

# Elliptic Curve Cryptography

an introduction which is entirely too short

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## » Motivation

*'It is possible to write endlessly on elliptic curves.  
(This is not a threat.)'*

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- \* Elliptic curves are everywhere in cryptography
- \* Power  $\approx 70\%$  of TLS Exchanges
- \* Coolest post quantum cryptography proposal
- \* Fascinating mathematically

History	Background	Elliptic Curves	Conclusion	Resources
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## » Outline

- \* Historical Notes
- \* Mathematical Background
- \* Addition on Elliptic Curves
- \* Discrete Logarithm and Diffie Hellman
- \* Pairings
- \* Isogenies

## » Diophantine Equations

Historically originated in the context of solving Diophantine equations such as

$$X^n + Y^n = Z^n, \quad X, Y, Z \in \mathbb{Z}$$

or equivalently

$$x^n + y^n = 1, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Often very hard, and in general undecidable<sup>1</sup>!

Let us see what we can do...

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<sup>1</sup>In fact, already undecidable with 11 integers variables!

## » One variable

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots a_1 x + a = 0$$

Quite easy! We can show that:

### Theorem

*Let  $\frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$  be a solution of the above equation. Then  $q$  divides  $a_n$  and  $p$  divides  $a_0$ .*

Check the finite list of candidates.

Alternatively, solve numerically and find candidate of form  $\frac{b}{a_n}$

## » Linear and Quadratic

$$ax + by = c$$

### Theorem

*Has infinitely many rational solution. If  $\gcd(a, b)$  does not divide  $c$ , then no integers solutions. Else, infinitely many.*

$$ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dx + ey + f = 0$$

These are rational points on a conic.

- \* Given a rational point, all of them can be found geometrically
- \* Hasse principle allows us to test if a rational point exists

## » Cubics

What about:

$$ax^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + dy^3 + ex^2 + fxy + gy^2 + hx + iy + j = 0 ?$$

This is the general form of an elliptic curve!

We have that

### Theorem (Mordell)

*If the curve is non singular, and it has a rational point then the group of rational points is finitely generated*

But no equivalent of Hasse principle!

**Elliptic Curves  $\neq$  Ellipse**

## » Fields

### Definition

A field  $K$  is set together with two operations  $+$ ,  $\cdot$  such that

- \*  $K$  is an abelian group under  $+$  with identity 0
- \*  $K - \{0\}$  is an abelian group under multiplication with identity 1.
- \* For every  $a, b, c \in K$  we have that
 
$$a(b + c) = ab + ac$$
- \*  $0 \neq 1$

Informally, we can add, subtract, multiply and divide non zero elements.



## » Finite Fields

We are mostly interested in finite fields.:

### Theorem

*For every prime  $p$ , and every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  there is a unique field of size  $p^n$ , which we denote by either  $\mathbb{GF}(p^n)$  or  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$*

If  $n = 1$ , then  $\mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}_p$ , if not we can write them as

$$\mathbb{F}_{p^n} = \frac{\mathbb{F}_p[X]}{(f(x))}$$

where  $f(x)$  is an irreducible polynomial of degree  $n$ .

## » Characteristic

For any field,  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F})$  is the least integer<sup>2</sup>  $\ell$  such that

$$\underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_{\ell \text{ times}} = 0$$

We have that  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}_{p^n}) = p$ .

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<sup>2</sup>Or  $\infty$  if no such integer exists

## » Field Extensions

Let  $k, K$  be two fields. If there is an homomorphism  $k \rightarrow K$ , we can identify  $k$  with a subfield of  $K$ . In that case,  $K$  is a **field extension** of  $k$  which we denote by  $k \subseteq K$ .

Given any field  $K$  we can construct the algebraic closure  $\overline{K}$  which is the smallest algebraically closed extension containing  $K$ .

Some examples:

$$* \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$$

$$* \mathbb{F}_p \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{p^2} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{p^3} \cdots \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$$

## » Weierstrass Form

$$ax^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + dy^3 + ex^2 + fxy + gy^2 + hx + iy + j = 0$$

↓

$$y^2 + axy + by = x^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$$

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$\text{char}(K) \neq 2, 3$

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

Much easier to manage!

