

## ① Preliminaries.

Public : trapdoor  
Private : symmetric

- Order of an element in a group

- $\phi(n)$  : Euler totient function.

- generator of a group

\* key one: existence of at least 1 generator  
(And the proof)

## ② Discrete Logarithm Problem

○ private ○ public

## ③ Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

A, B agreed.

1)  $g$  : generator     $p$ , prime modulus    (Field:  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ )

2) A  $\underline{\alpha}$  (private)     $\log \underline{\alpha} < p - 1$  avoid triviality.     $\log \underline{\alpha} \bmod p$  (send)

3) B  $\underline{\beta}$  (private)     $m = g^{\underline{\beta}} \bmod p$  send

(4) A takes  $m$  and  $m^a \text{ mod } p$

(5) B takes  $l$  and  $l^b \text{ mod } p$ .

(6)  $m^a \text{ mod } p = (g^b)^a \text{ mod } p \Rightarrow (g^a)^b \text{ mod } p = l \text{ mod } p = S.$

Generator  
of multiplicative  
written group.

$S$  is the shared key.

Secret

What hackers have:  $p, g, l, m$

(4) RSA: 1)  $\text{Given } N=pq$  Find  $p, q$ , integer factorization problem.

2) RSA: Find  $m$  s.t.  $c \equiv m^e \pmod{n}$

where  $(n, e)$  is a public key and  $c$  is an RSA ciphertext.

Both are easy from 1 direction and hard from another one.

RSA: Bob:  $p, q$  large primes

compute  $n = p \times q$  (public)

compute  $\phi(n) = \underline{(p-1)(q-1)}$

$$= \underline{n - p - q - 1}$$

e public  $\gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$

Find  $d \times e \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$

Send public key  $\rightarrow$  Alice  
( $n, e$ )

Alice: message  $m$

Alice doesn't have  $d$ .

compute ciphertext  $c$ .

$$\underline{c \equiv m^e \pmod{n}}$$

Send  $c$  to Bob.

Bob: compute the original  $m \equiv c^d \pmod{n}$

$$m \equiv c^d \pmod{n} = m \equiv m^{ed} \pmod{n}$$

$$m \equiv m^{1 + \phi(n)} \pmod{n}.$$

Euler's theorem,  $m^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  for  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$

RSA Improvement ① Authenticate Sender

② Make sure the message is not changed (attacked)

However not sustainable for modern mobile devices

Need new system !!!

① ECC : more security & smaller key size

1. Def:  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$

② requirements: ① characteristic not equal to 2 or 3. ②  $\Delta = -b(4a^3 + 27b^2) \neq 0$  nonsingularity

③  $x^3 + ax + b$  has distinct roots.

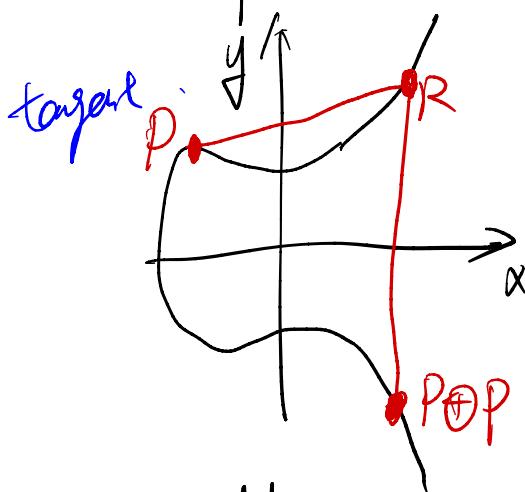
For 1) char:  $y^2 - xy = x^3 + ax^2 + b$   
char:  $y^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + b$

## ② Elliptic Curve over the Reals.

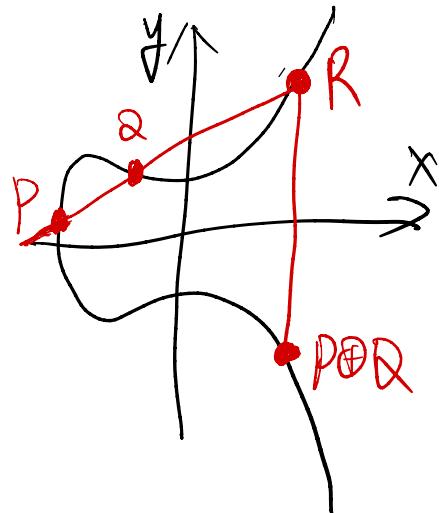
Graphic : ① Two Components :  $\Delta > 0$   
*distinct*

② One Component :  $\Delta < 0$   
*connected*

Group law :



Adding a point  
to itself.



Adding two distinct  
points.

O: points at infinity, all vertical lines  
in the space where the curve exists go through  
this point.

Form an abelian group:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad (P \oplus Q) \oplus R = 0.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad P \oplus P = P \text{ for all } P \in E,$$

\textcircled{3} If  $P \in E$ , then there's a point  $-P \in E$

s.t.  $P \oplus (-P) = 0$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad (P \oplus Q) \oplus R = P \oplus (Q \oplus R)$$

Proof especially for \textcircled{4}

Associativity: Use the graphic construction  
to represent the two sides into T and S.

