# Computing Hilbert class polynomials with the CRT method 

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$\ldots$ and it can use much smaller class polynomials ( $\approx 30 x$ ).

## Constructing elliptic curves of known order

## Using complex multiplication (CM method)

Given $p$ and $t \neq 0$, let $D<0$ be a discriminant satisfying

$$
4 p=t^{2}-v^{2} D
$$

We wish to find an elliptic curve $\mathrm{E} / \mathbb{F}_{p}$ with $N=p+1 \pm t$ points.

## Hilbert class polynomials modulo $p$

Given a root $j$ of $H_{D}(x)$ over $\mathbb{F}_{p}$, let $k=j /(1728-j)$. The curve

$$
y^{2}=x^{3}+3 k x+2 k
$$

has trace $\pm t$ (twist to choose the sign).

Not all curves with trace $\pm t$ necessarily have $H_{D}(j)=0$.

## Hilbert class polynomials

## The Hilbert class polynomial $H_{D}(x)$

$H_{D}(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ is the minimal polynomial of the $j$-invariant of the complex elliptic curve $\mathbb{C} / \mathcal{O}_{D}$, where $\mathcal{O}_{D}$ is the imaginary quadratic order with discriminant $D$.

## $H_{D}(x)$ modulo a (totally) split prime $p$

The polynomial $H_{D}(x)$ splits completely over $\mathbb{F}_{p}$, and its roots are precisely the $j$-invariants of the elliptic curves $E$ whose endomorphism ring is isomorphic to $\mathcal{O}_{D}\left(\mathcal{O}_{E}=\mathcal{O}_{D}\right)$.

## Practical considerations

## We need $|D|$ to be small

Any ordinary elliptic curve can, in principle, be constructed via the CM method. A random curve will have $|D| \approx p$.
We can only handle small $|D|$, say $|D|<10^{10}$.

## Why small |D|?

The polynomial $H_{D}(x)$ is big.
We typically need $O(|D| \log |D|)$ bits to represent $H_{D}(x)$.

If $|D| \approx p$ that might be a lot of bits. ..



Visible
Universe

| $\|D\|$ | $h$ | $h \lg B$ | $\|D\|$ | $h$ | $h \lg B$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $10^{6}+3$ | 105 | 113 KB | $10^{6}+20$ | 320 | 909 KB |
| $10^{7}+3$ | 706 | 5 MB | $10^{7}+4$ | 1648 | 26 MB |
| $10^{8}+3$ | 1702 | 33 MB | $10^{8}+20$ | 5056 | 240 MB |
| $10^{9}+3$ | 3680 | 184 MB | $10^{9}+20$ | 12672 | 2 GB |
| $10^{10}+3$ | 10538 | 2 GB | $10^{10}+4$ | 40944 | 23 GB |
| $10^{11}+3$ | 31057 | 16 GB | $10^{11}+4$ | 150192 | 323 GB |
| $10^{12}+3$ | 124568 | 265 GB | $10^{12}+4$ | 569376 | 5 TB |
| $10^{13}+3$ | 497056 | 4 TB | $10^{13}+4$ | 2100400 | 71 TB |
| $10^{14}+3$ | 1425472 | 39 TB | $10^{14}+4$ | 4927264 | 446 TB |

Size estimates for $H_{D}(x)$

$$
B=\binom{h}{\lfloor h / 2\rfloor} \exp \left(\pi \sqrt{|D|} \sum_{i=1}^{h} \frac{1}{a_{i}}\right)
$$

## More practical considerations

## We don't want $|D|$ to be too small

Some security standards require $h(D) \geq 200$.
This is easily accomplished with $|D| \approx 10^{6}$.

## Do we ever need to use larger values of $|D|$ ?

"Because we need to factor $H_{D}(x)$, it makes no sense to choose larger class numbers (than 5000) because deg $\left(H_{D}\right)=h(D)$." Handbook of Elliptic and Hyperelliptic Curve Cryptography.

## Pairing-based cryptography

## Pairing-friendly curves

The most desirable curves for pairing-based cryptography have near-prime order and embedding degree $k$ between 6 and 24 .

