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# Abstract

This text discusses Cryptography using Elliptic Curves. It has many practical applications in end-to-end encryption, data and password storing, and blockchain technology. This dissertation aims to understand how the elliptic curve is used for cryptography. This dissertation is divided into five chapters. The first chapter discusses the fundamental concepts from abstract algebra and number theory that are required to study elliptic curve cryptography. The second chapter provides an introduction to cryptography and elliptic curves. The third chapter deals with the Elliptic Diffie-Hellman key exchange. The fourth chapter discusses the implementation of Elliptic Curves using javascript. Finally, the fifth chapter is used to conclude the report.

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# Chapter 1

## Fundamental concepts

For understanding Elliptic Curve Cryptography basic understanding of Abstract Algebra, Number Theory, and probability is required. This chapter discusses the definition of algebraic structures such as group, ring, and field and the statement of the famous Fermat's Little Theorem.

### 1.1 Group

**Definition 1.** *The set  $G$  equipped with single operation  $*$  such the four properties given below are satisfied is called a Group.*

- (1) *Closure:  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in G, \alpha * \beta \in G$*
- (2) *Additive identity:  $\exists 0 \in G$ , such that  $\forall \alpha \in G, 0 * \alpha = \alpha * 0 = \alpha$*
- (3) *Associative Property:  $\forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in G, (\alpha * \beta) * \gamma = \alpha * (\beta * \gamma)$*
- (4) *Inverse:  $\forall \alpha \in S, \exists \beta \in G$  such that  $\alpha * \beta = 0$  where  $\beta$  is known as inverse of  $\alpha$  and is denoted by  $\alpha^{-1}$*

### 1.1.1 Abelian Group

**Definition 2.** *The set  $G$  is equipped with single operation  $*$  such the properties given below are satisfied is called a Abelian Group.*

- (1) *Closure:  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in G, \alpha * \beta \in G$*
- (2) *Additive identity:  $\exists 0 \in G$ , such that  $\forall \alpha \in G, 0 * \alpha = \alpha * 0 = \alpha$*
- (3) *Associative Property:  $\forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in G, (\alpha * \beta) * \gamma = \alpha * (\beta * \gamma)$*
- (4) *Commutative Property:  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in G, \alpha * \beta = \beta * \alpha$*
- (5) *Inverse:  $\forall \alpha \in G, \exists \beta \in G$  such that  $\alpha * \beta = 0$  where  $\beta$  is known as inverse of  $\alpha$  and is denoted by  $\alpha^{-1}$*

So, a abelian group  $G$  is a group with  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in G, \alpha * \beta = \beta * \alpha$

## 1.2 Ring

**Definition 3.** *Ring is a set  $R$  with two operations  $+$  and  $*$  which satisfy the below properties*

- (1) *It is abelian group under  $+$*
- (2) *Closure under  $*$ :  $\alpha, \beta \in R \Rightarrow \alpha * \beta \in R$*
- (3) *Associative under  $*$ :  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in R \Rightarrow (\alpha * \beta) * \gamma = \alpha * (\beta * \gamma)$*
- (4) *Distributive property  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in R$*

$$\alpha * (\beta + \gamma) = \alpha * \beta + \alpha * \gamma$$

$$(\alpha + \beta) * \gamma = \alpha * \gamma + \beta * \gamma$$



## 1.3 Field

**Definition 4.** *Field is a set  $F$  with two operations  $+$  and  $*$  with following properties*

- (1) *Commutative group under  $+$*
- (2) *Commutative group under  $*$*
- (3) *Distributive property  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in F$*

$$\alpha * (\beta + \gamma) = \alpha * \beta + \alpha * \gamma$$

$$(\alpha + \beta) * \gamma = \alpha * \gamma + \beta * \gamma$$

## 1.4 Fermat's little theorem

**Theorem 1.** *For any number  $a$  such that  $p \nmid a$  where  $p$  is a prime number.  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$*

## Chapter 2

# Elliptic Curves and Cryptography

### 2.1 Introduction to Cryptography

The written word is the most important invention in human history. However, as long as humans can share information, they also need to hide information. This has led to the invention of cryptography.

