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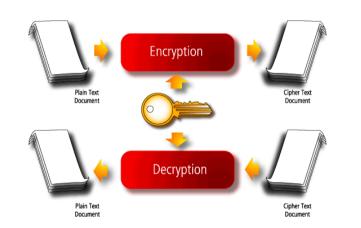
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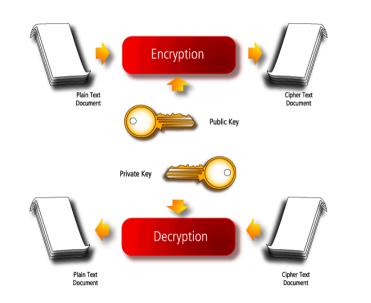
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Private key versus Public Key



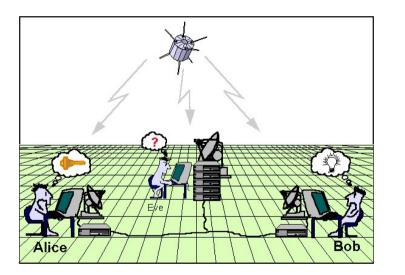
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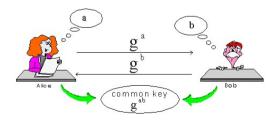


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Diffie-Hellmann key exchange

DHKEP

- Alice and Bob agree on a cyclic group G and on a generator g in G
- **2** Alice picks a secret $a, 0 \le a \le |G|$
- **6** Bob picks a secret $b, 0 \le b \le |G|$
- **9** They compute and publish g^a (**Alice**) and g^b (**Bob**)
- **6** The common secret key is g^{ab}



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ElGamal Cryptosystem

Alice wants to sent a message $x \in G$ (cyclic group) to **Bob**

ElGamal SETUP:

- Alice and Bob agree on a generator g in G
- **9** Bob picks a secret *b*, $0 < b \leq |G|$, he computes $\beta = g^b \in G$ and publishes β

EIGamal ENCRYPTION: (Alice)

- ① Alice picks a secret k, $0 < k \le |G|$
- ② She computes $\alpha = g^k \in G$ and $\gamma = x \cdot \beta^k \in G$
- **3** The encrypted message is $E(x) = (\alpha, \gamma) \in G \times G$

ElGamal DECRYPTION: (Bob)

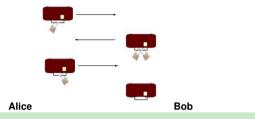
- **1 Bob** computes $D(\alpha, \gamma) = \gamma \cdot \alpha^{|G|-b}$
- 2 It works since $D(E(x)) = D(\alpha, \gamma) = x \cdot g^{bk} \cdot g^{k(|G|-b)} = x$ since $g^{k|G|} = 1$

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Massey Omura on any finite Group G

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SETUP:

- Alice and Bob each
 - pick a secret key $k_A, k_B \in U(\mathbb{Z}/|G|\mathbb{Z})$
 - compute $\ell_A, \ell_B \in U(\mathbb{Z}/|G|\mathbb{Z})$ such that $k_A \ell_A \equiv 1 \pmod{|G|}$ and $k_B \ell_B \equiv 1 \pmod{|G|}$
- 4 Alice key is (k_A, ℓ_A) $(k_A$ to lock and ℓ_A to unlock)
- **5 Bob** key is (k_B, ℓ_B) $(k_B$ to lock and ℓ_B to unlock)

WORKING: To send the message P

- ① Alice computes and sends $M = P^{k_A} \in G$
- ⁽²⁾ **Bob** computes and sends back $N = M^{k_B} \in G$
- **3** Alice computes $L = N^{\ell_A} \in G$ and sends it back to **Bob**
- ④ Bob decrypt the message computing $P = L^{\ell_B} \in G$

It works: $P = L^{\ell_B} = N^{\ell_A \ell_B} = M^{k_B \ell_A l_B} = P^{k_A k_B \ell_A \ell_B} \in G$

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The generic Discrete Logarithms problem

