

Elliptic Curve Cryptography

\mathbb{Z}_p^* - for large p this is a large cyclic group which can be used to formulate a discrete log problem.

There are other ways to construct large cyclic groups

Elliptic curves are one of them

Elliptic curve: $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}$

Non-singular if $-16(4a^3 + 27b^2) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

Point (x, y) lies on E ($P = (x, y) \in E$)

iff $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}$

$P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$
 $P_2 = (x_2, y_2) \in E$

$P_1 + P_2 = P_3 = (x_3, y_3)$

$x_3 = \lambda^2 - x_1 - x_2$
 $y_3 = \lambda(x_1 - x_3) - y_1$

$\lambda = \begin{cases} \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} & P_1 \neq P_2 \\ \frac{3x_1^2 + a}{2y_1} & P_1 = P_2 \end{cases}$



POINT ADDITION

Calculate $3P = (P+P+P)$ $P = (0,1)$

and $E: y^2 = x^3 + 4x + 1 \pmod{5}$

1.) E is non-singular $-16(4(4)^3 + 27 \cdot 5^2) \pmod{5}$

$$-16(1 + 2) \pmod{5}$$

$$-3 \neq 0 \pmod{5}$$

2.) P lies on E

$$1^2 = 0^3 + 4 \cdot 0 + 1 \pmod{5} \quad \checkmark$$

$$P+P = (x_3, y_3) = (4, 1) \quad \begin{aligned} 1^2 &= 4^3 + 4 \cdot 4 + 1 \\ -1 - 4 &+ 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= \lambda^2 - x_1 - x_1 \\ &= \lambda^2 = 4 \pmod{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \frac{3x_1^2 + a}{2y_1} = \frac{0+4}{2 \cdot 1} \pmod{5} \\ &= 2 \pmod{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$y_3 = \lambda(x_1 - x_3) - y_1$$

$$= 2(0 - 4) - 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$= 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$2P+P = (4, 1) + (0, 1) = (x_3, y_3) = (1, 4) \quad \begin{aligned} 4^2 &= 1^3 + 4 \cdot 1 + 1 \quad \checkmark \\ 1 &= 5 + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{1-1}{1-4} = 0$$

$$x_3 = x^2 - x_1 - x_2 \quad \lambda = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{1-1}{4-0} = 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$= 0 - 4 - 0 = 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$y_3 = \lambda(x_1 - x_3) - y_1 \pmod{5}$$

$$= 0 - 1 = 4 \pmod{5}$$

When is λ not defined?

$$\lambda = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \quad P_1 \neq P_2 \quad 1.) \quad x_1 = x_2 \text{ but } y_1 \neq y_2$$

$$= \frac{3x_1^2 + a}{2y_1} \quad P_1 = P_2 \quad 2.) \quad P_1 = P_2 \text{ but } y_1 = 0$$

$$P_1 = (x_1, y_1) \quad P_2 = (x_1, -y_1)$$

In such cases $P_1 + P_2 = O$ (∞, \emptyset)

$$P + \infty = P$$

We now know that E is closed under addition

$$(P+Q)+R = P+(Q+R) \quad \checkmark$$

For every P there is a point Q , such that

$$P+Q = \infty \quad \checkmark$$

We now know that E is a group

$$P+Q = Q+P \quad \dots$$

$$P + Q = Q + P$$

(Abelian)

We now know that G is a commutative group

Every finite commutative group is isomorphic to

$$\left[(\underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_{i_1}}_{\uparrow} \times \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_{i_2}}_{\uparrow} \times \dots \times \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_{i_k}}_{\uparrow}) \right]_+ \rightarrow \text{How many elements?}$$

$$\prod_{j \in \{1, \dots, k\}} i_j$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}_{n_1})_+$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}_4)_+$$