## » Elliptic Curves

### Definition

Let  $k$  be a field. An elliptic curve  $E$  over  $k$  (denoted by  $E/k$ ) is given by

$$E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

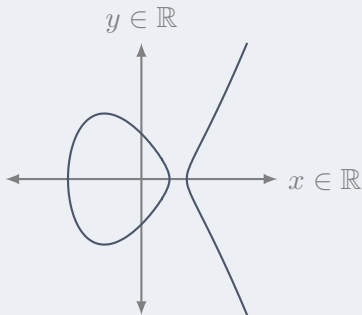
for  $a, b \in k$ .

For any extension  $k \subseteq K$  we define

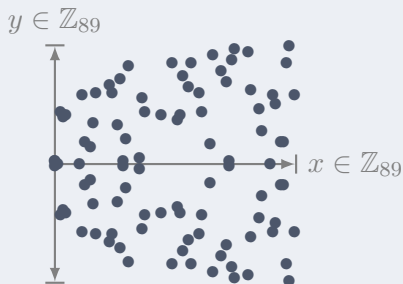
$$E(K) = \left\{ (x, y) \in K \times K \mid y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \right\} \cup \{\infty\}$$

Mathematicians are often interested with  $E(\mathbb{Q}) \subseteq E(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq E(\mathbb{C})$  but we mostly consider the finite case.

## » Elliptic curves

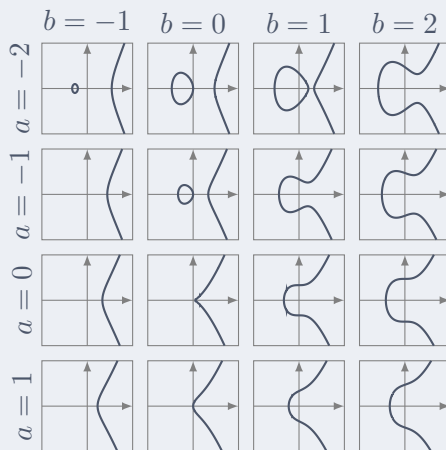


$$y^2 = x^3 - 2x + 1 \text{ over } \mathbb{R}$$



$$y^2 = x^3 - 2x + 1 \text{ over } \mathbb{Z}_{89}$$

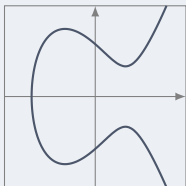
## » Some elliptic curves



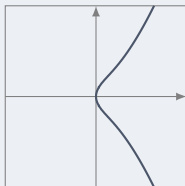
$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

## » More elliptic curves

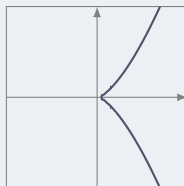
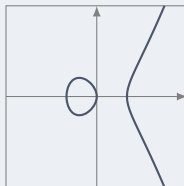
$$y^2 = x^3 - 3x + 3$$



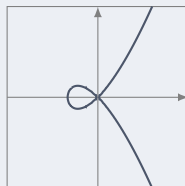
$$y^2 = x^3 + x$$



$$y^2 = x^3 - x$$



$$y^2 = x^3 - x$$



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



## » Discriminant

### Definition

Let  $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  be an elliptic curve.  
The **discriminant** of  $E$  is

$$\Delta = -16(4a^3 + 27b^2)$$

A curve is **singular** if  $\Delta = 0$ .

Alternatively, let  $E : y^2 = f(x)$ , and let  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  be the roots of  $f$ .

$$\Delta = (x_1 - x_2)^2(x_2 - x_3)^2(x_3 - x_1)^2$$

i.e.  $\Delta = 0 \iff f$  has a repeated root.

From now on, all curves are assumed non singular.

## » $j$ -invariant

### Definition

The  $j$ -**invariant** of  $E$  is

$$j(E) = -1728 \frac{(4A)^3}{\Delta}$$

In fact, an isomorphism from a curve in short Weierstrass form must necessarily be:

$$(x, y) \mapsto (u^2x, u^3y)$$

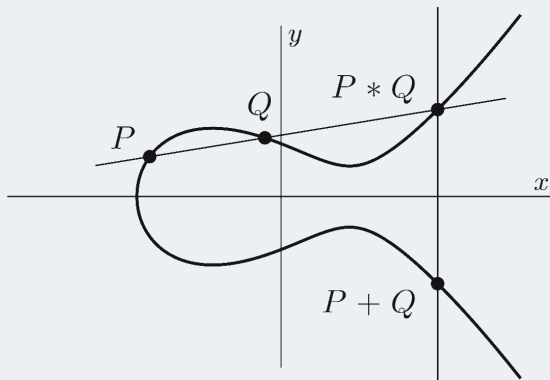
for  $u \in \overline{K}^*$

and this yields:

