A comparison of pairing-friendly curves at the 192-bit security level

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Asymmetric cryptography

Factorization (RSA cryptosystem)

Discrete logarithm problem (use in Diffie-Hellman, etc) Given a finite cyclic group (\mathbf{G}, \cdot), a generator g and $h \in \mathbf{G}$, compute x s.t. $h = g^{x}$.

 \rightarrow can you invert the exponentiation function $(g, x) \mapsto g^{x}$? Common choice of **G**:

- prime finite field $\mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ (1976)
- characteristic 2 field \mathbb{F}_{2^n} (\approx 1979)
- elliptic curve $E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ (1985)

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- \rightarrow Choose **G** of large prime order (no subgroup)
- $\rightarrow\,$ complexity of inverting exponentiation in $\mathit{O}(\sqrt{\# \mathit{G}})$
- → security level 128 bits means $\sqrt{\#G} \ge 2^{128}$ analogy with symmetric crypto, keylength 128 bits (16 bytes)

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better way? \rightarrow Use additional structure of ${\bf G}.$

Discrete log problem when $\mathbf{G} = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$

Index calculus algorithm [Western–Miller 68, Adleman 79], prequel of the Number Field Sieve algorithm (NFS)

- *p* prime, (*p*−1)/2 prime, **G** = (ℤ/*p*ℤ)*, gen. *g*, target *h* get many multiplicative relations in **G**
 - $g^{t} = g_{1}^{e_{1}}g_{2}^{e_{2}}\cdots g_{i}^{e_{i}} \pmod{p}, g, g_{1}, g_{2}, \dots, g_{i} \in \mathbf{G}$
- find a relation $h = g_1^{e'_1} g_2^{e'_2} \cdots g_i^{e'_i} \pmod{p}$

Index calculus in $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$: example p = 1109, r = (p-1)/4 = 277 prime Smoothness bound B = 13

 $\mathcal{F}_{13} = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13\}$ small primes up to *B B*-smooth integer: $n = \prod_{p_i \leq B} p_i^{e_i}$, p_i prime

is g^i smooth? $1 \le i \le 72$ is enough

 $\mathbf{x} = [1, 219, 40, 34, 79, 269] \mod 277$

 $\rightarrow \log_g 7 = 34 \mbox{ mod } 277,$ that is, $(g^{34})^4 = 7^4$ $g^{34} = 7u$ and $u^4 = 1$

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 $\textbf{\textit{v}} = [1, 219, 594, 311, 910, 1100] \bmod p-1$

Target
$$h = 777$$

 $g^{10} \cdot 777 = 495 = 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 11 \mod p$
 $\log_2 777 = -10 + 2\log_g 3 + \log_g 5 + \log_g 11 = 824 \mod p - 1$
 $g^{824} = 777$

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- Sieve (faster relation collection)
- Multiplicative relations in number fields Smaller integers and norms to factor
- Better sparse linear algebra
- Independent target h

Number Field: Toy example with $\mathbb{Z}[i]$

(1986 technology, Coppersmith–Odlyzko–Schroeppel) reduce further the size of the integers to factor If $p = 1 \mod 4$, $\exists U, V \text{ s.t. } p = U^2 + V^2$ and $|U|, |V| < \sqrt{p}$ $U/V \equiv m \mod p$ and $m^2 + 1 = 0 \mod p$ Define a map from $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ to $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ $\phi: \mathbb{Z}[i] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ $i \mapsto m \mod p$ where $m = U/V, m^2 + 1 = 0 \mod p$ ring homomorphism $\phi(a + bi) = a + bm$

$$\phi(\underbrace{a+bi}_{\substack{\text{factor in}\\ \mathbb{Z}[i]}} = a + bm = (a+b \underbrace{U/V}_{=m}) = (\underbrace{aV+bU}_{\text{factor in } \mathbb{Z}})V^{-1} \mod p$$

 $p = 1109 = 1 \mod 4$, r = (p - 1)/4 = 277 prime $p = 22^2 + 25^2$ $\max(|a|, |b|) = A = 20$, B = 13 smoothness bound

Rational side $\mathcal{F}_{rat} = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13\}$ primes up to B

