ECC Cryptography

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RSA(Rivest-Shamir-Adleman) Algorithm

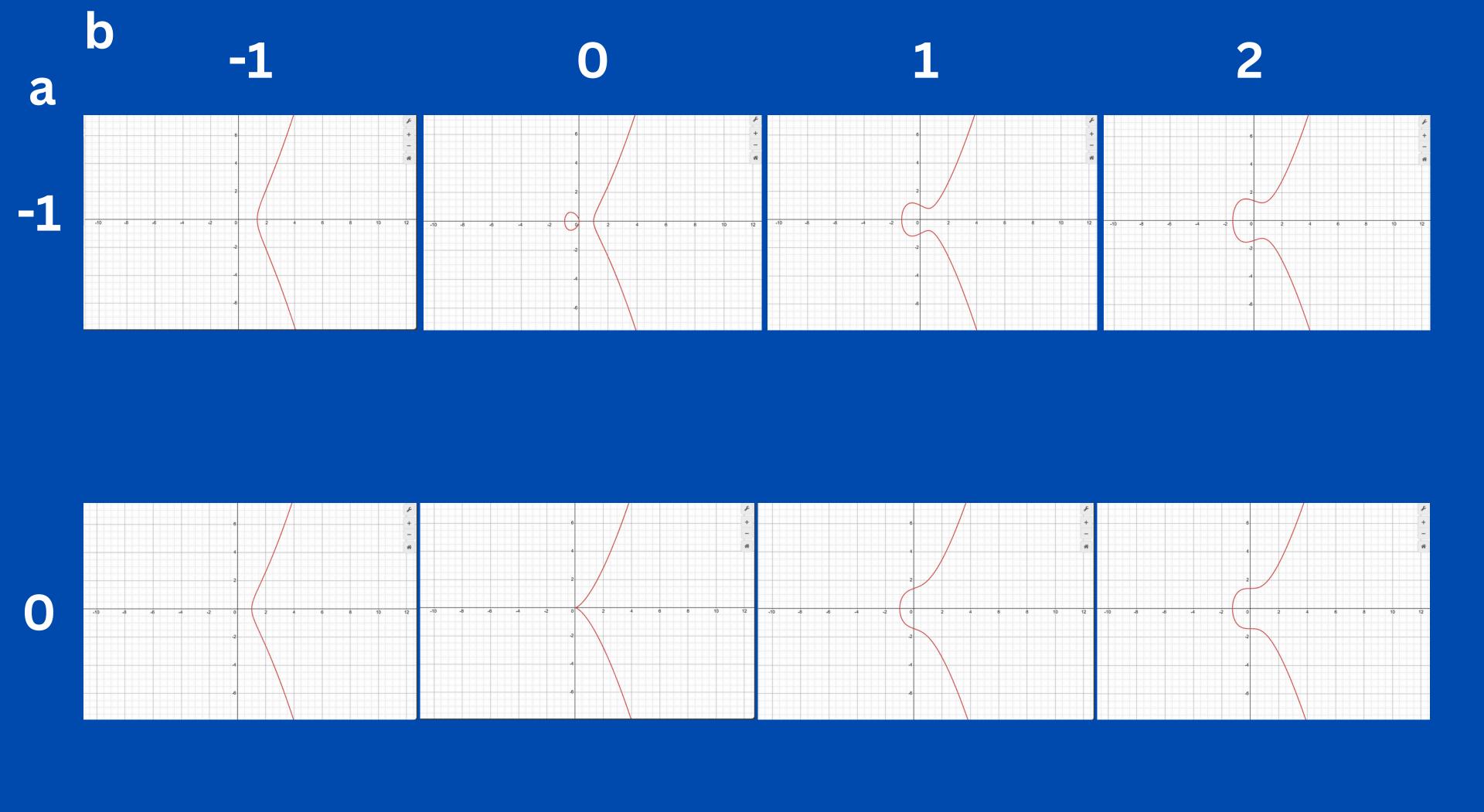
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I will take two large prime number p=3 and q=11.
2. find n=p*q
                   where n is the modules of both public key and private key.
  n=3*11=33
3 \phi(n)=(p-1)\times(q-1)
                      where \phi(n) is the number of coprime it is used for finding the value of e.
φ(n)=2*10=20
4 1< e < 20
finding the value of form {2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19} of coprime of 20 and 33.
and e is the value of coprime of 20 and 33 form this set {2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19}