## Choosing $p$ and $k$

We should choose the size of $\mathbb{F}_{p}$ to balance the difficulty of the discrete logarithm problems in $E / \mathbb{F}_{p}$ and $\mathbb{F}_{p^{k}}$. For example

- 80-bit security: $k=6$ and $170<\lg p<192$.
- 110-bit security: $k=10$ and $220<\lg p<256$.

FST, "A taxonomy of pairing-friendly elliptic curves," 2006.

Such curves are very rare...

| $k$ | $b_{0}$ | $b_{1}$ | $L=$ | $10^{6}$ | $10^{7}$ | $10^{8}$ | $10^{9}$ | $10^{10}$ | $10^{11}$ | $10^{12}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 6 | 170 | 192 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 33 | 149 | 493 |
| 10 | 220 | 256 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 29 | 81 |

Number of prime-order elliptic curves over $\mathbb{F}_{p}$ with $b_{0}<\lg p<b_{1}$, embedding degree $k$, and $|D|<L$.

Karabina and Teske, "On prime-order elliptic curves with embedding degrees $k=3,4$, and 6," ANTS VIII (2008).
Freeman, "Constructing pairing-friendly elliptic curves with embedding degree 10," ANTS VII (2006).

## Pairing-friendly curves

## Bisson-Satoh construction

Given a pairing-friendly curve $E$ with small discriminant $D$, find a pairing-friendly curve $E^{\prime}$ with larger discriminant $D^{\prime}=n^{2} D$, while preserving the values of $\rho$ and $k$.
For example: $D=-3, \rho=1$, and $k=12$.

## Requires large $\left|D^{\prime}\right|$

To make it impractical to compute an isogeny from $E^{\prime}$ to $E$, we want prime $n>10^{5}$, yielding $\left|D^{\prime}\right|>10^{10}$.

Bisson and Satoh, "More discriminants with the Brezing-Weng method".

## New results

Algorithm to compute $H_{D}(x) \bmod p$ based on [ALV+BBEL]

- Repairs a technical defect in the algorithm of [BBEL].
- Much better constant factors.
- Heuristic complexity $O\left(|D| \log ^{2+\epsilon}|D|\right)$ for most $D$.
- Requires only $O\left(|D|^{1 / 2+\epsilon}\right)$ space.
- Faster than the complex analytic method for large $D$.


## Practical achievements

Records to date: $|D|>10^{12}$ and $h(D) \approx 400,000$.
Constructed many pairing-friendly curves with $|D|>10^{10}$.
See http://math.mit.edu/~drew for examples.
Plus, breaking news (joint work with Andreas Enge).

## Basic CRT method (using split primes)

## Step 1: Pick split primes

Find $p_{1}, \ldots, p_{n}$ of the form $4 p_{i}=u^{2}-v^{2} D$ with $\Pi p_{i}>B$.

## Step 2: Compute $H_{D}(x) \bmod p_{i}$

Determine the roots $j_{1}, \ldots, j_{h}$ of $H_{D}(x)$ over $\mathbb{F}_{p_{i}}$.
Compute $H_{D}(x)=\Pi\left(x-j_{k}\right) \bmod p_{i}$.

## Step 3: Apply CRT to compute $H_{D}(x)$

Compute $H_{D}(x)$ by applying the CRT to each coefficient. Better, compute $H_{D}(x)$ mod $P$ via the explicit CRT [MS 1990].

First proposed by Chao, Nakamura, Sobataka, and Tsujii (1998). Agashe, Lauter, and Venkatesan (2004) suggested explicit CRT.

## Running time of the CRT method

## Time complexity

As originally proposed, Step 2 tests every element of $\mathbb{F}_{p}$ to see if it is the $j$-invariant of a curve with endomorphism ring $\mathcal{O}_{D}$.
The total complexity is then $\Omega\left(|D|^{3 / 2}\right)$. This is not competitive.

## Modified Step 2 [BBEL 2008]

Find a single root of $H_{D}(x)$ in $\mathbb{F}_{p}$, then enumerate conjugates via the action of $C l(D)$, using an isogeny walk.

## Improved time complexity

The complexity is now $O\left(|D|^{1+\epsilon}\right)$. This is potentially competitive. However, preliminary results are disappointing.

