

Isogeny graphs in cryptography

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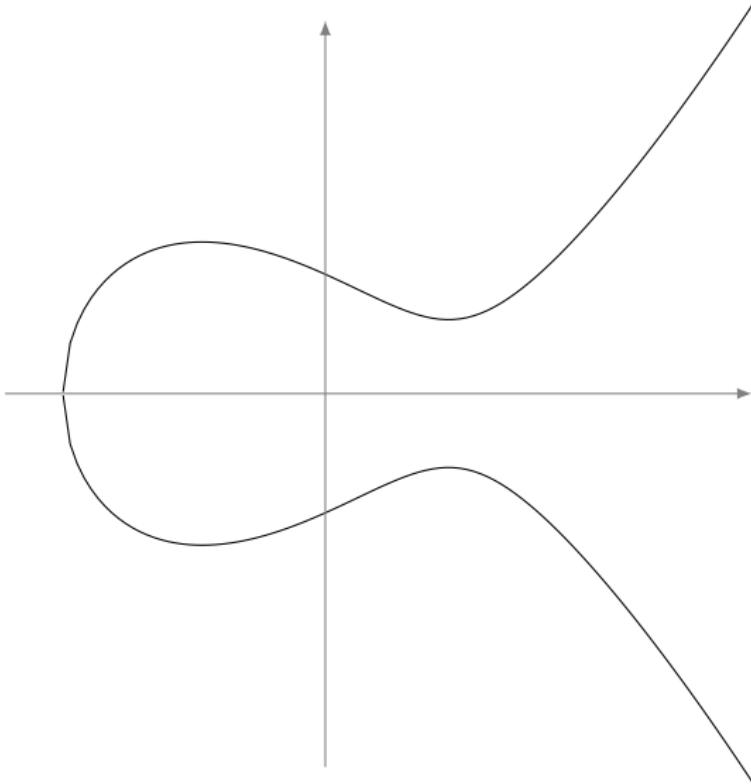
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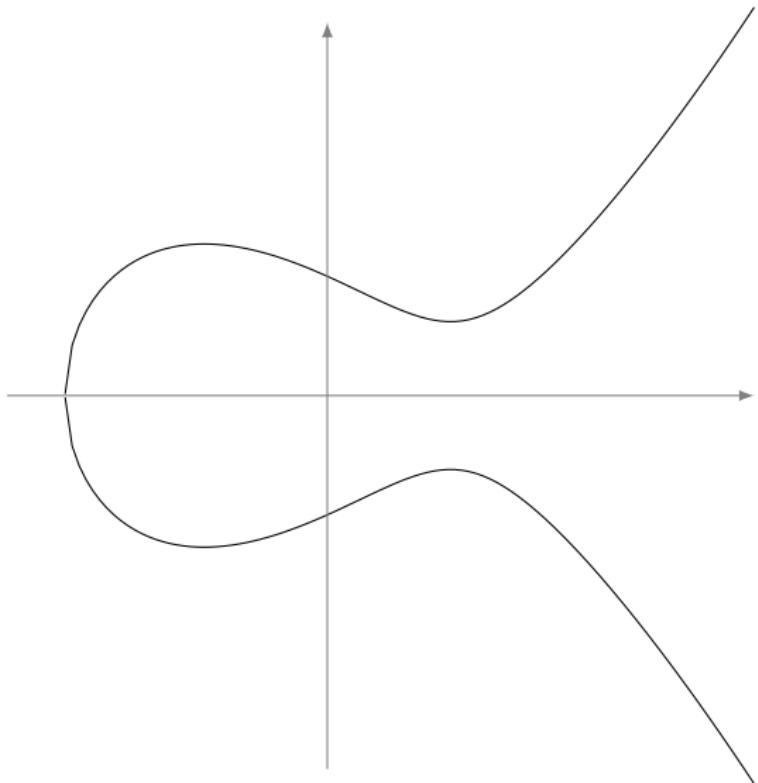
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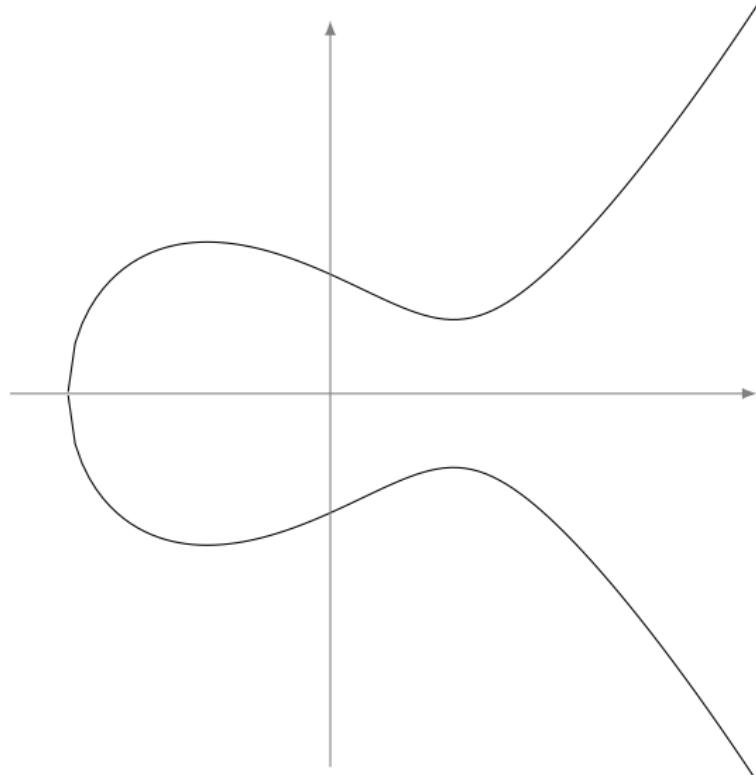
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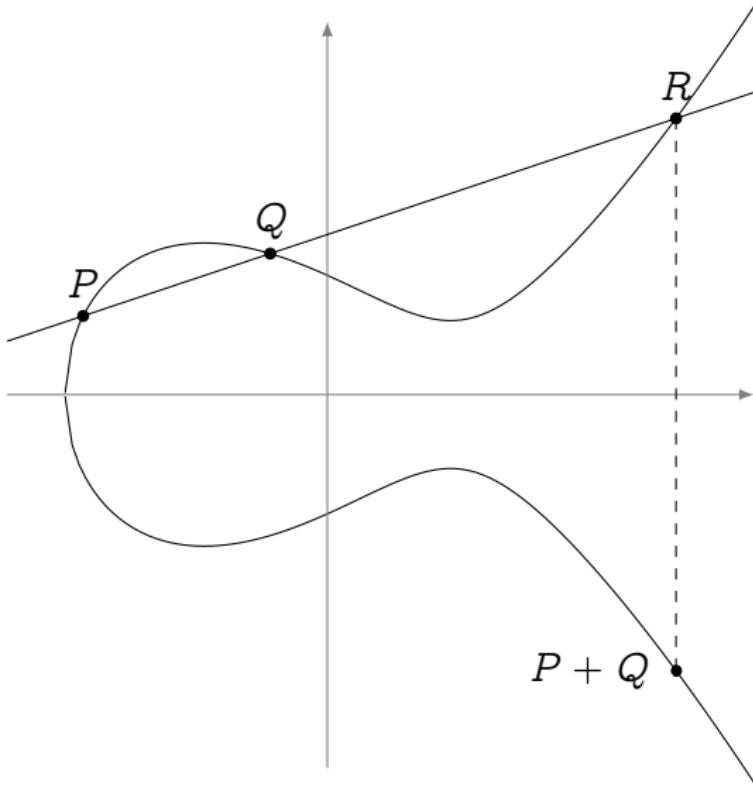
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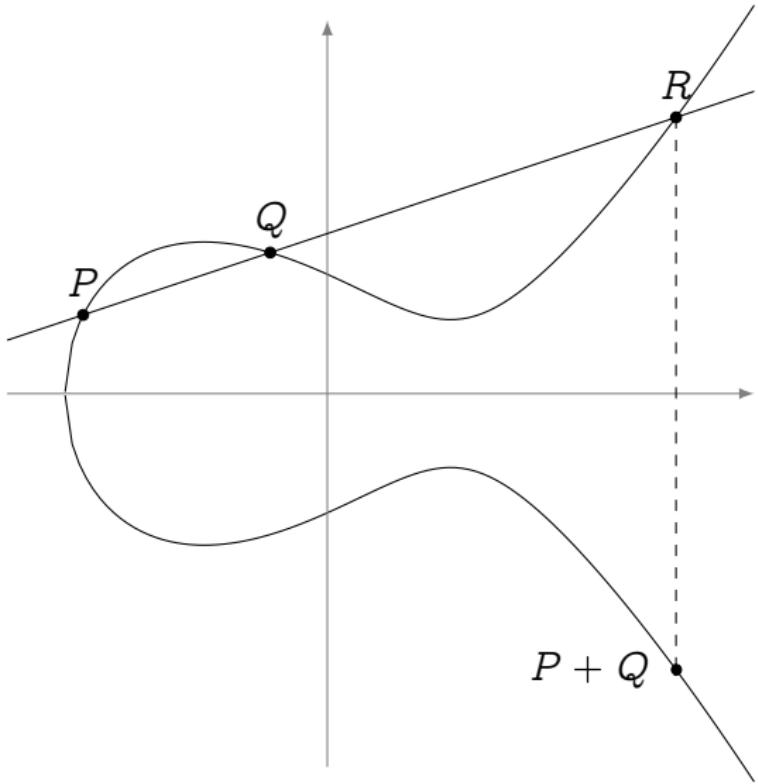
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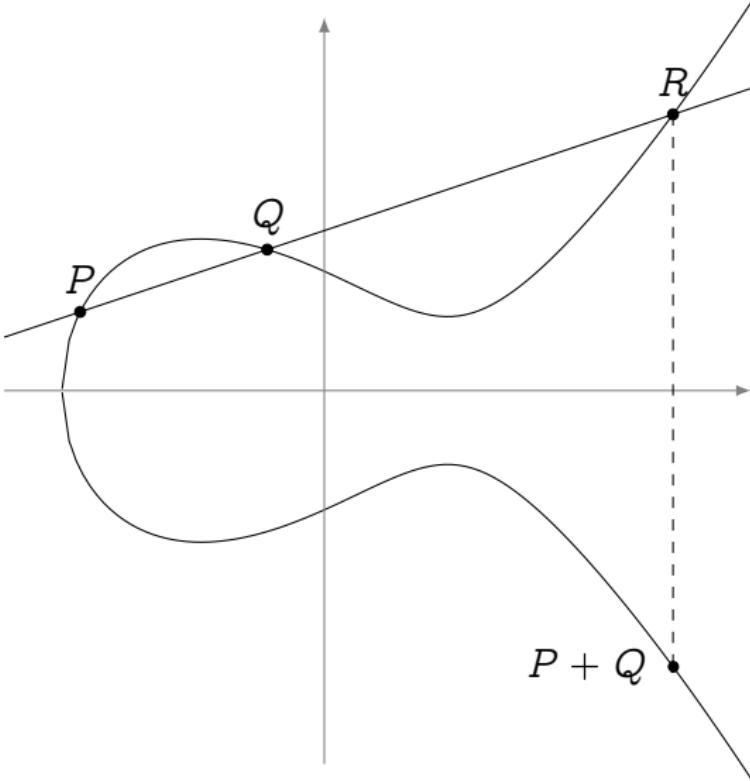
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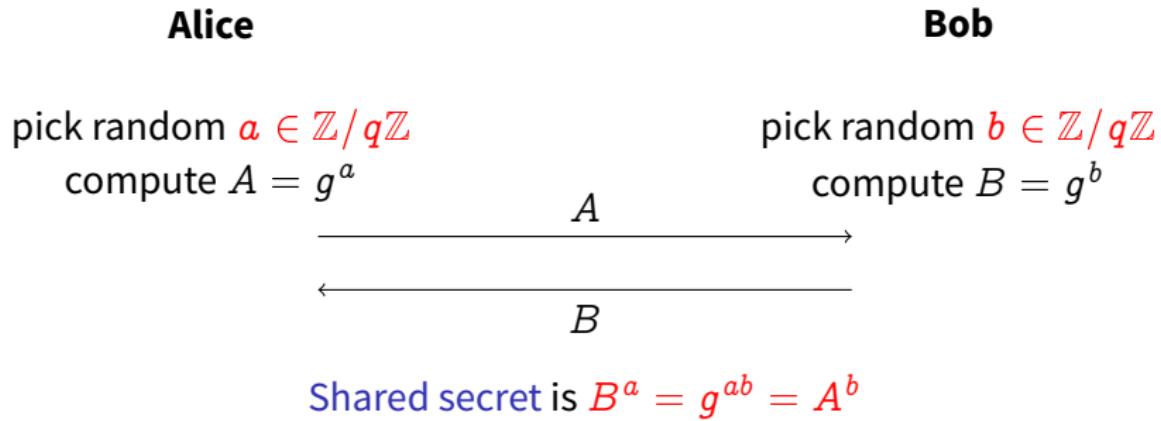
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- The law is **commutative**;
- \mathcal{O} is the **group identity**;
- **Opposite points** have the same x -value.



Why should I care? (Diffie–Hellman key exchange)

Goal: Alice and Bob have never met before. They are chatting over a public channel, and want to agree on a **shared secret** to start a private conversation.

Setup: They agree on a (large) cyclic group $G = \langle g \rangle$ of (prime) order q .



Brief history of DH key exchange

- 1976 Diffie & Hellman publish [New directions in cryptography](#), suggest using $G = \mathbb{F}_p^*$.
- 1978 Pollard publishes his [discrete logarithm](#) algorithm ($O(\sqrt{\#G})$ complexity).
- 1980 Miller and Koblitz independently suggest using [elliptic curves](#) $G = E(\mathbb{F}_p)$.
- 1994 Shor publishes his quantum polynomial time [discrete logarithm / factoring](#) algorithm.
- 2005 NSA standardizes elliptic curve key agreement (ECDH) and signatures ECDSA.
- 2017 ~ 70% of web traffic is secured by ECDH and/or ECDSA.
- 2017 NIST launches [post-quantum competition](#), says “not to bother moving to elliptic curves, if you haven’t yet”.

Why should I care? (cont'd)

But, also:

- Elliptic Curve Factoring Method (Lenstra '85);
- Elliptic Curve Primality Proving (Atkin, Morain '86-'93);
- Efficient normal bases for finite fields (Couveignes, Lercier '10);
- ...

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For cryptographers

- Finite abelian groups (often cyclic);
- Easy to compute the order;
- “2-dimensional” generalizations of μ_k (the roots of unity of k)...
- ...with bilinear maps (aka pairings)!

Isomorphisms

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The only invertible algebraic maps between elliptic curves are of the form

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

for some $u \in \bar{k}$.

They are group isomorphisms.

j -Invariant

Let $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$, its j -invariant is

$$j(E) = 1728 \frac{4a^3}{4a^3 + 27b^2}.$$

Two elliptic curves E, E' are isomorphic if and only if $j(E) = j(E')$.