The word cryptography comes from Greek which means “hidden writing.” According to Wikipedia [3], “**Cryptography, or cryptology, is the practice and study of techniques for secure communication in the presence of adversarial behavior.**”

Some of the application of Cryptography includes:

- **End-to-end Encryption** for e-mail, messaging apps, GSM phones.
- **Storing Data:** One of the most significant consumer applications of cryptography includes Kindle, and iPod, which store books and songs in an encrypted format to protect copyright.
- **Storing Password:** Storing passwords in plain text is not

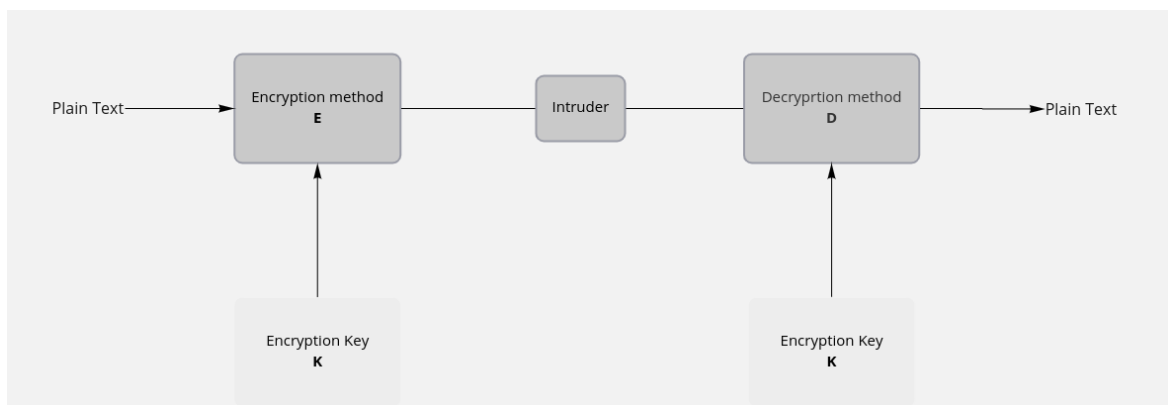
secure. If an attacker gains access to the system, they can read the password. If the password is converted into a hash using a one-way mapping function and stored. Every time a user logs in, the password will be converted into the hash and compared with the stored password.

There are two main types of cryptography: symmetric key cryptography and asymmetric key cryptography.

### 2.1.1 Symmetric cryptography

Let Ram want to share a message with Shayam. They do so by using a shared key and knowledge of some standard algorithm to encrypt and decrypt the message. Ram encrypts the message using the key to produce the ciphertext. Now Shayam can use the key with the ciphertext to decrypt the message. In symmetric cryptography, a shared key is used by the sender and receiver.

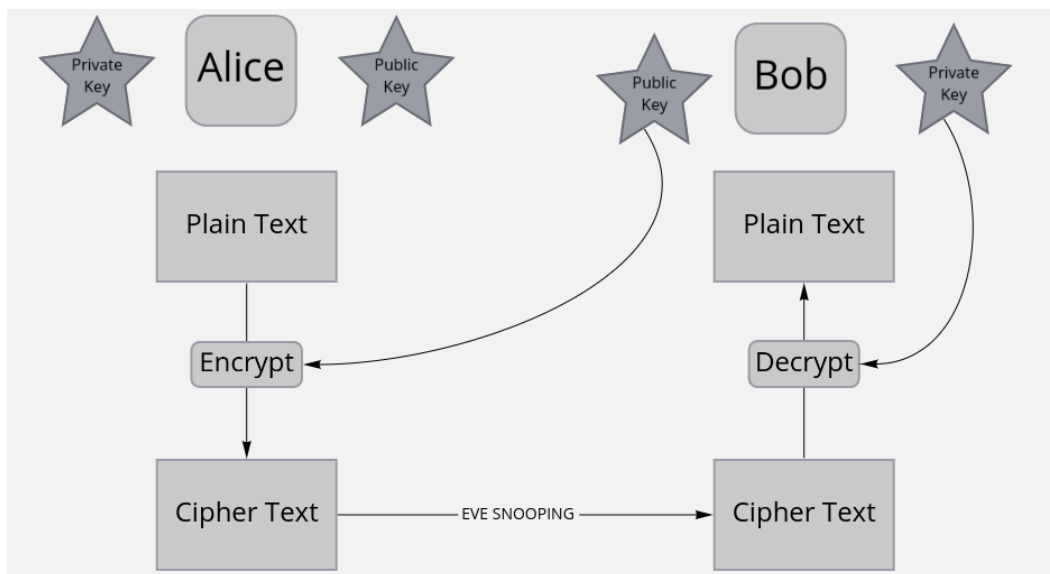
Figure 2.1: A message exchange using a common key  $K$



### 2.1.2 Asymmetric cryptography

Asymmetric cryptography works by using private and public key pairs. Suppose Alice and Bob want to share a message using asymmetric key cryptography. Both Alice and Bob will have a private and public key pair. The public key can be freely distributed across the network and is used to verify the owner of a message. The private key is not transmitted across the network. Public key are used to encrypt the message and the private key is used to decrypt the message. The major advantage of asymmetric cryptography is that there is no need for a shared key.