## Space required to compute $H_{D}(x) \bmod P$

## Online version of the explicit CRT

Explicit CRT computes each coefficient $c$ of $H_{D}(x) \bmod P$ as

$$
c=\left(\sum a_{i} M_{i} c_{i}-r M\right) \bmod P
$$

where $r$ is the closest integer to $\sum a_{i} c_{i} / M_{i}$. The values $a_{i}, M_{i}$, and $M$ are the same for each $c$.
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## Space complexity

The total space is then $O\left(|D|^{1 / 2+\epsilon} \log P\right)$.
This is interesting, but only if the time can be improved.

See Bernstein for more details on the explicit CRT.

## CRT algorithm (split primes)

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Perform CRT precomputation.
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## Step 2a: Finding a curve with trace $\pm t$

## First test

Find $E$ and a random $\alpha \in E$ for which $(p+1 \pm t) \alpha=0$.
(1) If both signs of $t$ are possible, test whether $(p+1) \alpha$ and $t \alpha$ have the same $x$ coordinate [BBEL].
(2) Don't test random curves. Search a parameterized family [Kubert] with suitable torsion (up to $15 x$ faster).
(3) Multiply in parallel using affine coordinates.

## Second test

Apply a generic algorithm to compute the group exponent of $E$ (or its twist) using an expected $O\left(\log ^{1+\epsilon} p\right)$ group operations. For $p>229$ this determines $\# E$.

## Step 2a: Finding a curve with $\mathcal{O}_{E}=\mathcal{O}_{D}$

## Which curves over $\mathbb{F}_{p}$ have trace $\pm t$ ?

There are $H\left(4 p-t^{2}\right)=H\left(-v^{2} D\right)$ distinct $j$-invariants of curves with trace $\pm t$ over $\mathbb{F}_{p}$ [Duering]. For $D<-4$ we have

$$
H\left(-v^{2} D\right)=\sum_{u \mid v} h\left(u^{2} D\right) .
$$

The term $h\left(u^{2} D\right)$ counts curves with $D\left(\mathcal{O}_{E}\right)=u^{2} D$.

## What does this tell us?

If $v=1$ then $E$ has trace $\pm t$ if and only if $\mathcal{O}_{E}=\mathcal{O}_{D}$ (easy).
If $v>1$ then we have $H\left(4 p-t^{2}\right)>h(D)$ (harder).

This is a good thing!

## Step 1: Pick your primes with care

## The problem

There are only $h(D)$ curves over $\mathbb{F}_{p}$ with $\mathcal{O}_{E}=\mathcal{O}_{D}$.
As $p$ grows, they get harder and harder to find: $O(p / h(D))$. Especially when $h(D)$ is small.

## The solution [BBEL]

Use a curve with trace $\pm t$ to find a curve with $\mathcal{O}_{E}=\mathcal{O}_{D}$ by climbing isogeny volcanoes.

## Improvement

We should pick our primes based on the ratio $p / H\left(4 p-t^{2}\right)$. We want $p / H\left(4 p-t^{2}\right) \ll 2 \sqrt{p}$. Easy to do when $h(D)$ is big.

## Step 2a: Finding a curve with $\mathcal{O}_{E}=\mathcal{O}_{D}$

## Classical modular polynomials $\Phi_{\ell}(X, Y)$

There is an $\ell$-isogeny between $E$ and $E^{\prime}$ iff $\Phi_{\ell}\left(j(E), j\left(E^{\prime}\right)\right)=0$. To find $\ell$-isogenies from $E$, factor $\Phi_{\ell}(X, j(E))$.

## Isogeny volcanoes [Kohel 1996, Fouquet-Morain 2002]

The isogenies of degree $\ell$ among curves with trace $\pm t$ form a directed graph consisting of a cycle (the surface) with trees of height $k$ rooted at each surface node ( $\ell^{k} \| v$ ).
For surface nodes, $\ell^{2}$ does not divide $D\left(\mathcal{O}_{E}\right)$.

## How to find a curve with $\mathcal{O}_{E}=\mathcal{O}_{D}$

Starting from a curve with trace $\pm t$, climb to the surface of every $\ell$-volcano for $\ell \mid v$.


