# Computing L-series coefficients of hyperelliptic curves 

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## Demonstration

## The distribution of Frobenius traces

Let $C$ be a genus $g$ curve defined over $\mathbb{Q}$. We may compute

$$
\# C / \mathbb{F}_{p}=p-a_{p}+1
$$

for each $p \leq N$ where $C$ has good reduction, and plot the distribution of $a_{p} / \sqrt{p}$ over the interval $[-2 g, 2 g]$.

What does the picture look like for increasing values of $N$ ?
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## The object of interest

## The numerator of the zeta function

$$
Z\left(C / \mathbb{F}_{p} ; T\right)=\exp \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_{k} T^{k} / k\right)=\frac{\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{T})}{(1-T)(1-p T)}
$$

The polynomial $L_{p}(T)$ has integer coefficients

$$
L_{p}(T)=p^{g} T^{2 g}+a_{1} p^{g-1} T^{2 g-1}+\cdots+a_{g} T^{g}+\cdots+a_{1} T+1
$$

$L_{p}(t)$ determines the order of the Jacobian $\# J(C / \mathbb{F})_{p}=L_{p}(1)$, the trace of Frobenius $a_{p}=-a_{1}$, and $L(C, s)=\prod L_{p}\left(p^{-s}\right)^{-1}$.

## A computational challenge

## The task at hand

Compute $L_{p}(T)$ for all $p \leq N$ where $C$ has good reduction.
We will assume $C$ is hyperelliptic, genus $g \leq 3$, of the form

$$
y^{2}=f(x)
$$

where $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ has degree $2 g+1$ (one point at $\infty$ ).

## Some questions

- Which algorithm should we use? (all of them)
- How big can we make $N$, in practice? $\left(10^{12}, 10^{8}, 10^{7}\right)$

The complexity is necessarily exponential in $N$.
We expect to compute many $L_{p}(T)$ for reasonably small $p$.

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Polynomial-time algorithms exist (Schoof-Pila) but are impractical.*

## Strategy

## Genus 1

Use $O\left(p^{1 / 4}\right)$ generic group algorithm.

## Genus 2

Use $O(p)$ point counting plus $O\left(p^{1 / 2}\right)$ group operations.
Switch to $O\left(p^{3 / 4}\right)$ group algorithm for $p>10^{6}$.

## Genus 3

Use $O(p)$ point counting plus $O(p)$ group operations. Switch to $\tilde{O}\left(p^{1 / 2}\right) p$-adic plus $O\left(p^{1 / 4}\right)$ group ops for $p>10^{5}$.
"Elliptic and modular curves over finite fields and related computational issues", (Elkies 1997).

## Point counting

## Enumerating polynomials over $\mathbb{F}_{p}$

Define $\Delta f(x)=f(x+1)-f(x)$. Enumerate $f(x)$ from $f(0)$ via

$$
f(x+1)=f(x)+\Delta f(x)
$$

Enumerate $\Delta^{k} f(n)$ in parallel starting from $\Delta^{k} f(0)$.

## Complexity

Requires only $d$ additions per enumerated value, versus $d$ multiplications and $d$ additions using Horner's method. Total for $y^{2}=f(x)$ is $(d+1) p$ additions (no multiplications).

Generalizes to $\mathbb{F}_{p^{n}}$. Efficiently enumerates similar curves in parallel.

