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Efficient Algorithms for Pairing-Based Cryptosystems

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Introduction

- ✓ Problems of Pairing-Based Cryptosystems
 - Expensive bilinear pairing computations (e.g. Weil or Tate pairing)

- ✓ Goals
 - To make entirely practical systems
 - Theoretical guarantees
 - Several efficient algorithms for the arithmetic operations

- ✓ Contributions of this paper
 - Definition of point tripling → Faster scalar multiplication in characteristic 3
 - Improved square root computation over F_{p^m} → Important for the point compression
 - A variant of Miller's algorithm → Efficient computation of Tate pairing
(In characteristics 2 and 3, complexity reduction of Tate pairing is from $O(m^3)$ to $O(m^2)$)



Mathematical Preliminaries (1)

- ✓ Finite Field, F_{p^m} : the field with p^m elements
 - p (prime number) : characteristic of F_{p^m}
 - m (positive integer) : extension degree
 - $F_q^* \equiv F_q - \{0\}$ (simply write F_q with $q=p^m$)

- ✓ Elliptic Curve $E(F_q)$
 - The set of solutions (x, y) over F_q to an equation of form
$$E : y^2 + a_1xy + a_3y = x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_4x + a_6$$
 with additional *point at infinity*, O
 - There exists an abelian group law on E , $P_3 = P_1 + P_2$

- ✓ The number of points of $E(F_q)$, $n = \#E(F_q)$, called order of the curve over the field F_q
- ✓ The order of point P : the least nonzero integer r such that $rP=O$
- ✓ $E[r]$: the set of all points of order r in E
 - $E(K)[r]$: the set of all points of order r to the particular subgroup $E(K)$



Mathematical Preliminaries (2)

✓ Security multiplier k

- If $r \mid q^k - 1$ and r does not divide $q^s - 1$ for any $0 < s < k$

✓ Some cryptographically interesting supersingular elliptic curves

curve equation	underlying field	curve order	k
$E_{1,b} : y^2 = x^3 + (1 - b)x + b, b \in \{0, 1\}$	\mathbb{F}_p	$p + 1$	2
$E_{2,b} : y^2 + y = x^3 + x + b, b \in \{0, 1\}$	\mathbb{F}_{2^m}	$2^m + 1 \pm 2^{(m+1)/2}$	4
$E_{3,b} : y^2 = x^3 - x + b, b \in \{-1, 1\}$	\mathbb{F}_{3^m}	$3^m + 1 \pm 3^{(m+1)/2}$	6

✓ Divisor : a formal sum of points on the curve F_{p^m}

✓ The degree of a divisor $A = \sum_P a_P(P)$ is the sum $A = \sum_P a_P$



Mathematical Preliminaries (3)

✓ Tate Pairing

- Let l be a natural number coprime to q
- The Tate pairing of order l is the map $e_l : E(\mathbb{F}_q)[l] \times E(\mathbb{F}_{q^k})[l] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{q^k}^*$ as $e_l(P, Q) = f_P(A_Q)^{(q^k-1)/l}$

✓ Tate pairing satisfies the following properties

- (Bilinearity) $e_l(P_1 + P_2, Q) = e_l(P_1, Q) \cdot e_l(P_2, Q)$ and $e_l(P, Q_1 + Q_2) = e_l(P, Q_1) \cdot e_l(P, Q_2)$ for all $P, P_1, P_2 \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)[l]$ and all $Q, Q_1, Q_2 \in E(\mathbb{F}_{q^k})[l]$. It follows that $e_l(aP, Q) = e_l(P, aQ) = e_l(P, Q)^a$ for all $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- (Non-degeneracy) If $e_l(P, Q) = 1$ for all $Q \in E(\mathbb{F}_{q^k})[l]$, then $P = O$. Alternatively, for each $P \neq O$ there exists $Q \in E(\mathbb{F}_{q^k})[l]$ such that $e_l(P, Q) \neq 1$.
- (Compatibility) Let $\ell = h\ell'$. If $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)[\ell]$ and $Q \in E(\mathbb{F}_{q^k})[\ell']$, then $e_{\ell'}(hP, Q) = e_{\ell}(P, Q)^h$.



