Inversion-Free Arithmetic on Elliptic Curves Through Isomorphisms





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Elliptic Curve Cryptography

 Invented [independently] by Neil Koblitz and Victor Miller in 1985



Useful for key exchange, encryption and digital signature

Definition

Given scalar k and a point **P**, compute $k\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{P} + \cdots + \mathbf{P}$

k times

ECDLP Given **P** and Q = kP, recover k

- no subexponential algorithms are known to solve the ECDLP (in the general case)
- smaller key sizes can be used

Bit security						
	80	112	128	192	256	
ECC	160	224	256	384	512	
RSA	1024	2048	3072	8192	15360	

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This Talk

Goal

Generalization of Meloni's co-Z arithmetic on elliptic curves

- all elliptic curve models
- all scalar multiplication algorithms
- (suitable for memory-constrained devices)





Outline



Elliptic Curves

Weierstraß equation (affine coordinates)

Let $E: y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ define over \mathbb{F}_q (*char* \neq 2, 3) with discriminant $\Delta = -16(4a^3 + 27b^2) \neq 0$





(b) Doubling: P + P = R.



$$\boldsymbol{E}(\mathbb{F}_q) = \{\boldsymbol{y}^2 = \boldsymbol{x}^3 + \boldsymbol{a}\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{b}\} \cup \{\boldsymbol{O}\}$$

■ Let $P = (x_1, y_1)$ and $Q = (x_2, y_2)$ ■ Group law ■ P + O = O + P = P■ $-P = (x_1, -y_1)$ ■ $P + Q = (x_3, y_3)$ where $x_3 = \lambda^2 - x_1 - x_2, \ y_3 = (x_1 - x_3)\lambda - y_1$ with $\lambda = \begin{cases} \frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2} \text{ [addition]} \\ \frac{3x_1^2 + a}{2y_1} \text{ [doubling]} \end{cases}$

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Jacobian Coordinates

- To avoid computing inverses in \mathbb{F}_q
 - affine point $(x, y) \rightarrow$ projective point (X : Y : Z) such that $x = X/Z^2$ and $y = Y/Z^3$

Weierstraß equation (projective Jacobian coordinates)

Let $E: Y^2 = X^3 + aXZ^4 + bZ^6$ define over \mathbb{F}_q (char $\neq 2, 3$) with discriminant $\Delta = -16(4a^3 + 27b^2) \neq 0$

- Point at infinity $\boldsymbol{O} = (1:1:0)$
- If $P = (X_1 : Y_1 : Z_1) \in E$ then $-P = (X_1 : -Y_1 : Z_1)$

- Jacobian point addition: 11M + 5S
- Jacobian point doubling: $\frac{1M + 8S + 1c}{1}$



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Co-Z Point Addition (ZADD)

- Introduced by Meloni [WAIFI 2007]
- Addition of two distinct points with the same Z-coordinate

Co-Z point addition

Let $P = (X_1 : Y_1 : Z)$ and $Q = (X_2 : Y_2 : Z)$. Then $P + Q = (X_3 : Y_3 : Z_3)$ where

$$X_3 = D - W_1 - W_2, \ Y_3 = (Y_1 - Y_2)(W_1 - X_3) - A_1, \ Z_3 = Z(X_1 - X_2)$$

with $A_1 = Y_1(W_1 - W_2)$, $W_1 = X_1C$, $W_2 = X_2C$, $C = (X_1 - X_2)^2$ and $D = (Y_1 - Y_2)^2$

• Cost of ZADD: 5M + 2S



Main advantage of Meloni's addition

Equivalent representation of **P**

Evaluation of $\boldsymbol{R} = \text{ZADD}(\boldsymbol{P}, \boldsymbol{Q})$ yields for free

$$m{P}' = ig(X_1(X_1 - X_2)^2 : Y_1(X_1 - X_2)^3 : Z_3ig) = (W_1 : A_1 : Z_3) \sim m{P}$$

that is, Z(P') = Z(R)

- Notation: $(\boldsymbol{R}, \boldsymbol{P'}) = \mathsf{ZADDU}(\boldsymbol{P}, \boldsymbol{Q})$
- Cost of ZADDU: 5M + 2S



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Classical Methods

Algorithm 1 Left-to-right binary method Input: $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ and $k = (k_{n-1}, \dots, k_0)_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ Output: Q = kP1: $R_0 \leftarrow O$; $R_1 \leftarrow P$ 2: for i = n - 1 down to 0 do 3: $R_0 \leftarrow 2R_0$

4: if $(k_i = 1)$ then $\mathbf{R}_0 \leftarrow \mathbf{R}_0 + \mathbf{R}_1$ 5: end for

6: return R₀

Algorithm 2 Montgomery ladder Input: $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ and $k = (k_{n-1}, \dots, k_0)_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ Output: Q = kP