$$\{0, 1, 2, 3\}_+$$

$$0 + 0 = 0 \pmod 4$$

$$1 + 1 = 2 \pmod 4$$

$$2 + 2 = 0 \pmod 4$$

$$3 + 3 = 2 \pmod 4$$

$$\left[(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2)_+ \right]$$

$$\{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1)\}_+$$

$$(0,1) + (1,1) = (0+1, 1+1) = (1,0)$$

$$(0,0) + (0,0) = (0,0)$$

$$(1,0) + (1,0) = (0,0)$$

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$$(1,1) + (1,1) = (0,0)$$

Elliptic curve discrete log problem

$$\mathbb{Z}_p^*$$

g -generator of \mathbb{Z}_p^*

$$(E, +)$$

P -generator of $(E, +)$

$$\{g, g^2, g^3, \dots, g^{p-1}\} = \mathbb{Z}_p^*$$

$$\{P, 2P, 3P, \dots, kP\} = E$$

↑
Order of $(E, +)$

$$y = g^x \pmod{p}$$

$$Q = xP$$

Solving for x given g, y, p is discrete log and it is computationally hard

Solving for x given Q and P and $(E, +)$ is EC discrete log and it is computationally hard

How do we know what $(E, +)$ is isomorphic to?

1.) How many points does $(E, +)$ have?

Hesse's theorem $E \pmod{p}$ with N points

$$|N - p - 1| \leq 2\sqrt{p}$$

$$N - p - 1 \leq 2\sqrt{p}$$

$$-(N - p - 1) \leq 2\sqrt{p}$$

$$N \leq p + 2\sqrt{p} + 1$$

$$N \geq p - 2\sqrt{p} + 1$$

$$E: y^2 = x^3 + 4x + 1 \pmod{5}$$

Euler's criterion

$$a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = 1 \pmod{p}$$

2... $\leq N \leq 5 + 2\sqrt{5} + 1 = 10$... is this a Quadratic Residue?

x	$x^3 + 4x + 1$	QR	y
0	1	✓	(0, 1) 2
1	1	✓	(1, 4) 2
2	2	✗	—

1	1		
2	2	x	—
3	0	—	0 1
4	1	✓	(1,4) 2
			∞ 1

8 points

n	nP
1	(0,1)
2	(4,1)
3	(1,4)
4	(3,0)
5	(1,1)
6	(4,4)
7	(0,4)
8	∞

$P = (0,1)$

$\Rightarrow (E, +)$ is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +)$

isomorphism $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_8$

$$P_1 + P_2 = P_3$$

$$f(P_1) + f(P_2) = f(P_1 + P_2)$$

Each point can be written as $k \cdot P$

P

$$a \cdot P + b \cdot P = (a+b) \cdot P$$

✓✓

Example of two curves with the same number of points but different group structure:

$$(5,0) + (5,0) = \infty$$

$$\infty + \infty = \infty$$

$$y^2 = x^3 + 6x + 6 \pmod{7} \quad \{(3,3), (3,4), (5,0), \infty\} = (\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$$

$$y^2 = x^3 + 6 \pmod{7} \quad \{(1,0), (2,0), (4,0), \infty\} = (\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, +)$$

$$(1,0) + (1,0) = \infty$$

$$(2,0) + (2,0) = \infty$$

$$(4,0) + (4,0) = \infty$$

$$(8,0) + (4,0) = \infty$$

$$\infty + \infty = \infty$$

We are going to build cryptographic protocols using discrete log on EC.

WHY?

$E \bmod p$ uses $\log_2 p$ bit numbers

\mathbb{Z}_p^* uses $\log_2 p$ bit numbers

$$|\mathbb{Z}_p^*| = p-1$$

$$|(E, t)| = p+1 + 2\sqrt{p} = \text{better security}$$

El Gamal Encryption

\mathbb{Z}_p^*

(E, t)

Public: p - a large prime

Public: $(E, t) \bmod p$

g - generator of \mathbb{Z}_p^* (order of g is $p-1$)

P - generator of \mathbb{Z}_p^* (order of P is k)

$$y = g^x \bmod p$$

(k is smallest number such that $k \cdot P = \infty$)