### Theorem

*Let  $E, E'$  be two elliptic curves over  $K$ . Then  $E \cong E'$  over  $\overline{K}$  if and only if  $j(E) = j(E')$ .*

## » The Group Law



## » The Group Law: Formulae

Let  $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  be an elliptic curve. Let

$P_i = (x_i, y_i) \in E(K)$ .

Define

$$-P_0 = (x_0, -y_0)$$

Now, for  $P_1 + P_2$ :

- \* If  $x_1 = x_2$  and  $y_1 = -y_2$ , then  $P_1 + P_2 = \infty$
- \* If  $P_1 = \infty$  then  $P_1 + P_2 = P_2$ , and viceversa.
- \* Let  $x_3 = \lambda^2 - x_1 - x_2$ ,  $y_3 = \lambda(x_1 - x_3) - y_1$  where  $\lambda$  is:

$$\lambda = \begin{cases} \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}, & x_1 \neq x_2 \\ \frac{3x_1^2 + a}{2y_1}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This makes  $E$  into an abelian group with identity  $\infty$

## » Scalar multiplication

For  $n > 0, P \in E$  we write  $[n]P = \underbrace{P + \cdots + P}_{n \text{ times}}$ . We then extend

the notation by letting  $[0]P = \infty$  and  $[-n]P = [n](-P)$ .

We can compute  $[n]P$  in  $\Theta(\log n)$  group operations using double and add.

For  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  we define a map  $[m] : E \rightarrow E$  accordingly, and write:

$$E[m] := \ker [m]$$

to be the  **$m$ -torsion subgroup** of  $E$ .

## » Number of Points on a curve

Heuristically, we expect  $\approx q + 1$  points

### Theorem (Hasse)

*Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve defined over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .*

$$|\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) - q - 1| \leq 2\sqrt{q}$$

Exact value can be efficiently found using Schoof's algorithm in  $O((\log q)^8)$ .

## » Discrete Logarithm

Cryptography relies on hardness assumptions.

### Definition

Let  $\text{Gen}(1^\lambda)$  be a p.p.t. algorithm that returns a group description  $\mathbb{G} = (+, P, q)$ , where  $\mathbb{G} = \langle P \rangle$  and  $q = \#\mathbb{G}$ . For an attacker  $\mathcal{A}$ , define

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{dlp}}(\lambda) = \Pr \left[ \mathcal{A}(1^\lambda, \mathbb{G}, [k]P) = k \mid \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{G} \leftarrow \$ \text{Gen}(1^\lambda) \\ k \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_q \end{array} \right]$$

We say that the **discrete logarithm assumption** hold with respect to  $\text{Gen}$  if, for every p.p.t. attacker  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{dlp}}(\cdot)$  is negligible.

## » Related Assumptions

In practice, we make stronger assumptions, such as Computational Diffie Hellman and Decisional Diffie Hellman.

- \* CHD: From  $[x]P, [y]P$  compute  $[xy]P$
- \* DDH: Distinguish  $(P, [x]P, [y]P, [xy]P)$  from  $(P, [x]P, [y]P, [z]P)$

Pairings make DDH easy on elliptic curves!

$$\text{DDH} \leq_R \text{CDH} \leq_R {}^3\text{DLP}$$

**Representation matters!**  $\mathbb{Z}_{p-1} \cong \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  as groups but the discrete logarithm is trivial in the former, assumed hard in the latter.

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<sup>3</sup>In fact equivalent in certain groups



## » Why elliptic curves?

Assumption	Group	Best Algorithm	$\approx$ Complexity
RSA	$\mathbb{Z}_N$	Number Field Sieve	$\exp(c^3 \sqrt{\log N})$
DLP	$\mathbb{F}_p^*$	Number Field Sieve	$\exp(c^3 \sqrt{\log p})$
DLP	$E(\mathbb{F}_p)$	Pollard Rho	$\sqrt{p}$

### Best known attacks against ECC are generic attacks

- \* Shorter key sizes ( $\approx 256$  vs<sup>4</sup> 3072 bits)
- \* Faster computation<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>For 128 bits of security

<sup>5</sup>against other DLP schemes and private RSA ops

## » EC Diffie Hellman Key Exchange

Let  $E$  be an elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Let  $p$  be a large prime dividing  $\#E(\mathbb{F}_q)$  and  $P$  a point of order  $p$ .

