

Unit-3 — CCS

# Elliptic Curve Arithmetic

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# Abelian Group

set of elements with a binary operation, denoted by  $\cdot$ , that associates to each ordered pair  $(a, b)$  of elements in  $G$  an element  $(a \cdot b)$  in  $G$ , such that the following axioms are obeyed:<sup>3</sup>

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| <b>(A1) Closure:</b>          | If $a$ and $b$ belong to $G$ , then $a \cdot b$ is also in $G$ .                              |
| <b>(A2) Associative:</b>      | $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$ for all $a, b, c$ in $G$ .                        |
| <b>(A3) Identity element:</b> | There is an element $e$ in $G$ such that $a \cdot e = e \cdot a = a$ for all $a$ in $G$ .     |
| <b>(A4) Inverse element:</b>  | For each $a$ in $G$ there is an element $a'$ in $G$ such that $a \cdot a' = a' \cdot a = e$ . |
| <b>(A5) Commutative:</b>      | $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ for all $a, b$ in $G$ .   |

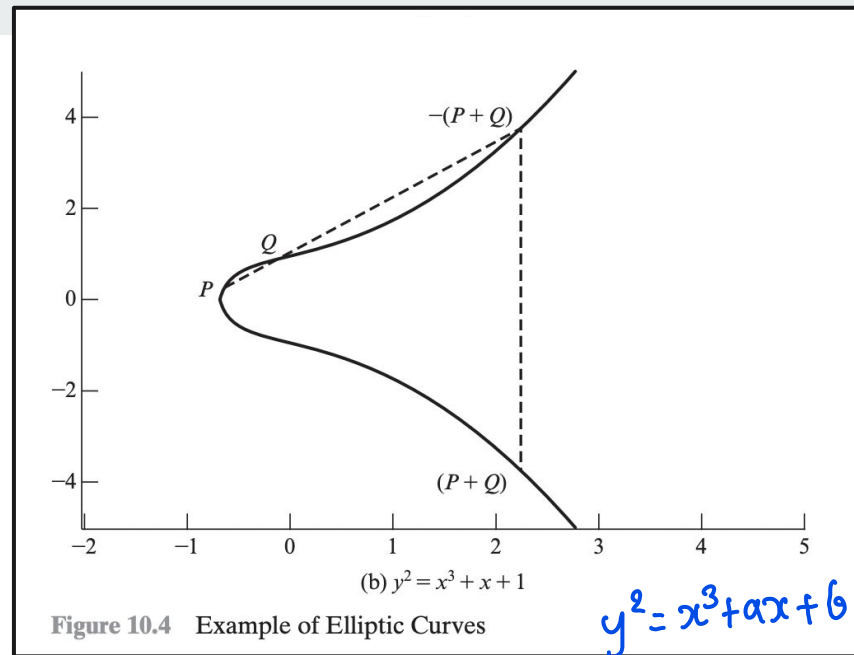
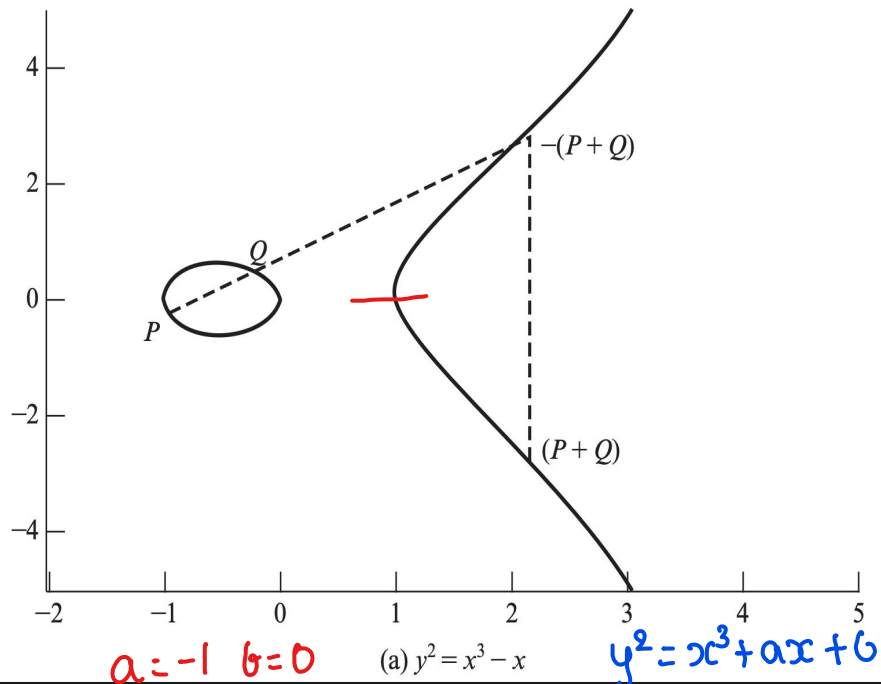
# What is Elliptic Curve?