## Step 2b: Computing the orbit of $j(E)$

## The group action of $C I(D)$ on $j(E)$

An ideal $\alpha$ in $\mathcal{O}_{E} \cong E n d_{\mathbb{C}}(E)$ defines an $\ell$-isogeny

$$
E \rightarrow E / E[\alpha]=E^{\prime},
$$

with $\mathcal{O}_{E^{\prime}}=\mathcal{O}_{E}$ and $\ell=N(\alpha)$. This gives an action on the set $\left\{j(E): \mathcal{O}_{E}=\mathcal{O}_{D}\right\}$ which factors through $C I(D)$ and reduces $\bmod p$ for split primes (but $\ell$ depends on $\alpha$ ).

## Touring the rim

We compute this action explicitly by walking along the surface of the volcano of $\ell$-isogenies. For $\ell \nmid v$, set $j_{1}=j(E)$, pick a root $j_{2}$ of $\Phi\left(X, j_{1}\right)$, then let $j_{k+1}$ be the root of $\Phi\left(X, j_{k}\right) /\left(x-j_{k-1}\right)$.
We can handle $\ell \mid v$, but this is efficient only for very small $\ell$.


## Step 2b: Computing the orbit of $j(E)$

## Walking the entire orbit

Given a basis $\alpha_{s}, \ldots, \alpha_{1}$ for $C /(D)=\left\langle\alpha_{s}\right\rangle \times \cdots \times\left\langle\alpha_{1}\right\rangle$, we compute the orbit of $j=j(E)$ by computing $\beta(j)$ for every $\beta=\alpha_{k}^{e_{k}} \cdots \alpha_{1}^{e_{1}}$ with $0 \leq \boldsymbol{e}_{i}<\left|\alpha_{i}\right|$ in a lexicographic ordering of $\left(e_{k}, \ldots, e_{1}\right)$ (one isogeny per step).

## Complexity

Each step involves $O\left(\ell_{i}^{2}\right)$ operations in $\mathbb{F}_{p}$, where $\ell_{i}=N\left(\alpha_{i}\right)$. We need the $\ell_{i}$ to be small.

But this may not be possible using a basis!

## Representation by a sequence of generators

## Cyclic composition series

Let $\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{s}$ generate a finite group $G$ and suppose

$$
\mathbf{G}=\left\langle\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{s}\right\rangle \longrightarrow\left\langle\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{s-1}\right\rangle \longrightarrow \ldots \longrightarrow\left\langle\alpha_{1}\right\rangle \longrightarrow 1
$$

is a cyclic composition series. Let $n_{1}=\left|\alpha_{1}\right|$ and define

$$
n_{i}=\left|\left\langle\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{i}\right\rangle\right| /\left|\left\langle\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{i-1}\right\rangle\right| .
$$

Each $n_{i}$ divides (but need not equal) $\left|\alpha_{i}\right|$, and $\prod n_{i}=|G|$.

## Unique representation

Every $\beta \in G$ can be written uniquely as $\beta=\alpha_{1}^{e_{1}} \cdots \alpha_{s}^{e_{s}}$, with $0 \leq e_{i}<n_{i}$ (we may omit $\alpha_{i}$ for which $n_{i}=1$ ).

## Step 1: The norm-minimal representation of $C I(D)$

## Generators for $C I(D)$

Represent $C I(D)$ with reduced binary quadratic forms $\left(a x^{2}+b x y+c y^{2}\right)$. The reduced primeforms of discriminant $D$ generate $C l(D)\left(a \leq \sqrt{|D| / 3}\right.$ or $a \leq 6 \log ^{2}|D|$ under GRH).

## Norm-minimal representation

Let $\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{s}$ be the sequence of primeforms of discriminant $D$ ordered by a and define $n_{1}, \ldots, n_{s}$ as above. The subsequence of $\alpha_{i}$ with $n_{i}>1$ is the norm-minimal representation of $C /(D)$.

## Computing the $n_{i}$

We can compute the $n_{i}$ using either $O(|G|)$ or $O\left(|G|^{1 / 2+\epsilon}|S|\right)$ group operations with a generic group algorithm.

## Step 2c: Computing $H_{D}(x)=\Pi\left(x-j_{k}\right) \bmod p_{i}$

## Building a polynomial from its roots

Standard problem with a simple solution: build a product tree. Using $F F T$, complexity is $O\left(h \log ^{2} h\right)$ operations in $\mathbb{F}_{p_{i}}$.