Scalar Multiplication in Characteristic 3 (1)

✓ Arithmetic on the curve $E_{3,b}$

- Let $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$, $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$, $P_3 = (x_3, y_3)$
- By definition, $-O = O$, $-P_1 = (x_1, -y_1)$, $O + P_1 = P_1 + O = P_1$
- Furthermore,

$$P_1 = -P_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad P_3 = O.$$

$$P_1 = P_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda \equiv 1/y_1, \quad x_3 = x_1 + \lambda^2, \quad y_3 = -(y_1 + \lambda^3).$$

$$P_1 \neq -P_2, P_2 \Rightarrow \lambda \equiv \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}, \quad x_3 = \lambda^2 - (x_1 + x_2), \quad y_3 = y_1 + y_2 - \lambda^3.$$

✓ Double-and-add method : $V = kP$, $k \in Z$, $k = (k_t \dots k_1 k_0)_2$ where $k_i \in \{0,1\}$

Double-and-add scalar multiplication:

```
set  $V \leftarrow P$ 
for  $i \leftarrow t-1, t-2, \dots, 1, 0$  do {
  set  $V \leftarrow 2V$ 
  if  $k_i = 1$  then set  $V \leftarrow V + P$ 
}
return  $V$ 
```



Scalar Multiplication in Characteristic 3 (2)

✓ Point Tripling for $E_{3,b}$

- $P = (x, y)$
- $3P = (x_3, y_3)$ with the formulas,

$$x_3 = (x^3)^3 - b$$

$$y_3 = -(y^3)^3$$

✓ Triple-and-add method : $V = kP$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $k = (k_t \dots k_1 k_0)_3$ where $k_i \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$

Triple-and-add scalar multiplication:

```
set  $V \leftarrow P$  if  $k_t = 1$ , or  $V \leftarrow -P$  if  $k_t = -1$ 
for  $i \leftarrow t - 1, t - 2, \dots, 1, 0$  do {
  set  $V \leftarrow 3V$ 
  if  $k_i = 1$  then set  $V \leftarrow V + P$ 
  if  $k_i = -1$  then set  $V \leftarrow V - P$ 
}
return  $V$ 
```




Square Root Extraction

✓ Elliptic curve equation $E : y^2 = f(x)$ over F_q

✓ In a finite field F_{p^m} where $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and odd m ,
the best algorithm to compute a square root $\rightarrow O(m^3)$

✓ A solution of $x^2 = a$, is given by $x = a^{(p^m+1)/4}$

- If $m = 2k+1$ for some k ,
$$\frac{p^m + 1}{4} = \frac{p + 1}{4} \left[p(p-1) \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (p^2)^i + 1 \right],$$

so that

$$a^{(p^m+1)/4} = [(a \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (p^2)^i)^{p(p-1)} \cdot a]^{(p+1)/4}.$$

✓ $a^{\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} u^i}$ where $u = p^2$ can be verified by induction

$$a^{1+u+\dots+u^{k-1}} = \begin{cases} (a^{1+u+\dots+u^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor - 1}})^{\cdot} (a^{1+u+\dots+u^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor - 1}})^{u^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor}}, & k \text{ even,} \\ ((a^{1+u+\dots+u^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor - 1}})^{\cdot} (a^{1+u+\dots+u^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor - 1}})^{u^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor}})^u \cdot a, & k \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

✓ $O(m^2 \log m)$ F_p operations



Computing the Tate Pairing

✓ Tate Pairing, $e_l : E(F_q)[l] \times E(F_{q^k})[l] \rightarrow F_{q^k}^*$

- Let $P \in E(F_q)[l]$, $Q \in E(F_{q^k})[l]$
- $e_l(P, Q) = f_P(A_Q)^{(q^k-1)/l}$

✓ To find the function f_p and then evaluate its value at A_Q

✓ Miller's Formula [1, Theorem 2]

Theorem 2 (Miller's formula). *Let P be a point on $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ and f_c be a function with divisor $(f_c) = c(P) - (cP) - (c-1)(O)$, $c \in \mathbb{Z}$. For all $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $f_{a+b}(Q) = f_a(Q) \cdot f_b(Q) \cdot g_{aP, bP}(Q) / g_{(a+b)P}(Q)$.*

where $(g_{aP, bP}) = (aP) + (bP) - (-(a+b)P) - 3(O)$,

$(g_{(a+b)P}) = ((a+b)P) + (-(a+b)P) - 2(O)$.



