# Attaques algébriques du problème du logarithme discret sur courbes elliptiques 

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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)


## 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 $P \in E\left(\mathbb{F}_{q}\right)$ and $Q \in\langle P\rangle$ find $x$ such that $Q=[x] P$

- On $\mathbb{F}_{p}$ ( $p$ prime): in general, no known attack better than generic algorithms $\rightarrow$ good security
- On $\mathbb{F}_{p^{n}}$ (for faster hardware arithmetic): possible to apply index calculus $\rightarrow$ security reduction in some cases


## Part I

## Resolution of multivariate polynomial systems

## "Solving" polynomial systems

Consider multivariate polynomials $f_{1}, \ldots, f_{m} \in \mathbb{K}\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]$

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{c}
f_{1}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=0 \\
\vdots
\end{array} \Leftrightarrow \quad\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right) \in \mathbb{V}\left(\left\langle f_{1}, \ldots, f_{m}\right\rangle\right)\right.
$$

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

Hard problem in the general case

## Main tool: Gröbner bases

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## Gröbner basis

$\left(g_{1}, \ldots, g_{s}\right)$ Gröbner basis of I (wrt $\left.\prec\right)$ if

$$
I=\left\langle g_{1}, \ldots, g_{s}\right\rangle \text { and } \forall f \in i, \exists i \text { s.t. } L M\left(g_{i}\right) \mid L M(f)
$$

Gröbner bases always exist and can be algorithmically computed

## Elimination theory and shape lemma

$I$ ideal of $\mathbb{K}\left[X_{1}, \ldots, X_{n}\right], \quad I_{k}=I \cap \mathbb{K}\left[X_{k}, \ldots, X_{n}\right] k$-th elimination ideal
If $G$ is a lex $G B$ of $I$, then $G \cap \mathbb{K}\left[X_{k}, \ldots, X_{n}\right]$ is a $G B$ 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

$$
\left(X_{1}-g_{1}\left(X_{n}\right), \quad \ldots, \quad X_{n-1}-g_{n-1}\left(X_{n}\right), \quad g_{n}\left(X_{n}\right)\right),
$$

where $g_{1}, \ldots, g_{n}$ are univariate.

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(9) FGLM (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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- Parametric family of systems: $F_{1}, \ldots, F_{r} \in \mathbb{K}(V)[\underline{X}]$
- Random instance:
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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


## Performances of F4Remake

Example of a matrix of size $1539 \times 1285$ obtained with F4


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Same matrix with F4Remake is of size $553 \times 1043(\approx 3.5$ 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

$$
\left(\prod_{i=1}^{\infty}\left(1-q^{-i}\right)\right)^{n_{\text {step }}} \geq(1-2 / q)^{n_{\text {step }}}
$$

$\rightarrow$ 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

## The index calculus method - basic outline

$(G,+)=\langle P\rangle$ finite abelian group of prime order $r, Q \in G$
(1) Choice of a factor base: $\mathcal{F}=\left\{P_{1}, \ldots, P_{N}\right\} \subset G$
(3) Relation search: decompose $\left[a_{i}\right] P+\left[b_{i}\right] Q\left(a_{i}, b_{i}\right.$ random $)$ into $\mathcal{F}$

$$
\left[a_{i}\right] P+\left[b_{i}\right] Q=\sum_{j=1}^{N}\left[c_{i j}\right] P_{j}, \text { where } c_{i j} \in \mathbb{Z}
$$

(0) Linear algebra: once $k$ relations found ( $k \geq N$ )

- construct the matrices $A=\left(\begin{array}{ll}a_{i} & b_{i}\end{array}\right)_{1 \leq i \leq k}$ and $M=\left(c_{i j}\right)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq k \\ 1 \leq j \leq N}}$
- find $v=\left(v_{1}, \ldots, v_{k}\right) \in \operatorname{ker}\left({ }^{t} M\right)$ such that $v A \neq\left(\begin{array}{ll}0 & 0\end{array}\right) \bmod r$
- compute the solution of DLP: $x=-\left(\sum_{i} a_{i} v_{i}\right) /\left(\sum_{i} b_{i} v_{i}\right) \bmod r$


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

Main idea [Semaev '04]:

- consider decompositions in a fixed number of points of $\mathcal{F}$

$$
R=[a] P+[b] Q=P_{1}+\cdots+P_{m}
$$

- convert this algebraically by using the $(m+1)$-th summation polynomial:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& f_{m+1}\left(x_{R}, x_{P_{1}}, \ldots, x_{P_{m}}\right)=0 \\
& \quad \Leftrightarrow \exists \epsilon_{1}, \ldots, \epsilon_{m} \in\{1,-1\}, R=\epsilon_{1} P_{1}+\cdots+\epsilon_{m} P_{m}
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- With "double large prime" variation, overall complexity in $\tilde{O}\left(n!2^{3 n(n-1)} q^{2-2 / n}\right)$
- Bottleneck: $\operatorname{deg} I\left(\mathcal{S}_{R}\right)=2^{n(n-1)}$. 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

(1) $\mathcal{S}_{R}$ is overdetermined and $I\left(\mathcal{S}_{R}\right)$ has very low degree (0 or 1 excep.) resolution with a grevlex Gröbner basis no need to change order (FGLM)
(2) Speed up computations with F4Remake

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



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

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

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

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

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n g+2}\left(\left(Q_{i}\right)-\left(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{H}}\right)\right) \sim 0
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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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Much faster to compute decompositions with our variant
$\rightarrow$ about 960 times faster for $(n, g)=(2,3)$ on a 150 -bit curve

## Part II

## The discrete logarithm problem for curves over extension fields <br> 2. Cover and decomposition

## Transfer of the ECDLP via cover maps

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$g$ genus of $\mathcal{C}$
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- Nagao-style decomposition: $\approx 750$ years
- Modified relation search: $\approx 300$ years


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- 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 $\sim 14 \mathrm{~s}$ for one point)
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