so the value of e = { 7, 13, 17, 19}.
5 I will take e=7
                      {formula of public key}
public key = (e, n)
so, public key= (7, 33)
6 e*d mod n = 1 {formula of find d}
7*d mod n = 1
If i will take d=3 then e*d mod n is 1 so R.H.S=L.H.S
                           {formula of private key}
    private key = (d, n)
then find private key = (3, 33)
→ example
encrypted value of d is 5
    from above public key = (7, 33)
and private key = (3, 33)
                      ciphertext formula
c=m^e mod n
c=5^7 mod 33
c= 78125 mod 33
c=14
m=c^d mod n
                       Plaintext formula
m=14<sup>3</sup> mod 33
m=5
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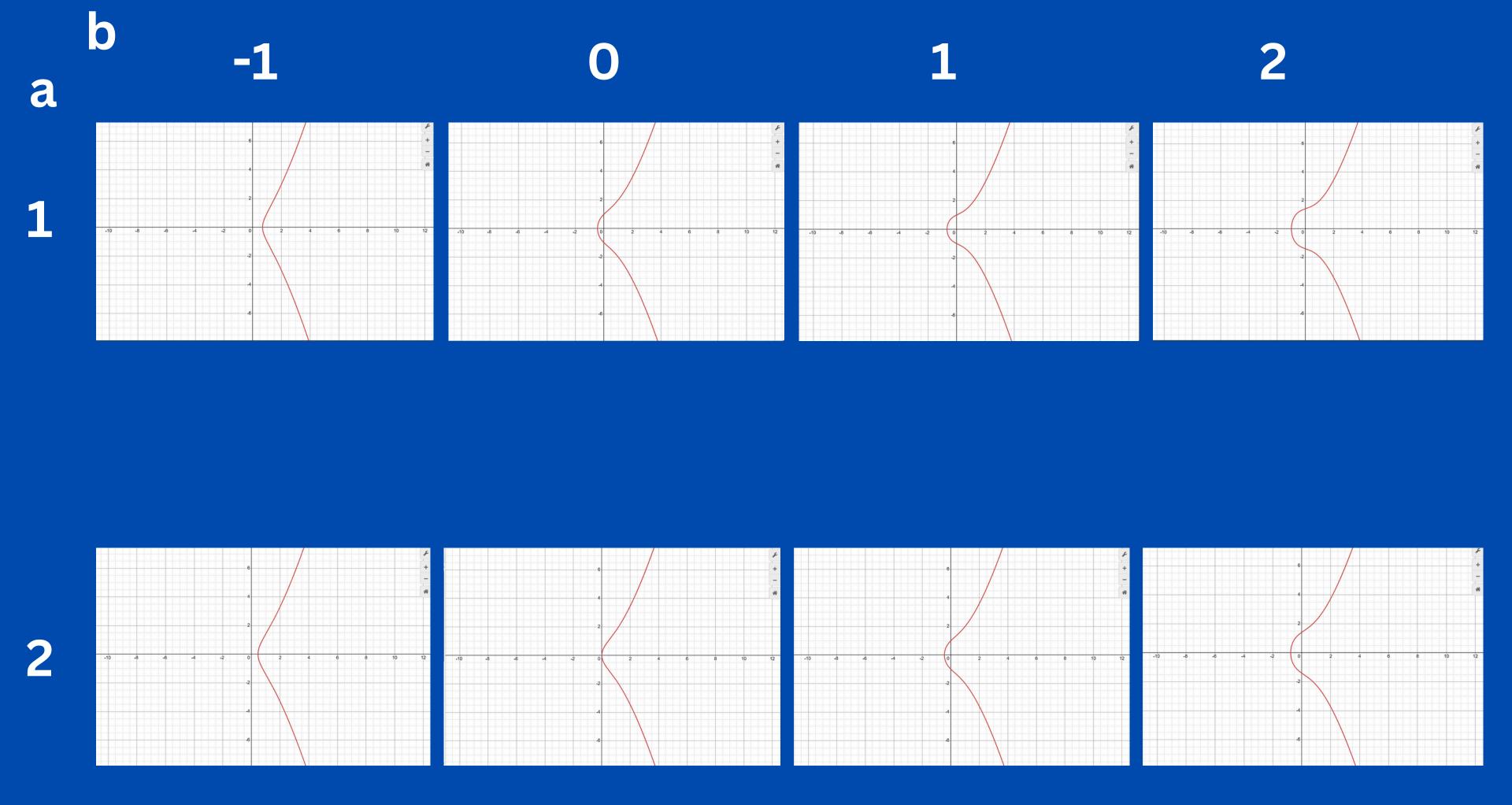
Advantages and Disadvantages of RSA