Group structure

Torsion structure

Let E be defined over an algebraically closed field \bar{k} of characteristic p .

$$E[m] \simeq \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \quad \text{if } p \nmid m,$$

$$E[p^e] \simeq \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}/p^e\mathbb{Z} & \text{ordinary case,} \\ \{\mathcal{O}\} & \text{supersingular case.} \end{cases}$$

Finite fields (Hasse's theorem)

Let E be defined over a finite field \mathbb{F}_q , then

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

In particular, there exist integers n_1 and $n_2 | \gcd(n_1, q - 1)$ such that

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(Separable) isogenies \Leftrightarrow finite subgroups:

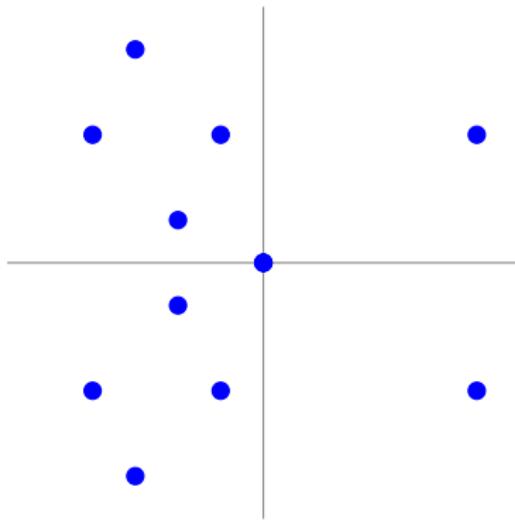
$$0 \longrightarrow H \longrightarrow E \xrightarrow{\phi} E' \rightarrow 0$$

The kernel H determines the image curve E' up to isomorphism

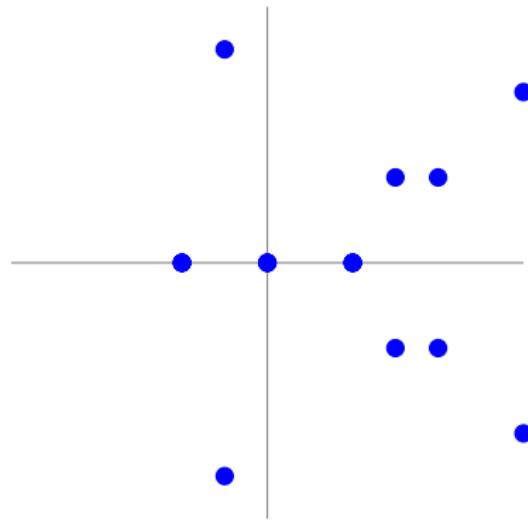
$$E/H \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E'.$$

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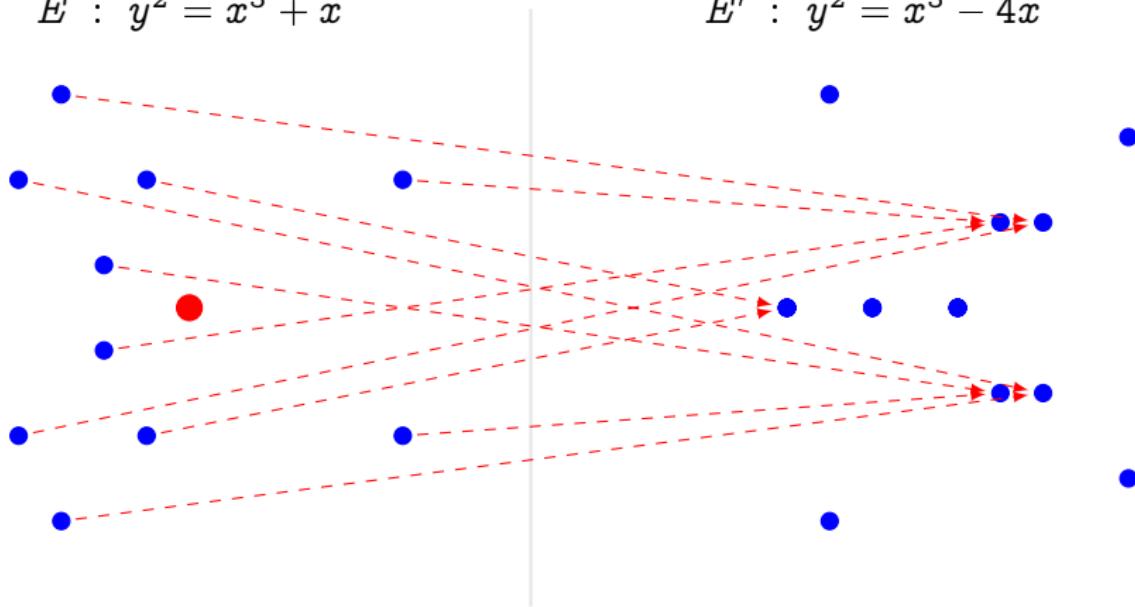


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- Kernel generator in red.
- This is a degree 2 map.
- Analogous to $x \mapsto x^2$ in \mathbb{F}_q^* .

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The dual isogeny

Let $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$ be an isogeny of degree m . There is a unique isogeny $\hat{\phi} : E' \rightarrow E$ such that

$$\hat{\phi} \circ \phi = [m]_E, \quad \phi \circ \hat{\phi} = [m]_{E'}.$$

$\hat{\phi}$ is called the **dual isogeny of ϕ** ; it has the following properties:

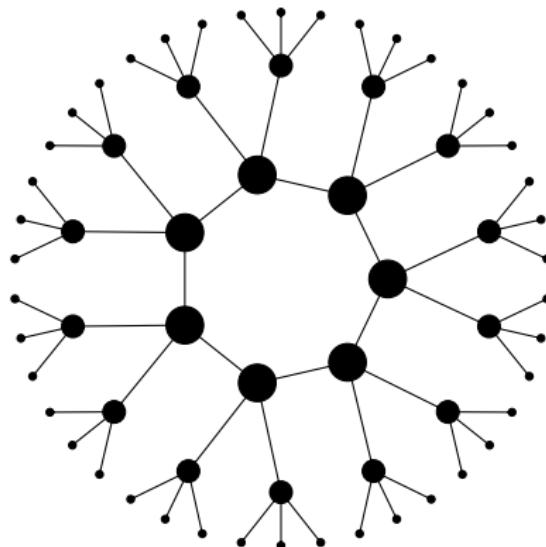
- ① $\hat{\phi}$ is defined over k if and only if ϕ is;
- ② $\widehat{\psi \circ \phi} = \hat{\phi} \circ \hat{\psi}$ for any isogeny $\psi : E' \rightarrow E''$;
- ③ $\widehat{\psi + \phi} = \hat{\psi} + \hat{\phi}$ for any isogeny $\psi : E \rightarrow E'$;
- ④ $\deg \phi = \deg \hat{\phi}$;
- ⑤ $\widehat{\hat{\phi}} = \phi$.

Isogeny graphs

We look at the graph of elliptic curves with isogenies up to isomorphism. We say two isogenies ϕ, ϕ' are isomorphic if:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\phi} & E' \\ & \searrow \phi' & \uparrow \wr \\ & & E' \end{array}$$

Example: Finite field, ordinary case, graph of isogenies of degree 3.



What do isogeny graphs look like?

Torsion subgroups (ℓ prime)

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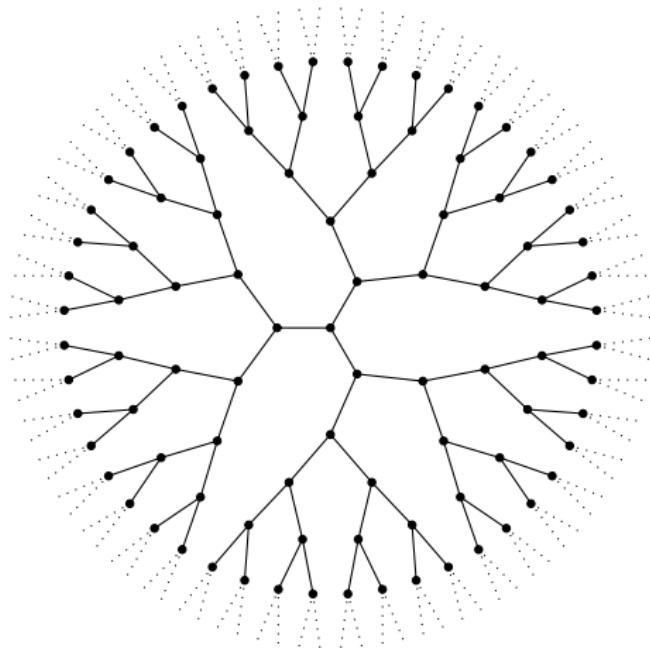


There are exactly $\ell + 1$ cyclic subgroups $H \subset E$ of order ℓ :

$$\langle P + Q \rangle, \langle P + 2Q \rangle, \dots, \langle P \rangle, \langle Q \rangle$$



There are exactly $\ell + 1$ distinct isogenies of degree ℓ .



(non-CM) 2-isogeny graph over \mathbb{C}

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We identify $\pi|_{E[\ell]}$ to a conjugacy class in $\text{GL}(\mathbb{Z}/\ell\mathbb{Z})$.

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How many Galois invariant subgroups?

- $\pi|E[\ell] \sim \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$ $\rightarrow \ell + 1$ isogenies
- $\pi|E[\ell] \sim \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}$ with $\lambda \neq \mu$ \rightarrow two isogenies
- $\pi|E[\ell] \sim \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & * \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$ \rightarrow one isogeny
- $\pi|E[\ell]$ is not diagonalizable over $\mathbb{Z}/\ell\mathbb{Z}$ \rightarrow no isogeny

Weil pairing

Let $(N, p) = 1$, fix any basis $E[N] = \langle R, S \rangle$. For any points $P, Q \in E[N]$

$$P = aR + bS$$

$$Q = cR + dS$$

the form $\det_N(P, Q) = \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$
is bilinear, non-degenerate, and independent from the choice of basis.

Theorem

Let E/\mathbb{F}_q be a curve, there exists a Galois invariant bilinear map

$$e_N : E[N] \times E[N] \longrightarrow \mu_N \subset \bar{\mathbb{F}}_q,$$

called the Weil pairing of order N , and a primitive N -th root of unity $\zeta \in \bar{\mathbb{F}}_q$
such that

$$e_N(P, Q) = \zeta^{\det_N(P, Q)}.$$

The degree k of the smallest extension such that $\zeta \in \mathbb{F}_{q^k}$ is called the
embedding degree of the pairing.

Weil pairing and isogenies

Note

The Weil pairing is Galois invariant $\Leftrightarrow \det(\pi|E[N]) = q$.

Theorem

Let $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$ be an isogeny and $\hat{\phi} : E' \rightarrow E$ its dual.

Let e_N be the Weil pairing of E and e'_N that of E' . Then, for

$$e_N(P, \hat{\phi}(Q)) = e'_N(\phi(P), Q),$$

for any $P \in E[N]$ and $Q \in E'[N]$.

Corollary

$$e'_N(\phi(P), \phi(Q)) = e_N(P, Q)^{\deg \phi}.$$

From local to global

Theorem (Hasse)

Let E be defined over a finite field \mathbb{F}_q . Its Frobenius map π satisfies a quadratic equation

$$\pi^2 - t\pi + q = 0$$

for some $|t| \leq 2\sqrt{q}$, called the **trace** of π . The trace t is coprime to q if and only if E is ordinary.

Endomorphisms

An isogeny $E \rightarrow E$ is also called an **endomorphism**. Examples:

- scalar multiplication $[n]$,
- Frobenius map π .

With **addition** and **composition**, the endomorphisms form a ring $\text{End}(E)$.

The endomorphism ring

Theorem (Deuring)

Let E be an **ordinary** elliptic curve defined over a finite field \mathbb{F}_q .

Let π be its Frobenius endomorphism, and $D_\pi = t^2 - 4q < 0$ the **discriminant** of its minimal polynomial.

Then $\text{End}(E)$ is isomorphic to an **order** \mathcal{O} of the **quadratic imaginary field** $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D_\pi})$.^a

^aAn order is a subring that is a \mathbb{Z} -module of rank 2 (equiv., a 2-dimensional \mathbb{R} -lattice).

In this case, we say that E has **complex multiplication** (CM) by \mathcal{O} .

Theorem (Serre-Tate)

CM elliptic curves E, E' are isogenous iff $\text{End}(E) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \simeq \text{End}(E') \otimes \mathbb{Q}$.

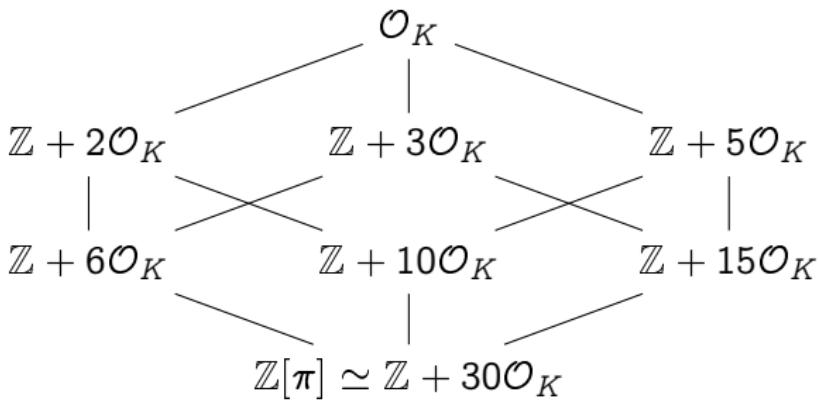
Corollary: E/\mathbb{F}_p and E'/\mathbb{F}_p are isogenous over \mathbb{F}_p iff $\#E(\mathbb{F}_p) = \#E'(\mathbb{F}_p)$.

Endomorphism rings of ordinary curves

Classifying quadratic orders

Let K be a quadratic number field, and let \mathcal{O}_K be its ring of integers.

- Any order $\mathcal{O} \subset K$ can be written as $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z} + f\mathcal{O}_K$ for an integer f , called the **conductor** of \mathcal{O} , denoted by $[\mathcal{O}_K : \mathcal{O}]$.
- If D_K is the **discriminant** of K , the discriminant of \mathcal{O} is $f^2 D_K$.
- If $\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}'$ are two orders with discriminants D, D' , then $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{O}'$ iff $D' | D$.

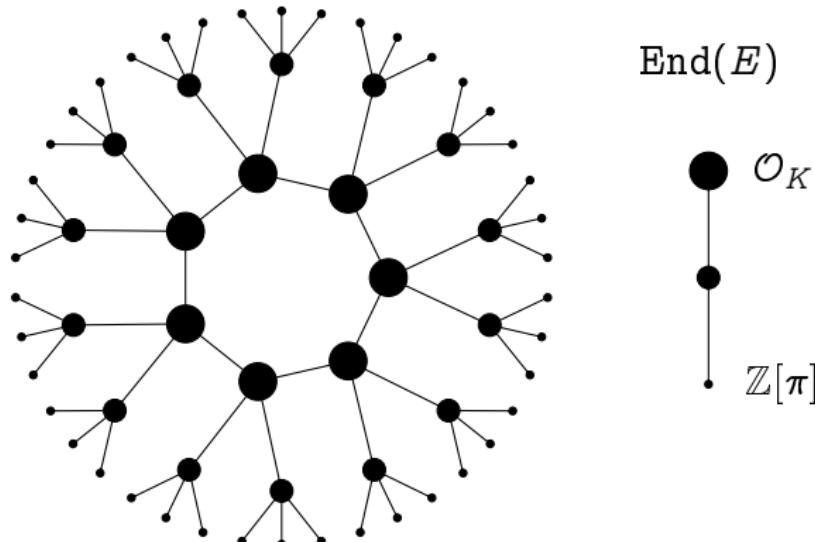


Volcanology (Kohel 1996)

Let E, E' be curves with respective endomorphism rings $\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}' \subset K$.

Let $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$ be an isogeny of prime degree ℓ , then:

if $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}'$, ϕ is horizontal;
if $[\mathcal{O}' : \mathcal{O}] = \ell$, ϕ is ascending;
if $[\mathcal{O} : \mathcal{O}'] = \ell$, ϕ is descending.

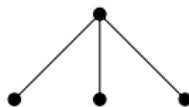


Ordinary isogeny volcano of degree $\ell = 3$.

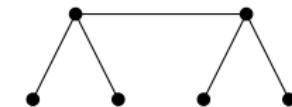
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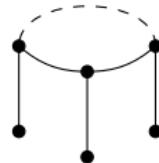
\mathcal{O}_K : maximal order of K ,
 D_K : discriminant of K .



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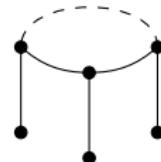
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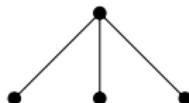


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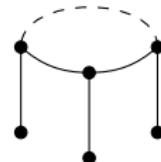


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How large is the crater of a volcano?

Let $\text{End}(E) = \mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$. Define

- $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{O})$, the group of invertible fractional ideals,
- $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{O})$, the group of principal ideals,

The class group

The class group of \mathcal{O} is

$$\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{O})/\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{O}).$$

- It is a finite abelian group.
- Its order $h(\mathcal{O})$ is called the class number of \mathcal{O} .
- It arises as the Galois group of an abelian extension of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$.

Complex multiplication

The \mathfrak{a} -torsion

- Let $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathcal{O}$ be an (integral invertible) ideal of \mathcal{O} ;
- Let $E[\mathfrak{a}]$ be the subgroup of E annihilated by \mathfrak{a} :

$$E[\mathfrak{a}] = \{P \in E \mid \alpha(P) = 0 \text{ for all } \alpha \in \mathfrak{a}\};$$

- Let $\phi : E \rightarrow E_{\mathfrak{a}}$, where $E_{\mathfrak{a}} = E/E[\mathfrak{a}]$.

Then $\text{End}(E_{\mathfrak{a}}) = \mathcal{O}$ (i.e., ϕ is horizontal).