1: $R_0 \leftarrow O$; $R_1 \leftarrow P$ 2: for i = n - 1 down to 0 do 3: $b \leftarrow k_i$; $R_{1-b} \leftarrow R_{1-b} + R_b$ 4: $R_b \leftarrow 2R_b$ 5: end for 6: return R_0



- New co-*Z* point operation
 - using caching techniques

Conjugate co-Z point addition

From $-\mathbf{Q} = (X_2 : -Y_2 : Z_2)$, evaluation of $\mathbf{R} = \text{ZADD}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q})$ allows one to get $\mathbf{S} := \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} = (\overline{X_3}, \overline{Y_3}, \overline{Z_3})$ where

$$\overline{X_3} = (Y_1 + Y_2)^2 - W_1 - W_2, \ \overline{Y_3} = (Y_1 + Y_2)(W_1 - \overline{X_3})$$

with an additional cost of 1M + 1S

- Notation: (P + Q, P Q) = ZADDC(P, Q)
- Total cost of ZADDC: <u>6M + 3S</u>

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Left-to-Right Binary Ladder With co-Z Trick

Algorithm 3 Montgomery ladder with co-Z formulæ Input: $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ and $k = (k_{n-1}, \dots, k_0)_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ with $k_{n-1} = 1$ Output: Q = kP

- 1: $R_0 \leftarrow O; R_1 \leftarrow P$
- 2: for i = n 1 down to 0 do
- 3: $b \leftarrow k_i; \mathbf{R}_{1-b} \leftarrow \mathbf{R}_{1-b} + \mathbf{R}_b$
- 4: $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{b}} \leftarrow 2\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{b}}$
- 5: **end for**
- 6: return *R*₀
- Cost per bit: (6M + 3S) + (5M + 2S) = 11M + 5S

Improved version: 8M + 6S

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Isomorphisms of Elliptic Curves

Theorem (Char $\mathbb{K} \neq 2, 3$)

Any two elliptic curves given the Weierstraß equations

$$\begin{array}{l} E: \, y^2 + a_1 xy + a_3 y = x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_4 x + a_6 \,, \,\, and \\ E': \, y^2 + a_1' xy + a_3' y = x^3 + a_2' x^2 + a_4' x + a_6' \end{array}$$

are isomorphic over \mathbb{K} if and only if there exist $u, r, s, t \in \mathbb{K}$, $u \neq 0$, such that the change of variables $(x, y) \leftarrow (u^2x + r, u^3y + u^2sx + t)$ transforms E into E', and where

$$ua'_{1} = a_{1} + 2s$$

$$u^{2}a'_{2} = a_{2} - sa_{1} + 3r - s^{2}$$

$$u^{3}a'_{3} = a_{3} + ra_{1} + 2t$$

$$u^{4}a'_{4} = a_{4} - sa_{3} + 2ra_{2} - (t + rs)a_{1} + 3r^{2} - 2st$$

$$u^{6}a'_{6} = a_{6} + ra_{4} + r^{2}a_{2} + r^{3} - ta_{3} - t^{2} - rta_{1}$$

• For any $u \neq 0$, elliptic curve

$$E_1: y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

is \mathbb{K} -isomorphic to

$$E_u: y^2 = x^3 + au^4x + bu^6$$

■ Jacobian coordinates: $x = X/Z^2$ and $y = Y/Z^3$ $E_1: Y^2 = X^3 + aXZ^4 + bZ^6$

Observation

- A finite point $P = (x_1, y_1) \in E_1$ is represented as $(X_1 : Y_1 : Z_1)$ with $X_1 = x_1 Z_1^2$ and $Y_1 = y_1 Z_1^3$, for any $Z_1 \in \mathbb{K}^*$
- Point (X_1, Y_1) can be seen as a point on isomorphic elliptic curve E_{Z_1}

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Meloni's Technique Revisited (2/2)

- **Meloni** On a short Weierstraß curve E_1 , two finite points $P = (X_1 : Y_1 : Z)$ and $Q = (X_2 : Y_2 : Z)$ given in Jacobian coordinates and sharing the same Z-coordinate can be added faster to get $R = P + Q = (X_3 : Y_3 : Z_3) \in E_1$
- New interpretation Two points (X_1, Y_1) and (X_2, Y_2) given in affine coordinates on a same isomorphic curve E_1 (i.e., on E_Z with Z = 1) can be added faster to get

$$ilde{m{ extsf{R}}}:=\Psi_arphi(m{ extsf{P}}+m{ extsf{Q}})$$

where $\Psi_{\varphi}: E_1 \stackrel{\sim}{\rightarrow} E_{\varphi}, (x, y) \mapsto (\varphi^2 x, \varphi^3 y)$