And prove  $T = S$ .

# Homogenization Process

Suppose  $F(x, y) = y^2 - (x^3 + ax + b)$  standard Weierstrass equation.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, z) &= z^3 F\left(\frac{x}{z}, \frac{y}{z}\right) = z^3 \left( \left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^3 + a\left(\frac{x}{z}\right) + b \right) \\ &= y^2 z - (x^3 + axz^2 + bz^3) \end{aligned}$$

Use dimension to prove.

### ③ Elliptic Curves over Finite Fields.

Graph: discrete set of points.

$E(F_q)$ : finite abelian group in  $F_q$

Either cyclic or a product of 2 cyclic groups.

Why  $F_p$  useful here:

- ① All calculations performed mod  $p$ , so the results remain within the field.
- ② All non-zero element has multi' inverse, division ✓

$\# E(F_q) \longrightarrow$  difficulty of solving the discrete log problem  $\longrightarrow$  security of the system.

Hasse's theorem: bound for  $|\# E(F_q) - (q+1)| \leq 2q$   
 $\rightarrow$  indicates # grows approx as  $q$  (size of  $F_q$ )

Determine the exact number, Schoof's algorithm

uses ⊕ Hasse's theorem, Frobenius endomorphism  $\phi$ , Chinese remainder theorem and division polynomials.

④ Computing Large Multiples of a Point.

$G$ : abelian group on  $E$ .

$\oplus$ : the operation we defined.

multi by scalar  $t$  on  $E$ :

$$tP = P \oplus P \oplus \cdots \oplus P$$

A diagram showing the scalar multiplication  $tP$  as  $t$  copies of the point  $P$  being added together. A bracket under the first  $P$ 's is labeled  $t$ .

How to compute  $tP$ ? "Double and Add"



① Binary Expansion,

$$t = t_0 + 2t_1 + 2^2 t_2 + \dots + 2^k t_k$$

where  $t_i \in \{0, 1\}$

②  $tP = t_0 P + 2t_1 P + 2^2 t_2 P + \dots + 2^k t_k P$ .

We can compute  $2^k P$  by  $k$  doublings and  $k = \lceil \lg_2(t) \rceil$

This algo:  $m$  steps. at most 2 operations per step.

worst  $2m$ . operations.

computation time  $O(m)$  ( $O(\log t)$ )



exponentially better

## ⑤ Elliptic Curve Discrete Logarithm Problem

E: elliptic curve

G: abelian group.

If  $P \in G$  and  $R = kP$  is a multiple and  $k$  is a scalar.

Def: DLP; Find an integer  $k$  s.t.  $kP = R$  where  $P$  is a generator point on E and  $R$  belongs to the cyclic subgroup generated by  $P$ .

Hard to solve: Best known algorithms have exponential runtime.

## ⑥ Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDH). • public • private

(1) A,B agree on  $(p,a,b,P,n,h)$

p: prime. a,b random values make up the equation of E.

P: random point on E n: order of P

h: a cofactor of the group G.

[2] A: pick private key  $d_A$  ( $d_A \in [1, n-1]$  and  $d_A$  is integer)  
compute  $Q_A = d_A G$

B: pick  $d_B$   
compute  $Q_B = d_B G$

(3) Exchange  $Q_A, Q_B$

(4) Compute shared secret.

A: uses  $Q_B$  and  $d_A$

$$S_A = d_A Q_B$$

B: uses  $Q_A$  and  $d_B$

$$S_B = d_B Q_A$$

We see  $S_A = S_B$

Because  $d_A(d_B Q_A) = d_B(d_A Q_A)$

shared key

solve  $d_A$  using  $Q_A$  and  $P$

shared secret:

x or y-coordinate of  
 $d_A d_B P$ . point.

Third Party E. only has

$P, Q_A$  and  $Q_B$

unable to get  $d_A d_B P$

without solving discrete log problem.

(5) Use this to derive a **symmetric** key key derivation function (KDF)  
And communicate via ciphers.

Remark: Lagrange's Theorem  $h \cdot n = |G|$

$n$  should be a large number  $\rightarrow$  harder to solve.

$h$  be small ( $h \leq 4$ ), preferable  $h=1$ .

Reason? Efficiency  $\uparrow$  Attacks  $\downarrow$   
(specific)

### NIST Recommendations

Usually participants don't derive the parameters themselves. (time consuming: computation of  $|G|$ )

Schoof's algorithm.)

Organizations publish recommended curves with computed parameters.  $\leftarrow$  public knowledge

e.g. secp256k1 Bletsin.

Alternatively, asymmetric cryptosystem can be used. usually slower

## ⑦ ElGamal System on Elliptic Curves:

p: prime    E: elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{F}_p$

P: randomly chosen point on E

n: order of P.    Q: public key we just computed  
(of the intended recipient).

m: plaintext.

