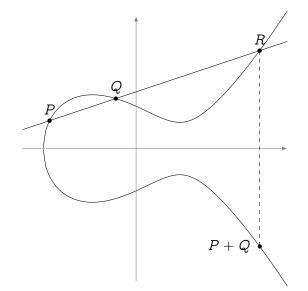
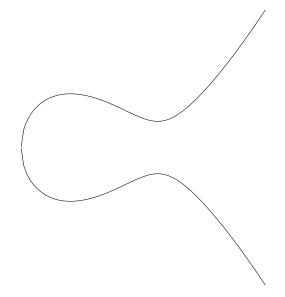
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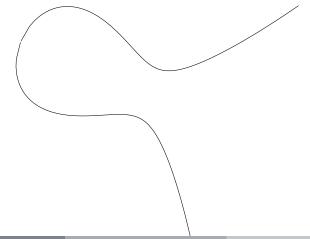
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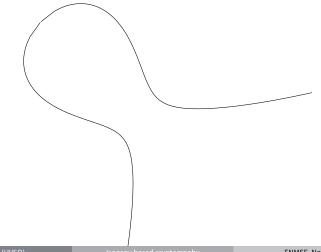
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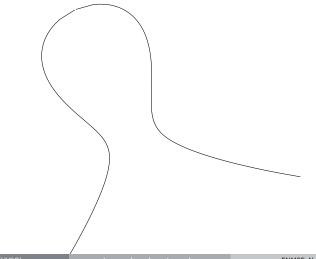


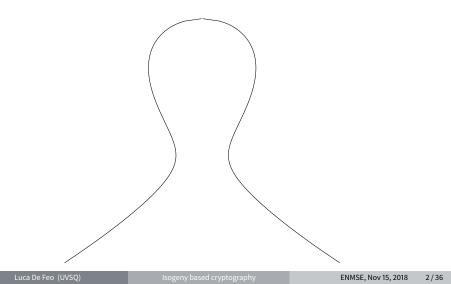






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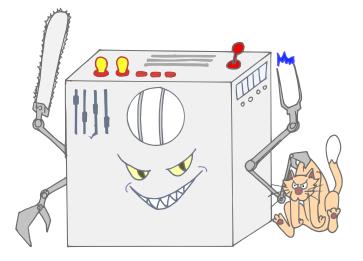




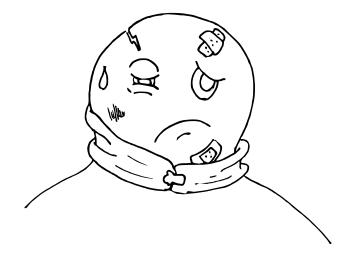
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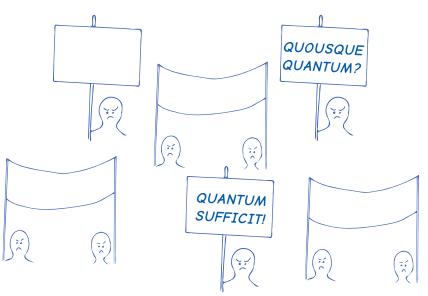
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Post-quantum cryptographer?

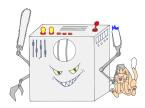


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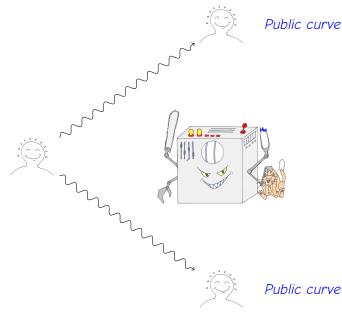


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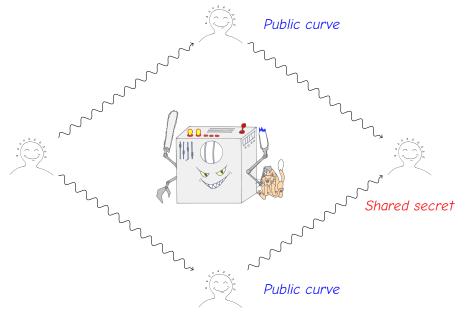




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A brief history of isogeny-based key exchange