■ Let
$$P = (x_1, y_1)$$
 and $Q = (x_2, y_2) \in E_1 \setminus \{O\}$ with $P \neq \pm Q$
Reminder: if $x_1 \neq x_2$ then
 $(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_3, y_3) = (\lambda^2 - x_1 - x_2, (x_1 - x_3)\lambda - y_1)$
where $\lambda = \frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2}$
■ Define $\varphi = x_1 - x_2$. Then $\tilde{R} := \Psi_{\varphi}(P + Q) = (\varphi^2 x_3, \varphi^3 y_3) \in E_{\varphi}$
with
 $\begin{cases} \varphi^2 x_3 = (y_1 - y_2)^2 - \varphi^2 x_1 - \varphi^2 x_2 \\ \varphi^3 y_3 = (\varphi^2 x_1 - \varphi^2 x_3)(y_1 - y_2) - \varphi^3 y_1 \end{cases}$
■ Cost of iADD: $4M + 2S$
■ Cost of iADDU: $4M + 2S$
■ Cost of iADDU: $4M + 2S$
■ Cost of iADDC: $5M + 3S$

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Application: Point Doubling

• Let
$$\boldsymbol{P} = (\boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{y}_1) \in \boldsymbol{E}_1 \setminus \{\boldsymbol{O}\}$$
 with $\boldsymbol{P} \neq -\boldsymbol{P}$

<u>Reminder</u>: if $y_1 \neq 0$ then $2(x_1, y_1) = (x_3, y_3) = (\lambda^2 - 2x_1, (x_1 - x_3)\lambda - y_1)$ where $\lambda = \frac{3x_1^2 + a}{2y_1}$

• Define $\varphi = 2y_1$. Then $\tilde{\mathbf{R}} := \Psi_{\varphi}(2\mathbf{P}) = (\varphi^2 \mathbf{x}_3, \varphi^3 \mathbf{y}_3) \in \mathbf{E}_{\varphi}$ with

$$\begin{cases} \varphi^2 x_3 = (3x_1^2 + a)^2 - 2\varphi^2 x_1 \\ \varphi^3 y_3 = (\varphi^2 x_1 - \varphi^2 x_3)(3x_1^2 + a) - \varphi^3 y_1 \end{cases}$$

Cost of iDBL: <u>1M + 5S</u>
 Cost of iDBLU: <u>1M + 5S</u>

Inversion-Free Arithmetic Through Isomorphisms

■ Addition chain for k when computing $\mathbf{Q} = k\mathbf{P}$ ≡ $a_0 = 1, a_1, \dots, a_\ell = k$ such that $\forall i \ge 1, \exists u, v$ with $1 \le u, v < i$ and $a_i = a_u + a_v$ ■ Define $\begin{cases} E^{(0)} = E_1 & \text{original elliptic curve} \\ E^{(i)} = E_{\vec{\Phi}_i} & \text{current elliptic curve at Step } i \\ E^{(\ell(k))} = E_{\vec{\Phi}_{\ell(k)}} & \text{final elliptic curve} \end{cases}$ ■ Then $\mathbf{\tilde{Q}} := k((\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_{\ell(k)}} \circ \cdots \circ \Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_i} \circ \cdots \circ \Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_i})\mathbf{P}) \in \mathbf{E}^{(\ell(k))}$ $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbf{E}^{(0)} \xrightarrow{\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_1}} \dots \xrightarrow{\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_{i-1}}} \mathbf{E}^{(i-1)} \xrightarrow{\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_i}} \mathbf{E}^{(i)} \xrightarrow{\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_{i+1}}} \dots \xrightarrow{\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_{\ell(k)}}} \mathbf{\tilde{Q}} \in \mathbf{E}^{(\ell(k))}$ $\mathbf{Q} = k\mathbf{P} \in \mathbf{E}^{(0)} \xrightarrow{\Psi_{\vec{\Phi}_{\ell(k)}} (\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_{\ell(k)}} \circ \cdots \circ \Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_{i+1}} \circ \Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_{i+1}}$

Composition of Isomorphisms (1/2)

$$\begin{split} \bullet \quad \tilde{\boldsymbol{Q}} &= k \left(\Psi_{\vec{\Phi}_{\ell(k)}}(\boldsymbol{P}) \right) = k \left((\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_{\ell(k)}} \circ \cdots \circ \Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_{i}} \circ \cdots \circ \Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_{1}}) \boldsymbol{P} \right) \\ &= \Psi_{\vec{\Phi}_{\ell(k)}}(k\boldsymbol{P}) \implies \boldsymbol{Q} = \Psi_{\vec{\Phi}_{\ell(k)}}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\tilde{Q}}) \\ \bullet \quad \Psi_{\vec{\Phi}_{\ell(k)}} \text{ is obtained iteratively} \end{split}$$

$$\Psi_{\vec{\Phi}_i} = \Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_i} \circ \Psi_{\vec{\Phi}_{i-1}}$$

