

# F4 traces and index calculus on elliptic curves over extension fields

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# Part I

## Index calculus methods

# Hardness of ECDLP

## ECDLP

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

Specific attacks on few families of curves:

### Transfer methods

- transfer to  $\mathbb{F}_{q^k}^*$  via pairings: curves with small embedding degree
- lift to characteristic zero fields: anomalous curves
- Weil descent: transfer from  $E(\mathbb{F}_{q^n})$  to  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  where  $\mathcal{C}$  is a genus  $g \geq n$  curve

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### Basic outline of index calculus method for DLP

- 1 define a factor base:  $\mathcal{F} = \{P_1, \dots, P_N\}$
- 2 relation search: for random  $(a_i, b_i)$ , try to decompose  $[a_i]P + [b_i]Q$  as sum of points in  $\mathcal{F}$
- 3 linear algebra step: once  $k > \#\mathcal{F}$  relations found, deduce with sparse algebra techniques the DLP of  $Q$

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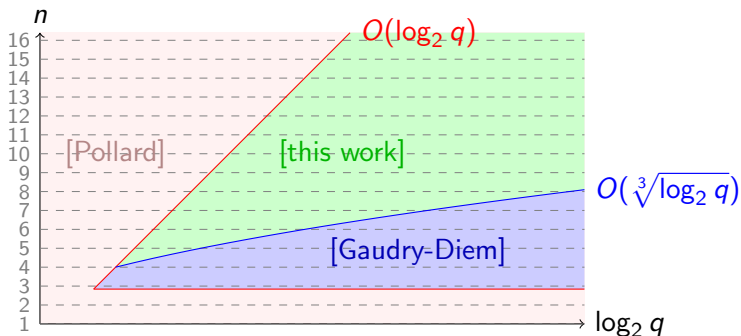
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Complexity in  $\tilde{O}(q^2)$  but with a better dependency in  $n$

- faster than generic methods when  $n \geq 5$  and  $\log q \geq 2\omega n$
- faster than Gaudry and Diem's method when  $\log q \leq \frac{3-\omega}{2}n^3$
- works for  $n = 5$

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



Comparison of Pollard's rho method, Gaudry and Diem's attack and our attack for ECDLP over  $\mathbb{F}_{q^n}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .



# Ingredients of index calculus approaches

## Goal

Find at least  $\#\mathcal{F}$  decompositions of random combinations  $R = [a]P + [b]Q$

## What kind of “decomposition” over $E(K)$

Semaev (2004): consider decompositions in a **fixed** number of points of  $\mathcal{F}$

$$R = [a]P + [b]Q = P_1 + \dots + P_m$$

- use the  $(m + 1)$ -th summation polynomial:

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

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

- Nagao’s alternative approach with divisors:  
work with  $f \in \mathcal{L}((m + 1)(\infty) - (R))$  instead

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### Additional optimizations

- symmetrization of the equations to reduce total degree
- consider a set of representatives of  $\mathcal{F}/\sim$  where  $P \sim (-P)$  and decompositions of the form  $R = \pm P_1 \pm \dots \pm P_m$   
 $\rightarrow$  only  $\simeq q/2$  independent relations needed

# Polynomial system solving in finite fields

## Goal

- Find solutions of  $\mathcal{S}_R$  in  $\mathbb{F}_q$
- More generally: compute  $V(I)$  where  $I \subset \mathbb{F}_q[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  ideal of dimension 0
  - ▶ univariate case is easy: Cantor-Zassenhaus
  - ▶ multivariate case much more complicated

## Elimination theory

Two techniques to find in  $I$  a univariate polynomial

- resultants
- Gröbner bases

# Gröbner bases: a tool for polynomial system solving

## The shape lemma

For “most” zero-dimensional ideals  $I \subset \mathbb{F}_q[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , a Gröbner basis for the lexicographic order is

$$G = \{X_1 - f_1(X_n), X_2 - f_2(X_n), \dots, X_{n-1} - f_{n-1}(X_n), f_n(X_n)\}$$

where  $\deg f_i < \deg f_n$  and  $\deg f_n = \deg I$ .