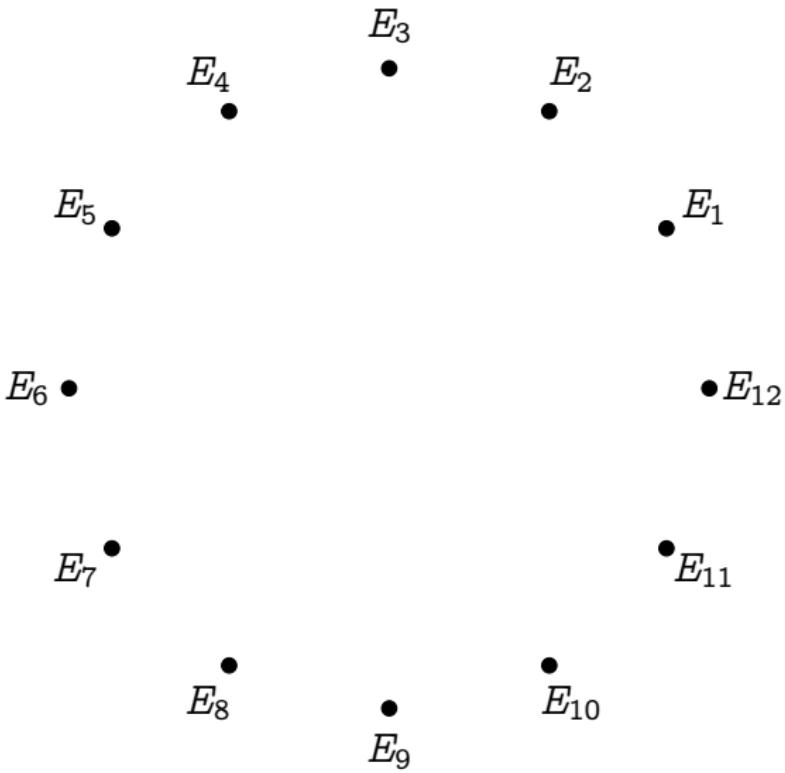
Theorem (Complex multiplication)

The action on the set of elliptic curves with complex multiplication by \mathcal{O} defined by $\mathfrak{a} * j(E) = j(E_{\mathfrak{a}})$ factors through $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O})$, is faithful and transitive.

Corollary

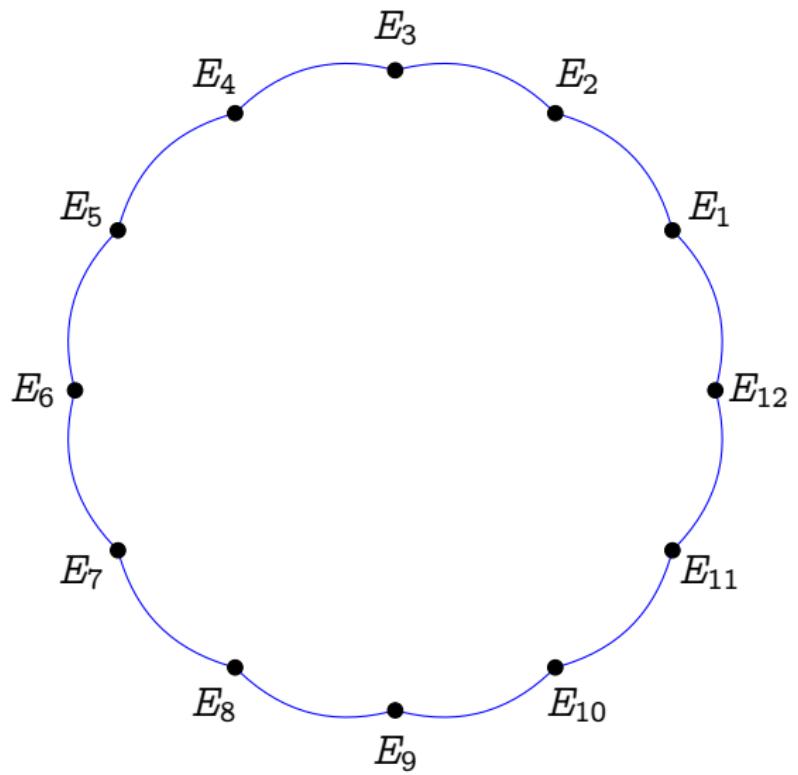
Let $\text{End}(E)$ have discriminant D . Assume that $\left(\frac{D}{\ell}\right) = 1$, then E is on a crater of size N of an ℓ -volcano, and $N|h(\text{End}(E))$

Complex multiplication graphs



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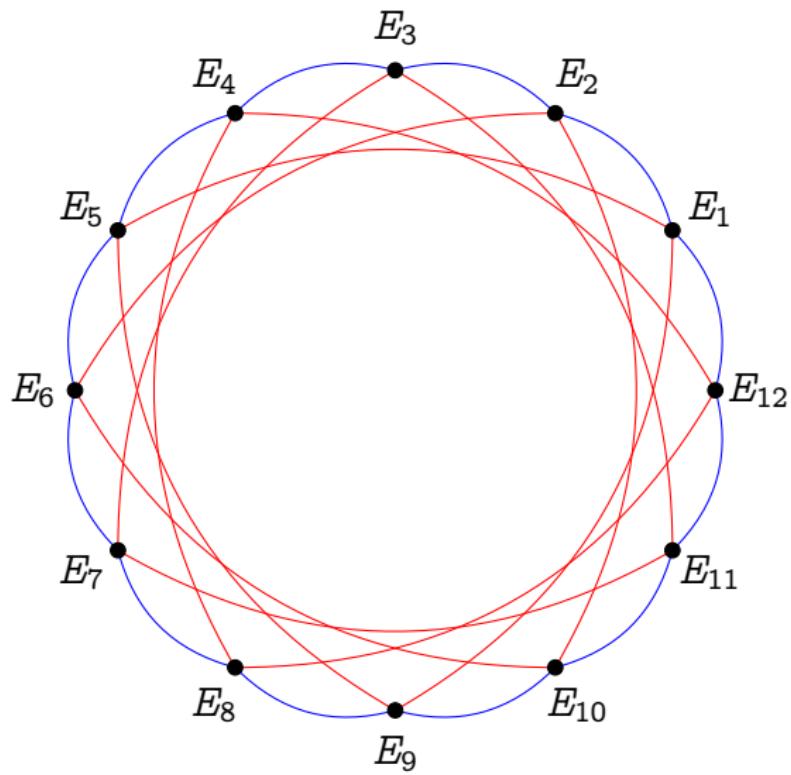


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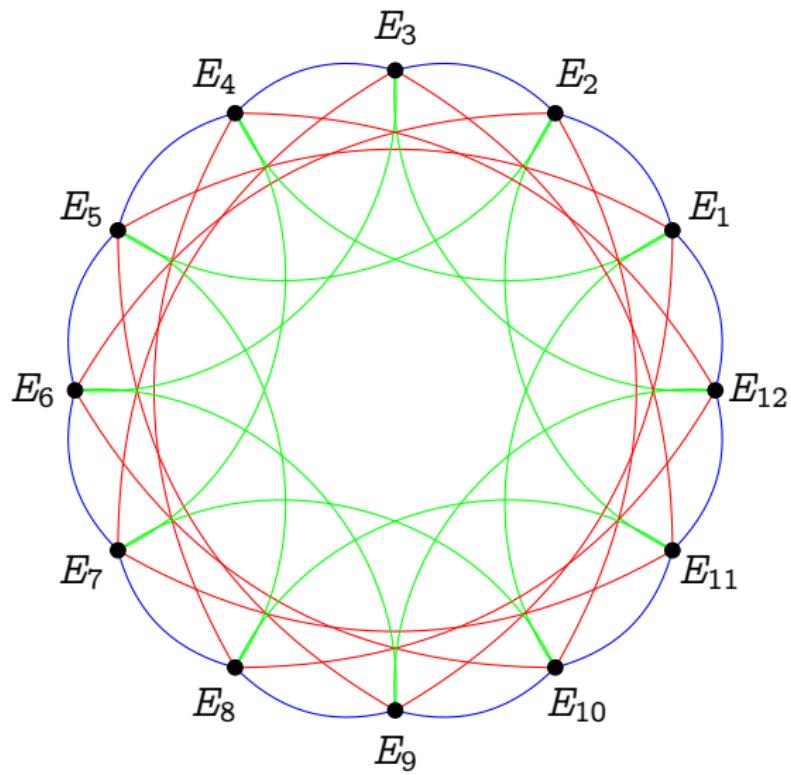
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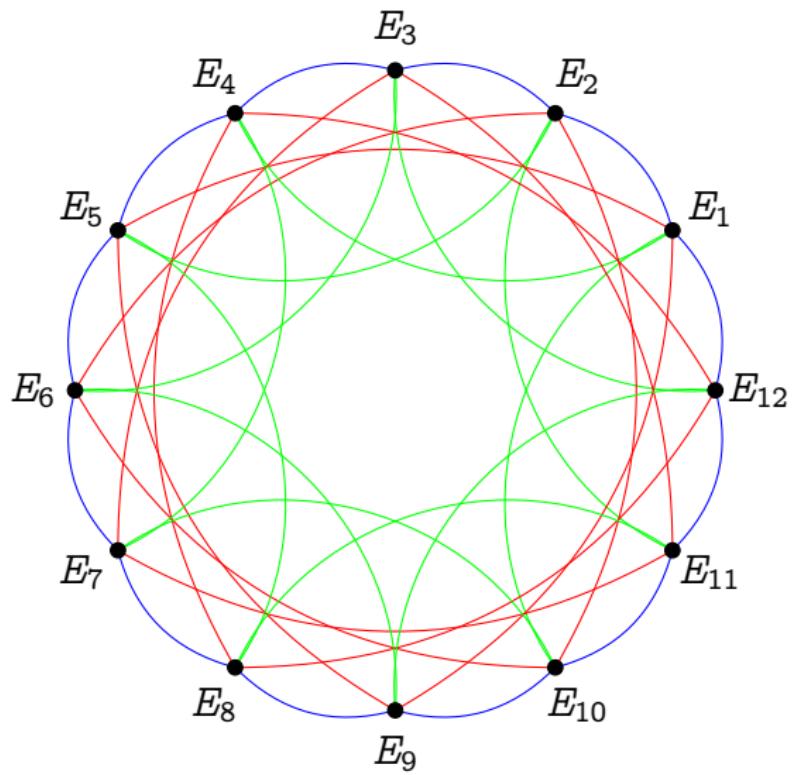
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Isomorphic to a Cayley graph of $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}_K)$.

Supersingular endomorphisms

Recall, a curve E over a field \mathbb{F}_q of characteristic p is **supersingular** iff

$$\pi^2 - t\pi + q = 0$$

with $t \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

Case: $t = 0 \Rightarrow D_\pi = -4q$

- Only possibility for E/\mathbb{F}_p ,
- E/\mathbb{F}_p has CM by an order of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-p})$, similar to the ordinary case.

Case: $t = \pm 2\sqrt{q} \Rightarrow D_\pi = 0$

- General case for E/\mathbb{F}_q , when q is an even power.
- $\pi = \pm\sqrt{q}$, hence no complex multiplication.

We will ignore marginal cases: $t = \pm\sqrt{q}, \pm\sqrt{2q}, \pm\sqrt{3q}$.

Supersingular complex multiplication

Let E/\mathbb{F}_p be a supersingular curve, then $\pi^2 = -p$, and

$$\pi = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{-p} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{-p} \end{pmatrix} \mod \ell$$

for any ℓ s.t. $\left(\frac{-p}{\ell}\right) = 1$.

Theorem (Delfs and Galbraith 2016)

Let $\text{End}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(E)$ denote the ring of \mathbb{F}_p -rational endomorphisms of E . Then

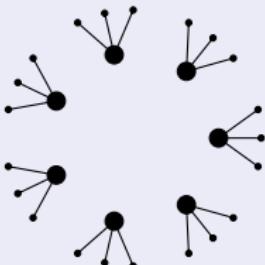
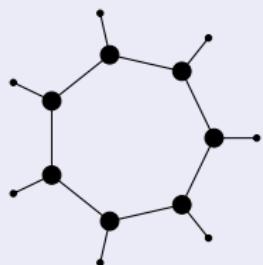
$$\mathbb{Z}[\pi] \subset \text{End}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(E) \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-p}).$$

Orders of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-p})$

- If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $\mathbb{Z}[\pi]$ is the maximal order.
- If $p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$, then $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{\pi+1}{2}]$ is the maximal order, and $[\mathbb{Z}[\frac{\pi+1}{2}] : \mathbb{Z}[\pi]] = 2$.

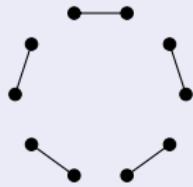
Supersingular CM graphs

2-volcanoes, $p = -1 \bmod 4$



$$\begin{aligned} & \bullet \mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{\pi+1}{2}\right] \\ & \bullet \mathbb{Z}[\pi] \end{aligned}$$

2-graphs, $p = 1 \bmod 4$



$$\bullet \mathbb{Z}[\pi]$$

All other ℓ -graphs are cycles of horizontal isogenies iff $\left(\frac{-p}{\ell}\right) = 1$.

The full endomorphism ring

Theorem (Deuring)

Let E be a supersingular elliptic curve, then

- E is isomorphic to a curve defined over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} ;
- Every isogeny of E is defined over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} ;
- Every endomorphism of E is defined over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} ;
- $\text{End}(E)$ is isomorphic to a maximal order in a quaternion algebra ramified at p and ∞ .

In particular:

- If E is defined over \mathbb{F}_p , then $\text{End}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(E)$ is strictly contained in $\text{End}(E)$.
- Some endomorphisms do not commute!

An example

The curve of j -invariant 1728

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

is supersingular over \mathbb{F}_p iff $p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$.

Endomorphisms

$\text{End}(E) = \mathbb{Z}\langle \iota, \pi \rangle$, with:

- π the Frobenius endomorphism, s.t. $\pi^2 = -p$;
- ι the map

$$\iota(x, y) = (-x, iy),$$

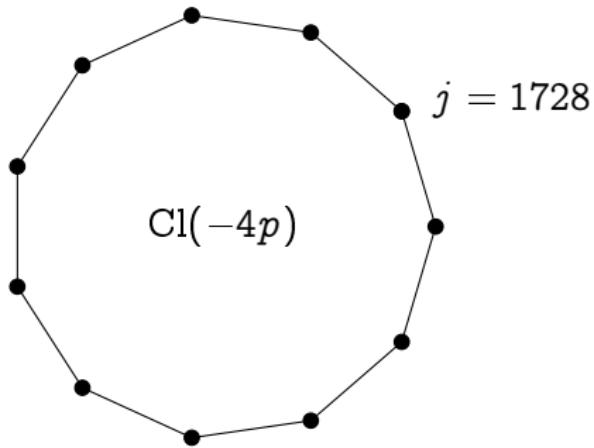
where $i \in \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ is a 4-th root of unity. Clearly, $\iota^2 = -1$.

And $\iota\pi = -\pi\iota$.

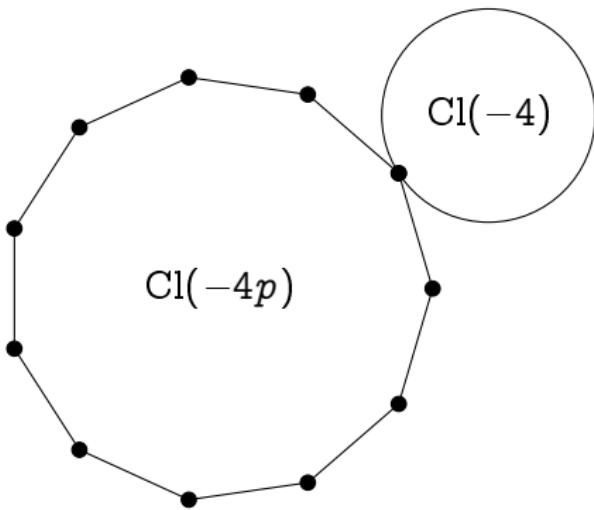
Class group action party

- $j = 1728$

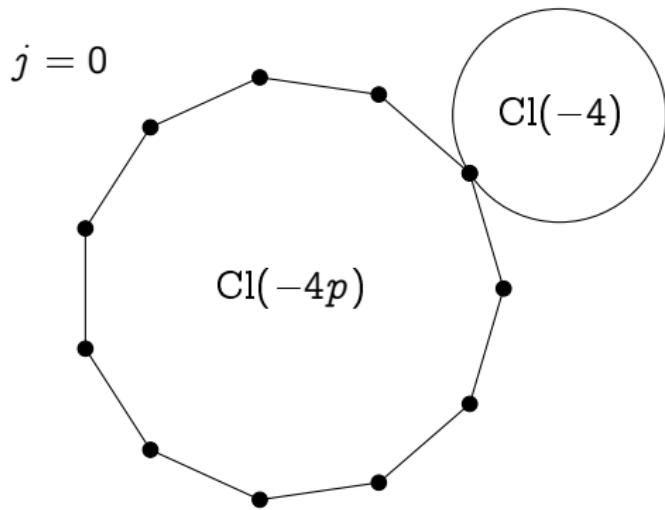
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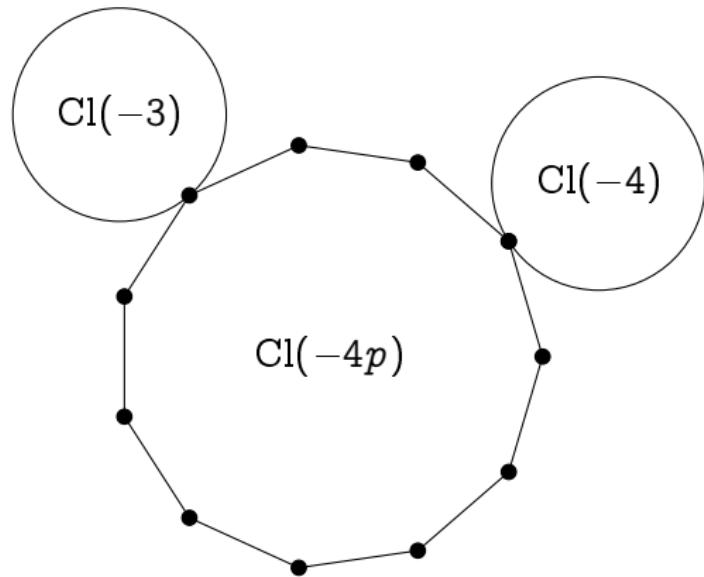
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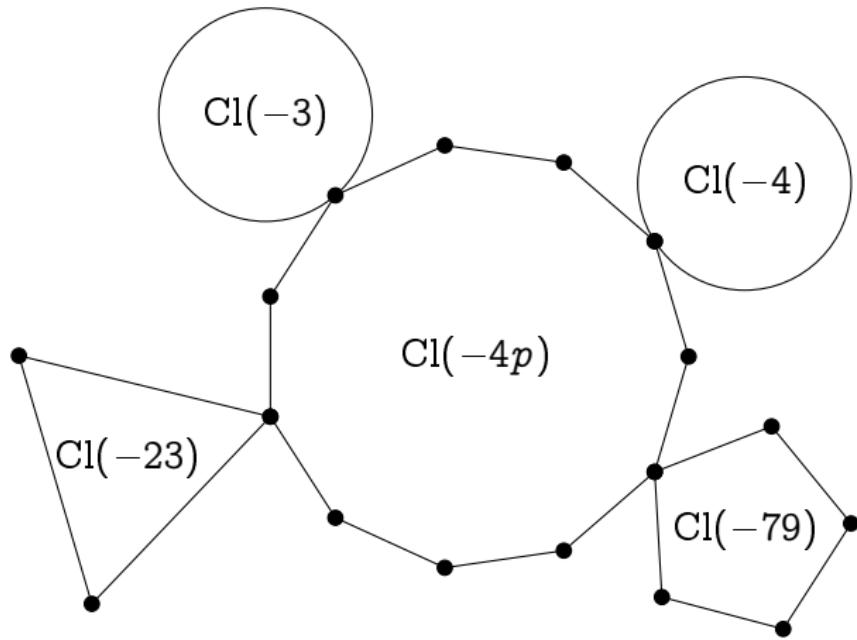
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Quaternion algebra?! WTF?²

