

PCMI 2021: Supersingular isogeny graphs in cryptography

Exercises Lecture 3: Quaternion algebras, Endomorphism rings

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1. (Quaternion algebras and orders) For small primes p , define the quaternion algebra $B := B_{p,\infty} = \mathbb{Q}\langle 1, i, j, k \rangle$ with $i^2 = -r$ and $j^2 = -p$ and $ij = -ji = k$:

- (a) Use `QuaternionAlgebra< RationalField() | -r, -p >`;
- (b) For $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, use $-r = -1$;
- (c) For $p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$, use $-r = -2$;
- (d) Otherwise, find r as a prime $r \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ such that $\left(\frac{r}{p}\right) = -1$.

Verify that B is only ramified at p and infinity. Verify that $i^2 = -r$ and $j^2 = -p$. Find the norm, trace and the minimal polynomial of the element $w = 2 + i - 3j + 4k$.

2. (Maximal orders) Write down a maximal order in each of the quaternion algebras.

- (a) Using the Magma command `MaximalOrder`;
- (b) Using a basis and `QuaternionOrder`;

Find the discriminant and the norm form of the maximal order.

3. For $p = 67$, take any maximal order $\mathcal{O} \subset B_{p,\infty}$. Then:

- (a) Enumerate all the left-ideal classes in \mathcal{O} ;
- (b) For every ideal class, pick a representative and find the right order of the ideal;
- (c) Compute the norm of all these ideals;
- (d) Figure out which of these maximal orders correspond to elliptic curves defined over \mathbb{F}_p . Show that the following suffices:
 - i. Compute the norm form of these maximal orders;
 - ii. Find out whether they represent p ;

Check the count by looking at how many supersingular j -invariants there are in \mathbb{F}_p .

4. (Matching endomorphism rings to supersingular elliptic curves) For $p = 67$, determine the endomorphism rings of all supersingular elliptic curves defined over \mathbb{F}_{p^2} :

- (a) List all the maximal orders in $B_{p,\infty}$;
- (b) List all the supersingular j -invariants;
- (c) Start from an elliptic curve with ‘known’ endomorphism ring, e.g. $E : y^2 = x^3 - x$;
- (d) For small ℓ , compare the ℓ -isogenies between the elliptic curves and ideals of norm ℓ . Use (4d) to narrow down the orders for elliptic curves defined over \mathbb{F}_p .