# Problème du logarithme discret sur courbes elliptiques 

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## 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


## Section 1

## The index calculus method

## Introduction to index calculus

Originally developed for the factorization of large integers, improving on the square congruence method of Fermat.

Index calculus based Number/Function Field Sieve hold records for both integer factorization and finite field DLP.

## Idea

- Find group relations between a "small" number of generators (or factor base elements)
- With sufficiently many relations and linear algebra, deduce the group structure and the DL of elements


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(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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13 \\
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21
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g h=54=2 \times 3^{3}=\left(g^{55}\right)\left(g^{34}\right)^{3}=g^{51} \Rightarrow h=g^{50}
$$

## General remarks

(1) Relation search very specific to the group and can be the main obstacle
(2) On the other hand, linear algebra almost the same for all groups
(3) Balance to find between the two phases:

- if $\# \mathcal{F}$ small, few relations needed and fast linear algebra but small probability of decomposition $\rightsquigarrow$ many trials before finding a relation
- if $\# \mathcal{F}$ large, easy to find relations but many of them needed and slow linear algebra


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## Main ideas:

- Keep the matrix sparse (Gauss)
- Use matrix-vector products: cost only proportional to the number of non-zero entries

Two principal algorithms: Lanczos and Wiedemann
Complexity in $O\left(n^{2} c\right)$ if $n$ relations with $c$ non-zero entries per relation

## Improving the linear algebra step

## Remark

- Relation search always straightforward to distribute
- Not so true for the linear algebra

Often advantageous to compute many more relations than needed and use extra information to simplify the relation matrix

Two methods:
(1) Structured Gaussian elimination:

Particularly well-suited when elements of the factor base have different frequencies (e.g on finite fields)
(2) Large prime variations

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(1) If a column contains only one non-zero entry, remove it and the corresponding row.
Also, remove columns/rows containing only zeroes.
(2) Mark some new columns as dense
(3) Find rows with only one $\pm 1$ coefficient in the non-dense part
- Use this coefficient as a pivot to clear its column
- Remove corresponding row and column
(1) Remove rows that have become too dense and go back to step 1


## The hyperelliptic curve case

$\mathcal{H}: y^{2}+h_{0}(x) y=h_{1}(x), \quad h_{0}, h_{1} \in \mathbb{F}_{q}[x], \operatorname{deg} h_{0} \leq g, \operatorname{deg} h_{1}=2 g+1$ hyperelliptic curve of genus $g$ with (unique) point at infinity $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{H}}$

- hyperelliptic involution $\iota:\left(x_{P}, y_{P}\right) \mapsto\left(x_{P},-y_{P}-h_{0}\left(x_{P}\right)\right)$
- $\# \mathcal{H}\left(\mathbb{F}_{q}\right) \simeq q$



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Representations of elements of $\mathrm{Jach}_{\mathcal{H}}$

## Reduced representation

An element $[D] \in \operatorname{Jac}_{\mathcal{H}}\left(\mathbb{F}_{q}\right)$ has a unique reduced representation

$$
D \sim\left(P_{1}\right)+\cdots+\left(P_{r}\right)-r\left(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{H}}\right), \quad r \leq g, P_{i} \neq \iota\left(P_{j}\right) \text { for } i \neq j
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## Mumford representation

One-to-one correspondence between elements of $\operatorname{Jac}_{\mathcal{H}}\left(\mathbb{F}_{q}\right)$ and couples of polynomials $(u, v) \in \mathbb{F}_{q}[x]^{2}$ s.t.

- $u$ monic, $\operatorname{deg} u \leq g$
- $\operatorname{deg} v<\operatorname{deg} u$
- $u$ divides $v^{2}+v h_{0}-h_{1}$
- Cantor's algorithm for addition law
- $\# \operatorname{Jach}_{\mathcal{H}}\left(\mathbb{F}_{q}\right) \simeq q^{g}$


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Subexponential complexity in $L_{q g}(1 / 2)$ when $q \rightarrow \infty$ and $g=\Omega(\log q)$

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- Probability of decomposition $\simeq 1 / g$ !
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For fixed genus $g$, relation search in $\tilde{O}(q)$ vs linear algebra in $\tilde{O}\left(q^{2}\right)$

- resolution of the DLP in $\tilde{O}\left(q^{2}\right)$
$\Rightarrow$ better than generic attacks as soon as $g>4$
- possible improvement by rebalancing the two phases


## Double large prime variation

## Gaudry - Thomé - Thériault - Diem

- Define new factor base $\mathcal{F}^{\prime} \subset \mathcal{F}$ with $\# \mathcal{F}^{\prime}=q^{\alpha}$ $\mathcal{F}^{\prime}$ : "small primes" $\mathcal{F} \backslash \mathcal{F}^{\prime}$ : "large primes" $\rightsquigarrow$ linear algebra in $\tilde{O}\left(q^{2 \alpha}\right)$
- Keep relations involving at most two large primes, discard others
- After collecting $\simeq \# \mathcal{F}$ relations 2LP, possible to eliminate the large primes and obtain $\simeq \# \mathcal{F}^{\prime}$ relations involving only small primes
- Asymptotically optimal choice $\alpha=1-1 / g$ $\rightsquigarrow$ total complexity in $\tilde{O}\left(q^{2-2 / g}\right)$
$\rightsquigarrow$ better than generic attacks as soon as $g \geq 3$
- Practical best choice depends on actual cost of the 2 phases and computing power available


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## Consequence

Jacobians of non-hyperelliptic curves usually weaker than those of hyperelliptic curves (especially true for $g=3$ ).

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| Classical index calculus | $q^{2}$ | $q^{2}$ | $q^{2}$ | $q^{2}$ |
| 2LP, hyperelliptic case | $q$ | $q^{4 / 3}$ | $q^{3 / 2}$ | $q^{8 / 5}$ |
| 2LP, small degree case <br> (non hyperelliptic) | - | $q$ | $q^{4 / 3}$ | $q^{3 / 2}$ |

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## Section 2

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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

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

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How to check if $D$ can be decomposed?

- Semaev's summation polynomials are no longer available
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In practice:

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- Faster alternative [Joux-V.]: compute relations involving only elements of $\mathcal{F}$

$$
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$\rightarrow$ about 960 times faster for $(n, g)=(2,3)$ on a 150 -bit curve

## Section 3

## Cover and decomposition attacks

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(3) Cover and decomposition: $\tilde{O}\left(p^{5 / 3}\right)$ cost using a hyperelliptic genus 3 cover defined over $\mathbb{F}_{p^{2}}$ $\rightarrow$ occurs directly for $1 / p^{2}$ curves and most curves after isogeny walk

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


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- Complete resolution of DLP in about 1 month with cover and decomposition, using genus 3 hyperelliptic cover $\mathcal{H}_{\mid \mathbb{F}_{p^{2}}}$


## 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 $\sim 14 \mathrm{~s}$ for one point)
(1) Magma on 2.6 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo
(2) 2.93 GHz quadri-core Intel Xeon 5550