## Harvey's experimental znpoly library

Fast polynomial multiplication in $\mathbb{Z} / n \mathbb{Z}$ for $n<2^{64}$, via multipoint Kronecker substitution. Two to three times faster than NTL for polynomials of degree $10^{3}$ to $10^{6}$.
http://cims.nyu.edu/~harvey/

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## A back-of-the-envelope complexity discussion

## Some useful facts and heuristics

(1) $h(D) \approx 0.28|D|^{1 / 2}$ on average.
(2) $\max p_{i}=O\left(|D| \log ^{1+\epsilon}|D|\right)$ heuristically $\left(p_{i} \ll 2^{64}\right)$.
(3) $\max \ell=O\left(\log ^{1+\epsilon}|D|\right)$ conjecturally, and for most $D$, $\max \ell=O(\log \log |D|)$ heuristically.

## Which step is asymptotically dominant?

If $\mathbb{F}_{p_{i}}$ adds/mults cost $O(1)$, for most $D$ we expect:
(1) Step 2 a has complexity $O\left(|D|^{1 / 2} \log ^{1.5+\epsilon}|D|\right)$.
(2) Step 2 b has complexity $O\left(|D|^{1 / 2} \log ^{1+\epsilon}|D|\right)$.
(3) Step 2c has complexity $O\left(|D|^{1 / 2} \log ^{2+\epsilon}|D|\right)$.

For exceptionally bad $D$, Step 2 b is $\Omega\left(|D|^{1 / 2} \log ^{2}|D|\right)$.

## Summary

## Key improvements to [BBEL]

- $O\left(|D|^{1 / 2+\epsilon}\right)$ space via online explicit CRT.
- Pick primes and curves carefully!
- Don't be afraid to climb volcanoes.
- Norm-minimal representation of $C l(D)$.


## Key constant factors

- Elliptic curve arithmetic.
- Finding roots of small polynomials.
- Building large polynomials from roots.

| -D | 12,901, 800, 539 | 13, 977, 210,083 | 17,237, 858,107 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $h(D)$ | 54,706 | 20,944 | 14,064 |
| $\lceil\lg B\rceil$ | 5,597,125 | 2,520,162 | 1,737,687 |
| $\ell_{1}$ | 3 | 3 | 11 |
| $\ell_{2}$ | 5 |  | 23 |
| $C /(D)$ time | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| $n$ | 144,301 | 70,403 | 50,098 |
| $\left\lceil\lg \left(\max p_{i}\right)\right\rceil$ | 41 | 38 | 38 |
| prime time | 3.4 | 1.5 | 1.0 |
| CRT pre time | 2.8 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| CRT post time | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| (a,b,c) splits | $(61,17,22)$ | $(82,8,10)$ | (54,44,2) |
| Step 2 time | 98,000 | 34,700 | 59,400 |
| root time | 347 | 171 | 67 |
| roots time | 220 | 132 | 130 |

CRT method computing $H_{D} \bmod P$ (MNT curves, $k=6$ )
(2.8GHz AMD Athlon CPU times in seconds)

| $-D$ | $h(D)$ | $\ell$ | $\lceil\mathrm{lg} B\rceil$ | time | split |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $28,894,627$ | 724 | 7 | 66 k | 57 | $(64,35,1)$ |
| $116,799,691$ | 2,112 | 5 | 196 k | 309 | $(64,32,4)$ |
| $228,099,523$ | 1,296 | 17 | 143 k | 1,300 | $(32,67,0)$ |
| $615,602,347$ | 5,509 | 7 | 514 k | 2,540 | $(49,47,4)$ |
| $1,218,951,379$ | 6,320 | 5 | 659 k | 3,270 | $(66,29,5)$ |
| $2,302,080,411$ | 10,152 | $3 / 5$ | 1.0 m | 8,200 | $(69,25,7)$ |
| $4,508,791,627$ | 7,867 | 11 | 0.9 m | 16,400 | $(53,46,1)$ |
| $9,177,974,187$ | 16,600 | $3 / 11$ | 1.8 m | 46,400 | $(55,40,5)$ |
| $17,237,858,107$ | 14,064 | 11 | 1.7 m | 62,900 | $(57,41,2)$ |
| $35,586,455,227$ | 18,481 | 19 | 2.3 m | 232,000 | $(32,67,1)$ |
| $69,623,892,083$ | 56,760 | 3 | 6.8 m | 212,000 | $(79,9,12)$ |
| $137,472,195,531$ | 129,520 | $3 / 5$ | 15 m | $1,170,000$ | $(57,30,12)$ |
| $275,022,600,899$ | 247,002 | 3 | 27 m | $2,400,000$ | $(58,16,26)$ |
| $553,555,955,779$ | 122,992 | 5 | 16 m | $1,890,000$ | $(68,24,8)$ |
| $1,006,819,828,491$ | 180,616 | 3 | 25 m | $4,430,000$ | $(71,18,11)$ |