- 1996 Couveignes introduces Hard Homogeneous Spaces. His work stays unpublished for 10 years.
- 2006 Rostovtsev & Stolbunov independently rediscover Couveignes ideas, suggest isogeny-based Diffie–Hellman as a quantum-resistant primitive.
- 2006-2010 Other isogeny-based protocols by Teske and Charles, Goren & Lauter.
- 2011-2012 D., Jao & Plût introduce SIDH, an efficient post-quantum key exchange inspired by Couveignes, Rostovtsev, Stolbunov, Charles, Goren, Lauter.
 - 2017 SIDH is submitted to the NIST competition (with the name SIKE, only isogeny-based candidate).
 - 2018 D., Kieffer & Smith *resurrect* the Couveignes–Rostovtsev–Stolbunov protocol, Castryck, Lange, Martindale, Panny & Renes publish an efficient variant named CSIDH.

What's an isogeny?

Isogenies are just the right notion[™] of morphism for elliptic curves

- Surjective group morphisms.
- Algebraic maps (i.e., defined by polynomials).

(Separable) isogenies \Leftrightarrow finite subgroups:

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Separable isogenies (write this down, now!)

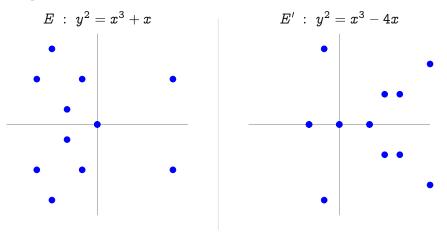
• The kernel H determines the image curve E' up to isomorphism:

 $E/H \stackrel{\text{\tiny def}}{=} E'.$

• The degree of $\phi : E \to E/H$ is the size of the kernel *H*:

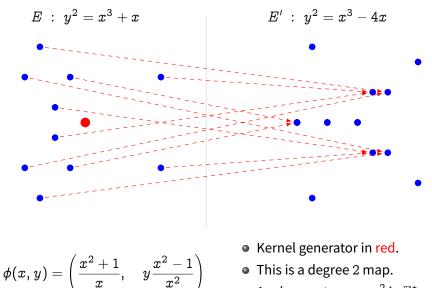
$$\deg \phi \stackrel{\scriptscriptstyle{\mathsf{def}}}{=} \# \ker \phi$$

Isogenies: an example over \mathbb{F}_{11}



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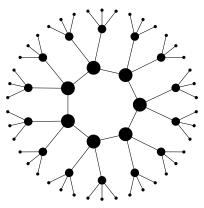
• Analogous to $x\mapsto x^2$ in \mathbb{F}_q^* .

Isogeny graphs

We look at the graph of elliptic curves with isogenies up to isomorphism. We say two isogenies ϕ , ϕ' are isomorphic if:



Example: Finite field, ordinary case, graph of isogenies of degree 3.



Structure of the graph

Theorem (Serre-Tate)

Two curves are isogenous over a finite field k if and only if they have the same number of points on k.

The graph of isogenies of $prime$ degree $\ell eq p$	
Ordinary case	• Nodes can have degree $0, 1, 2$ or $\ell + 1$.
(isogeny volcanoes)	 For ~ 50% of the primes ℓ, graphs are just isolated points; For other ~ 50%, graphs are 2-regular;
	• other cases only happen for finitely many ℓ 's.
Supersingular case (\mathbb{F}_p)	 If ℓ = 2 nodes have degree 1, 2 or 3; For ~ 50% of ℓ, graphs are isolated points;
	• For other ~ 50%, graphs are 2-regular;
Supersingular case (\mathbb{F}_{p^2})	 The graph is ℓ + 1-regular. There is a unique (finite) connected component made of all supersingular curves with the same number of points.

