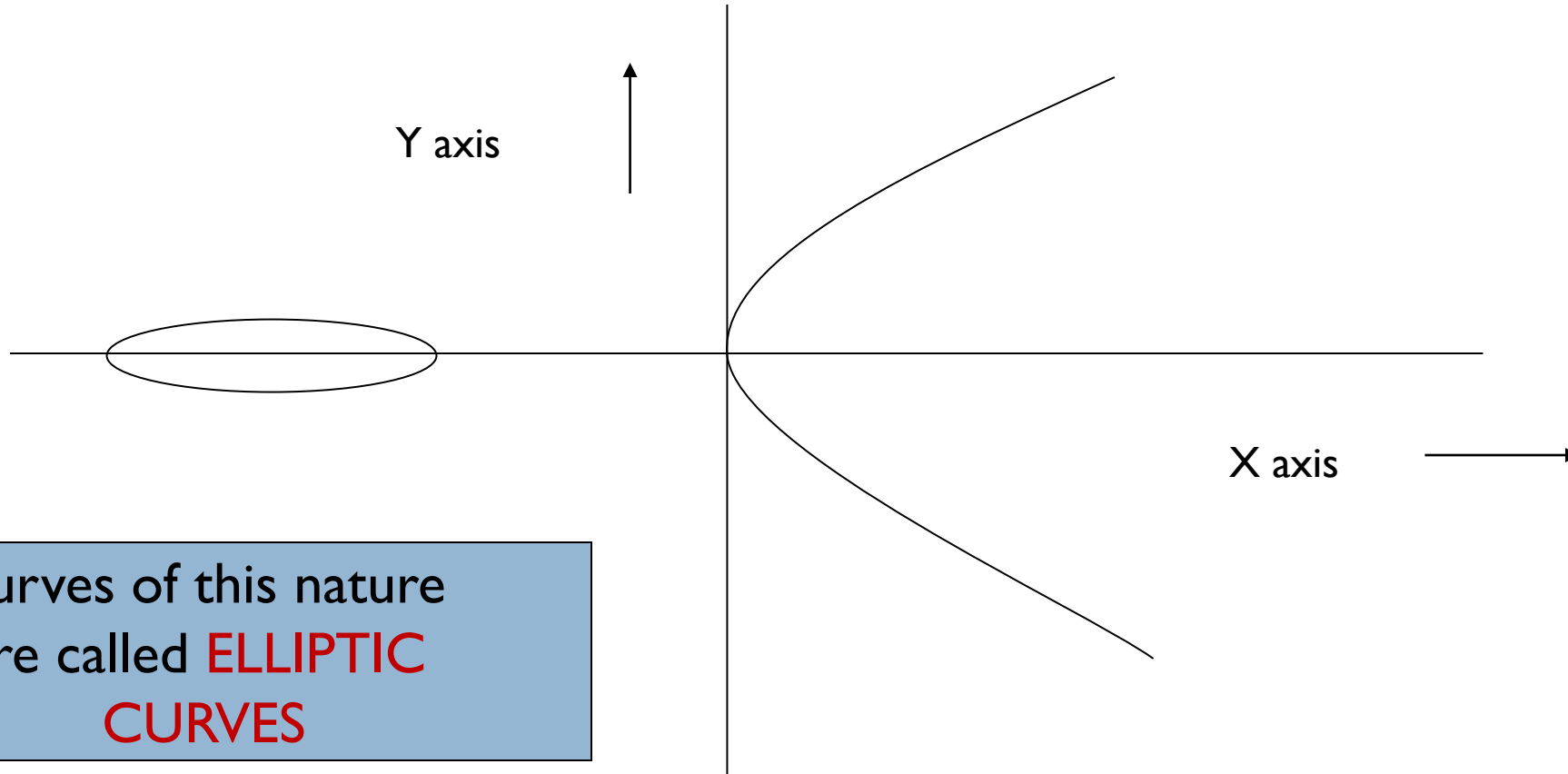
- Let  $x$  be the height of the pyramid, then the number of balls in pyramid is,

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + x^2 = \frac{x(x+1)(2x+1)}{6}$$

- We also want this to be a square. Hence,

$$y^2 = \frac{x(x+1)(2x+1)}{6}$$

# Graphical Representation



Curves of this nature  
are called **ELLIPTIC  
CURVES**



# Method of Diophantus

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- Two trivial roots  $x=0$  and  $x=1$ ..... But what about third one????

# Method of Diophantus...

- We know that, for any numbers  $a, b, c$ , we have,

$$(x-a)(x-b)(x-c) = x^3 - (a+b+c)x^2 + (ab+bc+ac)x - abc$$

- Hence, for the equation

$$x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x = 0$$

- We have,

$$a+b+x = \frac{3}{2} \rightarrow 0+1+x = \frac{3}{2} \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

- Hence, one more point  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  and because of the symmetry, another  $(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$

## Method of Diophantus... : Exercise

- Can you find out another point on curve using Diophantus's method ???

