

Computing Isogenies.

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Problem:

Motivation: Let E/\mathbb{F}_p be an elliptic curve.

Suppose $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ and m is an integer

we can compute $[m]P$ in time $O(\log m \log^2 q)$

by repeated doubling $[m] = a_k 2^k + a_{k-1} 2^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 2 + a_0$

$P, 2P, 2^2P, \dots, 2^k P.$

Time complexity can be written as $O(\log(\deg [m]) \log^2 q)$

Question: For which maps $\psi: E \rightarrow E'$ can we evaluate

$\psi(P)$ in time $O(\log \deg \psi \log^2 q)$?

($P \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)$) or $\log^{O(1)} \deg \psi \log^2 q$.

currently $O(\deg \psi \log^2 q)$

Maps between elliptic curves:

Let E_1/\mathbb{F}_p be elliptic curves

& E_2/\mathbb{F}_p

A homomorphism $f: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ is a morphism of algebraic curves (locally given by polynomials, projective or rational functions).

that is also a group homomorphism.

An isogeny is a non-zero homomorphism.

A homomorphism $f: E \rightarrow E$ is called an endomorphism.

Facts: An isogeny is automatically surjective with finite kernel.

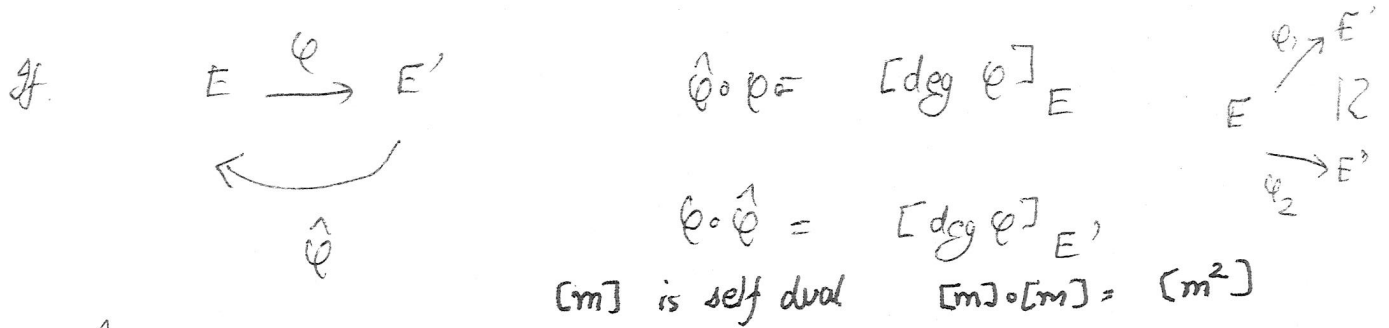
Let $E \xrightarrow{\varphi} E'$ be an isogeny of elliptic curves over k .

Then $\begin{matrix} k(E) \\ \uparrow \\ k(E') \end{matrix}$ the degree of this extension is called $\text{deg } \varphi$.

If this extension is separable then $\# \ker \varphi = \text{deg } \varphi$.

$[m]$ has degree m^2 and separable if $m \perp \text{char } k$.

If k is the finite field \mathbb{F}_q is not separable (purely inseparable) $(x, y) \mapsto (x^p, y^p)$



$\hat{\varphi}$ is called the dual isogeny.

An isogeny is determined upto isomorphism by its kernel.

We will be interested in prime degree isogenies so will be separable.

of degree $l \neq p = \text{char } k$.

$E \xrightarrow{\varphi} E'$ φ is degree l

then $\# \ker \varphi = l \Rightarrow \ker \varphi \subseteq E[l]$

But $\ker E[l] \cong \mathbb{Z}/l\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/l\mathbb{Z} \quad (l \neq p)$
 $\langle \theta \rangle, \langle p + i\theta \rangle \quad 0 \leq i \leq l-1$

There are $l+1$ subgroups of order l in $E[l]$,

so upto isomorphism there are $l+1$ isogenies of degree l from E .