Algebraic side: think about the complex number in \mathbb{C} (1+i)(1-i) = 2, (2+i)(2-i) = 5, (2+3i)(2-3i) = 13All primes $p = 1 \mod 4$

• can be written as a sum of two squares $p = a^2 + b^2$

• factor into two conjugate Gaussian integers (a + ib)(a - ib)Units: $i^2 = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{alg} &= \{1+i, 1-i, 2+i, 2-i, 2+3i, 2-3i\} \\ \text{"primes" of norm up to } B \\ \mathcal{U}_{alg} &= \{-1, i\} \text{ Units} \end{aligned}$$

p = 1109

$$(a, b) = (-4, 7),$$

Norm $(-4 + 7i) = (-4)^2 + 7^2 = 65 = 5 \cdot 13$

In
$$\mathbb{Z}[i]$$
,
 $5 = (2 + i)(2 - i)$
 $13 = (2 + 3i)(2 - 3i)$

Then,

→
$$(2 \pm i)(2 \pm 3i)$$
 has norm 65
→ $\pm ((i))(2 \pm i)(2 \pm 3i) = (-4 + 7i)$

We obtain i(2-i)(2+3i) = -4 + 7i

a + bi	$aV + bU =$ factor in \mathbb{Z}	$a^2 + b^2$	factor in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$
-17 + 19	i —7 = —7	$650 = 2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 13$	$-(1-i)(2+i)^2(2-3i)$
-11 + 2i	$-231 = -3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11$	$125 = 5^3$	$i(2+i)^{3}$
-6 + 17i	$224 = 2^5 \cdot 7$	$325 = 5^2 \cdot 13$	$(2+i)^2(2+3i)$
-4 + 7i	$54 = 2 \cdot 3^3$	$65 = 5 \cdot 13$	i(2-i)(2+3i)
-3 + 4i	13 = 13	$25 = 5^2$	$-(2-i)^2$
-2 + i	$-28 = -2^2 \cdot 7$	5 = 5	-(2-i)
-2 + 3i	$16 = 2^4$	13 = 13	-(2-3i)
-2 + 11i	$192 = 2^{6} \cdot 3$	$125 = 5^3$	$-(2-i)^3$
-1+i	-3 = -3	2 = 2	-(1-i)
i	$22 = 2 \cdot 11$	1 = 1	i
1 + 3i	$91 = 7 \cdot 13$	$10 = 2 \cdot 5$	(1+i)(2+i)
1 + 5i	$135 = 3^3 \cdot 5$	$26 = 2 \cdot 13$	-(1-i)(2-3i)
2 + <i>i</i>	$72 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2$	5 = 5	(2+i)
5 + <i>i</i>	$147 = 3 \cdot 7^2$	$26 = 2 \cdot 13$	-i(1+i)(2+3i)

Example in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$: Matrix

Build the matrix of relations:

- one row per (a, b) pair s.t. both norms are smooth
- one column per prime of \mathcal{F}_{rat}
- one column for 1/V
- one column per prime ideal of \mathcal{F}_{alg}
- one column per unit (-1, i)
- store the exponents









Right kernel $M \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0 \mod (p-1)/4 = 277$: $\mathbf{x} = (\underbrace{1,219,40,34,79,269}_{rational \ side},\underbrace{197}_{1/V},\underbrace{0,0}_{units},\underbrace{139,139,84,233,68,201}_{algebraic \ side})$ Logarithms (in some basis)

Rational side: logarithms of $\{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13\}$ $\rightarrow \log x_i / \log 2$ $\mathbf{x} = [1, 219, 40, 34, 79, 269] \mod 277$ $\rightarrow \text{ order 4 subgroup}$ $\mathbf{v} = [1, 219, 594, 311, 910, 1100] \mod p - 1$

Target 314, generator g = 2 $g^2 \cdot 314 = 147 = 3 \cdot 7^2$

$$\log_g 314 = \log_g 3 + 2\log_g 7 - 2 = 219 + 2 \cdot 311 - 2 = 839 \mod p - 1$$