with $\Psi_{\vec{\Phi}_0} = \mathrm{Id}$

• ... or slightly abusing the notation – since $\vec{\Phi}_i = \text{desc}(\Psi_{\vec{\Phi}_i})$

$$\vec{\Phi}_i = \vec{\varphi}_i \circ \vec{\Phi}_{i-1}$$

with
$$ec{ extsf{P0}} = extsf{desc}(extsf{Id}) := \mathbb{1}$$



General Weierstraß elliptic curves (*char* \neq 2, 3)

$$\begin{split} \Psi_{\vec{\Phi}_{i-1}} &: E^{(0)} \xrightarrow{\sim} E^{(i-1)}, \\ &(x,y) \longmapsto (U_{i-1}{}^{2}x + R_{i-1}, U_{i-1}{}^{3}y + U_{i-1}{}^{2}S_{i-1}x + T_{i-1}) \\ &\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}_{i}} : E^{(i-1)} \xrightarrow{\sim} E^{(i)}, (x,y) \longmapsto (u_{i}{}^{2}x + r_{i}, u_{i}{}^{3}y + u_{i}{}^{2}s_{i}x + t_{i}) \\ &\text{where } \vec{\Phi}_{i-1} = (U_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, T_{i-1}) \text{ and } \vec{\varphi}_{i} = (u_{i}, r_{i}, s_{i}, t_{i}) \\ &\text{= Operation } \vec{\Phi}_{i} = \vec{\varphi}_{i} \circ \vec{\Phi}_{i-1} \text{ translates into} \\ &(U_{i}, R_{i}, S_{i}, T_{i}) = (u_{i}, r_{i}, s_{i}, t_{i}) \circ (U_{i-1}, R_{i-1}, S_{i-1}, T_{i-1}) \text{ with} \\ &\begin{cases} U_{i} = U_{i-1}u_{i} \\ R_{i} = u_{i}{}^{2}R_{i-1} + r_{i} \\ S_{i} = u_{i}S_{i-1} + s_{i} \\ T_{i} = u_{i}{}^{3}T_{i-1} + u_{i}{}^{2}s_{i}R_{i-1} + t_{i} \end{cases} \\ &\text{for } i \ge 1, \text{ and } (U_{0}, R_{0}, S_{0}, T_{0}) := 1 = (1, 0, 0, 0) \\ \end{cases} \end{split}$$

New Operations

• Given two elliptic curves $E_{\vec{\Phi}}$ and $E_{\vec{\Phi}'}$ being isomorphic to E_1 , if

$$\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}} \colon \boldsymbol{E}_{\vec{\Phi}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \boldsymbol{E}_{\vec{\Phi}'}$$

denotes the isomorphism between $E_{\vec{\Phi}}$ and $E_{\vec{\Phi}'}$, we define

$$\begin{cases} \mathsf{iADD}_{\vec{\Phi}} \colon (\mathbf{P_1}, \mathbf{P_2}) \mapsto (\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}}(\mathbf{P_1} + \mathbf{P_2}), \vec{\varphi}) \\ \mathsf{iADDU}_{\vec{\Phi}} \colon (\mathbf{P_1}, \mathbf{P_2}) \mapsto (\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}}(\mathbf{P_1} + \mathbf{P_2}), \Psi_{\vec{\varphi}}(\mathbf{P_1}), \vec{\varphi}) \\ \mathsf{iADDC}_{\vec{\Phi}} \colon (\mathbf{P_1}, \mathbf{P_2}) \mapsto (\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}}(\mathbf{P_1} + \mathbf{P_2}), \Psi_{\vec{\varphi}}(\mathbf{P_1} - \mathbf{P_2}), \vec{\varphi}) \\ \mathsf{iDBL}_{\vec{\Phi}} \colon \mathbf{P_1} \mapsto (\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}}(\mathbf{2P_1}), \vec{\varphi}) \\ \mathsf{iDBLU}_{\vec{\Phi}} \colon \mathbf{P_1} \mapsto (\Psi_{\vec{\varphi}}(\mathbf{2P_1}), \Psi_{\vec{\varphi}}(\mathbf{P_1}), \vec{\varphi}) \end{cases}$$



■ Short Weierstraß model

Algorithm	Cost/bit	
Montgomery ladder	$\underline{8M+6S}$	
Double-and-add	7M + 8.5S	
Double-and-add + NAF	6M + 6.33S	

- Twisted Edwards model
 - unified iADD: 10M + 1S
 - unified iADDU: 12M + 1S
 - unified iADDC: 13M + 1S





Summary

- Re-casting and generalization of Meloni's technique using elliptic curve isomorphisms
- New strategies for evaluating scalar multiplications on elliptic curves
 - without inversion
 - applicable to any scalar multiplication algorithm
 - applicable to any elliptic curve model
 - (nicely combine with certain countermeasures)