- $G = \langle g \rangle$ cyclic group
- g a generator
- $x \in G$

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Discrete Logarithm Problem:
                                                Find n \in \mathbb{Z}/|G|\mathbb{Z} such that x = q^n
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- Need to specify how to make the operations in G
- If $G = (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, +)$ then discrete logs are very easy.
- If $G = ((\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*, \times)$ then G is cyclic iff $n = 2, 4, p^{\alpha}, 2 \cdot p^{\alpha}$ where p is an odd prime: famous theorem of Gauß.
- In $G = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^* =: \mathbb{F}_p^*$ there is no efficient algorithm to compute DL.
- We are interested in the case when $G = E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ where E/\mathbb{F}_q is an elliptic curve
- Primordial public key cryptography is based on the difficulty of the Discrete Log problem

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- 8 Pohlig–Hellmann Algorithm IEEE Trans. Information Theory IT-24 (1978).
- Index computation algorithm
- Sieving algorithms La Macchia & Odlyzko, Designs Codes and Cryptography 1 (1991)

NOTE: The last two are "very special" for \mathbb{F}_a^*

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Shanks Baby Step Giant Step algorithm

Input: A group $G = \langle g \rangle$ and $a \in G$ Output: $k \in \mathbb{Z}/|G|\mathbb{Z}$ such that $a = g^k$ 1. $M := \lceil \sqrt{|G|} \rceil$ 2. For $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M$. Compute g^j and store the pair (j, g^j) in a table 3. $A := g^{-M}$, B := a5. For $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M - 1$. -1- Check if B is the second component (g^j) of any pair in the table -2- If so, return iM + j and halt. -3- If not $B = B \cdot A$

• The BSGS algorithm is a generic algorithm. It works for every finite cyclic group.

- based on the fact that $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$, x = j + im with $m = \lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil$, $0 \le j < m$ and $0 \le i < m$
- Not necessary to know the order of the group *G* in advance. The algorithm still works if an upper bound on the group order is known.
- Usually the BSGS algorithm is used for groups whose order is prime.
- The running time of the algorithm and the space complexity is $O(\sqrt{|G|})$, much better than the O(|G|) running time of the naive brute force
- The algorithm was originally developed by Daniel Shanks.

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The Pohlig–Hellman Algorithm

In some groups Discrete logs are easy. For example if G is a cyclic group and $\#G = 2^m$ then we know that there are subgroups:

$$\langle 1 \rangle = G_0 \subset G_1 \subset \cdots \subset G_m = G$$

such that G_i is cyclic and $\#G_i = 2^i$. Furthermore

$$G_i = \left\{ y \in G \text{ such that } y^{2^i} = 1
ight\}$$

If $G = \langle g \rangle$, for any $a \in G$, either $a^{2^{m-1}} = 1$ or $a^{2^{m-1}} = g^{2^{m-1}}$. From this property we deduce the algorithm:

Input: A group
$$G = \langle g \rangle$$
, $|G| = 2^m$ and $a \in G$
Output: $k \in \mathbb{Z}/|G|\mathbb{Z}$ such that $a = g^k$
1. $A := a, K = 0$
2. For $j = 1, 2, ..., m$.
If $A^{2^{m-j}} \neq 1$, $A := g^{-2^{j-1}} \cdot A$; $K := K + 2^{j-1}$
3. Output K

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The Pohlig–Hellman Algorithm

- The above is a special case of the Pohlig-Hellman Algorithm which can be extended to the case when |G| has only small prime divisors
- To avoid this situation one crucial requirement for a DL-resistent group in cryptography is that #G has a large prime divisor
- If $p = 2^k + 1$ is a Fermat prime, then DL in $(\mathbb{F}_p)^*$ are easy
- Classical algorithm for factoring have often analogues for computing discrete logs. A very important one is the *Pollard* ρ-method
- One of the strongest algorithms is the index calculus algorithm. NOT generic. It works only in \mathbb{F}_a^*

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DISCRETE LOGARITHMS: continues Records

Discrete Logarithm Records:

- $G = \mathbb{F}_p^*$: $p \approx 10^{180}$ (596-bit) Cyril Bouvier, Pierrick Gaudry, Laurent Imbert, Hamza Jeljeli and Emmanuel Thomé (11 June 2014)
- $G = \mathbb{F}_{p^2}^*$: $p \approx 10^{80}$