- In any case, the GB always contains a univariate polynomial in  $X_n$
- Fast resolution: find roots of univariate polynomial  $f_n$  and evaluate  $f_{n-1}, \dots, f_1$  to compute  $V(I)$

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## Strategy and complexity for lex order GB in dimension 0

instead of direct GB computation for lex order of  $I \subset \mathbb{K}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , do:

$$\text{degrevlex order GB computation} \quad \& \quad \text{changing order algorithm (FGLM)}$$

$$\tilde{O} \left( \binom{d_{\text{reg}} + n}{n}^\omega \right) \quad + \quad \tilde{O} ((\deg I)^3)$$



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- However adding  $x^q - x = 0$  not practical for large  $q$

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- after partial symmetrization, solve in  $s_1, s_2, s_3 \in \mathbb{F}_{101}$

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- Linear algebra  $\rightarrow x = 771080$

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→ alternate computation of summation polynomials

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# Joux-V. approach

## 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

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- Linear algebra  $\rightarrow x = 771080$

# Summary

## Comparison between the three approaches

|                                | Gaudry-Diem                 | Nagao                           | Joux-V.                                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| nb of points                   | $m = n$                     | $m = n$                         | $m = n - 1$                             |
| decomp. trials                 | $n!q$                       | $n!q$                           | $(n - 1)!q^2$                           |
| features<br>of $\mathcal{S}_R$ | deg $2^{n-1}$<br>$n$ eq/var | deg 2<br>$n(n - 1)$ eq/var      | deg $2^{n-2}$<br>$n$ eq, $n - 1$ var    |
| $\text{deg}(I(\mathcal{S}_R))$ | $2^{n(n-1)}$                | $2^{n(n-1)}$                    | 0 (1 exceptionally)                     |
| complexity                     | $n!2^{3n(n-1)}q^{2-2/n}$    | $n!2^{2\omega n(n-1)}q^{2-2/n}$ | $n!2^{\omega(n-1)(n-2)}e^{\omega n}q^2$ |

# Part II

## F4 traces

# Gröbner basis

$I = \langle f_1, \dots, f_r \rangle \subset \mathbb{K}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  ideal

## Gröbner basis

$G = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\} \subset I$  is a Gröbner basis of  $I$  if

$$\langle LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s) \rangle = LT(I)$$

## Buchberger's algorithm

- S-polynomial:  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathbb{K}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$

$$S(f_1, f_2) = \frac{LM(f_1) \vee LM(f_2)}{LT(f_1)} f_1 - \frac{LM(f_1) \vee LM(f_2)}{LT(f_2)} f_2$$

- Buchberger's theorem:

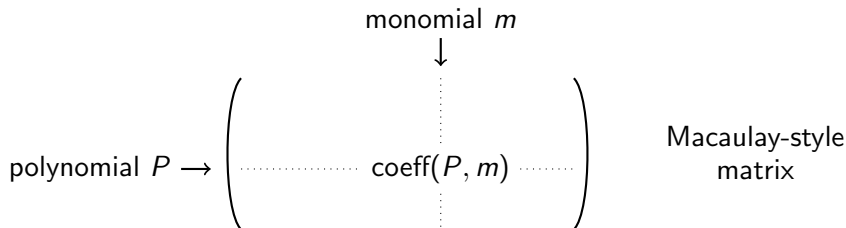
$$G = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\} \text{ Gröbner basis} \Leftrightarrow \overline{S(g_i, g_j)}^G = 0 \text{ for all } i, j$$

- Buchberger's algorithm: compute iteratively the remainder by  $G$  of every possible S-polynomials and add it to  $G$

# Standard Gröbner basis algorithms

## F4: efficient implementation of Buchberger's algorithm

- linear algebra to reduce a large number of critical pairs  $(lcm, u_1, f_1, u_2, f_2)$  where  $lcm = LM(f_1) \vee LM(f_2)$ ,  $u_i = \frac{lcm}{LM(f_i)}$
- selection strategy (e.g. lowest total degree lcm)
- at each step construct a Macaulay-style matrix containing
  - ▶ products  $u_i f_i$  coming from the selected critical pairs
  - ▶ polynomials from preprocessing phase



# Standard Gröbner basis algorithms

- ① F4 algorithm ('99)
  - ▶ fast and complete reductions of critical pairs
  - ▶ drawback: many reductions to zero
- ② F5 algorithm ('02)
  - ▶ elaborate criterion → skip unnecessary reductions
  - ▶ drawback: incomplete polynomial reductions

- multipurpose algorithms
- do not take advantage of the common shape of the systems
- knowledge of a prior computation  
→ no more reduction to zero in F4 ?