*Consider two points  $(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$  and  $(1, 1)$  and find out another point on the curve .....*

## Method of Diophantus... : Exercise solution

- Consider the line through  $(1/2, -1/2)$  and  $(1, 1) \Rightarrow y=3x-2$
- Intersecting with the curve we have:

$$x^3 - \frac{51}{2}x^2 + \dots = 0$$

- Thus  $\frac{1}{2} + 1 + x = \frac{51}{2}$  or  $x = 24$  and  $y=70$
- Thus if we have 4900 balls we may arrange them in either way

# Weierstrass Equation

weierstrass equation su 6e

- For most situations, an elliptic curve  $E$  is the graph of an equation of the form:

$$y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants. This refers to the **Weierstrass Equation of Elliptic Curve**.  $A, B, x, y \Rightarrow$  kona element hoi sake 6e

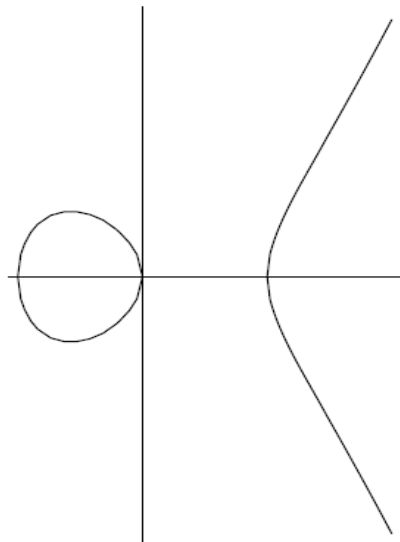
- Here,  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  all belong to a field of say rational numbers, complex numbers, **finite fields ( $F_p$ ) or Galois Fields ( $GF(2^n)$ )**.
- If  $K$  is the field where  $A, B \in K$ , then we say that the **Elliptic Curve  $E$  is defined over  $K$**

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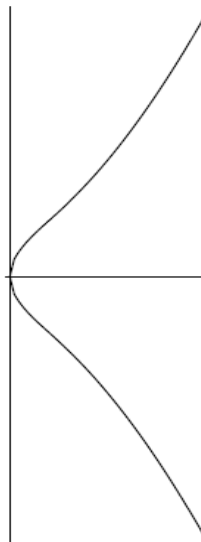
# Points on Elliptic Curve

- If we want to consider points with coordinates in some field  $L$ , we write  $E(L)$ . By definition, this set always contains the point at infinity  $O$

$$E(L) = \{O\} \cup \{(x, y) \in L \times L \mid y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B\}$$



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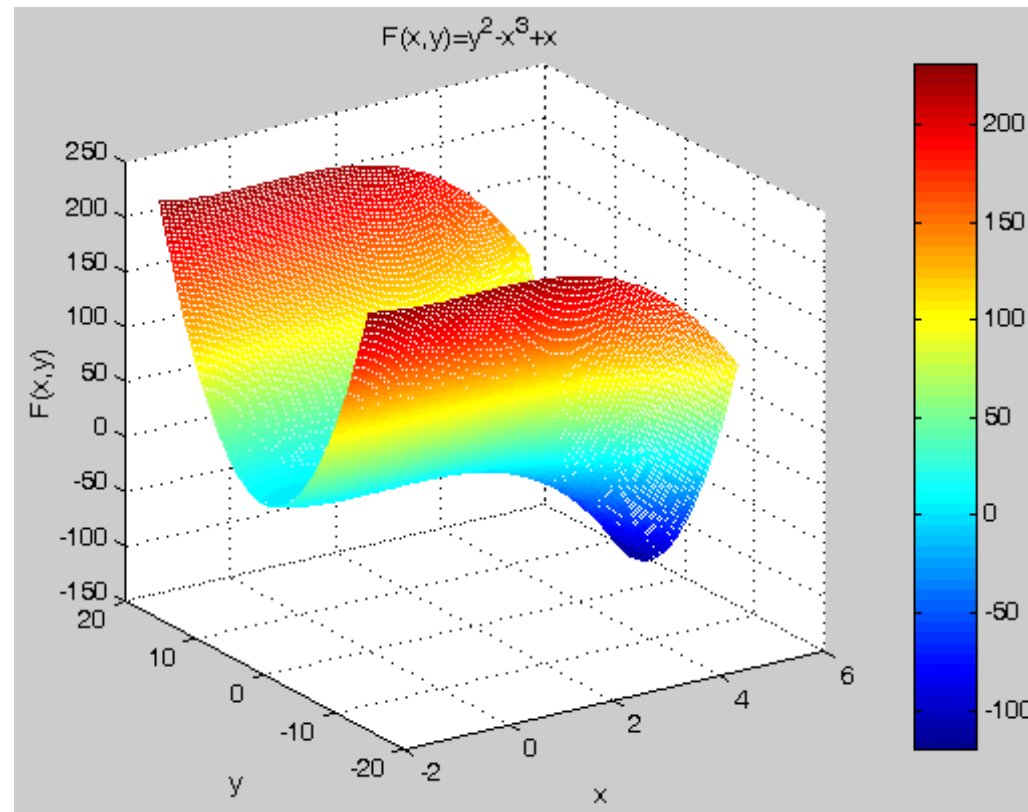
(b)  $y^2 = x^3 + x$

What about the roots of these curves ????