The quaternion algebra $B_{p,\infty}$ is:

- A 4-dimensional \mathbb{Q} -vector space with basis $(1, i, j, k)$;
- A non-commutative division algebra¹ $B_{p,\infty} = \mathbb{Q}\langle i, j \rangle$ with the relations:

$$i^2 = a, \quad j^2 = -p, \quad ij = -ji = k,$$

for some $a < 0$ (depending on p).

- All elements of $B_{p,\infty}$ are quadratic algebraic numbers;
- $B_{p,\infty} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell \simeq M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ for all $\ell \neq p$.
I.e., endomorphisms restricted to $E[\ell^e]$ are just 2×2 matrices mod ℓ^e .
- $B_{p,\infty} \otimes \mathbb{R} \simeq M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$.

¹All elements have inverses.

²What The Field?

Supersingular graphs

- Quaternion algebras have many maximal orders.
- For every maximal order type of $B_{p,\infty}$ there are 1 or 2 curves over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} having endomorphism ring isomorphic to it.
- There is a unique isogeny class of supersingular curves over $\bar{\mathbb{F}}_p$ of size $\approx p/12$.
- Left ideals act on the set of maximal orders like isogenies.
- The graph of ℓ -isogenies is $(\ell + 1)$ -regular.

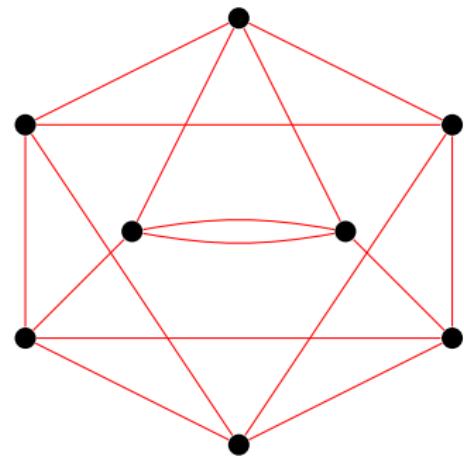


Figure: 3-isogeny graph on \mathbb{F}_{97^2} .

Graphs lexicon

Degree: Number of (outgoing/ingoing) edges.

k -regular: All vertices have degree k .

Connected: There is a path between any two vertices.

Distance: The length of the shortest path between two vertices.

Diameter: The longest distance between two vertices.

$\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$: The (ordered) eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix.

Expander graphs

Proposition

If G is a k -regular graph, its largest and smallest eigenvalues satisfy

$$k = \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_n \geq -k.$$

Expander families

An infinite family of connected k -regular graphs on n vertices is an **expander family** if there exists an $\epsilon > 0$ such that all **non-trivial** eigenvalues satisfy $|\lambda| \leq (1 - \epsilon)k$ for n large enough.

- Expander graphs have **short diameter** ($O(\log n)$);
- Random walks **mix rapidly** (after $O(\log n)$ steps, the induced distribution on the vertices is close to uniform).

Expander graphs from isogenies

Theorem (Pizer 1990, 1998)

Let ℓ be fixed. The family of graphs of supersingular curves over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} with ℓ -isogenies, as $p \rightarrow \infty$, is an expander family^a.

^aEven better, it has the Ramanujan property.

Theorem (Jao, Miller, and Venkatesan 2009)

Let $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})$ be an order in a quadratic imaginary field. The graphs of all curves over \mathbb{F}_q with complex multiplication by \mathcal{O} , with isogenies of prime degree bounded^a by $(\log q)^{2+\delta}$, are expanders.

^aMay contain traces of GRH.

Overview

- 1 Isogeny graphs
 - Elliptic Curves
 - Isogenies
 - Isogeny graphs
 - Endomorphism rings
 - Ordinary graphs
 - Supersingular graphs

- 2 Cryptography
 - Isogeny walks and Hash functions
 - Pairing verification and Verifiable Delay Functions
 - Key exchange
 - Open Problems

History of isogeny-based cryptography

- 1996 Couveignes introduces the Hard Homogeneous Spaces (HHS). His work stays unpublished for 10 years.
- 2006 Rostovtsev & Stolbunov independently rediscover Couveignes ideas, suggest isogeny-based Diffie–Hellman as a quantum-resistant primitive.
- 2007 Charles, Goren & Lauter propose supersingular 2-isogeny graphs as a foundation for a “provably secure” hash function.
- 2011-2012 D., Jao & Plût introduce SIDH, an efficient post-quantum key exchange inspired by Couveignes, Rostovtsev, Stolbunov, Charles, Goren, Lauter.
- 2017 SIDH is submitted to the NIST competition (with the name SIKE, only isogeny-based candidate).
- 2018 Castryck, Lange, Martindale, Panny & Renes publish an efficient variant of HHS named CSIDH.
- 2019 New isogeny protocols: Signatures, Verifiable Delay Functions, ...

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Explicit Isogeny Problem

Input: Curve E , (prime) integer ℓ

Output: All subgroups $H \subset E$ of order ℓ .

Complexity: $\tilde{O}(\ell^2)$ — Elkies 1992

- Why?**
- List all isogenies of given degree;
 - Count points of elliptic curves;
 - Compute endomorphism rings of elliptic curves;
 - Walk in isogeny graphs.

Computing Isogenies

Explicit Isogeny Problem (2)

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Output: The isogeny $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$ of degree ℓ .

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Isogeny Walk Problem

Input: Isogenous curves E, E' .

Output: An isogeny $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$ of **smooth** degree.

Complexity: Generically hard — Galbraith, Hess, and Nigel P. Smart 2002,

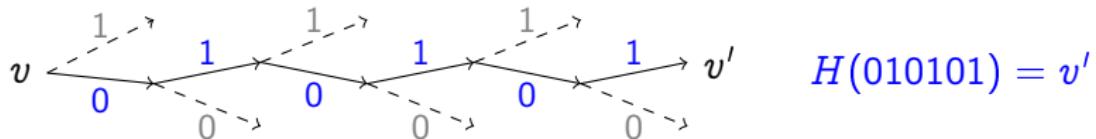
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Why? • Cryptanalysis (ECC);

• Foundational problem for **isogeny-based cryptography**.

Random walks and hash functions (circa 2006)

Any expander graph gives rise to a hash function.



- Fix a starting vertex v ;
- The value to be hashed determines a random path to v' ;
- v' is the hash.

(Denis X. Charles, Kristin E. Lauter, and Goren 2009) hash function (CGL)

- Use the expander graph of **supersingular 2-isogenies**;
- **Collision resistance**
- **2nd preimage resistance**
- **Preimage resistance** = hardness of finding a path from v to v' .

Hardness of CGL

Finding cycles

- Analogous to finding endomorphisms...
- ...very bad idea to start from a curve with known endomorphism ring!
- Translation algorithm: elements of $B_{p,\infty}$ \leftrightarrow isogeny loops
Doable in $\text{polylog}(p)$.^a

^aKohel, K. Lauter, Petit, and Tignol 2014; Eisenträger, Hallgren, K. Lauter, Morrison, and Petit 2018.

Finding paths $E \rightarrow E'$

- Analogous to finding connecting ideals between two maximal orders $\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}'$ (i.e. a left ideal $I \subset \mathcal{O}$ that is a right ideal of \mathcal{O}').
- Poly-time equivalent to computing $\text{End}(E)$ and $\text{End}(E')$.^a
- Best known algorithm to compute $\text{End}(E)$ takes $\text{poly}(p)$.^b

^aEisenträger, Hallgren, K. Lauter, Morrison, and Petit 2018.

^bKohel 1996; Cerviño 2004.

- Input:**
- Maximal order $\mathcal{O} \subset B_{p,\infty}$ and associated curve E ,
 - Left ideal $I \subset \mathcal{O}$.

- Output:**
- Maximal order $\mathcal{O}' \subset B_{p,\infty}$ s.t. I connects \mathcal{O} to \mathcal{O}' ,
 - **Equivalent** ideal J (i.e., also connecting \mathcal{O} to \mathcal{O}')
of [smooth/power-smooth] norm.
 - Isogeny walk associated to J .

- Complexity: $\text{polylog}(p)$,
- Output size: $\text{polylog}(p)$,
- Useful for:
 - ▶ “Shortening” isogeny walks (see VDFs),
 - ▶ “Reducing” isogeny walks (see Signatures),

when these start from a **curve with known endomorphism ring!**
(think $j = 0, 1728$ and other curves with small CM discriminant)

Sampling supersingular curves

How to sample:

- A supersingular curve E/\mathbb{F}_p ?
- A supersingular curve E/\mathbb{F}_{p^2} ?

Random walks

- Start from a supersingular curve E_0 with small CM discriminant (e.g.: $j = 1728$),
- Do a random walk $E_0 \rightarrow E$ until reaching the mixing bound ($O(\log(p))$ steps).

Problem: the random walk reveals $\text{End}(E)$ via the KLPT algorithm.

Open problem

Give an algorithm to sample (uniformly) random supersingular curves in a way that does not reveal the endomorphism ring.

Boneh, Lynn, and Shacham 2004 signatures (BLS)

- Setup:**
- Elliptic curve E/\mathbb{F}_p , s.t $N \mid \#E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ for a large prime N ,
 - (Weil) pairing $e_N : E[N] \times E[N] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^k}$ for some small embedding degree k ,
 - A decomposition $E[N] = X_1 \times X_2$, with $X_1 = \langle P \rangle$.
 - A hash function $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow X_2$.

Private key: $s \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$.

Public key: sP .

Sign: $m \mapsto sH(m)$.

Verify: $e_N(P, sH(m)) = e_N(sP, H(m))$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_1 \times X_2 & \xrightarrow{[s] \times 1} & X_1 \times X_2 \\ 1 \times [s] \downarrow & & \downarrow e_N \\ X_1 \times X_2 & \xrightarrow{e_N} & \mathbb{F}_{p^k} \end{array}$$

Signatures from isogenies + pairings

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s.t. $\phi(X_1) = Y_1$ and $\phi(X_2) = Y_2$;

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 \end{array}
 \qquad \text{Useless, but nice!}$$

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Verifiable Delay Functions

A Verifiable Delay Function (VDF) is a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ s.t.:

- Evaluating f at random $x \in X$ is provably “slow” (e.g., $\text{poly}(\#X)$),
- Given $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$, verifying that $f(x) = y$ can be done “fast” (e.g., $\text{polylog}(\#X)$).

(non)-Example: time-lock puzzles

- Take a trapdoor group G of (e.g., $G = \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ with $N = pq$);
- Define $f : G \rightarrow G$ as $f(g) = g^{2^T}$:
 - ▶ Best algorithm if p, q known: compute $g^{2^T \bmod \varphi(pq)}$ $\text{polylog}(N)$
 - ▶ Best algorithm if p, q unknown: T squarings $O(T)$

However, in VDFs we want to let anyone verify efficiently.

VDFs from groups of unknown order

Interactive verification protocol (Wesolowski 2019)

- 1 Verifier chooses a prime ℓ in a set of small primes \mathcal{P} ;
- 2 Prover computes $2^T = a\ell + b$, sends g^{2^T}, g^a to verifier;
- 3 Verifier computes $2^T = a\ell + b$, checks that

$$g^{2^T} = (g^a)^\ell g^b$$

Can be made non-interactive via Fiat-Shamir.

Candidate groups of unknown order:

- RSA groups $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$, needs trusted third party to generate $N = pq$;
- Quadratic imaginary class groups $\text{Cl}(-D)$ for large random discriminants $-D < 0$.

VDFs from isogenies and pairings⁴

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_1 \times Y_2 & \xrightarrow{\phi \times 1} & Y_1 \times Y_2 \\ 1 \times \hat{\phi} \downarrow & & \downarrow e'_N \\ X_1 \times X_2 & \xrightarrow{e_N} & \mathbb{F}_{p^k} \end{array}$$

- Setup:
- Supersingular curve E/\mathbb{F}_p with (Weil) pairing e_N ;
 - Public isogeny $\phi : E \rightarrow E'$ of degree 2^T ;
 - The dual isogeny $\hat{\phi} : E' \rightarrow E$;
 - A generator $\langle P \rangle = X_1 \subset E[N]$, compute $\phi(P)$.

Evaluate: On input a random $Q \in Y_2 \subset E'[N]$, compute $\hat{\phi}(Q)$.

Verify: Check that $e_N(P, \hat{\phi}(Q)) = e'_N(\phi(P), Q)$.

⁴De Feo, Masson, Petit, and Sanso 2019.

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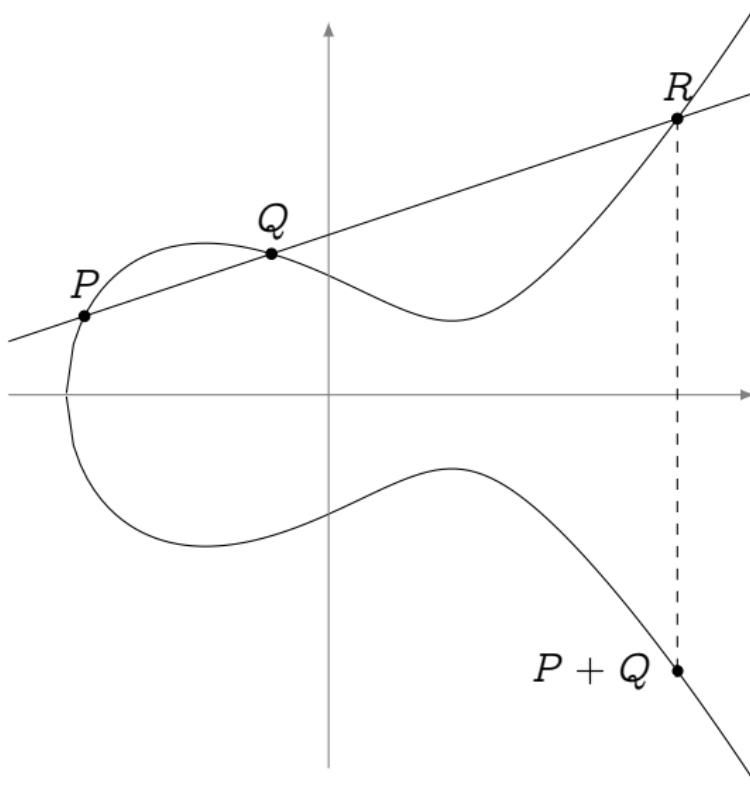
Obvious attack: Pairing inversion must be hard (not post-quantum).

Wanted: No better way to evaluate $\hat{\phi} : E' \rightarrow E$ than composing T degree 2 isogenies.

