# PART 2
# The Tate Profile

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**Definition 4.** Assume $E[m] \subseteq E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ and let $(P_1, P_2)$ be a basis for $E[m]$. Then, the *m-Tate profile* is the map

$$t_{[m]} : E(\mathbb{F}_q) \to \mu_m^2 \qquad Q \mapsto \left( t_2(P_1, Q),\ t_2(P_2, Q) \right).$$

For $Q \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)$, we say that $t_{[m]}(Q)$ is the *m-profile* of $Q$. When $t_{[m]}(Q) = (1,1)$, we say the profile is *trivial.*


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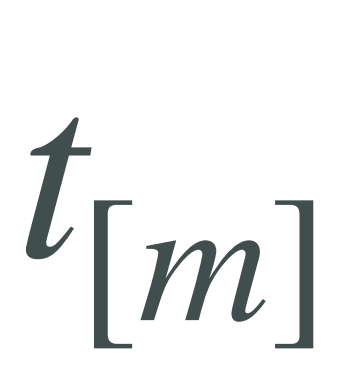
# If the Tate pairing

is linear.

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with

$$\ker t_{[m]} = [m]E(\mathbb{F}_q)$$

$$R \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)$$

$$[m]R = Q$$

# Example 2

**Theorem 4.** Let $E : y^2 = x^3 + Ax^2 + x$ be a Montgomery curve over $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ with $2^n \mid p+1$ and 2-torsion $L_1 = (0,0)$, $L_2 = (\alpha,0)$, and $L_3 = (\frac{1}{\alpha},0)$. Then, for $P \in E[2^n]$ we have $[2^{n-1}]P = L_i$ if and only if

$$t_2(L_i, P) = 1 \text{ and } t_2(L_j, P) \neq 1 \text{ for } j \neq i.$$

**Theorem 4.** For $P \in E[2^n]$, the profile $t_{[2]}(P)$ determines $[2^{n-1}]P$.

# Example 3

**Theorem 5.** Let $E : y^2 = x^3 + Ax^2 + x$ be a Montgomery curve over $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ with $2^n \mid p+1$, and let $h = \frac{p+1}{2^n}$. Let $t \in \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ be a non-square such that $x_P := \frac{-A}{1+t^2}$ is also non-square, and let $x_Q := -x_P - A$. Then, the points $P = (x_P, y_P)$ and $Q = (x_Q, y_Q)$ give a basis $[h]P, [h]Q$ for $E[2^n]$.

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# Example 1

**Theorem 3.** For an elliptic curve $E : y^2 = (x - r_1)(x - r_2)(x - r_3)$ with $r_i \in \mathbb{F}_p$, we have $P \in [2]E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ if and only if $(x_P - r_1)$, $(x_P - r_2)$, and $(x_P - r_3)$ are squares.

Consequently, $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_p) \setminus [2]E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ if any $(x_P - r_i)$ is a non-square.

**Theorem 3.** We have $P \in [2]E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ if and only if $t_{[2]}(P)$ is trivial.

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Together, $t_{[m]}$ gives us isomorphisms

$$E[m] \;\cong\; E(\mathbb{F}_q)/[m]E(\mathbb{F}_q) \;\cong\; \mu_m^2.$$

Thus, the basis $(P_1, P_2)$ together with $t_{[m]}$ gives us *coordinates*.

# Example 4

**Theorem 6.** Let $E$ be an elliptic curve over $\mathbb{F}_q$ of order $h \cdot r$, with $r$ a large prime, and $h$ a small cofactor. For $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)$, we may verify $P \in E[r](\mathbb{F}_q)$ either by

**a.)** $[r]P = \mathcal{O}_E$, or,

**b.)** when the $h$-Tate pairing $t_h$ is non-degenerate by triviality of $t_{[h]}(P)$.

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