- An elliptic curve is defined by an equation in two variables with coefficients. For cryptography, the variables and coefficients are restricted to elements in a finite field, which results in the definition of a finite abelian group

## Elliptic Curves over Real Numbers

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

- Such equations are said to be cubic, or of degree 3, because the highest exponent they contain is a 3.
- Single element denoted O and called the point at infinity or the zero point. If three points on an elliptic curve lie on a straight line, their sum is O.
- For given values of a and b, the plot consists of positive and negative values of y for each value of x. Thus, each curve is symmetric about  $y = 0$



$y^2 = 27 - 3 \quad y^2 = 24 \quad y = \sqrt{24}$

**GEOMETRIC DESCRIPTION OF ADDITION** It can be shown that a group can be defined based on the set  $E(a, b)$  for specific values of  $a$  and  $b$  in Equation (10.1), provided the following condition is met:

$$4a^3 + 27b^2 \neq 0$$

(10.2)

# Rules of Addition over Elliptic Curve

1.  $O$  serves as the additive identity.

**a.** Thus  $O = -O$ ; for any point  $P$  on the elliptic curve,  $P + O = P$ . In what follows, we assume  $P \neq O$  and  $Q \neq O$ .

2. The negative of a point  $P$  is the point with the same  $x$  coordinate but the negative of the  $y$  coordinate; that is,

$$\begin{array}{l} P(4, 8) \\ -P(4, -8) \end{array}$$

- a. if  $P = (x, y)$ , then  $-P = (x, -y)$ . Note that these two points can be joined by a vertical line.
- b. Note that  $P + (-P) = P - P = O$ .

3. To add two points  $P$  and  $Q$  with different  $x$  coordinates, draw a straight line between them and find the third point of intersection  $R$ .

- a. To form a group structure, we need to define addition on these three points:  $P + Q = -R$ . That is, we define  $P + Q$  to be the mirror image (with respect to the  $x$  axis) of the third point of intersection.

4. The geometric interpretation of the preceding item also applies to two points,  $P$  and  $-P$ , with the same  $x$  coordinate. The points are joined by a vertical line, which can be viewed as also intersecting the curve at the infinity point. We therefore have  $P + (-P) = O$ , which is consistent with item (2).
5. To double a point  $Q$ , draw the tangent line and find the other point of intersection  $S$ .

Then  $Q + Q = 2Q = -S$ .

# Algebraic Description of Addition

$$R(x_R, y_R)$$

*ALGEBRAIC DESCRIPTION OF ADDITION* In this subsection, we present some results that enable calculation of additions over elliptic curves.<sup>5</sup> For two distinct points,  $P = (x_P, y_P)$  and  $Q = (x_Q, y_Q)$ , that are not negatives of each other, the slope of the line  $l$  that joins them is  $\Delta = (y_Q - y_P)/(x_Q - x_P)$ . There is exactly one other point where  $l$  intersects the elliptic curve, and that is the negative of the sum of  $P$  and  $Q$ . After some algebraic manipulation, we can express the sum  $R = P + Q$  as

$$\underbrace{P+Q}_{\text{handwritten}} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_R = \Delta^2 - x_P - x_Q \\ y_R = -y_P + \Delta(x_P - x_R) \end{array} \right. \quad (10.3)$$

We also need to be able to add a point to itself:  $P + P = 2P = R$ . When  $y_P \neq 0$ , the expressions are

$$\underbrace{P+P}_{\text{handwritten}} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_R = \left( \frac{3x_P^2 + a}{2y_P} \right)^2 - 2x_P \\ y_R = \left( \frac{3x_P^2 + a}{2y_P} \right)(x_P - x_R) - y_P \end{array} \right. \quad (10.4)$$

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# Elliptic Curves over $\mathbb{Z}^p$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 \bmod p = (x^3 + ax + b) \bmod p \quad (10.5)$$

For example, Equation (10.5) is satisfied for  $a = 1, b = 1, x = 9, y = 7, p = 23$ :

$$7^2 \bmod 23 = (9^3 + 9 + 1) \bmod 23$$

$$49 \bmod 23 = 739 \bmod 23$$

$$3 = 3$$



let  $p = 23$  and consider the elliptic curve  $y^2 = x^3 + x + 1$ .

**a=1 b=1**

1.  $P + O = P$ .