Advantages	Disadvantages
Strong Security (for large key sizes): RSA is a well-established cryptographic algorithm that provides strong security when using sufficiently large key sizes.	High Computational Cost : RSA requires large key sizes (e.g., 2048-bit or 3072-bit) for strong security, making encryption and decryption slower compared to ECC.
Widespread Adoption and Compatibility: RSA is widely supported across many applications, protocols (e.g., TLS, SSL), and legacy systems, ensuring interoperability.	Large Key Size Requirement: To maintain security against modern attacks, RSA requires significantly larger key sizes compared to ECC, leading to increased storage and processing overhead.
Simple and Well-Understood Algorithm: RSA is easier to implement and analyze compared to more mathematically complex cryptographic methods like ECC.	Vulnerability to Quantum Computing: Future quantum computers could break RSA encryption using Shor's algorithm, making it less future-proof than post-quantum cryptographic alternatives.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Elliptic Curve Cryptography

Advantages	Disadvantages
Higher Security with Smaller Key Sizes: ECC provides the same security level as RSA but with much smaller key sizes (e.g., a 256-bit ECC key is equivalent to a 3072-bit RSA key).	Complex Implementation: ECC is more mathematically complex than RSA, making implementation more challenging and prone to errors if not done correctly.
Lower Computational Overhead: Due to smaller key sizes, ECC requires less computational power, making it faster and more efficient, especially for low-power devices like IoT and mobile devices.	Patent and Licensing Issues: Some ECC algorithms were historically covered by patents, creating legal concerns for implementations. However, most patents have now expired.
Better Performance in Resource-Constrained Environments: ECC is well-suited for devices with limited processing power, memory, and battery life, such as embedded systems and smart cards.	Compatibility Issues: ECC is not as widely supported as RSA in some legacy systems, leading to interoperability challenges.





Brief Explanation of Elliptic Curves

The set of points on an elliptic curve form a group under elliptic curve point addition.

What is a group?

Specifically, to be a group, the set of points needs to have:

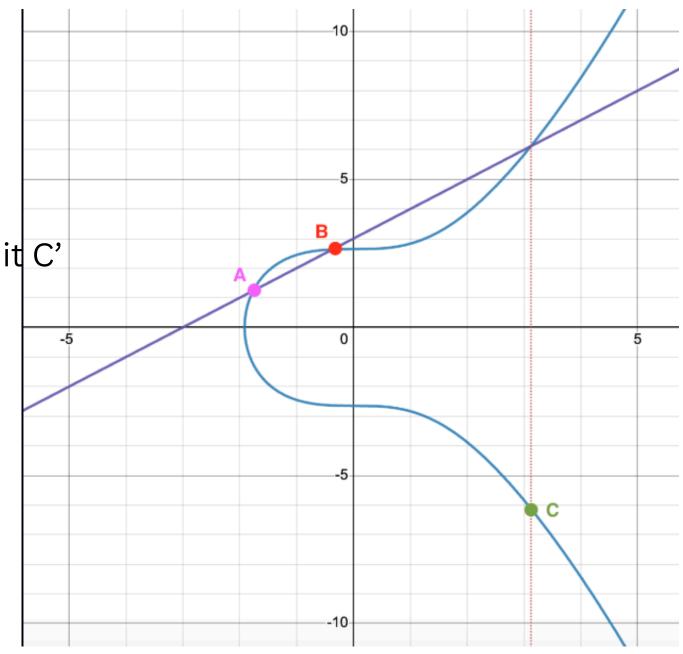
- a binary operator that is closed and associative, i.e. it produces another point in the set
- the set must have an identity element I
- every point in the set must have an inverse such that when the two are combined with the binary operator, the result is I

The Binary Operator of Elliptic Curve (Known as Addition)

The Addition here is not the regular addition operation that we do with real numbers. We can define this operator as we want to satisfy the constraints on a group.