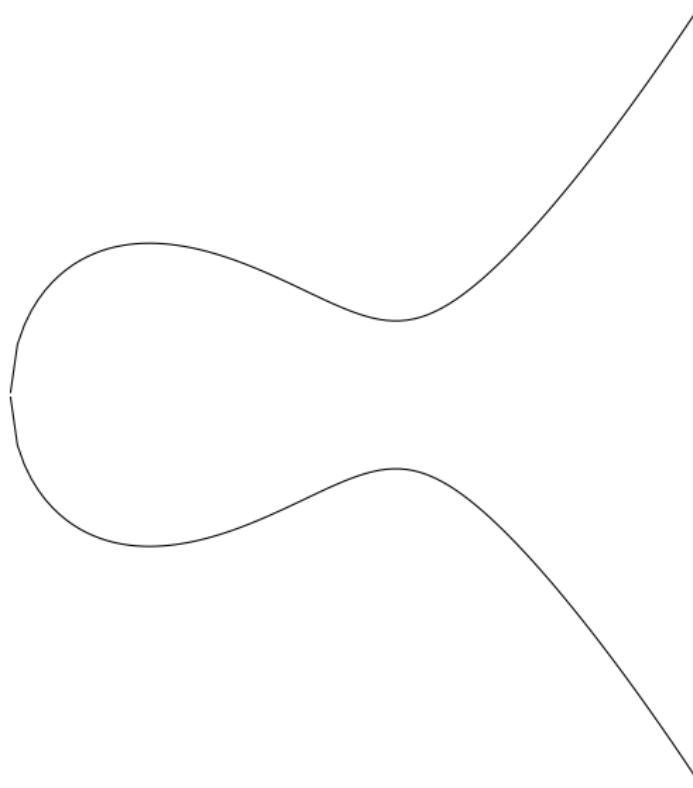
Shortcuts

- If we can find a shorter way from E to E' , we can evaluate $\hat{\phi}$ faster.
- Shortcuts are easy to compute:
 - ▶ If the isogeny graph is small (excludes ordinary pairing friendly curves);
 - ▶ If $\text{End}(E)$ or $\text{End}(E')$ is known (via KLPT).
- Needed: choose E/\mathbb{F}_p in a way that does not reveal $\text{End}(E)$;
- Only known solution: let a trusted third party generate E .

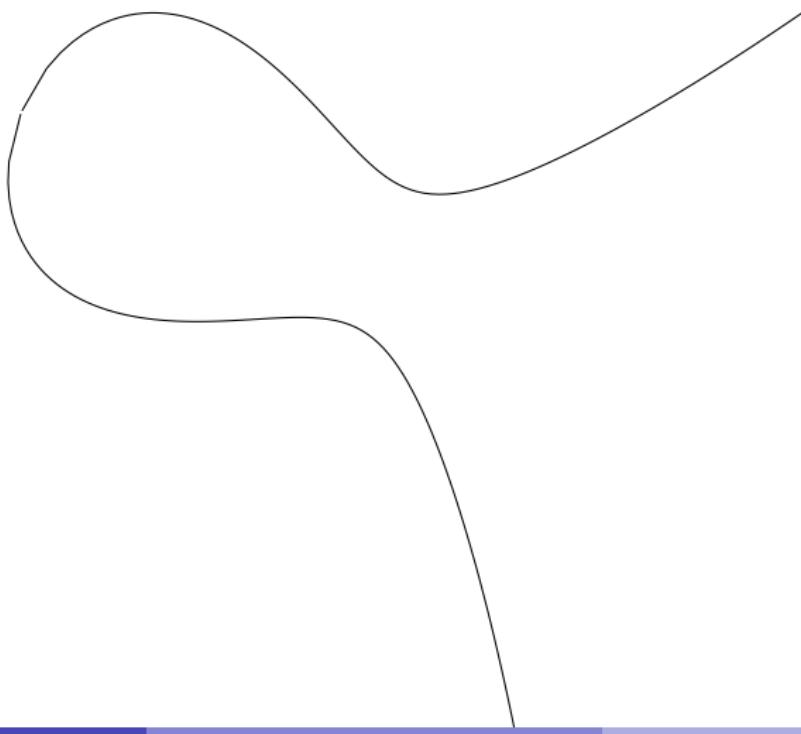
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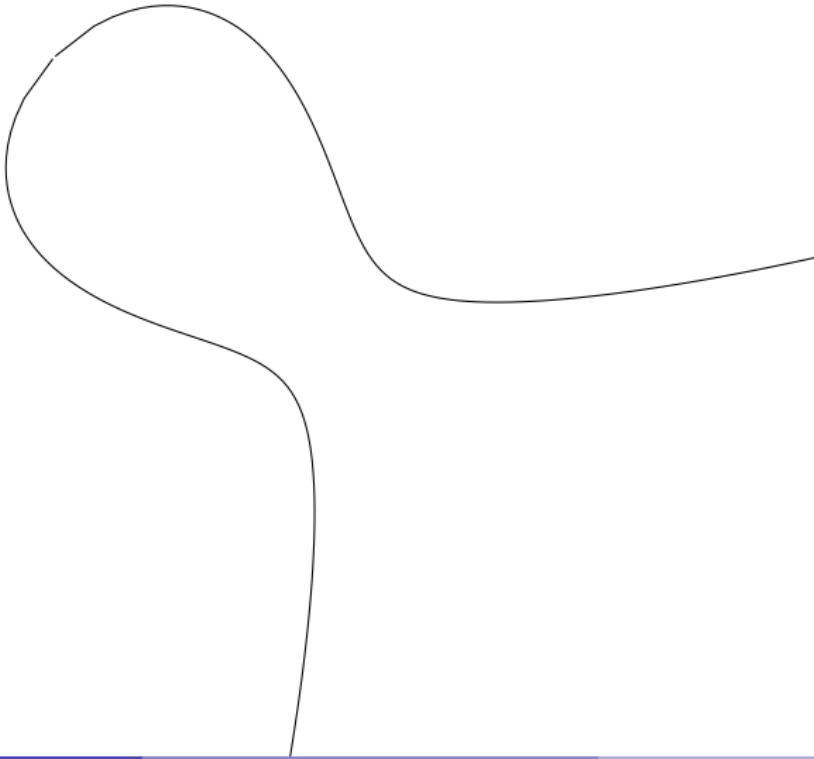
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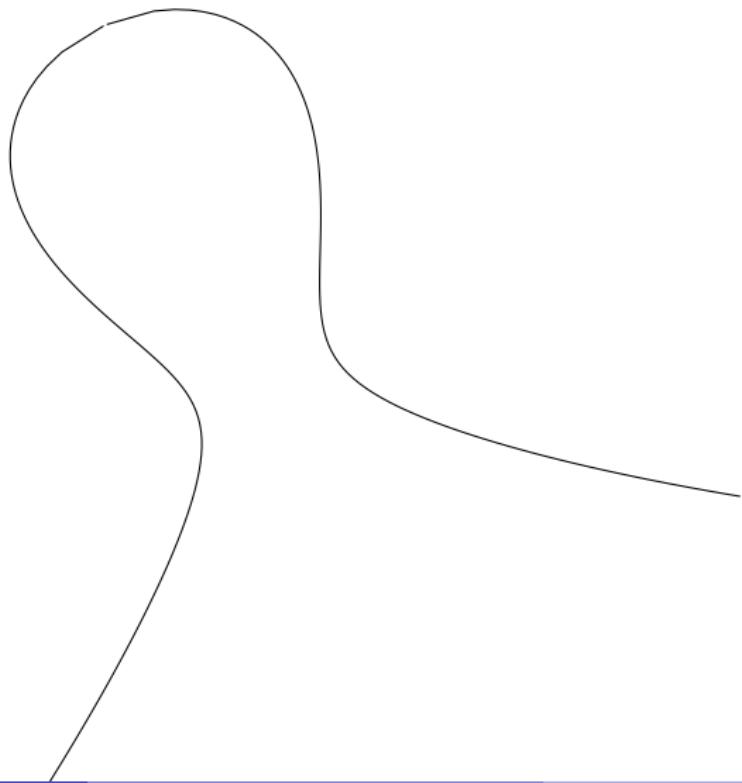
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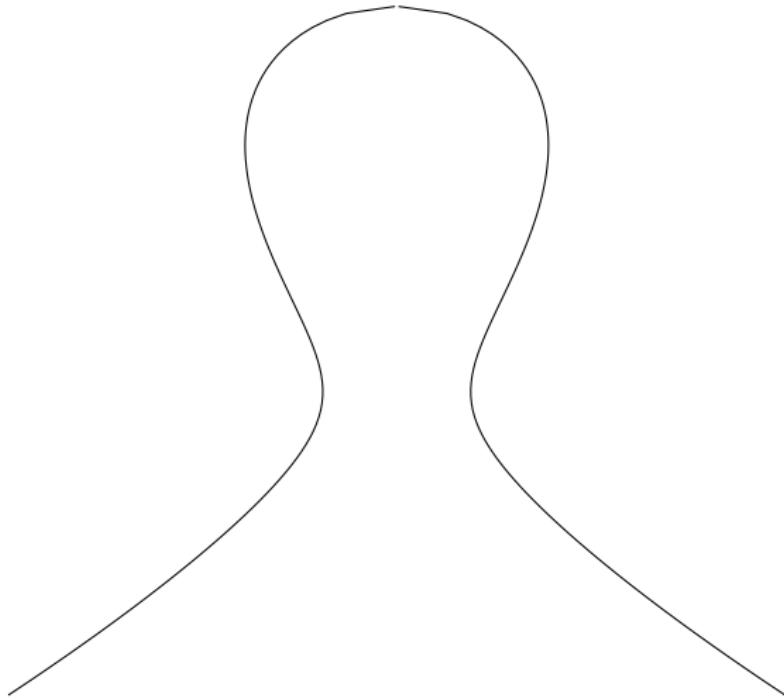
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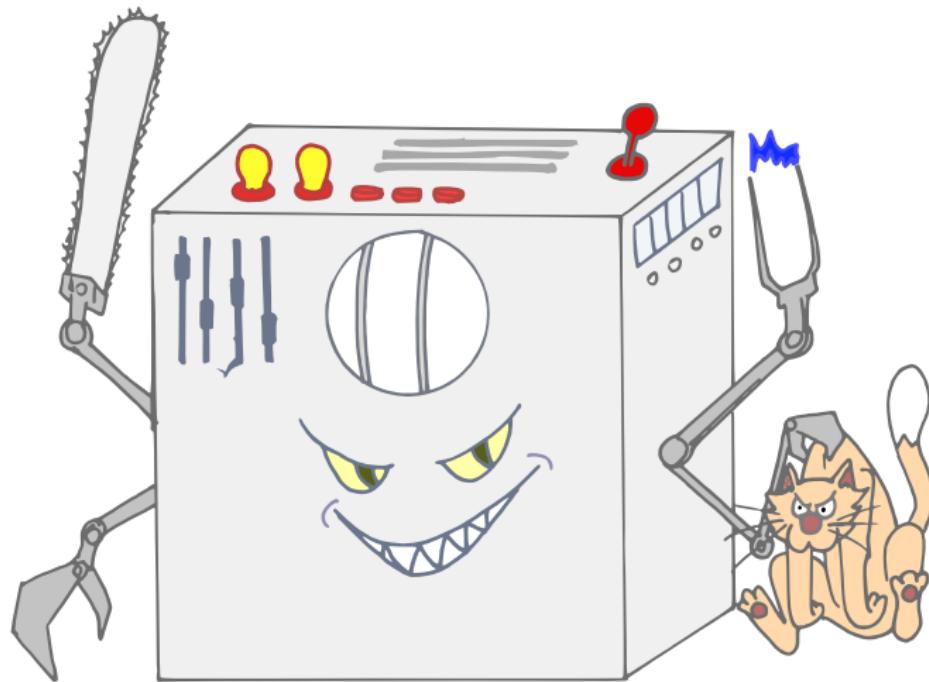


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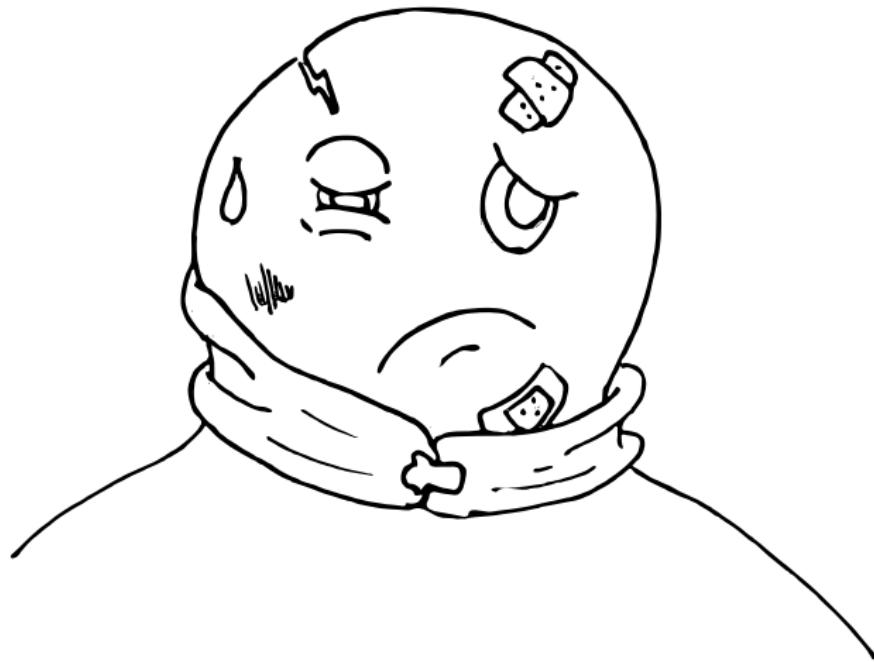