 E_4

 E_3

• E_9 E_2

 E_1

 E_{11}

• E_{12}

Vertices elliptic are with complex curves multiplication by \mathcal{O}_{K} (i.e., End(E) $\simeq \mathcal{O}_K \subset$ $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-D})).$

 $E_6 \bullet$

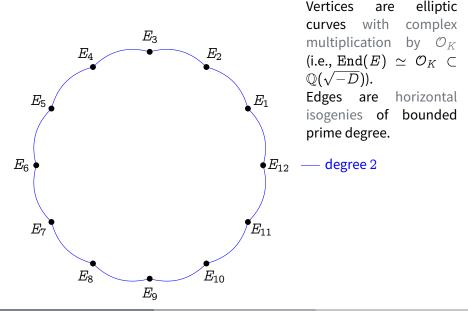
 E_5

 E_7

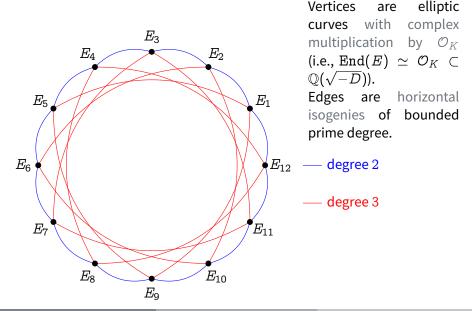
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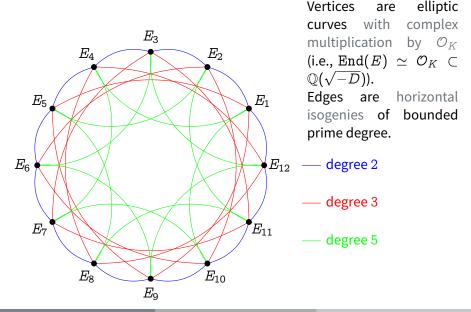


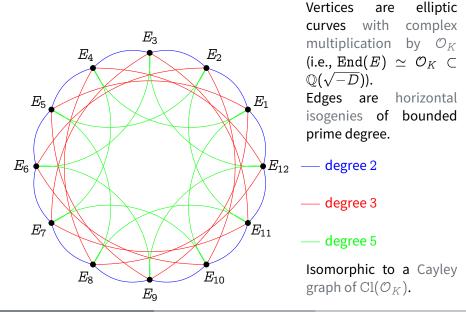
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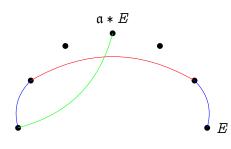




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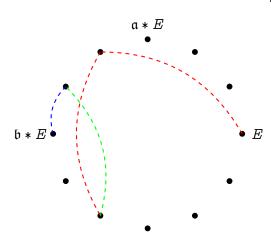
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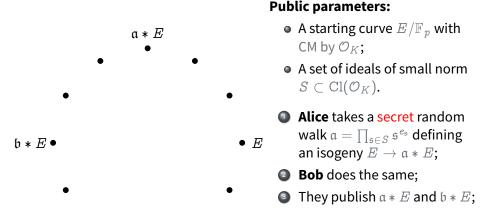
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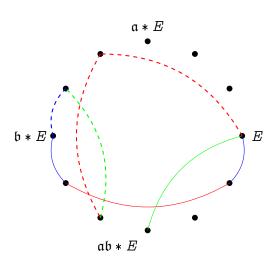
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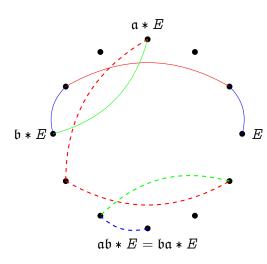


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How to evaluate an isogeny action

Input: A degree ℓ , a *direction* (left/right/...), [a point $P \in E$]; Output: The curve E/H, [the image $\phi(P) \in E/H$].

Elkies' algorithm

- Applies to any curve/degree/kernel;
- Complexity $O(\ell^2)$, very costly in practice;
- Outputs:
 - A kernel polynomial such that h(P) = 0 iff $P \in H$;
 - The image curve E/H (using Vélu's formulas).

Direct application of Vélu's formulas

• Only possible if $H \subset E(\mathbb{F}_p)$;

$$(\Leftrightarrow \ell \mid \#E(\mathbb{F}_p))$$

- Complexity $O(\ell)$, very efficient;
- Outputs:
 - The image curve E/H.

