Attaques algébriques du problème du logarithme discret sur courbes elliptiques

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Cryptography

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Main one-way functions currently in use:

- multiplication of two primes (RSA)
- exponentiation in finite groups (Diffie-Hellman, ElGamal)
- evaluation of multivariate polynomial systems (HFE,UOV)

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The Discrete Logarithm Problem

Let G be a group, $g \in G$ an element of finite order n. The discrete logarithm of $h \in \langle g \rangle$ is the integer $x \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$h = g^{x}$$
.

This is a one-way function:

- given g and x, easy to compute $h = g^x$, assuming an efficiently computable group law (*always the case here*)
- computing discrete log much harder in general: best generic algorithms in $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{r})$, r largest prime factor of n

DLP: given $g, h \in G$, find x – if it exists – such that $h = g^x$

Elliptic curve DLP

Good candidates for DLP-based cryptosystems: elliptic curves defined over finite fields



ECDLP: Given $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ and $Q \in \langle P \rangle$ find x such that Q = [x]P

- On 𝔽_p (p prime): in general, no known attack better than generic algorithms
 → good security
- On 𝔽_{pⁿ} (for faster hardware arithmetic): possible to apply *index calculus* → security reduction in some cases

Part I

Resolution of multivariate polynomial systems

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"Solving" polynomial systems

Consider multivariate polynomials $f_1, \ldots, f_m \in \mathbb{K}[X_1, \ldots, X_n]$

$$\begin{cases} f_1(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = 0 \\ \vdots & \Leftrightarrow & (x_1,\ldots,x_n) \in \mathbb{V}(\langle f_1,\ldots,f_m \rangle) \\ f_m(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = 0 \end{cases}$$

- If $\mathbb{V}(I)$ zero-dimensional, complete resolution makes sense
- Otherwise, goal is to obtain "good" descriptions of V(1), i.e. special sets of generators of 1 → provided by Gröbner bases

Hard problem in the general case

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Gröbner basis

$$(g_1, \ldots, g_s)$$
 Gröbner basis of I (wrt \prec) if
 $I = \langle g_1, \ldots, g_s \rangle$ and $\forall f \in I, \exists i \text{ s.t. } LM(g_i) | LM(f)$

Gröbner bases always exist and can be algorithmically computed

Elimination theory and shape lemma

I ideal of $\mathbb{K}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$, $I_k = I \cap \mathbb{K}[X_k, \dots, X_n]$ k-th elimination ideal

If G is a lex GB of I, then $G \cap \mathbb{K}[X_k, \ldots, X_n]$ is a GB of $I_k \rightsquigarrow$ lex GB provide "triangular systems"

Shape lemma

Up to a generic linear change of coordinates, the (reduced) lex GB of a 0-dim radical ideal is of the form

$$(X_1 - g_1(X_n), \ldots, X_{n-1} - g_{n-1}(X_n), g_n(X_n)),$$

where g_1, \ldots, g_n are univariate.

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- **GECM** (1993): change of order in the 0-dimensional case

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 - multipurpose algorithms
 - what about polynomial systems arising from algebraic cryptanalysis?

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 - Random instance:

 $\{f_1,\ldots,f_r\} = \{F_1(y),\ldots,F_r(y)\} \subset \mathbb{K}[X]$ for $y \in V$ random

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Goal: find a technique to solve efficiently many similar systems

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When to use F4Remake?

- need to solve many similar systems
- GB computation of one instance is feasible
- computation of "comprehensive Gröbner basis" intractable

Previous works

- GB computations over $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ using CRT
- Traverso ('88): "GB traces" for Buchberger's algorithm in the rational case

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F4Remake

Performances of F4Remake

Example of a matrix of size 1539×1285 obtained with F4



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Same matrix with F4Remake is of size 553×1043 (≈ 3.5 times smaller)



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Advantages over F4/F5

- always faster than F4
- same rough complexity upper bound as F5, but computes much less polynomials in practice

F4Remake is a probabilistic algorithm

heuristic probability of success greater than

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^\infty (1-q^{-i})
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 \rightarrow good probability over large fields

can also perform well over small fields

Part II

The discrete logarithm problem for curves over extension fields

1. Decomposition index calculus

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The index calculus method – basic outline

 $({\it G},+)=\langle P
angle$ finite abelian group of prime order r, ${\it Q}\in{\it G}$