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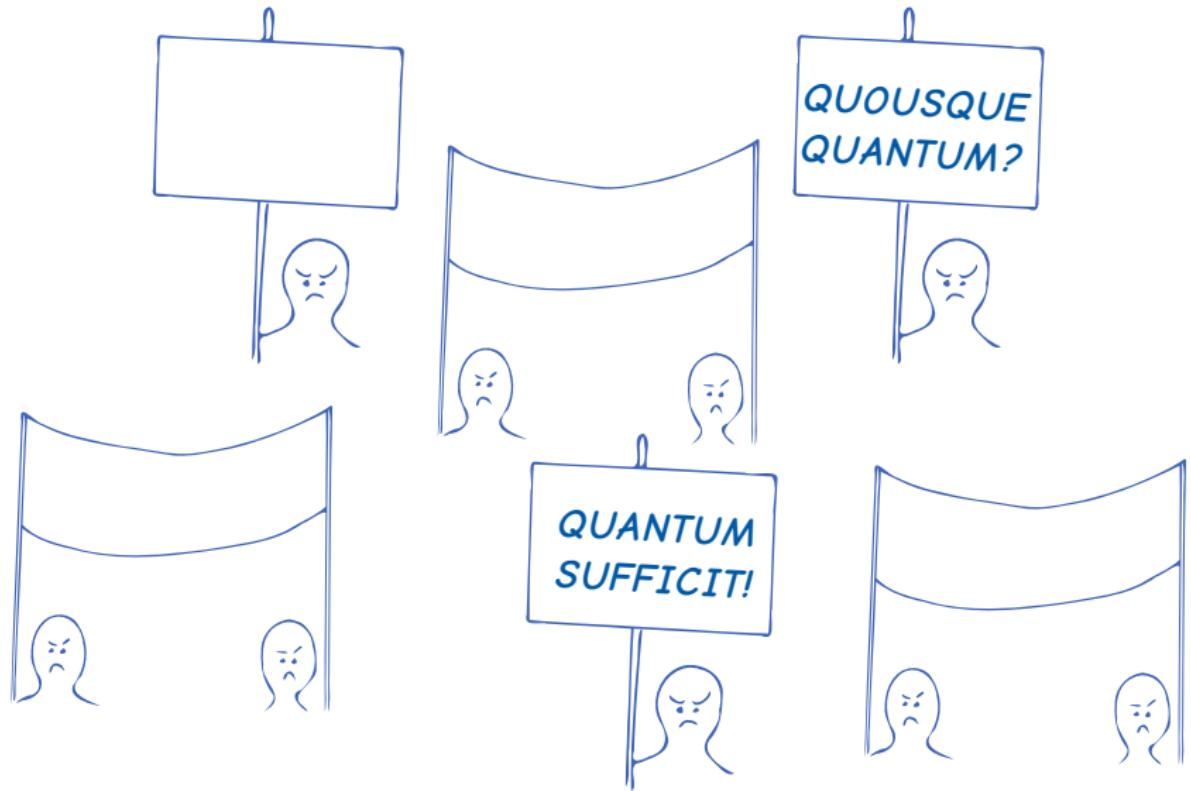
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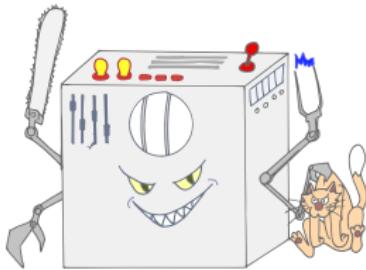
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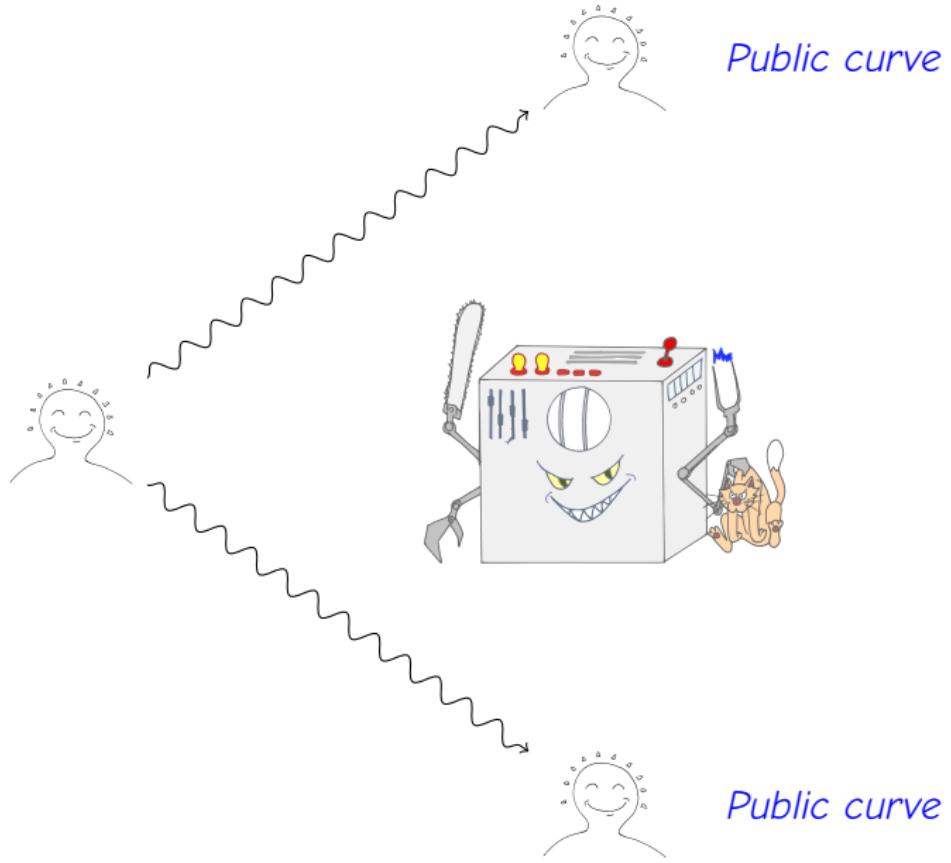
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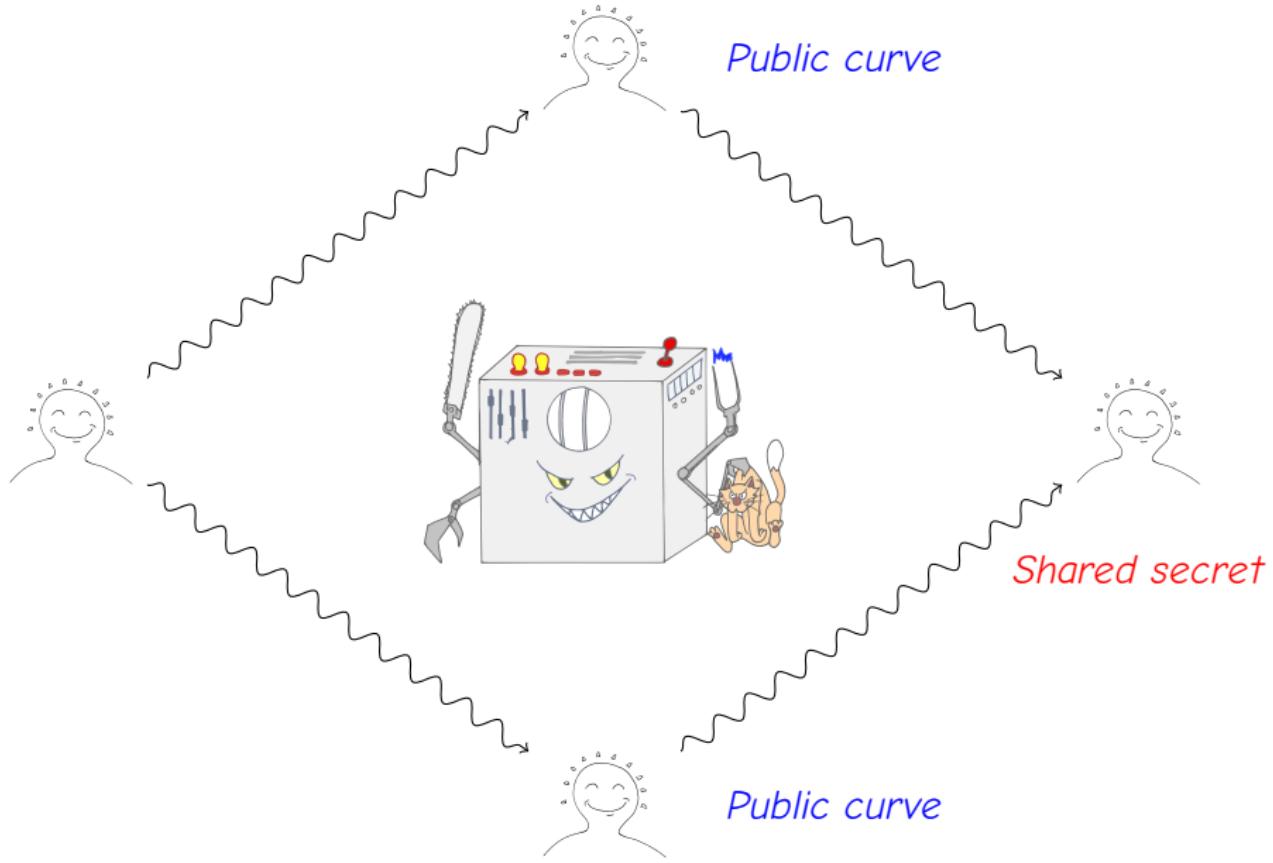
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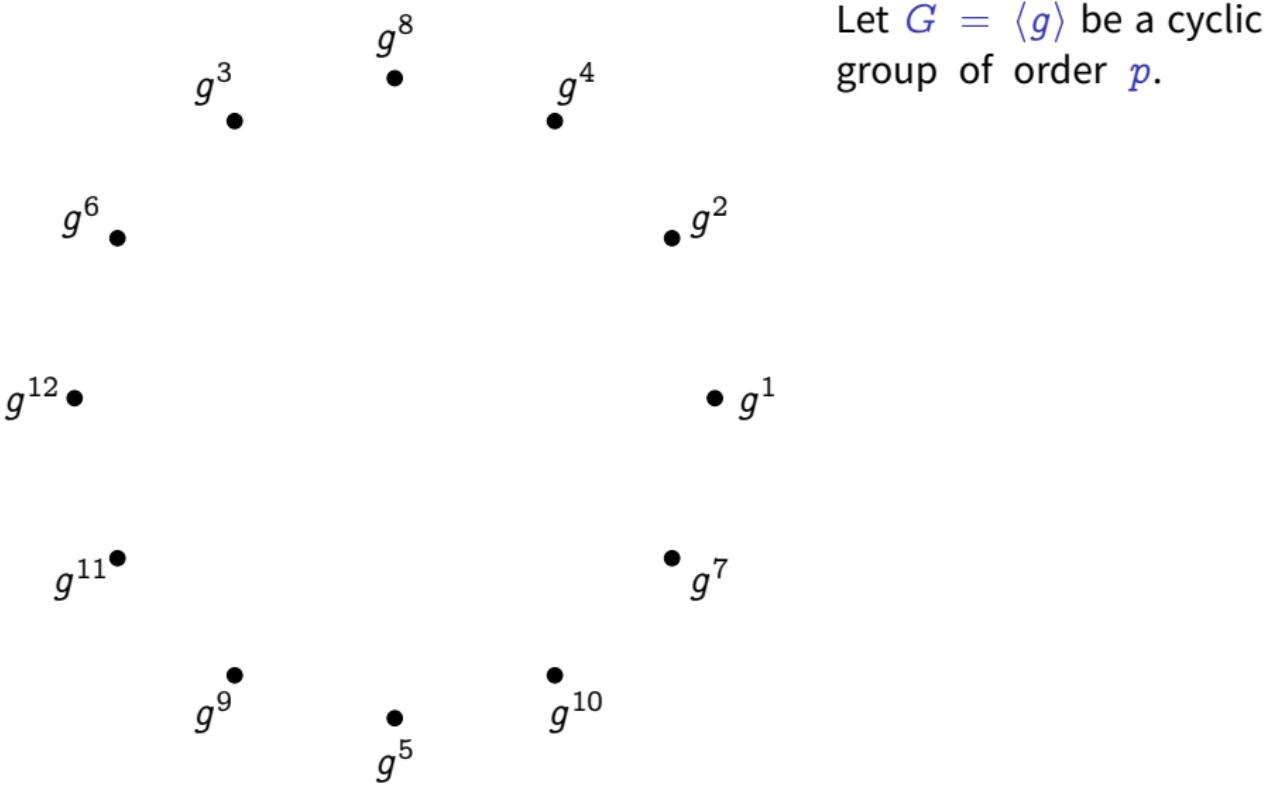
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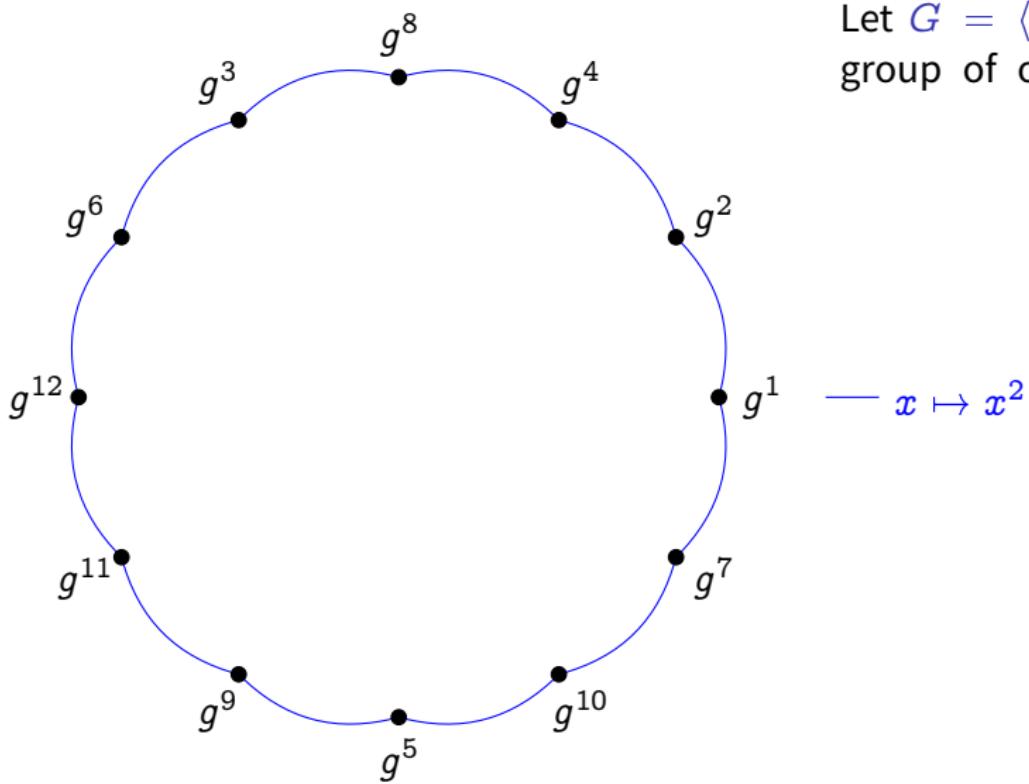
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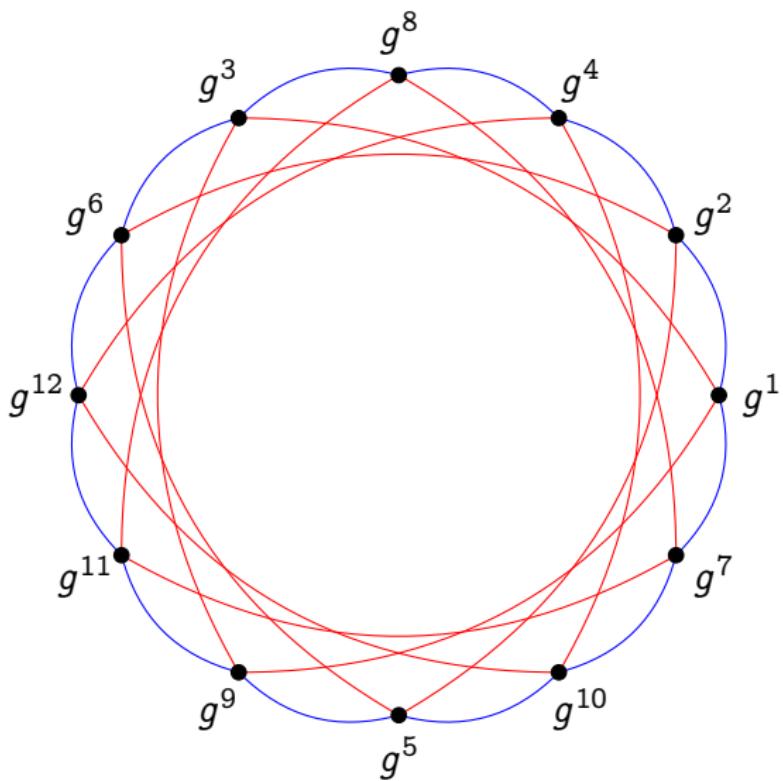


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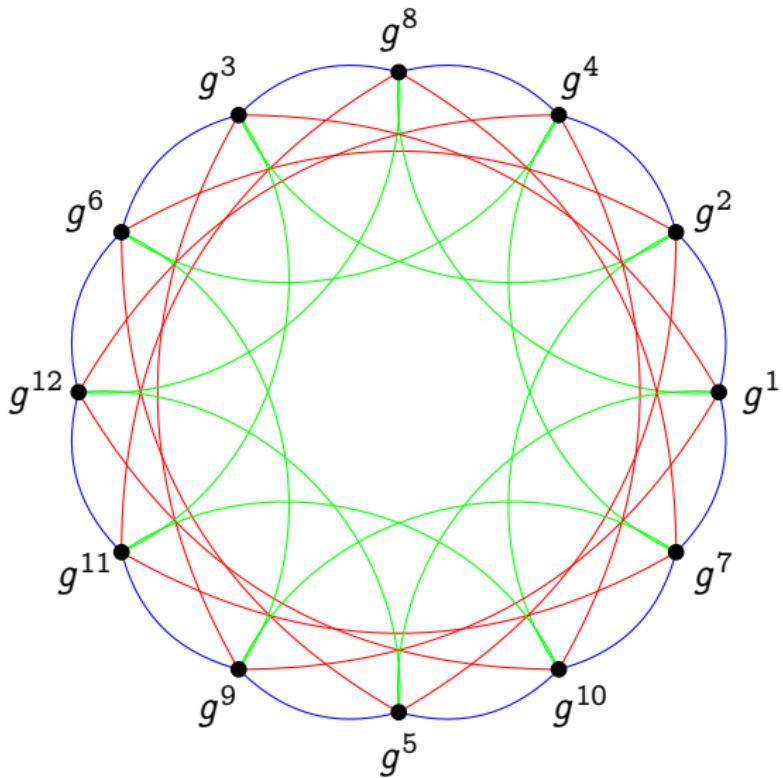


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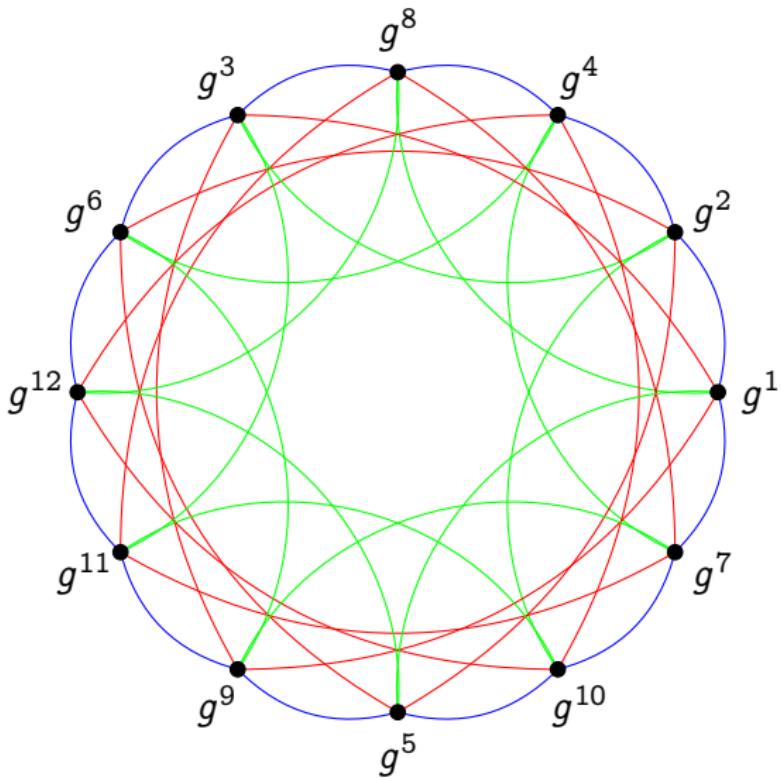
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The Schreier graph of $(S, G \setminus \{1\})$ is (usually) an expander.

