

# Faster Individual Discrete logarithm in non-prime finite fields $GF(p^n)$ with the Number and Function Field Sieve Algorithms

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Motivation: Pairing-based cryptography

The Number Field Sieve algorithm

Individual Discrete Log

# Asymmetric cryptography

Factorization (RSA cryptosystem)

Discrete logarithm problem (Diffie–Hellman, etc)

Given a finite cyclic group  $(\mathbf{G}, \cdot)$ , a generator  $g$  and  $y \in \mathbf{G}$ , compute  $x$  s.t.  $y = g^x$ .

Common choice of  $\mathbf{G}$ :

prime finite field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  (since 1976), characteristic 2 finite field  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ ,  
elliptic curve  $E(\mathbb{F}_p)$  (since 1985)

# Elliptic curves in cryptography

$$E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{F}_p$$

- ▶ proposed in 1985 by Koblitz, Miller
- ▶  $E(\mathbb{F}_p)$  has an efficient group law (chord and tangent rule)  $\rightarrow \mathbf{G}$
- ▶  $\#E(\mathbb{F}_p) = p + 1 - t$ , trace  $t$ :  $|t| \leq 2\sqrt{p}$

Need a prime-order (or with tiny cofactor) elliptic curve:

$$h \cdot \ell = \#E(\mathbb{F}_p), \quad \ell \text{ is prime, } h \text{ tiny, e.g. } h = 1, 2$$

- ▶ compute  $t$
- ▶ slow to compute in 1985: can use *supersingular curves* whose trace is known.

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But computing a pairing is **very slow**:

[Harasawa Shikata Suzuki Imai 99]: 161467s (112 days) on a  
163-bit supersingular curve, where  $\mathbf{G}_T \subset \mathbb{F}_{p^2}$  of 326 bits.

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## Common target groups $\mathbb{F}_{q^n}$

- ▶  $\mathbb{F}_{2^{4n}}, \mathbb{F}_{3^{6n}}$  where  $E/\mathbb{F}_{2^n}, E/\mathbb{F}_{3^n}$  is supersingular
- ▶  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$  where  $E/\mathbb{F}_p$  is a supersingular curve
- ▶  $\mathbb{F}_{p^3}, \mathbb{F}_{p^4}, \mathbb{F}_{p^6}$  where  $E/\mathbb{F}_p$  is an ordinary MNT curve  
*[Miyaji Nakabayashi Takano 01]*
- ▶  $\mathbb{F}_{p^{12}}$  where  $E/\mathbb{F}_p$  is a BN curve *[Barreto-Naehrig 05]*

DLP hardness for a 3072-bit finite field:

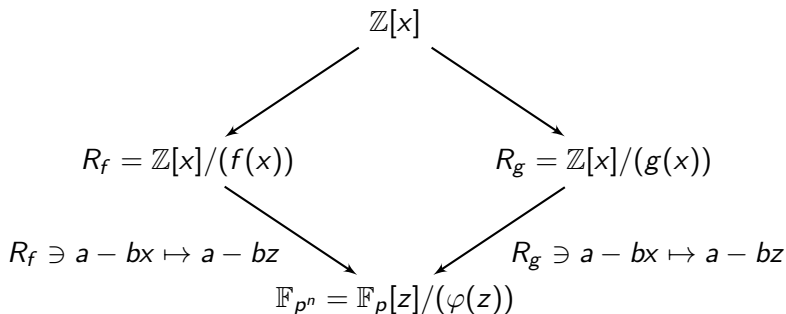
- ▶ **hard** in  $\mathbb{F}_p$  where  $p$  is a 3072-bit prime
- ▶ **easy** in  $\mathbb{F}_{2^{4n}}, \mathbb{F}_{3^{6n}}$   
*[Barbulescu, Gaudry, Joux, Thomé 14, Granger et al. 14]*
- ▶ what about  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  where  $2 \leq n \leq 12$  and  $p^n$  is a 3072-bit?

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How to generate relations ?

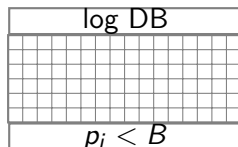
Use *two* distinct rings  $R_f = \mathbb{Z}[x]/(f(x))$ ,  $R_g = \mathbb{Z}[x]/(g(x))$  and two maps  $\rho_f, \rho_g$  that map  $x \in R_f$ , resp.  $x \in R_g$  to *the same* element  $z \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ :

$$\begin{cases} \rho_f : x \in R_f \mapsto z, \\ \rho_g : x \in R_g \mapsto z \end{cases}$$



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1. Polynomial selection
2. Relation collection
3. Linear algebra