We must have the equation  $4A^3 + 27B^2 \neq 0$  satisfied

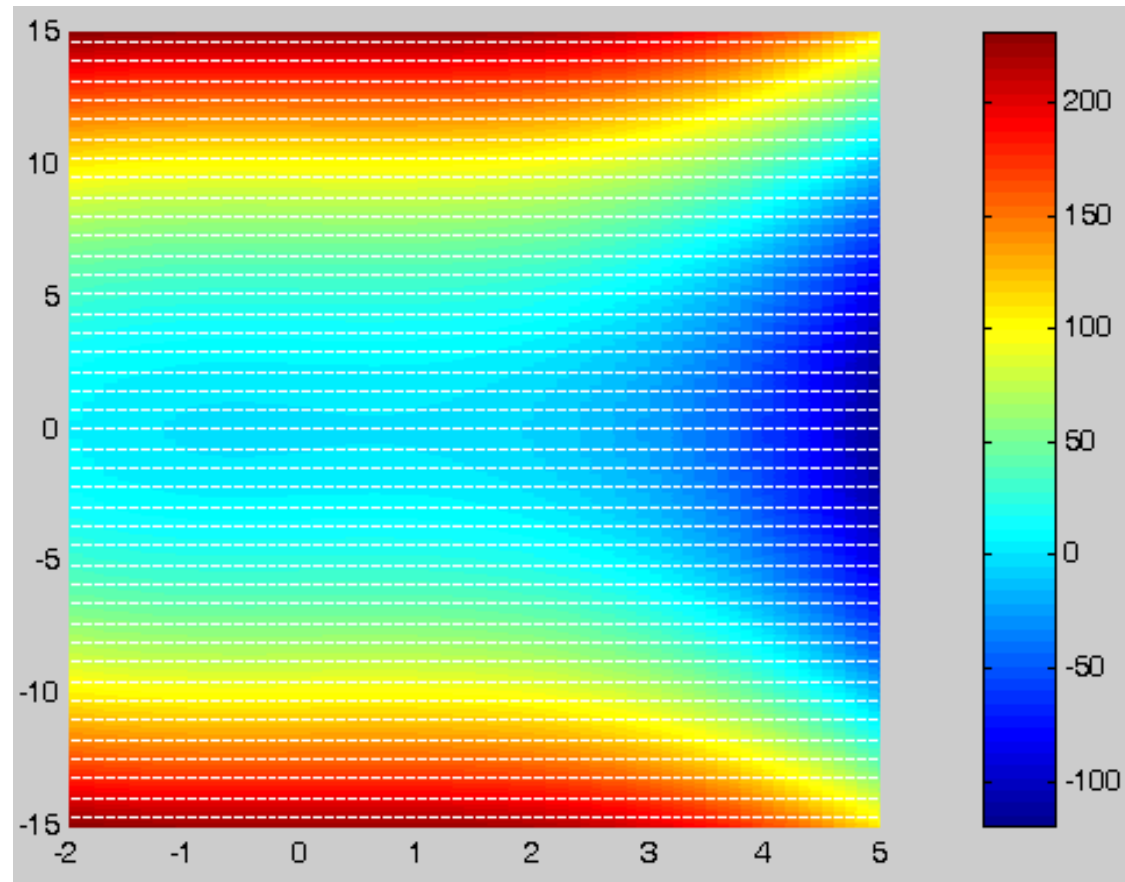
A condition for an Elliptic curve to be a group !!!!!

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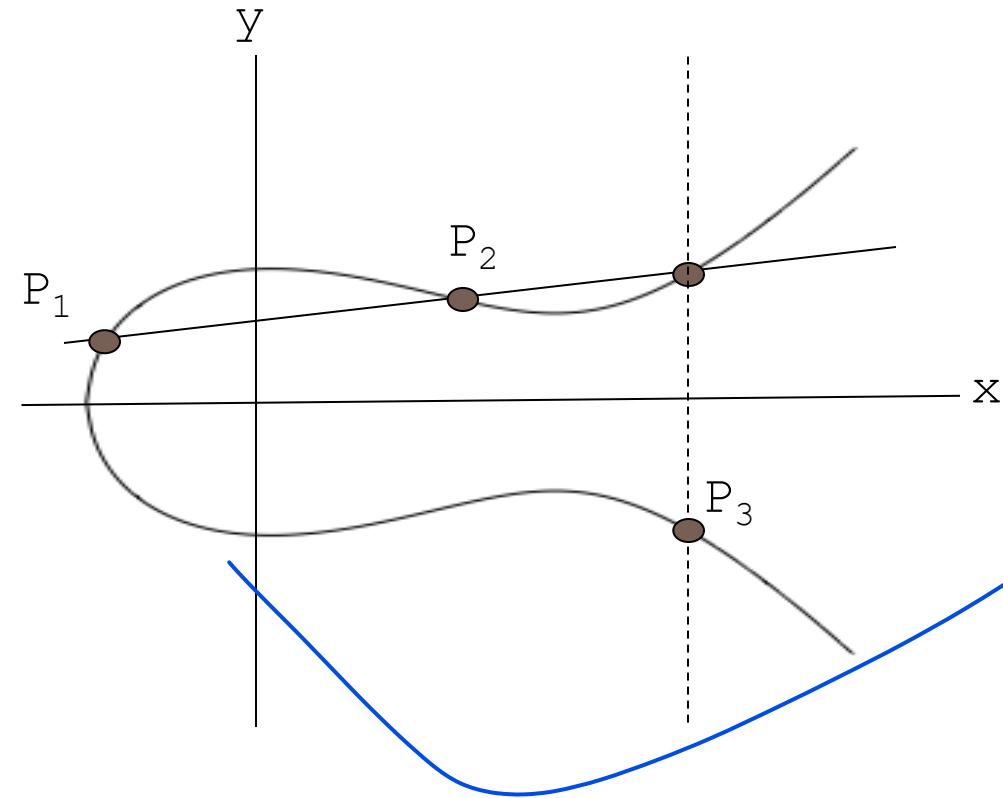