2⁸³⁹ = 314 mod p, $\log_g 314 = 839$

Number Field Sieve today



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- NFS: Gordon 93, improvements Schirokauer 93
- polynomial selection Joux–Lercier 03
- Franke-Kleinjung 08 sieve, ECM factorization H. Lenstra 87
- block Lanczos, Wiedemann 86 sparse linear algebra
- Joux–Lercier 03 descent, early-abort strategy Pomerance 82

Latest DL record computation: 768-bit \mathbb{F}_p

Kleinjung, Diem, A. Lenstra, Priplata, Stahlke, Eurocrypt'2017. $p = \lfloor 2^{766} \times \pi \rfloor + 62762$ prime, 768 bits, 232 decimal digits, p = 1219344858334286932696341909195796109526657386154251328029

2736561757668709803065055845773891258608267152015472257940 7293588325886803643328721799472154219914818284150580043314 8410869683590659346847659519108393837414567892730579162319 (p-1)/2 prime

 $f(x) = 140x^4 + 34x^3 + 86x^2 + 5x - 55$

 $g(x) = 370863403886416141150505523919527677231932618184100095924x^3$

 $-1937981312833038778565617469829395544065255938015920309679x^2\\$

 $-217583293626947899787577441128333027617541095004734736415 \times$

+277260730400349522890422618473498148528706115003337935150

Enumerate ($\sim 10^{12}$) all f(x) s.t. $|f_i| \leqslant 165$ By construction, $|g_i| \approx p^{1/4}$ Latest DL record computation: 768-bit \mathbb{F}_p

gcd(f,g) = 1 in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ \exists root m s.t. $f(m) = g(m) = 0 \pmod{p}, m =$ 4290295629231970357488936064013995423387122927373167219112

8794979019508571426956110520280493413148710512618823586632 1484497413188392653246206774027756646444183240629650904112 110269916261074281303302883725258878464313312196475775222 Multiplicative relations: for all $|a_i| \leq A \approx 2^{32}$, $gcd(a_0, a_1) = 1$

factors Norm_f = Resultant(f, a₀ + a₁x) ≈ 130 bits, 39 dd
 factors Norm_g = Resultant(g, a₀ + a₁x) ≈ 290 bits, 87 dd
 Linear algebra: square sparse matrix of 23.5 · 10⁶ rows
 Total time: 5300 core-years on Intel Xeon E5-2660 2.2GHz

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Complexity and key-sizes for cryptography

[Lenstra-Verheul'01] gives RSA key-sizes Security estimates use

- asymptotic complexity of the best known algorithm (here NFS)
- latest record computation (now 768-bit)

extrapolation

Complexity

Subexponential asymptotic complexity:

$$\mathcal{L}_{p^n}(\alpha, c) = e^{(c+o(1))(\log p^n)^{\alpha}(\log \log p^n)^{1-\alpha}}$$

- $\alpha = 1$: exponential
- $\alpha = 0$: polynomial
- $0 < \alpha < 1$: sub-exponential (including NFS)
- 1. polynomial selection (precomp., 5% to 10% of total time)
- 2. relation collection $L_{p^n}(1/3, c)$
- 3. linear algebra $L_{p^n}(1/3, c)$
- 4. individual discrete log computation $L_{p''}(1/3, c' < c)$



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Why finite fields in 2019?

because old crypto in \mathbb{F}_p is still in use cpx = $L_p(1/3, 1.923)$ since 1993: very-well known because of pairings: \mathbb{F}_{p^n} since 2000 Introduction: Discrete logarithm and NFS

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Cryptographic pairing: black-box properties

 $(\mathbf{G}_1, +), (\mathbf{G}_2, +), (\mathbf{G}_T, \cdot)$ three cyclic groups of large prime order rBilinear Pairing: map $e : \mathbf{G}_1 \times \mathbf{G}_2 \to \mathbf{G}_T$

1. bilinear:
$$e(P_1 + P_2, Q) = e(P_1, Q) \cdot e(P_2, Q)$$
,
 $e(P, Q_1 + Q_2) = e(P, Q_1) \cdot e(P, Q_2)$

- 2. non-degenerate: $e(g_1,g_2)
 eq 1$ for $\langle g_1
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- 3. efficiently computable.