(1) A: comes up with  $f: m \rightarrow M$  (maps a message m to a point M on E).  
pick  $k \in [1, n-1]$  computes  $C = kP$

$$M = f(m) \quad D = M + kQ$$

Send  $(C, D)$  to B.

(2) B: use d.

First computes  $M = D - DC$

Then performs  $m = f^{-1}(M)$

$$\text{Remark: } dC = d(kP) = k(dP) = kQ$$

If a third party want to receive a value of  $M$ , needs to compute  $kQ$ . Computing  $kQ$  given  $C=kP$  and  $Q$ . The same discrete logarithm problem.

ECDH: establish a shared secret over an insecure channel.

ElGamal: encrypting messages using recipient's public key so that only the recipient can decrypt it using their private key.

## ⑧ Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm.

Another advantage of ECD: provides opportunity for the parties to "sign" their messages. (receiver knows it's him)

Signature generation algo:

m: message

n: prime order of the subgroup generated by P.

1. SIG GEN  $(m, n, P)$

2. Compute  $e = \underline{\text{hash}}(m)$

3.  $\underline{z := }$   $\underline{l}$  leftmost bits of e where l is bit length of n.



4. Select  $k \in_R [1, n-1]$   
Uniformly chosen

5. Compute  $(x_1, y_1) = kP$

6. Compute  $r = x_1 \bmod n$

7. if  $r > 0$  then

Select a new k back to 4.

Sender

8. Compute  $s = k^{-1}(z + r d_A) \bmod n$  where  $d_A$  is A's private key and  $k^{-1}$  is multiplicative inverse of  $k \bmod n$ .

9. if  $s=0$  then:

Select a new  $k$ , back to step 4.

10. Return  $(r, s)$ .

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Signature verification algo: Need  $Q_A$  public key  
of A.  
Not fully understood.

Main drawback!: need to compute domain  
parameters  $\vdash C$

1.  $SIGVER(E, n, Q_A, s, z, P, r)$

2. if  $Q_A \neq 0$  and  $Q_A \in E$  and  $nQ_A = 0$  and  
 $r, s \in R[1, n-1]$  then

3. Compute  $u_1 = z s^{-1} \pmod{n}$ .

4. Compute  $u_2 = r s^{-1} \pmod{n}$ .

5. Compute the point  $(x_1, y_1) = u_1 P + u_2 Q_A$

6. if  $(x_1, y_1) \neq 0$  and  $r \equiv x_1 \pmod n$  then  
7. "The signature is valid".  
8. else,  
9. "The sig not valid".  
10. else:  
11. "The sig not valid."

It's rather expensive to compute the domain parameters. In addition, BLS facing danger:

Quantum attacks / classical attacks.



## ⑨ Attacks on ECC and Pollard's rho algorithm.

(1) Classical attacks = slow + require exponential running time  
to solve the ECDLP. Most effective.

(2) Quantum attacks: E.g. Shor's algorithm which  
finishes the attack in polynomial time.

Once quantum computers become practical, ECC  
will be in big danger.

### Pollard's rho-algorithm.

Let  $E$  be the Ec and DLP on  $E$  as defined  
before.  $n$  be the order of the subgroup generated  
by  $P$ .

Running time roughly  $O(\sqrt{n})$  and best  $O(n)$  in  
space complexity. Best!

Idea: find distinct pairs of integers  $(a_{j_1}, b_{j_1})$   
and  $(a_{j_2}, b_{j_2})$  s.t.  $a_{j_1}P + b_{j_1}Q = a_{j_2}P + b_{j_2}Q$ .

Floyd's cycle finding algorithm.

1. Partition the set of points on  $E$  into 3 subsets  
Define a suitable iterative function  $f$  and  
apply to them.

- 2 Iteration generate sequence :

$$A_i = a_j P + b_j Q$$

Once there's a match  $A_{i_1} = A_{i_2}$

We get  $a_{j_1}P + b_{j_1}Q = a_{j_2}P + b_{j_2}Q$ .

- Will eventually occur : ① points finite on the line  
② subgroup generated by  $P$  is cyclic.

$$3. a_i P + b_i Q = a_j P + b_j Q$$

$$(a_i - a_j)P = (b_j - b_i)Q$$

$$k = (a_i - a_j)(b_j - b_i)^{-1} \pmod{n}.$$

Remark: relies on the birthday paradox — for a set of randomly chosen points, the probability of a collision is high  $\rightarrow$  ensure the efficiency of the algo.

### ⑩ Future of ECC.

D+I isogeny-based system may be proved to be quantum-resistant.

(1) Uses super singular curves over  $\mathbb{F}_p^2$  where p is a prime.

(2) A supersingular curve is defined as having no points of order P.

(3) An isogeny  $\phi: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  is a rational map s.t.  
the number of points on the two curves is the same.

Reason: non-abelian. Further research needed.

Classical algs:  $\exists$  non-abelian groups  
resistant to quantum attacks.

- ① Hash-Based
- ② Lattice-Based
- ③ Multivariate Equations
- ④ Error Codes.