

GENERATION OF ELLIPTIC CURVES FOR CIRCUIT USE

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E pairing friendly elliptic curve
of order p

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E' defined over \mathbb{F}_p

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verify

Check it is secure

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1. Twisted Edwards / Montgomery
2. Deterministically generated
3. Safety criteria is satisfied verify

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1. TWISTED EDWARDS/MONTGOMERY

Twisted Edwards

$$ax^2 + y^2 = 1 + dx^2y^2$$

ONE formula for addition of points

Birational equivalence



Montgomery

$$By^2 = x^3 + Ax^2 + x$$

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2. DETERMINISTIC GENERATION

RFC 7748: Elliptic Curves for Security (2016)

S. Turner, M. Hamburg and A. Langley

Montgomery

$$By^2 = x^3 + Ax^2 + x$$

- $B = 1$

- Smallest $A > 2$ such that $A - 2$ is divisible by 4

Twisted Edwards

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2. DETERMINISTIC GENERATION



[https://github.com/barryWhiteHat/
baby_jubjub/blob/master/findCurve.sage](https://github.com/barryWhiteHat/baby_jubjub/blob/master/findCurve.sage)

findCurve

2. DETERMINISTIC GENERATION

```
def findCurve(prime, curveCofactor, twistCofactor, _A):  
    F = GF(prime)  
    A = _A  
  
    while A < _A + 100000:  
  
        if (A-2.) % 4 != 0:  
            A+=1.  
            continue  
        try:  
            E = EllipticCurve(F, [0, A, 0, 1, 0])  
        except:  
            A+=1.  
            continue  
  
        groupOrder = E.order()  
  
        if (groupOrder % curveCofactor != 0  
            or not is_prime(groupOrder // curveCofactor)):  
            A+=1  
            continue  
  
        twistOrder = 2*(prime+1)-groupOrder  
  
        if (twistOrder % twistCofactor != 0  
            or not is_prime(twistOrder // twistCofactor)):  
            A+=1  
            continue  
  
    return A, E
```

verify

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3. SAFETY CRITERIA

SafeCurves: Daniel J. Bernstein and Tanja Lange

Curve
parameters

ECDLP security

ECC security

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