Razvan Barbulescu, Pierrick Gaudry, Aurore Guillevic, and François Morain (25 June 2014)

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$$G = \mathbb{F}_{2^{\alpha}}^*$$
: $\alpha = 1279$

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Thorsten Kleinjung (17 October 2014)
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- $G = E(\mathbb{F}_p)$: $p \approx 10^{35}$ Joppe W. Bos, Marcelo E. Kaihara, T. Kleinjung, Arjen K. Lenstra and Peter L. Montgomery (July 2009) p = 4451685225093714772084598273548427
- $G = E(\mathbb{F}_{2^{\alpha}})$: $\alpha = 113$

Erich Wenger and Paul Wolfger (January 2015)

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with ECC same security with 1/5 of the size

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Find x such that $x^2 \equiv a \mod p$

It can be solved efficiently if we are given a quadratic nonresidue $g \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$

- \bullet Write $p-1=2^k\cdot q$ and we know that $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ has a (cyclic) subgroup G with 2^k elements.
- One that $b = g^q$ is a generator of *G* (in fact if it was $b^{2^j} \equiv 1 \mod p$ for *j* < *k*, then $g^{(p-1)/2} \equiv 1 \mod p$) and that $a^q \in G$
- O Use the last algorithm to compute t such that $a^q = b^t$. Note that t is even since $a^{(p-1)/2} ≡ 1 \mod p$.
- Finally set $x = a^{(p-q)/2}b^{t/2}$ and observe that $x^2 = a^{(p-q)}b^t = a^p \equiv a \mod p$.

REMARKS:

- The above is not deterministic. However Schoof in 1985 discovered a polynomial time algorithm which is however not efficient.
- To find a random point in an elliptic curve E/\mathbb{F}_p one needs to compute square roots modulo p

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Given $n, a \in \mathbb{N}$

Find x (if it exists) such that $x^2 \equiv a \mod n$

If the factorization of *n* is known, then this problem (efficiently) can be solved in 3 steps:

- For each prime divisor *p* of *n* find x_p such that $x_p^2 \equiv a \mod p$
- Use the Hensel's Lemma to lift x_p to y_p where $y_p^2 \equiv a \mod p^{v_p(n)}$
- Use the Chinese remainder Theorem to find $x \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ such that $x \equiv y_p \mod p^{v_p(n)} \forall p \mid n.$
- Finally $x^2 \equiv a \mod n$.

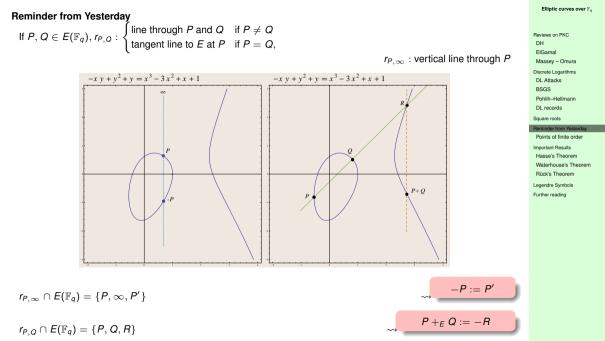
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Formulas for Addition on *E* (Summary)

$$E: y^2 + a_1 x y + a_3 y = x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x + a_6$$

$$P_{1} = (x_{1}, y_{1}), P_{2} = (x_{2}, y_{2}) \in E(\mathbb{F}_{q}) \setminus \{\infty\},$$
Addition Laws for the sum of affine points
$$If P_{1} \neq P_{2}$$

$$x_{1} = x_{2}$$

$$x_{1} \neq x_{2}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{y_{2} - y_{1}}{x_{2} - x_{1}} \quad \nu = \frac{y_{1}x_{2} - y_{2}x_{1}}{x_{2} - x_{1}}$$