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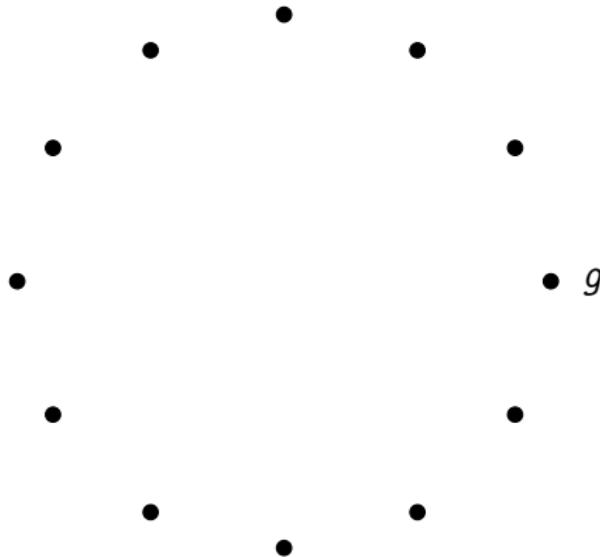
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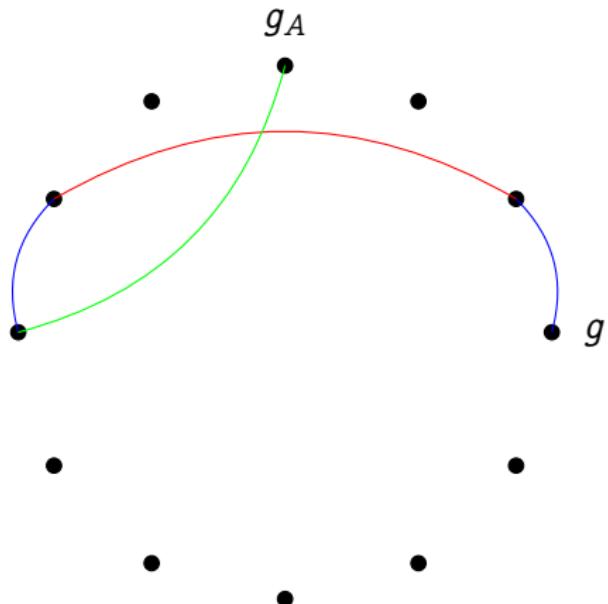
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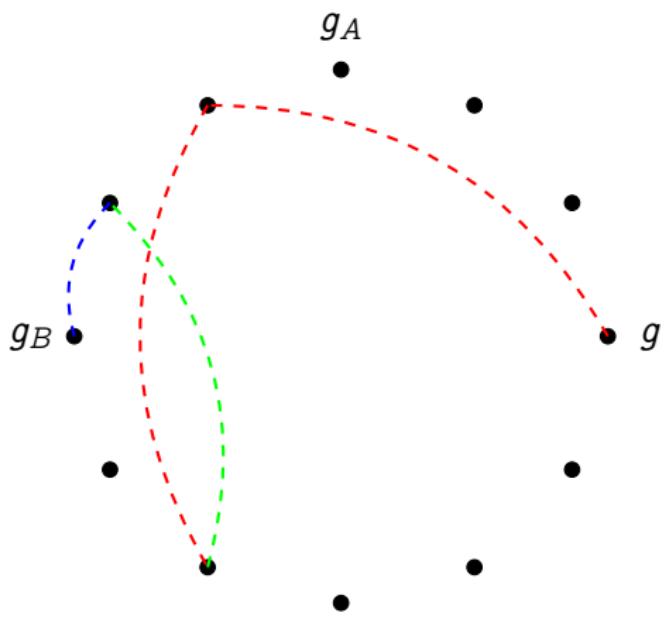
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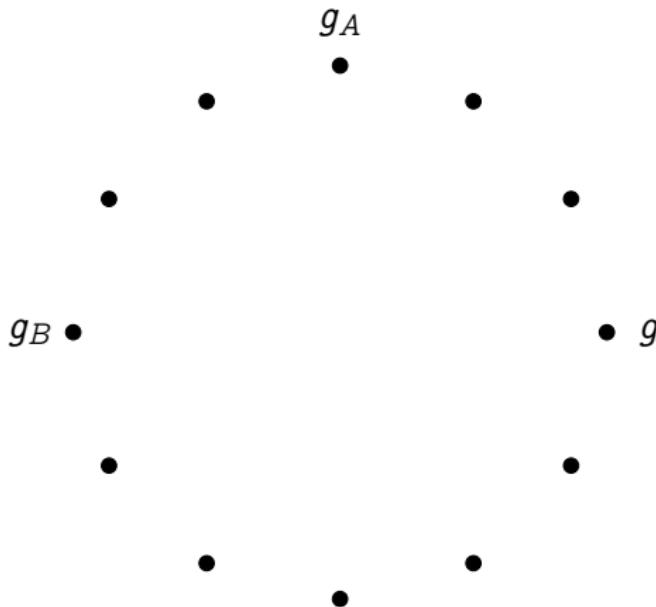
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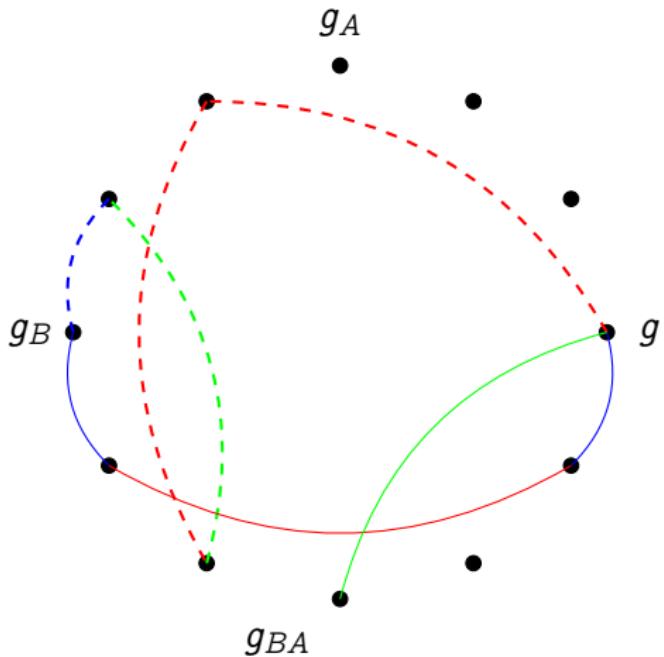


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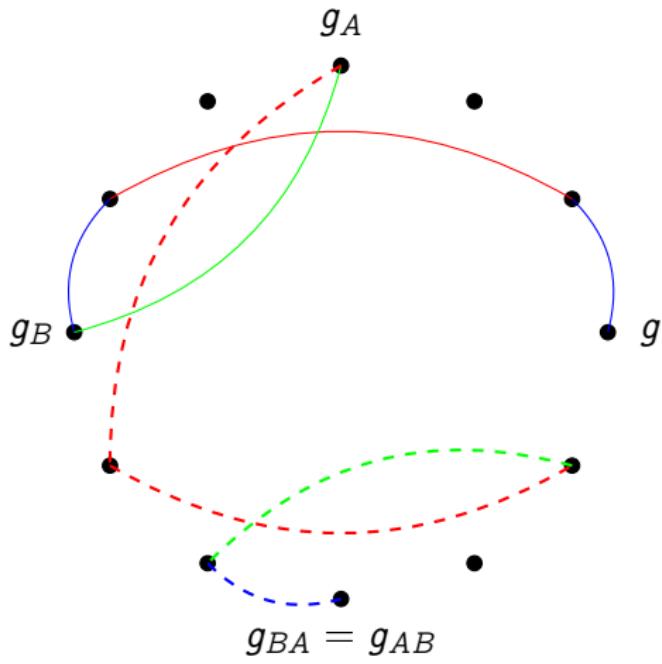
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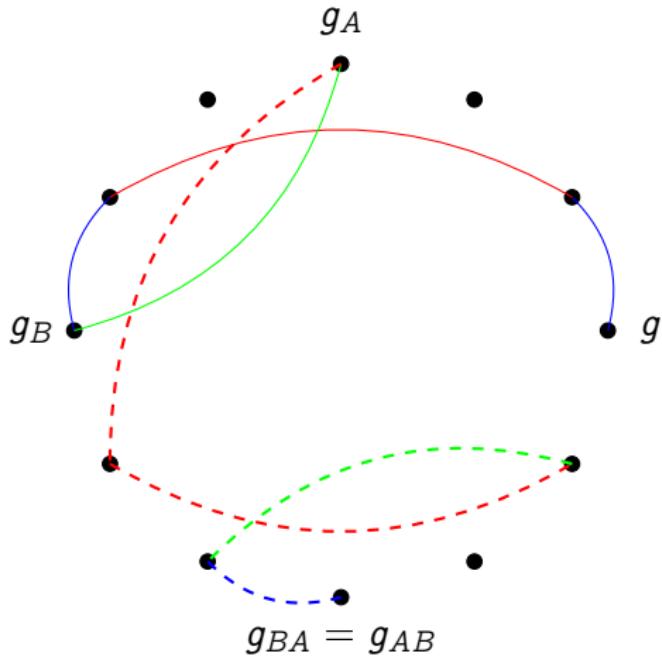
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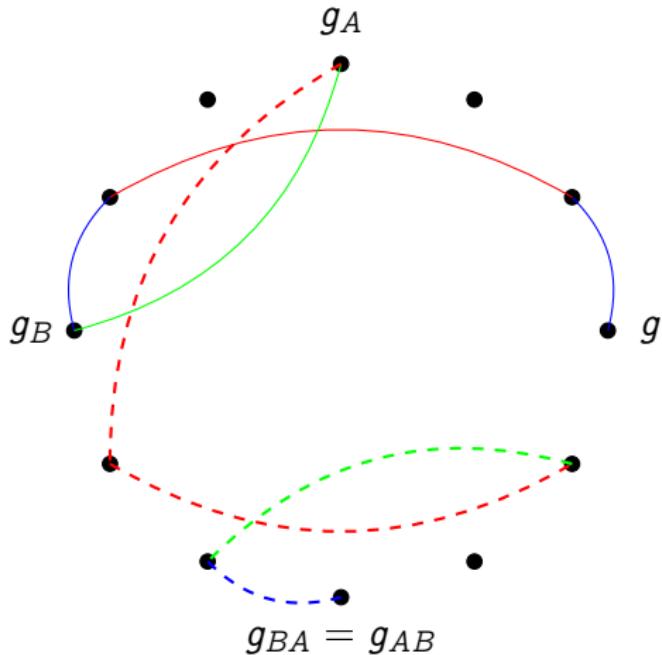
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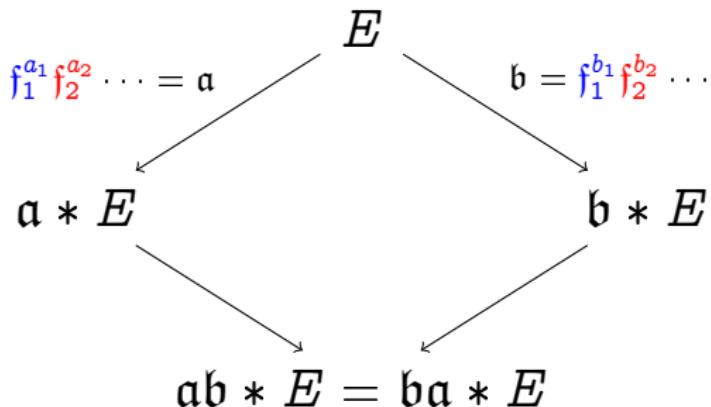
...Indeed, this is just a twisted presentation of the **classical Diffie-Hellman protocol!**

Key exchange in graphs of ordinary isogenies⁵ (CRS)

Parameters:

- E/\mathbb{F}_p ordinary elliptic curve, with Frobenius endomorphism $\pi \in \mathcal{O}$.
- (small) primes ℓ_1, ℓ_2, \dots such that $\left(\frac{D_\pi}{\ell_i}\right) = 1$.
- elements $f_1 = (\ell_1, \pi - \lambda_1), f_2 = (\ell_2, \pi - \lambda_2), \dots$ in $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O})$.

Secret data: Random walks $a, b \in \text{Cl}(\mathcal{O})$ in the isogeny graph.



⁵Couveignes 2006; Rostovtsev and Stolbunov 2006.

Computing the action of $\text{Cl}(\mathcal{O})$

Input: An ideal class $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{f}_1^{a_1} \mathfrak{f}_2^{a_2} \cdots$.

Output: The elliptic curve $\mathfrak{a} * E$.

Algorithm: Let $\mathfrak{f}^n = (\ell, \pi - \lambda)^n$, repeat n times:

- Use **Elkies' algorithm** to find all (two) curves isogenous to E of degree ℓ ,
- Choose the one such that $\ker \phi \subset \ker(\pi - \lambda)$.

Parameters size / performance

Adversary goal: Given $E, \mathfrak{a} * E$, find \mathfrak{a} ;

Graph size: $\# \text{Cl}(\mathcal{O}) \approx \sqrt{p}$;

Best (classical) attack: Meet-in-the-middle / Random-walk in $\sqrt{\# \text{Cl}(\mathcal{O})}$;

For 2^{128} security: choose $\log p \sim 512$;

Time to evaluate the isogeny action^a: Dozens of minutes!

^aDe Feo, Kieffer, and Smith 2018.

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For all supersingular curves defined over \mathbb{F}_p ,

$$\pi = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{-p} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{-p} \end{pmatrix} \pmod{\ell}$$

CSIDH (*pron.*: Seaside)

Choose $p = -1 \pmod{\ell}$ for many primes ℓ ;

Hence, $\lambda = 1 \pmod{\ell}$. Win!

Performance: Same security as CRS in less than 50ms!^a

^aCastryck, Lange, Martindale, Panny, and Renes 2018.

Quantum security

Fact: Shor's algorithm **does not apply** to Diffie-Hellman protocols from group actions.

Subexponential attack

$$\exp(\sqrt{\log p \log \log p})$$

- Reduction to the hidden shift problem by evaluating the class group action in quantum supersposition^a (subexponential cost);
- Well known reduction from the hidden shift to the dihedral (non-abelian) hidden subgroup problem;
- Kuperberg's algorithm^b solves the dHSP with a subexponential number of class group evaluations.
- Recent work^c suggests that 2^{64} -qbit security is achieved somewhere in $512 < \log p < 1024$.

^aChilds, Jao, and Soukharev 2014.

^bKuperberg 2005; Regev 2004; Kuperberg 2013.

^cBonnetain and Naya-Plasencia 2018; Bonnetain and Schrottenloher 2018; Biasse, Jacobson Jr, and Iezzi 2018; Jao, LeGrow, Leonard, and Ruiz-Lopez 2018; Bernstein, Lange, Martindale, and Panny 2018.