2. If  $P = (x_p, y_p)$  then  $-P = (x_p, -y_p)$  implies  $P + (-P) = O$ .

3. If  $P = (x_p, y_p)$  and  $Q = (x_q, y_q)$  with  $P \neq -Q$ , then  $R = P + Q = (x_R, y_R)$  is determined by the following rules:

$$x_R = (\lambda^2 - x_p - x_q) \bmod p$$

$$y_R = (\lambda(x_p - x_R) - y_p) \bmod p$$

where

$$\lambda = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{y_q - y_p}{x_q - x_p} \right) \bmod p & \text{if } P \neq Q \\ \left( \frac{3x_p^2 + a}{2y_p} \right) \bmod p & \text{if } P = Q \end{cases}$$

4. Multiplication is defined as repeated addition; for example,  $4P =$

$4P = P + P + P + P$ .

For example, let  $P = (3, 10)$  and  $Q = (9, 7)$  in  $E_{23}(1, 1)$ . Then

$$\lambda = \left( \frac{7 - 10}{9 - 3} \right) \bmod 23 = \left( \frac{-3}{6} \right) \bmod 23 = \left( \frac{-1}{2} \right) \bmod 23 = 11$$

$$x_R = (11^2 - 3 - 9) \bmod 23 = 109 \bmod 23 = 17$$

$$y_R = (11(3 - 17) - 10) \bmod 23 = -164 \bmod 23 = 20$$

So  $P + Q = (17, 20)$ . To find  $2P$ ,

$2P = P + P$

$$\lambda = \left( \frac{3(3^2) + 1}{2 \times 10} \right) \bmod 23 = \left( \frac{5}{20} \right) \bmod 23 = \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \bmod 23 = 6$$

$$x_R = (6^2 - 3 - 3) \bmod 23 = 30 \bmod 23 = 7$$

$$y_R = (6(3 - 7) - 10) \bmod 23 = (-34) \bmod 23 = 12$$

and  $2P = (7, 12)$ .

# Elliptic Curves over $\text{GF}(2^m)$

1.  $P + O = P$ . ✓
2. If  $P = (x_P, y_P)$ , then  $P + (x_P, x_P + y_P) = O$ . The point  $(x_P, x_P + y_P)$  is the negative of  $P$ , which is denoted as  $-P$ .  $x_P, -y_P$
3. If  $P = (x_P, y_P)$  and  $Q = (x_Q, y_Q)$  with  $P \neq -Q$  and  $P \neq Q$ , then  $R = P + Q = (x_R, y_R)$  is determined by the following rules:

$$\begin{aligned} \checkmark \quad x_R &= \lambda^2 + \lambda + x_P + x_Q + a \\ \checkmark \quad y_R &= \lambda(x_P + x_R) + x_R + y_P \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\checkmark \quad \lambda = \frac{y_Q + y_P}{x_Q + x_P}$$

4. If  $P = (x_P, y_P)$  then  $R = 2P = (x_R, y_R)$  is determined by the following rules:

$$\begin{aligned} \checkmark \quad x_R &= \lambda^2 + \lambda + a \\ \checkmark \quad y_R &= x_P^2 + (\lambda + 1)x_R \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\checkmark \quad \lambda = x_P + \frac{y_P}{x_P}$$