### Diffie Hellman

Alice	Bob
$x \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_q$	$y \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_q$
$Q_A = [x]P$	$Q_B = [y]P$
$\xrightarrow{Q_A}$	
$\xleftarrow{Q_B}$	
$K = [x]Q_B$	$K = [y]Q_A$

Correctness follows since:

$$K = [x]Q_B = [x][y]P = [xy]P = [y][x]P = [y]Q_A = K$$

## » Easy Elliptic Curves

### DLP is not equally hard on every curve!

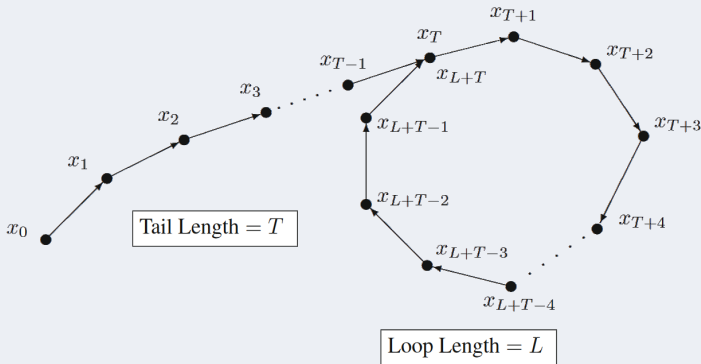
- \* Singular curves over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Equivalent to DLP in<sup>6</sup>  $\mathbb{F}_p^*$  or  $\mathbb{F}_p^+$
- \* Curves and subgroups with small embedding degree. E.g. supersingular and anomalous curves
- \* Curves that admit pairings to small finite fields.
- \* Curves defined over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^k}$  for  $k$  with small factors. GHS Method, Diem's Analysis.

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<sup>6</sup>Or in some small extension

## » Pollard Rho

Collision search for  $f : S \rightarrow S$ . Let  $x_0 \in S$ ,  $x_n = f(x_{n-1})$ .  
 Expected  $\sqrt{\pi \#S/2}$  calls to  $f$ , constant memory.



## » Pollard Rho

Let  $G$  be a group of order  $N$ . We want to find  $k$  s.t.  $[k]P = Q$ .

Split  $G = A \sqcup B \sqcup C$  with  $\#A \approx \#B \approx \#C$ .

Define

$$f(X) = \begin{cases} P + X, & X \in A \\ [2]X, & X \in B \\ Q + X, & X \in C \end{cases}$$

Let  $X_0 = \infty$ , then  $X_i = [\alpha_i]P + [\beta_i]Q$  and we can track  $\alpha_i, \beta_i$ . A collision  $X_j = X_{j+\ell}$  with  $\gcd(\beta_{j+\ell} - \beta_j, N) = 1$  allows us to solve the DLP with

$$k \equiv \frac{\alpha_j - \alpha_{j+\ell}}{\beta_{j+\ell} - \beta_j} \pmod{N}$$

## » Pairings

### Definition

Let  $\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T$  be two groups. A **pairing** is a map  $e : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$  that is:

- \* Non degenerate:

$$e(S, T) = 1 \quad \forall S \in \mathbb{G} \implies T = 0_{\mathbb{G}}$$

- \* Bilinear:

$$e(S_1 + S_2, T) = e(S_1, T)e(S_2, T)$$

$$e(S, T_1 + T_2) = e(S, T_1)e(S, T_2)$$

- \* Alternating:

$$e(T, T) = 1$$

## » Weil Pairing

Every elliptic curve  $E$  over  $K$  admits an efficiently computable pairing

$$e_m : E[m] \times E[m] \rightarrow \mu_m$$

where  $\mu_m$  is the group of  $m$ -th root of unity.