| $p \approx$ | Polynomial Evaluation |  | Finite Differences |  | Finite <br> Differences $\times 32$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Genus 2 | Genus 3 | Genus 2 | Genus 3 | Genus 2 | Genus 3 |
| $2^{18}$ | 192.4 | 259.8 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| $2^{19}$ | 186.3 | 251.1 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| $2^{20}$ | 187.3 | 244.1 | 7.2 | 8.0 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| $2^{21}$ | 172.3 | 240.8 | 8.8 | 9.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| $2^{22}$ | 197.9 | 233.9 | 12.1 | 13.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| $2^{23}$ | 229.2 | 285.8 | 12.8 | 14.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| $2^{24}$ | 258.1 | 331.8 | 41.2 | 44.0 | 3.5 | 4.7 |
| $2^{25}$ | 304.8 | 350.4 | 53.6 | 55.7 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| $2^{26}$ | 308.0 | 366.9 | 65.4 | 67.8 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| $2^{27}$ | 318.4 | 376.8 | 70.5 | 73.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| $2^{28}$ | 332.2 | 387.8 | 74.6 | 76.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 |

Point counting $y^{2}=f(x)$ over $\mathbb{F}_{p}$ (CPU nanoseconds/point)

## Generic group algorithms

## High speed group operation

- Single-word Montgomery representation for $\mathbb{F}_{p}$.
- Explicit Jacobian arithmetic using affine coordinates. (unique representation of group elements)
- Modify generic algorithms to perform group operations "in parallel" to achieve $I \approx 3 M$.


## Randomization issues

The fastest/simplest algorithms are probabilistic.
Monte Carlo algorithms should be made Las Vegas algorithms to obtain provably correct results and better performance.

Non-group operations also need to be fast (e.g., table lookup).

|  |  | Standard |  |  |  | Montgomery |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $g$ | $p$ | $\times 1$ | $\times 10$ | $\times 100$ |  | $\times 1$ | $\times 10$ | $\times 100$ |
| 1 | $2^{20}+7$ | 501 | 245 | 215 |  | 239 | 89 | 69 |
| 1 | $2^{25}+35$ | 592 | 255 | 216 |  | 286 | 93 | 69 |
| 1 | $2^{30}+3$ | 683 | 264 | 217 |  | 333 | 98 | 69 |
| 2 | $2^{20}+7$ | 1178 | 933 | 902 |  | 362 | 216 | 196 |
| 2 | $2^{25}+35$ | 1269 | 942 | 900 |  | 409 | 220 | 197 |
| 2 | $2^{30}+3$ | 1357 | 949 | 902 |  | 455 | 225 | 196 |
| 3 | $2^{20}+7$ | 2804 | 2556 | 2526 |  | 642 | 498 | 478 |
| 3 | $2^{25}+35$ | 2896 | 2562 | 2528 |  | 690 | 502 | 476 |
| 3 | $2^{30}+3$ | 2986 | 2574 | 2526 |  | 736 | 506 | 478 |

Black box performance (CPU nanoseconds/group operation).

## Computing the order of a generic abelian group

Computing the structure of $G$
Decompose $G$ as a product of cyclic groups:
(1) Compute $|\alpha|$ for random $\alpha \in G$ to obtain $\lambda(G)=\operatorname{lcm}|\alpha|$.
(2) Using $\lambda(G)$, compute a basis for each Sylow $p$-subgroup, via discrete logarithms.
See Sutherland thesis (2007) for details (avoids SNF).

## Benefits of working in Jacobians

Step 1 is aided by bounds on $|G|$ and knowledge of $|G| \bmod \ell$. Given $M \leq|G|<2 M$, step 2 takes $O\left(|G|^{1 / 4}\right)$ group operations. If $\lambda(G)>M$, step 2 is unnecessary (often the case).

In genus 1, structure is not required, but it is necessary for $g>1$.

## Optimizing for distribution

## Generalized Sato-Tate conjecture (Katz-Sarnak)

The distribution of $L_{p}\left(p^{-1 / 2} T\right)$ for a "typical" genus $g$ curve is equal to the distribution of the characteristic polynomial of a random matrix in $U S p(2 g)$ (according to the Haar measure $\mu$ ).

## Optimized BSGS search

Using $\mu$, we can compute the expected distance of $a_{1}$ (or better, $a_{2}$ given $a_{1}$ ) from its median value, and then choose an appropriate number of baby steps.