CRT method computing $H_{D}$ mod $P$ (MNT curves, $k=6$ )
(2.8 GHz AMD Athlon CPU seconds)

| $-D$ | $-D / 200,000$ | time |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $28,894,627$ | 140 | 57 |
| $116,799,691$ | 580 | 309 |
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| $275,022,600,899$ | $1,380,000$ | $2,400,000$ |
| $553,555,955,779$ | $2,770,000$ | $1,890,000$ |
| $1,006,819,828,491$ | $5,040,000$ | $4,430,000$ |

CRT method computing $H_{D} \bmod P$ (MNT curves, $k=6$ )
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## Scalability

## Distributed computation

Large tests were run on 14 PCs in parallel (2 cores each). Elapsed times:

- $D=-1,006,819,828,491, h(D)=181,616$
- $D=-905,270,581,331, h(D)=391,652$
1.1 days*


## Minimal space requirements

Largest test used less than 300MB memory (per core). Total disk storage under 1GB.

## Plenty of headroom

For $|D|$ in the range $10^{8}$ to $10^{12}$ the observed running time is essentially linear in $|D|$. Larger computations are feasible.

| -D | $h(D)$ | Complex Analytic |  | CRT Method |  | ratio |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | bits | time | bits | time |  |
| 6961631 | 5000 | 9.5k | 28 | 269k | 190 | 0.15 |
| 23512271 | 10000 | 20k | 210 | 573k | 840 | 0.25 |
| 98016239 | 20000 | 45k | 1,800 | 1.3 m | 4,200 | 0.43 |
| 357116231 | 40000 | 97k | 14,000 | 2.7 m | 20,000 | 0.70 |
| 2093236031 | 100000 | 265k | 260,000 | 7.4 m | 140,000 | 1.86 |

Complex Analytic (double $\eta$ quotient) vs.
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(2.4 GHz AMD Opteron CPU seconds)

Enge, "The complexity of class polynomial computations via floating point approximations" (2008)

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## Breaking news (joint with Andreas Enge)

The CRT method can use other class invariants in many cases.
For example:

- If $D$ is not divisible by 3 , we achieve a $3 x$ improvement using the invariant $\gamma_{2}$.
- If $D$ is also congruent to $1 \bmod 8$, we achieve up to a $9 x$ improvement using the invariant $f^{8}$.
This is work in progress, further improvements are expected. Ideally, we would use $f$ whenever possible (potential 24 x ).


## Alternative class invariants with the CRT method

## The class invariants: $f, j$, and $\gamma_{2}$ [Weber]

Define the complex function $f(z)$ by

$$
f(z)=e^{-\pi i / 24} \frac{\eta((z+1) / 2)}{\eta(z)}
$$

where $\eta(z)$ is the Dedekind $\eta$-function. We then have

$$
j(z)=\frac{\left(f^{24}(z)-16\right)^{3}}{f^{24}(z)} ; \quad \gamma_{2}(z)=\frac{f^{24}(z)-16}{f^{8}(z)}
$$

Note that $j=\left(\gamma_{2}\right)^{3}$.

## Alternative class invariants with the CRT method

## Modified CRT method using $\gamma_{2}$

Provided that $D$ is not divisible by 3 :

- Reduce height estimate by a factor of 3.
- Restrict to $p_{i} \equiv 2 \bmod 3$ so that cube roots are unique.
- Compute $\gamma_{2}=\sqrt[3]{j}$ for each $j$ enumerated in Step 2b.
- Form $W_{\gamma_{2}}(x)=\Pi\left(x-\gamma_{2}\right)$ instead of $H_{D}(x)$ in Step 2c.
- Cube a root of $W_{\gamma_{2}}(x) \bmod P$ to get desired $j$ at the end.