- ▶ We know the log of *small* elements in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(f(x))$  and  $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(g(x))$
- ▶ *small* elements are of the form  $a_i - b_i x = \mathfrak{p}_i \in \mathbb{Z}[x]/(f(x))$ ,  
s.t.  $|\text{Norm}(\mathfrak{p}_i)| = p_i < B$

4. Individual discrete logarithm





## Initial Splitting in $\mathbb{F}_p, \mathbb{F}_{p^n}, \mathbb{F}_{2^n}, \mathbb{F}_{3^n}$

- ▶  $\mathbb{F}_p$ : Rational Reconstruction.  $T \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbf{T}$  is an integer  $< p$ .  
Rational Reconstruction gives  $\mathbf{T} = u/v \bmod p$  with  $u, v < \sqrt{p}$
- ▶ [Blake Fuji-Hara Mullin Vanstone 84] Waterloo algorithm in  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ :  $\mathbb{F}_2[x] \ni \mathbf{T} \equiv U/V = \frac{u_0 + \dots + u_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} x^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}}{v_0 + \dots + v_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} x^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}}$  **reduce degree**
- ▶ [Joux Lercier Smart Vercauteren 06] in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ :  
 $\mathbf{T} \equiv U/V = \frac{u_0 + \dots + u_d x^d}{v_0 + \dots + v_d x^d}$ ,  $d = \deg f \geq n$ ,  $|u_i|, |v_i| \sim p^{n/(2 \deg f)}$   
**reduce coefficient size**

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of 170 bits

$$A = 28y^2 + 16y - 109$$

$$\varphi = x^3 - yx^2 - (y + 3)x - 1, \quad \sigma(x) \mapsto -x - 1/x$$

$$f = \text{Res}_y(A, \varphi)$$

$$= 28x^6 + 16x^5 - 261x^4 - 322x^3 + 79x^2 + 152x + 28$$

$$\|f\|_{\infty} = 8.33 \text{ bits}$$

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$$g = 24757815186639197370442122x^3 + 40806897040253680471775183x^2 \\ - 33466548519663911639551183x - 24757815186639197370442122$$

$$\|g\|_{\infty} = 85.01 \text{ bits}$$

$$\alpha(g) = -4.1$$

Murphy's E value:

$$\mathbb{E}(f, g) = 1.31 \cdot 10^{-12}$$

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Target:

$$T_0 = 0x11a2f1f13fa9b08703a033ee3c4321539156f865ee9+0x1098c3b7280ef2cf8b091d08197de0a9ba935ff79c6 z \\ +0x221205020e7729cb46166a9edfd5acb3bf59dd0a7d4 z^2 \in \mathbb{F}_p[z]/(\varphi(z))$$

Preimage:  $\mathbf{T}_0 = t_0 + t_1x + t_2x^2 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$

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$$\text{Norm}_g(\mathbf{T}_0) = \text{Res}(g, \mathbf{T}_0) \text{ of } 670 \text{ bits } \approx p^4 = Q^{4/3}$$

Joux-Lercier:

$$\text{Norm}_f(JL_f(\mathbf{T}_0)) \approx p^3 = Q$$

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Similar technique in pairing computation: Miller loop denominator elimination [Boneh Kim Lynn Scott 02]

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▶  $\log \rho(r) = \log(T) \bmod \ell$  because  $\rho(r) = \lambda_2 T$  with  $\lambda_2 \in \mathbb{F}_p$

# Initial Splitting step complexity

Given a target  $T_0 \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ , and  $g$  a generator of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$

**repeat**

1. take  $t$  at random in  $\{1, \dots, \ell - 1\}$  and set  $T = g^t T_0$
2. factorize  $\text{Norm}(\mathbf{T})$

**until** it is  $B_1$ -smooth:  $\text{Norm}(\mathbf{T}) = \prod_{q_i \leq B_1} q_i \prod_{p_i \leq B_0} p_i$

$L$ -notation:  $\mathbf{c} > 0$ ,

$$Q = p^n, \quad L_Q[1/3, \mathbf{c}] = e^{(\mathbf{c} + o(1))(\log Q)^{1/3}} (\log \log Q)^{2/3}.$$

Norm factorization done with ECM method, in time  $L_{B_1}[1/2, \sqrt{2}]$

**Lemma (Initial Splitting step running-time)**

If  $\text{Norm}(\mathbf{T}) \leq Q^e$ , take  $B_1 = L_Q[2/3, (e^2/3)^{1/3}]$ , then the running-time is  $L_Q[1/3, (3e)^{1/3}]$  (and this is optimal).