It is degenerate on cyclic subgroups of  $E[m]$ , so use modified Weil pairing

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : E[m] \times E[m] &\rightarrow \mu_m \\ \langle P, Q \rangle &= e_m(S, \phi(Q)) \end{aligned}$$

For  $\phi : E \rightarrow E$  a distortion map<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup>If it exists

## » BLS Signatures

Let  $\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T$  be cyclic groups of prime order  $p$ . Let  $P$  be a generator of  $\mathbb{G}$ , and  $e$  a non degenerate pairing. Also, let  $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$

$\text{Gen}(1^\lambda)$	$\text{Sign}(sk, m)$
$x \leftarrow \$\mathbb{Z}_p$	$Q \leftarrow H(m)$
$pk := [x]P$	$\sigma \leftarrow [x]Q$
$sk := x$	<b>return</b> $\sigma$
<b>return</b> $(pk, sk)$	
$\text{Verify}(pk, m, \sigma)$	
<b>return</b> $e(\sigma, P) =? e(H(m), [x]P)$	

Correctness by:

$$e(\sigma, P) = e([x]Q, P) = e(Q, P)^x = e(Q, [x]P) = e(H(m), [x]P)$$



## » Post Quantum

- \* Discrete logarithms, RSA, and pairings broken by Shor's algorithm
- \* Can we recover?
- \* Yes, lattices, codes, multilinear maps...
- \* **Isogenies!**

## » Isogenies

“Nice maps” between elliptic curves.

### Definition

Let  $E_1, E_2$  be elliptic curves. An **isogeny** is a morphism

$$\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$$

with  $\phi(\infty) = \infty$ . If  $\phi(E_1) \neq \{\infty\}$ ,  $E_1$  is **isogenous** to  $E_2$ .

For example, the curves  $y^2 = x^3 + x$  and  $y^2 = x^3 - 3x + 3$  are isogenous over  $\mathbb{F}_{71}$  via the isogeny

$$(x, y) \mapsto \left( \frac{x^3 - 4x^2 + 30x - 12}{(x - 2)^2}, y \cdot \frac{x^3 - 6x^2 - 14x + 35}{(x - 2)^3} \right)$$

## » Properties of isogenies

- \* Each isogeny is also a group homomorphism
- \* The map  $[m] : E \rightarrow E$  is an isogeny
- \* You can compose isogenies
- \* Each isogeny has a degree, and it is multiplicative  
 $\deg(\phi \circ \psi) = \deg(\phi) \deg(\psi)$
- \* Each isogeny  $\phi : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  has a unique dual  $\hat{\phi} : E_2 \rightarrow E_1$  such that

$$\phi \circ \hat{\phi} = [\deg(\phi)]$$

- \* An isogeny between two Weierstrass curves has the form

$$(x, y) \mapsto \left( \frac{f}{h^2}(x), y \cdot \frac{g}{h^3}(x) \right)$$

## » Separable and Inseparable Isogenies

### Definition

Let  $E/k : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ , with  $\text{char}(k) = p$ . Define  $E^{(p^r)} : y^2 = x^3 + a^{p^r}x + b^{p^r}$ . The map:

$$\pi : E \rightarrow E^{(p^r)}, (x, y) \mapsto (x^{p^r}, y^{p^r})$$

is the  $(p^r)$ -**Frobenius isogeny**.

Note if  $k = \mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  then  $E^{(p^r)} = E$

If an isogeny factors through a Frobenius isogeny it is inseparable. If it is a Frobenius followed by an isomorphism, it is purely inseparable.

We are mostly concerned with the separable case.

## » Kernel and Velu

### Theorem

*There is a one to one correspondence between finite subgroups of elliptic curves and separable isogenies from that curve, up to post-composition with isomorphisms*

$$\text{kernels} \longleftrightarrow \text{isogenies}$$

Let  $E/k$ , with  $k$  a finite field. For any subgroup  $H \leq E$  we can find an isogeny with kernel  $H$  in  $\Theta(\#H)$  using Velu's formulas. We denote the target of that isogeny by  $E/H$



## » Supersingular Curves

### Definition

A curve  $E$  defined over  $K$  with  $\text{char}(K) = p$  is **supersingular** if  $[p]$  is purely inseparable and  $j(E) \in \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ . A curve that is not supersingular is **ordinary**

- \* Something something order in a quaternion algebra?
- \* There are  $\approx \lfloor \frac{p}{12} \rfloor$  supersingular curves over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ .
- \* A supersingular curve has  $p + 1$  points.
- \* Insecure for DLP
- \* Secure for CSSI (later)!