Figure 2.2: A message exchange using private and public keys



## 2.2 Elliptic Curves

Equation of type  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  are called Weierstrass equation. It is named after Karl Weierstrass (1815 – 1897) who studied them in 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Definition 5.** *Elliptic curves are solution sets of Weierstrass equations*

$$E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \dots (1)$$

with  $\{ \mathcal{O} \}$  where  $\Delta_E = 4a^3 + 27b^2 \neq 0$ .  $\Delta_E \neq 0$  guarantees that the equation  $x^3 + ax + b$  has no repeated roots i.e.  $x^3 + ax + b = (x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3)$  where  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are distinct.  $\mathcal{O}$  is defined as the point at infinity which lies on every vertical line.

Figure 2.3: Example of Elliptic Curves

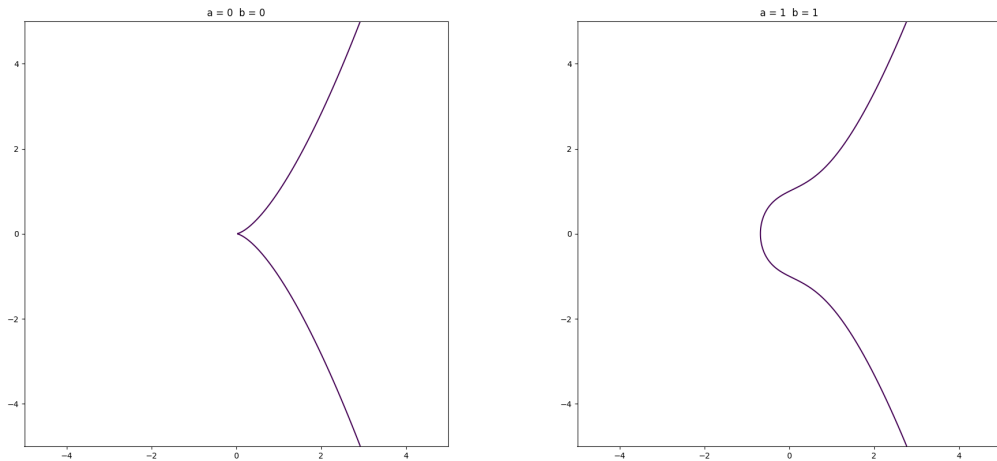
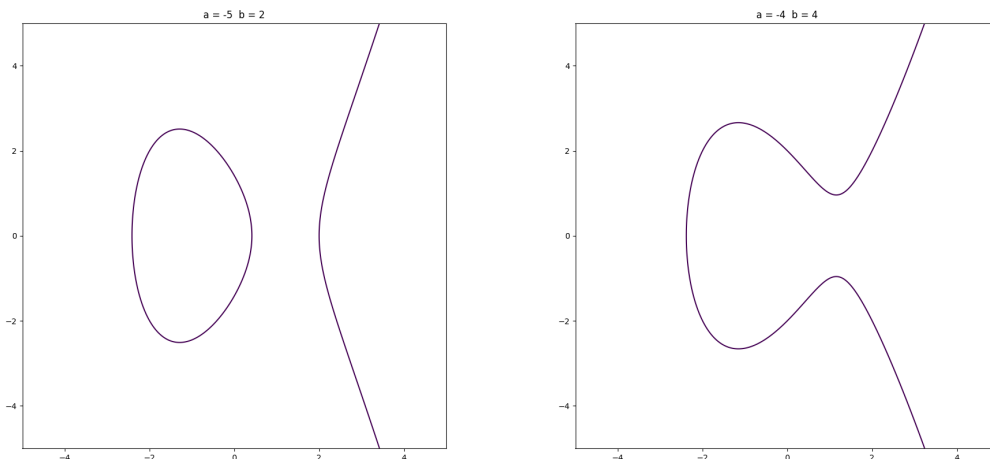


Figure 2.4: Example of Elliptic Curves



If  $(x, y)$  satisfies eq(1), then  $(x, -y)$  is also a solution of equation (1). So, elliptic curves are symmetric about x-axis.

The definition of addition "+" operator is not the usual definition one might expect i.e.  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in E$

$$(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) \neq (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$$

Let  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are two points on elliptic curve. If we make a line  $L$  that passes through  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , it will intersect the curve at point  $P_3 = (x_3, y_3)$ . The reflection of  $P_3$  from x-axis i.e.  $(x_3, -y_3)$  is called the sum of points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .

So, what is  $P_1 + P_1$ ? This is the limiting case where  $P_2 \rightarrow P_1$ . Line  $L$  becomes the tangent to  $E$  at  $P_1$ . This line will intersect  $E$  at  $P_3$ . The reflection of  $P_3$  about x-axis is  $P_1 + P_1$ .