# A specifically devised algorithm

## Outline of our F4 variant

- 1 F4Precomp: on the first system
  - ▶ at each step, store the list of all involved polynomial multiples
  - ▶ reduction to zero  $\rightarrow$  remove well-chosen multiple from the list
- 2 F4Remake: for each subsequent system
  - ▶ no queue of untreated pairs
  - ▶ at each step, pick directly from the list the relevant multiples

## Former works

- Idea originating from CRT computation of GB over  $\mathbb{Q}$
- Traverso 88: precise definition of *Gröbner traces* for the Buchberger algorithm, but behavior analysis restricted to the rational case

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# Probability of success

## Heuristic assumption

$B$  matrices are uniformly random over  $\mathcal{M}_{n,\ell}(\mathbb{F}_q)$

- makes sense for  $\mathcal{S}_R$  arising from index calculus
- not always valid, but generic behavior can often be deduced for the first stages of F4

## Probability estimates over $\mathbb{F}_q$

Under heuristic assumption:

$$\text{Proba}(\{f_1, \dots, f_r\} \text{ behaves generically}) \geq c(q)^{n_{step}}$$

- $n_{step}$  = nb of steps during F4 computation for the parametric system

- $c(q) = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{-i}) \xrightarrow{q \rightarrow \infty} 1$



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### Comparison with F5

- both algorithms eliminate all reductions to zero, but
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- signature condition in F5  $\rightarrow$  redundant polynomials

# Part III

## Application to the Static Diffie-Hellman Problem

# Oracle-assisted Static Diffie-Hellman Problem

## Observation

Semaev's decomposition into a factor base leads to an oracle-assisted solution of the static Diffie-Hellman problem

Oracle-assisted SDHP:  $G$  finite group and  $d$  secret integer

- Initial learning phase: the attacker has access to an oracle which outputs  $[d]Y$  for any  $Y$  in  $G$
- After a number of oracle queries, the attacker has to compute  $[d]X$  for a previously unseen challenge  $X$

Solving SDHP over  $G = E(\mathbb{F}_{q^n})$ 

$$\mathcal{F} = \{P \in E(\mathbb{F}_{q^n}) : P = (x_p, y_p), x_p \in \mathbb{F}_q\}$$

- Learning phase: ask the oracle to compute  $Q = [d]P$  for each  $P \in \mathcal{F}$
- Given a challenge  $X$ ,
  - ① pick a random integer  $r$  coprime with  $\#G$  and compute  $[r]X$
  - ② check if  $[r]X$  can be written as a sum of  $m$  points of  $\mathcal{F}$ :  
 $[r]X = \pm P_1 \pm P_2 \pm \dots \pm P_m$
  - ③ if  $[r]X$  is not decomposable, go back to step 1;  
 else output  $Y = [s] (\sum_{i=1}^m [d]P_i)$  where  $s = r^{-1} \bmod (\#G)$ .

## Remarks

- only one decomposition is needed  $\rightarrow$  **no linear algebra step** but the  **$q/2$  oracle queries** are the bottleneck
- Granger: balance the two stages by reducing the factor base à la Harley

# An interesting target – joint work with R. Granger

Announcement on the NMBRTHRY list (Jul, 2010)

IPSEC Oakley key determination protocol 'well known group' 3 curve

$$\mathbb{F}_{2^{155}} = \mathbb{F}_2[u]/(u^{155} + u^{62} + 1) \quad G = E(\mathbb{F}_{2^{155}}) \text{ where}$$

$$E : y^2 + xy = x^3 + (u^{18} + u^{17} + u^{16} + u^{13} + u^{12} + u^9 + u^8 + u^7 + u^3 + u^2 + u + 1)$$

$$\#G = 12 * 3805993847215893016155463826195386266397436443$$

## Remarks

- $\mathbb{F}_{2^{155}} = \mathbb{F}_{(2^{31})^5} \rightarrow$  curve known to be theoretically weaker than curves over comparable size prime fields
- decomposition as sum of 5 points not realizable  
 $\rightarrow$  Gaudry's approach doesn't work on this curve
- we show that an actual attack with our approach is feasible

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# F4 traces and index calculus on elliptic curves over extension fields

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