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# Adding points on Elliptic Curve...

how to add two points on the elliptic curve



- Consider elliptic curve
$$E: y^2 = x^3 - x + 1$$
- Start with two points :  $P_1(x_1, y_1)$  and  $P_2(x_2, y_2)$  on elliptic curve
- To get a new point  $P_3$  ,
  - Draw a line  $L$  through  $P_1$  and  $P_2$
  - Get the intersection  $P_3'$
  - Reflect across  $x$ -axis to get  $P_3$
- We define  $P_1 + P_2 = P_3$

why do we take the inverse of that two points.

# Adding points on Elliptic Curve...

- Case 1:  $P_1 \neq P_2$  and neither point is  $O$ 
  - For  $x_1 \neq x_2$
  - For  $x_1 = x_2$  ????
  - We get  $P_1 + P_2 = O$

Slope of the line  $L$  passing through  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  is,

$$m = \frac{(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)}$$

For  $x_1 \neq x_2$ , equation of line  $L$  is,

$$y = m(x - x_1) + y_1$$

To find intersection with  $E$ , substitute to get,

$$(m(x - x_1) + y_1)^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$$

Rearrange to form,

$$0 = x^3 - m^2x^2 + \dots$$

Given two roots  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , third root can be calculated,

$$(a + b + c) = m^2 \Rightarrow (x_1 + x_2 + x) = m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = m^2 - x_1 - x_2$$

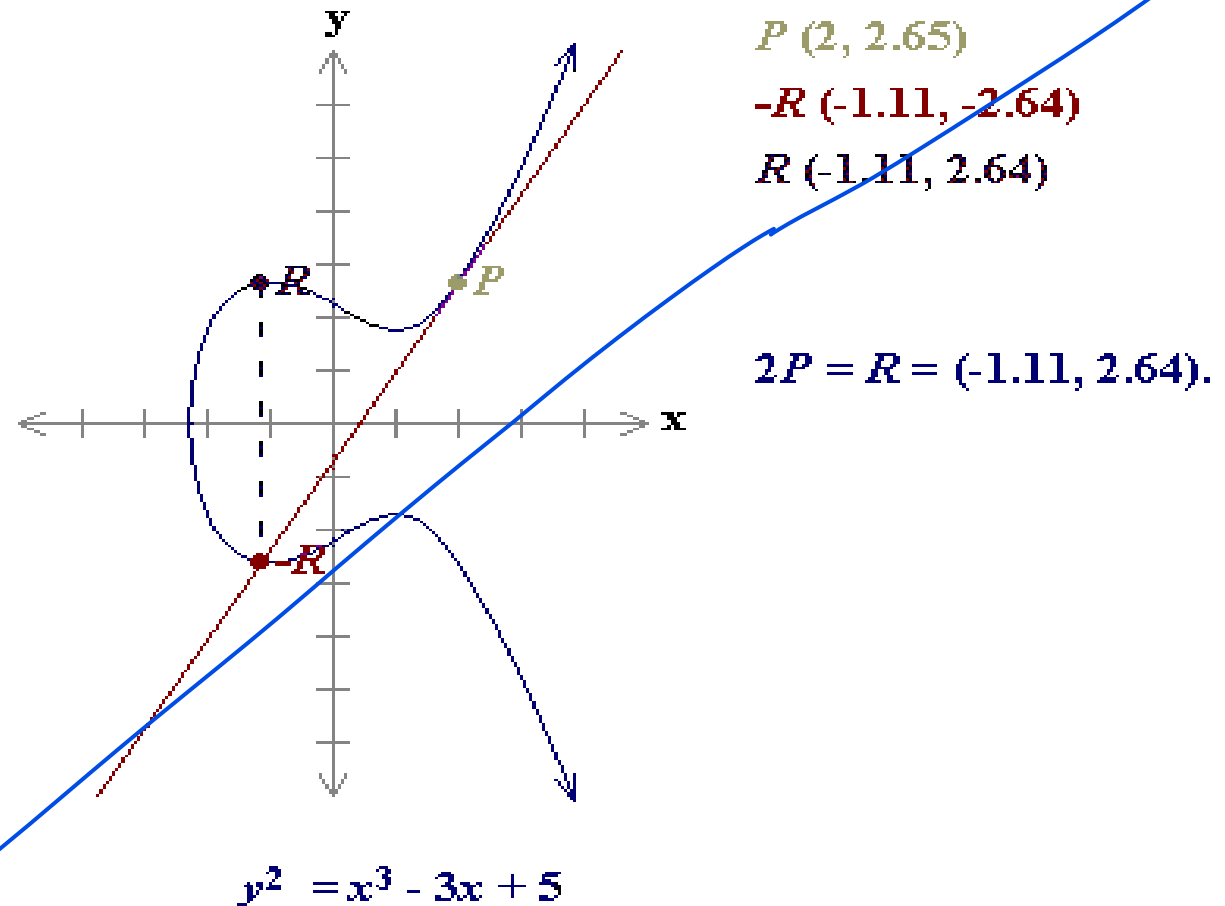
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reflecting across the  $x$ -axis to obtain the point  $P_3 = (x_3, y_3)$ :

$$x_3 = m^2 - x_1 - x_2 \text{ and } y_3 = m(x_1 - x_3) - y_1$$

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$$2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + A, \text{ so } m = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x_1^2 + A}{2y_1}$$