Let's look at the case when  $P_1 = (x, y)$  and  $P_2 = (x, -y)$  are added where  $P_1, P_2 \in E$ . In this case line  $L$  is  $x = a$ .  $L$  will not intersect the curve at third point. In this case we define

Figure 2.5: Example of  $P_1 + P_2$

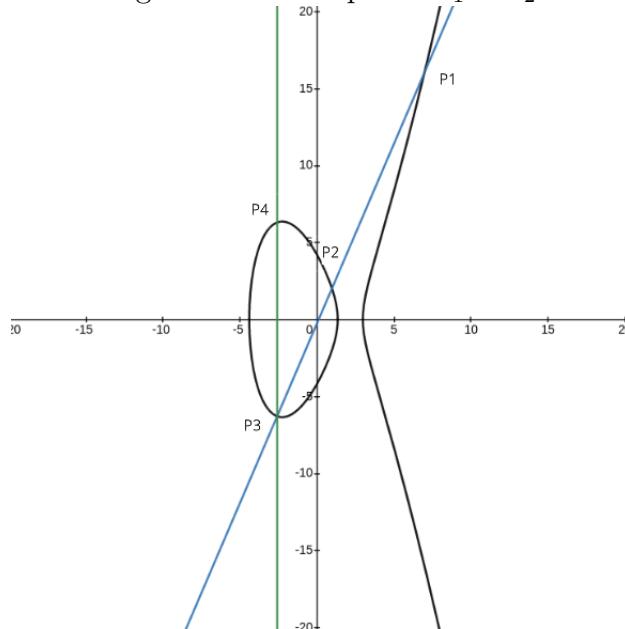
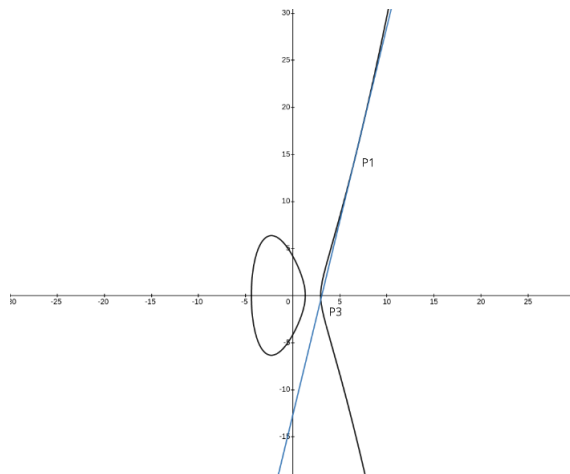
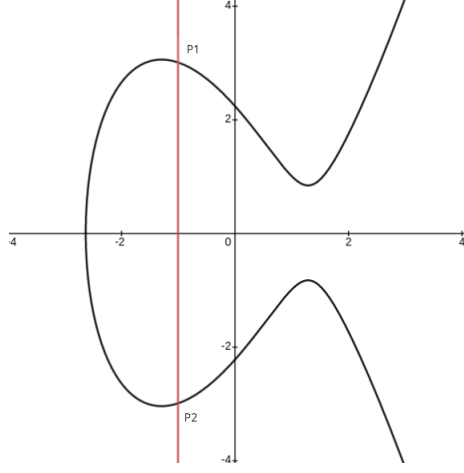


Figure 2.6: Example of  $P_1 + P_1$



$P_1 + P_2 = \mathcal{O}$ . We define  $\mathcal{O}$  as the point in infinity that lies on every vertical line. If  $P = (x, y)$  then  $-P$  is defined as  $(x, -y)$ . So,  $P + (-P) = \mathcal{O} \dots (2)$

Figure 2.7: Example of  $P_1 + (-P_1) = \mathcal{O}$



**Theorem 2.** Let  $P = (x_1, y_1)$  and  $Q = (x_2, y_2)$  be two points on elliptic curve  $E : Y^2 = X^3 + AX + B$ . Then the following are true:

1. If  $P = \mathcal{O}$ , then  $P + Q = Q$
2. If  $Q = \mathcal{O}$ , then  $P + Q = P$
3. If  $P = -Q$  then  $P + Q = \mathcal{O}$
4. If  $P \neq Q$  then  $\lambda = (y_2 - y_1)/(x_2 - x_1)$  and if  $P = Q$  then  $\lambda = (3x_1^2 + A)/(2y_1)$ . In both cases,  
 $P_1 + P_2 = (\lambda^2 - x_1 - x_2, \lambda(x_1 - x_3) - y_1)$

*Proof.* (1), (2), (3) are true as discussed above.