Maps that we are interested in computing are isogenies of prime degree.

We say a homomorphism f is defined over k if the equations defining f have coefficients in k . [m] defined over \mathbb{F}_p

Write $\text{End}(E)$ for the endomorphism ring of E (absolute) or $\text{End}_{\bar{k}}(E)$. $\varphi: E \rightarrow E'/k$ $\varphi \circ \pi_E = \pi_{E'} \circ \varphi$. k finite field

Note: If $\varphi: E \rightarrow E'$ is an isogeny defined over \mathbb{F}_{p^r} then we will need $\Omega(r \log p)$ bit operations to evaluate it!

If E is an ordinary elliptic curve then $\text{End}(E)$ is an order in a quadratic imaginary quadratic field.

The isomorphisms of E are the units in Θ .

Let $K = \text{End}(E) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$. $\Theta_K = \text{maximal order}$

Then $\mathbb{Z}[\pi] \subseteq \Theta$ where π is the Frobenius map on E $(x, y) \mapsto (x^p, y^p)$. $\pi^2 - t\pi + q = 0$

Note: If $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\pi]$ $\alpha = a + b\pi$ (separable iff $p \nmid a$) $\deg[\alpha] = \text{Norm}_{K/\mathbb{Q}} \alpha$

$= a^2 + ab(\pi + \bar{\pi}) + b^2 \pi \bar{\pi}$ π satisfies $\pi^2 - t\pi + q = 0$
 $= a^2 + abt + b^2 p \geq a^2 + b^2 p - 2ab\sqrt{p}$
 $\frac{\deg[\alpha]}{a} = a + bt + \frac{b^2 p}{a}$

Also $a + b\pi$ can be computed in $\log_y \deg[K]$ time.

Velu's formulae: 1971. (for any field k)

Let E/\mathbb{F}_p be an elliptic curve

$$G \subseteq E(\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}).$$

Velu gives the equations for the isogeny $\varphi: E \rightarrow E/G$.

Let $k(E) = k(x, y)$

$$x_G(P) = x(P) + \sum_{Q \in G - \{O\}} (x(P+Q) - x(Q))$$

$$y_G(P) = y(P) + \sum_{Q \in G - \{O\}} (y(P+Q) - y(Q))$$

these are in $k(E)$ and ~~invariant~~ leave G invariant.
maps $P \in G$ to O .

claim: x_G & y_G generate $k(E/G)$ $\varphi: P \mapsto (x_G(P), y_G(P))$

From this he finds the equations for φ .

Let $|G| = \ell$ an odd prime

Suppose $E: y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6$.

$$Q \in E - \{O\} \quad g^x(Q) = 3x^2 + 2a_2x + a_4 - a_1y$$

$$g^y(Q) = -2y - a_1x - a_3$$

$$t(Q) = 2g^x(Q) - a_1g^y(Q)$$

$$u(Q) = (g^y(Q))^2$$

$$t = \sum_{Q \in G - \{O\}} t(Q) \quad w = \sum_{Q \in G - \{O\}} (u(Q) + x(Q)t(Q))$$

$$y^2 + A_1xy + A_3y = x^3 + A_2x^2 + A_4x + A_6$$

$$A_1 = a_1 \quad A_2 = a_2 \quad A_3 = a_3$$

$$A_4 = a_4 - 5t \quad A_6 = a_6 - b_2t - 7w$$

Using Vélu requires $O(|G| (\log^2 q + \log^2 q'))$
to evaluate $\psi(P)$ where $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)$

and $G \subseteq E(\mathbb{F}_{q'})$.

If $\deg \psi = l$ q' could be q^{l^2} $O(l^3 \log^2 q)$

Lots of improvements

Morain, Couveignes
Bostan, Morain, Satoh, ~~Berkstein~~ Schost
Etakis

$$O(l \log l \log \log l) \text{ ops } / \mathbb{F}_q$$

Let E/\mathbb{F}_p be an ordinary curve.