If  $y_1 \neq 0$ , the equation of  $L$  is,

$$y = m(x - x_1) + y_1$$

We find the cubic equation,

$$0 = x^3 - m^2 x^2 + \dots$$

This time we know only one root  $x_1$ , we obtain :

$$x_3 = m^2 - 2x_1, \quad y_3 = m(x_1 - x_3) - y_1$$

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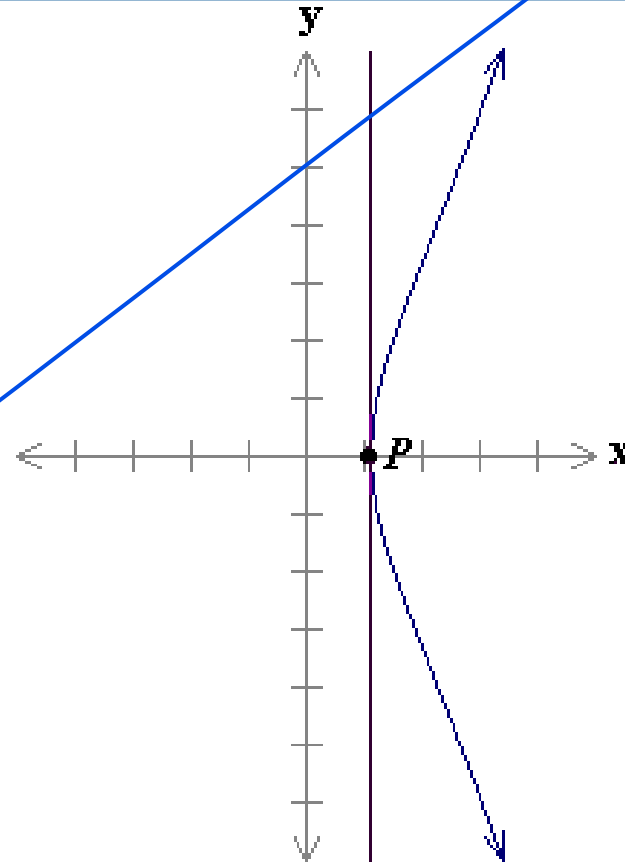
- We get  $P_1 + P_2 = O$

- Case III:  $P_2 = O$

- What about  $P_1 + P_2$  ????

- Do we get  $P_1 + P_2 = P_1$  ??

- In other words,  $P_1 + O = P_1$



$P (1,0)$

Since  $y_P = 0$ ,  $2P = O$ ,  
the point at infinity.

$$y^2 = x^3 + 5x - 7$$

# Group Law

- The addition of points on an elliptic curve  $E$  satisfies the following properties:
  - (Commutativity) :  $P_1 + P_2 = P_2 + P_1$  for all  $P_1, P_2$  on  $E$
  - (Existence of identity) :  $P + O = P$  for all  $P$  on  $E$
  - (Existence of inverses) : Given  $P$  on  $E$ , there exists  $P'$  on  $E$  with  $P + P' = O$ . This point  $P'$  will usually be denoted as  $-P$
  - (Associativity) :  $(P_1 + P_2) + P_3 = P_1 + (P_2 + P_3)$  for all  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  on  $E$

The points on  $E$  form an additive abelian group with  $O$  as the identity element.

# Integer times a point

- Let  $k$  be a positive integer and let  $P$  be a point on an elliptic curve, then
  - $kP$  denotes  $P + P + \dots + P$  (with  $k$  summands) what do you mean by doing the  $kP$
- Efficient computation for large  $k$ 
  - Successive doubling method kai method vapray 6e for the  $kP$ 
    - For example, to compute  $19P$ , we compute
      - $2P, 4P = 2P + 2P, 8P = 4P + 4P, 16P = 8P + 8P, 19P = 16P + 2P + P.$
- But, the only difficulty is....
  - The size of the coordinates of the points increases very rapidly if we are working over the rational numbers difficulty su 6e ?
  - What about finite fields ????





# ELLIPTIC CURVES IN CRYPTOGRAPHY

# Elliptic curves in Cryptography

- Elliptic Curve (EC) systems as applied to cryptography were first proposed in 1985 independently by Neal Koblitz and Victor Miller.
- The **discrete logarithm problem** on elliptic curve groups
  - More difficult than the corresponding problem in (the multiplicative group of nonzero elements of) the underlying **finite field**.