Private: x

$$Q = x \cdot P$$

Private: x

Encrypt m

choose a random $r \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$

$$a = g^r \bmod p$$

Encrypt M

choose a random $r \in \{1, \dots, k\}$

$$A = r \cdot P$$

$$a = g^r \pmod p$$

$$b = m \cdot y^r \pmod p$$

Decrypt (a,b)

$$m = b \cdot a^{-x} \pmod p$$

$$= m \cdot g^r \cdot (g^r)^{-x} \pmod p$$

$$= m \cdot (g^x)^r \cdot (g^r)^{-x} \pmod p$$

$$= m$$

$$A = v \cdot P$$

$$B = M + v \cdot Q$$

Decrypt (A,B)

$$P = (x, y)$$

$$-P = (x, -y)$$

$$M = B + (-x \cdot A)$$

$$= M + v \cdot Q - x \cdot A$$

$$= M + v \cdot x \cdot P - x \cdot v \cdot P$$

$$= M$$

How to choose M to represent a message?

El Gamal Signatures

$$\mathbb{Z}_p^*$$

$$(E, +)$$

Public: p - a large prime

g - generator of \mathbb{Z}_p^* (order of g is $p-1$)

$$y = g^x \pmod p$$

Private: x

Public: $(E, +) \pmod p$

P - generator of \mathbb{Z}_p^*

$\rightarrow 0$ (order of P is k)

(k is smallest number such that $k \cdot P = \infty$)

$$Q = xP$$

Private: x

Sign m

Sign m

1.) choose r randomly from \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}^*

$$a = g^r \pmod{p}$$

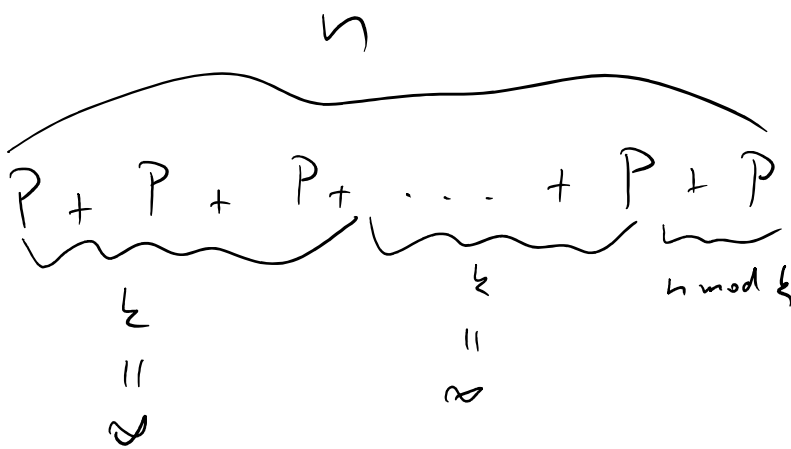
$$b = r^{-1} (m - ax) \pmod{p-1}$$

Verify (m, a, b)

$$g^a \cdot a^b \stackrel{?}{=} g^m \pmod{p}$$

$$g^{a \cdot r} \cdot g^{r^{-1} (m - ax)} \pmod{p}$$

$$g^m$$



$$P + P + \dots + P$$

1.) Choose r randomly from \mathbb{Z}_k^*

$$A = r \cdot P = (a_1, a_2)$$

$$b = r^{-1} (m - a_1 x) \pmod{k}$$

Verify (m, A, b)

$$a_1 \cdot Q + b \cdot A \stackrel{?}{=} m \cdot P$$

$$a_1 x \cdot P + (m - a_1 x) \cdot \underbrace{r^{-1} \cdot r}_{=1} \cdot P$$

$$= m \cdot P$$

$$r^{-1} \cdot r \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$$

$$r^{-1} \cdot r = l \cdot k + 1$$

$$r^{-1} \cdot r \cdot P = l \cdot k + 1$$

$$= l \cdot k \cdot P + P$$

$$= l \cdot \infty + P$$

$$= \infty + P$$

$$= P$$

HW 26 \leadsto Pollard $p-1$ algorithm

$$\prod_{q \mid \lfloor \log_q B \rfloor} q$$

wrong
 $(\log_q B)$ instead
 $\lfloor \log_q B \rfloor$

$$m = \prod_{q | a \text{ is prime}} q^{\lfloor \log_q B \rfloor}$$

← correct

$(\log_a B)$ instead
 $\lfloor \log_a B \rfloor$

b the smallest number st. $\forall i < B \ i | m$