CSIDH (pron.: sea-side)

Speeding up the CRS key exchange (De Feo, Kieffer, and Smith 2018)

- Choose p such that $\ell \mid (p+1)$ for many small primes ℓ ;
- Look for random ordinary curves such that:
 - $\ell \mid E(\mathbb{F}_p)$,
 - technical condition;
- Use Vélu's formulas for those primes ℓ.
- \sim 5 minutes for a 128-bit secure key exchange

CSIDH (Castryck, Lange, Martindale, Panny, and Renes 2018)

- Choose p such that $\ell \mid (p+1)$ for many small primes ℓ ;
- Select a supersingular curve E/\mathbb{F}_p , automatically
 - $#E(\mathbb{F}_p) = p+1$,
 - technical condition always satisfied;
- ~100ms for a 128 bits secure key exchange

HARD!

EASY!

Key exchange with full supersingular graphs (over \mathbb{F}_{p^2})

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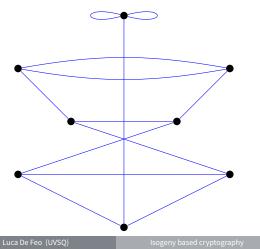


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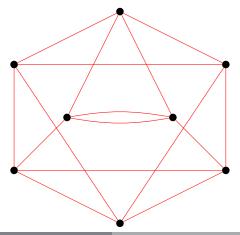


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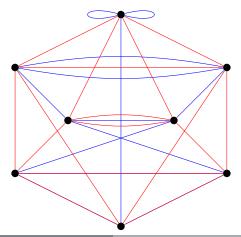
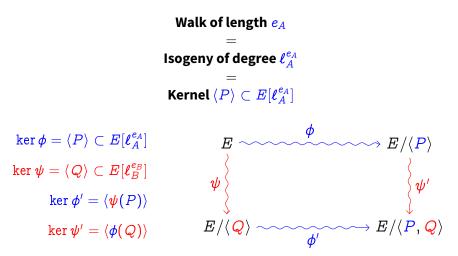


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- Fix small primes ℓ_A , ℓ_B ;
- No canonical labeling of the ℓ_A and ℓ_B -isogeny graphs; however...



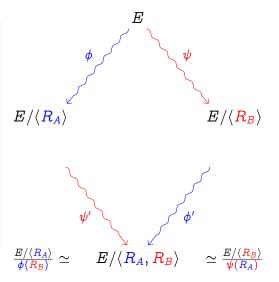
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Parameters:

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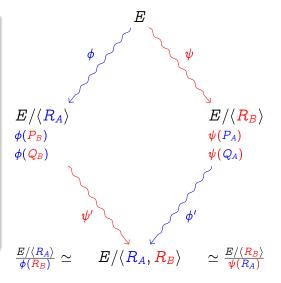
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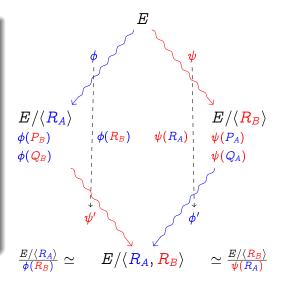
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SIKE: Supersingular Isogeny Key Encapsulation

• Submission to the NIST PQ competition:

SIKE.PKE: El Gamal-type system with IND-CPA security proof, SIKE.KEM: generically transformed system with IND-CCA security proof.

- Security levels 1, 3 and 5.
- Smallest communication complexity among all proposals in each level.
- Slowest among all benchmarked proposals in each level.
- A team of 14 submitters, from 8 universities and companies.
- Download the package here.

	p	,	q. security	speed	comm.
	$2^{250}3^{159} - 1$	126 bits	84 bits	10ms	0.4KB
	$2^{372}3^{239} - 1$	188 bits	125 bits	30ms	0.6KB
SIKEp964	$2^{486}3^{301} - 1$	241 bits	161 bits		0.8KB

CSIDH vs SIDH	CSIDH	SIDH			
Speed (NIST 1)	<100ms	\sim 10ms			
Public key size (NIST 1)	64B	378B			
Key compression ²					
↓ speed		\sim 15ms 3			
↓ size		222B			
Constant time impl.	not yet	yes			
Submitted to NIST	no	yes			
Best classical attack	$p^{1/4}$	$p^{1/4}$			
Best quantum attack	$ ilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(3^{\sqrt{\log_3 p}} ight)$	$p^{1/6}$			
Key size scales	quadratically	linearly			
Security assumption	isogeny walk problem	ad hoc			
CPA security	yes	yes			
CCA security	yes	Fujisaki-Okamoto			
Non-interactive key ex.	yes	no			
Signatures	short but slooow!	big and slow			
² Zanon, Simplicio, Pereira, Doliskani, and Barreto 2018. ³ https://twitter.com/PatrickLonga/status/1002313366466015232?s=20					

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SIDH/SIKE: what's under the hood?