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# ECC- Diffie Hellman

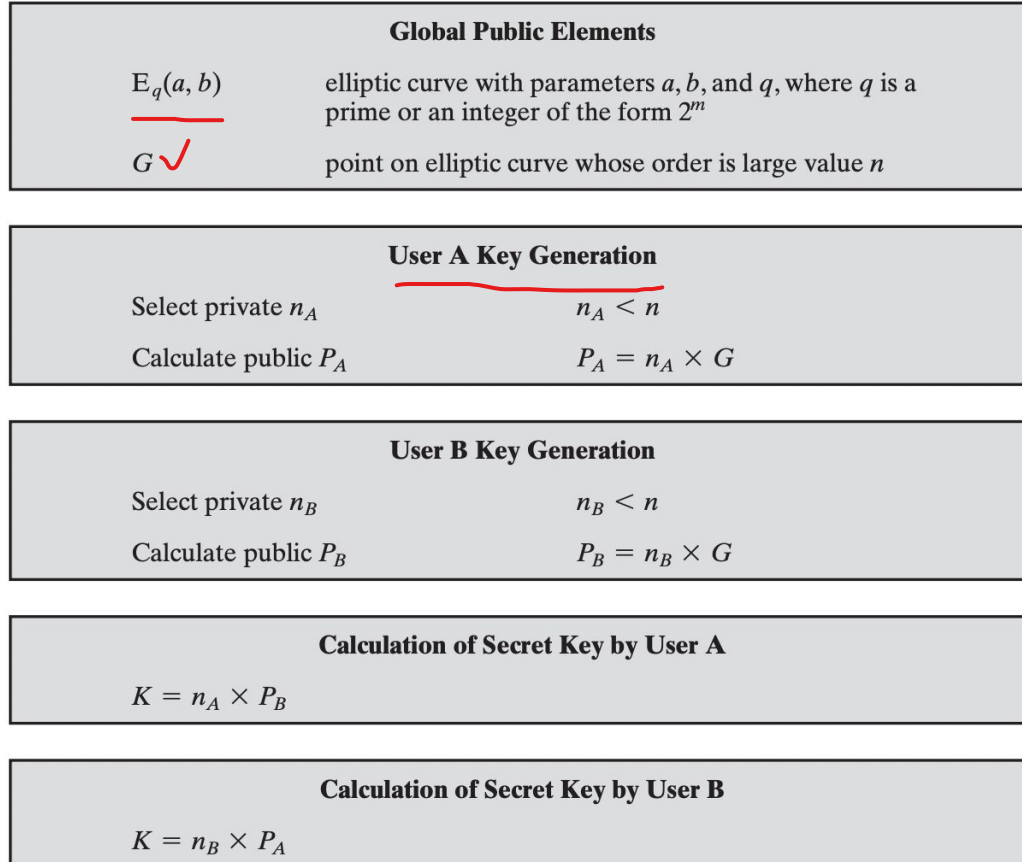


Figure 10.7 ECC Diffie–Hellman Key Exchange



## Encryption and Decryption

To encrypt and send a message  $P_m$  to B, A chooses a random positive integer  $k$  and produces the ciphertext  $C_m$  consisting of the pair of points:

$$C_m = \{kG, P_m + kP_B\}$$

Note that A has used B's public key  $P_B$ . To decrypt the ciphertext, B multiplies the first point in the pair by B's private key and subtracts the result from the second point:

$$P_m + kP_B - n_B(kG) = P_m + k(n_BG) - n_B(kG) = P_m$$

# Security in ECC

The security of ECC depends on how difficult it is to determine  $k$  given  $kP$  and  $P$ . This is referred to as the elliptic curve logarithm problem. The fastest known technique for taking the elliptic curve logarithm is known as the Pollard rho method.

**Table 10.3** Comparable Key Sizes in Terms of Computational Effort for Cryptanalysis (NIST SP-800-57)

Symmetric Key Algorithms	Diffie–Hellman, Digital Signature Algorithm	RSA (size of $n$ in bits)	ECC (modulus size in bits)
80	$L = 1024$ $N = 160$	1024	160–223
112	$L = 2048$ $N = 224$	2048	224–255
128	$L = 3072$ $N = 256$	3072	256–383
192	$L = 7680$ $N = 384$	7680	384–511
256	$L = 15,360$ $N = 512$	15,360	512+

*Note:*  $L$  = size of public key,  $N$  = size of private key.

# Elliptic Curve Cryptography - Key Points

## Analog of Diffie Hellman

1. Key exchange using elliptic curves can be done in the following manner. First pick a large integer  $q$ , which is either a prime number  $p$  or an integer of the form  $2^m$  and elliptic curve parameters  $a$  and  $b$ . This defines the elliptic group of points  $E^q(a, b)$ .
2. Next, pick a base point  $G = (x_1, y_1)$  in  $E_p(a, b)$  whose order is a very large value  $n$ .
3. The order  $n$  of a point  $G$  on an elliptic curve is the smallest positive integer  $n$  such that  $nG = 0$  and  $G$  are parameters of the cryptosystem known to all participants.

A key exchange between users A and B can be accomplished as follows (Figure 10.7).

1. A selects an integer  $n_A$  less than  $n$ . This is A's private key. A then generates a public key  $P_A = n_A \times G$ ; the public key is a point in  $E_q(a, b)$ .
2. B similarly selects a private key  $n_B$  and computes a public key  $P_B$ .
3. A generates the secret key  $k = n_A \times P_B$ . B generates the secret key  $k = n_B \times P_A$ .

The two calculations in step 3 produce the same result because

$$n_A \times P_B = n_A \times (n_B \times G) = n_B \times (n_A \times G) = n_B \times P_A$$



## Example - Using Properties of Addition in ECC

As an example,<sup>6</sup> take  $p = 211$ ;  $E_p(0, -4)$ , which is equivalent to the curve  $y^2 = x^3 - 4$ ; and  $G = (2, 2)$ . One can calculate that  $240G = O$ . A's private key is  $n_A = 121$ , so A's public key is  $P_A = 121(2, 2) = (115, 48)$ . B's private key is  $n_B = 203$ , so B's public key is  $203(2, 3) = (130, 203)$ . The shared secret key is  $121(130, 203) = 203(115, 48) = (161, 69)$ .



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