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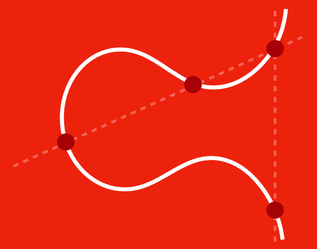
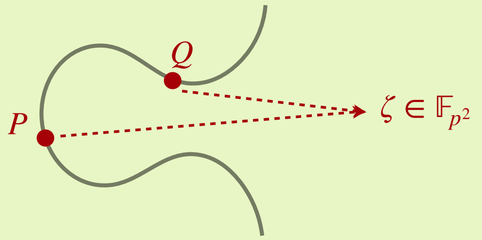


Isogenies & Pairings

the Tate pairing*

bilinear pairing from torsion groups to fields

- choose a degree r
- take point P of order r on E, that is $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})[r]$
- take point Q on E such that $Q \in E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})/rE(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$
- then $e_r(P,Q) = \zeta \in \mu_r$



in our specific case

Formally, this pairing is abstract. Specifically in our case, $p+1 = 4 \cdot \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2 \cdot \ldots \cdot \ell_n$ there is a nice interpretation of this pairing.

Choose r dividing $p+1$, say $r = \prod \ell_i = \frac{p+1}{4}$ then for $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ we get

$$P = \mathcal{O} + P_1 + P_2 + \ldots + P_n .$$

For $Q \in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$, we have equivalence by elements R in $rE(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$. In this scenario, we can think of such elements R as $R_0 + \mathcal{O} + \ldots + \mathcal{O}$, which implies $Q \sim Q'$ whenever

$$Q = Q_0 + Q_1 + Q_2 + \ldots + Q_n \quad \sim \quad Q' = Q_0' + Q_1 + Q_2 + \ldots + Q_n$$

In this specific scenario, we can think of Q as the elements $\mathcal{O} + Q_1 + \ldots + Q_n$

! **problem**

If we pick $P, Q \in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$, then Q is a multiple of P. Then $e_r(P,Q) = 1$

✓ **solution**

Work over $E[r] \subseteq E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$. In our specific case, just use Q on the *twist*

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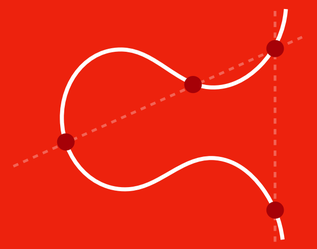

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the twist of *E*

Twist over $\mathbb{F}_p$ of supersingular curve E

- a curve E^t with $p+1$ points over $\mathbb{F}_p$
- isomorphic to a specific subset of $E(\mathbb{F}_{p^2})$
- used in CSIDH to “move backwards” in graph
- want $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ and $Q \in E^t(\mathbb{F}_p)$, both full order