Mostly used in practice:

$$e([a]P, [b]Q) = e([b]P, [a]Q) = e(P, Q)^{ab}$$

 \rightsquigarrow Many applications in asymmetric cryptography.

Examples of application

- 1984: idea of identity-based encryption (IBE) by Shamir
- 1999: first practical identity-based cryptosystem of Sakai-Ohgishi-Kasahara
- > 2000: constructive pairings, Joux's tri-partite key-exchange
- 2001: IBE of Boneh-Franklin, short signatures Boneh-Lynn-Shacham
- Broadcast encryption, re-keying
- agregate signatures
- zero-knowledge (ZK) proofs
 - non-interactive ZK proofs (NIZK)
 - ZK-SNARK (Z-cash)

Bilinear Pairings

Rely on

- ▶ Discrete Log Problem (DLP): given g, h ∈ G, compute x s.t. g^x = h
- ▶ Diffie-Hellman Problem (DHP): given g, g^a, g^b ∈ G, compute g^{ab}
- bilinear DLP and DHP
- pairing inversion problem

Weil or Tate pairing on an elliptic curve

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Pairing-friendly curves are special

 $r \mid p^n - 1$, $\mathbf{G}_T \subset \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$, n is minimal : embedding degree Tate Pairing: $e: \mathbf{G}_1 \times \mathbf{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{G}_T$

When *n* is small, the curve is *pairing-friendly*. This is very rare: usually $\log n \sim \log r$ ([Balasubramanian Koblitz]).

$\mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{T}}\subset p^n$	p^2, p^6	p^{3}, p^{4}, p^{6}	p^{12}	p^{16}	p^{18}	p ²⁴
Curve	super- singular	MNT	BN BLS12	KSS16	KSS18	BLS24

MNT,
$$n = 6$$
:
 $p(x) = 4x^2 + 1$, $\#E(\mathbb{F}_p) = r(x) = x^2 \mp 2x + 1$
BN, $n = 12$:
 $p(x) = 36x^4 + 36x^3 + 24x^2 + 6x + 1$
 $r(x) = 36x^4 + 36x^3 + 18x^2 + 6x + 1$

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- ▶ Special NFS in \mathbb{F}_{p^n} : Joux–Pierrot 2013
- ► Tower NFS (TNFS): Barbulescu Gaudry Kleinjung 2015
- Extended Tower NFS: Kim–Barbulescu, Kim–Jeong, Sarkar–Singh 2016
- Tower of number fields

Use more structure: subfields

$$\begin{split} &\mathbb{F}_{p^6}, \text{ subfield } \mathbb{F}_{p^2} \text{ defined by } y^2 + 1 \\ &g = (g_{00} + g_{01}i) + (g_{10} + g_{11}i)x + (g_{20} + g_{21}i)x^2 \in \mathbb{F}_{p^6} \\ &\text{Idea: } a_0 + a_1x \ \to \ \mathbf{a} = (a_{00} + a_{01}i) + (a_{10} + a_{11}i)x \\ &\text{Integers to factor are much smaller} \end{split}$$

- factors integer Norm_f = Res(Res($\mathbf{a}, f_y(x)$), $y^2 + 1$)
- factors integer $Norm_g = Res(Res(\mathbf{a}, g_y(x)), y^2 + 1)$

Res = resultant of polynomials

Complexities

large characteristic $p = L_{p^n}(\alpha), \ \alpha > 2/3$: $(64/9)^{1/3} \simeq 1.923$ NFS special p: $(32/9)^{1/3} \simeq 1.526$ SNFS medium characteristic $p = L_{p^n}(\alpha), 1/3 < \alpha < 2/3$: $(96/9)^{1/3} \simeq 2.201$ prime *n* NFS-HD (Conjugation) $(48/9)^{1/3} \simeq 1.747$ composite *n*, best case of TNFS: when parameters fit perfectly special p: $(64/9)^{1/3} \simeq 1.923$ NFS-HD+Joux-Pierrot'13 $(32/9)^{1/3} \simeq 1.526$ composite *n*, best case of STNFS

Estimating key sizes for DL in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}

- ► Latest variants of TNFS (Kim–Barbulescu, Kim–Jeong) seem most promising for F_{pⁿ} where n is composite
- We need record computations if we want to extrapolate from asymptotic complexities
- The asymptotic complexities do not correspond to a fixed n, but to a ratio between n and p

Simulation of STNFS: why?