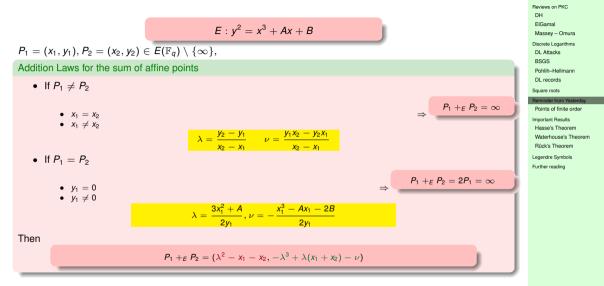
$$P_{1} + E P_{2} = \infty$$

$$P_{1} + E P_{2} = 2P_{1} = \infty$$

$$P_{1} + E P_{2} = (\lambda^{2} - a_{1}\lambda - a_{2} - x_{1} - x_{2}, -\lambda^{3} - d_{1}^{2}\lambda + (\lambda + a_{1})(a_{2} + x_{1} + x_{2}) - a_{3} - \nu)$$

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The division polynomials

Definition (Division Polynomials of $E: y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B (p > 3)$) $\psi_0 = 0, \psi_1 = 1, \psi_2 = 2y$ $\psi_3 = 3x^4 + 6Ax^2 + 12Bx - A^2$ $\psi_4 = 4y(x^6 + 5Ax^4 + 20Bx^3 - 5A^2x^2 - 4ABx - 8B^2 - A^3)$ \vdots $\psi_{2m+1} = \psi_{m+2}\psi_m^3 - \psi_{m-1}\psi_{m+1}^3$ for $m \ge 2$ $\psi_{2m} = \left(\frac{\psi_m}{2y}\right) \cdot (\psi_{m+2}\psi_{m-1}^2 - \psi_{m-2}\psi_{m+1}^2)$ for $m \ge 3$

The polynomial $\psi_m \in \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$ is the *m*th *division polynomial*

Theorem (E : $Y^2 = X^3 + AX + B$ elliptic curve, $P = (x, y) \in E$) $mP = m(x, y) = \left(\frac{\phi_m(x)}{\psi_m^2(x)}, \frac{\omega_m(x,y)}{\psi_m^3(x,y)}\right),$ where $\phi_m = x\psi_m^2 - \psi_{m+1}\psi_{m-1}, \omega_m = \frac{\psi_{m+2}\psi_{m-1}^2 - \psi_{m-2}\psi_{m+1}^2}{4y}$ Elliptic curves over \mathbb{F}_q

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Points of order m

Definition (*m*-torsion point)

Let E/K and let \overline{K} an algebraic closure of K.

 $E[m] = \{P \in E(\bar{K}) : mP = \infty\}$

Theorem (Structure of Torsion Points)

Let E/K and $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$E[m] \cong \begin{cases} C_m \oplus C_m & \text{if } p = \operatorname{char}(K) \nmid m \\ C_m \oplus C_{m'} & \text{or } E[m] \cong C_{m'} \oplus C_{m'} & \text{if } m = p'm', p \nmid m' \end{cases}$$

FACTS:

- $E[2m+1] \setminus \{\infty\} = \{(x, y) \in E(\bar{K}) : \psi_{2m+1}(x) = 0\}$
- $E[2m] \setminus E[2] = \{(x, y) \in E(\bar{K}) : y^{-1}\psi_{2m}(x) = 0\}$
- Corollary of the Theorem of Structure for torsion $\exists n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $E(\mathbb{F}_q) \cong C_n \oplus C_{nk}$
- Property of Weil pairing $n \mid q 1$.

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Theorem (Hasse)

Let *E* be an elliptic curve over the finite field \mathbb{F}_q . Then the order of $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ satisfies

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

So $\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) \in [(\sqrt{q}-1)^2, (\sqrt{q}+1)^2]$ the Hasse interval \mathcal{I}_q

Example (Hasse Intervals)

9	\mathcal{I}_q
2	{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
3	$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$
4	$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$
5	$\{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$
7	$\{3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13\}$
8	{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14}
9	$\{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16\}$
11	{6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18}
13	{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21}
16	{9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25}
17	{10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26}
19	{12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28}
23	$\{15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33\}$
25	{16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36}
27	$\{18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38\}$
29	{20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40}
31	$\{21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43\}$
32	$\{22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44\}$

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Theorem (Waterhouse)

Let $q = p^n$ and let N = q + 1 - a. $\exists E/\mathbb{F}_q \text{ s.t.} \# E(\mathbb{F}_q) = N \Leftrightarrow |a| \le 2\sqrt{q}$ and one of the following is satisfied: (i) gcd(a, p) = 1; (ii) n even and one of the following is satisfied: $a = \pm 2\sqrt{q}$; $p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, and $a = \pm \sqrt{q}$; $p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, and a = 0; (iii) n is odd, and one of the following is satisfied: p = 2 or 3, and $a = \pm p^{(n+1)/2}$; a = 0.