# Why finite field?

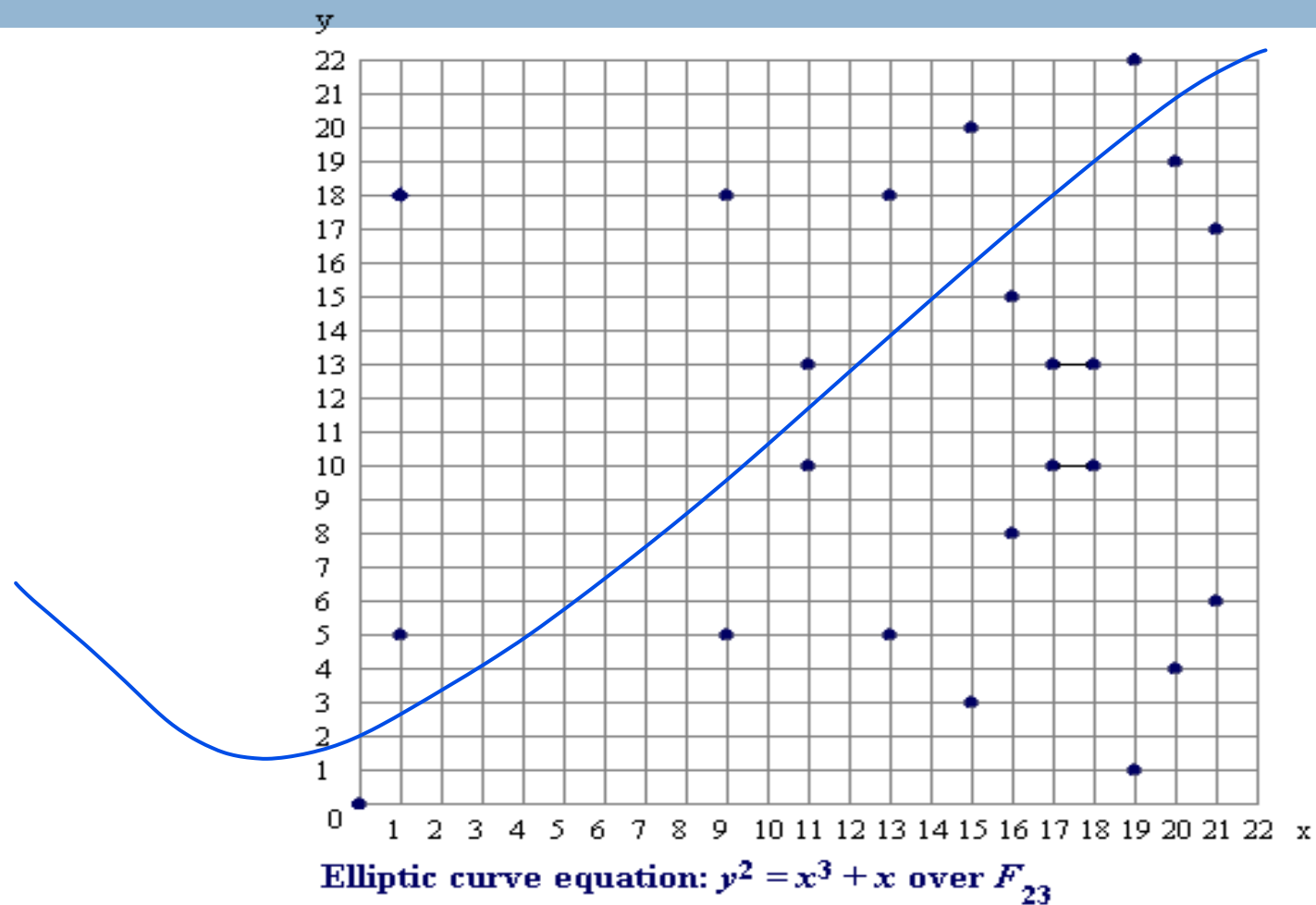
- Elliptic curves over real numbers
  - Calculations prove to be slow
  - Inaccurate due to rounding error
  - Infinite field
- Cryptographic schemes need fast and accurate arithmetic
- In the cryptographic schemes, elliptic curves over two finite fields are mostly used.
  - Prime field  $F_p$ , where  $p$  is a prime.
  - Binary field  $F_{2^m}$ , where  $m$  is a positive integer

# Elliptic Curve over finite field $F_{23}$

- As a very small example, consider an elliptic curve over the field  $F_{23}$ . With  $A = 1$  and  $B = 0$ , the elliptic curve equation is  $y^2 = x^3 + x$ .
- The point  $(9,5)$  satisfies this equation since:  
 $y^2 \bmod p = x^3 + x \bmod p$   
 $25 \bmod 23 = 729 + 9 \bmod 23$   
 $25 \bmod 23 = 738 \bmod 23$   
 $2 = 2$
- The 23 points which satisfy this equation are:

$(0,0)$   $(1,5)$   $(1,18)$   $(9,5)$   $(9,18)$   $(11,10)$   $(11,13)$   $(13,5)$   $(13,18)$   $(15,3)$   $(15,20)$   $(16,8)$   
 $(16,15)$   $(17,10)$   $(17,13)$   $(18,10)$   $(18,13)$   $(19,1)$   $(19,22)$   $(20,4)$   $(20,19)$   $(21,6)$   $(21,17)$