$\phi: E \rightarrow E'$ an isogeny defined over \mathbb{F}_p . (commutes with Frobenius)

$\pi_E: E \rightarrow E$ $\pi_{E'}: E' \rightarrow E'$ the p^{th} power Frobenius

$\phi \circ (\pi_E) = \pi_{E'} \phi$ $\mathbb{Z}[\pi] \subseteq \mathbb{O}_K$ (ϕ surjective)

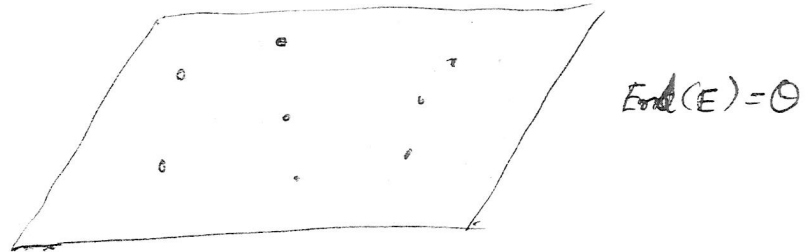
we get $\text{End}(E) \cong \mathbb{Z}[\pi]$ $\text{End}(E') \cong \mathbb{Z}[\pi]$

Let $K = \text{End}(E) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}$ an imaginary quadratic field.

If E' is isogenous to E then its endomorphism ring \mathbb{O}'

among these there are some curves with the same endomorphism ring (call this set $\text{Ell}(\mathbb{O})$)

Let I be an ideal in \mathbb{O} .



Take $G = \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} \ker \alpha$

G is a finite group $\#G = Nm I$.

$\text{End } E/G = \text{End}(E) = \mathbb{O}$. $I = \{ \rho \mid \rho G = 0 \}$
 I is a kernel ideal.

$\alpha \in \mathbb{O}$ then for every $\tau \in I$ $\alpha \tau \in I$.

$P \in \alpha(G) \Rightarrow \alpha \tau(P) = 0 \quad \forall \tau \in I$

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$\Rightarrow P \in G$ so G is fixed by α .

G is fixed by \mathbb{O} so $\mathbb{O} \subseteq \text{End}(E/G)$ equality follows from $I = \{ \rho \mid \rho G = 0 \}$.

What we have so far:

Let E/\mathbb{F}_p : $\text{End}(E) = \mathcal{O}$.

$I \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ an ideal then $E/\ker I$ has same endomorphism ring.

Proposition:

Suppose

$$A/G_1 \cong A/G_2 \iff \exists \rho \in \text{End}(A)$$

$$0 \neq N \in \mathbb{Z} : \rho^{-1} G_1 = N^{-1} G_2.$$

Corollary:

Let $I_1 = \beta I_2$ $\beta \in K$.

$\Rightarrow I_1 = \frac{\rho}{n} I_2$ for $\rho \in \mathcal{O}$ and n an integer.

$\Rightarrow n I_1 = \rho I_2$.

$G_1 = \ker I_1, \quad G_2 = \ker I_2$.

$\rho^{-1} G_2 = \ker \rho I_2$

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$n^{-1} G_1 = \ker n I_1$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{I} I_1 \sim I_2$ in $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{O})$ then $E/\ker I_1 \cong E/\ker I_2$.

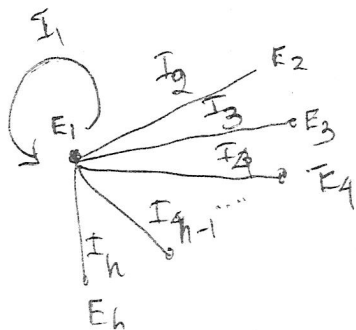
Theorem: (Waterhouse) Let $\text{Ell}(\mathcal{O})$ be the set of elliptic curves over \mathbb{F}_p with endomorphism ring \mathcal{O} . Then $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{O})$ acts on $\text{Ell}(\mathcal{O})$ with the action being free with one orbit.