## » Isogeny Problems

It is easy to find out if two curves are isogenous

### Theorem

*Two curves  $E_1, E_2$  over a finite field  $k$  are isogenous over  $k$  if and only if  $\#E_1(k) = \#E_2(k)$ .*

Finding the isogeny is dramatically harder:

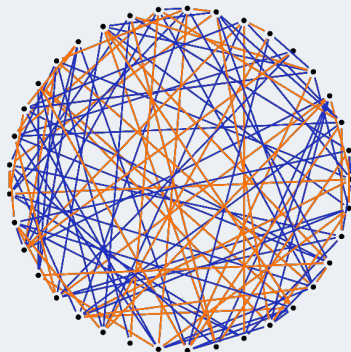
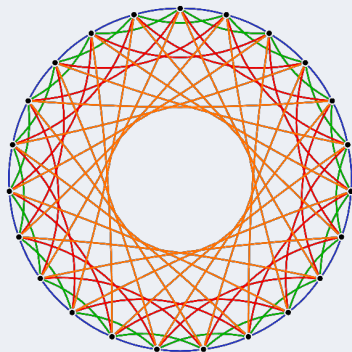
### Definition

The **computational supersingular isogeny problem** is as follows: Given two supersingular elliptic curves  $E, E'$ , find an isogeny between them.



## » Isogeny Graphs

Look something like this! We focus on the second



## » Isogeny Graphs

Let  $p, \ell$  be a primes,  $K$  a field of characteristic  $p$ .

### Definition

The  $\ell$ -**supersingular isogeny graph** has as:

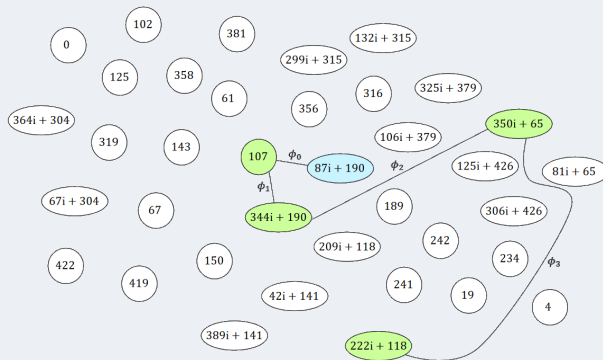
- \* Vertices: Supersingular Elliptic curves over  $K$
- \* Edges: Separable isogenies from  $E \rightarrow E'$

Both up to isomorphisms (i.e. vertices are  $j$ -invariants)

- \* We can represent vertices as elements of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$
- \* Graph is directed
- \* Graph has good mixing properties
- \* Can walk in the graph with Velu's method
- \* Most vertices have degree  $\ell + 1$

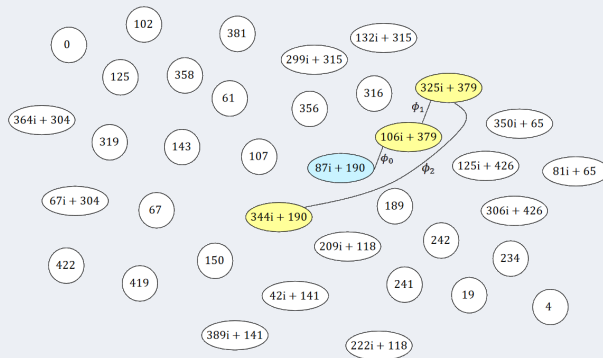
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Alice's pk



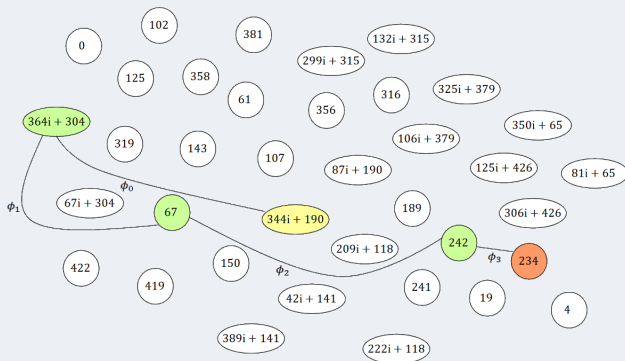
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Bob's pk



