

Generalized class group actions on oriented elliptic curves with level structure

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Overview

- Orientations, class group actions, level structures
SCALLOP, CSIDH with full level structure
- A bigger story: generalized class group actions
- A family of generalized class groups
- Back to starting examples
- Security comments

Some notation:

- ▶ k field, $\text{char } k = p \geq 5$
- ▶ E/k elliptic curve defined over k
- ▶ K imaginary quadratic number field
- ▶ O, O' orders of K , namely subrings and free \mathbb{Z} -modules of rank 2
- ▶ f conductor of some $O' \subseteq O$, namely the index $[O : O']$

- ▶ I_O the group of invertible fractional ideals of O
- ▶ $P_O \leq I_O$ the subgroup of principal fractional ideals

The (ideal) **class group** of O is

$$\mathrm{cl}_O := \frac{I_O}{P_O}$$

- ▶ $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq O$ invertible ideal, $[\mathfrak{a}] \in \mathrm{cl}_O$
- ▶ $N(\mathfrak{a})$ the norm of \mathfrak{a} , namely $N(\mathfrak{a}) = [O : \mathfrak{a}]$

A (primitive) O -orientation on E is an embedding

$$\iota : O \hookrightarrow \text{End}(E)$$

that cannot be extended to any $O' \supsetneq O$

- ▶ $\mathcal{E}\ell_k(O)$ the set of E/k with a primitive O -orientation, up to oriented isomorphism
- ▶ $(E, \iota) \in \mathcal{E}\ell_k(O)$

An isogeny ϕ from (E, ι) induces an orientation on the codomain

$$\iota_\phi(\alpha) := \frac{1}{\deg \phi} \phi \circ \iota(\alpha) \circ \hat{\phi} \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in O$$

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Then define action

$$* : \text{cl}_O \times \mathcal{E}\ell_k(O) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}\ell_k(O)$$

$$[\mathfrak{a}] * (E, \iota) := (E/E[\mathfrak{a}], \iota_{\phi_{\mathfrak{a}}})$$

The action being **free** means that

$$[\alpha] * (E, \iota) = (E, \iota) \text{ if and only if } [\alpha] = [O] = 1_{\text{cl}_O}$$

The action being **transitive** means that

$$\text{for any } (E_0, \iota_0), (E_1, \iota_1) \text{ there exists } \alpha \text{ such that } (E_1, \iota_1) = [\alpha] * (E_0, \iota_0)$$

For suitable parameters $*$: $\text{cl}_O \times \mathcal{E}\ell_k(O) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}\ell_k(O)$ is cryptographic

Example (CSIDH (CLM+18))

$$k = \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p, K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-p}), O = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-p}]$$

$\mathcal{E}\ell_k(O)$ is a set of supersingular E/\mathbb{F}_p up to \mathbb{F}_p -isomorphism

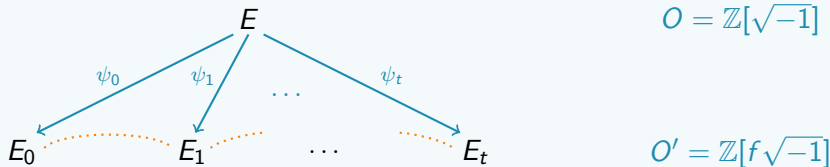
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Example (SCALLOP, (FFK+23))

$$k = \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p, K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1})$$

$O' = \mathbb{Z}[f\sqrt{-1}]$ suborder of conductor f of $O = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-1}]$, $(f, p) = 1$.

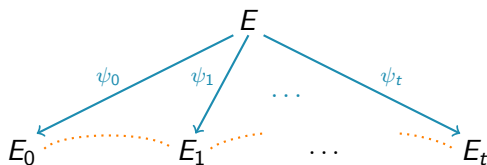
$\text{cl}_{O'}$ acts freely and (essentially) transitively on curves “downstairs” in f -isogeny volcano



E at the top has $j = 1728$, e.g. $y^2 = x^3 + x$ with O -orientation

$$\iota(\sqrt{-1})(x, y) := \mathbf{i}(x, y) = (-x, y\sqrt{-1})$$

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$$O = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-1}]$$

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Each curve “downstairs” is the codomain of an f -isogeny $\psi_j : E \rightarrow E_j, j = 0, 1, \dots, t$

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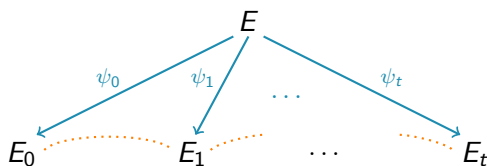
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$$\Gamma = \Gamma_N^0 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad \text{let } \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_N^0,$$

$\Phi \circ \gamma(1, 0) = aP$, $\Phi \circ \gamma(0, 1) = bP + cQ$, then only fix cyclic N -subgroup $\langle P \rangle$

Example

- ▶ $\Gamma_N^0 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ -level structure fixes a cyclic N -subgroup
- ▶ $\Gamma_N^{0,0} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ -level structure fixes two independent cyclic N -subgroups
- ▶ $\Gamma_N^1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ -level structure fixes a point of order N
- ▶ $\Gamma_N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ -level structure fixes a basis of of $E[N]$ (*full level structure*)