# Elliptic Curve over finite field $F_{23}$ ...



# Elliptic curves over finite fields

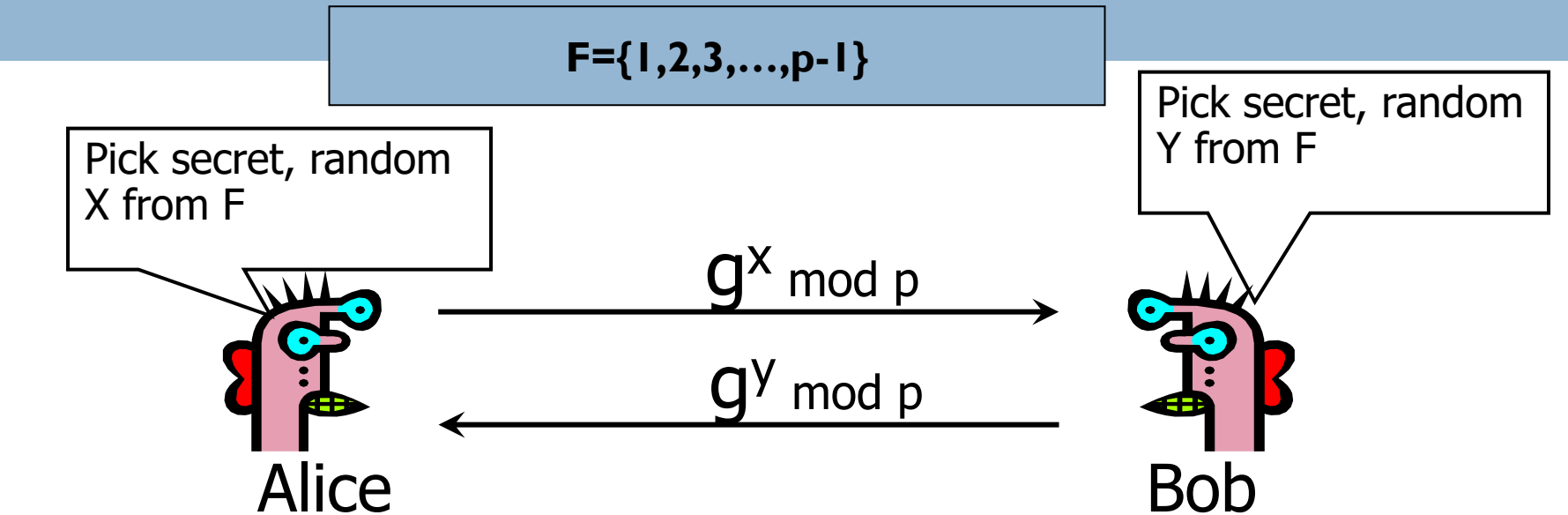
- Let us do an exercise....
- Let  $E$  be the curve  $y^2 = x^3 + x + 1$  over  $F_5$ , find all the points on  $E$

*Therefore,  $E(F_5)$  has order 9.*

*Can you show that  $E(F_5)$  is cyclic??? What is the generator??*

x	$x^3+x+1$	y	Points
0	1	$\pm 1$	<del>(0,1),(0,4)</del>
1	3	-	-
2	1	$\pm 1$	<del>(2,1),(2,4)</del>
3	1	$\pm 1$	(3,1),(3,4)
4	4	$\pm 2$	<del>(4,2),(4,3)</del>
0		0	0

# Discrete logarithms in Finite Fields



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Eve has to compute  $g^{xy}$  from  $g^x$  and  $g^y$  without knowing  $x$  and  $y$ ...  
She faces the **Discrete Logarithm Problem** in finite fields

# Elliptic Curve Discrete Logarithm Problem (ECDLP)

*If we are working over a large finite field and are given points  $P$  and  $kP$ , it is computationally hard to determine the value of  $k$ . This is called the **discrete logarithm problem for elliptic curves (ECDLP)** and is the basis for the cryptographic applications.*



# What Is Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC)?

- Elliptic curve cryptography [ECC] is a **public-key** cryptosystem just like RSA, El Gamal.
- Every user has a **public** and a **private** key.
  - **Public key** is used for encryption/signature verification.
  - **Private key** is used for decryption/signature generation.
- Elliptic curves are used as an extension to other current cryptosystems.
  - Elliptic Curve El-Gamal Encryption
  - Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange
  - Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm

# Using Elliptic Curves In Cryptography

- The central part of any cryptosystem involving elliptic curves is the **elliptic group**.
- All public-key cryptosystems have some underlying mathematical operation.
  - RSA has **exponentiation** (raising the message or ciphertext to the public or private values)
  - ECC has **point multiplication** (repeated addition of two points).

# Discrete Logarithm Key pair generation

- A key pair is associated with a set of public domain parameters  $(p, q, g)$ .  
*Here,  $p$  is a prime, and  $g \in [1, p-1]$  has order  $q$*

INPUT:  $D L \Rightarrow$  domain parameters  $(p, q, g)$ .

OUTPUT: Public key  $y$  and private key  $x$ .

1. Select  $x \in_R [1, q - 1]$ .
2. Compute  $y = g^x \bmod p$
3. Return  $(y, x)$ .

# ECC Key pair generation

- Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over a finite field  $F_p$ .
- Let  $P$  be a point in  $E(F_p)$ , and suppose that  $P$  has prime order  $n$ . Then the cyclic subgroup of  $E(F_p)$  generated by  $P$  is,  
$$P = \{O, P, 2P, 3P, \dots, (n-1)P\}.$$

The public domain parameters are : The prime  $p$ , the equation of the elliptic curve  $E$ , and the point  $P$  and its order  $n$  :  $(p, E, P, n)$

A private key is an integer  $d$  that is selected uniformly at random from the interval  $[1, n - 1]$ , and the corresponding public key is  $Q = dP$ .

# Basic ElGamal encryption scheme

## Basic ElGamal Encryption

INPUT : DLdomain parameters  $(p, q, g)$ , public key  $y$ , plaintext  $m \in [0, p-1]$ .

OUTPUT : Ciphertext  $(c_1, c_2)$ .