For efficiency: $p = 2^a 3^b - 1$, with *a* even; For security:

$$a \sim (\log_2 3)b \ge \begin{cases} 2 \times \text{classical security parameter,} \\ 3 \times \text{quantum security parameter;} \end{cases}$$

For verifiability:

- Special starting curve E_0 : $y^2 = x^3 + x$;
- *P_A*, *Q_A*, *P_B*, *Q_B* chosen as the lexicographically first points satisfying the necessary conditions.

Implementation: finite field

Arithmetic in \mathbb{F}_p

- $p = 2^a 3^b 1$ lends itself to optimizations:
 - Adapted Comba-based Montgomery reduction^a,
 - Adapted Barret reduction^b;
 - Assembly optimized.

^{*a*}Costello, Longa, and Naehrig 2016. ^{*b*}Karmakar, Roy, Vercauteren, and Verbauwhede 2016.

Arithmetic in \mathbb{F}_{p^2}

Because $p = -1 \mod 4$, then -1 is not a quadratic residue in \mathbb{F}_p . We define $\mathbb{F}_{p^2} = \mathbb{F}_p[i] = \mathbb{F}_p[X]/(X^2 + 1)$.

- Arithmetic similar to Q[i];
- Karatsuba-like formulas for multiplication and squaring;
- Inversion only requires one inversion in F_p;
- Optimizations similar to pairing-base crypto (e.g., BN254).

Implementation: curves

Montgomery curves

Not a Weierstrass equation:

$$by^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + x$$

- Only possible for curves with a 4-torsion point (we're lucky);
- Very efficient arithmetic in *XZ*-coordinates: identify ±*P* by dropping the *Y*-coordinate

Doubling:

$$[2](X: \cdot : Z) = ((X^2 - Z^2)^2: \cdot : 4XZ(X^2 + aXZ + Z^2))$$

Tripling:

 $[3](X: \cdot: Z) = \left(X(X^4 - 6X^2Z^2 - 4aXZ^3 - 3Z^4): \cdot: Z(3X^4 + 4aX^3Z + 6X^2Z^3 - Z^4)\right)$

Implementation: curves

Computing mP + nQ

- Observe that mP + nQ and P + (n/m)Q generate the same isogeny kernel;
- Constant time Montgomery ladder tailored^a to P + cQ.
- For simplicity and constant-time sampling, SIKE secret keys are restricted to P + cQ with $c \in [0, ..., 2^x 1]$.

^aFaz-Hernández, López, Ochoa-Jiménez, and Rodríguez-Henríquez 2017.

Input
$$P = (X_P : Z_P), Q = (X_Q : Z_Q), P - Q = (X_{P-Q} : Z_{P-Q}),$$

a scalar c;
Output $P + cQ$.
Set $R_0 = Q, \quad R_1 = P, \quad R_2 = Q - P$
For *i* from 0 to $\lfloor \log_2 c \rfloor$:
 \models if $c_i = 0$, let $R_0, R_1 = 2R_0, \quad R_0 + R_1;$
 \models if $c_i = 1$, let $R_0, R_2 = 2R_0, \quad R_0 + R_2;$
Return R_1 .

Implementation: isogenies

Vélu's formulas

Given a group $\, G \subset E,$ the isogeny $\phi: E
ightarrow E/G$ is defined by:

$$\phi(P) = \left(x(P) + \sum_{Q \in G \setminus \{\mathcal{O}\}} x(P+Q) - x(Q), \ y(P) + \sum_{Q \in G \setminus \{\mathcal{O}\}} y(P+Q) - y(Q)\right)$$

3-isogenies of Montgomery curves

Let $P = (X_3 : Z_3)$ be a point of order 3 on $by^2 = x^3 + ax^2 + x$. The curve $E/\langle P \rangle$ has equation $by^2 = x^3 + a'x^2 + x$ where

$$a' = (aX_3Z_3 + 6(Z_3^2 - X_3^2))X_3/Z_3^3.$$

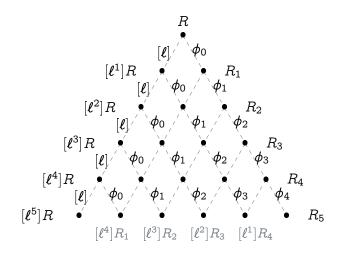
It is defined by the map

$$\phi(X:Z) = (X(X_3X - Z_3Z)^2 : Z(Z_3X - X_3Z)^2).$$

Similar formula for 4-isogenies.