Example (*q* **prime** $\forall N \in I_q$, $\exists E/\mathbb{F}_q$, $\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) = N$. *q* **not prime:)**

q	a e
	$\{-4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
$8 = 2^3$	$\{-5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
$9 = 3^2$	$\{-6, -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
$16 = 2^4$	$\{-8, -7, -6, -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$
$25 = 5^2$	$\{-10, -9, -8, -7, -6, -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$
	$\{-10, -9, -8, -7, -6, -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$
	$\{-11, -10, -9, -8, -7, -6, -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11\}$

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Theorem (Rück)

Suppose N is a possible order of an elliptic curve $/\mathbb{F}_q$, $q = p^n$. Write $N = p^e n_1 n_2$, $p \nmid n_1 n_2$ and $n_1 \mid n_2$ (possibly $n_1 = 1$). There exists E/\mathbb{F}_q s.t.

$$E(\mathbb{F}_q)\cong C_{n_1}\oplus C_{n_2p^4}$$

if and only if

- $n_1 = n_2$ in the case (ii).1 of Waterhouse's Theorem;
- **2** $n_1|q-1$ in all other cases of Waterhouse's Theorem.

Example

• If
$$q = p^{2n}$$
 and $\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) = q + 1 \pm 2\sqrt{q} = (p^n \pm 1)^2$, then
 $E(\mathbb{F}_q) \cong C_{p^n \pm 1} \oplus C_{p^n \pm 1}$.
• Let $N = 100$ and $q = 101 \Rightarrow \exists E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4/\mathbb{F}_{101}$ s.t.
 $E_1(\mathbb{F}_{101}) \cong C_{10} \oplus C_{10} = E_2(\mathbb{F}_{101}) \cong C_2 \oplus C_5$
 $E_3(\mathbb{F}_{101}) \cong C_5 \oplus C_{20} = E_4(\mathbb{F}_{101}) \cong C_{100}$

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Subfield curves

Definition

Let E/\mathbb{F}_q and write $E(\mathbb{F}_q) = q + 1 - a$, $(|a| \le 2\sqrt{q})$. The *characteristic* polynomial of E is

$$P_E(T) = T^2 - aT + q \in \mathbb{Z}[T].$$

and its roots:

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \left(a + \sqrt{a^2 - 4q} \right) \qquad \beta = \frac{1}{2} \left(a - \sqrt{a^2 - 4q} \right)$$

are called *characteristic roots of Frobenius* ($P_E(\Phi_q) = 0$).

Theorem

 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\# E(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}) = q^n + 1 - (\alpha^n + \beta^n).$$

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$$E(\mathbb{F}_q) = q + 1 - a \Rightarrow E(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}) = q^n + 1 - (\alpha^n + \beta^n)$$

where $P_E(T) = T^2 - aT + q = (T - \alpha)(T - \beta) \in \mathbb{Z}[T]$

Curves $/\mathbb{F}_2$

E	а	$P_E(T)$	(α, β)
$y^2 + xy = x^3 + x^2 + 1$	1	$T^2 - T + 2$	$\frac{1}{2}(1\pm\sqrt{-7})$
$y^2 + xy = x^3 + 1$	-1	$T^{2} + T + 2$	$\tfrac{1}{2}(-1\pm\sqrt{-7})$
$y^2 + y = x^3 + x$	-2	$T^2 + 2T + 2$	$-1 \pm i$
$y^2 + y = x^3 + x + 1$	2	$T^2 - 2T + 2$	1 ± <i>i</i>
$y^2 + y = x^3$	0	$T^{2} + 2$	$\pm\sqrt{-2}$