1. Select  $k \in_R [1, q-1]$ .

2. Compute  $c_1 = g^k \bmod p$

3. Compute  $c_2 = m \cdot y^k \bmod p$

2. Return  $(c_1, c_2)$ .

## Basic ElGamal Decryption

INPUT : DLdomain parameters  $(p, q, g)$ , private key  $x$ , ciphertext  $(c_1, c_2)$ .

OUTPUT : Plaintext  $m$ .

1. Compute  $m = c_2 \bullet c_1^{-x} \bmod p$ .

2. Return  $(m)$ .

# ECC Analog to El Gamal : ECEG

EC-ElGamal  
Encryption



INPUT : Elliptic curve domain parameters  $(p, E, P, n)$ , public key  $Q$ , plaintext  $m$ .  
OUTPUT : Ciphertext  $(C_1, C_2)$

1. Represent the message  $m$  as a point  $M$  in  $E(F_p)$
2. Select  $k \in_r [1, n-1]$ .
3. Compute  $C_1 = kP$ .
4. Compute  $C_2 = M + kQ$ .
5. Return  $(C_1, C_2)$ .

EC-ElGamal  
Decryption



INPUT : Elliptic curve domain parameters  $(p, E, P, n)$ , private key  $d$ , ciphertext  $(C_1, C_2)$   
OUTPUT : Plaintext  $m$ .

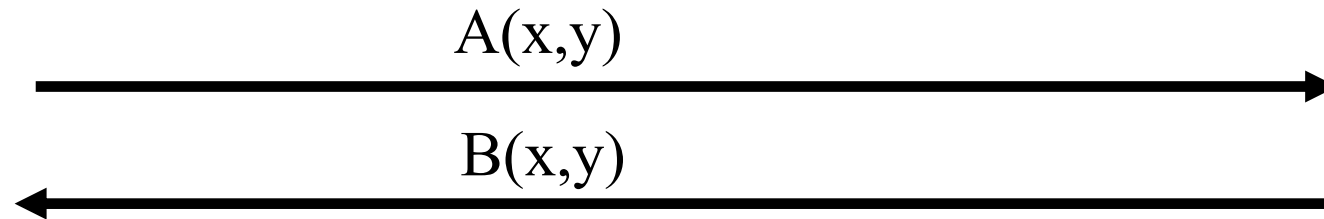
1. Compute  $M = C_2 - dC_1$ , and extract  $m$  from  $M$
2. Return  $M$ .

# ECC Diffie-Hellman: ECDH

- **Public:** Elliptic curve and point  $G=(x,y)$  on curve
- **Secret:** Alice's  $A$  and Bob's  $B$



Alice,  $A$



Bob,  $B$

- Alice computes  $A(B(x,y))$
- Bob computes  $B(A(x,y))$
- These are the same since  $AB = BA$

# ECC Diffie-Hellman: ECDH...

- **Public:** Curve  $y^2 = x^3 + 7x + b \pmod{37}$  and point  $G = (2, 5)$
- **Alice's secret:**  $A = 4$
- **Bob's secret:**  $B = 7$
- Alice sends Bob:  $4(2, 5) = (7, 32)$
- Bob sends Alice:  $7(2, 5) = (18, 35)$
- Alice computes:  $4(18, 35) = (22, 1)$
- Bob computes:  $7(7, 32) = (22, 1)$



# Why use ECC?

- Criteria to be considered while selecting PKC for application
  - **Functionality:** Does the public-key family provide the desired capabilities?
  - **Security:** What assurances are available that the protocols are secure?
  - **Performance:** For the desired level of security, do the protocols meet performance objectives?
  - Also some misc. factors such as existence of best-practice standards developed by accredited standards organizations, the availability of commercial cryptographic products, and patent coverage.

# Why use ECC?...

- The RSA, DL and EC families all provide the basic functionality expected of public-key cryptography
- But..... How do we analyze these Cryptosystems?
  - How difficult is the **underlying problem** that it is based upon
    - RSA – Integer Factorization
    - DH – Discrete Logarithms
    - ECC - Elliptic Curve Discrete Logarithm problem

# Why use ECC?...

- How do we measure **difficulty**?
  - We examine the algorithms used to solve these problems
  - Integer factorization
    - Number Field Sieve (NFS) : **Sub exponential** running time
  - Discrete Logarithm
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    - Pollard's rho algorithm
  - Elliptic Curve Discrete Logarithm Problem(ECDLP)
    - Pollard's rho algorithm : **Fully exponential** running time

# Why use ECC?...

- To **protect** a 128 bit AES key it would take a:
  - RSA Key Size: 3072 bits
  - ECC Key Size: 256 bits
- How do we strengthen RSA?
  - Increase the key length
- **Impractical?**

NIST guidelines for public key sizes for AES			
ECC KEY SIZE (Bits)	RSA KEY SIZE (Bits)	KEY SIZE RATIO	AES KEY SIZE (Bits)
163	1024	1 : 6	
256	3072	1 : 12	128
384	7680	1 : 20	192
512	15 360	1 : 30	256

Supplied by NIST to ANSI X9F1

# Applications of ECC

- Many devices are **small** and have **limited storage** and **computational power**
- Where can we apply ECC?
  - **Wireless communication devices**
  - Smart cards
  - Web servers that need to handle many encryption sessions
  - **Any application where security is needed but lacks the power, storage and computational power that is necessary for our current cryptosystems**

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