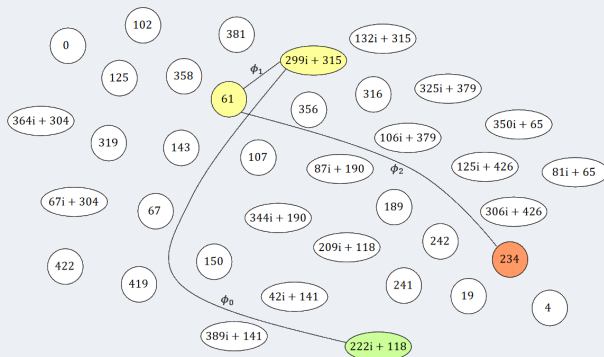
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## » SIDH

Picture to keep in mind:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E & \xrightarrow{\phi_A} & E/\langle A \rangle \\
 \phi_B \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi'_B \\
 E/\langle B \rangle & \xrightarrow{\phi'_A} & E/\langle A, B \rangle
 \end{array}$$

Details will follow

## » SIDH

Parties select  $p = 2^{e_A}3^{e_B} - 1$  prime, a supersingular starting curve  $E/\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ , four points  $P_A, P_B, Q_A, Q_B$  s.t.

$$\langle P_A, Q_A \rangle = E[2^{e_A}], \langle P_B, Q_B \rangle = E[3^{e_B}].$$

- \* Alice, Bob sample  $n_A \leftarrow \$\mathbb{Z}_{2^{e_A}}, n_B \leftarrow \$\mathbb{Z}_{3^{e_B}}$ , and compute  $S_X = P_X + [n_X]Q_X$
- \* Alice computes the  $2^{e_A}$  isogeny  $\phi_A : E \rightarrow E/\langle S_A \rangle = E_A$
- \* Bob computes the  $3^{e_B}$  isogeny  $\phi_B : E \rightarrow E/\langle S_B \rangle = E_B$
- \* The public keys are  $\text{pk}_X = (E_X, P'_X = \phi_X(P_X), Q'_X = \phi_X(Q_X))$
- \* Alice computes  $S'_A = P'_B + [n_A]Q'_B$ , and an isogeny  $\phi'_A : E_B \rightarrow E/\langle S'_A \rangle = E_{AB}$
- \* Bob computes  $S'_B = P'_A + [n_B]Q'_A$ , and an isogeny  $\phi'_B : E_A \rightarrow E/\langle S'_B \rangle = E_{BA}$
- \* The final secret is  $j(E_{AB}) = j(E_{BA})$



## » SIDH and SIKE

- \* SIDH is vulnerable to active attacks
- \* SIKE uses the Fujisaki-Okamoto transform to fix this
- \* SIKE in the Alternate Candidates of Round 3 of the NIST PQC competition
- \* Very short keys
- \* Currently a bit on the slow side
- \* Best known attack is classical

## » Security

Best attack is on CSSI problem.

Suppose we want to find an  $\ell^a$ -isogeny between  $E_0 \rightarrow E_1$ , both supersingular over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ . Let  $k \approx a/2$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{i,k} &:= \left\{ H \leq E_i[\ell^k] \mid H \text{ cyclic}, |H| = \ell^k \right\} \\
 S &:= (\{0\} \times S_{0,k}) \sqcup (\{1\} \times S_{1,k}) \\
 g : S &\rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^2}, (i, H) \mapsto j(E_i/H)
 \end{aligned}$$

A collision  $g(0, H) = g(1, H')$  will solve CSSI. To enable Pollard-Rho style methods, let  $h : \mathbb{F}_{p^2} \rightarrow S$  be a hash function, and let:

$$f : S \rightarrow S, f := h \circ g$$

## » Security

$h$  maps a set  $\approx p/12$  to  $S$  which has size  $\approx p^{1/4}$  so introduces a lot of collisions.

To find a 'golden' one we use the van Oorschot Wiener (vOW) algorithm.