## Further Improvement

Using suitable modular polynomials, enumerate $\gamma_{2}$ values directly rather than taking the cube root of each $j$.

| $-D$ | $12,901,800,539$ | $13,977,210,083$ | $17,237,858,107$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $h(D)$ | 54,706 | 20,944 | 14,064 |
| $\ell_{1}$ | 3 | 3 | 11 |
| $\ell_{2}$ | 5 |  | 23 |
| $\lceil\lg B\rceil$ | $5,597,125$ | $2,520,162$ | $1,737,687$ |
| $n$ | 144,301 | 70,403 | 50,098 |
| $($ a,b,c) splits | $(61,17,22)$ | $(82,8,10)$ | $(54,44,2)$ |
| Step 2 time | 98,000 | 34,700 | 59,400 |
| $\lceil\lg B\rceil$ | $\mathbf{1 , 8 1 4 , 3 6 7}$ | $\mathbf{8 8 3 , 0 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{5 7 4 , 5 4 5}$ |
| $\boldsymbol{n}$ | $\mathbf{4 9 , 1 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 2 7 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 , 1 9 6}$ |
| (a,b,c) splits | $\mathbf{( 5 9 , 1 3 , 2 8}$ | $\mathbf{7 8 , 7 , 1 4 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 5 5 , 4 3 , 2 )}$ |
| Step 2 time | $\mathbf{2 8 , 4 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 , 4 0 0}$ |

CRT method $j$ vs. $\gamma_{2}$ (MNT curves, $k=6$ )
(2.8GHz AMD Athlon CPU times in seconds)

| $-D$ | $h(D)$ | time $(j)$ | time $\left(\gamma_{2}\right)$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $28,894,627$ | 724 | 57 | $\mathbf{2 1}$ |
| $116,799,691$ | 2,112 | 309 | $\mathbf{9 4}$ |
| $228,099,523$ | 1,296 | 1300 | $\mathbf{4 0 4}$ |
| $615,602,347$ | 5,509 | 2,540 | $\mathbf{8 9 5}$ |
| $1,218,951,379$ | 6,320 | 3,270 | $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 0}$ |
| $4,508,791,627$ | 7,867 | 16,400 | $\mathbf{5 , 4 0 0}$ |
| $17,237,858,107$ | 14,064 | 62,900 | $\mathbf{2 0 , 4 0 0}$ |
| $35,586,455,227$ | 18,481 | 232,000 | $\mathbf{7 4 , 6 0 0}$ |
| $69,623,892,083$ | 56,760 | 212,000 | 55,600 |
| $275,022,600,899$ | 247,002 | $2,400,000$ | $\mathbf{6 9 0}, \mathbf{0 0 0}$ |
| $553,555,955,779$ | 122,992 | $1,890,000$ | $\mathbf{4 8 0}, \mathbf{0 0 0}$ |
| $905,270,581,331$ | 391,652 | $7,860,000$ | $\mathbf{2 , 2 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ |

CRT method $j$ vs. $\gamma_{2}$ (MNT curves, $k=6$ )
(2.8 GHz AMD Athlon CPU seconds)

| -D | $h(D)$ | Complex Analytic |  | CRT Method |  | ratio |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | bits | time | bits | time |  |
| 6961631 | 5000 | 9.5k | 28 | 30k | 34 | 0.82 |
| 23512271 | 10000 | 20k | 210 | 64k | 150 | 1.4 |
| 98016239 | 20000 | 45k | 1,800 | 141k | 710 | 2.5 |
| 357116231 | 40000 | 97k | 14,000 | 302k | 3,200 | 4.4 |
| 2093236031 | 100000 | 265k | 260,000 | 827k | 22,000 | 12 |

Complex Analytic (double $\eta$ quotient) vs.
CRT method ( $f^{8}$ )
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## Areas for future work

## To do list

- Continue to improve constant factors.
- Expand and refine the use of other class invariants.
- Post more pairing-friendly curves at
http://math.mit.edu/~drew

Requests welcome.

- Source code will be available under GPL.


## Open question

Is there an $O\left(p^{1 / 2+\epsilon}\right)$ algorithm to compute $H_{D}(x) \bmod p$ for an inert prime $p$ ?