(4) If  $P \neq Q$  then  $\lambda$  is the slope of the line passing through  $P$  and  $Q$ . If  $P = Q$  then  $\lambda$  is the slope of the tangent at  $P$ . Suppose Line  $y = \lambda x + c$  intersects the curve at  $(x_3, y_3)$  in addition to  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$ .

$$(\lambda x + c)^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$$

$$x^3 - \lambda^2 x^2 + (A - 2c\lambda)x + (B - c^2) = (x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3)$$



We get  $x_3 = \lambda^2 - x_1 - x_2$  by comparing the coefficients of  $x^2$ .  
 $y_3 = \lambda x + c = y_1 - \lambda(x_1 - x_2)$ . The ordinate of  $P + Q$  is  
 $-y_3 = \lambda(x_1 - x_2) - y_1$   $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $E$  be Elliptic curve. The following statements are true:*

1.  $P_1 + \mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O} + P_1 = P_1$  for all  $P_1 \in E$
2.  $P_1 + (-P_1) = \mathcal{O}$  for all  $P_1 \in E$
3.  $(P_1 + P_2) + P_3 = P_1 + (P_2 + P_3)$  for all  $P_1, P_2, P_3 \in E$
4.  $P_1 + P_2 = P_2 + P_1$  for all  $P_1, P_2 \in E$

*i.e.,  $E$  forms abelian group under addition.*

*Proof.* (1) Claim:  $P_1 + \mathcal{O} = P_1$

If a line is drawn through  $P$  and  $\mathcal{O}$ , it will intersect  $E$  at  $-P$ . Reflection of  $-P$  from  $x$ -axis is again  $P$ . So,  $P_1 + \mathcal{O} = P_1$  Similarly,  $\mathcal{O} + P_1 = P_1$

(2) Explained above in equation (2)

(3) Associative property is non-trivial to prove using geometry. It can be verified by using Theorem 2 by calculation using substitution.

(4) is true because a line that passes through  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  is the same as a line that passes through  $P_2$  and  $P_1$ .  $\square$

## 2.3 Elliptic curves over finite fields

**Definition 6.** *Elliptic curve over a finite field  $F_p$  is defined as equation of the form*

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

*with  $\{ \mathcal{O} \}$  where  $a, b \in F_p$  and  $\Delta_E = 4a^3 + 27b^2 \neq 0$ .*

**Example:** Let's suppose  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 1$  and  $p = 11$ .  
 $\{a, b\} \in F_{11}$  and  $4*0^2 + 27*1^3 = 27 \neq 0$ . Hence,  $E : y^2 = x^3 + 1$   
(mod 11) is an elliptic curve over finite field.  
 $E(F_{11}) = \{\mathcal{O}, (10, 0), (0, 10), (0, 1), (9, 2), (9, 9), (2, 3), (2, 8), (6, 8),$   
 $(8, 4), (8, 7), (3, 5), (3, 6)\}$  with  $|E(F_{11})| = 12$

**Theorem 4.** *Equation of elliptic curve over finite field  $F_p$  is  $E : Y^2 = X^3 + AX + B$ . Let  $P = (x_1, y_1)$  and  $Q = (x_2, y_2)$  be two points on  $E$ . If Theorem 2 is applied to points  $P$  and  $Q$  then the resulting point also lies on  $E$ .*

*Proof.* Theorem 2 is derived by substituting the equation of line to elliptic curve. So the solution automatically satisfies the elliptic curve. Similarly Theorem 4 is also true. □

Example: Consider the above example. Let  $P = (0, 1)$  and  $Q = (10, 0)$ .  $\lambda = \frac{1-0}{0-10} = \frac{1}{-10} = 1 \pmod{11}$ ,  $x_3 = 1 - 0 - 10 = -9 = 2 \pmod{11}$   
 $y_3 = 1(0 - (2)) - 1 = -3 = 8$  and  $(2, 8) \in E$

**Theorem 5.** *The elliptic curve over finite field along with addition property forms finite group.*

## 2.4 Elliptic curve discrete logarithm problem

**Definition 7.** *Let  $(G, .)$  be a group and  $g$  be the generator of the group and  $h \in G$  such that*

$$g^x = h$$

*$x$  is called discrete logarithm of  $h$  base  $g$  and is denoted by  $x = \log_g h$ .*

Elliptic curve group operation is addition as described above. So, in case of elliptic curve discrete logarithm problem is described

as follows: Let  $P, Q \in E$  such that  $nP = Q$ .  $n$  is called elliptic discrete logarithm of  $Q$  base  $P$  and is denoted by  $n = \log_P Q$ .

It should be noted that if  $Q$  is not multiple of  $P$ , then  $n$  will not be defined. However, for all practical purposes,  $Q$  is obtained from repeatedly adding  $P$ . So  $n$  will exist.