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$$E: y^{2} + xy = x^{3} + x^{2} + 1 \Rightarrow E(\mathbb{F}_{2^{100}}) = 2^{100} + 1 - \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{-7}}{2}\right)^{100} - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{-7}}{2}\right)^{100} = 1267650600228229382588845215376$$

Subfield curves

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{F}_q) &= q + 1 - a \implies \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}) = q^n + 1 - (\alpha^n + \beta^n) \\ & \text{where } \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{E}}(T) = T^2 - aT + q = (T - \alpha)(T - \beta) \in \mathbb{Z}[T] \end{aligned}$$

Curves $/\mathbb{F}_3$

i	Ei	а	$P_{E_i}(T)$	(lpha,eta)
1	$y^2 = x^3 + x$	0	$T^{2} + 3$	$\pm\sqrt{-3}$
2	$y^2 = x^3 - x$	0	$T^{2} + 3$	$\pm\sqrt{-3}$
3	$y^2 = x^3 - x + 1$	-3	$T^2 + 3T + 3$	$\frac{1}{2}(-3\pm\sqrt{-3})$
4	$y^2 = x^3 - x - 1$	3	$T^2 - 3T + 3$	$\frac{1}{2}(3\pm\sqrt{-3})$
5	$y^2 = x^3 + x^2 - 1$	1	$T^2 - T + 3$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \sqrt{-11})$
6	$y^2 = x^3 - x^2 + 1$	-1	$T^2 + T + 3$	$\frac{1}{2}(-1 \pm \sqrt{-11})$
7	$y^2 = x^3 + x^2 + 1$	-2	$T^2 + 2T + 3$	$-1 \pm \sqrt{-2}$
8	$y^2 = x^3 - x^2 - 1$	2	$T^2 - 2T + 3$	$1 \pm \sqrt{-2}$

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Lemma

Let $s_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n$ where $\alpha\beta = q$ and $\alpha + \beta = a$. Then

$$s_0 = 2$$
, $s_1 = a$ and $s_{n+1} = as_n - qs_{n-1}$

Legendre Symbols

Recall the *Finite field Legendre symbols*: let $x \in \mathbb{F}_q$,

 $\left(\frac{x}{\mathbb{F}_q}\right) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } t^2 = x \text{ has a solution } t \in \mathbb{F}_q^* \\ -1 & \text{if } t^2 = x \text{ has no solution } t \in \mathbb{F}_q \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$

Theorem

Let
$$E: y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$$
 over \mathbb{F}_q . Then

$$\# \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{F}_q) = q + 1 + \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_q} \left(rac{x^3 + Ax + B}{\mathbb{F}_q} \right)$$

Proof.

Note that

$$1 + \begin{pmatrix} x_0^3 + Ax_0 + B \\ \mathbb{F}_q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } \exists y_0 \in \mathbb{F}_q^* \text{ s.t. } (x_0, \pm y_0) \in E(\mathbb{F}_q) \\ 1 & \text{if } (x_0, 0) \in E(\mathbb{F}_q) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$\#E(\mathbb{F}_q) = 1 + \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_q} \left(1 + \left(\frac{x^3 + Ax + B}{\mathbb{F}_q}\right)\right)$$

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Corollarv Let $E: y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$ over \mathbb{F}_a and $E_\mu: y^2 = x^3 + \mu^2 Ax + \mu^3 B$, $\mu \in \mathbb{F}_a^* \setminus (\mathbb{F}_a^*)^2$ its twist. Then $#E(\mathbb{F}_q) = q + 1 - a \Leftrightarrow #E_u(\mathbb{F}_q) = q + 1 + a$ and $\# E(\mathbb{F}_{q^2}) = \# E_{\mu}(\mathbb{F}_{q^2}).$ Proof. $#E_{\mu}(\mathbb{F}_q) = q + 1 + \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_q} \left(\frac{x^3 + \mu^2 A x + \mu^3 B}{\mathbb{F}_q} \right)$ $= q + 1 + \left(\frac{\mu}{\mathbb{F}_q}\right) \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}} \left(\frac{x^3 + Ax + B}{\mathbb{F}_q}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{\mu}{\mathbb{R}}\right) = -1$

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