- upper bound on the norms
- (heuristic) upper bound on the running-time of STNFS
- bound is not tight: running-time could be much faster
- security is over-estimated

Possible solution:

- remove combinatorial factor from the bound
- smaller norms, faster STNFS, lower security
- much larger key-sizes

bad for practical applications: larger keys are required
 Example BN curves, targeted 128-bit security level:
 p was 256 bits before STNFS
 Now p from 384 to 512 bits

But we don't want to use too large p for nothing.

Largest record computations in \mathbb{F}_{p^n} with NFS¹

Finite field	Size of <i>p</i> ⁿ	Cost: CPU days	Authors	sieving dim
$\mathbb{F}_{p^{12}}$	203	11	[HAKT13]	7
\mathbb{F}_{p^6}	422	9,520	[GGMT17]	3
\mathbb{F}_{p^5}	324	386	[GGM17]	3
\mathbb{F}_{p^4}	392	510	[BGGM15b]	2
\mathbb{F}_{p^3}	593	8,400	[GGM16]	2
\mathbb{F}_{p^2}	595	175	[BGGM15a]	2
\mathbb{F}_{p}	768	1,935,825	[KDLPS17]	2

None used TNFS, only NFS and NFS-HD were implemented.

 $^{^{1}\}mathsf{Data}$ extracted from <code>DiscreteLogDB</code> by <code>L.Grémy</code>

Simulation without sieving

Implementation of Barbulescu–Duquesne technique space: $S = \{\sum a_{0i}y^i + (\sum a_{1i}y^i)x, |a_{ji}| < A\}$ Variants:

- compute $\alpha(f), \alpha(g)$ (w.r.t. subfield) bias in smoothness
- select polys f, g with negative bias $\alpha(f), \alpha(g)$
- Monte-Carlo simulation with 10⁶ points in S taken at random. For each point:
 - 1. compute its algebraic norm N_f , N_g in each number field
 - 2. smoothness probability with Dickman- ρ
- Average smoothness probability over the subset of points \rightarrow estimation of the total number of possible relations in ${\cal S}$
- dichotomy to approach the best balanced parameters: smoothness bound *B*, coefficient bound *A*.

Simulation without sieving

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Python/SageMath experimental implementation
Nice "bug":
A = 8
h = y * * 2 + 1
a0 = [randint(-A,A+1) for ai in range(h.degree())]
a1 = [randint(-A,A+1) for ai in range(h.degree())]
A = 8
h = y * * 2 + 1
a0 = [randrange(-A,A+1) for ai in range(h.degree())]
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Key size for pairings

	cost DL 2 ¹²⁸		cost DL 2 ¹⁹²	
\mathbb{F}_{p^n} , curve	log ₂ p	$\log_2 p^n$	log ₂ p	$\log_2 p^n$
\mathbb{F}_{p}	3072-3200		7400-8000	
	640–672	3840-4032	pprox 1536	pprox 9216
$\mathbb{F}_{p^{12}}$, BN	416–448	4992–5376	pprox 1024	pprox 12288
$\mathbb{F}_{p^{12}}$, BLS	416–448	4992–5376	pprox 1120	pprox 13440
$\mathbb{F}_{p^{16}}$, KSS	330	5280	pprox 768	pprox 12288
$\mathbb{F}_{p^{18}}$, KSS	348	6264	pprox 640	pprox 11520

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- automatic tool (currently developed in Python/SageMath)
- $\blacktriangleright \mathbb{F}_{p^{15}}, \mathbb{F}_{p^{21}}, \mathbb{F}_{p^{27}}$
- Compare Special-TNFS and TNFS
- $a_0 + a_1 x \rightarrow \text{consider } a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2, \ a_i = a_{i0} + a_{i1} y + \dots$

Estimate the proportion of duplicate relations (2%, 20%, 60%?)

- How to sieve very efficiently in even dimension 4 to 24 to avoid costly factorization in the relation collection?
- Record computation in \mathbb{F}_{p^6}

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