We also note that in every finite group every element has finite order. Let order of  $P$  be  $s$  i.e.  $sP = \mathcal{O}$ . If  $n_0$  is the smallest number satisfying  $Q = sP$ . Then for all  $n = n_0 + is$   $\forall i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $Q = nP$ . It implies  $\log_P Q$  is an element of  $\mathbb{Z}/s\mathbb{Z}$ . We could also set the value to be  $n_0$ . But if we define the value to be in  $\mathbb{Z}/s\mathbb{Z}$  the the following equation is satisfied.

$$\log_P(Q + R) = \log_P(Q) + \log_P(R)$$

Therefore the function  $\log_P : E(F_p) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/s\mathbb{Z}$  defines group homomorphism.

### 2.4.1 Double and Add Algorithm

The value of  $n$  in  $Q = nP$  is large for practical application. If  $nP$  is calculated by adding  $P$  repeatedly  $n$  number of times, it will  $O(n)$  operation. Suppose  $n$  has  $k$  binary digits. Then the complexity will be  $O(2^k)$ . By the use of double and add algorithm we can reduce the complexity to  $O(\log n)$  or  $O(k)$ . Take  $n = 151$ . Binary representation of 151 is  $10010111_2$ .

$$151 = 1.2^7 + 0.2^6 + 0.2^5 + 1.2^5 + 0.2^4 + 1.2^3 + 1.2^2 + 1.2^1 + 1.2^0$$

or

$$151P = 2^7P + 2^4P + 2^2P + 2^1P + 2^0P$$

Obtain  $151P$  using double and add algorithm

1. Start with  $P$
2. Double it to get  $2P$  ( $P + P$ )

3. Add  $2P$  to  $P$  (result will be  $2^1P + 2^0P$ )
4. Double  $2P$  to get  $4P$  ( $2P + 2P$ )
5. Add  $4P$  to the result (result will be  $2^2P + 2^1P + 2^0P$ )
6. Double  $4P$  to get  $8P$  ( $4P + 4P$ )
7. Double  $8P$  to get  $16P$  ( $8P + 8P$ )
8. Add  $16P$  to the result (result will be  $2^4P + 2^2P + 2^1P + 2^0P$ )
9. Keep Doubling  $16P$  till  $128P$  is obtained
10. Add  $128P$  to the result (result will be  $2^7P + 2^4P + 2^2P + 2^1P + 2^0P$ )

We obtained  $151P$  using only four addition and seven doubling operations!

### **Pseudo-code of double and add algorithm**

Let  $n = n_0 + 2n_1 + 2^2n_2 + \dots + 2^mn_m$  where  $n_0, \dots, n_m \in \{0, 1\}$   
 $m = \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$

1.  $bits = [n_0, n_1, \dots, n_m]$
2.  $result = \mathcal{O}$       // infinity point
3.  $temp = P$
4. for bit in bits:
5.      if bit == 1:
6.           $result = result + temp$       // addition operation
7.           $temp = temp + temp$       // doubling operation
8. return result

### 2.4.2 Hasse's Theorem

Hasse's theorem estimates the number of points in an elliptic curve over a finite field. We state Hasse's theorem without proof.

**Theorem 6.** *The number of points on an Elliptic Curve  $E$  over a finite field  $F_q$  is  $N$ . Then the following inequality is true*

$$|N - (q + 1)| < 2\sqrt{q}$$

or

$$q + 1 - 2\sqrt{q} < N < q + 1 + 2\sqrt{q}$$

### 2.4.3 How to solve ECDLP

Suppose  $P$  and  $Q$  are points on an Elliptic Curve  $E$  over finite field  $F_p$  such the  $Q = nP$ .  $P$  and  $Q$  have known values and we wish to find the value of  $n$ .

#### Exhaustive Search Method

Compute the value of  $P, 2P, 3P...$  until you find a multiple such that it is equal to  $Q$ . Time complexity of this algorithm is  $O(p)$ .

#### Collision Search Method

Calculate two lists for randomly chosen integers  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r$  and  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r$  where each integer is between 1 and  $p$ .

List 1:  $m_1P, m_2P, \dots, m_rP$

List 2:  $n_1P + Q, n_2P + Q, \dots, n_rP + Q$

As soon as we find  $m_uP$  and  $m_vP + Q$  such that  $m_uP = m_vP + Q$ , then  $Q = (m_v - m_u)P$  i.e.  $n = m_v - m_u$ . Time complexity of collision search method is  $O(\sqrt{p})$  by the birthday paradox[2].