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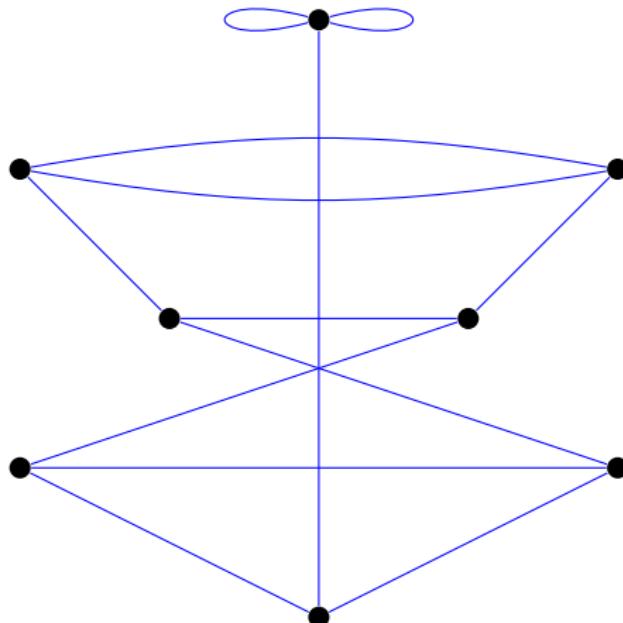


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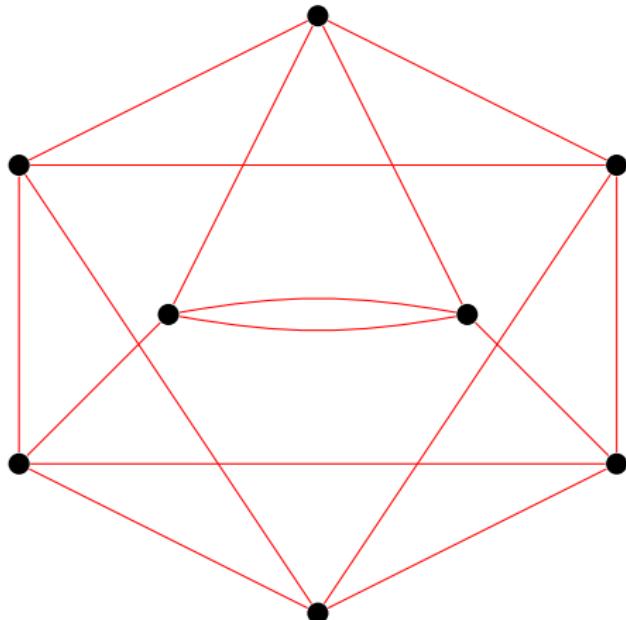


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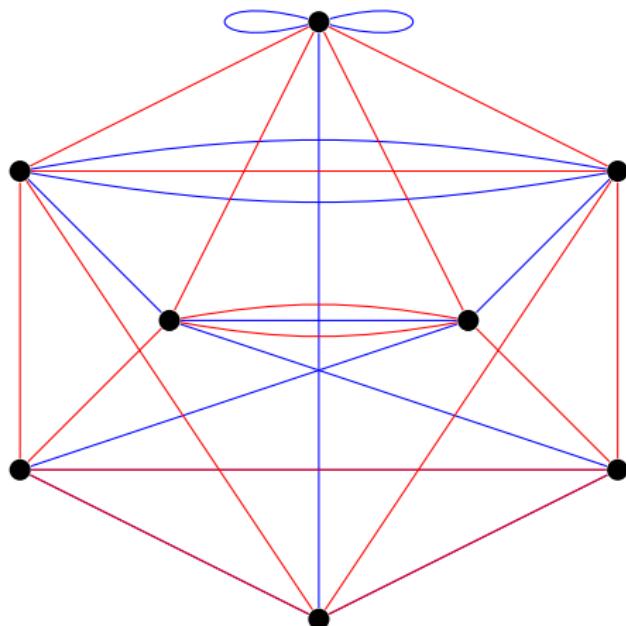


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Walk of length e_A

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Isogeny of degree $\ell_A^{e_A}$

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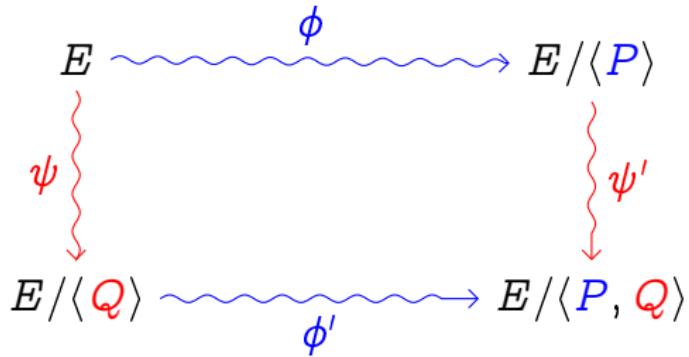
Kernel $\langle P \rangle \subset E[\ell_A^{e_A}]$

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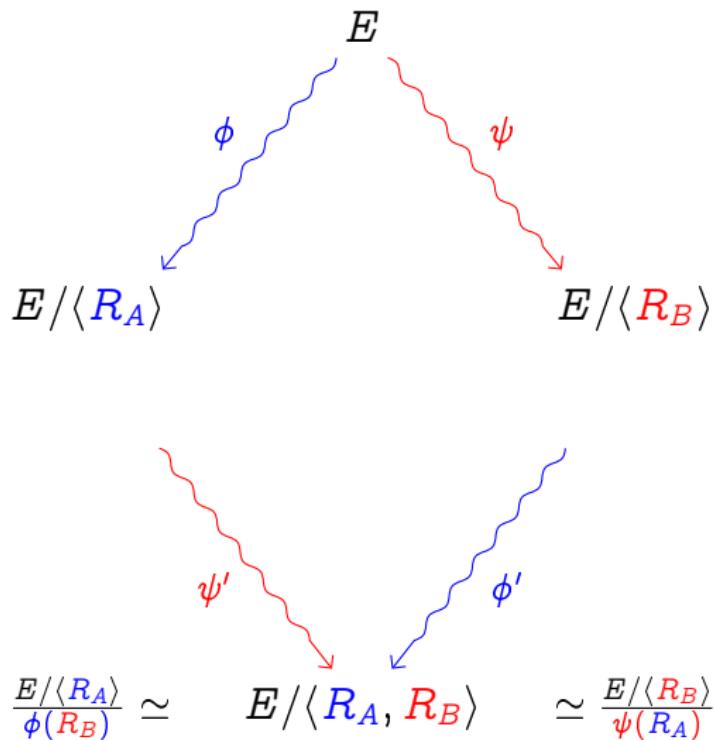
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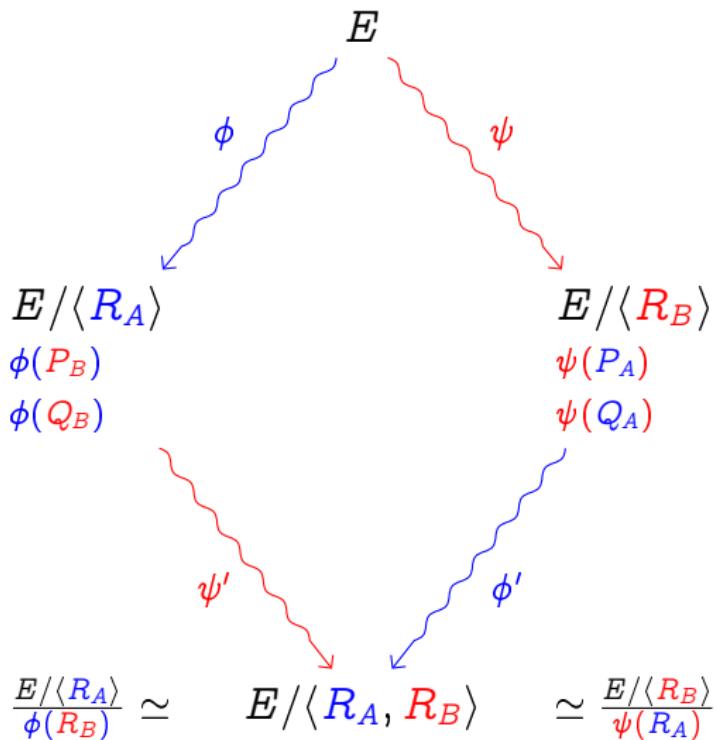
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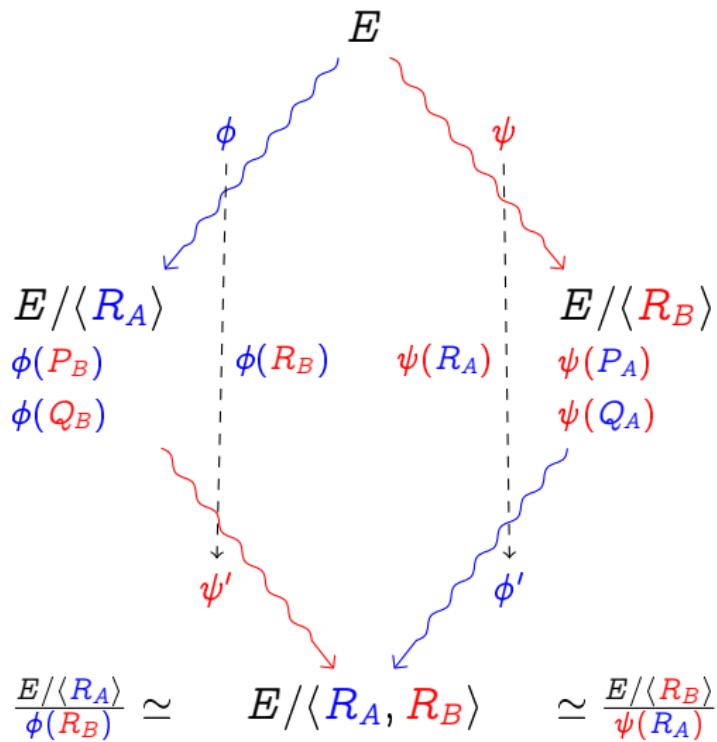
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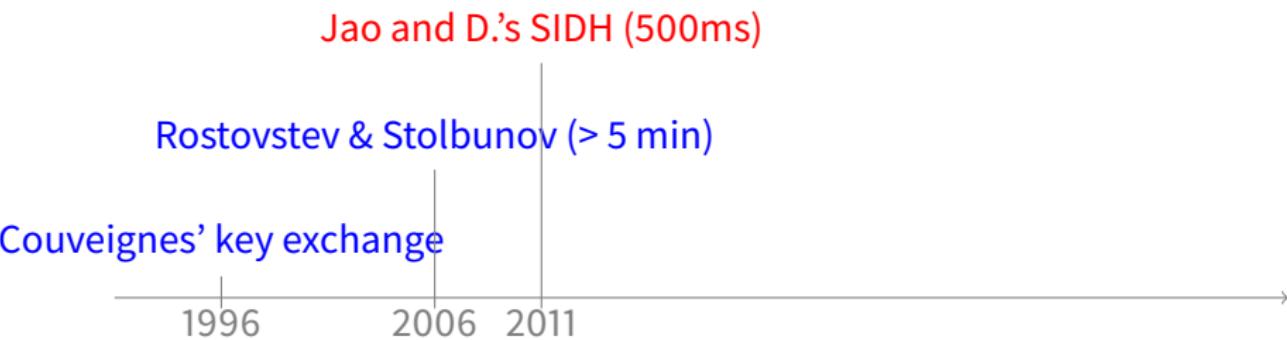
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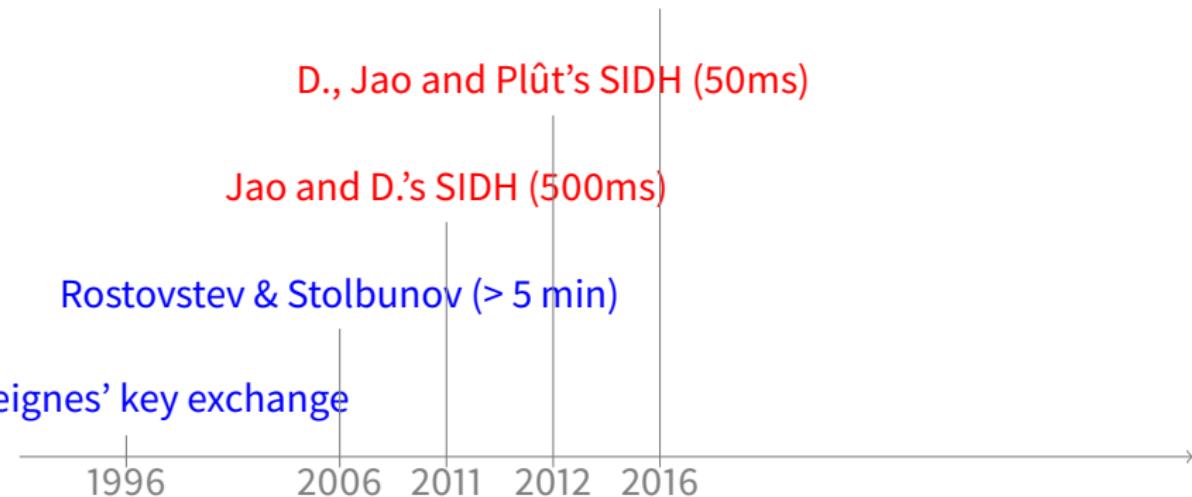
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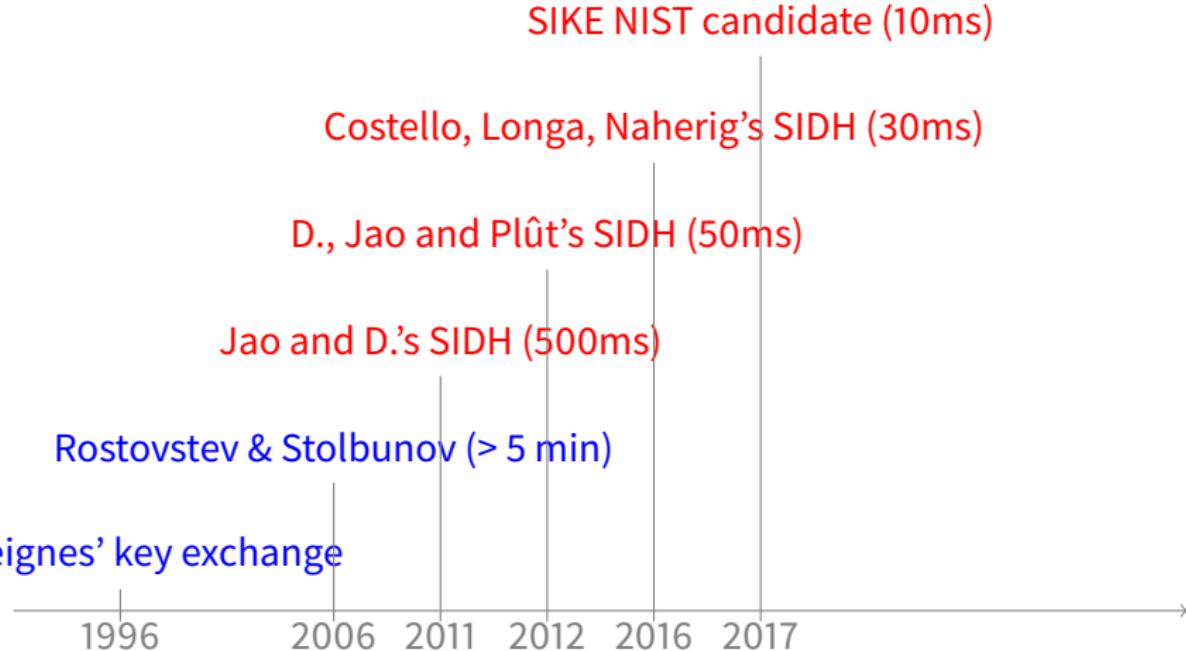
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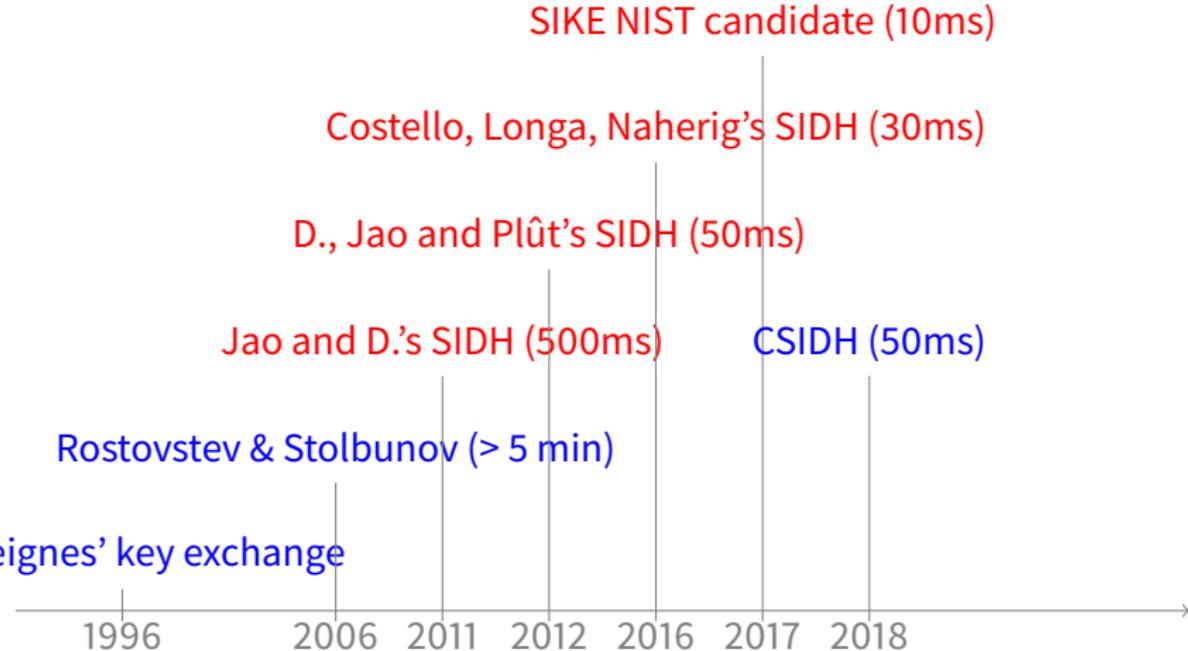
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Open problems

From easier to harder:

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- Precisely assess the quantum security of CRS/CSIDH.
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Thank you

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