- Suppose we take two points on the curve, A and B
- Draw a line passing through the points A and B
- The line will intersect the curve at a third point on the curve, lets say it C'
- Now take the reflection of C' and lets say it C
- Finally the result of adding the points A and B will be C

Note: In case A=B, the line will be a tangent and it will intersect the curve at a point and rest of the rules for addition is same



Formula for point addition

Using some algebra, and given two points

$$P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$$

$$P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$$

One can derive how to compute $P_3=(x_3,y_3)$ where $P_3=P_1\oplus P_2$ using the following formula.

$$\lambda = \frac{y_2-y_1}{x_2-x_1}$$

$$x_3=\lambda^2-x_1-x_2$$

$$y_3 = \lambda(x_3 - x_1) - y_1$$

Why taking the reflex of the point?

Using our definitions above, the following must be true

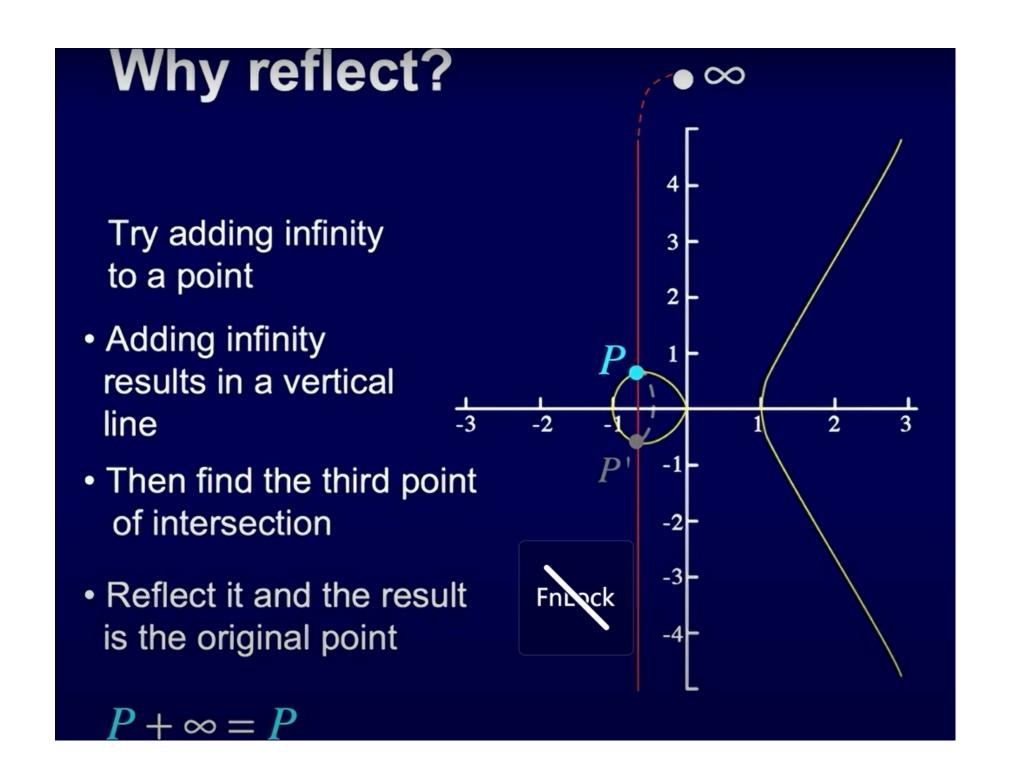
$$A \oplus B = C$$

 $A \oplus C = B$
 $B \oplus C = A$

With a little algebra, we'll derive a contradiction

$$(B \oplus C) \oplus B = C$$
 $B \oplus C = \mathsf{inv}(B) \oplus C$
 $B = \mathsf{inv}(B)$

This says B is equal to it's inverse. But B is not the identity element (which is the only element that can be the inverse of itself), so we have a contradiction.



Note: The inverse of a point on Elilptic curve is the reflection of that point on the curve

Thank You

Sources

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