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For $(\alpha : \beta) \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Z}/f\mathbb{Z})$, ideals

$$\mathfrak{a}_{\alpha,\beta} := (f^2, f(\alpha + \beta\sqrt{-1})) \subseteq O' = \mathbb{Z}[f\sqrt{-1}]$$

form all of $\text{cl}_{O'}$

Letting $C_j = \langle P_j \rangle \leq E$,

$$[\mathfrak{a}_{\alpha,\beta}] * E/\langle P_j \rangle = E/\langle \alpha P_j - \beta \mathbf{i}(P_j) \rangle$$

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Some evidence:

There is a free and transitive action on curves in $\mathcal{E}ll_{\mathbb{F}_p}(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-p}])$ with Γ_N -level structure by a *ray class group* [GPV23], [CK23]

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- $I_O(\mathfrak{m}) \leq I_O$ the subgroup generated by all invertible ideals in O coprime with \mathfrak{m}
- $P_O(\mathfrak{m}) := I_O(\mathfrak{m}) \cap P_O \leq P_O$ the subgroup generated by all invertible principal ideals in O coprime with \mathfrak{m}

There is a natural isomorphism

$$\frac{I_O(\mathfrak{m})}{P_O(\mathfrak{m})} \cong \text{cl}_O$$

A ray for modulus \mathfrak{m} is a principal fractional ideal

$$\alpha O, \alpha \in K^*, \text{ such that } \alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}$$

$\alpha \equiv \beta \pmod{\mathfrak{m}}$ means if $\alpha = \alpha_1/\alpha_2, \beta = \beta_1/\beta_2, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in O$, then $\alpha_1\beta_2 - \alpha_2\beta_1 \in \mathfrak{m}$

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Example (Suborder class group)

If $\mathfrak{m} = fO$ and

$$H = \{\alpha O \mid \alpha \in K^* \text{ and } \alpha \equiv g \pmod{fO} \text{ for some } g \in \mathbb{Z}, (g, f) = 1\} =: P_{O, \mathbb{Z}}(fO)$$

then

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Recall SCALLOP: $O = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-1}]$, $O' = \mathbb{Z}[f\sqrt{-1}]$, $\text{cl}_{O'}$ acts freely and transitively on $\mathcal{E}\ell_k(O')$

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Free on bigger set than $\mathcal{E}\ell_k(O) \rightarrow$ add extra information: *m-level structure*

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When $\mathfrak{m} = NO$, $(N, p) = 1$, $E[NO] = E[N]$ and

$$E[NO] \cong O/NO \cong \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$$

In general,

$$E[\mathfrak{m}] \cong \mathbb{Z}/a\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/b\mathbb{Z} \text{ for some } b \mid a$$

Definition

Let \mathfrak{m} be an invertible ideal in O of norm coprime to p . Let $\Gamma \leq \mathrm{GL}(O/\mathfrak{m})$. Let E be primitively O -oriented. A Γ -level structure on E is a choice of a *group* isomorphism

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Now

- define a family of congruence subgroups H
- find corresponding level structure
- find $Z_\Gamma \subseteq Y_\Gamma$ where cl_H acts transitively

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If Γ consists of O -module automorphisms of O/\mathfrak{m} ,

- ▶ $Z_\Gamma \subseteq Y_\Gamma$ the subset in which the level structure is an O -module isomorphism

Theorem

Let $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq O$ be an invertible ideal, let $H = P_{O,\Lambda}(\mathfrak{m})$. Then

$$[\mathfrak{a}] * (E, \iota, \Phi) = (E/E[\mathfrak{a}], \iota_{\phi_{\mathfrak{a}}}, \phi_{\mathfrak{a}} \circ \Phi)$$

is a well-defined free and transitive action of cl_H on $Z_{\Gamma_{O,\Lambda}(\mathfrak{m})}$

If $\Lambda \subseteq O^* \mathbb{Z}$, it extends to a free action on $Y_{\Gamma_{O,\Lambda}(\mathfrak{m})}$

Example *Back to SCALLOP!*

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The set of primitively O -oriented curves with Γ -level structure is

$$Y_{\Gamma_f^0} = \{(E, P, Q) \mid E \in \mathcal{E}\ell_k(O), P, Q \text{ a basis of } E[f]\} / \sim$$

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By our Theorem, $\text{cl}_H \cong \text{cl}_{O'}$ acts freely and transitively on $Z_{\Gamma_f^0} \subseteq Y_{\Gamma_f^0}$

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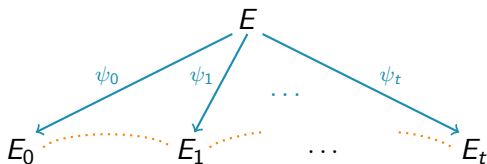
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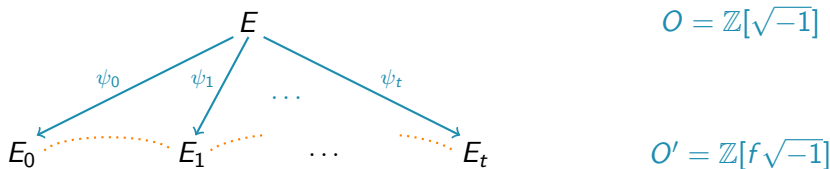


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$\Lambda = O$, $H = P_{O,O}(\mathfrak{m}) = P_O(\mathfrak{m})$, then $\text{cl}_H \cong \text{cl}_O$ the class group of O

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