The value of  $p$  is taken very large for practical purpose. For example, the elliptic curve used by Bitcoin to implement its public key cryptography is known as Secp256k1. The value of  $p$  used by it is  $p = 2^{256} - 2^{32} - 2^9 - 2^8 - 2^7 - 2^6 - 2^4 - 1$ .

## Chapter 3

# Elliptic Curve Cryptography

This chapter discusses Elliptic Diffie–Hellman key exchange and ElGamal Elliptic Curve Cryptosystem. The former algorithm is used to exchange keys between two parties securely. The message can then later be exchanged by using symmetric cryptography. The latter algorithm is used to exchange messages between two parties and is an example of asymmetric cryptography.

### 3.1 Elliptic Diffie–Hellman key exchange

The biggest problem of symmetric cryptography is sharing of private keys. Historically secret key used to be shared physically. After that, public channels were used to share the encrypted message. Diffie-Hellman key exchange helps the sender and receiver of the message to exchange cryptographic keys over a public channel securely. Its security does depend on mathematical principles.

#### Elliptic Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange Algorithm

1. A large prime number  $p$ , an Elliptic Curve  $E$  over  $F_p$  and a point  $P \in E(F_p)$  is shared between Ram and Shayam over public channel.

2. Ram selects a large random number  $n_R$  and calculates  $Q_R = n_R P$
3. Shayam selects a large random number  $n_S$  and calculates  $Q_S = n_S P$
4. Ram and Shayam shares  $Q_R$  and  $Q_S$  over the public channel.
5. Ram now computes  $n_R Q_S$  and Shayam computes  $n_S Q_R$
6. The shared secret key is  $Q = n_R Q_S = n_R(n_S P) = n_S(n_R P) = n_S Q_R$

Suppose Ghanshyam wants to obtain the secret key. Ghanshyam knows the value of  $P$ ,  $Q_R$ ,  $Q_S$  as they are available on the public channel. Ghanshyam can solve Elliptic Curve Discrete Logarithm Problem, i.e., the equation  $Q_R = n_R P$  or  $Q_S = n_S P$  to obtain the value of  $n_R$  and  $n_S$  respectively. After the value of  $Q$  can be obtained using the formula  $Q = n_R Q_S$  or  $Q = n_S Q_R$ . However, we know that the best-known algorithm to solve EDCLP has time complexity  $O(\sqrt{p})$ . If  $p$  is chosen very large, then it is not practically feasible to solve EDCLP.

**Example** Ram and Shayam want to exchange a secret key using the Diffie-Hellman Algorithm with the curve  $E : y^2 = X^3 + 1$ , prime  $p = 7$  and point  $P = (2, 3) \in E(F_7)$ .

Ram and Shayam choose their random secret key as  $n_R = 5$  and  $n_S = 3$ .

Ram computes  $Q_R = n_R P = 5(2, 3) = (2, 4) \in E(F_7)$

Shayam computes  $Q_S = n_S P = 3(2, 3) = (6, 0) \in E(F_7)$

Ram and Shayam will share the value of  $Q_R$  and  $Q_S$  with each other.

Ram computes  $n_R Q_S = 5(6, 0) = (6, 0)$

Shayam computes  $n_S Q_R = 3(2, 4) = (6, 0)$

Ram and Shayam have shared the secret key  $(6, 0)$ . They will use x-coordinate as the shared key and ignore y-coordinate.

### 3.2 ElGamal Elliptic Curve Cryptosystem

ElGamal Elliptic Curve Cryptosystem is an example of asymmetric key cryptography. It is similar to the Diffie-Hellman key exchange algorithm but is used securely to exchange messages over the public channel. Now let us look at the example where Shayam wants to share a message with Ram using ElGamal Elliptic Curve Cryptosystem.

1. A large prime number  $p$ , an Elliptic Curve  $E$  over  $F_p$  and a point  $P \in E(F_p)$  is shared between Ram and Shayam over a public channel.
2. Ram chooses a large secret random number  $n_R$  and computes  $Q_R = n_R P$ .  $Q_R$  is Ram's public key.
3. Shayam chooses a plain text  $M$  such that  $M \in E(F_p)$ .
4. Shayam chooses a transitory key  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and computes and shares  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  with Ram

$$X_1 = kP$$

$$X_2 = M + kQ_R$$

5. Ram will obtain  $M$  from  $n_R$ ,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  using the formula given below

$$X_2 - n_R X_1 = M + kQ_R - n_R(kP) = M$$

One of the drawbacks of this method is to attach plain text to a point in  $E(F_p)$ . One of the proposed solutions for this is to use a probabilistic algorithm for this, which



has a small chance of failure. Let us say you need to encrypt a text file. (The proposed solution is taken from [1]) Because each point on the elliptic curve could be directly transferred to an ASCII value, pick an Elliptic curve with a atleast 128 points (because there are 8-bits in the ASCII character) such that each ASCII value can be assigned to point. MATHS, for example, can be written as '77' '65' '84' '72' '83' using ASCII characters.