- Choice of a factor base: $\mathcal{F} = \{P_1, \ldots, P_N\} \subset G$
- **2** Relation search: decompose $[a_i]P + [b_i]Q$ $(a_i, b_i \text{ random})$ into \mathcal{F}

$$[a_i]P + [b_i]Q = \sum_{j=1}^N [c_{ij}]P_j, ext{ where } c_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Solution Linear algebra: once k relations found $(k \ge N)$

- construct the matrices $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_i & b_i \end{pmatrix}_{\substack{1 \le i \le k \\ 1 \le i \le N}}$ and $M = \begin{pmatrix} c_{ij} \end{pmatrix}_{\substack{1 \le i \le k \\ 1 \le i \le N}}$
- ▶ find $v = (v_1, ..., v_k) \in \ker({}^tM)$ such that $vA \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mod r$
- compute the solution of DLP: $x = -(\sum_i a_i v_i) / (\sum_i b_i v_i) \mod r$

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What kind of "decomposition" over E(K)?

Main idea [Semaev '04]:

- consider decompositions in a fixed number of points of \mathcal{F} $R = [a]P + [b]Q = P_1 + \dots + P_m$
- convert this algebraically by using the (m + 1)-th summation polynomial:

$$f_{m+1}(x_R, x_{P_1}, \dots, x_{P_m}) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists \epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_m \in \{1, -1\}, R = \epsilon_1 P_1 + \dots + \epsilon_m P_m$$

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Gaudry and Diem (2004)

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• With "double large prime" variation, overall complexity in $\tilde{O}\left(n!2^{3n(n-1)}q^{2-2/n}\right)$

• Bottleneck: deg $I(S_R) = 2^{n(n-1)}$. But most solutions not in \mathbb{F}_q

Variant "n - 1" [Joux-V. '10]

Decompositions into m = n - 1 points

- compute the *n*-th summation polynomial (instead of n + 1-th) with partially symmetrized resultant
- solve \mathcal{S}_R with n-1 var, n eq and total degree 2^{n-2}
- (n-1)!q expected numbers of trials to get one relation

Computation speed-up

• S_R is overdetermined and $I(S_R)$ has very low degree (0 or 1 excep.)

- resolution with a grevlex Gröbner basis
- no need to change order (FGLM)
- Speed up computations with F4Remake

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Comparaison of the three attacks of ECDLP over \mathbb{F}_{q^n}



Under some heuristic assumptions, complexity of variant n-1 in

$$\tilde{O}\left((n-1)!\left(2^{(n-1)(n-2)}e^nn^{-1/2}\right)^{\omega}q^2\right)$$

Example of application to $E(\mathbb{F}_{p^5})$

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- too slow for complete DLP resolution
- but efficient threat for Oracle-assisted Static Diffie-Hellman Problem (only one relation needed)

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Decomposition for Jacobians

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Gaudry's framework

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How to check if D can be decomposed?

- Semaev's summation polynomials are no longer available
- use Riemann-Roch based reformulation of Nagao instead

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In practice:

- Decompositions as $D \sim \sum_{i=1}^{ng} \left((\mathcal{Q}_i) (\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{H}}) \right)$ are too slow to compute
- Faster alternative [Joux-V.]: compute relations involving only elements of $\ensuremath{\mathcal{F}}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{ng+2} \left(\left(\mathcal{Q}_i
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Fast resolution

Goal: find a new set of generators of the ideal s.t. each specialization of two variables yields an easy to solve system \rightarrow lex Gröbner basis

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A special case: quadratic extensions in odd characteristic

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Much faster to compute decompositions with our variant \rightarrow about 960 times faster for (n, g) = (2, 3) on a 150-bit curve

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Part II

The discrete logarithm problem for curves over extension fields

2. Cover and decomposition

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 - Nagao-style decomposition: pprox 750 years
 - Modified relation search: \approx 300 years

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Relation search

• lex GB: 2.7 sec with one core⁽¹⁾ • sieving: $p^2/(2 \cdot 8!) \simeq 1.4 \times 10^{10}$ relations in 62 h on 1024 cores⁽²⁾ $\rightarrow 960 \times$ faster than Nagao

Linear algebra

- SGE: 25.5 h on 32 cores⁽²⁾ \rightarrow fivefold reduction
- Lanczos: 28.5 days on 64 cores⁽²⁾ (200 MB of data broadcast/round)

(Descent phase done in \sim 14 s for one point)

⁽¹⁾ Magma on 2.6 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo

 $^{(2)}$ 2.93 GHz quadri-core Intel Xeon 5550 $_{\odot}$

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