Miller's Algorithm

✓ Miller's algorithm:

```
set  $f \leftarrow 1$  and  $V \leftarrow P$ 
for  $i \leftarrow t - 1, t - 2, \dots, 1, 0$  do {
  set  $f \leftarrow f^2 \cdot g_{V,V}(Q)/g_{2V}(Q)$  and  $V \leftarrow 2V$ 
  if  $\ell_i = 1$  then set  $f \leftarrow f \cdot g_{V,P}(Q)/g_{V+P}(Q)$  and  $V \leftarrow V + P$ 
}
return  $f$ 
```

✓ Example Computation of the Tate Pairing [2, Appendix B]

- $p = 43, k = 2, l = 11$
- Supersingular elliptic curve $E: y^2 = x^3 + x$, order = 44
- Distortion map $\phi(x, y) = (-x, iy)$
- $P = (23, 8), Q = (20, 8t)$
- Using the Miller's algorithm,
 $t([2]P, Q)^{(p^2+1)/l} = (40t+28)^{168} = 23t + 26$, $t(P, Q)^{(p^2+1)/l} = (13t+38)^{168} = 3t + 11$
- We know that $t([2]P, Q) = t(P, Q)^2$



Improvement of Miller's Algorithm (1)

✓ Irrelevant denominators

- When computing $e_n(P, \phi(Q))$ and ϕ is a distortion map, the g_{2V} and g_{V+P} denominators in Miller's algorithm can be discarded
- Distorsion maps

curve (see table 1)	underlying field	distortion map	conditions
$E_{1,0}$	$\mathbb{F}_p, p > 3$	$\phi_1(x, y) = (-x, iy)$	$i \in \mathbb{F}_{p^2},$ $i^2 = -1$
$E_{2,b}, b \in \{0, 1\}$	\mathbb{F}_{2^m}	$\phi_2(x, y) = (x + s^2, y + sx + t)$	$s, t \in \mathbb{F}_{2^{4m}},$ $s^4 + s = 0,$ $t^2 + t + s^6 + s^2 = 0$
$E_{3,b}, b \in \{-1, 1\}$	\mathbb{F}_{3^m}	$\phi_3(x, y) = (-x + r_b, iy)$	$r_b, i \in \mathbb{F}_{3^{6m}}$ $r_b^3 - r_b - b = 0,$ $i^2 = -1$

✓ Evaluation of f_n with more efficient triple-and-add method in characteristic 3

- $(f_{3a}) = (f_a) + (g_{aP, aP}) + (g_{2aP, aP}) - (g_{2aP}) - (g_{3aP})$
- With discarding the irrelevant denominators

$$f_{3b}(Q) = f_b^3(Q) \cdot g_{aP, aP}(Q) \cdot g_{2aP, aP}(Q)$$



Improvement of Miller's Algorithm (2)

- ✓ Speeding up the Final Powering
 - Evaluation of the Tate pairing $e_n(P, Q)$ includes a final raising to the power of $(p^{km} - 1)/n$
 - Exponent part \rightarrow similar way to the square root algorithm
- ✓ Fixed-base Pairing Precomputation
 - When computing $e_n(P, Q)$, P is either fixed (e.g. base point on the curve) or used repeatedly (e.g. public key)
 - Precompute $e_n(P, Q)$



Experimental Results

- ✓ Timings for Boneh-Lynn-Shacham (BLS) verification and Boneh-Franklin identity-based encryption (IBE) (ms)

operation	original [3, 14]	ours
BLS verification	2900	53
IBE encryption	170	48 (preprocessed: 36)
IBE decryption	140	30 (preprocessed: 19)

- ✓ Future works
 - Apply to more general algebraic curves, e.g., a fast n -th root algorithm



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