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MNT example:  $\log Q = 508$  bits

	$\text{Norm}_f(\mathbf{T})$		$\text{Norm}_g(\mathbf{T})$		$L_Q[1/3, c]$		$q_i \leq B_1 =$
	$Q^e$	bits	$Q^e$	bits	$c$	time	$L_Q[\frac{2}{3}, c]$
Nothing	$Q^2$	1010	$Q^{4/3}$	667	1.58	$2^{53}$	$2^{109}$
[JLSV06]	$Q$	508	$Q^{5/3}$	847	1.44	$2^{48}$	$2^{90}$
<b>Subfield</b>	$Q^{2/3}$	<b>340</b>	$Q$	<b>508</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b><math>2^{42}</math></b>	<b><math>2^{69}</math></b>

Combined with Pomerance Early Abort Strategy, we obtained a 54-bit smooth initial splitting for  $g^{35313} T_0$  and a 59-bit smooth initial splitting for  $g^{52154}$  in 32 core-hours.

The descent took 13.4 and 10.7 core hours.



## With more subfields: e.g. $\mathbb{F}_{p^6}$

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$\rho(r) = (\lambda_3 u_0 + \lambda_4 u_1 + \lambda_5 u_2) T$  with  $\lambda_{i+3} u_i \in \mathbb{F}_{p^3}$

## Theorem

Let  $T \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$  an element which is not in a proper subfield of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ . We want to compute its discrete logarithm modulo a (large) prime  $\ell$ , where  $\ell \mid \Phi_n(p)$ . Let  $f, R_f$  given by a polynomial selection method. Let  $d$  be the largest divisor of  $n$ ,  $d < n$  and  $d = 1$  if  $n$  is prime.

Then there exists a preimage  $\mathbf{T}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(f(x))$  of  $T \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ , such that  $\log \rho(\mathbf{T}) \equiv \log T \pmod{\ell}$  and whose norm in  $R_f$  is bounded by  $O(q^e)$ , where  $q = p^n$  and  $q^e$  equals

1.  $q^{1-d/n}$  for the GJL, Conjugation, Joux-Pierrot, Sarkar-Singh and TNFS-like methods (and for all the possible methods where  $\|f\|_\infty = o(p)$ );
2.  $q^{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{d}{n} - \frac{1}{2n}}$  for the JLSV1 method;
3.  $q^{2 - \frac{d}{n} - \frac{2}{D+1}}$  for the JLSV2 method, where  $D$  is the degree of  $g$ .

## Small characteristic $\mathbb{F}_{2^{4m}}$ and $\mathbb{F}_{3^{6m}}$

Same idea as for  $\mathbb{F}_{p^6}$  but without LLL:

The largest subfield of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^{4m}}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_{2^{2m}}$ , let  $d = 2m$ : Compute two  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -linear Gaussian eliminations

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} T \\ UT \\ \vdots \\ U^{d-1}T \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & * & * & * & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & * & * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

Each row  $r_i$  corresponds to  $u_i T_i = u_i X^i \cdot T'_i$ , where  $T'_i$  is of degree  $n/2 = 2m$  and  $\log_g(X^i T'_i) = \log_g T \pmod{\ell}$

- ▶ Need one poly of degree  $n/2$  to be  $B$ -smooth instead of two polys
- ▶ cost of Gaussian elimination shared over  $n/2$  tests
- ▶ Magma implementation for  $\mathbb{F}_{3^{6 \cdot 509}}$  and  $\mathbb{F}_{2^{12 \cdot 367}}$  available

# Asymptotic complexity

$L$ -notation:  $\mathbf{c} > 0$ ,

$$Q = p^n, \quad L_Q[1/3, \mathbf{c}] = e^{(\mathbf{c} + o(1))(\log Q)^{1/3}} (\log \log Q)^{2/3}$$

Set  $B = \log L_{2^n}[2/3, \gamma]$

- ▶ Blake–Fuji–Hara–Mullin–Vanstone Waterloo alg.:  $L_{2^n} \left[ \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3\gamma} \right]$
- ▶ Subfield alg.:  $L_{2^n} \left[ \frac{1}{3}, \frac{d-1}{d} \frac{1}{3\gamma} \right]$  where  $d$  is the largest proper divisor of  $n$  (best case:  $d = n/2$ ,  $L_{2^n} \left[ \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{3\gamma} \right]$ )

For  $\mathbb{F}_{36 \cdot 509} = \mathbb{F}_{36}[x]/(I(x))$ :  $T_0$  is a degree 508 polynomial over  $\mathbb{F}_{36}$ .

- ▶ We found a 30-smooth polynomial over  $\mathbb{F}_{36}$
- ▶ much less elements to “descent”
- ▶ improve also the width and depth of “descent” tree

Thank you!

Pre-print available soon.