(Waterhouse)

free: $g\alpha \neq h\alpha \quad \forall \alpha, h \neq g$.

$\Rightarrow \#\text{Ell}(\mathcal{O}) = \#\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{O})$.

One orbit: $\text{Ell}(\mathcal{O}) = \{ E \cdot \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{O}) \}$



m is conductor of $\mathbb{Z}[\alpha]$.

$$h(\mathcal{O}) = \frac{h(\mathcal{O}_K)}{[\mathcal{O}_K^* : \mathcal{O}^*]} \prod_{\substack{\ell | m \\ \text{prime}}} \left(1 - \left(\frac{D_K}{\ell} \right) \frac{1}{\ell} \right).$$

The Idea:

E/\mathbb{F}_p an elliptic curve.

$\mathcal{O} \subseteq K$ endomorphism ring

$\ell \nmid [O_K : \mathcal{O}] \times \text{disc}(K)$

ℓ splits in O_K .

$\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{O})$ the class group of \mathcal{O}

I_1, I_2, \dots, I_h the ideal generators for $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{O})$.

* Decompose $(\ell) = \mathfrak{d}_1 \mathfrak{d}_2 \dots \mathfrak{d}_g$ ~~in \mathcal{O}~~ in \mathcal{O} .
 be the prime decomposition in \mathcal{O} .
 $\mathcal{O}/(\ell) \cong \prod \mathcal{O}_i/(\ell_i)$

Decompose $\mathfrak{d}_1 = (\alpha) I_1^{e_1} I_2^{e_2} \dots I_h^{e_h}$
 α a principal fractional ideal. ~~Let~~ Let $\mathfrak{d}_1 = (\alpha) I_1$
 α a principal fractional ideal.

Suppose $\mathfrak{d}_1 = (\alpha) I_1$ Let $\psi_1 =$ isogeny such that
 and ψ is the isogeny with $\ker \mathfrak{d}_1 = \ker \psi$ $\ker \psi_1 = \ker I_1$

$$\alpha = \frac{\beta}{n} \quad \beta \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\beta = \frac{a + b\pi}{n}$$

$$\psi(P) = \psi_1 \left(\underbrace{(a + b\pi)}_{\beta} Q \right) \quad \text{where } Q \text{ is a point such that } nQ = P.$$

$$\beta = a + b\sqrt{D}$$

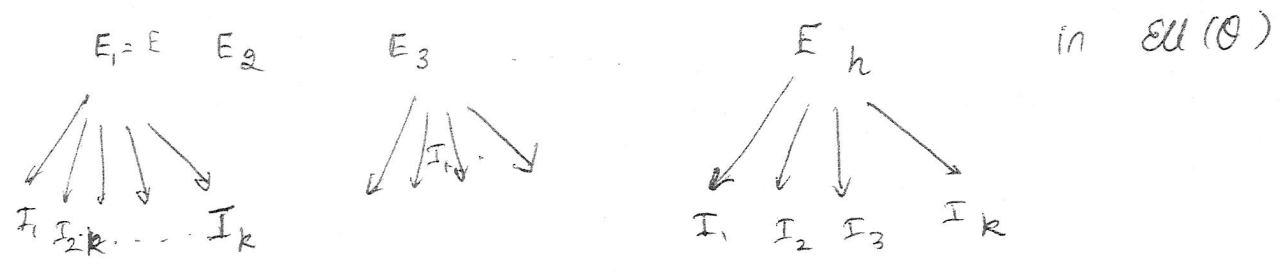
How do we find $Q : nQ = P$?

Suppose $\gcd(n, \#E(\mathbb{F}_p)) = 1$

then $Q = mP$ where $mn \equiv 1 \pmod{\#E(\mathbb{F}_p)}$.

β can be written as $a + b\pi$ with $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

so for points P on $E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ this simply becomes multiplication by some scalar.



compute Q and then compose the isogenies according to the factorization that we got to compute $\psi(P)$.

$$E \xrightarrow{I_1} E_2 \xrightarrow{I_3} E_4$$

How do we get the isogeny corresponding to I_1 ?