## Chapter 4

# Practical Application and Implementation

Victor Miller and Neal Koblitz independently invented elliptic curve cryptography in 1985. The most recent use of the elliptic curve is in blockchain technology. It is used by blockchains such as Bitcoin and Ethereum to generate public and private keys. The Standards for Efficient Cryptography Group (SECG), an industry group, was created in 1998 to develop commercial standards that would make efficient cryptography and interoperability easier to implement across various computing platforms. Leading technology businesses and significant industry participants in the information security market are among the SECG's members. The SECG has released a document with a preferred set of elliptic curve domain parameters, abbreviated as p, a, b, G, n, h. To make the parameter easier to identify, they have been given nicknames. One such example is Secp256k1 which is used by Bitcoin. The domain parameter for it are  $p = 2^{256} - 2^{32} - 2^9 - 2^8 - 2^7 - 2^6 - 2^4 - 1$ ,  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 7$   $G=(79BE667E F9DCBBAC 55A06295 CE870B07 029BFCDB 2DCE28D9 59F2815B 16F81798, 483ADA77 26A3C465 5DA4FBFC 0E1108A8 FD17B448 A6855419 9C47D08F FB10D4B8 )$   
 $n = 0x$  FFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF FFFF FFFE BAAE DCE6 AF48 A03B BFD2 5E8C D036 4141 ,  $h = 1$

The following javascript code can be used to define elliptic curve and do operation such as addition, multiplication on elliptic curves.

```

1  INF_POINT = null;
2  class EllipticCurve {
3      constructor(a, b, p) {
4          this.a = a;
5          this.b = b;
6          this.p = p;
7          this.points = [];
8          this.definePoints();
9      }
10
11     definePoints() {
12         this.points.push(INF_POINT);
13         for (let x = 1; x < this.p; x++) {
14             for (let y = 1; y < this.p; y++) {
15                 if (this.equalModP(y ** 2, x ** 3 + this.a * x + this
16                     .b)) {
17                     this.points.push([x, y]);
18                 }
19             }
20         }
21
22     add(p, q) {
23         if (p == null) {
24             return q;
25         }
26         if (q == null) {
27             return p;
28         }
29
30         const x1 = p[0];
31         const y1 = p[1];
32         const x2 = q[0];
33         const y2 = q[1];
34         let lambda;
35         if (this.equalModP(x1, x2) && this.equalModP(y1, -y2)) {
36             return INF_POINT;
37         }
38         if (this.equalModP(x1, x2) && this.equalModP(y1, y2)) {
39             lambda = this.reduceModP((3 * x1 * x1 + this.a) * this.
40                 inverseModP(2 * y1));
41         } else {
42             lambda = this.reduceModP((y1 - y2) * this.inverseModP(

```

```

    x1 - x2));
42     }
43     const x3 = this.reduceModP(lambda ** 2 - x1 - x2);
44     const y3 = this.reduceModP(lambda * (x1 - x3) - y1);
45     return [x3, y3];
46 }
47
48 doubleAndAddAlgorithm(n, P) {
49     let Q = INF_POINT;
50     while (n !== 0) {
51         if (n & 1 !== 0) {
52             Q = this.add(Q, P);
53         }
54         P = this.add(P, P);
55         n >>= 1;
56     }
57     return Q;
58 }
59
60 reduceModP(n) {
61     while (n < 0) {
62         n += this.p;
63     }
64     return n % this.p;
65 }
66
67 equalModP(x, y) {
68     return this.reduceModP(x - y) === 0;
69 }
70
71 inverseModP(x) {
72     for (let y = 1; y < this.p; y++) {
73         if (this.equalModP(x * y, 1)) {
74             return y;
75         }
76     }
77     return null;
78 }
79 }
80 ec = new EllipticCurve(0, 1, 7);
81 console.log(ec.points);
82 console.log(ec.doubleAndAddAlgorithm(5, [2, 4]));

```

# Chapter 5

## Conclusion

1. The first chapter discusses the pre-requisite for Elliptic curve cryptography. We revisited the definition of group, ring, and field and looked into Fermat's Little Theorem.
2. The second chapter briefly introduces symmetric and asymmetric cryptography. Then Elliptic Curves are introduced along with basic theorems associated with it.
3. The third chapter discusses the algorithms such as Elliptic Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange and ElGamal Elliptic Curve Cryptosystem. Elliptic Curves guarantee the security of these algorithms.
4. The fourth chapter introduces the practical applications in blockchain technology and implementation of Elliptic Curves in javascript.

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