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Implementation: isogeny walks ord(R) = ℓ^e and $\phi = \phi_0 \circ \phi_1 \circ \cdots \circ \phi_{e-1}$, each of degree ℓ



For each *i*, one needs to compute $[\ell^{e-i}]R_i$ in order to compute ϕ_i .

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Implementation: isogeny walks



Figure: The seven well formed strategies for e = 4.

- Right edges are *l*-isogeny evaluation;
- Left edges are multiplications by ℓ (about twice as expensive);
- The best strategy can be precomputed offline and hardcoded.
- Evaluation is done in constant time!
- Pre-computed optimized strategies are given in the SIKE submission document.

Example

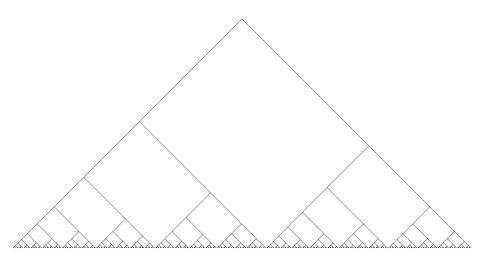


Figure: Optimal strategy for e = 512, $\ell = 2$.

Implementation: constant time

- Secret key sampling in constant time by restricting key space;
- *P* + *cQ* in constant time via Montgomery ladder;
- Isogeny walk in constant time via any strategy.

Finite field operations in constant time

Only problem is to avoid inversions as much as possible, but Vélu's formulas require one inversion per curve on the walk.

Solution^a: projectivize curve equations

$$E: CBy^2 = Cx^3 + Ax^2 + Cx.$$

- Slightly increases operation counts of formulas;
- Delays all inversions to the very end;
- Only the value (A : C) is needed in computations. Then:

$$j(E) = rac{256(A^2-3C^2)}{C^4(A^2-4C^2)}.$$

^{*a*}Costello, Longa, and Naehrig 2016.

Summary

Public parameters:

- $p = 2^a 3^b 1$,
- Staring curve $E : y^2 = x^3 + x$,
- Torsion generators

$$egin{aligned} P_A &= (X_{a1}:Z_{a1}), \quad Q_A &= (X_{a2}:Z_{a2}), \quad P_A - Q_A &= (X_{a3}:Z_{a3}), \ P_B &= (X_{b1}:Z_{b1}), \quad Q_B &= (X_{b2}:Z_{b2}), \quad P_B - Q_B &= (X_{b3}:Z_{b3}). \end{aligned}$$

Secret keys:

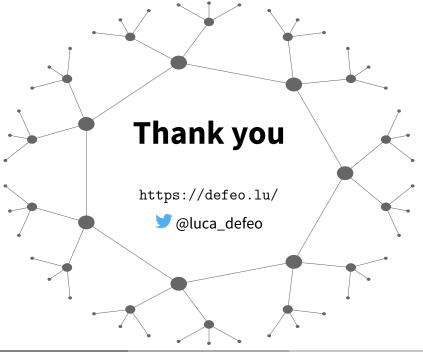
- $R_A=P_A+cQ_A$ with $c\in [0,\ldots,2^a-1]$,
- $R_B = P_A + cQ_A$ with $c \in [0, \ldots, 2^{b\lfloor \log_2 3 \rfloor} 1]$.

Public keys (curve equation can be interpolated from three points):

- $\phi(P_B), \phi(Q_B), \phi(P_B Q_B),$
- $\psi(P_A), \psi(Q_A), \psi(P_A Q_A).$

Shared secret:

•
$$j = 256(A^2 - 3C^2)/C^4(A^2 - 4C^2).$$



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