Let $I_1 = (a + b\sqrt{D}, c + d\sqrt{D})$

$$(a + b\sqrt{D})(P) = 0 \quad y^2 = f(x) \quad P = (x, y)$$

$$aP = (-b\sqrt{D})(P)$$

$$\frac{\phi_a(x, y)}{\psi_a(x, y)^2} = \frac{\phi_b(x^P, y^P)}{\psi_b(x^P, y^P)^2}$$

$$aP = \left(\frac{\phi_n(x, y)}{\psi_n(x, y)^2}, \frac{\omega_n(x, y)}{\psi_n(x, y)^3} \right)$$

for odd n these can be calculated as polynomials in x and the curve coefficients a_i .

As the kernel is stable under the map $[-]$, we can get a

polynomial $\psi_{a+b\pi} \in k[x]$ that defines the x -coordinates of the kernel of the endomorphism $a+b\pi$.

Similarly, we have another polynomial $\psi_{c+d\pi} \in k[x]$ whose kernel is that of the endomorphism $c+d\pi$.

$$\ker d_2 = \gcd(\psi_{a+b\pi}, \psi_{c+d\pi}).$$

Using this polynomial one can write down the equation of this isogeny, Method runs in polynomial time if $d(\Theta)$ is small (e.g. for curves produced by CM method!) disc Θ is small

Q: There are $l+1$ isogenies of degree l , what about the other isogenies?

$$E \xrightarrow{\varphi} E'$$

φ constructed as we did has the property that $\text{End}(E) = \text{End}(E')$

and that φ is defined over \mathbb{F}_p .

Proposition: If $E \xrightarrow{\varphi} E'$ and φ an isogeny of degree l , then either $\Theta = \Theta'$ or

$$[\Theta : \Theta'] = l$$

$$[\Theta' : \Theta] = l.$$

Furthermore, $\Theta = \Theta' \nLeftrightarrow \ker \varphi = \ker I$ for some ideal I in \mathcal{O} .

Thus the other isogenies (of which there are $l-1$) change the endomorphism ring.

A note on the field of definition (Atkin).

$\varphi: E \rightarrow E'$ is defined over \mathbb{F}_p^r if

$\pi^r(\ker \varphi) = \ker \varphi$ (but not necessarily fixed pointwise).

$\Rightarrow \ker \varphi$ is a 1-dimensional eigenspace for π^r .

(In fact, the modular polynomial $\phi_l(x, y)$ satisfies

$\phi_l(j^0, T) = 0$ has a root in \mathbb{F}_p^r iff π^r has a 1-dimensional eigenspace.)

All the isogenies $E \xrightarrow{\varphi} E'$ are defined over \mathbb{F}_p^r iff

π^r operates as a scalar matrix on $E[l]$.

Consider $\pi: E[l] \rightarrow E[l]$

π operates by some matrix $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{F}_l)$

\downarrow non-zero
 $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & * \\ 0 & \alpha \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow l \mid t^2 - 4p$

we have one isogeny φ defined over \mathbb{F}_p

and the rest defined over an extension \mathbb{F}_p^l .

$$\pi \sim \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix} \quad \left(\frac{b^2 - 4p}{l} \right) = +1 \quad \text{split case.}$$

Two isogenies are defined over \mathbb{F}_p (as we saw)

the other isogenies defined over \mathbb{F}_{p^r} where

$$r = \text{lcm}(\text{ord}(\alpha), \text{ord}(\beta)).$$

$$r \mid l-1.$$

π acts irreducibly on $E[l]$ $\left(\frac{b^2 - 4p}{l} \right) = -1$ inert case.

π acts as mult by $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_{l^2}^*$ on $(\mathbb{Z}/l\mathbb{Z})^2$.

then all isogenies are defined over an extension \mathbb{F}_{p^r} where

$$r \mid (l+1).$$