In genus 3 this reduces the expected search interval by a factor of 10 .

$$
y^{2}=x^{7}+314159 x^{5}+271828 x^{4}+1644934 x^{3}+57721566 x^{2}+1618034 x+141421
$$



Actual $a_{2}$ distribution


Predicted $a_{2}$ distribution

## p-adic methods

## Kedlaya's algorithm over a prime field

Approximates the $(2 g \times 2 g)$ matrix of the Frobenius action on the Monsky-Washnitzer cohomology, accurate modulo $p^{k}$ :

$$
\tilde{O}\left(p g^{2} k^{2}\right)=\tilde{O}(p)
$$

## Harvey's improvements

Apply BGS fast linear recurrence reduction to obtain:

$$
\tilde{O}\left(p^{1 / 2} g^{3} k^{5 / 2}+g^{4} k^{4} \log p\right)=\tilde{O}\left(p^{1 / 2}\right)
$$

Multipoint Kronecker substitution (Harvey 2007) improves polynomial multiplication by a factor of 3.

|  | Genus 2 |  | Genus 3 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $N$ | $\times 1$ | $\times 8$ | $\times 1$ | $\times 8$ |
| $2^{16}$ | 1 | $<1$ | 43 | 13 |
| $2^{17}$ | 4 | 2 | $1: 49$ | 18 |
| $2^{18}$ | 12 | 3 | $4: 42$ | 41 |
| $2^{19}$ | 40 | 7 | $12: 43$ | $1: 47$ |
| $2^{20}$ | $2: 32$ | 24 | $36: 14$ | $4: 52$ |
| $2^{21}$ | $10: 46$ | $1: 38$ | $1: 45: 36$ | $13: 40$ |
| $2^{22}$ | $40: 20$ | $5: 38$ | $5: 23: 31$ | $41: 07$ |
| $2^{23}$ | $2: 23: 56$ | $19: 04$ | $16: 38: 11$ | $2: 05: 40$ |
| $2^{24}$ | $8: 00: 09$ | $1: 16: 47$ |  | $6: 28: 25$ |
| $2^{25}$ | $26: 51: 27$ | $3: 24: 40$ |  | $20: 35: 16$ |
| $2^{26}$ |  | $11: 07: 28$ |  |  |
| $2^{27}$ | $36: 48: 52$ |  |  |  |

L-series computations in genus 2 and 3 (elapsed times)

| $N$ | PARI | Magma | smalljac v1 | smalljac v2 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $2^{16}$ | 0.26 | 0.29 | 0.07 | 0.04 |
| $2^{17}$ | 0.55 | 0.59 | 0.15 | 0.08 |
| $2^{18}$ | 1.17 | 1.24 | 0.30 | 0.16 |
| $2^{19}$ | 2.51 | 2.53 | 0.62 | 0.31 |
| $2^{20}$ | 5.46 | 5.26 | 1.29 | 0.63 |
| $2^{21}$ | 11.67 | 11.09 | 2.65 | 1.30 |
| $2^{22}$ | 25.46 | 23.31 | 5.53 | 2.68 |
| $2^{23}$ | 55.50 | 49.22 | 11.56 | 5.57 |
| $2^{24}$ | 123.02 | 104.50 | 24.31 | 11.66 |
| $2^{25}$ | 266.40 | 222.56 | 51.60 | 24.54 |
| $2^{26}$ | 598.16 | 476.74 | 110.29 | 52.07 |
| $2^{27}$ | 1367.46 | 1017.55 | 233.94 | 111.24 |
| $2^{28}$ | 3152.91 | 2159.87 | 498.46 | 239.32 |
| $2^{29}$ | 7317.01 | 4646.24 | 1065.28 | 518.16 |
| $2^{30}$ | 17167.29 | 10141.28 | 2292.74 | 1130.85 |

$L$-series computations in Genus 1 (CPU seconds)

## Conclusion

## All source code freely available under GPL.


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