When using  $m$  processors and  $w$  memory cells, time complexity<sup>8</sup> is

$$\frac{2.5}{m} \sqrt{\#S^3/w} = O(p^{3/8})$$

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<sup>8</sup>In terms of  $\ell^k$ -isogeny computations

## » Conclusion

- \* Elliptic curves are pretty damn cool
- \* We only scratched the surface!
- \* ECDH base of most of the web's key exchanges
- \* BLS Pairing based signatures both efficient and secure
- \* SIKE leverages isogenies for post quantum security

## » Resources

- 0 J.H. Silverman, J.T. Tate, Rational Points on Elliptic Curves
- 1 .H. Silverman, The Arithmetic of Elliptic Curves<sup>9</sup>
- 2 D.A. Cox, Primes of the form  $x^2 + ny^2$
- 3,4 L. Panny, notes: [intro] [isogenies problems]
- 5 C. Costello, Supersingular isogeny key exchange for beginners
- 6 R. Granger, A. Joux, Computing Discrete Logarithms [5.2, 5.3]
- 7 P. Aluffi, Algebra: Chapter 0
- 8 S. Galbraith, Mathematics of Public Key Cryptography

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## » Detailed References & Credits

- \* Historical Notes follow mostly [0, Introduction]
- \* Origin of the name elliptic can be found [here]
- \* Fields discussed in [7, III.1.14, VII]
- \* Weierstrass form in [1, III.1]
- \* Definition of elliptic curve [1, III.2.2, III.3] or [0, 2.2]
- \* Elliptic curves diagram from [iacr] and curves from [1, Fig 3.1, 3.2]
- \* Discriminant,  $j$ -invariant formula from [1, III.1]
- \* Discriminant interpretation [0, 2.3]
- \* Isomorphism form [1, III.3.1b]
- \* Theorem  $j$ -invariance [1, III.1.4b]

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- \* Group Law diagram [0, Fig 1.16]
- \* Formulae [1, III.2.3]
- \* Scalar multiplication notation [1, III.2]
- \* Multiplication isogeny [1, III.4.1]
- \* Double and add [1, XI.1]
- \* Torsion subgroup [1, III.4]
- \* Hasse's theorem [1, V.1.1]
- \* Schoof's algorithm [1, XI.3]
- \* DLP and related assumption [8. III.13]
- \* Partial Equivalence of CHD and DLP in [Maurer] [Fifield]

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- \* Representation example expanded in [6, 5.3.1]
- \* Complexity estimates from [0, 4.5] and [1, XI.4]
- \* Diffie Hellman from [everywhere?]
- \* Singular curves are bad [0, 3.15] and [1, III.2.5] and [6, 5.3.3]
- \* Small Embedding degree ECDLP [1, XI.6] and [6, 5.2.2]
- \* Supersingular curves breaking ECDLP [1, XI.6.4] and [6, 5.2.2]
- \* Anomalous curves breaking ECDLP [1, XI.6.5] and [6, 5.2.2] and [6, 5.3.3]
- \* Descent methods in [6, 5.2.2]
- \* Pollard Rho description [1, XI.5.3-5.4]
- \* Pairings adapted from [1, III.8.1]
- \* Weil Pairing computation [1, XI.8]
- \* Modified Weil Pairing and Distorsion map [1, XI.7]



## » Detailed References & Credits

- \* BLS Signatures [1, XI.7.4]
- \* Isogeny definition [1, III.4]
- \* Isogeny Example from [3, 2.1]
- \* Isogeny properties (summary) [3, 2.1]
- \* Isogeny and Group Hom. [1, III.4.8]
- \* Isogeny composition, degree and multiplicativity [1, III.4]
- \* Dual Isogeny [1, III.6]
- \* Frobenius isogeny and separability [3, 2.1.2]
- \* Kernels and Velu [3, 2.2] and [1, III.4.12]
- \* Supersingular curves [1, V.3.1]
- \* Number of curves [1, V.4.1c]
- \* Points of supersingular curve [3, 1.8]

## » Detailed References & Credits

- \* Isogenous with same number of points [1, Ex. 5.4]
- \* Graphs from L. Panny's [lekenpraatje]
- \* Vertices as elements of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$  from [1, V.3.1]
- \* Good mixing properties from [CGL06]
- \* SIDH diagrams and description from [5]
- \* SIKE [sike]
- \* vOW function from [4, 3.1] and [ACV+18]
- \* vOW description [4, 3.2] and [vOW98]

## » Further Reading

- \* Attacks on SIDH [torsion] [GPST]
- \* Mathematics of Isogeny Based Cryptography [deFeo17]
- \* vOW attack estimation [vOW98] [ACV+18] [CLN+19] [LWS20]
- \* Verifiable Delay Functions from Isogenies and Pairings [dFMPS19]
- \* Delfs-Galbraith attack [DG16] [SCS21]